



Thank you very much for that kind introduction, X.

I welcome the opportunity to spend next few mins sharing with you my thoughts on the extraordinary opportunities for the science and engineering community, in the areas of computing, communication and broadly speaking information technology.

## Context

- CISE is at the center of an ongoing **societal transformation** and will be for decades to come. Advances in computing, communication and information technology:
  - underpin our **economic prosperity and national security**;
  - are a key driver of U.S. **competitiveness** and sustainable **economic growth** in an increasingly global market;
  - **accelerate the pace of discovery and innovation** in nearly all other fields of inquiry;
  - are crucial to achieving our major **national and societal priorities**.



We all recognize that ... a breathtaking pace of advances has brought NIT into the forefront of science, medicine, commerce, transportation, arts and entertainment in ways that were barely imagined twenty five years ago. These advances have transformed the way **we live, work, learn, play, and communicate**.

TODAY ... Networking and Information Technology (NIT) is at the center of an ongoing **societal transformation**:

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- In an increasingly global market, it is a driver of US Competitiveness and has played a pivotal role in our economic growth through innovation and idea-driven “creative” industries.
- It accelerate the pace of scientific discovery and technological innovation in nearly all other fields of scientific and engineering inquiry
- are crucial to achieving our major national and global priorities in energy and transportation, education and life-long learning, healthcare, and national and homeland security

## Pervasive Impact of Computing

- Computing and communication discipline forms a **pervasive intellectual fabric** that intertwines a wide range of disciplines:
  - Scientific discoveries and engineering innovations are at the core of our response to **societal challenges** – sustainability, energy, manufacturing, education and workforce development, healthcare, public safety, cybersecurity, and national defense.
  - Many of tomorrow’s breakthroughs will occur at the **intersections of diverse disciplines.**



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Comment on:

Widespread deployment of low-power sensors

The **explosive growth in size, diversity and complexity of scientific and social data,**

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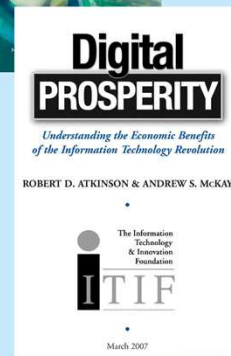
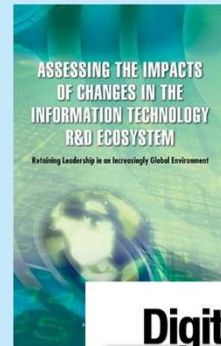
Computation and data-enabled techniques enable automatic extraction of new knowledge about the physical, biological or the cyber world

What’s possible? New insights into science, spot business trends, prevent diseases, manage

our previous natural resources, mitigate natural or man-made disasters.

# Economic Impact of IT

- Growth of IT industry coupled with productivity gains across the entire economy.
- IT industries accounted for 25% of US economic growth since 1995.
- Use and production of IT accounted for ~2/3 of the post-1995 in labor productivity growth.
- IT sector generates jobs: IT jobs have grown 4x faster and pay 75% more than non-IT jobs.
- IT diversifies regional economies to include idea-driven “creative” industries.



Sources: NRC, 2009. *Assessing the Impacts of Changes in the IT R&D Ecosystem*.  
ITIF, 2007. *Digital Prosperity*.

Consider for a moment the enormous economic impact of information technology over the last 25 years:

- The enormous economic impact is not only from the **growth of IT industry** itself, but to a greater extent from IT-enabled **productivity gains** from across the entire economy.
- Since 1995, Networking & IT industries accounted for **25%** of US economic growth.
- The use and production of IT accounted for **roughly 2/3** of the post-1995 step-up in labor productivity growth.
- The IT sector is a **job generator**. IT jobs have grown 4x faster than non-IT jobs (between 1999-2008), and on average pay 75% more.
- Over the last decade, IT has played a pivotal role in the **diversification** of regional economies to include **innovation and idea-driven “creative”** industries. Consider the role of modeling and simulation computation tools, coupled with data-enabled techniques in advanced manufacturing.

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The economic impact of our discipline has been truly phenomenal. Several national academies' studies<sup>1</sup> on the role of federal investments in basic IT R&D, including the 2009 report on "Assessing the Impact of Changes in the IT R&D Ecosystems" highlight this issue.

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# Information Technology and National Priorities



**Broadband & Universal Connectivity**



**Emergency Response & Disaster Resiliency**



**Environment & Sustainability**



**Health & Wellbeing**



**Manufacturing, Robotics, & Smart Systems**



**Secure Cyberspace**



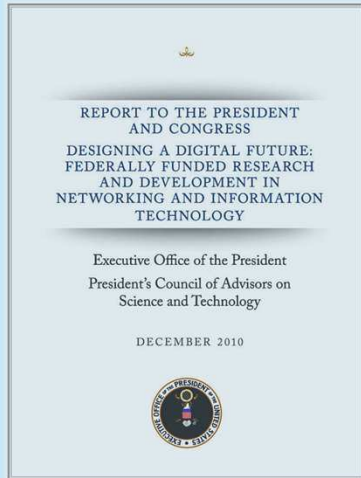
**Transportation & Energy**



**Education and Workforce Development**



## A National Imperative



*“Recent technological and societal trends place the further advancement and application of NIT squarely at the center of our Nation’s ability to achieve essentially all of our priorities and to address essentially all of our challenges.”*



Source: PCAST, 2010. *Designing a Digital Future*.

The latest report by The President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) on the NITRD program, in fact, offers a compelling case for Networking and Information Technology as a NATIONAL IMPERATIVE.

This report, which was released in December of 2010, was developed by a WG led by David Shaw and Ed Lazowska, with significant input from the community.

It brings to focus the benefits that have been achieved through the Nation’s 20-year coordinated investments in Networking and Information Technology Research and Development.

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The President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) conducts periodic congressionally-mandated review of the Federal Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) Program.

Previous PCAST and PITAC reports have positioned NIT principally as central to discovery in science and engineering. This report places NIT as *additionally* central to fields such as health, energy, transportation,

and education. It also focuses heavily on the exceptional role of NIT as an engine of economic growth.



## FY 2013 Budget Request

- **NSF**
  - FY 2013 Budget Request  
\$7,373.10 M
  - Increase over FY 2012 enacted  
\$340M or 4.8%
- **CISE**
  - FY 2013 Budget Request  
\$709.72 M
  - Increase over FY 2012  
estimate \$56.13M or 8.6%
- CISE FY 2013 request is shaped by investments in OneNSF in addition to investments in core research, education, and infrastructure programs.



**The President is requesting a total of \$7.373 billion dollars for NSF in FY 2013. That's an increase of \$340 million, or 4.8 percent above the FY 2012 enacted level.**

The request also includes an increase of \$56M, or 8.6% above the FY2012 estimated level, for the Computer and Information Science and Engineering Directorate.

Quote Subra: **"In today's changing economic landscape, science and technology are the new frontiers of American prosperity. The nation's well being and global competitiveness depend, more than ever before, on the steady stream of new ideas and the highly skilled science, technology, engineering and mathematical talent that the National Science Foundation supports, and particularly the young researchers that NSF so skillfully nurtures."**

**There is overwhelming consensus worldwide that scientific discovery and technological innovation, driven by a creative and skilled science and engineering workforce, are the new engines of economic growth.**

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## CISE Mission

### *Exploring the frontiers of computing*

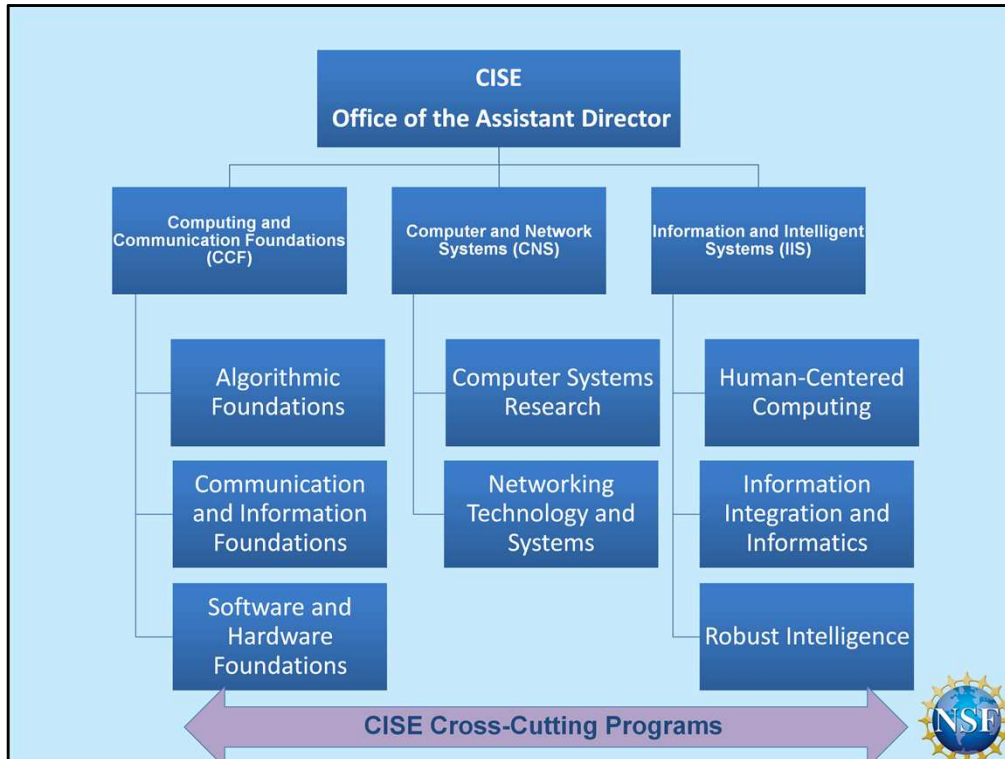
- Promote progress of computer and information science and engineering research and education.
- Promote understanding of the principles and uses of advanced computer, communications, and information systems in service to society.
- Contribute to universal, transparent, and affordable participation in an information-based society.

*These frontiers have interfaces with all the sciences, engineering, education, and humanities and a strong emphasis on innovation for society.*



CISE's mission is to uphold the nation's leadership in computer and information science and engineering through its support for fundamental and transformative advances that are a key driver of economic competitiveness and crucial to achieving national priorities.

contribute to the development of a computing and information technology workforce with skills essential to success in the increasingly competitive, global market.



**The budget request includes substantial increases for core programs in frontier research and for education and human resources.**

CISE continues to cast a wide net and let the best ideas surface, rather than pursuing a prescriptive research agenda. It engages the research community in developing new fundamental ideas, which are then evaluated by the best researchers through the merit review process. This process, which supports the vast majority of unclassified computing research in the United States, has led to innovative and transformative scientific results with enormous economic impact and societal benefits.

## Snapshot of FY 2011 Activities

	CISE
Research Budget (\$M)	\$635M
Number of Proposals	5,998
Number of Awards	1,378
Success Rate	~20%
Average Award Size	\$164K
Number of Panels Held	247
Number of People Supported	14,488



	CISE
Senior Researchers	6,812
Other Professionals	605
Postdoctoral Associates	371
Graduate Students	4,882
Undergraduate Students	1,818

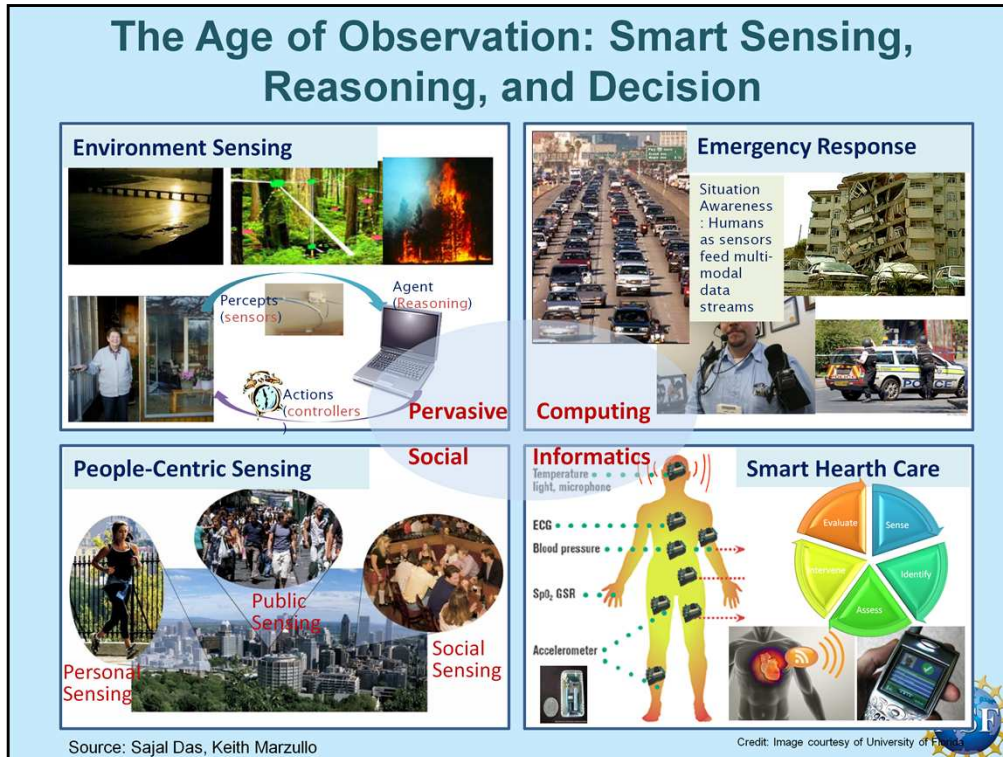




**As Dr. Subra mentioned, OneNSF is a comprehensive vision of how NSF works together on cross-foundational activities to respond to new challenges in a global science and engineering environment that is changing rapidly. It aims to leverage financial and human resources for maximum impact, and it encourages leadership by promoting innovative practices and programs to advance scientific knowledge and STEM education.**

**The OneNSF operational philosophy was put into practice in shaping CISE's strategic budget priorities for FY13.**

**The CISE's budget presents a well-targeted portfolio of innovative investments that align closely with the Administration's priorities. It provides increased support for fundamental research in CISE addressing the Administration's government-wide priorities in critical areas including advanced manufacturing, sustainability, cybersecurity, and education and workforce development.**



The melding of the cyber world with the physical world, a trend that will continue to accelerate in the coming decades as a breathtaking pace of advances has brought computing and communication into all facets of our society, and allows us to record and observe a wide set of phenomena.

In our community, this is being ushered in by widespread deployment of low-power sensors ranging

- from tiny specialized communicating processors (“smart dust”) and
- specialized sensors (in body sensors, structural sensors, power sensors) to
- mobile phone-based sensors (geolocation, vibration, etc).

Enabling applications including:

- sensing environmental information (air quality, beach erosion),
- physical structural information (health of bridges and buildings, power consumption of buildings and campuses)
- Emergency response during man-made or natural disasters
- social data and health information.

Of course, we can often do more than just monitor and observe:

we can combine disparate sources of data to create a deeper form of reasoning, and we can make decisions, i.e. control or react

Instrument, observe, analyze and respond.

## Cyber-Enabled Materials, Manufacturing, and Smart Systems (CEMMSS)

*Accelerating advances in 21<sup>st</sup> century smart engineered systems*

**OneNSF investment: \$257.42M, CISE: \$91.0M**

- Creating smart systems that sense, respond, and adapt to the environment.
- In partnership with BIO, ENG, MPS, and OCI, CISE aims to:
  - Establish scientific basis for engineered systems interdependent with physical world and social systems;
  - Synthesize multi-disciplinary knowledge to model and simulate systems in full complexity and dynamics; and
  - Develop a smart systems technology framework.
- CISE focus in CEMMSS includes Advanced Manufacturing, Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS), and National Robotics Initiative (NRI).



**NSF’s Cyber-enabled Materials, Manufacturing, and Smart Systems (CEMMSS) is a path-breaking effort to develop “smart” systems that can sense, respond and adapt to changes in the environment. The program brings together researchers and educators from the areas of advanced manufacturing, materials science, cyber-physical systems and robotics to build an integrated community of interest and stimulate new directions in research.**

# Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS)

*Deeply integrating computation, communication, and control into physical systems*

- Aims to develop the core system science needed to engineer complex “smart” cyber-physical systems.
- Serves multiple key national priorities: transportation, energy, healthcare, and critical infrastructure.
- Cross-Directorate : CISE & ENG
- Also cooperates with other government agencies to support cyber-physical systems research that is relevant to their missions.



## Transportation

- Faster and safer aircraft
- Improved use of airspace
- Safer, more efficient cars



## Energy and Industrial Automation

- Homes and offices that are more energy efficient and cheaper to operate
- Distributed micro-generation for the grid



## Healthcare and Biomedical

- Increased use of effective in-home care
- More capable devices for diagnosis
- New internal and external prosthetics



## Critical Infrastructure

- More reliable power grid
- Highways that allow denser traffic with increased safety

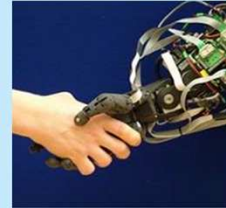




## National Robotics Initiative (NRI)

*Developing the next generation of collaborative robots to enhance personal safety, health, and productivity*

- A concerted cross-agency program to provide U.S. leadership in science and engineering research and education aimed at the development of next generation robotics.
  - Multi-agency commitment: NSF, NASA, NIH, USDA
  - NSF: CISE, ENG, SBE, EHR Directorates
- Serves multiple key national priorities: advanced manufacturing, emergency response, healthcare and homeland security.
- Strong coupling with industry and startups, through SBIRs.
- Emphasizes common platforms & standard interfaces.
- Will sponsor national competitions, outreach, & education.



Credit: Bristol Robotics Lab



To assess the opportunities and challenges for a national robotics initiative, over 140 robotics experts from industry, laboratories, and universities from across the country joined forces to produce a definitive report entitled: *A Roadmap for US Robotics- From Internet to Robotics, May 21, 2009* (<http://www.us-robotics.us/reports/CCC Report.pdf>).

The primary purposes of this initiative are to provide leadership in research fundamental to the development of the next generation of robotics, particularly co-robotics, to advance the capability and usability of such systems and artifacts, and to encourage existing and new communities to focus on innovative applications areas. Co-robots establish a symbiotic relationship with their persons,

## A World of Cyber Threats

- DDoS attacks
- Worms
- Trojan Horses
- Spyware
- Botnets
- Phishing
- Insider misuse
- Data theft



We have seen a dramatic increase in size, complexity and diversity of cyber attacks across the Internet over the last decade.

Words such as worms, viruses, identity theft, denial-of-service attacks, botnets, spyware, phishing attacks are now part of our lexicon.

As the world moves online ... as we become more reliant on information technology and as we become more digitally connected, the impact of cyber attacks can be seen in every aspects of our lives.

## Cyber Security Challenge

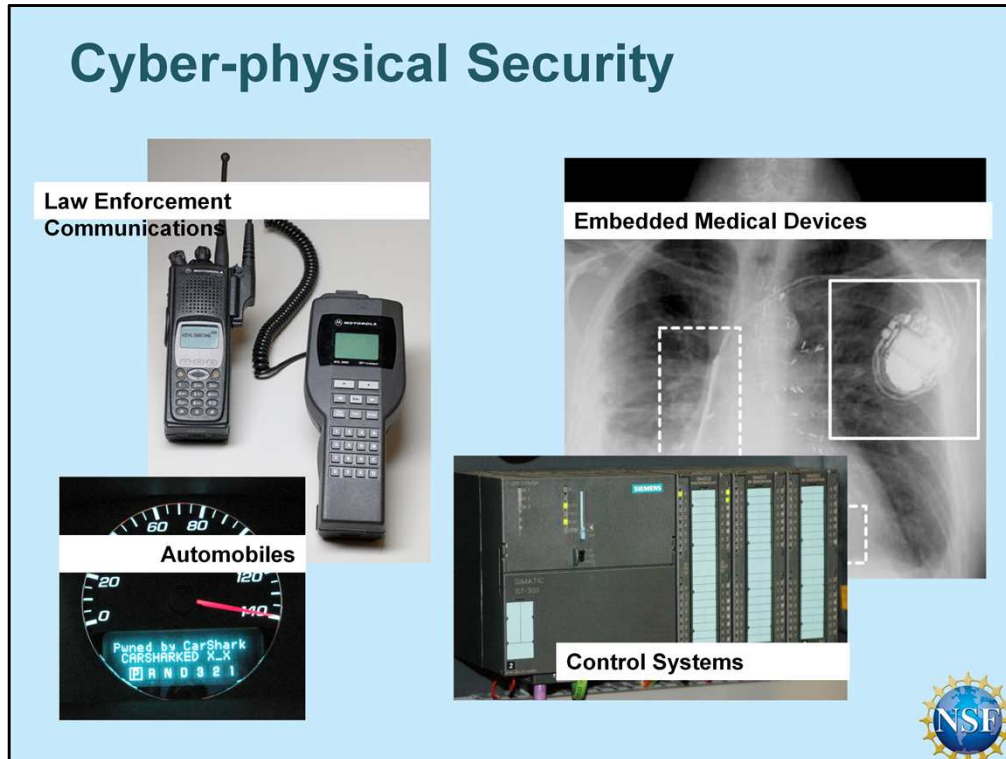
- **Attacks and defenses co-evolve:** a system that was secure yesterday might no longer be secure tomorrow.
- The technology base of our systems is frequently updated to improve functionality, availability, and/or performance. **New systems introduce new vulnerabilities** that need new defenses.
- The **environments** in which our computing systems are deployed and the functionality they provide are **dynamic**, e.g. cloud computing, mobile platforms.
- As **automation pervades new platforms**, vulnerabilities will be found in critical infrastructure, automotive systems, medical devices.
- The **sophistication** of attackers is increasing as well as their sheer **number** and the **specificity** of their targets.
- Cyber security is a **multi-dimensional** problem requiring expertise from CS, mathematics, economics, behavioral and social sciences.



*- The Nation's critical infrastructure, and, more generally, the Internet, play a vital role in tightly integrating the economic, political, and social fabric of society. These interdependencies leave the Nation vulnerable to a wide range of threats that challenge the security, reliability, availability, and overall trustworthiness of all information technology resources. Overcoming this present vulnerability is a major challenge as well as a significant opportunity. It calls for long-term investments in a spectrum of scientific and technical areas in computer science, mathematics, economics, social sciences, and education.*

- Achieving system trustworthiness is not purely a technology problem: social engineering, usable mechanisms, incentives.

# Cyber-physical Security



Each sector that becomes cyber-enabled becomes vulnerable to attack. Healthcare, education, and finance are already at risk, and physical infrastructure – manufacturing, energy production, and transportation – will be next. This trend toward increasingly cyber-physical systems, the integration of computation, communication, and control into physical systems, will continue to offer new challenges.

Consider, for example, the recent STUXNET worm. Discovered in July 2010, this worm targeted SCADA systems that were configured to monitor and control a kind of centrifuge used in Iranian nuclear fuel processing facilities.

1. "We monitored sensitive transmissions about operations by agents in every Federal law enforcement agency in the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security," wrote the researchers, who were led by computer science professor Matt Blaze and plan to reveal their findings Wednesday in a paper at the Usenix Security Symposium in San Francisco. [http://www.usenix.org/events/sec11/tech/full\\_papers/Clark.pdf](http://www.usenix.org/events/sec11/tech/full_papers/Clark.pdf)
2. A team of computer security researchers planned to report Wednesday that it had been able to gain wireless access to a combination heart defibrillator and pacemaker. They were able to reprogram it to shut down and to deliver jolts of electricity that could potentially have been fatal if the device had been in a person. In this case, the researchers were hacking into a device in a laboratory. The researchers said they had also been able to glean personal patient data by eavesdropping on signals from the tiny wireless radio that Medtronic, the device's maker, had embedded in the implant as a way to let doctors monitor and adjust it without surgery. <http://www.secure-medicine.org/icd-study/icd-study.pdf>
3. Researchers at the University of Washington and the University of California, San Diego, have taken a close look at the computer systems used to run today's cars and discovered new ways to hack into them, sometimes with frightening results. In a paper set to be presented at a security conference in Oakland, California, next week, the researchers say that by connecting to a standard diagnostic computer port included in late-model cars, they were able to do some nasty things, such as turning off the brakes, changing the speedometer reading, blasting hot air or music on the radio, and locking passengers in the car. <http://www.autosec.org/pubs/cars-oakland2010.pdf>
4. Stuxnet is a computer worm discovered in June 2010. It targets Siemens industrial software and equipment running Microsoft Windows. While it is not the first time that hackers have targeted industrial systems, it is the first discovered malware that spies on and subverts industrial systems,[3] and the first to include a programmable logic controller (PLC) rootkit. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stuxnet>

## Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace (SaTC)

*Securing our Nation's cyberspace*

**OneNSF investment: \$110.25 M, CISE: \$69.0 M**

- Cross-directorate partnership among CISE, EHR, ENG, MPS, OCI, and SBE to build a cybersecure society and provide a strong competitive edge in the Nation's ability to produce high-quality digital systems and a well-trained cybersecurity workforce.
- Supports the Comprehensive National Cybersecurity Initiative (CNCI).
- Aligns with the President's *Strategic Plan for the Federal Cybersecurity Research and Development Program* (released December 2011).



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**Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace (SaTC) is a broad research and education program designed to protect the Nation's critical information technology infrastructure, including the Internet, from a wide range of threats that challenge its security and reliability.**

**As President Obama has pointed out, the “cyber threat is one of the most serious economic and national security challenges we face as a nation” The cybersecurity vulnerabilities in our government and critical infrastructure are a risk to national security, public safety, and economic prosperity.**

Securing our nation's cyberspace requires long-term investments across statistical, mathematical, economic, human, computational, and computer sciences and ultimately in the transition of new concepts and technologies into practice.

## Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace (SaTC)



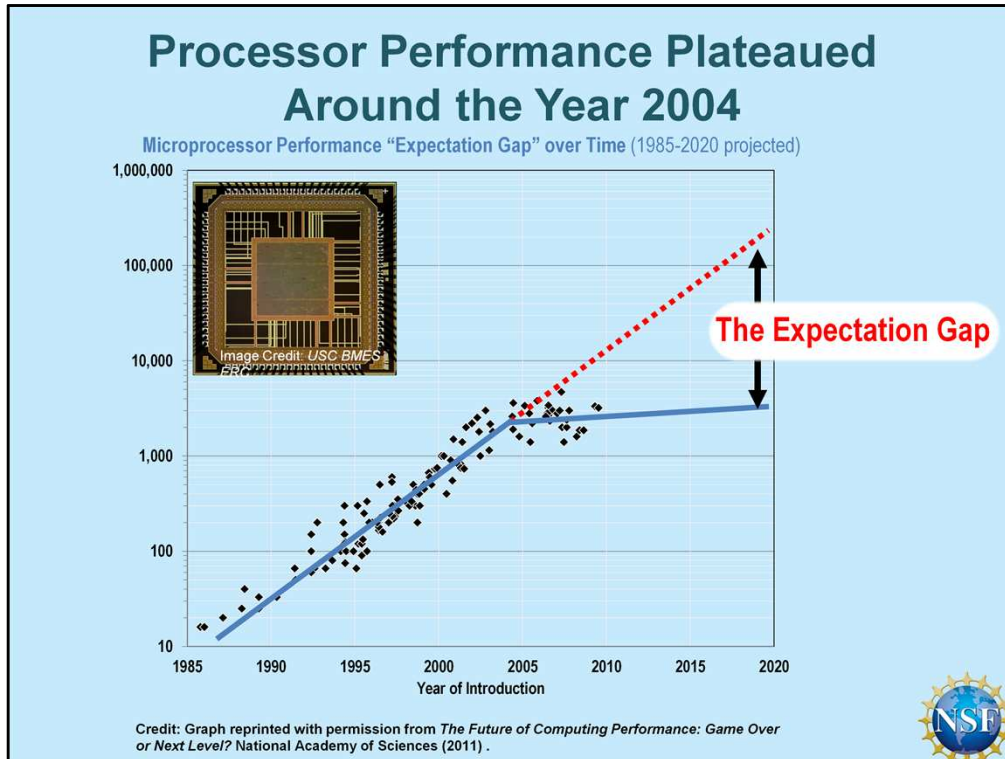
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- **SaTC solicitation** addresses cybersecurity from one or more of three perspectives:
  - Trustworthy Computing Systems
  - Social, Behavioral and Economics
  - Transition to Practice
- **Scholarship for Service (SFS)** will increase the number of qualified students entering the fields of information assurance and cybersecurity.
  - Of over 1500 funded through the program, over 1100 have been placed in Federal agencies.



The Foundation's **Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace (SaTC)** investment aims to provide the scientific basis for designing, building, and operating a cyberinfrastructure that can resist attacks and be tailored to meet a wide range of technical and policy requirements. The effort also encourages state-of-the-art research in the design of incentives that either reduce the likelihood of cyber attacks or the negative effects arising from them. This innovative research will improve the resilience of operating systems, software, hardware, and critical infrastructure while preserving privacy, promoting usability, and ensuring trustworthiness through foundational research and prototype deployments.

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Single-Processor performance has plateaued

Decades of exponential growth (Moore's law) stalled around 2004 due to the fact (clock speed frequency has not kept up) because of the physical limitation of heat-density in CMOS devices

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Scientists and users have an enormous appetite for speed and performance

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- physics, materials, biology, climate, etc.

Support of national defense will always demand more processing power than our adversaries

Consumer and enterprise application needs

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**Applications** include training simulations, autonomous robotic vehicles, airport security, surveillance, video analytics, infrastructure defense against cyber attacks, data analysis for intelligence



Both **consumer and enterprise needs** are increasing.

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Consumer needs and enterprise applications: ubiquity of digital data and growth in the population of users who are not tech savvy.

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## There are multiple solutions to this problem

of single processor performance bottleneck

**Happening now**

- Architectural innovations with multi-core and many-core
- Domain-specific integrated circuits
- Energy-efficient computing and new processor architectures

**Near term solutions**

- Need to fully exploit broadly available concurrency and parallelism
- Algorithmic innovations exploiting parallelism
- Software systems leading to improved performance

**Long term solutions**

- New materials (e.g., carbon nanotubes, graphene based devices)
- Non-charge transfer devices; (e.g., electron spin)
- Bio, nano, and quantum devices

Research supported by CISE goes beyond improvements to processor performance -

One way around performance scaling dilemma is to construct chip multi-processors (CMPs), or multi-core microprocessors. The idea is to use less aggressive processor-core design to reduce energy (heat) dissipation per instruction and at the same time, using multiple processor cores (CPUs) to scale the overall chip performance.

Another approach is application-specific integrated circuits --- e.g. specialized peta-scale ( $10^{15}$  FLOPS) supercomputers (at LBNL) for climate modeling.

Architectural innovations and development of new algorithms and software will enable concurrency and parallelism, allowing for immediate improved systems performance.

We also make investments which will lead to improved performance in the future. For example, new materials development, non-charge transfer devices, and quantum devices serve as alternative ways to improve computing performance.

BUT there is no known alternative to parallel systems for sustaining growth in computing performance.

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 Device Physics:  
 Very recently, IBM has developed a 12 Atom magnetic storage bit—likely the smallest device they can make before quantum properties take over. Also, physicists at University of New South Wales have built a 4 atom wire.

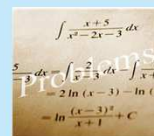
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## Computing Research Agenda Centered on Parallelism and Concurrency

- **Computational models** to enable new ways of “thinking parallel”
- **Programming languages** to enable effective expression of parallelism at every scale
- **Algorithms** to better exploit parallelism and concurrency
- **Software systems** capable of handling both small and extreme-scale data systems and data analytics
- **Software Architectures** to enable resilient computation at scale
- **Parallel architectures** to achieve energy- and power-efficiency, resilient and secure systems, possibly customized for applications
- **Techniques to map legacy applications onto parallel architectures**
- **Rethinking the canonical computing “stack”** applications, programming language, compiler, run time systems, OS, architecture



Credit: Fermilab Photo



Parallelism has gone mainstream ... not about supercomputers anymore ...different ecosystem from desktops, to clusters, to data centers and supercomputers

Successful software abstractions are needed to enable programmers to express

The parallelism that is inherent in a program

The dependences between operations

Structure a program to enhance locality

*All without being bogged down in low-level architectural details*

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The future stack must enable the optimization of the **five key challenges** to scalable and efficient performance:

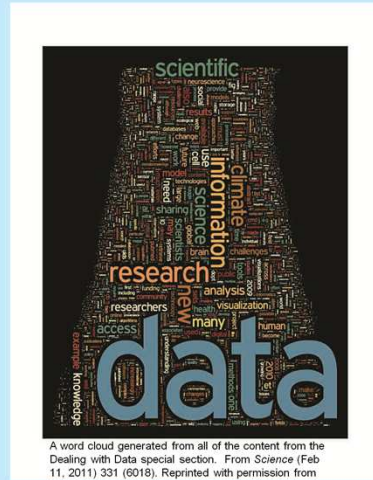
- Independent threads
- Communication
- Locality
- Synchronization, and
- Load-balancing.

Some trends in hardware architecture:

- Multiple processors sharing a memory, e.g. multicore/multiprocessors
- Multiple computers interconnected via a high-speed comm network.
- Single processor containing multiple execution units, e.g. DSPs, VLIW processors
- Array of specialized processors, e.g. GPGPU.

## Explosive Growth in Size, Complexity, and Data Rates

- **Enormous static or streaming data sets** are generated by modern experiments and observations
- **Automatic extraction of new knowledge** about the physical, biological and cyber world continues to accelerate
- **Data-driven discovery is** revolutionizing scientific exploration and engineering innovations
- Multi-cores, concurrent and parallel algorithms, virtualization and advanced server architectures will enable **data mining and machine learning**, and **discovery and visualization of “Big Data”**



1) We are in a period where it's been called the "Era of Observation" or the "Era of Data and Information." Actually, the truth is that we're drowning in the DATA TSUNAMI

2) We have seen an Explosive Growth in Size, Complexity and Data Rates generated by generated by modern experimental and observational methods.

**3) Today, science gathers data at an ever-increasing rate across all scales and complexities of natural phenomena. We need to store, integrate, and extract meaning and information from all of these raw numbers and data points.**

The explosive growth of scientific and social data:

4) Creates enormous opportunities in harnessing large-scale data, turning it into information and extracting knowledge from it.

In other words, storage and accessing data is just the beginning. We need to go from Data → Predictive Models → Decision Analysis

5) Enabled by data mining and machine learning, discovery and visualization techniques, the shift toward indirect, automatic extraction of new knowledge about the physical and biological world, and social and behavioral trends continues to accelerate.

Time permitting --- for CS community

6) What's possible: New insights into science, spot business trends, prevent diseases, manage our previous resources such water better, ...

This is all enabled by cheap storage, huge data centers, easier access and programmability, and advances in hardware architectures and data management tools.

## Cyberinfrastructure Framework for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Science and Engineering (CIF21)

*Accelerating the progress of scientific discovery and innovation*

**OneNSF investment: \$106.08 M, CISE: \$16.0 M**

- **Advanced Computational Infrastructure (ACI) investments:**
  - Foundational research to fully exploit parallelism and concurrency through innovations in computational models and languages, mathematics and statistics, algorithms, compilers, operating and run-time systems, and software and analytic tools.
  - Distributed systems at scale – multi-core and multi-machine systems – with computational models and new programming paradigms for distributed approaches, such as cloud and cluster computing.



**Cyberinfrastructure Framework for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Science and Engineering (CIF21) provides a framework for integrating cyberinfrastructure in research at all scales, and across every discipline. These powerful tools will increase the productivity of research and promote new ways for discovery.**

**CISE's investments in CiF21 is focused in two broad areas:**

- ACI
- foundational research for managing, analyzing, visualizing, and extracting useful information from large, diverse, distributed, and heterogeneous data sets.

# Cyberinfrastructure Framework for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Science and Engineering (CIF21)

*Accelerating the progress of scientific discovery and innovation*

- Advance **big data** science and engineering through support of foundational research for managing, analyzing, visualizing, and extracting useful information from large, diverse, distributed, and heterogeneous data sets.

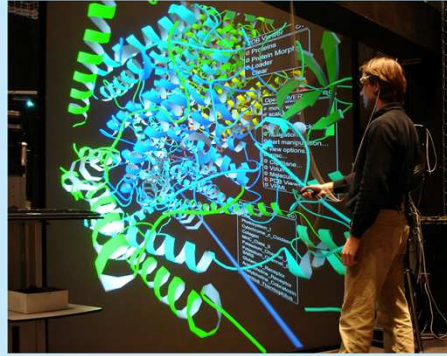


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## Towards a Sustainable Future



*Of all the challenges we face as a nation and as a planet, none is as pressing as the three-pronged challenge of **climate change**, **sustainable development** and the need to foster **new and cleaner sources of energy**.*

(Office of Science and Technology Policy,  
Executive Office of the President)



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# Science, Engineering, and Education for Sustainability (SEES)

*Informing the societal actions needed for environmental and economic sustainability and sustainable human well-being*

**OneNSF investment: \$202.50 M, CISE: \$11.50 M**

## Multiple roles for computer science:

<b>Monitoring:</b> Scalable sensing & data collection	<b>Data:</b> Storage, retrieval, analysis, visualization, and understanding	<b>Scalability:</b> Parallelization, cloud computing, multi-level modeling, software engineering	<b>Addressing Complexity:</b> Machine learning, autonomous & human assisted control	<b>Behavior Modeling &amp; Change:</b> Game theory, social networking
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**Science, Engineering and Education for Sustainability (SEES) is NSF's flagship portfolio to address pressing issues of clean energy and sustainability.**



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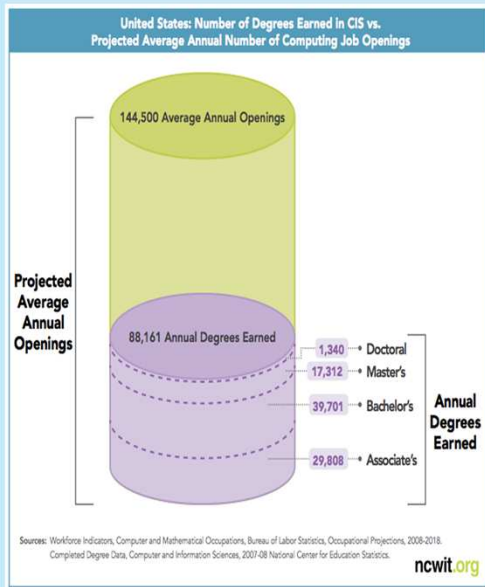
- Underproduction of degrees
- Underrepresentation
- Lack of a presence in K-12



The computing community faces three significant and interrelated challenges in workforce development that go beyond those faced in the other STEM disciplines: underproduction of degrees, underrepresentation, and lack of a presence in K-12.



## Underproduction



## Underrepresentation

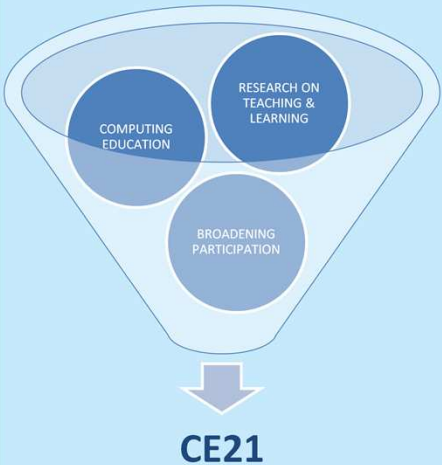
- Women, African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans and indigenous people, and persons with disabilities—together representing 70% of our population—participate in very low number in computing.
- While there are disciplines with lower numbers (physics and engineering), computing is the only field where the gender gap has grown over the last 20 years (mostly at the undergraduate level).



Education and Workforce Development – heading and this goes later


## Computing Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (CE21)

***Enhancing computational competencies***



CE21

- Increase number and diversity of K-14 students and teachers who develop and practice computational competencies
- Increase number of postsecondary students who have background necessary to pursue degrees in computing and computationally-intensive fields
- Cross-Directorate Program: CISE, EHR, OCI



*Basic educational research* on the learning and teaching of computing (EHR style research)

*Computing education* (creation and assessment of content, curriculum, materials, etc.)

*Broadening participation* (development and evaluation of engagement, recruitment, and retention activities for underrepresented groups)

Note the centrality of BP to this solicitation. The argument for including it as an integral part of the solicitation is that (1) it will not serve us well as a field if we continue to develop curriculum, materials, and pedagogy that appeals to only 30% of our population – so education efforts must be informed by BP, and (2) it is not enough to engage students from the underrepresented groups, we must also increase their capacity and move them along the continuum to degrees and careers – so BP efforts must be informed by what we’re learning about best practices in education.

CE21 was intended to have a strong BP component. All proposals had BP as a third review criteria.

Note as well that we see the CS 10K Project to some extent as a diversity/equity effort: high resources schools do have academic computer science curriculum but most low resourced schools do not (if they have “CS” courses at all, they teach keyboarding and how to use

office products).

## Cyberlearning: Transforming Education

*Improving learning by integrating emerging technologies with knowledge from research about how people learn*



Image Credit: Georgia Computes! Georgia Tech

- Cross-Directorate Program: CISE, EHR, SBE, OCI
- Aims to:
  - Design ways that innovative tools can be effectively integrated into learning,
  - Understand how people learn with technology, and
  - Implement new technologies into learning environments in ways so that their potential is fulfilled.



Script from WH announcement:

"As technology advances at rapid speed, realizing the potential of new learning technologies depends on more than inventing exciting tools and resources. Success also depends on designing ways that innovative tools can be effectively integrated into learning, on understanding their impact on learning, and on supporting teachers with the resources to use them well."

"The goal of this joint program between CISE, EHR, SBE, and OCI, is to improve learning by integrating emerging technologies with knowledge from research about how people learn."

## Innovation Corps (I-Corps)

*Accelerating innovations from the laboratory to the market*

**OneNSF investment: \$18.85 M, CISE: \$6.0 M**



Develop and nurture a national innovation ecosystem that builds upon fundamental research to guide the output of scientific discoveries closer to the development of technologies, products and processes that benefit society.

Supports NSF strategic plan: enhances our nation's economic competitiveness by "reaching out to a range of communities that play complementary roles in the innovation process and are essential to ensuring the impact of NSF Investments."<sup>1</sup>

Increases networking opportunities: aims to help create a national network of scientists, engineers, innovators, business leaders and entrepreneurs, building on existing NSF grantee events.

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<sup>1</sup>*"Empowering the Nation through Discovery and Innovation," NSF Strategic Plan, April 2011 .*

## CISE Cross-Cutting Programs

- Expeditions in Computing
- Computing Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (CE21)
- Smart Health and Wellbeing
- Enhancing Access to the Radio Spectrum (EARS)
- Mid-scale Research Infrastructure
- Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER)



# Expeditions-in-Computing

*Exploring scientific frontiers that promise disruptive innovations in computing*

- \$10M total per project (\$2M/year per award for 5 years)

## Beyond Moore's Law

- *Variability-aware Software for Efficient Computing with Nanoscale Devices*, UCSD, UCLA, UIUC, Stanford, Michigan, 2010
- *Customizable Domain-Specific Computing*, UCLA, UCSB, Rice, Ohio State, 2009
- *The Molecular Programming Project*, CalTech, U Washington, 2008

## Complexity Theory, Quantum Computing, & Cryptography

- *Understanding, Coping with, and Benefiting from Intractability* – Princeton, Rutgers, NYU, Institute for Advanced Study, 2008

## Healthcare & Wellbeing

- *Computational Behavioral Science: Modeling, Analysis, and Visualization of Social and Communicative Behavior*, Georgia Tech, MIT, Boston U, UIUC, USC, Carnegie Mellon, 2010
- *Next-Generation Model Checking and Abstract Interpretation with a Focus on Embedded Control and Systems Biology*, Carnegie Mellon, Stony Brook, NYU, UMD, Pitt, Lehman College, JPL, 2009

## Sustainability & Environment

- *Understanding Climate Change: A Data Driven Approach* – Minnesota, Northwestern, NC State, NC A&T State, 2010
- *Computational Sustainability: Computational Methods for a Sustainable Environment, Economy, and Society* – Cornell, Oregon State, Bowdoin, 2008

## Robotics

- *RoboBees: A Convergence of Body, Brain and Colony* – Harvard, Northeastern, 2009



## Wireless & Internet

- *Open Programmable Mobile Internet 2020*, Stanford, 2008



4 years into it ... we've made 10 awards – many of which are having great impact on advancing not only the frontiers for computing, but for science as a whole. Cite example – Understanding Climate Change or RoboBees

## Wrap Up

Advances in computing and information technology promise to reshape our world with more responsive, secure, and efficient systems:

- transform the way we live
- drive economic prosperity
- underpin national security
- enhance societal well-being





## Smart Infrastructure

*Imagine a world where...  
static infrastructure is adaptable and safe*



Static infrastructures, such as buildings and bridges, are transformed into *smart* spaces that adapt to consumption, growth, and/or changing environmental needs or can continuously monitor and identify risk, moderate the impact of failures, and avoid disasters through the use of networked instrumentation and software control.

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Civil engineers can continuously monitor and identify at risk man-made structures like bridges, moderate the impact of failures, and avoid disasters.

## Environment and Sustainability

*Imagine a world where...*

*we can forecast and mitigate ecological change*



Image Credit: Nicole Rager Fuller, National Science Foundation

By developing rich ecological and environmental monitoring systems, we can create accurate models that support forecasting and management of increasingly stressed resources.



We can improve quality of life through personalized healthcare and assistive technologies, enabled in part by robust, usable, and trustworthy wearable mobile devices integrated with instrumented environments.

We can create a healthcare system that helps people prevent and manage chronic and acute diseases in their own every day context; robots extend independent living for seniors; and devices worn or embedded in the home can report adverse health events.

## Smart Grids

*Imagine a world where...  
energy is efficiently used and intelligently*



Image Credit: Cisco, Inc.

We can efficiently manage energy through the deployment of intelligent sensor networks and distributed control and decision capabilities. These smart grids will improve resource utilization, reduce congestion, and enable real-time response and real-time pricing.

## Emergency Response

*Imagine a world where...  
we can prevent, mitigate, and recover from disasters*



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During the time of a natural disaster or a national emergency, *unmanned* search, rescue, and recovery is a reality through the use of autonomous, highly coordinated, and remotely operated robots in shared physical spaces – the promise of distributed, low-power sensing combined with communications and control.

## Transportation: Safety and Energy

*Imagine a world where...  
traffic fatalities no longer exist*



Your car will be able to drive you safely and securely to your destination, where traffic fatalities are uncommon rather than daily events.

Your home and car both consume energy from – and provide energy to – the electricity grid, and where advanced controls can provide substantial energy savings that can decouple the economic benefits of transportation from regional and global environmental impacts.

# Cybersecurity

*Imagine a world where...*

*a cyber-enabled world is secure*



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Computing and communications are safe, secure, and private enabling defense of our Nation, assured use of our critical infrastructure and commerce, and enhanced individual liberty.

## Commitment to Research and Education in CISE

- As a field of inquiry, computer, communication and information science and engineering has a **rich intellectual agenda** – highly creative, highly interactive, with enormous possibilities for changing the world!
- A thriving basic research community is the foundation for long-term **discovery** and **innovation, economic prosperity, and national security**.
- Our investments in **research and education** have returned exceptional dividends to our nation.
- **“To keep those benefits flowing, we need to constantly replenish the wellspring of new ideas and train new talent.” –Subra Suresh**



CISE’s mission is to uphold the nation's leadership in computer and information science and engineering through its support for fundamental and transformative advances that are a key driver of economic competitiveness and crucial to achieving national priorities.

contribute to the development of a computing and information technology workforce with skills essential to success in the increasingly competitive, global market.



## **CISE: *Exploring the frontiers of computing***

Core programs are integral to explore the frontiers of computing, communication, and information science and engineering

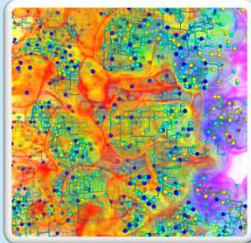


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**Subra: “The Foundation plays a vital role in ensuring that America remains at the epicenter of the ongoing revolution in research and innovation that is driving twenty-first century economies. More than ever, the future prosperity and well being of Americans depend on sustained investments in our science and technology.”**



*Thanks!*

