The College of Engineering Office of the VP for Research Colloquium



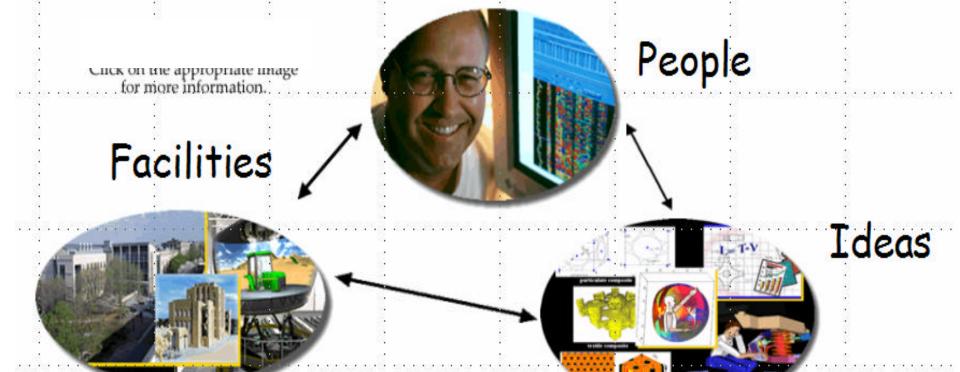
One must still have chaos in oneself to be able to give birth to a dancing star - Nietzsche

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- Overview of CoE research activities & capabilities
- Vision, challenges and plans
- Meet some of our key researchers
- Tour of the SC

engineering @iowa Research Excellence Connected to Learning, Innovation, and Service to Society

High quality research and graduate education are central to the mission of the College of Engineering at The University of Iova. The College is proud of its production of a substantial volume of externally funded research and of its role in preparing engineering leaders who are equipped with master's and doctoral degrees. National publications have consistently ranked the quality of graduate education in the College among the top 25% institutions nationally. The College seeks to focus its efforts and resources in those areas of unique strength where true distinction is attainable. These research areas are based on substantial faculty strengths in the College and are well positioned for addressing emerging national needs. In addition, the College is committed to using our research products for the benefit of the state and nation through aggressive technology transfer programs, active involvement in economic development programs, and publication in the open literature.



First Class Faculty

- # of NAE and fellows
- 13 named faculty
- # of NSF PECASE and CAREER awards
- Faculty providing interdisciplinary leadership
- Editorships
- Over 160 new awards (>2 new awards per faculty) totaling >\$26M
- Expenditures of >\$27M, triple value in last decade, \$330K/faculty



Graduate Fellowships

- <u>Nine</u> UI Students Engineering Students Won NSF Graduate Fellowships
- Active in NIH and USDA Trainingship programs through CBCB
-other info ...

Undergraduate Research

Include also enterprenuerial efforts

First Class Facilities















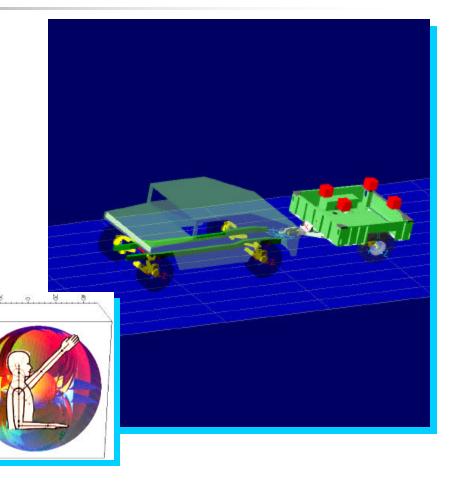


Selected Areas of Research Excellence

- Computer-aided design and simulationHuman factors
- Environmental health and sustainability solutions
- Biotechnology
- Medical informatics and imaging
- Hydraulics and water/air resources
 Photo polymorization
- Photo-polymerization

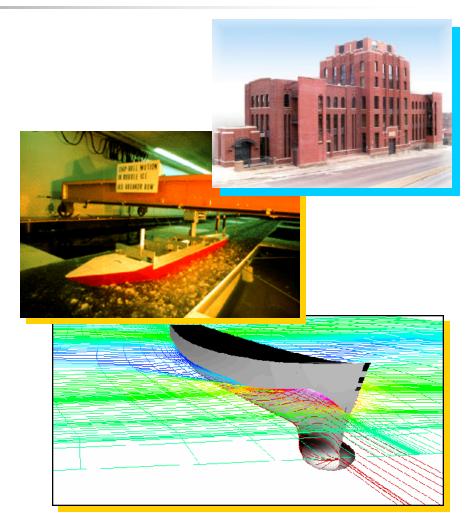
Center for Computer Aided Design

- Human-system interactions
- Design sensitivity analysis and optimization
- Digital human simulation
- Robotics and kinematics
- Computational solid mechanics



IIHR--Hydroscience & Engineering

- One of the world's premier fluids research laboratories with focus areas in:
 - Fluid dynamics
 - Environmental hydraulics
 - Water and air resources
- Major Hydraulic Laboratory renovation recently completed
- New Lucille A. Carver Mississippi Riverside Environmental Research Station—Fairport, Iowa



IIHR--Hydroscience & Engineering

Lucille A. Carver Mississippi Riverside Environmental Research Station

- Study of the river's response to all natural and man-made influences
- Only one of its kind, operated by a university
- Multi-disciplinary research and educational opportunities



CoE Provides Interdisciplinary Research Expertise & Leadership

- Biotechnology Byproducts Consortium
- Center for Biocatalysis and Bioprocessing
- Center for Global and Regional Environmental Research
- Center for Health Effects of Environmental Contamination
- NIEHS Environmental Health Sciences Research Center
- Institute for Rural and Environmental Health
- Iowa Injury Prevention Research Center
- National Advanced Driving Simulator
- Optical Science and Technology Center
- Public Policy Center
- Orthopaedic Biomechanics Laboratory
- Center for Environmentally Beneficial Catalysis

- 14% of faculty hold secondary and tertiary appointments in other Engineering departments and UI colleges, including Liberal Arts and Sciences, Medicine, Nursing, Public Health, and Urban and Regional Planning
- 50% of engineering faculty have affiliations with major University research centers and institutes



Human Factors & Simulation @iowa



Cognitive Systems Laboratory

John D. Lee, director

Examines how people adapt to technological innovation. To extend human capabilities, the lab develops innovative design concepts, broadens the understanding of human performance, and builds computational models. By understanding how technology can mediate attention to the system being controlled, the lab hopes to create display and control systems that enable people to work effectively with technological innovations.



Dentistry Simulation Clinic Yvonne Chalkley, director

Helps first- and second-year students make a smoother transition from the preclinical to clinical setting. It allows seniors to refine their skills for clinical board/licensure exams and it provides a more realistic environment for practitioners taking continuing education courses. Eighty operatories are clustered in modules that can accommodate right- and left-handed students. Each operatory has a mannequin with a realistic tooth model and jaws that function very much like a human's.

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Digital Humans Laboratory Karim Abdel-Malek, director

Performs basic and applied research dealing with digital humans, modeling, simulation, animation, design, ergonomics, and optimization. The work and fundamental expertise in the lab are a result of 10 years of research in the robotics field. The vision of the lab is to advance the state of the art in digital human technology; to enable digital humans to perform and test scenarios without endangering human subjects; to perform design and evaluation during the conceptual design process thus saving significant cost and shortening lead times.



Hank Driving Simulator James Cremer, co-leader Joseph Kearney, co-leader

Designed to run on a wide-range of platforms, from modest workstations to high-end multi-processor computers with state-of-the-art image generators. Special emphasis is placed on the development of technology supporting applications that use interactive simulation to study human driving behavior. Hank contains a powerful and flexible mechanism for programming scenarios and the behaviors of vehicles, pedestrians, and other entities through Hierarchical Concurrent State Machines (HCSM).



National Advanced Driving Simulator

L.D. Chen, director

World's most sophisticated simulator for conducting research to achieve fundamental improvements in highway safety and transportation efficiency, and to enhance equipment product development effectiveness without the need to construct expensive prototypes. Experts collaborate on vehicle dynamics and simulation, simulator technology and virtual reality environment, and human factors.



Operator Performance Laboratory Thomas Schnell, director

Conducts research in a number of areas of surface and air transportation. Aviation research includes synthetic vision, flight simulation, pilot eye movements, pilot and crew performance and workload, situational awareness and display optimization research.



Patient Simulator

Frank Scamman, MD, interim program director

An anatomically accurate, adult size mannequin similar in appearance to the Resusci-Annie mannequins used to teach in support of patient care and treatment. The simulator will respond to medications and procedures performed at critical moments just as a human would, and it is the responsibility of the attendant to monitor the "patient's" condition and administer the appropriate treatments.



Simulator for Interdisciplinary Research in Ergonomics and Neuroscience (SIREN) Matthew Rizzo. director

An immersive real-time virtual environment for assessing at-risk drivers in a medical setting. Subjects drive on a simulated rural 2-lane highway with interactive traffic, resembling a drive on the roads surrounding Iowa. SIREN studies driving performance safety errors of motorists with medical disorders that can impair cognitive abilities that are crucial to the driving task.

The Ever-Changing Face of Engineering **Research:** Multiscale (from nano to terra), ncreasing Complexity, Holistic Views, Sensing the **World, Critical Infrastructure, Environmentally** Beneficial Engineering, Health-Centric

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Vision for the Future "Think beyond..."

Faculty of national distinction

Attracting and developing "star" faculty

Students of national distinction

 Recruiting top undergraduate and graduate students

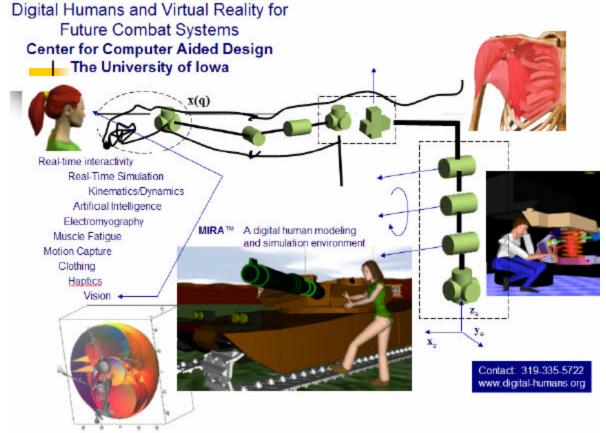
Programs of national distinction

- Technological Entrepreneurship Certificate
- Program for Enhanced Design Experience
- Center for Technical Communication
- Internationalizing the curriculum
- Enhancing Undergraduate research opportunities
- Growth in research excellence



New Initiative: Digital Humans and Virtual Reality for Future Combat Systems





New Initiative in Reliability – Opportunity associated with the newly established SAE G-11 Probabilistic Methods Committee / Mission of "Ground Vehicle Subcommittee"



Lethality, Survivability, Mobility and Sustainment for America's Army

Tank-automotive & Armaments Command

Improving the Reliability, Maintainability, and Sustainability (RMS) of Army Systems through the Use of Probabilistic Methods

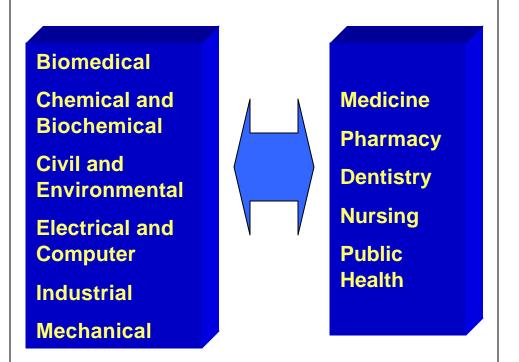
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> > Committed to Excellence

Priority: Building Even Closer Ties with Health Sciences

Uniquely Iowa

All six disciplines
 have close teaching
 and research ties with
 all five Health
 Sciences colleges on
 one campus



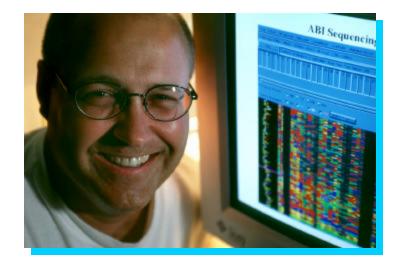
Center for Bioinformatics and Computational Biology

 High performance computational and informational resource, with interdisciplinary research in:

- Basic life sciences
- Applied medicine

Administered by Engineering and Medicine

- Researchers from Engineering, Medicine, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Public Health, Business, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Nursing and Graduate Colleges
- Helps medical researchers study autism, hypertension, cystic fibrosis, cancer, and vision-related diseases
- New NIH Cancer Computing Research Node
- Joint faculty recruitment activities

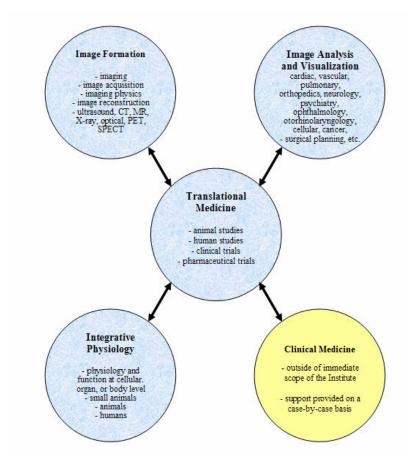


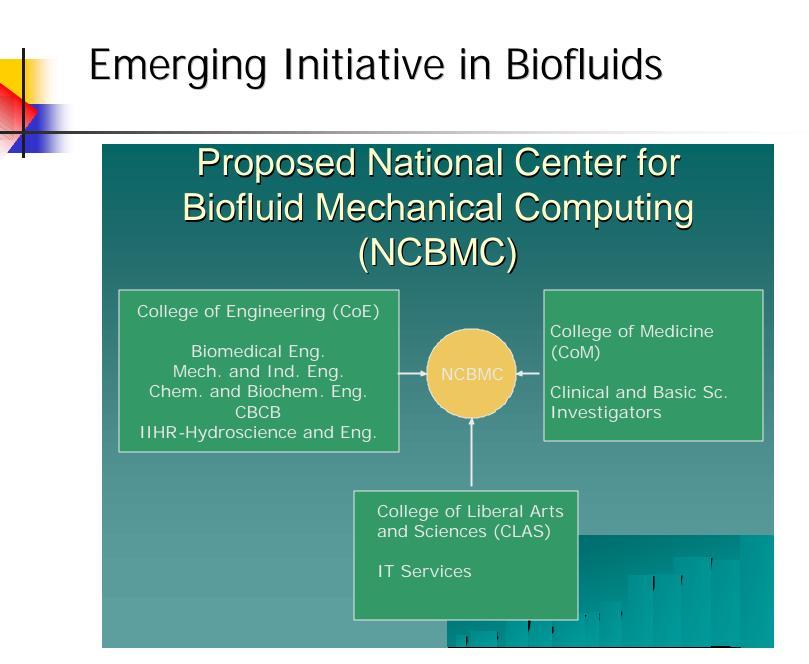


Center for Bioinformatics and Computational Biology The University of Iowa

Initiative on Enhancing Interdisciplinary Biomedical Imaging and Image Analysis Research

- Build a 4-lane highway between Medicine and Engineering
- Increase national and worldwide visibility of the University, CoM, and CoE as the primary center of medical imaging
- Built a basis for entrepreneurial ventures in medical imaging with economic advantage to the State of lowa
- Support research transition into daily clinical applications
- Attract highest-quality faculty, graduate students, and post-docs
- Capitalize on the opportunities presented by the newly established National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering of the NIH





Nanotechnology – An Emerging Initiative



Priority: Further Fostering Industrial Interactions & Economic Development

- Faculty # of patents
- Significant number of business grants (~25% of CoE research expenditures from businesses)
- Web summary.. Fred..
- NSF University/Industry Cooperative Research Centers
 - Photo-polymerization
 - Center for Virtual Proving Ground Simulation

Program for Enhanced Design Experience

Exposing students in a team-based setting to solve real-world industrial problems

 Deere-Dubuque
 Alcoa
 General Electric
 HON Industries
 Maytag
 Monsanto
 Pella
 Rockwell Collins



Iowa Values Vision

- We need a broader vision of value fund
- Value added of course!
- But build upon "value based"
- Sustainable
- Healthy (human and environmental perspectives) and just

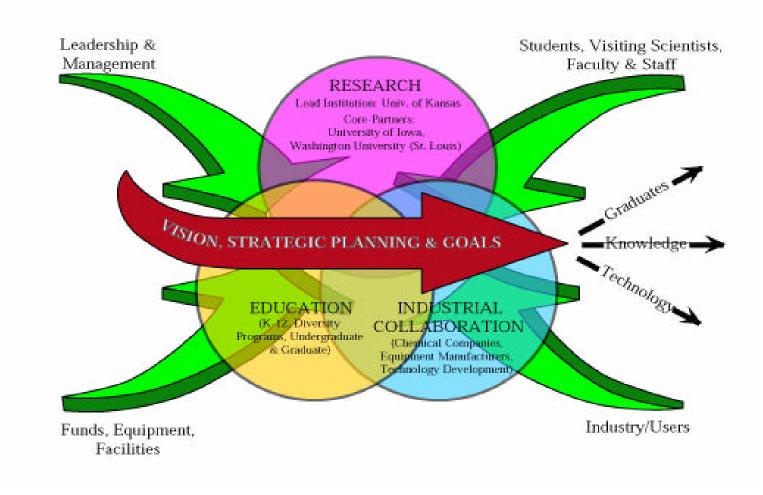
CoE Vision



Innovative engineering to address issues such as water, environment, transportation, sustainable use of resources, development and management of infrastructure, efficient, competetive manufacturing....



Center for Environmentally Beneficial Catalysis





CoE Idea Incubator

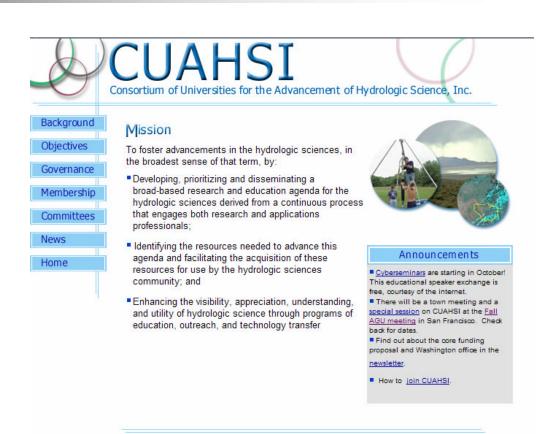
Goal: to facilitate focused, strategic, and forward-looking discussions of future research directions and opportunities.

The possibilities are left up to your imagination!

Long Term Aspiration: Create an Advanced Studies Institute

Emerging Opportunity: Consortium of Universities for Advancement of Hydrologic Science, Inc. – NSF Supported

- Leadership Witold F.
 Krajewski CEE/IIHR
- Chance to bring a national facility to UI
- Design of Blueprint Observational Network for a Hydrologic Observatory <u>funded</u>
- Physical facility needed
 discussions begun



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Challenges

- Space
- Resources (start-up funds, ...)
- Rewards
- Alligning and enhancing our graduate programs to reflect interdisciplinary nature of our research

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