

What Drives the Future?

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“ Trying to predict the future is like trying to drive down a country road at night with no lights while looking out the back window. ”

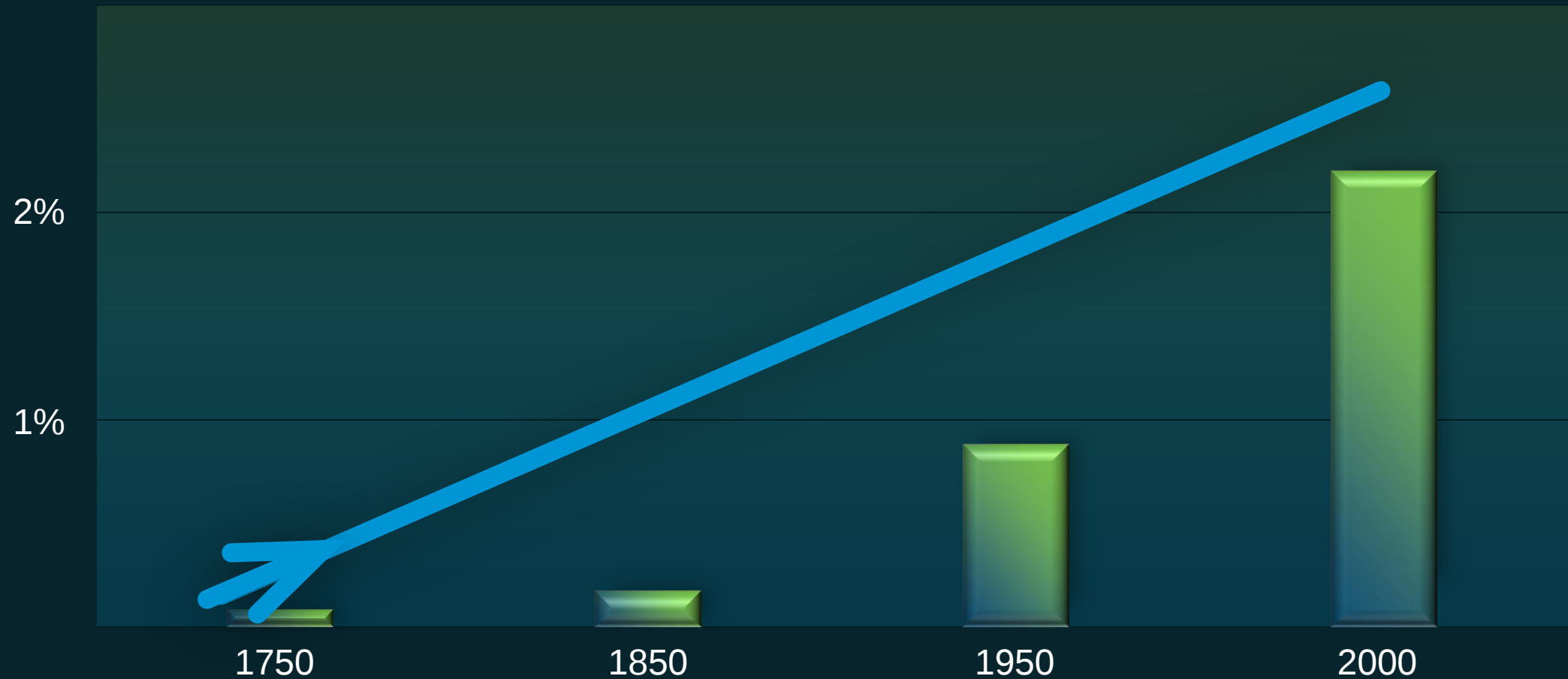


fu·tur·ist 🔊 [fyoo-cher-ist] ⓘ [Show IPA](#)

noun

1. (*sometimes initial capital letter*) a follower of futurism, especially an artist or writer.
2. *Theology* . a person who maintains that the prophecies in the Apocalypse will be fulfilled in the future. Compare presentist, preterist.
3. Also, **fu·tur·ol·o·gist**. a person whose occupation or specialty is the forecasting of future events, conditions, or developments.

GDP Per Capita Spiked After Industrial Revolution



Carlota Perez Model

Industrial
Revolution



Age of Steam
and Railways



Age of
Steel



Age of Oil and
the Automobile



Age of IT and
the Internet



1771

1830

1875

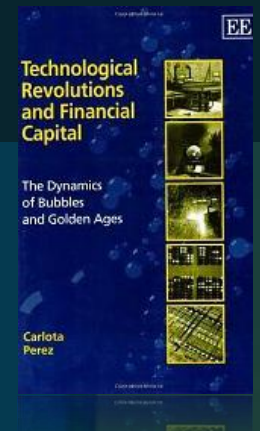
1908

1971

2011

2030?

The Five Great Technology
Revolutions of “Modern Times”



Every Aspect Being Transformed



WORK



LIVE



PLAY



LEARN

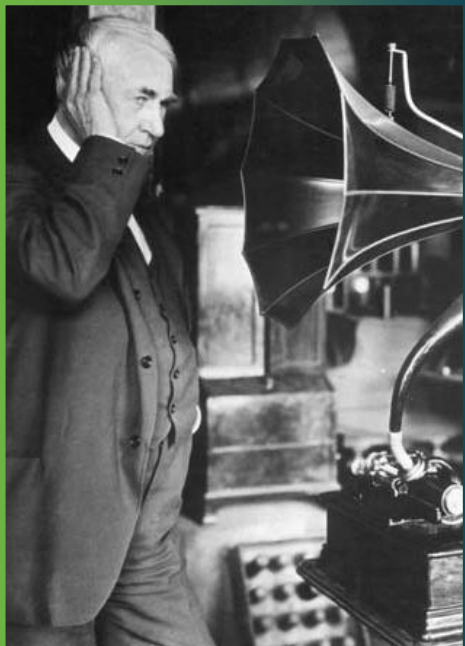
Paradigm Shift

"one conceptual
world view is
replaced by another."

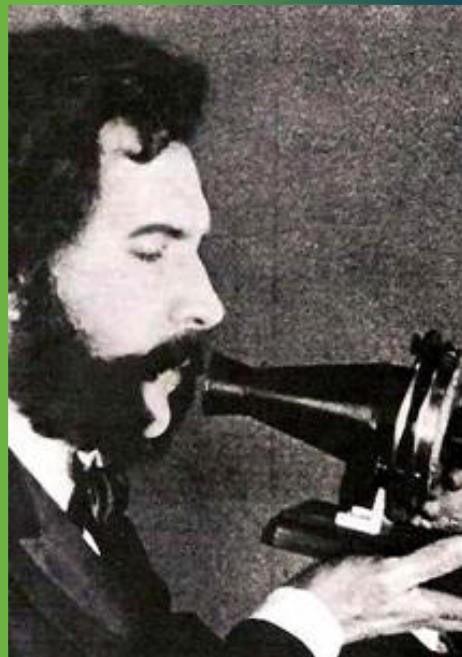
Thomas Kuhn,
University of California, Berkeley 1964



The Intel 4004 Put the IT Revolution in High Gear



The Transistor



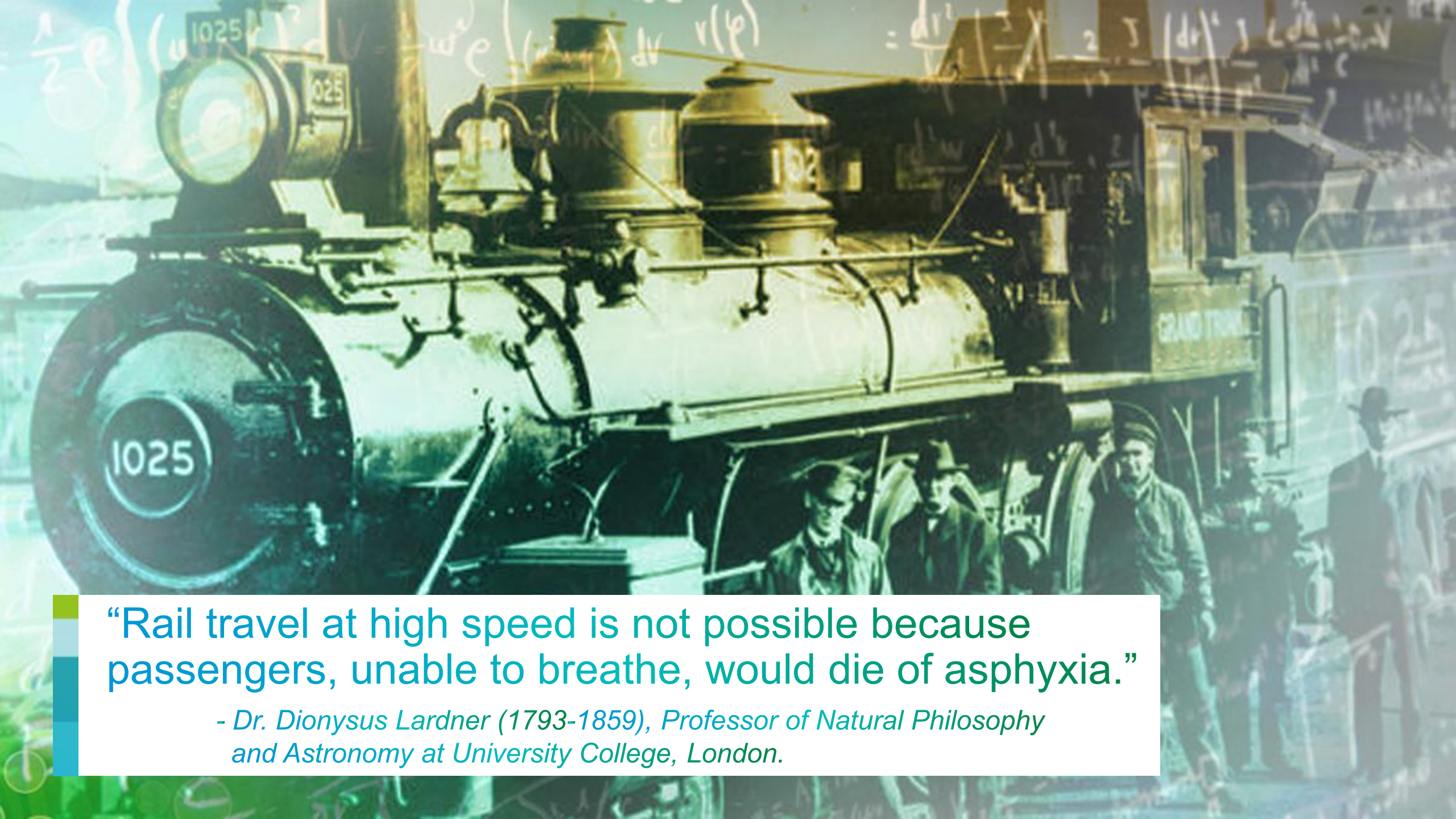
The Telegraph



The Telephone



The Programmable
Microprocessor



“Rail travel at high speed is not possible because passengers, unable to breathe, would die of asphyxia.”

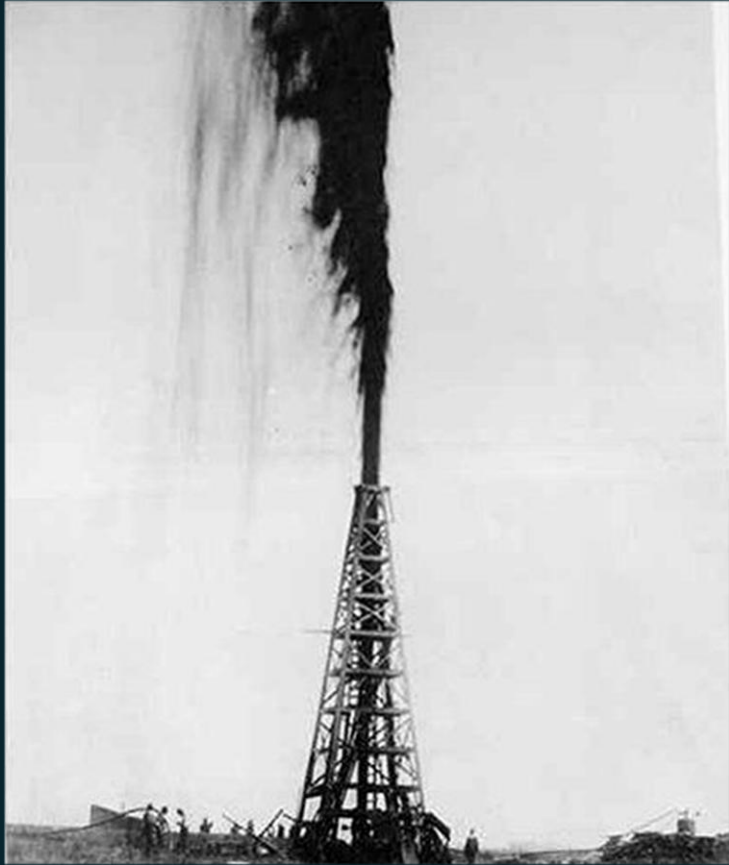
- Dr. Dionysus Lardner (1793-1859), Professor of Natural Philosophy and Astronomy at University College, London.

“The horse is here to stay but the automobile is only a novelty – a fad.”



“Drake’s Folly”

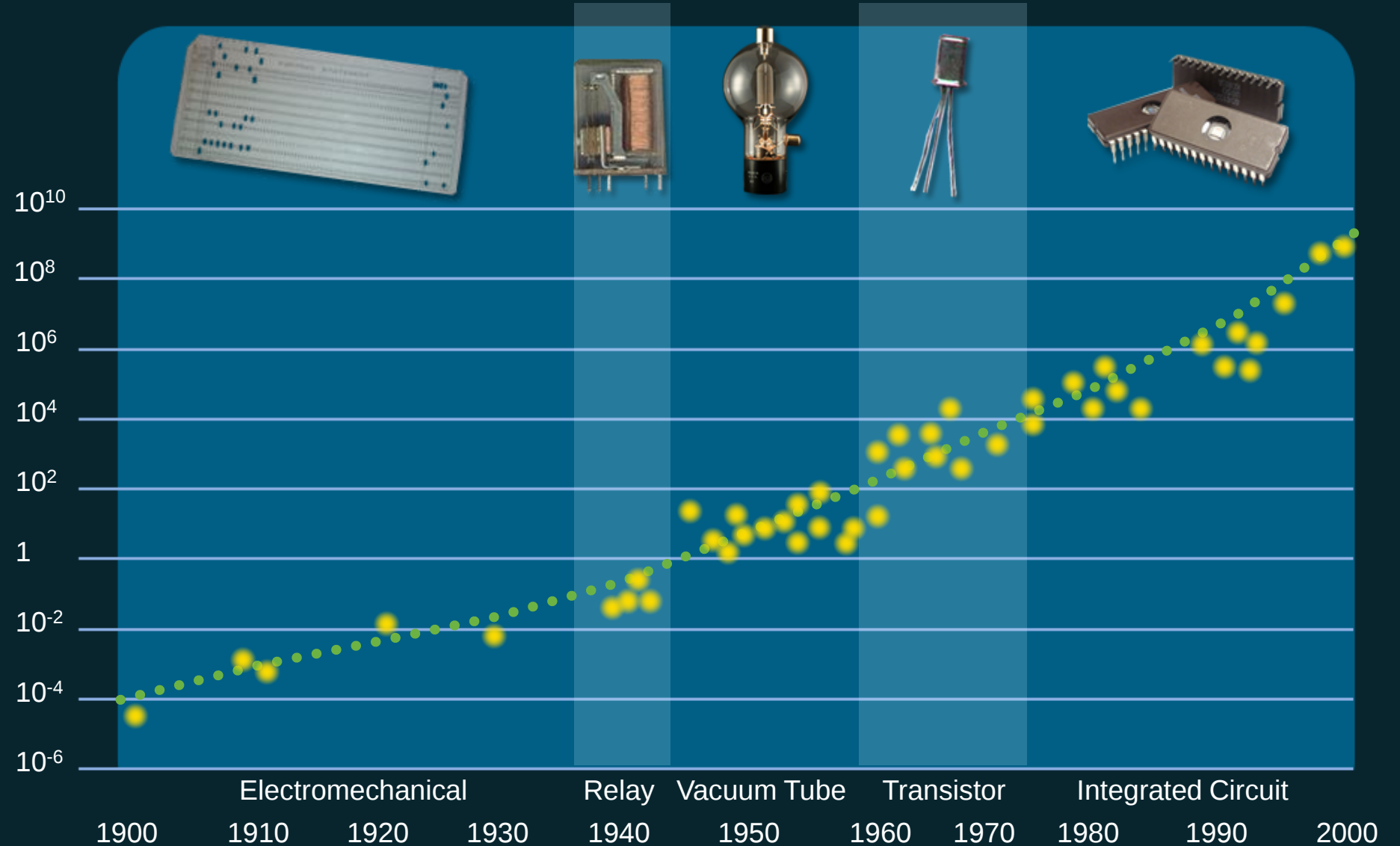






Humans have the unique ability to collaborate on projects that will be realized far into the future – and will transform society as we know it.

The Exponential Growth of Information Technology

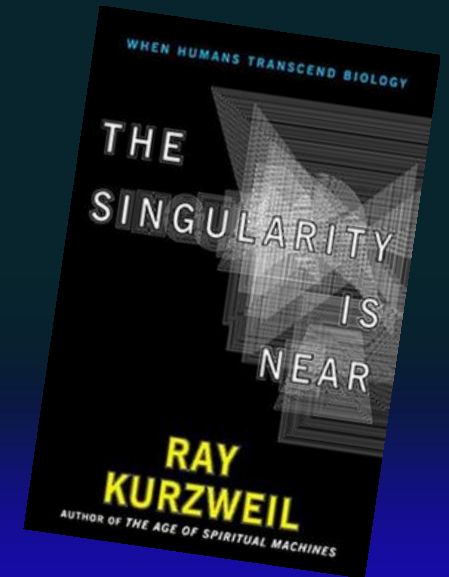


From *The Singularity Is Near*, by Ray Kurzweil

The Singularity

“What, then, is the Singularity? It's a future period during which **the pace of technological change** will be so rapid, its impact so deep, that human life will be irreversibly transformed.”

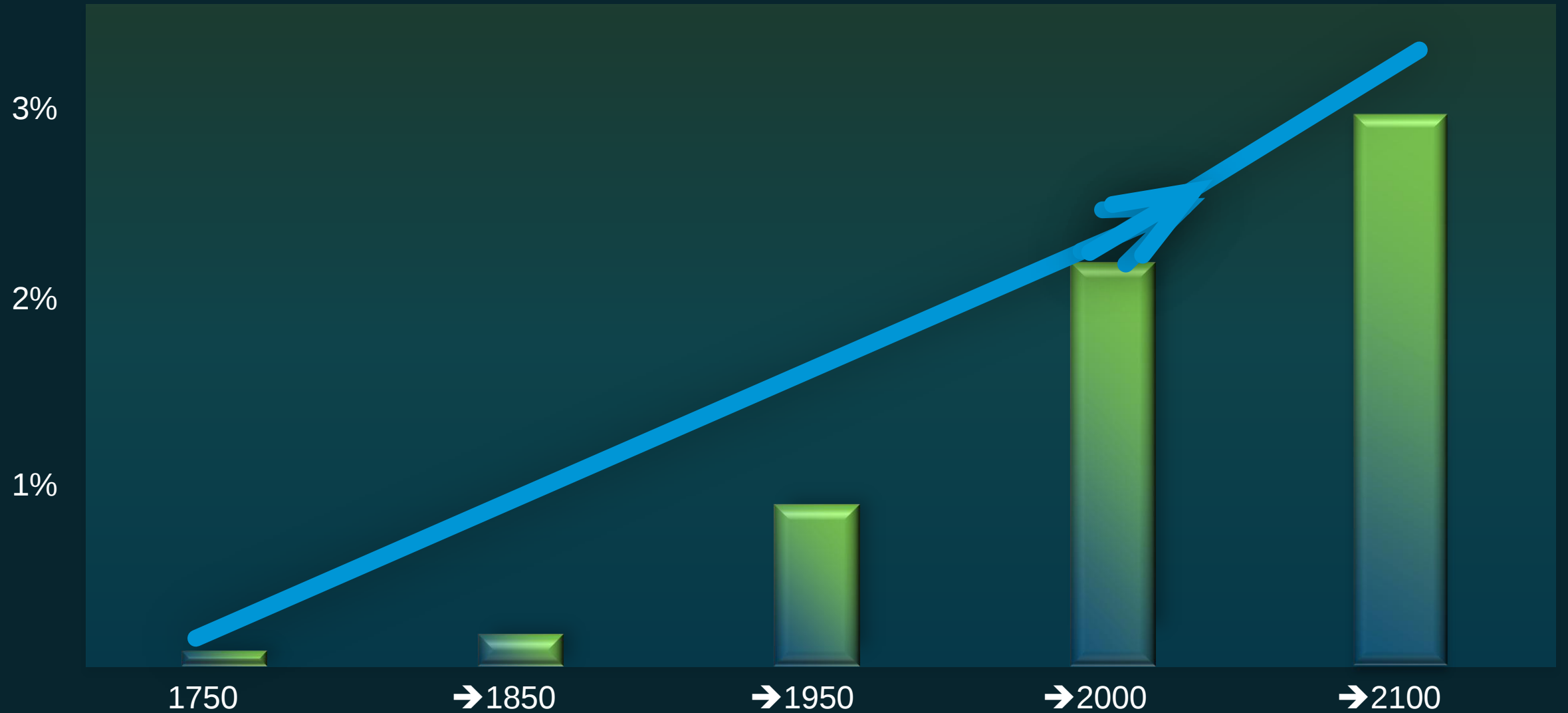
– Ray Kurzweil



What can I help you with?



Exponential Growth Ahead?



OUR Ideas



OUR Innovations



OUR Creativity



IT is an Extension of Human Capabilities



More data was created during any 48-hour period last year than by ALL of humanity during the past 30-thousand years.



By 2020 it will be every *hour*

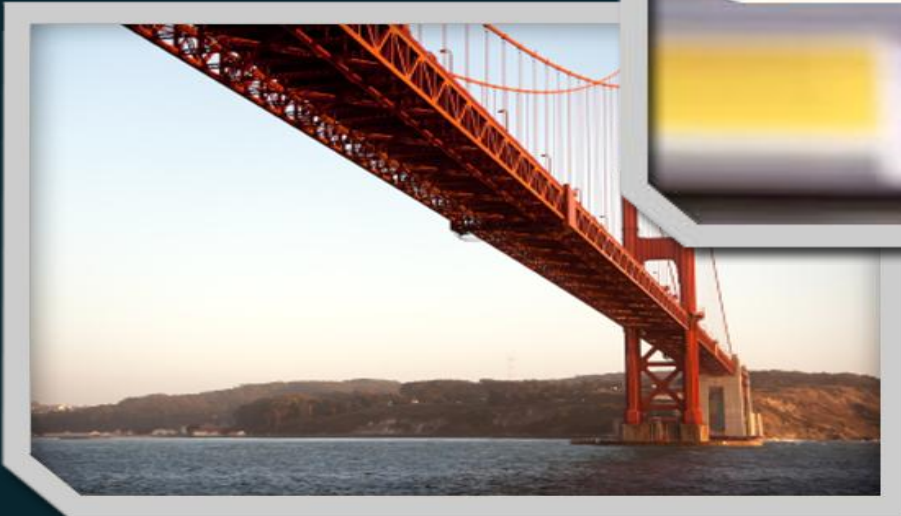
We Are Reaching a Tipping Point

... where *everything* is suffused with intelligence and communications

... and people *everywhere* have access to new capabilities



The Smart and Connected World



Keeping Track of Cattle in Kenya



RFID application tracks cattle,
meets requirements of EU market

Small photos courtesy of Microsoft

Wireless Mesh Networks



Flexible, self-healing wireless mesh networks already monitor livestock, forests, and glaciers.

Smart and Connected



The Groundbreaking Aakash



India bought 100,000 of these tablets for US\$48 from a firm in Canada and will resell them to Indian students for US\$25



4 GB Memory = 33,000 times the first Apple Mac

The New Space Exploration

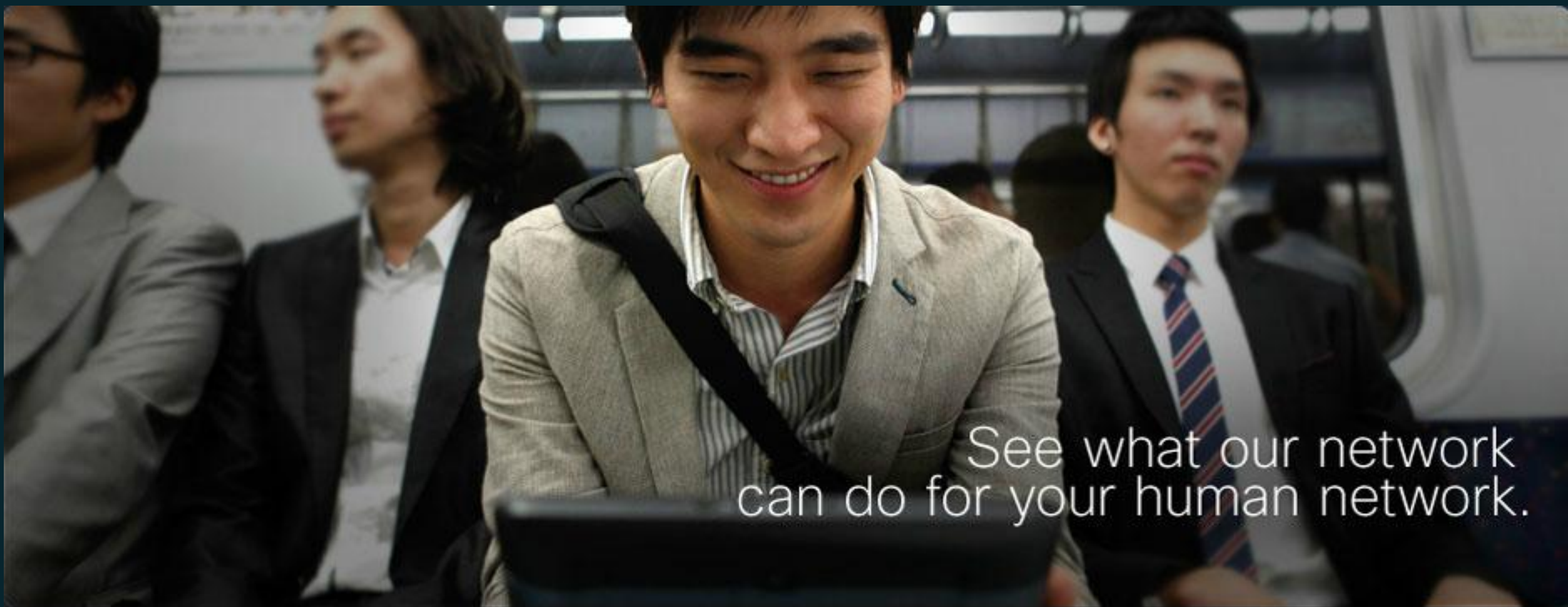


Off-the-shelf components,
powerful computers,
excellent network
capabilities



Pervasive
Communications
is the REALLY new paradigm



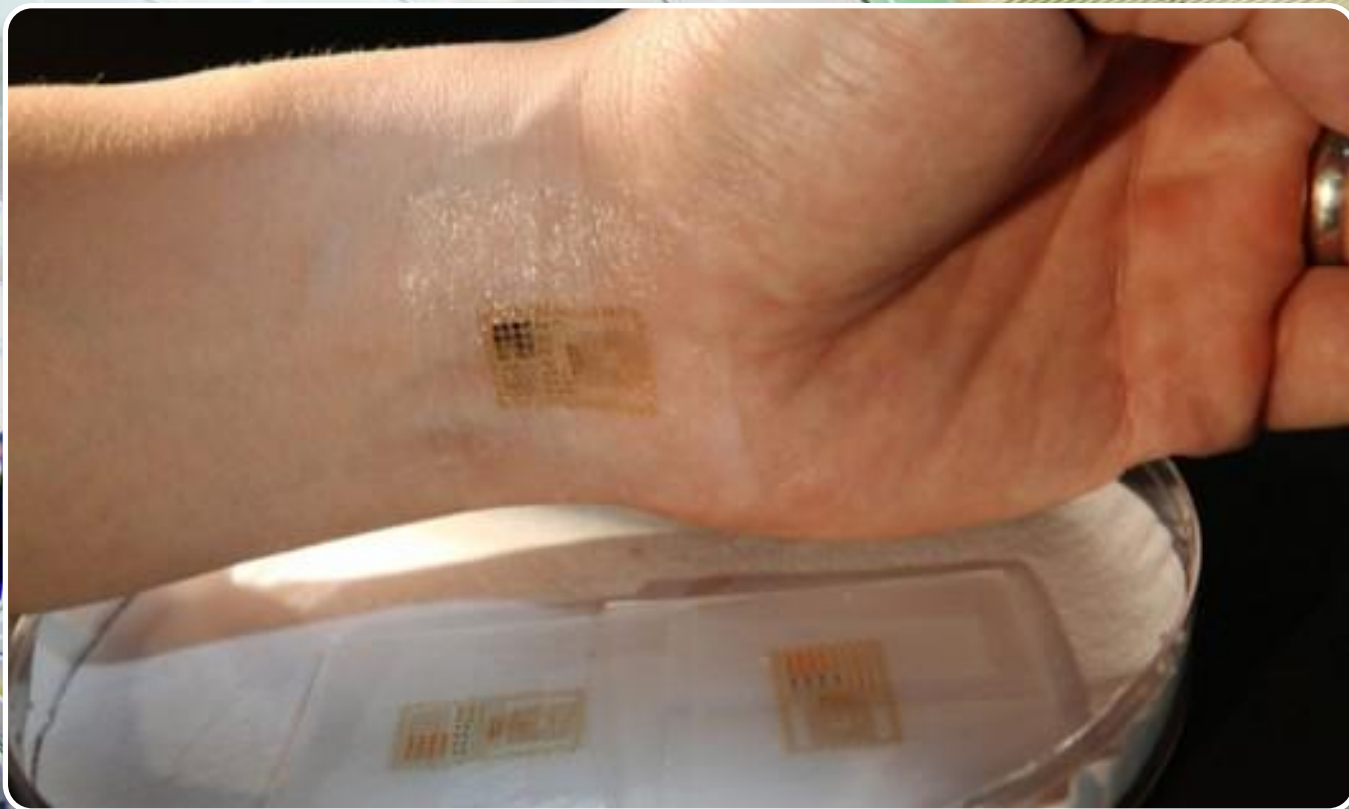


See what our network
can do for your human network.





Queen's University Belfast is working on
“body-to-body” wireless networks



Next: wearable electronic patches...
flexible, ultra-thin, skin-like

Human Machine Interfaces



Computer-Aided Telepathy

The New York Times

January 14, 2008

Moving by Thought

On Thursday, scientists used a monkey in North Carolina to control a robot in Japan.

1 A 12-pound monkey named Idoya was trained to walk upright on a treadmill.



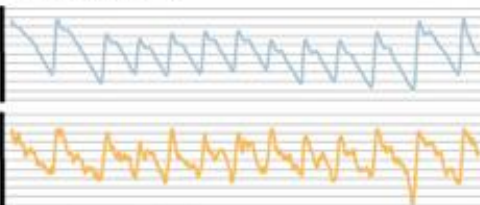
VIDEO SCREEN



5 The monkey watched the robot over a video link, and was rewarded when she made the robot walk. After an hour the monkey's treadmill was switched off, but her brain continued to control the robot, which continued walking.



ACTUAL MOTION



PREDICTED MOTION

SIGNALS CONTROL ROBOT

2 Electrodes implanted in her brain monitored the activity of 250 to 300 neurons.

3 The brain signals were processed and used to predict the monkey's leg movements, with 90 percent accuracy.

4 Data was transmitted over a high-speed Internet connection from North Carolina to a robot in Kyoto, Japan.

Source: Miguel Nicolelis, Department of Neurobiology, Duke University

THE NEW YORK TIMES

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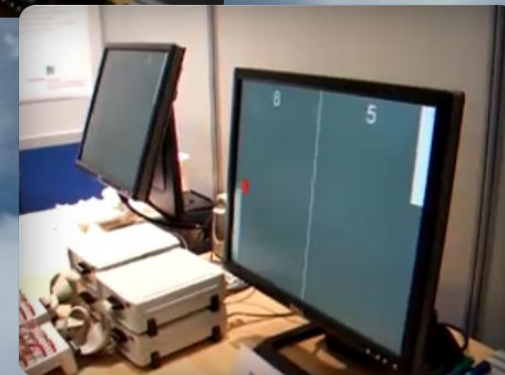
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Human Mind vs. Pinball Machine

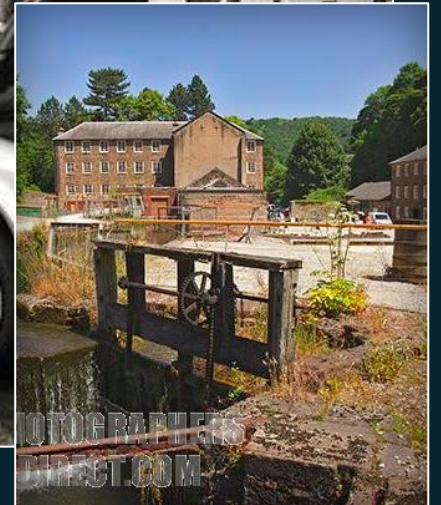
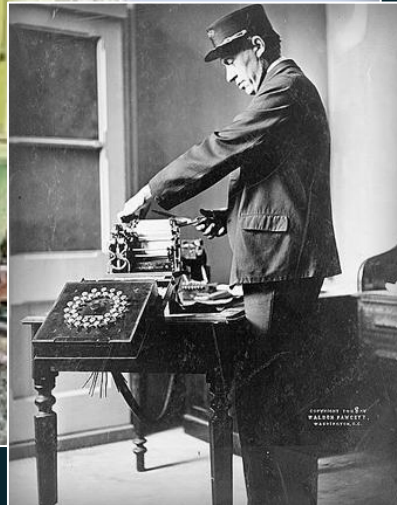
A dream come true: Michael Tangermann flips those levers by just thinking about them at the Technical University of Berlin.



Berlin Brain Computer Interface



Every Tech Revolution Builds on the Ones Before



The Great Library of Alexandria



Damascus steel



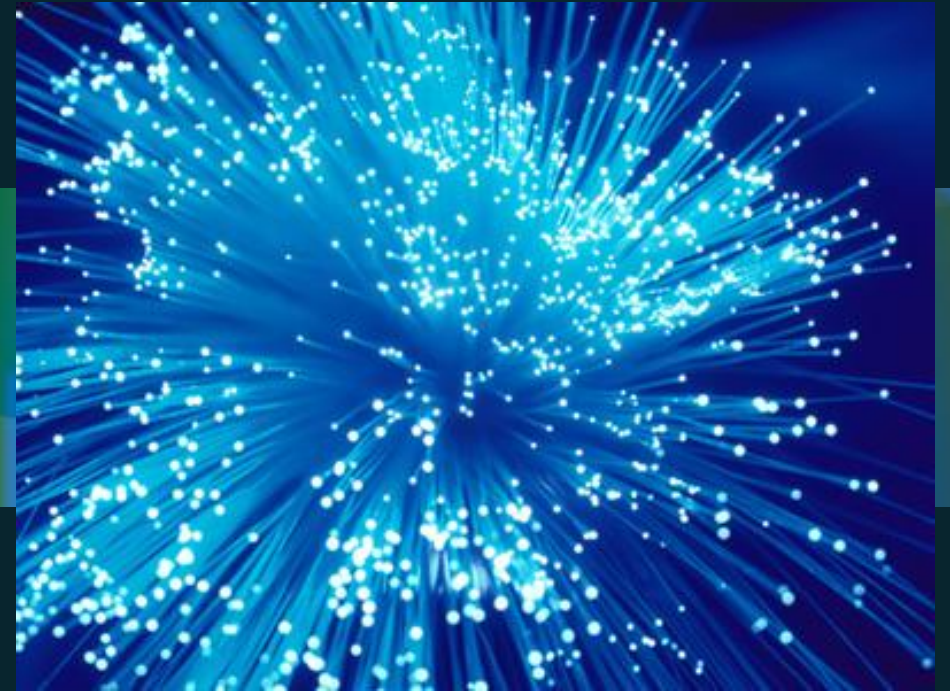
Technological Change Is Exponential

During the 21st
Century we may
experience
20,000 years of
progress



Broadband Is a Driver of Growth

A 10 percent increase in high-speed Internet access increases economic growth by 1.3 percent...



The World Bank
Economic Impacts of Broadband, June 2009

A U.S. study has shown that the **increase** in a local economy was **10 times the cost** of installing broadband.

-- Importance of FTTP to Business Location, Strategic Networks Group, 2007



The Benefits of Smart+Connected Communities

Over 20 years, a city of 5 million could experience...



Source: Connecting Cities: Achieving Sustainability Through Innovation, Nicola Villa and Wolfgang Wagener, Cisco IBSG

The New Driver of Economies

Social Networking as a Powerful Economic Force



George Akerlof



Robert J. Shiller



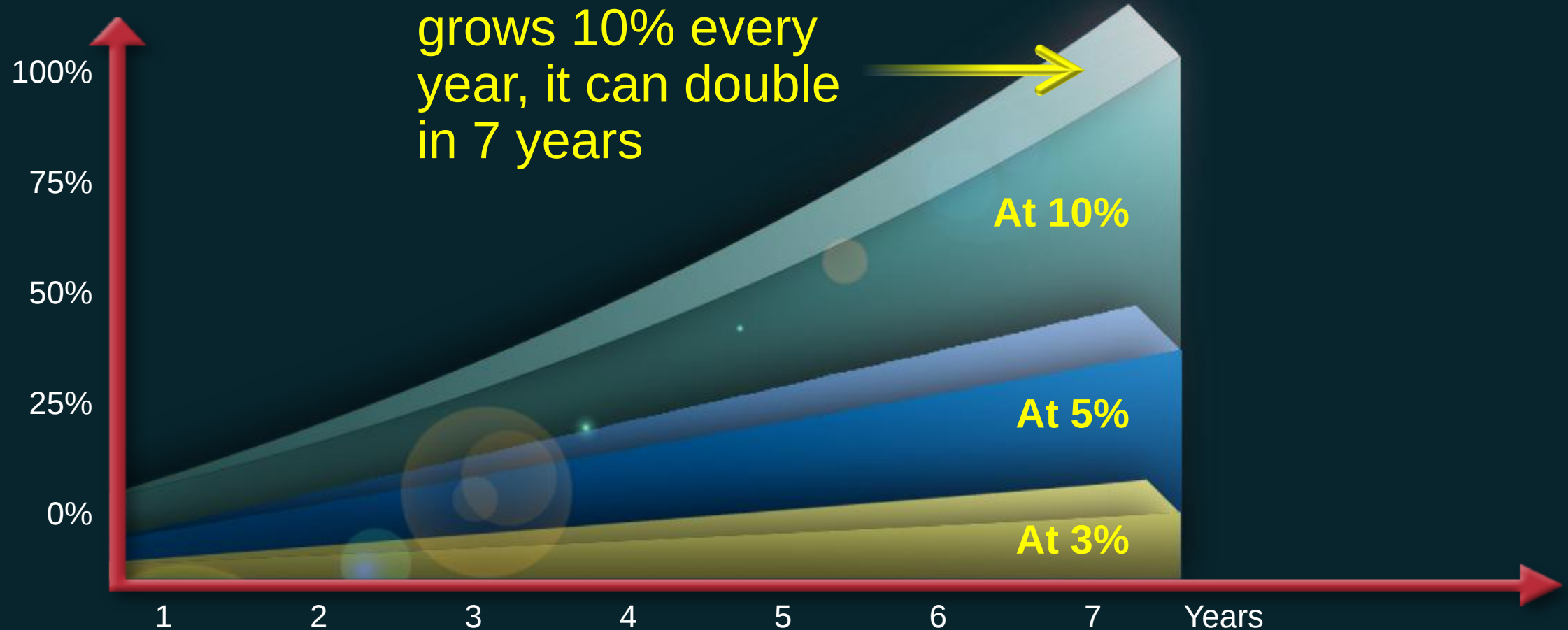
Changing Workforce Priorities

2 of 5 young employees
would accept a lower-
paying job with more
social media flexibility &
work mobility.



Seven Years... or 70 Years?

Compound
Productivity Growth



Why Productivity Matters

**Rapid Productivity Gains Can Raise
the Standard of Living for People
Around the World**

A man's REACH should
exceed his GRASP, or
what's a heaven for?



Charles Kettering

“We should all be concerned about the future because we will have to spend the rest of our lives there.”

Inventor of the spark plug, the automatic transmission, safety glass, quick-drying automobile paint, Freon, and many other innovations.





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