Komplexität



Komplexe Systeme - was macht sie aus?











multi scale - nonlinear - networked







"I think the next century will be the century of complexity."

> Stephen Hawking, Millennium Interview, 2000





Forschen wie ein Pilz!



"If you are the smartest person in the room, you are in the wrong room."

Richard Feynman, Physics Nobel Laureate 1965



"Science is the belief in the ignorance of experts."

Richard Feynman, Physics Nobel Laureate 1965







Thought-transference (or what?) in birds Edmund Selous 1931



PTEROPTYX TEMER















simplicity & similarity



Roads to Rome



credits: Benedikt Groß, Raphael Reimann, Philipp Schmitt



- **1. Avoid collisions**
- 2. Stay with the group
- **3. Align with your neighbors**





Experimente mit Menschen in Hallen



















100 billion Euros annually





58 million Euros annually

unemployment benefit fraud



Prochlorococcus

- Marine cyanobacterium
- photosynthetic
- discovered in **1986**
- species with largest number of individuals

responsible for **13-48%** of atmospheric oxygen

Competition and Conflict



Darwin

Spencer

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Lynn Margulis (1938 -2011)



Every higher organism (animal/plant/human/ fungi) entertains a large number of **mutualistic** relationships with **microorganisms**.

Every major transition

in the evolution of life (photosynthesis, cells, replication, genes, multicellular organisms, complex body plans, social systems, land plants, etc.) **is a result of a new cooperation**.

Lichens

- Symbiotic Organism involving a fungus and algae or cyanobacteria
- origin of land plants
- 700 million years ago
- 70-80% of all land plants in symbiosis with Arbuscular mycorrhiza fungi



Plancentalia

- Mammals only exist because of a **retroviral infection**, a cooperation of animal with a virus.
- **Syncytin** is a retroviral protein that permits the growth of an embryo inside the mother.
- Human Endogenous Retrovirus-W (HERV-W) infection **90 Mio. yrs ago**.



Aphids & Densovirus

- Aphids come in two forms, **wingless** and **winged**.
- Only when infected with a virus, winged offspring are produced
- Cooperation of insect with virus makes sure virus and insect can move to new locations.



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Innovation in evolution is almost always driven by the establishment of novel mutualistic, beneficial and cooperative relationships.



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