
DIAL Introduction



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Themes

AUTOMATION

- Distributed, Intelligent Systems
- Multi agent control
- Reconfigurable Systems
- RFID/ Auto ID



INFORMATION

- Value of Information
- Sensing Strategy
- Track and Trace
- Service Information
- Asset Management



**UNCERTAINTY,
CHANGE**

DIAL Links

Alan Thorne

Automation
Lab

Centre for
Smart
Infrastructure

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Auto ID Lab

Mark
Harrison

Uncertainty,
Risk &
Resilience
Theme

DISRUPTION & CHANGE

Asset
Management
Group

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Project Areas [Aerospace, Infrastructure, Logistics, Agriculture]



- Resilient, manufacturing
- Intelligent data systems



- Airport information & performance, resilience



- Agricultural resilience
- Flexible automation



- Intelligent Warehouse &
 - Transportation



- Value of info & Smart infrastructure



- Asset information management for utilities and infrastructure

Project Snapshots

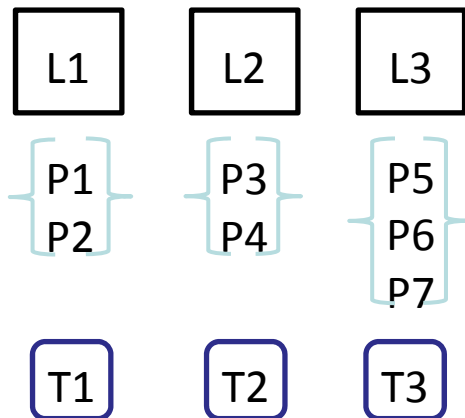
- Duncan McFarlane: Resilience
- Ajith Parlikad: Asset Management
- Mark Harrison: Auto ID
- Alan Thorne: Automation Lab

DisTAL: What?

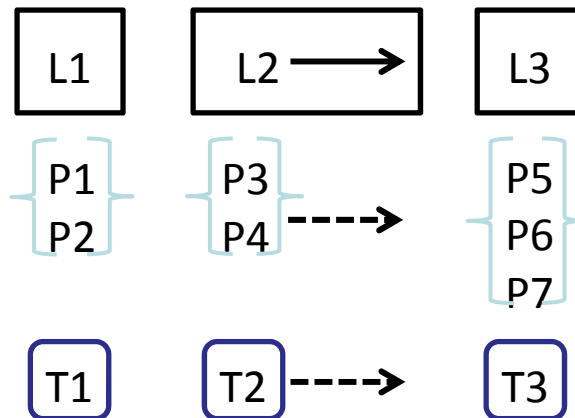
Issue: Improve disruption tolerance of loosely coupled manufacturing job shops, implementing lean

Challenge: Creating a resilient manufacturing operation without excess inventory by detecting and responding to disruptions.

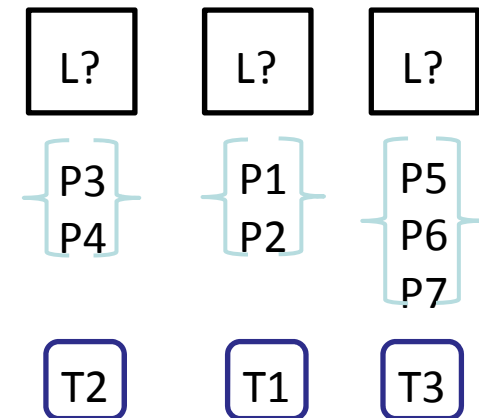
Stepped lined movement



Continuous line movement



Dynamic line movement



DisTAL: Why

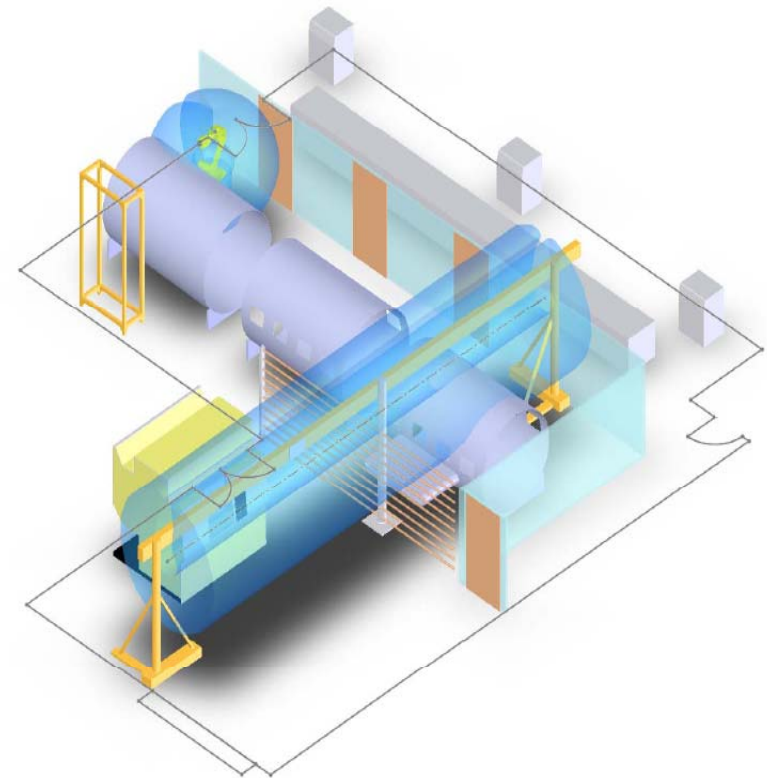
- Improved product mix across production
- Improved use of capacity
- Reduce lost time on rework
- More effective integration of processing, machining and assembly



DisTAL: How?

Approach:

- Resilience Analysis of key operation
- Develop Control System / Tracking Architectures
- Simulate Architecture & Operations
- Demonstrate Lab based proof of concepts
- Migrate findings into Boeing



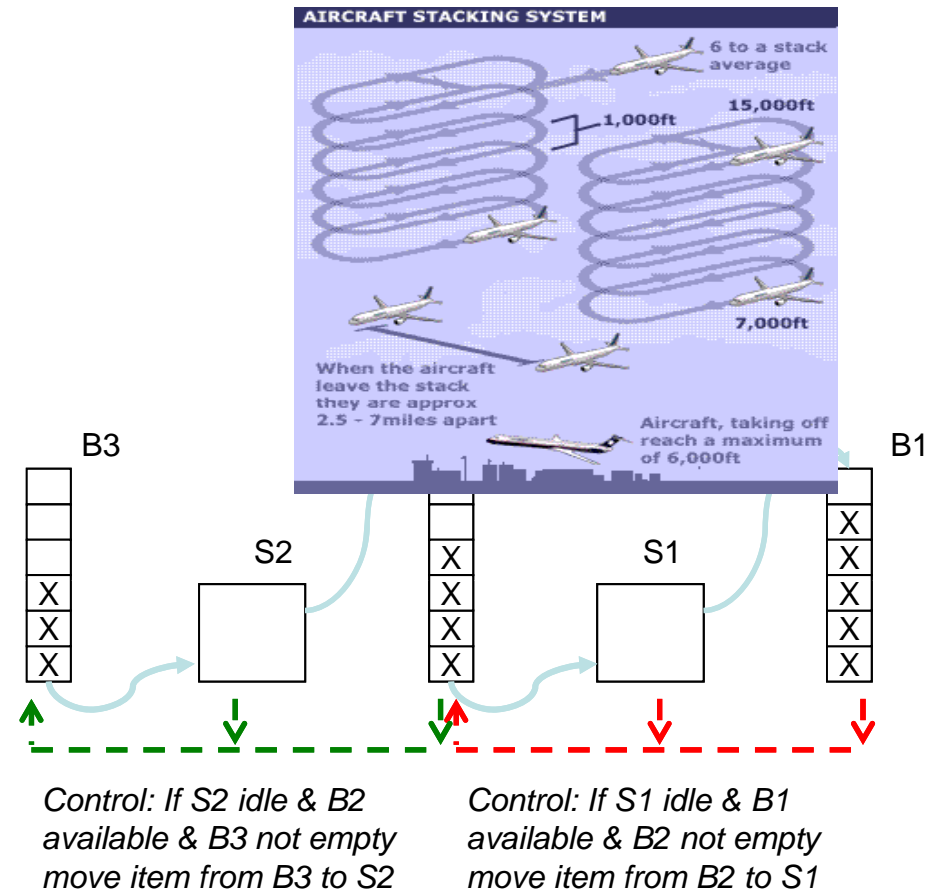
Heathrow Operational Freedoms: What?

- **Aim:** To investigate how new runway operational processes can enhance airport performance.
- **Focus:** Specifically investigating the use of dual arrival, vectored departures
- **Partners:** South East Airports Task Force, DfT, CAA, NATS



Heathrow Operational Freedoms: Why

- Heathrow at ~ 99% capacity
- Disturbances lead to significant arrival delays
- Large CO2 expenditure in “stacks” over Heathrow



Heathrow Operational Freedoms: How

- Trialling multiple operating modes over 2011-13
- Statistical analysis of arrivals/departures performance
- Simulation studies of different landing sequences

