Title: Networked Control Systems: Theory and Applications

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Abstract: Networked Control Systems (NCS) consist of spatially distributed dynamic components including controlled processes, sensors, actuators and controllers. These components communicate with each other via a shared digital communication network. Rapid advances in communications, networking and sensing technologies have enabled wide deployment of NCS, with applications including smart electricity grids, automated traffic networks, mobile sensor networks, unmanned airborne vehicles and wireless industrial control systems. This is an area of research with many new theoretical and technological challenges and requires multi-disciplinary collaborations. This workshop consists of three parts: Part 1 will provide an overview of this emerging area and discuss the associated enabling technologies; Part 2 will study key research opportunities and challenges from the control point of view; Part 3 will cover some application case studies. The research problems to be studied include: network-based estimation, network-based control, network consensus, network synchronization, and wireless industrial control systems. The case studies include wireless NCS experimental platforms; network modeling; and state estimation for smart electricity networks.

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