Collaboration & Virtualization in Cyber-Physical Systems

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The JAviator javiator.cs.uni-salzburg.at

40min flight time @ 2.2kg 2kg additional payload capacity

minimal number of distinct parts

Automatic Attitude & Altitude Control (Many thanks to the STARMAC team!)



Virtualization

- Non-trivial physical systems including digital computers are non-linear systems
- Traditional virtualization technology enables concurrency through spatial isolation
 - machine registers, linear address space, ...
- Virtualization may linearize all aspects of physical systems
 - > space, time, energy, reliability, ...

Collaboration

- Cyber-physical systems are networked on many different levels
 - physical, economical, social, ...
- Traditional network designs focus on communication
 - client-server model, P2P networks, ...
- Real strengths of networks is in collaboration
 - aggregation of information [RTAS09]

Uncertainty in Software

- Uncertainty = infinite environments/platforms
- Traditional software enjoys the certainty of finite environments/platforms
- Real strength of software is flexibility but semantics of change is difficult
 - Patch software at runtime only if patch could have been applied already at compile time (if the patch had been known) [APRES08]
 - virtualization enables runtime patching

Scalable Collaboration

Virtualization of Everything

Cyber-Physical Systems ?

Thank you

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