Networks, Multicore, and Systems Evolution – Facing the timing beast

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Keynote abstract

Embedded systems rapidly grow in several dimensions. They grow in size, from local isolated networks with simple protocols to network hierarchies to large open heterogeneous networks with complex communication behaviour. They grow in performance, from simple microcontrollers to superscalar to multicore systems with many levels of memory hierarchy. And, they expand in the time dimension by moving from static system functions to open and evolutionary functions that change over time and require new design methods and autonomous system functions. All these development contribute to an ever increasing behavioural complexity with equally complex timing. Nevertheless, the fundamental requirements to reliability and performance predictability have stayed and even been enhanced. Embedded system technology has responded with new integration methods and software architectures supported by platform control methods using new service quality metrics, and with composable formal methods that scale with system size. The talk will give an overview on this exiting scientific field and will give practical examples.

About Prof. Rolf Ernst

Rolf Ernst received a diploma in computer science and a Dr.-Ing. (with honors) in electrical engineering from the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany, in 81 and 87. After 2 years at Bell Laboratories, Allentown, PA, he joined the Technische Universität Braunschweig, Germany, where he chairs a university institute of 55 researchers and staff. He is a full professor and was Head of the Department of Electrical Engineering from 1999 to 2001.

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He chaired major international events, such as the International Conference on Computer Aided Design of VLSI (ICCAD), or the Design Automation and Test in Europe (DATE) Conference and Exhibition, and was Chair of the European Design Automation Association (EDAA), which is the main sponsor of DATE. He is a founding member of the ACM Special Interest Group on Embedded System Design (SIGBED), and was a member of its first board of directors. He is a member and activity leader of the European Networks-of-Excellence Artist1 (real-time systems), Artist 2 (embedded systems), and ArtistDesign. He is an elected member (Fachkollegiat) and Deputy Spokesperson of the "Computer Science" review board of the German DFG. He is an advisor to the German Ministry of Economics and Technology for the high-tech entrepreneur-ship program EXIST (www.exist.org).

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Intelligent Mechatronics and Robotics

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Keynote abstract

Mechatronics is defined as "Synergetic Integration of Mechanics and Electronics". Recently computer and information technologies have accelerated mechatronics technology to be more and more intelligent. Thus,

intelligent mechatronics is a technology on how to give human psychology to mechanical system so that human and mechanical system could interact with each other.

The interaction between human and mechanical/computer system is still asymmetrical, because mechanical/ computer system cannot understand human psychology well, although human can easily understand the computer way of thinking.

The goal of intelligent mechatronics is to achieve a symmetrical interaction between human and mechanical system. Intelligent mechatronics is a new discipline based on the integration of mechanical, electrical, information technology, human sciences including medicine, psychology, social science, and so forth.

In this presentation, the past and present status of intelligent mechatronics is reviewed and the future prospect is discussed.

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Fumio Harashima received B.S., and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees all in Electrical Engineering from University of Tokyo in 1962, 1964 and 1967, respectively. He was employed as Associate Professor at Institute of Industrial Science, University of Tokyo in 1967, and had been Professor from 1980 through 1998. He was Director of the Institute from 1992 to 1995. He was President of Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Technology since 1998 through 2002. He is currently Professor at Tokyo Denki University. Dr. Harashima served as President of Tokyo Denki University from June, 2004 through June 2008.



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