

# Musings Eventually Related to Testbeds

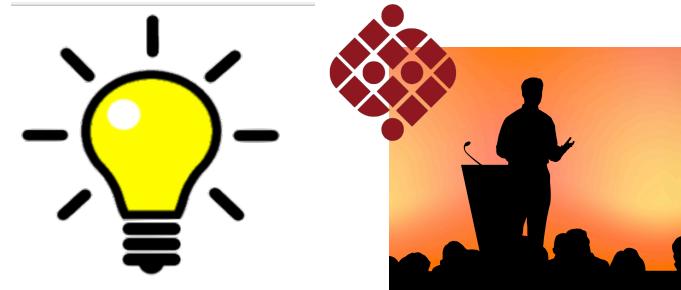
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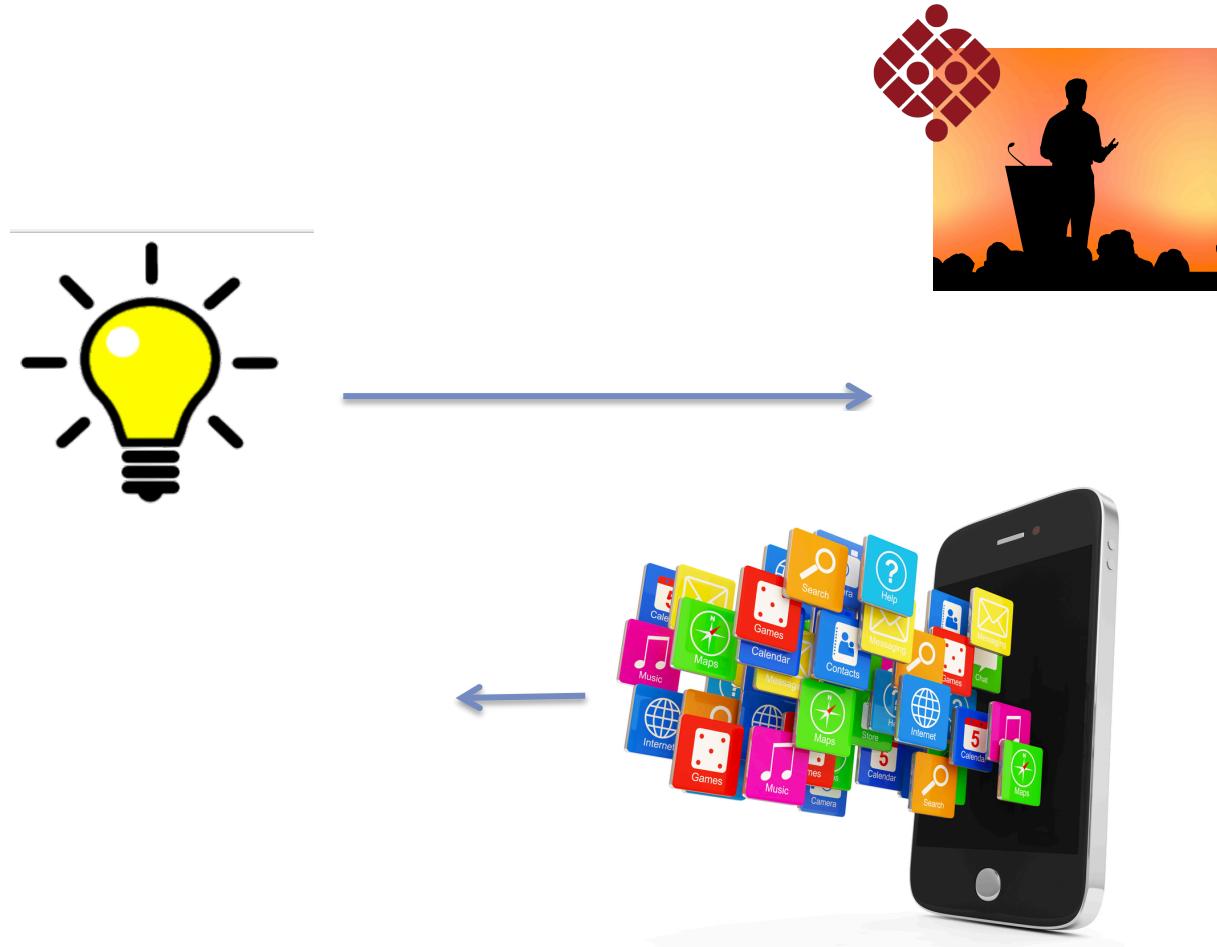


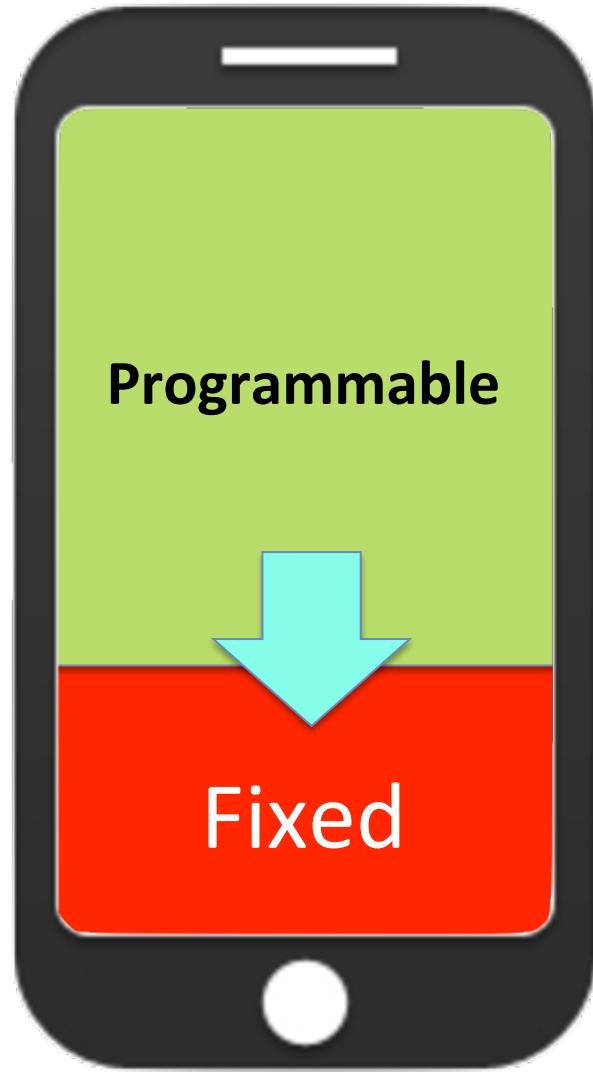


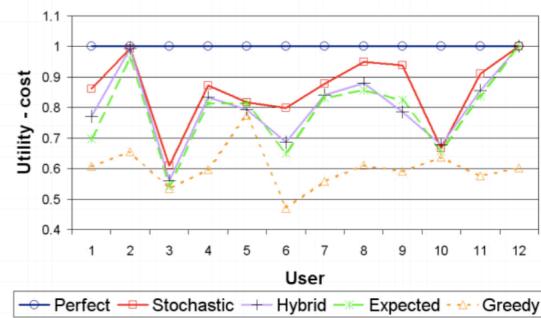
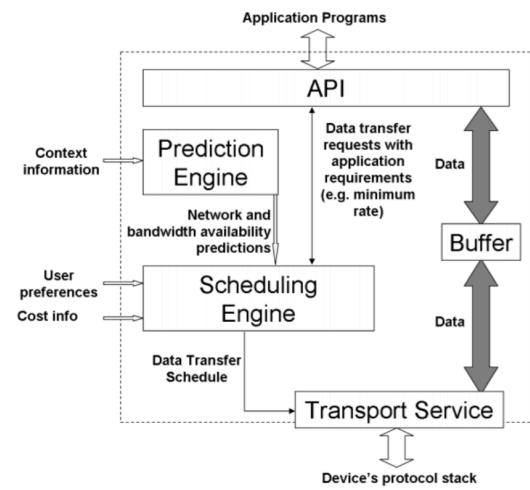


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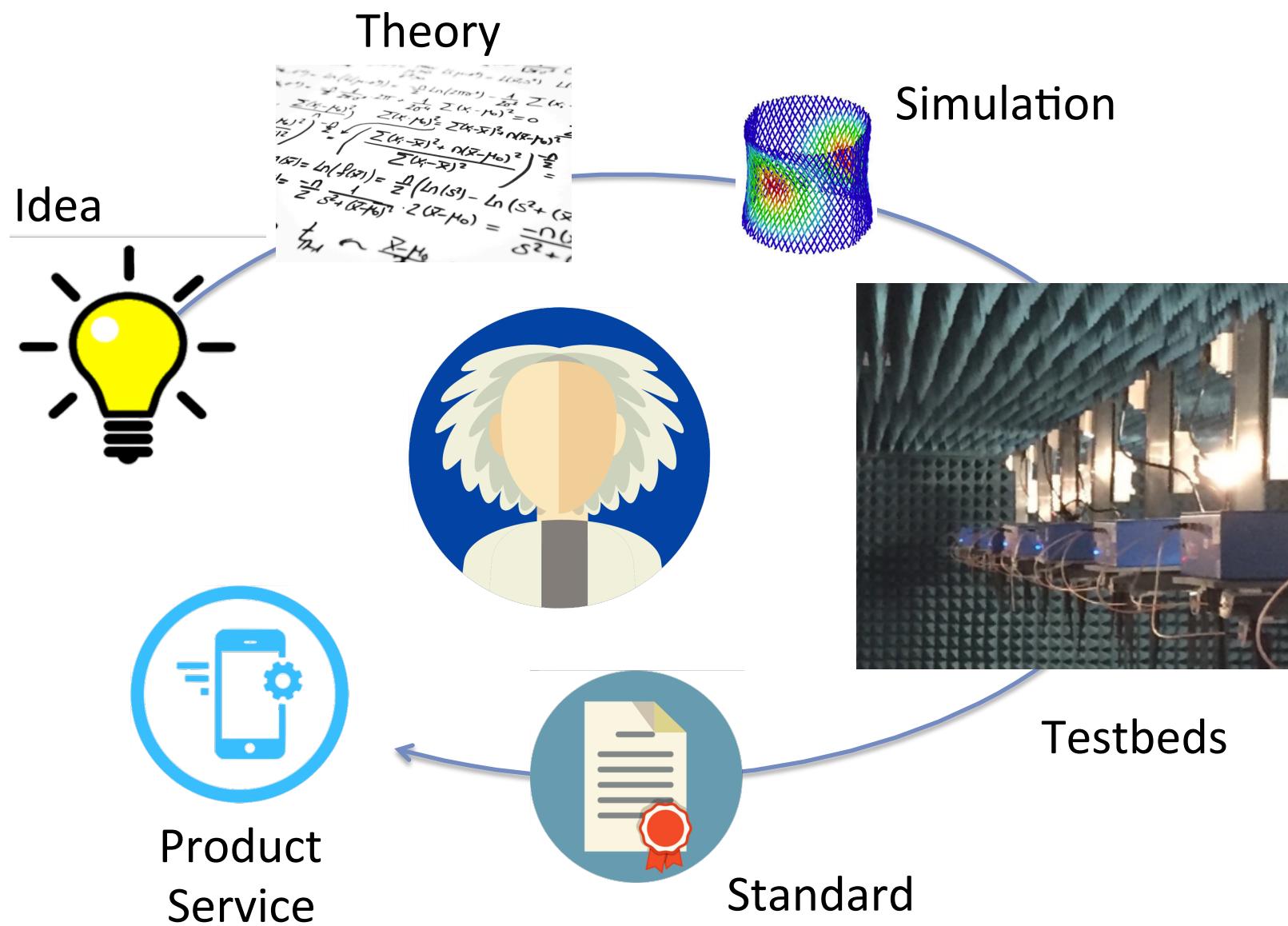


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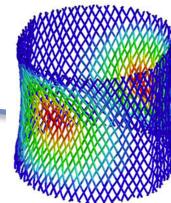


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$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Given } \hat{\sigma}_{\text{obs}}^2 = 100.34 \text{ and } n = 100, \\ & \hat{\sigma}_{\text{obs}}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = 0 \\ & \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = 100 \cdot 100 = 10000 \\ & \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = n(\bar{x} - \mu_0)^2 = 100(\bar{x} - \mu_0)^2 \\ & \Rightarrow (\bar{x} - \mu_0)^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n} = \frac{10000}{100} = 100 \\ & \Rightarrow \bar{x} \sim N(\mu_0, 1) \end{aligned}$$



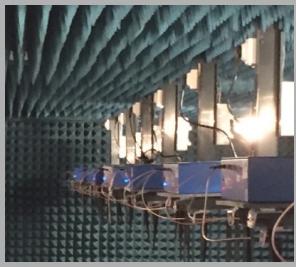
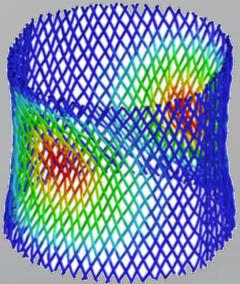
# Holistic Explorations

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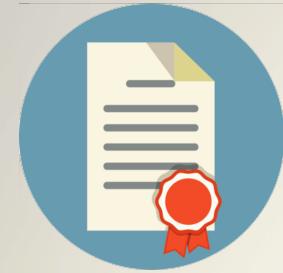


- Theory
  - + Provides bounds & feasibility
  - Simplifying assumptions
- Simulation
  - + Scale & flexibility at attractive cost
  - Simplified models (difficult trade-offs)
- Testbeds
  - + Realism
  - Lack of scale / large cost

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Equation 1: } \frac{\partial f_{\theta}(x)}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ln(p_{\theta}(x)) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n 2(x_i - \mu_i)^2 = 0 \\ & \text{Equation 2: } 2\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{p_{\theta}(x_i)} 2(x_i - \mu_i)^2 = 0 \\ & \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_i)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{p_{\theta}(x_i)} p_{\theta}(x_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_i)^2 = \frac{n(\mu - \bar{x})^2}{12} \\ & \Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \frac{\partial f_{\theta}(x)}{\partial \theta} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \frac{n(\mu - \bar{x})^2}{12} \right) = \frac{n}{12} (\mu - \bar{x})^2 \end{aligned}$$

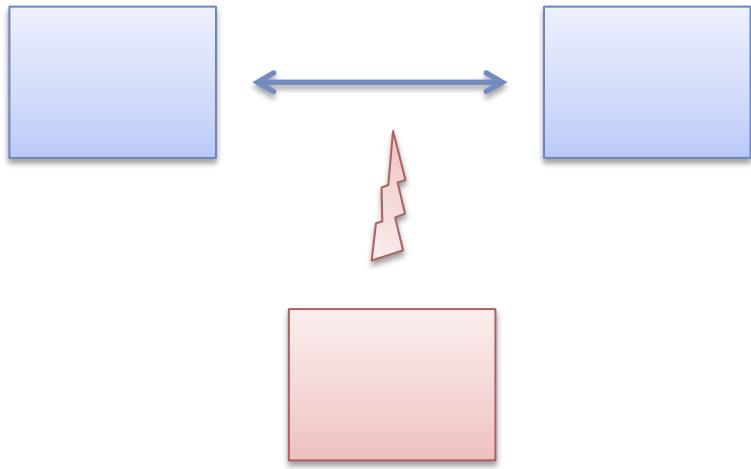


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- Environment/Channel
- Traffic Characteristics
- Mobility
- Energy
- Use Case
- ...

# Optimisation Problem

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- What?
- How?
- ...

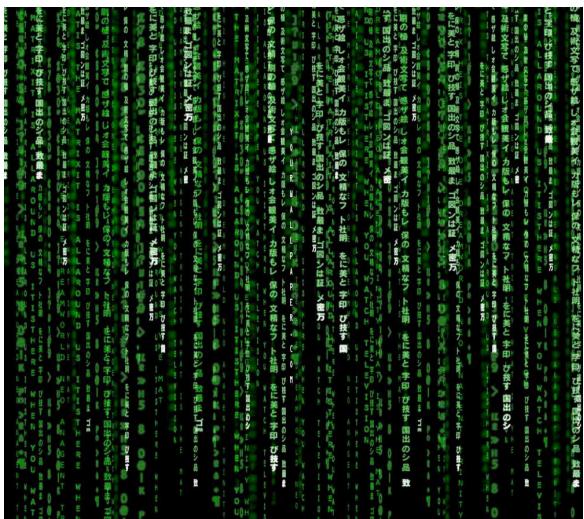
# Optimisation – What?

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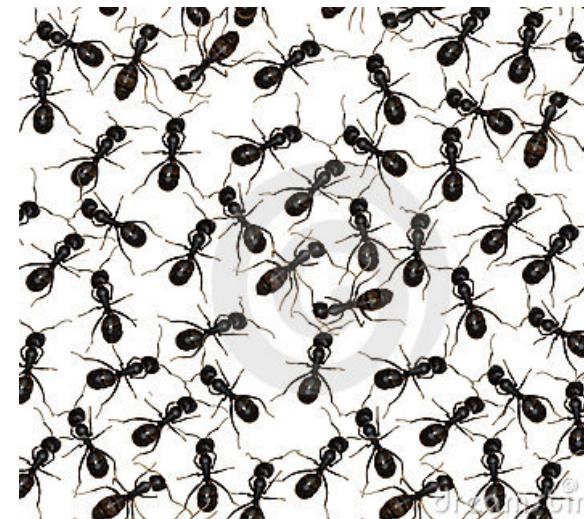


- Throughput
- Capacity
- Latency
- Energy
- Cost
- Reliability
- Robustness

# Optimisation – How?



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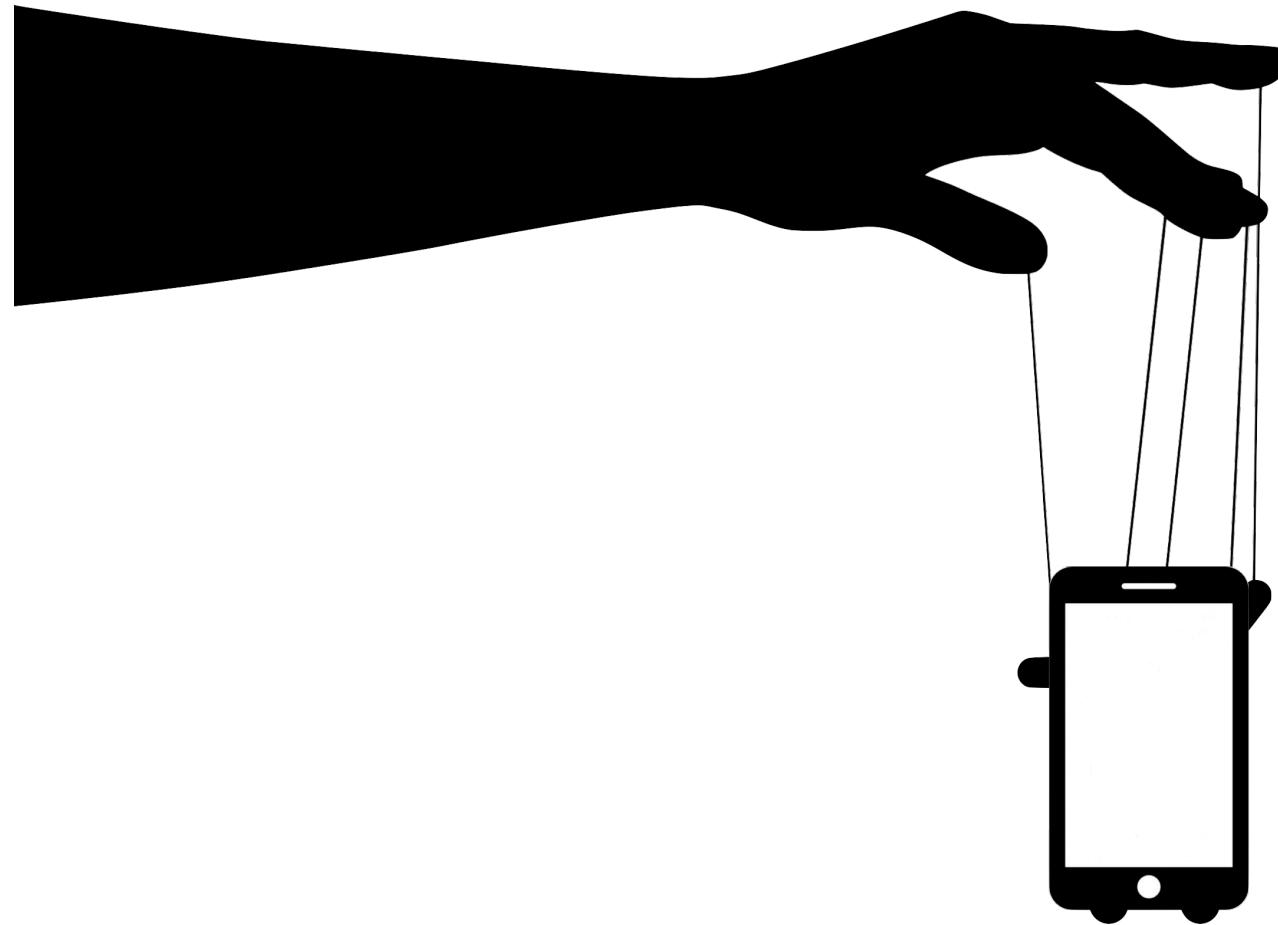


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# Today – Managed Services

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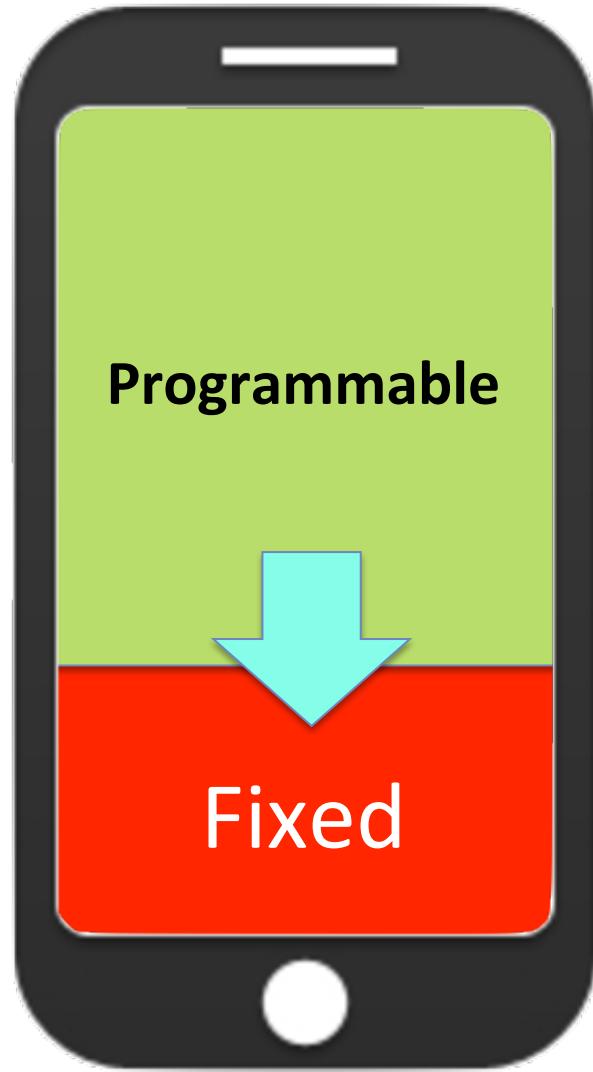


# The World Has Changed ...

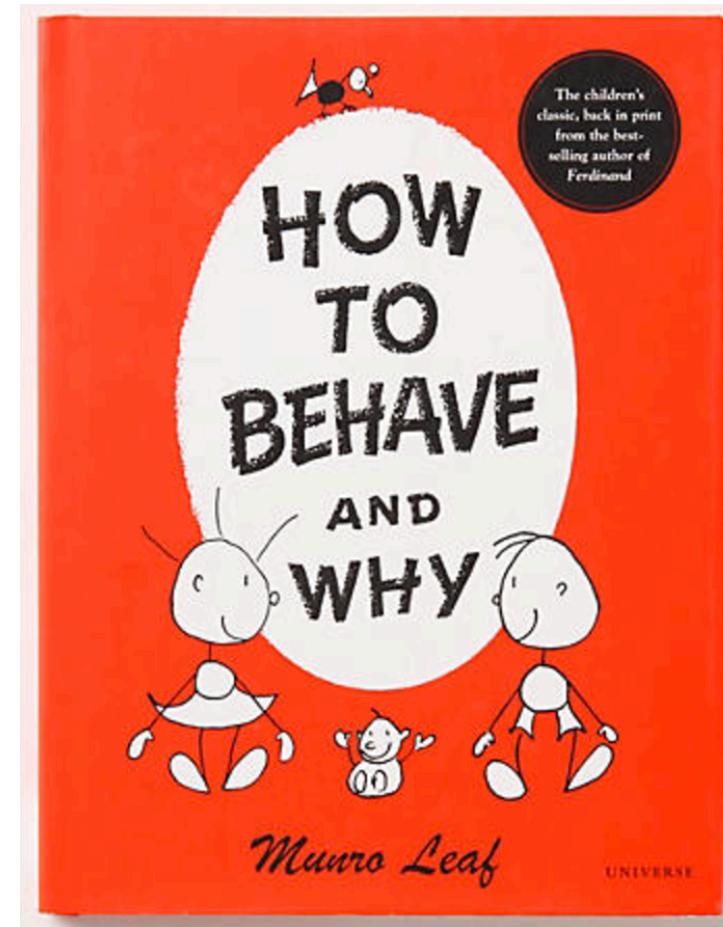


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# ... Maybe We Should, too



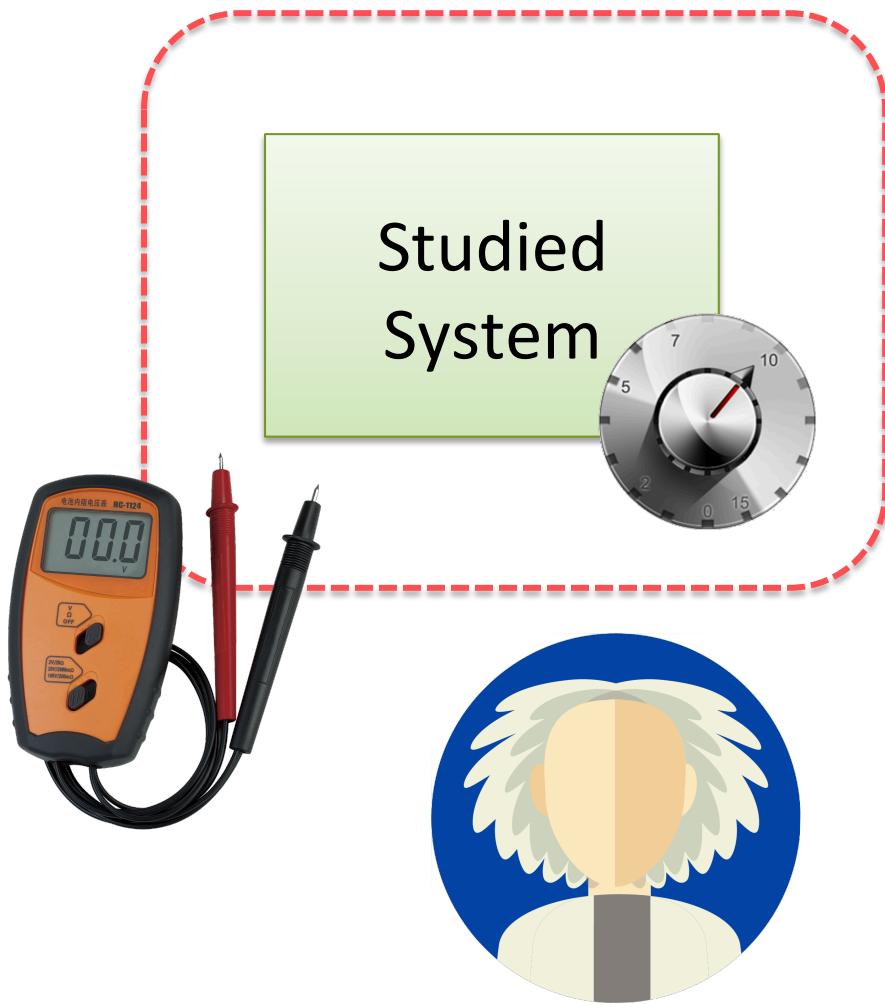
# So what does that have to do with ...



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# Today's Testbed Usage



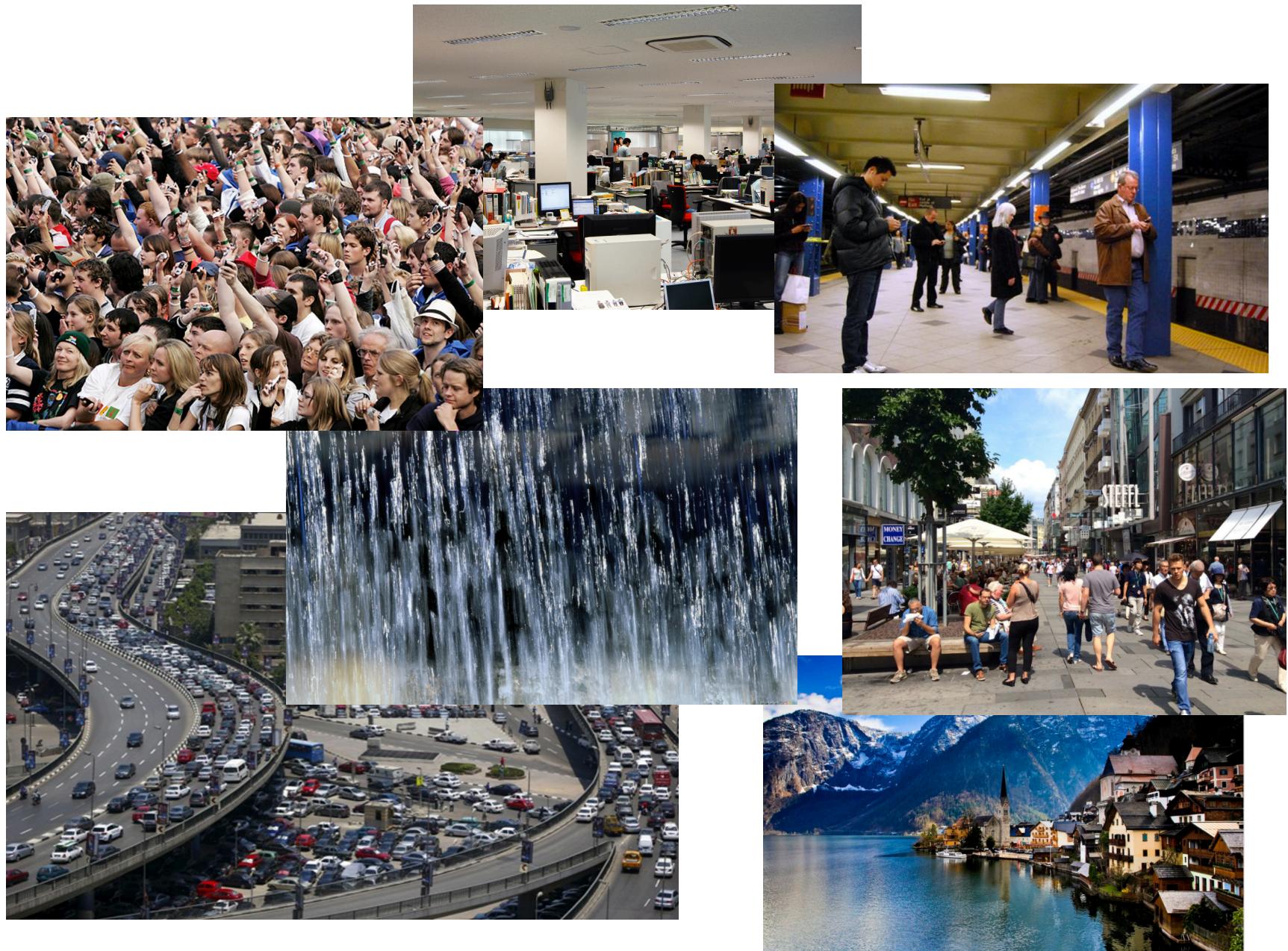
# Tomorrow?

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# Research Challenge

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- Moving from prescriptive to declarative
  - Moving up the “stack”
- Moving from designing to “policing”
  - Protecting the common good without stifling innovation
- Moving from optimal to heterogeneous
  - Trading off optimality for robustness

# Optimising for Robustness

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- Antifragility (Nassim Taleb) is a property of systems that **increase** in capability, resilience, or robustness as a **result of** shocks, volatility, noise, mistakes, faults, attacks, or failures

# A few Words about Repeatability

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- No Repeatability – No Science
  - Simply the norm in Science
  - Repeatability does NOT mean getting the exact same result – that's why we (should) teach Statistics!
- Repeatable ≠ Science
  - Repeatability would be constraint to specific context
  - Scientific results should be predictive!

# Why is Repeatability so Hard?

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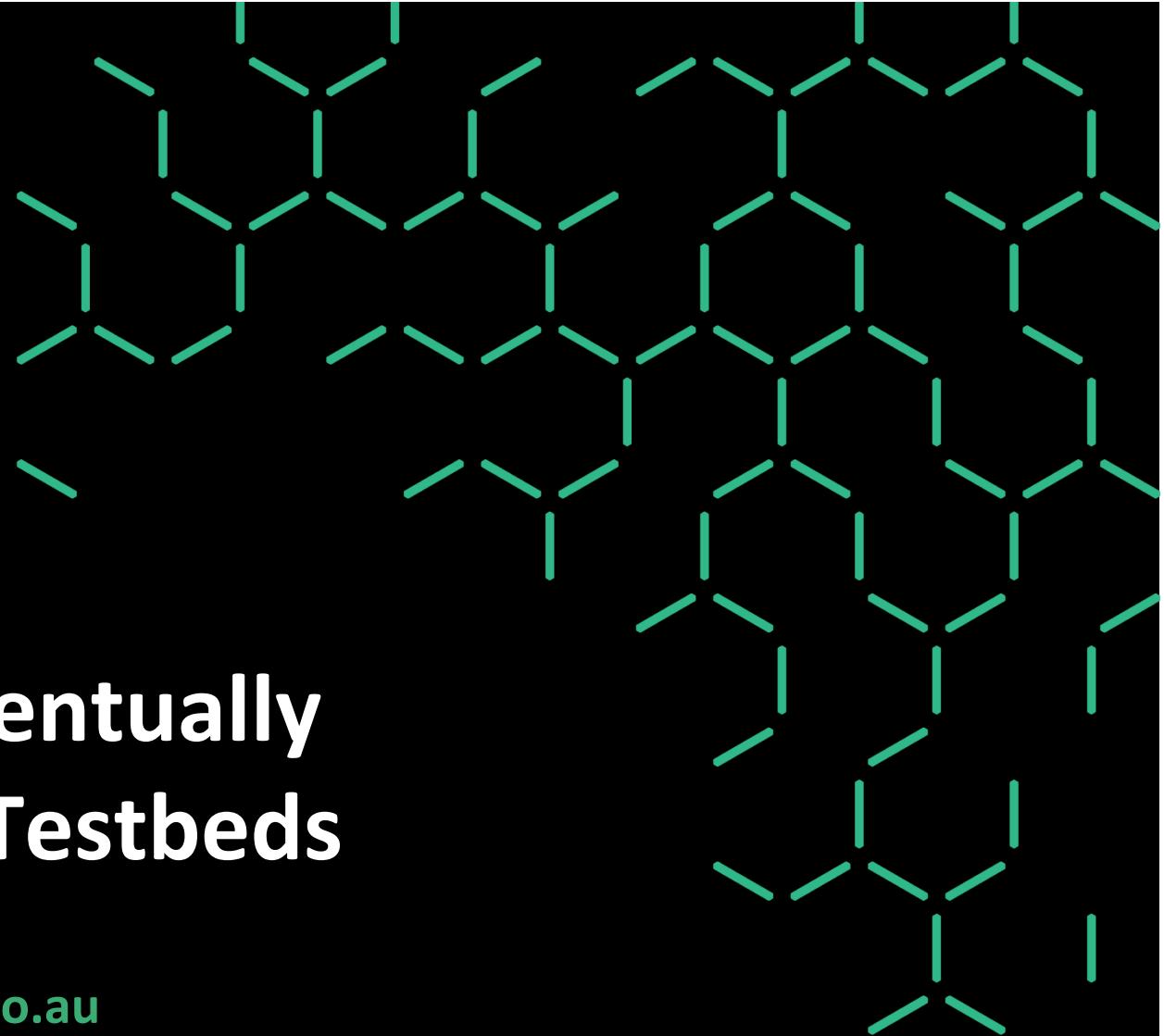
- Many moving parts
- Difficult to capture entire context
  - OS, driver versions, library version, ...
- No culture to appreciate methodology
  - Methodology – what?
  - “No space in paper to describe methodology”
- No culture to appreciate verification
  - No chance to get paper published which simply verifies a previously published result

# Conclusion

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- These are exciting times!
- Increased programmability dramatically shortens time from idea to broad applicability
- Requires safe environments to experiment
  - to quickly & safely move from the small to the large
- Impact has many faces – think bigger!
- Use this facility to do GREAT things!



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