

INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION **- PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE**

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Abstract

Global markets, changing customer demands, and progress in process, manufacturing, transportation and information technologies bring about new ways of looking at current automation techniques and technologies. The presentation discusses how improvements in automation system performance and value can be achieved by borrowing and incorporating technologies from areas such as computers, communications, networking, robotics and mechatronics and by integrating even methods of e-commerce and e-business. As a result "Industrial Automation" is in the process to evolve into the broader area of "Industrial Information Technology and Automation". This development has a major impact on management of automation projects and also on education of automation engineers.

Numerous Areas of Modern Automation

- Production
- Transportation, Distribution
- Logistics
- Traffic: Air, Ground, Marine
- Products
- Services
- Intellectual Processes
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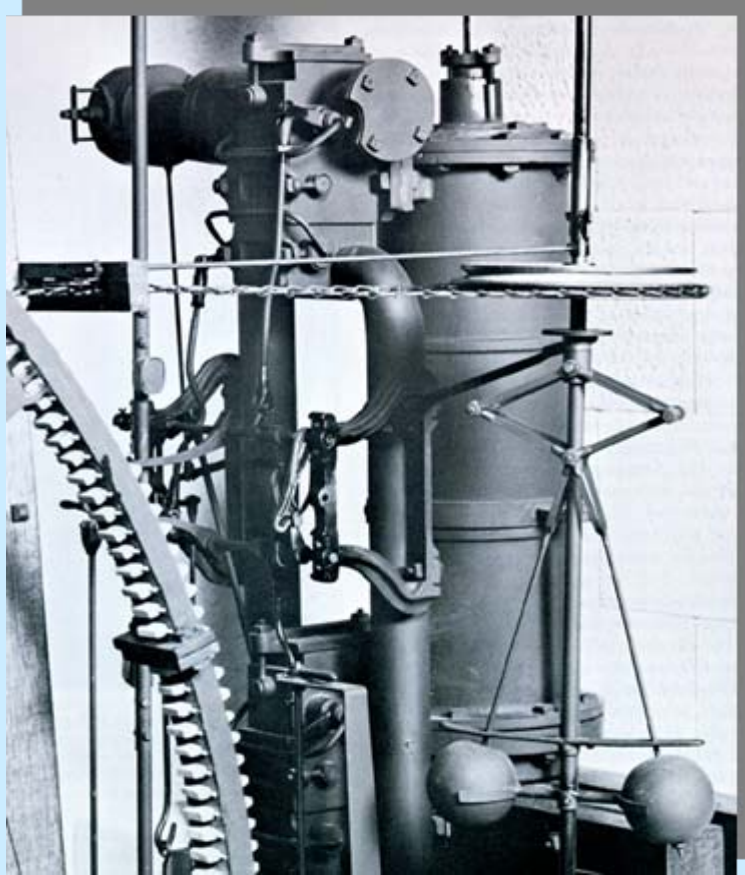
TOPICS

- MILESTONES AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF IA
- INDUSTRIAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND AUTOMATION
- NEXT-GENERATION CHALLENGES
- CONCLUDING REMARKS

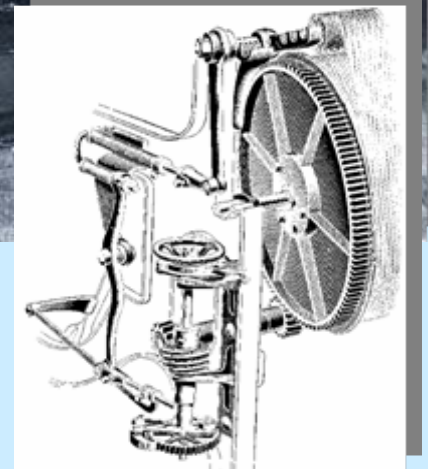
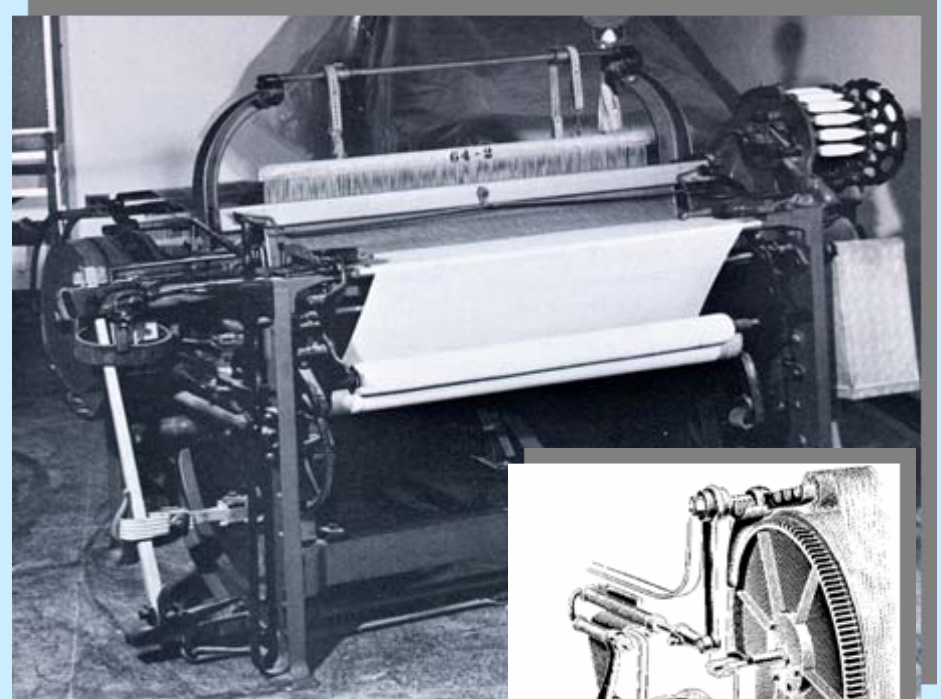
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- **MILESTONES AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF IA**
“We can’t understand the future
without knowing the past”
- INDUSTRIAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
AND AUTOMATION
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19th Century: First Automatic Machines



“Lap” (Steam) Engine,
James Watt , 1788:
continuous control operation



Power Loom
with Bartlett Let-off Mechanism:
discontinuous control operation

.... 1950: Era of Instrumentation

Instrumentation Designs

- Electromechanical
- Pneumatic, Hydraulic
- DC-Amplifier

Automation Tasks

- Single Control Loops
- Monitoring and Recording
- Simple Signal Processing

Hardwired Control Functions

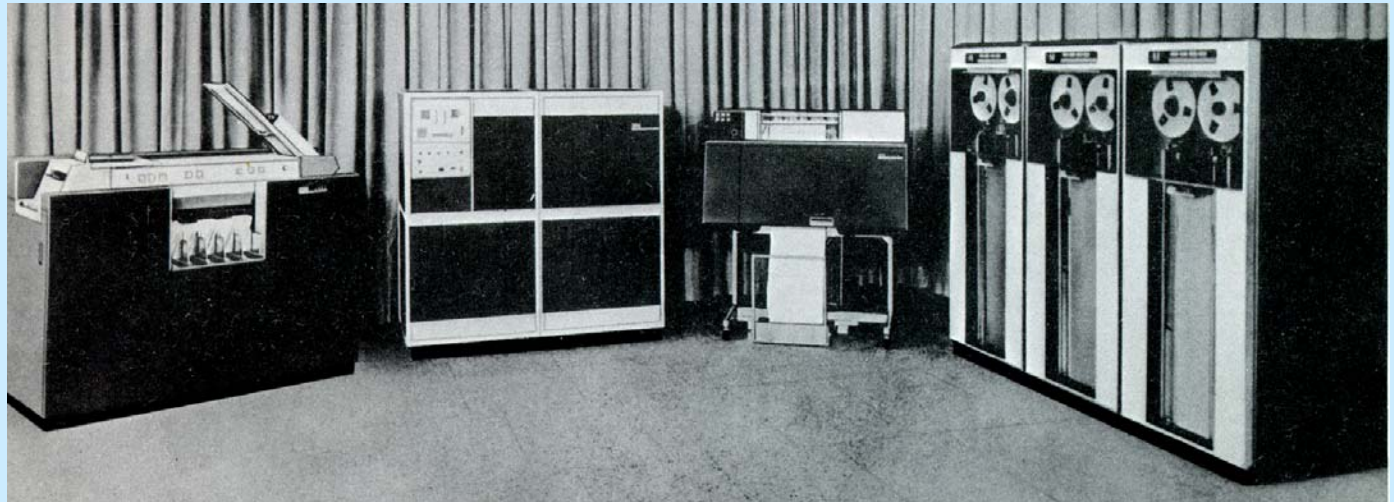
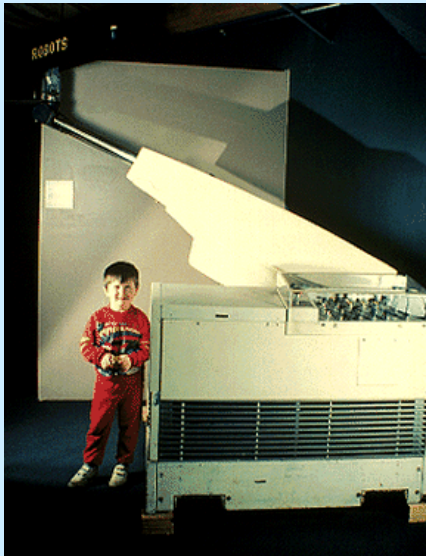
- Analog Signal
- Relay Logic

Automated Processes

- Steel und Automobile Industry
- Chemical Processing
- Power Generation

1960: Beginning of Modern Industrial Automation

First Digital **Computers** for
Real-Time Industrial Applications (IBM)



First Industrial **Robots**
(Unimate, GM)

A Remarkable Milestone

AUTOMATION

The Advent of the
Automatic Factory

JOHN DIEBOLD



D. VAN NOSTRAND COMPANY, INC.

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

TORONTO

NEW YORK

LONDON

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Automation:
"Key Enabling Factor"

- Comprehensive View of IA, Discussing Technological as well as Related Business and Social Issues
- Objectives and Directions still Remain Major Driving Forces and Challenges of Current Developments

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1980: Multi-Microcomputer Based DCS, PLC, SCADA, ...

Systems

- Decentralized Architecture
- Standard and Customized Integrated Electronic HW
- Industrial Robots

Automation Tasks

- Multivariable Control
- Sequential Control
- Coordination, Optimization
- Fault Detection

Flexible Control Software

- CFC and SFC Algorithms
- Configurable HMI
- Serial Bus Communication

Automated Factories

- Large-Scale Industrial Plants
- Manufacturing, Production
- Transportation, Distribution

List of Abbreviations

DCS	<u>D</u> istributed <u>C</u> ontrol <u>S</u> ystem
PLC	<u>P</u> rogrammable <u>L</u> ogic <u>C</u> ontrol
HMI	<u>H</u> uman <u>M</u> achine <u>I</u> nterface
SCADA	<u>S</u> upervisory <u>C</u> ontrol and <u>D</u> ata <u>A</u> cquisition
SFC	<u>S</u> equential <u>F</u> unction <u>C</u> hart Control
CFC	<u>C</u> onnectionist <u>F</u> uzzy <u>C</u> lassifier
CNC	<u>C</u> omputer <u>N</u> umerical <u>C</u> ontrol Machine
EDI	<u>E</u> lectronic <u>D</u> ata <u>I</u> nterchange
OPC	<u>O</u> pen Interface over <u>P</u> C-based Software by means of
OLE	<u>O</u> bject <u>L</u> inking and <u>E</u> mbedding
PCR	<u>P</u> olymerase <u>C</u> hain <u>R</u> eaction
CE	<u>C</u> ost <u>E</u> ffectiveness Analysis
CACSD	<u>C</u> omputer <u>A</u> ided <u>C</u> ontrol <u>S</u> ystem <u>D</u> esign
RFID	<u>R</u> adio <u>F</u> requency <u>I</u> Dentification

1990: Beginning of Information Age in IA

"From *Signal*-orientation to *Information*-orientation"

Industrial Automation Technology

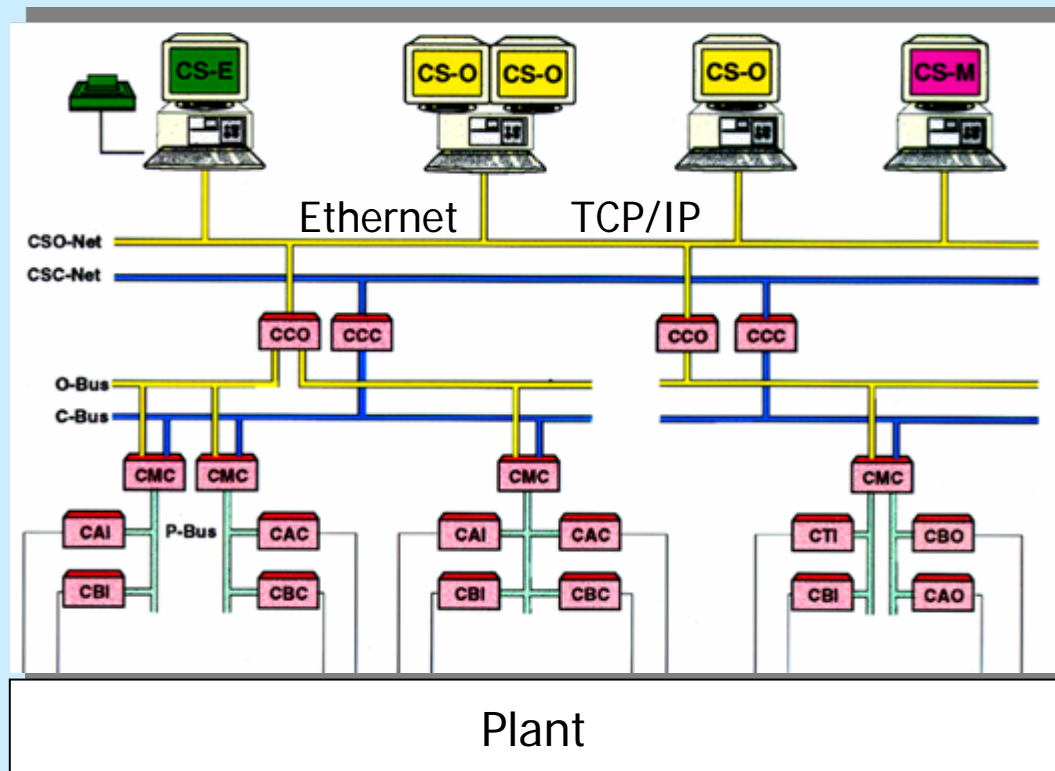
establishes a

Plant-wide, Real-time Digital Nervous System

Operator,
HMI

Data
Communication

Automation,
Control



Industrial Efficiency, Productivity and Safety Closely Linked to Advances in IA

Processing
Industries
(Continuous)

DCS,
Motion Control



Hybrid
Industries
(Continuous/Batch)
+ Discrete)

DCS + PLC,
Motion Control



Manufacturing
Industries
(Discrete)

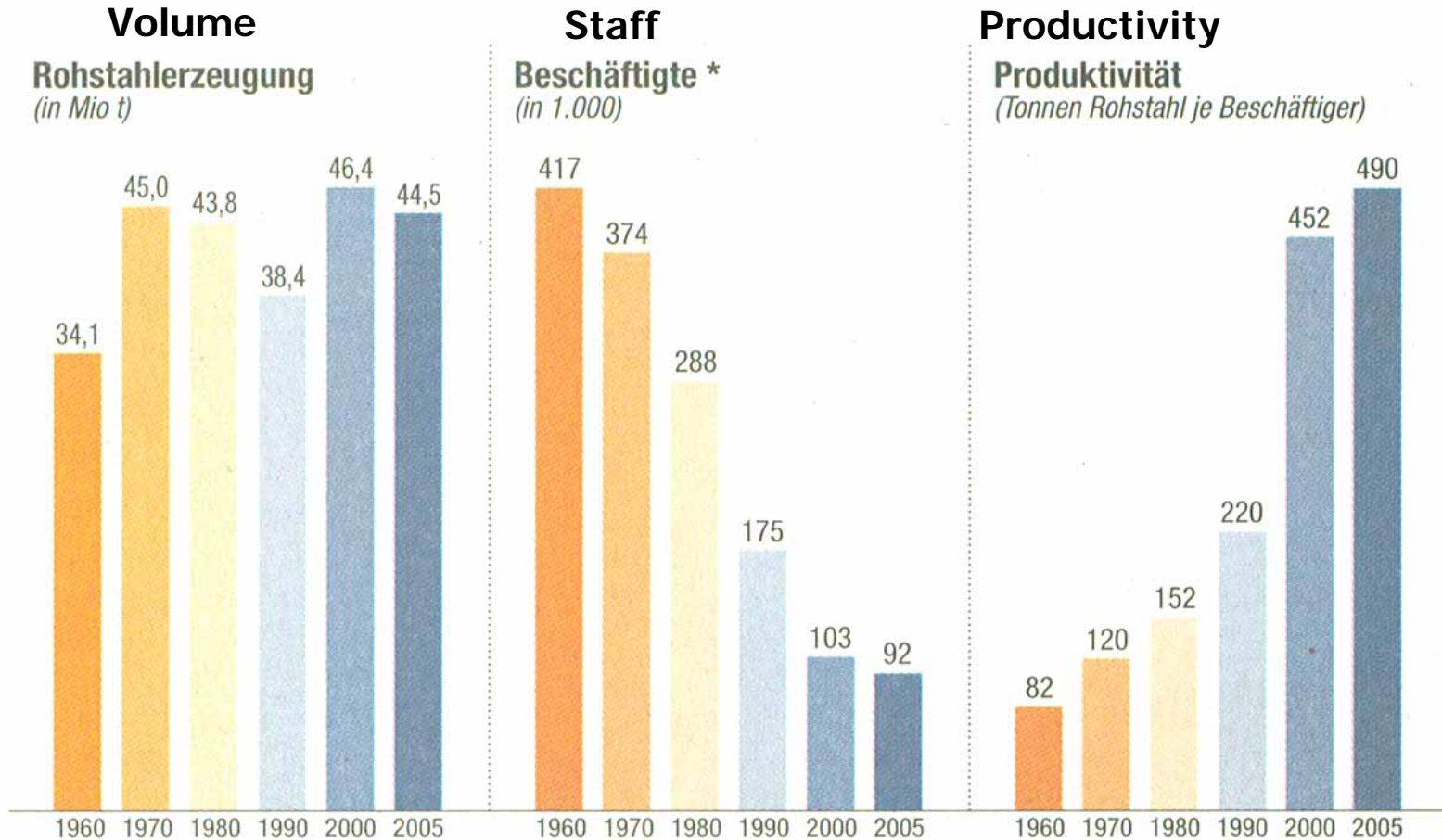
PLC, CNC,
Motion Control



IA Solutions Developed by [System Integrators](#)

Growth of Productivity in Steel Production

Stahlproduktion und Beschäftigung in Deutschland



* am Jahresende in der Stahlindustrie, einschl. örtlich verbundene Betriebe

SZ-Grafik : Baka; Quelle:WV Stahl

Major Contributions of IA in the Recent Past

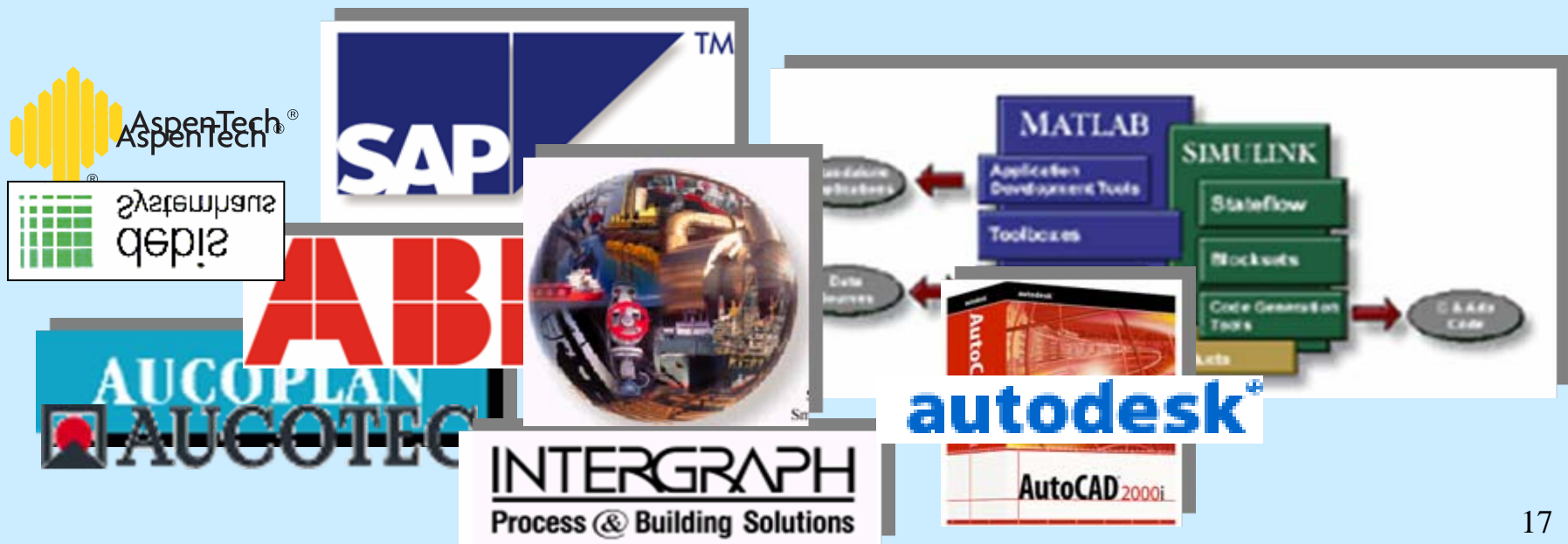
- Computers, Interfaces and Related Components for **Safe, Real-Time, Closed-Loop** Operations in a great Variety of **Harsh Industrial Environments**

- Novel HW- and SW-Systems for **Advanced Control** and Color **CRT-HMI** Technology

- Robot Technology as Means of **Flexible Automation**

Major Contributions of IA (cont'd)

- Conceptual, Methodological, Theoretical **Foundations** for Analysis and Design of **Sophisticated Automation Functions**
- **Modelling and Simulation** Techniques and SW-Tools for **CAD/CAE-Approaches** in Automation



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Industrial Information Technology and Automation

- **General Trends and Driving Forces**

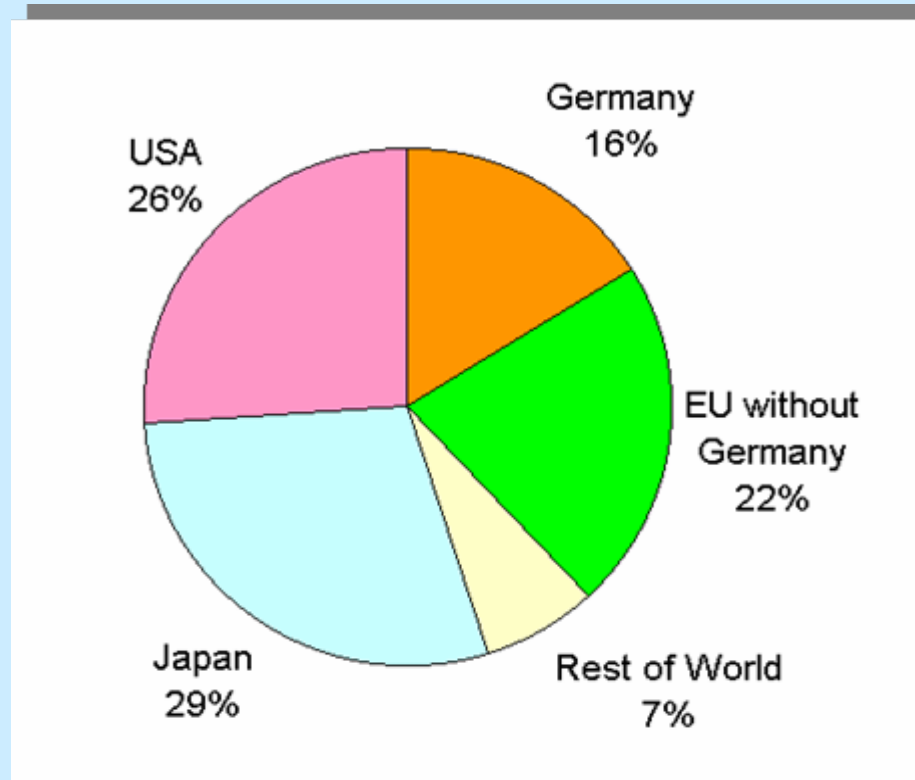
- Vertical and Horizontal Integration by IT

- Open Automation System Platforms

- Impact of Innovative Technology

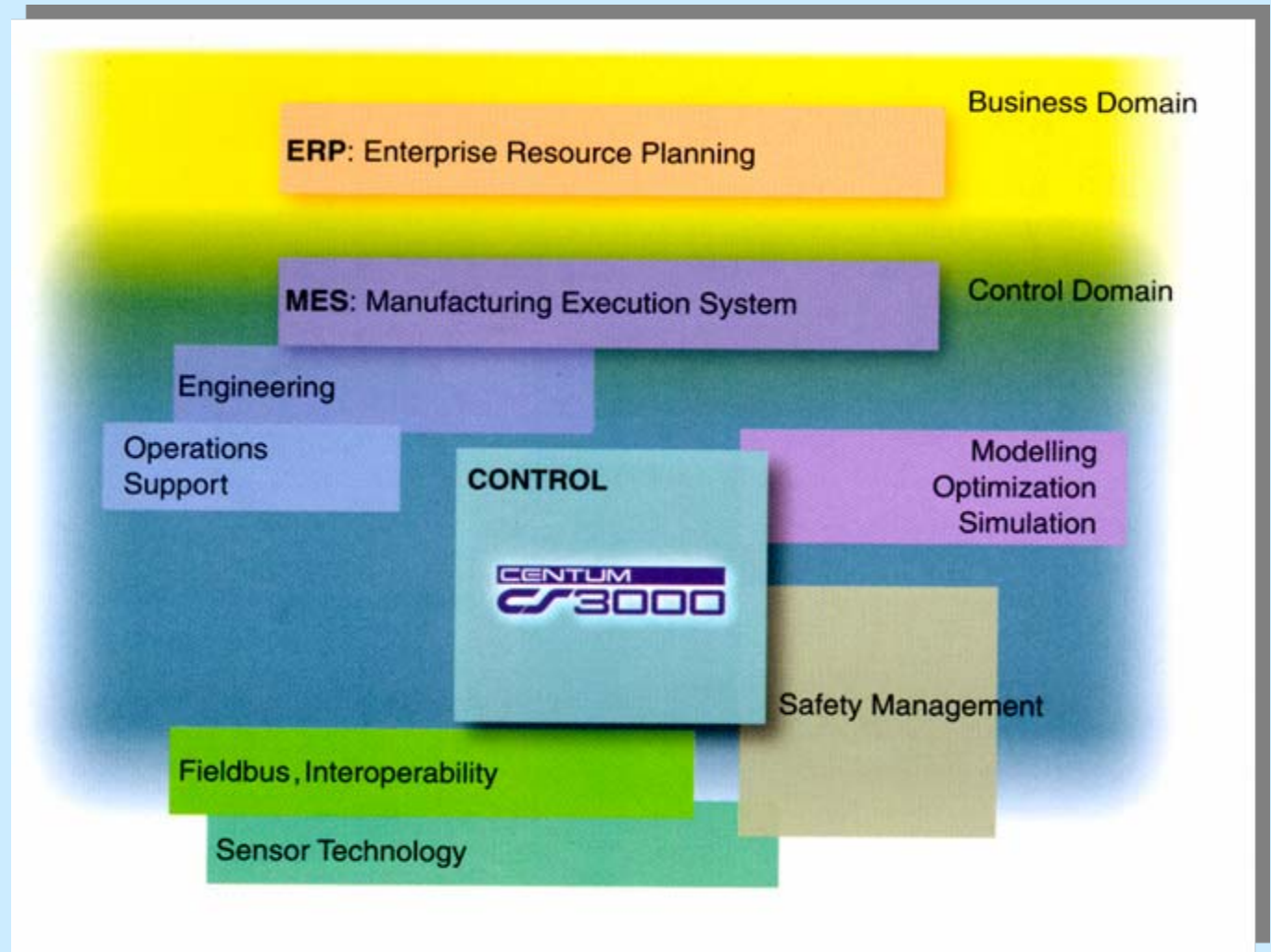
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Global Market Volume for IA Equipment



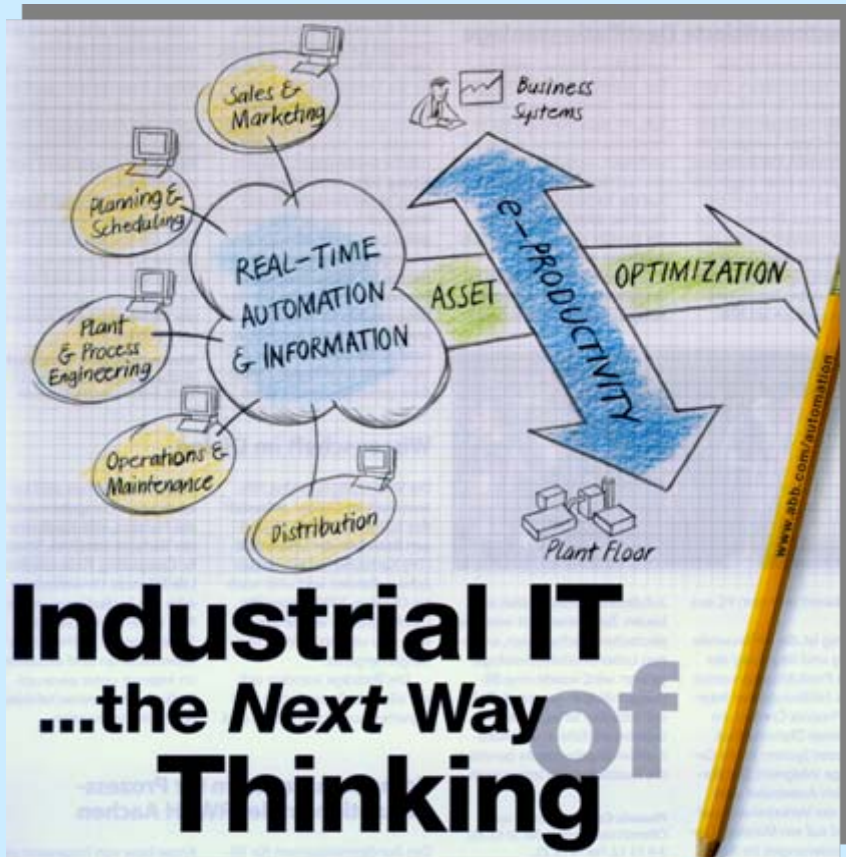
Total: 150 Billion Euro
(excluding mechanics)

Changes in IA Scope, Examples

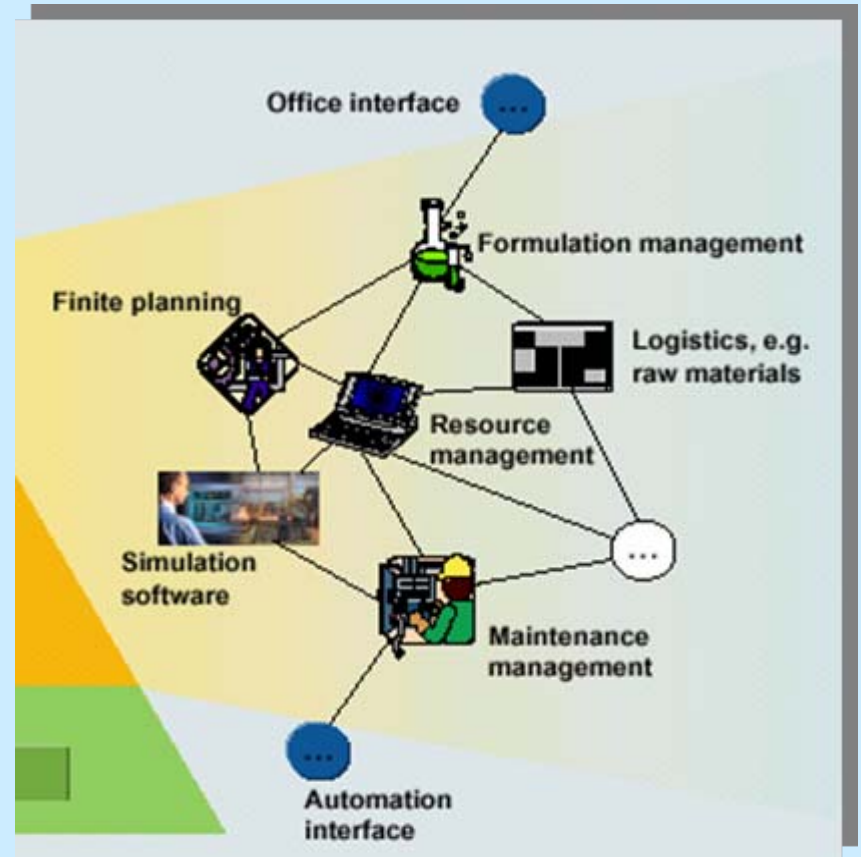


**Enterprise
Technology
Solution,
Yokogawa**

Changes in IA Scope (cont'd)



**Industrial IT,
ABB**



**Totally Integrated
Automation, Siemens**

FROM IA TO *INDUSTRIAL IT AND AUTOMATION*

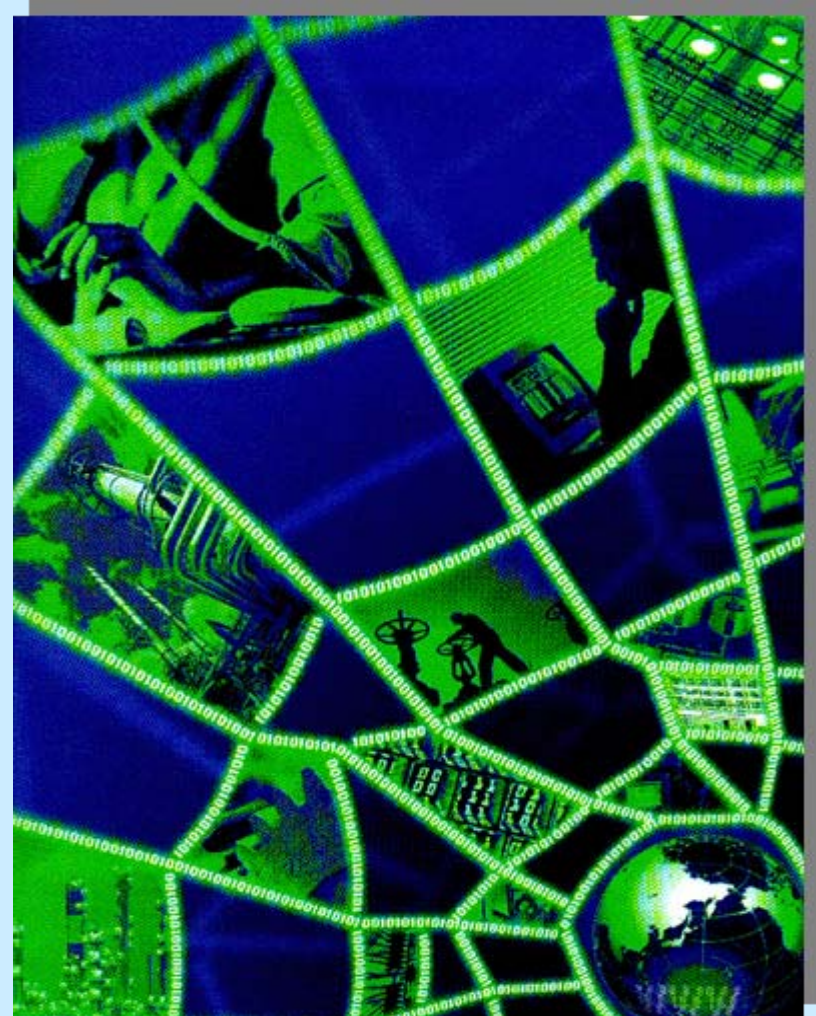
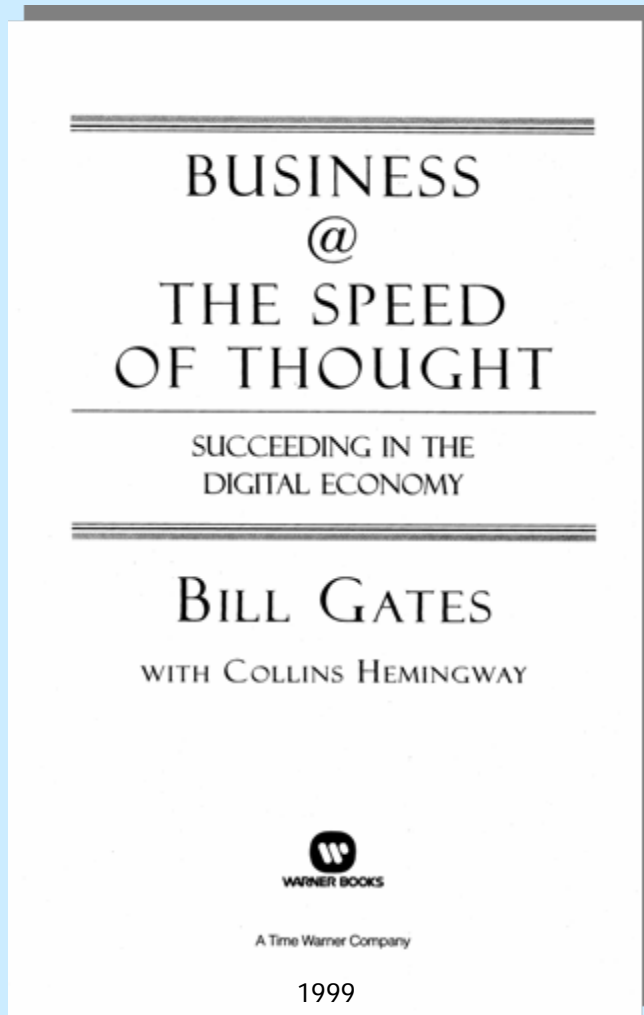
- **Familiar Topics:** Automation, Control, Sensors, ...

- **New Buzzwords and Topics:**

- ERP: Enterprise Resource Planning
- MES: Manufacturing Execution
- PAM: Plant Asset Management
- LCM: Life Cycle Management
- Supply Chain Management
- Logistics & Services
- E-Commerce
-

PC and Web-Based Operations

Enterprise-Wide Digital Nervous System



FROM IA TO *INDUSTRIAL IT AND AUTOMATION*

Enterprise-Wide Information Flow
Enterprise-Wide Information Logistics



Industrial Information Technology and Automation

„... with the Goal to Integrate Automation Systems in Real-time from Pursuit of Orders via Traditional or E-Commerce Methods right through Production and Delivery of Finished Products“

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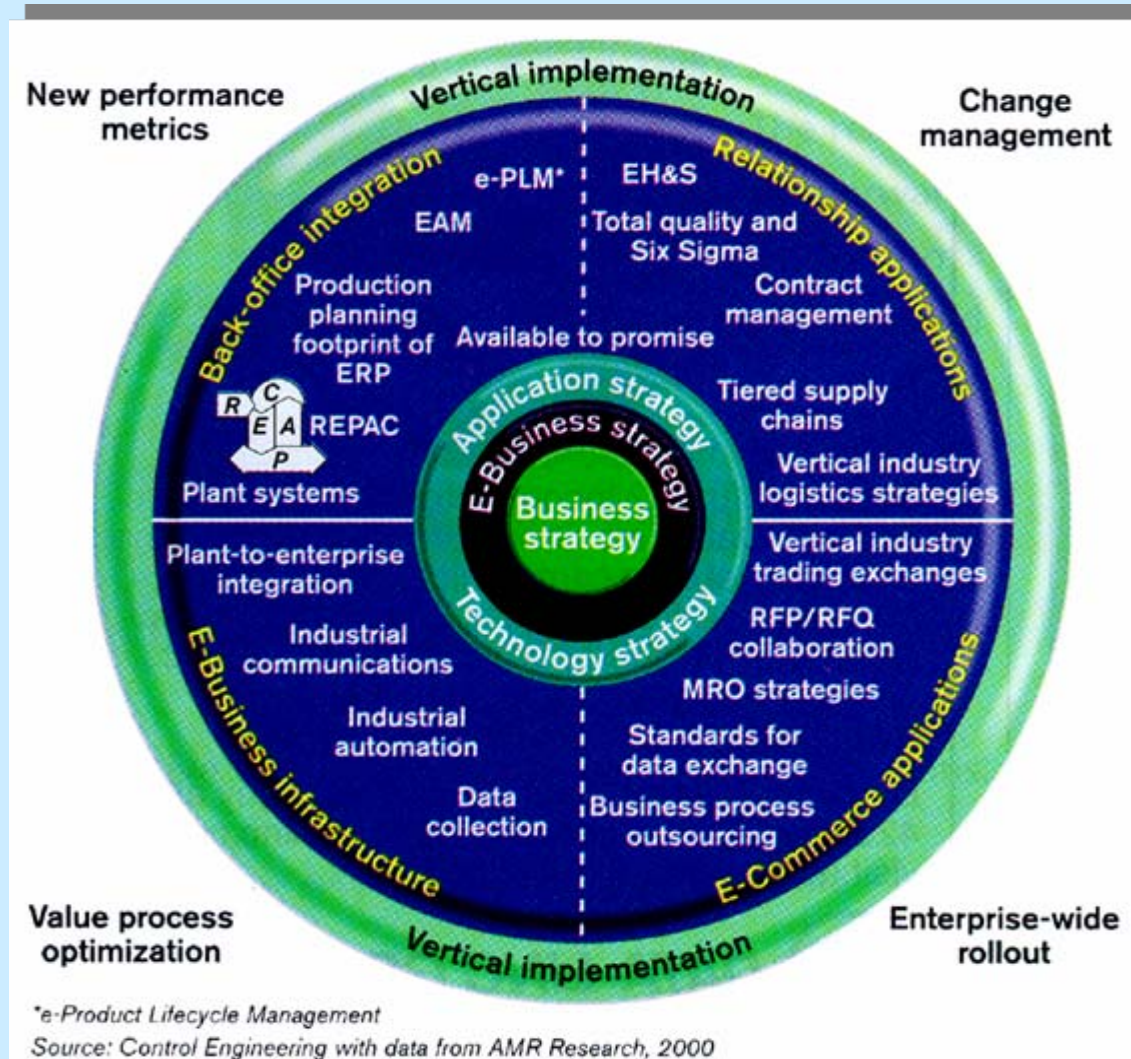
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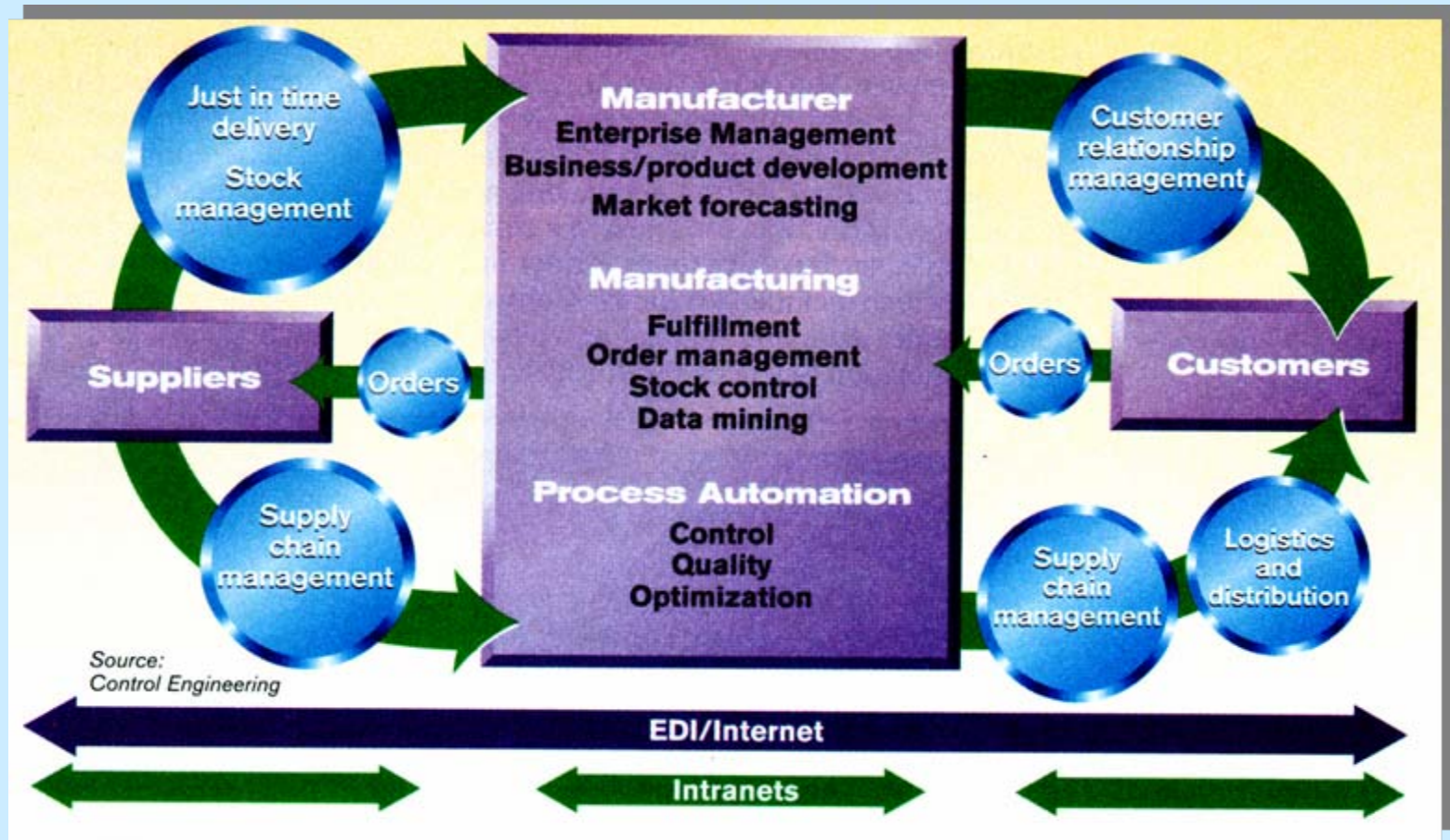
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Manufacturing Layer of an E-Business Model

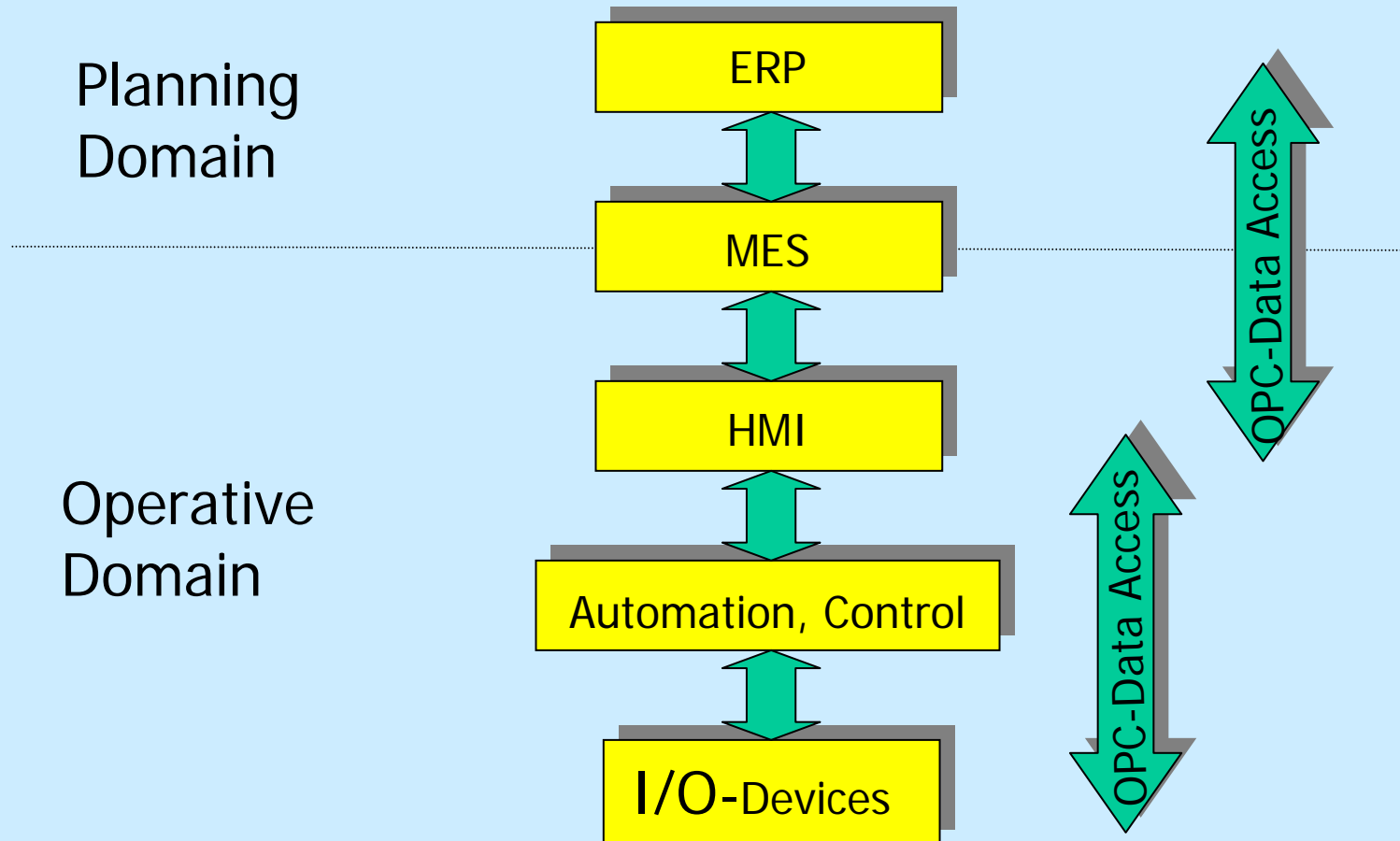


Information Management links Automation, Enterprise, Suppliers and Customers

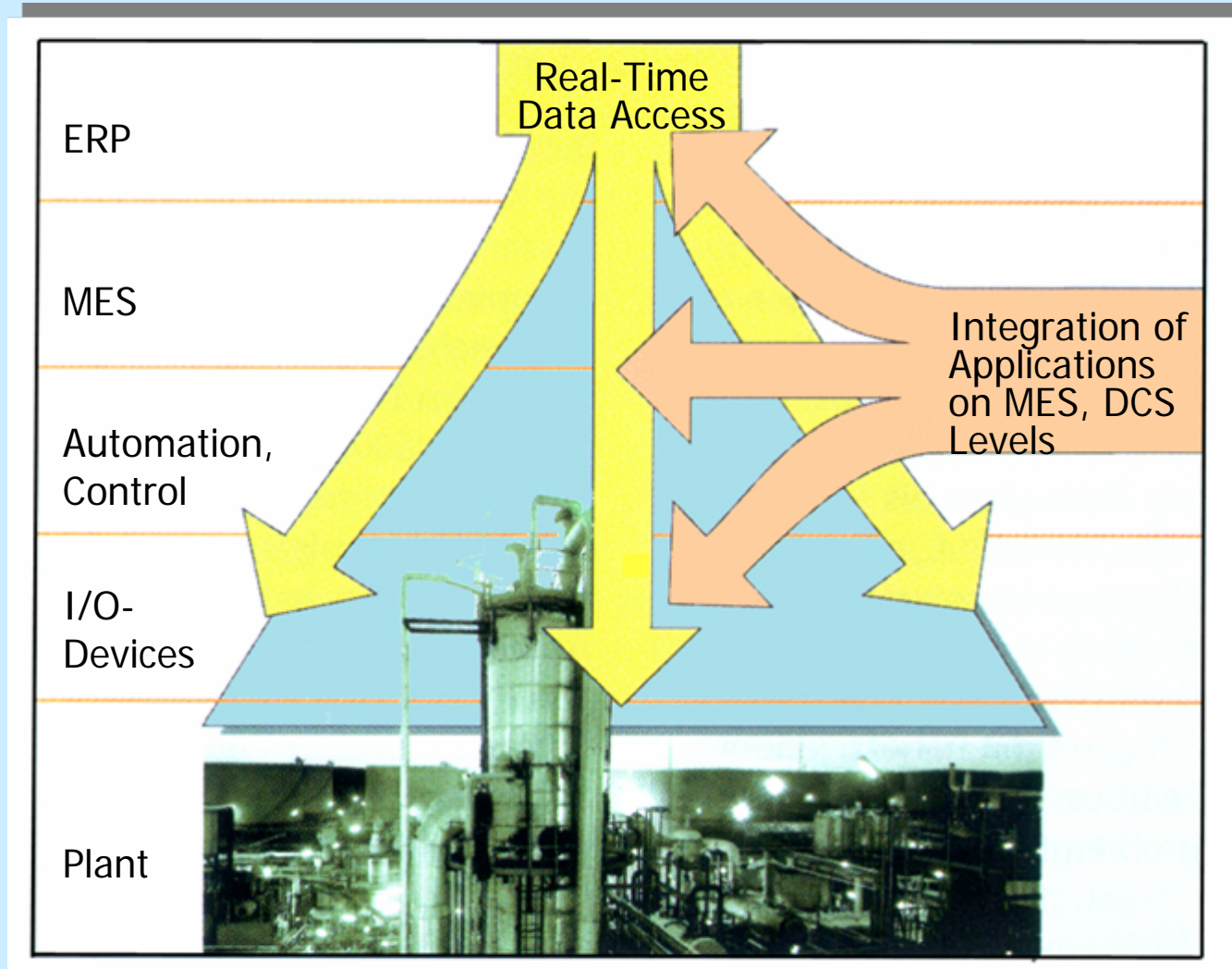


Vertical Integration of Enterprise by IT

Transparency of all Business Processes,
e. g. by Means of Open Standardized Communication



Vertical and **Horizontal** Integration by IT



Interconnection of the Various Digital Nervous Systems

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From Proprietary Systems to Open Automation System Platforms

Cost Reduction in DCS by Use of **Standards**

- Official Standards, e.g.
 - Ø IEC 1131-3 PLC Programming Language
 - Ø IEEE 802.3 Ethernet

- Consortium-Developed Standards, e.g.
 - Ø Profibus PA
 - Ø Foundation Fieldbus

- De Facto Standards, e.g.
 - Ø Microsoft Windows CE
 - Ø Java Sun Microsystems

Open Platform Automation Systems

Cost Reduction by **Commercial-off-the-Shelf HW and SW**

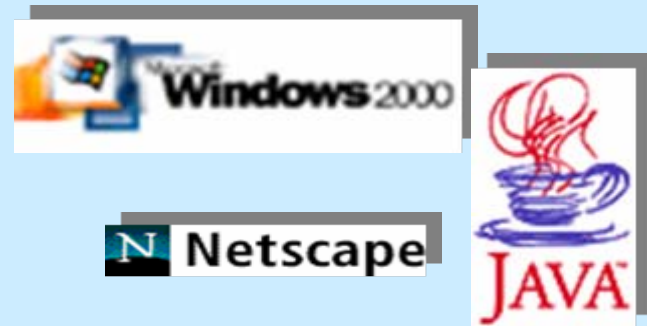
COTS-Hardware

- PC, Laptop, Notebook
- Mobile Phone
- Internet
- Ethernet
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COTS-Software

- Microsoft Windows
- Web Browsers
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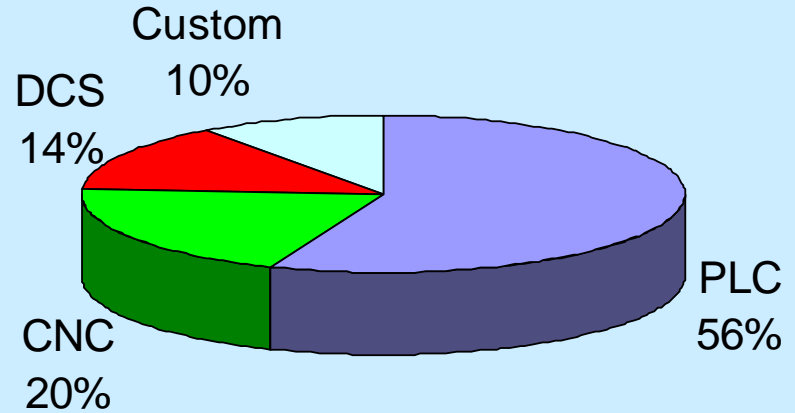
Open Systems Approach in IA

Essential **Industrial** Requirements

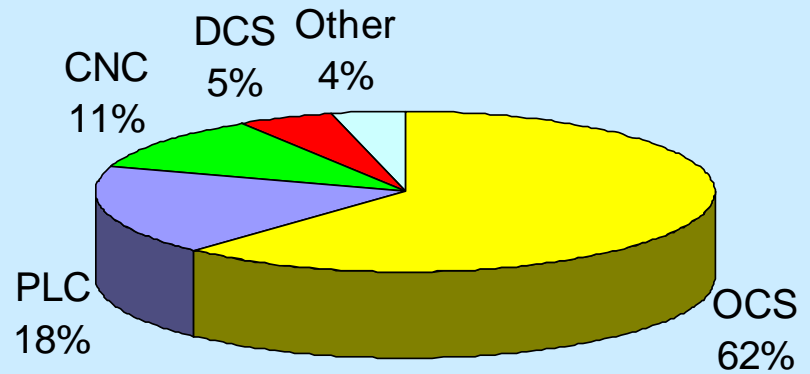
- Real-time Capability
- 24 hrs Availability
- Robustness
- Safety, Security
- EMC
-

Open Platform Control Systems (OCS)

• **Present** Controls Market



• **Future** Controls Market



OCS Approach in IA

Benefits for Users

- Reducing Initial and Maintenance Cost
- Increased Performance by Advances in Technology
- Ability to Integrate Special Purpose Products
-

Drawbacks for Users

- Develop Systems Specifications
- Select and Evaluate Products
- Responsibility for Integration and Trouble-shooting
-

Unsolved Problems for Users and Suppliers

- Incompatibility of Technology Cycles in IA and IT Investments: 10 years to 1 year

Mid-term and Long-term Trends

- From Proprietary to Interoperable and Interchangeable Systems, Sensors and Actuators
- DCS, PLC, may become a "Throw-Away-Item" ?
- DCS, MES, ... Automation Services via Internet from Remote Service Provider ?
- ...

Future Role of IA Companies

IA Equipment Supplier



IA-HW and SW System Integrator



**IA/IT Solution and Service Provider:
Total Life Cycle Management**

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- **Impact of Other Innovative Technology**

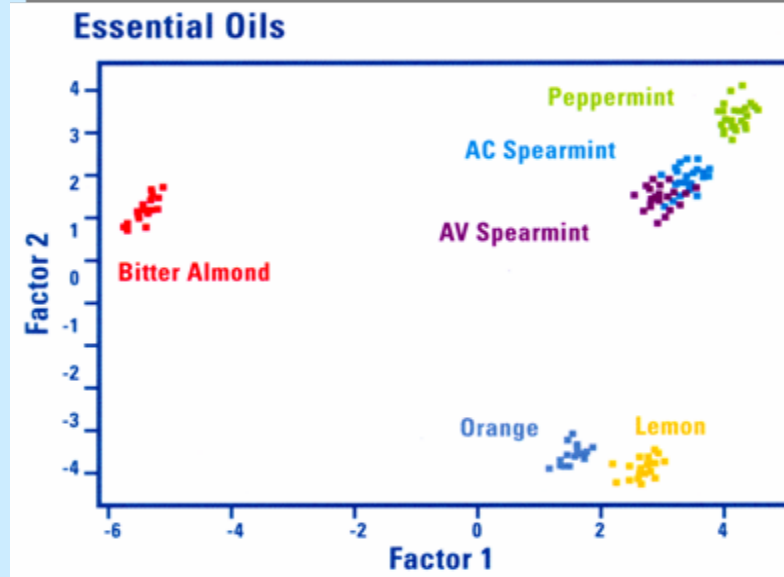
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Sensors for Complex Physical and Chemical Quantities

Monitoring and Control in Process Industries:
Foods, Pharmaceuticals,

E-nose CYRANOSE

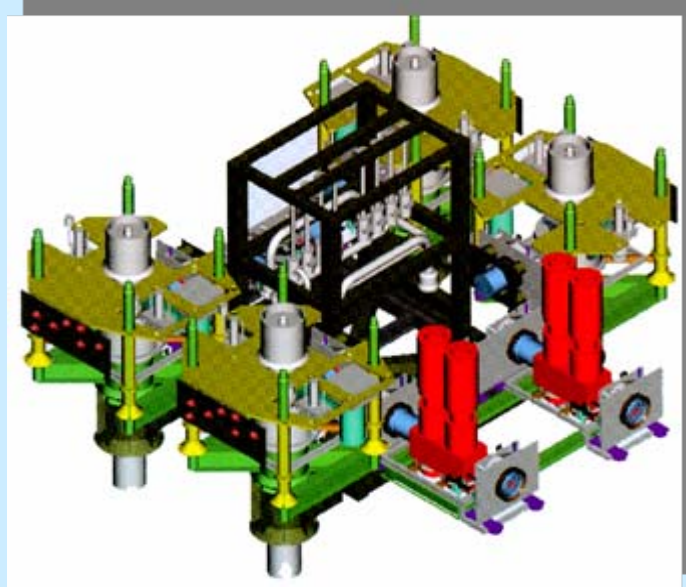
- 32 Polymer Composite Sensor Elements
- PCA Analysis



Embedded Sensors / Actuator Systems

“Intelligent” Components Through Embedded Sensors and Sensor Data Fusion/Integration

- Fault Detection
- Predictive Maintenance
- Asset Management



Subsea
Equipment

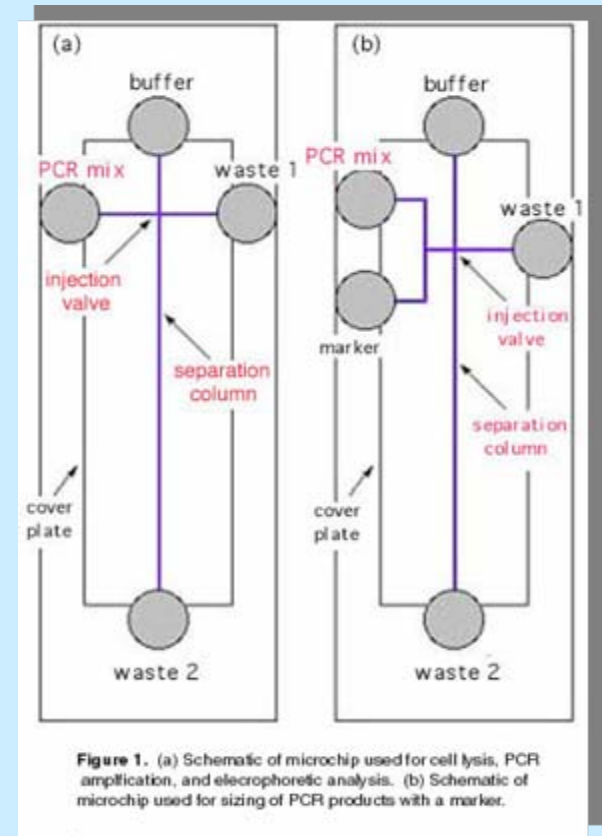
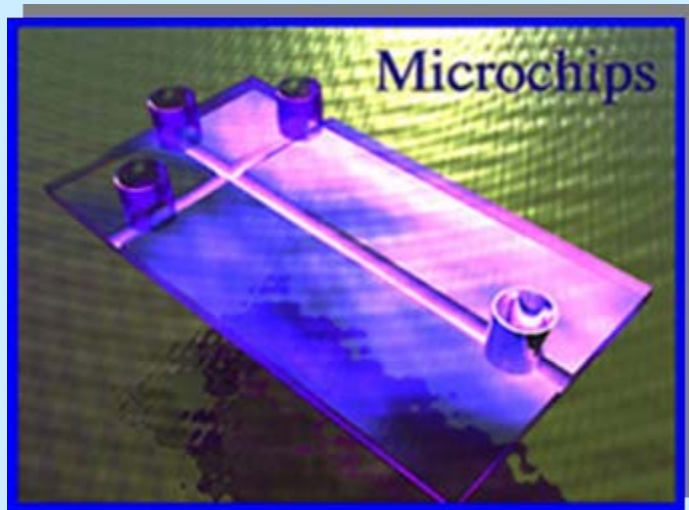


Remote Robotics

MEMS Technology, e.g. Laboratory on Chip (LOC)

Real-time Multiplex Product Analysis on a Micro Chip

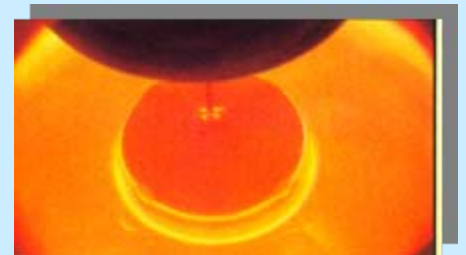
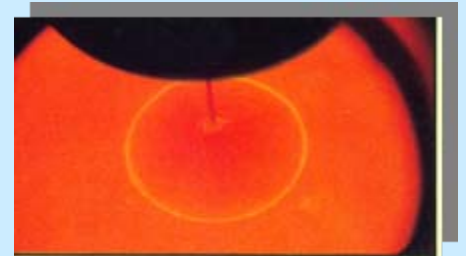
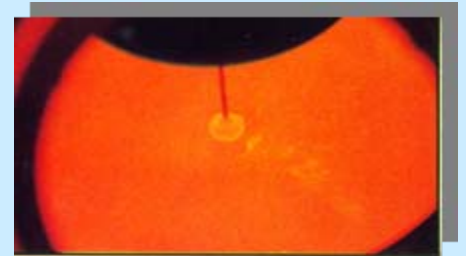
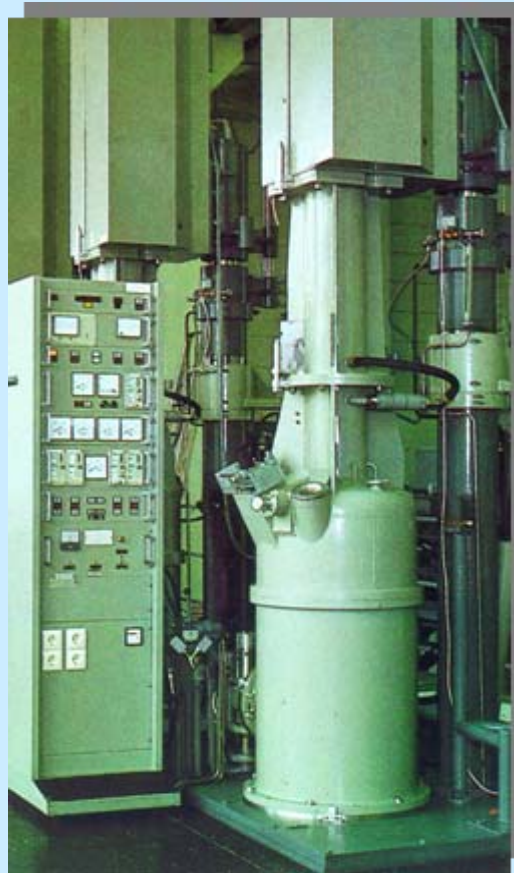
Multiplex PCR and
CE Analysis on a Chip;



Digital Imaging and Advanced Image Analysis

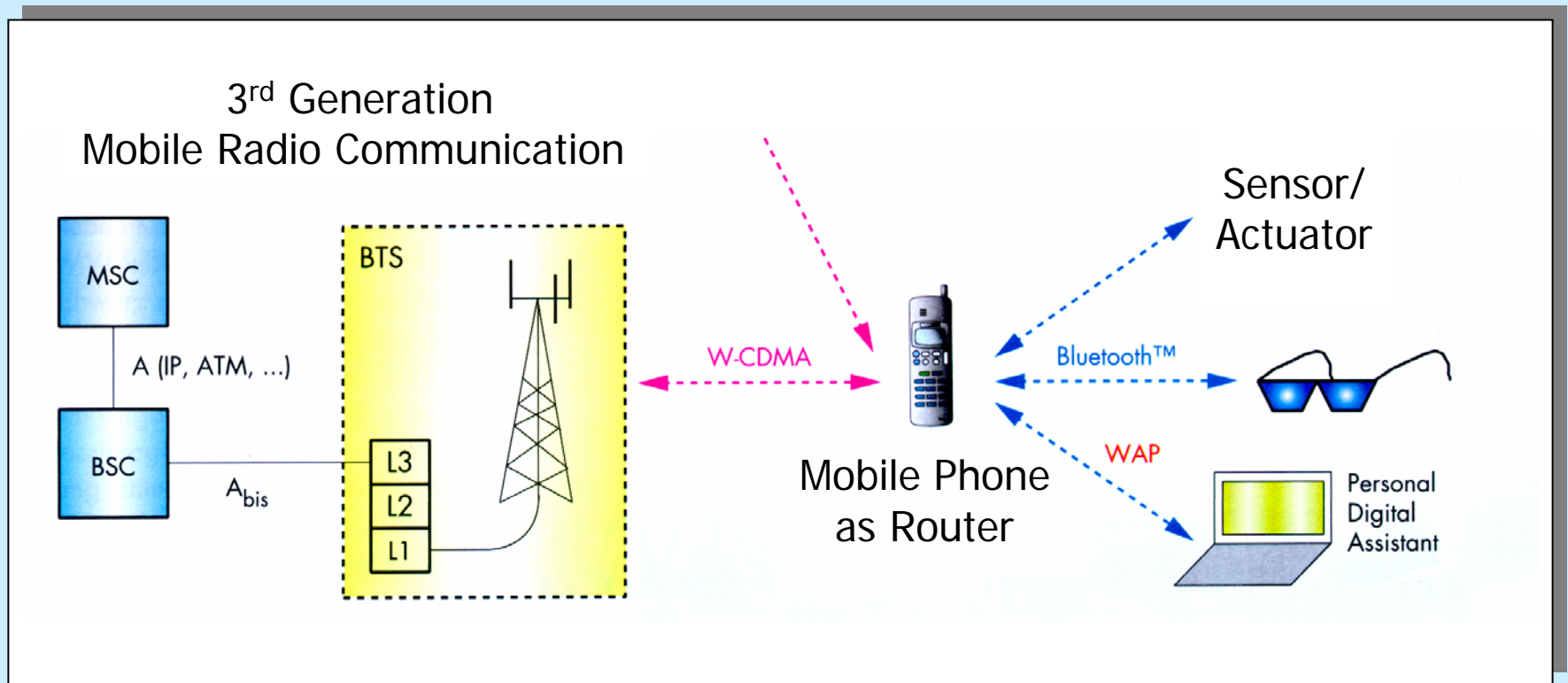
Advanced Process Control and Optimization

- Ø Polymer Reaction
- Ø Steel Continuous Casters
- Ø Semiconductor Material Production
- Ø Recycling
- Ø



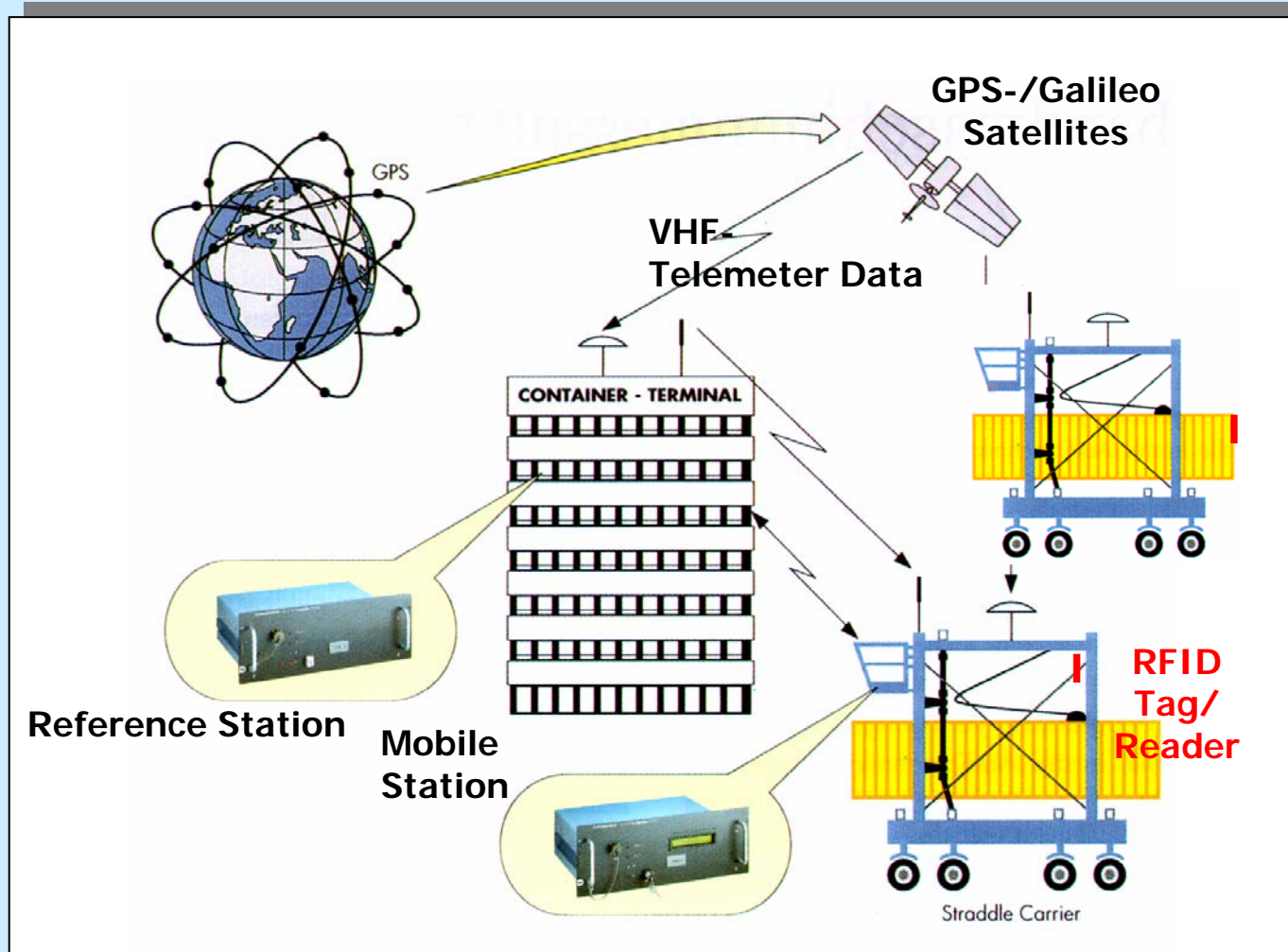
Short-haul Wireless Communication Technologies

- ∅ **Reconfiguration** of Production Line without Extensive Rewiring
- ∅ **Communication** from and to Sensors / Actuators



Location-based Services and Supply Chain Control

In/Outdoor Tracking and Tracing of Object and Person Location



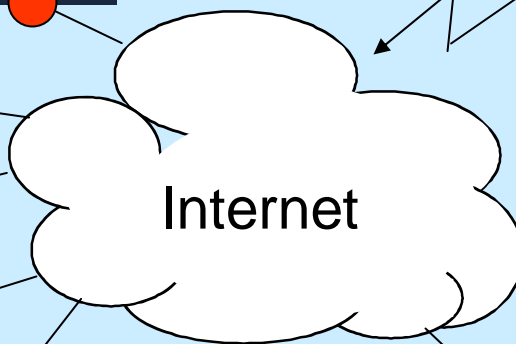
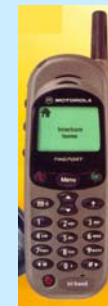
Intelligent Appliance Silicon Chip Technology

Totally Distributed Architectures Through Networking

Plant
Domain



Enterprise
Domain



I/O-
Devices



HMI, CAE
Maintenance,
E-services

Built-for-Purpose IT Devices

Control / Automation Systems Assembled out of BFPs



Scalable Supercomputer Technology

- Distributed Parallel Processing
- Terabytes of High-speed Memory
- Penta/Tera-flops of Performance

Potential applications in IA, e.g.

- Decision-making in Closed-Loop Automated, High-Quality Demand-Based Production
- Advanced SPC/SPQ
including Data-Mining Techniques

Industrial Information Technology and Automation

- General Trends and Driving Forces

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- **New Requirements to IA from Plant-floor**

Requirements from the Plant-floor

- Deregulation, Regulatory or Economical Constraints
- Trimming of Primary Buffers
 - Ø Operate Process Closer to Capacity and Stability Limits
 - Ø Operation Closer to Constraints, without Violation

- Novel Manufacturing and Processing Techniques, e.g. in
 - Ø Biotechnological Operations
 - Ø Discrete Parts Manufacturing: "Digital Factory"
 - Ø Microelectronics Manufacturing

Biotechnology Plant

Flexible Automation: Management of Equipment, Product Recipes;
Integral Control of Production and Cleaning of Equipment



Reactor Line in a Multi-Product, Multi-Stream Batch Process

Demand-based Pull-type Discrete Manufacturing

From Scheduled to Demand-based Flow Techniques

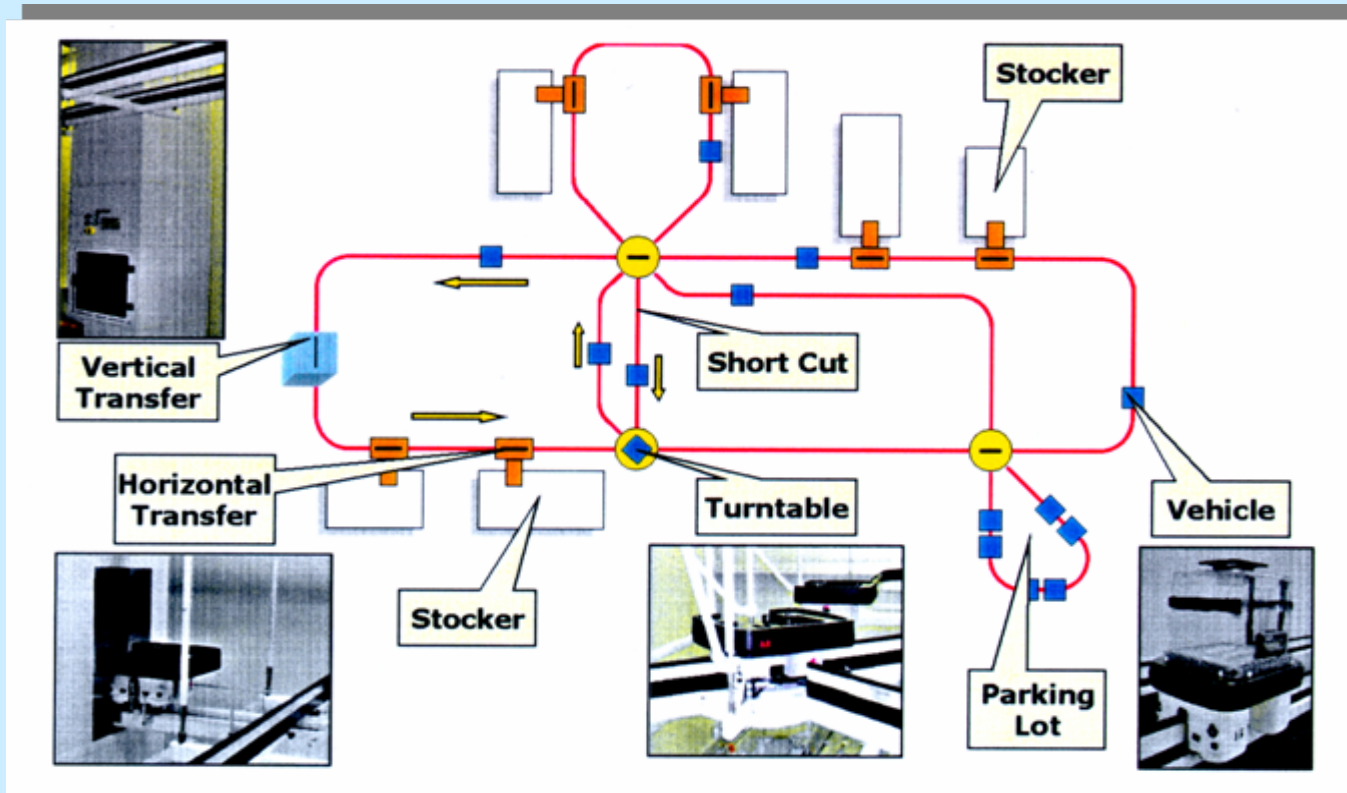
- Close Coupling between MES and IA System
- Short Cycle Production Feedback
- Flexible Material Handling and Assembly by Intelligent Robots

- Improvements in Quality and Deliverability
- Reduced Lead Time
- Reduced Inventory
- Customized Products
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**Assembly of Model Mix with Thousands of Options
on a Single Production Line**

Electronic Chip Manufacturing in Mega Fabs

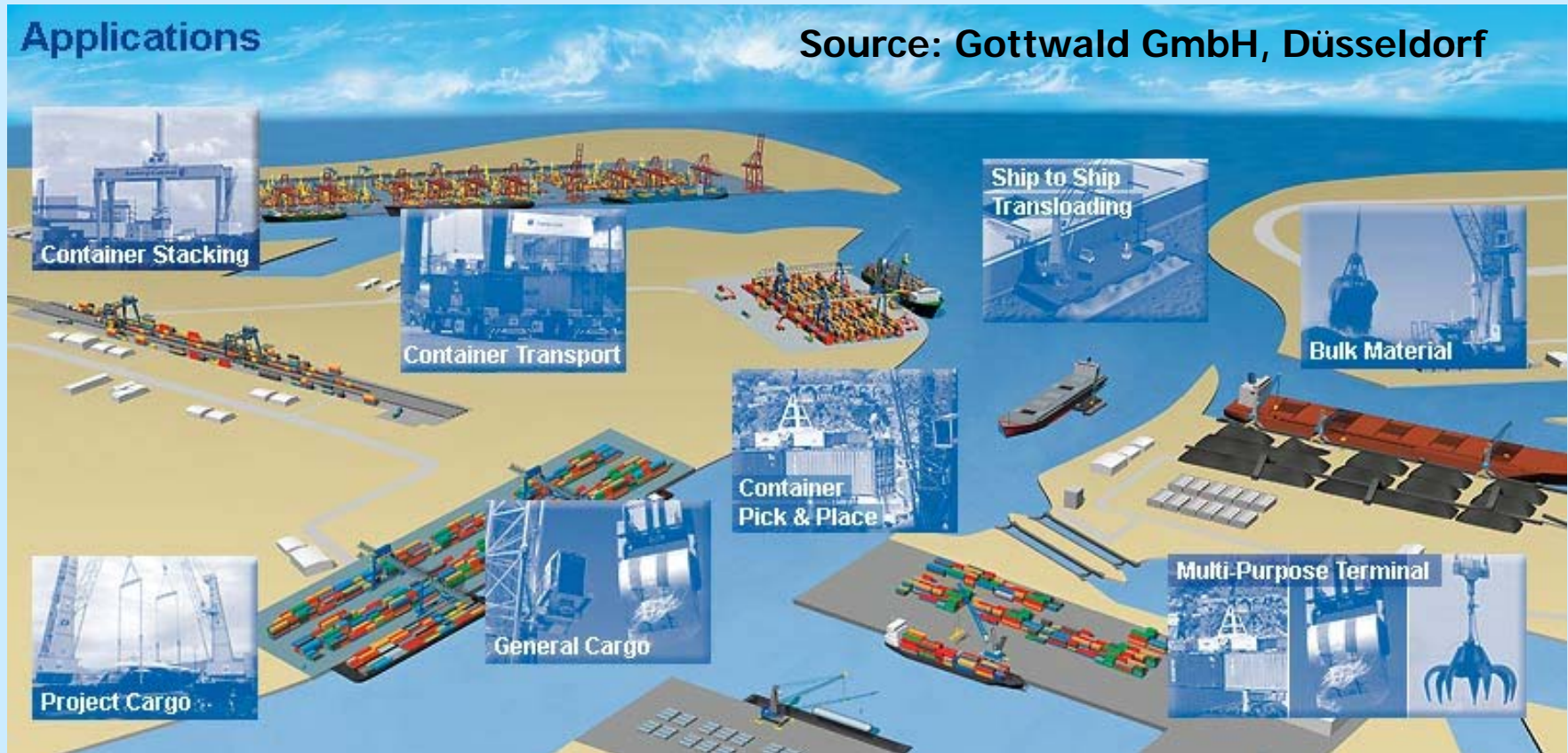
Reduce Contamination by Minimizing Retention Time of Operators in Facility through Higher Degree of Automation



- Sophisticated Automated Waver and Material Handling Systems
- Real-time Equipment and Run-to-run Supervisory Control

Automation of Container Terminals/Yards

Increase Productivity by Automation



- Sophisticated Automated Container Handling Systems:
Automated Guided Vehicles (AGV), Stacking Cranes (AST)
- Advanced Management and Navigation Software



Rotterdam Terminal





Video

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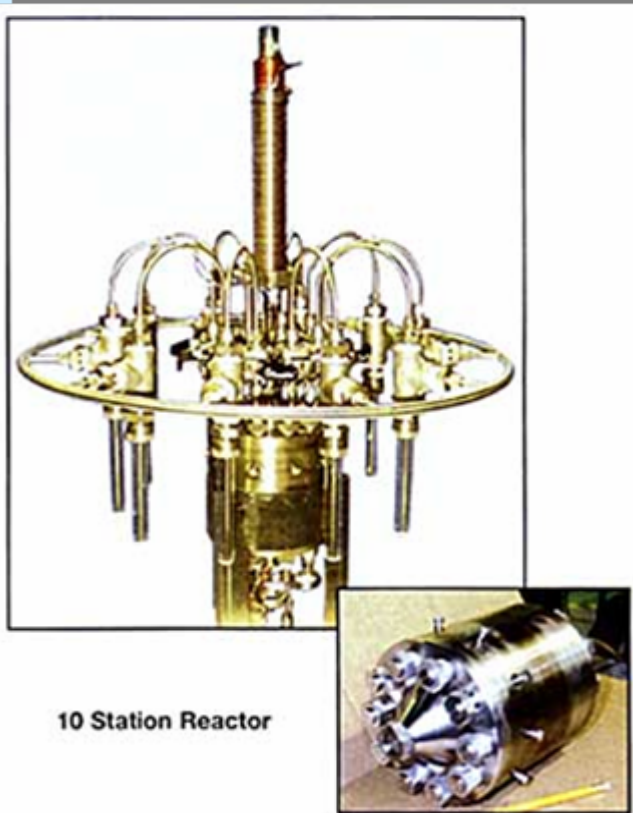
Selected Examples of Emerging Processing and Manufacturing Technologies

- **Microreactors in Chemical Process Engineering**

- Genomics: Systems for High-Throughput Screening, Synthesis and Sequencing

- Automatic Design and Manufacturing of Robotic Lifeforms

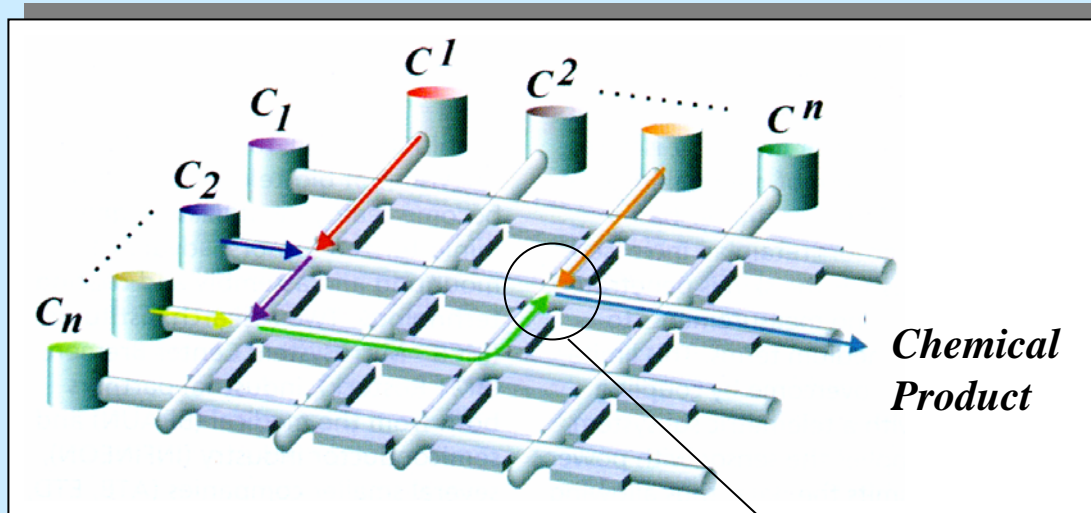
Scalable and Just-in-Time Production with Desk-top Microreactor Systems



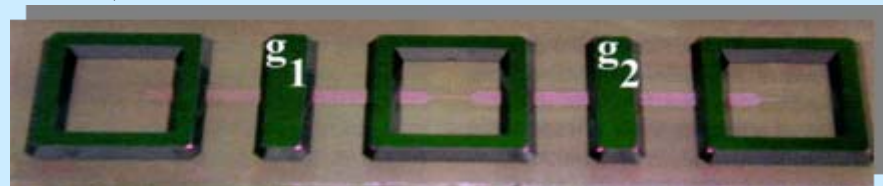
Automated Production Line

Microreactor Chips and Networks

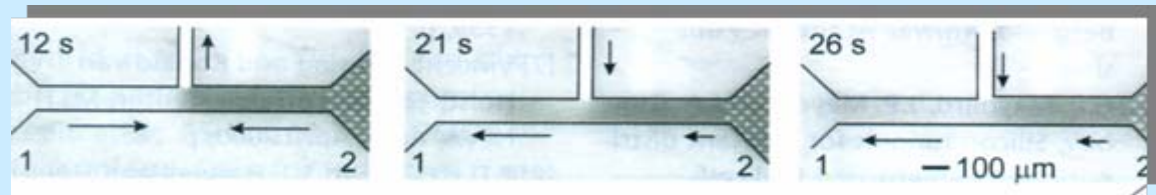
CombiChem
Microreaction Network
Based on FlowFETs



FlowFET Structure
incl. Sensors / Actuators



Controlled
Operation



NEXT-GENERATION CHALLENGES

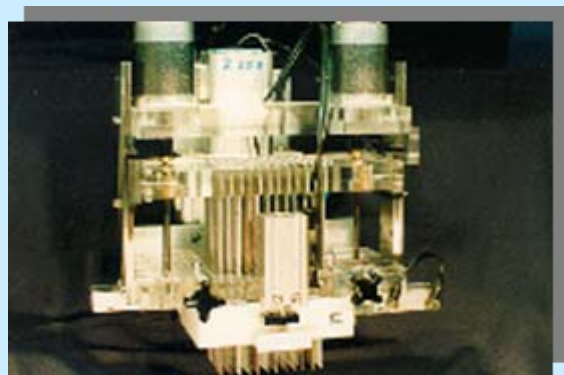
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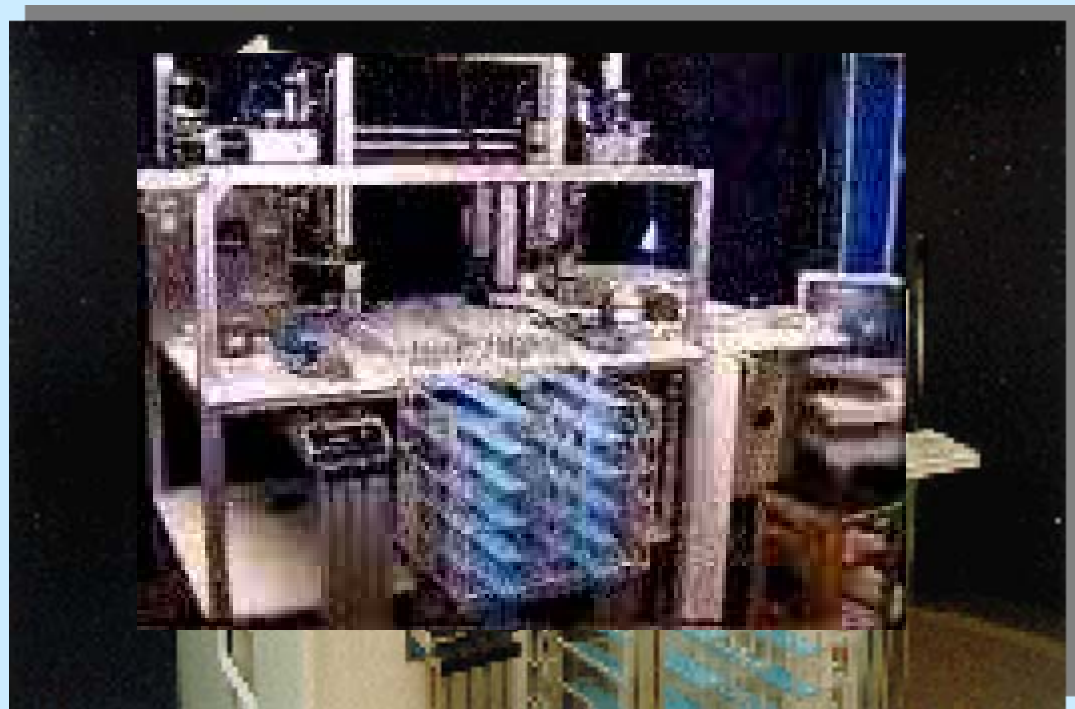
High-throughput Screening and Synthesis

Cope with Combinatorial Complexity through
Parallel Operations and Sophisticated IA Approaches
Including **Data Mining Techniques**



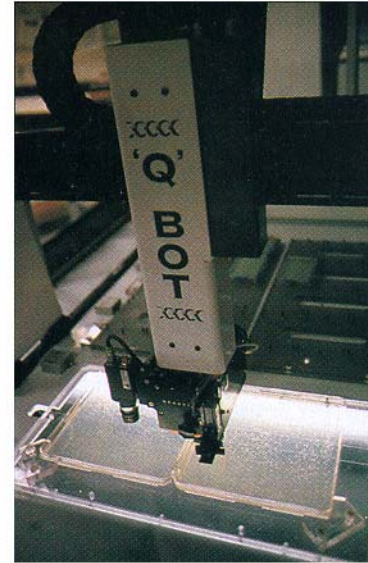
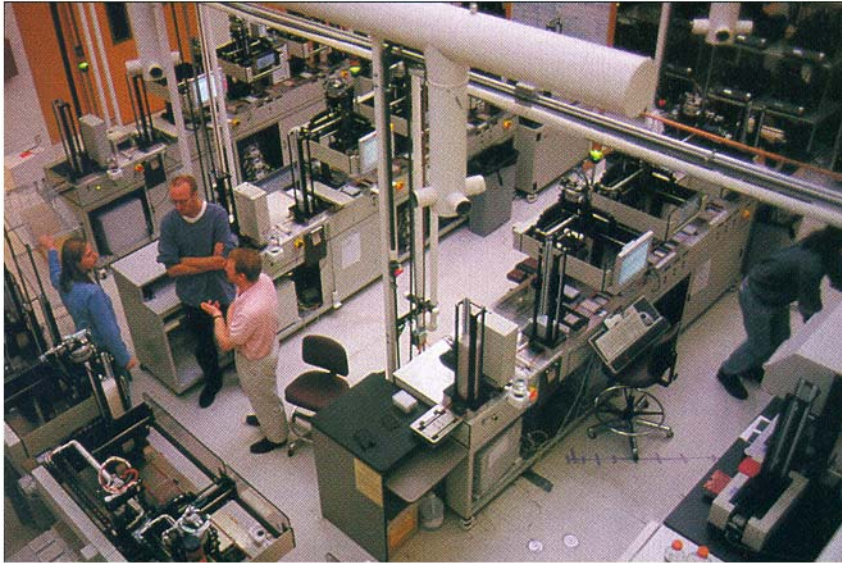
Dispenser: 50 nl to 5 μ l

Automation Robots
for Preparation of
Screening

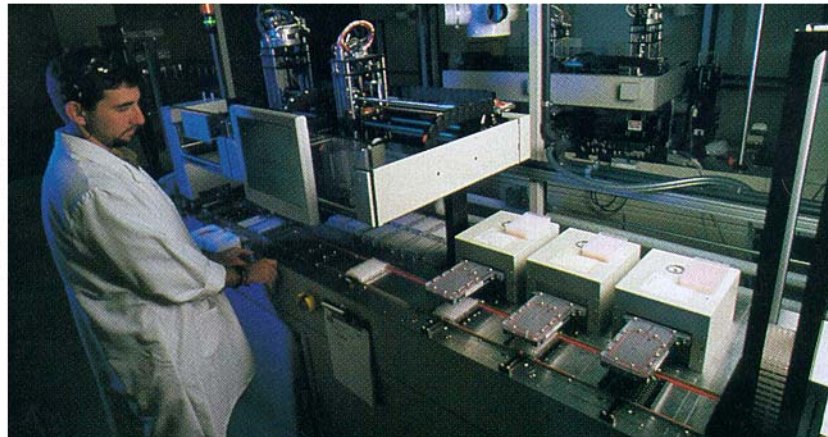


Compound Retrieval and Weighing
VIDEO

How Automation Made Decyphering the Human Genome Possible



[3] The sequencing laboratory at the Whitehead Institute [above] in Cambridge, Mass., uses a number of automation advances. For instance, the Q-bot [above, right] picks thousands of bacteria colonies from agar-coated plates and places them in wells filled with liquid growth media. DNA purification [right] has also been automated by a process invented at Whitehead.



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NEXT-GENERATION CHALLENGES

- Microreactors in Chemical Process Engineering

- Genomics: Systems for High-Throughput Screening, Synthesis and Sequencing

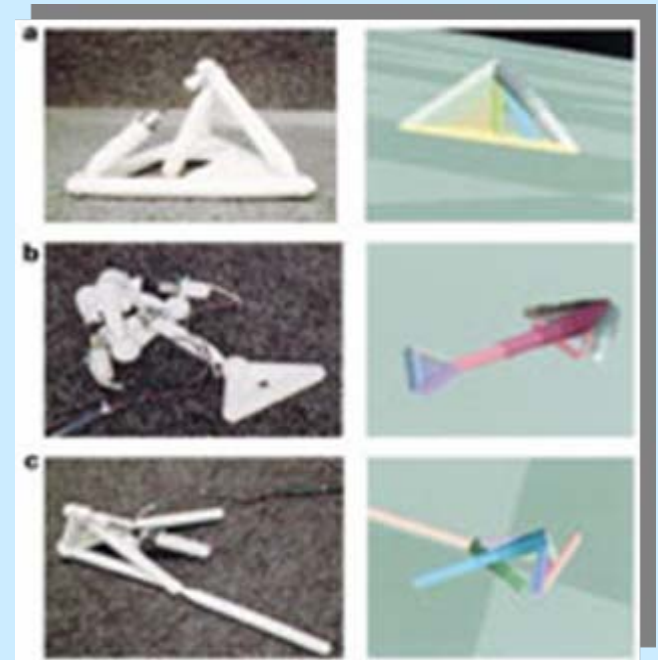
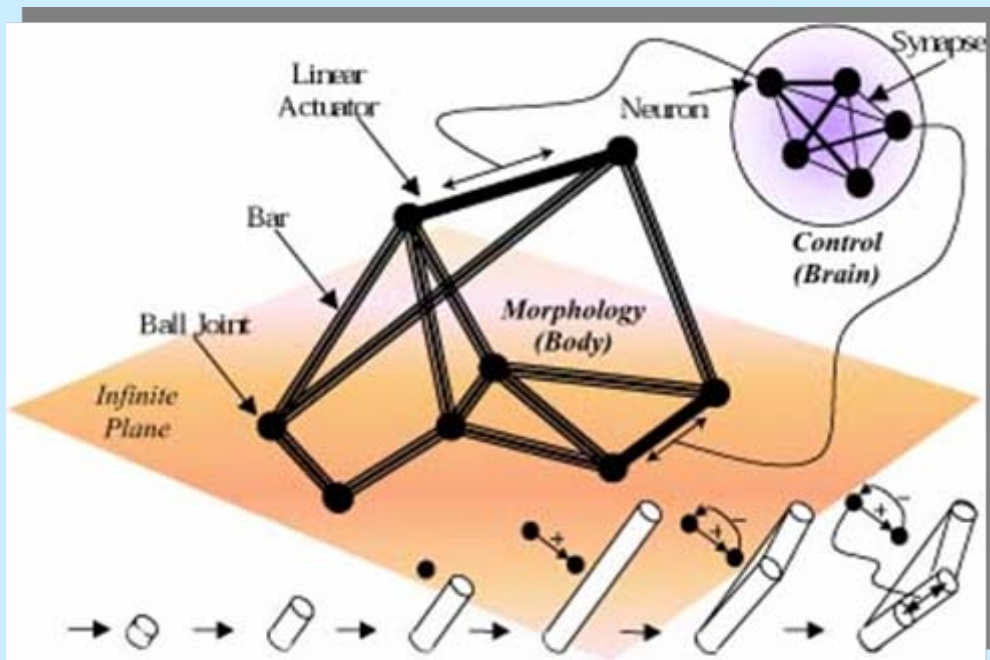
- **Automatic Design and Manufacturing of Robotic Lifeforms**

Artificial Evolutionary Design Process Connects to Rapid Prototyping Machine

Example: **Automation of Cognitive Mental Processes**

The Golem Project: “Create a walking creature out of”

<http://golem03.cs-i.brandeis.edu/index.html>

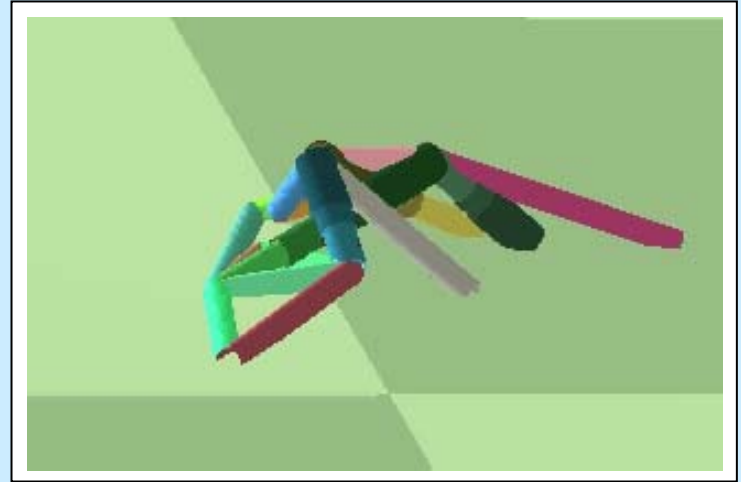
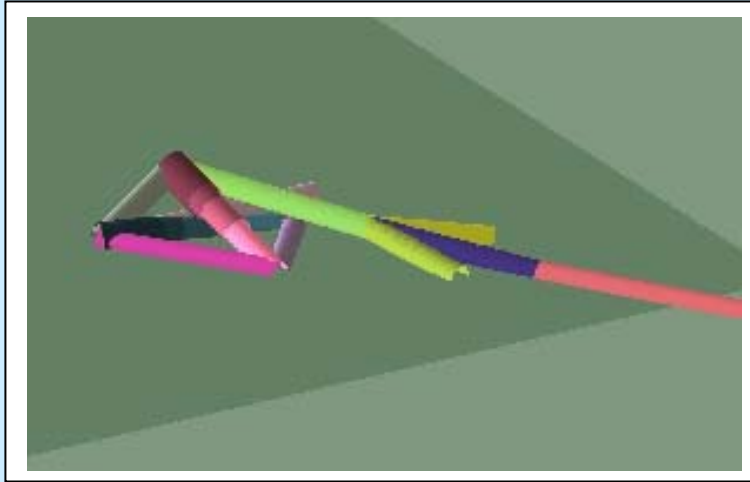


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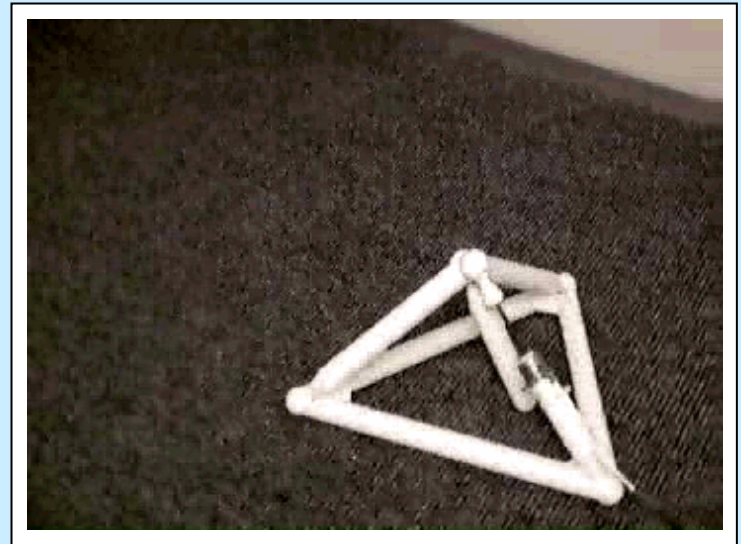
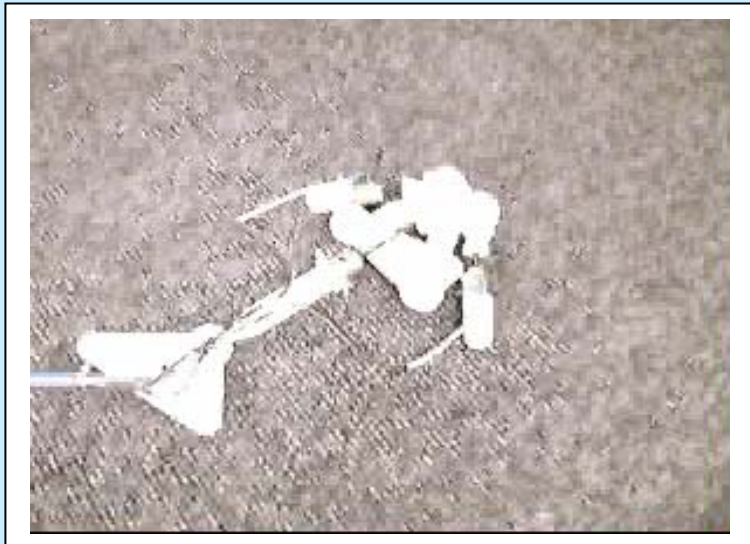
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Design and Manufacturing: Results and Performance

Virtual



Real



Notable Aspects of this Research

- Evolutionary Design in Virtual World:
 - Ø Dynamic Process Based on Feedback Control
 - Ø Simultaneous Information and Physical Processing
- Integration of Virtual Design **and** Rapid Prototyping Shows Features of Autonomy, Self-Organization and Artificial Life

- Possible Expansions of Approach
 - Ø Coupling of Performance Evaluation in Real World with Evolutionary Design Process
 - Ø Behaviour Optimization via Performance Feedback Loop

Prototype Model for a Novel Paradigm of Automated Design and Manufacturing ?

Concluding Remarks

Overall Challenges of IA at the Beginning of 21st Century

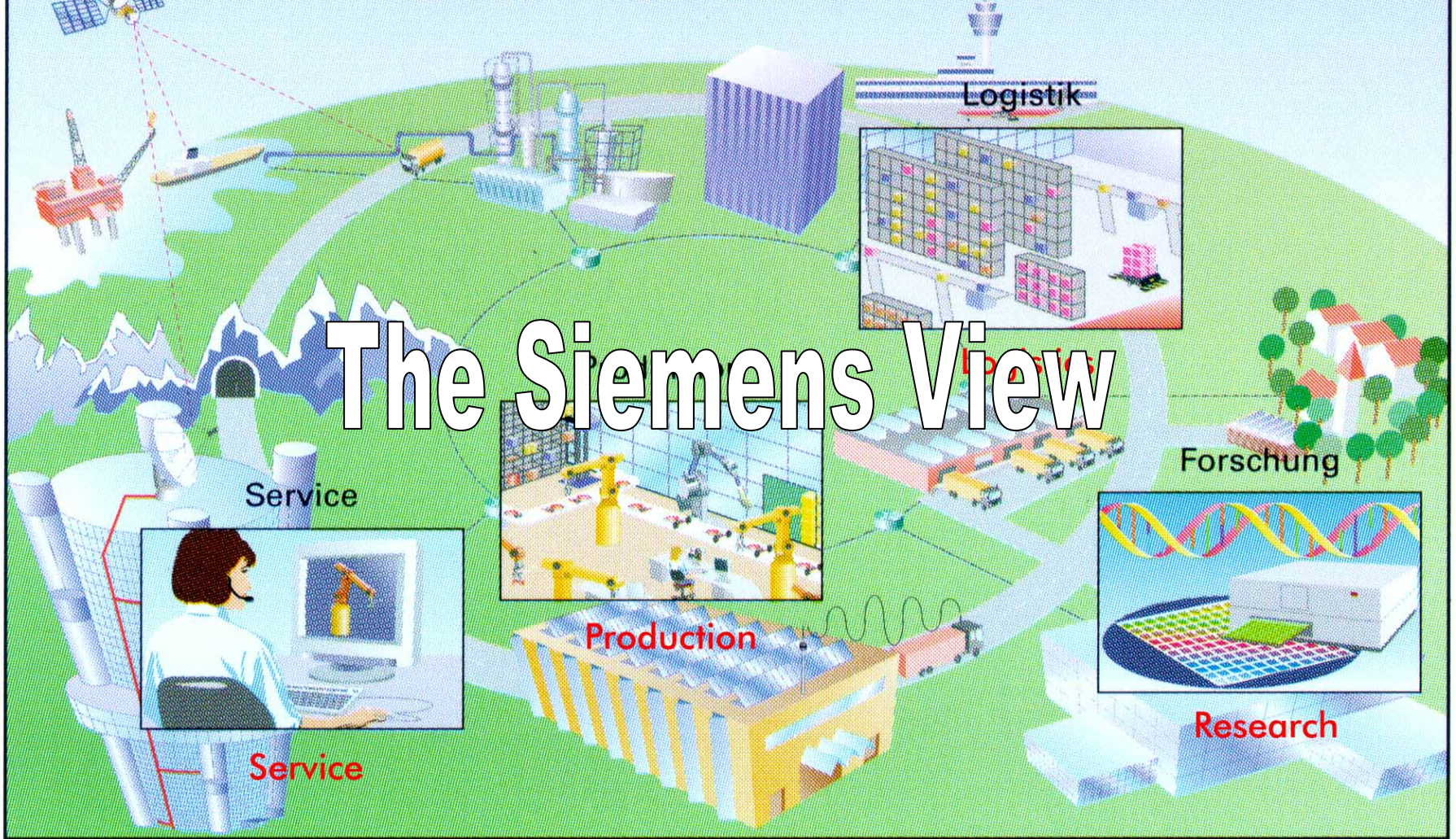
- Optimization of **Technological Operations** on Plant-floor
- Optimization of **Entire Business Performance** by Strengthening of the Enterprise-wide Digital Nervous System
- Mastering of **Complexity**

Incorporation of Technologies from IT & Telecommunications and Innovations in Industrial Electronics, Robotics etc.

- Open wide Avenues for Novel IA Solutions & Applications
- Define a New Role of IA as IA / IT Solution and Service Providers for **Complex** Industrial Activities and Operations

Future of "Automation and Control"

"Automation and Control" in der Zukunft



Concluding Remarks, cont'd

This presentation did not focus *novel theoretical and methodological aspects* going along with the sketched technological evolution from

IA to IIT&A.

Those prove to be manifold, e.g. control *and* communication, or reconfigurable, cognitive, agent-based controls, etc

Discussion underscores activities at major universities to creation of a novel academic discipline

Services Science, Management, and Engineering - SSME

Examples of Current Theoretical and Methodological Research

- System Theory of Automation
- SW Infrastructure for IIT&Automation
- Safety, Security, Diagnosis
- Modelling, Simulation and Control of
 - + Discrete Event Systems
 - + Hybrid (discrete-continuous) Systems
- Reconfigurable Controls
- Multi-Agent-based & Cognitive Controls
- Networked Controls
- Cooperation of Humans, Machines, Robots
- System Biology, Biomedical Systems

INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION - PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

Résumé

**“Digital Industries, Economies and Societies
of the 21st Century
will Heavily Depend on Continuous Progress in
Industrial IT and Automation”**



The End