Technology Will Keep Changing Everything – and Do it Faster

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We cannot turn back the technology clock – in fact, it is speeding up

We cannot successfully meet the global grand challenges of the 21st Century if we do not harness science and technology

Technology is developing at an exponential, not linear, rate

Exponential technologies will change the world more in the next twenty years than in the last fifty – think of the impact of the Internet

These changes will be disruptive to governments, businesses and the lives of citizens

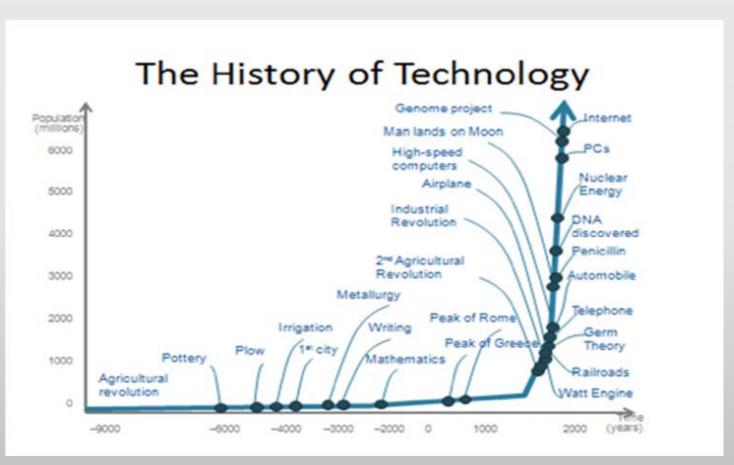
But they also hold great promise for a more prosperous, sustainable, secure and just world

Moore's Law Accelerating Technological Change

Moore's Law Still at Work after 50 Years

- 1. ICT
- 2. Artificial Intelligence
- 3. Robotics
- 4. 3D Printing
- 5. Synthetic Biology
- 6. Nano materials
- 7. Digital Medicine
- 8. Sensors & Networks

(List from Peter Diamandis)

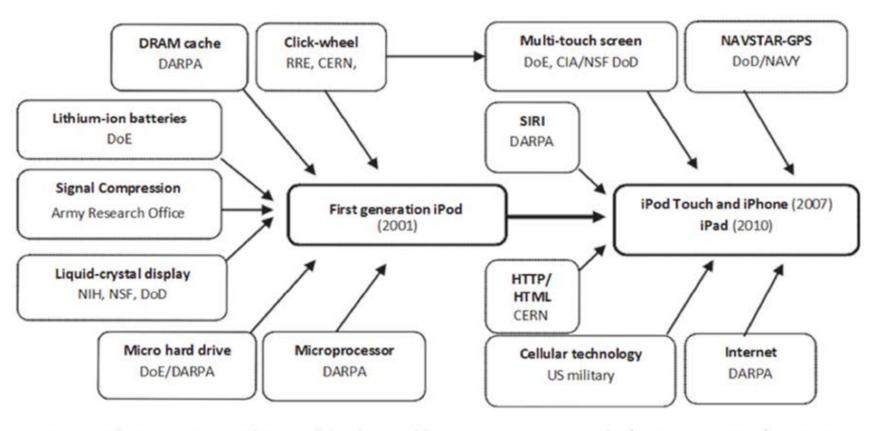


Everything that can be digitized is subject to Moore's Law

Moore's Law Made Possible by Massive Government-Funded Research

What Makes the iPhone so Smart?





Source: The Entrepreneurial State: debunking public vs. private sector myths (Mazzucato, 2013), p109. Fig 13

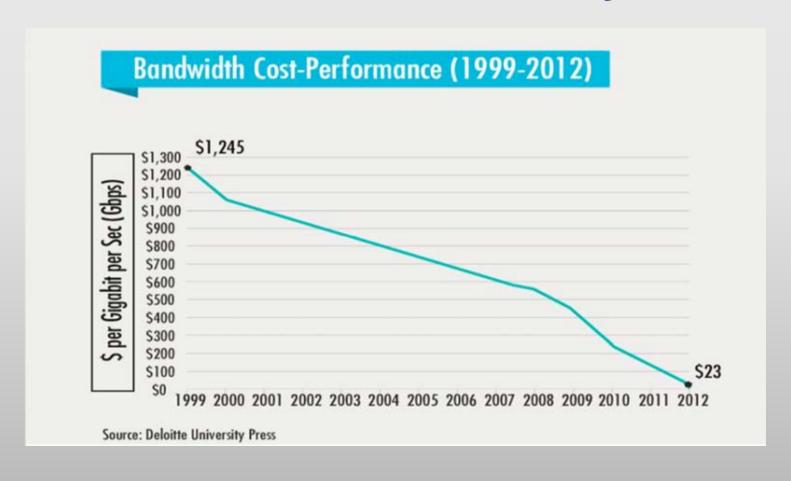
Moore's Law & Smart Phone Capabilities: From \$900,000 to "Free"

>\$900,000 worth of applications in a smart phone today

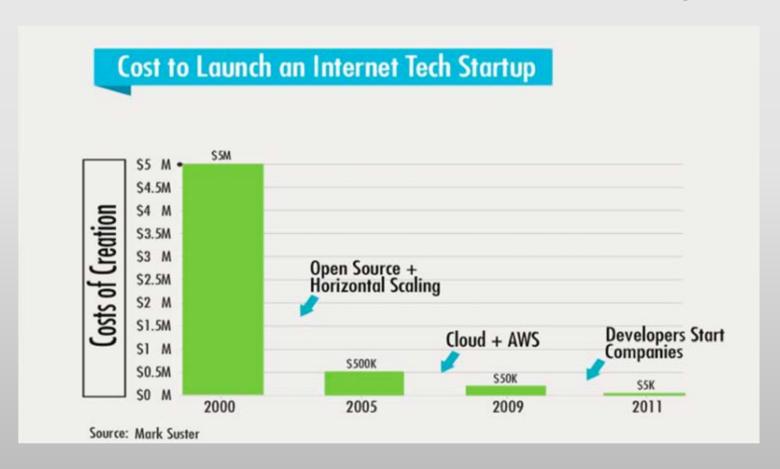
	Application	\$ (2011)	Original Device Name	Year*	MSRP	2011's \$
1	Video conferencing	free	Compression Labs VC	1982	\$250,000	\$586,904
2	GPS	free	TI NAVSTAR	1982	\$119,900	\$279,366
3	Digital voice recorder	free	SONY PCM	1978	\$2,500	\$8,687
4	Digital watch	free	Seiko 35SQ Astron	1969	\$1,250	\$7,716
5	5 Mpixel camera	free	Canon RC-701	1986	\$3,000	\$6,201
6	Medical library	free	e.g. CONSULTANT	1987	Up to \$2,000	\$3,988
7	Video player	free	Toshiba V-8000	1981	\$1,245	\$3,103
8	Video camera	free	RCA CC010	1981	\$1,050	\$2,617
9	Music player	free	Sony CDP-101 CD player	1982	\$900	\$2,113
10	Encyclopedia	free	Compton's CD Encyclopedia	1989	\$750	\$1,370
11	Videogame console	free	Atari 2600	1977	\$199	\$744
	Total	free				\$902,065

^{*}Year of Launch

Moore's Law at Work in Lowering Cost of Internet Connectivity



Democratization of Startup Costs - from \$5m in 2000 to \$5k or less today



Exponential Technologies Are Mutually Enabling

- > Technological development accelerated by technological convergence
- Everything that can be "digitized," will be digitized
- Smartphones made smart by GPS, the Internet, Big Data, Cloud computing and storage, Internet of Things sensors, Artificial Intelligence like Siri & Google Translate
- New Robotics & self-driving cars built around cheap sensors, motors, GPS, big data, Al and other exponential technologies
- ➤ 3D Printing explosion built around computer-aided design, cloud computing & storage, new materials, the Internet
- Genomics built on digitization of DNA and massive computing power

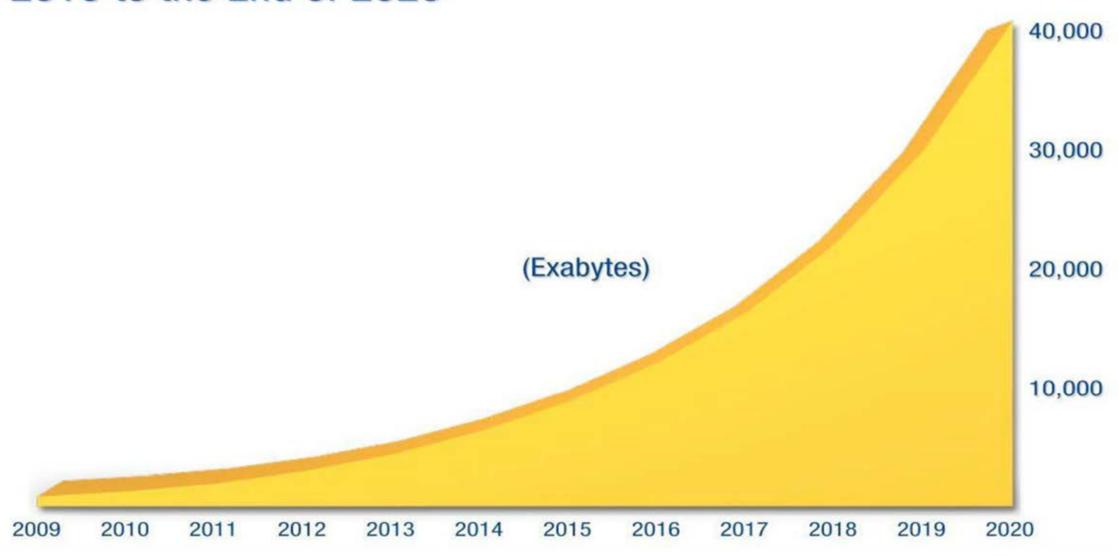
Moore's Law Creating New Platforms for Disruptive, Democratized Technology

Internet is the "platform of platforms"

- Social media: Facebook, Twitter, WeChat
- Cloud computing and storage: AWS, Google, IBM
- > Artificial Intelligence: SIRI, Watson, Google
- > Smartphone apps: More than 1.5 million iOS & Android
- > Internet of Things: Trillions of sensors, billions of devices
- > 3D printing: from design to manufacturing
- Drones: from farm surveys to humanitarian relief
- Computational Biology: design and print life



The Digital Universe: 50-fold Growth from the Beginning of 2010 to the End of 2020



Big Data

... is made possible by the Internet and a million-fold decrease in storage and computer costs

... is powered by the cloud and data analytics and the Internet of (Farm) Things

... is making possible advances in nearly all areas of S&T, including computational biology

... is accumulating exponentially on individuals is raising complex privacy issues

Smarter Cities: Turning Big Data Into Insight



60%

of water allocated for domestic human use goes to urban cities. \$14 Billion

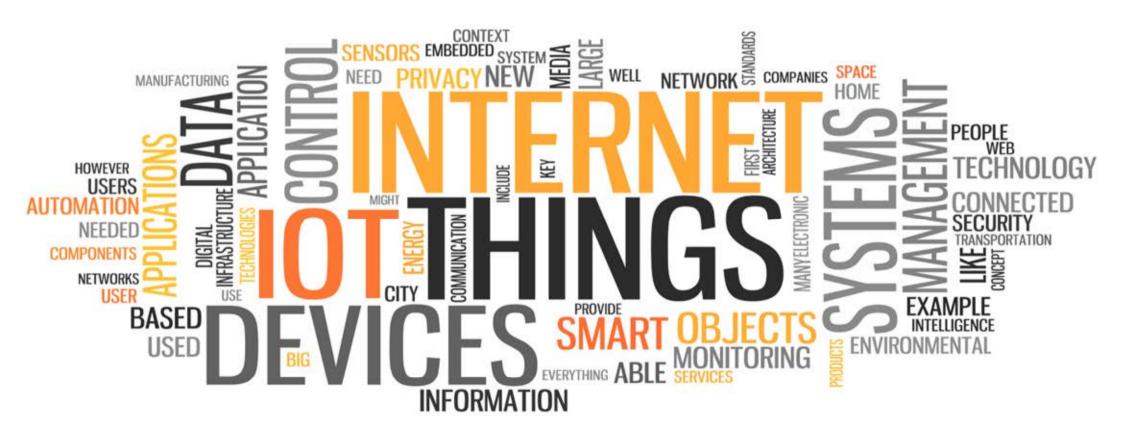
in potable water is lost every year because of leaks, theft and unbilled usage. Source: World Bank 37,000 cloud experts support IBM's industry team alone.

\$6 Billion

has been invested by IBM in more than a dozen acquisitions to accelerate its cloud initiatives.

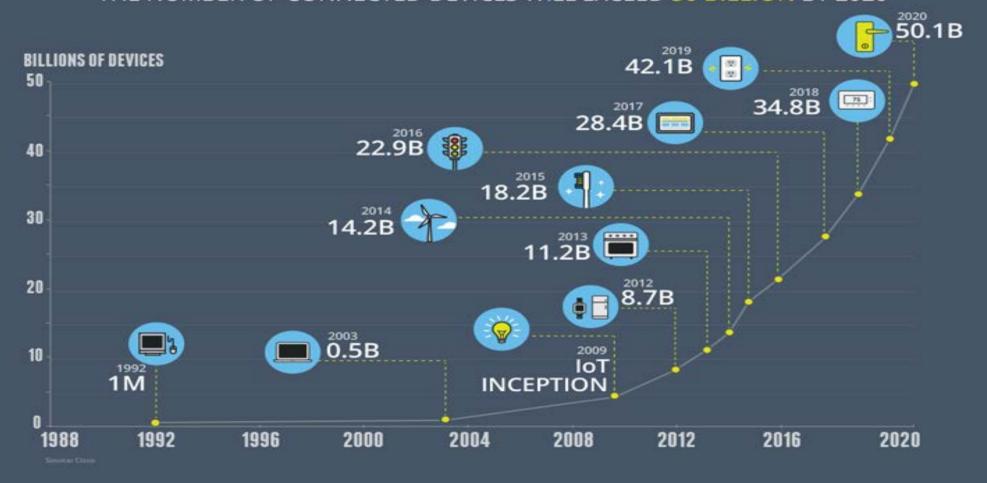
IBM Intelligent Operations software is designed with cities, for cities, to provide the tools to monitor, visualize and analyze vital city services such as water and wastewater systems, transportation, infrastructure planning, permit management and emergency response.



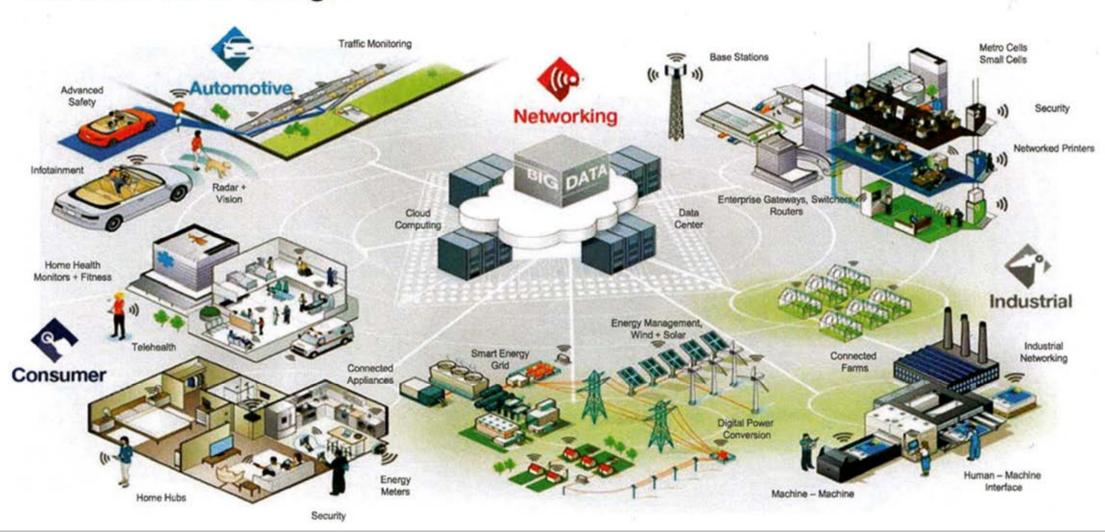


GROWTH IN THE INTERNET OF THINGS

THE NUMBER OF CONNECTED DEVICES WILL EXCEED 50 BILLION BY 2020

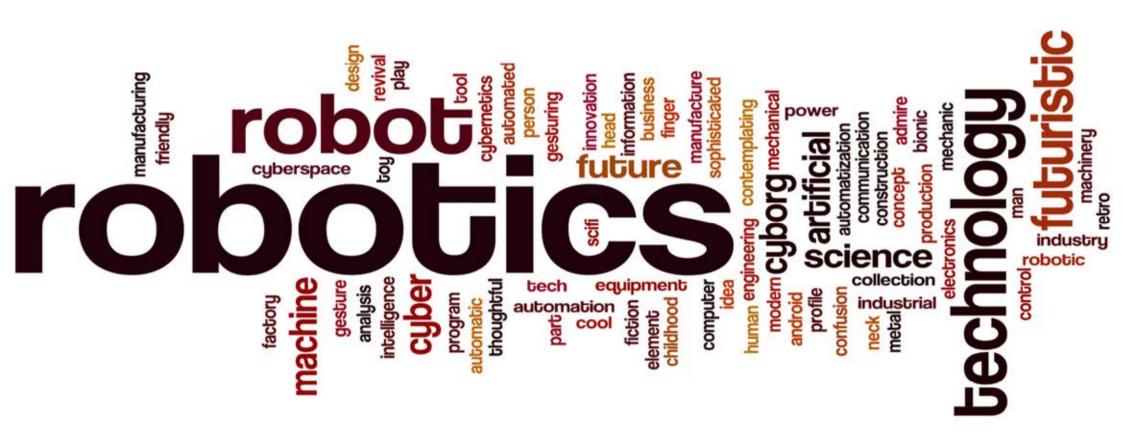


The Internet of Things





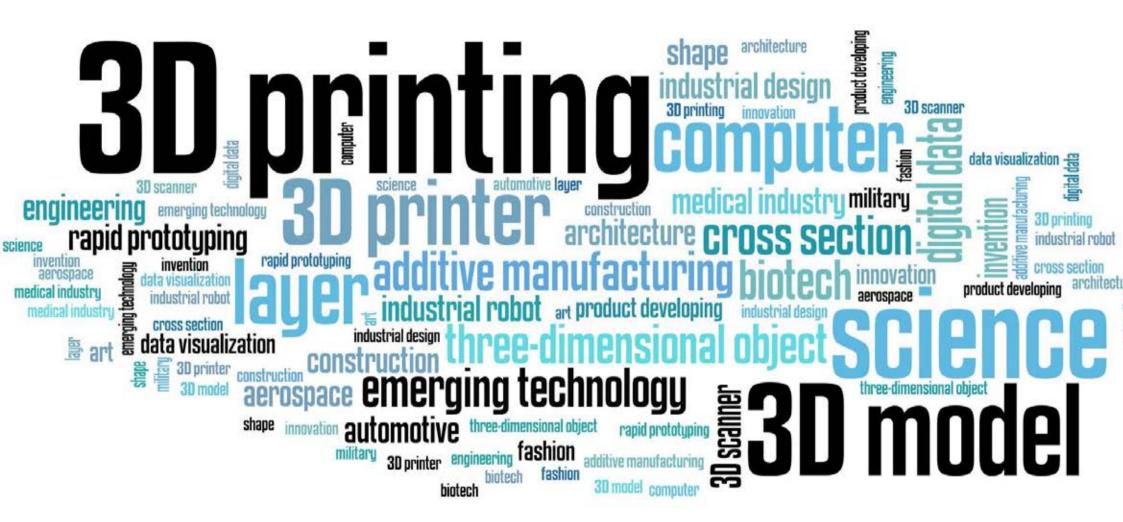




The New World of Robotics and Drones







3D Printing – from DIY & Small Business to Industry & Construction

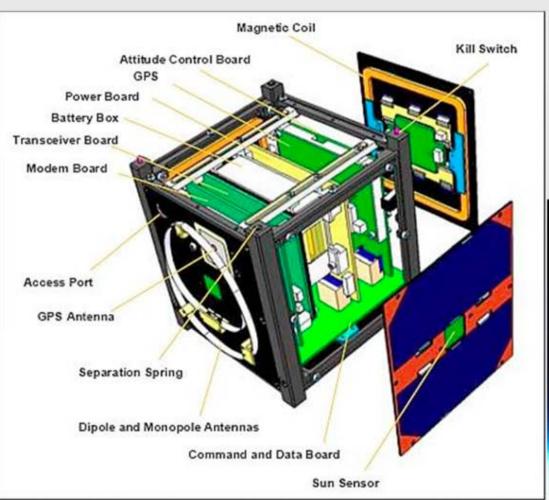


DIY 3D Printing - Even in Space 4-Year Old Startup Builds Printer for ISS





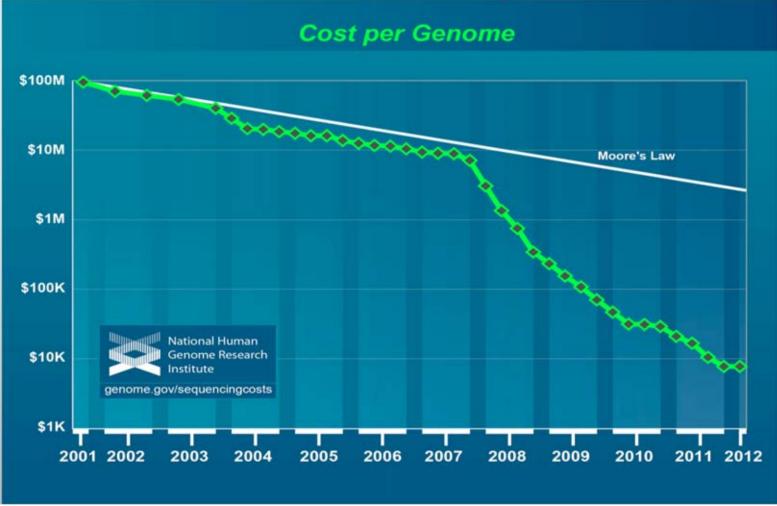
DIY Even in Building Satellites Thousands of Cubesats Will Soon Orbit Earth







Genome Sequencing Cost Declining Faster than Moore's Law: From \$3 billion in 2003 to \$100 million in 2007 to less than \$1,000 in 2016



The Synbio Revolution

DIY Bio: Bio Hacker spaces



BioBricks - modular design of organisms

3D printing life – computer-designed "life" emailed to printer

3D printing – tissue, organ replacements CRISPR – gene editing: food, humans



Organovo bioprinter

Impact of Exponential Technologies

- First order New technology and inventions based on technology
- Second order How that technology is used
- Third order How the use of that technology impacts society
- Fourth order How one technology's impact combines with others

Second, Third and Fourth Order Impacts

- Robots, AI, drones, self-driving cars: urban redesign, economic disruption, political unrest
- App world: peer-peer, "sharing economy," more efficient use of resources, better governance, virtual companies
- Block chain: bypassing trusted third parties to reduce friction in the economy & government, bypass traditional banks
- 3D Printing: elimination of supply chains, customized production at point of consumption, bring manufacturing home
 - Exponential Organizations: leverage technology and people with few assets Uber, airbnb
 - From a world of scarcity to a world of abundance?

Job Destruction, Job Creation

- > Robots could replace people in nearly half of current job categories
- Knowledge jobs as well as manual labor threatened
- > Impact will vary by industry, country
- Working with robots will be critical
- > New industries, jobs will be created
- Education for new jobs will be critical
- Will more jobs be created than destroyed?
- ➤ Will income inequality increase?



"The Tree Prefers Calm, But the Wind Will Not Subside"

- Exponential acceleration of technology development will continue
- Technological disruption of society will accelerate
- > Democratized technologies are leveling global playing field
- Technology producing new dangers and threats
- But technology is the sine qua non for successfully addressing global grand challenges
- Technology holds promise of a future of greater abundance and sustainability

Thank You!

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Suggested Reading

Abundance and Bold, Peter Diamandis and Steven Kotler Exponential Organizations, Salim Ismail Second Machine Age, Andrew McAfee and Erik Brynjolfsson The Entrepreneurial State, Mariana Mazzucato Peers Inc, Robin Chase, co-founder of Zipcar The Industries of the Future, Alec Ross The Fourth Industrial Revolution, Klaus Schwab Life at the Speed of Light, Craig Venter Global Trends 2030, National Intelligence Council