

# IfM Briefing Day

#### **Industrial Resilience & Automation**

**Distributed Information and Automation** 





# Industrial Resilience & Automation Enhancing Factory Operations

# Working with Industrial Partners

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Who we are

- Tools / approaches successfully applied in industry
- Overview + case studies

 In development – with partner



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# Introduction - About DIAL (Distributed Information & Automation Lab)

- One of 9 Research Groups within the IfM
- Key DIAL Missions:
  - Smarter, distributed ways of **automating** systems
  - Managing systems subject to disruption and change
  - Getting better value from operational information and quantifying it



Airport Information & Performance





Resilient, Reconfigurable <u>Manufacturing</u> Systems



Supply Chain Tracking & Tracing



Information Requirements for <u>Engineering</u> <u>Services</u>





Information & Smart Infrastructure

### **Distributed & Automated Intelligence**

#### What is the challenge?

Development of appropriate solutions for embedding intelligence into industrial products and resources to allow them to interact & steer / influence their own operations





#### **Benefits**?

- Adaptability of resources
- <u>Resilience</u> to disruptions
- Easy to reconfigure control systems

#### What have we done?

- Disruption tolerant lean production system
- Flexible packaging operation
- Customer driven logistics solutions
- Car paint plant control





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#### **Industrial Resilience**

#### What is the challenge?

To develop systems that have both proactive and reactive tolerance to production disruptions?





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Why Analyse Resilience?

#### Affected by operational disruptions? Unclear exactly why / when things go wrong?

What are the real problems? What can be done to fix them? How can operations be more robust?

The resilience audit helps to answer these questions and guides the development of more robust operations.





#### Industrial Resilience

#### How do we tackle the challenge?

By measuring and quantifying the tolerance to disruption

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By identifying the capabilities for • detecting, managing and responding to disruption



#### Average Disturbance Impact on Short Haul

**Delay Code** 

#### **Resilience** Audit

The Resilience Audit identifies:

- Problems or disruptions that cause processes to underperform
  e.g. supply chain delays leading to reschedule requirements
- How frequently processes suffer from the identified disruptions
- The effect or impact of the disruptions on process performance
  e.g. efficiency losses, time delays, yield reduction
- The capabilities of processes to recognise and handling the disruptions

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#### **Resilience** Audit

The output of the Resilience Audit can help:

- Prioritise improvements to current processes
  (Process Capabilities, Operational Adherence & Stability, Material Specifications.)
- Identify the requirement for new process capabilities to better cater for disruptions.
- Focus the development of next generation processes.
  Providing flexible production capabilities for new products, using new technologies and with changing business demands.

Internal Actions

Longer Term Actions





### Resilience Audit Case Studies Summary of Approaches

	Automotive Manufacture	Aerospace Manufacture	Airport Operations	Agriculture
Aims	Understand the impact of typical order changes. Assess existing response capabilities. Identify opportunities for improved response.	Improve disruption tolerance of loosely coupled manufacturing job shops implementing lean philosophies. Identify the type and scale of disturbances impacting production operations.	Identify disruptions impacting turn-around. Evaluate ability to handle disturbances. Examine how enhanced data sharing between turn-around partners could help.	Use production responsiveness tool to assess the resilience of a supply chain to disruption.
Overview	Operation & process review	Factory review + workshop	Operation review	Operation & process review
Disruption Analysis	Operation & process review	Data analysis	Data analysis	Operation & process review
Impact Analysis	Data analysis	Data analysis + workshop	Data analysis + workshop	Data analysis + workshop
Capability Analysis	Data analysis	Workshop	Workshop	Discussions + workshop





#### **Previous Work**

Resilience analysis tool has been applied to a range of operations:

Manufacturing Processes Britvic, Alcatel, Unipart, ASW, Henkel

Airport Operations EasyJet, Luton Airport

Agriculture: *G's Growers* MEducation and Consultancy Services















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#### **Automation Assessment**

- Overview of Approach
- Case Studies
  - Foxconn
  - Jaguar Land Rover
  - Schlumberger





#### **Motivation**

- Increase customer demand
- New product launch
- Joe wants me to look at some new robot

- Labour costs keep going up
- Jack is off with strain injury again
- Keep get product returns with quality issues
- Bill & Fred retire at the end of the year!
- Industry 4.0 ? Data Sharing ?

- Develop / Support a company's automation strategy
- Identify Automation Opportunities & Feasibility Challenges
  - Tailored to enhance existing production capabilities
- Collaborative approach with in-house production engineers
- Deliver a structured and prioritised implementation pathway





### **Automation Maturity Approaches**



### The Automation Challenge Opportunity Balance



**Automation Opportunities** 

Many benefits of automation

**Automation downsides** 

These benefits may come at a price....





#### The Automation Challenge Feasibility Balance



**Implementation Issues** 

**Feasibility Easy** 

Other factors may make automation hard or impossible

Solutions exist

Processes are "automatable"





### The Automation Challenge Opportunity / Feasibility Balance



#### **Automation Opportunities**

Improve operator safety Reduce labour cost Increase production rate Reduce floor space requirement Improve product quality

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#### **Feasibility Issues**

Number of assembly operations Complexity of assembly operations Ease of Automation Material delivery (logistics) Ease of integration

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#### Automation Assessment

 Building a model so that projects can be plotted and compared



Opportunity





### Automation Assessment Methodology







#### **Overview of Automation Assessment Tool**

#### **Top Level Business Aim:**

To identify, develop and implement appropriate automation solutions across the business.







### **Foxconn Automation Project**



- Foxconn aspiration to improve operations and reduce head count
- Context of:
  - Rising labour costs
  - More automation capability (external)
  - Demanding customers
  - Limited design input
  - Multi-site manufacture flexible and changing footprint
- External facilitation
  - Step back / overview
  - Stimulate higher level view of automation benefits and issues
  - Structured assessment







### **Foxconn Automation Project**



*"set up an effective platform among Foxconn GFO facilities to evaluate Automation potential"* 

"a guiding path for further steps of the project"

- Clarified automation objectives and gave focus and direction to the international automation team
- Stimulated higher level discussion of automation benefits and issues
- Structured assessment approach adopted across global operations
- Highlighted important differences between sites and products
- Company-wide picture enabling consistent analysis for multi-site manufacture
- Foxconn now rolling out assessment approach across 6 plants



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- Experienced and expert automation team
- "Which project should we do?"
  - 3 material handling projects
  - Each with some different solution possibilities

#### What does the tool do?

- Identifies the best fit solutions
- Prioritises the work













Figure 3.2 - %Opportunity v. %Feasibility for each automation 'solution'







Figure 3.5 - %Opportunity v. %Feasibility for all solutions from all studies





- Managers' view of the Automation Assessment:
  - useful resource for JLR
  - first step when considering the implementation of automation
  - logical and structured way of considering automation opportunities
  - highlights benefits and drawbacks that were previously unconsidered
- Final graphical presentation of data "a good visual method of summarising the findings of the study"

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#### Schlumberger Automation Assessment Project

- Schlumberger automation aims:
  - Modernise manufacturing and identify automation opportunities
  - "too many opportunities" need a method to categorise and prioritise
- Key business drivers:
  - Cost reduction
  - Geographical expansion
  - Demand for refurbishment close to drilling activity
  - Mobility of manufacturing / refurbishment activity
- External facilitation
  - Step back / overview
  - Stimulate higher level view of automation benefits and issues
  - Structured assessment
- Company-wide picture and consistent approach
  - Share experience and knowledge gained











# Automation Assessment output Key points from Schlumberger

- Center & Product Line Overview
  - Provides plant structure and context
- Opportunity and Feasibility criteria and rankings
  - Highlights center-level priorities
- Opportunity / Feasibility Plots
  - Key output
- Decision Support
  - Understand individual project positioning
  - Understand project interdependencies & benefits of combining projects
  - Compare different centers









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### Information quality risk assessment tool

- Introduction to the problem
- The Total Information Risk Management (TIRM) process
  - Including the supporting software tool









Utility company: "errors in meter readings ... errors in customer database

... incorrect bills ... overcharged customers ... loss of customer confidence ... ... regulator fines ... customers leave to competitor"

**A major UK supermarket**: *"incorrect inventory data ... errors in supplier database ...* 

... stock-outs ... lost sales ... dissatisfied customers ... customers leave to competitor"

Poor quality information has a direct adverse impact on business performance





#### Key questions for industry

"... what is the impact of poor quality data on my business?"

"... I have lots of problems with my databases... how can I prioritise my improvement projects?"

"... is it worth investing in new IS/IT?"





### **Total Information Risk Management**

#### A structured process...

# ... supported by a rigorous model









### **Information Risk Model**



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#### Information risk model







#### Supporting software tool

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### **Total Information Risk Management**

- Based on ISO 31000:2009 Risk Management
- Adapted to suit "information risks"
- Process follows well established techniques such as FMECA, RCA, etc.
- Tested and refined in industry
- More information in our book (available via Amazon)









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# [Industrial] Big Data

#### What is the challenge?

#### Data quality, Data value and Data sharing

Efficiently collecting, aggregating and analysing large data volumes originating from many different sources



#### **Benefits**?

- Reduced manual data management
- Access to new data sources
- Leverage data analytics techniques e.g. machine learning

#### What have we done?

- Developed tools and techniques for cleaning and combining data
- Developed market mechanisms for evaluating data value
- Developed recommender systems for acquiring industrial data
- Reconstructing supplier data from third party data
- Developed next generation warehousing and logistics information systems





#### **Big Data to Enhance Supply Chain Operations**

#### Aim:

To develop a system to make predictive interpretations about potential supplier operational non-performance.



#### Addressing the Challenges

#### **Challenges for manufacturers**

Large manufacturers can have enormous numbers of parts shortages per day, for a variety of reasons:

- 1. suppliers being overloaded by orders from other customers,
- 2. day-to-day delays during transportation of goods,
- 3. suppliers not being able to satisfy manufacturing demand.

These can result in significant production delays.

The Virtual Intelligent Production, Procurement and Prediction (VIPr) project aims to address these issues by:

- Using public data to model the supply chain
- Utilising data analytics to make predictive interpretations about potential supplier operational disruptions.

collaborator:

Project









#### **ITALI - IT Architectures for Logistics Integration**

#### ITALI aims to...

...investigate how existing logistics-related information systems must evolve to address future logistics needs

#### ... by exploring three logistics themes

A: Mismatches between physical operations and data

**B:** Difficulty in offering integrated logistic services to clients.

C: Dealing with differing B2C and B2B commerce requirements.

#### **Potential outputs**

**A**: An IT architecture for next generation warehousing and logistics

**B**: An automated approach to keep the data aligned with the physical process

**C**: A framework illustrating how to transition from B2B to B2C-like commerce.







If you are interested in any details related to this project, then please contact:

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- Industrial practitioners help companies of all sizes in all industries to apply research-based improvement techniques.
- Practical solutions based on the latest applied research
- Live feedback to help set the agenda for new research
- An income stream to support future research activities
- Single point of access to relevant expertise from the University of Cambridge
- Education programmes configured to client company needs and context

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# Mechanisms for Engagement DIAL / IfM ECS

Engagement methods are always tailored to meet your needs:

- Consulting to meet current needs (Direct Impact to Operations)
- Confidential industrial research for future operational needs (3-5 Yr Horizon)
- Consortium based research for collaborative needs (3 Yr Horizon)
- Direct sponsorship of PhD. Research positions (3-4 Yr Programme)
- 5. Placements for short term Student Projects (PhD. / MPhil level)





# Working with IfM

- Scoping is key (every company is different!)
- Work with engineers
- Tailor the tool / approach
- Work with available data
- Run workshops
- Equip team for deployment





#### **Typical Project Flow**



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