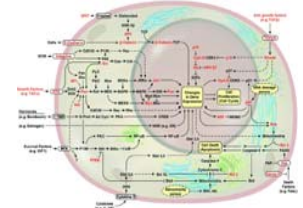


Cross Disciplinary Research and the Role of Industry



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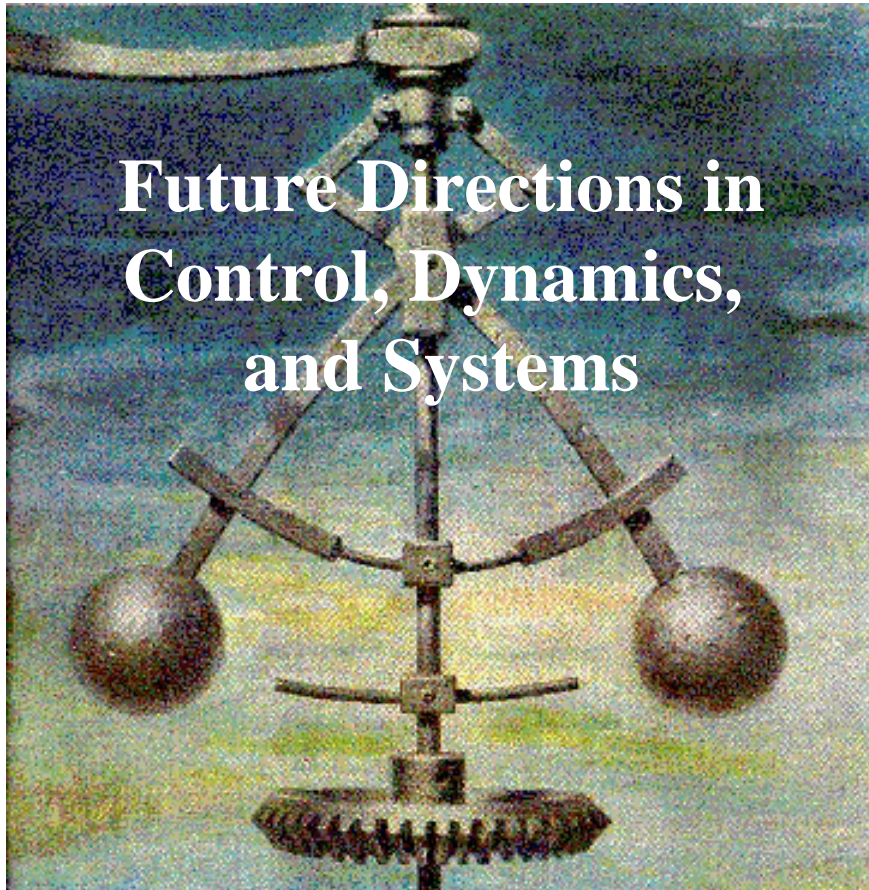
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Outline

- I. **CDS Panel Overview**
- II. **Findings and Recommendations**
- III. **Workshop Agenda and Goals**

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Panel on Future Directions in Control, Dynamics, and Systems

Goals

- Articulate the challenges and opportunities for the field
- Respond to the changing nature of control, dynamics, and systems research

Approach

- Workshops and discussions
- SIAM report

Karl Åström

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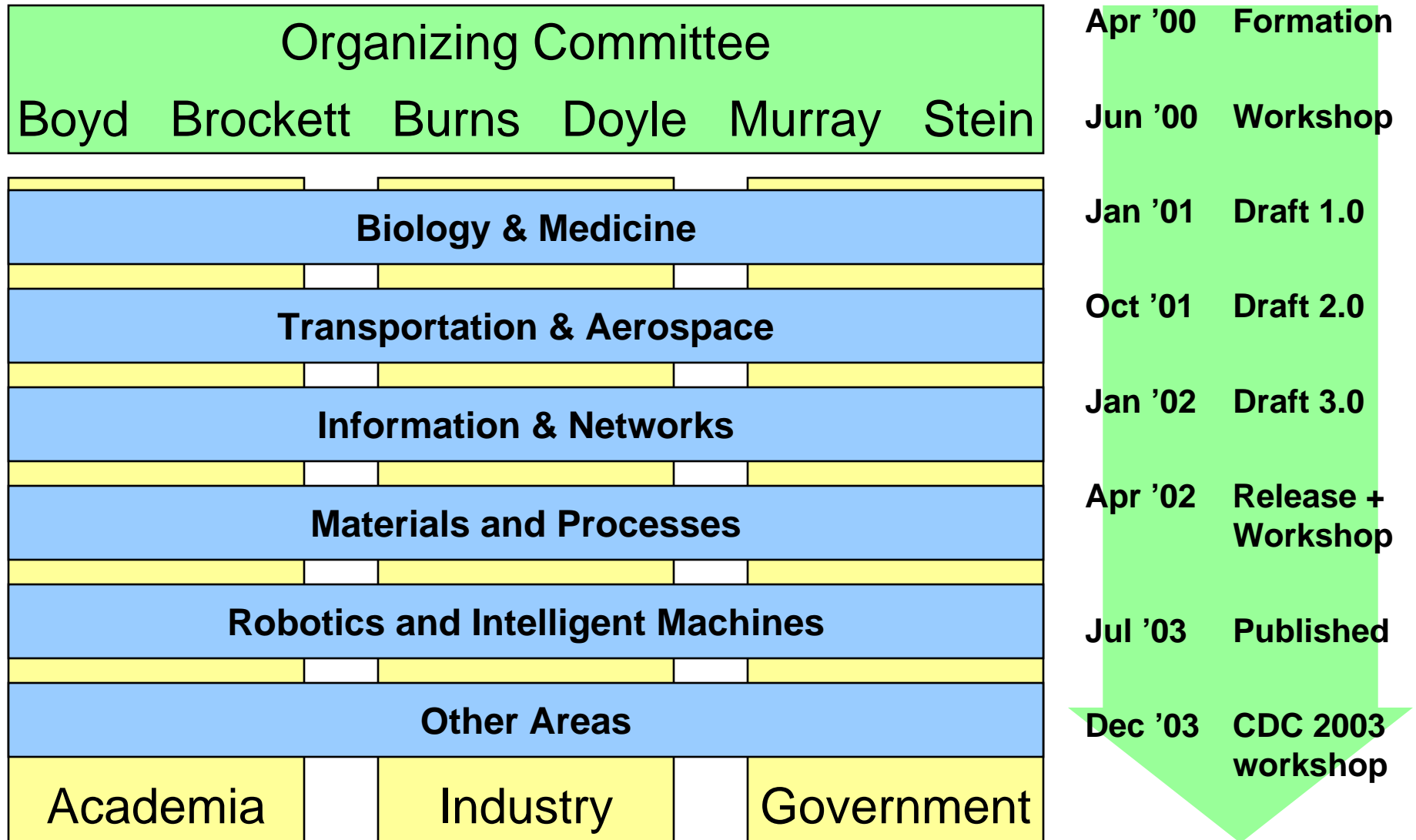
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Panel Organization and Timeline



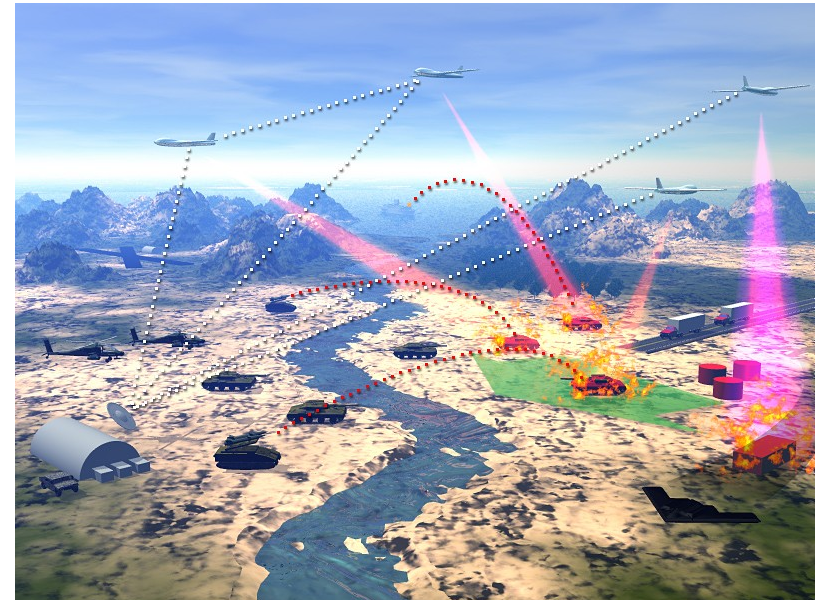
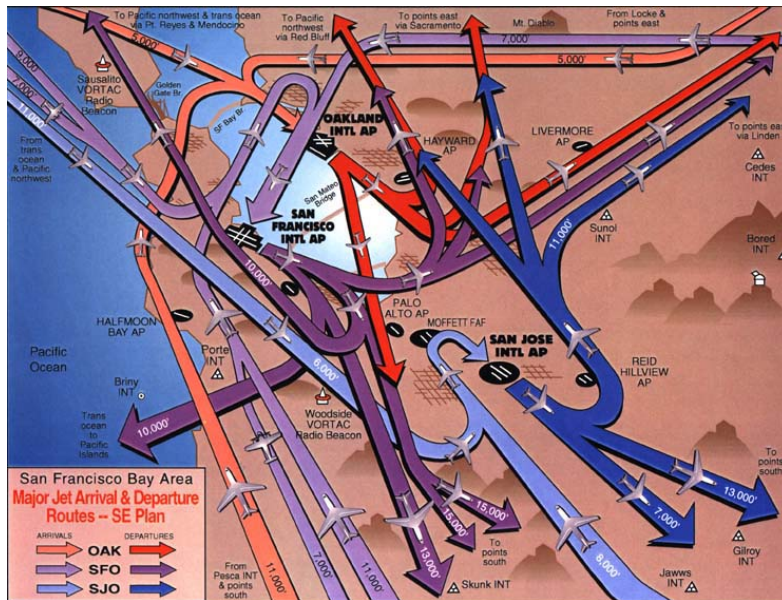
Transportation and Aerospace

Themes

- Autonomy
- Real-time, global, dynamic networks
- Ultra-reliable embedded systems
- Multi-disciplinary teams
- Modeling for control
 - more than just $\dot{x} = f(x, u, p, w)$
 - analyzable accurate hybrid models

Technology Areas

- Air traffic control, vehicle management
- Mission/multi-vehicle management
- Command & control, human in the loop
- Ground traffic control (air & ground)
- Automotive vehicle & engine control
- Space vehicle clusters
- Autonomous control for deep space



Information and Networks

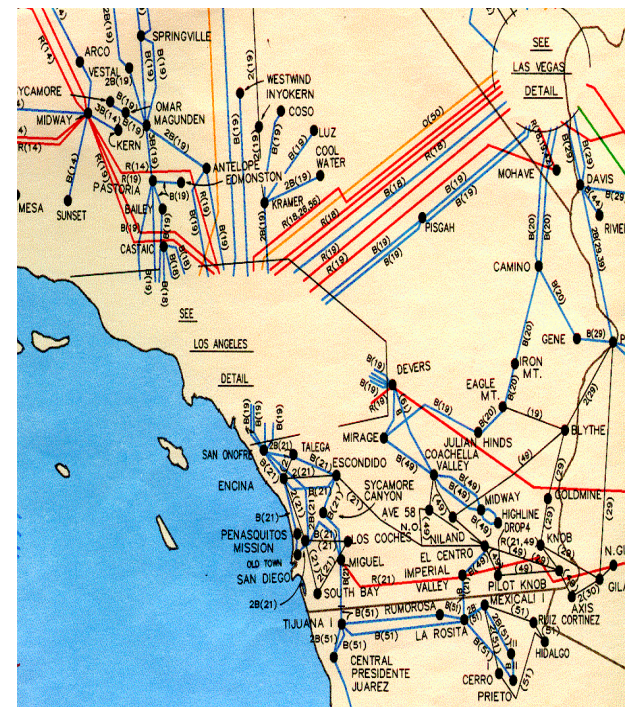
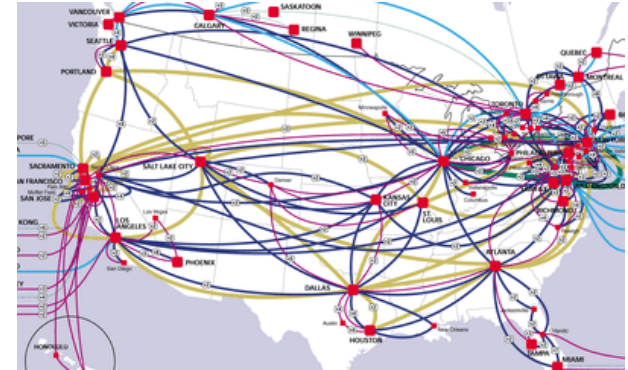
Pervasive, ubiquitous, convergent networking

- Heterogeneous networks merging communications, computing, transportation, finance, utilities, manufacturing, health, entertainment, ...
- Robustness/reliability are dominant challenges
- Need “unified field theory” of communications, computing, and control

Many applications

- Congestion control on the internet
- Power and transportation systems
- Financial and economic systems
- Quantum networks and computation
- Biological regulatory networks and evolution
- Ecosystems and global change

Control of the network
Control over the network



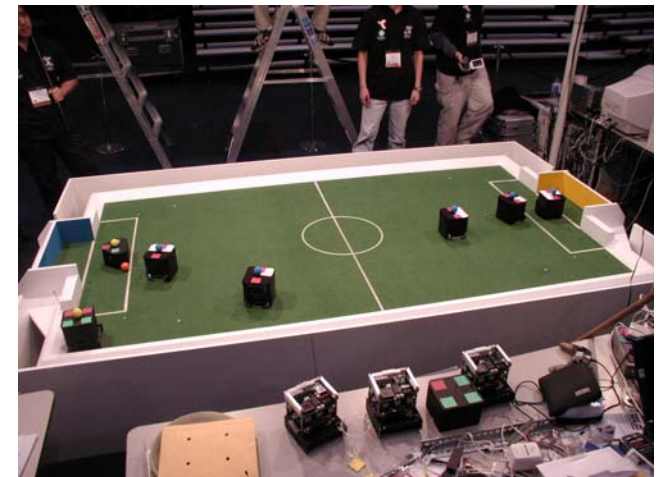
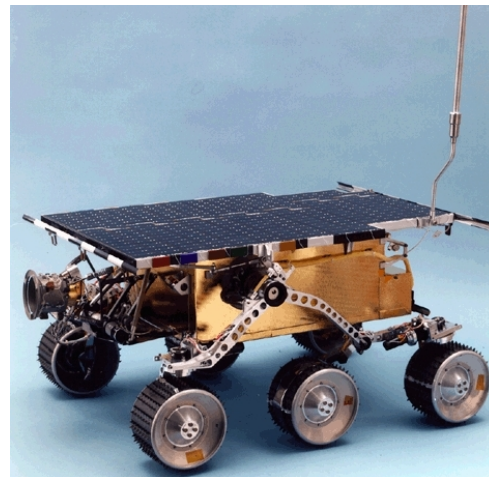
Robotics and Intelligent Machines

Wiener, 1948: Cybernetics

- Goal: implement systems capable of exhibiting highly flexible or ``intelligent'' responses to changing circumstances

DARPA, 2003: Grand Challenge

- LA to Las Vegas (400 km) in 10 hours or less
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Biology and Medicine

“Systems Biology”

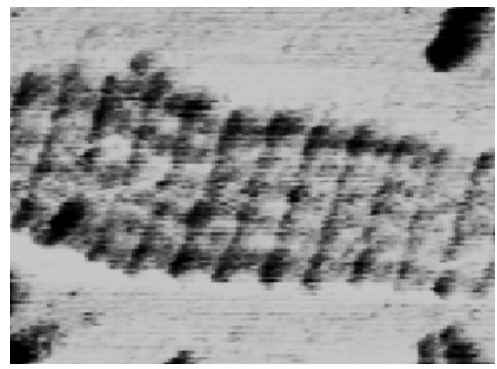
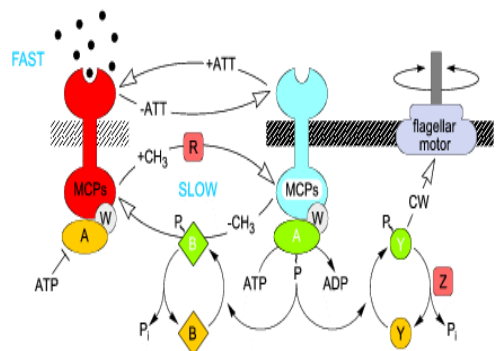
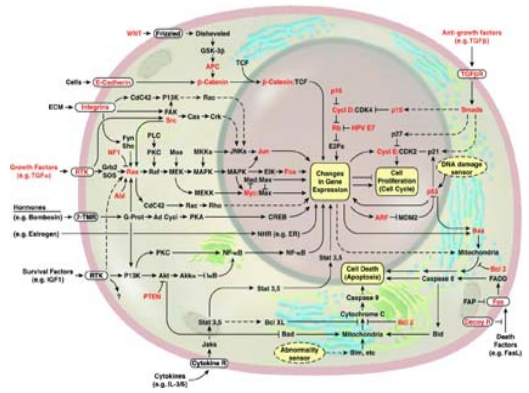
- Many molecular mechanisms for biological organisms are characterized
- Missing piece: understanding of how network interconnection creates robust behavior from uncertain components in an uncertain environment
- Transition from organisms as genes, to organisms as networks of integrated chemical, electrical, fluid, and structural elements

Key features of biological systems

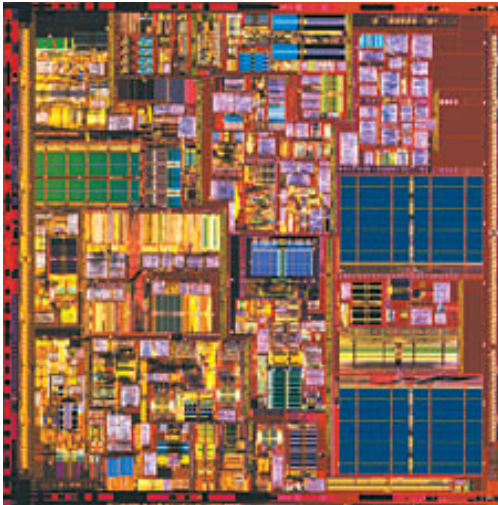
- Integrated control, communications, computing
- Reconfigurable, distributed control, at *molecular* level

Design and analysis of biological systems

- Apply engineering principles to biological systems
- Systems level analysis is required
- Processing and flow of information is key



Materials and Processing

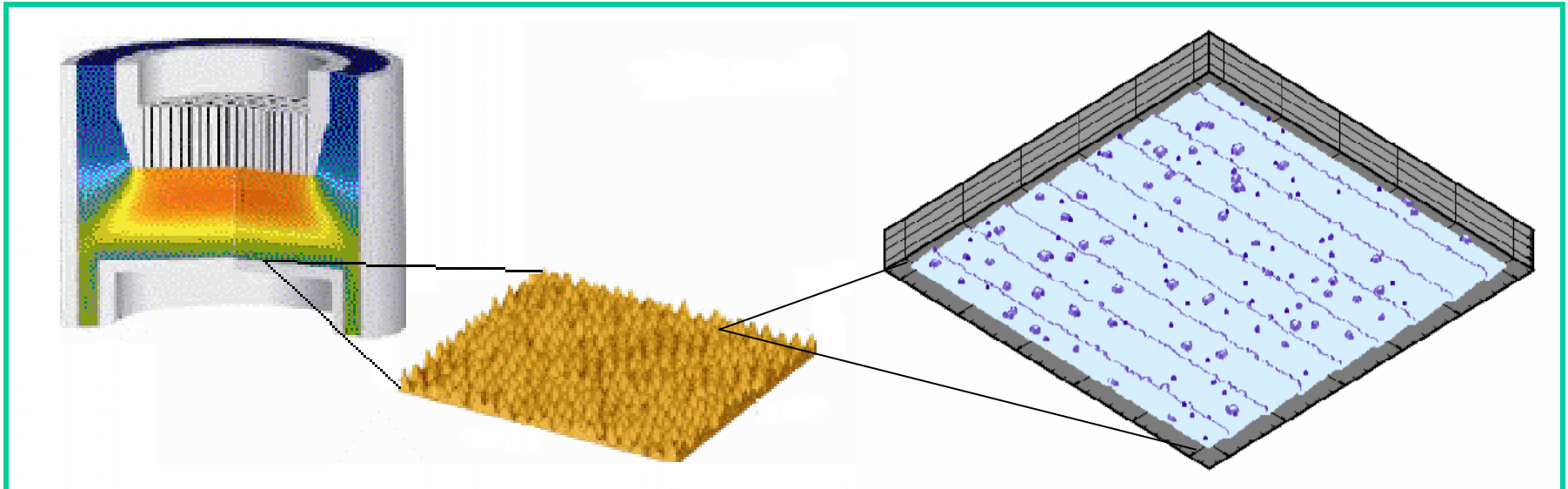


Multi-scale, multi-disciplinary modeling and simulation

- Coupling between macro-scale actuation and micro-scale physics
- Models suitable for control analysis and design

Increased use of in situ measurements

- Many new sensors available that generate real-time data about microstructural properties



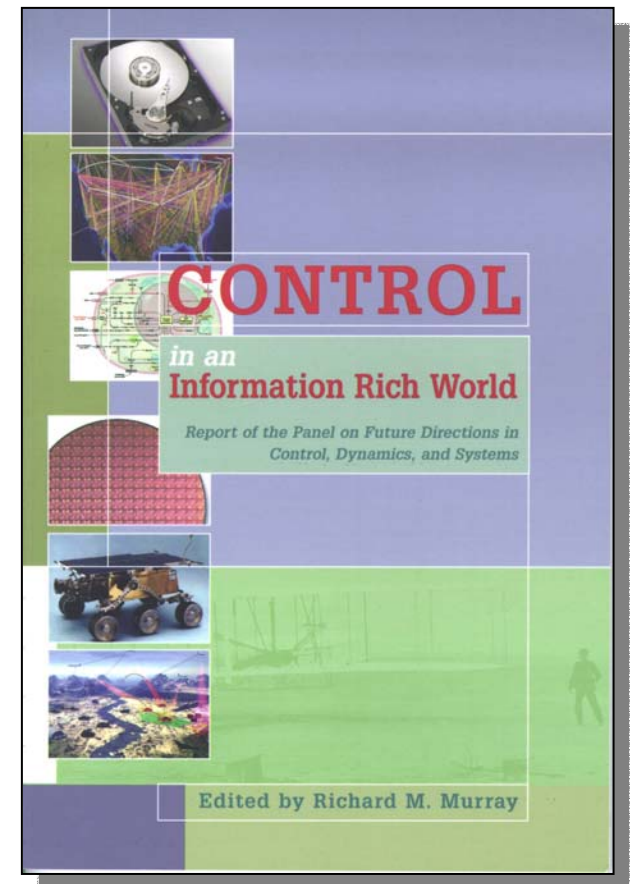
Control in an Information Rich World

Control remains an exciting area, with *many* new applications

- Community needs to get involved in new applications (already happening!)
- Need to maintain support for control research by government, industry

Panel Recommendations

1. Increase research aimed at the **integration of control, computer science, & communications**
2. Increase research in **control at higher levels of decision making**, moving toward enterprise level systems
3. Explore **high-risk, long-range applications of control** in nanotechnology, quantum mechanics, electromagnetics, biology, environmental science, etc
4. Maintain support for **theory and interaction with mathematics**
5. **New approaches to education** to disseminate control concepts and tools to non-traditional audiences



Education and Outreach (Ch 4 of report)

Expanding applications placing new demands on education

- Must continue to unify and compact the knowledge base
- Material needs to be more accessible to broad range of potential user
- Eg, computer scientists, biologists, physicists, medical researchers

Increased interaction with industry

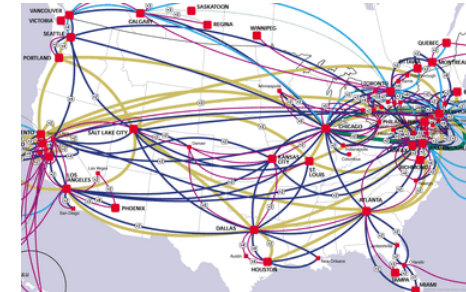
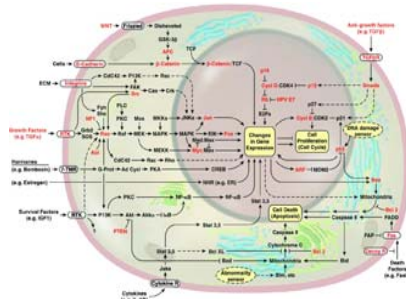
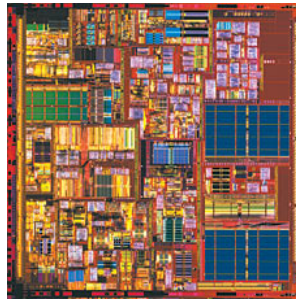
- Cooperative Ph.D. programs: industrial researchers by companies and universities to pursue Ph.D.'s (full-time)
- Industry leaders from the control community should continue to interact and help communicate needs of their constituencies

Additional steps

- New textbooks, teaching materials, pedagogy
- Better education of the public about relevant technical areas

Cross-Disciplinary Research

Need for increased cross-disciplinary research and education



Challenges of cross-disciplinary research

- Educational programs often defined by traditional disciplines (esp in US)
- Control is small part of discussions on curriculum in these disciplines
- Additionally, many new applications are outside the current boundaries

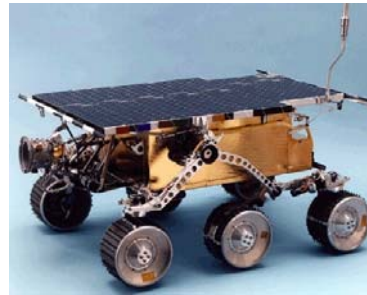
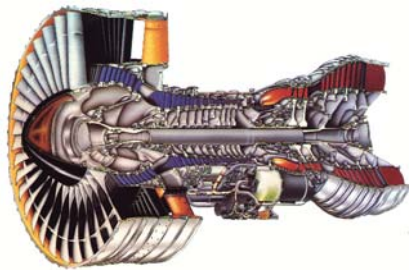
Education and research programs may need to be restructured

- Step 1: cross-disciplinary research centers (eg, ISR, CSL, CCEC)
- Step 2: cross-departmental graduate courses, seminars, projects
- Step 3: undergraduate minors and MS/PhD programs in systems and control
- Additional possibilities: regional alliances - DISC, SoCal NLC, etc

The Role of Industry

Role of control in industry

- Industry has substantial experience in cross-disciplinary projects (eg IPTs)
- Increasingly, control engineers are serving as *systems* engineers
- Requires strong interdisciplinary skills and interpersonal (team) skills



Increased need for *interaction* with industry

- Best practices in team-oriented, systems engineering integrated into courses
- Transition of new ideas and tools to industry; new problems to universities

Obstacles

- Intellectual property, publishing restrictions, ITAR, competition
- Low priority on funding universities for long range, fundamental research
- Industry researchers often too busy to attend workshops (like this one!)

Workshop Goals

Explore mechanisms for cross-disciplinary research, particularly through interaction with industry

- Discussion of obstacles and issues that must be overcome
- Examples of success stories and models from around the world
- Information on programs that can be used to support interaction

Short term goal: provide ideas for things to try when you go home

- Copies of presentations will be placed on CDS Panel web site
- Summary report for NSF will be generated and distributed to participants

Long term goal: increase role of control in cross-disciplinary research

- Get students excited about control courses and research opportunities
- Provide students with training that makes them in high demand by industry
- Increase the support for control research by industry and within industry

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Workshop Agenda

8:30 am	Richard Murray	Welcome and Introduction
9:00 am	P. Khargonekar	Issues and Perspectives on Cross Disciplinary Research
9:30 am	Bob Barmish	Cross-Disciplinary Research and Industrial Collaboration: A Two-Edged Sword
10:00 am		Discussion and break
10:30 am	Richard Murray	Three Views on Industry/University Collaboration
11:00 am	Mike Grimble	Integrated International Services for Industry
11:30 am	Lennart Ljung	ISIS -- A center for industry-university cooperation at Linkoping University
12:00 pm		Lunch
1:30 pm	Kishan Baheti	NSF Grants Opportunity for Academic Liason with Industry (GOALI)
2:00 pm	Panel discussion	Recommendations for future activities