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Special session:

Manufacturing as a Service: Enabling and managing quantitative operations

Invited session chairs

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Abstract

Supported by data, technology, and analytics, manufacturers are becoming increasingly empowered with digital capabilities, allowing them to enhance their performance at the company level. However, this is not enough in today's landscape marked by simultaneous, multifaceted challenges. The expansion of connectivity among manufacturing stakeholders is crucial. Together with other tools (e.g., digital product passports, cloud-based collaborative platforms), **Manufacturing as a Service** (MaaS) contributes to improving the responsiveness, flexibility, and scalability of manufacturing industries, while enabling *inter alia* novel forms of sustainable and circular industrial practices.

This special session welcomes contributions dedicated to helping interested parties implement MaaS and supporting the **interoperability** and **decision-making of new related operations management problems**. Contributions from both academic and industrial communities are encouraged, ranging from empirical research and industrial applications to innovative methodologies that integrate advanced technology, ontologies, prescriptive and data analytics.

Topics

The session chairs invite researchers and decision-makers from academia, industry, and government to contribute theoretical and applied research papers in areas including but not limited to the following topics:

- Semantics for supporting system interoperability between manufacturers and other stakeholders, as well as material flows.
- Ontology for matchmaking, ranking, scheduling, and batching decisions associated with the satisfaction of on-demand needs by shared manufacturing resources offered as services.
- Multi-perspective performance and risk assessment within the MaaS framework, along with metrics to express stakeholder satisfaction.
- Collaborative operations management and pricing.

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