



Leading in the Era of Exponential Changes

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1. Talent

students, faculty, staff- and provide environment to flourish.

PEOPLE

2. Value

Continuously adding value to curriculum, programs, infrastructure.

PROGRAMS

3. Thought Leadership- Solving World Challenges

Grand Challenges: energy and sustainability, security and infrastructure, health and medicine, and scientific and technological discovery.

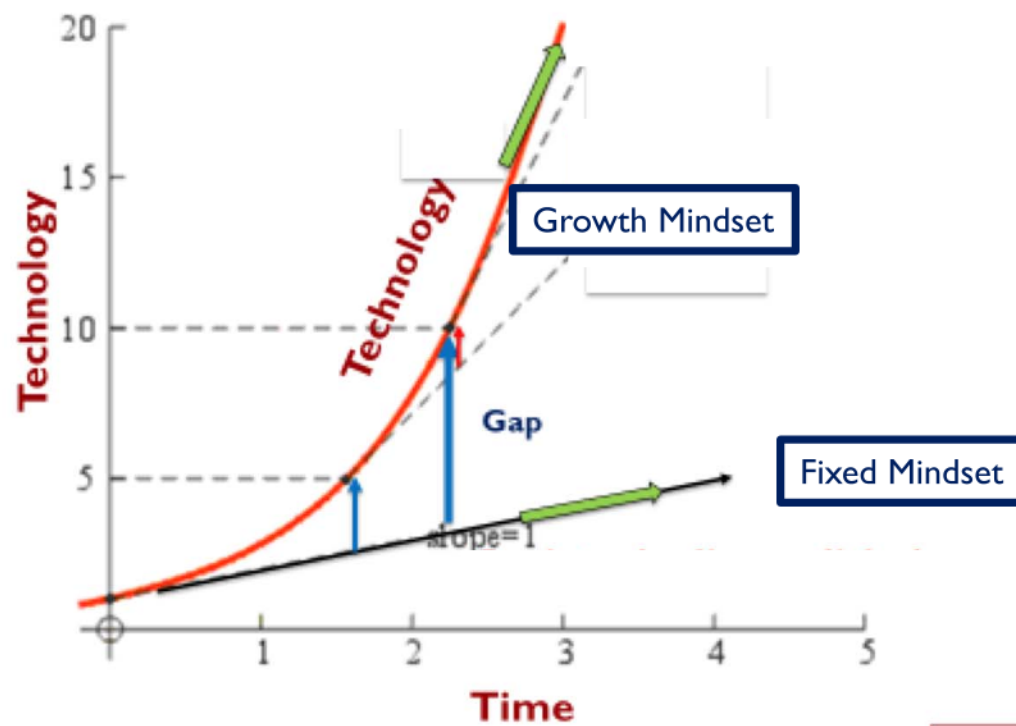
PAPERS

4. Impact: Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship SCilicon Beach, Southern California, the United States, and the World.

PATENTS



**Exponential changes
No steady states
No steady states in growth**





TECHNOLOGY: EXPLOITING A *PHENOMENON** FOR *USEFUL* PURPOSES

- **PHYSICAL** (e.g. Photoelectric Effect)
- ◉ **CHEMICAL** (e.g. Catalysis)
- ◎ ***GEOLOGICAL*** (*e.g. petroleum*)
- ◉ **BIOLOGICAL** (e.g. Brain Imaging)
- ◉ ***SOCIAL-BEHAVIORAL***



Increasing
complexity

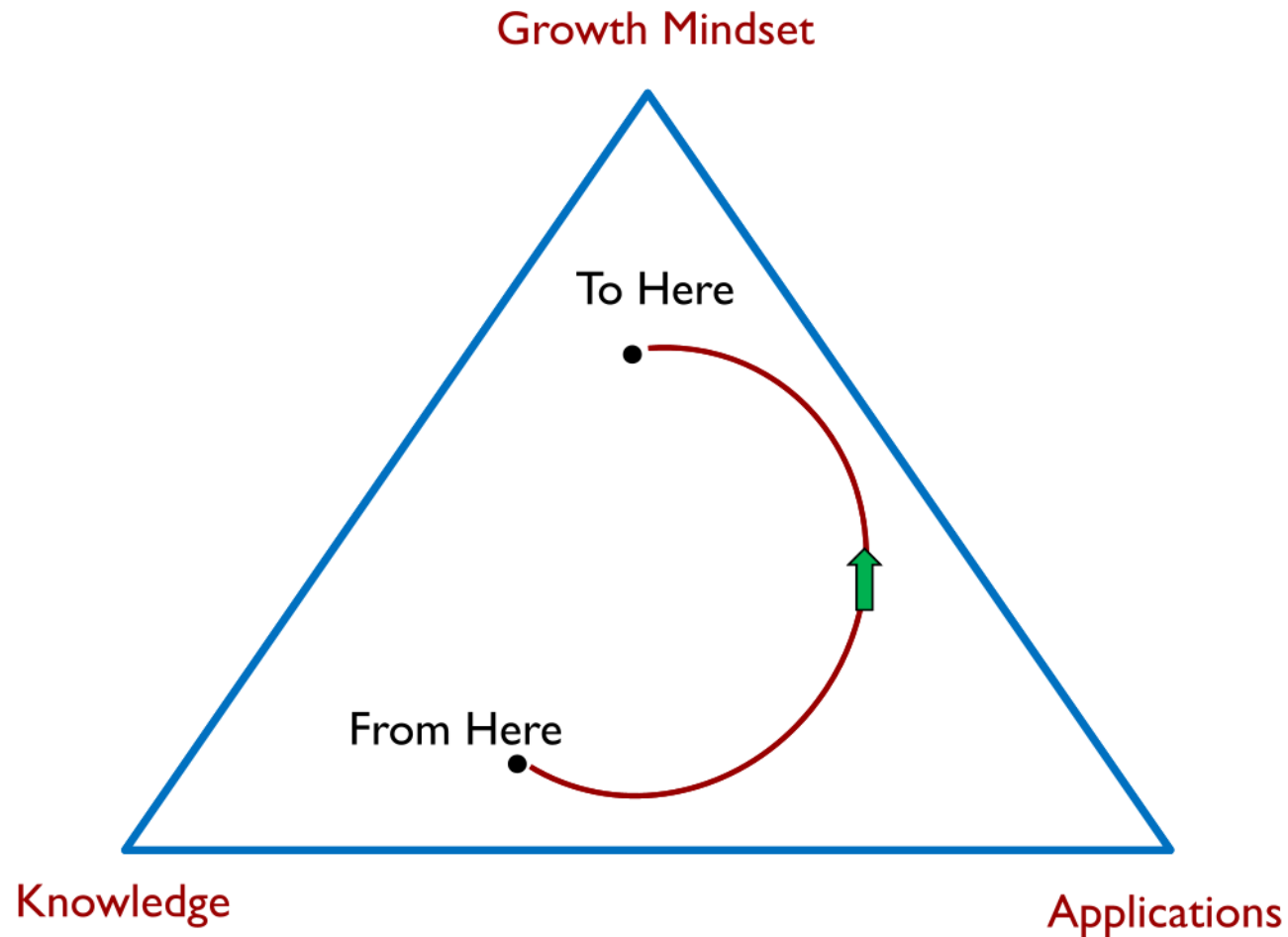
*And combinations of phenomena or technologies

**Including the discovering of new phenomena



TECHNOLOGY: EXPLOITING A PHENOMENON FOR *USEFUL PURPOSES**

- ETHICAL-MORAL
- UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES
- COMPLEXITY
- POLICY



From Ortiz et al.



MINDSETS OF CHANGE

1. Superb Technical Skills and Knowledge to Lead the Exponential Changes
2. Engineering + X where X is anything (particularly, human-centric)
3. Innovation and Entrepreneurship, to help create the new markets, the new jobs and to design the new self.
4. Cultural Awareness (with culture broadly interpreted), to help thrive in today's fast changing world.
5. Awareness of the Impact of Engineering to Society (and the importance of technology ethics).



GCSP

Likely to be *the* engineering curriculum of the future

Consistent with WEF report on added skills for the 21st century:

Creativity, Leadership, Perseverance

Consistent with the *Engineer of 2020*

NATIONAL
ACADEMY OF
SCIENCES

USC Viterbi

School of Engineering

Convergence at USC (many Xs = 18)



IMSC-
Communication
Informatics

USC Annenberg

School for Communication
and Journalism

DECIDE

USC Price

Sol Price School of Public Policy

USC Dornsife

Dana and David Dornsife
College of Letters, Arts and Sciences

USC Michelson
Center for
Convergent
Bioscience

Protein
Engineering

CHARIOT
Personalized
Learning

USC Rossier

School of Education

CREATE

Quantum
Communications

Discovery
Informatics

Keck School of
Medicine of **USC**

Irvine
Center

USC Roski

School of Art and Design

Center for Body
Computing

HTE@USC

USC Viterbi

School of Engineering

USC School
of Cinematic Arts

USC Games

USC School
of Architecture

HBI

USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck

School of Social Work

USC Marshall

School of Business

Min Family Engineering
Social Entrepreneurship
Challenge

Maseeh
Entrepreneurship Prize
Competition

AI for Social
Good

New Faculty Orientation

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SOME MNEMONIC RULES

1. Hug the Exponential
2. Engineering +
3. Innovation in the Broadest sense
4. The Cultural Mind
5. Heroic Engineering