

Avionic Systems

Advanced Research Into Methodology for Design of Distributed Embedded Systems

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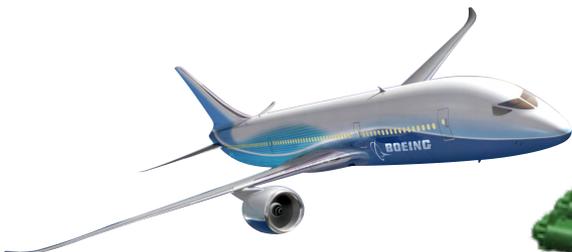
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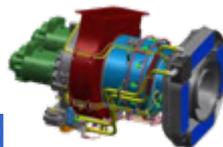
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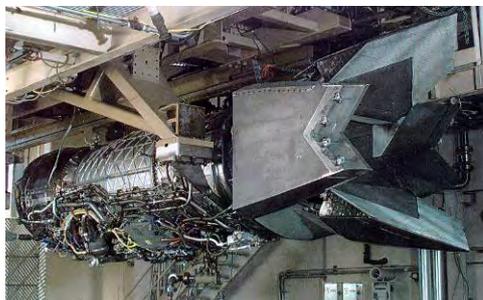
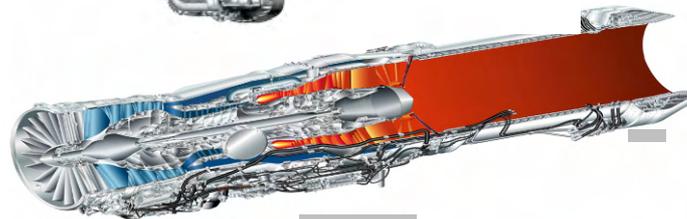
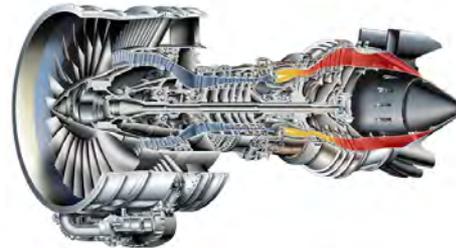
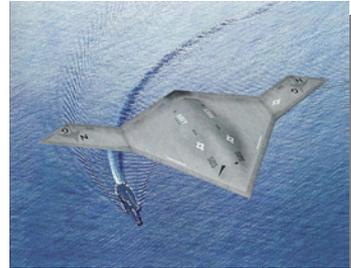
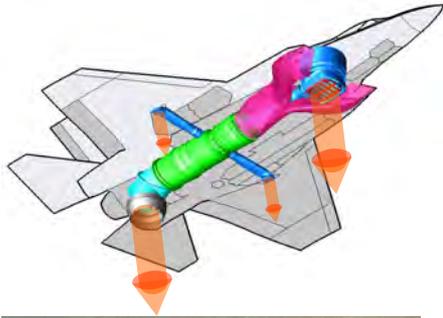


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Military Engines



Commercial Engines



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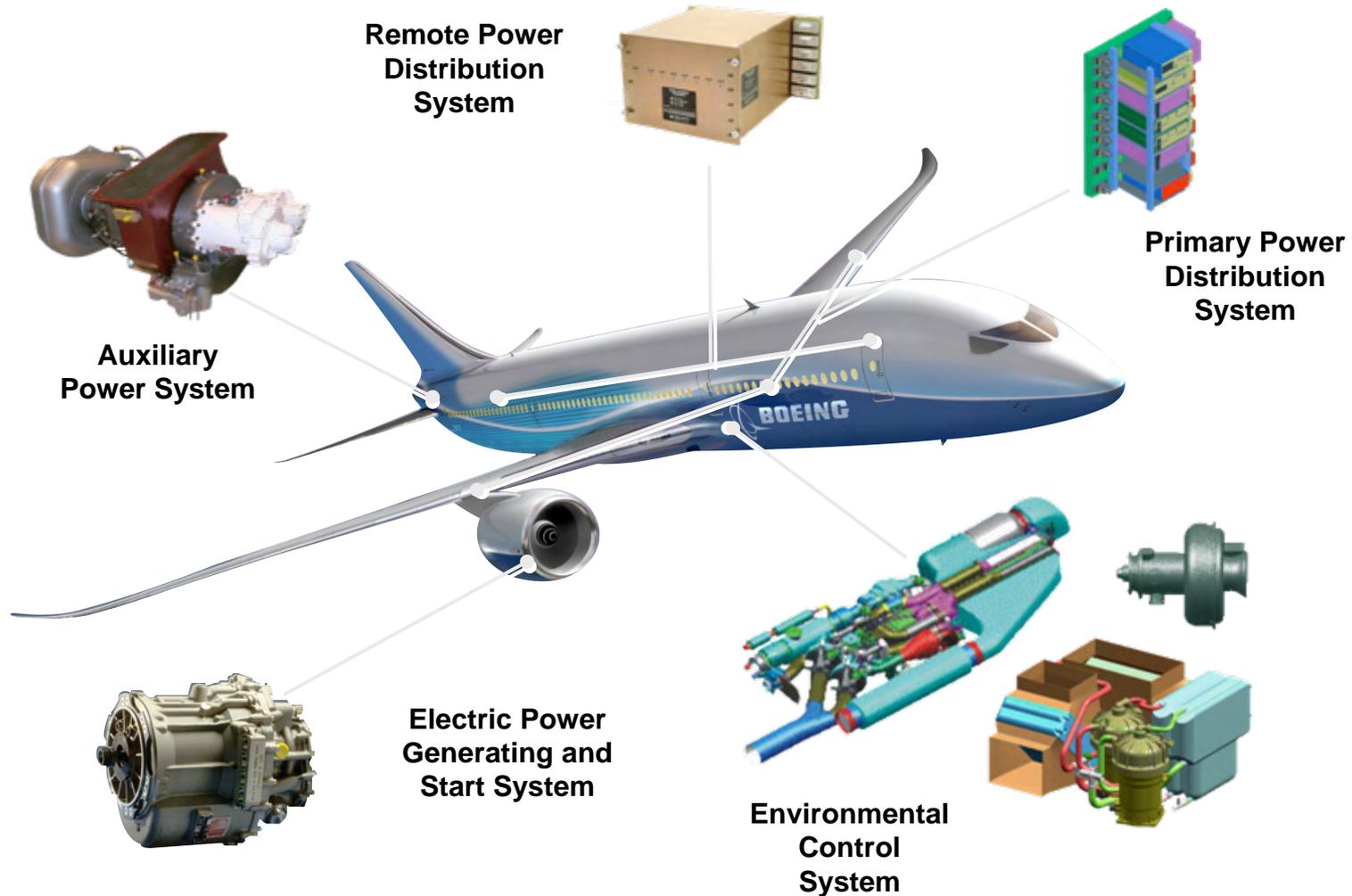
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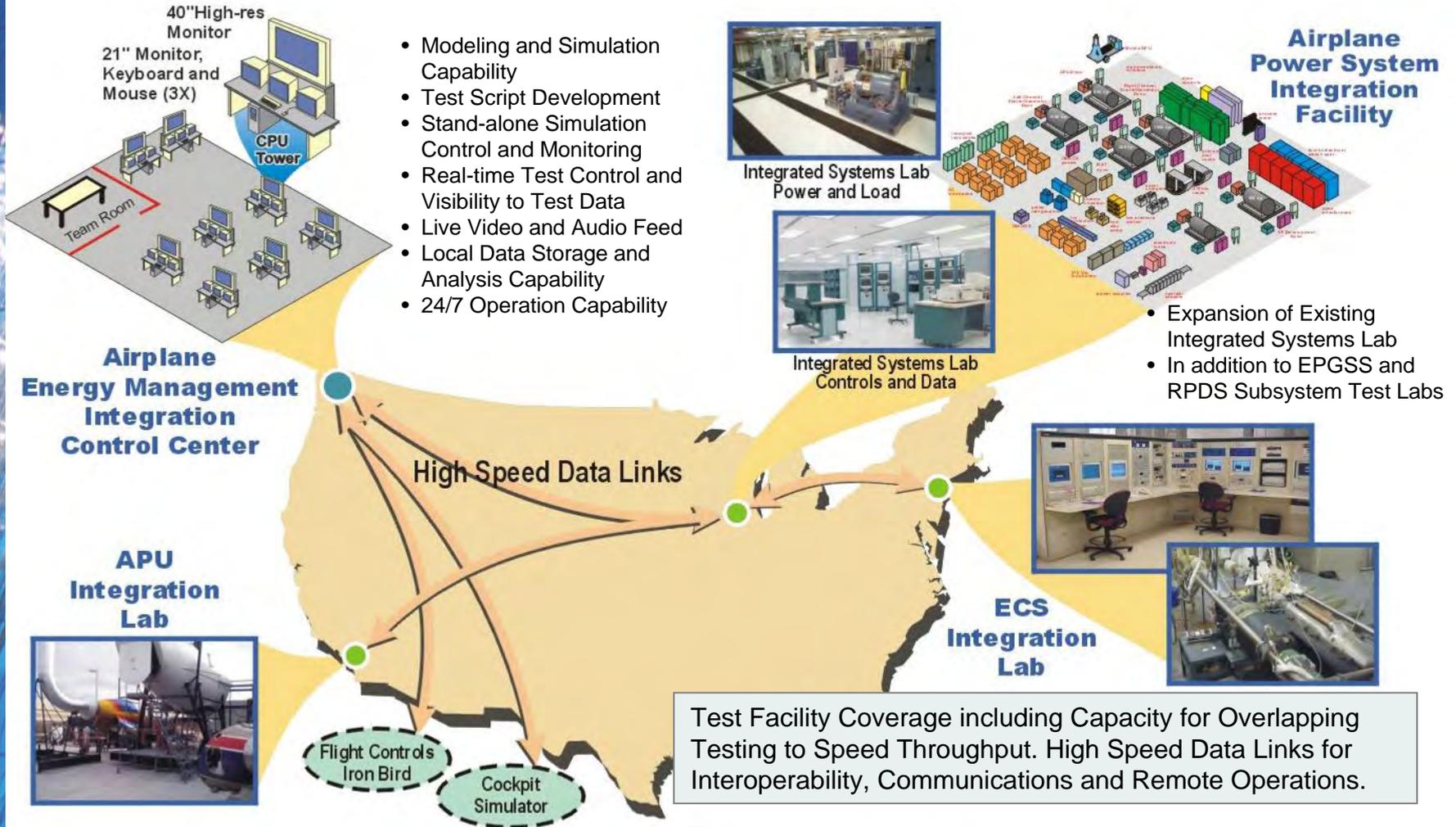
Complete Power, Fuel and Thermal Management Solutions



Benefit: Decreased weight, increased efficiency
Risk: Fragility, inadequacy of design processes

The Integration Environment

Airplane Energy Management Integration Environment (AEMIE)



DOD Issues in Integrated Systems: 2008

One area where the committee believes that new research would benefit DoD is the management of engineering risk in unprecedented large and ultra-scale systems. Such systems have engineering risks associated with early design commitments related to system functionality, non-functional attributes, and architecture. The research would focus on ways to mitigate these engineering risks at early stages of the process through new approaches to early validation, modeling, and architectural analysis.

Software Research Needs and Priorities: A Letter Report

Preliminary Observations on DoD Software Research Needs and Priorities

A Letter Report

Committee on Advancing Software-Intensive Systems Productivity

The third area, which is just as important as the first two, is the reduction of requirements-related risk in unprecedented systems without too great a sacrifice in systems capability. The challenge in this area has two parts. First, how can consequences of early commitments related to functional or nonfunctional requirements be understood at the earliest possible time during development? And, second, how can we make “requirements” more flexible over a greater portion of the system life cycle? The committee believes that the most useful research for DoD would look at ways to achieve early validation—for example, through modeling, prototyping, and simulation — and also look at how iterative development cycles can be supported more effectively and, from the standpoint of risk in program management, more safely.

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The second area where DoD has leading demand and could benefit from technological advancement is software quality assurance for defense systems. Software assurance encompasses reliability, security, robustness, safety, and other quality-related attributes. Defense systems often include commercial off-the-shelf components and may involve global development—global sourcing is a reality for major commercial software products and, additionally, for commercial custom software and service provisioning. The needed research would focus on new ways for producers and consumers to create (and validate) a body of technical evidence to support specific claims in support of an overall judgment of fitness.

KEY POINTS

Defense control systems are increasing in complexity at a rate that is outpacing the current capabilities of design methodologies to address. *The issues of complexity are heterogeneity, scale and subsystem interactions;*

The elements of the control systems as communication, computation and the physical systems are increasingly integrated which leads to an inability to separate functional elements and flow down subsystem requirements. *This lack of capability to set requirements affects current programs in cost, schedule and performance;*

The lack of a rigorous, scalable design methodology that includes integration of communication and control is a barrier to meeting the requirements of future defense needs;

Enabling technology in the form of Platform-Based Design is being developed that introduces layers of abstractions to cope with the increase in complexity. *There are investable tools that address the issues in the design of defense systems to enable higher levels of functionality;*

INABILITY TO FLOW DOWN REQUIREMENTS IN INCREASINGLY COMPLEX SYSTEMS

Fly-by-Wire Systems



Black Hawk Experience

Exponential complexity increase: 10x computations, 100x communications, 4x thermal dissipation increase every 5 years

Compressed development schedules

Requirements to improve handling quality (to level 1), increase maintainability (64x), and reduce weight

Communication bandwidth, latency, control and reliability issues when moving from physical to fly-by-wire domain

Aircraft Power Systems



787 Experience

Verification of performance and safety of logic for 100k + fault conditions

Certification of closed loop control over networks of multiple types in an uncertain environment

Instabilities caused by interactions between components discovered in hardware tests

Multivariate optimization of competing requirements

Weight, stability, thermal management, efficiency, reliability, ...

Validation of requirements flow-down

DESIGN METHODOLOGY

Cannot meet required functionality: exponentially increasing requirements

Complex, cyber-physical system with multiple overlapping time scales...

Today



Separated flight control, navigation, communications, diagnostics

Suboptimal use of computational resources

Computations and communications at maximum capacity

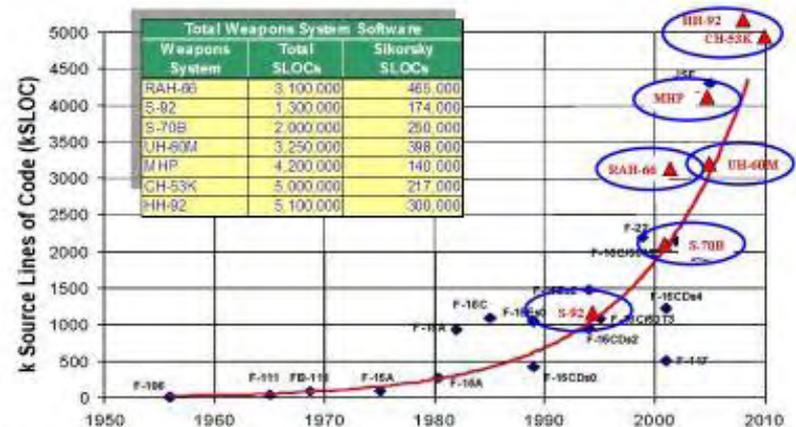
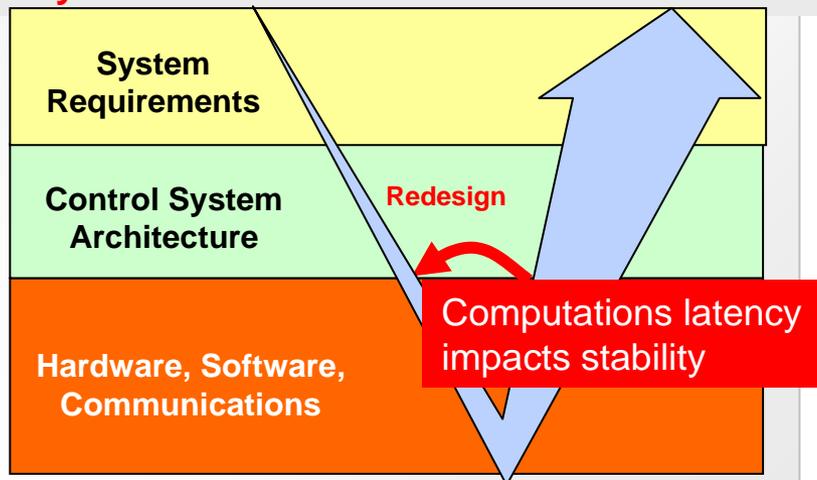
Future challenge...

Unmanned Flight

High resolution sensor data fusion

Advanced Control Algorithms

INCREASINGLY COMPLEX SYSTEMS DEVELOPED UNDER COST AND SCHEDULE CONSTRAINTS



- 100 Lines of Code per man-month
- Compressed schedules

TECHNOLOGY BARRIERS

Current design paradigm will not continue to work:

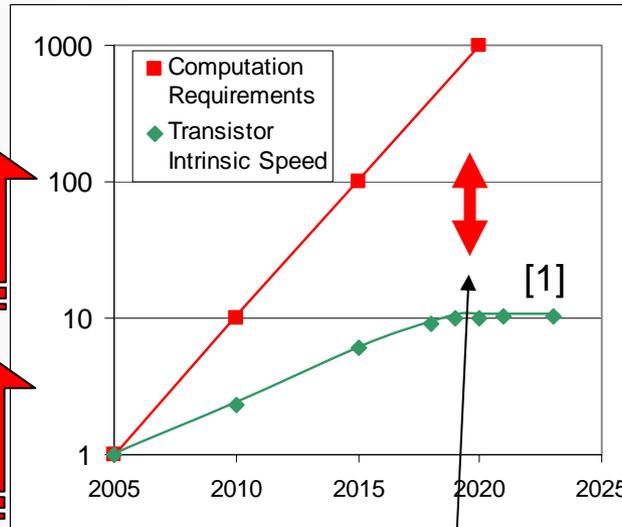
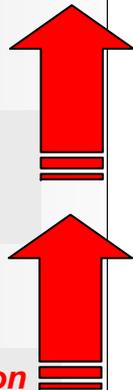
Increasing clock speed and communication bandwidth is no longer scalable

Increased
Functionality

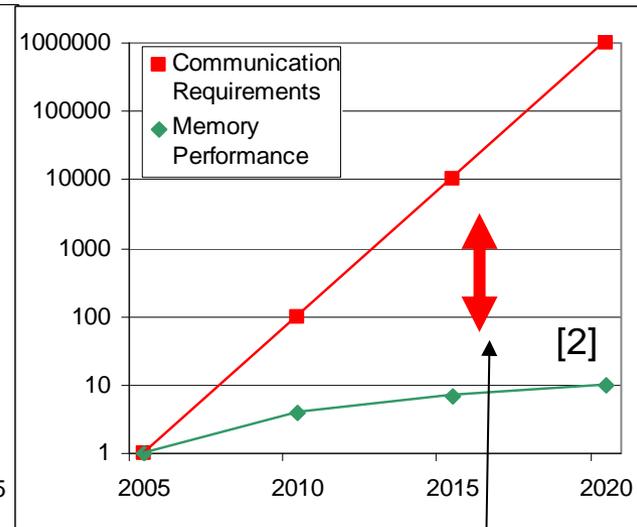


Communication
Bandwidth

Processor
speed
(MIPS)



Transistor speed
and heat
dissipation **gap**



Processor-
Memory
performance **gap**

[1] International Technology Roadmap of Semiconductors, 2007

[2] David Patterson, Thomas Anderson et al., *A Case for Intelligent RAM : IRAM*

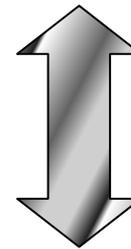
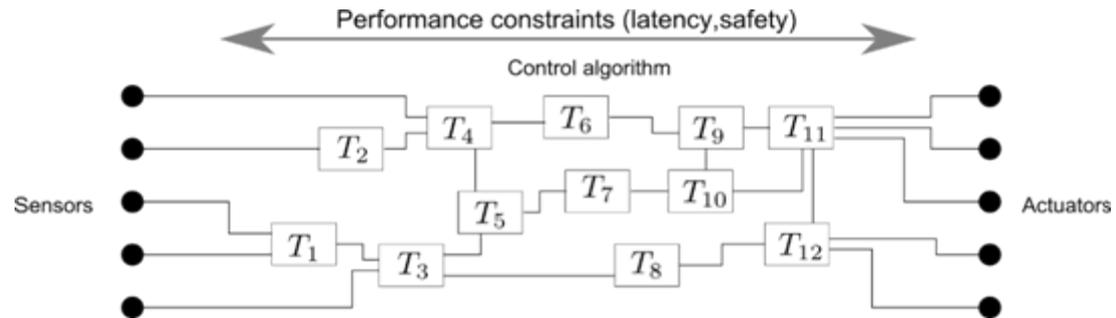
NEED OF AN ARCHITECTURAL CHANGE

Distributed Computation as Key Enabling Technology

Exploit concurrency in the control algorithm

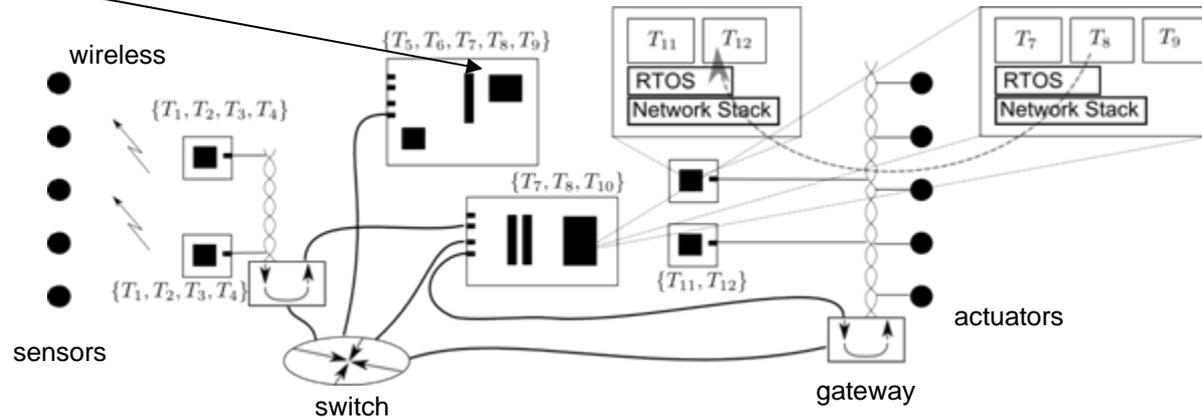
Distribute I: Multi-core processors provide computing power while containing heat dissipation

Distribute II: Network architectures: reduce bandwidth requirements by using local processing



Q: How do we bridge the semantic gap?

A: Modeling & Optimization Tools (seed project)



NOVEL DESIGN METHODOLOGY

Meet-in-the-middle, synthesis driven, multiple abstraction layers

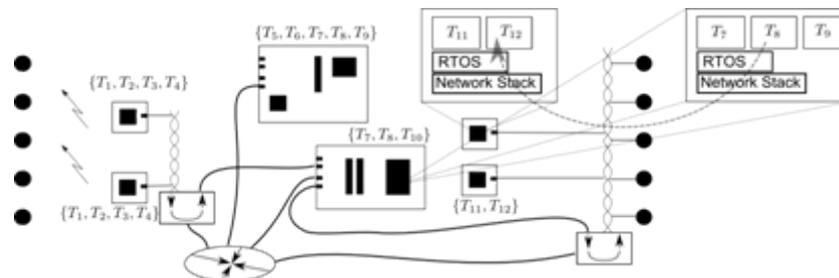
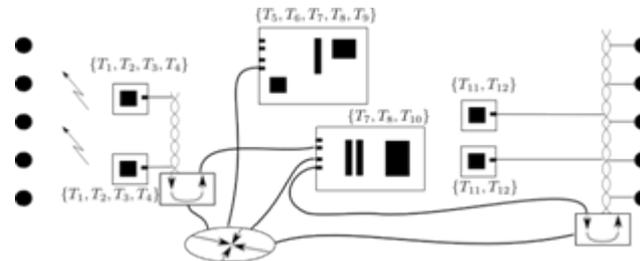
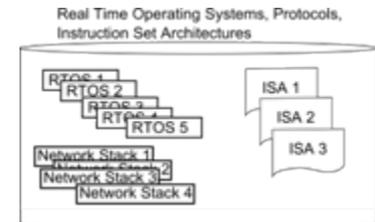
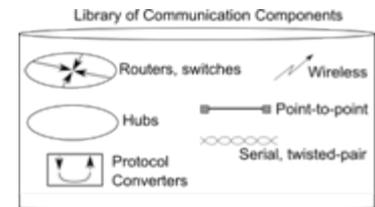
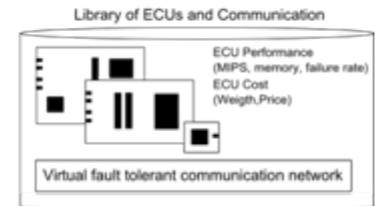
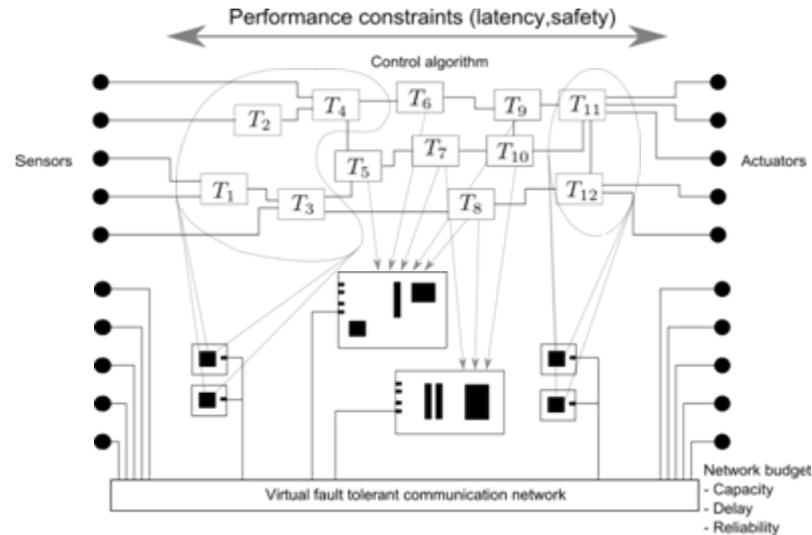
Key Elements

Design exploration of distributed architectures

Performance and safety driven mapping of tasks to distributed architecture

Automatic synthesis of fault tolerant communication networks

Software synthesis: Automatic generation of tasks and distributed RTOS



Project focuses on distributed implementation: extending the scope to designing concurrent control algorithms offers path to close gaps completely (100-1000X in latency/computational speed)

