# **Morphological Analysis**



"Essay about the Metamorphosis of Plants", 1790 "Questions of Morphology" 1820

#### Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

"It is necessary to study 2 things:

- morphology, to understand how things work
- mathematics, to be able to think logically"



### Raymond Llull (1232-1315) Ars Magna (Ars Generalis Ultima) developed methods for combinatorial searching of new ideas and objectives trees





## **Peter Behrens**

14 April 1868 – 27 February 1940 German architect and designer

### **Total Synthesis:**

- 1. Object general idea
- 2. Basic components of object
- 3. Components: search of different forms / technique
- 4. Synthesis of combinations





## **Example: designing of the teapot**

Volume	1,5 2,5 5 L		
Material	Copper, brass, galvanized iron, plastic		
Form of bottom	Circle, Ellipse, Octagon		
View of the teapot handle	Braided reeds, wooden		
Method of heating	On an open fire, electric heating		

Number of combinations:













#### design of electric locomotive 1914







Kitchen fans 1911

Intercom 1910

















industrial clock designed by Behrens for AEG in 1909







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**Turbine works:** 

Project of 1912 and in real





## Fritz Zwicky (1898 – 1974)

Was born in Varna (Bulgaria) Graduated from the Technical University in Zurich From 1925 worked in USA

- 1) Method of negative and construction
- 2) Method of systematic covering of the field
- 3) Method of morphological box

## Method of morphological box:

- 1. To identify the problem
- 2. To identify and characterize all the parameters of system that might be used for decision of problem
- 3. To construct a morphological box or
- multidimensional matrix which contains all decisions for given problem
- 4. To analyze carefully all solutions in the morphological box for the goal to be achieved5. To choose and realize the best solutions (if you have necessary funds)

Peter Behrens	Fritz Zwikky
Total Synthesis	Morphological Analysis
Forming of object general idea	To identify the problem
Definition of the basic components of object	To identify and characterize all the parameters of system that might be used for decision of problem
Searching of different forms / technique for components	To construct a morphological box or multidimensional matrix which contains all decisions for given problem
Synthesis of combinations	To analyze carefully all solutions in the morphological box for the goal to be achieved



## **Basic works**

 Zwicky F. Morphological astronomy,- Berlin, 1957.
Zwicky F. Discovery, invention, research through the morphological approach.- Toronto, 1969.
Zwicky F. The morphological approach to discovery, invention, research and construction //New methods of thought and procedure.- Pasadena, 1967.- P.273-297.

#### predicted the appearance of neutron stars

#### Areas of activity

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