



What's All the Fuss About Randomness?

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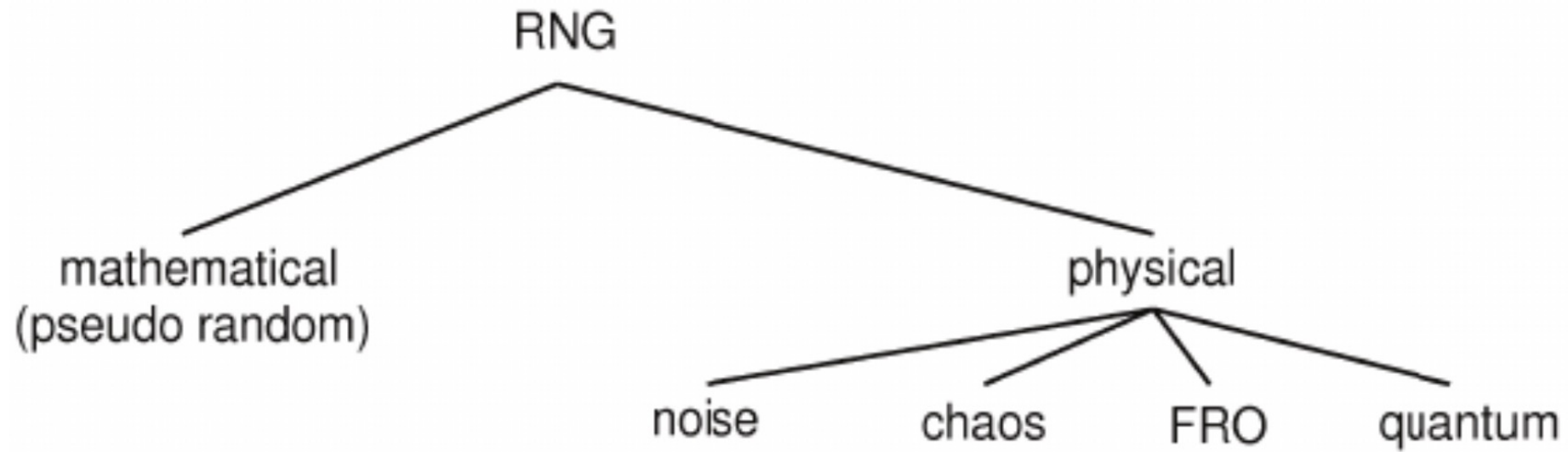
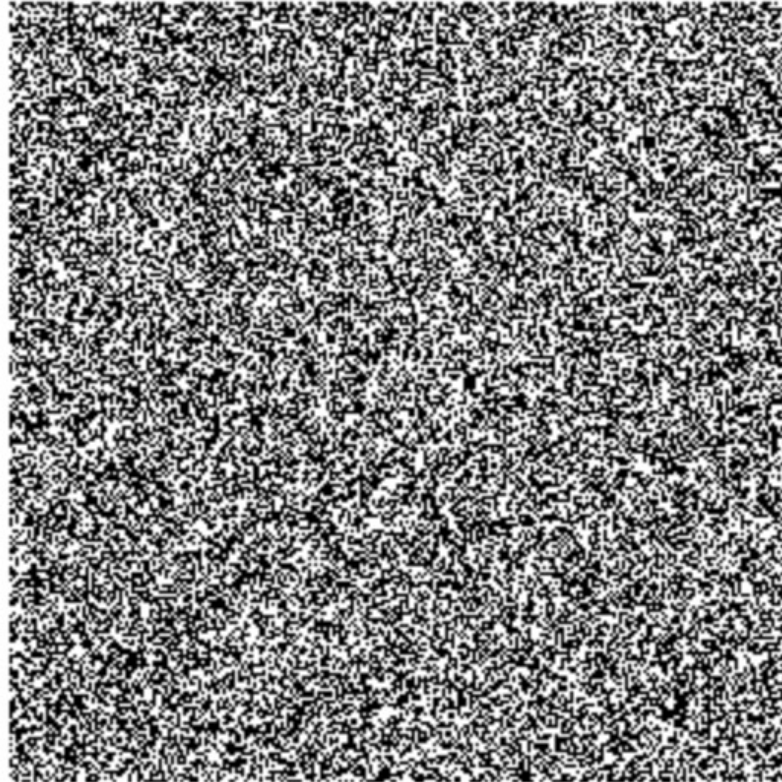


Figure 1: Classification of random number generators.

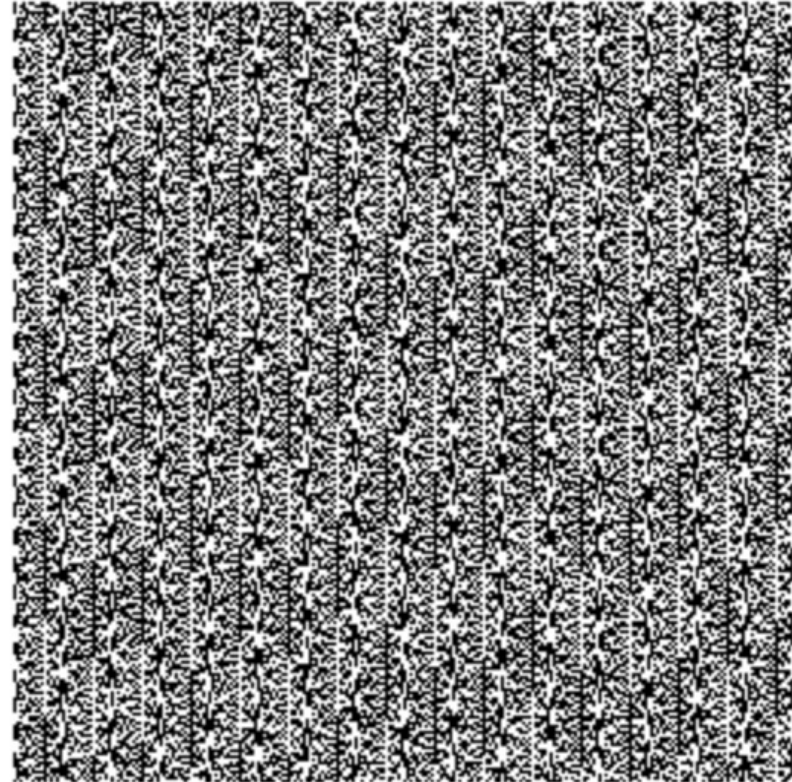
Visualization of Entropy



RANDOM.ORG

TRNG

- Uses an unpredictable physical means to generate numbers (like atmospheric noise)



PHP rand() on Microsoft Windows

PRNG

- Uses mathematical and deterministic algorithms (completely computer-generated)

VS

“Nein Nines”

Matt Blaze's

EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH

Science, Security, Curiosity

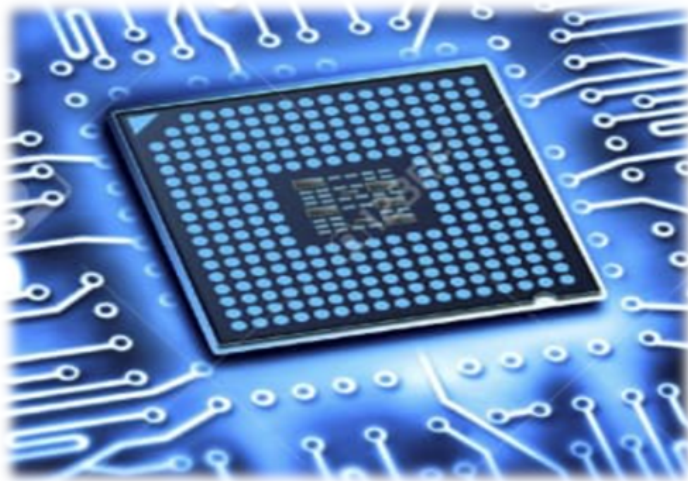


A Cryptologic Mystery

Did a broken random number generator in Cuba help expose a Russian espionage network?

Random Number Evolution

Classic Computer
Mathematical Entropy



Centralized Bio-
Mechanical Entropy
using Lavarand at
Cloudflare



Centralized / Decentralized
Bio-mechanical Entropy
with visual analog source



Scientists Across the Globe Are Hunting for Pure Randomness

By [Michael Dhar](#) October 06, 2018



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True Random Number Service

What's this fuss about *true* randomness?

Perhaps you have wondered how predictable machines like computers can generate randomness. In reality, most random numbers used in computer programs are *pseudo-random*, which means they are generated in a predictable fashion using a mathematical formula. This is fine for many purposes, but it may not be random in the way you expect if you're used to dice rolls and lottery drawings.

RANDOM.ORG offers *true* random numbers to anyone on the Internet. The randomness comes from atmospheric noise, which for many purposes is better than the pseudo-random number algorithms typically used in computer programs. People use RANDOM.ORG for holding drawings, lotteries and sweepstakes, to drive online games, for scientific applications and for art and music. The service has existed since 1998 and was built by [Dr Mads Haahr](#) of the [School of Computer Science and Statistics](#) at [Trinity College, Dublin](#) in Ireland. Today, RANDOM.ORG is operated by [Randomness and Integrity Services Ltd.](#)

True Random Number Generator

Min:

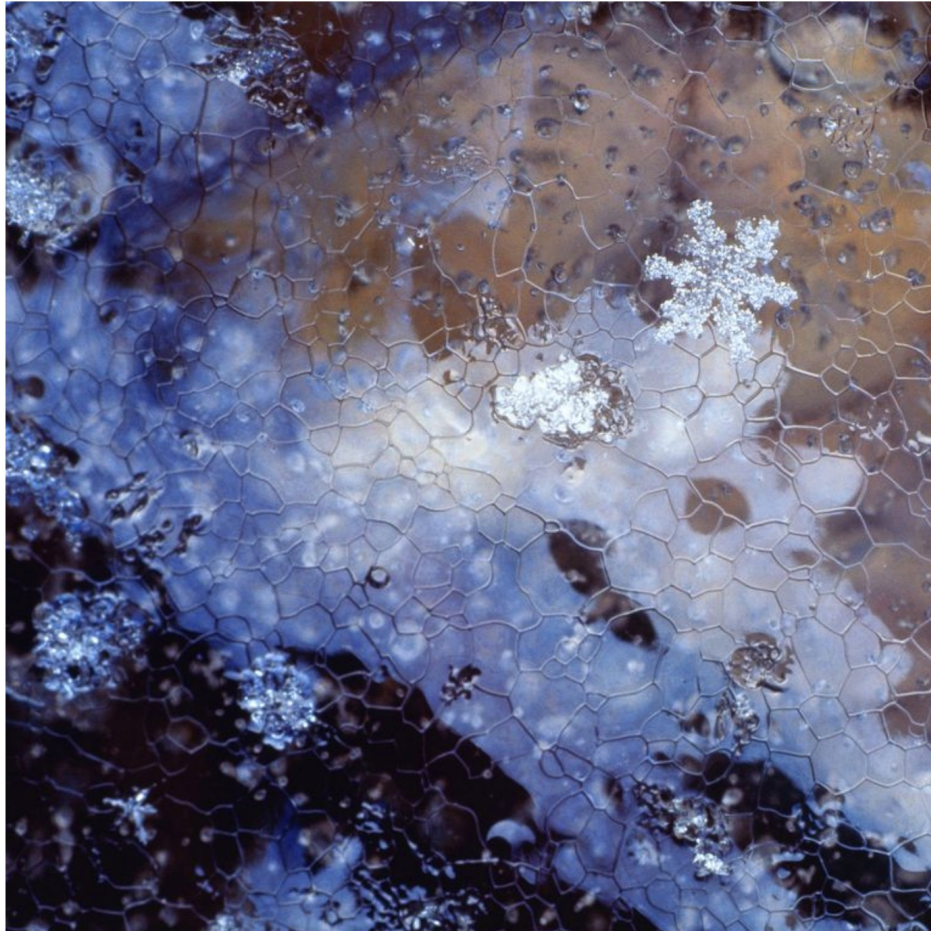
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Result:

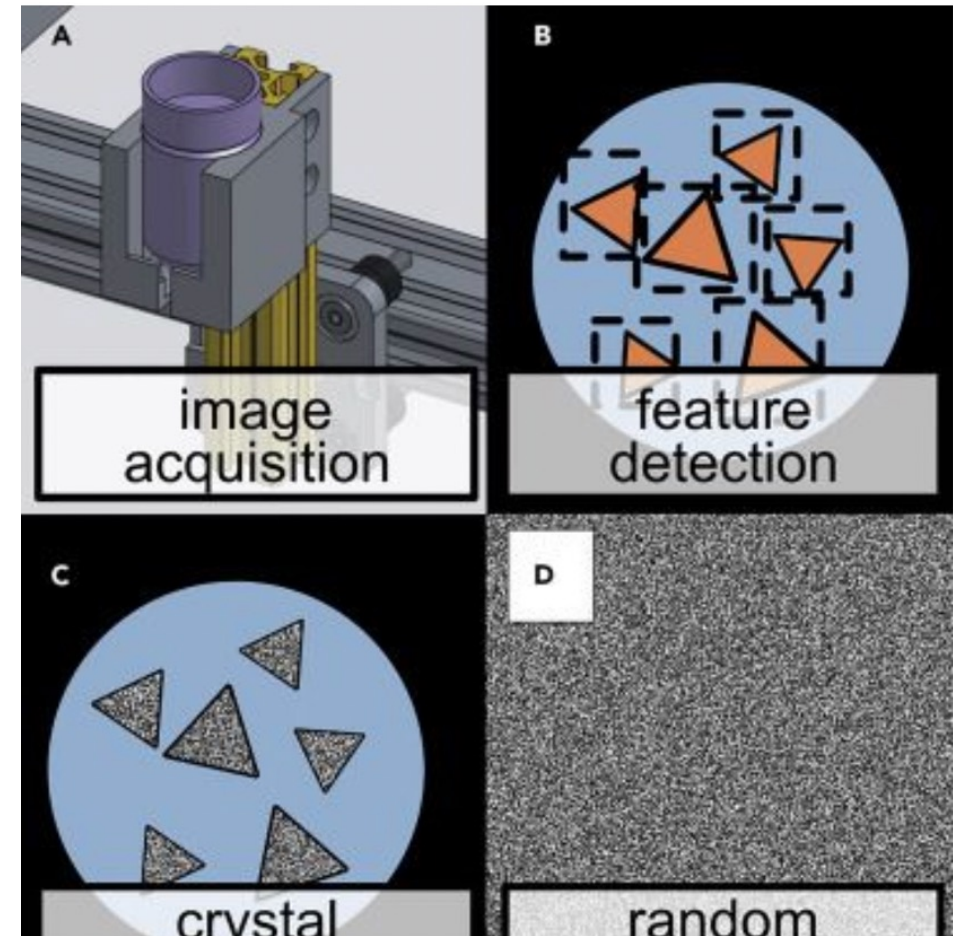
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Mad Scientists and Crystal Formations

Computers, Meet Entropy



Automated Randomness



Environmental Randomness

Truly Random



Truly Random



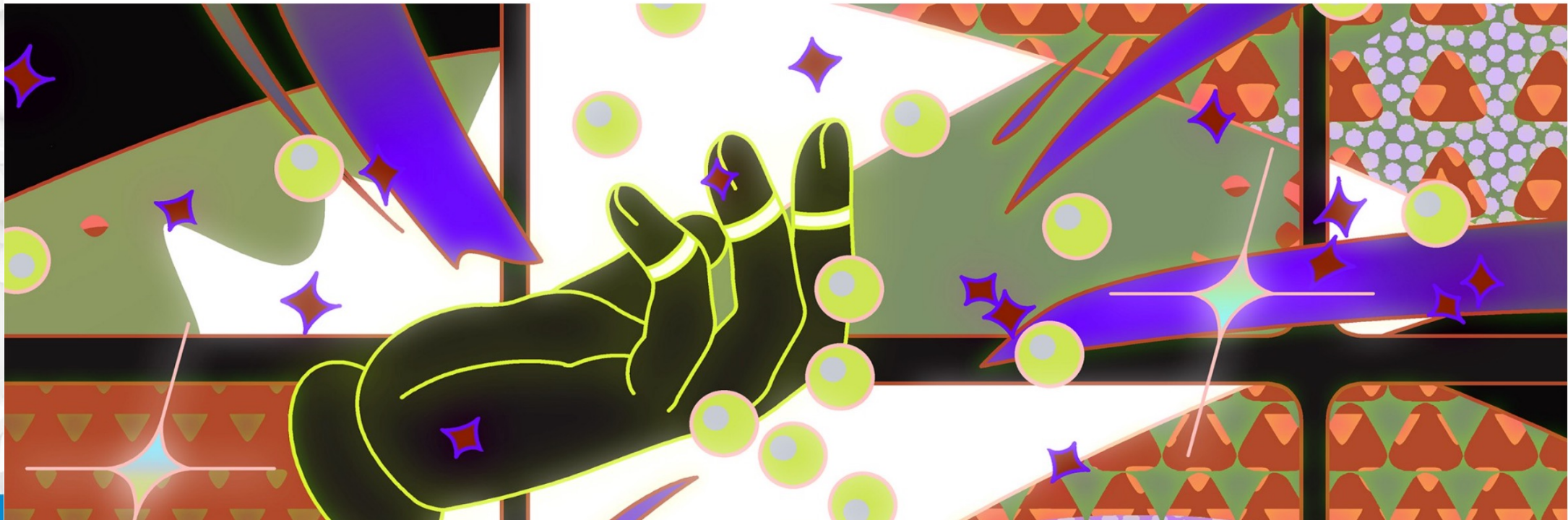
Random Resources

The League of Entropy Is Making Randomness Truly Random

Creating reliably random numbers isn't as easy as you think, but a new alliance of organizations and individuals is decentralizing randomness for more equitable and trustworthy applications



Rina Diane Caballar Aug 7, 2019 · 7 min read ★



Random Tweets?

Getting random Tweets

Twitter allows anyone to retrieve a small **random** sample of all public statuses being published in **real-time** using the [GET statuses/sample API](#).



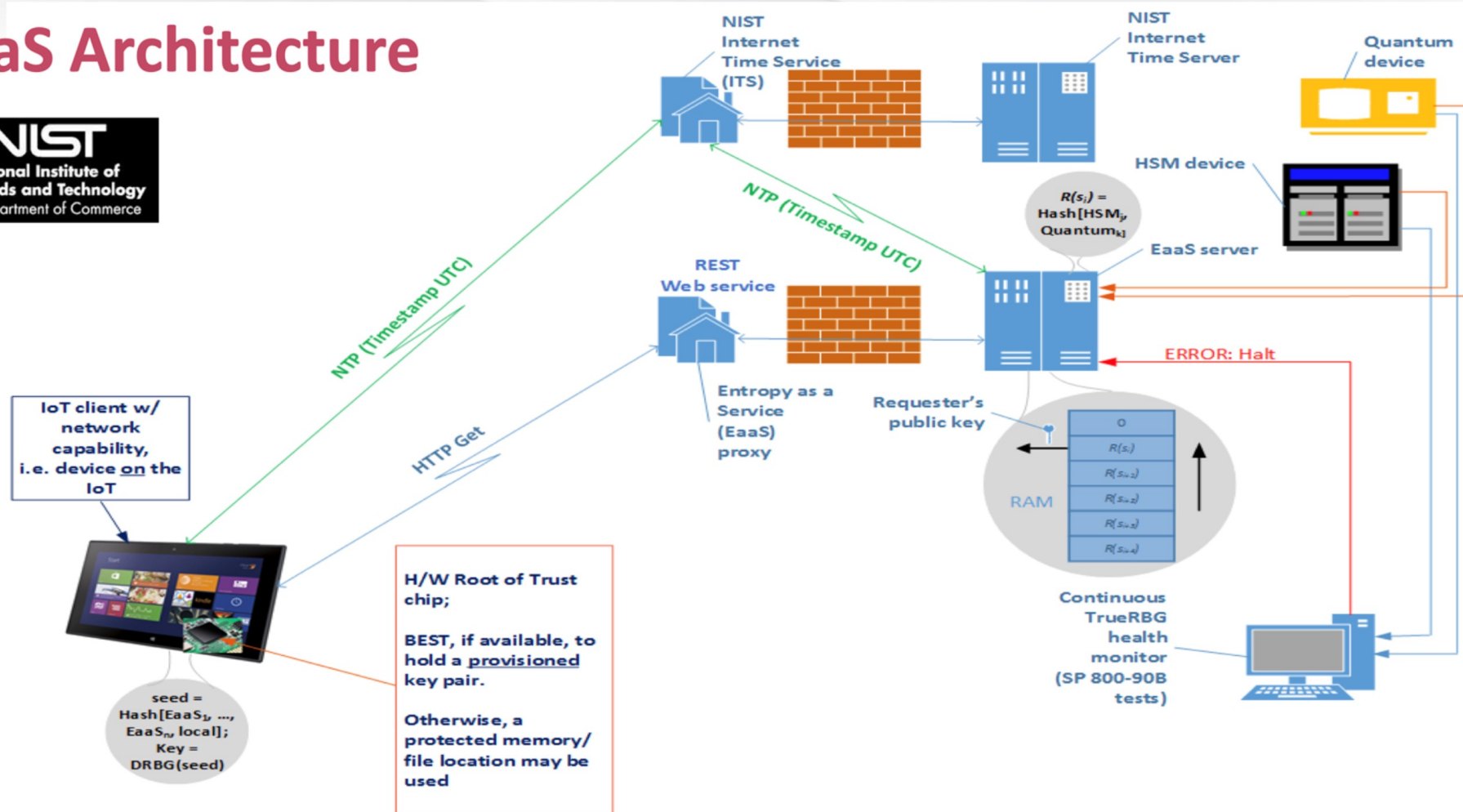
Twitter noise (concatenated UTF-8 encoded tweets)

Sampling 500KB of raw tweet data, entropy is around 6.5519 bits per byte (true random would reach 8) and the arithmetic mean value is 135.65 (random would be around 127.5). This is not perfect random but we're getting there!

⚠ The purpose of this article is to illustrate a joke & recreational RNG. Not something to be taken seriously.

tl;dr: Do not use this for sensitive cryptographic operations.

EaaS Architecture



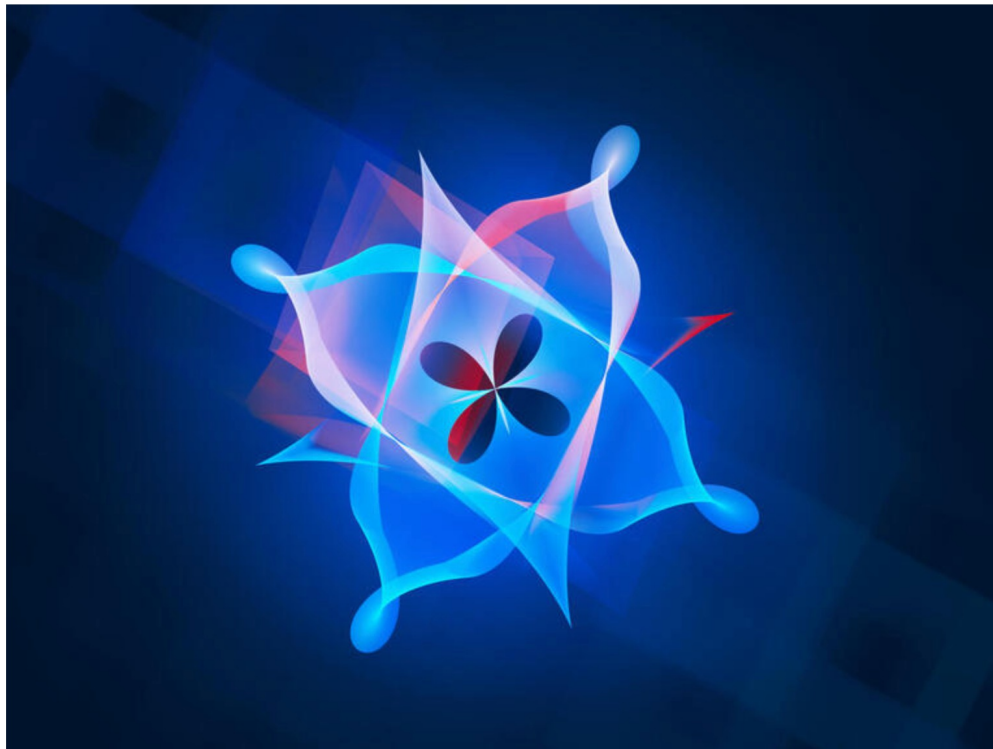
NOTE: $\text{EaaS}_1, \dots, \text{EaaS}_n$ above indicate data from n different **EaaS** server instances;
local indicates locally available random data, if any

Random Collaborations

IBM and Cambridge Quantum Computing announce
random number generator service

 by **Veronica Combs** in **Cloud** 
on September 17, 2020, 10:01 AM PST

This cloud-based quantum computing service includes verification and is now available to members of the IBM Q Network.



Random Numbers in Your Pocket!

Latest News



SKT 5G X
QUANTUM
Secured by Swiss Quantum

LATEST NEWS PRESS RELEASES

ID Quantique and SK Telecom announce the world's first 5G smartphone equipped with a Quantum Random Number Generator (QRNG) chipset

ID Quantique announces that its newest Quantum Random Number Generator (QRNG) chip has been integrated in the new 5G smartphone 'Galaxy A Quantum'.

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Investing in Randomness



Institute for Quantum Computing

IQC is a scientific research institute harnessing the quantum laws of nature to develop powerful new technologies.



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TRNG can Improve PRNG!

The Problem of Weak Entropy

	Our TLS Scan		Our SSH Scans	
Number of live hosts	12,828,613	(100.00%)	10,216,363	(100.00%)
... using repeated keys	7,770,232	(60.50%)	6,642,222	(65.00%)
... using vulnerable repeated keys	714,243	(5.57%)	981,166	(9.60%)
... using default certificates or default keys	670,391	(5.23%)		
... using low-entropy repeated keys	43,852	(0.34%)		
... using RSA keys we could factor	64,081	(0.50%)	2,459	(0.03%)
... using DSA keys we could compromise			105,728	(1.03%)
... using Debian weak keys	4,147	(0.03%)	53,141	(0.52%)
... using 512-bit RSA keys	123,038	(0.96%)	8,459	(0.08%)
... identified as a vulnerable device model	985,031	(7.68%)	1,070,522	(10.48%)
... model using low-entropy repeated keys	314,640	(2.45%)		

Improving Encryption with True Randomness

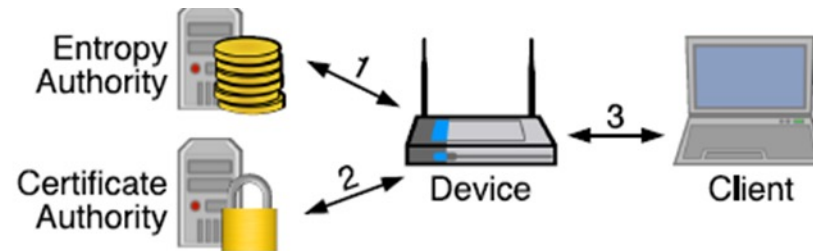
Ensuring High-Quality Randomness in Cryptographic Key Generation

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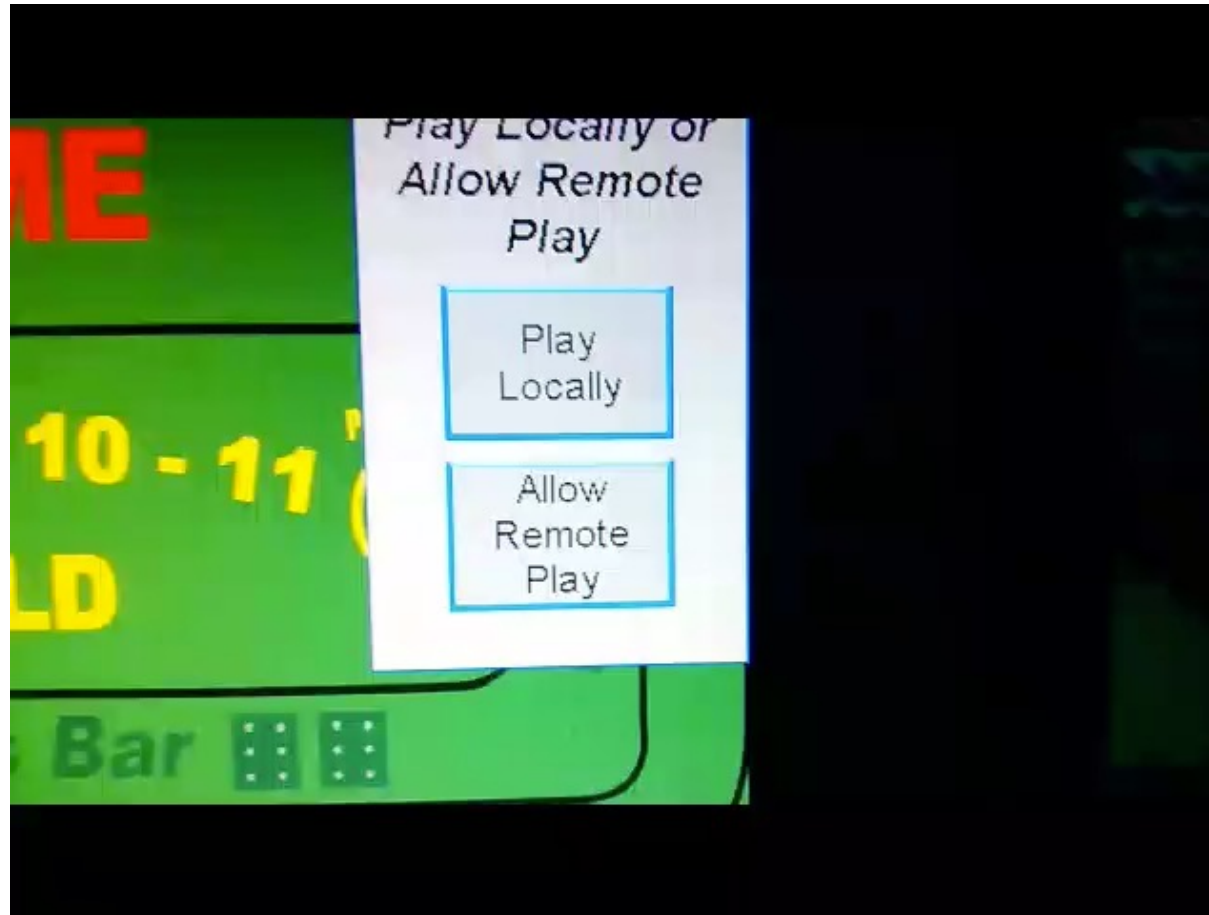
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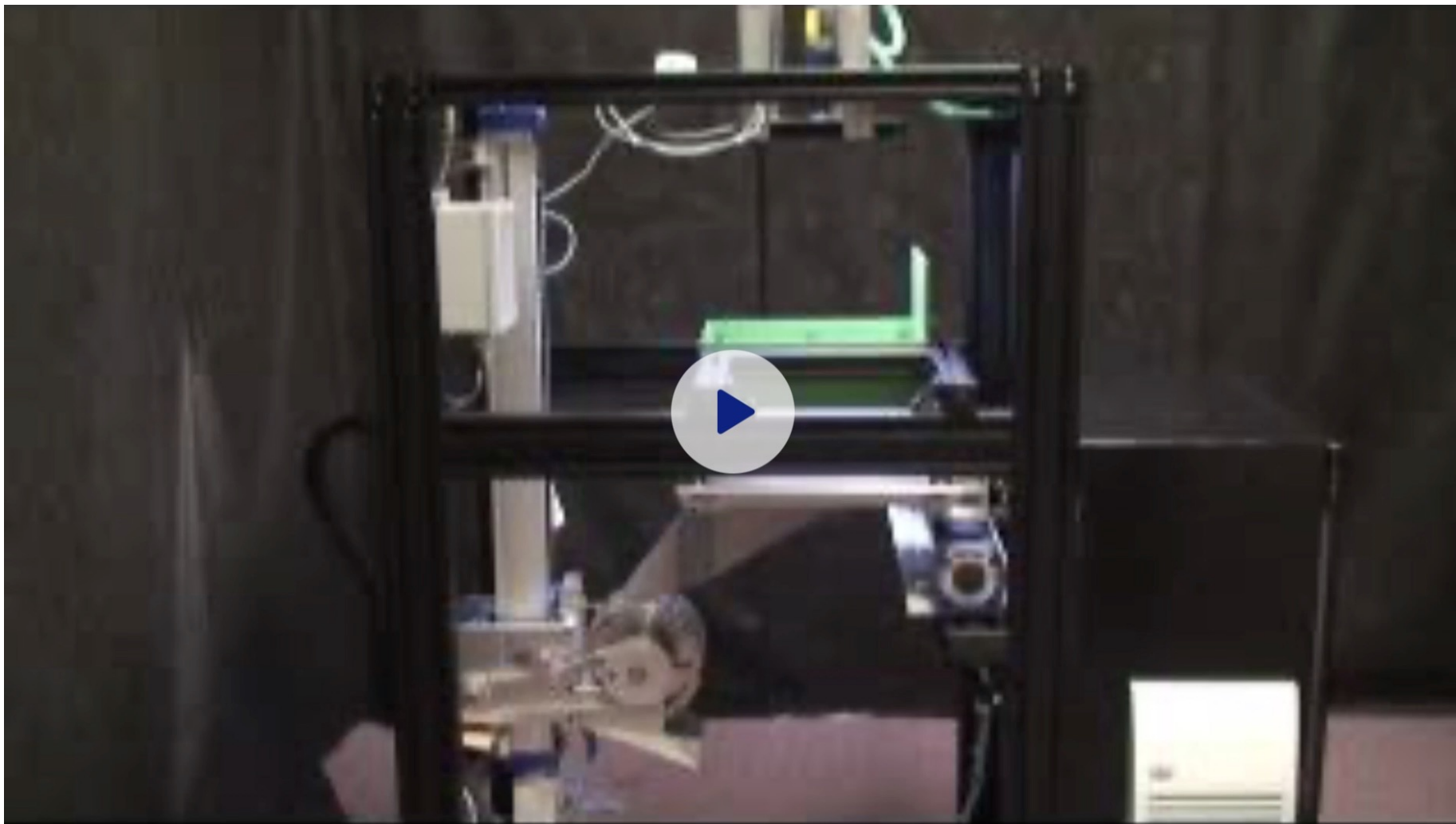
A man had a dream...



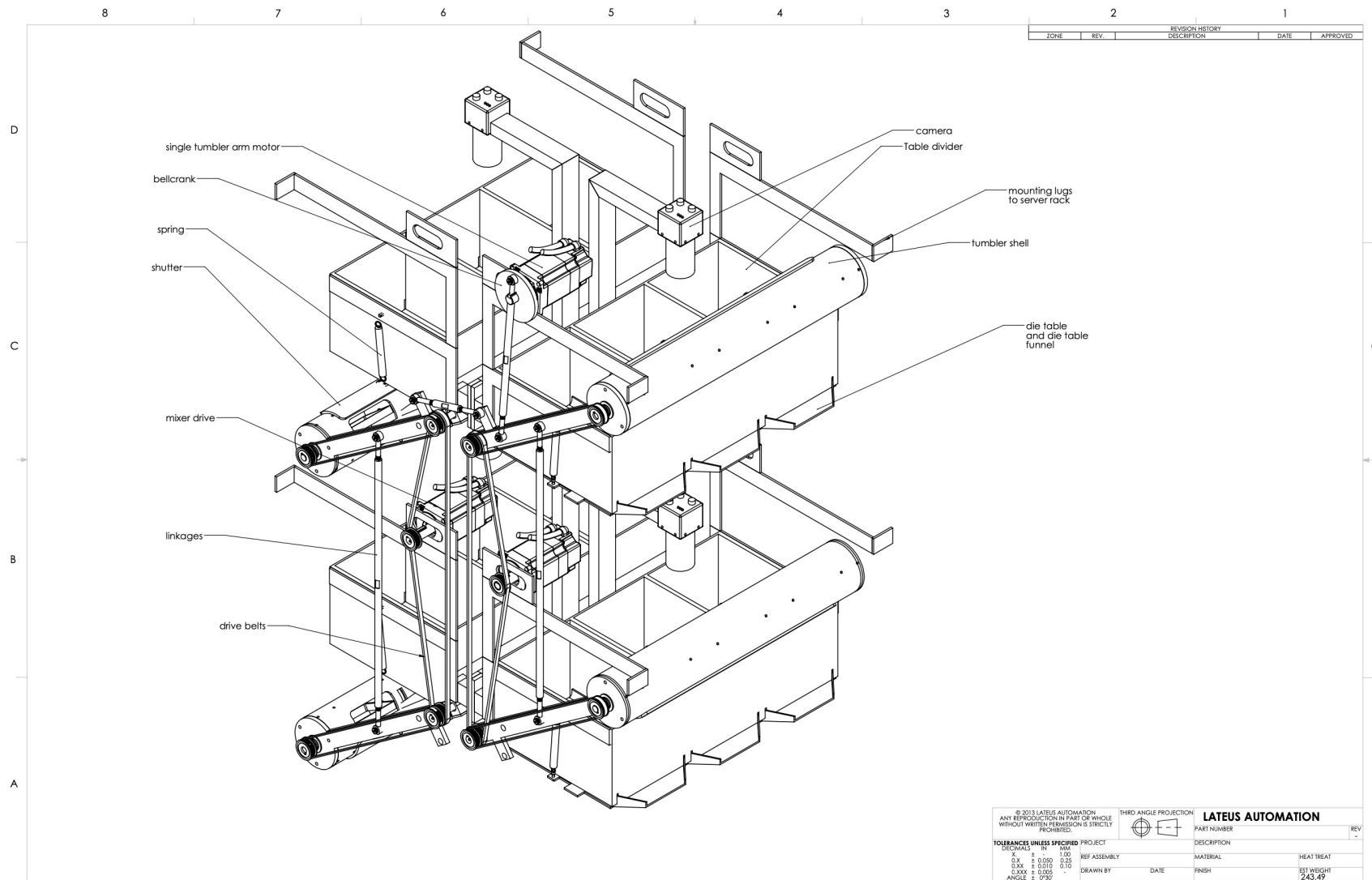
iPhone & the DiceMaster



Athena the Dice Robot...



Caduceus Concept of Chaos...



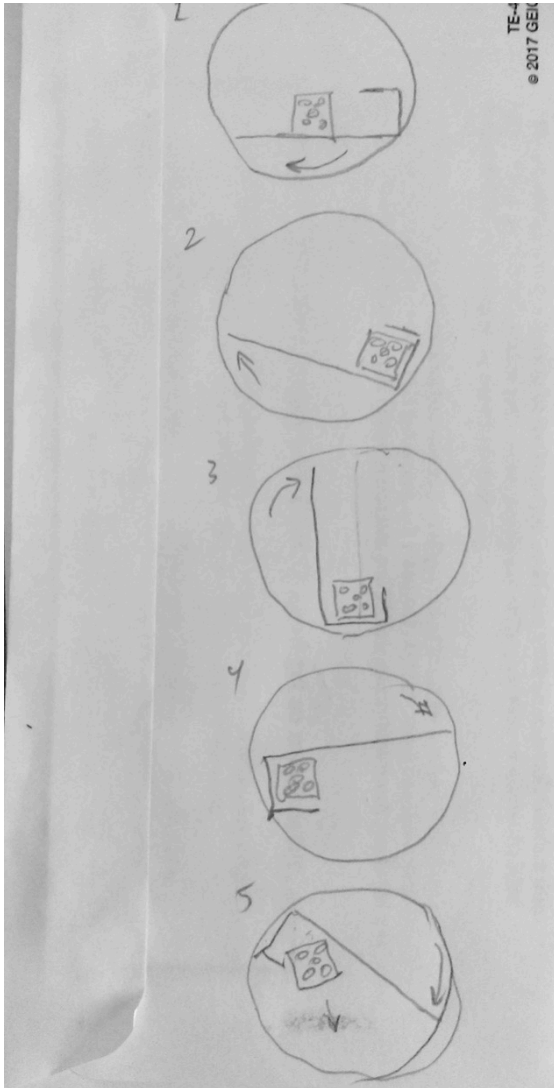
Stinger Lego Mindstorms



Stinger II Server Model



If At First You Fail, Keep Rolling...



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Blue die hits bottom-row peg (red arrow).



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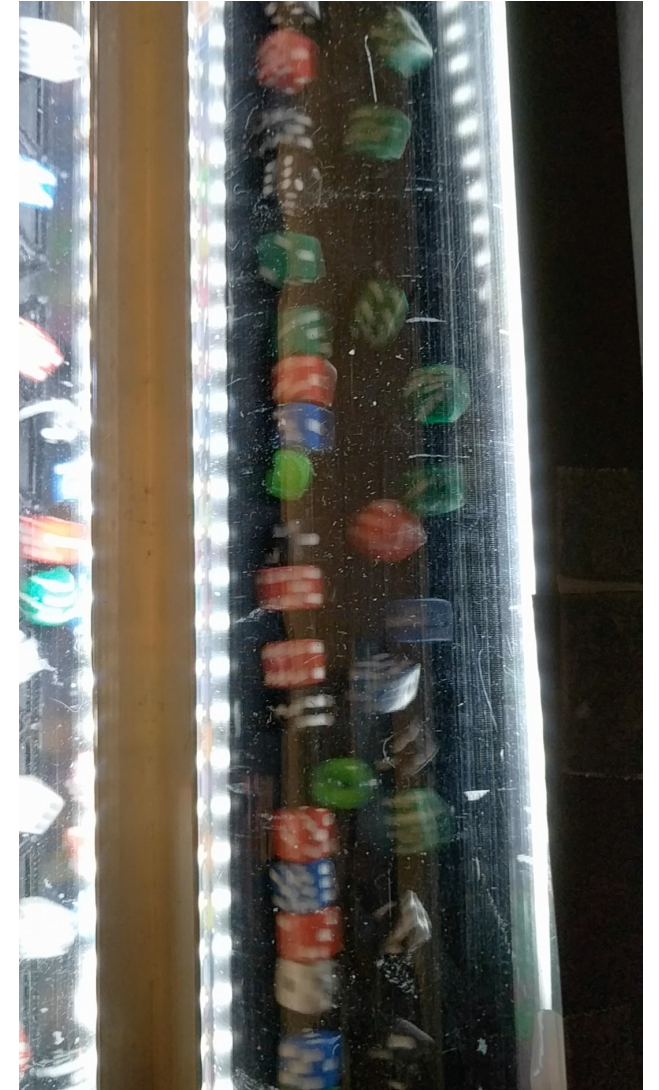


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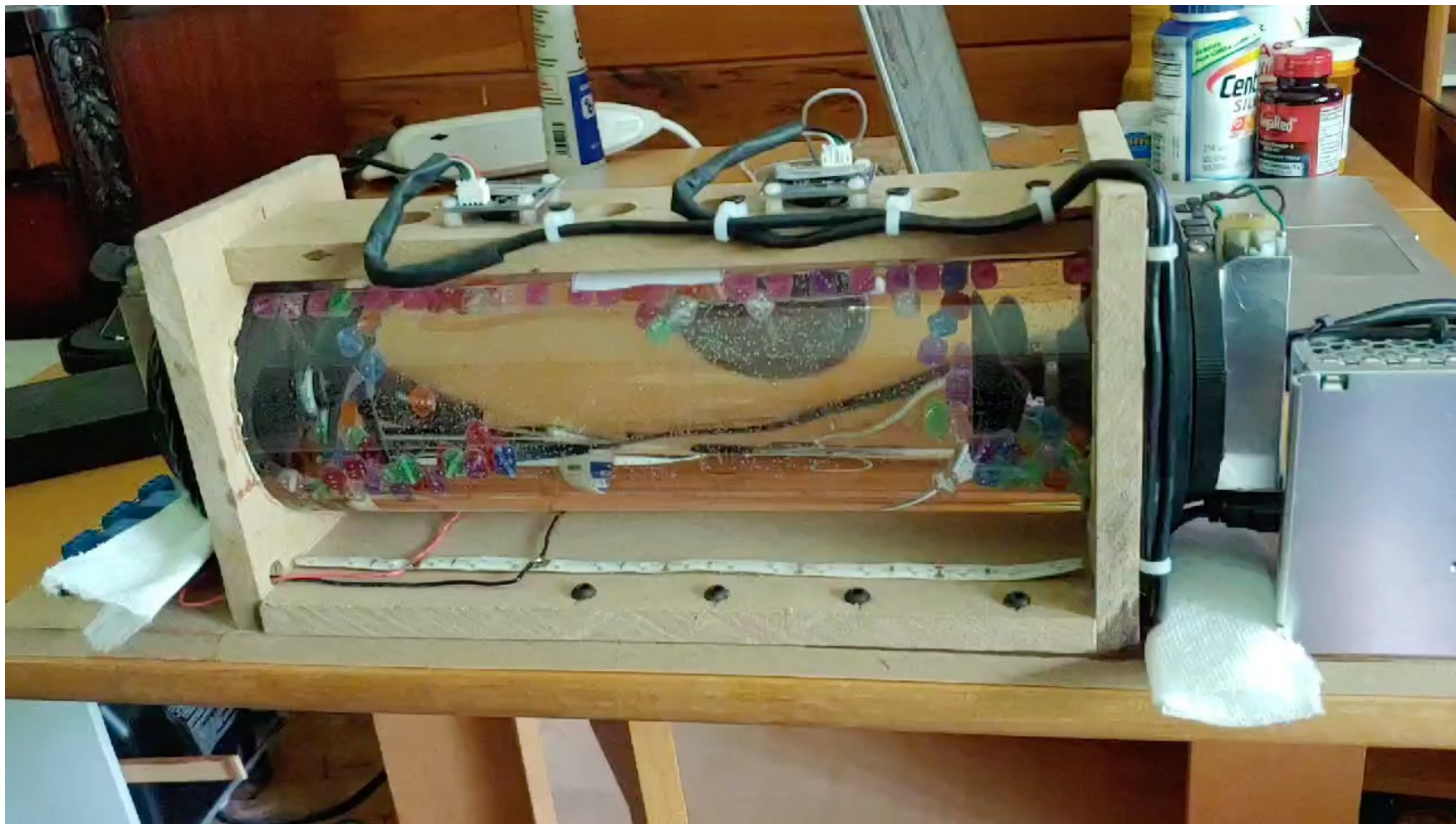
Black die bounces right off low peg (arrow)_



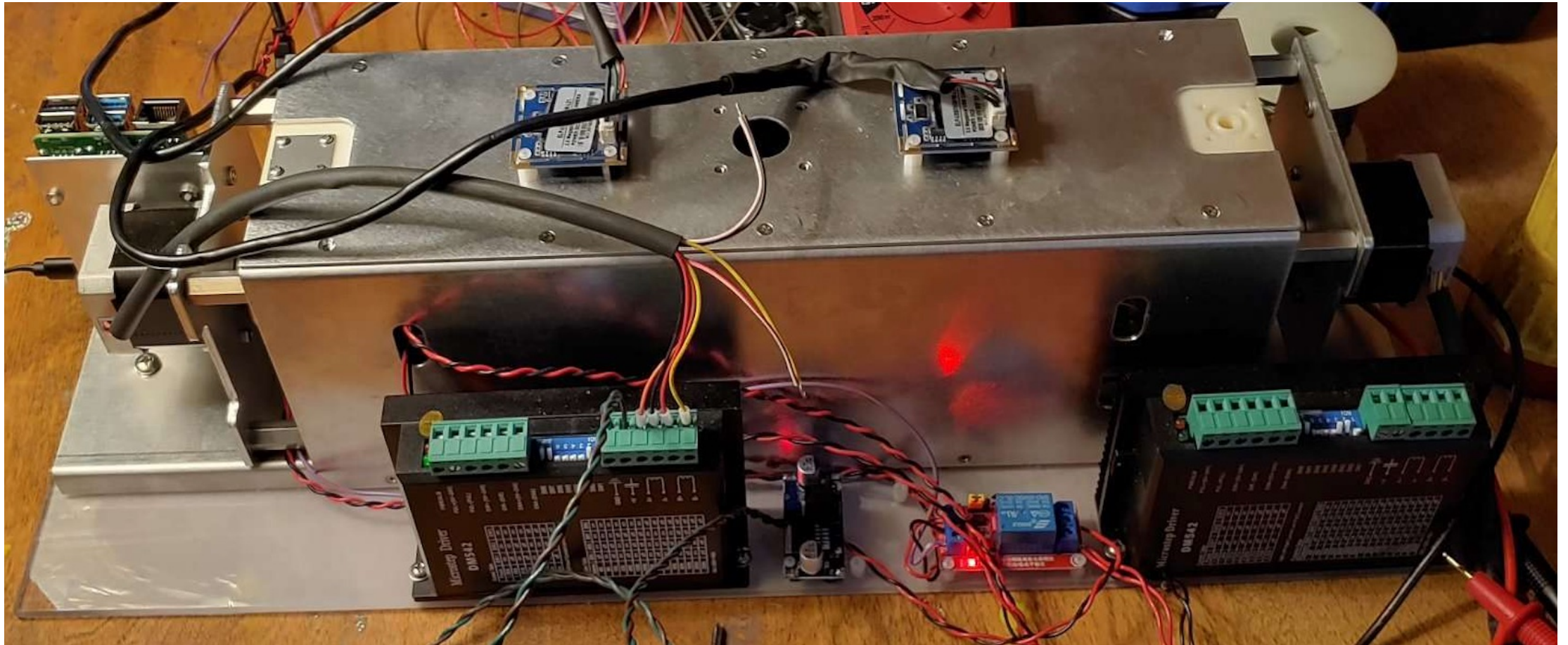
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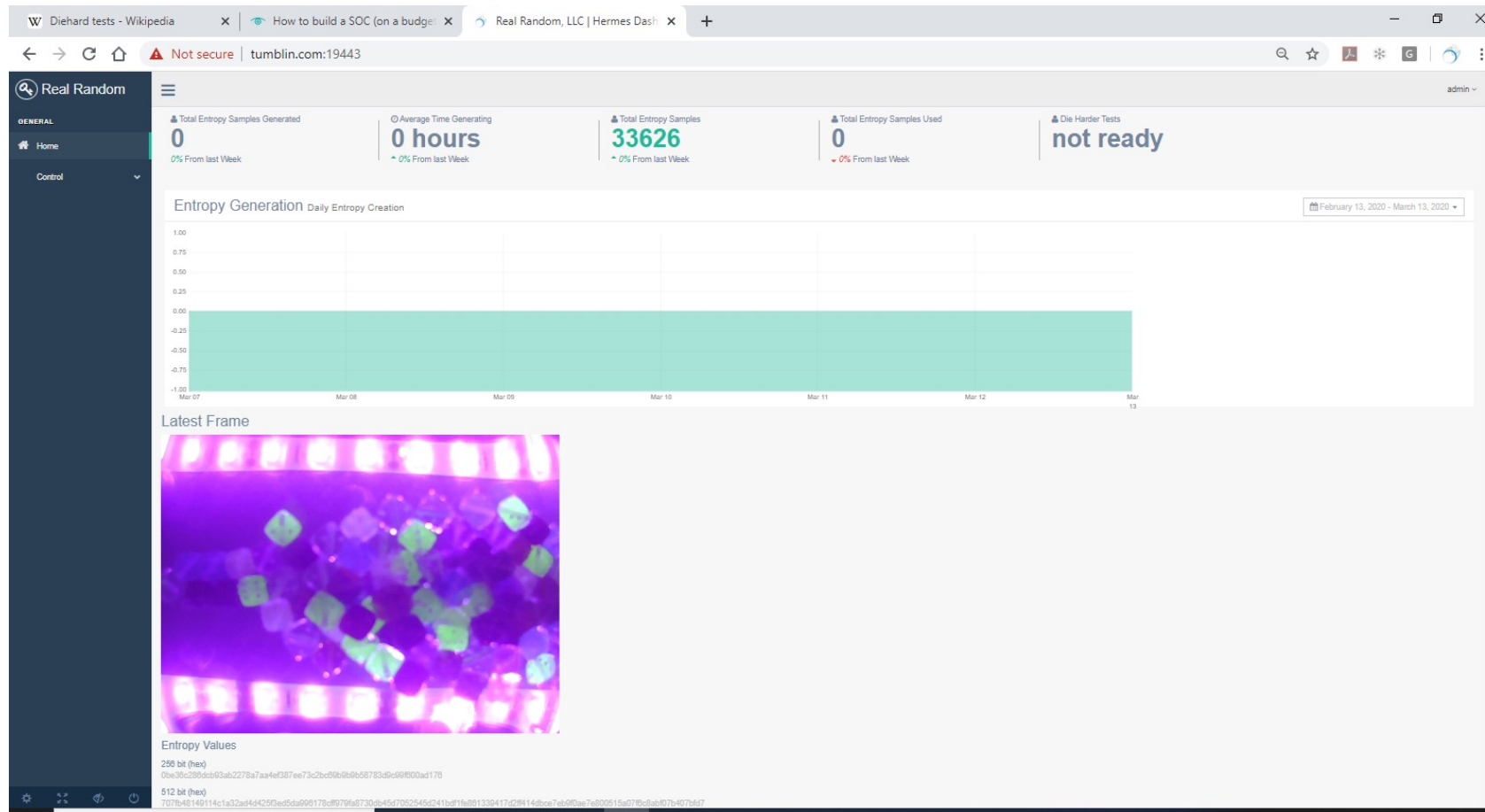
Hermes Prototype Bench Model



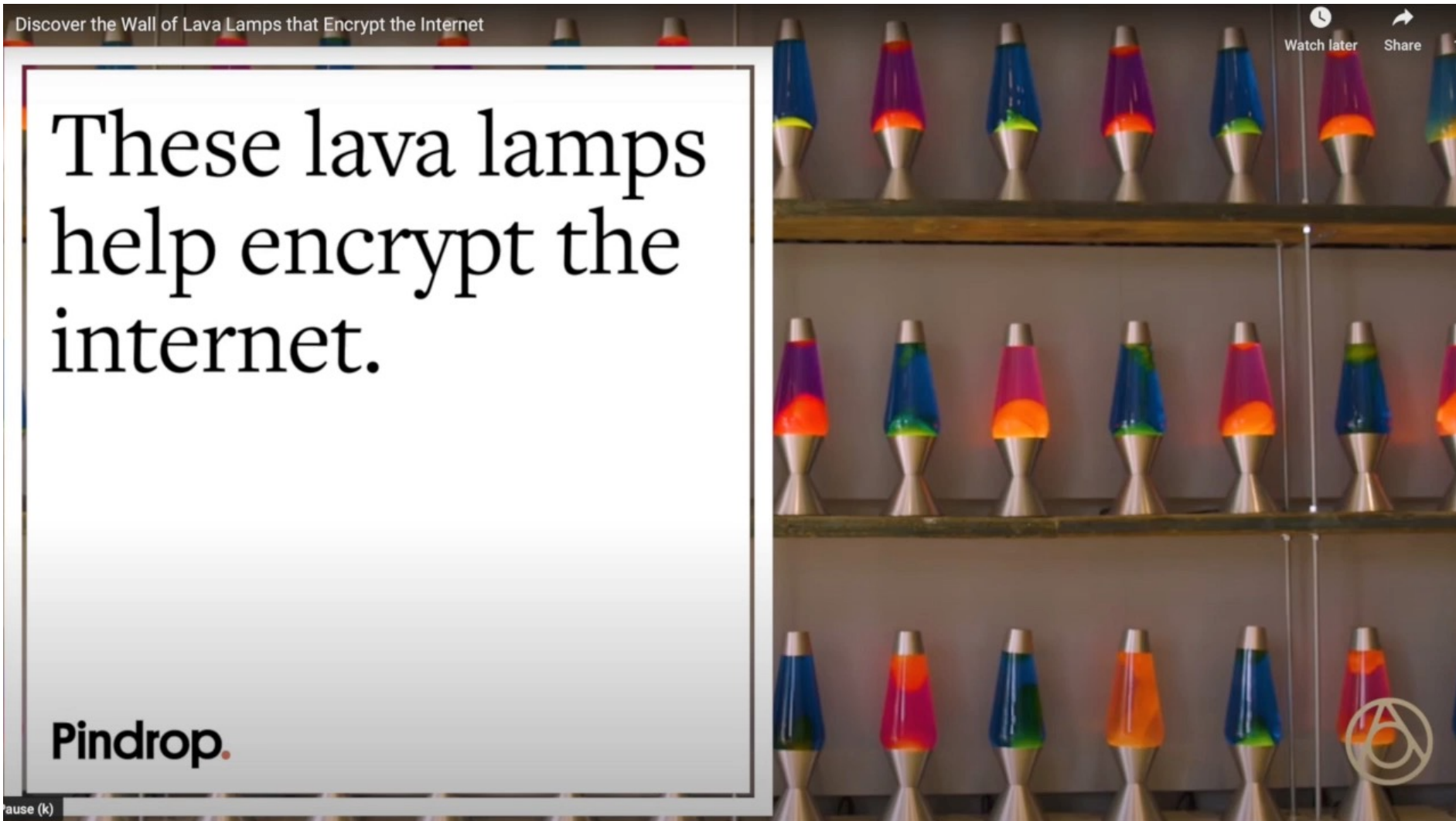
Patent Pending Hardware RNG



Remote Access Dashboard



Cloudflare but Scalable



Utility Patent Filed March 2020

ELECTROMECHANICAL APPARATUS, SYSTEM, AND METHOD FOR GENERATING TRUE RANDOM NUMBERS

TECHNICAL DATA FIELD

[0001] This application relates generally to random number generators, including but not limited to generating true random numbers using an electromechanical apparatus, for cryptographic applications.

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Utility Patent Filing April 2021

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SECURE END-TO-END ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION USING A PRIVATELY SHARED TABLE OF ENTROPY

TECHNICAL DATA FIELD

[0001] This application relates generally to secure communication, including but not limited to secure communication using a privately shared table of entropy that includes true random numbers.

The Entropy Authority Solution

Entropy Authority

