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Speculative Practices + Play



An invitation



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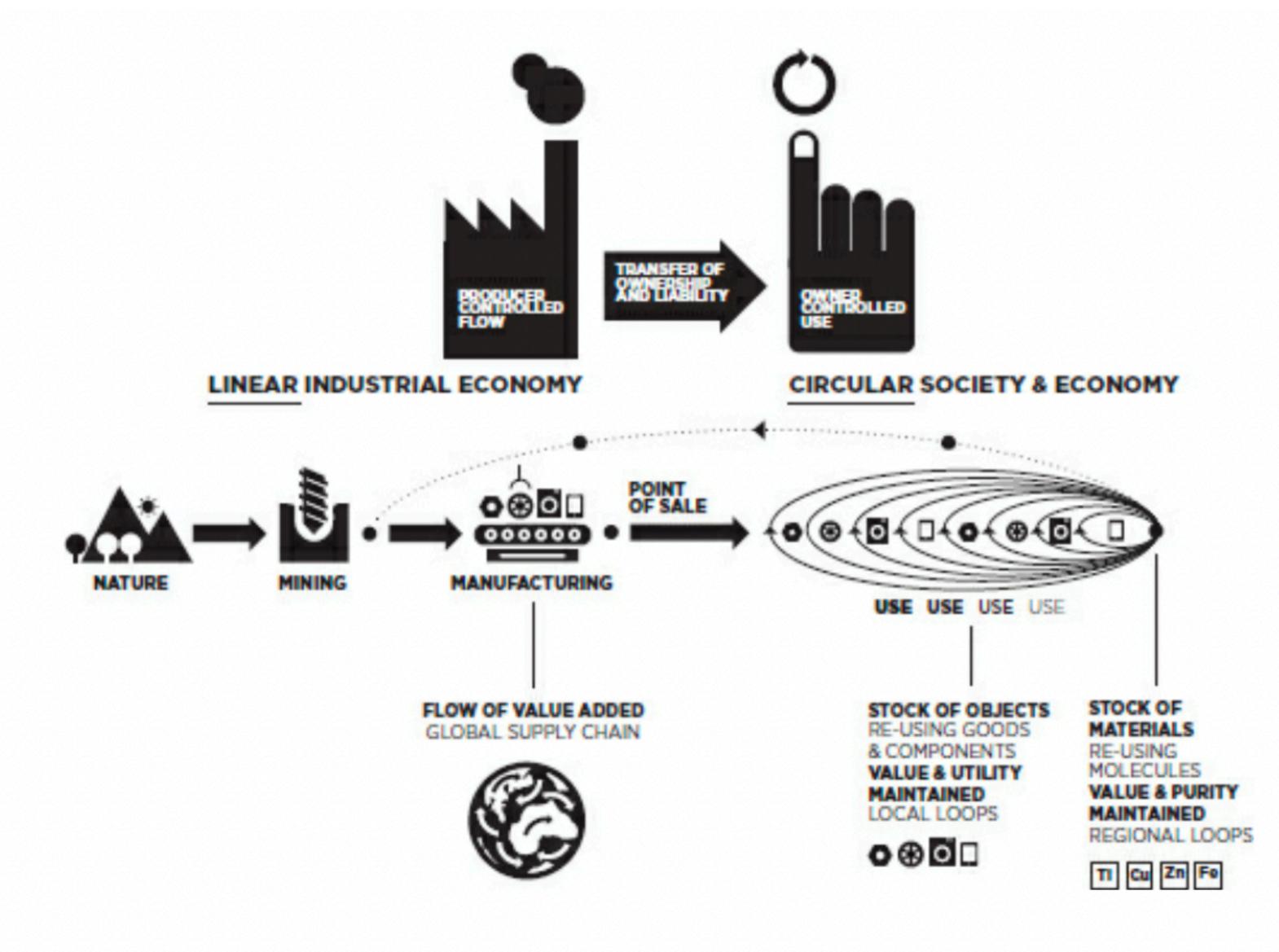
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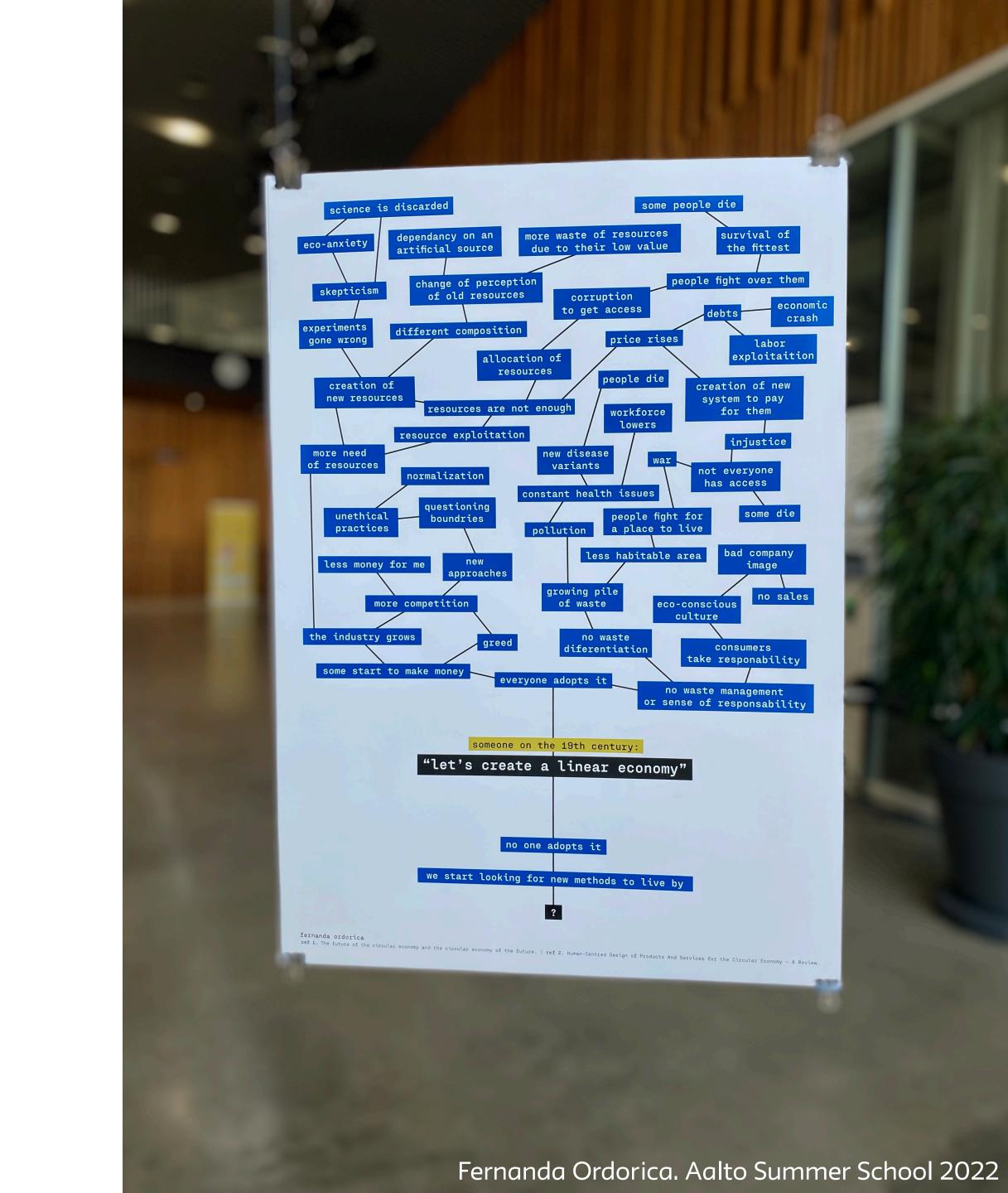


From Linear Models To Circular Models

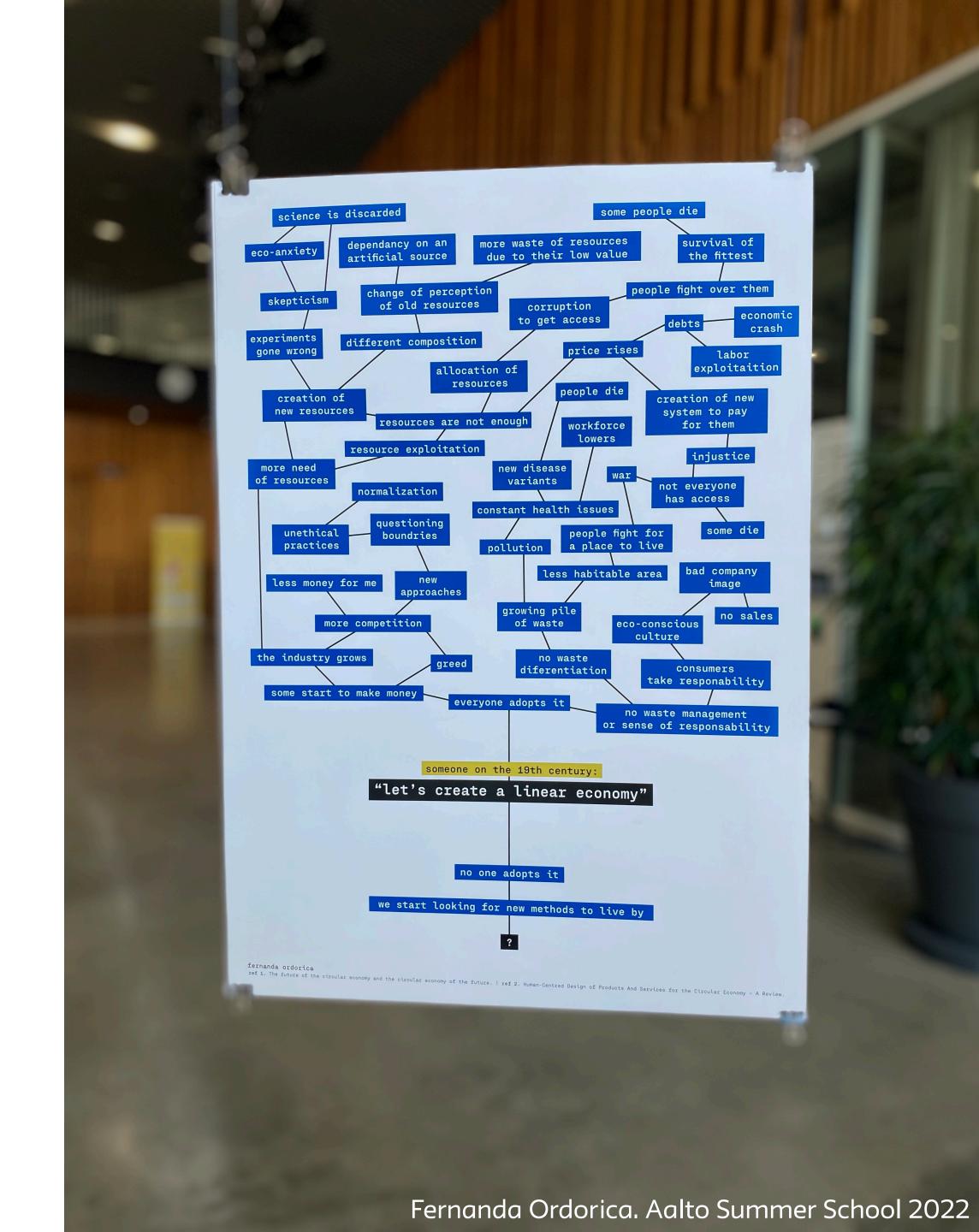


The characteristics of the linear industrial economy and the circular society and economy





Linear Models vs. Complex Realities



ENGAGING WITH COMPLEX REALITIES

Reductionism



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Struggle across the disciplines



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A scientific approach



Complexity Science

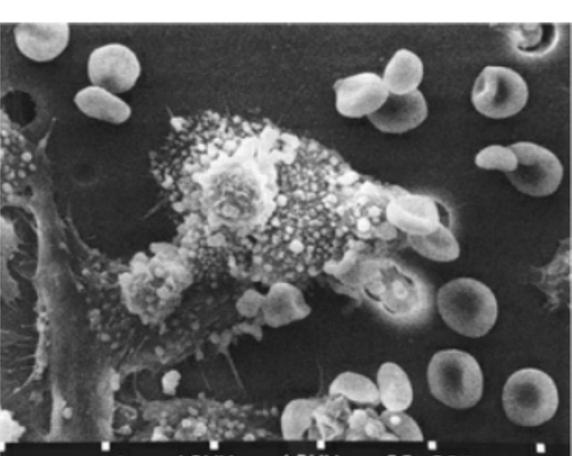


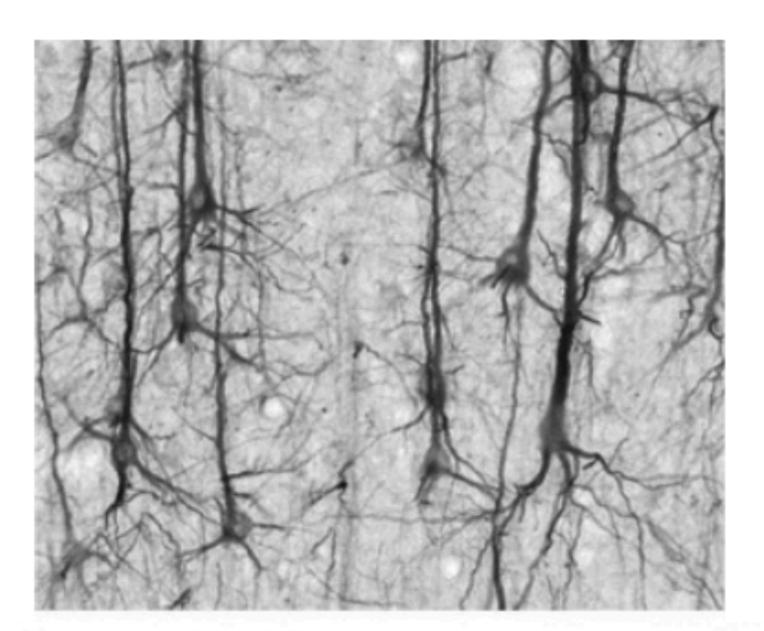
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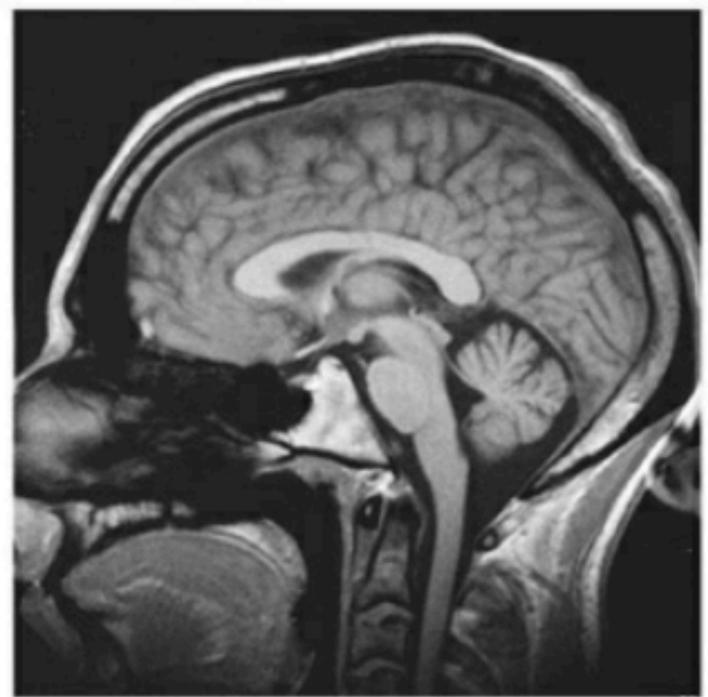












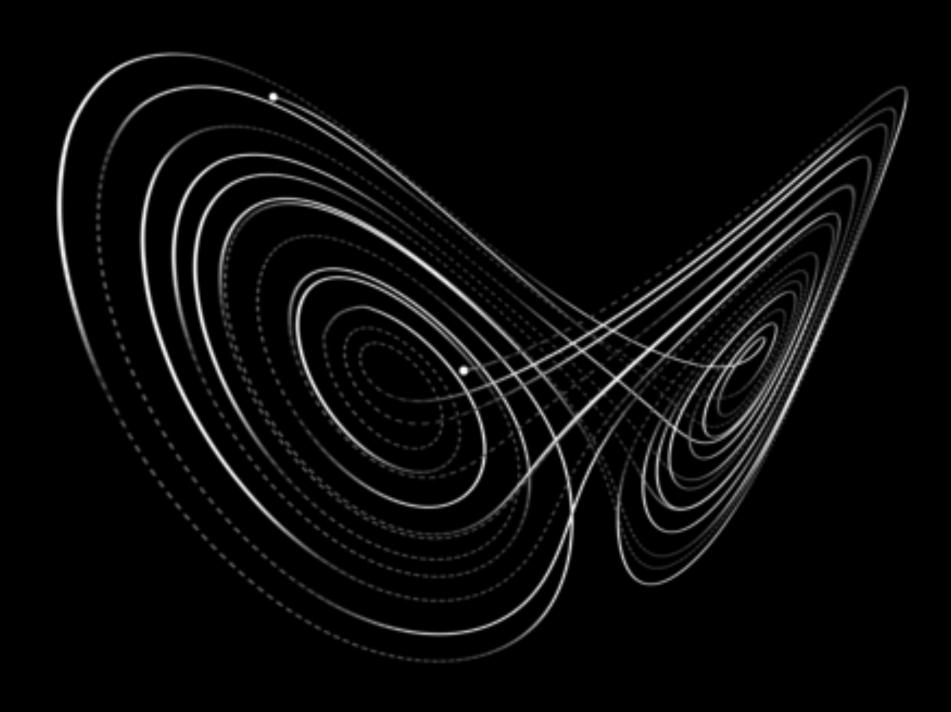






Melanie Mitchell. Complexity: A Guided Tour







A complex phenomena



COMPLEX SYSTEMS

a system where large networks of components

with no central control and simple rules of operation

gives rise to complex collective behavior, sophisticated information processing, and adaptation

through learning or evolution



COMMON PROPERTIES OF COMPLEX SYSTEMS

Collective Behavior

Signal and Information Processing

Adaptation



How can we understand them?



How can we understand them?

How can we predict them?



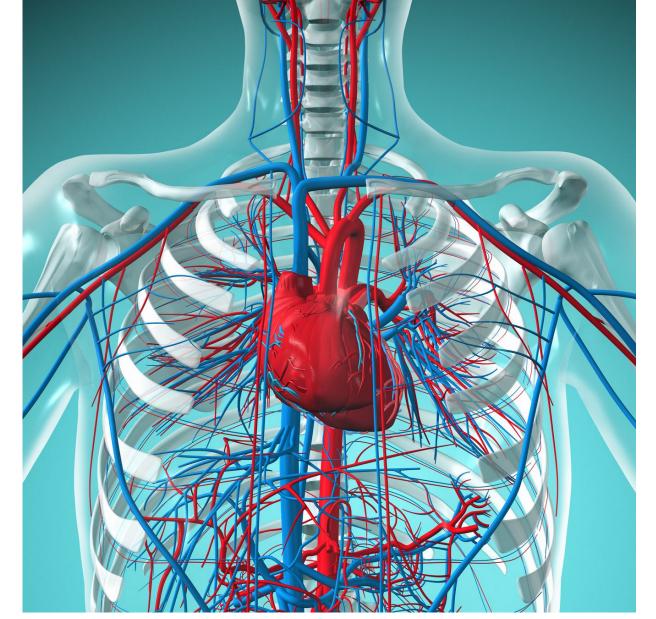
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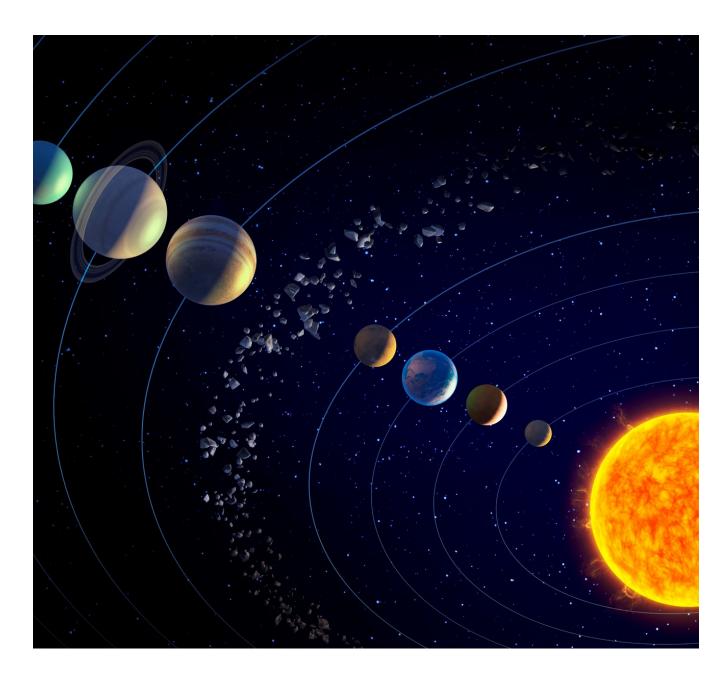
How can we design them?



A non-linear dynamical systems











A butterfly effect?



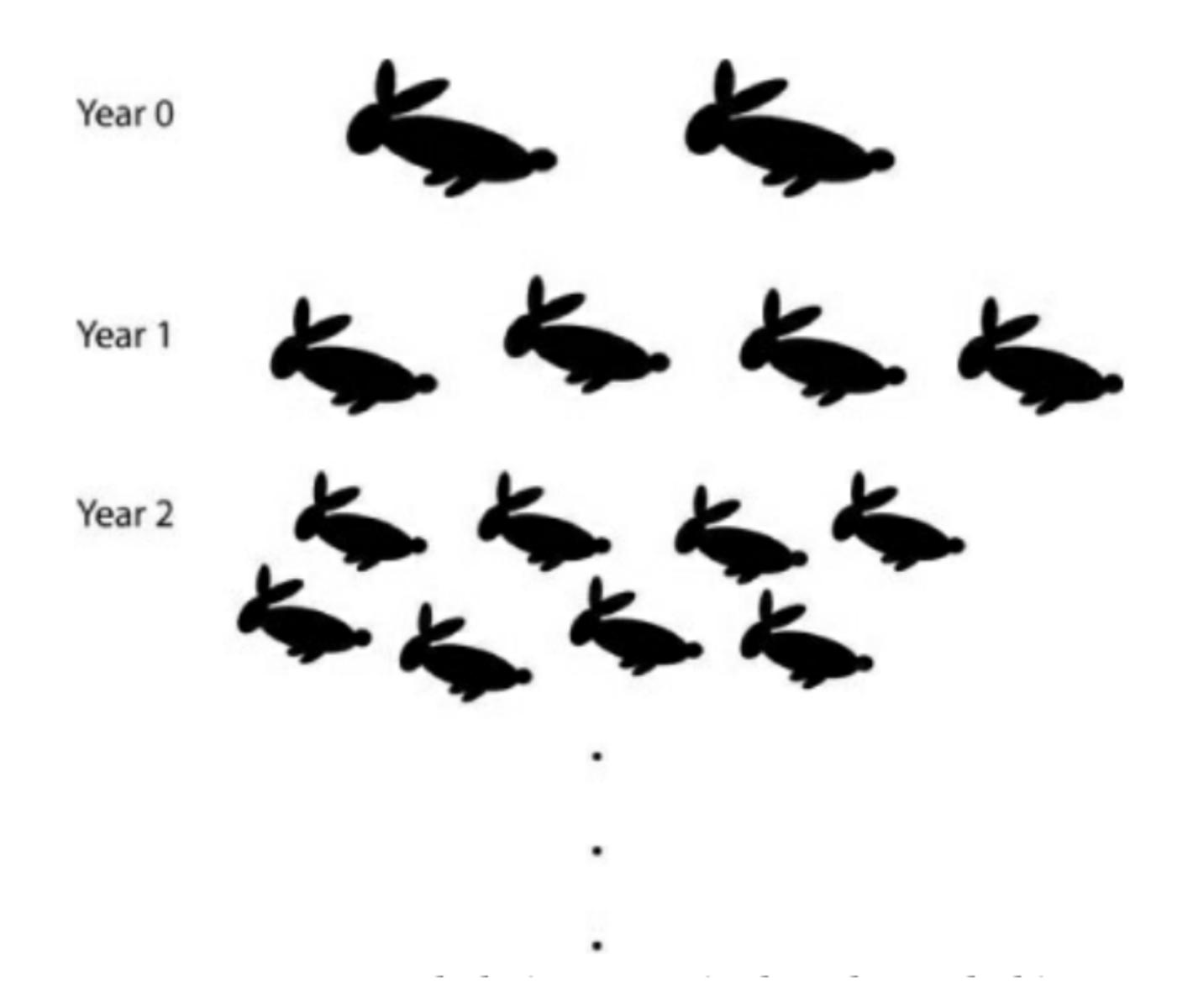
Chaos

Even minuscule uncertainties in measurements of initial position and momentum can result in huge errors in long-term predictions of these quantities.

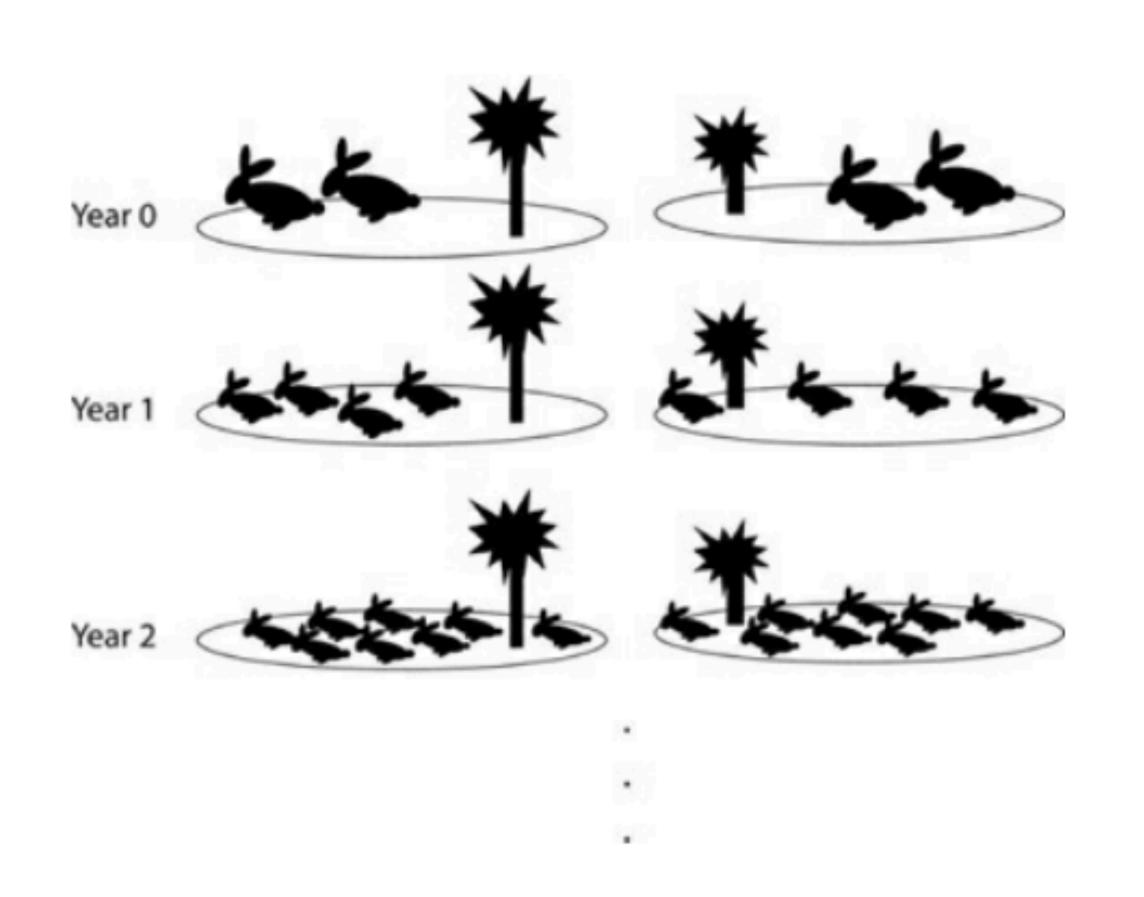
This is known as "sensitive dependence on initial conditions."

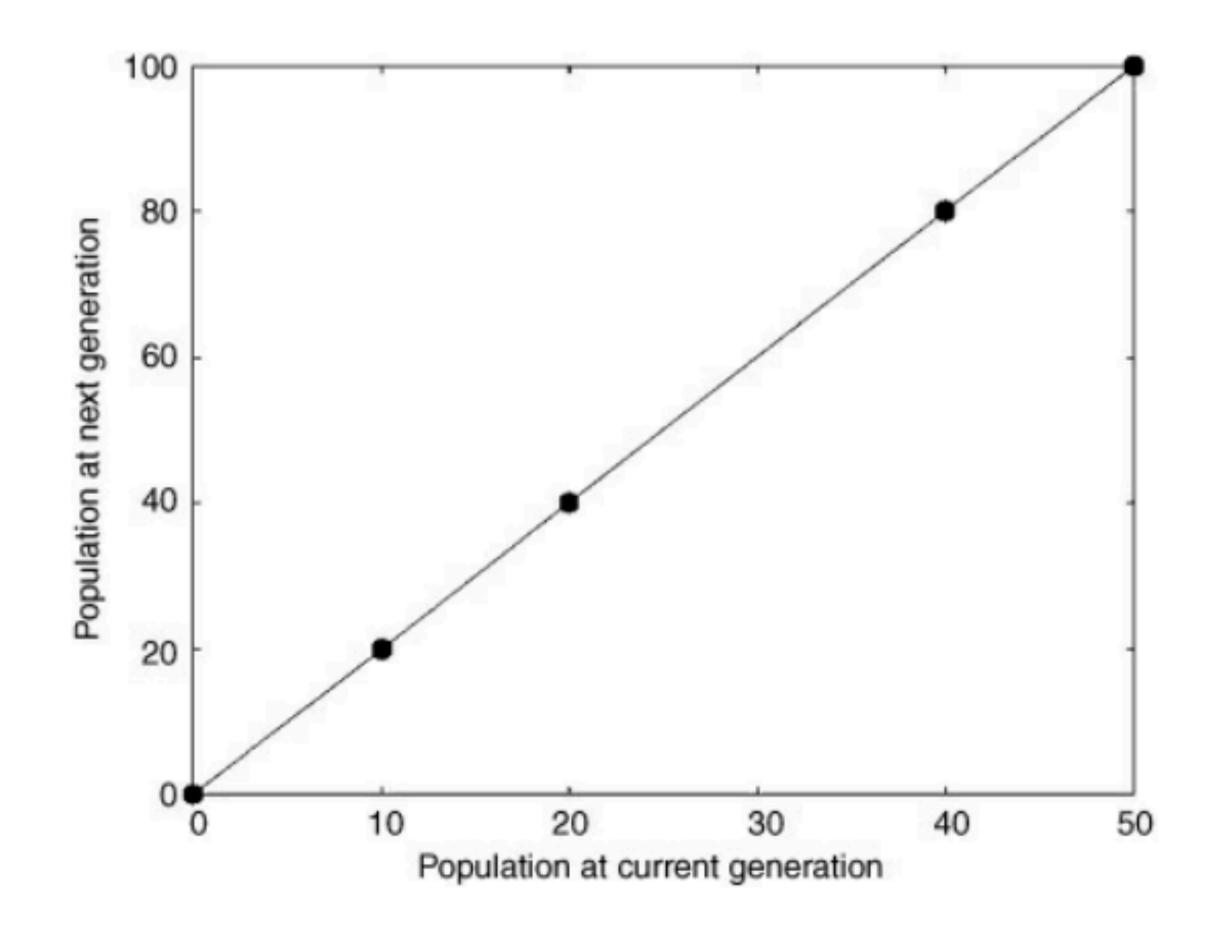


Rabbits with doubling population



A LINEAR SYSTEM







In order to predict the next generation's population:

Additional variables

The current generation's population size

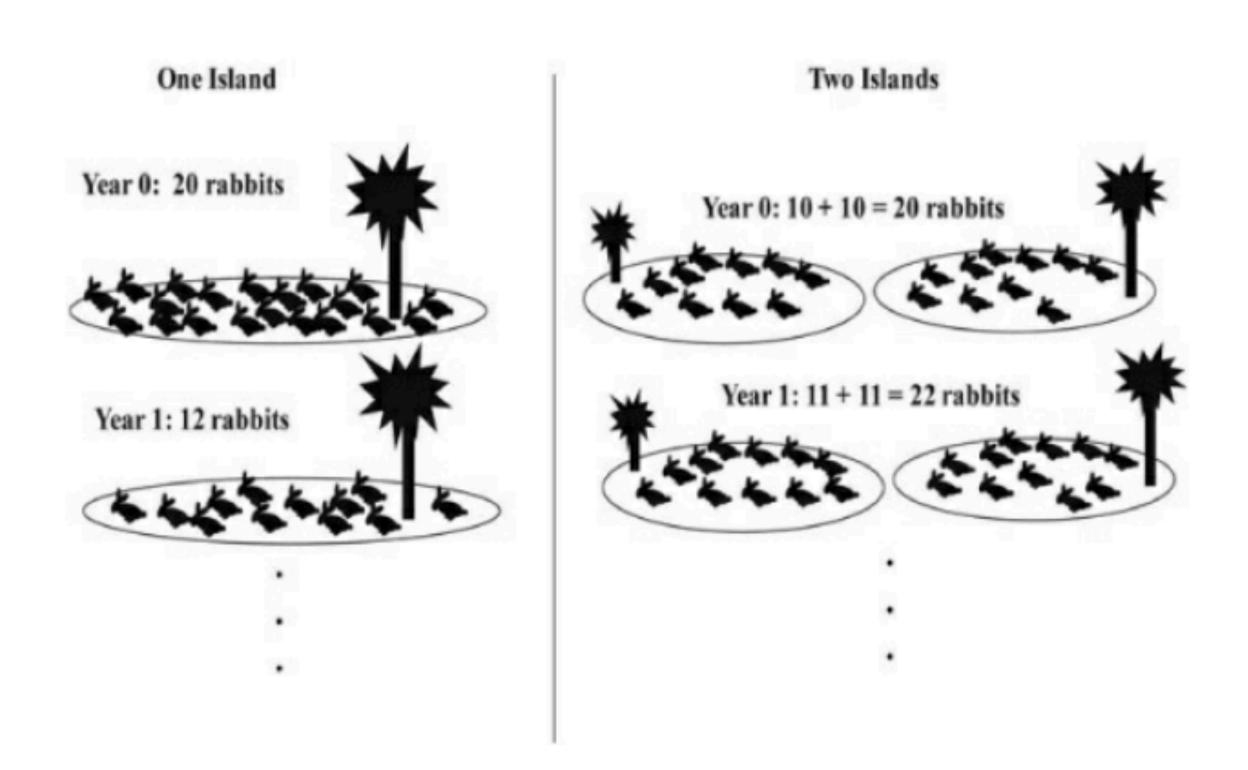
The birth rate

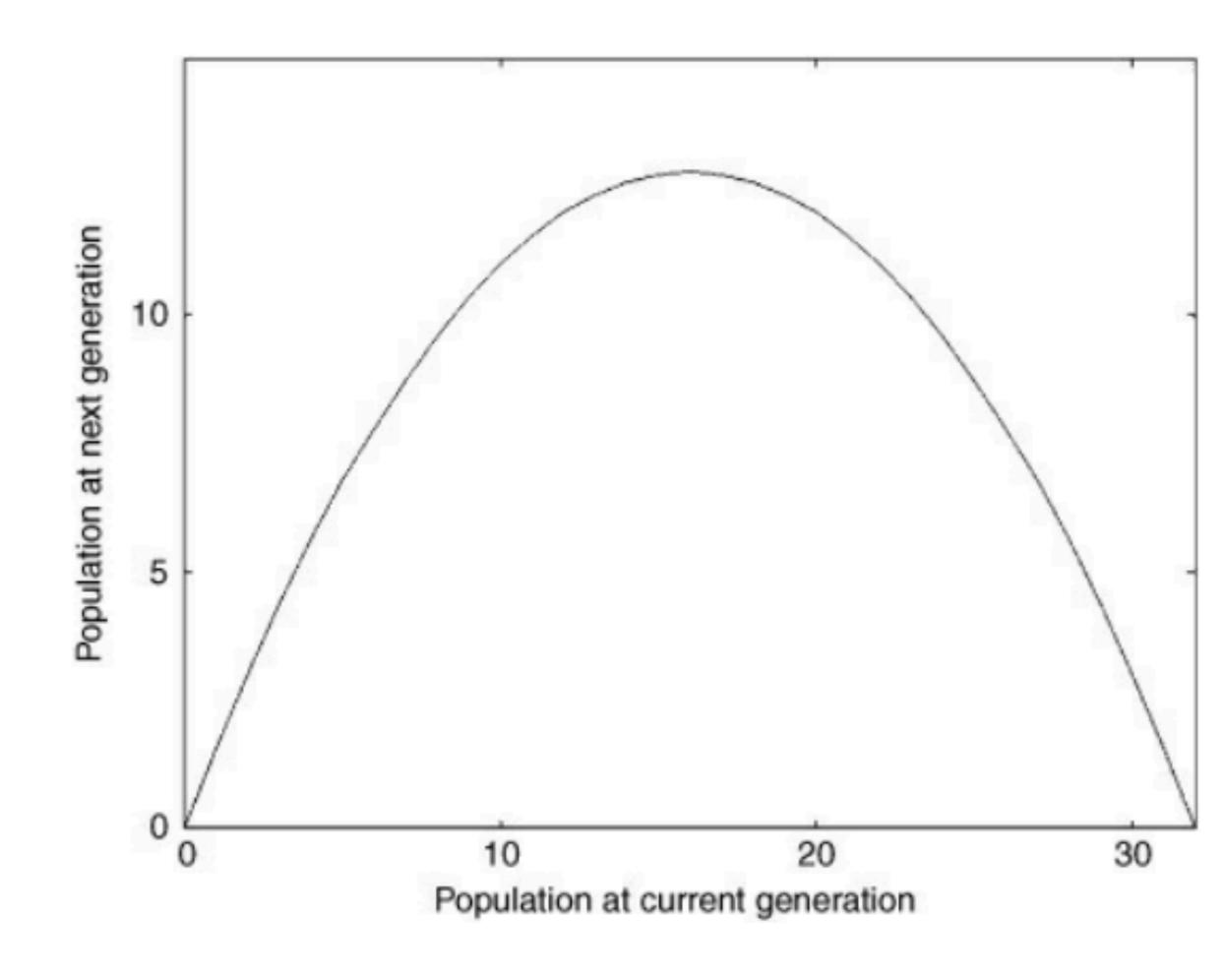
The death rate (due to overcrowding)

The maximum carrying capacity (due to habitat)



A NONLINEAR SYSTEM







Nonlinear Systems

One in which the whole is different than the sum of the parts



Still deterministic



LOGISTIC MAP: OSCILLATION

$$x_{t+1} = R x_t (1 - x_t).$$

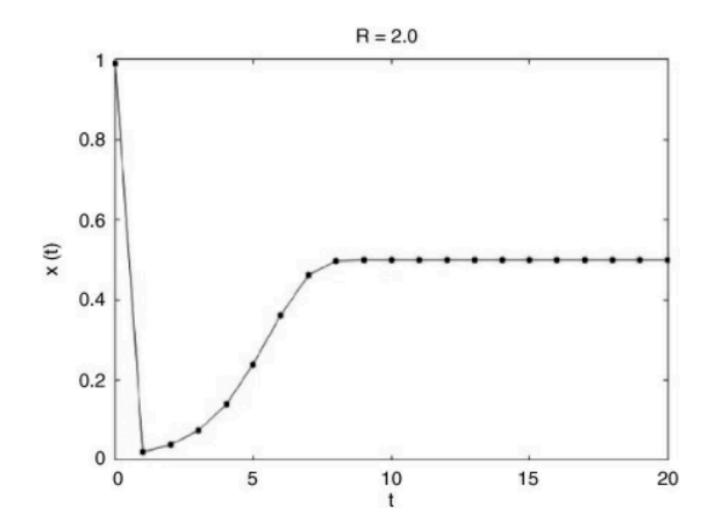


FIGURE 2.7. Behavior of the logistic map for R = 2 and $x_0 = 0.99$.

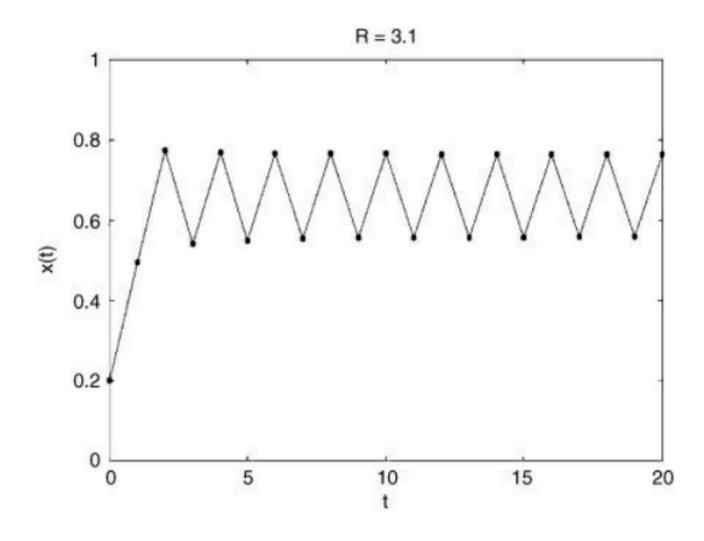


FIGURE 2.8. Behavior of the logistic map for R = 3.1 and $x_0 = 0.2$.

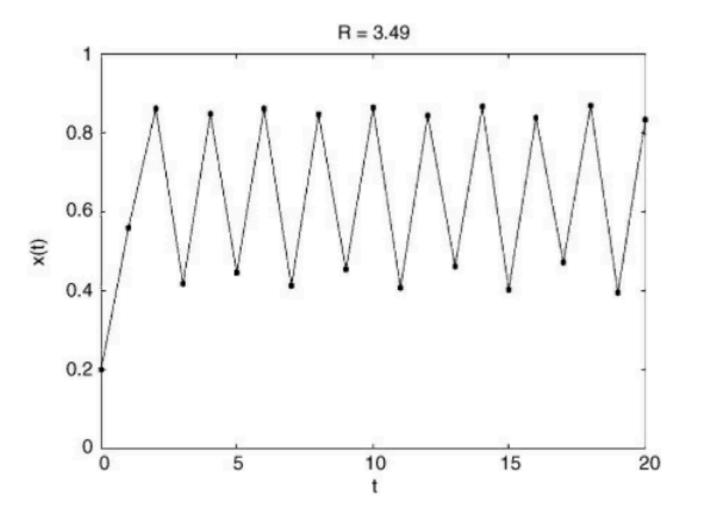


FIGURE 2.9. Behavior of the logistic map for R = 3.49 and $x_0 = 0.2$.

LOGISTIC MAP: CHAOTIC

$$x_{t+1} = R x_t (1 - x_t).$$

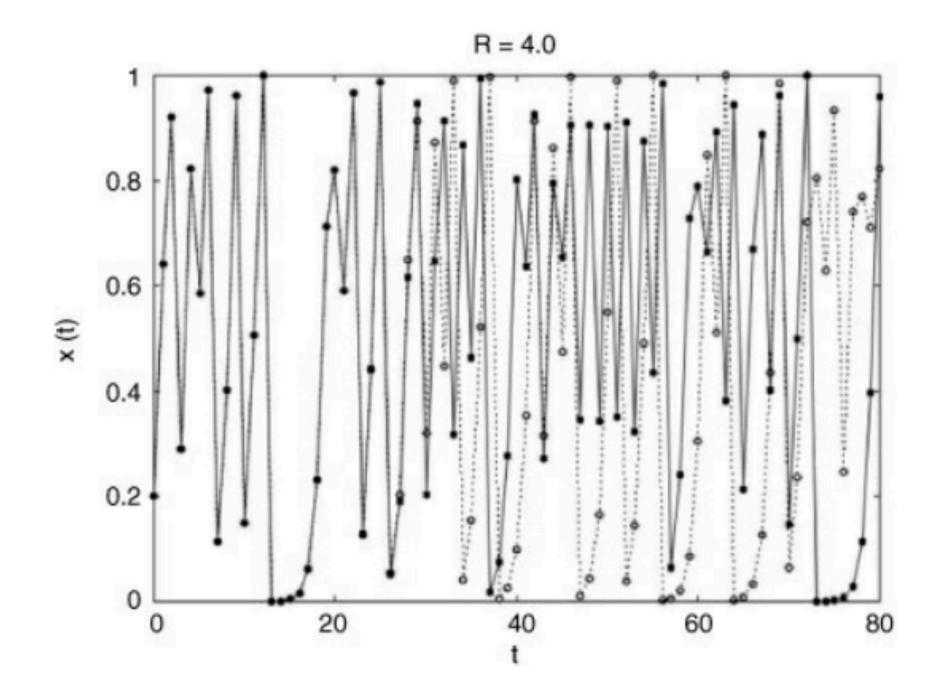


FIGURE 2.10. Two trajectories of the logistic map for R = 4.0: $x_0 = 0.2$ and $x_0 = 0.200000001$.

"the presence of chaos in a system implies that perfect prediction à la Laplace is impossible not only in practice but also in principle, since we can never know x0 to infinitely many decimal places.

This is a profound negative result that, along with quantum mechanics, helped wipe out the optimistic nineteenth-century view of a clockwork Newtonian universe that ticked along its predictable path."

Universal Behavior

R = 3.569946

Doubling x 4.6692016

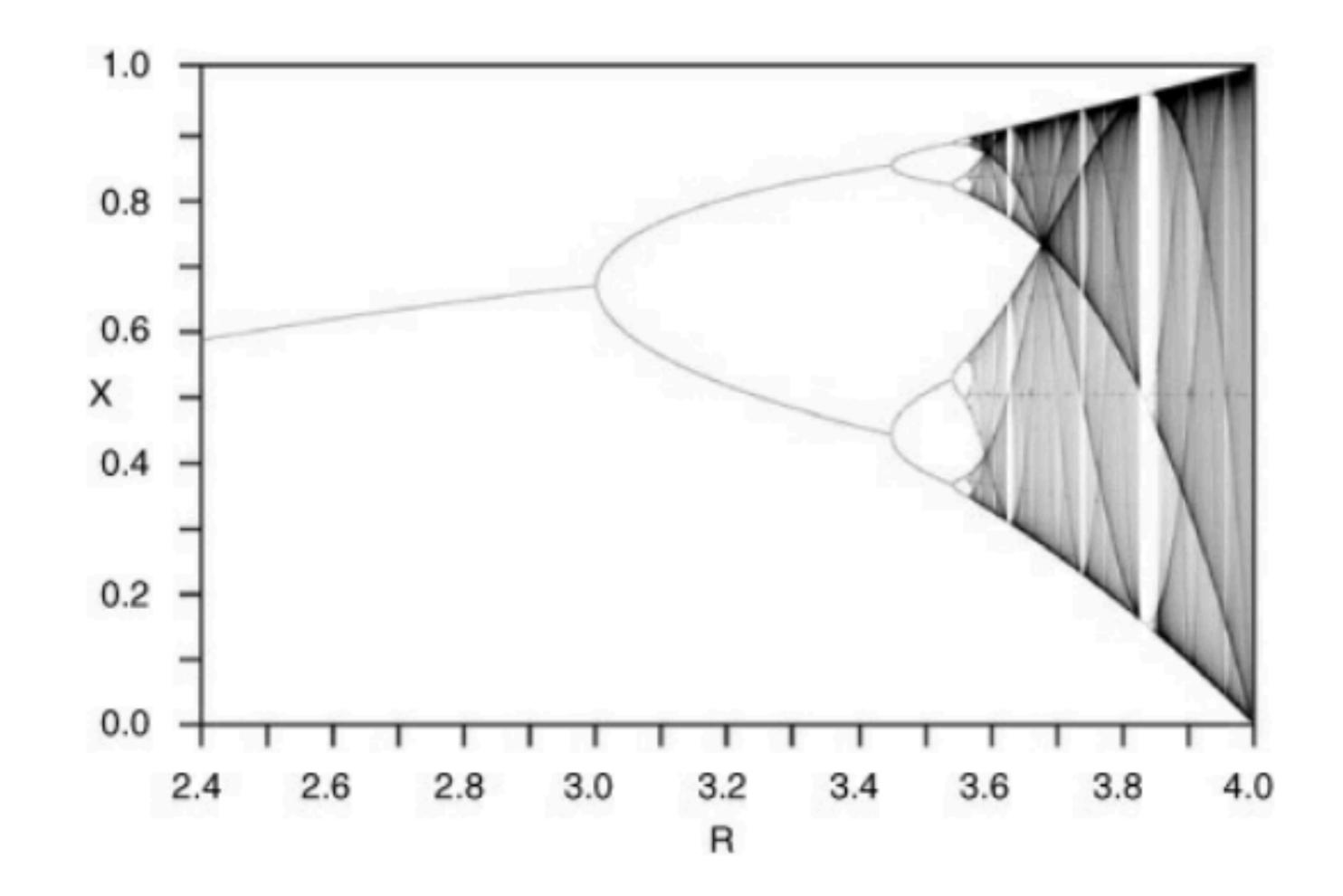
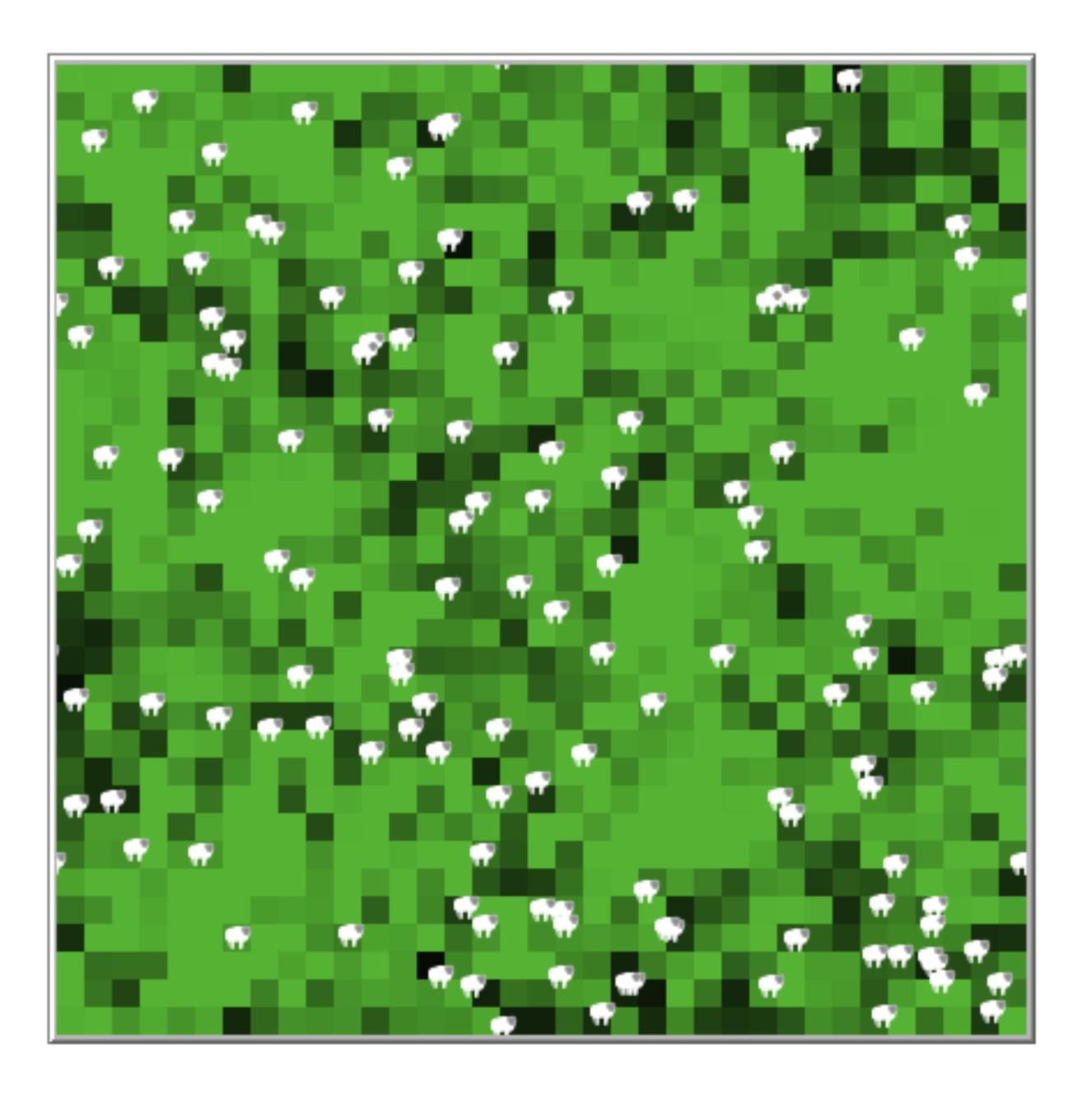


FIGURE 2.11. Bifurcation diagram for the logistic map, with attractor plotted as a function of *R*.







Is the world fully Un-knowable?



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Seemingly random behavior can emerge from deterministic systems without an external source of randomness.

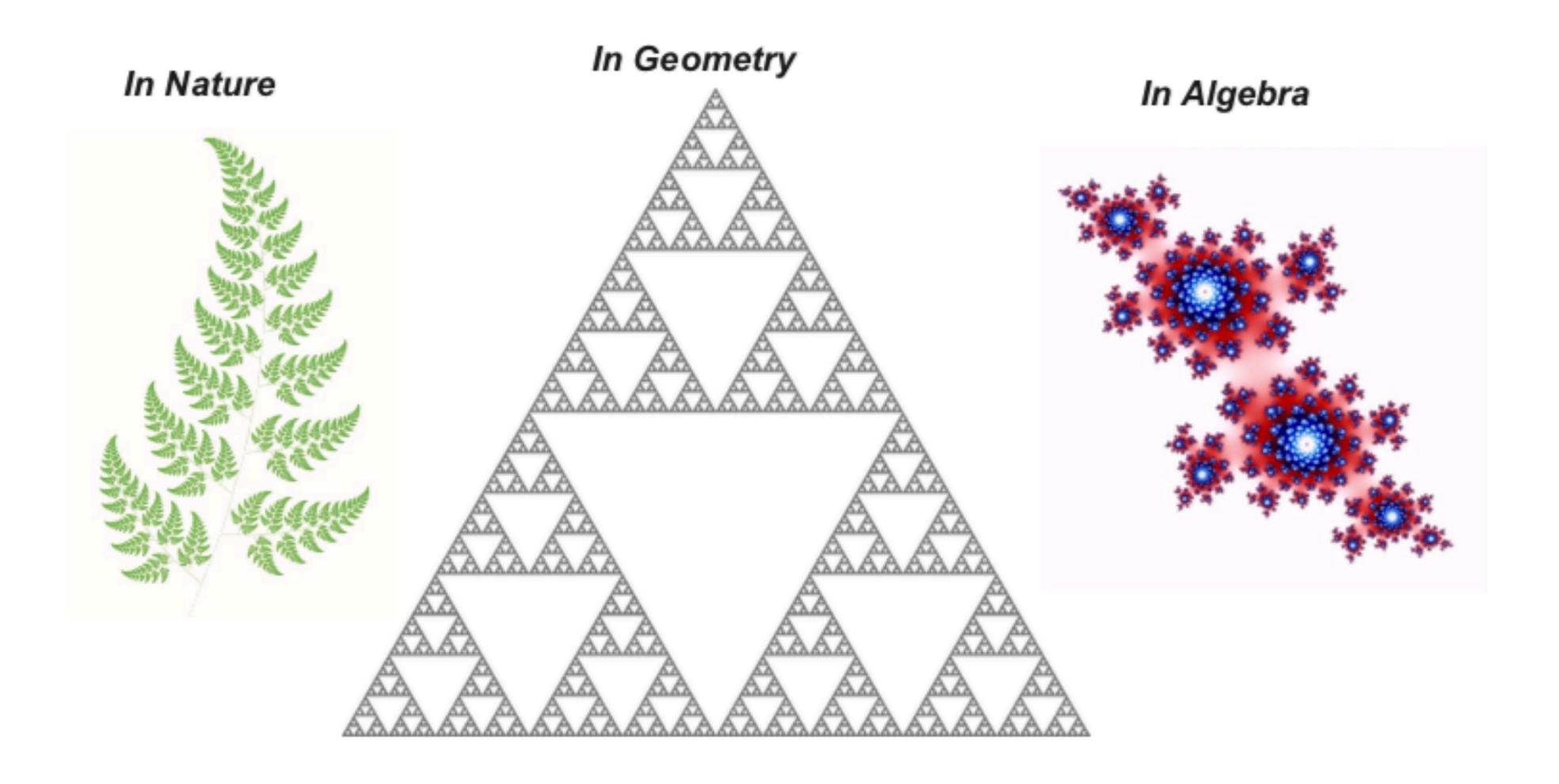
The behavior of simple, deterministic systems can be impossible, even in theory, to predict in the long term due to sensitive dependence on initial conditions.

Although the detailed behavior of a chaotic system cannot be predicted, there is some "order in chaos" seen in universal properties common to large sets of chaotic systems like the period-doubling route to chaos and Feigenbaum's constant.

Even though "prediction becomes impossible" at the detailed level, there are some higher-level aspects of chaotic systems that are indeed predictable



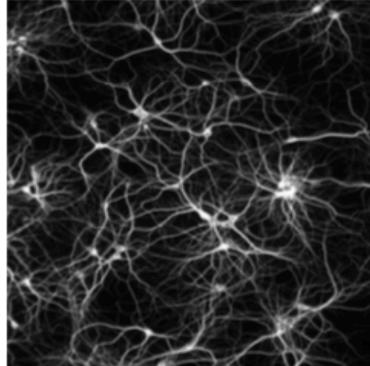
Self-Similarity



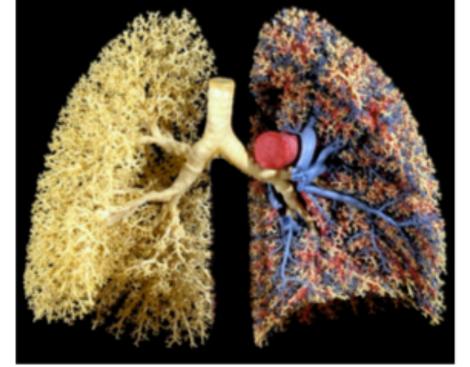


Fractals Natural

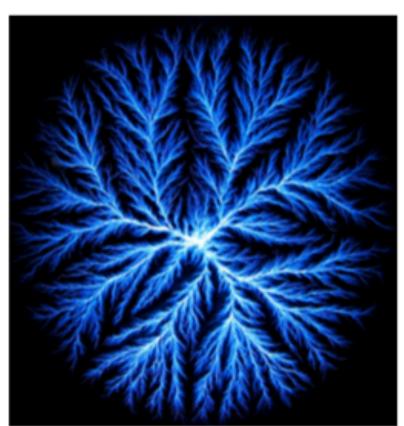
BRANCHING



Neurons from the human cortex.
The branching of our brain cells creates the incredibly complex network that is responsible for all we perceive, imagine, remember.
Scale = 100 microns = 10⁻⁴ m.



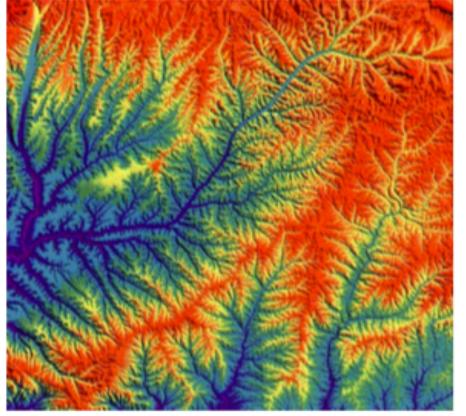
Our lungs are branching fractals with a surface area $\sim 100 \text{ m}^2$. The similarity to a tree is significant, as lungs and trees both use their large surface areas to exchange oxygen and CO_2 . Scale = 30 cm = $3*10^{-1}$ m.



Lichtenberg "lightning", formed by rapidly discharging electrons in lucite. Scale = 10 cm = 10⁻¹ m.



Oak tree, formed by a sprout branching, and then each of the branches branching again, etc. Scale = 30 m = 3*10¹ m.



River network in China, formed by erosion from repeated rainfall flowing downhill for millions of years.

Scale = 300 km = 3*10⁵ m.



Fractals Natural

SPIRALS



A fossilized ammonite from 300 million years ago. A simple, primitive organism, it built its spiral shell by adding pieces that grow and twist at a constant rate. Scale = 1 m.



A hurricane is a self-organizing spiral in the atmosphere, driven by the evaporation and condensation of sea water.

Scale = 500 km = 5*10⁵ m.

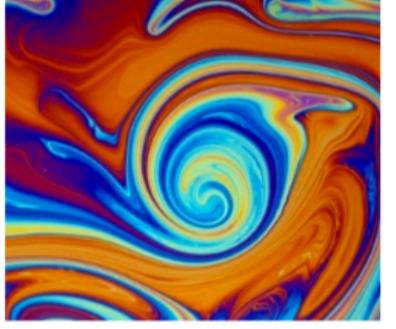


A spiral galaxy is the largest natural spiral comprising hundreds of billions of stars. Scale = 100,000 ly = ~10²⁰ m.



The plant kingdom is full of spirals. An agave cactus forms its spiral by growing new pieces rotated by a fixed angle. Many other plants form spirals in this way, including sunflowers, pinecones, etc.

Scale = 50 cm = 5*10⁻¹ m.



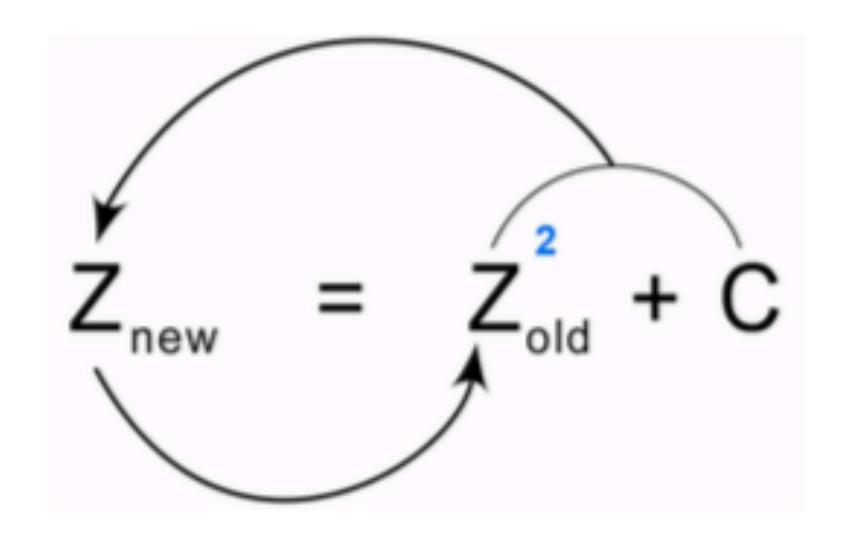
The turbulent motion of fluids creates spirals in systems ranging from a soap film to the oceans, atmosphere and the surface of jupiter. Scale = 5 mm = 5*10⁻³ m.

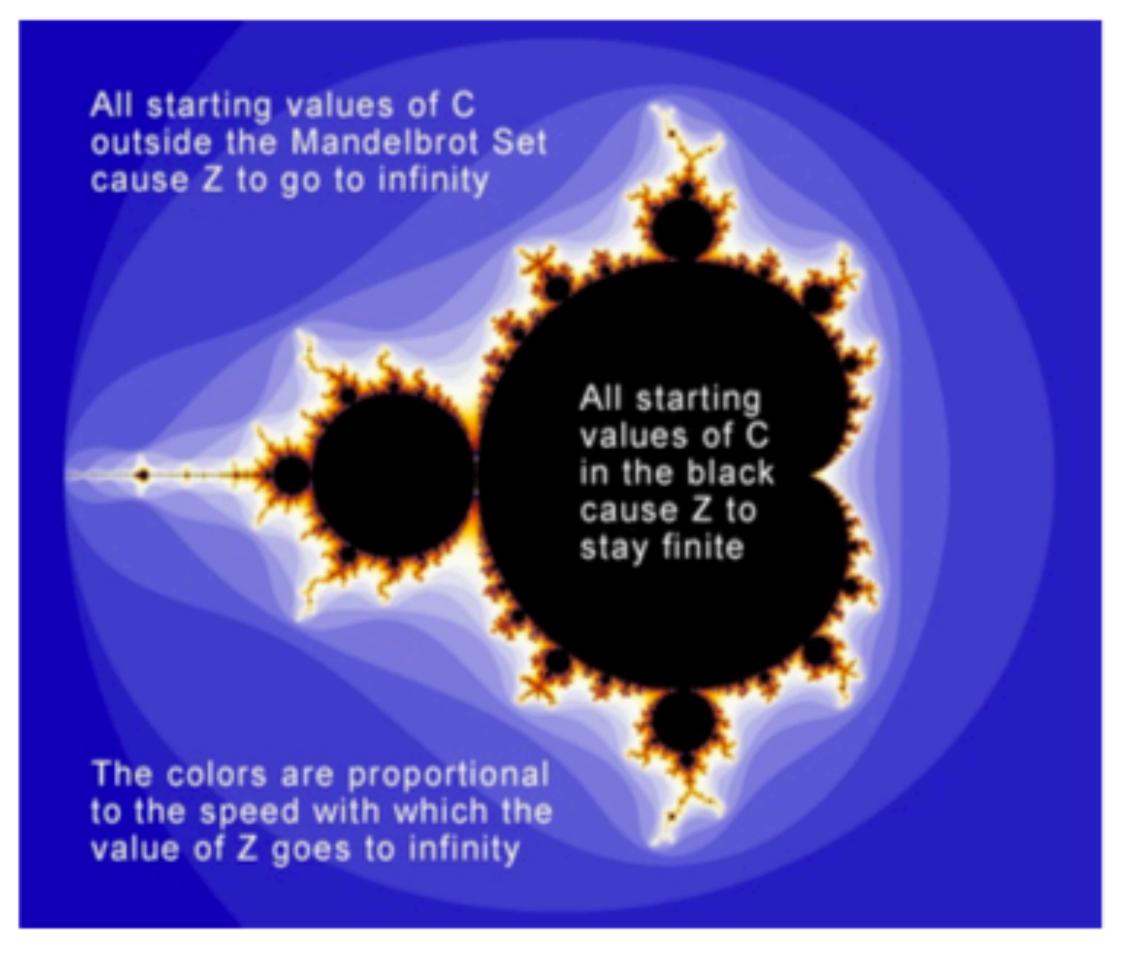


A fiddlehead fern is a self-similar plant that forms as a spiral of spirals of spirals.

Scale = 5 cm = 5*10⁻² m.

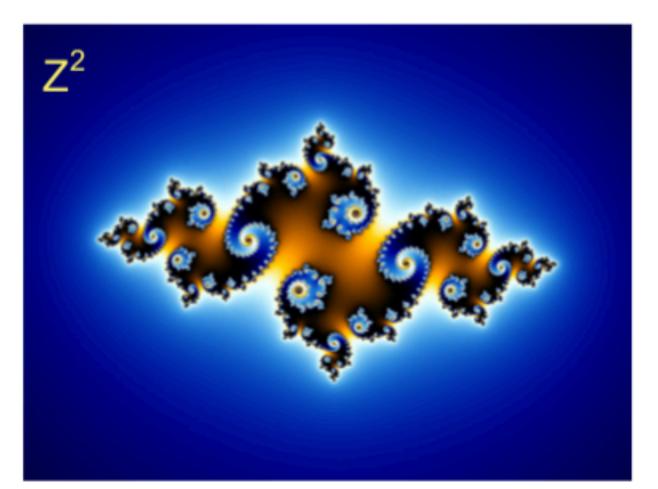
Fractals Algebraic

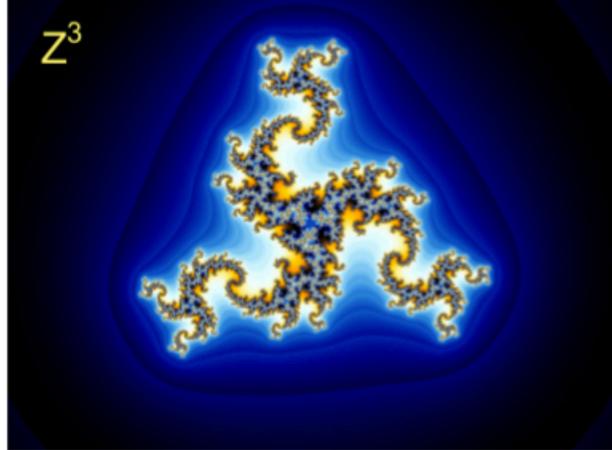


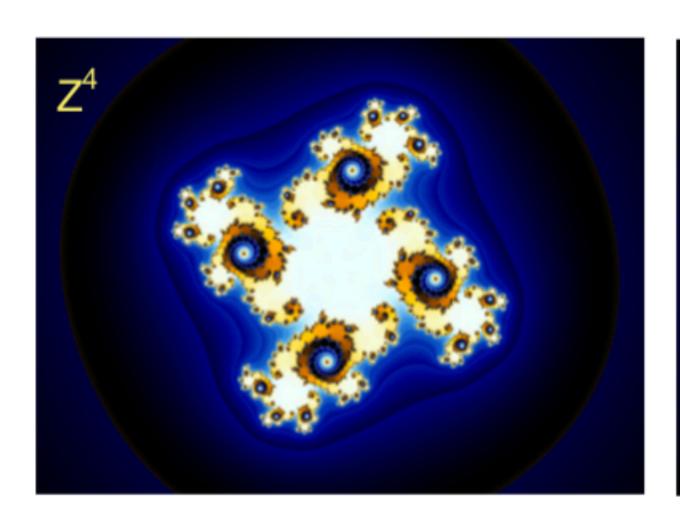


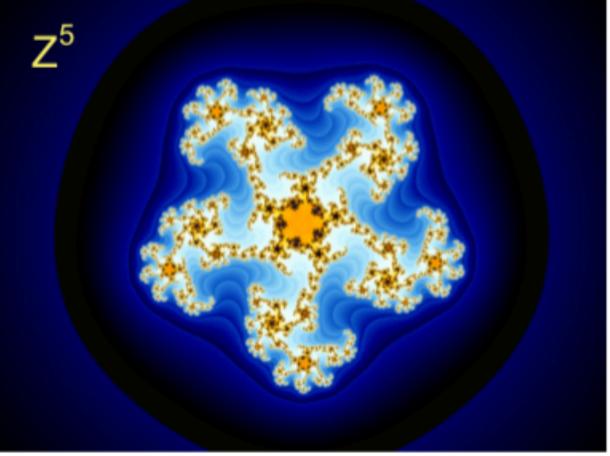


Patterns & Symmetry



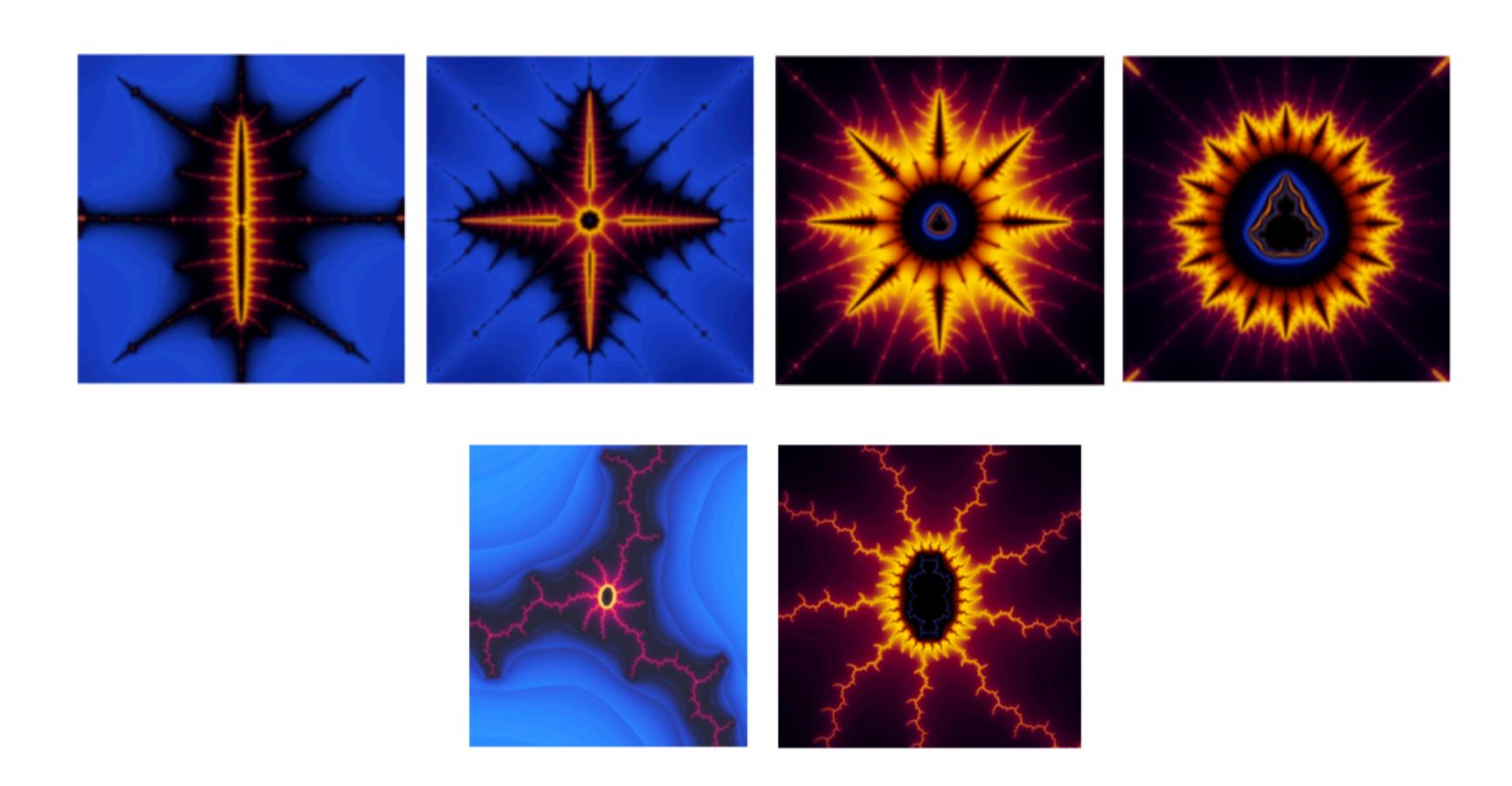






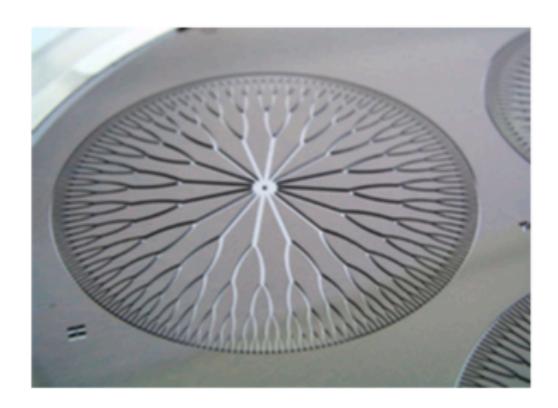


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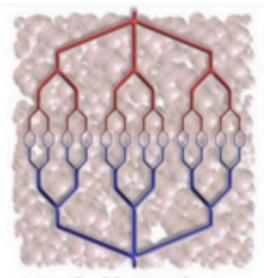




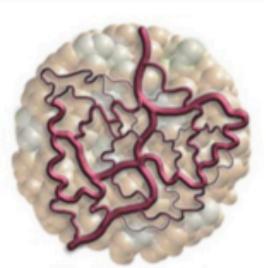
Fractals Applied



A computer chip cooling circuit etched in a fractal branching pattern. Developed by researchers at Oregon State University, the device channels liquid nitrogen across the surface to keep the chip cool.

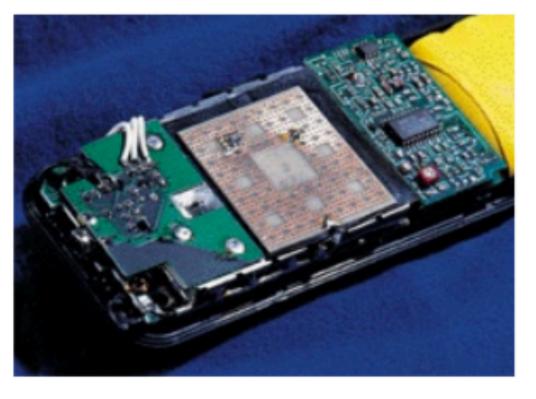


A. Normal

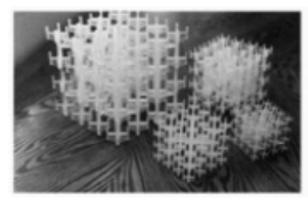


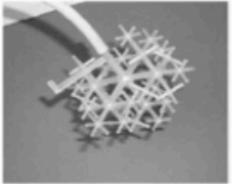
B. Abnormal

Researchers at Harvard Medical School and elsewhere are using fractal analysis to assess the health of blood vessels in cancerous tumors. Fractal analysis of CT scans can also quantify the health of lungs suffering from emphysema or other pulmonary illnesses.



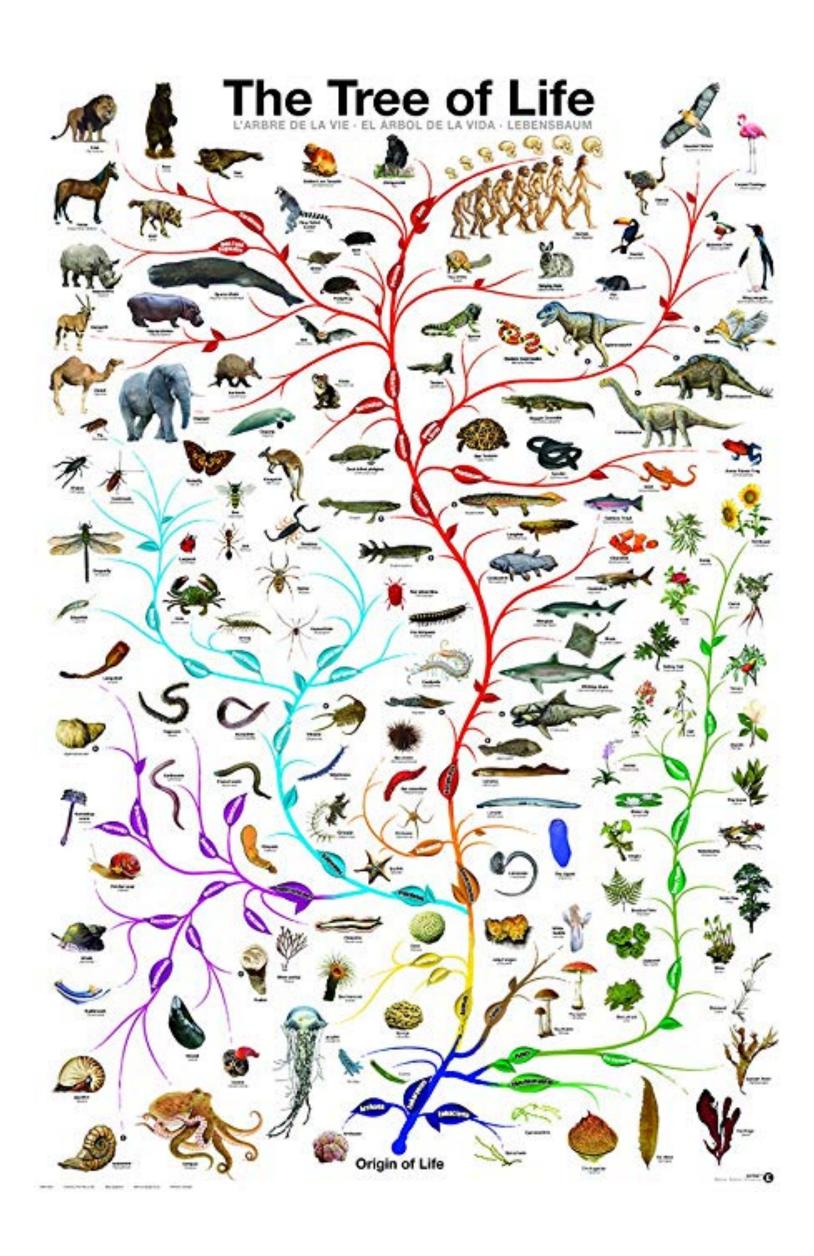
Fractal antennas developed by Fractenna in the US and Fractus in Europe are making their way into cellphones and other devices. Because of their fractal shapes, these antennas can be very compact while receiving radio signals across a range of frequencies.





Amalgamated Research Inc (ARI) creates space-filling fractal devices for high precision fluid mixing. Used in many industries, these devices allow fluids such as epoxy resins to be carefully and precisely blended without the need for turbulent stirring.





Darwin's Theory

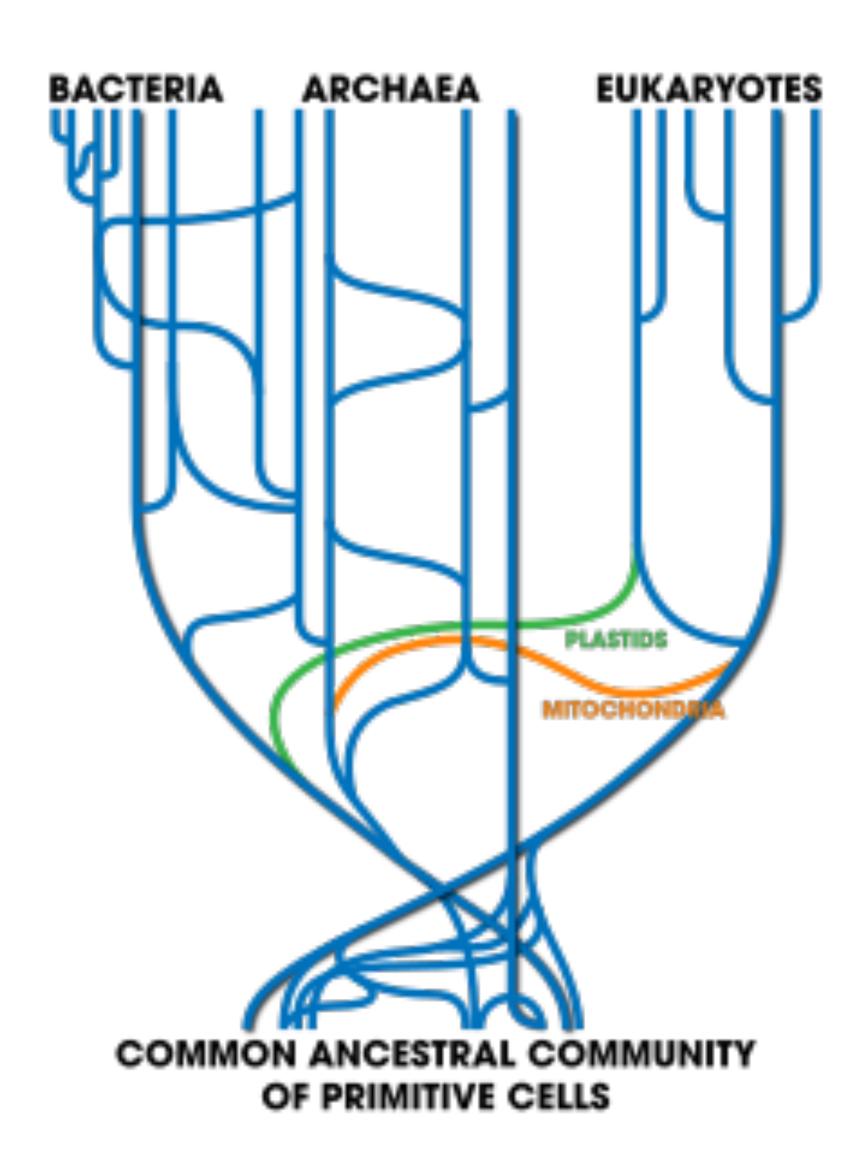
Evolution has occurred; that is, all species descend from a common ancestor. The history of life is a branching tree of species.

Natural selection occurs when the number of births is greater than existing resources can support so that **individuals undergo competition for resources**.

Traits of organisms are inherited with variation. **The variation is in some sense random**—that is, there is no force or bias leading to variations that increase fitness (though, as I mentioned previously, Darwin himself accepted Lamarck's view that there are such forces).

Variations that turn out to be adaptive in the current environment are likely to be selected, meaning that organisms with those variations are more likely to survive and thus pass on the new traits to their offspring, causing the number of organisms with those traits to increase over subsequent generations.

Evolutionary change is **constant and gradual via the accumulation of small, favorable variations**.



Modern Synthesis

Natural selection is the major mechanism of evolutionary change and adaptation.

Evolution is a gradual process, occurring via natural selection on very small random variations in individuals. Variation of this sort is highly abundant in populations and is not biased in any direction (e.g., it does not intrinsically lead to "improvement," as believed by Lamarck). The source of individual variation is random genetic mutations and recombinations.

Macroscale phenomena, such as the origin of new species, can be explained by the microscopic process of gene variation and natural selection.



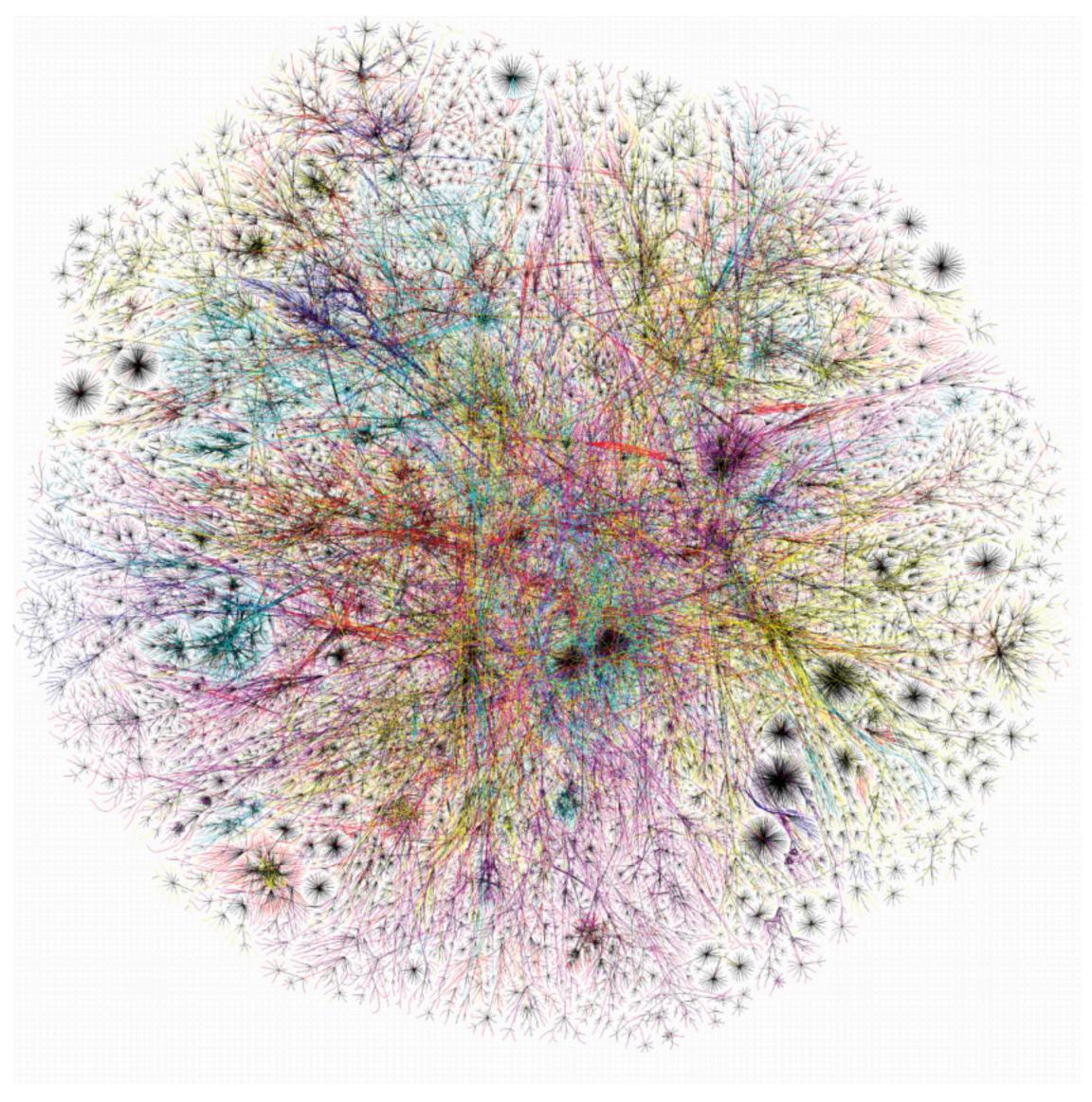


Figure 1.1: The network structure of the Internet. The nodes in this representation of the Internet are "class C subnets"—groups of computers with similar Internet addresses that are usually under the management of a single organization—and the connections between them represent the routes taken by Internet data packets as they hop between subnets. The geometric positions of the nodes in the picture have no special meaning; they are chosen simply to give a pleasing layout and are not related, for instance, to geographic position of the nodes. The structure of the Internet is discussed in detail in Section 2.1. Figure created by the Opte Project (http://www.opte.org). Reproduced with permission.

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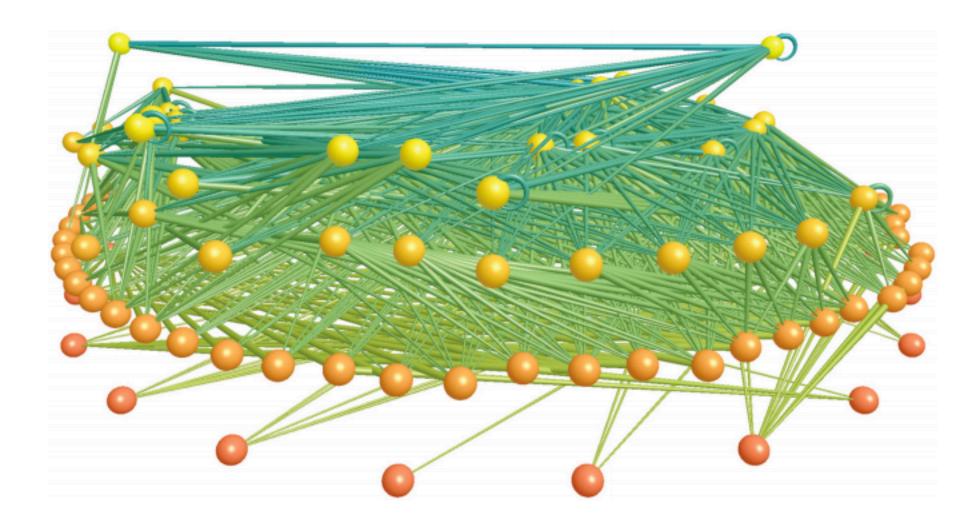


Figure 1.3: The food web of Little Rock Lake, Wisconsin. This elegant picture summarizes the known predatory interactions between species in a freshwater lake in the northern United States. The nodes represent the species and the edges run between predator–prey species pairs. The vertical position of the nodes represents, roughly speaking, the trophic level of the corresponding species. The figure was created by Richard Williams and Neo Martinez [321].

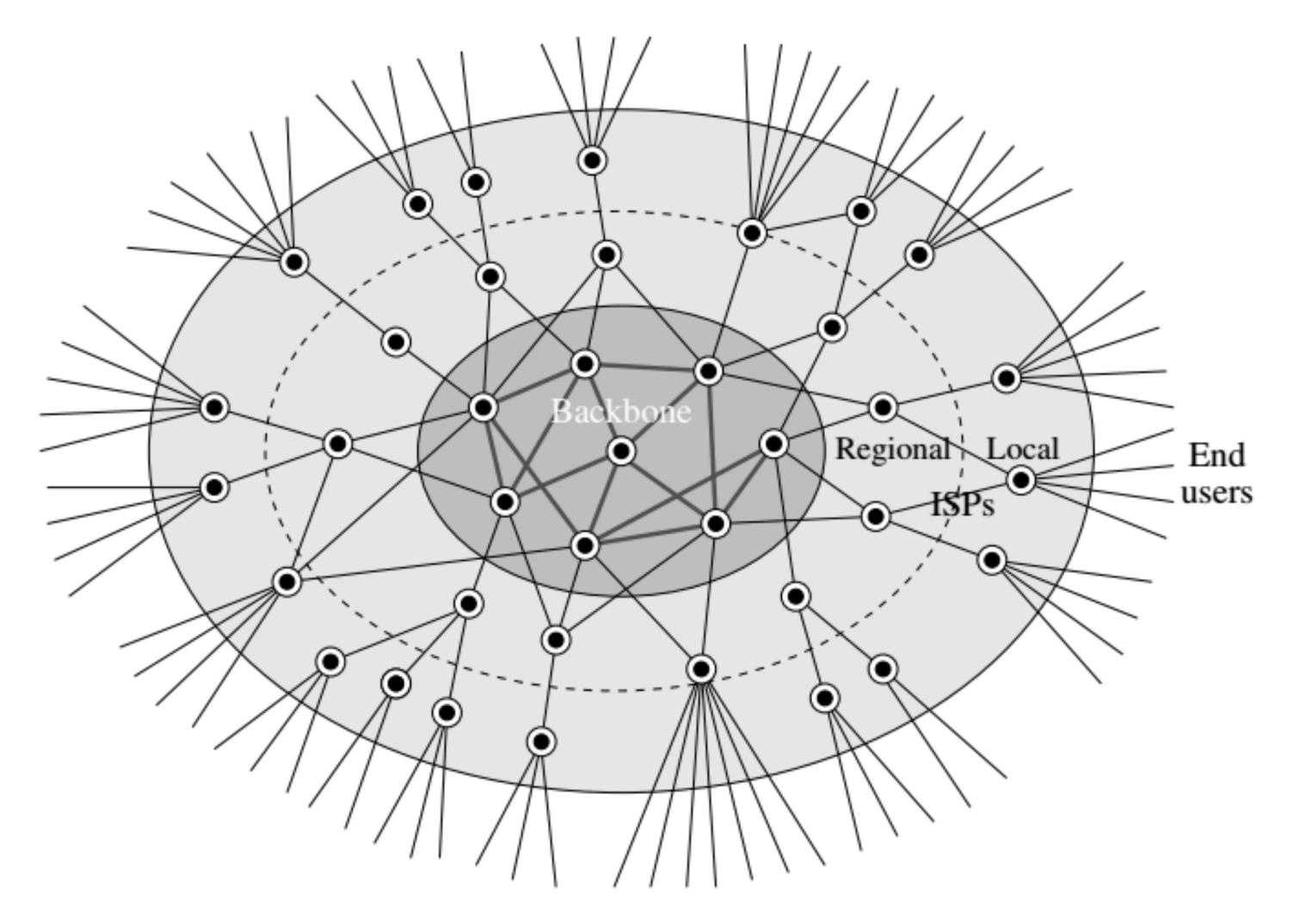


Figure 2.1: A schematic depiction of the structure of the Internet. The nodes and edges of the Internet fall into a number of different classes: the backbone of high-bandwidth long-distance connections; the ISPs, who connect to the backbone and who are divided roughly into regional (larger) and local (smaller) ISPs; and the end users—home users, companies, and so forth—who connect to the ISPs.



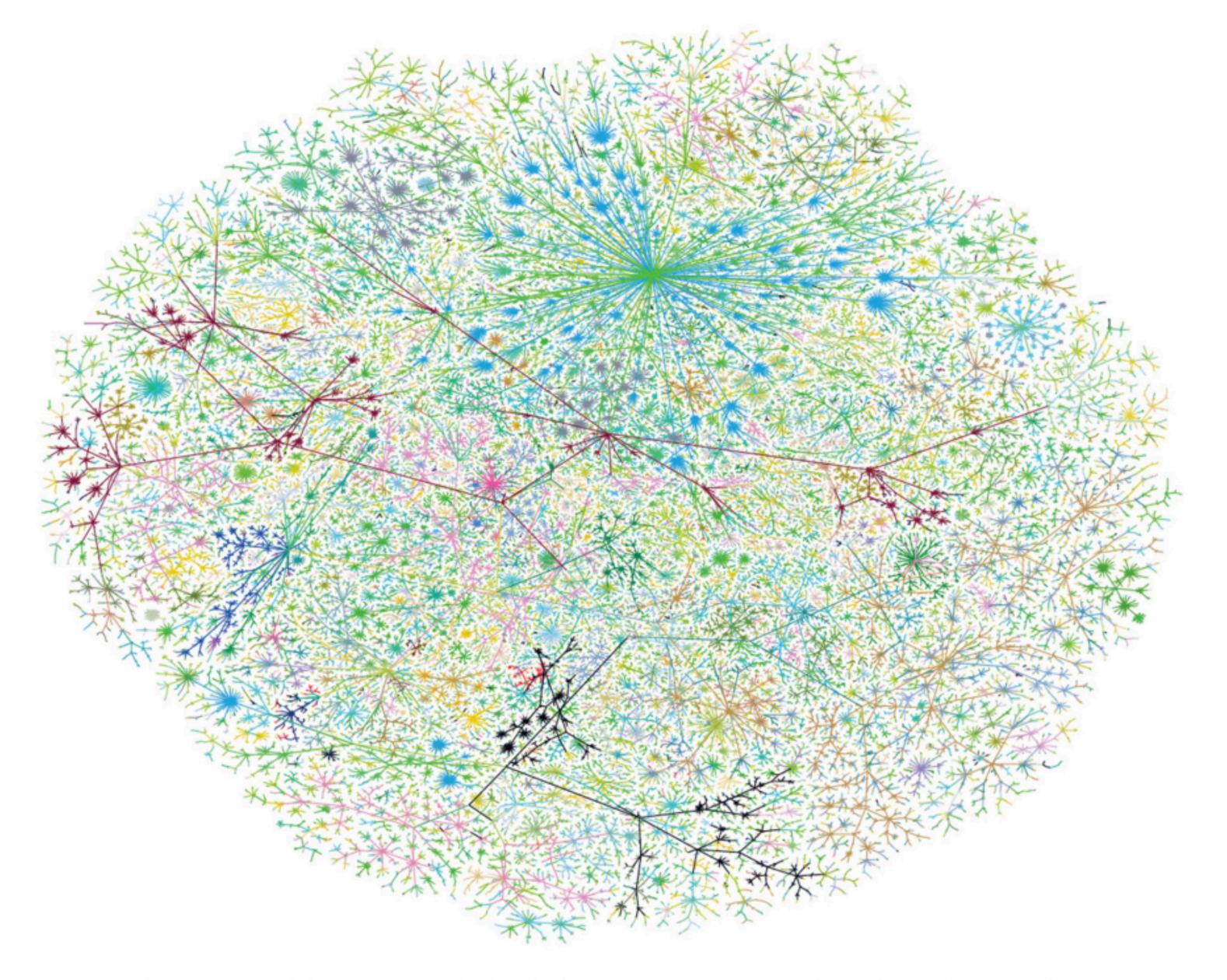


Figure 2.3: The structure of the Internet at the level of autonomous systems. The nodes in this network representation of the Internet are autonomous systems and the edges show the routes taken by data traveling between them. This figure is different from Fig. 1.1, which shows the network at the level of class C subnets. The picture was created by Hal Burch and Bill Cheswick. Patent(s) pending and Copyright Lumeta Corporation 2009. Reproduced with permission.



Complexity Theory & Circular Economy



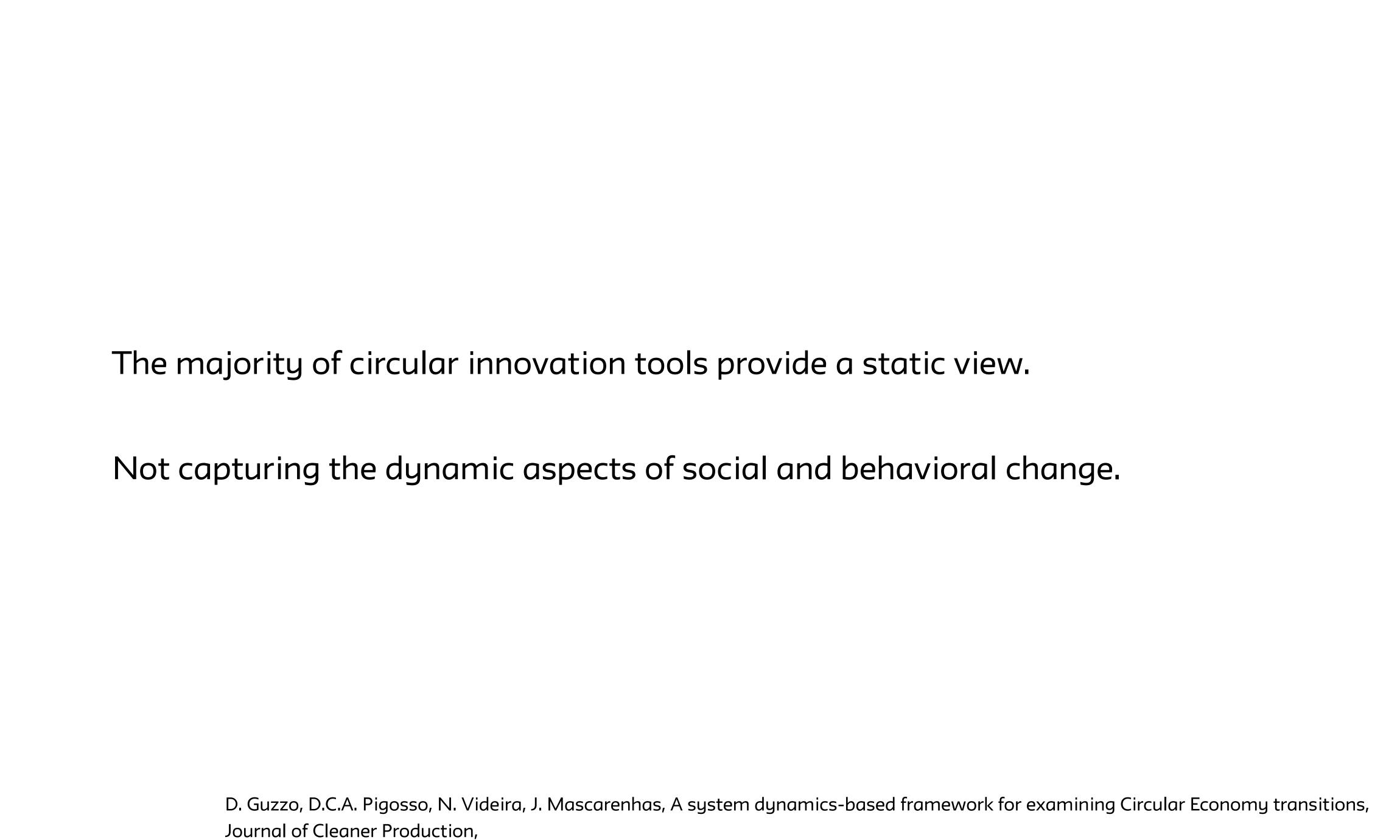
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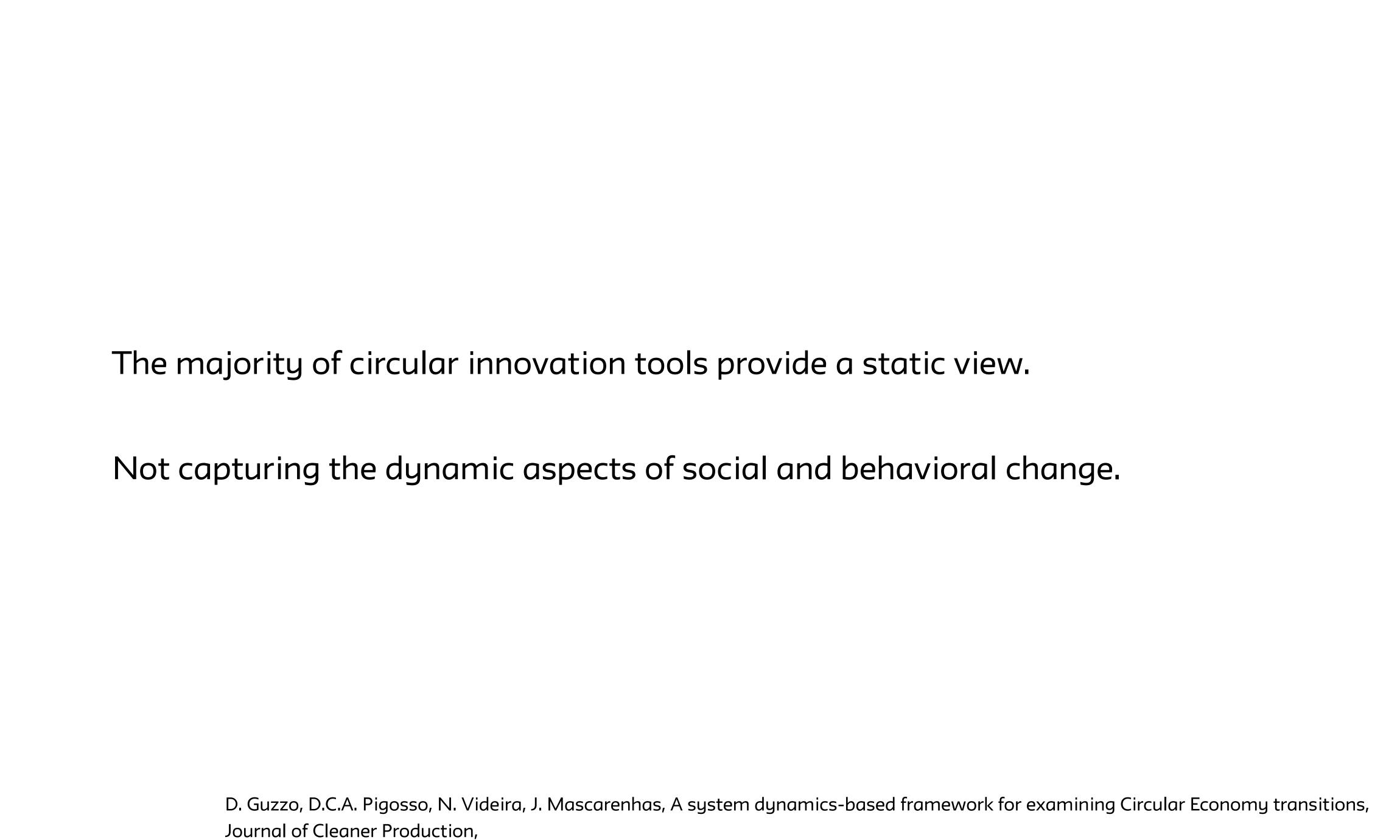
How can we predict them?

How can we design them?



Why?





Linear vs. What if?

Agent-based Modeling



Roman	Hindu- Arabic
I	1
V	5
X	10
L	50
С	100
D	500

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By structuration we mean the encoding of the knowledge in a domain as a function of the representational infrastructure used to express the knowledge.

A change from one structuration of a domain to another resulting from such a change in representational infrastructure we call a restructuration.



An agent is an autonomous computational individual or object with particular properties and actions.

ABM is a form of computational modeling whereby a phenomenon is modeled in terms of agents and their interactions.



DETERMINISTIC-CENTRALIZED MINDSET

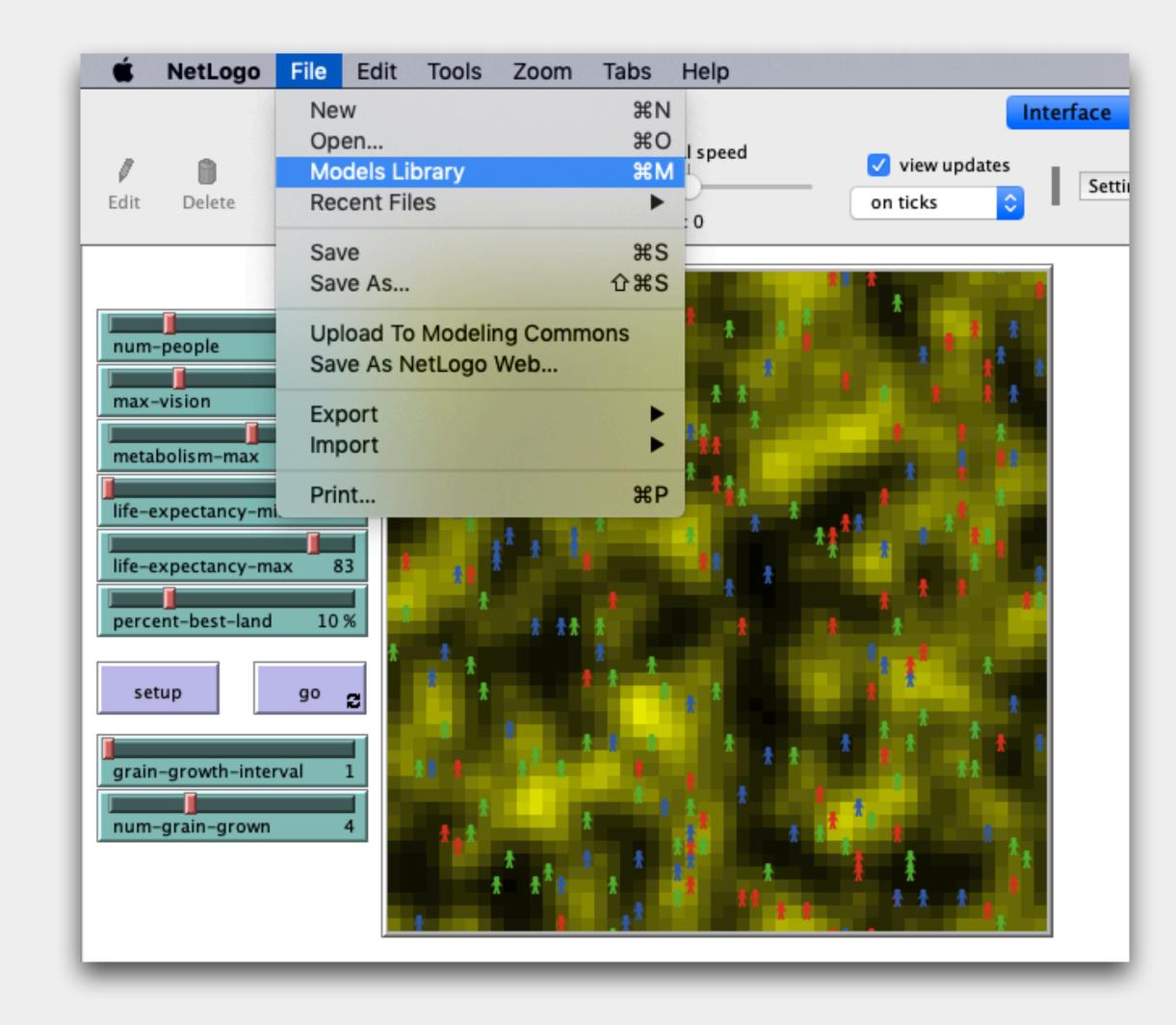


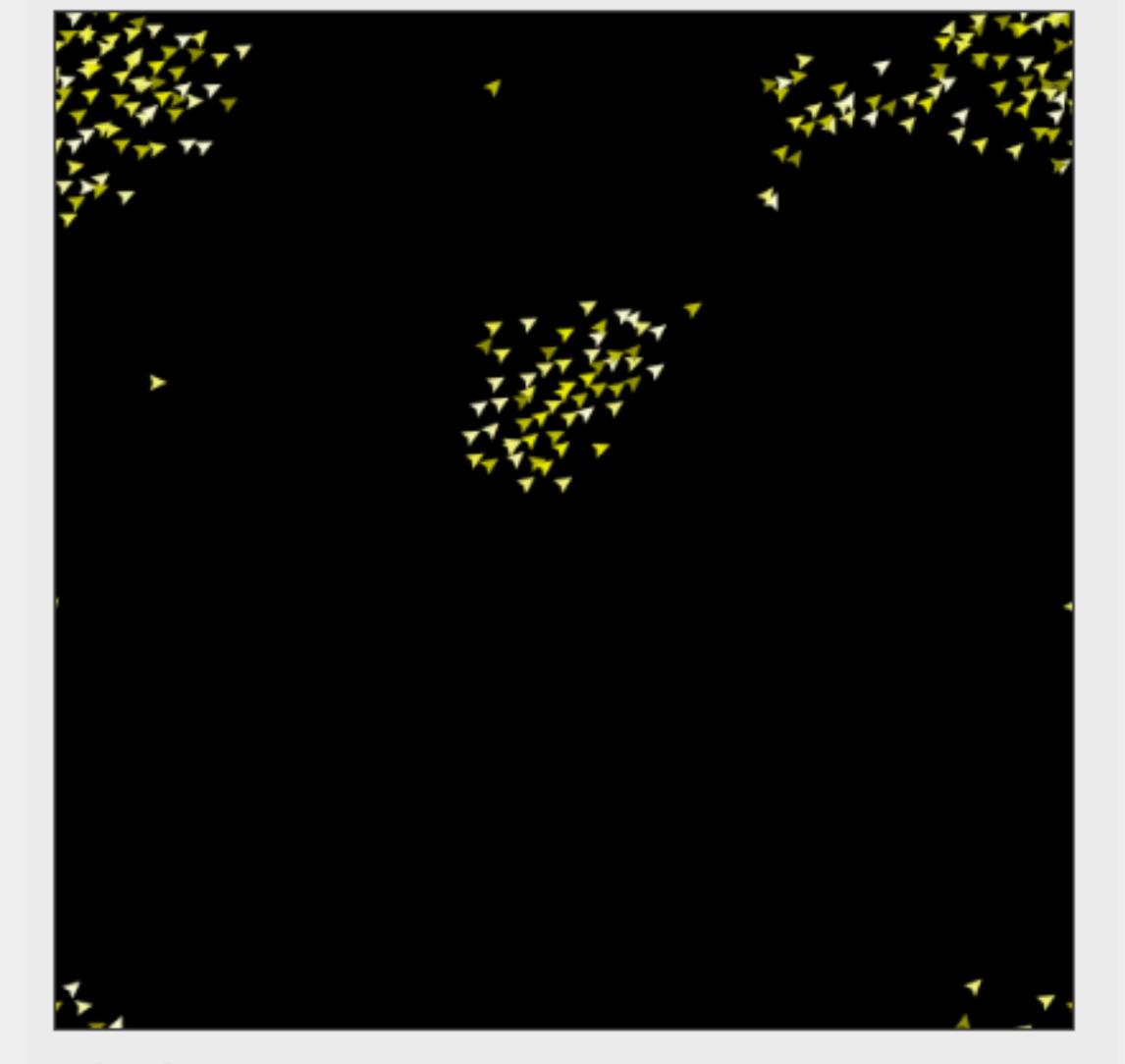
The pattern stemmed from two main empirical findings:

Most subjects did not see any role for randomness in creating these structures.

Randomness was seen as destructive to the pattern, not a force for creating a pattern

Most subjects described these patterns as arising from the actions of a centralized controller or orchestrator





Flocking

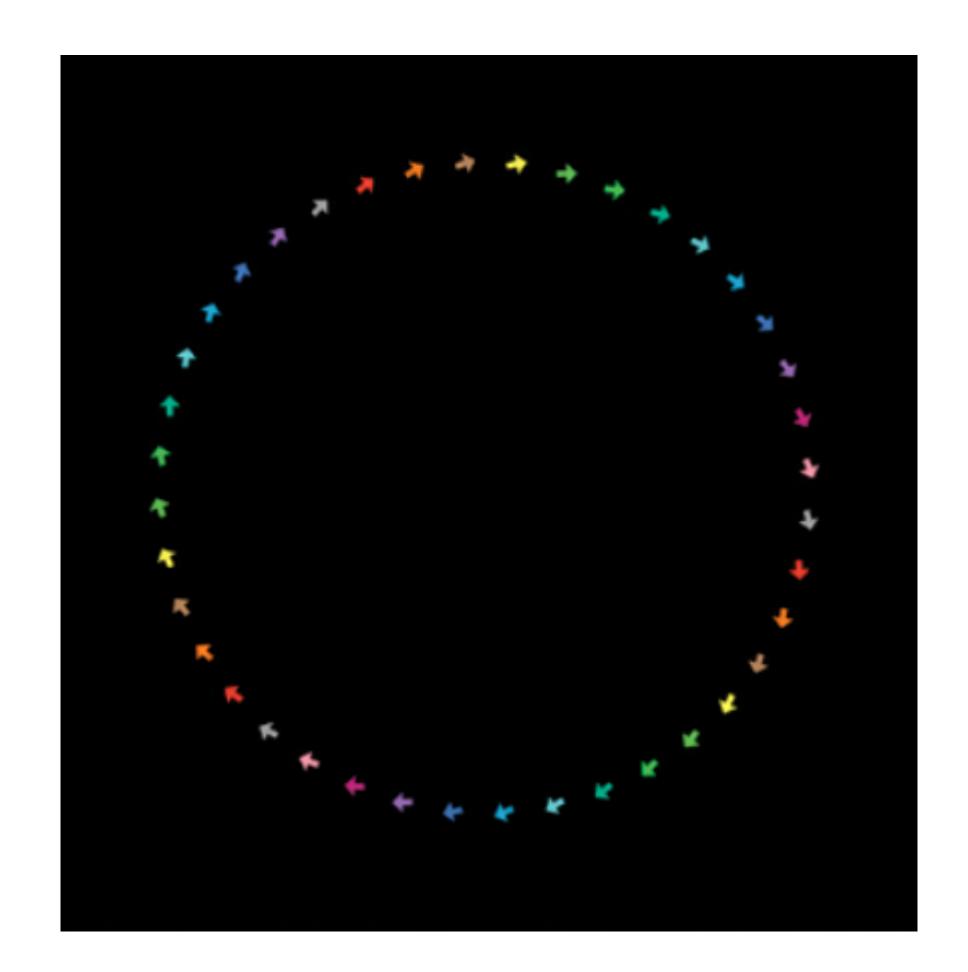
This model is an attempt to mimic the flocking of birds. (The resulting motion also resembles schools of fish.) The flocks that appear in this model are not created or led in any way by special leader birds. Rather, each bird is following exactly the same set of rules, from which flocks emerge.

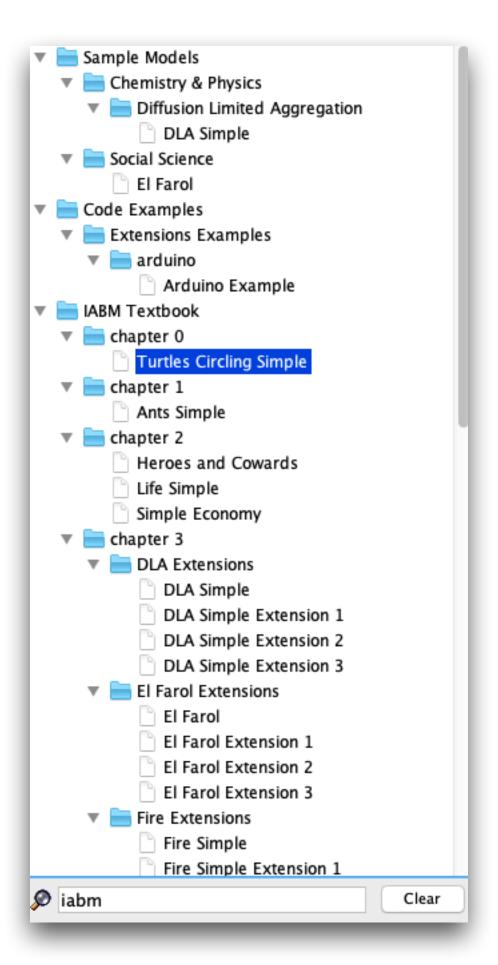


Complex systems as systems that are composed of multiple individual elements that interact with each other yet whose aggregate properties or behavior is not predictable from the elements themselves.

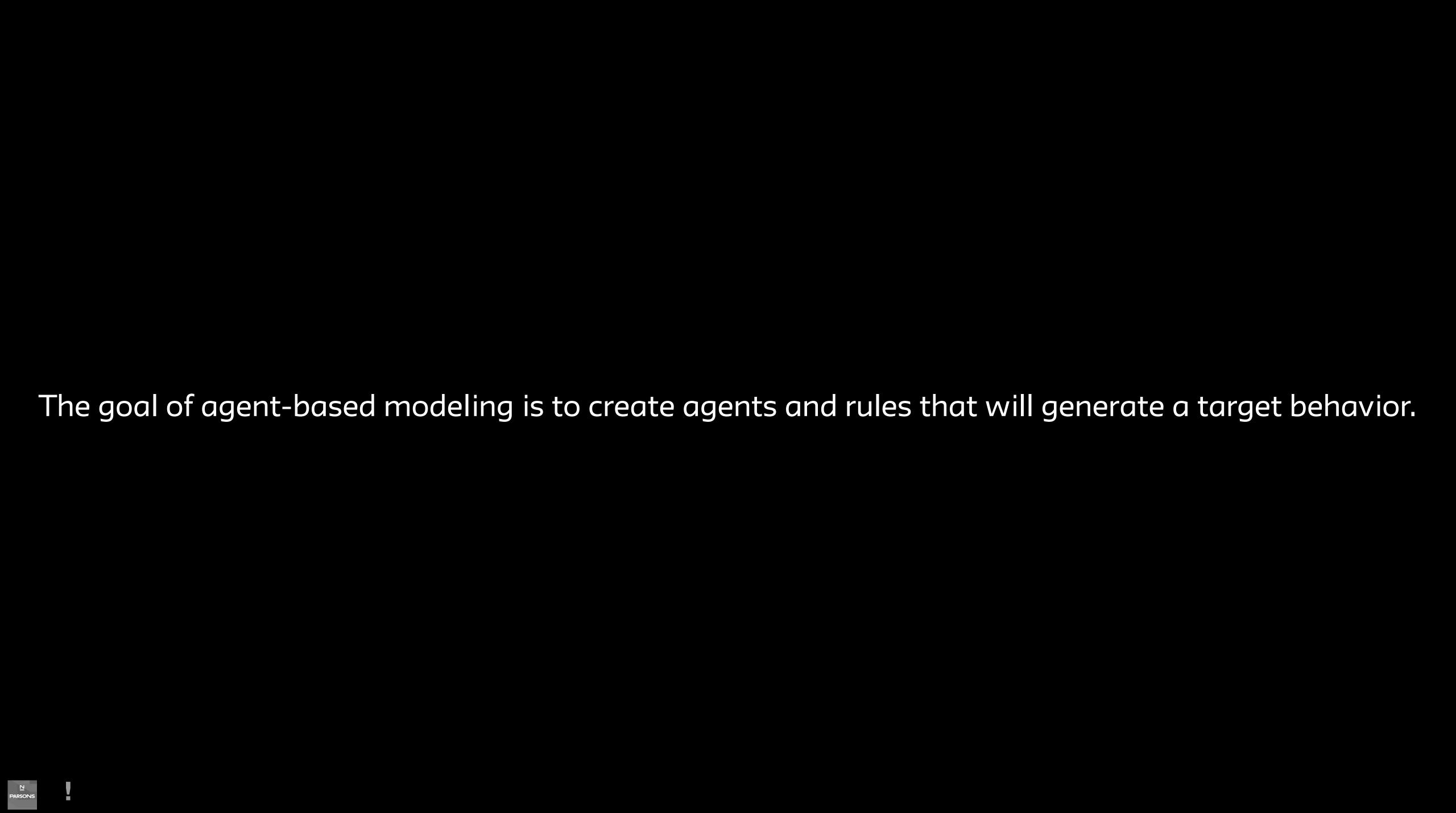
Through the interaction of the multiple distributed elements an "emergent phenomenon" arises.

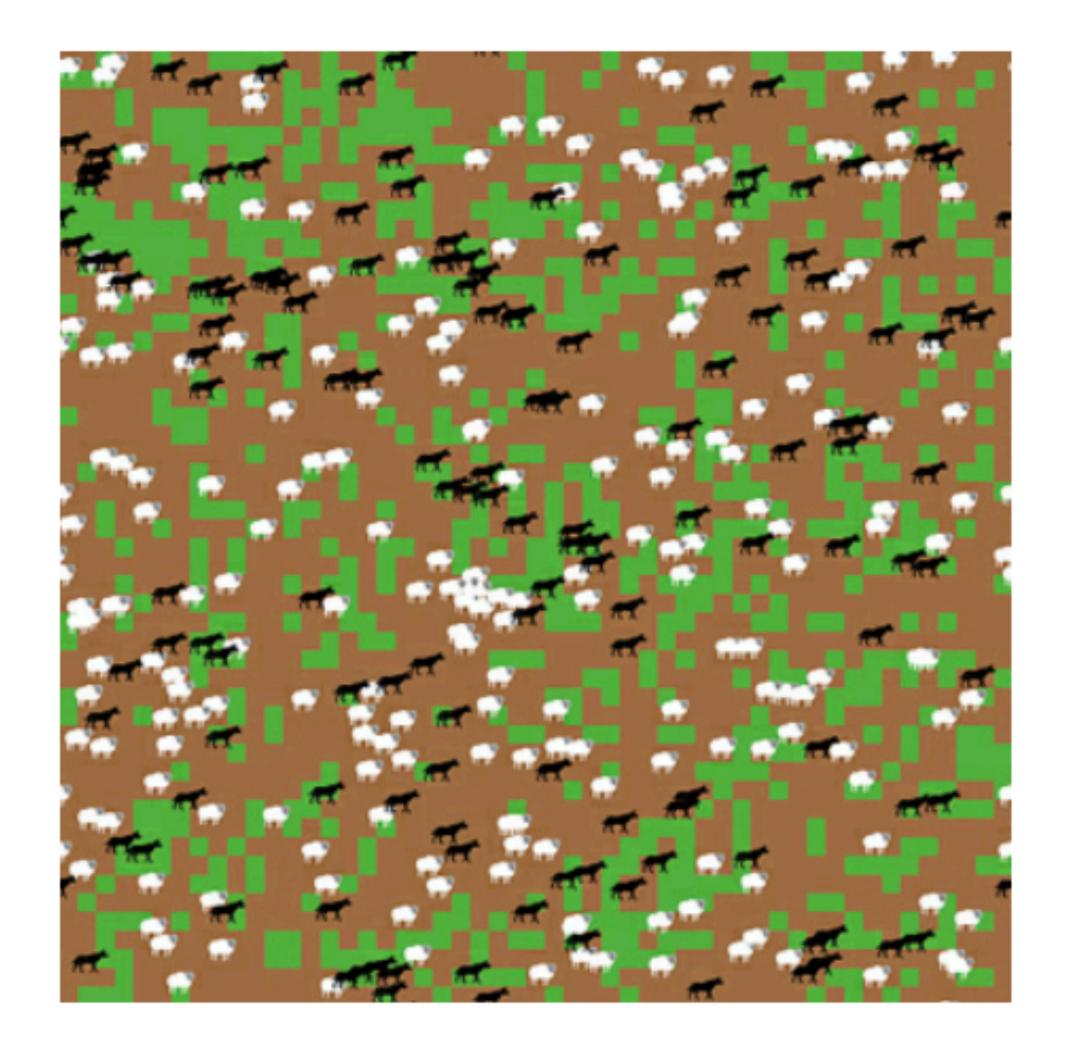
Emergence as the arising of novel and coherent structures, patterns, and properties through the interactions of multiple distributed elements.

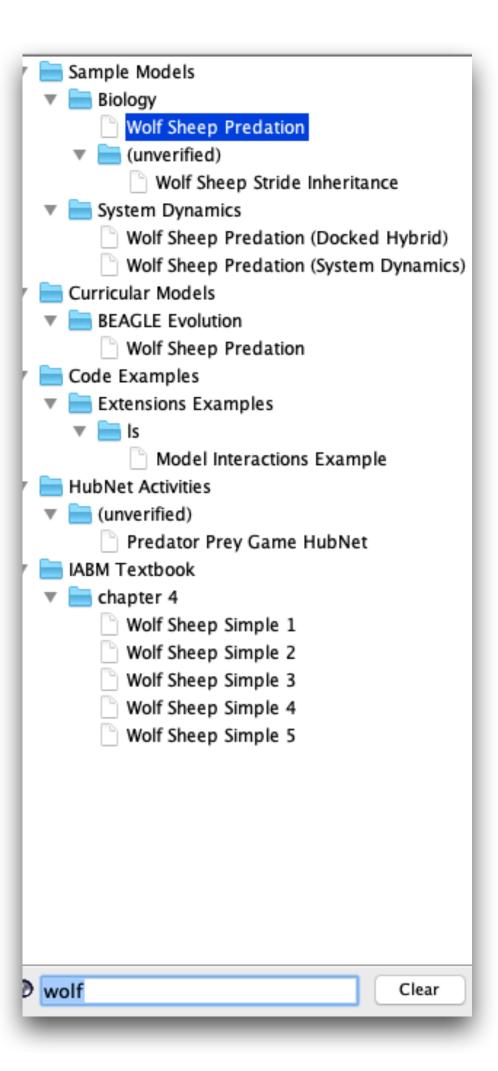


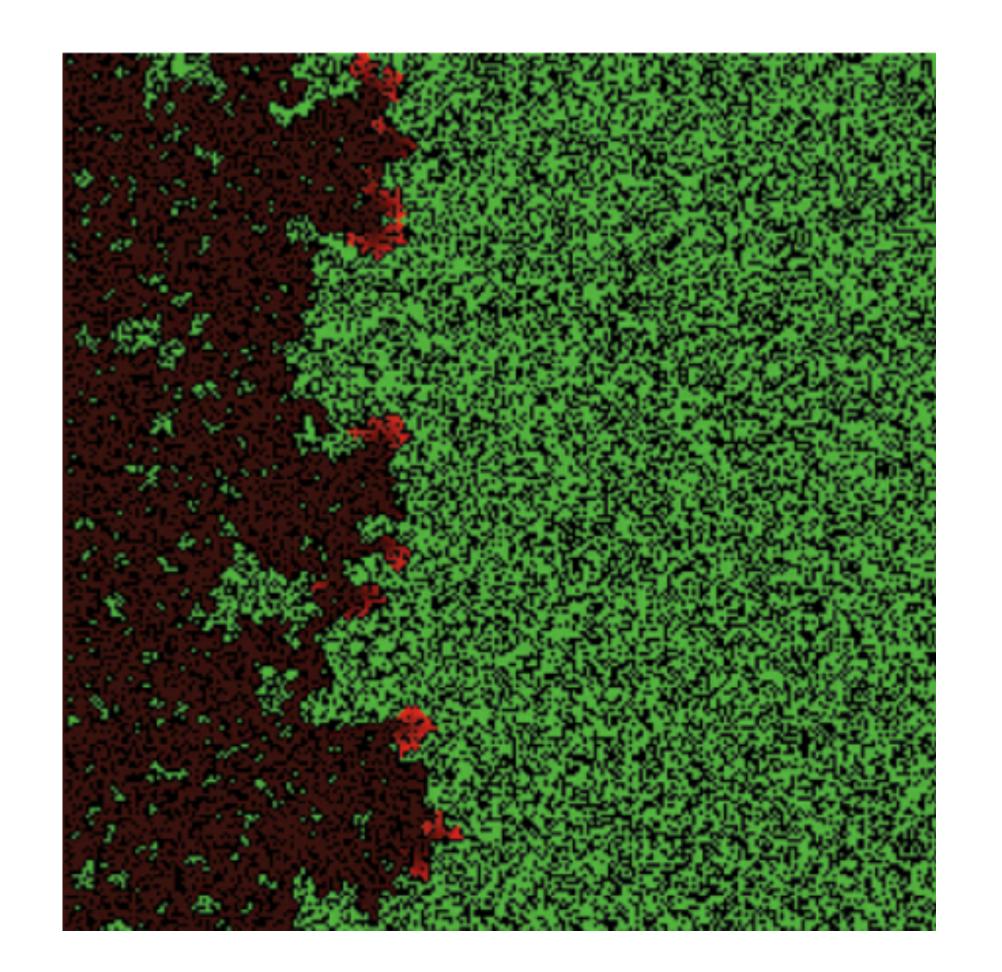


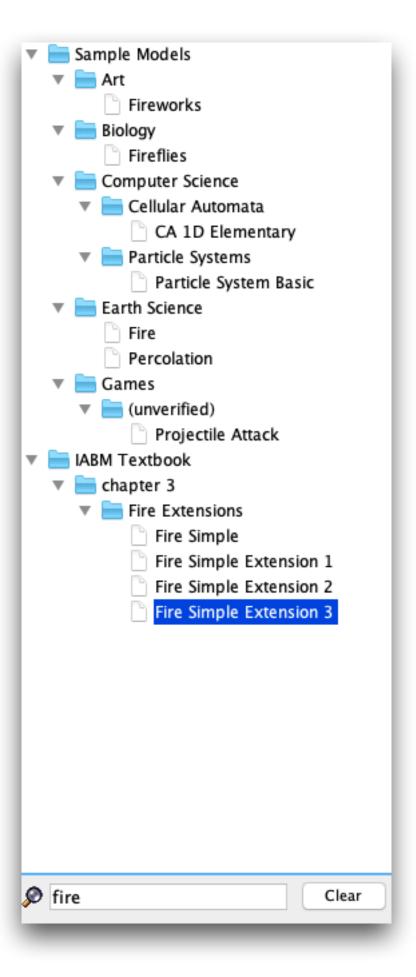


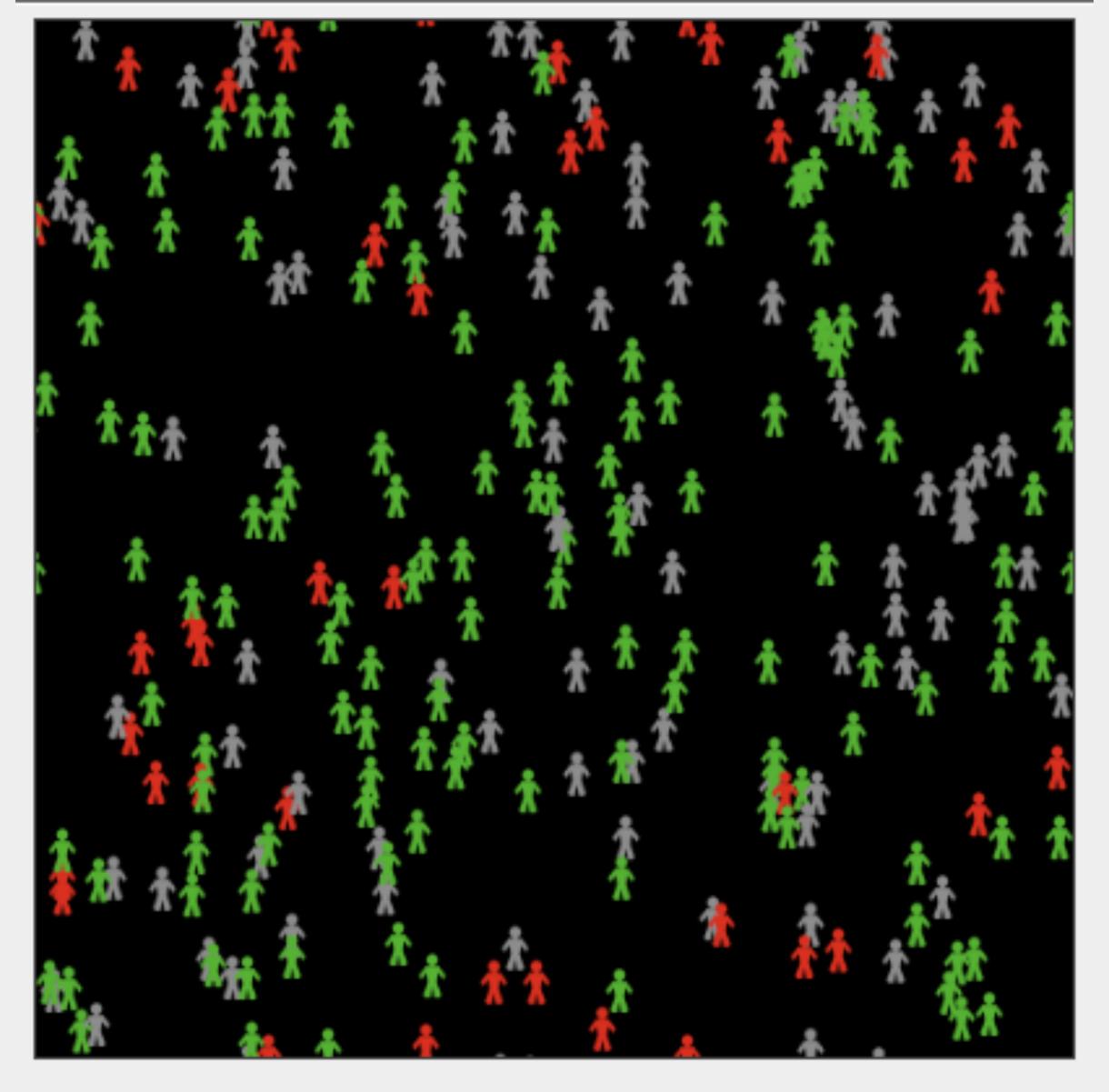








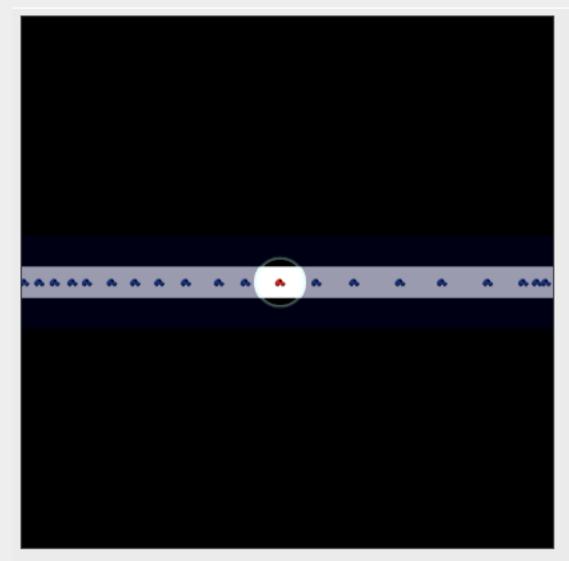




Virus

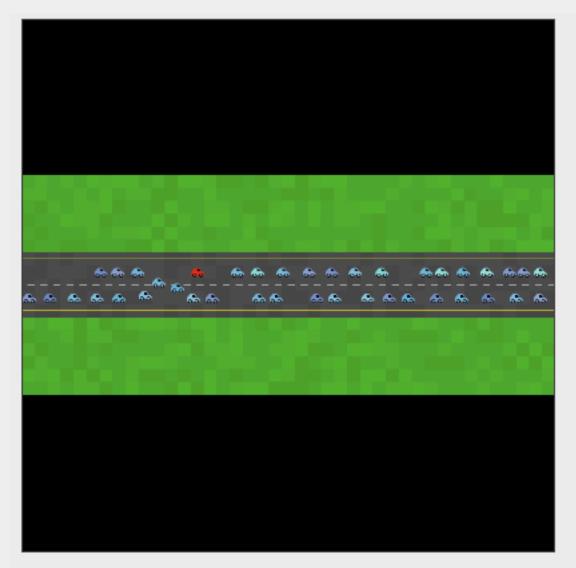
This model simulates the transmission and perpetuation of a virus in a human population.





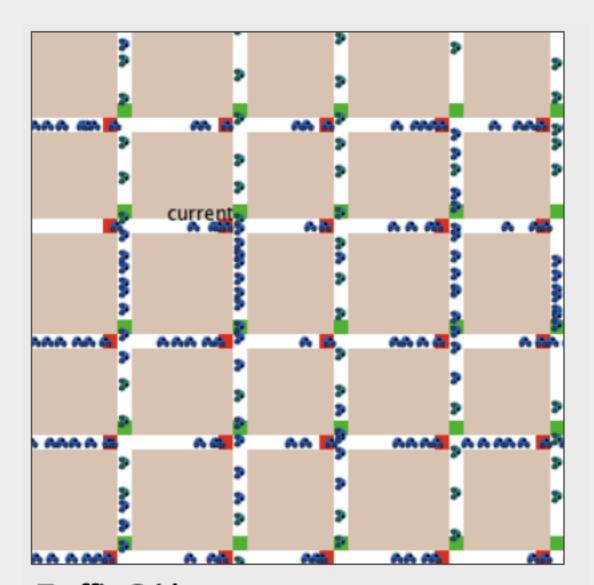
Traffic Basic

This model models the movement of cars on a highway. Each car follows a simple set of rules: it slows down (decelerates) if it sees a car close ahead, and speeds up (accelerates) if it doesn't see a car ahead. The model demonstrates how traffic jams can form even without any accidents, broken bridges, or overturned trucks. No "centralized cause" is needed for a traffic jam to form.



Traffic 2 Lanes

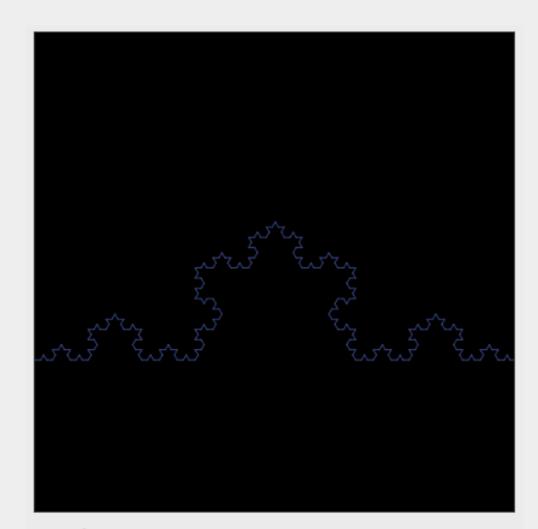
This model is a more sophisticated two-lane version of the "Traffic Basic" model. Much like the simpler model, this model demonstrates how traffic jams can form. In the two-lane version, drivers have a new option; they can react by changing lanes, although this often does little to solve their problem.



Traffic Grid

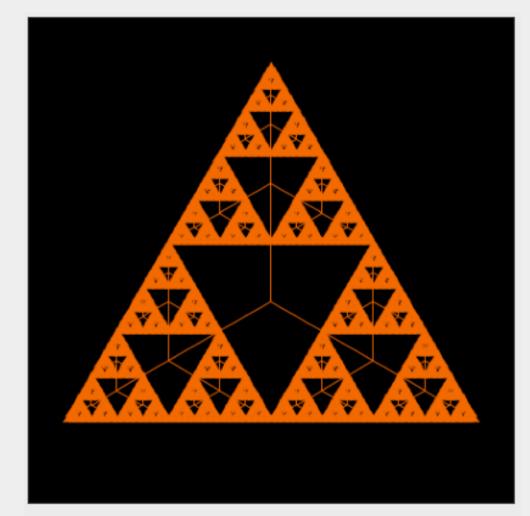
This is a model of traffic moving in a city grid. It allows you to control traffic lights and global variables, such as the speed limit and the number of cars, and explore traffic dynamics.





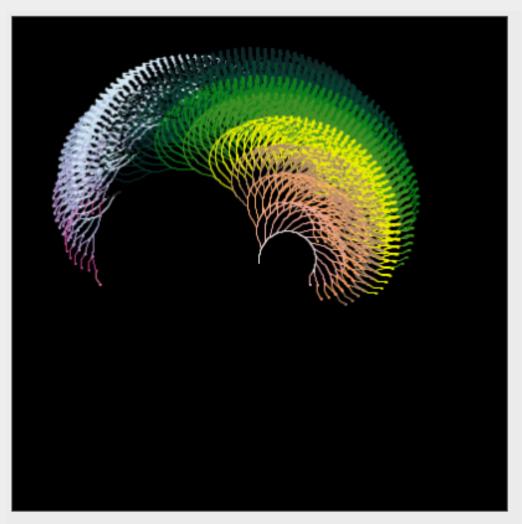
Koch Curve

Helge von Koch was a Swedish mathematician who, in 1904, introduced what is now called the Koch curve. This curve contains no straight lines which are smooth in the sense that we could see them as a carefully bent line. Rather this curve has much of the complexity which we could see in a natural coastline: folds within folds within folds and so on.



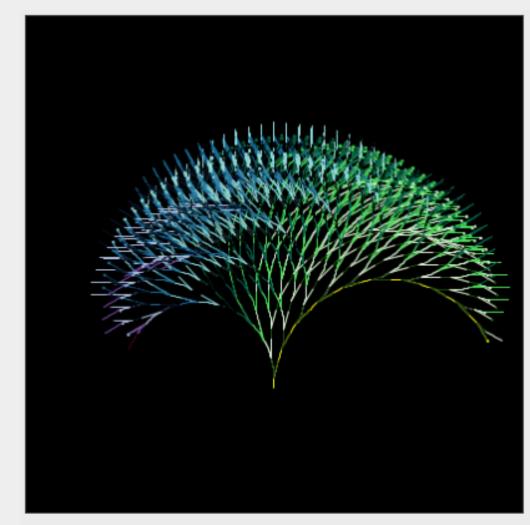
Sierpinski Simple

The fractal that this model produces was discovered by the great Polish mathematician Waclaw Sierpinski in 1916. Sierpinski was a professor at Lvov and Warsaw. He was one of the most influential mathematicians of his time in Poland and had a worldwide reputation. One of the moon's craters is named after him.



L-System Fractals

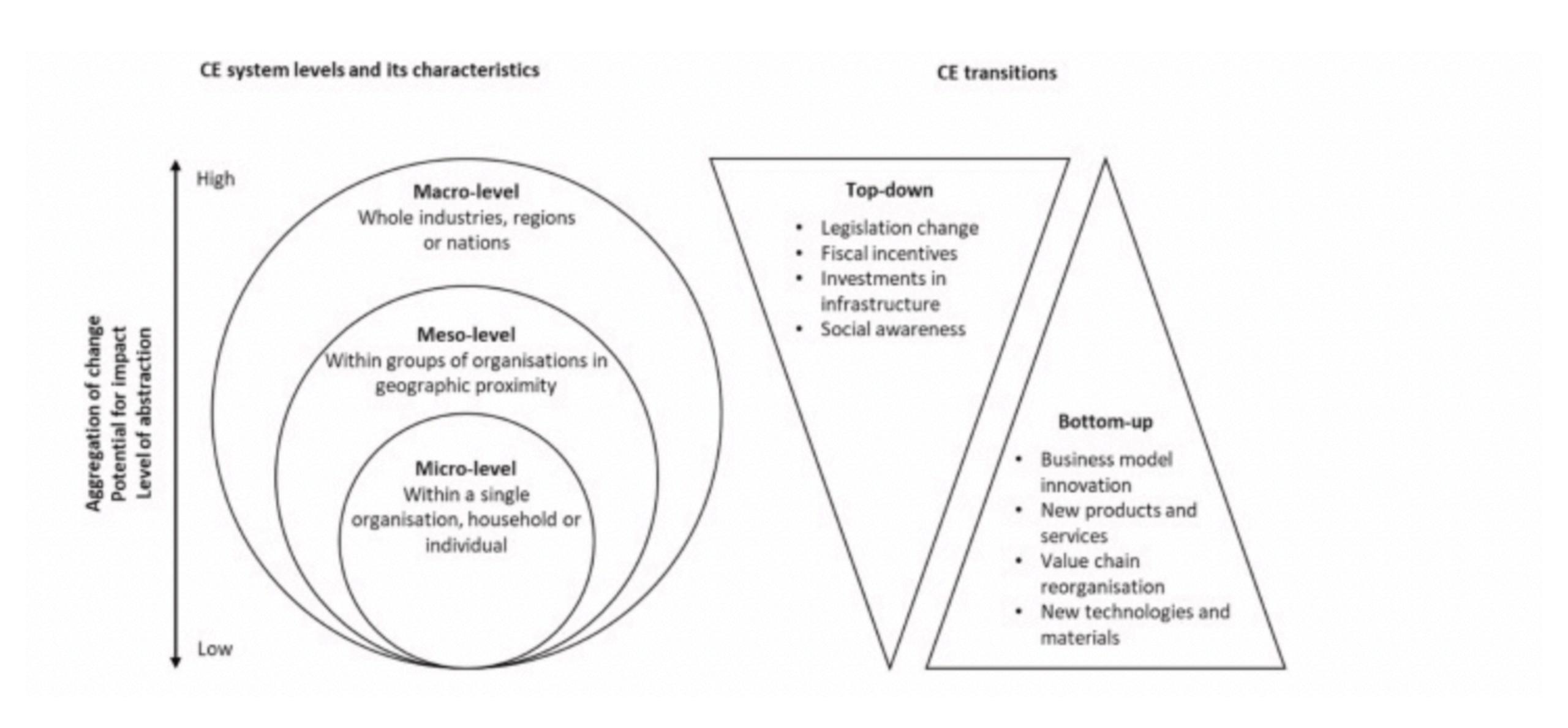
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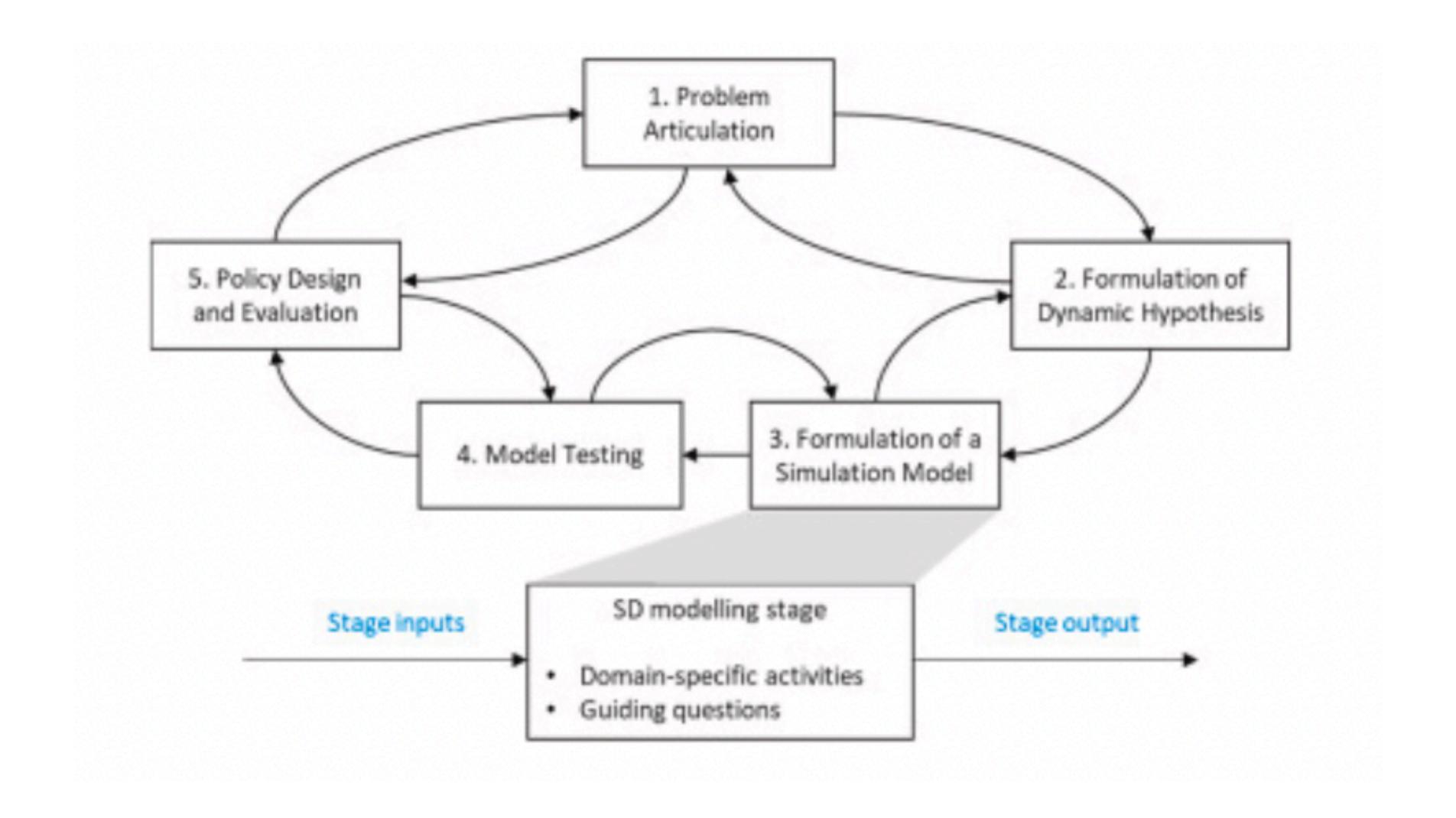
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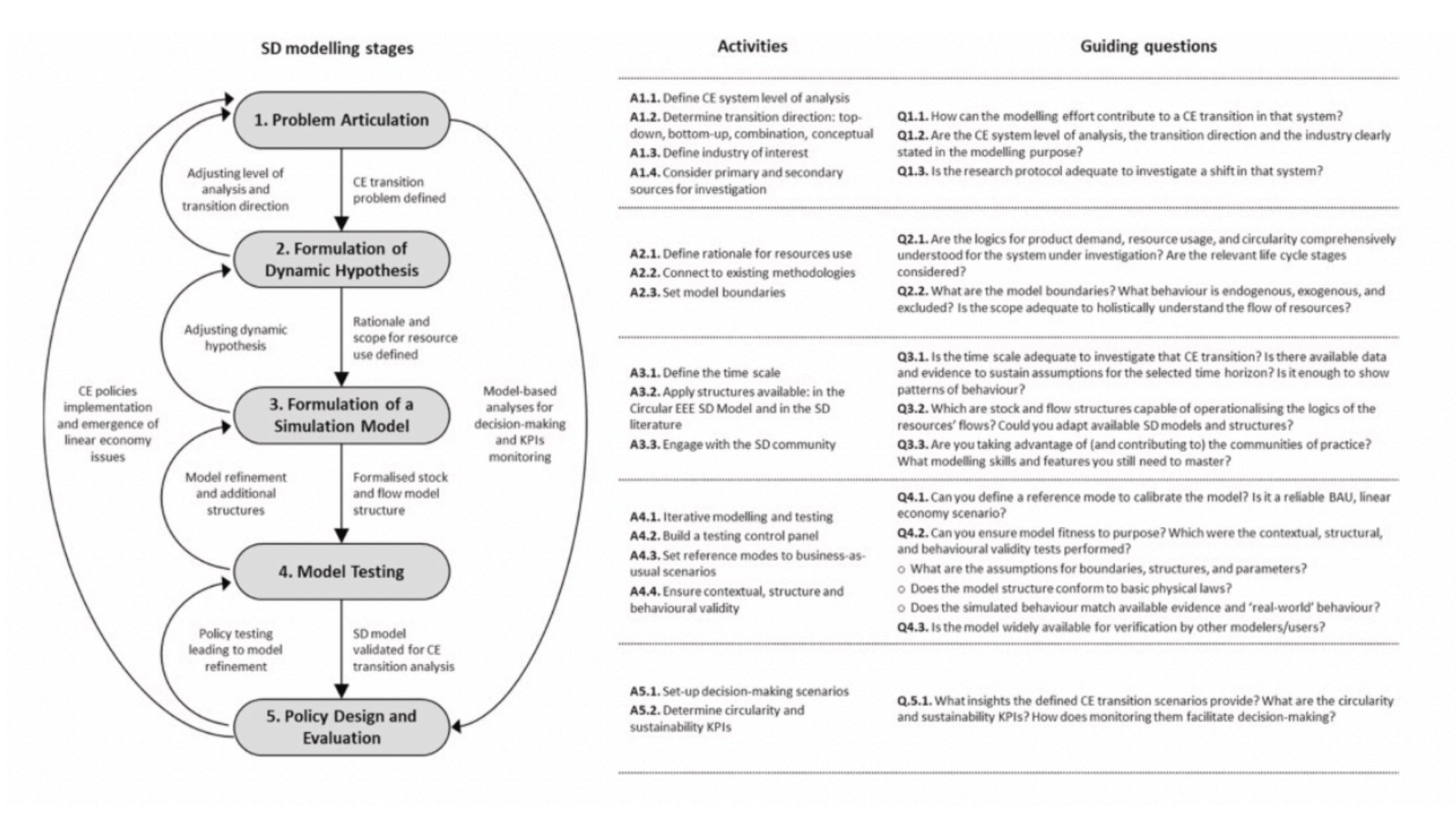




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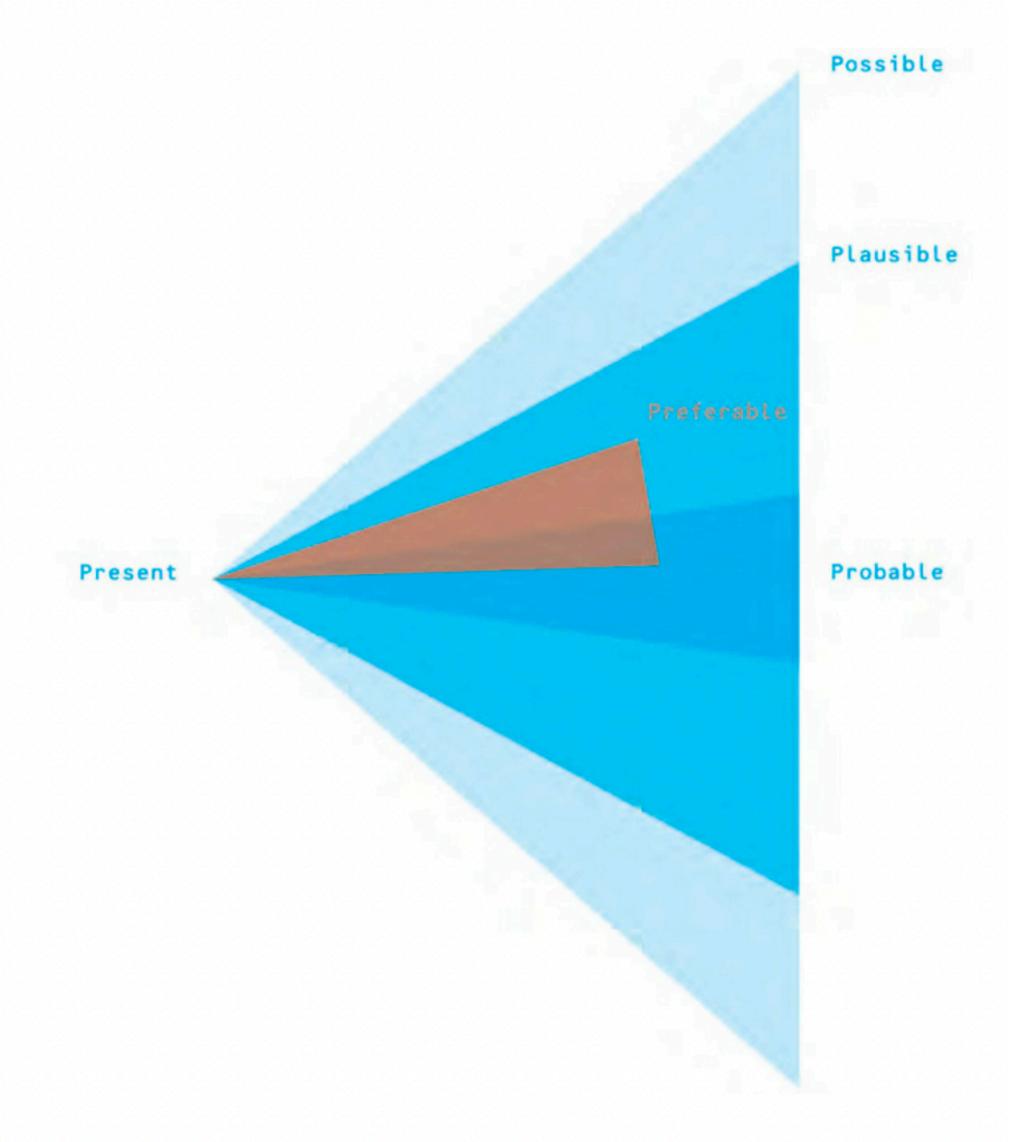


Speculative Design?

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Affirmative	Critical
Problem solving	Problem finding
Provides answers	Asks questions
Design for	Design for debate
production	Design as medium
Design as solution	In the service of
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industry	Functional fictions
Fictional functions	For how the world
For how the world	could be
is	Change us to suit
Change the world	the world
to suit us	Social fiction
Science fiction	Parallel worlds
Futures	The "unreal" real
The "real" real	Narratives of
Narratives of	consumption
production	Implications
Applications	Humor
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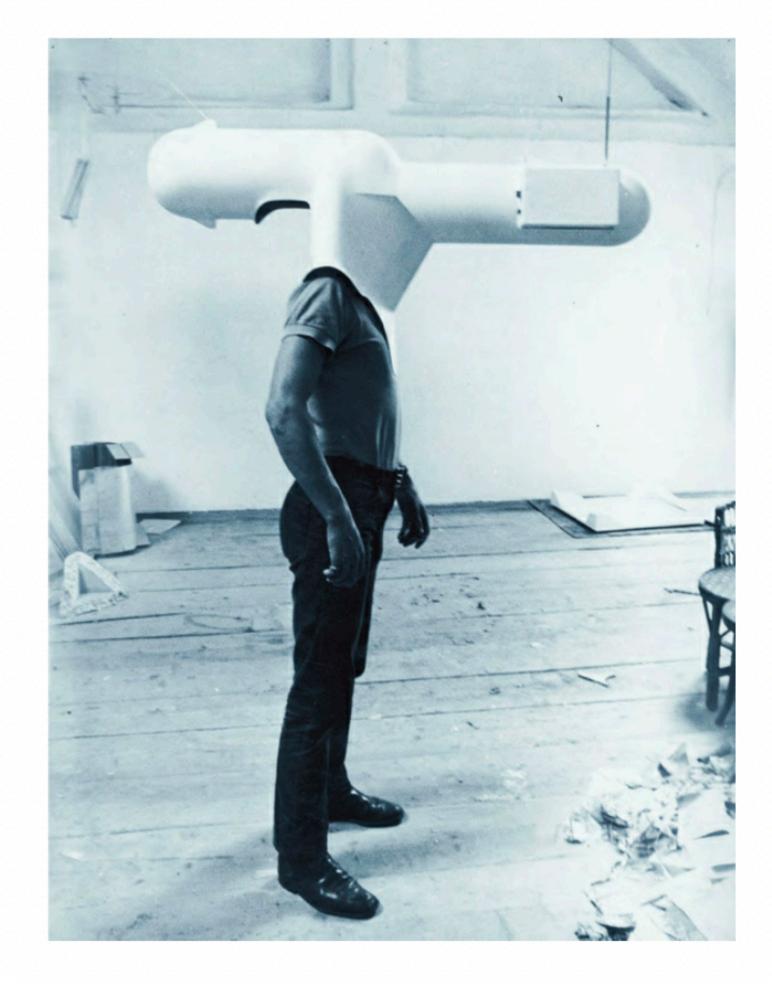
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"Design speculation can act as a catalyst for collectively redefining our relationship to reality."



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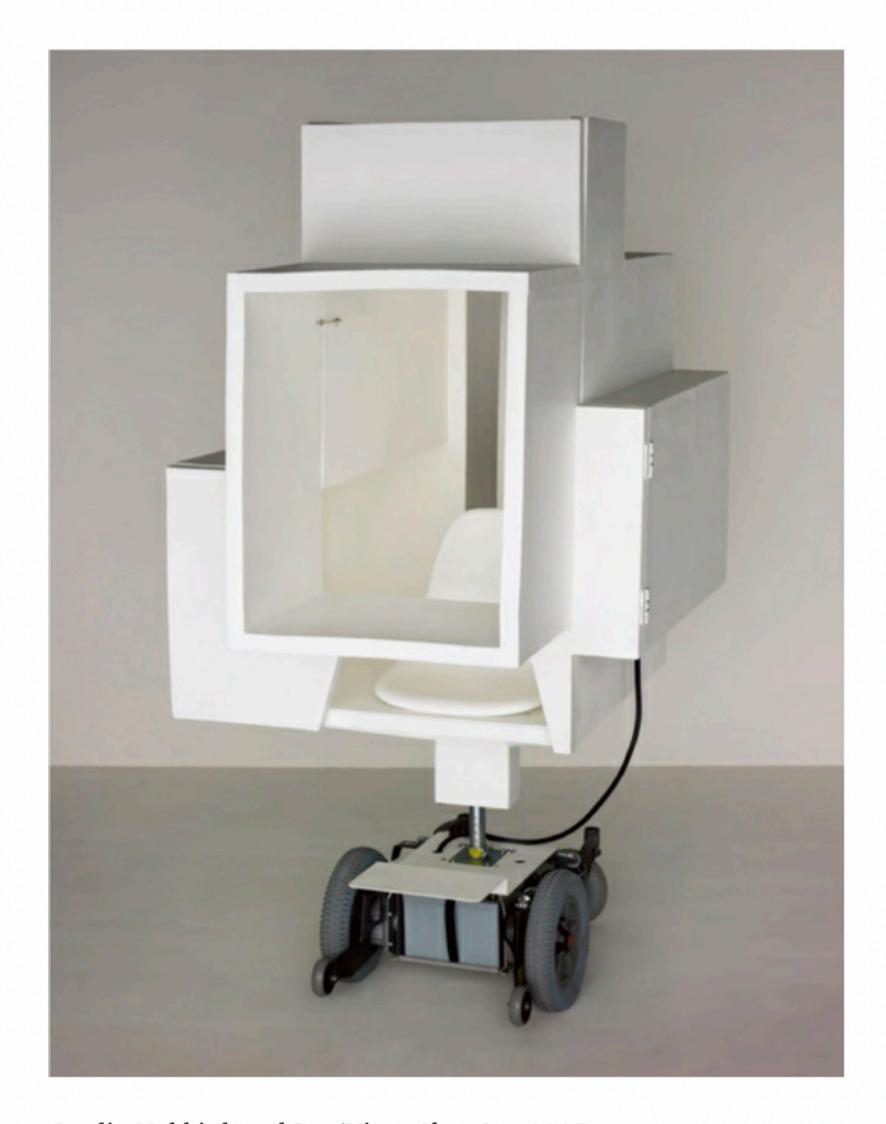
Designers not as experts, but a catalysts



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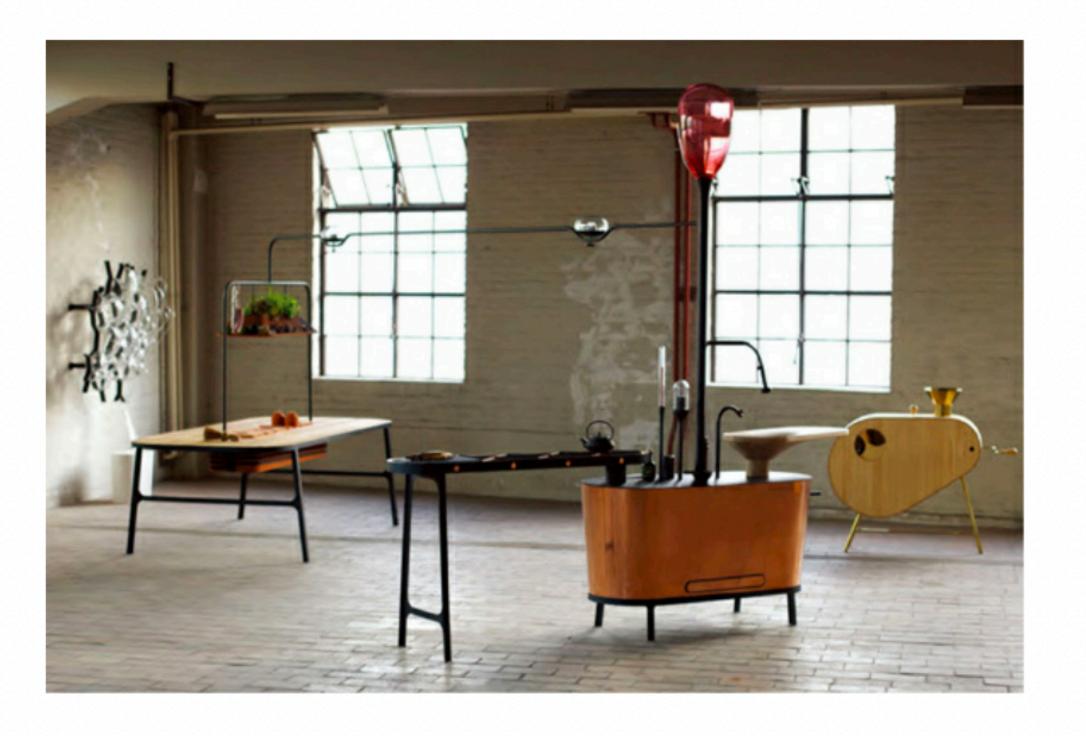
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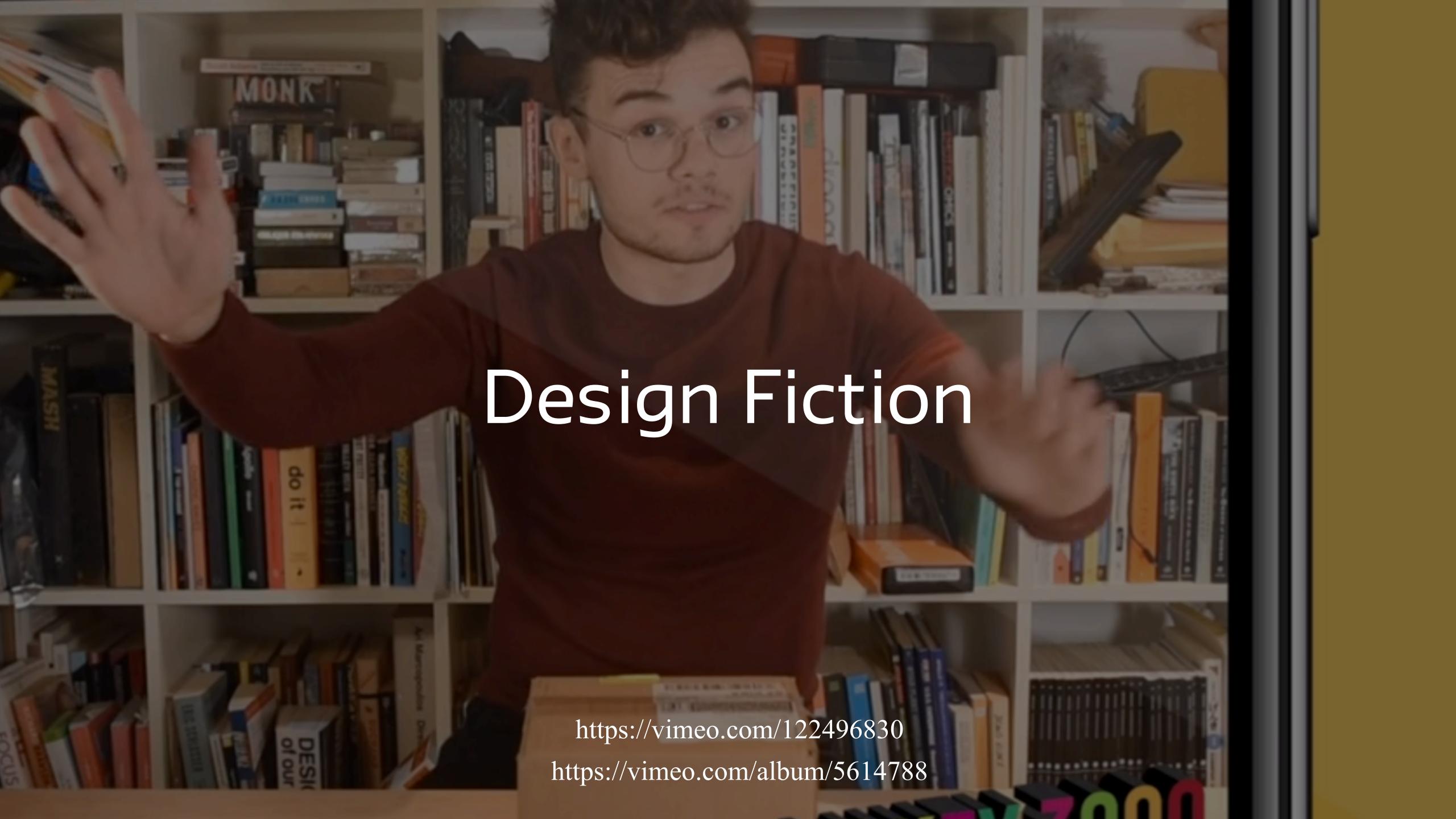
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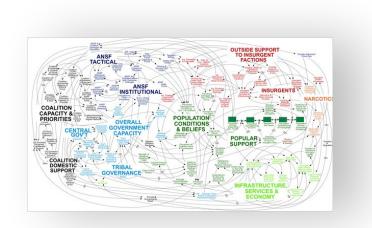


A construction of a narrative—a movie, animation, written story, presentation or installation—to immerse an audience in an experience that provokes emotional and intellectual responses.

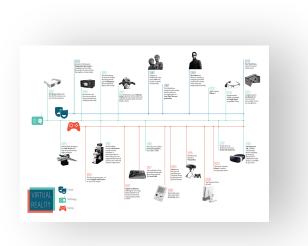
It is the generation of ideas that are not yet possible to provoke a dialogue about what could or should be possible.

When: During the problem framing, at the boundaries of strategic planning, collective visioning and prototyping, where an organization or agency needs to overcome what isn't possible in order to explore the implications if it were possible.

For: Generating ideas outside of the boundaries of what is deemed possible, thereby encouraging experimentation of "worldviews".

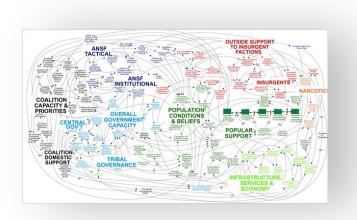


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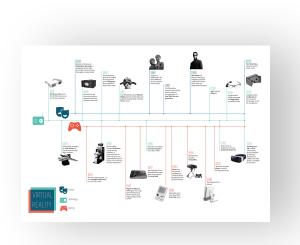


Legacy Map (Past: Where & What)

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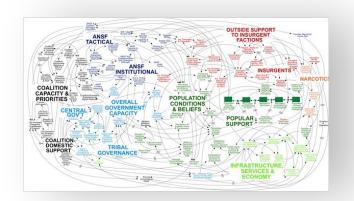


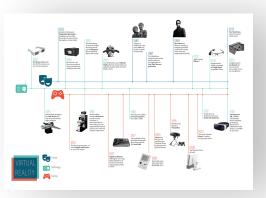
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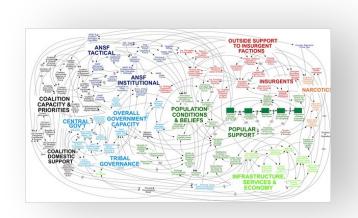
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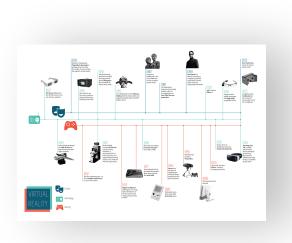


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Document Audience Reaction 01



DF Artifact Iteration 02 http://km.cx/projects/merger



Document Audience Reaction 02

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- 3. Test the artifact with your colleagues and document their response.
- 4. Based on their insights, produce the next iteration and document their response.

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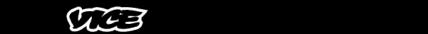
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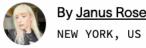
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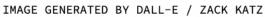
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