We are just 12 years away from the year 2020. And it seems far enough in the future to let us try to put a stake in the ground as to what technology would be like. This talk is a look at the year 2020 from the perspective of a group of senior technologists at TI. We asked four questions: 1) what will be the market drivers, 2) What will IC technology look like, 3) what will be differentiable, and 4) what will be commoditized. I will discuss three of the topics. The fourth will be left to the audience to determine.

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