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In recent years, robots and drones have been expected to be used in a variety of situations such as logistics, infrastructure inspection and disaster response. In order to coordinate a large number of robots and drones to perform complex tasks, it is necessary to implement a control method that is "scalable", i.e. has the property of being able to control robots and drones appropriately regardless of their number. How can we stably control a large number of robot swarms using the simplest possible mechanism? In this seminar, examples of scalable control will be presented, such as swarm control inspired by swarm behaviour in nature and ensemble control for nanorobot guidance, which is attracting attention as a new medical technology.