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# Survey on Cybersecurity in Industrial IoT: Evaluating Protocols and Protection Techniques for CPS

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**Abstract** - The adoption of technologies related to Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) in critical infrastructure has greatly enhanced the connectivity of the system, thus exposing more areas of the cyber-attack to the industrial cyber-physical systems (CPS). Secure, reliable and safe functioning has thus become an urgent research requirement. This paper provides an overview of cybersecurity in IIoT settings, specifically focusing on communication protocols, architecture layers, and vulnerabilities, as well as protection strategies of CPS. The paper critically analyzes IIoT security architecture, the fundamental requirements, including confidentiality, integrity and availability, and real-time safety limits of industrial systems. Cyber dangers such device, data, privacy, and network attacks are considered with the usual design characteristics of industrial communication standards. Besides, the current protection means, including access control, intrusion detection, anomaly monitoring, and data protection strategies are discussed. The analysis points to the existing problems associated with scaling, heterogeneity, and complexity of the deployment, and synthesizes the latest literature findings to facilitate a secure and resilient IIoT-based CPS deployments.

**Keywords** - Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT), Cybersecurity, Security Protocols, Cyber Physical System, Data Confidentiality, Access Control.

## 1. Introduction

The digitization of various industrial processes has been on the rise in more recent times. The term "Industrial Internet of Things" has grown in popularity in corporate contexts where digitization is playing an increasingly essential role [1]. Smart equipment, advanced analytics, and diligent humans are all connected through the IIoT, which is also called the Industrial Internet. The result of a network of numerous devices connected by communications technology are systems that can record, collect, share, analyze, and provide new insights in ways that have never been possible before. Systems that can record, gather, exchange, analyze, and give fresh insights in ways that were previously impossible are the end product of a network of many devices linked by communications technology. Connecting commonplace objects to the web to form a system of linked computing devices is known as the IoT [2]. A key concept behind the Internet of Things (IoT) is the massive deployment of billions if not trillions of smart things that can sense their immediate surroundings, send and process data about that environment, and then send feedback back into the world.

The current business trends and programs are all about connecting things that aren't linked. Applications that are crucial to safety and security, such modern vehicles, critical infrastructure, and industrial control systems, contain millions of embedded devices. The IIoT is the result of decades of convergence between traditional production engineering, automation, and intelligent computer systems [3]. Manufacturing facilities, industrial control systems, and production systems all incorporate an ever-increasing number of computational components. In place of simpler programmable logic controllers, increasingly sophisticated cyber physical systems (CPS) take control of physical operations via freely programmable embedded systems. While CPS can connect to the internet if they so like, private industrial networks are the most common means of communication. A broad variety of technologies, such as WSNs, M2M communication, and CPS, are now included in the broad term IoT. Security concerns have arisen as a result, even though IP has become the industry standard for Internet of Things networking [4]. concerning WSN, M2M, or CPS continue to exist [5]. In order to protect data privacy, integrity, and confidentiality, it is essential that the entire deployment architecture be secure. Attacks could disrupt the services provided by the IoT.

The efficient operation of vital infrastructures, such the water distribution network or power grid, depends on cyber-physical systems (CPS). Data and communication technologies connect the many physical processes and parts of a CPS [6] Data security concerns predominate in assessments of cyber physical system security that rely on inspections of ICT protocols and network

configurations. However, new industrial control system (ICS) applications are taking advantage of these ICT advancements to make the physical systems work better. From a security standpoint, it is also important to examine the aftermath of cyberattacks. The possible effects of cyberattacks on the security of physical processes can be discovered in this manner. An in-depth understanding of how cyber-attacks interact with physical processes is essential for accurate impact estimation; this in turn requires specialist security and safety analysis tools.

**1.1. Structure of the Paper**

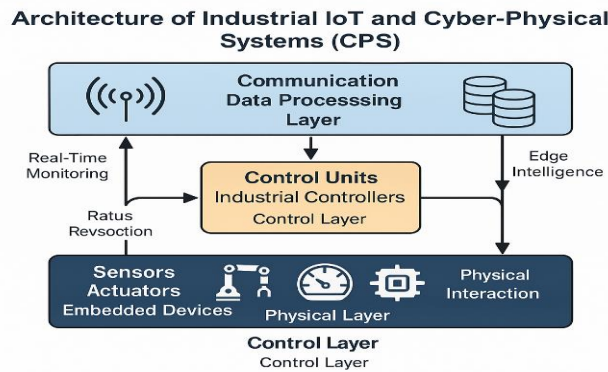
The paper is structured as follows: Section II describes the IIoT and CPS security architecture, Section III describes the protocols of communication and security vulnerabilities, Section IV talks about the security protection techniques in CPS, Section V is a review of the relevant literature and Section VI is the conclusion and future directions.

**2. Industrial IoT and CPS Security Architecture**

The term "Industry 4.0" describes the impending fourth industrial revolution, which combine information and communication technology with automation and industrial manufacturing to boost efficiency and productivity. Two main paradigms, the I-CPS and the I-IoT, would emerge from Industry 4.0. In a nutshell, I-IoT applies new IoT technology to industrial automation and manufacturing systems, allowing for the detection and connecting of various pieces of equipment and devices. Just as traditional CPS was originally developed for mission-critical systems like power generation, transportation, and infrastructure, I-CPS is an expansion of that concept that has since found a wider range of applications [7]. The term "I-CPS" refers to a system that combines cyber and physical components to provide control, security, resilience, automation, and more. The integration of industrial cyber and physical systems, or I-CPS, allows for more effective and efficient automation and manufacturing.

**2.1. Architectural Components of Industrial IoT and CPS**

Using information and communication tools can help make a city's services, schools, hospitals, public safety, real estate, and transportation more open, interactive, and useful [8]. There are a number of reasons why the IoT is so susceptible to assaults. Its components are typically physically vulnerable since they are left neglected for long periods of time. Secondly, as seen in Figure 1, the majority of communications are wireless, making eavesdropping a breeze. Lastly, the majority of IoT components, particularly passive ones, have limited computing and energy capabilities, making it impossible for them to apply sophisticated security mechanisms.



**Fig 1: Architecture of IIoT CPS**

**2.1.1. Sensors Actuators Embedded Devices**

These sensors have novel capabilities in addition to the standard wireless communication, memory, and elaboration tools. Among the necessary skills are the ability to act autonomously and proactively, understand context, communicate effectively with others, and elaborate when necessary. Such devices help in real time data acquisition physical interaction with processes and continuous monitoring of a system in the industrial setting. Embedded intelligence also allows local decision making with a lower latency and enhanced responsiveness in cyber physical systems [9]. The capabilities enable sensors and actuators to be available and working under dynamic and resource constrained industrial environments.

**2.1.2. Control Units Industrial Controllers**

Multiple requirements and robustness criteria can be evaluated using model-based controller design methodologies. The complexity of the controlled plant, however, causes the intended controller's order to rise, since it is dependent on the plant model's order [10]. Low order and fixed-structural controllers are favored from an implementation standpoint and for the ease of on-site customization.

2.1.3. Communication Data Processing Layers

The data processing and communication layers that allow scattered parts of cyber physical systems and the industrial IoT a consistent means of transmitting and receiving data. These layers facilitate aggregation of data filtering and preliminary analytics and then information is sent to upper-level control or decision systems. Low latency high throughput and synchronization of CPS elements is guaranteed by efficient means of communication. Processing of data in edges or intermediate layers minimizes the load on the network and enhances responsiveness of the system in real time industrial setting.

2.2. Security Requirements in IIoT-Based CPS

The many different applications of IIoT raise serious concerns about privacy and security. New Internet of Things apps might never launch if there isn't a stable and suitable IoT ecosystem [11]. In addition to the same security risks experienced by the Internet, cellular networks, and WSNs (for example, refer to Figure 2), the IIoT presents its own unique threat landscape.



Fig 2: Security Requirements in IIoT Based CPS

2.2.1. Confidentiality Integrity Availability CIA

The very minimum-security standards for cyber physical systems built on the Industrial IoT are availability, integrity, and confidentiality. The concept of confidentiality guarantee that the sensitive data on operations and processes can only be accessed by the authorized entities [12]. Integrity ensures data transferred and saved is correct and intact free of any alteration by unauthorized persons. Availability provides constant availability to system resources and services despite failures or cyber-attacks. The combination of these has provided the basis of safe reliable and trusted operation of industrial CPS working environments.

2.2.2. Real Time Safety Critical Constraints

Cyber physical systems built on the Industrial IoT have real-time and safety-critical limitations, since any reaction that is either delayed or incorrect in real-time might have devastating operational or physical consequences. These systems need predictable communication time that can be determined and response deadlines that are guaranteed to ensure a safe running of the system [13]. The timing constraints and the control processes should not be affected by security mechanisms which need to be made to work without affecting control processes. The key issue in the deployment of safe industrial CPS environments is the need to ensure real time performance and maintain system safety at the same time.

2.2.3. Information Security

The Industrial Internet of Things faces information security vulnerabilities mostly from other technologies and the structural features of those systems [14]. IIoT architecture is based on encryption, data collection, transmission, and processing technologies [15]. These technologies form the basis of the underlying industrial IoT system. Additionally, the "Safety board" in the IIoT system now represents the security flaws in these technological solutions. The board's decision might put the whole industrial IoT system at danger of cyberattacks.

Table I shows the main architectural layers of Industrial IoT based cyber physical systems and summarizes their functional roles operational responsibilities and key security considerations highlighting how architecture and security requirements collectively influence reliable safe and secure industrial system operation

Table 1: Industrial IoT and CPS Security Architecture Overview

Layer / Domain	Component / Aspect	Primary Function	Operational Role	Security Consideration
Industrial Domain	Industrial IoT and CPS	Enable intelligent manufacturing automation by integrating information communication technologies with	Coordinate cyber and physical components to improve productivity efficiency resiliency automation across	Increased connectivity expands attack surface requiring comprehensive cybersecurity strategies across integrated industrial

		industrial production systems	industrial environments	infrastructures
Device Layer	Sensors Actuators Embedded Devices	Perform real time data sensing physical interaction monitoring using embedded intelligence within industrial environments	Support local data processing reduce latency enable autonomous operation under dynamic industrial conditions	Physically exposed devices face tampering risks limited energy computing resources restrict advanced security mechanisms
Control Layer	Control Units Industrial Controllers	Execute control logic manage automation processes regulate system behavior in industrial CPS	Coordinate decision making process control ensure stable and predictable system operation	High controller complexity impacts robustness vulnerability exploitation can disrupt critical industrial processes
Communication Layer	Communication Data Processing Layers	Enable reliable data transmission aggregation filtering analytics across distributed CPS components	Facilitate information exchange synchronization and coordination among sensors controllers and applications	Wireless communication susceptible to interception latency packet loss data manipulation attacks
Core Security	Confidentiality Integrity Availability CIA	Ensure authorized data access preserve correctness maintain continuous system and service availability	Establish trust foundation for secure reliable operation of industrial cyber physical systems	Failure to enforce CIA principles compromises safety reliability and operational continuity
Safety Constraints	Real Time Safety Critical Constraints	Maintain deterministic timing predictable execution meet strict response deadlines	Prevent hazardous situations ensure safe operation of time sensitive industrial processes	Security mechanisms may introduce delays affecting real time guarantees and safety
Data Protection	Information Security	Secure data acquisition transmission processing storage across IIoT infrastructure	Preserve system wide data trustworthiness support informed industrial decision making	Vulnerabilities in data handling expose entire industrial IoT ecosystem to cyber threats

### 3. Communication Protocols and Security Vulnerabilities

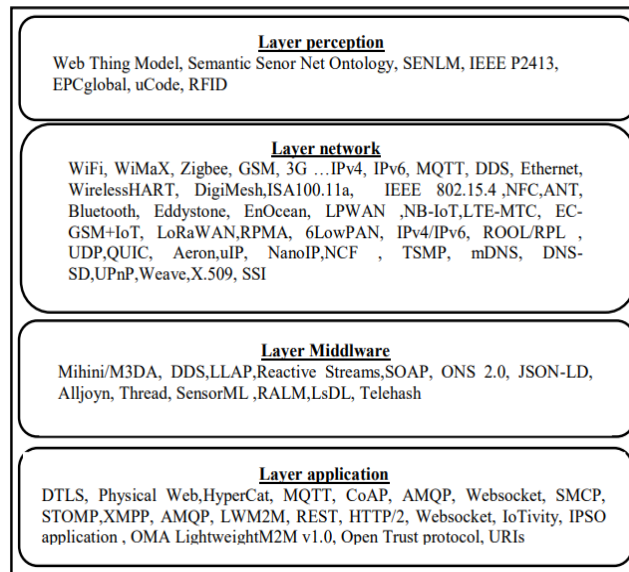
A security protocol is a way to talk to each other that uses cryptography. A protocol is a set of rules for how two or more people should communicate with one another in order to accomplish a specific task [16]. Principals can be anything from users to hosts to mobile devices or even programs. Dishonest principals (or invaders, spies, enemies, adversaries, etc.) attempt to gain an unfair advantage by manipulating communication protocols, while honest principals adhere to these protocols.

#### 3.1. Industrial Communication Protocols in IIoT

The industrial communication protocols used in industrial IoT are very crucial in facilitating trusted interaction of data between sensors controllers and applications in the CPS. The protocols are intended to aid the interoperability low latency scalability and efficient communication in the industrial circumstances of resource constraints. The choice of proper protocols has a direct impact on the reliability [17] and security of system performance in the context of IIoT based systems.

##### 3.1.1. Commonly Used IIoT Communication Protocols

There are many protocols that want to be the best way to connect things, but the best protocol for each use case different. In many cases, this is the deciding factor between a working prototype and the best possible solution. As an example, the wireless communication technology use must be tailor-made for its intended purpose. There isn't a clear winner among the current wireless technologies because they all have their own set of pros and cons. As a result, new protocols have evolved that are well-suited to the requirements of linked objects, including features like extended range, low throughput, ease of implementation, and low power consumption. research has led us to the realization that the majority of protocols may be categorized according to the primary layer of IoT architecture, as Shown in Figure 3.



**Fig 3: IoT Protocols**

### 3.1.2. Protocol Design Characteristics

The attributes of protocol design are important determinants of the appropriateness of communication technologies in an Industrial IoT setting. The protocols of the industry are normally designed to accommodate light weight communication low latency reliable data delivery and scalability under resource scarce situations. Features such as publish subscribe models' deterministic behavior fault tolerance and interoperability are essential to meet real time industrial requirements. The dependability, safety, and performance of cyber physical systems are directly affected by these characteristics.

### 3.2. Vulnerabilities and Attacks in IIoT Cybersecurity

The physical systems of a utility can be compromised, rendered unworkable, or even destroyed in a cyberattack. The systems could also be taken over by an outside party, or the personal information of staff and customers could be at risk. The four main types of attacks are device, data, privacy, and network availability [18]:

#### 3.2.1. Device Attack

The aim of an assault on a device in a grid network is to gain access to and control over that device. It is common for one compromised device to be utilized as a springboard for additional assaults, eventually compromising the entire smart grid network. A hacked sensor, for instance, may transmit a virus posing as legitimate sensing data, infecting the entire grid network in the process. With millions of connected devices, the IoT-based SG poses a significant threat as a CPS because the compromise of even a single node can endanger the entire network.

#### 3.2.2. Data Attack

The purpose of a data assault is to manipulate the smart grid's behavior by inserting, modifying, or removing control orders or data from the network traffic that carries information [19]. The reasoning for an IoT-based SG is dependent on the two-way flow of data between the utility and the network devices, thus any damage to the data could throw it off course.

#### 3.2.3. Privacy Attack

The criminal might plan home invasions or other physical strikes when no one is around. One type of personally identifiable information that could be targeted by a privacy invasion is credit card details that are shared with a utility provider. The interconnection of millions of user accounts makes an IoT smart grid susceptible to a privacy attack. Users' right to privacy and secrecy must be protected in this age of identity fraud. As a result, protecting sensitive data from prying eyes is of paramount importance.

#### 3.2.4. Network Attack

Denial of service attacks are notorious for disrupting network availability. The goal is to cause smart grid network communication failure or delays by exhausting or overtaxing its computation and communication capacity. When an unauthorized user overwhelms a smart grid processing center with fraudulent data, it slows down legal network traffic because the center loses time validating the data's legality. This is called a network availability assault.

## 4. Protection Techniques for Securing IiOT-Based CPS

Industrial cyber-physical systems the goal of IoT security measures is to prevent cyberattacks on vital infrastructure and keep it running smoothly and securely. These methods involve authentication access control intrusion detection and anomaly monitoring to avoid unauthorized access to detect malicious behaviors and increase system resilience. In the industrial settings, the effective protection mechanisms should ensure that they run with low overhead to maintain real time performance and safety needs.

### 4.1. Protect Device Security

Attacks like DDoS attacks on other businesses should not be done on a device. Also, other devices on the same network area should not be abused or used for something else. All devices connected to the IoTs share this objective.

### 4.2. Protect Data Security

The privacy, authenticity, and accessibility of data acquired, saved, processed, or transmitted to or from the Internet of Things device are of the utmost importance. This includes personally identifiable information [PII] [20]. No Internet of Things device is exempt from this objective unless it contains sensitive information.

### 4.3. Intrusion Detection Monitoring Systems

Ensure the privacy of individuals whose privacy has been affected by PII processing is ensured, in addition to the measures that safeguard the privacy of devices and data. This should be applicable to all the IoT devices that handle PII or have a direct or indirect impact on individuals.

### 4.4. Access Control Mechanisms

Intrusion prevention systems in CPS built on the Industrial IoT limit system access to approved users' devices and services. The mechanisms impose role-based permission of identity verification and secure management of sessions to avoid control data leakage and misuse of important industrial resources by an unauthorized control.

### 4.5. Anomaly Monitoring Techniques

Anomaly monitoring techniques [21] continuously observe network traffic system behavior and operational patterns in IIoT based CPS. These techniques identify abnormal activities cyber-attacks and system faults in real time enabling timely response mitigation and improved system resilience without disrupting safety critical operations.

## 5. Literature Review

According to the literature, the current approaches to IoT security can augment the system protection and governance using the scalable architecture, encryption methods, and edge-based security controls. Nevertheless, the issues connected to the mass implementation, the field of heterogeneous devices integration, standardization, and practical verification are still unresolved research problems.

Lu and Xu (2019) showed that safeguarding and integrating diverse smart gadgets and ICT are critical factors. This review is useful for both researchers and professionals in the field of cybersecurity for the Internet of Things. It discusses the most recent studies on Internet of Things (IoT) cybersecurity, its taxonomy and design, critical enabling countermeasures and methods, important industrial applications, research trends, and difficulties [22].

Roukounaki et al. (2019) provided a data-driven architecture for IoT security that is both adaptable and extensible. Data collected from smart objects, devices, edge nodes, platforms, and clouds—all parts of the internet of things (IoT)—is the main emphasis. An adaptable method of modeling security data from different Internet of Things (IoT) systems and devices guarantees the suggested infrastructure's configurability. Thanks to cutting-edge technologies for massive data storage, streaming, and collection, it is also scalable [23].

Webb and Hume (2018) offered a structure for security regulations and a fresh approach to managing data protection; as a result, the school was able to launch additional Internet of Things (IoT) projects that made use of mobile and wireless communications, including smart-connected parking, transportation, and the establishment of a Lora WAN network to bolster faculty research initiatives. West Texas A&M University can share its knowledge with other universities in the country and potentially the world through these Internet of Things projects [24].

Singh, Rishiwal and Kumar (2018) protected data using a variety of cloud computing security measures. The use of encryption techniques is one such essential way. The efficiency, speed, efficacy, and cost of the encryption systems differ. Various factors can affect the consistency of data security. However, this can change depending on the data type or even the wishes of the data owner. Therefore, it is necessary to establish a foundation for data classification that can be shared on the cloud. This allow for the dynamic use of an appropriate encryption technology, resulting in optimal and cost-effective data encryption [25].

Sha et al. (2017) discussed the difficulties associated with Internet of Things security in detail. Afterwards, EdgeSec was suggested as a new security service that can be introduced at the edge layer to make IoT systems more secure. In order to methodically address certain security issues in IoT systems, EdgeSec's seven main components collaborate. Take a look at Smart Home, a typical Internet of Things (IoT) application, to see how EdgeSec operates [26].

Furtak, Zieliński and Chudzikiewicz (2016) provided a means to secure information transmitted between sensor nodes via the data connection layer and information stored within the sensor nodes' resources. The TPM, or Trusted Platform Module, served this function. Creating a safe and reliable sensor network is now within reach, thanks to the suggested method. The article covered the following ground: the model of the network, the security measures put into place, a study of the network's security, and the results of certain investigations into the network [27].

Irshad (2016) performed a comprehensive analysis of IoT-related information security management frameworks. Additionally, it goes over several information security frameworks that address IoT models and implementations in various industries. The executives and upper management of any company planning to implement smart services use these frameworks, which are categorized according to the framework's area. This system review helped them come up with a clear control policy for the safety of their assets, which helped them choose a better investment for safe IoT installations [28].

Table II provides the summary of the main studies on IoT cybersecurity specifying their methodology, results, and shortcomings. Although current literature advances the IoT security and scalability, there are still issues of complexity and standardization. Future studies focus on adaptive, automated and intelligent security systems

**Table 2: Summary of Recent Studies on Iot Cybersecurity Architectures and Data Security Mechanisms**

Reference	Study on	Approach	Key Findings	Challenges / Limitations	Future Directions
Lu and Xu (2019)	IoT Cybersecurity	Comprehensive review of IoT security architectures, taxonomy, countermeasures, and applications	Highlighted the importance of protecting and integrating heterogeneous IoT devices and ICT systems	Complexity of heterogeneous environments and evolving threat landscape	Development of unified security frameworks and adaptive defense mechanisms
Roukounaki et al. (2019)	Data-driven IoT Security	Scalable and configurable security data collection infrastructure	Enabled large-scale security data collection across devices, edge, platforms, and cloud	High data volume management and integration complexity	Advanced analytics and intelligent threat detection using collected data
Webb and Hume (2018)	IoT Governance and Policy	An information security governance model and a framework for security policies	Supported secure deployment of smart transportation, parking, and LoRaWAN networks	Institutional scalability and policy alignment across regions	Expansion of governance models to broader smart city deployments
Singh, Rishiwal and Kumar (2018)	Cloud Data Security	Dynamic data classification and encryption mechanisms	Demonstrated cost-effective and optimized encryption based on data sensitivity	Variation in encryption efficiency and management overhead	Adaptive encryption schemes based on real-time security requirements
Sha et al. (2017)	IoT Security Architecture	EdgeSec: Edge-layer security service with seven components	Improved IoT security by addressing threats at the edge, validated in smart home scenario	Deployment complexity and edge resource constraints	Lightweight edge-security solutions for large-scale IoT systems
Furtak, Zieliński and Chudzikiewicz (2016)	Secure Sensor Networks	Cryptographic protection using Trusted Platform Module (TPM)	Enabled secure and fault-tolerant sensor networks	Hardware dependency and implementation cost	Integration of TPM-based security in large IoT deployments
Irshad (2016)	IoT Security	Systematic review and	Provided	Lack of	Unified

	Management Frameworks	classification of IoT security frameworks	governance guidance for secure IoT adoption across industries	standardization across frameworks	governance and management models for enterprise IoT security
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## 6. Conclusion and Future Work

The growing adoption of IIoT technologies by safety-critical industrial systems has heightened the requirement to have solid cybersecurity systems capable of safeguarding both cyber and physical resources. An organized discussion of the security of Industrial IoT and CPS has been provided in this paper in terms of system architecture, communication protocols, security implications, vulnerabilities, and protection methods. The survey shows that, albeit with current solutions to improve confidentiality, integrity, availability, and system resilience, the environment continues to experience severe challenges because of the heterogeneous nature of devices, real-time limitations, and the increasing attack surfaces. The literature reviewed proves that the design of the protocols and the architecture used have a direct effect on the security and reliability of the system. In general, the results also underscore the idea that successful IIoT cybersecurity should take a holistic approach that incorporates protocol-level security, architectural protection, and adaptive protection strategies to achieve safe, reliable, and sustainable functioning of industrial cyber-physical systems.

Further studies ought to follow on the creation of lightweight, adaptable, and smart security models that are suitable to massive IIoT. Automated threat detection, protocol-conscious defines mechanisms as well as machine learning-based real-time analysis of anomalies need to be emphasized. There is also a need to have standard security models and real-world testing in various industrial settings to improve the interoperability, scalability, and practical implementation of secure IIoT-based cyber-physical systems.

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