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# CARV 2016

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The 6th International Conference on changeable, Agile, Reconfigurable and Virtual Production (CARV)

Products and services are undergoing a major change as the result of increasing digital connectivity. The effect is pronounced both on the demand for smarter, more adaptable products and services with new interconnected business models and supply chains that are increasingly relying on knowledge enabled networks, cyber-physical systems and the Internet of Things to perform their critical functions. Manufacturing companies need to adapt to this emerging “hyperconnected” world and use the digital tools and infrastructure to become smarter value adding enterprises.

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- Integration of new manufacturing processes in production networks

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