

# IFAC: past, present, and future?

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1. Foundation
2. First five decades
3. Present
4. Future ?

# Foundation of IFAC

- **Conference „Regelungstechnik – Moderne Theorien und ihre Verwendbarkeit“**

25 - 29 September 1956, University of Heidelberg, Neue Aula

– organized by VDI/VDE-Fachgruppe Regelungstechnik (founded 1938)

- **Preparatory meetings for an international organization**

R. Oldenbourger and G.Ruppel propose an

**„International Federation of Automatic Control (IFAC)“:**

- Nations are members (like United Nation)
- Resolution: signed by 30 participants



- **18, 19 Dec 56: Meeting of Europeans in Paris**

- **25 -27 Apr 57: Provisional Committee Meeting in Düsseldorf at VDI**

- **Permanent Secretariat** in Düsseldorf: G. Ruppel, Liselotte Schröder, sponsored by VDI until 1975 (18 years)

- **1st IFAC President:** Harald Chestnut (US), 2nd President: A.M. Letov (USSR)

- **1st IFAC-Congress** in Moscow 1960

- Official language: English

- **11,12 Sep 1957: Constitutive meeting in Paris (19 countries represented)**

# RESOLUTION

The following undersigned are in favor of an international union of Automatic Control and are prepared to work toward this end in our own country. This union will have the following aims:

1. To facilitate the interchange of information in Automatic Control and to advance the field
2. To organize international congresses in Automatic Control.

Heidelberg, 27 Sep 1956

**Signed by 30 participants:**

Otto Grebe ,FRG

Rufus Oldenbourger;USA

A. Tustin, Gt. Britain

H. Chestnut, USA

J.F. Coales, Gt. Britain

**J.H. Westcott, Gt. Britain**

H. Märzendorfer, Austria

**M. Mesarovic, Jugoslavia**

J.M.L.Janssen, Netherlands

**Jens G. Balchen, Norway**

Gerd Müller, FRG

P.J. Novacki, Poland

Heinrich Kindler, GDR

Rudolf Oetker, FRG

Werner Pohlenz, GDR

G. Evangelisti, Italy

J. Boas-Popper, Israel

M. Ajinbinder, Belgium

Ph. Passau, Belgium

Victor Broida, France

Paul Profos, Switzerland

L.V. Hamos, Sweden

**Vladimir Strejc, CSSR**

**B. Hanus, CSSR**

A.M. Letov, USSR

Keisuke Izawa, Japan

G. Ruppel, FRG

D.B. Welbourn, Gt. Britain

W.A. Ratscheev, USSR.

Jens R. Jensen, Denmark



Vladimir Strejc

John H. Westcott

Jens Balchen

(Heidelberg, 2006)

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## History of IFAC-Secretariats

- **Düsseldorf:** 1957 – 1975 (sponsored by VDI)



Gerhard Ruppel    Liselotte Schröder



Sippi Saari



- **Helsinki:** 1975 – 1978
- **Laxenburg:** since 1978: permanently, donation by Austrian Government



Fred Margulies  
1978 – 1984



Gustav Hencsey  
1985 – 2005



Kurt Schlacher  
since 2005



Elfriede Schrott  
1980 - 1985



Barbara Aumann  
since 1978

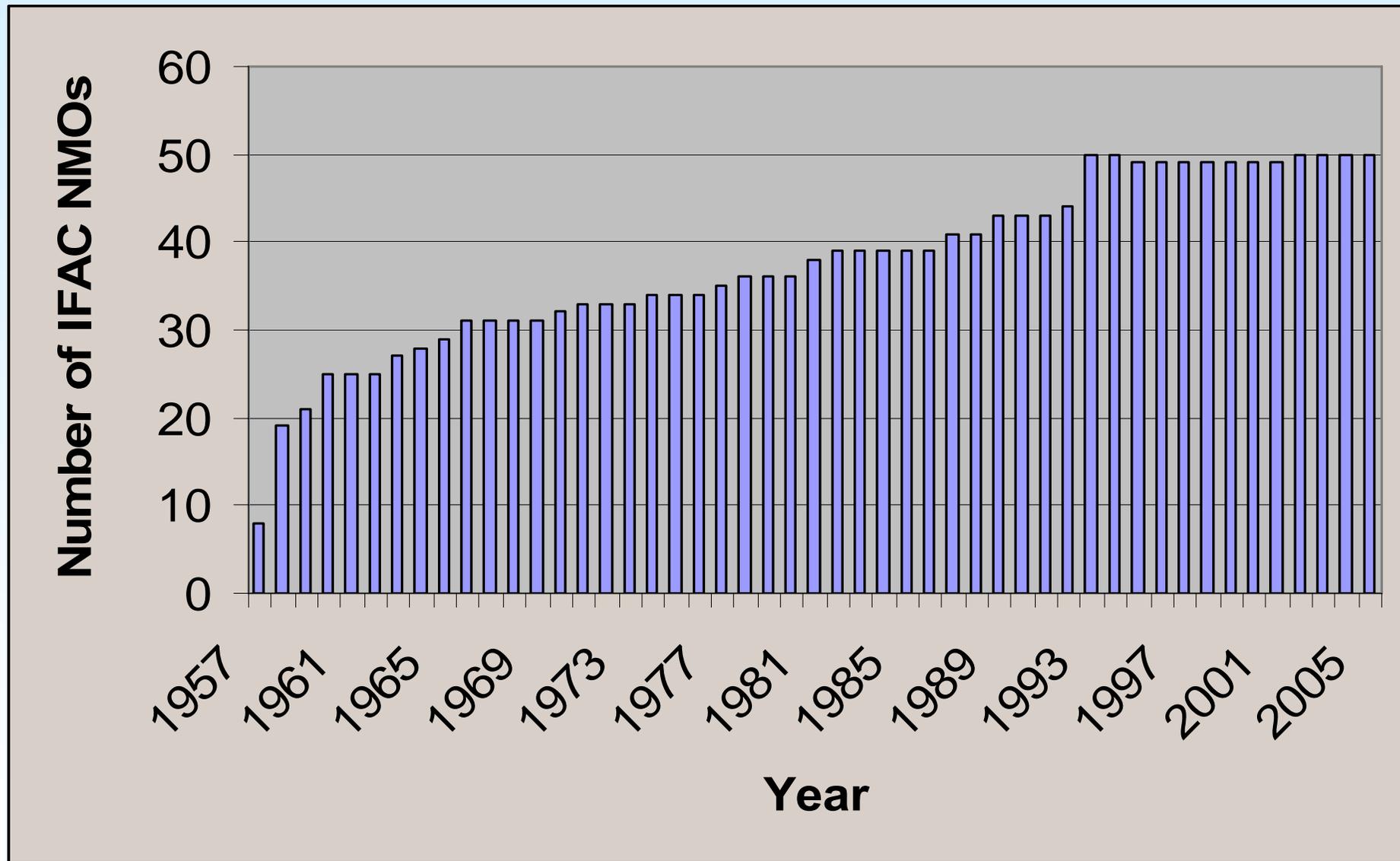


Ernestine Rudas  
since 1985

## Fukuoka – 1997: 9 IFAC-Presidents (1957 – 1999)

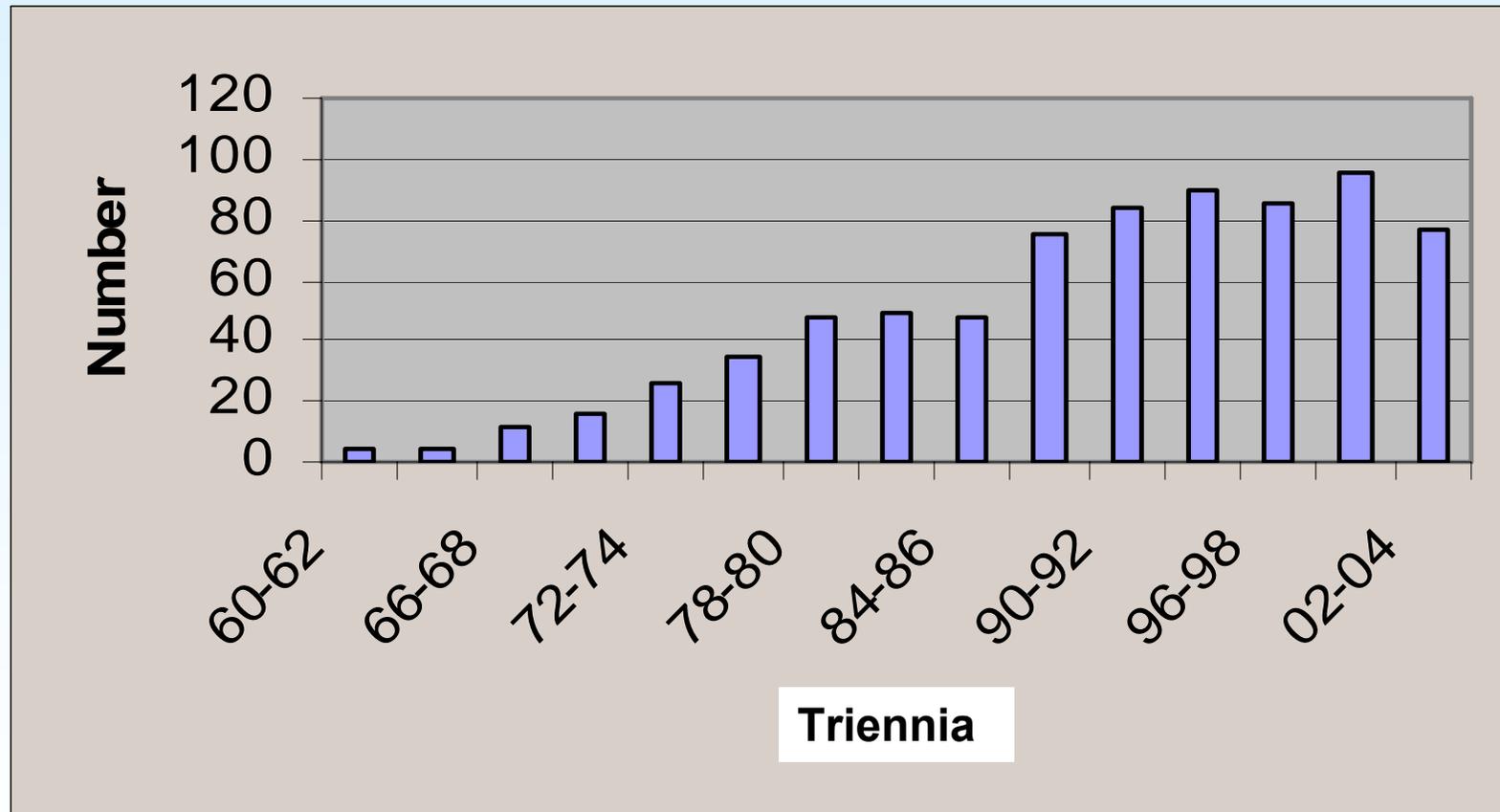


# International Representation



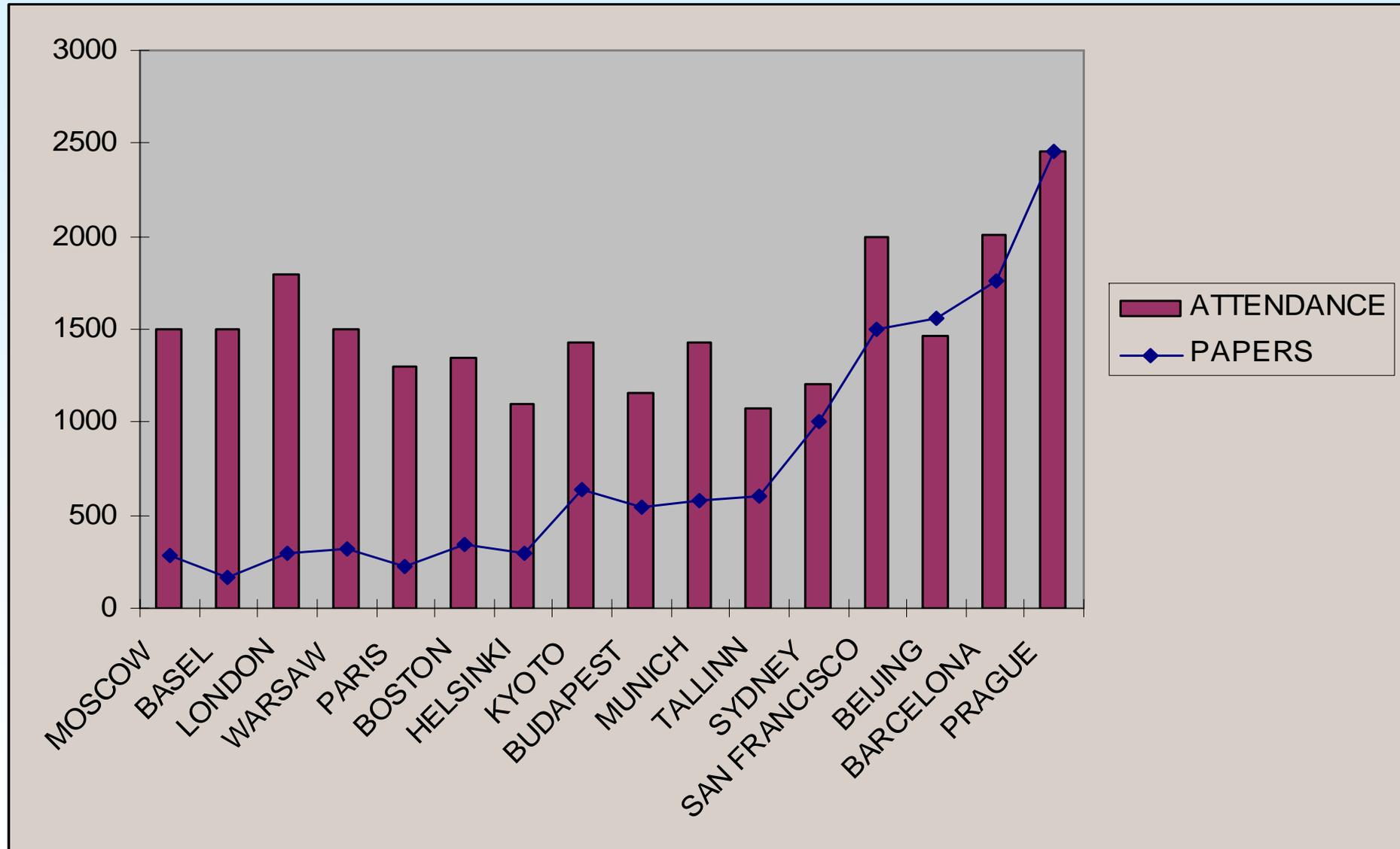
Source: St. Kahne 2006

# Technical Events



Source: S. Kahne 2006

# IFAC Congresses 1960 - 2005



Source: St. Kahne, 2006

# Outcomes of the IFAC 50 – Task force (chair: Steve Kahne)

## Projects :

- „Early control textbooks“, edited by Janos Gertler, Elsevier 2006



- **Online resources in the control field:**  
edited by Lubo Vlacic, and IFAC-Education Committee:

⇒ **IFAC Control Archives:**

<http://www.griffith.edu.au/centre/icsl/edcom/ifac50/>

or [www.ifac-control.org](http://www.ifac-control.org) → IFAC Resources

Animated Control Systems Tutorials  
Control Education Web sites  
Control Engineering Textbook Titles  
Control Systems Applications  
Control Theory – Timeline Data  
History of Control – Timeline Data  
Web based Control Experiments

# IFAC Foundation



- Created 2006 within the Foundation Board led by Pedro Albertos
- First major donation to the IFAC Foundation – US\$ 500,000



Prof. Wook.H. Kwon  
Ms. Soncha Kwon  
(Heidelberg 2006)

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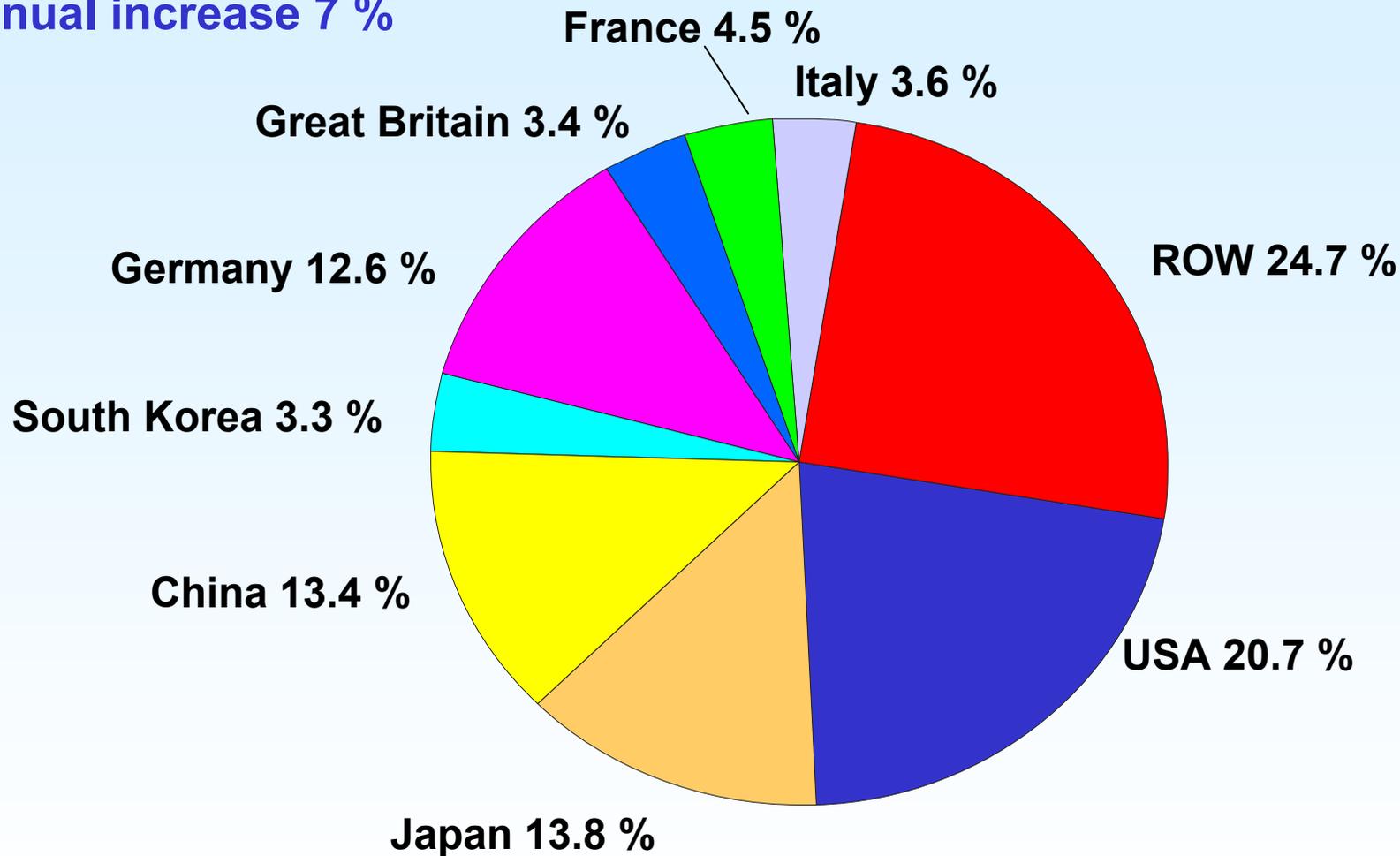
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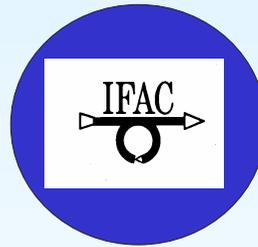
**3. Present**

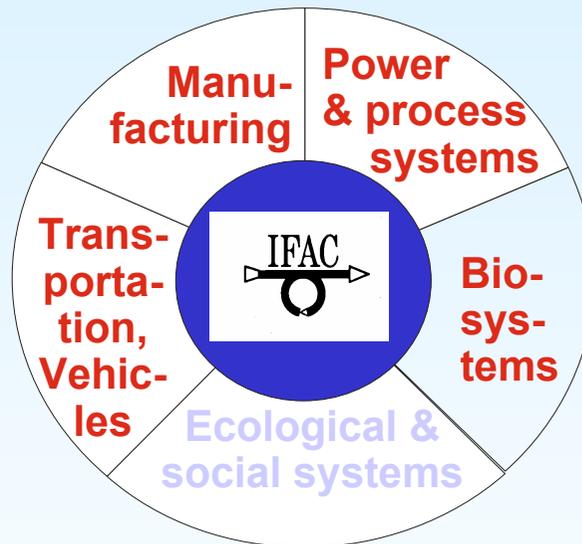
4. Future ?

**Electrical Automation:  
World turnover 2006: EUR 237 Bill, US \$ 365 Bill  
annual increase 7 %**

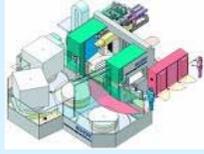


Source: ZVEI (The German electrical and electronics industry)





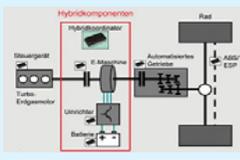
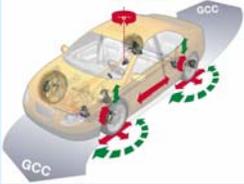
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Coordination  
Committees



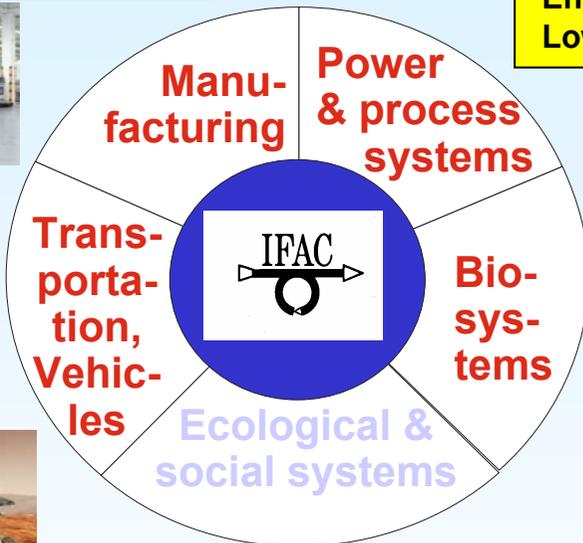
- Digital factory
- Agent-based decentralization
- Supply chain automation
- Laser treatment
- Mobile robots



- Energy harvesting everywhere:**
- water, wind, solar, geothermal
- energy storages !
- Electr. networks with decentr. gener.**
- Very safe coal & nuclear plants**
- Energy storages !**
- Low energy housing**



- Automobiles:**
- I.C. & el drives
- Hybrid, fuelcells
- Global chassis control
- Collision avoidance
- Multi vehicle control
- Aircraft/Space:**
- All electrical
- Unmanned (UAV)
- Trains:**
- High speed
- Maglev



- Automated agriculture
- Growth optimisation
- Irrigation systems

- Transportation, Vehicles**

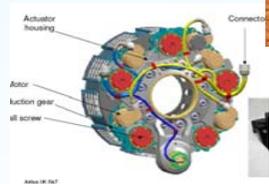
- Bio-systems**

Ecological & social systems

4 (of 9) IFAC Coordination Committees



- Implants
- Artificial organs
- Personal therapy systems
- Operating room
- Optical sensing
- New prosthesis

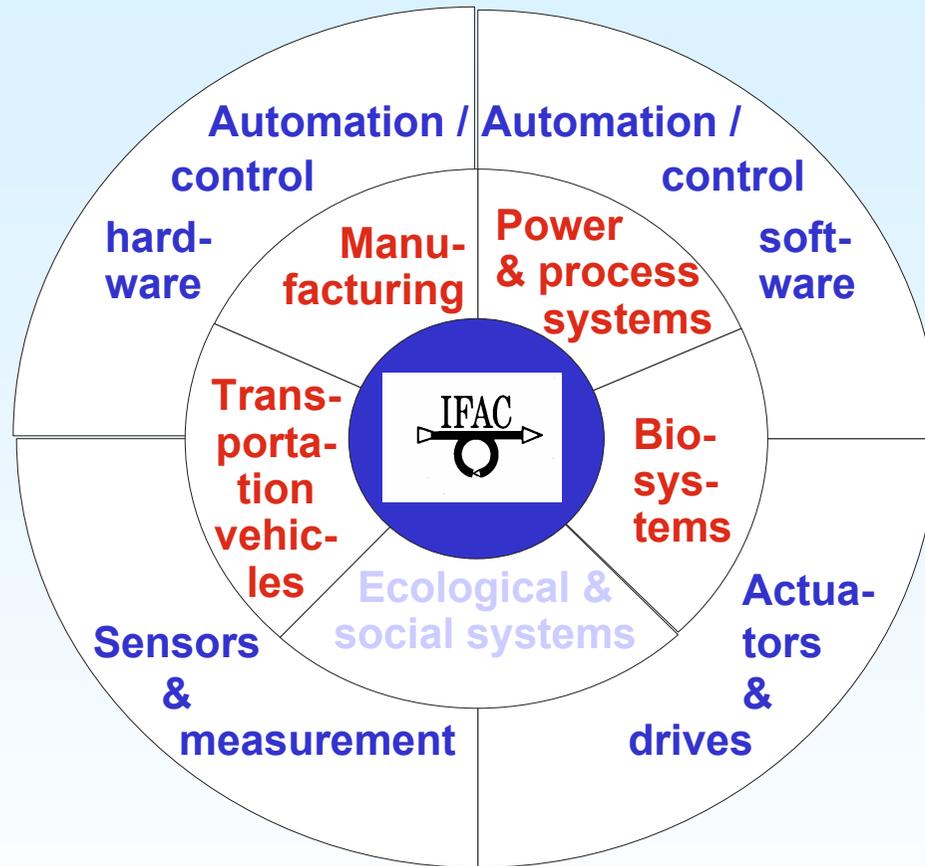


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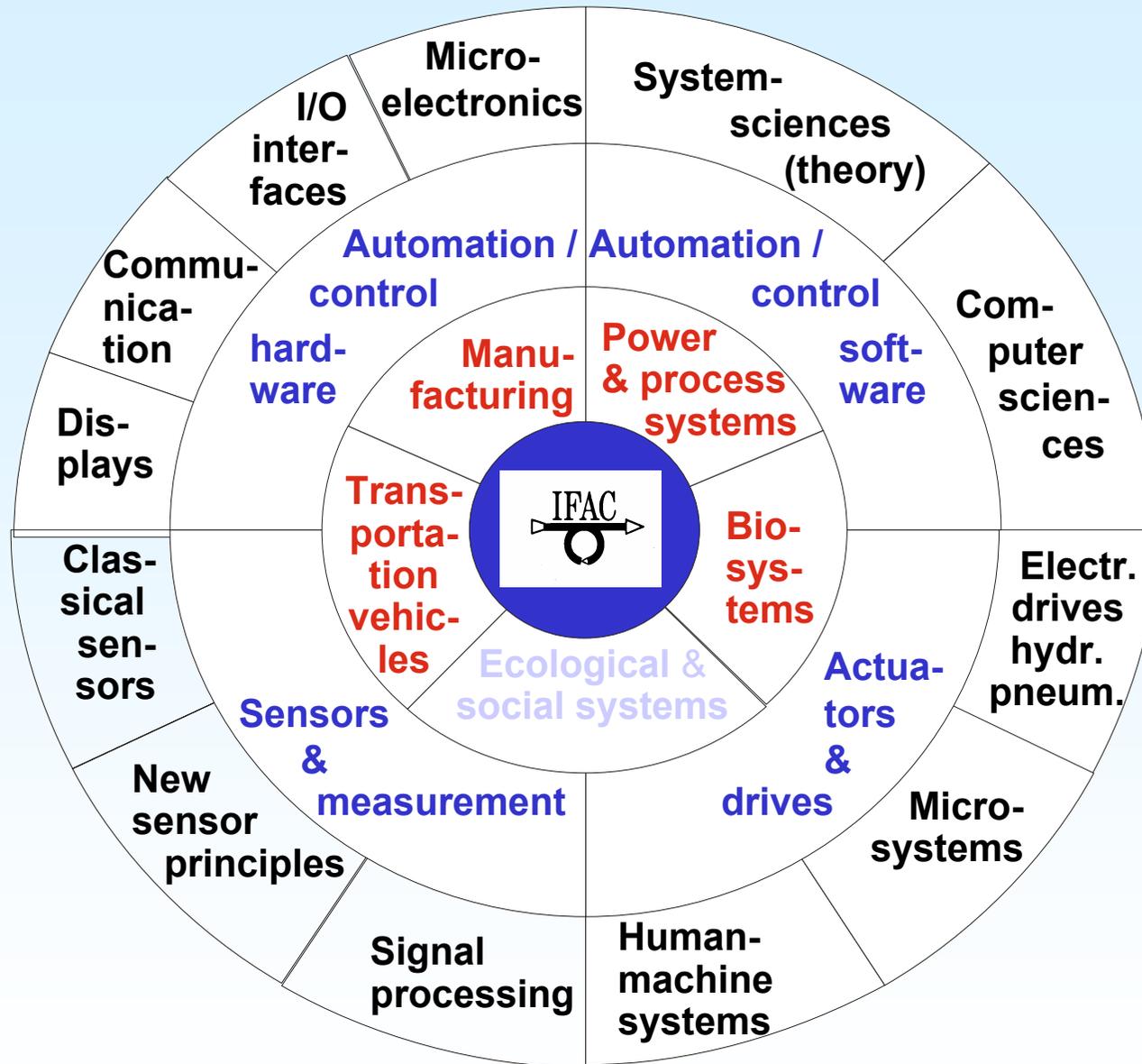
Advanced technologies depend on integrated automatic control

Some process oriented developments.

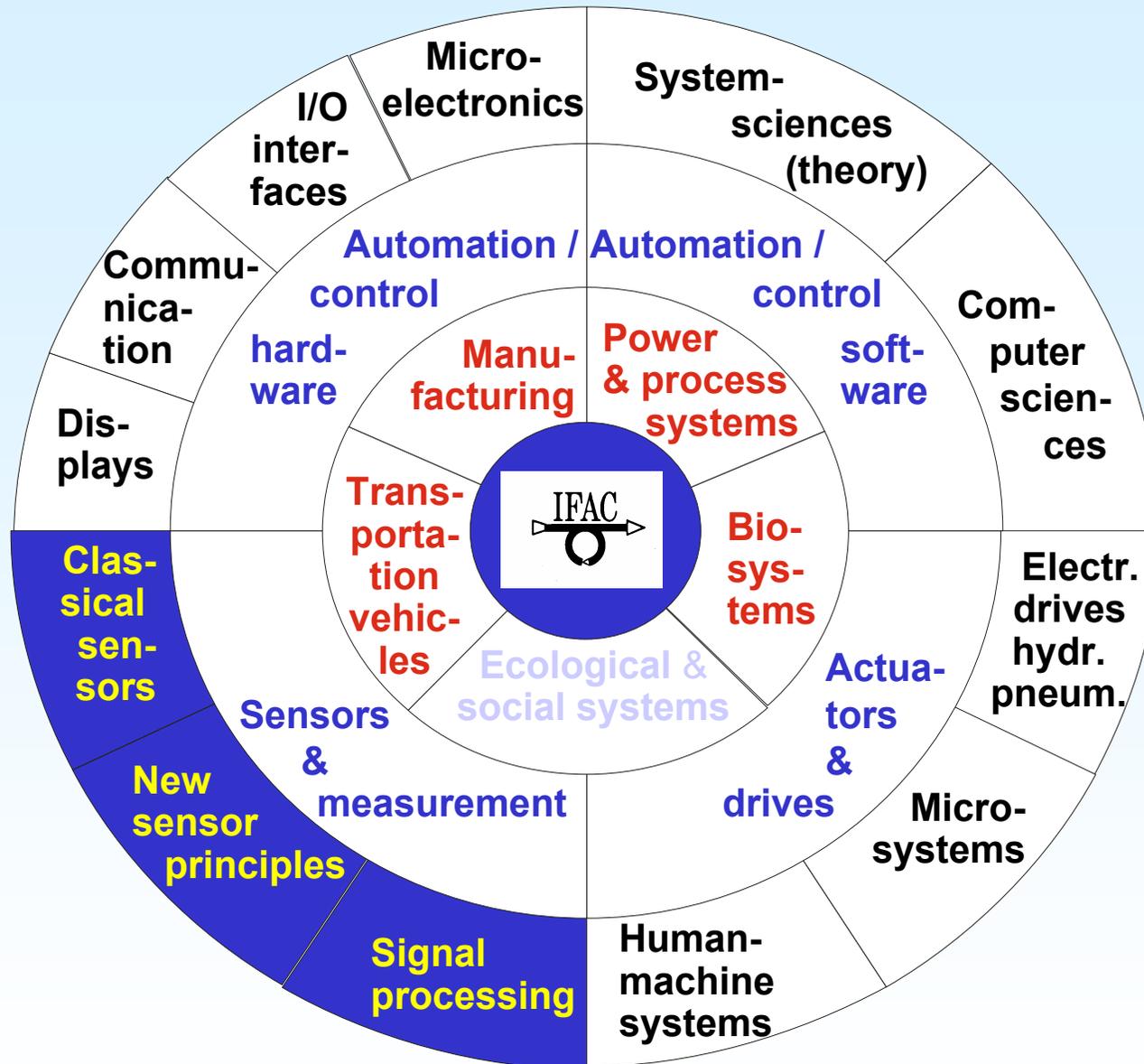




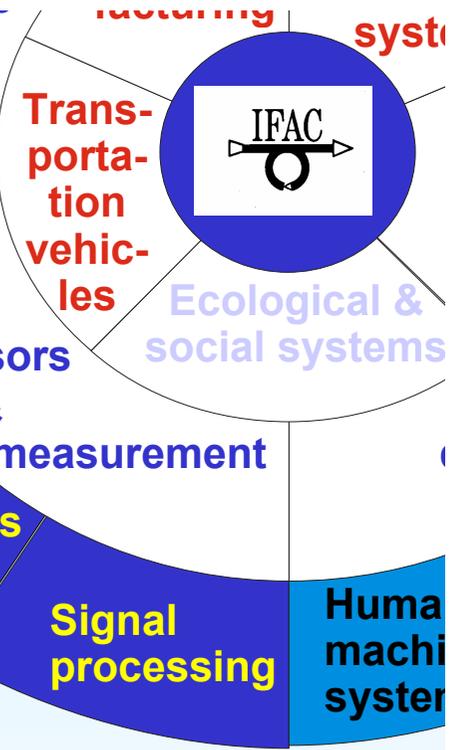
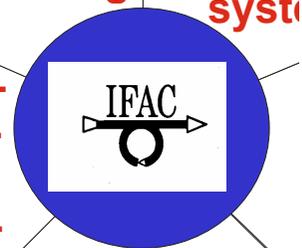
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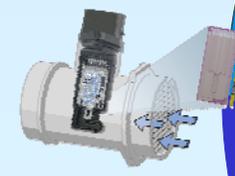
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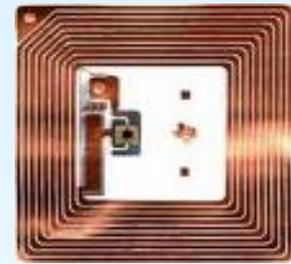
Smart sensor: yaw rate



pressure: piezoresistive



flow rate: hot film



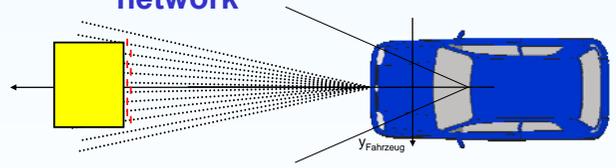
RFID with temp. sensor



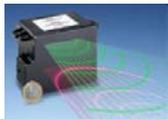
New sensor principles



Distributed wireless sensor network



Sensor fusion of LIDAR and Video camera

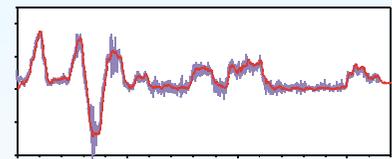


- 22,5°, bis 175 m
- 15 Sektoren => 1.1 m bei 40 m
- Entfernung per Laufzeitmessung
- Adaptive Cruise Control

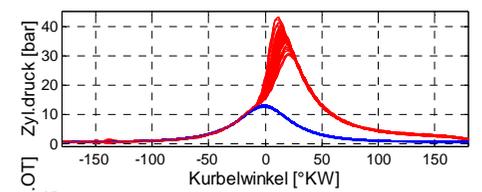


Kamera

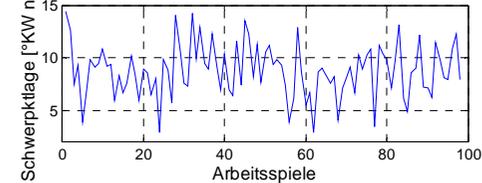
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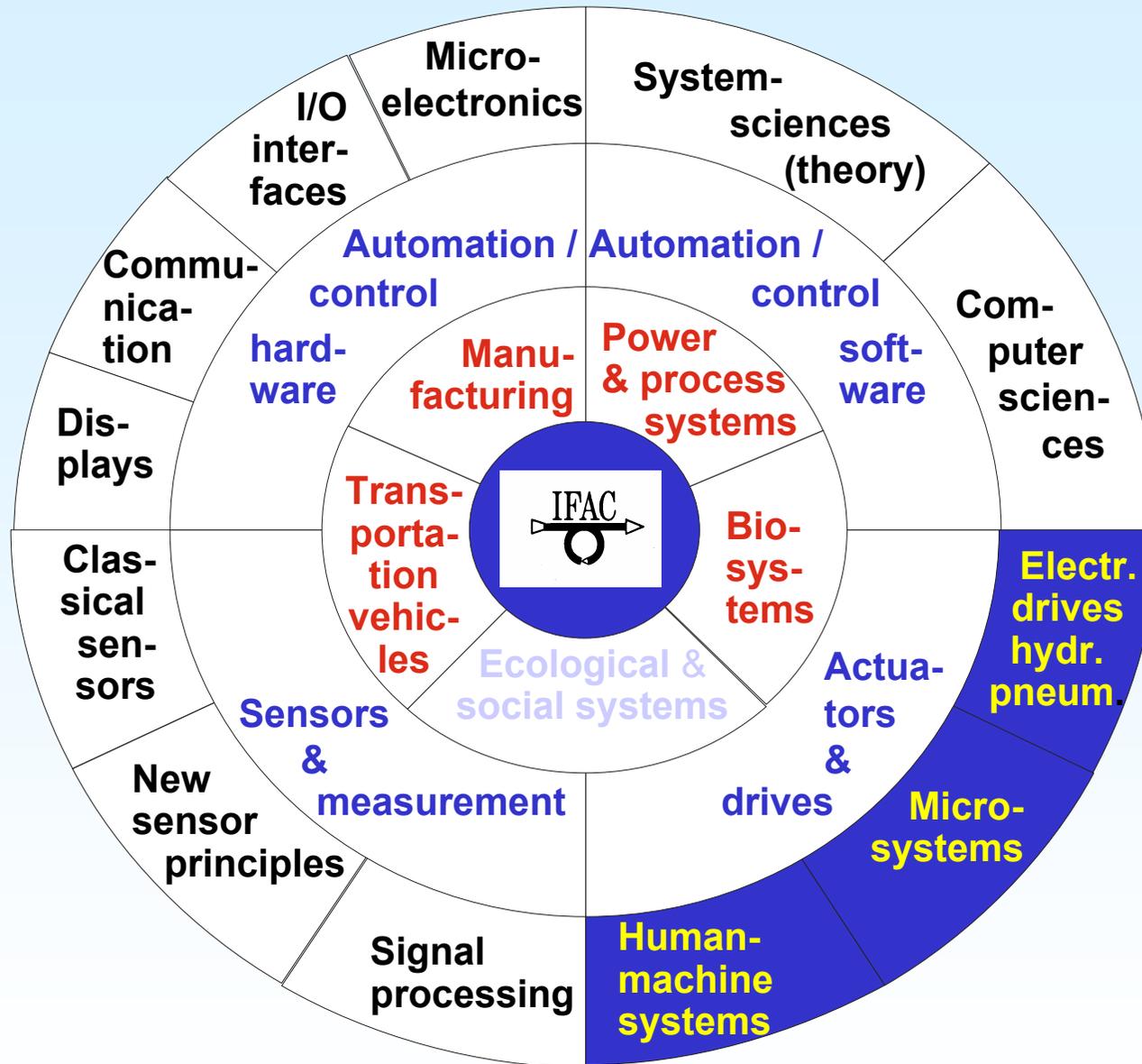


FFT  
Wavelet  
Correlation

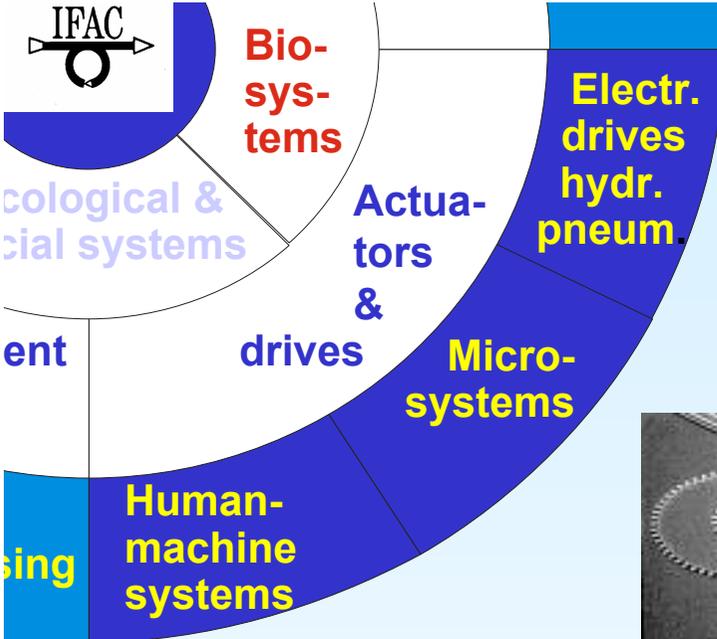


Artificial senses:  
(taste, smell, touch...)

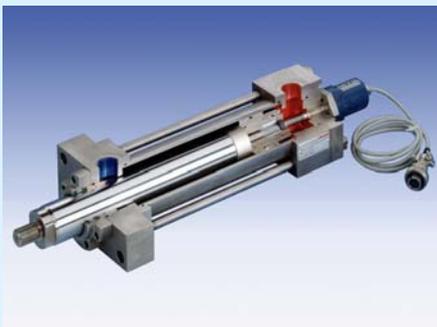




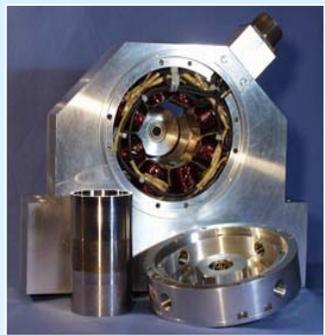
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Asynchrone drive with integrated electronic speed control



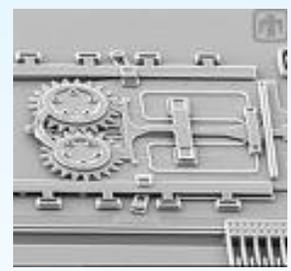
Pneumatic actuator with integrated position sensor



Magnetic bearing



Micromechanical gear



MECHATRONICS



Electrical power steering



HMI's with different inputs: haptic, touch, voice, ...



Exhaustgas recirculation valve with integrated electronics



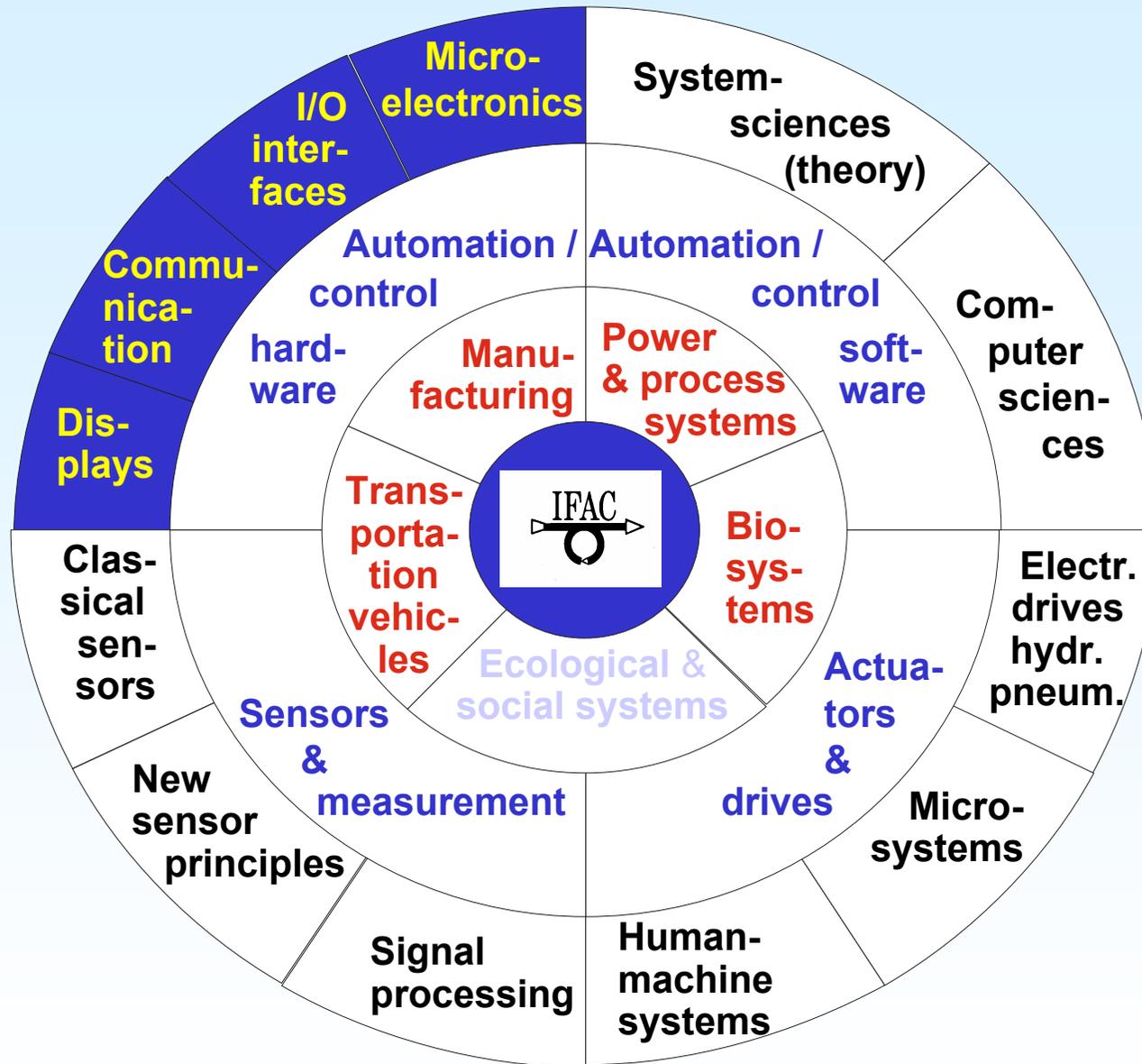
Variable geometry turbocharger with pneum/electr. actuator

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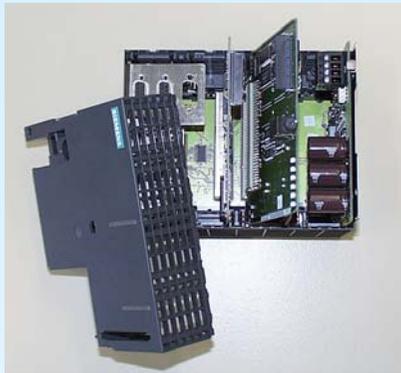


Some present developments





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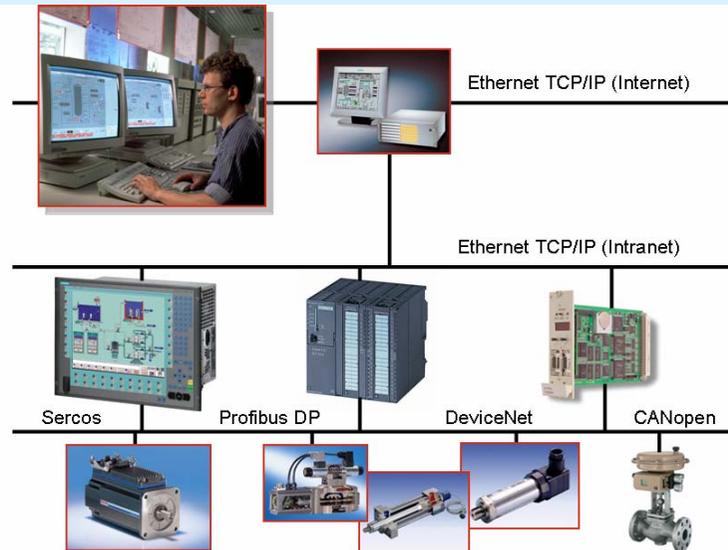


Digital control unit

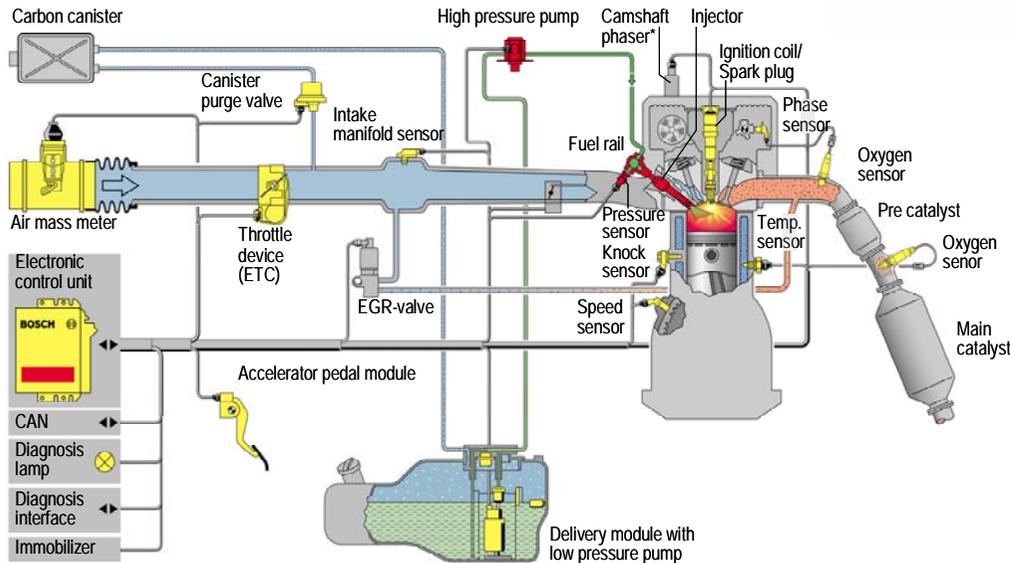
Command level

Subsystem level

Field level



Industrial decentralized automation system



Camshaft phaser: intake and/or exhaust phasing

■ Bosch components specifically for DI

Engine control system: 15 – 25 sensors, 8 -12 control inputs, 100 – 150 look-up-tables

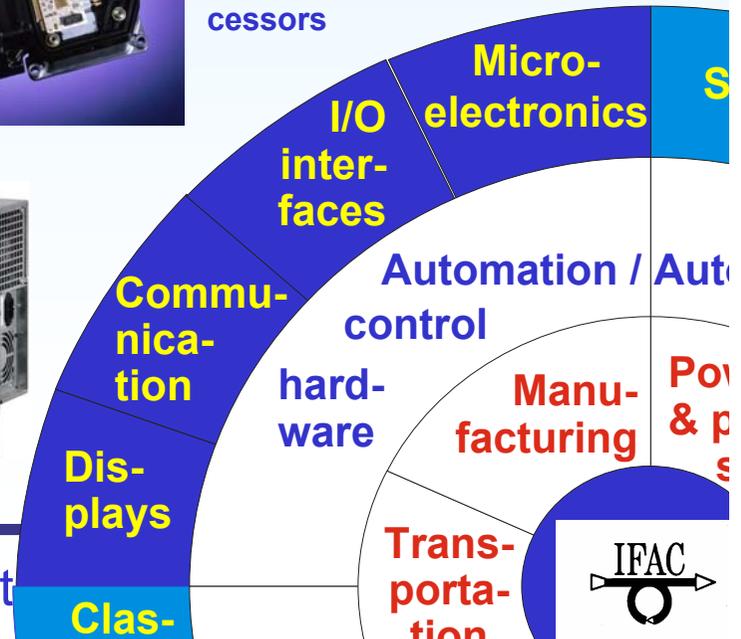
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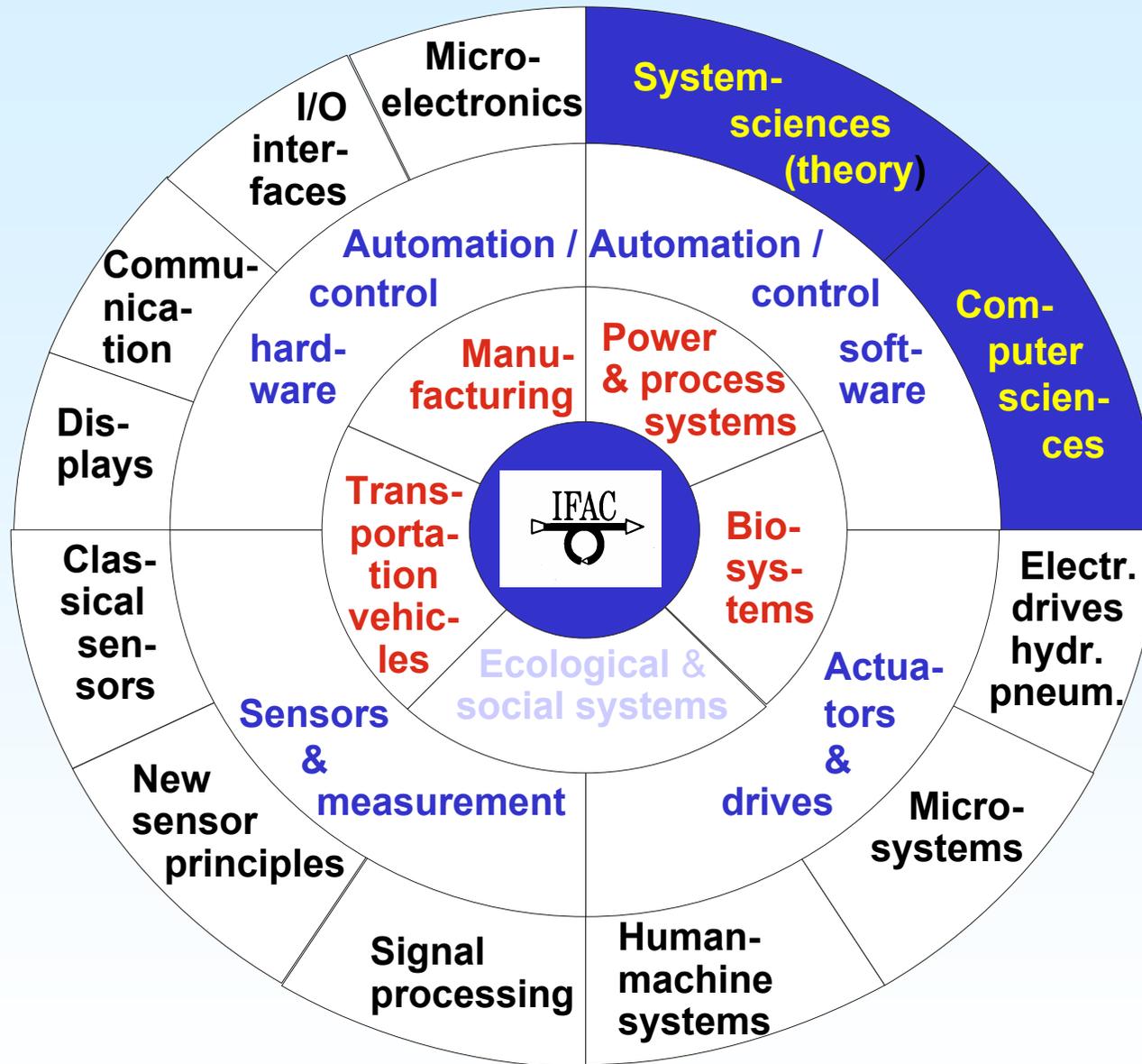


Dual core microprocessors

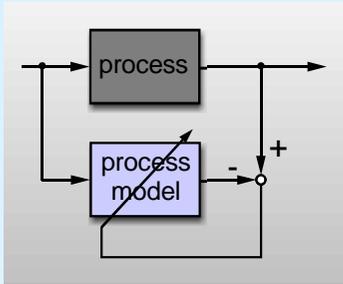


Touch panel





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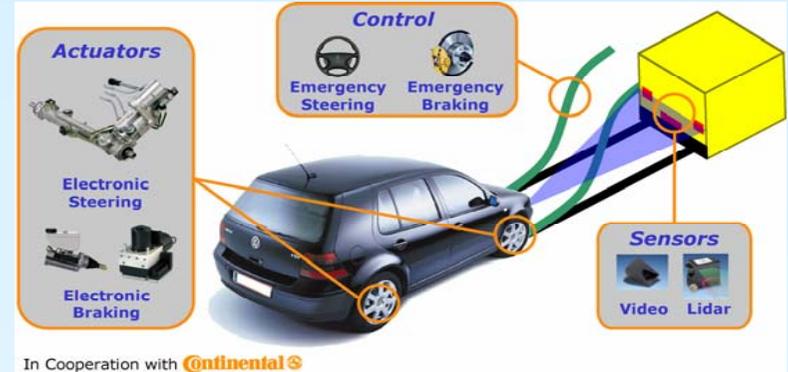


$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{A}(t) \cdot \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{B}(t) \cdot \delta(t)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\beta}(t) \\ \dot{\psi}(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{c'_{aF} + c_{aR} + m\dot{v}(t)}{J_z} & \frac{c_{aR}l_R - c'_{aF}l_F}{J_z v} - 1 \\ \frac{c_{aR}l_R - c'_{aF}l_F}{J_z} & -\frac{c_{aR}l_R^2 + c'_{aF}l_F^2}{J_z v} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta(t) \\ \psi(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{c'_{aF}}{J_z} \\ \frac{c'_{aF}l_F}{J_z} \end{bmatrix} \delta(t)$$

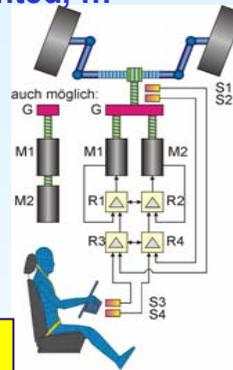
$$\mathbf{y}(t) = \mathbf{C}(t) \cdot \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{D} \cdot \delta(t)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \beta(t) \\ \psi(t) \\ \dot{y}(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{c'_{aF} + c_{aR} + m\dot{v}(t)}{m} & \frac{c_{aR}l_R - c'_{aF}l_F}{m\dot{v}(t)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta(t) \\ \psi(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{c'_{aF}}{m} \end{bmatrix} \delta(t)$$



Identification, estimation: RLS, EKF, Subspace, NN, ... Physical modeling: Object-Oriented, ...

Modeling: Data-Driven/Theoretical  
 Nonlinear control  
 Performance vs. robustness  
 Hybrid control design (contin. & discrete)  
 Fault diagnosis, fault tolerance

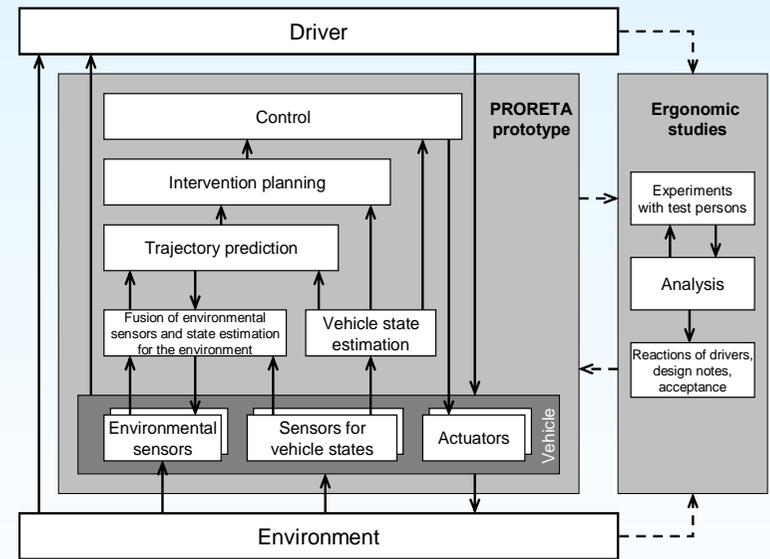


Fault tolerant steer-by-wire system

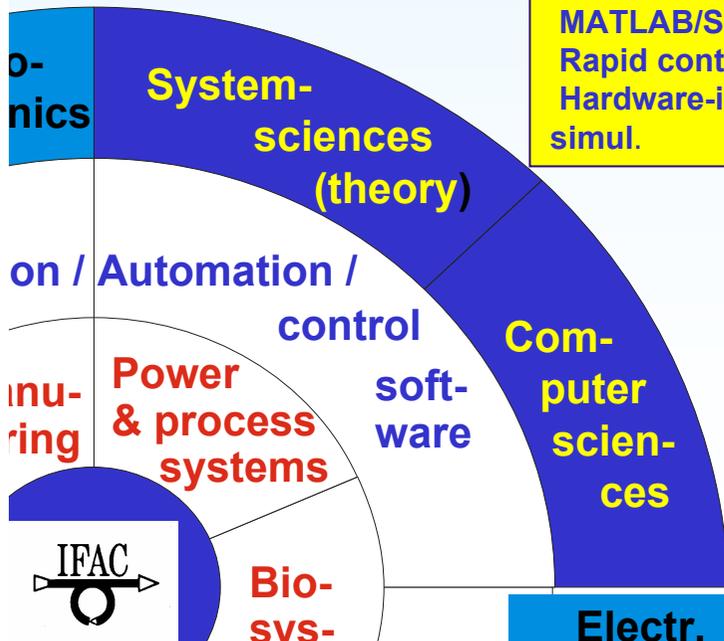
S.W. development tools: MATLAB/Simulink & ...  
 Rapid control prototyping: Hardware-in-the-loop simul.

Multi-agent systems  
 Cognitive systems  
 Autonomous systems  
 Objectoriented s.w.  
 UML, XML, ...

### Automatic collision avoidance



Real time decision making for emergency braking and swerving



Some present developments

- **Present roles of Automatic Control and Automation:**
  - Many modern technologies depend on automatic control  
(could not be realised without automatic control)
  - Automatic control supports a systematic structuring of the functions of technical, economical, social and biological processes
  - Automatic control can be considered as the intelligent „head“ of modern products, processes and plants
  - Automatic control is a fascinating field of practice and theory, together with many innovative technologies
  - Automatic control connects different disciplines  
and is an integrator of different engineering fields

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- Present trends and near future
- IFAC's future

# IFAC 50th Anniversary Celebration

- **IFAC and Its People**

Stephen Kahne, Embry-Riddle University, Prescott, USA, IFAC-President 1993-1996



- **Present Developments in Control Theory**

Brian D.O. Anderson, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, IFAC-President 1991 – 1993



- **Present Developments in Control Applications**

Karl Johann Åström, Lund University of Technology, Sweden



- **Industrial Automation: Situation and Trends**

Peter Terwiesch, Chief Technology Officer, ABB Asea Brown Boveri Ltd, Zürich, Switzerland

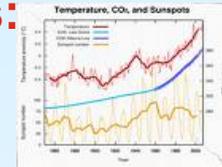


→ [www.vdi.de/ifac50/program](http://www.vdi.de/ifac50/program)

# Some general drivers for technical/economical developments

## 1. Shortage of fossil energy and raw material resources:

- Increasing energy and raw material prices
- Increased use of regenerative energy sources (wind, biofuel, solar), and storage



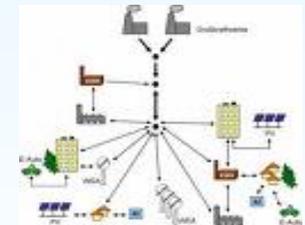
## 2. Shortage of food resources

- Population growth
- Basic food, clean water



## 3. Increased globalisation of production and services

- Worldwide product development, manufacturing and distribution
- Seamless, real-time telecommunication



## 4. Increasing transportation and mobility

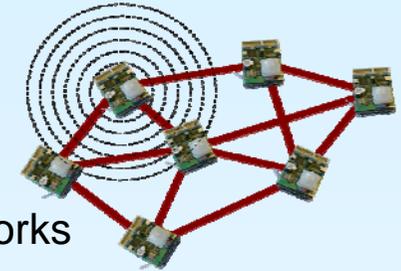
- More traffic (ground, air, sea)
- Energy/time efficient mobility concepts



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## 5. Increase of information technology

- E-commerce, E-development, E-conferences, ...
- Omnipresent information processing, large distributed networks
- Telepresence: observation, services



## 6. Great importance of timely innovative products, manufacturing and materials

- New materials, food processing
- Goods: smart devices, intelligent machines (hardware, software)
- Know-how & innovation management, tools, experts: “human capital”



## 7. Increasing importance of health support

- Increasing health awareness and lifetime
- Progress in medicine and bio-engineering



- **IFAC and the future?**

- **Some conclusions ...**

**... and some observations:**

## SOME CONCLUSIONS (NEAR FUTURE)

- **The development of automatic control is mainly driven by technology and challenging applications**
- **Tightening of resources** (energy, food, environment, ...)
  - ⇒ **improved control** of generation, storage, distribution and consumption
- **Integration 1: component oriented**
  - **materials with sensors** → „adaptronics“
  - **processes with automatic control** → “mechatronics“
  - **living organisms with computers** → „biotronics“
  - ⇒ **simultaneous design of processes and control**
- **Integration 2: function oriented**
  - **Control & computers** ⇒ **synergies between control theory, mathematics and computer science**
- **Interdisciplinary engineering design processes**
  - ⇒ **automatic control is system integrator**
  - ⇒ **computer supported design tools**

## SOME CONCLUSIONS (NEAR FUTURE)

- **Expansion of control methods:**

- **Complex systems:** ⇒ need for structure optimized, networked control systems
- **Control of abnormal situations** (pre-hazardous-, pre-accident-situation) ⇒ control with strong structural changes, reconfiguration, decisions
- **Highly reliable and safe systems:** ⇒ fault tolerant and reconfigurable systems
- **Optimization of life cycles:** ⇒ asset-management: condition monitoring, fault diagnosis

**The IFAC community** is able to contribute with ⇒ new theories, methods and tools  
⇒ with applications

# SOME OBSERVATIONS FOR IFAC'S FUTURE

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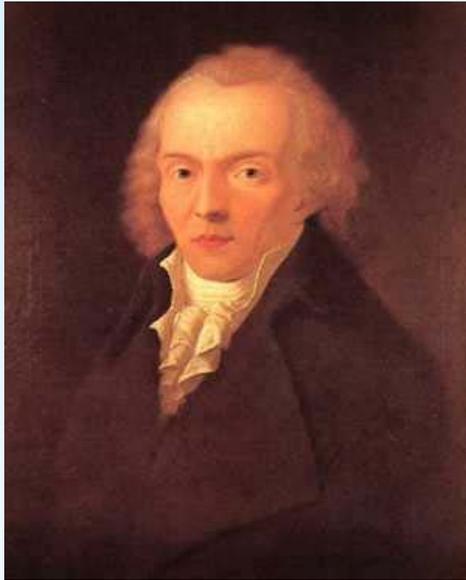




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## Doubts about the future ?



Jean Paul`s, statement:

**„Apart from power  
there is nothing higher  
than its control“**

Jean Paul, Poet and Philosoph  
1763 – 1825

**IFAC is well prepared,  
since 1956 !**



