

# Sustainable cyberinfrastructure: Go fast alone or go far together

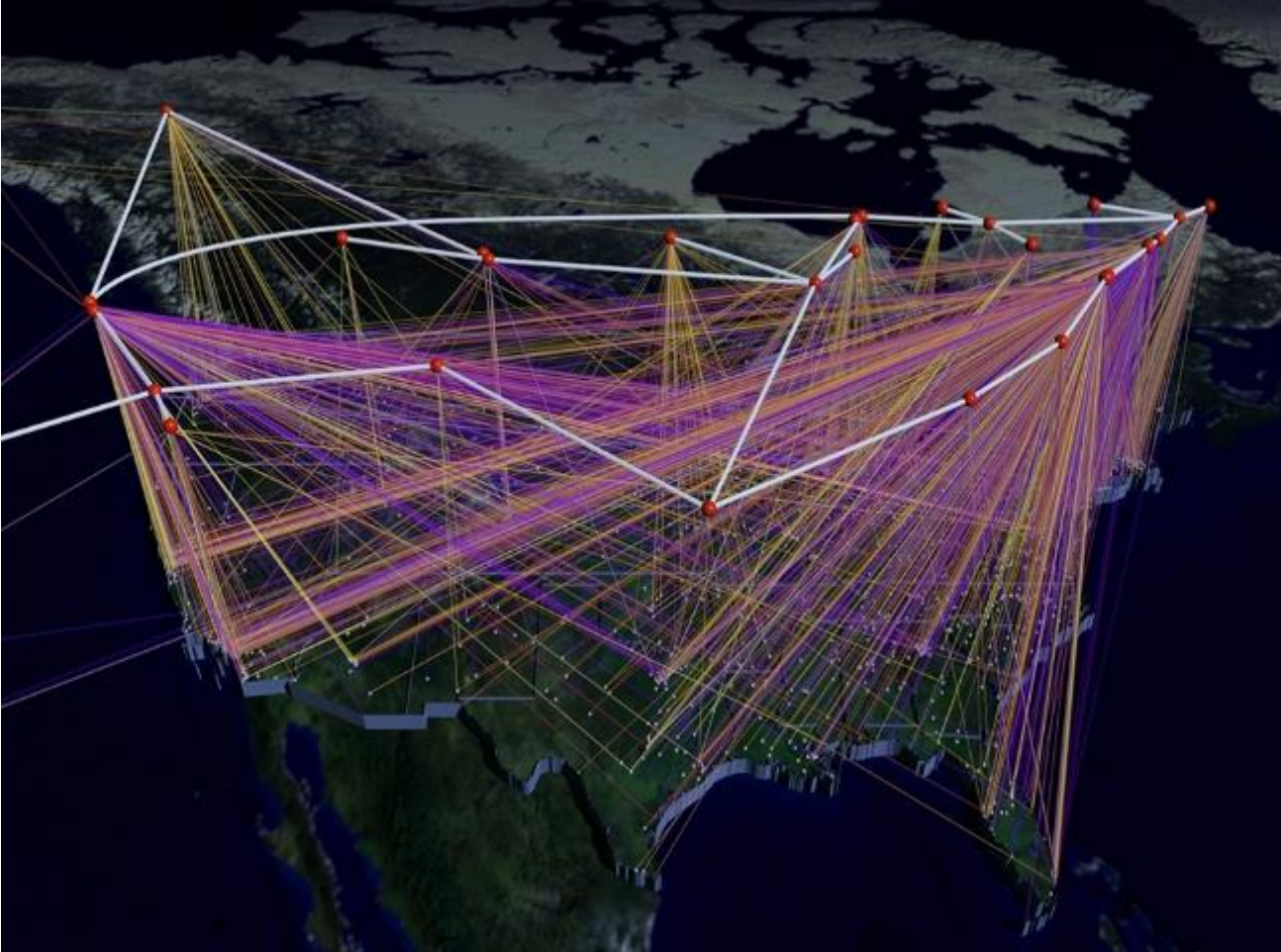


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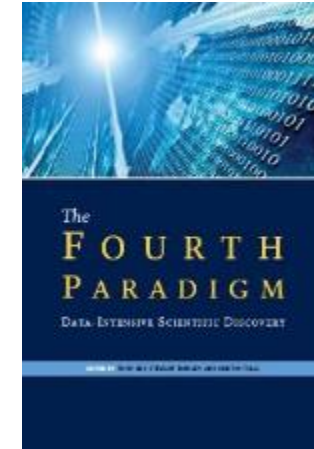
Source: Donna Cox (NCSA)

# The changing nature of research and scholarship



$$x^2+y^2+2dx+2ey+j=0$$
$$(x,y)=F(x',y')$$
$$a=\pi r^2$$

$$H(t)|\psi(t)\rangle = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi(t)\rangle$$



Experimental

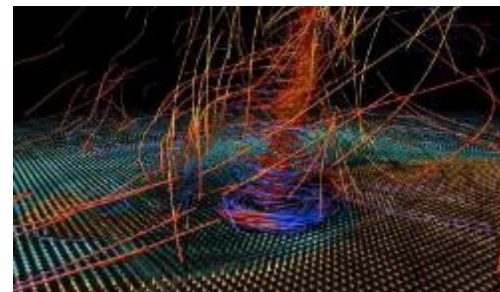
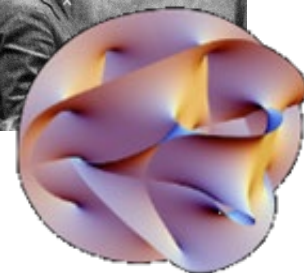
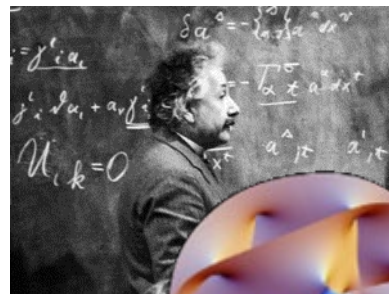
Theoretical

Computational

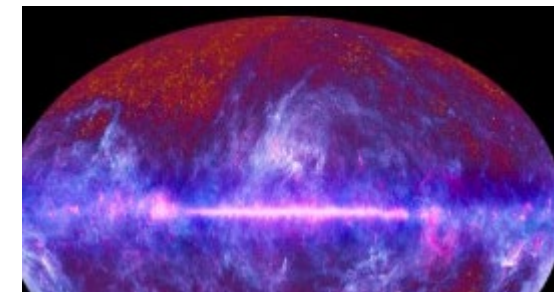
Data Exploratory



Large Hadron Collider



Severe Storm Model (NCSA)



ESA Planck Sky Survey



# Generation after generation: paradigm shifts

The purpose of computing is insight, not numbers.  
*Richard Hamming*

HPC → Deep Learning → Edge AI



Vector Supercomputers  
Cray-1



Shared Memory  
Multiprocessors  
SGI Power Challenge



Massively Parallel  
Processors  
TMC CM-5



Linux Clusters



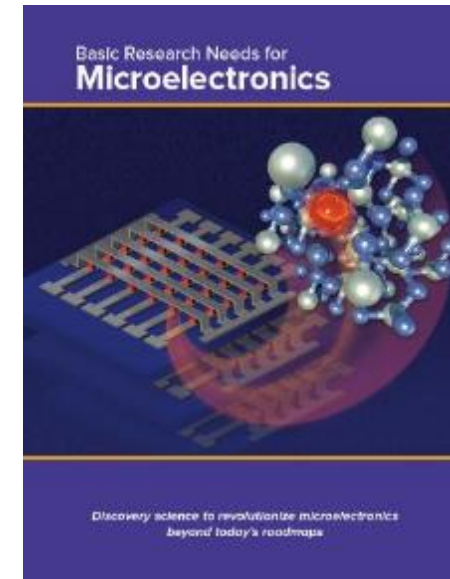
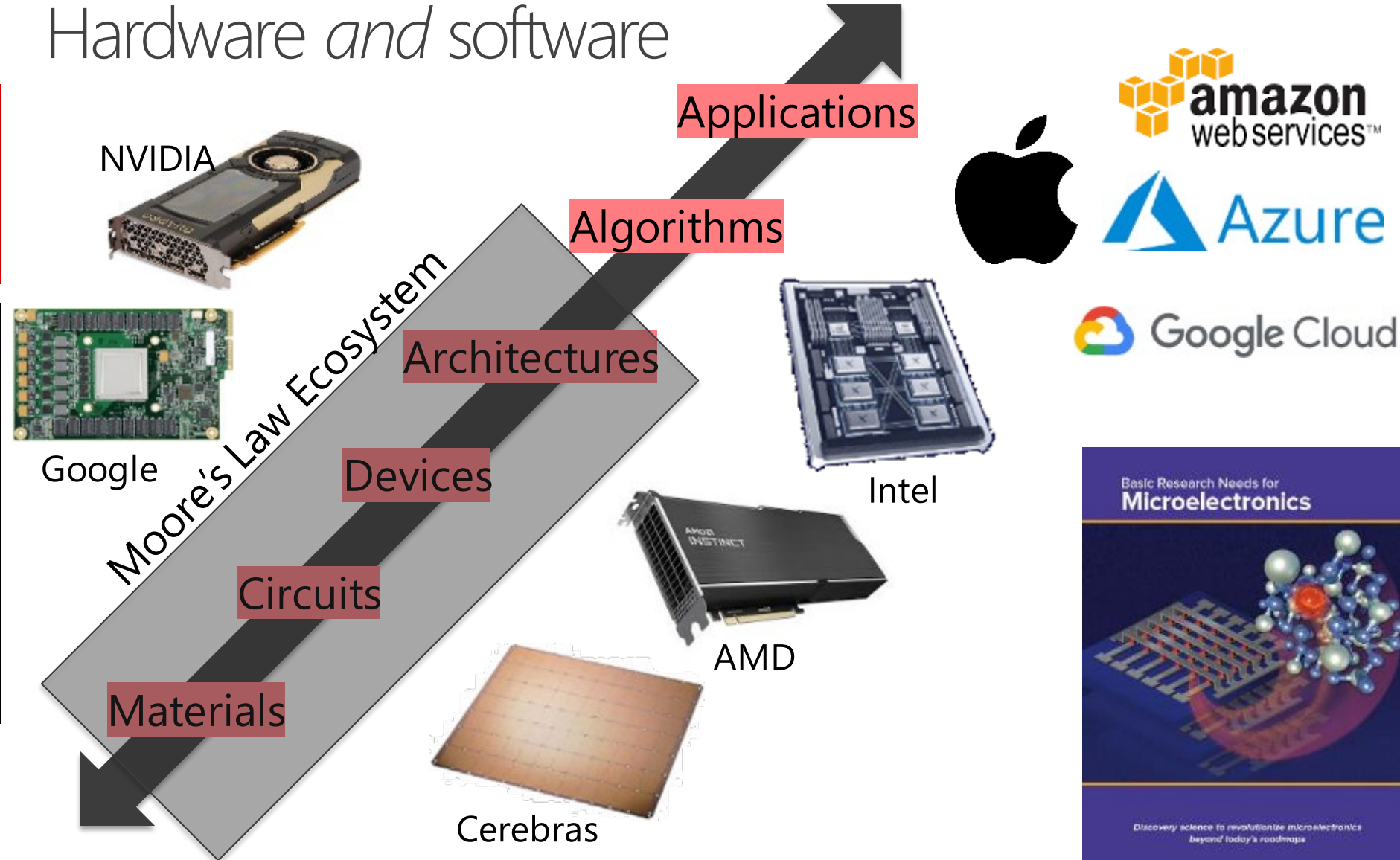
Accelerated  
Clusters  
ORNL Summit



Edge + Deep  
Learning



# Even greater computing heterogeneity ahead: Hardware *and* software

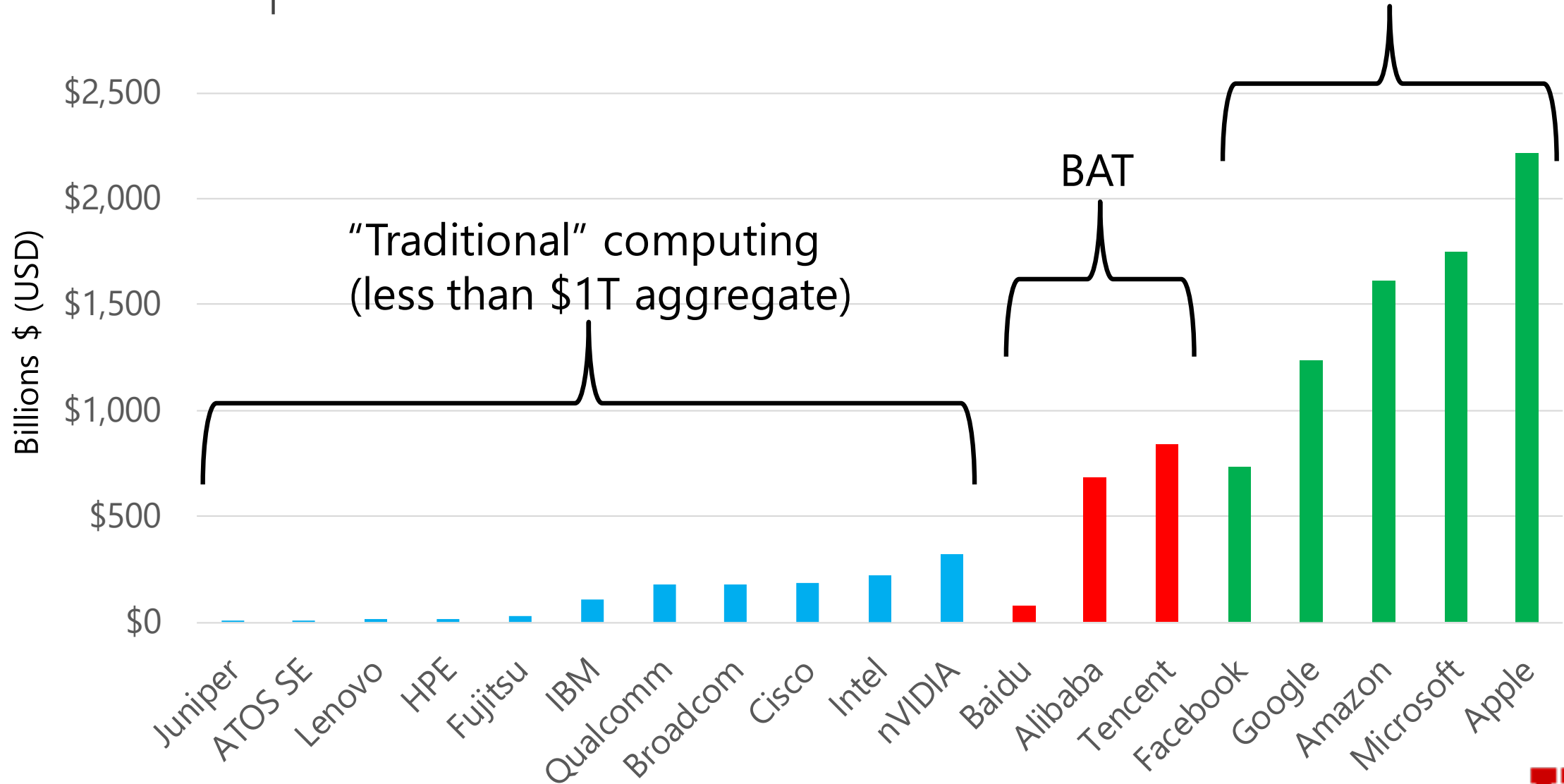


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<https://www.src.org/about/decadal-plan/>

# Our world has changed

## Market capitalizations

Control of the computing ecosystem  
Trillion+ \$ (USD) companies





# The science instrument continuum



ATLAS



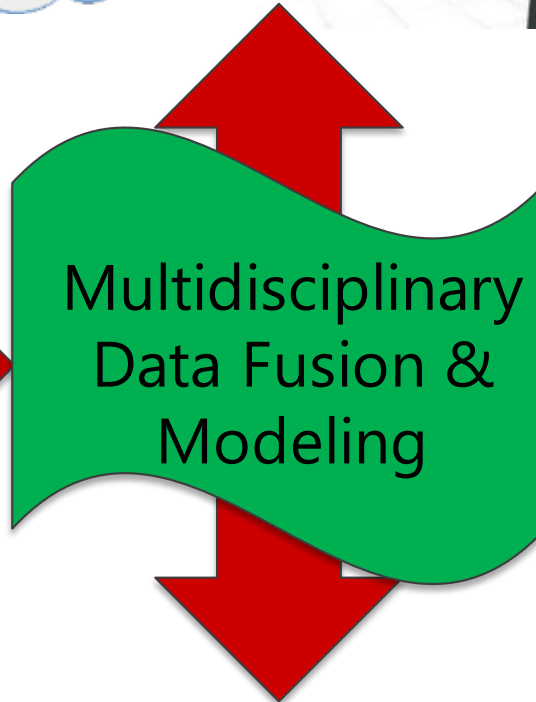
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SKA



NEON



BIG and FEW

SMALL and MANY

Vehicles



Array of Things



# Sociology, markets and the data deluge

Known questions, the traditional approach

- I know the question and I have the data, but not the answer

Unknown questions, the big data approach

- **We** have data, but I do not yet know what it could tell me

Radical sociology shifts

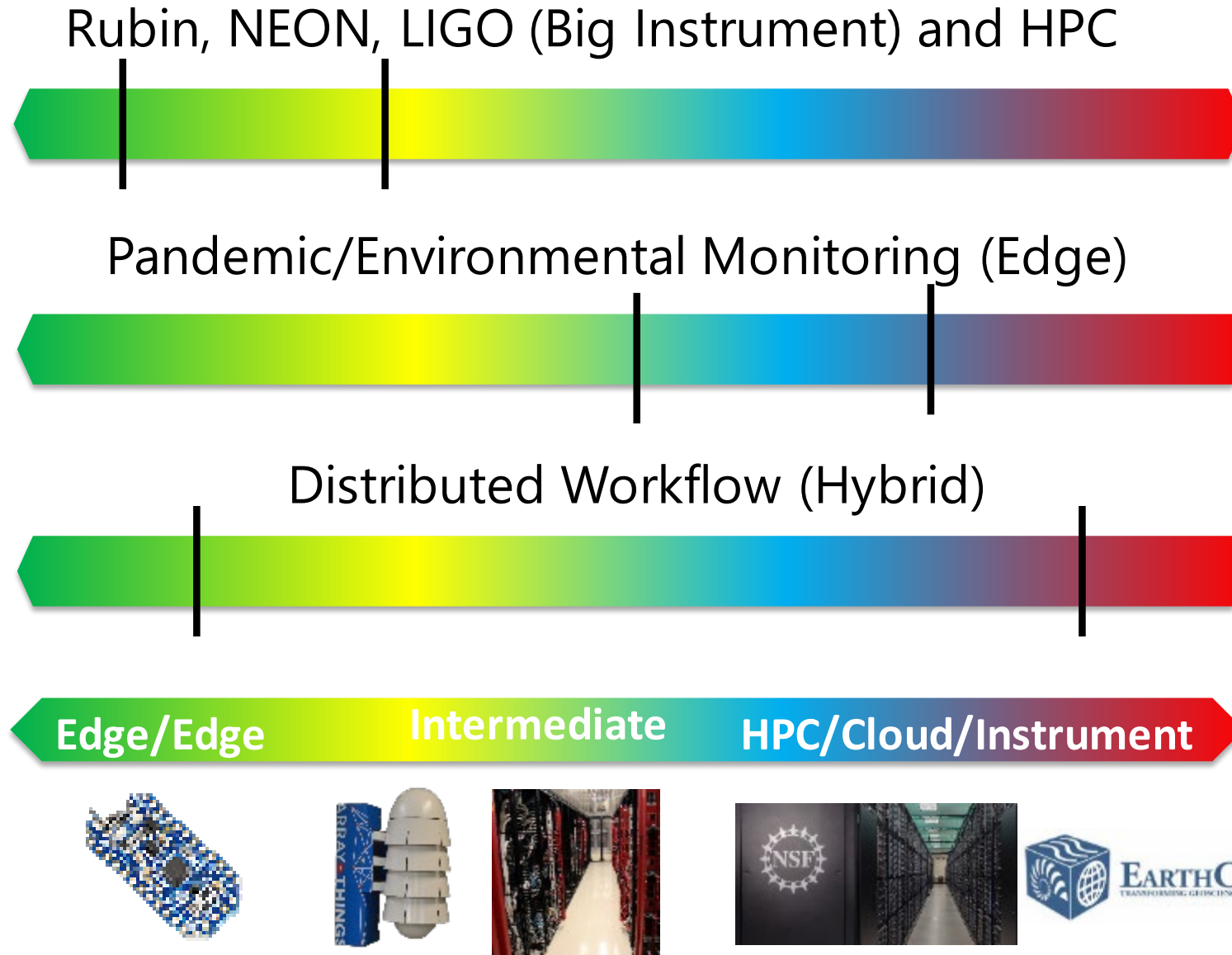
- From *scarcity to deluge* and from *individual to common*
- FAIRness (findability, accessibility, interoperability, reusability)
- Provenance and triage (deaccession)

Data marketplaces and avoiding the *tragedy of the commons*

- Expose and bear true costs
- Develop curation and retention metrics (economic, social, technical)
- Create a metric-driven marketplace (sustainable and FAIR)



# Building fluid/reusable cyberinfrastructure frameworks



Adaptively mapping

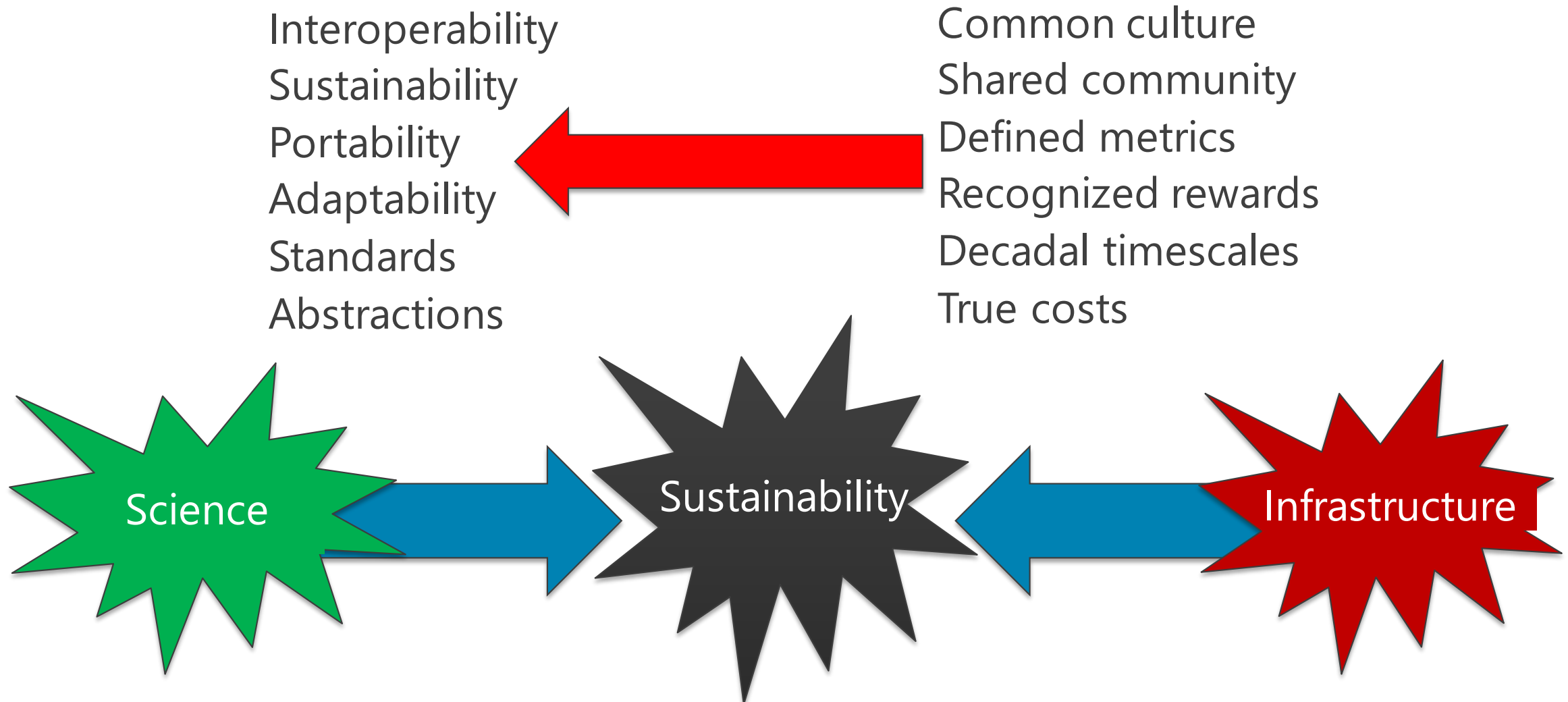
- What
- Where
- When

Subject to changing

- Speed
- Capacity
- Latency
- Resilience
- Security
- Interoperability
- ...

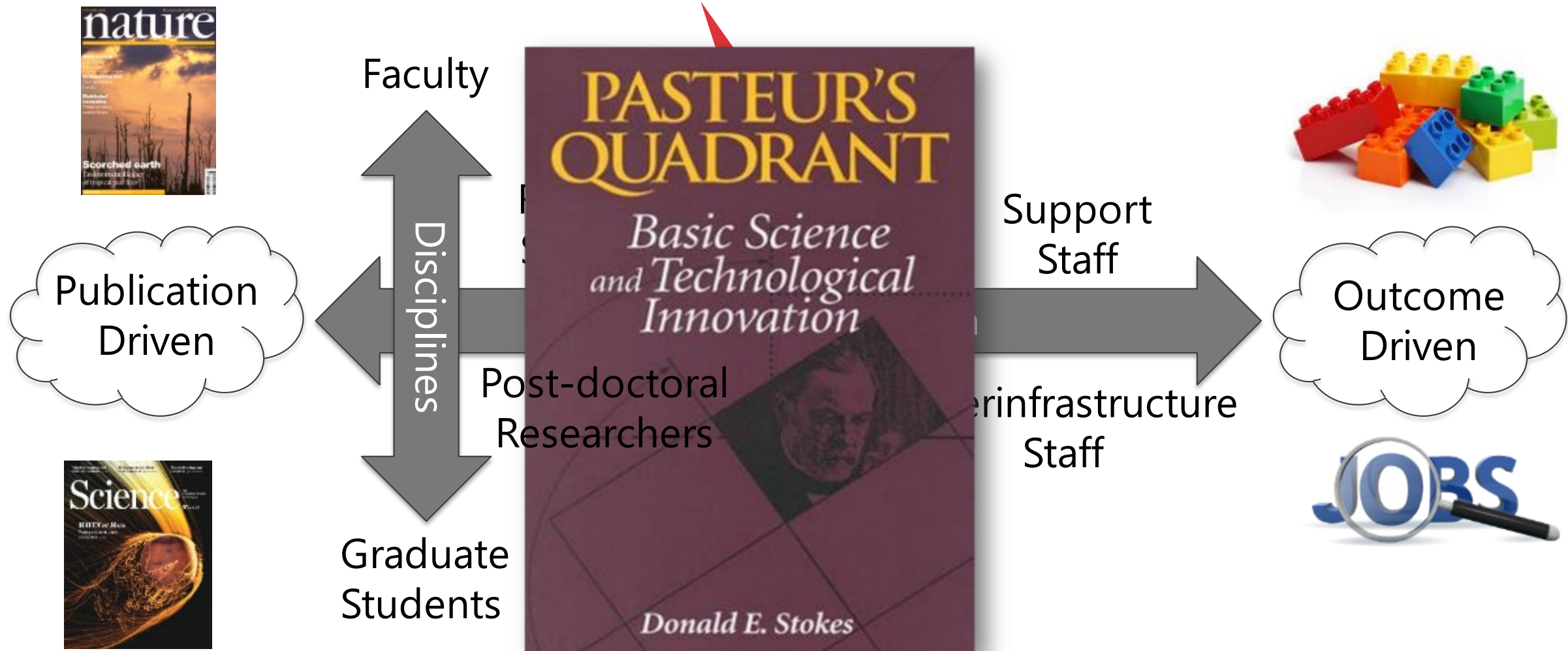


# Sustainable cyberinfrastructure



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# Workforce continuum and sustainability



Research staff and postdocs often have limited career paths in academia  
Conversely, cyberinfrastructure staff have career options most faculty lack

Not yet fully realized ... my 2002 prediction

## Futures: The Computing Continuum

