# **Engineering the Life Sciences**

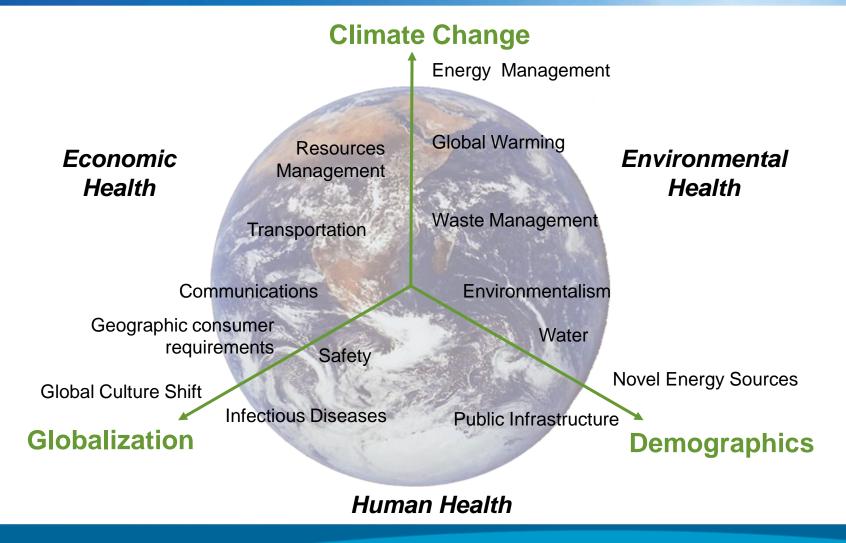
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# **Multidisciplinary Contributions**

- Critical to the World and Agilent
- Successful Examples
- Moving Forward

### **Drivers of Global Dilemmas**



# **Need for Multiple Disciplines**

In Academia and Industry

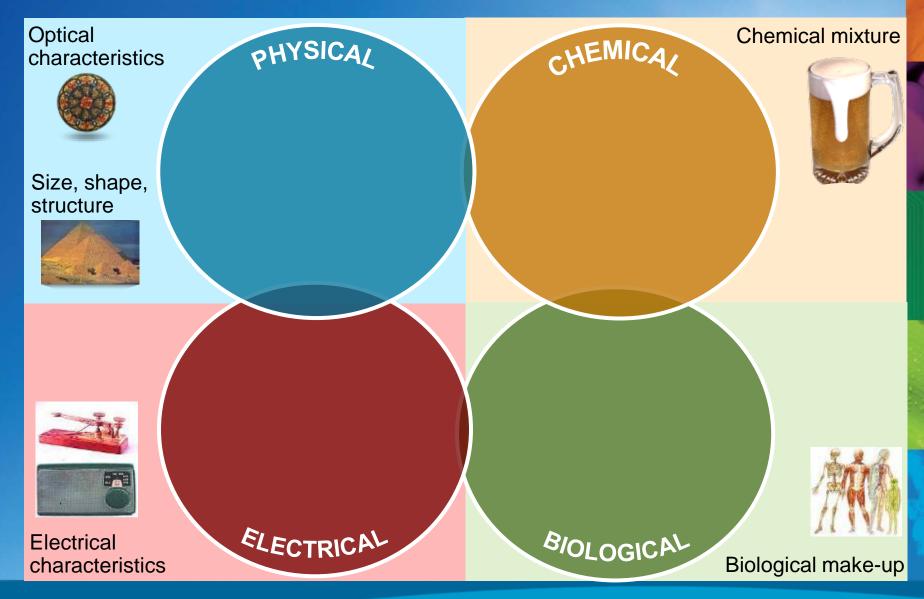
"The evolution of ... electrical and computer engineering demands a new breed of ECE graduates with a broad set of competencies that cannot be ... constrained by traditional boundaries."

> "Electrical and Computer Engineering for a New Generation" By T.E. Schlesinger and B. Krogh ECEDHA Source, Issue 4, Spring 2010

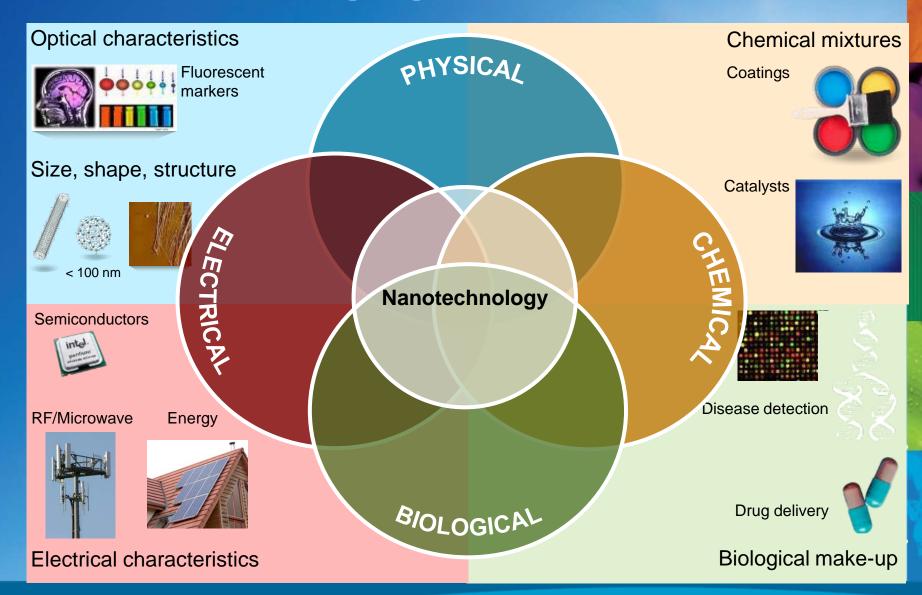
Biomedical Engineer – the fastest growing job, a relatively new specialty that bridges medical and engineering disciplines such as math, chemistry, physics, biology and engineering

"Top 10 List: Where the Jobs Are" by Cecilia Simon New York Times, April 13, 2011

### **Historic Discrete Measurements**

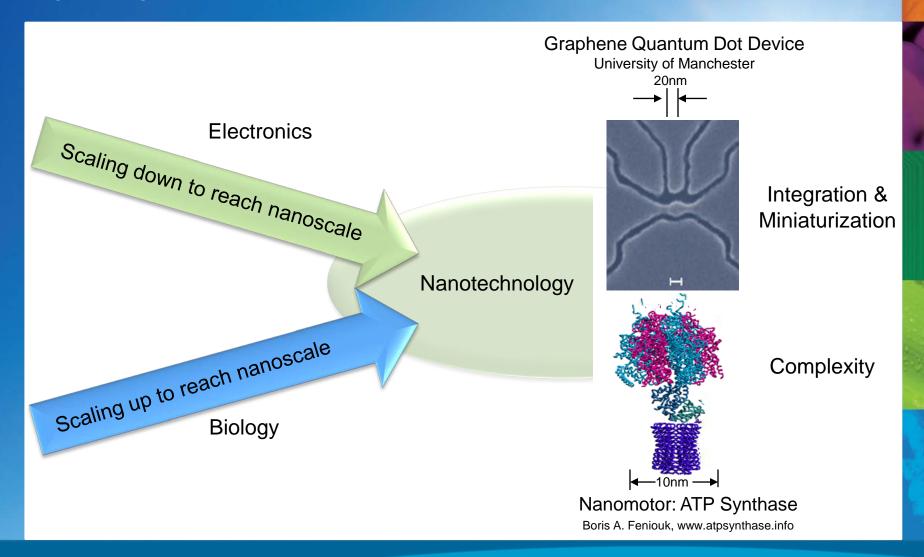


# **Current Converging Measurements**

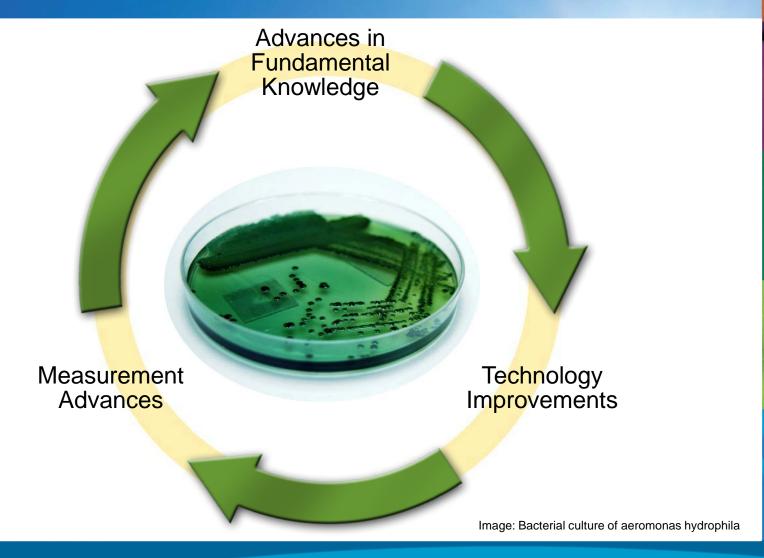


# **Electronics / Biology Convergence**

Engineering at the Nanoscale



## Science & Measurement Are Inextricably Linked



# **Agilent's Businesses**

Opportunities for Multidisciplinary Teamwork

**FY11 Revenue** 

\$3.3B

\$1.5B



**Electronic Measurement Group** 

**Chemical Analysis Group** 

Life Sciences Group

\$1.8B

\$6.6 B

#### **Agilent Research Laboratories**

Enabling technology breakthroughs and synergies across Agilent



# Measurement: Agilent's Core Contribution

Digital Fundamentals Apply Across Multiple Businesses

#### **Application Specific**

Sample

**Detect/Acquire** 

Analyze (What is that signal?)

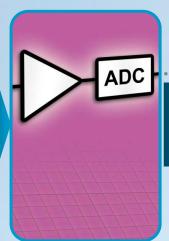
Integrate (What is it doing?)

Interpret (What does it mean?)

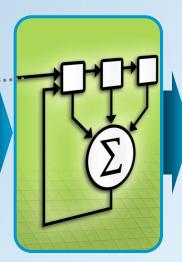




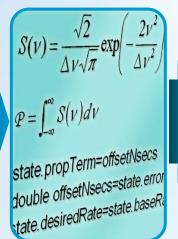
Physical Analog Measurement



Signal Conditioning and Data Conversion



Digital Signal
Processing and
Signal Correlation



Measurement Science in System Context



Data Management, Visualization and Decision Analysis

National Cancer Institute, Pathology Histology Breast Cancer iStock Photo, Circuit Board

# **Agilent Technologies**

Addressing Critical Measurement Challenges







**Electronic Measurement** 

**Chemical Analysis** 

**Life Sciences** 

Wireless technologies

Mobile phone R&D and manufacturing

Aerospace/defense

Low-cost instrumentation

Food safety, quality

Energy research, production

Quality of air, water, soil

Forensics, drugs of abuse

Pharmaceutical research and manufacturing

Genomics, proteomics, metabolomics tools for disease research

# **Agilent Research Laboratories**

Competitive Advantage Through Technology

**Applied** research

Breakthrough technologies

**Measurement** synergies

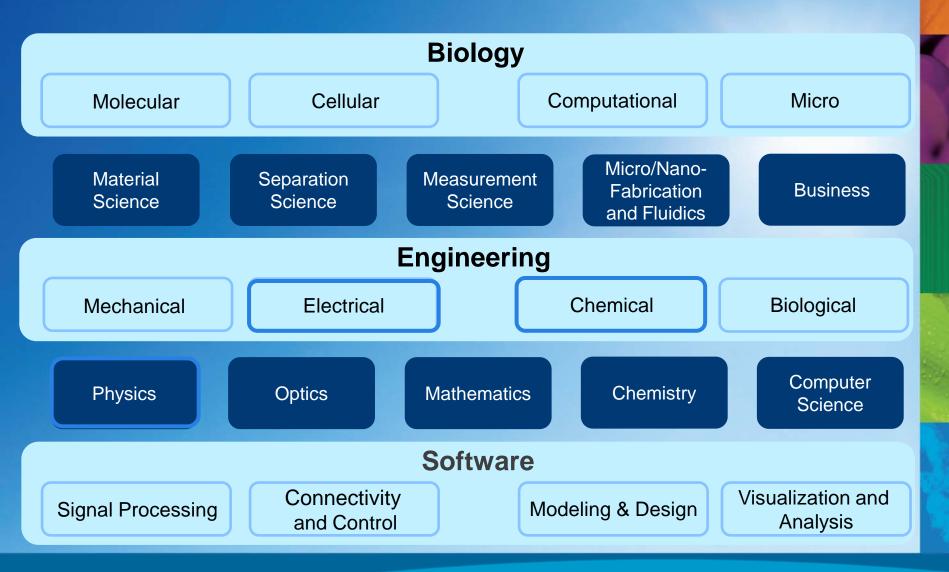
World-class research teams across interdisciplinary, global organization

Collaboration with leading academic, government & industrial researchers

Partners to Agilent's businesses in R&D commercialization



# A Diversity of Research Disciplines





# **Key Innovation Partners**

About 100 Active University Collaborations Annually



# **Multidisciplinary Contributions**

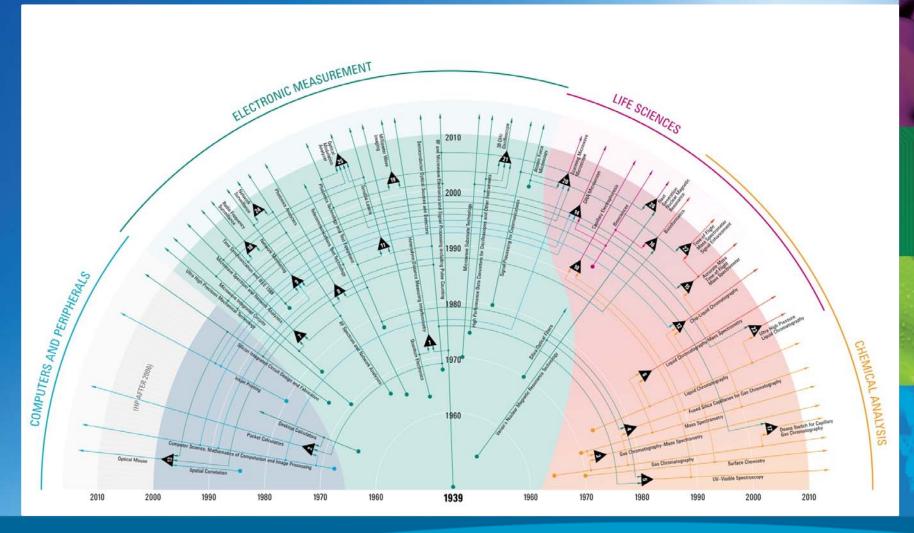
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# **Synergy Drives Innovation**

Synergy: two or more components working together to produce a result not obtainable by any of the components independently

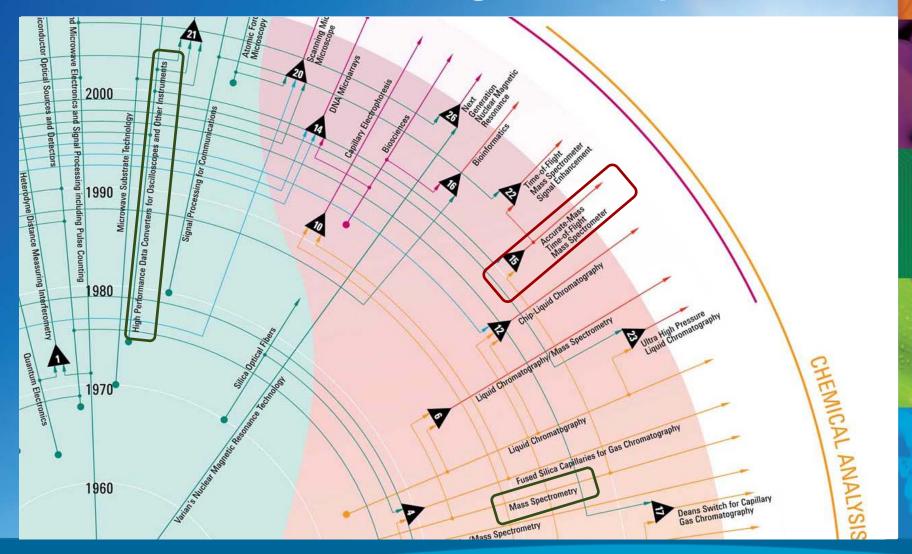


# **Agilent: Seven Decades of Innovation Across Boundaries**



# Synergy 15:

## Accurate-Mass Time-of-Flight Mass Spectrometer



# 2000s: Electronic Data Converter ICs Speed Mass Spectrometers



Agilent 6550 iFunnel Quadrupole Time-of-Flight Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry System

# Accurate-Mass Time-of-Flight Mass Spectrometer

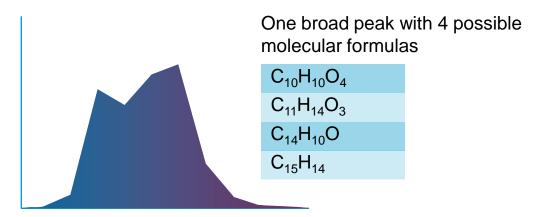
- 1970: Entered mass spectrometry business with quadrupole mass filters
- Today Agilent mass spec systems lead in performance and leverage our high-speed oscilloscope platform
- Both are *critically dependent* on high-speed data conversion and digital signal processing.
- Agilent is the only mass spectrometry company not limited to data converters available commercially
- Improved analysis of complex proteomic and metabolomic samples and biomarker discovery

The most sensitive instrument in its class... pushes the limits of detection and identification to new, unprecedented levels

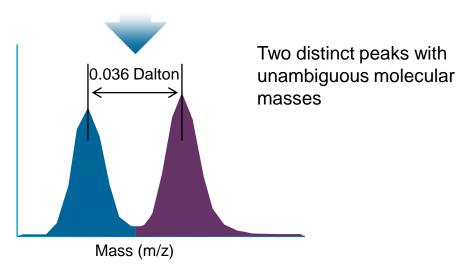
### **Electronic Research Aids Bioanalytical Customers**

Faster Digitization Leads to Unambiguous Molecular Analysis

Molecules are hard to identify with slow speed (1 GSa/s), low resolution time of flight mass spectrometers



High-speed (4 GSa/s), high resolution time of flight mass spectrometers separate molecules and identify their masses accurately

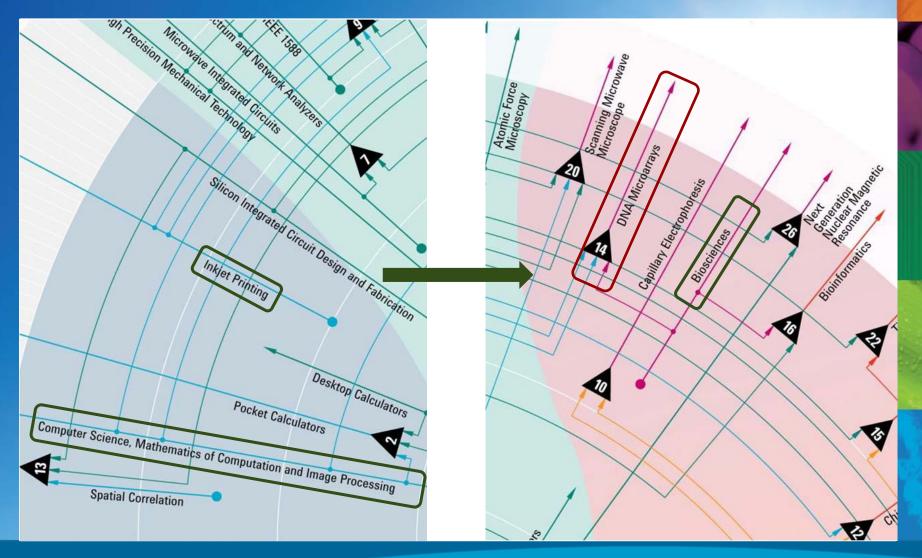


# Agilent Mass Spectrometers Detect Pharmaceutical and Cosmetic Pollutants



- Keeping water clean requires ability to identify and quantify pollutants.
- Thousands of chemical substances have been found in sewage and reclaimed water for irrigation:
  - antibiotics
  - cosmetics
  - pain killers
  - over-the-counter drugs
- Very low concentrations aren't considered dangerous short term, but no one knows the long-term human and ecological effects.
- Research and government agencies use Agilent instruments to investigate and develop effective strategies to remove these pollutants

# Synergy 14: DNA Microarrays



# 2000s: Inkjet Printing Meets Nucleic Acids



#### **DNA Microarrays**

- Agilent's expertise in DNA biochemistry, image analysis and inkjet printing (from HP) was key to development of DNA microarrays for genomic analysis.
- Inkjet synthesis of 60-200mer length probes in situ provide superior performance
- Virtual grid of up to 1,000,000 features on a standard slide; any format, any density, any sequence on demand.
- Agilent continues to advance technology and create new research applications and businesses; RNA therapeutic manufacturing and target enrichment for DNA sequencing.

Advancing sophisticated tools for examining the genomic aspects of cancers and other illnesses



# **Agilent Microarrays Advance Research of Developmental Disorders**



- Researchers can study structures and functions of chromosomes with high accuracy and resolution.
- Analysis of genomic changes advances research for Down syndrome, autism and cancer.
- Research goals: to understand cell function and diagnose genetic disorders more precisely

# **Agilent's DNA Microarray Timeline**

#### Platform Investments Drive Breakthrough Contributions

2012: "See" RNA, DNA in cells

**2011:** Detect copy number and copy-neutral aberrations

2010: Study 49,000-year-old Neandertal DNA

2009: Sequence specific genomic areas

Microarrays include up to 1M probes

Arrays to study human Copy Number Variation

**2007:** Agilent microarray is first to gain FDA approval

Profile human microRNAs

**2005:** Microarray for human comparative

genomic hybridization

**2004:** Locate genetic alterations related to cancer

and developmental disorders

Microarray to study whole human genome

**2000:** Agilent ships first DNA microarrays

**1992:** DNA microarray research begins in Labs



# **Multidisciplinary Contributions**

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# **Driving the Future of Measurement**

Multidisciplinary Contribution Will Be Increasingly Pervasive



**Energy and the Environment** 

**Advancing High Growth Economies** 

Portable, Mobile and Out-of-Lab

Nanotechnology

Food Safety

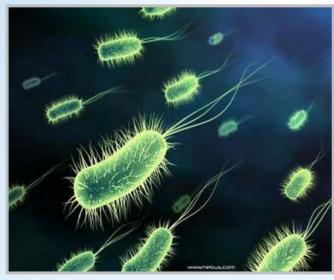
Personalized Medicine

Single Cells and Microbiome

Synthetic Biology

# The Next Frontier: Synthetic Biology

- Transform research practices and manufacturing processes within the \$100B industrial biotechnology and biomedical markets
- "Engineer" biological systems
  - Bacteria
  - Fungi
  - Cell-lines
  - Plants, Algae
- Manufacture useful products and high-value intermediates
  - Pharmaceuticals
  - Chemicals
  - Biofuels
- Greener, more sustainable alternatives to traditional methodologies

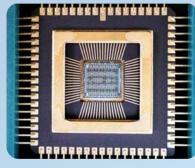


3D rendering of bacteria that could be genetically altered or engineered

# Synthetic Biology: Next Electronics Industry?

The redesign of biological systems and their component parts for useful and practical purposes

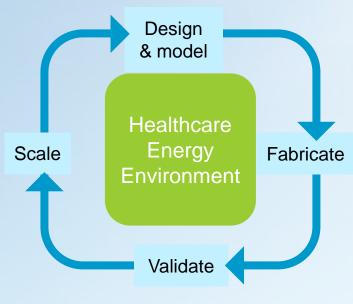
Standardized integrated electronic parts & devices



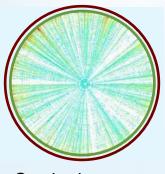
Integrated circuit

Tools for IC Fab

Well developed for maturing industry



Standardized integrated biological parts & devices



Synthetic genome

Tools for SynBio



# **Innovation Challenges**

For Technology Educators and Leaders

#### **Teamwork**

- Days of the lone inventor working heroically are diminishing
- Innovations often part of complex systems and solutions
- Our connected world and competition are moving faster than ever

### **Multiple disciplines**

- Excellence in each of many areas
- Communication across disciplines

#### Supportive environment

- A culture that challenges the status quo
- A culture that tolerates failure; freedom from fear

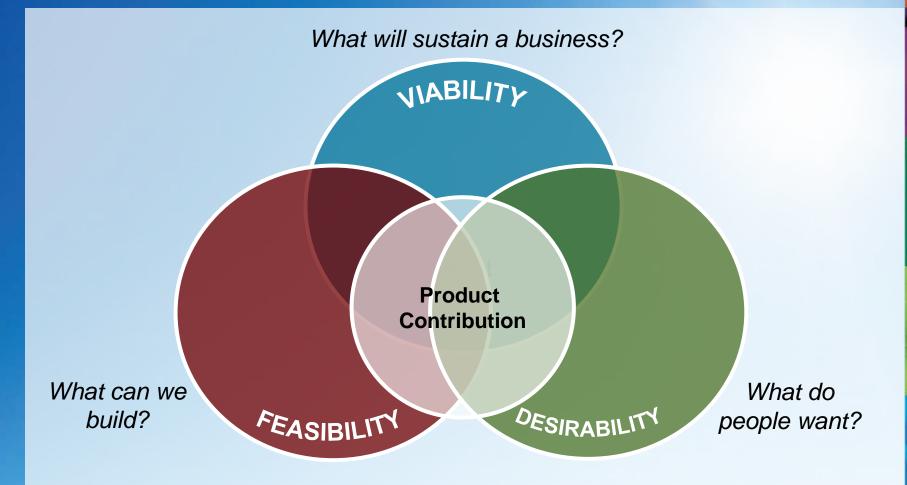
### **Enlightened leadership**

- Leaders can command obedience, not passion
- Trust, patience and commitment to diversity



# **Technology Innovation is Not Enough**

For Meaningful Product Contribution

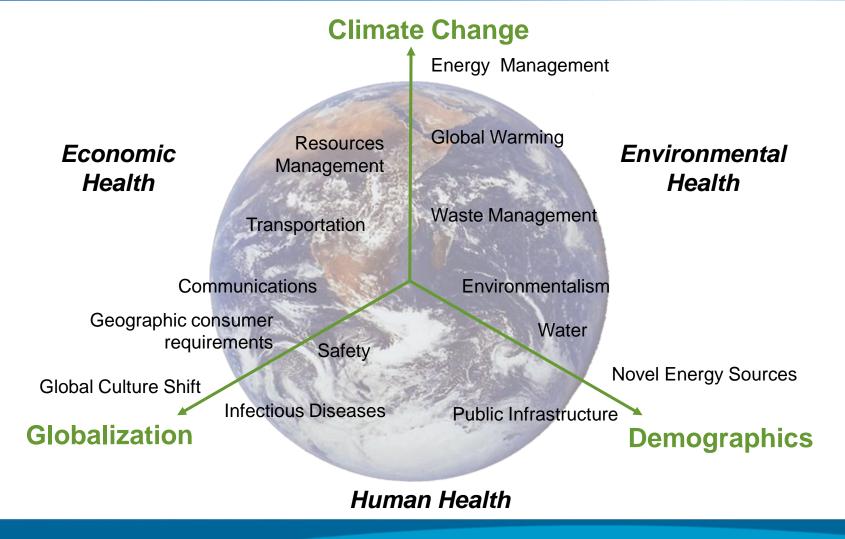


From Hugh Dubberly, AIGA Journal of Design for the Network Economy, 2001



# **Multidisciplinary Contribution**

Opportunities to Address Problems That Matter



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