Abstract:
I will talk about a decentralized transactional framework, Transact, that enables a node to update the state of its singlehop neighborhood consistently and atomically. One of the key insights in this framework is to observe that singlehop wireless broadcast has many useful features for facilitating collaboration and coordination. By exploiting the atomicity and broadcast properties of singlehop wireless communication, the framework provides a simple/clean abstraction and yet manages to retain concurrency of the underlying execution. As such, this framework will be useful for deploying distributed actuation/control applications as well as WSN in-network processing protocols.

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