

Understanding the Design Principles and Dynamics of Complex Adaptive Systems

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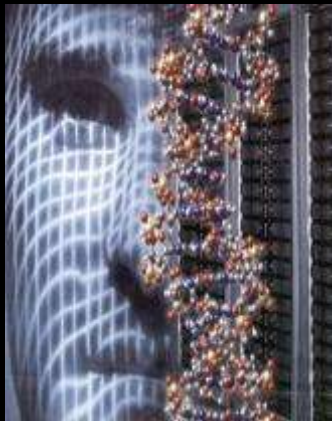
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Technology Acceleration and Convergence: Escalating Complexities

**Genetics,
Biotechnology,
Synthetic
Biology**



“Bio-Space”

**Ubiquitous
Sensing/
Devices &
Social Networks**



**“Connected
Space”**

**Advanced
Computing
Mega- &
Meta- Data**



**“Analytics Space”
and
“Surveillance Space”**

**Robotics and
Advanced
Autonomous
Systems**



**“Design Control
Space”**

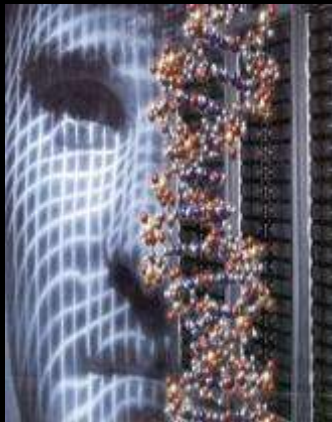
**Neurosciences
and
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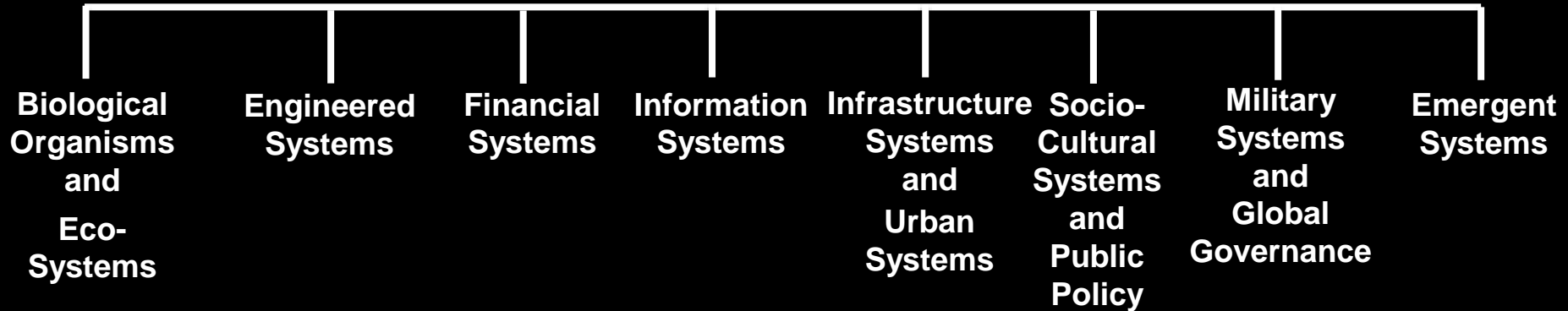
New Patterns of Technology Fusion,
Evolution and Adoption

New Knowledge
Networks

New
Participants

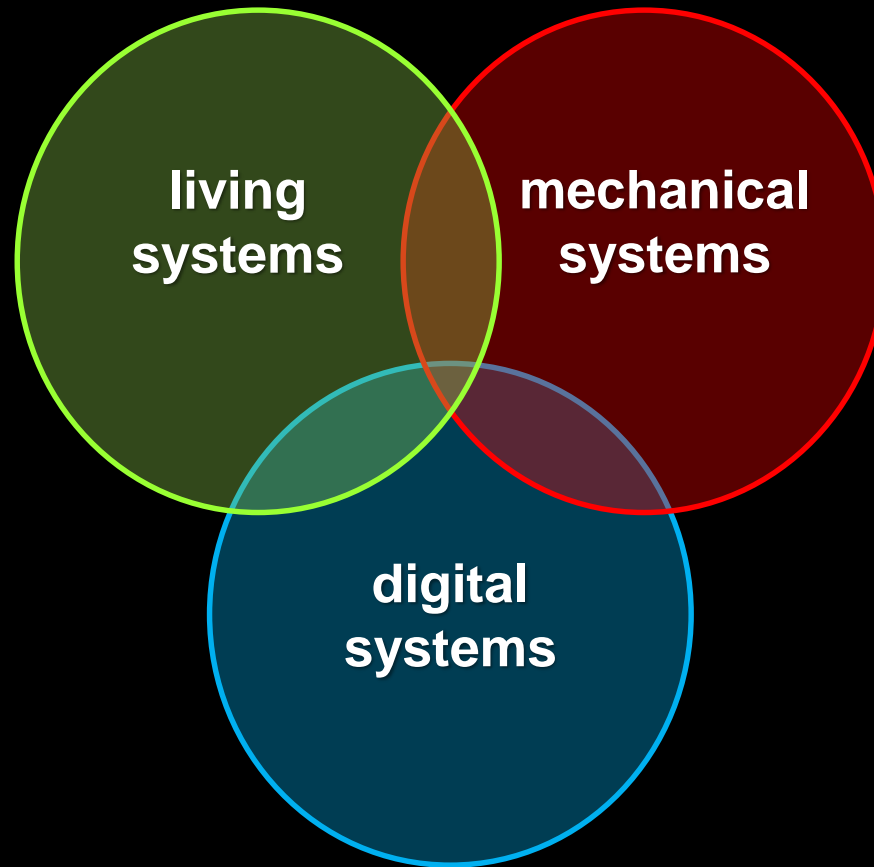
New Markets
and
Business Models

Complex Adaptive Systems



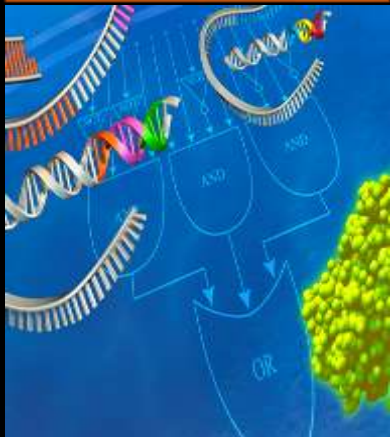
multiscale structure and spatio-temporal scale

Convergence, Connectivity and Complexity

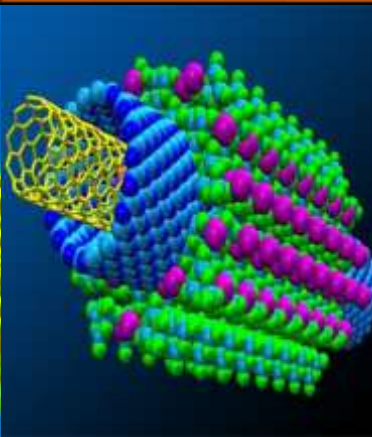


Cross-Sector technology Convergence and New Patterns of Complexity

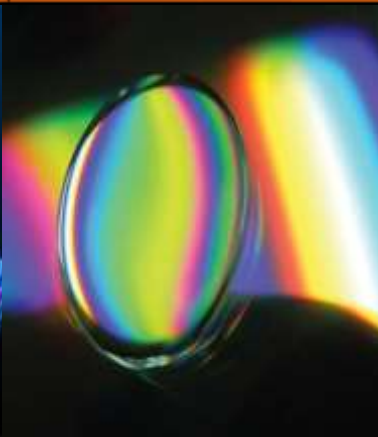
Genetic and Synthetic Biology



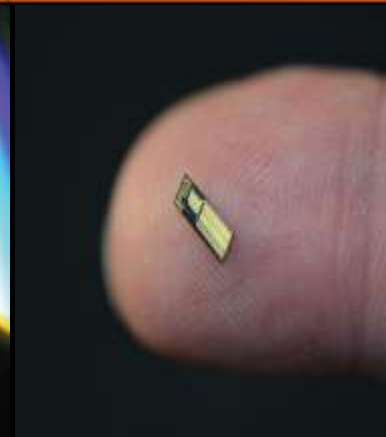
Nanotechnology and Novel Materials



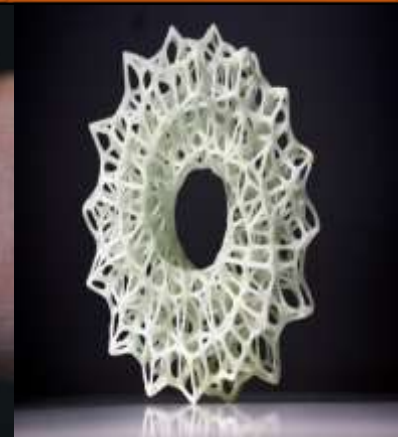
Photonics and Optics



Sensors and IoT



3-D Manufacturing



Cognitive Computing and Neurotechnology



Robotics and Automation



Man-Machine Interactions



Machine Learning

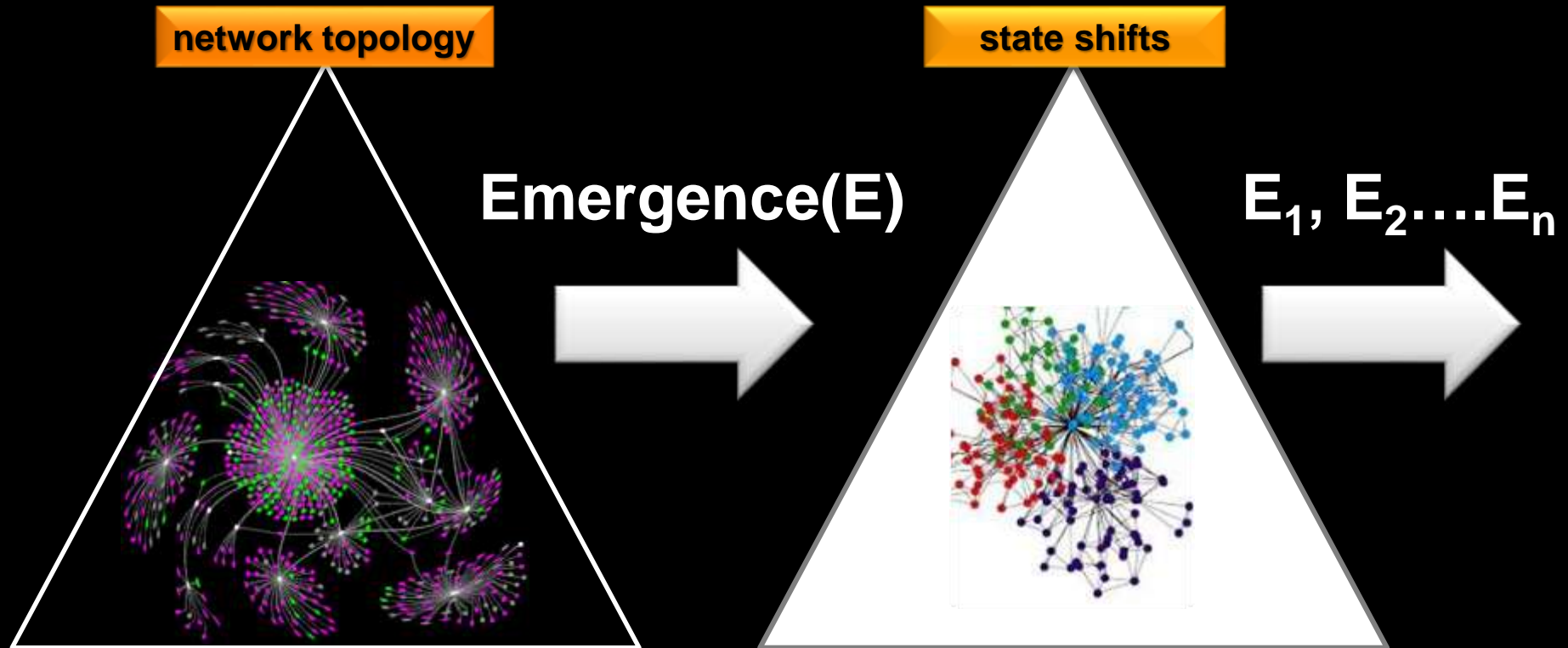


Deep Learning and Artificial Intelligence

Complex Adaptive Systems

- emergence of complex, coherent, large scale collective behavior and very rich structure by repeated non-linear interactions of simpler components (agents)
- self-organizing complexity and non-linear behavior
- operate at far-from-equilibrium states: highly optimized tolerance (HOT)
- robust (resilient) to frequently encountered perturbations (fitness) but fragile to major disruption by rarely encountered perturbations/novel convergent forces
 - triggered ‘emergence’ of shift to new system state with highly different properties
 - unintended (unanticipated) consequences

Understanding State Shifts in Complex Adaptive Systems and Identification of Triggers of Emergence



- Black Swans
- dislocations
- tipping points
- irreversible cascades

- phase shifts
- perturbations
- inflection points
- unintended consequences

- critical thresholds
- bifurcations
- trigger points

The background of the cover is a dark field filled with a complex network of glowing blue and purple dots. These dots are arranged in a way that suggests a network or a complex system, with lines of dots radiating from the bottom and converging towards the top, creating a sense of depth and complexity.

nature

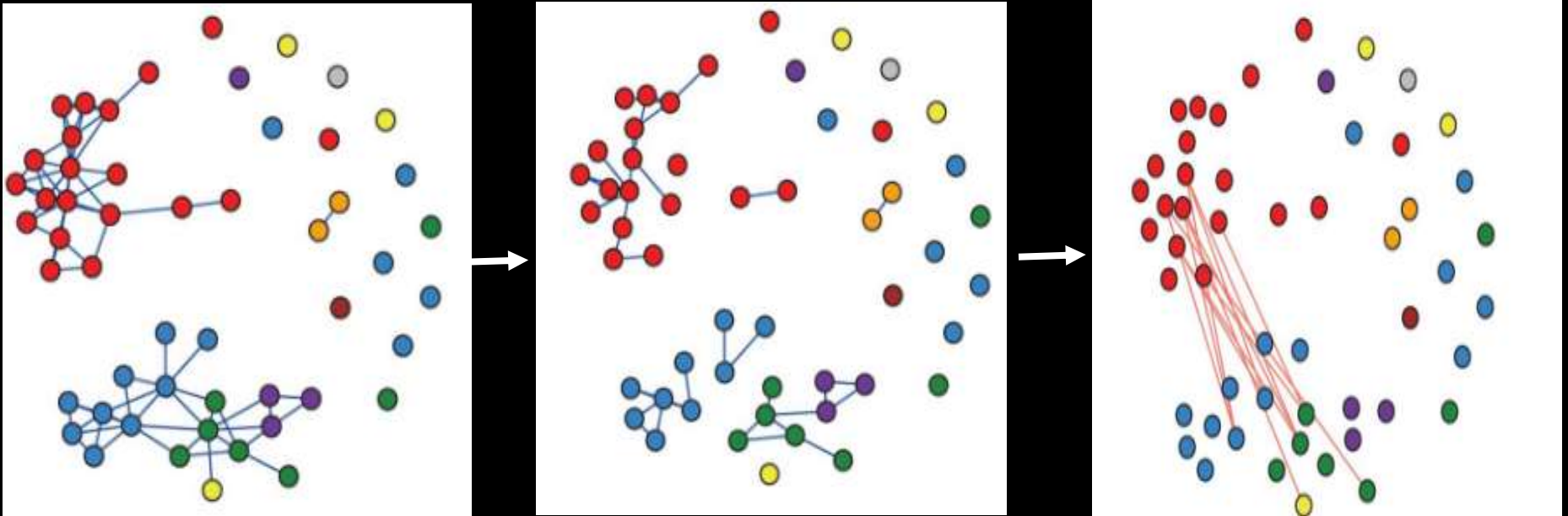
THE INTERNATIONAL WEEKLY JOURNAL OF SCIENCE

12 May 2011

TAMING COMPLEXITY

The mathematics of network control — from
cell biology to cellphones **PAGES 158 & 167**

Understanding Network Organization and Dynamics in Complex Adaptive Systems



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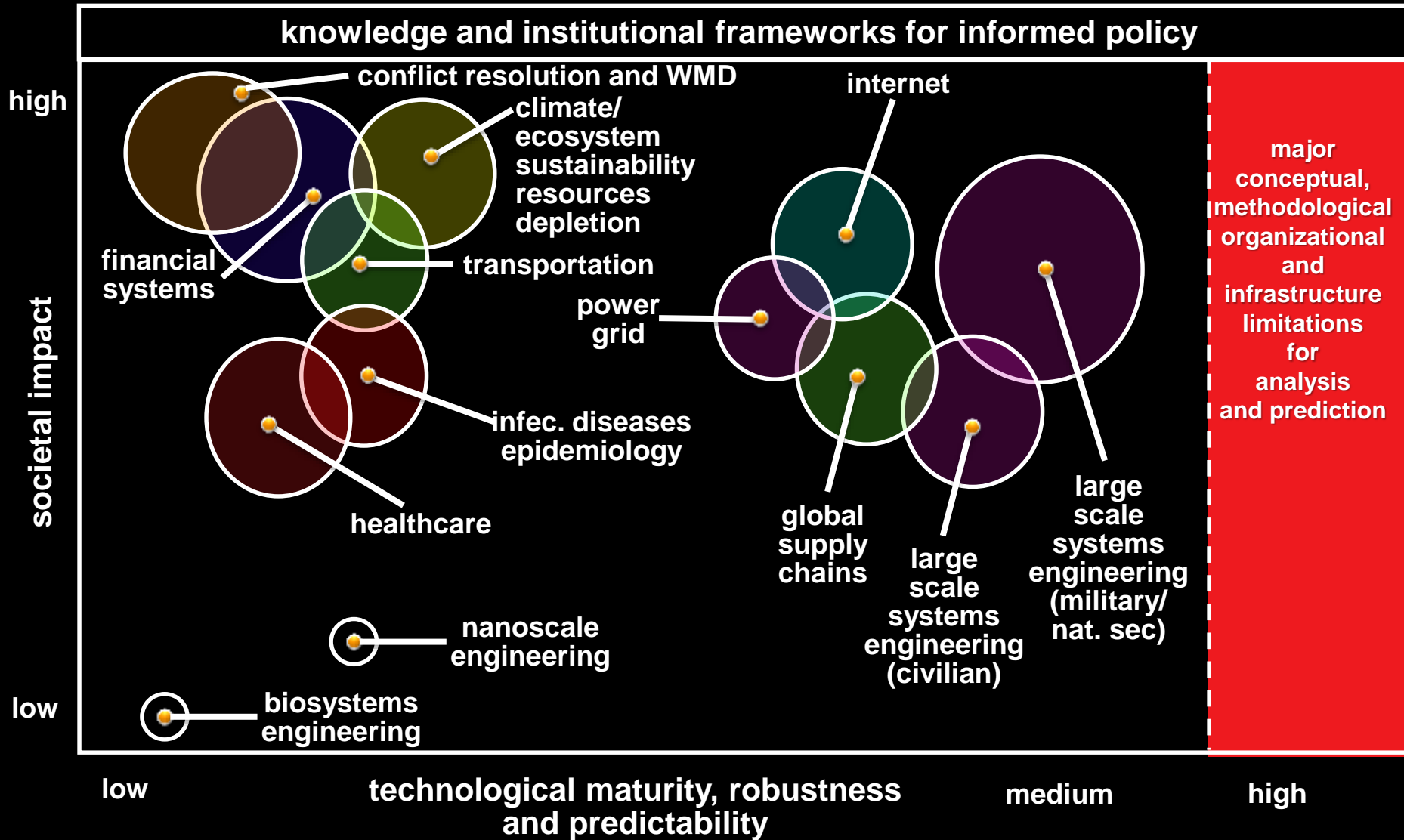
$X'(d)$ vs. $X'_{(nd1)}$
 $X'_{(nd2)}$
 $X'_{(nd...n)}$

new analytical tools for proactive monitoring of system state space(s) and timely intervention(s) to channel emergent behavior to most desired trajectories

Complex Adaptive Systems

- **what is the minimum amount of information about past and current behavior of a system that is needed to optimally predict the behavior of the system in the future?**
- **what are the signals of pending major shifts in system state and what are the most likely emergent trajectories and end states**
- **how can CAS design principles used to better inform construction and safety of human-engineered systems and generate methods for improved analysis and behavior prediction in both technological and social networks?**

The CAS Landscape



A Strategic Planning Matrix for the Design of New Large Scale Pan-University Research Projects

**GRAND
CHALLENGE
APPLICATION
DOMAIN
TEAMS
(ADTs)**

**Precision
Medicine**



Sustainability



**Earth and
Space
Systems**



**Synthetic
Biology and
Organism
Engineering**



**National
Security**



**CROSS-
CUTTING
EXPERTISE
DOMAIN
TEAMS
(CETs)**

directed molecular assembly and novel materials: design of novel diagnostics, sensors, devices and targeted therapeutics and vaccines

mapping the design architecture, topology and patterns of information flow in complex networks

big data analytics, cognitive computing, man-machine interactions, machine learning and artificial intelligence

ethical, legal and public policy implications of new technologies

Sensor World

Ubiquitous Sensing

Internet – of – Things (IoT)

Biometrics and Surveillance

AORTA: Always On, Real Time Awareness

Faster Data, Smarter Analytics, Better Decisions

Integrated Functional Platforms to Exploit Technology Convergence

**Classification
of
Unique
Signatures**

Profile

**Biotechnology, Clinical
Medicine, Ecosystems
and
Mathematical/Statistical
Tools for
Complex Signal Profiling**

**Signature ID
in Diverse
Settings and
ID of Rare/
Anomalous
Events**

Sense

**Nanotechnology,
Automation and
Miniaturization
Engineering,
Materials Science,
Electronics**

**Actionable
Information
for
Optimum
Decisions**

Act

**Large Scale
Informatics,
Data Science,
Decision Theory**

Escalating Complexity: The Interaction of Complex Systems and Ever Denser Systems-of-Systems

- **biosecurity**
- **urbanization**
- **bioincident management and sustaining critical systems**
- **dual use technologies and the expanded biothreat spectrum**
- **monitoring individual behavior**
- **big data analytics, deep learning and artificial intelligence**
- **keeping humans-in-the-loop: new vistas in education for a data-centric world**

The Biosecurity Triad

**Infectious
Diseases
of
Natural
Origin**

**Urbanization,
Environmental
and
Ecological Impacts
on
Disease
Emergence**

**Bioterrorism
and
Dual-Use
Technologies**



Anthropogenic Effects on Ecosystem Stability and Altered Patterns of Infectious Diseases

famine



contaminated water



desertification



depletion of natural resources



**climate change and
new vector ranges**



new vulnerabilities

Urbanization and Mega-Cities in Developing Countries and the Increased Threat of Exotic Zoonotic Diseases

High Population Density With Inadequate Biosurveillance



Major Gaps in Health Infrastructure and Disease Reporting



Expanded Eco-niches and New Zoonotic Exposures/Risks



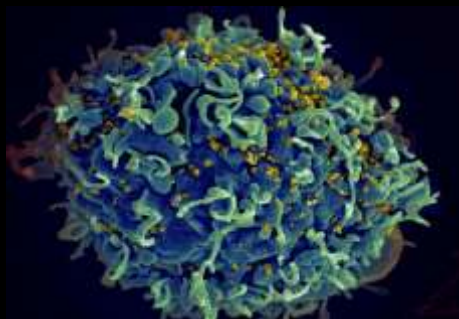
One Health:

Recognition of the Importance of Zoonotic Diseases as Human Health Threats

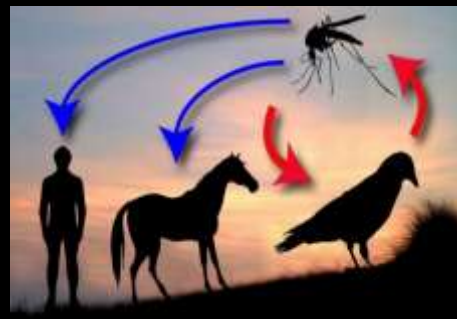
**pandemic (avian)
influenza**



HIV



**West Nile
virus**



MERS- CoV



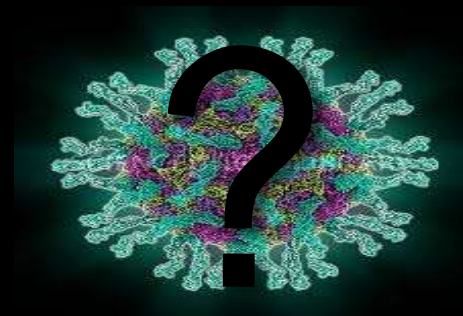
**Ebola
virus**



**bush meat
food chain**



**Zika
virus**



**what's
out there?**

Geodemographic Information Systems (GIS): Ground Zero Data

Comprehensive Front Line Sampling of Sentinel Species

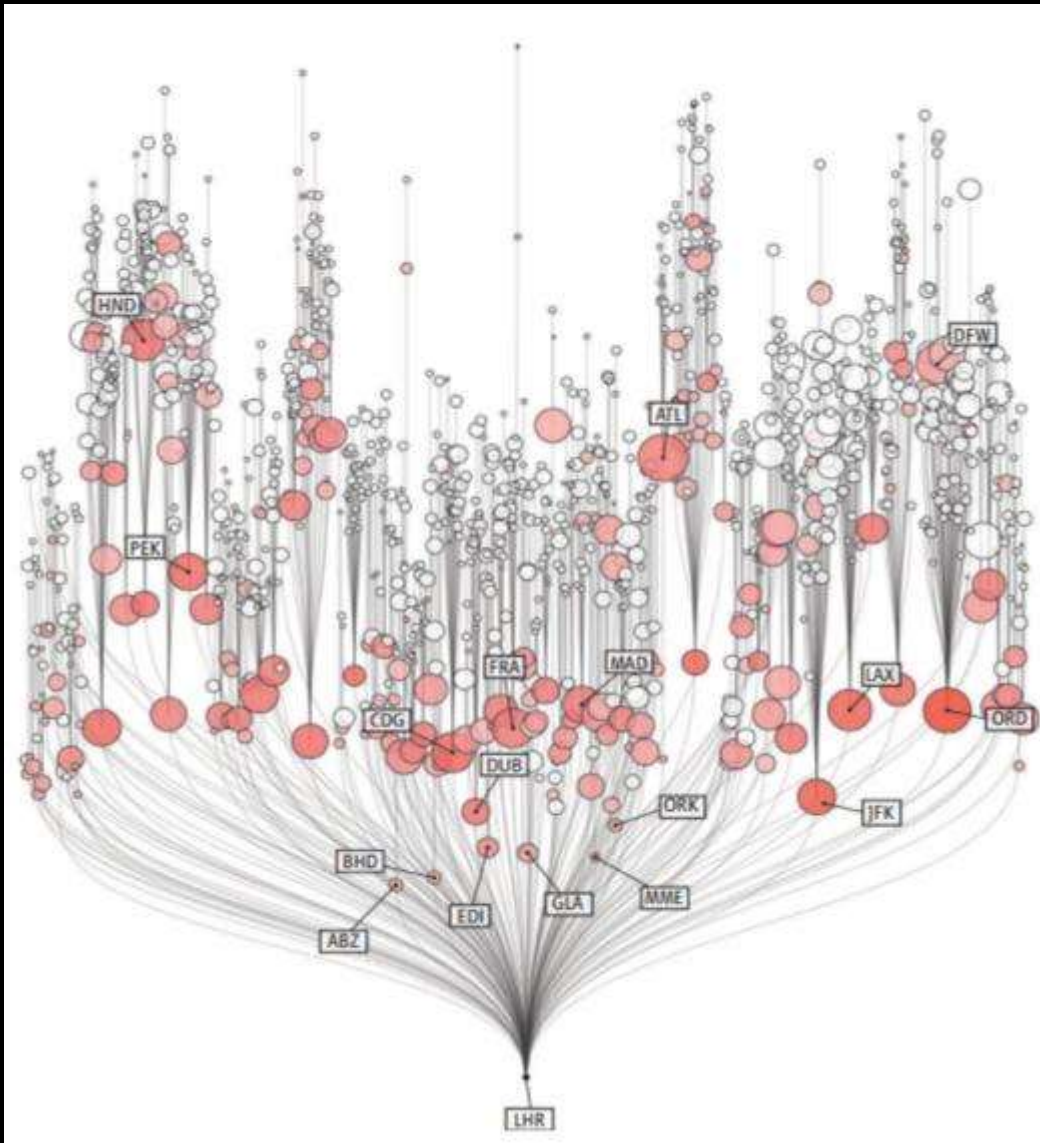


Real-time Intelligence and Faster Preparedness

Mobile Devices, Disease Tracking, Contact-Tracing and Education



Coming to an Airport Near You:



**Modeling Airport
Connectivities,
Traffic and Distance
Relationships and
Implications for
Epidemic Spread
via the Global
Aviation Network**

From: A. R. McLean (2013) *Science*
342, 1330

Global Urbanization



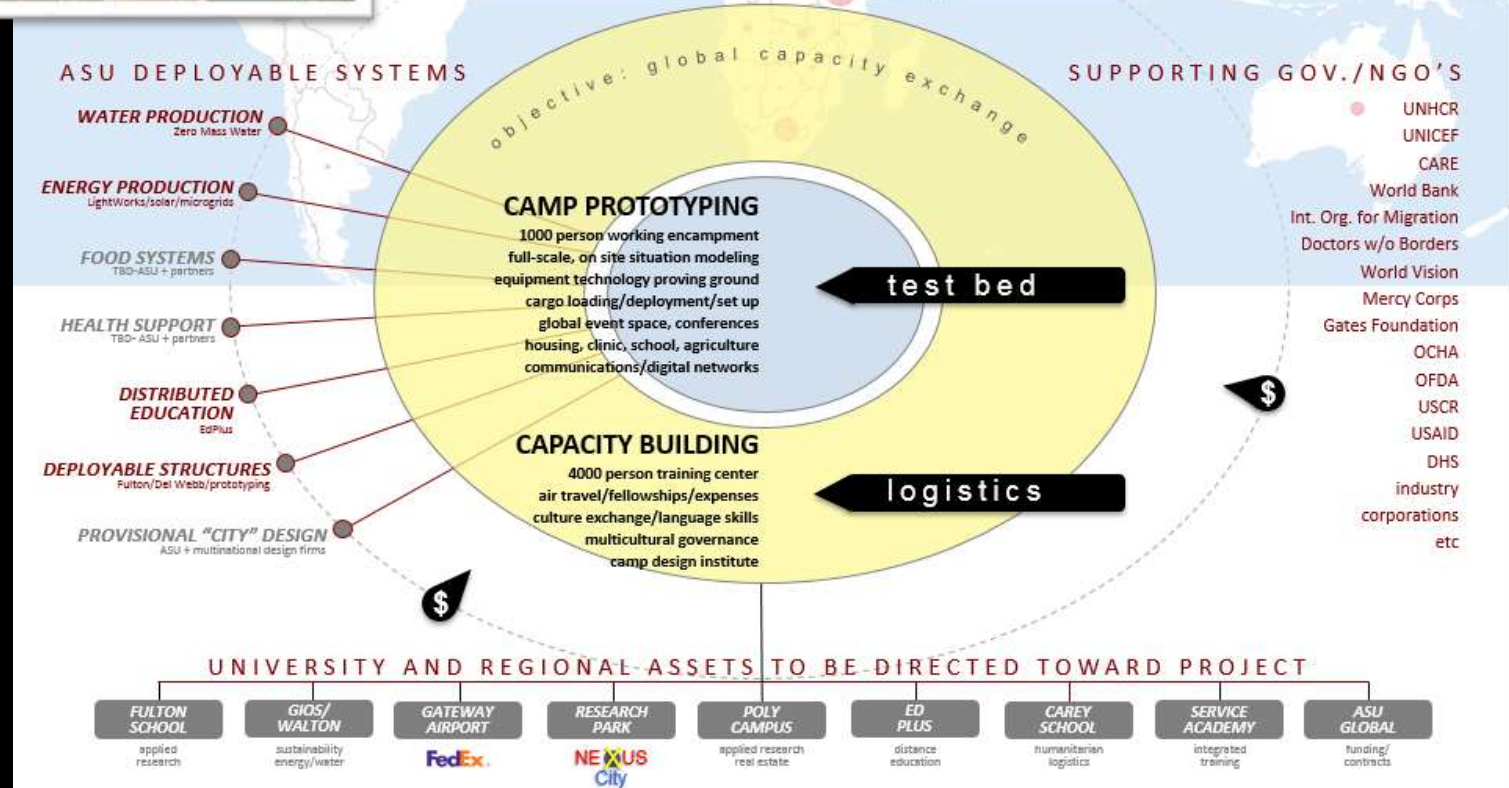
- 28 megacities in 2016
- 70% current/projected megacities in countries with Global Conflict Risk Index probability of conflict within 10 years
- unprecedented stresses on infrastructure and services by 2030
 - food (35% ↑), water (40% ↑), energy (50% ↑)
- susceptibility to extreme weather/natural disaster
 - littoral locations, slums

ASU DECISIVE Project: Institute for Humanitarian Support

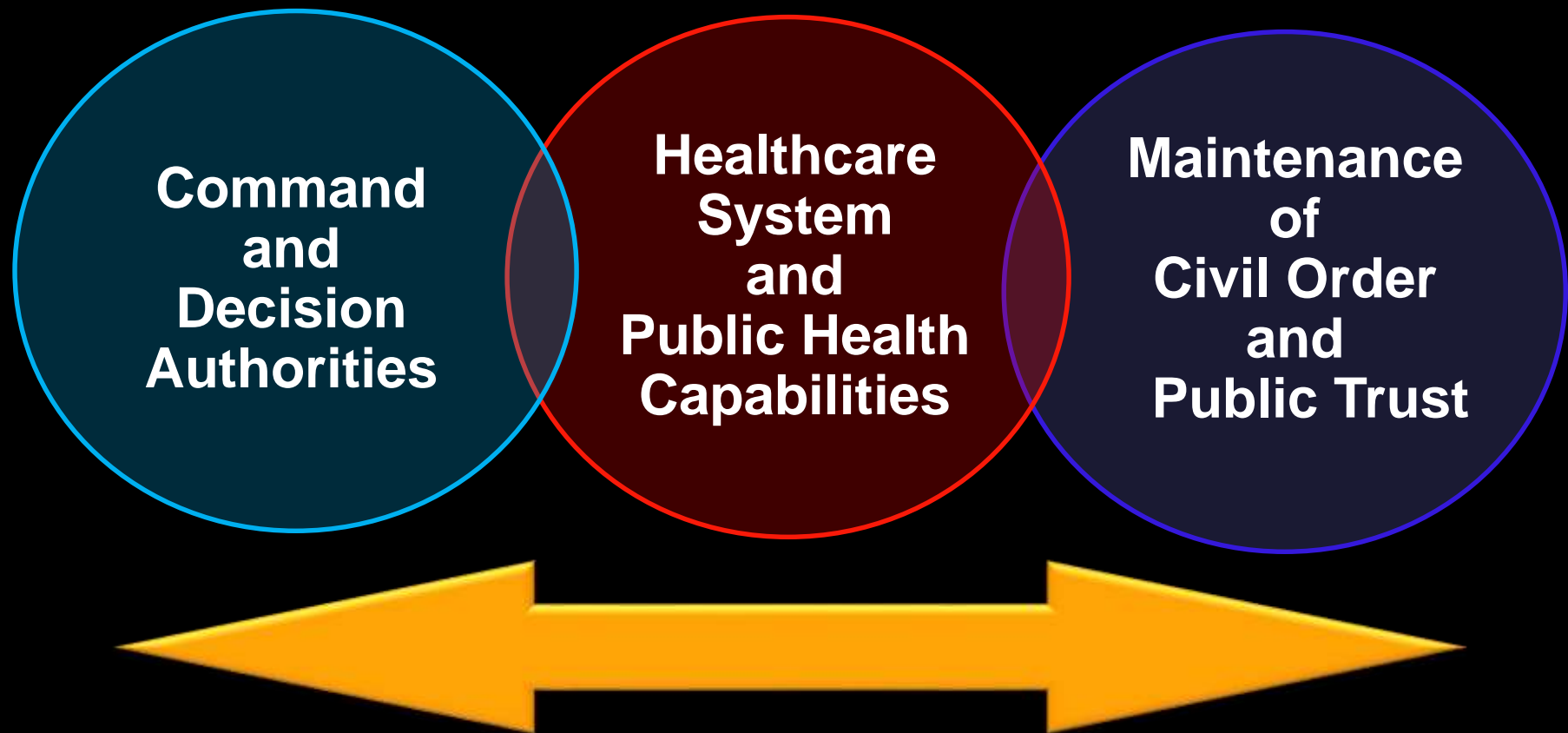


DEPLOYABLE CITIES

There are presently 60 million global refugees, many in difficult arid conditions with limited resources. The encampments to which they are confined frequently become unintended long-term communities. The **Deployable Cities** initiative responds to this dire situation by creating the premier center for the design and delivery of empowering environments for this deserving population. The proposed facility, located on the Polytechnic Campus of ASU, will bring together the following: 1) the research/academic assets of the university, 2) a full capacity airport, 3) a research park for corporate partners, 4) a digital platform for distance education delivery, and 5) a selected group of supporting organizations/foundations. The essential element of the proposal is the focus on capacity building for the ten of thousands of trainees, fellows, and leaders who will gain skills under simulated conditions comparable to those in the field. This experience will be supplemented by state-of-the-art labs, classrooms, conference facilities, and housing designed to accommodate an on-site population of 5000.



The Three Core Components of Bioincident Management



- robust inter-operable communication networks for real-time situational awareness and rapid actions
- managing the media and the 'worried well'
- transparency, credibility and public trust

The 'Fog of Disaster': Crisis Standards of Care and Proliferation of Unanticipated Events and Consequences



Breakdown of Civil Order and Incident Management

Constrained Mobility



Constrained Access

Sustaining Critical Systems and Infrastructure

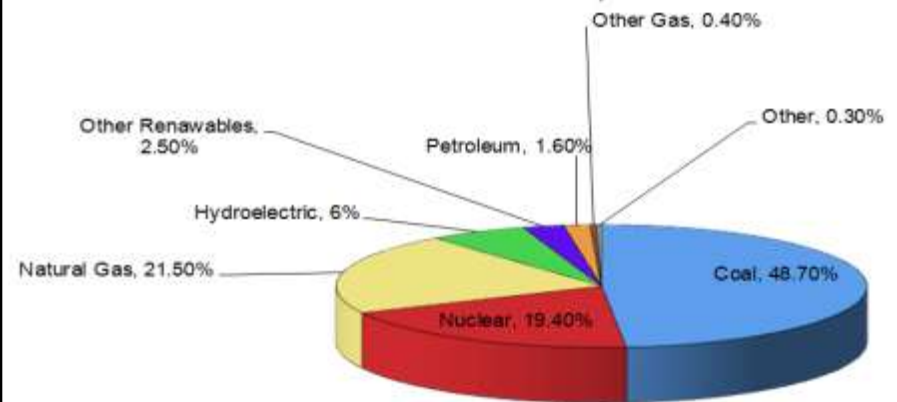


Vulnerability of Global, National and Local Supply Chains in a Major Epidemic/Pandemic

Energy

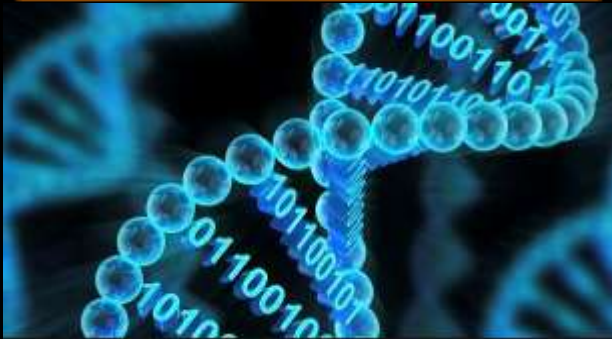


Net Power Generation in the US by Fuel Source, 2007



New Technologies and Increased Complexity of Dual-Use Issues in Biosecurity: Synthetic Biology, Genome Editing and Manipulation of Biological Circuits

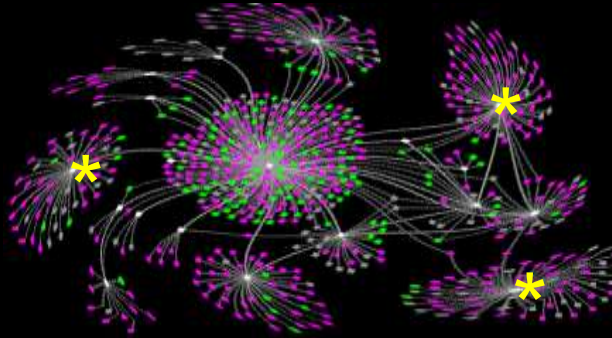
digital biology:
“it from bits”



de novo
synthesis of organisms



engineered
virulence



targeted modification of any
biological circuit in any



mapping neural circuitry and
brain – machine interfaces



accelerating technological
diffusion

Synthetic Biology, Genome Editing and National Security: The Ultimate Dual-Use Technology for Modification of Biological Systems?



Statement for the Record
Worldwide Threat Assessment
of the
US Intelligence Community
Senate Select Committee on Intelligence



James R. Clapper

Director of National Intelligence

February 9, 2016



Technology Diffusion,
Automation,
Simplification and Cost
Reduction



New Oversight
Mechanisms and
International
Harmonization

Tracking Personal Behavior and Activities

**Non-Consented Digital Signatures
(Trails/Exhaust/Dust)**

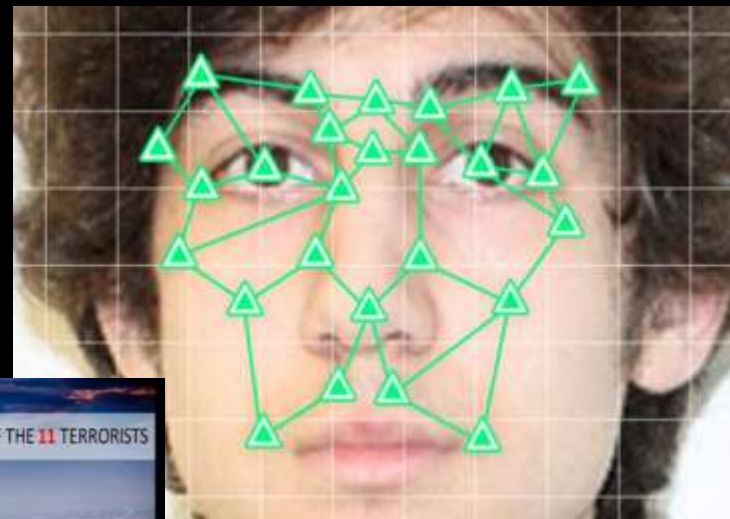
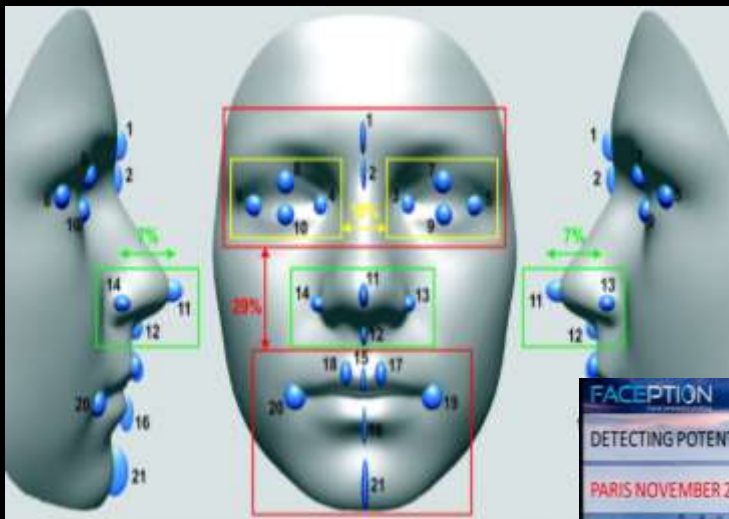
Predictive Behavioral Analytics

Digital Exhaust

- every move you make
- every twitter feed you update
- every facebook friend you add
- every internet search you log
- every cell phone call you transmit
- every time you use your credit card

SOMETHING AND/OR SOMEONE IS TRACKING YOU

Facial Recognition and Identification of Terrorism Suspects



POLICE NATIONALE

APPEL À TÉMOINS

ABDESLAM SALAH
né le 15 septembre 1989
à Bruxelles (Belgique)

Individu faisant l'objet d'un mandat de recherche.

SIGNALEMENT :
1 m 75, yeux marron

CONTACT :
Si vous disposez d'informations permettant de le localiser, contactez immédiatement le **197 Alerte attentat**.

Individu dangereux, surtout n'intervenez pas vous-même.

Computer-Based Facial Recognition Plus Idiosyncratic Patterns of Body Language and Movement



Evolution of Dynamic Interfaces for Computer-Based Individual Recognition and Real Time Decisions



genome



proteome
exposome
immunosignature

Big Data and Analytics: Integration of Diverse Data Streams for Comprehensive Real Time Situational Awareness



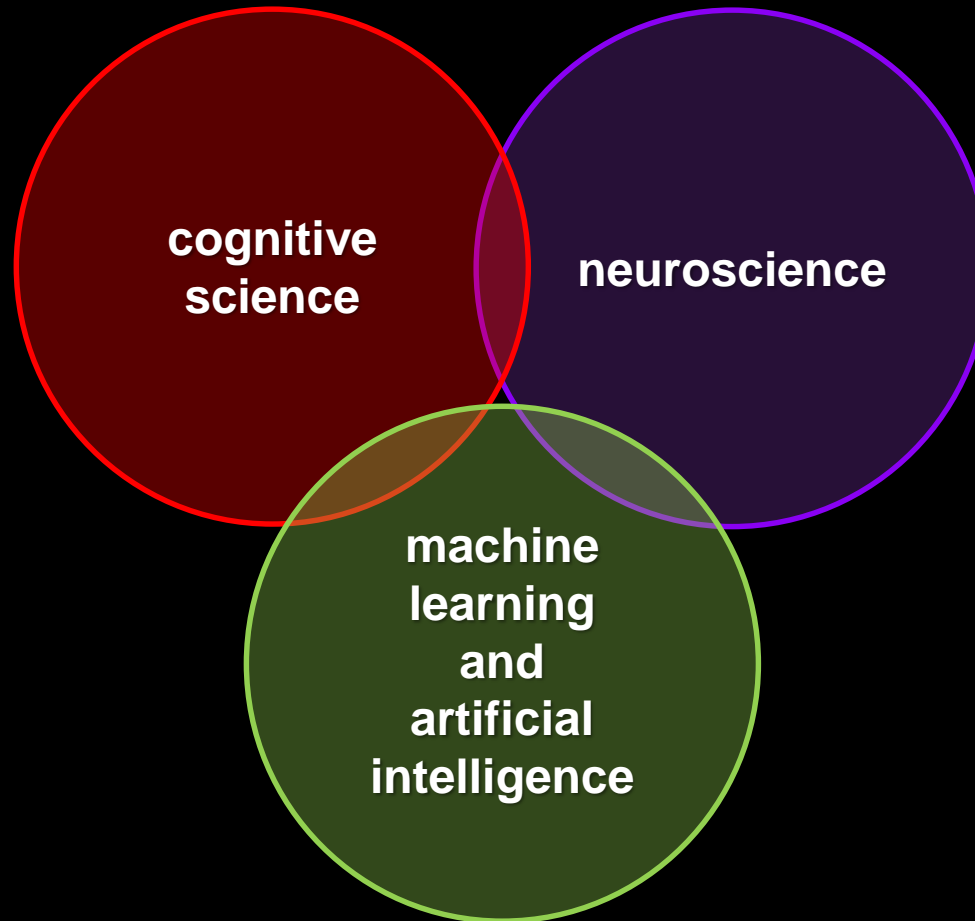
“Actionable Intelligence Starts at Ingestion”

The Big Data V6 Challenge: The Pending Zettabyte-Brontobyte Worlds



- volume
- velocity
- variety
- veracity
- visualization
- value

Convergence: Computational Rationality and Convergence of Intelligence Paradigms in Brains, Minds and Machines



The Pending Era of Cognitive Computing and Decision-Support Systems:



- **limits to individual expertise**
- **limits to our multi-dimensionality**
- **limits to our sensory systems**
- **limits to our experiences and perceptions**
- **limits to our objective decision-making**

Automated Learning Systems: The Future of 'Search' and Decision Support

- **deeper understanding of content and context
structured text plus natural language
processing of unstructured inputs**
- **search all things**
 - **integrated traditional document semantic
sources with video, objects, speech**
- **why should you have to ask first?**
 - **smart machines and understanding
where/what the user is doing**
- **why wait for the slow brain to catch up to the
fast machine (S. Redmore, Lexalytics)**

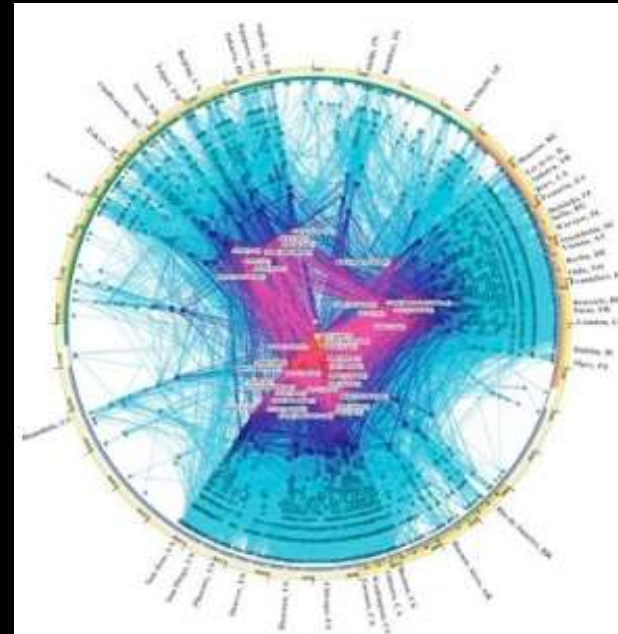
The Emergence of Big Data Changes the Questions That Can Be Asked



**Isolated
Data**

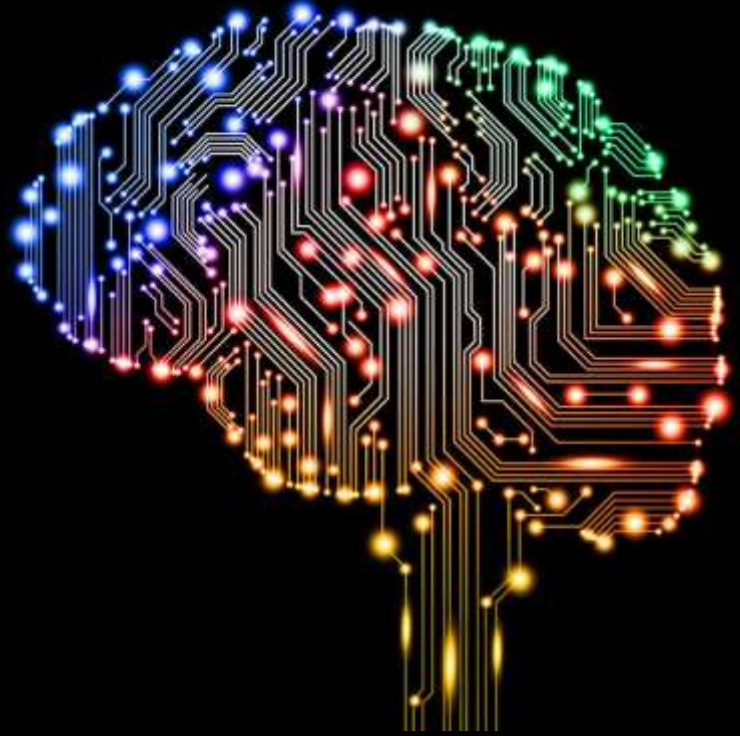
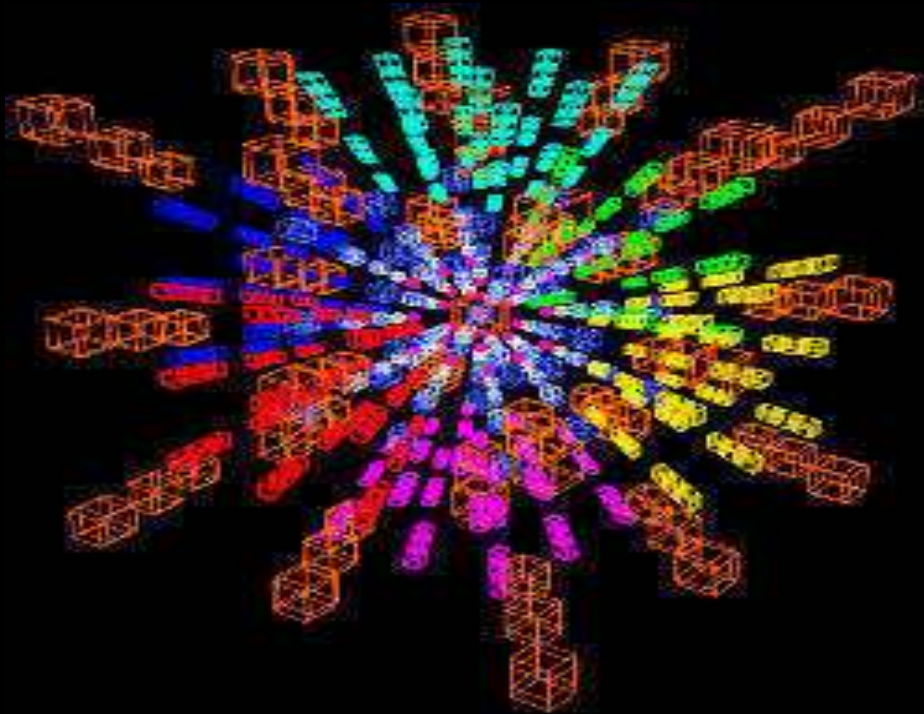


**Complex
Networked Data**



**Complex
Computational Data**

Automated Context: Data Finding Data “Intelligence at Ingestion”



**Feature
Extraction
and
Classification**



**Context
Analysis**
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**Persistent
Context**

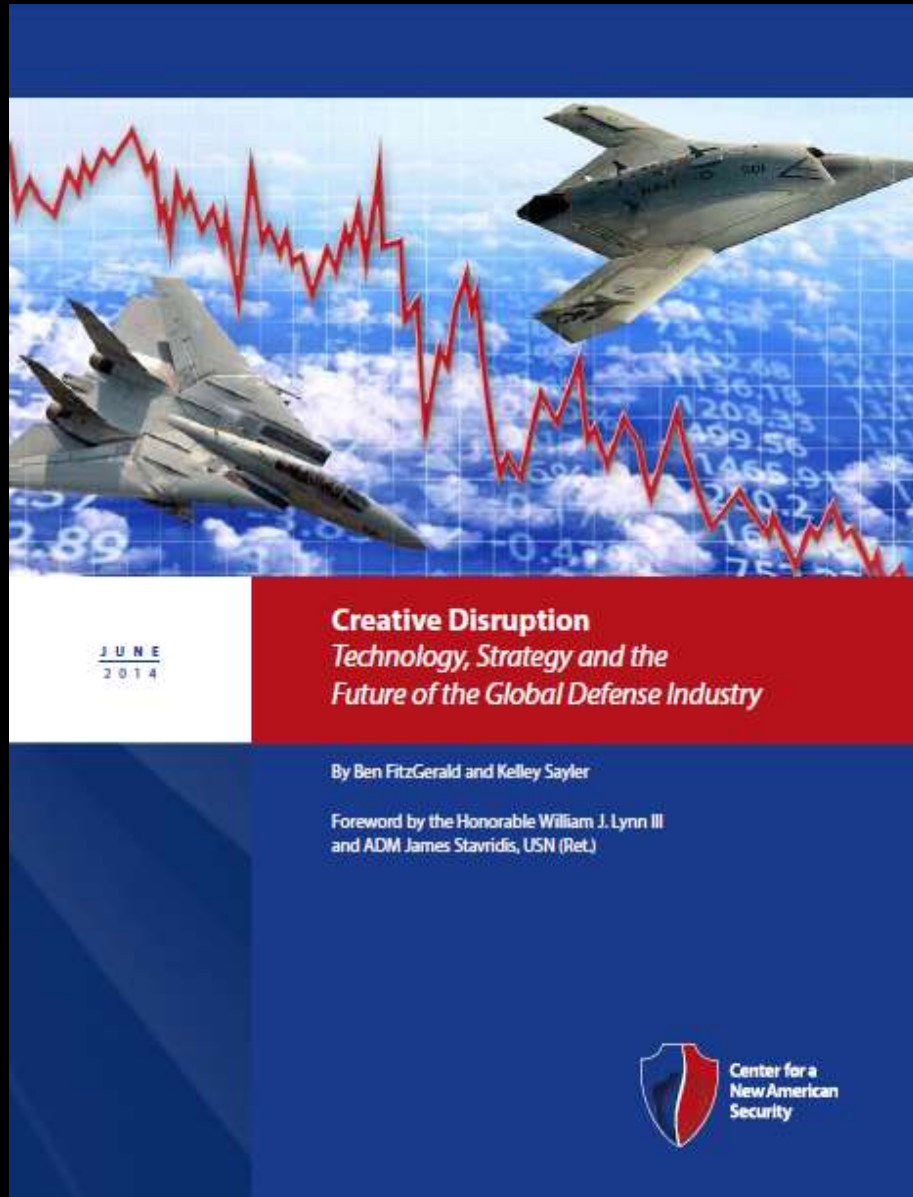


- **Relevance
Detection**
- **Learning
Systems**



- **Situational
Awareness**
- **Rapid,
Robust
Decisions**

The Evolution of Automated Combat Systems



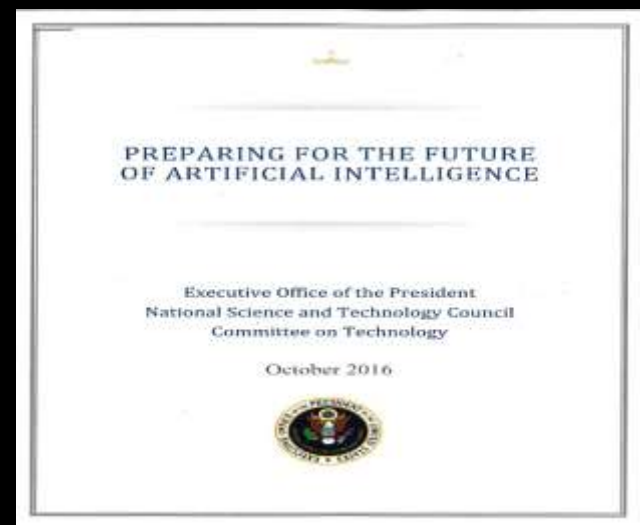
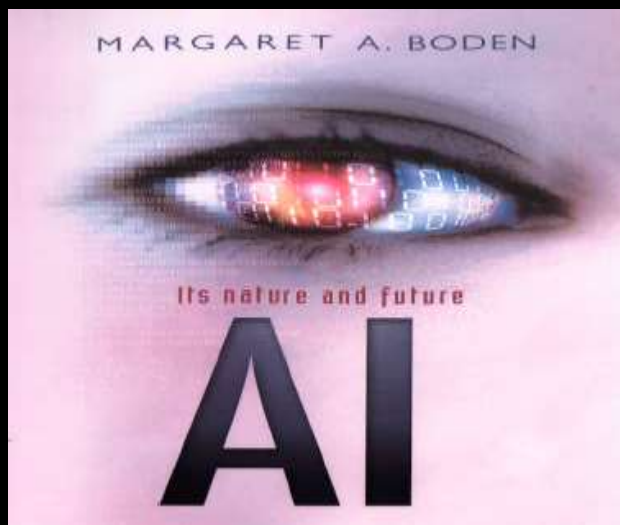
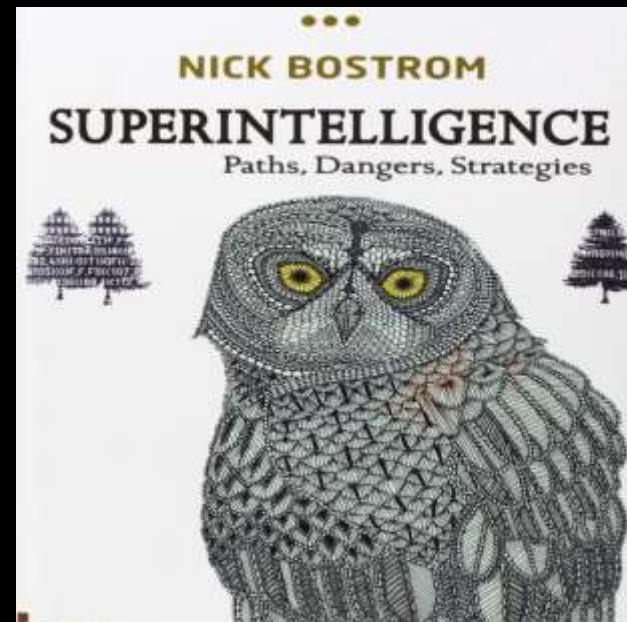
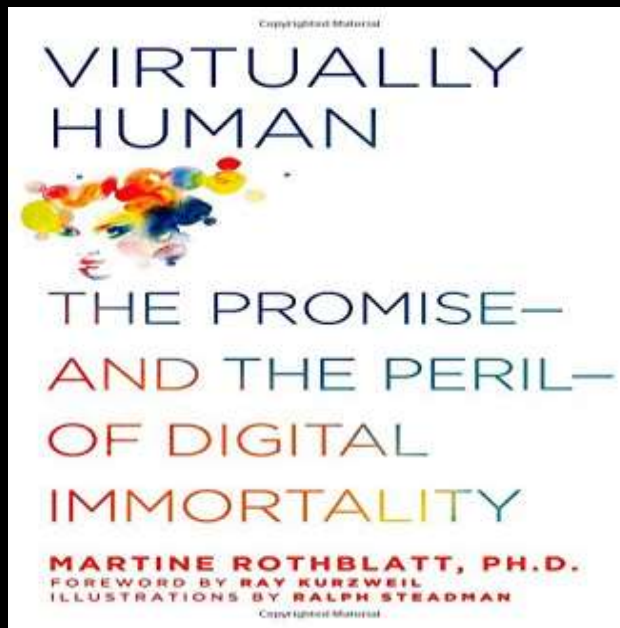
Deep Learning, Smart Machines, Artificial Intelligence and Decision Support Systems



“I Can’t Let You Do That Dave”

**Automated Decision Support Tools and
“Gated Autonomy” in the Management
of Complex Systems**

Deep Learning, Smart Machines and Ethical, Legal and Socio-Cultural Complexities



Security: The Education and Training of the Future Workforce

**Low US - STEM
Education Rankings**

STEM



**K-12
Education**

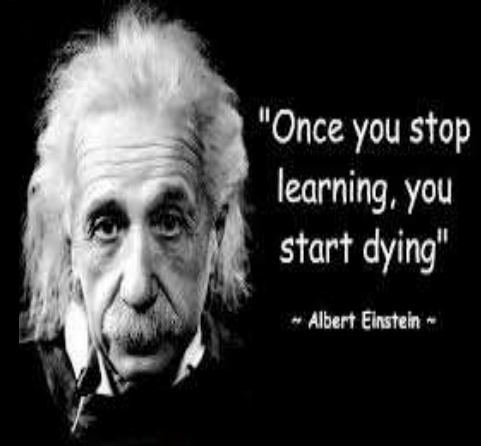


**Higher
Education**

**DESIGNING
THE NEW
AMERICAN
UNIVERSITY**

MICHAEL M. CROW
AND
WILLIAM B. DABARS

**Life-Long
Learning**



The bias of the
mainstream media is
toward sensationalism,
conflict, and
laziness.

Jon Stewart



**UNSCIENTIFIC
AMERICA**



HOW
SCIENTIFIC
ILLITERACY
THREATENS
OUR FUTURE



**Media
Sensationalism**

**Reactive Policies and
Political Populism**

Public Literacy

**Immigration Policy for
Skilled Workers**

Major Opportunities (and Needs) in Education and Training in Complexity Science, Computing and Decision Science

- **on-line interactive learning**
- **web-based collaboration tools**
- **multi-institutional education and training**
- **externships, public: private partnerships for future workforce preparation**

Virtual and Augmented Realities and Training for Complex, Dynamic Tasks

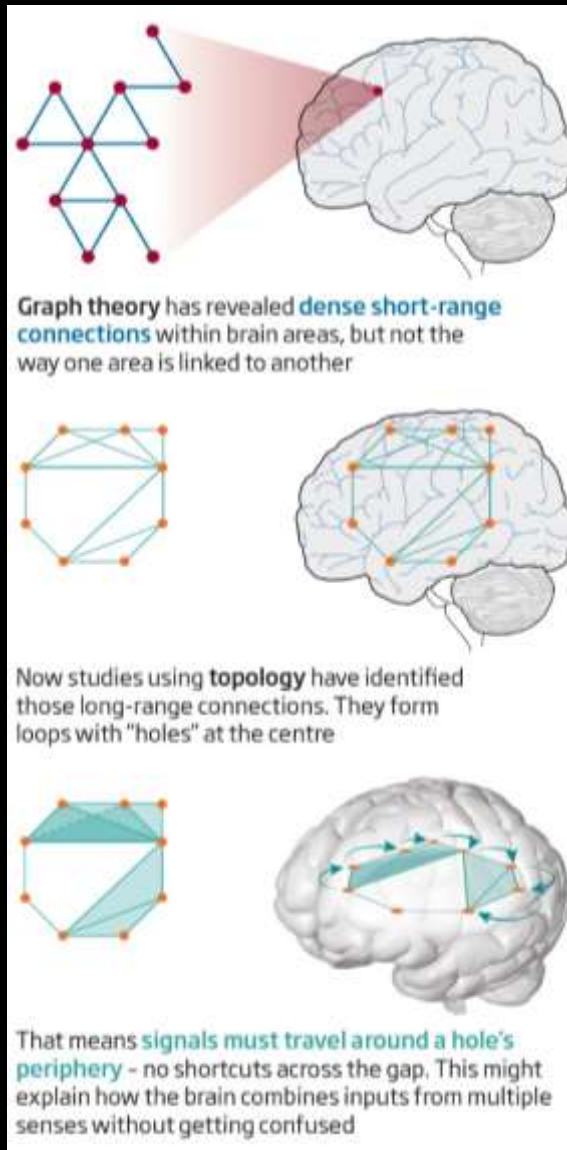


Advances in Cognitive Neurosciences and New Patterns of Cognitive Processing

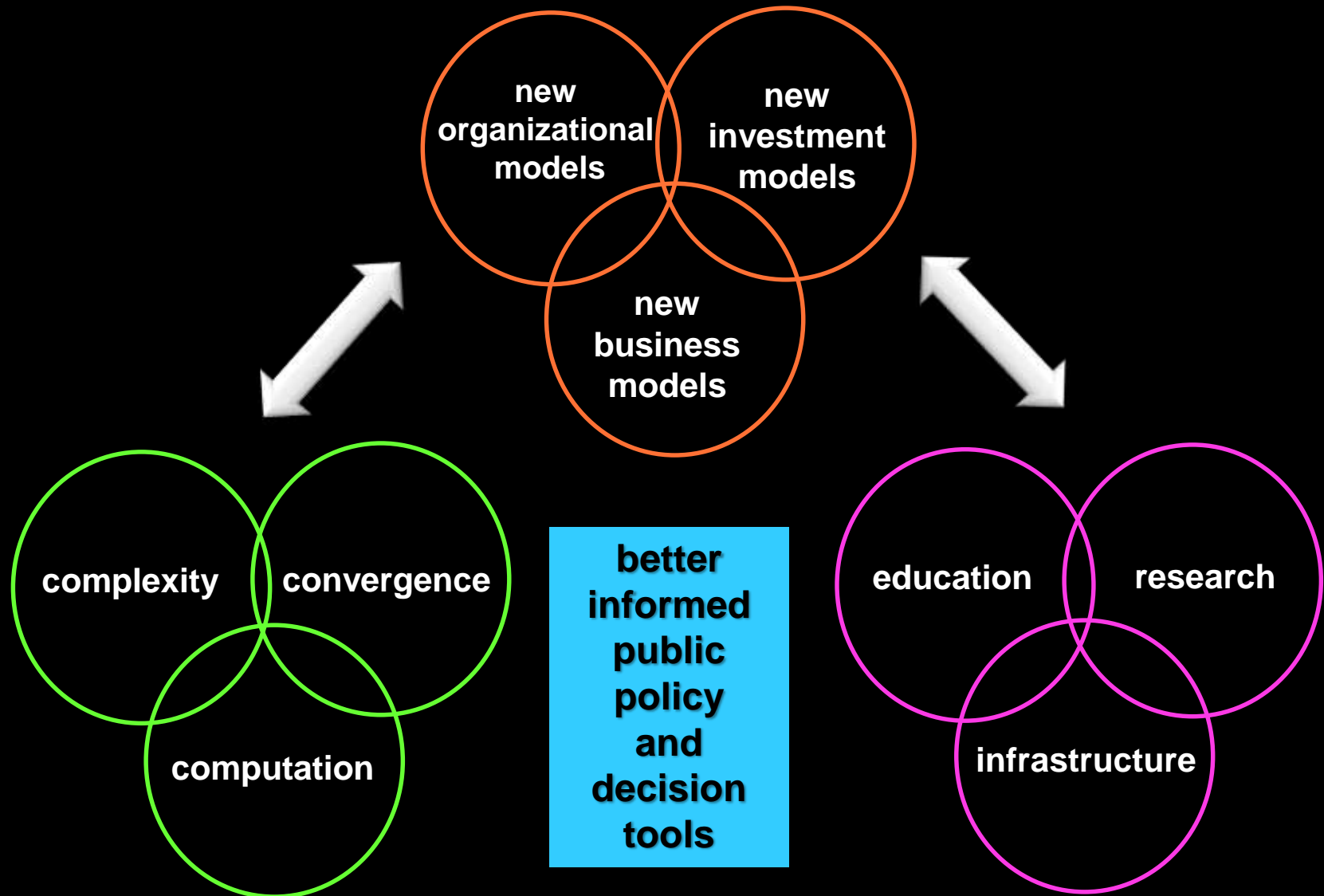


- optimize information representation (perception)
- neuroplasticity and selection of new cognitive mechanisms
- modulation of brain function to optimize comprehension

Mapping the Connectome: Deconvolution of Signal Flow in the CNS



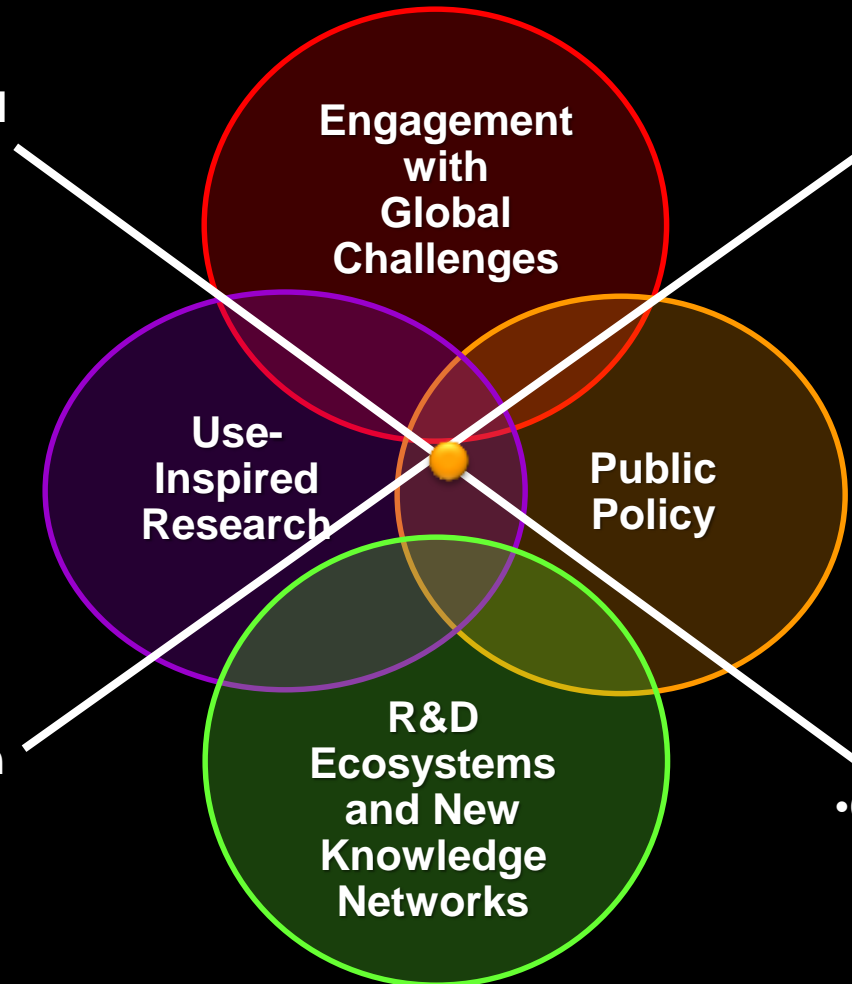
New Knowledge Networks for the Study of Complex Adaptive Systems



Systems of Innovation: Building a Competitive Knowledge Enterprise

- human and knowledge capital
- entrepreneurial translation
- future workforce education

- social systems
- informed decisions for public policy



- CAS as integration theme
 - concepts
 - organization
 - operations
 - education
 - funding

- CAS ubiquity
 - Intellectual fusion
 - emergent disruptive technologies
 - big data: machine intelligence

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