

# Information and Knowledge for Decision Making



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## UNC Research Overview

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# Overview of UNC Research Focus

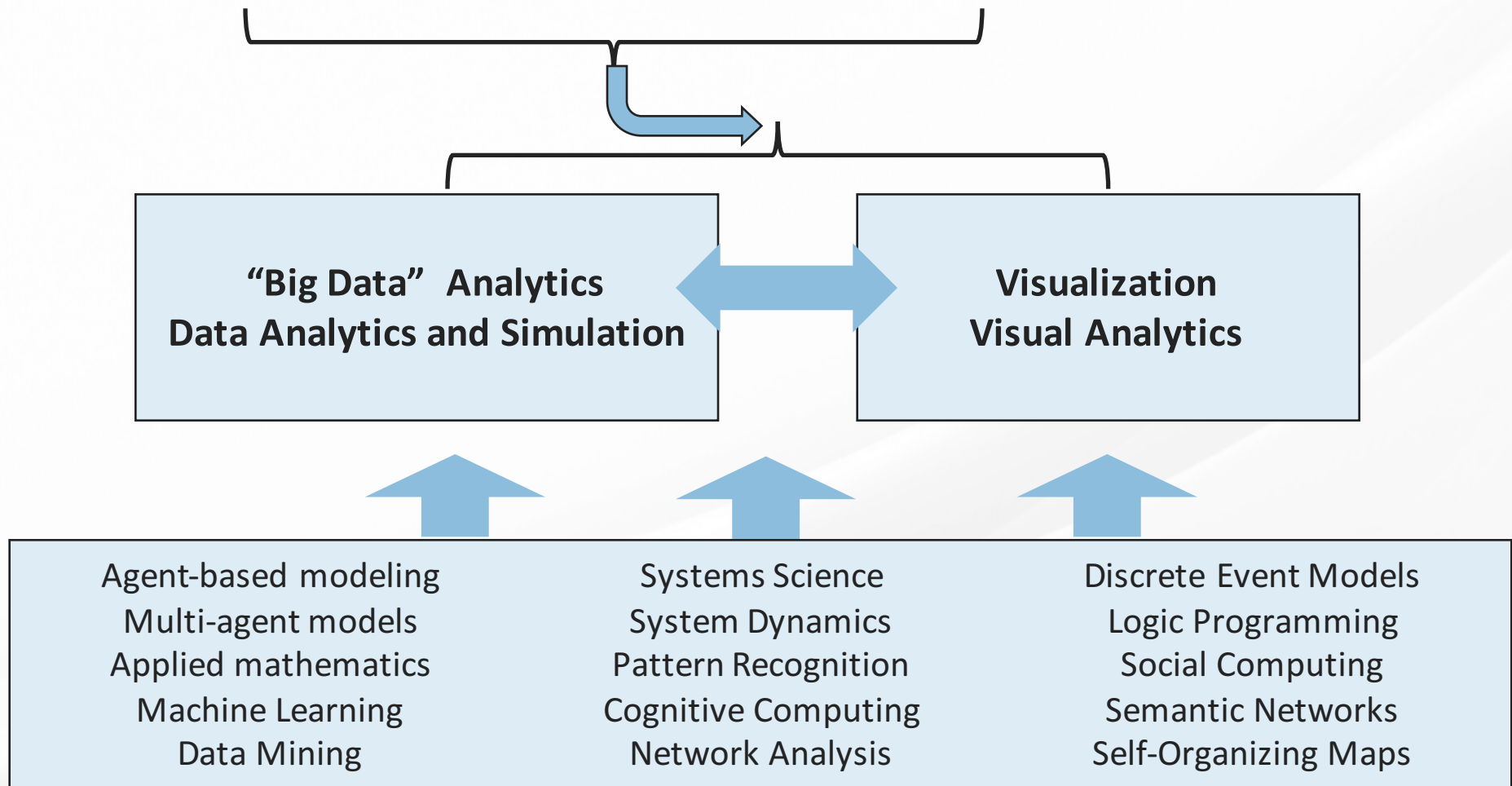


UNC's research focus is the development of tools for the ***analysis and visualization*** of complex, multi-dimensional, and multi-scale data that transforms data to knowledge in support of ***data-driven decision-making*** in domains such as healthcare, business, finance, among others.

## Harnessing the Power of Data and Analytics for Data-Driven Decision Making

# UNC Supports the Fundamental Mission of CVDI

**Data → Information → Knowledge → (Better) Decisions**



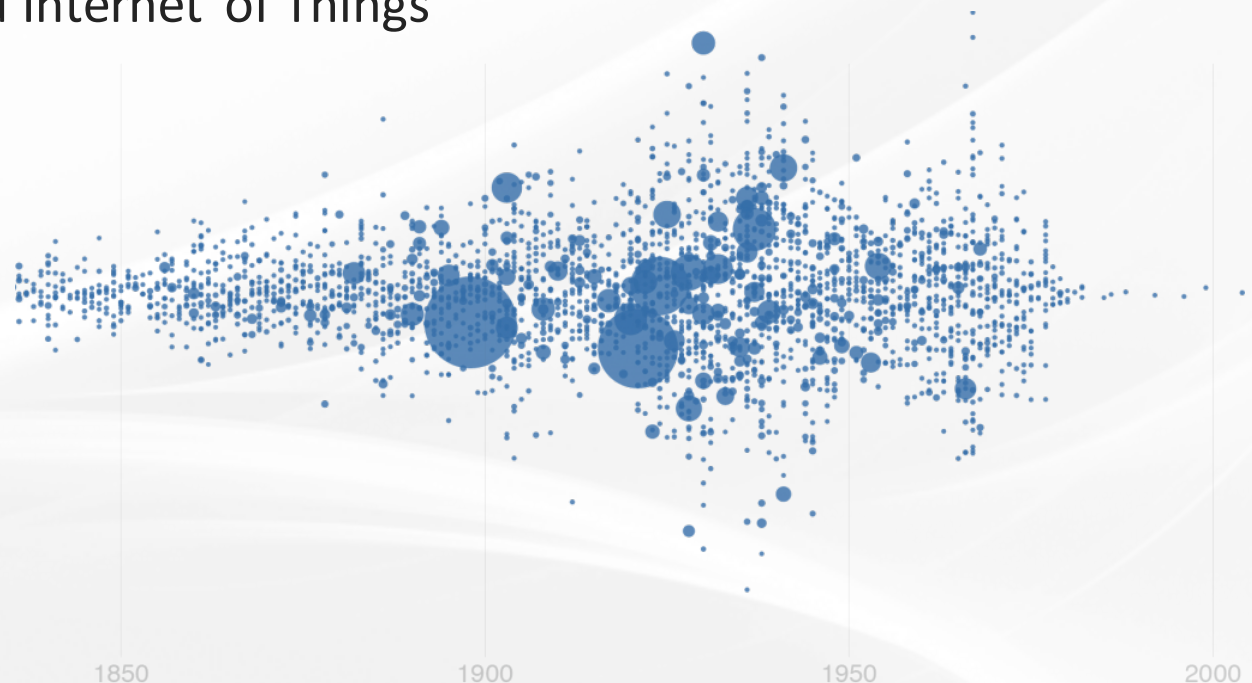
***Get From Data To Decisions, Better And Faster!***





# Current Directions in Data Science Research

- “Datafication-Led” Innovation
- Analytics for “Rich” Media
- Predictive Analytics to Drive Efficiency
- Big Data in the Cloud
- Cognitive Computing
- Real-time Analytics and Internet of Things



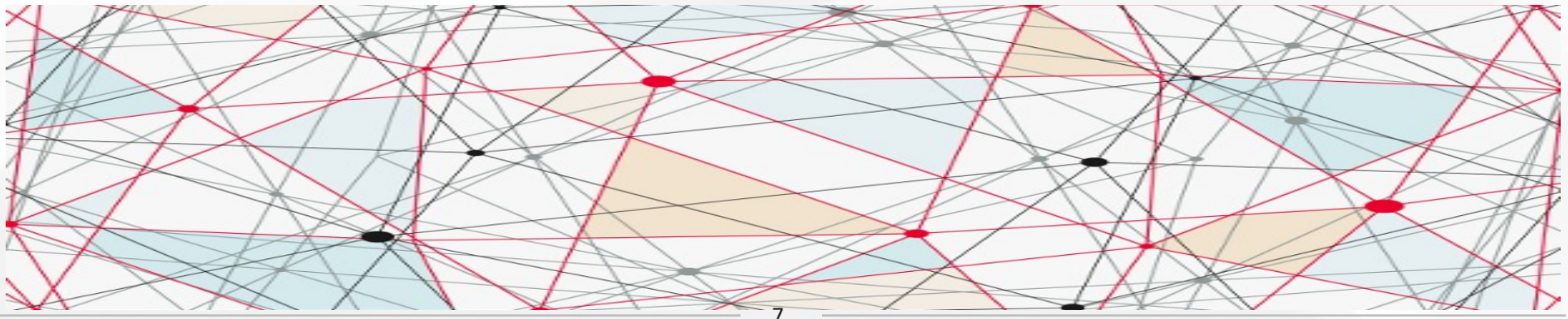
## Areas of Need Expressed by Industry



- “Custom” data analytics
- Massive electronic data (c.f. EHR and EMR)
- Mobile analytics
- Data cleaning, duplicate detection and removal
- Large-scale data visualization
- Fraud detection (financial and “measures”)
- Informatics and visual analytics for decision support
- Supply chain management

# Low-Cost, Low-Risk Solutions for Dealing with...

- Large, Real-time Data
- Structured/Unstructured Data Mix
- Handling Missing/Poor Quality Data
- Sensor Data Streams
- Managing Metadata Repositories
- Digital Search and Retrieval
- Digital Preservation
- Etc.



***“Health care has more slowly adopted data analytics than other industries.”***

**Market penetration within health care is relatively low, at between 5 and 20 percent....**

***(Gartner, 2013)\****

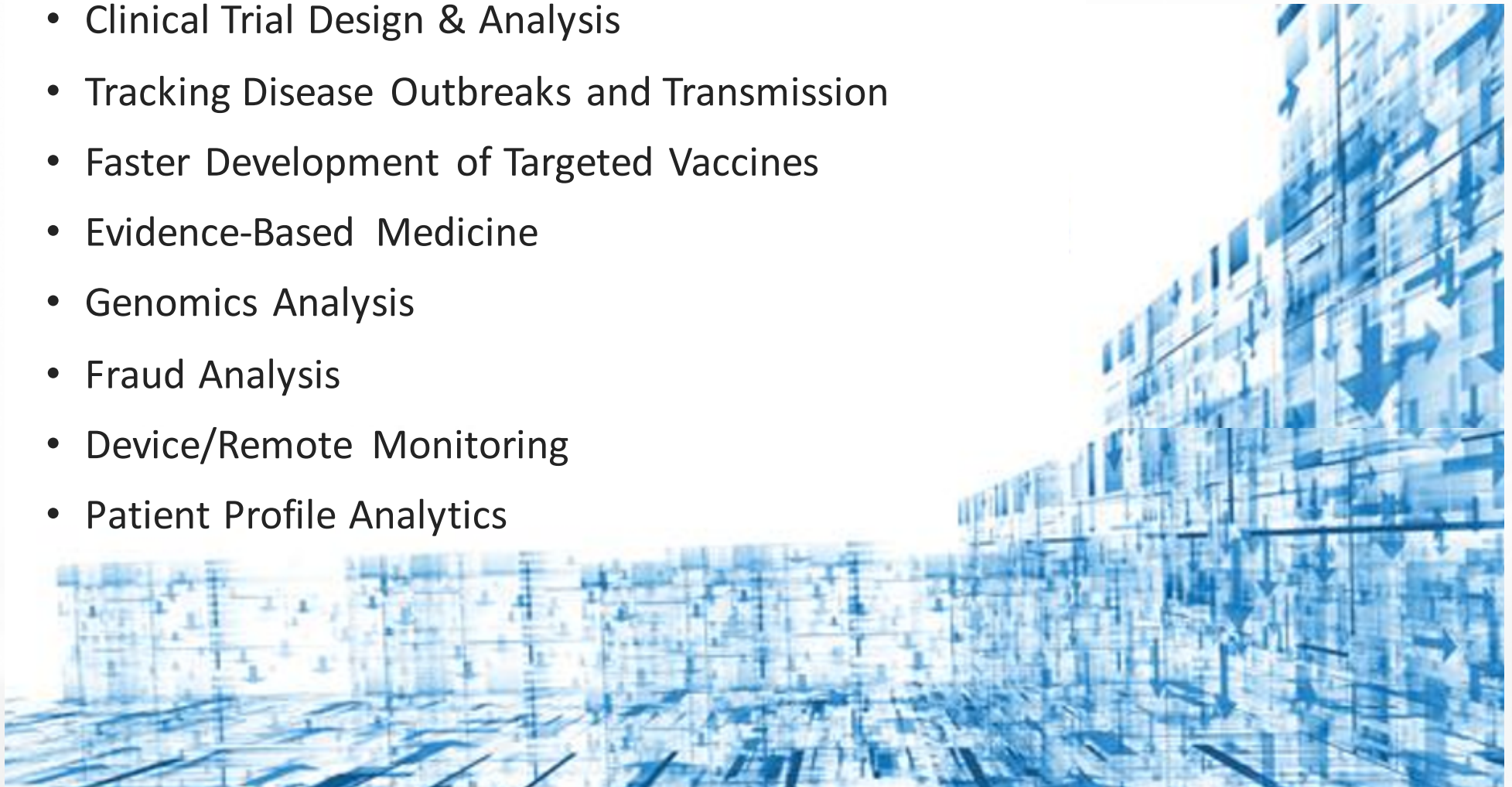
*.....Data (in)security.....(Lack of) Data Integration.....(Lack of) Historical Investment.....(Difficulty of) Data Use..... (Limited) Staff Knowledge.... (Lack of) Industry Standards.....*

\*Hype Cycle for Healthcare Provider Applications, Analytics and Systems, Gartner, 2013



# Data-Driven Decision-Making for Healthcare

- Efficient & Effective Clinical Operations
- Faster/Better Drug pipeline
- Clinical Trial Design & Analysis
- Tracking Disease Outbreaks and Transmission
- Faster Development of Targeted Vaccines
- Evidence-Based Medicine
- Genomics Analysis
- Fraud Analysis
- Device/Remote Monitoring
- Patient Profile Analytics



# UNC Research Expertise in Data Science

FOCUS AREAS	APPLICATION AREAS	FACULTY
<b>TECHNIQUES</b> Agent-based modeling Knowledge networks Mathematical systems modeling Machine learning Multi-agent modeling Network analysis System dynamics Systems science  <b>ADVANCED CYBER INFRASTRUCTURE</b> High-performance and high-throughput computing Secure research workspaces	Business Efficiency Healthcare Delivery Systems Life Sciences Research Epidemiology Organizational Modeling Supply Chain Management Human/Environment Interactions Population Dynamics Crowd Dynamics	<b>Noel Greis</b> ( <i>Kenan-Flagler Business School</i> ) <b>David Gotz</b> ( <i>School of Information and Library Science</i> ) <b>Javed Mostafa</b> ( <i>School of Information and Library Science</i> ) <b>Kelly Evenson</b> ( <i>Gillings School of Global Public Health</i> ) <b>Stephanie Haas</b> ( <i>School of Information and Library Science</i> ) <b>Kristen Hassmiller Lich</b> ( <i>Gillings School of Global Public Health</i> ) <b>Nilay Tanik Argon</b> ( <i>Statistics and Operations Research</i> ) <b>Kirk Wilhelmsen</b> ( <i>School of Medicine - Genetics</i> ) <b>Charles Schmitt</b> ( <i>Renaissance Computing Institute</i> )  Todd BenDor ( <i>City and Regional Planning</i> ) Nikhil Kaza ( <i>City and Regional Planning</i> ) Peter Mucha ( <i>Mathematics</i> ) Nancy Rodriguez-Bunn ( <i>Mathematics</i> ) Steve Walsh ( <i>Geography, Galapagos Research Center</i> ) Ming Lin ( <i>Computer Science</i> ) Dinesh Manocha ( <i>Computer Science</i> )