

Lecture Note #2  
EECS 571  
Cyber-Physical Systems

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(drawn from many sources including lecture notes of  
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# What's CPS?, H. Gill @NSF

- **Cyber** - computation, communication, and control that are discrete, logical, and switched
- **Physical** - natural and human-made systems governed by the laws of physics and operating in continuous time
- **Cyber-Physical Systems** - systems in which the cyber and physical systems are **tightly integrated** at *all scales* and *levels*
  - Change from cyber merely appliquéd on physical
  - Change from physical with COTS "computing as parts" mindset
  - Change from ad hoc to grounded, assured development

"CPS will transform how we interact with the physical world just like the Internet transformed how we interact with one another."

# What's CPS? , cont'd

- Integration of physical systems and processes with networked computing
- Computations and communications are deeply embedded in, and interacting with physical processes to equip physical systems with new capabilities
- Covers a wide range of scale  
(pacemakers to national power grid)

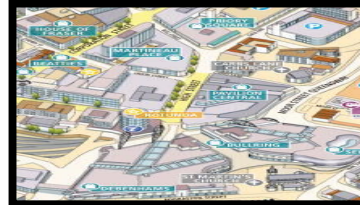
# Computing in Physical Systems



Environmental Networks



Road and Street Networks

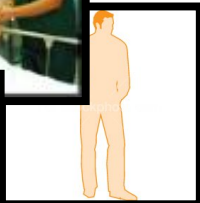


Industrial Networks

Open, Heterogeneous  
Wired & Wireless



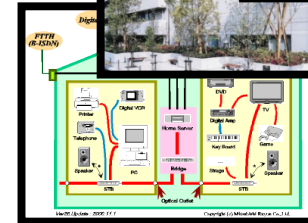
Body Networks



Vehicle Networks



Building Networks



# CPS Characteristics

- CPS are physical and engineered systems whose operations are monitored, coordinated, controlled, and integrated.
- This intimate coupling between the cyber and physical is what differentiates CPS from other fields.

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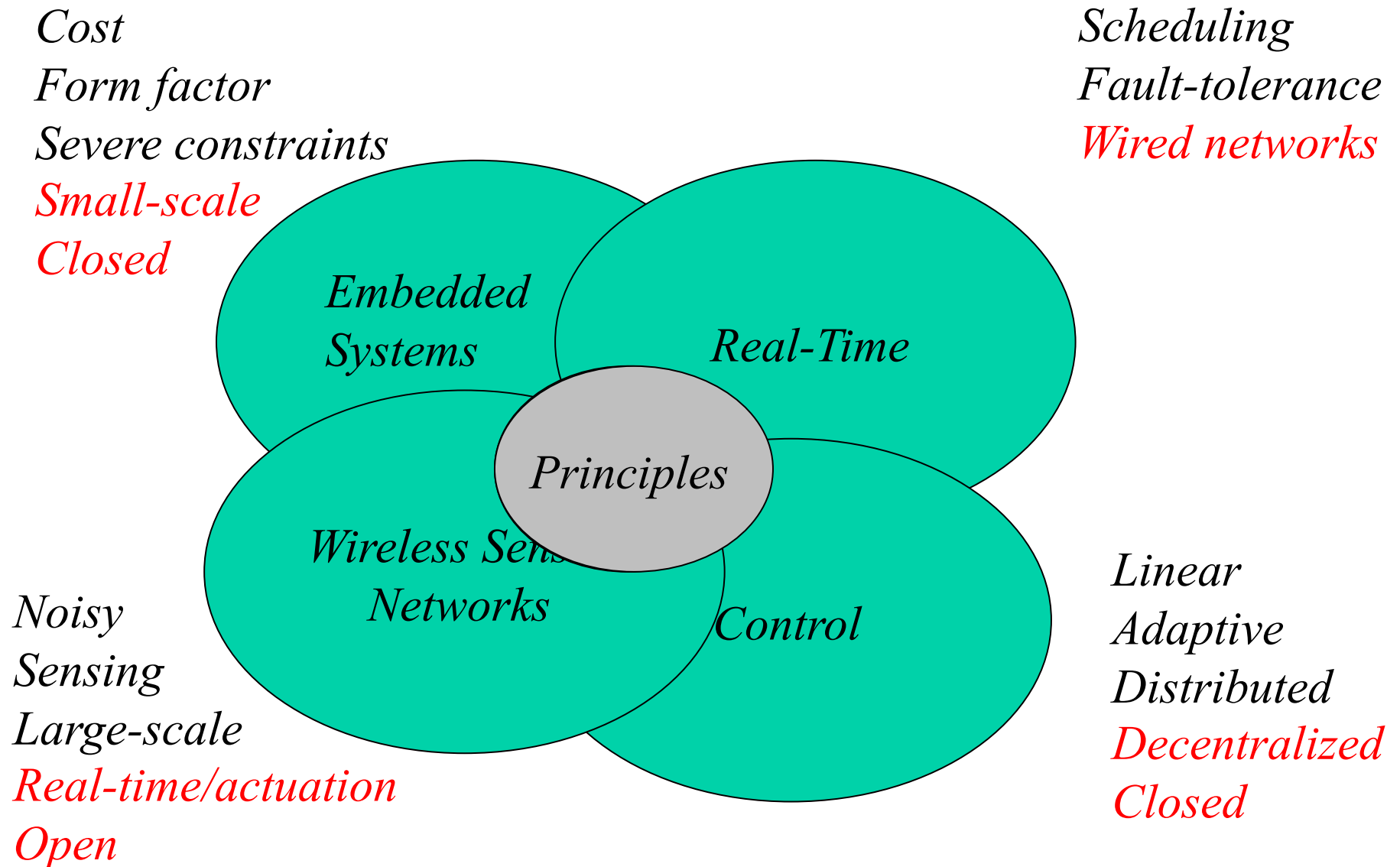
Some hallmark characteristics:

- Cyber capability in every physical component
- Networked at multiple and extreme scales
- Complex at multiple temporal and spatial scales
- Constituent elements are coupled logically and physically
- Dynamically reorganizing/reconfiguring; "open systems"
- High degrees of automation, control loops closed at many scales
- Unconventional computational & physical substrates (such as bio, nano, chem, ...)
- Operation must be dependable, certified in some cases.

# Questions on CPS

- Are CPS simply embedded systems on steroids?
  - Interact with the physical world
  - Constraints on cpu, power, cost, memory, bandwidth, ...
- Is the Internet just a LAN on steroids?
- Confluence of the right technologies at the right time can result in
  - Fundamental paradigm shift
  - Totally new systems
  - Revolutionize business, science, entertainment, ...

# Confluence of Four Areas





# Realistic (Integrated) Solutions

- CPS must tolerate
  - Failures
  - Noise
  - Uncertainty
  - Imprecision
  - Security attacks
  - Lack of perfect synchrony
  - Scale
  - Openness
  - Increasing complexity
  - Heterogeneity
  - Disconnectedness

# Challenges Arise

- Assumptions underlying distributed systems technology has changed dramatically
  - **New abstractions** needed
  - Wired => wireless
  - Unlimited power => limited power
  - User interface (screen/mouse) => sensors/real world interface
  - *Fixed* set of resources => resources are *dynamically* added/deleted
  - Each node is important => *aggregate behavior* is important
  - Location unimportant => location is critical

# New Theories

- Compositional
- Control Theory
- Optimization
- Real-Time
- Integration Issues
- Openness, Mobility, Uncertainty, Concurrency, Noise, Faults, Attacks, Self-Healing, etc.

# CPS - Enabler for Dramatic Innovation

- New global-scale, personal medical service delivery systems
- New paradigms for scientific discovery
- Smart (micro) agriculture
- Towards the end of terrorism
- Smart, networked vehicles
- New generation Internet

# Example: Automotive Telematics

- In 2005, 30-90 processors per car
  - Engine control, break system, airbag deployment system
  - Windshield wiper, door locks, entertainment systems
  - Example: BMW 745i
    - 2,000,000 LOCs
    - Window CE OS
    - Over 60 microprocessors
      - 53 8-bit, 11 32-bit, 7 16-bit
    - Multiple networks
    - Buggy?
- Cars are sensors and actuators in V2V networks
  - Active networked safety alerts
  - Autonomous navigation
  - ...



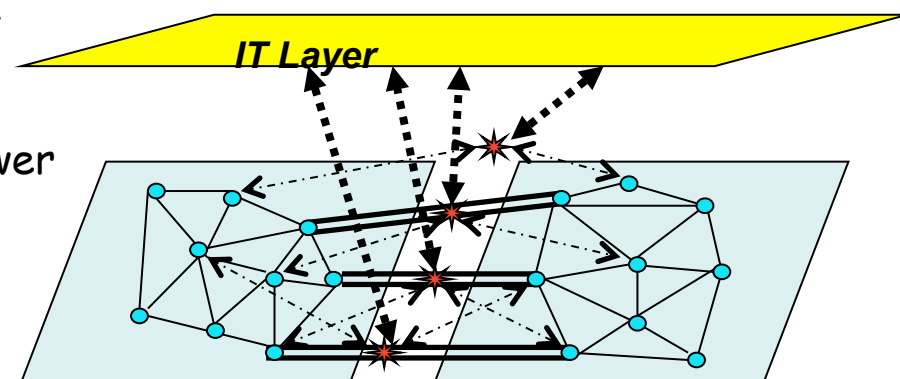
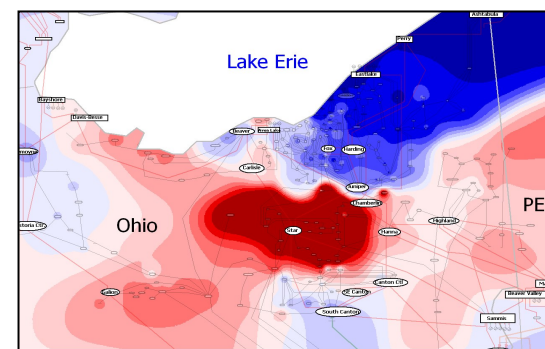
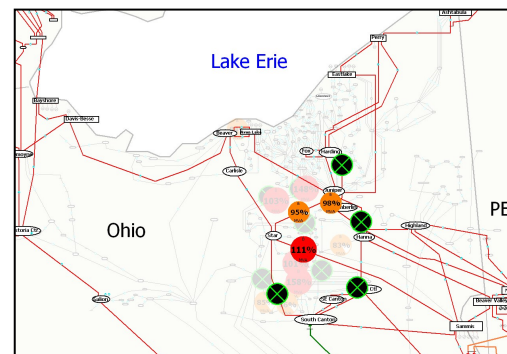
# Example: Health Care and Medicine

- National Health Information Network, Electronic Patient Record initiative
  - Medical records at any point of service
  - Hospital, OR, ICU, ..., EMT?
- Home care: monitoring and control
  - Pulse oximeters (oxygen saturation), blood glucose monitors, infusion pumps (insulin), accelerometers (falling, immobility), wearable networks (gait analysis), ...
- Operating Room of the Future
  - Closed-loop monitoring and control; multiple treatment stations, plug and play devices; robotic microsurgery (remotely guided?)
  - System coordination challenge
- Progress in bioinformatics: gene, protein expression; systems biology; disease dynamics, control mechanisms



# Example: Electric Power Grid

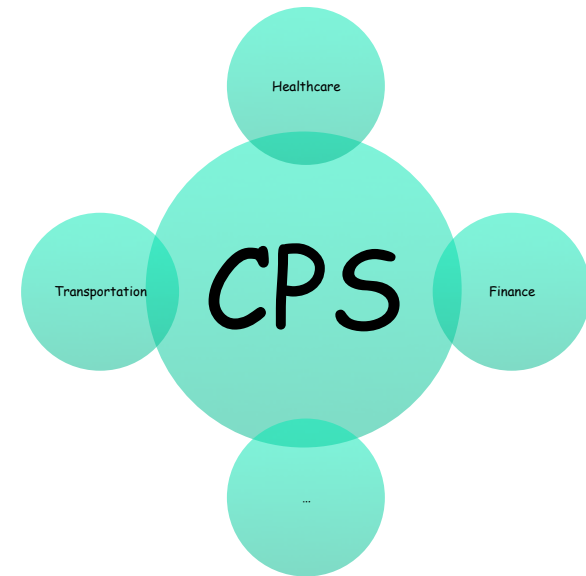
- **Current picture:**
  - Equipment protection devices trip *locally, reactively*
  - Cascading failure: August (US/Canada) and October (Europe), 2003
- **Better future?**
  - Real-time cooperative control of protection devices
  - Or -- self-healing -- (re-)aggregate islands of stable bulk power (protection, market motives)
  - Ubiquitous green technologies
  - Issue: standard operational control concerns exhibit wide-area characteristics (bulk power stability and quality, flow control, fault isolation)
  - Technology vectors: FACTS, PMUs
  - Context: market (timing?) behavior, power routing transactions, regulation



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# Application Domains of Cyber-Physical Systems

- Healthcare
  - Medical devices
  - Health management networks
- Transportation
  - Automotive electronics
  - Vehicular networks and smart highways
  - Aviation and airspace management
  - Avionics
  - Railroad systems
- Process control
- Large-scale Infrastructure
  - Physical infrastructure monitoring and control
  - Electricity generation and distribution
  - Building and environmental controls
- Defense systems
- Tele-physical operations
  - Telemedicine
  - Tele-manipulation



*In general, any "X by wire(less)" where X is anything that is physical in nature.*



# Grand Visions and Societal Impact

- Near-zero automotive traffic fatalities, injuries minimized, and significantly reduced traffic congestion and delays
- Blackout-free electricity generation and distribution
- Perpetual life assistants for busy, older or disabled people
- Extreme-yield agriculture
- Energy-aware buildings
- Location-independent access to world-class medicine
- Physical critical infrastructure that calls for preventive maintenance
- Self-correcting and self-certifying cyber-physical systems for "one-off" applications
- Reduce testing and integration time and costs of complex CPS systems (e.g., avionics) by one to two orders of magnitude

# Key Trends in Systems

- System complexity
  - Increasing functionality
  - Increasing integration and networking interoperability
  - Growing importance and reliance on **software**
  - Increasing number of non-functional constraints
- Nature of tomorrow's systems
  - Dynamic, ever-changing, dependable, high-confidence
  - Self-\*(aware, adapting, repairing, sustaining)
- Cyber-Physical Systems everywhere, used by everyone, for everything
  - *Expectations*: 24/7 availability, 100% reliability, 100% connectivity, instantaneous response, remember everything forever, ...
  - *Classes*: young to old, able and disabled, rich and poor, literate and illiterate, ...
  - *Numbers*: individuals, special groups, social networks, cultures, populations, ...

# Societal Challenge

- How can we provide people and society with cyber-physical systems that they can trust their lives on?

*Trustworthy:  
reliable, secure,  
privacy-preserving,  
usable, etc.*

- Partial list of complex system failures
  - Denver baggage handling system (\$300M)
  - Power blackout in NY (2003)
  - Ariane 5 (1996)
  - Mars Pathfinder (1997)
  - Mars Climate Orbiter (\$125M, 1999)
  - The Patriot Missile (1991)
  - USS Yorktown (1998)
  - Therac-25 (1985-1988)
  - London Ambulance System (£9M, 1992)
  - Pacemakers (500K recalls during 1990-2000)
  - Numerous computer-related Incidents with commer aircraft ([http://www.rvs.uni-bielefeld.de/publications/compendium/incidents\\_and\\_accidents/index.html](http://www.rvs.uni-bielefeld.de/publications/compendium/incidents_and_accidents/index.html))

# R&D Needs

## Development of high-confidence CPS requires

- Engineering design techniques and tools
  - Modeling and analysis, requirements capture, hybrid systems, testing ...
  - Capture and optimization of inter-dependencies of different requirements
  - Domain-specific model-based tools
- Systems Software and Network Supports
  - Virtualization, RTOS, Middleware, ...
  - Predictable (not best-effort) communication with QoS, predictable delay & jitter bounds, ...
  - Trusted embedded software components
    - To help structured system design and system development
    - To reduce the cost of overall system development and maintenance efforts
    - To support the reuse of components within product families
- Validation and Certification
  - Metrics for certification/validation
  - Evidence-based certification, Incremental certification

# Scientific Challenges

- Computations and Abstractions
  - Computational abstractions
  - Novel Real-time embedded systems abstractions for CPS
  - Model-based development of CPS
- Compositionality
  - Composition and interoperation of cyber physical systems
  - Compositional frameworks for both functional, temporal, and non-functional properties
  - Robustness, safety, and security of cyber physical systems
- Systems & Network Supports
  - CPS Architecture, virtualization
  - Wireless and smart sensor networks
  - Predictable real-time and QoS guarantees at multiple scales
- New foundations
  - Control (distributed, multi-level in space and time) and hybrid systems - cognition of environment and system state, and closing the loop
  - Dealing with uncertainties and adaptability - graceful adaptation to applications, environments, and resource availability
  - Scalability, reliability, robustness, stability of system of systems
  - Science of certification - evidence-based certification, measures of verification, validation, and testing

# Software, the Great Enabler

- Good news: anything is possible in software!
- Bad news: anything is possible in software!
- It is the software that affects system complexity and also cost.
  - Software development stands for 70-80 % of the overall development cost for some embedded systems.

# Embedded Software - Goals

- **Trustworthy:** should not fail (or at least gracefully degrade), and safe to use. The existence of embedded software becomes apparent only when an embedded system fails.
- **Context- and Situation-Aware:** should be able to sense people, environment, and threats and to plan/notify/actuate responses to provide real-time interaction with the dynamically changing physical environment with limited resources.
- **Seamless Integration:** should be invisible at multiple levels of a hierarchy: home systems, metropolitan systems, regional systems, and national systems.
- **Validation and Certification:** should be able to assure that embedded systems work correctly with respect to functional and nonfunctional requirements with high degree of certainty.

# Software Research Challenges

- Need new notions of "correctness" and "compositionality"
  - Factor in context of use, unpredictable environment, emergent properties, dynamism, interoperability
  - What are desired properties of and metrics for both software and systems (e.g., resource use)
- Need new formal models and logics for reasoning about CPS
  - Uncertainty, physical world, mental model of human user
  - Hybrid automata, probabilistic logic
- Need new verification/analysis tools usable by domain engineers
  - Push-button, lightweight
  - Integrated with rest of system development process



# Interaction Complexity

- We know how to design and build components.
- Systems are about the interactions of components.
  - Some interactions are unintended and unanticipated
    - Interoperability
    - Emerging behaviors
- "Normal Accidents", an influential book by Charles Perrow (1984)
  - One of the Three Mile Island investigators
  - And a member of recent NRC Study "Software for Dependable Systems: Sufficient Evidence?"
  - A sociologist, not a computer scientist
- Posits that sufficiently complex systems can produce accidents without a simple cause due to
  - **interactive complexity** and **tight coupling**

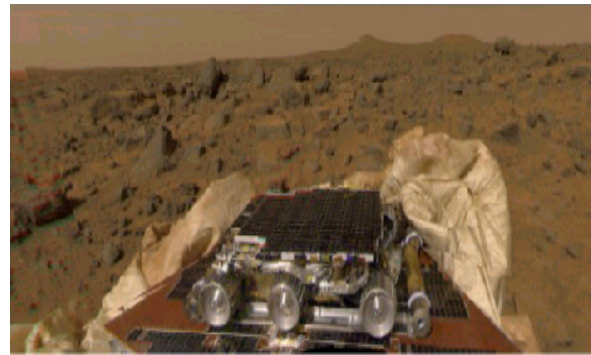
# Potential Accidental Systems

- Many systems created without conscious design by interconnecting separately-designed components or separate systems.
  - Unsound composition: the interconnects produce desired behaviors most of the time
  - Feature interactions: promote unanticipated interactions, which could lead to system failures or accidents
- Modes of interactions
  - Among computation components
  - Through share resources
  - Through the controlled plant (e.g., the patient)
  - Through human operators
  - Through the larger environment
- E.g., Medical Device PnP could facilitate the construction of accidental systems
  - blood pressure sensor connected to bed height, resulting in the criticality inversion problem

# Unexpected interactions

- Landed on the Martian surface on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1997
- Unconventional landing - bouncing into the Martian surface
- A few days later, not long after Pathfinder started gathering meteorological data, the spacecraft began experiencing total system reset, each resulting in losses of data

## *Incompatible Cross Domain Protocols*



*Pathological Interaction  
between RT and  
synchronization protocols  
Pathfinder caused repeated  
resets, nearly doomed the  
mission*

*[Sha]*

# Final Thoughts

- Real-time issues, WSN issues, control issues should *not* be addressed alone
- Connection to the physical world will be so pervasive that systems will be open even if you think they are not  
=>New **abstractions** and **composition** techniques needed.

# More Info

[http://varma.ece.cmu.edu/InfoCPS/  
Workshops.html](http://varma.ece.cmu.edu/InfoCPS/Workshops.html)

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