Artificial Intelligence in Manufacturing
Predicting, diagnosing and optimizing industrial assets and operations

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Categorizing AI definitions

**Thought and Behavior**

**Thinking Humanly**
“[the automation of] activities that we associate with human thinking, activities such as decision making, problem solving, learning…” (Belman, 1978)

**Thinking Rationally**
“The study of the computations that make it possible to perceive, reason, act” (Winston, 1992)

**Acting Humanly**
“The art of creating machines that perform functions that require intelligence when performed by people” (Kurzweil, 1990)

**Acting Rationally**
“AI ... is concerned with intelligent behavior in artifacts” (Nilsson, 1998)

IBM: “AI is the ability of a machine to perform cognitive functions we associate with human minds, such as perceiving, reasoning, learning, and problem solving.” Examples of technologies that enable AI to solve business problems are robotics and autonomous vehicles, computer vision, language, virtual agents, and machine learning.
IoT for manufacturing is about how IoT helps to drive more efficiency in your “people, process and things”

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<th>Cognitive production processes</th>
<th>Resource optimization, knowledge engineering</th>
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<td>Intelligent assets and equipment utilizes IoT and cognitive capabilities to sense, communicate and self-diagnose issues so they can optimize their performance and reduce unnecessary downtime.</td>
<td>Cognitive operations and processes bring more certainty to business by analyzing a variety of information from workflows, context and environment to drive quality, enhance operations and decision-making.</td>
<td>Utilize IoT and cognitive insight to optimize resources (worker, energy, expertise) using geolocation data, individual data, usage data and environmental conditions along with analytics.</td>
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<th>Percentage</th>
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<td>Decrease in equipment downtime at major global auto manufacturer.</td>
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<td>Increase in overall productivity at major European automaker.</td>
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Assets and Equipment
Asset intensive organizations need optimize their maintenance strategy helping them to remain competitive

30% Maintenance activities carried out too frequently

45% All maintenance efforts are ineffective

40% Scheduled maintenance costs are spent on assets with negligible effect on uptime

Sources: 1. On嘎u Enterprise Analytics, Reducing the Cost of Preventative Maintenance  
2. T.A. Cook, Maintenance Efficiency Report 2013, August 2013
Fundamental ‘Truths’ about Asset Management Today

- First signs of trouble
- Smooth operation
- Time
- Performance
- Time to failure
- Failed
- Failing
- Warning Time

Approximately 11% of components of a complex asset fail over time

89% fail **randomly** over time

Addressing the 89% random failures with a combination of asset priorities data, operations data, maintenance data supported by analytics is key to being a leader in this challenge.
Machine learning automatically analyzes variables to correlate degree of use/abuse with failure.

- identify metrics that are indicative of equipment failure
- discover how usage patterns influence failure patterns
- translate metrics into a “remaining days before failure”
- assign maintenance classification – over/under/well
Easily assess maintenance status of an asset class

- Assess performance of assets in a specific class
- Identify assets needing attention
- Use analysis to guide maintenance strategy and planning
Machine learning identifies drivers and risk factors that influence asset health

Use drivers and risk factors to develop or refine asset maintenance strategy.

Serial Number JK84-jas-53 should be inspected for thermal variations or usage anomalies that make it behave differently from its peers.

Lubricant X72 may not be right for low temperatures.
Jet Engine Manufacturer: avoid costly AOG events

✓ 97% accuracy in ability to predict delays and cancellations within 12 weeks

✓ 97% accuracy in ability to predict an in-flight shutdown within a year

✓ avoid millions of dollars in costs associated with grounded planes.

Use engine data obtained from various databases and sensors to predict and proactively address engine issues.

Analytics platform creates predictive models that alert the manufacturer to impending engine events. These alerts, and a dashboard visualization of engine-fleet health and risk status, enable the company to take proactive measures such as ordering and arranging preventive maintenance.
Prediction use cases

**Quality Failure Prediction**

Example 1: Leak Detection
Example 2: Damage Simulation
Example 3: Simple Anomaly Model
Example 4: Automated Multi-mode Anomaly
Example 5: Automated Equipment Outlier Detection
Example 6: Pre-fail State Detection
Example 7: Hybrid Condition Monitoring / Survival Analysis
Example 7b: Pure Condition Monitoring
Example 7c: Predicting Failure in a fixed time interval

**Equipment Failure Prediction**

Example 8: Vibration Analysis Part 1: Explore
Example 8: Vibration Analysis Part 2: Model
Example 9: Sequence Analysis
Example 10: Selecting the best scheduling maintenance window
Example 11: Predictive Maintenance for Sporadically used Assets
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Example 12: Adjusting workload to fit a maintenance schedule
Example 13: Diagnosing Equipment Issues

**Process Anomaly Detection**

**Process Variability Prediction and Optimization**

**Process Failure Root Cause Analysis**
Increase yield of your manufacturing operations and processes

✓ 25% increase in overall productivity of cylinder-head line

✓ 50% reduction in time required to achieve process target levels

✓ 100% payback achieved within 2 years

A large European automaker worked with IBM IoT to analyze more than 500 performance variables using predictive models to identify specific parts of the production line that needed adjustment. Historical and real-time manufacturing variables including machine setting, material temperature and equipment maintenance activities all contributed to prediction engine for decision support.
Production processes
Production Losses Impact Production Performance

Achieve
Performance to Potential

Prescribe
Best Action

Predict & Pinpoint
Production Losses

Maximize
Throughput
Yield
Eliminate
Waste

Analyze
Root Cause
What If

Advise
Recipe set-points
Schedule
Best time repair

Equipment Related Losses
Availability
Performance
Quality

Process Related Losses
Energy
Yield
Tool / Die

Productivity Related Losses
Material Availability
Labor
Line Balance

Identify Losses, Eliminate Waste, Increase throughput and Optimize Production
Industrial Analytical Model Templates enable out of the box use cases

- **Process Specific Model Templates**
  - **Resistance Weld Process**
    - Quality failure prediction
    - Machine failure prediction
  - **Cement Grinding Process**
    - Process anomaly prediction and Opt.
    - Equipment Failure prediction
  - **Injection Molding Process**
    - Quality failure detection
  - **Mixing Skid**
    - Process failure root cause analysis

- **Industry Analytical Model Template**
  - **Asset Health Prediction**
  - **Process Cycle Efficiency Prediction**
  - **Starvation and Blockagee prediction**
  - **Cohort Analysis**
  - **Quality Failure Prediction**
  - **Machine Failure Prediction**
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- **IBM Base Library**
  - **IBM ML / DL Pipelines**
    - Auto Classification
    - Anomaly detection
    - Prediction
    - Survival Analysis
    - Cohort Analysis
    - Deep Learning
High energy intensive process
40% variability from best to worst
Inefficient operations are only identified after the fact, affecting profitability.
Hard to understand complex multivariable correlations
Hard to understand changes in plant behavior over time
Few experts in the headquarters
Hard to convey experience to novice operators / process engineers in a structured manner
Knowledge is lost when an experienced plant engineer leaves the company
Many plants around the globe

What if you could make **every** operator perform like your **best** operator?
Cement Grinding Mill Optimization Results

- **Fineness**
- **Energy**
- **Separator Speed**
- **Flow Rate**
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Machine Learning Pipeline

**Ball Mill Optimization**

**Data definition**

**Control**
- Sum. fresh feed
- Grinding aid
- Separator speed

**Observed**
- Mill Temperature
- Clinker Temp.
- Separator Temp.
- Reject flow
- Sep. fan current
- Mill fan current

**Target**
- Electricity consumption
- Cement fineness

**Production Optimization**

**data pre-processing**

**Unsupervised learning**

**ML libraries**

**Optimization**

**Ensemble learning**

**Sparse learning**

**Function shape learning**

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Data filtering

ML libraries:

Unsupervised learning
Ensemble learning
Sparse learning
Function shape learning
Knowledge engineering
Increase worker productivity and expertise

✓ Collated 30+ years of engineering expertise
✓ Reduced onboarding and training time of new engineers
✓ Faster resolution of problems and increase productivity of workforce

Engineers at Woodside are training Watson to collate 30+ years of engineering experience in managing liquid gas facilities to create a cognitive advisory service to help employees across the organization resolve problems faster, improve process flow and achieve better operational outcomes.
Cognitive diagnosis

Suggests the most likely **causes** for a given set of **symptoms**

Complements the Discovery-based intelligent querying capability

Particularly effective in complex cases involving multiple symptoms caused by multiple problems

Learns and improve based on usage in the field
Client Case Study: Germany-based OEM

Client: German-based manufacturer of high-end domestic appliances and commercial equipment

Business Challenge:
- Reduce unnecessary replacement of parts.
- Additional goals/Metrics of interest:
  - Time spent by technicians
  - First-fix rate

Solution:
- Two equipment types: dishwasher and steam oven
- Used diagnosis troubleshooting capability to help technicians diagnose the correct problem on malfunctioning equipment and provide recommendations

Business Value:
- ~30% reduction for the electronic module parts replaced in the dishwasher
- Initial model for steam oven results: Watson top recommendation correct ~78% of the time
Experience

Fifteen-month engagement with a large appliance manufacturer

Three-month PoC with Coca Cola (presented at Think 2018)
Cognitive Diagnosis Model Manager and Technician App
Developing a diagnosis model

Create symptoms and causes

Connect causes to symptoms they can manifest

Populate model with probabilities

Train model
Improving accuracy

Create model structure

Add probability estimates

Add historical tickets

Train and deploy

Gather feedback

Validate feedback

Add instructive examples
EMA Diagnosis

More advanced repair and troubleshooting capabilities than standalone Watson components

Functional value of problem diagnosis capabilities:

- Your clients have existing maintenance processes in place:
  - Problem Cause Remedy
  - Custom engineering processes such as Failure Modes and Effects Analyses (FMEA) or Root Cause Failure Analyses (RCFA)
  - EMA can capture these existing maintenance processes

- Custom diagnostic trees can be used

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Symptom

Cannot race the engine while running

Cause

Error in fuel supply device
Error in throttle body
Error in air flow

Fix

xxx
xxx
xxx
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EMA Diagnosis

End-to-end workflow

Create/Update Diagnosis Model → Load Data for Model Training → Train Model → Run Diagnosis
Woodside Energy (Oil and Gas)

Client: Australia's largest independent oil and gas company

Business Challenge:
- Aging workforce and heavy reliance on historical context and procedural information.
- Employees spent 80% of their time researching problems and 20% fixing it. Need for easy access to detailed answers to highly industry specific questions in remote locations.
- Access to prior project documentation to incorporate valuable insights into current projects.

Solution:
- Watson absorbed over 600,000 pages of documentation, from reports to correspondence regarding drilling equipment.
- Client’s employees have the ability to obtain immediate access to years of knowledge and experience to deliver and build enhanced products based on prior work.
- Increased knowledge about prior projects results in the application of best practices and more satisfied customers.

Business Value: Time spent on researching reduced by 75% which equates to US$10 million-worth of time savings. Safety procedures are shared with all employees, including new hires.