



# 15.795 Technology Roadmapping

(A Sloan Research Seminar)

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This *seminar* will explore the purposes and development of Technology Roadmaps for *systematically mapping out possible development paths for various technological domains and the industries* that build on them. Data of importance for such roadmaps include rates of innovation, key bottlenecks, physical limitations, improvement trendlines, corporate intent, and *value chain and industry evolutionary paths*. The course will build on ongoing work on the MIT Communications Technology Roadmap project, but will explore other domains selected from Nanotechnology, Bio-informatics, Geno/Proteino/Celleomics, Neurotechnology, Imaging & Diagnostics, etc. Thesis and Special Project opportunities will be offered.

# TRM Class Goals

- Collaborative efforts among 1-3 students, MIT researchers, & Industry Sponsors
- Across MIT research areas
- Cross Industry Benchmarking
- Partnered with Industrial Sponsors
- Covering Technology AND Business Dynamics
- Attract students passionate about technology sector, however broadly or narrowly defined
- Committed to producing coherent & complete Tech Roadmap (Draft 1.0) during Fall Semester

# High TRM Student Expectations

- Serious commitment of time & interest
- Literature review & substantial interviews
- Attend talks & seminar series in that tech sector, that's part of the course
  - E.g. <http://web.mit.edu/mphotonics/www/sem-series.shtml>
- Data gathering & presentation smithing
- Crafting a draft PPT & DOC by semesters end

# Engaging Masters Students in MIT Sloan Research Agendae

- Business school disconnect
- Unfortunate and sub-optimal
- We're prototyping a new path
- Help show that it works!

**Stone Soup analogy**

**no free riders**

***Clockspeed* as touchstone**

**value chain dynamics**

**Roadmap as a verb:**

**to do collaborative planning**

# Seriously

- If you're not really serious, free up a slot
- We want this to be a top priority
- The seminar ought to BOTH advance your professional interests AND appeal to our shared roadmapping vision

# Seminars & Conferences

- Part of your 9 units is required attendance of relevant technology seminars throughout MIT.
- Find them through <http://web.mit.edu> Google & so forth. Plus Word-of-Mouth.
- Ask us for suggestions, etc.
- <http://web.mit.edu/mphotonics/www/semin-series.shtml>

# Grading

- 20% based on class participation & attendance,
- 15% on progress report presentations & documentation,
- 45% on the quality & content of the final TRM presentation & documentation,
- 5% for adding novel reference material to our library of links and TRM documentation, and
- 15% discretionary for demonstrably helping classmates improve their roadmapping abilities, sharing lessons-learned, and generally going “above & beyond.”

# TRM Syllabus

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4	27-Sep	OPEN	TBD		--
5	4-Oct	Neuro/Medical imaging	Rosen, Sorenson	confirmed	--
6	11-Oct	Sloan 50 <sup>th</sup> Panel	Brown, Brooks, Lundquist, et al	Confirmed	--
7	18-Oct	CO2 Sequestration / Environmental	Jacoby, Herzog, McFarland	Invited	--
8	25-Oct	MEMS Devices & Economics of Manufacturing	Schmidt	Confirmed	Updates
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10	8-Nov	Conference	TBD	In Process	Participating in Telecom TRM Conference
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12	22-Nov	Biological Engineering	Lauffenberger	confirmed	--
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# TRM Team Formation Process

- Active promotion & recruitment by us
- Ask all students to specify top 3-5 technology sectors of great(est) interest in rank order plus a relevant mini-bio in Week 1
- Some kind of informal luncheon in Week 2
- MiniMap proto-project in the Week 3 to help ID student collaborators; also gives us fast feedback

# Teams

- You choose to team up
- We will do our best to introduce, prompt, connect, and so forth
- This is management school; solve your own team problems

# MiniMap Project

- Pick an emerging technology theme
- Do a quick'n'dirty search for key historical data and research viz that topic
- 5-10 PPT slide presentation Due in Week 3

# Semester Finale

- One to Two full-days foci, at end of semester?
- All teams present
- Draft compendium assembling the most compelling Tech Roadmaps

# Potential TRM Academia Speakers

(and Labs to Engage)

- Bob Brown & Alice Gast, MIT's Research Directors
- Ned Thomas, Soldier Nanotech
  - <http://web.mit.edu/newsoffice/nr/2002/isnqa.html>
- Marty Schmidt, MTL / MEMS
  - <http://www-mtl.mit.edu/mtlhome/>
- Bruce Rosen, Martinos / NeuroMRI
  - <http://hst.mit.edu/martinos/>
- Eric Lander, Whitehead / Genomics
  - <http://www.wi.mit.edu/news/genome/lander.html>
- Bob Langer, Biomaterials, Drug Delivery
  - <http://web.mit.edu/cheme/langerlab/langer.html>
- Victor Zue & Rod Brooks, LCS/AI Labs, Project Oxygen
  - <http://www.lcs.mit.edu/> & <http://www.ai.mit.edu/> & <http://oxygen.lcs.mit.edu/>
- Doug Lauffenberger, Biological Engineering
  - <http://web.mit.edu/be/>
- E. Sachs, 3D Printing
  - <http://web.mit.edu/tdp/www/>
- Neil Gershenfeld, Media Lab / Ctr Bits & Atoms
  - <http://cba.mit.edu/>
- Tom Knight, AI Lab / Computation & Biology
  - <http://www.ai.mit.edu/people/tk/tk.html>

Other Labs? <http://web.mit.edu/research.html> &  
<http://web.media.mit.edu/~davet/notes/emerging-tech-mit.html>

# Sample Reading: Semiconductor Roadmap

- <http://public.itrs.net/Files/2001ITRS/ExecSum.pdf>

# Adding Links

- Send us ANYTHING that might be of common interest and mutual benefit
- Helping educate one another is basic responsibility