

Innovating for Society: The Transformative Impact of Computing in a Data-Driven World



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Pervasive Impact

- We are at the center of an ongoing societal transformation and will be for decades to come.
- Advances in computing, communication and information technologies:
 - Underpin our **economic prosperity and national security**;
 - Serve as a key driver of **U.S. competitiveness** and sustainable **economic growth** in an increasingly global market;
 - **Accelerate the pace of discovery and innovation** in nearly all other fields of inquiry;
 - Are crucial to achieving our major **national and societal priorities**.



Economic Impact of IT

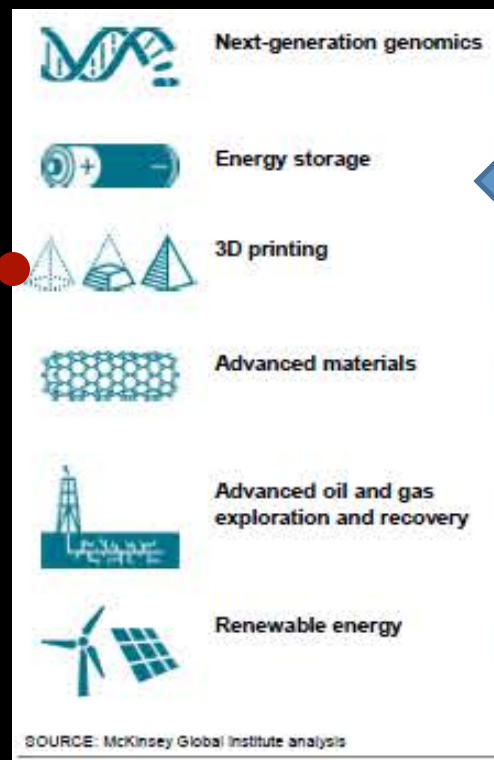
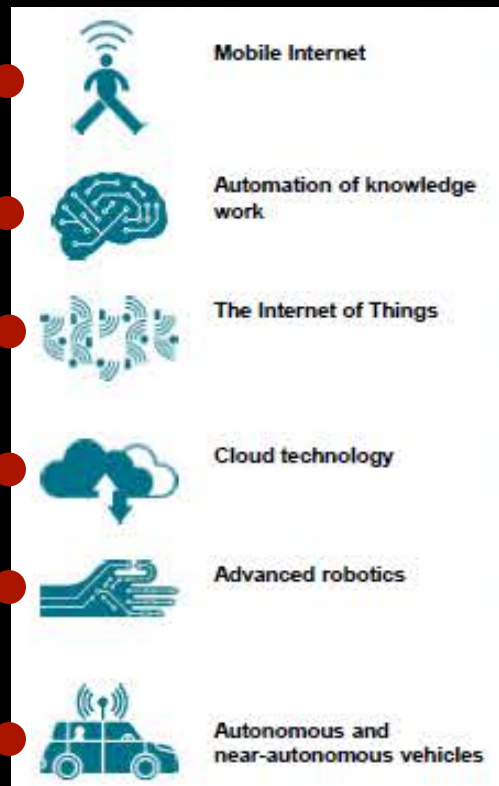
- Growth of IT industry coupled with productivity gains across the entire economy have had enormous impact.
- IT industries accounted for 25% of US economic growth since 1995.
 - In 2010, IT industries grew 16% and contributed 5% to overall US GDP
- Use and production of IT accounted for ~2/3 of the post-1995 growth in labor productivity.
- IT sector generates jobs: IT jobs have grown 125x faster than employment as a whole between 2001 and 2011, and in 2011, IT workers earned 74% more than the average worker.
- IT diversifies regional economies to include idea-driven “creative” industries.



Sources: NRC (2009). *Assessing the Impacts of Changes in the IT R&D Ecosystem*.; NRC (2012). *Continuing Innovation in Information Technology*.; ITIF (2012). *Looking for Jobs? Look to IT in 2010 and Beyond*.

The Future ...

Top twelve economically disruptive technologies (by 2025)



A National Imperative

REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT
AND CONGRESS
DESIGNING A DIGITAL FUTURE:
FEDERALLY FUNDED RESEARCH
AND DEVELOPMENT IN
NETWORKING AND INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY

Executive Office of the President
President's Council of Advisors on
Science and Technology

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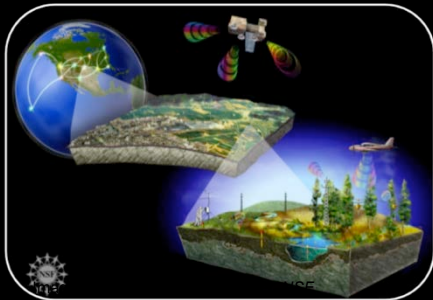
“Recent technological and societal trends place the further advancement and application of networking and information technology squarely at the center of our Nation’s ability to achieve essentially all of our priorities and to address essentially all of our challenges.”

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/pcast-nitrd-report-2010.pdf>

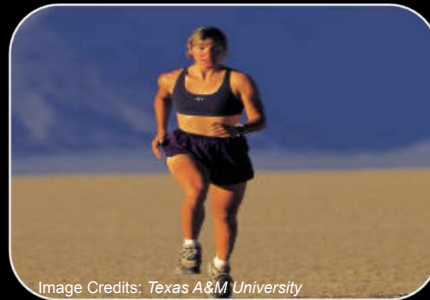
Source: PCAST (2010). Designing a Digital Future: Federally Funded Research and Development in Networking and Information Technology. – A periodic congressionally-mandated review of the Federal Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) Program.



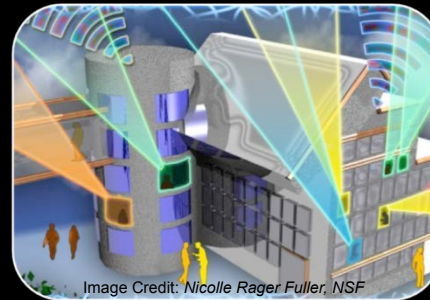
National Priorities



Environment & Sustainability



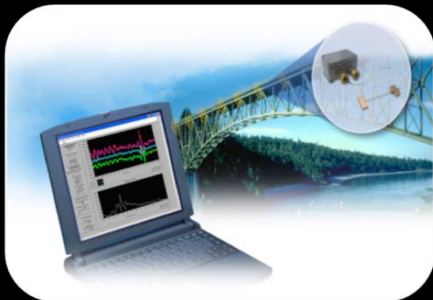
Health & Wellbeing



Universal Access



Emergency Response & Disaster Resiliency



Manufacturing and Automation



Secure Cyberspace



Transportation & Energy



Education and Workforce Development



National Science Foundation's Mission

“To promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; to secure the national defense...”

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Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) Directorate

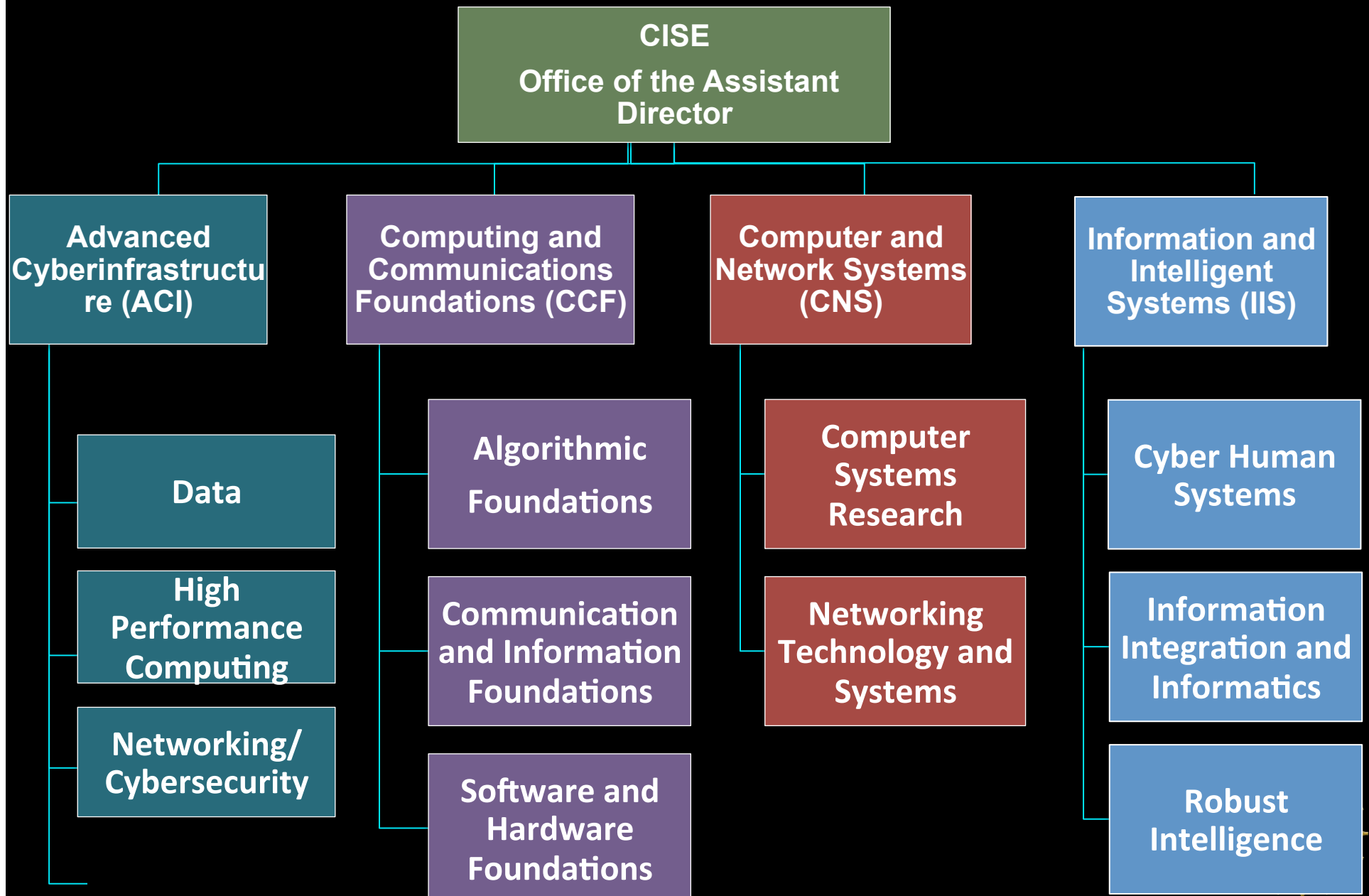
Exploring the frontiers of computing

- Promote progress of computer and information science and engineering research and education, and advance the development and use of cyberinfrastructure.
- Promote understanding of the principles and uses of advanced computer, communications, and information systems in support of societal priorities.
- Contribute to universal, transparent and affordable participation in a knowledge-based society.

These frontiers have interfaces with all the sciences, engineering, education and humanities and a strong emphasis on innovation for society.

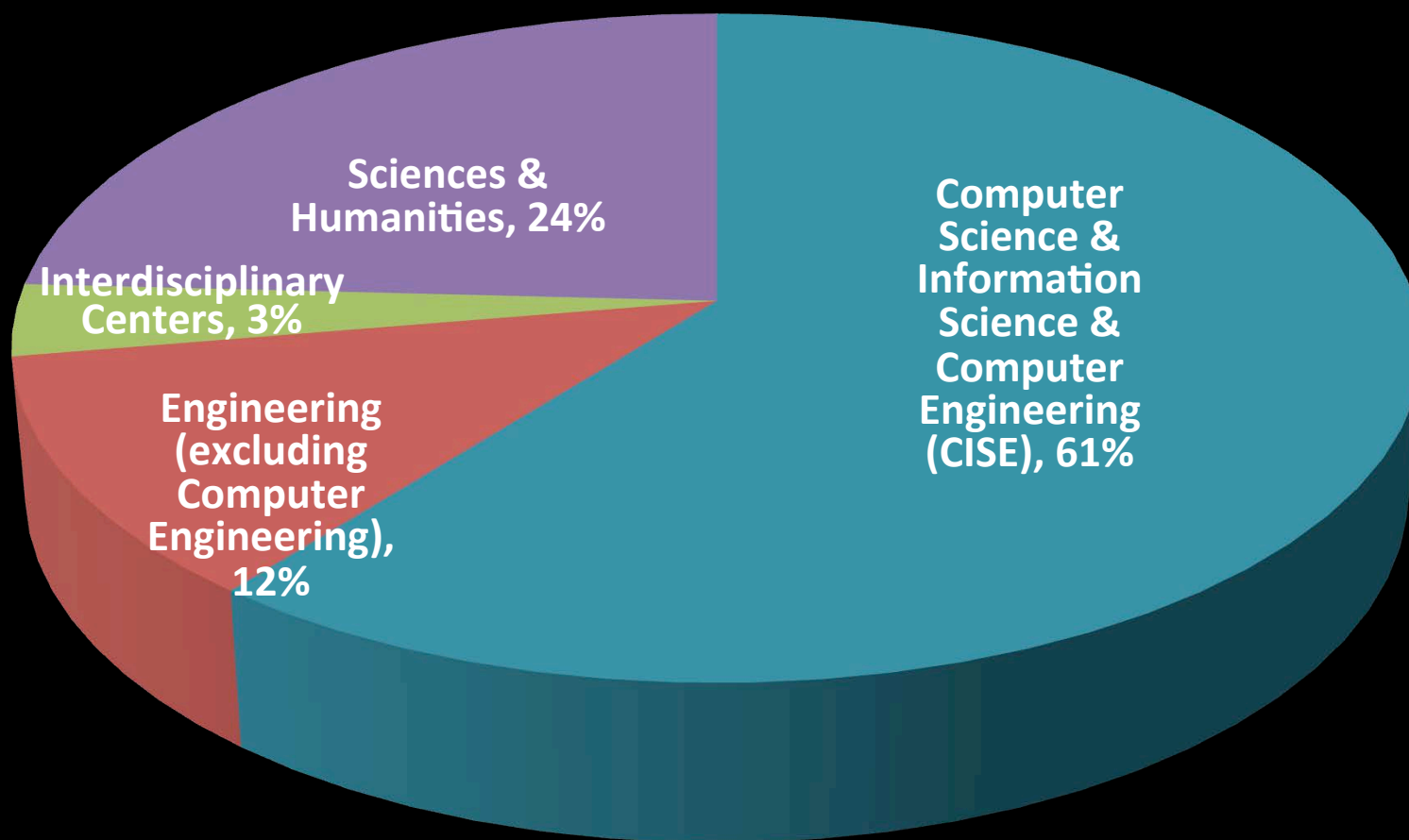


CISE Divisions and Core Research Areas



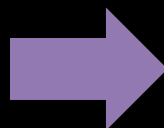
Who is the CISE Community?

PI and Co-PI Departments for FY 2013 Awards Funded by CISE



Snapshot of CISE FY 2013 Activities

	CISE
Research Budget	\$858M
Number of Proposals	7,821
Number of Awards	1,616
Success Rate	~21%
Average Annualized Award	\$204K
Number of Panels Held	344
Number of People Supported	17,227



	CISE
Senior Researchers	6,652
Other Professionals	1,186
Postdoctoral Associates	475
Graduate Students	6,609
Undergraduate Students	2,305



Budget Process (Brief) Overview



Community Input

- Societies and Academies
- CCC and CRA visioning activities
 - CSTB Studies
- CISE Advisory Committee and Industry
- Workshops and direct engagement of PIs

Internal Deliberation and Negotiation

- within directorate
- cross-foundation
- cross-agency

Administration Priorities

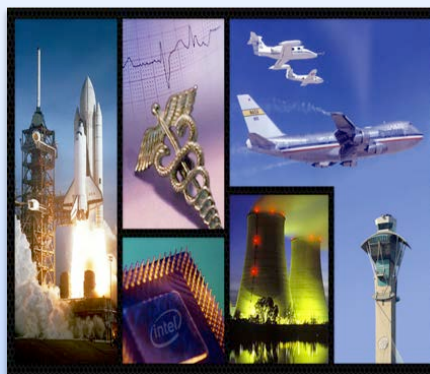
- Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP)
- Office of Management and Budget (OMB)



Emerging Frontiers



Data Explosion



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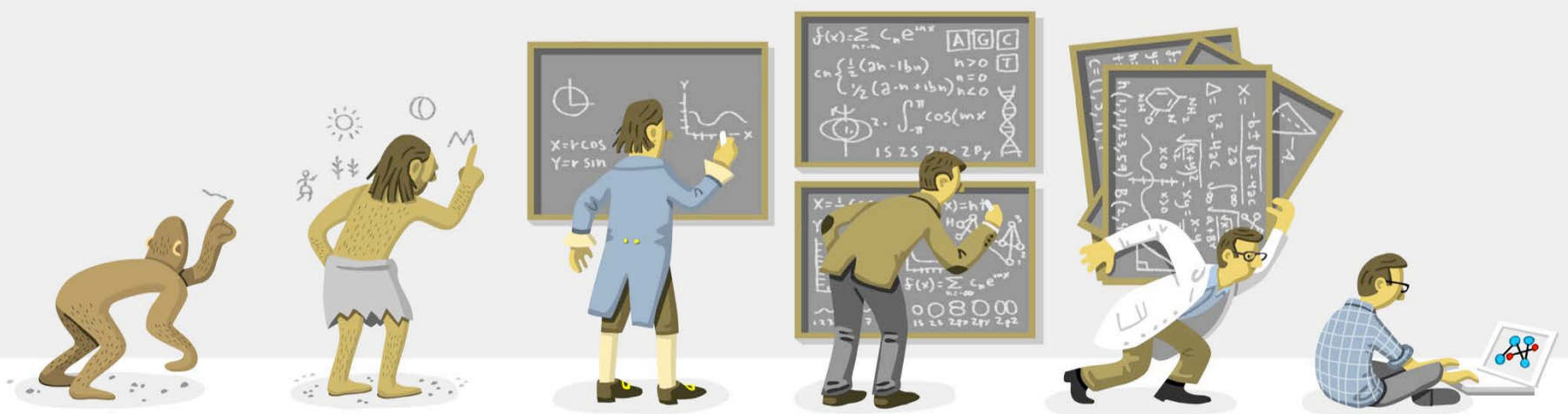
FROM DATA TO KNOWLEDGE TO ACTION

*Data represent a transformative new
currency for science, engineering,
education and commerce.*



Seizing the Big Data Revolution

- **Data Tsunami: Explosive Growth in Size, Complexity, and Data Rates**
 - Enabled by experimental methods, observational studies, scientific instruments, simulations, email, videos, images, click streams, Internet transactions ... and sensors everywhere!
- **The Age of Data: From Data to Knowledge to Action**
 - Widespread use of data to create actionable information leads to timely and more informed decisions and actions.



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*The Fourth Paradigm:
Data-Intensive Scientific
Discovery (2009,
Microsoft Corporation).*

<http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/collaboration/fourthparadigm/>



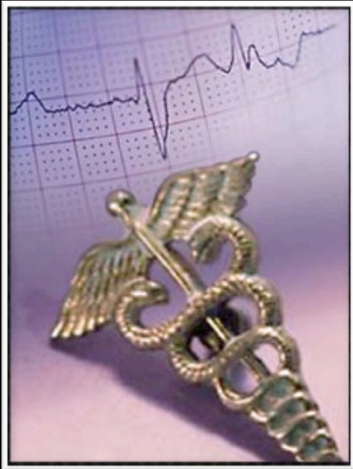
What is possible?

From data to knowledge to discovery by

- Enabling **extraction of knowledge** from very large, heterogeneous data sets
- Providing novel approaches to **driving discovery** and **decision-making**
- Yielding increasingly more **accurate predictions**, potentially saving lives
- Providing deeper understanding of potential **causal connections** based on advanced data analysis



Extracting Knowledge from Data



Classifying Breast Cancers
via Image Analysis

Energy Savings
in the Home



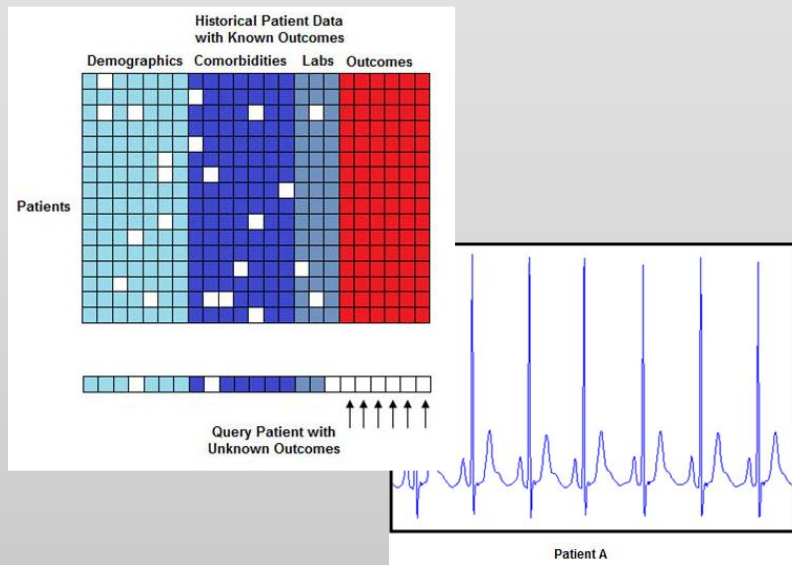
Reducing Traffic Congestion
in Urban Areas



Data at the Forefront of Diagnosis

Predicting Risk of Cardiovascular Death

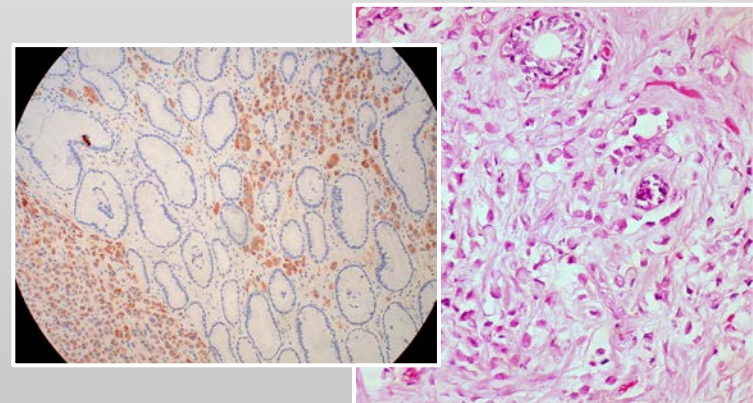
- Applying **data mining and machine learning** techniques to EKGs has identified new “computational biomarkers.”
- These markers can help determine **heart abnormalities and defects**, leading to significant improvement in identifying and treating at-risk patients.



Zeeshan Syed, University of Michigan and John Guttag, MIT

Predicting Survival Time of Breast Cancer Patients

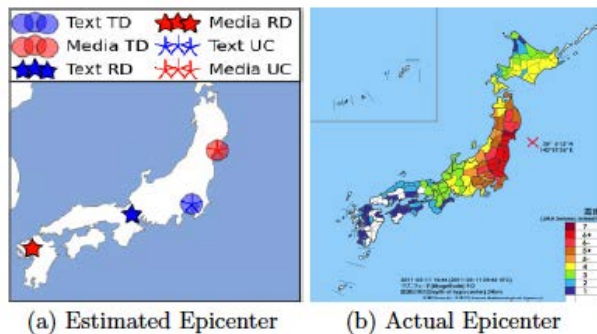
- Applying **image analysis techniques** to breast cancer biopsy images has identified a small subset of cellular features (out of 6,000 possible) predictive of survival time among breast cancer patients.
- This feature set that is the best predictor were not from the cancer tissue itself, but rather from adjacent tissue – something that previously **had gone undetected by pathologists and clinicians**.



Social Media and Big Data

Social Media Provides Rapid Insight into the Extent of Damage Following a Catastrophic Event

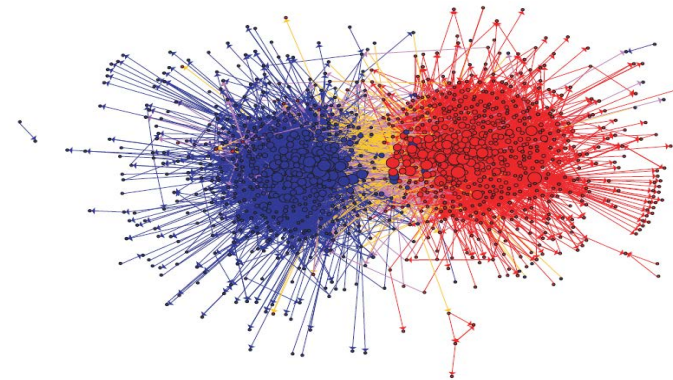
- Researchers at Texas A&M **analyzed and modeled** the spatial coverage of social media following the 2011 Tohoku earthquake in Japan and the 2011 Christchurch earthquake in New Zealand.
- Analyzed tweet density, re-tweet density, and tweet count to estimate the **epicenter** and model **intensity** attenuation of each earthquake.



Yuan Liang, James Caverlee and John Mander, Texas A&M

Understanding Political Communities

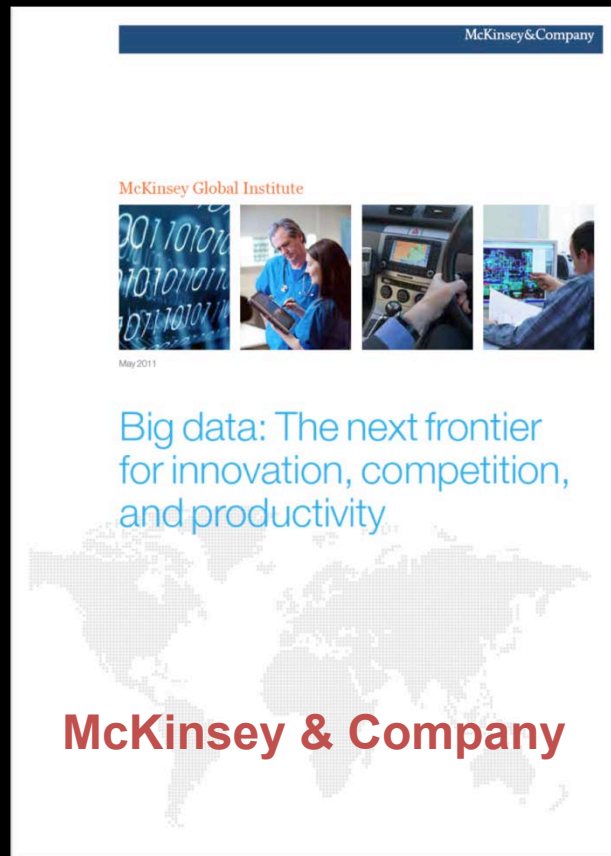
- Measuring the degree of interaction between liberal and conservative blogs uncovered differences in the **structure of the two communities**.
- Found **differences in the behavior** of liberal and conservative blogs, with conservative blogs linking to each other more frequently and in a denser pattern.



From "The Political Blosphere and the 2004 US Election: Divided They Blog" by Lada Adamic and Natalie Glance



Education, Learning, Workforce Development, Computational and Data-enabled Science



“By 2018 the United States alone faces a shortage of 140,000 to 190,000 people with analytical expertise and 1.5 million managers and analysts with the skills to understand and make decisions based on the analysis of big data.”¹

¹McKinsey&Company (May 2011), “Big data: The next frontier for innovation, competition, and productivity.” Available at: http://www.mckinsey.com/Insights/MGI/Research/Technology_and_Innovation/Big_data_The_next_frontier_for_innovation



“Our ability to generate data far exceeds our ability to digest it!”

***Too Big to Ignore: The Business Case
for Big Data***

By Phil Simon

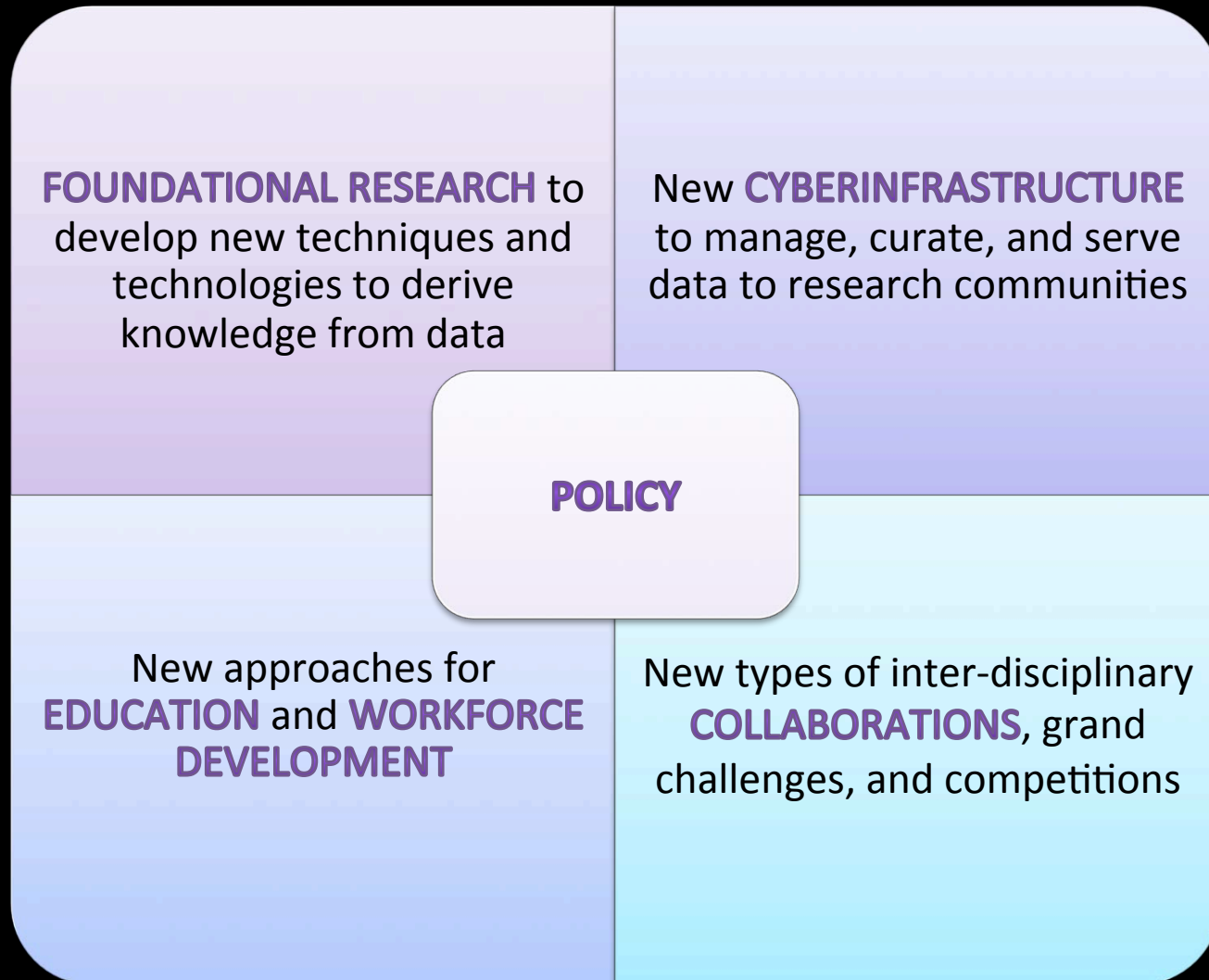


Federal Big Data R&D Initiative

- **Cross-agency “Big Data” Senior Steering Group** – chartered in spring 2011 by OSTP:
 - Co-chaired by NSF and NIH
 - Significant research community input
- **Launched** by OSTP on March 29, 2012
 - **Major Announcements:** NSF, NIH, USGS, DoD, DARPA, DOE
- **Data to Knowledge to Action** event hosted by OSTP November 12, 2013
 - Encouraging **public-private partnerships** across the country



NSF's Big Data Strategy



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Ubiquitous deployment of sensors

The melding of the cyber and physical worlds enables smart systems all around us.



Smart Systems: Sensing, Reasoning, and Decision

Environment Sensing



Emergency Response



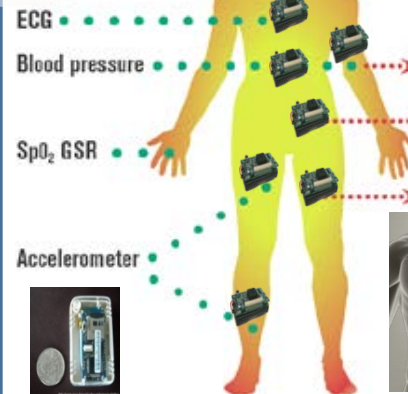
People-Centric Sensing

Social



Informatics

Temperature
light, microphone

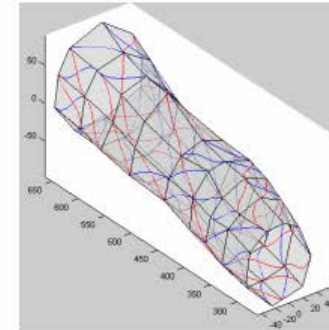
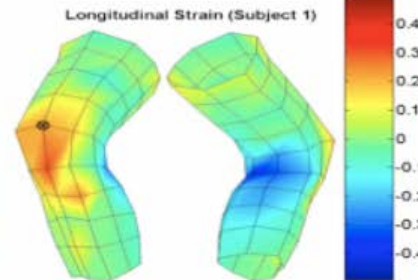


Smart Health Care



Proliferation of Sensors at all Scales

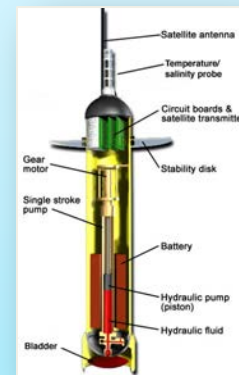
Assistive Medical Technologies: Programmable second skin senses and re-educates injured nervous systems. (Eugene Goldfield, Harvard Medical School)



Autonomous Vehicles: Development of precision and real-time sensors, smart algorithms, and verification tools enabling self-driving cars. (Ragunathan “Raj” Rajkumar, CMU, et al.)



Science and Engineering Across the Oceans: Cyber-enabled ocean-observing networks made possible by more than three decades of float technology research

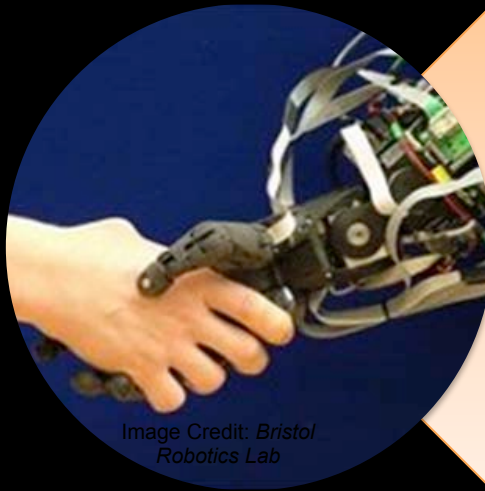


Research to Enable Smart Systems



Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS)

- *Deeply integrate computation, communication, and control into physical systems*
- Aspects of CPS include pervasive computation, sensing and control; networking at multi- and extreme scales; dynamically reorganizing/reconfiguring systems; and high degrees of automation
- Dependable operation with high assurance of reliability, safety, security, and usability



National Robotics Initiative (NRI)

- *Develop the next generation of collaborative robots, or co-robots, that work beside and cooperatively with people*
- A nationally concerted cross-agency effort among NSF, NASA, USDA, and NIH
- Initiative includes aim to understand the long-term social, behavioral, and economic implications
- Potential to enhance personal safety, health, and productivity

Application sectors



Transportation



Energy and Industrial Automation



Health and Medical Care



Critical Infrastructure



The National Robotics Initiative (NRI)

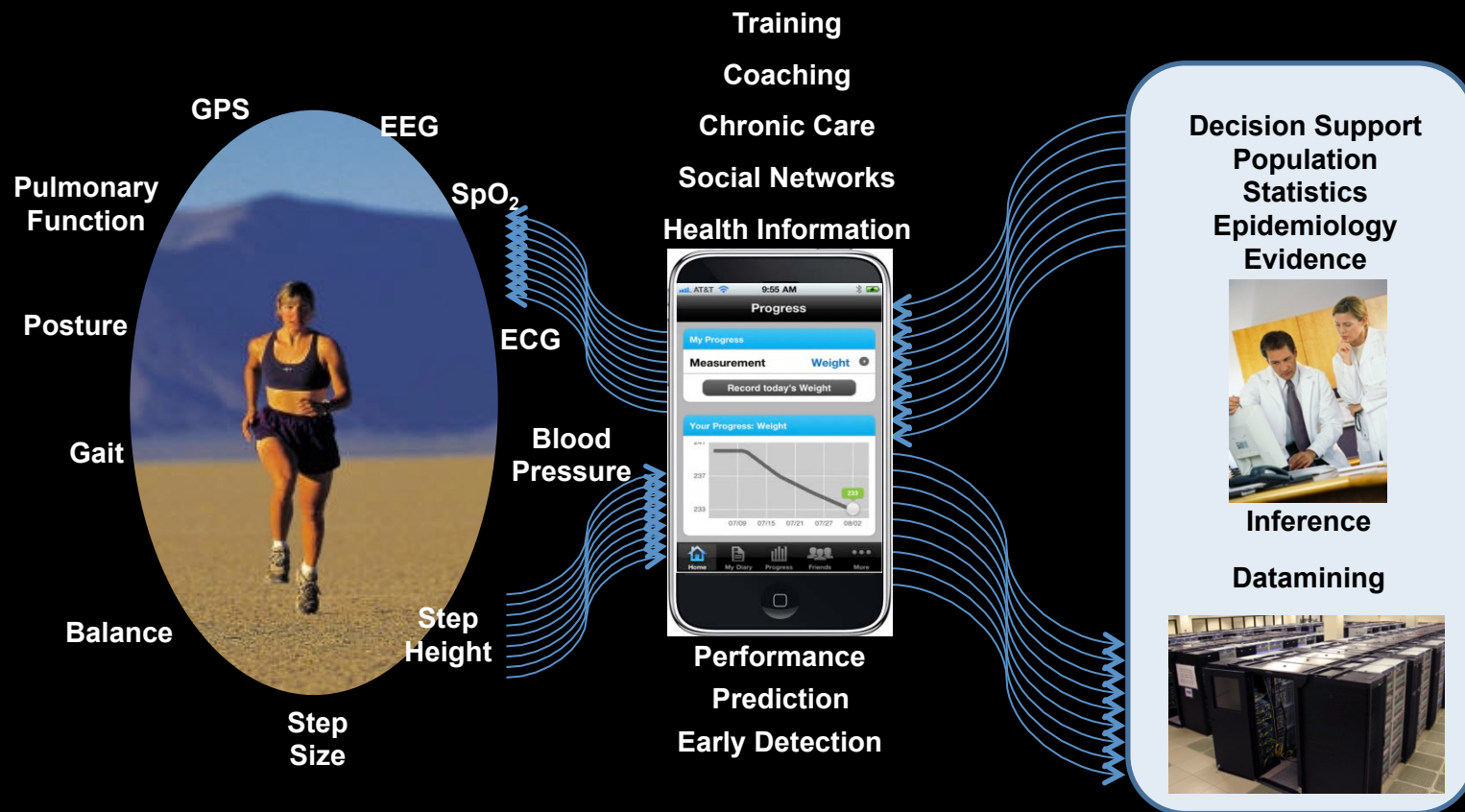
A **nationally coordinated** program across multiple government agencies to develop the **next generation of robotics**, to advance the **capability and usability** of such systems and artifacts, and to encourage existing and new communities to focus on **innovative application areas**.



United States Department of Agriculture
National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Smart and Connected Health

Transforming healthcare from reactive and hospital-centered to preventive, proactive, evidence-based, person-centered and focused on wellbeing rather than disease



Joint NSF and NIH Program
Cross-Directorate Program: CISE, ENG, and SBE



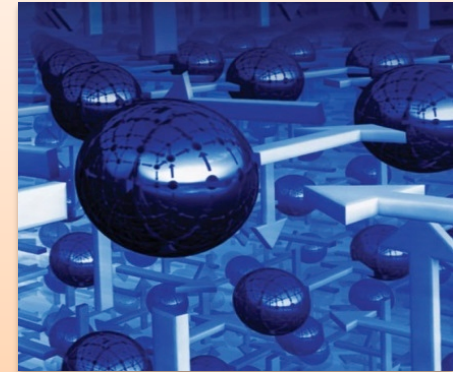
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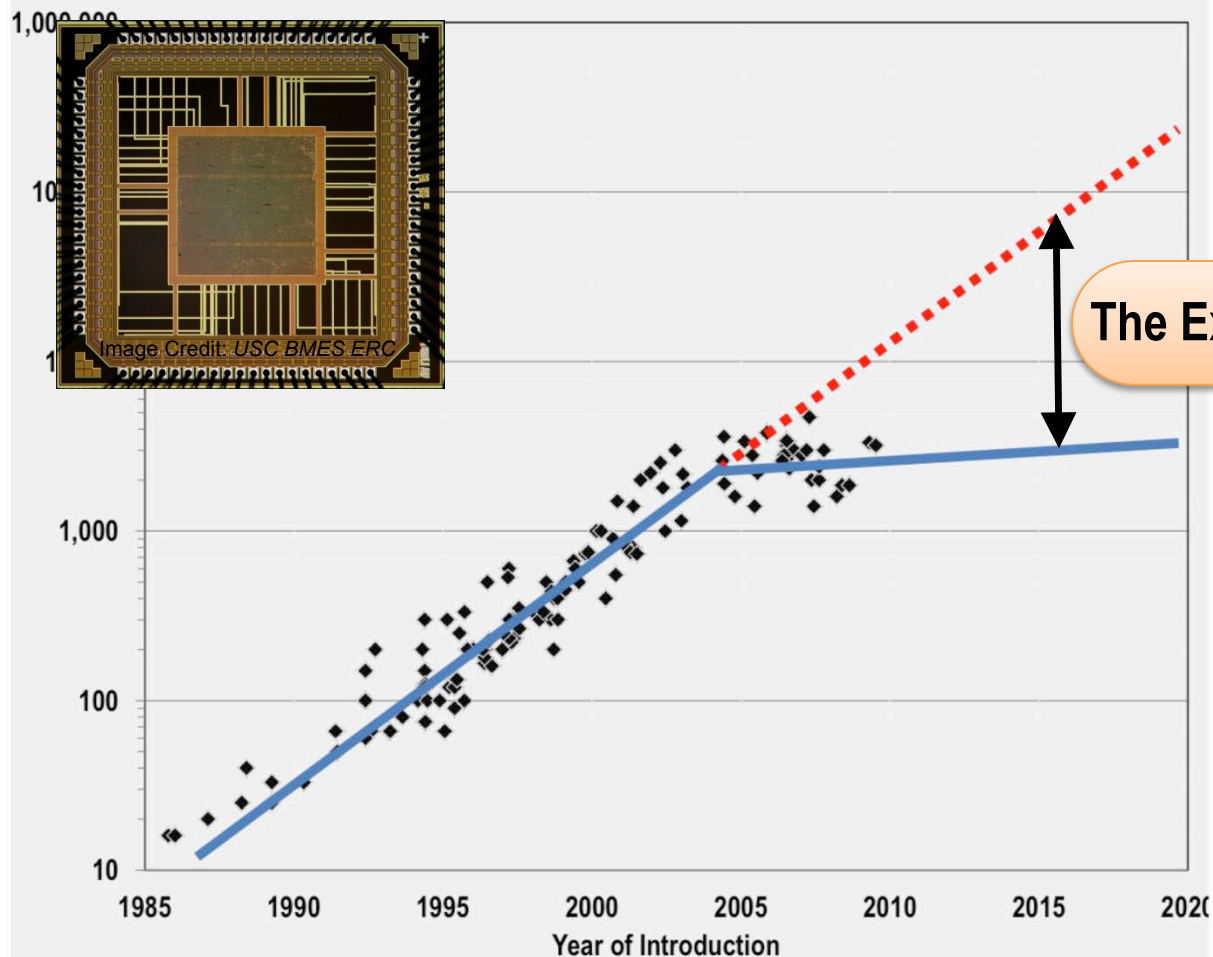


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Processor Performance Plateaued Around mid-2000s

Microprocessor Performance “Expectation Gap” over Time (1985-2020 projected)



Credit: Graph reprinted with permission from *The Future of Computing Performance: Game Over or Next Level?* National Academy of Sciences (2011).



Impact of Single-Processor Performance



Accentuated by emergence of **massive data sets**, scientists have an increasing appetite and need for speed and performance.

Important new science questions in **physics, materials, biology, health and medicine, and climate change** require increased processing power.



Support of national defense and intelligence community will need increasingly more processing power.

Applications include training simulations, autonomous robotic vehicles, airport security, surveillance, video analytics, infrastructure defense against cyber attacks, and data analysis for intelligence.



Both **consumer and enterprise needs** are increasing.

Applications include search and data mining, real-time decision-making, web services, digital content creation, speech recognition, and simulation and modeling for product design.

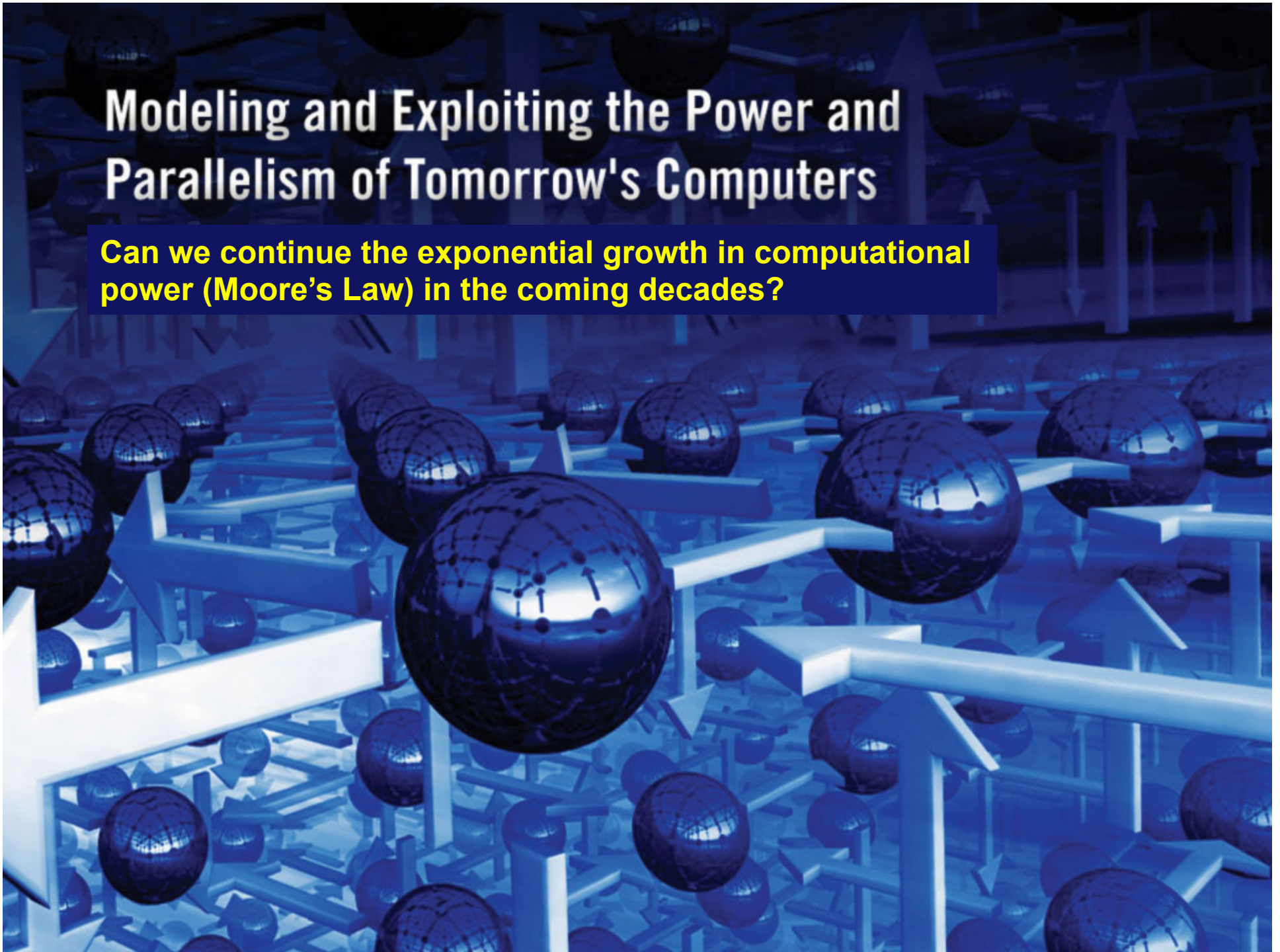


“Predicting Tornadoes”

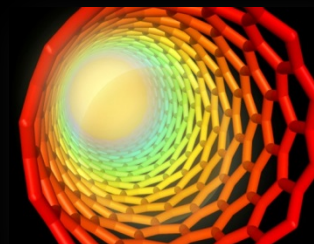
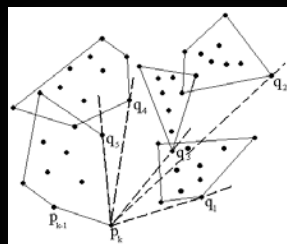
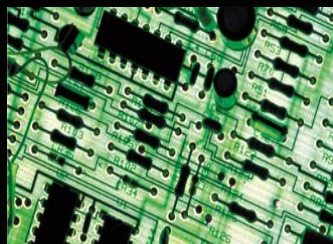


Modeling and Exploiting the Power and Parallelism of Tomorrow's Computers

Can we continue the exponential growth in computational power (Moore's Law) in the coming decades?



Research to Expand the Limits of Computation



Happening now

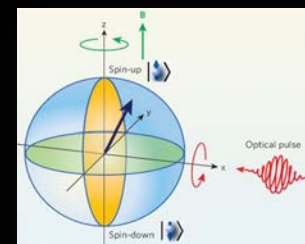
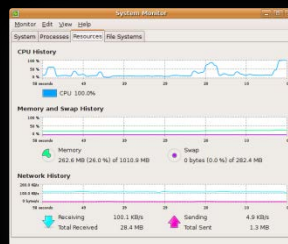
- Architectural innovations with multi-core and many-core
- Domain-specific integrated circuits
- Energy-efficient computing and new processor architectures

Mid-term solutions

- Need to fully exploit broadly available concurrency and parallelism
- Algorithmic innovations exploiting parallelism
- Software systems leading to improved performance

Long-term solutions

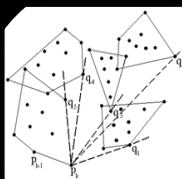
- New materials (e.g., carbon nanotubes, graphene based devices)
- Non-charge transfer devices; (e.g., electron spin)
- Bio, nano, and quantum devices



Exploiting Parallelism and Scalability (XPS)

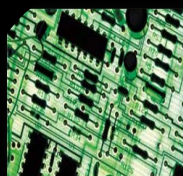
Support groundbreaking research that will lead to a new era of parallel computing

- Goal is to establish *new* collaborations combining expertise cutting across abstraction, software, hardware layers.
- Foundational research to advance parallel and scalable computing, challenging validity of traditional computer hardware and software stack for heterogeneous parallel systems.
- Focus on new principles and cross-layer approaches that integrate both software and hardware through new programming languages, models, algorithms, compilers, runtime systems, and architectures.



Foundational Principles

- New models guiding parallel algorithm design on diverse platforms
- Optimization for resources (energy, bandwidth, memory hierarchy)



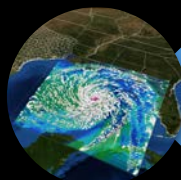
Cross-layer Approaches

- Re-thinking/re-designing the hardware and software stack
- Coordination across all layers



Scalable Distributed Architectures

- Highly scalable and parallel architectures for people and things connected everywhere
- Runtime platforms and virtualization tools



Domain-specific Design

- Exploiting domain knowledge to improve programmability and performance



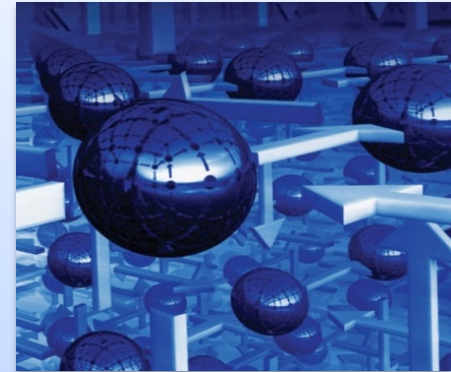
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Evolution of Cyber Threats

Future security challenges will follow technology and Internet adoption patterns



Credit: Nicolle Rager Fuller, National Science Foundation

- Proliferation of mobile devices and wireless networks exposes new vulnerabilities.
- Social media platforms open new avenues for hackers.
- Protecting cloud infrastructure has become key to long-term adoption.
- Increasingly cyber-enabled systems expands the scope of attacks to physical infrastructure
 - manufacturing, energy production, healthcare and transportation.

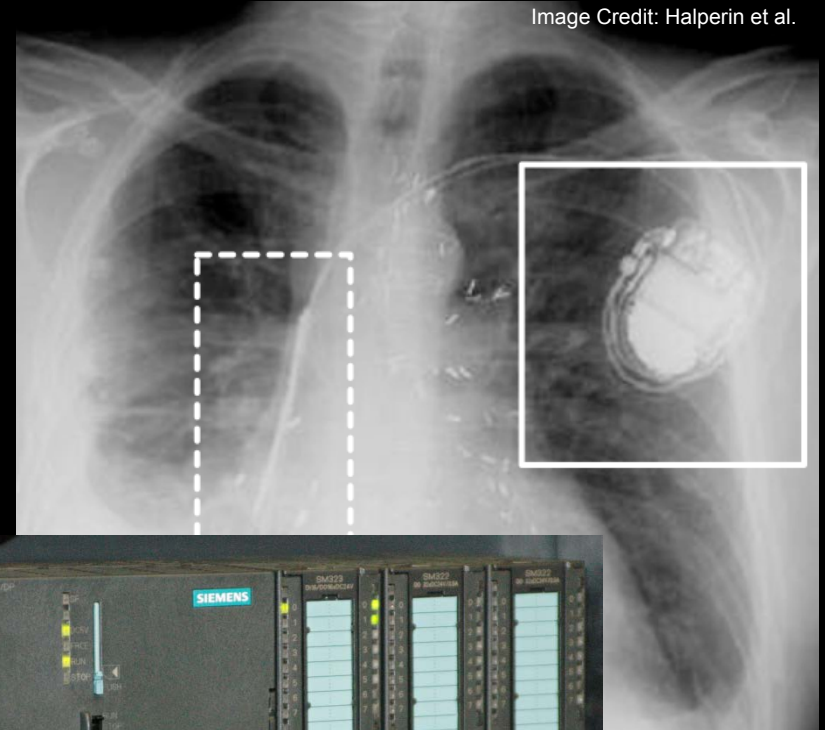


Cyber-physical Security



Law Enforcement Communications

Embedded Medical Devices



Automobiles



Cloud and Virtualization

- **What's a perimeter?** With **cloud computing** and proliferation of mobile devices, an organization's information is no longer stored and accessed within its walls or perimeter. Information entirely created and stored on the web. **Expect rise in *insider threats*!**
- Systems and resources, including networks, hosts, storage, data centers and applications are **increasingly virtualized and distributed**, and commonly under the control of the end-users themselves.
- Confidential information and intellectual property are increasingly flowing from back-end systems that the organization **doesn't control**, through networks that it **doesn't control**, to endpoints and end-users that it **doesn't control**.



Big Data and Security

- Big data is a big security target:
 - Apple has 400 million customer credit cards on file
 - Facebook has more than 1Billion registered users who share more than 1Billion pieces of contents each day
 - ...
- No longer about protecting internal data
- Impact of platforms and ecosystems:
 - More than 1,000,000 apps in the AppStore
 - How secure are partner platforms and third-party apps?



Big Data and Privacy

- Amazon monitors our shopping preferences
- Google tracks our browsing habits
- Facebook captures our social interactions and more
- Twitter tracks what on our minds in real-time
- Wireless service operators track our connections, and who is nearby
- ...
- City of London has “30 surveillance cameras within 200 yards of the apartment where George Orwell wrote *1984*.”



Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace (SaTC)

Securing our Nation's cyberspace



Image Credit: ThinkStock

- Aims to support fundamental scientific advances and technologies to protect cyber-systems from malicious behavior, while preserving privacy and promoting usability.
- Program addresses three perspectives:
 - Trustworthy Computing Systems
 - Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences
 - Transition to Practice
- *Frontiers* support center-scale activities

Cross-Directorate Effort: CISE, ENG, EHR, MPS and SBE



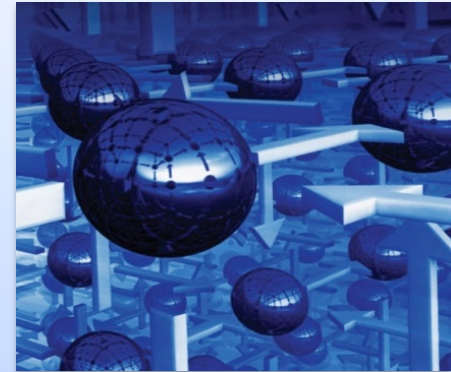
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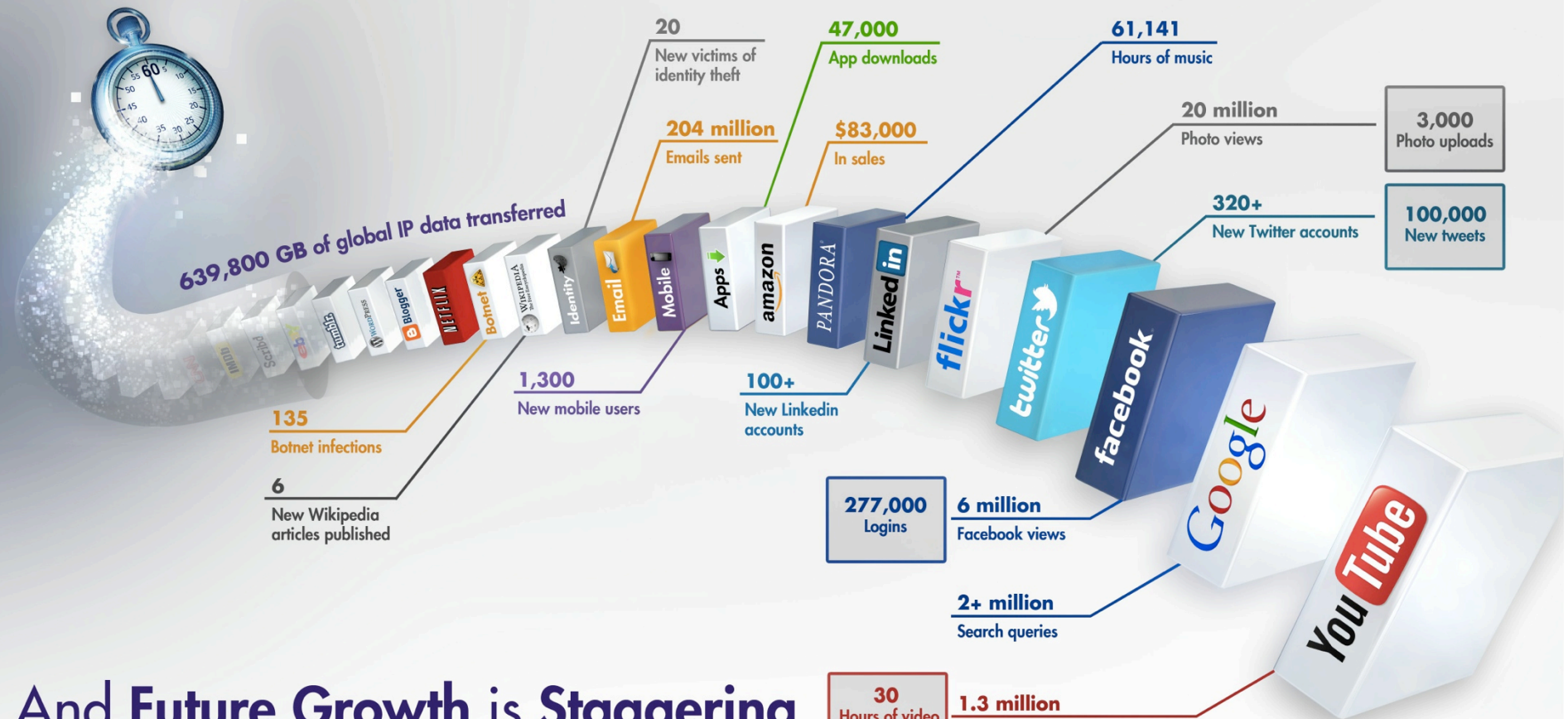
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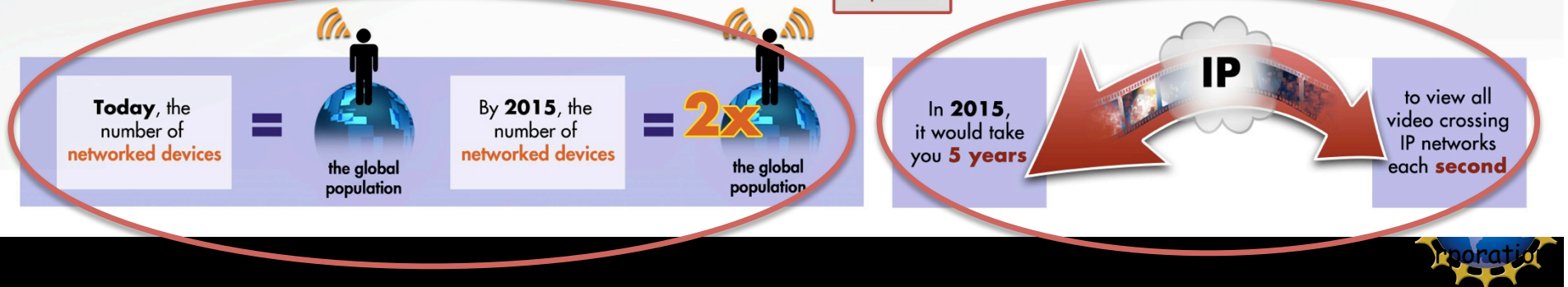
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What Happens in an Internet Minute?



And Future Growth is Staggering



Cellular Networks, Mobile Devices and Pervasive Computing

- **Mobile phones are the only digital system accessible to the majority of the planet.**
 - 6.8 billion mobile phone connections globally.
 - 85% of new handsets will be able to access the mobile web: 1 in 5 has access to fast service, 3G or better.
 - IM, MMS, SMS expected to exceed 10 trillion message by 2013.
- **Growing ecosystem of tools and applications:**
 - Banking, commerce, healthcare, social networking: over 1M distinct active apps just in App Store.
 - Mobile browsers can now display much of the content available to their desktop counterparts.
- **Mobile payment systems are now common in the developing world.**
- **Sensitive and private data stored & entered on devices.**



Image Credit: Nicolle Rager Fuller, NSF

Research Themes:

Infrastructure
scalability

Spectrum
management

Security and privacy

Energy
consumption

Leveraging and
advancing new
networking
technologies



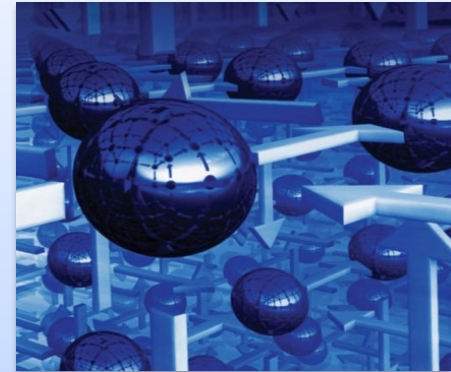
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Networked Society

*Computing technologies and human societies co-evolve,
transforming each other in the process*

- We are increasingly becoming a networked society.
- Access to technology and information is enhancing our cognitive and physical capabilities.
- This trend will be accelerated by advances in:
 - social informatics
 - assistive technologies
 - augmented reality
 - robotics
 - crowd sourcing
 - learning technologies
 - natural language understanding
 - vision and perception
 - artificial intelligence
 - machine learning
 - information retrieval



Augmenting Human Capabilities

Converging technologies for enhancing performance and quality of life

MEMEX

Evidence-based decision support

Procedural memory coach

Enhanced perception

Brain-controlled interfaces

body sensors
actuators

Limb enhancement

context-aware prosthetics

*Synergistic combination of emerging technologies from information, cognition, nanotechnology, and materials will improve the quantity and quality of our labor and thought; it will sustain and enhance our **function** and **quality of life** diminished by age or injury; and it will improve personal performance with **augmented cognition and strength.***

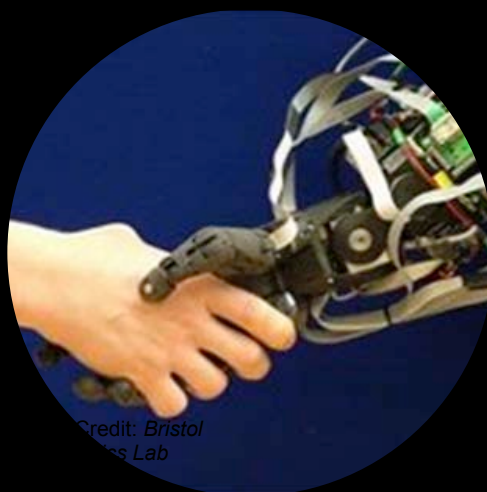


Augmenting Human Capabilities

must advance both the creation and our understanding of the complex and increasingly coupled relationships between humans and computing

Diverse Platforms

- mobile devices
- robots
- wearables
- Implanted devices



Varied Interaction Modalities

- displays
- haptic
- audio
- brain-machine interfaces
- science fiction



Range of Scales

- individual devices/single users
- collaborative groups
- large and evolving heterogeneous socio-technical systems



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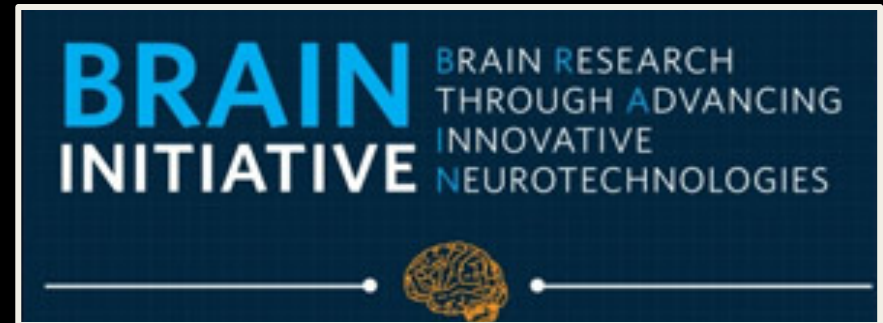
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- **Multiscale & Multimodal Modeling** to relate dynamic brain activity to behavior
- **Comparative Analyses Across Species** to identify conserved functional circuitry: take advantage of Biodiversity
- **Innovative Technologies** to understand brain function and treat brain disorders
- **Cyber Tools & Standards** for data acquisition, analysis and integration
- **Quantitative & Predictive Theories** of brain function



Cyberlearning

Improving learning by integrating emerging technologies with knowledge from research about how people learn

Advancement of “science of learning with technology” – a systematic, inter-disciplinary body of knowledge on how people learn in technology rich environments and how to design, implement and effectively used technology to support learning and assessment.

Goals:

- Understand how people learn in technology rich environments
- Design and study ways in which innovative technologies and tools can promote learning and support assessment
- Prototype new technologies and integrate them into learning environments



Looking Forward

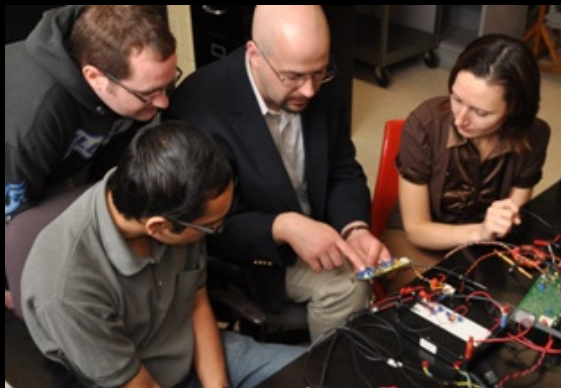


Preparing the Next Generation

CI-focused
Cyber Scientists
to develop, pilot and
deliver
new capabilities

- Computational Scientists
- Data Scientists
- Computer Scientists
- Design Engineers
- System Administrators

CI-enabled
Domain Scientists
To explore and exploit
new capabilities

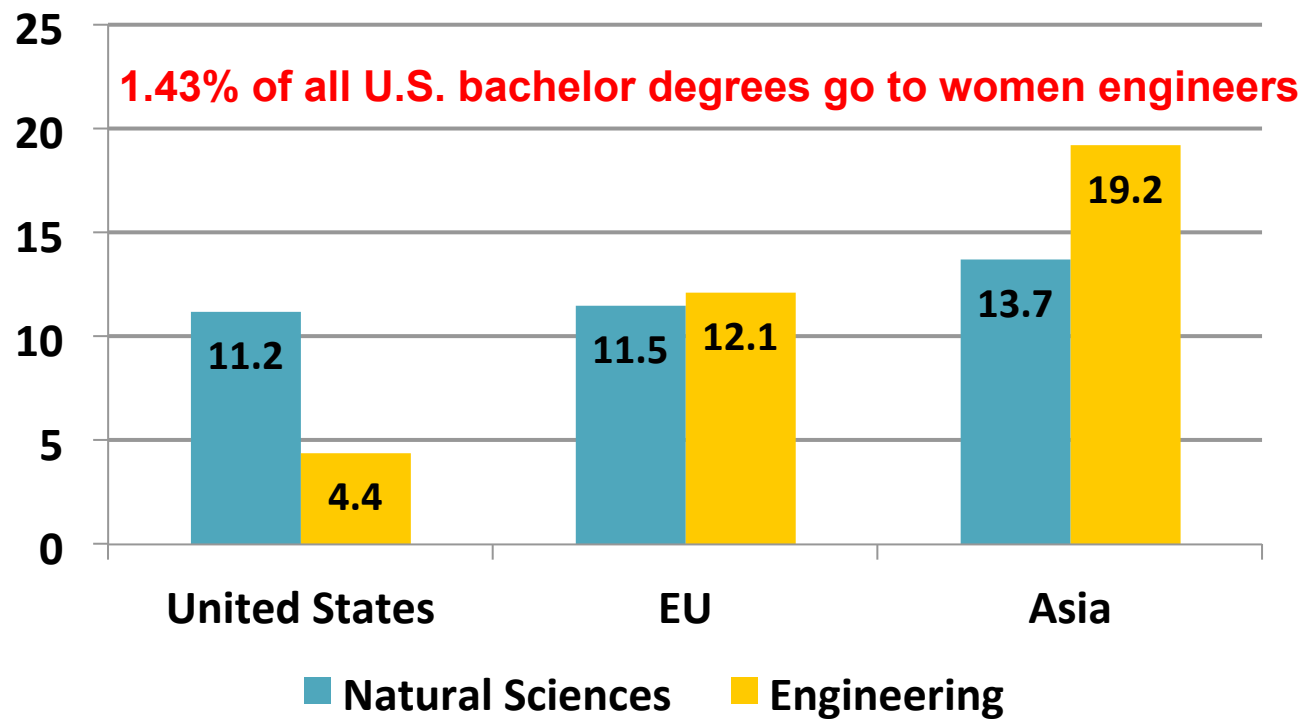


POINT #1

“The lack of diversity is a loss of **opportunity for individuals and a loss of **talent** and **creativity** to the discipline. This directly impacts our economic prosperity.”**



Undergraduate S&E Degrees



Source: 2012 NSB Indicators



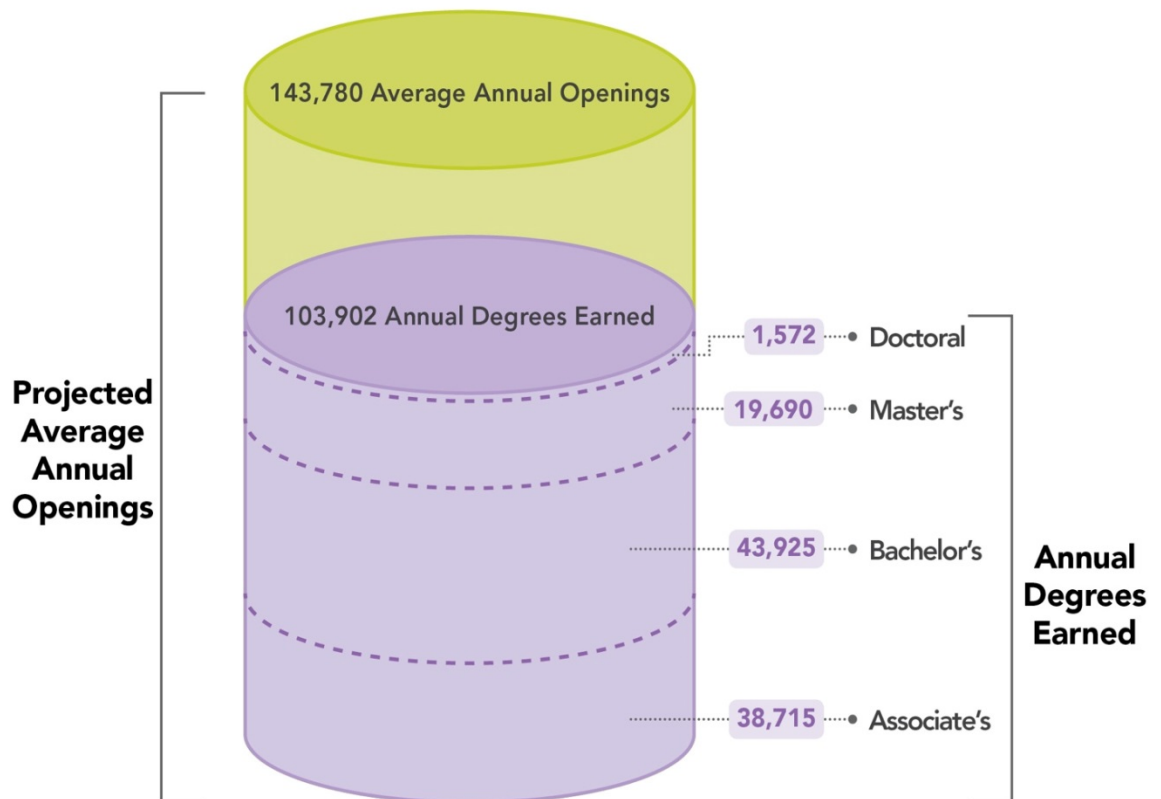
The computing community faces three significant and interrelated challenges in workforce development

**Underproduction
of degrees**

**Under-
representation**

**Lack of a presence
in K-12**

United States: Number of Degrees Earned in CIS vs.
Projected Average Annual Number of Computing Job Openings



Sources: Workforce Indicators, Computer and Mathematical Occupations, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Projections, 2010-2020.
Completed Degree Data, Computer and Information Sciences, 2010-2011 National Center for Education Statistics.

POINT #2

"Paradox of Innovation: no one knows how an invention will impact the world until it is widely used, leading to unintended consequences"



Long-Term Investment in Basic Research is Imperative

- There is often a **long, unpredictable incubation period** – requiring sustained investment – between initial exploration and impact.
- Interactions of research ideas **multiply their impact** and **seed new ideas** with the potential to lead to unanticipated advances.
- **Unanticipated outcomes** are often as important as the anticipated ones.



POINT #3

**Technology *alone* will not solve
all of society's challenges.**

Must consider economic, social and
cultural barriers to adoption of solutions.



As You Think about Your Careers ...

1. Educate and Empower the Next Generation

- Lead a cyber- and technology-enabled transformation in education and learning to develop the next generation workforce and contribute to universal, transparent, and affordable participation in a knowledge-based society.

2. Embrace a Collaborative Culture Enabled by Foundational Research

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3. Nurture and Support a Culture of Engagement and Service

- Help shape the future directions of the field, priorities for the nation, and formulate a research and education agenda to address societal challenges.



The Growing Imperative of Research and Education

- Our investments in **research and education** have returned exceptional dividends to our nation.
- A thriving basic research community is the foundation for long-term **discovery and innovation, economic prosperity, and national security.**
- As a field of inquiry, computer, communication and information science and engineering has a **rich intellectual agenda** – highly creative, highly interactive, with enormous possibilities for changing the world!
- To keep those benefits flowing, we need to constantly **replenish** the wellspring of **new ideas** and train **new talent.**



Thanks!

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