

Digital Transformation towards Industrial 5.0

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This presentation discusses the profound technological changes that have taken place around us during the last two decades, supported by the new disruptive advances both on the software and the hardware sides, as well as the cross-fertilization of concepts and the amalgamation of information, communication, and control technology-driven approaches. In recent years, to change the whole format of industrial automation, these developments have been taken further, especially in Germany, under the label “Industry 4.0”. The dominant feature of Industry 4.0 is the integration of the virtual world with the physical world through the Internet of Things (IoT). Such engineered systems are named Cyber Physical Systems built from, and depend upon, the seamless integration of computational algorithms and physical components. A more comprehensive description of what is happening around us is the digital transformation. After reviewing these profound changes, a preview of Industry 5.0 is presented. The presentation then switches to integrating AI in digital transformation in various forms. A brief history of AI and a look into the future are presented, emphasizing Symbiotic Autonomous Systems. The presentation will conclude, pondering whether “Singularity,” as was defined 15 years ago, will meet the same fate as the “Thinking Machines.

Short Biography of Okyay Kaynak

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