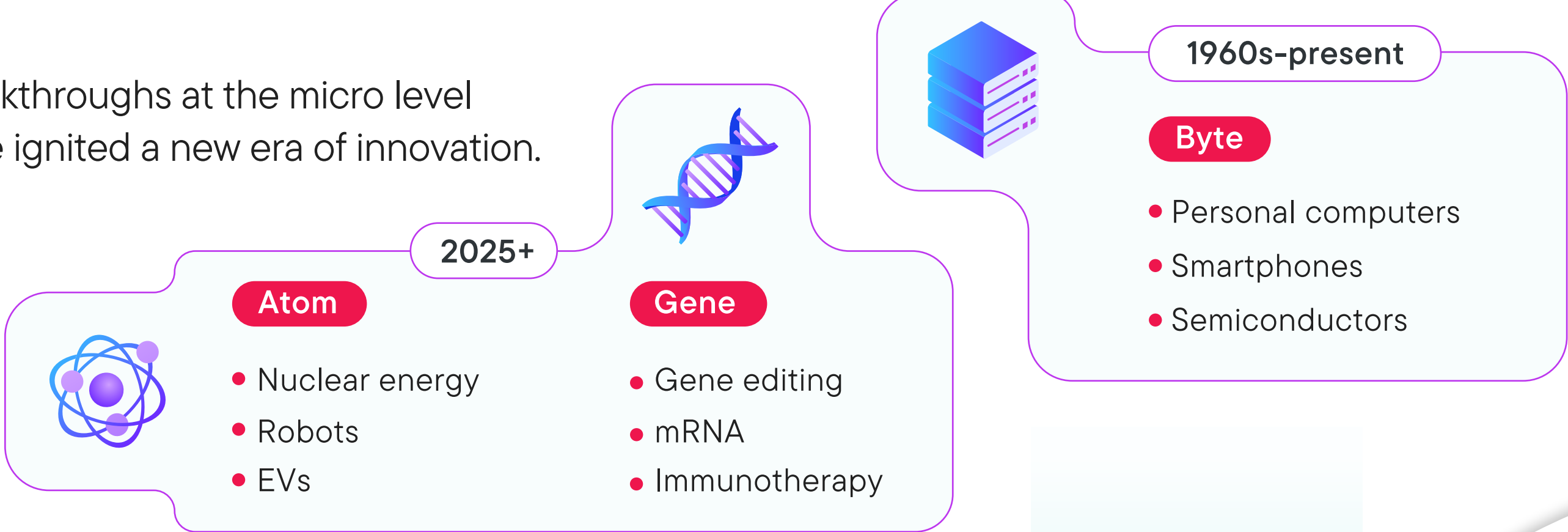




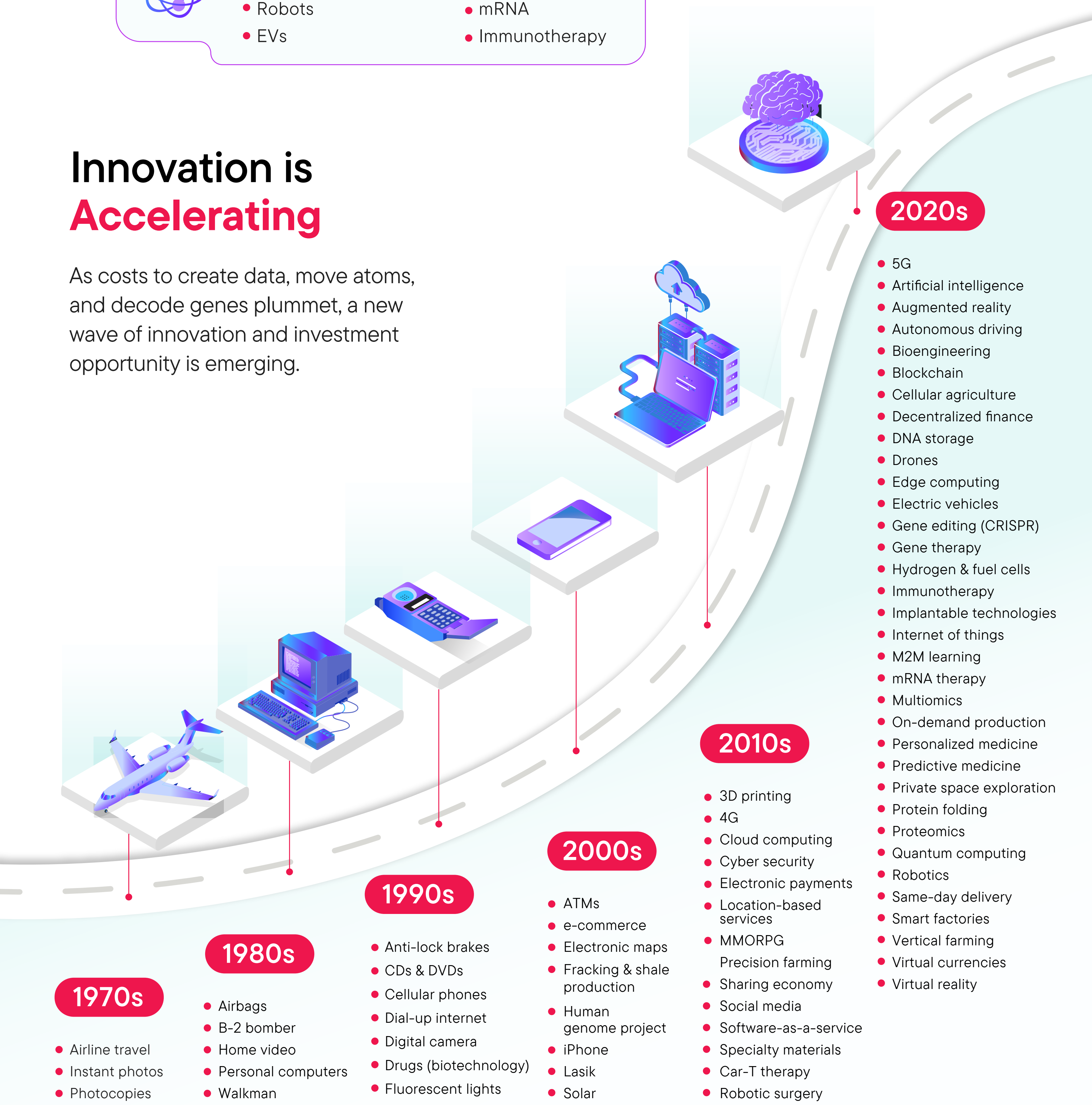
Innovation Drives Growth

Breakthroughs at the micro level have ignited a new era of innovation.



Innovation is Accelerating

As costs to create data, move atoms, and decode genes plummet, a new wave of innovation and investment opportunity is emerging.



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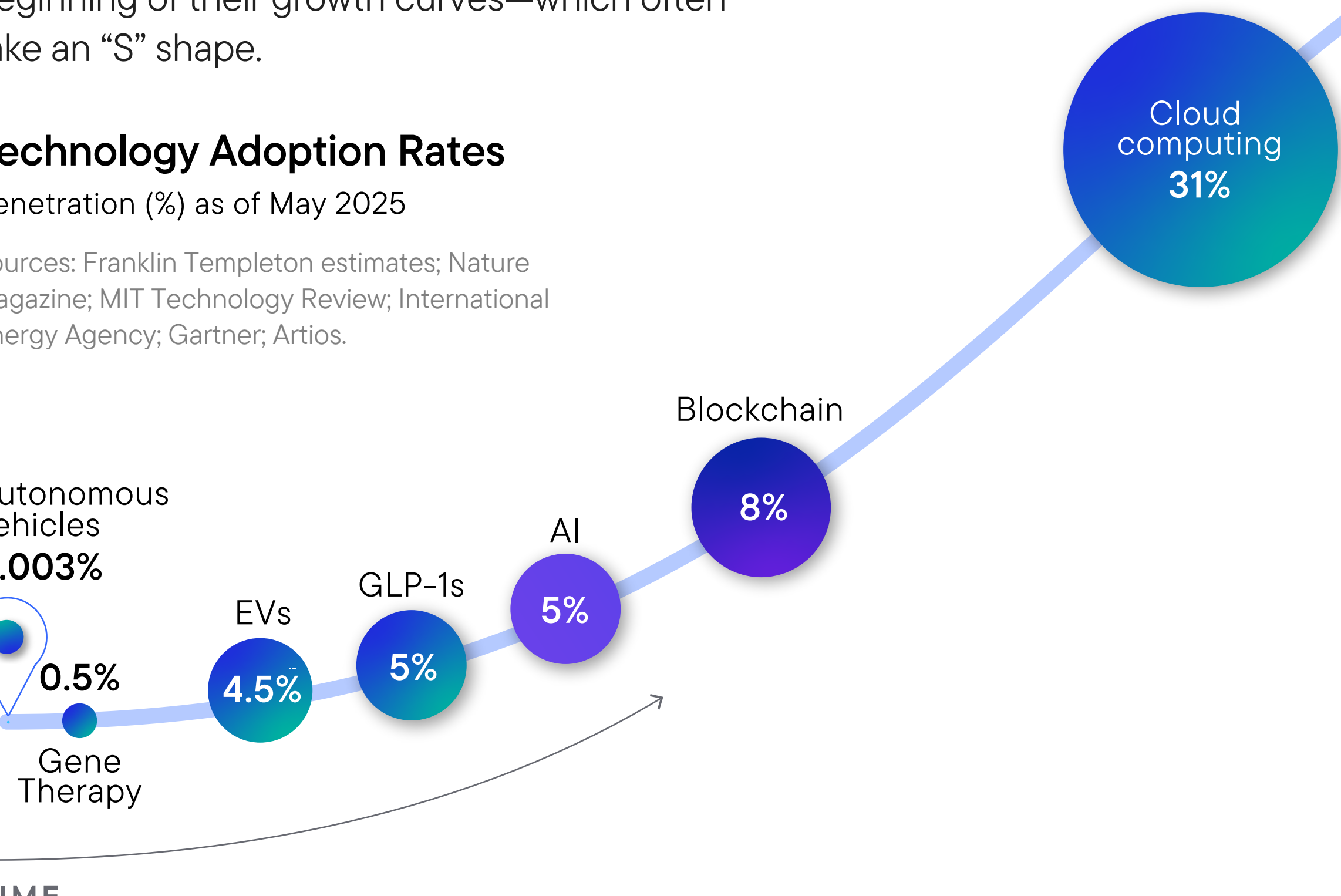
Innovation Fuels Exponential Growth

Many exciting new technologies are just at the beginning of their growth curves—which often take an “S” shape.

Technology Adoption Rates

Penetration (%) as of May 2025

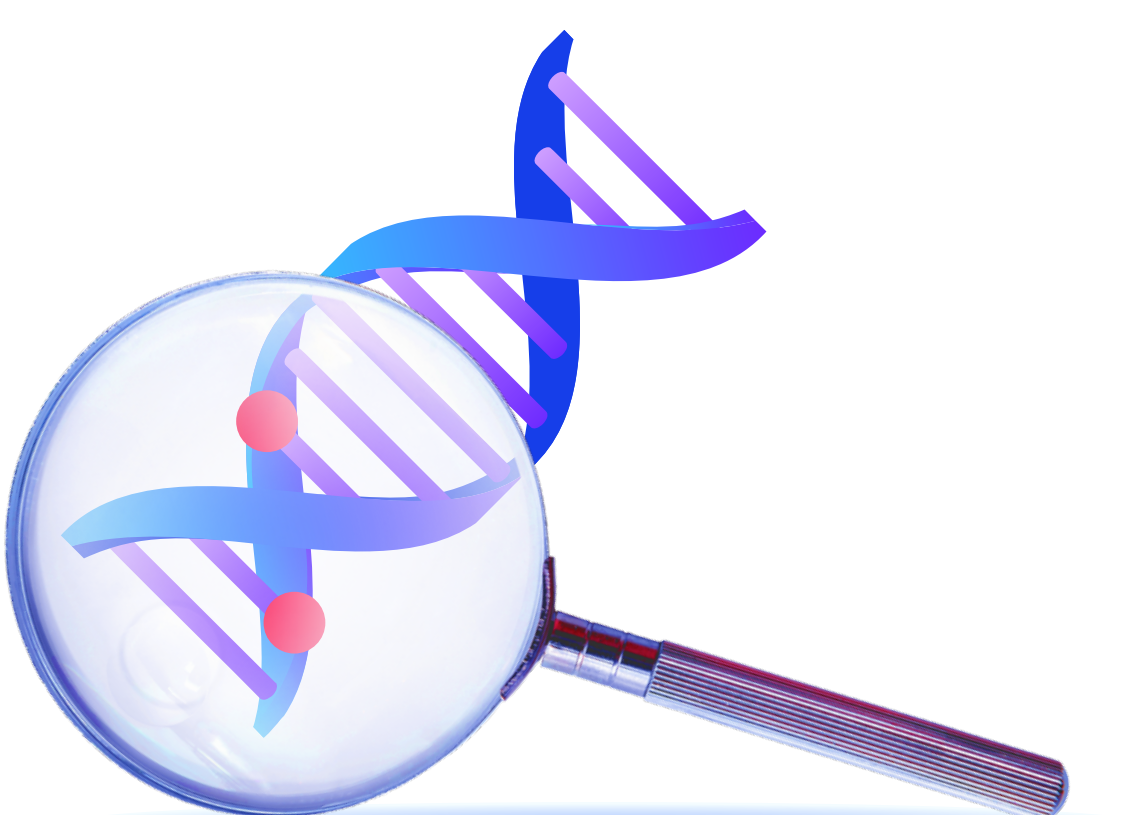
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How can investors unlock the explosive growth potential of today’s breakthrough technologies?

Innovation Demands Active Management

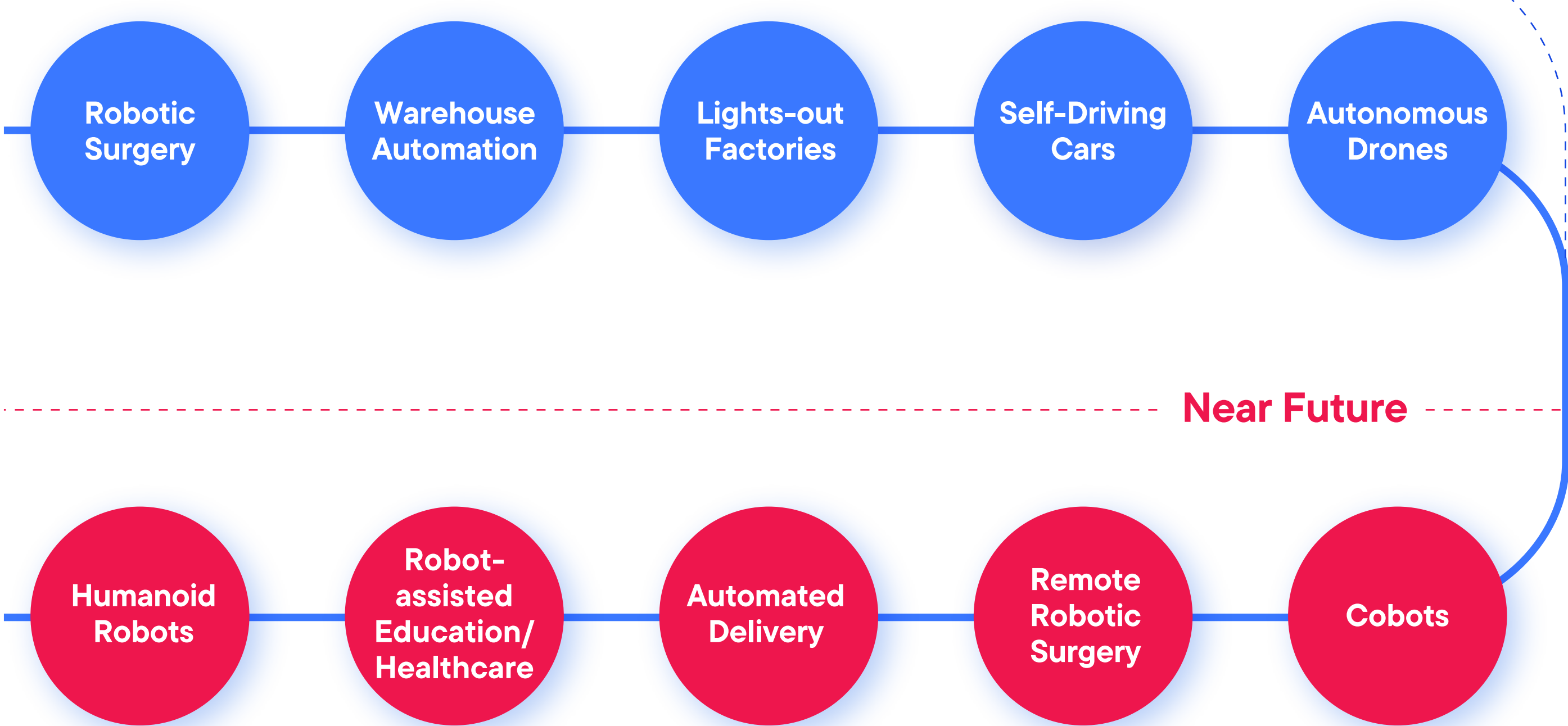
An active manager is equipped to spot early the most powerful type of innovation: the general-purpose technology. From there, they have an advantage in predicting later complementary innovations.



A general-purpose technology (GPT) is so disruptive and pervasive it becomes a platform for other innovations (e.g., AI).

Example GPT: Robotics

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