Timing in Cyber-Physical Systems

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GE White Paper

Figure 2. Rise of the Industrial Internet

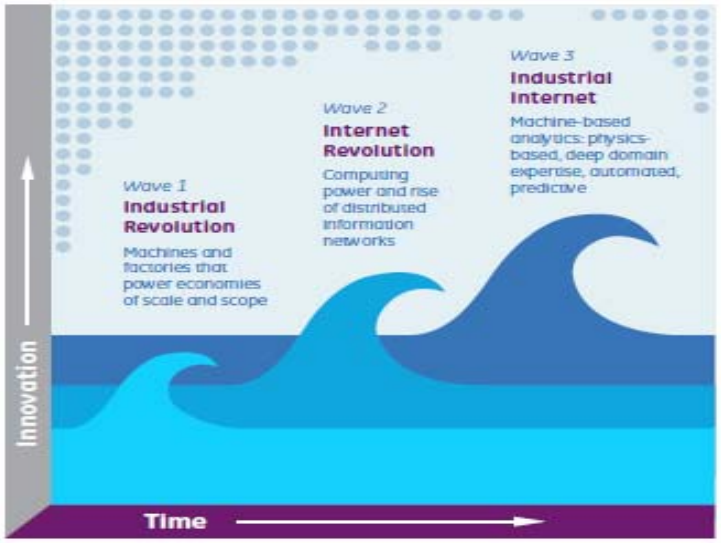
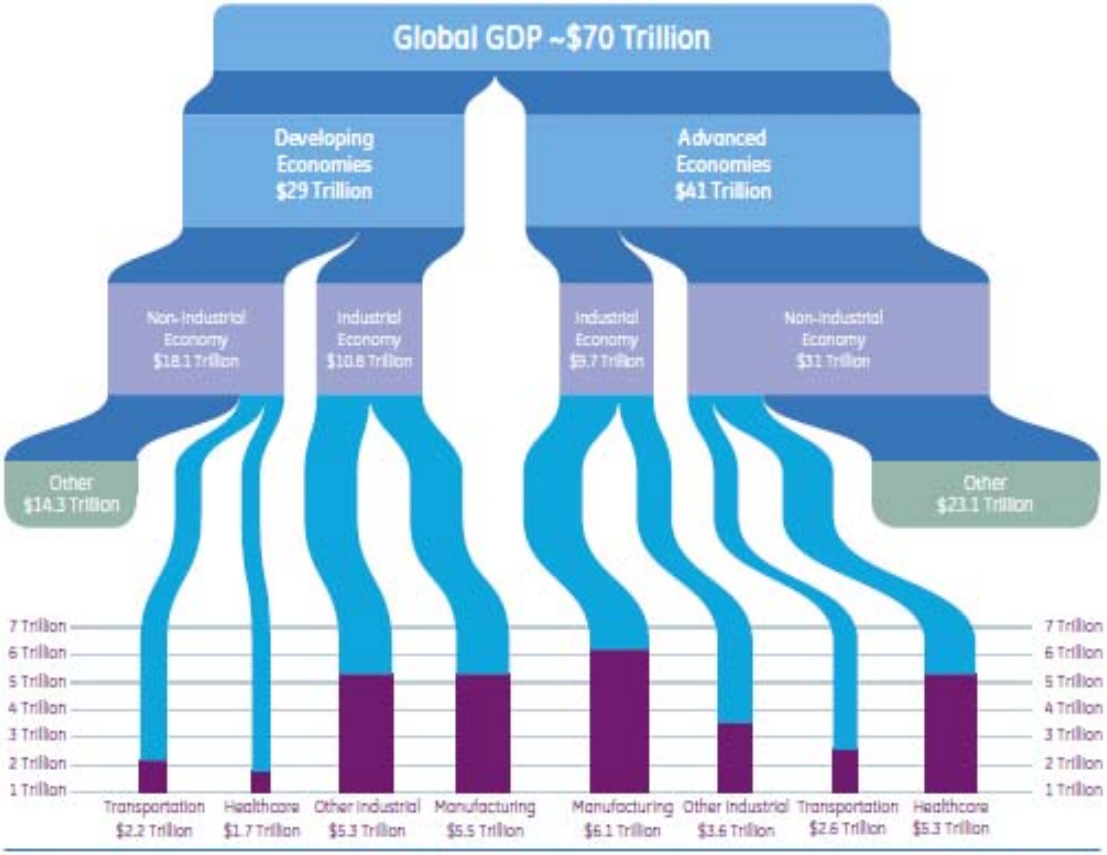


Figure 5. Industrial Internet Potential GDP Share

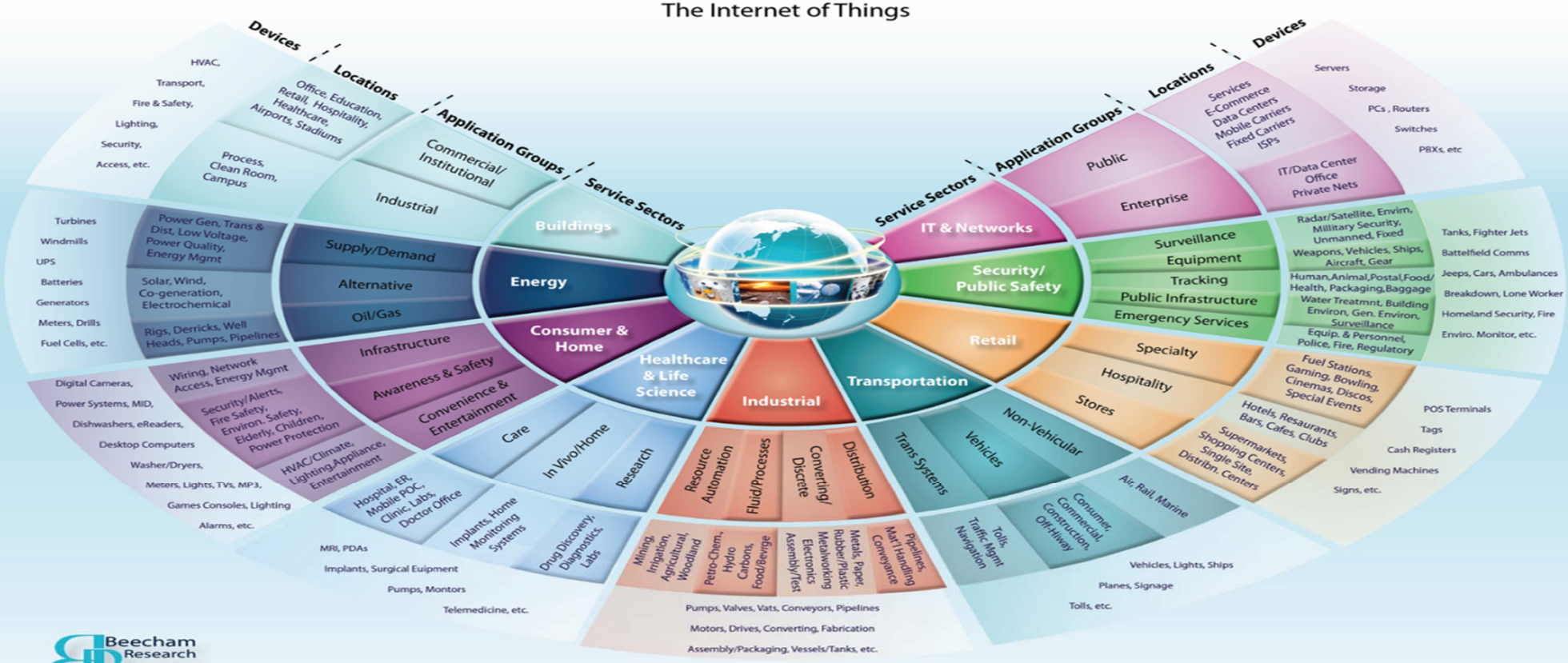


Industrial Internet opportunity ($32.3 Trillion) 46% share of global economy today

Source: World Bank, 2011 and General Electric

M2M World of Connected Services

The Internet of Things



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The NIST CPS PWG

- Accelerate progress in cyber-physical systems across all domains.
- Currently lack a unified technical foundation for broad collaboration.
- The CPS-PWG will address this need by developing a shared foundation for progress: a **Framework Document**
- NIST provides a neutral perspective, technical expertise, and convening capability.

Q: When will key milestones be reached?

- June 30, 2014: Kick-off webinar
- August 11-12, 2014: First face-to-face workshop at NIST
- December, 2014: Initial Sub-group reports complete
- March, 2015: Release the integrated framework for public review
- Spring, 2015: Integrated CPS framework complete
- April 7-8, 2015: Second workshop to launch Technology Roadmap effort
- Fall, 2015: Technology Roadmap complete

NIST CPS PWG Subgroups and Framework Document Sections

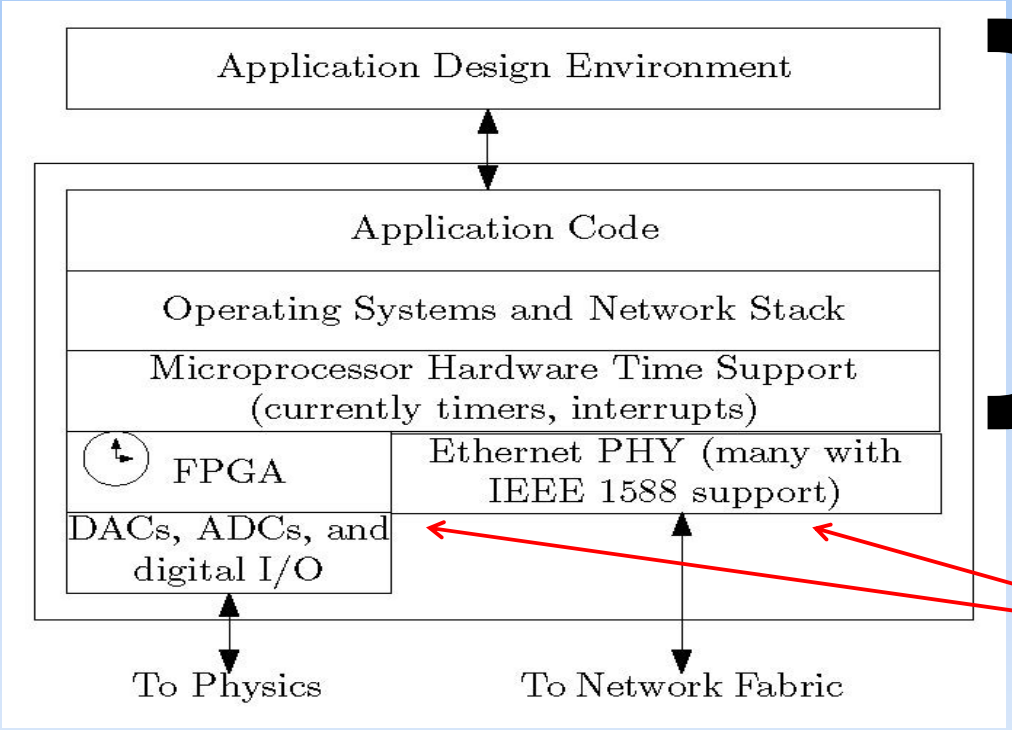
- Each subgroup has an industry, academia, and NIST co-chair

- Reference Architecture
- Cybersecurity
- Data Integration
- Timing
- Use Cases

CPS PWG Framework Timing Section

- Timing subgroup cochairs
  - Marc Weiss – NIST
  - Hugh Melvin – National University of Ireland, Galway (NUIG)
  - Sundeep Chandhoke, National Instruments (NI)
- Timing Section of Framework
  - Introduction
  - Time-Awareness
  - Timing and Latency
  - Timing Security

Time Awareness: CPS Node and Environment, Currently



- No semantics of accurate time neither in design, nor languages
- Possibly bounded TIs
- Almost never stable (deterministic)
- Hence robust, correct by construction solutions cannot be done here!

- Precise TIs
- Can be accurate (traceable to SI second or TAI)
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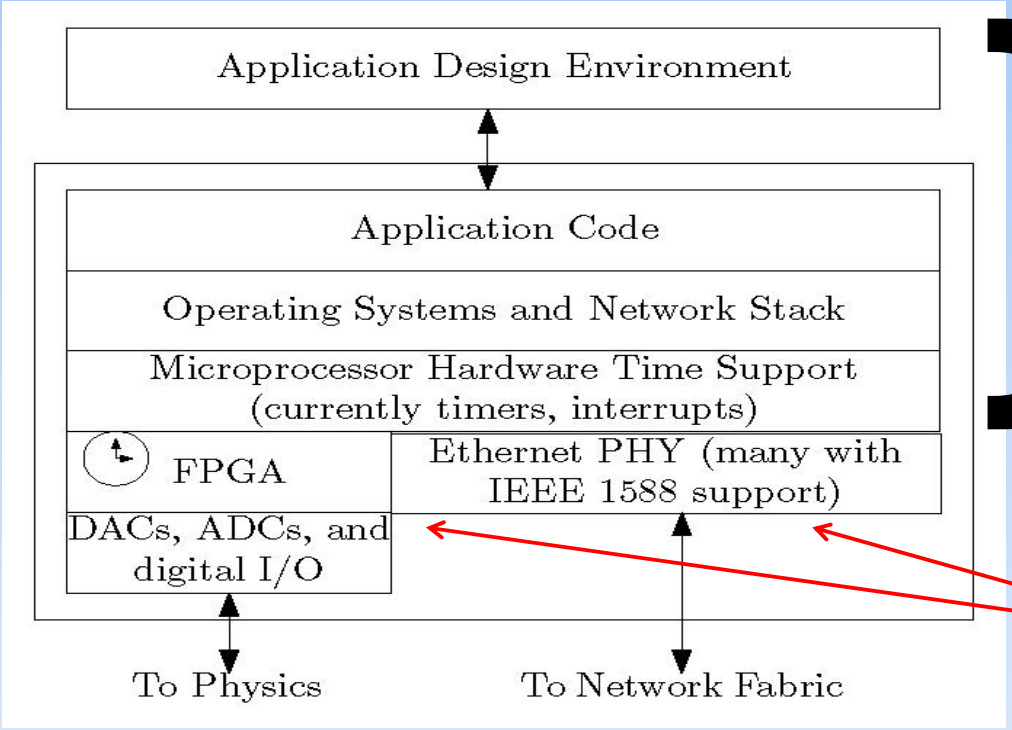
Time Awareness: CPS Node and Environment Potential Future with Correct by Construction



- Time can be specified as abstraction in model
- Code is Bounded and Time explicit
- I/O is Time sensitive, explicit, and precise
- CPU clock is precise and if needed accurate
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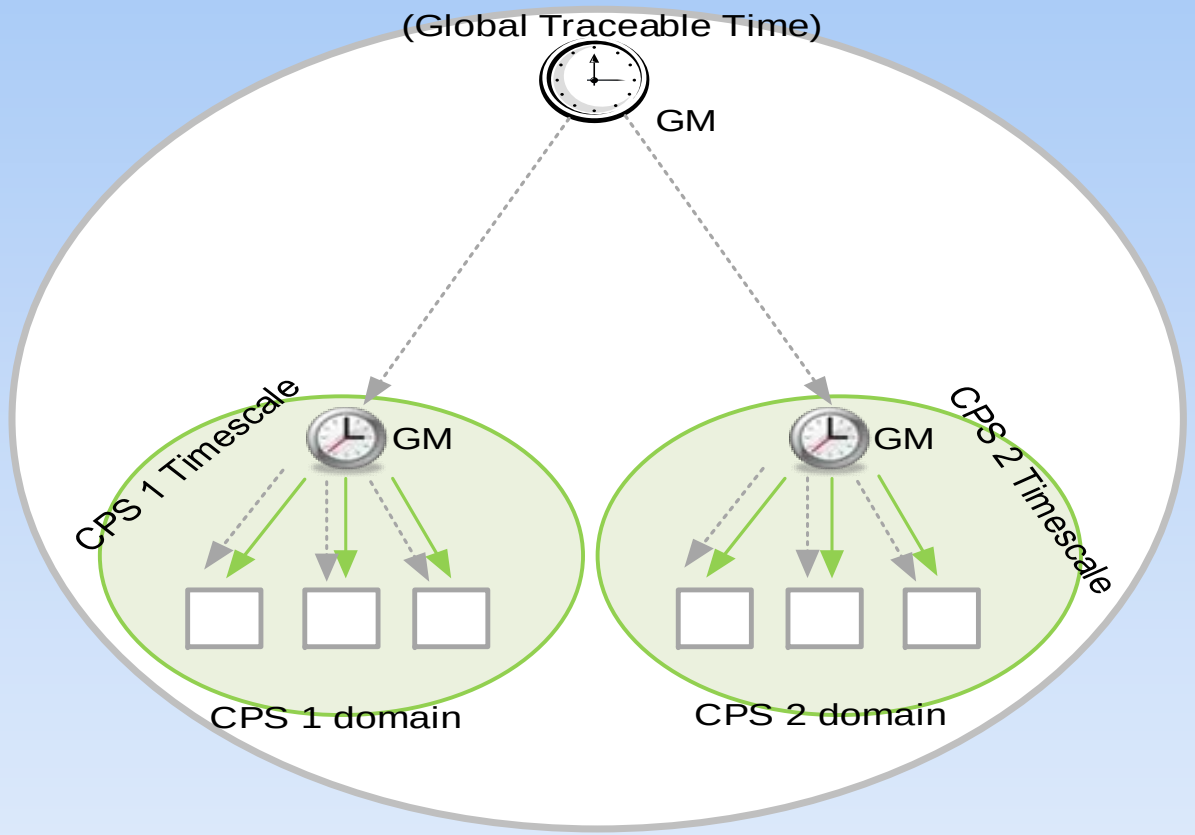
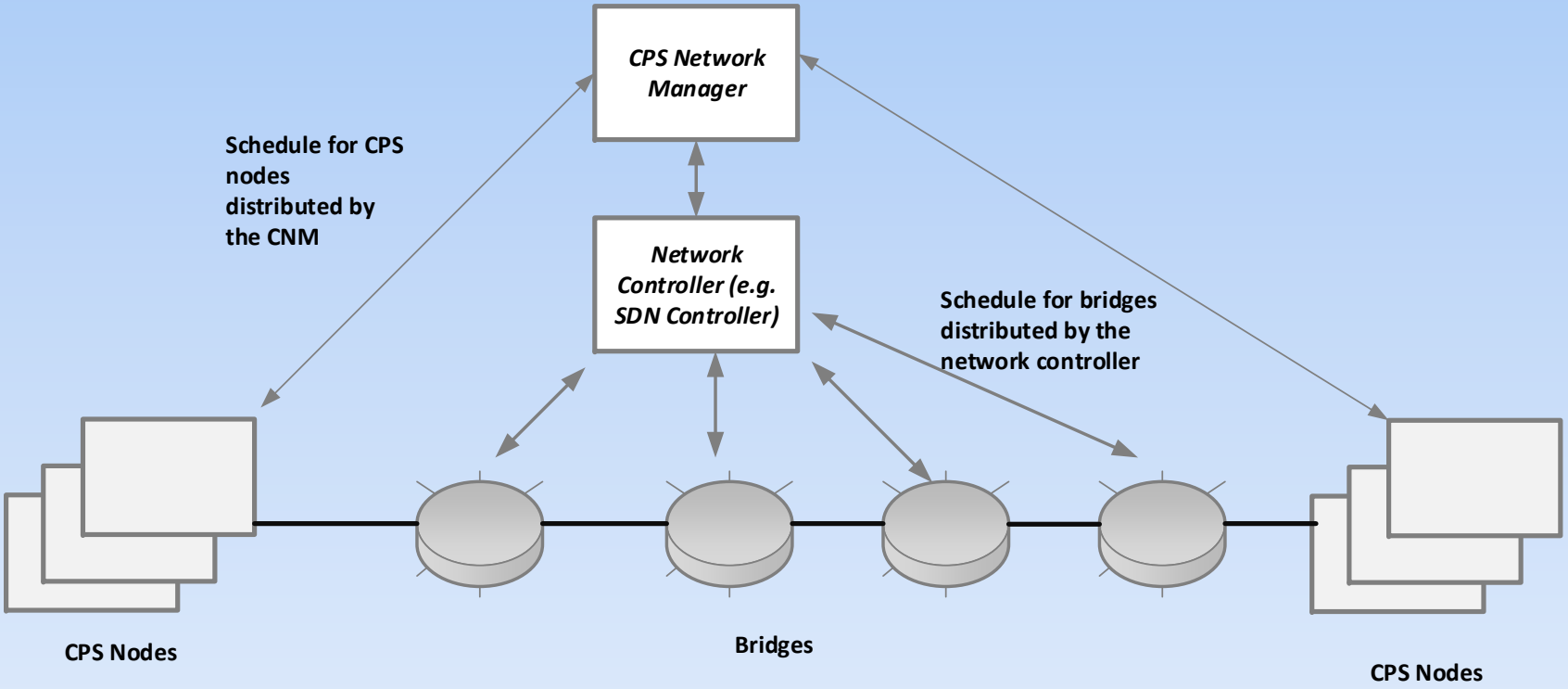
Timing and Latency: Domains and Multiple Time-scales in Time-aware CPSs

Source: Sundeep Chandhoke, National Instruments



CPS Network Manager configuring a CPS

Source: Sundeep Chandhoke, National Instruments



Time-Aware CPS Device Model: Convergence of **Best Effort** and **Time Sensitive** Systems

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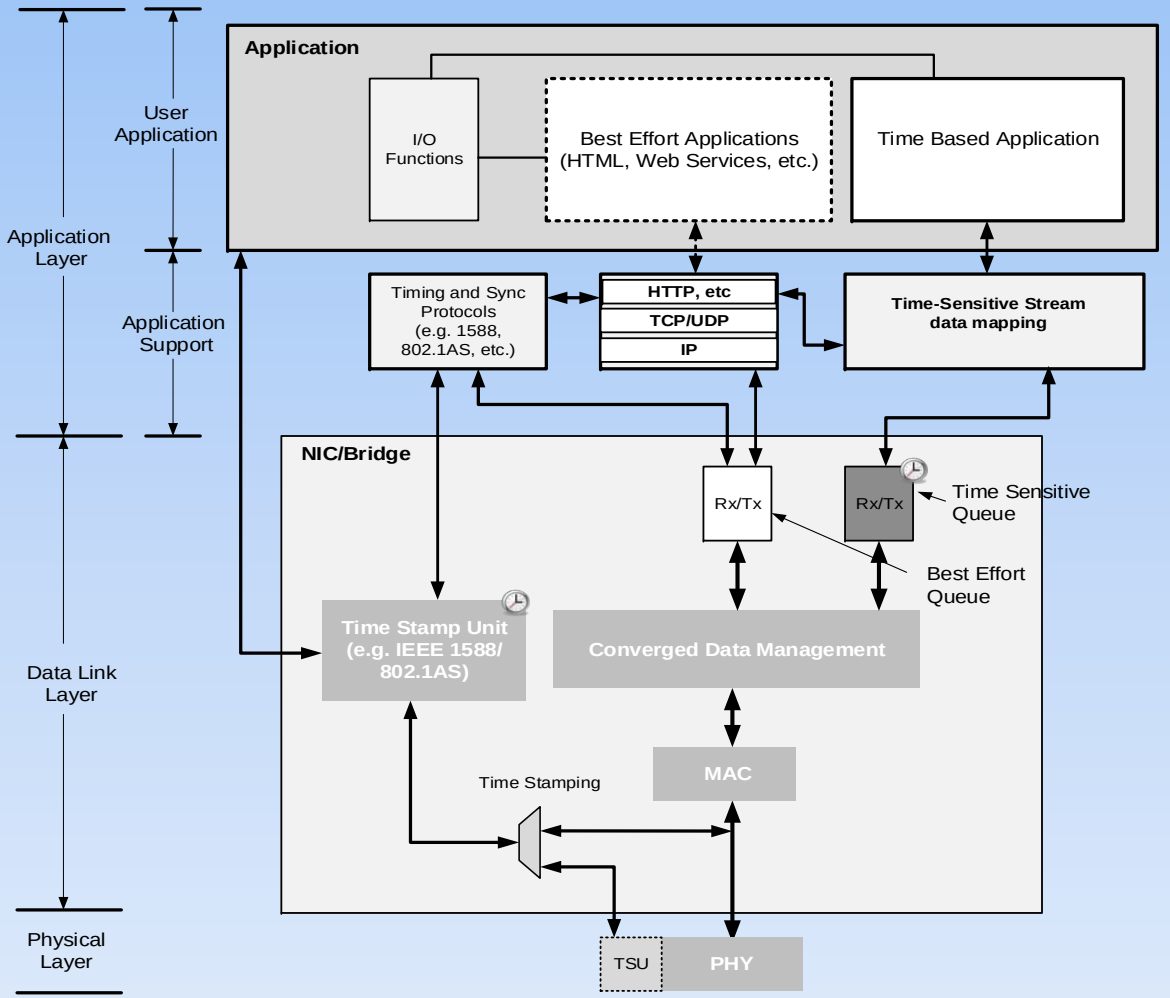

Elements of Secure Timing: assurance

Source channel assurance	Opportunities to verify that timing information is delivered via an undistorted channel whose expected behavior is well characterized to ensure any deviations can be quickly detected. Distortion of the time-transfer channel may be driven by natural events (e.g. solar weather), unintentional actions (e.g. physically bumping an antenna), or intentional manipulation (e.g. introducing a time delay via spoofing). The data carried by a time-transfer channel may assist in verifying the channel itself. Enablers of channel verification may include unpredictable bits of a digital signature, or a symmetrically encrypted channel.
Source data assurance	Verification mechanisms to prove timing data are not forged. These may include digital signatures or symmetrically encrypted packets.
User provided assurance	User implemented security to verify unassured timing information. This may include anti-spoof GNSS receiver techniques or additional layers of network security.

Elements of Secure Timing: resilience

Predictable failure	Known CPS failure modes that account for timing denial and other detected timing anomalies.
Diversity & Redundancy	Multiple sources and paths of secure time are available to a CPS. Where possible, sources are verified against each other, and in the event of a denial or spoofing attack on one source or other timing anomaly, a mechanism to switch to a redundant source is available.

Survey of Time Distribution Methods

	Order of Timing	Source Channel Assurance Provided Today	Source Data Assurance Provided Today	Source Channel Assurance Possible via Enhancement	Source Data Assurance Possible via Enhancement
GPS L1 C/A	nanoseconds	No	No	No	No
GPS L2C/L5	nanoseconds	No	No	Yes	Yes
Galileo	nanoseconds	No	No	Yes*	Yes*
PTP [165]	nanoseconds	No	No	Yes	Yes
NTP [166]	milliseconds	No	No	Yes	Yes
eLoran [167]	nanoseconds	No	No	Yes	Yes
WWVB [168]	microseconds	No	No	Yes	Yes
*Galileo is not yet a fully operational GNSS constellation, but has indicated strong support for source channel and data assurance via navigation message authentication.					

Achieving secure time

- system detects potential timing compromises
- redundant timing source
  - redundancy and diversity of routes to time and frequency sources as well as holdover capabilities of high stability oscillators
- Today: ensure systems can maintain timing within the tolerance of their application for the duration of a timing compromise
- Future: detect compromises early enough that CPS seamlessly function

Next in CPS PWG: Timing Roadmap, Research and Recommendations

- Timing “Correct-by-Construction” techniques
- Convergence of best-effort with time-sensitive systems
  - IT and OT systems
  - How to (or can one?) include cloud and big data systems in RT control
- Timing in Lightweight devices
- Security
  - Predictable failure vs. switchover
  - GPS Spoofing protection
  - PTP security: redundancy, authentication, timing MitM protection

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NSF Call for Proposals 15-541

- Research needed to support systems engineering of high-confidence CPS
- CPS have enormous complexity and variations
  - Size of systems from tiny to global
  - Transience of systems
- Goal: to develop the core system science needed to engineer complex cyber-physical systems which people can depend upon

- http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2015/nsf15541/nsf15541.htm

http://taaccs.org/

- Face-to-face meetings coming up
  - March 13 immediately after WSTS at Carnegie-Mellon U here in Silicon Valley
  - April 6 immediately before the CPS PWG f2f at NIST, Gaithersburg, MD
- Three current projects
  - WG 110: Seminar on timing APIs, to lead to R&D
  - WG 211: CPS Applications on globally timed platforms
  - WG 212A: Timing support for safety critical systems
- Proposal for NSF call on CPS

The Industrial Internet Consortium (IIC)

- Mission: To accelerate growth of the Industrial Internet by coordinating ecosystem initiatives to connect and integrate objects with people, processes and data using common architectures, interoperability and open standards that lead to transformational business outcomes.
- Open membership, global, nonprofit
- Founded by AT&T, Cisco, GE, IBM and Intel
- Governed by the IIC Steering Committee
  - 10 members
    - 5 permanent seats by Founding companies; 2 members from large enterprise; 1 member from small enterprise; 1 from academia; 1 seat for Executive Director, ex officio
    - Any company can run for an open seat in its category

Thanks for your attention!

Questions?