



### Complex Solutions for Complex Problems



Mobilising Social Response to Accelerating Climate Change in a Post-Copenhagen Context



### Part 1:

An Introduction to the Dynamics of Climate Change



### Part 2:

Social Dynamics, Applied Complexity & the Catalysis of Transition



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#### Population Growth Throughout











Increase in GHG concentration raises efficiency of insulating envelope, reducing net global radiation

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Surface temperature rises, driven by retained solar energy

until resultant radiation recovers to establish a new thermal equilibrium

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### **Climate Sensitivity**

#### Charney checked against Paleo-records













The "Feed-back" Simulator





### Meta for the Planet
































### **Temperature Trajectories**







































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## Boundary conditions for the onset of runaway global heating



# Beyond the Tipping Point






























































# "Critical Threshold"

the boundary condition of unstoppable runaway global heating

### "Critical Threshold" the point beyond which the power of positive feedback overwhelms the capacity for human intervention

### "Critical Threshold" the point towards which the cost of climate stabilisation escalates asymptotically towards infinity





Unstoppable Runaway Behaviour





## Meta for the Planet



## Feedback Dynamics Simulator

## Net Radiative Imbalance Or Global Heating

The Gap between Energy received from the Sun and Energy radiated back into space from the Earth

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**NRI** is the core parameter of the Feedback Dynamics Simulator





#### 1: Change in Solar Radiance



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All values are measured in watts per square metre: wm<sup>-2</sup>

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- •Solar Radiance changes over time.
- •The value of Solar Radiance in 1750 as benchmark (time  $t_0$ ).
- •Change in Solar Radiance at time (t) is designated by  $\Delta SR_t$ .
- •The difference between the absolute value of Solar Radiance at time (t) and that in force at the benchmark time  $(t_0)$ .
- •History of  $\Delta SR_t$  from 1750 to the present (t=2010) is known.
- •Future values of  $\Delta SR_t$  derived from projection of solar cycles.



•The Radiative Damping Coefficient is defined as the extra energy radiated to the spatial sink per 1°K rise in the average surface temperature of the earth.

•It is calculated by application of the Stephan-Boltzmann law and stands at 3.3 w.m<sup>-2</sup>.ºK<sup>-1</sup>.

•The value of the Radiative Damping at time (t) is the product of the Radiative Damping Coefficient and the difference between the average surface temperature of the earth at time (t) and that in force at the benchmark time  $(t_0)$ .

#### **Sub-sections of the Core**



- The value of the Anthropogenic Forcing at time (t) is the net effect of all anthropogenic drivers of climate change.
- Forcings are measured in w.m<sup>-2</sup> as change from the zero value at the benchmark of time  $(t_0)$ .
- The full set comprises the following:
  - 1. Forcing caused by increase in the atmospheric concentration of each of the greenhouse gases.
  - 2. Forcing caused by change in land use resulting in change in Albedo.
  - 3. Forcing caused by atmospheric particulates & contrails.



#### **Sub-sections of the Core**



- The value of the Consequential Feedback at time (t) is the net effect of the set of all feedback mechanisms.
- Feedback effects are measured in w.m<sup>-2</sup> as change from the zero value at the benchmark of time  $(t_0)$ .
- The full set of feedbacks can be categorised as follows:
  - 1. Feedbacks driven by change in concentration of specific GHGs
  - 2. Feedbacks driven directly by change in Temperature
  - 3. Hybrid feedbacks driven by a combination of the above
  - 4. Feedbacks dependent on phase-change mechanisms









#### The Fundamental Equation



#### 1: Net Radiative Imbalance over Time



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#### 2: Rate of Change of Temperature over Time

Measured in <sup>o</sup>K per year

Obtained from product of NRI and Global Thermal Inertia Coefficient 0



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#### 3: Change in Global Temperature over Time

Measured in <sup>o</sup>K

Obtained from integral of Graph 2



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## Risk Management for

## **Catastrophic Risk**







# Climate Stabilisation

## Strategic Imperative for Tomorrow's World

Climate Stabilisation

## Return the Energy Imbalance to Zero

### Like This



### Towards an Effective Strategy for Climate Stabilisation





Climate Change

### Imperative to move: beyond a low carbon economy

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Imperative to move: beyond a low carbon economy through zero carbon economy to a carbon draw-down economy At a Global level In the shortest possible time

CO<sub>2</sub> emitting fossil fuel is an energy source whose time is over

# Change from treating it as a scarce resource with high value

To an eco-toxin to be removed as quickly as possible!
Fossil Fuel Emissions: Build-up of Eco-Toxin

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BAU





### **Metamorphosis**



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Carbon based energy squeezed out

Increasing penalty for emissions from fossil fuels

> Renewable energy emergent

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Relative energy —

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#### Increasing rewards for removal of atmospheric co<sub>2</sub>

Renewable energy emergent



# Part 2:

Social Dynamics and the Application of Complexity



### geo Sphere

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## ANTHROPO-SPHERE

#### A Matrix of co-evolutionary sub-systems



With an array of non-linear feedbacks between all elements













# Worst Case Scenario Is entered by passing

## The Point of No Return: the Critical Threshold at the Convergence of Complex Systems.



Worst Case Scenario Is accelerated by: Collapse of Resilience Worst Case Scenario Is accelerated by: Collapse of Resilience Economic implosion



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> **Emergent Global Psychosis**

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> Project evil, Attack, War on Terror, Good v Evil, Destroy, Annihilate, Armageddon
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# There now exists a State of Planetary

Emergency







## Parable for our Time



#### "Failure is not an option"

Gene Kranz Apollo 13: Mission Controller



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## Declaring the State of Planetary Emergency

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## **Engaging** the State of Planetary Emergency

















## Cellular Growth








































 

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## cellular Growth and Replication

## A. New Start



















## cellular Growth and Replication **B.** Budding





















## cellular Growth and Replication C. Pairing


























## Growth profile of Biological System of Replicating Cells

Year	Population
0.0	1
0.5	3
1.0	9
1.5	27
2.0	81
2.5	243
3.0	729
3.5	2187
4.0	6561
4.5	19683
5.0	59049
5.5	177147
6.0	531441
6.5	1594323
7.0	4782969
7.5	14348907
8.0	43046721
8.5	129140163
9.0	387420489
9.5	1162261467
10.0	3486784401







Now is the Line for all people to come to the aid of the planet



# MERDIAN CONGRESS

Exploring the Psychodynamics of Complexity

### The Congress starts with a 3x3 Consultancy Training Matrix Lasting three days



This is Followed by a five-day event with a further seventy-two places





Twenty-seven Triads are formed, with not more than one Consultant in each



Each Triad works with two other Triads to form Nine 3x3 Matrix cells with one Consultant per cell



For the Complexity Event one person from each sector works with one person from each of two other sectors forming inter-sector Triads



Inter-sector Triads also explore Relationships with each other



All members also work together as a large group with six consultants



The Congress concludes with a further 3x3 Consultancy Training and Review Matrix Lasting two days

