

# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN EVERYDAY OBJECTS BECOME INTERNET DEVICES: A SCIENCE POLICY AGENDA

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# CATALYZING: VISIONING ACTIVITIES

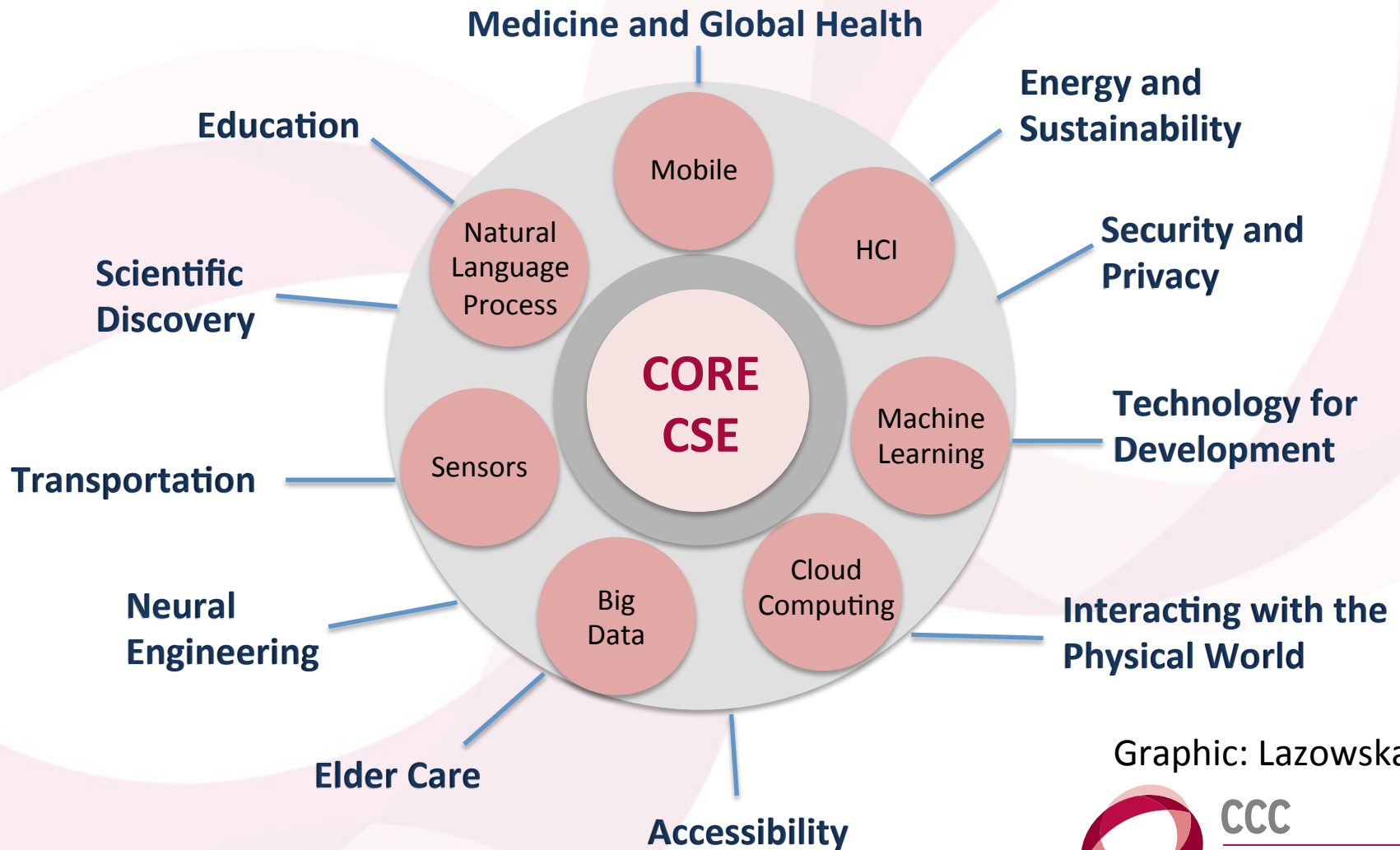
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- More than 2,750 participants

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Themes included in the word cloud:

- Inclusive Access
- Personalized Education
- Financial Cyberinfrastructure
- Online Education
- Uncertainty
- Privacy by Design
- Spatial Computing
- Aging in Place
- Human Computation
- Sociotechnical Cybersecurity
- Cyber Social Learning Systems
- Learning Technologies
- Global Development
- Theoretical Foundations for Social Computing
- Disaster Management
- Big Data Computing
- Cyber-physical systems
- Computing and Healthcare
- Cyber Security for Manufacturers
- Extreme Scale Design Automation
- Sustainability & IT

# THE RAPIDLY EXPANDING WORLD OF COMPUTING



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# OVERVIEW

- How People Think and Reason About An Internet of Things
  - Elizabeth Mynatt, Georgia Tech
- Programming a Secure, Robust and Sustainable Internet of Things
  - Ben Zorn, Microsoft Research
- The Future of Smart Environments and the Internet of Things
  - Shwetak Patel, University of Washington



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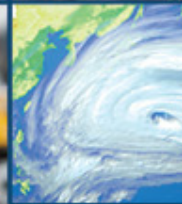
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# How People Think and Reason About an Internet of Things

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# When Everyday Objects Become Internet Devices

Tesla Model S



Amazon Echo

Smart Meter



Ring.com



Nest

Yes, this is a  
computer  
too





# My Background

Ubiquitous Computing  
Xerox PARC

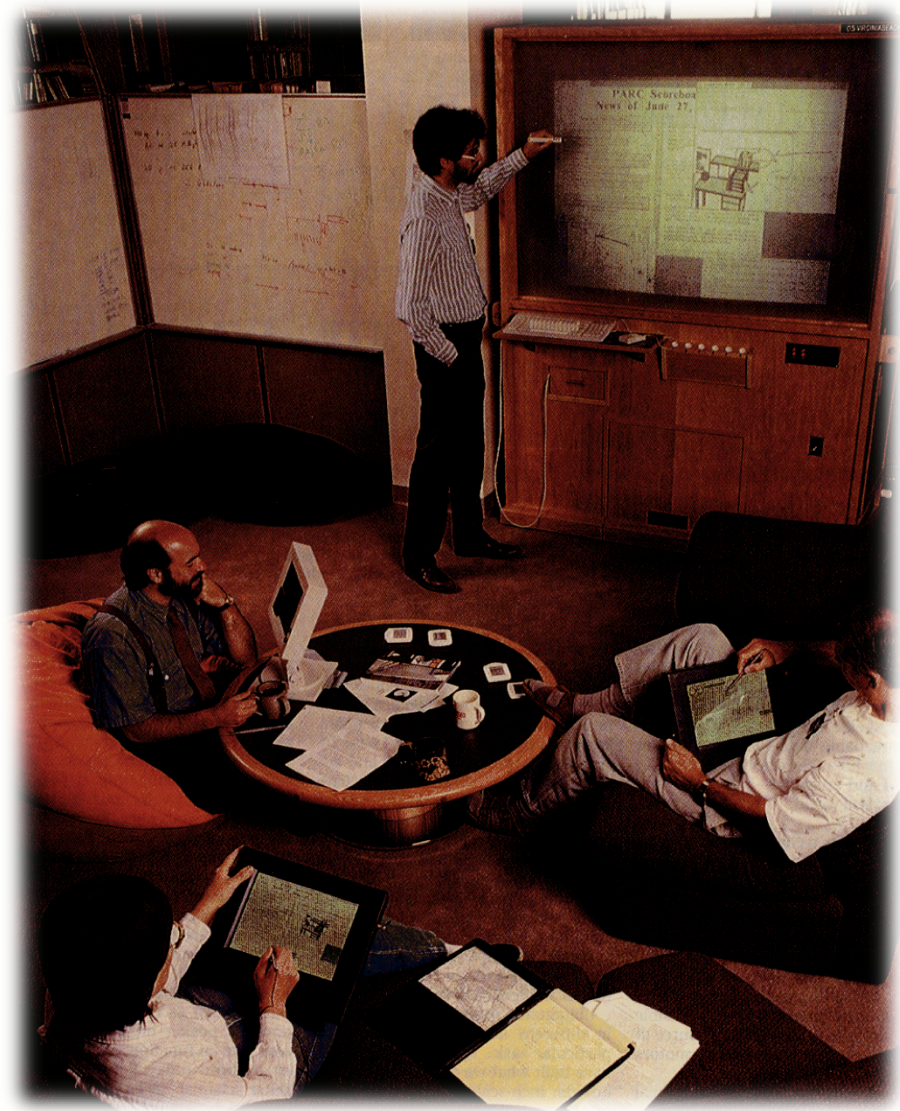
“Everyday Computing”  
Georgia Tech

Aware Home

Pervasive Health

Weiser. 1999. The computer for the 21st century. *SIGMOBILE Mob. Comput. Commun. Rev.* 3, 3 (July 1999), 3-11.

Want, Weiser and Mynatt. 1998. Activating Everyday Objects



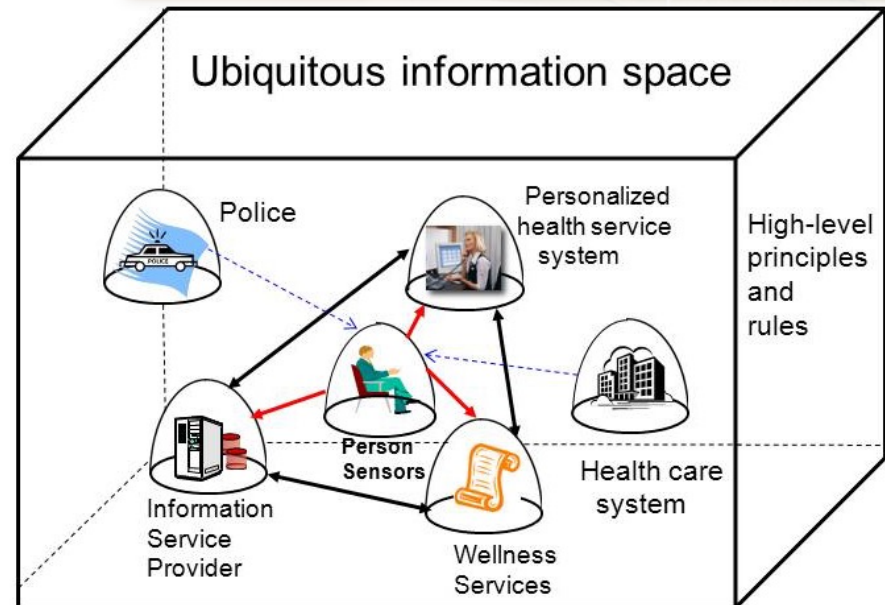
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People interpret their interactions with objects based on knowledge of people and spaces aka *places*.



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Trust

Privacy





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# At Home with Ubiquitous Computing: Seven Challenges

(Edwards and Grinter (2001))

Challenge One: The "Accidentally" Smart *Place*

Challenge Two: Impromptu Interoperability

Challenge Three: No Systems Administrator

Challenge Four: Designing for Domestic Use

Challenge Five: Social Implications of *Smart* Technologies

Challenge Six: Reliability

Challenge Seven: Inference in the Presence of Ambiguity

## “Peace of Mind” Awareness

Adult children  
concerned about a  
parent living alone

Compromise on  
information sharing



Mynatt, E. D., Rowan, J., Craighill, S., and Jacobs, A. (2001). Digital family portraits: supporting peace of mind for extended family members. Proceedings of the SIGCHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '01). Seattle, WA. ACM, New York, NY, 333-340.



## “Peace of Mind” Awareness

Did my mom have a  
“normal” day?

Situated in family  
relationships



Rowan, Jim, and Elizabeth D. Mynatt. "Digital family portrait field trial: Support for aging in place." *Proceedings of the SIGCHI conference on Human factors in computing systems*. ACM, 2005.

# Making Sense of Sensing Systems: Five Questions for Designers and Researchers

Bellotti, Back, Edwards, Grinter, Henderson, Lopes (2002)

**Address:** How do I address one (or more)  
of many possible devices?

**Attention:** How do I know the system is  
ready and attending to my actions?

**Action:** How do I effect a meaningful action, control  
its extent and possibly specify a target or  
targets for my action?

**Alignment:** How do I know the system is doing  
(has done) the right thing?

**Accident:** How do I avoid (or correct)  
mistakes?

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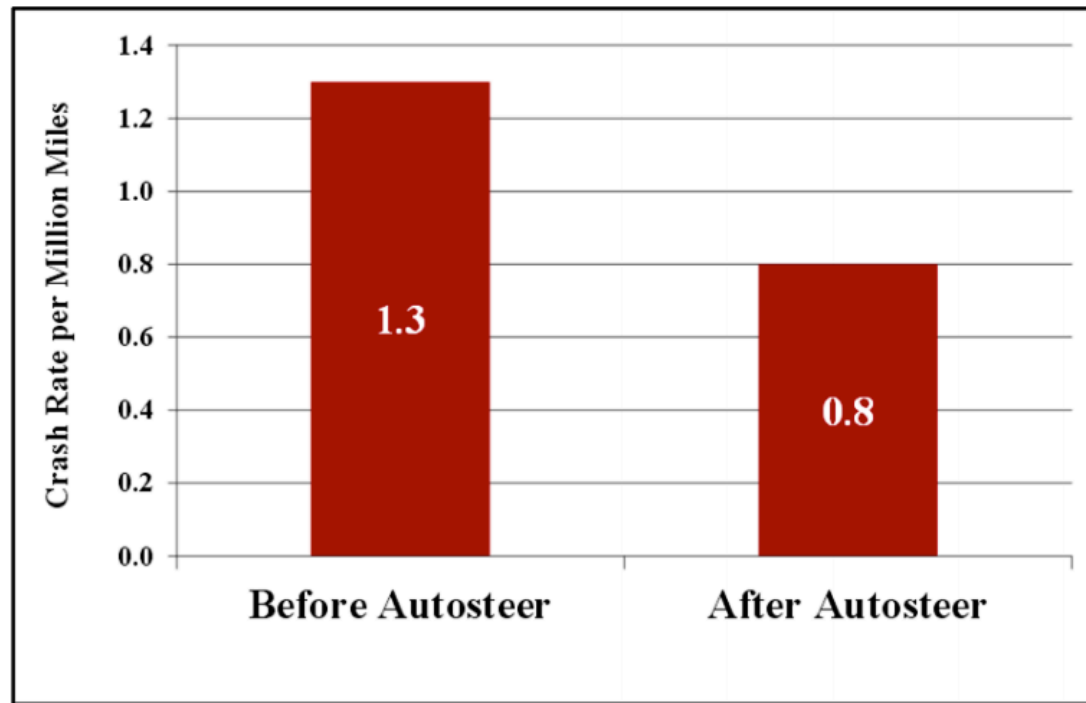




## Tesla accident



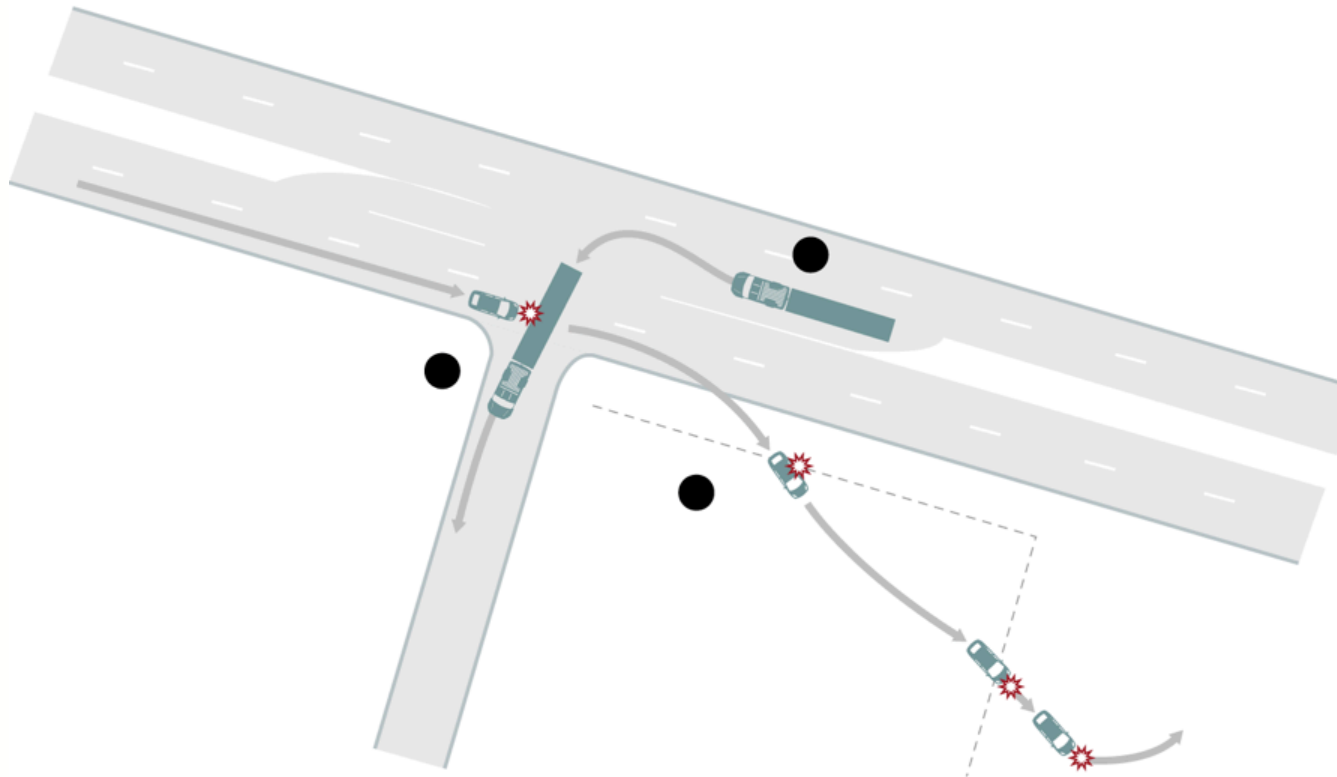
# Tesla - Performance Improvement



*Figure 11. Crash Rates in MY 2014-16 Tesla Model S and 2016 Model X vehicles Before and After Autosteer Installation.*

<https://electrek.co/2017/01/19/tesla-crash-rate-autopilot-nhtsa/>

## What happened?



# Trust and Reliance are Human Issues

Issues of trust in, trustworthiness of, and reliance on AI/  
autonomy

Mr. Brown over-trusted the technology relative to its actual  
capabilities

A second, less widely recognized failure mode in this case

- Car continued autonomous driving after its “shearing” until it hit telephone pole

Under-trust can be just as harmful;  
correct calibration of trust is required

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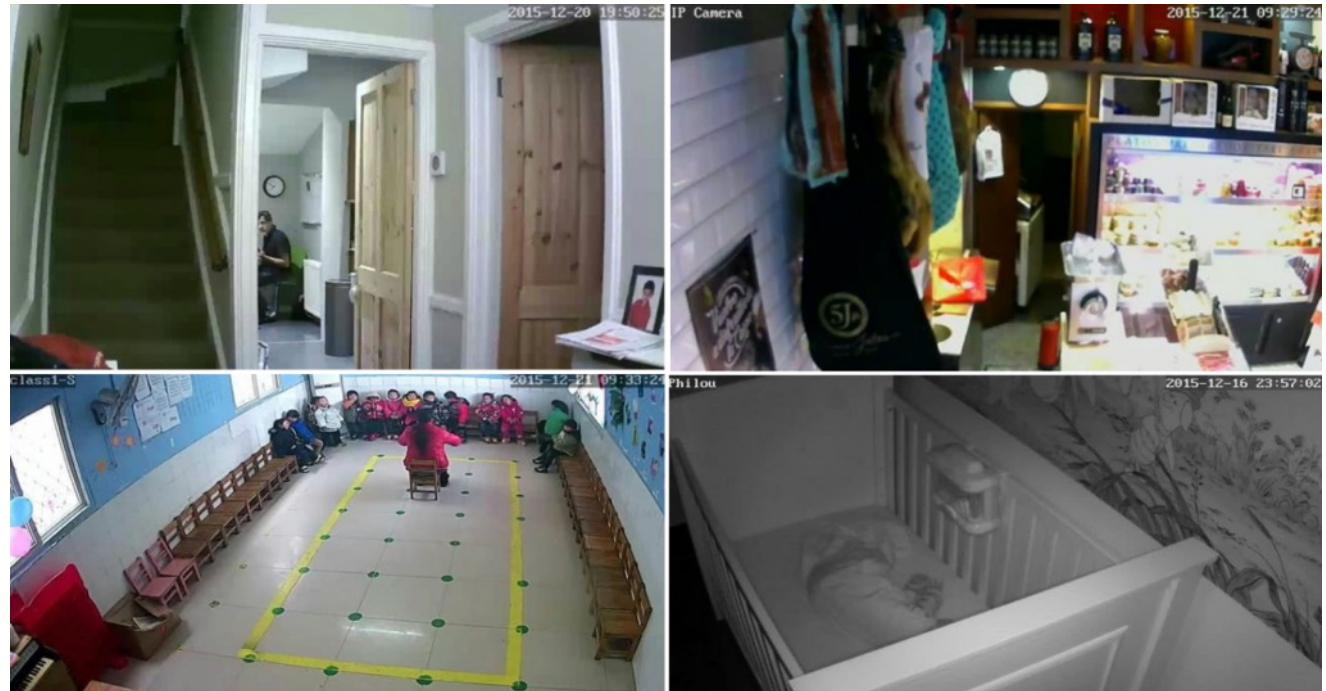


# The Internet of Insecure Web Cams

Cheap web cameras with default passwords.

Internet search engines to detect open RTSP feeds.

Millions of these cameras online.



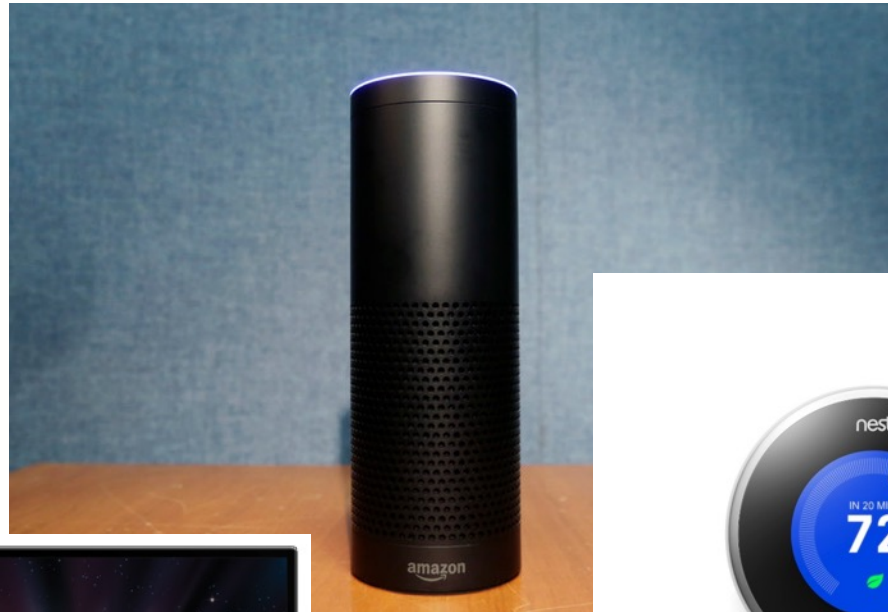


# The Internet is Always Listening and Observing

Internet appliances

Smart thermostats

Smart TVs



# Privacy Mirrors

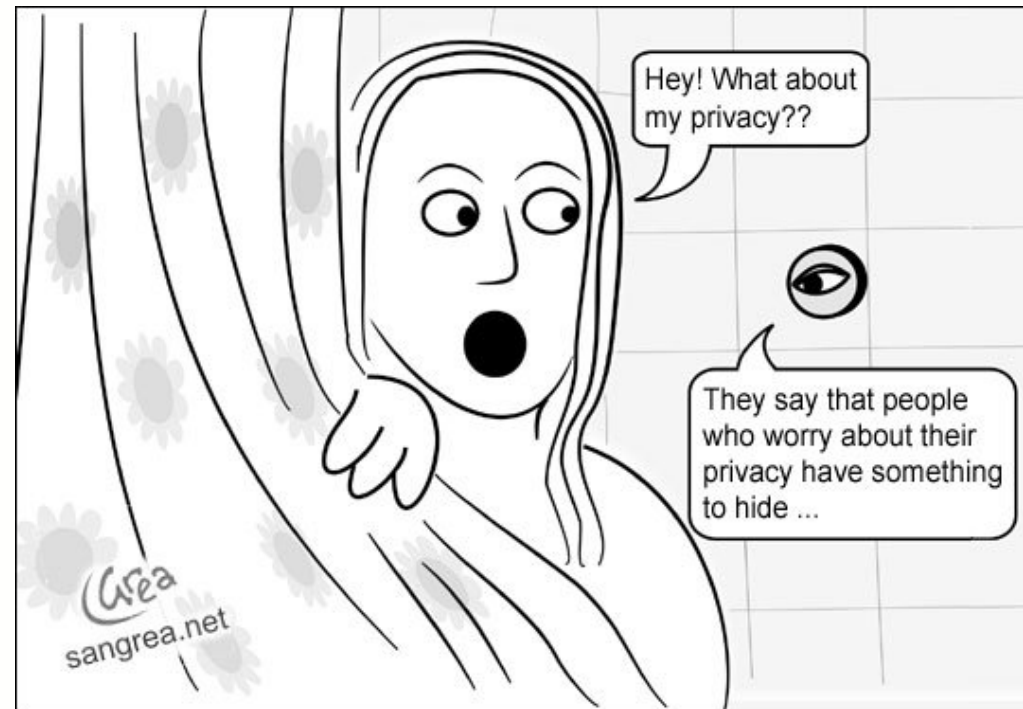
Why is it so difficult to see what others can see about ourselves?



Making ubiquitous computing visible  
E Mynatt, D Nguyen - Proceedings of the 2001  
CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing  
Systems

## Human Centered Privacy

- People (can) provide many traces of daily life.
- People interpret information exchange in terms of relationships.
- People may not understand the value of their data.
- People respond to the value of human-to-human connection.



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Utility  
Trust  
Privacy



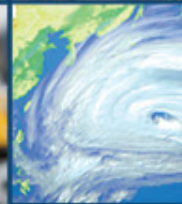


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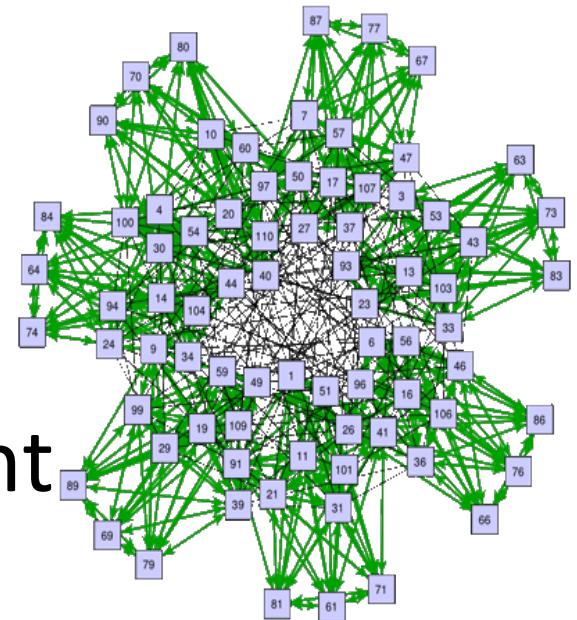
# Technology Disrupts Society (and Science)

AI



Machine  
Learning

Constraint  
Solvers



IoT



Drones



Smart  
Forks

Disruption can start with a single question

Can we use  
mosquitos as  
sensors to detect  
and monitor  
infectious disease  
around the  
globe?



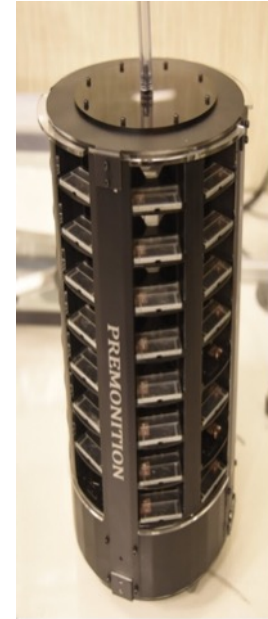
# Project Premonition: Mosquitos as Sensors for Environmental Telemetry

Catch  
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CO<sub>2</sub>-baited CDC UV trap, circa 2015

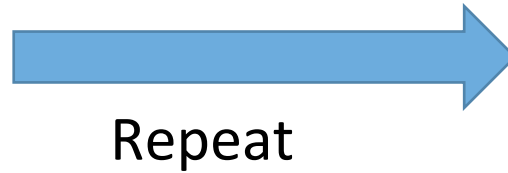


Premonition trap, 2016

# Internet of (Field Biology) Things: Premonition



Analysis identifies  
Infectious diseases



Drone identifies  
placement sites



DNA samples  
sent to cloud



Mosquito trap  
located in likely spots





Deployed In Houston (June 2016)  
87 experiments  
>19 hours data collection per  
experiment  
>20 GB mosquito behavior and abiotic  
data  
>22,000 mosquito events detected



# IoT + AI is Disruptive but...

- Benefits and ability to disrupt lead to rapid widespread adoption
- Existing software vulnerabilities become amplified
- Cyber-physical nature of systems introduces new challenges

STAMFORD, Conn., November 10, 2015 [View All Press Releases](#)

## Gartner Says 6.4 Billion Connected "Things" Will Be in Use in 2016, Up 30 Percent From 2015

Analysts to Explore the Value and Impact of IoT on Business at Gartner Symposium/ITxpo 2015, November 8-12 in Barcelona, Spain

## Charges possible in Space Needle drone crash

By Paul P. Murphy, CNN

Updated 5:20 PM ET, Thu January 12, 2017



# IoT Devices Cause Unintended Consequences



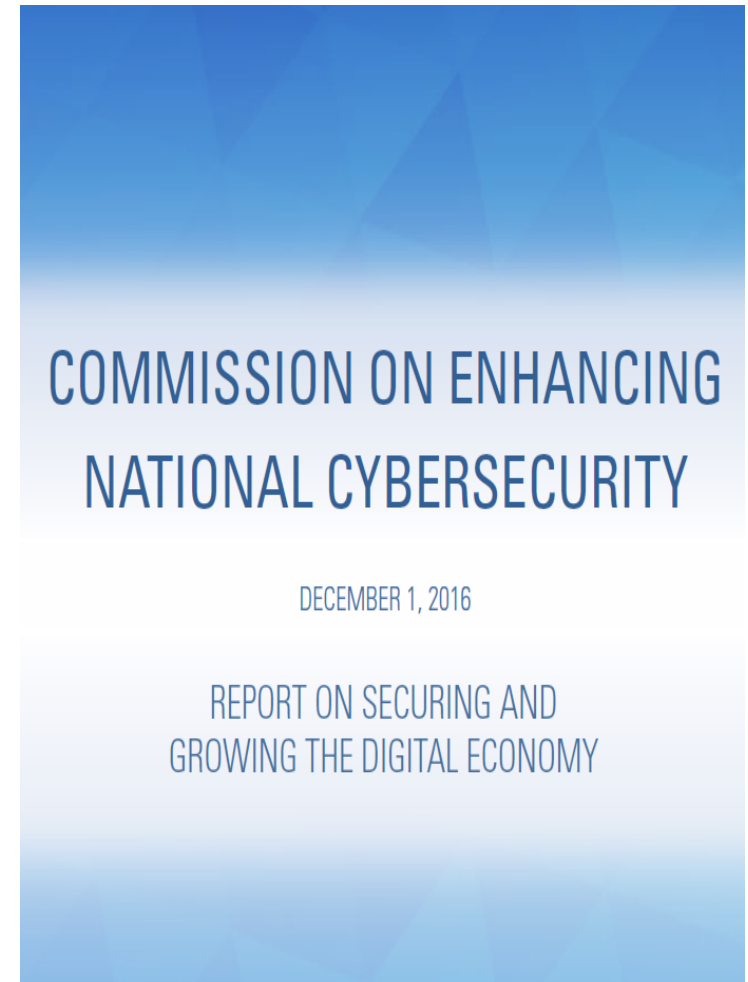
Mirai malware used to create  
380,000 node device botnet

Botnet was leveraged to  
deliver massive DDOS  
attack on KrebsOnSecurity

<http://arstechnica.com/security/2016/09/botnet-of-145k-cameras-reportedly-deliver-internets-biggest-ddos-ever/>

# Enhancing National Cybersecurity

- Managing complexity
  - How humans interact with IoT
  - Impact on small businesses
- Defining boundaries, abstractions
  - IoT blurs consumer, safety-critical system boundaries
- Defining metrics  
(otherwise, how to know if we've improved things?)





# The Cathedral and the Skyscraper



Heroic effort, amazing engineering, one of a kind...



Stronger materials, reusable components, mathematical analysis...

# Example of Infrastructure Weakness: HTTPS

ROBERT MCMILLAN BUSINESS 04.11.14 6:30 AM

## HOW HEARTBLEED BROKE THE INTERNET — AND WHY IT CAN HAPPEN AGAIN

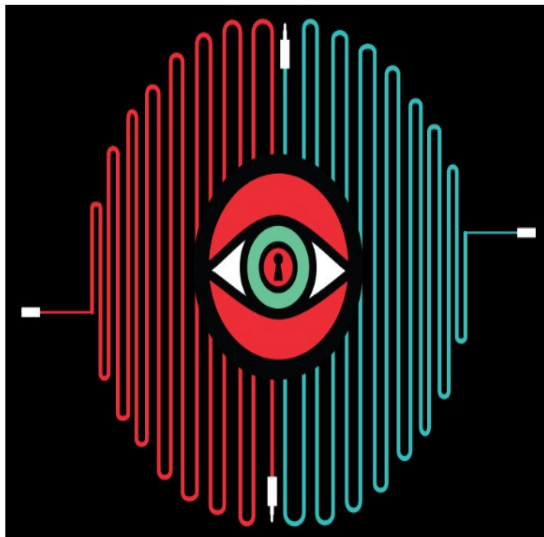


Illustration: Ross Patton/WIRED

2014

<https://www.wired.com/2014/04/heartbleedslesson/>



## The DROWN Attack



Paper

Q&A

DROWN is a serious vulnerability that affects HTTPS and other services that rely on SSL and TLS, some of the essential cryptographic protocols for Internet security. These protocols allow everyone on the Internet to browse the web, use email, shop online, and send instant messages without third-parties being able to read the communication.

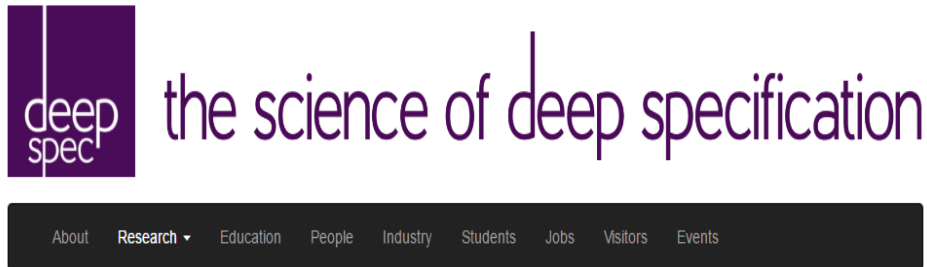
DROWN allows attackers to break the encryption and read or steal sensitive communications, including passwords, credit card numbers, trade secrets, or financial data. Our measurements indicate 33% of all HTTPS servers are vulnerable to the attack.

2016 <https://drownattack.com/>

# Trust but **Verify**

## Two Science Expeditions: DeepSpec and Everest

Scalable reasoning meets software verification at scale



DeepSpec is an [Expedition in Computing](#) funded by the [National Science Foundation](#).

We focus on the **specification and verification of full functional correctness** of software and hardware.

<http://deepspec.org/>

Princeton, MIT, Yale, UPenn  
\$10M NSF Expedition in Computing  
Awarded 2016



<https://project-everest.github.io/>

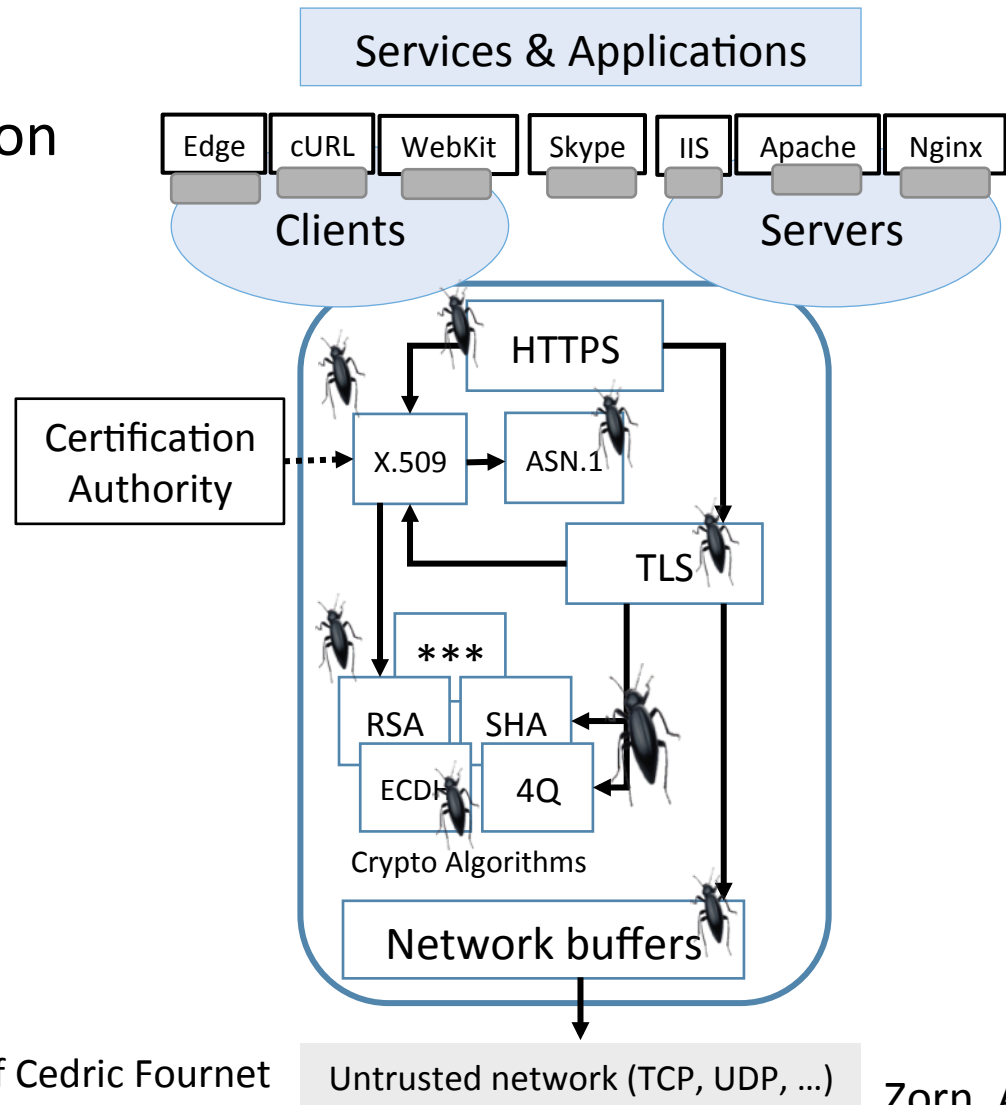
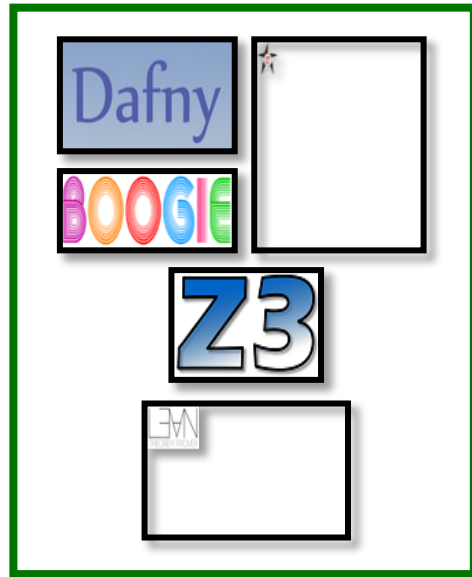
Microsoft Research (Cambridge,  
Redmond, Bangalore), INRIA



# Everest Mission: Verified HTTPS

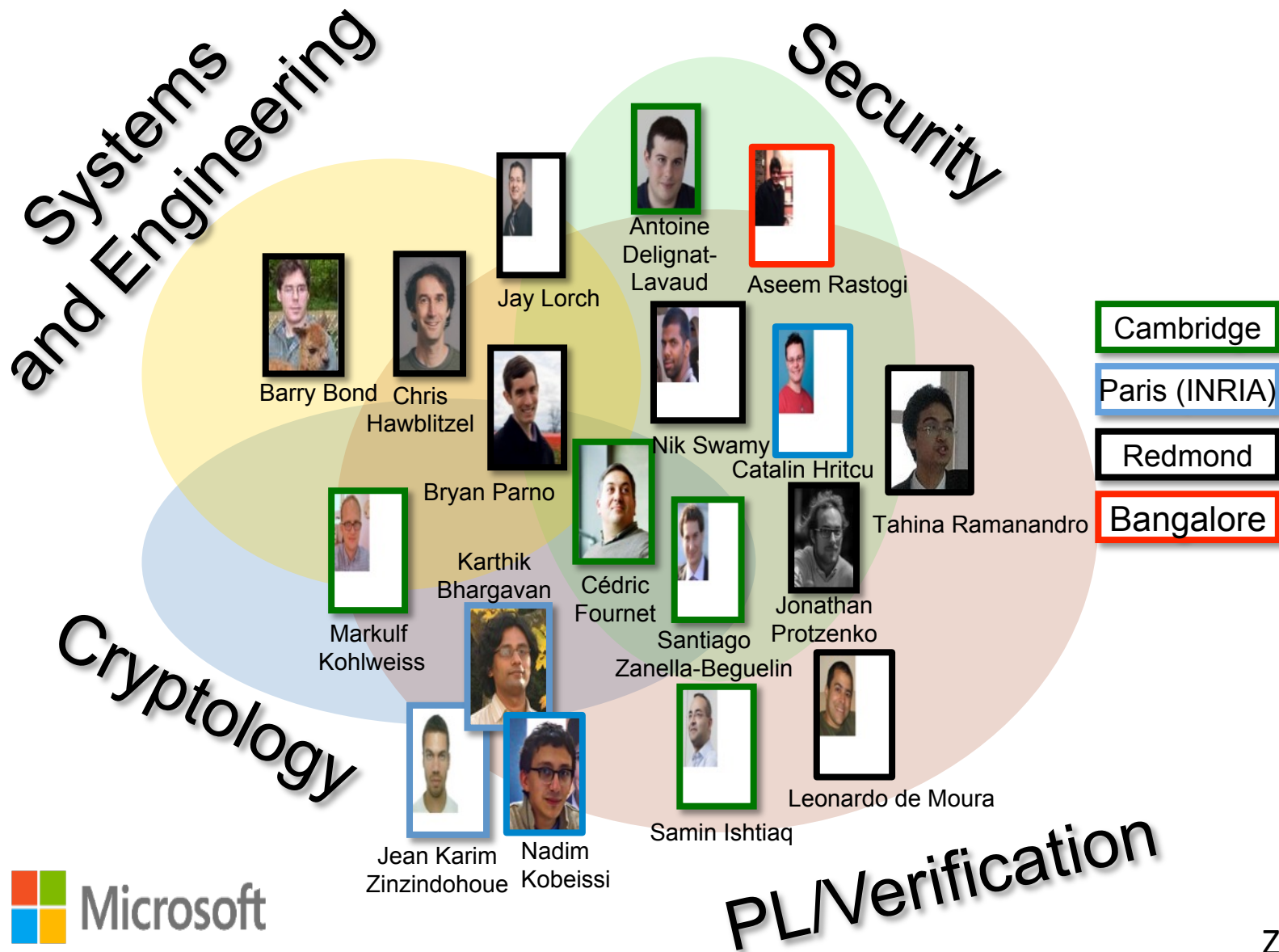
## Challenges:

- scalability of verification
- performance
- usable tool chain





# Everest Team Members



# Everest Impact on the TLS 1.3 Standard

Everest verification efforts led to many of their proposals being included in the standard:

- #4 log-based key separation  
extended session hashes  
(fixing attacks we found on 1.2)
- #11 stream terminators  
(eventually fixing an attack)
- #14 downgrade resilience
- #15 session ticket format
- #17 simplified key schedule  
pre-shared-key 0RTT
- #18 PSK binding (fixing an attack)

# Conclusions

- Science and society will increasingly depend on infrastructure including Cloud Computing, AI, IoT, and Big Data
- To ensure safety, security and privacy, we need to:
  - Understand and measure risks better
  - Develop technical solutions to manage complexity through
    - Well-defined components
    - Automation in testing and verification
    - Ensure critical components are highly vetted
- Empower people to understand the system and potential threats

# Thank you!

Research in Software Engineering (RiSE) at Microsoft Research

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/group/research-in-software-engineering-rise/>

CCC Computing in the Physical World Task Force

<http://cra.org/ccc/task-forces/computing-in-the-physical-world/>



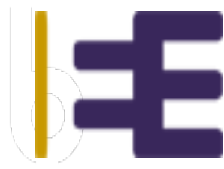
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# The Future of Smart Environments and the Internet of Things

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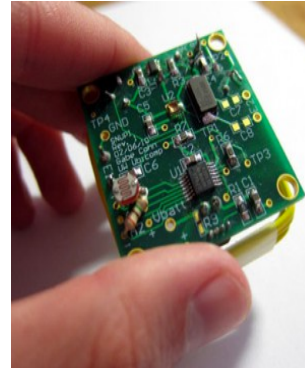
# Emerging Smart Environments

- Increasing computation and connectedness in things we may not even be exposed to



# The Perfect Storm

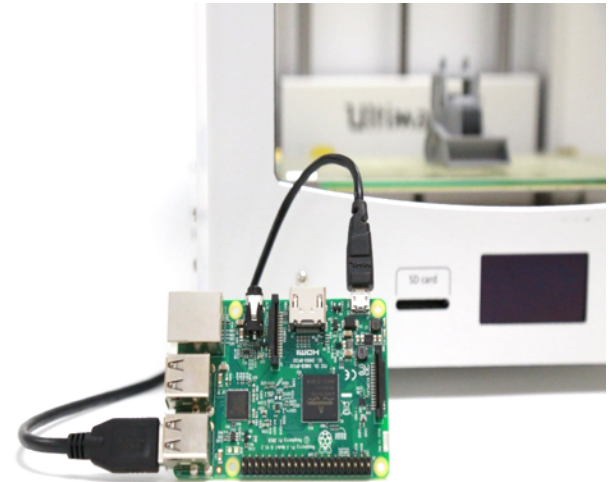
- Reduced computational costs
- Sensor advancements
- Cloud computing
- Rapid prototyping
- Increasing investments in IoT



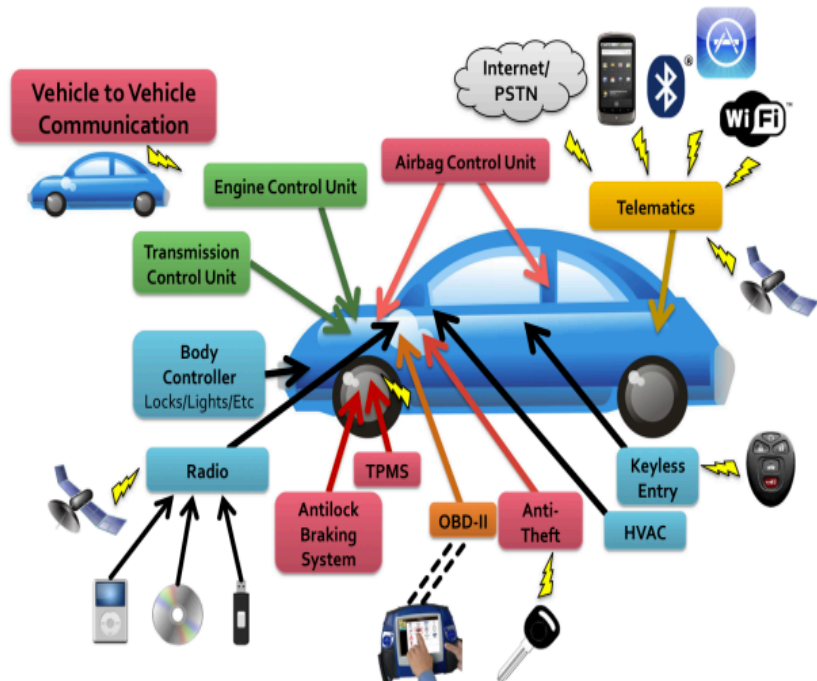
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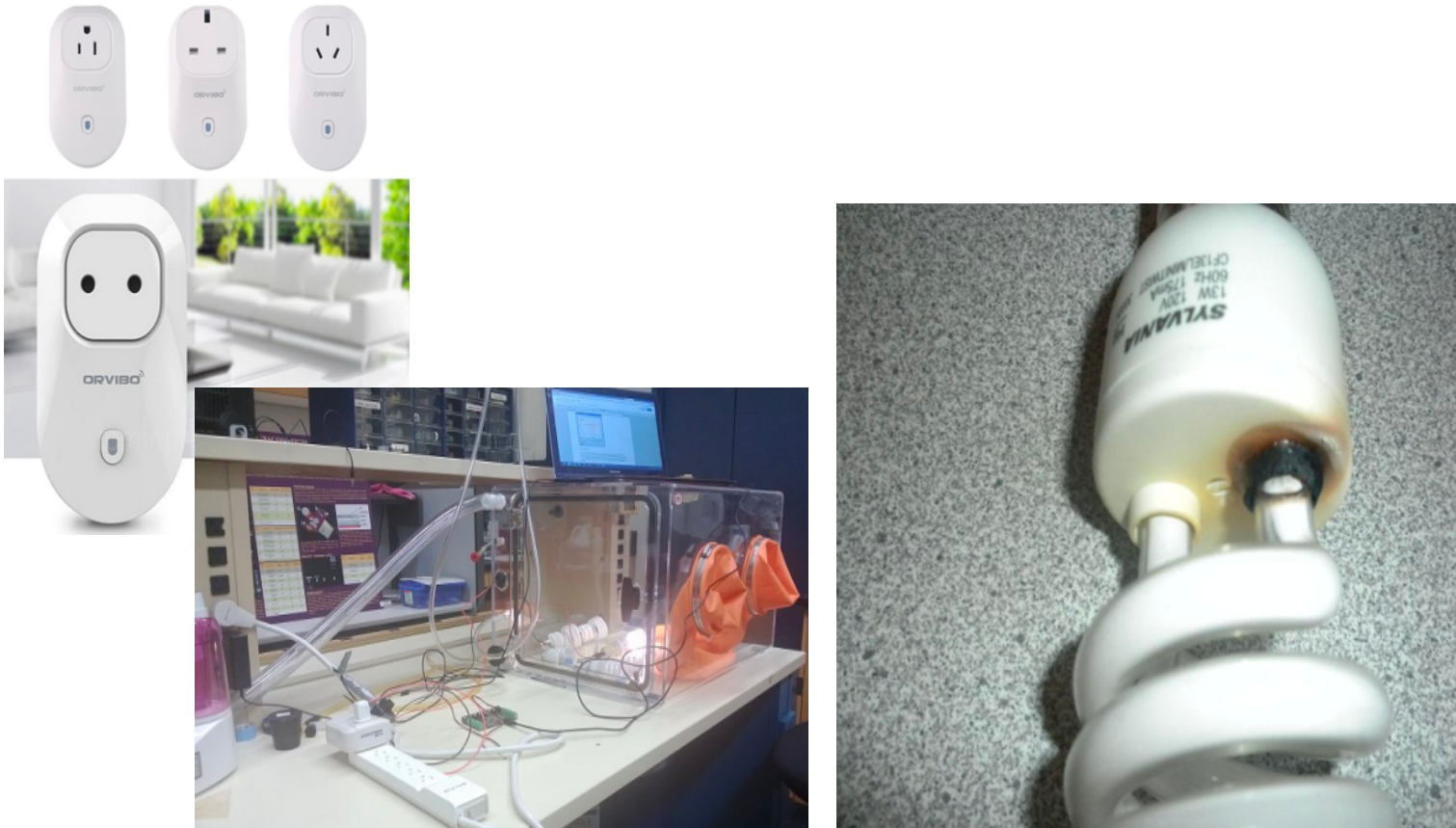
# Example Scenarios: The Modern Automobile



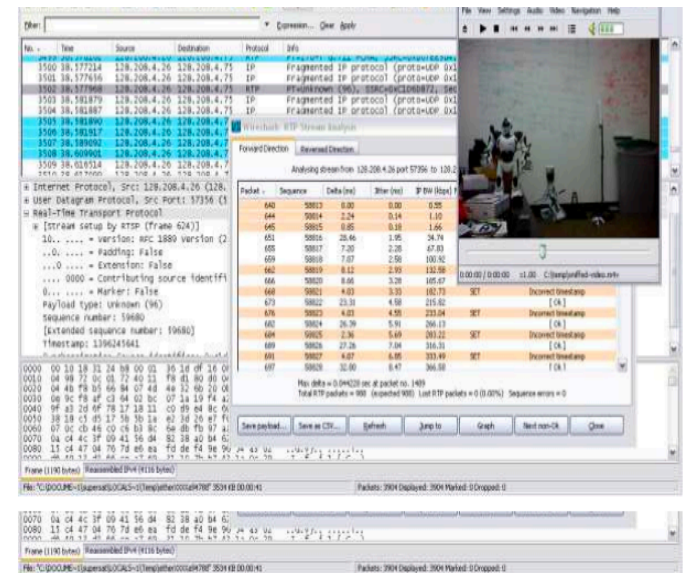
<http://www.autosec.org/>



# Example Scenarios: Home Automation



# Example Scenarios: Connected Toys



# Emerging Challenges

- Physical and safety security is now threatened through a digital connection
- Many more entry points for malware
- Technology abandonment
- “Zombie” devices – Devices that are no longer supported
- Difficult design tradeoffs

# Example of a Design Tradeoff Challenge in IoT

- Updating the firmware of a WiFi-enabled lightbulb





# New Considerations

- Guidelines around physical safety
  - Think about what happens in a home inspection



# New Considerations

- Guidelines need to go beyond just interoperability
  - Think about baby cribs or child car seats and the minimum requirements for them now



U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Safety Guidelines  
[www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov)



# The Future of Smart Environments and IoT

- Huge potential to improve our daily lives (and already is)



# The Future of Smart Environments and IoT

- Will require a much more coordinated effort between the R&D and policy sectors
- Fundamental rethinking of standard and priorities
- Societal adaption and how to manage/mitigate risk (e.g., when opting out is no longer possible)



# Policy Suggestions

- Define lifecycle requirements for IoT devices and the companies that sell them.
- Define objective measures of software quality (akin to existing certification) for a broader range of software/IoT devices
- Consider user interfaces as a part of quality checks (akin to FDA 510k usability tests)
- Create mechanisms for privacy audits. How is information in the home collected, stored and shared?

# Thanks!

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  - <https://ubicomplab.cs.washington.edu/>
- CCC Computing in the Physical World Task Force
  - <http://cra.org/ccc/task-forces/computing-in-the-physical-world/>



# RELATED RESOURCES

- Safety, Security, and Privacy Threats Posed by Accelerating Trends in the Internet of Things
  - <http://cra.org/ccc/SafetyinIoT>
- Systems Computing Challenges in the Internet of Things
  - <http://cra.org/SystemChallengesinIoT>
- Smart and Pervasive Health Research Roadmap: Executive Summary
  - <http://cra.org/ccc/SmartHealthExec>
- AAAS Panel Slides: What Happens When Everyday Objects Become Internet Devices: A Science Policy Agenda
  - <http://cra.org/ccc/CCCatAAAS17>
- CCC Task Forces (<http://cra.org/ccc/task-forces/>)
  - Artificial Intelligence and Robotics Task Force
  - Healthcare Task Force
  - Computing in the Physical World Task Force
  - Convergence of Data and Computing Task Force
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