



# Nanoscale science and engineering update

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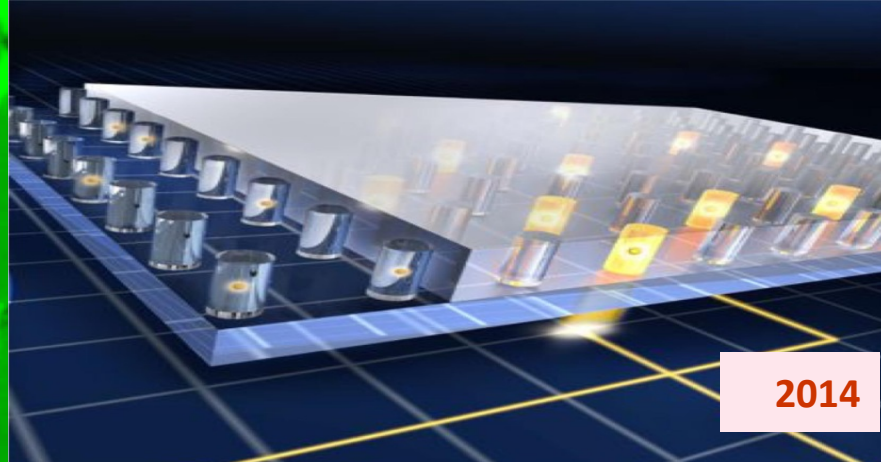
*National Science Foundation and National Nanotechnology Initiative*

Sustainable Nanotechnology Organization, Los Angeles, November 5, 2017

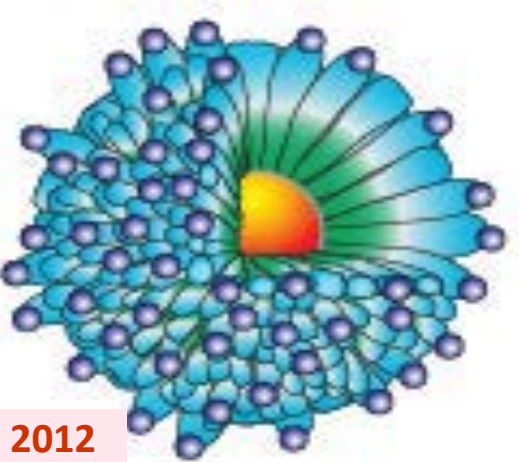
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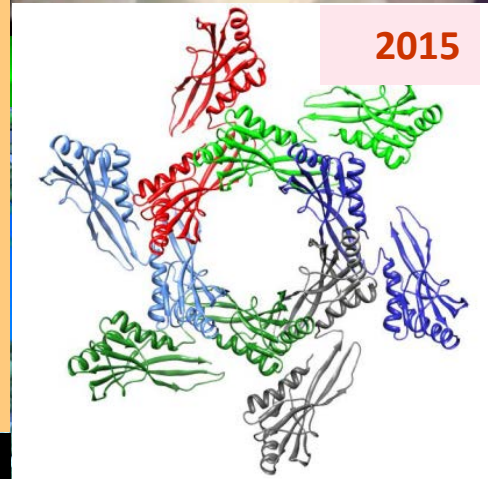


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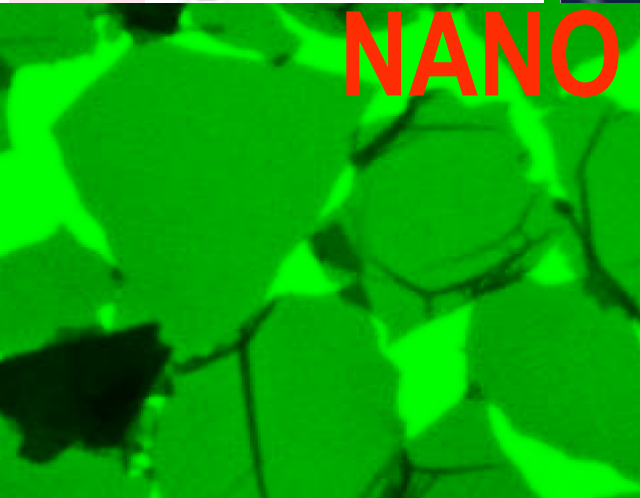
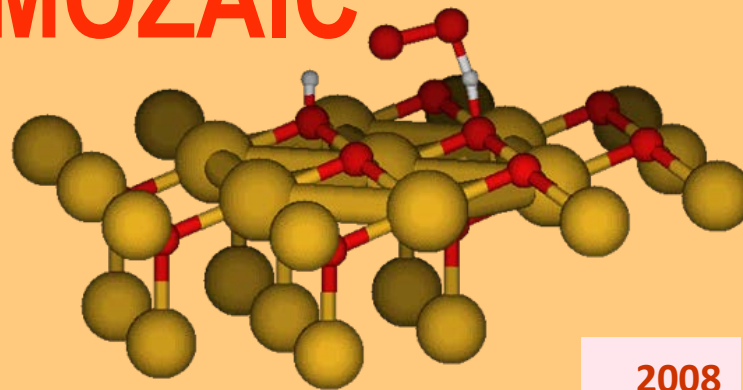


# NANO MOZAIC

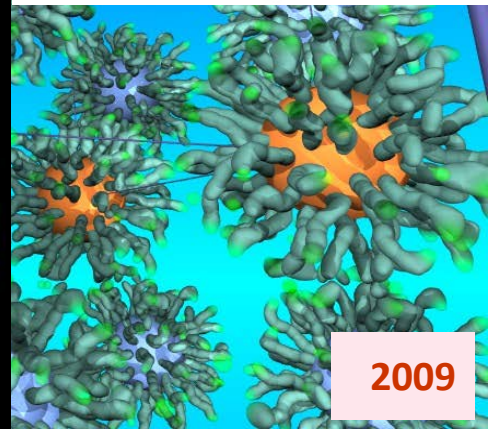
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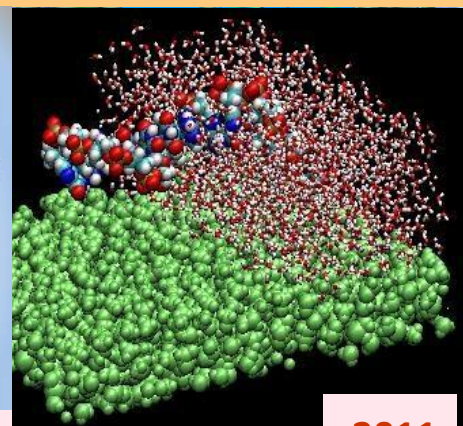
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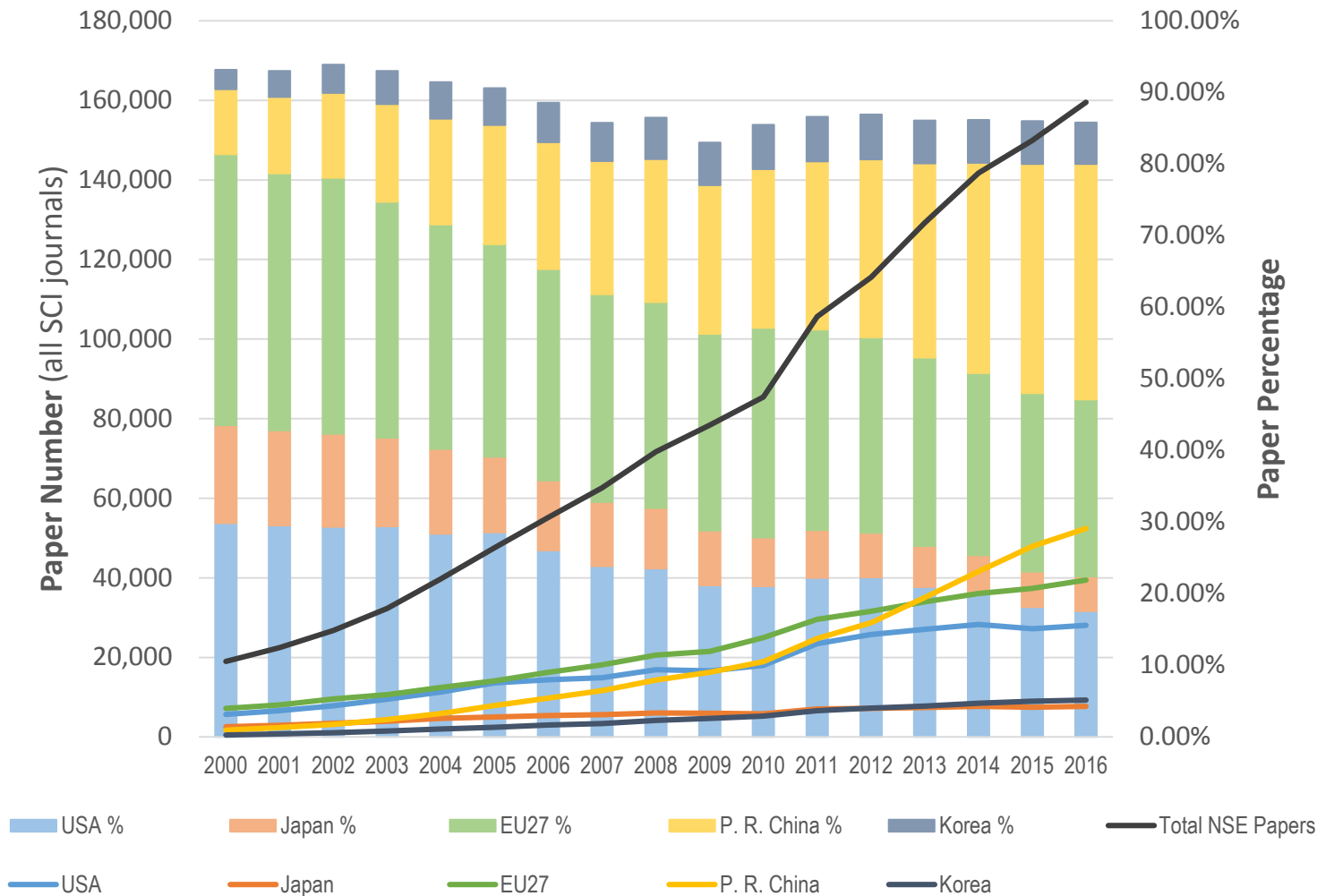
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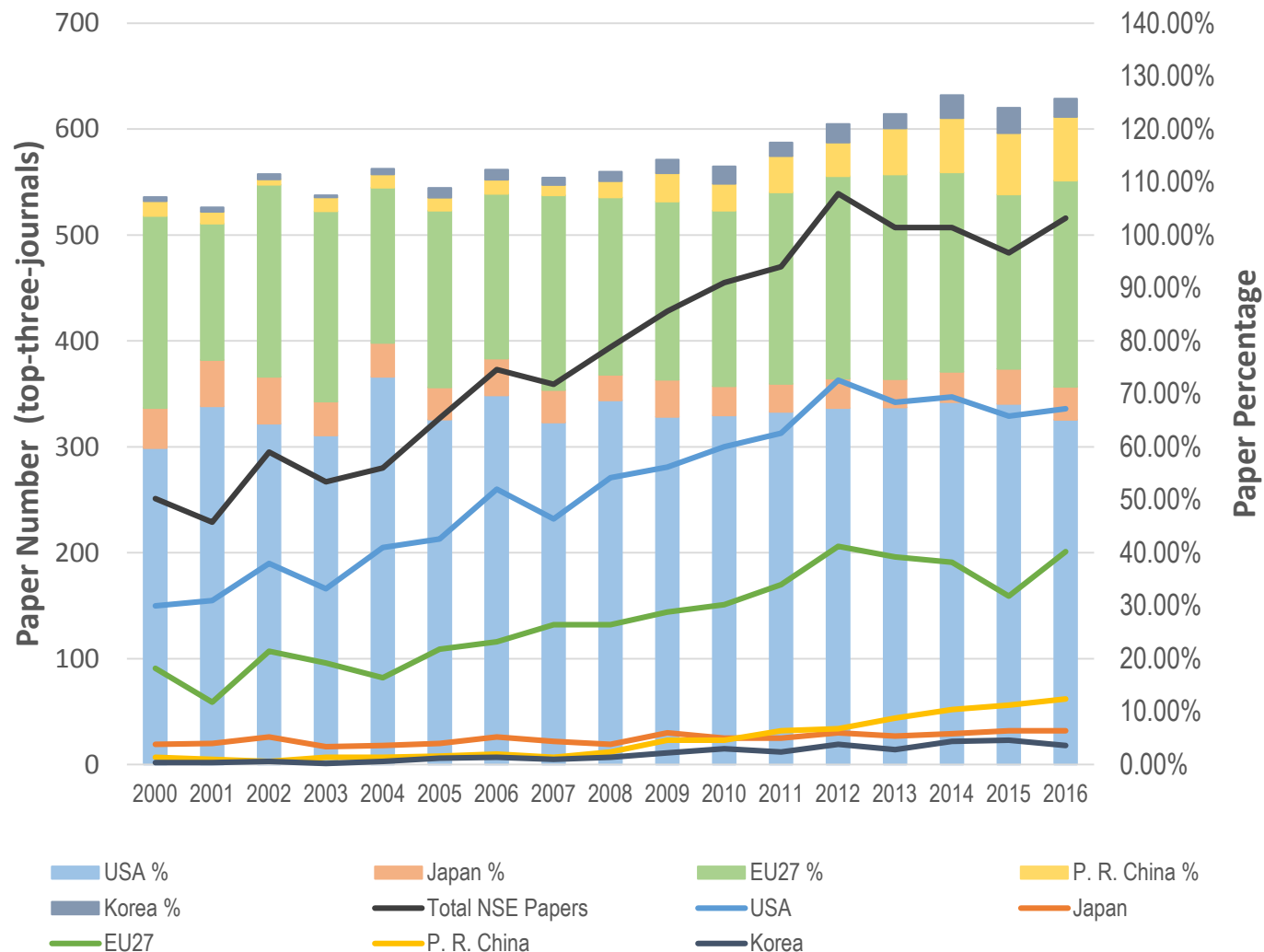


# Nanotechnology papers in all SCI extended journals in the WoS, in 2000-2016, by five regions



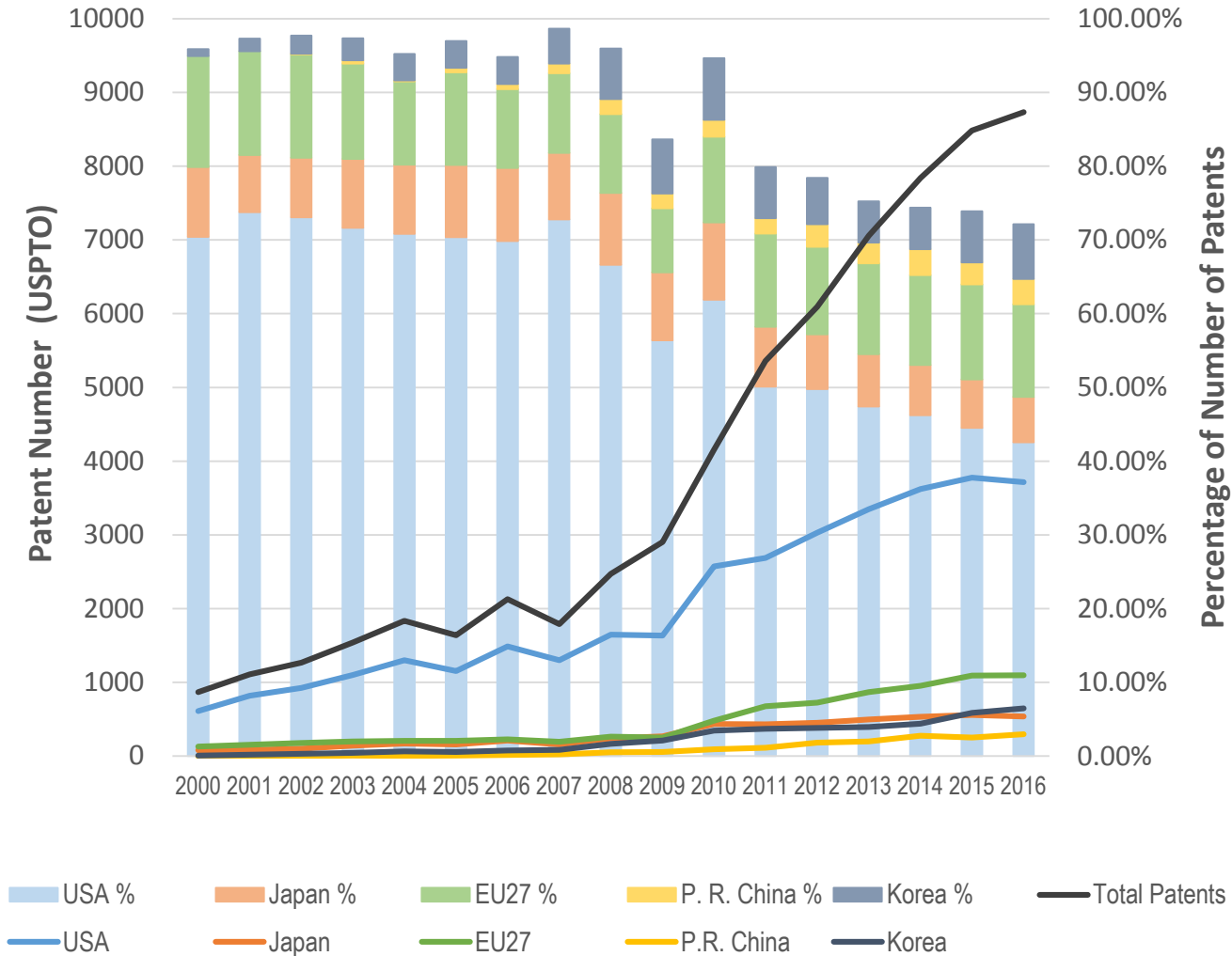
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# Nanotechnology patents published by USPTO in 2000-2016, by five regions



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# Papers and patent publications per million capita in the five regions

(Notations: M = million, /MC = per million capita)

Region	US	Japan	EU27	P.R. China	South Korea	Totals numbers
Population on July 1, 2017	325M	128M	506M	1,410M	51M	(2,419 M)
2016 papers /MC	84	60	78	37	<b>185</b>	19,003
2016 Top-three-papers /MC	<b>1.04</b>	0.25	0.40	0.04	0.35	516
2016 USPTO patents /MC	11.5	4.2	2.2	0.21	<b>12.7</b>	8,732
2015 WIPO patents /MC	20.7	23.11	4.2	18.8	53.3	42,822

# Global revenue from nano-enabled products by sector

*(Lux Research, updated in January 2016) (US / World ~ 32%)*

<b>Sector</b> <i>(all in US\$ Billion)</i>	<b>2012</b> (survey)	<b>2013</b> (survey)	<b>2014</b> (survey)
<b>Building materials</b>	\$28.837	\$44.564	\$66.891
<b>Materials &amp; manufacturing</b>	\$457.936	\$625.508	\$826.704
<b>Electronics &amp; IT</b>	\$265.306	\$377.631	\$527.137
<b>Healthcare &amp; life sciences</b>	\$74.742	\$103,350	\$139,597
<b>Energy &amp; Environment</b>	\$25,668	\$38.478	\$55.737
<b>Total (world)</b>	<b>\$853</b>	<b>\$1,190</b>	<b>\$1,616</b>
<i>Annual Increase Rate (%)</i>		<i>40%</i>	<i>36%</i>



# Sustainable and resilient society – many facets



[http://www.cnhlcm.org/uploads/hands\\_earth\\_many2\\_280x240.JPG](http://www.cnhlcm.org/uploads/hands_earth_many2_280x240.JPG)

- Social (population growth and needs, governance, enduring democracy)
- Economic (“more with less”: knowledge, technology, materials, water, energy, food, climate, green chemistry)
  - Resilient (infrastructure, emergency response, for life cycle)
  - Maintaining quality of life and
- Environmental (clean, renewable, biodiverse) sustainability in planetary boundaries



# Nanotechnology-inspired grand challenges

- ✓ Principles for progress via grand challenges (NNI, 2000-):
  - Planning long-term vision-inspired research
  - Facilitate S&T breakthroughs
  - Advance sustainable development
  - Support convergence processes

- ✓ **Several U.S. priorities in 2017 - 2018**

*Nanotechnology Signature Initiatives (re: sustainability)*

*Sustainable Food-Energy-Water Systems*

*Nanotechnology-inspired Brain-like Computing*

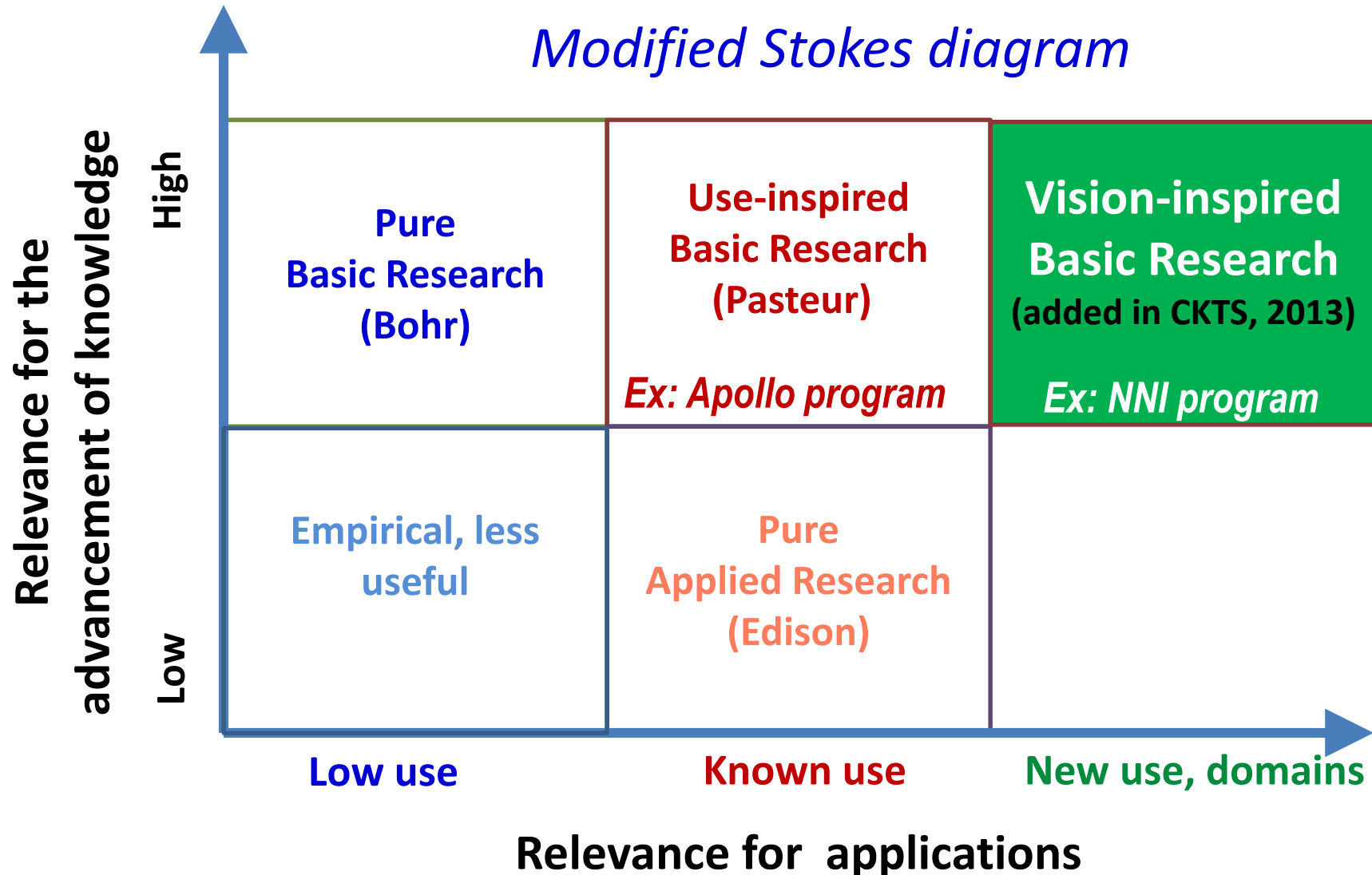
*Convergence of S&T, Intelligent Cognitive Assistants*

*National Network for Manufacturing Innovation*

# Long-term vision-inspired research

Focus on conceptual, synthetic goals

# Vision inspired research has been essential for the long-term view of nanotechnology



# S&T breakthroughs underpin Grand Challenges

*(examples of novel concepts targeted by NNI in 2000 “in 20-30 years”)*

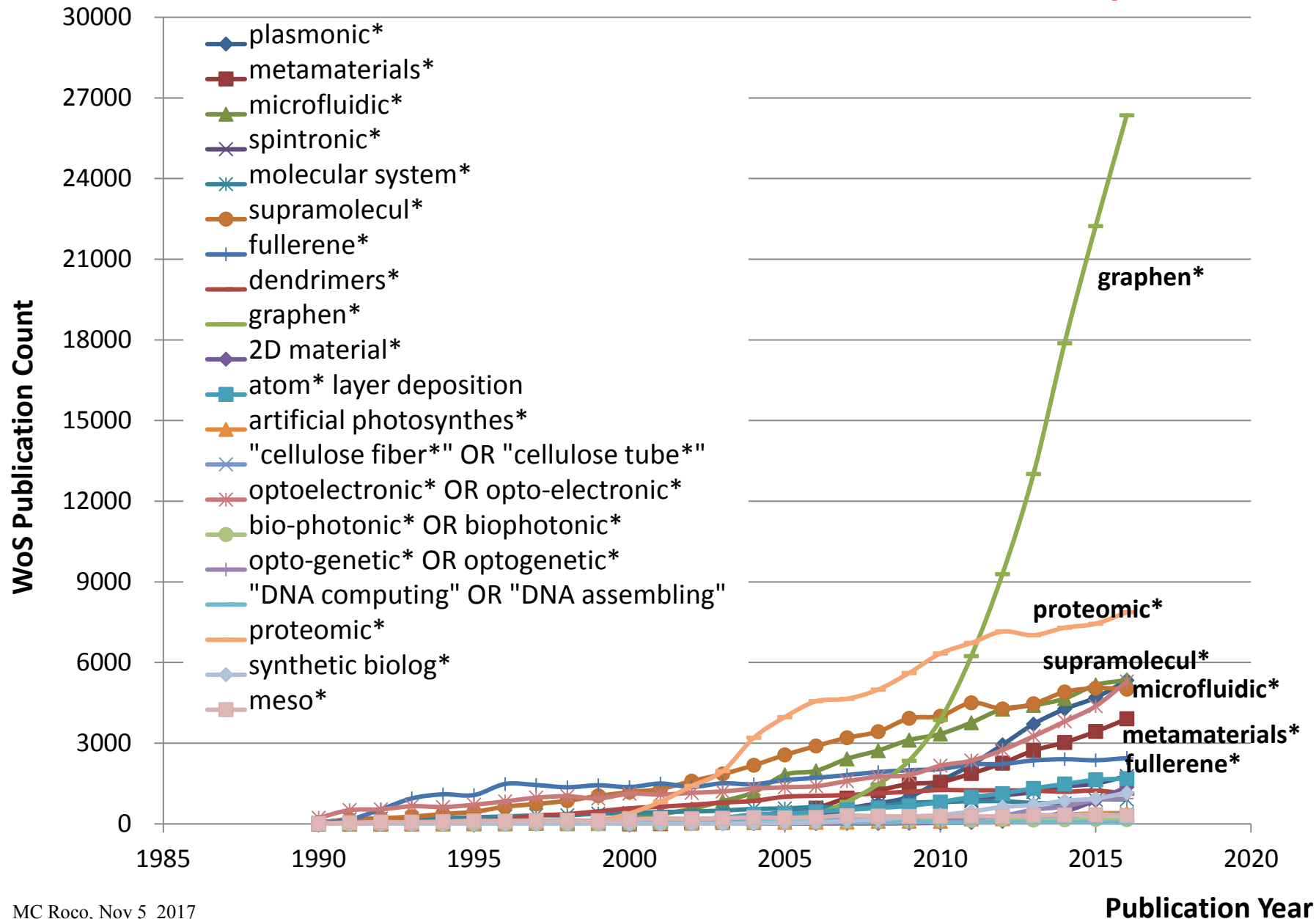
- **Library of Congress in a “one cubic cm” memory device:** target 30-40 atoms (2000); Realized 12-atom structure (IBM, 2012), DNA structure (Harvard, 2012; in “one cubic mm”). *“Millions times smaller”*
- **Molecular cancer detection and treatment** (first gold-shells, Rice, 2002 - 2016 many other solutions in progress) *“Not possible before”*
- **Materials 10 times strength of steel, fraction of weight;** before 2015
- **Exploit nano-photonics:** change direction and frequency of light (2004, then succession of solutions); negative diffraction of light / electrons in meta-materials (2004) & 2D mat (2007). *“New phenomena and devices”*
- **Quasi-frictionless nanocomponents:** quantum fluctuations between selected material surfaces (first Harvard, 2008). *“Almost frictionless”*
- **Magnetic computing** close to the lowest Landauer fundamental limit of energy dissipation under the laws of thermodynamics (STC Berkeley, 2016). *“Millions times less energy consumption”*

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- **The promised smallest transistor in 2000 100 nm; realized 1nm in 2016** (Desei et al., Science, Stanford U): *“Hundred times smaller”*
- **Quantum communication at room temperature with few photons** (STC Harvard, Westervelt et al. 2014): *“Single photon memory device”*
- **Promised to develop a predictive approach with case studies for nanotoxicity:** *“UC CEIN Predictive Toxicological Platforms”*
- **Promised evaluation and governance using convergent methods:** *“Duke CEINT Governance Platform”*
- **Formulation nano-ELSI and establish International nano-ELSI:** *“ASU and UCSB international CNS platform”*
- **Mass-media dissemination of nanotechnology in society:** *“NCLT; NISE (>500 sites in 2015); NBC videos; Nano-Generation”*

# Number of World of Science publications on 20 nano-extended terms has increased (1990-2016)

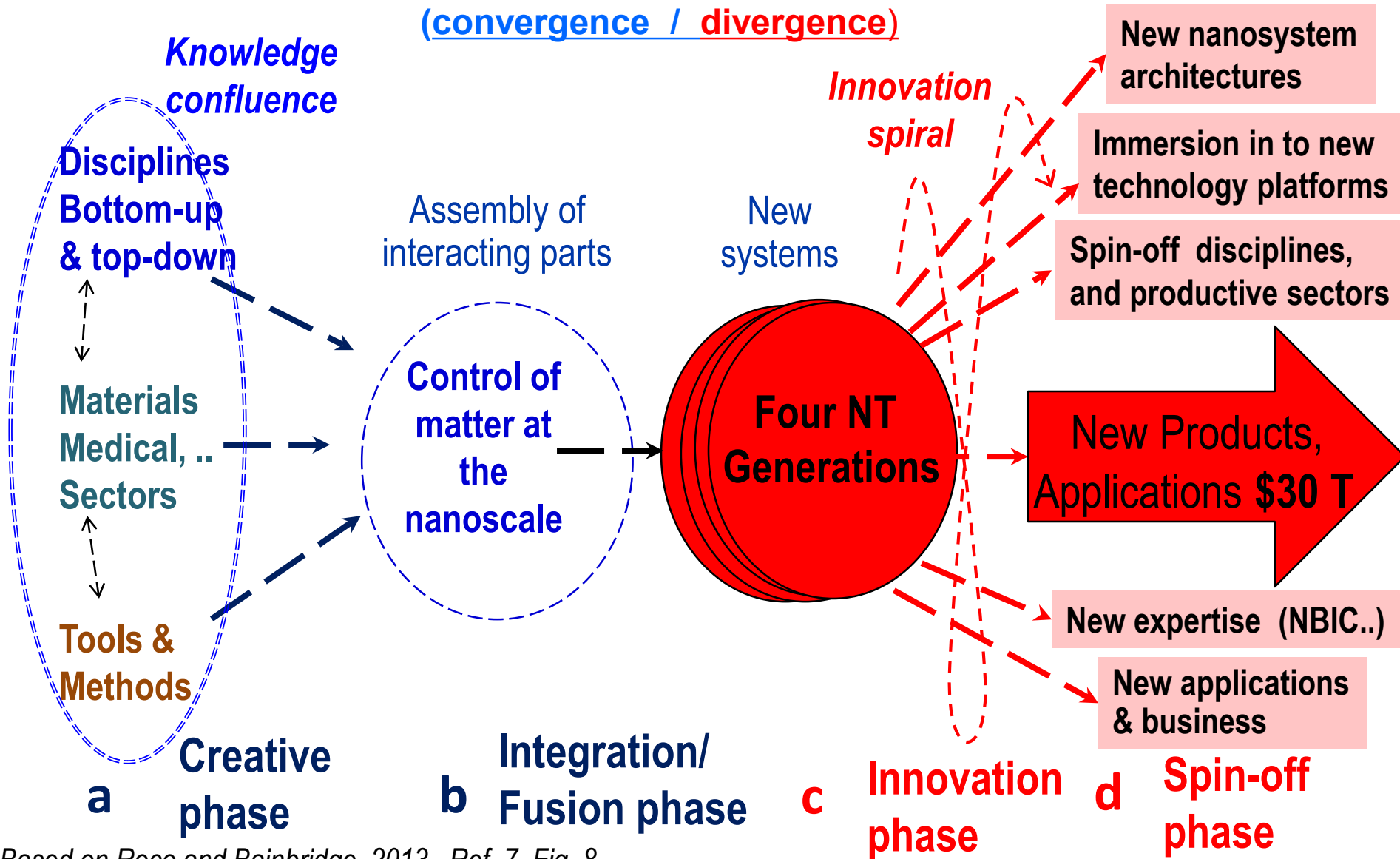


# Nanotechnology for sustainable society

## *Examples of long-term targets*

- **Nanosystems design and separations methods for economic desalinization to make available water at any quantity at any place near oceans**
- **Infinitely recyclable, re-usable, and renewable industrial ecosystems (IR<sup>3</sup>) to reduce demand for virgin materials and carbon emissions**
- **Community, buildings and household self-sufficiency**

# 2000-2030 Convergence-Divergence cycle for global nanotechnology development



Based on Roco and Bainbridge, 2013, Ref. 7, Fig. 8



# CREATING A GENERAL PURPOSE NANOTECHNOLOGY IN 3 STAGES

Based on NANO 2020, Fig. 5 (Ref. 3)

## GENERATIONS OF NANOPRODUCTS

2030

*New socio-economic capabilities*

**nano3** Technology divergence

2020-2030

*Nanosystem  
Conv. Networks*

*NBIC Technology  
Platforms*

*To general purpose technology*

**nano2** System integration

2010-2020

*Molecular  
Nanosystems*

*Systems of  
Nanosystems*

*Create library of nanocomponents*

**nano1** Component basics

2000-2010

*Active  
Nanostructures*

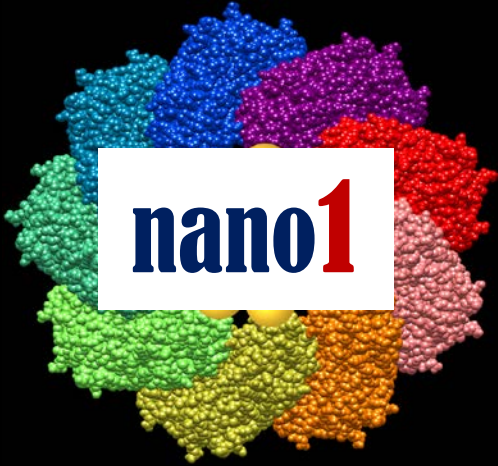
*Passive  
Nanostructures*

DIVERGENCE

CONVERGENCE

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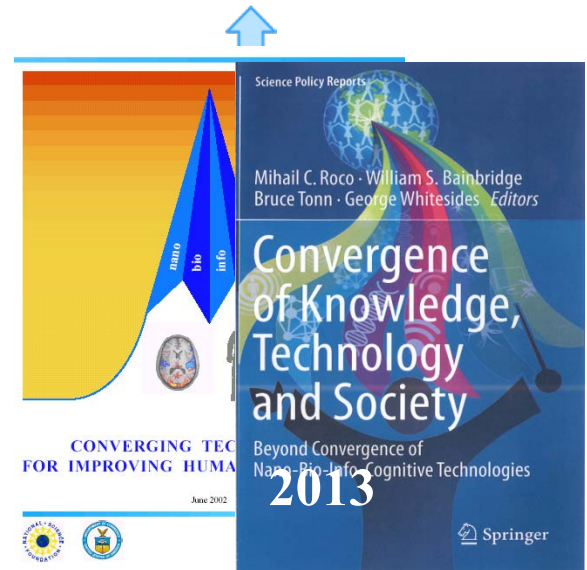
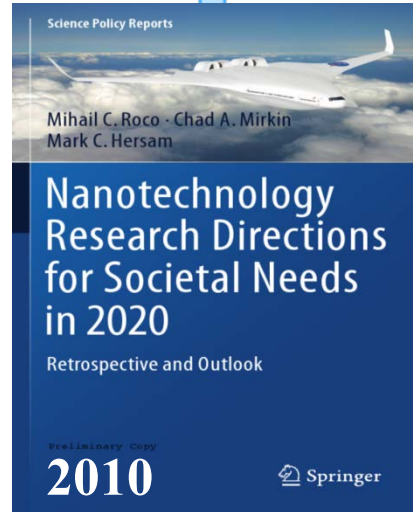
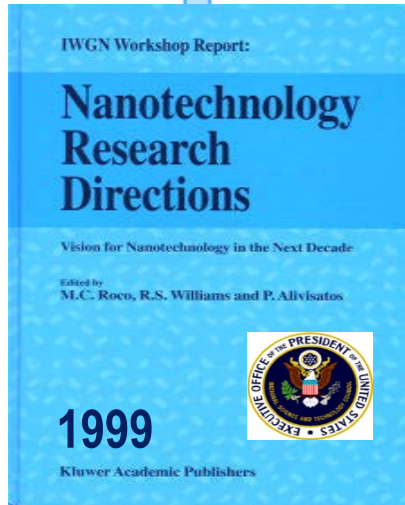
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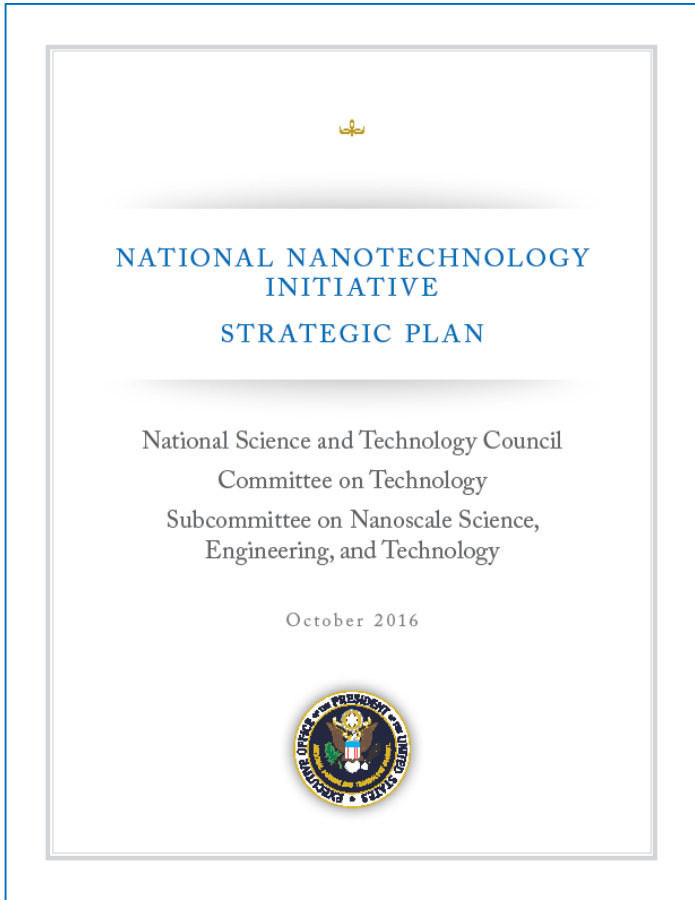
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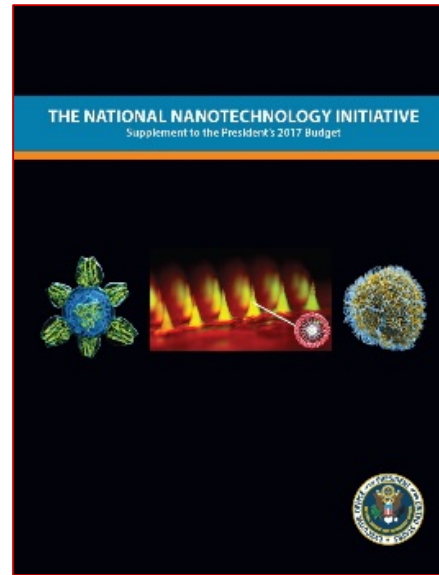
# 30 year vision to develop nanotechnology in three stages changing focus and priorities

Reports available on: [www.wtec.org/nano2/](http://www.wtec.org/nano2/) and [www.wtec.org/NBIC2-report/](http://www.wtec.org/NBIC2-report/) (Refs. 3-6)

# Preparations for National Nanotechnology Initiative in 2018



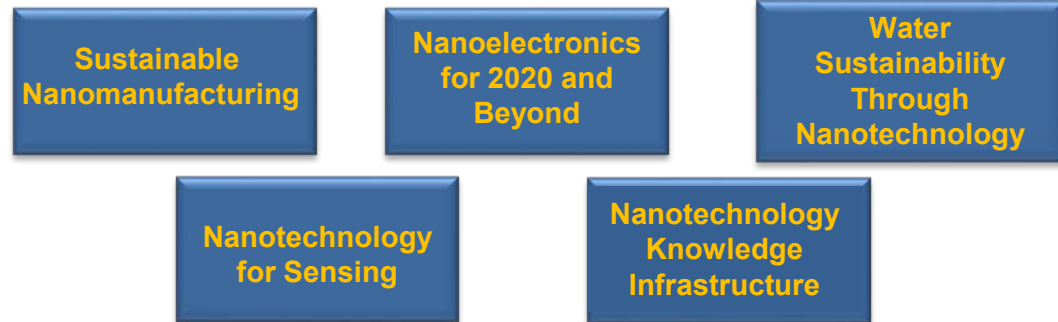
**2016-2019 NNI Strategic Plan**  
approved by WH and  
submitted to Congress  
(available on [www.nano.gov](http://www.nano.gov))



**2017 NNI Supplement to  
the President's Budget  
(including NSF, NIH, DOE, ...)**

**PCAST  
report on NNI**

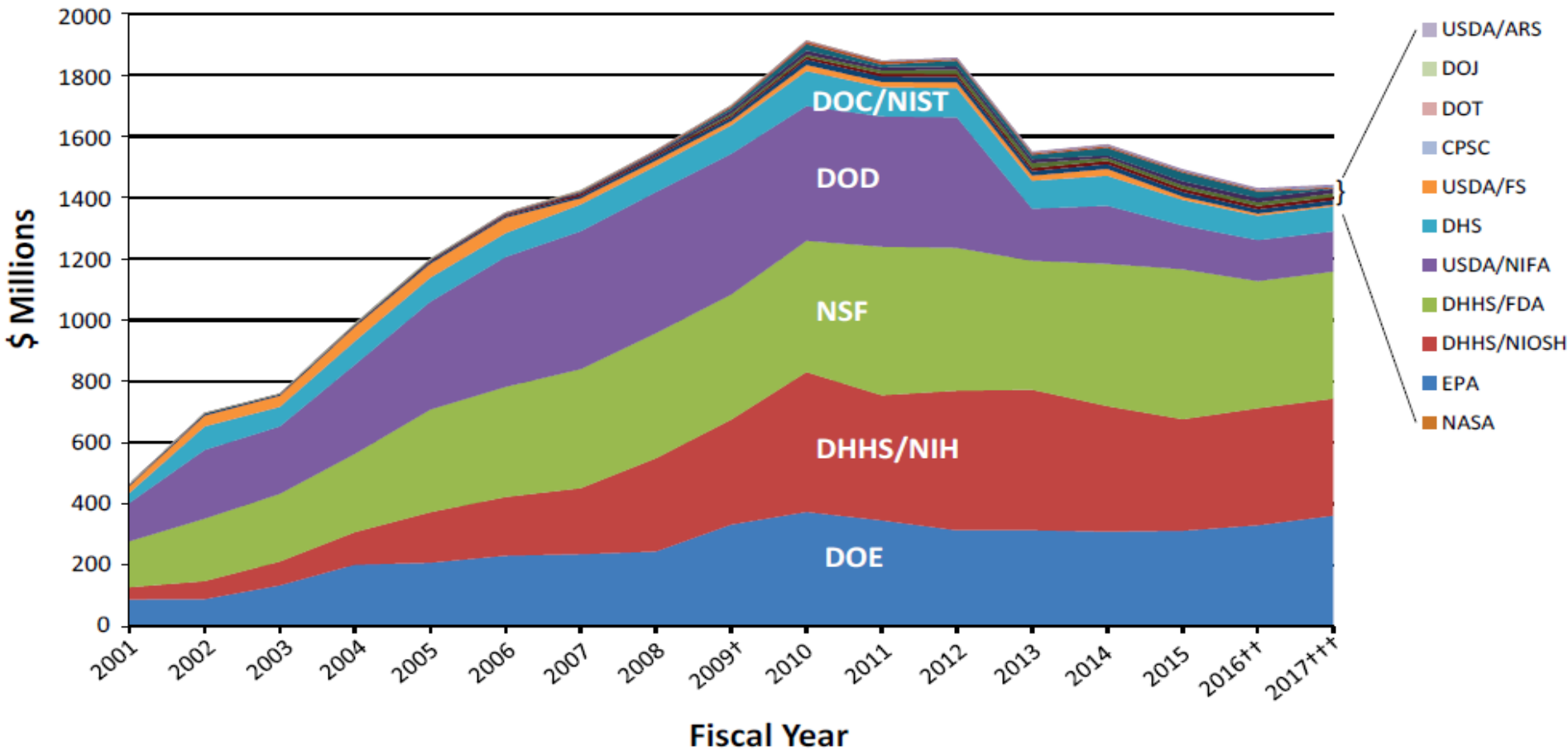
**NAS/NRC  
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**Signature Initiatives (2017- )**

# NNI Funding by Agency 2001-2017

[www.nsf.gov/nano](http://www.nsf.gov/nano) , [www.nano.gov](http://www.nano.gov)



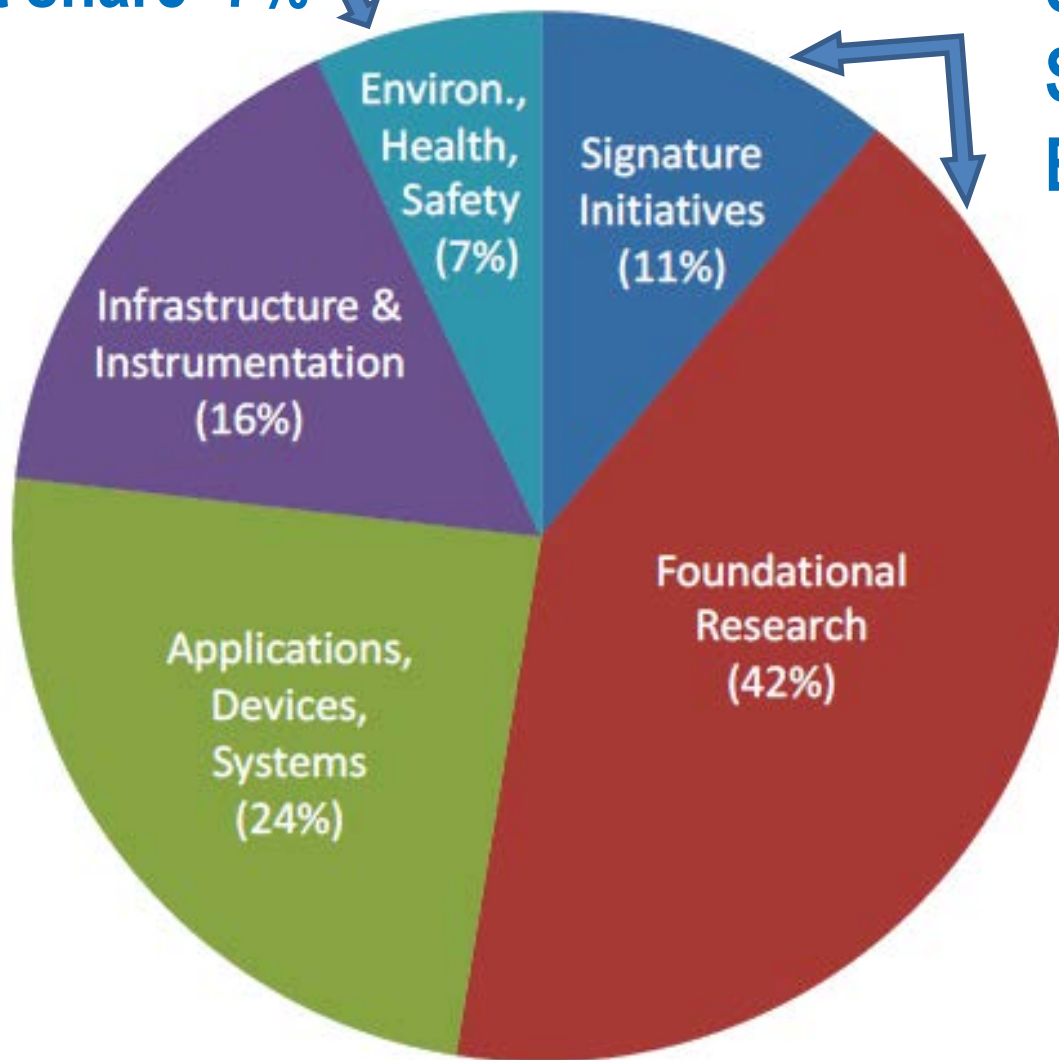
† 2009 figures do not include American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds for DOE (\$293 million), NSF (\$101 million), NIH (\$73 million), and NIST (\$43 million)

\*\* 2016 estimated funding is based on 2016 enacted levels and may shift as operating plans are finalized.

\*\*\* 2017 Budget.

# Breakout of NNI funding by program component areas in the 2017 Budget Request: evolving with priorities

EHS budget share 7%



Supporting  
S&T  
Breakthrough  
53%

# **Nanotechnology Signature Initiatives**

## **Sustainable Nanomanufacturing**

[www.nano.gov/NSINanomanufacturing](http://www.nano.gov/NSINanomanufacturing)

## **Nanoelectronics for 2020 and Beyond**

[www.nano.gov/NSINanoelectronics](http://www.nano.gov/NSINanoelectronics)

## **Water Sustainability through Nanotechnology**

[www.nano.gov/node/1577](http://www.nano.gov/node/1577)

## **Nanotechnology Knowledge Infrastructure**

[www.nano.gov/NKIPortal](http://www.nano.gov/NKIPortal)

## ***Nanotechnology for Sensors***

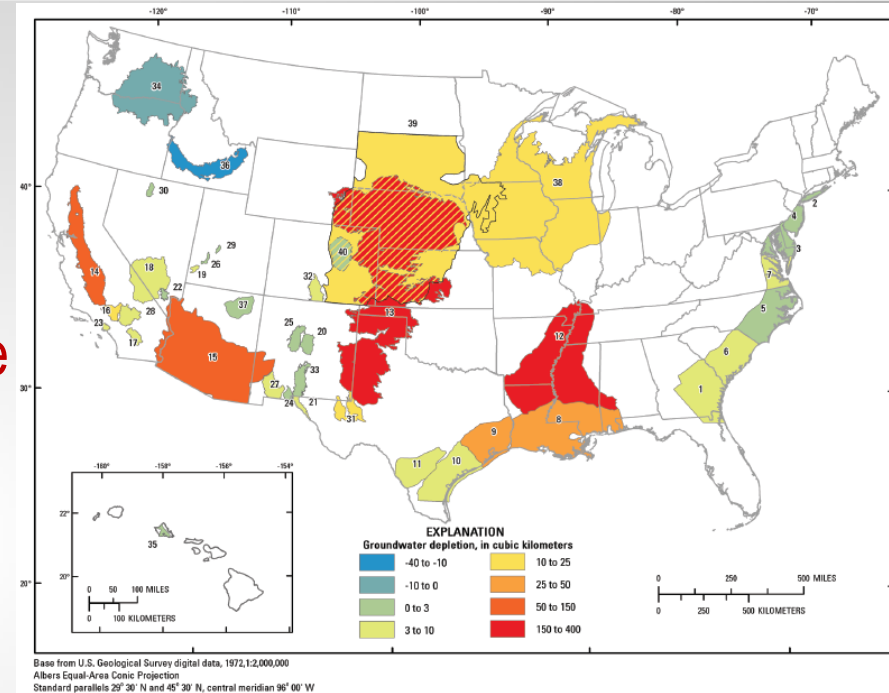
[www.nano.gov/SensorsNSIPortal](http://www.nano.gov/SensorsNSIPortal)

Other considered topics are related to: nanomodular systems, nanomedicine, nanocellulose, nanophotonics, nano-city.  
Completed: Nanotechnology for Solar Energy (2011-2015)

# Water Sustainability through Nanotechnology

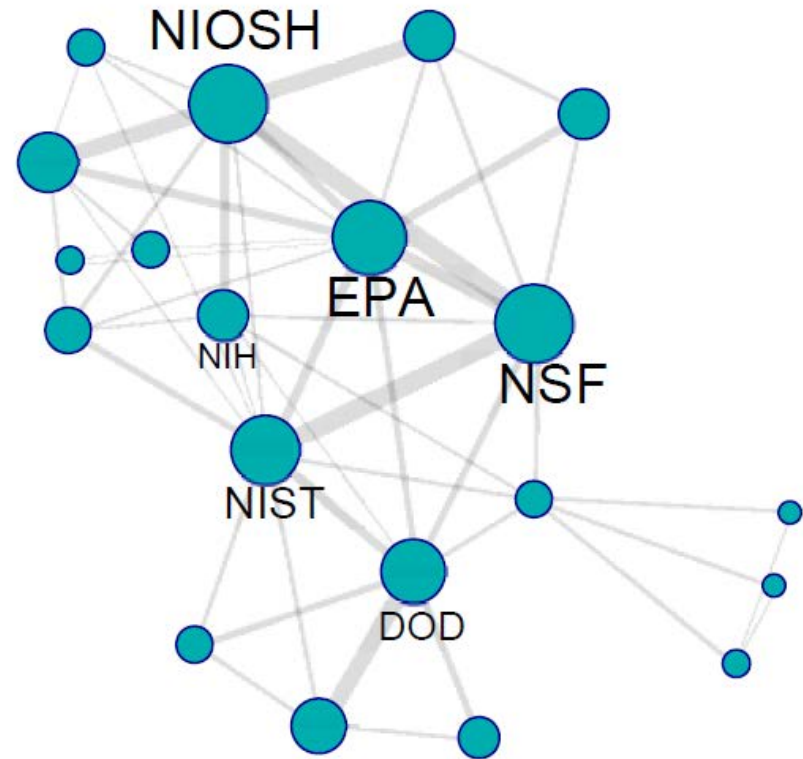
## Research thrusts

- **Increase water availability**  
(ex: double the throughput membrane separation systems within 5 years)
- **Improve the efficiency of water delivery and use**  
(ex: Develop within 5 years nanotechnology-enabled coatings that reduce by 50% the amount of energy)
- **Enable the next-generation water monitoring systems with nanotechnology** (ex: continuous, real-time measurement of water quality that are more sensitive, more reliable, use sensors)



# NNI collaboration: formal agreements dominated by environmental aspects

PCAST (Oct 2014):

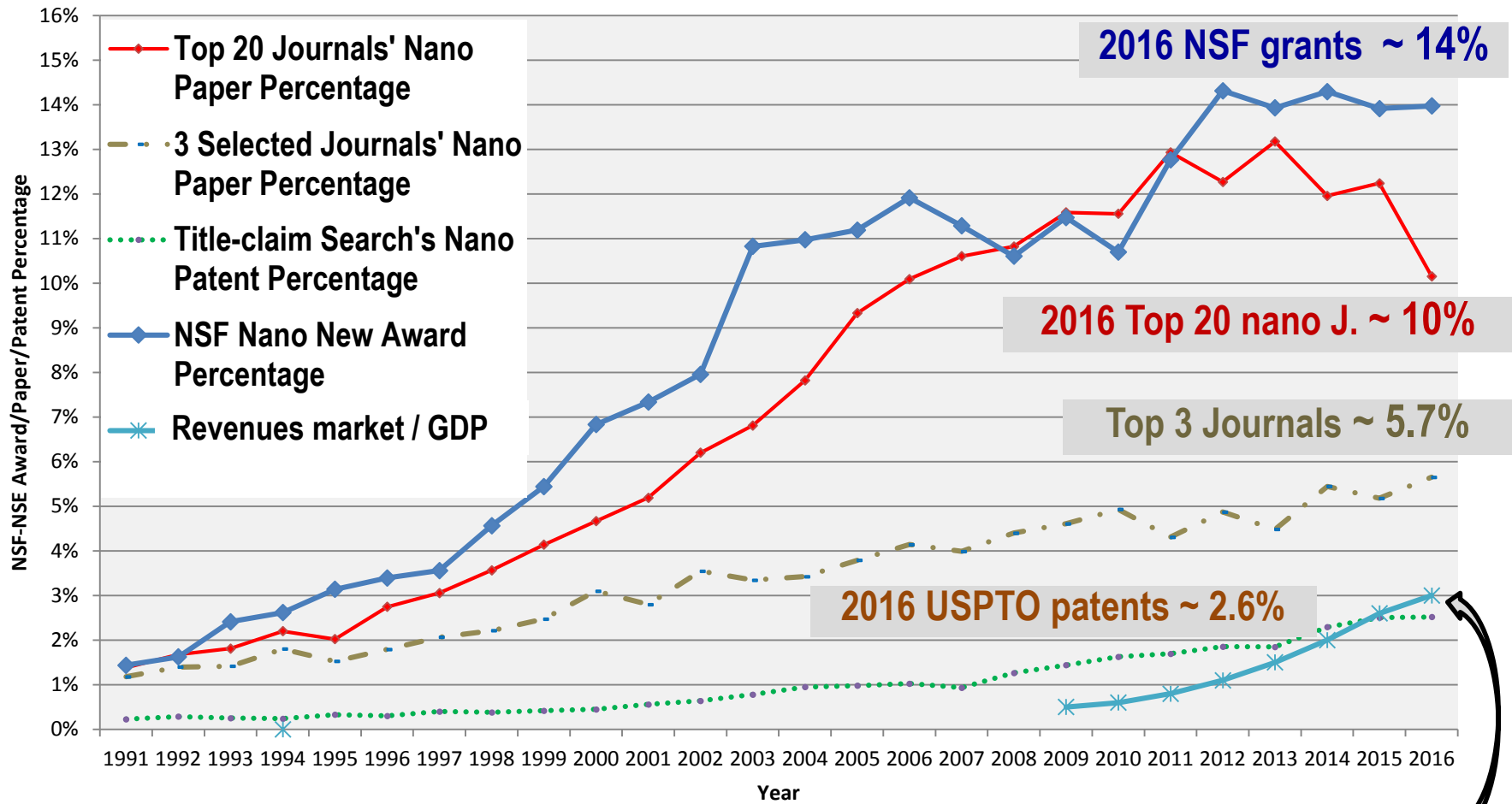


159 collaborations  
**FY2013-FY2014**



# Percentage rate of penetration of nanotechnology in NSF awards, WoS papers and USPTO patents (1991-2016)

Searched by keywords in the title/abstract/claims (update Encyclopedia Nanoscience, Roco, 2016)



Est. Market / US GDP: 2014 ~ 2% ; 2016 ~ 3% ; 2020 ~ 7% (if 25% market growth rate)

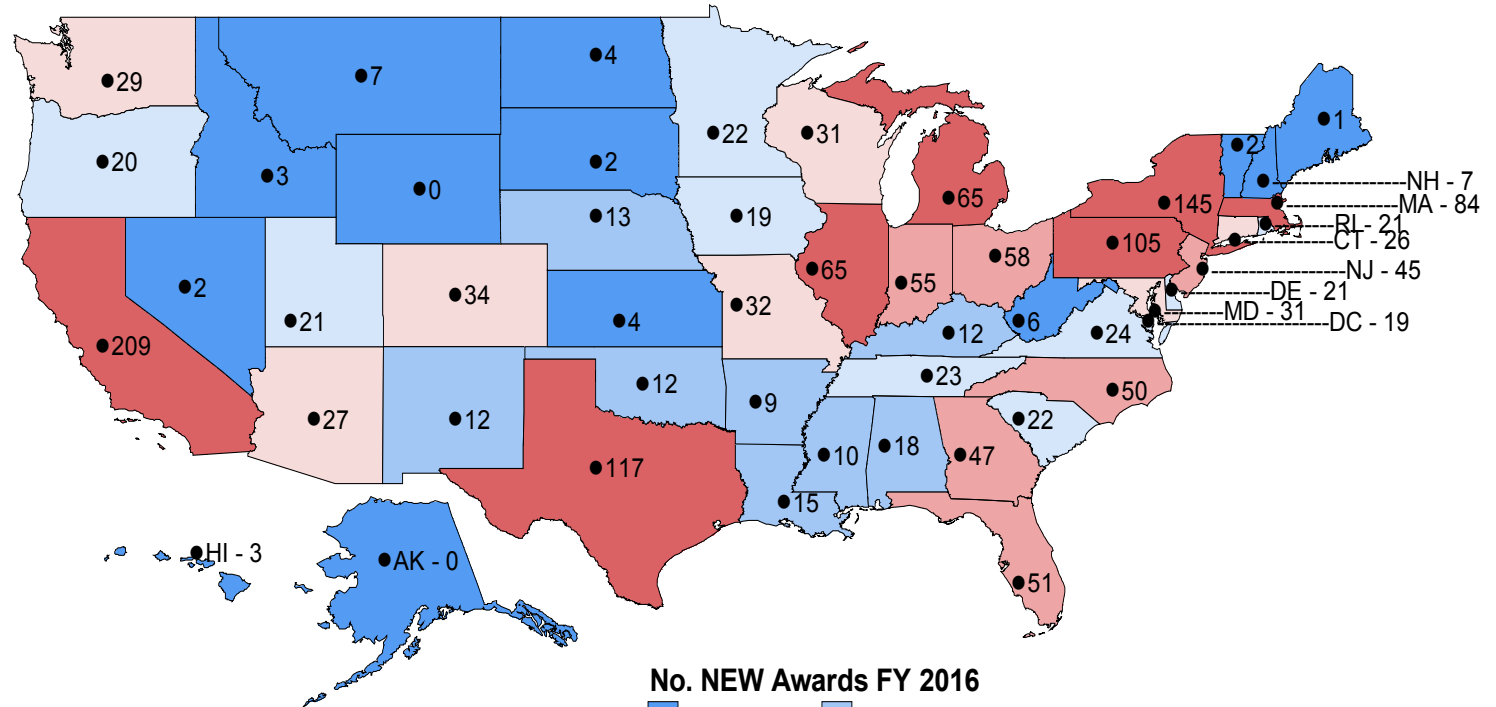


# NSF's NSE number of new awards per state

FY 2016: U.S. total new awards = 1,662

(total active awards over 6,000; abstracts on [www.nsf.gov/nano](http://www.nsf.gov/nano))

Rank	No. FY 16 NEW Awds.
1	CA
2	NY
3	TX
4	PA
5	MA
6	IL



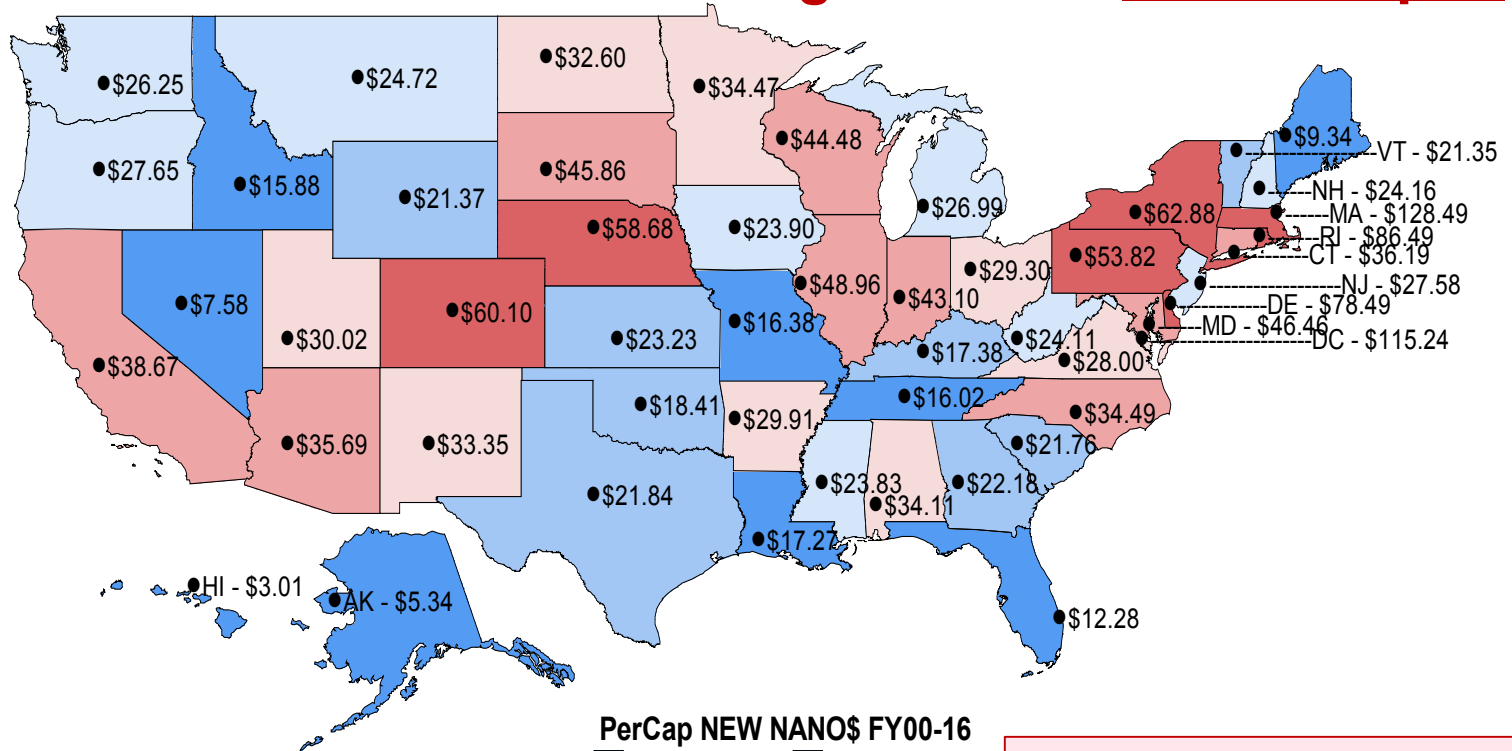
## #1 CA 209 new NSE awards

AK 0; AL 18; AR 9; AZ 27; **CA 209**; CO 34; CT 26; DC 19; DE 21; FL 51; GA 47; HI 3; IA 19; ID 3; IL 65; IN 55; KS 4; KY 12; LA 15; **MA 84**; MD 31; ME 1; MI 65; MN 22; MO 32; MS 10; MT 7; NC 50; ND 4; NE 13; NH 7; NJ 45; NM 12; NV 2; **NY 145**; OH 58; OK 12; OR 20; **PA 105**; PR 2; RI 21; SC 22; SD 2; TN 23; **TX 117**; UT 21; VA 24; VT 2; WA 29; WI 31; WV 6; WY 0

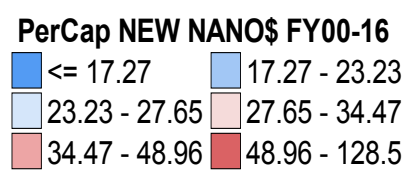


# NSF's NS&E amount new awards per capita

**FYs 2000 - 2016: U.S. average amount ~ \$35 / capita**



Rank	FY 2000-2016 NEW Amt.
1	MA
2	DC
3	RI
4	DE
5	NY
6	CO



**2016: Over 6,000 active awards**  
(abstracts on [www.nsf.gov/nano](http://www.nsf.gov/nano))

## #1 MA \$128.49/capita (2000-2016)

AK 5.34; AL 34.11; AR 29.91; AZ 35.69; CA 38.67; **CO 60.1**; CT 36.19; **DC 115.24**; **DE 78.49**; FL 12.28; GA 22.18; HI 3.01; IA 23.9; ID 15.88; IL 48.96; IN 43.1; KS 23.23; KY 17.38; LA 17.27; **MA 128.49**; MD 46.46; ME 9.34; MI 26.99; MN 34.47; MO 16.38; MS 23.83; MT 24.72; NC 34.49; ND 32.6; NE 58.68; NH 24.16; NJ 27.58; NM 33.35; NV 7.58; **NY 62.88**; OH 29.3; OK 18.41; OR 27.65; PA 53.82; PR 18.48; **RI 86.49**; SC 21.76; SD 45.86; TN 16.02; TX 21.84; UT 30.02; VA 28; VT 21.35; WA 26.25; WI 44.48; WV 24.11; WY 21.37

# Several NSF NSE awards in FY 2017-2018 (1)

[www.nsf.gov](http://www.nsf.gov)

- National Nanotechnology Coordinated Infrastructure, NNCI
- Network for Computational Nanotechnology, nanoHUB et al.
- Scalable nanomanufacturing, SNM (2017)
- “Two-Dimensional Atomic-layer Research and Engineering, 2-DARE”; “Advancing Communication Quantum Information Research in Engineering (ACQUIRE)“ and “NewLAW”, 2017
- NSE in Nexus of Food, Energy, and Water (“INFEWS”)
- NSE in Understanding the Brain (“UtB”)
- NSF Nanosystems Eng. Res. Center for Nanotechnology Enabled Water Treatment Systems (NEWT) at Rice University
- International nano-EHS collaboration: Communities of Research (<http://us-eu.org/>); Collaborative SIINN

# Several NSF NSE awards in FY 2017-2018 (2)

[www.nsf.gov](http://www.nsf.gov)

- Core research in: BIO, CISE, E.H.R., ENG, GEO, MPS, SBE
- Materials Research Science and Engineering Centers (MRSEC); Nanotechnology Engineering Research Centers (NERC)
- Science and Technology Centers (STC) (Ex: UCB, Harvard U., MIT-GA Tech, U. Colorado-Boulder, U. Penn) \$5M/year/center
- Other centers in core programs (Ex: Center for Sustainable Development of Nanotechnology in CHE)
- Environmental, Health and Safety (EHS) (5-6% of NSF NNI)
- US (NNI)-EU (EC) Communities of Research (7 CORs) on nanoEHS (<http://us-eu.org/>)
- Part of Converging Knowledge, Technologies & Society (CKTS)
- Translational: GOALI; I/UCRP; PFI; Nano-ERC; I-Corps

# Supporting studies for future of *nanotechnology* and *brain-like computing*

**NANO 2020**: “Nanotechnology Research Directions: for Societal Needs in 2020” (Springer, 2011)

Report: [www.nano.gov/node/948](http://www.nano.gov/node/948) (Ref. 4)

**CKTS 2030**: “Converging Knowledge, Technology and Society: Beyond NBIC” (Springer 2013)

Report: <http://www.wtec.org/NBIC2-Report/> (Ref. 6)

**RITR**: **Rebooting the IT Revolution** (NSF, SRC & SIA; Sept. 2015)

<https://www.src.org/newsroom/rebooting-the-it-revolution.pdf>

**NNI-GC**: **Nanotechnology-Inspired Grand Challenge for Future Computing** (OSTP, 2015): [ttp://www.nano.gov/futurecomputing](http://www.nano.gov/futurecomputing);

<https://www.nano.gov/grandchallenges>.

**ICA**: **Intelligent Cognitive Assistants**,

(NSF, SRC & SIA: ICA1 - Oct. 2016; ICA2 –Nov 14-15, 2017)

[www.nsf.gov/nano/](http://www.nsf.gov/nano/) and [www.semiconductors.org/issues/research/research/](http://www.semiconductors.org/issues/research/research/)





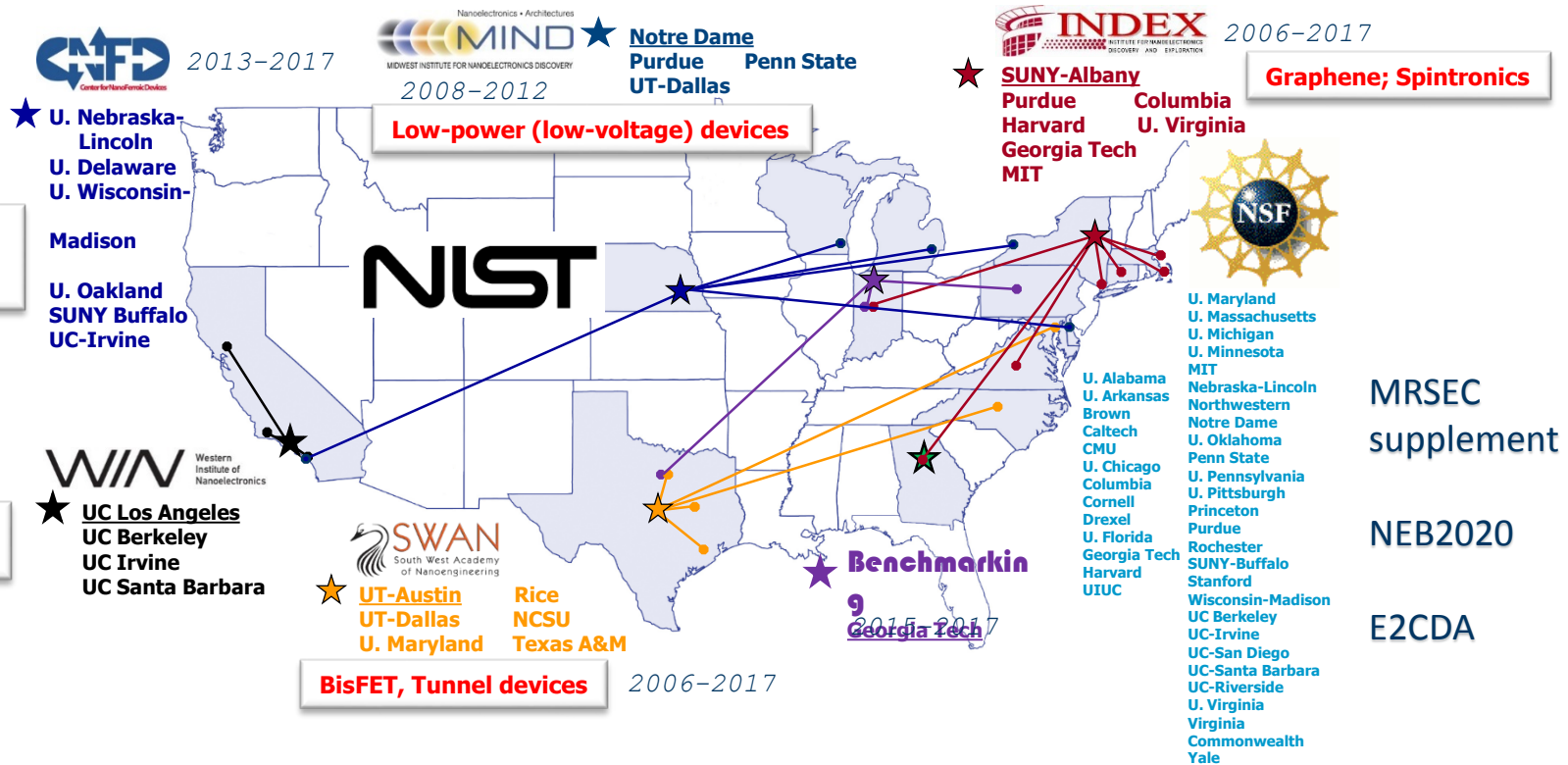
# Nanoelectronics Research Initiative (NRI), 2017

*"Taking computing beyond the limitations of current technology"*

- > 1500 journal papers
- > 40 patents
- > 300 Ph.D. /post-doc

Spintronic & ferroelectric devices

Spintronic  
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2006-2012



# Non-Academic Research Internships for Graduate Students (INTERN)

- **INTERN** Dear Colleague Letter (DCL):  
<https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2017/nsf17091/nsf17091.jsp>
- Offered as supplemental funding to any active NSF Research Grant
- Supported in FY18 and FY19





# INTERN DCL – Highlights

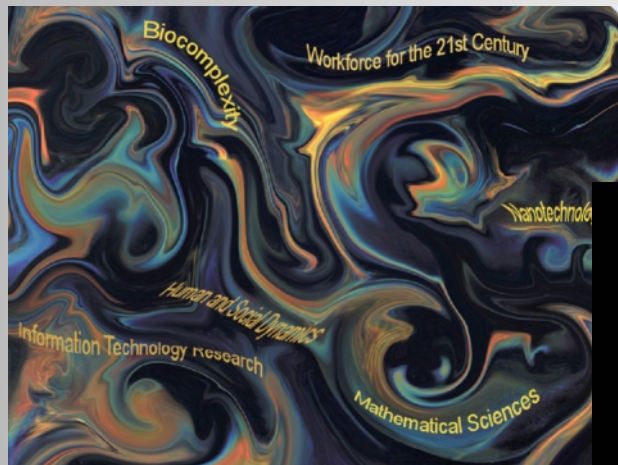
- Internships for NSF funded Graduate Students on research assistantships
- Up to 6 months per internship
- Host organization describes internship/mentoring plan
- Need an IP agreement governing internship activities
- INTERN DCL support funds go to the academic institution



# Defining convergence

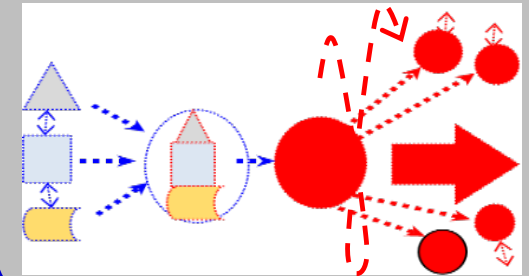
# Evolution in nature, science, technology, society is

- *Increasingly turbulent*
- *Coherent*
- *Emergent*



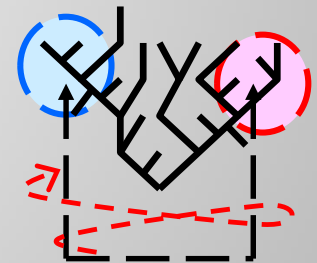
## S&T trends

(Ref. 1-5) Coherence cycle



## Education trends

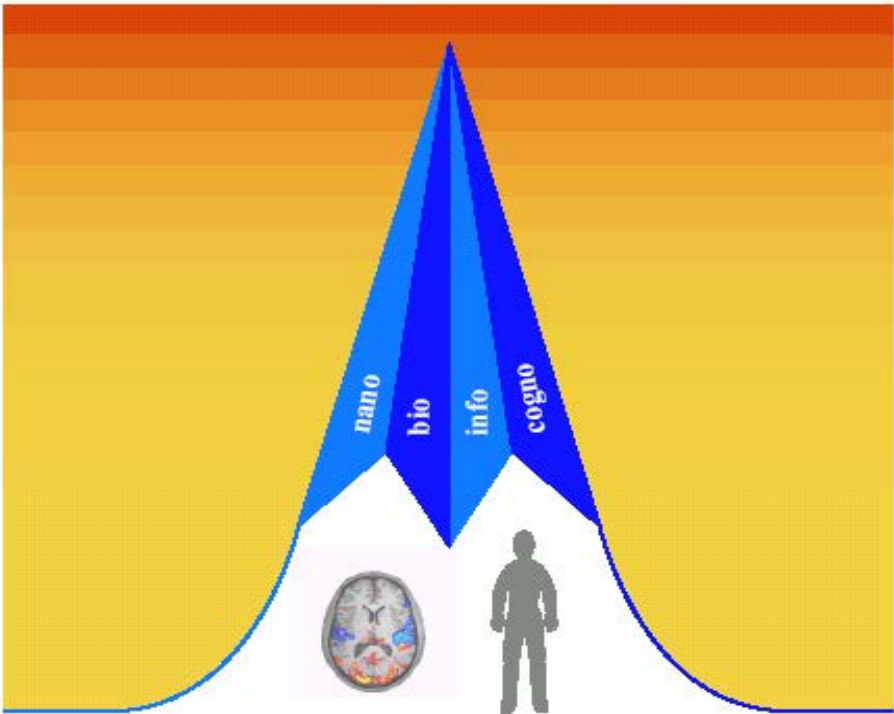
(Ref. 1-5) Ex: Trading zones



Convergence is a general strategy to holistically understand and transform a system for reaching a common goal

# Seven reports on convergence

2003, 2006 and 2007 Springer; 2004 NYAS;  
2004; 2013 (worldwide), 2016 (handbook)



CONVERGING TECHNOLOGIES  
FOR IMPROVING HUMAN PERFORMANCE

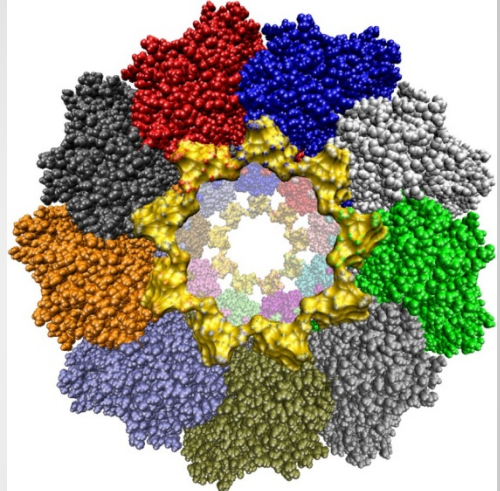
June 2002



Workshop, Dec. 2001  
NSF-DOC Report **2002**

*(includes sections on sustainability)*

# Coevolution of Human Potential and Converging New Technologies



In: **Annals of the New York,  
Academy of Sciences,  
Vol. 1013, Report **2004****

(M.C. Roco and C. Montemagno)

# CONVERGENCE OF KNOWLEDGE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIETY:

## Beyond Convergence of Nano-Bio-Info-Cognitive Technologies

[www.wtec.org/NBIC2-Report](http://www.wtec.org/NBIC2-Report); M. Roco et al.

### INTERNATIONAL BENCHMARKING of METHODS and APPLICATIONS Springer-Nature, Report 2013


*(includes chapters on sustainable development)*



William Sims Bainbridge  
Mihail C. Roco  
*Editors*

# Handbook of Science and Technology Convergence

Springer-Nature 2016

 SpringerReference

Convergence Science:  
focus on principles,  
methods and case studies

applied to

*75 science and technology,  
research, education,  
sustainability and other  
societal applications*

Ref 10: “**Science and technology convergence**, with emphasis for nanotechnology-inspired convergence” (Bainbridge & Roco, JNR, 2016)

# Reports driven by various application domains

- **National Academies:** Convergence for Life Sciences, Physical Sciences, Engineering, and Beyond (2014)
- **MIT-Harvard:** Biomedical applications of convergence (paper 2011), and The Future of Health (report 2016)
- **OECD Bio, Nano, and Converging Technologies group:** BNCT series of reports (2014-)
- **NSF-SRC-industry:** Intelligent Cognitive Assistants (2016-)
- **NSF portal:** Convergence for research and education (2016-)
- **National Academies:** Convergent ERC centers (2017)
- **NSF Ad-Com on Environmental Research and Education:** Convergence for sustainable development (2017)

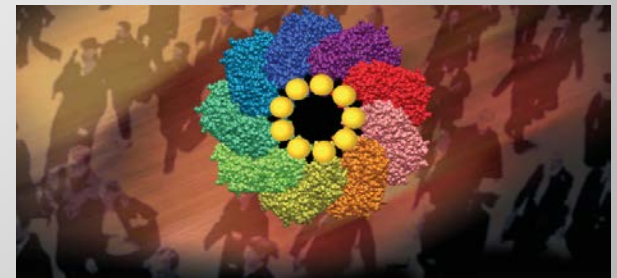


# 1. Defining S&T convergence

(Ref 6: “Convergence of Knowledge, Technology and Society”, Springer, 2013)

**Convergence** is deep integration of knowledge, tools, domains and modes of thinking, driven by common goal

- **leading to a new framework, paradigm or ecosystem** - that allows to answer questions, resolve problems and build things that isolated capabilities cannot (convergence stage of changing the system),
- **that creates novel pathways, opportunities & frontiers**
  - in competencies, knowledge, technologies and applications (divergence stage)



**Convergence science** – Creating/ changing an ecosystem for a goal based on *10 theories, 6 convergence principles, and specific methods*

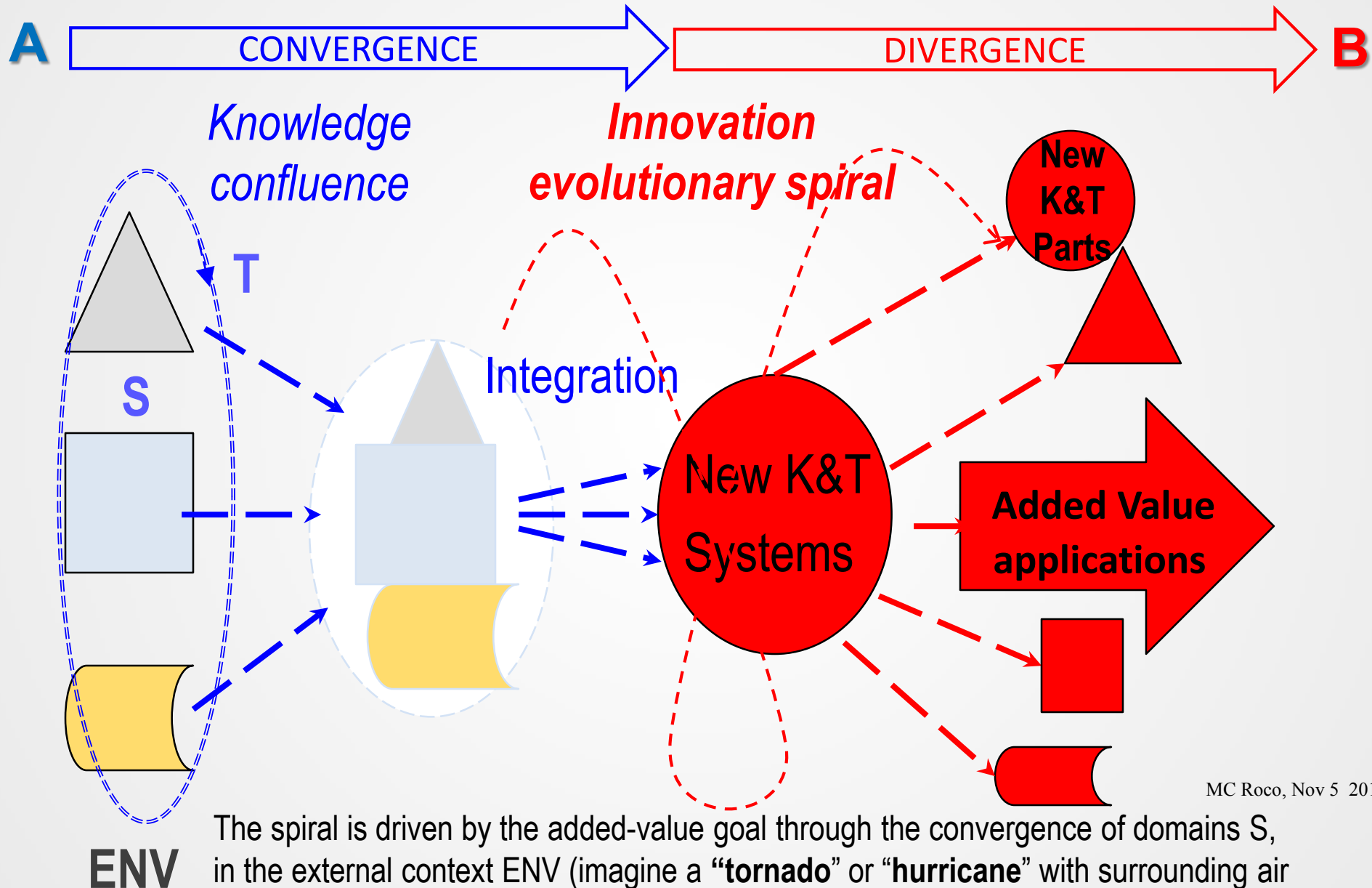


# ***Convergence of knowledge, technology and society is guided by six general principles***

- A. The interdependence  
in nature and society**
- B. Evolutionary processes of  
convergence and divergence**
- C. System-logic deduction  
in decisions**
- D. Higher-level cross-domain languages**
- E. Confluence of resources leading to  
system changes (S curve)**
- F. Vision-inspired basic research for  
long-term challenges**

***PRINCIPLES FOR  
CONVERGENCE***

# Evolutionary processes of convergence and divergence in S&T



MC Roco, Nov 5 2017

The spiral is driven by the added-value goal through the convergence of domains S, in the external context ENV (imagine a "tornado" or "hurricane" with surrounding air flow and Earth rotation). After Refs. 1 (Roco 2002) and 6 (CKTS Report 2013)

# **Three implemented stages of S&T Convergence**

**- Nano, NBIC, Society ecosystem -**

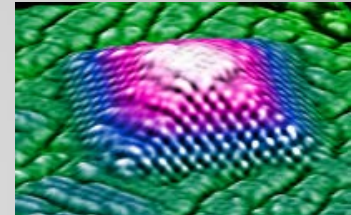


# Three stages of convergence

(Ref 6: CKTS, Springer, 2013)

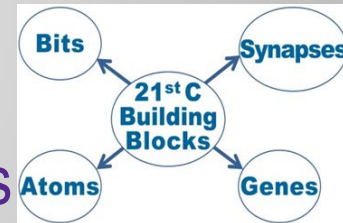
## I. Nanoscale Science, Engineering and Technology “Nanotechnology”

Integrates disciplines and knowledge of matter from the nanoscale



## II. Nano-Bio-Info-Cognitive Converging Technologies “NBIC”

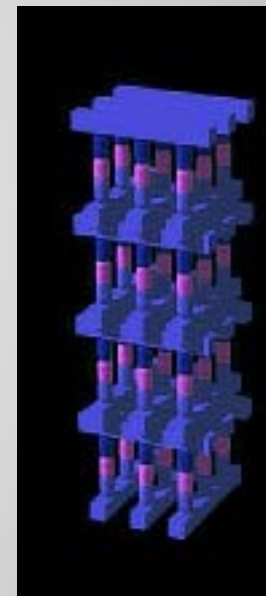
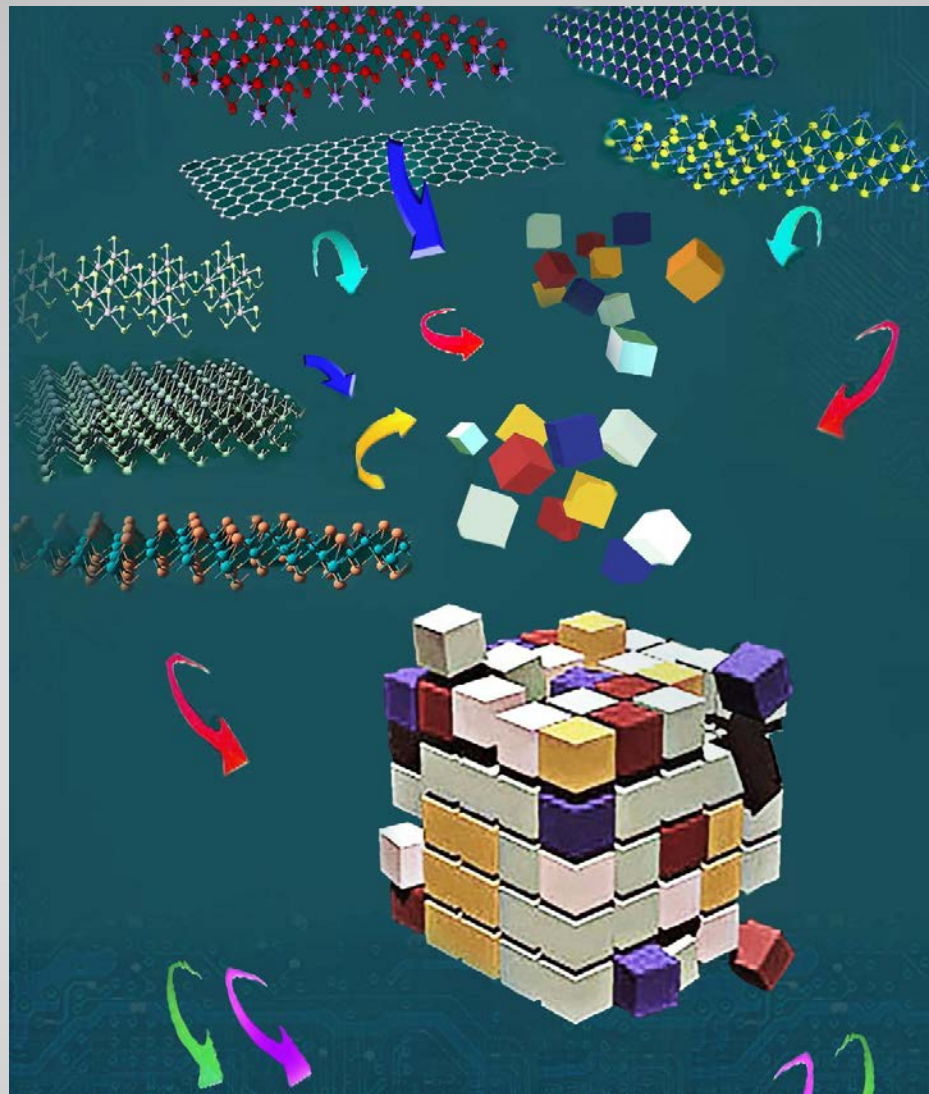
Integrates foundational and emerging technologies from basic elements using similar system architectures



## III. Convergence of Knowledge, Technology and Society “CKTS”

Integrates the essential platforms of human activity using five convergence principles





***Ex I:* NanoModular Materials and  
Systems by Design, NSF/WTEC, 2016**

<http://www.wtec.org/nmsd/docs/NMSD-FinalReport-Web-Lowres.pdf>

# ***Ex I:* Energy-Efficient Computing: from Devices to Architectures (E2CDA)**

E2CDA invests in radical new approaches – from brain- inspired architectures to hybrid digital-analog designs

Partnership between NSF (ENG and CISE) and Semiconductor Research Corporation (SRC)



# SRC-NSF Initiative: E2CDA

Co-optimizing emerging devices and architectures



Energy-Efficient Computing from Devices to Architectures

Target a 100X reduction or more in energy per delivered operation as compared to projected performance of conventional CMOS architectures and deeply scaled technology at the end of the roadmap

**Energy Efficient Computing with Chip-Based Photonics**  
Columbia  
MIT  
Stanford  
UC-San Diego

**Electronic-Photonic Integration Using the Transistor Laser for Energy-Efficient Computing**  
U. Illinois/Urbana-Champaign, U. Chicago

**2D Electrostrictive FETs for Ultra-Low Power Circuits and Architectures**  
Penn State

**Memory, Logic, and Logic in Memory Using Three Terminal Magnetic Tunnel Junctions**  
MIT

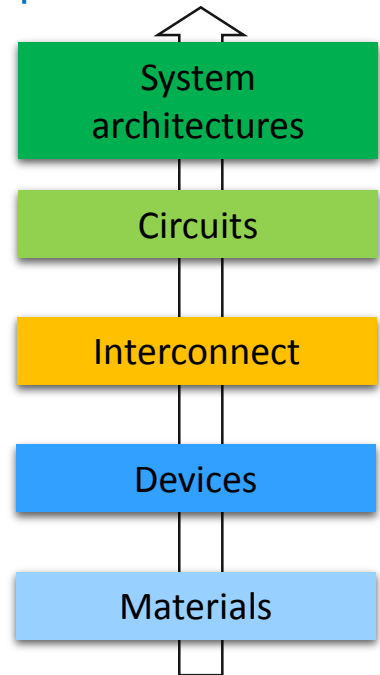
**Energy Efficient Learning Machines (ENIGMA)**  
UC-Berkeley  
Stanford

**Center for Excitonic Devices**  
UC-San Diego  
MIT  
UC-Santa Barbara  
Princeton

**Self-Adaptive Reservoir Computing with Spiking Neurons: Learning Algorithms and Processor Architectures**  
Texas A&M

**EXtremely Energy Efficient Collective Electronics (EXCEL)**  
Notre Dame  
Penn State, U. Chicago  
Georgia Tech, UC-San Diego

**A Fast 70mV Transistor Technology for Ultra-Low-Energy Computing**  
UC-Santa Barbara  
U. Virginia  
Purdue



# nano2 Twelve global nano trends to 2020

10 year perspective, [www.wtec.org/nano2/](http://www.wtec.org/nano2/)

- Theory, modeling & simulation: **x1000 faster**, essential design
- “Direct” measurements – **x6000 brighter**, accelerate R&D&use
- A shift from “passive” to “**active**” nanostructures/nanosystems
- **Nanosystems**- some self powered, self repairing, dynamic, APM
- **Penetration** of nanotechnology in industry - toward mass use; catalysts, electronics; innovation– platforms, consortia
- **Nano-EHS** – more predictive, integrated with nanobio & env.
- **Personalized nanomedicine** - from monitoring to treatment
- Photonics, electronics, magnetics – new **integrated** capabilities
- **Energy** photosynthesis, storage use – solar economic
- Enabling and **integrating with new areas** – bio, info, cognition
- **Earlier** preparing nanotechnology workers – system integration
- Governance of nano for societal benefit - **institutionalization**



# // Nano-Bio-Info-Cognitive Converging Technologies



*Workshop (NSF, 2001): “Converging Technologies for Improving Human Performance: Nano-Bio-Information-Cognitive”*

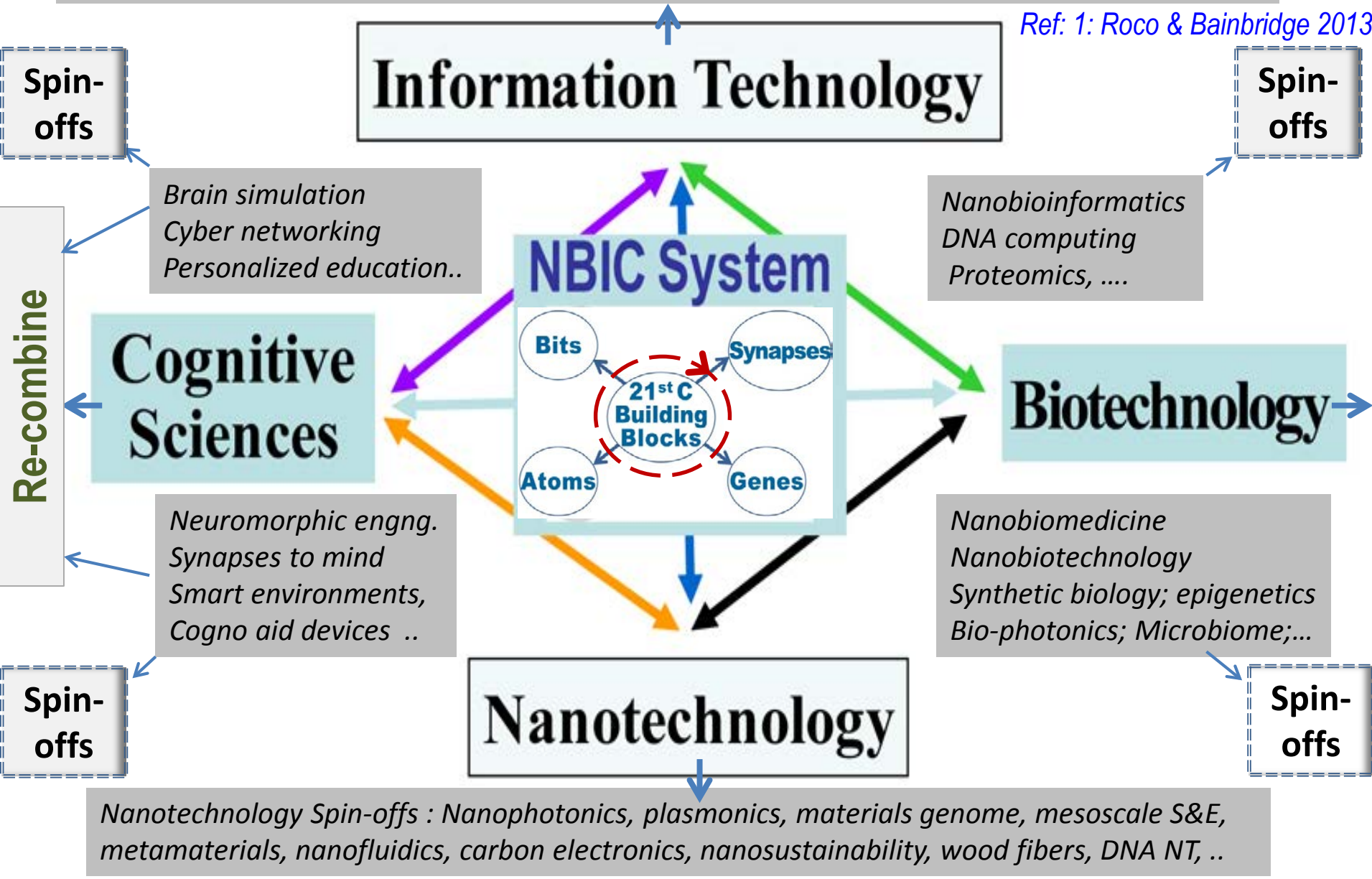
***NBIC:*** Synergistic combination of four foundational emerging fields from their basic elements (atoms, bits, genes, and neurons) up and using similar system architecture concepts, for common core goals such as learning, productivity & aging

**On this basis: 20 visionary scenarios for 20 years ahead**

# II. Emergence & divergence of foundational N B I C

Information Technology Spin-offs: Large databases, cyber-physical-social infrastructure, Internet of Things, connected sensorial systems, topical computer-aided design, cyber networks, ...

Ref: 1: Roco & Bainbridge 2013





# Converging foundational technologies (NBIC) leads to

## II. U.S. emerging S&T initiatives

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Brain-like Computing; Smart systems

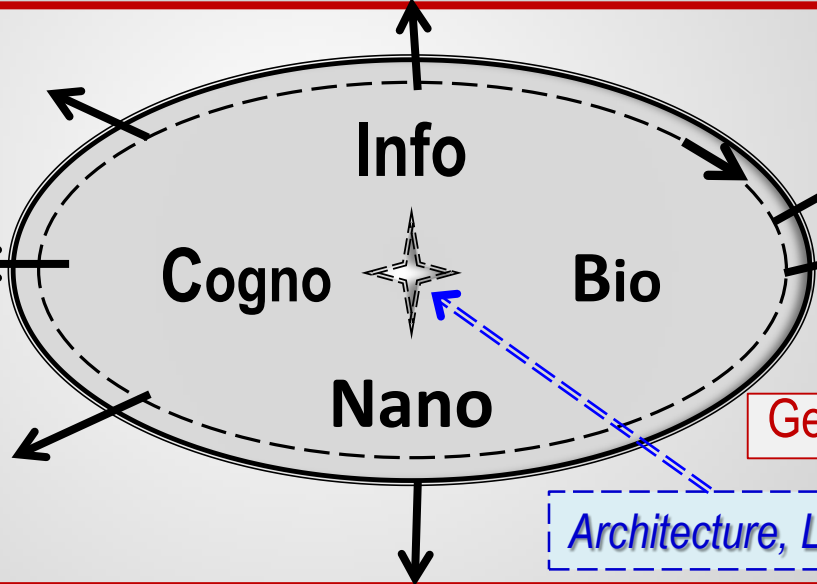
Big Data | National Strategic Computing Initiative

**National Information Technology R&D**  
(nitrd.gov)(with coordinating office)

Artificial Intelligence

**BRAIN Initiative**  
(whitehouse.gov/share/brain-initiative)

National Robotics Initiative



Biology centered

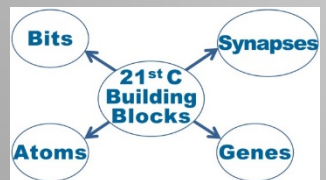
**Biomedical / Health focus**

Precision Med

Genome(s) | Microbiome

**National Nanotechnology Initiative**  
(nano.gov) (with coordinating office)

Materials Genome | Photonics | NNI Grand Challenges



Ref 9: Roco, "NBIC", in Handbook of S&T Convergence, 2015

# **Ex. II: Nanotechnology-inspired Grand Challenge**

## **“Brain like computing”**

combining National Nanotechnology Initiative (NNI),  
National Strategic Computing Initiative (NSCI) & BRAIN Initiative

- ***Nanotechnology-Inspired Grand Challenge for Future Computing*** (DOD, DARPA, DOE, IARPA, NSF), announced by OSTP on Oct 21, 2015: <http://www.nano.gov/futurecomputing>

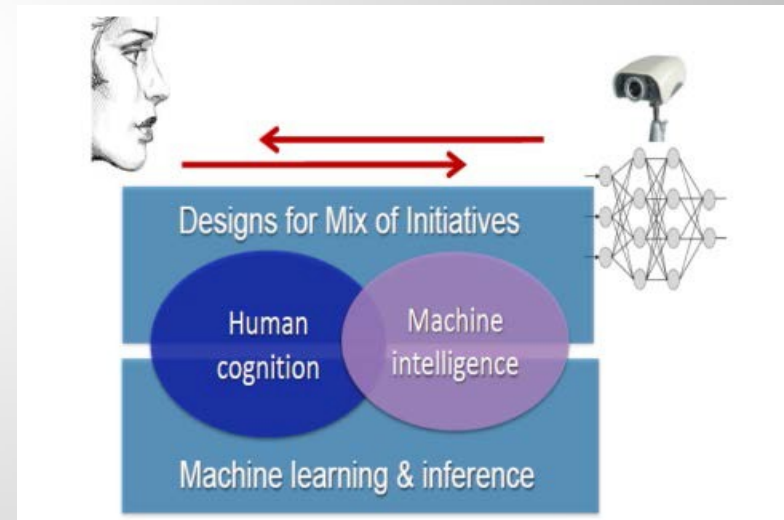
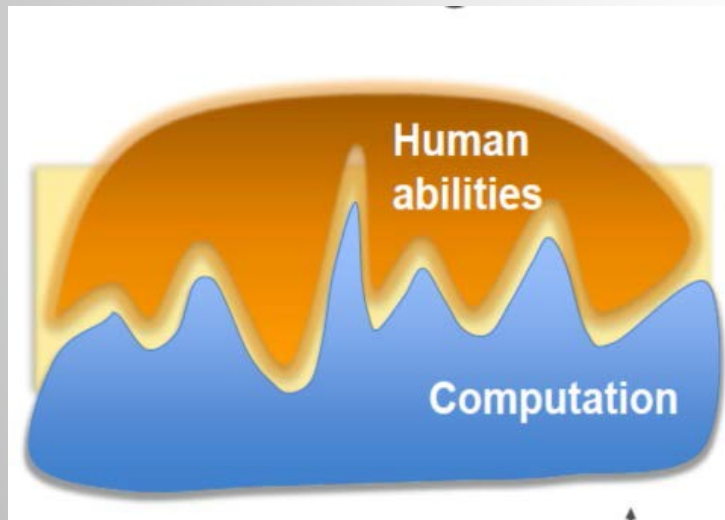
- Purpose: **“Create a new type of computer that can proactively interpret and learn from data, solve unfamiliar problems using what it has learned, and operate with the energy efficiency of the human brain.”**

Also: pattern recognition, human like simultaneous perception of information from various sources including the five senses, intelligence from the bottom with materials that compute (like tissues & neuromorphics), simultaneous actions, natural communication.

# Ex II: Intelligent cognitive assistants

*2016 workshop (sponsored by NSF, SIA, SRC)*

Systems that are highly useful to humans, specifically on the topic of Harnessing Machine Intelligence to Augment Human Cognition and Human Problem-Solving Capabilities – e.g., research that drives towards “Intelligent Cognitive Assistants”



Ref: **Intelligent Cognitive Assistants (ICA) report, 2016**

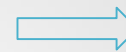
The report is available on [www.nsf.gov/nano](http://www.nsf.gov/nano) (4th item) and [www.semiconductors.org/issues/research/research/](http://www.semiconductors.org/issues/research/research/)

# Ex II: Human Centered Cognitive Engineered Systems

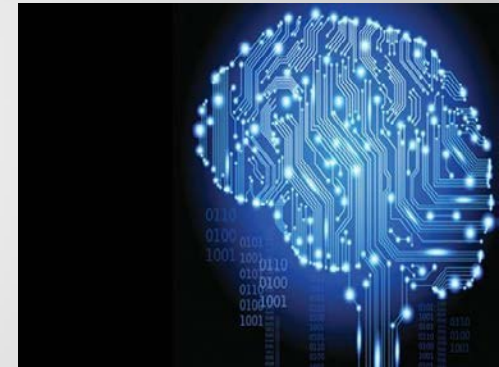
**Machines**



**Smart Machines**



**Human Centered Cognitive Engineered Systems**

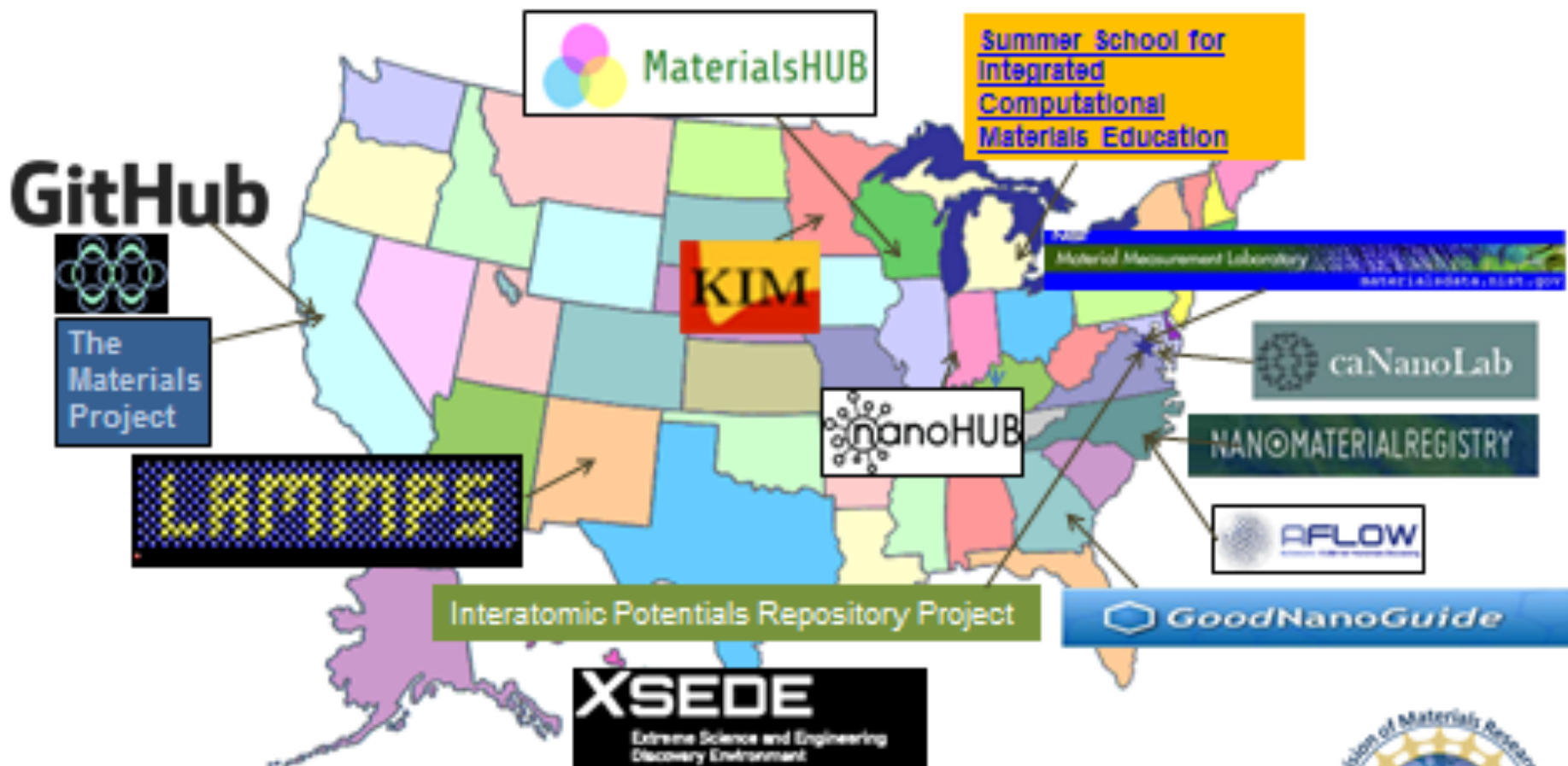


- Achieve functionality
- Improve productivity/consistency/quality

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- Has some learning/decision making capacity

- Achieve functionality
- Improve productivity/consistency/quality
- Has greater learning/decision making capacity
- Collaborate with humans
- Evolve in time as they learn

# Some Components of the Nanotechnology Knowledge Infrastructure



- Supported by NIH, NIOSH, NIST, NSF, ONR, DOE

<http://nanoinformatics.org/2015/agenda/>



## **II. NBIC**

### **Examples initiatives in 2017**

#### Spin-offs enabled by NBIC (in U.S.)

- **National Nanotechnology Initiative** (Brain- and Bio-inspired Computation Methods)
- **National Information Technology R&D** (NSCI, Supercomputing)
- **Human health; Precision Medicine; Microbiome Initiative**
- **BRAIN Initiative** (also international)

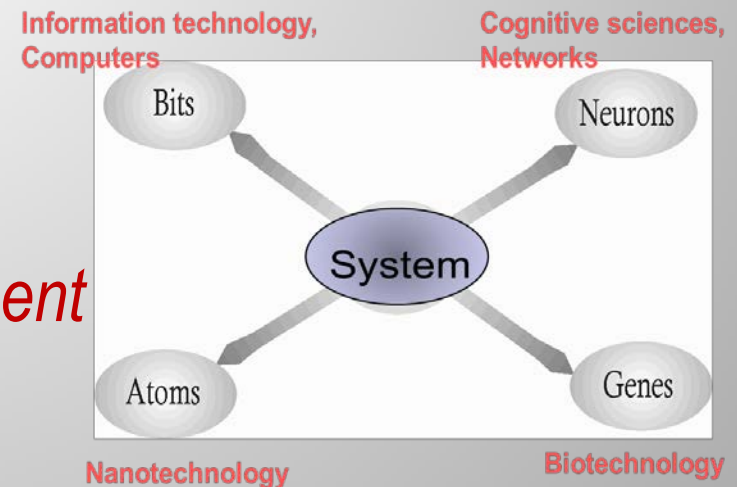
#### In Core NBIC system:

- *Requirements for life*
- *DNA control and implications*
- *Human-technology frontier*
- *Digital society and universal big data*



# Twelve challenging ideas from 2001 NBIC Report that are reality or in development in 2017

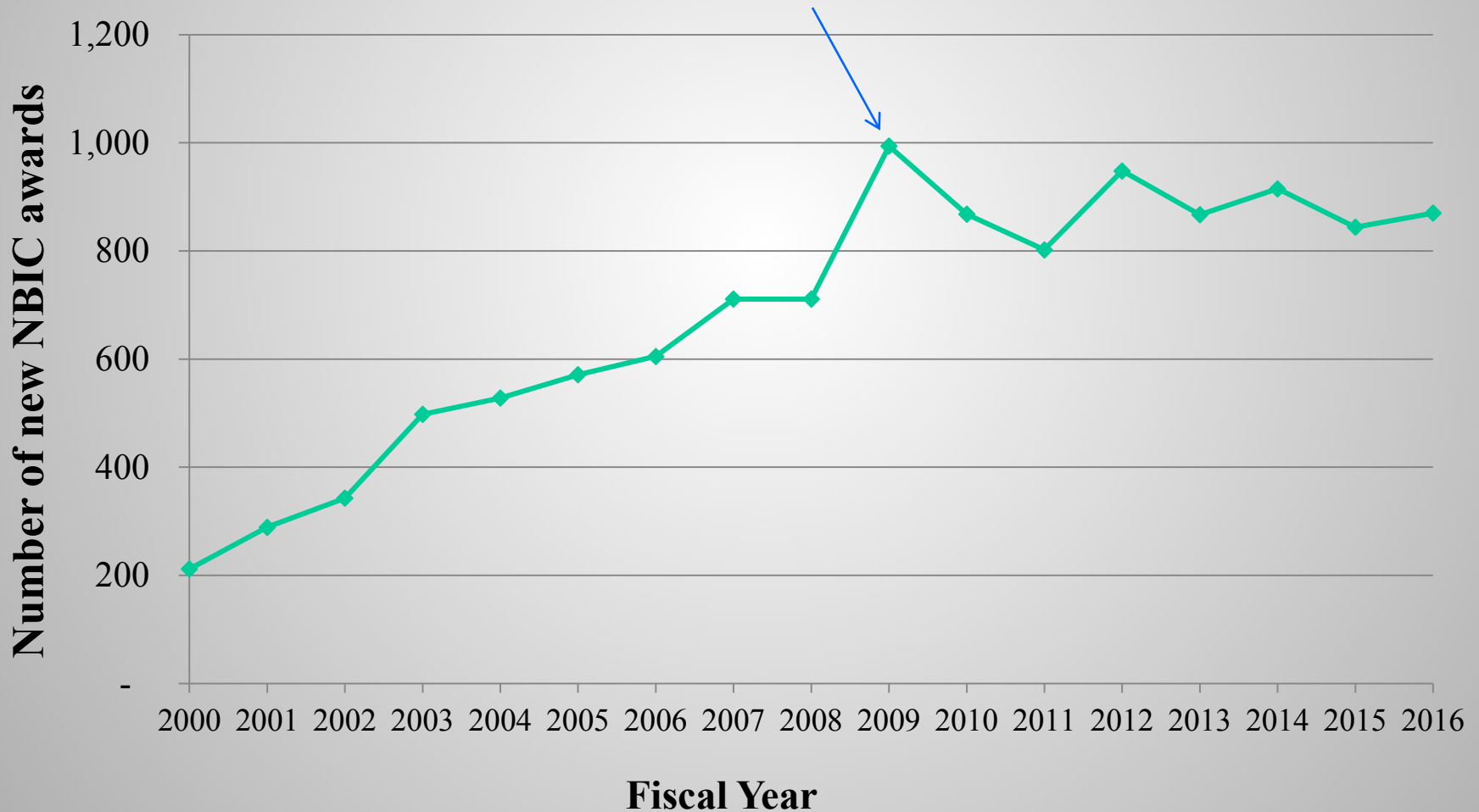
- Hierarchically interconnected world – *a reality in 2015*
- Non intrusive brain-to-brain communication – *accepted*
- Computer Personal advisor – as laptop or cell – *at beginning*
- Brain machine and brain robotics systems – *in development*
- From physics/chemistry to mind and education – *in BRAIN R&D*
- Centers of leaning: for brain to education methods – *in function*
- Regenerative medicine, Gene editing, 3-D print parts - *accepted*
- Nano-info-biomedical developments
- Proteases activated by brain - *done*
- Education earlier for NBIC - *modules*
- Intelligent environments – *in development*
- ELSI community – *organized in 2013*



# Number of NBIC Awards at NSF (2000-2016)

Abstract search by combined keywords

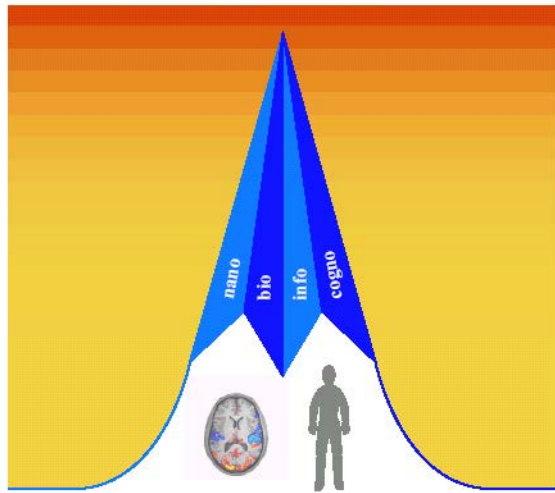
Since 2009, about **5% of total NSF new awards on NBIC**



## Nature (2002): 'Too visionary'

“Direct brain-to-brain communication and the transfer of minds between bodies seem more like the stuff of Hollywood movies than of government reports — but these are among the advances forecast in a recent report by the US National Science Foundation and Department of Commerce.”

“Improving human performance has been a dream for centuries,” says Mihail Roco, chairman of the government-funded NNI, and lead author of the study. ... the report — *Converging Technologies for Improving Human Performance*, — says that the convergence of nanotechnology, biotechnology, computer science and cognitive science may help to break those limits in the next 20 years.”



CONVERGING TECHNOLOGIES  
FOR IMPROVING HUMAN PERFORMANCE

June 2002

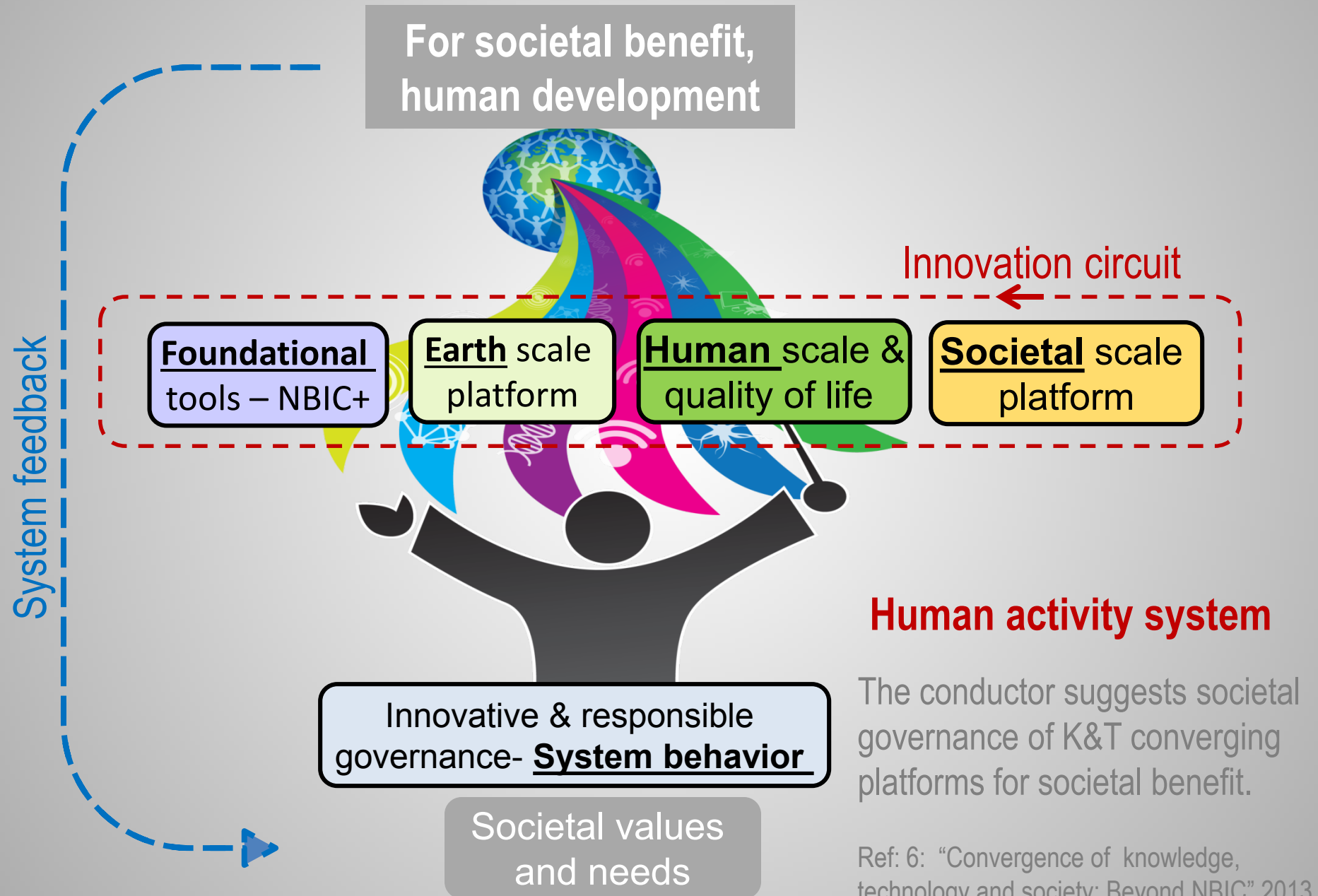


Having delivered our report, I can now reveal that I come from the future, to which I now return — farewell!



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# III. Convergence of Knowledge, Technology and Society

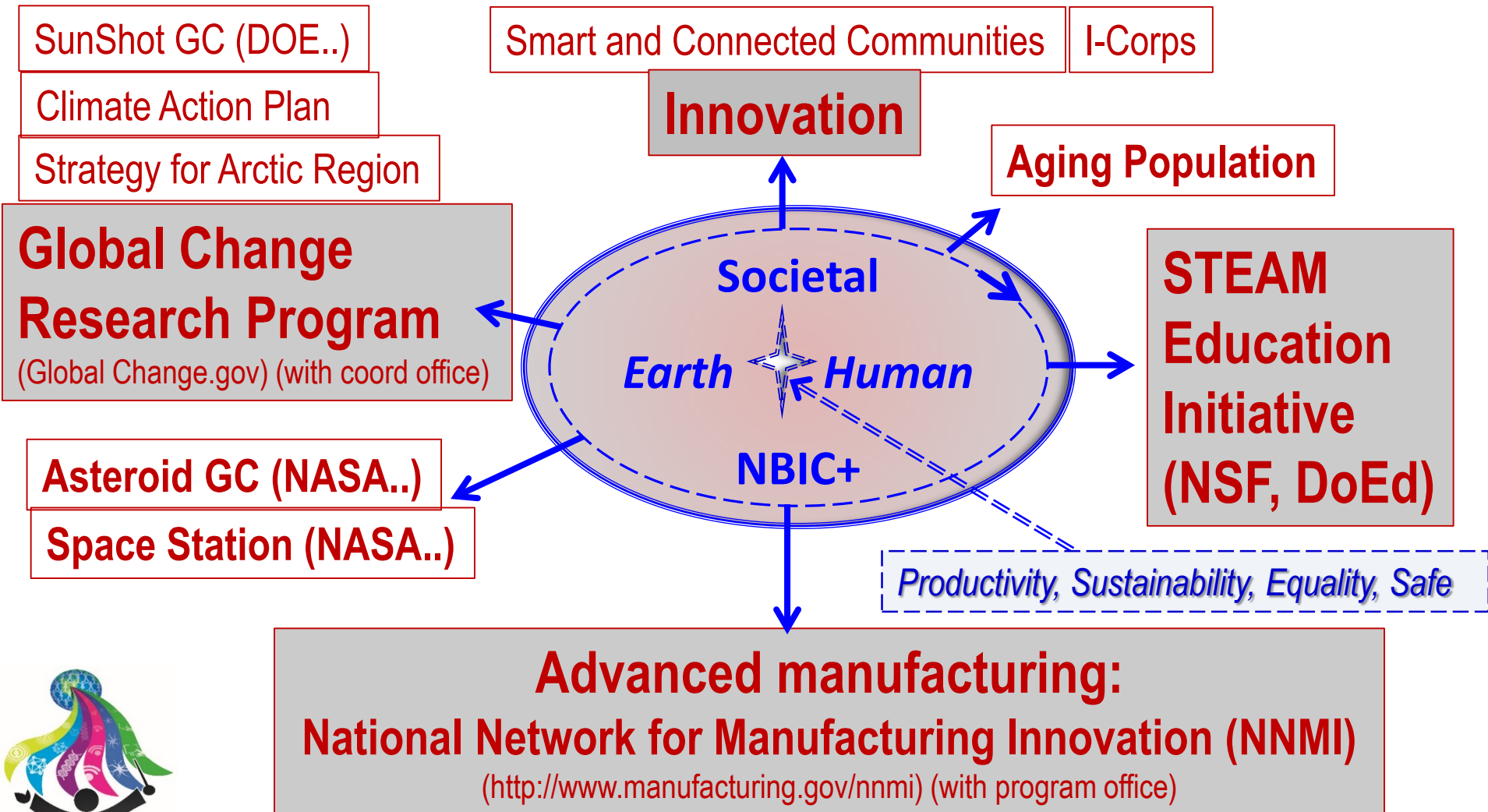




# Convergence of Knowledge and Technology (CKTS) leads to

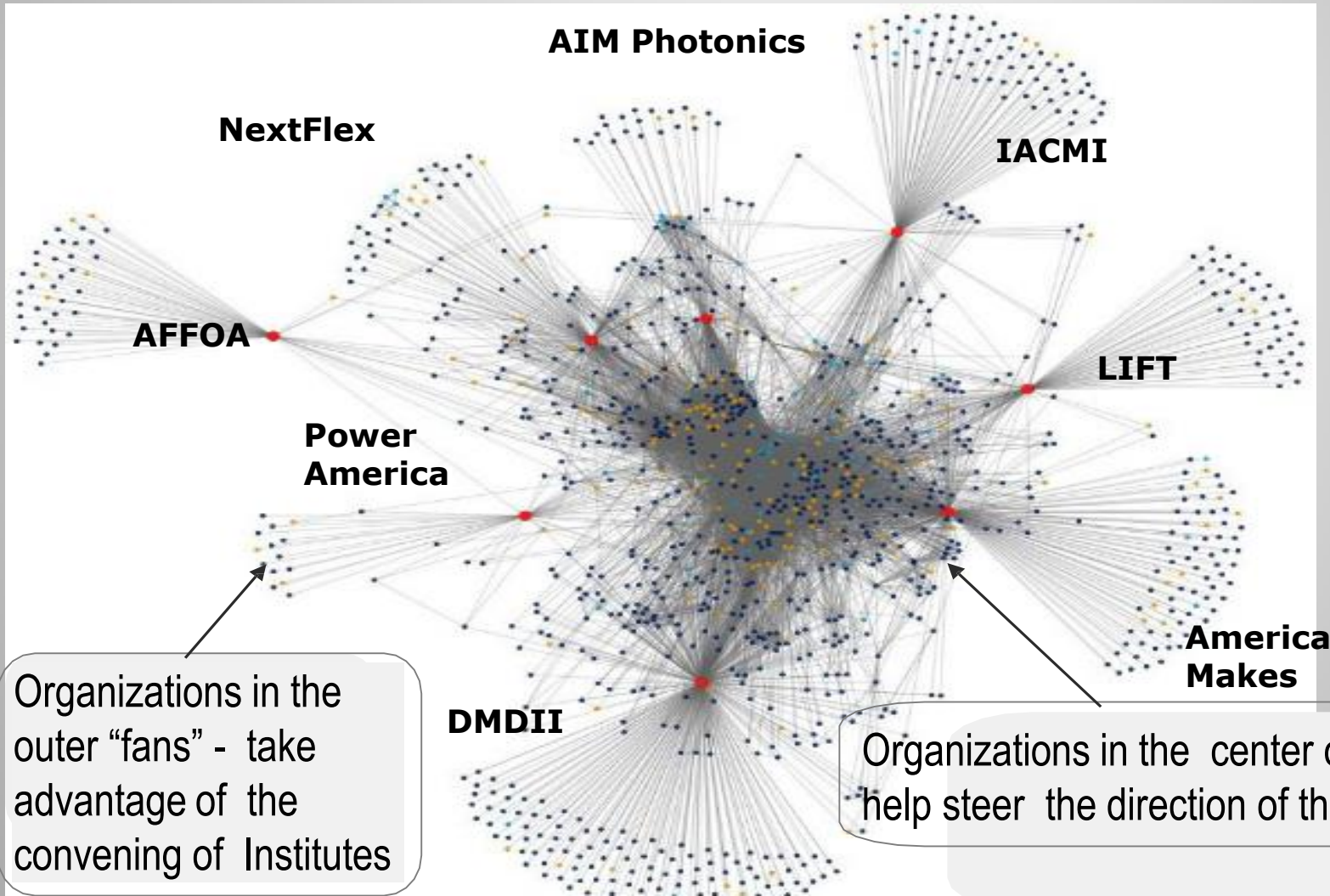
## *III. U.S. global society-oriented initiatives*

OSTP



# Ex III: 14 Manufacturing USA Institutes

*Deloitte report (2017): The Power of Connections is a Key Advantage*



Addressing the  
“valley of  
death”  
~ 1,200 core  
organizations  
in an inter-  
industry  
Network  
comprised of  
> 9,000  
organization  
networked/  
coordinated

Organizations in the  
outer “fans” - take  
advantage of the  
convening of Institutes

Organizations in the center of the network -  
help steer the direction of the network.

# ***III. Global Society:***

## **Examples of initiatives in 2016**

### Spin-offs enabled by CKTS (in U.S.)

- **Global Change: Clean Energy**
- **The National Network for Manufacturing Innovation**
- **STEAM Education**
- **Smart and Connected Communities**

### In CKTS core system

- Origin of Universe and Earth evolution
- Societal sustainability and stability
- Convergence for production and wellness
- Morality aspects (conflict resolution, inequalities, safety)

**Defining convergence for  
research and education at NSF**



# Convergence characterization in research and education (at NSF, 2017)

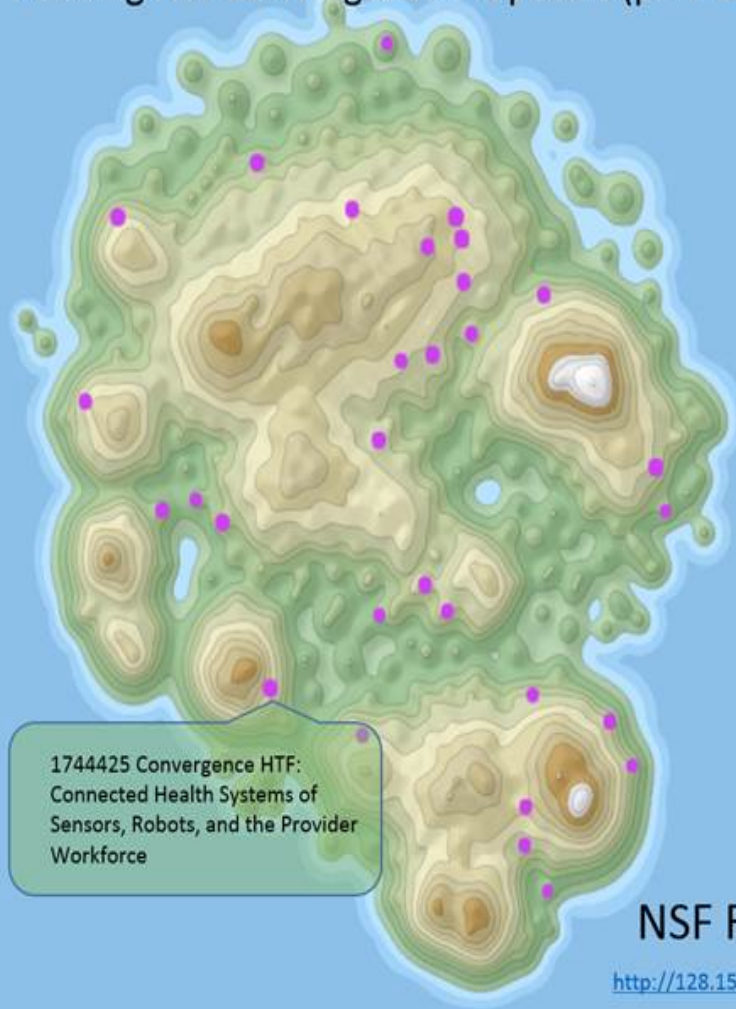
*Convergence is the deep integration of knowledge, techniques, and expertise to form new and expanded frameworks for addressing scientific and societal challenges and opportunities, with two primary characteristics:*

- 1. Deep integration across disciplines, from which new frameworks, paradigms or disciplines can form from sustained interactions across multiple communities.*
- 2. Driven by a specific and compelling challenge or opportunity, whether it arises from deep scientific questions or pressing societal needs.*

# Convergence award topics “in the valleys” between traditional topics

Pending NSF Convergence Proposals (pink circles)

Similar NSF Proposals (blue and orange circles)



1744425 Convergence HTF:  
Connected Health Systems of  
Sensors, Robots, and the Provider  
Workforce

0968971 Planning Grant: Center  
for Healthcare Organization  
Transformation



NSF RESEARCH TERRAIN MAP

[http://128.150.140.55/dotatlas\\_3/doc-cluster-map-convergence.html](http://128.150.140.55/dotatlas_3/doc-cluster-map-convergence.html)

Convergence-Divergence process (upstream):  
**Germination: Germination of Research Ideas for  
Large Opportunities and Critical Societal Needs**

- To design learning frameworks, platforms, and/or environments to enable participants to conceive research ideas and questions with potentially transformative outcomes
- NSF 16-028 Dear Colleague Letter: Sought EAGER proposals with exploratory ideas to design learning frameworks, platforms, and/or environments

# Convergence-Divergence process (downstream): **Innovation Corps (I-Corps™)**

- Provides experiential entrepreneurial education to capitalize on NSF investments in basic research
- Supports I-Corps™ Teams, Sites, and Nodes to build, utilize, and sustain a national innovation ecosystem
- Plans approximately 230 new I-Corps™ Teams, up to 71 active Sites, and up to 9 active Nodes in FY 2017
- Scaling via partnerships and networks: Federal agencies, states, private sector; and National Innovation Network



# Innovations for Food, Energy, and Water Systems

- Quantitative and computational modeling
- Real-time, cyber-enabled interfaces
- Innovative solutions to critical FEW problems
- Workforce and education



Illustration credit: Nicolle R. Fuller, Sayo-Art LLC

# NSF Advisory Committee on Environmental Research and Education

**NSF Ad-Com (2017): Convergence** can be characterized as

- Bringing an **end-to-end approach to problem solving**, from the most basic understanding to the science that underpins treatments and solutions. It thus encompasses what has become known as solution science in the sustainability literature
- The **transformative effect** that the transfer of tools, methods, theory, and understanding from one field to another can have,
- Often associated with developing the **science needed to address large, complex, and critical social issues**. It integrate team science, deep interdisciplinary approach and ecological psychology

# 10 BiG IDEAS

## - Pushing the Boundaries of Knowledge (3)

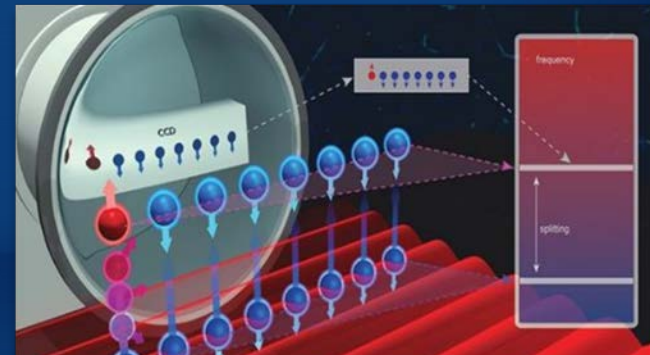


Windows on the Universe: The Era of Multi-messenger Astrophysics



Understanding the Rules of Life: Predicting Phenotype

**NSE**

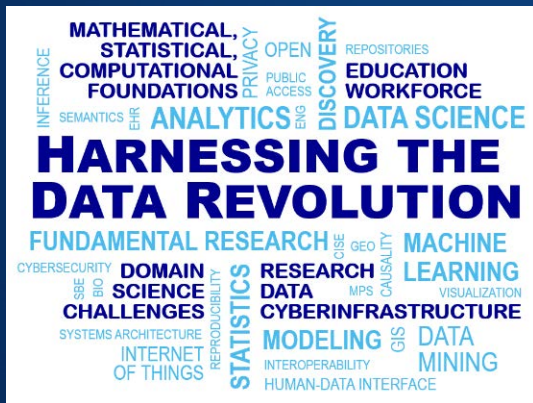


The Quantum Leap: Leading the Next Quantum Revolution

**NSE**

# 10 BIG IDEAS

## - Seizing New Opportunities (3)



Harnessing Data for 21<sup>st</sup>  
Century  
Science and Engineering

NSE



Navigating the New Arctic



Work at the Human-  
Technology Frontier:  
Shaping the Future

NSE

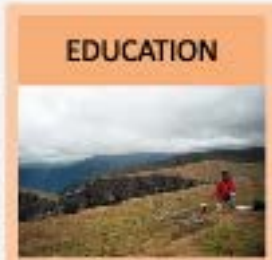
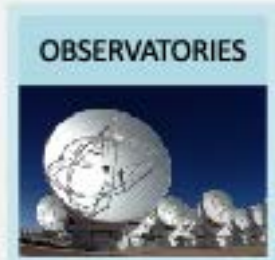


# 10 BIG IDEAS

## - Identifying and Closing Gaps (4) **NSE**



# NSF's Global Presence (sustainability well represented)



# Global action possibilities for convergence

- International Grand Challenges: Nano, Brain, others
- An international convergence CKTS network
- **Government coordination needed**: “science of convergence”, “*convergence technology platforms*”, “*collaborative culture*”
- **Production- , cognition-, biomedicine- current convergence**
- **Cross-domain programs** in universities & funding agencies
- Principles of convergence & culture for conflict resolution
- OECD new committee on convergence created in 2014

# Several sustainability challenges

- Are renewable water/energy/food/materials sources sufficient?
- Thermonuclear energy will be controlled, economically used?
- New technology convergence platforms will be sustainable?
- How “smart systems” (incl. AI, NBIC) will change sustainability
- DNA control and hybrid nanobiodevices will have safe regulations and suitable organizations? Life security.
- International collaboration and competition: NBIC production (OECD), US-EU collaboration, databases, labeling
- Societal sustainability is the overarching criterion

*Others topics to be discussed in the following SNO Panels*

# Selected publications for nano and convergence

1. **“Coherence and Divergence of Megatrends in Science and Engineering”**  
(Roco, JNR, 2002)
2. **“Nanotechnology: Convergence with Modern Biology and Medicine”**,  
(Roco, *Current Opinion in Biotechnology*, 2003)
3. **NANO1: “Nanotechnology research directions: Vision for the next decade”**  
(Roco, Williams & Alivisatos, WH, 1999, also Springer, 316p, 2000)
4. **NANO 2020: “Nanotechnology research directions for societal needs in 2020”** (Roco, Mirkin & Hersam, Springer, 690p, 2011a)
5. **NBIC: “Converging technologies for improving human performance: nano-bio-info-cognition”** (Roco & Bainbridge, Springer, 468p, 2003)
6. **CKTS 2030: “Convergence of knowledge, technology and society: Beyond NBIC”** (Roco, Bainbridge, Tonn & Whitesides; Springer, 604p, 2013b)
7. ***The new world of discovery, invention, and innovation: convergence of knowledge, technology and society*** (Roco & Bainbridge, JNR 2013a, 15)
8. **“Principles and methods that facilitate convergence”** (Roco, Springer Reference, *Handbook of Science and Technology Convergence*, 2015)
9. **HSTC: “Handbook of Science and Technology Convergence”**  
(Bainbridge & Roco, 2016)