#### Source:

# 1 | his intro / background

- 1.1 | used to be very into econ
- 1.2 | worked at world bank bc he thought it was a good place to meet people who were interested in math and econ and help the world
- 1.3 | was sent to a country (forgot) during communism->capitalism transition and saw that the forced capitalist policies were not working
- 1.4 | went into management because that allowed him to actually help
- 1.5 | sante fe institute
- 1.5.1 | centeripece for a global movement to involve complexity in sciences accross disciplines
- 1.5.2 | from los alamos national labs
- 1.5.3 | 'universal relationships'
- 1.5.4 | lots of nobel prizes
- 1.5.5 | applications of graph theory and network theory, and lots of econ
  - 1. understanding when societies are going to have a revolution, finiance, energy grid

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## 2 | other related areas

- 2.1 | do individuals matter in history
- 2.2 | impacts on marketing based on faith studies?
- 3 | Overview
- 3.1 | this intersession is "interdisciplinary fixing of economics"
- 4 | Warmup
- 4.1 | insectivora, macroscelidea avg mass vs avg BMR, guess avg bmr for pholidota given avg mass
- 4.1.1 | I just took the ratios and took a high and low
- 4.1.2 | a few strategies for solving the problem
  - 1. look for a common ratio (assume 0 mass = 0 BMR)
  - 2. fit a line
  - it's actually not a linear relation, and the answer is relatively unexpected (much lower ratio)
- 4.2 | the monkey business illusion (ball passing -> miss other stuff)
- 4.2.1 | when you get attached to a tool, you miss loads of other things
- 5 | universality
- 5.1 | examples
- 5.1.1 | common limit theorem
  - 1. lots of common processes produce gauseian distributions
    - (a) thus, there is a "universality" in the normal distribution
- 5.1.2 | other theorem? (something with gauss)
  - 1. if things are often normal distributions, then statistics kind of works (because that's what it's all based on)
- 5.1.3 | all mamals average the same number of heartbeats
  - 1. small animals have fast hearts and die sooner, vice versa

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### 5.1.4 | metabolic rate (first warm up problem)

- 1. log log linear → constant rate of savings? SUBLINEAR SCALING
- 2. constant increase in efficiency
- 3. roughly 3/4 or 2/3 exponent
- 4. exponent can be derived by networks (circulatory system)
  - (a) where can this be applied?
    - i. many city statistics
      - A. 15% boost/saving for every size double for amount of gas stations, boost in gdp, # of patents, new AIDs cases, etc

# 6 | city

- 6.1 | superlinear scaling -> city should grow
- 6.2 | results
- 6.2.1 | finite time singularity? when the growth curve goes vertical.. what does that mean. maybe environmental collapse
- 6.2.2 | trying to increase GDP and decrease crime/AIDs by growing won't really work because both scale in the same way

## 7 | complexity

- 7.1 | core
- 7.1.1 | taking a general tool and applying it elsewhere
- 7.2 | methodology
- 7.2.1 | start with a data rich domain and find the generative mechinism, then apply to the data sparse
- 7.3 | definition of complexity

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