

# **CURIE Academy 2021**

## **Design Project: Computing at the Edge**



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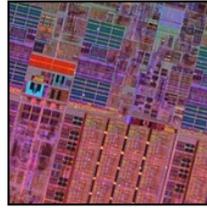
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12:45-3:45	<b>Electrical and Computer Engineering</b>				
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4:15-4:55	Workshop <b>CBE</b> Prof. Rong Yang <a href="#">Zoom</a>	Information Session Engineering Admissions Beth Kunz <a href="#">Zoom</a>	Workshop <b>MSE</b> Dshemuchadse <a href="#">Zoom</a>	Workshop <b>BME</b> Meulen <a href="#">Zoom</a>	Workshop <b>MAE</b> Andarawis-Puri <a href="#">Zoom</a>
35 min	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
5:30-	Escape Room	Cornell e-Tour & Trivia	Game Night	Talent Show	Program Closing (5:30-6:20 pm) & Presentations



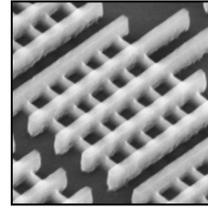
Power Systems



Computer Engineering



Electrical Circuits



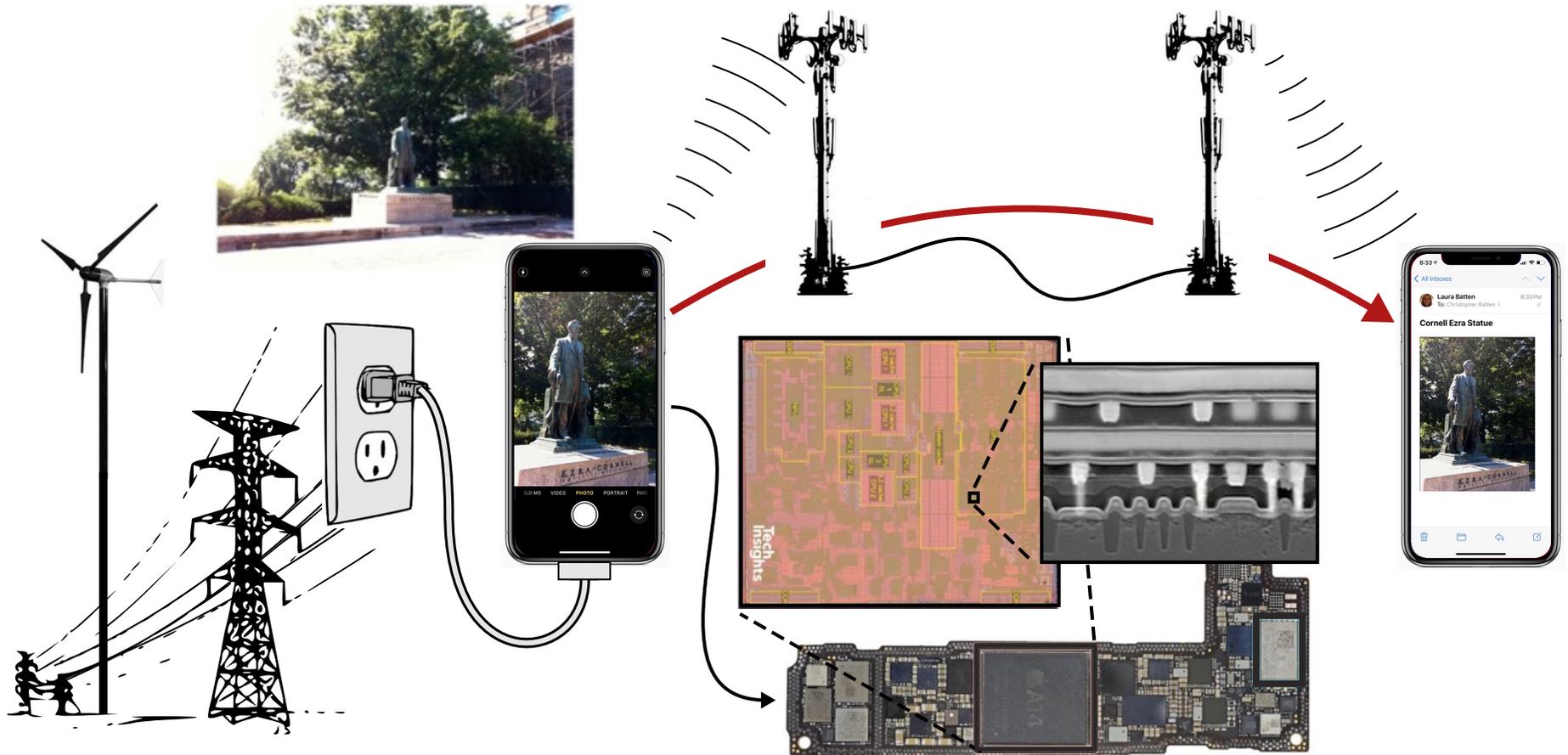
Electrical Devices



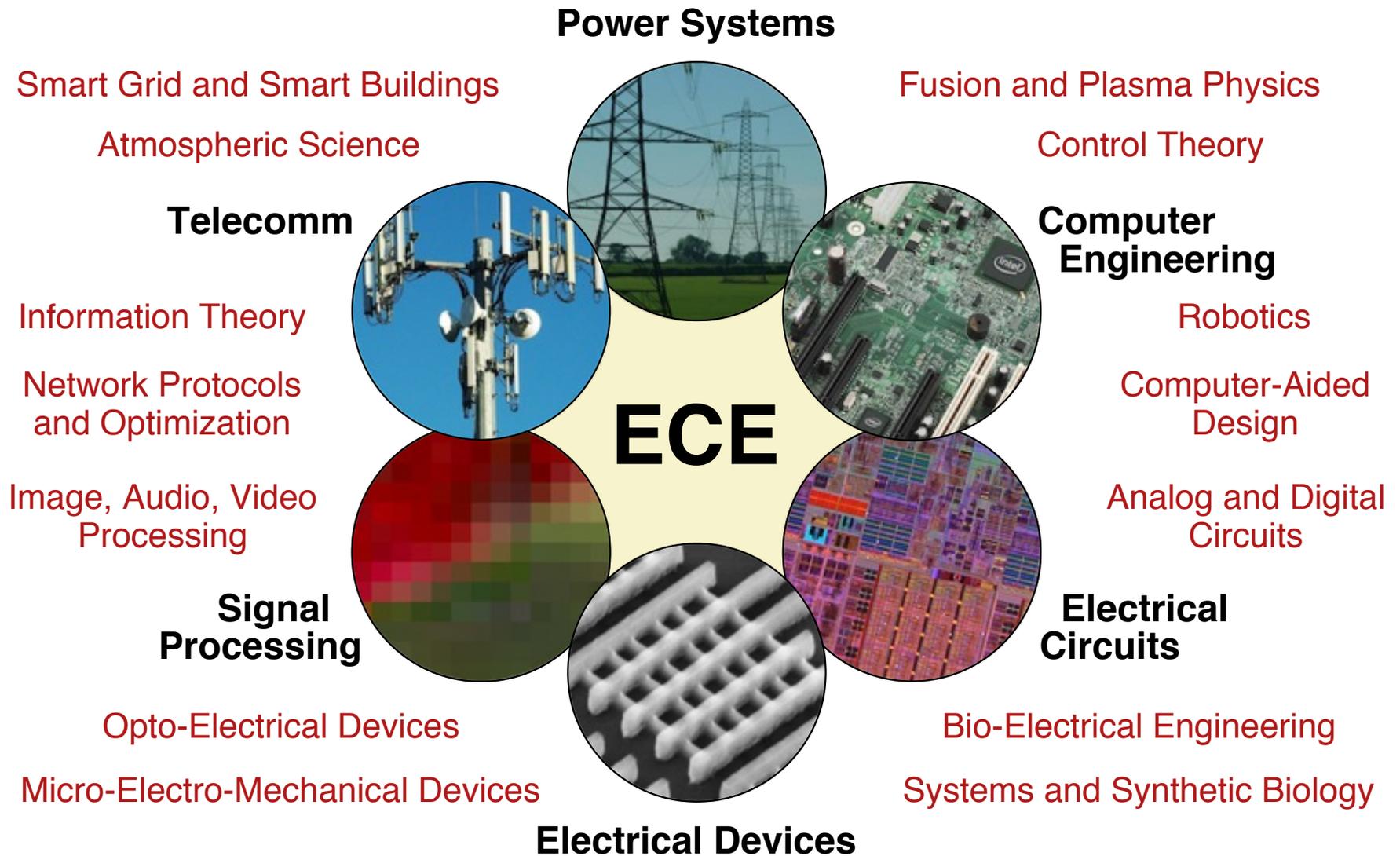
Signal Processing



Telecomm



# ECE is the Study and Application of Electricity, Micro-Electronics, and Electro-Magnetism



# ECE is everywhere!

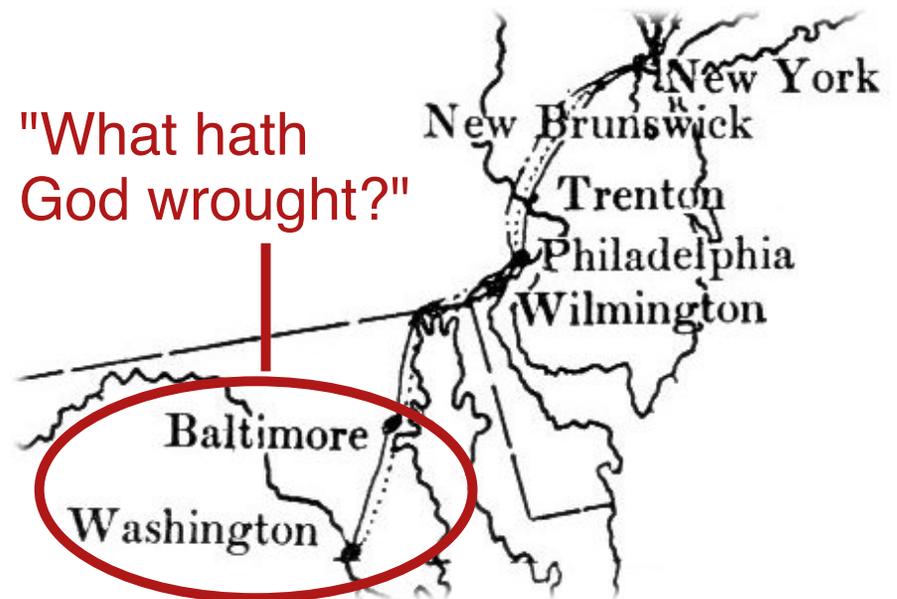


# Cornell was founded because of ECE!

**Samuel Morse** invented the telegraph (a digital communication device), but needed help building the network

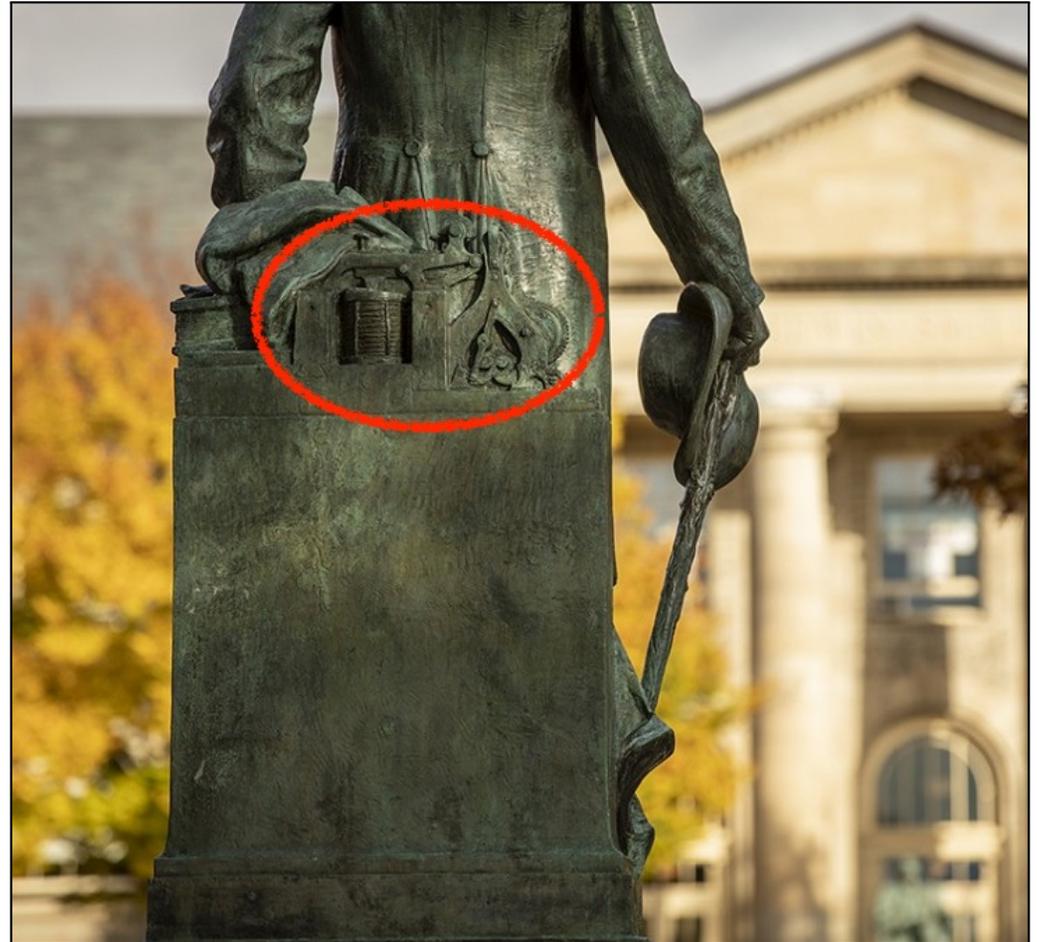


**Ezra Cornell** built the first telegraph line (the beginning of telecommunications), and invested in the Western Union Telegraph Co



**Ezra Cornell's investments created the fortune that eventually enabled the founding of Cornell University**

# How important is ECE at Cornell?



(right) Photo from Cornell Chronicle

# Computer Engineering

## Power Systems

Smart Grid and Smart Buildings  
Atmospheric Science

Fusion and Plasma Physics  
Control Theory

## Telecomm

Information Theory  
Network Protocols  
and Optimization

## Computer Engineering

Robotics

Computer-Aided  
Design

Analog and Digital  
Circuits

## Signal Processing

Image, Audio, Video  
Processing

## Electrical Circuits

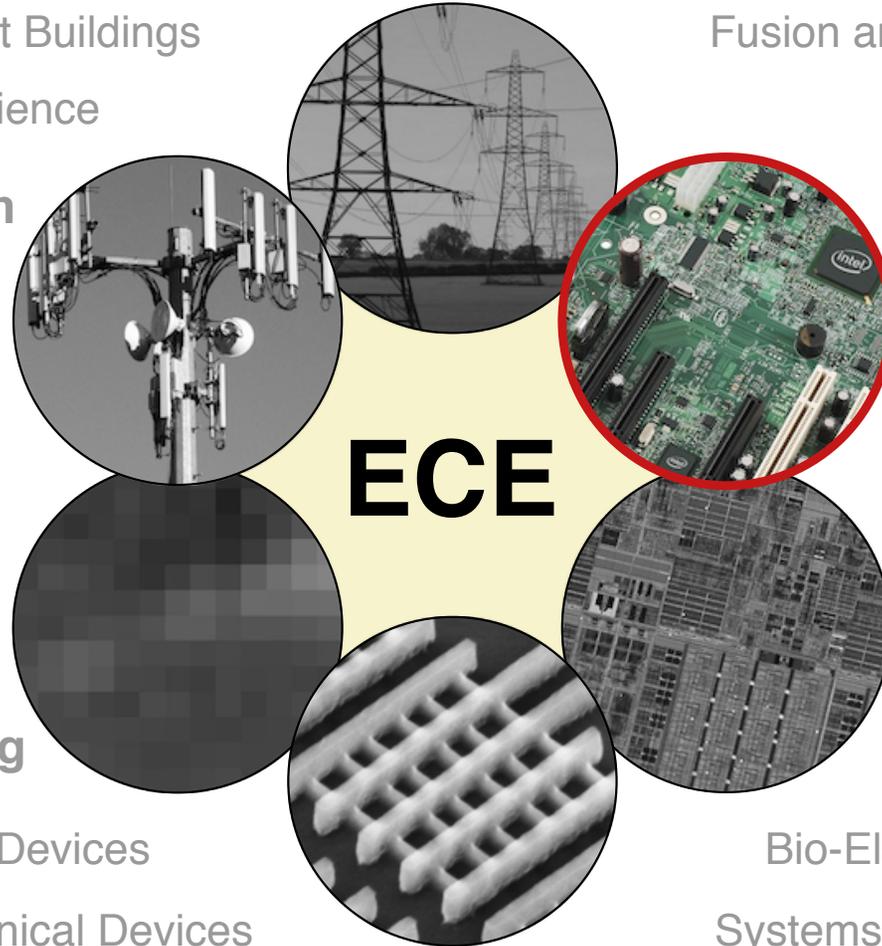
Opto-Electrical Devices

Bio-Electrical Engineering

Micro-Electro-Mechanical Devices

Systems and Synthetic Biology

## Electrical Devices



# The Computer Systems Stack

Application

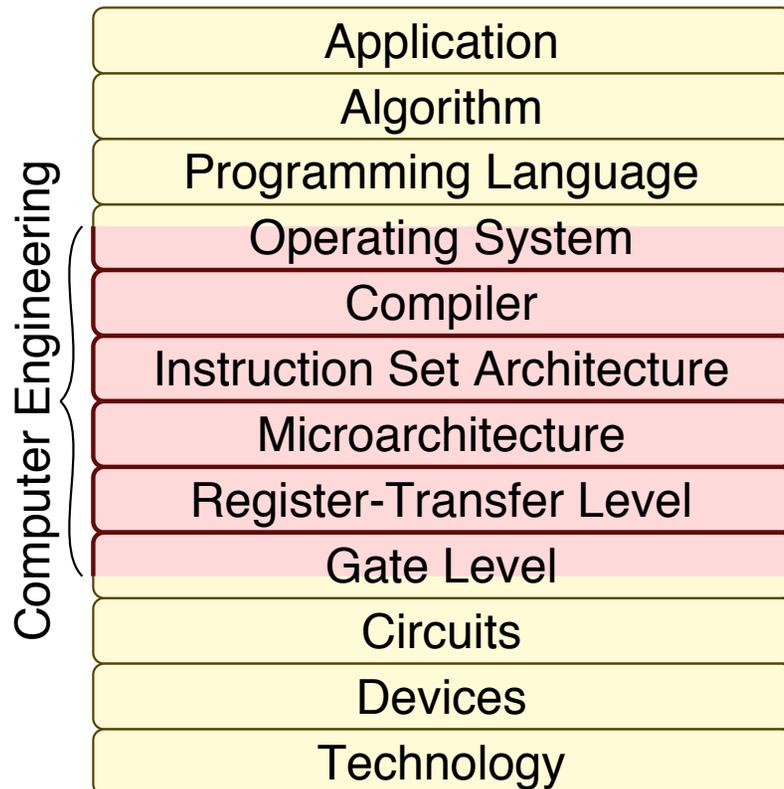


Magnetic compass can bridge this gap in one step



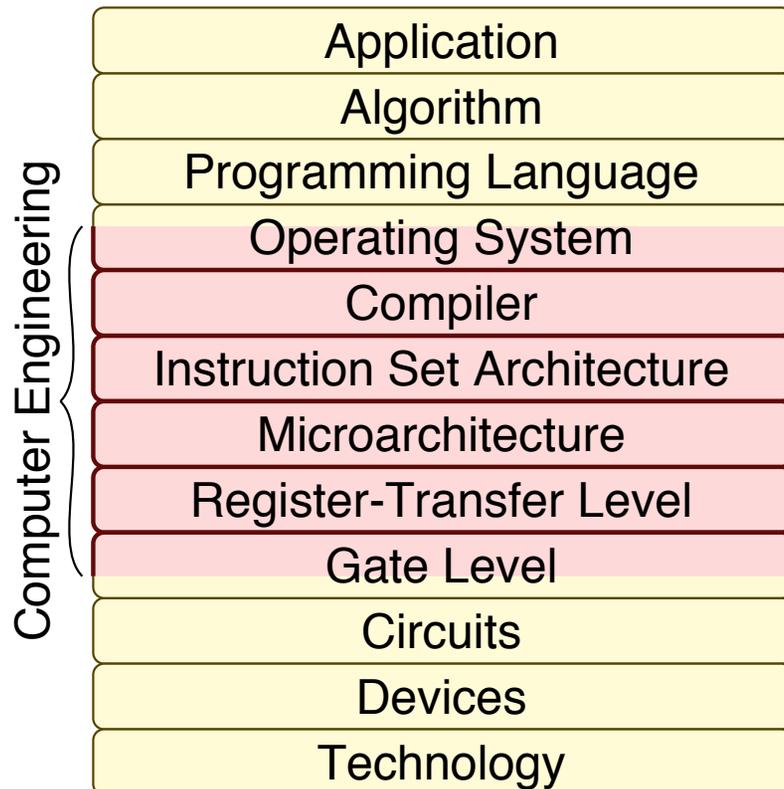
Technology

# The Computer Systems Stack



In its broadest definition, computer engineering is the **development of the abstraction/implementation layers** that allow us to execute information processing **applications** efficiently using available manufacturing **technologies**

# The Computer Systems Stack



Sort an array of numbers

2,6,3,8,4,5 -> 2,3,4,5,6,8

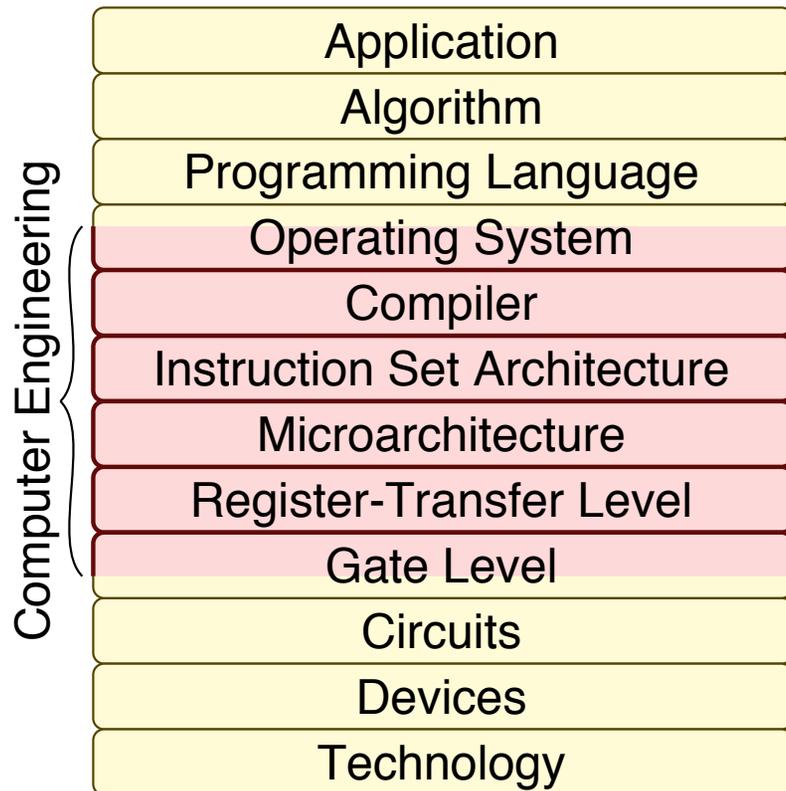
**Out-of-place selection sort algorithm**

1. Find minimum number in array
2. Move minimum number into output array
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 until finished

**C implementation of selection sort**

```
void sort( int b[], int a[], int n ) {
    for ( int idx, k = 0; k < n; k++ ) {
        int min = 100;
        for ( int i = 0; i < n; i++ ) {
            if ( a[i] < min ) {
                min = a[i];
                idx = i;
            }
        }
        b[k] = min;
        a[idx] = 100;
    }
}
```

# The Computer Systems Stack



**Mac OS X, Windows, Linux**  
 Handles low-level hardware management



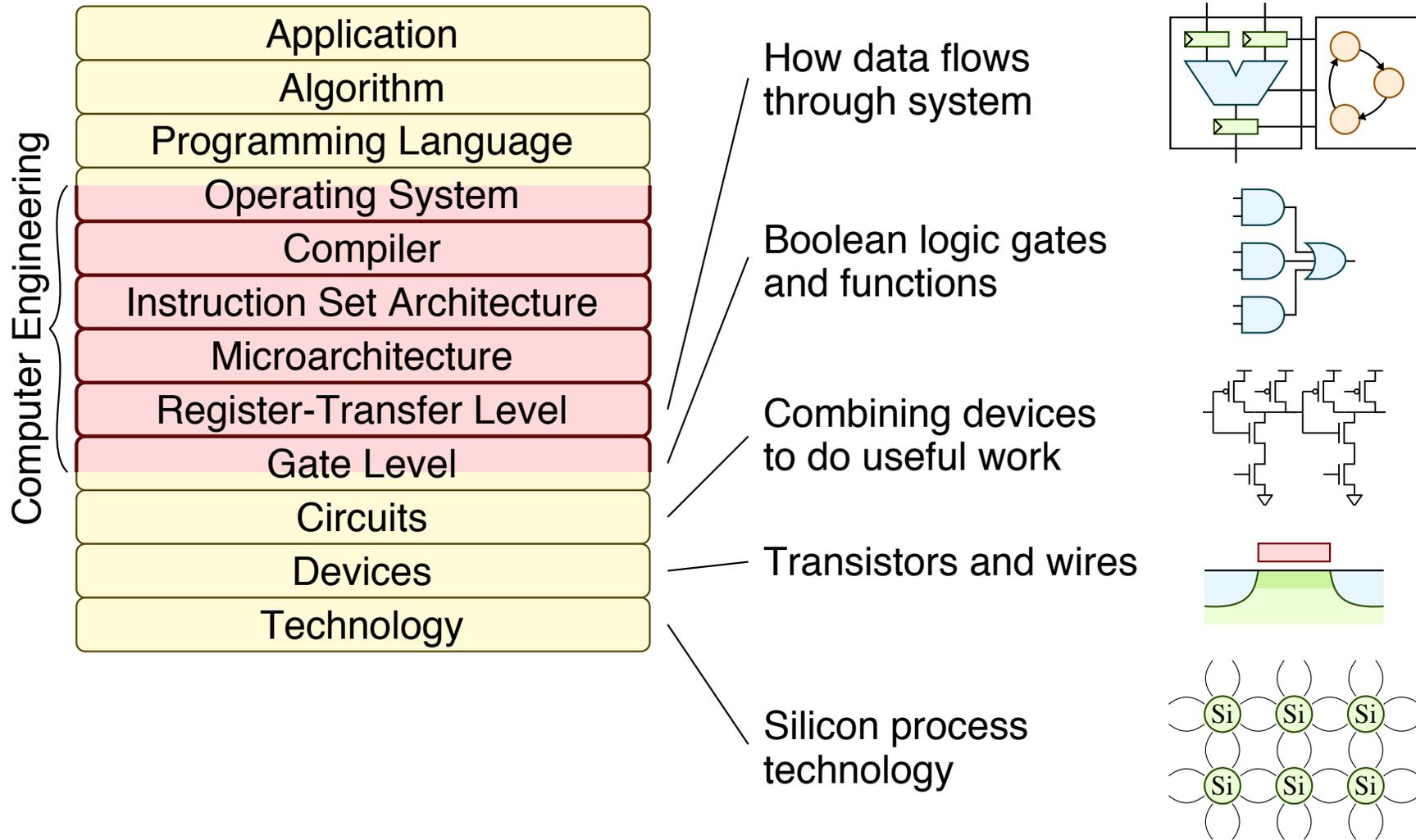
**C Compiler**  
 Transform programs into assembly

```
int a = b + c;
A[i] = a;           →      addu $t0, $t1, $t2
                        sw   $t0, 0($t3)
```

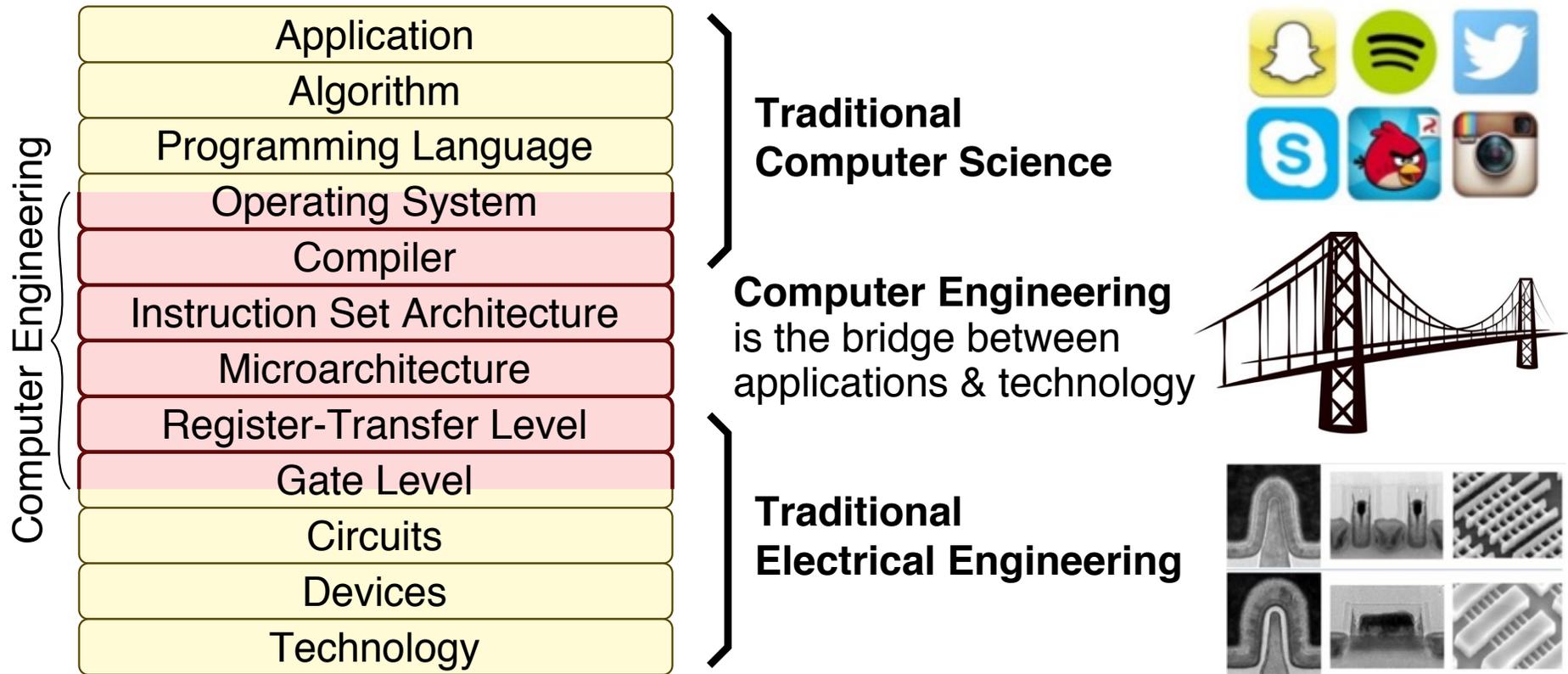
**MIPS32 Instruction Set**  
 Instructions that machine executes

```
blez $a2, done
move $a7, $zero
li   $t4, 99
move $a4, $a1
li   $a3, 99
lw   $a5, 0($a4)
```

# The Computer Systems Stack



# Computer Systems: CS vs. EE vs. CE



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# Talk Outline

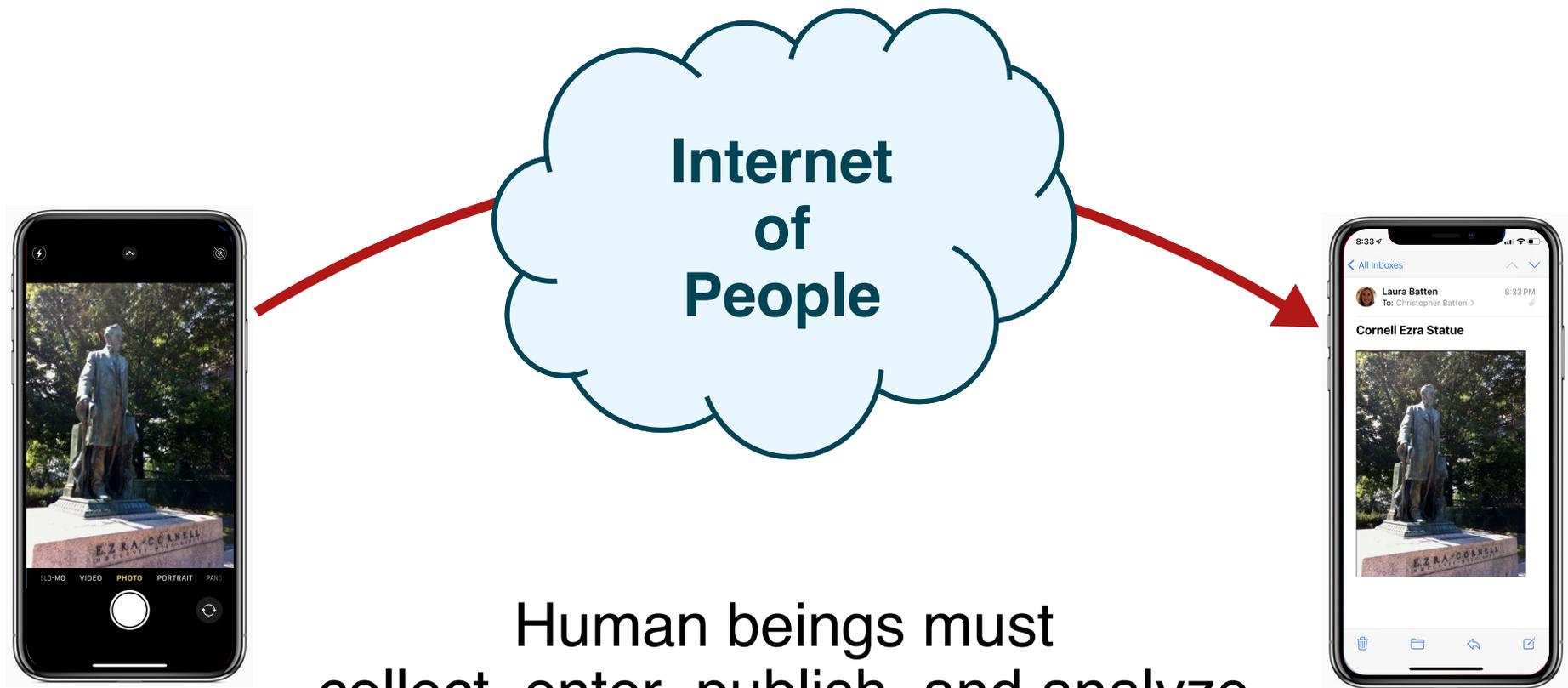
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Computer Engineering

The Internet of Things

CURIE Design Project

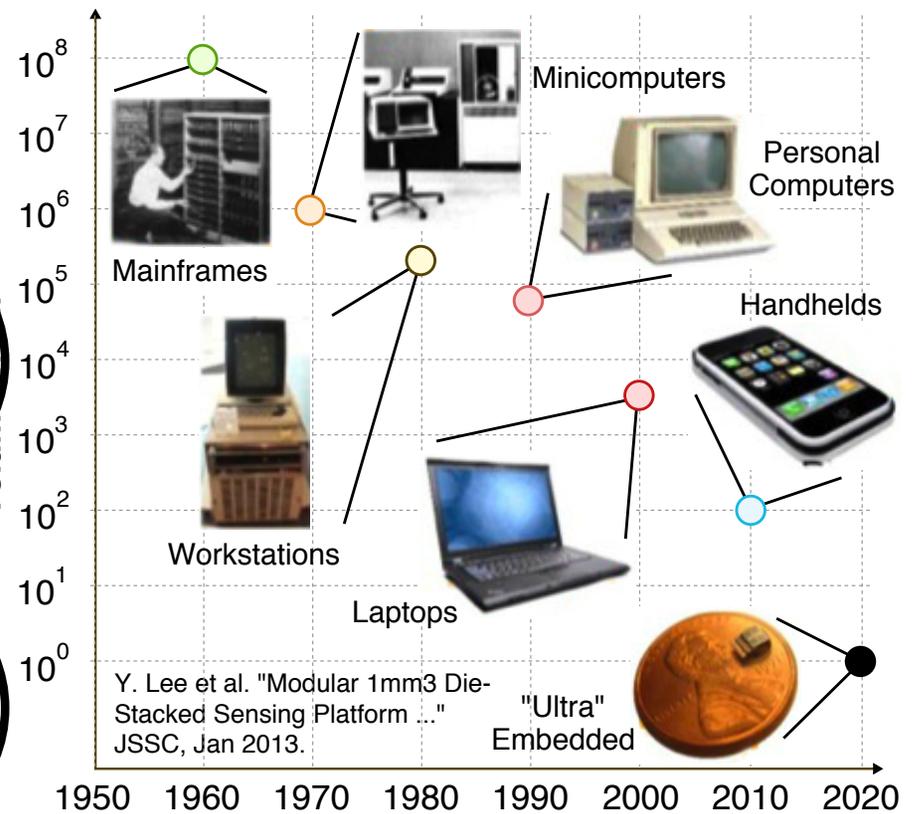
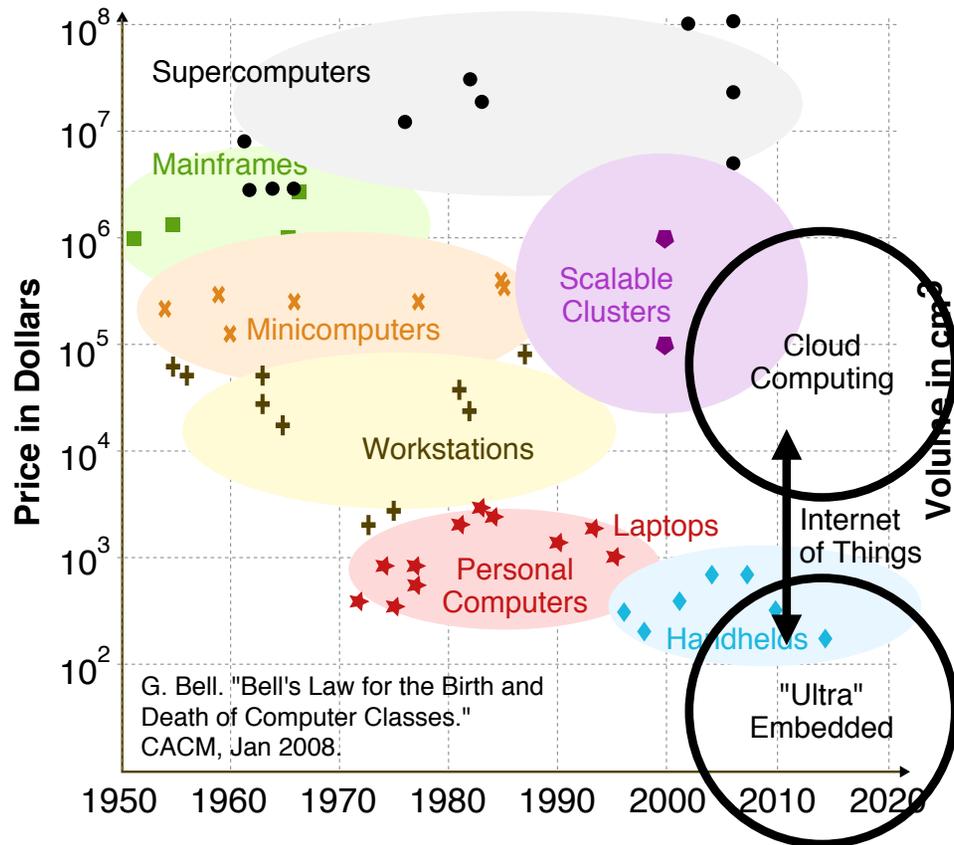
# The “Traditional” Internet



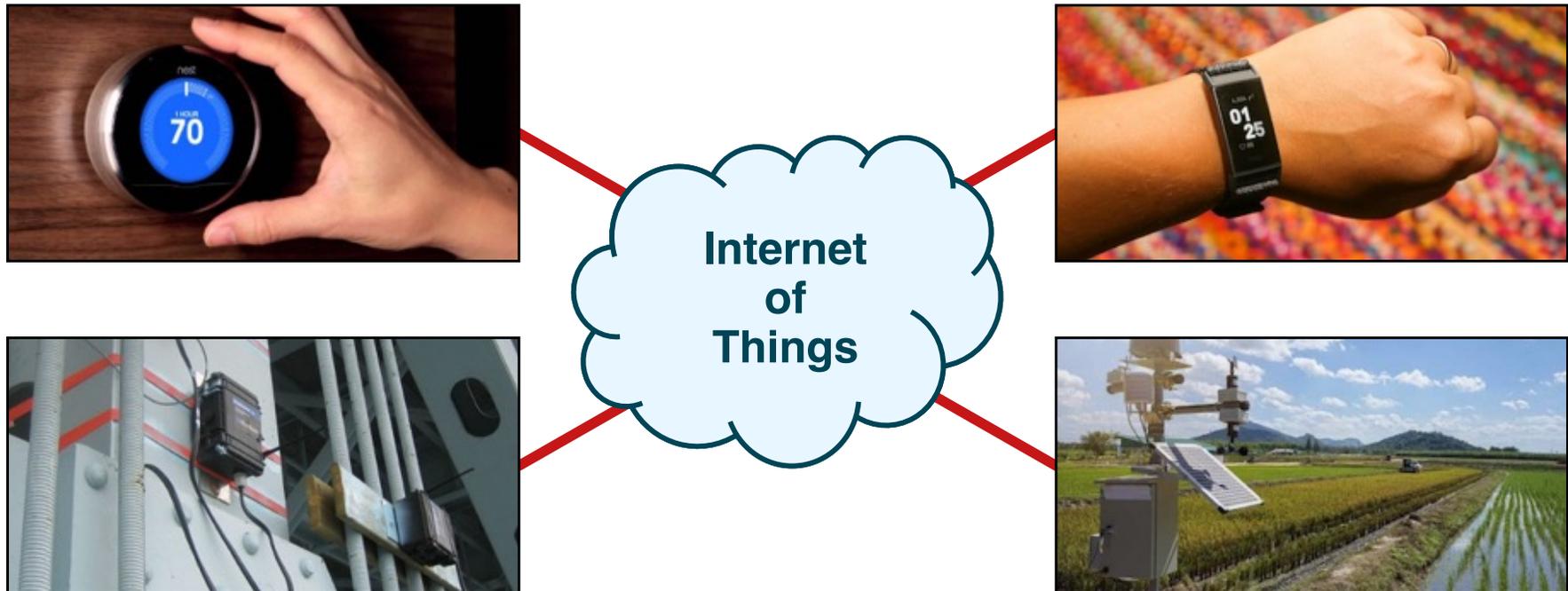
Human beings must collect, enter, publish, and analyze almost all of the information that is transmitted over the Internet

# Bell's Law

Roughly every decade a new, smaller, lower priced computer class forms based on a new programming platform resulting in entire new industries

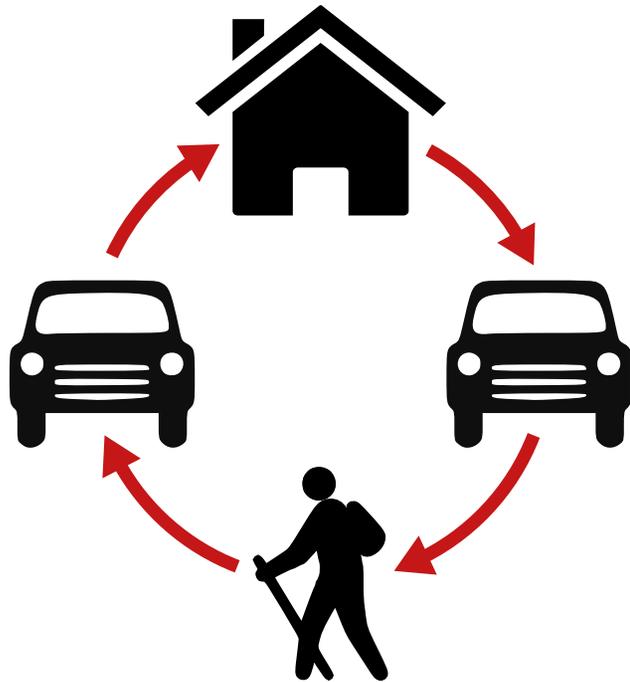


# Emerging Trend Towards an Internet of Things

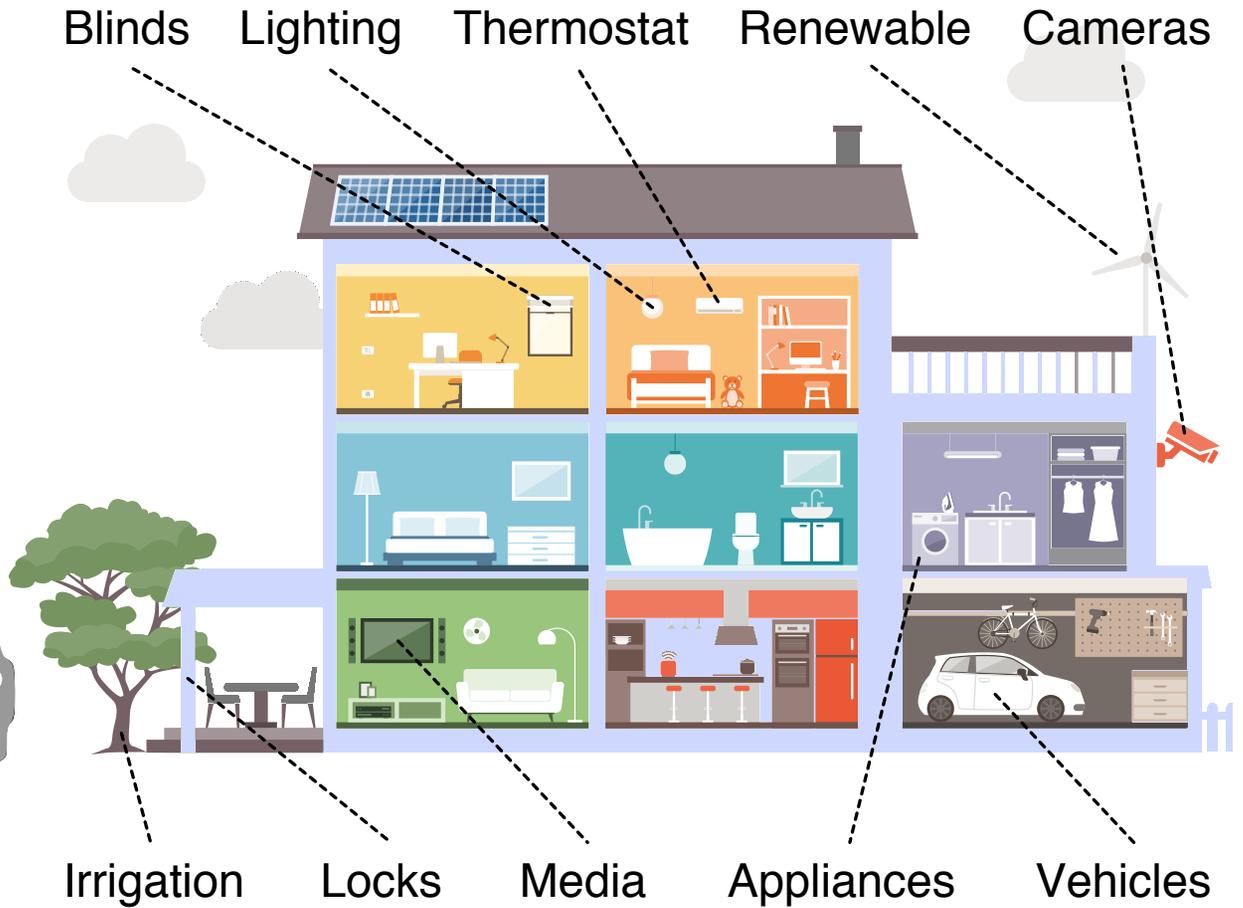
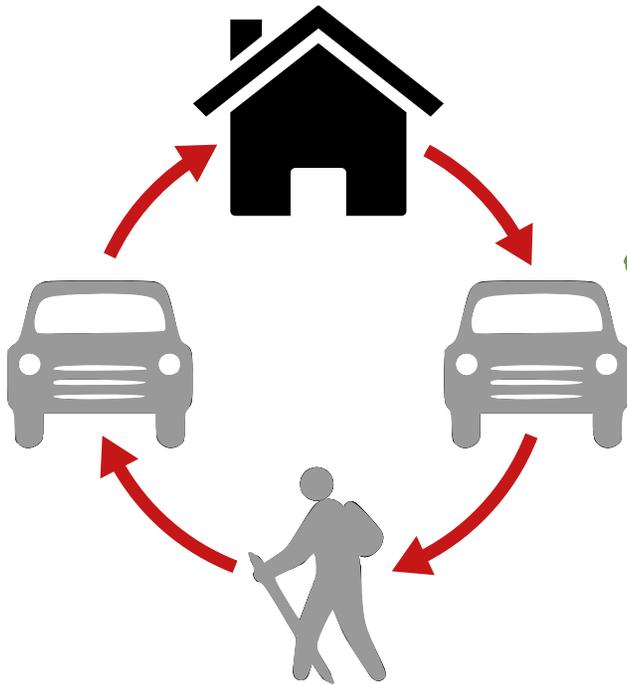


Interconnected "**things**" augmented with inexpensive embedded controllers, sensors, actuators to collect information and interact with the world

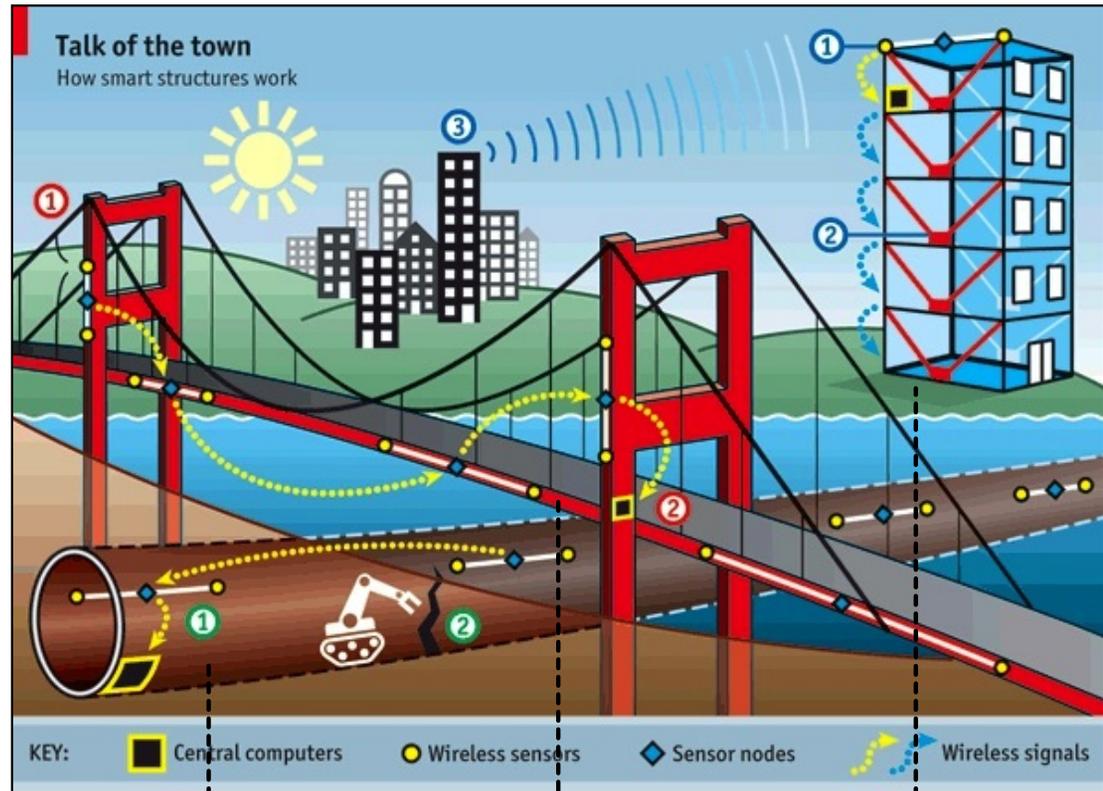
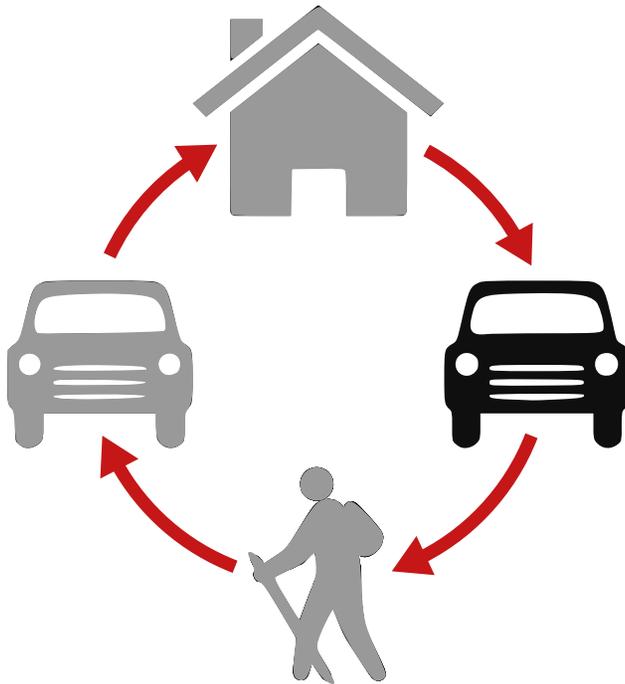
# IoT Example: Spending the Day Hiking



# IoT Smart Home



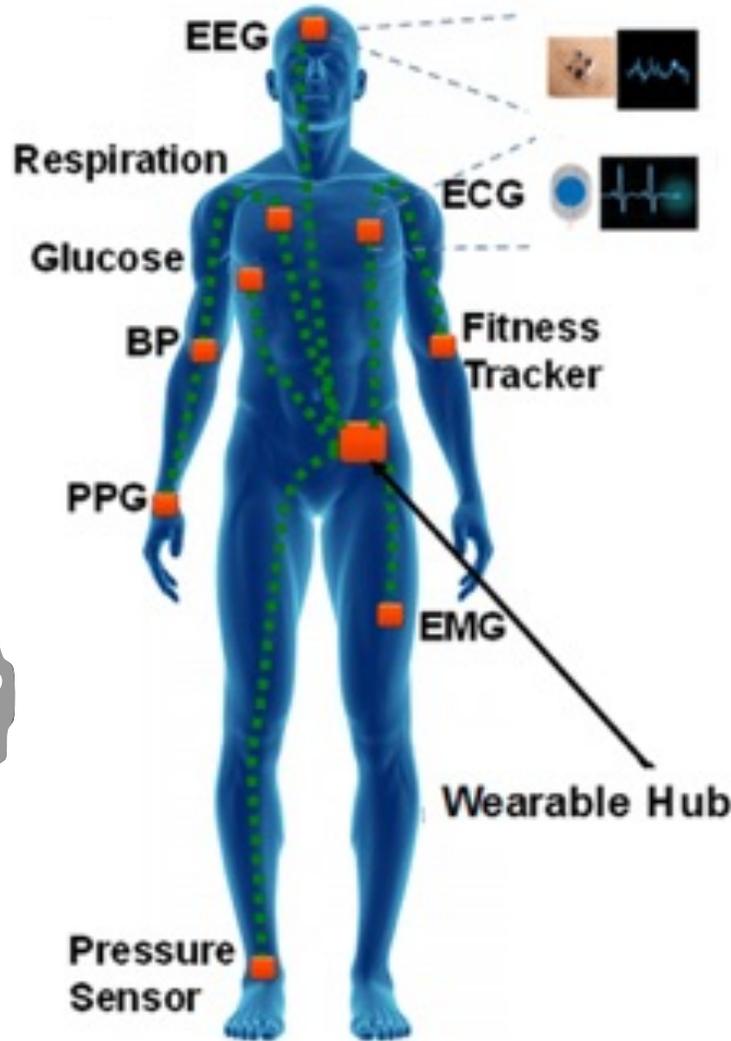
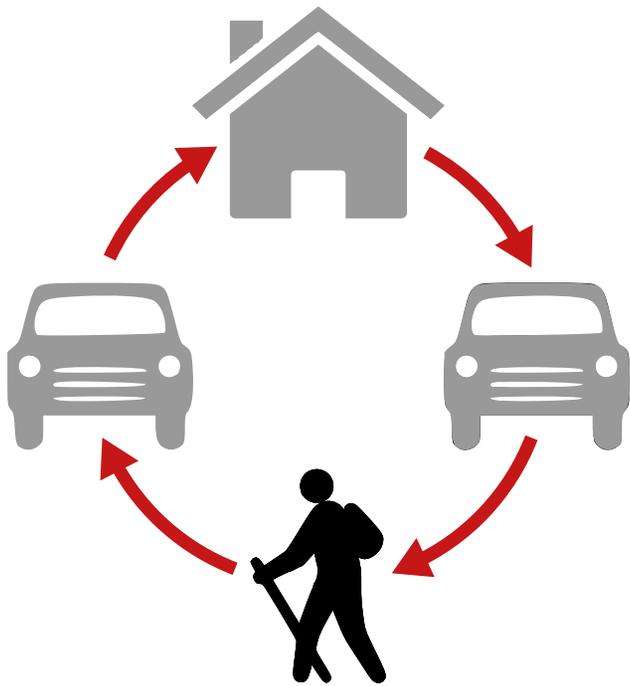
# IoT Early Disaster Warning System



Smart Bridges  
Smart Tunnels  
Smart Buildings

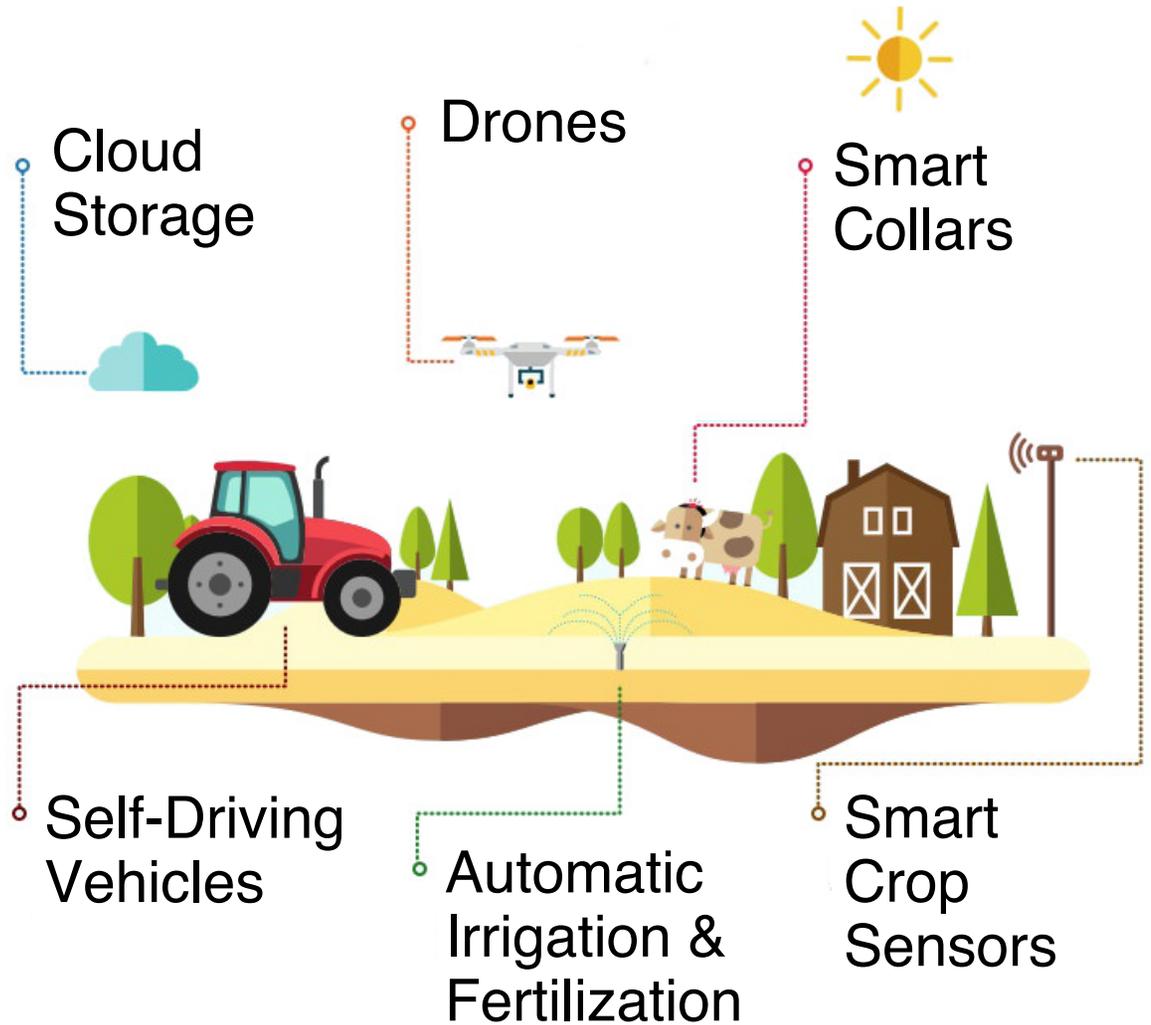
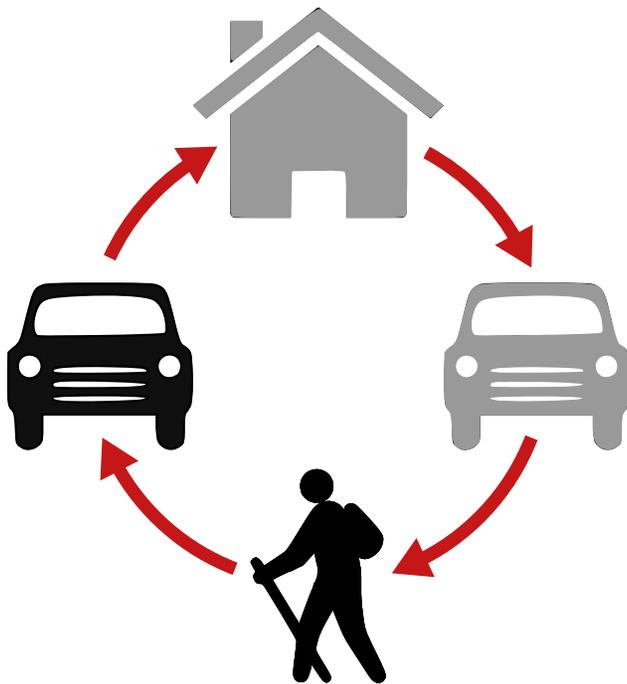
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# IoT Wearable Health Monitor



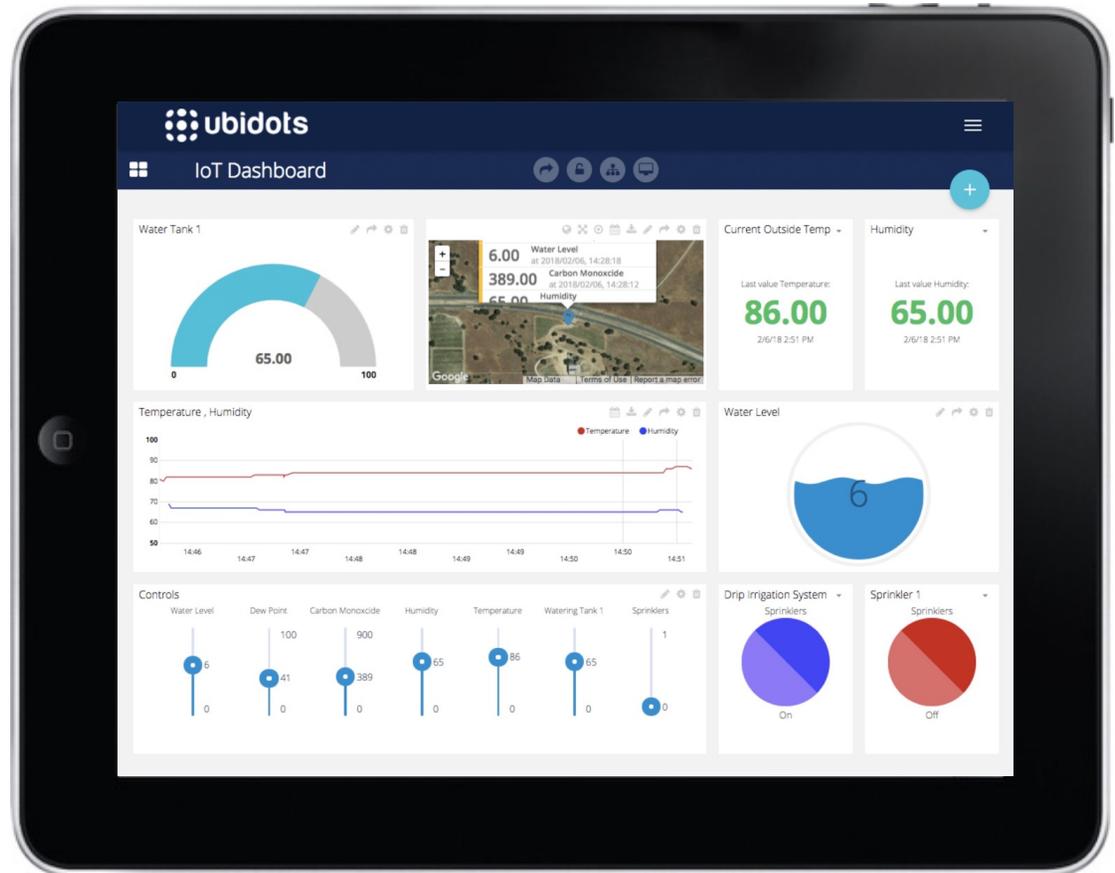
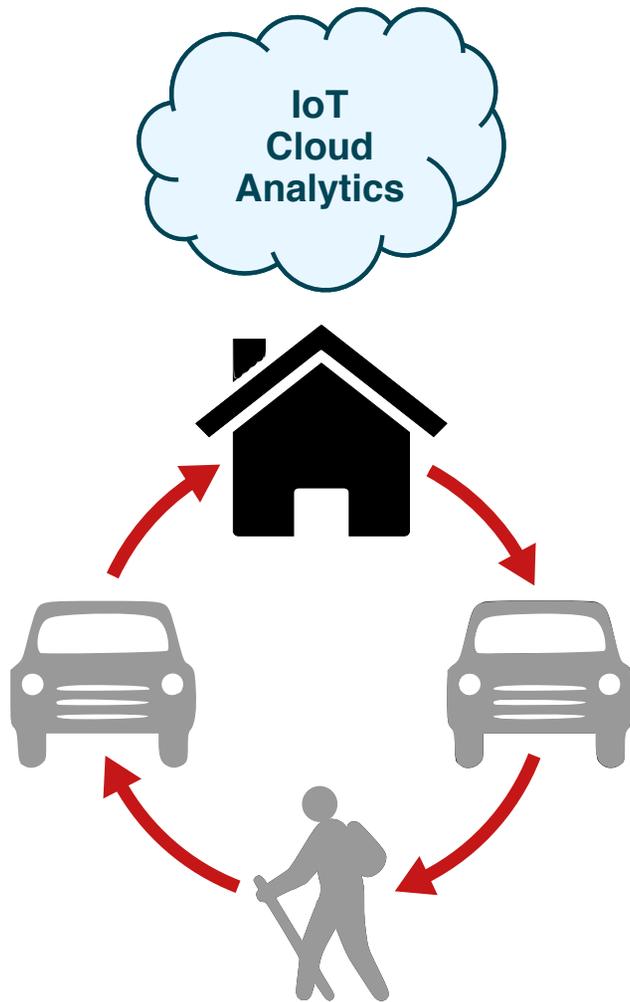
Adapted from Maity et al., IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society, July 2017

# IoT Digital Agriculture

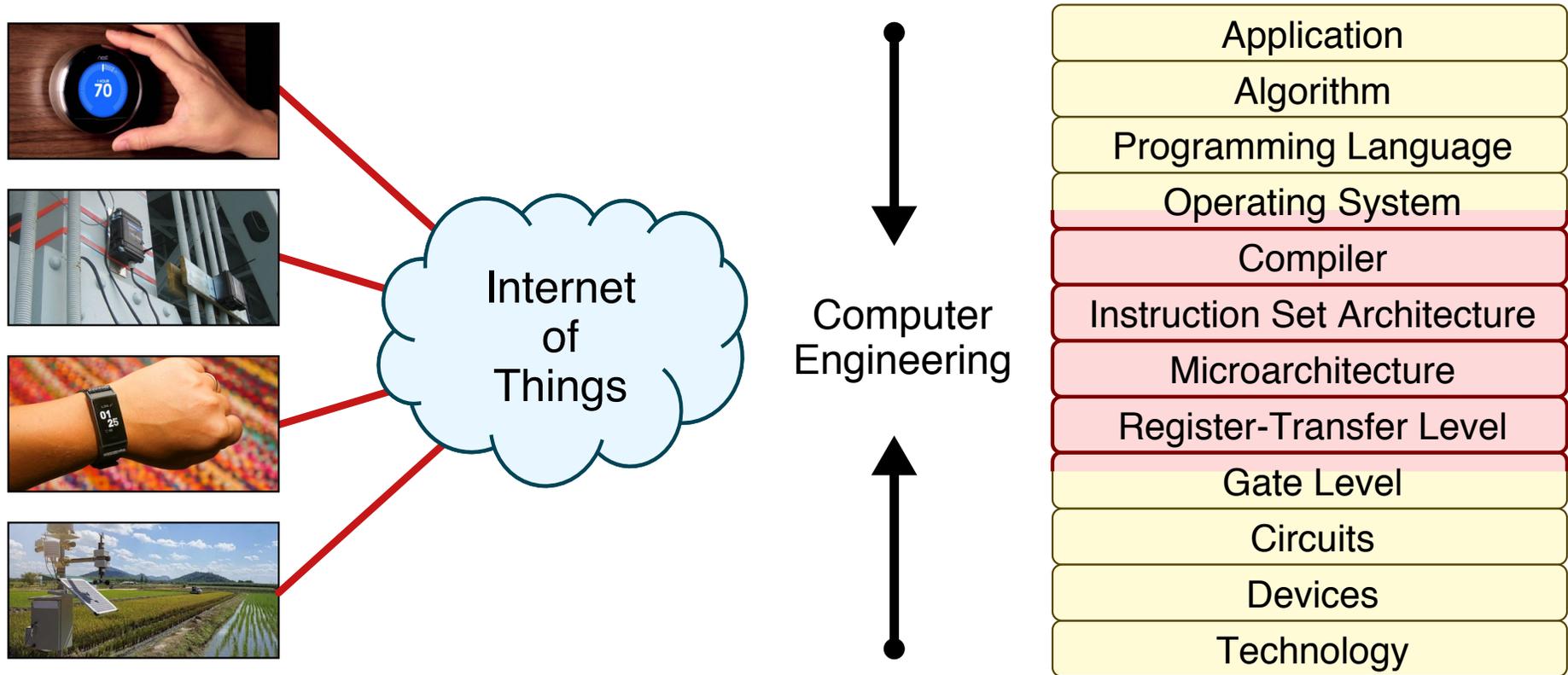


Adapted from <https://www.iberdrola.com/innovation/smart-farming-precision-agriculture>

# IoT Cloud Analytics



# Internet of Things + Computer Engineering



Field of computer engineering is well-situated to serve as a foundation for students interested in this emerging area



# Talk Outline

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Computer Engineering

The Internet of Things

**CURIE Design Project**

# CURIE Design Project Schedule

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<b>Monday</b>	Lab 1: Computer Engineering – Hardware Perspective Assemble basic logic gates to implement binary adder
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<b>Tuesday</b>	Lab 2: Computer Engineering – Software Perspective Program microcontroller to implement “smart light”
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<b>Wednesday</b>	Begin Designing IoT System for Project
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<b>Thursday</b>	Design, Implement, and Test IoT System
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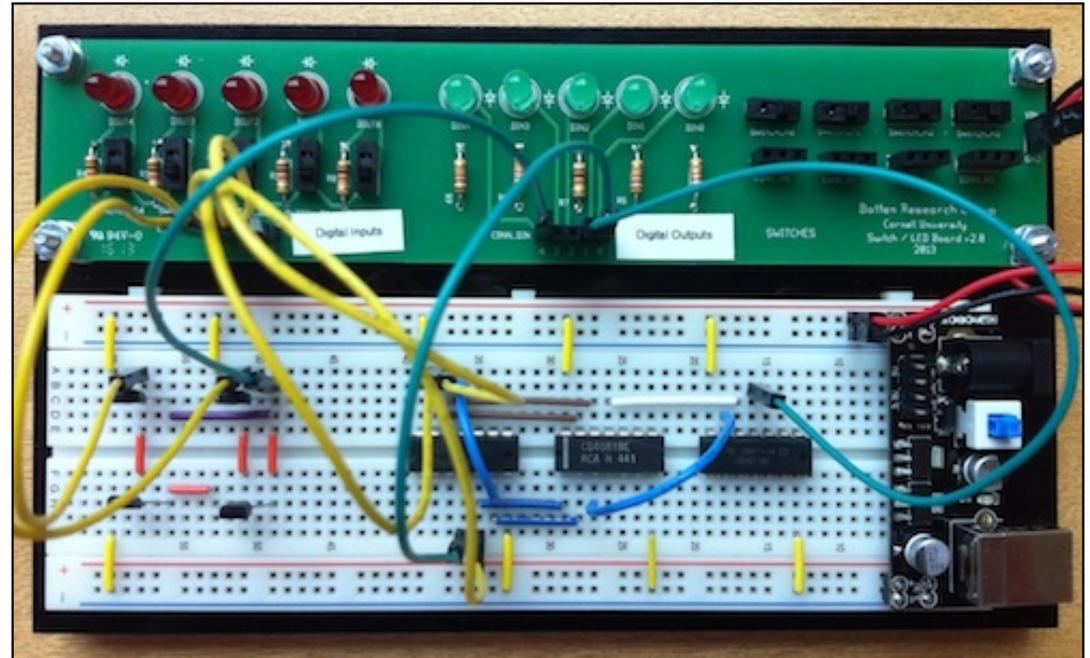
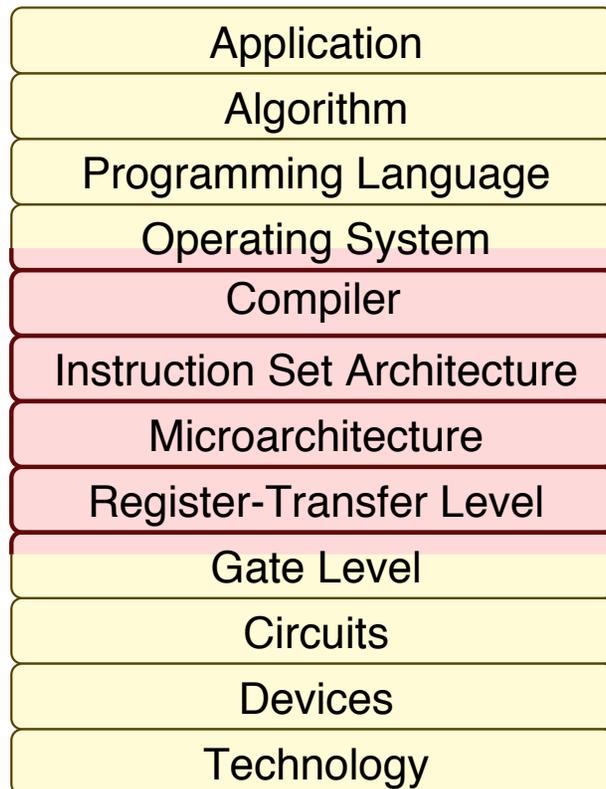
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<b>Friday</b>	Test IoT System; Prepare Project Presentation Final Presentations
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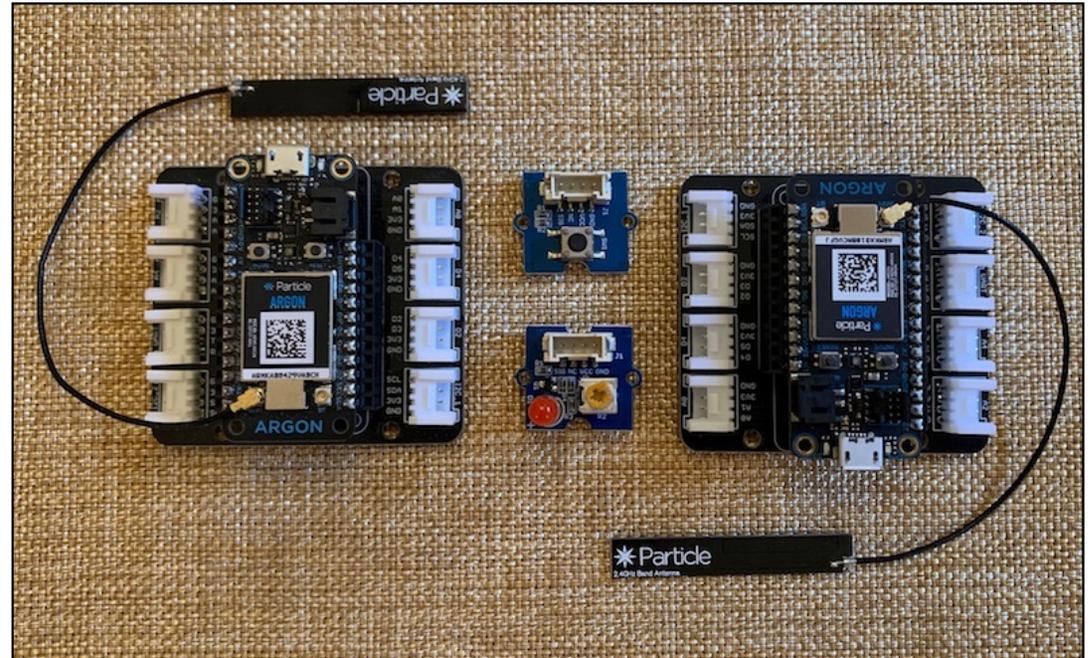
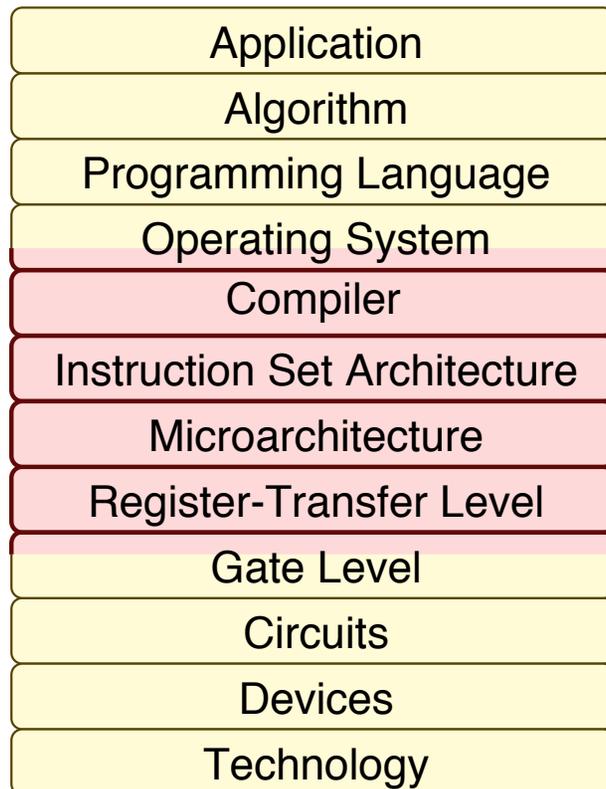
Optional lab/office hours from 7:30–8:30pm

# Lab 1: Computer Engineering – Hardware Perspective



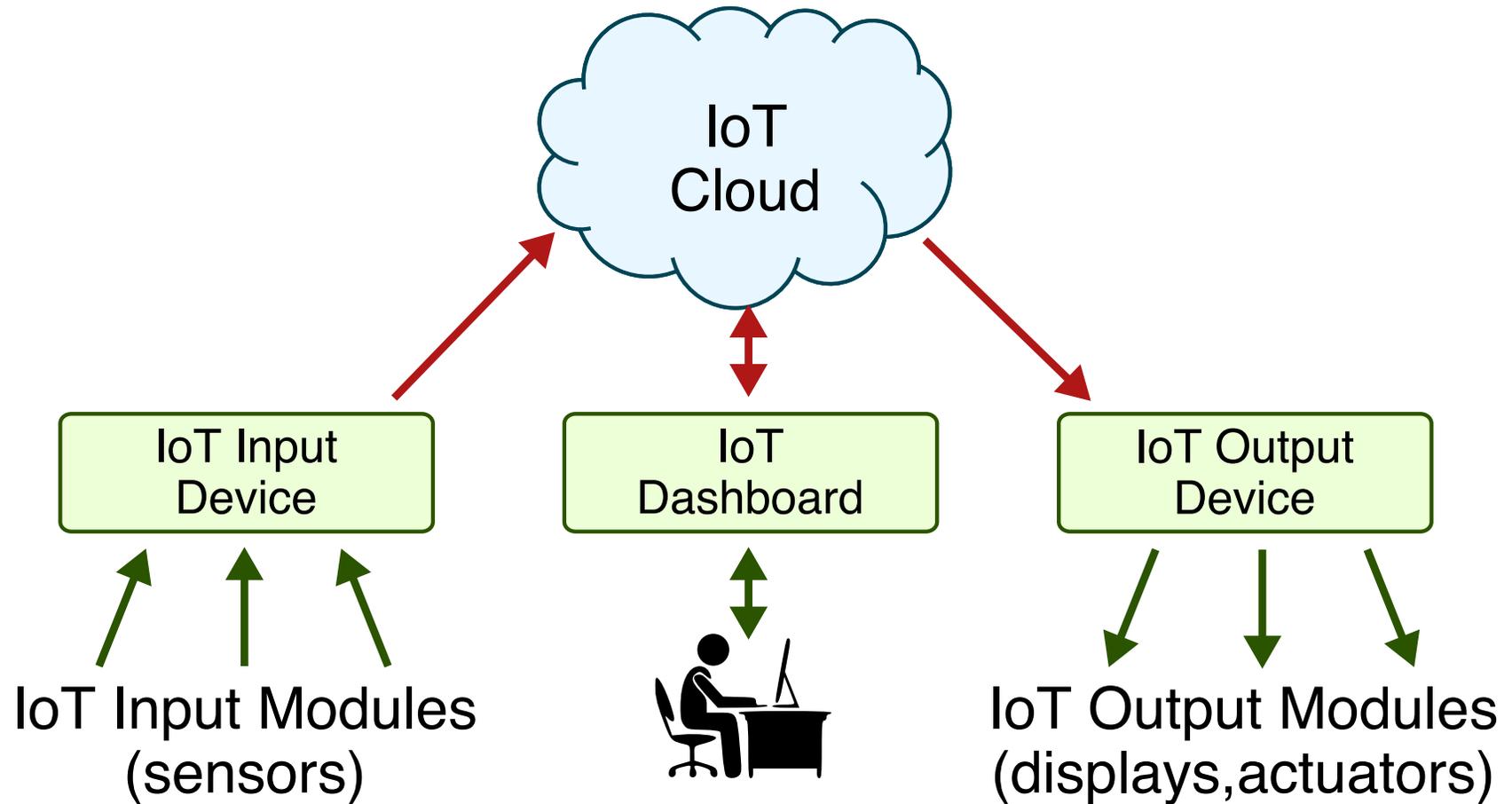
Scholars will assemble basic logic gates to implement a simple "calculator" for adding small binary numbers

# Lab 2: Computer Engineering – Software Perspective



Scholars will incrementally program a microcontroller in C++ to implement an IoT "smart light" system

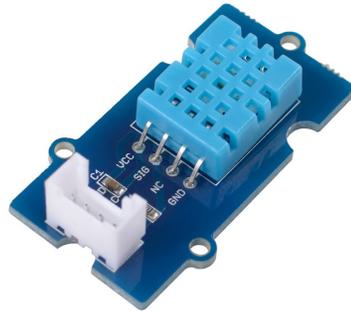
# CURIE IoT Design Projects



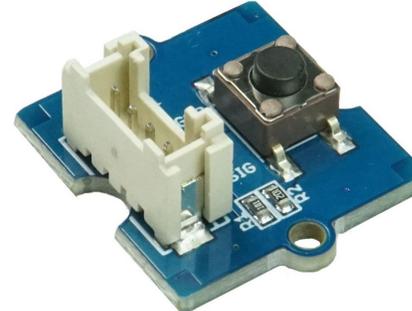
# CURIE IoT Input Modules



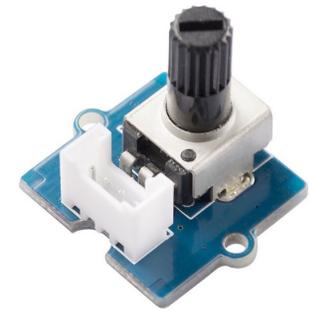
Light



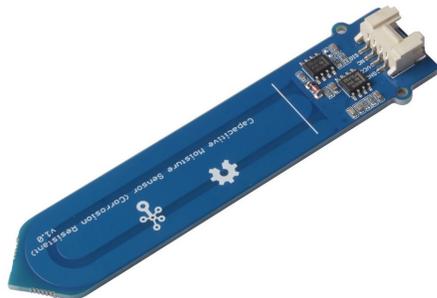
Temp & Humidity



Button



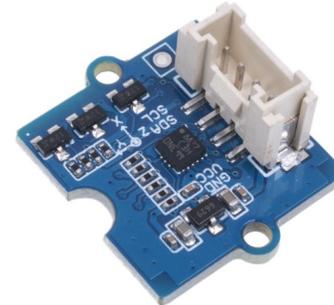
Rotation



Soil Moisture



Water



Acceleration



Range

# CURIE IoT Output Modules



LED



Multi-Color LED

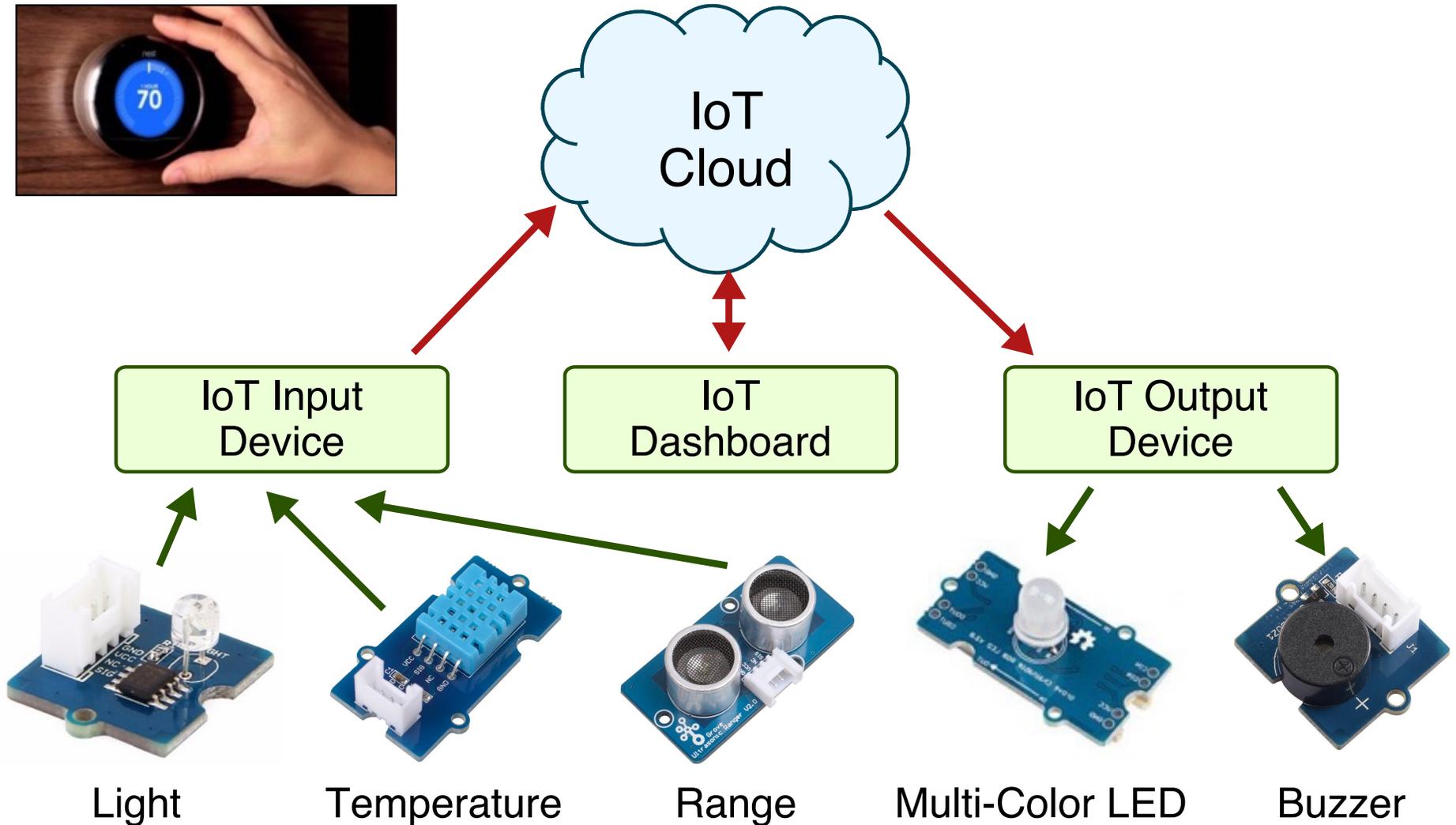


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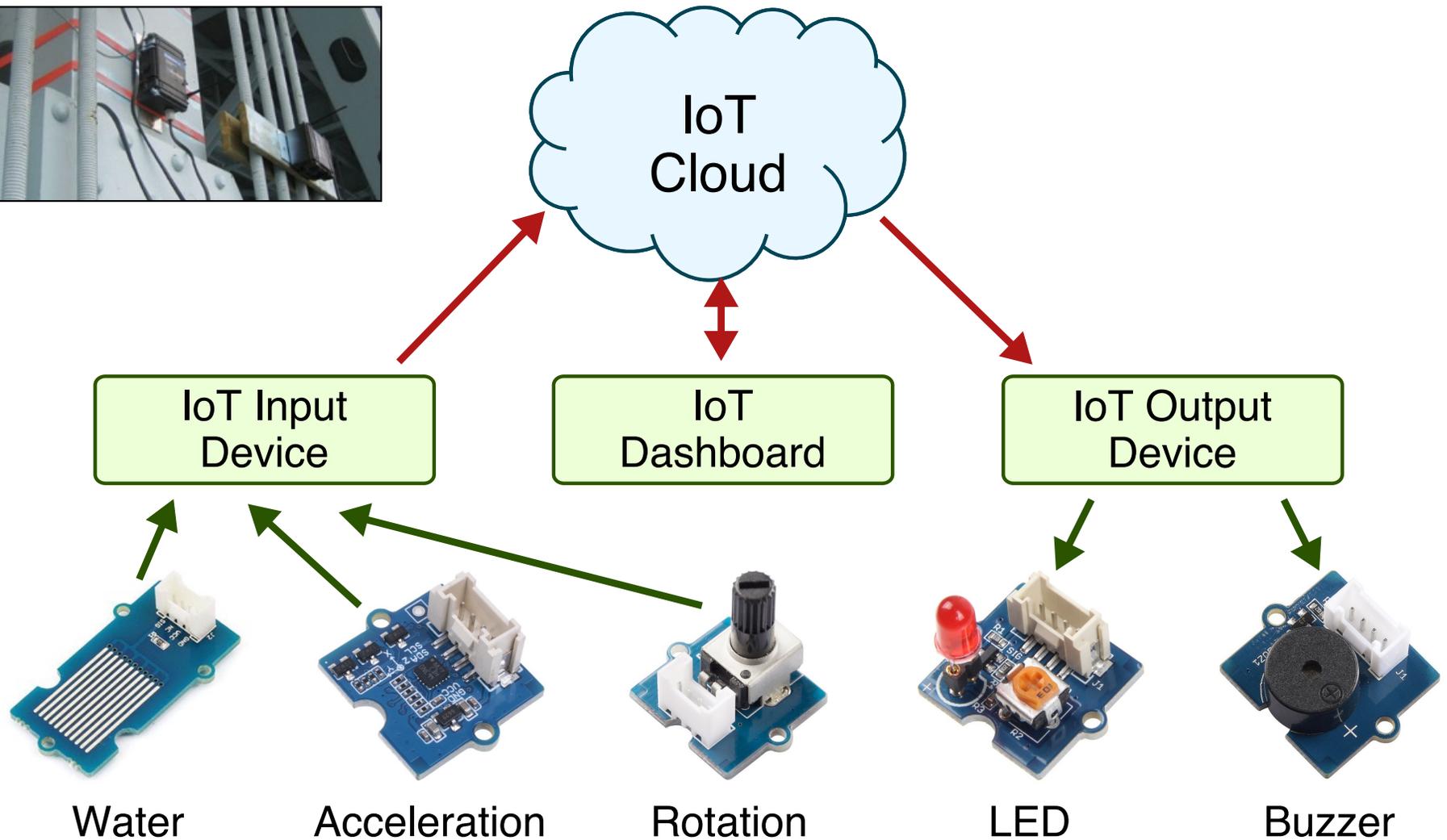


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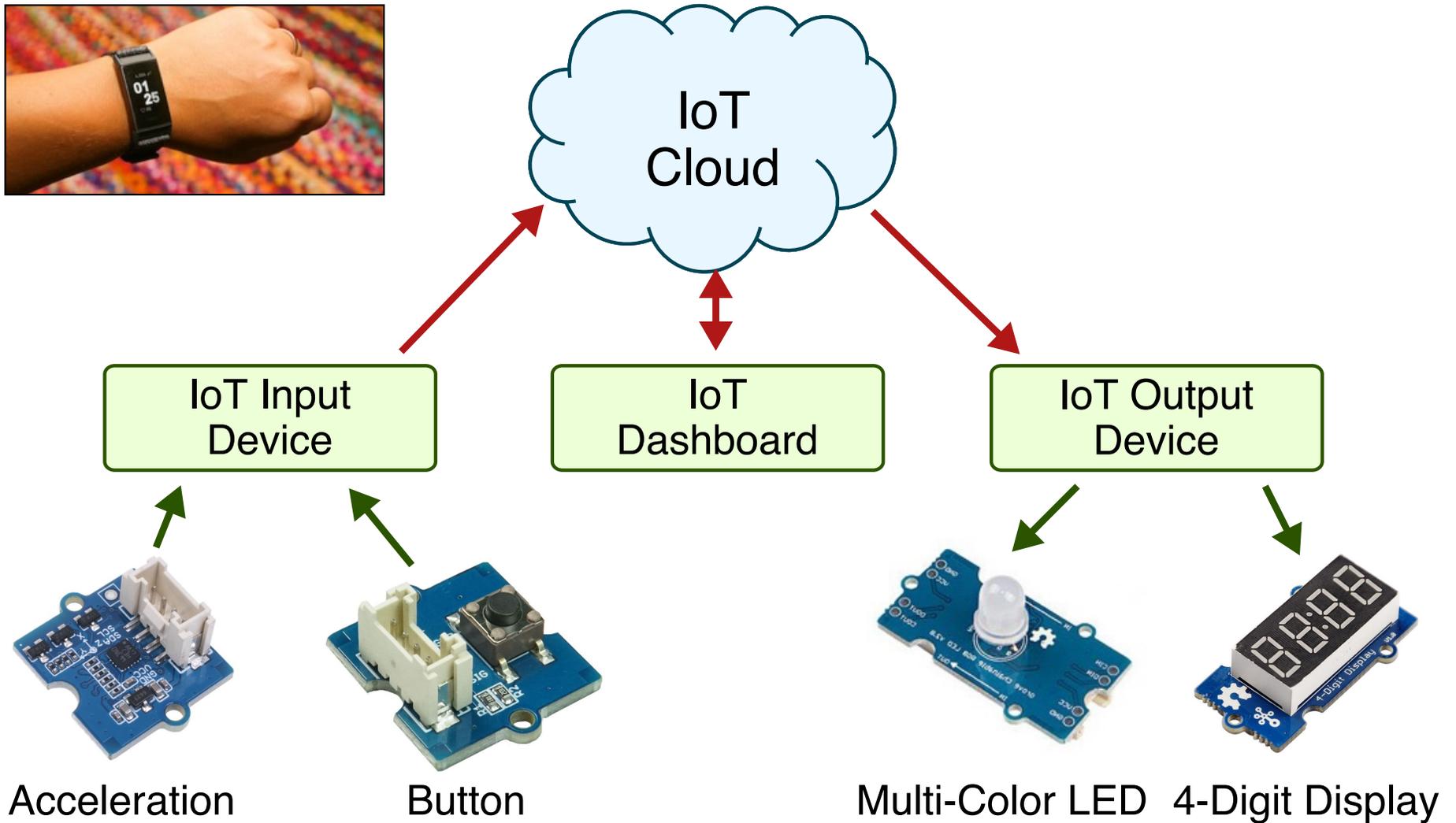
# CURIE IoT Smart Home



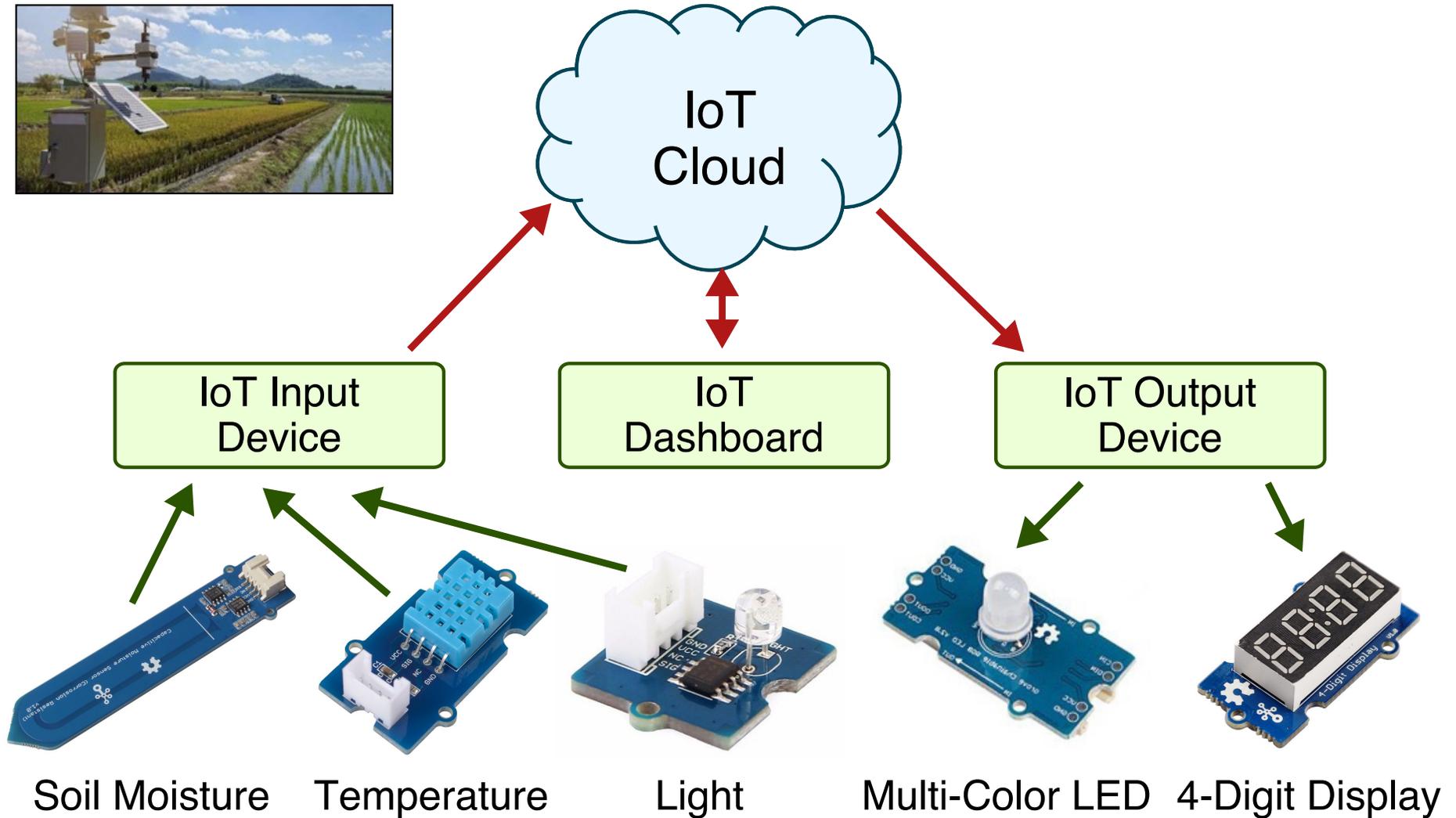
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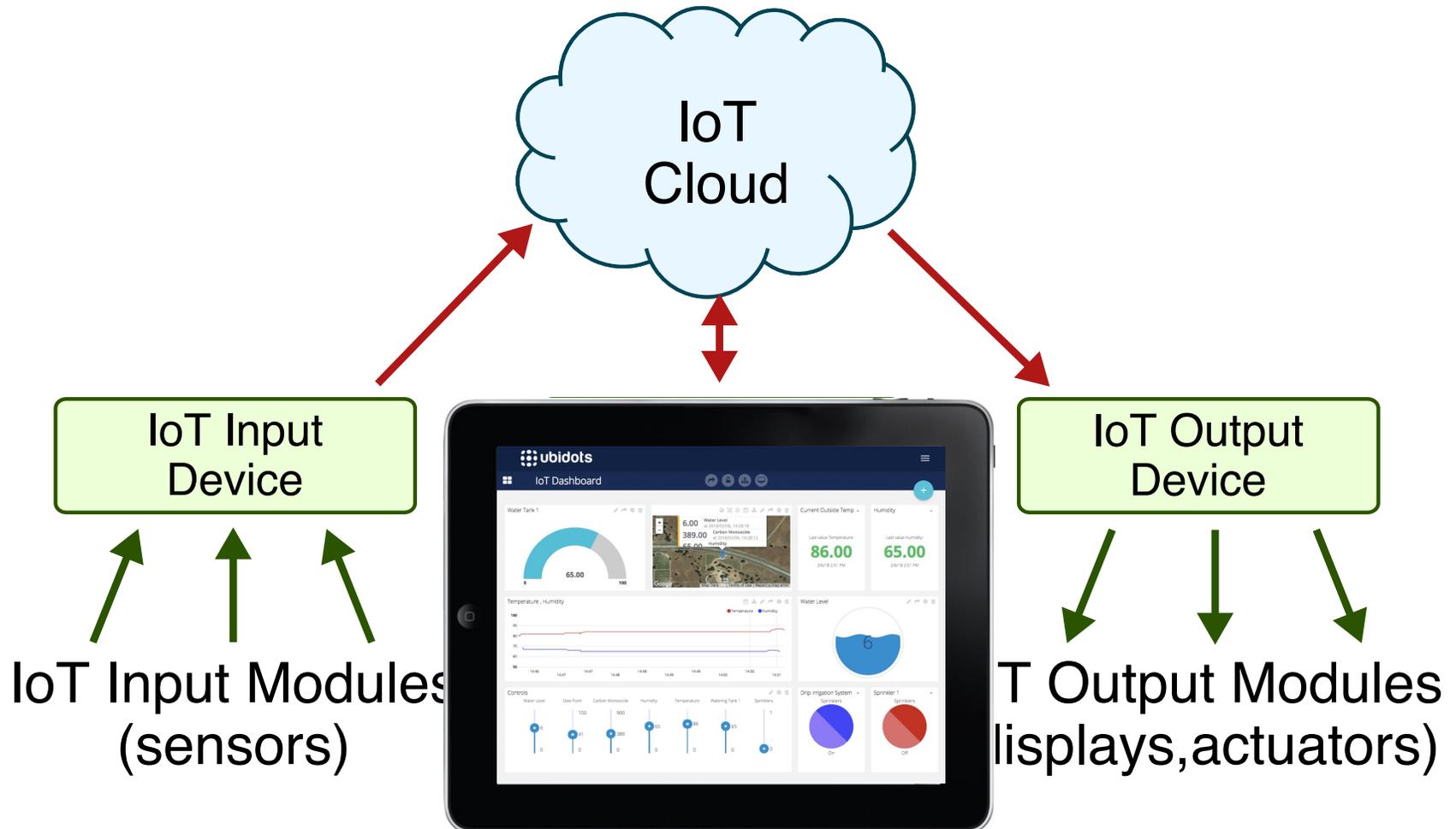
# CURIE IoT Wearable Health Monitor



# CURIE IoT Digital Agriculture



# CURIE IoT Dashboard



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Scholars are expected to complete the following reading assignments before arriving for the CURIE Academy. PDFs are provided for all of the readings. The first reading serves as an introduction to the field of computer engineering and briefly describes the concept of abstraction, the distinction between hardware and software, and the computer engineering "stack" spanning problems, algorithms, programming languages, instruction sets, microarchitecture, circuits, and devices. The second reading explains what is meant by the Internet of Things and captures some of the magic of these devices, while the final reading discusses some of the troubling challenges related to security within the context of the Internet of Things.

- Y. Patt and S. Patel. **Chapter 1: Welcome Aboard.** *Introduction to Computer Systems: From Bits & Gates & to C & Beyond*, 2nd edition. McGraw-Hill, 2003. [ [ch 1/pdf](#) | [amazon](#) | [publisher](#) ]
- A. McEwen and H. Cassimally. **Chapter 1: The Internet of Things: An Overview.** *Designing the Internet of Things*. Wiley, 2012. [ [ch 1/pdf](#) | [amazon](#) | [publisher](#) ]
- A. Grau. **Can You Trust Your Fridge?** *IEEE Spectrum*, Mar 2015. [ [pdf](#) | [link](#) ]

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### IoT Design Project Overview

Each IoT design project will involve building an IoT system comprised of an IoT input device, IoT cloud, IoT output device, and IoT dashboard. The IoT input devices will have various input modules attached that can sense what is going on in the environment (e.g., light, temperature, moisture, motion) and be able to upload data into the cloud. We will be using [Particle](#) as our IoT cloud service. Each IoT output device will be able to download data from the cloud and will have various output modules attached to display data (e.g., LEDs, numeric display, piezo buzzer). An IoT dashboard enables users to interact with the IoT system through the IoT cloud. We will be using [Ubitdota](#) as our IoT dashboard service. The following diagram illustrates the overall approach we will be using in our IoT systems.

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graph TD
    Cloud((IoT Cloud))
    Input[IoT Input Device]
    Dashboard[IoT Dashboard]
    Output[IoT Output Device]
    Sensors[IoT Input Modules (sensors)]
    User[User at Computer]
    Modules[IoT Output Modules (displays, actuators)]

    Sensors --> Input
    Input <--> Cloud
    Cloud <--> Dashboard
    Dashboard <--> User
    Cloud <--> Output
    Output --> Modules
  
```

The IoT design projects will be centered around one of several themes: smart home, early disaster warning, wearable health monitoring, and digital agriculture. Each project is described in more detail below.

### IoT Design Project: Smart Home

There has been quite a bit of excitement lately about smart homes that integrate sensors into everyday objects around the home including thermostats, appliances, doors/windows, and lights. These sensors can automatically learn about our behavior and autonomously interact with the cloud to improve our standard of living.

In this project, scholars will build a simple smart home system that is capable of monitoring temperature, humidity, light, and/or motion and then display status information. For example, a group might start by building an IoT input device with an ultrasound range finder input module to monitor motion for security purposes.



## Design Project Summary

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- ▶ Lab 1: Computer Engineering from the Hardware Perspective
- ▶ Lab 2: Computer Engineering from the Software Perspective
- ▶ Projects involve designing, implementing, and testing a simple IoT system inspired by real-world applications of IoT

**Goal: Introduce CURIE scholars broadly to the practice of engineering and more specifically to computer engineering**

# CURIE Design Project Sponsors

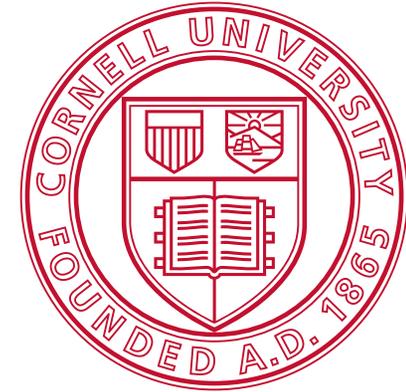
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An equipment donation including Argon Internet-of-Thing devices was provided by Particle Industries



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