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Maintenance Work Order Natural Language

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Aircraft Manufacturing Mission Critical Equipment



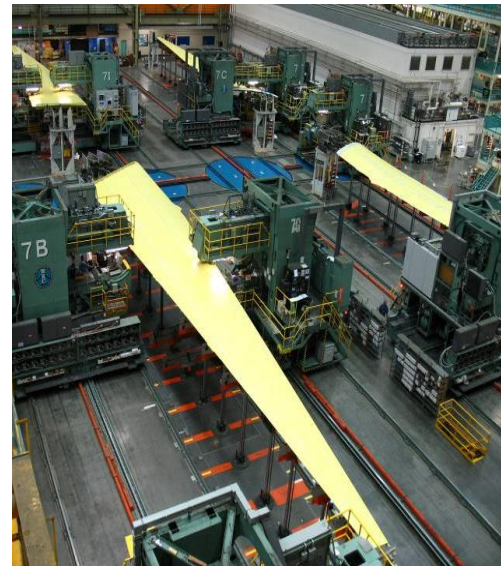
Composite Fabrication



Metal Fabrication



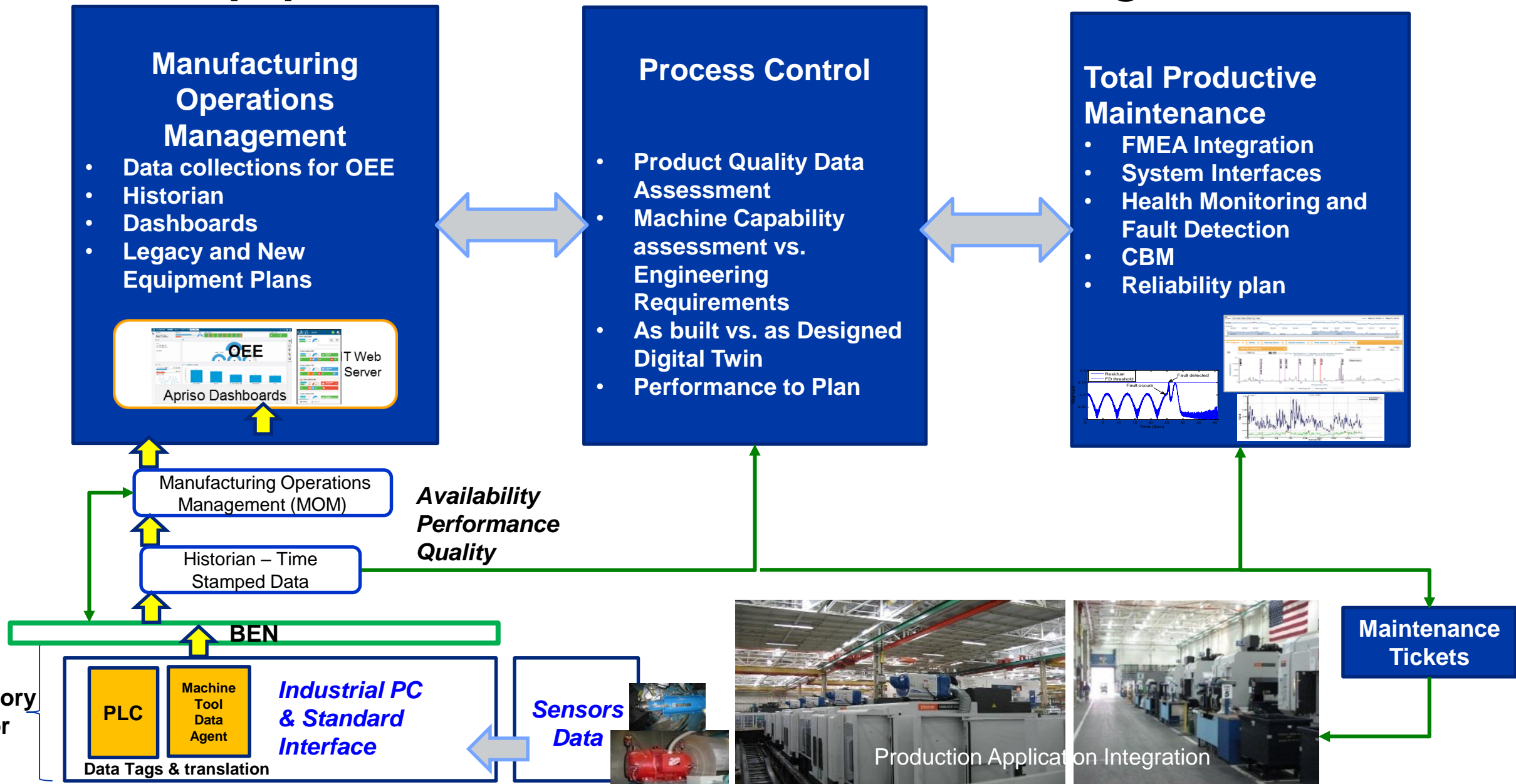
Drill & Fill Systems



Support Systems



Equipment Data Flow Architecture “Boeing Model”



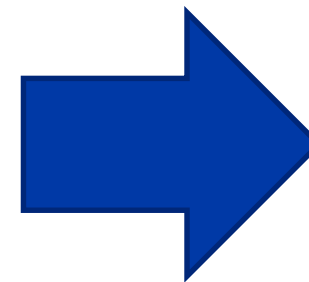
Maintenance Systems, Data Collections, & Performance Evaluation

Improvements that can reduce maintenance costs:

- **Standardized operator daily effort**
- **Control or eliminate reactive maintenance**
- **Planned maintenance to include all details and lessons learned**
 - Good mechanics training
 - Develop machine and process FMEA and Failure Tree
- **Accuracy and reliability of machine and part data**
 - Detailed operator tie-ins
 - Standardized report format

Performance data for visibility and actions

- Machine control data
- Sensor data
- OEE: Accurate Downtime Client data
- Health Monitoring: Deep learning & AI



Failures
Still Occur

**Maintenance Work
Order Tracking
Tools & Standard
Language Used to
Document & Track
Failures**

Issues with Non-Standard Work Order Tracking

- **Repetitive issues can occur under different naming conventions**
- **Root cause is not investigated due to lack of documentation**
- **Absence of sufficient data for analytic studies**
- **Lack of information to track problems for a family of machines**
- **Lack of information to make machine design improvements**
- **Increased maintenance costs**
- **Increased support costs**

Challenges with Natural Language Planning in Large manufacturing

- Significant number of different machines and work centers
- Differences in priorities at each geographic location
- Difficulties to agree on standardizations
- Lack of support to enforce standard terms to identify machine problems
- Data may not be shared across the different sites
- Technology is still new and the benefits will need to be explored further
- Need a unified plan and software tool
- Expertise are limited
- A formal plan needs to be put in place, funded, and aligned to the legacy systems

- ✓ Natural language standards and decision support will benefit large manufacturing firms
- ✓ System can build the foundation for improving the maintenance functions

