A black laptop is shown from a high-angle perspective, partially open. Resting on the keyboard is a black smartphone. On top of the smartphone is a wooden padlock with a silver metal shackle. A set of keys with a silver ring is also on the smartphone. The background is a plain white surface.

# Bachelor @ IAIK 2019/2020

# Welcome!

**Stefan Mangard**

**The Bachelor thesis is a milestone of your studies**

**Compulsory/basic topics**  
**vs.**  
**specialized/elective topics**

# Bachelor Thesis

**You choose – you have your own individual topic**



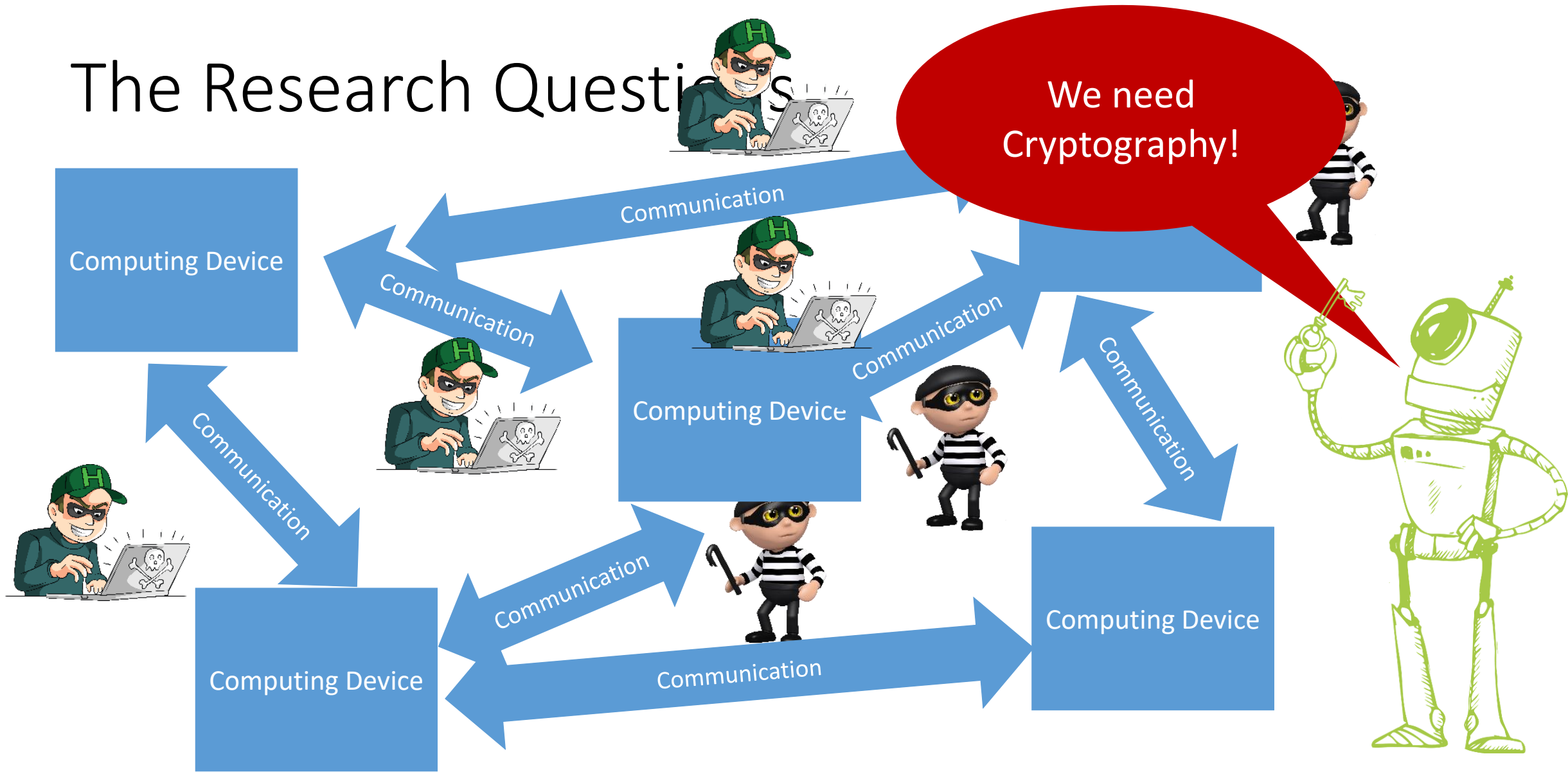
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# Information Security



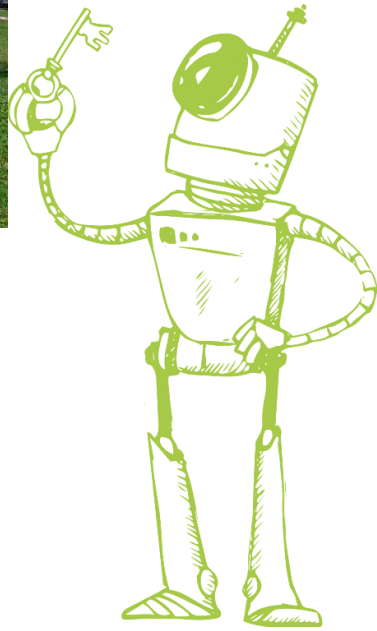
**What to do?**

# The Research Questions



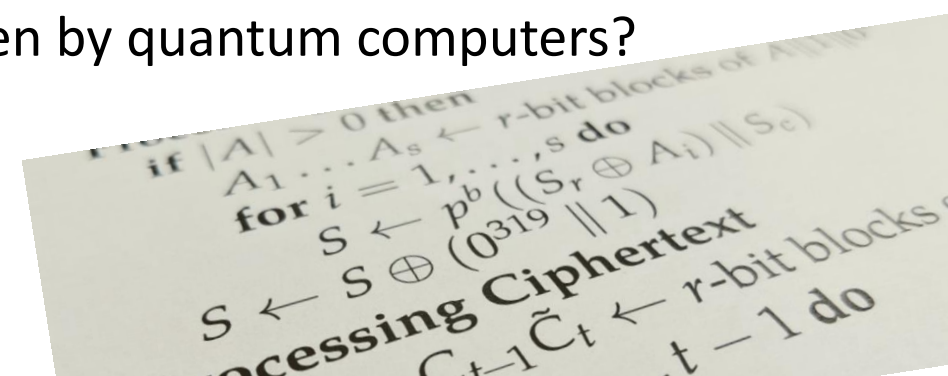


# Cryptology & Privacy



- **Research Questions**

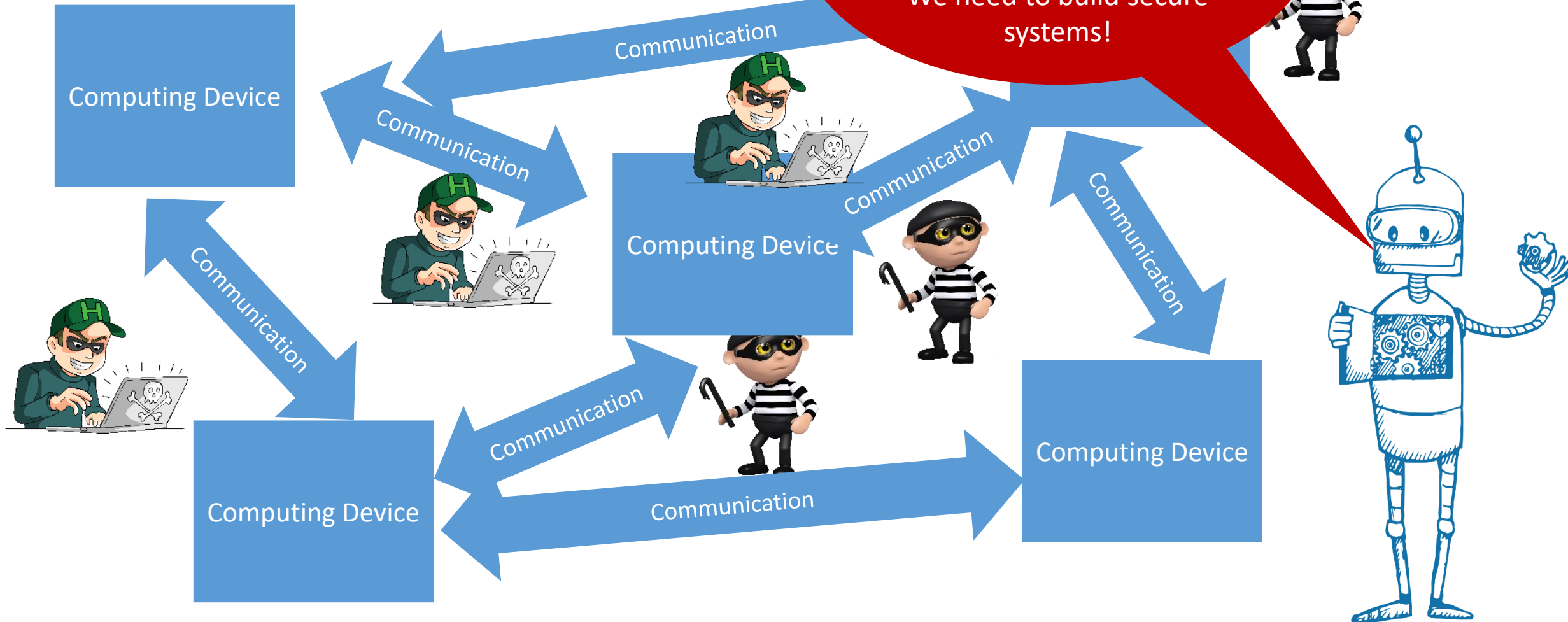
- How can we design efficient and secure cryptographic algorithms/protocols?
- How can we compute on encrypted data?
- How can we attack current cryptographic schemes?
- How can we build cryptography that cannot be broken by quantum computers?
- ...



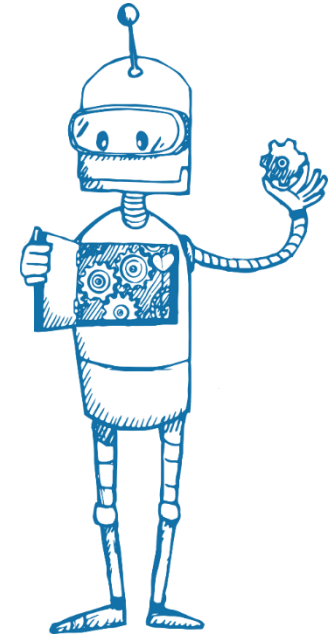
# The Research Questions

We need to look inside our devices to analyze and understand them!

We need to build secure systems!



# System Security



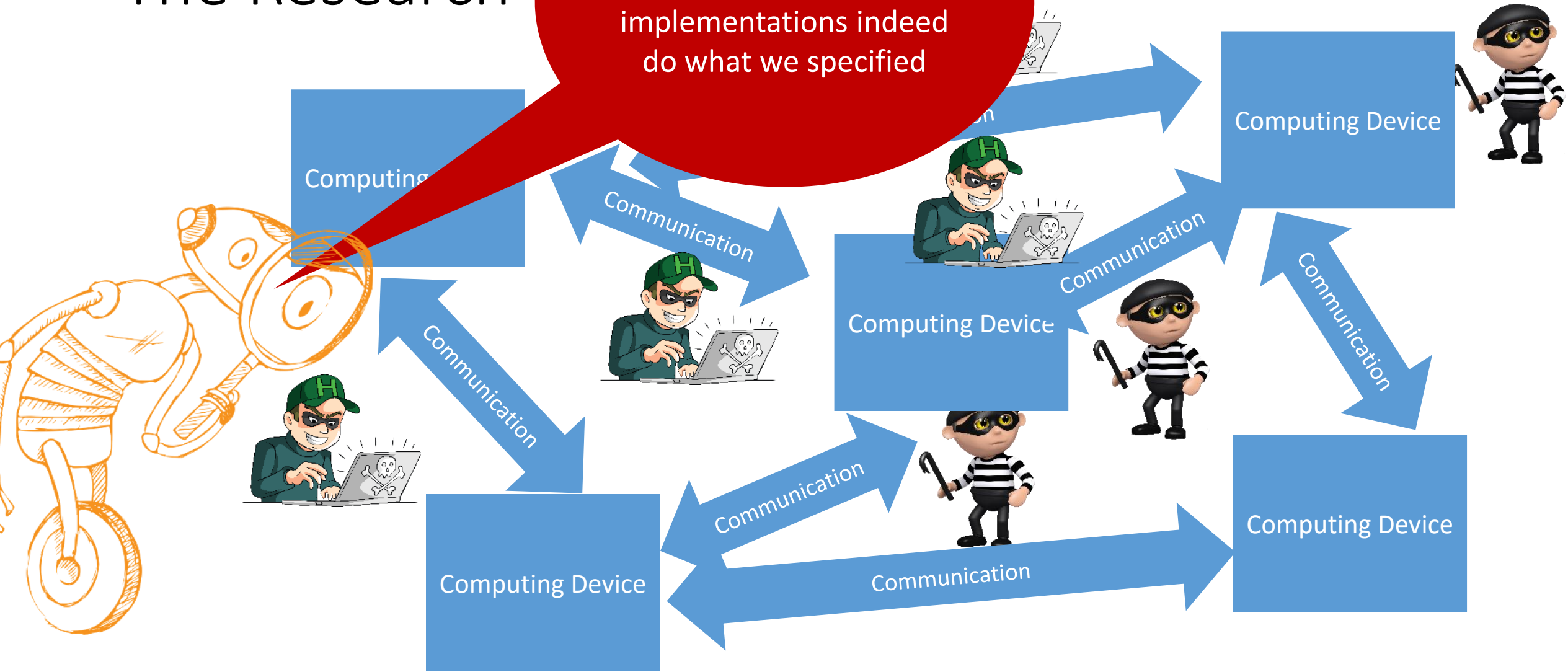
- **Research Questions:**

- What are the weaknesses of current systems?
- How can we design systems (compiler, software, hardware, ...) to prevent an attacker from hacking a computer?
- How can we cope with side channels?
- ...



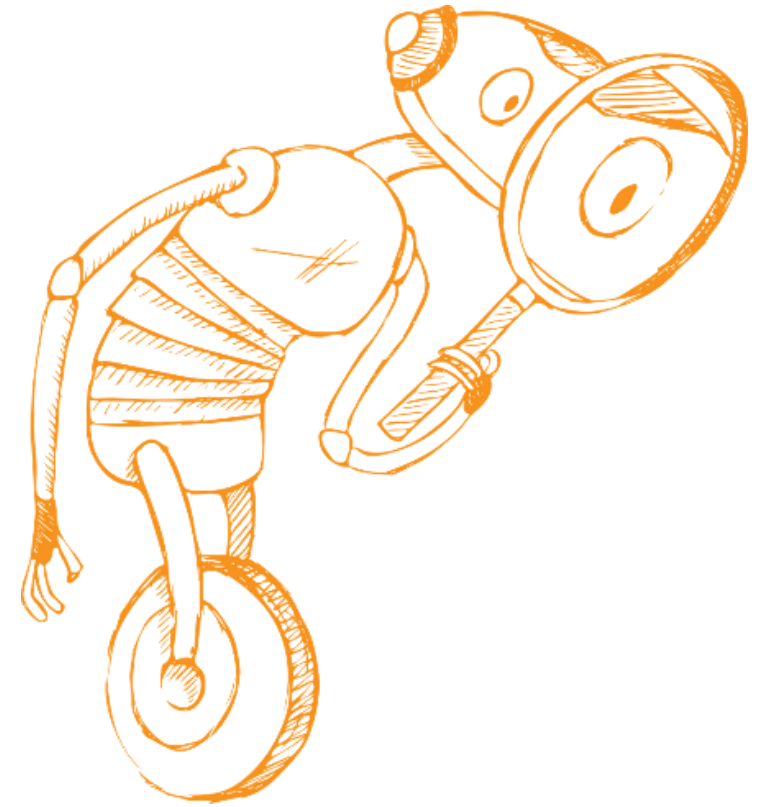
# The Research

We need to show/prove that the implementations indeed do what we specified

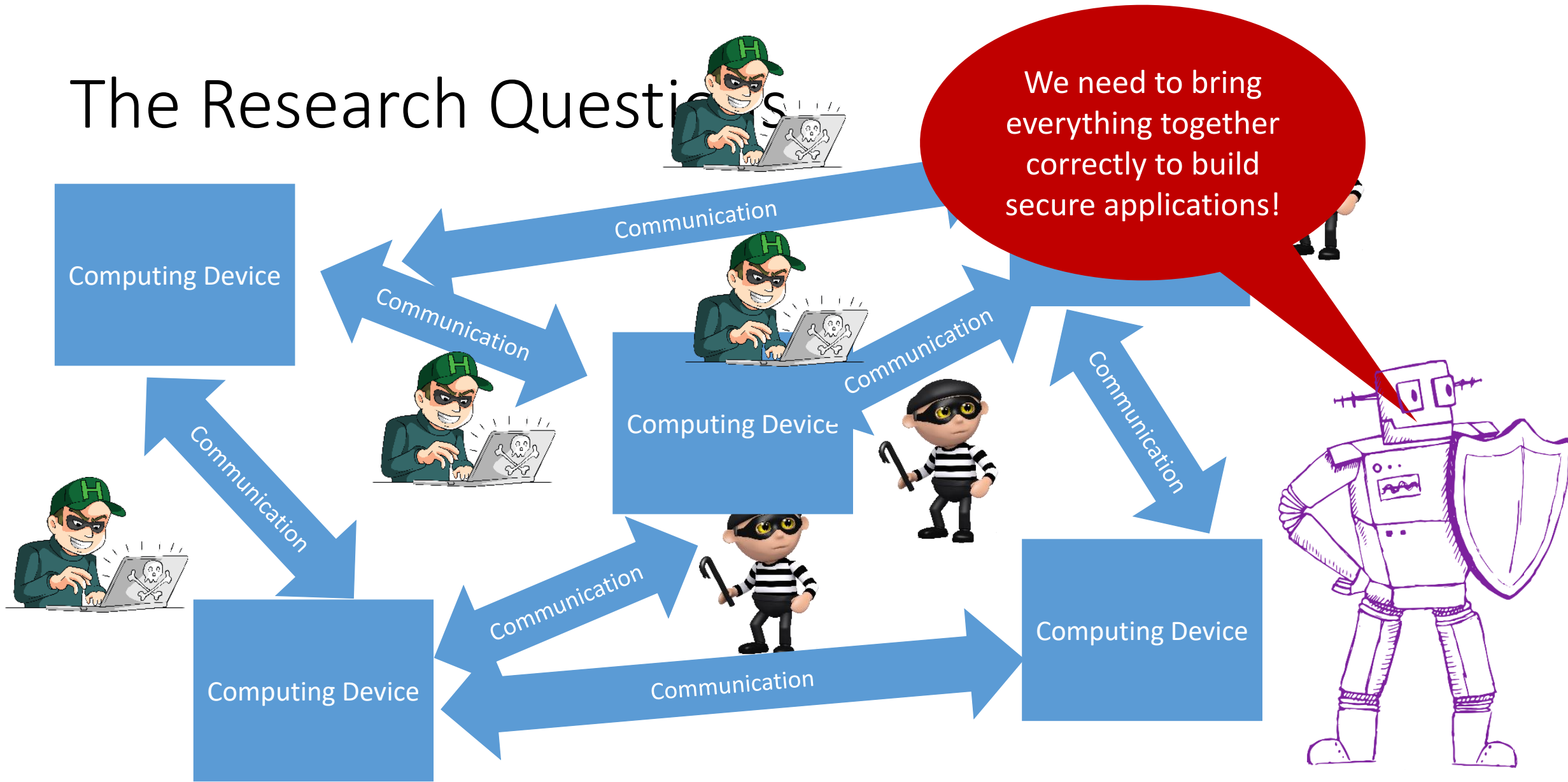


# Formal Methods

- **Research Questions**
  - How can we formally prove the security of a system?
  - How can we generate suitable test vectors?
  - How can we synthesize secure systems?
  - How can we verify the security of systems using deep learning?
  - ...



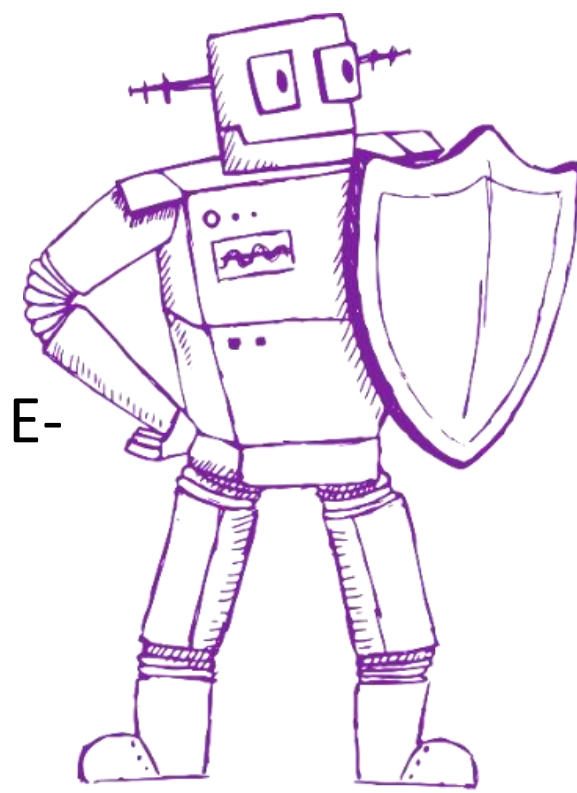
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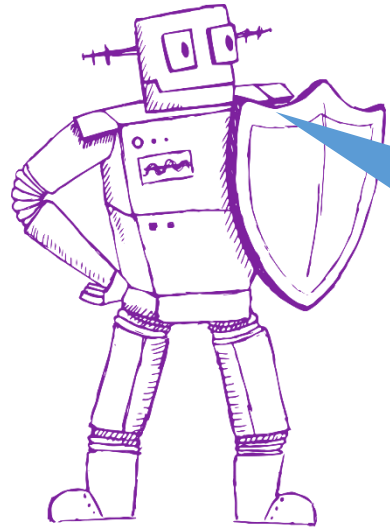


# Secure Applications



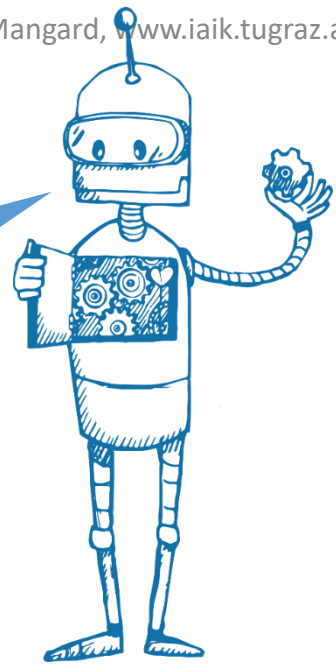
- How can we design secure cloud solutions?
- How can we do fine grained identity management?
- How can we design complex and secure applications (e.g. in E-government)?
- ...



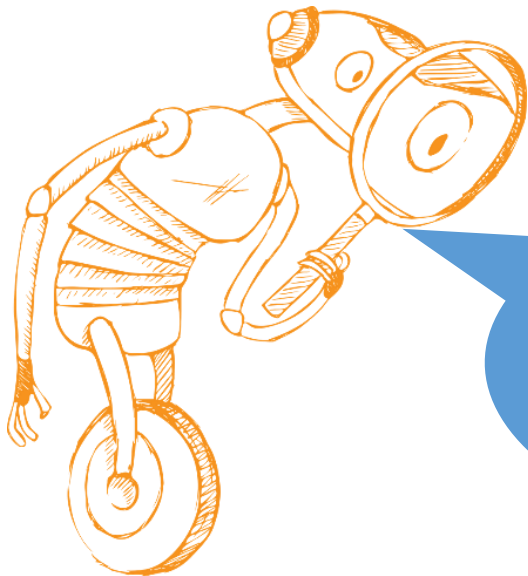


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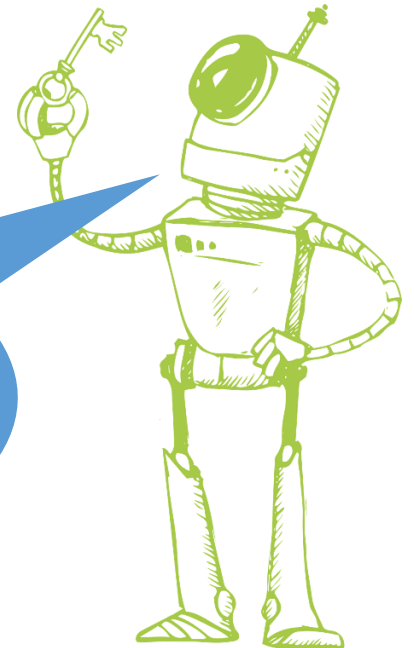


# Topic Tables



Formal Methods

Cryptography & Privacy





# Bachelor Thesis

**Today**

- Find a topic → talk to people, look at topics on IAIK website

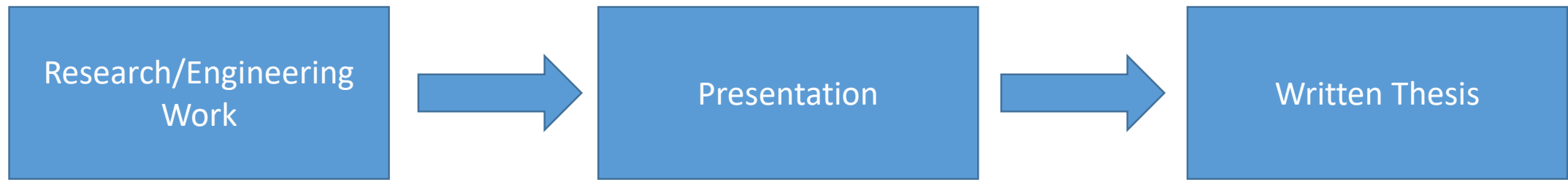
- Get it done → classic mode or Bachelor@IAIK mode

**Summer Term 2020**

# Bachelor Thesis – Getting it Done

- Classic Mode
  - Individual timeline – you can start any time
- Bachelor@IAIK
  - Work @ IAIK
  - Get part of the team
  - Get free coffee
  - Discuss, meet, research with us and other students working on their thesis
  - Fixed timeline





# Timeline for Bachelor@IAIK

- Nov 29: Presentation of topics
- Dec – Jan: Meet with supervisors @ IAIK and decide on mode for Bachelor thesis
- Feb 24 – March 6: 1st working block
  - Feb 28: Writing lab (optional)
  - March 6: Lightning Talks 12:00-13:30
- April 13 – April 24: 2nd working block
  - April 25-26: Presentation Lab (optional)
  - June 5: Final presentations

# **2019 Student Research Excellence Awards**

# Student Research Excellence Awards

- Many excellent student projects have been completed during the last year
- Any student that contributes to a publication at an international conference in IT security receives this award.

# Bachelor Thesis

## **A Systematic Evaluation of Transient Execution Attacks and Defenses**

Claudio Canella, Jo Van Bulck, Michael Schwarz, Moritz Lipp, **Benjamin von Berg**, Philipp Ortner, Frank Piessens, Dmitry Evttyushkin, Daniel Gruss

USENIX Security Symposium 2019

Santa Clara, CA, USA

# Summer Internship

## **Big Numbers - Big Troubles: Systematically Analyzing Nonce Leakage in (EC)DSA Implementations**

Samuel Weiser, David Schrammel, Raphael Spreitzer, **Lukas Bodner**

USENIX Security Symposium 2020

Boston, MA, USA



# Bachelor Thesis

## Page Cache Attacks

Daniel Gruss, **Erik Kraft**, Trishita Tiwari, Michael Schwarz, Ari Trachtenberg, Jason Hennessey, Alex Ionescu, Anders Fogh

CCS 2019

London, UK

# Bachelor Thesis

## **JavaScript Template Attacks: Automatically Inferring Host Information for Targeted Exploits**

Michael Schwarz, **Florian Lackner**, Daniel Gruss

NDSS 2019

San Diego, CA, USA

# Master Project

## **Bounded Synthesis of Register Transducers**

Ayrat Khalimov, **Benedikt Maderbacher**, Roderick Bloem

ATVA 2018

Los Angeles, CA, USA

# Bachelor Thesis

## **SGXJail: Defeating Enclave Malware via Confinement**

Samuel Weiser, **Luca Mayr**, Michael Schwarz, Daniel Gruss

RAID 2019

Beijing, China

# Bachelor Thesis / Master Project

## **Analyzing the Linear Keystream Biases in AEGIS**

Maria Eichelseder, **Marcel Nageler**, Robert Primas

FSE 2020

Athens, Greece

# Master Thesis

## **Mind the Gap: Finding what Updates have (really) changed in Android Applications**

Johannes Feichtner, **Lukas Neugebauer**, Dominik Ziegler

SECRYPT 2019

Prague, Czech Republic

# Master Thesis

## **Cloud Data Sharing and Device-Loss Recovery with Hardware-Bound Keys**

Felix Hörandner, **Franco Nieddu**

ICISS 2019

Hyderabad, India

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## **Linear Equivalence of Block Ciphers with Partial Non-Linear Layers: Application to LowMC**

Itai Dinur, Daniel Kales, **Angela Promitzer**, Sebastian Ramacher,  
Christian Rechberger

Eurocrypt 2019

Darmstadt, Germany

# Master Thesis

## **NetSpectre: Read Arbitrary Memory over Network**

Michael Schwarz, **Martin Schwarzl**, Moritz Lipp, Daniel Gruss

ESORICS 2019

Luxembourg, Luxembourg

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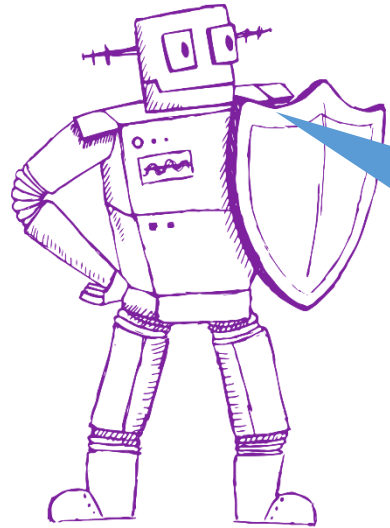
## **Efficient FPGA Implementations of LowMC and Picnic**

Daniel Kales, Sebastian Ramacher, Christian Rechberger, **Roman Walch**,  
Mario Werner

CT-RSA 2020

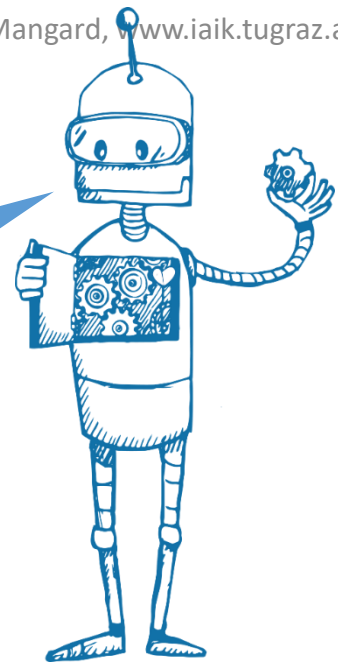
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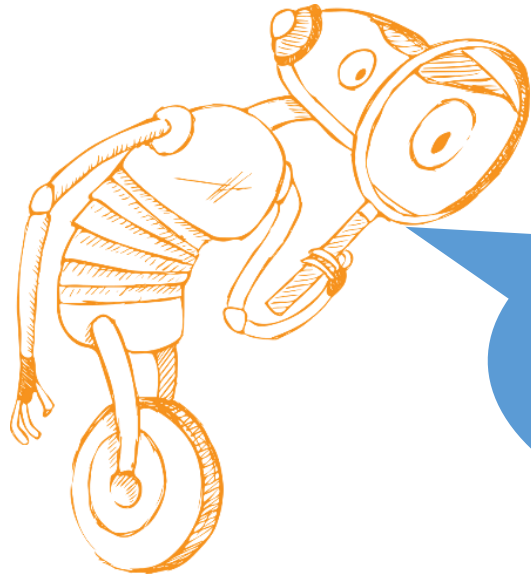


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