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Breakout 7:

Cybersecurity Experimentation of the Future: Supporting Research for the Real World

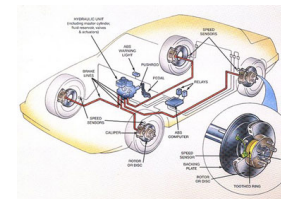
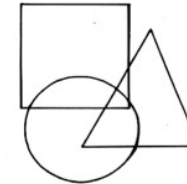
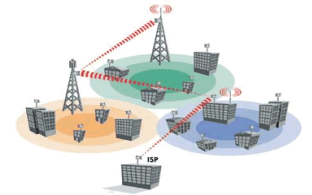
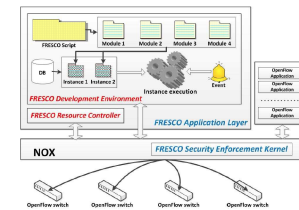
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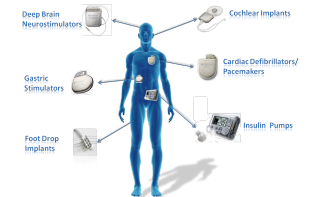
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Tomorrow's Cybersecurity Challenges

- Cyberspace is rapidly evolving with nearly every aspect of society moving toward pervasive computing and networking
- Need to move quickly to meet tomorrow's needs
 - Highly specialized cyber-physical systems (CPS)
 - Interdisciplinary experimentation
 - Modeling and reasoning about human behavior
 - Advanced networking architectures (e.g., SDN)
- CEF is community-based effort to study current and expected cybersecurity experimentation infrastructure, and to produce a strategic plan and roadmap for developing infrastructure that supports tomorrow's research



WIRELESS IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICES



Future Experimentation Infrastructure Objectives

- Catalyze and support research
- Advanced experimental research tools, technologies, methodologies and infrastructures
- Broadly available national resources
- Beyond today's state of the art:
 - Multi-discipline, complex, and extreme scale experimentation
 - Emerging research areas specialized cyber-physical systems and cybersecurity-relevant human behavior
- Advances in scientific methodologies, experimental processes, and education
- Strategies for dynamic and flexible experimentation across user communities and infrastructure facilities

Cybersecurity Experimentation of the Future

Breakout Discussion Highlights

- Experiment metrics, including those mapped to defender objectives
- Support for internal vs. external validity of experiments, context matters – ecological validity
- Capabilities to support reproducibility
- Sharing of data collection and analysis algorithms, benchmarked datasets
- Special considerations for cyber security research
- Can't just provide tools when people don't know how to use them effectively
 - Need to couple with methodologies and education
 - Need case studies to show how the RI can be used

Cybersecurity Experimentation of the Future

General RI Discussion

- Caveat: can't foresee everything needed in the future
- RI should include benchmarked data
- Can't just provide tools when people don't know how to use them effectively
 - Need to couple with methodologies and education
 - Need case studies to show how the RI can be used
- Support for experiment metrics that are mapped to defender objectives
- Recognize and support for internal vs. external validity of experiments, context matters – ecological validity

Experiment Reproducibility

- How do we describe everything needed in order to reproduce an experiment, especially in complex and/or large scale experiments?
- What level of fidelity must be captured for an experiment to be reproducible?
 - What does and doesn't matter is a research topic itself.
- When documenting an experiment that uses a complex range, need ability to point to location where the detailed info is kept.
- Bundle: data + code + environment

Sharing of Common Algorithms, Data

- Data validity can be impacted by faulty data collection methods
 - Share validated collection methods, algorithms and tools
- Shared datasets are needed to perform apples to apples comparisons between approaches
 - Share datasets for specific research areas (e.g., keystroke dynamics)
- Common analysis algorithms/tools are needed to perform apples to apples comparisons between approaches
 - Share vetted analysis algorithms/tools

Characteristics of Cyber Security

- How is RI for cyber security different from other cyber problems?
 - Must take adaptive adversaries into account – models & ability to automatically generate and validate models
 - Intent (purposeful vs. accidental) may not matter when a failure occurs until we see the behavior change

Conclusion

- Science-based experimentation infrastructure is critical to enabling future cybersecurity research
- Need for revolutionary capabilities for advancing multi-discipline, complex and extreme scale experimentation for emergent cybersecurity research areas
- Lively and helpful discussion that reinforces CEF study outputs and provides guidance on what to highlight and expound upon
- Consider: How would ***you*** contribute to a collaborative effort to build and share this infrastructure?

Cybersecurity Experimentation of the Future

Breakout 8:

Developing a Principled Security Curriculum

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Guiding Questions

What should a security curriculum cover?

How can we improve how security principles are taught?

Who are you teaching and what do they need to learn?

- Need different kinds of programs – different audiences coming in, different pathways going out.
 - Concentrations or tracks in different majors (CS, IS, etc.), stand-alone cybersecurity major
- Potential interest in different kinds of career paths.
- Different principles suitable for different groups.
- Some philosophical questions still unresolved:
 - Is practicing offense necessary for understanding defense, or is offense its own specialized skill?
- Pragmatic concerns and constraints
 - Overfilled curricula, long pre-requisite sequences, students of varying backgrounds, etc.

Many Existing Useful Resources

- **NIST NICE Framework**
- National Academies Report: *Professionalizing the Nation's Cybersecurity Workforce*
- **NSA/DHS Academic Centers of Excellence:** now divided to cyber defense and cyber operations (smaller program, specialized on offense). Includes existing knowledge units.
- Military academies developing “**Cyber Science**” as a starting point separate from CS.
 - Working group of about 60 people (mostly in cybersecurity) working with ABET to develop an ABET-accredited program.
- Various courses, including some with materials or entire course available freely online.
- Many more...

Principles, Practice, and Mindset

- **Scientific** principles, **engineering** principles, and **social science** principles, among others.
- Effective to combine principles with **practical activities** and **examples** that illustrate the principles, build interest, and encourage engagement.
- In the context of a broad education (vs. training for specific skills), focus in a discipline can serve as a way to **develop a mindset**, a **culture**, and a **body of shared knowledge**. (Should also ensure teaching of problem solving, communication, and critical thinking.)
- We could do a better job of explaining the differences between different kinds of programs to potential students: what background do you need to succeed in this programs? what kinds of career or further educational pathways are natural from this program? what kinds of interests are a good fit for this program? [But beware being too narrow and scaring people off.]

Breakout 9:

User Authentication

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Passwords & authentication

- Simple, cross-platform, one-size-fits-all for human-to-machine authentication
 - We'll probably still talk about passwords in a few years
- Historically, poor usability of alternatives (e.g., biometrics)
- **This may be changing**
 - Commoditization of usable biometric systems (e.g., iPhone touch ID)
 - Increased importance of machine-to-machine authentication (Internet of Things)
 - RFIDs/NFC tokens are now extremely cheap to produce and are increasingly deployed (you're using one to open your room)
 - Single-sign on systems (e.g., Google/FB accounts) are increasingly used for credential delegation
 - Multi-factor authentication

Future research directions in user authentication (1/2)

- **Privacy-preserving** authentication
 - Group signatures / pseudo-identities for large systems (e.g., transportation networks)
 - Research question example: how to scale group signatures (expensive to verify) so that they can accommodate very large networks (e.g., automobile networks)
 - Potential communication overhead to disseminate pseudo-identities
- **Reconciling threat models** with deployed primitives
 - e.g., “authenticating” to the newspaper
 - Segmentation of authentication primitives
- Potential **arms race**
 - Well known in biometrics (research on spoofing)
 - Is there an end to this arms race – can it be proven?

Future research directions in user authentication (2/2)

- Incentives to **decouple identification** from **authentication**
 - Identity providers/SSO systems – avoiding core root of trust (multiparty computation?)
 - How to decouple? Preserving privacy vs. long-term “reputation”
 - How much trust are users willing to give to authentication providers?
 - E.g., failure to accept the German National ID card
- **Metrics** to evaluate authentication
 - Going beyond false negative/false positive rates
 - Scope of the threat model, adoption rate, usability / lightweight, cost, failure implications
- Deployment of **forward secrecy**
 - Technology probably already exists but needs to be deployed to a much larger extent

Breakout 10:

An End to (Silly)

Vulnerabilities

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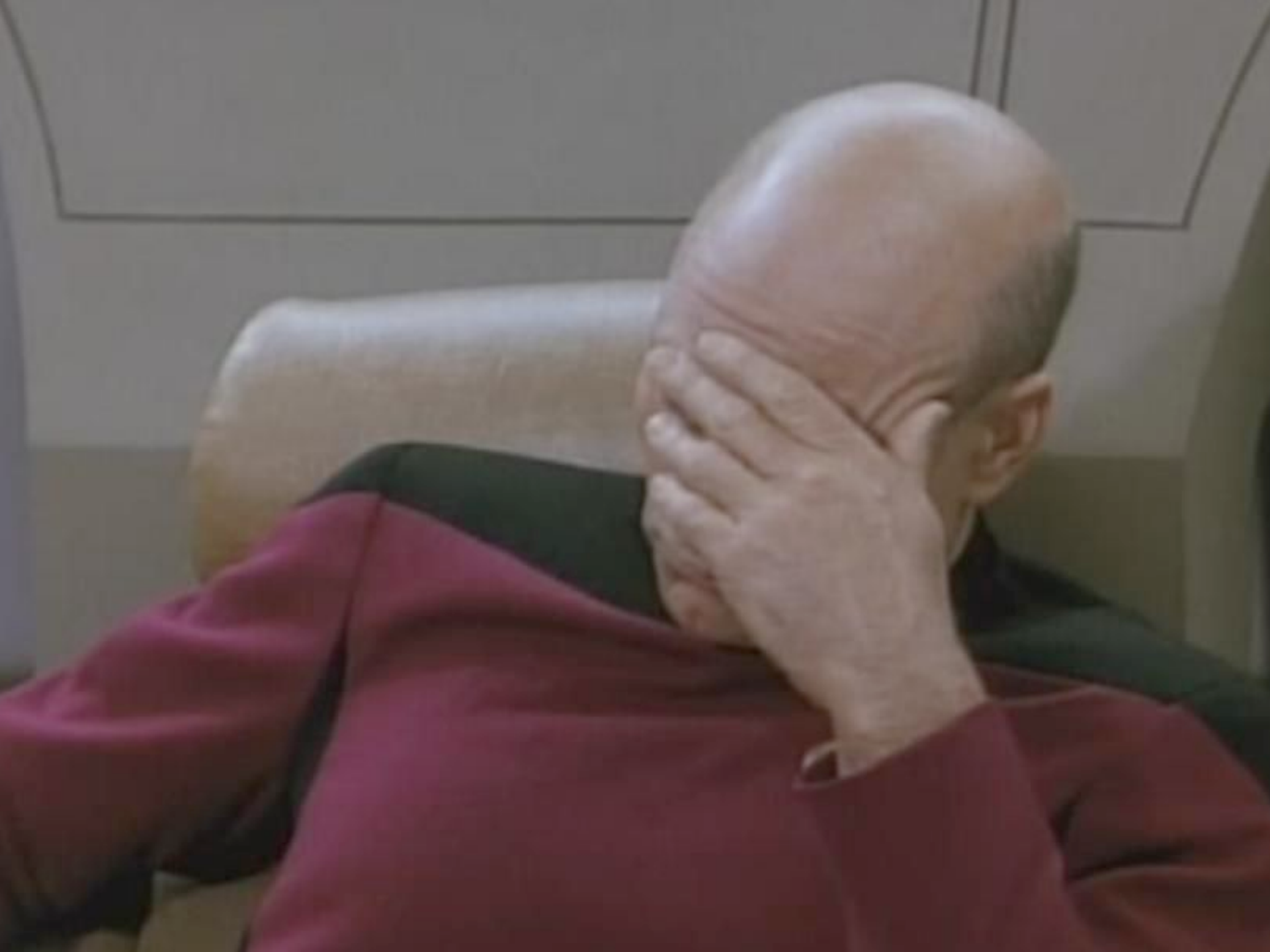
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Research

Education

Incentives

silly vulnerability. *n.*



All vulnerabilities are silly!

2014







\$1 billion

Proposed Resolution

*No further advances in research
and education are necessary.*

It's up to you, industry.

*No further advances in research
and education are necessary.*

It's up to you, users.

Δ Research

Static analysis

Spectrum of silliness

WTF!?

Absurd

Silly



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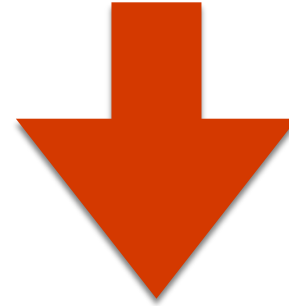
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Usability

Scalability

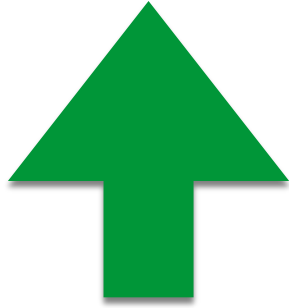


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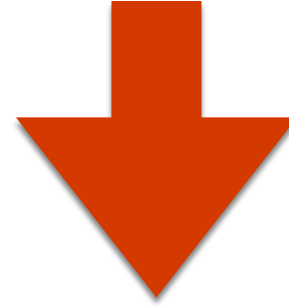
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Formal methods



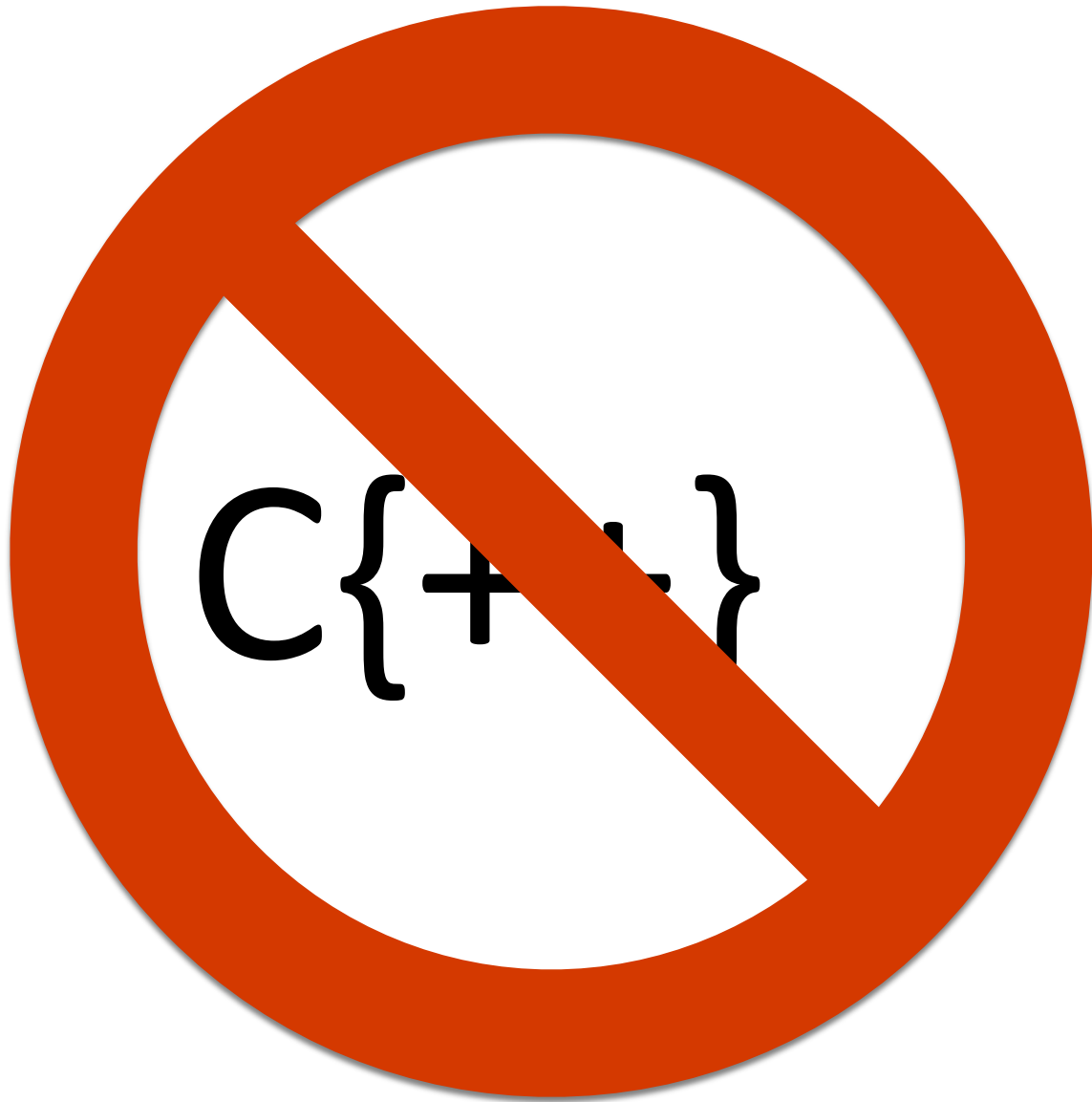
Scalability



Domain expert

Cost

Languages



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Δ Education

Cross-cutting & Standalone

Security from the start

Δ Incentives



Cyber Ralph Nader

Civil liability for software

Much less vulnerabilities.

Much less software.

Thanks!

Breakout 11:

Human Factors

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Cyber Insurance

- Deal with security problem by purchasing insurance
- Problem is there is insufficient data to model risk
- “actuary tables” for cyber security would be useful
- Understanding distribution of payouts

Incentivizing Users

- Maybe we could pay users \$5 dollars to do X and improve their security
- Problem is we don't know what X should be
- Need better understanding of what effects security outcomes

Teachable Moments

- Warning notices that explain why purchasing from spam is harmful
 - Display at the moment the user is about to visit merchant site
- Does notification work encourage remediation
 - What can be done to improve the effectiveness?

Breakout 12: **Architecture**

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Starting questions

- 1) What are the best opportunities today for architecture-focused security research?
- 2) What problems in hardware, software and network security can best be addressed by architectural changes or new architecture?
- 3) How should smartphone, IoT and cloud computing servers be designed to improve cyber security?
- 4) How should researchers in different domains collaborate with architecture researchers on security problems?
- 5) What are the application domains where "architecture support for security" can make the most impact?
- 6) What are the challenges and opportunities in designing and building hardware architecture that we can trust?

Discussion Topic and Direction

- What are the best opportunities for architecture-focused security research?
- The term “architecture” was broadly defined
 - HW, SW, network architecture
- The discussion was focused more on opportunities for *hardware* architecture to enhance security
- HW has both strengths and weaknesses
 - Strengths: 1) real-time, 2) difficult to bypass, 3) difficult to tamper with, 4) performance, energy efficiency
 - Weaknesses: 1) semantic gap, 2) difficult to fix
 - What are the right set of hardware security primitives?

Architecture Research Needs

- Hardware to guarantee critical security and privacy properties even when software layers are compromised, especially for safety-critical applications
- Threat models and security requirements for emerging application spaces such as smartphone, cloud, IoT, CPS, etc.
 - Rethink existing hardware security architecture
- Hardware design methodology and assurance
 - Improve both security and performance
 - Tools and metrics to verify the security of hardware-software designs
 - Tools and platform support to build custom secure architecture
- Facilitate tight interdisciplinary collaborations
 - HW architecture and security communities
- Common infrastructure for security architecture research
 - Open-source SoC HW, security benchmarks, and attack suites

More Research Directions

- How to secure complex heterogeneous SoCs?
 - Many processing elements, untrusted IPs
- How to provide end-to-end security including humans and communications
 - Secure I/O and user interfaces
- How to leverage parallel resources in many-core processors for security?
- What's the implications of emerging nanotechnologies for security? How do we leverage them for security?
- How to authenticate hardware?