

COMPLEX DYNAMICAL SYSTEMS

A SERIES OF TEN
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SERIES OUTLINE

1. Nov 2, Intro: Epiphany, What, Why, How
2. Nov 9, Grs. K, 1: Dynamical Systems (DS)
3. Nov 16, Grs 2, 3, 4: Complex Dyn Sys (CDS)
4. Nov 21, Grs 5, 6, 7, 8: NetLogo CDS Models
5. Dec 7, Grs 9, 10, 11: NetLogo CDS Models

LEC. 1: INTRODUCTION

- ✻ A. My epiphany of the miracle year, 1972.
- ✻ B. WHAT: Systems thinking, General systems theory, cybernetics, system dynamics, and complex dynamical systems (CDS).
- ✻ C. WHY: The Spiral and World Cultural History as systems, systems thinking to understand the future.
- ✻ D. HOW: Foregrounding the systems of each grade with NetLogo (needs participation).

LEC. 2: DYNAMICAL SYS.

- ✻ A. Stairway 2 Chaos
- ✻ B. Attractors, Basins, and Separatrices
- ✻ C. Schemes and Bifurcations
- ✻ D. Animated Examples










STAIRWAY TO CHAOS

☼ Yellow:

☼ First chaos for flows

☼ For cascades

☼ For iterations

Dimension	1	2	3
Flows			
Cascades			
Iterations			

The Stairway to Chaos

LEC. 3: COMPLEX DS

- ✱ Grade K: Logistic, Period doubling bifurcation
- ✱ Grade 1: Van der Pol, Hopf bifurcation
- ✱ Grade 2: Daisyworld (CDS)
- ✱ Grade 3: Wolves and sheep
- ✱ Grade 4: Rabbits, grass, and weeds

Systems Thread Map
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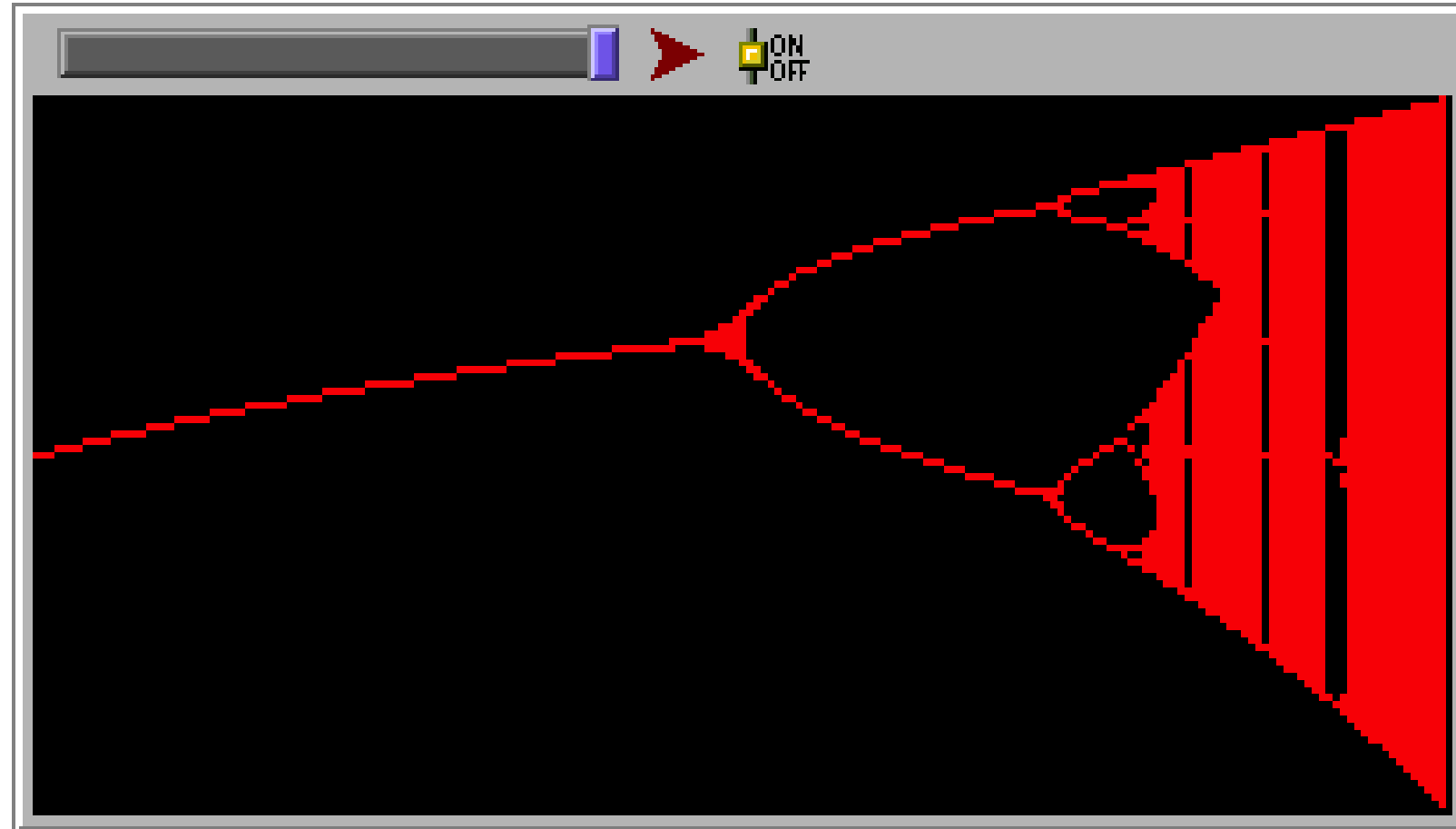
	Description from Bill's notes FROM ORIGINAL DOC, 2000	Ralph's Notes (NetLogo Models)
Kindergarten The Division of Unity	CREATION, VAST ELEMENTAL FORCES Creation myths; <i>Enuma Elish</i> , Genesis 3, Singularity of the Big Bang, Dyadic cycle of light and dark; Spectrum of Colors, Child	Logistic family
Grade 1 Patterns	PATTERNS IN NATURE AND ART The Dyadic System; Creator and Creatures, Earth and Sky, Sun and Moon, Night and Day Parents	Logistic family, period doubling bifurcations Van der Pol family, Hopf bifurcation
Grade 2 Systems	COHERENT WORLD SYSTEMS Patterns in motion; Pulse of life; high tide/low tide; weather—sun & rain, clouds in the sky; light and leaves, flowers, Solar System I	Daisyworld (NetLogo)
Grade 3 Human Systems	HUMAN BODY, HUNTING BAND Shelter, Ice Age Art (Venus of Lespugue), Musical Scales in Ice age flutes; Culture/ Nature; Human Trade; Gathering/foraging; The Market 1, the Family, Shamanism	Wolf-Sheep (NetLogo SD)
Grade 4 Agricultural Systems	EARLY NEOLITHIC SOCIAL SYSTEMS 2,000,000 to 10,000 BCE From nomadic transhumance and foraging to Agriculture; Ceremonial Centers, Shift from Shamanism to religion; Human Trade, The Market II, Farm	Rabbits-Grass-Weeds (NetLogo)

GRADE K: THE DIVISION OF UNITY

LOGISTIC SCHEME:
PERIOD DOUBLING
BIFURCATION
(DYNAMICAL SCHEME)

$u = 1$

$u = 0$



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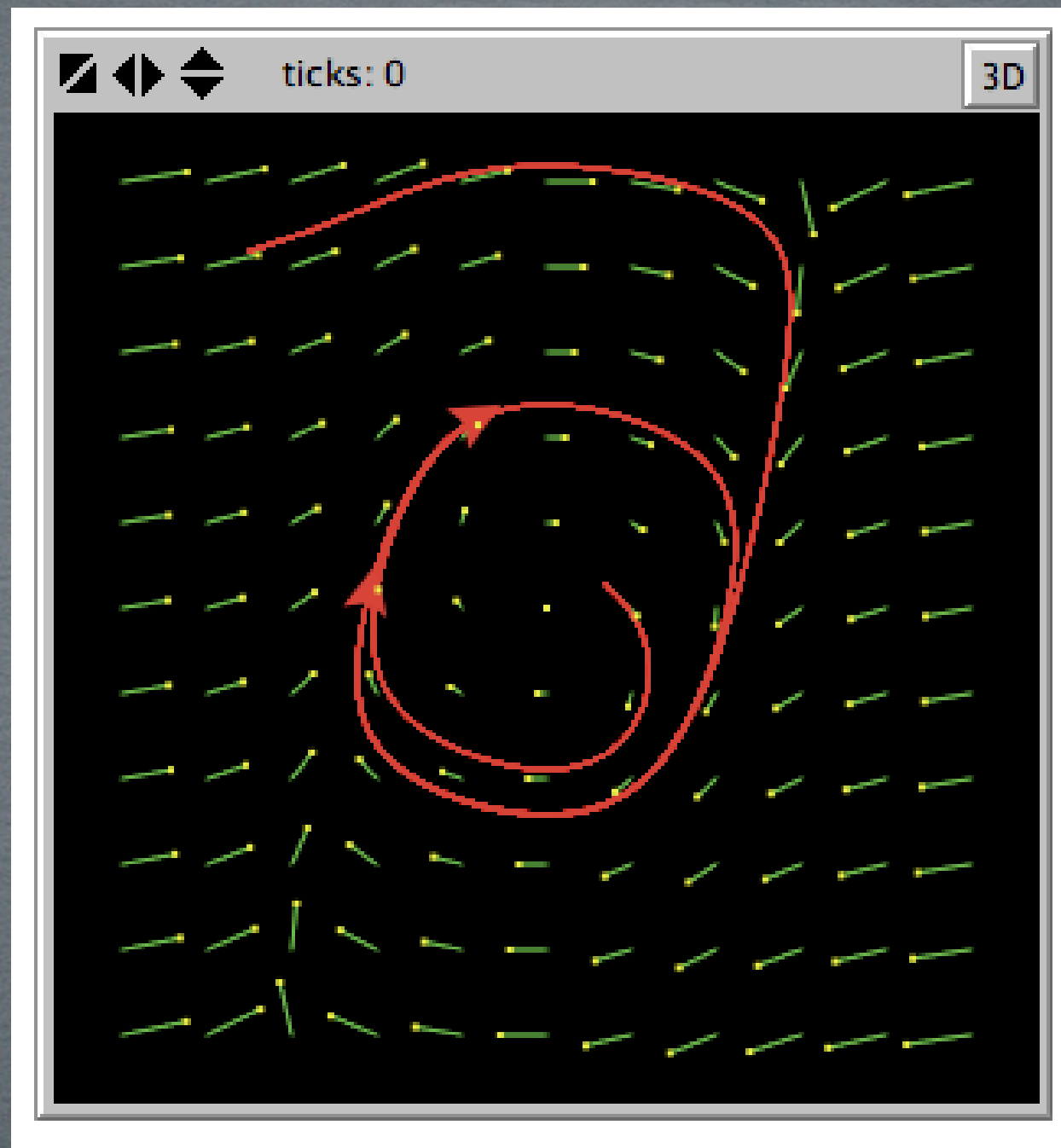
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LOGISTIC RESPONSE

GRADE 1: PATTERNS

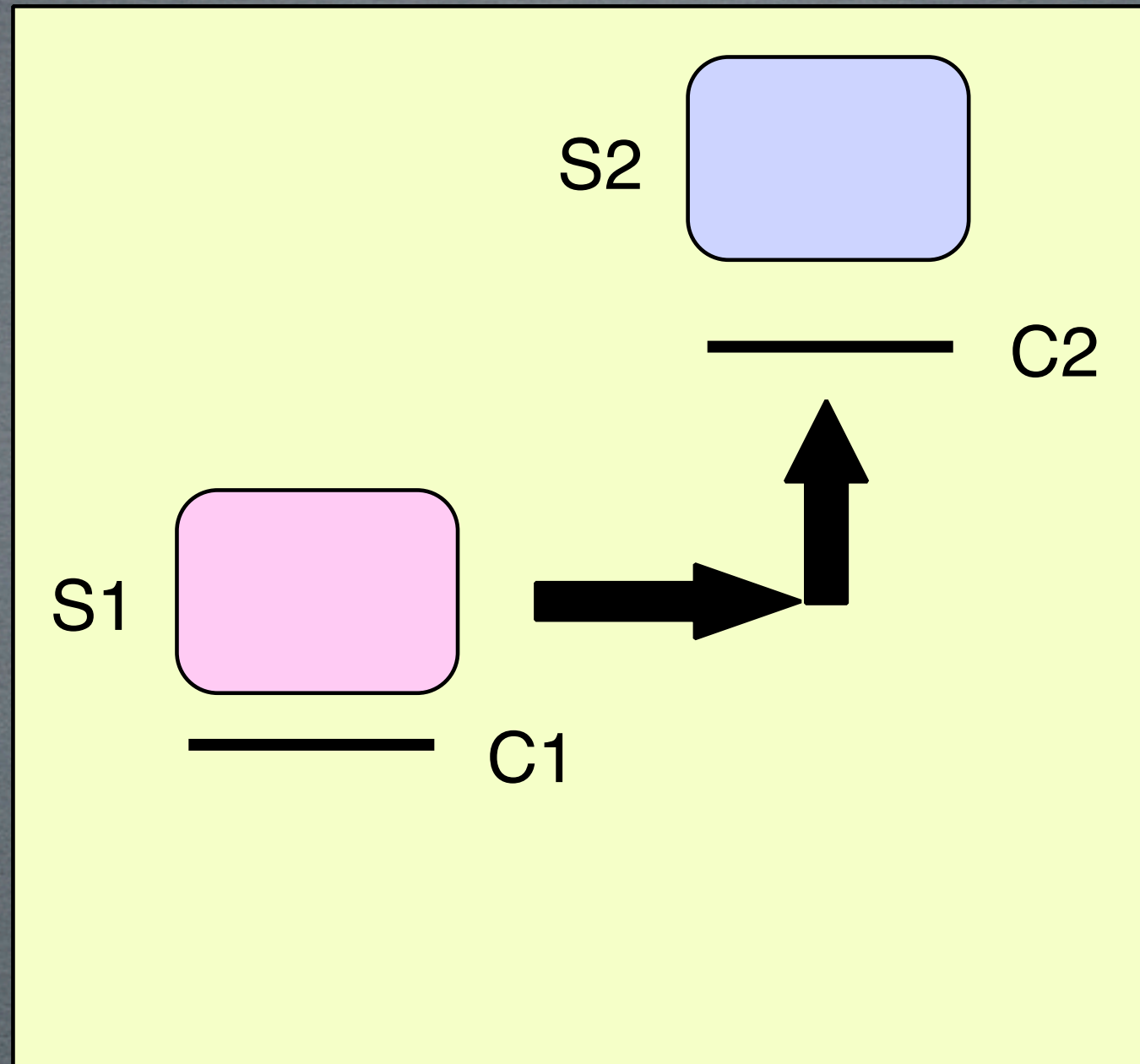
VAN DER POL SCHEME:
HOPF BIFURCATION



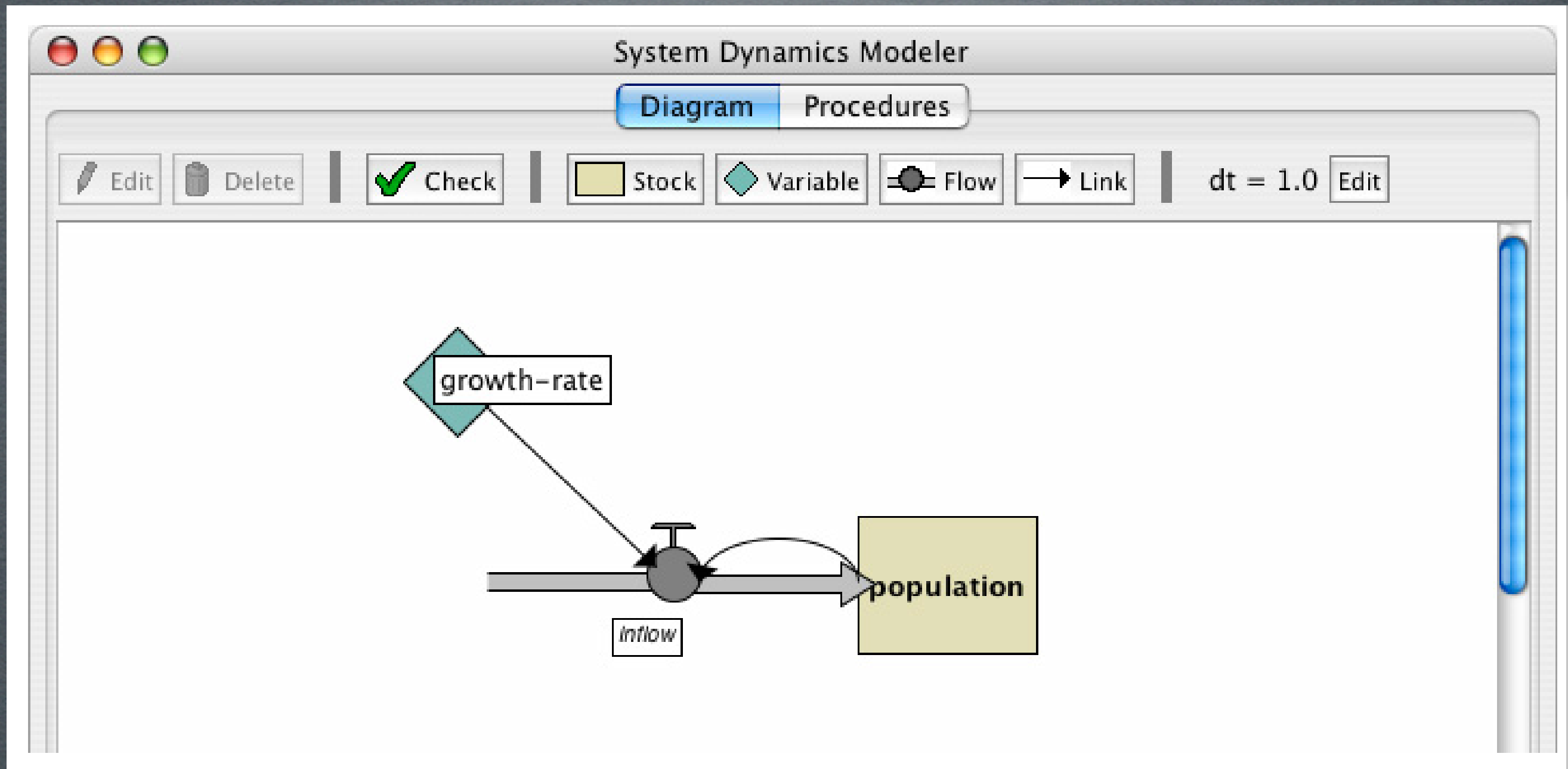
PERIODIC ATTRACTOR

GRADE 2: SYSTEMS

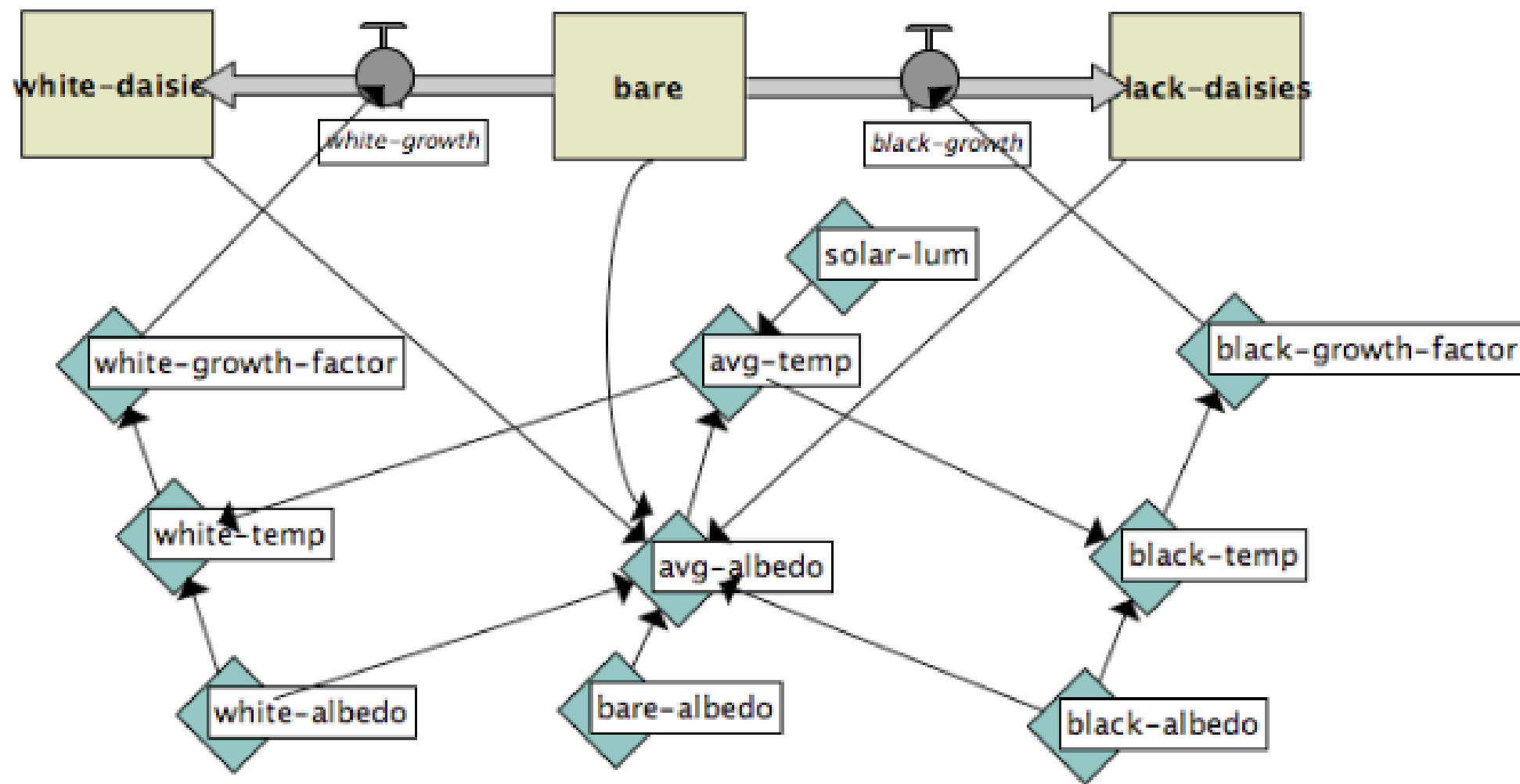
DAISYWORLD (CDS)



CDS LINK

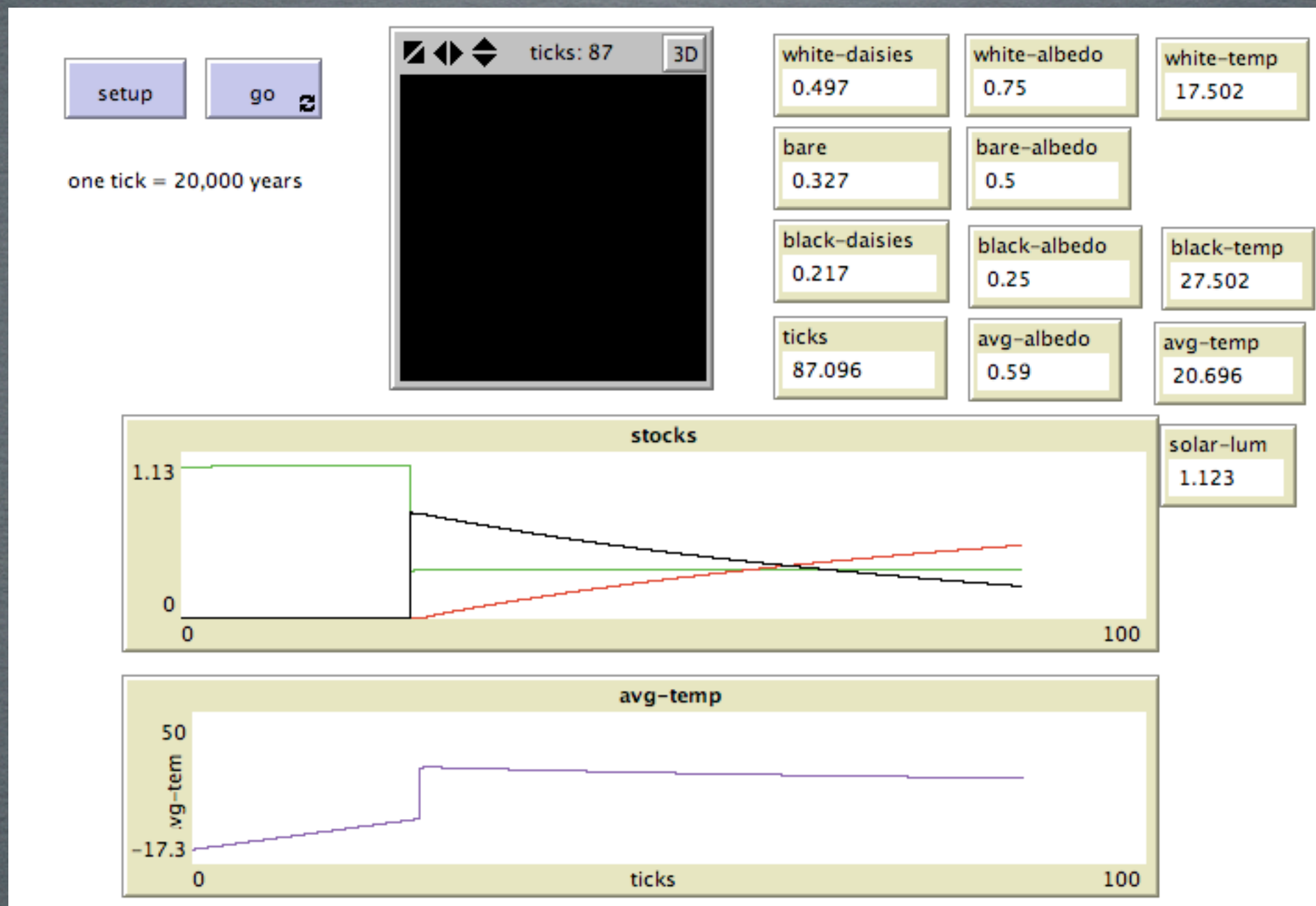


A NODE, SD STYLE



DAISYWORLD DIAGRAM

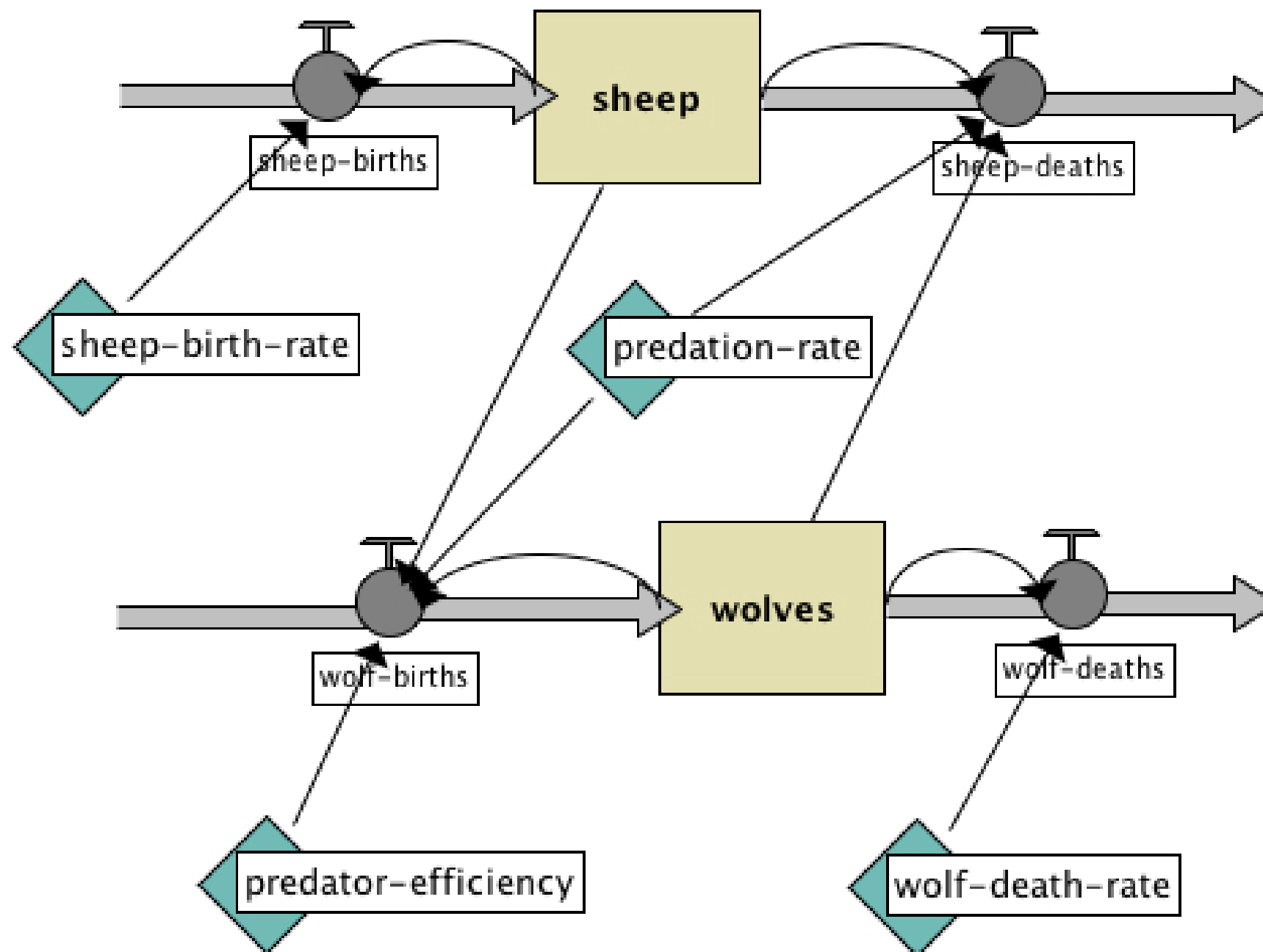
SYSTEM DYNAMICS



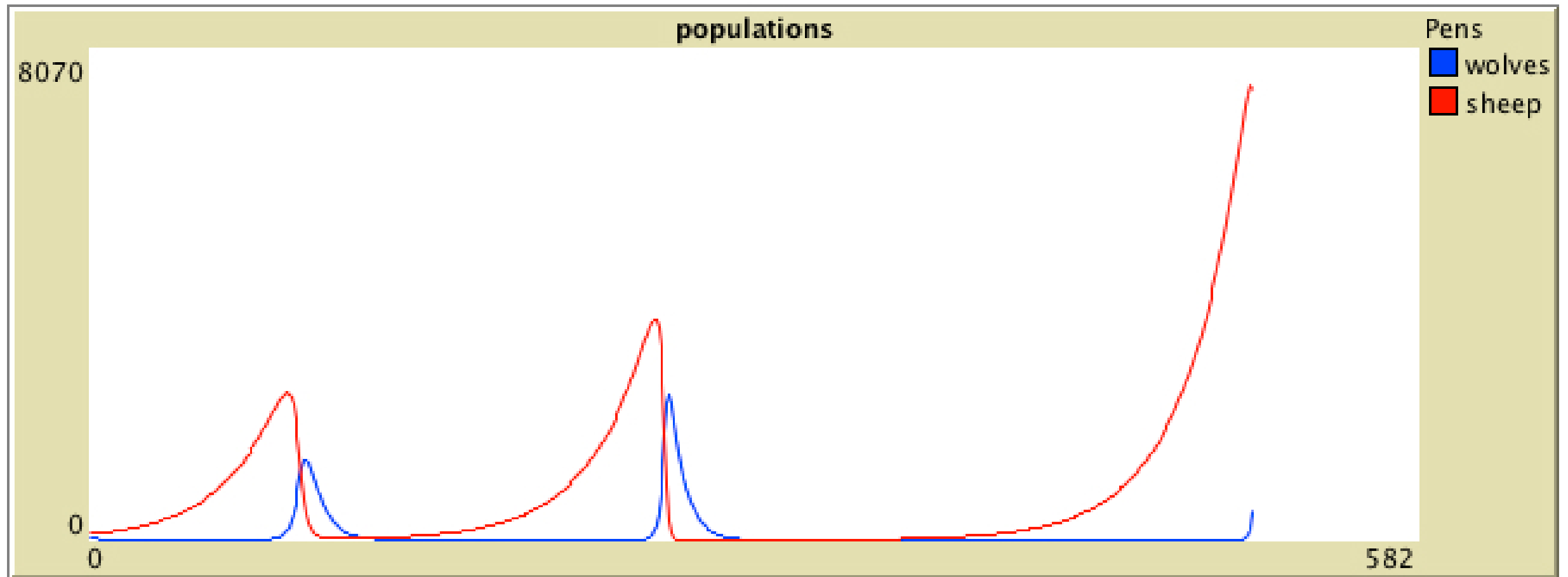
DAISYWORLD NETLOGO GUI

GRADE 3: HUNTING BAND

WOLF-SHEEP
PREDATOR-PREY



NETLOGO SD MODEL



PERIODIC ATTRACTOR

HOMework #3 (DO 1)

- ✻ Adapt the Daisyworld model:
www.vismath.org/research/gaia/
to a system from Grade 2.
(Adapt means -- interpret the nodes and links.)
- ✻ Adapt the NetLogo Wolf-Sheep model to a system from Grade 3.
- ✻ Adapt the NetLogo Rabbits-Grass-Weeds model to a system from Grade 4.

END OF LECTURE
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