

## New Concepts and Trends

- How Future Trends in Systems and Software Technology Bode Well for Enabling Improved Acquisition and Performance in Defense Systems

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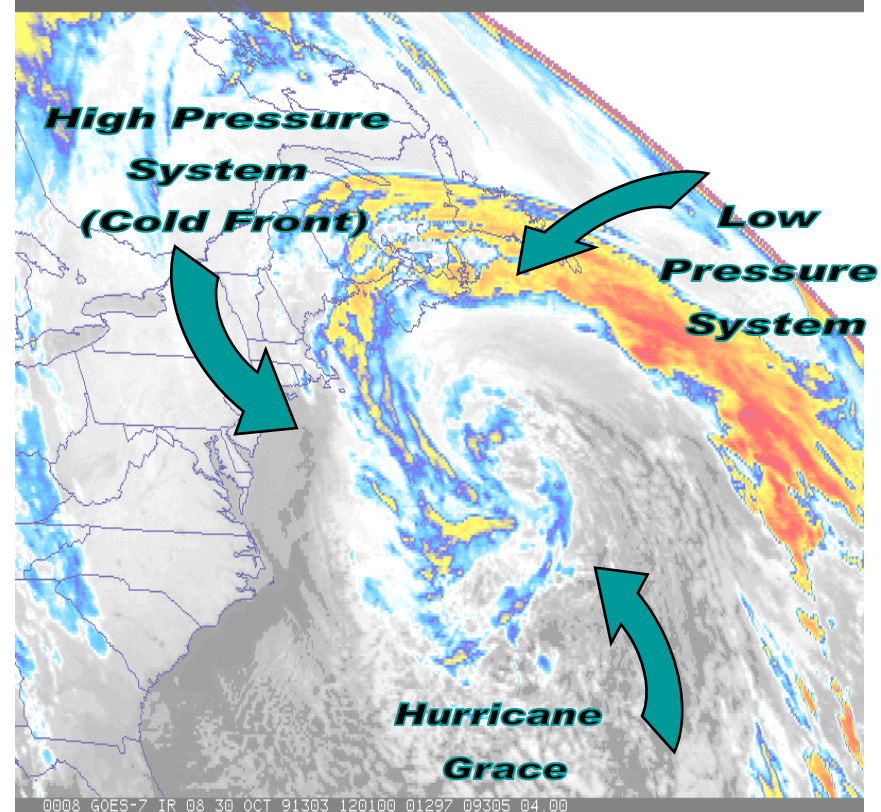
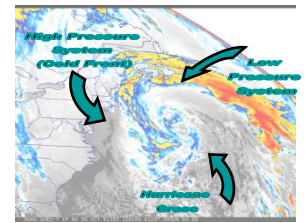
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# Overview

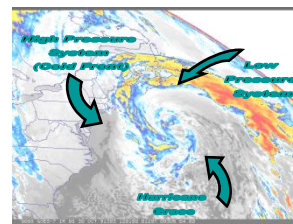
- Transformational Trends
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- Ten Future Trends
- Wrap-up



“Perfect Storm” Event, October 1991  
National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration



# Development: Need for Space, Air, Ground, Water, Underwater Software-Intensive Systems that are Interconnected



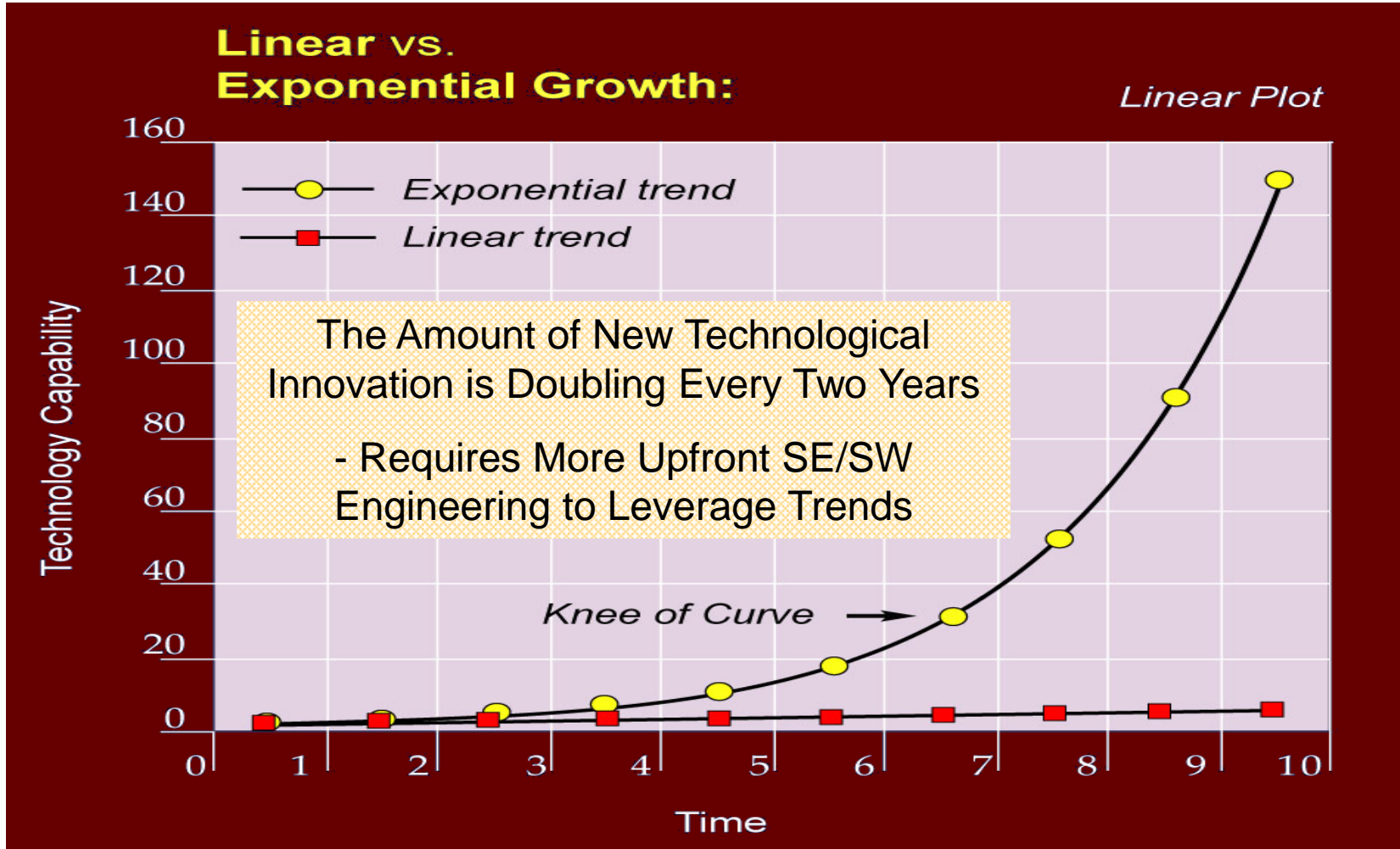
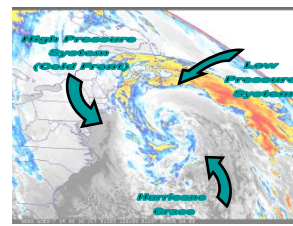
- Several million SLOC programs; “Hybrid” systems combining legacy re-use, COTS, new development
- Multi-contractor teams using different processes; dispersed engineering, development & operational locations
- New technologies create opportunities/challenges; products change/evolve, corporations mutate
- Business/operational needs change - often faster than full system capability can be implemented
- Skillset Shortfalls; Cost and schedule constraints
- Demands for increased integration, interoperability, system of system capabilities
- Enterprise perspectives/requirements; sustainment concerns



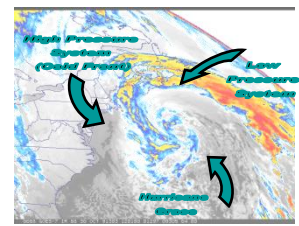
**Development Complexity of Software-Intensive Systems is Increasing**



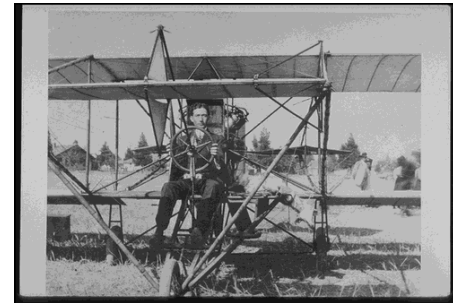
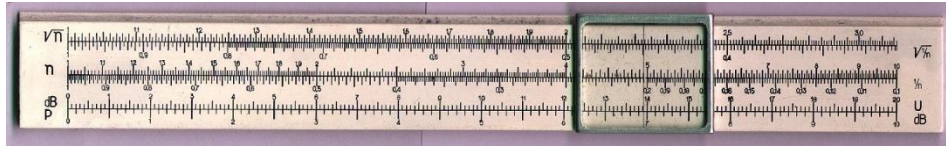
# The Acceleration of Innovation in the 21st Century: - Impacting Both Defense and Society



# Augustine's Law: Growth of Software - Order of Magnitude Every 10 Years



## In The Beginning



**1960's**



**F-4A**  
**1000**  
**LOC**



**1970's**



**F-15A**  
**50,000**  
**LOC**



**1980's**



**F-16C**  
**300K**  
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**1990's**



**F-22**  
**1.7M**  
**LOC**



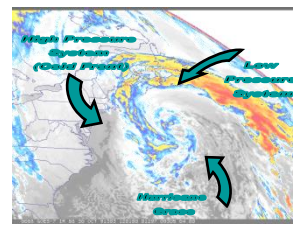
**2000+**



**F-35**  
**>6M**  
**LOC**



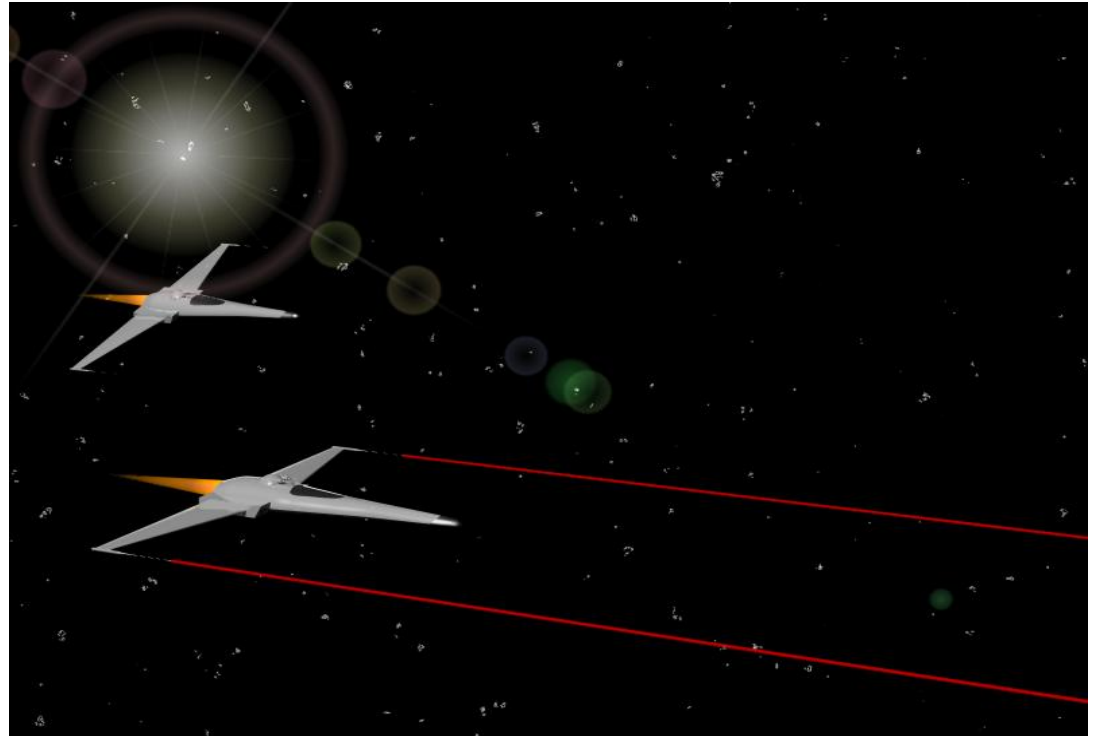
# Trend & Implications: Augustine's Law Will Hold



**2080?**



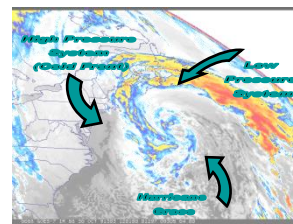
**F-50 - 4.7B Lines of Code**



***Need for increased functionality will be a forcing function to bring the fields of software and systems engineering closer together***

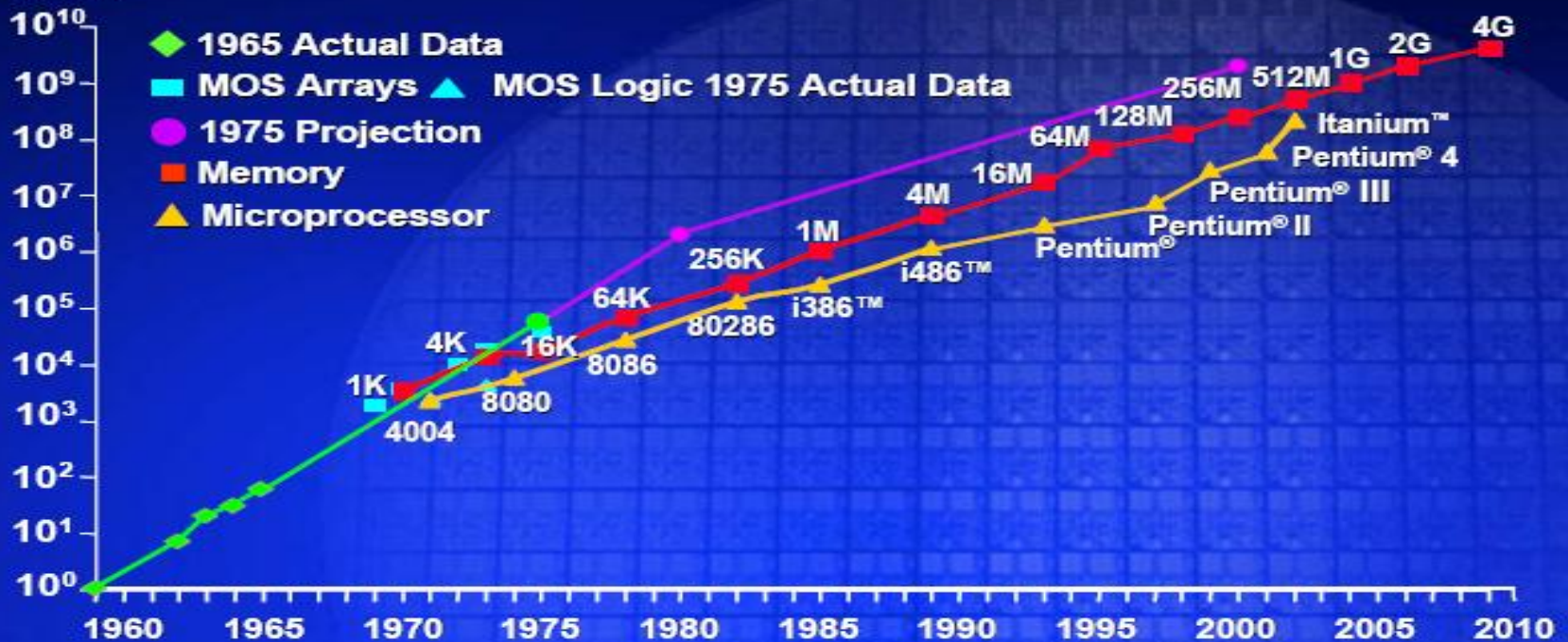


# Moore's Law: The Number of Transistors That Can be Placed on an Integrated Circuit is Doubling Approximately Every Two Years



## Integrated Circuit Complexity

Transistors  
Per Die

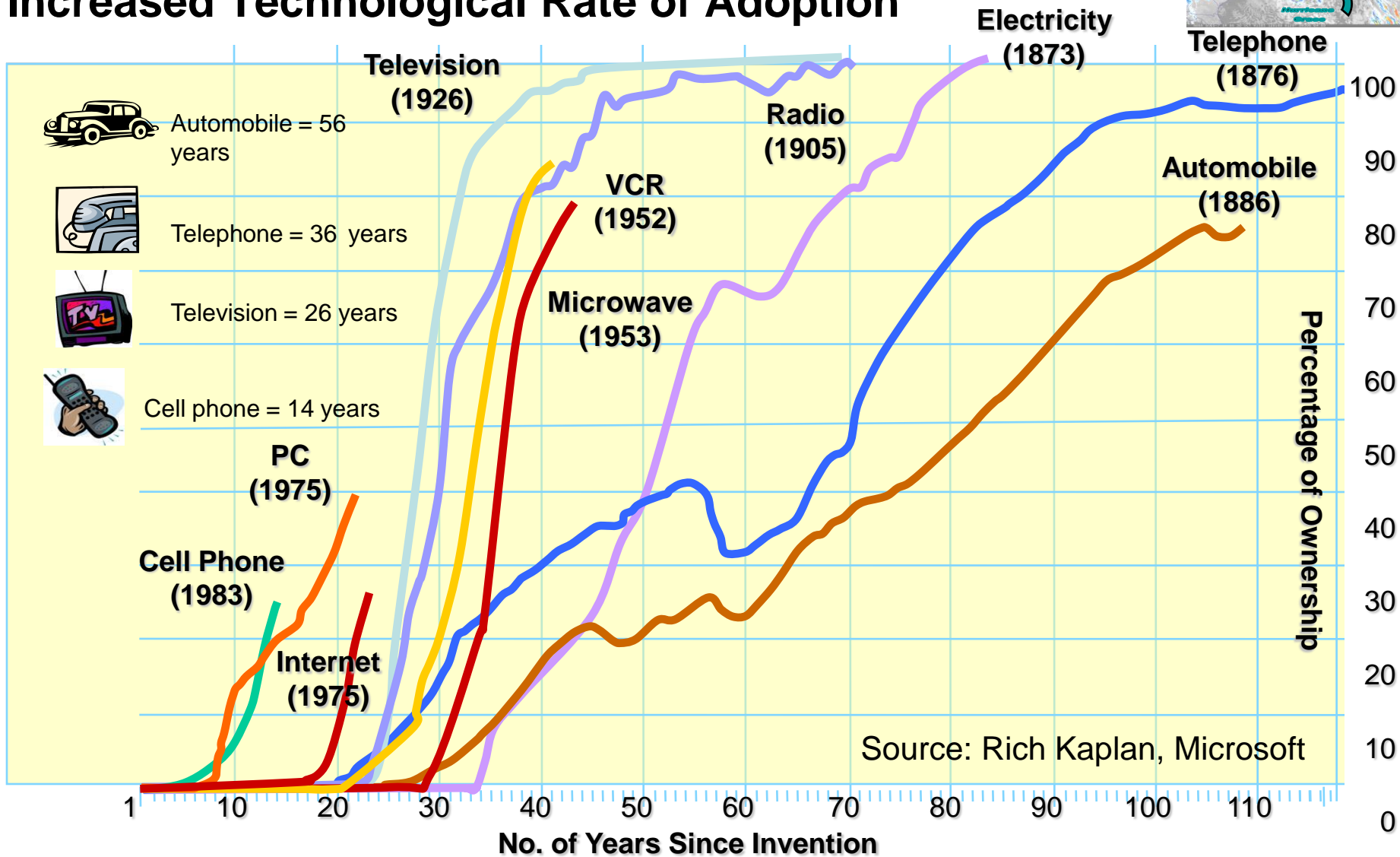
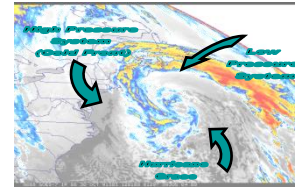


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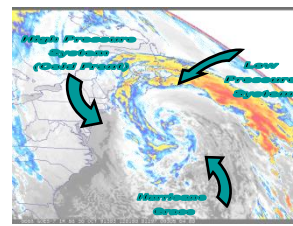




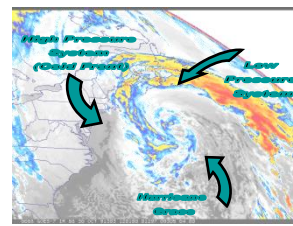
# Increased Technological Rate of Adoption



# Acquisition: Life of a Program Manager in a System of Systems and/or Net-Centric Operation...



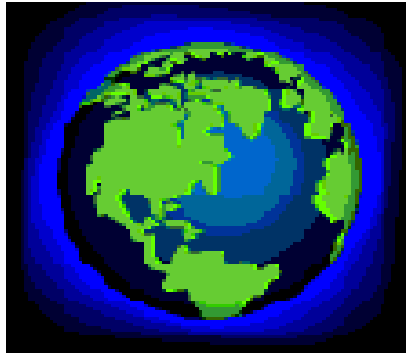
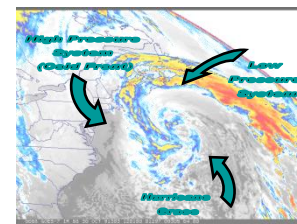
# Acquisition: Effectively Managing Risk



*A Key Challenge is How to Obtain a Better Alignment of Risk Among the Relevant Stakeholders*



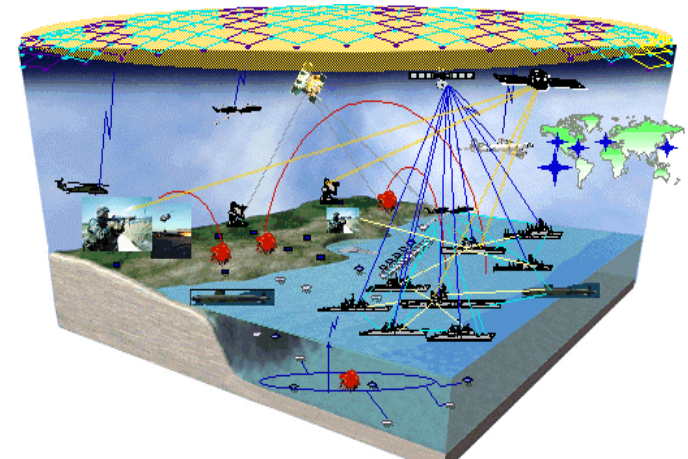
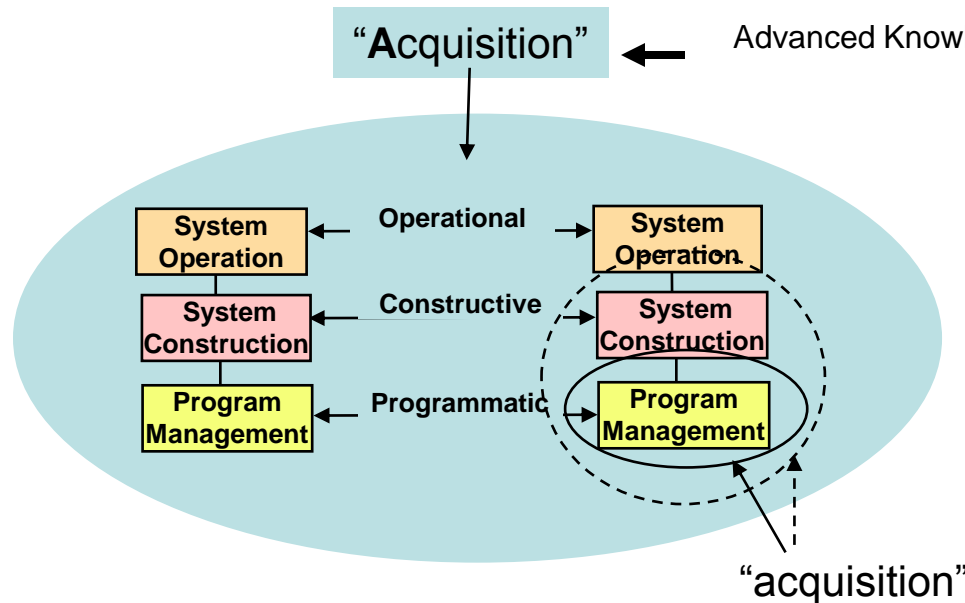
# Acquisition Performance – Flexible Boundary-Crossing Acquisition Structure



2005 study confirmed\*:

- In advanced knowledge-based organizations, management’s desire for the flow of knowledge is greater than the desire to control boundaries
- Unlike the matrix organization, there is less impact on the dynamics of formal power and control
- **Important to measure the system in terms of user performance**

\* Using Communities of Practice to Drive Organizational Performance and Innovation, 2005, APQ study

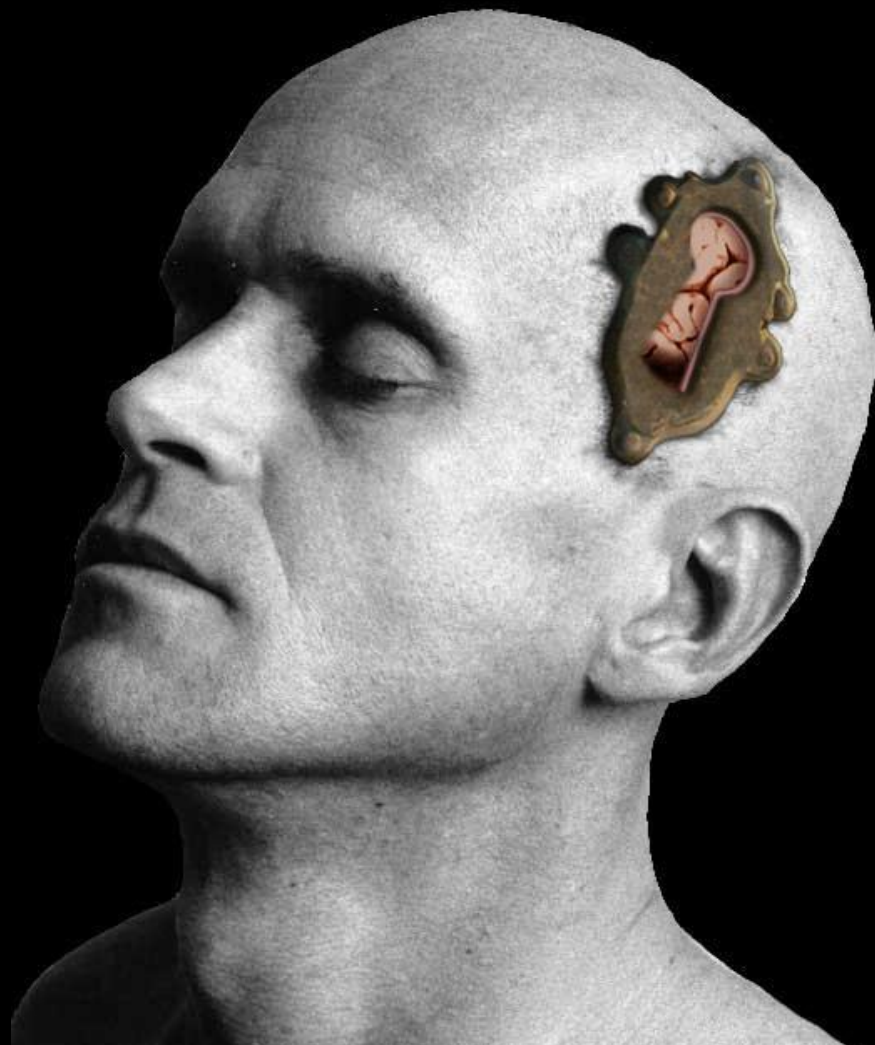


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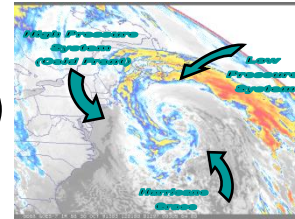
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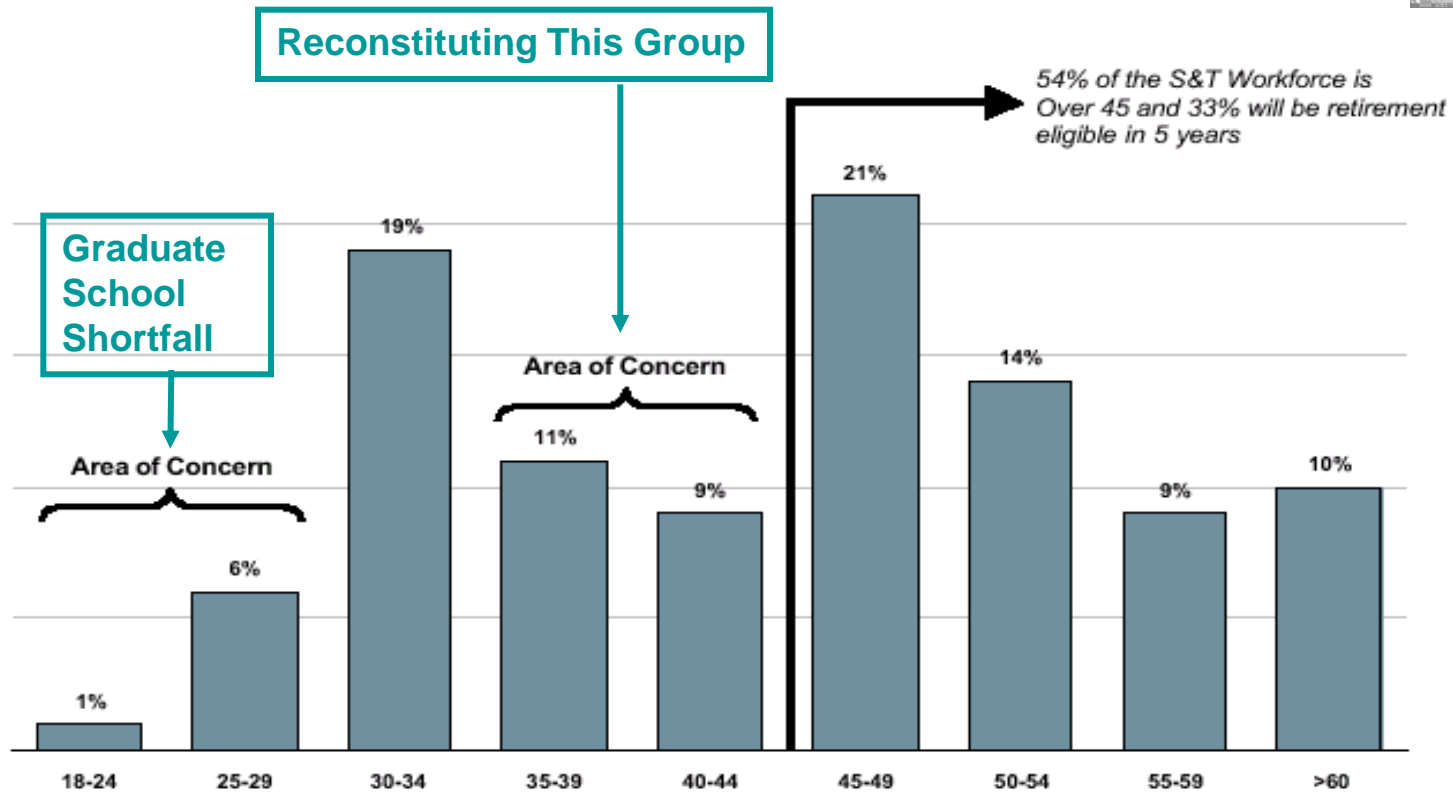
# Human Element



*The ability of organizations to compete will increasingly depend on the innovation of the human element*



# Society Drivers: Bimodal Demographics (Space Industry)

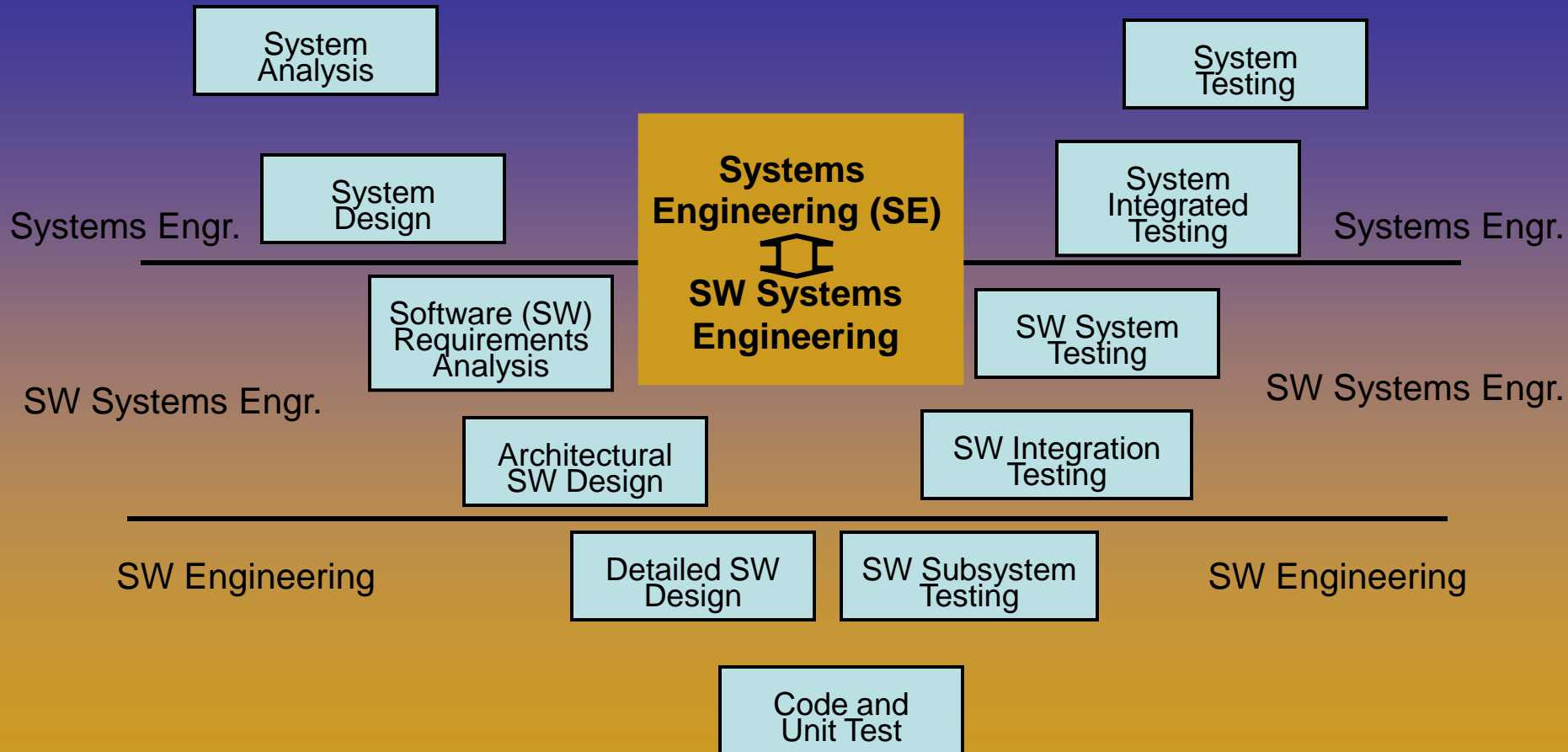
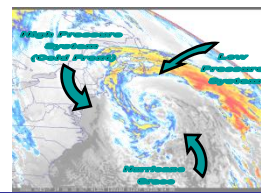


*Average Space Industry S&E Workforce Age Distribution*

***Trend: Industry/Gov't Will Increasingly Focus on Attracting, Training and Retaining Systems Engineering Talent***



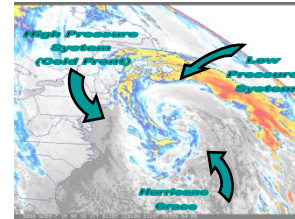
# Objective is for Software and Systems Engineering to Become More Integrated Versus Separated



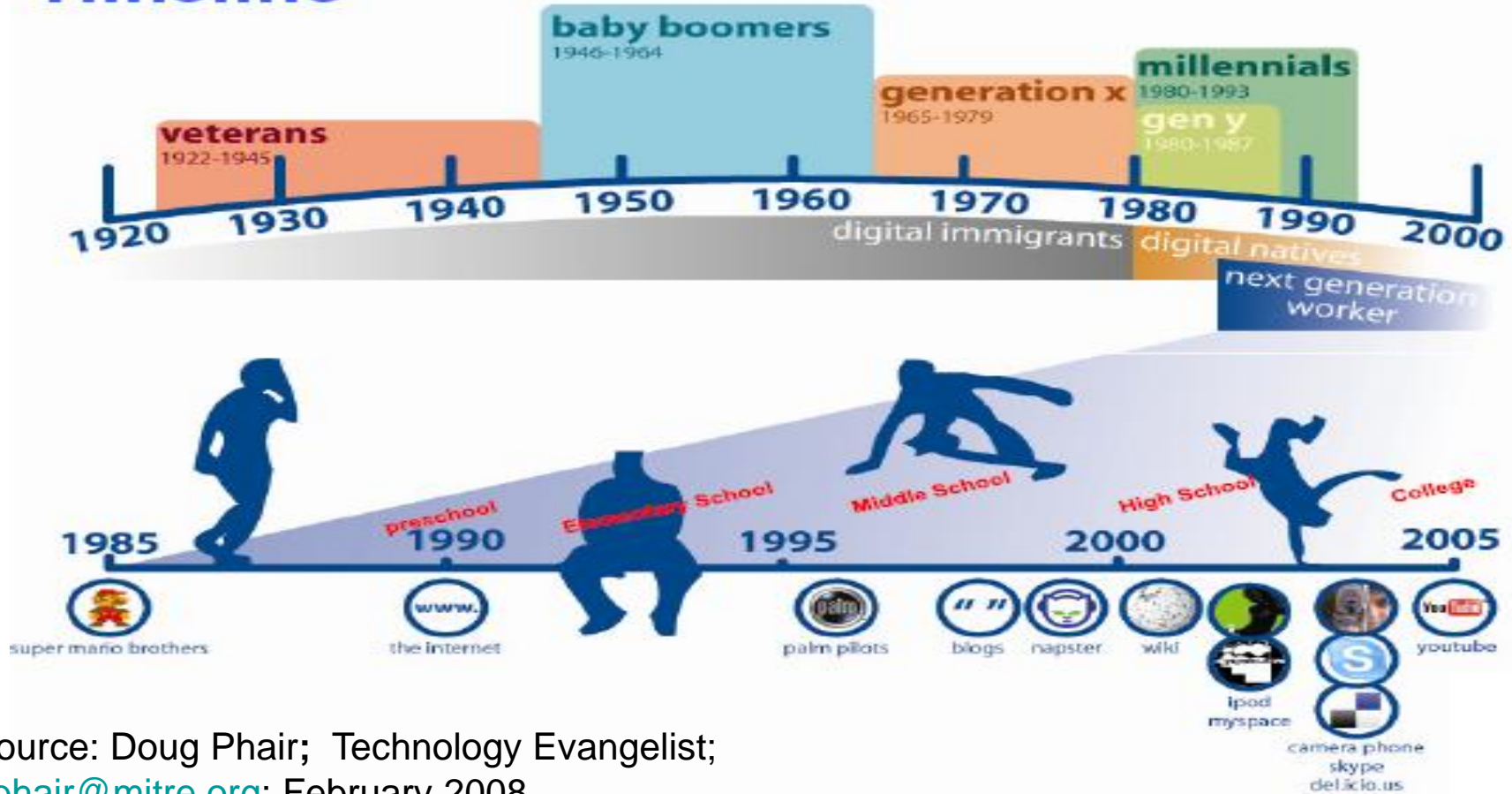
*OSD Initiative: Integrated Software and Systems Engineering Curriculum*



# Human Element in the Work-Space Environment



## Timeline

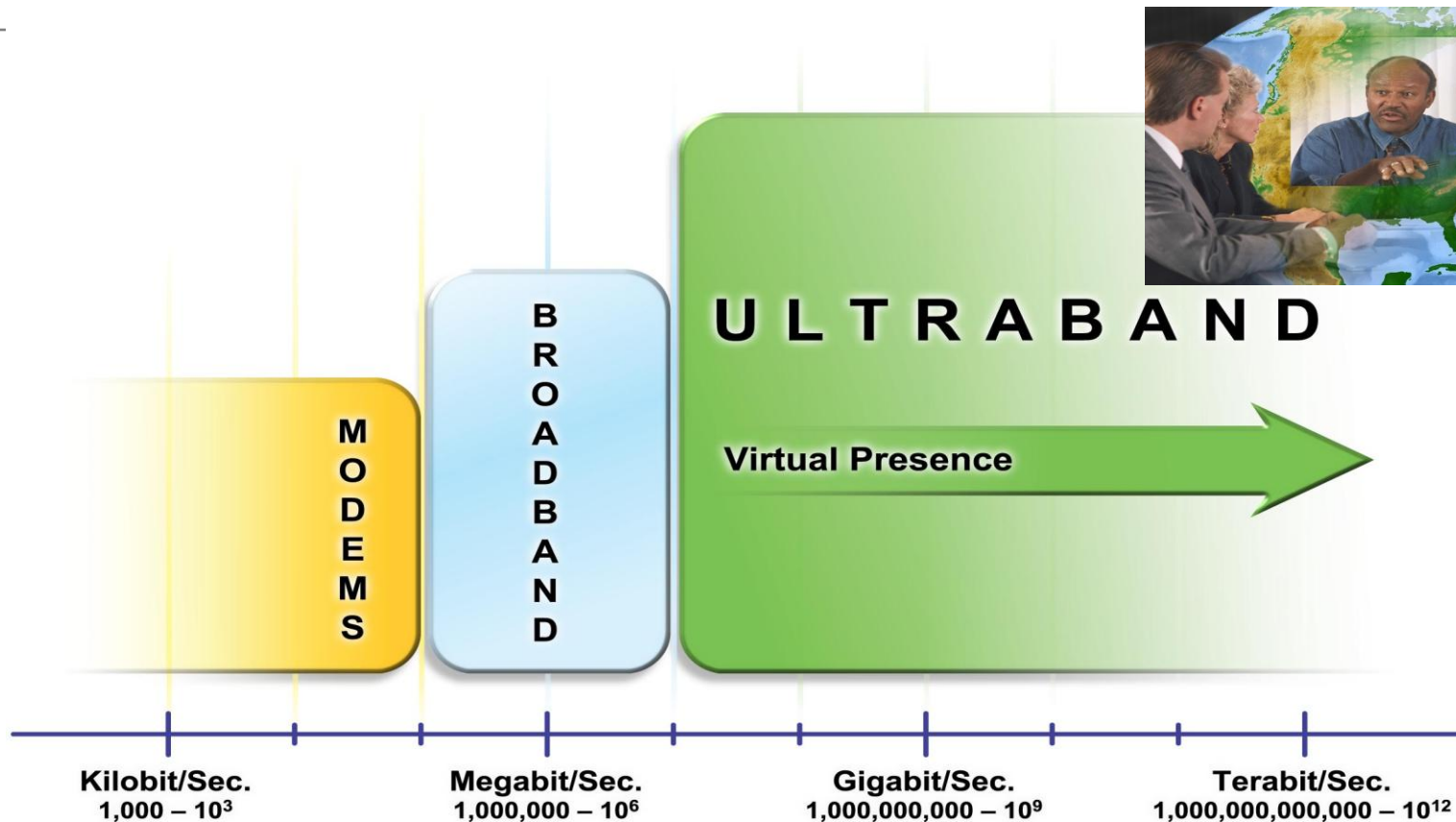
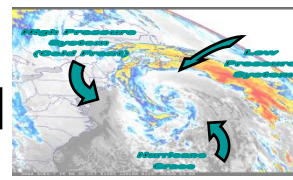


Source: Doug Phair; Technology Evangelist;  
[dphair@mitre.org](mailto:dphair@mitre.org); February 2008





# Communication: Increased Capabilities in the Digital Spectrum Enables Improvements in Communication and Collaboration

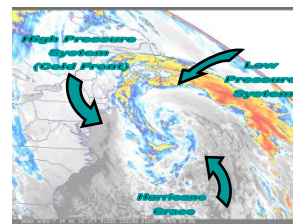


***Rule #4: The best companies are the best collaborators\****

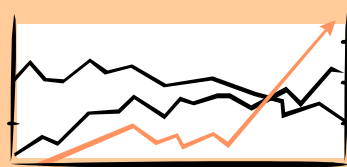
\* Friedman, Thomas L. *"The World Is Flat"*, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2005



# Higher-Maturity Approaches to Process Improvement Are Important and Synergistic Trends



## Data-Driven (e.g., Six Sigma, Lean)



Optimizing

Quantitatively Managed

Determine what your processes can do (Voice of Process)

- Statistical Process Control

Clarify what your customer wants (Voice of Customer)

- Critical to Quality (CTQs)

Identify and prioritize improvement opportunities

- Causal analysis of data

Determine where your customers/competitors are going (Voice of Business)

- Design for Six Sigma

## Model-Driven (e.g., CMM, CMMI)



Determine the industry best practice

- Benchmarking, models

Compare your current practices to the model

- Appraisal, education

Identify and prioritize improvement opportunities

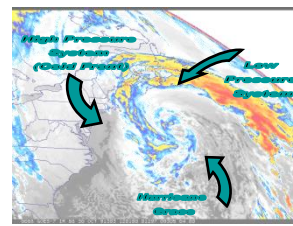
- Implementation
- Institutionalization

Look for ways to optimize the processes

CMMI and Six Sigma,  
Siviy, et al, 2007, Addison Wesley



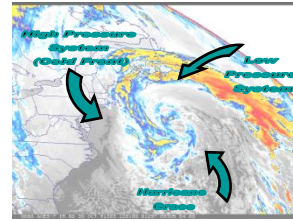
# Systems and Software Engineering: Ten Trends



1. *Greater demands on systems and software engineers will stimulate growth in the field – nationally and internationally*
2. *Industry/Gov't will increasingly focus on attracting, training and retaining systems and software engineering talent – short and long run – with emphasis on providing a Generation Y work environment*
3. *Increased reliance on systems and software engineering processes and technologies to effectively manage the acquisition/"green" space*
4. *The laws of Augustine's and Moore will continue to hold and will continue to be a forcing function to bring the fields of software and systems engineering closer together*
5. *Improvements risk-reduction collaboration mechanisms will be significant enablers for increases in systems and software engineering communication and "decision velocity"*



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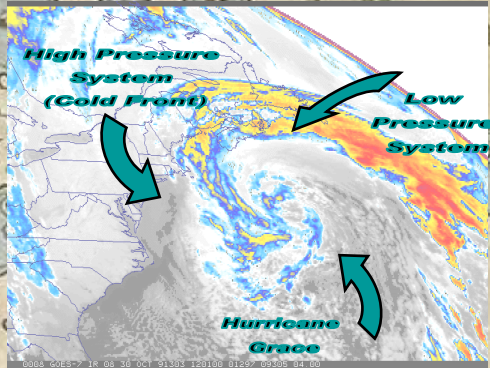


6. *Systems and software engineers will continually find way to innovative to reduce complexity*
7. *Increased importance of modeling and simulation*
8. *Increased customer requests for system and software engineering support will occur earlier in life cycle*
9. *Shift of systems and software engineering focus from the platform to the networks and ground systems*
10. *Process improvement will continue to be important!*





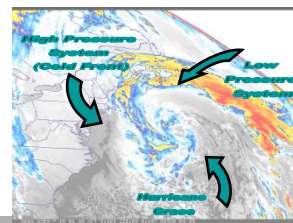
Questions?



THE KNOWN WORLD  
*Beyond here there be Dragons*



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