

**Title:** Emergence and Complexity in Complex Networks

**Director:** Dr. Àlex Arenas Moreno

**Co-director:** Dr. Robert Rallo Moya

**Research group:** Algorithms Embedded in Physical Systems and Transport Phenomena research team

**Masters:** MIA

**Description:**

Emergence is the way complex systems and patterns arise out of a multiplicity of simple and local interactions between individuals (i.e. nodes, computers, particles, atoms, molecules, cells, neurons, tissues, humans, animals, economical agents,...). Complexity can be understood as the measure of order of the individuals constituents of a system.

The goal of this research project is to know how emergence and complexity is regulated by its underlying complex network properties.

The motivation of this work lays on the fact that emergence and complexity are present in many real world phenomena from the non-living physical systems to living biological systems. Furthermore, emergence (bottom-up effects) and immergence (top-down effects) play a key role in internet, weather prediction, economy, biology, establishment of cities, language,...

The working plan is the following:

1. Introduction to the problem: study of the related bibliography about emergence, complexity, complex networks, cellular automaton and game of life.
2. Simulation of well known computational emergent phenomena (i.e. cellular automaton, game of life) in synthetic complex networks.
3. Analysis of the results

**References:**

Emergence and complexity

Kubik A., "Toward a formalization of emergence", *Artificial life* 9(1), 41-61, 1994

Darley V., "Emergent Phenomena and Complexity", *Artificial Life IV, Proceedings of the Fourth International Workshop on the Synthesis and Simulation of Living Systems*, 1994

Langton C. G., "Computation at the edge of chaos: Phase transitions and emergent computation", *Physica D* 42 12(3), 1990

Auger P., Poggiale J.-C., "Aggregation and Emergence in Systems of ordinary Differential Equations", *Mathematical and computer modelling* 27(4), 1-21, 1998

Complex networks

Watts D. J. and Strogatz S.H., "Collective dynamics of small-world networks", *Nature* 393, 440-442, 1998

Albert R. and Barabási A.-L., "Statistical mechanics of complex networks", *Rev. Mod. Phys.* 74, 47-97, 2002

Erdős P. and Rényi A., "Random graphs", Publication of the Mathematical Institute of the Hungarian Academy of Science 5, 17-61, 1960

Newman M.E.J., "The Structure and Function of Complex Networks", SIAM review 45(2), 167-256, 2003

Gómez-Gardeñes J. and Moreno Y., "From Scale-Free to Erdos-Rényi networks", Physical Review E 73, 2006

### Cellular automata

Kari J., "Theory of cellular automata: A survey", Theoretical Computer Science 334, 3-33, 2004

Stephen W., "Cellular Automata and Complexity", 1994

Stephen W., "A New Kind of Science", Wolfram Media, 2002

Wataru K., Akinobu N., et al., "Differential Equations for Creating Complex Cellular Automaton Patterns", Journal of the Physical Society of Japan 7(8), 2033-2036, 2004

### Game of life

Conway J., "The game of life", Scientific American 223, 120-123, 1970

Schulman L.S. and Seiden P.E., "Statistical mechanics of a dynamical system based on Conway's game of Life", Journal of Statistical Physics 19, 293-314, 1978

Huang S., Zou X., Tan X. and Jin Z., "Network-induced nonequilibrium phase transition in the Game of Life", Physical Review E 67, 2004

Qiang W., Li H. and Cao H., "Phase Transition in the Evolution of Artificial Life on Random Networks", Proceedings of the 3rd International Symposium on Advances in Computation and Intelligence, 501-509, 2008

### Others

Bedau M.A., "Artificial life: organization, adaptation and complexity from the bottom up", Trends in Cognitive Sciences, 7(11), 2003

Langton C. G., "Studying artificial life with cellular automata", Physica 22D, 120-149, 1986

Bronstein I. and Semendiaev K., "Manual de matemáticas para ingenieros y estudiantes", 1977

Stanley H.E., "Introduction to phase transitions and critical phenomena", 1971

William F., "An Introduction to Probability Theory and Its Applications", 1968

Stauffer D. and Aharony A., "Introduction to Percolation theory", 1994