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## Computer-aided modeling with *Mathematica*: modeling the fight of species for territory with cellular automata

Simulation is the only effective tool for the study of several problems in biomedical modeling. Hence, computing and visualization tools became unavoidable. There are several – either general or special computer software programs available designed for different kind of problems, such as Mathematica, Maple, Matlab, Modelica, Anylogic, etc.

In our talk, we consider stochastic cellular automata as tools in ecological research. After a short introduction to cellular automata, we briefly study the spatio-temporal development of some single species territory-based models. Then we consider competition of several species fighting for territory. We can find simulations can give us a lot of information on special properties such as aggregation, diffusion, role of neighbors in colonization of empty cells or extinction of the species from a cell.