

COCOP- Coordinating Optimisation of Complex Industrial Processes

Communication architecture for plant wide optimisation

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Overall goal: project scope





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Enable plant-wide optimisation

Distributed, loosely coupled system

Static and Dynamic environments

Compatibility with different vendors and systems

Flexibility for integrator implementation

Architecture needs: system connectivity needs



The systems that should be interconnected are heterogeneous, and they reside in various levels of production systems.

PLCs and other Level 0-1 systems (e.g. laboratory and testing equipment)

SCADA, DCSs and other level 2 systems

MES and other Level 3 systems

ERP and other Level 4 systems

Customers / provider systems

External information providers (Stocks, pricing, weather, ...)

Architecture needs: covered industries





Proposed architecture: general scheme





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Proposed architecture: fulfilling Industry 4.0 needs



The architecture contributes to flexible systems integration in the spirit of Industry 4.0. The vision is to replace the conventional strict, inflexible hierarchy of physical automation systems with decoupled systems and event-driven control execution.



Loosely coupled elements

Distributed architecture

Event driven implementation

Data driven foundation

Proposed architecture: message Bus





Proposed architecture: entities connected to the bus







A SDK has been implemented for .NET and Java. The messaging is based on the AMQP protocol. Software libraries perform the serialisation of messages that conform to open standards. A process data publisher also exists to publish data to the message bus.



Java

AMQP-based message bus implementation

Messaging Library

- Measurements, including complex structures
- Request response
- Task control

Process Data Publisher

Resource discovery system

Example of application: steel pilot case







Thank you for your attention!

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