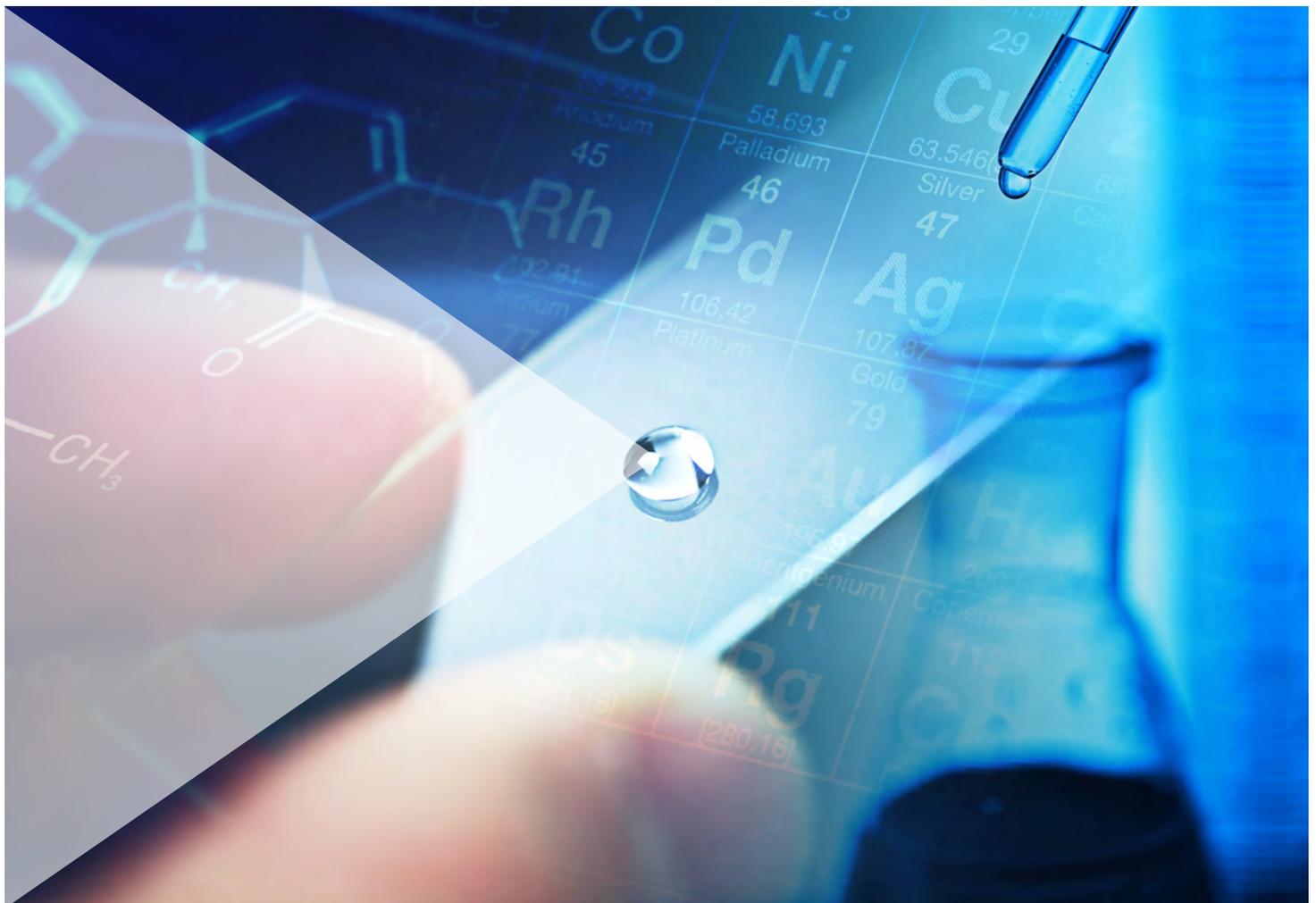


Global Agenda

Convening Innovators from the Science and Technology Communities

Annual Meeting of the New Champions 2014

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Discoveries in science and technology are arguably the greatest agent of change in the modern world. While never without risk, these technological innovations can lead to solutions for pressing global challenges such as providing safe drinking water and preventing antimicrobial resistance. But lack of investment, outmoded regulations and public misperceptions prevent many promising technologies from achieving their potential.

In this regard, we have convened leaders from across the science and technology communities for the Forum's Annual Meeting of the New Champions – the foremost global gathering on innovation, entrepreneurship and technology. More than 1,600 leaders from business, government and research from over 90 countries will participate in 100-plus interactive sessions to:

- Contribute breakthrough scientific ideas and innovations transforming economies and societies worldwide
- Catalyse strategic and operational agility within organizations with respect to technological disruption
- Connect with the next generation of research pioneers and business innovators reshaping global, industry and regional agendas

By convening leaders from science and technology under the auspices of the Forum, we aim to:

- Raise awareness of the promise of scientific research and highlight the increasing importance of R&D efforts
- Inform government and industry leaders about what must be done to overcome regulatory and institutional roadblocks to innovation
- Identify and advocate new models of collaboration and partnership that will enable new technologies to address our most pressing challenges

We hope this document will help you contribute to these efforts by introducing to you the experts and innovators assembled in Tianjin and their fields of research.



Communities Focusing on Science and Technology Issues

In addition to the distinguished faculty that shapes the Science and Technology agenda at the Annual Meeting of the New Champions, much of the interaction is tied to Forum communities, which converge around a common interest in addressing global challenges. Some of these communities at the Annual Meeting of the New Champions are listed below.

The Network of Global Agenda Councils comprises over 1,500 leaders from academia, business, government, international organizations and society. Grouped in over 80 Councils, they commit their extensive expertise and passion to jointly shape the global, regional and industry agendas. The Councils address the most pressing issues of our time and aim to provide new thinking and solutions.

Science and Technology Councils include:

- Artificial Intelligence and Robotics
- Brain Research
- Data-Driven Development
- Economics of Innovation
- Nanotechnology
- Space

<http://www.weforum.org/community/global-agenda-councils>

The Forum's **Young Scientists** community brings together the most forward-thinking and advanced young scientific minds in the world. They are selected from all regions and a wide range of disciplines, and have a track record of advancing the frontiers of science, engineering or technology in areas of high societal impact. In their work, they exhibit exceptional creativity, thought leadership and high growth potential. Under the age of 40, these individuals have demonstrated their commitment to public service and actively play a transformational role in integrating scientific knowledge into society for the public good.

http://www3.weforum.org/docs/WEF_YoungScientists_Profiles_2013.pdf

The **Technology Pioneers** programme recognizes information technology and new media, energy and environment, and life sciences and health companies from around the world that are involved in the design, development and deployment of new technologies, and promises to significantly impact the way business and society operate.

<http://www.weforum.org/community/technology-pioneers>

The Global Gender Parity Group and Women Leaders communities consist of high-level women leaders from all walks of life who are committed to achieving gender parity. The communities serve as a platform for establishing meaningful dialogue on contemporary issues of relevance, including gender parity in STEM education and professions.

<http://www.weforum.org/women-leaders-and-gender-parity>

The **Global University Leaders Forum (GULF)** community of the presidents of top universities provides a non-competitive platform for high-level dialogue on issues of higher education and research with other sectors; it fosters collaboration between universities in areas of significance for global policy. Initiatives that have been facilitated by GULF include the Society for the Advancement of Science and Technology in the Arab World and the Réseau d'excellence des sciences de l'ingénieur de la Francophonie.

<http://www.weforum.org/academic-networks>

The Forum of **Young Global Leaders** is a community of exceptional young leaders who share a commitment to making the world a better place. Each year, the World Economic Forum identifies 200-300 extraordinary individuals worldwide. Together, they form a powerful international community that can dramatically impact the global future.

<http://www.weforum.org/community/forum-young-global-leaders>

Leaders from the Scientific Community



Global Science Policy Leaders

Leaders from institutions shaping research agendas at the global, regional and industry levels

*Ministry of Science and
Technology of the People's
Republic of China*



Wan Gang is Minister of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China. He is also Vice-Chairman of the 11th Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) and Chairman of the China Zhi Gong Party. Prior to government, he held a number of positions at Tongji University, including Dean of the New Energy Automobile Engineering Centre, Assistant President, Vice-President and President. He was also a Faculty Member at the university. Wan has a BA from Northeast Forestry University, an MA in Experimental Mechanics from Tongji University and a PhD in Engineering from the Technical University Clausthal, Germany.

Cabinet Office of Japan



Ichita Yamamoto is Minister of Science and Technology Policy and Minister of Space Policy of Japan. Prior, he was a Member of Japan's House of Councillors, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence in the House of Councillors. He also worked with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Yamamoto has an MSc in Foreign Service from Georgetown University.

*Japan Society for the
Promotion of Science*



Yuichiro Anzai is President of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS). As Japan's core funding agency supporting scientific advancement, JSPS administers grants for scientific research and other funding programmes to underwrite scientific research initiatives, cultivate budding researchers and promote international collaboration.

*European Research
Council*



Jean-Pierre Bourguignon is President of the European Research Council (ERC), which is responsible for encouraging the highest quality research in Europe through competitive funding and supporting investigator-driven frontier research across all fields, on the basis of scientific excellence. A mathematician by training, Bourguignon served as Director of the Institut des Hautes Études Scientifiques (IHÉS). He has received the Prix Paul Langevin, Prix du Rayonnement Français in Mathematical Sciences and Physics from the Académie des Sciences de Paris. He is a foreign Member of the Royal Spanish Academy of Sciences. In 2005, he was elected Honorary Member of the London Mathematical Society and has been the secretary of the mathematics section of the Academia Europaea. In 2008, Bourguignon was made Doctor Honoris Causa of Keio University in Japan and, in 2011, Doctor Honoris Causa of Nankai University in China.

*National Physical
Laboratory, UK*



Jane Burston is Head of the Centre for Carbon Measurement. The Centre works on climate science, carbon markets and clean technologies and comprises 150 scientists. It is based at the UK's National Measurement Institute, a laboratory that supports science understanding and technology innovation through measurement. She also lectures on emissions trading and carbon offsetting for two Master's programmes. Previously, Burston was Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Carbon Retirement, a social enterprise reforming emissions trading and carbon offsetting. In 2011, she was named one of Management Today's 35 High-flying Women under 35 and as Social Entrepreneur of the Year in Square Mile magazine.

*World Intellectual Property
Organization*



Francis Gurry is the Director-General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). Under his leadership, WIPO is addressing challenges such as stress on the international patent and copyright systems due to rapid technological change; globalization and increased demand; narrowing the knowledge gap between developed and developing countries; and ensuring that the intellectual property system serves its fundamental purpose of encouraging creativity and innovation in all countries. Since 2012, he has served as Chair of the Chief Executives Board, High Level Committee on Management of the United Nations System.

Cabinet Office of Japan



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*European Organization for
Nuclear Research (CERN)*



Rolf-Dieter Heuer is Director-General of the European Council for Nuclear Research (CERN), in Switzerland, where he oversees efforts to discover the subatomic underpinnings of the universe using the 17-mile Large Hadron Collider.

National Institute of Mental Health, USA



Thomas Insel is Director of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), the component of the US National Institutes of Health charged with generating the knowledge needed to understand, treat and prevent mental disorders. His tenure at NIMH has been distinguished by groundbreaking findings in practical clinical trials, autism research and the role of genetics in mental illness. Insel has served on numerous academic, scientific and professional committees and boards. He is a Member of the Institute of Medicine, a Fellow of the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology and a recipient of several awards, including the Outstanding Service Award from the US Public Health Service.

European Research Council



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The Nature Conservancy



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National University of Singapore



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*Air and Water Conservation
Fund, National Geographic
Society*



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*Ministry of Education and
Science of Lithuania*



Dainius Pavalkis is Minister of Education and Science of Lithuania. Prior, he was a professor at the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences and a proctologist. Pavalkis is a member of the Lithuanian Labour Party and a member of the editorial boards of Lithuanian and foreign medical journals. He has published over 280 scientific papers and co-authored two textbooks. Pavalkis graduated from the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences as a medical doctor and did his clinical residency at the Moscow Research Institute of Proctology.

*Chinese Academy of Social
Sciences*



Pan Jiahua is Director of the Institute for Urban and Environmental Studies at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) and Professor of Economics at the CASS Graduate School. He is also a member of the China National Expert Panel on Climate Change and National Foreign Policy Advisory Committee, an adviser at the Ministry of Environment Protection, and Vice-President of the Chinese Energy Association and the Chinese Society for Ecological Economics. Pan was the lead author of the IPCC Working Group III's third, fourth and fifth Assessment Report on Mitigation. He is also the author of over 300 papers, articles and books in English and Chinese. Pan won first and second place prizes at CASS for best research (2002 and 2004), the Sun Yefang Economic Science Prize (2011), and the China Green Person of the Year (2010-2011). Pan received his PhD at the University of Cambridge.

*Institute of Public and
Environmental Affairs*



Ma Jun is Director of the Institute of Public and Environmental Affairs (IPE), a Chinese NGO committed to promoting transparency around pollution issues. Since its establishment in 2006, the IPE has developed the China Pollution Map Database, the first public database of corporate environmental performance in China. Ma was named as one of "The 100 Most Influential People in the World" by Time magazine in 2006, and was the winner of the 2012 Goldman Prize for his activism in increasing environmental information disclosure in China. He is also the author of "China's Water Crisis".

*Swiss Federal Institute of
Technology in Zurich (ETH
Zurich)*



Ralph Eichler has been the President of ETH Zurich in Switzerland since 2007. He has been a Member of the Executive Committee since 2008 and a Member of the ETH Board since 2004. Eichler earned a doctorate in physics at ETH Zurich and returned there as a professor in 1989. He was also Deputy Director and then Director of the Paul Scherrer Institute, where he served until 2007. Eichler is also on the boards of directors of Belenos Clean Power Holding and Venture Incubator. He is a member of the Swiss Academy of Engineering Sciences and of the Executive Committee at Energie Trialog Schweiz. He is also Vice-President of the Rectors' Conference of Swiss Universities.

*International Agency for
Research on Cancer*



Christopher P. Wild is the Director of the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) in France. His research interests include understanding the interplay between environmental and genetic risk factors that cause human cancer. Wild joined IARC in 1987 as a staff scientist and later became Chief of the Unit of Environmental Carcinogenesis. Prior to IARC, he was a Professor and Chair of Molecular Epidemiology at the University of Leeds and Director of the Leeds Institute of Genetics, Health and Therapeutics. Wild obtained his PhD from the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom, and was awarded an IARC post-doctoral fellowship and subsequently a UK Royal Society European Exchange Fellowship at the Netherlands Cancer Institute in Amsterdam.

*Ministry of Communications,
Science and Technology of
Tanzania*



January Yusuf Makamba is Deputy Minister of Communications, Science and Technology of Tanzania, and since 2010 has been a Member of Parliament for the Bumbuli constituency. Prior, Makamba served as a Foreign Service Officer in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and as an aide to Jakaya Kikwete, President of Tanzania. He also worked as a Research Assistant at the Carter Center and worked in Rwandan refugee camps, first as a Registration Clerk and later as an Assistant Camp Manager. Makamba is a Member of the CCM Youth Wing, and National CCM Youth League Governing Council. He is also the Director of the Tea Board of Tanzania and recipient of the Upper Midwest International Human Rights Fellowship at the University of Minnesota Human Rights Center. Makamba has a degree in Peace and Conflict Studies from St John's University in the US, and an MSc in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from George Mason University in Virginia.

*Korea Advanced Institute of
Science and Technology*



Sung-Mo "Steve" Kang is President of the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST). He has held a number of other academic positions, including Chancellor of the University of California, Merced, Dean of Engineering at the University of California, Santa Cruz, and Department Head of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He also led the development of the world's first 32-bit microprocessor chips as a technical supervisor at AT&T Bell Laboratories and designed satellite-based private communication networks as a member of technical staff. Kang holds 16 US patents and has published hundreds of papers in journals and premier conferences. In recognition of his contributions, Kang he was elected to be a fellow of IEEE, ACM and AAAS, and is a member of the Korea Academy of Science and Technology, and a foreign member of the National Academy of Engineering, Korea. He is also a member of the California Council on Science and Technology. Kang has received many awards, including the IEEE Millennium Medal, IEEE CAS Mac Van Valkenburg Society Award and IEEE CAS Society Technical Excellence Award. He has also been inducted into the Silicon Valley Engineering Hall of Fame.

*State Committee of
Science, Armenia*



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*Ministry of Education,
Culture, Sports, Science
and Technology of
Japan*



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Ministry of Economy of Israel



Avi Hasson, Chief Scientist; Director-General, Innovation and Industrial Research and Development Administration, Ministry of Economy of Israel. He has lectured extensively worldwide on venture capital and high-tech. Formerly: 10 years in leading telecommunication companies, such as ECI Telecom, ECtel and Tadiran Systems; 10 years as Partner, Gemini Israel Funds, managing investments in the communications, storage and consumer electronics sector; concurrently, active board member of various portfolio companies. The Office of the Chief Scientist is the government entity in charge of implementing government policy in support of industrial R&D. Its goal is to assist the development of technology in Israel as a means of fostering economic growth, encouraging technological innovation and entrepreneurship and encouraging R&D collaboration both nationally and internationally.

Chinese Academy of Social Sciences



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*China Association for
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Science and Technology Faculty

Researchers and technologists at the vanguard of innovation

*Computer vision systems
and brain science*



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Nanocrystals



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Geoengineering



Tim Kruger manages the Oxford Geoengineering Programme, an initiative of the Oxford Martin School, which assesses proposed techniques to counter climate change by either reflecting some of the sun's light back into space or by removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. The programme also explores whether adding alkaline materials to the oceans can safely counter ocean acidification. Kruger has a broad interest in the potential of proposed geoengineering techniques as a response to climate change, and in the governance issues associated with them. He is the author of Oxford Principles, a set of guidelines for the responsible conduct of geoengineering research.

Robotics



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Wearable technologies



Thad Starner one of the world's leading experts and a pioneer of wearable computing technologies. He has contributed to breakthrough research in augmented reality and gesture recognition. The Founder and Director of the Contextual Computing Group at Georgia Institute of Technology's College of Computing, he is also a Technical Lead and Manager on Google's Project Glass. His research creates computational interfaces and agents for use in everyday mobile environments, combining wearable and ubiquitous computing technologies with techniques from the fields of artificial intelligence, pattern recognition and human-to-computer interaction.

Advanced manufacturing and 3D printing



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Climate change, extreme events and land-climate dynamics



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*Networked technology
and the internet of things*



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*Cognitive neuroscience
and understanding
autism*



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*Molecular epidemiology
of chronic diseases*



Chia Kee Seng is a medical epidemiologist and has published over 150 papers, authored chapters and edited books on chronic disease epidemiology, molecular epidemiology and occupational health. He is a Professor in the Department of Community, Occupational & Family Medicine at the National University of Singapore; Director of the NUS-GIS Centre for Molecular Epidemiology; and Foreign Adjunct Professor in Epidemiology at the Karolinska Institutet. His current research focuses on the molecular epidemiology of chronic diseases. To that end, Chia is setting up cohort studies for translational research to elucidate gene-environment interactions in chronic disease causation, prevention and therapy.

Theoretical physics



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*Bioengineering and
biotechnology*



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*Science of education and
learning*



Marsha Lovett is a Teaching Professor in the Department of Psychology at Carnegie Mellon University in the US. She is also the Director of the Eberly Center for Teaching Excellence, where she applies theoretical and empirical principles from cognitive psychology to help faculty improve their teaching. Lovett has also developed several innovative, educational technologies to promote student learning and metacognition, including StatTutor, an intelligent tutoring system for statistics, and the Learning Dashboard, a learning analytics system that promotes adaptive teaching and learning in online instruction. She has published more than 50 research articles on learning and instruction. Lovett received a PhD in Cognitive Psychology from Carnegie Mellon University.

*Genomics and public
health*



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Sensors and smart infrastructure



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Genomics and Ebola response



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Flexible materials and nano devices



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Robotics



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Artificial Intelligence



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Diversity



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Future of energy storage



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Robotics



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Economics of risk



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Nano and biotechnology



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Quantum technologies



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Nanomaterials and graphene



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Global risks



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Air pollutants and public health



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Public health and social media



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Artificial intelligence and language



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Human-computer interaction



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*Cities, ecology and
science for public policy*



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Young Global Leader



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Young Global Leader



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Young Global Leader



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Young Global Leader



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Technology Pioneer



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Young Global Leader



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Young Global Leader



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Young Global Leader



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Technology Pioneer



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Young Global Leader



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Technology Pioneer



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Young Global Leader



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Technology Pioneer



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Technology Pioneer



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Technology Pioneer



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Technology Pioneer



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Technology Pioneer



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Technology Pioneer



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Technology Pioneer



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Technology Pioneer



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Technology Pioneer



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Technology Pioneer



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Technology Pioneer



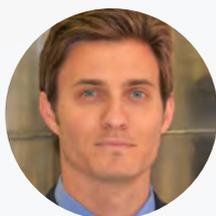
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Technology Pioneer



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Technology Pioneer



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Technology Pioneer



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Technology Pioneer



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Technology Pioneer



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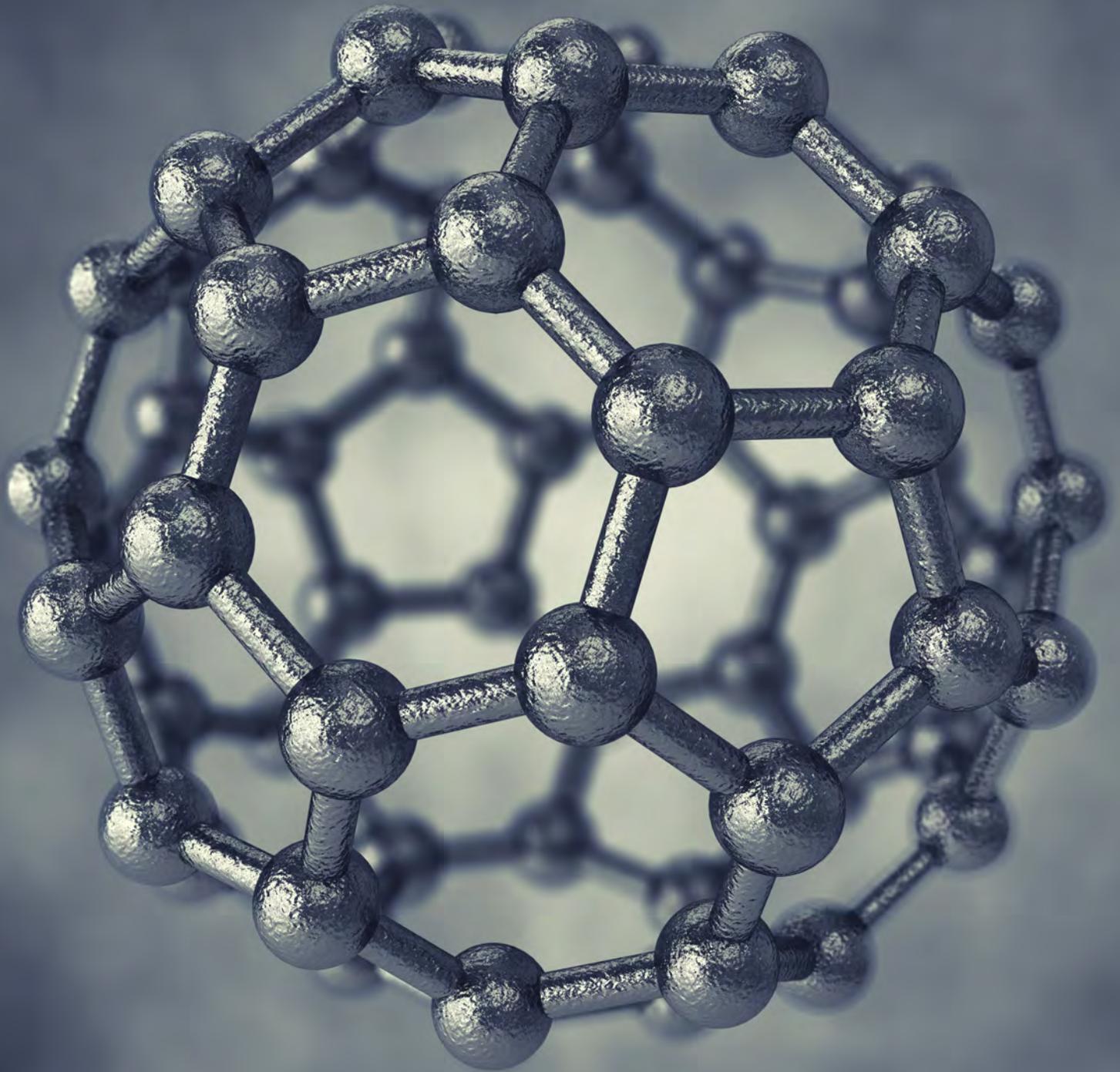


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Technology Pioneer



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*Computational biology
and neuroscience of
learning and memory*



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*Human-computer
interaction*



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Optical sensors



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*Drug discovery and
science diplomacy*



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Modelling of material and biological mechanics



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Machine vision



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Nanotechnology and medical diagnostic devices



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Stem cells, tissue engineering and 3D bioprinting



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Cognitive neuroscience and the study of consciousness



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CRISPR tool for editing DNA



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Quantifying water use



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New material science



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Superconductors



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Graphene quantum electromechanical systems



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Applied mathematics



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*Pollinator health and
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*Game design for social
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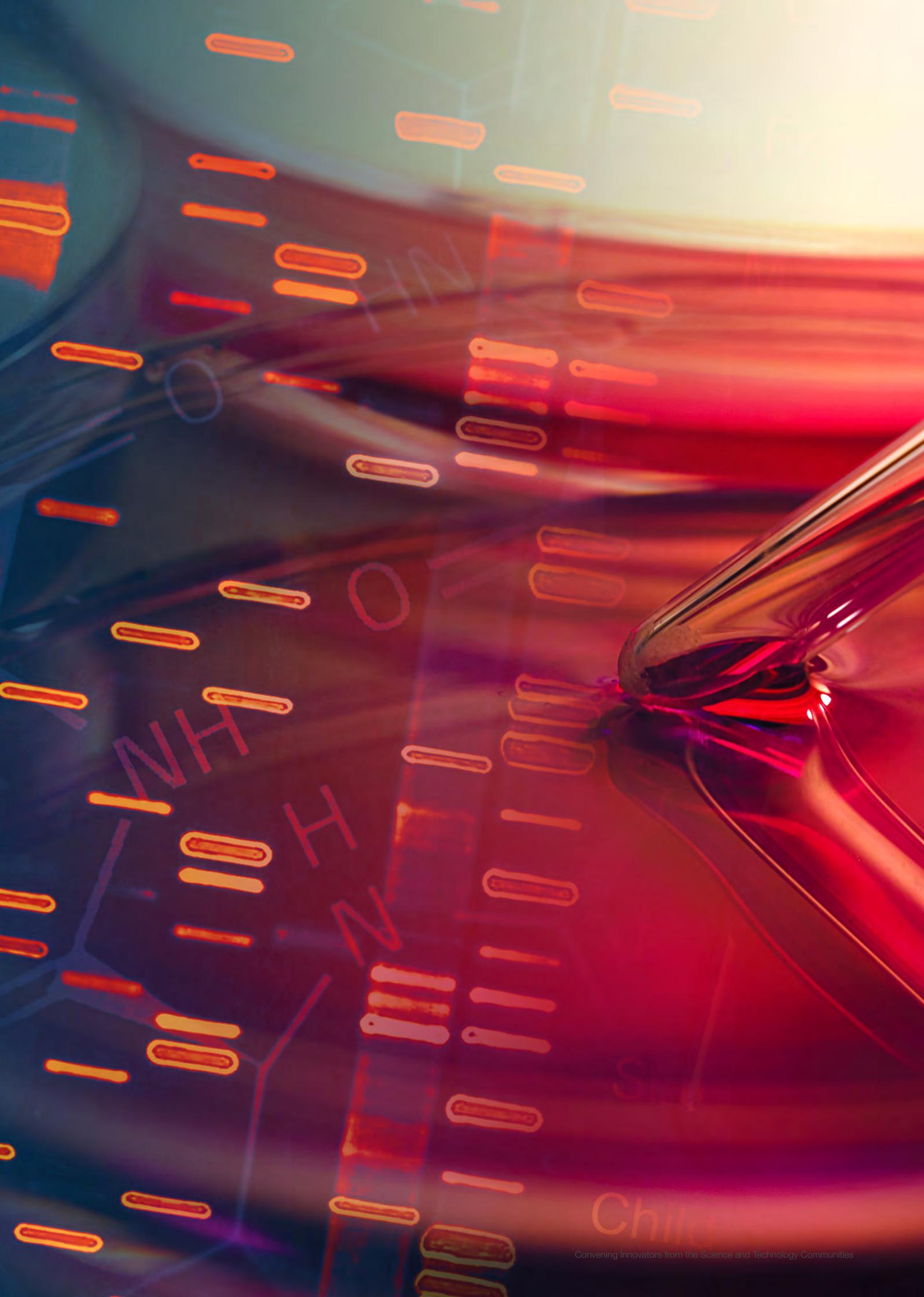


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National Geographic Magazine



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Computer science/ Algorithms for cancer diagnosis



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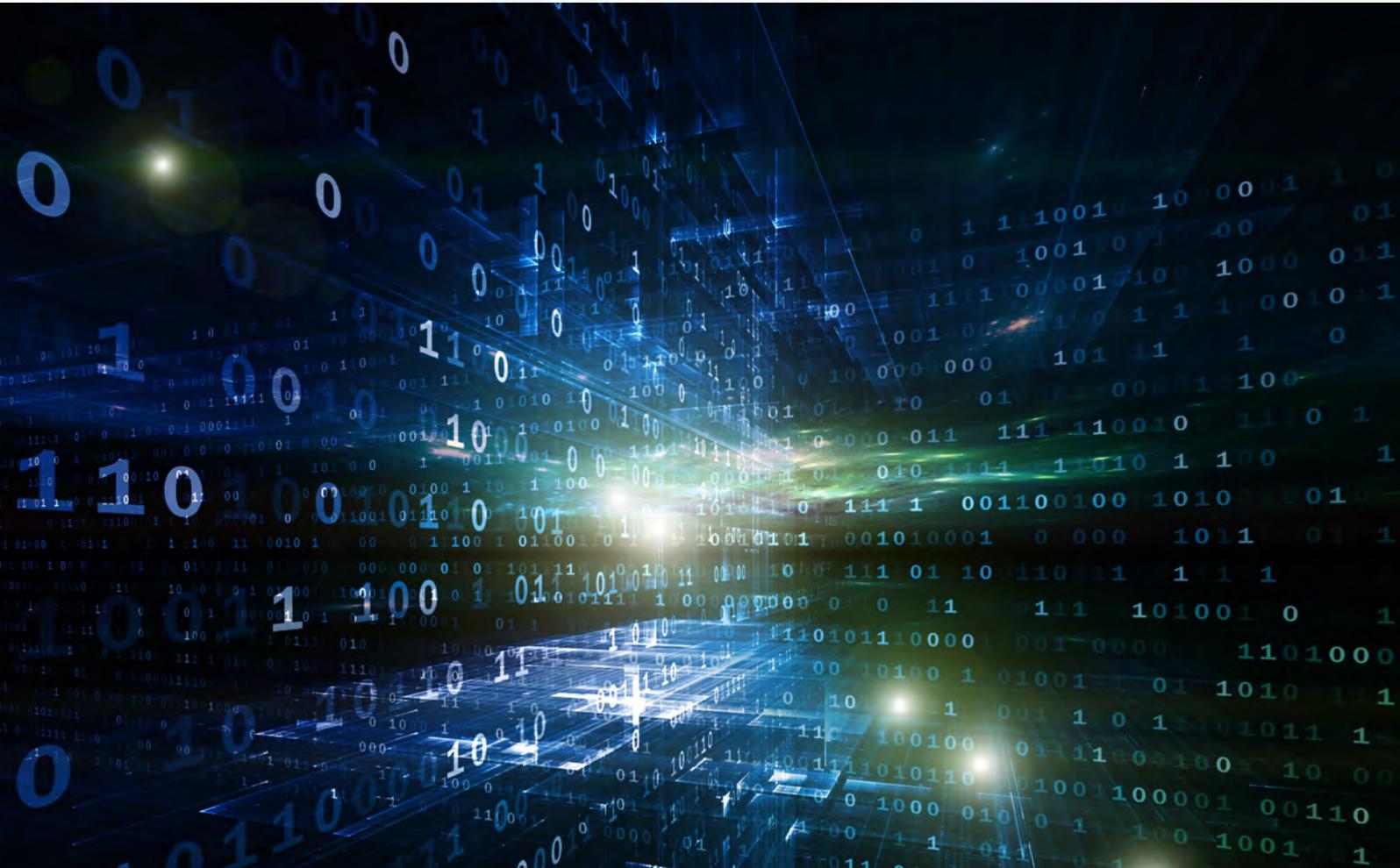
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