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The Challenges of Cyberphysical Systems

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There is increasing demand for resource efficient transportation, energy, healthcare, water systems, etc., by societies across the planet. In attempting to confront these diverse challenges, the twenty-first century could well become the age of building large-scale systems that feature tight integration of computing, communication, and control technologies. We present a historical account of paths leading to the present interest in cyber-physical systems. We outline several foundational research topics that underlie this area. These include issues in data fusion, real-time communication, security, middleware, hybrid systems and proofs of correctness.

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