



# Lecture #1: Introduction

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12-778: Sensors, Circuits and Data Interpretation/Mgmt. for CEE

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# Who Google thinks I Am





# About me

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Became a Civil Engineer there



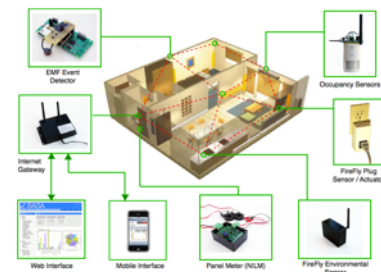
Came to



, to merge my degree with



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# About the 7 of you

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- Architecture ..... 1
- \_\_ Professionals?
- \_\_ Students?



# Student Introduction

- Good opportunity to get to know your classmates
- Your program and year (undergraduate or graduate)
- Interest for this class (why you are taking this course)
- Future plans (going to industry or continuing for Ph.D.)
- Other information that you like to share with others





Let's read the syllabus

# WHY ARE YOU HERE?

# Objectives

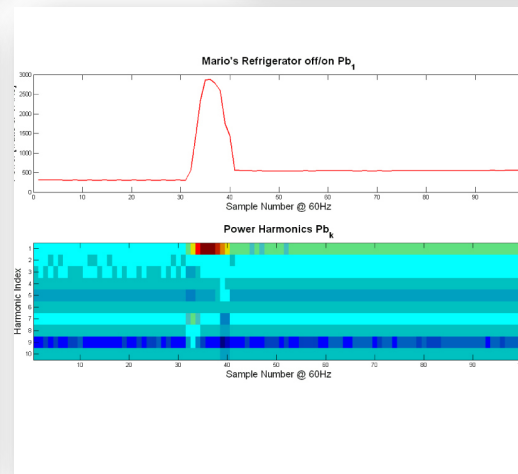
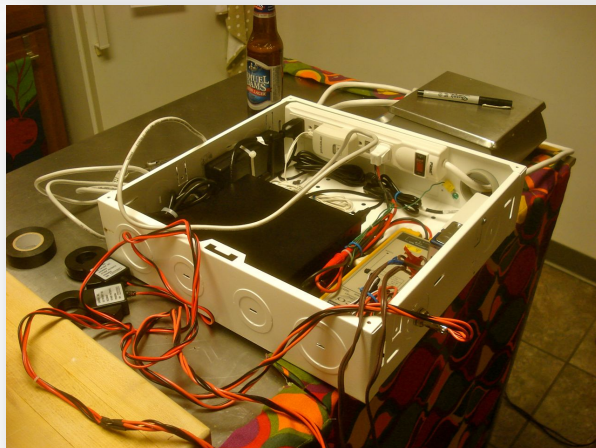
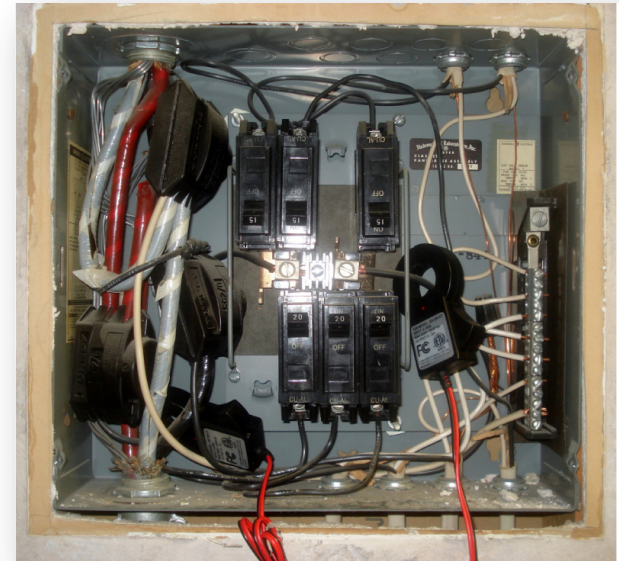
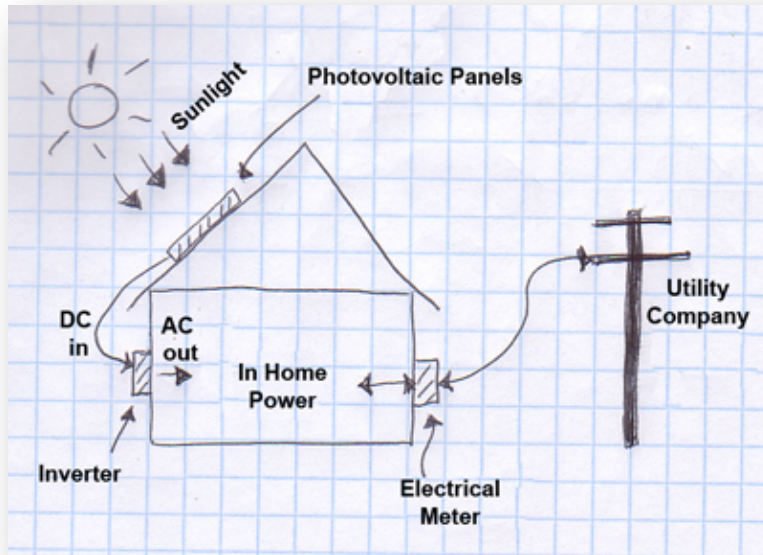
- Understand:
  - Physical Principles of Sensors
  - Fundamentals of Data Acquisition
  - Basic Signal Processing
  - Measurement Uncertainty and Errors
  - Data Management



# Objectives

- Acquire skills to develop:
  - Prototype sensing systems using Raspberry Pis and Python
  - Simple “Internet of Things” applications

# Objectives





# Schedule of Classes

TUESDAY		THURSDAY	
Aug 29th	1	Aug 31st	2
<b>THEORY:</b> Introduction		<b>THEORY:</b> Principles of Sensors	
Sep 5th	3	Sep 7th	4
<b>PRACTICE:</b> Preparing Your Instrumentation Environments <b>HW1:</b> Out		<b>PRACTICE:</b> Sensing with the Raspberry Pi Pico	
Sep 12th	5	Sep 14th	6
<b>THEORY:</b> Electronic Devices and Circuit Theory		<b>THEORY:</b> Fundamentals of Data Acquisition I	

# Schedule of Classes

Sep 19th	7	Sep 21st	8
<b>THEORY:</b> Fundamentals of Data Acquisition II		<b>THEORY:</b> Resistive Sensors HW1: Due HW2: Out	
Sep 26th	9	Sep 28th	10
<b>THEORY:</b> Resistive and Capacitive Sensors		<b>PRACTICE:</b> Practical Signal Conditioning and Sampling	
Oct 3rd	11	Oct 5th	12
<b>PRACTICE:</b> Practical Measurements with an MCU		<b>THEORY:</b> Fourier Analysis	



# Schedule of Classes

Oct 10th <b>THEORY: Fourier Analysis II</b>	<b>13</b>	Oct 12th <b>THEORY: Linear Systems Theory</b> <b>HW2: Due</b>	<b>14</b>
Oct 17th  NO CLASS: Fall Break	<b>15</b>	Oct 19th  NO CLASS: Fall Break	<b>16</b>
Oct 24th  <b>THEORY: Measurement Noise and Errors</b> <b>HW3: Out</b>	<b>17</b>	Oct 26th  Project Proposal Presentations	<b>18</b>

# Schedule of Classes

TUESDAY		THURSDAY	
Oct 31st	19	Nov 2nd	20
<b>THEORY:</b> RECORDED LECTURE Uncertainty Quantification and Propagation		<b>THEORY:</b> Networked Sensors: IoT and WSNs <b>PRACTICE:</b> Project Assistance	
Nov 7th	21	Nov 9th	22
NO CLASS: Democracy Day		<b>THEORY:</b> Time-series Data: Representation, Processing <b>HW3:</b> Due <b>HW4:</b> Out	
Nov 14th	23	Nov 16th	24
<b>THEORY:</b> Set Theory and Entity Relationship Diagrams		<b>THEORY:</b> Relational Databases	



# Schedule of Classes

Nov 21st <b>THEORY: SQL</b>	<b>25</b>	Nov 23rd NO CLASS: Thanksgiving Break	<b>26</b>
Nov 28th <b>THEORY: Database Design and Normalization</b> <b>HW4: Due</b>	<b>27</b>	Nov 30th <b>THEORY: Lessons Learned from Computer Systems Research: Planning Monitoring Campaigns</b>	<b>28</b>
Dec 5th <b>PRACTICE: No Lecture: Assistance for Project</b>	<b>29</b>	Dec 7th <b>PRACTICE: No Lecture: Assistance for Project</b>	<b>30</b>

# Schedule of Assignments


- 4 homework assignments
  - HW1: out on 9/5, due on 9/21
  - HW2: out on 9/21, due on 10/12
  - HW3: out on 10/24, due on 11/9
  - HW4: out on 11/9, due on 11/28
- 1 Project Proposal due 10/26

# Projects

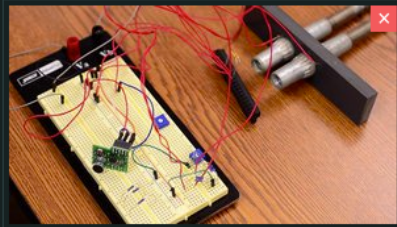
- Presentation (Video)
- Report (Github Pages)
- Themes:
  - **M**: Velocity of a Fan, **S**: Light Intensity Sensor
  - **M**: Audio Password, **S**: Microphone
  - **M**: Distance Traveled, **S**: Accelerometer
  - **M**: Temperature Vocoder, **S**: Temp. Sensor

# Past Projects

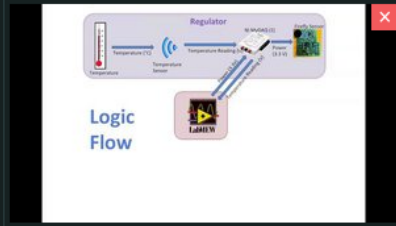
- [Project Reports \(2019\)](#)
- [Vimeo Group \(2014\)](#)
- [Vimeo Group \(2013\)](#)
- [Wiki Reports](#)



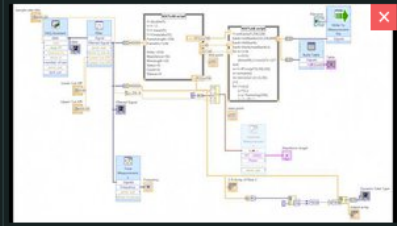
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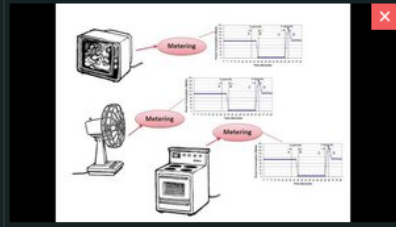
**Automatic Sprinkler Controller**  
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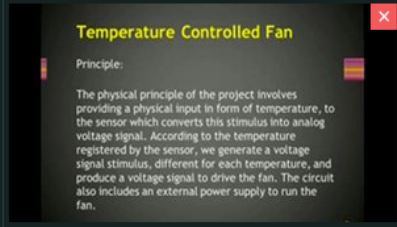
**Group 8: Fan Control**  
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**Group #5 : Audio Password**  
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**Group 7, Non Intrusive Load Monitoring**  
10 months ago



**Temperature Controlled Fan**  
10 months ago

**Principle:**

The physical principle of the project involves providing a physical input in form of temperature, to the sensor which converts this stimulus into analog voltage signal. According to the temperature registered by the sensor, we generate a voltage signal stimulus, different for each temperature, and produce a voltage signal to drive the fan. The circuit also includes an external power supply to run the fan.



# Grading

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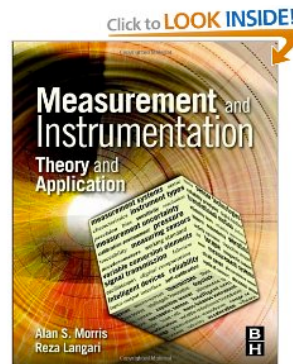
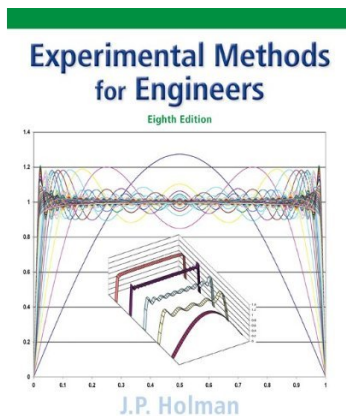
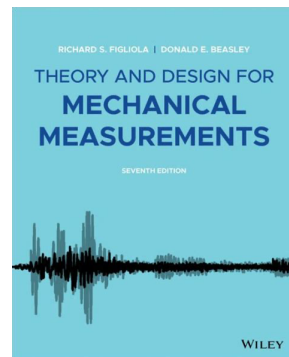
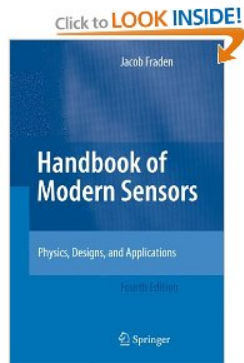
Assignments .....	40%
Final Project (Report).....	20%
Final Project (Presentation) .....	20%
Final Exam .....	20%

# Class Policy



# Readings

- Recommended books:



- Other references:
  - Will be listed on Canvas

# Discussion

- What is a measurement?



# Measurement Science



**Measurement:** the estimation of the magnitude of some attribute of an entity.



Usually involves a measuring instrument: ruler, scale, thermometer, etc.



Measurements are not perfect, thus they have three attributes to describe this imperfection:

Estimate

Error bound

Confidence level



The history of measurement science is tightly linked to the history of science itself.

# Measuring Instruments

Measuring instruments allow us to assess the relationship between:

- an attribute of an item under study (e.g. height of a tree)
- a referenced unit of measurement (e.g. a meter)

Traditional instruments:

- Hardware based
- Fixed, limited versatility
- Specific to a stimulus
- Example: oscilloscopes

Virtual Instruments:

- Hardware/software
- Versatile
- Less expensive

# Sensors

- Broad definition: “devices that receive and respond to a signal or stimulus”
  - Human eye
  - A trigger in a pistol
- For our scope: “devices that receive a signal or stimulus and responds with an electrical signal”
  - Where electrical signal means: can be amplified, modified and channeled by electronic devices.
  - Examples:
    - Video camera
    - Microphone
    - Accelerometer on your iPhone

# Actuators

- For our purpose:
  - They are the inverse of sensors
  - They convert an electrical signal into a physical stimulus
- Example:
  - Sound speakers
  - Electric Motors
  - Relay

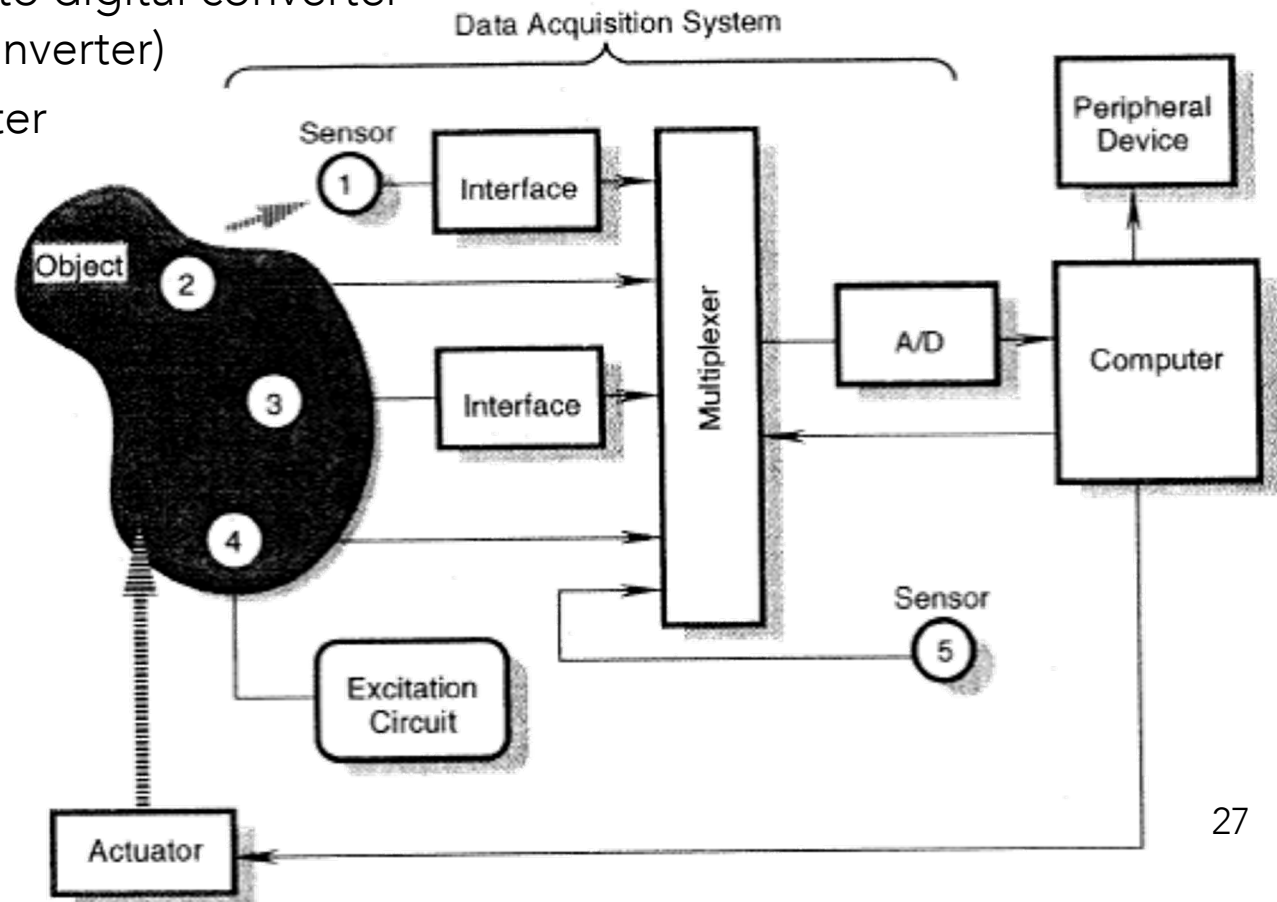


# Transducers

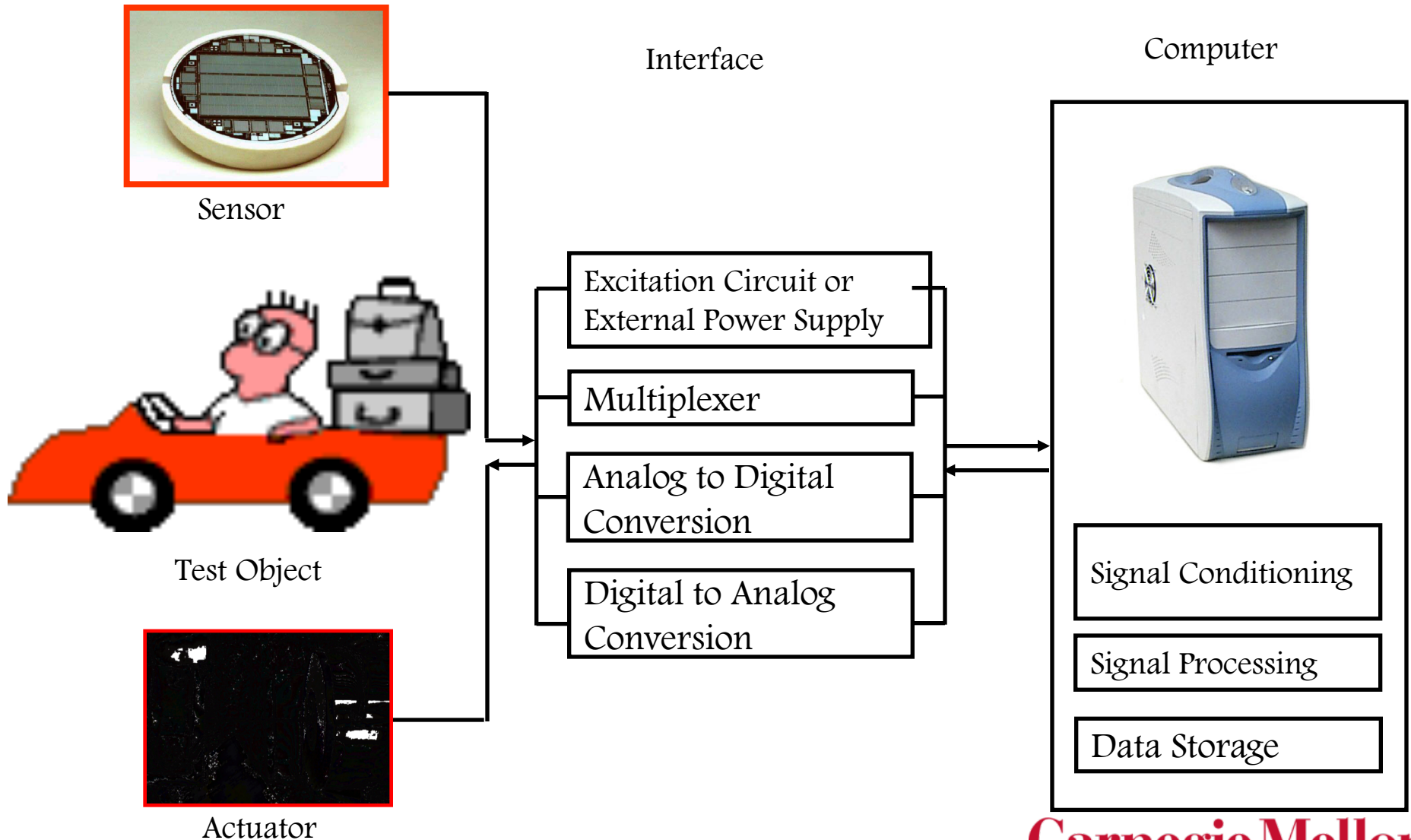
- In broad terms:
  - A converter of one type of energy into another.
- For our purposes:
  - A term that encompasses both sensors and actuators.
- Examples:
  - The sound speaker is a transducer and can be used both as an actuator (a speaker) or a sensor (a microphone).

# Data Acquisition Systems

- Components:
  - Sensors
  - Actuators
  - Multiplexer (MUX)
  - Analog to digital converter (A/D Converter)
  - Computer



# Overview of Data Acquisition Course



# Data Acquisition System

- Illustration Example:
  - Imagine a a car door monitoring arrangement.
    - Every door has a sensor detecting open or closed position.
    - Signals from all doors are in a digital format (ones or zeros).
    - A microprocessor identifies which door is open, and sends an indicating signal to the peripheral devices (dashboard display, sound alarm).
    - The driver (actuator) gets the message and acts on the object (closes the door).



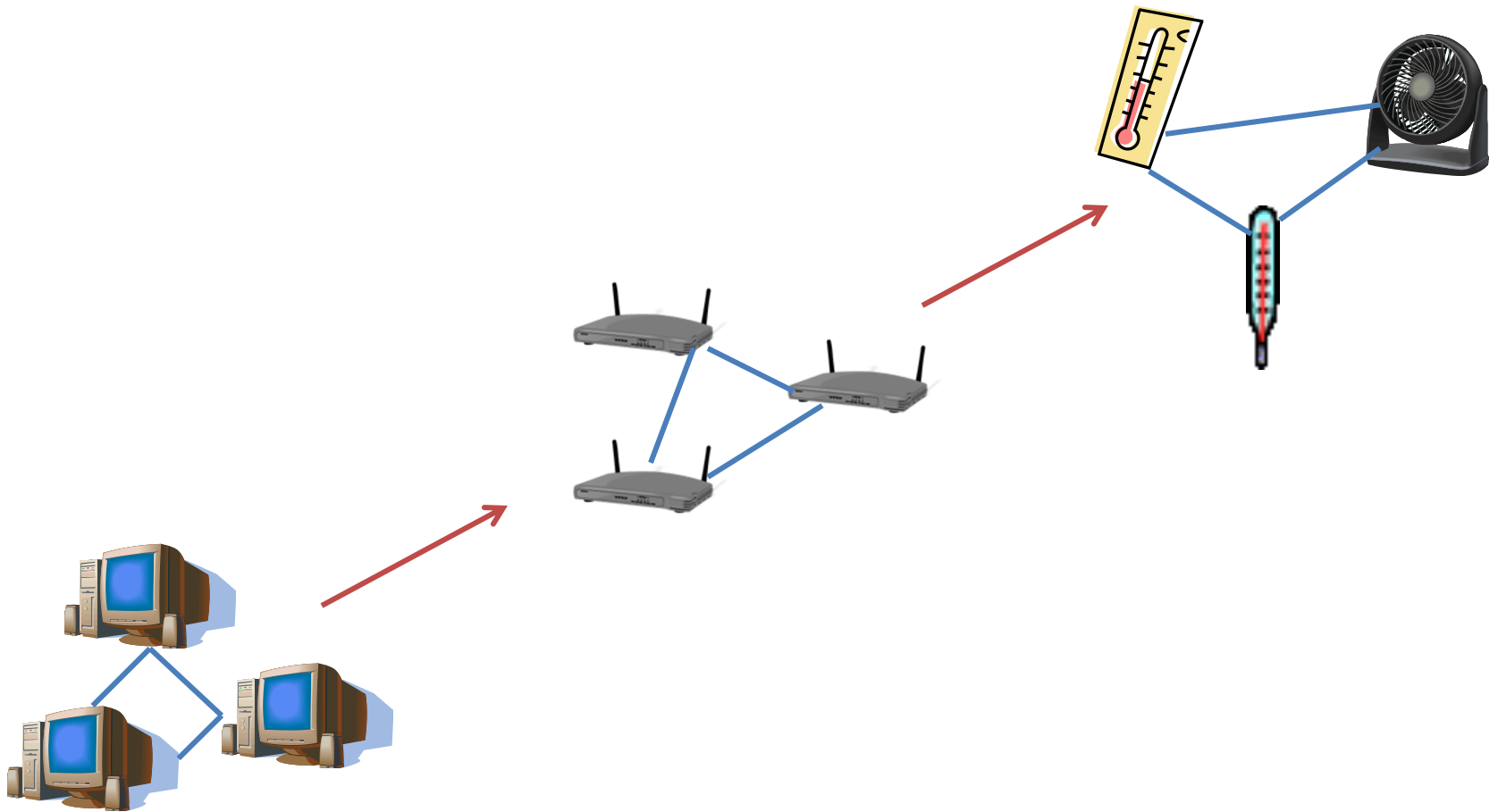


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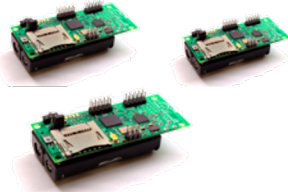
A Living Laboratory for Infrastructure Sensing Technologies

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# Origins



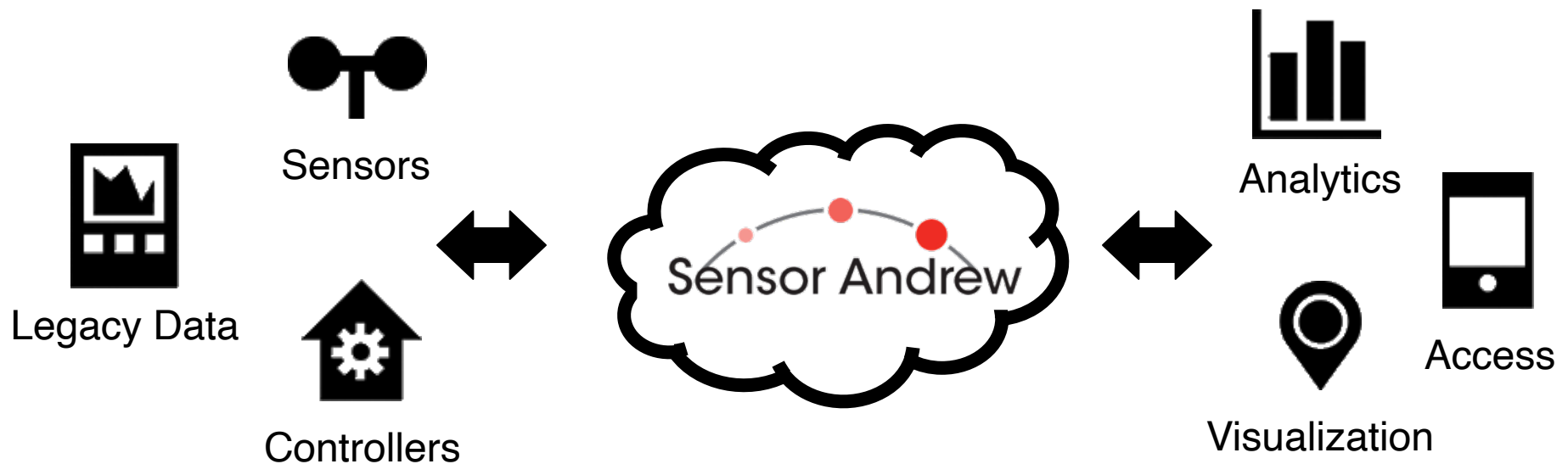
More and more *Physical* data is becoming available...



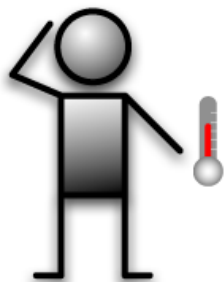
How do we make high-quantity data *high-quality* data?

# Sensor Andrew

- Infrastructure to help connect the *virtual* and *physical world*
- Access, store, control, describe and search sensor data while maintaining security and privacy
- Internet-scale performance and Extensibility

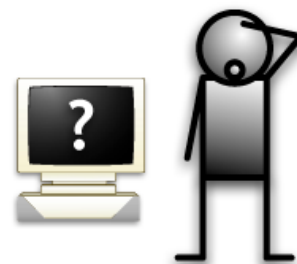
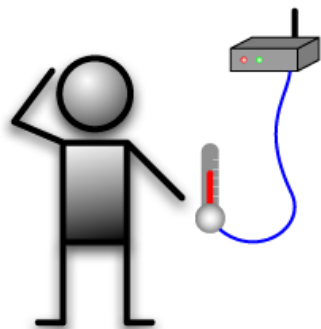


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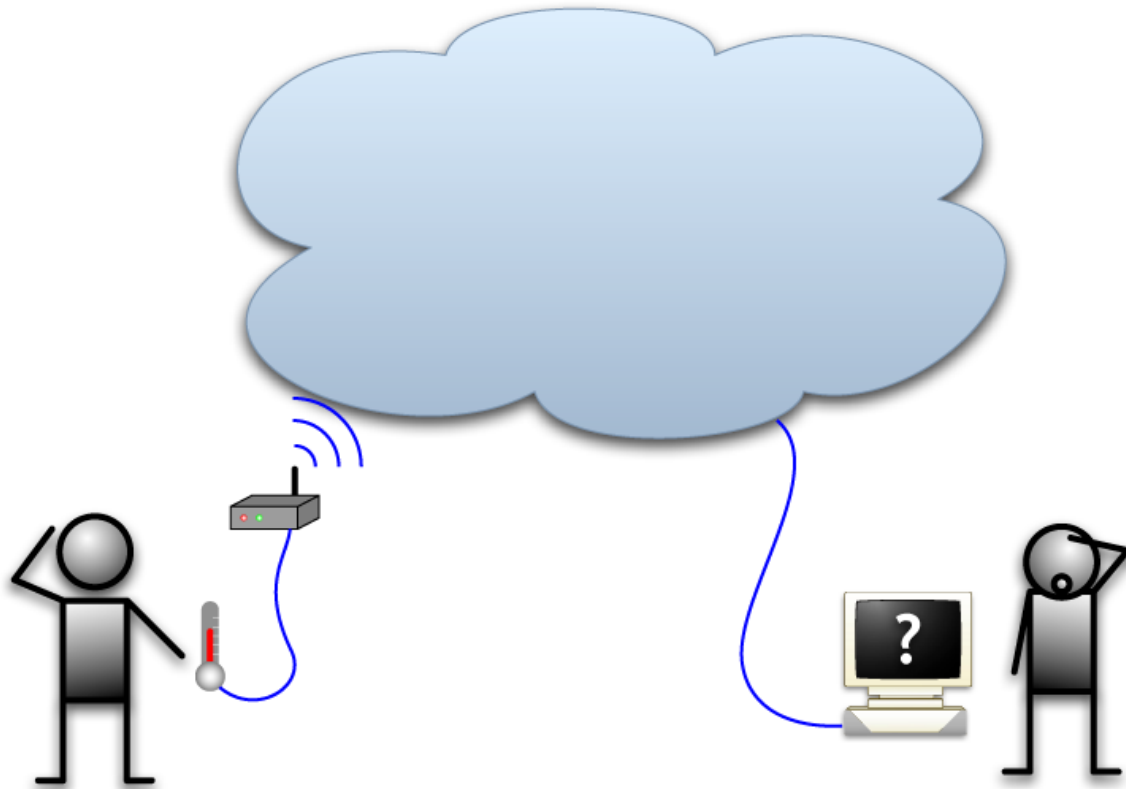




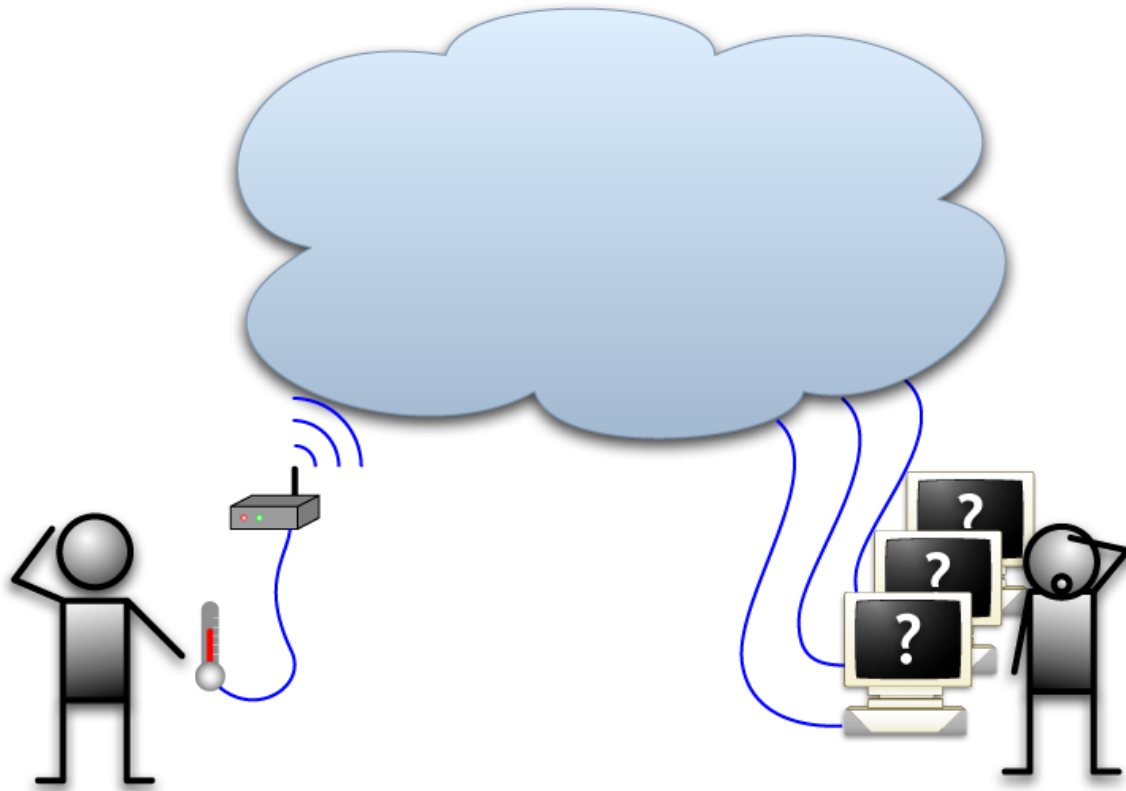
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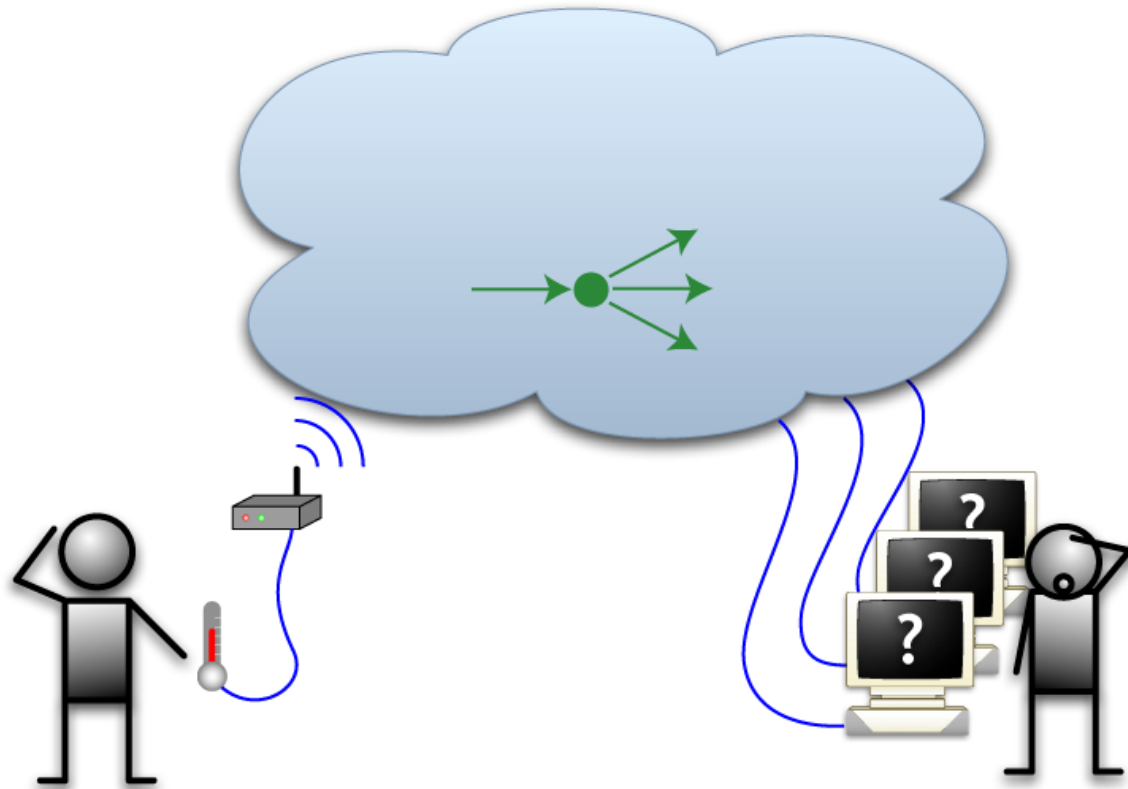
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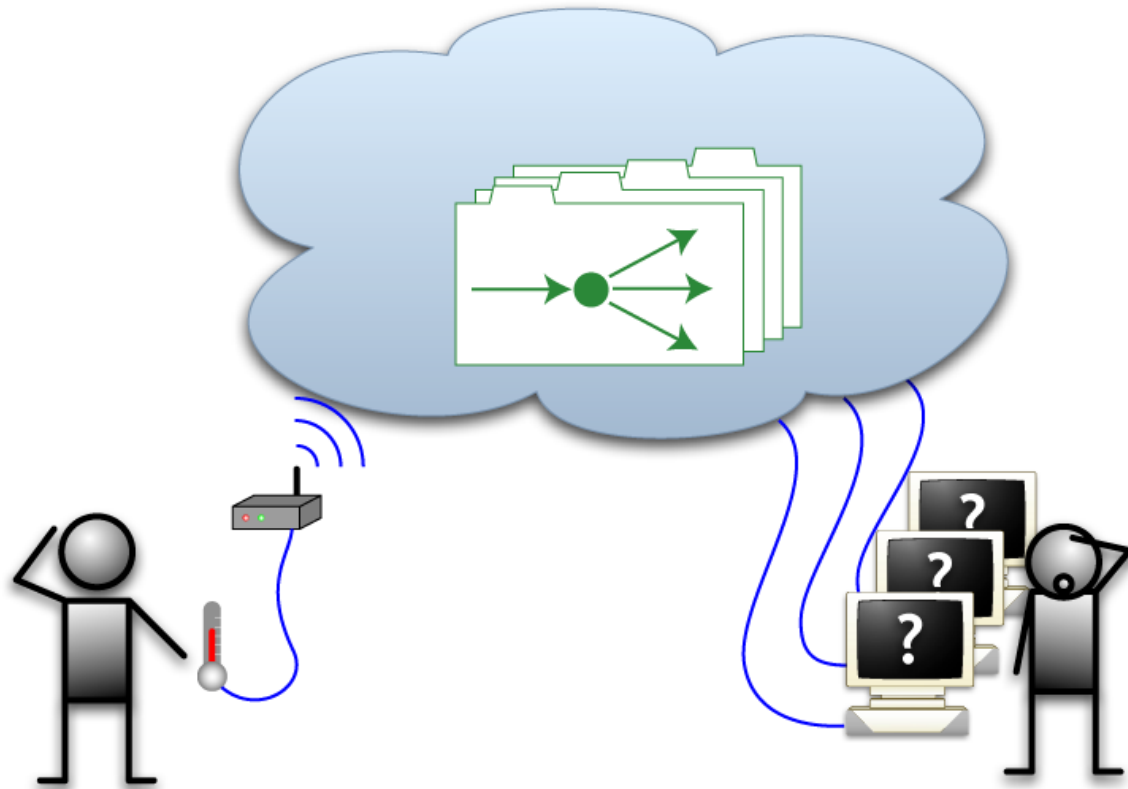
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# Motivation

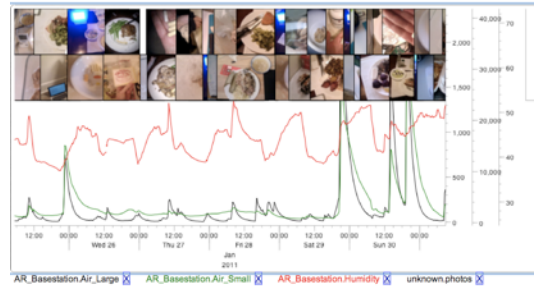




# Sensor Andrew Projects



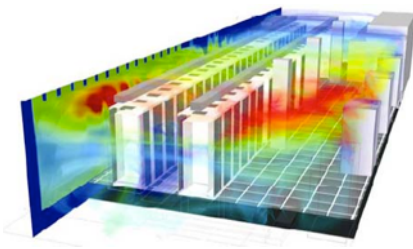
Smart Home



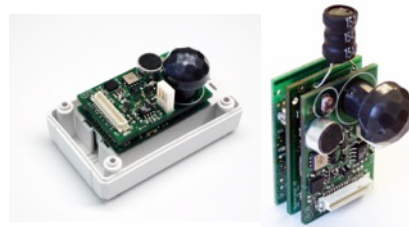
Body Track



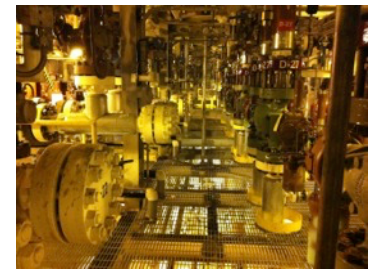
Water Quality Monitoring



Data Center Energy



Wireless Protocols



People Tracking



Building Automation Systems



Campus Facilities

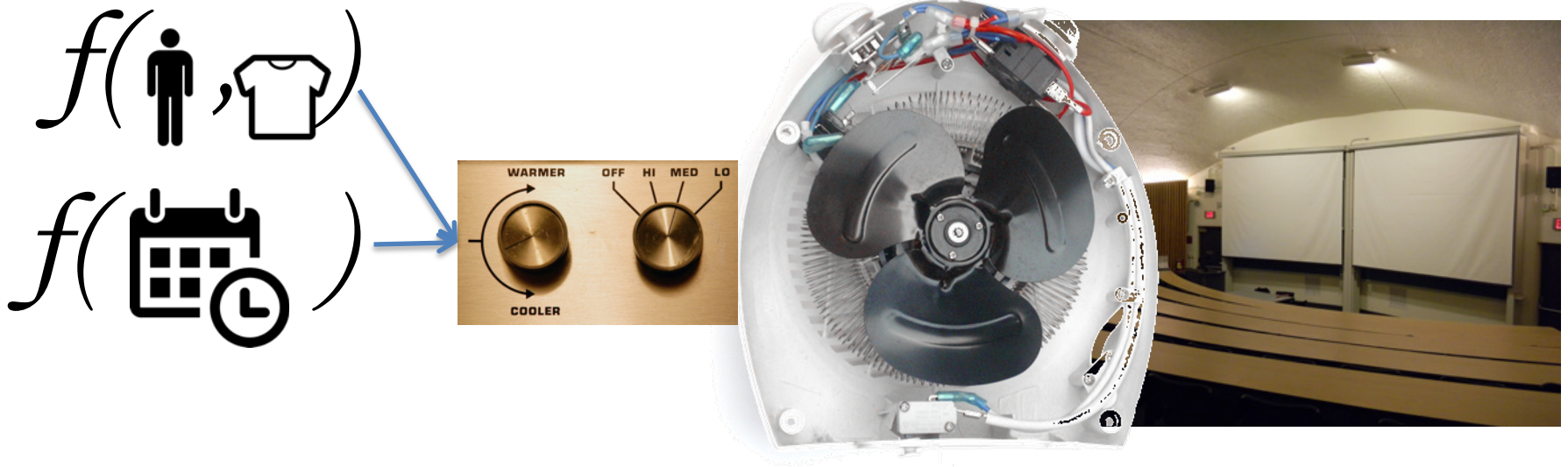


Air Quality Tracking

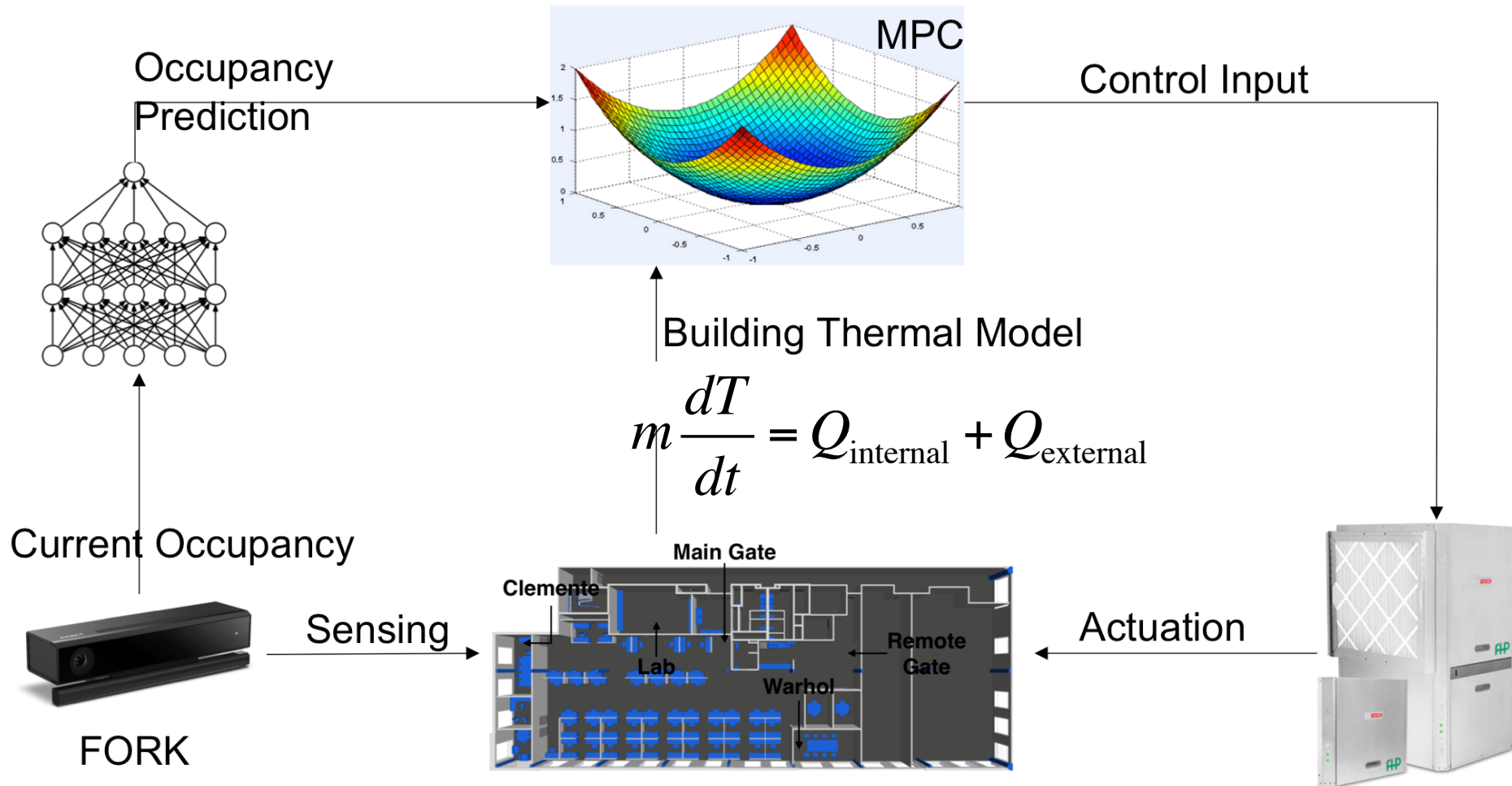
# Human-in-the-loop Sensing and Control for Commercial Building Energy Efficiency and Occupant Comfort

*What if we could incorporate room-level occupancy counts and thermal comfort preferences into our building controls?*

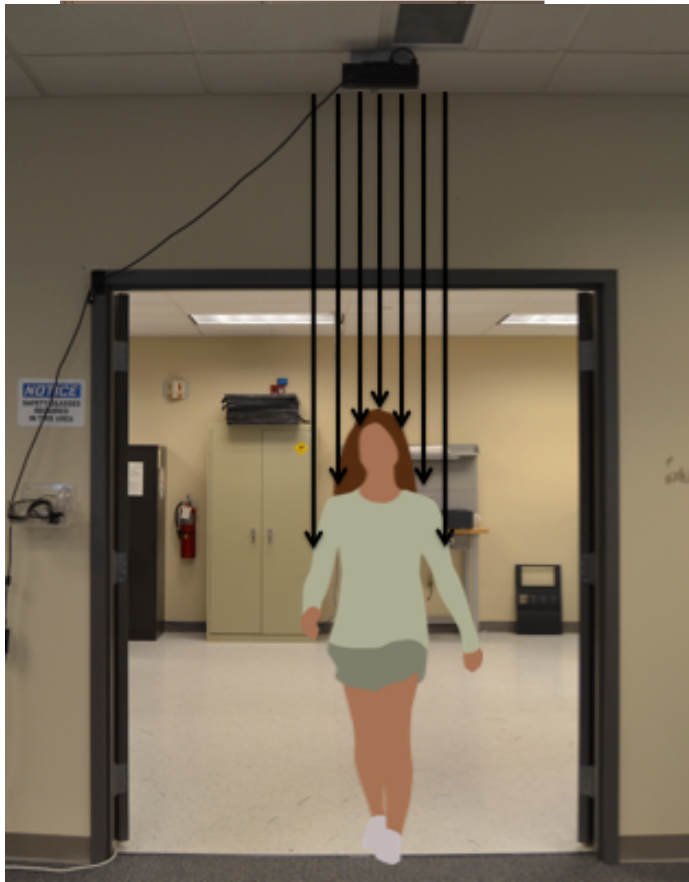
*What if we could do it at a low cost and with high accuracy?*



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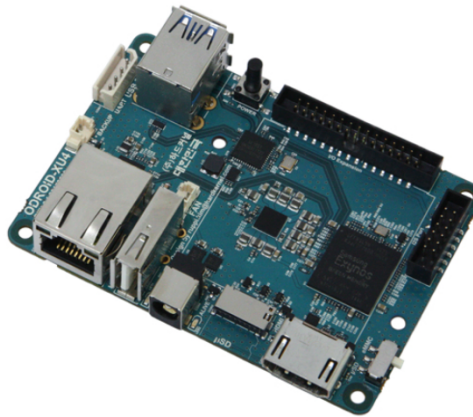
# Original Platform



(a)



(b)



(c)

(a) Placement of a Kinect sensor on ceiling tile.

(b) Kinect sensor

(c) Embedded computer: Odroid-XU4



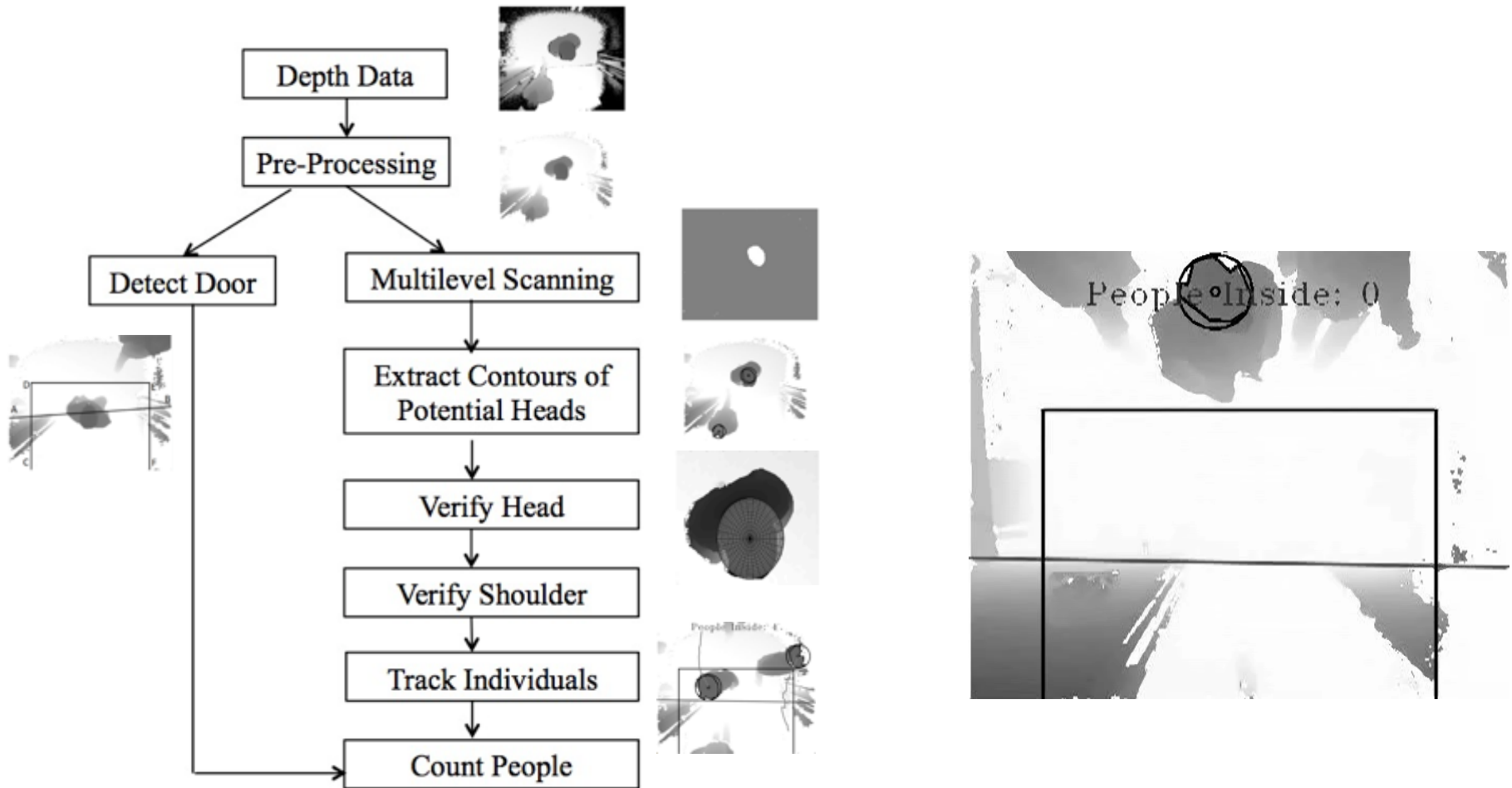
Depth Map



RGB Data



# Algorithm (v1) Overview

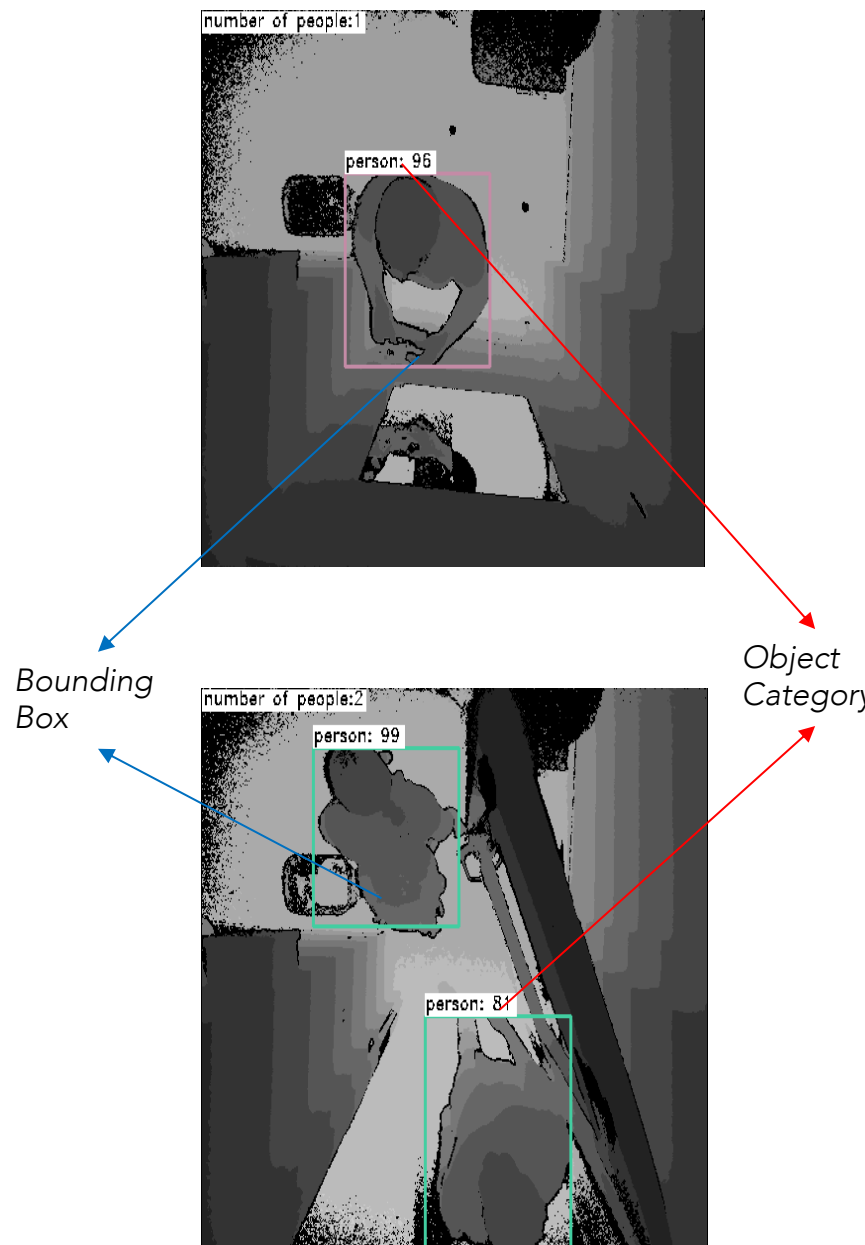




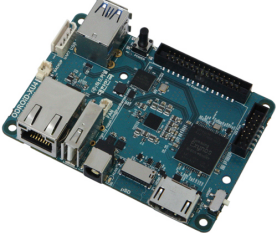



# Algorithm (v2)

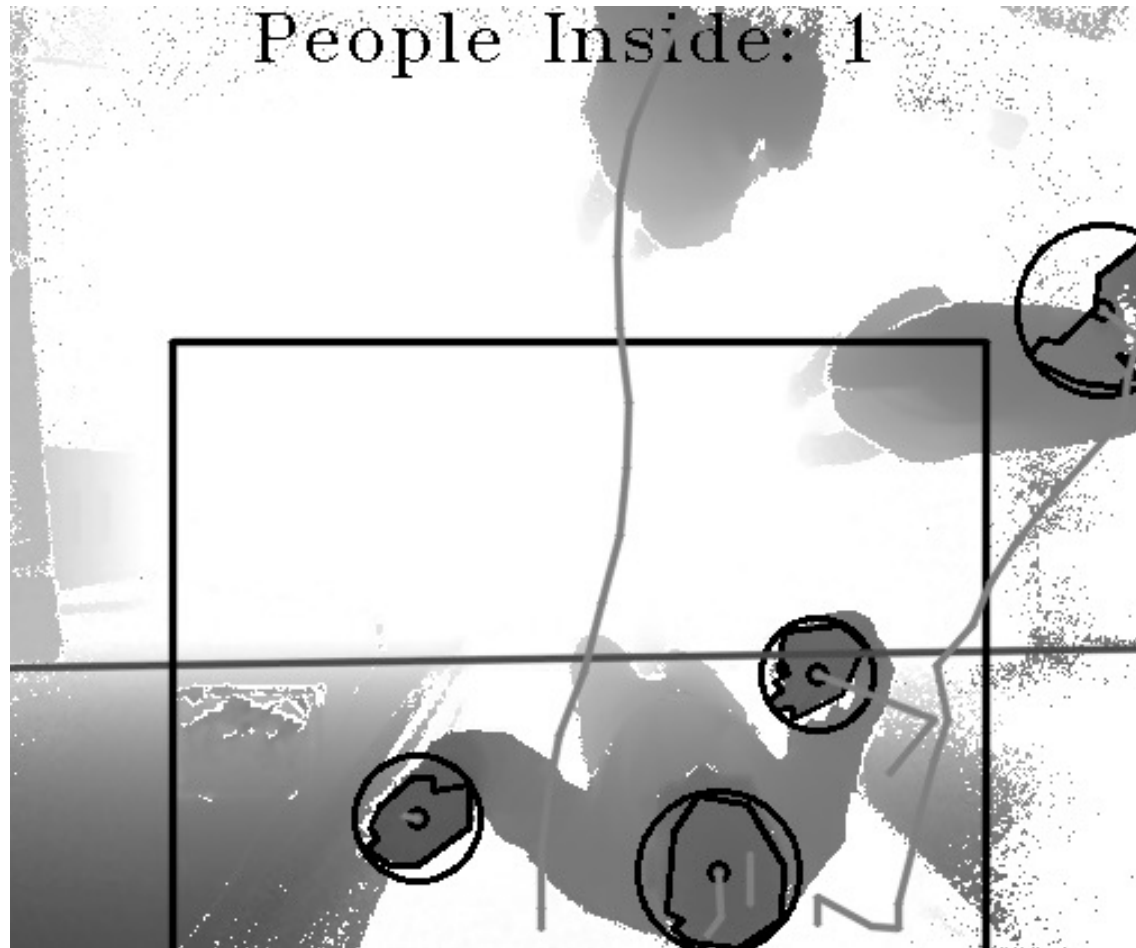
Approach: Faster RCNN (Region Based Convolutional Networks)

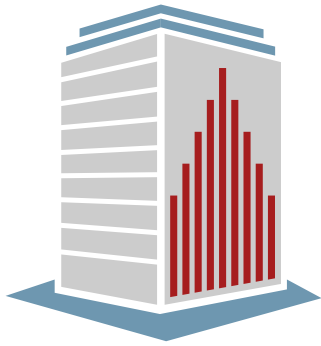
- Training stage
  - Inputs: Depth Image data
  - Targets: Bounding boxes and object category (Person - Background)
- Testing stage
  - Input: Depth Image data (unseen)
  - Output: Bounding box and object category
  - Number of people in frame
- Features are automatically learned.
- People are first detected and then classified.
- Network can be trained to detect additional objects like backpacks, computers, etc.



FORK v1.0	FORK v2.0
<p data-bbox="396 492 859 528">Microsoft Kinect for XBOX One</p>  <p>The Microsoft Kinect for XBOX One is a black, horizontal sensor bar. It features a circular camera lens on the left, a glowing Xbox logo in the center, and a series of vertical slats on the right side for the depth sensor. It is mounted on a thin black base.</p>	<p data-bbox="1101 492 1477 528">Intel D435 Depth Sensor</p>  <p>The Intel D435 Depth Sensor is a sleek, white, horizontal device with a black front face. It has three circular lenses visible on the front: a small one on the left, a larger green-tinted one in the center, and another small one on the right. It sits on a thin black base.</p>
<p data-bbox="537 863 718 899">Odroid XU4</p>  <p>The Odroid XU4 is a blue printed circuit board (PCB) populated with various electronic components. It features a USB Type-C port, a micro-USB port, and several other connectors along its edges. A black heat sink is visible on the right side of the board.</p>	<p data-bbox="1136 863 1437 899">Intel Compute Stick</p>  <p>The Intel Compute Stick is a small, black, USB-shaped device. It has a standard USB-A connector on one end and a micro-USB port on the other. The Intel logo and 'Compute Stick' text are visible on its side.</p>

# Hands detected as heads





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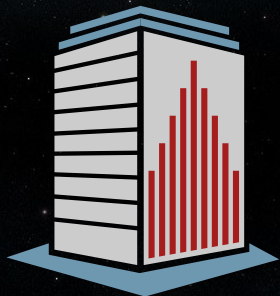
# QUESTIONS?



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