

It explains	It helps	Thinking paradigms / practitioners' objectives
X	X	<p>Linear (<i>from cause to effect</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To find the laws which link effects to causes - To identify interesting causes which generate interesting effects - To forge effective / efficient causes to obtain the desired effects
X	X	<p>Systemic (<i>the effect feeds back into the cause; systems have states; systems may reach eventually an equilibrium</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To find the laws which describe the behavior of the feedback loops, with specific focus on stability - To find the laws which describe the behavior of systems, as a function of inputs and states - To describe a system in terms of feedback loops, states, transfer functions - To design systems which exhibit the desired behavior
X		<p>Complex (<i>everything feeds back into everything else; of innumerable feedback loops, the majority is intrinsically unstable</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To find the general laws which rule the system as a whole (chaos, order, life); to identify possible "attractors" - To spot when a real system exhibits a "normal" or a "complex" behavior, and to adjust the analysis paradigm accordingly
	X	<p>"Synthetic" (<i>everyone holds just a partial model of the laws which rule the system behavior</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To reach in a joint effort with others -- with tenacity, energy and hard work -- a shared, comprehensive, effective viewpoint
	X	<p>Simple (<i>reality is one; to live is to search</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To reach awareness and enlightenment, personally and/or in relationship with others