



Scanning the Fringe

Houston Foresight Spring Gathering

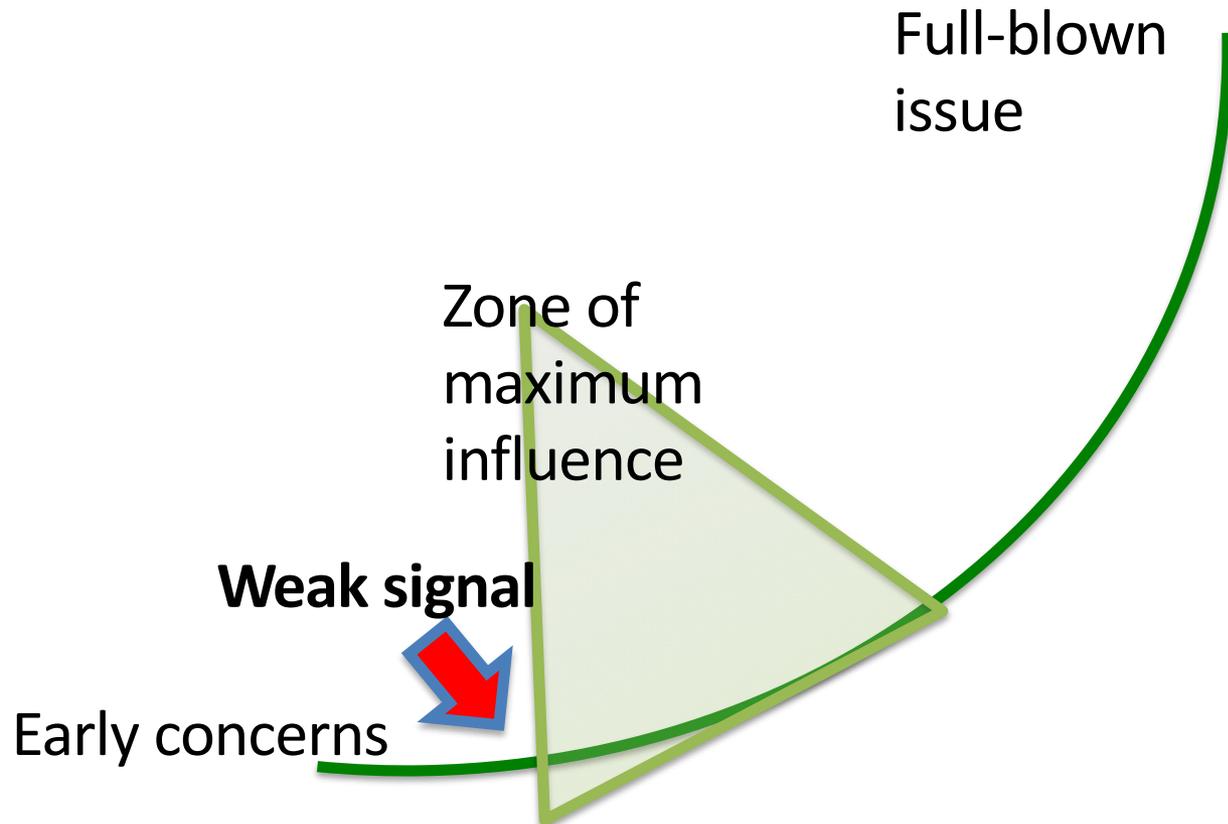
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UH Foresight program, with a Saturday presentation by the APF

AKA "Weak Signals"

Thinking ahead

- Anticipating issues is critical to foresight
- Weak signals can give you a heads up

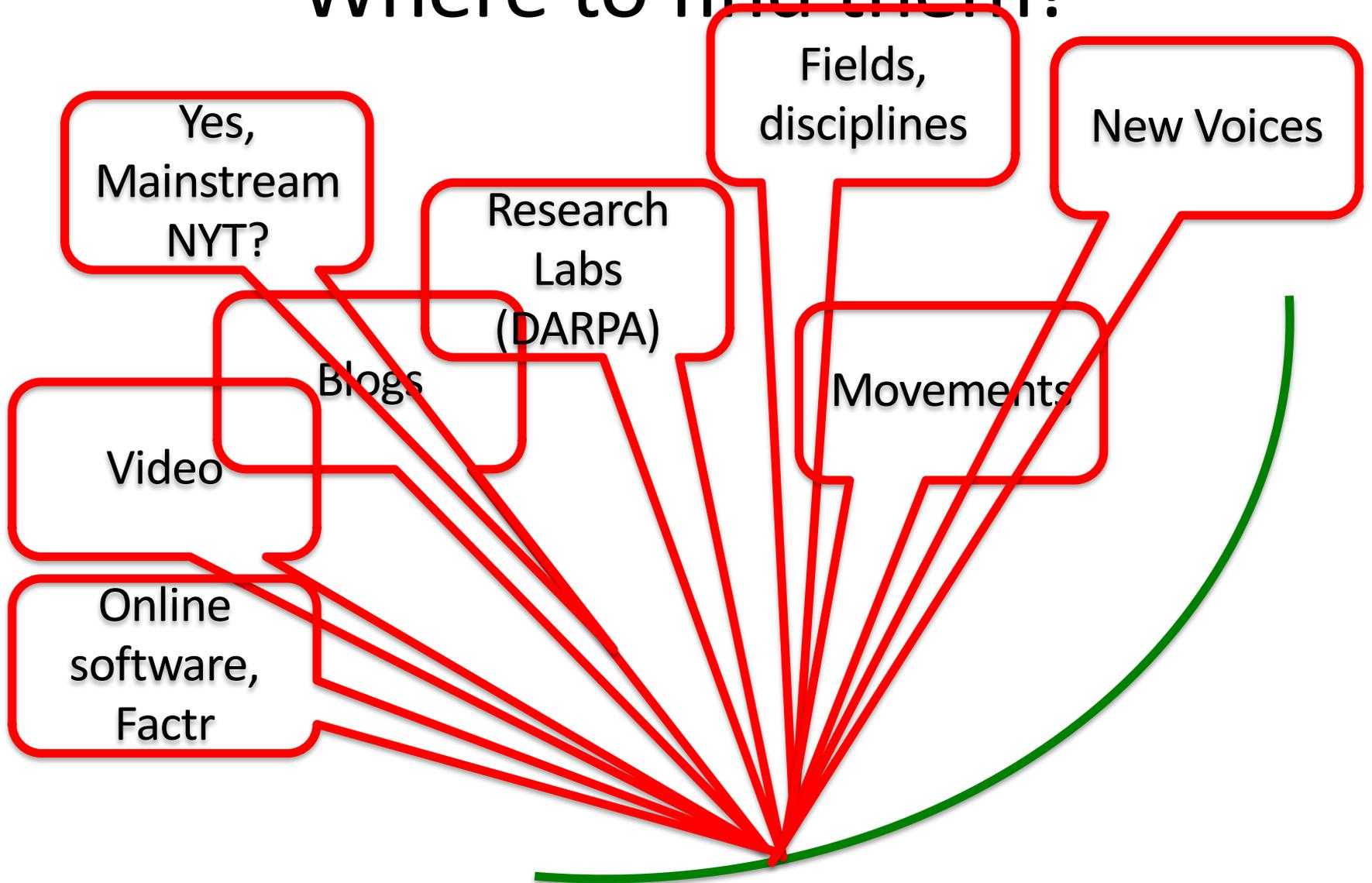


Graham
Molitor's
Issue curve

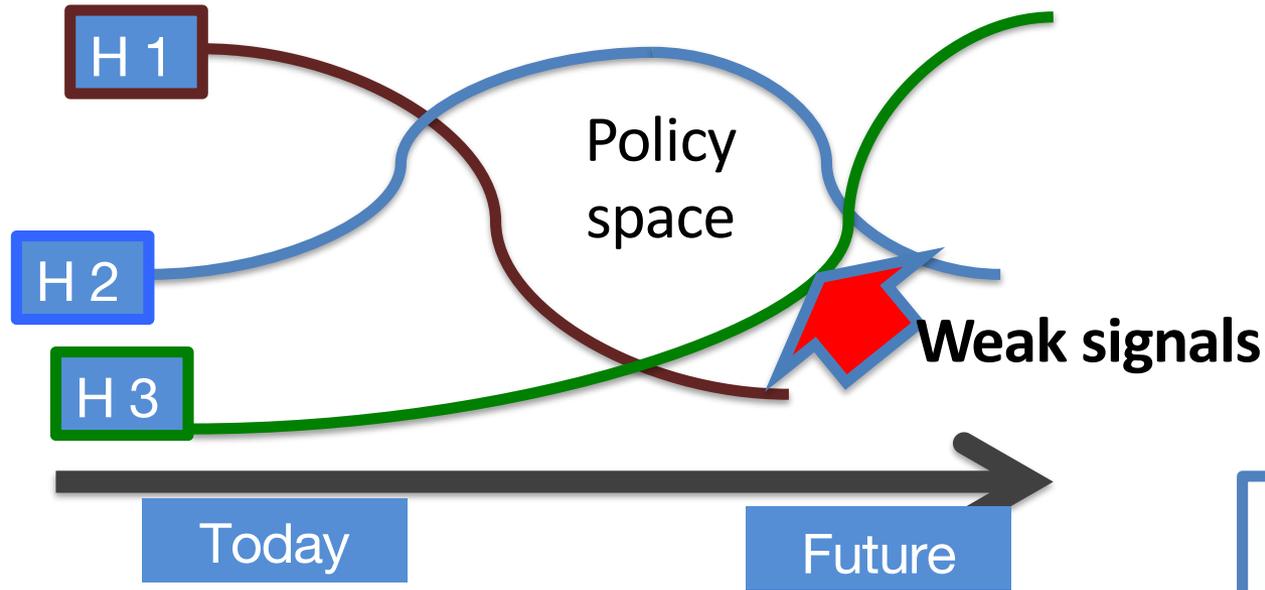
Weak signals/fringe

- Outside the existing paradigm?
- It's relative
- A belief (I see and feel it)
- Contrarian
- Mainstream doesn't believe it
- A little crazy
- Subjective

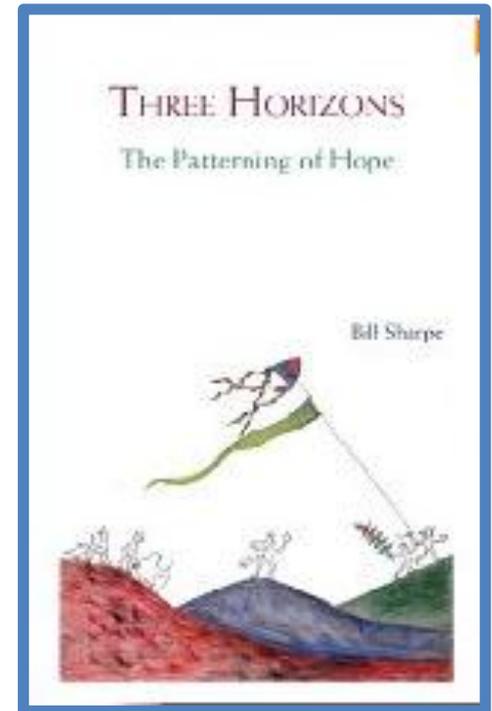
Where to find them?



A Three-Horizons perspective



- H1. Incremental change,
- H2. Entrepreneurial (& risky) ideas that reflect a change from today's approaches
- H3. Transformational ideas—new horizons!



Where to find more

<https://www.houstonforesight.org/?p=6165>

Watch out for:

- Data proliferation
- “Culture jammers”
- Discounters

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