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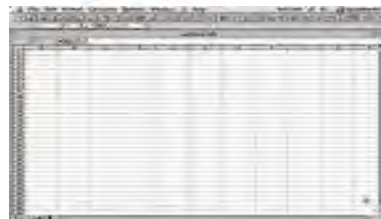
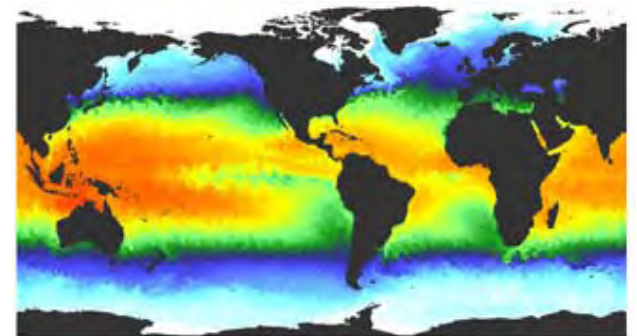
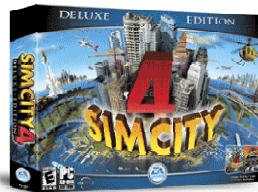


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- Advances in computing power our economy
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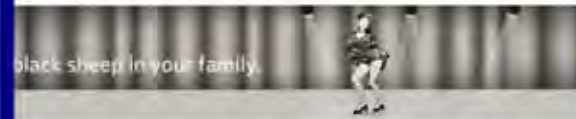
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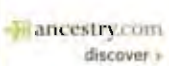
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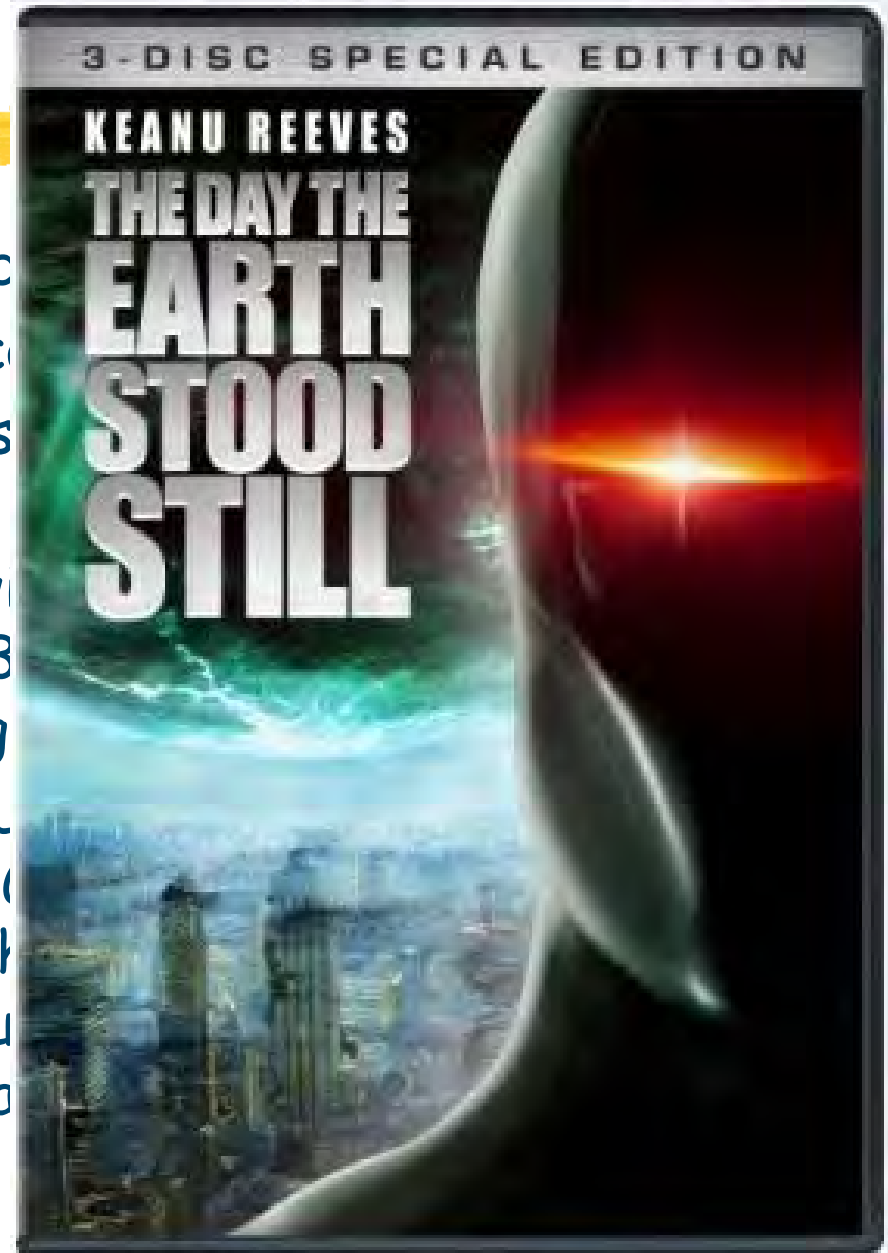
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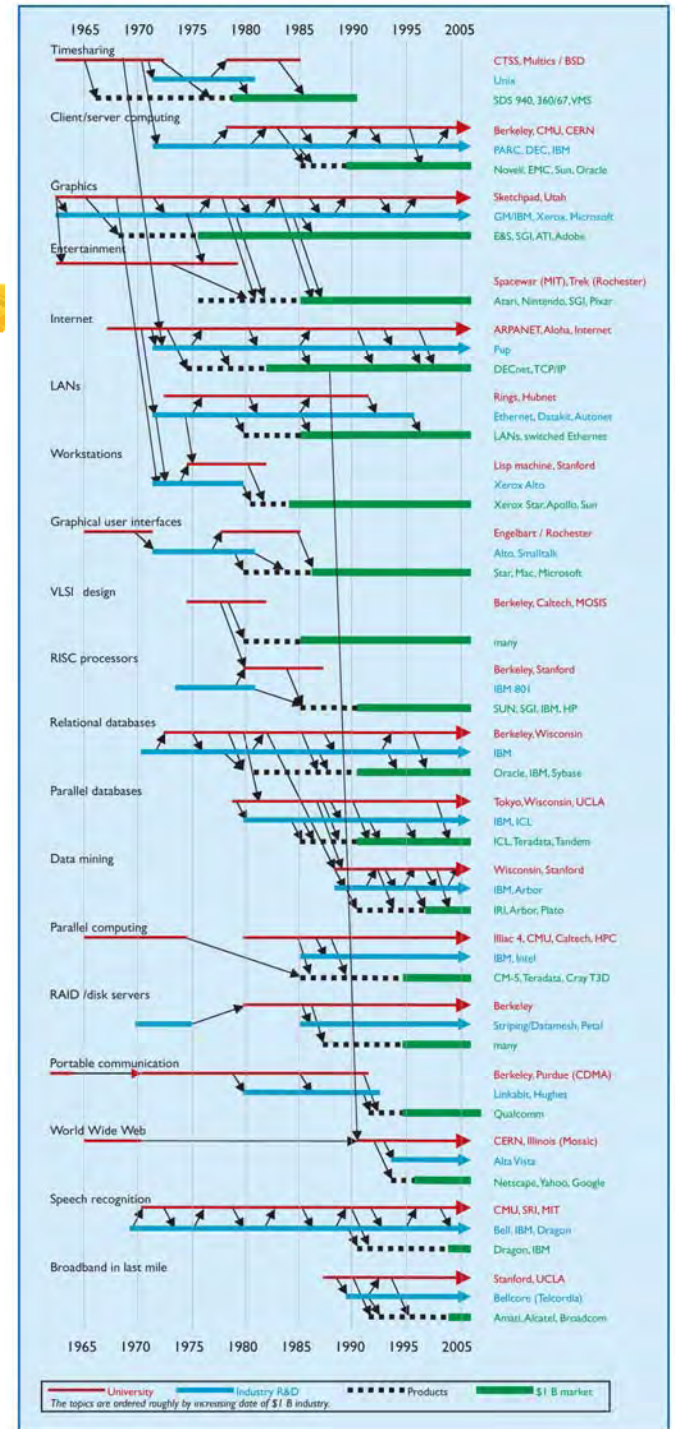
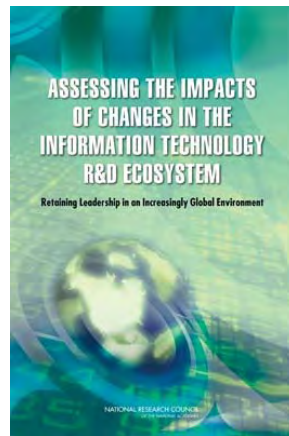
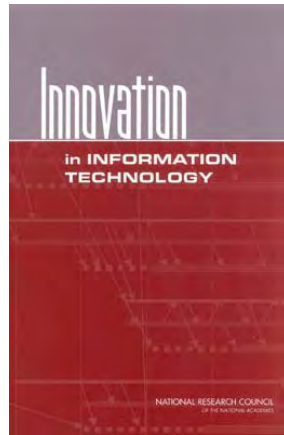
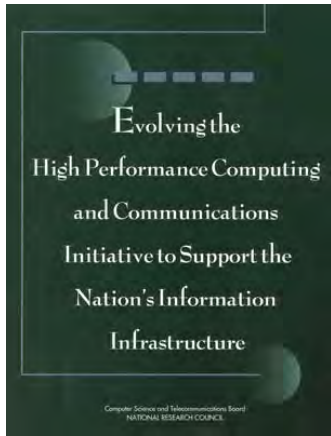
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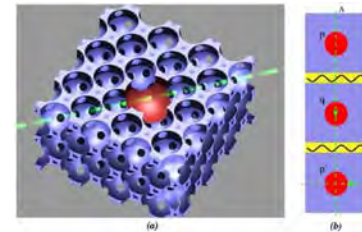
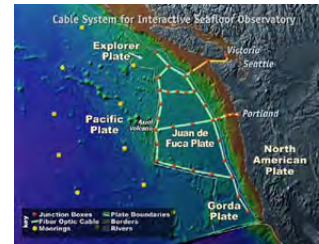
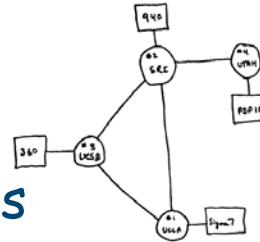


Research has built the foundation



The future is full of opportunity

- Creating the future of networking
- Driving advances in all fields of science and engineering
- Revolutionizing transportation
- Personalized education
- The Smart Grid
- Predictive, preventive, personalized medicine
- Quantum computing
- Empowerment of the developing world
- Personalized health monitoring => quality of life
- Neurobotics
- Synthetic biology



Today



- Game-changing advances of the recent past
- Advances that are on the horizon, and what will be needed to achieve them
- Lessons that can further increase the already remarkable effectiveness of the IT R&D ecosystem
- Synthesis (and some demonstrations)



Session 1: The Internet and the World Wide Web

9:00 - 10:20

Why We're Able to Google

Alfred Spector (Google)

The Magic of the "Cloud": Supercomputers for Everybody, Everywhere

Eric Brewer (University of California, Berkeley)

Human Computation

Luis von Ahn (Carnegie Mellon University)

Discussion by the speakers of future challenges and synergies



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Session 2: Evolving Foundations

10:40 - 12:00

Security of Online Information

Barbara Liskov (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

Learning to Improve Our Lives

Daphne Koller (Stanford University)

Global Information Networks


Jon Kleinberg (Cornell University)

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Session 3: The Transformation of the Sciences via Computation

1:00 - 2:20

Supercomputers and Supernetworks are Transforming Research

Larry Smarr (University of California, San Diego)

Computing and Visualizing the Future of Medicine

Chris Johnson (University of Utah)

Zooming In On Life

Gene Myers (Howard Hughes Medical Institute)

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Session 4: Computing Everywhere!

2:30 - 3:50

Sensing Everywhere!

Deborah Estrin (University of California, Los Angeles)

Pixels Everywhere!

Pat Hanrahan (Stanford University)

Robotics Everywhere!

Rodney Brooks (Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Heartland Robotics)

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Evaluation Session: Moving Forward

4:00 - 5:00

Discussion by the speakers and the audience of what factors made these achievements possible and what factors will accelerate future advances.

Moderators: Susan Graham (University of California, Berkeley) and Peter Lee (Carnegie Mellon University)



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Walk to Madison Hall, James Madison Building, Library of Congress 5:00 - 5:30

Closing Session 5:30



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The origins of this symposium

- Built upon a history of attempting to better understand the IT innovation ecosystem
- Discussions with NSF
- Broad input from the computing research community
- Program committee chaired by Dan Reed synthesized this input into a set of recommendations
- Members of the CCC Council assembled the final program



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