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Good Afternoon, Colleagues

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One way that TCA departs from Rodney Brooks' design principles is that TCA employs a central control module. TCA's central component routes messages to the various connected modules and maintains control information. Brooks' designs, on the other hand, connected perception directly to actions, bypassing any form of central control and also any central representation of the world.

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  – True of Brooks' "reactive" agents?

Class Discussion: Adam Setapen

"We hypothesize that much of even human level activity is similarly a reflection of the world through very simple mechanisms without detailed representations."

- An activity!

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