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Therefore, it becomes necessary to define and to develop new accurate models capturing the features of the considered objects: users' mobility, system instability, dynamics of applications, etc. Recently, numerous models (refer to [1,2,3], [4] for a survey) for these harsh environments have been gathered in a general framework: the Time-Varying Graphs (TVGs) [5]. Based on this framework, DELYS team recently proposed a quite thoroughgoing study of fixed point problems (like maximal matching, minimal dominating set, maximal dominating set, etc.) in highly dynamic systems [6,7,8]. In particular, some necessary and sufficient topological conditions are exhibited for these problems.

**Assignment**

The main goal of the thesis is to provide a similar study about problems without fixed point in highly dynamic systems. Such problems refer to service tasks that are a priori unpredictably triggered on demand by some participants. We propose to focus on one of the following fundamental problems: Mutual Exclusion, Token Circulation, or Propagation of Information with Feedback. All these problems received great attention in static systems but have barely been considered in the context of highly dynamic systems.

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- Theme/Domain: Distributed Systems and middleware
- System & Networks (BAP E)
- Town/city: Paris
- Inria Center: CRI de Paris
- Starting date: 2018-10-01
- Duration of contract: 3 years
- Deadline to apply: 2018-06-09

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- area of excellence,
- personality or character traits,
- cross-disciplinary knowledge and expertise..."

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