

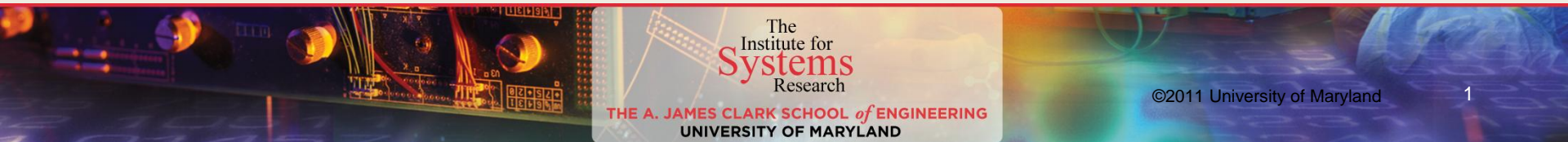
# Systems Engineering Toward Self-Sustaining Adaptive Micro/Nano Systems

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The  
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# THE INSTITUTE FOR SYSTEMS RESEARCH

## History

- An original NSF Engineering Research Center (founded 1985)
- Permanent Institute status within the Clark School of Engineering, University of Maryland (1992); with base budget support
- Graduated from the NSF program (1996); fully self-sustaining

## Distinctives

- Collaborations with federal and state agencies, local and international corporations and universities worldwide
- Commercial implementation of research results
- Interdisciplinary, systems-focused education program
- Culture of innovation, collaboration and partnership
- New knowledge creation in emerging disciplines

## Mission

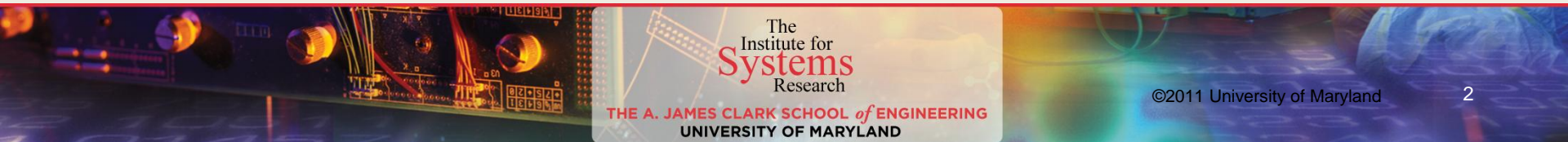
ISR is home to interdisciplinary research and education programs in systems engineering and sciences, and is committed to developing basic solution methodologies and tools for systems problems in a variety of application domains.

## Main ISR research areas

- Communication systems and networks
- Control systems and methodologies
- Neuroscience and biology-based technology
- **Micro and nano devices and systems**; robotics
- Design, operations and supply chain management
- **Systems engineering methodologies**
- Computing, speech, artificial intelligence, data mining

## New initiatives

- Robotics
- Microsystems
- Green communications





# SYSTEMS ENGINEERING METHODOLOGIES

## Problem domains/areas of expertise

### Systems engineering and integration

Systems tools for semantic web technologies

Requirements management tools

Systems integration methodologies for energy-efficient buildings

Cyber-physical systems (CPS) development

### Operations research

Methodologies for transportation systems and “systems of systems”

Public health emergency planning

Telecommunications modeling, policy and technology

### Analysis and control of stochastic systems

Markov decision processes

Discrete event and hybrid systems

### Network optimization and management

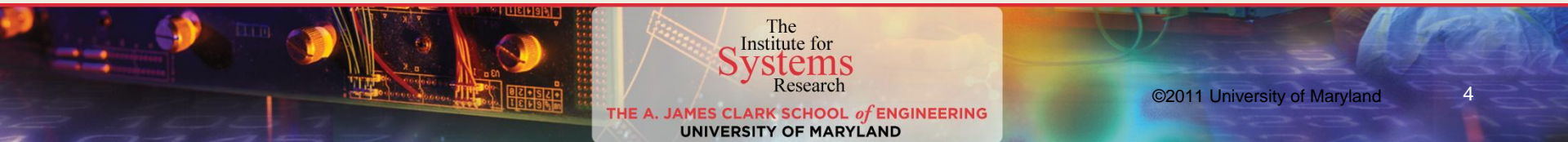
Network and combinatorial optimization, network reliability analysis

Network design logistics, formal models for validation/verification

Computing, optimization and decision technologies

Integrated network management systems

**9 joint and affiliate  
faculty in this area**





# MICRO AND NANO DEVICES AND SYSTEMS

## Problem domains/areas of expertise

**MEMS sensors and actuators**

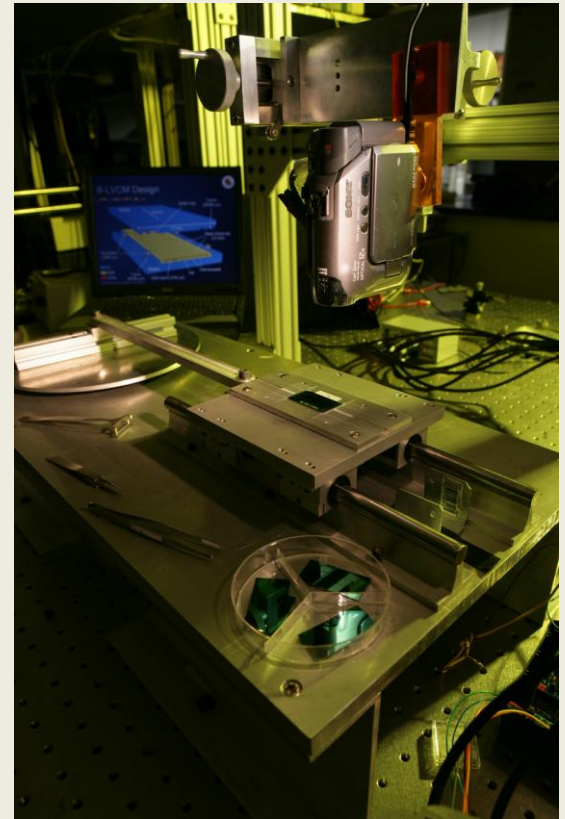
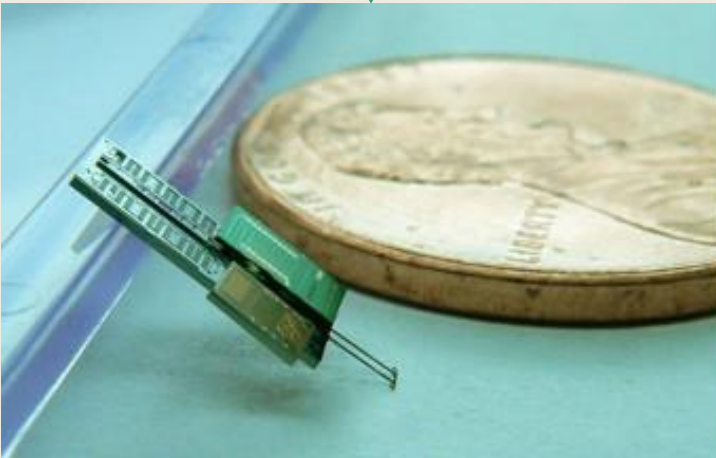
**Nanofabrication materials, processes and devices**

**Labs-on-a-chip**

**Small-scale energy generation, storage and harvesting**

**Medical devices and treatments**

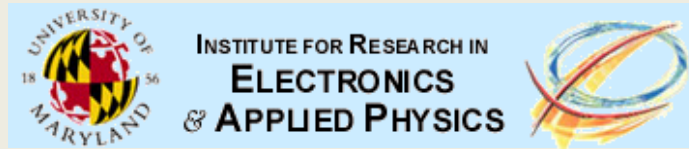
**Microrobotic systems**



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faculty in this area**



*Bringing world-class scientists and engineers as well as fabrication and characterization infrastructure together to drive technology and fundamental understanding in nano*



### Engineering

A. James Clark School  
of Engineering

### Physical Sciences

College of Computer, Mathematical and  
Physical Sciences

### Life Sciences

College of  
Chemical and Life Sciences



### Research

Faculty research groups  
Partnerships  
Collaborative research  
laboratories

### Education

Nano educational programs  
Outreach

### Industry & govt

One-stop shopping  
Partners' Program

### Infrastructure

Initiatives  
Shared user facilities  
Operations – web,  
facilities, information



Nanofabrication  
(FabLab)

Nanocharacterization  
(NispLab)

Shared experimental facilities

**Top 10 ranking (Small Times)**

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# NANOCENTER EXPERIMENTAL FACILITIES



## **Shared user facilities**

Open to outside users and collaborators  
Fully state of art & beyond

## **Individual research labs**

Often shared by campus collaborators  
Available to external collaborators

## Numerous research group labs





# NANOCENTER RESEARCH DIRECTIONS

**Nanostructures for energy**

**Biomolecular and cell-based biomicrosystems, biofabrication**

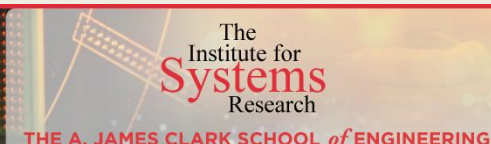
**Nanoelectronics - graphene**

**Designer nanomaterials – inorganic, soft, bio, composites**

**Nanoparticle synthesis and systems**

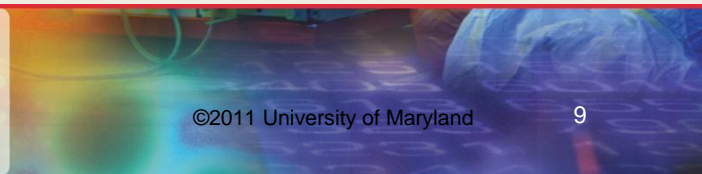
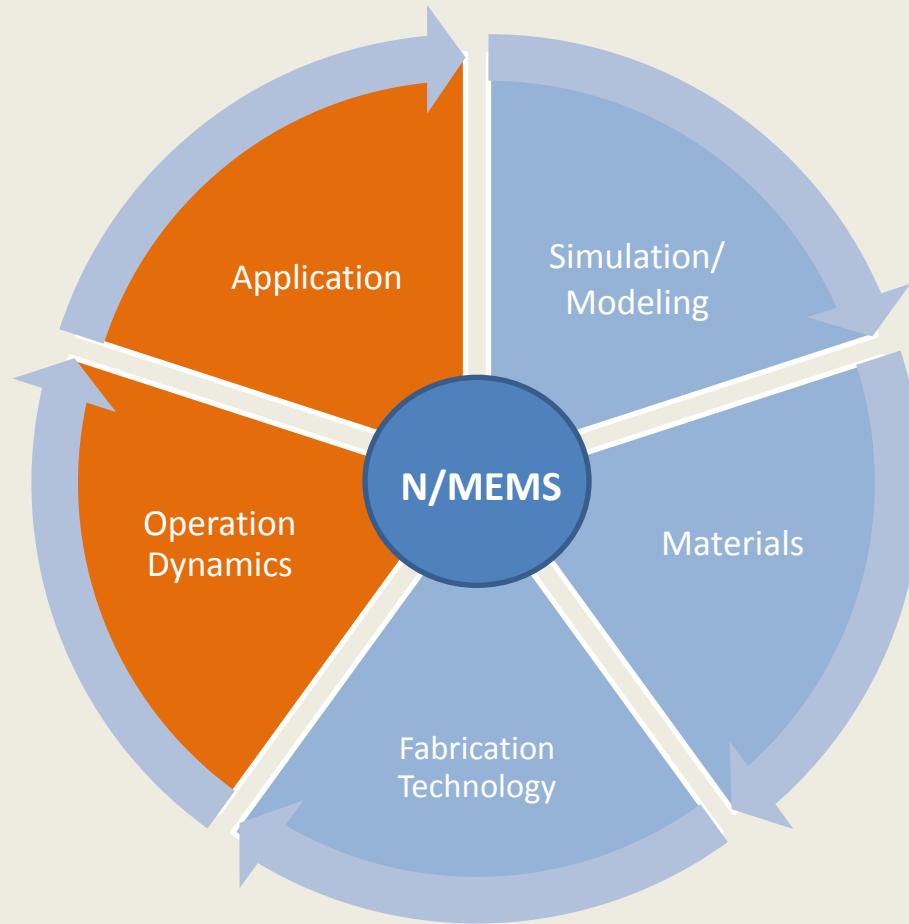
**Novel microscopies and microsystems**

**Processes and integration for nano/micro fabrication**

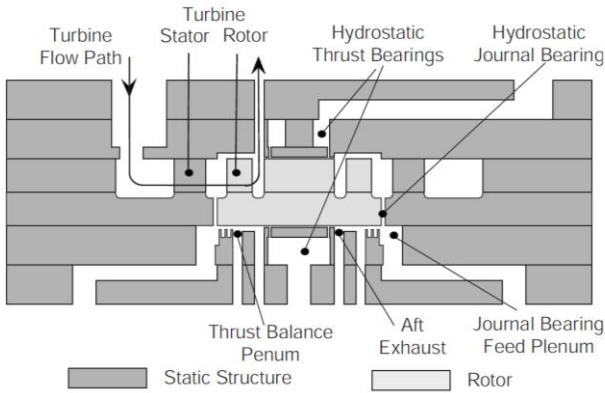




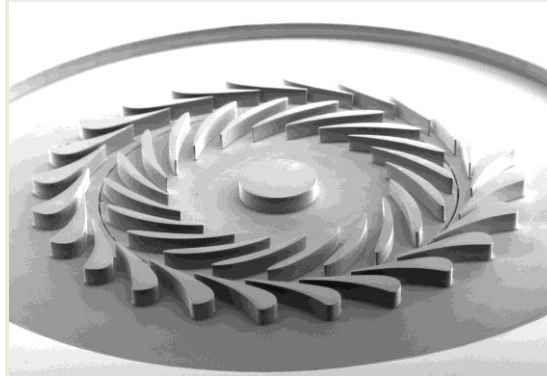
# MICRO/NANO SYSTEMS AND SYSTEMS ENGINEERING



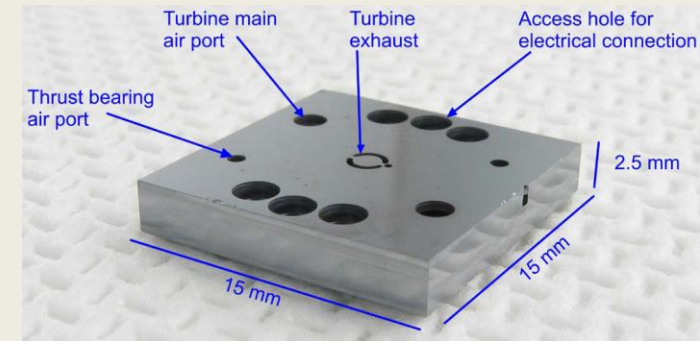
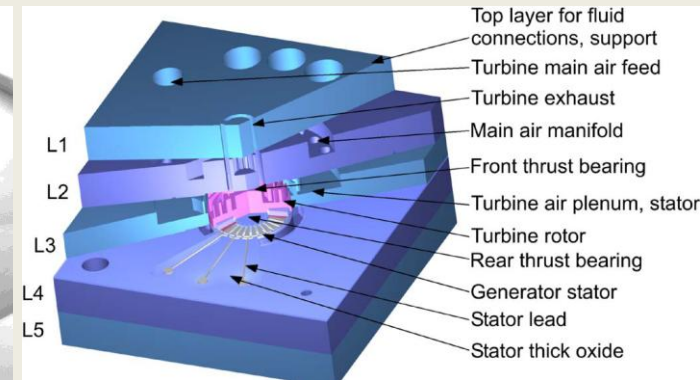
# AIR BEARING SUPPORTED GAS TURBINES FOR POWER GENERATION AT MIT



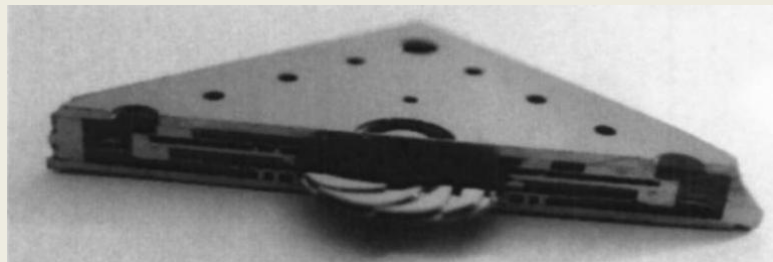
Schematic Device Layer Stack



SEM Image of a Turbine



Picture of an Induction Turbine



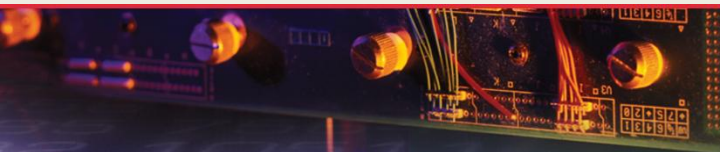
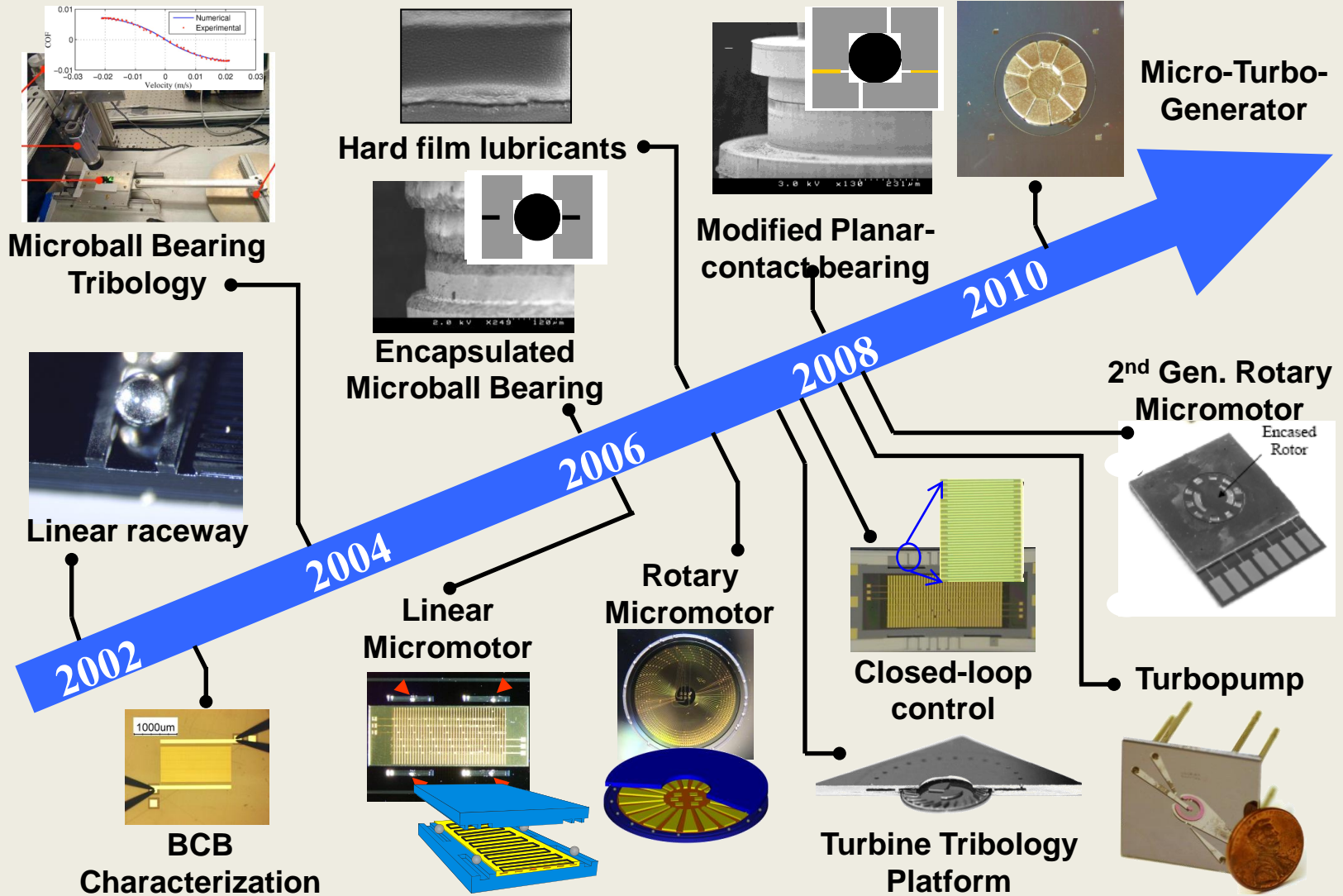
Picture of a Gas Turbine

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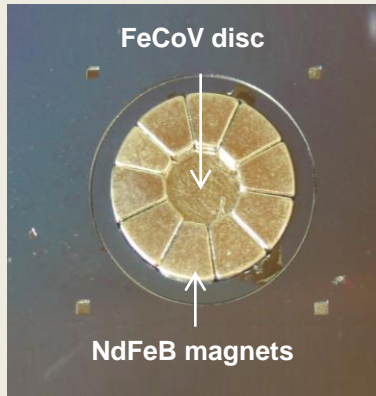


# MICROBALL BEARING TECHNOLOGY EVOLUTION AT UMD

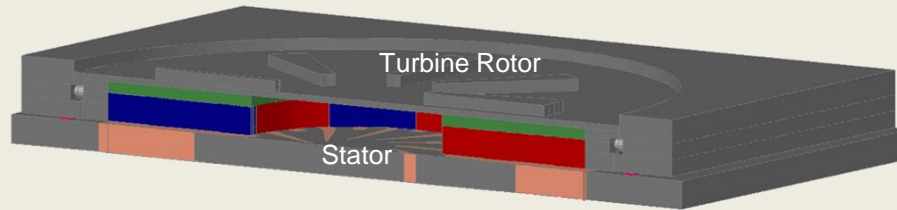




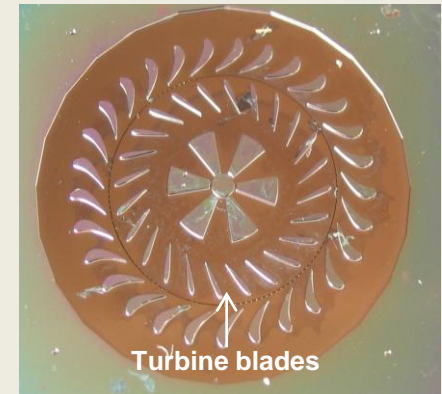
# ELECTROMAGNETIC MICRO-TURBO-GENERATOR WITH BALL BEARINGS AT UMD



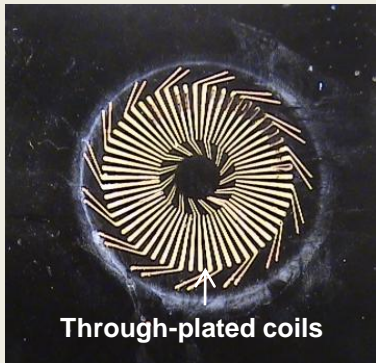
Magnetic Materials Integrated in Rotor



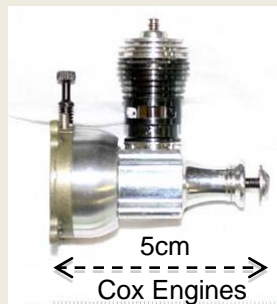
Schematic View of Micro-Turbo-Generator on Ball Bearings



Rotor Turbine Structures for Pneumatic Actuation

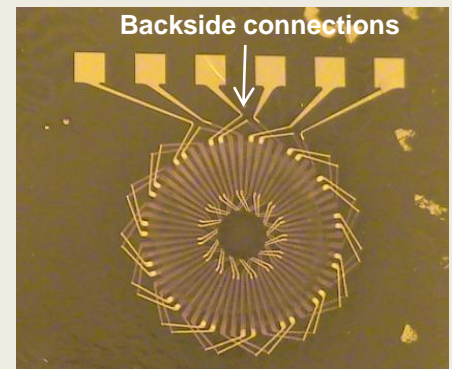


3D Coil Structures Incorporated in Stator



First Generation Fuel-to-Electricity Power System

Mechanical Coupling



Complete Stator Coils for Electromagnetic Induction





# WHY NANO SYSTEMS?

## Advances in nanostructure synthesis

- Dimensional control
- Massive arrays
- Extremely high aspect ratios (depth/width)

## Large surface area

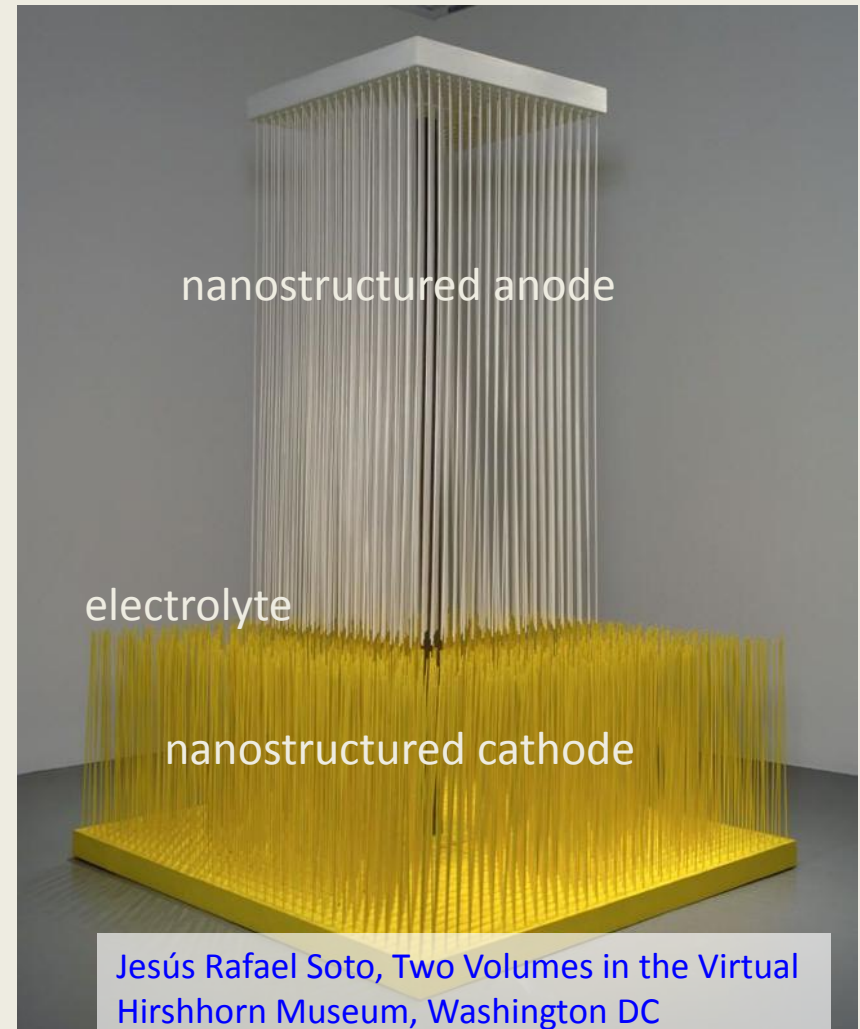
- easy access to charge storage materials
- high power

## Thin material layers

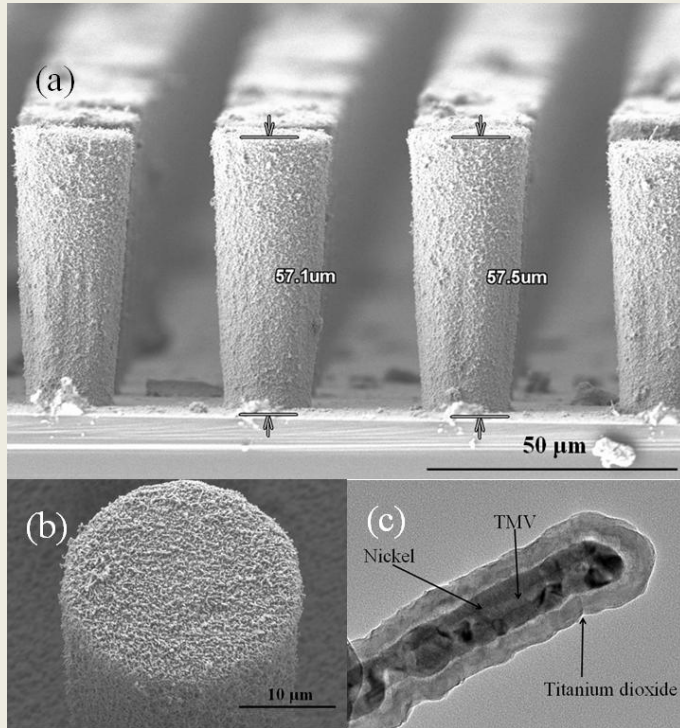
- fast transport into and throughout charge storage materials
- mechanical flexibility to accommodate charge cycling

## Large electrode volume

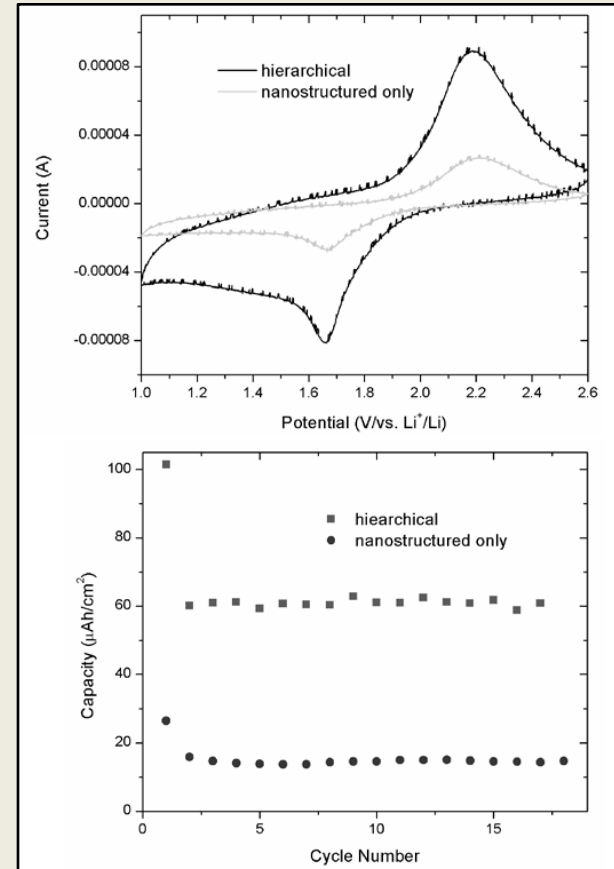
- high energy density



# HIERARCHICAL ELECTRODES WITH MICRO/NANO STRUCTURES



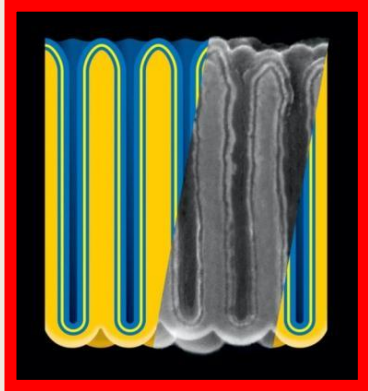
(a) Gold micropillars coated with virus-structured materials, (b) top view of an individual electrode (c) cross-section TEM showing the active material nanostructure



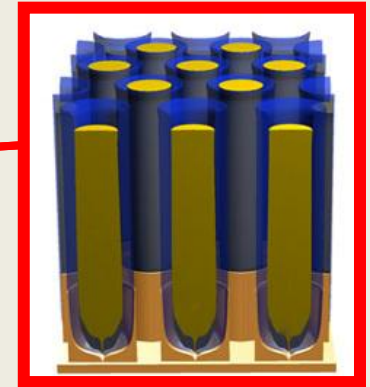
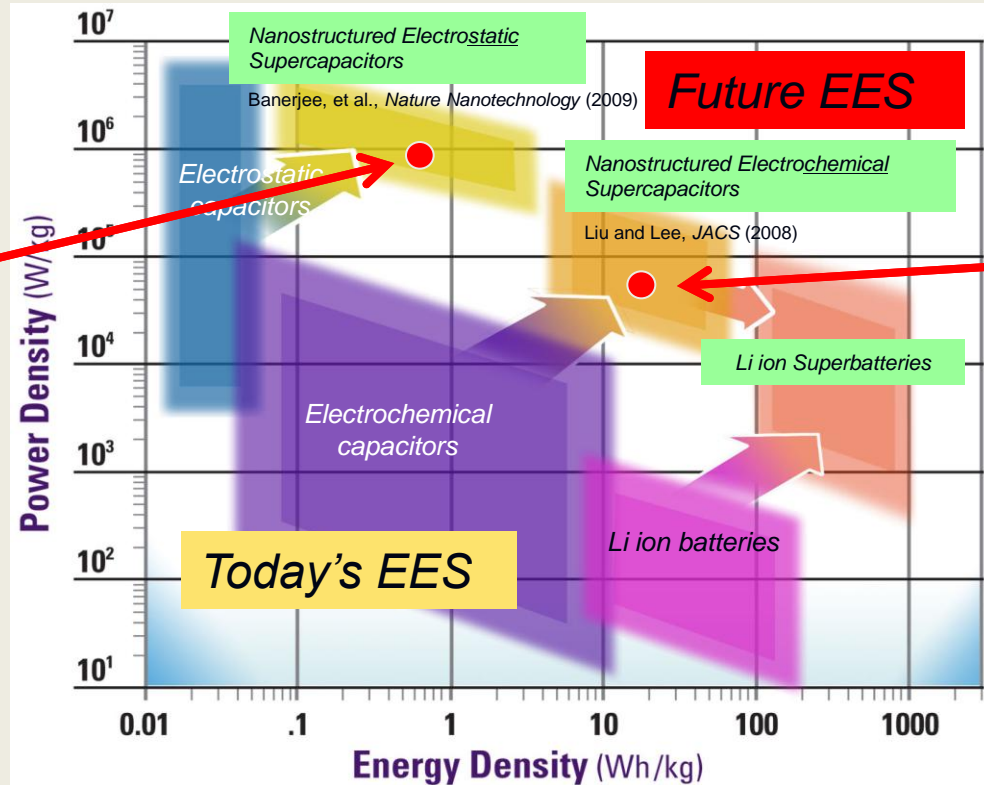
Testing results showing a 3-fold increase in capacity for hierarchical electrodes compared to nanostructures



# NANOTECHNOLOGY FOR NEXT-GENERATION ELECTRICAL ENERGY STORAGE



AAO-ALD embedded metal-insulator-metal device



Free-standing  $MnO_2/PEDOT$  coaxial nanowires

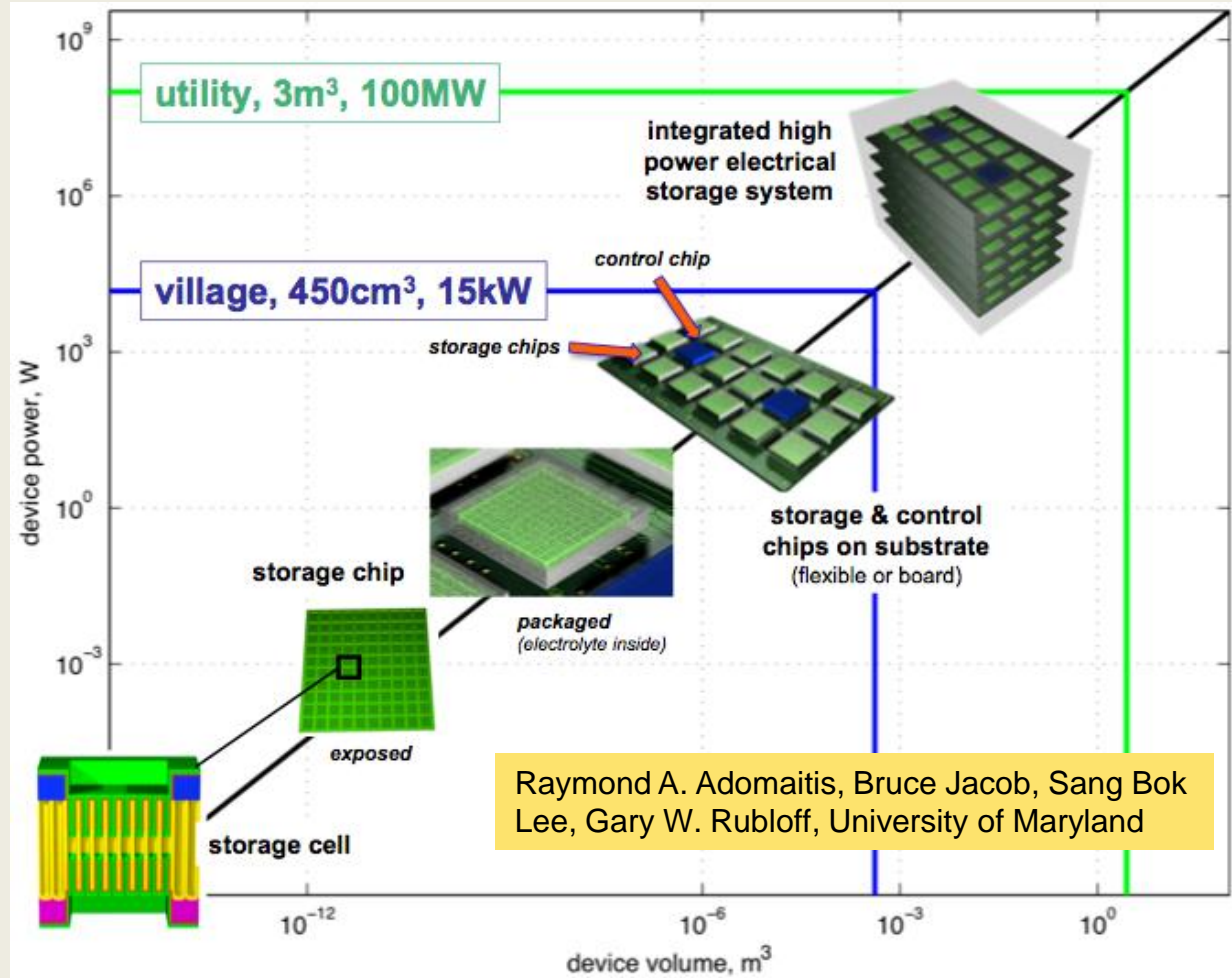
- Massively parallel nanoengineered devices formed within nanopores
- Much higher power and higher energy density





# HIGH POWER NANODEVICES AND SYSTEMS FOR POWER LEVELING

- High power storage technologies based on **massive arrays of electrochemical nanoscale supercapacitors**
- Design, integration, fabrication, and process/device optimization guided by physics-based **multiscale simulation** methods
- **System architecture** where embedded controllers are integrated with energy storage elements to enable concurrent charging and discharging of multiple storage nodes, load balancing, and lossless construction of AC signals





# INTEGRATED N/MEMS AND IC DESIGN FLOW— CURRENT LIMITATIONS

## N/MEMS design currently:

- Not well organized
- Typically requires teams of expert specialists—mostly confined to IDMs that have their own fabs
- Traditionally separated from IC design and verification
- Little connection between the design of a N/MEMS device and the electronic circuitry it interacts with
- Handoff between N/MEMS and IC designers is *ad hoc*, manual and error-prone
- Absence of cell library of basic building blocks
- Not well suited to address cost and time-to-market demands



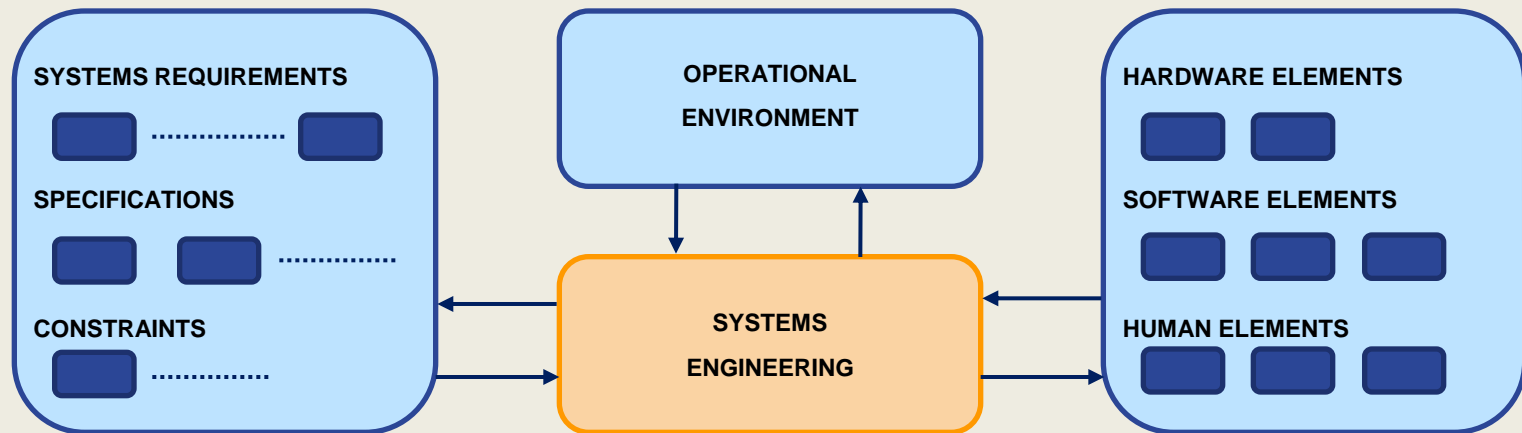
# INTEGRATED N/MEMS AND IC DESIGN FLOW— CURRENT LIMITATIONS

## Need for a “structured” automated design flow, that links N/MEMS 3D design with custom IC design

- Modeling approach defined up front repeatable, rather than made up on the fly to suit each new design
- Process variables, material properties, and geometric properties (lengths, widths, thicknesses) should be parametric to provide maximum design flexibility
- A well-characterized library of reusable N/MEMS building blocks (can be assembled into arbitrarily complex designs)
- Each block should have a 3D view (structure) and a behavioral model supporting all types of simulations
- Extraction and design-rule checking for N/MEMS devices



# SYSTEMS ENGINEERING GOALS

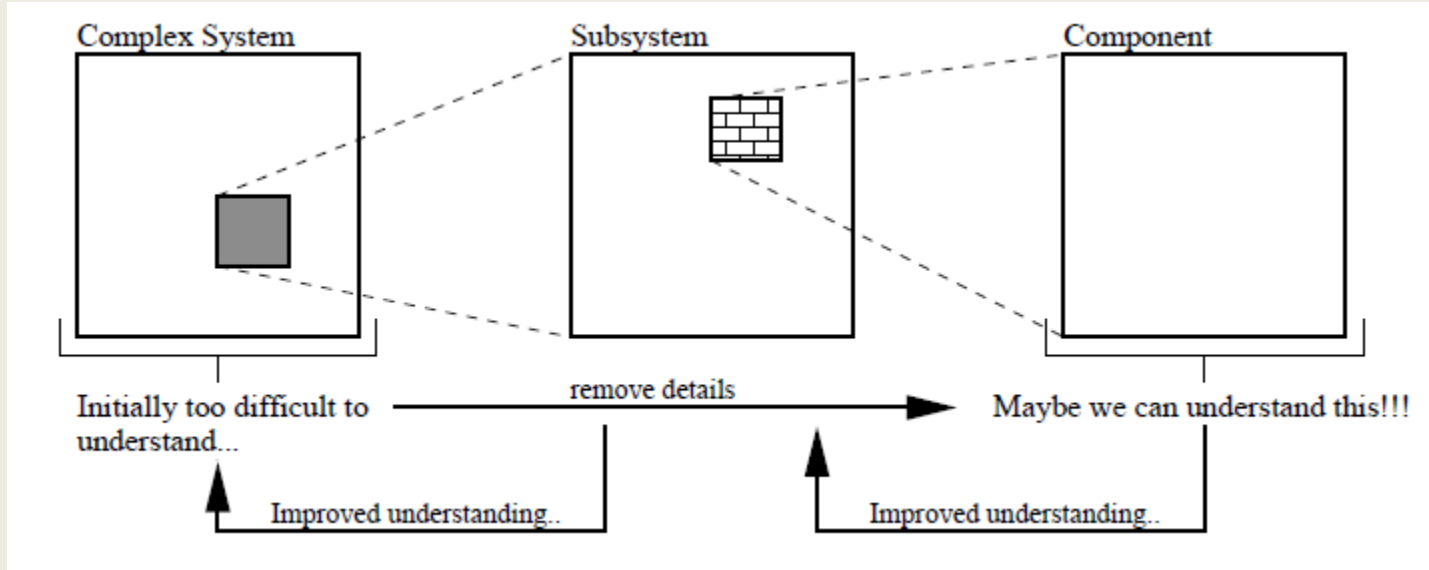


## Systems Engineering Drivers

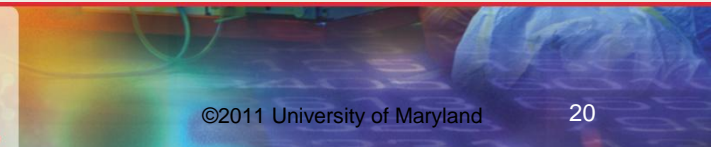
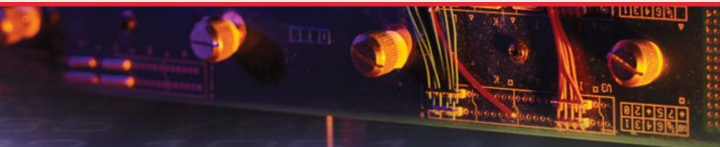
1. Total integration of system building blocks with a surrounding environment
2. A methodology for systems development that focuses on *objectives, measurements, and accomplishments*
3. A systematic means of acquiring information and determining tradeoffs in cost, performance, and quality



# SYSTEMS HIERARCHY



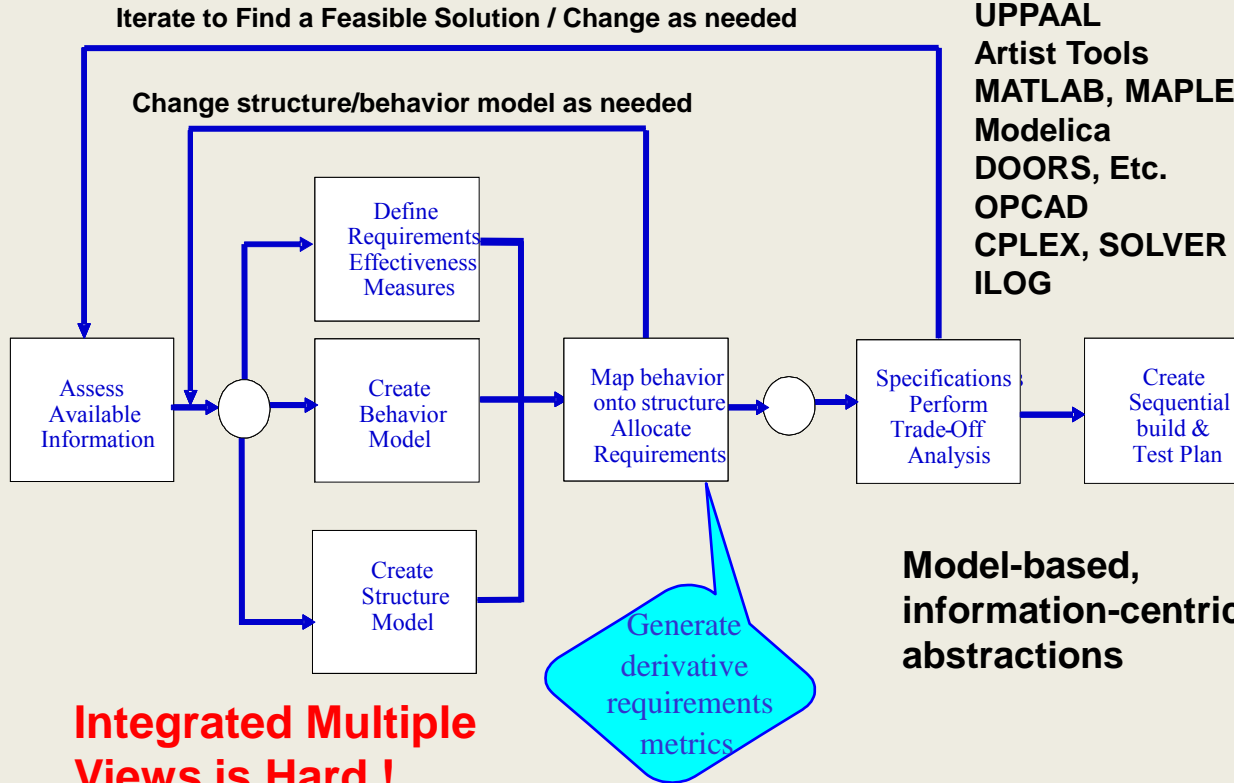
- It is difficult to envision a final product/device during the initial stages of development
- By decomposing a project in a systematic way, we can logically progress towards a final device
- Designing from a system perspective increases overall understanding of the system and can help avert design faults





# MODEL-BASED SYSTEMS ENGINEERING PROCESS

## Integrated System Synthesis - Tools & Environments missing



## CORE MBSE TOPICS

- Object Oriented modeling and beyond
- Automata, languages, design rules
- Trade-off analysis and multi-objective optimization
- Testing, validation, behaviors
- Logic programming and optimization
- Performance over time, hybrid systems
- Simulation and performance analysis

Why it is harder for MEMS and NANOS?

Non-traditional “Design Variables” : Multiple Physics, Materials and Geometry



# SYNTHESIS AND SYSTEM-LEVEL DESIGN OF MEMS/NANO SYSTEMS

## Systems Engineering Drivers

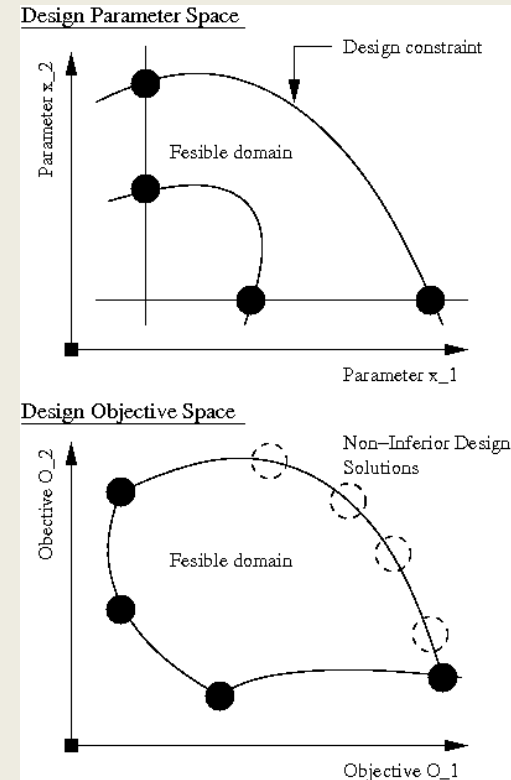
Challenges include:

- Nonlinear multi-physics behavior.
- Geometry details matter.
- Design problems are highly multi-dimensional involving many potentially good material types.
- Design parameters are mixtures of logical (choice) and numerical values.
- Many nonlinear / physical constraints.
- Multiple design criteria: cost, time-to-market, reliability, agility.

## Systems Engineering Solutions

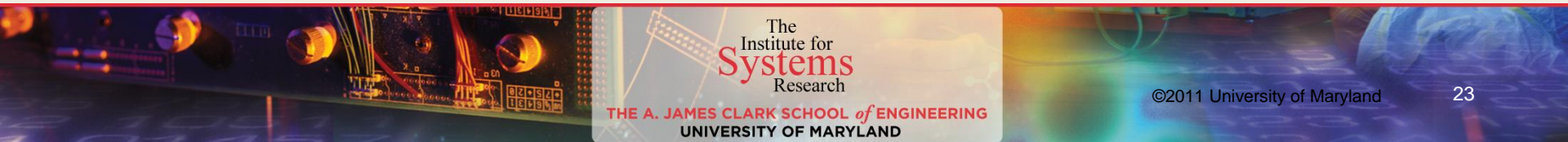
Formal methodologies and tools for:

- Synthesis and system-level design of MEMS/NANO systems.
- Efficient exploration of design spaces.
- Multi-objective tradeoff analysis.



# THANKS!

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