

# Big Data: An NIH Perspective

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# Big Data Challenges in the Life Sciences ...

*This speaks to something more fundamental than more data ...*

*It speaks to new methodologies, new skills, new emphasis, new cultures, new modes of discovery ...*

*New types of funding*



# Conversation Cards

- A brief historical perspective
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- NIH initiatives in this landscape
  - Big Data to Knowledge (BD2K)
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# Laying the Foundation for Open Access: HGP, Bermuda, 1996

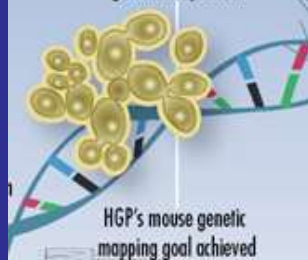
1996

First human gene map established

Pilot projects for  
human genome  
sequencing begin in U.S.

First archaeal  
genome sequenced

Yeast (*S. cerevisiae*)  
genome sequenced



HGP's mouse genetic  
mapping goal achieved



Bermuda principles for  
rapid and open data release established



HUMAN GENOMIC SEQUENCE GENERATED  
BY LARGE SCALE CENTRES

## RELEASE

- Automatic release of sequence assemblies >1k's (nearly daily)
- Immediate submission of finished annotated sequence

and in the public domain

- Aim to have all sequence freely available for both research and development, in order to maximise its benefit to society.

## POLICY

- The funding agencies are urged to foster these policies

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# The History of Computational Biomedicine According to Bourne

Searls (ed) The Roots in Bioinformatics Series *PLOS Comp Biol*

1980s

1990s

2000s

2010s

2020

Discipline:

Unknown

Expt. Driven

Emergent

Over-sold

A Service

A Partner

A *Driver*

The Raw Material:

Non-existent

Limited /Poor

More/Ontologies

Big Data/Siloed

Open/Integrated

The People:

No name

Technicians

Industry recognition

data scientists

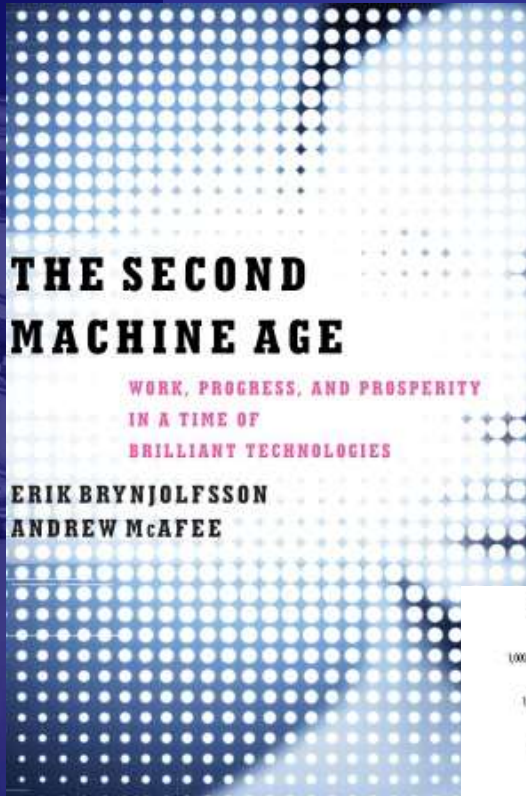
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**What could happen in the  
future?**

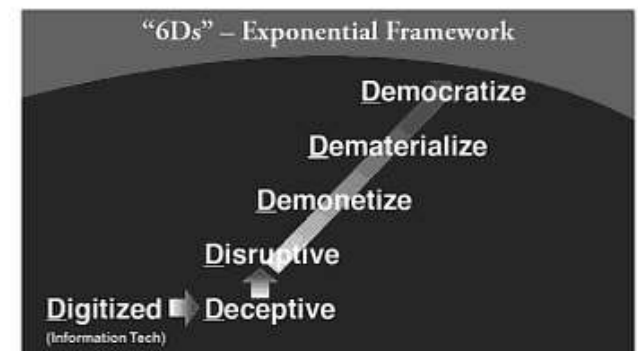
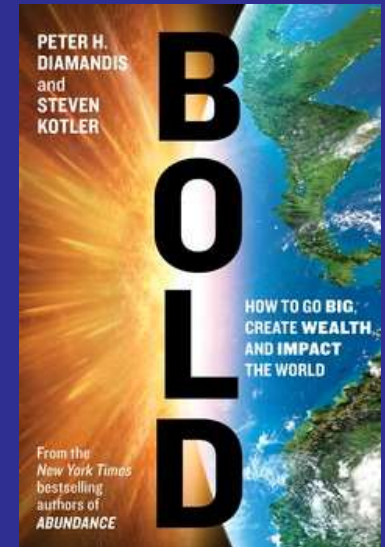
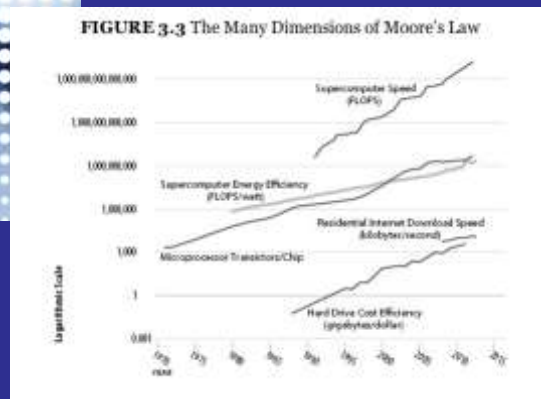




# We are at a Point of Deception ...



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



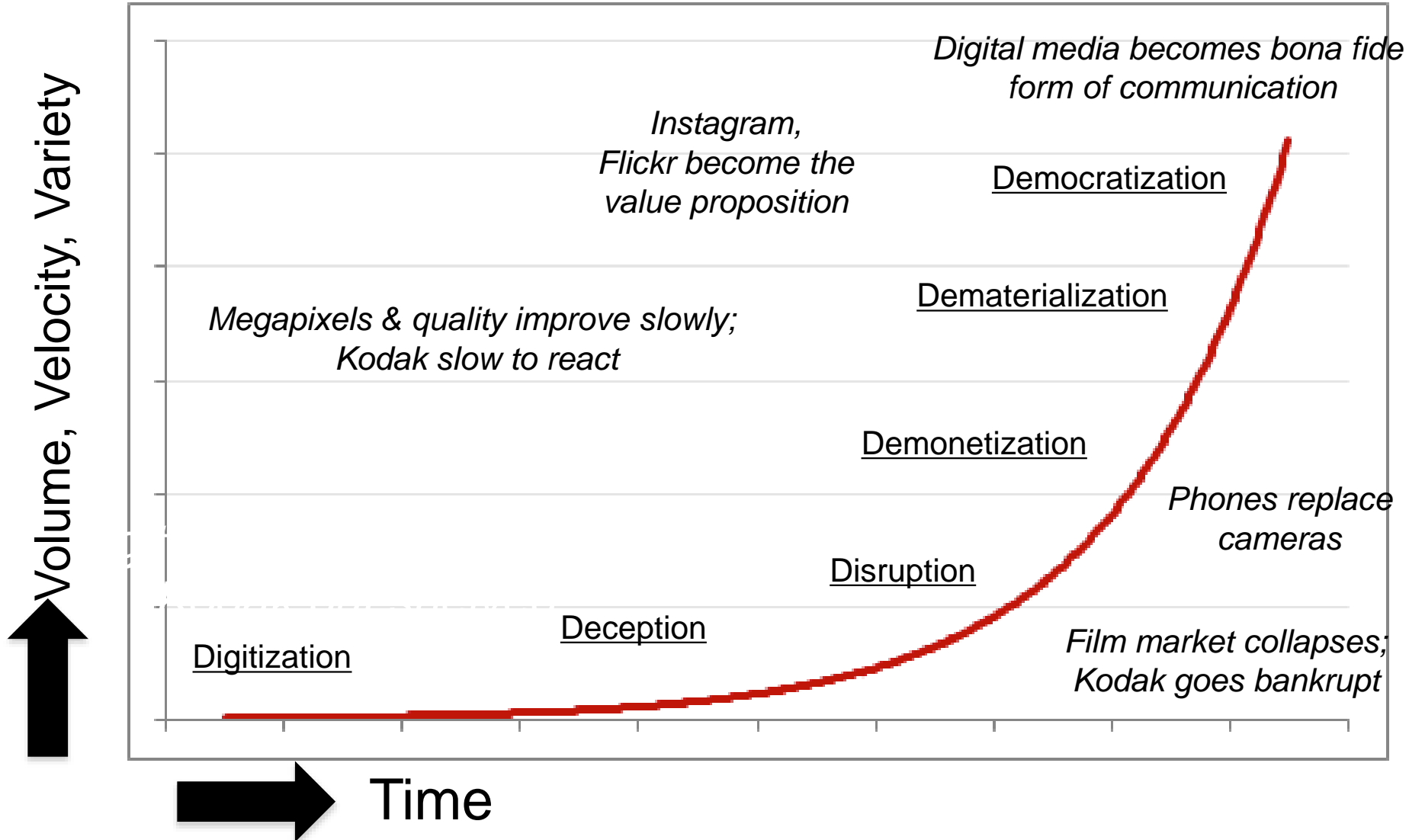
The 6 Ds of Exponentials: Digitalization, Deception, Disruption, Demonetization, Dematerialization, and Democratization

Source: Peter H. Diamandis, [www.abundancehub.com](http://www.abundancehub.com)



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

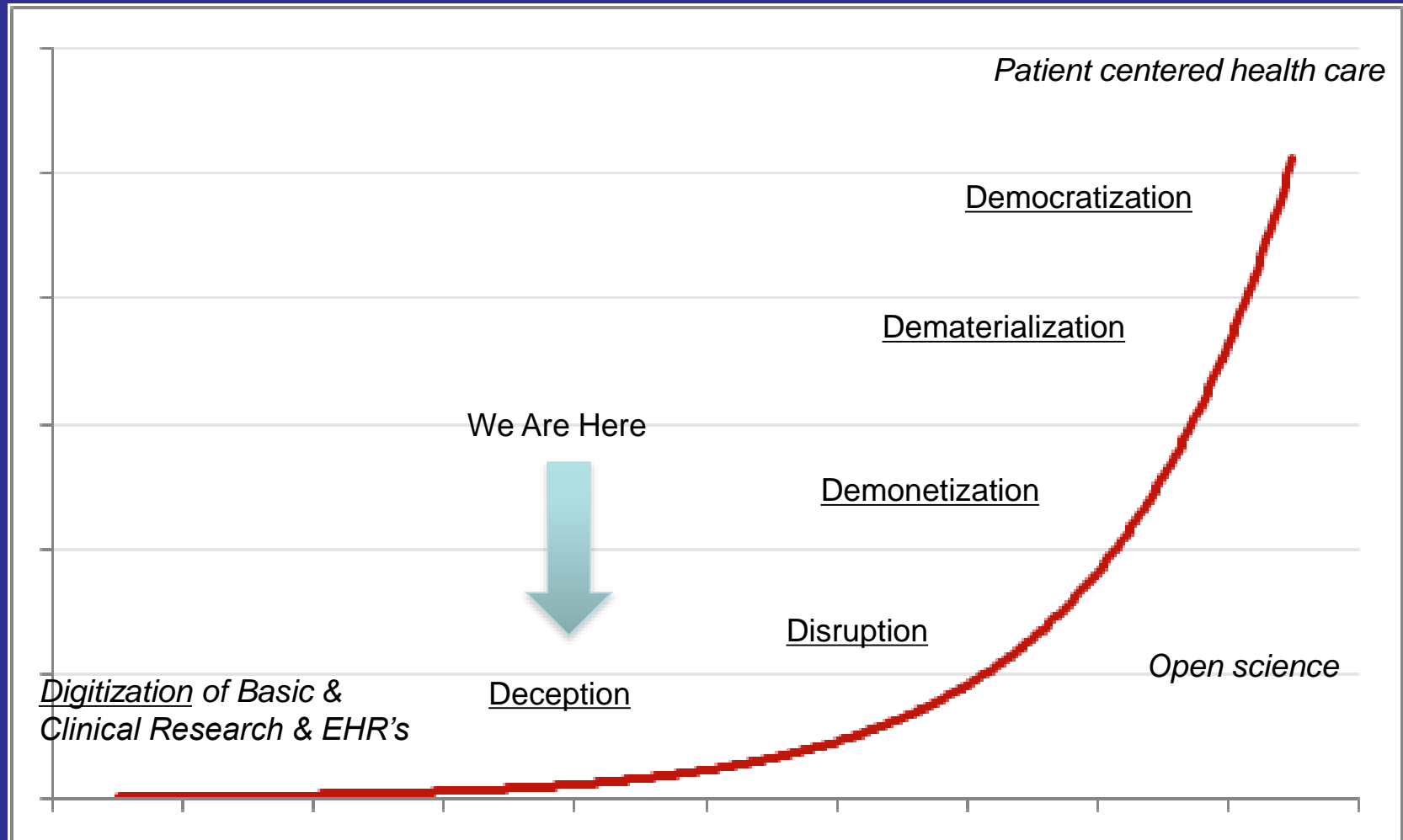
# Example - Photography





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## The 6D Exponential Framework



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“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

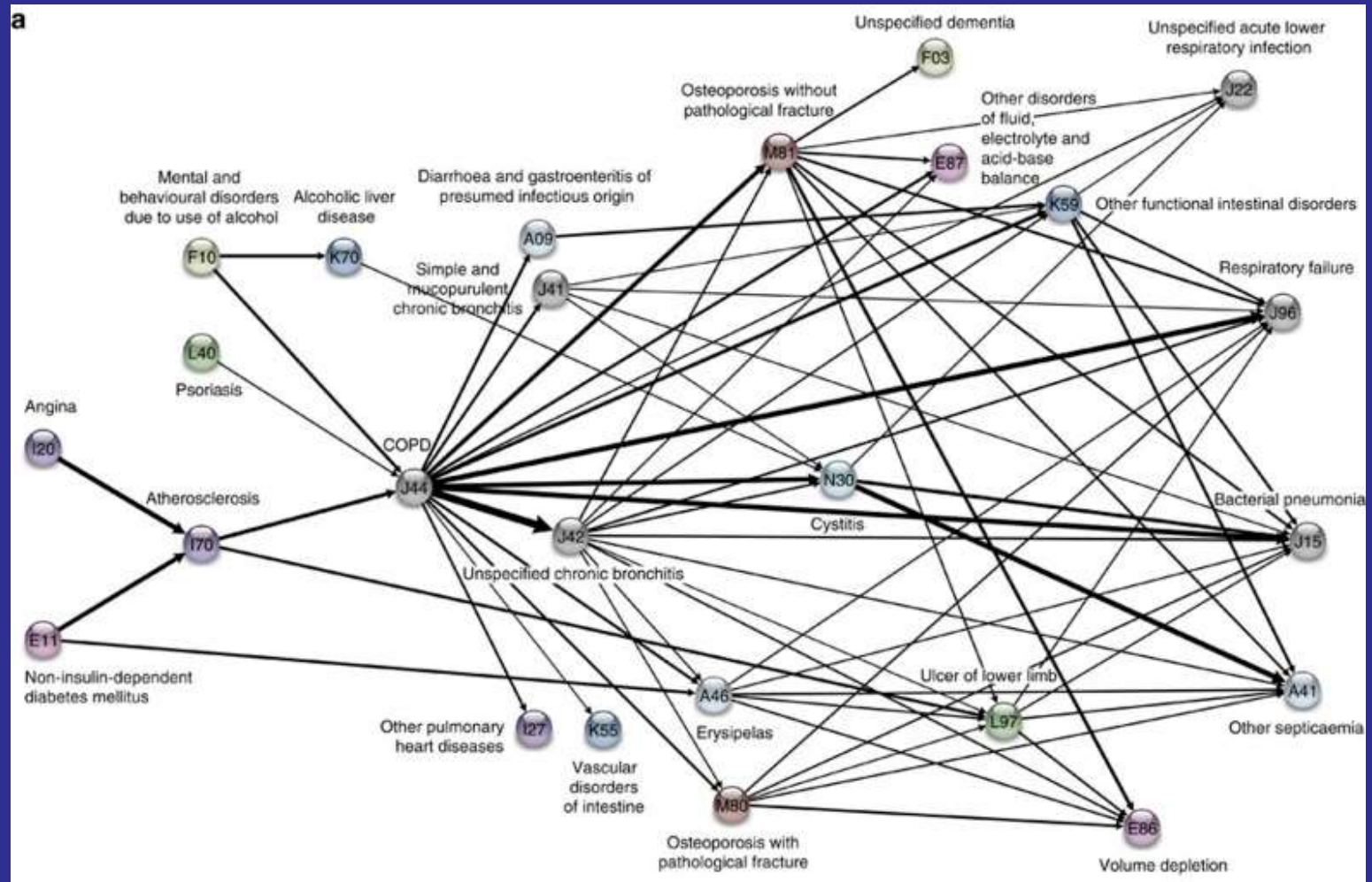


# Precision Medicine Initiative

- **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





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# What is the NIH Doing to Fulfill That Promise?



# ADDs Mission Statement



To foster an open ecosystem that enables biomedical\* research to be conducted as a digital enterprise that *enhances health, lengthens life and reduces illness and disability*



*\* Includes biological, biomedical, behavioral, social, environmental, and clinical studies that relate to understanding health and disease.*

# Center of Excellence for Mobile Sensor Data-to-Knowledge (MD2K)

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Professor & Moss Chair of Excellence in Computer Science  
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<https://datascience.nih.gov/bd2k/funded-programs/centers>



# MD2K Applications – CHF and Smoking

Detect



Predict



Adapt



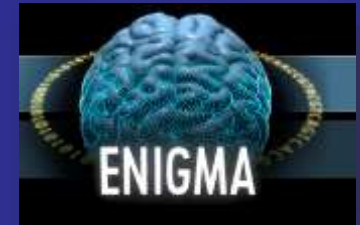
# Example: BD2K Center

## *Working Across Strategic Areas*

### Strategic Areas

**Sustainability**

Research Objects in the Commons

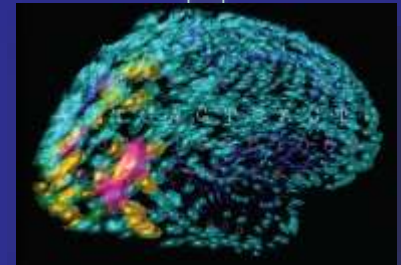


**Workforce Development & Diversity**

Over 100 Public Lectures  
Collaboration with a Minority Institution

**Discovery & Innovation**

Voxel Wide Genome Scanning  
MRI standardization

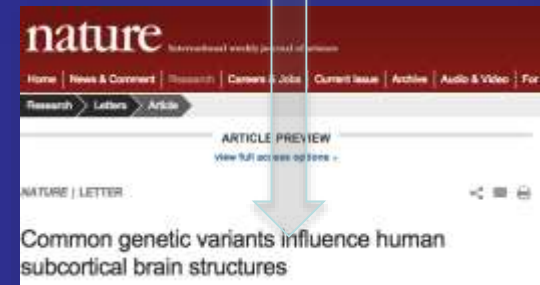


**Policy & Process**

Genomic Data Sharing  
Policy

**Leadership**

185 Institutions Involved

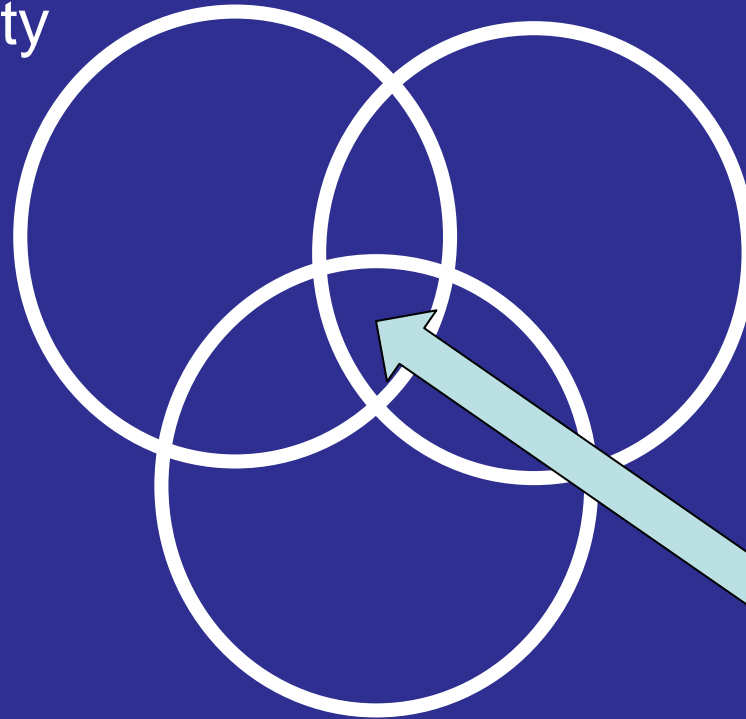




# Elements of The Ecosystem

Community

Policy

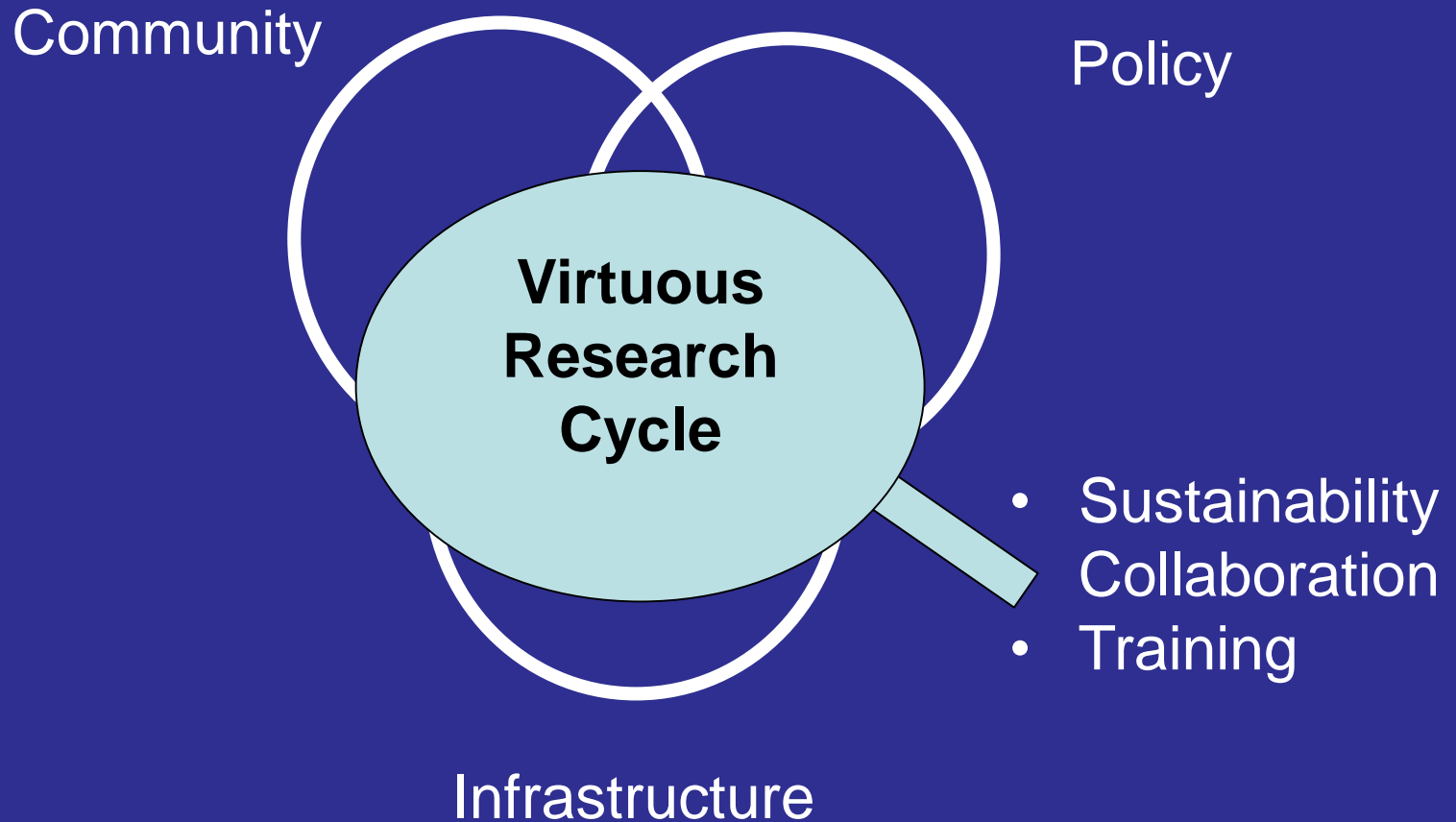


- Sustainability
- Collaboration
- Training

Infrastructure



# Elements of The Ecosystem



# 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>

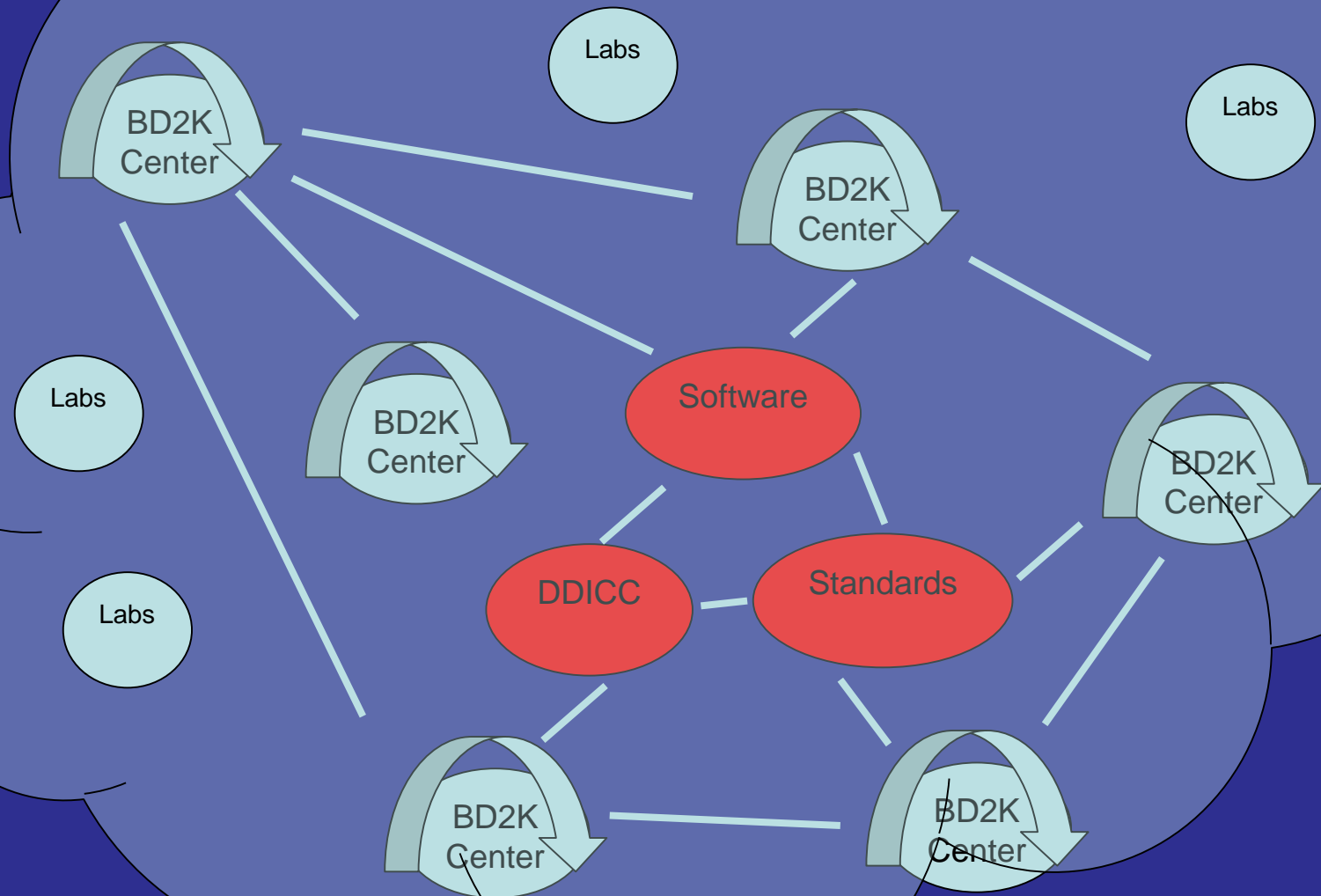
# Policies - Forthcoming

## ■ Data Citation

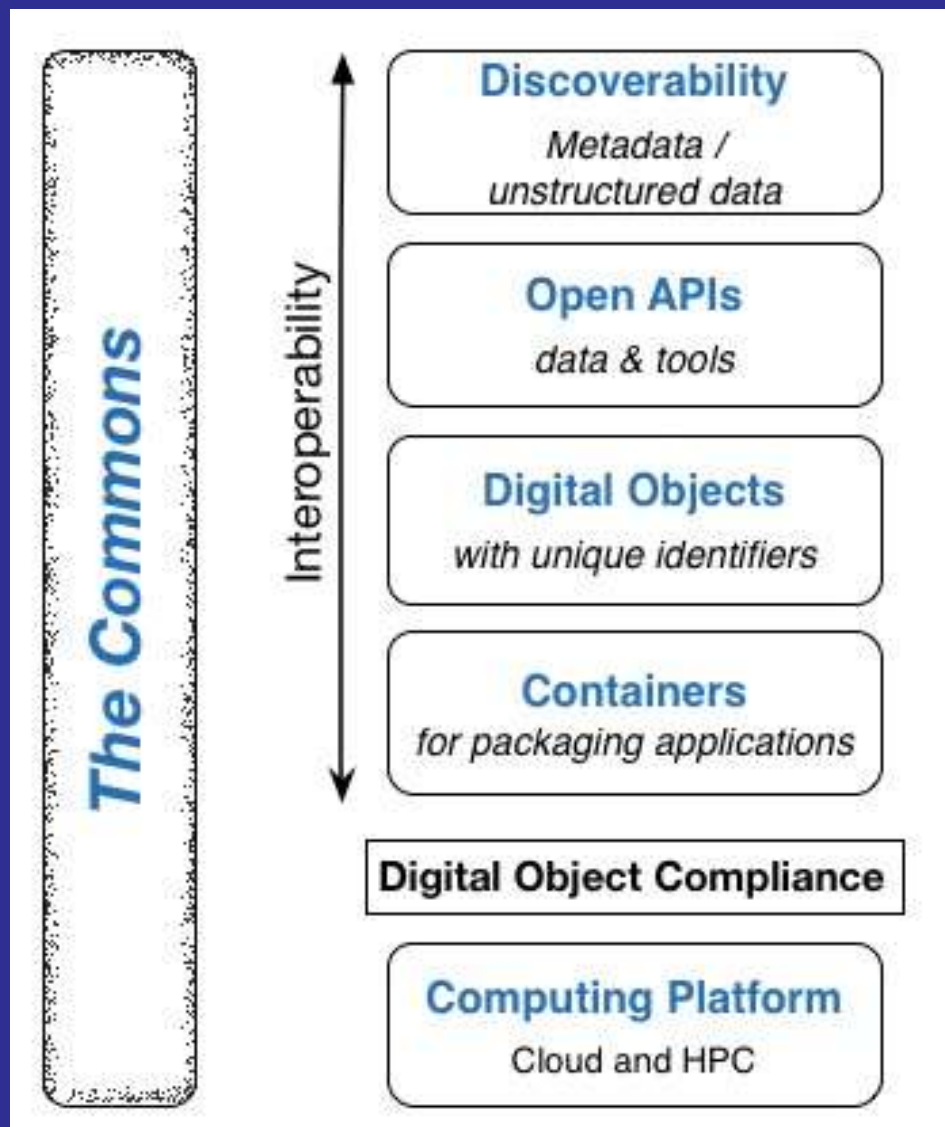
- Goal: legitimize data as a form of scholarship
- Process:
  - Machine readable standard for data citation (done)
  - Endorsement of data citation for inclusion in NIH bib sketch, grants, reports, etc.
  - Example formats for human readable data citations
  - Slowly work into NLM/NCBI workflow



# Infrastructure - The Commons



# The Commons: Components





# The Commons

## *Digital Object Compliance: FAIR*

- **Attributes of digital objects in the Commons**
- **Initial Phase**
  - Unique digital object identifiers of some type
  - A minimal set of searchable metadata
  - Physically available in a cloud based *Commons* provider
  - Clear access rules (especially important for human subjects data)
  - An entry (with metadata) in one or more indices
- **Future Phases**
  - Standard, community based unique digital object identifiers
  - Conform to community approved standard metadata for enhanced searching
  - Digital objects accessible via open standard APIs
  - Are physically and logical available to the commons



# The Commons: Evaluation Pilots Underway

Evaluation Criteria	Pilot
Implementation	BD2K Centers
Interoperability	Model organism databases
Computation on Big Data	HMP data and tools in the cloud
Multi-cloud accessibility	NCI cloud pilots & genomic data commons
Business model	Supply and demand via credits



# A Quick Word on Training....



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

Strengthening a diverse biomedical workforce to utilize data science

BD2K funding of Short Courses and Open Educational Resources

Building a diverse workforce in biomedical data science

BD2K Training programs and Individual Career Awards

Discovery of Educational Resources  
BD2K Training Coordination Center

Fostering Collaborations

BD2K Training Coordination Center, NSF/NIH IDEAs Lab

Expanding NIH Data Science Workforce Development Center

Local courses, e.g. Software Carpentry



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

— **Woodrow Wilson**



# The Team







# NIH...

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## Turning Discovery Into Health

