Crutchfield, 2008). The latter ones will allow for a direct comparison of our proposed measures with the ones of Crutchfield, Shalizi, et al. (Crutchfield and Young, 1989; Shalizi, 2001; Shalizi et al., 2004).

- 7. Shannon's information was recently used as a measure of spatial complexity, with applications to urban areas (Batty et al., 2012). It would be interesting to compare this work with our proposed measure of complexity.
- 8. We are interested in studying a new complexity profile, combining Bar-Yam's profile and the σ profile to study the complexity of different phenomena at different scales.
- 9. The multiple scale approach could be extended to include the *meaning* of information (Neuman, 2008). Just like the same string can change its complexity with scale, information can change its meaning with context (Edmonds, 2001; Gershenson, 2002b; Edmonds and Gershenson, 2012).
- 10. We can extend our approach to measure and study autopoiesis (Varela et al., 1974; Maturana and Varela, 1980; McMullin, 2004), using the concept of life ratio (Gershenson, 2007b):

$$A = \frac{I_{self}}{I_{env}} \tag{11}$$

where the A is the ratio between the information produced by a system over the information produced by its environment.

11. Our measures could be generalized to computing networks (Gershenson, 2010), with potential applications to the study complex networks (Barabási, 2002; Newman, 2003; Newman et al., 2006; Caldarelli, 2007; Newman, 2010).

So many research questions are beyond the capabilities of the authors (another finite size effect). We invite the community to explore these questions in collaboration or independently.