

Sheltering from High-Tech Storms vs Surfing their Big Waves!

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Arising in the [deep archeological past](#) and forming an [ever-expanding cloud](#) above, a giant storm now rains high tech ‘things’ down upon us.

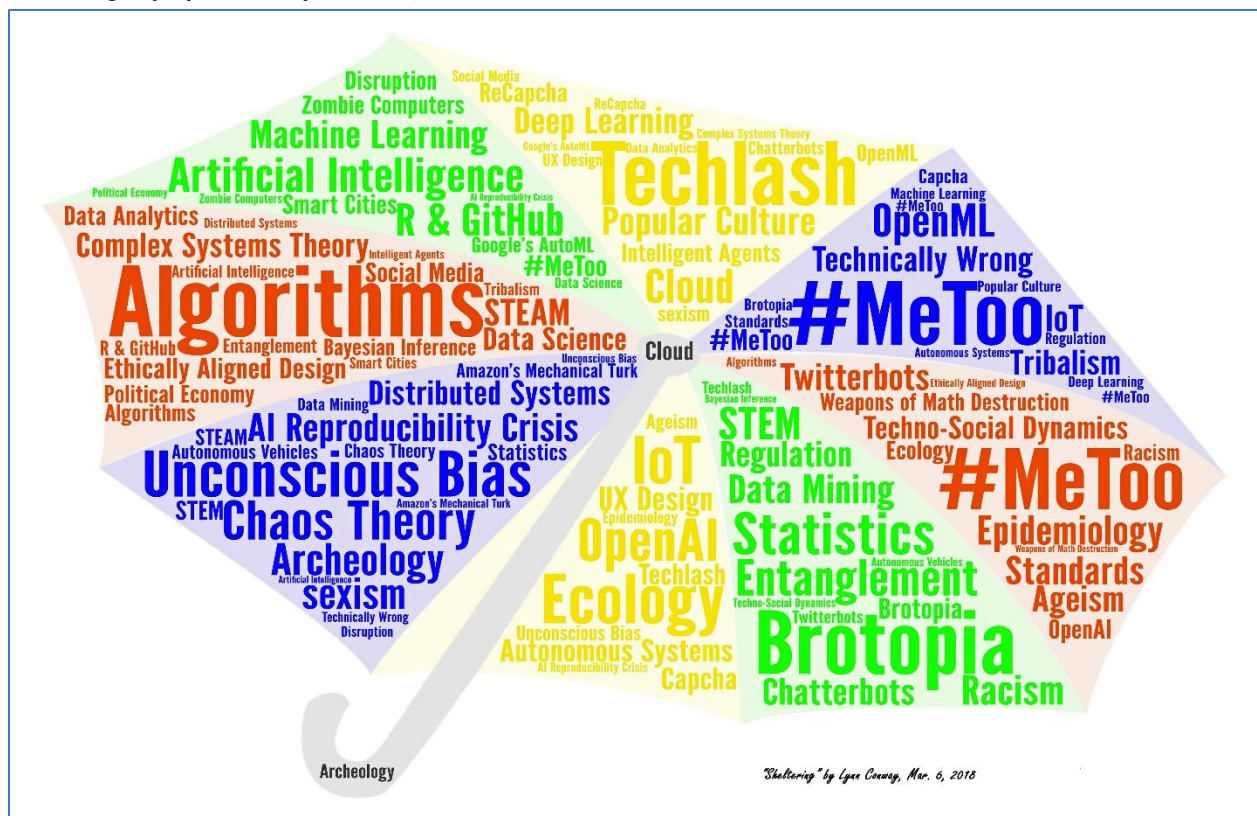
Huddling under individual umbrellas opaque-to-outside-knowledge, how can we make sense of what’s happening? Especially those among us who live inside deep silos of [expertise](#)?

We need new kinds of umbrellas to shelter under together: transparent umbrellas having many embedded lenses of [diverse-knowledge](#) through which to observe the growing storm.

By ‘[going-meta](#)’ as we peer through the lenses, we’ll gain and share new insights into the gist of the storms’ workings, and form new perspectives on their techno-social [dynamics](#). As we start seeing the ‘[forests for the trees](#)’, we’ll evolve clearer visualizations of what’s happening and of our places within these vastly [entangled techno-social systems](#).

Someday, we’ll even be able to model and predict such systems’ ‘weather’. However, even now we can begin spotting and adventurously surfing their ‘[big waves](#)’!

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