

# SINergy Timeline

- 2000: World Population is estimated at 6,112,526,910. UN predicts that the global population will reach 9.5 billion by the year 2020. The international body also predicts that caloric supply increases from food will only continue to outpace population to the year 2010.
- Deaths resulting from or exacerbated by starvation are estimated at 10 million a year per year and rising.
- 2001: The United States of America declare war against terrorist factions from the Middle East.
- 2002: An estimated 27 million of the world's population have HIV/AIDS. 42% of the world's deaths are attributed to cancer. Numbers show no sign of subsiding; a world conference is called together and scientists agree that present medical research methods and funding are not effectively producing combatants.
- Conflicts within the Middle East continue with the American media propagating moral justifications and anti-terrorist stigmata.
- Widespread disenchantment with capitalism begins to set in amongst the Russian public.
- 2003: Moderate, democratic Russian president is assassinated, apparently by Chechen rebels.
- Hardliner General Malenkovich leads full-scale retaliatory on Chechnya; rebels crushed in some of the bloodiest fighting seen in mainland Europe since the end of the Second World War.
- 2004: Continued abuse of antibiotics and poor hospital conditions across the world contribute to the evolution of various strains of viruses resistant to most forms of treatment. The welfare states of afflicted countries suffer massive stress in attempting to cope with the influx. This time becomes known as the "Winter of Discontent".
- America withdraws from the politics of Middle East after being presented with a petition from the UN; world leaders decide that continued American military action is unnecessary.
- America faces major domestic economic strain as the market continues to be flooded by cheap alternative imports from the EU and Asia. In response the American government imposes steep tariffs upon Asian imports while maintaining good relations with Europe.
- UN troops move into Israel upon the emergence of media footage showing Israeli troops committing war crimes. Despite their presence, the Israeli army still manages to massacre thousands of Palestinian civilians in a designated UN safe area on the West bank. The UN is accused of abandoning the Palestinians to their fate.
- General Malenkovich, riding a wave of massive popular approval following his successful conclusion to the Chechen campaign, sweeps to power in Russia it becomes known as the Red October elections.
- 2005: American President Albert Arnold Gore Jr recognises national need for extensive research into previously banned medical practices in order to combat the growing rates of diseases, viruses, birth defects, disabilities and cancers. Under much protest from both the senate and the American public, he systematically revokes a number of bans without a significant majority.
- American domestic food supplies are subject to massive reductions as thousands of acres of farmland are devastated by a new strain of viral toxicant. The government blames terrorist involvement and declares a national emergency. Tariffs on Asian imports are lifted as an emergency measure and cheap imports flood in to supplement the domestic market.

CyberNex successfully manage to interface the human central nervous system with cybernetic implants. Medical implications are overshadowed by the overwhelming interest from military parties as an aggressive bidding war ensues. Tensions between Russia, China and America rise to a level not heard of since the end of the Cold War.

- 2006: A meeting of the leading names in medical research takes place in Washington D.C. This results in the formation of the United League for Medical Advancement (ULMA), an organisation with financial support from both the United States of America and the European Union.

The first official meeting of ULMA is subject to numerous bomb threats and attempts at terrorist action from various radical groups, but nevertheless it successfully manages to establish a doctrine of ethical practice. The body also regulates finance to defined areas of research it deems to be of a valuable nature.

The streets of Central American countries - in particular Colombia and Panama, erupt into open warfare between the narcotics cartels. The domestic governments fail to maintain peace. Murder rates reach an all time high as the governments refuse all offers of external aid.

Russia makes a full-scale return to communism.

- 2007: GenEn and BioTech, two major medical conglomerates, are given ULMA funding for as yet publicly undisclosed research.

Following a massive economic boom, the European Union holds a referendum and merges to form the United European States (UES). Britain declines entrance following reports from economists that pending stock market crashes will devastate minor UES member states and force Britain amongst others to financially support themselves throughout the next decade.

The Red Army, fresh from its victories in Chechnya, swiftly installs a peacekeeping force into Kazakhstan to prevent border disputes around Caspian Sea.

- 2009: The first human clone is produced by GenEn. A militant faction of the new Anti-Clone League (ACL) murders several leading high profile scientists involved with the cloning program.

Leaked research from the clone program reveals serious problems with the genetic make up of human clones. ACL claim responsibility for the leak.

The UES continues to strengthen and the euro overtakes the American dollar as the currency of choice within the majority of world trade markets.

- 2010: The first human clone dies. ULMA officially freezes funding for human cloning and discontinues the project. The American senate declares Human cloning illegal once more.

A UN study shows a 55% increase in world hunger levels from the previous decade. Media declares the first "worldwide food scare". Only the UES remains unaffected.

World leaders hold a conference to discuss alternatives to traditional agricultural methods. Increases in the worldwide arable land base are offset by massive urbanization and the degradation of the ecosystem.

The UN Foodstuff Commission proposes the widespread use of genetically modified crops; engineered to be able to reproduce in less arable areas and genetically coded to be immune to almost all known disease types.

American officials outbid China to use the modified crops on the partially un-reclaimed farm land devastated by the toxicant outbreak of 2005. Rumours dominate the media of the American government's alleged dealings with major global corporations; significant financial loans were apparently secured in order to purchase the altered crops from GenEn.

India emerges as one of the world's leading centres of communication with over 50% of the world's corporations taking advantage of the extensive and inexpensive work force.

- 2011: VirtuaSoft reveals and markets their latest product the Matrix V.1.0 a VR representation of the internet proclaiming it as a 100% secure method of performing business transactions. Companies across the globe flock to this faster and safer information medium.

Preliminary American harvests yield unprecedented quantities of grain. Domestic sales show signs of recovery and the economy begins to climb for the first time in a decade. UN declares genetically modified foods to be the as the solution to the so-called "worldwide food scare".

First use of cybernetically enhanced troops is recorded as US soldiers battle waves of starving Mexican immigrants trying to cross into Arizona. Performance exceeds expectations and mass production begins as the US Army awards its supply contract to CyberNex Corporation.

Oil production is reported at an all time low, causing a media frenzy. The global fuel crisis hits the headlines and the Middle East becomes the focus of massive civil unrest as the world hurries to stockpile fossil fuels. Financial instability threatens to break world economy. As oil related stock prices soar, gross income for the Middle East triples over night despite lower overall sales.

- 2012: Hackers infiltrate and crash VirtuaSoft's mainframe causing financial havoc for many corporations as well as contributing to the steep decline in the world's stock markets. VirtuaSoft closes down the Matrix and the world reverts to the internet for global computer communications. VirtuaSoft is forced to enter liquidation.

Genetically Modified Crops are conclusively linked with rising numbers of cancer victims. Whole crops are destroyed and products burnt. National governments struggle to distribute emergency supplies among their populaces as domestic markets falter and fall.

The dollar and other currencies begin to suffer hyperinflation.

A second worldwide food shortage arises and a state of emergency is declared. The UN fails to effectively deal with maintaining a distribution network for supplies. America withdraws from the UN when it fails to meet their demands for emergency relief. The UN is subsequently forced to ask for external assistance and it petitions major corporations for aid.

Conflict spills onto the streets of the Middle East as the general populace struggles to deal with the selectively distribution of the massive influx of income.

Rumours reach UN of rearmament in Iraq. A warning is issued, but the Iraqi government fails to respond. A small UN peacekeeping force is introduced only to be met with armed resistance as several extremist religious factions rise up and assume control of the Kuwaiti oil fields. American media claims they have international corporate funding; however a UN commission finds no evidence of this and declares the US to be overly paranoid and subversive.

- 2013: Crippled by the worldwide demand for relief the UN is unable to intervene in the Middle East as pictures of the ethnic cleansing, genocide and other general atrocities flood the media.

UES manages to ride through economic crisis by constructing an intricate distribution network to allow portioning of food supplies to member states.

Dissatisfied with the weakness of the American economic state, leading American corporations pool resources to form APEX (American Pan Economic Expansion), a body dedicated to the regulation of imports and exports and committed to the aggressive stabilisation of the USA's depreciated economy.

Japanese Corporation Gohan reveals a new synthetic food source. An algae grown in specific regions of the tropics and can be processed to create a substance nicknamed “grey matter” which in turn can be manufactured into almost any food type. Plans are revealed to mass farm and produce Grey Matter™ as a viable synthetic food group.

Kazakhstan becomes the first member state of the New Soviet Republic (NSR). Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan swiftly follow suit, a major new economic and political force is birthed with the NSR.

- 2014: Fuelled by media attention and American propaganda the UN is forced to dissolve to allow nations to focus on heightened domestic affairs.

The Middle East finally stabilises forging a new regime that merges the surviving religious factions into a single governing body with large scale monopoly over the world’s oil market. The AlKor Company is given exclusive distribution rights. Individual countries enter negotiations with AlKor to set rates of domestic tariffs.

APEX succeeds in negotiating with UES to increase importation of inexpensive foodstuffs while at the same time increasing production of American goods to sell on the international market. A similar treaty between America and Canada establishes yet another way to ward off starvation.

The American senate passes a bill transferring control of international trade agreements and domestic charters from the internal US government to APEX.

Extensive tests on Grey Matter™ are completed with no discernable side effects.

- 2015: In order to boost revenue, APEX reclassifies many previously banned substances, effectively legalising illicit narcotics. In order to maintain control they impose tariffs and sanctions on all substances available on the consumer market.

Colombia erupts into civil war with the Medellin and Cali cartels fighting the government for control of the narcotics production. Both national and private militaries openly wage war across the country with massive civilian casualties.

Relocation begins of the population of the north-west coast of Australia in an attempt to begin the mass farming of Grey Matter™. The Australian government receives financial backing by all the worlds leading corporations with expectations of universal distribution of the final product. The cities of Broome and Darwin are expanded along the coast to form mass farming and manufacturing communities. Residents are relocated to Perth which undergoes a mass expansion project.

- 2016: APEX purchases license for the creation and distribution of Cyberware from CyberNex.

After negotiating with the UES fail, APEX openly invites other corporations to join in a global conglomerate offering favourable tariffs and distribution rites on a semi-global scale. Japan flatly refuses despite UES support. APEX approaches India individually; however, talks break down after plans for modernisation are rejected by the Indian government.

Reports show that global weather has become dangerously erratic leading to severe storms and droughts across the world.

- 2017: America’s economic state shows sign of recovery. APEX takes the credit and starts merger negotiations with UES. Britain refuses to attend talks, preferring to retain its independent status.

Former member states of the UN are inducted into APEX as the conglomerate forms a massive peacekeeping force to protect its interests.

Developments in Japanese microelectronics push demand for their products to a new high. In continuing protest against APEX, The Japanese Kendachi Corporation restricts exports, focusing on the domestic market.

Grey Matter™ is distributed to food manufacturers within Asia; prices are kept low to encourage global investment. Various corporations - including many multinational fast food outlets - buy up stock and begin processing Grey Matter™ into wholesale foodstuffs.

- 2018: APEX and AIKor go head to head in the first major corporate war for control of the world's remaining oil supplies. The commission of Cybernetic enhanced troops using the CyberNex technology against AIKor forces results in the worlds most high profile hostile takeover. APEX absorbs AIKor assets and inserts a high profile "peacekeeping" force to protect against "civil upheaval".

APEX instantly enters into renegotiations of the global distribution tariffs as well as negotiations for full scale merger with the UES.

Grey Matter™ synthetic foodstuffs are distributed onto the American Market the UES however refuses to allow importation fearing a repeat of the genetically modified crops disaster.

- 2020: Indian scientists proclaim the production of a cheap, reliable, non-polluting power supply by harnessing hydrogen atoms extracted from sea water; W-HEX. Negotiations are begun with all leading world powers as the Indian government expresses intentions to sell the licensing rights to the highest bidder.

India ends negotiations with China as they become aggressive, Chinese troops are mobilized and rumours of covert operations carried out on Indian soil reach media.

In response APEX moves a large peacekeeping force into India forcing China to draw back. APEX troops then remain enforcing stability without the consent of the Indian government.

While Chinese troops are mobilised in the southern regions border tensions between Russia and China escalate; as guerrilla warfare breaks out, it becomes the first conflict in which CyberNex technology is openly used by both sides. As casualties mount, the international community fears that one or both sides will resort to using their nuclear arsenal.

Despite multiple requests from the Indian government APEX troops remain garrisoned and oppressive negotiations are begun for the licensing of W-HEX to APEX. The Indian Government asks for international assistance.

Japan responds and a massive Nipponese attack force moves into the Bay of Bengal. Japanese troops engage APEX forces on Indian soil with minimalist civilian casualties.

UES ends negotiations with APEX and instead approaches Nipponese representatives much to the dissatisfaction of some of the more major member states who petition to leave.

Germany, Switzerland and Italy leave the UES to form a tripartite economic nation. The bank of Switzerland closes its doors to foreign investors in order to avoid becoming a casualty in the predicted economic crash.

- 2021: NSR-Chinese borders are stabilised as in accordance with the treaty of Nepal 2021.

The first Alamo war is sparked off on the California-Mexico border American President Winston Hooper Burke uses all his influence to pull back APEX troops to protect the USA.

Japanese Corporation Chikara is granted license to manufacture W-HEX technology. Plans are begun to construct W-HEX plants in every major country.

Cyberpsychosis is identified in veteran APEX troops by the Mental Health Institute. Investigation into the mental effects of prolonged and excessive exposure to Cyberware begins. Use of cyber-enhanced troops suspended until further notification.

A division of APEX troops go AWOL in northern India.

Divided in two and deprived of three major member states the UES undergoes its first major economic crash. Funding is diverted to large financial injections in order to stabilise the Euro.

World financial market crashes after UES related stocks drop considerably in price.

2022: Ignoring warnings from Mental Health Institute NSR uses cybernetically enhanced troops to invade the Ukraine in an attempt to reclaim territory lost in the dissolution of the USSR. The UES respond to the invasion of one of their member states by mobilising defences and requesting aid from APEX.

2023: Mental Health Institute draws up regulations for the use of Cyberware, declaring it safe if guidelines are strictly adhered to. APEX releases Cyberware license to four Corporations in order for it to be distributed on the consumer market. CyberNex, Xues Designs, CyberDyne and Shirow Systems begin design and marketing of Cyberware in their respective fields.

Chikara switches on first W-HEX power plants in Nippon and by the end of the year have almost totally converted the entire countries power grid. With proof of the dependency and financial viability of the Nippon system other countries soon follow suit.

Treaty of Chernihiv returns Ukraine to NSR and ends Russo-European War.

2024: Unwilling to carry the burden of the recent crash the APEX conglomerate unanimously votes to break all ties with American government in order to branch out more effectively upon the global market. A systematic reshuffling of economic policies and power bases ensures clean break. The APEX conglomerate becomes known as the Advancement of Pan Economic Expansion.

Tripartite corporation ChemTech market mass quantities of a new synthetic petroleum that increases efficiency by 25% while at the same time cutting pollution levels by a third. Negotiations with APEX are postponed as the Tripartite sets up distribution network throughout Europe, the Americas and Asia. Prices are kept deliberately low to undercut Middle Eastern counterparts.

Destabilised by the UES and the removal of international support from APEX Americas domestic economy is brought to its knees by the worst economic disaster to date.

2025: Black Sun release the Matrix V.2.0 a superior product in relation to its predecessor a fully immersive representation of the world as collected together by individual nodes. Product is slow to catch on due to massive media fuelled security scares. Despite stigma Shirow Systems a subsidiary of Black Sun begins manufacturing of the first neural interfaces and 'Jacks'.

World Trade Market destabilises following recent power shuffles, smaller companies are absorbed into the corporate whole as consumer choices become limited to strict licensing in key product areas. Plummeting stock prices drive many smaller companies and corporations into liquidation only to become carrion for the Mega Corps of the APEX conglomerate and the leading Nippon Corporations among others.

In order to address need for stabilisation the APEX conglomerate, European Tripartite and UES hold a summit which closes its doors to prying Media eyes.

2026: The Global Federation is formed in Zurich by member states of the APEX conglomerate, European Tripartite and UES. The GF is a federate governing body that consists of a single Global government and also individual member state governments. This in essence allows the Global Government to issue Primary Federal Laws that are binding to every member state

while at the same time allow member state governments to produce Secondary Federal laws. Secondary Federal Laws which although binding to the state in question are not applicable to other states in any way other than persuasive precedent.

The GF operates strictly as a democracy with the original senate members of the Global Government being chosen from representatives of the individual member states.

The Global Federate defence force is established and backed by major industrial corporations.

UES is automatically disbanded and individual countries are indoctrinated as member states of the Global Federation. India, Australia, South Africa and Canada also join within a month of the GF being formed most representatives are corporately sponsored as they join the senate.

Nippon refuses invitation of membership but instead agrees to negotiate a peace treaty as well as favourable trade tariffs in return for distribution of W-HEX technology within GF member states.

Global Federation officially condone the use of the Matrix 2.0 as they're preferred method of financial and information related transaction due to the recent introduction of feedback technologies enabling the "disabling" of hardware and hackers alike. A whole new consumer market opens as smaller companies and corporations alike are drawn into the virtual world of the second re-incarnation of the Matrix.

2027: The Federal Justice System is imposed upon all member states.

In order to control hyperinflation, the Universal Credit system is introduced through the reopened Bank of Switzerland, now controlled by the Global Federation.

The Single Identification Number program is passed through the Global senate. Individuals are recorded and tagged throughout member states.

Due to the introduction of advanced Intrusion Counter Measures and GF backing Matrix 2.0 related products hit the headlines with the largest rise in stock prices the consumer market has ever seen.

2028: Reports reach the Global Senate of excessive crime rates as individual member states struggle to police the streets of their major cities due to recent economic upheavals. In an attempt to provide more immediate protection for endangered citizens legal precedent is laid effectively legalising killing in self defence. Primary Legislation is also passed allowing the possession and discharge of handguns in public.

Japan become the first country to become fully wired into the Matrix, many other countries follow suit. The Global federation moves its Universal Credit system to a purely on-line currency where transactions are carried out by 'hack proof' data terms.

2029: The Commission for Internal Security presents the Global Senate with a report stating that if the present increases in member state crime rates continue the GF will no longer be able to maintain law and order to any degree by 2035. In response punishment methods are reviewed by the Global Justice Commission and selected military resources are distributed to domestic police forces for use on the streets.

2030: A nuclear device detonates within the South of France. Relief forces are prevented from entering the area to supply aid by the Federal Senate until fall out clears, media broadcasts publicises events as the world watches an entire landmass of the central world devastated over night.

The Global Federation vows to strike back as the worlds' media whip up a frenzy of fear among a populace already afraid of large scale nuclear confrontation. Populations rise up in protest as riots spread across member states, civilian and law enforcement casualties are report to be over 7,000.

Declaring emergency powers the GF provides additional funding for APEX to commit a merger of the world's leading media corporations to form the Federal Media Network. FMN begin broadcasting news of the recent capture of Russo-Ukrainian terrorists caught while trying to escape the Polish border. The execution is televised on Nov 13 2030.

2031: A report present to the Federal Senate shows that pollution levels and erratic weather conditions have risen dramatically over the last decade. The Mediterranean and Tropics are increasingly subject to massive electrical storms and hurricanes while acid rain and choking smog plague urbanised areas. The Senate openly denies report's findings and dissolves commission claiming it to be scientifically inaccurate.

Second presidential elections are held across member states. Global federation publicises event world wide across GNN a News Network subsidiary of FMN.

2032: French refugees flood Europe in an attempt to escape the radioactive inferno that has become France. Italian borders are closed as the Global Federation Forces move in to assume control. Refugee Camps are setup in neighbouring countries where French citizens are collected together to be administrated aid. FMN broadcasts scenes of Aid workers treating the starving, diseased and wounded.

2033: Further tensions between Japan and APEX grow as competition for Cyber technology and 'Matrix ware' escalates to unprecedented levels.

2034: Italian streets become the scene of a war between ghettos of French citizens and the Italian police. Martial Law is declared as the Italian Police and Military are assisted in stabilising the streets by various private security firms and organisations.

2035: Now