Data Driven Science at NIH: A Conversation

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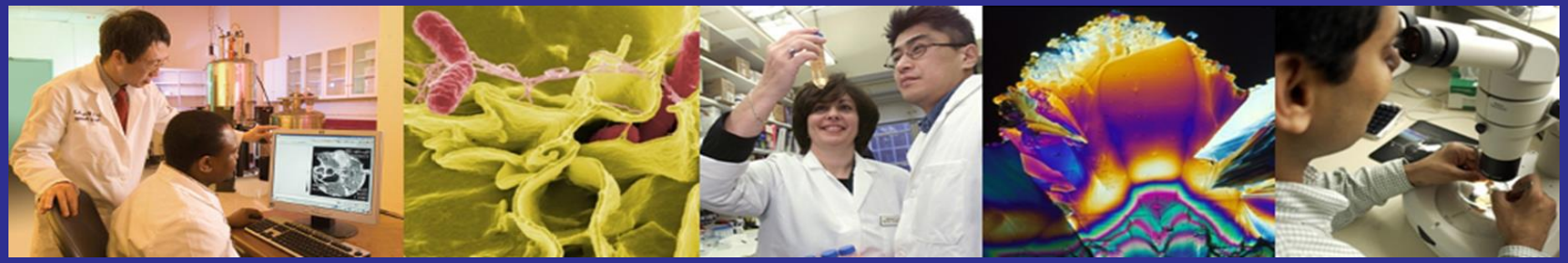
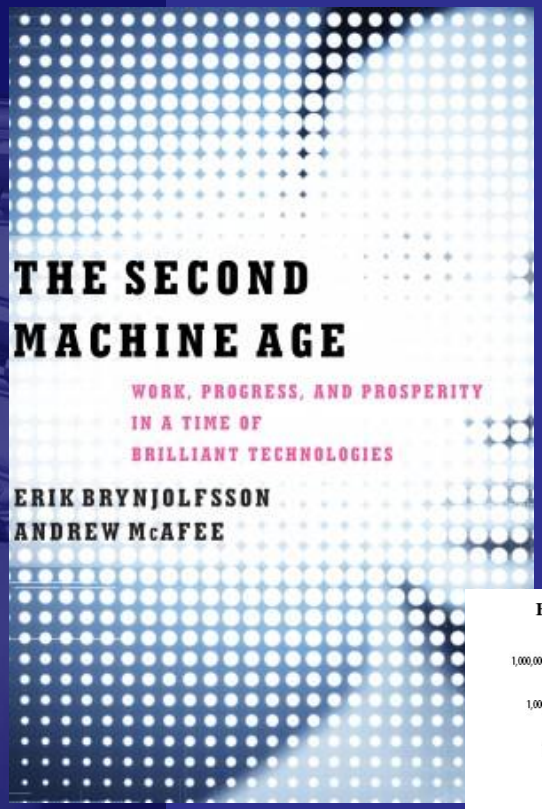


What Drives Our Strategic Thinking?

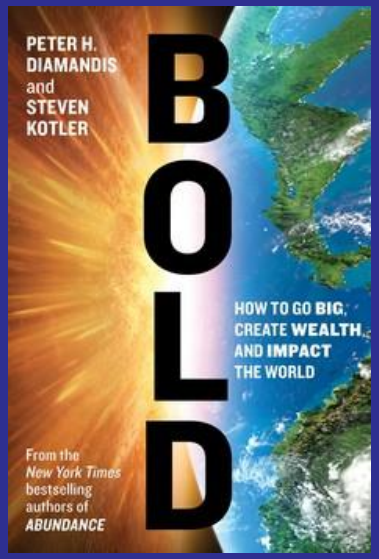
- *Be Prepared* - Responding to take advantage of the opportunities offered by a major disruption in the biomedical research enterprise arising through digitization and exponential growth
- *Accelerating* discovery during this time of disruptive development
- Continually *catalyzing* a cultural shift towards a more analytical enterprise while managing expectations

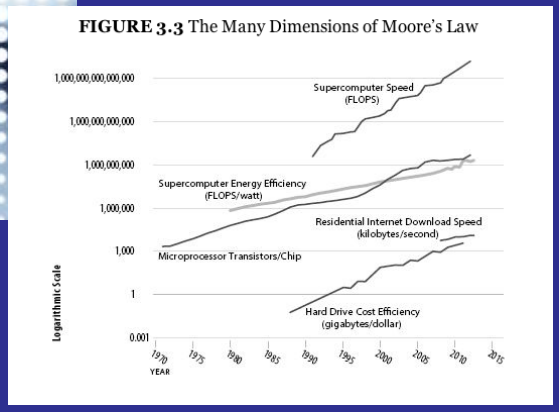
Let Me Give You 4 Examples of What Drives Us …

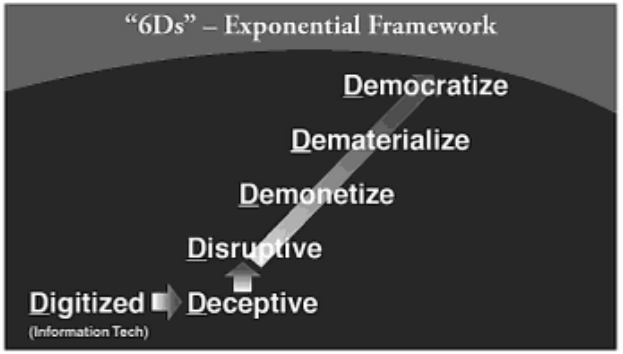
1. We are at a Point of Deception …



- Evidence:
  - Google car
  - 3D printers
  - Waze
  - Robotics
  - Sensors





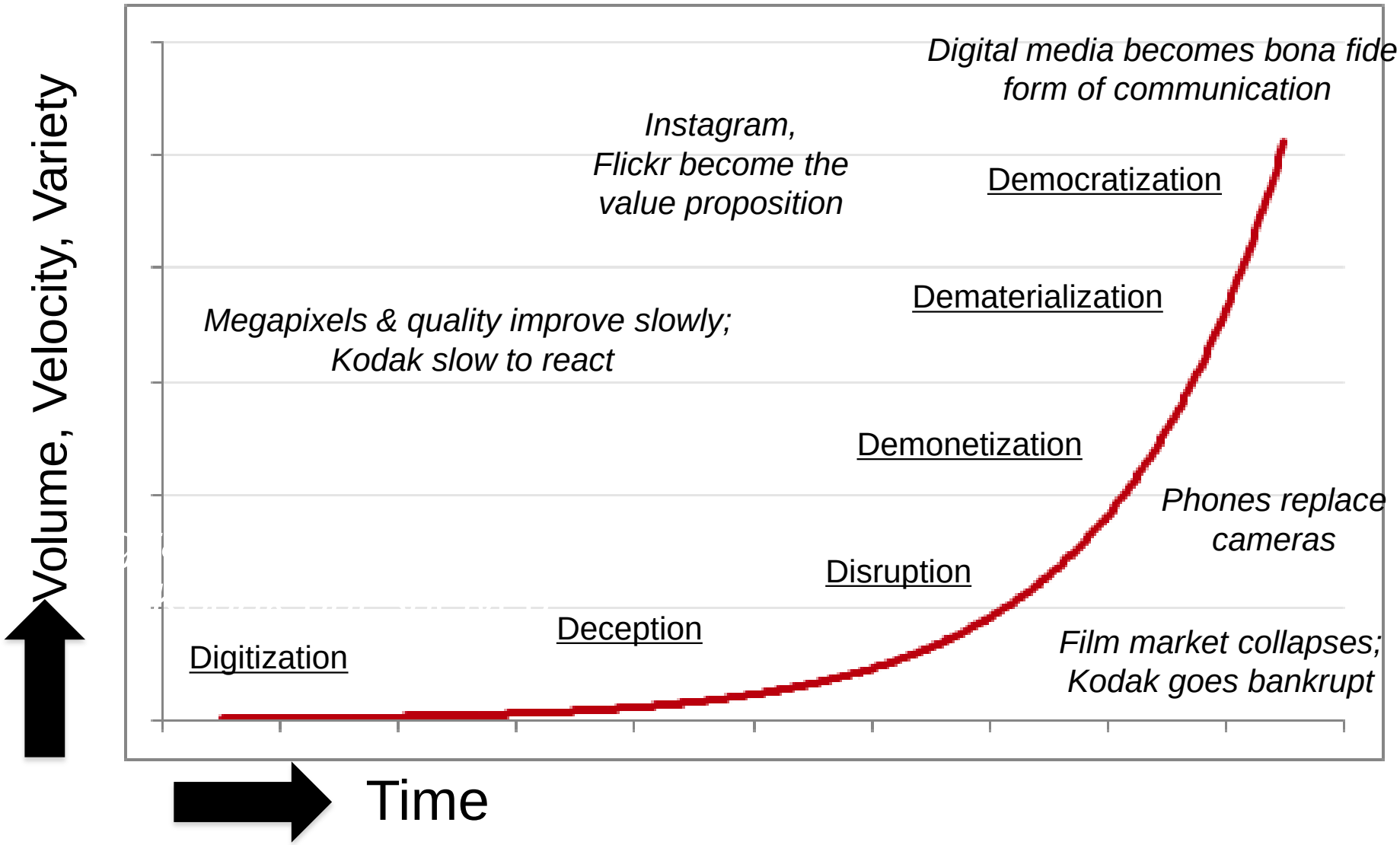


The 6 Ds of Exponentials: Digitalization, Deception, Disruption, Demonetization, Dematerialization, and Democratization

Source: Peter H. Diamandis, www.abundancehub.com

From: The Second Machine Age: Work, Progress, and Prosperity in a Time of Brilliant Technologies by Erik Brynjolfsson & Andrew McAfee

Example - Photography



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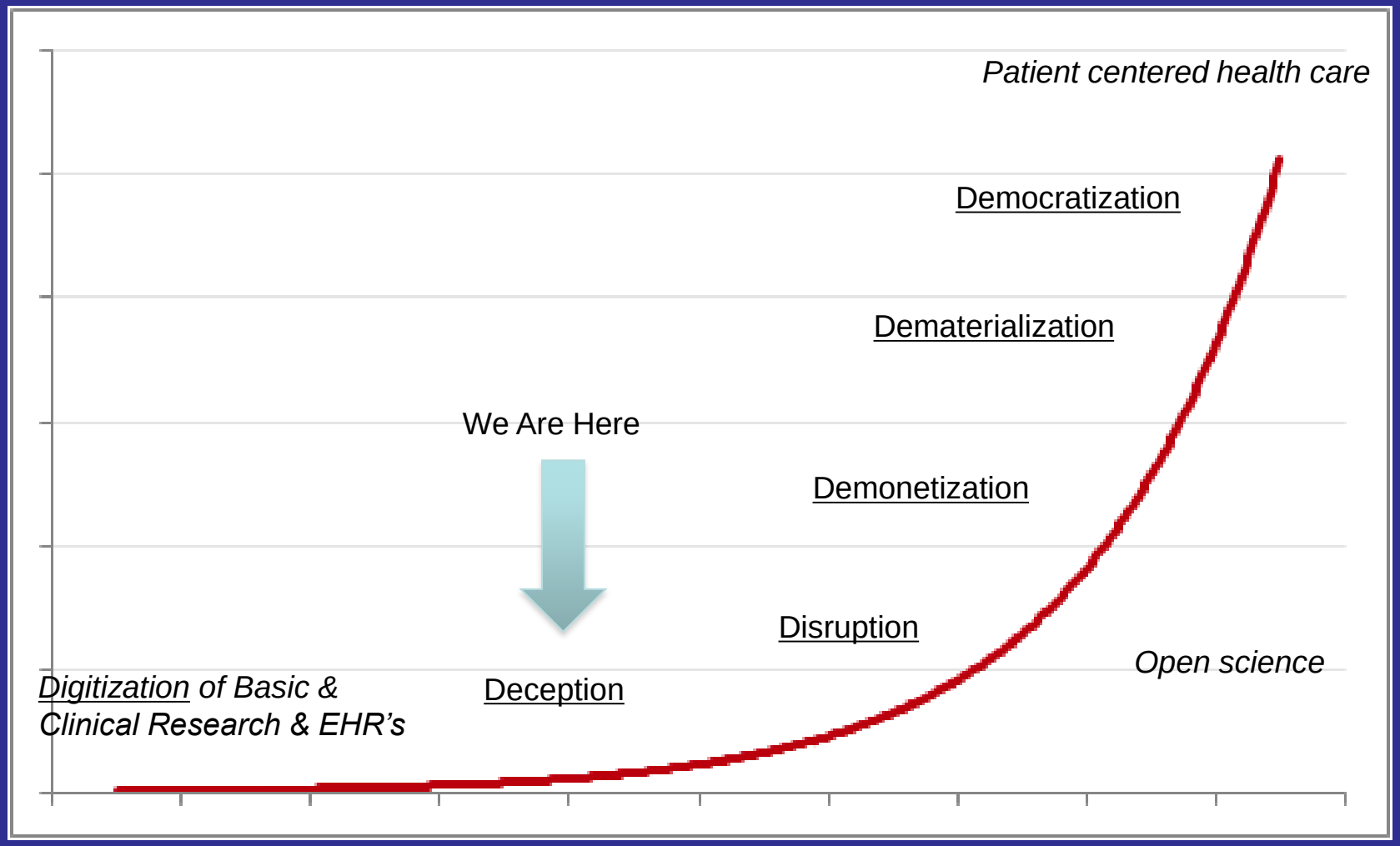
The 6D Exponential Framework



2. Democratization Will Follow
The Story of Meredith

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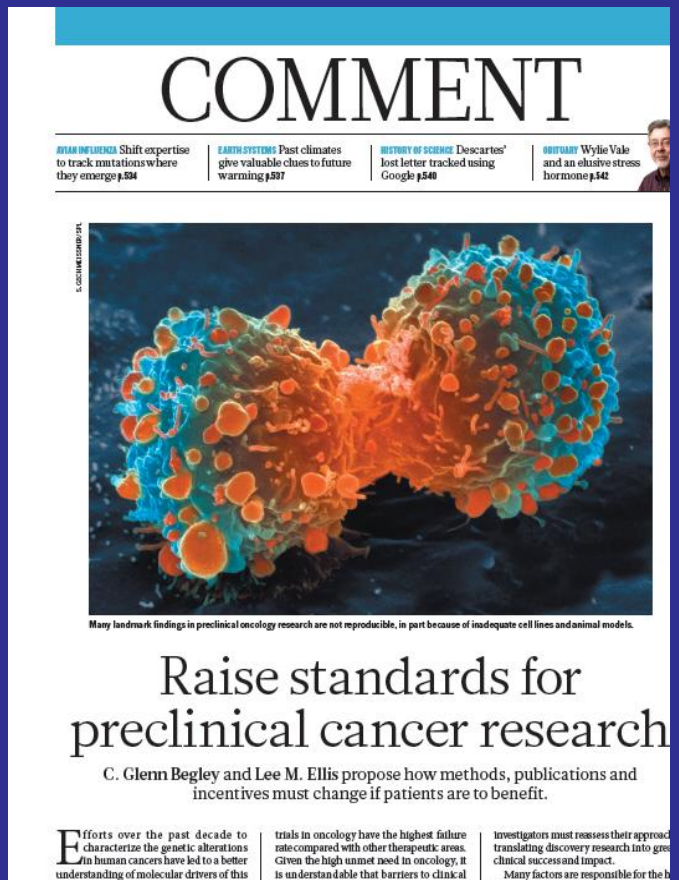
3. Disruption Can Occur



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Many landmark findings in preclinical oncology research are not reproducible, in part because of inadequate cell lines and animal models.

Raise standards for preclinical cancer research

C. Glenn Begley and Lee M. Ellis propose how methods, publications and incentives must change if patients are to benefit.

Efforts over the past decade to characterize the genetic alterations in human cancers have led to a better understanding of molecular drivers of this

trials in oncology have the highest failure rate compared with other therapeutic areas. Given the high unmet need in oncology, it is understandable that barriers to clinical

investigators must reassess their approach translating discovery research into gre clinical success and impact.

Many factors are responsible for the h

47/53 “landmark” publications could not be replicated

[Begley, Ellis Nature, 483, 2012]

Must try harder

Too many sloppy mistakes are creeping into scientific papers. Lab heads must l at the data — and at themselves.

Error prone

Biologists must realize the pitfalls of work or massive amounts of data.

If a job is worth doing, it is worth doing twice

Researchers and funding agencies need to put a premium on ensuring that results are reproducible, argues **Jonathan F. Russell**.

The case for open computer programs

Six red flags for suspect work

C. Glenn Begley explains how to recognize the preclinical papers in which the data won’t stand up.

Know when your numbers are significant

[Carole Goble]

4. Demonetization, Democratization?

"And that's why we're here today. Because something called precision medicine … gives us one of the greatest opportunities for new medical breakthroughs that we have ever seen."

President Barack Obama

January 30, 2015

Precision Medicine Initiative

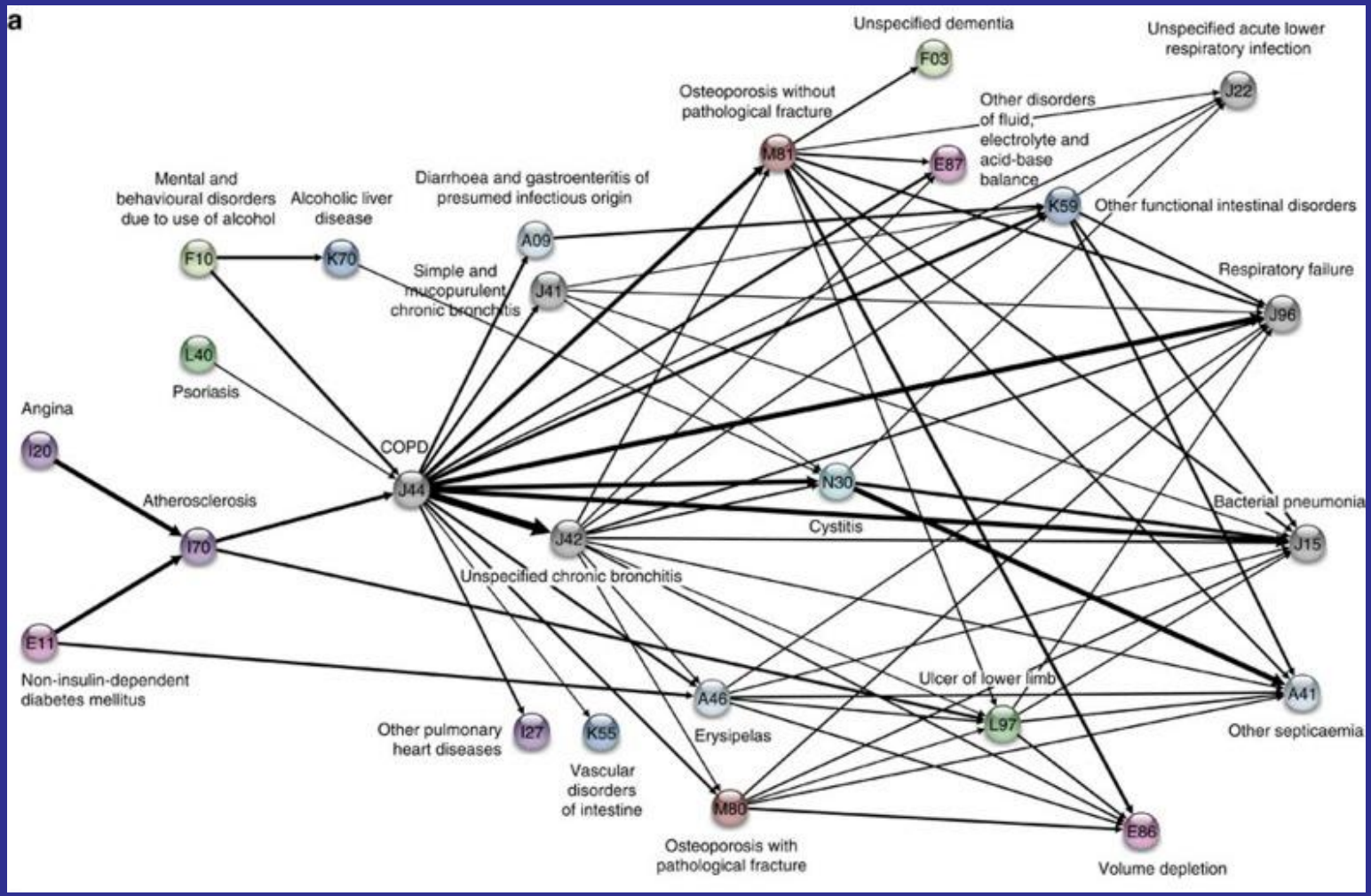
Vision: Build a broad research program to encourage creative approaches to precision medicine, test them rigorously, and, ultimately, use them to build the evidence base needed to guide clinical practice.

- Near Term: apply the tenets of precision medicine to a major health threat – cancer
- Longer Term: generate the knowledge base necessary to move precision medicine into virtually all areas of health and disease

Precision Medicine Initiative

- National Research Cohort
  - >1 million U.S. volunteers
  - Numerous existing cohorts (many funded by NIH)
  - New volunteers
- Participants will be centrally involved in design and implementation of the cohort
- They will be able to share genomic data, lifestyle information, biological samples – all linked to their electronic health records

An Example of That Promise: Comorbidity Network for 6.2M Danes Over 14.9 Years



Jensen et al 2014 Nat Comm 5:4022

Office of Biomedical Data Science Mission Statement

To use data science to foster an

open *digital ecosystem* that will accelerate **efficient, cost-effective** biomedical research

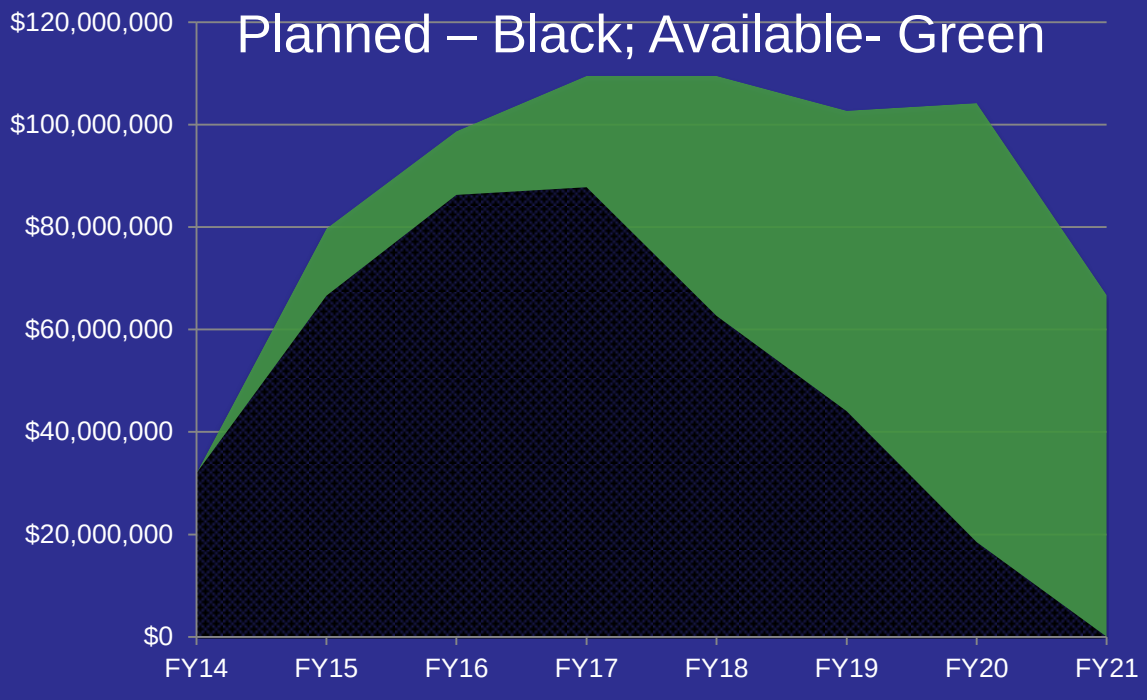
to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and disability

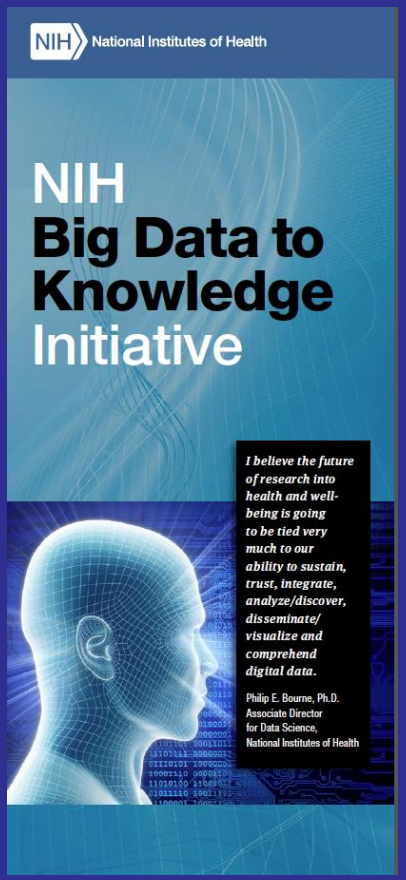
Goals expanded from recommendations in the June 2012 DIWG and BRWWG reports.

Overall Goals by 2020

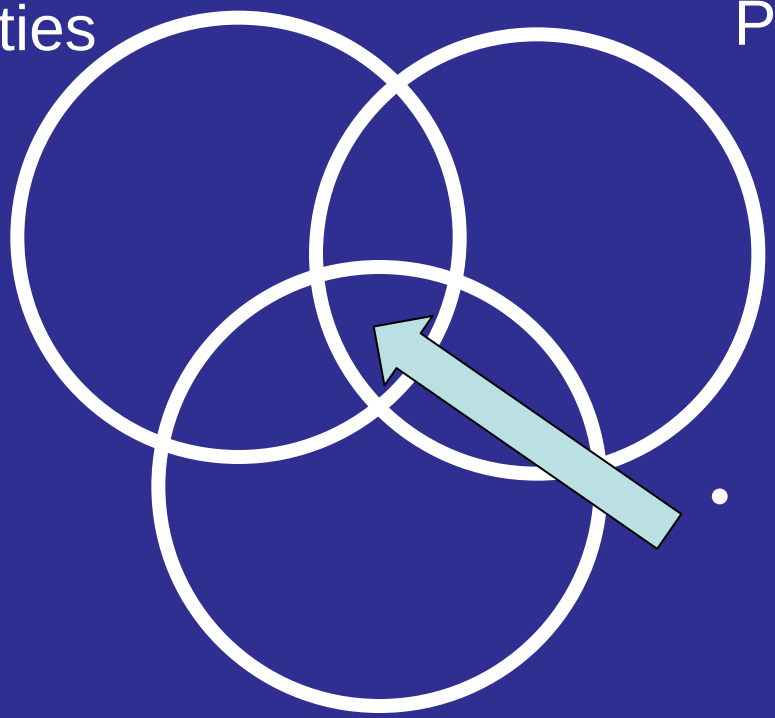
- **Enable major scientific discovery** through the BD2K initiative
- Establish and provide evidence of a **more sustainable, efficient and productive data science ecosystem** both internal and external to NIH
- Establish and provide evidence of a **well-trained and diverse workforce** able to use and develop biomedical data science tools and methods
- Build upon NIH's **leadership and reputation** in data science

The BD2K Program is Central to the Mission





Elements of The Digital Enterprise



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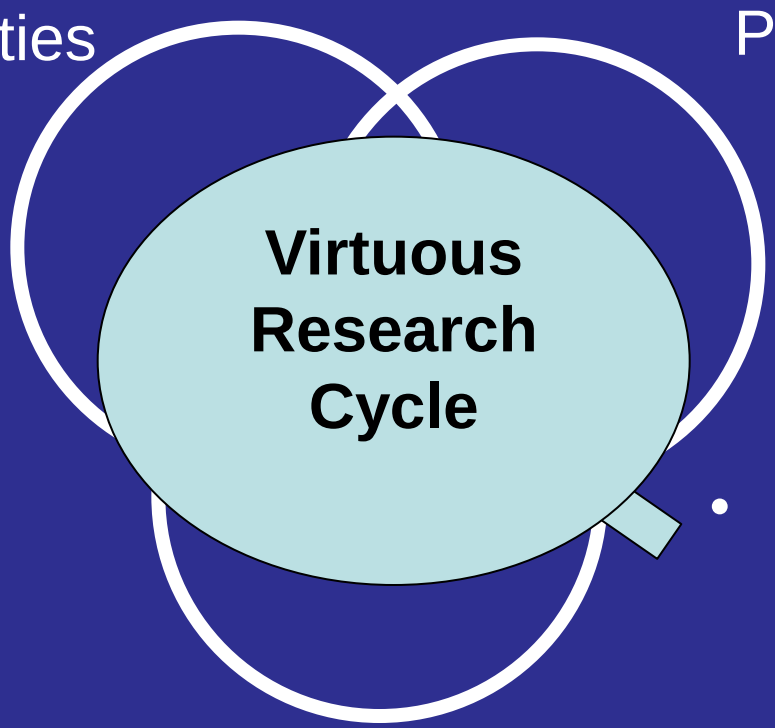

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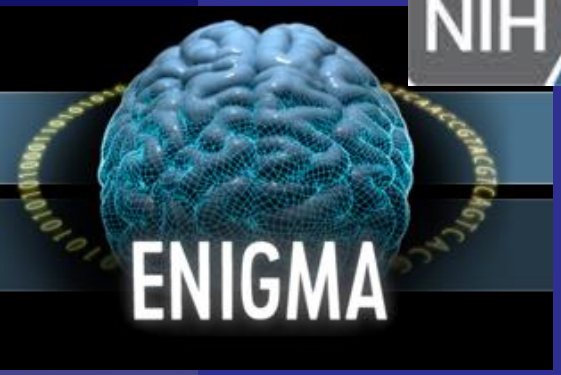
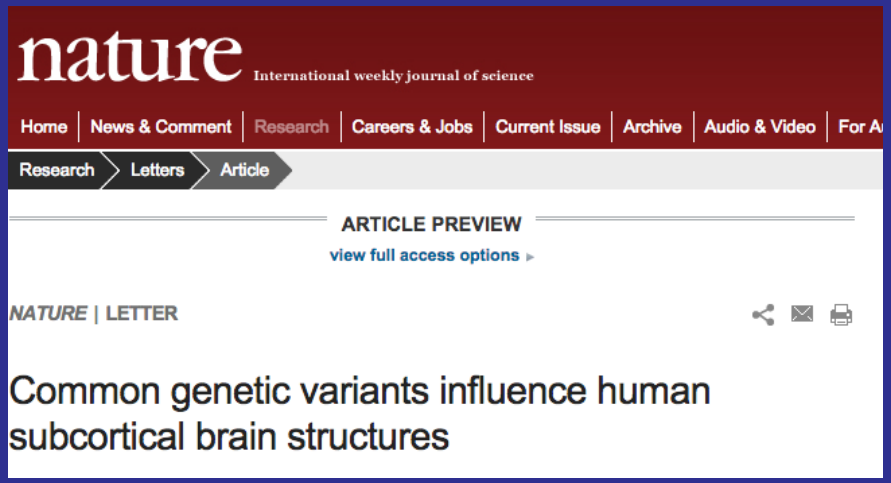


NIH Big Data to Knowledge (BD2K)



- Big Data: The study involved MRI images & GWAS data from over 30,000 people
- Collaboration: Data came from many different sights affiliated with the ENIGMA consortium
- Methods: To homogenize data from different sites, the group designed standardized protocols for image analysis, quality assessment, genetic imputation, and association

- Found five novel genetic variants
- Results provided insight into the variability of brain development, and may be applied to study of neuropsychiatric dysfunction

NIH

- Community – Enigma, BD2K
- Policy
  - Improved consent methods
  - Cloud accessibility for human subjects data
  - Trusted partners
  - Data sharing
- Infrastructure
  - Standards, compute resources, software

Communities: Thus Far

- Visioning workshop convened 9/3/14
- Launched BD2K ($32M)
  - 12 Centers of data excellence
  - Data Discovery Index Coordination Consortium (DDICC)
  - Training awards
- First successful consortia meeting 11/3-4
- Workshops to inform future funding
  - Software indexing and discoverability
  - Gaming

Communities: 2015 Activities

- New FOAs with outreach to new communities – math, stats, comp science etc.
- Work with e.g GA4GH, RDA, FORCE11, NDS ….
- IDEAS lab with NSF
- Competition with international funders
- Software carpentry, hackathons, Pi Day

Communities: Questions?

- Societies of the modern age?
- How to enable these groups?
- How to marry the funding of individuals with the funding of communities?

Policies: Now & Forthcoming

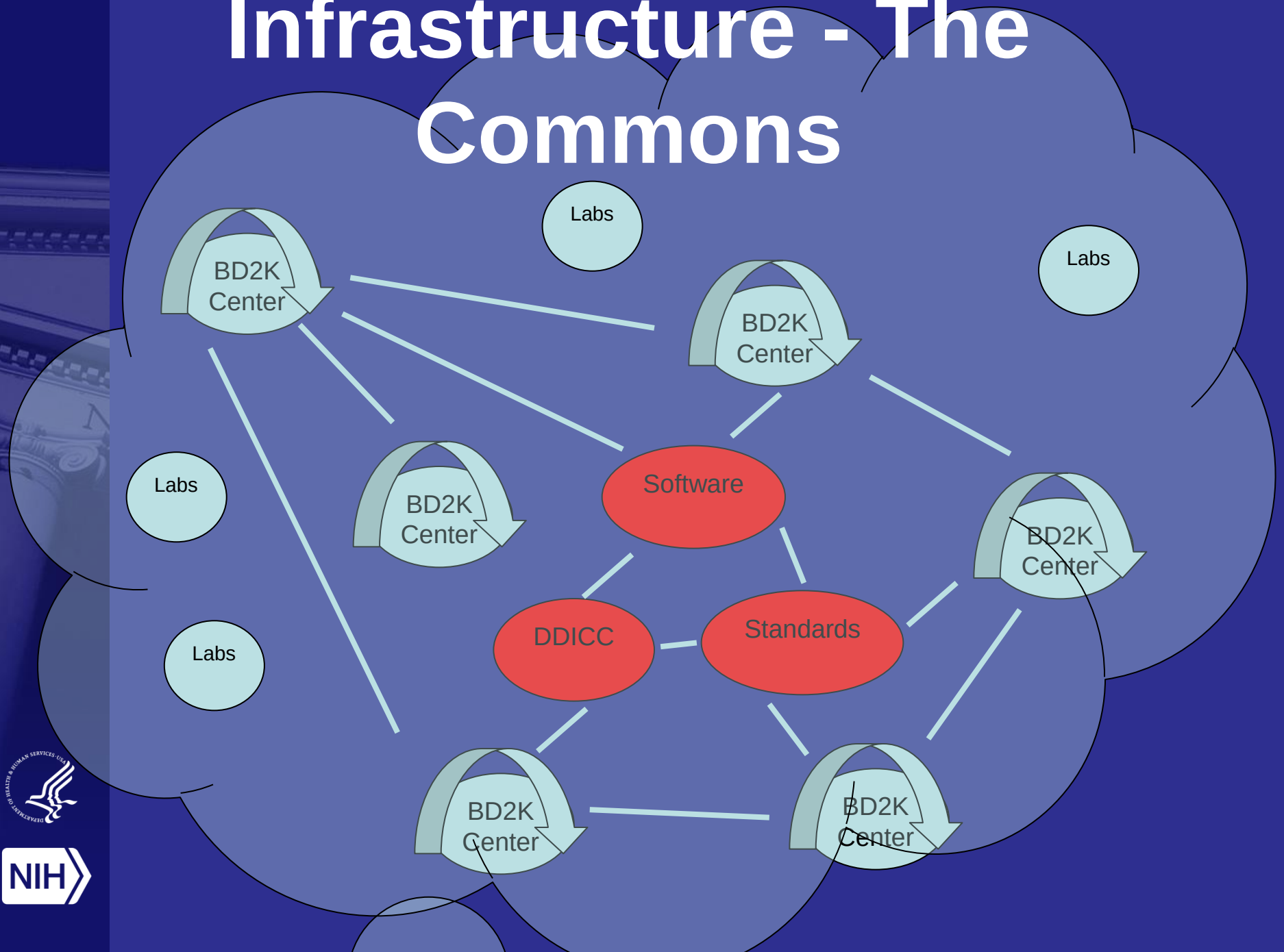
- Data Sharing
  - Genomic data sharing announced
  - Data sharing plans on all research awards
  - Data sharing plan enforcement
    - Machine readable plan
    - Repository requirements to include grant numbers

http://www.nih.gov/news/health/aug2014/od-27.htm

Policies - Forthcoming

- Data Citation
  - Goal: legitimize data as a form of scholarship
  - Process:
    - Machine readable standard for data citation (done)
    - Endorsement of data citation for inclusion in NIH bib sketch, grants, reports, etc.
    - Example formats for human readable data citations
    - Slowly work into NLM/NCBI workflow
- dbGaP in the cloud (done!)

Infrastructure - The Commons



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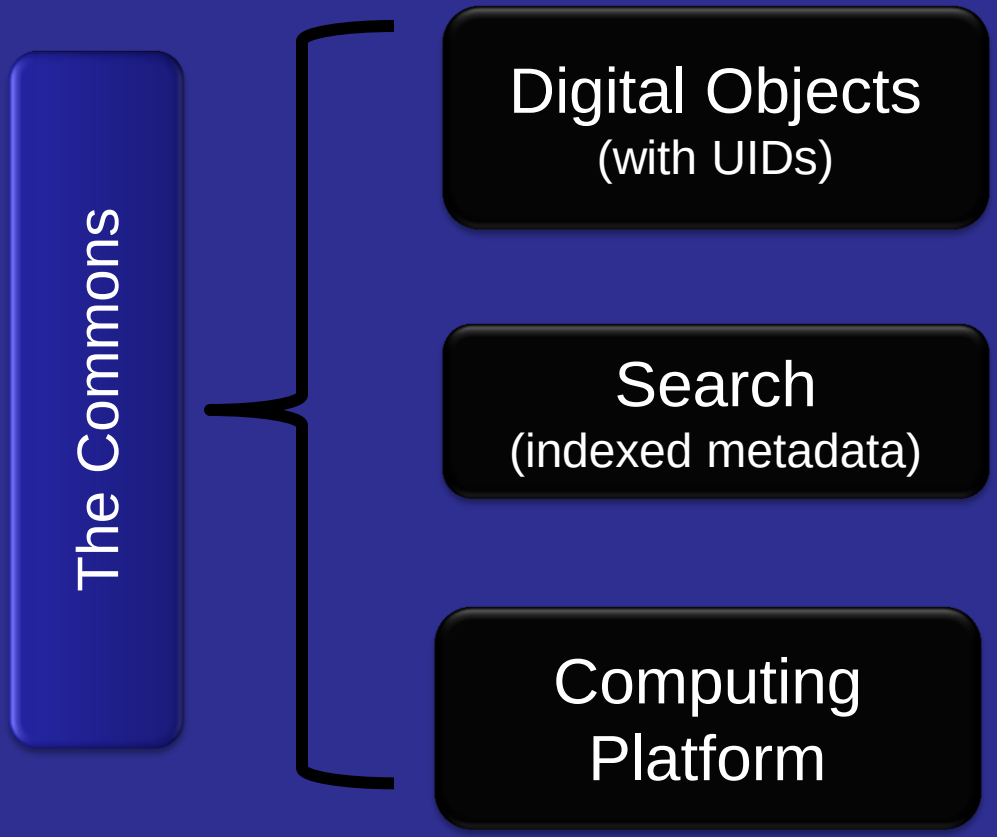

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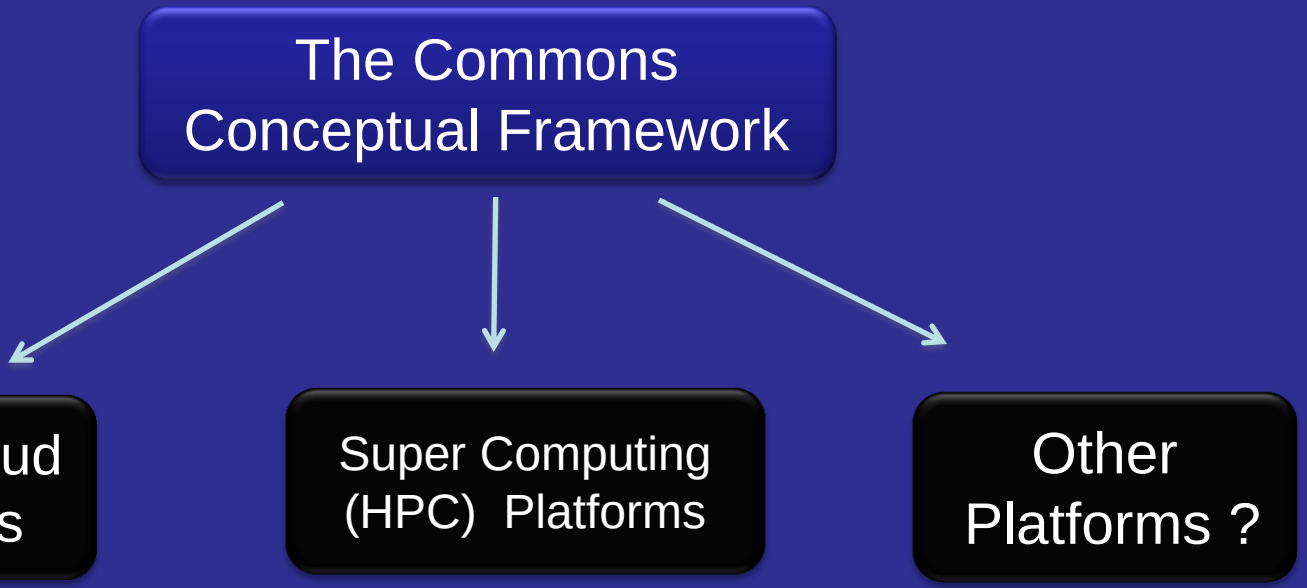
The Commons: Compute Platforms

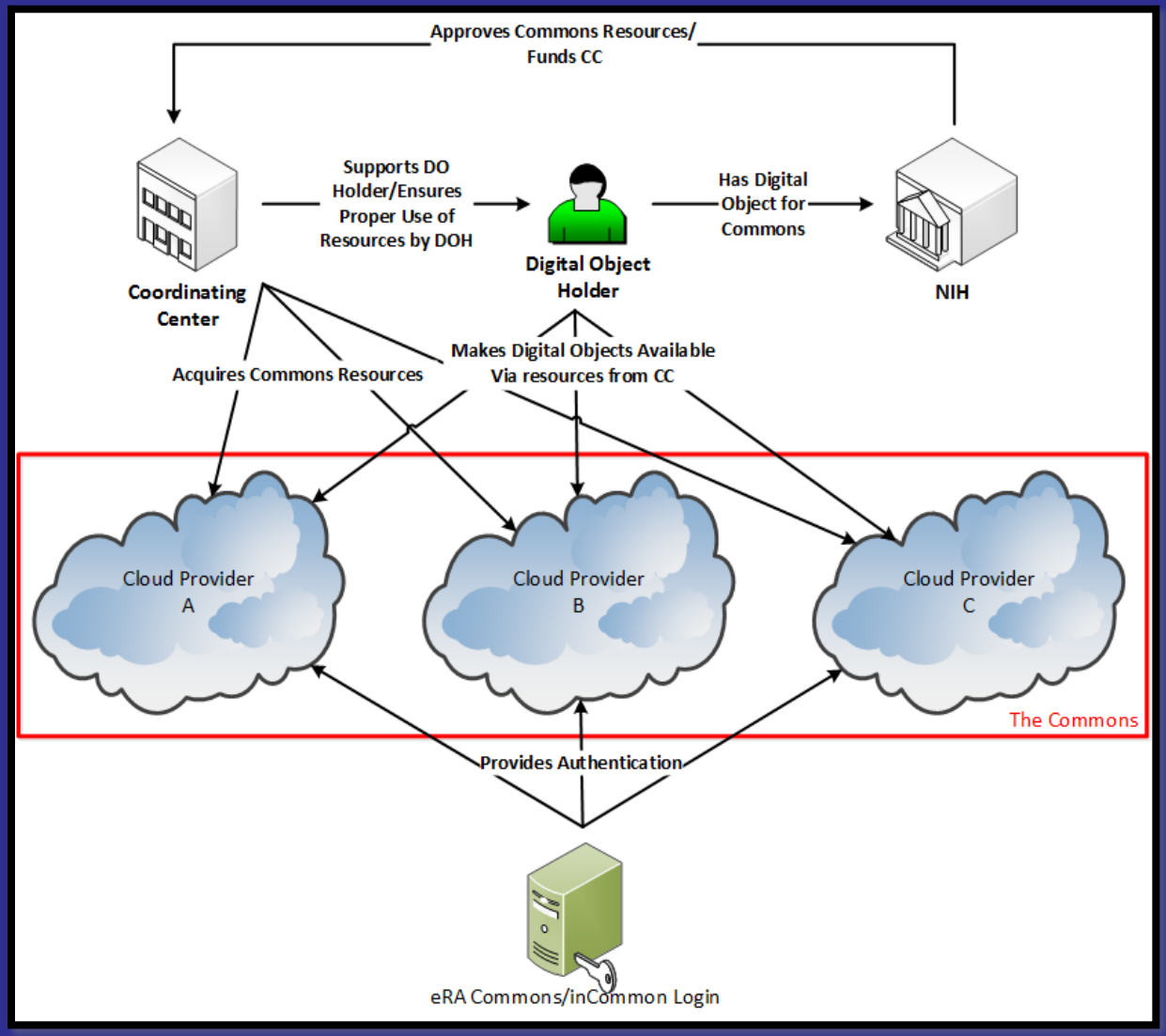


- Google, AWS (Amazon)
- Microsoft (Azure), IBM, other?

- Traditionally low access by NIH

- In house compute solutions
- Private clouds, HPC
  - Pharma
  - The Broad
  - Bionimbus

The Commons:
Business Model



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Infrastructure: Standards

- 2013 Workshop on Frameworks for Community-Based Standards
- August 2014 Input on Information Resources for Data-Related Standards Widely Used in Biomedical Science – 30 responses
- Feb 2015 Workshop Community-based Data and Metadata Standards
- Internal CDE Registry project

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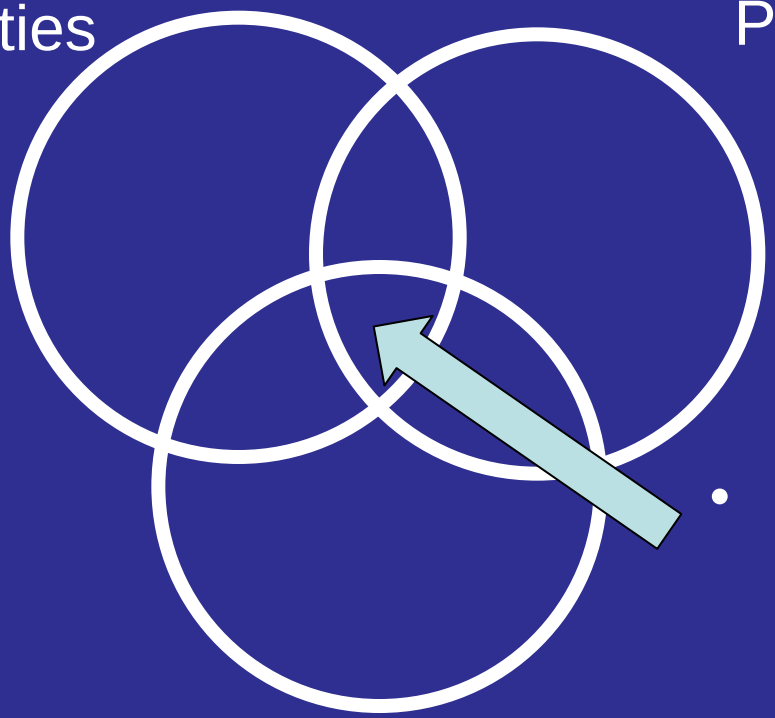

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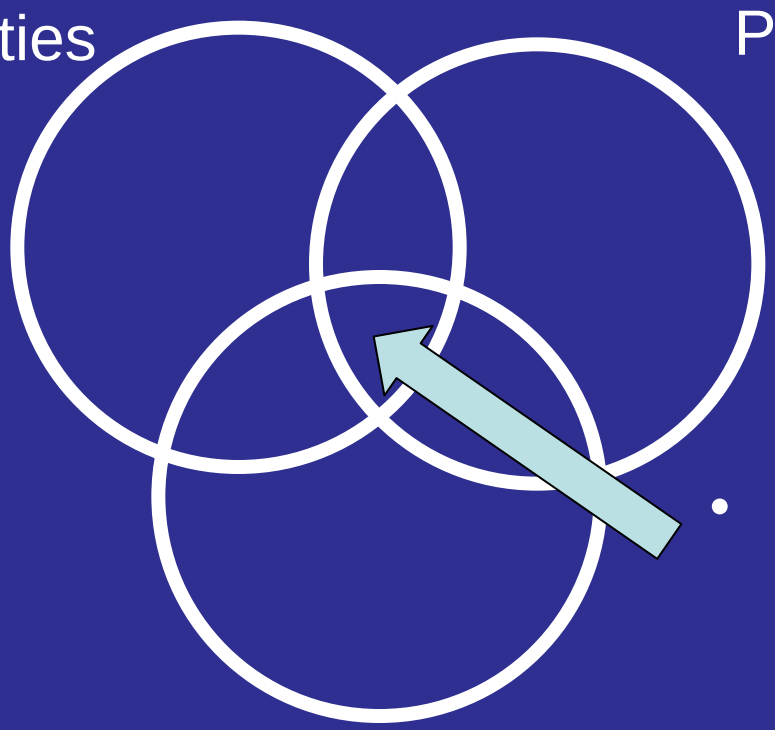

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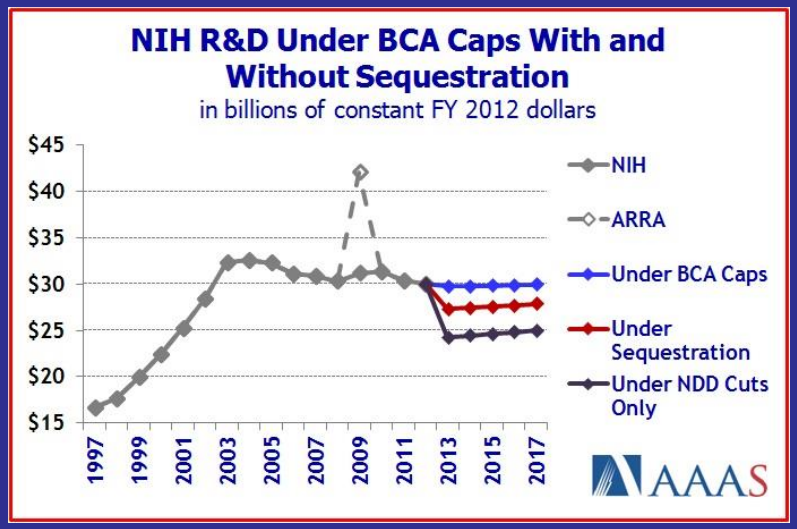
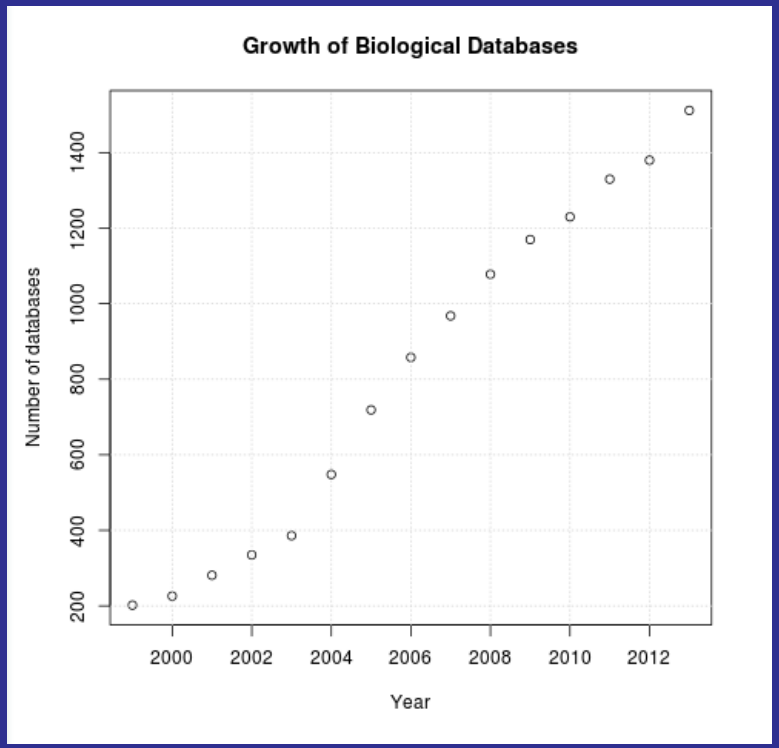
Sustainability 101





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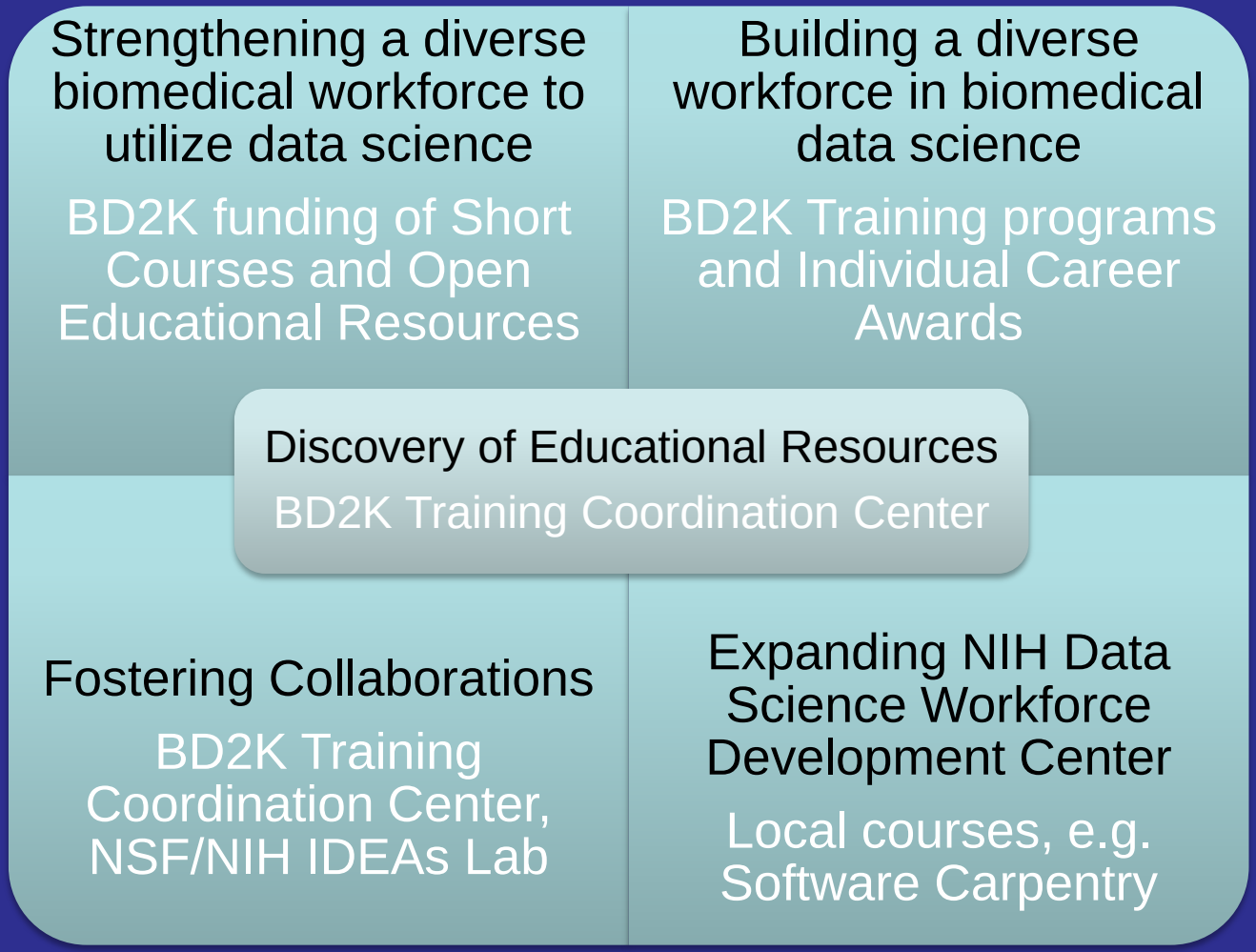
Workforce Training

Goal: To strengthen the ability of a diverse biomedical workforce to develop and benefit from data science



I not only use all the brains I have, but all I can borrow.

– Woodrow Wilson

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