Description

The Production cell has been introduced in [LL1995] as a case study to compare different formal methods with respect to their modelling and analysis features. It comes along with a specification of safety and progress properties, which the control software to be developed is expected to fulfill. The production cell sequentially processes plates, at an expected high throughput. The original (open) version of the production cell consists of two belts, a table, a robot with two arms, and a press. A crane has been artificially added, making the system self-contained and thus yielding a closed system. The closed systems differ by the number of plates circulating in the cell.

The Petri net has been first presented in [HD1995], and later published in [HDS1999]. At this time, we were not able to compute the complete marking graph for some versions of this model. Instead, partial order methods have been used to show liveness and for on-the-fly LTL model checking.

In March 2020, Pierre Bouvier and Hubert Garavel provided a decomposition of all instances of this model into networks of communicating automata. Each network is expressed as a Nested-Unit Petri Net (NUPN) that can be found, for each instance, in the “toolspecific” section of the corresponding PNML file.

References

Scaling parameter

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<tr>
<th>Parameter name</th>
<th>Parameter description</th>
<th>Chosen parameter values</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>(N)</td>
<td>Initial number of plates in the production cell. For the open system, the initial number is zero. For the closed system, the number is fixed.</td>
<td>0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5</td>
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Size of the model

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Number of places</th>
<th>Number of transitions</th>
<th>Number of arcs</th>
<th>Number of units</th>
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<tr>
<td>(N = 0)</td>
<td>198</td>
<td>176</td>
<td>730</td>
<td>34</td>
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<tr>
<td>(N = 1)</td>
<td>231</td>
<td>202</td>
<td>846</td>
<td>40</td>
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<td>(N = 2)</td>
<td>231</td>
<td>202</td>
<td>846</td>
<td>38</td>
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<td>(N = 3)</td>
<td>231</td>
<td>202</td>
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<td>38</td>
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<td>(N = 4)</td>
<td>231</td>
<td>202</td>
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<td>(N = 5)</td>
<td>231</td>
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Structural properties

- **ordinary** — all arcs have multiplicity one
- **simple free choice** — all transitions sharing a common input place have no other input place
- **extended free choice** — all transitions sharing a common input place have the same input places
- **state machine** — every transition has exactly one input place and exactly one output place
- **marked graph** — every place has exactly one input transition and exactly one output transition
- **connected** — there is an undirected path between every two nodes (places or transitions)
- **strongly connected** — there is a directed path between every two nodes (places or transitions)
- **source place(s)** — one or more places have no input transitions
- **sink place(s)** — one or more places have no output transitions
- **source transition(s)** — one or more transitions have no input places
- **sink transition(s)** — one or more transitions have no output places
- **loop-free** — no transition has an input place that is also an output place
- **conservative** — for each transition, the number of input arcs equals the number of output arcs
- **subconservative** — for each transition, the number of input arcs equals or exceeds the number of output arcs

(a) stated by CÆSAR.BDD version 2.0 on all 6 instances (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5).
(b) stated by CÆSAR.BDD version 3.3 on all 6 instances (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5).
(c) stated by CÆSAR.BDD version 2.0 on all 6 instances (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5).
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(i) stated by CÆSAR.BDD version 2.0 on all 6 instances (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5).
(j) stated by CÆSAR.BDD version 2.0 on all 6 instances (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5).
(k) stated by CÆSAR.BDD version 2.0 on all 6 instances (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5).
(l) stated by CÆSAR.BDD version 2.0 on all 6 instances (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5).
(m) stated by CÆSAR.BDD version 2.0 on all 6 instances (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5).
**nested units** — places are structured into hierarchically nested sequential units (n) .............................................. ✓

**Behavioural properties**

safe — in every reachable marking, there is no more than one token on a place ............................................................. ✓ (o)
dead place(s) — one or more places have no token in any reachable marking ................................................................. ✓ (p)
dead transition(s) — one or more transitions cannot fire from any reachable marking ....................................................... ✓ (q)
deadlock — there exists a reachable marking from which no transition can be fired  X (r); confirmed at MCC’2014 by Lola and Tapaal on all 6 instances

**live** — for every transition t, from every reachable marking, one can reach a marking in which t can fire ............................................... ? (s)

**Size of the marking graphs**

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Number of reachable markings</th>
<th>Number of transition firings</th>
<th>Max. number of tokens per place</th>
<th>Max. number of tokens per marking</th>
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<td>N = 0</td>
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<td>1.3152E+7 (u)</td>
<td>1 (v)</td>
<td>32 (w)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>N = 1</td>
<td>25,632 (x)</td>
<td>96,722 (y)</td>
<td>1 (z)</td>
<td>36 (aa)</td>
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<td>N = 2</td>
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<td>1.3807E+6 (ac)</td>
<td>1 (ad)</td>
<td>36 (ae)</td>
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<td>1 (ah)</td>
<td>36 (ai)</td>
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<td>1 (ap)</td>
<td>36 (aq)</td>
</tr>
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<td>6.7464E+6 (aq)</td>
<td>1 (ar)</td>
<td>36 (as)</td>
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**Other properties**

CPI (Covered by P-Invariants), CTI (Covered by T-Invariants). There are meaningful CTL/LTL properties available, documented in [HD1995].

(n) the definition of Nested-Unit Petri Nets (NUPN) is available from [http://mcc.lip6.fr/nupn.php](http://mcc.lip6.fr/nupn.php)

(o) stated by CÆSAR.BDD version 2.0 on all 6 instances (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5).

(p) stated by CÆSAR.BDD version 3.3 to be true on 1 instance(s) out of 6, and false on the remaining 5 instance(s).

(q) stated by CÆSAR.BDD version 2.0 to be true for N = 1 and false on the remaining 5 instance(s).

(r) stated by CÆSAR.BDD version 2.0 on all 6 instances (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5).

(s) true except for N = 1.

(t) computed by Marcie on 2013-12-14; confirmed by CÆSAR.BDD version 2.0; computed at MCC’2014 by Marcie, PNMC, and PNXDD.

(u) computed at MCC’2014 by Marcie.

(v) confirmed at MCC’2014 by Marcie and PNMC.

(w) confirmed at MCC’2014 by Marcie and PNMC.

(x) computed by Marcie on 2013-12-14; confirmed by CÆSAR.BDD version 2.0; computed at MCC’2014 by Marcie, PNMC, PNXDD, and Tapaal.

(y) confirmed at MCC’2014 by Marcie and PNMC.

(z) confirmed at MCC’2014 by Marcie, PNMC, and PNXDD.

(aa) computed at MCC’2014 by Marcie, PNMC, and PNXDD.

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(ac) computed at MCC’2014 by Marcie.

(ad) confirmed at MCC’2014 by Marcie, PNMC, and Tapaal.

(ae) computed at MCC’2014 by Marcie, PNMC, and Tapaal.

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(ag) computed at MCC’2014 by Marcie, PNMC, and PNXDD.

(ah) confirmed at MCC’2014 by Marcie and PNMC.

(ai) confirmed at MCC’2014 by Marcie and PNMC.

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(ao) computed at MCC’2014 by Marcie.

(ao) confirmed at MCC’2014 by Marcie and PNMC, and Tapaal.

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