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# UN PIANETA PIÙ INTELLIGENTE IN AZIONE

Agenda Digitale, percorsi di innovazione  
per la crescita

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 IBM Research Lab

## IBM Research

Largest IT research organization worldwide  
More than 3,000 scientists and engineers at 11 labs in 9 countries  
Almost \$6B on R&D in 2010



## Delivering a Culture of Innovation

### 5 Nobel Laureates

Scanning Tunneling Microscope



High Temperature  
Superconductivity

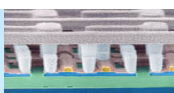
Electron  
Tunneling Effect

### 9 US National Medals of Technology

Copper Chip  
Technology



Silicon-on-  
Insulator

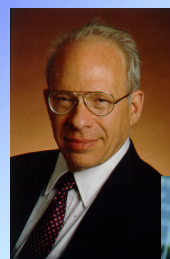


SiGe



DRAM

### 5 National Medals of Science



Nuclear  
Magnetic  
Resonance  
Techniques



Basis for MRI today

### 6 Turing Awards



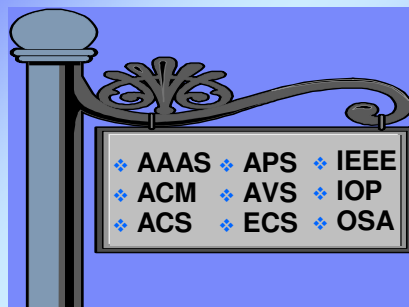
High Performance Computing

First woman recipient in the history of  
this prestigious ACM award

### 22 Members in National Academy of Sciences



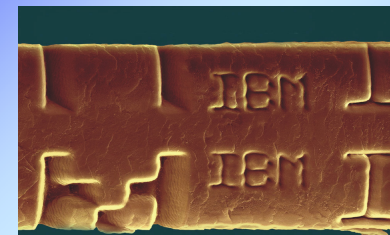
### Over 400 Professional Society Fellows



### 64 Members in National Academy of Engineering



### 11 Inductees in National Inventors Hall of Fame



Laser-etched hair based on excimer laser  
surgery - foundation for LASIK surgery



## Research's Strategic Disciplines



## 1945: Opening the Watson Scientific Computing Laboratory at Columbia University

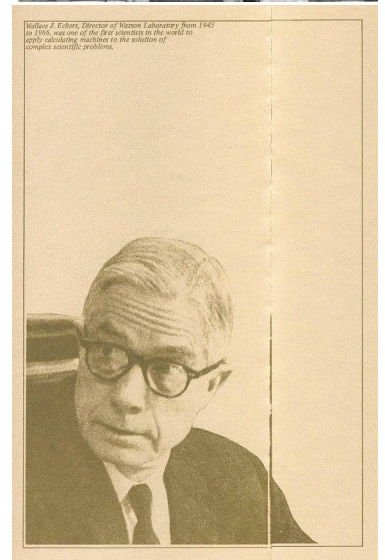
- equipped with IBM machines to “*serve as the world center for the treatment of problems ... whose solution depends on the effective use of applied mathematics and mechanical calculations.*”

“carry out scientific research where the efforts are dictated by the interest in the problem, and not by any external considerations.”

Wallace J. Eckert, director of IBM Research

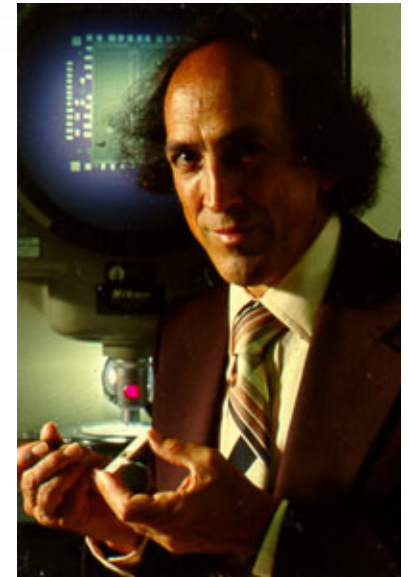
- Basic research is performed without thought of practical ends..... though it may not give a complete specific answer to [a large number of important practical problems]. The function of applied research is to provide such complete answers.*

Science The Endless Frontier, a Report to the President by Vannevar Bush, Director of the Office of Scientific Research and Development, July 1945

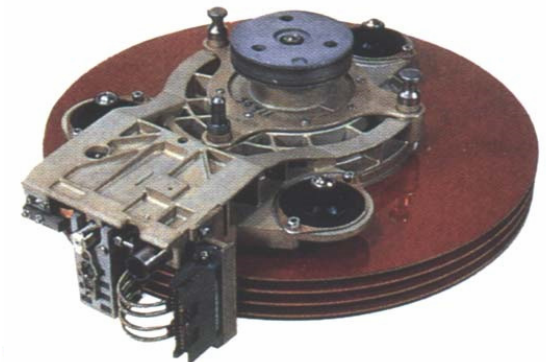


## 1945-1970: Science-driven innovation: anticipate and create technological breakthroughs

- 1956 – Ramac developed at San Jose led to first magnetic disk drive
- 1966 – One-transistor memory cell (DRAM) invented by Robert H. Dennard.
- 1973 – "Winchester" disk becomes the industry standard for the next decade.



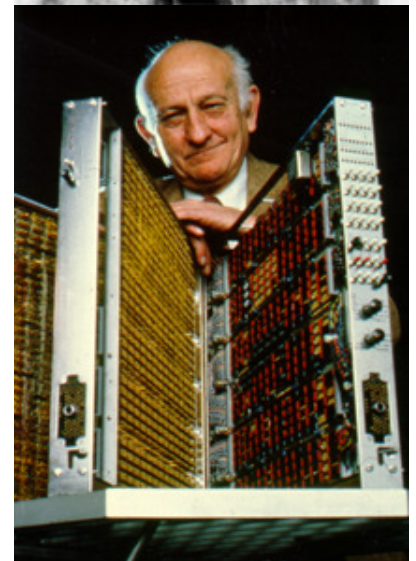
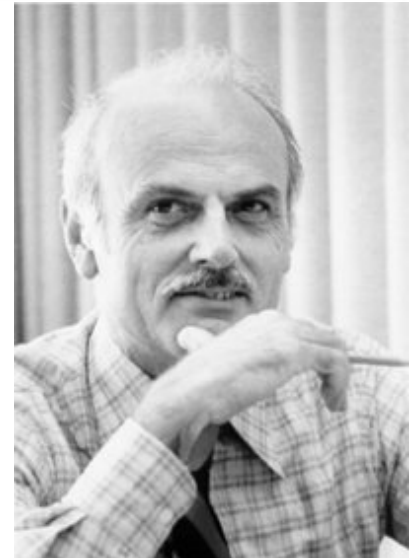
“Scientists mind the science, IBM developers take care of the rest.”



## The issue with R&D separation

“In such a dynamic industry, time to market is everything. The company that first markets a new product garners most of the profits. ... Selling old IT hardware is like selling old fish.”

- 1970 – Relational databases – Edgar F. Codd
- 1980 – Reduced Instruction Set Computing (RISC) – John Cocke



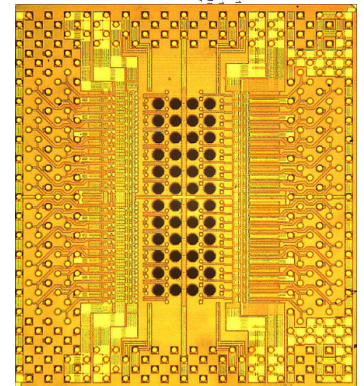
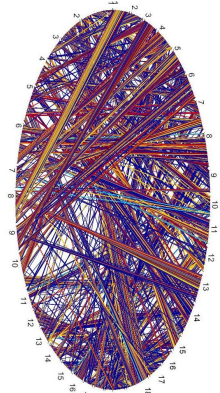
“the lesson learnt is that you don’t isolate researchers”  
Eric Schmidt, CEO Google.

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IBM Research today  
*We don't just invent, we innovate.*

- Long term exploratory research – to understand the frontiers of science
- There is no technology handoff: Research participates actively in product development – to be fast to market
- Strategic consulting: informing decisions about technology choices, identifying directions for new business opportunities, and evaluating the intellectual assets of competitors and potential partners.



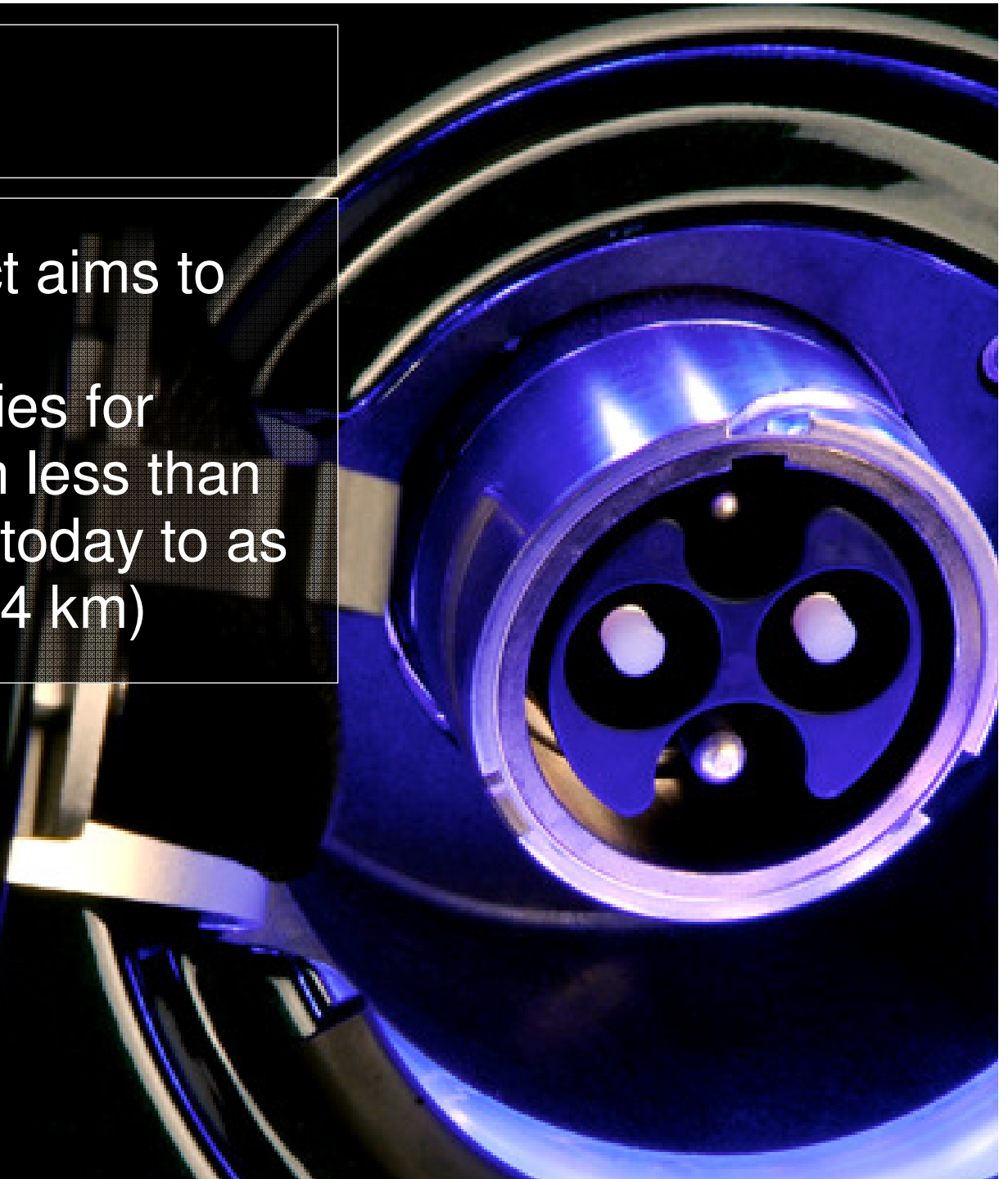
“To be first to market an organization does not always need to make the initial invention. But it must have deep knowledge of the frontiers of science.

Adapted from Paul Horn



## BATTERY 500

Collaborative project aims to boost the range of rechargeable batteries for all-electric cars from less than 100 miles (160 km) today to as far as 500 miles (804 km)



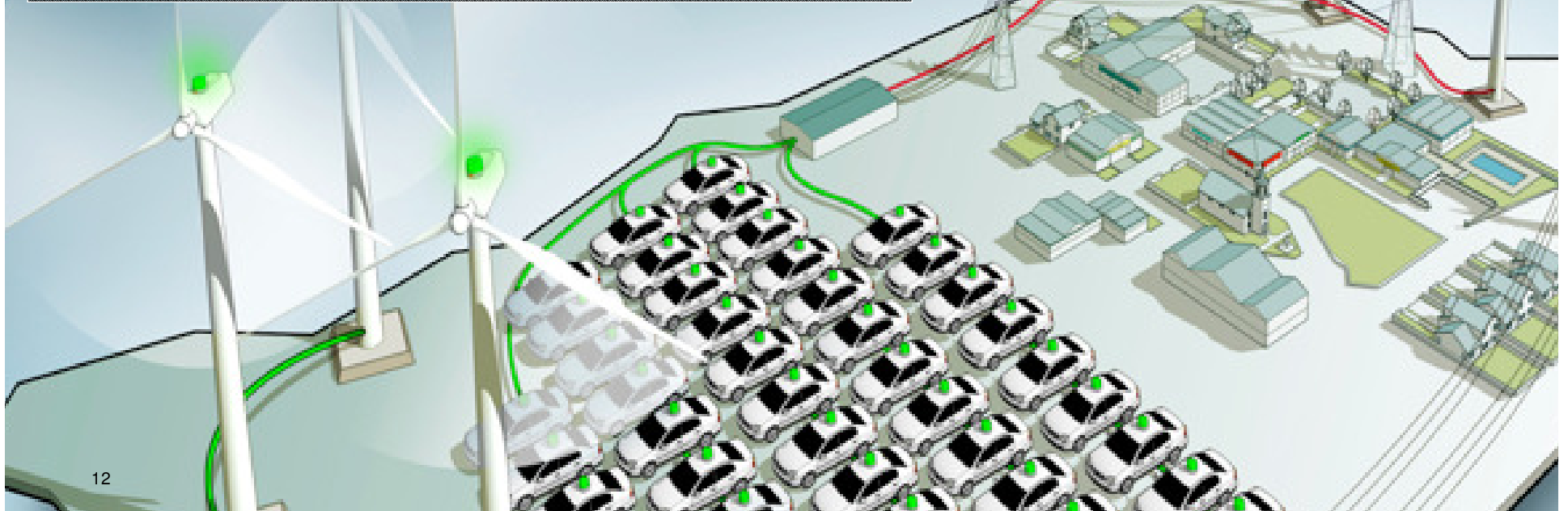
A close-up photograph of a green printed circuit board (PCB) featuring several black integrated circuits and various electronic components. Two large, rectangular copper heat sinks are mounted on the board, connected by a network of copper pipes that loop around the components. The background is blurred, showing more of the server rack environment.

## AQUASAR

A first-of-a-kind water-cooled supercomputer that will directly repurpose excess heat for ETH Zurich buildings during the winter. Aquasar will decrease the carbon footprint of the system by up to 85% and is estimated to save up to 30 tons of carbon dioxide per year.

# EDISON

In Denmark, IBM is helping to develop smart technologies that synchronize the charging of electric vehicles with the availability of wind energy in the electric grid



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# Global Technology Outlook 2012



## Global Technology Outlook Objectives

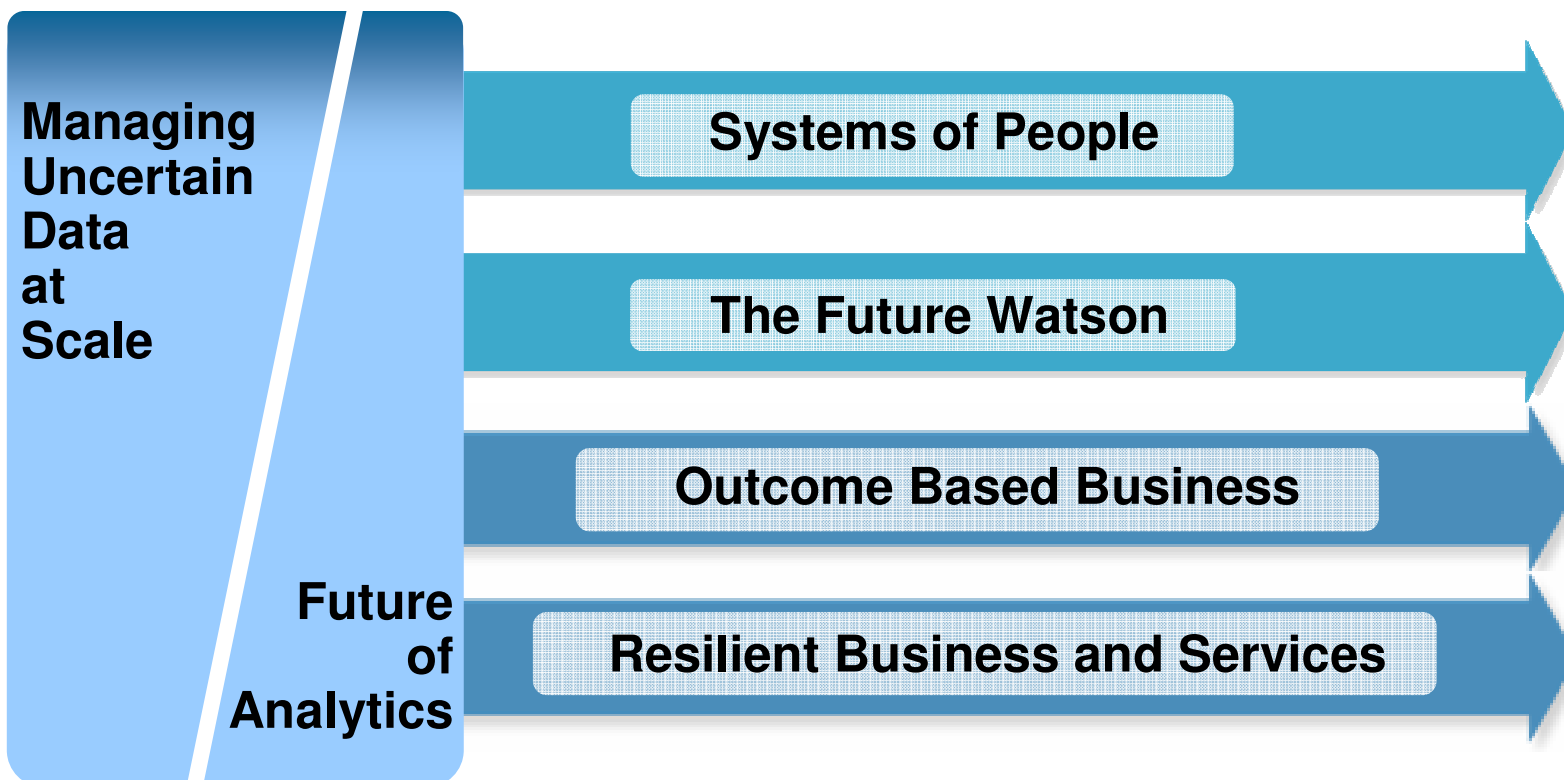
GTO identifies **significant technology trends** early. It looks for high impact disruptive technologies leading to **game changing products and services** over a **3-10 year horizon**.

Technology thresholds identified in a GTO **demonstrate their influence** on clients, enterprises, & industries and have **high potential to create new businesses**.

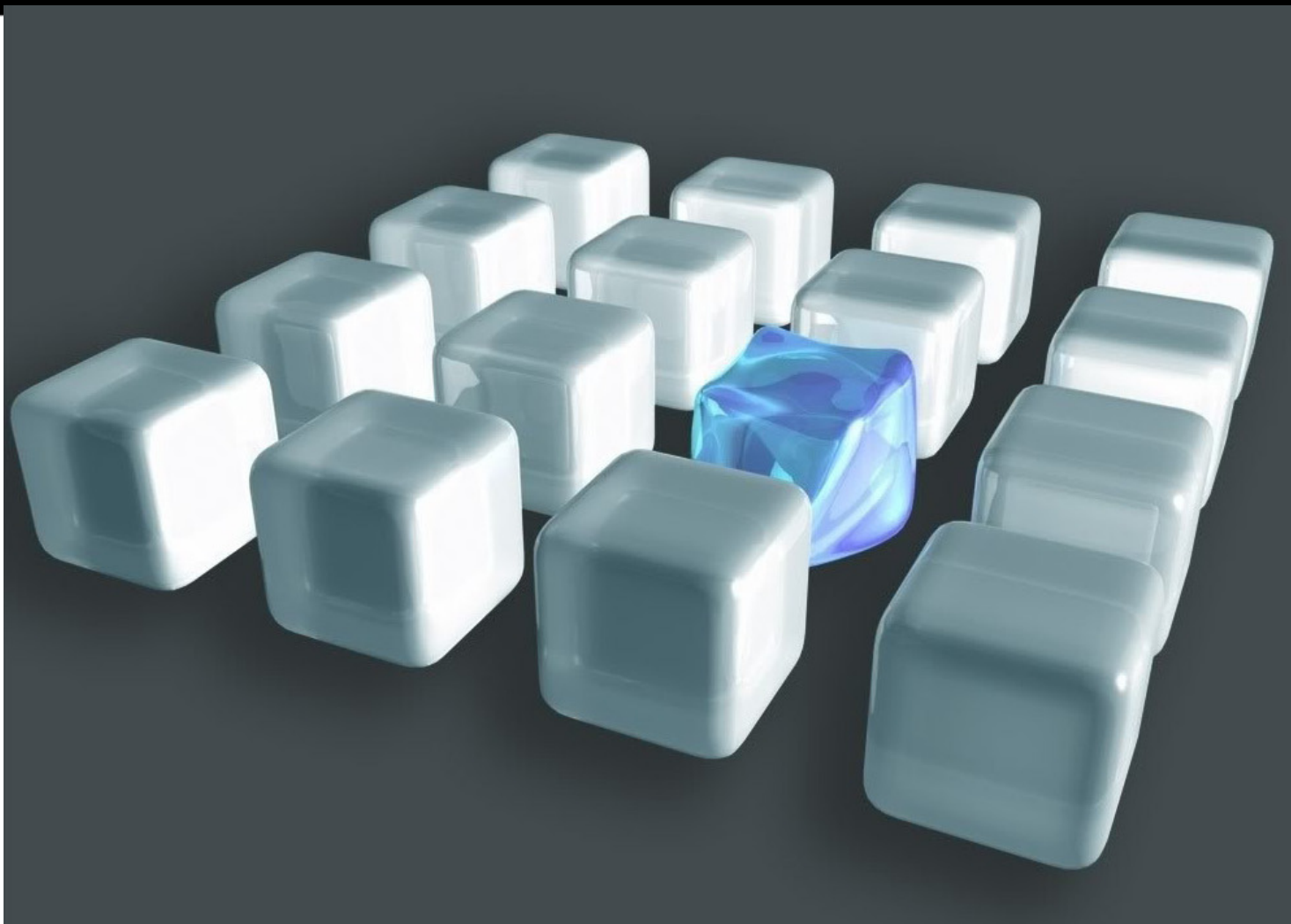


## Global Technology Outlook 2012

Uncertain data and analytics are major themes



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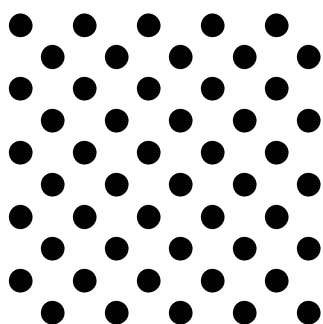
Managing uncertain data at scale



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## The fourth dimension of Big Data

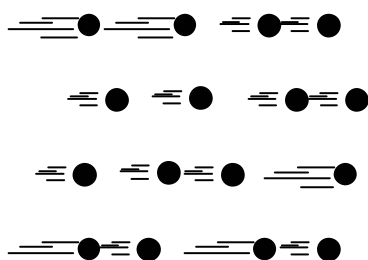
### Volume



#### Data at Rest

Terabytes to  
exabytes of existing  
data to process

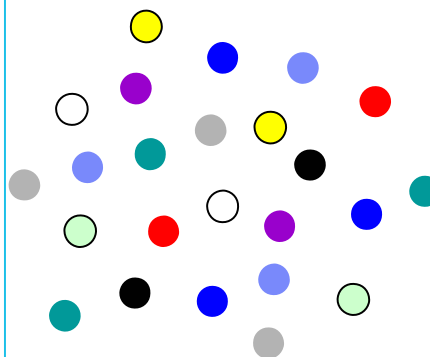
### Velocity



#### Data in Motion

Streaming data,  
milliseconds to  
seconds to respond

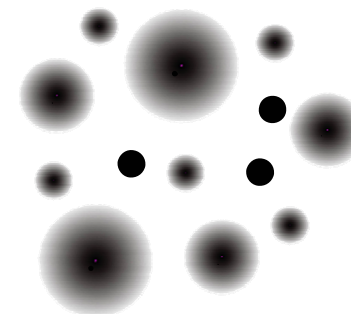
### Variety



#### Data in Many Forms

Structured,  
unstructured, text,  
multimedia

### Veracity\*



#### Data in Doubt

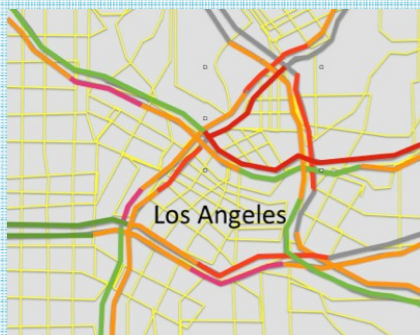
Uncertainty due to  
data inconsistency  
& incompleteness,  
ambiguities, latency,  
deception, model  
approximations

\* Truthfulness, accuracy or precision, correctness

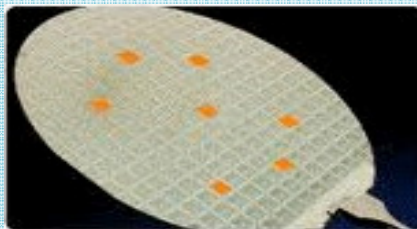
## Uncertainty arises from many sources

### Process Uncertainty

Processes contain  
“randomness”



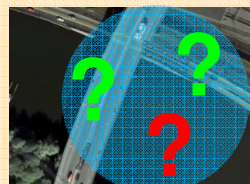
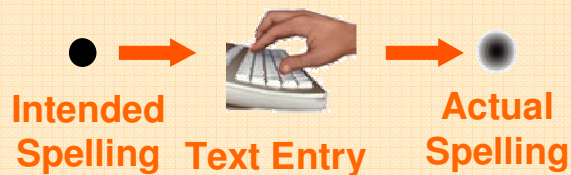
Uncertain travel times



Semiconductor yield

### Data Uncertainty

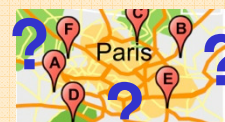
Data input is uncertain



GPS Uncertainty



Testimony



{Paris Airport}

Ambiguity

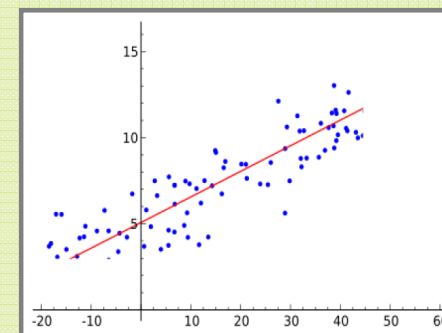


Contaminated?  
Rumors

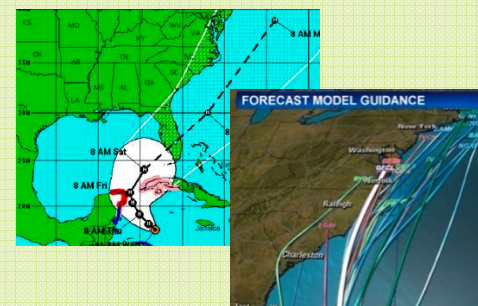
{John Smith, Dallas}  
{John Smith, Kansas}  
Conflicting Data

### Model Uncertainty

All modeling is approximate



Fitting a curve to data

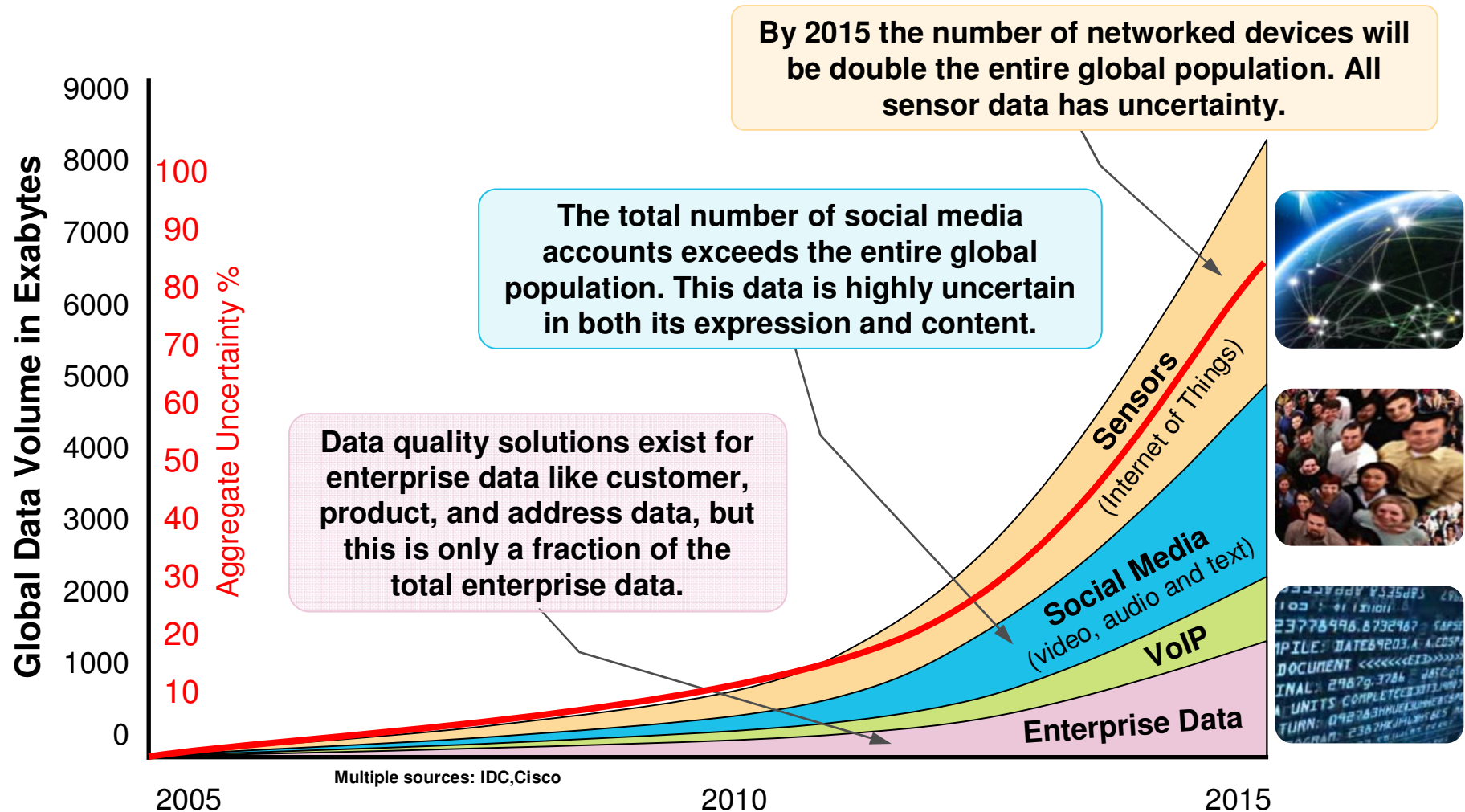


Forecasting a hurricane  
([www.noaa.gov](http://www.noaa.gov))

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By 2015, 80% of all available data will be uncertain



## Examples: Uncertainty management presents many opportunities

### Smarter Planet

#### System analytics predict maintenance

- Downtime costs \$M in income loss
- Equipment maintenance needs unpredictable
- Customer contracts impose penalties

**Energy** 5% more oil platform production  
30% less maintenance cost

Improvements obtained using statistical modeling that combine equipment sensor data with performance history to predict corrective maintenance activities

### 360° customer view

#### Creating profiles from many sources

- Many inconsistent data sources
- Intent hidden within social media
- Geospatial data is imprecise

**Auto** 35% more satisfied customers by analyzing agent notes

**Telco** 35% better churn prediction using customer SMS messages



Reduced time to determine lending risk from weeks to minutes

### Supply chain

#### Process and forecast uncertainty

##### Modeling Uncertainties

- Demand, sales, production, shipment

##### Shipping Uncertainties

- Goods damaged
- Mistakes in shipped goods



80% lower price protection costs  
30% less channel inventory  
50% fewer returns

Reductions obtained using inventory replenishment model that accounts for uncertain price protection

### Healthcare

#### More data from physician notes and tests

##### Structured medical records are incomplete

- “Golden” text notes must be interpreted
- Drug names
- Relationship types (mtr, sibs, m, paunt)
- Uncertainty in images



##### Healthcare

Able to identify:

- 40% more smokers found
- 15% more disease history

Mitral stenosis:

- 50% more diagnoses
- 35% misdiagnoses

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Condensing data reduces uncertainty by constructing context

CONDENSE

Credit Loyalty

**Michael**  
San Jose, CA

Influencers Intent

Buying DSLR today!

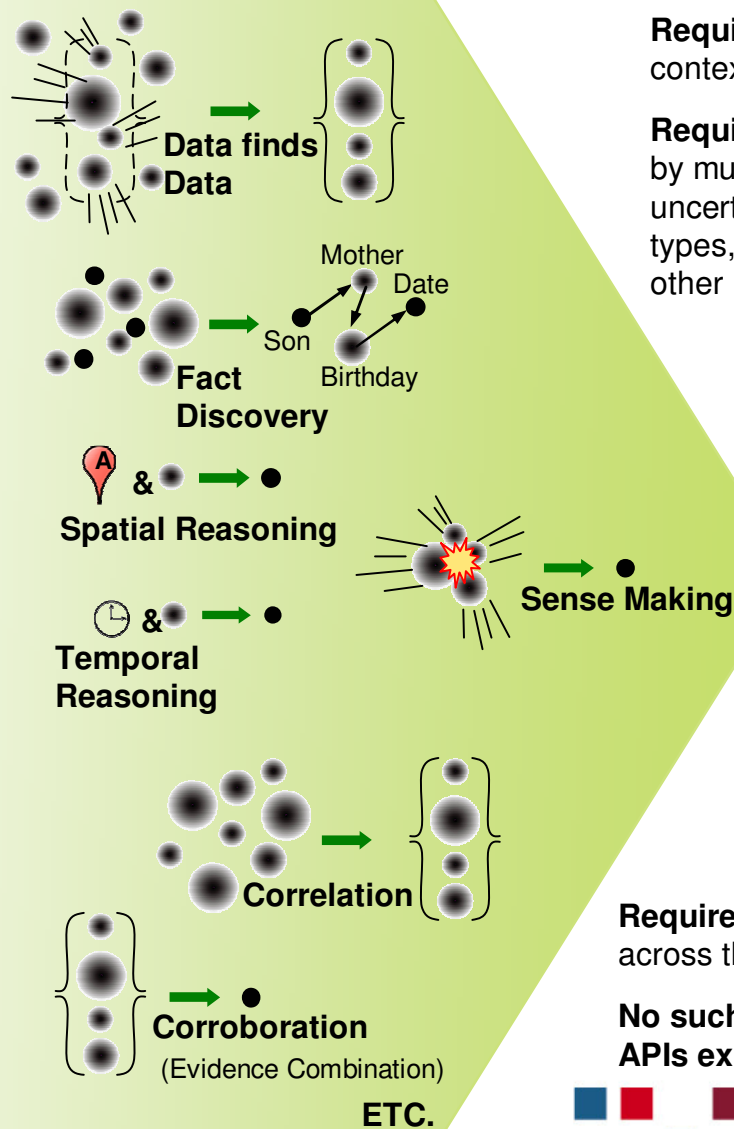
Customer at Mall

Customer in Store #42

15% OFF 10% OFF 5% OFF

\$999 \$560

**In-Store Pricing And Discounts**



**Required:** tight integration to maximize context discovery

**Required:** common practices followed by multiple standards for representing uncertain data and uncertainty of all types, provenance, and lineage and other metadata

NY

\$560 OR \$999

Buying a DSLR today!

VIP

**Maximum Context For Minimum Uncertainty**

**Required:** common APIs to enable sharing across the uncertainty management pipeline

**No such common practices, standards or APIs exist today**

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## Systems of people



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People-centric processes are at the core of a broad range of issues



## **Differentiate for Growth**

Create winning products, fast, by having the best and most productive knowledge workers



## **Drive Sales Productivity**

Create superior sales force, drive sales enablement and seller/client alignment



## **Grow in Emerging Markets**

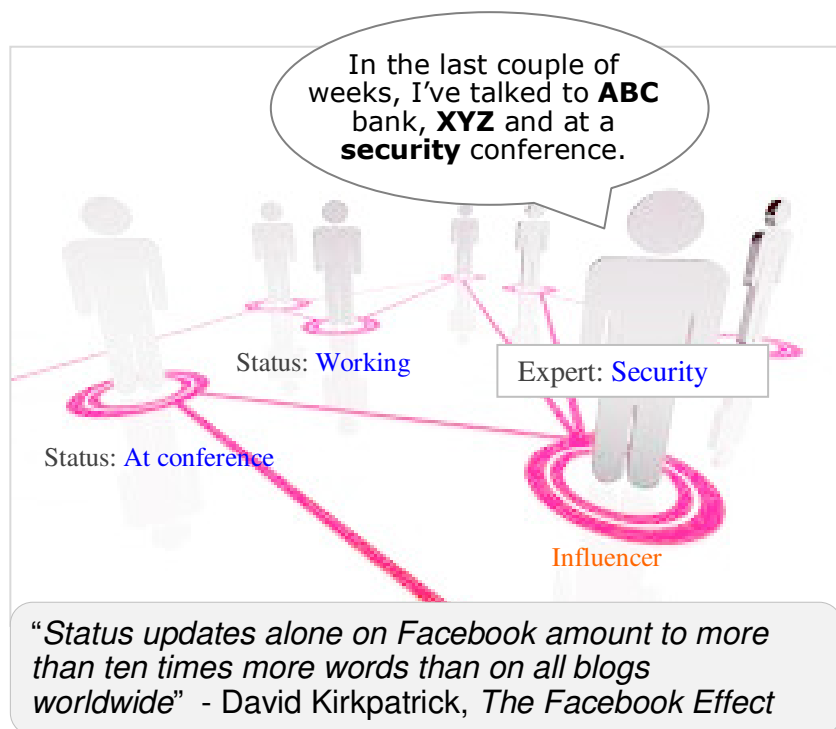
Re-create organizational footprint in global markets



## **Transform Service Delivery**

Further grow productivity and enable new delivery models

## Optimizing people-centric processes is not the same as optimizing supply chains



- Rich information (e.g. expertise, work patterns, response to incentives, digital reputation) is flowing through on-line collaboration and enterprise systems
- Capturing this information enables analytics to be applied to people-centric processes

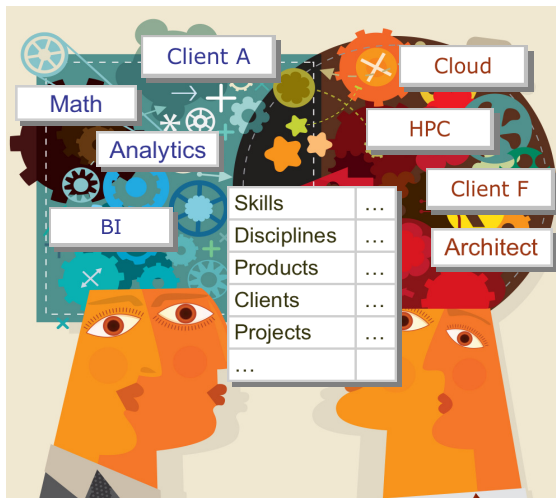
## Executing on Systems of People vision depends on three key capabilities



Incorporate capabilities that **adapt content** for situations and needs, and enhance communication **over many devices, across diverse pools of talent**

context-aware  
cognitive load management  
translation, transcription  
text-to-speech, voice...

### PEOPLE ENABLEMENT



Develop capabilities to **create a representation** of a person's skills, experiences, preferences, digital reputation...

In a **structured and organized way**, so it can be used **for the purpose of running a business**

### PEOPLE CONTENT



Implement capabilities for people-centric process optimization **within an analytics platform for rapid, on-demand deployment**

matching, talent cloud  
crowdsourcing, predictive markets  
simulation of workforce trends  
performance analytics  
behavior modeling...

### PEOPLE ANALYTICS

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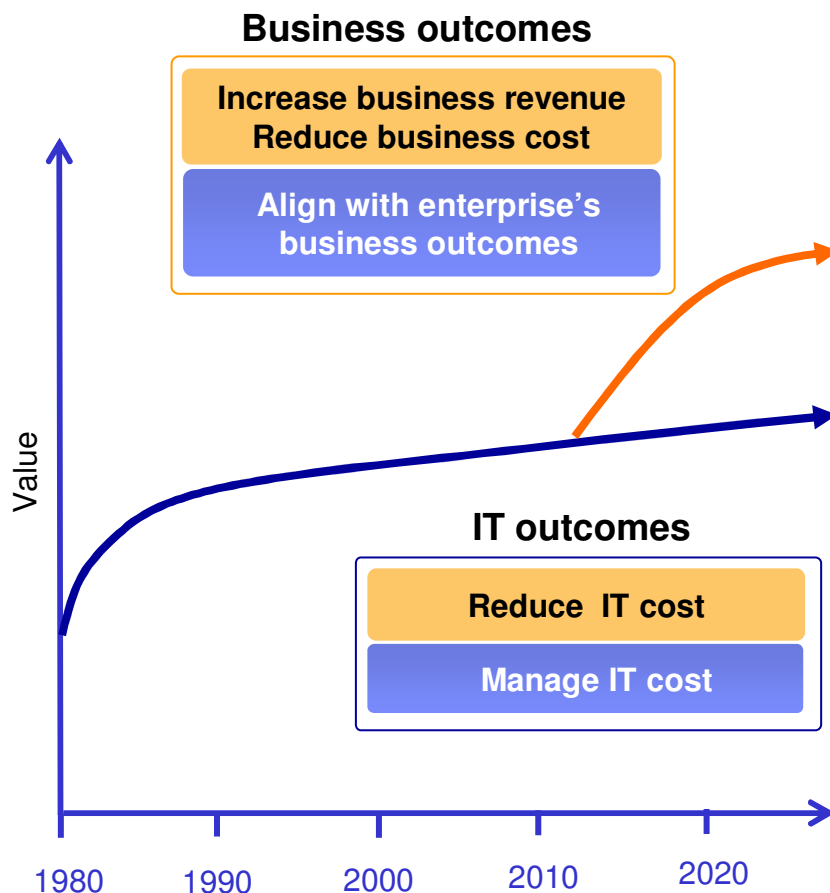


## Outcome Based Business



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A shift is taking place from delivering IT outcomes to delivering business outcomes



## “From Cost Center to Profit Center”

The transformation of IT from a cost center to a profit center does not happen overnight. It requires a well thought out strategy and implementation.

Source: dynamicCIO.com, C R Narayanan, Dec 20, 2011

## “IT Value Is Dead. Long Live Business Value.”

Business outcomes from technology investments are all that really matter. The CIO's challenge is finding new ways to prove IT's worth.

Source: CIO.com, Stephanie Overby, May 12, 2011

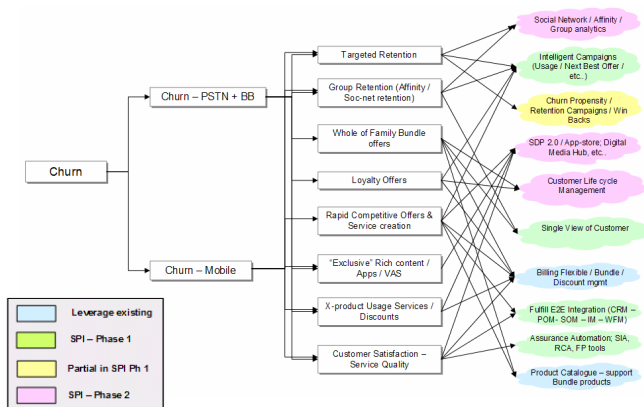
## Top 10 Business Priorities 2014

Increasing enterprise growth	1
Improving Operations	2
Attracting and retaining new customers	3

Source: Gartner, 2011 CIO Survey

## Customer churn: An example of how a business outcome approach has been used

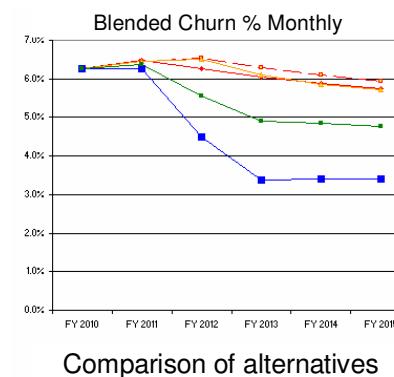
### Operational models specify the business capabilities



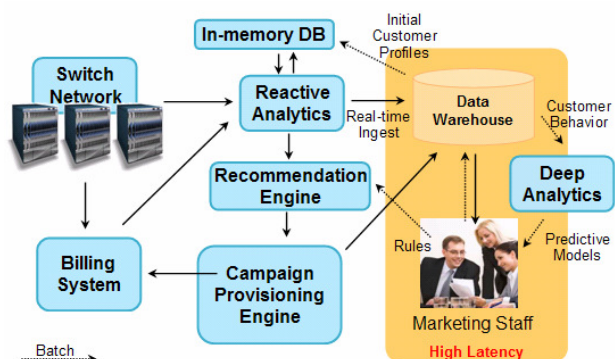
Team used spreadsheets to analyze and create projections based upon past experience

Existing assets are configured and deployed

### Analysis projects the results



### Integrated functional components support the business outcome



### Potential Outcome Metrics

- Activations per annum
- Average revenue per user
- Value Added Services as % of revenue
- Call center FTEs/million

A deep understanding of the industry, supported by models and assets, is key to achieving success

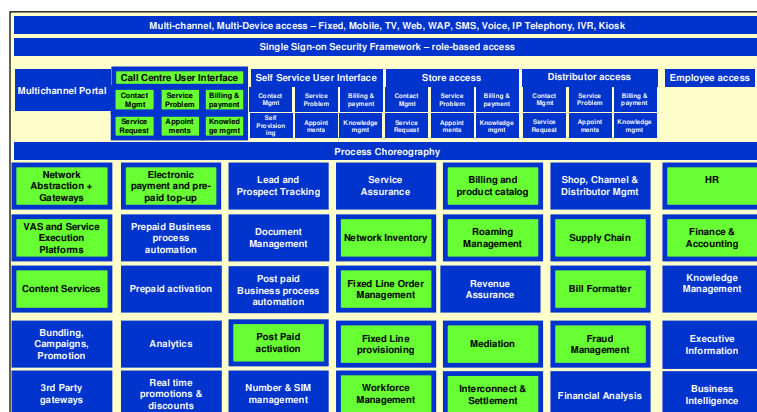
## Key Attributes

- Deep understanding of the industry
- Models, analytics and optimization
- Integrated software and services assets
- Learning and assets from one engagement applied to the next

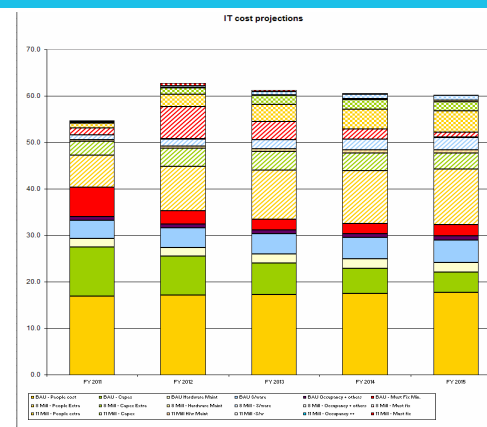
## Features

- Enhanced margins
- Long-term contracts
- Asset reuse

## Integrated Functional Component Assets in Telecom Industry



## Models and Analysis



Other industries are using or proposing business outcome-based approaches

Industry	Solution	Outcome Metric
<b>Healthcare</b>	Patient Transition Care	Reduce patient re-admittance rate
	Clinical Trial	Reduce the time to launch a drug
	Fraud & Abuse Management System	Reduce suspicious Medicaid claims
	Watson	Improve diagnostic assistance
<b>Government</b>	Tax Audit System	Identification of tax fraud
<b>Banking</b>	Churn Reduction	Improve customer retention
<b>Finance</b>	Credit Loss Enhancement	Increase credit loss enhancement
<b>Retail, Consumer Products</b>	Multi-Channel Next Best Action	Increased sales through alternative channel actions
	Demand-Driven Business Analytics	Reduce out-of-stock incidents at retail stores

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## Resilient Business and Services

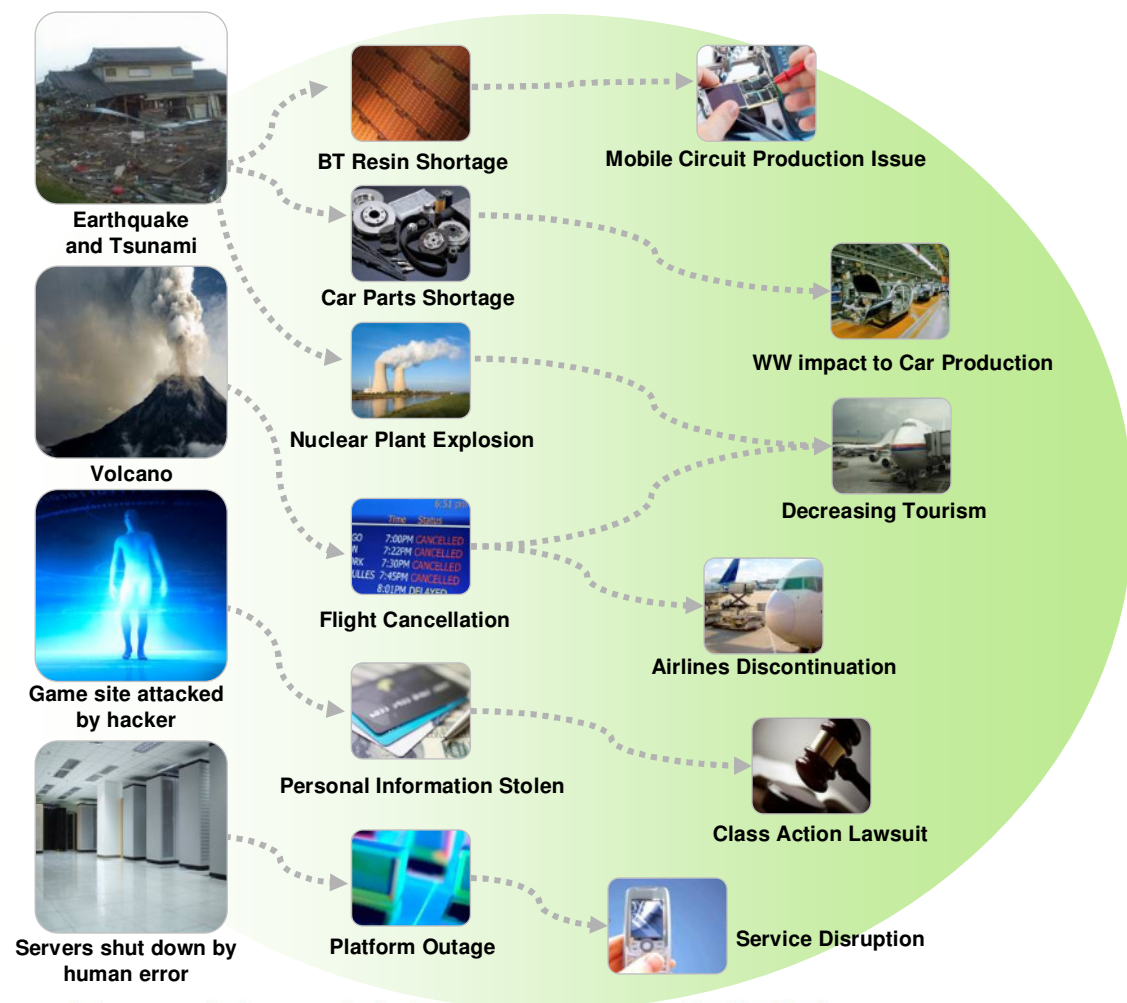


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The increasingly connected world magnifies the impact on every aspect of life  
To maintain business operations, we can not assume any part of the system is always reliable, available or trustworthy



After the 2011 Japan Earthquake and Tsunami:

90% of WW BT resin supply stopped

World wide car production was down 30% for Toyota during April and May

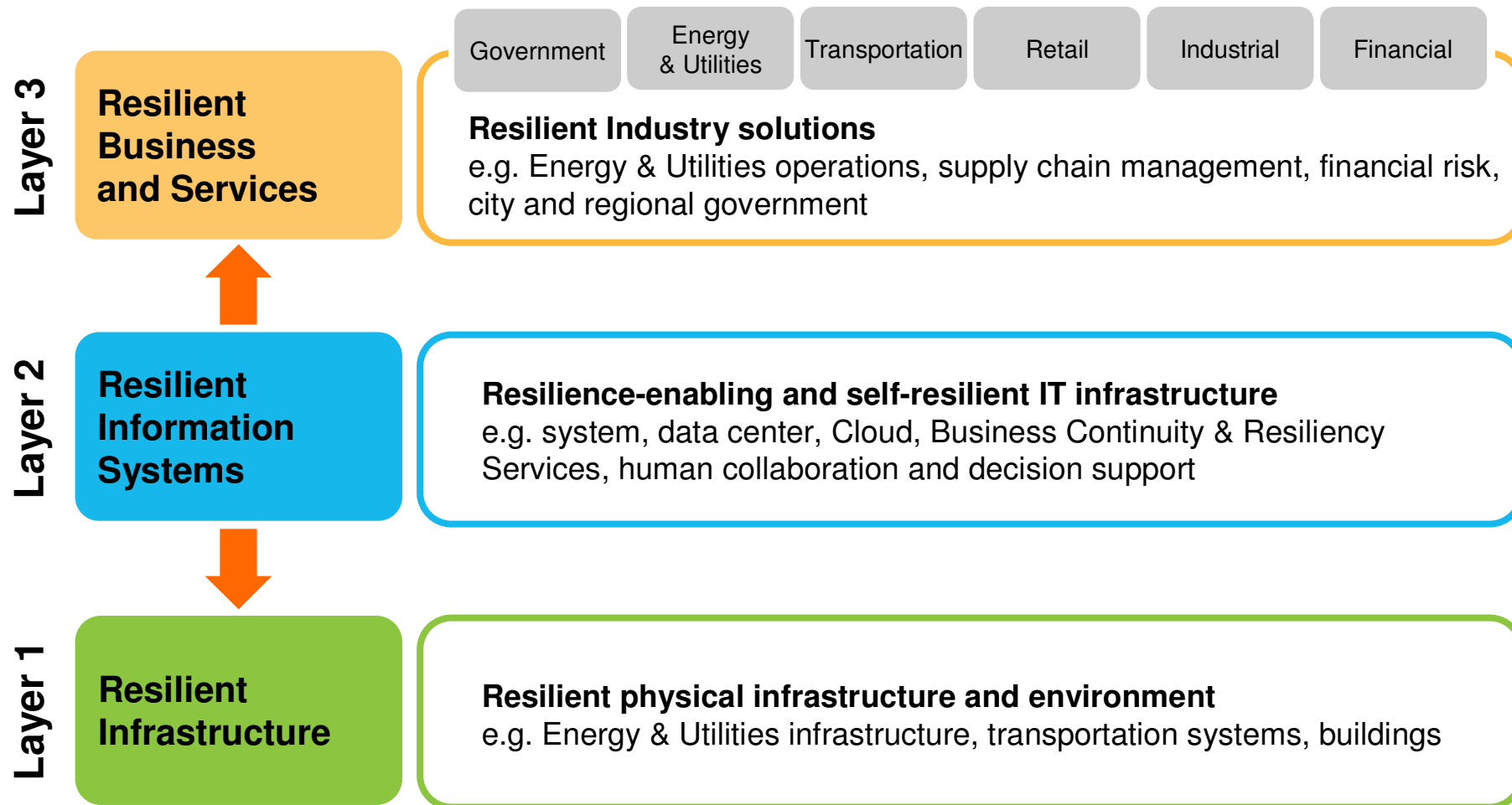
Visitors to Japan dropped 60% in April

The Iceland volcanic eruption cost airlines \$1.7 billion with more than 10 million people affected

Personal information leakage cost \$170M, led to class action law suits, and damaged corporate reputation

Amazon S3 outage affected platform and services, including Twitter, Dropbox, foursquare

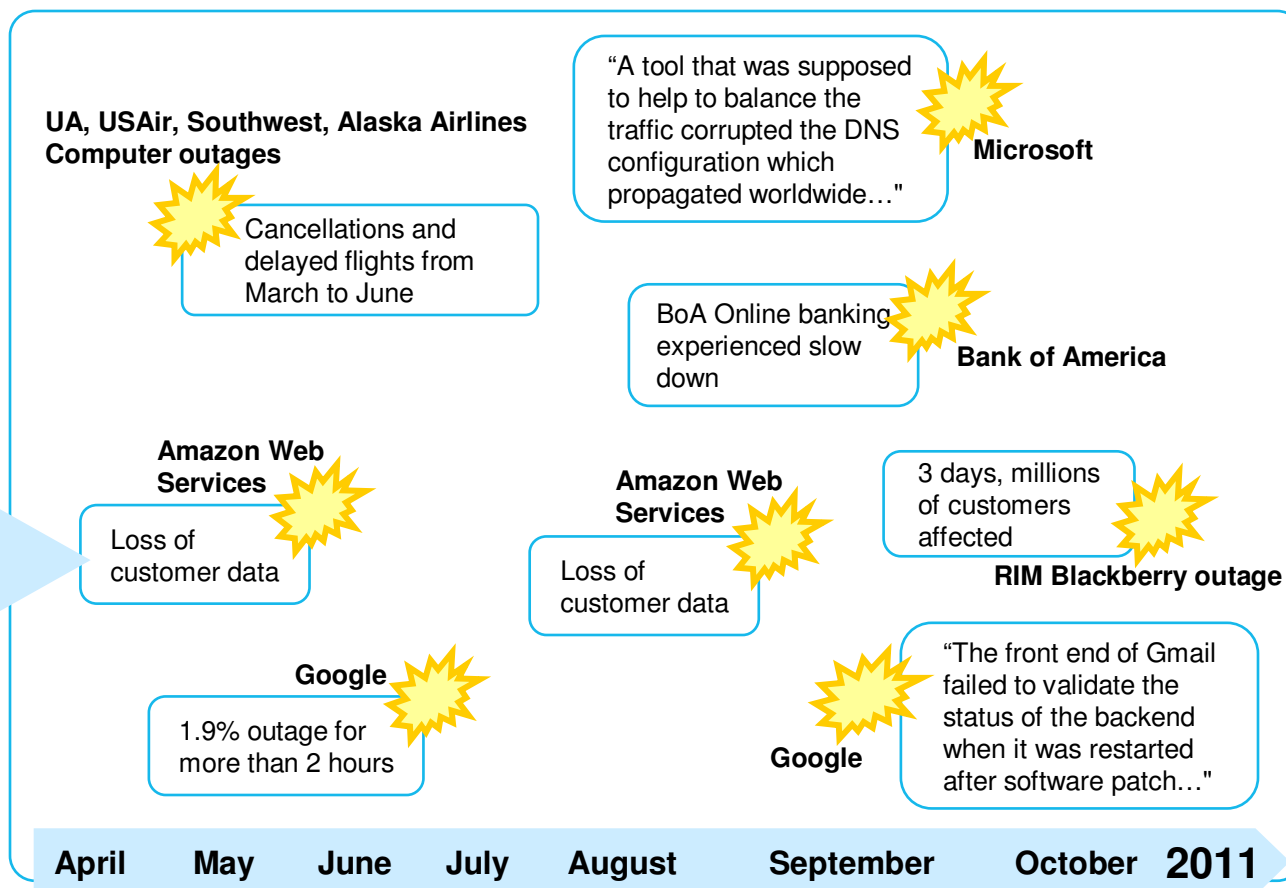
A resilient IT layer enables top-level resilient business and services, and supports the underlying physical infrastructure



## Cascading failures

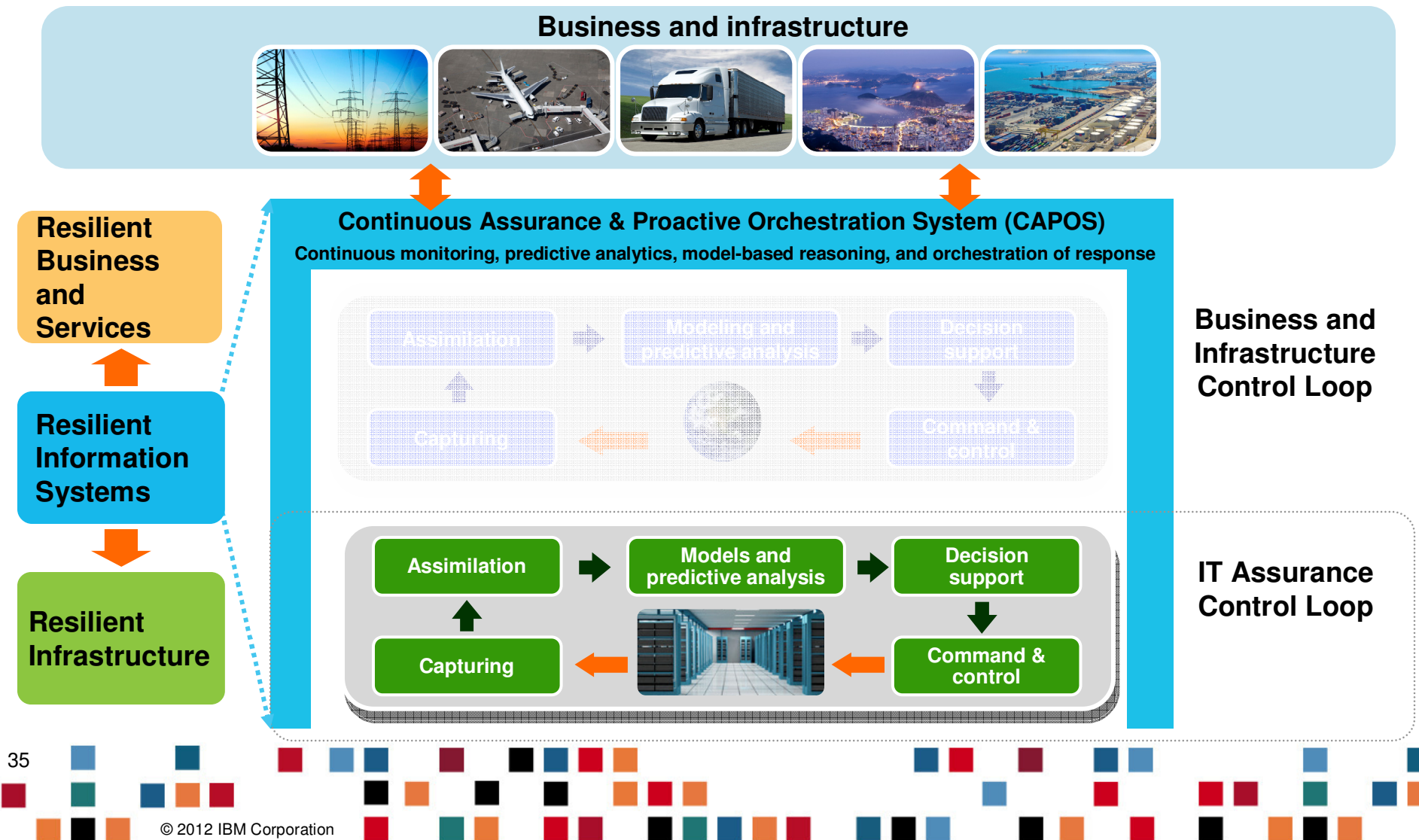
The cost of business disruptions due to data center outages reached \$5300/min or \$505K/incident in 2011; human error is a major cause of outages

- During April 21, 2011 part of Amazon Web Services was down for 18 consecutive hours, causing many websites to shut down
- Sequence of events:
  - Network configuration error
  - Connectivity lost to mirror site for Elastic Block Store
  - Restoring connectivity caused “mirroring storm,” exhausting available storage
  - 13% of the availability zone “stuck”



## Making the IT platform more resilient

There are three major problems: outages, cascading failures, and cyber-attacks



## Scenario: City command center

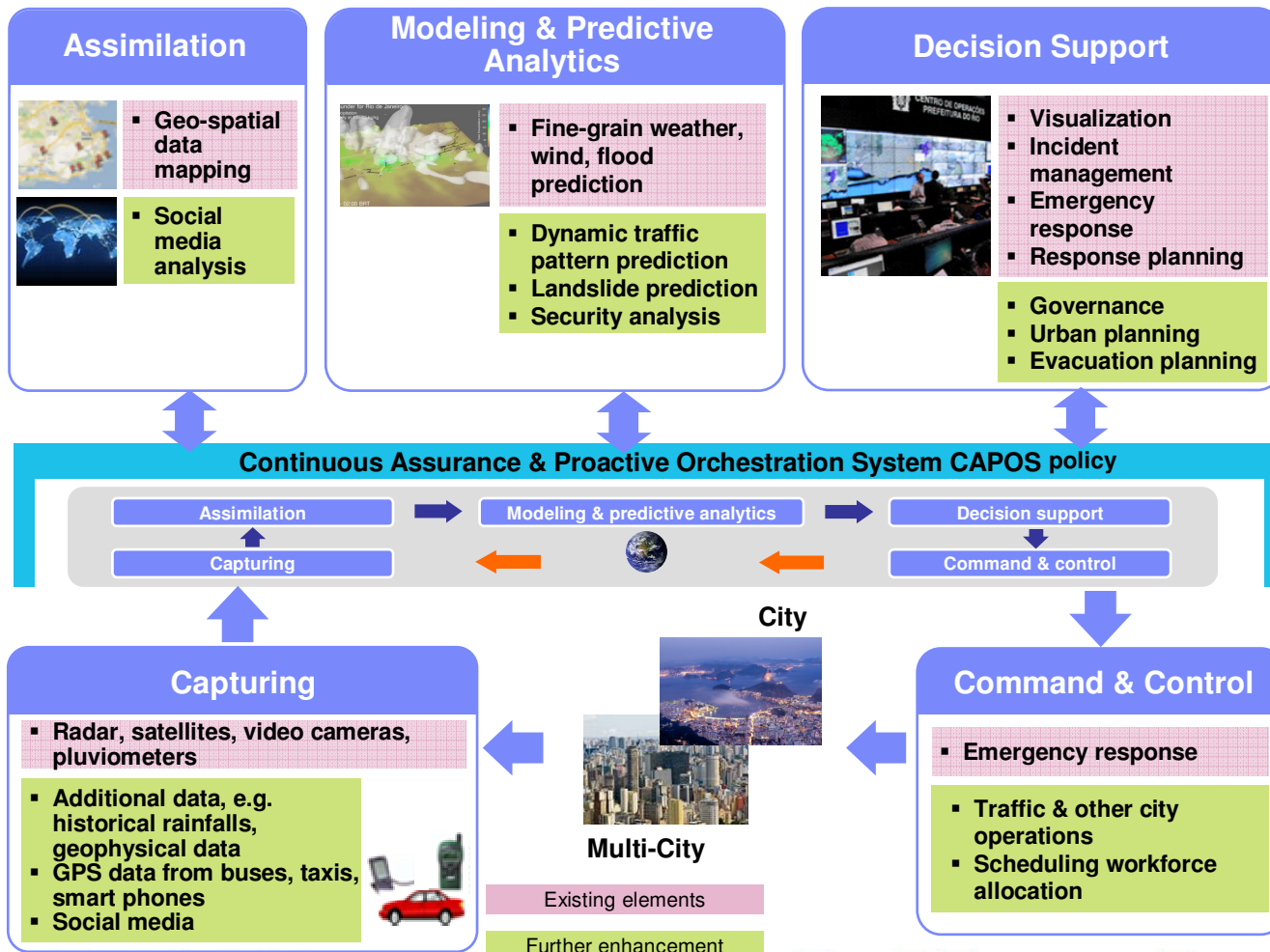
Monitoring weather and episodic events is used to improve the efficiency of daily city operations;  
Coupled with analytics technologies, it can respond proactively to events with higher complexity

### Pain Points:

- City government needs better tools and governance systems to respond to major catastrophic events and daily incidents
- Complex situational management
- Traffic delays have caused loss in productivity affecting almost 1% of GDP

### Benefits:

- Day-to-day monitoring of situations and events
- Improved, proactive planning and response to disasters (e.g. safe evacuation of people)



## Resilient Business and Services

**Business, physical and IT infrastructure are increasingly vulnerable**

- Greater interconnectivity and system concentration exacerbates systemic and cascading failures
- Impact of disasters, human errors and security failures is increasing

**A proactive approach is emerging**

- Assume any part of any system can become unreliable, unavailable or untrustworthy
- Use model-based reasoning and predictive analytics to prevent, detect and contain failures or breaches

**Opportunity for enhanced resilient business and services**

- IT systems can continue to increase their applicability and value, while improving in resilience
- These systems will help to build an even more resilient Smarter Planet

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```
function deleteRegisterAssistance($nIdBenefit, $nTransaction, $sBank) {
    $oRegisterAssistanceBD = $this->startRegisterAssistanceBD($sBank);
    $bResult = $oRegisterAssistanceBD->delete($nIdBenefit);
    if ($bResult) {
        $oStructureTransaction = new StructureTransactionBD();
        function
        startDataAssistance($nIdBenefit, $nSystemUserPercentage, $nSystemUser
        use($nIdBenefit, $nSystemUserPercentage, $nSystemUser
        $oDataAssistance = new
        DataAssistance($nIdBenefit, $nSystemUserPercentage, $nSystemUserP
        ercentage, $sObj);
        return $oDataAssistance;
    }

    function RecoverDataAssistance($nIdBenefit, $sBank) {
        $oDataAssistanceBD = $this->startDataAssistanceBD($sBank);
        $bResult = $oDataAssistanceBD->recover($nIdBenefit);
        return $bResult;
    }

    function RecoverAllDataAssistance($sBank) {
        $oDataAssistanceBD = $this->startDataAssistanceBD($sBank);
        $bResult = $oDataAssistanceBD->recoverAll();
        return $bResult;
    }

    function actualDataAssistance($nIdBenefit, $sBank) {
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        $bResult = $oDataAssistanceBD->actual($nIdBenefit);
        return $bResult;
    }

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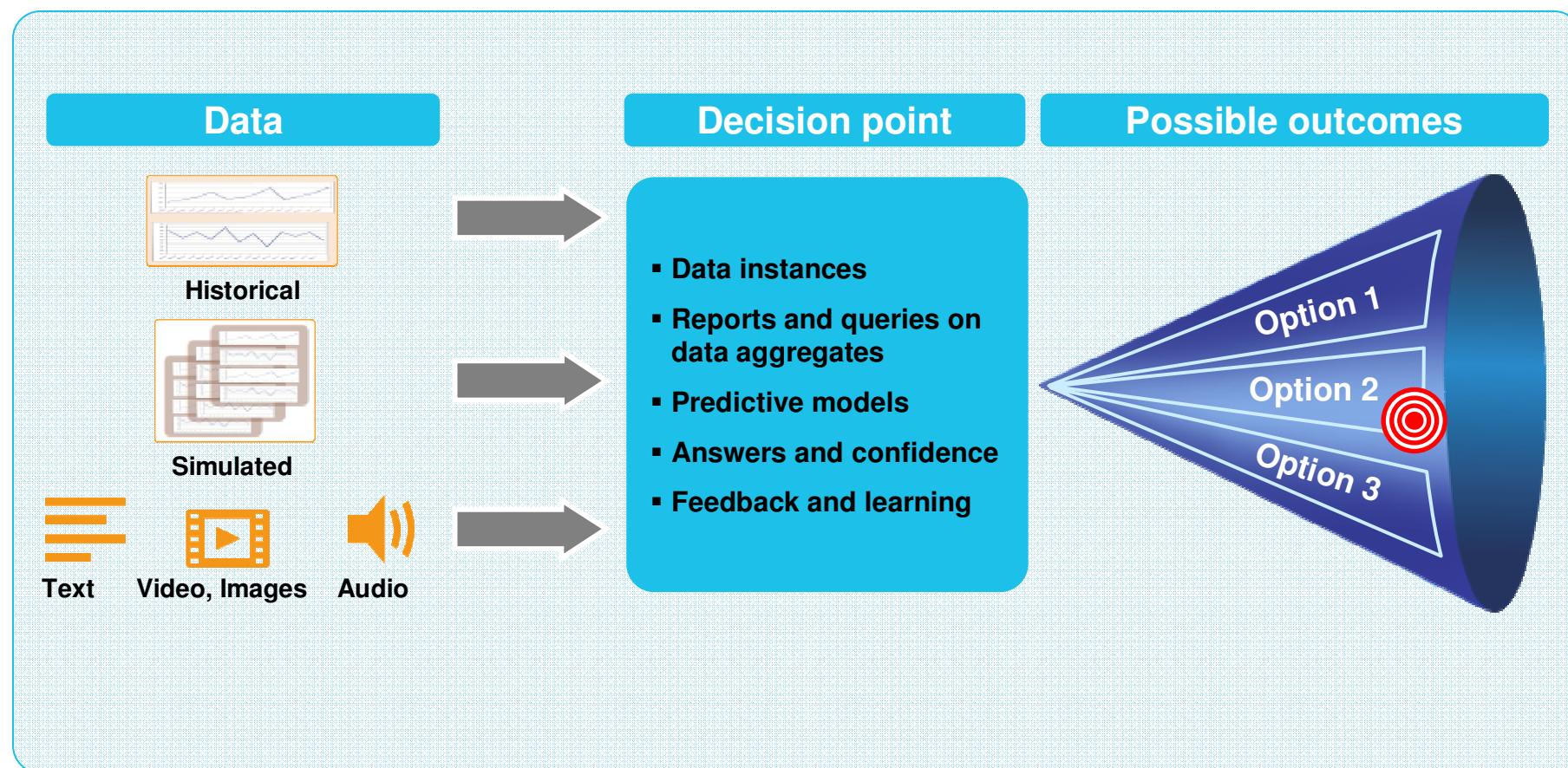
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        $bResult = $oDataAssistanceBD->actual($nIdBenefit);
        return $bResult;
    }

    function insertDataAssistanceBD($nIdBenefit, $sBank) {
        $oDataAssistanceBD = $this->startDataAssistanceBD($sBank);
        $bResult = $oDataAssistanceBD->insert($nIdBenefit);
        return $bResult;
    }
}
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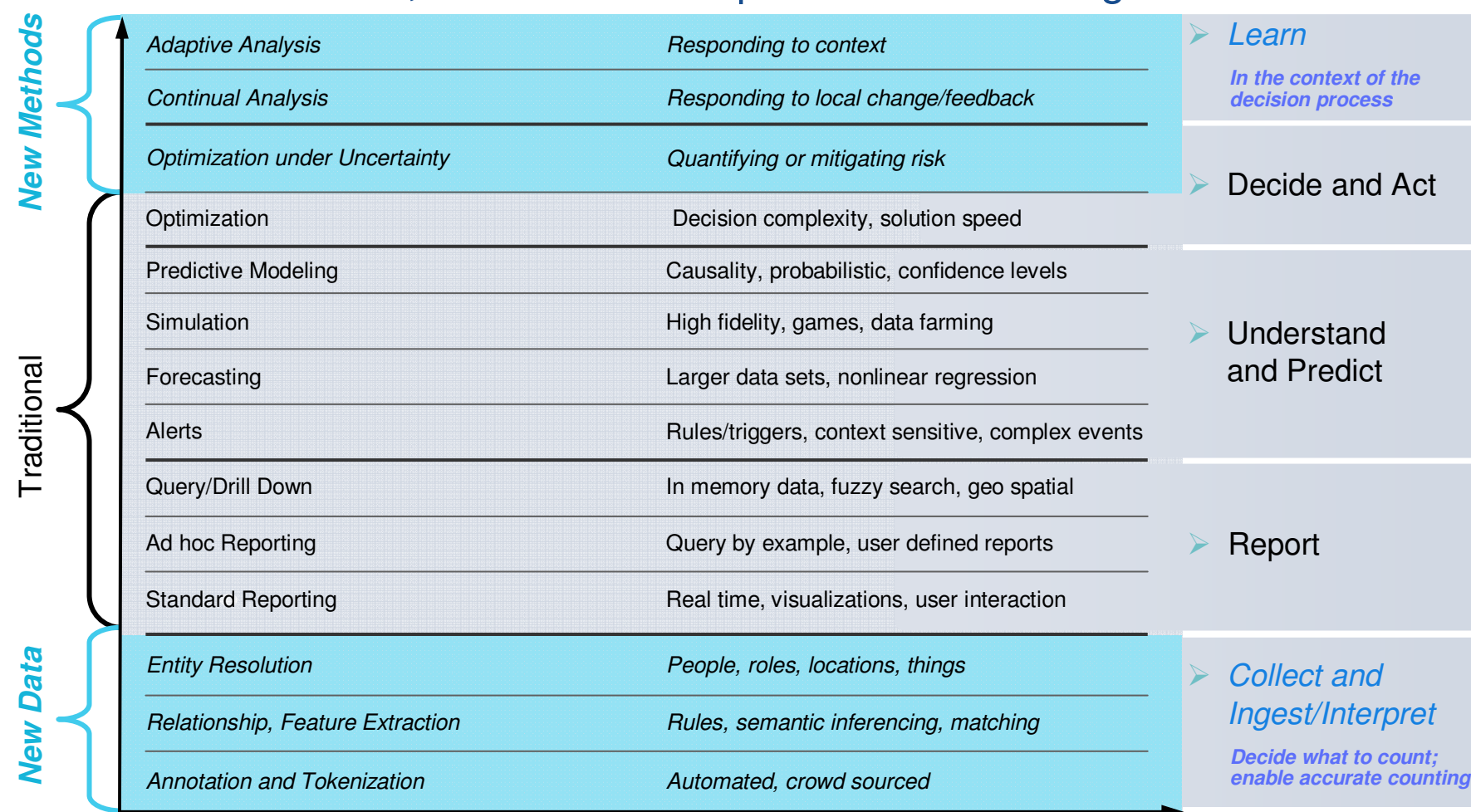
## Future of Analytics



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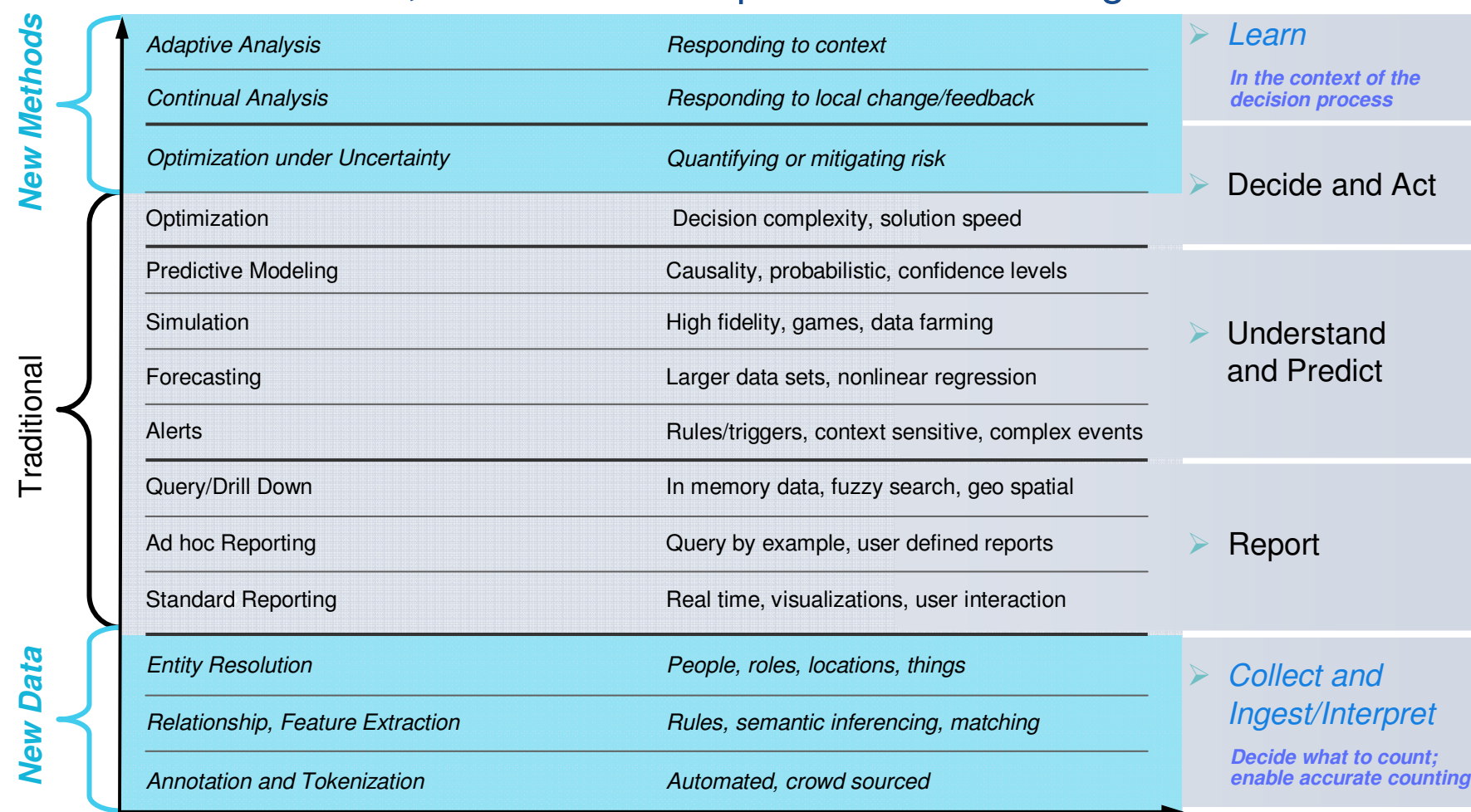


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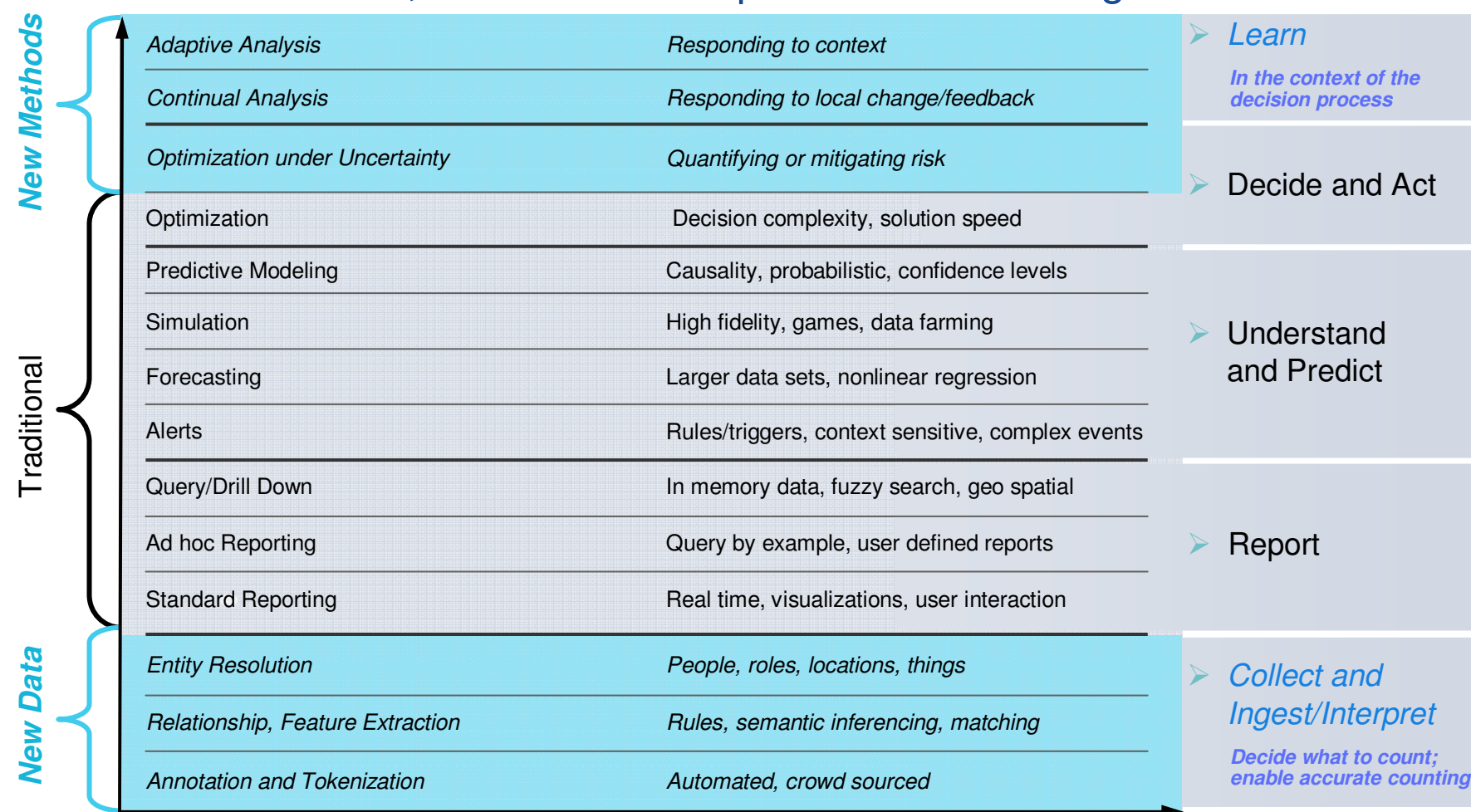
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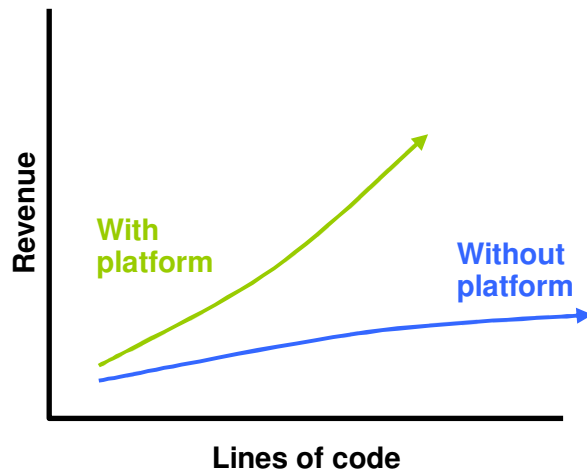
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An Analytics solution platform will increase enterprise value by supporting both the CxO solution and the CIO infrastructure



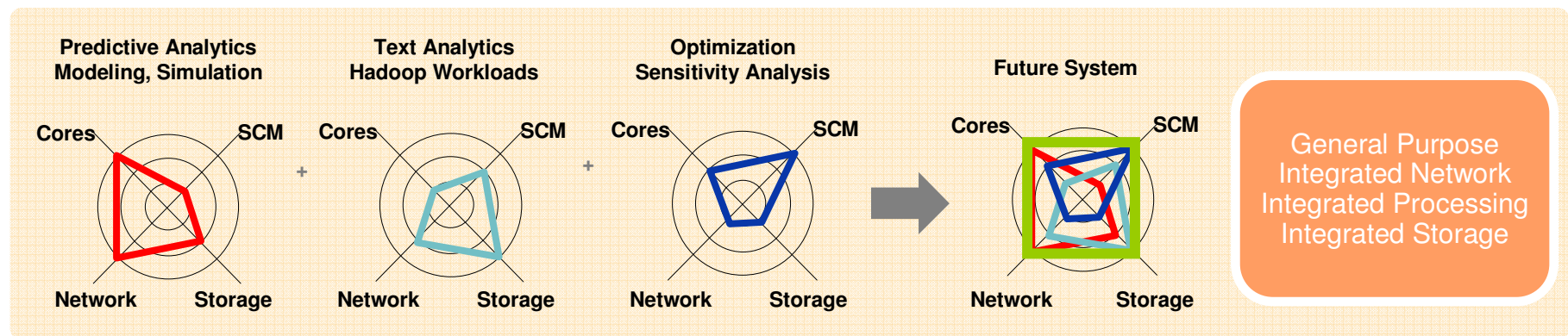
- Easier consumption of Analytics solutions
  - Have consistent look and feel
  - Changes are easier to implement effectively
  - Trustworthy solutions are produced
- More efficient, less complex development
  - Reduces growth of development costs
  - Speeds delivery of new functionality
  - Expands analytics solution developer population
- Reduces client cost of operation
  - Seamless integration eases deployment of solutions
  - Establishes preferred development path for new solution
  - Consistent and coherent infrastructure eases managing solutions

The CIO can reduce cost and add value to the use of analytics by supporting collaboration and data/analysis sharing

Optimizing across the stack will enable the deployment of analytics at scale

**Systems supporting future analytics will be more data centric, composable and scalable**

- Systems will support increasingly complex data sets and workflows.
- Different elements within these complex workflows will require different capabilities within systems.



- **Balanced, reliable, power efficient systems**, with integrated software that **scales seamlessly**
- Integrated **analytics, modeling and simulation capabilities** to address generation, management and analysis of **Big Data for Business Advantage**

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