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NIST Industry Forum: Monitoring, Diagnostics, and Prognostics for Large Manufacturing Operations

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The 787 Dreamliner family

- Innovative and efficient airplane family
- Offers 20-25 percent better fuel per seat and emissions than the airplanes it replaces



777X benefits from key technologies



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Network Data Model for Manufacturing

- 1. Data Acquisition Framework Sensors & DAQ Modules
- 2. Communication system
- 3. Data Analytics
- 4. Interface to backend systems & portal visibility





Strategy: Data Collection and Interface between ISA-95 Levels 0 to 4



ISA-95 Model, Networks, and Information Flow

Equipment Data Flow Architecture "Boeing Model"



Machine Performance & Health Monitoring

"Closed Loop Connected Factory"





Composite Laminating Machines Health Management



Automated Fiber Placement for Composite Structures

- Machine coordinate relationship to airplane coordinate
- Capability to trace back error to cause (example: missing tow, gaps, or laps)
- Location of the error in 3D map
- Part centric approach and focus on machine reliability
- Monitoring movements of machine from course, sequence, and layer
- Interface for operator to enter downtime
- Monitoring both multiple parts over one machine or one machine over multiple parts
- Standard time to actual time comparison and % completions (performance to plan)
- Forecasting completions based on past performance data

FMEA Classification

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		What is the process step?		The ways or "modes" in which something might fail. In other words, in what ways can the Process Step, Variable, or Key Input go wrong?		What happens when the failure occurs? In other words, what is the impact on the Key Output Variables (customer requirements) or internal requirements?		How serious is the affect of the failure?	What causes the Ke Input to go wrong? (How could the failur mode occur?)		How frequen tly does the failure occur?	What are the existing that either prevent th mode from occurring		ı controls e failure ?	How probabl e is Detecti on of cause?	#VALUE!
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Machine Learning – Metal Fabrication Center







- Network Drop
- Data Acquisition Modules
- OEE Calculations
- CBM Investigations
 - Trend Analysis & Comparisons with the Past History
 - Spectrum Analysis:
 - FFT, Time Domain, Frequency Domain, and Peak Rate Analysis

Machine Problems

- Spindle Faults
- Axes Motors
- Sub-Components Mechanical or Electrical Systems Failures

Corrective Actions



Key Objectives

- Understand and determine what data to collect
- Signals representing functional degradations
- Software application and intelligence to detect faults before they occur
- Actions to mitigate failures
- Fault history and best practices plans

Machine Monitoring – Assembly Automation Systems



Network drops & connectivity

Data Collections & Quality Status

- Hole or fastener data
- OEE
- ✤ Machine Health Data
 - Tool Tip & Spindle Monitoring
 - Motion System
 - Tools & Holding Fixtures
 - Mechanical Components
- Data Analytics
 - CBM
 - Calibration
 - Part Quality
 - Throughput

Non Conformance & Corrective Actions



Infrastructure Health Monitoring Cranes, Power, Compressed Air, Vacuum, HVAC



Wireless Capability Eliminates Cabling costs and can be installed in remote locations

Sensor Based Process Monitoring and Safety Systems

Environmental Monitoring: Freezer Health



Temperature Recorder, Min/Max Data, Data History





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Boeing Research & Technology | Advanced Production Systems

777X Continuous Clean Room Monitoring System – Deployed in Multiple Sites



Situational Awareness

- Asset Location
- Dwell Time & Utilization
- Point of use Deliveries
- Automated Transactions





Outdoor Flight Line Asset Tracking

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Automated Receipt Transactions

Vehicle Management Safety System

Boeing Research & Technology is focusing on path monitoring with alerts that enable safe autonomous AGV operation in manufacturing areas. This effort will avoid possible injuries and property damage, eliminating the current practice of spotters/mechanics following the AGV as a precaution. This system is currently targeted for Composite small parts movements from lay-up fabrication area to autoclave and will be replicated toward similar use cases.



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Confined Space Communication & Air Quality Detection

Current Process

- 1. Radio checkout & registration
- 2. Location, Scan a flag
- Chemicals in work area 3.
- Radio place in stand-by mode 4.
- In workplace radio placed in active mode 5.
- Communication with command center 6.
- 7. Radio check-in upon completion

Communication System for Confined Space Areas (CSCHA) Command Center







Check our Two-Way Radio



Optional MX-4 Gas Sensors Used by Mechanics

New Process



Fall Protection Safety System

- System detects if a person working on stackers is attached to a self retracting lifeline cable.
- Alerts to the operator if an unsafe condition is suspected
- Intrusive toward the painters but the system cannot be easily turned off
- Meets all Fire and Safety Standards











Implementation Roadmap for Physical Systems



