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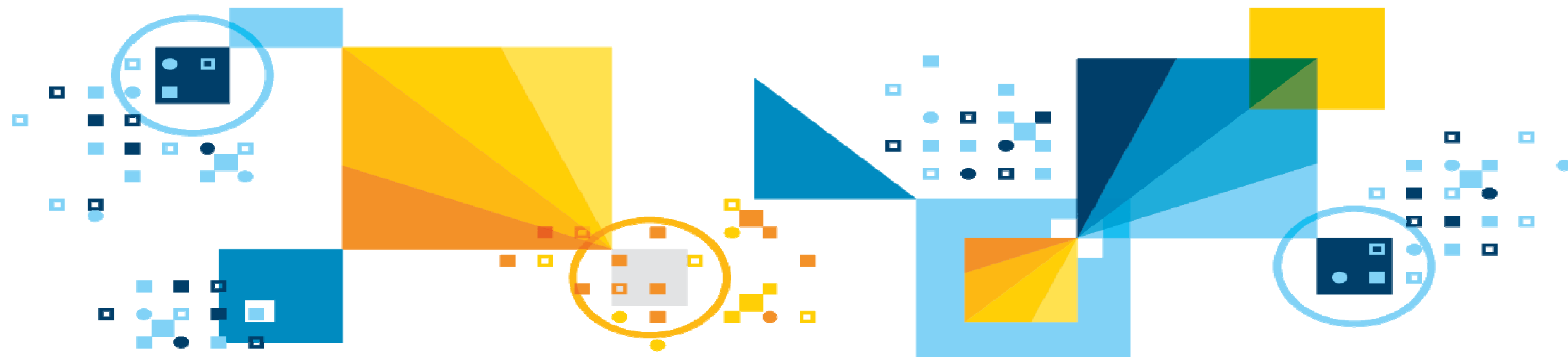
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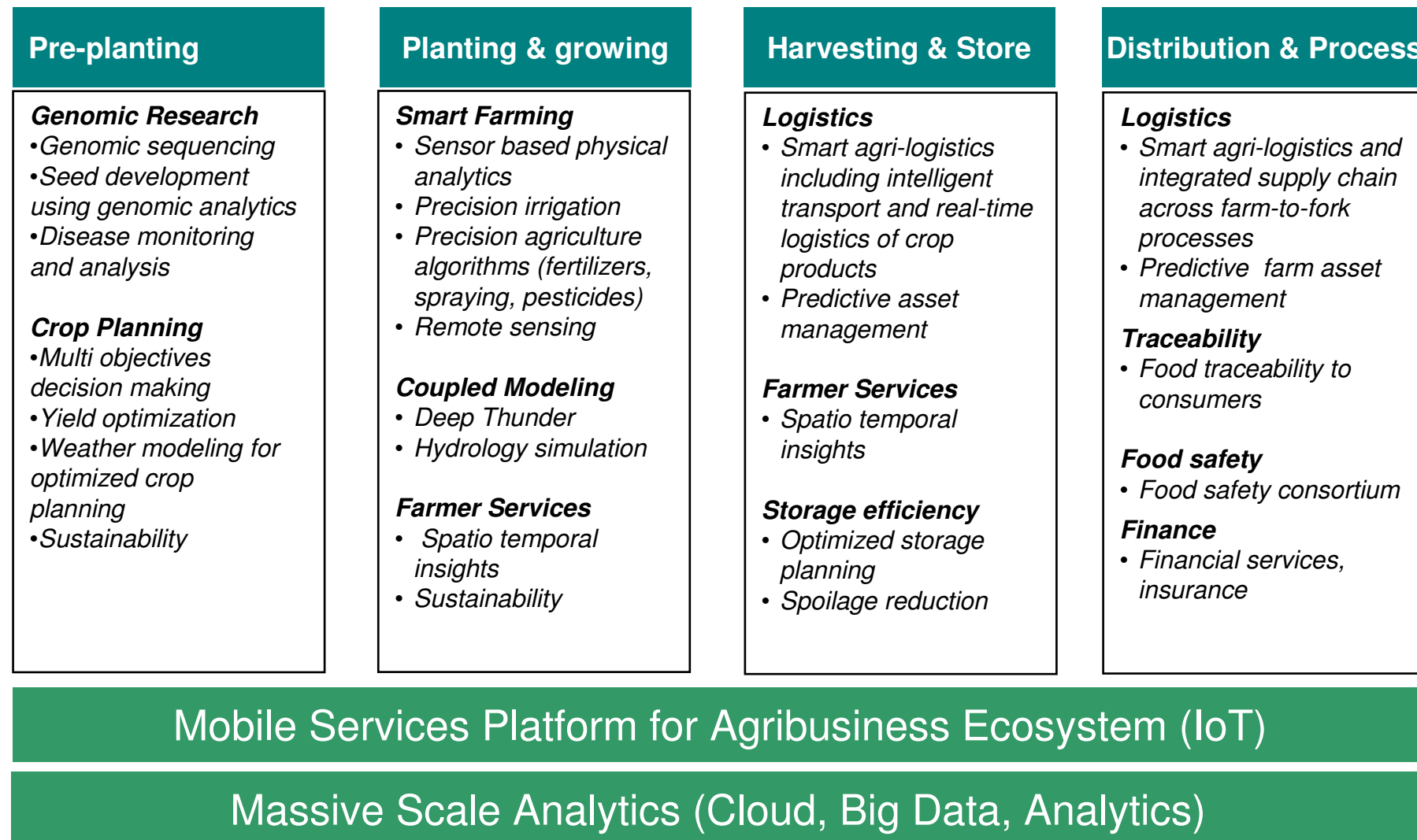
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# La nostra visione della Smarter Agriculture



## Examples of IBM Research capabilities in Agriculture



## IBM Analytics

### Cenni storici

Cognitive computing refers to systems that learn at scale, reason with purpose and interact with humans naturally. Rather than being explicitly programmed, they learn and reason from their interactions with us and from their experiences with their environment.

Dr. John E. Kelly III

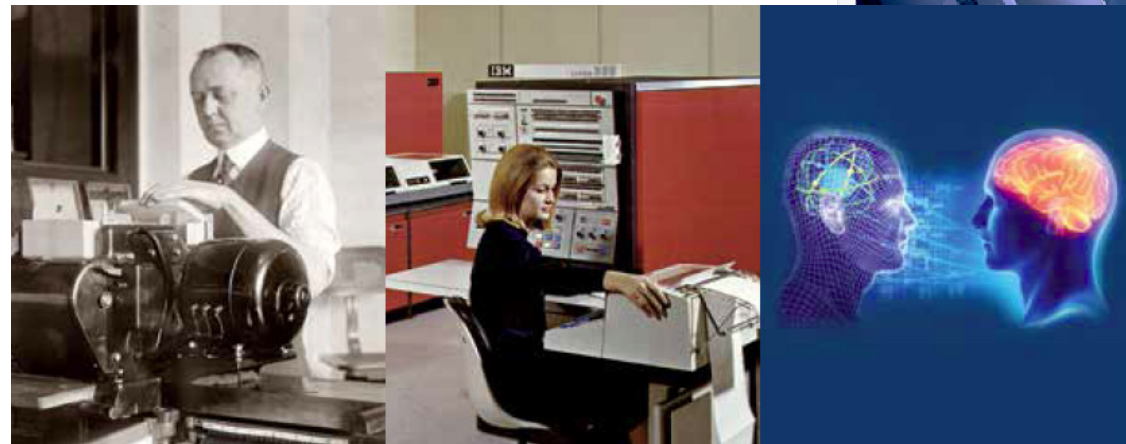


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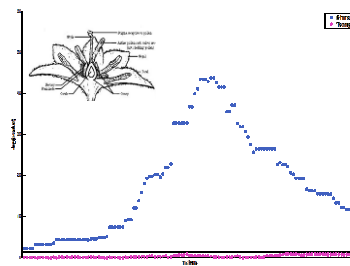
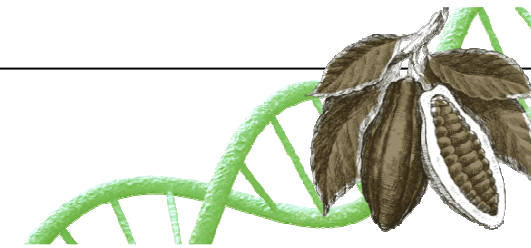
The Tabulating Era  
(1900s–1940s)

The Programming Era  
(1950s–present)

The Cognitive Era  
(2011–)

A large graphic titled "JEOPARDY! The IBM Challenge". The word "JEOPARDY!" is in large, blue, 3D-style letters at the top. Below it is a globe icon with a grid pattern. To the right of the globe, the text "The IBM Challenge" is written in a similar blue, 3D-style font. The background is dark blue with light blue geometric patterns. On the right side, there is a white rectangular area with text: "Computing, cognition and the future of knowing" followed by "How humans and machines are forging a new age of understanding", the IBM logo, and "Dr. John E. Kelly III, Senior Vice President, IBM Research and Solutions Portfolio". At the bottom right, there is a quote in a white box: "The future of such technology - which we believe will be cognitive, not 'artificial' - ...".

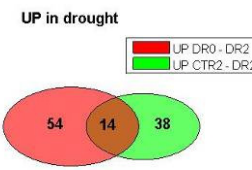
# Agriculture Genomics - Methods



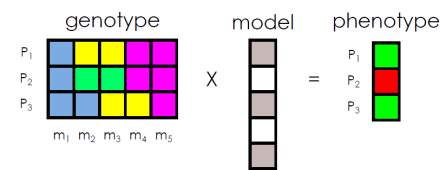
Trait Mapping

## Improving quality of cultivated plants

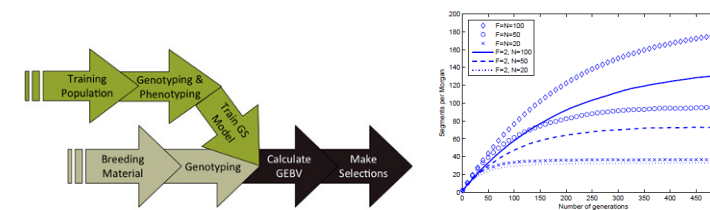
- Deciphering genotypic and phenotypic variation
- Adaptation to changing environments
- Marker Assisted Selection and breeding strategies



Differential gene expression



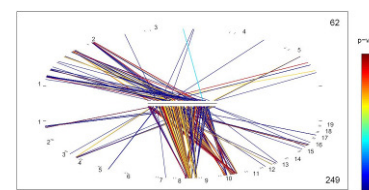
Genomic selection & prediction



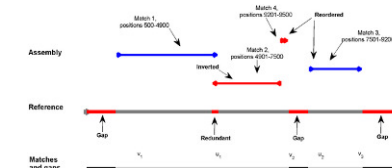
Breeding strategies & simulations



Cultivar demographics



Comparative genomics

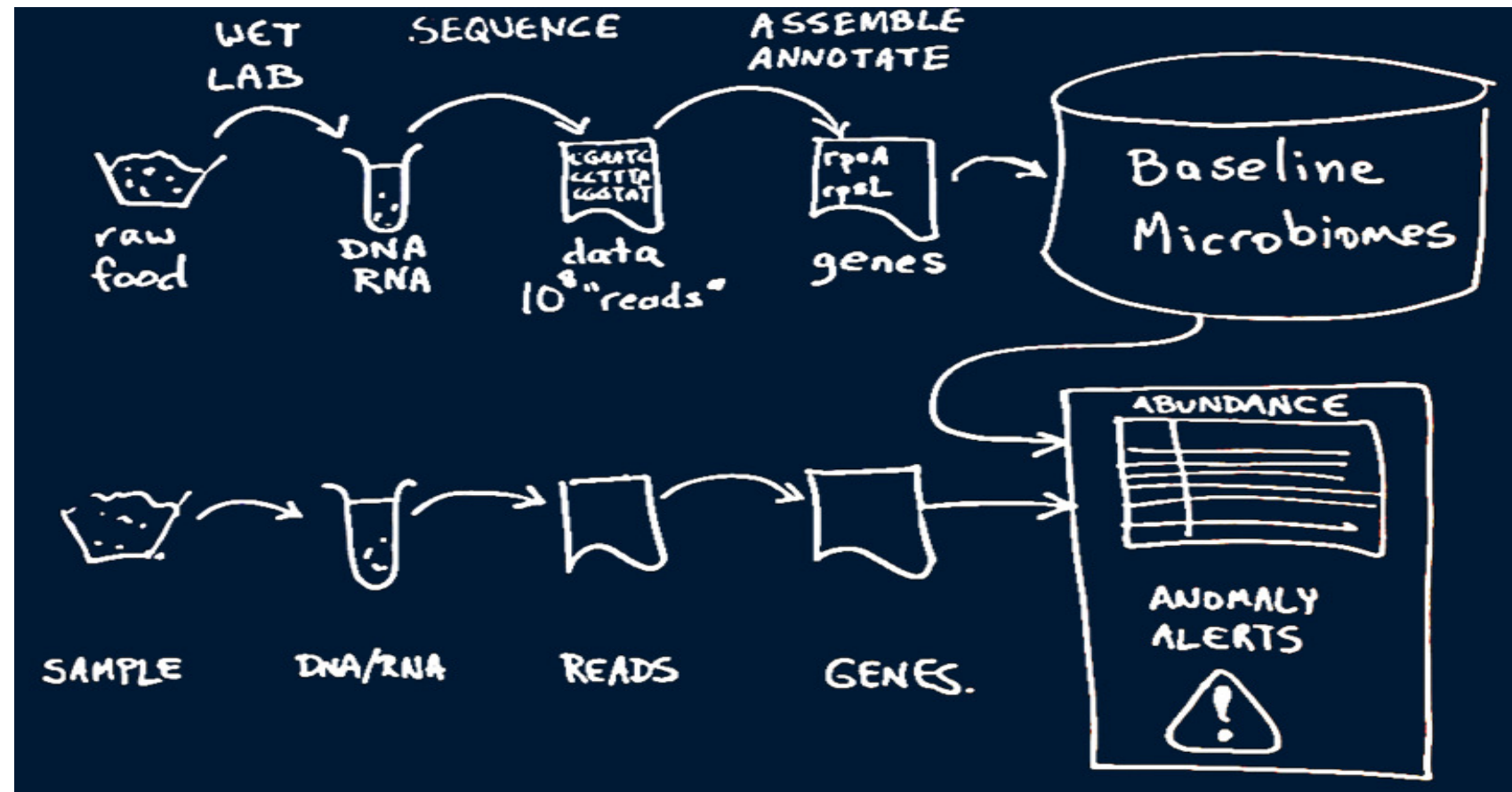


Genome assembly

# Agriculture Genomics - Analytics Process

Step 1: What is the Baseline

Step 2: Sampling detecting anomalies



## What is the Food Safety Consortium?

A collaborative effort of stake holders using genomics-enabled diagnostics with molecular tools for:  
Surveillance

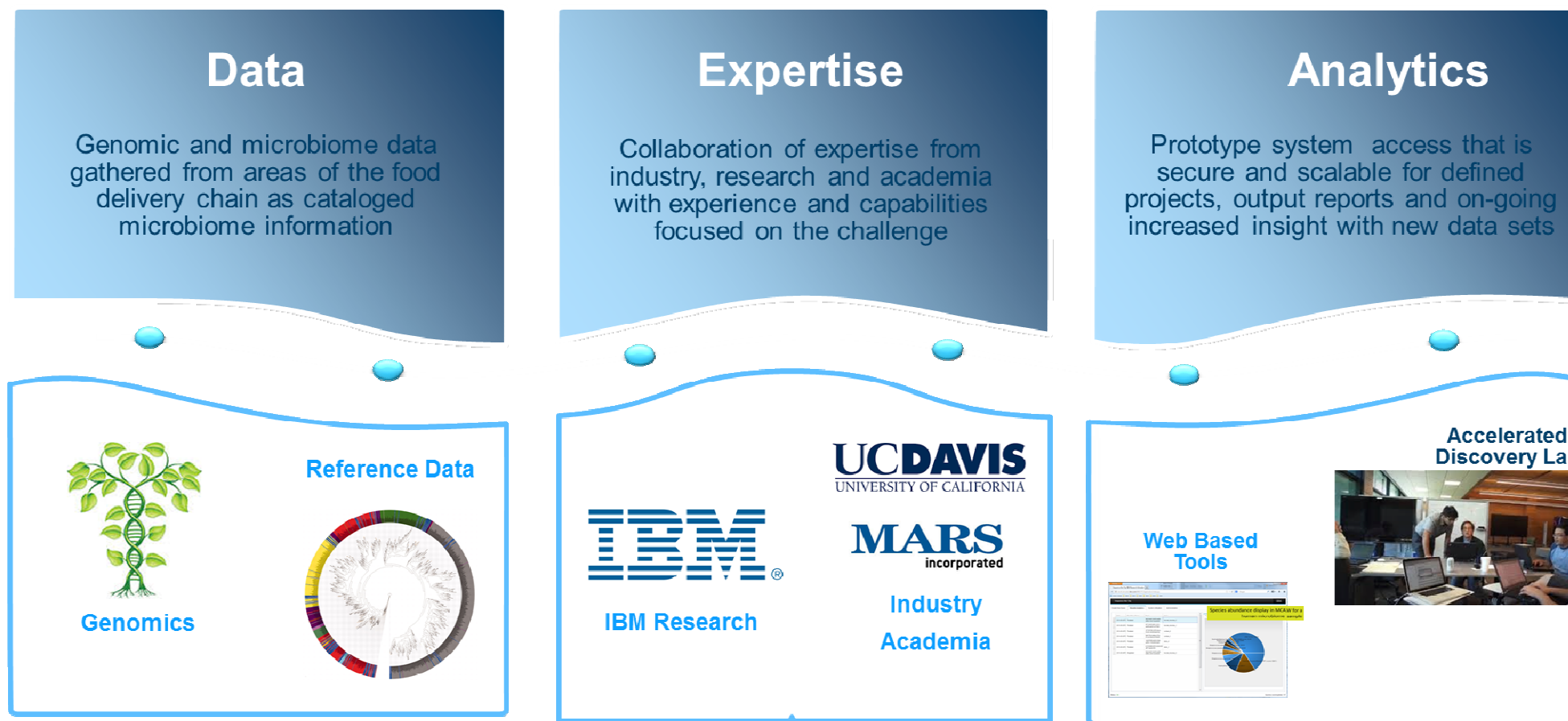
- Risk assessment
- Diagnosis of food borne pathogens

...through the global food chain — from farms, slaughterhouses, the transportation chain, processing facilities, to supermarkets

### Annual tolls of US food illness



# Food Safety Consortium Components





## Weather modeling and data analytics empower an island nation to save its natural resources



- Goal: Improve food security for its citizens by improving local agriculture.
- Only 3% of Brunei's rice is grown in the country today
- Brunei hopes to increase domestic rice production by 60% by 2015.
- Apply deep expertise in using data analytics and weather modeling to improve agriculture and energy development.

- IBM Blue Gene-P system, show specific conditions in an area as small as 1.5 x 1.5 square kilometers and detect changes over 10 minute increments for a 48 hour period.



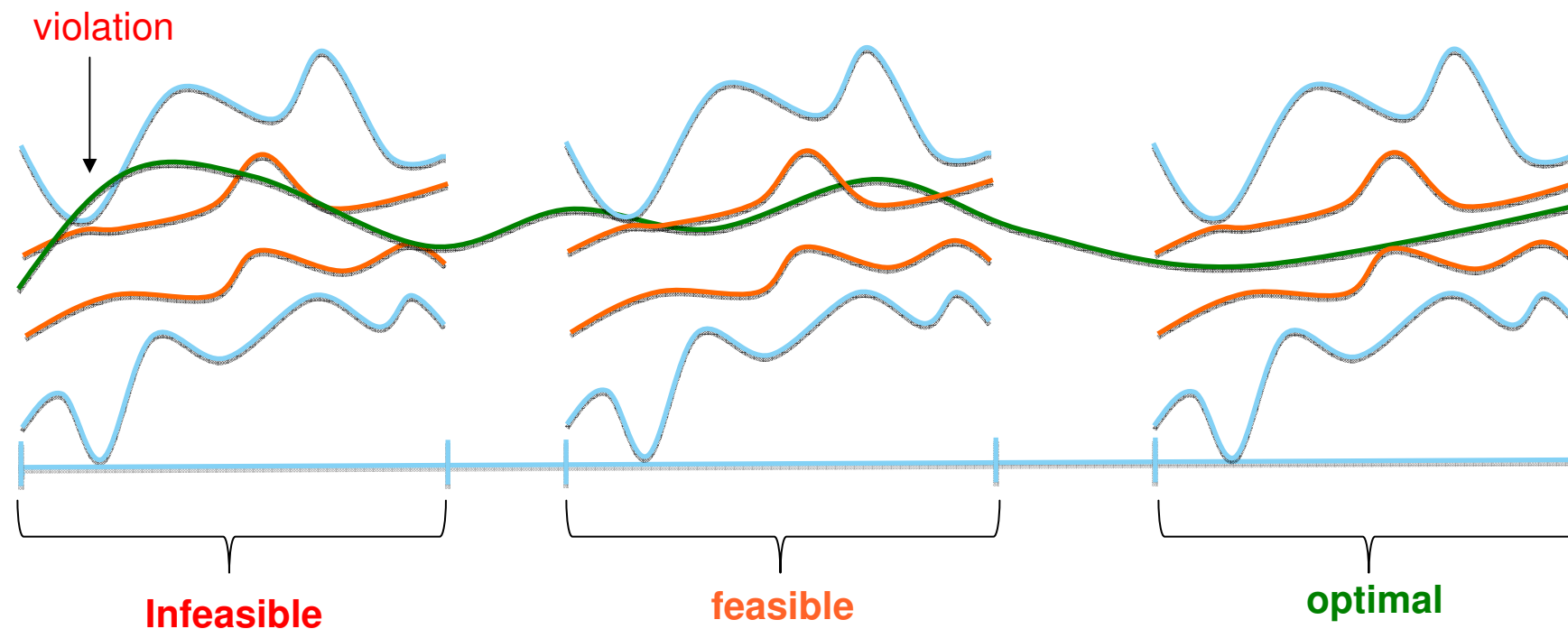
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## Crop Modeling

- Crop Models – DSSAT(US – Netherlands), APSIM+ (Australia), Aquacrop (FAO), InfoCrop (India) etc.
- DSSAT
  - Developed over 30 years.
  - Florida State University, Georgia State Univ, Washington State Univ, ...
  - > 2500 trainer users.
  - Has models for
    - Cereals – rice, maize, wheat, barley, millets, sorghum.
    - Legumes – chickpeas, lentils, peanut, soyabean.
    - Root crops – cassava, potato.
    - Oil crops – canola, sunflower.
    - Veggies – pepper, cabbage, corn, beans, tomato,
    - Fiber – cotton.
    - Other – sugarcane, pineapple.
  - Can be used for farm management process development including irrigation, fertilizer scheduling, cultivar development, rotational analysis.
- Substantial knowledge acquired in DSSAT.
- Ongoing and Future Work
  - Develop model for Laila variety rice (Brunei).
  - Recommend farm management steps (Brunei)
  - Integrate model with weather forecasting model for farm operations (Brunei).
  - Find optimal conditions (weather, soil) for Laila under irrigated and non-irrigated scenario. (Brunei)

## Crop Modeling – Optimal transplantation Date (Optra)

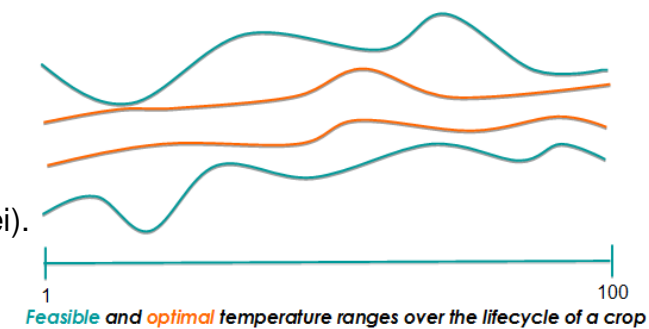


### Optra

- Transplantation date optimization software. Developed at IRL.
- Uses 6 month weather forecast and optimal weather conditions for crop.

### Ongoing and Future Work

- Use opTra for analysis using past 5 years observed weather data (Brunei).
- Determine optimal conditions for Laila. (Brunei)
- Introduce uncertainty in the model.
- Field application. (Brunei)



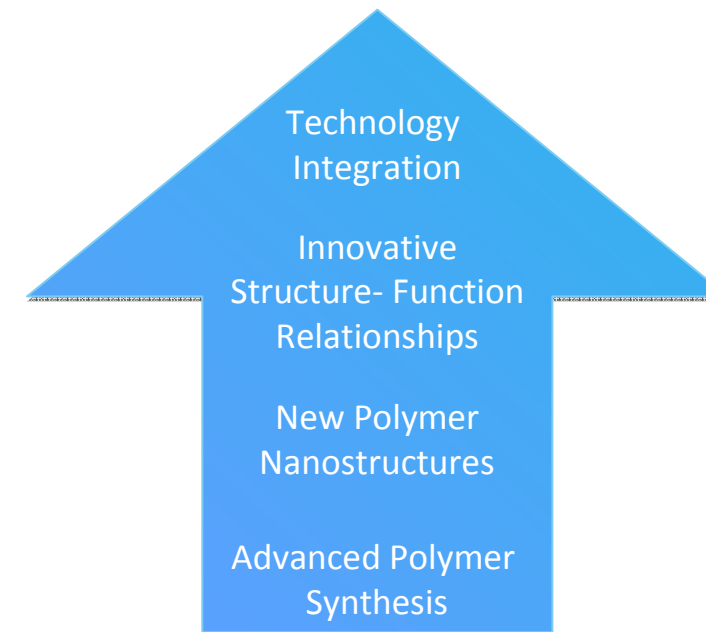
## Materials Innovation for Smarter Agriculture (ARC)

### Opportunity

- Advanced Polymer Materials are increasingly used in agricultural innovations to enhance cultivation of crops in adverse weather and soil conditions for crop protection and for improving the yield and quality of crops in shorter time at lower cost.

### Innovation

- ARC has the potential for providing polymer materials innovations in smarter agriculture *via* it's ongoing activities in adjacent research spaces:
  - e.g. Controlled Release Polymers (CRP) for the precision deployment and performance of moisture control agents and site-localized release of chemical actives (currently with various Pharmaceutical companies).
  - e.g. Antimicrobial polymers which are currently being evaluated for use in combating citrus greening of orange orchards in Florida (with COKE)
  - e.g. Existing block co-polymers and hydrogels (multiple engagements) that are potentially adaptable towards soil reclamation research



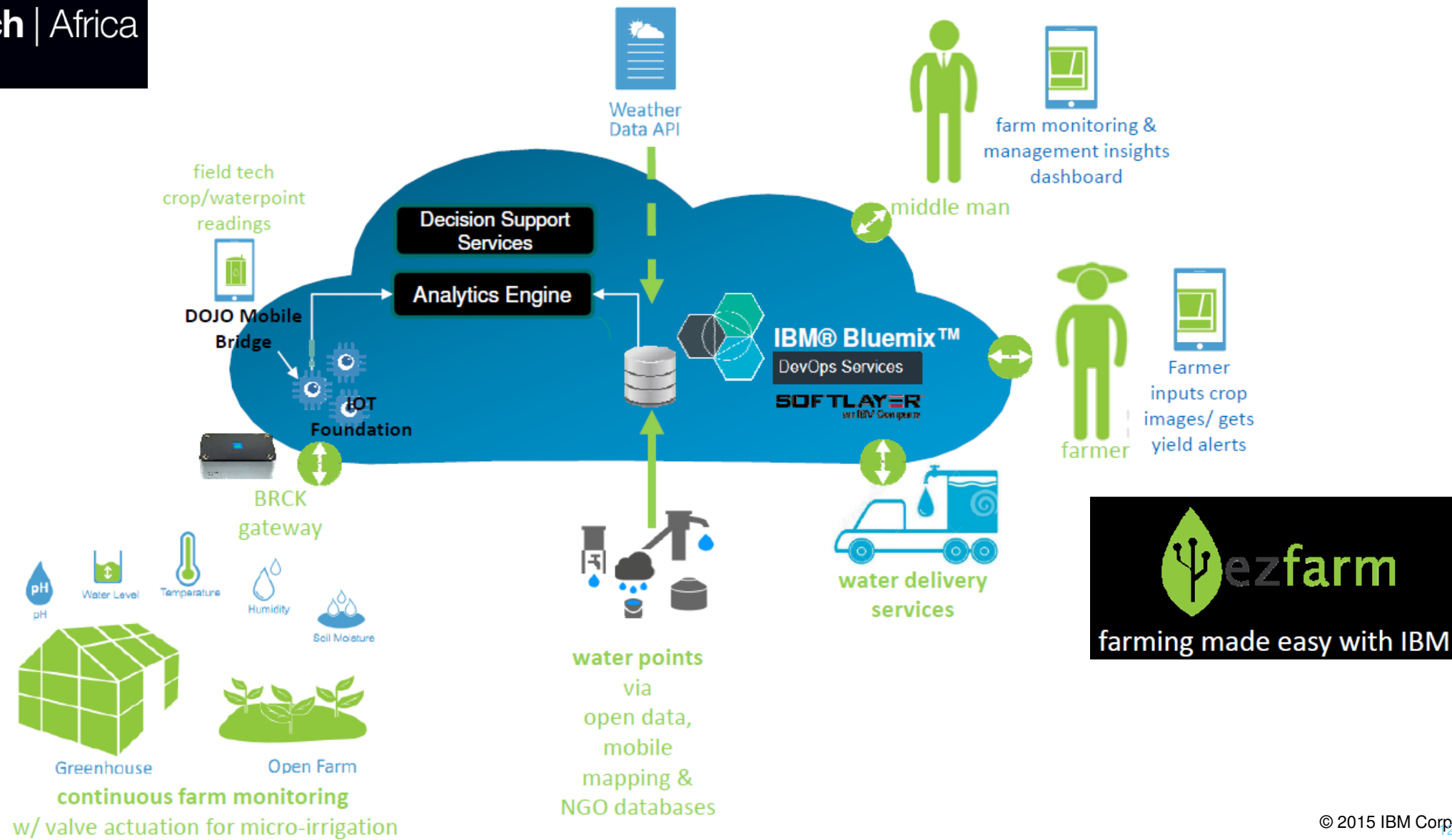
### Impact

- Up to 90% of agrichemicals deployed are wasted – precision CRP agrichemicals have potential for significant financial and environmental savings
- Up to 10% of harvested grain held in long term storage is lost through pests. CRP pest repellents are a potential innovation in reducing this cost
- IBM polymers present innovative research solutions to emerging problems such as Citrus Greening which has cost the state of Florida alone \$4.5B to date

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Thank You

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