





## Objective

- Overview of the Computing Research Association
- The Computing Community Consortium and our visioning process
- Our current areas of emphasis
- How you can get involved





# CRA - for the community





#### Computing Research Association

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 Universyt - CS Illinois Institute of Technology - CS Illinois State University - ACS Indiana University - CS Indiana University - I Iowa State University - CS

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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 University of California, Santa Cruz - CS University of Central Florida - CS University of Chicago - CS University of Cincinnati - ECECS University of Colorado, Boulder - CS University of Delaware - CIS University of Denver - CS University of Florida - CISE University of Georgia - CS University of Hawaii - ICS University of Houston - CS University of Houston - ECE University of Idaho - CS University of Illinois, Chicago - CS University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign - CS University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign - ECE University of Towa - CS University of Kansas - EECS University of Kentucky - CS University of Louisiana at Lafayette - CACS University of Louisville - CECS

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University of Washington, Bothell - CS

University of Wisconsin, Madison - CS

University of Washington, Tacoma - CSS

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University of Waterloo - CS

University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee - EECS University of Wyoming - CS Utah State University - CS Vanderbilt University - EECS Virginia Commonwealth University - CS Virginia Tech - CS Wake Forest University - CS Washington State University - EECS Washington University in St. Louis - CS Wayne State University - CS West Virginia University - CSEE Western Michigan University - CS Williams College - CS Worcester Polytechnic Institute - CS Wright State University - CSE Yale University - CS York University - CS

Sun Microsystems (Sponsoring Member) Microsoft Corporation (Sustaining Member) IBM Research (Supporting Member)

Avaya CA Labs Computer Science Research Institute, Sandia National Labs Fraunhofer Center for

Experimental Software Engineering Fujitsu Laboratories of America

Google Hewlett-Packard Company IDA Center for Computing Sciences Intel Corporation

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory Los Alamos National Laboratory Lucent Technologies, Bell Labs

McAfee Research Mitsubishi Electric Research Labs National Center for Atmospheric Research

NEC Laboratories America NTT DoCoMo USA Labs

Pacific Northwest National Laboratory Panasonic Information &

Networking Technologies Lab Ricoh Innovations

San Diego Supercomputer Center SAP Labs

SRI International Telcordia Technologies



Iowa State University - ECE



University of Maine - CS

University of Maryland - CS

### Mission and activities



- Strengthen research and education in the computing fields
  - Working to influence policy that impacts computing research
  - Encouraging the development of human resources
  - Contributing to the cohesiveness of the professional community







 Collect and disseminate information about the importance and state of computing research

Table 1. PhD Production by Type of Department and Rank						
		Avg.	PhDs	Avg.		
Department,	PhDs	per	Next	per		
Rank			Year	Dept.		
US CS 1-12			288	26.2		
US CS 13-24	215	17.9	241	20.1		
US CS 25-36			205	17.1		
US CS Other	2 CHII6 A	Gy	962	8.4		
US CS Total	1,501	10.0	1,696	11.3		





# What is the CCC?





## What is the CCC?



- Established in 2006 through a multi-year cooperative agreement between the National Science Foundation and CRA
- Provides a voice for the national computing research community
- Facilitates the development of a bold, multi-themed vision for computing research - and communicates this vision to stakeholders





#### A broad-based Council

#### Leadership:

- Ed Lazowska, U of Washington (Chair)
- Susan Graham, UC-Berkeley (Vice-Chair)
- Erwin Gianchandani, CRA (Director)

#### Terms ending 2014:

- Deborah Crawford, Drexel
- Gregory Hager, Johns Hopkins
- John Mitchell, Stanford
- Bob Sproull, Oracle (ret.)
- Josep Torrellas, UIUC

#### Terms ending 2013:

- Randy Bryant, CMU
- Lance Fortnow, Northwestern
- Eric Horvitz, Microsoft Research
- Hank Korth, Lehigh
- Beth Mynatt, Georgia Tech
- Fred Schneider, Cornell
- Margo Seltzer, Harvard

#### Terms ending 2012:

- Stephanie Forrest, U of New Mexico
- Chris Johnson, U of Utah
- o Anita Jones, U of Virginia
- Frans Kaashoek, MIT
- Ran Libeskind-Hadas, Harvey Mudd
- Robin Murphy, Texas A&M

#### Rotated off:

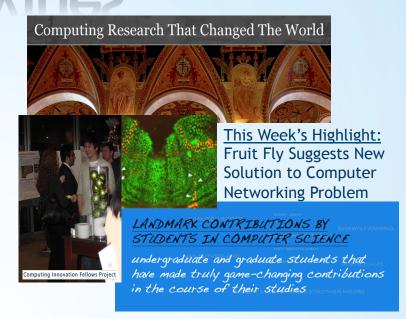
- Greg Andrews, U of Arizona (ret.) (2009)
- o Bill Feiereisen, Intel (2011)
- Dave Kaeli, Northeastern (2011)
- Dick Karp, UC-Berkeley (2010)
- John King, U of Michigan (2011)
- Peter Lee, Microsoft Research (2009)
- Andrew McCallum, U-Mass (2010)
- Karen Sutherland, Augsburg U (2009)
- Dave Waltz, Columbia (2010)

Meets three times a year, including an annual summer meeting in Washington, DC



### A multitude of activities

- Community-initiated visioning:
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## Visioning: Progress to date

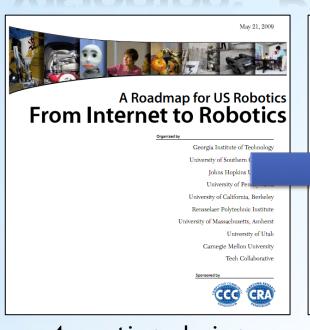
Community visioning activities	Participants	Organizations	
Networking science & engineering	109	44	
Cyber-physical systems	100	47	
Robotics	141	79	
"Big Data" Computing	81	46	
Theoretical computer science	39	26	
Global development (ICT4D)	56	37	
Learning technologies	55	30	
Health information technology	121	102	
Cross-layer reliability	121	45	
Free & open source software	45	35	
Advancing computer architecture	In progress		
Interactive technologies	In progress		
Sustainability & IT	In progress		





### Visioning: Robotics success

Prioritizing key S&T activities





science and technology (S&T) priorities for formulating FY 2012 Budget submissions to the

of Management and Budget (OMB). These priorities for research and development (R&D)

investments and other S&T investments build on priorities already reflected in the American

Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the FY 2010 and 2011 Budgets, and key Administration peguidance such as the President's Strategy for American Innovation. This memorandum also provides program guidance for \$&T activities in Executive Departments and Agencies.

OSTP issues directive to all agencies to include robotics in FY 12 budgets

> Henrik Chistensen Georgia Tech



#### National Robotics Initiative is announced



4 meetings during summer 2008

Roadmap published May 2009

Extensive discussions between visioning leaders & agencies





### "Transition Team" white papers

- Sensed and seized an opportunity to influence Federal science policy through the Presidential transition team
- o 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, and Lary Smarr
  - Security is Not a Commodity Stefan Savage, Fred Schneider
  - Synthetic Biology Drew Endy
  - 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





### Challenges & Visions Tracks

- Special tracks at major research conferences
- Organized by faculty, graduate students, postdocs
- CCC provides prizes to three Best Papers
- "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"
- Have supported 8 in the past year

## Research Visions



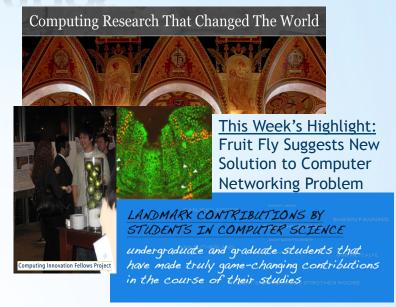


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### Public outreach: Symposia in DC

#### Computing Research That Changed the World

- Library of Congress
- o March 25, 2009
- "Computing research has made game-changing advances in the last two decades, from which we can extract lessons for structuring future programs to sustain that track record"

#### The Impact of NITRD

- Newseum
- o February 16, 2012
- "The Federal government has played an essential role in fostering advances in networking and information technology that have transformed our world"







## Public outreach: "Highlights"

COMPUTING RESEARCH HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK [July 22 - 29, 2011]

#### Write it, See it: Visualizing History

Helping students transform mundane text into visuals can improve attention and speed learning. A team of computer scientists and education researchers worked to generate a system that produces 3D scenes from written language. The system, called WordsEye, analyzes text, including handling complex context based description, such as relational words, and then refers to a 3D object library to output a visual.

An example of WordsEye



Generated from text: the ground is water, it is shiny, the background, a small eastle is on a large tall dirt island, a large boat is in front of the island, the island is 1 foot above the ground, the sky is cloudy, a huge dinosaur is behind the island, the dinosaur is in the ground.

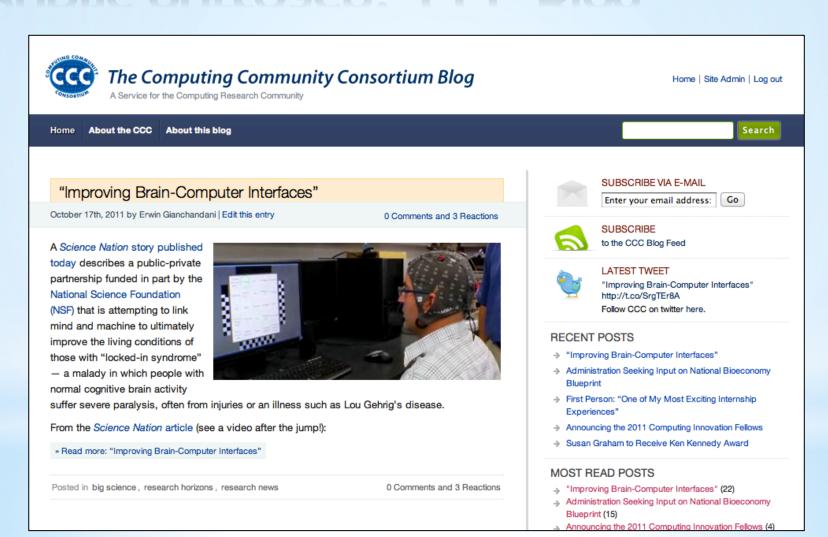
In the field, 6th grade students that used WordsEye produced better final essays (as scored by independent, trained raters) and showed greater improvement. Future improvements might make WordsEye applicable in other areas such as robotics, communications devices, or video games.

Researchers:





### Public outreach: CCC Blog





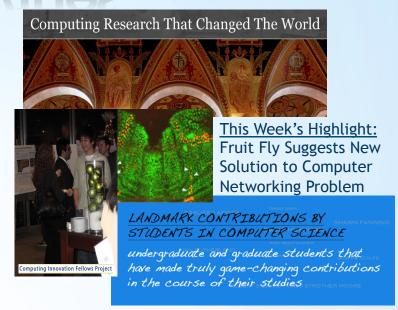


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### Next generation: CIFellows Project

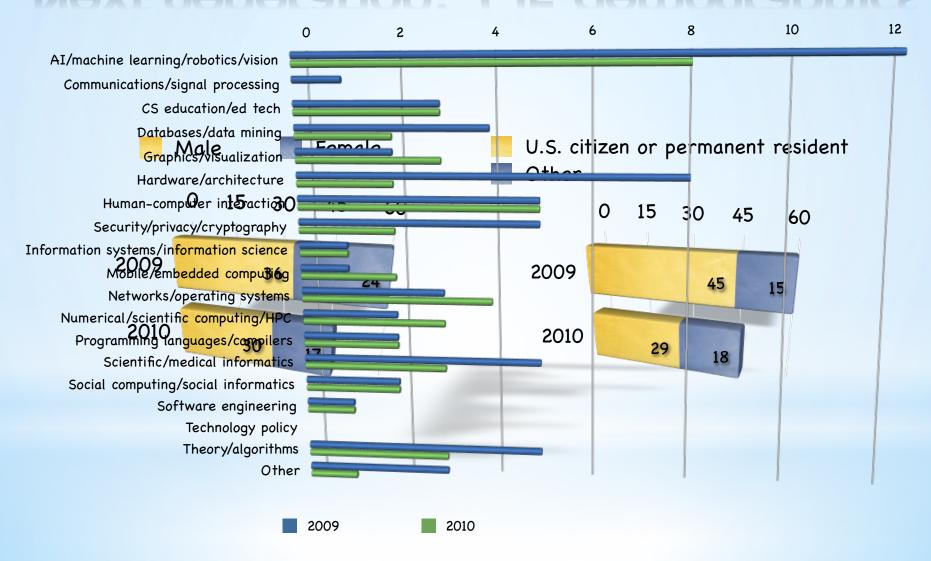
- Established in 2009 with NSF/CISE funding
- Provides recent CS Ph.D.s one- to two-year postdoctoral positions
- Goal is to retain new Ph.D.s in research & teaching during difficult economic times
- 60 CIFellows funded in 2009
  - 19 left the program after year I
  - 39 have now found tenure-track faculty or industrial research positions
- Another 47 CIFellows funded in 2010, 20 in 2011
- A research project in and of itself...







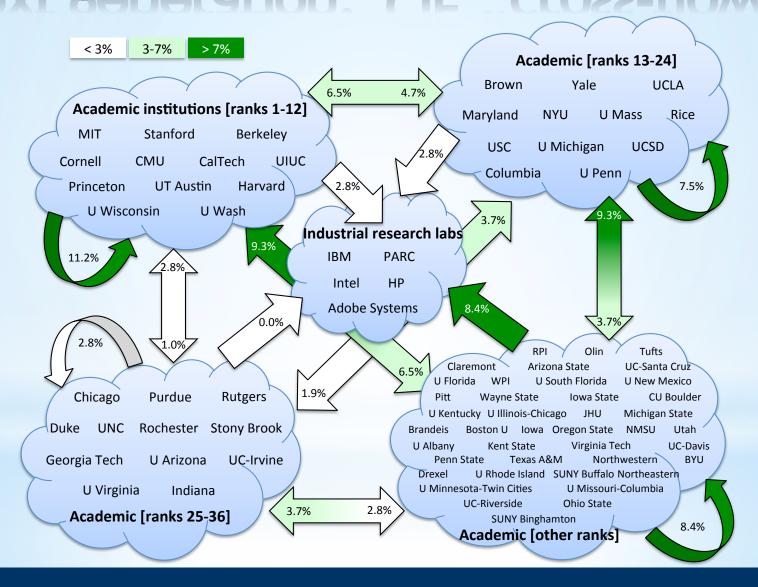
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#### Next generation: CIF "cross-flow"

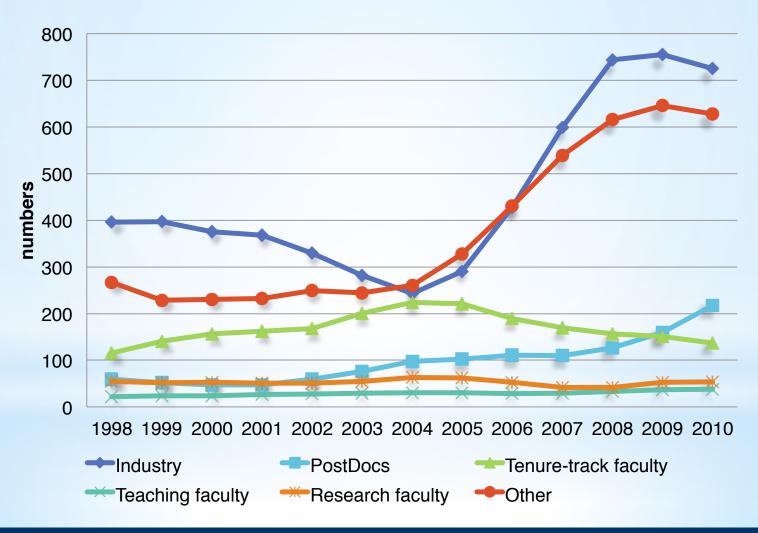






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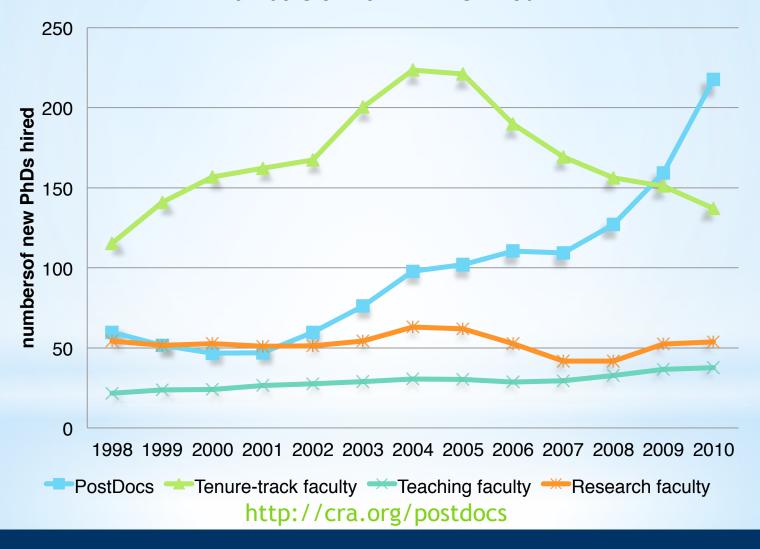






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### Next generation: Undergraduates

COMPUTER SCIENCE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES AND

#### GRADUATE SCHOOL

A Resource for Undergraduates...

Welcome! This website is intended to help undergraduates in computing fields find summer research opportunities and resources for applying to graduate school.

URO Zone

Undergraduate Research Opportunities Considering Grad School?

Q & A with grad students and faculty Application Process

Reflections by grad students and faculty

A Day in the Life

A blog by current grad students

http://cra.org/ccc/csgs



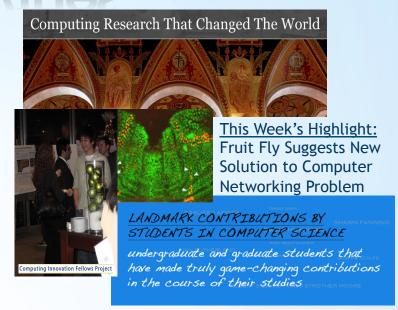


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### Why it's important...

- \* "CCC has played an important role in identifying and promoting exciting "visions" for the future of Information Technology (IT) research ideas that have the potential to attract the best and brightest to the field, drive economic growth, and address national challenges in areas such as health, energy, and education...
- \* "These papers and workshop reports have had a clear influence on Administration budget and recruiting decisions and have already sparked collaborations between government, industry, and academia. The agility and flexibility of the CCC is particularly important for a field like IT, which changes rapidly and has such a profound impact on science and engineering, the economy, and our society."
  - Tom Kalil, Deputy Director, White House OSTP





# Current emphasis areas





## A recent report about the field

- Issued by the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST)
- Covers the Federal Networking & Information Technology R&D ("NITRD") initiative
- An excellent roadmap for the field
- About a third of PCAST's Working Group was comprised of CCC Council members







### The impact of NIT R&D

- "Advances in NIT are a key driver of economic competitiveness."
- "Advances in NIT are crucial to achieving our major national and global priorities in energy and transportation, education and lifelong learning, healthcare, and national and homeland security."
- "Advances in NIT accelerate the pace of discovery in nearly all other fields."
- "Advances in NIT are essential to achieving the goals of open government."





### The PCAST report

- Health information technology
  - "Go well beyond the current national program to adopt electronic health records"
  - "Make possible comprehensive lifelong multi-source health records for individuals; enable both professionals and the public to obtain and act on health knowledge from diverse and varied sources as part of an interoperable health IT ecosystem; and provide appropriate information, tools, and assistive technologies that empower individuals to take charge of their own health and reduce costs."





### Health IT

- Workshop with 100+ computer scientists, systems engineers, social scientists, care practitioners
- Produced a report summarizing key research questions and directions
- NSF/CISE initiated Smart Health
   & Wellbeing in FY 2011
- FY 12 version cuts across NSF's CISE, ENG, and SBE directorates













- From data to knowledge to action
   enabling evidence-based
   healthcare
- Empowering people -- providers and consumers -- improves healthcare quality
- Computer-based augmentation of human learning, reasoning, decision-making, and physical motion significantly enhances human capabilities
- Healthcare is a complex, largescale, adaptive distributed evolving system
- The Importance of Collaborative Government Investment





### The PCAST report II

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#### Energy and transportation

 "dynamic power management broadly; interoperable standards for real-time control; low-power systems and devices; and improved surface and air transportation."





#### **Computational Sustainability**

- Workshop with 60+ computer scientists, systems engineers, social scientists, "sustainability scientists"
- Produced a report summarizing key research questions and directions
- NSF has announced several FY
   2012 solicitations as part of its
   SEES initiative



- Big Data
  - Temporal & geographic
  - Very large, heterogeneous (graphical structures, sampled measurements, images, extensive notes/comments, social network data, etc.)
  - (Meta)data provenance, federation, curation, visualization, analytics, archiving
- Common infrastructure
- Privacy & security
  - Aggregations of personal data
  - Targeting feedback systems
- Quality & transparency of models
- Understanding human needs, encouraging behavior changes





## Primary NSF solicitation: SEP

#### **Sustainable Energy Pathways**

NSF 11-590

Amount

\$34M for 15 -20 awards

Awards

Up to \$500K/year Up to 4 years

Requirements

At least 3 Pls (one lead, 2 co-Pls) Represents 2 or more disciplines

Restrictions

Max 3 proposals per organization Max 1 proposal per PI To develop efficient pathways towards sustainable energy, from starting points to ending points, via a systems approach in the priority areas of

- Sustainable Energy Harvesting, Conversion, and Storage
  - Energy harvesting and conversion
  - Energy storage solutions
  - Critical elements and materials
  - Nature inspired processes
  - Reducing carbon intensity
- Energy Transmission, Distribution, Efficiency, and Use
  - Transmission and distribution
  - Energy efficiency and management

Due Date, Feb 01, 2012

10/11/2011

NSF CISE SEES Webinar

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## Primary NSF solicitation: SEP

#### **Some CISE Research Opportunities**

Ethanol

transportation

Optimization of transmission & distribution systems for raw materials, fuels & energy

Smart local monitoring (inside & around vehicle) and energy management

Vehicle level

storace & use

New technologies for energy routing & storage mgmt

Conversion side energy management, availability prediction & optimization

Coordination of wehicular energy use over a region

Electricity from wind/solar

Electricity transportation & distribution of Ethanol

Of Ethanol

Integrated vehicular use of Energy

Vehicle level storage & use of Bectnoty

Global monitoring (e.g., metro region wide), data collection & analytics

Integration, resilience, and survivability of energy networks

Site selection & capacity planning of "filling" stations

Global energy management (scheduling, platooning, ...), robustness and security

10/11/2011

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### PCAST report III

- Improving health care
- Enabling the smart grid
- Revolutionizing transportation
- Ensuring our national defense
- Enabling the future of networking
- Delivering personalized education
- Empowering the developing world
- o Driving advances in all fields of science & engineering

cybersecurity





# Key drivers





## Key drivers: technology for me







### Key drivers: information

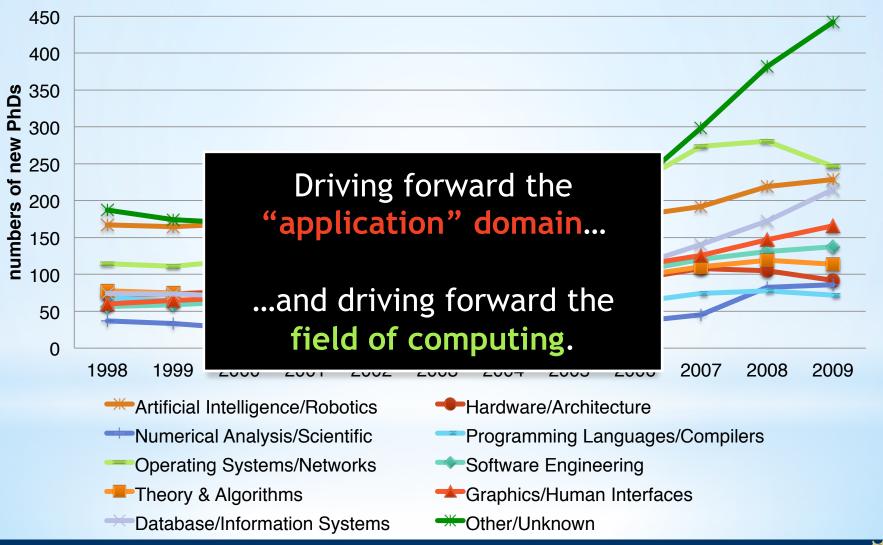
- \* Just about every field is becoming an information field
- \* "NIT is arguably unique among all fields of science and engineering in the breadth of its impact ... Recent technological and societal trends place the further advancement and application of NIT squarely at the center of our Nation's ability to achieve essentially all of our priorities and to address essentially all of our challenges ... All indicators all historical data, and all projections argue that NIT is the dominant factor in America's science and technology employment.

-- PCAST report, December 2010





## The shift toward interdisciplinary







### Our key areas of emphasis

- Health information technology
  - Workshop held in San Francisco in October 2009
  - NSF/CISE initiative on Smart Health & Wellbeing (SHB) announced in FY 2011
- Role of information sciences & engineering in sustainability
  - Workshop in Washington, DC, on Feb. 3-4, 2011
  - Several NSF SEES solicitations in recent weeks for FY 2012
- "Big Data"/Data analytics
  - Series of white papers written for policy makers in summer 2010
  - Anticipating a new initiative in FY 2013
- Education (learning) technologies
  - Roadmap produced in summer 2010
  - Digital Promise and ARPA-ED

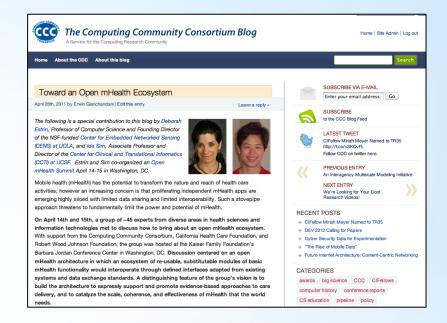
digitalpromise





### A community effort

- Propose visioning activities, white papers, Challenges & Visions tracks at research conferences
- Put together short videos for undergraduates
- Contribute to the CCC Blog
- Send us a research highlight for the Highlight of the Week



Get involved today:
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