

Automating security wrappers for I4.0 applications

Long Version

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Abstract. Industry 4.0 (I4.0) refers to the trend towards automation and data exchange in manufacturing technologies and processes which include cyber-physical systems, where the internet of things connect with each other and the environment via networking. This new connectivity opens systems to attacks, by, *e.g.*, injecting or tampering with messages. The solution supported by standards such as OPC-UA is to sign and/or encrypt messages. However, given the limited resources of devices, instead of applying crypto algorithms to all messages in the network, it is better to focus on the messages that if tampered with or injected, could lead to undesired configurations.

This paper describes a framework for developing and analyzing formal executable specifications of I4.0 applications in Maude. The framework supports the engineering design workflow using theory transformations that include algorithms to enumerate network attacks leading to undesired states, and to determine wrappers preventing these attacks. In particular, given a deployment map from application components to devices we define a theory transformation that models execution of the application on the given set of (networked) devices. Given an enumeration of attacks (message flows) we define a further theory transformation that wraps each device with policies for signing/signature checking for just those messages needed to prevent the attacks.

1 Introduction

Manufacturing technologies and processes are increasingly automated with highly interconnected components that may include simple sensors and controllers as well as cyber-physical systems and the Internet of Things (IoT) components. This trend is sometimes referred to Industry 4.0 (I4.0). Among other benefits, I4.0 enables process agility and product specialization. This increase of interconnectivity has also enabled cyber-attacks. These attacks can lead to catastrophic events possibly leading to material and human damages. For example, after an attack on a steel mill, the factory had to stop its production leading to great financial loss [1].

A recent BSI report on the security of OPC-UA (machine to machine communication protocol for industrial automation) [7], points out that the lack of signed and encrypted messages on sensitive parts of the factory network can lead to high risk attacks. For example, attackers can inject or tamper with messages, confusing factory controllers and ultimately leading to a stalled or fatal state. Given the limited bandwidth

40 and processing power of I4.0 elements, instead of signing all messages, it is much bet-
41 ter to only sign the messages that when not protected could be modified or injected
42 by an intruder to lead to an undesirable situation. This leads to the question of how to
43 determine critical communications.

44 This paper presents a formal framework for specifying I4.0 applications and ana-
45 lyzing safety and security properties using Maude [4]. The engineering development
46 process from application design and testing to systems deployment is captured by the-
47 ory transformations with associated theorems showing that results of analysis carried
48 out at the abstract application level hold for models of deployed systems.

49 Our key contributions are as follows:

- 50 – **I4.0 Application Behavior:** We present a formal executable model of the behavior of
51 I4.0 applications in the rewriting logic system Maude [4]. An application is composed
52 of interacting state transition machines which, following the IEC 61499 standard
53 [19], we call function blocks. Maude’s search capability is used to formally check
54 such applications for logical defects, which may lead to unsafe conditions.
- 55 – **Bounded Symbolic Intruder Model:** To evaluate the security of an application, we
56 formalize a family of bounded intruders parameterized by the number of messages
57 the intruder can inject. Our intruder can generate any clear text message, but can not
58 generate (or read) messages signed by honest devices. We reduce the search space
59 by defining a symbolic intruder. Proof of the *Intruder Theorem* shows that the two
60 intruder models yield the same attacks.
- 61 – **Deployment transformation:** The application model is suited to reason about func-
62 tionality and message flows, but does not support reasoning about resources and com-
63 munication issues that arise when function blocks run on different devices. We define
64 a theory transformation from an application executable specification to a specification
65 of a deployment of that application using a map from application function blocks to
66 a given set of devices. Proof of the *Deployment Theorem* shows that in the absence of
67 intruders, applications and their deployments satisfy the same function block based
68 properties. Proof of the *Deployment Intruder Theorem* shows that any bounded in-
69 truder attack at the system level can be found at already at the application level.
- 70 – **Security Wrappers:** Use of security wrappers is a mechanism to protect communi-
71 cations [3]. Here it is used to secure message flow between devices using signing.
72 Since signing is expensive, it is important to minimize message signing. We define
73 a transformation from a specification of a deployed application to one in which de-
74 vices are wrapped with a policy enforcement layer where the policies are computed
75 from a set of message flows that must be protected as determined by the enumeration
76 of possible attacks. The proof of the *Wrapping theorem* shows that the wrapping
77 transformation protects the deployed system against identified attacks.

78 We have implemented the framework and carried out a number of experiments
79 demonstrating analysis, deployment, and wrapping for variations of a PickNPlace ap-
80 plication. The Maude code along with documentation, scenarios, and sample runs can
81 be found at <https://github.com/SRI-CSL/WrapPat.git>. An early version
82 of the framework was presented in [14] where we demonstrated use of the search com-
83 mand to find logical defects and enumerate attacks, and proposed the idea of device
84 wrappers. That paper contains a number of experiments, including scalability results.

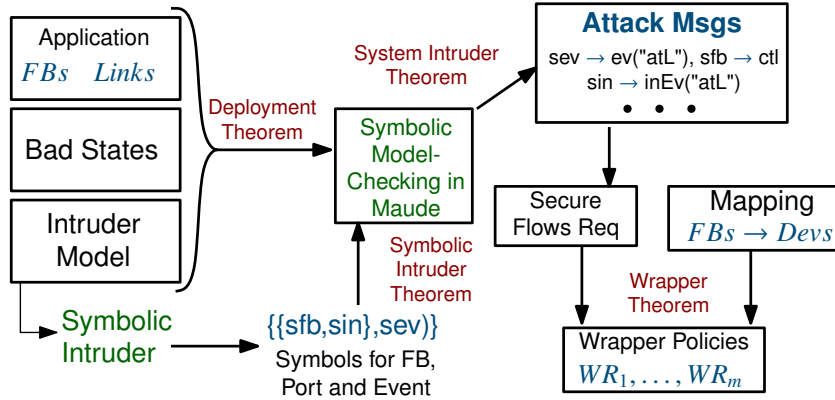


Fig. 1. Methodology Overview

85 The new contributions include the theorems and proofs, implementation of the deploy-
 86 ment and wrapping functions, and a simplified version of the symbolic intruder model.

87 2 Overview

88 *Threat Model* We assume that devices have their pair of secret and public key. More-
 89 over, that devices can be trusted and that a secret key is only known by its corresponding
 90 device. However, the communication channels shared by devices are not trusted. An in-
 91 truder can, for example, inject and tamper (unsigned) messages in any communication
 92 channel. This intruder model reflects the critical types of attacks in Industry 4.0 appli-
 93 cations as per the BSI report [7].

94 To protect communications between function blocks on different devices we use the
 95 idea of formal wrapper [3] to transform a system S into a system, $wrap(S, emsgs)$, in
 96 which system devices are wrapped in a policy layer protecting communications between
 97 devices by signing messages and checking signatures on flows.

98 Intuitively, a security wrapper specifies which incoming events a device will accept
 99 only if they are correctly signed and which outgoing events should be signed. By using
 100 security wrappers it is possible to prevent injection attacks. For example, if all possible
 101 incoming events expected in a device are to be signed, then any message injected by an
 102 intruder would be rejected by the device. However, more messages in security wrappers
 103 means greater computational and network overhead. One goal of our work is to derive
 104 security wrappers, WR_1, \dots, WR_n , for devices, Dev_1, \dots, Dev_n in which software,
 105 called function blocks, are to be executed, to ensure the security of an application
 106 without needing to sign all events.

107 Figure 1 depicts the key components in achieving this goal with the inputs:

- 108 – **Application (App):** a set, $\{FB_1, \dots, FB_n\}$, of function blocks (FBs) and links,
 109 *Links* between output and target ports. A FB is a finite state machine similar to a
 110 Mealy Machine. An App executes its function blocks in cycles. In each cycle, the
 111 input pool is delivered to function block inputs and each function block fires one
 112 transition if possible. The remaining inputs are cleared, the function block outputs
 113 are collected, routed along the application links, and stored in the application input
 114 pool.

- 115 – **Bad State:** a predicate (`badstate`) specifying which FB states should be avoided,
116 for example, states that correspond to catastrophic situations.
- 117 – **Intruder Capabilities:** The intruder is given a set of all possible messages deliver-
118 able in the given application. For up to n times the intruder can pick a message from
119 this set and inject it into the application input pool at any moment of execution.

120 We use a symbolic representation of intruder messages and Maude’s search capability
121 to determine which messages, called *attack messages*, that an intruder can inject to drive
122 the system to a bad state. Due to the finiteness of the FBs, applications either get stuck
123 or are periodic. Thus, due to Maude’s loop detection, the search is finite.

124 Deploying an application is a theory transformation [13]. The function `deployApp`
125 takes an application and a deployment mapping from FBs to devices and returns a sys-
126 tem that is the deployed version of the application corresponding to the mapping.

127 From the enumerated attack messages, we derive which flows between function
128 blocks need to have their events signed. Finally, from these flows, we are able to derive
129 the security wrapper policies for a given mapping of function blocks to devices.

130 *Challenges* To achieve our goal, we encounter a number of challenges.

- 131 – **Challenge 1 (Deployment Agnostic):** As pointed out above, the deployment of FBs
132 on devices can affect the security requirements of flows. Analysis at the system level
133 is more complex than at the application level. Thus it is important to understand how
134 analysis on the application level can be transferred to the system level.
- 135 – **Challenge 2 (Symbolic Intruder):** Our intruder possess a set of concrete messages
136 and a bound n on the number of injections. The search space grows rapidly with the
137 bound. To reduce the search space, the concrete messages and bound n is replaced
138 by n distinct symbolic messages. The symbols are instantiated only when required.
139 The question is whether the symbolic model is equivalent to the concrete model.
- 140 – **Challenge 3 (Complete Set of Attack Messages):** How do we know that at the end
141 the set of attack messages found is a complete set for any deployment?
- 142 – **Challenge 4 (System Security by Wrapping):** How do we know that the wrappers
143 constructed from identified flows and deployment mapping ensure the security of the
144 system assuming our threat model?

145 To address these challenges, we prove the following theorems:

146 **Symbolic Intruder Theorem (Theorem 1)** states that each execution of an application
147 A in a symbolic intruder environment has a corresponding execution of A in the concrete
148 intruder environment with the same bound, and conversely. Thus, using the symbolic
149 intruder is sound and complete with respect to the concrete intruder–enumeration of
150 attacks gives the same result in both cases. The key to this result is the soundness and
151 completeness of the symbolic match generation.

152 **Deployment Theorem (Theorem 2)** states that executions of an application A and a
153 deployment S of A are in close correspondence. In particular the underlying function
154 block transitions are the same and thus properties that depend only on function block
155 states are preserved.

156 **System Intruder Theorem (Theorem 3)** states that, letting A , S be as in the Deploy-
157 ment Theorem, (1) for any execution of S in an intruder environment there is a cor-
158 responding execution of A in that environment; and (2) for any execution of A in an

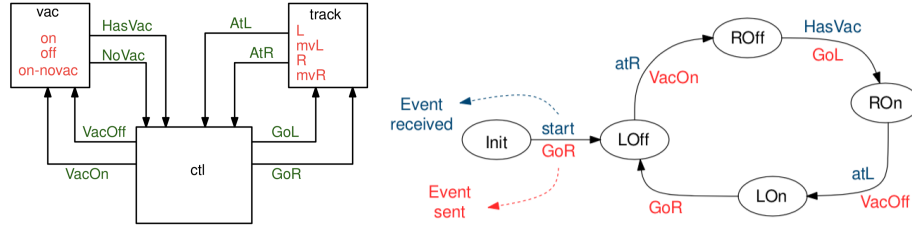


Fig. 2. PnP Function Blocks, *ctl*, *Vac*, and *track*. The internal states of *Vac* and *track* are shown in their corresponding boxes and their transitions are elided. The complete specification is shown in the finite machine to the right.

intruder environment that does not deliver any intruder messages that should flow on links internal to some device, has a corresponding execution from *S* in that environment. Corresponding executions preserve attacks and FB properties.

Wrapper Theorem (Theorem 4) Let *A* be an application, *S* a deployment of *A*, and *msgs* a set of messages containing the attack messages enumerated by symbolic search with an *n* bounded intruder. The wrapper theorem says that the wrapped system $\text{wrap}(S, \text{msgs})$ is resistant to attacks by an *n* bounded intruder.

2.1 Example

Consider an I4.0 unit, called Pick and Place (PnP),⁴ used to place a cap on a cylinder. The cylinder moving on the conveyor belt is stopped by the PnP at the correct location. Then an arm picks a cap from the cap repository, by using a suction mechanism that generates a vacuum between the arm gripper and the cap. The arm is then moved, so that the cap is over the cylinder and then placed on the cylinder. Finally, the cylinder with the cap moves to the next factory element, e.g., storage element.

An application implementing the PnP logic has three function blocks that communicate using the channels as shown in Figure 2. The controller, *ctl*, coordinates with the *Vac* and *track* function blocks as specified by the finite machine in Figure 2. For example, after starting, it sends the message *GoR* to the Arm that then moves to the right-most position where the caps are to be picked. When the Arm reaches this position, it informs the controller by sending the message *atR*. The controller then sends the message *VacOn* to the *Vac* function block that starts its vacuum mechanism. If a vacuum is formed indicating that a cap has been picked, *Vac* sends the message *on-hasVac* to the *ctl*. The controller then sends *GoL* to the *track* that then moves to the left-most position where the cylinder is located on which the cap has to be placed. The *track* sends the message *atL*. The controller then sends the message *VacOff* to the *Vac* to turn off the vacuum mechanism causing the cap to be placed over the cylinder.

For larger scale PnP, the hazard “Unintended Release of Cap” is catastrophic as the cap can hurt someone that is near the PnP. By performing analysis, such as STPA

⁴ See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tkcv-mbhYqk> starting at time 55 seconds for a very small scale version of the PnP.

(Systems-Theoretic Process Analysis), one can determine that this event can occur when *The track function block is at state mvL and the Vac function block is in state on-noVac or in state off*. This is because when starting to move to the position to the left, the gripper may have succeeded to grab a cap. However, while the arm is moving, the vacuum may have been lost causing the cap to be released, *i.e.*, the *Vac* function block is in state *on-noVac* or *off*.

Following our methodology, shown in Figure 1, we feed to our Symbolic Model-Checker the PnP function blocks, its bad state above, and a symbolic intruder that can inject at most one message. One can specify stronger intruders, but this weak intruder is already able to lead the system into a bad state. Indeed, from the the model-checker's output, we can compute that there are four different attack messages. One of them is shown in Figure 1, where the intruder impersonates the *track* and sends to the *ctl* a message *atL*.

From the identified attack messages we can see that messages in the flow from the *track* to the *ctl* involving the message *atL* should be protected. If *track* and *ctl* are deployed on the same device, there is no need to sign *atL* messages as we trust devices to protect internal communications. However, it might not be possible to deploy both function blocks in the same device [17]. For example, devices normally can only execute one function block at a time. Therefore, deploying several function blocks may hinder performance. There are also physical limitations. For example, the *Vac* function block shall be deployed on the device where the vacuum mechanism is connected. Suppose *track* and *ctl* are deployed in *dev₁* and *dev₂*, respectively, then the computed security wrapper on *dev₁* will sign *atL* messages, and the security wrapper on *dev₂* will check whether *atL* messages are signed by *dev₁*.

3 Formalization of the I4.0 framework in Maude

We now describe the formal representation of Applications, and the deployment and wrapping transformations. We formalize theorems, providing key ideas for proofs. We describe the main structures, operations, and rules using snippets from the Maude specification, leaving sort and variable declarations implicit. Examples come from the Maude formalization of the PnP application of Section 2.

3.1 Function blocks

An I4.0 application is composed of a set of interconnected interactive finite state machines called *function blocks*. A function block behavior is characterized by its finite set of states, finite sets of inputs and outputs, a finite set of possible events at each input or output, and a finite set of transitions. We call this a class and we give FBs both an instance identifier and a class identifier to allow for multiple occurrences of a given class.

The Maude representation of a function block (FB) is a term of the form

$$[\text{fbId} : \text{fbCid} \mid \text{fbAttrs}],$$

where `fbId` is the FB identifier, `fbCid` its class identifier and `fbAttrs` is a set of attribute-value pairs, including

```
(state : st), (oEvEfts : oefts), (ticked : b)
```

with `state`, `oEvEfts`, `ticked` being the attribute tags, `st` the current state, `oefts` a set of signals/events to be transmitted, and `b` a boolean indicating whether the FB has fired a transition in the current cycle. An element of `oefts` is a term of the form `(out : ~ ev)` where `out` is an output of the FB and `ev` the event to be transmitted.

A transition is a term of the form `tr(st0, st1, cond, oefts)` where `st0` is the initial state and `st1` the final state, `cond` is the condition, and `oefts` is the set of outputs. A condition is a boolean combination of primitive conditions `(in is ev)` specifying a particular event (`ev`) at input port `in`. A transition `tr(st0, st1, cond, oefts)` is enabled by a set of inputs if they satisfy `cond` and the current state of the function block state `st0`. In this case, the transition can fire, changing the function block state to `st1` and emitting `oefts`.

Example FB. The FB with class id `vac` has

```
- states st("off"), st("on"), st("on-novac");
- inputs inEv("VacOn"), inEv("VacOff");
- outputs outEv("NoVac"), outEv("HasVac").
```

The initial state of an FB with class id `vac` and identifier `id("vac")` is

```
vacInit(id("vac")) =
  [id("vac") : vac | state : st("off") ; ticked : false ;
   iEvEfts : none ; oEvEfts : none]
```

The function `trsFB(fbCid)` returns the set of transitions for function blocks of class `fbCid`. The remaining features (states, etc.) can be computed from the transitions. `trsFB(fbCid, st)` selects the transitions in `trs(fbCid)` with initial state `st`. For example `trsFB(vac)` returns the transitions

```
tr(st("on"), st("off"), inEv("VacOff") is ev("VacOff"),
   outEv("NoVac") :~ ev("NoVac"))
tr(st("off"), st("on-novac"), inEv("VacOn") is ev("VacOn"),
   outEv("NoVac") :~ ev("NoVac"))
tr(st("off"), st("on"), inEv("VacOn") is ev("VacOn"),
   outEv("HasVac") :~ ev("HasVac"))
```

We compile a transition condition into a representation as a set of constraint sets which simplifies satisfaction checking, and matching when messages are symbolic. We can think of a constraint set (CSet) as a finite map from function block inputs to finite sets of events. A set of inputs $i\text{efts} = \{(in_i \triangleright ev_i) | 1 \leq i \leq k\}$ satisfies a CSet, css , just if css has size k , the in_i form a set equal to the domain of css , and ev_i is in $css(in_i)$ for $1 \leq i \leq k$. The function `condToCSet(cond)` returns a set of CSets such that an input set satisfies some CSet in the result just if it satisfies `cond`. This is lifted to transitions by the function

```
tr2symtr(tr(st1, st2, cond, oefts)) =
  symtr(st1, st2, condToCSet(cond), oefts) .
```

Continuing the `vac` example the `CSet`

```
condToCSet ( inEv("VacOn") is ev("VacOn"))
```

263 maps `inEv("VacOn")` to the singleton `ev("VacOn")`.

264 3.2 Application structure and semantics

265 An application encapsulates a set of function blocks in a structure of the form

266 `[appId | appAttrs]` .

267 where `appAttrs` is a set of attribute-value pairs including (`fbs` : `funBs`) and
268 (`iEMsgs` : `emsgs`). `funBs` is a set of function blocks (with unique identifiers),
269 and `emsgs` is the set of incoming messages of the form `{{fbId, in}, ev}`.

270 We use `fbId`, `fbId0` ... for FB identifiers, `in/out` for FB input/output connec-
271 tions, and `ev` for the event transmitted by a message. Terms of the form `{fbId, in/out}`
272 are called Ports. For entities `X` with attributes, we write `X.tag` for the value of the at-
273 tribute of `X` with name ‘tag’.

274 The initial state of the PickNPlace (PnP) application described in Section 2 is

```
275 [id("pnp") | fbs : (ctlInit(id("ctl")
276                      trackInit(id("track")) vacInit(id("vac"))) ;
277   iEMsgs : {{id("ctl"), inEv("start")}, ev("start")} ;
278   oEMsgs : none ; ssbs : none]
```

279 Links of the form `{{fbId0, out}, {fbId1, in}}` connect output ports of one
280 FB to inputs of another FB (possibly the same). They also connect application level in-
281 puts to FB inputs and FB external outputs to application level outputs. In a well formed
282 application, each FB input has exactly one incoming link and each FB output has ex-
283 actly one outgoing link.

284 In principle the link set is an attribute of the application structure. In practice, since it
285 models fixed ‘wires’ connecting function block outputs and inputs and does not change,
286 to avoid redundant information in traces, we specify a function `appLinks(appId)`
287 which is defined separately for each application (in an application instance specific
288 scenario module). Since links model ‘wires’ between physical connectors we require
289 the link map of a well-formed application to be 1-1 and include every function block
290 input and output port in its domain.

291 As an example, here are the two links that connect `vac` outputs to controller inputs:

```
292 {{id("vac"), outEv("NoVac")}, {id("ctl"), inEv("NoVac")}}
293 {{id("vac"), outEv("HasVac")}, {id("ctl"), inEv("HasVac")}}
```

294 *Application Execution Rules.* There are two execution rules for application behavior
295 and two rules modeling bounded intruder actions, one for the concrete case and one for
296 the symbolic case. To ensure that an FB fires at most one transition per cycle, each FB
297 is given a boolean `ticked` attribute, initially `false`, which is set to `true` when a
298 transition fires, and reset to `false` when the outputs are collected.

299 The rule `[app-exe1]` fires an enabled function block transition and sets the `ticked`
300 attribute to `true`.


```

301 crl[app-exe1]:
302   [appId |
303     fbs : ([fbId : fbCid | (state : st) ; (ticked : false) ;
304             oEvEffs : none ; fbAttrs] fbs1) ;
305     iEMsgs : (emsgs0 iemsgs) ; ssbs : ssbs0 ; appAttrs ]
306   =>
307   [appId |
308     fbs : ([fbId : fbCid | (state : st1) ; (ticked : true) ;
309             oEvEffs : oeffs ; fbAttrs] fbs1) ;
310     iEMsgs : iemsgs) ; ssbs : (ssbs0 ssbs1) ; appAttrs ]
311   if symtr(st,st1,[css] csss,oeffs) symtrs := symtrsFB(fbCid,st)
312   /\ size(emsgs0) = size(css)
313   /\ ({ssbs1} ssbss) := genSol1(fbId,emsgs0,css) .

```

314 The function `genSol1(fbId,emsgs0,css)` returns a set of substitutions, consist-
315 ing all and only substitutions that match `emsgs0` to a solution of the CSet, `css`. In the
316 case of concrete messages, the function `genSol1` just returns an empty substitution if
317 `emsgs0` satisfies `css`. When rewriting, just one partition of `iemsgs`, one choice of
318 (symbolic) transition, and one satisfying substitution is selected. Search will explore all
319 possible choices.

320 When `[app-exe1]` is no longer applicable (`hasSol(fbs,iemsgs)` is false),
321 `[app-exe2]` collects and routes generated output and prepares for the next cycle.

```

322 crl[app-exe2]:
323   [appId | fbs : fbs ; iEMsgs : iemsgs ; oEMsgs : oemsgs ;
324     ssbs : ssbs ; attrs]
325   =>
326   [appId | fbs : fbs2 ; iEMsgs : emsgs0 ;
327     oEMsgs : (oemsgs emsgs1) ;
328     ssbs : ssbs ; attrs1]
329   if not hasSol(fbs,iemsgs)
330   /\ tick := notApp(attrs)
331   /\ not getTicked(attrs) --- avoid extracting when no trans
332   /\ attrs1 := setTicked(attrs, true)
333   /\ {fbs2,emsgs0,emsgs1} :=
334     extractOutMsgs(tick,fbs,none, none,none,appLinks(appId)) .

```

335 The function `extractOutMsgs` moves outputs from the function blocks that fired
336 and routes them using `appLinks(appId)` to the linked FB input or application out-
337 put. Application level inputs are accumulated in `emsgs0` and outputs are accumulated
338 in `emsgs1`. The `ticked` attribute of each FB is set to the value of `tick`. In the case of a
339 basic application, this will be `false` indicating the FB is ready for the next cycle. When
340 the application level execution rules are used in a larger context, (`notApp(attrs)` is
341 `true`), `extractOutMsgs` ensures that each FBs `ticked` attribute is `true`, allowing
342 further message processing before repeating the execution cycle. If the application has
343 a `ticked` attribute, it is set to `true`, to indicate it has completed the current cycle. `fbs2`
344 collects the updated function blocks.

By adding print attributes to rules we can track steps in a rewrite sequence. Here are a few steps of PnP execution where for app-exe1 the messages delivered are printed and for app-exe2 the messages collected are printed.

```

app-exe1: emsgs0 = {{id("ctl"), inEv("start")}, ev("start")}
app-exe2: emsgs0 = {{id("track"), inEv("GoR")}, ev("GoR")}
...
app-exe1: emsgs0 = {{id("vac"), inEv("VacOff")}, ev("VacOff")}
app-exe2: emsgs0 = {{id("ctl"), inEv("NoVac")}, ev("NoVac")}

```

3.3 Intruders

An application A in the context of an intruder is represented in the concrete case by a term of the form $[A, \text{emsgs}, n]$ where emsgs is a set of specific messages (typically all the messages that could be delivered) and n is the number of injection actions remaining. The rule `[app-intruder-c]` selects one of the candidate messages, injects it, and decrements the counter.

```

rl[app-intruder-c]:
[[appId | fbs : fbs ; iEMsgs : emsgs0 ; attrs], msg emsgs, s n]
=>
[[appId | fbs : fbs ; iEMsgs : (emsgs0 emsg) ; attrs],
msg emsgs, n] .

```

An application A in the context of a symbolic intruder is represented by a structure of the form $[A, \text{smsg}]$ where smsg are symbolic intruder messages of the form $\{\{\text{idSym}, \text{inSym}\}, \text{evSym}\}$ and $(\text{idSym}, \text{inSym}, \text{evSym})$ are symbols standing for function block identifiers, inputs, and events respectively). We require different messages to have distinct symbols. The rule `[app-intruder]` selects one of the intruder messages, removes it from the intruder message set and adds it to the incoming messages iEMsgs .

```

rl[app-intruder]:
[[appId | fbs : fbs ; iEMsgs : emsgs0 ; attrs], msg emsgs]
=>
[[appId | fbs : fbs ; iEMsgs : (emsgs0 emsg) ; attrs], emsgs] .

```

We note that this rule works equally well with concrete or symbolic messages, allowing one to explore consequences of injecting specific messages. Using `genSol1`, a symbolic message can be instantiated to any deliverable message. Also, if a message is injected after all function blocks have been ticked and before `[app-exe2]` is applied, it will be dropped by `[app-exe2]`, since function block inputs are cleared before collecting the next round of inputs.

3.4 The intruder theorem.

We define a correspondence between symbolic and concrete intruder states:

$$[A, \text{smsg}] \sim [A, \text{cmmsg}, n]$$

holds just if

383 $- \text{size}(\text{smsgs}) = n,$
 384 $- \text{As.fbs} = \text{Ac.fbs}, \text{ and}$
 385 $- (\text{As.iEMsgs})[\text{ssbs}] = \text{Ac.iEMsgs}$
 386 for some symbol substitution ssbs .⁵

387 An execution trace is an alternating sequence of (application) states and rule in-
 388 stances connecting adjacent states as usual. A symbolic trace TrS from $[A, \text{smsgs}]$
 389 and a concrete trace TrC from $[A, \text{emsgs}, n]$ correspond if they have the same
 390 length and if the i^{th} elements correspond. Correspondence of states is the relation \sim
 391 above. Two rule instances correspond if they are instances of the same rule. In the
 392 `[app-exe1]` case the instances are the same transition of function blocks with the
 393 same identifier and in the `[app-exe2]` case the instances collect the same outputs.

394 **Theorem 1 (Intruder Theorem).** Let $[A, \text{smsgs}] \sim [A, \text{cmsgs}, n]$ be correspond-
 395 ing initial application states in symbolic and concrete intruder environments respec-
 396 tively, where no intruder messages have been injected and $\text{size}(\text{smsgs}) = n$.

397 If TrS is an execution trace from $[A, \text{smsgs}]$ then there is a corresponding execu-
 398 tion trace TrC starting with $[A, \text{cmsgs}, n]$ and conversely.

Proof. Buy induction on trace length. The base case is simple in either direction, since an intruder message is only involved if the rule is an `app-intruder` rule. Let

$$TrS = TrS_0 \rightarrow [As_k, \text{smsgs}_k] - rl_k \rightarrow [As_k + 1, \text{smsgs}_{k+1}]$$

be an execution trace from $[A, \text{smsgs}]$. By induction, let

$$TrC_0(\text{pmsgsgs}) \rightarrow [Ac_k, \text{cmsgs}, n_k]$$

be the set of corresponding concrete traces from $[A, \text{cmsgs}, n]$ where pmsgsgs are parameters for delayed choices of injected concrete messages that remain in `iEMsgs` (have been injected and not delivered or cleared), thus were injected since the last `[app-exe2]` rule. If rl_k is an instance of `[app-exe1]` then

$$As_k.\text{iEMsgs} = \text{iemsgs} = \text{iemsgs0 emsgs0}$$

and the function block with identifier `fbId` has a transition delivering $\text{emsgs0}[\text{ssbs}]$. Let $\text{iemsgs0} = \text{iemsgs00 iemsgs01}$ and $\text{emsgs0} = \text{emsgs00 emsgs01}$ where $\text{iemsgs00}, \text{emsgs00}$ are concrete and $\text{iemsgs01}, \text{emsgs01}$ are symbolic. By the correspondence

$$Ac_k.\text{iEMsgs} = \text{iemsgs00 ipmsgsgs01 emsgs00 pmsgsgs01}$$

where $\text{ipmsgsgs01 pmsgsgs01}$ are the injection message parameters with

$$\text{size}(\text{pmsgsgs01}) = \text{size}(\text{emsgs01})$$

and

$$\text{size}(\text{ipmsgsgs01}) = \text{size}(\text{iemsgs01})$$

⁵ Note that the attributes ssbs and oEMsgs do not affect rule application.

and Ac_k can deliver the same messages to the same function block. By choosing $pmsgs01 = emsgs01[ssbs]$ we can extend TrC by a corresponding application of $[app-exe1]$ to

$$[A_{k+1}, pmsgs00] = [Ac_k[pmsgs01 = emsgs01[ssbs]], cmsgs, n_k].$$

399 For rl_k an instance of $[app-exe2]$ or the intruder rule it is easy to see that TrC
400 extends to a corresponding trace.

Conversely, let

$$TrC = TrC_0 \rightarrow [Ac_k, cmsgs_k, n_k] - rl_k \rightarrow [Ac_{k+1}, cmsgs_{k+1}, n_{k+1}]$$

be a concrete trace. By induction let $TrS_0 \rightarrow [As_k, smsgs_k]$ be a corresponding symbolic trace. If rl_k is an instance of $crl[app-exe1]$ then

$$Ac_k.iEMsgs = iemsgs = iemsgs0 \text{ emsgs0}$$

and function block with identifier $fbId$ has a transition delivering $emsgs0$. Let $ssbs$ be a substitution such that $As_k.iEMsgs = iemsgs' = iemsgs0' \text{ emsgs0'}$ and $emsgs0'[ssbs] = emsgs0$. By ‘completeness’ of $genSol1$, $ssbs$ will be a solution generated by $genSol1$ and

$$[As_k, smsgs_k] - rl_k \rightarrow [As_{k+1}, smsgs_k] [Ac_{k+1}, cmsgs_{k+1}, n_{k+1}]$$

401 extending TrS_0 to TrS corresponding to TrC . If rl_k is an instance of $[app-exe2]$
402 or an intruder rule it is easy to see that TrS_0 extends as desired.

403 **Corollary 1.** Search using the symbolic intruder model for paths reaching a `badState`
404 finds all successful (bounded intruder) attacks.

405 We define the function `getBadEMsgs(moduleName, [A, smsgs])` that re-
406 turns the set of injected message sets that lead to `badState`. This function uses re-
407 flection to enumerate search paths reflecting the command

```
408 search in moduleName : [A, smsgs] =>+ appInt:AppIntruder
409 such that badState(appInt:AppIntruder) .
```

410 Injected symbolic messages are determined by looking for adjacent states where the
411 symbolic message set decreases. The symbols of injected messages that were actually
412 delivered are in the domain of the value of the `sbss` attribute of the final state.

413 In the case of the PnP application for an intruder with a single message, `getBadEMsgs`
414 returns four attack message sets

```
415 {{{id("ctl"), inEv("HasVac")}, ev("HasVac")}}
416 {{{id("ctl"), inEv("atL")}, ev("atL")}}
417 {{{id("track"), inEv("GoL")}, ev("GoL")}}
418 {{{id("vac"), inEv("VacOff")}, ev("VacOff")}}
```

419 Recall from Section 2 that the PnP application state satisfies `badState` if the `track`
420 `FB` is in state `st("mvL")`, presumably carrying something from right to left, and the
421 `vac FB` is in an *off* state (`st("on-novac")` or `st("off")`).

422 3.5 Deploying an Application

423 Once an application is designed, the next step is determining how to deploy FBs on de-
 424 vices. We model deployment as a theory transformation, introducing a data structure to
 425 represent deployed applications, called *Systems*, extending the application module with
 426 rules to model system level communication elements, and defining a function mapping
 427 applications to their deployment, a assignment of FBs to host devices.

A deployed application is represented in Maude by terms of the form:

[sysId | appId | sysAttrs]

428 where `sysAttrs` is a set of attribute-value pairs including `(devs : devs)` and
 429 `(iMsgs : msgs)`. `devs` is a set of devices and `msgs` is a set of system level mes-
 430 sages of the form `{srcPort, tgtPort, ev}` where `srcPort/tgtPort` are terms
 431 of the form `{devId, {fbId, out/in}}`.

432 A device is represented as an application term with additional attributes includ-
 433 ing `(ticked : b)`. The function blocks of the application named by `appId` are
 434 distributed amongst the devices. The function `sysMap(sysId)` maps each FB iden-
 435 tifier to the identifier of the device where the FB is hosted. Each device has incom-
 436 ing/outgoing ports corresponding to links between its function blocks and function
 437 blocks on other devices.

438 The function `deployApp(sysId, A, sysMap(sysId))` produces the deploy-
 439 ment of application `A` as a system with identifier `sysId` and FBs distributed to devices
 440 according to `sysMap(sysId)`.

```
441   ceq deployApp(sysId, app, idmap) =
442       mkSys(sysId, getId(app), devs, msgs)
443   if emsgs := getIEMsgs(app)
444   /\ devs := deployFBs(getFBs(app), none, idmap)
445   /\ msgs := emsgs2imsgs(sysId, emsgs, idmap, none) .
```

446 The real work is done by the function `deployFBs(fbs, none, idmap)` which cre-
 447 ates an empty device for each device identifier in the range of `idmap` (setting `iMsgs`
 448 to `none` and `ticked` to `true`). Then each FB (identifier `fbId`) of `app` is added to
 449 the `fbs` attribute of the device identified by `idmap[fbId]`.

450 Note that the `deployApp` function can be applied to any state A_k in an execu-
 451 tion trace from A . A system S_k can be abstracted to an application by collecting all
 452 the device function blocks in the application `fbs` attribute, collecting the `iEMsgs` at-
 453 tributes of devices into the `iEMsgs` attribute of the application and converting system
 454 level input messages to application level messages added to the `iEMsgs` attribute of
 455 the application.

456 The execution rules for applications apply to devices in a system. There are two
 457 additional rules for system execution: `[sys-deliver]` and `[sys-collect]`.

```
458   crl[sys-deliver]:
459   [sysId | appId | devs : devs ; iMsgs : imsgs ; attrs]
460   =>
461   [sysId | appId | devs : devs1 ; iMsgs : none ; attrs]
```

```

462   if isDone(devs)
463   /\ msgs != none
464   /\ devsl := deliver2Devs(devs, msgs,
465                           appLinks(appId), sysMap(sysId)) .

```

466 The rule [sys-deliver] delivers messages associated to the `iMsgs` attribute. The
 467 rule requires `isDone` to hold of the system devices (`devs`), which means all the
 468 devices have `ticked` attribute set to `true`. The target port of an `img` identifies the
 469 device and function block for delivery. The delivery function `deliver2Devs` uses the
 470 application links, `appLinks(appId)`, and the deployment map, `sysMap(sysId)`,
 471 to check if the device admits the message.

```

472   crl[sys-collect]:
473   [sysId | appId | devs : devs ; iMsgs : msgs ;
474                               oMsgs : omgs ; attrs]
475   =>
476   [sysId | appId | devs : devs2 ; iMsgs : (msgs msgsl) ;
477                               oMsgs : (omgs omgs1) ; attrs]
478   if isDone(devs)
479   /\ {devsl, msgsl, omgs1} :=
480       extractOutMsgs(sysId, devs, none, none, none,
481                     appLinks(appId), sysMap(sysId))
482   /\ devsl := (if (msgsl == none) --- only internal msgs
483                 then resetTicks(devsl, none)
484                 else devsl --- ticks will be reset by deliver
485                 fi) .

```

486 The rule [sys-collect] collects and distributes messages produced by the appli-
 487 cation level execution rules. It uses the function `extractOutMsgs` that collects mes-
 488 sages from device `oEMsgs` attributes (setting the attribute to `none`), converts them
 489 to system level messages and accumulates them in `omgs1`. Messages from device
 490 `iEMsgs` attributes are split into local and external. The local messages are left on the
 491 device, the external messages are converted to system level messages and accumulated
 492 in `msgsl`. The updated devices are accumulated in `devsl`.

493 We define a correspondence between execution traces from an application A , and
 494 a deployment $S = \text{deployApp}(A, \text{idmap})$ of that application. An application state
 495 $A1$ corresponds to a system state $S1$ just if they have the same function blocks and the
 496 same undelivered messages. (Note that the deployment and abstraction operations are
 497 subsets of this correspondence relation.) An instance of [app-exe1] in a application
 498 trace corresponds to the same instance of that rule in a system trace (fires the same
 499 transition for the same function block). An instance of [app-exe2] in a application
 500 trace corresponds to a sequence `app-exe2+; sys-collect; sys-deliver` in a
 501 system trace collecting and delivering corresponding messages.

502 **Theorem 2 (Deployment Theorem).** Let A be an application and $S = \text{deployApp}(A, \text{idmap})$
 503 be a deployment of A . Then A and S have corresponding executions.

504 **Proof.** This is a direct consequence of the definition of corresponding traces.

505 **Corollary 2.** A and S as above satisfy the same properties that are based only on FB
 506 states and transitions. This is because corresponding traces have the same underlying
 507 function block transitions.

508 **Intruders at the system level** Deployed applications are embedded in an intruder
 509 environment analogously to the abstract applications. We consider a simple case where
 510 the intruder has a finite set of concrete messages to inject, and use that to show that
 511 any attack at the system level can already be found at the application level. A system
 512 in a bounded intruder environment is a term of the form $[sys, msgs]$ and we lift the
 513 deployment function to

```
514 deployAppI(sysId, [A, emsgs], idmap) =
515 [deployApp[sysMap, A, idmap], deployMsgs(emsgs, appLinks(A), idmap)]
```

516 where $deployMsgs$ transforms application level messages $\{fbport, ev\}$ to system
 517 level, $\{srcdevport, tgtdevport, ev\}$ using the link and deployment maps.

```
518 rl[sys-intruder]:
519 [[sysId | appId | devs : devs ; iMsgs : imsgs ;
520      oMsgs : omsgs ; attrs],
521   msg msgs]
522 =>
523 [[sysId | appId | devs : devs ; iMsgs : (imsgs msg) ;
524      oMsgs : omsgs ; attrs],
525   msgs] .
```

526 The intruder injection rule, $app-intruder$, is lifted to $rl[sys-intruder]$ in
 527 the natural way. The correspondence relation of the deployment theorem is lifted in the
 528 natural way to the intruder case.

Theorem 3 (System Intruder Theorem). Assume $A_i = [A, emsgs]$ where A is an
 application in its initial state (no intruder messages injected) and

$$S_i = deployAppI(sysId, A_i, idmap).$$

529

- 530 1. If TrS is a trace from S_i then there is a corresponding trace from A_i .
- 531 2. If TrA is a trace from A_i that delivers no intruder messages that flow on links internal
 532 to a device, then there is a corresponding trace from S_i .

533 **Proof.** The proof is the same as for the correspondence of an application and its de-
 534 ployment. The additional condition in part 2 is needed because a device protects com-
 535 munications between FBs it hosts by having no port for delivery of such messages. In
 536 particular, if all the FBs are hosted on a single device then no intruder messages can be
 537 delivered.

538 **Corollary 3.** If a $badState$ is reachable from S_i then $sys2app(msgs)$ is an ele-
 539 ment of $getBadEMsgs([A, smsgs])$ where $size(smsgs) = size(msgs)$.

540 3.6 Wrapping

541 Towards the goal of signing only when necessary (Section 2) we define a further trans-
542 formation of deployed applications:

```
543   wrapApp(A, smsgs, idmap)
544   =
545   wrapSys(deployApp(A, idmap),
546           flatten(getBadEMsgs(mname, [A, smsgs])))
```

547 where flatten unions the sets in a set of sets. wrapSys(S, emsgs) wraps the devices
548 in S with policies for signing and checking signatures of messages on flows defined by
549 emsgs as described below.

550 A wrapped device has input/output policy attributes iPol/oPol used to control the
551 flow of messages in and out of the device. An input/output policy is an iFact/oFact
552 set where an iFact has the form [i : fbId ; in, devId] and an oFact has
553 the form [o : fbId ; out]. If [i : fbId ; in, devId] is in the input
554 policy of a device then a message {{fbId, in}, ev} is accepted by that device only
555 if ev is signed by devId, otherwise the message is dropped. Dually, if [o : fbId ;
556 out] is in the output policy of a device, then when a message {{fbId, out}, ev}
557 is transmitted ev is signed by the device. Following the usual logical representation
558 of crypto functions, we represent a signed event by a term sg(ev, devId), assuming
559 that only the device with identifier devId can produce such a signature, and any device
560 that knows the device identifier can check the signature.

561 The function wrap-sys([sysId | appId | attrs], emsgs) invokes the
562 function wrap-dev to wrap each of its devices. In addition to the device, the argu-
563 ments of this function include a set of messages, emsgs, to protect, the application
564 links and the deployment map. The links determine the sending FB, and the deploy-
565 ment determines the sending/receiving devices. If these are the same, no policy facts
566 are added. Otherwise, policy facts are added so the sending device signs the message
567 event and the receiving device checks for a signature according to the rules above.

```
568   ceq wrap-dev(dev, {{fbId, in}, ev} emsgs, links, idmap, ipol, opol)
569   = wrap-dev(dev, emsgs, links, idmap, (ipol ipol1), (opol opol1))
570   if {{fbId0, out}, {fbId, in}} links0 := links
571   /\ devId1 := idmap[fbId]
572   /\ devId0 := idmap[fbId0]
573   /\ devId1 /= devId0 ---- not an internal link
574   /\ devId := getId(dev)
575   **** if msg sent from dev add opol to sign outgoing
576   /\ opol1 := (if devId == devId0
577               then [o : fbId0 ; out ]
578               else none
579               fi)
580   **** if msg rcvd by dev, require signed by sender devId0
581   /\ ipol1 := (if devId == devId1
582               then [i : fbId ; in, devId0]
583               else none
```



```

584         fi) .
585
586     eq wrap-dev(dev,emsgs,links,idmap,ipol,opol) =
587         addAttr(dev,(iPol : ipol ; oPol : opol)) [owise] .
588

```

Theorem 4 (Wrapper Theorem). Assume A is an application, $allEMsgs$ is the set of all messages deliverable in some execution of A , and $smsgs$ is a set of symbolic messages of size n . Assume $badState$ is not reachable in an execution of A , and $emsgs$ contains $flatten(getBadEMsgs([A, smsgs]))$.

1. Let $wA = [wrapSys(deployApp(A, idmap), emsgs)]$ Then every execution from wA has a corresponding execution from A and conversely. In particular $badState$ is not reachable from wA .
2. $badState$ is not reachable from

$$wAC = [wrap(deploy(A, idmap), emsgs), allEMsgs, n]$$

Proof 1. The proof is similar to the proof of the deployment theorem part 1, noting that by definition of the wrap function, any message in $emsg$ will be signed by the sending device and thus will satisfy the receiving device input policy and be delivered in the wA trace as it will in the A trace.

Proof 2. Assume $badState$ is reachable from wAC . Let $wAC\ rl_0 \dots rl_k\ wAC_{k+1}$ be a witness execution where $badState$ holds of wAC_{k+1} . By the assumption on A from part 1, at least one intruder message must have been delivered.

Let $\{emsg_1 \dots emsg_l\}$ be the intruder messages delivered in the trace, say by rules $rl_{j_1} \dots rl_{j_l}$. None of these messages are in $emsgs$ since their events cannot be signed by one of the devices, and thus would not satisfy the relevant input policy. Thus there is a corresponding trace from the unwrapped system

$$AC = [deploy(A, idmap), allEMsgs, n]$$

and by the *Deploy Intruder Theorem* there is a corresponding trace from $[A, allEMsgs, n]$ reaching a $badState$. But $emsgs$ contains all messages that are part of an intruder message set which if injected can cause $badState$ to be reached. A contradiction.

4 Related Work

There are a number of recent reports concerning the importance of cybersecurity for Industry 4.0. Two examples are the German Federal Office for Information Security (BSI) commissioned report on OPC UA security [7], and the ENISA study on good practices for IoT security [6]. OPC Unified Architecture (OPC UA) is a standard for networking for Industry 4.0 and includes functionality to secure communication. The BSI commissioned report describes a comprehensive analysis of security objectives and threats, and a detailed analysis of the OPC UA Specification. The analyses are informal but systematic, following established methods. A number of ambiguities and issues were found in this process. The ENISA report provides guidelines and security measures especially aimed at secure integration of IoT devices into systems. It includes

617 a comprehensive review of resources on Industry 4.0 and IoT security, defines concepts,
618 threat taxonomies and attack scenarios. Again, systematic but informal.

619 Although there is a much work on modeling cyber physical systems and cyber-
620 physical security (see [12] for recent review), much of it is based on simulation and
621 testing. The formal modeling work focuses on general CPS and IoT not on the issues
622 specific to I4.0 type situations. Lanotte et.al [10] propose a hybrid model of cyber and
623 physical systems and associated models of cyber-physical attacks. Attacks are classified
624 according to target device(s) and timing characteristics. Vulnerability to a given class
625 is assessed based on the trace semantics. A measure of attack impact is proposed along
626 with a means to quantify the chances of success. The proposed model is much more
627 detailed than our model, considering device dynamics, and is focussed on traditional
628 control systems rather than IoT in an Industry 4.0 setting. The attacks on devices mod-
629 eled include our injection attacks. The Lanotte et. al. work is complementary to ours,
630 while being more detailed we suspect our more abstract model combined with symbolic
631 analysis is more scalable. The work in [16] relates to our work in proposing a method
632 using model-checking to find all attacks on a system given possible attacker actions.
633 The authors do not propose mitigations. SOTERIA [2] is a tool for evaluating safety
634 and security of individual or collections of IoT applications. It uses model-checking to
635 verify properties of abstract models of applications derived automatically from code (of
636 suitable form). It requires access to the application source code.

637 The idea of using theory transformations to relate the application, system level spec-
638 ifications and reduce many reasoning problems to reasoning at the application level is
639 based on the notion of formal patterns reviewed in [13]. An early example of wrapping
640 to achieve security guarantees is presented in [3] to mitigate DoS attacks.

641 5 Conclusions and Future Work

642 This paper presents a formal framework in rewriting logic for exploring I4.0 (smart
643 factory) application designs and a bounded intruder model for security analysis. The
644 framework provides functions for enumerating message injection attacks, and generat-
645 ing policies mitigating such attacks. It provides theory transformations from application
646 specifications to specifications of systems with application components executing on
647 devices, and for wrapping devices to protect against attacks using the generated poli-
648 cies. Theorems relating different specifications and showing preservation of key prop-
649 erties are given. We believe that formal executable models can be valuable to system
650 designers to find corner cases and to explore tradeoffs in design options concerning the
651 cost and benefits of security elements.

652 Future work includes theory transformations to refine the system level model to a
653 network model with multiple subnets and switches, adding timing and modeling con-
654 straints induced by use of the TSN network protocol. As in our previous work [8], we
655 are investigating the complexity of security properties given intruder models weaker
656 than the traditional Dolev-Yao intruder [5]. We are also considering increasing the ex-
657 pressiveness of function block specifications to include time constraints as in [9] to
658 automate the verification of properties based on time trace equivalence [15], such as pri-

659 vacy attacks. Finally, since these devices have limited resources, they may be subject to
 660 DDoS attacks. Symbolic verification can be used to check for such vulnerabilities [18].

661 Another important direction is developing theory transformations for correct-by-
 662 construction distributed execution [11]. This means accounting for real timing con-
 663 siderations and network protocols, and identifying conditions under which application
 664 and system level properties are preserved. An important use of the framework that we
 665 intend to investigate is relating safety and security analyses and connecting formal anal-
 666 yses to the engineering notations used for safety and security.

667 We are also currently extending our implementation to support the automated ex-
 668 ploration of mappings of function blocks to devices. In particular, we are investigating
 669 the extension of [17] to take into account security objectives in addition to device per-
 670 formance limitations, device capabilities, and deadlines.

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