FACTORY AUTOMATION

FA-IT Integrated Solution

e-F@ctory

Connect everything
Our Factory Automation business is focused on “Automating the World” to make it a better, more sustainable environment supporting manufacturing and society, celebrating diversity and contributing towards an active and fulfilling role.

Mitsubishi Electric is involved in many areas including the following:

**Energy and Electric Systems**
A wide range of power and electrical products from generators to large-scale displays.

**Electronic Devices**
A wide portfolio of cutting-edge semiconductor devices for systems and products.

**Home Appliance**
Dependable consumer products like air conditioners and home entertainment systems.

**Information and Communication Systems**
Commercial and consumer-centric equipment, products and systems.

**Industrial Automation Systems**
Maximizing productivity and efficiency with cutting-edge automation technology.
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**Toward the Realization of Digital Manufacturing**

Manufacturing of the future will require the realization of "digital manufacturing" that utilizes the latest technologies in software, AI, and networks to connect the entire manufacturing lifecycle from planning and manufacturing to post-delivery recycling.

Mitsubishi Electric optimizes the entire manufacturing lifecycle, from design to maintenance, through synergy of control equipment, which is a core component, digital technologies such as 3D simulators and visualization tools, and services leveraging on-site knowledge.

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**FA integrated solutions**

This solution solves customers' issues and concerns by enabling visualization and analysis that lead to improvements and increase availability at production sites.

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**Realizing a Smart Factory**

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*2 SMKL (Smart Manufacturing Kaizen Level) is a measure that evaluates the level of IoT implementation at manufacturing sites using 16 cells to determine the current level.

**Nagoya Works and Industrial Mechatronics Systems Works use SMKL*2 to evaluate the level of e-F@ctory promotion at manufacturing sites and formulate improvement plans.**

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**What SMKL Achieves**

By utilizing SMKL, the current “visualization level” can be evaluated for the particular equipment, operator, line, plant, and supply chain respectively, and improvements can be made toward the next step. It also enables planned investment decisions to be made between management and those in charge of equipment.

*SMKL has been opened by IAF (Industrial Automation Forum)/SMKL project, and a white paper is available.*
The key to creating a smart factory is edge computing.

For a smart factory to be achievable, the real-time utilization of production shop floor data and efficient connectivity with IT systems are essential. With e-F@ctory, by utilizing "edge computing," a technological concept for information processing between the shop floor and IT systems, it is possible to achieve data connectivity with optimal efficiency.
An Environment Where Manufacturers Participate Freely

Edgecross is an open software platform operating in edge computing environments built in collaboration with members of the Edgecross Consortium* to enable FA and IT collaboration. It is possible to build a free and flexible edge computing environment independent of application vendors and device manufacturers.

Edgecross

Controls the collection, processing, diagnosis and feedback of data utilized in edge computing
Abstract hierarchical management of production floor lines, equipment and devices

Data collector

Regardless of device manufacturer or network, collect various shop floor data
Collect data from existing facilities

Edge applications

Executes various processes such as monitoring, analyzing and diagnosing data from shop floors
Possible to choose appropriate applications from an abundant lineup

Data science tool
MELSOFT MaiLab
NC Machine Tool Optimizer
GT SoftGOT2000
GENESIS64™

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Edgecross Consortium is an organization for formulating Edgecross specifications and promoting dissemination. https://www.edgecross.org
Industries

We propose solutions to the challenges faced by each industry and process by fully leveraging our accumulated knowledge and experience.
We propose solutions related to global trends and industry-specific issues such as design and maintenance.
Introduction of Solutions

e-F@ctory leverages knowledge accumulated to date to find the optimal solution for each industry type and process. e-F@ctory was launched in 2003 and has helped many companies solve various issues. From the knowledge accumulated down through the years, e-F@ctory proposes optimal solutions for each industry type and process to achieve productivity and quality improvements, cycle-time reductions, preventive maintenance, "visualization" of energy, energy savings and so on.

Solutions Introduced

- Lead-time is long!!
- Shorter lead-time!!
- Improved productivity with efficient operation!!
- Thorough protection of information!!
- Poor equipment operability!!
- Don't understand security measures!!
- Achieving energy-savings!!
- High energy costs!!
- Fewer quality issues!!
- Can't reduce the number of reject parts!!
- Prevent shop floor accidents!!
- Concerned about equipment safety!!

Issues faced by the manufacturing industry

- Quality
- Sustainability
- Productivity
- Security
- Streamlining all business tasks
- Safety
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Streamlining all business tasks
Automotive Manufacturing

In vehicle manufacturing plants that handle a vast number of parts and wide variety of processes, there is a need to solve various issues such as responding to mixed production of many different car models, improving production speed and quality, considering worker safety and engaging in environment-oriented initiatives.

e-F@ctory helps provide solutions to the issues customers face by offering optimal solutions through forming common platforms and alliances with many different partners.

**Stamping process**

**Issues**
- Obtaining the most suitable driving pattern for press machines
- Improving energy efficiency by reducing power waste
- Reducing die changeover time by switching multiple stamping patterns according to the situation

**Solutions**
- Monitor the sensor values and the servo output current.
- Connect multiple servo amplifiers/drive units to an MR-CV power regeneration converter unit through common bus.
- Create various cam patterns and switch stamping patterns according to the situation.

**Welding process**

**Issues**
- Maintaining and managing welding quality by monitoring the welding conditions constantly
- Reducing the defect rate by measuring the width of welded vehicles from both sides
- Lowering the defect rate by inspecting for welding defects (blowholes, height, misalignments, etc.)

**Solutions**
- Monitor the quality fluctuation and alarms with an Xbar-R control chart.
- Monitor the quality in real time with an Xbar-R control chart and a histogram.
- Detect welding defects with a vision sensor and a laser displacement sensor.

**Painting process**

**Issues**
- Ensuring uniformity of the painting quality by controlling the temperature and humidity, and adjusting the air intake/exhaust balance of the paint booth
- Improving quality by collecting, analyzing and collectively managing multiple data of various equipment, such as temperature, humidity, and air intake/exhaust
- Saving energy of the intake/exhaust fan for the paint booth

**Solutions**
- Control temperature (using PID control) and air conditioning to ensure uniformity of the painting quality.
- Send large amounts of data to the database via the MES Interface module and collectively manage the data.
- Drive the motor with less power by using the highly efficient IPM motor.

**Engine assembly process**

**Issues**
- Enhancing traceability by storing serial numbers of mechanical parts and process/equipment history information in a database
- Improving quality by preventing incomplete fitting of connectors
- Performing preventive maintenance by monitoring the operational status of robots

**Solutions**
- Link the engine assembly information and each mechanical part information collected by the MES Interface module in a database.
- Collect noise during fitting with a high-speed analog input module and perform FFT analysis with a PLC.
- Visualize the operational status of robots with e-F@ctory starter package.

**Vehicle assembly process**

**Issues**
- Clarifying operation procedure/time for a diversified workforce to improve quality
- Measuring and constantly monitoring each part of the assembled vehicle body to improve quality

**Solutions**
- Clarify operation procedure/time with the ANDON, POKA-YOKE, and screw-tightening support systems.
- Constantly monitor everything such as assembly precision, adhesive application, and QR code reading with MELSENSOR.

**HV motor assembly process**

**Issues**
- Reducing equipment size and visualizing trouble
- Configuring a production line that manufactures products flexibly according to the production status and that does not require a safety fence
- Reducing downtime by early error detection with visualization of the production line

**Solutions**
- Combine processes with the collaborative robot, MELFA, and collect interlock signals in an andon system.
- Cooperate with FA products and support human collaboration using area sensors.
- Visualize the entire network with CC-Link IE.
Electricity and electronic fields require elaborate and complex work, yet a high percentage of tasks are still performed manually. A major issue faced is how to automate the processes of part loading, surface implementation, PCB assembly, unit assembly and shipment in order to reduce human error. e-F@ctory helps provide a solution to this issue by providing robots equipped with force sensors and work support systems.
Lithium-ion battery lines are large production lines consisting of electrode forming, lamination, inspection, packaging and shipping processes. By utilizing various technologies such as tension control, drive control, synchronous control, robots, and IT cooperation of Mitsubishi Electric FA equipment for the equipment of each process, lithium-ion batteries can be produced efficiently and with high quality.
The importance of "logistics reforms" as supply chain management is attracting attention. Mitsubishi Electric is building smart, efficient and safe logistics systems to meet issues such as reducing inbound and outbound times, improving cargo handling efficiency, and reducing overall equipment costs. We contribute to the optimization of supply chain management.
From SCADA to controllers and drive-and-distribute equipment, Mitsubishi Electric helps you build data center systems.

**Monitoring systems**
- **Issues**
  - Want to reduce lifecycle costs from system introduction to operation
  - Want to centrally manage and utilize data
  - Want remote and wide area monitoring
- **Solutions**
  - Supports energy-saving through visualization of energy usage and helps reduce lifecycle costs with an equipment preventive maintenance function
  - Works with several systems as a platform for data utilization
  - Remote monitoring/analysis using smart terminals enables wide-area monitoring using cloud

**Air conditioning systems**
- **Issues**
  - Avoid system downtime of critical equipment
  - Want to control air conditioning using an open building system
- **Solutions**
  - Ensuring high reliability by adopting duplex system
  - Establishing open building systems

**Energy-saving support and countermeasures**
- **Issues**
  - Want to achieve visualization of energy consumption and simplify report creation
- **Solutions**
  - Support for energy visualization using energy-saving support devices

**For power distribution and server room power supply**
- **Issues**
  - Want to achieve stable power supply
  - Want to use highly reliable breaker and switch
- **Solutions**
  - Introduce transformers for power distribution and uninterruptible power supply (UPS)
  - Introduce a high-reliability low-voltage breaker and electromagnetic switch
In food (instant noodles) manufacturing that involves a diverse range of processes, Mitsubishi Electric’s solutions contribute to building the ideal manufacturing environment throughout all processes.

**Blending (Mixing/kneading)**

**Issues**
- How to make uniform noodle dough by reducing variations in ingredient ratios and temperatures?

**Solutions**
- Control the temperature of the dissolution tank to prepare water addition adjustment liquid (kneading water) of uniform quality
- Create uniform dough by controlling the pressure in the mixer and the rotation of the agitator shaft

**Processing** (rolling, forming noodle strips, steaming, cutting, drying)

**Issues**
- How to make the thickness and cut-width of noodle dough uniform to eliminate variation in noodle quantity?
- How to steam at appropriate pressure and temperature to suit the individual product?

**Solutions**
- Utilize a temperature control module to achieve highly-stable temperature control
- Control ingredient feed speed to adjust steam time

**Filling and packaging** (filling, quality inspection, packaging)

**Issues**
- How to fill the cups properly without snapping the noodles?
- How to package accurately with no misalignment?

**Solutions**
- Utilize interrupt positioning function
- Standard-size cut of packaging film by automatic cam generation and box motion function, and adjustment of packaging film adhesion time

**Inspection and packaging** (printing inspection, alignment, boxing)

**Issues**
- How to automatically inspect products for printing or barcode defects?
- How to automatically place packed and packaged products into cardboard boxes?

**Solutions**
- Conveyor transport control of print inspection equipment and camera-based image recognition
- Conveyance and positioning control of caser equipment
In plastic bottle beverage (tea) manufacturing that involves a diverse range of processes, Mitsubishi Electric’s solutions contribute to building the ideal manufacturing environment throughout all processes.

**Blending (extraction, storage, filtration, blending)**

**Issues**
- How to extract essence from dehydrated ingredients?
- How to remove tea dregs, etc., and make a clear liquid?
- How to combine and formulate multiple raw ingredients?

**Solutions**
- Control of the extraction equipment’s agitator shaft and water supply amount
- Control and monitor storage tank agitator shaft and filter pump
- Control and monitor raw ingredient supply amount and flow rate of blending equipment

**Processing (sterilization)**

**Issues**
- How to use steam to heat and prevent beverage spoilage?

**Solutions**
- Automatic control of steam temperature and supply volume for direct-heating sterilizers

**Filling and packaging (washing, filling, inspection)**

**Issues**
- How to wash the inside of the plastic bottle before filling it with a beverage?
- How to fill the plastic bottle with the beverage and close the lid without letting oxygen in as much as possible?
- How to inspect for foreign matter contamination and filling amount (flavoring) after filling?

**Solutions**
- Synchronized control of container loading/unloading and main unit rotary of rinser device
- Transport control and filling control of liquid filling (filler) equipment
- Conveyor control of image inspection machines and inspection with vision sensors

**Inspection and packaging (printing inspection, boxing)**

**Issues**
- How to automatically inspect products for printing or barcode defects?
- How to automatically place packed and packaged products into cases?

**Solutions**
- Conveyor transport control of print inspection equipment and camera-based image recognition
- Conveyance and positioning control of caser equipment
In beer manufacturing that involves a diverse range of processes, Mitsubishi Electric’s solutions contribute to building the ideal manufacturing environment throughout all processes.

**Blending (brewing, fermentation, storage)**

- **Issues**
  - How to make wort from raw ingredients?
  - How to homogenize the taste and type of beer when fermenting wort?

- **Solutions**
  - Accurate temperature and flow control of the preparation kiln
  - Control temperature and pressure in the tank over time, which affect the taste and type of beer

**Processing (filtration)**

- **Issues**
  - How to remove yeast, etc., and make the beer a clear liquid?

- **Solutions**
  - Control and condition monitoring of pump motors in filtration equipment

**Filling and packaging (washing, filling, inspection, labelling)**

- **Issues**
  - How to wash the inside of the glass bottle before filling it with a beverage?
  - How to fill the glass bottle with the beverage and close the lid without letting oxygen in as much as possible?
  - How to attach labels automatically and at high speed?

- **Solutions**
  - Synchronized control of container loading/unloading and main unit rotary of rinser device
  - Transport control and filling control of liquid filling (filler) equipment
  - Conveyance and positioning control of labelling equipment

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Due to the diversification and complexity of needs, the packaging form of food and beverage products is constantly changing. In addition, machinery that performs packaging and packaging itself requires greater reliability and functionality than ever before. Mitsubishi Electric’s packaging equipment system facilitates the construction of systems according to each customer’s purpose and scale.

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**Horizontal pillow device**
The film roll for packaging is sent out horizontally, and both ends are sealed and cut while wrapping food sent from the conveyor in pillow shape.

**Vertical pillow device**
The film roll for packaging is sent out vertically and molded into a bag. After putting food in the bag, the top of the bag is sealed and cut.

**Filling equipment**
Fill solids and liquids to the optimum amount.

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**Building systems tailored to purpose and scale**

**BASIC**
For low-mix, high-volume production

- **Issues**
  - I want to stabilize the quality of packaging
  - I want to respond flexibly to specification changes and setup changes
  - I want to reduce takt time

- **Solutions**
  - Control using electronic cams
  - Easy launch with iQ Monozukuri PACKAGING

**MIDDLE**
For high-mix, low-volume production

- **Issues**
  - I want to easily build a high-quality, flexible system
  - I want to perform predictive maintenance of equipment and reduce downtime

- **Solutions**
  - Control using electronic cams
  - Easy launch with iQ Monozukuri PACKAGING
  - Predictive maintenance and traceability are also supported.

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**HIGH**
For high-mix, low-volume production

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- **Solutions**
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Carbon neutral solutions

Mitsubishi Electric provides carbon neutral solutions by not only offering equipment that efficiently uses energy (our high-efficiency equipment product lineup), but also by supporting continuous improvement activities through data management (data collection, visualization, analysis, and diagnosis).

Data Management is indispensable for continuous reduction of CO₂ emissions.

Operational improvements through data management contribute to the continuous reduction of CO₂ emissions.

Mitsubishi Electric provides a platform to collect and analyze all information related to energy and production. Through the visualization, analysis, and diagnosis of the collected data, we support further operational improvements on our customers’ production shop floors.

Before

The data for reporting has low data granularity, making it difficult to detect energy loss.

After

Energy loss can be identified through observing energy consumption and specific consumption graphs by individual day and hour.

Before

Since production information and energy consumption cannot be linked, it is difficult to identify the cause of energy loss.

After

By reviewing the production information together, the cause of loss can be identified.

After

AI identifies the key causes of energy loss and proposes improvement.

We enable visualization and analysis from the data collection stage, and provide an environment that meets our customers’ needs.

Energy specific consumption management

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Energy loss analysis

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FA remote solutions

Technological innovation is accelerating the diversification of work styles and the manufacturing industry is no exception. As it becomes standard practice to perform monitoring, maintenance, service, development and many other production operations regardless of time or place, concrete benefits such as reducing downtime and minimizing travel costs can be anticipated.

Mitsubishi Electric's FA remote solutions promote the diversification of work styles and help improve the competitive edge of all manufacturing-related companies.

Remote monitoring

- Central monitoring of KPIs for multiple locations
- Shop floor status monitoring
- Remote operation of shop floor GOT

Collect and visualize production shop floor data on a server

Remote design & development

- Collaborative work on a common server
- Remote operation of shop floor programmable controller, camera, etc.
- Remote maintenance of equipment
- Remote service

Build a safer and more reliable security environment

Promotion of defense-in-depth

We recommend implementing security measures at each layer (human layer, physical layer, network layer, and device layer) in accordance with Mitsubishi Electric’s FA security guidelines, and introducing defense-in-depth to FA systems to realize manufacturing in factories with a safe and reliable security environment.
Improving productivity, quality, and energy efficiency by utilizing shop floor data to find the key to solving production issues and promoting improvements.

The Cycle for shop floor Improvement  
With Data Utilization

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Current Issues
- How to prevent equipment outages caused by sudden failure of parts with a set service life?
- How to reduce costs by using parts and tools to their respective limits?
- How to minimize the impact on production by quickly and efficiently investigating the cause in the event of trouble?

What is Total Maintenance Solution?

Predictive Maintenance
Prevents trouble by detecting signs of abnormality by analyzing operation data.

Preventive Maintenance
Operating time and frequency data management utilized to prevent the generation of problems.

Corrective Maintenance
Historical data utilized for detailed cause investigation and rapid recovery.

Optimization of maintenance work with data management
Non-stop factory, Planned operations, Less downtime
Mitsubishi Electric promotes the digitalization of our customers’ operations by collecting data from various machine tools and peripheral equipment, AI-based data analysis, streamlining equipment design through simulation, and achieving overall optimization by cloud integration.

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Mitsubishi Electric proposes an IoT solution to suit our customers' requests.

- **Collect production shop floor information**
  - Processing load, processing information, Operating, production, quality information 4M change points, etc.

- **FA equipment & devices**
  - PLCs, Robots, Machine tools, etc.

- **Software**
  - Processing diagnosis, Visualization, Remote service, Digital twin, etc.

- **Production shop floor information**
  - Software

- **Solve production shop floor issues**
  - Collect log data
  - Reproduce log data
  - Operating time and frequency data management
  - Historical data utilized for detailed cause investigation and rapid recovery
  - Less downtime

- **Faults, Production volumes**
  - LOG
  - Acquire log data, video, etc.
  - Recovery

- **plc, robot, machine tools, etc.**

- **Cloud linkage**
  - 4M change points, etc.
  - Processing diagnosis, Visualization, Remote service, Digital twin, etc.

- **Automation**
  - Labor-saving and multifunctionality through robot utilization
  - Advanced manufacturing through vertical integration by cloud linkage

- **Digital twin**
  - Reduces working hours required for equipment line-off through pre-verification using simulations

- **Processing improvement**
  - Improves tool life and quality with AI-based diagnosis of processing IoT data

- **Monitoring**
  - Data collection, visualization, analysis, and improvement including old equipment

- **Maintenance**
  - Minimizes downtime through expert diagnosis

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(*) Current Issues
- How to prevent equipment outages caused by sudden failure of parts with a set service life?
- How to reduce costs by using parts and tools to their respective limits?
- How to minimize the impact on production by quickly and efficiently investigating the cause in the event of trouble?

- After Introducing the Total Maintenance Solutions

What is Total Maintenance Solution?

- Corrective Maintenance
- Preventive Maintenance
- Predictive Maintenance

Software
- Production shop floor information
- FA equipment & devices
Mitsubishi Electric realizes significant improvement in productivity, quality, energy-efficiency, safety, and security through the introduction of e-F@ctory.

01 Example of operation management/energy conservation /work support system introduction

Issues
- Stabilization of operating ratio by reducing the installation of incorrect parts
- Reduction of time taken for failure analysis
- Alleviation of burden on experienced operators who provide guidance
- Safety countermeasures for operators who perform loading/unloading work

Solutions
- Introduction of a surface-mounting operation management system utilizing C controllers
- Introduction of a work instruction system based on HMI screens
- Introduction of an energy conservation system for AC/lighting using GENESIS64™ and programmable controllers.
- Introduction of a vertical conveyance system using safety programmable controllers

Benefits

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02 Example of quality control on assembly line

Issues
- Response to varying demand and high-mix, variable production
- Improvement of equipment operating ratio and quality

Solutions
- Direct collection of information inside equipment from the MES interface (programmable controller)
- Strengthen information management through direct connection of equipment with the manufacturing execution system (MES) and conducting various improvement activities

Benefits

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* Figures assume calculations without computer and program

03 Example of assembly work support system using tablet terminals

Issues
- Prevent human errors by workers
- Reduce load of skilled workers who provide instruction
- Shorten analysis time for improvement points

Solutions
- Utilization of tablet terminals to improve efficiency kitting and electronic instruction of work procedures
- Improvement of work through work data collection and analysis, and improvement of design

**Images**
- Example of productivity improvement of shaft processing line
- Example of AI robot/3D simulator introduction
- Example of iQ Monozukuri process remote supervision introduction
- Example of quality control on assembly line
- Example of assembly work support system using tablet terminals
Example of iQ Monozukuri process remote supervision introduction

**Issues**
- Visualization of operation status and production status
- Improvement of equipment operation rate and quality
- Reducing downtime
- Video supervision and recording

**Solutions**
- Realizing visualization with iQ Monozukuri process remote supervision without modifying existing equipment programmable controllers
- Variation analysis of quality data using iQ Monozukuri process remote supervision template screen
- Recording/playback of process video using Industrial Computer MELIPC MI3000 (GT SoftGOT2000) and network camera

Example of AI robot/3D simulator introduction

**Issues**
- Improve operating ratio of lines with a high number of processes
- Support high-mix, low-volume, high-cycle production
- Reduce equipment installation area
- Reduction of production line design time and onsite adjustment time

**Solutions**
- Introduction of a robot production system that fuses people and machines
- Uniform management of quality and equipment information by utilizing e-F@ctory
- Collection and management (traceability) of product data (barcodes) and quality (inspection) data for each machine
- Utilization of robot intelligent technologies (assembly/inspection using force sensors)
- Interference check of equipment at the design stage using 3D simulator and coordination between electrical CAD and engineering tools

**Benefits**

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Example of productivity improvement of shaft processing line through introduction of e-F@ctory

**Issues**
- Manage production information through introduction of e-F@ctory
  - Automatic work instructions to the processing lines based on information from the upper production management server
  - Expanding unmanned operation through planned set-up changeover and improve productivity
- A grinder-free system utilizing a C controller
  - Automatically calculating the offset value of the lathe from the automatically calculated outer-diameter dimensions and achieving stable finishing on the lathe
  - Significant reduction of cycle time through the abolition of the shaft rotor grinding process

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Mitsubishi Electric's Fukuyama Works introduced e-F@ctory and, as a result, has benefited from productivity improvements and innovative energy-savings thanks to management of short stoppages.

01 Improving Productivity with a Short Stoppage Management System

In the case of circuit breaker manufacturing lines, conventionally, people were in charge of status management and solving issues for each individual line, therefore there were delays in responding to short stoppages and improvements were only temporary.

- **Issues**
  - Management of operating status for all production processes at an equipment level
  - Collection and analysis of management data online and in real-time
  - Identification of cause behind problems and swift improvement

- **Solutions**
  - Management of operating status for all production processes at an equipment level
  - Collection and analysis of management data online and in real-time
  - Identification of cause behind problems and swift improvement

- **Benefits**
  - Short stoppage occurrence: Approx. 75% reduction
  - Operating rate: Approx. 50% reduction

02 Energy-savings with Demand Management

Management and control of General Administration Building power demand.

- **Issues**
  - Real-time measurement, collection and visualization of power consumption
  - Automatic online adjustment of air-conditioning

- **Solutions**
  - Real-time measurement, collection and visualization of power consumption
  - Automatic online adjustment of air-conditioning

- **Benefits**
  - General Administration Building: 24% less energy consumption
  - Fukuyama Works overall: Approx. 100 million yen annual reduction in costs
High-Efficiency Energy-savings Based on Production Status and Power Demand Forecasts

**Issues**

Ongoing energy savings in smart meter production buildings overall

**Solutions**

- Effective demand peak shift with power demand, weather information, etc. managed online
- Measure load current for each piece of production equipment and control air-conditioning and lighting while detecting the presence/absence of operators

**Benefits**

Air-conditioning/lighting

Annual power consumption

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Demand peak shift

- Charging/Discharging control
- Production system
- System for management of demand power optimization
- Forecasts the next day’s power demand from weather forecasts and production plans

Air-conditioning/Lighting control

- Measurement
- Collection
- Visualization
- Detects the presence/absence of people on the shop floor based on the load current of production equipment.
- Flow current continues for a fixed period of time, the system will judge it as non-production hours and automatically control air-conditioning and lighting to save energy.

Iida Factory of Mitsubishi Electric's Nakatsugawa Works introduced e-F@ctory and, as a result, reduced equipment downtime at low cost.

Reducing Equipment Downtime through Low-cost IoT Migration

**Issues**

Unable to achieve traceability, making improvement and quality control difficult

**Solutions**

- When a fault related to equipment or quality occurs, an alert is sent to a device worn by a worker on the shop floor
- A traceability system was built to automatically record production line information in a database. Furthermore, by utilizing common tools, IoT was also achieved at low-cost

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Equipment downtime

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### FA Devices Linked with Cloud Realizes 24/7 Around-the-Clock Stable Operation of Logistics System

**Company:** Amazon Japan

**Issues**
- The company wanted to create a non-stop logistics system in order to efficiently deliver products to customers
- They wanted a solution to immediately discover warehouse errors and swiftly recover

**Measure**
- The MELSEC iQ-R PLC, which is connected to the industrial open network through CC-Link IE, collects and leverages operating information accumulated in the AWS cloud

**Results**
- Achieved 24/7 around-the-clock stable operation with high reliability and swift processing capability
- Visualized real-time operating data by gathering information in the cloud
- Detects device trouble in advance

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### Promoting paperless operations and centralized control of production information

**Company:** Sunouchi Corporation

**Issues**
- Unable to quickly provide answers regarding delivery dates due to paper-based information-sharing, therefore lose potential business
- Many foreign-national employees, therefore need to show clear numbers to achieve accurate operations
- Difficult to identify causal factors of rejects

**Measure**
- Systematization of production planning and connection to sales management system
  - Collection of shop floor data with a PLC and handy terminal

**Results**
- Able to confirm everything in the system from delivery date response to production and shipment
- Automatic recording/sharing of performance in numerical form
- Identify causal factors through traceability connecting information on products and individual processes

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### Leveraging IoT to Realize Cylinder Monitoring and Improve Cycle Time

**Company:** Takeuchi Seika Co., Ltd.

**Issues**
- The company wanted to improve productivity to deal with higher ingredients costs
- Continuous operation leads to lower equipment performance, which then results in a drop in production speed

**Measure**
- Built a cylinder monitoring system with the e-F@ctory Starter Package

**Results**
- Leveraged IoT to monitor operating speed of the air cylinder, which was the cause of reduced production capability
- Achieved at low cost by utilizing the sample program of the e-F@ctory Starter Package
- Improved productivity to exceed initial expectations, bringing positive effects to work style
### Reducing time required to build a machine tool operation monitoring system by approx. 83%!

**Company** An electrical equipment/electronic manufacturer

**Issues**

Company A, who has a production shop floor with machine tools made by multiple different manufacturers, wanted to set up an operation monitoring system. When it tried setting up a monitoring system at another factory in the past, Company A incurred significant costs related to screen specification studies and studies into equipment data collection methods, so this is what it was looking for a way to build a system fast and at a low cost.

**Measure**

Company A introduced the Edgecross-compatible operation monitoring software "NC Machine Tool Optimizer" and the industrial PC "MELIPC" which enabled it to set up an operation monitoring system supporting machine tools made by multiple manufacturers.

**Results**

Because screen design and development, as well as collecting data from different equipment became easier, the time required for specification studies and design work was significantly reduced, cutting system build time from 12 months to 2 months (approx. 83%) and reducing introduction costs by around 76%.

### Real-time monitoring increases factory operating ratio by 38%!

**Company** An auto parts manufacturer

**Issues**

Company A was considering a system to assess production plans and results, as well as operating status. Operators were tallying data on paper or in Excel spreadsheets but it wasn’t until at least the following day that the status could be ascertained. Company A realized that it needed a system it could utilize to improve the production shop floor, not just tally data.

**Measure**

Company A introduced Edgecross-compatible SCADA software "GENESIS64™" and industrial PC "MELIPC" to build an operation monitoring system using centrally collected data.

**Results**

Now Company A can perform real-time monitoring of the operating status and quickly identify causes of short stoppages. Operating ratio has improved by around 90% by reducing downtime. The improvement has also led to an increase in production volume and productivity.

### Utilizes AI to reduce working hours required for energy analysis by 92%!

**Company** An electrical equipment/electronic manufacturer

**Issues**

Company A was spending an excessive amount of time analyzing energy data collected at a substrate mounting line. Although the company had established a system to collect data that could be used for energy-saving, such as energy and production volume, there was a limit to the personnel resources that could be assigned to quantitatively grasp and analyze the vast amount of data in order to link it to improvements.

**Measure**

Introduction of EcoAdviser, an Edgecross-compatible energy-saving support software

**Results**

Company A is now able to ascertain the current status of energy use. Furthermore, through the automatic energy loss extraction and diagnosis functions made possible by AI, it has become possible to estimate latent losses and factors in the process, and link them to concrete energy-saving activities.
COMPONENTS
Introduction of Core Products/Technologies

The Advanced Products, Software and Networks Behind e-F@ctory
Mitsubishi Electric products contributing to the improvement (visualization) of the production shop floor by utilizing the SCADA and simulator software and cloud service. These products collect various data in real-time and utilize it on the production shop floor.

Introduction of Core Products/Technologies
- 3D Simulator
- MELSOFT Gemini
- Mitsubishi Electric SCADA software GENESIS64TM
- Data science tool MELSOFT MaiLab
- Remote Service iQ Care Remote4U

Open software platform Edgecross-compatible Software
- MES interface product OPC UA compatible product Logging product Windows® equipped product C/C++ language compatible product

e-F@ctory starter package FA application package FA products Network
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Shop Floor
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  - GENESIS64™

- **Data science tool**
  - MELSOFT MaiLab

- **Remote Service**
  - iQ Care Remote4U

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- **Open software platform**
- **Edgecross-compatible Software**
- **Industrial PC MELIPC**

**Shop Floor**

These products collect various data in real-time and utilize it on the production shop floor.
**Industrial PC**

**MELIPC Series**

Suited to the two applications of “real-time control” for control of devices, and “edge computing” to collect and analyze data in the edge layer. The extensive lineup features everything from high-end to low-range models, and contributes to improvements on the production shop floor through data utilization.

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**Edgecross-compatible Software**

- **Data science tool**
  - MELSOFT MaiLab
    - Data analysis and diagnosis of production shop floor data without the need for specialized knowledge.
    - Free system configuration enables data analysis and diagnosis in the optimal configuration.
    - Graphical display function makes intuitive operation possible.

- **GOT2000-compatible HMI Software**
  - GT SoftGOT2000
    - Able to use GOT2000 functions on a computer
    - Able to reuse screen data from the GOT2000 Series
    - Interconnectivity with other applications

- **CNC Operation Monitoring Software**
  - NC Machine Tool Optimizer
    - Achieves connection to a wide-range of manufacturers’ machine tools.
    - Enables overall monitoring through connection to multiple locations.
    - Simplified diagnosis of downtime and trend analysis.
    - Enables comparison and analysis of (actual) results with production plans.

- **Mitsubishi Electric SCADA software**
  - GENESIS64™
    - Enables monitoring of a wide variety of data from the shop floor
    - Enables remote monitoring with 3D display and other forms of advanced visuals and web browser/mobile devices

- **Energy-saving support software**
  - EcoAdviser
    - In addition to the imaging of collected energy data, effective energy-saving activities can be made by extracting energy loss by AI and diagnosing factors.

*Abbreviation of Mitsubishi Electric’s AI creates the State-of-the-ART in technology.*
### MES Interface Products - Use databases without computers or programs

#### MELSEC iQ-R/MELSEC-Q Series PLC MES Interface Module
Directly connects PLCs and databases without using gateway computer or communication program.
- Directly transmits information collected from the production shop floor to a database.
- High-speed transmission of manufacturing results and receipt of recipe information.
- Optimal for building traceability systems.

#### GOT2000 HMI MES Interface Function Graphic Operation Terminal
The GOT2000 HMI collects and sends data to the MES from FA products connected to it.
- Collects data from existing equipment and other equipment that utilize third-party PLCs.
- Supports operators’ tasks by providing access to a barcode reader, document viewer, or other such tools.
- Equipped with substantial information management functions characteristic of a display unit (HMI).

#### High-Speed Logging of Shop Floor Information
- Data logging synchronized with PLC scans.
- Swift problem-solving when trouble arises.
- Contributes to operational analysis, trend analysis and preventive maintenance of devices.

#### Computerized Numerical Controller (CNC) M800/M80 Series MES Interface Function
CNC sends machining information and operation status of machine tools to MES.
- Enhances traceability and supports visualization of the entire factory.
- When machining is complete, etc., the information collected by the CNC is sent from the built-in MES interface to the database.
- Achieves visualization of operation status, as well as the visualization of machining results and alarm occurrence status.

#### OPC UA Built-in Servers - Building secure systems
- MELSEC iQ-R/iQ-F Series OPC UA Server Module
Simply setup using OPC UA communications.
- When designing manufacturing devices, it is possible to internally store and manage the data that is to be released using tag names and layered structures.
- OPC UA security functions can be set optionally on an as needed basis.
- Intuitive operation possible using a Wizard format and setup screen selection format.

#### Information processing utilizing Windows®
- MELSEC iQ-R Series WinCPU Module
- Easily build an IT system utilizing Windows®.
- Enables stable operation even in harsh production shop floors due to having robustness equivalent to a programmable controller.
- Can be developed on the shop floor, therefore reducing the risk of information leakage.

#### Performing Control, Information Processing and Host Communication Process with a C/C++ Programs
- MELSEC iQ-R/MELSEC-Q Series C Controller Module
- Easy programming independent of the microprocessor.
- Parameter settings, diagnosis and monitoring with CW Configurator.
- Easy application development.
- C/C++ supports complicated computation processing.
- Easy application development.
- Optimal for usage even in clean rooms which must be kept dust-free.
Achieving IoT with Minimal Impact on Existing Equipment

By adding a PLC and HMI embedded with the e-F@ctory Starter Package, it is easy to implement IoT on the production shop floor with minimal impact on existing equipment.

Utilization of IoT on the Shop Floor

Applying IoT technologies to the manufacturing industry, production equipment status, product manufacturing status and product quality status can all be understood in real-time, thus making it easy to provide feedback to equipment and workers, and achieve ongoing cost reduction throughout the entire production shop floor.

Supporting Implementation of IoT at the Production Shop Floor Level

Because programs for visualization, easy analysis, and other functions are provided in a sample project format, implementing IoT at the production shop floor level can be accomplished using only basic configurations such as device allocation and parameter settings.

Various Functions Incorporated

The e-F@ctory Starter Package incorporates various functions to implement IoT for production shop floor data through visualization, easy analysis, and other means, and can be easily matched for use with customers’ applications.

The e-F@ctory Starter Package is a sample project for MELSEC iQ-R Series PLCs and GOT2000 Series HMIs. It shows how easy it is to achieve the low-cost implementation of IoT (easy data analysis, visualization, etc.) at the production shop floor level.

Performance

In today’s production shop floor environments, there is a need to improve productivity and quality. As such, it is essential to have a network that can utilize AI and preventive maintenance to transmit high volumes of data to IT systems while performing high-speed, stable control.

CC-Link IE TSN uses an updated communication method to achieve significantly improved communication performance, therefore enabling high-accuracy motion control in addition to high-speed I/O control.

Intelligence

In industrial communications, to reduce overall cost, there is a need for intelligent networks that contribute to easy system construction and maintenance.

CC-Link IE TSN supports various convenient functions such as automatic generation of system configuration diagrams and batch distribution of network parameters, thereby significantly reducing system development costs and maintenance costs.

Connectivity

In order to achieve monozukuri at a more advanced level, there is a need for networks that can connect to various devices at the same time as securing real-time performance. CC-Link IE TSN makes it possible to combine general-purpose Ethernet communication and control communication, and connect to general-purpose Ethernet devices without impacting control communication. Furthermore, it is possible to build a network compatible with various topologies; therefore, flexible IIoT systems can be built.

Open integrated network connecting the production shop floor and IT systems

CC-Link IE TSN is a network achieving seamless communication using TSN technology and innovative communication protocols to collect data from various devices on the shop floor in real time and transmit it to IT systems, thereby creating new added value.

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What iQ Monozukuri Provides
- Lineup of a myriad of applications for each process, application, and piece of equipment
- Monozukuri know-how and ideas cultivated by Mitsubishi Electric and its partners over many years
- System centered on highly reliable Mitsubishi Electric FA products

iQSS (iQ Sensor Solution)

Set sensors, perform maintenance, etc. using a single tool. IQSS helps customers reduce total cost of operation through connectivity between sensors, PLCs, HMs and engineering environments.

Reducing Overall Cost of Sensor Systems

MELSENSOR makes it possible to reduce the overall cost of sensor systems, including costs related to design, start-up, operation and maintenance, utilizing automatic sensor detection, address change and tool connectivity functions.
iQ Care Remote4U

This service utilizes IoT to collect and accumulate various information from laser processing and electrical-discharge machines, thereby enabling real-time confirmation and diagnosis from a remote location. It is possible to confirm system faults, or signs thereof, and estimate machining time in real-time using a mobile terminal such as a computer, smartphone, etc.

Remote Diagnosis Function

Connects directly from a terminal installed in a service center to customers’ processing machines for rapid support through remote diagnosis. Supports changes to machining conditions, analysis of alarm content, and provision of preventive maintenance information.

Dashboard Function

Enables confirmation of processing machine operating information in real-time via a computer or smartphone. Collects, accumulates, and performs central management of operating/cost information from multiple units. Contributes to production process improvement and operating cost reduction through visualization-based analysis.

MELSOFT Gemini

Pre-verification is performed in the digital space of a virtual factory or equipment line. This significantly reduces cost and time during the design phase.

Concern 1
Want to build a highly productive line.
Productivity can be verified in advance and easy to understand the result with visualizations before the actual operation.
Enable to build a highly productive line!

Concern 2
Actual on-site adjustment takes a huge amount of time which majorly delays launch.
Pre-verification of mechanical operations in a digital space is possible with a control program.
Shorter on-site adjustment period!

Concern 3
Not possible to verify line/equipment defects during operation without visiting site.
Reproduce remote line/equipment conditions.
Effective troubleshooting!
MELSOFT MaiLab

MELSOFT MaiLab is a data science tool that further improves manufacturing by converting human “intuition” and “experience” into digital technology that can be easily integrated into control systems.

Advantages:
1. Even newcomers to data analysis can work with peace of mind thanks to automatic AI generation
2. Proficient in processing waveform data, which is often used in FA
3. Provides both analysis and diagnosis functions in a single tool
4. High compatibility with Mitsubishi Electric FA equipment

GENESIS64™

We use data that was not previously visible to help customers improve their business activities. GENESIS64™ is an IoT platform that centrally manages FA and IT data to monitor and analyze various types of data. We provide monitoring and integration solutions optimal for customer needs, such as factory automation, smart building construction, and social infrastructure system establishment.

Advantages:
1. Synchronized monitoring on a single screen when a 3D graphic screen is used
2. Confirm necessary information together with a multi-monitor, multi-view display function
3. Transmit information instantly with an email function and new push notification

Concerns:

- Want to improve efficiency of monitoring and operation tasks
- Want to perform wide-range monitoring over multiple plants
- Want to promote energy savings
- Want to build a highly reliable system

- Real, wide-range monitoring possible by utilizing map data
- Guard customers’ valuable data through safe communications and cloud environments
- Prevent trouble leading to prolonged equipment stoppages
- Rapid cause identification by customers through know-how accumulation
- Improve system operations by centrally managing and making data visible
Broad knowledge and skill as a comprehensive FA manufacturer

Co-creation

Customer

Giving customers back the values born from co-creation

Know-how of all fields relating to monozukuri

PARTNERS

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Collaborating with the partners across the world

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SI Partner

Software Partner

Device Partner

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[Images of people working with sensors, RFID, and related network devices]
Factory Automation Global website

Mitsubishi Electric Factory Automation provides a mix of services to support its customers worldwide. A consolidated global website is the main portal, offering a selection of support tools and a window to its local Mitsubishi Electric sales and support network.

From here you can find:
- Overview of available factory automation products
- Library of downloadable literature
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