Bio-Inspired Design 2010-2011

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- Bioconstruction Biomaintenance & Repair
- Maintenance and Repair
 - Machine
 - Biological System
 - Different Strategies
 - Self-Repair Depending on the Degree of Damage
 - Although We are Already Pretty Much Cyborgs?
- Can We Learn from Biological Systems?



What is Maintenance?

• Faults Happen

- Wear
- Fracture
- Chemical Reactions
- Foreign Objects

• Monitor and Identify Faults

- Symptoms
- Diagnose
- Repair
 - Exchange Broken Components
 - Physical Operations
 - Adjustment, Welding, Polishing, Cleaning, Removing Foreign Objects, etc.

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Strategies of Maintenance

- First, Try to Achieve Higher Reliability by Design
 - So Than Nothing Happens
 - High Reliability Design
 - Quality Assurance
- However, There is No Machine that Doesn't Break or Deteriorate
 - If They Never Break nor Deteriorates, We Cannot Even Throw Them Away!
- We Must Accept Faults, Deterioration, Breaks
 - Prevent Them as Much/Early as Possible (Prepare Yourself)
 - Monitor, Inspect, Exchange Components, Repair
 - Monitor, Inspect, ...
 - Throw Them Away Before They Break
 - Maintenance-Free
 - Even if It Happens, They Do Not Result in Catastrophe
 - Robustness, Fault-Tolerant Design, Non-Stop
 - Fail-Safe Design

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Strategies of Maintenance and Repair in Biological Systems

- Regeneration
 - Skin, Hair, Nail, Bone, Liver
- Role Change/Take Over
 - Duodenum
- Redundant System
 - Component Redundancy
 - Kidney, Lung, Hands, Legs, Eyes
 - Extremely Redundant (No Repair)
 - Brain Cells?
 - 1,000,000,000,000 Cells, 100,000 Deaths/Day
 - Schizophrenia, Amnesia
- No Redundancy
 - Heart

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Skin Recovery from Damage

Cut at Epidermis

- May Not Even Bleed
- Regeneration at Dermis to Form Epidermis

Cut at Dermis

- Bleeding
- Blood Platelets Stop Bleeding, a Scab is Formed
- Cleaning Up by Macrophages and White Blood Cells
- Regeneration at Dermis to Bridge the Gap and then Epidermis (Maybe Stitches Necessary)



Planaria

- Platyhelminth, Flatworm
 - Regeneration Capability





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Bone Fracture



Radiograph of fracture at reduction

Radiograph of fracture at 12 weeks

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Duodenum





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Kidney, Lung



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Highly Reliable Machines

Traditional High Reliability Design

- High Reliabilities of Individual Components
 - Expensive and Difficult to Achieve Above a Certain Level
- Avoid
 - Wear, Impurity, Chemical Reactions
 - Fracture
- Strategies
 - Good Selection of Materials
 - Good Protection
 - Good Stress Considerations
 - Good Production
 - Test, Test, Test
- There is a Limit!
 - Cost
 - Physical Availability of the Material

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Are Biological Systems Designed for High Reliability?

- Don't Seem So
 - Natural End of Life
 - Built-In Self Healing Mechanisms
 - Extremely High Redundancy

• Biological Systems are Not Reliable?

- Allows Malfunctioning Subsystems
 - "Fault Tolerant"

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Redundant Design

Redundant Design

- Part Redundancy
- Function Redundancy
- Network Type Redundancy

• Redundancy is the Key for

- Fault Tolerance
- Robustness
- High Productivity (Through Put)



Part Redundancy

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- Twin Engine Jets/Four Engine Jets
- Parallel System

$$-\begin{bmatrix} R_1 \\ R_2 \end{bmatrix} = R = 1 - (1 - R_1)(1 - R_2)$$

• Serial System

$$-R_1 - R_2 - R = R_1 R_2$$

Drawbacks of Part Redundancy

- Expensive
- Heavy
- Component Reliability Need to be Reasonably High
- Faults of Integrator, Distributor
- Distributed Opinions Cannot be Guaranteed Correct



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Part Redundancy of Biological Systems

- Are They Really Redundant Systems?
 - Kidney, Lung
 - Legs, Arms, Fingers
 - Eyes, Ears

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Function Redundancy

 Starting Motor of a Car with Manual Transmission



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Network Type Redundancy

NS Network



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Not How to Live but How to Die

• The Best Machine Performance

- Functions Very Well without Any Maintenance
- Starts to Show Gradual Deterioration (i.e., Warning), but Still Functions Perfectly
- When it Stops Functioning, All the Components Should Have Reached their Physical End of Life
- Technically
 - Monitoring, Warning, Diagnosing
 - (Self-)Maintenance
 - Equal MTBF

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Self-Maintenance Robot

- Accident Maintenance Robot
- Maintenance Robot for Nuclear Reactors
- Wheels to Crime Up Stairs
- 9 DoF Manipulator





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Model-Based Self-Maintenance





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Parameter Model



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実験システムの構成



修復ソフトウェアの実行画面



実験システムの修復アルゴリズム



実験機による故障修復結果

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Control-Type Self-Maintenance Photocopier: A Commercial Version



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Example of Function Redundancy: A Car with Manual Transmission



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Function-Redundancy

- Use Other Components that Exhibit Similar (or Identical) Functions to Compensate the Lost Function
 - Starting Motor of an Automobile
 - Function-Redundant Type Self-Maintenance Machine
 - Maintaining Functions by Reconfiguring its Behavior
 - Reconfiguration of Control Software for Mechatronics Products
- FBS (Function-Behavior-State) Modeler is Used to Discover Such Components
 - State
 - Relationships among Structure, Components, and Attributes
 - Behavior
 - Temporal Transitions of States
 - Function
 - Subject Judgment of the User from Observations of the Behavior
 - To Do Something

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FBS Modeling



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Function-Redundancy Design on the FBS Modeler



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Function-Redundant Self-Maintenance



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Reconfigurable Artifacts

- Reversible Reconfiguration
 - As Opposed to Irreversible Reconfiguration
- Modular Machines
 - Physical Reconfiguration to Maintain its Value
 - Growth-Sustaining and Highly Reusable
 - Adjusting to Environmental Changes and Purposes
 - Catching Up with Technological Advances
 Social Capitalized Car
 - Never Out-of-Fashion
 - Upgradeable/Downgradeable



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Modular Growth-Sustaining Car

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Cellular Machines



Self-Repair of PPE (Polyphenylene-Ether)

- Damages of Polymers
 - Damages to Macromolecular Chains
 - Mechanical Fracture (Instantaneous, Fatigue, Creep)
 - Oxidation
 - Chemical Reaction with Other Substances
 - "Poisons" that Damages the Material
 - Deterioration Due to Mixture with Other Materials

Repair of Damaged Polymers

- Metal Like Approach
 - "Cracking" Back to "Oil"
- Self-Repair Approach
 - Even if Diffusion Speed is So Small, the Time Span is Long Enough
 - Doesn't Have to be a Quick Reaction

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Reconnecting Broken Bridges is a Metabolic Process

- Repair Means = Cu
- Energy = O_2
- Waste = H_2O
- Initiator (First-Aid) = H_2



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Self-Maintenance of Artificial Materials

- Not Only for Higher Reliability and Robustness, but Also for Recycling
- Requirements
 - Identifying Faults
 - How Do Biological Systems Find Faults, Identify the Place, etc.?
 - Supplying Energy to Repair Continuously
 - Processing Waste (By-Products)
 - Repair Leading to the Same Material or Different Material
 - Recovery the Original Functionalities



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Self-Healing Materials

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Self Healing Materials





Conclusions

- Maintenance Strategies of Biological Systems are Very Different
 - Repair with External Means (Medicine?)
 - Self-Healing
- Design Philosophies are Different
 - Extreme Redundancies
 - Role-Take Over
 - Function Redundancy
- Can We Learn Something from the Nature?
 - We Just Started to Understand the Differences

