Towards Mission-Critical Control at the Edge and Over 5G

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Concept and Reference Platform







Affiliation









- We built a prototype fog compute platform
 - Next generation (5G) mobile broadband
 - A rich application environment through an IoT platform-as-a-service (Calvin)
 - Powerful tracing capabilities (LTTng)
- We demonstrate the capabilities of this platform
 - Able to control a physical systems at high frequencies
 - While relocating application components (on-the-fly)) over geographical disperse and heterogeneous environments
- Show an example of how the clouds can boost our control systems



Outline

- Motivation
- Platform and application
- Verification results
- Ongoing work





Motivation



- High speed closed loop control for cyber-physical systems
 - Cloud is an enabling technology, autonomous systems included
- Connected, convenient, mobile
 - 5G opens up for new types of applications







Critical Machine-Type Communication





Ultra-Reliable Low Latency Communication





Massive MIMO (5G) test-bed

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5G Researchers Set New World Record For Spectrum Efficiency

They showed a 22-fold increase over existing 4G networks

By Amy Nordrum



Photo: University of Bristol





Platform and application

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Control Over the Cloud

Mission-critical

Essential to business operation or to an organization.

Time-sensitive

Only relevant or applicable for a short period of time. (Current target of systems operating at 10-100 Hz)

Networks

Delays, jitter and lost signals

Fog computing

Multi-tenancy, heterogeneity, structural changes, scaling and migration





Massive MIMO (5G) test-bed





S. Malkowsky et al.: The World's First Real-Time Testbed for Massive MIMO

Lund University Massive MIMO (LuMaMi)

- M-MIMO is candidate RAT for 5G
- Many devices simultaneously
- High reliability wireless
- Low latency*
- Medium Access Control break-out

*W. Tärneberg et al.: Utilizing Massive MIMO for the Tactile Internet: Advantages and Trade-offs, IEEE SECON Workshops



Components









Calvin: IoT Platform-as-a-Service

Open Source

Python runtime and C [+ μ Python] micro runtime

- Flow programing with stateful actors
- Deployment
- Network communication
- Application state
- Application component migration





























- On-line optimization
 - Resource demanding
 - Variable execution time
 - Adaptable

$$u^{\star}(x) := \operatorname{argmin} \quad x_{N}^{T}Q_{f}x_{N} + \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} x_{i}^{T}Qx_{i} + u_{i}^{T}Ru_{i}$$
s.t. $x_{0} = x$ measurement
 $x_{i+1} = Ax_{i} + Bu_{i}$ system model
 $Cx_{i} + Du_{i} \leq b$ constraints
 $R \succ 0, Q \succ 0$ performance weights
 $u^{\star}(x) = \{\underbrace{u_{i}}, \dots, u_{N-1}^{\star}\}$ plant state x
Plant \longrightarrow Output y



Online-optimization

- The execution time of a controller can vary drastically
- Depends on the disturbances acting on the process and whether constraints are active





Controller induced delay









Verification

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Experiments

- Run control from all geographical locations
- 8 Run control while migrating the controller
- Exemplify the effect of modified resource demand



Control from anywhere

• Competitive latencies but not single digit and a lot of overhead in the software platform





• We can move the control software randomly in the system while remaining operational





• With some tuning, we cause problems due to computational delay





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