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Changes in Complex Adaptive Systems: The Role of External Influences

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The scientific background of this Special Issue lies in examining the processes within complex systems that are capable of change, such as adaptation and learning, particularly in response to external influences, disturbances, noise, perturbations, and even deliberate external interventions. Since complexity is intrinsically linked to the occurrence of emergence processes, understood as the acquisition of properties such as coherence and correlations in collective behaviors and ecosystems, it is a matter of identifying approaches capable of influencing it to the point—in extreme cases—of inducing or even deactivating it. This applies to all types of complex systems, including biological, economic, medical, physical, and social systems.

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