

complexity is context dependant. communication. 'WHY DOES COMPLEXITY OCCUR IN DESIGN?' design context can impact complexity. not creative enough: design should simplify rather than make more complex.

culture People interrelation between process + product not one "correct" result or design process

designers designing complex products with no understanding of design process. design needs to be complex what we design is changing/dynamic. number of stakeholders. stakeholders at various levels.

problems more complicated "Products" are more complicated need to be more complex. don't design complexity into design - by product pattern understanding - can enable.

non-standard parts is complexity increasing "learning from past" design encourages pushing boundaries

complex science needs to understand design better. Complexity pushes design forward. Human / Artefact / sub systems.

need a level complex artefact require richness. design is seen as problem solving activity 'in other areas that were never intended

artefacts processes environment organisation - needs to be able to capability to handle processes

inability to handle / deal with processes. emergence.

# 'HOW CAN WE MANAGE COMPLEXITY IN DESIGN MORE EFFECTIVELY?'

patterns recognitions 4% software used  
decrease constraints. Capability Maturity Model.  
remove regulation. but may become more complex.  
CMM

optimise constraints. Requirement/spec  
eliminate complex

alter system boundary Self Organisation  
learning Adaptive Systems  
IT infrastructure Autonomy.

generate more information - teams getting bigger

emergence - prediction

design rational.

holism

more efficient communication

design strategies.

Coordination - understand relationships

Theory(s) of management?

System Eng Life Cycle

## KEY ISSUES + THEMES

- <sup>reducing</sup> ~~Fighting~~ <sup>managemt</sup> complexity v's embracing complexity.  
Where is optimal point?
- complexity v's creativity.
- ~~an~~ engineering emergence.
- identifying and <sup>anticipating</sup> estimating/predicting/measuring.  
~~simple~~ factors causing complexity.  
(relationships amongst)  
(comprehend relationships between individual elements.)
- Holistic design. ← <sup>rather than</sup> designing elements.

OPPORTUNITIES + CHALLENGES  
GROUP ONE

STRENGTHS

existing body of knowledge:

- complexity
- management
- design (processes, methods/tools)
- methodologies (e.g simulation)

diversity

WEAKNESSES

management theory  
complexity theory of manag.  
theory of design / across domain

OPPORTUNITIES

- to extend existing body of knowledge
- disseminate knowledge between  $\times$  domains (complexity design)
- notions like creativity, holistic design are common in diff. clusters  $\rightarrow$  opp. for collaboration
- strategies for industrial apps

THREATS

Be sidetracked in design definition  
diversity! / different objects of design  
different disciplines  
Managing the scope / focus  
Not to have deliverables



OPPORTUNITIES + CHALLENGES  
GROUP TWO

STRENGTHS

Complexity has gone critical  
Engineering emergence is  
powerful new idea

WEAKNESSES

Communicating ideas ✱  
Comprehension gap  
Oversimplification  
Hype & nonsense

OPPORTUNITIES

CS science can make a  
contribution across the  
design disciplines

Understanding frees  
creativity

CS science ⇒ design <sup>new & better</sup>  
"joined up things"

Embracing complexity

THREATS

Complexity creates greater  
complexity

Complex projects shifle creativity

Disfunctional management.



KEY PRIORITIES + STRATEGY  
GROUP 1

ENGINEERING EMERGENCE - HOLISTIC DESIGN.

emergence must be in multilevel systems.

bottom-up generation (e.g. shape grammars)

top-down, from properties to parts & assembly

automated reductionism (Pattern Recognition)  
Cognition

holism - system - environment boundary

Research should be in empirical context  
Sufficiently complex to carry the theory

KEY PRIORITIES + STRATEGY  
GROUP 2

COMPLEXITY VS CREATIVITY

- DISCUSS WITH CREATIVITY CLUSTERS POSS. ARRANGE MEETING.
- MORE BRAINSTORMING IN THIS AREA REQUIRED. TO SCOPE VARIETY OF PROJECTS.

IDENTIFYING FACTORS CAUSING COMPLEXITY + UNDERSTANDING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THEM.

- OPPORTUNITIES IN AREA OF MEASURING COMPLEXITY NOT MUCH.  
WORK IN THIS AREA.
- IDENTIFY ~~AN~~ OTHER DOMAINS WHERE COMPLEXITY HAS BEEN MEASURED  
IE SOFTWARE DESIGN
- ← IDENTIFY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.
- ← CASE STUDIES (IDENTIFY)
- ORGANISE MEETING / <sup>EVENT</sup> ON MEASURING COMPLEXITY
- VALIDATION OF FRAMEWORK(S) FOR MEASURING COMPLEXITY WITH INDUSTRY.
- ← INDUSTRIAL INVOLVEMENT KEY IDENTIFY POTENTIAL PARTNERS
- ← SCOPE PROJECT ?!

MAY RELATE THIS TO THIS PROJECT. IE ONCE WE CAN MEASURE COMPLEXITY WE LOOK AT HOW THIS RELATES TO CREATIVITY I.E CAN WE MEASURE ~~GO~~ CREATIVITY + COMPARE.