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Cyber-physical Systems Research and Education in 2030: Scenarios and Strategies

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Abstract

Future cyber-physical systems (CPS), such as smart cities, collaborative robots, autonomous vehicles or intelligent transport systems, are expected to be highly intelligent, electrified, and connected. This study explores a focal question about how these new characteristics may affect the education and research related to CPS in 2030, the date identified by the United Nations to achieve the Agenda for Sustainable Development. To this end, first, we have conducted a trend spotting activity, seeking to identify possible influencing factors that may have a great impact on the future of CPS education and research. These factors were clustered in a total of 12 trends - four certainties; namely connectivity, electrification, data and automation – and eight uncertainties; namely intelligence, data ethics, labour market, lifelong learning, higher education, trust in technology, technological development speed, and sustainable development goals. After that, two of the eight uncertainties are identified and used to construct a scenario matrix, which includes four scenarios. These two uncertainties - the so-called strategic uncertainties - are: fulfilment of sustainable development goals and the nature of the technological development, respectively. These two important uncertainties are considered to build the scenarios due to their potential impact on the research and education of CPS. For instance, sustainable development goals are significant targets for many initiatives, organisations and countries. While 2030 is the deadline to achieve these goals, the relationship between the sustainable development goals related to CPS research and education is not studied well. Similarly, the speed of technological development is seen as a driving force behind future CPS. However, the effect of this speed to CPS research and education environment is not known. Different outcomes of the chosen two uncertainties are, then, combined with the remaining trends and uncertainties. Consequently, four scenarios are derived. The Terminator scenario illustrates a dystopian future where profit is the driving force behind technological progress and sustainable development goals are not accomplished. In contrast, The Iron Giant scenario represents the successful implementation of the sustainable development goals where technological development is the force behind the accomplishment of these goals. The scenario called Slow Progress represents a future where gradual technological improvements are present, but sustainability is still not seen as concerning the issue. The Humanist scenario illustrates a future where slow technological development is happening yet sustainable development goals are successfully implemented. Finally, the scenarios are used to initiate discussions by illustrating what the future of research and education could look like and a list of strategies for future CPS research and education environments is proposed. To this end, we invite educators, researchers, institutions and governments to develop the necessary strategies to enable data-orientated, continuous, interdisciplinary, collaborative, ethical, and sustainable research and education by improving digital fluency, advancing digital equality, contributing to new ways of teaching complex thinking, expanding access to learning platforms and preparing next generations to adapt for a rapidly changing future of

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... These influencing factors are listed in Table I. Interested readers can find all of the trends at the appendix of the earlier

... To support the design, development, and manufacturing of the new system of systems in line with the trends that have been introduced in the prior subsection; next-generation engineers are expected to be articulate in different technologies, methods, and methodologies [42]. For instance, intelligence is very much

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related to artificial intelligence, machine learning, neural networks, data, and similar concepts. ...

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... In summary, in support of work by Broo et al. (2020), our findings highlight the interconnectedness of mentorship, technology integration, and collaboration in engineering education. Effective mentorship provides guidance and support, while technology tools supplement traditional learning and offer continuous skill development opportunities. ...

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... Systems thinking is necessary to cope with the complexity and interconnections of today world [1]. For this reason, several system classifications, such as, Cyber-Physical Systems [2] and Socio-Technical Systems [3], exist to focus attention on their main constituent elements and their inter-relations. Among them, Cyber-Socio-Technical Systems (CSTS)s, also known as Cyber-Physical-Social Systems (CPSS)s [4], are socio-technical systems that include interconnected cyber technical artefacts [5], i.e., devices with both computational and physical capabilities. ...

... A knowledge entity represents one of the possible knowledge dimensions referring to the process and pertains to an agent, which plays a role in the process (e.g., sharp-end operator or blunt-end operator). 2 The WAx Framework ontology is available at [48]. ...

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... In the fourth paragraph of the 1945 Constitution, education is also employed as a driving force for culture and habits, signifying that teaching the nation's life is a type of solid burden in reaching virtue for the Indonesian government (International Commission of Jurists, 2022). Education has evolved swiftly alongside the advancement of technology (Gürdür Broo et al., 2021). This may be attributed to systems and learning techniques that are supported by digital world technology. ...

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... The Cyber-Physical Systems (CPSs) are the novel generation of smart systems with extensive usages in different contexts such as electronic industries, aerospace, transportation, civil substructure, health-care, manufacture, power systems, flight control systems, water distribution systems, intelligent buildings, advanced agriculture, and smart grid systems, which have received impressive attention of the scientific community, especially in recent decade [1] [2][3][4][5]. CPSs have provided the deep integration between the physical space and cyber-space, in which physical world components (i.e., sensors, actuators, and physical systems) are linked with cyber-world components (i.e., controllers /computers) through wired/wireless communication channels for processing information and providing the physical systems suitable performance via the appropriate control. ...

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... blishment of "collaborations" and "partnerships", as well as those that deal with the "interdisciplinary" approach and "health issues". As a highlight, Kuo et. al (2020) analyzes the role of community culture in food product innovation courses considering the SDG agenda. Regarding the interdisciplinary approach, this can be found in the studies by Broo et. al (2021) and Ruiz et. al (2019), among others. As for studies on establishing collaborations and partnerships, we can highlight the papers by Sugandhar & Chaudhary (2017) and Moon et. al (2018). ...

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... Theoretical approaches make use of novel and non-mainstream methods for engineering education, such as storytelling and future-casting (Gürdür Broo et al., 2021), scenario-building (Hansen, 2021; Weiss et al., 2021), critical literacy techniques (Lord et al., 2018), and humanist, cultural, or religious readings (Bielefeldt et al., 2021;Laato & Sutinen, 2020). An overarching goal of theoretical approaches is to enhance the awareness and respect for other cultures and traditions, as well as of envisioning culturally relevant strategies for better futures. .

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. These systems are based on CPS, which integrate physical components, such as machines, robots, and sensors, with software and networked information systems, [82]. CMS are capable of providing a high degree of automation, lexibility, and scalability to the manufacturing process while also reducing costs and improving product quality [24]. They can also provide realtime feedback and data analytics to optimize the manufacturing process [88]. ..

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.. Therefore, in Industry 4.0, the application of CPS is continually changing and expanding. Many CPS-based applications have been developed or implemented in a wide range of industries, such as aircraft transportation systems [50], battlefield surveillance [51], chemical production [52], energy [53], agriculture (food supply) [54], healthcare [55], education [56], industrial automation [57], manufacturing [58], mobile devices [59], robotics [60], transportation [61], and vehicular [62]. Researchers and practitioners may have to reach a compromise among their aims to create a combination of benefits and cost, based on desired CPS and Industry 4.0.

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.. On the other hand, the adoption of BIM in civil engineering curricula is a matter of survey, debate and systematic scrutiny $\[2\]$. When it comes to cyber-physical systems in AEC classrooms, developments are also identified [3] [4] This paper shows the key takeaways of "de las MATES al STEAM". The project resulted on the design of set of activities for embedding Construction 4.0 concepts within a civil engineering curriculum. .

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... Organize a series of valuable courses and conferences for employees and cybersecurity workers [26] User Education A recently discovered security vulnerability operated by a group of hackers that attacks computer systems. This term indicates that a system administrator has just understood the weaknesses of the system but lacks the time to fix or stop the attack [32] Zero-Day Exploit A sophisticated attack that encodes system data and applications and is particularly difficult to detect [33] ...

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... Nowadays, CPS are ubiquitous, with different functionalities and capabilities, often supporting critical missions that have significant economic and societal importance. The emerging CPS, such as smart cities, autonomous vehicles, and modern transportation systems are expected to be highly intelligent, electrified, and connected (Broo et al., 2021) . Indeed, major trends in new wireless technologies (e.g., 5G/6G) focus on enabling wide-area connectivity for remote control of previously unconnected assets (Oughton and Lehr, 2022). ...

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As an example, I mention the paper of Törngren and Grogan (2018), which considered complexity as the major challenge of designing next-generation CPSs. Very recently, Broo et al. (2021) identified intelligence, connectivity, and electrification as three main challenging properties of CPSs. They regarded these as rather new dimensions and showed the differences with the systems that our traditional applied research and engineering education are predominantly experienced in. .

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