A Sense of a Smarter Planet

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In the next couple of years, there are expected to be 2 billion people connected to the Internet. At the same time, the instrumentation and interconnection of the worlds human-made and natural systems is exploding which could mean that there soon will be more things connected to the Internet than there are people who are connected. This Internet of Things promises to give people a much better understanding of how complex systems work, so they can be tinkered with to make them work better. But it also opens up a whole new sphere of opportunity to mine the data to create anything from smarter traffic to smarter healthcare to smarter food supply chains.