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#### Cybernetics, Complexity, and the Challenges to the Realization of the Internet-of-Things

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#### Abstract

The realization of the Internet-of-Things (IoT) is a concept that is increasingly discussed as the result of networking a variety of “smart” electronic systems together to achieve high levels of automation and performance. Thus, the IoT is envisioned to enable everything from producing buttered toast in the morning to enabling fleets of autonomous vehicles to exist on roads and cooperating with human drivers. However, as more and more systems are linked together to form directed, acknowledged, collaborative, and virtual Systems-of-Systems (SoS), the exercise of control becomes problematic. Emergent properties, hostile agents, evolutionary and adaptive development, and other characteristics of systems will enable complex behaviors in SoS that are not part of the constituent systems. If information theory and cybernetics laws are not considered in the construction of SoS as part of the IoT, then the behaviors that will emerge can have destabilizing and potentially disastrous outcomes.

#### Biography

Tod M. Schuck received a B.S. in electrical engineering from Georgia Tech in 1989, an M.S. in electrical engineering from Florida Tech in 1994, and a Ph.D. in systems engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology in 2010 concentrating in knowledge representation in distributed, network-centric systems. He has worked extensively as a DoD/US Navy employee solving real-world problems for the Warfighter in the areas of data processing and fusion in cooperative and non-cooperative sensor systems.

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