

Digital Transformation & Transformation for Sustainability

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„Software is not stand-alone – it became a critical part of society. We need to find approaches on how the digital and physical world can be co-evolve in the interest of sustainability.“

Via Della Conciliazione, Rom



2005



2013

Business @ the Speed of Thought

In Pearson Education Limited 2008

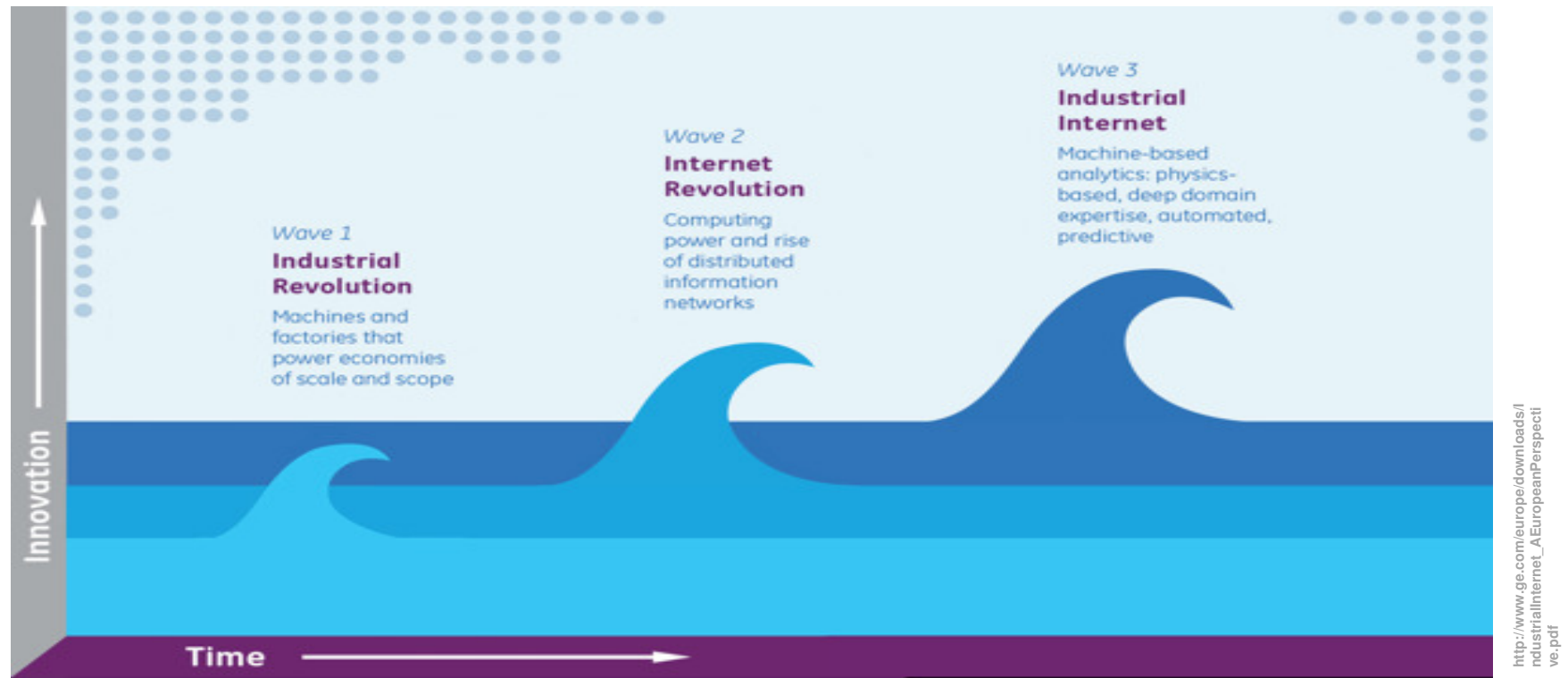
- The Internet has changed everything.
- The Internet is going to change everything.
- A network of networks is going to change everything.
- A network of specialized, software-defined networks is going to change everything.



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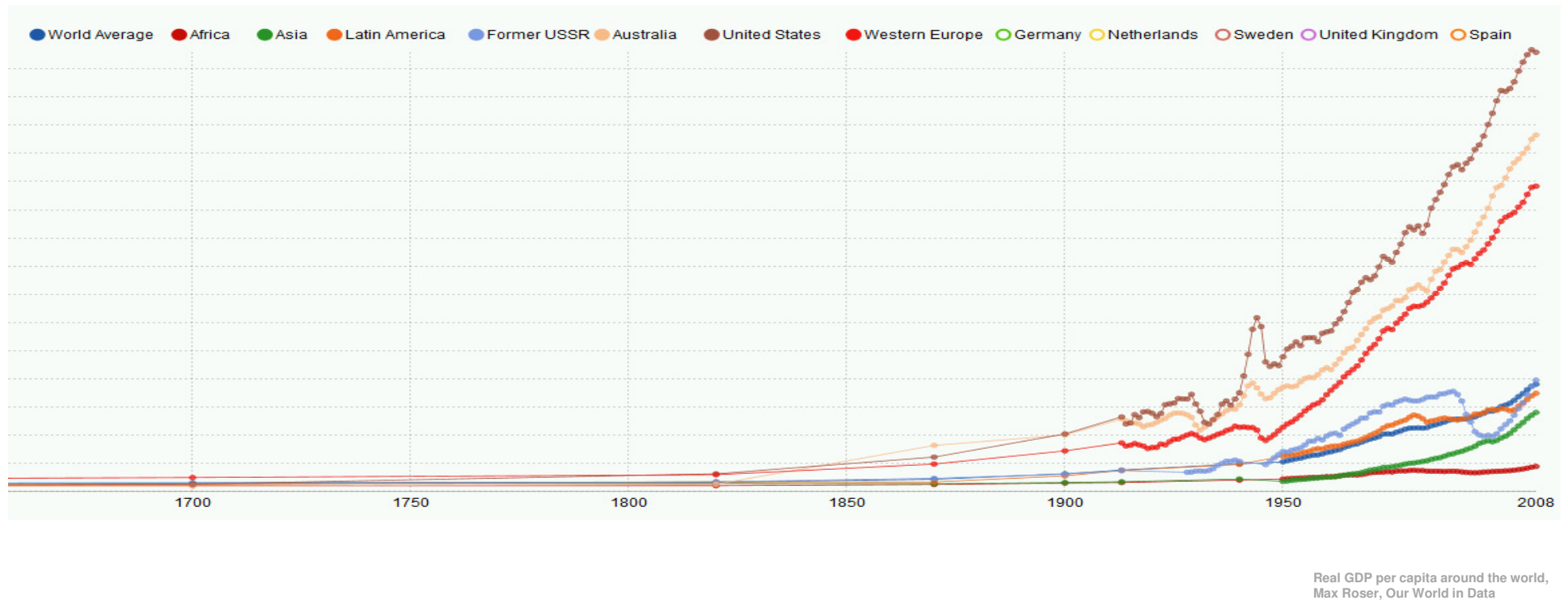
One Example: Industrie 4.0

- Industrial Internet - A European Perspective, Pushing the Boundaries of Minds and Machines. GE, June 2013



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Real GDP per capita around the world,
Max Roser, Our World in Data

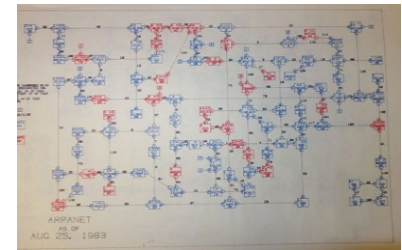


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Digitization today

"Alles, was vernetzt werden kann,
wird auch vernetzt werden."

- Everything that can be digitally connected,
will be digitally connected.
- Examples include Internet of Things, Kognitive Machines and Artificial Intelligence, Additive Manufacturing, Smart Cities, Industrie 4.0, Smart Grids, Blockchains, and others

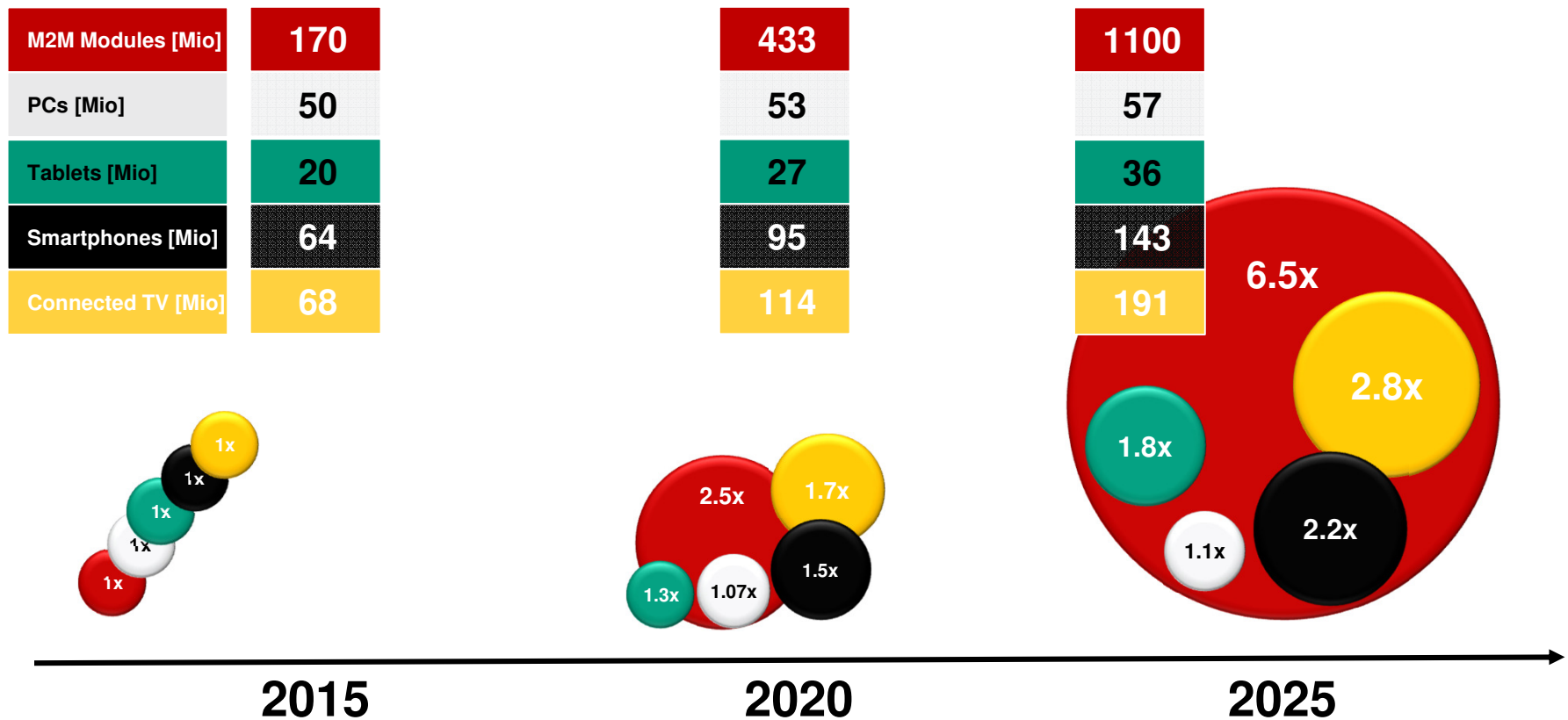


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Internet of Things (IoT) sensors and devices are expected to exceed mobile phones as the largest category of connected devices in 2018, growing at a 23% compound annual growth rate (CAGR) from 2015 to 2021. Source: Ericsson

Technical challenges

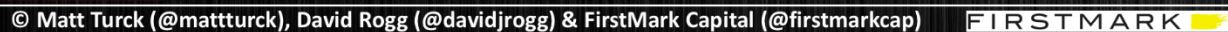
Exponential growth, e.g. in Germany



Source: 2020: Cisco Visual Networking Index, 2025: same growth



Internet of Things Landscape 2016



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Societal challenges

A world map at night, with the continents outlined in dark blue and the oceans in a lighter blue. The landmasses are covered with a dense pattern of yellow and white lights, representing city lights and urban areas. The lights are most concentrated in North America, Europe, and East Asia, with a more sparse distribution in Africa and South America.

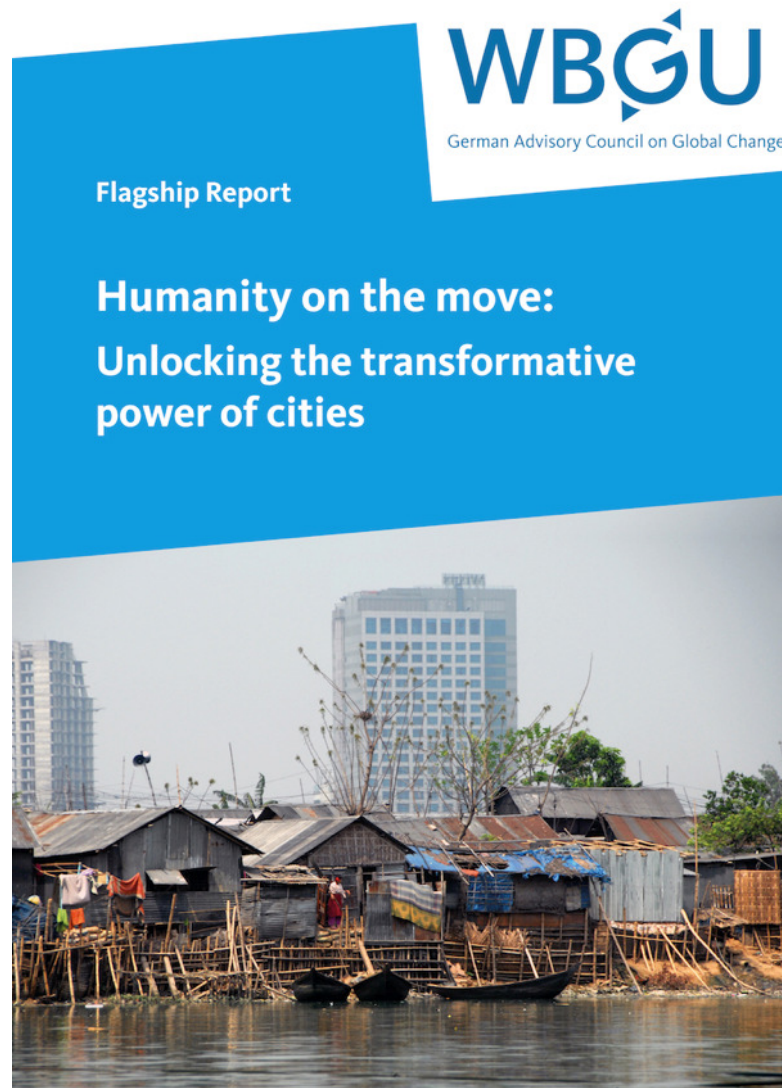
Cities consume...

...75% of global commons,

...80% of global energy and produce

...75% of global CO₂ emissions.

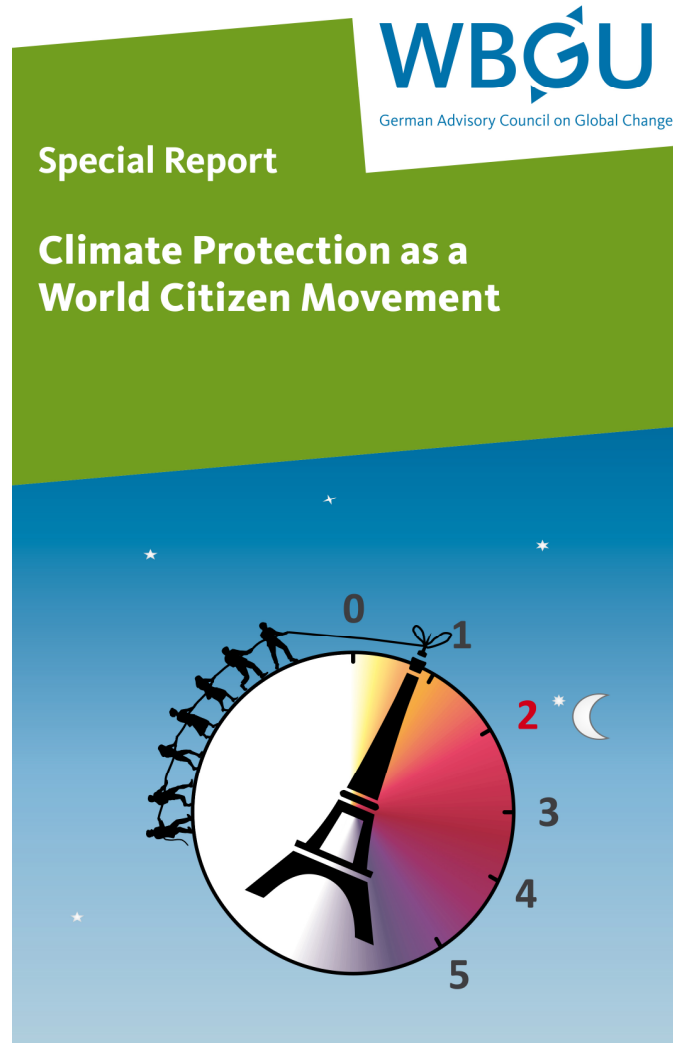
In 2050, 2 billion more people will live in urban areas.



2016:

**WBGU report on urbanization
submitted to the
German Government**

Input for Habitat III



2013:

**Knowledge on anthropogenic
climate change**

**Challenges for equitable
climate protection**

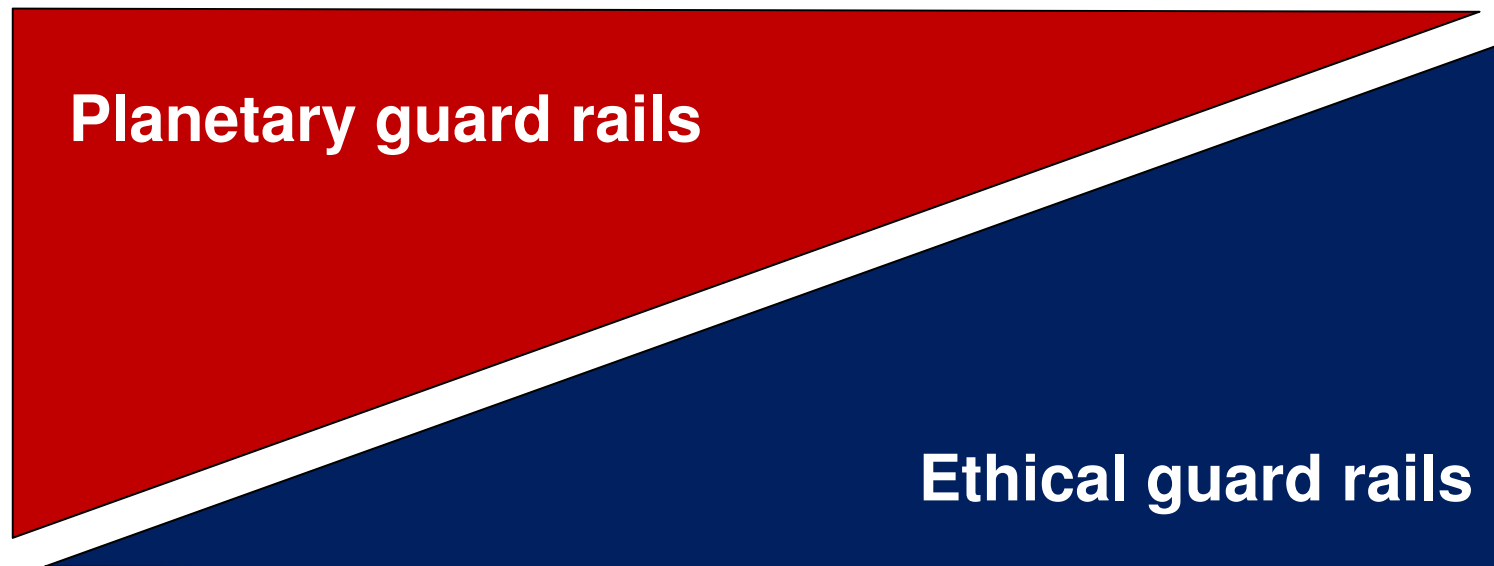
**Proposal for a Paris Climate
Protocol in 2015**

Zero-emissions target and responsibility

- The zero-emissions target requires both individual people and the community to take on responsibility
- Regardless of a global agreement, it is the responsibility of all countries to initiate and implement a transition to a CO₂-emissions-free economy
- Given their large contribution to the causes of climate change, the high-emission countries have a responsibility to support the low-emission countries in their transformation

Co-Evolution of Digitization and Sustainability

Transformation to Sustainability



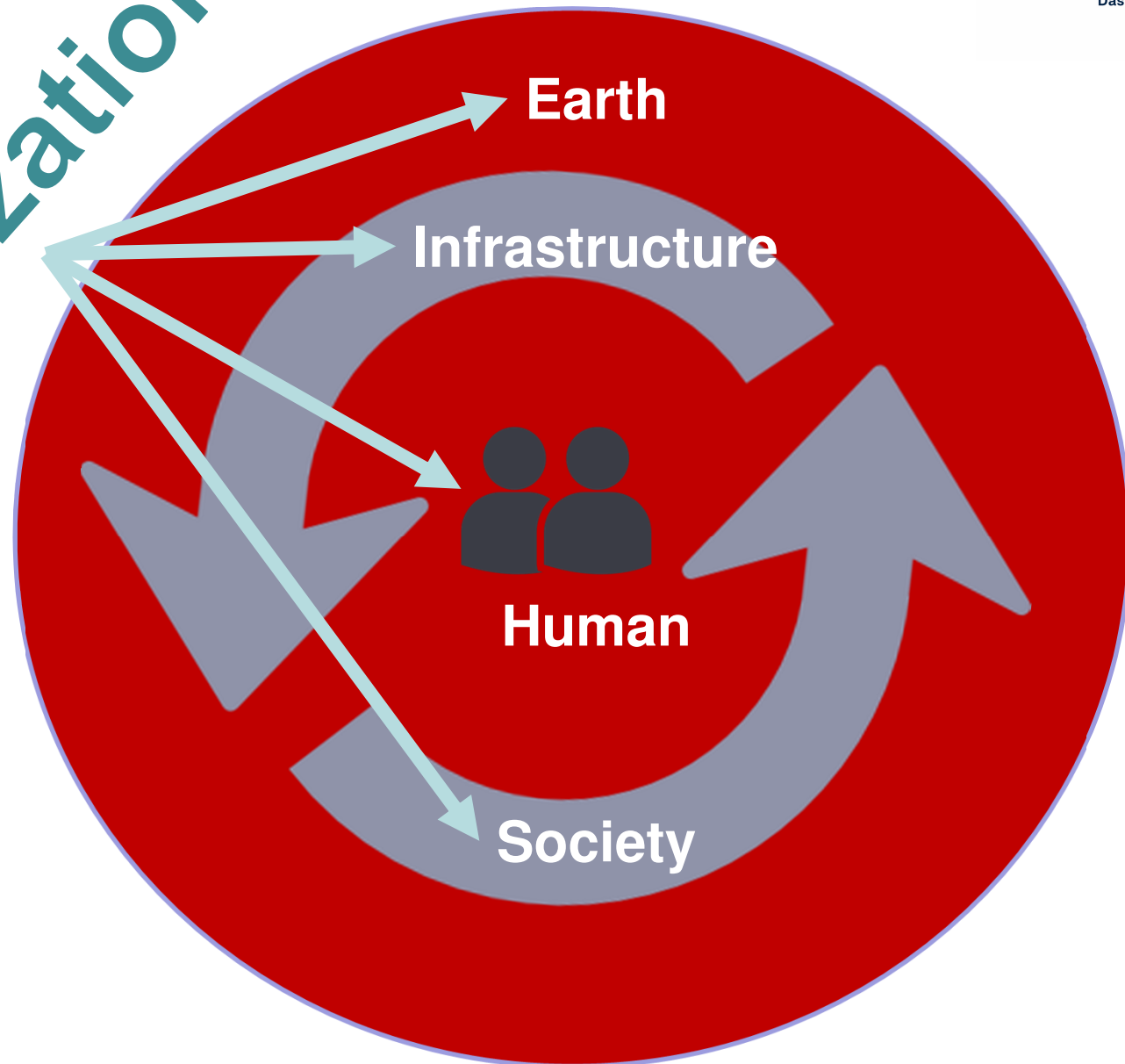
Digital Transformation

Digitization has the needed power to reach the SDGs in 2030, however it bears also a number of own risks

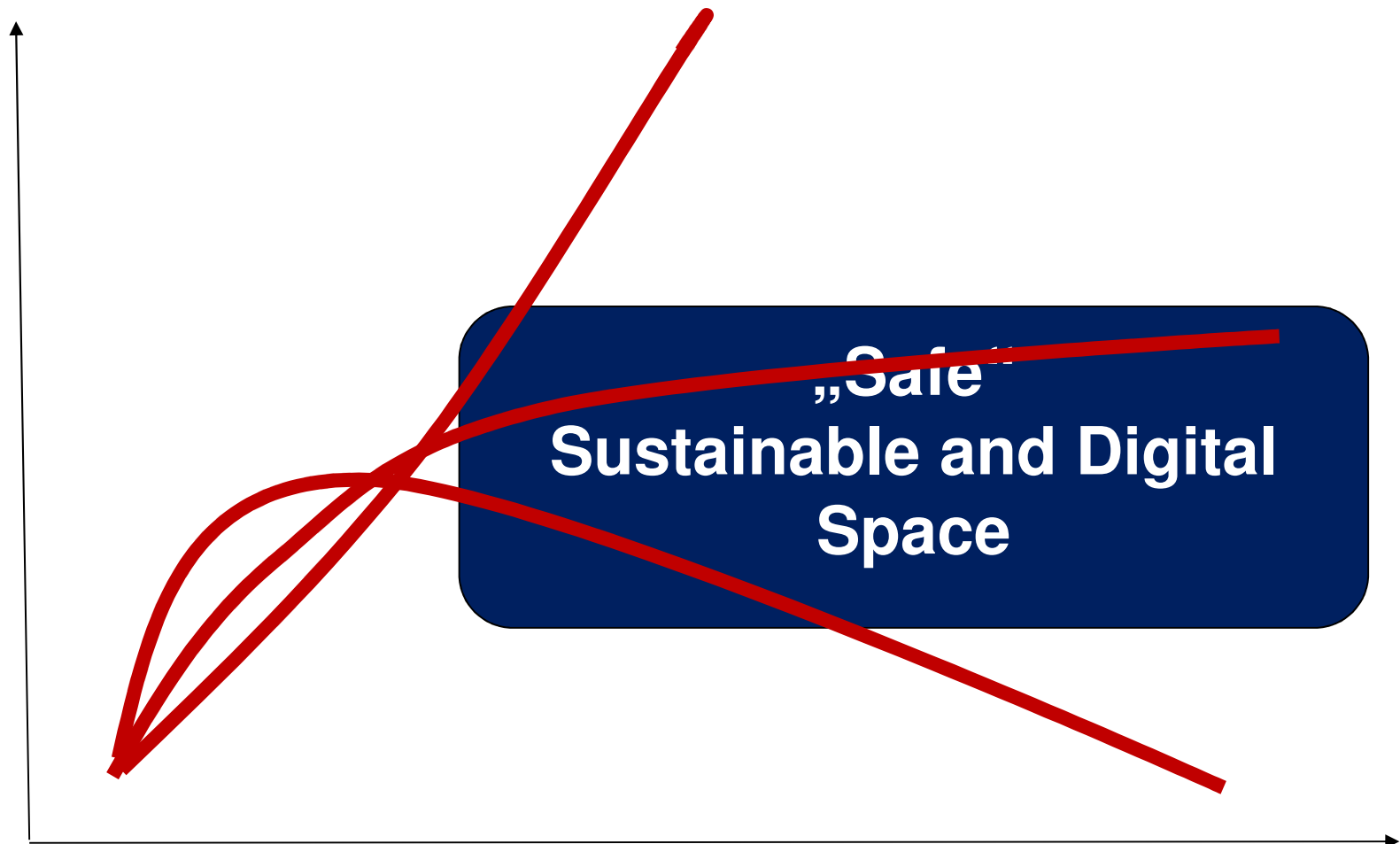
Selected Observations on Digitization

1. Unclear usage of data
2. Privacy and data protection are at risk
3. Data is commercially placed as currency
4. Data in the interest of the global public is commercialized
5. Digital identities and sovereignty are not regulated
6. ...

Digitization



Options on Digitization



Draft Goals on Digitization

1. Sustainability to become a central performance indicator of digital solutions
2. Preserving global digital commons
3. Ensure digital inclusion
4. Ensure data protection
5. Ensure IT security
6. ...

Selected initiatives in Berlin and Germany

- WBGU Study on Digitization and Sustainability (financed by the ministry of research and the ministry of environment)
→ being published in 2018
- German Research Center for Internet and Society (financed by the ministry of research)
→ being established in Berlin
- Einstein Center on the Digital Future (public-private partnership)
→ 50 new IT professors at universities of Berlin
- Fraunhofer Center on Digital Transformation (public-private partnership)
→ Applied research projects on IoT, smart cities, Industrie 4.0
- ASQF and iSQI go digital and sustainable

