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Century: The Remote,
Robotic, Robust, Size-
Reduced Virtual-Reality
Paradigm.*

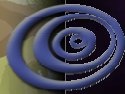
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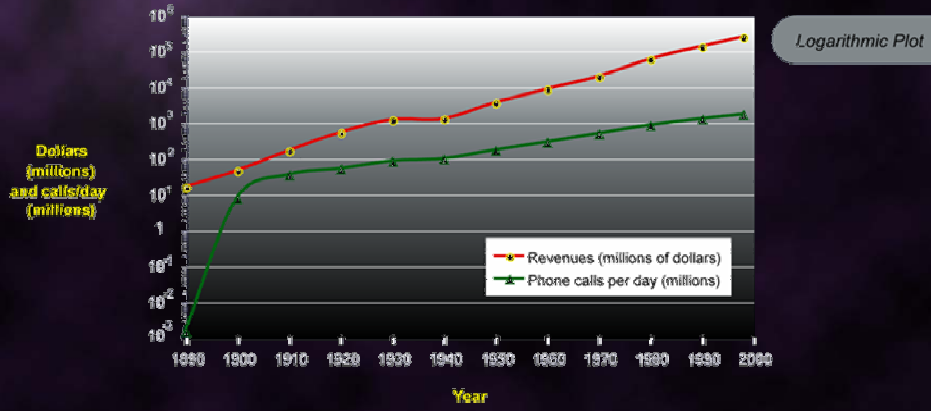
Ray Kurzweil



The Paradigm Shift Rate
is now doubling every decade



Growth of U.S. Phone Industry



Data from: AT&T Labs

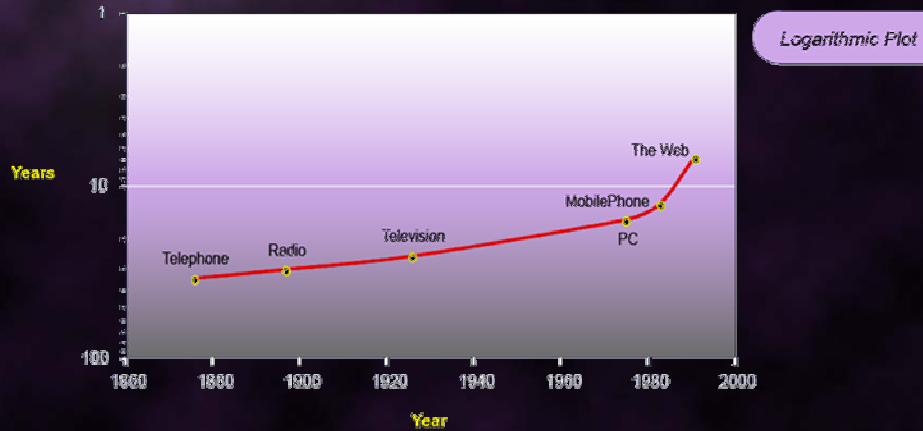
Estimated U.S. Cell Phone Subscribers



Data from: Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association

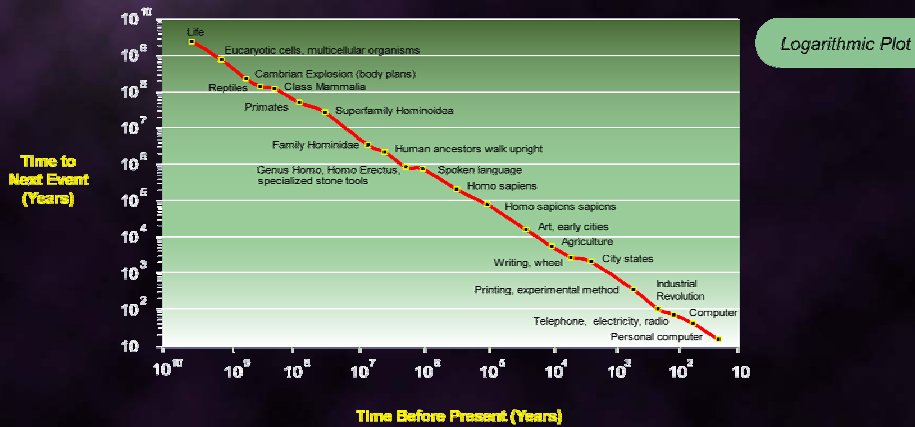
Mass Use of Inventions

Years Until Use by 1/4 U.S. Population



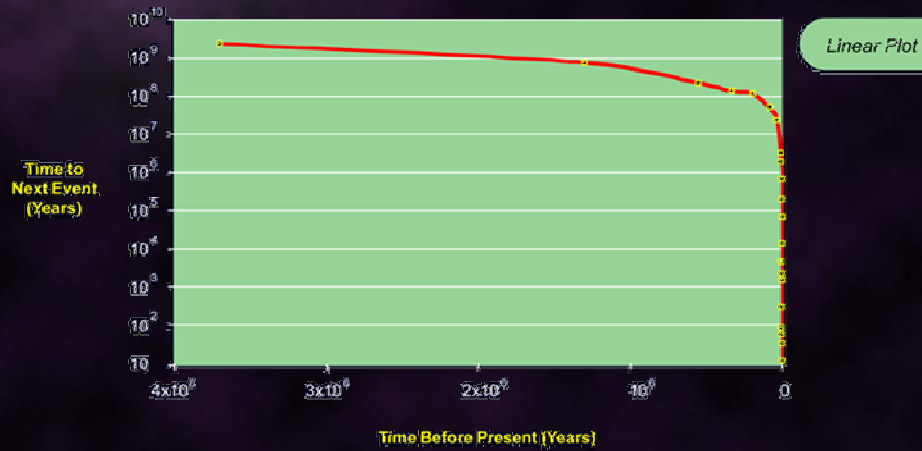
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Countdown to Singularity



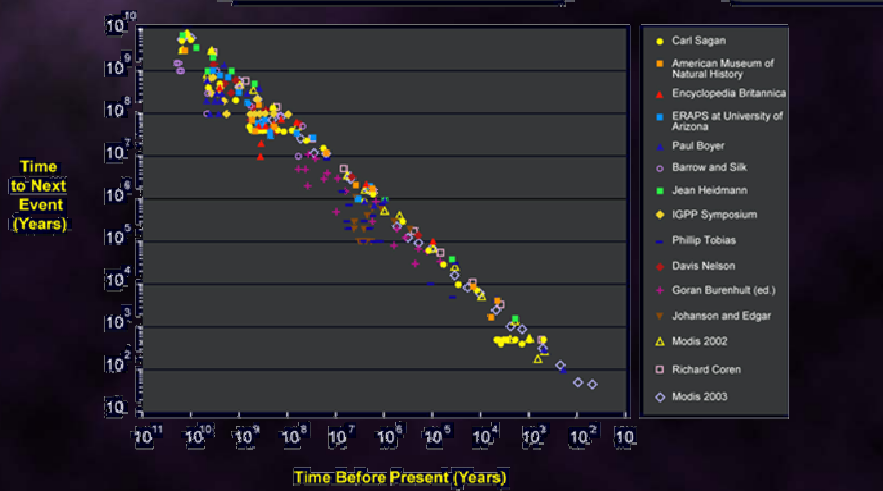
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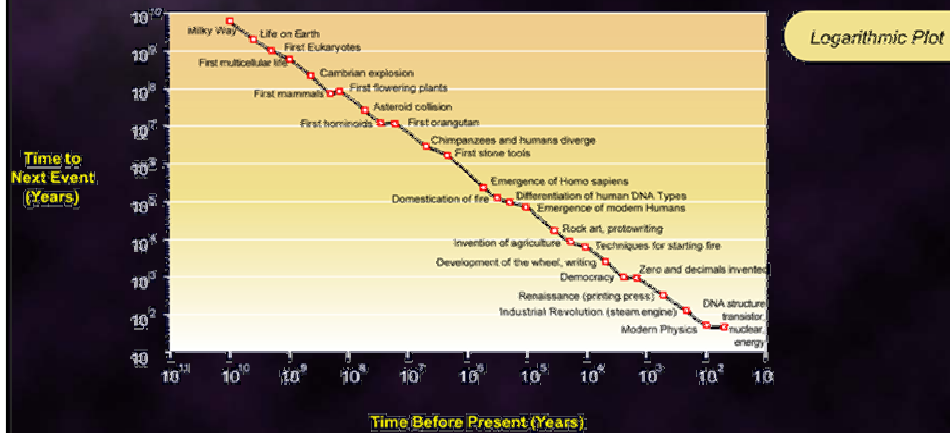
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Paradigm Shifts for 15 Lists of Key Events



Source: T. Modis

28 Canonical Milestones



Information Technologies
(of all kinds) double their
power (price performance,
capacity, bandwidth) every year



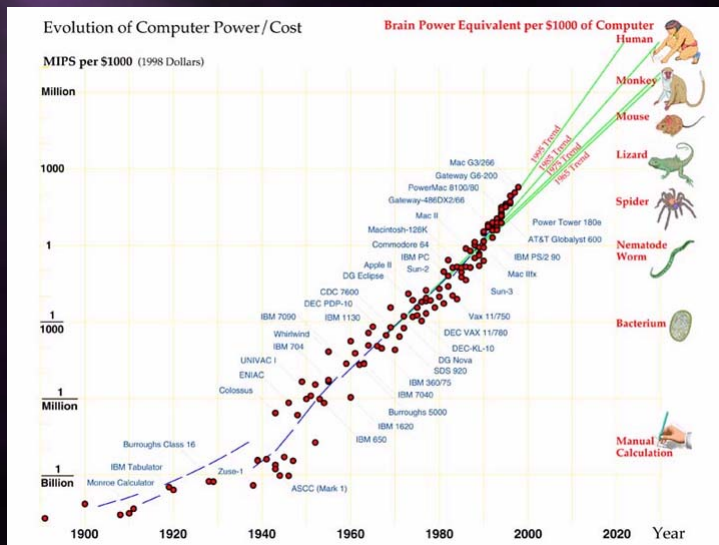
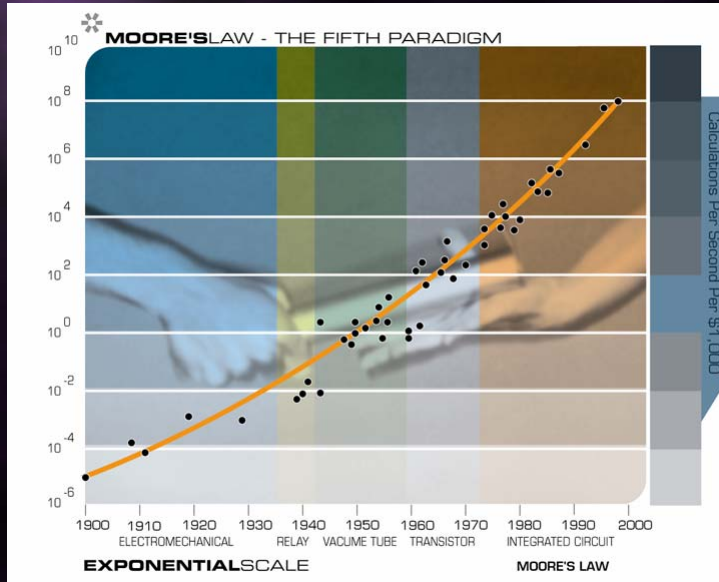
A Personal Experience

| Measure | MIT's IBM 7094 | Notebook Circa |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 2003 Year | 1967 | 2003 |
| Processor Speed (MIPS) | 0.25 | 1,000 |
| Main Memory (K Bytes) | 144 | 256,000 |
| Approximate Cost (2003 \$) | \$2,000,000 | \$2,000 |

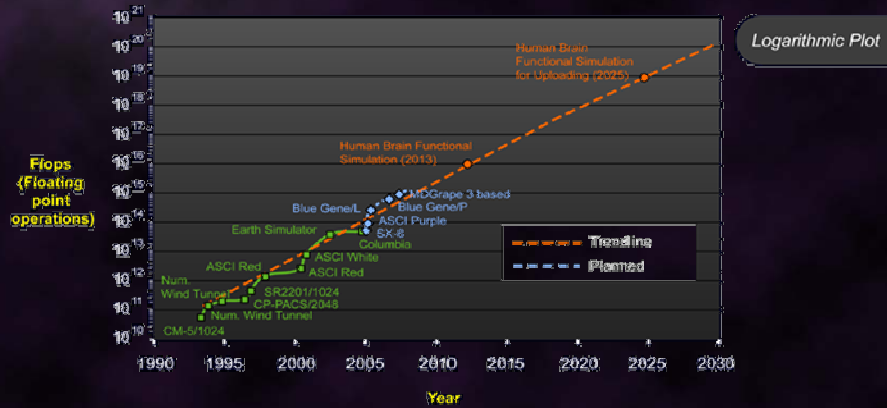
22 Doublings of Price-Performance in 36 years,
doubling time: 19 months not including vastly greater
RAM memory, disk storage, instruction set, etc.



Moore's Law is one example
of many....



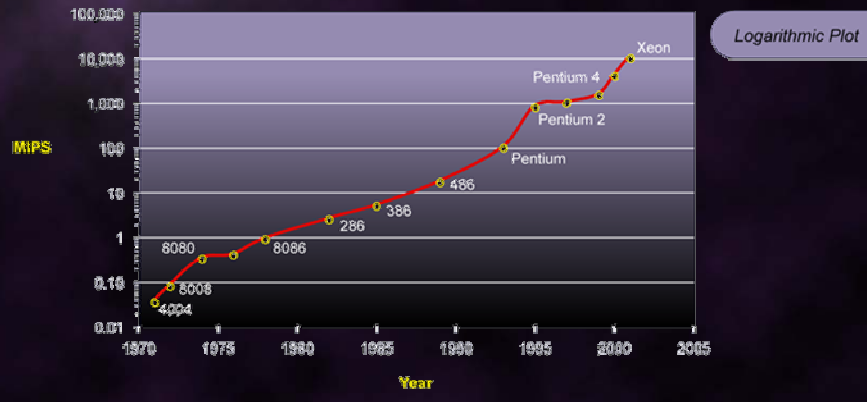
Growth in Supercomputer Power



Transistors (Intel processors)



Processor Performance (MIPS)



Data from: Intel Doubling time: 1.8 years

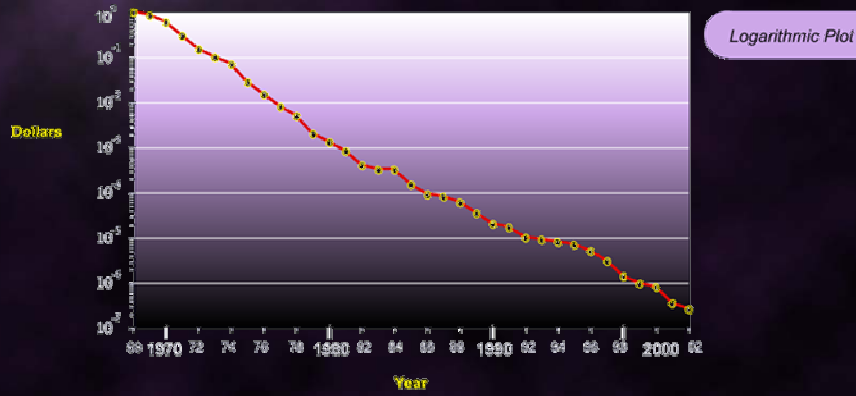
Dynamic RAM Memory

Bits per Dollar at Production



Data from: SEMATECH ITRS Roadmap Doubling time: 1.5 years

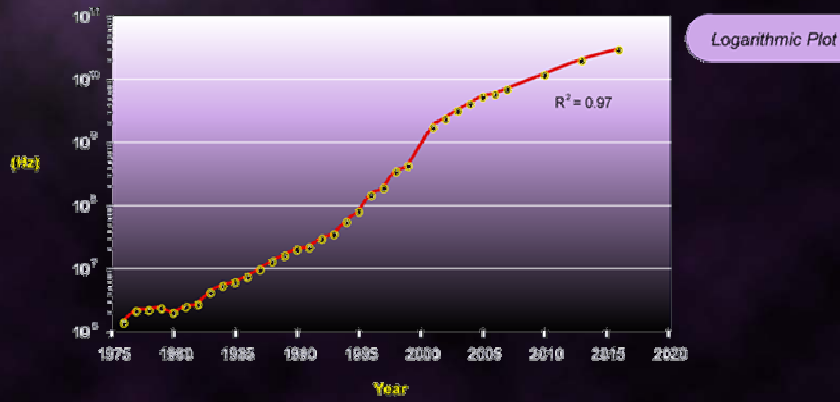
Average Transistor Price



Data from: Dataquest/Intel

Halving time: 1.6 years

Microprocessor Clock Speed



Data from: Berndt et al., ITRS

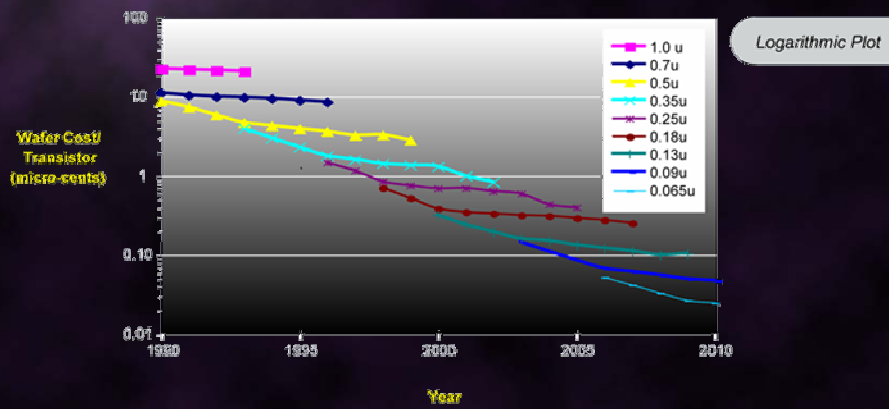
Doubling time: 2.7 years

Microprocessor Cost Per Transistor Cycle



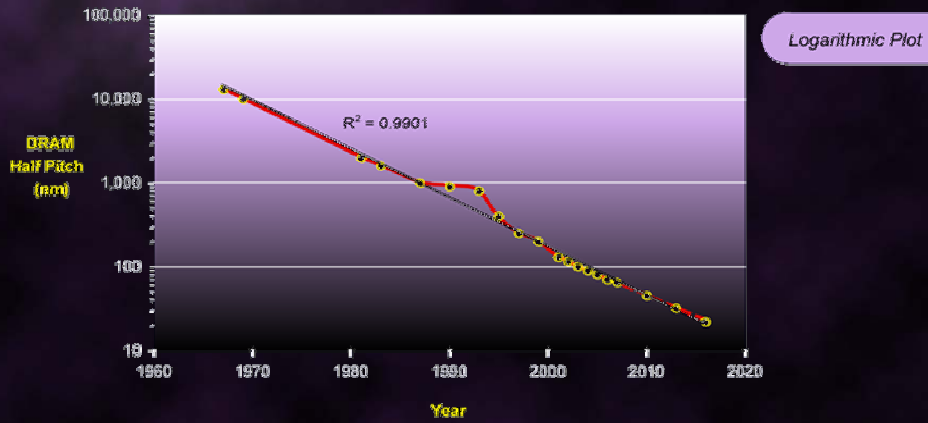
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Halving time: 1.1 years

Transistor Manufacturing Costs Falling



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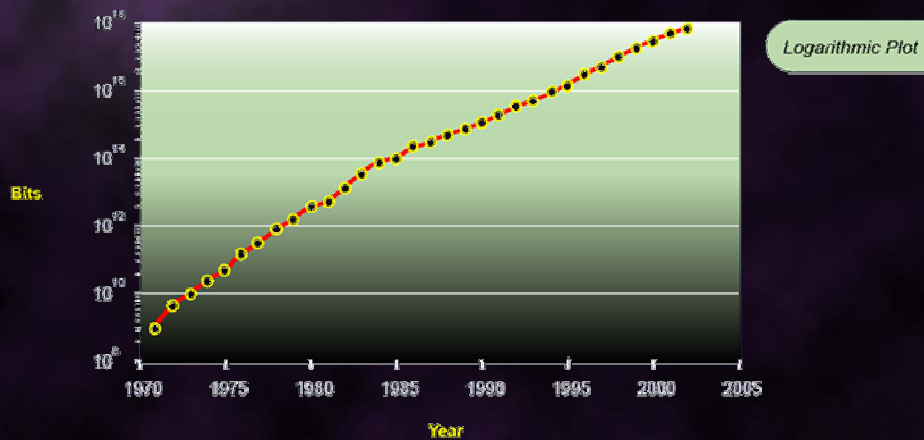
Dynamic RAM Memory "Half Pitch" Feature Size



Data from: Intel, SEMATECH ITRS Roadmap

Halving time: 5.4 years

Total Bits Shipped

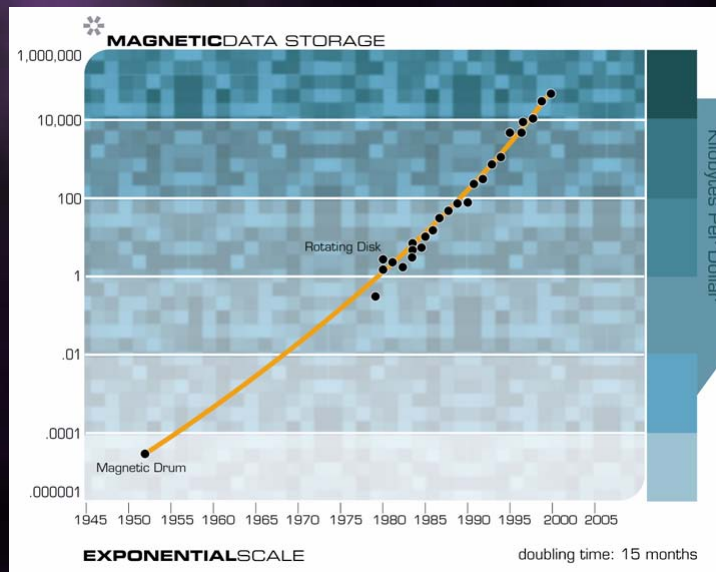
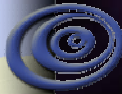


Data from: In-Stat/MDR

Doubling time: 1.1 years

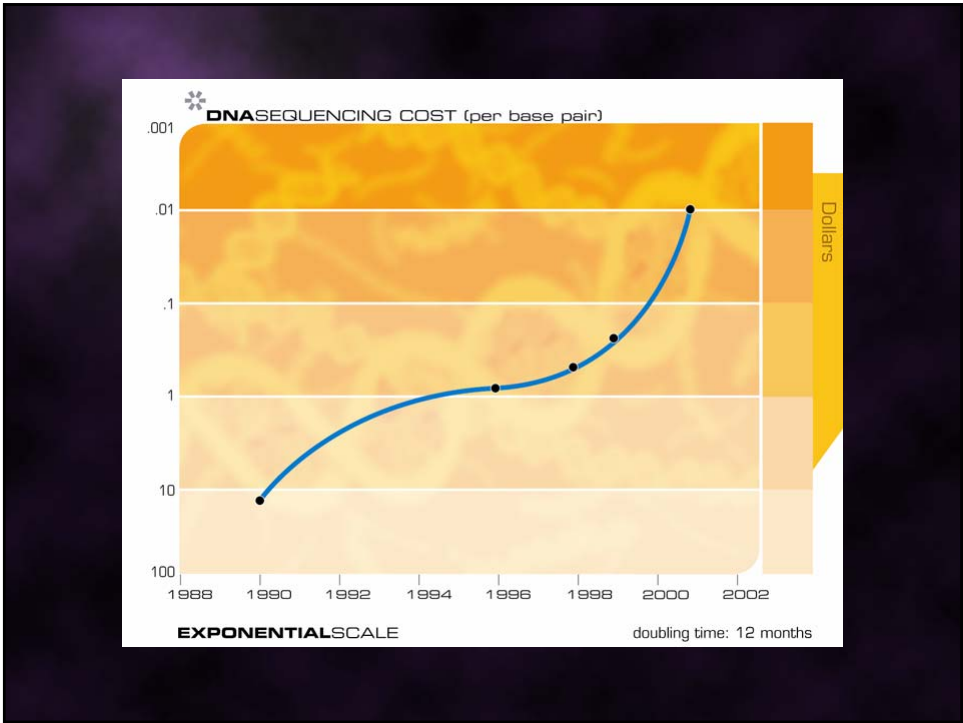
Doubling (or Halving) times

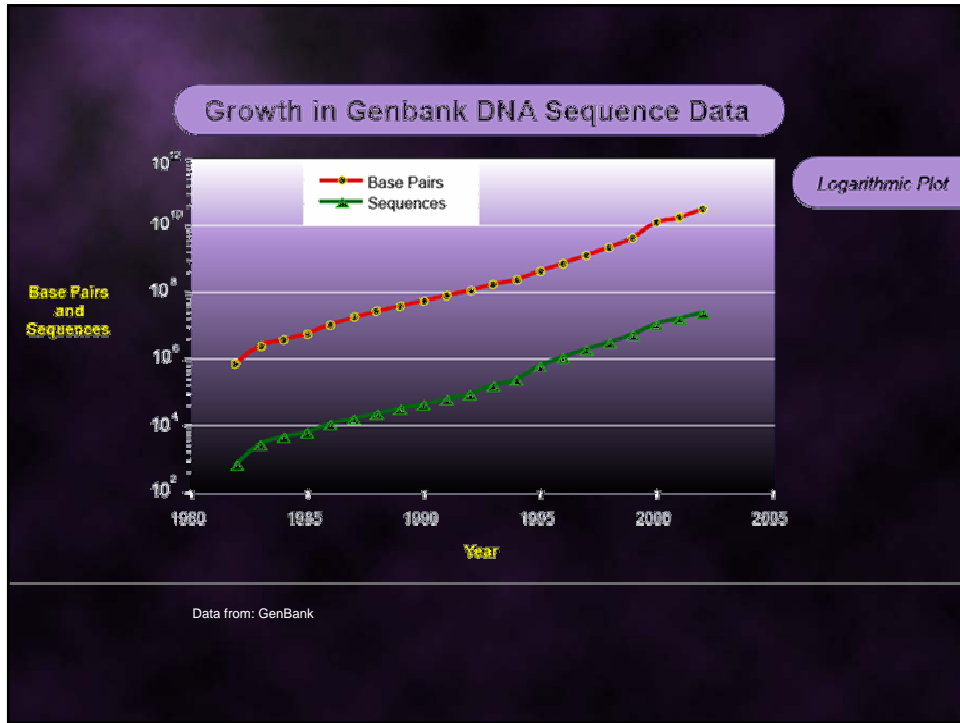
- Dynamic RAM Memory "Half Pitch" Feature Size 5.4 years
- Dynamic RAM Memory (bits per dollar) 1.5 years
- Average Transistor Price 1.6 years
- Microprocessor Cost per Transistor Cycle 1.1 years
- Total Bits Shipped 1.1 years
- Processor Performance in MIPS 1.8 years
- Transistors in Intel Microprocessors 2.0 years
- Microprocessor Clock Speed 2.7 years



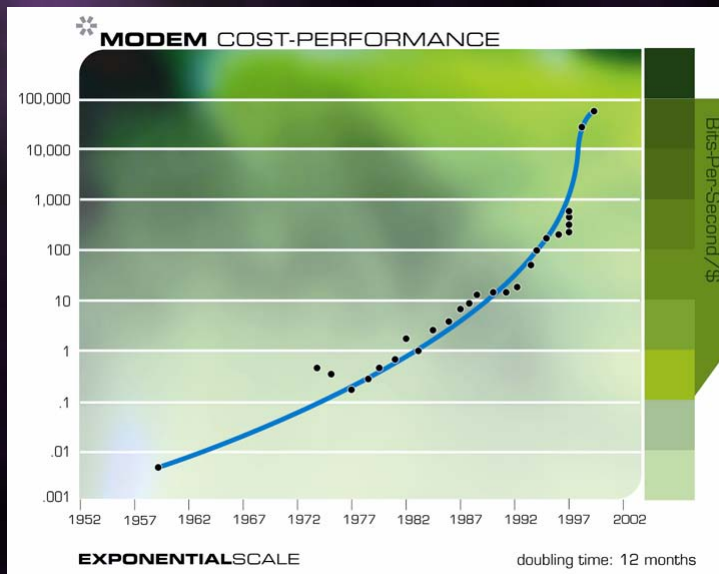
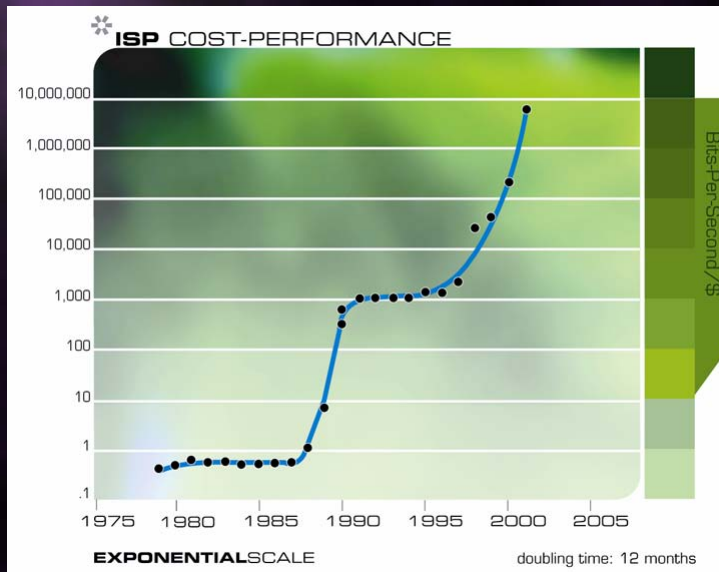


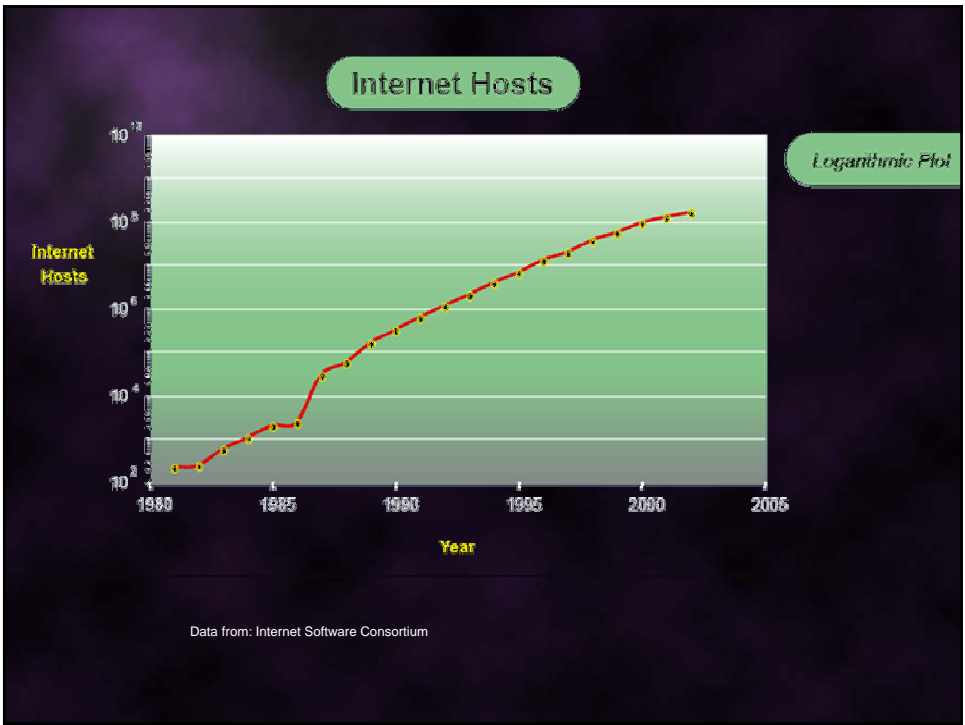
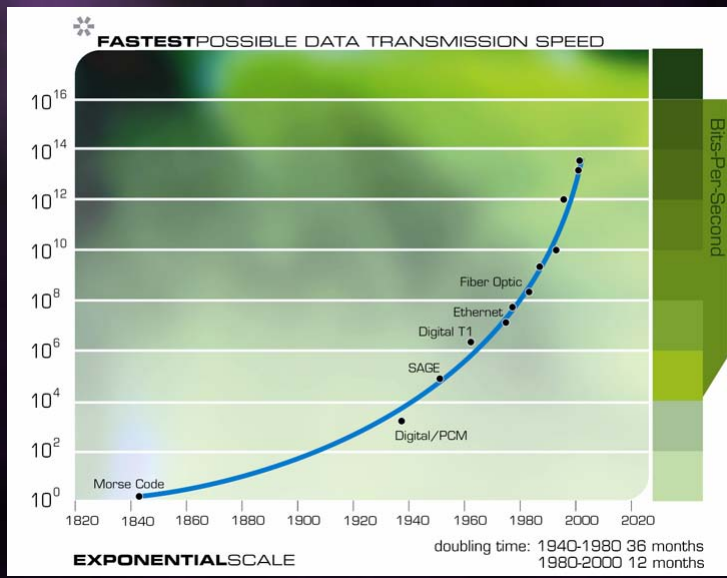
The Biotechnology revolution:
*the intersection of biology with
information technology*

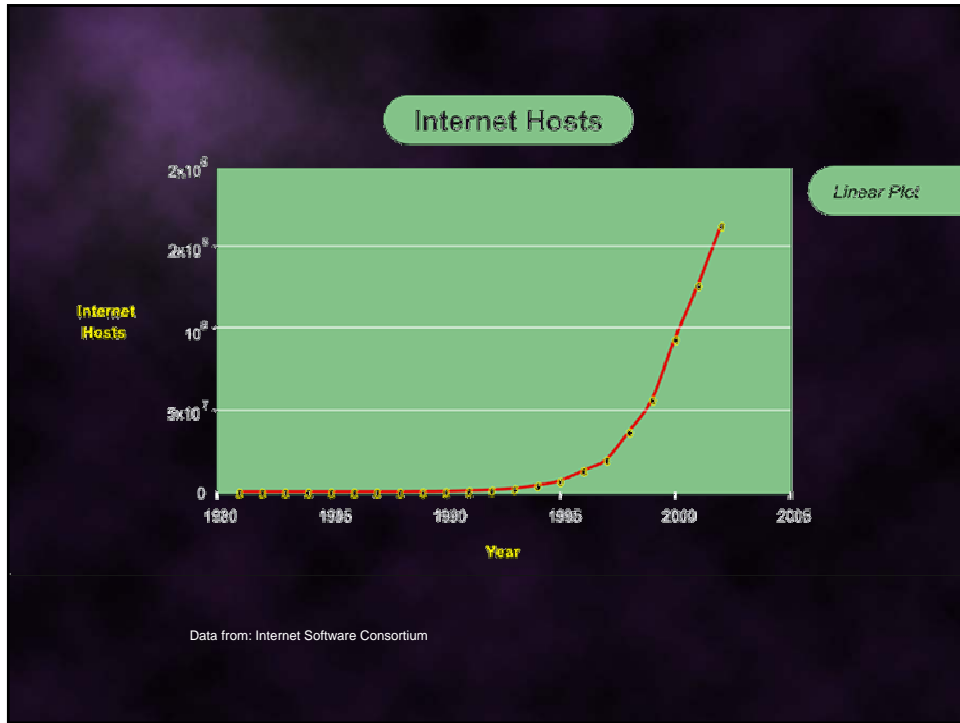




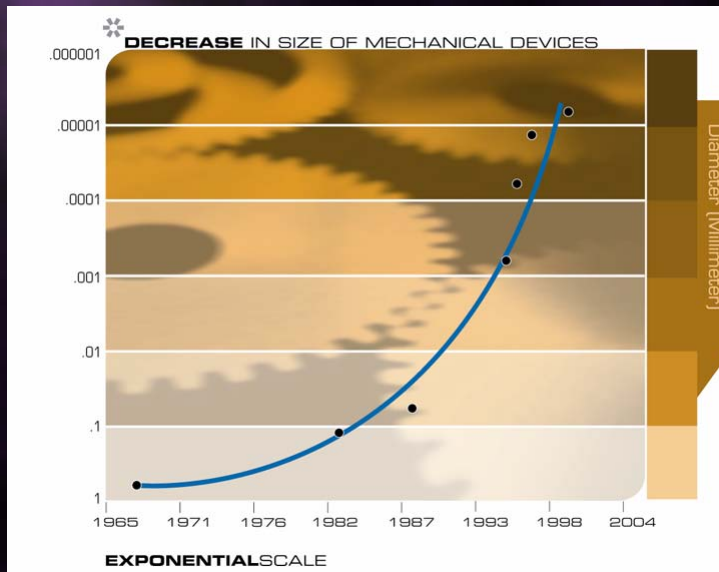
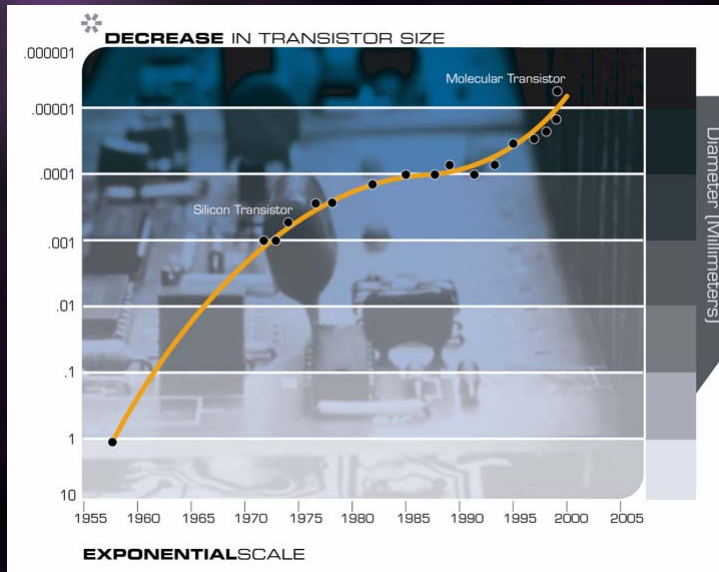
Every form of communications technology is doubling price-performance, bandwidth, capacity every 12 months







Miniaturization:
another exponential trend



Planetary Gear



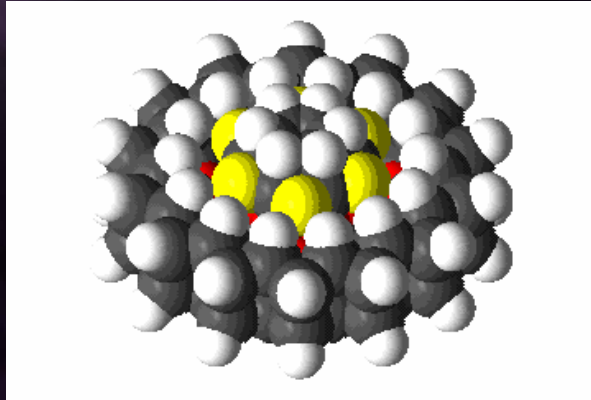
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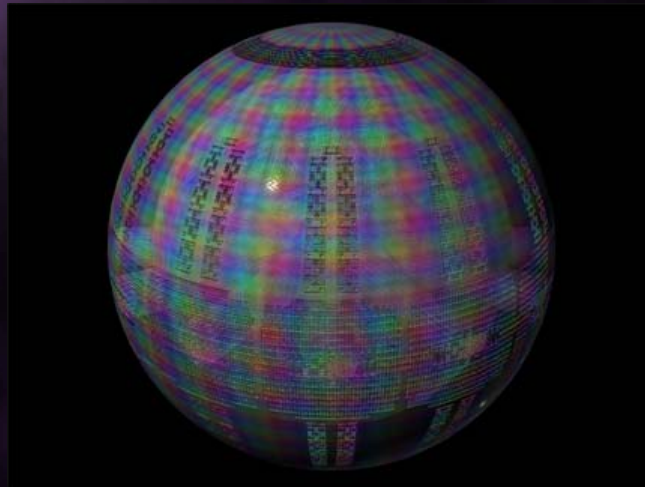
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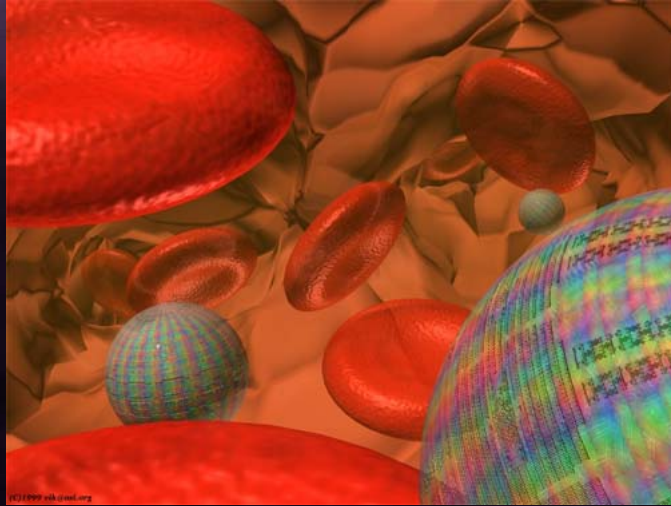
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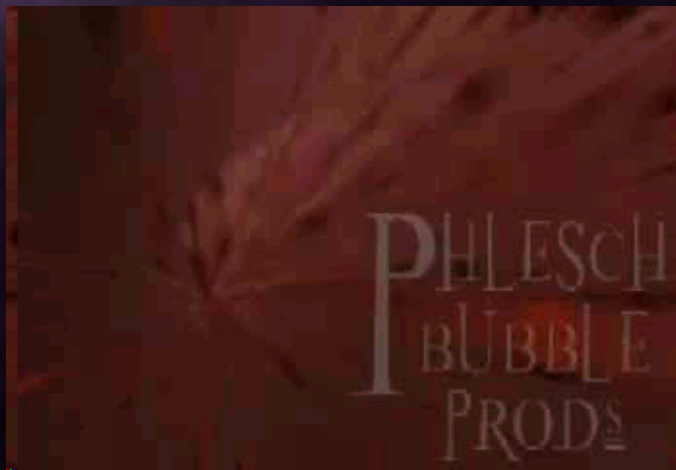
Respirocytes with Red Cells



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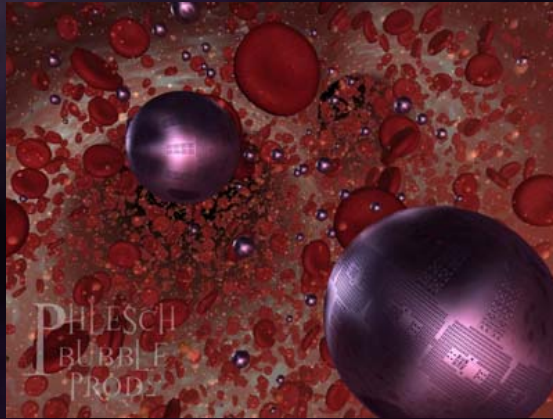
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Animation of a respirocyte releasing oxygen in a capillary



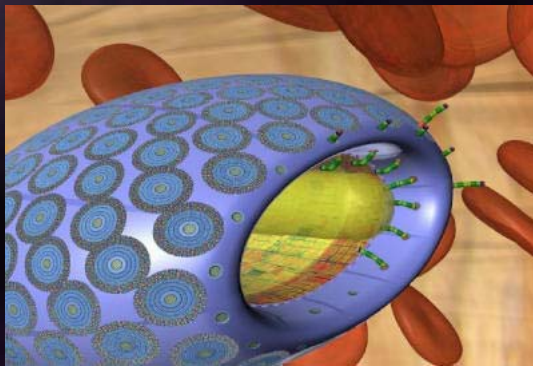
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High resolution still from the
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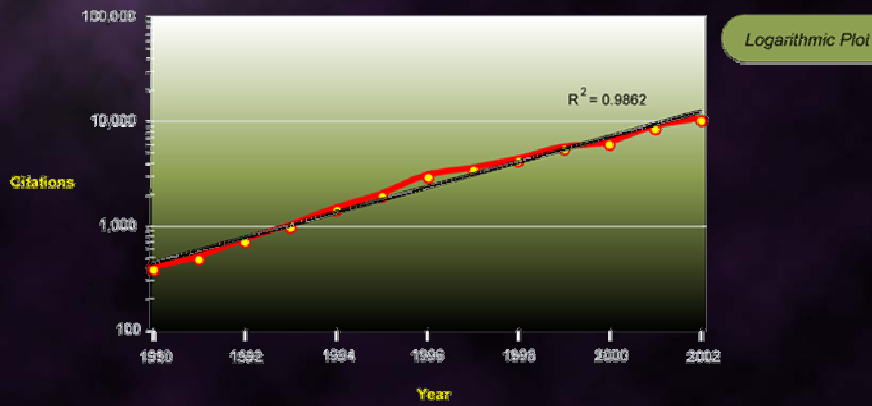
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Microbivores II



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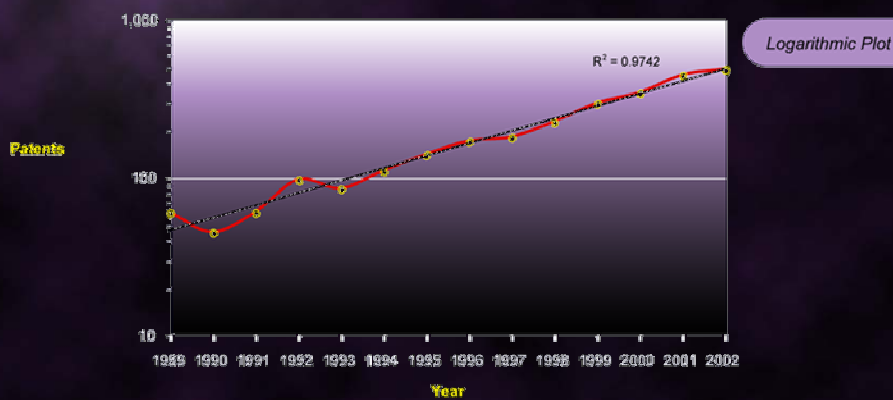
Nanotech Science Citations - 1990-2002



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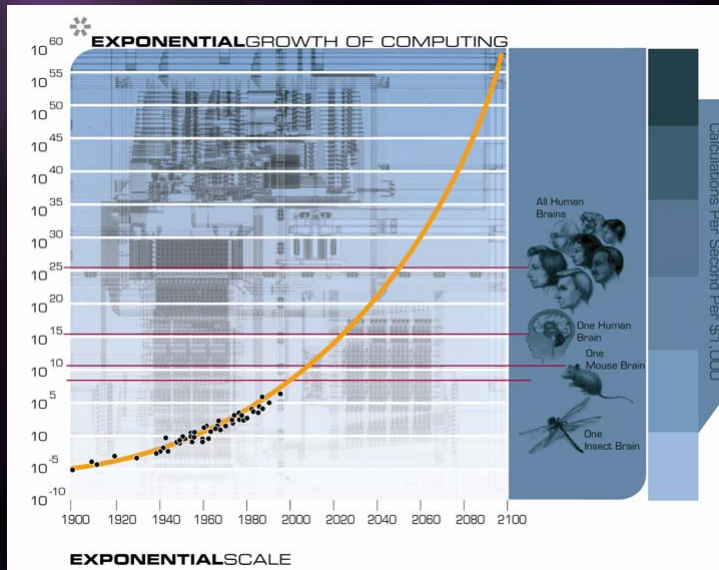
Doubling time: 2.4 years

U.S. Nano-Related Patents



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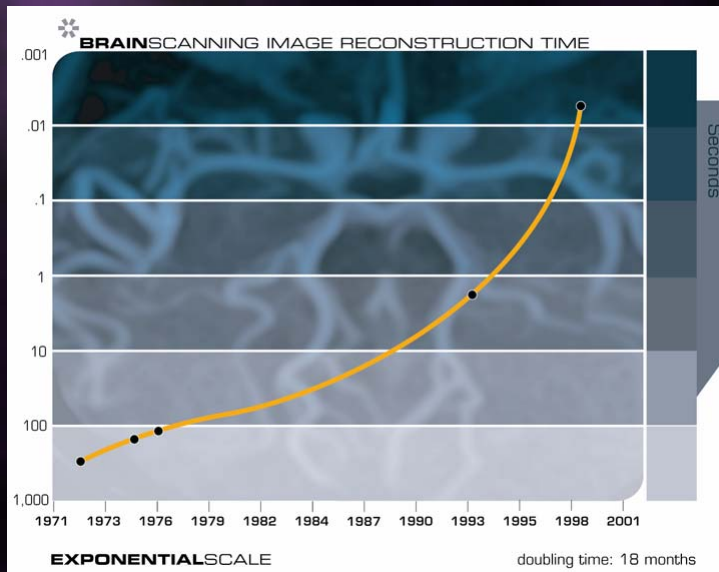
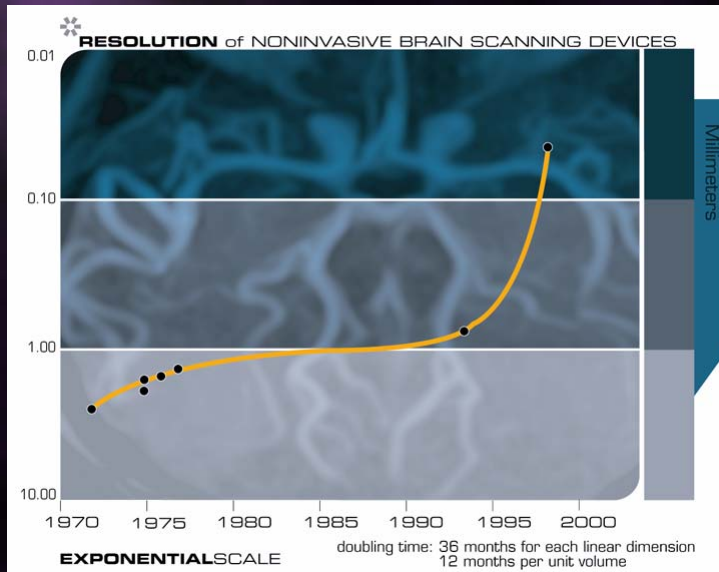
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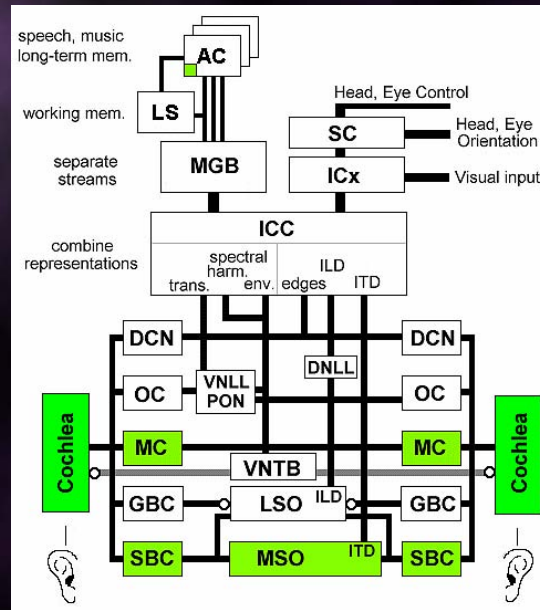


Reverse Engineering the Brain:

the ultimate source of the templates of intelligence








“Now, for the first time, we are observing the brain at work in a global manner with such clarity that we should be able to discover the overall programs behind its magnificent powers.”


-- J.G. Taylor, B. Horwitz, K.J. Friston






Ways that the brain differs from a conventional computer:

- Very few cycles available to make decisions
- Massively parallel: 100 trillion interneuronal connections
- Combines digital & analog phenomena at every level
 - Nonlinear dynamics can be modeled using digital computation to any desired degree of accuracy
 - Benefits of modeling using transistors in their analog native mode




Ways that the brain differs from a conventional computer:

- The brain is self-organizing at every level
- Great deal of stochastic (random within controlled constraints) process in every aspect
 - Self-organizing, stochastic techniques are routinely used in pattern recognition
- Information storage is holographic in its properties



The Brain's Design is a level of complexity we can manage

- Only about 20 megabytes of compressed design information about the brain in the genome
 - A brain has ~ billion times more information than the genome that describes its design
- We've already created simulations of ~ 20 regions (out of several hundred) of the brain



Models often get simpler at a higher level, not more complex

- Consider an analogy with a computer
 - We do need to understand the detailed physics of semiconductors to model a transistor, and the equations underlying a single real transistor are complex.
 - A digital circuit that multiplies two numbers, however, although involving hundreds of transistors, can be modeled far more simply.



Modeling Systems at the Right Level

- Although chemistry is theoretically based on physics, and could be derived entirely from physics, this would be unwieldy and infeasible in practice.
- So chemistry uses its own rules and models.
- We should be able to deduce the laws of thermodynamics from physics, but this is far from straightforward. Once we have a sufficient number of particles to call it a gas rather than a bunch of particles, solving equations for each particle interaction becomes hopeless, whereas the laws of thermodynamics work quite well.



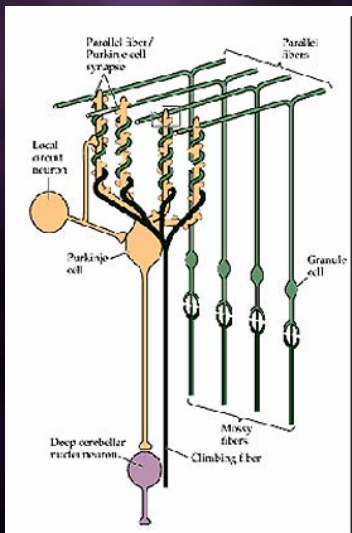
Modeling Systems at the Right Level

- The same issue applies to the levels of modeling and understanding in the brain – from the physics of synaptic reactions up to the transformations of information by neural clusters.
- Often, the lower level is more complex.
- A pancreatic islet cell is enormously complicated, in terms of all its biochemical functions, most of which apply to all human cells, some to all biological cells. Yet modeling what a pancreas does in terms of regulating levels of insulin and digestive enzymes, although not simple, is considerably less complex than a detailed model of a single islet cell.



The Cerebellum

- The basic wiring method of the cerebellum is repeated billions of times. It is clear that the genome does not provide specific information about each repetition of this cerebellar structure, but rather specifies certain constraints as to how this structure is repeated (just as the genome does not specify the exact location of cells in other organs, such the location of each pancreatic Islet cell in the pancreas).



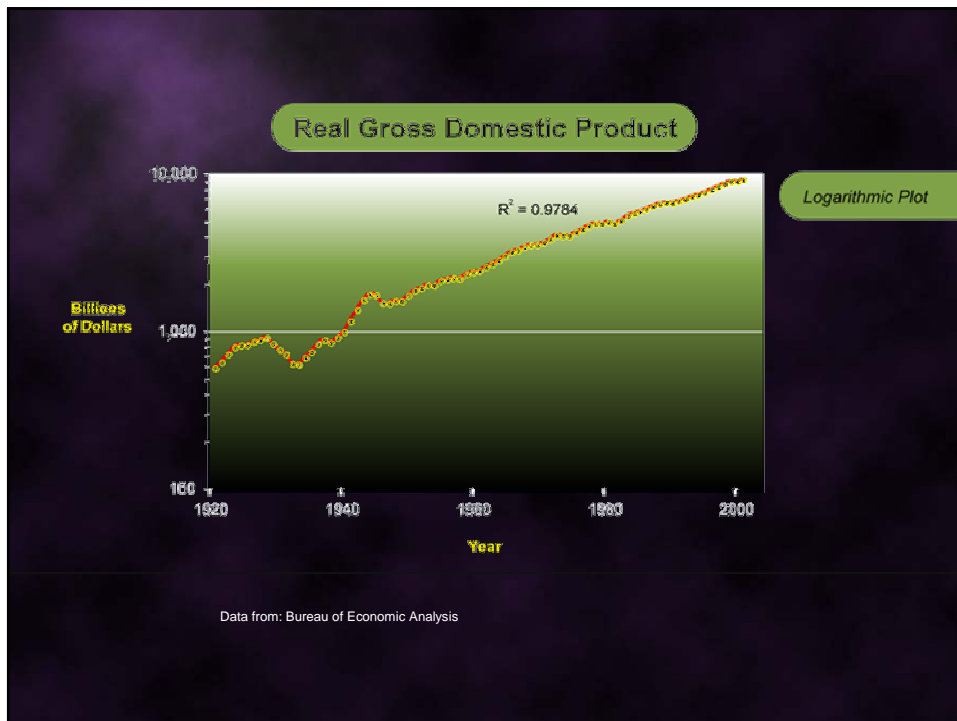
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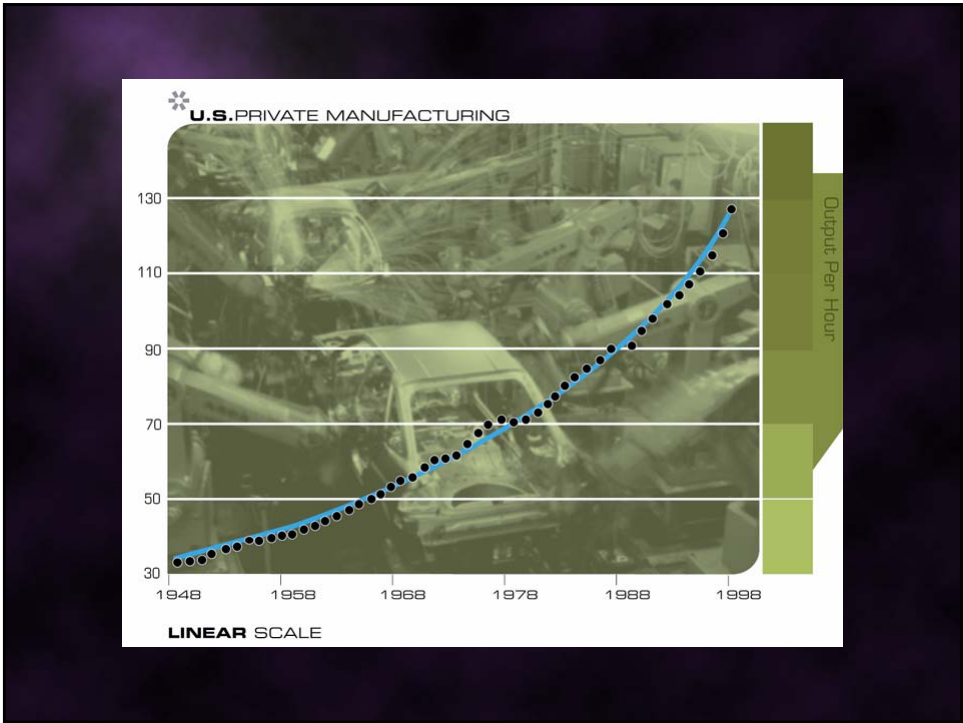
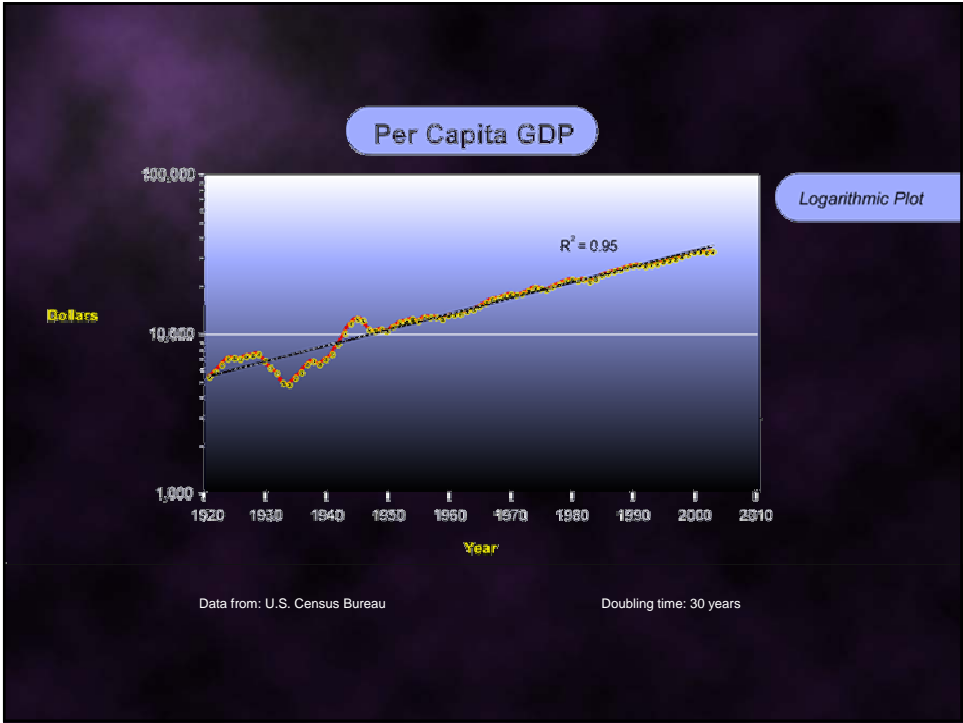
Gathering data from multiple studies, Javier F. Medina, Michael D. Mauk, and their colleagues at the University of Texas Medical School devised a detailed bottom-up simulation of the cerebellum.

Their simulation includes over 10,000 simulated neurons and 300,000 synapses, and includes all of the principal types of cerebellum cells.

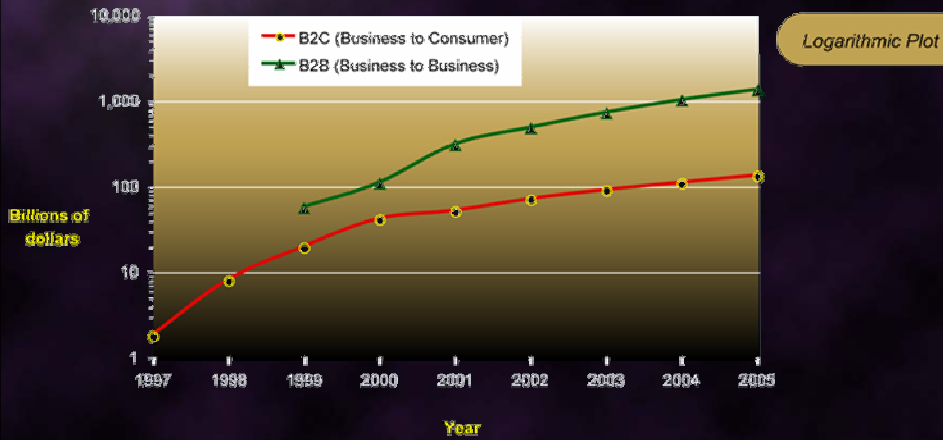
The Law of Accelerating Returns is driving economic growth

- The portion of a product or service's value comprised of information is asymptoting to 100%
- The cost of information at every level incurs deflation at ~ 50% per year
- This is a powerful deflationary force
 - Completely different from the deflation in the 1929 Depression (collapse of consumer confidence & money supply)



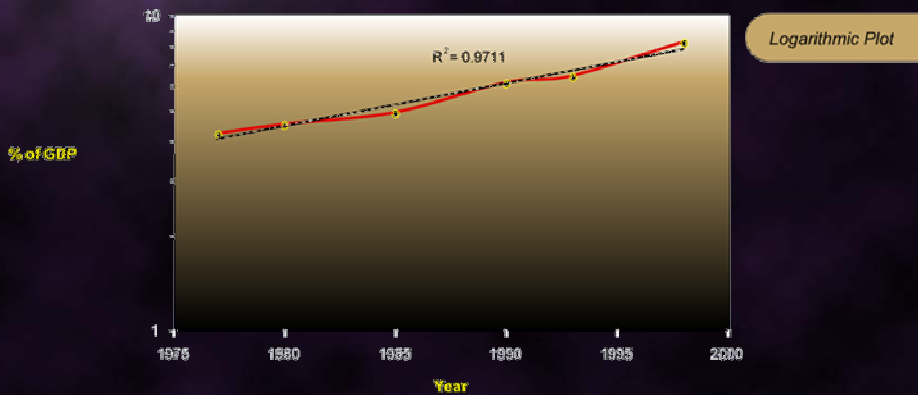


E-Commerce Revenues in U.S.

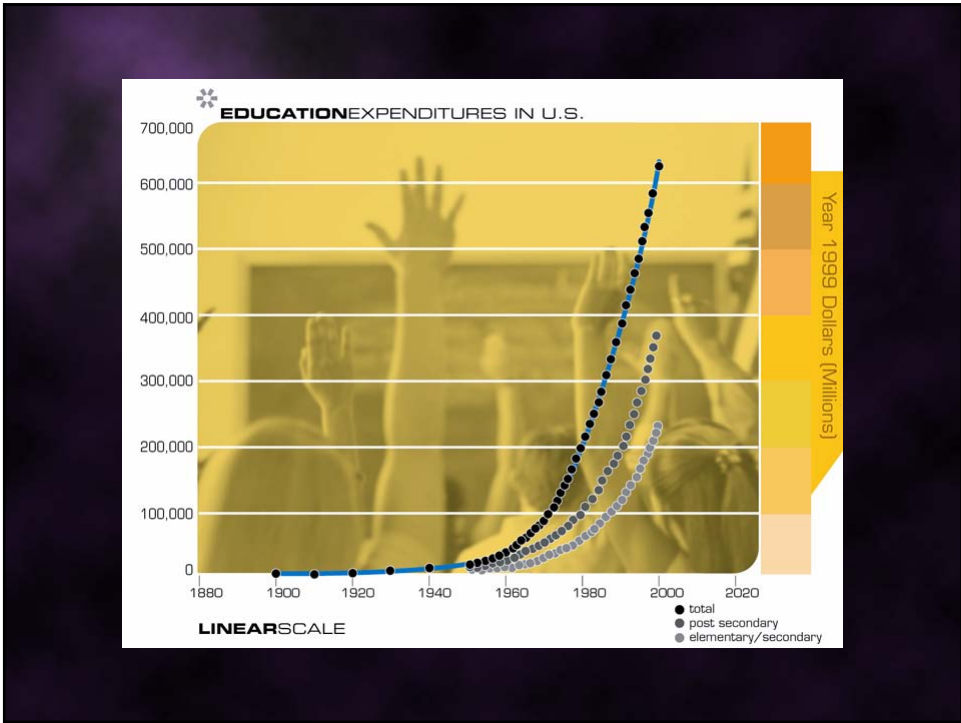
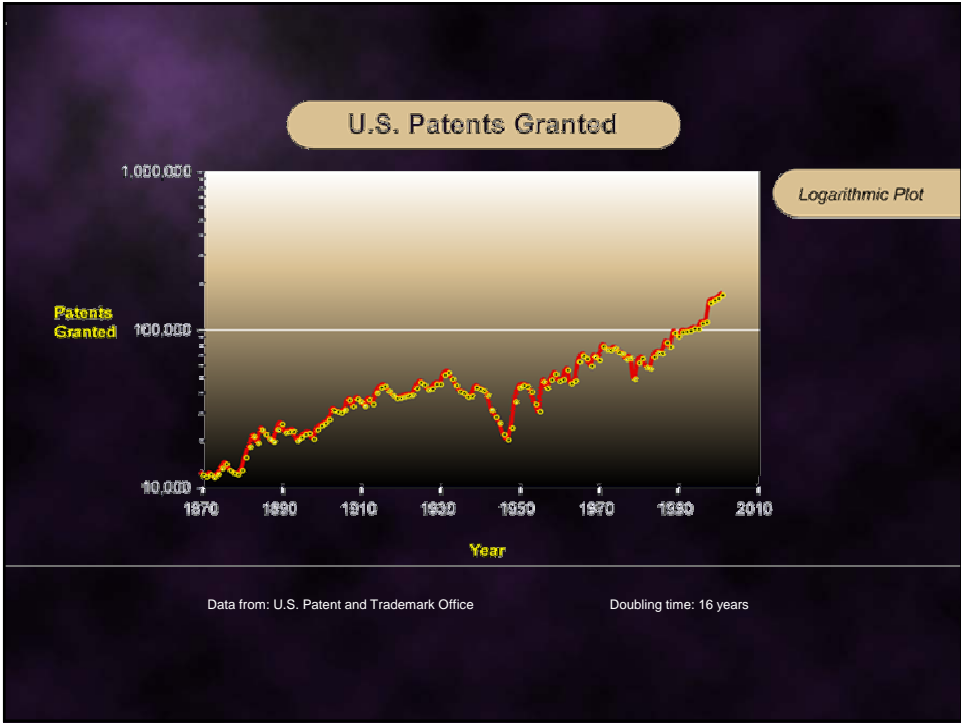


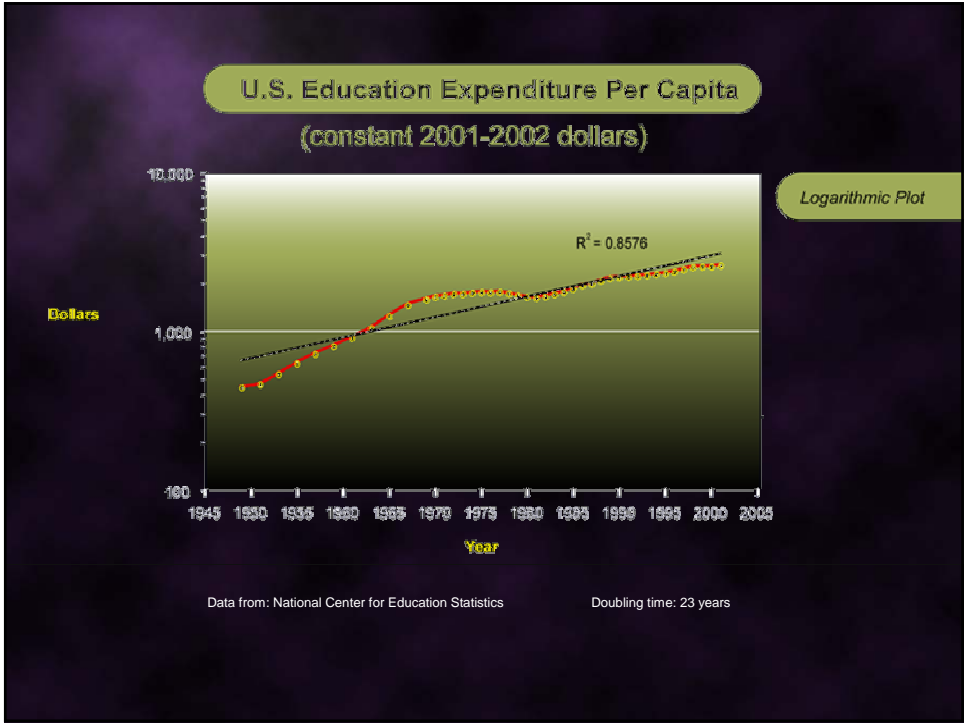
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IT's Share of the Economy



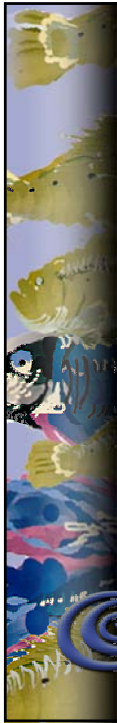
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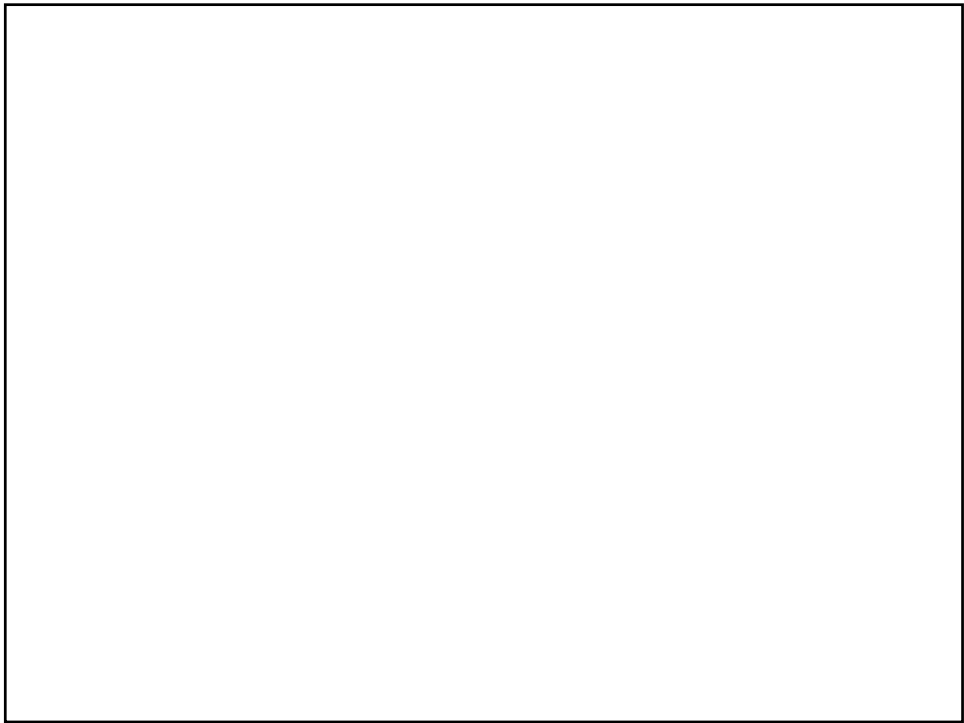
Contemporary Examples of Self-organizing systems

- The bulk of human intelligence is based on **pattern recognition**: the quintessential example of self-organization



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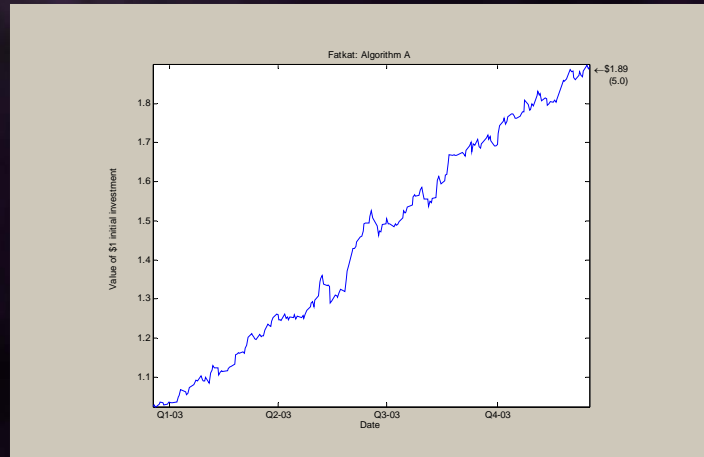
- Machines are rapidly improving in pattern recognition
- Progress will be accelerated now that we have the tools to reverse engineer the brain
- Human pattern recognition is limited to certain types of patterns (faces, speech sounds, etc.)
- Machines can apply pattern recognition to any type of pattern
- Humans are limited to a couple dozen variables, machines can consider thousands simultaneously





FatKat (*Financial Accelerating Transactions from Kurzweil Adaptive Technologies*): applying pattern recognition with thousands of variables to short-term stock movements


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2010: Computers disappear

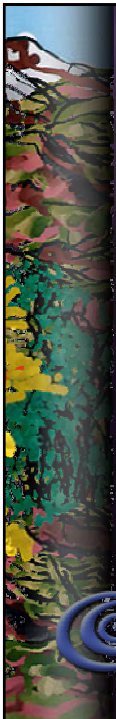
- Images written directly to our retinas
- Ubiquitous high bandwidth connection to the Internet at all times
- Electronics so tiny it's embedded in the environment, our clothing, our eyeglasses
- Full immersion visual-auditory virtual reality
- Augmented real reality
- Interaction with virtual personalities as a primary interface
- Effective language technologies





2029: An intimate merger

- \$1,000 of computation = 1,000 times the human brain
- Reverse engineering of the human brain completed
- Computers pass the Turing test
- Nonbiological intelligence combines
 - the subtlety and pattern recognition strength of human intelligence, with
 - the speed, memory, and knowledge sharing of machine intelligence
- Nonbiological intelligence will continue to grow exponentially whereas biological intelligence is effectively fixed



Nanobots provide...

- Neural implants that are:
 - Noninvasive, surgery-free
 - Distributed to millions or billions of points in the brain
- Full-immersion virtual reality incorporating all of the senses
 - You can be someone else
 - "Experience Beamers"
- Expansion of human intelligence
 - Multiply our 100 trillion connections many fold
 - Intimate connection to diverse forms of nonbiological intelligence

Implications of the Law of Accelerating Returns
on Army Science and Technology Priorities as
improvements in:

- Reduce development cycle time for new weapons systems
 - Increase use of simulation
- Develop the “remote-robotic-robust-size-reduced-virtual reality” paradigm

Move personnel away from
combat to the extent possible:

- Remotely guided systems
- Increase level of autonomous control
- Miniaturized systems
- Robotic systems
- Self-organizing, secure communications

Virtual Reality Systems

- Put human controllers virtually “inside” combat systems (e.g., armed predator)
- Soldiers inside weapons (e.g., tanks) also need virtual reality environments
- For training

Miniaturization: top-down

- Start with concept of conventional tanks, planes
- Take human out, eliminate human support
- Then make them smaller to be more maneuverable
- Perform higher-risk missions

Miniaturization: bottom-up

- Smart Dust
 - Power from movement, wind, thermal currents, nano fuel-cells
 - Go beyond today's passive smart dust prototypes
- Insect and golf ball size devices
- Smart bullets
- Harness swarm intelligence

Capabilities of swarms of tiny devices

- Reconnaissance on movement of people and machinery
- Locate specific persons (thermal and electromagnetic fields)
- Ultimately combat missions

Highly secure and self-organizing command and control

- Information flows in from many sources:
 - Every person at every level of command
 - Every device
 - Software agents processing information

Information needs to be presented:

- To each person:
 - Effective display environments
 - Highlighting of the most important information
 - Immersive environments
 - Take into account mission and capabilities of each combatant and commander
- To each device

Communications must be self-organizing

- World wide mesh
- Each node can both send and receive its own and other messages
- No centralized points of control that would be vulnerable
- Highly distributed
- Scalable
- Secure

Bioterrorism

- The primary existential threat is from bioengineered biological viral agents.
- We need to greatly increase the priority of developing broad spectrum anti-viral technologies.
- Idea: Rapid response through RNA interference.

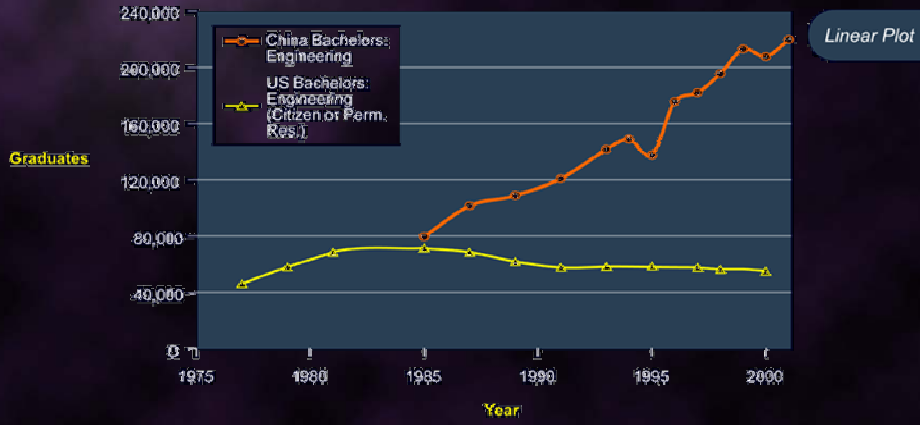
Other Key Areas

- Simulation for development testing, and training
- Lightweight, intelligent armor (nanocoatings)
- Automated diagnosis and treatment built into the armor
- Extending human capability
 - Robotic extension of human motion
 - Perceptual and cognitive
- Space-based weapons

Cyberwarfare

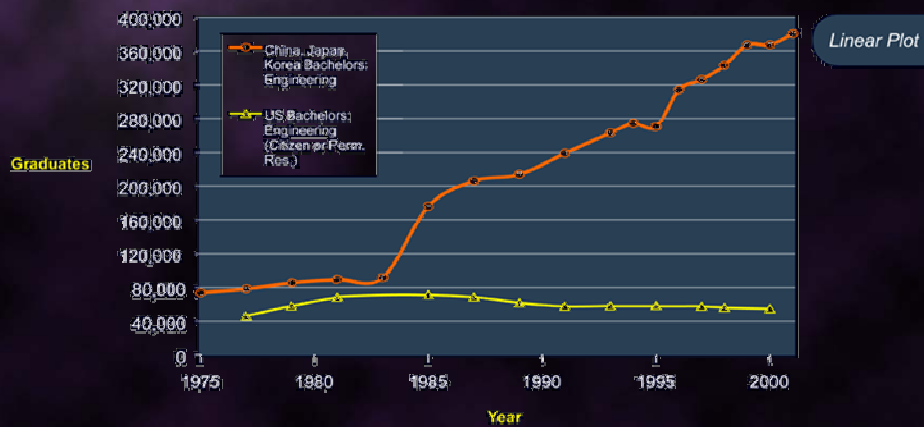
- Security of our own self-organizing communications
- Ability to infiltrate, disrupt, confuse and/or destroy enemy communications
- Encryption and decryption

Bachelors Degrees in Engineering, US (citizens and permanent residents) and China



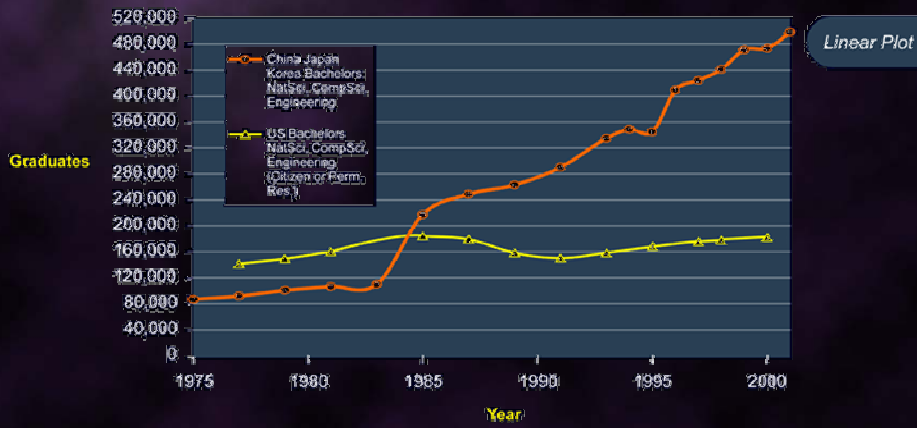
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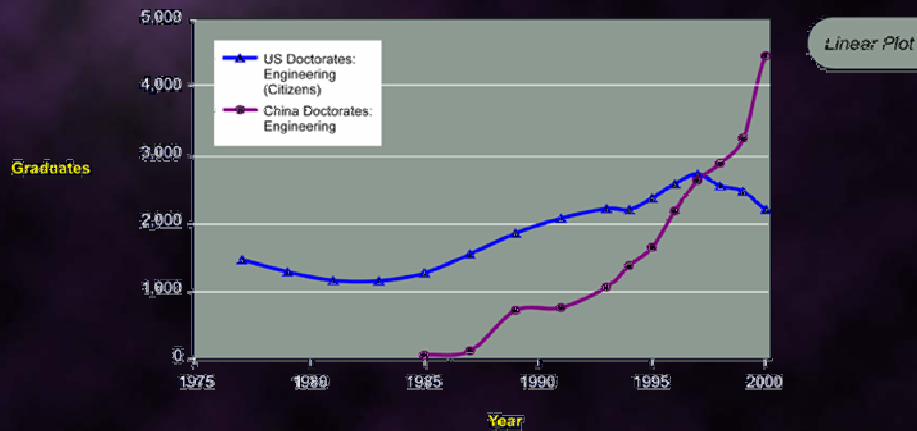
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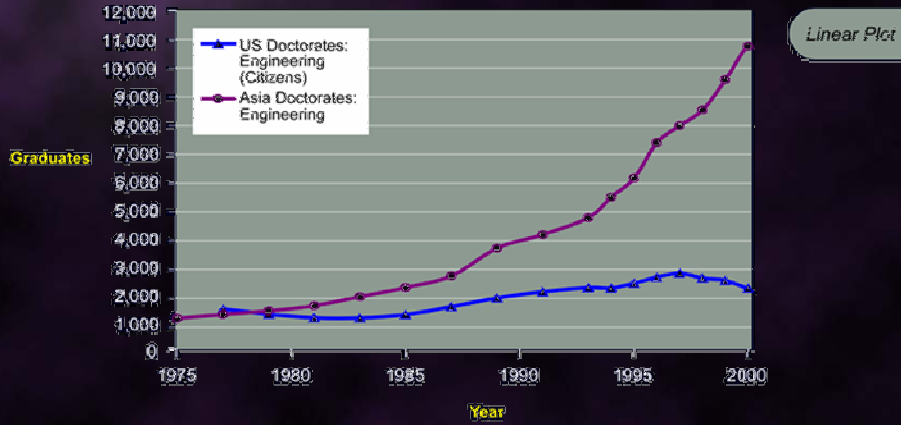
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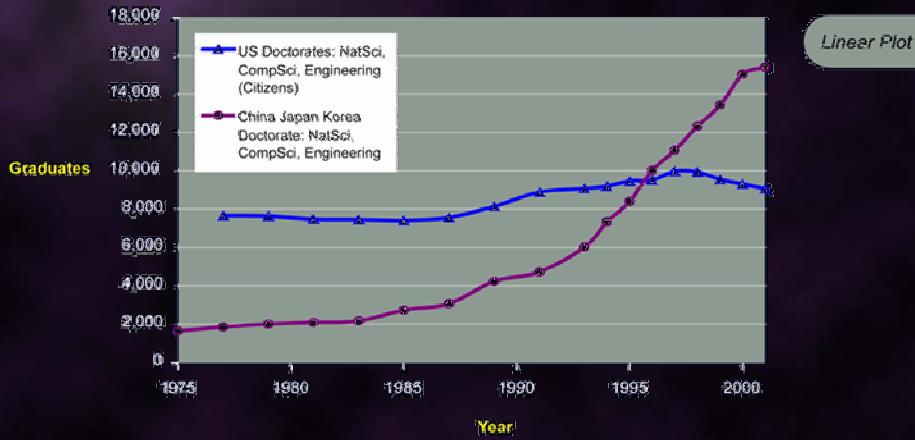
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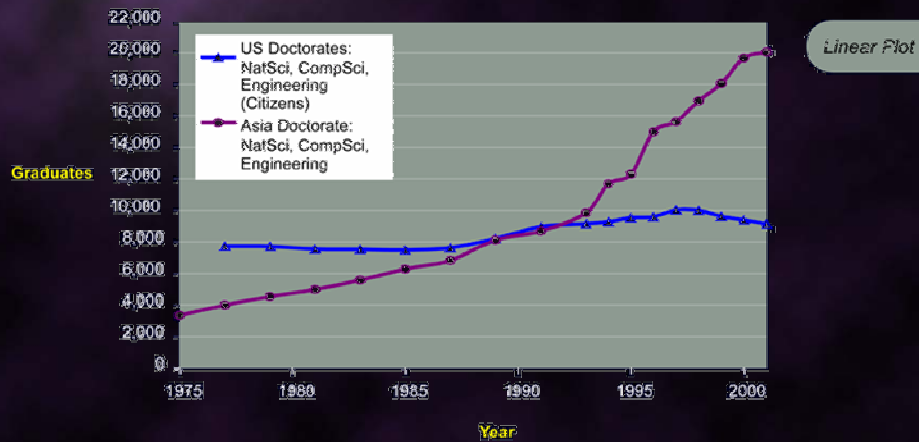
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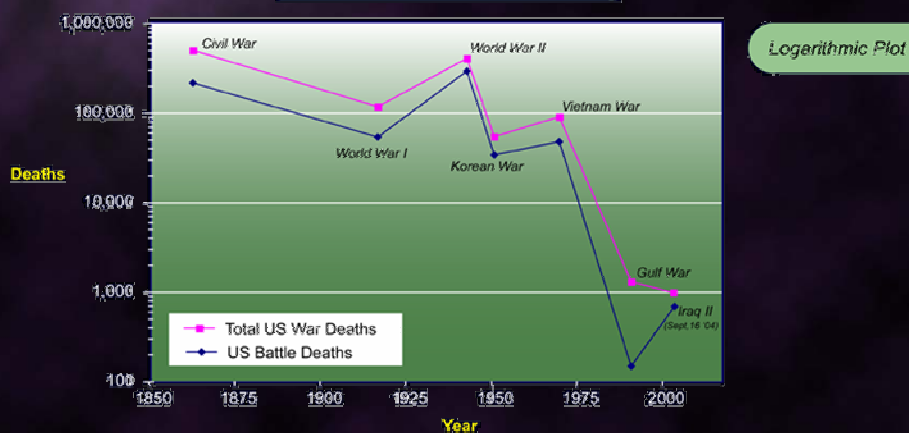
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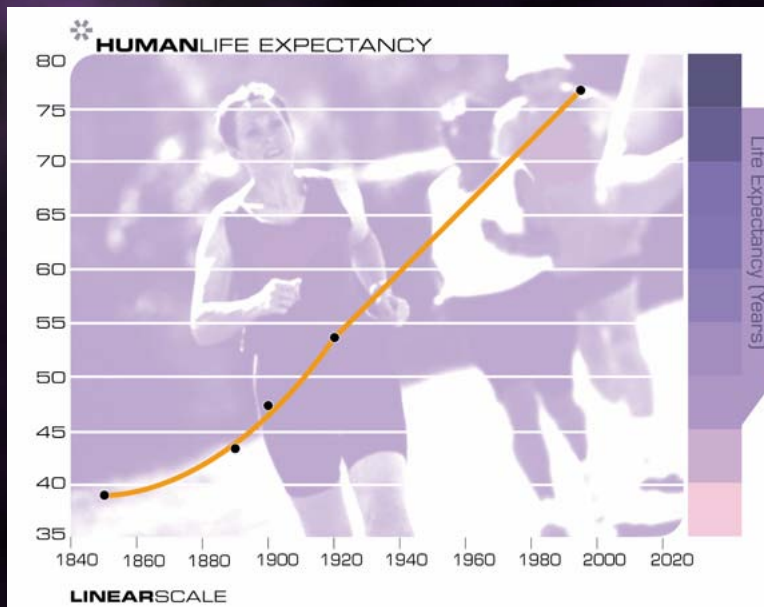
US War Deaths



Source: Dataquest/Intef

Average Life Expectancy (Years)

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|--------------------|----|
| Cro Magnon | 18 |
| Ancient Egypt | 25 |
| 1400 Europe | 30 |
| 1800 Europe & U.S. | 37 |
| 1900 U.S. | 48 |
| 2002 U.S. | 78 |



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