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# Emergence of Service Science: Services Sciences, Management, Engineering (SSME) as the Next Frontier in Innovation

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# Today's Talk

- A trend
  - a global challenge for our time – systematic service innovation
  - claim: new academic discipline, SSME, is needed
- An analogy
  - IBM and the emergence of computer science
- A spotlight
  - find the pioneers of service innovation research & practice
- A grand challenge
  - empirical platform for business and information services studies

# A global challenge for our times

- Governments need to make service innovation a priority – GDP growth depends on it.
- Businesses need to make systematic approaches to service innovation a priority – revenue and profit growth depend on it.
- Academics need to bridge discipline silos – service innovation is multidisciplinary – students' futures depend on it.

# Why should governments care?

Because the world is becoming a service system.

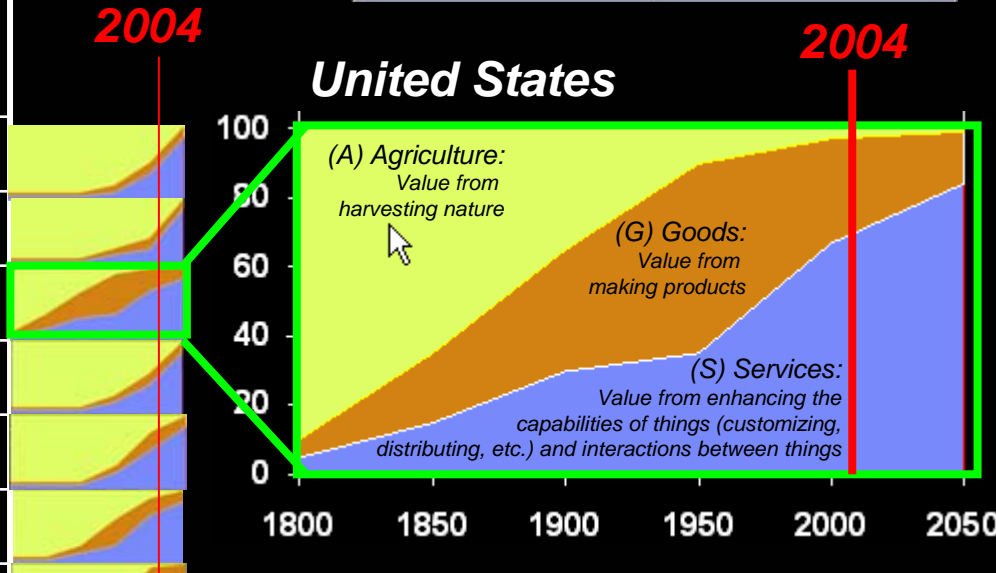
## Top Ten Nations by Labor Force Size

(about 50% of world labor in just 10 nations)

A = Agriculture, G = Goods, S = Services

Nation	% ww Labor	% A	% G	% S	25 yr % delta S
China	21.0	50	15	35	191
India	17.0	60	17	23	28
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>21</b>
Indonesia	3.9	45	16	39	35
<b>Brazil</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Russia</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Japan</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>40</b>
Nigeria	2.2	70	10	20	30
Banglad.	2.2	63	11	26	30
<b>Germany</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>44</b>

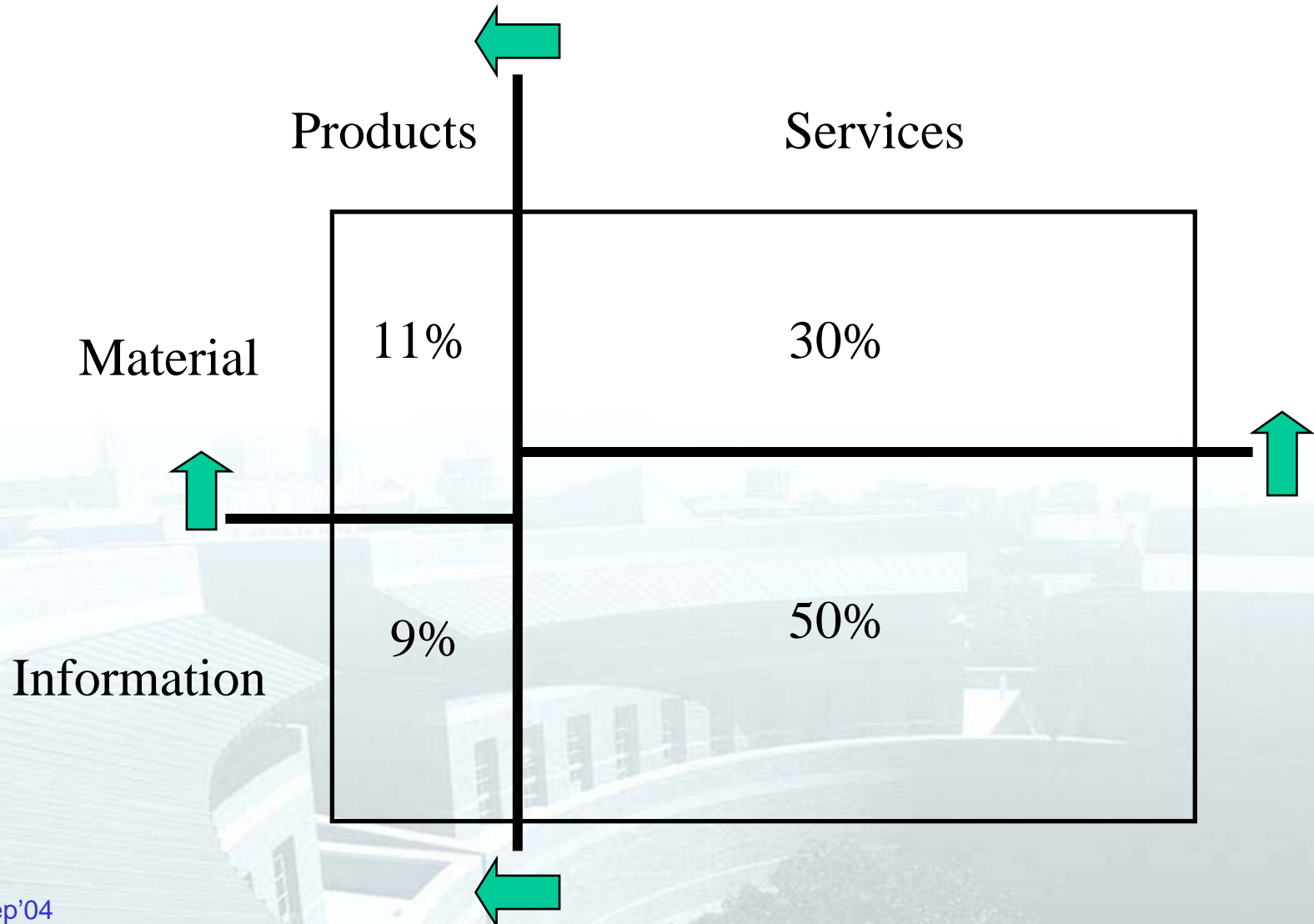
>50% (S) services, >33% (S) services



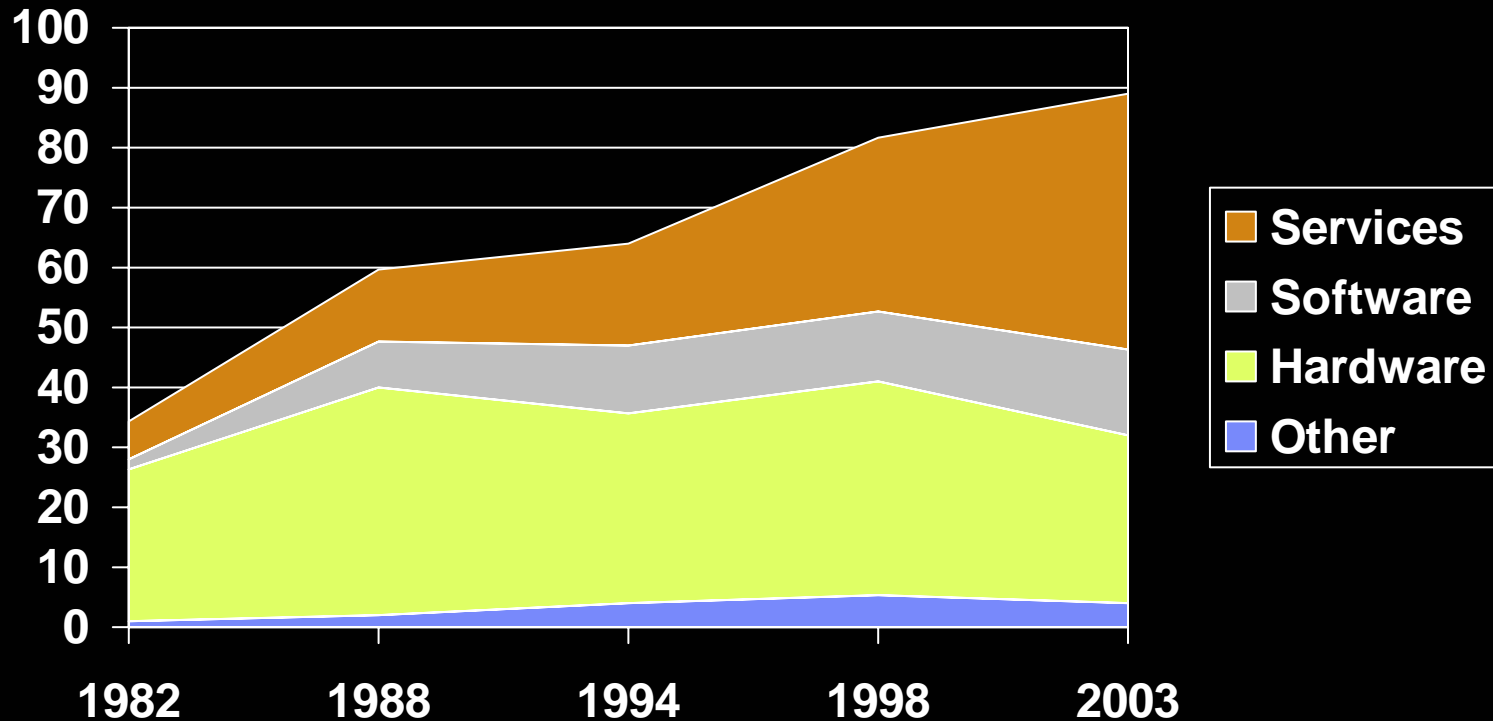
*The largest labor force migration in human history is underway, driven by urbanization, global communications, low cost labor, business growth and technology innovation.*

# Information services is fastest growth

*Uday Karmarkar & Uday Apte: "Service industrialization in the global economy"  
Author of HBR article: "Will you survive the services revolution?"*

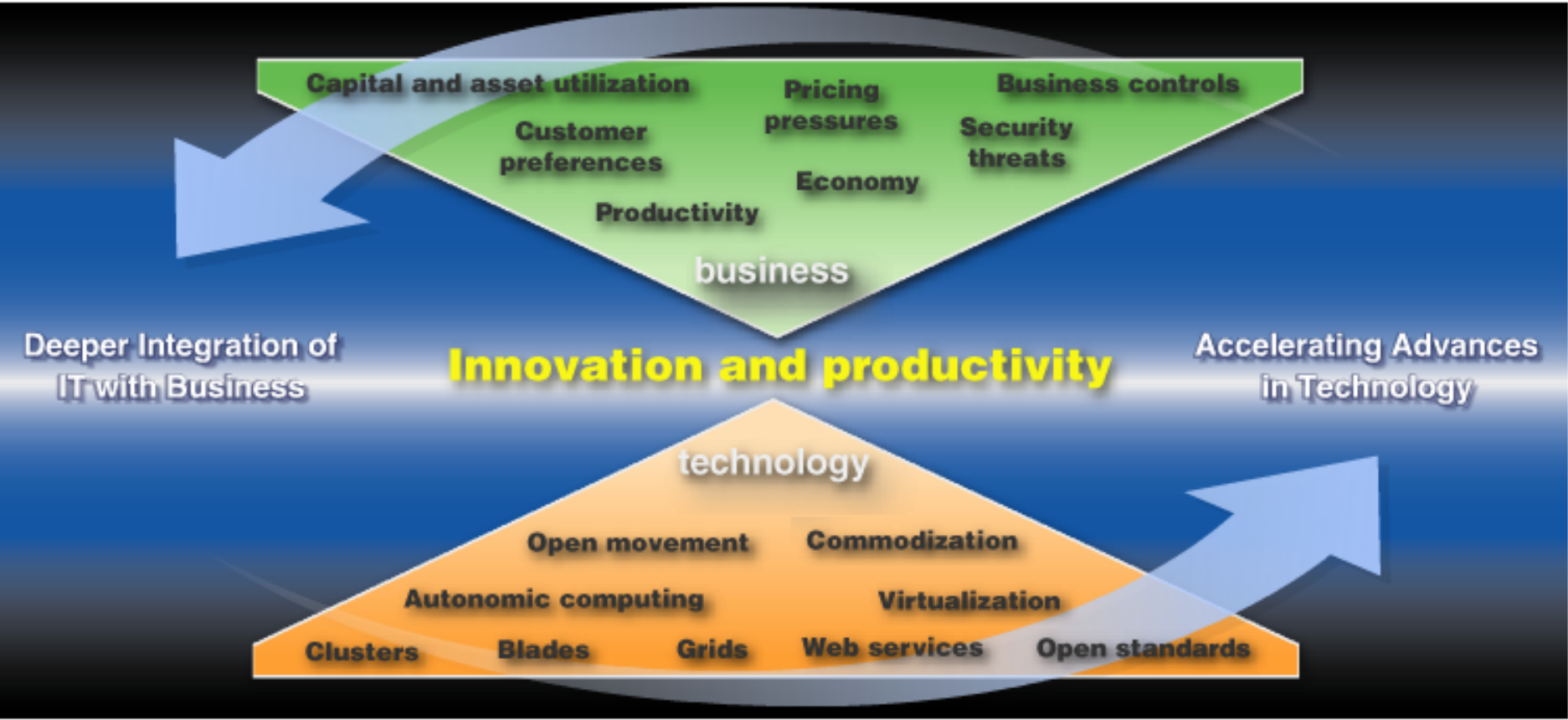


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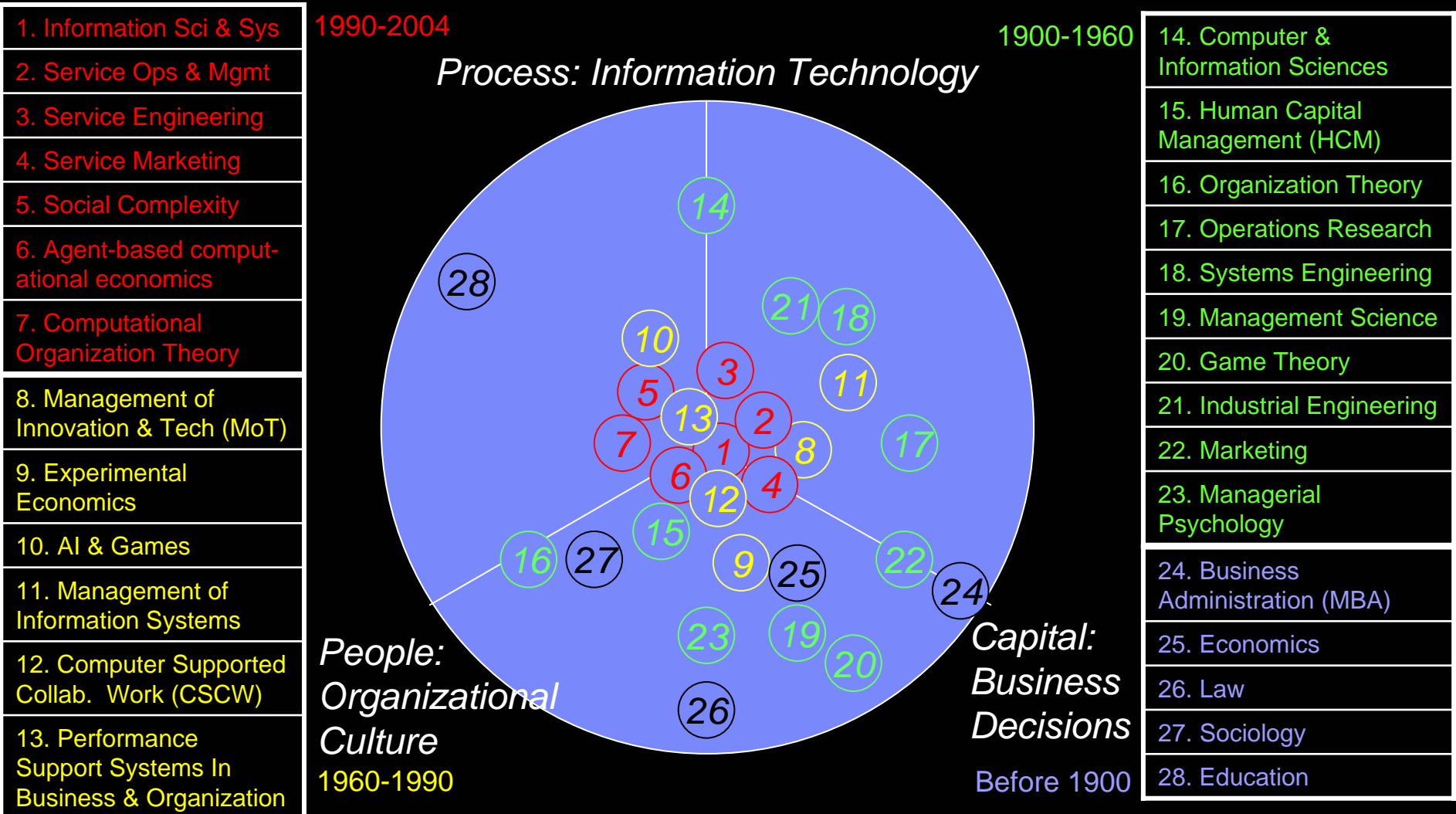
**Our business is about innovation and productivity**



*IBM works with our clients to transform their capabilities, On Demand Business maturity.*

# Why should academics and their students should care?

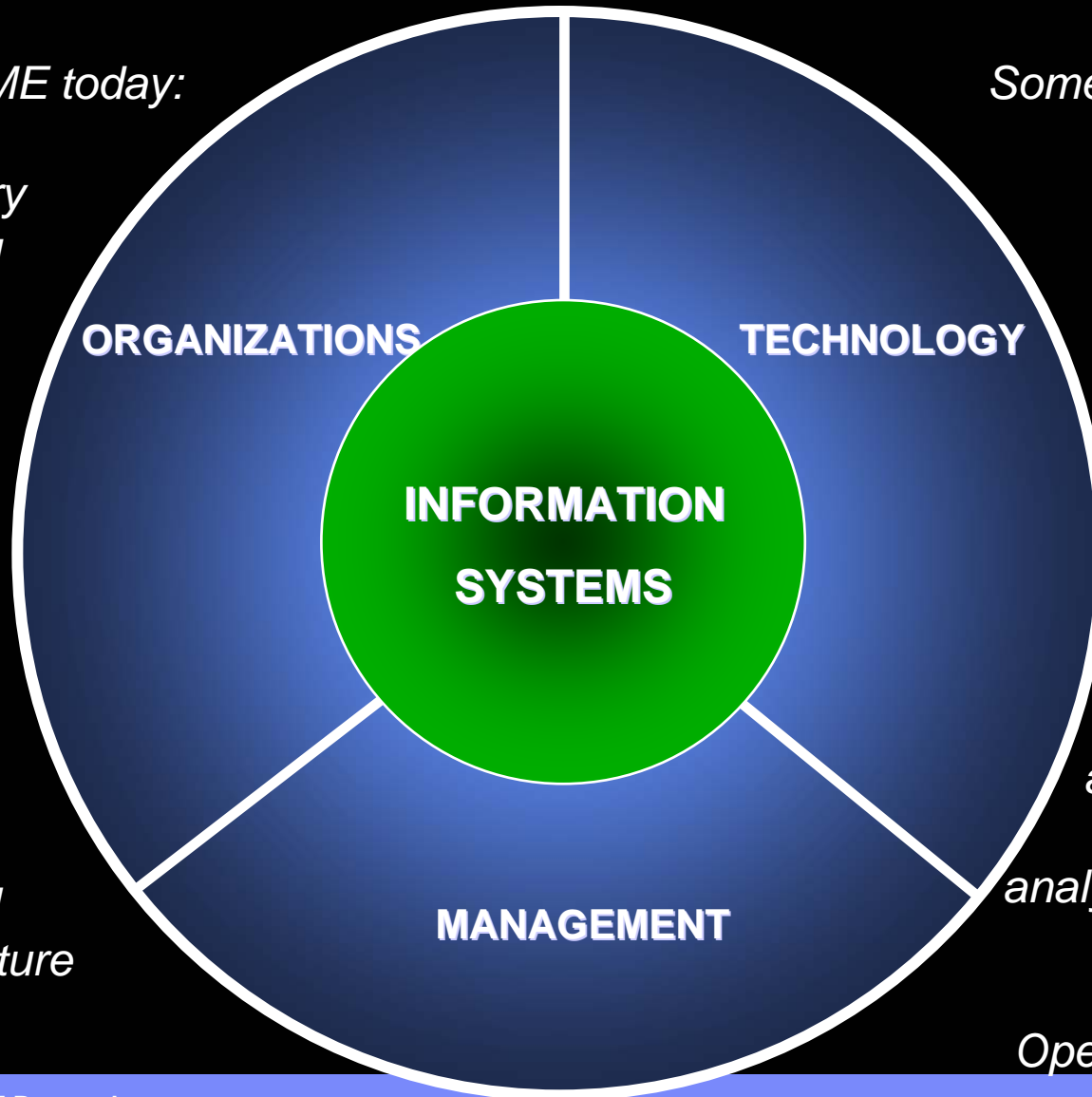
The center balances three key factors: business value, IT process, organizational culture



# INFORMATION SCIENCE & SYSTEMS

*Closest to SSME today:  
emphasis on  
multidisciplinary  
teams creating  
solutions to  
complex  
business and  
societal  
problems.*

*Somewhat  
weak on  
B2B cases  
and on  
motivation and  
incentive structure  
design.*



*Sometimes inadequate  
coverage of  
service economy  
and service  
innovations.*

*Often  
does not  
fully balance  
artistic design with  
more formal and  
analytical approaches,  
as found in  
Economics and  
Operations Research.*

A trend that matters to governments, businesses, and academics... the rise of the service economy

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## So what?

- Yes, there needs to be more emphasis on systematic approaches to creating service innovations...
- But what can IBM and other businesses do to work with governments and academics who also care about service innovation?
- For one possible answer this question, we need to take one step back ...

# IBM Research hires talent worldwide for out labs



# IBM Research – we hire physicists

This achievement is a major milestone toward creating a microscope that can make three-dimensional images of molecules with atomic resolution

scientific discussions. We are also grateful to P. Fabiani Bendicho for help with the numerical solution of the 3D radiative transfer equation. This research was supported by the Spanish Plan Nacional de Astronomía y Astrofísica and by the European Commission via the INTAS programme and the Solar Magnetism Network.

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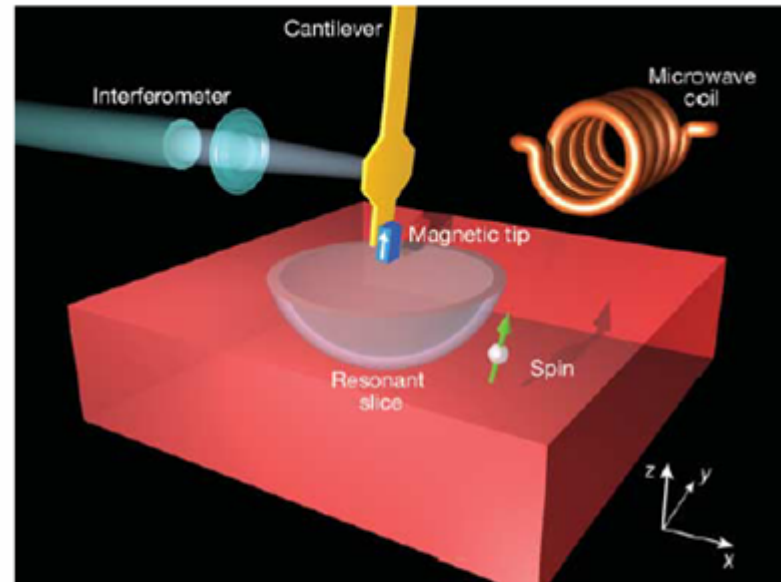
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## Single spin detection by magnetic resonance force microscopy

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Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) is well known as a powerful technique for visualizing subsurface structures with three-dimensional spatial resolution. Pushing the resolution below  $1\ \mu\text{m}$  remains a major challenge, however, owing to the sensitivity limitations of conventional inductive detection techniques. Currently, the smallest volume elements in an image must contain at least  $10^{12}$  nuclear spins for MRI-based microscopy<sup>1</sup>, or  $10^7$



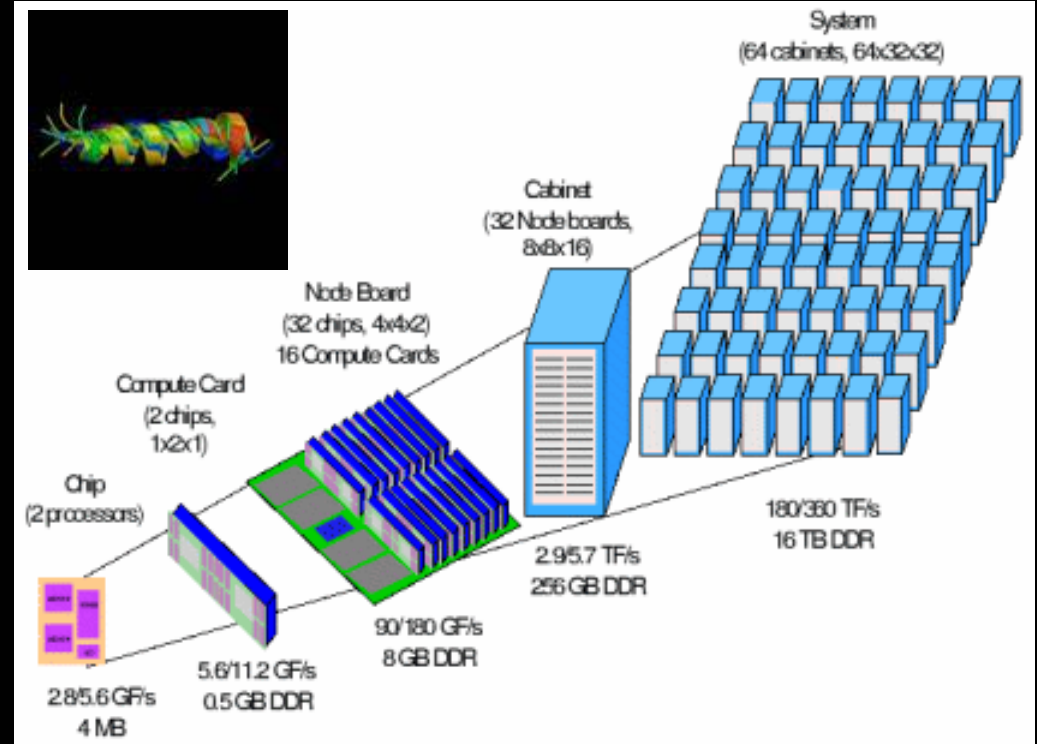
**Figure 1** Configuration of the single-spin MRFM experiment. The magnetic tip at the end of an ultrasensitive silicon cantilever is positioned approximately 125 nm above a polished  $\text{SiO}_2$  sample containing a low density of unpaired electron spins. The resonant slice represents those points in the sample where the field from the magnetic tip (plus an external field) matches the condition for magnetic resonance. As the cantilever vibrates, the resonant slice swings back and forth through the sample causing cyclic adiabatic inversion of the spin. The cyclic spin inversion causes a slight shift of the cantilever frequency owing to the magnetic force exerted by the spin on the tip. Spins as deep as 100 nm below the sample surface can be probed.

# IBM Research – we hire computer scientists

Blue Gene, as its name suggests, is aimed at the drug-development market. Scientists hope eventually to model how proteins fold – a process that is important in designing drugs that can block cancer cells and other diseases.



70.72 teraflops on 11/2004  
183.5 teraflops on 3/2004  
(Linpack benchmark)



# What you may not know... IBM worked with government and academics to help establish computer science departments

machinery, see the use of computers, the use of other... or wind tunnels and engineers... ordinary boundaries... all aspects of... advice on competency's possible needs, an ad hoc... Facilities was Neumann of the... In 1954 von foundation had

Academic interest in computing grew to the point that, by 1959, 150 colleges and universities had introduced on campus some research or instructional use of computers. A survey of university computing conducted by Louis Fein for Stanford Uni-

**The single strongest impulse for introducing computers on campuses in the mid-1950s did not come from the schools themselves or from any federal agency, but instead from IBM.**

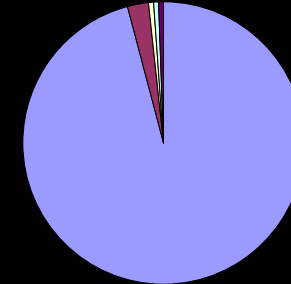
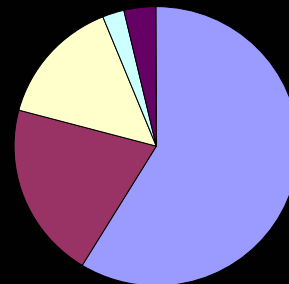
## Arming American Scientists: NSF and the Provision of Scientific Computing Facilities for Universities, 1950-1973

WILLIAM ASPRAY  
BERNARD O. WILLIAMS

This article discusses the role of the US National Science Foundation in the provision of scientific computing facilities for colleges and universities in the period 1950 to 1973. In this period, the NSF played a major role in establishing computing facilities on American campuses for the purposes of scientific research and science education. By the end of this period, most of these programs at NSF had been disbanded, and the foundation was concentrating its support for computing not on the service of other scientific disciplines, but instead on the establishment of a theoretically oriented discipline of computer science. The primary focus here is on NSF institutional history, with only a few examples of the impact of NSF programs. But it is an important part of a larger story of the role of the federal government in establishing American hegemony in computing in this era.

...ps with some overstatement — that and industry were reorganizing to techniques of linear programming, game artificial intelligence, adaptive mechanical psychology, learning machines,

## Now IBM is working with academics and government to establish Service Science



- Engineering and Natural Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Business and Management
- Liberal Arts and Humanities
- Other

Percentage PhD's U.S. IGS and IBM Research

Computer Science	Physicists
	Electrical Engineers
	Mathematicians
	Philosophers (Boolean Logic)

## Need to hire Computer Scientists

Service Science	<b>Organization</b> (Manage People) (Productivity++)	<b>Human Performance Theory</b> Education    Social Science <b>Human Capital Management</b> Computer Supported Collaborative Work
	<b>Process</b> (Manage Information) (Automate++)	Industrial Engineering    Artificial Intelligence <b>Computer Science</b> Operations Research    Systems Engineering
	<b>Business Value</b> (Manage Capital) (Returns++)	MIS    Management Science <b>MBA</b> Management of Innovation    Law Game Theory    Experimental Economics

## Need to hire Service Scientists

# Definitions

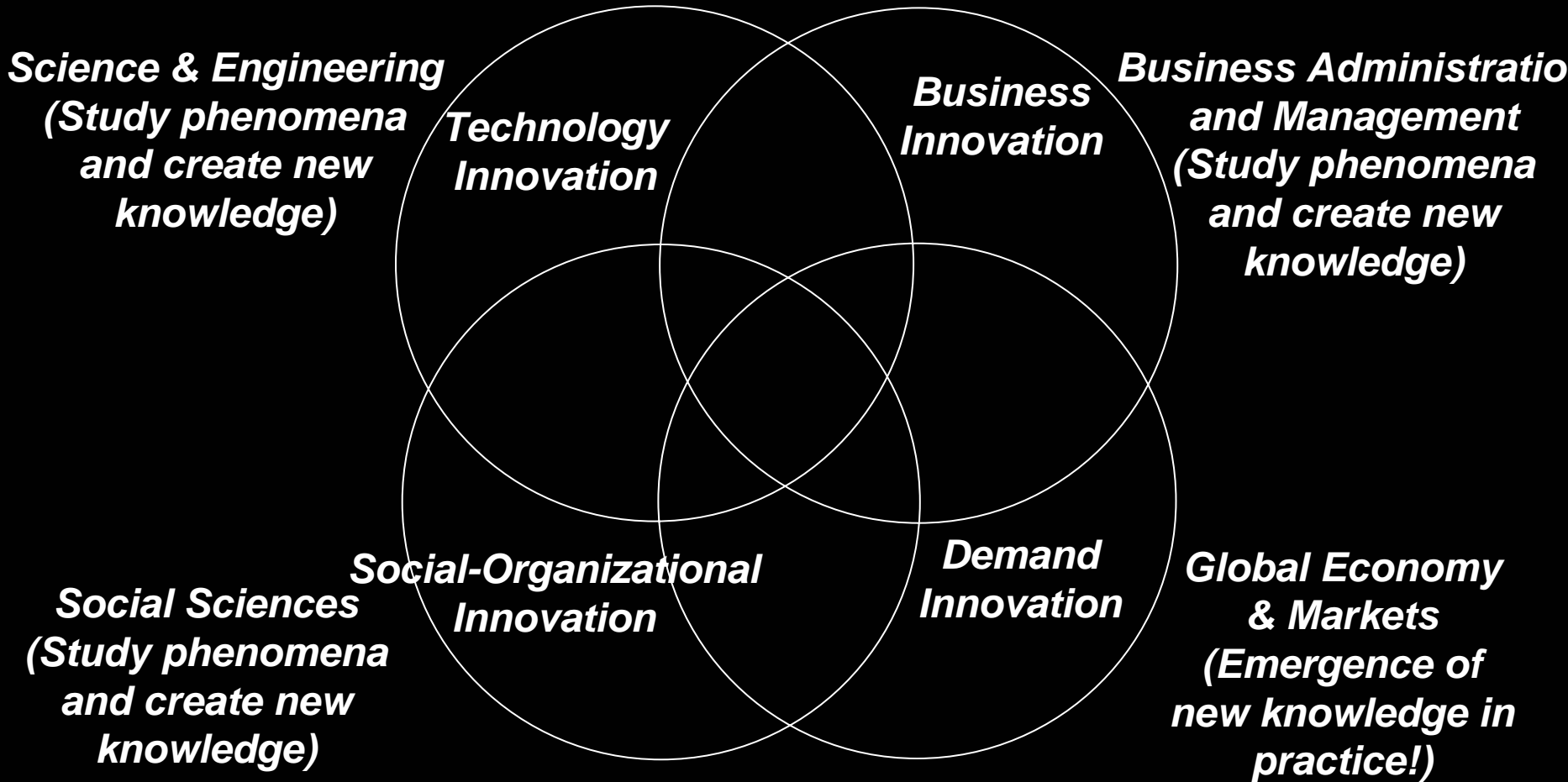
- **Service Science, short for Services Sciences, Management, and Engineering (SSME)**
- **Definition 1: The application of scientific, management, and engineering disciplines to tasks that one organization beneficially performs for and with another ('services')**
  - Make productivity, quality, performance, compliance, security, fairness, growth, innovation, and learning improvements more predictable**
  - Services deals with the coproduction of value between clients and providers in value production relationships, with alternative work sharing, risk sharing, information sharing, and decision sharing arrangements.**
- **Science is a way to create knowledge**
- **Engineering is a way to apply knowledge and create new value**
- **Business Model is a way to apply knowledge and capture value**
- **Management improves the process of creating and capturing value.**

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Make productivity, quality, performance, compliance, growth, and learning improvements more predictable in work sharing and risk sharing (coproduction) relationships.
- **Definition 2: The study of service systems.**
  - Evolution & Design: Services systems evolve in difficult to predict ways because of naturally emergent and rationally designed path dependent interactions between economic entities, acting in the roles of clients and providers coproducing value.**
  - Interactions & Value Coproduction: Service systems are made up of large numbers of interacting clients and providers coproducing value. Each economic entity is both a client and a provider. Service system dynamics are driven by the constantly shifting value of knowledge distributed among people, organizations, technological artifacts (culture), and embedded in networks or ecosystems of relationships amongst them.**
  - Specialization & Coordination: One mechanism for creating value is specialization of clients and providers, which results in the need for coordination via markets, organizational hierarchies, and other mechanisms. Specialization creates efficiency. Efficiency creates profits and leisure. Profits and Leisure create investment (profits to innovation) and new demand (leisure to new aspirations).**

# Service innovation is inherently multidisciplinary...

## Knowledge sources driving service innovations...



**SSME = Service Sciences, Management, and Engineering**

# Definitions of Services

- Deed, act, or performance (Berry, 1980)
- An activity or series of activities... provided as solution to customer problems (Gronroos, 1990)
- All economic activity whose output is not physical product or construction (Brian et al, 1987)
- Intangible and perishable... created and used simultaneously (Sasser et al, 1978)
- A time-perishable, intangible experience performed for a customer acting in the role of co-producer (Fitzsimmons, 2001)
- A change in condition or state of an economic entity (or thing) caused by another (Hill, 1977)
- Characterized by its nature (type of action and recipient), relationship with customer (type of delivery and relationship), decisions (customization and judgment), economics (demand and capacity), mode of delivery (customer location and nature of physical or virtual space) (Lovelock, 1983)
- Deeds, processes, performances (Zeithaml & Bitner, 1996)

# So, services are...

## Pay for performance in which client and provider coproduce value

- High talent performance

Knowledge-intensive business services (business performance transformation services) (e.g., chef's, concert musicians)

- High support performance

Environment designed to allow average performer to provide a superior performance (average cook with great cook book and kitchen; average musician with a synthesizer)

- High tech performance

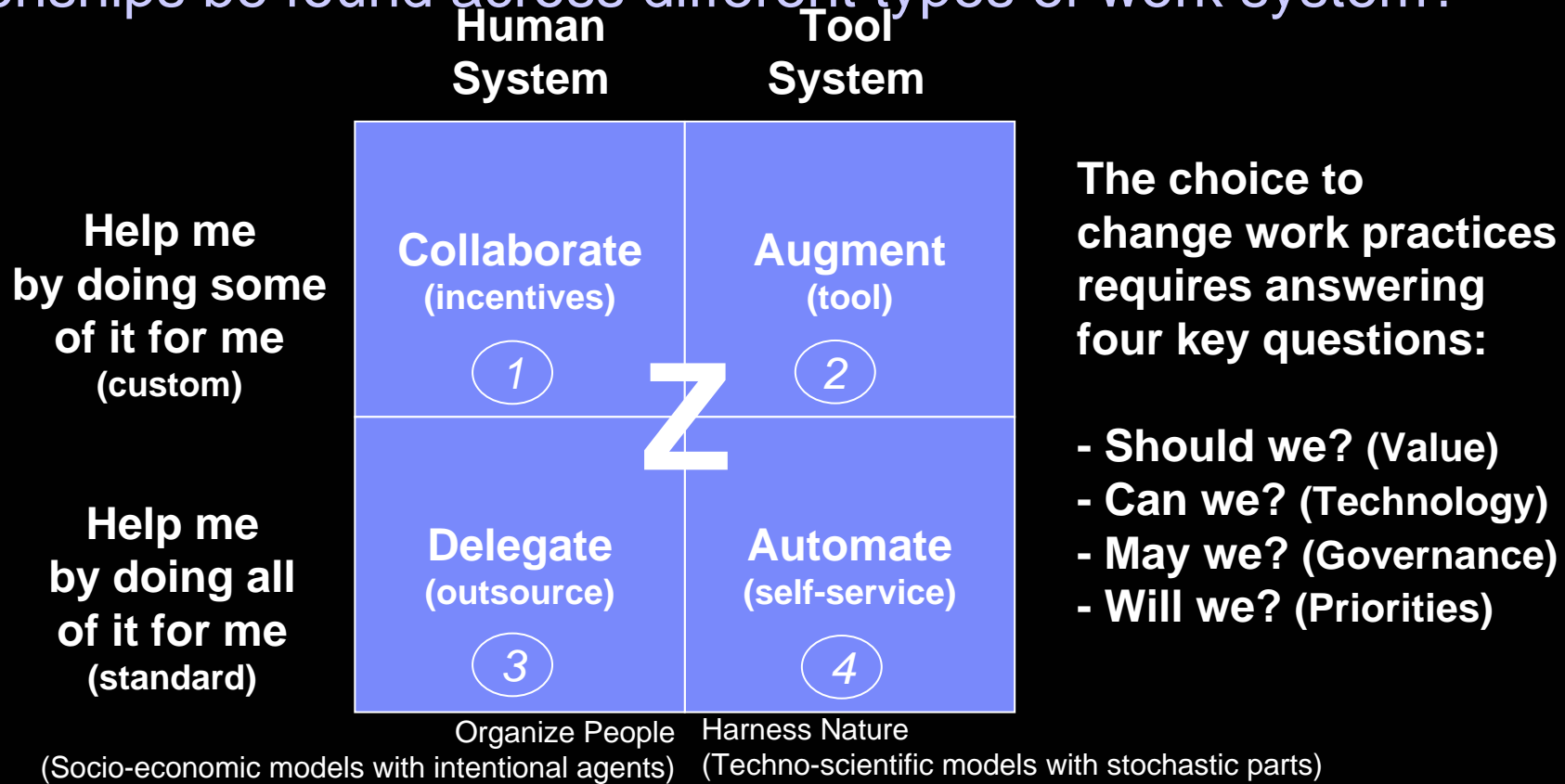
Computational services (e-commerce, self service – client does work)

Even here... talent builds, maintains, upgrades, etc. the technology

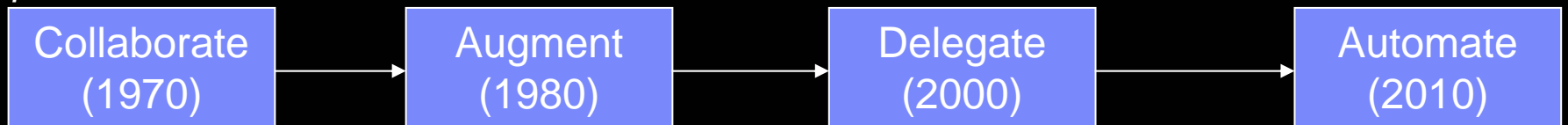
- Routine performance (sometime High Finance)

This is being automated, outsourced, labor arbitrage, financial arbitrage, migrated to high talent/value sectors, or otherwise being rationalized

Service Science Core Questions: How do work systems reconfigure? What role does innovation play? Can integration relationships be found across different types of work system?



Example: Call Centers



Experts: High skill people on phones

Tools: Less skill with FAQ tools

Market: Lower cost geography (India)

Technology: Voice response system

# High talent performance is on the rise in the US economy

*95% of all scientists are alive today.*

Type of work system	1979	1996			Example
		All	Services	Goods	
Tightly Constrained	6%	5%	4%	10%	Call center, Fast food
Unrationalized Labor Intensive	25%	25%	26%	15%	Maid, child care
Semi-Autonomous	35%	30%	30%	35%	Admin., Manager
<b>High-skill Autonomous</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>Executive, Engineer</b>

*From Herzenberg, Alic, Wial (1998)*

## A spotlight

- Find the pioneers of service innovation research & practice
- IBM has invested well over \$1M in faculty awards to service innovation pioneers over the last two years
- IBM invests far more in hiring top talent from universities for our service business and IBM Research in service innovation

# Henry Chesbrough, Berkeley, a service science pioneer. IBM Faculty Award

Harvard Business Review   
[www.hbr.org](http://www.hbr.org)

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## Breakthrough Ideas for 2005

### 14. Toward a New Science of Services

Services is the name of the game in today's economy. Services represent about 80% of the U.S. gross domestic product and between 60% and 80% of the GDPs of the rest of the world's advanced economies. Getting better at services management must be a priority. Companies like General Electric, Xerox, and IBM that are seeing their own businesses shift from products to services are acutely aware of this. (At IBM, for example, more than half of total revenue now comes from services.)

So why can't we agree that services science is a legitimate field? Even as it is researched,

6 FT Mastering Innovation

HENRY CHESBROUGH

# A failing grade for the innovation academy



Services dominate economic activity in developed economies, and yet understanding of innovation in this sector remains very limited

According to a study by the National Academy of Engineering, services in 2000 represented 80 per cent of the

Similarly, customers did not need to understand their suppliers' prior experiences and capabilities, since these were reflected in the products they could see, touch and experience directly.

The services transaction is different. The exchange is generated by both parties, and the process of adoption or consumption is an integral part of the transaction. So, the adopter or customer is also a co-producer, intimately involved in defining, shaping and integrating the service into his or her organisation.

The supplier of the service can extend an offer of what is to be provided but, as we shall see below, it cannot entirely specify the

# Berkeley's new ORMS undergraduate major

Rhonda Righter, IBM Faculty Award

<http://www.ieor.berkeley.edu/AcademicPrograms/Ugrad/ORMS.pdf>

## 1. Decision Making in Economic Systems

Econ 101B	Economic Theory Macro (4)	Econ 161	Economic Systems (3)
Econ 104	Advanced Microeconomic Theory (4)	Math 104	Introduction to Analysis (4)
Econ 141	Economic Statistics and Econometrics (4)	E120	Princ. of Eng. Econ. (3)
IEOR 165	Engineering Statistics, Quality Control and Forecasting (3)		

## 2. Decision Making in Industrial and Service Systems

IEOR 150	Production Systems Analysis (3)	EOR 166	Decision Analysis (3)
IEOR 151	Service Operations Design and Analysis (3)	IEOR 170	Human Factors for Eng. Des. (3)
IEOR 153	Facilities Planning and Design (3)	Bus Ad. 123	Managerial Accounting (3)
IEOR 162	Linear Programming (3)	Bus Ad. 142	Prod. and Opns. Mgt. (3)
IEOR 165	Engineering Statistics, Quality Control and Forecasting (3)		

## 3. Decision Making in Societal Systems

Soc 101A	Sociological Theory (5)	Soc 119	Society and Info. Theory (4)
Soc 105	Introduction to Sociological Methods (5)	Econ C110	Game Th. in the Soc. Sci. (4)
Soc 106	Intermediate Sociological Methods (4)	Econ 101A	Economic Theory Micro (4)
IEOR 165	Engineering Statistics, Quality Control and Forecasting (3)		

## 4. Algorithmic Decision Making

CS 61B	Data Structures (4)	IEOR 115	Indust. and Comm'l. Data Syst. (3)
CS 170	Efficient Alg. and Intractable Prob. (4)	IEOR 162	Linear Programming (3)
CS 172	Computability and Complexity (4)	IEOR 166	Decision Analysis (3)
CS 174	Combinatorics and Discrete Probability (4)	Math 110	Linear Algebra (4)



School	Discipline	Evolution & Revision	Selection & Aggregation	Transformation & Integration
School of Management	Marketing	Service Marketing	Service & Solutions Excellence Centers (Information Science & Technology Management)	Services Sciences, Management, and Engineering (SSME) and Solutions Engineering
	Operations	Service Operations		
	Accounting	Service Accounting (Activity-Based Costing)		
	Contracts & Negotiations	Service Sourcing (eSourcing)		
	Management Science	Service Management		
	Management of Technology	Management of Innovation		
School of Engineering and Science	Operations Research	Service Operations		
	Industrial & Systems Engineering	Service Engineering		
	Computer Science	Service Computing, Web Services, SOA		
School of Social Sciences	Economics	Institutional Economics Experimental Economics		
	Psychology	Labor Psychology (Human Capital Mgmt)		
	Anthropology	Business Anthropology		
	Organization Theory			
Other	Information Science & Systems, Service professional schools			

# Select efforts to promote service science

- Dec. 2002: Almaden Service Research established, the first IBM Research group completely dedicated to understanding service innovations from a sociotechnical systems perspective, including enterprise transformation and industry evolution (<http://www.almaden.ibm.com/asr/>)
- March 2003: IBM-Berkeley Day: Technology... At Your Service! (<http://www.eecs.berkeley.edu/IPRO/IBMDay03/>)
- September 2003: Coevolution of Business-Technology Innovation Symposium (<http://www.almaden.ibm.com/coevolution/>)
- April 2004: Almaden Institute: Work in the Era of the Global, Extensible Enterprise (<http://www.almaden.ibm.com/institute/2004/>)
- May 2004: "Architecture of On Demand" Summit: Service science: A new academic discipline? ([http://domino.research.ibm.com/comm/www\\_fs.nsf/pages/index.html](http://domino.research.ibm.com/comm/www_fs.nsf/pages/index.html))
- June 2004: Paul Horn, VP IBM Research, briefs analysts on "Services as a Science"
- September 2004: Chesbrough's "A failing grade for the innovation academy" appears in the Financial Times ([http://news.ft.com/cms/s/9b743b2a-0e0b-11d9-97d3-00000e2511c8.dwp\\_uuid=6f0b3526-07e3-11d9-9673-00000e2511c8.html](http://news.ft.com/cms/s/9b743b2a-0e0b-11d9-97d3-00000e2511c8.dwp_uuid=6f0b3526-07e3-11d9-9673-00000e2511c8.html))
- November 2004: IBM's GIO focuses on service sector innovations: government, healthcare, work-life balance (<http://www.ibm.com/gio>)
- November 2004: Service Innovations for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workshop (<http://www.almaden.ibm.com/asr/events/serviceinnovation/>)
- December 2004: Samuel J. Palmisano, IBM CEO, Harvard Business Review interview discusses the important role of "values" in organizational performance, "Leading Change When Business is Good" ([http://harvardbusinessonline.hbsp.harvard.edu/b01/en/common/item\\_detail.html?id=R0412C](http://harvardbusinessonline.hbsp.harvard.edu/b01/en/common/item_detail.html?id=R0412C))
- December 2004: IBM expands academic initiatives related to service innovations, including sponsoring Tannenbaum Institute of Enterprise Transformation at Georgia Tech.
- February 2005: Chesbrough's "Service as a Science" in Harvard Business Review Breakthrough ideas of 2005
- 2005 - Oxford, Warwick, Bentley, Penn State, UMaryland, ASU, NCState, Japan, China, Norway, etc.

# Work items

- Establish the importance of getting more systematic about service innovation for academics, business, and government
- Highlight the work of the pioneers and early champions of systematic approaches to service innovation and service science
- Review of components of existing degrees requirements and course elements that should be part of a service science curriculum
- Define the fundamental research questions and grand challenges that the science is seeking answers to (value if answered, methodologies and tools for answering them, etc.)
- Agree on conferences, journals, and other community growth initiatives
- Explore the role of government and industry, especially with respect to accessing the fundamental data on which the science will be based
- Establish a feedback mechanism that surveys graduates who enter IGS to see what skills they used most and the ones they wish they had learned while in school
- Discuss the many roadblocks, challenges, overwhelming political obstacles, etc. to establishing the field.

# A grand challenge

- What is the new tool for SSME?
- Most new sciences make rapid advancement when they have a new tool for measurement and rapid empirical studies?
- What might an empirical platform for business and information services studies look like?

# Agent-based Simulations of Organizational Designs and Industry Evolution

Mizuta-san (under Kuse-san, Hidaka-san) at TRL is working with Researchers at IBM Almaden to do agent-based simulations of organization on the BlueGene supercomputer. Researchers at Almaden have connected BlueGene to the WebFountain supercomputer that can analyze the enter web and more.



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