Title: Internet of Mobility: Cloud-Facilitated Privacy-Aware Collaborative Sensing and Control in Connected Mobility

Abstract: With the advent of 5G technology, there is a renewed interest in utilizing cloud computing to revolutionize mobility systems with big data and high-performance computing capabilities. Meanwhile, modern vehicles are equipped with advanced sensing and connectivity functionalities. Seamless integration of cloud and onboard resources is a key enabler for next-gen vehicles with improved safety, comfort, and energy efficiency. In this talk, I will present a cloud-facilitated collaborative sensing and control paradigm for cloud-enabled connected vehicles. I will first talk about a privacy-aware collaborative sensing framework that utilizes multiple heterogeneous vehicles as mobile sensors to crowdsource important road and traffic information while preserving privacy. I will then talk about a privacy-preserved cloud-assisted control scheme where we systematically integrate a cloud controller and a local controller with improved performance while guaranteeing stability and preserving privacy. In addition, an efficient tree fruit harvesting robot recently developed in my lab will be discussed.

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