

#### Why would you be interested in "exponential"?

Because you maybe interested in "sustainability"



Let's briefly explore together.





Second story: What is the cheapest way to get to the Moon?



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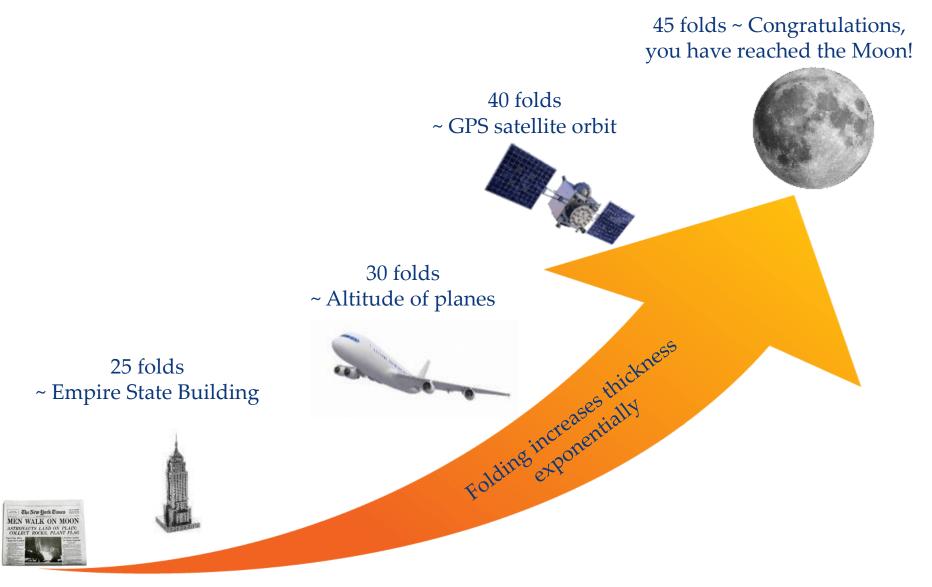


- 1. Take a piece of paper.
- 2. Start folding it in half each time.





#### What is the cheapest way to get to the Moon?

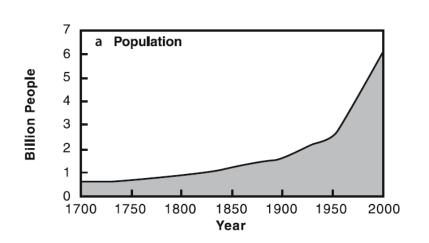


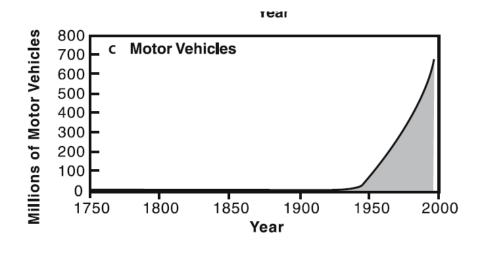


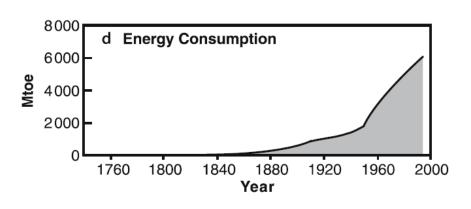


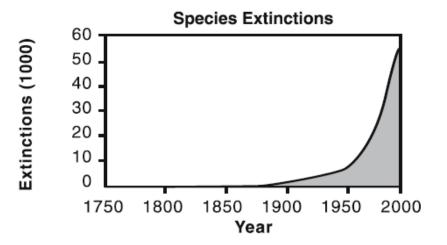
# How does exponential growth looks like?







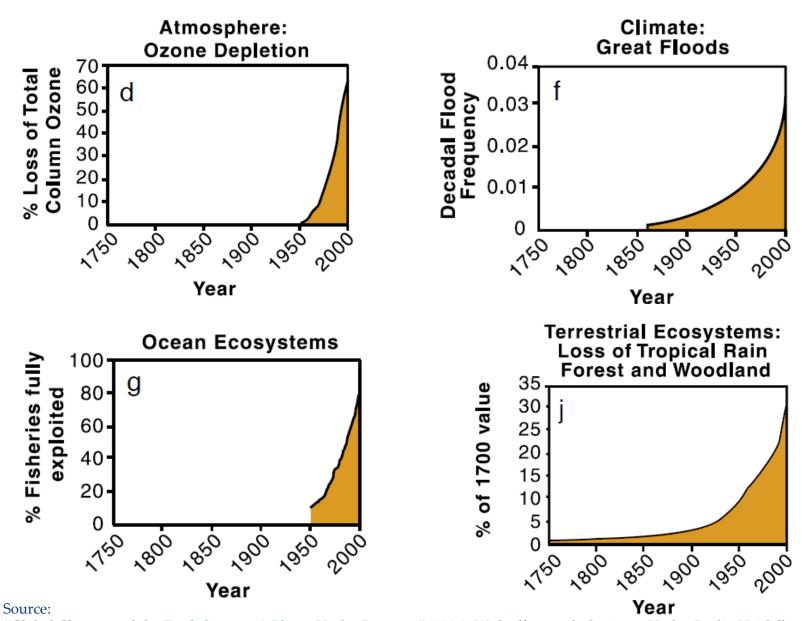




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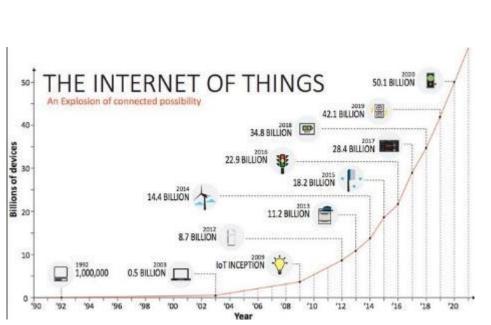


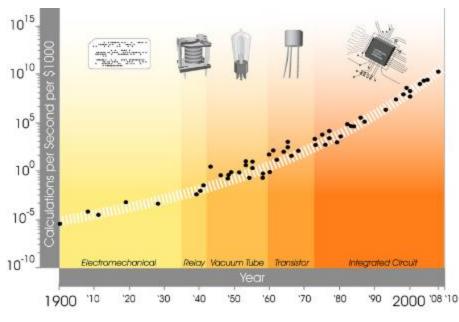
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### Technology seems to grow exponentially...



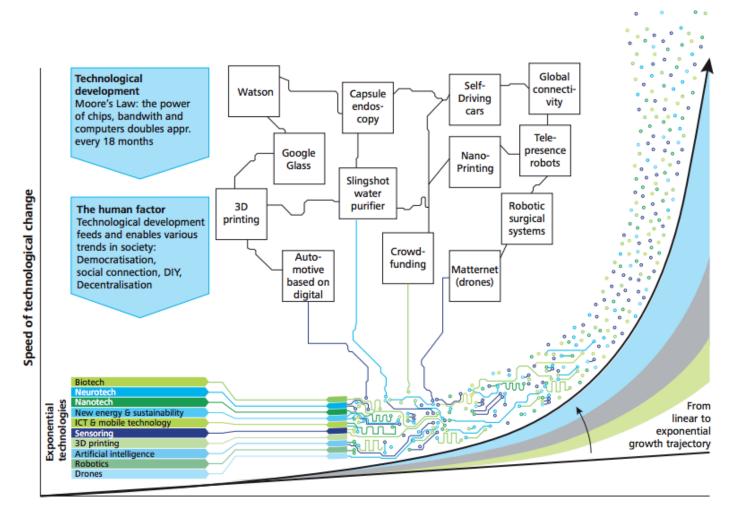


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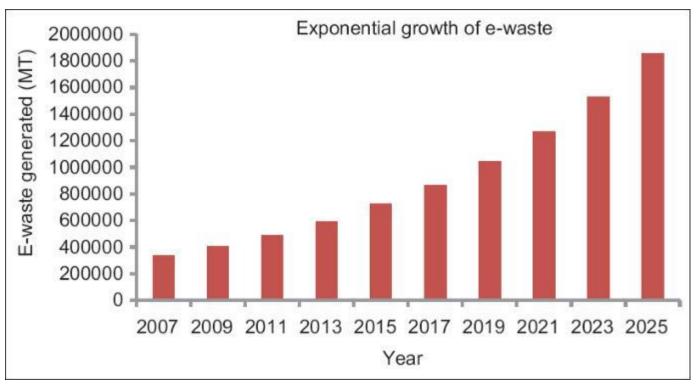
# As well as the way several technologies are converging, adopted and the possibilities they may bring...







#### ...but this doesn't come for free...

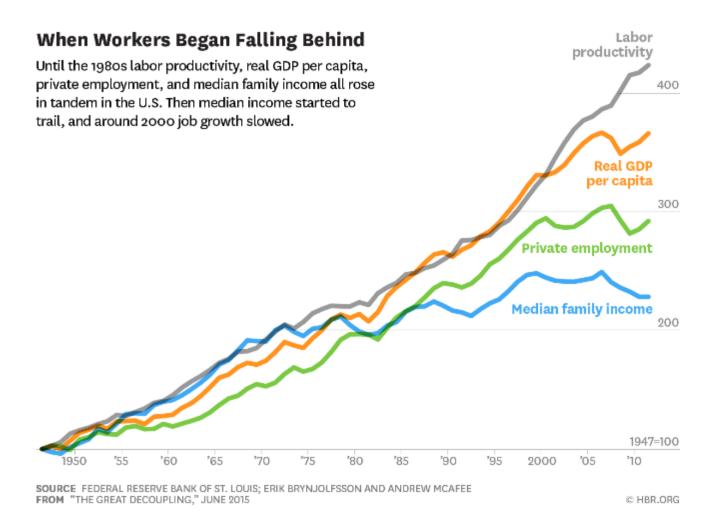


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J. Annamalai, Occupational health hazards related to informal recycling of E-waste in India: An overview, Indian Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Vol. 19, No. 1, January-April, 2015, pp. 61-65.







Quite some wise voices are starting to talk about "The Great Decoupling": productivity is rising, but employment may not.





# The rule of 70

# Quick math trick

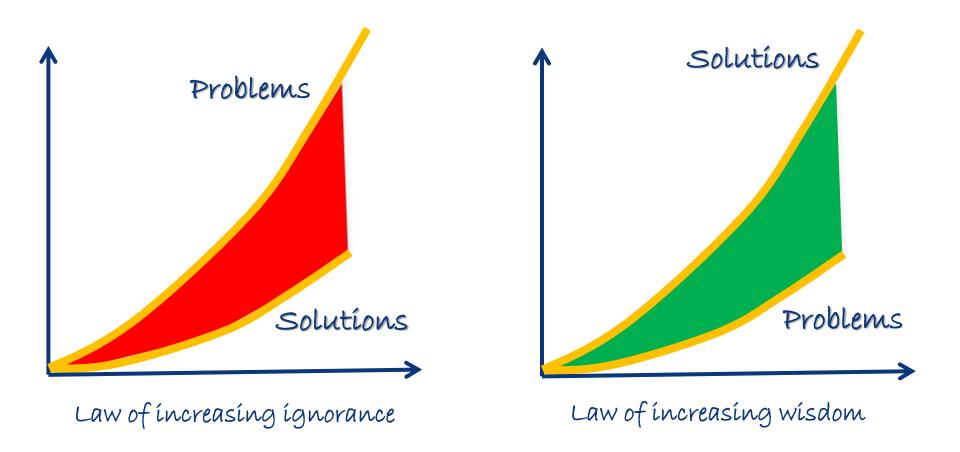
Doubling time = 
$$\frac{70}{\% growth rate}$$

For example, if somebody tells you that unemployment in your region has 2% annual growth it will double in just 35 years.





#### Conclusion: I hope humankind will follow the right law...



But it is just hope...after all, I am a physicist working at CERN...





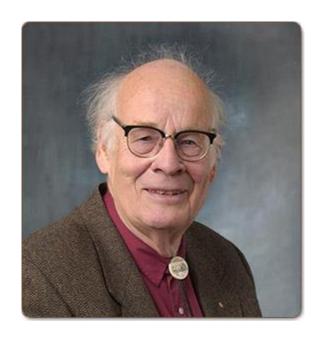
#### Transformation wanted!

Anknown	Paradigms (Transformative Innovation)	Potentials (Breakthrough Innovation)
Known	Facts (No Innovation) Knowns	Possibles (Incremental Innovation) Unknowns





# Thanks for your attention questions...



The greatest shortcoming of the human race is our inability to understand the exponential function.

Albert A. Bartlett (1923-2013), Physicist



