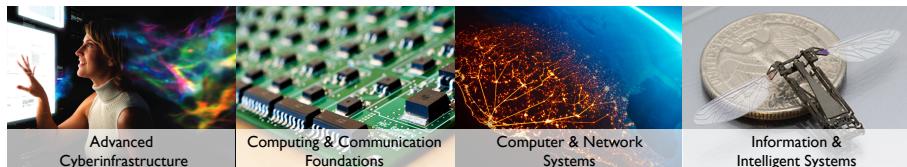


## An Expanding and Expansive View of Computer and Information Science and Engineering



Jim Kurose  
Assistant Director, NSF  
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Rutgers CS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Oct. 2016



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## Overview

- CISE: the national imperative
- NSF and CISE
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## CISE Research: Addressing National Priorities



Big Data R&D



National Robotics Initiative



Understanding the Brain



White House Initiatives



National Strategic Computing Initiative



CS for All



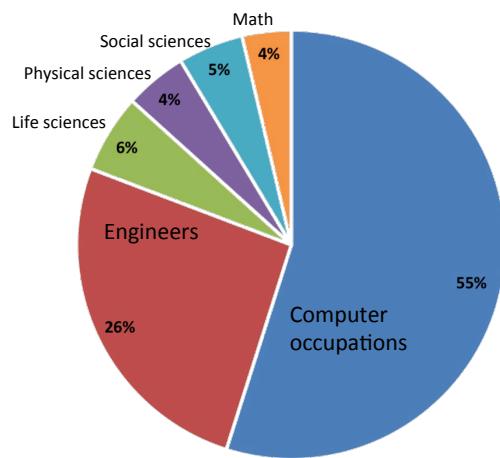
Smart Cities



Advanced Wireless Initiative



## Many STEM jobs are in computing



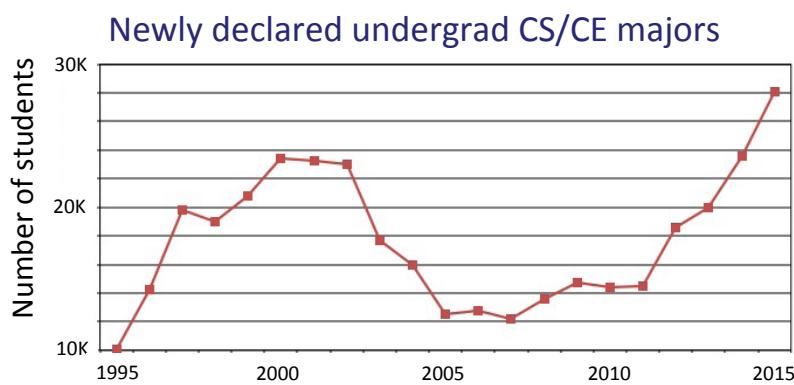
Job Openings 2014 – 2024 (growth and replacement)

US Bureau of Labor Statistics

Data from the spreadsheet linked at <http://www.bls.gov/emp/ind-occ-matrix/occupation.xlsx>



## Growth in CS Undergrad Majors



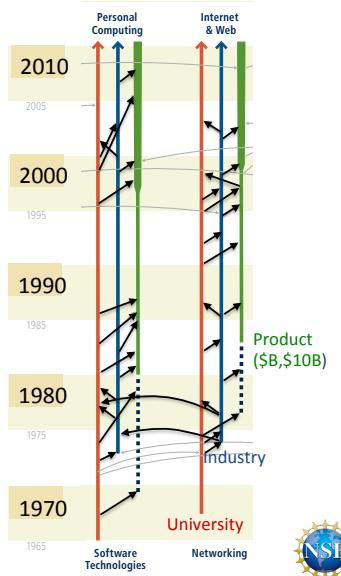
Source: 2015 CRA Taulbee Survey



## From federally-funded research to \$B industries

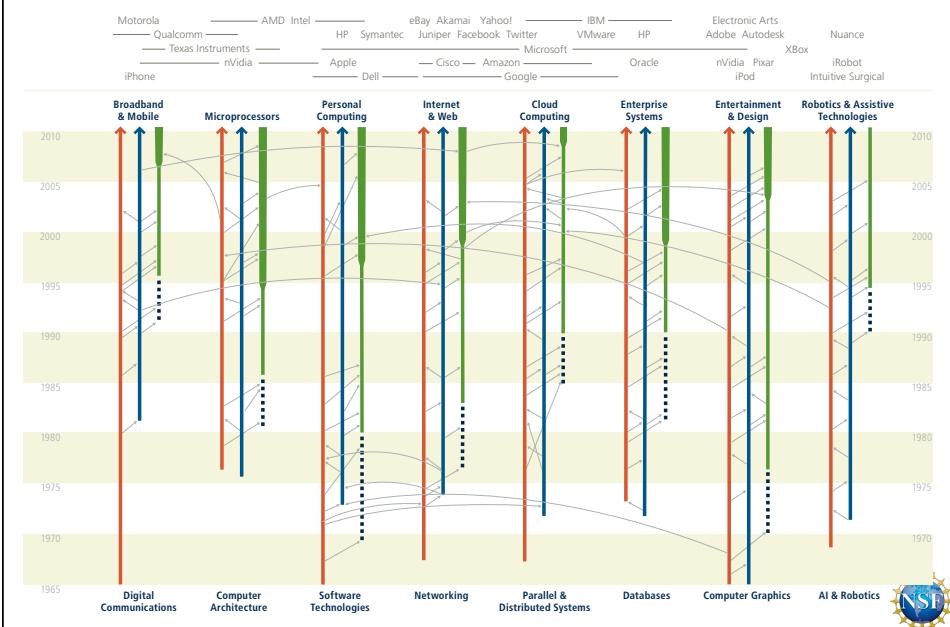
Advances in computing, communications, information technologies, cyberinfrastructure:

- drive U.S. competitiveness, sustainable economic growth (IT: 25% of economic growth since 1995)
- underpin national security
- have profound impacts on our daily lives



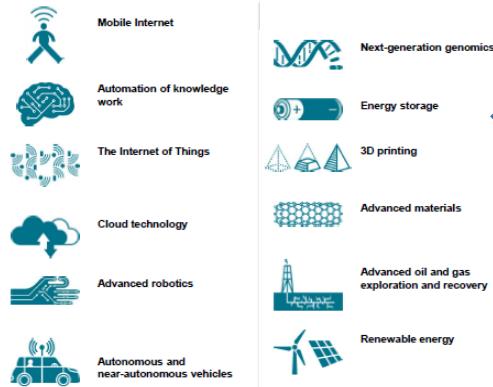
From *Continuing Innovation in Information Technology*, NRC, 2012.

## .... across many industries



## ... and this impact will continue

Top twelve economically disruptive technologies (by 2025)



SOURCE: McKinsey Global Institute analysis



## CS and national economic competitiveness: on beyond the Internet and Google

### Machine Learning

- Big Data Analytics Market: \$125B (Forbes)
- Eric Schmidt: (Google/Alphabet):
  - Google Pittsburgh: generated \$30-40B in profit for Google
  - NSF: "where all interesting research gets started..."



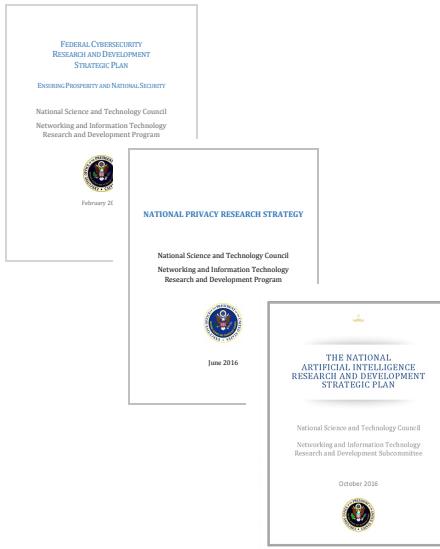
### Software-Defined Networking (SDN)

- \$8B in 2018 (IDC)
- Foundational research: "Open Programmable Mobile Internet 2020," NSF/CISE Expeditions Award, 2008, N. McKeown, Stanford U.



## NSF/CISE: research leadership in government

- *2016 Federal R&D Strategic Plans:*
  - Privacy
  - CyberSecurity
  - Artificial Intelligence
- Networking and Information Technology R&D (NITRD)
  - Coordination among 18 federal agencies



**It is an  
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computer and information science and  
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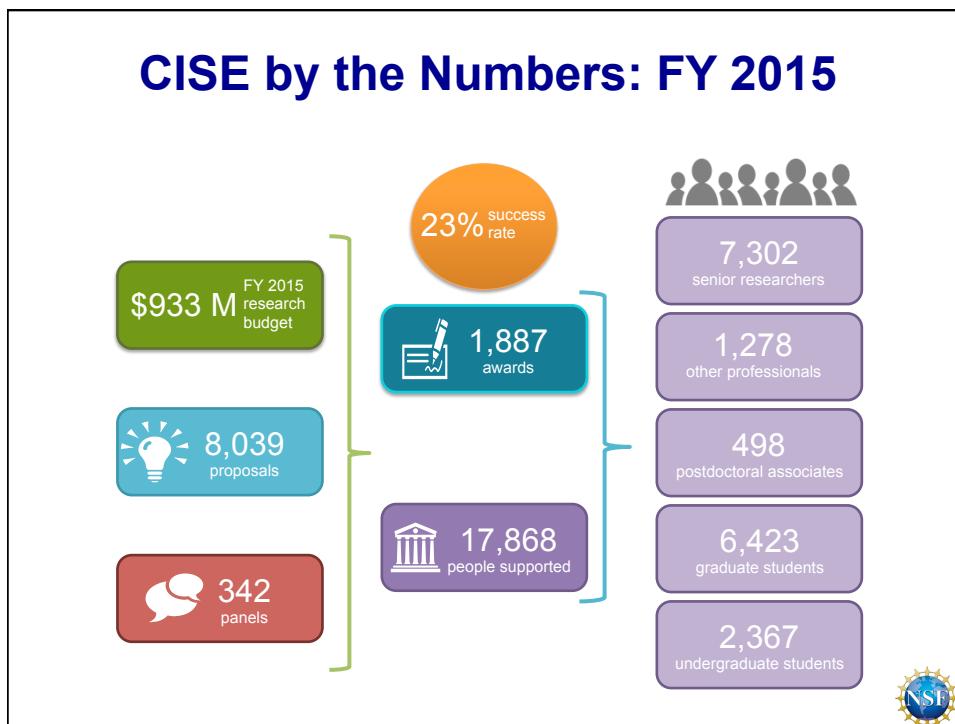
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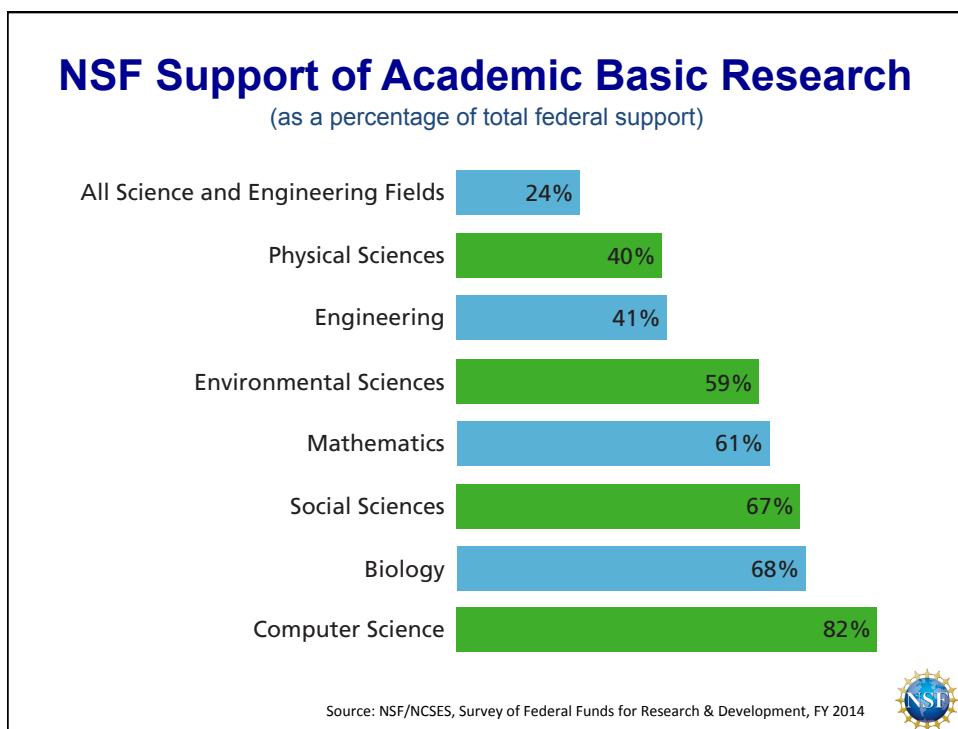
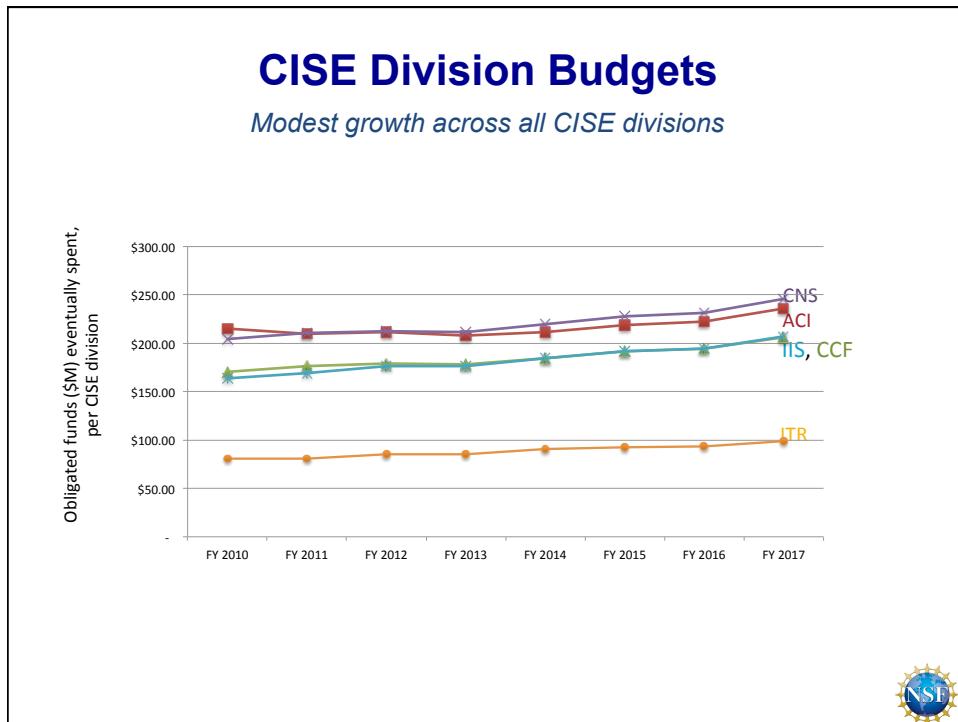


## National Science Foundation's Mission

*“To promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; to secure the national defense...”*

**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**





## An expanding, expansive view of computing



## An expanding, expansive view of computing

### *Human-centered computing*

Assistive technologies, affective computing, social informatics, mind/machine interface, brain

### *Science, societal applications*

Science, engineering, humanities health, security, environment, energy, transport, commerce, education

CISE

"beyond  
human  
computer  
interfaces"

integrated  
developed  
resilient  
applications

"beyond  
electrical  
building blocks:  
electrical, CMOS  
platform  
systems: PCs,  
servers"

Nano, quantum,  
molecular, optical

Smart vehicles & buildings,  
cyber-physical systems,  
swarms, mobile/cloud

### *Changing "physicalness" of computing*

### *computing embedded around us*



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## NSF “Big Ideas”

**Science** AAAS

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Better understanding the changing Arctic is one item on a new list of big ideas that should shape the National Science Foundation's work.

NASA/Kathryn Hansen

NSF director unveils big ideas, with an eye on the next president and Congress

By Jeffrey Mervis | May 10, 2016, 3:30 PM



## NSF “Big Ideas”

### RESEARCH IDEAS

- Harnessing Data for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Science and Engineering
- Shaping the new Human – Technology Frontier
- Understanding the Rules of Life: Predicting Phenotype
- The Quantum Leap: Leading the Next Quantum Revolution
- Navigating the New Arctic
- Windows on the Universe: The Era of Multi-messenger Astrophysics

### PROCESS IDEAS

- Growing Convergent Research at NSF
- Mid-scale Research Infrastructure
- NSF 2050
- INCLUDES

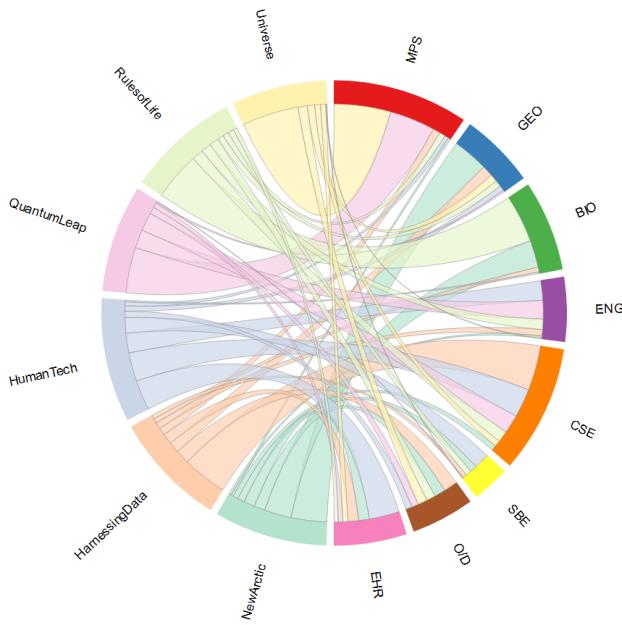
\*Video of NSB presentation and discussion is at:

[http://www.twworldwide.com/events/nsf/160505/globe\\_show/default\\_go\\_archive.cfm?gsid=2957&type=flv&test=0&live=0](http://www.twworldwide.com/events/nsf/160505/globe_show/default_go_archive.cfm?gsid=2957&type=flv&test=0&live=0)

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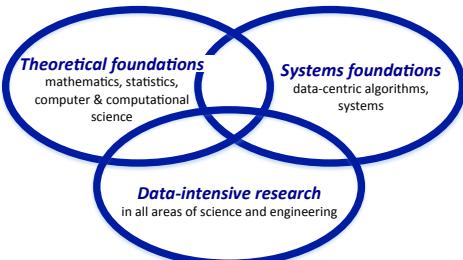
## An Interconnected NSF – Solving the Big Idea Challenges Together



D/OIA

## Harnessing the Data Revolution

**Research** across all NSF Directorates



**Educational pathways**



Innovations grounded in an education-research-based framework

**Advanced cyberinfrastructure ecosystem**



Accelerating data-intensive research

NSF

## Work at the Human-Technology Frontier: Shaping the Future

*Emerging technologies and human-technology interactions are transforming the world of work and the lives of workers*



*Understanding how constantly evolving technologies are actively shaping our lives and how we in turn can shape those technologies, especially in the world of work*

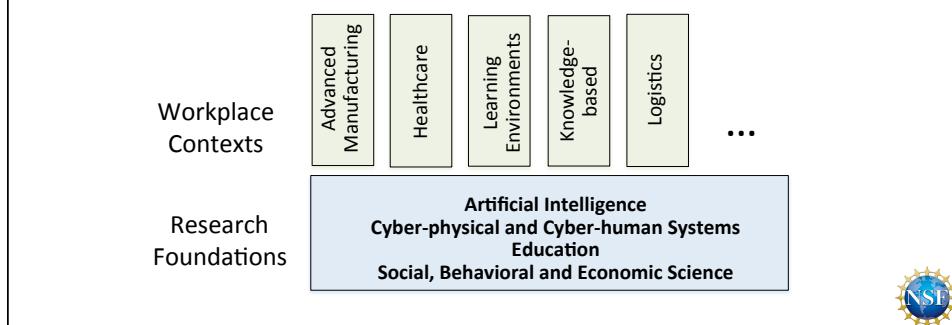
- understand benefits, risks of new technologies: efficiency, quality, productivity, human dynamics
- science and engineering: creating technologies that promise to enhance work lives
- *Education*: changing workplace demands changing workforce

NSF

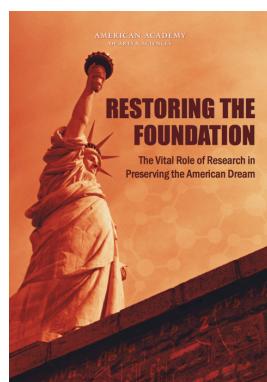
## Work at the Human-Technology Frontier: Shaping the Future

Seamless collaboration between human, cyber-enabled systems:

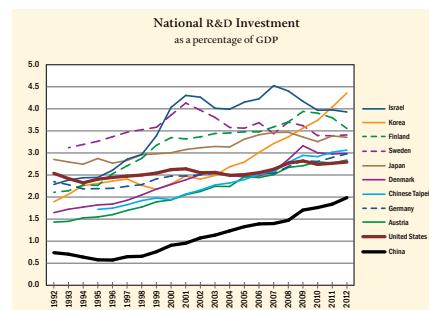
- understanding of reciprocal human-technology interactions;
- Systems: tailored, optimized, continuously adapted for humans; and
- education and lifelong learning to create requisite workforce



## Challenge: research investment



American Academy of Arts & Sciences, 2014,  
available at <https://www.aaas.edu/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=15491>.



- US: now 10<sup>th</sup> in national R&D (% GDP)
- investment federal support for basic research down 13% from 10 years ago (% of GDP)
- CISE: *growing* field



## Partnerships: Many dimensions

Partnerships **build capacity, leverage resources, increase the speed of translation** from discovery to innovation



- NSF/SRC: E2CDA
- NSF/Intel: Information-Centric Networking in Wireless Edge Networks
- NSF/VMware: Software Defined Infrastructure as a Foundation for Clean-Slate Computing Security
- Innovation Transition DCL
- Infrastructure collaborations



**Prescription 3:** Establishing a More Robust National Government-University-Industry Research Partnership



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- Cyber Physical Systems (CPS): DHS, DOT, NASA, NIH
- National Robotics Initiative (NRI): DARPA, NASA, NIH, USDA
- Smart and Connected Health (SCH): NIH
- Collaborative Research in Computational Neuroscience (CRCNS): NIH

*all joint with other NSF directorates*



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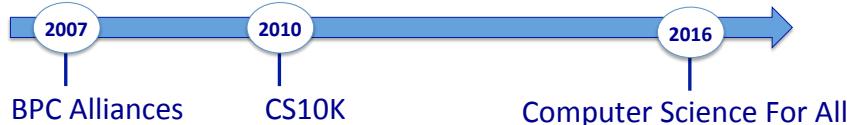
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- NSF-BSF (Israel): CCF and CNS core, SATC
- US-Japan: interest in BIGDATA, ML
- NSF-Finland: WIFUS
- NSF-India: S&CC
- NSF-Netherlands: privacy
- NSF-Brazil: cybersecurity



## Education: Computer Science for All



- Enable *all* students to have access to high-quality CS education in K-12:
  - Knowledge base, capacity for rigorous, engaging CS education
  - Teacher PD
- Inter-agency WG under CoSTEM kicking off today!
- Collaboration: industry, non-profits
- NSF: \$120 million over five years



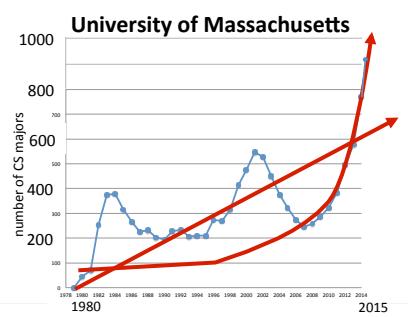
*"In the new economy, computer science isn't an optional skill – It's a basic skill..."*  
President's Weekly Address 1/30/2016



# Education



**University of Massachusetts**



number of CS majors

1980 2015

Explosion of interest seems different this time around

- broader interests
- minors, other disciplines



# Education



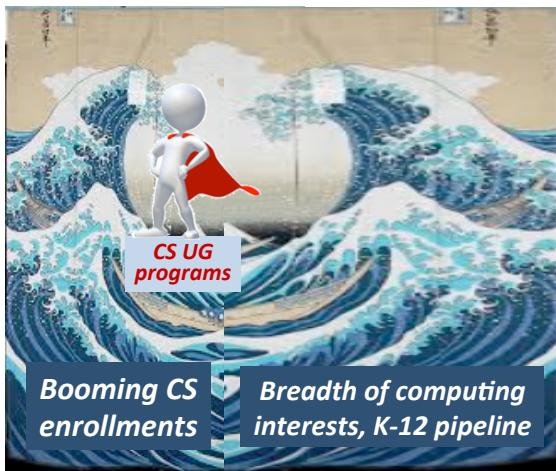

## Education



- Increasing CISE footprint, program sizes imply increasing TT faculty sizes?
  - additional grant pressures
  - funding expectations based on history 10+ years ago
  - career pathways for PhD students?
- Interesting reading:
  - “Rescuing US Bio-medical Research from its systemic flaws,” Alberts, Kirschner, Tilgham, Varmus, *PNAS*



## Education



- *second sea change (tsunami):* broadening interest in computing among incoming students
- success of K-12 activities
- CS+X



## An *amazing* time to be in CISE!

### Ubiquity

Computing is *everywhere* – across all of science and engineering, and all of society

### Engagement

Computing intertwines with many *communities*

### Urgency

Computing is *rapidly expanding and evolving*. There is tremendous opportunity ... *now!*



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THANKS!

