

# A Few Words First

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## Upcoming Chapter Meetings:

- **Sep 22, Tutorial: Integrating Systems Engineering, Project Management and Quality Management**  
Dr. Heidi Hahn, Los Alamos National Lab; Ann Hodges, Sandia National Labs
- **Oct 05, 4:00-6:30pm, FREE ASEP/CSEP Knowledge Exam at NM Tech**
- **Oct 06-07, Socorro Systems Summit at NM Tech**
- **Oct 11, 2017, Why is Human-Model Interactivity Important to the Future of Model-Centric Systems Engineering?**  
Dr. Donna Rhodes, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- **Nov 9, Architecting Cyber Physical Systems**  
Dr. Cihan Dagli, Missouri University of Science & Technology

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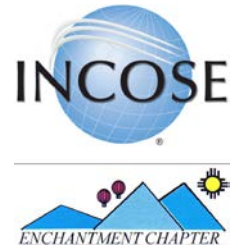
**Course Schedule (close by, but many more locations and dates):**

<b>2017 Oct 30-Nov 3</b>	<b>  Las Vegas, NV</b>
<b>2018 Feb 26-Mar 2</b>	<b>  Las Vegas, NV</b>
<b>2018 Apr 02-Apr 5</b>	<b>  Denver</b>

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**And Now - Introductions**

# Enchantment Chapter Monthly Meeting



13 September 2017 – 4:45-6:00 pm:

## **Beyond Biomimicry to Systems Mimicry: Can SE Use Evidence from the Natural Sciences to Design Better Systems?**

Len Troncale, California State Polytechnic University, [ltroncale@cpp.edu](mailto:ltroncale@cpp.edu)

**Abstract:** The sciences study natural phenomena using experimental methods. Their evidence and discoveries are widely used in engineering design and implementation. This talk proposes to use their vast data to establish a new specialty called “systems mimicry.” This new knowledge base would provide tested, evidence-based solutions to the challenges that all systems face whatever their scale or particular function. The talk will describe the features of systems mimicry and suggest a new tool to explore its data for designing on the systems-level. It will list similarities and differences between the established *biomimicry* and the proposed *systems mimicry*. It will outline how general theories of systems like SPT (Systems Processes Theory) can provide a stimulus for adding the general systems focus to conscious SE praxis and provide a framework for integrating the unintegrated results of several systems science and natural science knowledge bases. Five possible examples of use of systems mimicry in systems design will be presented as case studies (use of hierarchies in materials design; chaos & robotics; using principles of exaptation in design; use of systems evolutionary algorithms; and use of awareness of systems pathology. The talk will end by suggesting a wider, future vision of systems design and SE.

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# Today's Presentation

## Things to Think About

**How can this be applied in your work environment?**

**What did you hear that will influence your thinking?**

**What is your take away from this presentation?**

# Speaker Bio



**Dr. Len Troncale is Professor Emeritus of Cell and Molecular Biology, and past Chairman of the Biology Department at California State Polytechnic University. He is also Founder/Director Emeritus of the Institute for Advanced Systems Studies, and Coordinator of its NSF-supported Systems Integrated Science General Education (ISGE) Program. He has served as VP and Managing Director of the International Society for General Systems Research (SGSR) from 1980-88, and President of the International Society for the Systems Sciences (ISSS), in 1990. He was a member of the Board of Directors for the International Federation for Systems Research (IFSR) from 1982-85 and a Research Associate at the Int'l Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), Laxenburg, Austria.**

**He is currently serving as VP/Managing Director of the new professional society, ISSP, Int'l Society for Systems Pathology. He is also Project Lead for two projects of the Systems Science Working Group (SSWG) of INCOSE. Dr. Troncale has published 120 articles, abstracts, editorials and reports, served as Editor on 11 projects, delivered 125 invited and computerized presentations and demo's in 23 countries and served as P.I. on 52 grants and contracts for \$5.3M.**

**He is the Author of Systems Processes Theory, and Systems Pathology Theory (as well as new spin-off specialties such as Systems Allometry, Systems Mimicry, and SysInformatcs). In Systems Biology his specialties are Evolution of Cell Division, Cell Differentiation Models, chromosome territories, and the nuclear matrix (nucleoskeleton).**

**He is currently President of GSRDC (General Systems Research, Development, and Consulting) and a Lecturer, for the new Masters in Systems Engineering Program, College of Engineering, California State Polytechnic University.**

# Beyond Biomimicry to Systems Mimicry:

Can SE Use Evidence from  
the Natural Sciences to  
Design Better Systems?



# TOPICS COVERED I.

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1. Tenets/Benefits/Contributions of Systems Mimicry
2. Systems Mimicry is Different from Biomimicry
3. Single Exemplar Case Study of Systems Mimicry
  - a) Hierarchies and Materials Engineering (CSER paper had four)
4. Systems Mimicry is based on Systems Processes Theory (SPT): Brief Intro to SPT (& usability for SysMimicry)
5. New Tool & Four Strategies for Systems Mimicry
  - a) Initially Translate Biomimicry Tool; See asknature.com
  - b) (ISP-GST) Strategy; “Network” Research “Motif” Strategy; Gen’l Morphology Strategy; “Systems Pathology” Strategy
  - c) Action Projects for “Birthing” Systems Mimicry



# (1) Tenets of Systems Mimicry

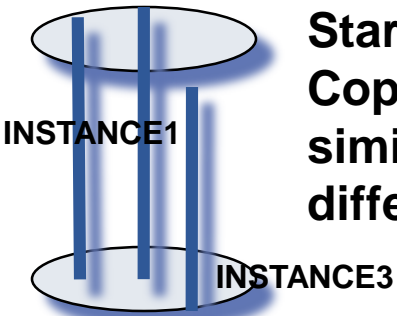
# SPT Systems Mimicry: Gen'l Mimicry

focuses on systems processes, not particulars

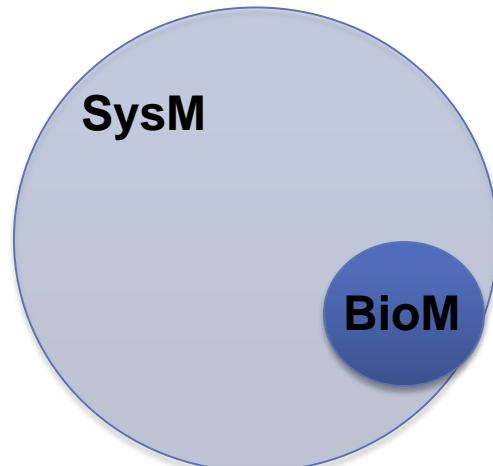
**SPT starts the NEW discipline “SYSTEMS MIMICRY” which is biomimicry at the more abstract systems architectural level**

## INSTANCE2 Biomimicry

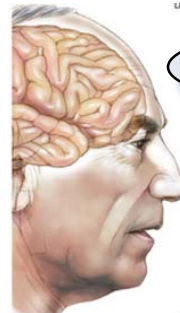
Starts w specific biosys:  
Copies real properties with similar scalar relations but different materials



- Shark skin
- Spider web
- Gecko feet
- Plant velcro
- Leaf anhydrous



## Systems mimicry



But who does what abstraction?

Compare many scalar levels to get abstract operating relations & copy those NOT properties of any one scale of components or limited to only biosystems =

- ✓ Hierarchical Str; Cycles; Fractal;
- ✓ Feedbacks; Self-Organiz;





# BIOMIM → SYSMIM VIA SPT



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## **Some Initial Tenets:** (assumptions/working hypotheses)

- **Many Engineering Problems are “systems”-level problems**
  - So solve them on systems architecture level as well as particular level
  - Some of the most messy problems are hybrid Nat/Hum Sys = !!!level!!!
- **In many cases, nature is a good engineer of systems**
- **The natural sciences study many phenomena**
  - Most phenomena are systems-level; science studies at great depth
  - → Vast natural science literature, insufficiently used in SE; not just ST
  - SSWG (NSWG; CxSWG; SoSWG) trying to integrate ST & SS domains
  - If isomorphic across all scales, disciplines, types of systems = proven useful for systems sustainability
- **Systems Mimicry would imitate natural systems solutions**
  - Find “patterns” ”processes” ”pathologies” common to many scales/types
- **So base design on how systems work (GTS) or don’t work (syspath)**

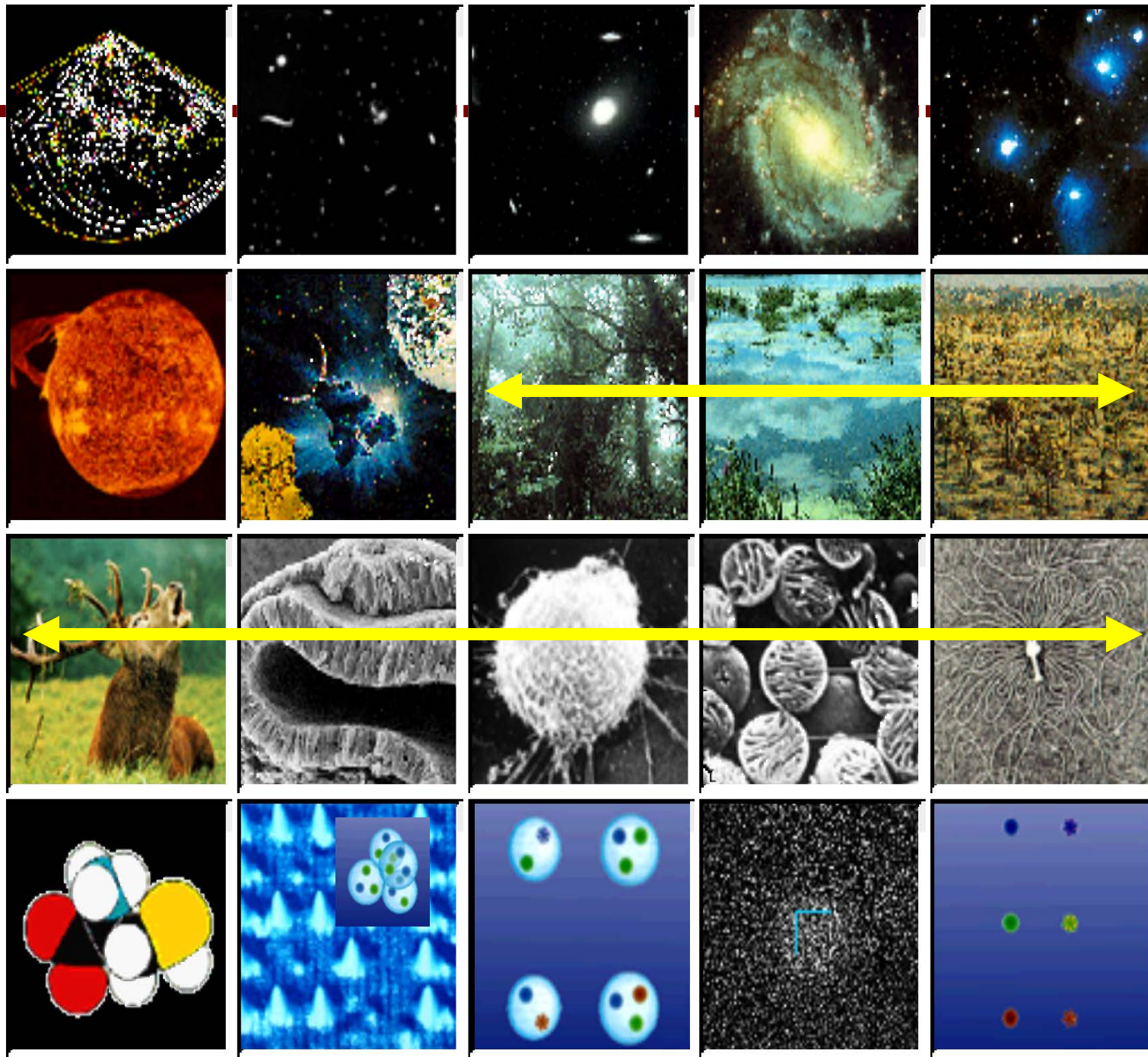
## **Some Initial Benefits/Contributions:**

- **Systems Mimicry has a much broader range of scales/levels to explore than Biomimicry** (includes physical, bio, human, hybrid sys's)
- **Systems Mimicry from SPT is much expanded in test/scope**
  - Natural systems are tested immediately; simultaneously; extensively
  - More variants; more iterations; more time scales represented
  - Systems Mimicry would address & solve different, >>generic problems
- **If based on SPT, has more detail for design & cure**
- **If based on SPT, uses unused, vast sci literature**
  - ALL of the lit of ALL of the natural sciences on all phenomena...
  - To search for unusual unexpected solutions
  - Need not be based only on SPT
  - Or on Bio; based on ALL sciences
  - Provides leverage & secret knowledge





(2) **Systems Mimicry is Different from Biomimicry**



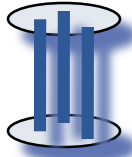
Entire range studied by diff't sci's & diff't tool's; FRAGMENTED...

BUT syssci & SPT studies across all scales and domains to find universals

BIO ~ eight of twenty Scalar levels in nature; Bio-mimicry limited to these; but systems mimicry covers all 20 at more abstract level of architecture & solutions

# Hint of Engineering Differences

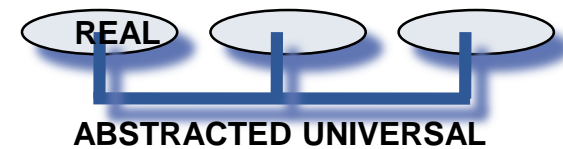
## Biomimicry



### ENGINEER SPECIFIC SOLUTIONS:

- velcro
- structural color
- high performance composites
- smart material
- sticky surface
- anti-drag, anti-friction surfaces like shark skin
- anti-wetness surface
- self-cleaning surface
- thermoregulatory skin
- micro muscle
- nanorobotics
- anti-reflective surface
- sensing surface
- artificial photosynthesis
- artif. compound eye
- pores & channels
- micro flyers
- high performance fiber
- smart structures
- scaffolds
- artif. camera eye
- micro motors
- anti-adhesive surface
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## Systems mimicry



### ENGINEER GENERIC SOLUTIONS:

- design in opposing forces
- design in opposing functions
- employ chaos functions in design
- maintain stability with increasing complexity of parts
- maintain stability with increasing interaction of parts
- maintain functionality in changing contexts or environments
- increase generation of innovation or variability
- decrease fracture with increasing stresses
- novel control systems

# Summary Table: Compare Sys vs. Bio Mimicry



**Designs in both:**  
**(i) solve a problem or fulfil a need or perform a specific function**  
**(ii) exploit a potential or find a new potential;**  
**(iii) use former or established components in a unique way**

<u>BIOMIMICRY</u>	<u>SYSTEMS MIMICRY</u>
S-Based on past experiments	S-Same
S-Mimics feature of natural system	S-Same
S-Based on past peer-reviewed science lit	S-Same
D-ONLY living, biodomain and discipline	D-ALL systems domains and disciplines
D-Particular manifested feature	D-Abstracted general mechanism
D-Solution bioevolution has fixed	D-Solution systems sustainability demands
D-One problem: one solution	D-Many problems: one solution
D-Detail from highly constrained specialties	D-Detail from comparative systems analysis
D-Based on bioevolution	D-Based on systems science theory
D-Short time-line solutions	D-Very long time-line solutions
D-Tighter range of application	D-Wider range of application
D-Mainly biological systems	D-Physical, social, symbolic systems as well as biological
D-Millions of years, trials, events,	D-Billions of years, trials, events
D-More limited background literature	D-Much larger background literature
D-Particular solutions; particular problems	D-Generic solutions; generic problems

**BOTTOM LINE:**  
**Biomimicry uses Biology:**  
**Systems Mimicry uses ALL of SCIENCE plus the new Systems Science;**  
**next three slides give LEVEL, TIME & DATA TESTS to compare bio to sys MIMICRY!**



**PHYSICAL SYSTEMS HISTORY & DATA**  
**BASIS FOR SYSTEMS MIMICRY** 50-75% of yr

**BIOSYSTEMS DATA: BASIS FOR BIOMIMICRY**

13.6 BY condensed into one yr: Revealing systemmimicry yields more potential

Compare time span for systems mimicry to time-span for Biomimicry! Which gives the most selection & literature?

**BIOSYS DATA: BASIS FOR BIOMIMICRY** (~25% of year)

We feel that "selection" is not found only in biosys; phys natural sys are also "selected" by their contexts or env so give examples of syssuccess

*Known from radiocarbon dating, DNA extraction from remains*

*Written record*



**LAST MINUTE OF THE ENTIRE YEAR OF >HALF MILLION MINUTES (525,600 TO 1 RATIO)**  
 IS SOCIAL SYSTEMS HISTORY & DATA & so the TARGET for applications of sysmimicry & biomimicry to human engin'g



# Case Study Data Test for SysMimicry



note sample of only 7 ISP's  
 ((a case study is also a recognized phenomena in that discipline with a substantial literature for each individual one))

## .....PHYSICAL SCI'S.....

## BIO

	Astronomy	Physics	Chemistry	Geology	Math	CompSci	Biology	Engineering	Human	Total for ISP
<b>Totals per Discipline =</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>87</b>	
<b>Cycles, Oscillations</b>	7	6	8	16	5	3	9	5	14	<b>73</b>
<b>Feedback Processes</b>	5	4	4	4		7	12	8	12	<b>56</b>
<b>Flows as a Process</b>	8	10	5	15	4	5	16		12	<b>75</b>
<b>Networks</b>	3	7	6	8	2	6	14	6	15	<b>67</b>
<b>Hierarchies</b>	5	3	5	3	7	7	9		7	<b>46</b>
<b>Self-Organization</b>	9	5	7	3	1	9	15	9	14	<b>72</b>
<b>Duality/Symmetry</b>	7	17	11	6	11	5	11	5	13	<b>86</b>
<b>53</b>	<b>average/discipline</b>							<b>Total Physical</b>		<b>269</b>
<b>68</b>	<b>average/ISP</b>							<b>Total Biological</b>		<b>86</b>
	<b>Total all ISP as Sci Phenomena</b>									<b>475</b>





## (3) One Exemplar of Systems Mimicry

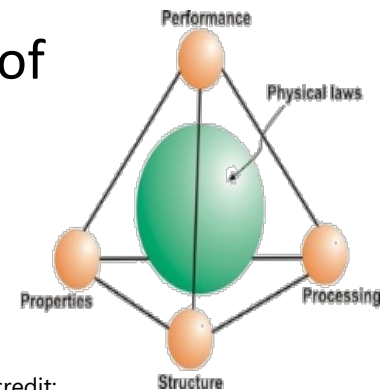


## (3) Use Hierarchy (Process/Pattern) in Materials Engineering

- A test to determine if one SPT isomorph (hierarchies) can be found in and applied to materials engineering. If proven efficacious, then evidence in favor of (1) hierarchies as a Systems Mimicry KB; (2) SPT itself; (3) SysMim itself
- **Hierarchies** (1 of 110 SPT-SP's isomorphies); **Use Identifying Features & Functions for that (or any ISP):**
  1. Subsumption = Super system – System – Sub system (Gerard) Subunit structure
  2. Clustered (opposite of a spectrum)
  3. Significant change in scale between levels
  4. Levels are in a specific order
  5. Constrained from above and below
- **Use Hierarchical Linkage Propositions to other isomorphs (Use LP's)**
  - Self-Organization is a partial cause of hierarchies
- Materials Engineering – the study, development and testing of materials and their properties
- Looking to develop new materials with application specific properties
  - Stronger, more flexible, >temperature resistant; fracture less;
  - High performance spacecraft, smaller batteries

(physics, chemistry)

- Hierarchies are key organizers of networks (Troncale, 2016)
- Hierarchies require flows between levels
- Hierarchies significantly effect intra-level and inter-level feedback processes
- **BELOW SUBSTITUTE “SYSTEMS LAWS” for “Physical laws”**

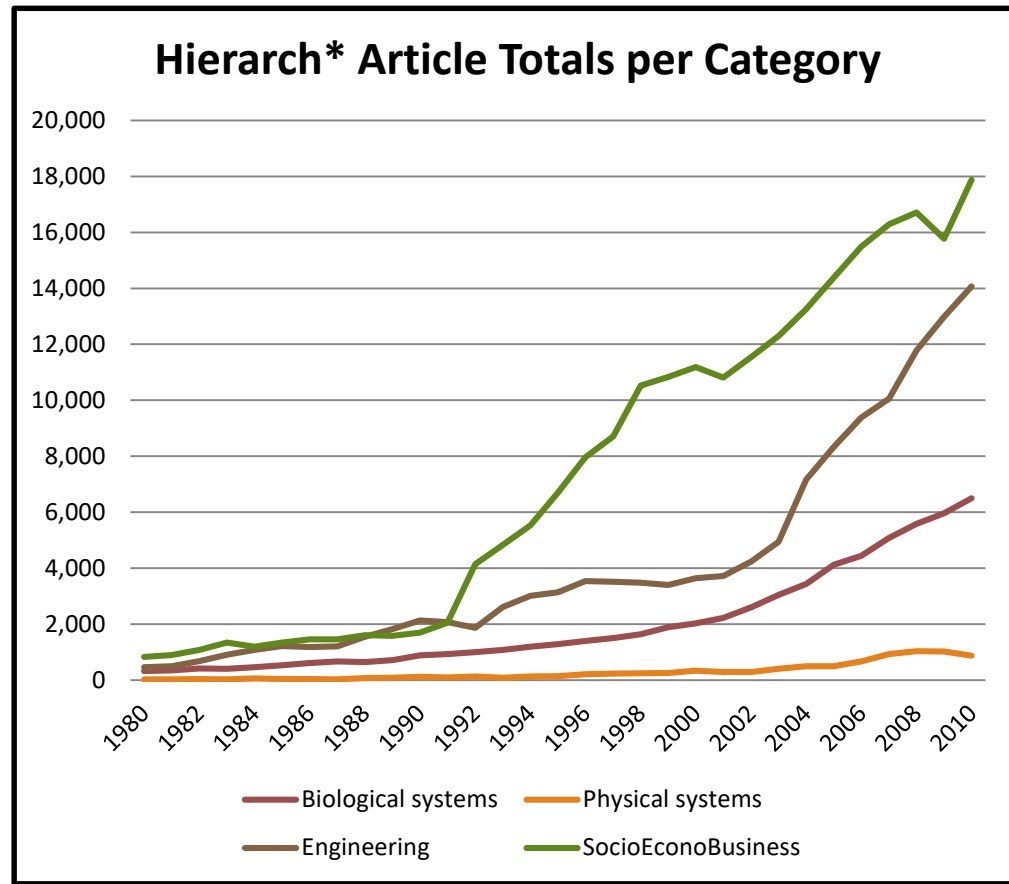




# Systems Mimicry in Materials Engineering



- By applying SPT and specifically hierarchies, we can enrich engineering design of specifications and materials production
- What follows are some selected case studies of a DOD/NASA study of the potential of mimicking hierarchical structure & processes in materials research
- If adopted as a Systems Mimicry, note the wealth of lit from the natural sciences on Hier available
  - Annual counts of reviewed articles
  - Trend across 30 yr period....
  - From hundreds/yr to tens of thousands/yr
  - From diff't sciences to human



## Case study - Tendons

- Tendons have complex material property requirements
  - Stiff to transmit force
  - Elastic to allow for movement
- The hierarchical structure (shown left) **distributes stress and minimizes risk of failure**

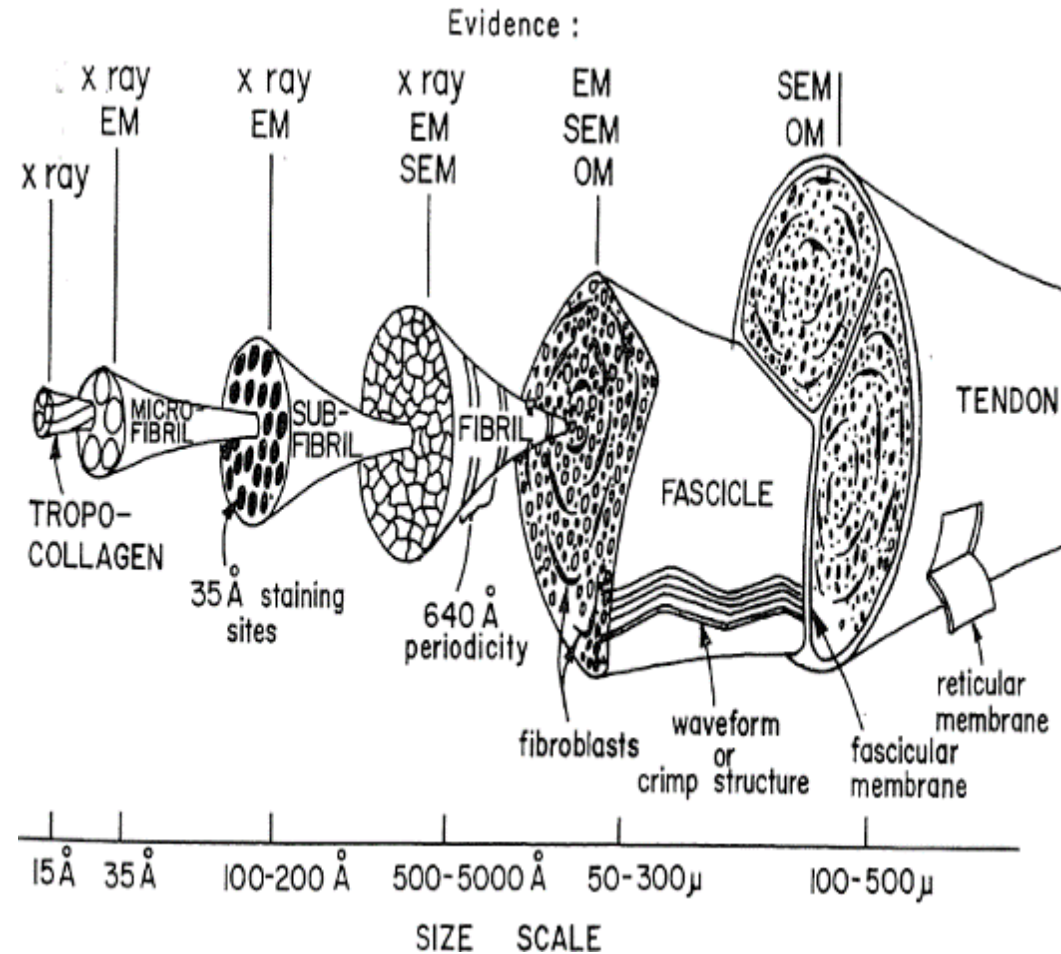


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## Case study - Tendons

- Can use Systems Mimicry as copying of ISP or as Pathology of Hierarchies (Heteropathologies)
  - When the clusters in a hierarchy no longer directly feed into one another or if one level disappears the system fails
  - This can be seen when a tendon is placed under high strain
    - The subfibers, fibrils and microfibrils disassociate, leaving voids in the hierarchy
    - This causes permanent, irreversible damage to the tendons
    - Without the hierarchical structure the stress can not be distributed and can lead to dangerous loading (Hierarchical Structures, 1994)

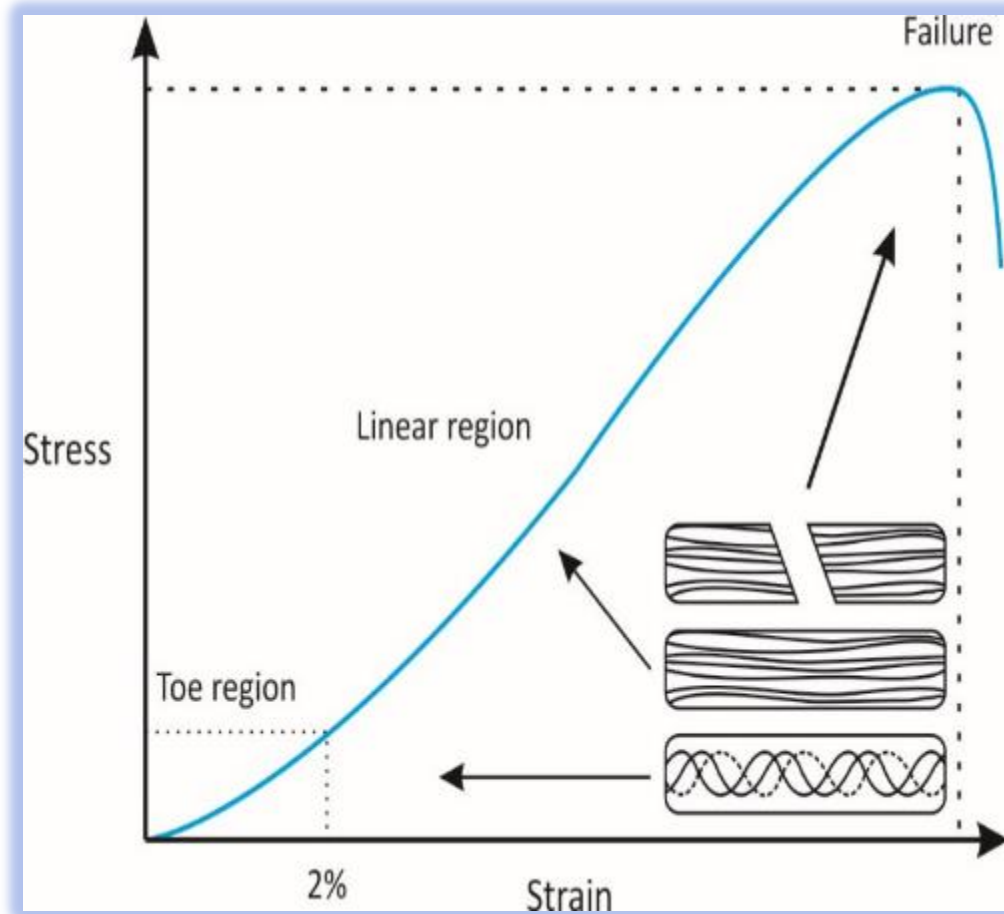
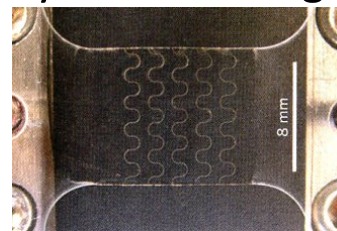
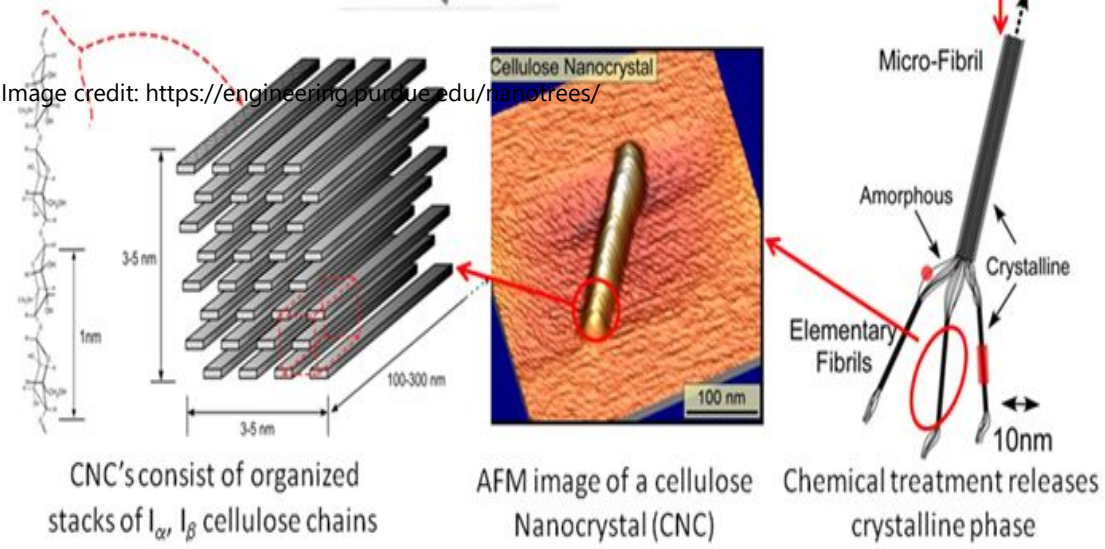
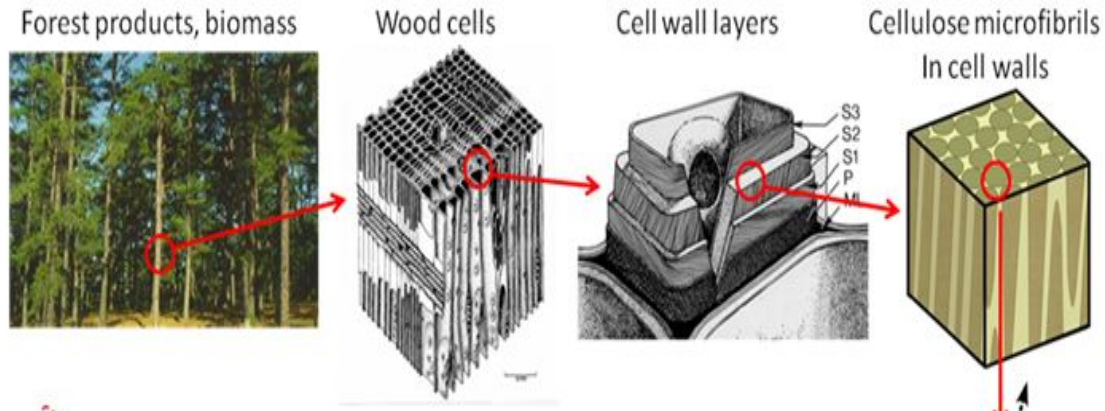


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## Case study – Wood, Glass

- Wood cellulose is composed of microscopic cylinders that are oriented parallel to the trunk, providing increased stiffness
- The hierarchical structural arrangement gives the tree great fracture toughness
- Because of the controlled orientation of the cylindrical cells, if the cells fail they will do so in a direction that does not encourage fractures (Hierarchical Structures, 1994)
- Also found true for “glass” or any material suffering stress fractures; hierarchical structure reduces vulnerability to fracturing stress





## Summary of Findings

The **National Research Council** in a study for DOD & NASA found these dozen potential uses of H. in metals, ceramics, polymers and hybrids involving these dozen needs and solutions:

- (1) Recurrent use of constituents in Hierarchies
- (2) Hierarchy-Controlled orientation
- (3) Durable interfaces in Hierarchies
- (4) Increased Variation in properties under Hierarchies
- (5) Role of water in Hierarchies
- (6) Fatigue resistance & self repair in Hierarchies
- (7) Shape control in Hierarchies
- (8) 1-, 2-, and 3- dimensional synthetic Hierarchies
- (9) Hierarchical basis for mechanical behavior
- (10) Hierarchical basis for synthetic processing procedures
- (11) Compared with Hierarchy-based biology processing
- (12) Moisture-friendly, energy absorbing, more durable synthetic systems





## Isomorphic Systems Processes (here alpha list)

- Adaptation Processes
- Allometry, Systems-Level
- Allopoiesis
- Anergy Mechanisms
- Ashby's Conjecture (Requisite)
- Attractors
- Autopoiesis & Autocatalysis
- Bifurcations
- Binding Processes
- Boundary Conditions as a Proc
- Boundary Limits & Constants
- Catastrophe Processes
- Causality Processes (linear vs net)
- Chaotic Processes
- Circuits & Network Motifs
- Closed Systems
- Competitive Processes
- Complexity Processes
- Constraint Fields & Analysis
- Cooperative Processes
- Counterparty Diagrams & Proc's
- Criticality, Self-, Tipping Pts
- Cycles and Cycling, General
- Cycles, Rechargeable Loops Limit
- Decay, Autolytic & Senescent Proc
- Deterministic/Directive Process
- Deutsch's & Dollo's Conjecture
- Development Patterns & Laws
- Dissipative Processes
- Diversity & Variation Processes

- Equifinality as a Process
- Equilibrium & Steady State Proc's
- Ergodic Processes
- Evolutionary Processes

- Periodic Processes
- Phases, Stages, Transitions
- Pleiotology as Process
- Pleiotropy as Process

**....IMAGINE USING HIERARCHY FOR OTHER ENGINEERING DISCIPLINES AND USING 104 OTHER ISOMORPHIC SYSTEMS PROCESSES**

- Flow Processes
- Fractal Structure & Processes
- Functions, System (Goals)
- Growth Patterns & Laws
- Hierarchies & Clustering as a Process

**....the dynamic aspect of hierarchy = heteropoiesis**

- Restructuring Rules
- Scaling & Scaled Processes
- Self-Organization
- Self-Reference Processes
- Singularities
- Soliton Theory (Long Waves)
- Spin Processes
- Stability Processes
- States, Systems
- Steady State Mechanisms
- Storage Processes
- Strings, Generic Systems
- Sub-Specialization Processes
- Symmetry, Systems-Level
- Symmetry-Breaking as a Process
- Synergetic-Synchrony Processes
- System Identification, Sub-, Super-
- Systems of Systems Processes
- Thermodynamic Processes
- Transducer Processes
- Transgressive Equilibrium
- Variation Production as a Process
- Zipf's/Pareto's Patterns (as Proc's)

**FOR THIS TALK WE USED ONLY ONE ISP TO ILLUSTRATE SYSTEMS MIMICRY....**

Systems Processes  
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## (4) *Systems*

**Mimicry is a  
Spin-Off of  
SPT**

# Systems Pathology

KB for SE & Sustainability

See Many Non-Linear Causalities

Systems Law Legislation

Artificial Systems Research

Many Spin-offs

Theory of Emergence

Sys Informatics

Unbroken Sequence of Origins

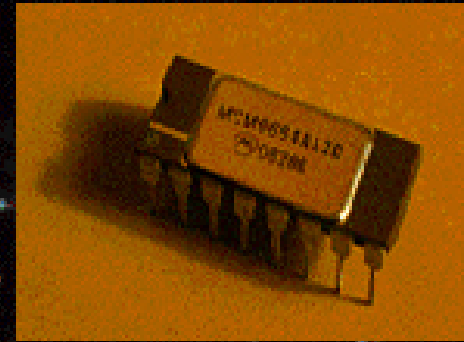
Systems Mimicry

Systems Allometry

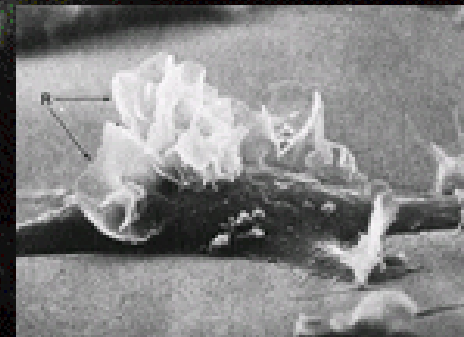
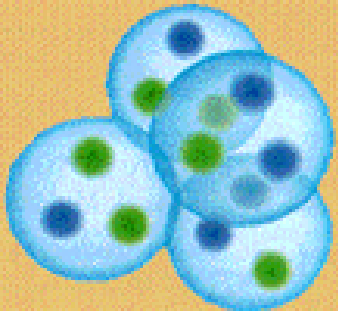


## (4) Brief Intro to SPT

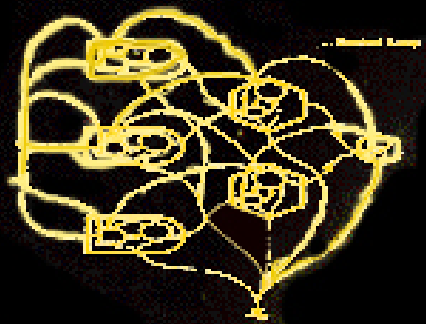
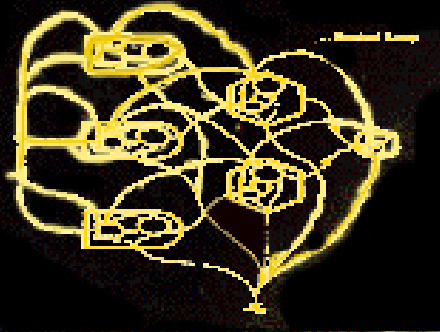
Although, on the surface, these many objects in the Universe originated at different times, at widely different scales, & appear to be very different...

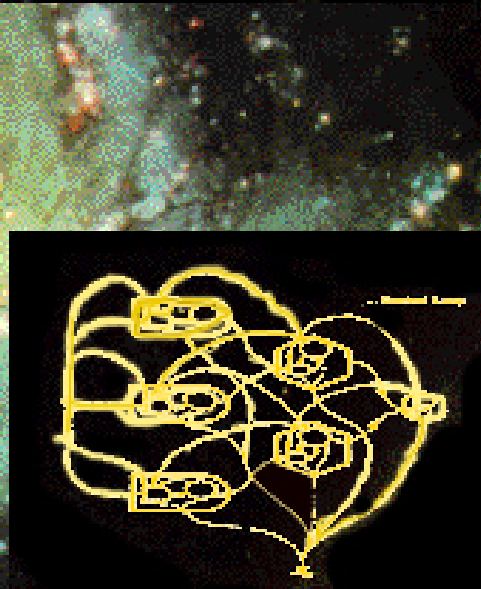
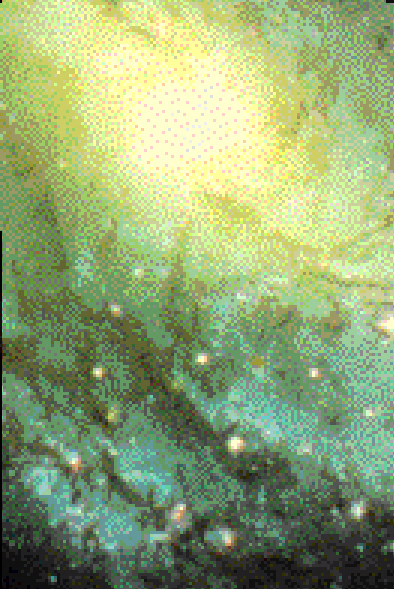
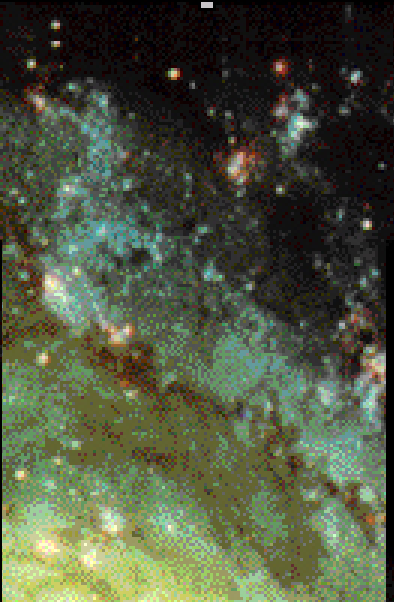
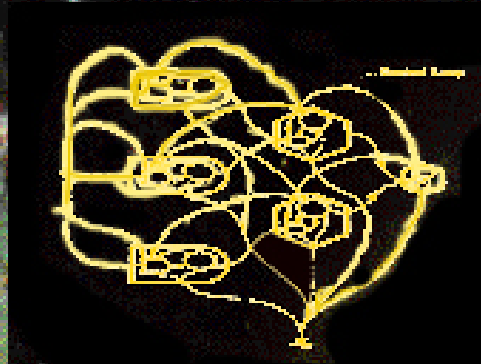


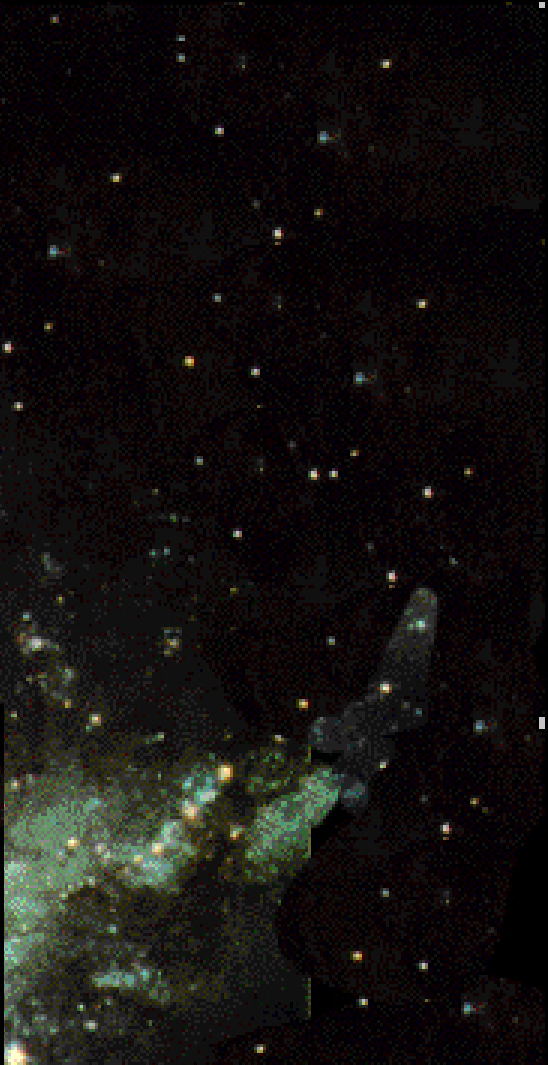
First, what do we mean by Isomorphy...



...when you go beyond their  
particulars to their general  
dynamic structure & function...





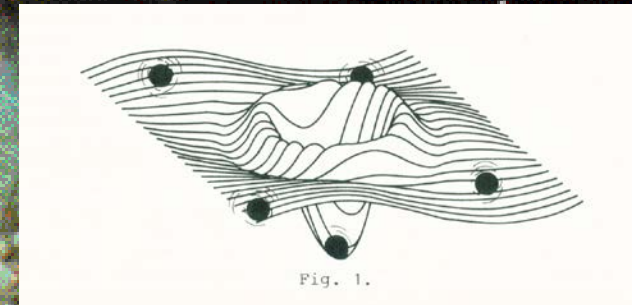
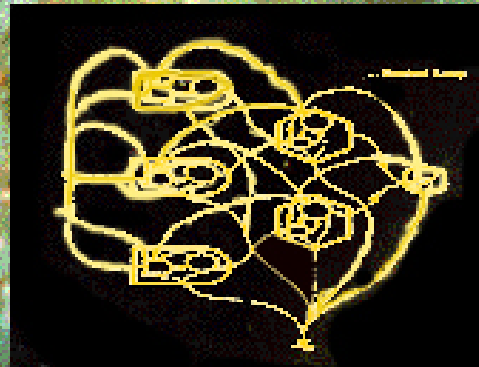




...fundamentally, they exhibit  
identical key processes & dynamics

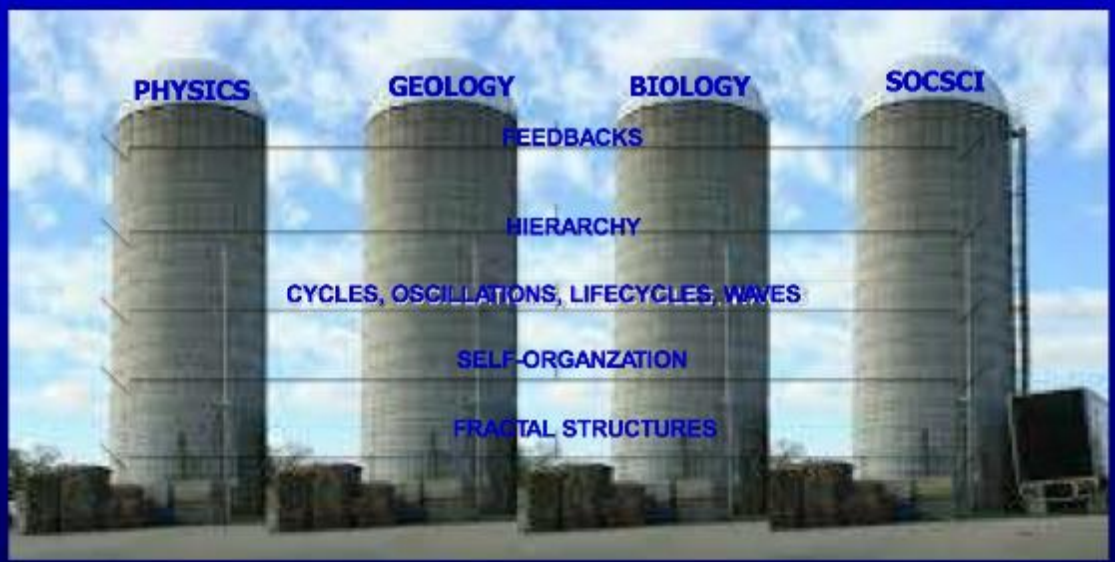
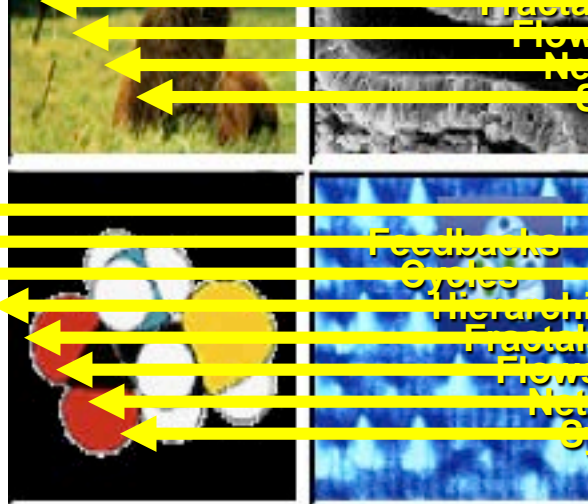
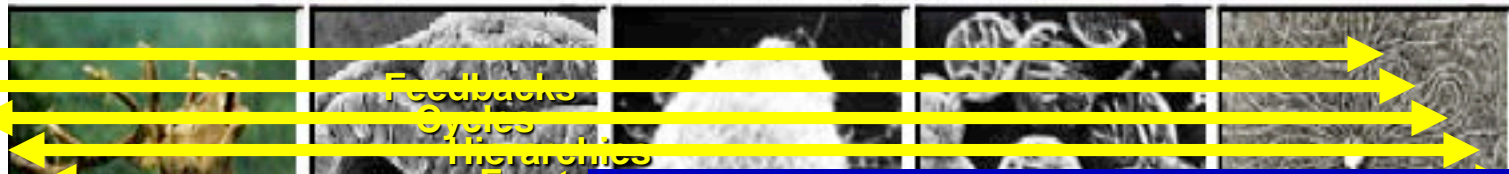
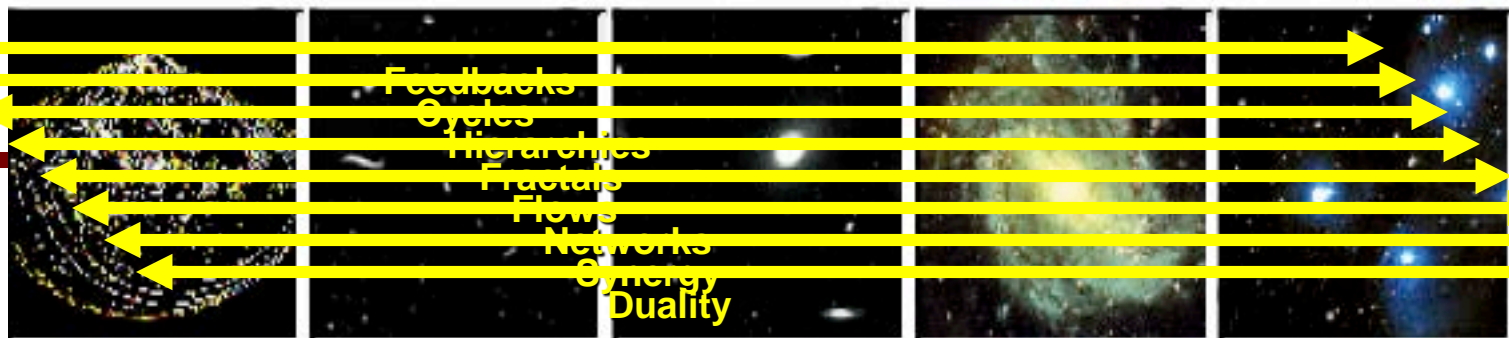
**WE CALL THESE UNIVERSALS...**

**ISOMORPHIC SYSTEMS PROCESSES (ISP's)**



...Why? Especially if their origin times and mechanics of origins  
are so completely separate and different from each other...

...This unified Systems Processes Theory (SPT) states it is  
because the SP's are the multi-parameter MIN/MAX CASES...





# So Main-Basic SPT Features/Advances



- **Rigorous focus on science-basis for Systems Processes**
  - Documents 110 “candidate” isomorphic sys processes/patterns valid across all the natural sciences from science experiments
- **Adds new level = Linkage Propositions; documents each**
  - Identifies how these many SP’s influence each other; SoS network
  - Explain systems dynamics & complex systems in unprecedented detail with hundreds of LP’s; details how systems work
  - Thus delivers a general model of successful systems
- **Describes in Rich Detail How Systems Don’t Work**
  - Identifies, explains numerous Systems Pathologies (dysfunctions)
  - Once you know details of “steps” in each universal process,
  - You can easily see the ways a universal process can go wrong
- **Rich, as a theory should be, in SPIN-OFF’S (previously shown)**
- **Provides a FRAMEWORK for S/I/U of fragmented Sys KB**
  - Reserved place for all possible details on systems design/behavior
  - Can be formalized in Math later (e.g. use Graph & Category Theory)



# > 20 KEY CONTRIBUTIONS OF SPT



1. MANY MORE ISOMORPHIES
2. NEW ISOMORPHIES FROM THE PHYSICS OF COMPLEX SYSTEMS
3. UNIQUE ISOMORPHS NOT FOUND ANYWHERE ELSE
4. MUCH MORE INFORMATION PER ISOMORPHY
5. GIVES EVIDENCE OR TESTS OF ISOMORPHY (TRUE SCIENCE)
6. "ROOTS"/"PRECEDENCE" FOR EACH ISOMORPHY
7. INTROsLINKAGE PROPOSITIONS: EXPLAIN HOW SYSTEMS WORK
8. LIST OF PATHOLOGIES HOW SPECIFICALLY SYS DON'T WORK
9. MODEL THAT TRANSFERS WELL BETWEEN SCIENCE DISCIPLINES
10. BRIDGES 'GAPS' BETWEEN PHYS, LIVING, SOCIAL SYSTEMS
11. PROVIDES CONSISTENT FRAMEWORK FOR UNIFICATION
12. >>CASE STUDIES LINKING EACH ISOMORPH TO SCI PHENOM'S
13. SIGNIFICANTLY GREATER SPECIFICITY & DETAIL ON LP's
14. RULES FOR ABSTRACTION
15. RULES FOR DE-ABSTRACTION
16. LISTS OF DOZENS OF NON-LINEAR CAUSALITY
17. HANDLES & LEVERS (TOOLS) FOR DEEPER APPLICATIONS
18. SOURCE OF DEEP HYPOTHESES FOR THE NATURAL SCIENCES
19. SUPPLIES PRACTITIONERS WITH MASSIVE DATA BASE
20. INTRODUCES DISCINYMS
21. TIES INTO ALLOMETRIES DATA
22. ENABLES MOREMODEL TRANSFER



# SPT Adds 100's Linkage Propositions (how ISP's influence each other)

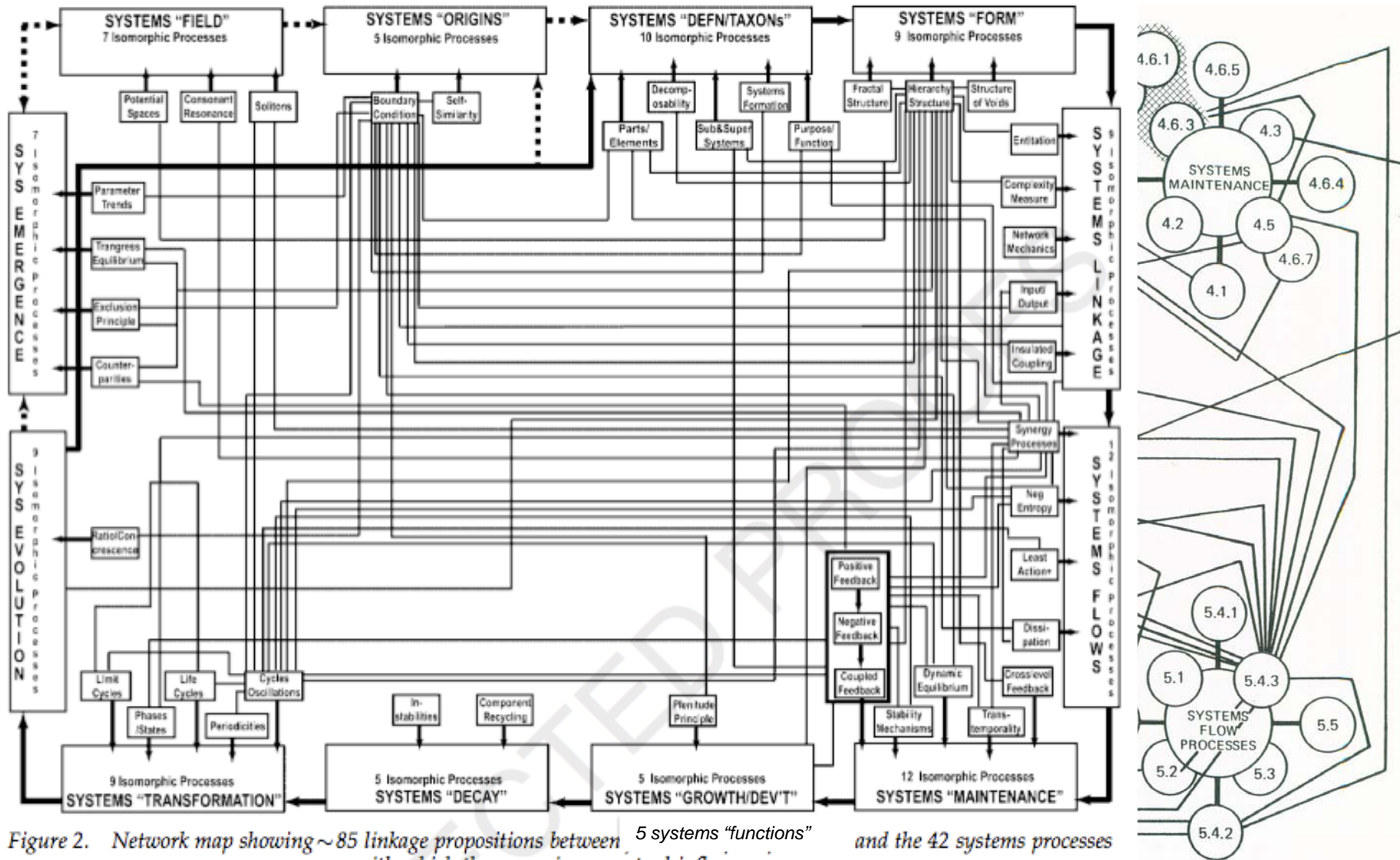


Figure 2. Network map showing ~85 linkage propositions between 5 systems "functions" and the 42 systems processes with which they experience mutual influences

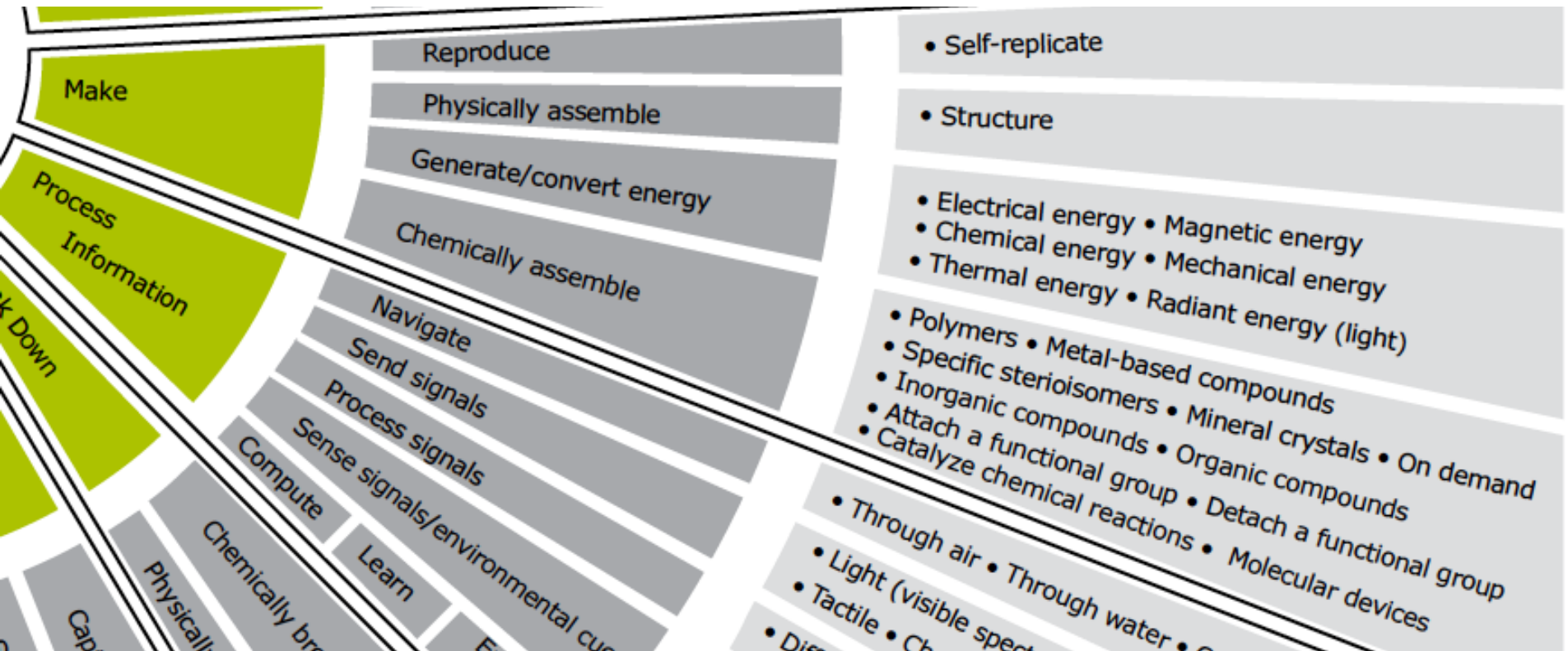


## **(5a) NEW Tool & Strategies for Guiding Systems Mimicry**

# AskNature Biomimicry Taxonomy



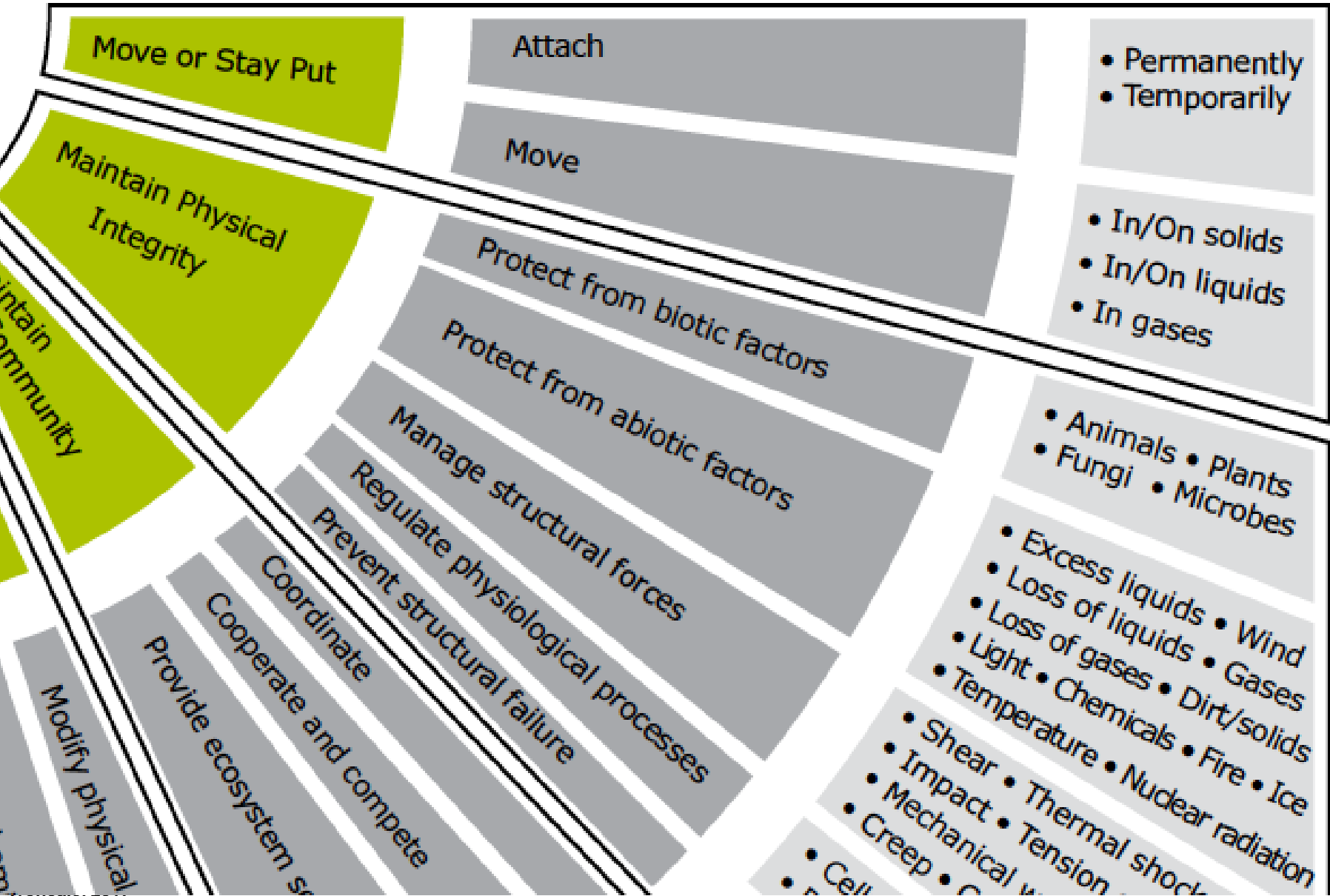
- **At-A-Glance format; all in one page; impressive; useful**
  - But fairly arbitrary, experiential categories; liked early groups more
  - Wetting? Less friction? Fiber strengths? Flex, no break? Adhesion?
- **For source biomimicry website go to....**
  - <http://www.asknature.com> altho' I cannot find it there (McNamara)



# AskNature Biomimicry Taxonomy



GROUP
  SUB-GROUP
  FUNCTION









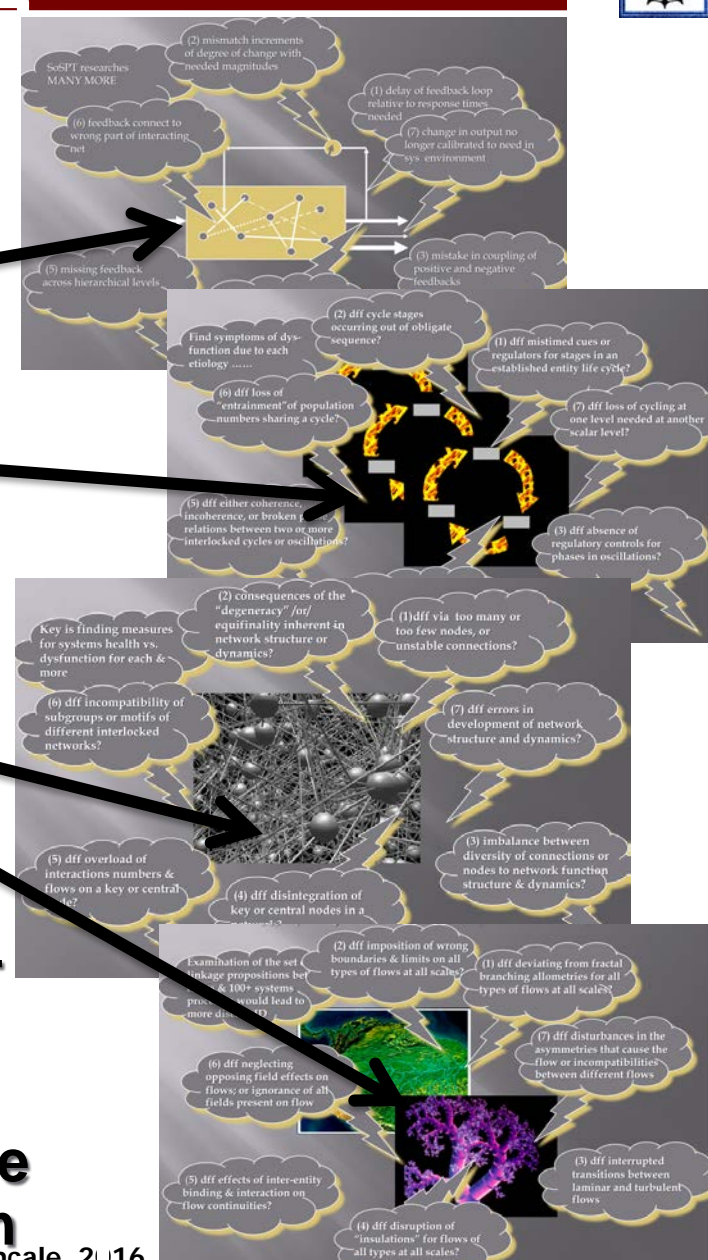


# (5b) Using SPT new Systems Pathology As A Strategy

# Glimpse of Sys Pathology

What do I mean by a NEW Top-down strategy.....

- ID MAJOR CLASSES OF SYSTEMS-LEVEL DISEASES BASED ON SPT SYSTEMS PROCESSES: NAME THEM
- Then IDENTIFY many specific diseases for each CLASS of Dysfunction
  - **Cyberpathologies:** errors in feedback
  - **Cyclopathologies:** errors in cycling, oscillation
  - **Nexopathologies:** errors in network str & dynamics
  - **Rheopathologies:** errors in flow
  - **Heteropathologies:** errors in modular structure, etc.
  - **AS MANY AS FIFTY CLASSES OF SPT PATHOLOGIES** each with dozens of specific dysfunctions = resolution of hundreds of specific malfunctions
  - **SYSTEMS MIMICRY** would use knowledge of SysPath to “fix” errors in fcn or design





(5c) **Action**

**Projects for**

**Birth of Systems**

**Mimicry**



# ACTION NOW



- **POPULATE ACCESS TOOL: (Make available free online)**
  - Provide up front taxonomy of general systems functions; tied to each ISP & application
- **OPEN ACCESS Systems Mimicry Relational Data Base:**
  - If already thousands of data; organized place for every possible entry; relational; graphic
- **WRITE SYSTEMS MIMICRY BOOK: (Benyus, 1997)**
  - Several of the referenced books on biomimicry are collections; (Ed.'s)
  - Often dozen or more authors, each a specialist, each a diff't applic'n
  - Do the same for Systems Mimicry (will you join me, write a Chapter?)
- **INCORPORATE INT'L SOCIETY FOR SYSTEMS PATHOLOGY (ISSP)**
  - Already underway; Written/Passed By-Laws; First Officers; Manifesto
  - Board of Director's app'td; Founding Members until 2020
- **WRITE TWO DEADLINED SYSTEMS TEXTS**
  - “Systems Processes Theory: The Other Theory of Everything”
  - Will have Chapters on Systems Mimicry & Systems Pathology as SPT Spin-Off's
  - “Introduction to Systems: Unification of a Spectrum of Fragmented Approaches”
- **Each Above Contributes to Other's Above: Synergy**



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**QUESTIONS???**

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