





Towards Self-Aware Industry 4.0 using a Layered Meta-Model

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Self-Aware Cyber Physical Systems





Layered Meta-Model

- > Hardware:
 - Cyber physical systems, networked machines
 - Offer degrees of freedom
- Sensors:
 - E.g. cameras, RFID, NFC sensors
 - Offer additional information about production process
- Cloud:
 - Computing resources, assumed as black-box
 - Integration of existing languages: DML [1], Palladio [2]
- > Communication:
 - Interaction between hardware, sensors, and cloud
 - Periodic, aperiodic, and event-based



Modeling Sensors using Markovian Agents (MAs) [3]

- ➤ Each Sensors modeled as Markovian Agent → Network of nodes with autonomous behavior and interdependences
- Finite state continuous time Markov chain (CTMC)
- > Two components:
 - Fixed: local behavior
 - Induced: interaction with other MAs
- Analytical and numerical solution



Envisioned LRA-M Loop Approach

> Self:

- Driven by external goals and phenomena
- ➤ Learn:
 - Observations of production machines
 - Create / update model
- Reason:
 - Evaluate performance using model
 - Generate actions to optimize production system
- > Act:
 - Execute events derived by reason phase



Conclusion

Problem

 Cyber physical systems have no knowledge about themselve, environment and process

Idea

- Design a model that captures this knowledge
- Use this model for optimizations

Approach

- EMF meta-model
- LRA-M loop adaptation

Benefit

- Optimization of the process
- Improved usage of sensor data



Future Work

- Design layered meta-model
- Create LRA-M loop workflow
- Integrate optimization algorithms
- Evaluate model and optimization based on real world data

References

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