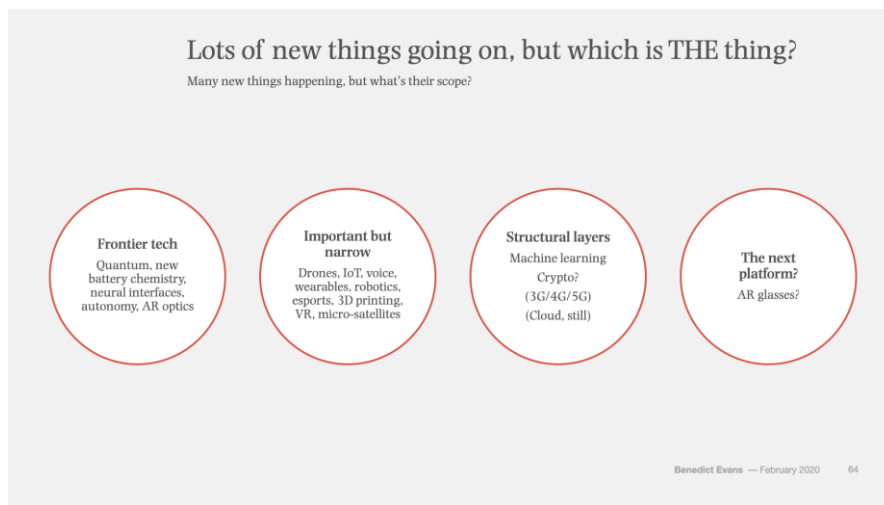


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Economist's Adrian Wooldridge once said, on EIT's initial days, that he felt that Europe was always "around" what was relevant but never on the money, since the early XX Century.

[What comes after smartphones?](#) by Benedict Evans is highly relevant in this regard. AR glasses will come, but before they do there will be other key developments. Read [Why 3D map data is the technology infrastructure for the 21st century](#) to learn about one. European countries and companies are, for the most part, clueless on those developments.

Ironically, Japan via i-mode and Europe's NOKIA were once much closer to what is coming than i-phone ever was. In 2000's, the phone was regarded as a potential scanner of the Real World. You can see that on [my talk](#) twenty years ago at Espoo, Finland. The i-phone has been always much more of a local means for remote access to the Digital World.

Current trends will further reinforce the big tech platforms that are organizing our lives. All of them are investing billions on AR. Europe can keep trying to regulate them. Or we can compete and develop a new infrastructure that will enable the development of a different hyper-local model. I strongly believe that this will be THE thing.

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Education

In memoriam: John Le Carré. Read his exceptional [Why we should learn German](#). See also [9 great John le Carré adaptations to stream](#)

[Animation and the nature of perception](#)

[Nature's 10: ten people who helped shape science in 2020](#)

[Farewell to Europe's Horizon 2020](#)

[What's the point if we can't have fun?](#)

[The Alchemy of Us.](#) "Ainissa Ramirez examines eight inventions/and reveals how they shaped the human experience"

[Welcome to the Internet of Senses](#)

Food

[The 10 most popular soup recipes of 2020](#)

Health

[Why many countries failed at COVID contact-tracing — but some got it right](#)

[Coronavirus and public holidays: what the data say](#)

[Use of predictive modelling techniques to predict hospital re-admissions](#)

[FDA approves genetically engineered pigs](#)

[The "omics" of exercise](#)

Sports

[Naismith International Park map](#)

Mobility

[Placie, a one-stop transport app](#)



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[Amazon-owned self-driving taxi Zoox reveals its secret vehicle](#)

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[We found algae-farming fish that domesticate tiny shrimp to help run their farms](#)

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Developing new companies

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[App privacy details on the App Store](#)

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[A year in Fintech in 50 words](#)

[The rise of Japan's loyalty points influencers](#)

[Consumer trends 2021](#), by Coefficient Capital

[Put down that productivity app. It's making you more distracted](#)

[Did Google and Facebook kill the media revenue model?](#)

[The state of European Tech](#), by Atomico

[The rise of everywhere](#)

[Blockchain 50: The innovators using blockchain & crypto to transform industries](#)

AR/VR/AI/Quantum Computing/IoT

[Augmented reality in surgery: World's first "real" holographically navigated spine surgery at Balgrist University Hospital](#)

[A compact RGB scanning projector for wearable displays and smart glasses](#), via Sara Mautino

[Virtual body doubles are part of Amazon's plan to keep you out of clothing stores](#)

[Making boats fly by scaling Reinforcement Learning with Software 2.0](#)

[Amoeba-inspired analog electronic computing system integrating resistance crossbar for solving the travelling salesman problem](#)

[Google showed us the danger of letting corporations lead AI research](#)



[Hyundai buys 80% controlling stake in Boston Dynamics, maker of Spot the robot dog, for \\$921M](#)

[DeepMind A.I. unit lost \\$649 million last year and had a \\$1.5 billion debt waived by Alphabet](#)

Far out

[Cyberpunk 2077's disastrous launch gets worse as Sony removes game from PlayStation store](#)

[What toys from the past can tell us about how we predict the future](#)

[Space Station spiders found a hack to build Webs without gravity](#)

[The IKEA catalog is dead](#)

[The 15 objects that defined 2020](#)

[Magnetic tape has a surprisingly promising future](#)

[High-frequency traders push closer to light speed with cutting-edge cables](#)

[Fifty years of tax cuts for rich didn't trickle down, study says](#)

[Re-imagining capitalism in a World on fire](#)

[Bloomberg Business Week's](#) jealousy list. "All the stories we wish we wrote this year"