



Emergent Futures

Riel Miller Time, Economy and the Body - Beyond Health

“The straight warp of necessity, not to be swerved from its ultimate course – its every alternating vibration, indeed, only tending to that; free will still free to ply her shuttle between given threads; and chance, though restrained in its play within the right lines of necessity, and sideways in its motions directed by free will, though thus prescribed to by both, chance by turns rules either, and has the last featuring blow at events.”

This time around it isn't what
kind of future we can
imagine, but how we
imagine the future.



Time

- Seconds, minutes, days, weeks, months, years, generations, millennia... moons, seasons ...
- Clock, church bell, wrist watch, factory whistle
- Work week, weekend, holiday...
- Pace of the day, stress...
- Time horizon of what we think matters: a meeting, a



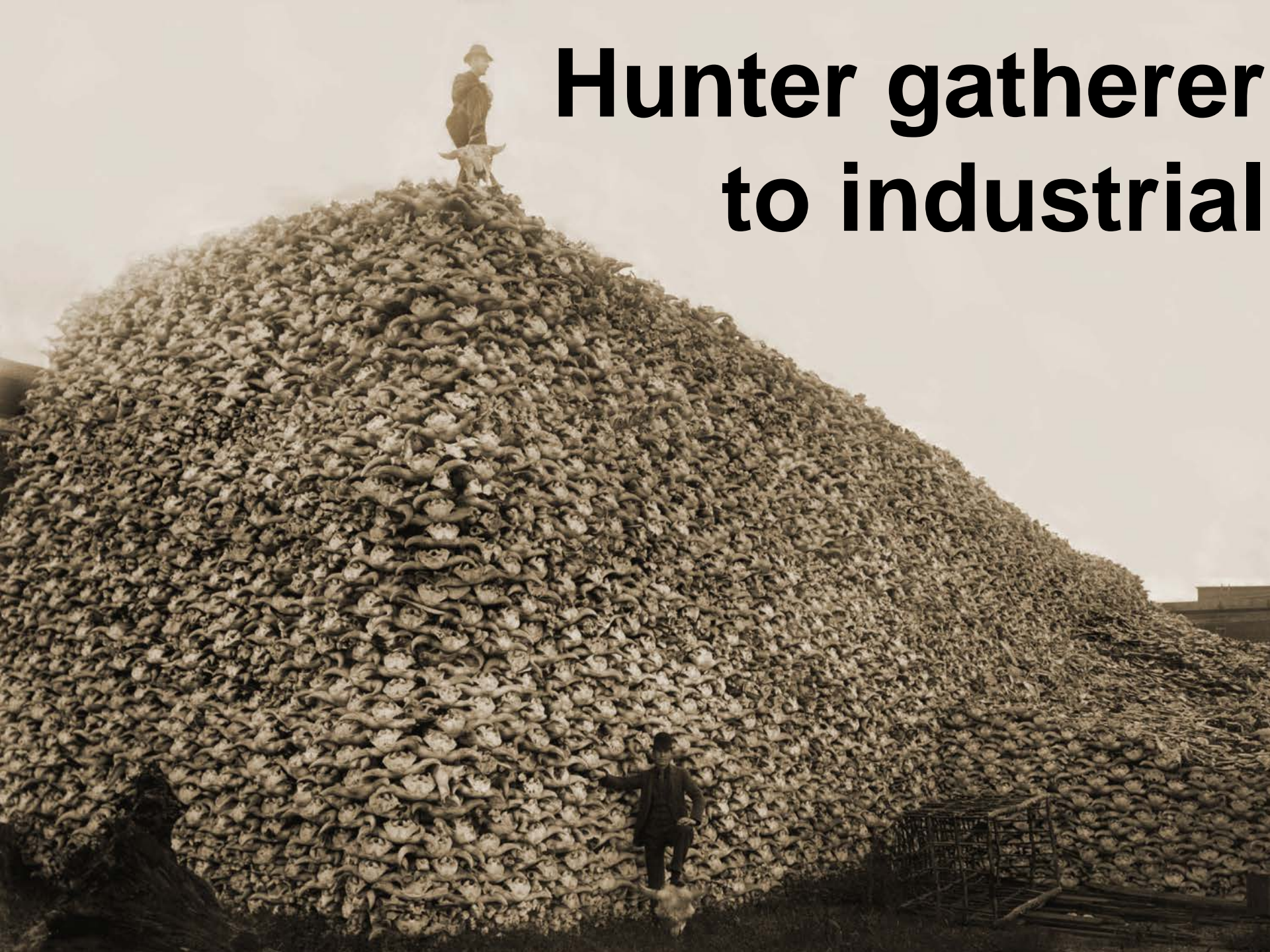
definition of time evolved ... at 5:30 in the morning the oxen have gone to the grazing ground, at 6 the sheep have been unfastened... In Madagascar time might be measured by 'cooking rice' (about half an hour) or 'frying a locust' (a moment). The Cross River natives were reported as saying 'the man died in less than the time in which maize is not yet completely roasted' (less than fifteen minutes)" EP



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Subsistence: capacity to withstand unexpected events, to protect and perpetuate the tribe, your children, to “build

Hunter gatherer to industrial



factory
industry
scale
assemblyline
robots
supply
massification
massproduction
services
demand
standardized
industrial
uniform
GNP
specialization
warehouse
line
assembly

Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs



Self-actualization

morality,
creativity,
spontaneity,
problem solving,
lack of prejudice,
acceptance of facts

Esteem

self-esteem, confidence,
achievement, respect of others,
respect by others

Love/belonging

friendship, family, sexual intimacy

Safety

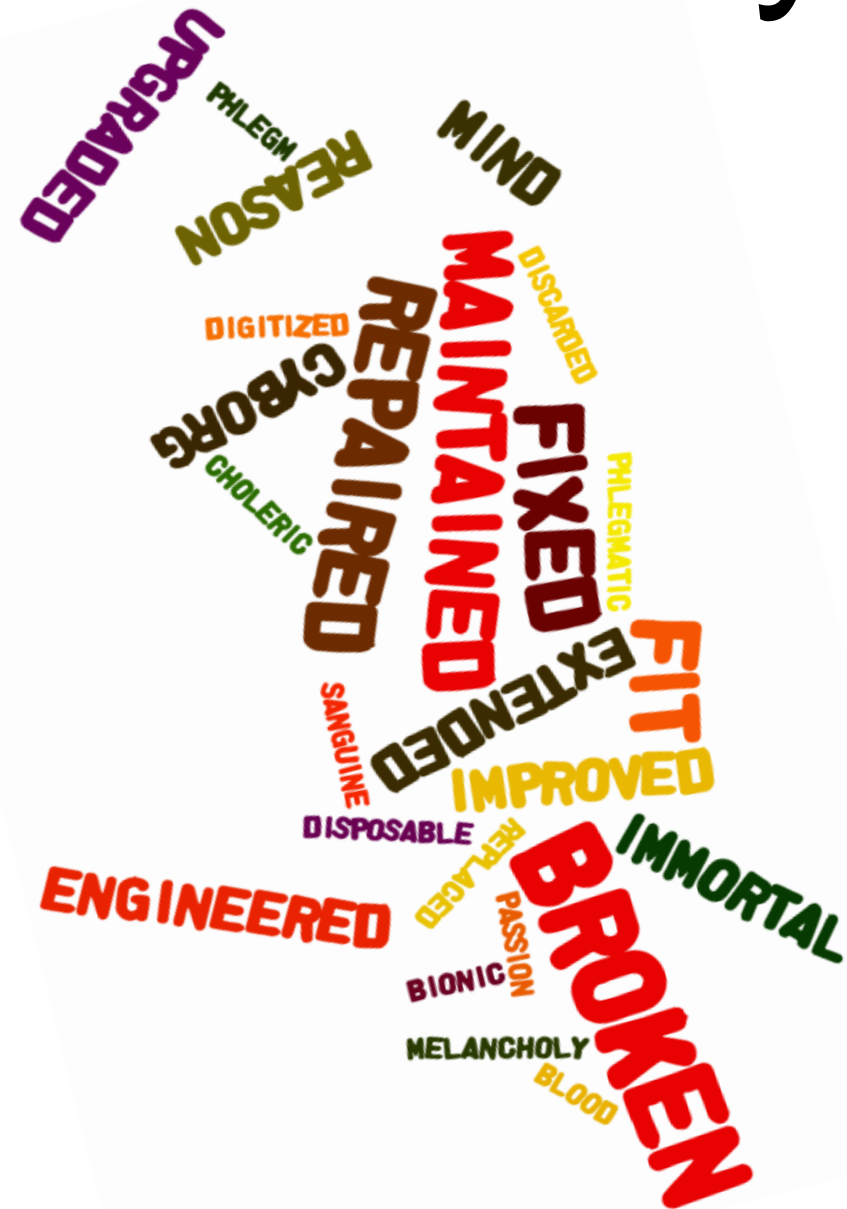
security of: body, employment, resources,
morality, the family, health, property

Physiological

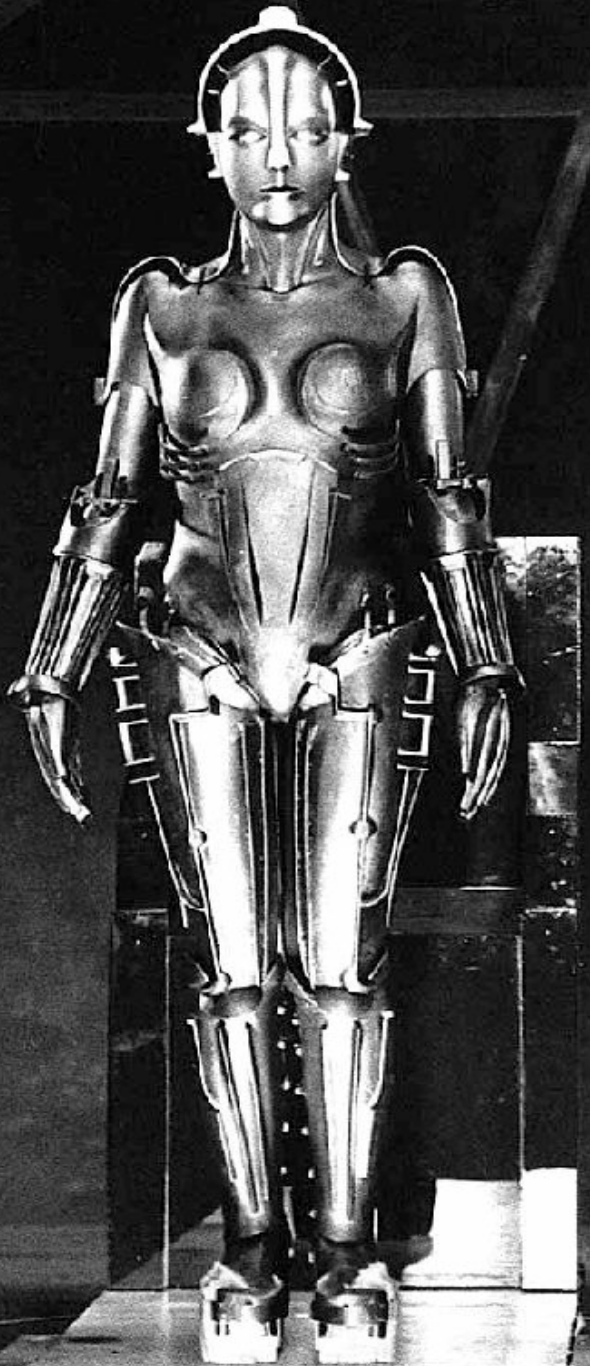
breathing, food, water, sex, sleep, homeostasis, excretion

**How we define
“value”:
creation,
production
of ??????
- useful
for
what?**

The Body



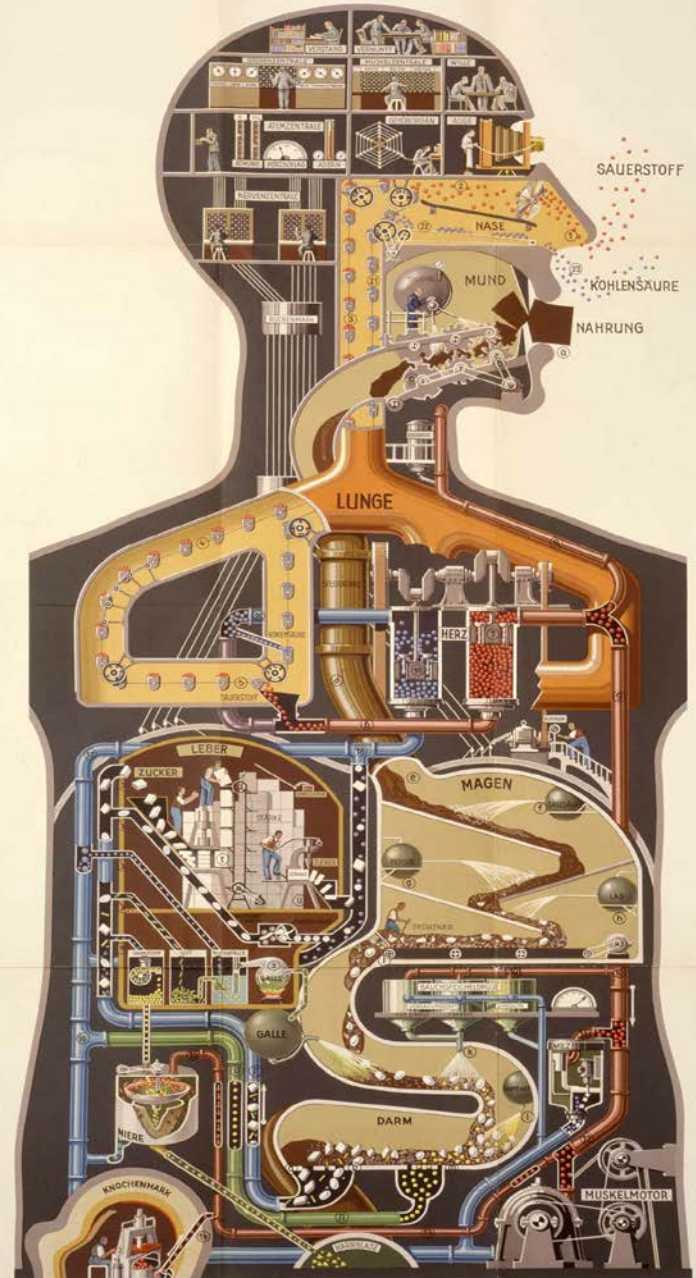
Extrapolation is Easy





Body as
machine

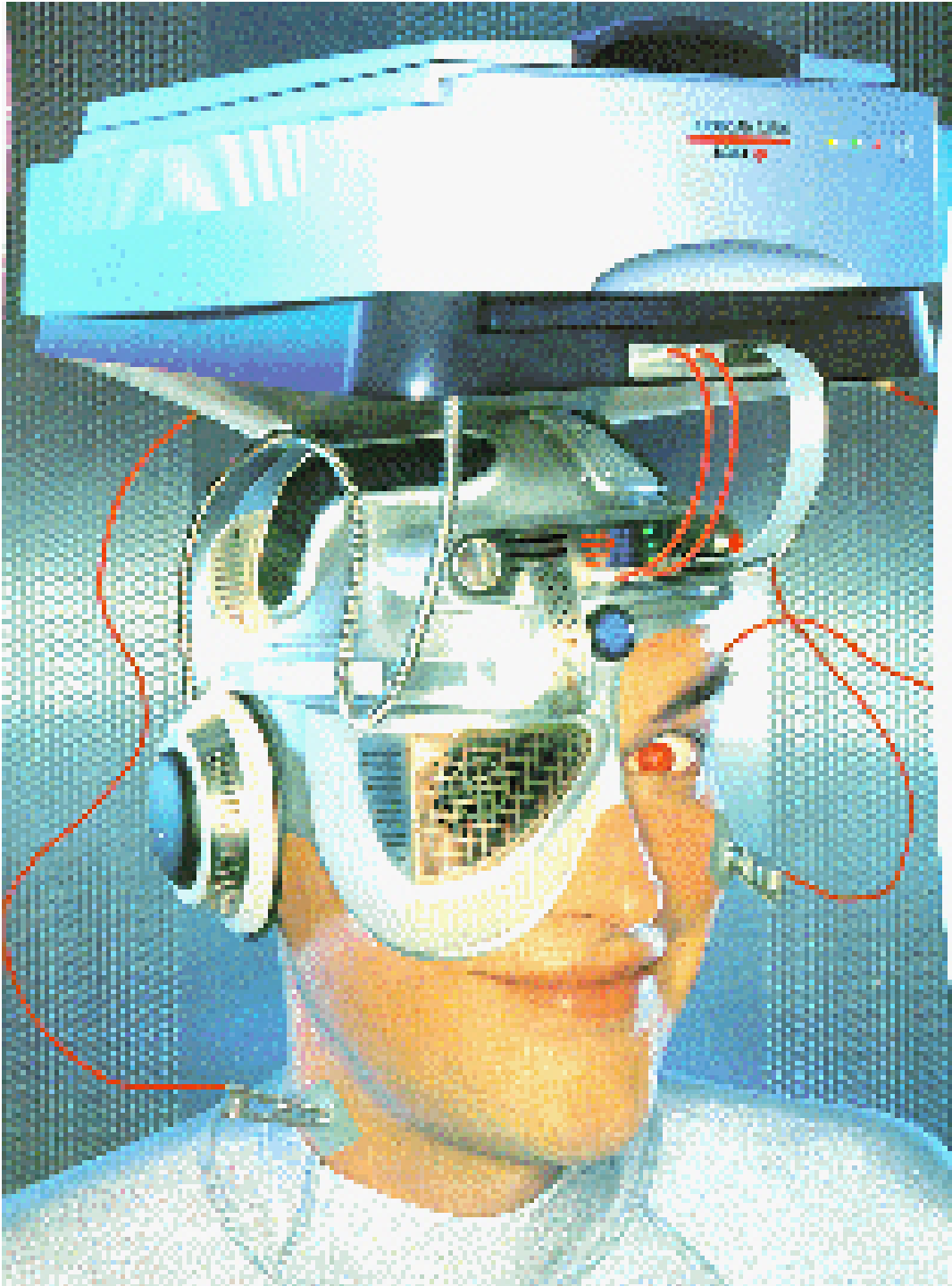
Der Mensch als Industriepalast



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Digital,
Simulated
Data-
mined



Wired!!
Enhanced
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Immortal?

Change in the Conditions of Change

“Imagining the possibility of another way of living together is not a strong point of our world of privatized utopias... The crisis of the Western world ‘consists precisely in the fact that it stopped putting itself in question’. But putting itself in question was the innermost secret of that Western world’s astonishing, unprecedented quest for self-improvement and equally amazing success in the pursuit of that ever more ambitiously set objective.”

Compositional Transformation

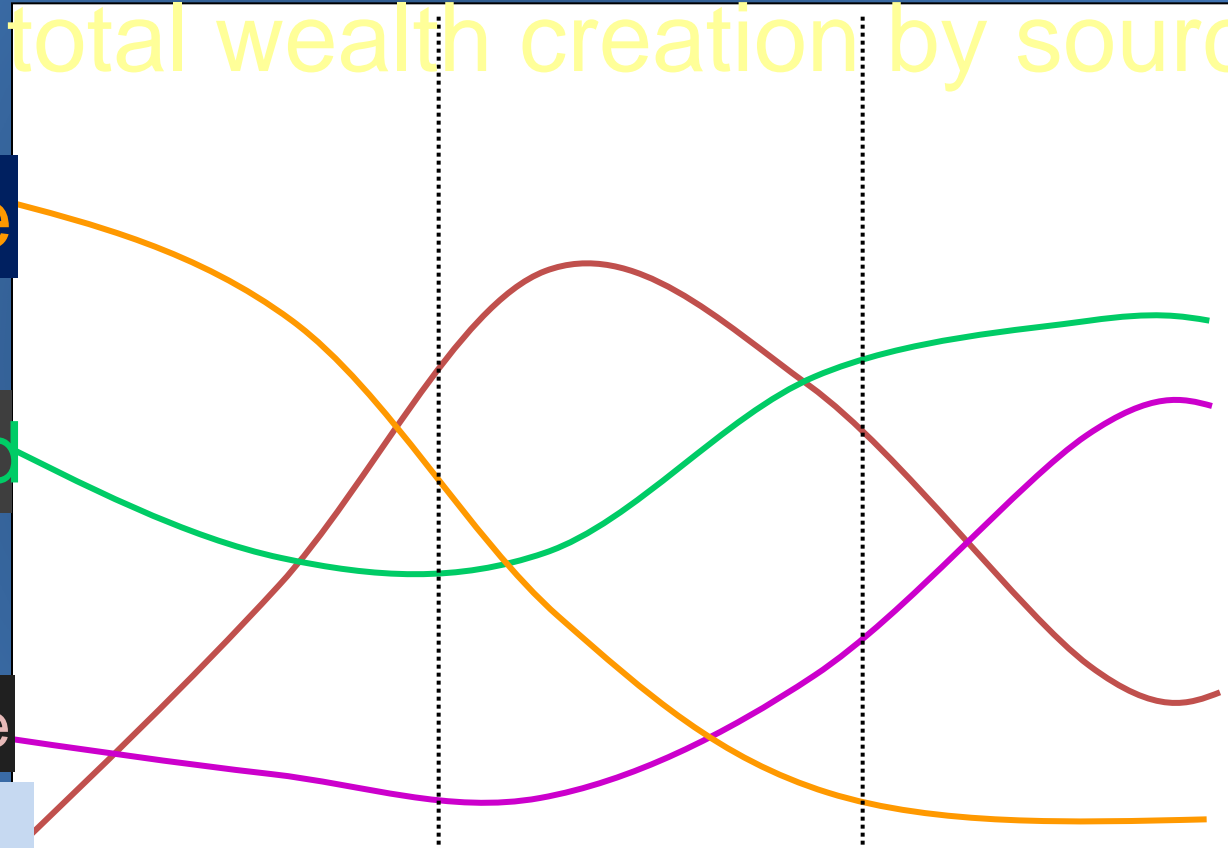
Share of total wealth creation by source

Agriculture

Household

Craft/Creative

Industrial
(goods & services
public & private)



Agriculture
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Industrial
Society

Learning
Intensive

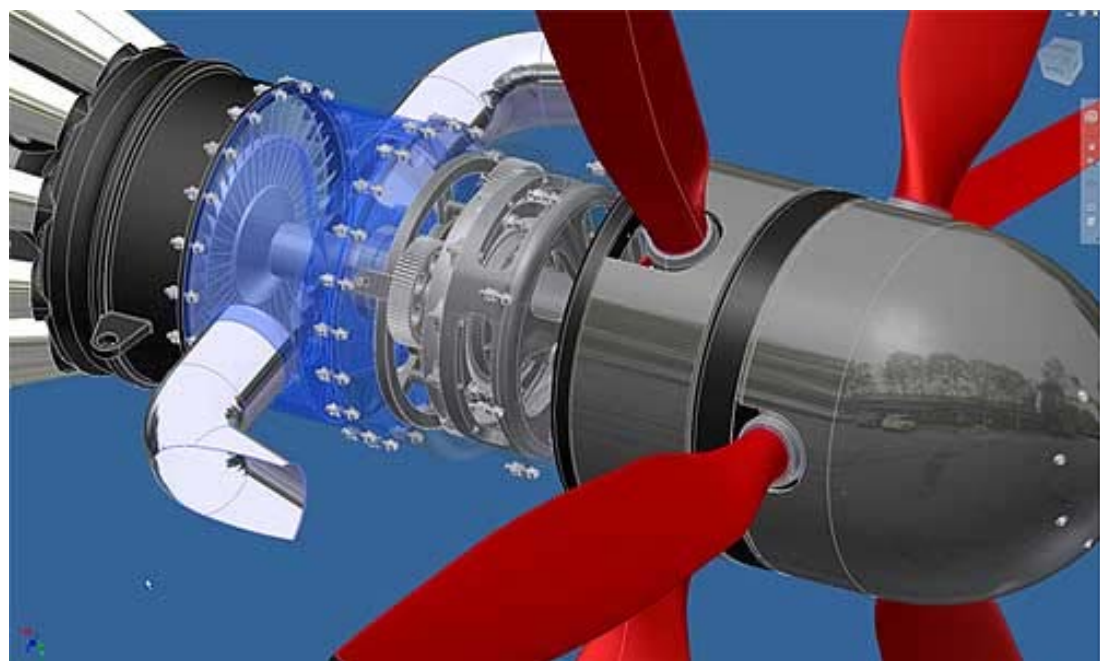
Systemic Economic Transformation: Changes What and How We Produce

- Unique creation – what is value?
- How do we organize value creation?
- Predominant type of economic activity

“Next stage” of market economy –
beyond mass-production and mass-
consumption

Teasing the Imagination: Tools for Unique Creation







First car
produce
d using a
“desk-
top
factory”

Industrial Era Logic Sequential Production Resource (Re)Allocation



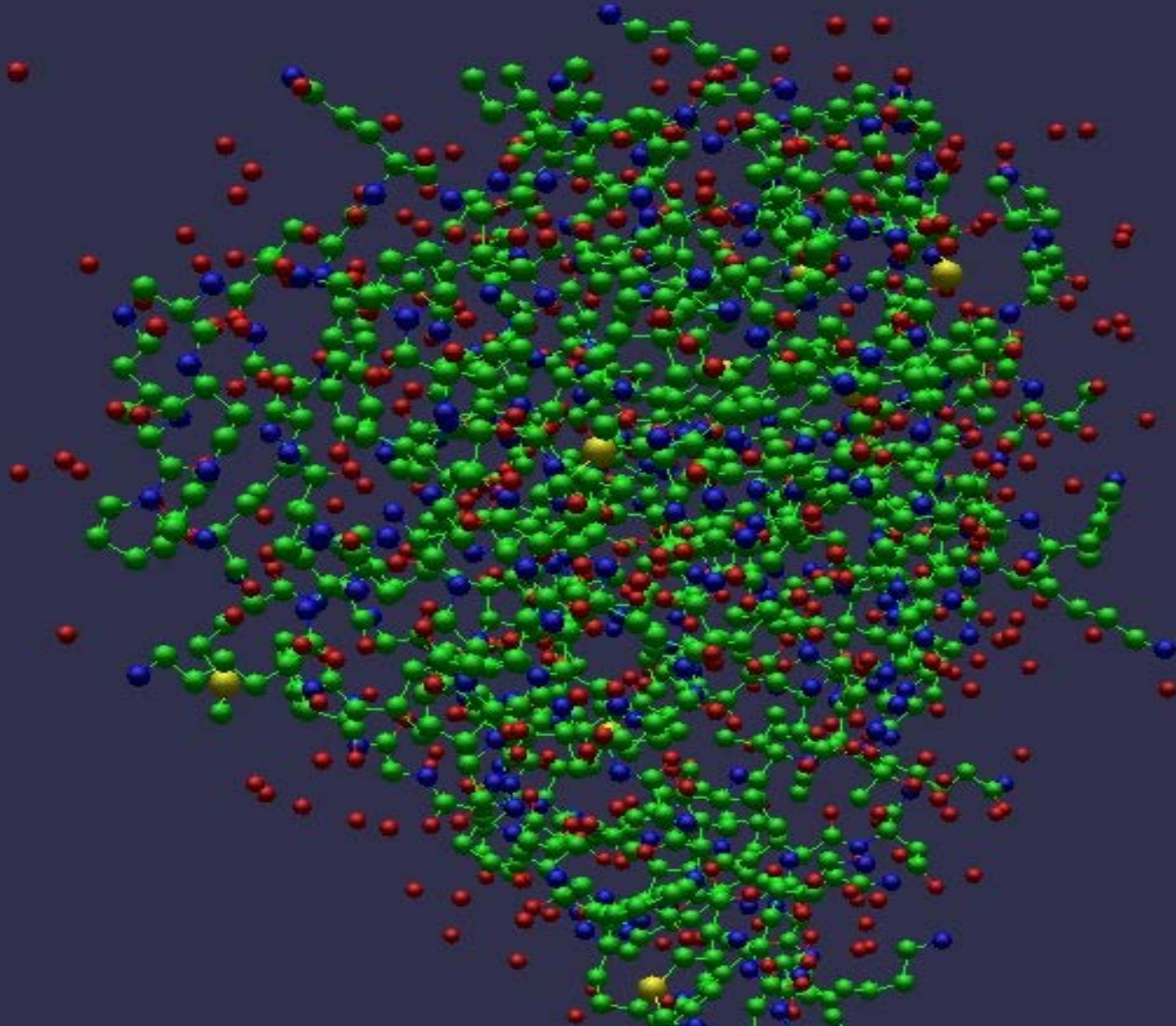


Conception

Management

Execution

Clouds of value creation: Transforming the organizational foundations



Murmuration

A large flock of starlings flying in a murmuration against a sunset sky. The birds are concentrated in the upper half of the frame, forming a dense, dark, cloud-like shape. The sky is a mix of blue, orange, and yellow, with some clouds visible at the bottom.

Starlings Flying in a Flock

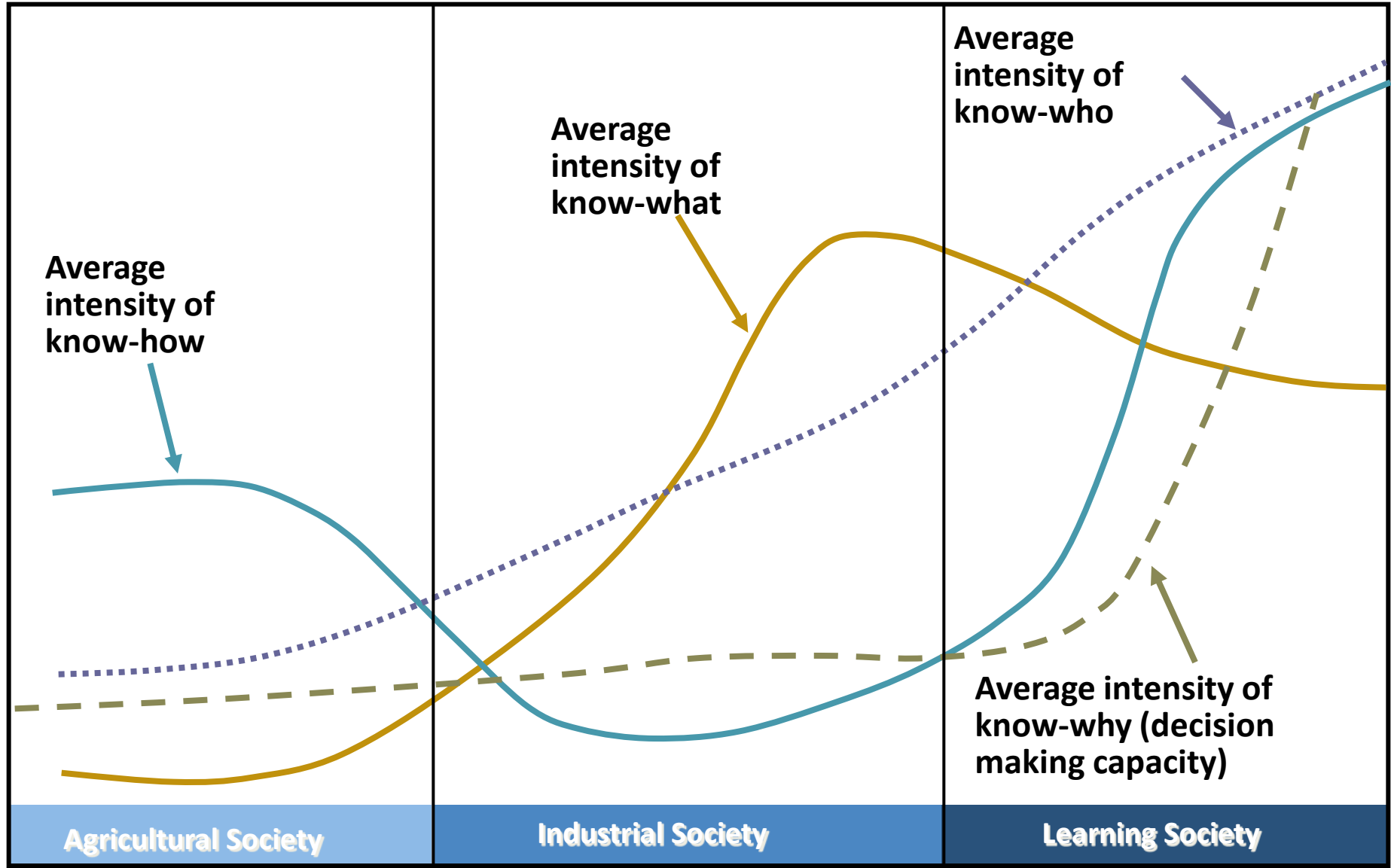
Imagine Clouds of Unique Creation

Flows of Collaboration and Experience

Local and Global, Multiple Dynamic

Communities - Heterarchical

Average Learning Intensity of Daily Life



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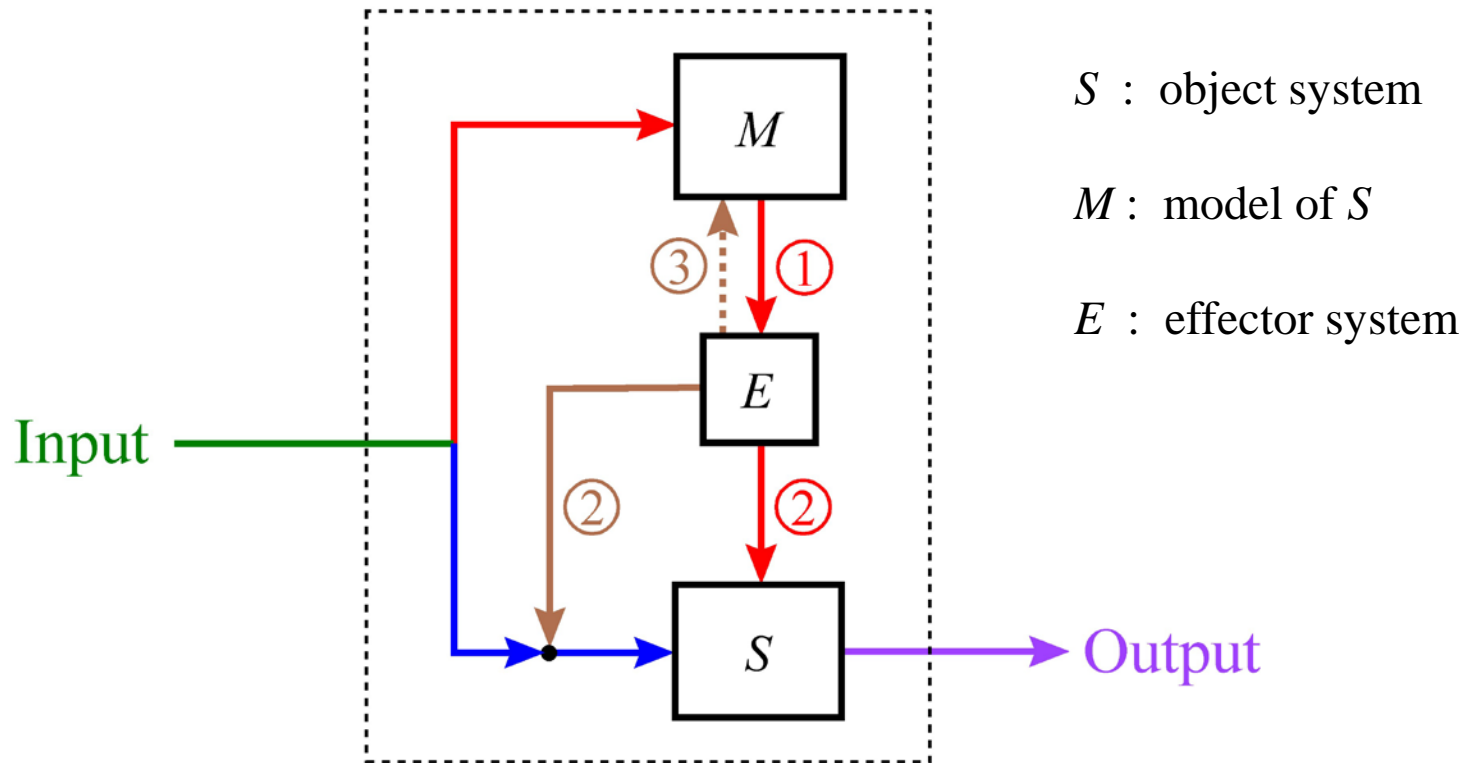
Futures Literacy is the
**capacity to tell
anticipatory stories**
using rigorous imagining
based on sharing depth
of knowledge from across
the community.

Futures Literacy is a way
of internalizing the
constant development of
our understanding of the
emergent present and of
changing anticipatory
assumptions.

A: Bugs Bunny Anticipates



Taking an Anticipatory Systems View



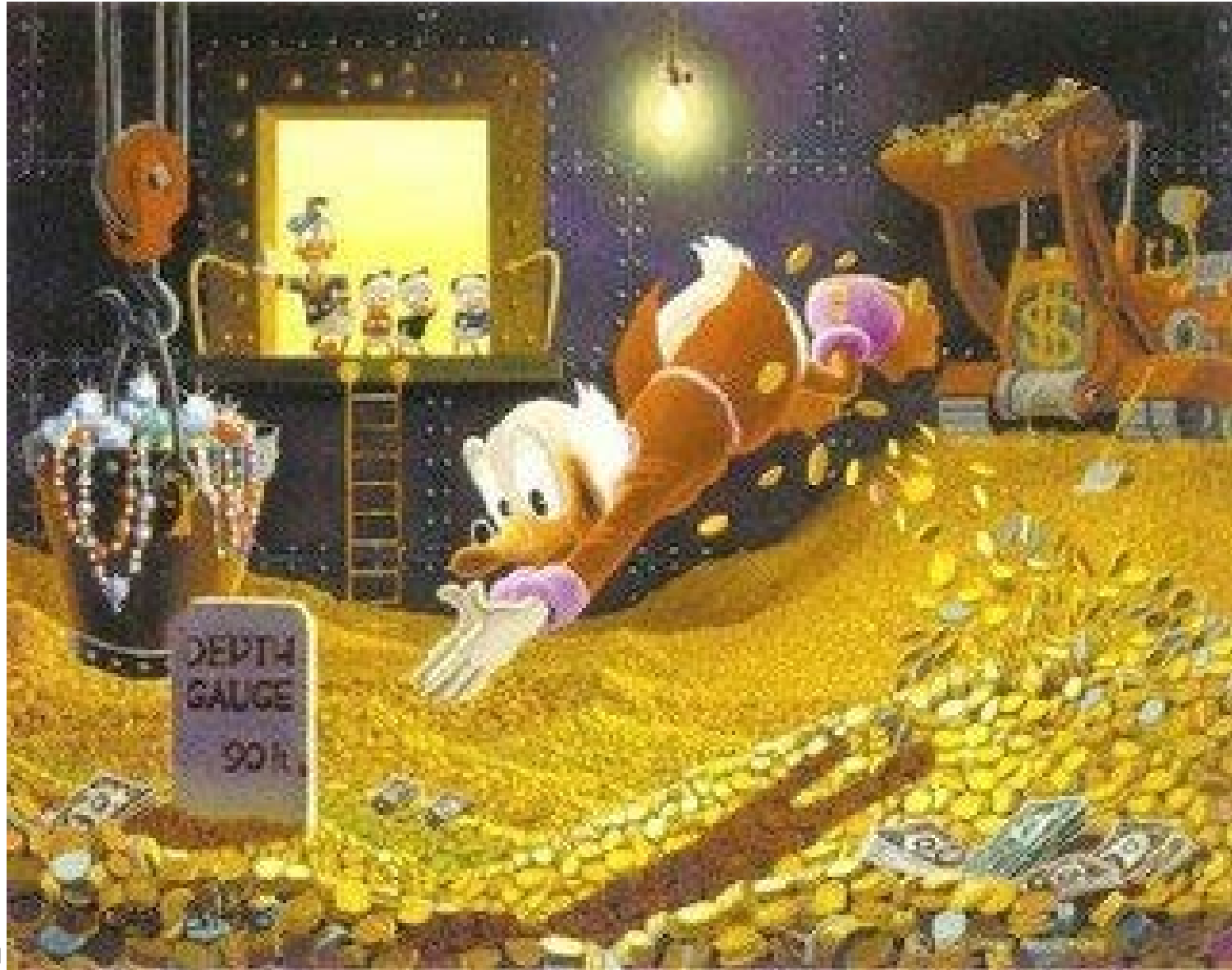
B: Three
dimensions
of the
potential of
the present

Contingency futures: a tsunami

THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW
WHERE WILL YOU BE?

IN THEATERS WORLDWIDE MAY 28, 2004

Contingency futures: winning the lottery



Optimization Futures: Chess, Farming, Assembly Line



- **Goal**
- **Rules**
- **Resources**

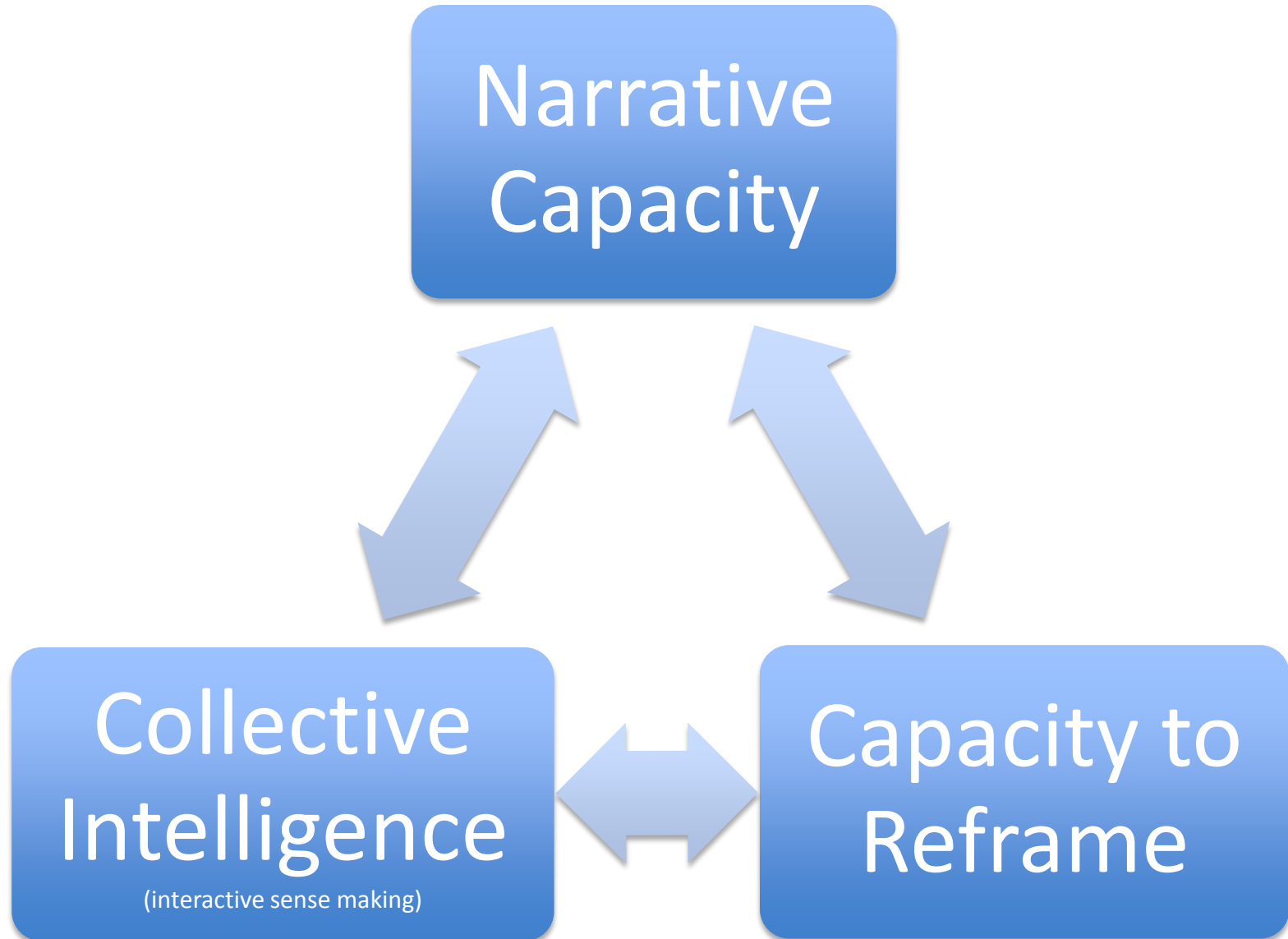
Embracing complexity: use the future, imagining the potential of the present





C: Futures Literacy: Better Decision Making

Using the Future for Knowledge Creation, Discovery and Communication



Use the Future to Make Complexity Actionable

**Change within
the system**

**Change
outside the
system**

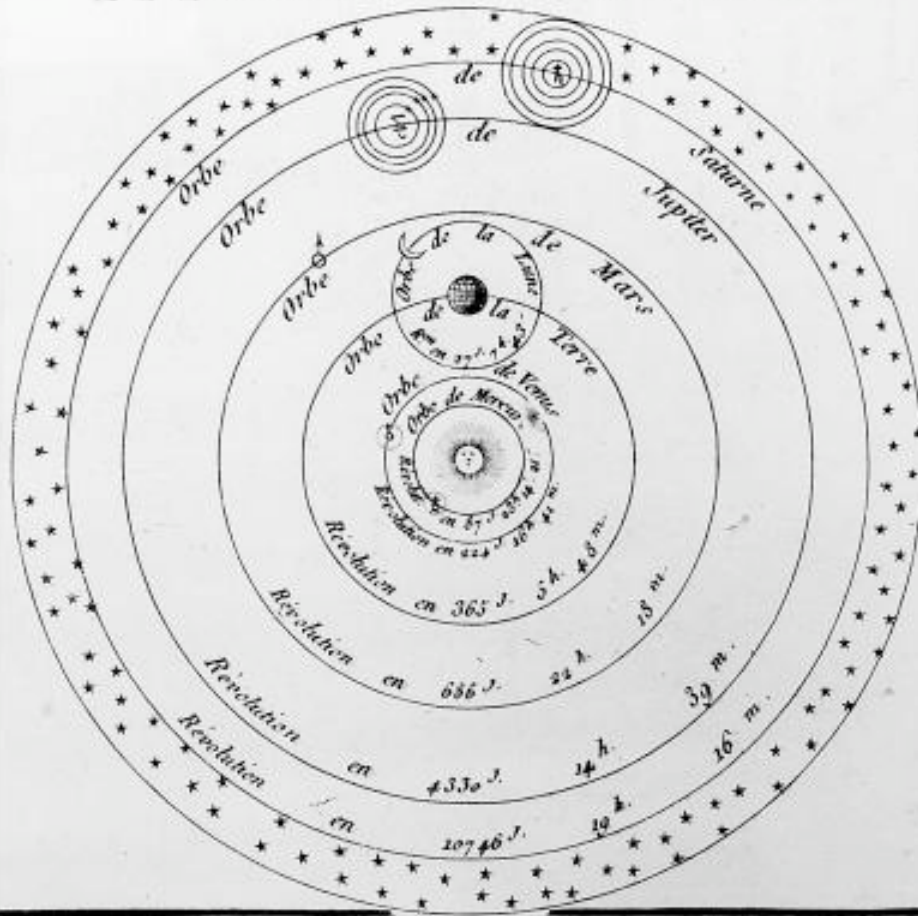
Inside-in

Inside-out

Outside-in

Outside-out

SYSTEME DE COPERNIC



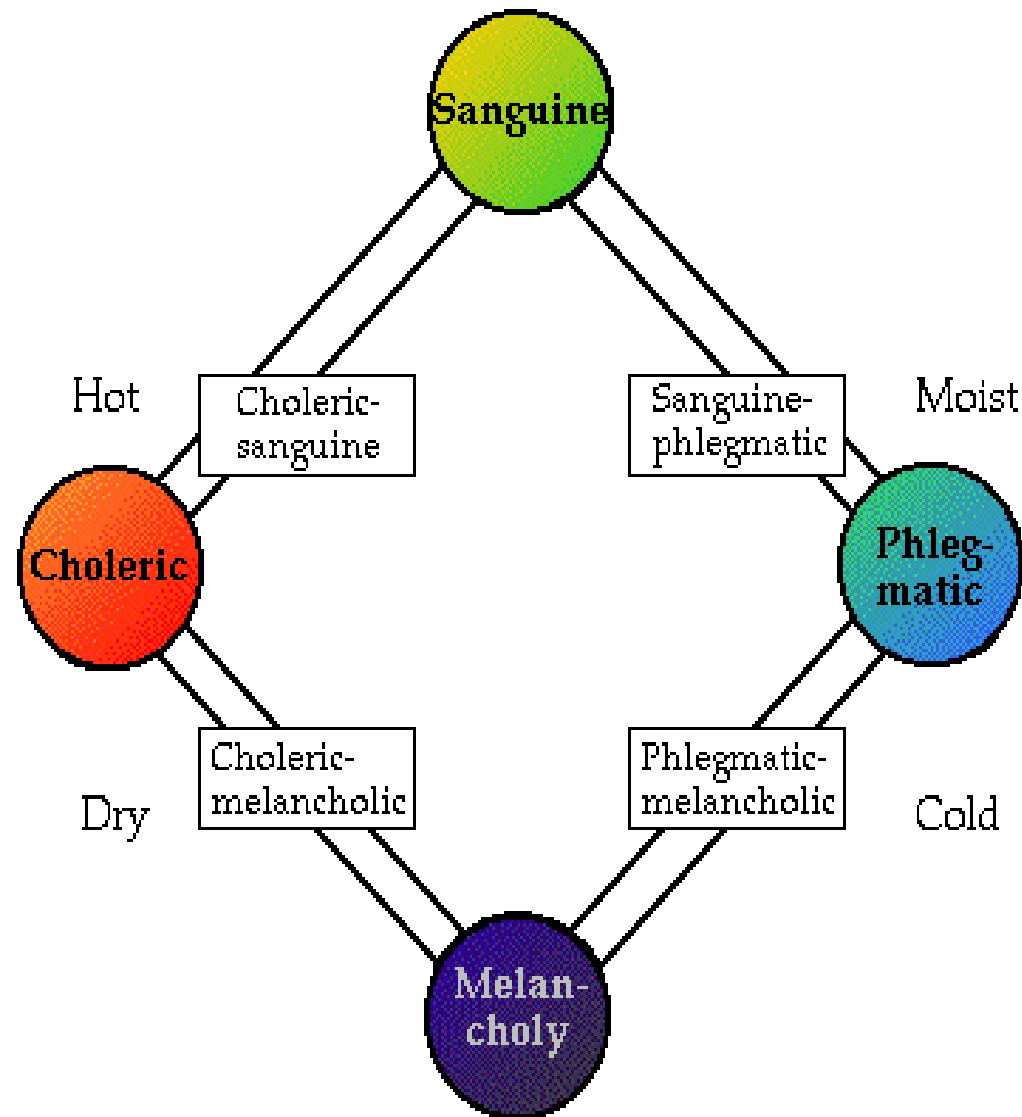
Copernic, aussi instruit que sage, replace le soleil immobile au centre du monde, comme un flambeau qui l'éclaire et le varie; il lui donne un mouvement de rotation sur lui même. Dans son système, le mouvement diurne de tout le ciel s'explique avec une extrême facilité; il suffit en effet que l'habitant de la terre tourne autour de l'axe, d'occident en orient, pour que tous les astres lui paroissent rouler d'orient en occident et qu'il rapporte au soleil le mouvement qui n'est réel que pour la terre. Mais tandis que la terre tourne sur elle même en 24 heures, elle décrit une orbite autour du soleil, dans l'espace d'une année. Par ce mouvement propre, que l'illusion attribue au soleil, cet astre semble s'avancer chaque jour d'environ un degré vers l'orient, pendant qu'il est emporté chaque jour avec tout le ciel et d'un mouvement commun vers l'occident. La trace de ce mouvement annuel est l'écliptique; au bout de 365 jours, une étoile observée se reconnoît à la même heure, au même lieu, ou elle s'étoit montrée l'année précédente, à pareil jour.

Why change the way we use the future?

What difference does it make?

- It changes what we see.
- It changes what we imagine.
- It changes what we resist.
- It changes what we preserve.
- It changes how we preserve what we want to preserve.

Transformation
: new contexts
for life, death,
the body, and
beyond the
concept of
'health'



Thank You

Riel Miller

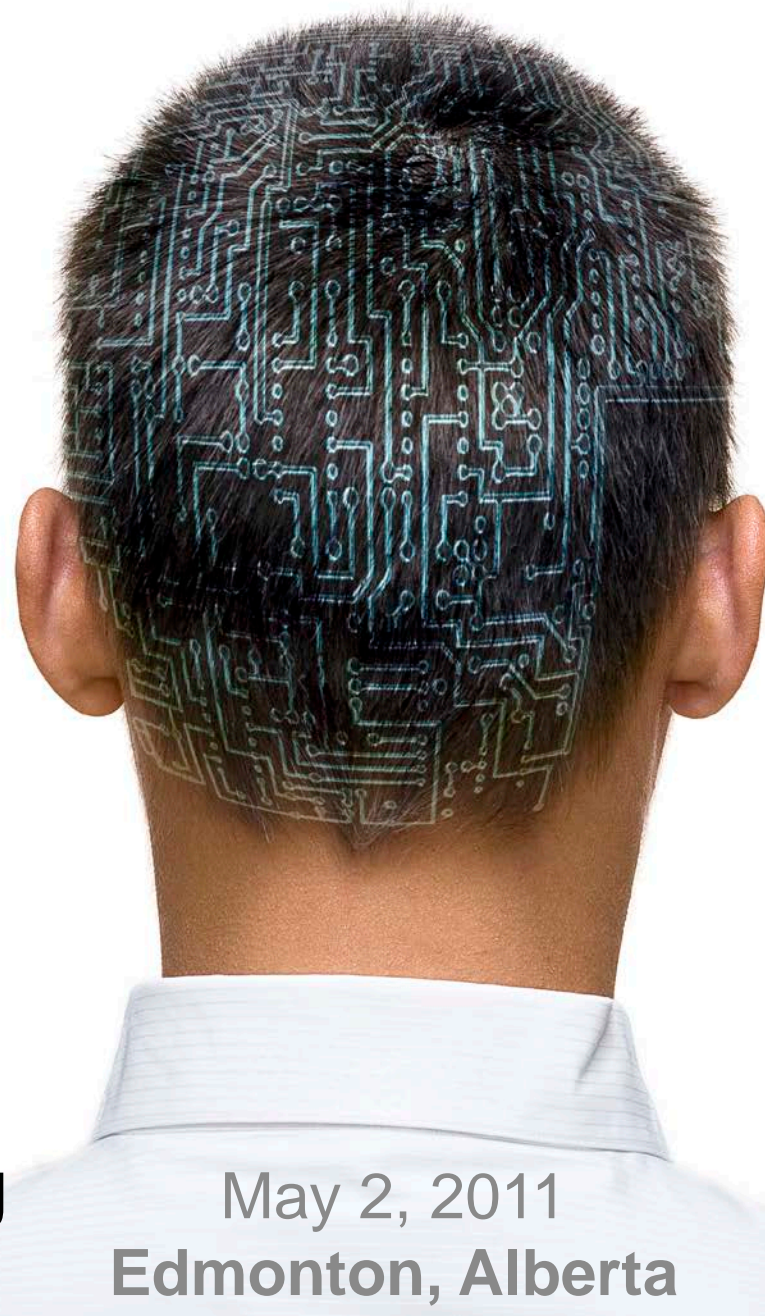
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