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In this age of information, the industrial sectors are embedding its functioning principles with the components of Industry 4.0. This article proposes a production inventory model discussing the paradigm shift towards smart production process involving many new cost parameters in addition to the conventional inventory costs. The proposed Industry 4.0 production inventory model is discoursed and compared in both deterministic and neutrosophic environments. The trapezoidal neutrosophic number representation of the parameters enhances the efficiency of the model in determining the optimal order time that minimizes the total costs. The model is highly comprehensive in nature and it is validated with a numerical example.

The new industrial revolution in manufacturing is primarily focused on the implementation of smart manufacturing technologies leading to the factory of the future. This will require the machines, robots and processes to be digitally connected to deliver real-time analysis and monitor them for performance and efficiencies. To take advantage of these important digital technologies, the manufacturing processes and equipment must be operating very efficiently, predictable and the processes always need to be performing at their optimal levels. The factories of the future will have smart innovations operationalized with transformational digital technologies, new business models, and processes that will increase profits, reduce lead time, reduce human interventions, decrease product costs, enhance the consumer experience, and increase global market share by being relevant and responsive to any digital market disruptions. The lean manufacturing principles must be the foundation and constantly be strengthened so that smart manufacturing applications can be efficiently implemented to deliver the required manufacturing productivity and achieve customer responsiveness. To become a customer-driven company, the companies must become a solution provider and constantly improve the end to end supply chain. The goal of smart manufacturing is the value creation for the consumers and the advanced technological innovations to deliver sustainable top-line growth for the companies and to gain a bigger market share.

ÿIn Britain, most of us take electricity for granted. When there are power cuts, we are shocked by the gloom and the silence and how dependent on electricity we have become. Critics predicted that the privatisation of electricity supply in 1990 would lead to power shortages. Elsewhere in Europe it was sometimes dismissed contemptuously as 'The British Experiment?'. But the plan worked. Private investment flowed and customers reaped the benefits. Then it began to go wrong. Governments wanted more and more say, but their policies were often confusing and sometimes merely vote-catching. The confidence of investors was damaged. Power stations closed faster than they were replaced. The risk of

power shortages increased. In 1987, David Porter found himself at the centre of the energy supply revolution when he helped to form a new body created to fight for the UK's independent electricity producers. Soon he was also speaking for the companies that had once been state-owned. Battles were fought and often won, but government intervention grew relentlessly. The ideals of the privatisation were forgotten. Politics, rather than the paying customers, drove the industry. This book is David's story of those eventful years.

The digital revolution has brought with it a wider range of options for creating and producing print on paper products than ever seen before. With the growing demand for skills and knowledge with which to exploit the potential of digital technology, comes the need for a comprehensive book that not only makes it possible for production staff, editors, and designers to understand how the technology affects the industry they work in, but also provides them with the skills and competencies they need to work in it smartly and effectively. This book is designed to satisfy this need. Book Production falls into two parts: The first part deals with the increasingly important role of production as project managers, a role which has not been adequately written about in any of the recent literature on publishing. The second part deals with the processes and raw materials used in developing and manufacturing print on paper products. Case studies are used to illustrate why and how some processes or raw materials may or may not be appropriate for a particular job. With expert opinions and case studies, and a consideration of the practices and issues involved, this offers a comprehensive overview of book production for anyone working, or training to work in or in conjunction with the books industry.

This book provides a comprehensive and effective exchange of information on current developments in the management of manufacturing systems and Industry 4.0. The book aims to establish channels of communication and disseminate knowledge among professionals working in manufacturing and related institutions. In the book, researchers, academicians and practitioners in relevant fields share their knowledge from the sectors of management of manufacturing systems. The chapters were selected from several conferences in the field, with the topics including management of manufacturing systems with support for Industry 4.0, logistics and intelligent manufacturing systems and applications, cooperation management, and its effective applications. The book also includes case studies in logistics, RFID applications, and economic impacts in logistics, ICT support for industry 4.0, industrial and smart logistics, intelligent manufacturing systems and applications

U.S. manufacturing is still facing unprecedented challenges - but a bright future lies ahead for those companies that are able to maintain innovative capacity. Cutting-edge Shop Floor Management technology and systems are finding its way up and down the production line, eliminating the "disconnectivity" in the manufacturing value chain that need to be eliminated as organizations embark on the Smart Manufacturing journey to synchronize, automate and optimize the

physical and digital processes. These trends require the modern manufacturing business to undergo a fundamental transformation. The road to competitive success in manufacturing is not only paved with advanced equipment and technology to improve production effectiveness - it is also a necessity to alter the organizations' mindset to allow meaningful change to take place on the Shop Floor. To set manufacturing operations apart from competition the impact of Manufacturing 4.0 technologies on the business must be understood, in order to successfully utilize results calculated in metrics such as Overall Equipment Effectiveness (OEE).

Research efforts in the past ten years have led to considerable advances in the concepts and methods of smart manufacturing. *Smart Manufacturing: Concepts and Methods* puts these advances in perspective, showing how process industries can benefit from these new techniques. The book consolidates results developed by leading academic and industrial groups in the area, providing a systematic, comprehensive coverage of conceptual and methodological advances made to date. Written by leaders in the field from around the world, *Smart Manufacturing: Concepts and Methods* is essential reading for graduate students, researchers, process engineers, and managers. It is complemented by a companion book titled *Smart Manufacturing: Applications and Case Studies*, which covers the applications of smart manufacturing concepts and methods in process industries and beyond. Takes a process-systems engineering approach to design, monitoring, and control of smart manufacturing systems Brings together the key concepts and methods of smart manufacturing, including the advances made in the past decade Includes coverage of computation methods for process optimization, control, and safety, as well as advanced modelling techniques

This book comprises selected peer-reviewed proceedings of the International Conference on Advances in Industrial Automation and Smart Manufacturing (ICAIASM) 2019. The contents focus on innovative manufacturing processes, standards and technologies used to implement Industry 4.0, and industrial IoT based environment for smart manufacturing. The book particularly emphasizes on emerging industrial concepts like industrial IoT and cyber physical systems, advanced simulation and digital twin, wireless instrumentation, rapid prototyping and tooling, augmented reality, analytics and manufacturing operations management. Given the range of topics covered, this book will be useful for students, researchers as well as industry professionals.

The two-volume set IFIP AICT 591 and 592 constitutes the refereed proceedings of the International IFIP WG 5.7 Conference on Advances in Production Management Systems, APMS 2020, held in Novi Sad, Serbia, in August/September 2020. The 164 papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 199 submissions. They discuss globally pressing issues in smart manufacturing, operations management, supply chain management, and Industry 4.0. The papers are organized in the following topical sections: Part I: advanced modelling, simulation and data analytics in production and supply networks; advanced, digital and smart manufacturing; digital and virtual quality management systems; cloud-manufacturing; cyber-physical production systems and digital twins; IIOT interoperability; supply chain planning and optimization; digital and smart supply chain management; intelligent logistics networks management; artificial intelligence and blockchain technologies in logistics and DSN; novel production planning and control approaches; machine learning and artificial intelligence;

connected, smart factories of the future; manufacturing systems engineering: agile, flexible, reconfigurable; digital assistance systems: augmented reality and virtual reality; circular products design and engineering; circular, green, sustainable manufacturing; environmental and social lifecycle assessments; socio-cultural aspects in production systems; data-driven manufacturing and services operations management; product-service systems in DSN; and collaborative design and engineering Part II: the Operator 4.0: new physical and cognitive evolutionary paths; digital transformation approaches in production management; digital transformation for more sustainable supply chains; data-driven applications in smart manufacturing and logistics systems; data-driven services: characteristics, trends and applications; the future of lean thinking and practice; digital lean manufacturing and its emerging practices; new reconfigurable, flexible or agile production systems in the era of industry 4.0; operations management in engineer-to-order manufacturing; production management in food supply chains; gastronomic service system design; product and asset life cycle management in the circular economy; and production ramp-up strategies for product

The advent of modern technology and fourth Industrial revolution, particularly the industrial Internet of things, has brought enormous changes to the manufacturing industry. This book is about the growth of smart factory. We live in a smart, connected world. The number of things connected to the Internet currently surpasses the number of people in the world, and we're accelerating to numerous linked gadgets by the end of the decade. For manufacturers, the implications of this emerging "Internet of Things" are huge. Manufacturers must begin to transform existing business processes and fundamentally rethink how they create, operate, and service smart connected products in the era of Industry 4.0. This book is virtually a one volume encyclopedia on industrial Internet of things, the author explain its evolution, M2M data communication, real time business application and business use case as well touch base the technology prerequisite along with high level overview of implementing IIoT to achieve smart manufacturing focus on improving existing processes to increase efficiencies, and concludes with a view on careers in industrial automation.

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This book constitutes the refereed post-conference proceedings of the 14th IFIP WG 5.1 International Conference on Product Lifecycle Management, PLM 2017, held in Seville, Spain, in July 2017. The 64 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 78 submissions. The papers are organized in the following topical sections: PLM maturity, implementation and adoption; PLM for digital factories; PLM and process simulation; PLM, CAX and knowledge management; PLM and education; BIM; cyber-physical systems; modular design and products; new product development; ontologies, knowledge and data models; and Product, Service, Systems (PSS).

Business innovation and industrial intelligence are paving the way for a future in which smart factories, intelligent machines, networked processes and Big Data are combined to foster industrial growth. The maturity and growth of instrumentation, monitoring and automation as key technology drivers support Industry 4.0 as a viable, competent and actionable business model. This book offers a primer, helping readers understand this paradigm shift from industry 1.0 to industry 4.0. The focus is on grasping the necessary pre-conditions, development & technological aspects that conceptually describe this transformation, along with the practices, models and real-time experience needed to achieve sustainable smart manufacturing technologies. The primary goal is to address significant questions of what, how and why in this context, such as: What is Industry 4.0? What is the current status of its implementation? What are the pillars of Industry 4.0? How can Industry 4.0 be effectively implemented? How are firms exploiting the Internet of Things (IoT), Big Data and other emerging technologies to improve their production and services? How can the implementation of Industry 4.0 be accelerated? How is Industry 4.0 changing the workplace landscape? Why is this melding of the virtual and physical world needed for smart production engineering environments? Why is smart

production a game-changing new form of product design and manufacturing?

After the IPS2 conferences in Cranfield and Linköping in 2009 and 2010 the 3rd CIRP International Conference on Industrial Product Service Systems (IPS2) 2011 takes place in Braunschweig, Germany. IPS2 itself is defined as “an integrated industrial product and service offering that delivers value in use”. The customers expect comprehensive solutions, which are adapted to their individual needs. IPS2 offers the possibility to stand out from competition and for long-term customer loyalty. Particularly in times of economic crisis it becomes apparent which producing companies understand to satisfy the needs and requirements of their customers. Especially in this relatively new domain IPS2 it will be important to keep track of the whole context and to seek cooperation with other research fields and disciplines. The 3rd CIRP International Conference on Industrial Product Service Systems (IPS2) 2011 serves as a platform for such collaborations and the discussion of new scientific ideas.

Smart manufacturing uses big data, the Internet of things (IoT) and the Internet of Services (IoS), and flexible and dynamic workforces to cope with ever-increasing demand in low-volume, high-mix production. Companies worldwide are already pivoting towards dynamic and reconfigurable production as a smarter way to build and make things. As such, this book discusses the next generation of manufacturing, which will involve the transformational convergence of intelligent machines, powerful computing and analytics, and unprecedented networking of people, products, and services.

The mission of the Engineering Laboratory (EL) of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is to "promote U.S. innovation and industrial competitiveness by advancing measurement science, standards, and technology for engineered systems in ways that enhance economic security and improve quality of life." To support this mission the EL has developed thrusts in smart manufacturing, construction, and cyberphysical systems; in sustainable and energy-efficient manufacturing materials and infrastructure; and in disaster-resilient buildings, infrastructure, and communities. The technical work of the EL is performed in five divisions - Intelligent Systems, Materials and Structural Systems, Energy and Environment, Systems Integration, and Fire Research - and in two offices - the Applied Economics Office and the Smart Grid Program Office. At the request of the acting director of NIST, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine assesses the scientific and technical work performed by the NIST Engineering Laboratory (EL). This publication reviews technical reports and technical program descriptions prepared by NIST staff summarizes the findings of the authoring panel.

Next-generation supply chains revolve around smart manufacturing processes and personalized customization of products and services. For businesses to stay relevant in the market today, prioritizing customer satisfaction with speed and great service has become crucial. Industry 4.0 and Hyper-Customized Smart Manufacturing Supply Chains is an assemblage of innovative research ideas surrounding the methods of modern smart manufacturing technologies and digital supply chain management in the era of Industry 4.0. While highlighting topics including blockchain diffusion, logistics system, and data analytics, this book is ideally designed for industry professionals, researchers, managers, and students seeking current research on the role of technology in business production.

The purpose of this book is to provide an overview of the new industrial revolution: the "Industry 4.0." Globalization and competitiveness are forcing companies to review and improve their production processes. Industry 4.0 is a revolution that involves many different sectors and is still evolving. It represents the integration of tools already used in the past (big data, cloud, robot, 3D printing, simulation, etc.) that are now connected to a smart network by transmitting digital data at high speeds. The implementation of a 4.0 system represents a huge change for companies, which are faced with big investments. The idea of the book is to present practices, challenges, and opportunities related to the

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Industry 4.0. This book is intended to be a useful resource for anyone who deals with this issue.

This book focuses on sustainability in fashion retail, which is fast becoming the pivot point of future fashion retail strategies. Chapters in the book provide theoretical and practical insight on how going green may positively influence the strategy of fashion retailers and marketers, who have to react to the changing society and customer needs. Structured in four main parts, and based on distinct research questions, readers will be able to dig deep into the individual levers for possible adaptations. It thus provides a solid understanding on how to integrate green aspects into any fashion retailers business model.

The most approachable guide to Smart Manufacturing written for laypeople with no background or experience in the industry. How manufacturing has evolved in the United States and how an increased emphasis on domestic manufacturing will result from the COVID19 crisis. This in turn will create career opportunities for those that gain the skills and knowledge needed to operate an Industry 4.0 factory. Chapters detailing specific technologies used to shift the mass production paradigm to one of mass personalization in environmentally friendly factories. These include robotics, augmented and virtual reality, artificial intelligence, MES and ERP software programs, and other Industrial Internet of Things technologies. Job titles, descriptions, and salary ranges are provided. Lists of movies and films that feature the technology are included in each chapter for more relaxed learning. Soft skills are discussed in a chapter as an equally important component for personal success as the hard skills of engineering and software programming.

Der Prix Ars Electronica ist eine offene Plattform für die unterschiedlichen Disziplinen im Bereich digitaler Mediengestaltung an der Schnittstelle von Technologie, Kunst, Wissenschaft und Gesellschaft. Die neue Wettbewerbssparte Net Vision/Net Excellence öffnet sich verstärkt dem kulturellen Diskurs um das Medium Internet. Cyberarts 2001 bietet einen aktuellen Überblick über digitale Mediengestaltung am Beispiel der Wettbewerbsbereiche Net Vision/Net Excellence, Digital Musics, Interaktive Kunst und Computeranimation/Visual Effects ebenso wie einen Überblick über die breite Palette von Produktionen Jugendlicher.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the International Workshop on Robotics in Smart Manufacturing, WRSM 2013, held in Porto, Portugal, in June 2013. The 20 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from numerous submissions. The papers address issues such as robotic machining, off-line robot programming, robot calibration, new robotic hardware and software architectures, advanced robot teaching methods, intelligent warehouses, robot co-workers and application of robots in the textile industry.

Traditional machining has many limitations in today's technology-driven world, which has caused industrial professionals to begin implementing various optimization techniques within their machining processes. The application of methods including machine learning and genetic algorithms has recently transformed the manufacturing industry and created countless opportunities in non-traditional machining methods. Significant research in this area, however, is still considerably lacking. Machine Learning Applications in Non-Conventional Machining Processes is a collection of innovative research on the advancement of intelligent technology in industrial environments and its applications within the manufacturing field. While highlighting topics including evolutionary algorithms, micro-machining, and artificial neural networks, this book is ideally designed for researchers, academicians, engineers, managers, developers, practitioners, industrialists, and students seeking current research on



intelligence-based machining processes in today's technology-driven market.

This contributed volume provides the state-of-the-art development on security and privacy for cyber-physical systems (CPS) and industrial Internet of Things (IIoT). More specifically, this book discusses the security challenges in CPS and IIoT systems as well as how Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) can be used to address these challenges. Furthermore, this book proposes various defence strategies, including intelligent cyber-attack and anomaly detection algorithms for different IIoT applications. Each chapter corresponds to an important snapshot including an overview of the opportunities and challenges of realizing the AI in IIoT environments, issues related to data security, privacy and application of blockchain technology in the IIoT environment. This book also examines more advanced and specific topics in AI-based solutions developed for efficient anomaly detection in IIoT environments. Different AI/ML techniques including deep representation learning, Snapshot Ensemble Deep Neural Network (SEDNN), federated learning and multi-stage learning are discussed and analysed as well. Researchers and professionals working in computer security with an emphasis on the scientific foundations and engineering techniques for securing IIoT systems and their underlying computing and communicating systems will find this book useful as a reference. The content of this book will be particularly useful for advanced-level students studying computer science, computer technology, cyber security, and information systems. It also applies to advanced-level students studying electrical engineering and system engineering, who would benefit from the case studies.

Research efforts in the past decade have led to considerable advances in the concepts and methods of smart manufacturing. *Smart Manufacturing: Applications and Case Studies* includes information about the key applications of these new methods, as well as practitioners' accounts of real-life applications and case studies. Written by thought leaders in the field from around the world, *Smart Manufacturing: Applications and Case Studies* is essential reading for graduate students, researchers, process engineers and managers. It is complemented by a companion book titled *Smart Manufacturing: Concepts and Methods*, which describes smart manufacturing methods in detail. Includes examples of applications of smart manufacturing in process industries Provides a thorough overview of the subject and practical examples of applications through well researched case studies Offers insights and accounts of first-hand experiences to motivate further implementations of the key concepts of smart manufacturing This book presents the proceedings from the International Symposium for Production Research 2020. The cross-disciplinary papers presented draw on research from academics and practitioners from industrial engineering, management engineering, operational research, and production/operational management. It explores topics including: · computer-aided manufacturing; Industry 4.0 applications; simulation and modeling big data and analytics; flexible manufacturing systems; decision analysis quality management industrial robotics in production systems information technologies in production management; and optimization techniques. Presenting real-life applications, case studies, and mathematical models, this book is of interest to researchers, academics, and practitioners in the field of production and operation engineering.

The rapid growth of modern industry has resulted in a growing demand for construction materials with excellent operational

properties. However, the improved features of these materials can significantly hinder their manufacture and, therefore, they can be defined as hard-to-cut. The main difficulties during the manufacturing/processing of hard-to-cut materials are attributed especially to their high hardness and abrasion resistance, high strength at room or elevated temperatures, increased thermal conductivity, as well as resistance to oxidation and corrosion. Nowadays, the group of hard-to-cut materials is extensive and still expanding, which is attributed to the development of a novel manufacturing techniques (e.g., additive technologies). Currently, the group of hard-to-cut materials mainly includes hardened and stainless steels, titanium, cobalt and nickel alloys, composites, ceramics, as well as the hard clads fabricated by additive techniques. This Special Issue, “Advances in Hard-to-Cut Materials: Manufacturing, Properties, Process Mechanics and Evaluation of Surface Integrity”, provides the collection of research papers regarding the various problems correlated with hard-to-cut materials. The analysis of these studies reveals the primary directions regarding the developments in manufacturing methods, characterization, and optimization of hard-to-cut materials.

The two-volume set IFIP AICT 566 and 567 constitutes the refereed proceedings of the International IFIP WG 5.7 Conference on Advances in Production Management Systems, APMS 2019, held in Austin, TX, USA. The 161 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 184 submissions. They discuss globally pressing issues in smart manufacturing, operations management, supply chain management, and Industry 4.0. The papers are organized in the following topical sections: lean production; production management in food supply chains; sustainability and reconfigurability of manufacturing systems; product and asset life cycle management in smart factories of industry 4.0; variety and complexity management in the era of industry 4.0; participatory methods for supporting the career choices in industrial engineering and management education; blockchain in supply chain management; designing and delivering smart services in the digital age; operations management in engineer-to-order manufacturing; the operator 4.0 and the Internet of Things, services and people; intelligent diagnostics and maintenance solutions for smart manufacturing; smart supply networks; production management theory and methodology; data-driven production management; industry 4.0 implementations; smart factory and IIOT; cyber-physical systems; knowledge management in design and manufacturing; collaborative product development; ICT for collaborative manufacturing; collaborative technology; applications of machine learning in production management; and collaborative technology.

Fast advances in information technology have led to a smarter world vision with ubiquitous interconnection and intelligence. Smart Manufacturing Innovation and Transformation: Interconnection and Intelligence covers both theoretical perspectives and practical approaches to smart manufacturing research and development triggered by ubiquitous interconnection and intelligence. This reference work discusses the transformation of manufacturing, the latest developments in smart manufacturing innovation, current and emerging technology opportunities, and market imperatives that enable manufacturing innovation and transformation, useful tools for readers in industry, academia, and government.

Nanosensors for Smart Manufacturing provides information on the fundamental design concepts and emerging applications of nanosensors in smart manufacturing processes. In smart production, if the products and machines are integrated, embedded, or



equipped with sensors, the system can immediately collect the current operating parameters, predict the product quality, and then feed back the optimal parameters to machines in the production line. In this regard, smart sensors and their wireless networks are important components of smart manufacturing. Nanomaterials-based sensors (nanosensors) offer several advantages over their microscale counterparts, including lower power consumption, fast response time, high sensitivity, lower concentration of analytes, and smaller interaction distance between sensors and products. With the support of artificial intelligence (AI) tools such as fuzzy logic, genetic algorithms, neural networks, and ambient intelligence, sensor systems have become smarter. This is an important reference source for materials scientists and engineers who want to learn more about how nanoscale sensors can enhance smart manufacturing techniques and processes. Outlines the smart nanosensor classes used in manufacturing applications Shows how nanosensors are being used to make more efficient manufacturing systems Assesses the major obstacles to designing nanosensor-based manufacturing systems at an industrial scale

Organic Computing has emerged as a challenging vision for future information processing systems. Its basis is the insight that we will increasingly be surrounded by and depend on large collections of autonomous systems, which are equipped with sensors and actuators, aware of their environment, communicating freely, and organising themselves in order to perform actions and services required by the users. These networks of intelligent systems surrounding us open fascinating application areas and at the same time bear the problem of their controllability. Hence, we have to construct such systems as robust, safe, flexible, and trustworthy as possible. In particular, a strong orientation towards human needs as opposed to a pure implementation of the technologically possible seems absolutely central. The technical systems, which can achieve these goals will have to exhibit life-like or "organic" properties. "Organic Computing Systems" adapt dynamically to their current environmental conditions. In order to cope with unexpected or undesired events they are self-organising, self-configuring, self-optimising, self-healing, self-protecting, self-explaining, and context-aware, while offering complementary interfaces for higher-level directives with respect to the desired behaviour. First steps towards adaptive and self-organising computer systems are being undertaken. Adaptivity, reconfigurability, emergence of new properties, and self-organisation are hot topics in a variety of research groups worldwide. This book summarises the results of a 6-year priority research program (SPP) of the German Research Foundation (DFG) addressing these fundamental challenges in the design of Organic Computing systems. It presents and discusses the theoretical foundations of Organic Computing, basic methods and tools, learning techniques used in this context, architectural patterns and many applications. The final outlook shows that in the mean-time Organic Computing ideas have spawned a variety of promising new projects.

Featuring comprehensive updates and additions, the second edition of *Understanding Theories of Religion* explores the development of major theories of religion through the works of classic and contemporary figures. • A new edition of this introductory text exploring the core methods and theorists in religion, spanning the sixteenth-century through to the latest theoretical trends • Features an entirely new section covering religion and postmodernism; race, sex, and gender; and religion and

postcolonialism • Examines the development of religious theories through the work of classic and contemporary figures from the history of anthropology, sociology, psychology, philosophy, and theology • Reveals how the study of religion evolved in response to great cultural conflicts and major historical events • Student-friendly features include chapter introductions and summaries, biographical vignettes, a timeline, a glossary, and many other learning aids

This book gathers the peer-reviewed papers presented at the 8th edition of the International Workshop “Service Orientation in Holonic and Multi-Agent Manufacturing – SOHOMA’18” held at the University of Bergamo, Italy on June 11–12, 2018. The objective of the SOHOMA annual workshops is to foster innovation in smart and sustainable manufacturing and logistics systems by promoting new concepts, methods and solutions that use service orientation of agent-based control technologies with distributed intelligence. Reflecting the theme of SOHOMA’18: “Digital transformation of manufacturing with agent-based control and service orientation of Internet-scale platforms”, the research included focuses on how the digital transformation, as advocated by the “Industry 4.0”, “Industrial Internet of Things”, “Cyber-Physical Production Systems” and “Cloud Manufacturing” frameworks, improves the efficiency, agility and sustainability of manufacturing processes, products, and services, and how it relates to the interaction between the physical and informational worlds, which is implemented in the virtualization of products, processes and resources managed as services.

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