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Simulation of a Flexible Manufacturing System with AutoMod Software

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ABSTRACT
A flexible manufacturing system (FMS) is a highly automated, complex system. Simulation is a well-proven method to design or analyze an FMS. Deployment of a radio frequency identification (RFID) system in FMS produces large volumes of RFID data streams, which provide valuable information to improve the operation of FMS. Different frameworks are presented in this paper regarding the use of RFID data streams in an FMS simulation. Simulations are performed with AutoMod software. Related technical details are also presented. The paper's structure is complied as the following steps: step 1, the introduction of AMHS, FMS and AutoMod; step 2, FMS simulation using AutoMod software; step 3, simulation frameworks driven by RFID data streams; step 4, conclusion.

KEYWORDS
FMS, RFID, Data Stream, Simulation, AutoMod Software

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