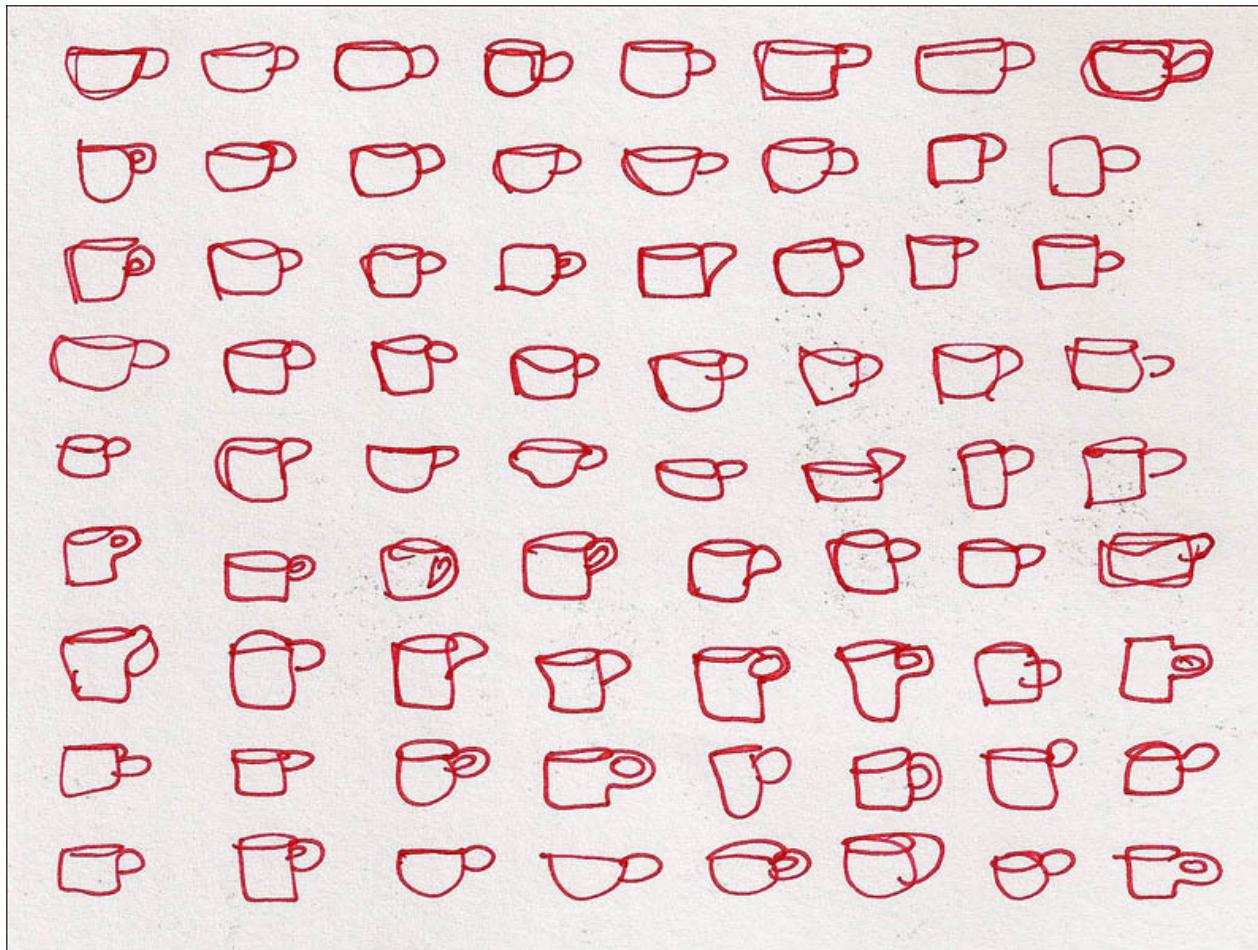


Information Design Patterns for Resilience and Sustainability

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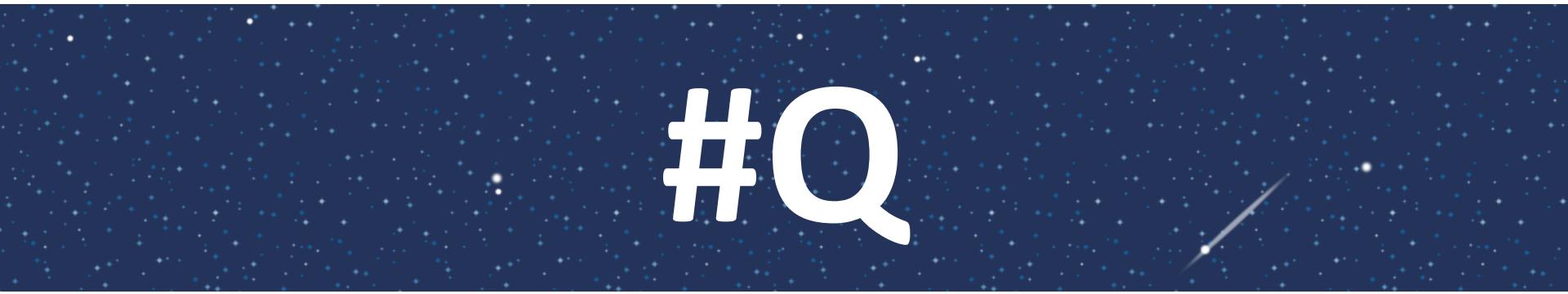
Design Patterns



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How we go from here ...

- (#Q) Questions
- (#L) Literature Review
- (#M) Information Dynamics Models
- (#P) Patterns
 - (#R) Impact on Resilience
- (#A) Application
 - Simulation of Application



#Q

Questions

#Q Questions

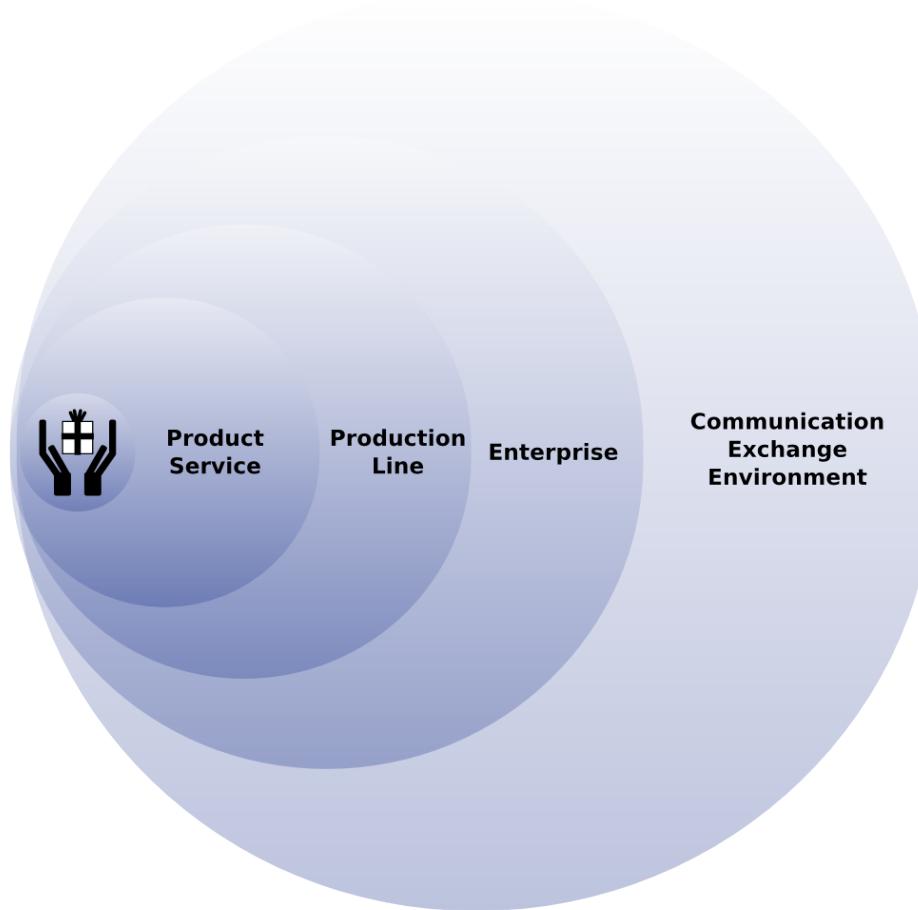
- Is there any (and what are the) **information pattern(s)** that can make systems (especially **product-services**) more **resilient and sustainable**?
- can we organize them as **design patterns** for later reuse in design process?



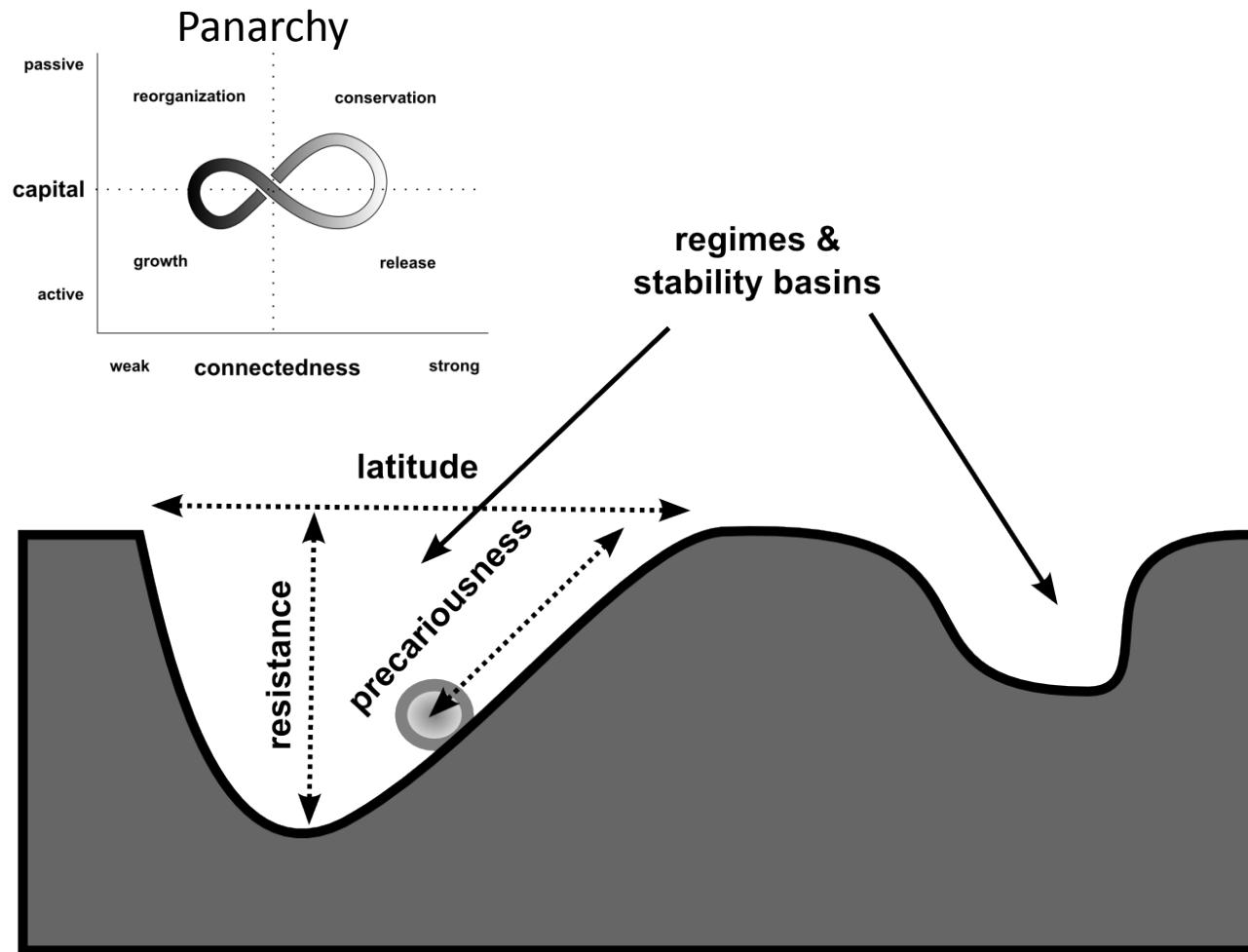
#L

Literatures

#L Product Service Systems Extended



#L Resilience Theory



#L Resilience and Sustainability



Resilience &
Sustainability

**SUSTAINABILITY &
GLOBAL RESILIENCY**

#L Shannon Information Theory

$$Boltzmann \quad S(x) = k \sum_{i=1}^n \log(W)$$

$$I(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log\left(\frac{1}{p(x_i)}\right)$$

$$H(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n p(x_i)I(x_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n p(x_i)\log\left(\frac{1}{p(x_i)}\right)$$

#L Shannon Information Theory

From Which Perspective?

the original object
the ultimate design\\
the needed knowledge



the outer world

the entropy of the
image in mind

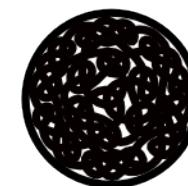
learning/processing process

the information
gained

the image in mind



white spaces as
freedom of variation

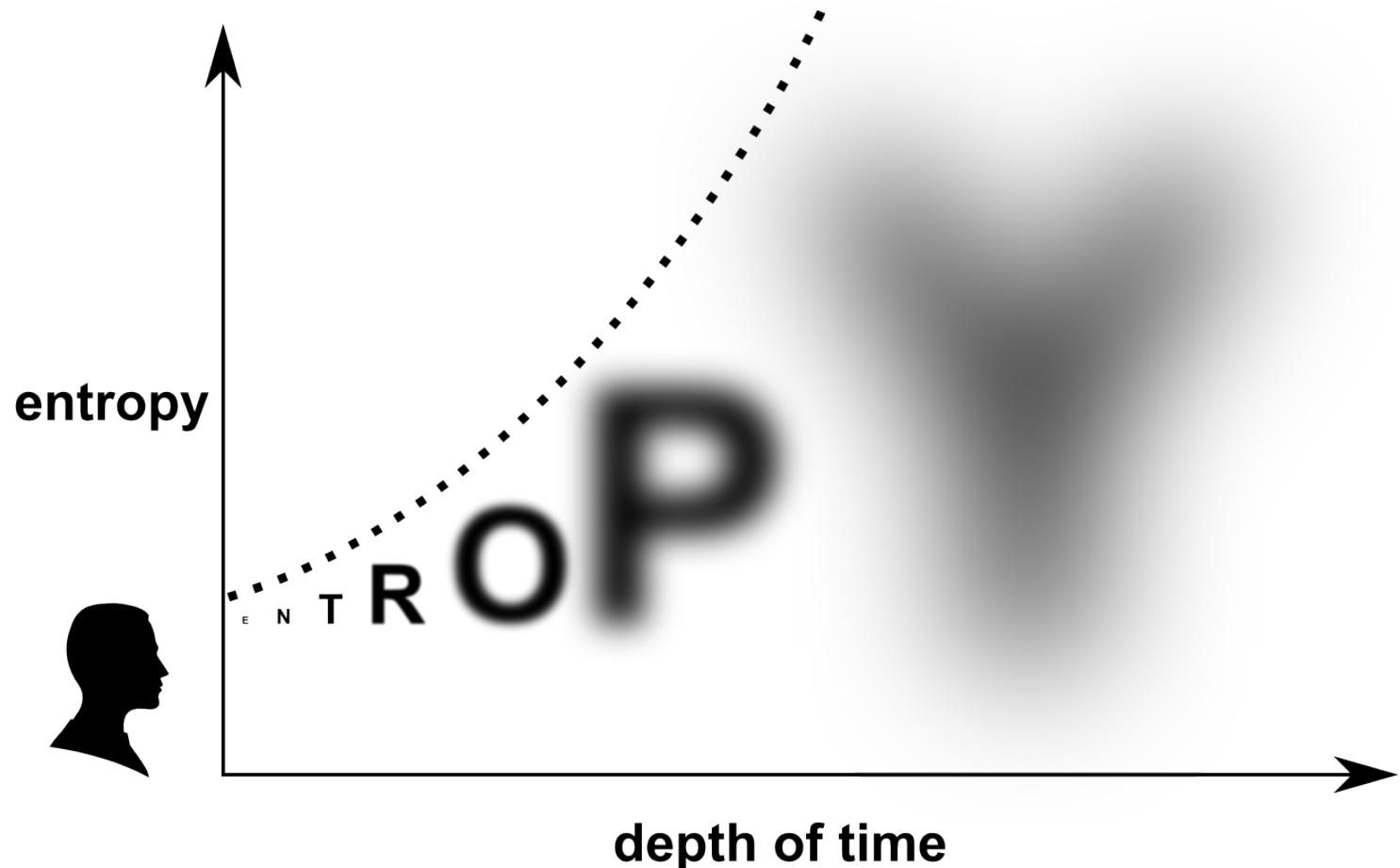


in the mind / in the design team / in the internal context

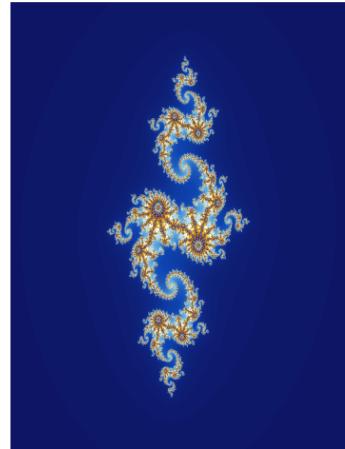
(Eivazzadeh 2012)

#L Shannon Information Theory

Entropy of Future



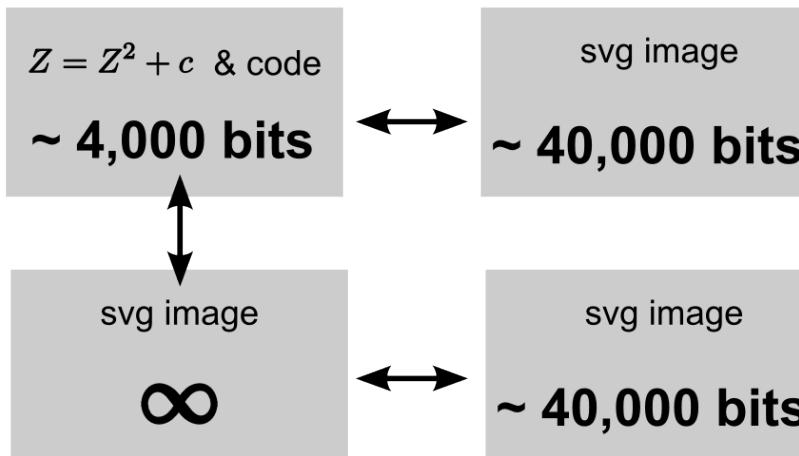
#L Algorithmic Information Size



Mandelbrot Set, Wolfgang Beyer, by Ultra Fractal3



Yves Guillou Dragon



#L Resilient Systems Models

- **Viable Systems Model (Beer)**

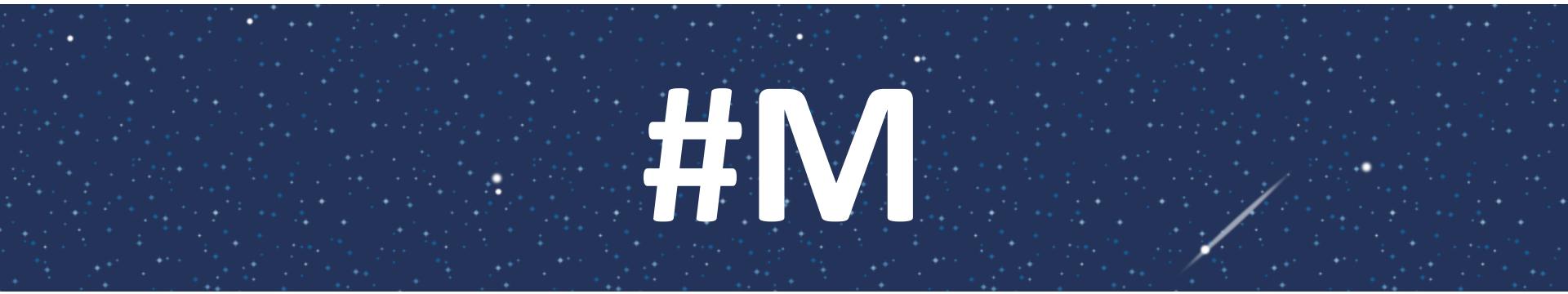
- System 1: Operation
- System 2: Network
- System 3: Rules & Policies
- System 4: Looking to Future
- System 5: Balance between the (1,2,3) and (4)
- Recursion

- **Dynamic Capabilities Model (Teece)**

- Sensing
- Seizing
- Transforming/Managing Treats/Opportunities

- **Living Systems Theory (information subsystems) (Miller)**

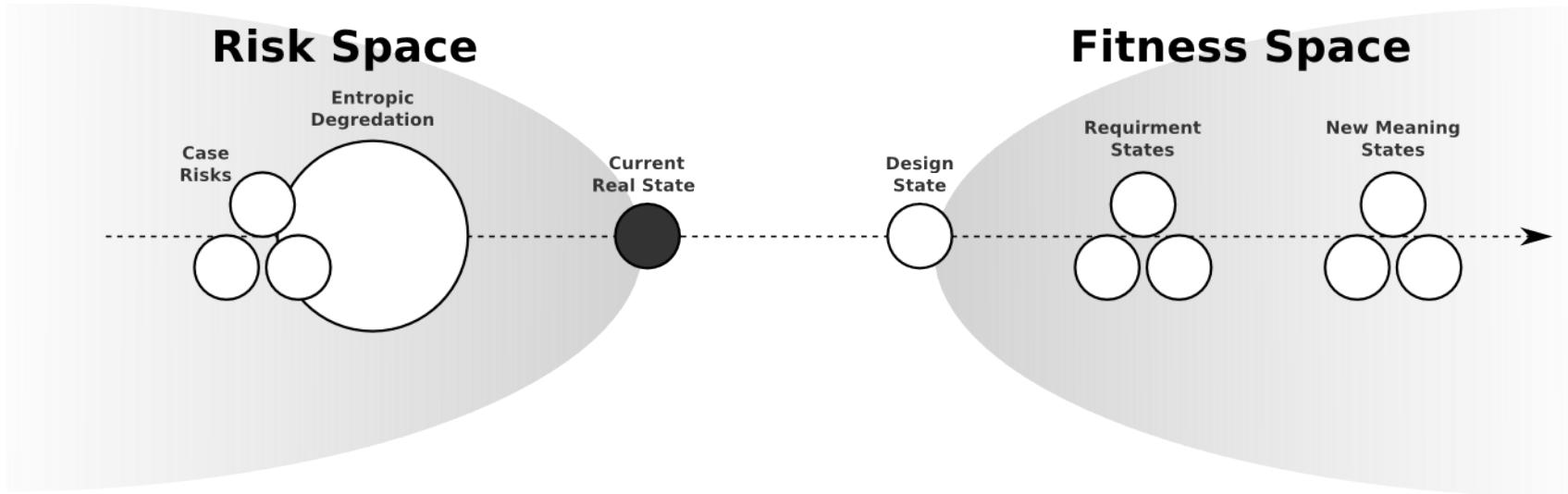
- Input Transducer
- Internal Transducer
- Channel and Net
- Timer
- Decoder
- Associator
- Memory
- Decider
- Encoder
- Output Transducer



#M

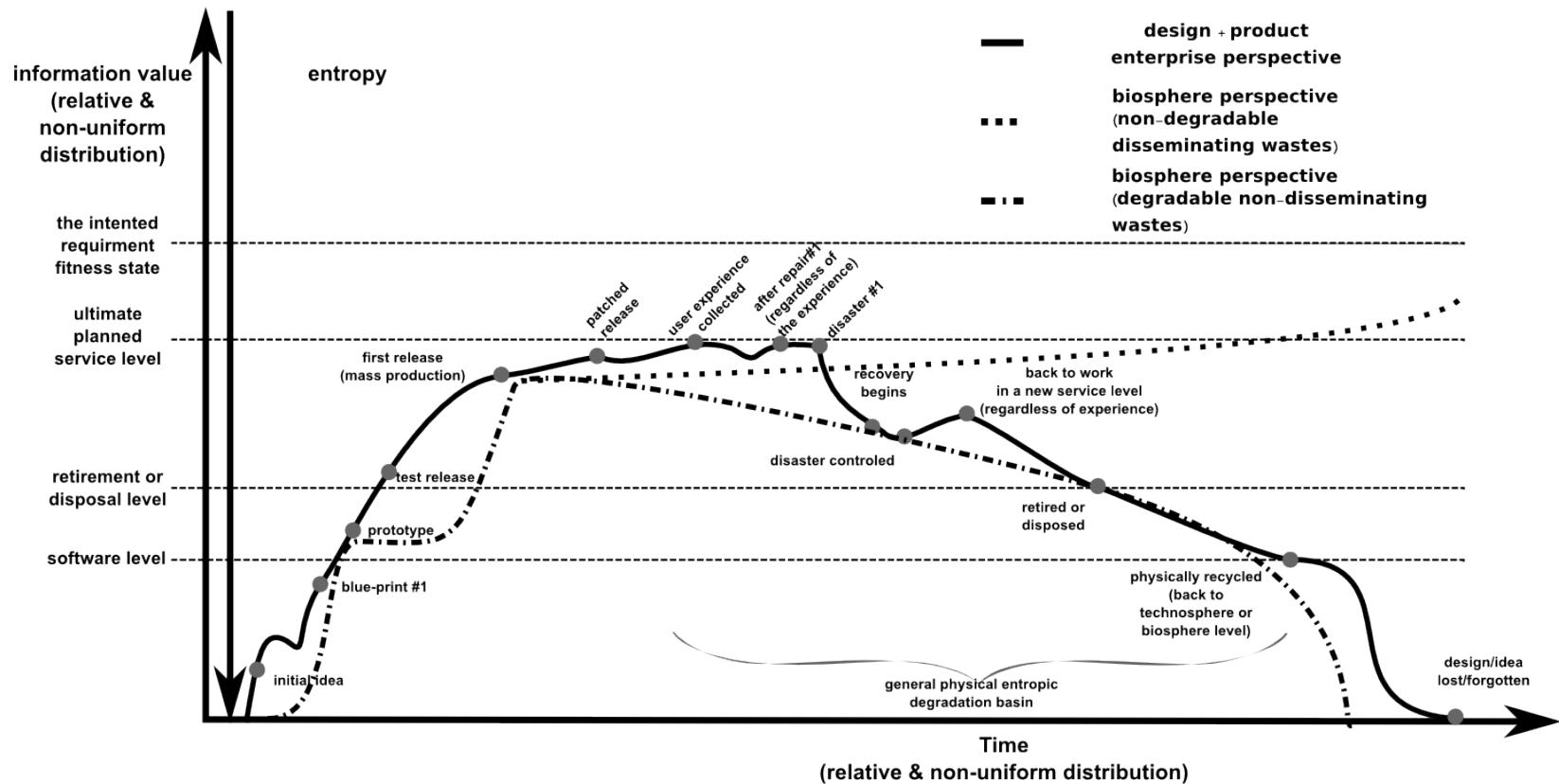
Models

#M Dynamic State-Diagram of a Product Service System



(Eivazzadeh 2012)

#M Information Life Cycle of a Product-Service System



(Eivazzadeh 2012)



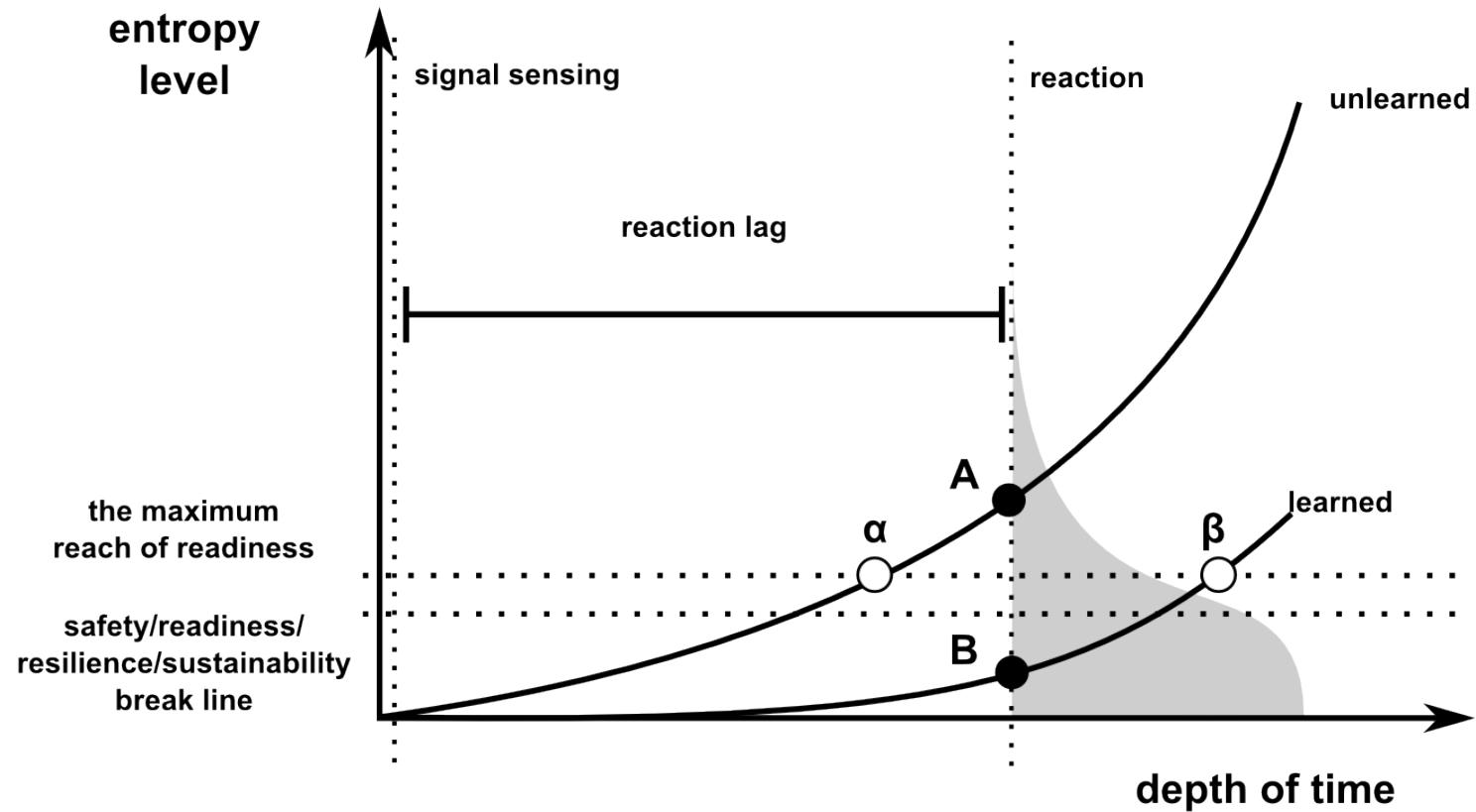
#P

Patterns

#P Patterns

- Fundamental
- Tactical
- Structural

#P LSR Triad

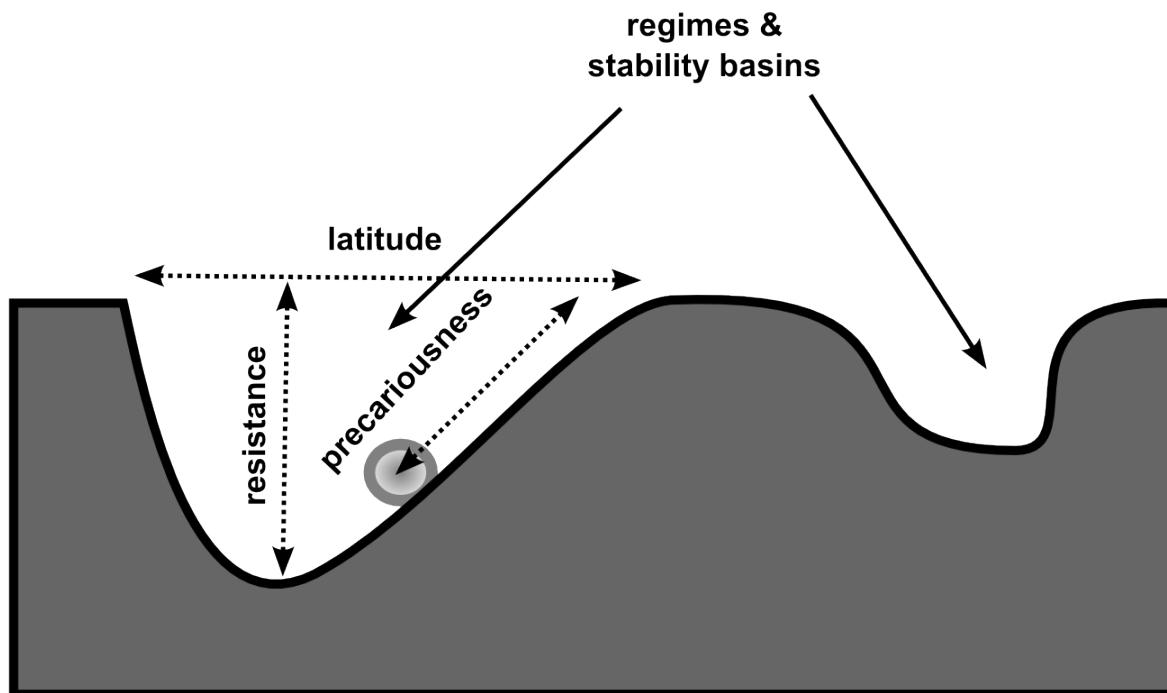


$$E_{environment}(t_i + \max[T_{reaction\ lag}]) \leq (1 - s_{max\ safe}[R_{risk}(e_j)]) * E_{max\ entropy}$$

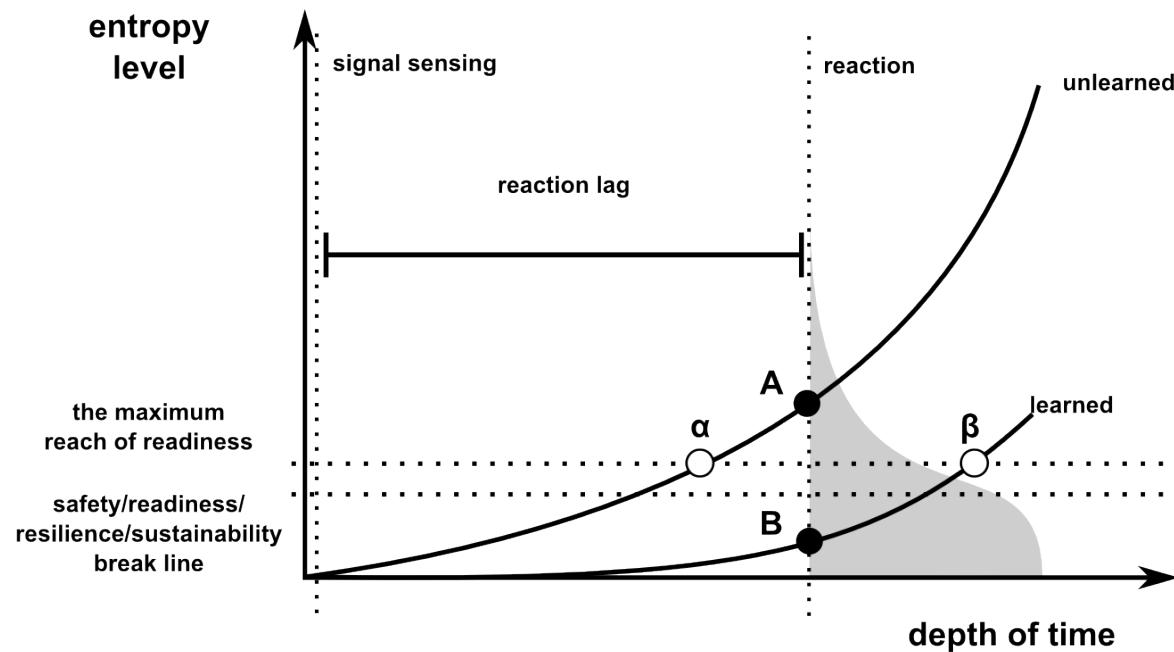
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#R LSR Triad

- **Learning** the future (less entropic) : increase in *Latitude*
- **Simpler** future (less entropic) : increase in *Latitude*
- Faster the **Response** (can avoid the in sight risks): increase in **Resistance**



#P Learning for Future vs. On-Time Processing Balance



$$p_i(\theta) = c_i + \frac{1 - c_i}{1 + e^{-a_i(\theta - b_i)}} \Rightarrow E_{entropy} \propto e^{b(t+\Delta t) - \theta(t+\Delta t)}$$

Item Response Theory (Baker 2001) (Eivazzadeh 2012)

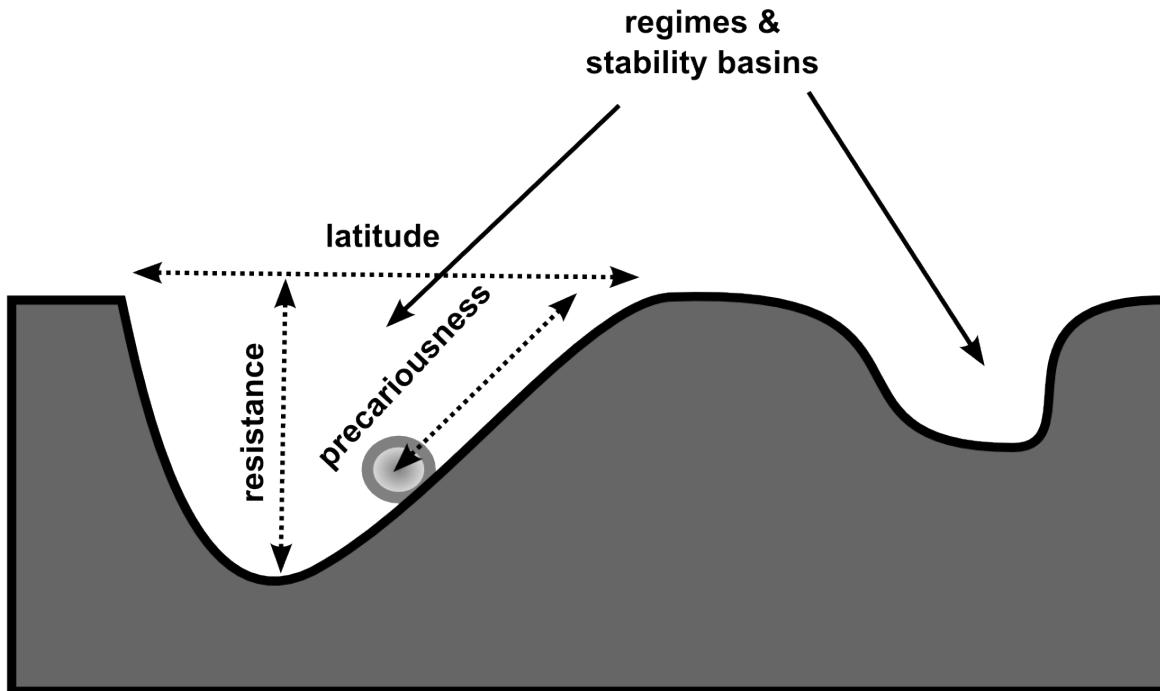
Bend Down **VS** Level Up the Readiness

#P Learning for Future vs. On-Time Processing Balance

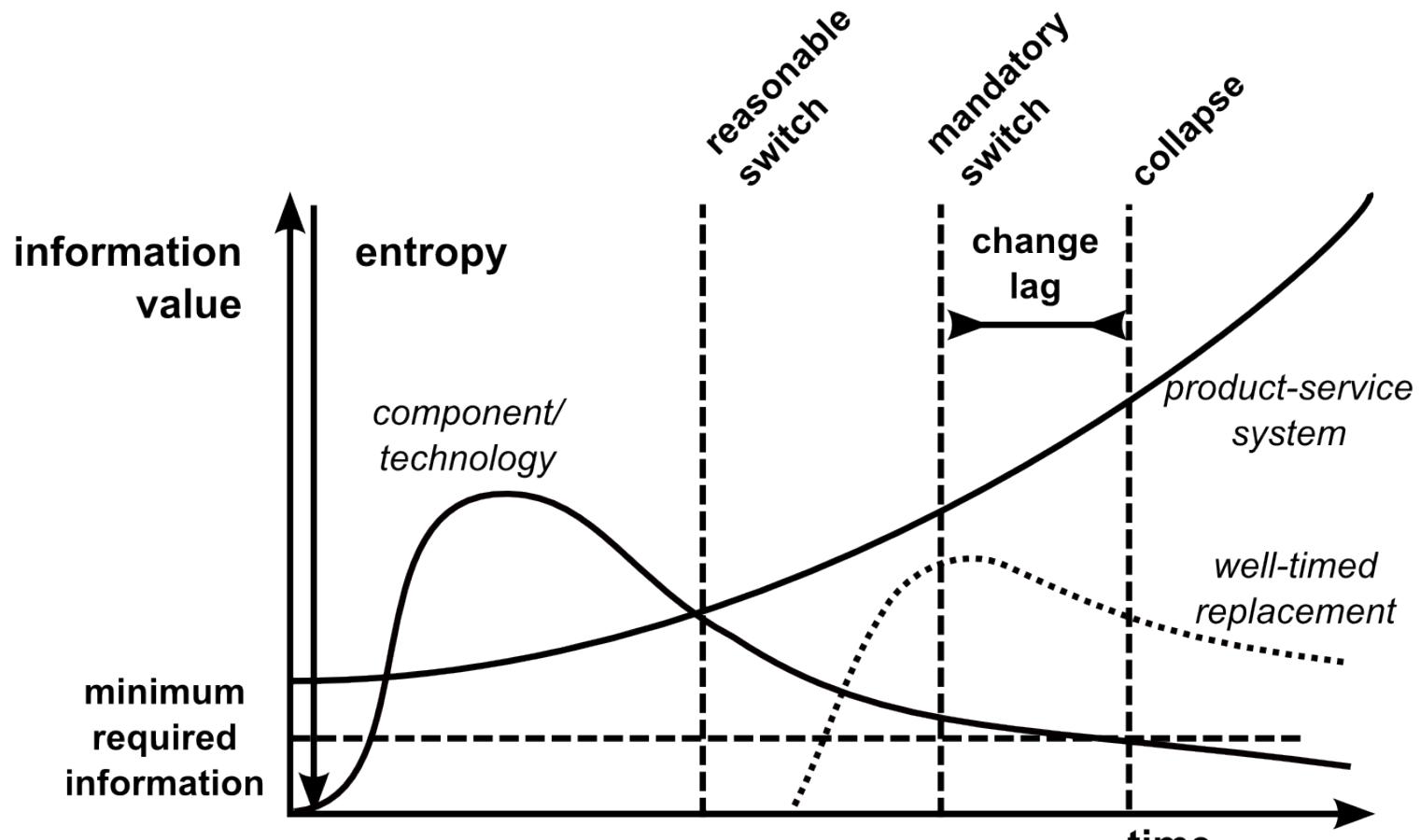
- Educating staff **vs.** recruiting smart members?
- Game consoles (learned/optimized about vector processing) **vs.** Powerful PC (higher CPU cycles)
- In the body immune system: number of Naive B-Cells **vs.** number of Memory B-Cells
- In evolution, the mutation rate (investing in possible future fitting genes **vs.** current stable genes)

#R Learning for Future vs. On-Time Processing Balance

- Expands the **latitude** with the same amount of resources



#P Information Ecdysis



(Eivazzadeh 2012)

#P Information Ecdysis

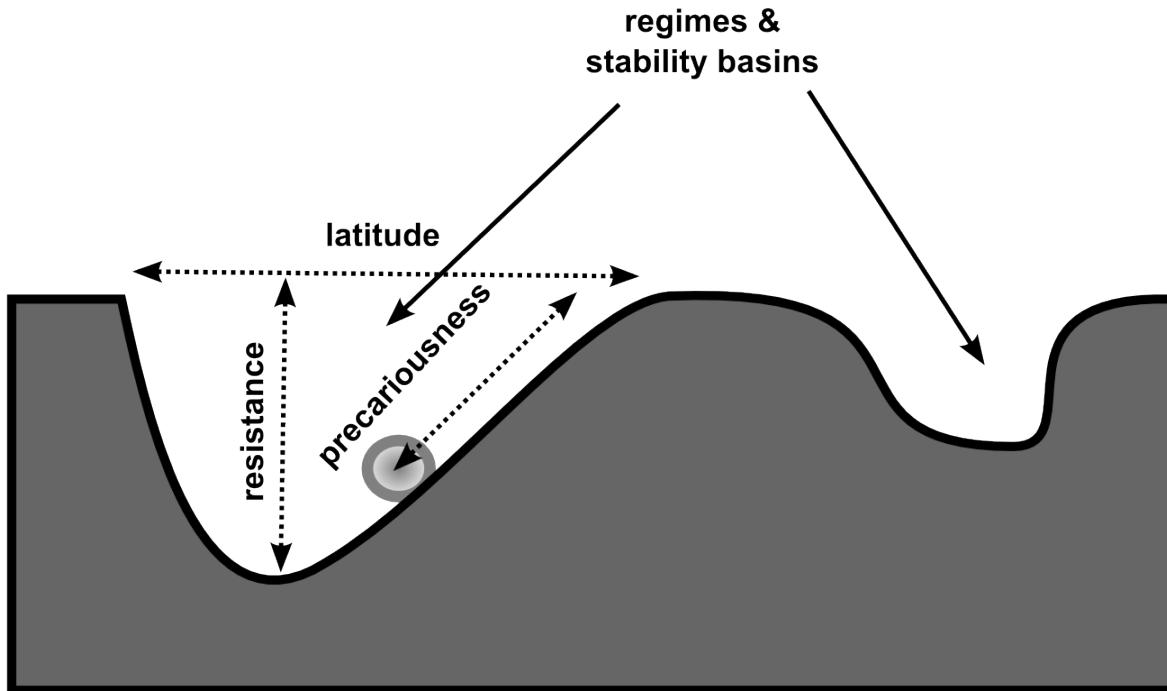
- Replace the people, replace the technology before any of them leave the designer team.
- NASA problem (till 2012): dependency on 8086 CPUs (first used 1981)
- Y2K (year 2000 crisis) problem led to problems from wrong embryo abortions to nuclear risks in Fukushima (first counter-measures initiated 1996)
- Y chromosome (which is in danger of extinction) has been replaced by other sex determination systems in some rodents.



Wikipedia, John Richfield

#R Information Ecdysis

- Decreases the **precariousness** of the system





#P Smart Redundancy and Diversity

**Harder to Fail by Creating
More Entropy against
the Adverse Environment!**

- Smart redundancy avoids duplication of consumption (e.g. by focusing on important parts)
- Diversity adds more entropy than simple redundancy



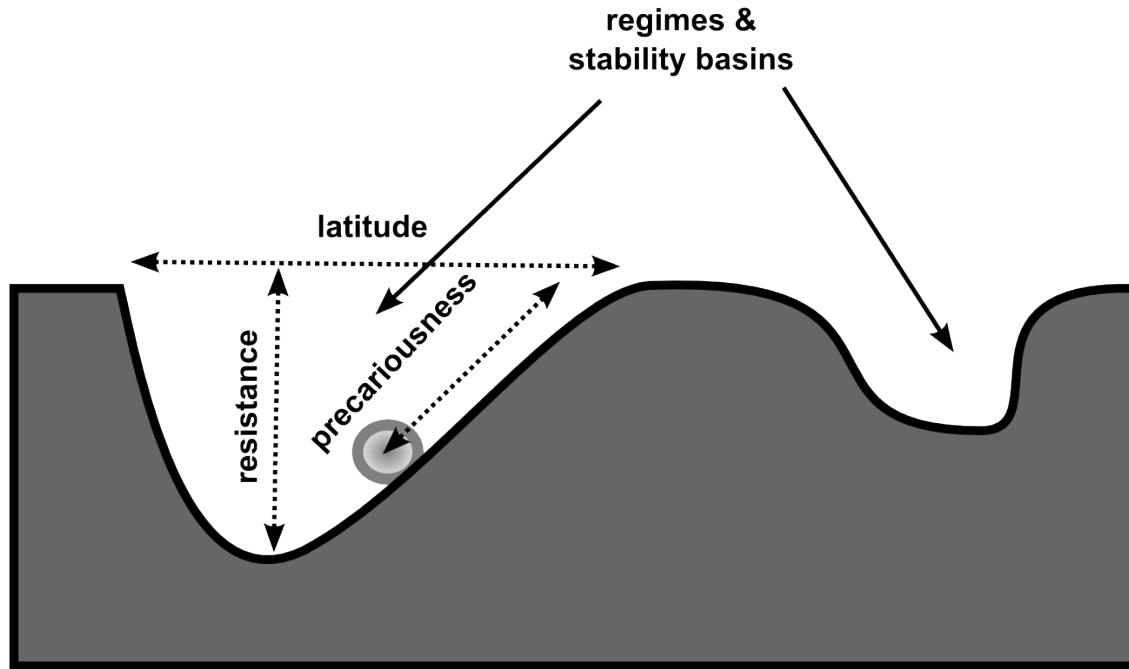
#P Regeneration

Smart Redundancy Along the Time

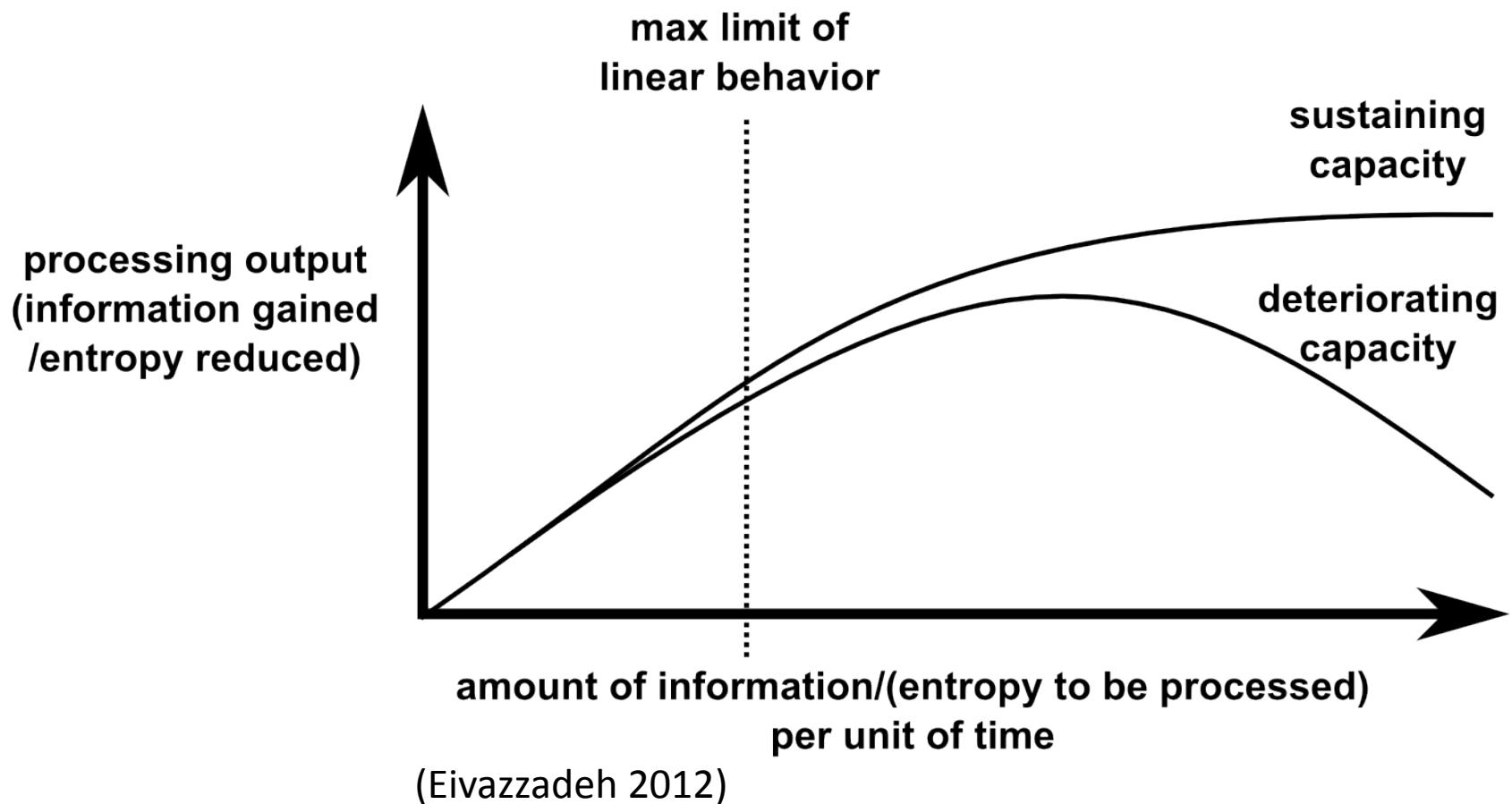
- Evolutionary regeneration is actually a diversity across the time

#R Smart Redundancy, Diversity and Regeneration

- Decrease **precariousness** by pushing back to the bottom of the basin



#P Processing Saturation Avoidance

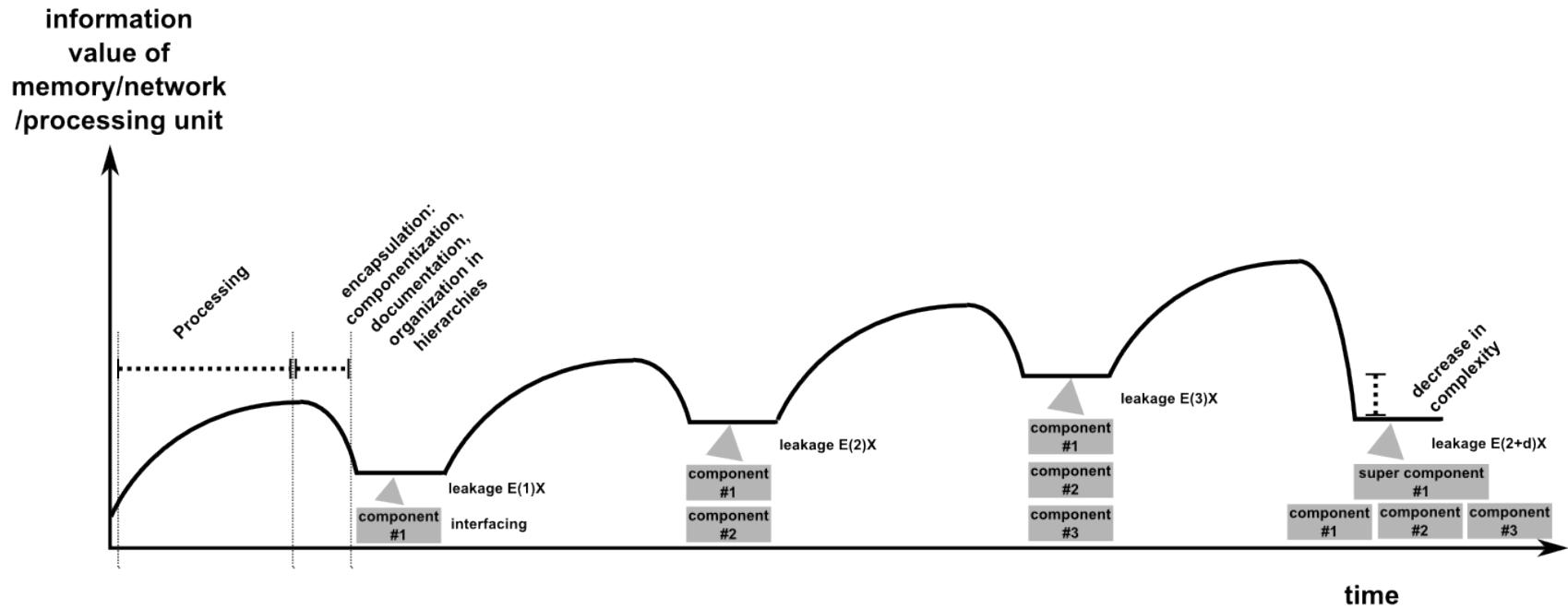


#P Refactoring

**Same functionality, with less information,
through restructuring**

#P Encapsulation and Componentization

Hiding Information in Black-Boxes and Hierarchies



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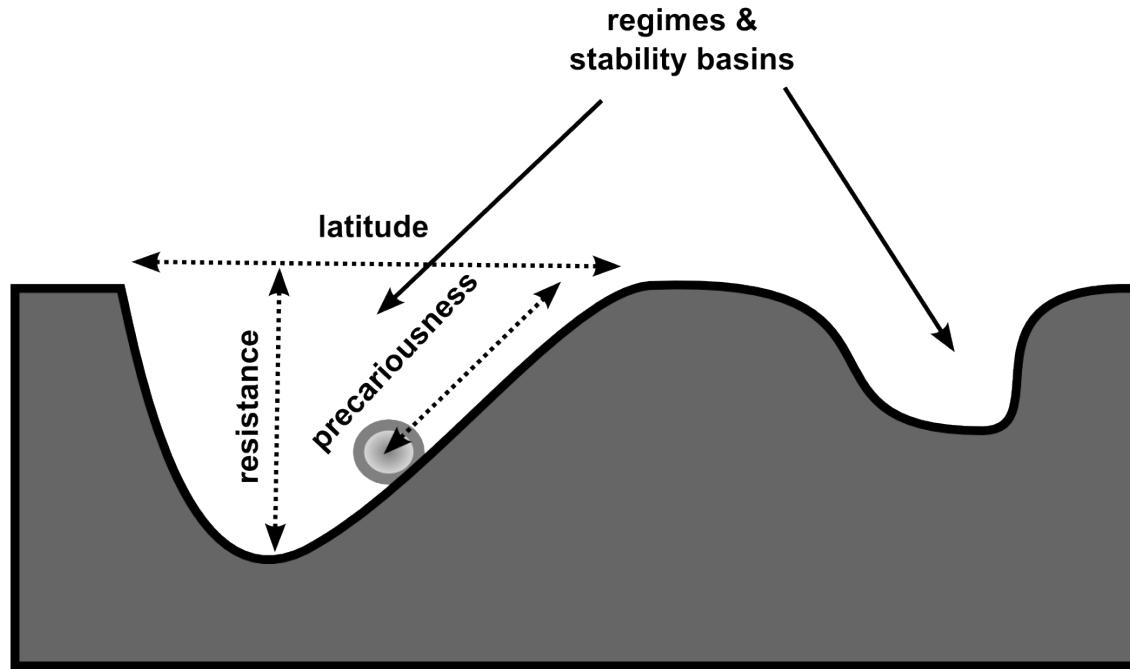


#P Recursion

- A type of componentization where the higher subsystems/components in hierarchy are very similar in structure and behavior with lower ones
- A kind of simpler and more compact encapsulation (less information intensive)
- Similar impacts on resiliency as componentization

#R Refactoring, Encapsulation, Componentization, and Recursion

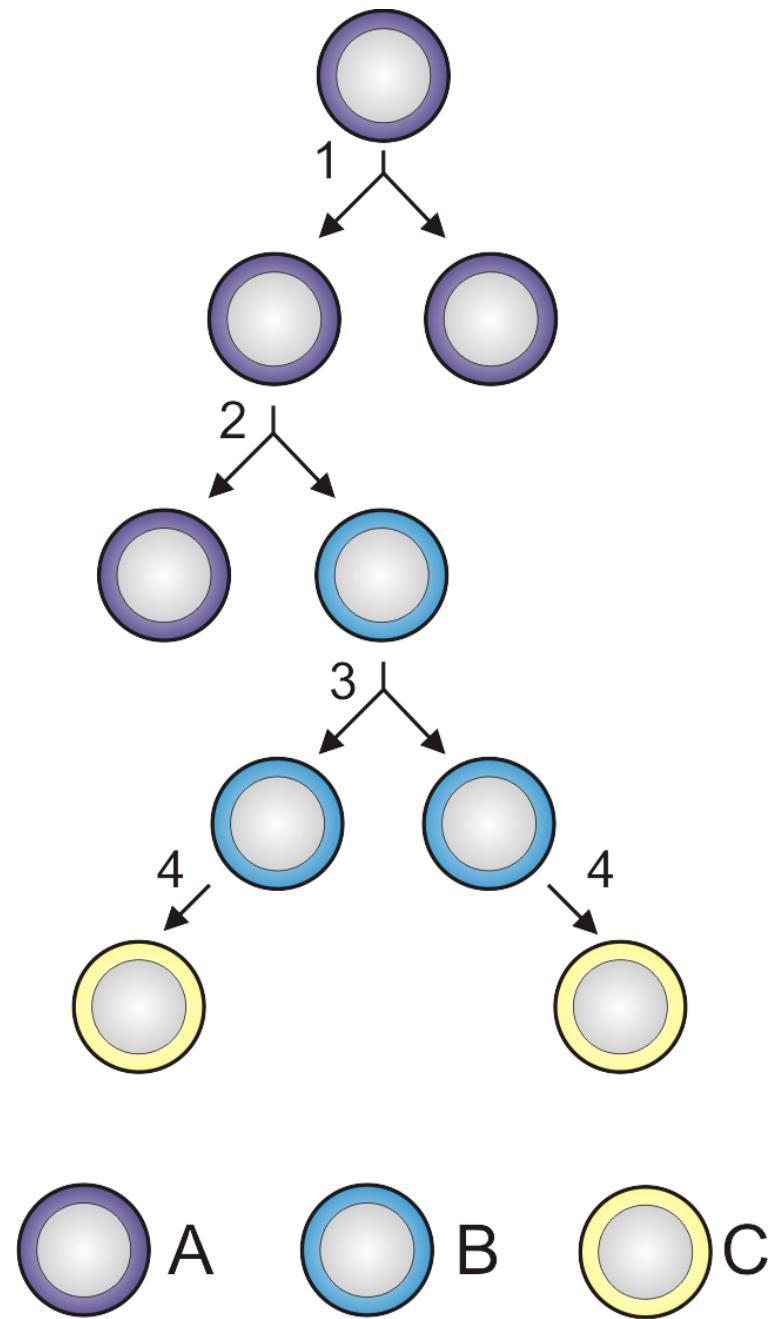
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#P Stem-Cell

Information Traffic Congestion Shaping along the Time

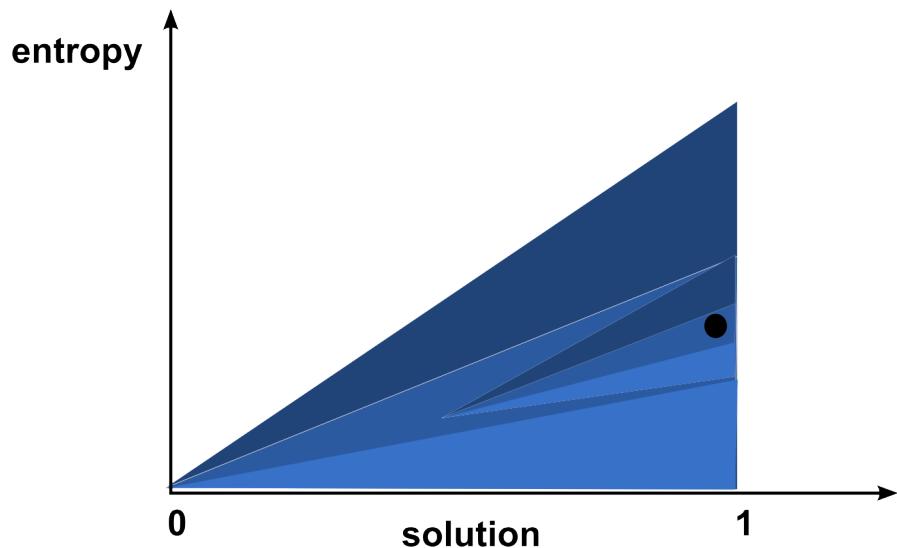
- Begins from small teams of versatile members, ends in large teams of experts
- Can be applied in service teams
- Is already being used in agile software development methods



Wikipedia, Public Domain

#P Cyclic Divergence and Convergence (CDC)

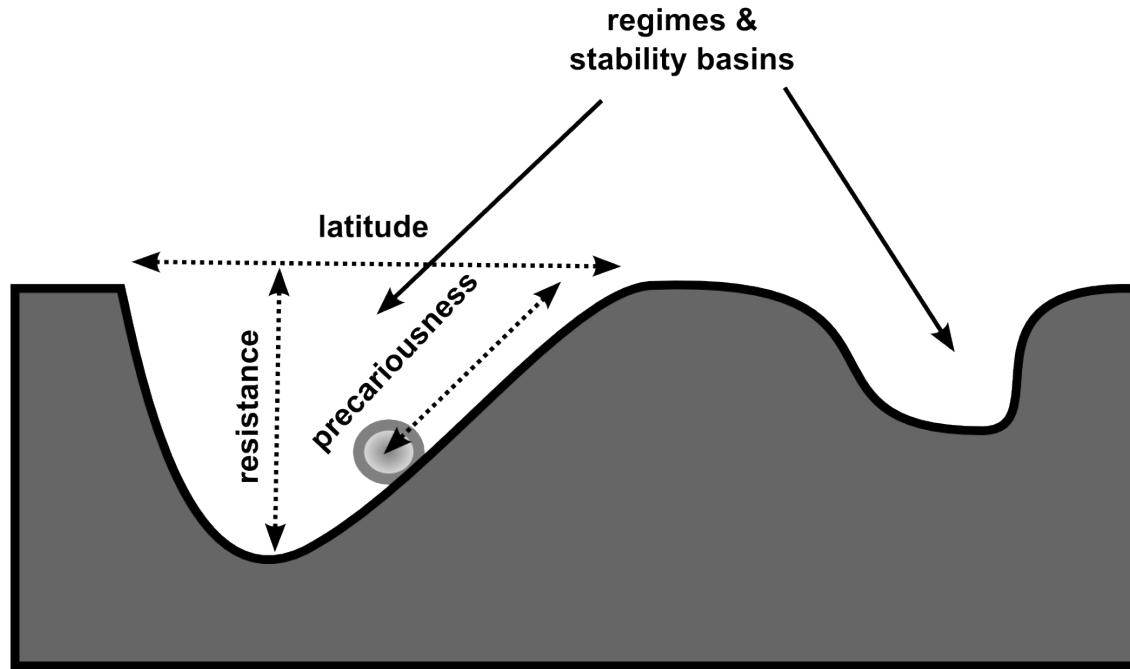
Divide and Conquer the Entropy
Information Traffic Congestion Shaping along the Time



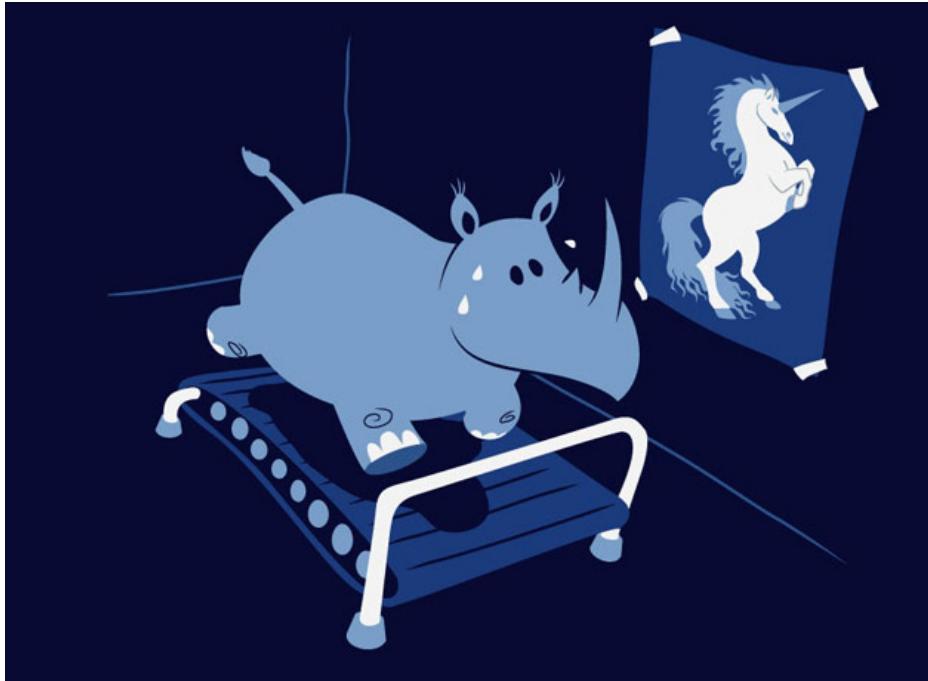
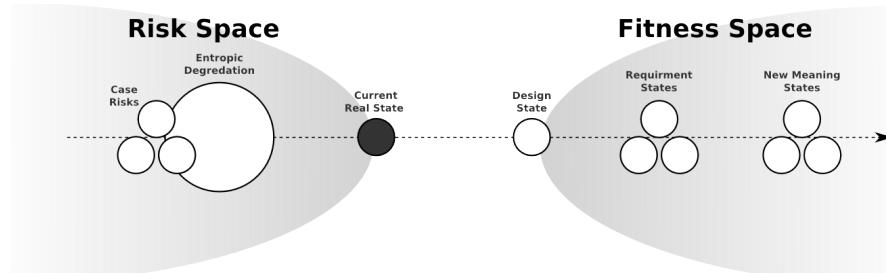
- Making the ultimate solution entropy space smaller
- Already being used (At least in extreme PSS innovation course!)

#R Stem Cell and CDC

- Decrease **resistance** by resisting overflows of information/entropy

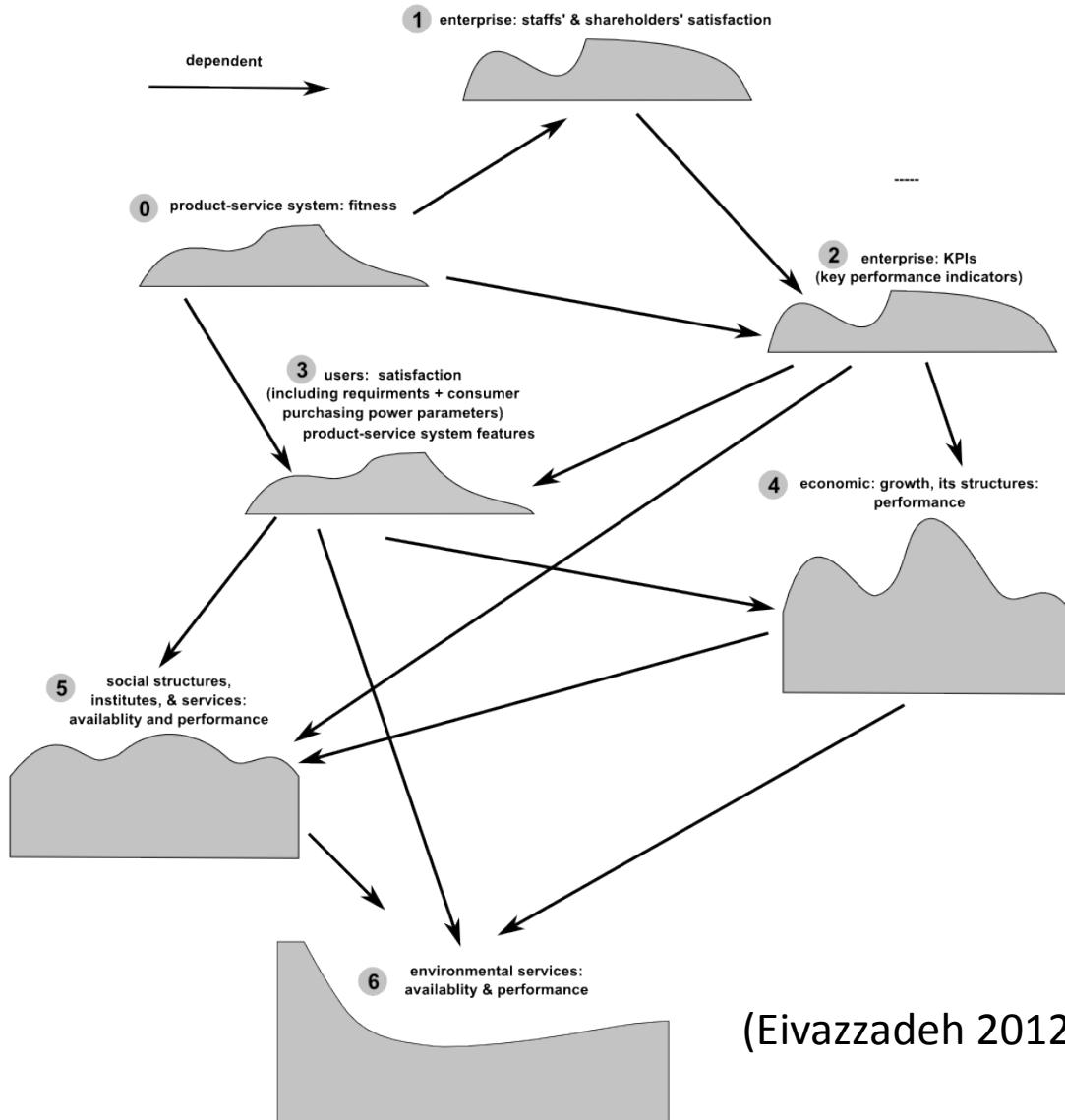


#P Multi-Level Fitness



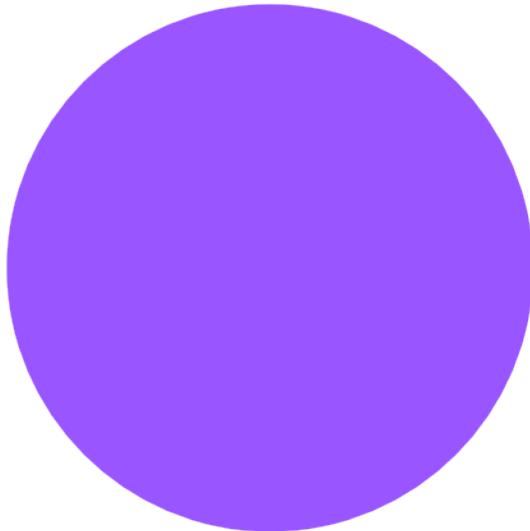
Running Rhino, Credit: Allan Faustino, http://www.threadless.com/product/1000/Runnin_Rhino

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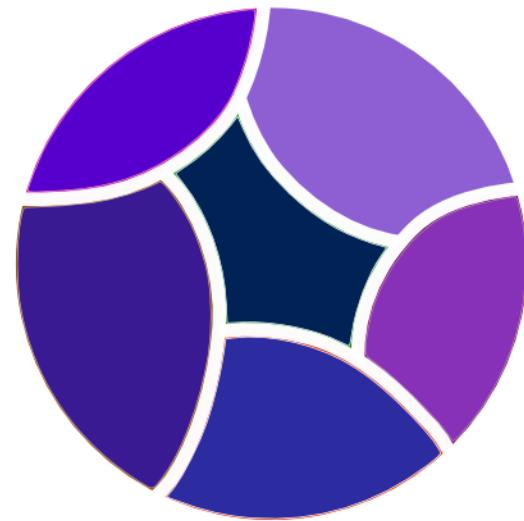


#P Multi-Level Fitness

**Shaping Entropy Space Considering Interrelation of Elements,
their Importance, and Impact Propagation Delay**



Simple Entropy Space



Weighted Entropy Space

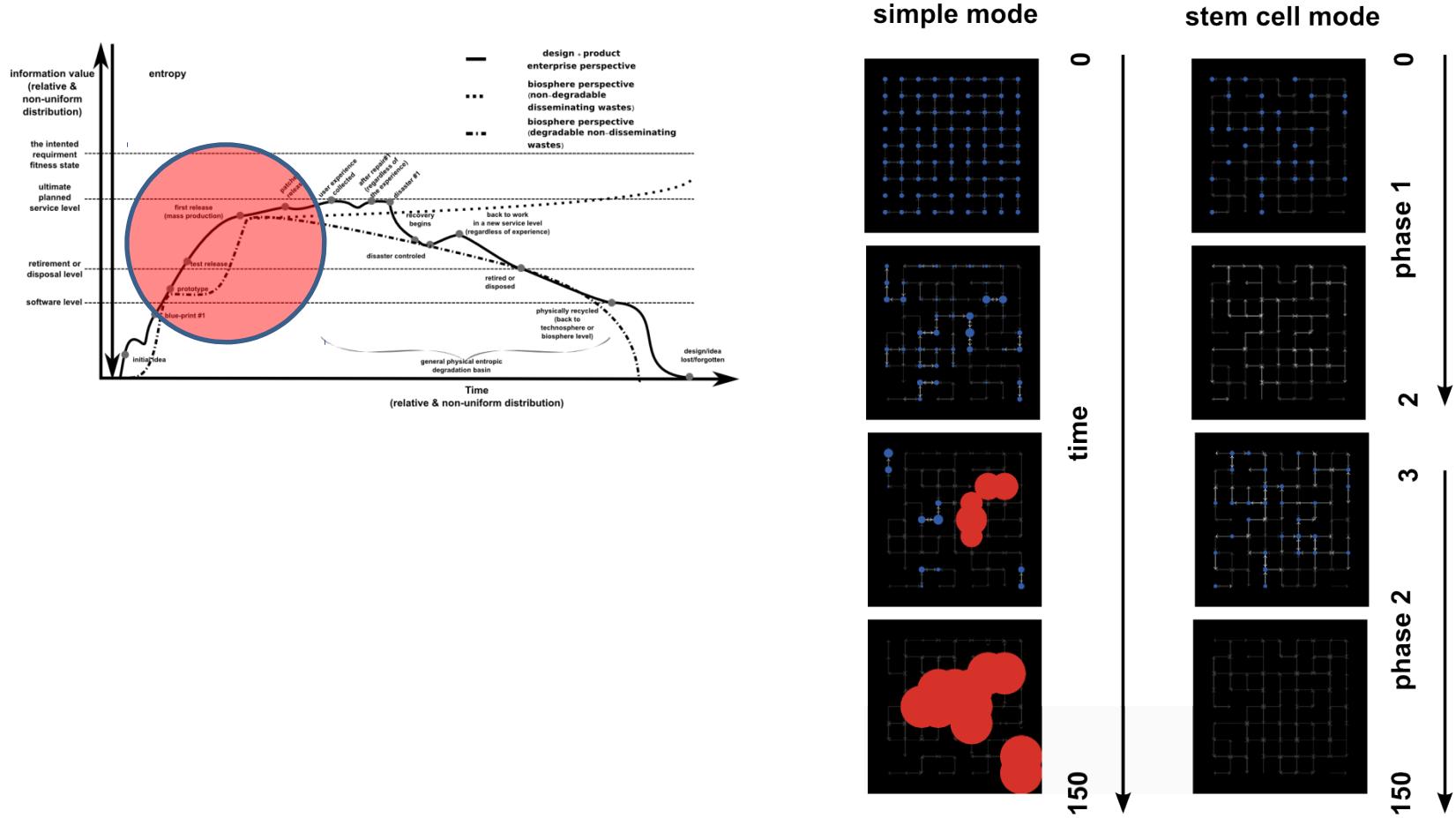


#A

Applications

#A Stem Cell

Simulation of Application in a Product-Service System



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*... the sky's dome,
let us crack,
and come with a **new design** ...*

Hafez (1325-1389)

