

# Outthink Aging

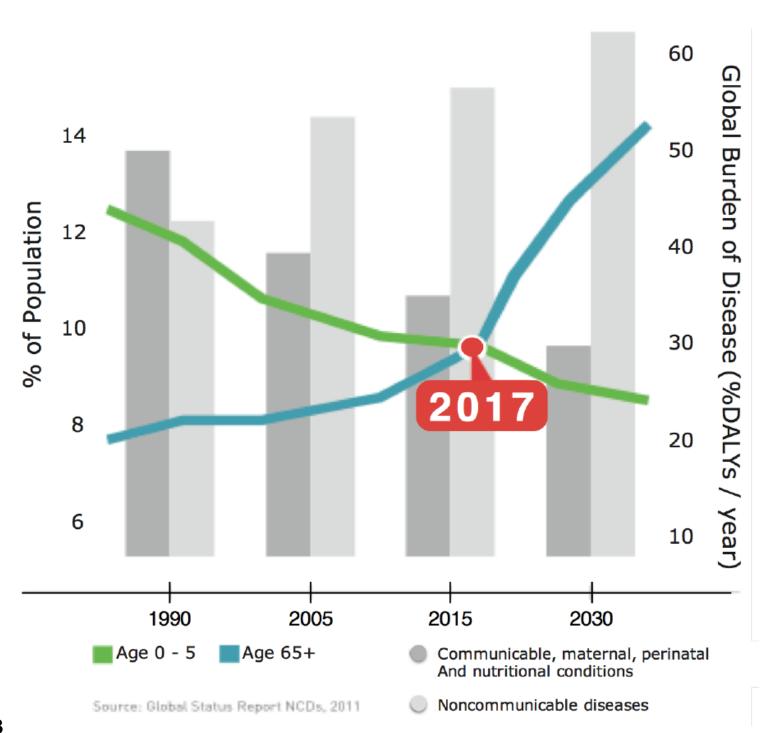
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# Aging: it's happening



#### The Tipping Point of Global Aging

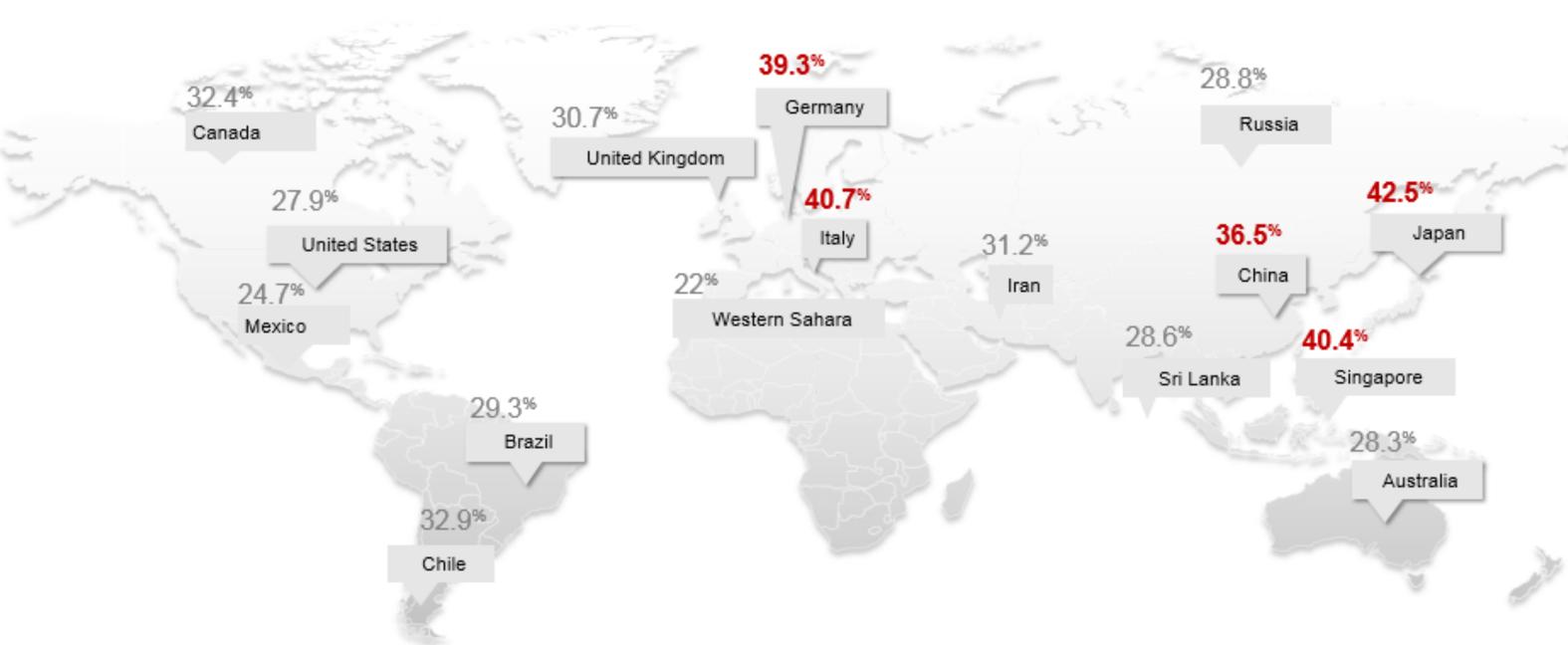






### Global aging populations are steadily growing and increasing their share of the overall demographic

Projected percentage of the population greater than 60 years old by 2050





# Technology: it's happening







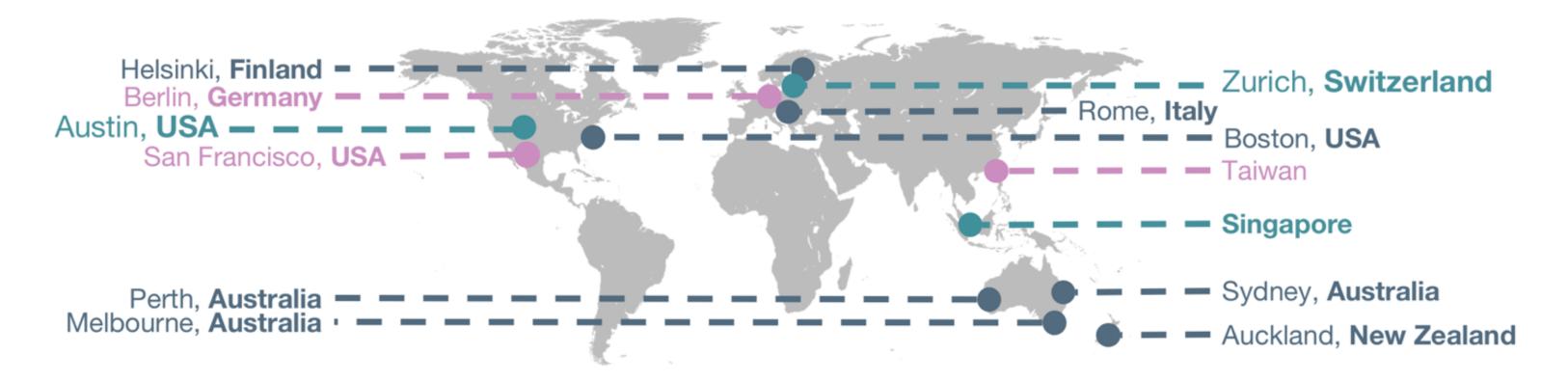




### Our approach: listen, learn, interact, play, test, apply in real life (reiterate).



#### We learn by interactions with clients and stakeholders



#### **Cross Industry Workshops**

Locations: Singapore, Austin, Zurich

#### **Individual Client Workshops**

Locations: Auckland (NZ), Boston (USA), Melbourne (AUS), Perth (AUS), Sydney (AUS), Rome (IT)

## **Solution** Clients Engaged Globally

#### **Announcement Events & Conferences**

Locations: Berlin (Germany), San Francisco (USA), Taiwan



#### **Our Thought Leadership Research**



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47%
of people
worry most about
losing their memory
and suffering from
dementia as they
get older

35%
of people believe
discussing assisted/long
term care is the most
difficult conversation
to have with parents

1 in 3
people believe that smart homes & the Internet of Things will help manage the aging process the most



Create new kind of village

Achieve new insights

Rebuild social capital



#### Some of the Top Challenges

#### **Cost of Care**



Home Health Care:

\$20 /hr

Assisted living:

\$3,600 / month

Skilled Nursing Home: \$220 / day

#### **Falling**



1 in 3 adults over the age of 65 fall every year

Seniors died from falls each year more than **doubled**Between 2000 and 2013

The medical costs of falling run more than **\$30 billion** a year

#### Loneliness

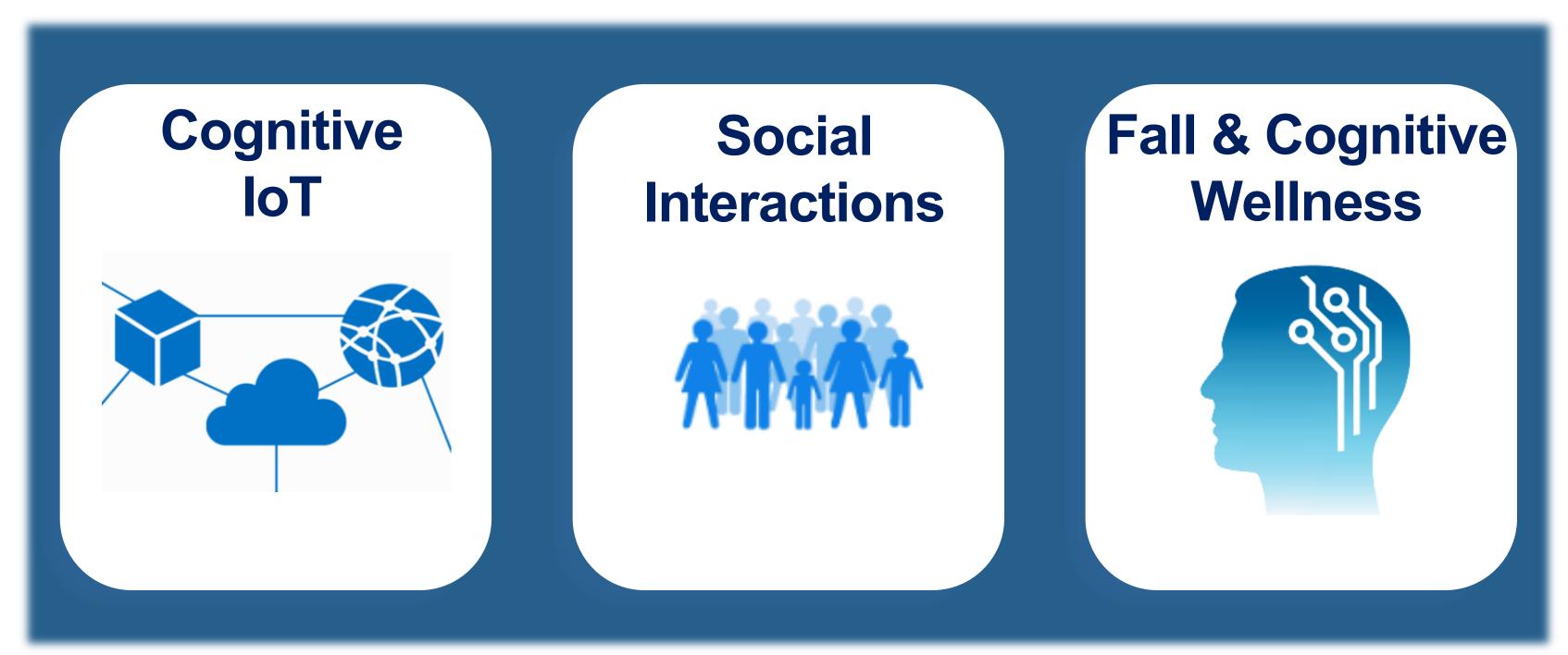


**51%** of people age 75 and older live alone (according to AARP)

Loneliness affects **25% to 60%** of older Americans (according to Harvard Health Publications)



#### **Our Research Focus Areas**





#### IoT Solution Client Case – Living Safe Project with City of Bolzano, Italy



Very stimulating

Fulfilled my expectations

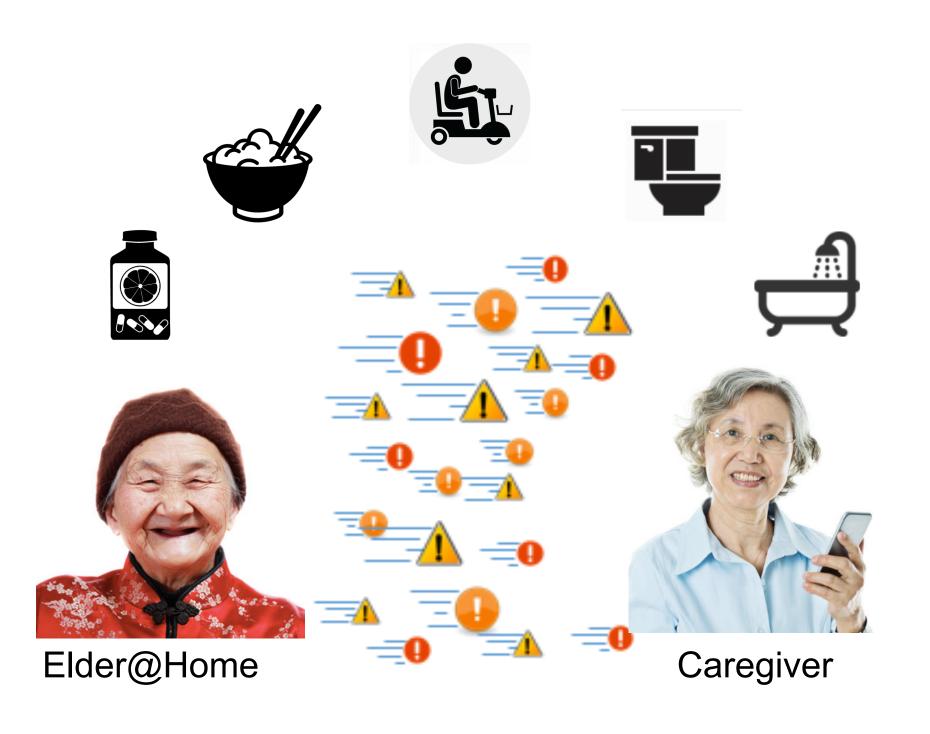
A 6 month project to improve safety and quality of life of the elderly

- Explore the use of new technology for remote support and security of the elders living at home
- Produce a business case for the government around a sustainable management and provision of services to a growing aging population

I felt safer



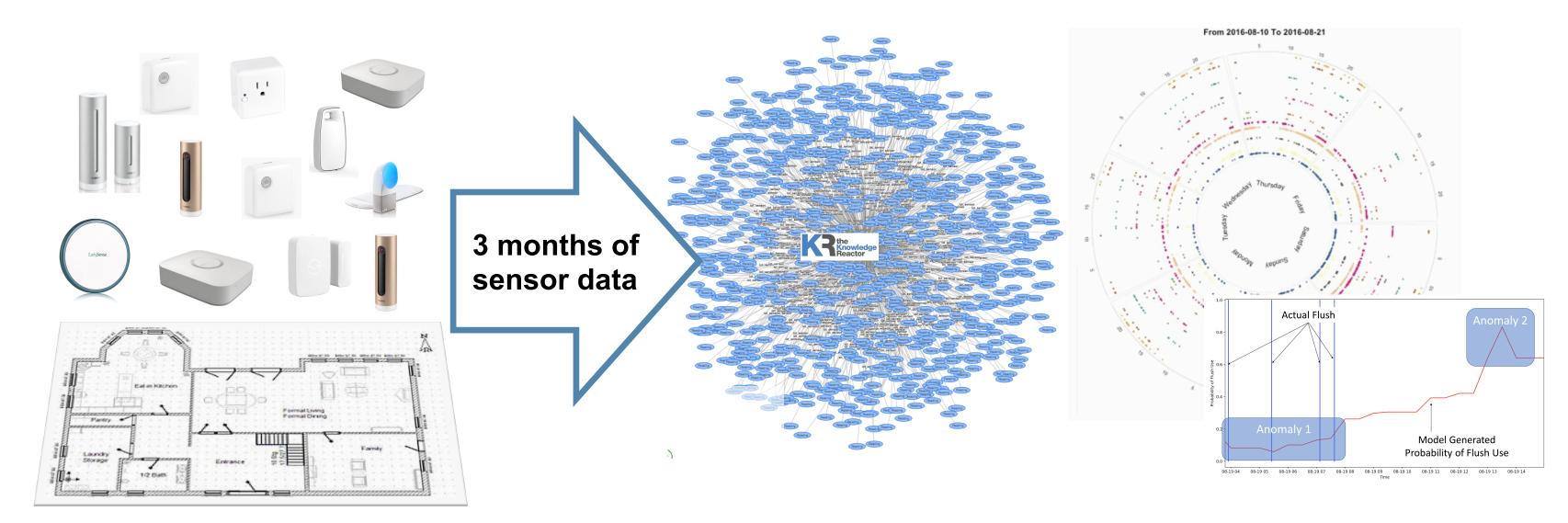
#### **Challenges with IoT Solutions**



- Complexity in integrating existing home IoT and eldercare solutions
- Floods of alerts caused by the lack of contextual insights from sensor data
- The requirement for personalization



#### Cognitive IoT Based Aging Solution Pilot: Context + Cognitive



48 sensors installed in a living unit of 87 yr old female

Cognitive Data Fusion Engine

Visualization of daily activities and anomaly detection



#### **Cognitive IoT Client Case -- Avamere**





### Reduce hospital readmission

- Determine risk factors by modeling activity patterns from ambient and wearable sensors, combined with data analytics
- Correlate patient claims data, hospital readmission data, and activity patterns to yield new insights for risk mitigation



#### **Cognitive IoT Client Client Case -- Sole**





# Optimize care & increase operation efficiency

- Understand elder behaviors through sensors and analytics to manage frailty
- Develop predictive models to help prevention and intervention of risks



#### **Social Interactions Client Use Case – Japan Post**



We are joining with two of the world's most respected leaders in technology to bring our elderly generation into the connected world !!

Taizo Nishimuro CEO of Japan Post Group

#### Improve engagements

- Conversation as sensors

Voice-base natural user interface for daily watch over

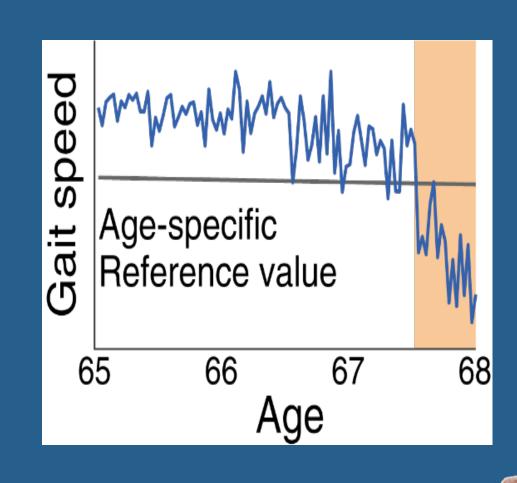
- Analyze life patterns, feelings, interests and issues from daily conversation (e.g. cognitive decline detection)
- Share information with families and care giver
- Provide support that can keep the elderly self-sufficient



#### **Gait Analysis – Fall and Cognitive Wellness**

#### **Feature extraction of gait**

- Gait speed & its variability
- Step frequency
- Stride time variability
- Step-length & its variability
- Foot swing velocity
- Stance and stride time



#### **Detection**

- Motor function
  - Fall risks
- Cognitive decline
  - Episodic memory
  - Executive function
- Diseases
  - Parkinson disease
  - MCI
  - Alzheimer's disease





# IBM Research: Invent and innovate future technology



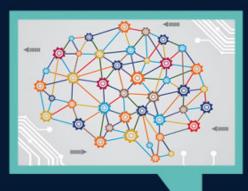
#### **IBM Research: Unmatched Talent**

#### 3000 Researchers



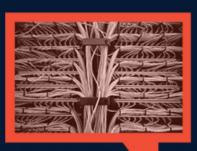
# A New Era of Computing





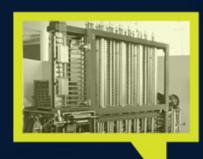






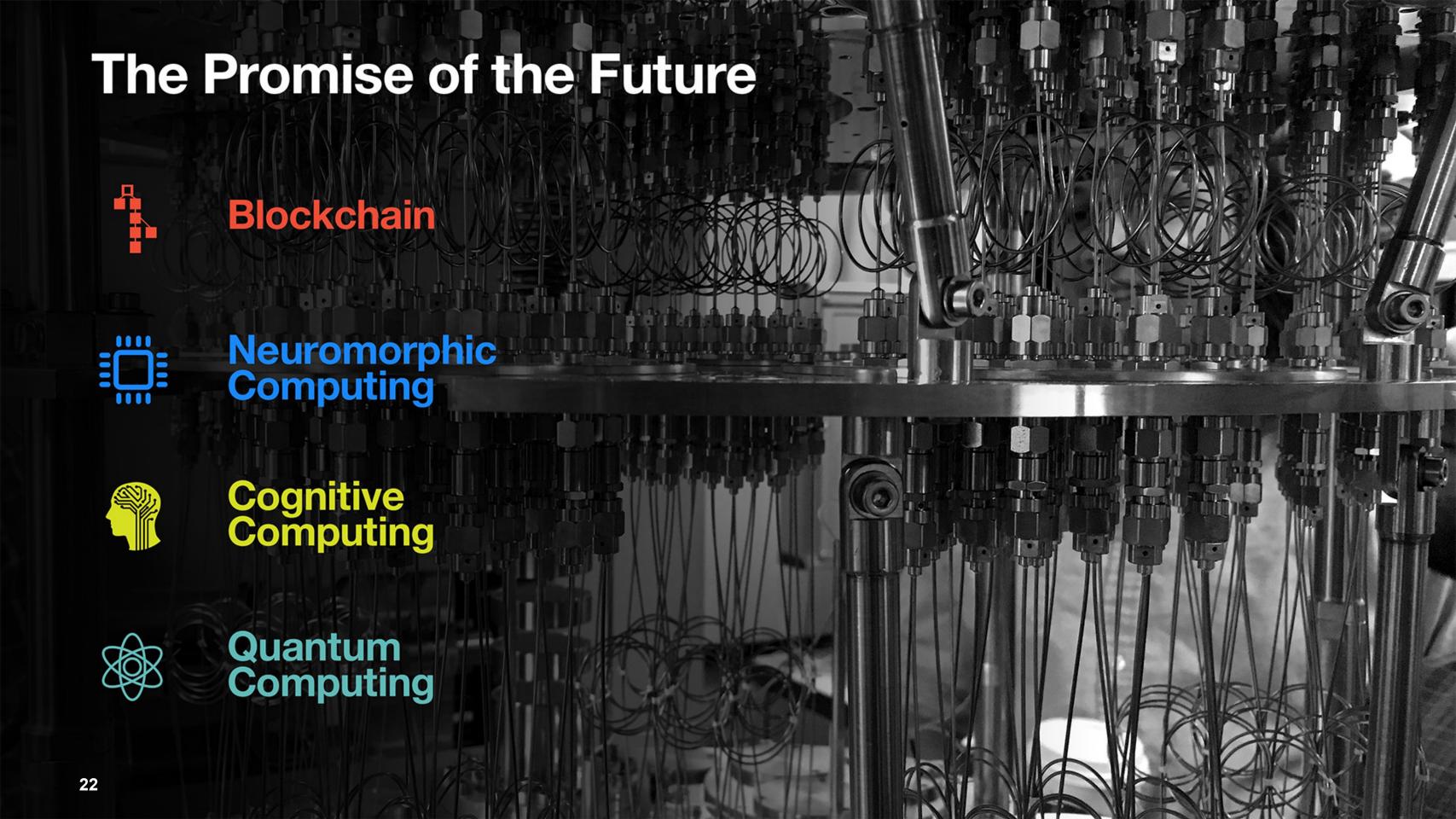


**Cognitive Systems Era** 



Programmable Systems Era

**Tabulating Systems Era** 





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