Real-Time Wireless Communications Infrastructures for Cyber-Physical Systems
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Abstract
Many Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS) involve real-time sensing and actuating, and are mission/life critical. To support such systems, the communications infrastructure should put dependability before throughput, and value guaranteed service over best-effort. Such drastically different design philosophy reveals a different perspective for design and analysis.

For the wireless real-time communications infrastructure, we study how to meet the dependability and service guarantee demands with physical, MAC, and application layer designs. Our comparison study shows by fully exploiting the low data rate feature of real-time communication links, DSSS-CDMA cellular architecture can dramatically improve the robustness of wireless communications links. Alternatively, for multi-radio multi-cell infrastructure capable of TDMA and FDMA scheduling between cells, we find an optimal scheduling algorithm together with a linear time closed-form schedulability test formula, for a class of typical topologies for real-time CPS applications. Finally, we propose an application layer design pattern, which can guarantee Proper-Temporal-Embedding safety rule in case of arbitrary wireless packet losses.

The talk takes 45 minutes and an additional 15 minutes for Q&A.

Biography
Dr. Qixin Wang is an associate professor in the Department of Computing, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University since 2009. He received the BE and ME degrees from the Department of Computer Science and Technology, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, in 1999 and 2001, respectively, and the PhD degree from the Department of Computer Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2008.

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