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An internationally recognized expert on embedded and autonomous software, Dean Sastry has an exceptional background in technology research, spearheading projects to improve the nation's cyber security and network infrastructure. He has held leadership positions in the federal government and on the Berkeley campus, most recently as director of the Center for Information Technology Research in the Interest of Society (CITRIS). His research interests include robotics, nonholonomic systems, dynamics and control systems, interactive visualization, minimally-invasive surgery, telesurgery, and rapid prototyping.

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