From the Smart Industry Readiness Index to the implementation of a safe, secure and reliable Digital Twin in manufacturing using AI. Potential Impact and Considerations

Abstract:

Today's digital revolution, or more widely known as Industry 4.0, is the next watershed in the development of the manufacturing sector and will transform industry's cost structure. The concept of Industry 4.0 should be seen as the next mile-stone in the industry's 100 year technological development. The advent of technologies like IoT and AI heralds a quantum leap in the way we can continue to develop and generate new business models. Even as we climb out of a four-year slump, never before has the industry had the opportunity to revolutionize its affairs in quite such a profound manner.

Key elements of this transformation are extensive data-sharing and connectivity through digital cloud – based solutions. These so – called digital–twins can replicate real – life scenarios with virtual 3D simulations of operations. Improved data analytics for condition–based maintenance (CBMS) of equipment and artificial intelligence (AI) involving machine learning to better understand and interpret data for more effective decision–making, will all contribute to this "Brave New World."

Such digital initiatives are aimed at eliminating reams of paper, making better use of time by stream-lining tasks, thereby boosting operational efficiency and cutting costs.

Lear how the Smart Industry Readiness Index can support your industry in this transformation and prepare a baseline for the implementation of a Smart and Reliable Digital Twin.

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Sensors and AI – How can we trust them?

Abstract:

Sensors are the most critical source of data for the smart factory value chain. Each derived insight, may it be for performance analysis, predictive maintenance, or optimization, inherently depends on the quality of collected data. If those algorithms are fed with wrong or invalid data, the outcome should not be used for mission critical decisions. The major challenge is that sensors are known to be susceptible to a wide variety of errors, e.g. due to de-calibration, misconfiguration, or simply misuse.

Another critical component in the processing chain are AI algorithms. AI has proven extremely valuable in crunching large amount of machine data and generating valuable insights. However, there also have been spectacular failures. Their black box nature currently does not allow to accurately quantify the risks associated with AI components.

This talk with address the challenge of establishing trust in the smart factory value chain. It provides an analysis of the core issues and outlines best practices and technical solutions to establish correctness of sensor values as well as introduces an auditable process to establish quality in AI.

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