

# The Computing Community Consortium

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# Overview

- The Computing Research Association
- What is the CCC?
- Possible synergistic directions?



# The Computing Research Association



# Over 220 department/lab members

Arizona State University - CSE  
Auburn University - CSSE  
Ball State University - CS  
Boston College - CS  
Boston University - CS  
Bowdoin College - CS  
Bowling Green State University - CS  
Bradley University - CS  
Brandeis University - CS  
Brigham Young University - CS  
Brown University - CS  
Bryn Mawr College - MCS  
Bucknell University - CS  
California Institute of Technology - CS  
California Polytechnic State University - CS  
California State University, Chico - CS  
Carnegie Mellon University - CS  
Case Western Reserve University - EECS  
City University of New York, Graduate Center - CS  
Clemson University - CS  
Colgate University - CS  
College of William & Mary - CS  
Colorado School of Mines - MCS  
Colorado State University - CS  
Columbia University - CS  
Cornell University - CS  
Cornell University - ECE  
Dalhousie University - CS  
Dartmouth College - CS  
DePaul University - CS  
Drexel University - CS  
Drexel University - IST  
Duke University - CS  
Emory University - MCS  
Florida Atlantic University - CSE  
Florida Institute of Technology - CS  
Florida International University - CS  
Florida State University - CS  
Florida State University - IS  
George Mason University - CS  
George Washington University - CS  
Georgia Institute of Technology - CSE  
Georgia Southern University - IT  
Georgia State University - CIS  
Georgia State University - CS  
Grinnell College - MCS  
Harvard University - CS  
Harvey Mudd College - CS  
Hofstra University - CS  
Illinois Institute of Technology - CS  
Illinois State University - ACS  
Indiana University - CS  
Indiana University - I  
Iowa State University - CS  
Iowa State University - ECE

Johns Hopkins University - CS  
Johns Hopkins University - SI  
Juniata College - IT & CS  
Kansas State University - CIS  
Kent State University - CS  
Lafayette College - CS  
Lehigh University - CSE  
Long Island University - ICS  
Louisiana State University - CS  
Loyola University, Chicago - CS  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology - EECS  
Miami University - CS  
McMaster University - CE&S  
Michigan State University - CSE  
Michigan Technological University - CS  
Mississippi State University - CS  
Montana State University - CS  
Montclair State University - CS  
National University of Singapore - CS/IS  
Naval Postgraduate School - CS  
New Jersey Institute of Technology - CCS  
New Mexico State University - CS  
New York University - CS  
North Carolina State University - CS  
Northeastern University - CIS  
Northwestern University - ECE  
Nova Southeastern University - CS  
Oakland University - CSE  
Ohio State University - CSE  
Ohio University - EECS  
Oklahoma State University - CS  
Old Dominion University - CS  
Oregon Health & Science University - CSE  
Oregon State University - EECS  
Pace University - CSIS  
Pennsylvania State University - CSE  
Pennsylvania State University - IST  
Polytechnic University - CIS  
Pomona College - MCS  
Portland State University - CS  
Princeton University - CS  
Purdue University - CS  
Purdue University - ECE  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute - CS  
Rice University - CS  
Rochester Institute of Technology - CS  
Roosevelt University - CS&T  
Rutgers University, Busch Campus - CS  
Saint Louis University - MCS  
Santa Clara University - CE  
Simon Fraser University - CS  
Singapore Management University - IS  
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale - CS  
Southern Methodist University - CSE  
Southern Polytechnic State University - CSE

Stanford University - CS  
State University of New York, Albany - CS  
State University of New York, Binghamton - CS  
State University of New York, Stony Brook - CS  
Stevens Institute of Technology - CS  
Swarthmore College - CS  
Syracuse University - IS  
Temple University - CIS  
Texas A&M University - CS  
Texas State University - CS  
Toyota Technological Institute at Chicago - CS  
Tufts University - CS  
Tulane University - EECS  
Union College - CS  
University at Buffalo - CSE  
University at Buffalo - IS  
University of Alabama, Birmingham - CIS  
University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa - CS  
University of Alberta - CS  
University of Arizona - CS  
University of Arkansas - CSCE  
University of Arkansas at Little Rock - I  
University of Calgary - CS  
University of California, Berkeley - EECS  
University of California, Berkeley - IMS  
University of California, Davis - CS  
University of California, Irvine - ICS  
University of California, Los Angeles - CS  
University of California, Riverside - CSE  
University of California, San Diego - CSE  
University of California, Santa Barbara - CS  
University of California, Santa Cruz - CE  
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University of Michigan - EECS  
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University of Michigan, Dearborn - CIS  
University of Minnesota - CSE  
University of Minnesota, Duluth - CS  
University of Mississippi - CIS  
University of Missouri, Columbia - CS  
University of Missouri, Rolla - CS  
University of Montana - CS  
University of Montreal - CS  
University of Nebraska at Omaha - CS/IST  
University of Nebraska, Lincoln - CSE  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas - CS  
University of Nevada, Reno - CSE  
University of New Brunswick - CS  
University of New Hampshire - CS  
University of New Mexico - CS  
University of New Mexico - ECE  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill - CS  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill - SILS  
University of North Carolina, Charlotte - IT  
University of North Dakota - CS  
University of North Texas - CS  
University of Notre Dame - CSE  
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University of Oregon - CIS  
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University of Rochester - CS  
University of South Alabama - CIS  
University of South Carolina - CSE  
University of South Florida - CSE  
University of Southern California - CS  
University of Southern California - EES  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville - CS  
University of Texas, Arlington - CSE  
University of Texas, Austin - CS  
University of Texas, Dallas - CS  
University of Texas, El Paso - CS  
University of Toronto - CS  
University of Tulsa - MCS  
University of Utah - CS  
University of Virginia - CS  
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Wake Forest University - CS  
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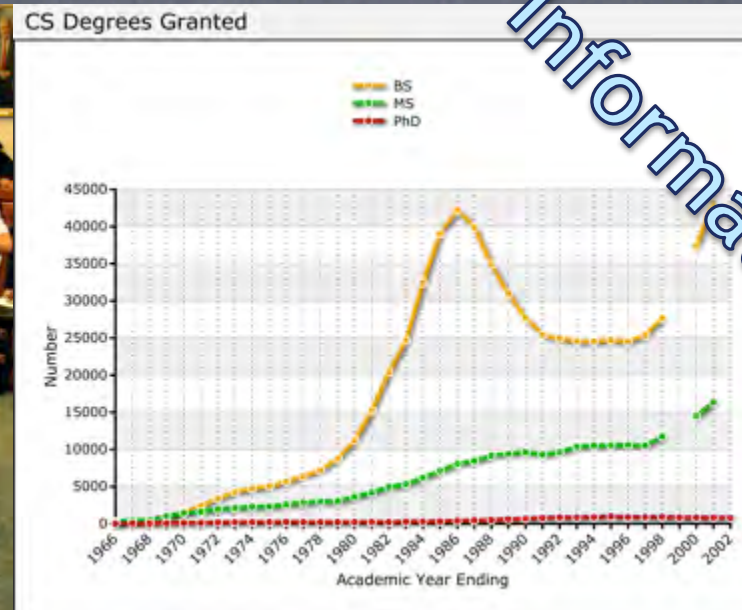
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# Core activities





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# Concerns in the mid-2000s...

- NSF leaders and computing research leaders had similar deep concerns about computing:
  - Failure to articulate and coalesce around exciting research visions in computer science that could galvanize the public, policymakers, researchers, and students
  - Need to groom the future leadership of the field
  - Decrease in student interest



# ...Led to the need for a "CCC" ...

- Increased focus by NSF leaders and computing research leaders in academia & industry
- A Computing Community Consortium solicitation & proposal
  - "[NSF] will support the CCC as a community proxy responsible for facilitating the conceptualization and design of promising infrastructure-intensive projects..."
  - "The purpose of the CCC is to provide a voice for the national computing research community. The CCC will **facilitate** the development of a bold, multi-themed vision for computing research and education... [communicating] that vision to ... major stakeholders."



# ...And NSF asked CRA to create it

- To catalyze the computing research community to consider such questions
  - To envision long-range, more audacious research challenges
  - To build momentum around such visions
  - To state them in compelling ways
  - To move them towards funded initiatives
  - To ensure “science oversight” of large-scale initiatives
- A “cooperative agreement” with NSF
  - Close coordination



# The CCC -- a broad-based Council

- **Leadership:**

- Ed Lazowska, Chair
- Susan Graham, Vice-Chair
- Erwin Gianchandani, Director
- Andrew Bernat, CRA Executive Director

- **Terms ending 2014**

- Deborah Crawford
- Gregory Hager
- John Mitchell
- Bob Sproull
- Josep Torrellas

- **Terms ending 2013**

- Randy Bryant
- Lance Fortnow
- Hank Korth
- Eric Horvitz
- Beth Mynatt
- Fred Schneider
- Margo Seltzer

- **Terms ending 2012**

- Stephanie Forrest
- Chris Johnson
- Anita Jones
- Frans Kaashoek
- Ran Libeskind-Hadas
- Robin Murphy

- **Rotated off**

- Greg Andrews, 2009
- Bill Feiereisen, 2011
- Dave Kaeli, 2011
- Dick Karp, 2010
- John King, 2011
- Peter Lee, 2009
- Andrew McCallum, 2010
- Karen Sutherland, 2009
- Dave Waltz, 2010

Meets three times a year, including once in DC  
Funded at \$2M/year for three years



# Communicating about computing...

...to the community, to the public, etc.



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## • Presentations

### The Computing Community Consortium: Stimulating Bigger Thinking

Ed Lazowska

Bill & Melinda Gates Chair in  
Computer Science & Engineering  
University of Washington

Chair, Computing Community Consortium

Tapia Conference Career Workshop  
April 2009

<http://www.cra.org/ccc/>

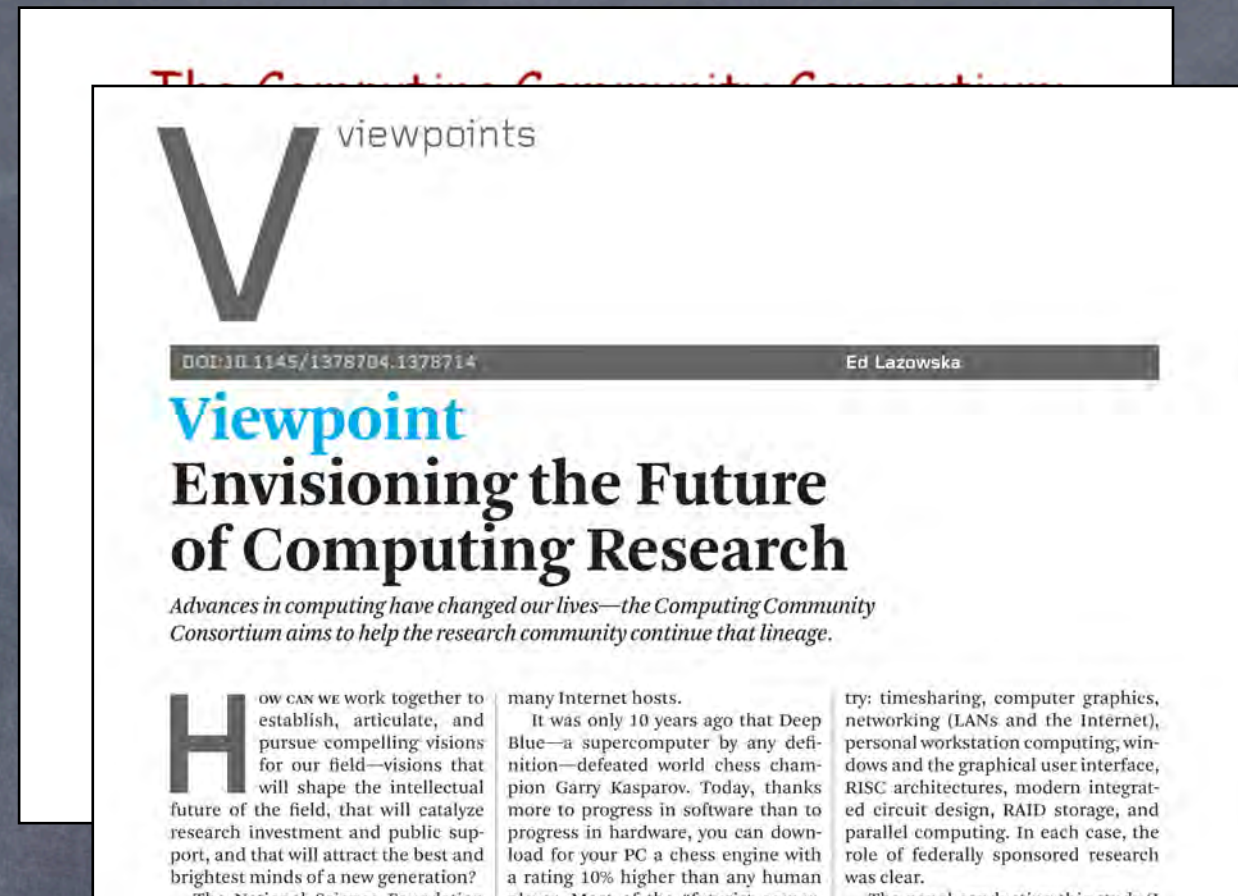


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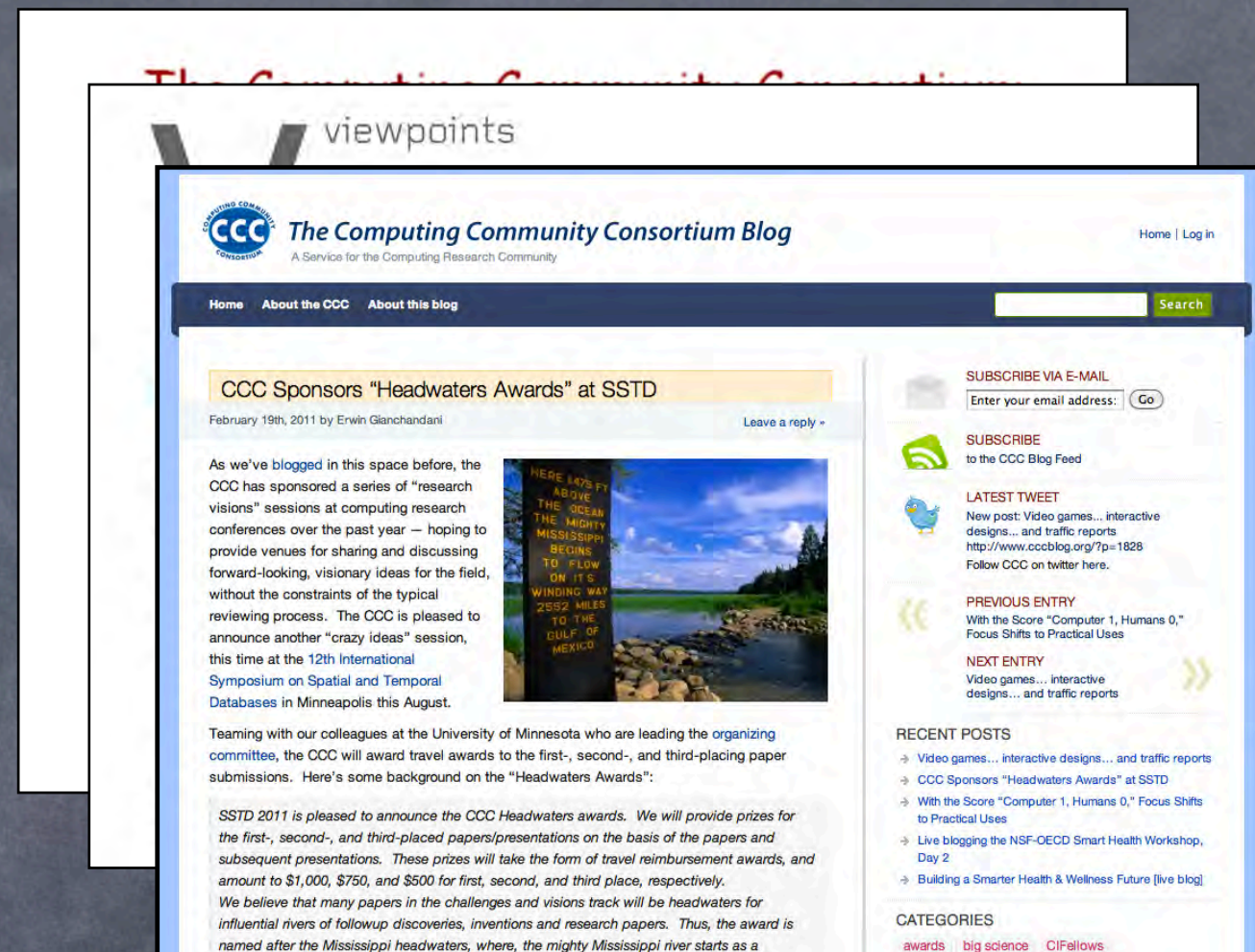


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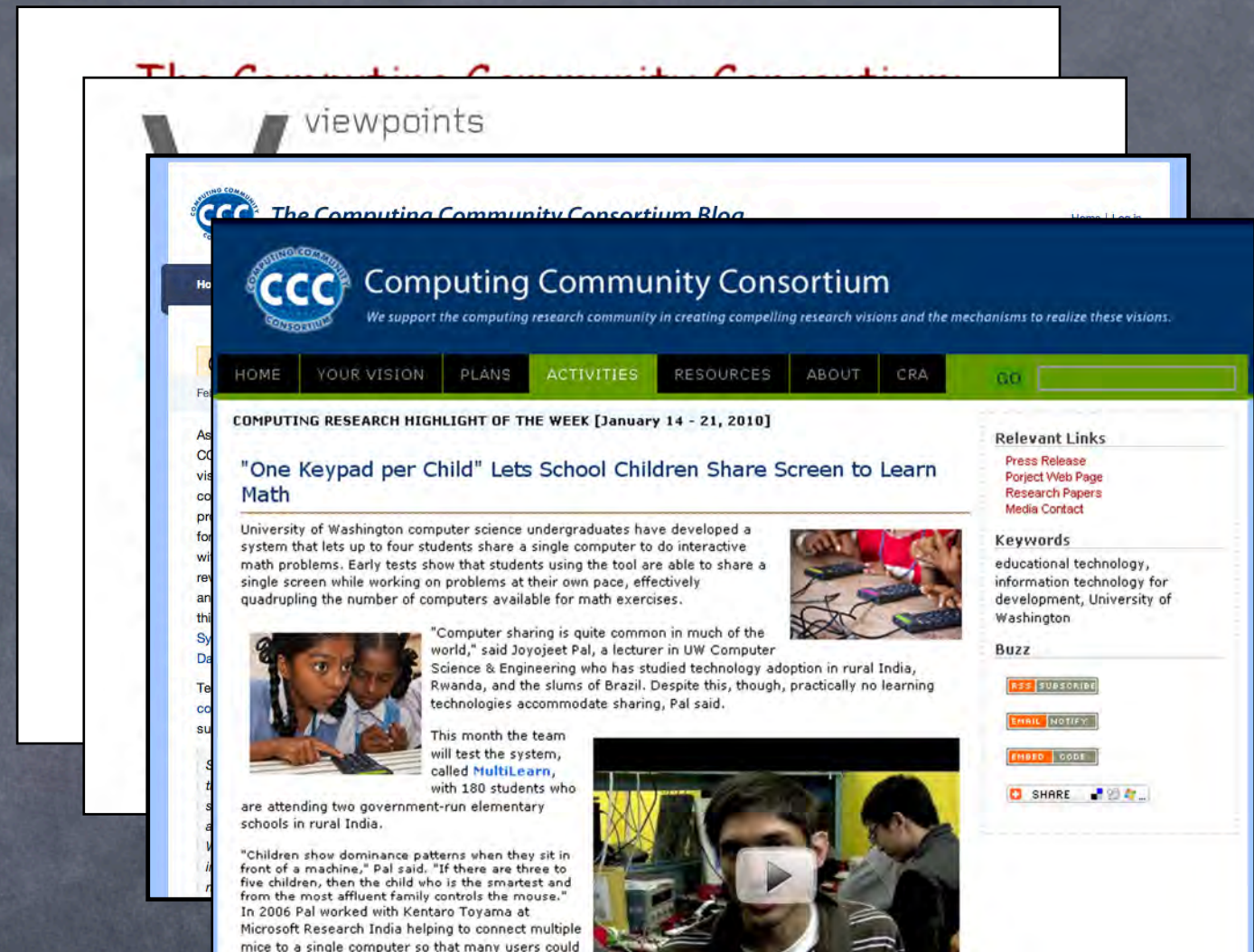


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- CCC Blog
- Computing Research "Highlight of the Week"

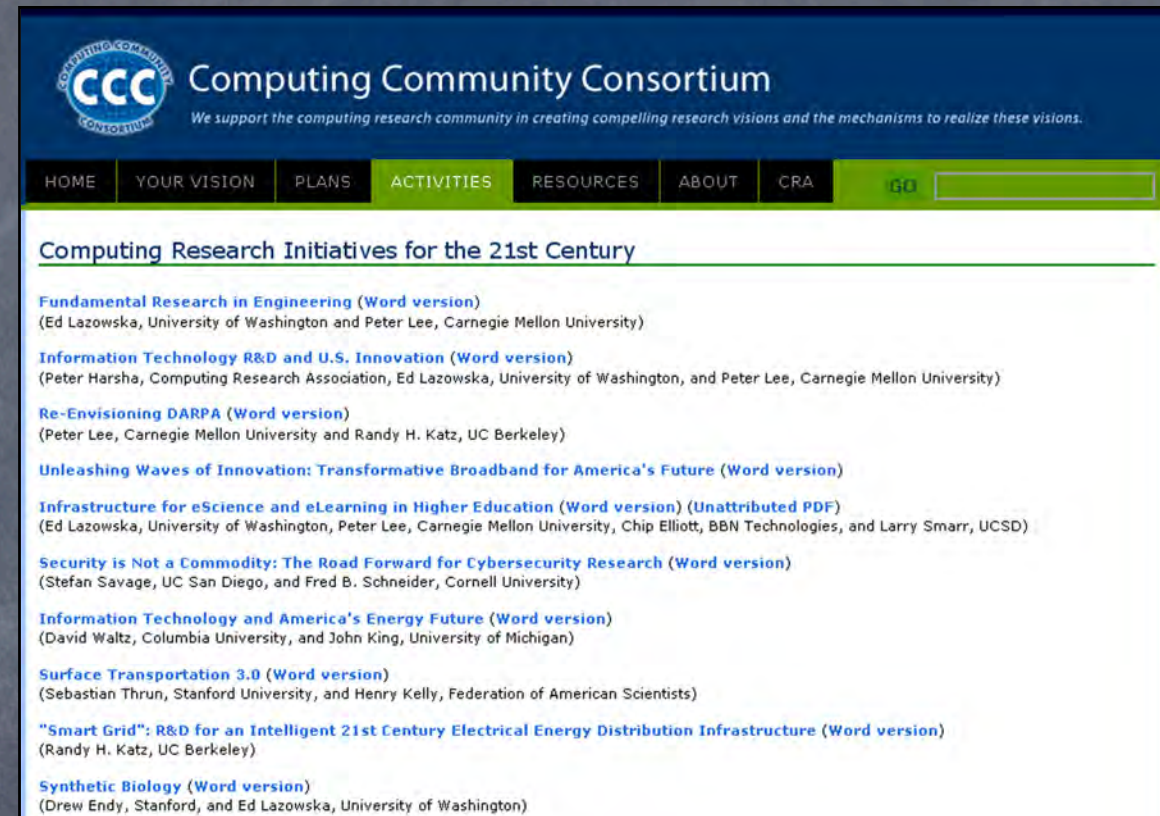


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# Outreach to Federal agencies

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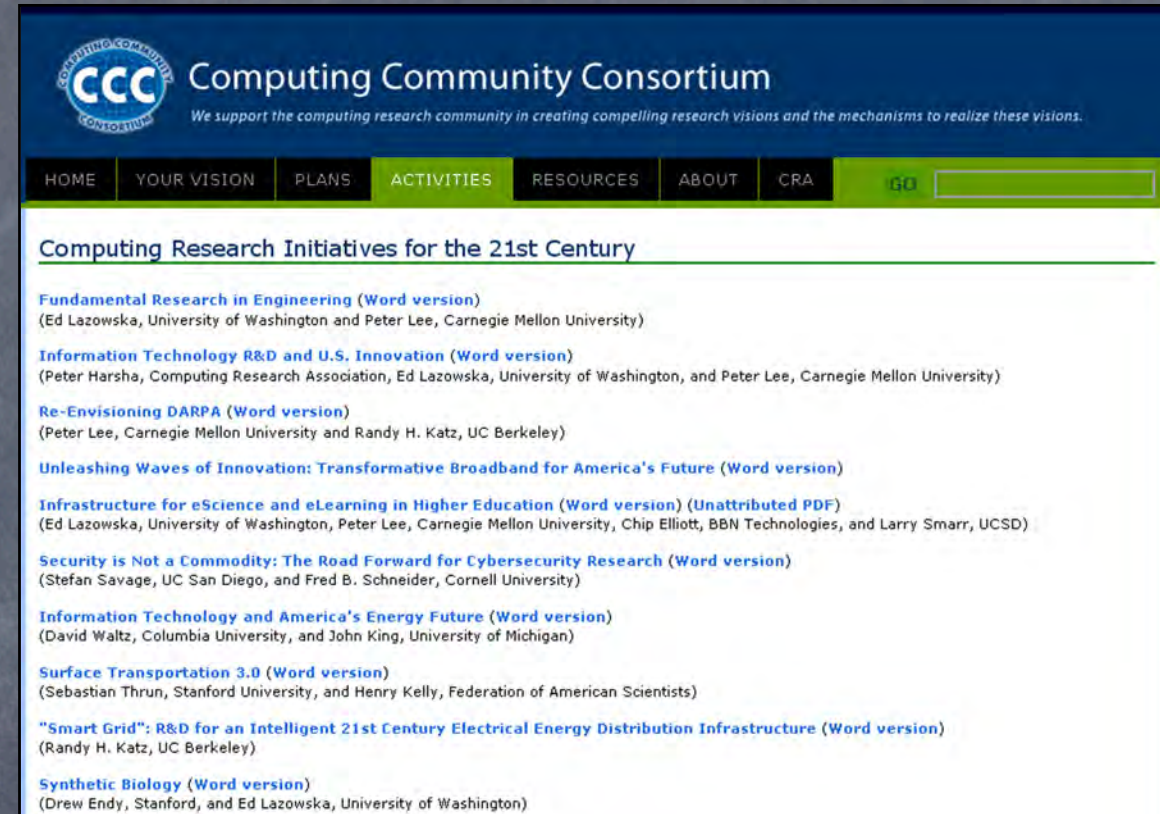
# “Transition Team” white papers

- Sensed and seized an opportunity to influence Federal science policy through the Presidential Transition Team
  - 19 papers produced in late 2008 & early 2009
  - 30 separate authors
  - Many highly influential:
    - **Re-envisioning DARPA** -- Peter Lee, Randy Katz
    - **Infrastructure for eScience & eLearning/Unleashing waves of innovation** -- Ed Lazowska, Peter Lee, Chip Elliott, Larry Smarr
    - **Security is not a commodity** -- Stefan Savage, Fred Schneider
    - **Synthetic biology** -- Drew Endy, Ed Lazowska
    - **Big-data computing** -- Randy Bryant, Randy Katz, Ed Lazowska
    - **The ocean observatories initiative** -- John Delaney, John Orcutt, Robert Weller
    - **Cyber-Physical Systems** -- Janos Sztipanovits, Jack Stankovic



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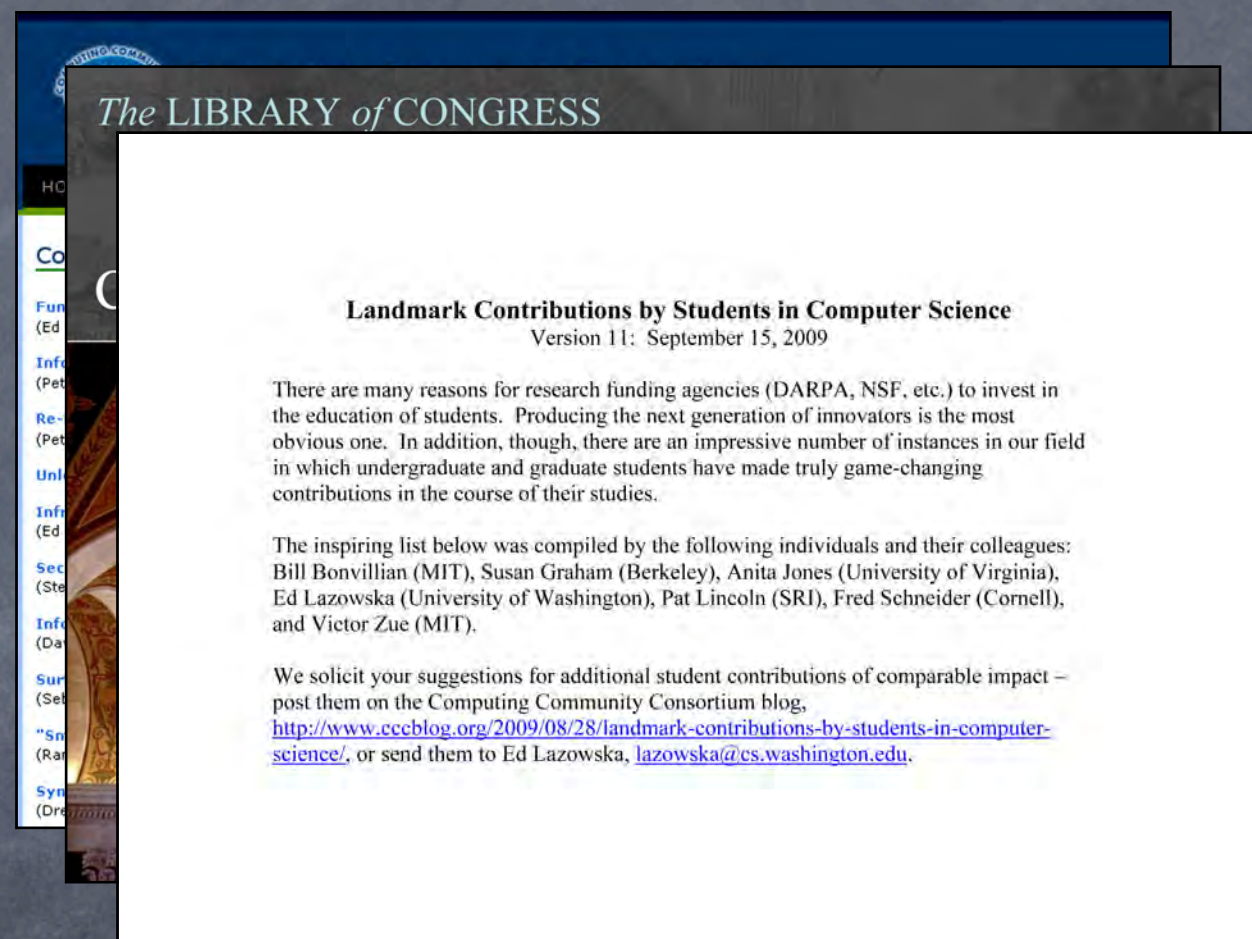
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- “Landmark Contributions by Students in Computer Science”





# Leadership development



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## • Computing Innovation Fellows (CIFellows)



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### Computing Innovation Fellows Project

Home CRA CCC CISE

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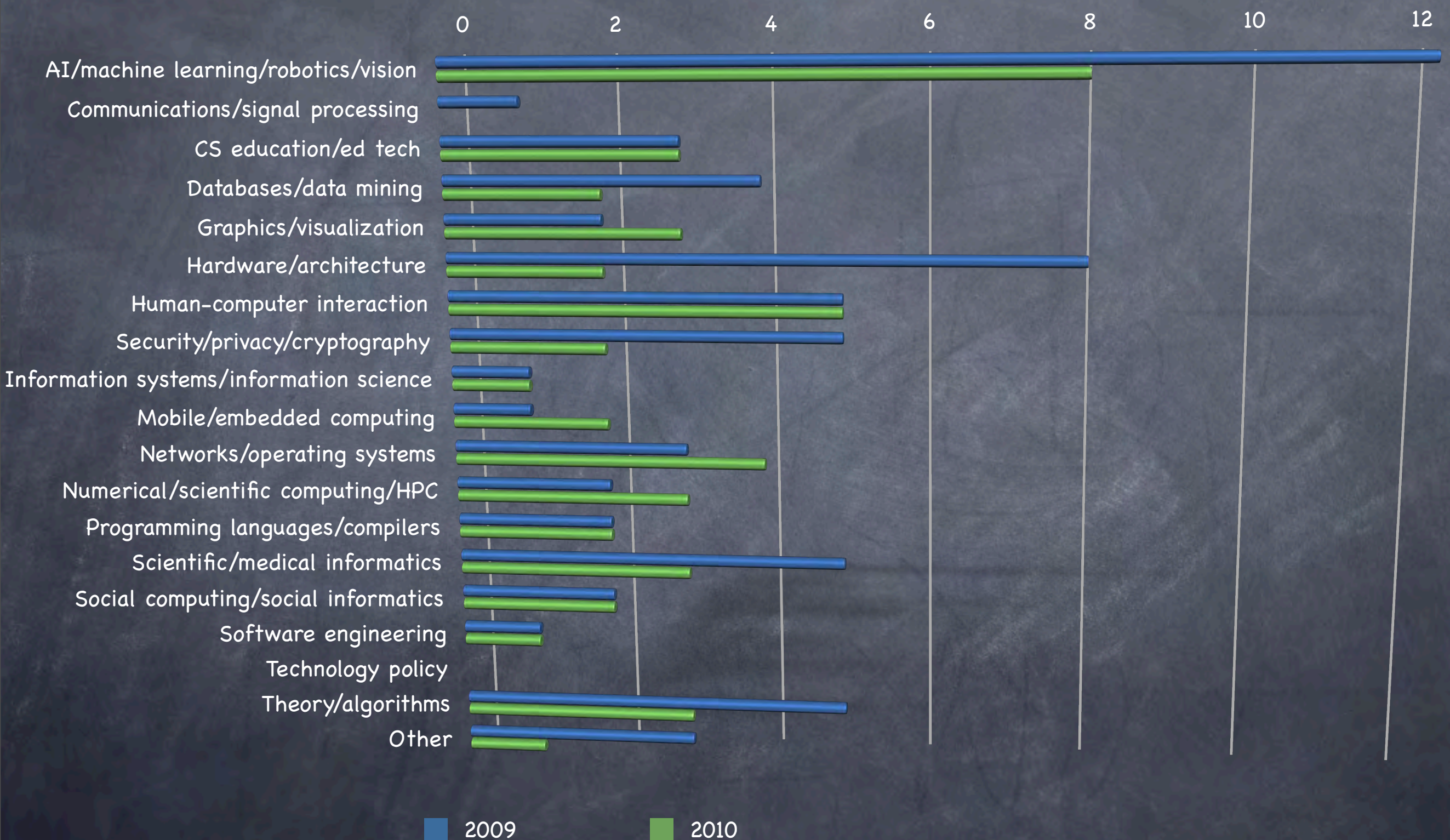
# CIFellows Project overview

- Established in 2009 with NSF/CISE funding
- Provides recent Ph.D.s in computer science (and allied fields) post-doctoral positions
- Positions span one to two years
- Goal is to retain new Ph.D.s in research & teaching during difficult economic times
- 60 CIFellows funded in 2009
  - 19 are leaving by the end of year I, most with permanent positions, many with tenure-track faculty appointments
  - 41 are continuing for a second year
- Additional 47 CIFellows funded in 2010





# 2009 & 2010 CIFellows Projects





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# Visioning for the future



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- Research visions sessions at conferences...

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Computing Community Consortium (CCC) Research Visions initiative. The header features the CCC logo and the text "Computing Community Consortium" with the tagline "We support the computing research community in creating compelling research visions and the mechanisms to realize these visions." Below the header is a navigation bar with links: HOME, YOUR VISION, PLANS, ACTIVITIES, RESOURCES, ABOUT, CRA, and a search bar. The main content area is titled "Research Visions" and contains two sections: "Call for Visionary Conference Tracks" and "Prior Vision Tracks".

**Call for Visionary Conference Tracks**

The Computing Community Consortium (CCC) is sponsoring an initiative to bring special "Challenges and Visions" tracks to leading computer science research conferences. The goal of this initiative is to help conferences reach out beyond the usual research papers that present completed work and to seek out papers that present ideas and visions that can stimulate the research community to pursue new directions.

Conferences may request CCC sponsorship of such tracks along with a CCC grant that provides for prize money for the top 3 papers (first prize \$1000, second prize \$750, and third prize \$500, to be awarded as travel grants). (See below for details about selecting and awarding these prizes.)

Papers in a "Challenges and Visions" track should be open-ended, possibly "outrageous" or "wacky", and present new problems, new application domains, or new methodologies that are likely to stimulate significant new research. The CCC is seeking papers (roughly 4 pages in length) so that the ideas can be referenced after the conference is over.

After the conference, the CCC will post links to the track papers on its [Challenges and Visions web page](#) and help disseminate these ideas broadly in the computer science research community.

Requests for CCC sponsorship should include information on the conference and a proposed list of program committee members for the track. We provide below a prototype call for papers and suggestions regarding the review process. Proposals should be sent to Erwin Gianchandani, the CCC Director, at [erwin@cra.org](mailto:erwin@cra.org).

**Prior Vision Tracks**

- Outrageous Ideas and Visions (OIV) session, at the 5th Biennial Conference on Innovative Data Systems (CIDR), January 2011, Asilomar, CA
  - [CCC Blog Post](#)
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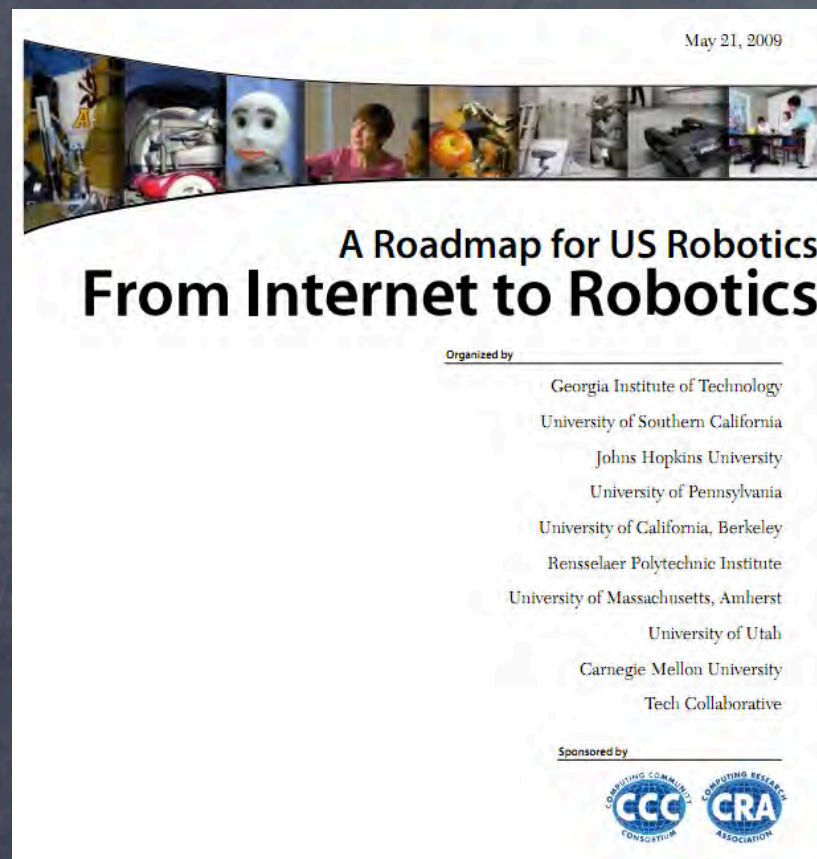
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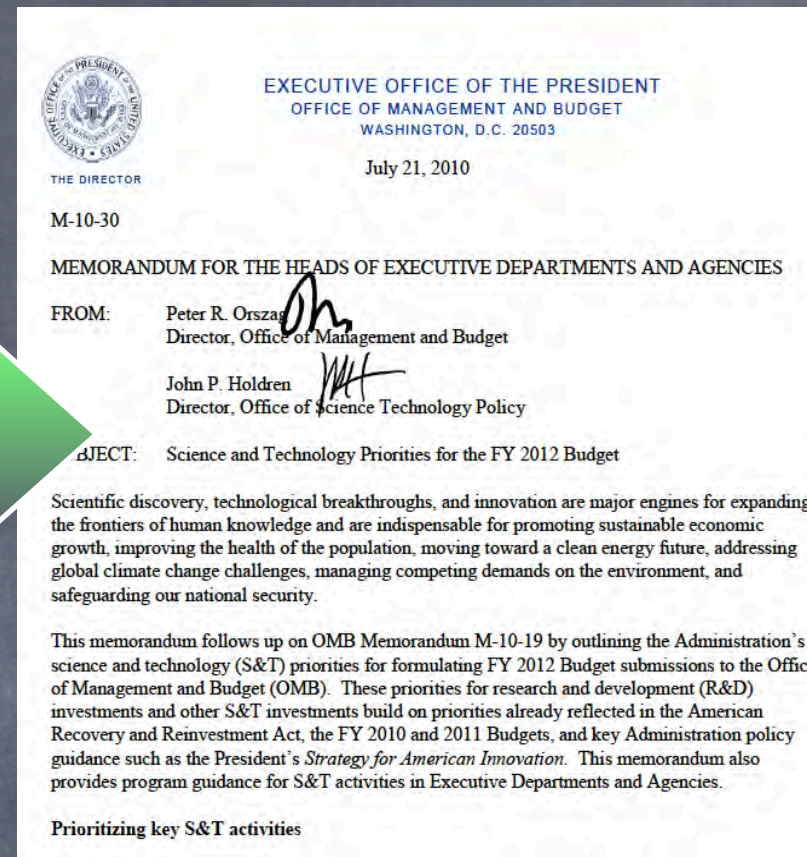
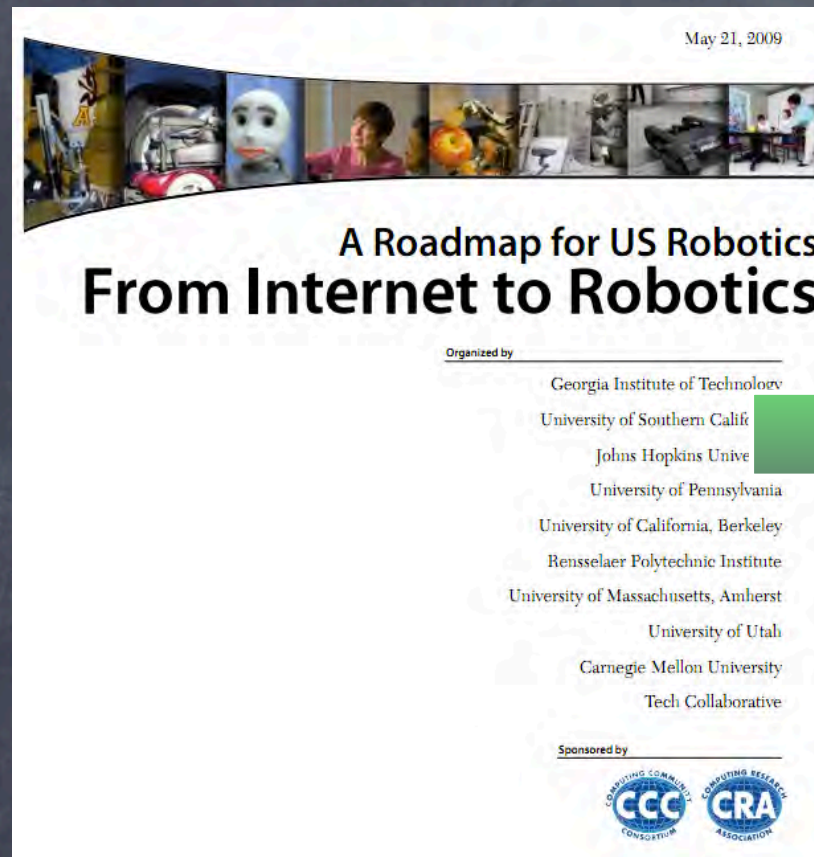
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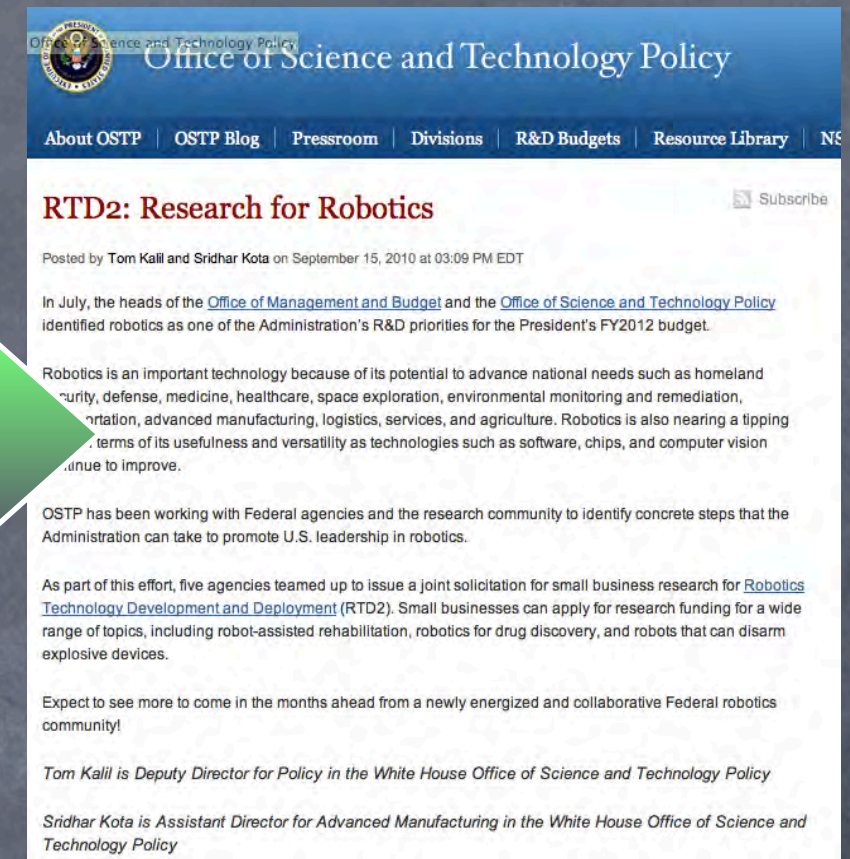
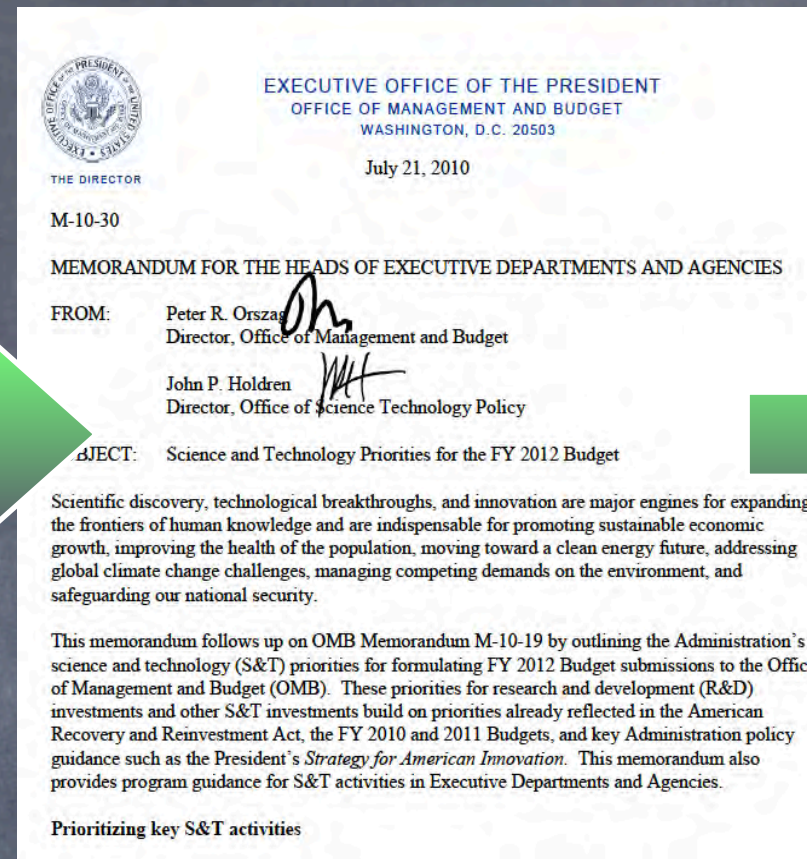
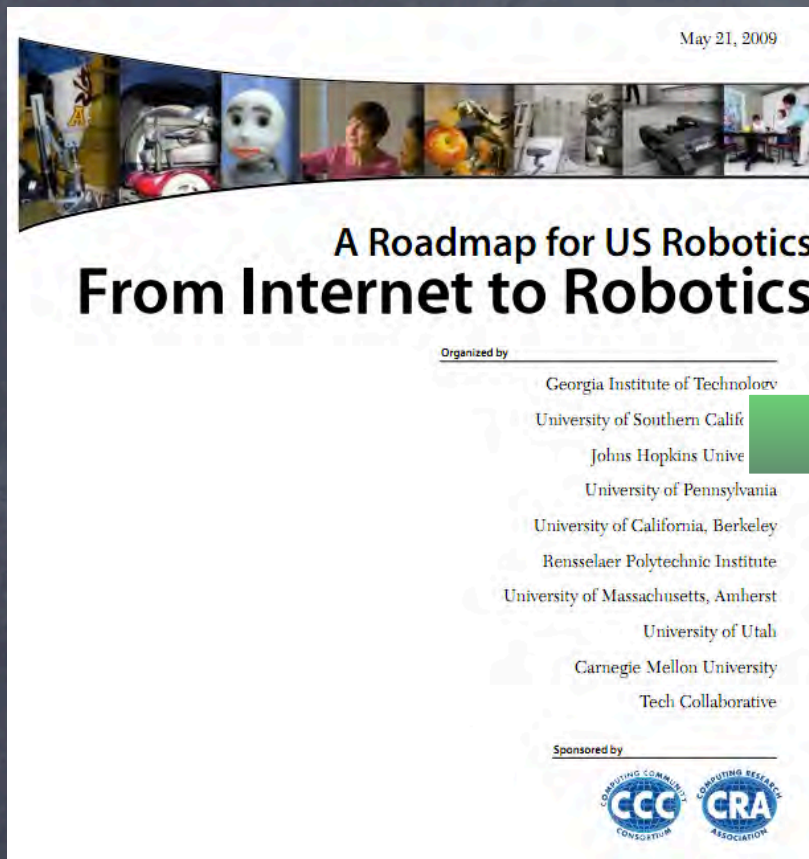
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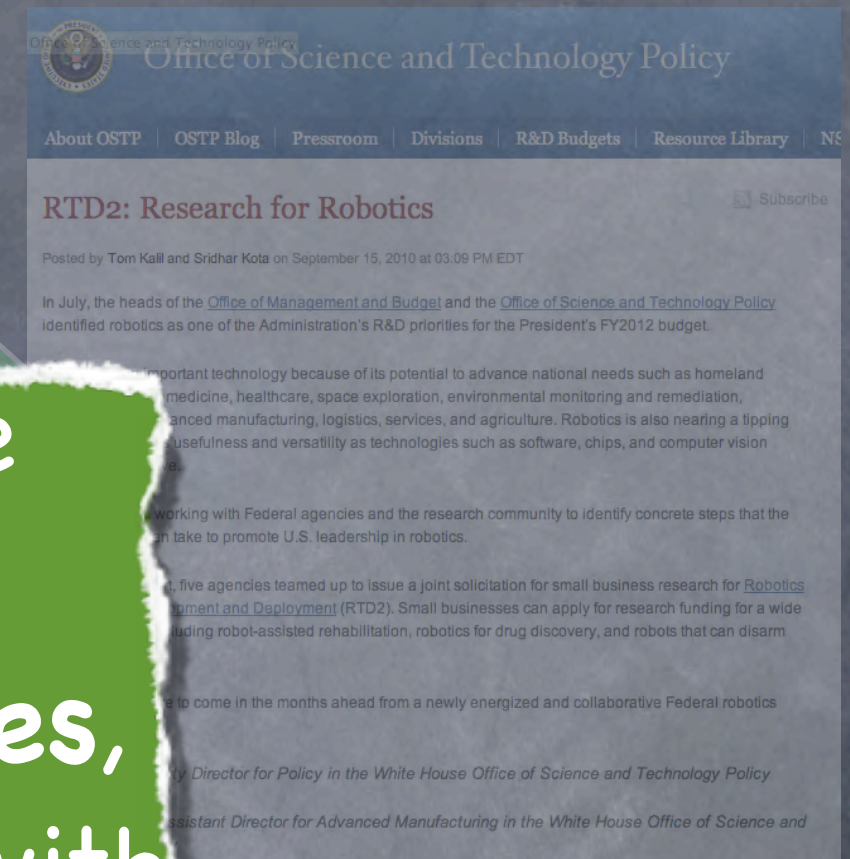
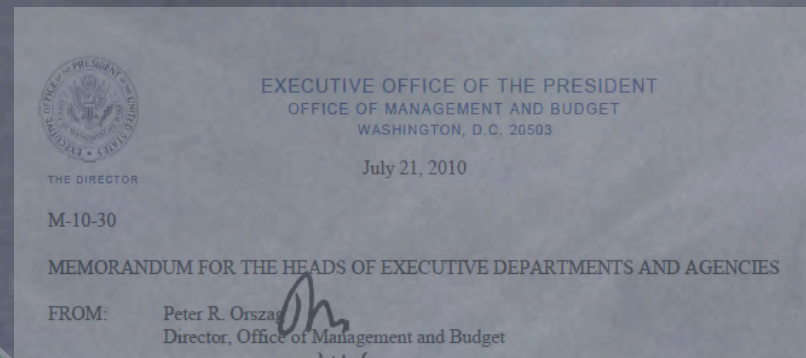
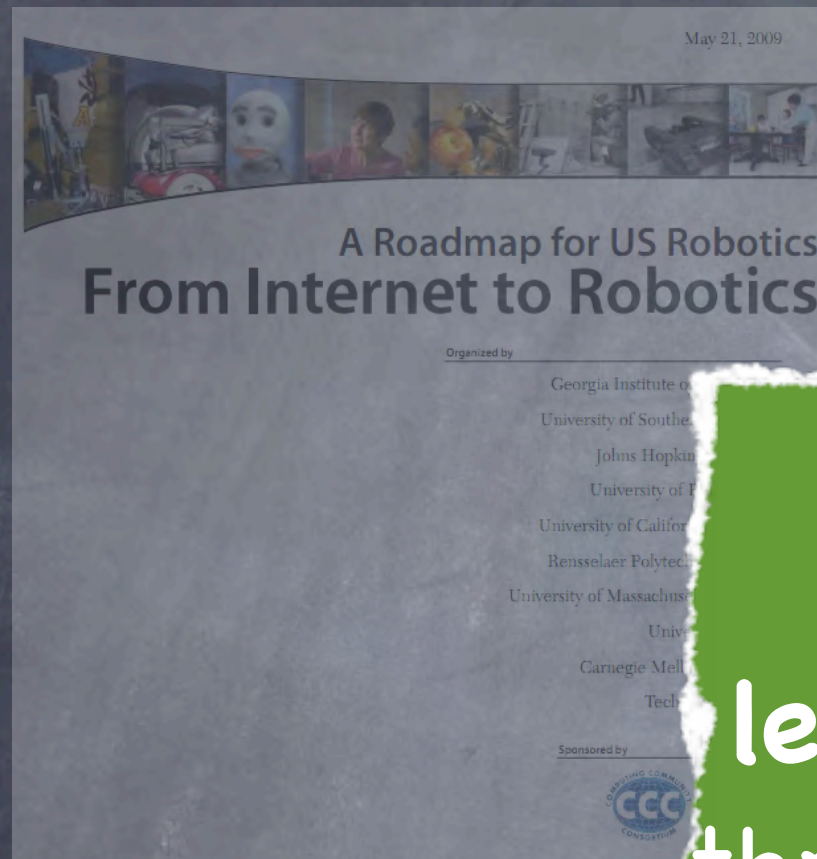
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- Computer scientists, systems engineers, social scientists, care practitioners
- Produced a report summarizing key research questions and directions



- From data to knowledge to action -- enabling evidence-based healthcare
- Empowering people -- providers and consumers -- improves healthcare quality
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- Healthcare is a complex, large-scale, adaptive distributed evolving system
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# Sustainability + IT

- NSF/CISE recently asked CCC to run a workshop on sustainability
- Computer scientists, systems engineers, social scientists, sustainability scientists
- Produced a report summarizing key research questions and directions

- Defining sustainability
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- CISE research to further sustainability
  - “Big data”
  - Modeling & simulation
  - Optimization
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# Data analytics

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## Data Analytics: From Data to Knowledge to Action

### Overview

Today, data available via the Internet, sensor networks, and new and higher resolution sensors across the sciences allow us to capture more data about people and the world than ever before – and the quantities of data available are accelerating. Coupled with recent advances in machine learning and reasoning, as well as rapid rises in computing power and storage, we are transforming our ability to make sense of these increasingly large, heterogeneous, noisy or incomplete datasets collected from a variety of sources; to visualize and infer important new knowledge from the data; and to guide action and policies in mission-critical situations, enabling us to make the best decisions. The pipeline of data --> predictive models --> decision analyses will transform many facets of our daily lives, from healthcare delivery to transportation to energy and the environment. These methods will be critical for Federal agencies tasked with protecting America from threats. And they have the potential to alter how we educate the next generation, how we interact with one another, and how we protect our personal privacy and security in an era of constant connectivity and unfiltered access. Ultimately, data analytics – enabling the transition from data to knowledge to action – is critical to address our nation's priorities and to ensure our nation's prosperity well into the 21st century.

### White Papers

- From Data to Knowledge to Action: A Global Enabler for the 21st Century  
– [PDF](#) | [Word](#)
- Enabling Evidence-Based Healthcare  
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- Enabling an Initiative in "New Biology"  
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### Workshops/Conferences

- Hadoop Summit**  
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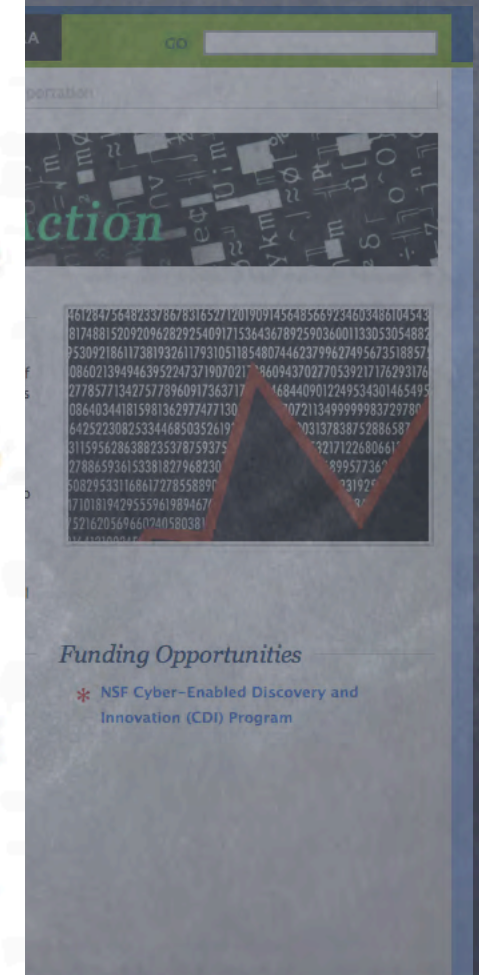
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*Systems biology:* As the NAS report stated, “Improved measurement technologies and mathematical and computational tools have led to the emergence of a new approach to [address] biological questions termed ‘systems biology’ [that] strives to [integrate heterogeneous experimental data sets] and achieve predictive modeling [of biological systems].” Rather than pursuing the decades-old *reductionist* approach, interrogating individual components and reactions underlying a given system, systems biology attempts to *integrate* various biological structures and create predictive models representing systems-level functions and behaviors.

For example, in 2007, systems biologists published a genome-scale reconstruction of the human metabolic network<sup>3</sup>. This reconstruction catalogs all known gene, protein, and reaction relationships underlying human metabolism – the vital cellular process that is attributed to many human diseases – in a highly quantitative, structured, and chemically consistent manner. In other words, the reconstruction assimilates all existing experimental knowledge about the system, and enables a quantitative analysis of the “flows” through the network – much like a map of a highway system overlaid with quantitative data about traffic volumes. Nearly 1,500 genes spanning 2,000 proteins and 3,300 reactions were incorporated from nearly 1,600 different papers. The resultant *model* represents the set of all hypotheses about the network that have been reported in the literature to date and, in turn, can be used to *predict which genes are essential or inessential, and which ones are involved in mechanisms of chronic diseases like cancer and arthritis*. Ultimately, such a model *enables us to better understand the manifestation of human diseases and identify ideal drug targets to combat these illnesses*.

*Computational biology:* Whereas systems biology takes an integrative, systems-based approach, computational biology applies data mining, machine learning, graphics/visualization, and related computational techniques to specific biological questions. For instance, clustering algorithms have been applied to gene expression data to associate genes with similar functions. High-throughput gene expression assays are enabling us to measure the expression levels of thousands of genes simultaneously, across different conditions and over time. These assays result in incredibly large data sets: the expression of each gene requires multiple “probes,” meaning that there are often 20 or more data elements per gene, and a routine experiment involving human cells measures 54,000 human gene transcripts concurrently. By clustering these data, we are able to make sense of the data and gain insight into gene function; genes that respond similarly to different stimuli are more likely to have related functions. Likewise, “compendium analyses” are used to study the mechanisms underlying drug function, by comparing the gene expression profiles of unknown drugs with databases of profiles of known drugs. Drugs with similar mechanisms are likely to have correlative gene expression footprints<sup>4</sup>.



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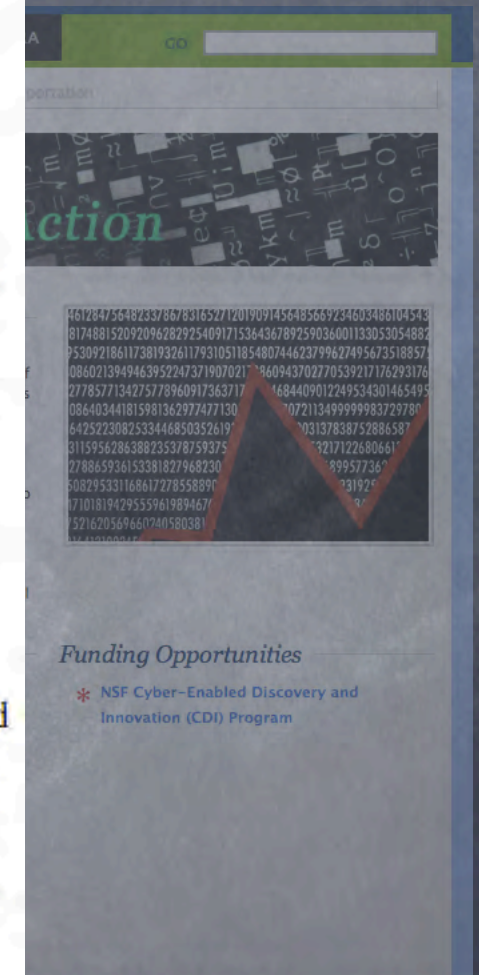
Nearly 2500 years ago, Hippocrates kicked off a revolution in healthcare by calling for the careful collection and recording of evidence about patients and their illnesses. This call—which first introduced the goal of sharing data among physicians to provide the best care possible for patients—established a foundation for the evolution of modern healthcare. Although 25 centuries have passed since Hippocrates' call, we have not yet attained the dream of true evidence-based healthcare. Large quantities of data about wellness and illness continue to be dropped on the floor, rather than collected and harnessed to optimize the provision of care. We are simply not yet doing the best that we can.

We now stand at the brink of a potential revolution in data-centric healthcare, enabled by advances in computer science. Such a revolution promises to enhance the quality of healthcare while cutting costs, and, more generally, enabling physicians to do the very best that is possible with realistically bounded healthcare resources. Doing the best that can be done with available resources aligns with the core promise that all physicians make when they solemnly raise their hand and recite the Hippocratic Oath upon receipt of their medical degree.

Enabling this vision of true evidence-based healthcare will require critical investments for translating key methods and insights into working systems, as well as for advances in core computer science research and engineering to address key conceptual bottlenecks and opportunities.

Collecting and analyzing data collected on health and illness promises to enhance the quality and efficacy of healthcare, and to enhance the quality and longevity of life. The collection and analysis of data can provide new insights about wellness and illness that can be operationalized. Data-centric methods allow us to transform *data* into *predictive models*. Predictive models can be used to generate forecasts with well-characterized accuracies about the future—or diagnoses about states of a patient that we cannot inspect directly. Such forecasts or diagnoses can be harnessed within procedures that generate recommendations for *actions in the world*, and decisions about *when it is best to collect more information about a situation before acting*, considering the costs and time delays associated with collecting more information to enhance a decision.

The pipeline of *data to prediction to action* can be used to automate or provide decision support for accurate triage and diagnosis, to generate well-calibrated predictions about health outcomes,

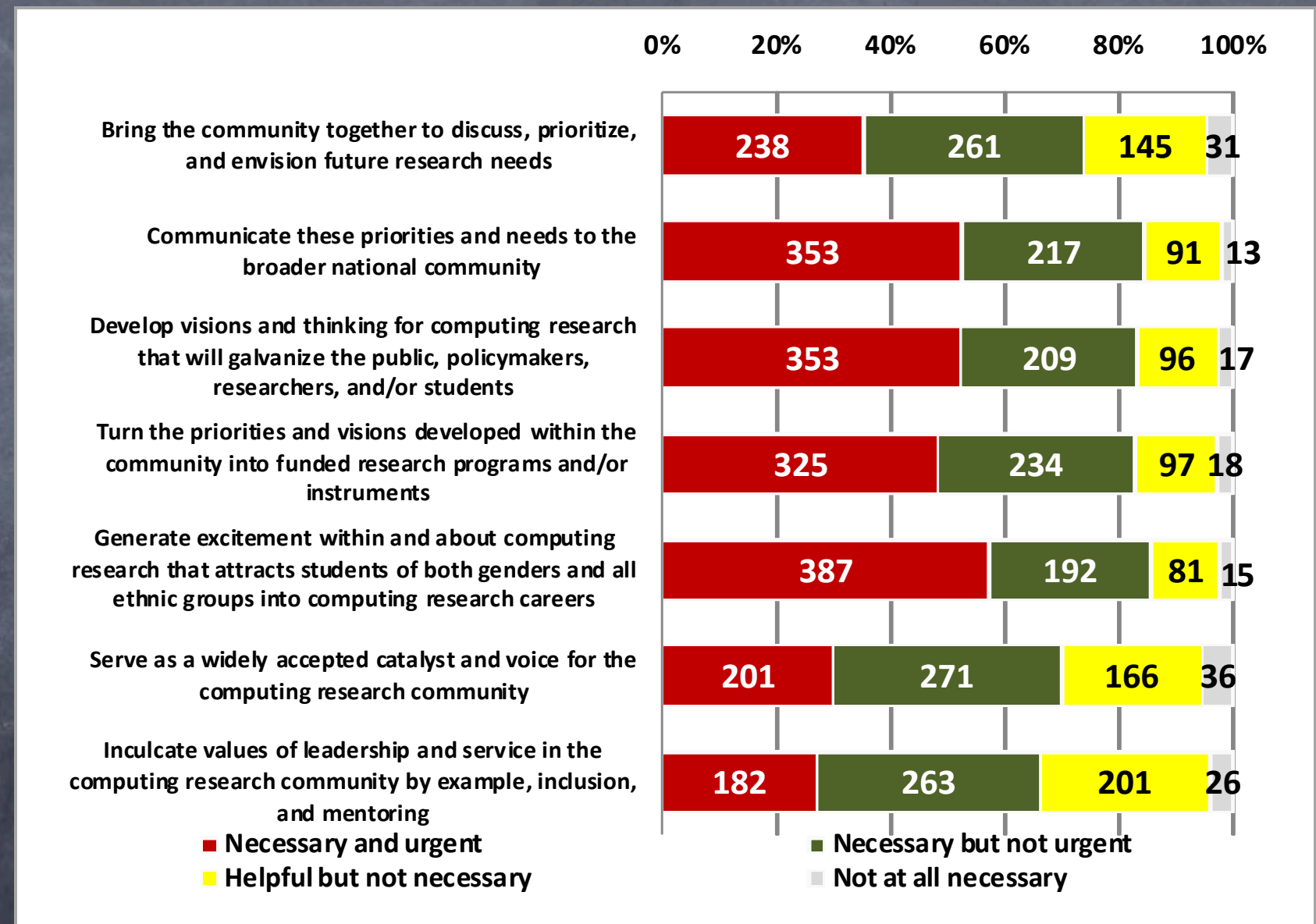




# The value of the CCC

How necessary is it to have within the U.S. computing research community an organization designated to perform one or more of the following activities?

- Small, nimble organization
- Unique components to the mission
- Provides a "leadership voice" for the community



--SRI International



# Synergistic steps forward?

- Number of places where computing can help with NIH mission and activities
  - Modeling & simulation
  - Robotics and cyber-physical systems
  - “Big data”/data analytics
- Ways to get more computer scientists involved?
- Workshops that bring CS folks together with domain scientists?
- Getting the word out about NIH RFPs relevant for computer scientists?



# Questions?

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