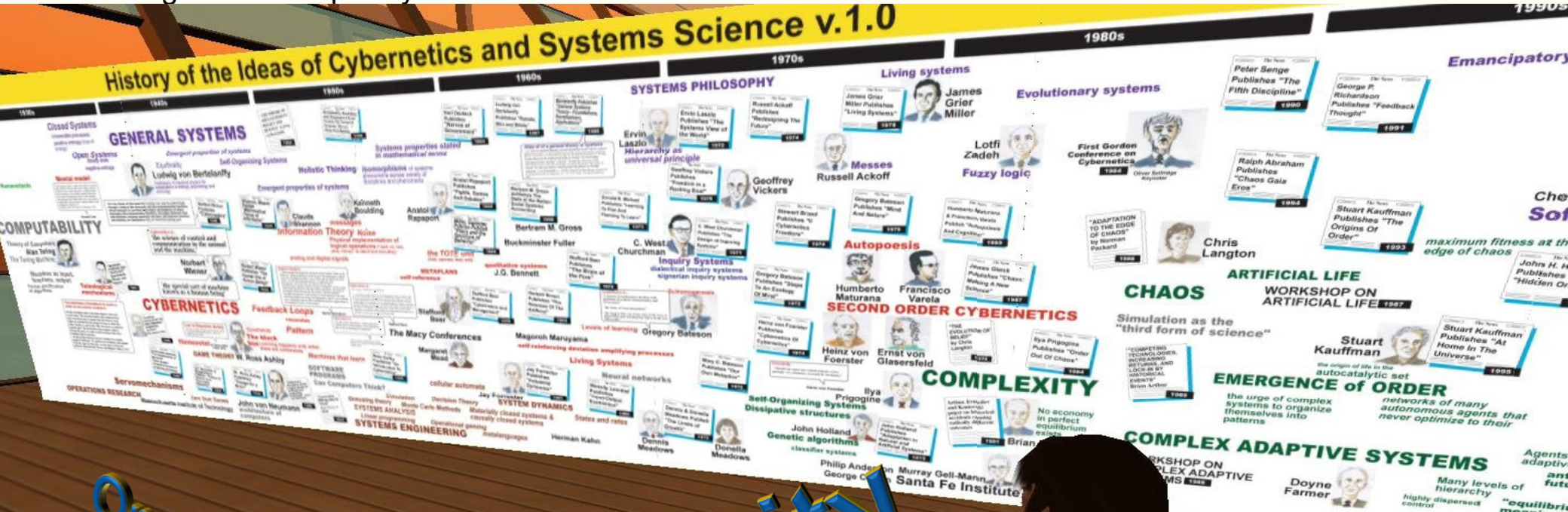


lecture 9: organized complexity

History of the Ideas of Cybernetics and Systems Science v.1.0



Organized Complexity



evaluation

- **Participation: 20%.**
 - class discussion, everybody reads and discusses every paper
 - engagement in class, including online
- **Paper Presentation and Discussion: 20%**
 - All students are assigned to a Reading and Discussion Group
 - **SSIE501** students in group present and discuss papers
 - all students are supposed to read and participate in discussion of every paper.
 - *section 01 groups* present in class, *section 20 groups* present via zoom or send a video
 - Presenter group prepares short summary of assigned paper (15 minutes)
 - no formal presentations or PowerPoint unless figures are indispensable.
 - Summary should:
 - 1) Identify the key goals of the paper (not go in detail over every section)
 - 2) What discussant liked and did not like
 - 3) What authors achieved and did not
 - 4) Any other relevant connections to other class readings and beyond.
 - **ISE440** students in group participate as lead discussants
 - not to present the paper, but to comment on points 2-3) above
 - Class discussion is opened to all
 - lead discussant ensures important paper contributions and failures are addressed
 - Post presentation 1-2 page report uploaded to Brightspace
 - 1-4) plus 5) statement of individual contributions
- **Black Box: 60%**
 - Group Project (2 parts)
 - Assignment I (25%) and Assignment II (35%)

The Black Box: Due: October 14th, 2022



Herbert Simon: Law discovery means only finding **pattern** in the data; whether the pattern will continue to hold for new data that are observed subsequently will be decided in the course of **testing the law**, not discovering it. The **discovery process** runs from particular facts to general laws that are somehow induced from them; the **process of testing** discovers runs from the laws to predictions of particular facts from them [...] To explain why the patterns we extract from observations frequently lead to correct predictions (when they do) requires us to face again the problem of **induction**, and perhaps to make some hypothesis about the uniformity of nature. But that hypothesis is neither required for, nor relevant to, the theory of discovery processes. [...] By separating the question of pattern detection from the question of prediction, we can construct a **true normative theory of discovery**-a logic of discovery.

- Focus on uncovering quadrants
 - using data collection, descriptive patterns & statistics, and induction.
- Propose a formal model or algorithm of what each quadrant is doing.
 - Analyze, using deduction, the behavior of this algorithm.

What is it!!!??

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Current step: 302

next readings (check brightspace)

■ Paper Presentation: 20%

- Present (501) and lead (501&440) the discussion of an article related to the class materials
- *section 01* presents in class, *section 20* (Enginet) posts videos on Brightspace (exceptions possible)

■ Thursday September 21st

● Module 2: Systems Science

■ Reading and Discussion Group 3 (Enginet)

● Sarah Donovan, Nicole Dates, et al:

■ Klir, G.J. [2001]. *Facets of systems Science*. Springer. Chapter 2.

■ Optional:

- Rosen, R. [1986]. "Some comments on systems and system theory". *Int. J. of General Systems*, **13**: 1-3. Available in: Klir, G.J. [2001]. *Facets of systems Science*. Springer. pp: 241-243.
- Wigner, E.P. [1960], "The unreasonable effectiveness of mathematics in the natural sciences". Richard courant lecture in mathematical sciences delivered at New York University, May 11, 1959. *Comm. Pure Appl. Math*, **13**: 1-14.

■ Klir, G.J. [2001]. *Facets of systems Science*. Springer. Chapter 3.

■ Future Modules

- See brightspace

more upcoming readings (check brightspace)

- Paper Presentation: 20%
 - Present (501) and lead (501&440) materials
 - *section 01* presents in class, *section 02* presents in class
- October 3rd
 - Module 2: Systems Science
 - Reading and Discussion Group 4
 - Klir, G.J. [2001]. *Facets of systems Science*. MIT Press. ISBN 0262082854.
 - Optional: Klir, G.J. [2001]. *Facets of Systems Science*. MIT Press. ISBN 0262082854.
 - Schuster, P. (2016). The end of Moore's Law. *Complexity*. 21(S1): 6-9. DOI 10.1002/complex.20161
 - Von Foerster, H., P. M. Mora and L. W. Gregg. (1984). *The Art of Learning: A Pedagogy of Transformation*. Bantam Books. ISBN 0553381565.
- October 10/12th
 - Module 3 - The Organization of Complex Systems
 - Reading and Discussion Group 5 (English)
 - Simon, H.A. [1962]. "The Architecture of Complexity". *Artificial Intelligence*. 4: 181-201. Also available in Klir, G.J. [2001]. *Facets of Systems Science*. MIT Press. ISBN 0262082854.
 - Golan, Amos, and John Harte. "Informal Organization in Science". *Journal of the History of Biology* 119.33 (2022): e21190891. DOI: 10.1093/jhb/abab011
 - James, R., and Crutchfield, J. (2017). *Complexity: The Emergence of Order from Chaos*. MIT Press. ISBN 0262082854.
- Future Modules
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All SSIE501 Students are assigned to one paper as *lead presenters and discussants*, but all students are supposed to read and participate in the discussion of every paper. During class, the presenter prepares a short summary of the paper (10-15 minutes)---no formal presentations or PowerPoint unless figures are indispensable. The summary should:

- 1) Identify the key goals of the paper (not go in detail over every section)
- 2) What discussant liked and did not like
- 3) What authors achieved and did not
- 4) Any other relevant connections to other class readings and beyond.

After initial summary, discussion is opened to all, and role of presenter is to lead the discussion to make sure we address the important paper contributions and failures. ISE440 students will chose one of the presented papers to participate as lead discussant, whose role is not to present the paper, but to comment on points 2-3) above.

Next Presentations:

Module 1 - Cybernetics and the Information Turn

Tuesday, August 29th

Presenter 1: Heims, S.G. [1991]. *The Cybernetics Group*. MIT Press. [Chapters: 1 and 2.](#)

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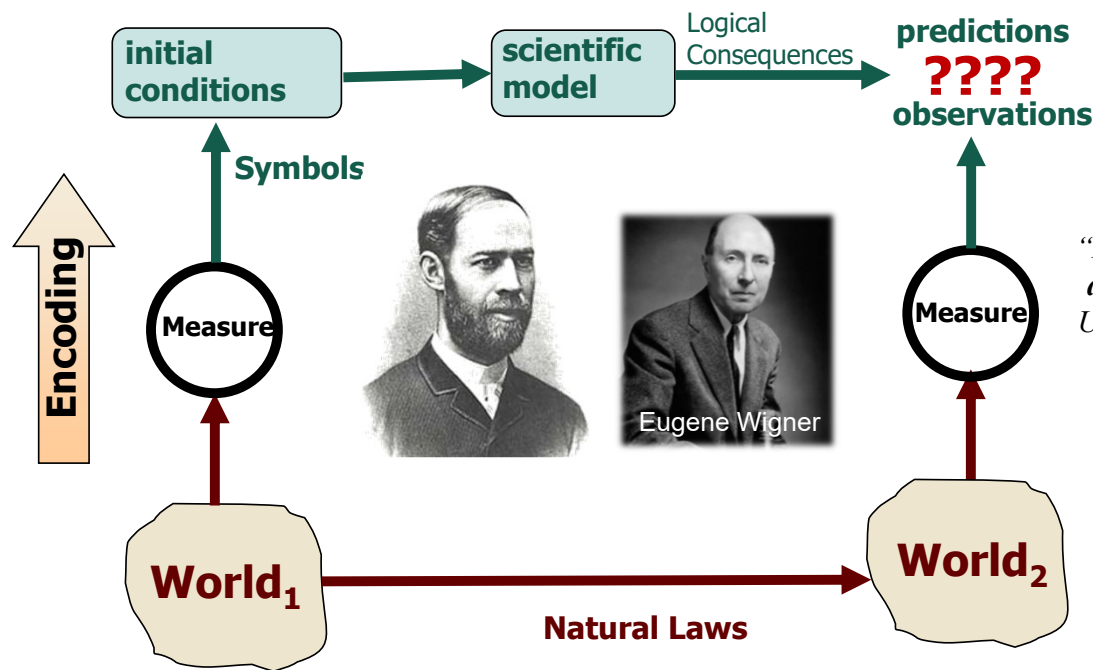
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For EngiNet Students 1

Hertzian scientific modeling paradigm



“Every empirical law has the disquieting quality that one does not know its limitations.” E. Wigner [1957] in “The Unreasonable Effectiveness of Mathematics in the Natural Sciences”

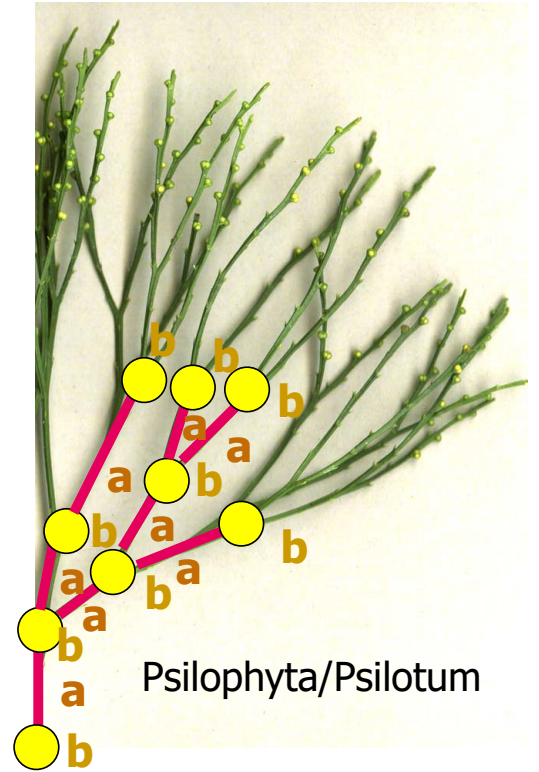
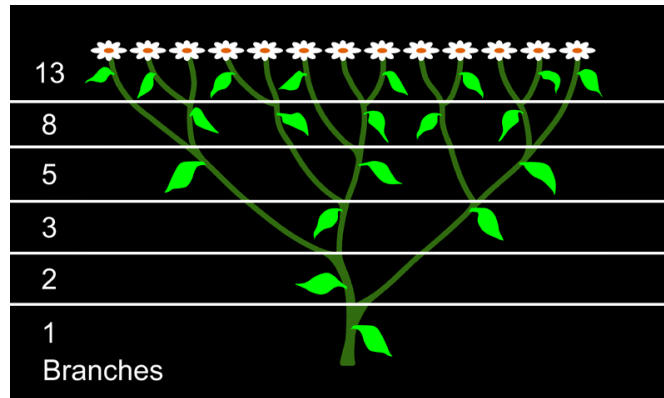
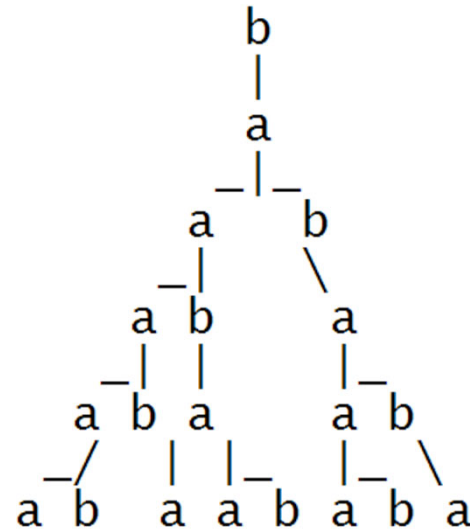
“The most direct and in a sense the most important problem which our conscious knowledge of nature should enable us to solve is the **anticipation of future events**, so that we may arrange our present affairs in accordance with such anticipation”. (Hertz, 1894)

What about our plant?

branching as a model (a general system?)

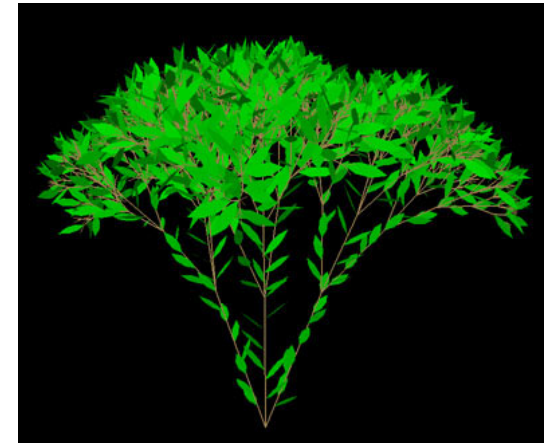
■ An Accurate Model

- Requires
 - Varying angles
 - Varying stem lengths
 - randomness
- The Fibonacci Model is similar
 - Initial State: b
 - b -> a
 - a -> ab
- *sneezewort*



Aristid Lindenmeyer

- Mathematical formalism proposed by the biologist Aristid Lindenmayer in 1968 as a foundation for an axiomatic theory of biological development.
 - applications in computer graphics
 - Generation of fractals and realistic modeling of plants
 - Grammar for rewriting Symbols
 - Production Grammar
 - Defines complex objects by successively replacing parts of a simple object using a set of recursive, rewriting rules or productions.
 - Beyond one-dimensional production (Chomsky) grammars
 - Parallel *recursion*
 - Access to computers



example

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#define CH 900 /* high concentration */
#define CT 0.4 /* concentration threshold */
#define ST 3.9 /* segment size threshold */
#include H /* heterocyst shape specification */
#ignore f ~ H

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ω : $-(90)F(0,0,CH)F(4,1,CH)F(0,0,CH)$

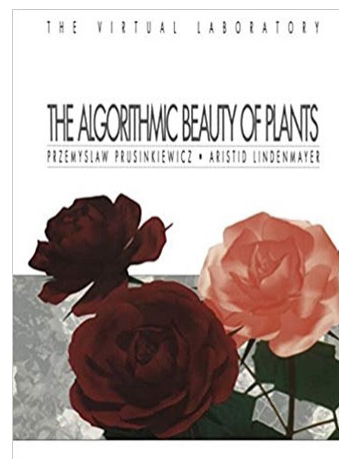
p_1 : $F(s,t,c) : t=1 \ \& \ s \geq 6 \rightarrow$
 $F(s/3*2,2,c)f(1)F(s/3,1,c)$

p_2 : $F(s,t,c) : t=2 \ \& \ s \geq 6 \rightarrow$
 $F(s/3,2,c)f(1)F(s/3*2,1,c)$

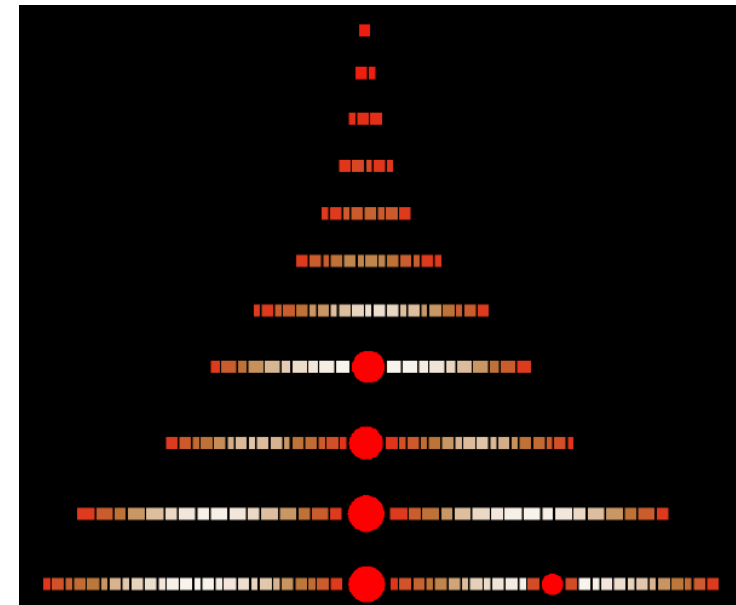
p_3 : $F(h,i,k) < F(s,t,c) > F(o,p,r) : s > ST | c > CT \rightarrow$
 $F(s+.1,t,c+0.25*(k+r-3*c))$

p_4 : $F(h,i,k) < F(s,t,c) > F(o,p,r) : !(s > ST | c > CT) \rightarrow$
 $F(0,0,CH) \sim H(1)$

p_5 : $H(s) : s < 3 \rightarrow H(s*1.1)$



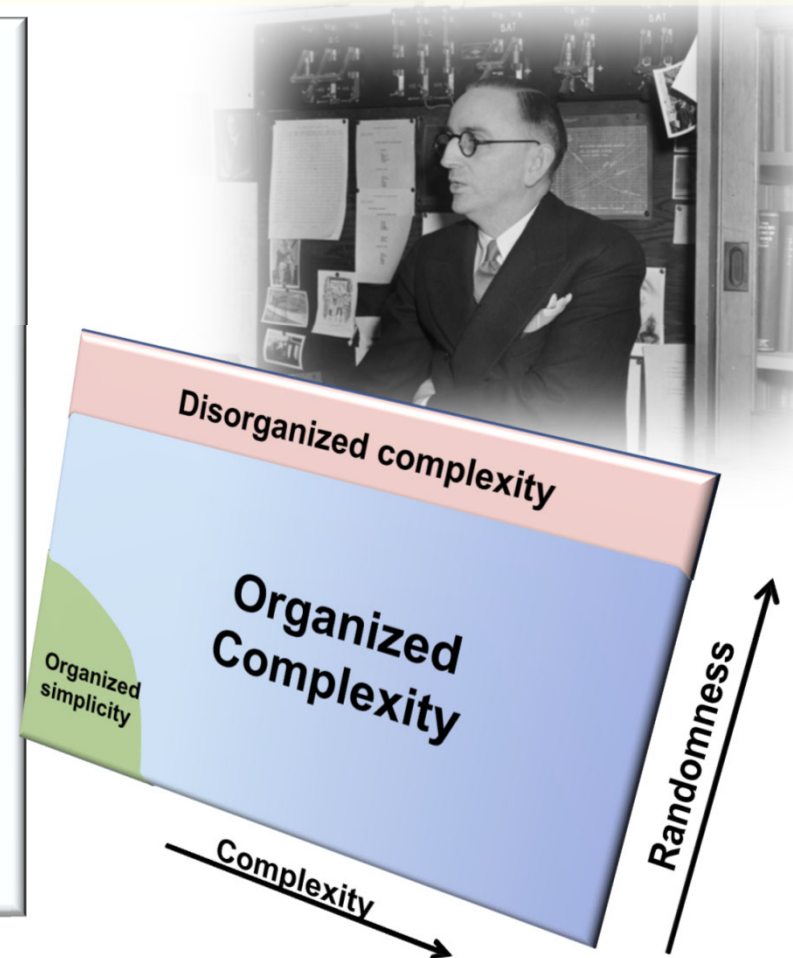
From: P. Prusinkiewicz and A. Lindenmayer [1991].
The Algorithmic Beauty of Plants.



convenient tool for expressing developmental models with **diffusion of substances**.
 pattern of cells in *Anabaena catenula* and other blue-green bacteria

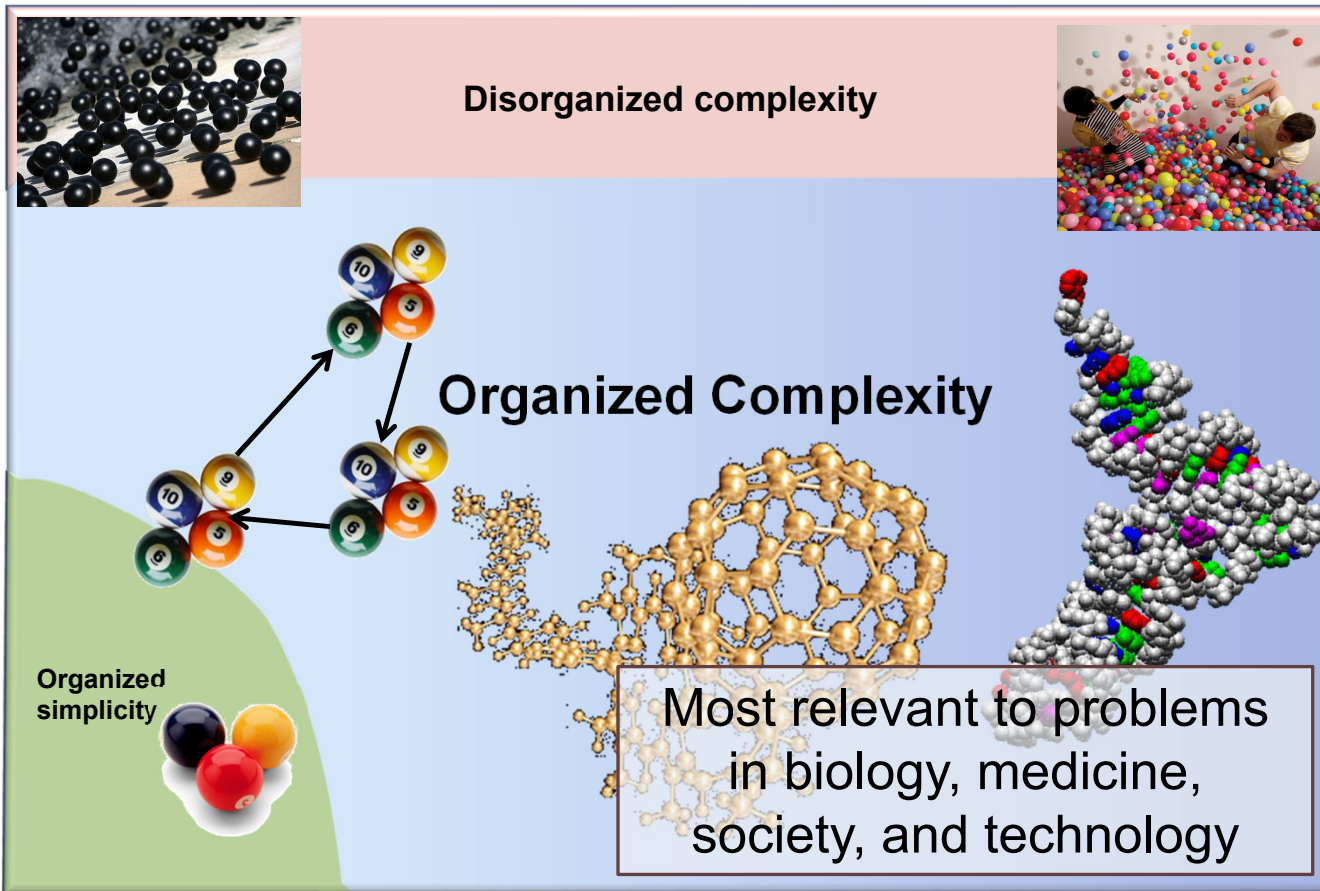
Warren Weaver' classes of systems and problems

- **organized simplicity**
 - very small number of variables
 - Deterministic
 - classical mathematical tools
 - Calculus
- **disorganized complexity**
 - very large number of variables
 - Randomness, homogenous
 - statistical tools
- **organized complexity**
 - sizable number of variables which are interrelated into an organic whole
 - study of organization
 - whole more than sum of parts
 - Massive combinatorial searches need for new mathematical and computational tools



Weaver, W. [1948]. "Science and Complexity". *American Scientist*, 36(4): 536-44.

examples



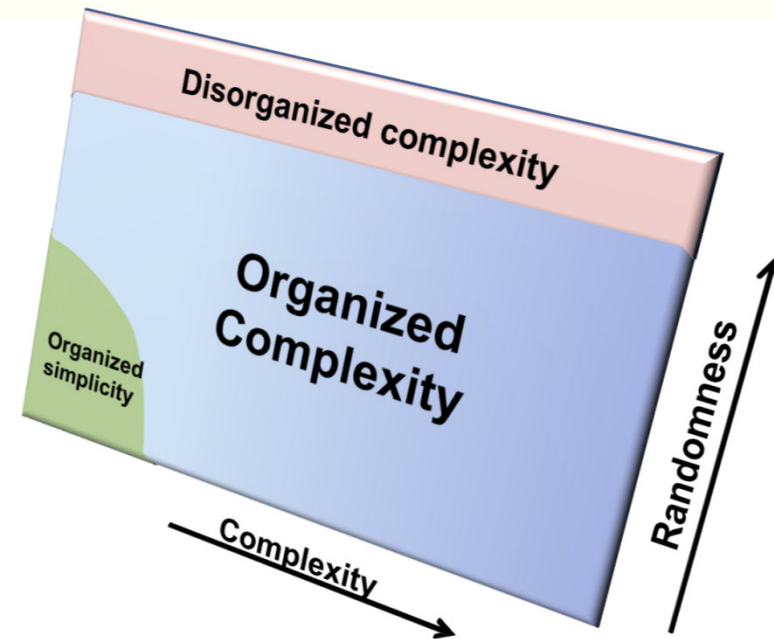
from computational to systems thinking

■ **organized complexity**

- **study of organization**
 - whole is more than sum of parts
 - Organizational properties (“systemhood”)
- **Need for new mathematical and computational tools**
 - Massive combinatorial searches
 - Problems that can only be tackled with computers
 - Computer as lab
- **Interdisciplinary and collaborative science**
 - Thrives in problem-driven environments
 - Los Alamos, Santa Fe, all new computing centers.

■ **thinghood and systemhood**

- **developing general-purpose computing further**
 - **Computational thinking and cybernetics**
 - Some (all?) mechanisms and organizational principles are implementation-independent
 - Hardware vs software
- **Integration of empirical science with general systems**
 - Interdisciplinarity coupled with computational modeling
- **Understanding structure and function**
 - **Of multi-level wholes**
 - Systems biology, Evolutionary thinking, Systems thinking
 - **Emergence (or collective behavior)**
 - How do elements combine to form new unities?
 - **Micro- to macro-level behavior**



readings

- **Class Book**
 - Klir, G.J. [2001]. *Facets of systems science*. Springer.
- **Papers and other materials**
 - Module 2: Systems Science
 - **Reading and Discussion Group 4**
 - Klir, G.J. [2001]. *Facets of systems Science*. Springer. Chapter 8.
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