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Abstract

about 1/2 page:

1. Motivation (Why do we care?)

2. Problem statement (What problem are we trying to solve?)

3. Approach (How did we go about it)

4. Results (What's the answer?)

5. Conclusion (What are the implications of the answer?)

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Contents

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Chapter 1

Introduction

- general motivation for your work, context and goals.

- context: make sure to link where your work fits in

- problem: gap in knowledge, too expensive, too slow, a deficiency, superseded technology

- strategy: the way you will address the problem

- recommended length: 1-2 pages.

1.1   Wireless-Infield Communication

- **Real-Time Machine-to-Machine Control** is the exchange of control data under real-time conditions with defined latency policies. This use case enables leader-follower scenarios where agricultural machines follow a leading agricultural machine at a lateral and longitudinal distance.

- **Streaming Services** are communications that stream video from remote cameras and monitors at a high data rate and low latency. As a result, this data is available on another agricultural vehicle and can be analyzed and processed there. The authors estimate the distance between the communication participants to be less than 100 m.

- **Process Data Exchange** describes the exchange of process data. One example is the exchange of already sprayed field areas in order to prevent multiple spraying of fertilizers and pesticides on the same field area by different machines. According to the authors, long-range technologies must be used here because agricultural fields around the world can be very large.

- **Fleet Management & Logistics** is the potential retrieval of data from the ongoing agricultural process. This information can influence economic or agronomic decisions of agricultural enterprises or service companies and is therefore required in a Farm Management Information System (FMIS). Since not all agricultural machines may be connected to the FMIS, the WIC project group is looking at how to use Machine-To-Machine (M2M) communications to bridge the missing communications infrastructure until the data reaches a machine that can connect to the FMIS.

- **Road Safety** describes a use case which is already a project between the European Telecommunication Standard Institute and the Agricultural Industry Electronics Foundation (AEF). Since agricultural vehicles are repeatedly underestimated in their size and speed by other road users when they suddenly turn off the field onto the road, the other road users need to be warned in this situation. In this way, smart technologies in cars and motorcycles can be used to brake the vehicles in advance and prevent possible accidents.

Chapter 2

Fundamentals

- describe methods and techniques that build the basis of your work

- include what's needed to understand your work (e.g., techniques, protocols, models, hardware, software, ...)

- exclude what's not (e.g., anything you yourself did, anything your reader can be expected to know, ...)

- review related work(!)

- recommended length: approximately one third of the thesis.

Chapter 3

Field Measurements

Chapter 4

Developed architecture / System design / Implementation / ...

- describe everything you yourself did (as opposed to the fundamentals chapter, which explains what you built on)

- start with a theoretical approach

- describe the developed system/algorithm/method from a high-level point of view

- go ahead in presenting your developments in more detail

- recommended length: approximately one third of the thesis.

Chapter 5

Simulation

Chapter 6

Evaluation

- measurement setup / results / evaluation / discussion

- whatever you have done, you must comment it, compare it to other systems, evaluate it

- usually, adequate graphs help to show the benefits of your approach

- each result/graph must not only be described, but also discussed (What's the reason for this peak? Why have you observed this effect? What does this tell about your architecture/system/implementation?)

- recommended length: approximately one third of the thesis.

Chapter 7

Conclusion

- summarize again what your paper did, but now emphasize more the results, and comparisons

- write conclusions that can be drawn from the results found and the discussion presented in the paper

- future work (be very brief, explain what, but not much how, do not speculate about results or impact)

- recommended length: one page.

List of Abbreviations

AEF	Agricultural Industry Electronics Foundation
FMIS	Farm Management Information System
M2M	Machine-To-Machine
WIC	Wireless-Infield Communication

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