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- Different organizational **needs**
- Organizations as open systems
- The process of **adapting** organizations to **environment**
- Organizational life cycles
- The factors influencing organizational health & development
- Different **species** of organization
- Relation between species & their ecology

survival

organization \_environment relation

organizational effectiveness

### **Discovering organizational needs**

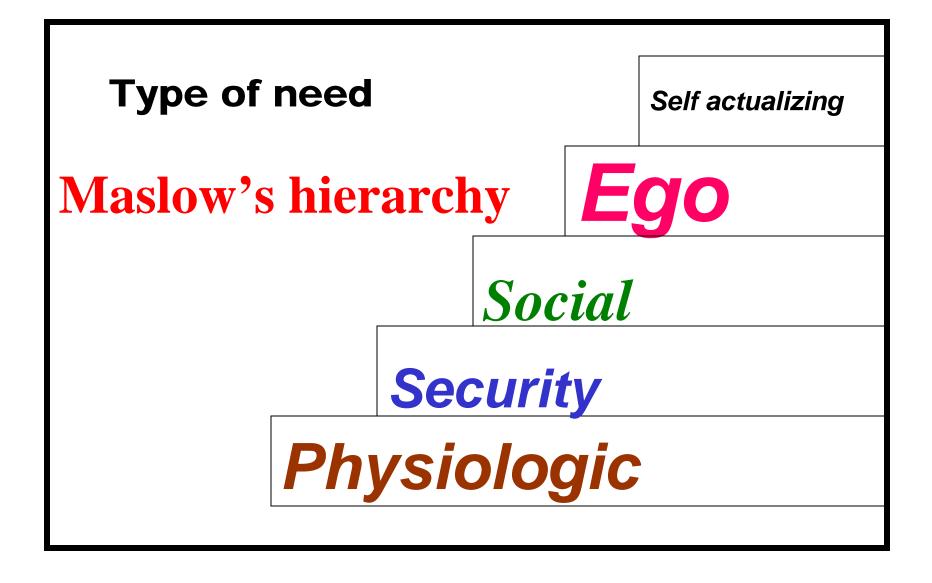
Employees —— satisfied —— perform effectively in the workspace lead full healthy lives

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### Chris Argyris, Frederich Herzberg & Douglas McGregor

redesigning to create conditions for personal growth

#### to

achieve organization's aims & objectives

#### more participate democratic employee\_centered style of leadership

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### Recognizing the importance of environment:

### organizations as **Open Systems** To be **Open** to their <u>environment</u>

must achieve an <u>appropriate relation</u> with the <u>environment</u>

for



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### **Open Systems concepts**

- 1: The concept of an "open system" /
- 2: Homeostasis
- **3: Equifinality**
- 4: Structure, function, differentiation, & integration
- 5: Entropy & negative entropy
- 6: Requisite variety
- 7: System evolution

"Open system" approach:

**1.Emphasis on the environment in which organizations exist** 

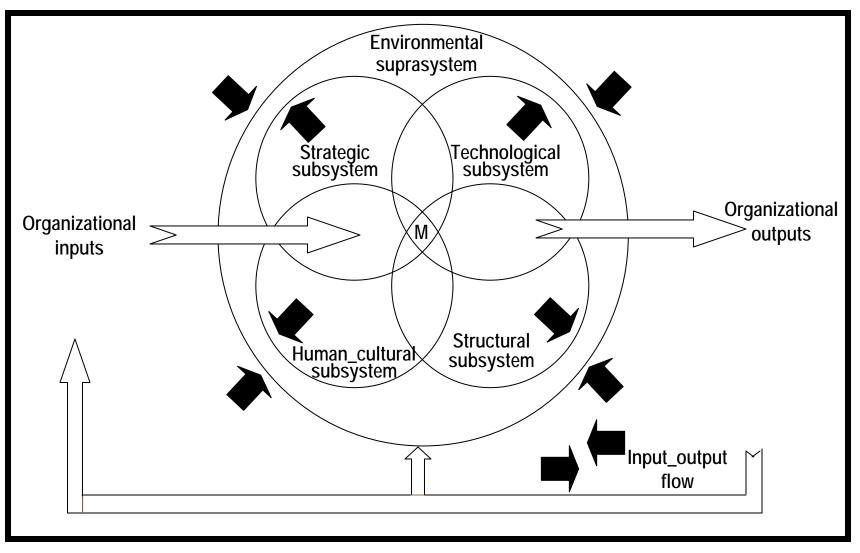
2.Defines an organization in terms of interrelated subsystem

3.Establishes congruencies between different system:

&

identifies & eliminates potential dysfunctions

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#### **Organization** as a set of **Independent Subsystem**

### **Contingency theory:**

adapting organization to environment

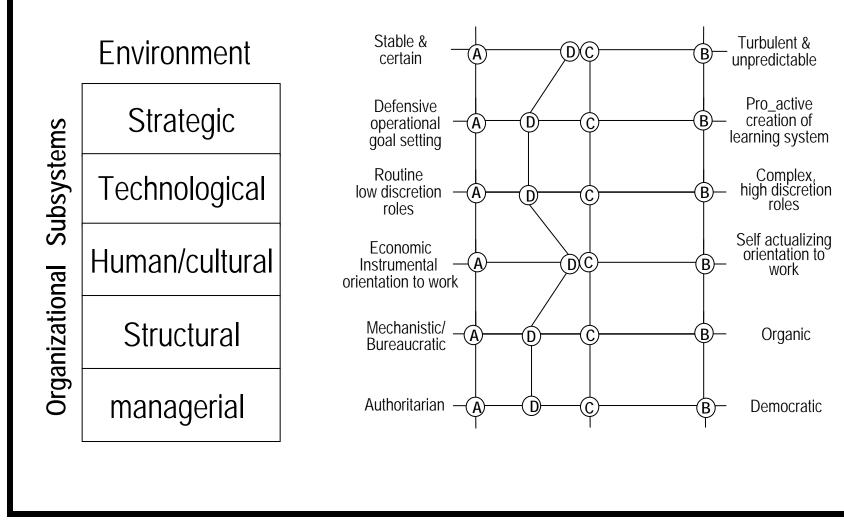
### Organizations are open systems careful management for satisfying & balancing internal needs & adapting to environment There is no one best way of organizing It depends on the task & environment

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# Organizational health & development

Identifying organizational characteristics & determining compatibility between different elements:

- **1.** What is the nature of the organizations environment ?
- 2.What kind of strategy is being employed ?
- **3.What kind of technology is being used ?**
- 4.What kind of people are employed & what is dominant culture or ethos within the organization ?
- 5.How is the organizational structure & what are the dominant managerial philosophies ?



Congruence & Incongruence between organizational subsystems

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# **Natural selection:** the **population Ecology** view of

organizations

The way environments "select" organizations

by analysis at the level of "populations" of Organizations

and their wider "ecology".

Darwin's theory of evolution

Organizations which

1.have too much flexibility & power

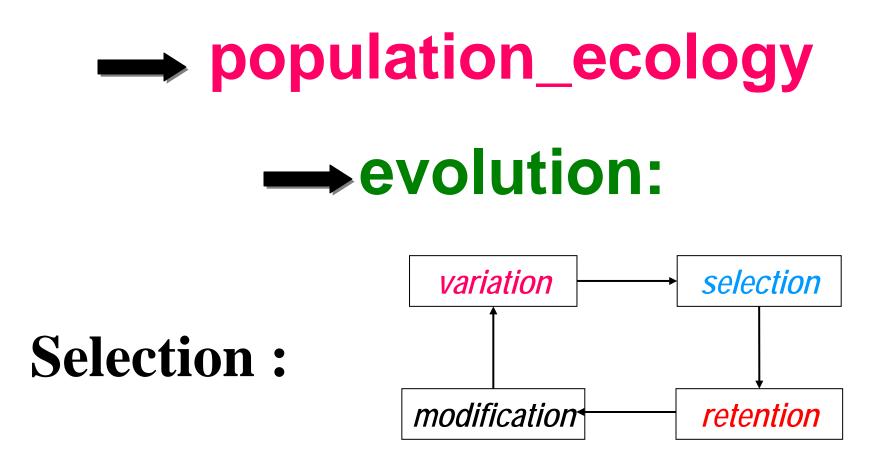
2. environment has a little force in their survival

can adapt to their environment

Natural selection

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It depends on there being variation in individual characteristics



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# **Evolutionary dynamics at the level of population:**

- **1.How different species rise & decline in important ?** 
  - 2.Why are there so many different kinds of organizations ?
  - 3.What factors influence their numbers & distribution ?

4.What factors influence a population's ability to acquire or retain a

#### resource niche ? Organizational demography

# **Consequently:**

**1.**Critiquing the adaptation view of

organization

**2.**The importance of the resource

#### limitations

### **3.**The role of successful innovations

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## the total Ecology Organisms don't evolve by adapting to environmental changes or as a result of selecting

## survival of the fitting not just

### survival of the fittest

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# **Consequently**:

**1.**Organizations & their environments are

correction

### **2.**Collaboration is often as common as

#### competition

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