Advances and Challenges in Agricultural Cyber-Physical Systems

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Agricultural Cyber-Physical Systems

- Advances in sensing and computation are transforming traditional plant and animal based agriculture to sophisticated cyber-physical systems.
- * What are the critical advancements agricultural CPS has seen?
- What are the challenges for the future?

Keynote Speakers & Panel

- * Government:
 - * Dr. Steven J Thomson (USDA/NIFA),
 - Dr. Angelica Van Goor (AAAS Fellow USDA/NIFA)
- Academic Perspective:
 - Prof. Jayne Wu (University of Tennessee Knoxville)
- Industrial Perspective:
 - Prof. Asheesh Singh (Iowa State University)
 - George Kantor (Carnegie Mellon University)
 - Girish Chowdhary (University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign)
 - Marin Kobilarov (Johns Hopkins University)
 - Ajay Sharda (Kansas State University)
 - Simone Silvestri (University of Kentucky)

Advancements/Challenges in CPS-Agriculture

- Identification of CPS relevant agricultural applications both in plant based and animal based agriculture
- Success stories in sensing, robotic data acquisition, data analytics, decision making
- Boosted by joint NSF/USDA-NIFA programs

Challenges in CPS-Agriculture

- One size fits all solutions would not be appropriate
- Limited connectivity, especially, in parts of the rural communities
- Data benchmarking, sharing and standardization
- Technology adoption (cost, but also social and behavioral aspects)
- Intelligent manipulation (existential problem for certain ag industries)
- Environmental impact (nitrogen cycles)
- Regulations
- Scalability and profitability