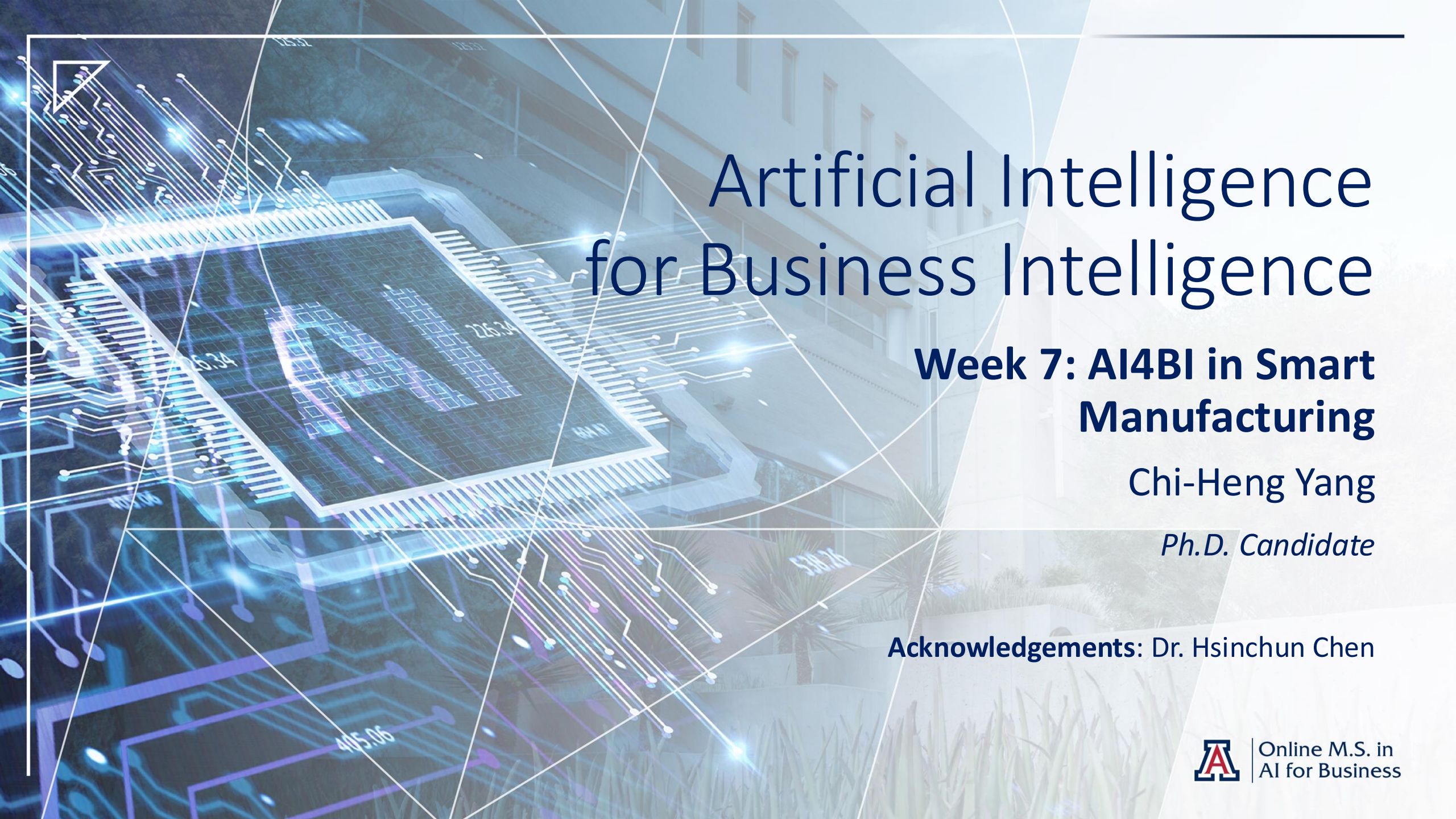




Artificial Intelligence for Business Intelligence

Week 7: AI4BI in Smart Manufacturing

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Today's Learning Objectives

- ▶ Understand the development and key components in industry 3.0 and 4.0.
- ▶ Describe the current approaches and challenges in managing machine failure and enhancing production efficiencies.
- ▶ Understand the key type of data from a smart factory that enables AI analytics.
- ▶ Explain the common AI methods for smart manufacturing and their corresponding data characteristics.
- ▶ Understand how smart manufacturing deliver business value through a dashboard.

Business Operation



Key Problems



How much product will customer buy?

Key Problems



How to efficiently transform materials into products?

This week

Key Problems



How to ensure stable material supply?

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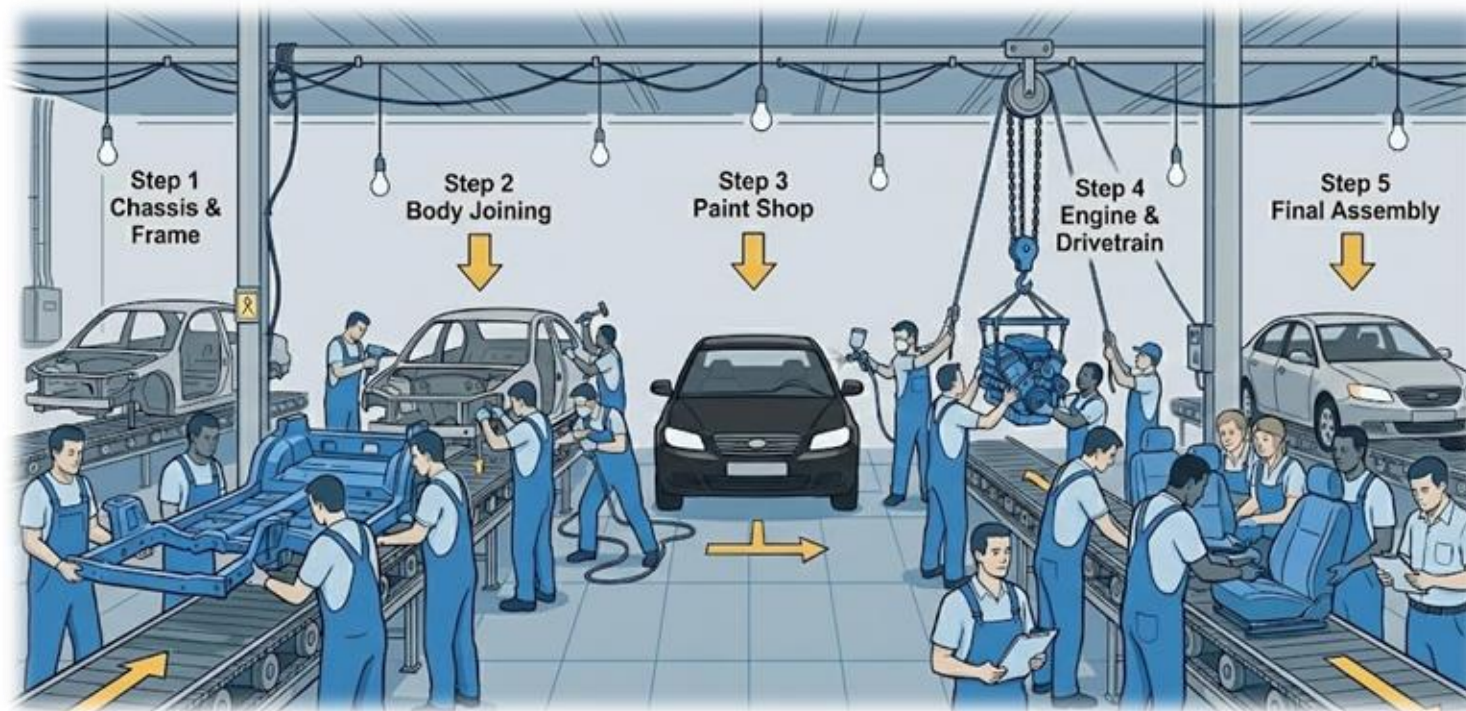


The Manufacturing Industry

- ▶ In the context of physical goods, manufacturing is the fundamental engine for value creation for a company.
- ▶ The manufacturing industry transforms raw materials (from suppliers) into finished products (to meet customers' demand).
- ▶ To mass-produce standardized products, companies often use a production line.

The Manufacturing Industry

- ▶ The production line often involves multiple steps.
 - ▶ For example, to assemble a car, it has to go through chassis & frame, body welding, painting, engine & drivetrain, and final assembly.



The Manufacturing Industry

- ▶ The rapid development of information technology has enabled **industrial robots (IR)** to undertake manual tasks in the production line.
 - ▶ This shields human workers from a hazardous working environment (e.g., painting and welding create toxic fumes and extreme heat).
- ▶ **Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC)** execute specific industrial logic and functions to control *IRs* through *axes*.
 - ▶ They enhance the operational precision and consistency through a fixed program.

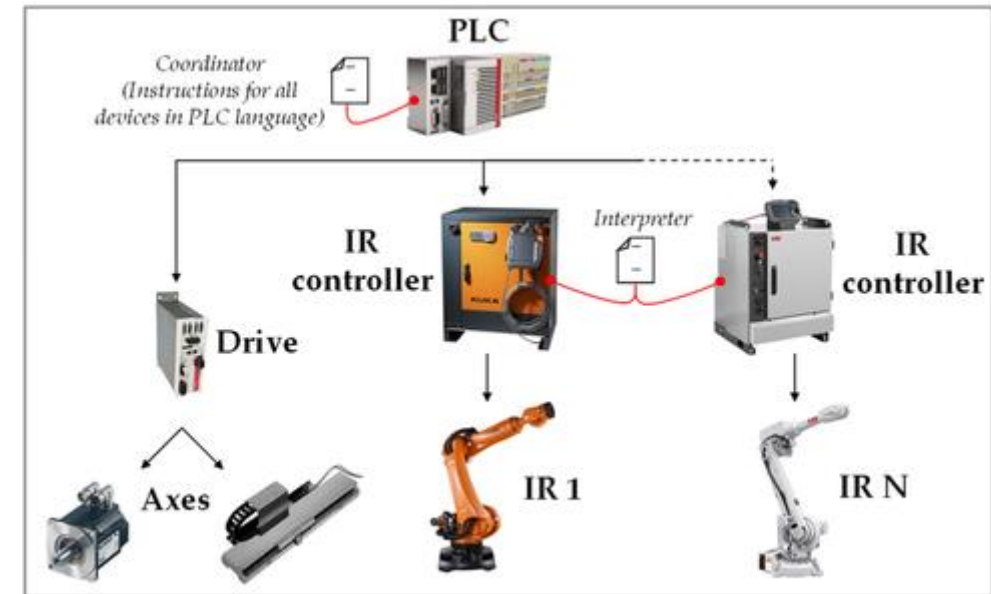


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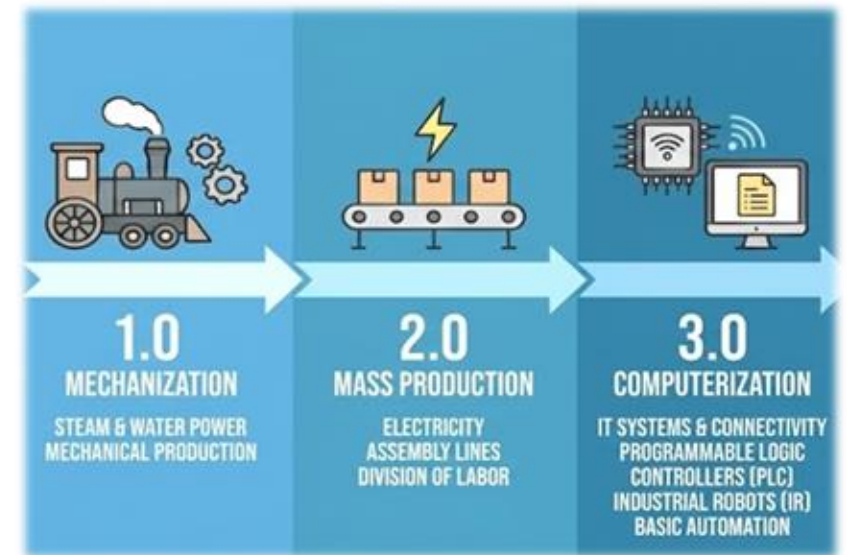
The Manufacturing Industry

- ▶ Most production lines are now automated by PLC-controlled specialized machinery.
 - ▶ The use of pre-defined logic and parameters within PLC also ensures high precision for repetitive tasks.
- ▶ By configuring the PLC parameters, a production line can also produce multiple types of products
 - ▶ For example, an automotive production line can produce sedans, SUVs, and trucks.



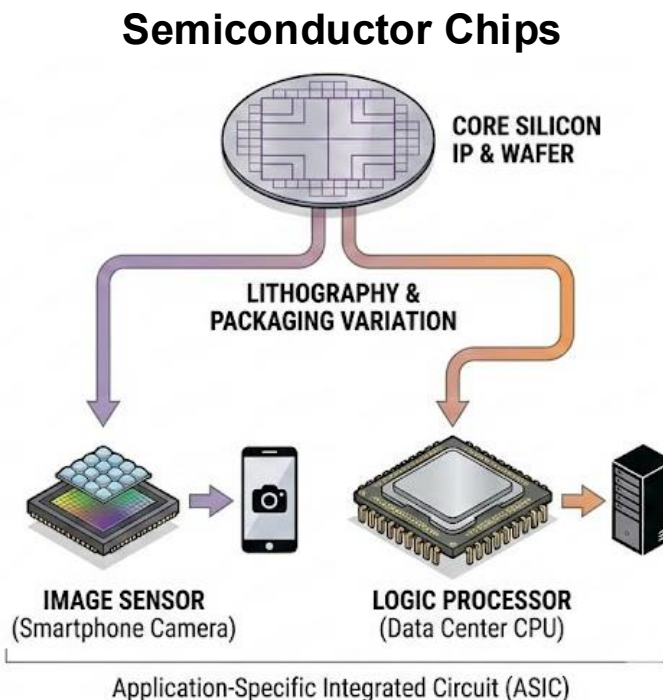
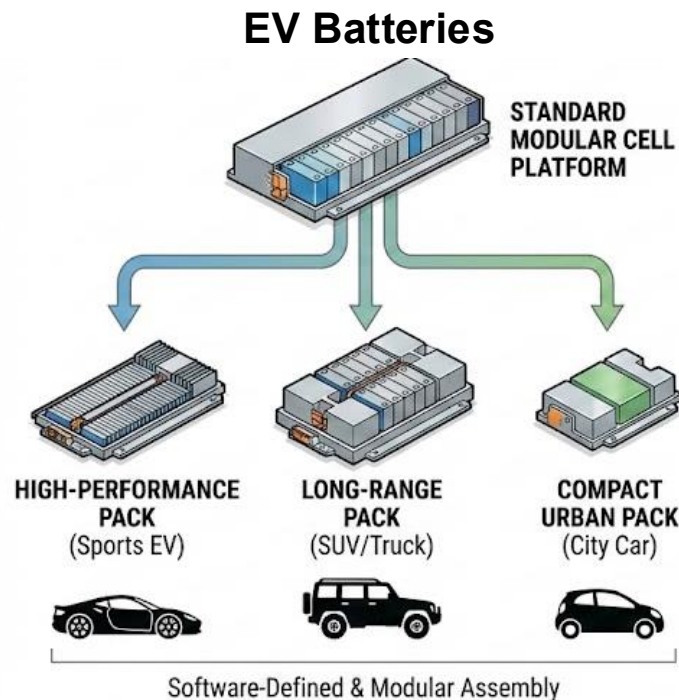
The Manufacturing Industry

- ▶ PLC-controlled production line works well for traditional mass production (e.g., soft drink bottling) as they are:
 - ▶ **High-volume:** A single line can process tens of thousands of bottles per hour
 - ▶ **Low-variety:** Every single unit is identical in shape, weight, and volume
 - ▶ **High error tolerance:** a defective unit can be discarded or reworked with minimal impact on overall profitability.
- ▶ This automated production line operated through pre-defined logic is often referred to as **Industry 3.0**.



Modern Manufacturing

- ▶ Recently, there's a growing need for advanced products with **high value and complexities** (e.g., EV battery, chips, aerospace components).
 - ▶ They often require functional integration into sophisticated systems.
- ▶ To this end, modern manufacturing is evolving into **smart factories** that can handle **high precision** and **mass customization**.



Modern Manufacturing

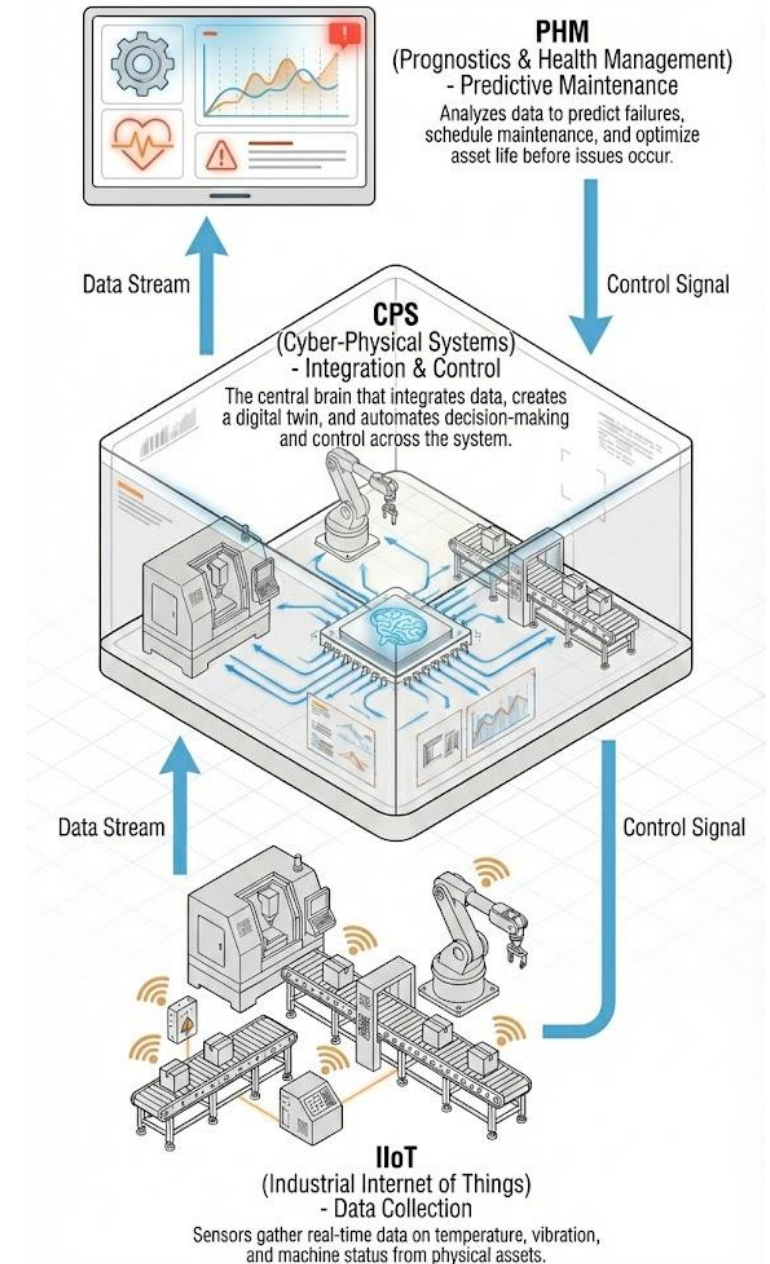
- ▶ To ensure high production **precision**, a smart factory is often equipped with **Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT)**.
- ▶ IIoT integrates thousands of sensors into equipment in a factory to gather detailed data (e.g, vibration, heat, pressure, chemical flows, sound)
- ▶ This provides complete transparency into the production line, helping gather fine-grained information.



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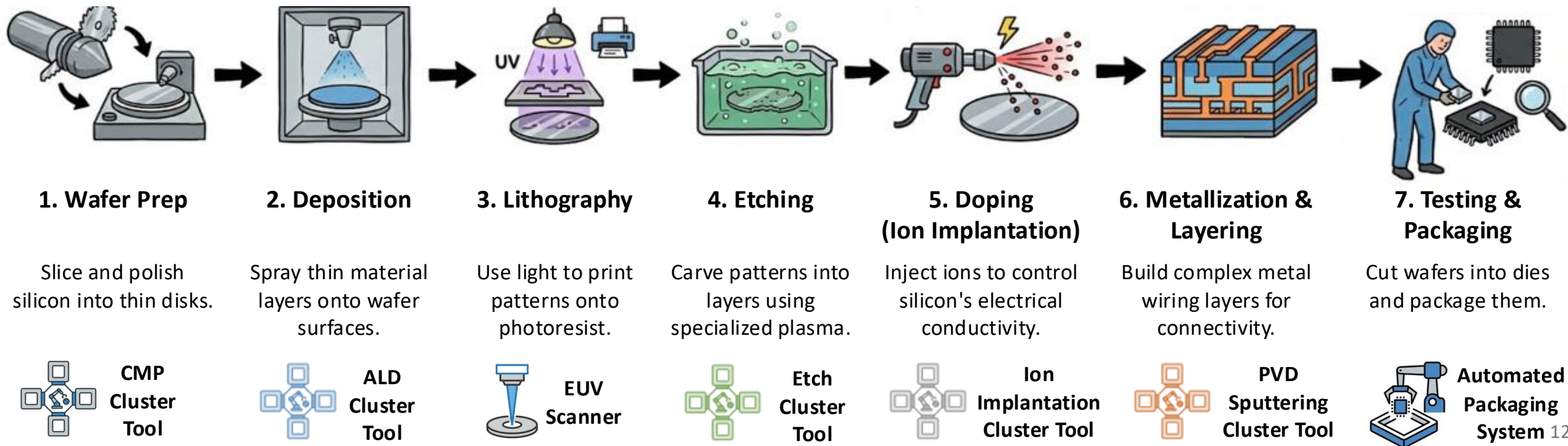
Modern Manufacturing

- ▶ The data gathered from IIoT is managed by the **Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS)**.
- ▶ CPS acts as the central brain integrating physical machines with digital models for real-time control (e.g., robot movement path control)
- ▶ Within CPS, the **Prognostics and Health Management (PHM)** provides a software interface to monitor and manage the production process.



Modern Manufacturing

- ▶ To allow **mass customization**, a smart factory is often equipped with advanced machineries.
 - ▶ For example, semiconductor manufacturing requires distinct type of equipment across 7 major production steps.



Modern Manufacturing – Semiconductor

- ▶ **A cluster tool** is a type of equipment that is widely used in semiconductor manufacturing.
 - ▶ It is equipped with multiple processing modules (chambers) that perform distinct functions
 - ▶ Multiple types of chips (e.g., chips for image sensor, logic processor) can be processed in a single cluster tool.

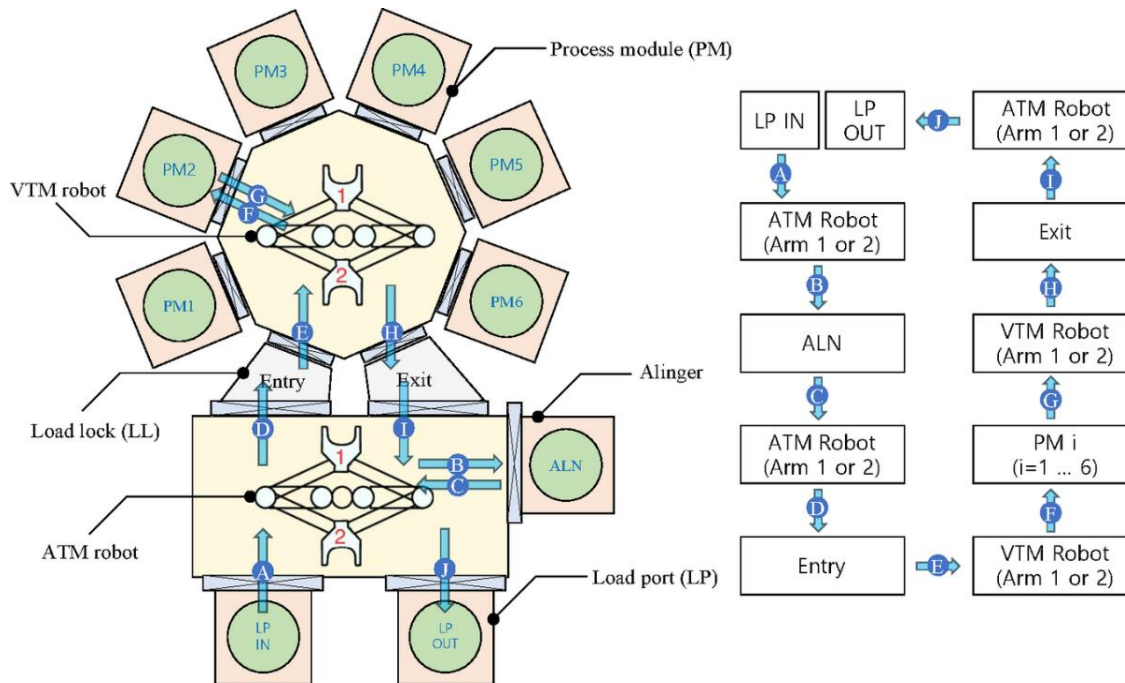
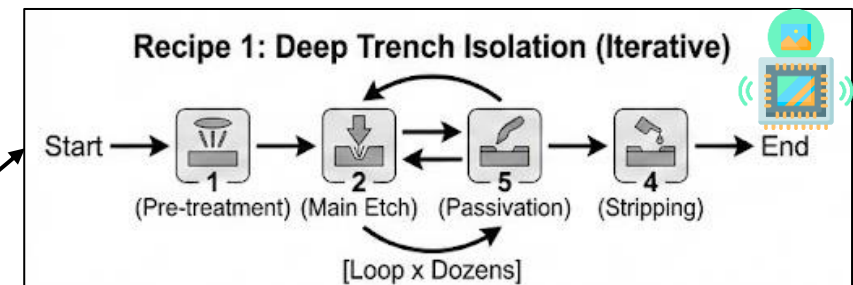
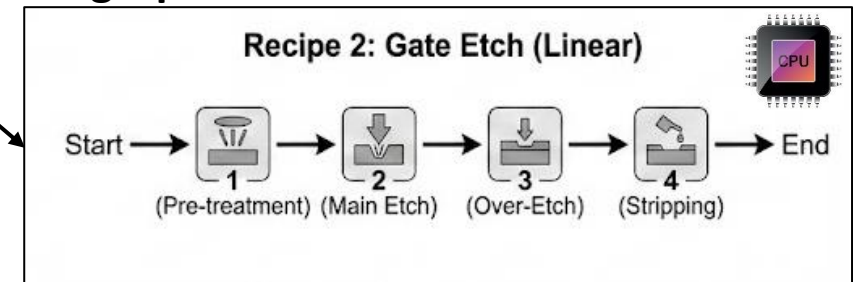


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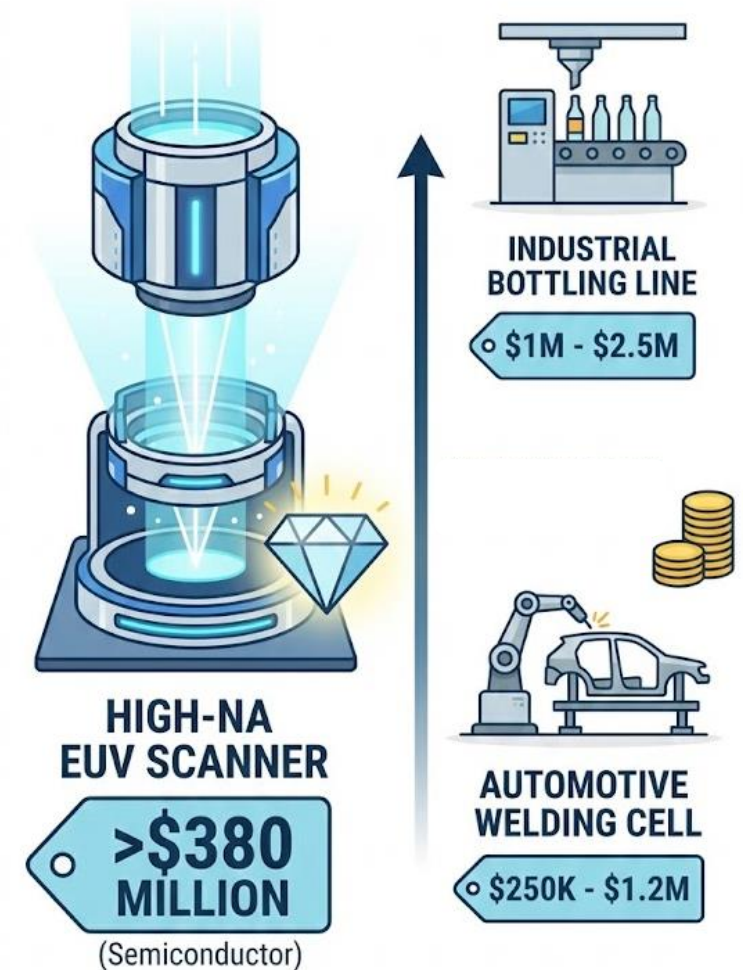
Logic processor in CPU



Modern Manufacturing

- ▶ These advanced machineries are often of high cost due to their high precision and specialization.
 - ▶ E.g., a cluster tool can cost more than \$150 million, a high-NA EUV Scanner can cost more than \$380 millions
- ▶ Moreover, the finished product often has a high selling price
 - ▶ E.g., a 12-inch silicon wafer has an average selling price of **US\$ 20,000**.
- ▶ Therefore, it is crucial to enhance the production yield.

$$\text{Yield} = \frac{\text{Actual Output of Good Product}}{\text{Theoretical Maximum Output}}$$



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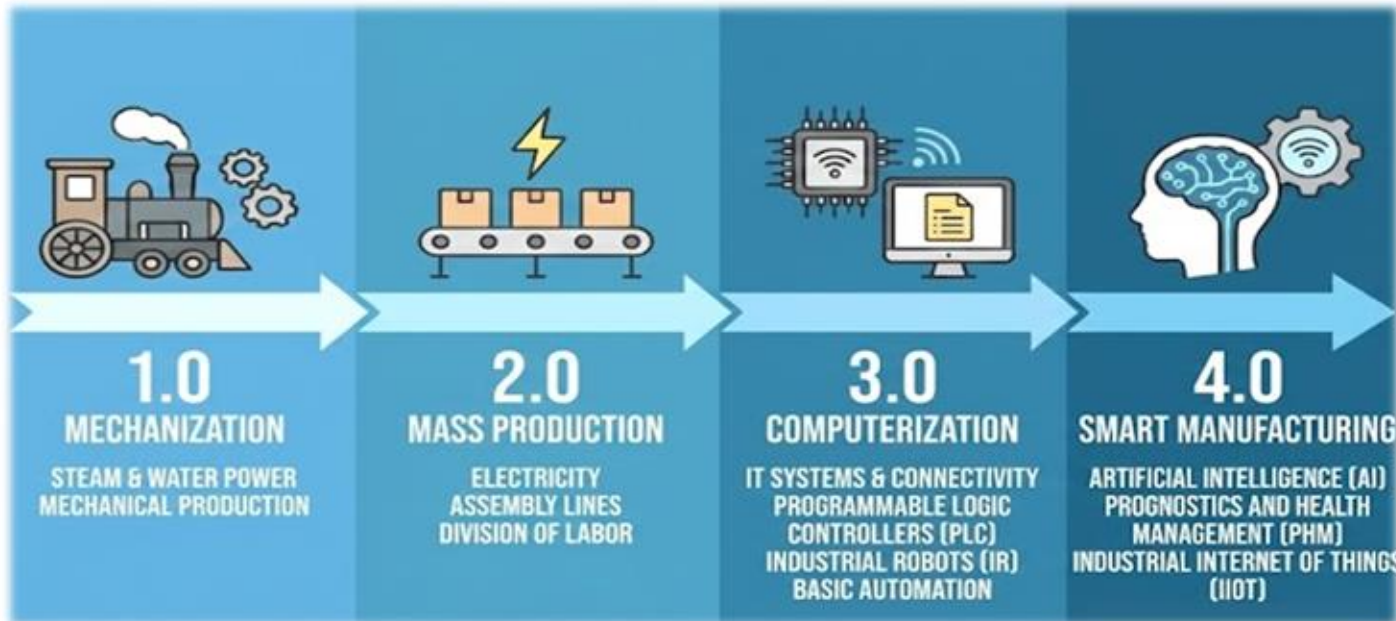


Modern Manufacturing

- ▶ Companies usually maximize the production yield from two aspects:
 1. Enhance the overall production **efficiency** by:
 - ▶ **Minimizing Makespan** (the time difference between the completion time of the last job and the start time of the first job)
 - ▶ **Maximizing Throughput** (amount of product produced per a specific period of time)
 2. **Prevent machine failure** in advance to avoid interruptions and wasting production resources
- ▶ Achieving them requires analyzing a large volume of data collected from IIoT and CPS.
- ▶ Therefore, Artificial Intelligence (AI) has been largely incorporated into PHM to facilitate the analysis.

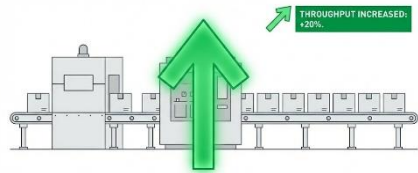
Smart Manufacturing: Industry 4.0

- ▶ **Smart Manufacturing** is a paradigm shift that integrates technologies (IIoT, CPS, PHM) and AI to optimize production processes, entering the **Industry 4.0** era.
- ▶ The AI4BI development process can be applied to guide the AI development in Smart Manufacturing.

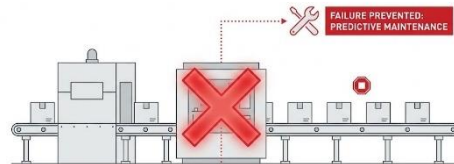


AI4BI Development Process for Smart Manufacturing

Smart Manufacturing Problem Identification



Efficiency Enhancement

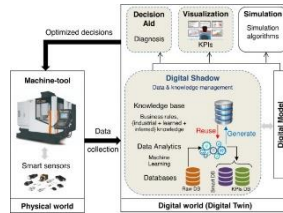


Failure Management

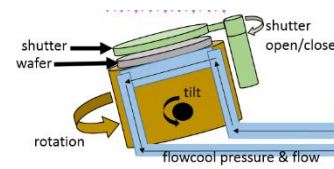
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Historical Production Log

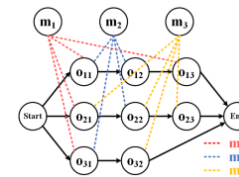


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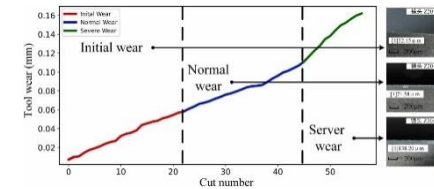


IIoT Data

AI-enabled Analytics



Production Optimization

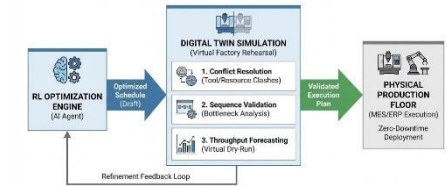


Downtime Prediction



Defect Detection

Value Delivery



Digital Twin for Efficiency Enhancement



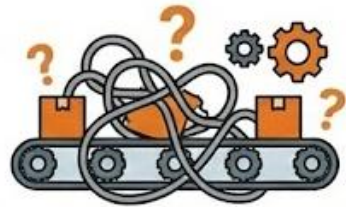
PHM Dashboard for Failure Management

Online M.S. in AI

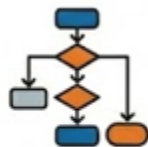
Step 1: Smart Manufacturing Problem Identification

- ▶ To enhance the production yield in the modern manufacturing industry, factory managers often focus on **efficiency enhancement** and **failure management**.

EFFICIENCY ENHANCEMENT



BOTTLENECKS & DELAYS



MIXED INTEGER
PROGRAMMING



GENETIC
ALGORITHM

LIMITATION: Recomputed whenever there's a small change in settings.

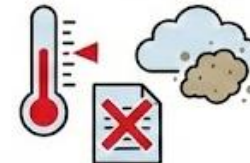
FAILURE MANAGEMENT



UNPLANNED
DOWNTIME



POTENTIAL
PRODUCT DEFECT



RULE-BASED ALERT

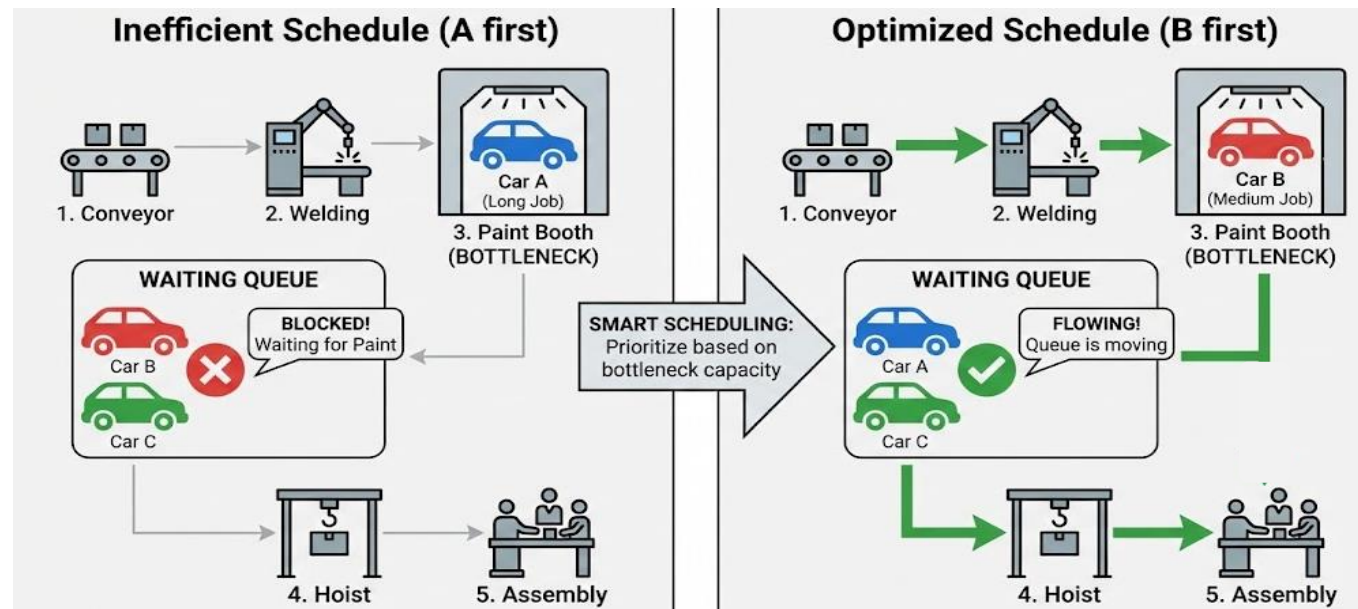


MANUAL INSPECTION

LIMITATION: Traditional methods are reactive, subjective, and struggle to handle natural process variations and large-scale data.

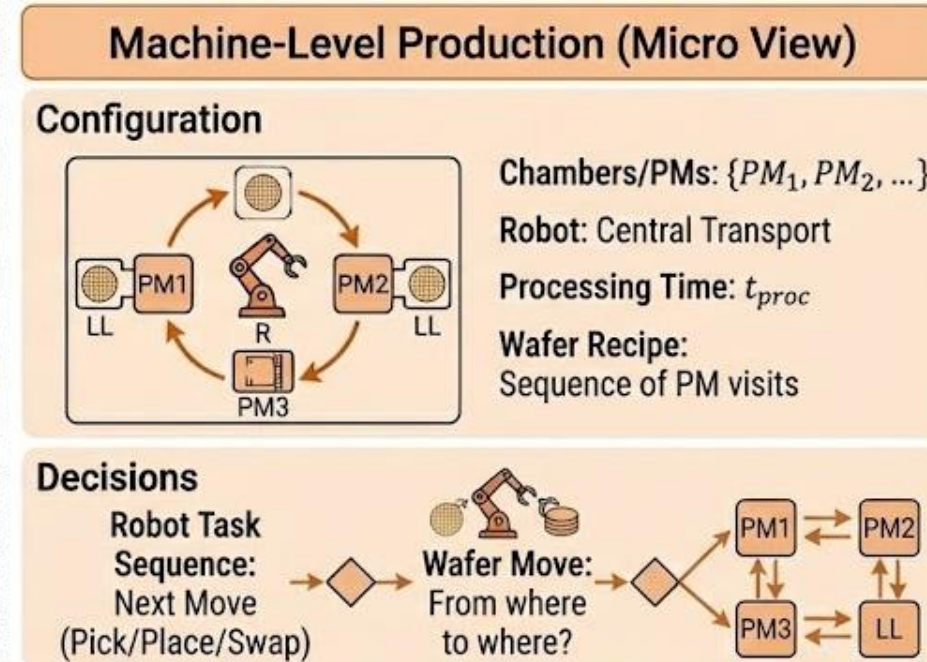
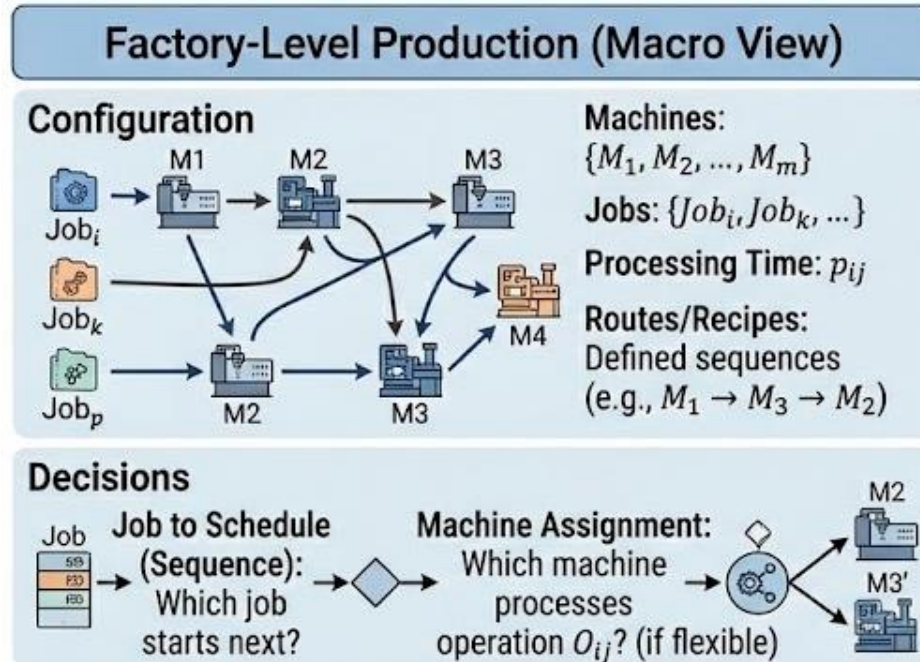
Efficiency Enhancement

- ▶ A 1% enhancement in manufacturing throughput can create up to \$150 million in annual value for a single modern advanced production line.
- ▶ Therefore, companies often want to determine a good schedule that can minimize the makespan or maximize the throughput.



Efficiency Enhancement

- ▶ The optimization can be done at :
 - ▶ **Factory-level** to coordinate multiple machines
 - ▶ **Machine-level** to coordinate the product flow between multiple modules in a single machine



Efficiency Enhancement

Traditional methods:

- ▶ **Mixed integer programming (MIP):** find the mathematically optimal schedule by solving equations within defined constraints
- ▶ **Genetic algorithm (GA):** evolve optimal schedules by repeatedly selecting and combining the most efficient production plans

MIP in Production Optimization

Objective: **Minimize makespan**

Non-negative start time

Jobs follow operation sequence

Prevents overlapping jobs on machines

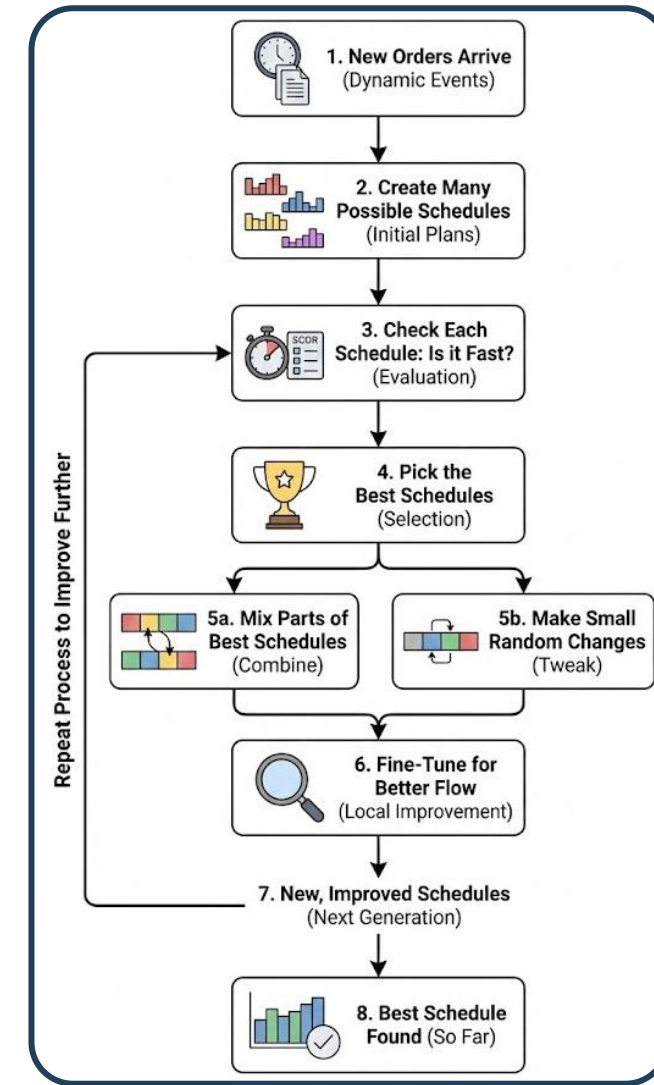
Enforces machine processing order logic

Defines makespan as completion time

Ordering variables must be binary

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 & \quad x_{ij} \geq x_{ik} + p_{ik} - V \cdot z_{ijk}, & \forall j, k \in J, j < k, i \in M \\
 & \quad x_{ik} \geq x_{ij} + p_{ij} - V \cdot (1 - z_{ijk}), & \forall j, k \in J, j < k, i \in M \\
 & \quad C_{max} \geq x_{\sigma_m^j, j} + p_{\sigma_m^j, j}, & \forall j \in J \\
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GA in Production Optimization



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Efficiency Enhancement

- ▶ While MIP guarantees a global optimal solution, it is computationally expensive because it must explore an exponentially large search space.
 - ▶ For a factory with just 5 machines with multiple jobs having 10 different operation sequence, reaching an optimum requires over 3 days of computational time.
- ▶ GA addresses this by evolving "good enough" solutions through selection and mutation, providing results in minutes rather than days.
- ▶ However, MIP and GA require parameters to be deterministic numbers.
 - ▶ Real production environments are often **stochastic** (processing time in a machine is not fixed).
- ▶ Moreover, MIP and GA have to be recomputed even with a small change, such as:
 - ▶ Adjustment in machine specification (speed, capacity)
 - ▶ Processing delays (from unexpected time variation)
 - ▶ Production disruption (e.g., machine breakdown)

Efficiency Enhancement – Summary



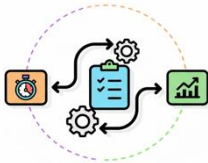
Stakeholder

- **Primary user:** Production managers
- **Responsibility:** Enhance production yield through proper resource planning and equipment management



Scenario

- **Task:** Production optimization
- **Process:** Identify a good schedule for the production line



Current approach

- **Data source:** Machine specification, mathematical formulation
- **Current method:** Genetic algorithm, MIP

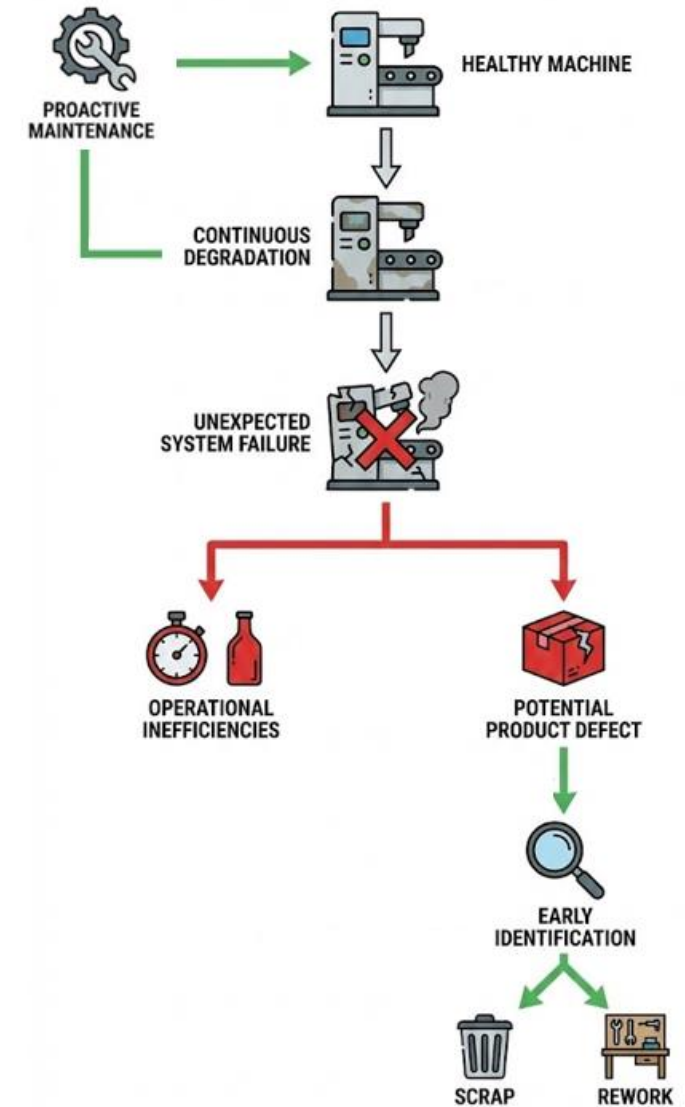


Limitation of this approach

- **Data-wise:** Require fixed numbers as the input parameter
- **Process-wise:** The schedule has to be recomputed if any changes happen

Failure Management

- ▶ Industrial machinery is subject to continuous physical degradation.
 - ▶ Minor deviations in operational parameters eventually culminate in unexpected system failure.
- ▶ Unexpected machine failure can lead to significant operational inefficiencies and potential product defects.
- ▶ Therefore, companies perform proactive maintenance to ensure production stability.
 - ▶ If a product defect happens, identifying it helps scrap or rework a part at the beginning of the line





Failure Management

▶ Traditional methods

- ▶ **Preventive maintenance:** Maintenance is performed at fixed intervals (e.g., every 500 hours)
- ▶ **Rule-based alert:** generate an alert when a certain parameter (e.g., temperature) or product geometry is wrong.
- ▶ **Manual inspection:** directly observe machine condition and products

▶ Limitations

- ▶ Preventive maintenance can lead to over-maintenance
- ▶ Rule-based alert cannot handle natural variance well (e.g., a normal variation in temperature or a dust on the product)
- ▶ Manual inspection is highly subjective and time-consuming
 - ▶ By the time a human technician analyzes the data and spots a trend, the machine has often already reached a critical failure point and create defect productions.

Operational Efficiency – Summary



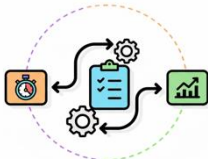
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Scenario

- **Task:** Ensure the production process is working normally
- **Process:** Determine whether a machine will fail and whether each product (or work-in-progress) is defect



Current approach

- **Data source:** machine status, product image
- **Current method:** preventive maintenance, rule-based alert, manual inspection

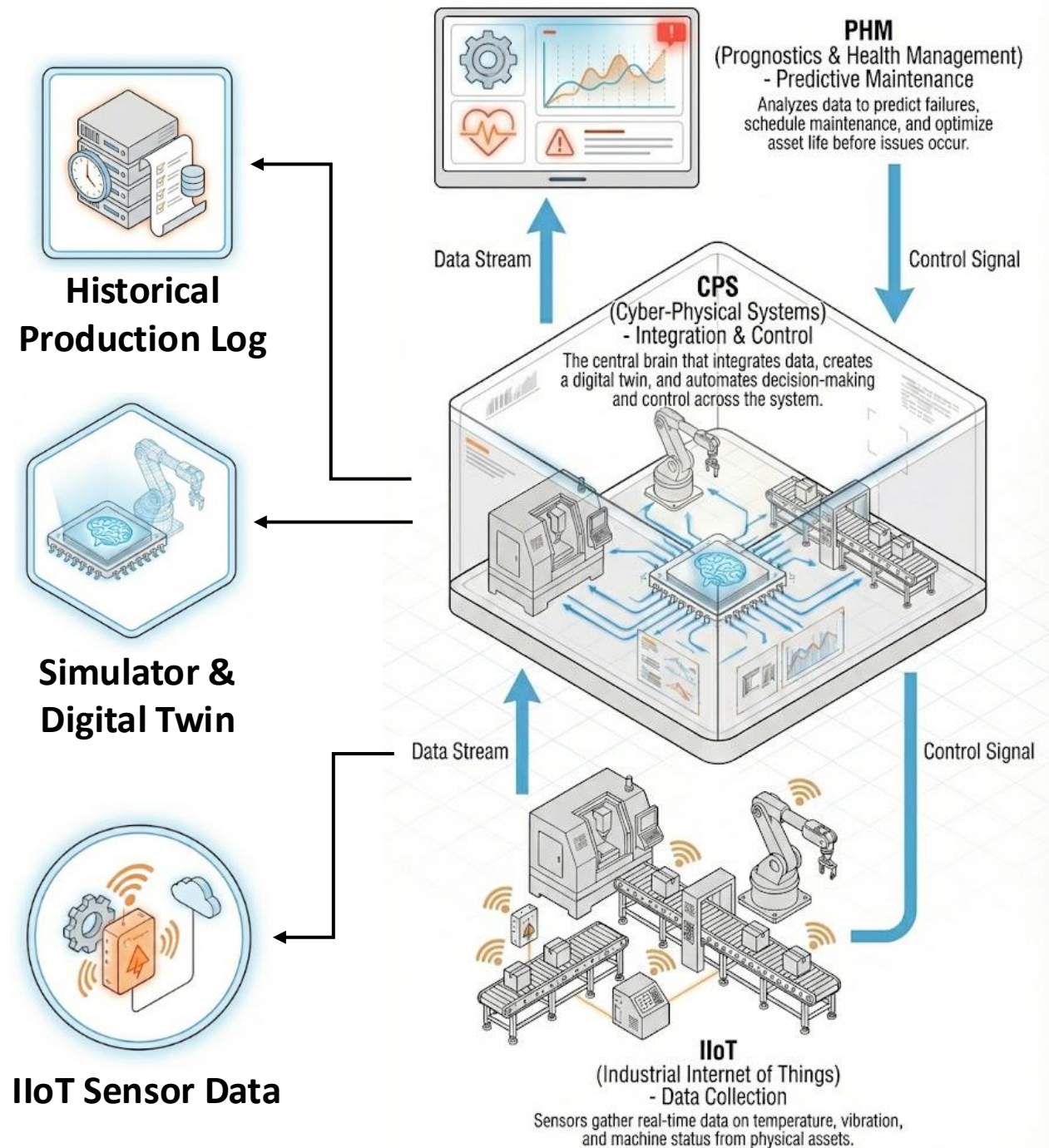


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Step 2: Smart Factory Data Collection

- ▶ Three types of data are essential to enable smart manufacturing.
- ▶ **Historical production log:** from the Manufacturing Execution System (often accessible from CPS)
- ▶ **Simulator & Digital Twin:** built inside CPS
- ▶ **IIoT Sensor Data:** directly from IIoT sensors (organized in CPS)



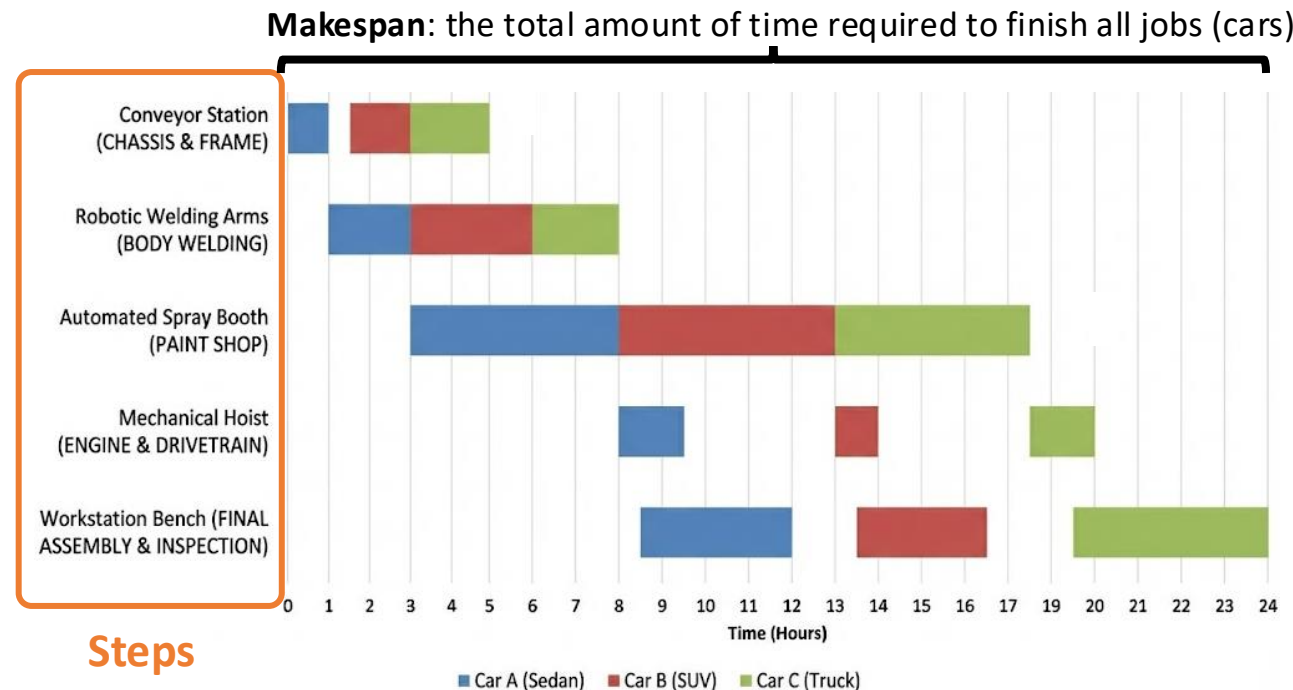
Historical Production Log

- ▶ Historical production logs record the activity of the machines, including timestamp, Job ID, Machine (workstation) ID, and event type
- ▶ **Source:** CPS (specifically the Manufacturing Execution System)
- ▶ **Collection method:** direct database query, csv export

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Historical Production Log – Gantt Chart

- ▶ A historical production log can often be represented as a Gantt chart to understand the overall production process and identify any inefficiencies





Simulator and Digital Twins

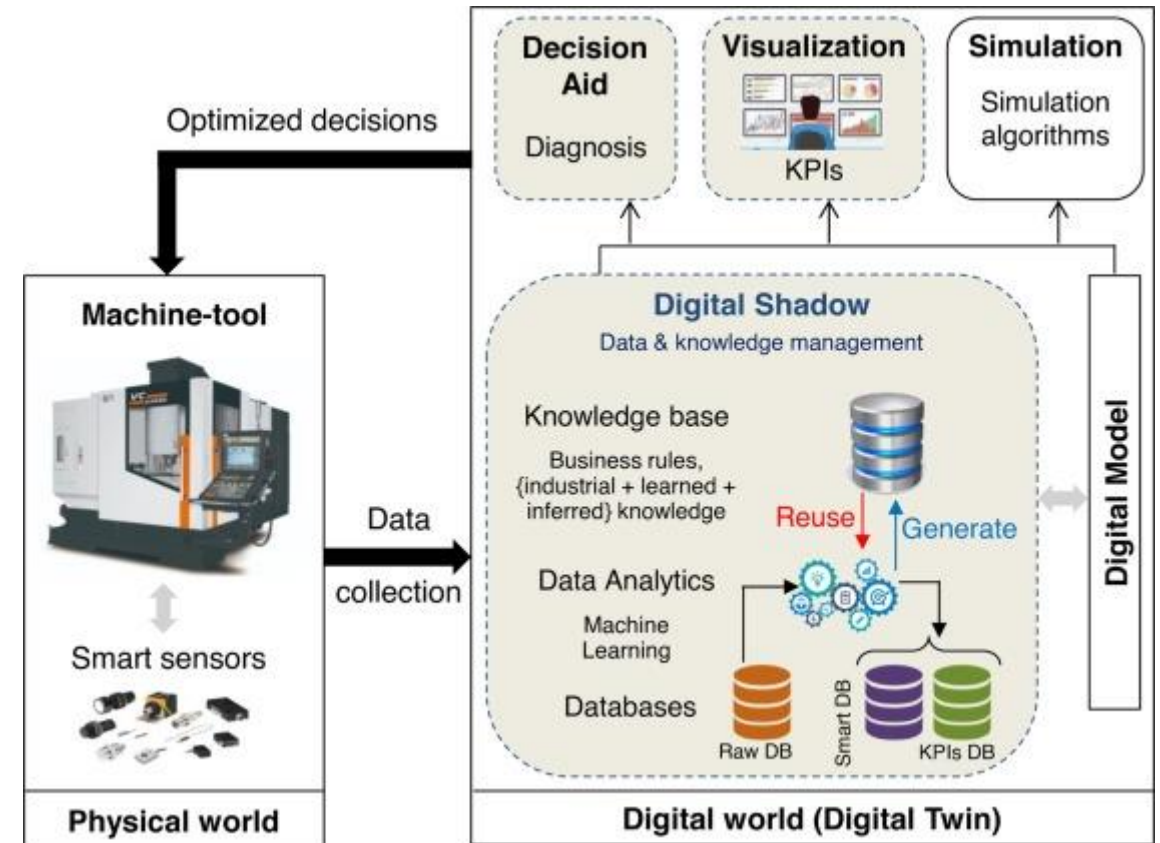
- ▶ A simulator is a virtual modeling environment designed to imitate the behavior of a real-world manufacturing process over time.
- ▶ Two types of data are required to build a simulator:
 - ▶ **Historical Production Log** to understand the actual processing time distribution, frequency of changeovers
 - ▶ **Machine specifications**: machines and chambers, how they are connected
- ▶ **Common open-source options**: job shop lab (factory-level), cluster tool simulator (machine-level)
 - ▶ Companies can adapt them to their environment based on historical production log and machine specifications
 - ▶ They are usually built with **Python Gymnasium** (ready for reinforcement learning).

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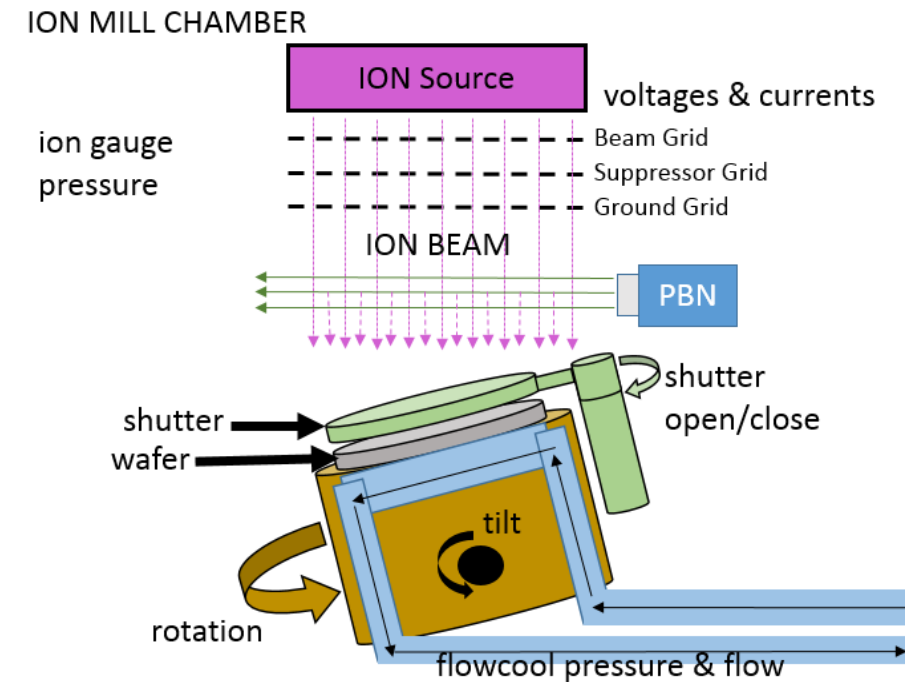
Simulator and Digital Twins

- ▶ Companies often integrate **IIoT live sensor data** from the real production environment to synchronize and enhance their virtual simulator
- ▶ This evolves into a **digital twin**, which is a virtual representation of the machine in the physical world.
- ▶ **Benefit:**
 - ▶ Simulate when the machine will break down
 - ▶ Allow the AI agent to learn and optimize the production schedule
- ▶ **Common Framework** (middleware): Eclipse Ditto, BaSyx, Nvidia Isaac Sim
 - ▶ Allow a company turn a standalone simulator or piece of equipment into a true Digital Twin.



IIoT Sensor Data

- ▶ IIoT data are the data collected from IIoT attached to the machines, such as:
 - ▶ **Physical signs** (e.g., vibration, temperature)
 - ▶ **Electrical signals** (e.g., voltage, current)
 - ▶ **Process variables** (e.g., flow rates, gas pressures)
- ▶ **Source:** IIoT (organized in CPS)
- ▶ **Collection method:** direct database query, csv export, real-time streaming (e.g., for digital twin)
- ▶ **Open source example:** PHM Data Challenge Etching tool fault detection dataset from the PHM Society.



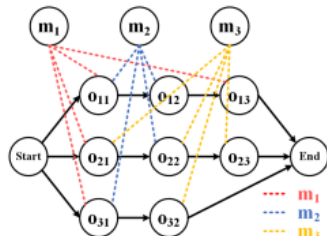
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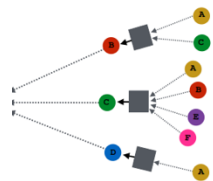
Step 3: AI-enabled Analytics

- AI-enabled analytics are designed to facilitate efficiency enhancement and failure management at different stages of operation.

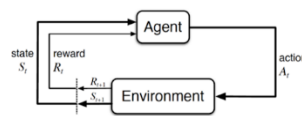
1. Production Optimization



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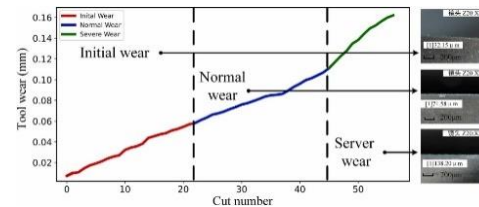
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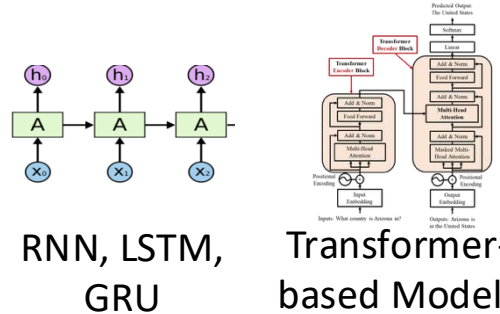
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Before Production

2. Downtime Prediction



How is our machines

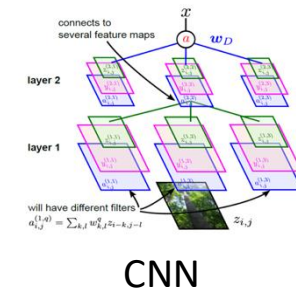


During Production

3. Defect Detection



How is our product?

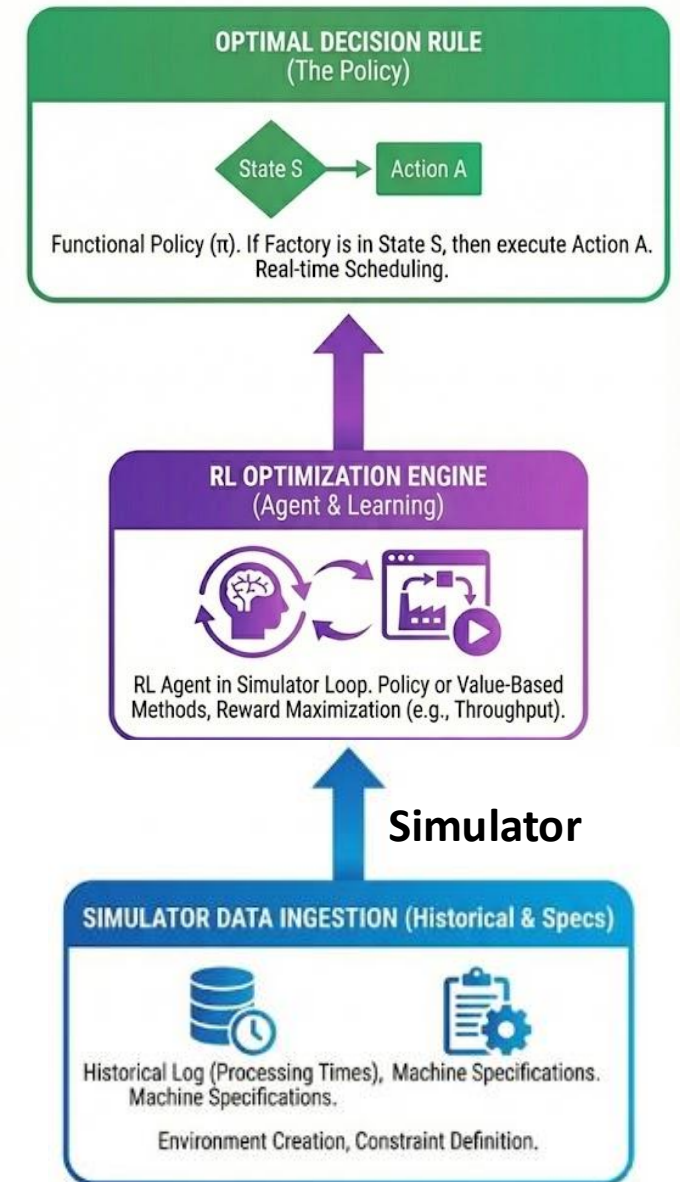


After Production

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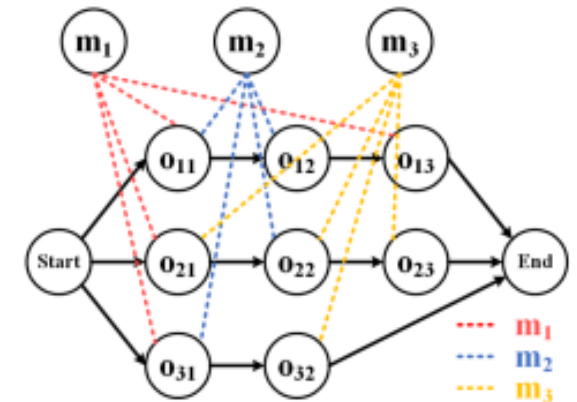
Production Optimization

- ▶ Production optimization helps enhance overall production efficiency by finding a better schedule.
- ▶ **Goal:** determine the action (e.g., task to process, machine coordination) so that the throughput is maximized.
 - ▶ **Input:** a simulator of a production environment
 - ▶ **Output:** a learned decision rule over time
- ▶ **AI methods:** reinforcement learning
 - ▶ RL is the most suitable method to learn a sequential decision rule
 - ▶ It answers the question “what should we do” to provide prescriptive insights



Production Optimization – Example (Factory Level)

- ▶ **Problem Setting:** minimize the total processing time (makespan) in a general factory setting
 - ▶ **Jobs:** each job j_i (e.g., a car to manufacture) consists of a specific sequence of **operations** o_{ij} (e.g., welding)
 - ▶ **Machine:** for each operation, there is a set of eligible machines that can process it
 - ▶ E.g., there may be three machines that can do welding
 - ▶ **Processing time:** performing an operation o_{ij} on machine k take p_{ijk} amount of time
- ▶ The relationship between operations and machines forms a graph structure, where:
 - ▶ **Nodes** are operations o_{ij} and machine m_k
 - ▶ **Edges** are:
 1. Whether a machine can process an operation
 2. The sequence of operations in a job



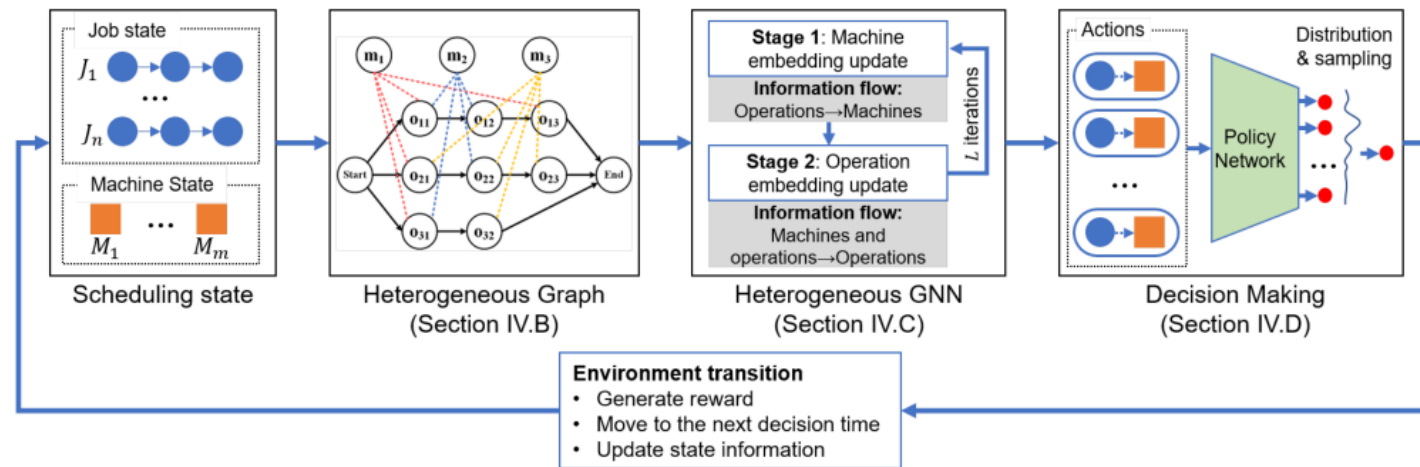
Production Optimization – Example (Factory Level)

▸ Sequential Decision:

- **State:** machine and job status captured by the graph at each timestamp
- **Action:** machine assignment for each operation at each timestamp
- **Reward:** provided when there's a decrease in the estimated time to finish all jobs

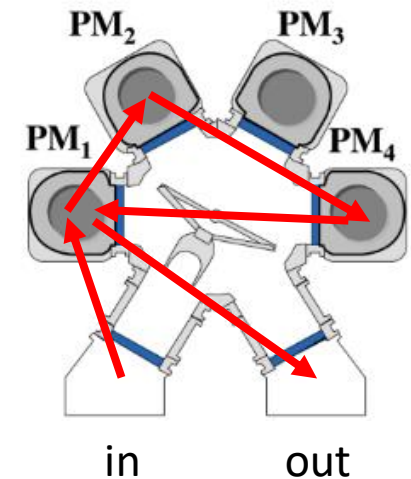
▸ Design:

- Adapt **GNN** to capture the graph structure and create a state embedding for RL.
- **Policy-based RL method with MLP policy network** to learn sequential decision rules.



Production Optimization – Example (Machine Level)

- ▶ **Problem Setting:** maximize the wafer per hour (throughput) in a semiconductor cluster tool
 - ▶ **Processing modules (PMs):** there are several chambers in the cluster tool with different functionality
 - ▶ **Wafer:** wafers have a **recipe** that determines the order of PMs to go through (e.g., $PM_1 \rightarrow PM_2 \rightarrow PM_4 \rightarrow PM_1$)
 - ▶ There is a **processing time** associated with each wafer and PM
 - ▶ **Robot:** connect multiple PMs that can move wafers between them (movement takes time)
- ▶ **Characteristics:**
 - ▶ Search space is extremely large as there are multiple wafer recipes.
 - ▶ Deadlock is possible as wafers can re-enter a PM.



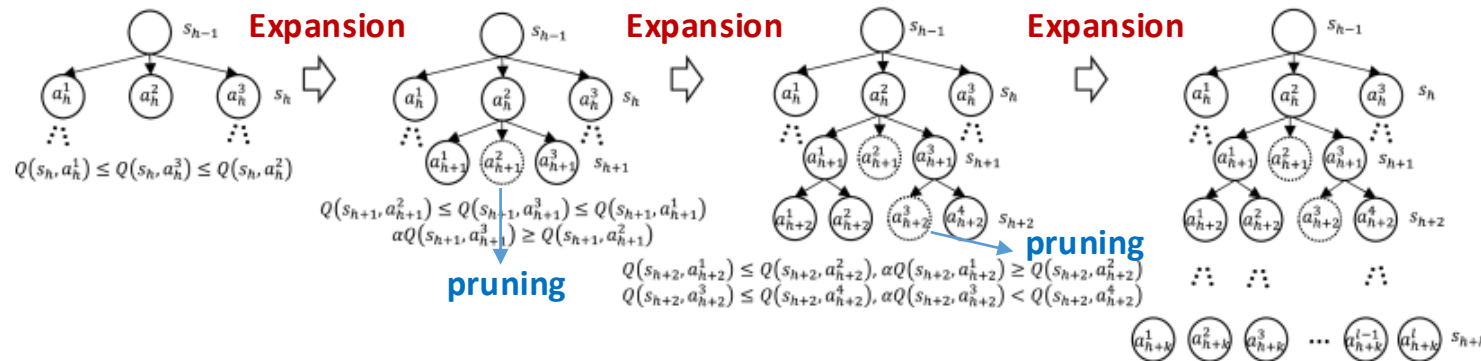
Production Optimization – Example (Machine Level)

► Sequential Decision:

- **State:** PM processing status, robot status, wafer recipe information
- **Action:** robot movement (pick, place, wait)
- **Reward:** granted when a wafer is completed or there is an expected throughput improvement

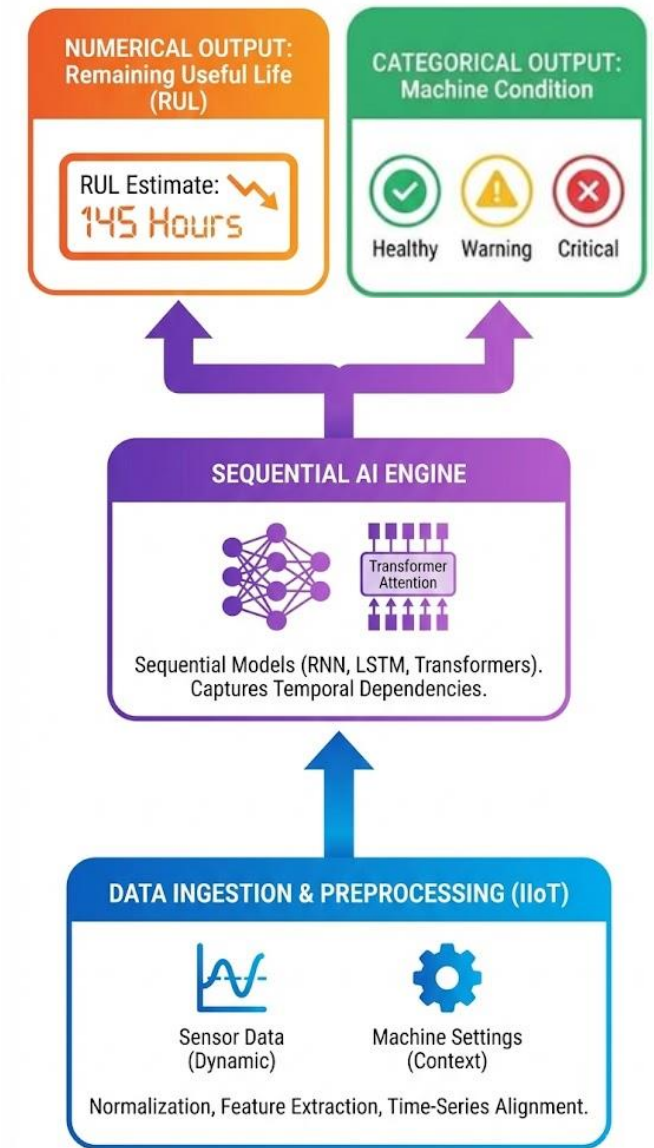
► Design: Value-based RL with adaptive search

- **Expansion:** expand the search tree to look ahead for several steps to see how good an action is over a few future steps
- **Pruning:** ignore actions that lead to low value or deadlock and only explore promising ones (based on Q value).



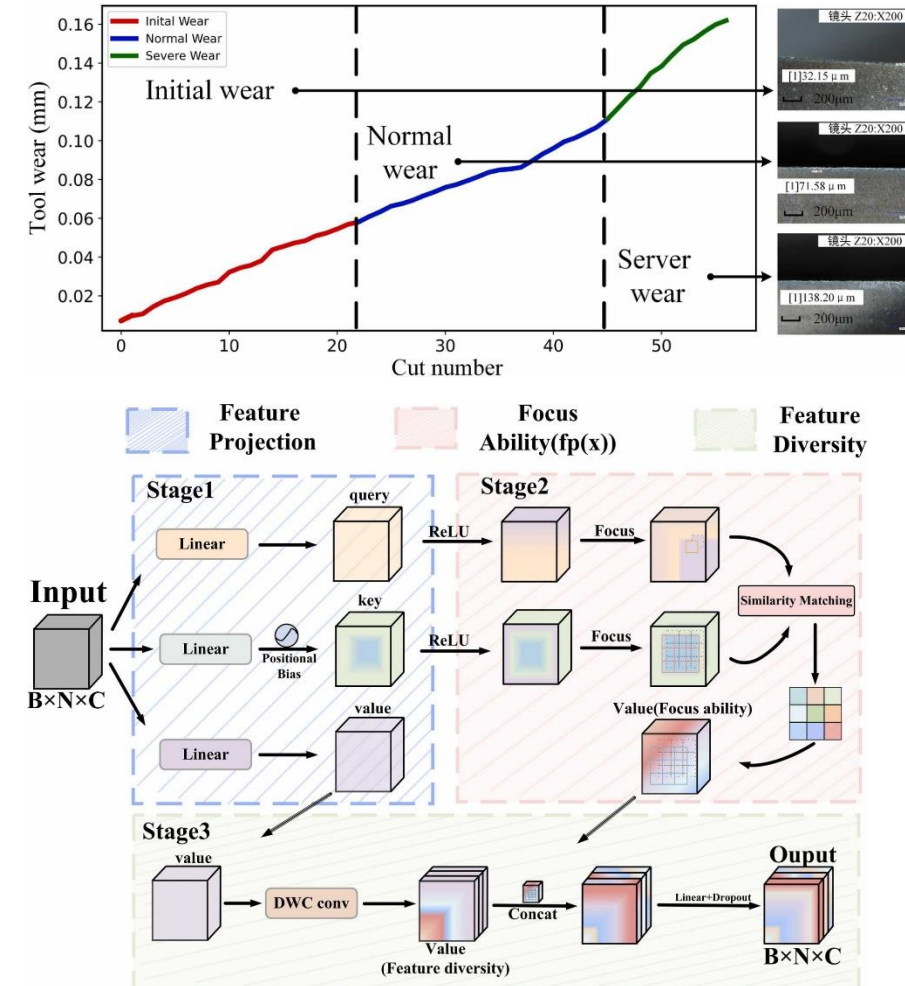
Downtime Prediction

- ▶ During the manufacturing process, it is essential to ensure machines are in good condition.
- ▶ **Goal:** predict the remaining useful life based on real-time machine status.
 - ▶ **Input:** machine settings and sensor data over time (from IIoT)
 - ▶ **Output:** remaining life (numerical) or machine condition (categorical)
- ▶ **AI methods:** sequential models (e.g., RNN, LSTM, Transformers) for regression or classification



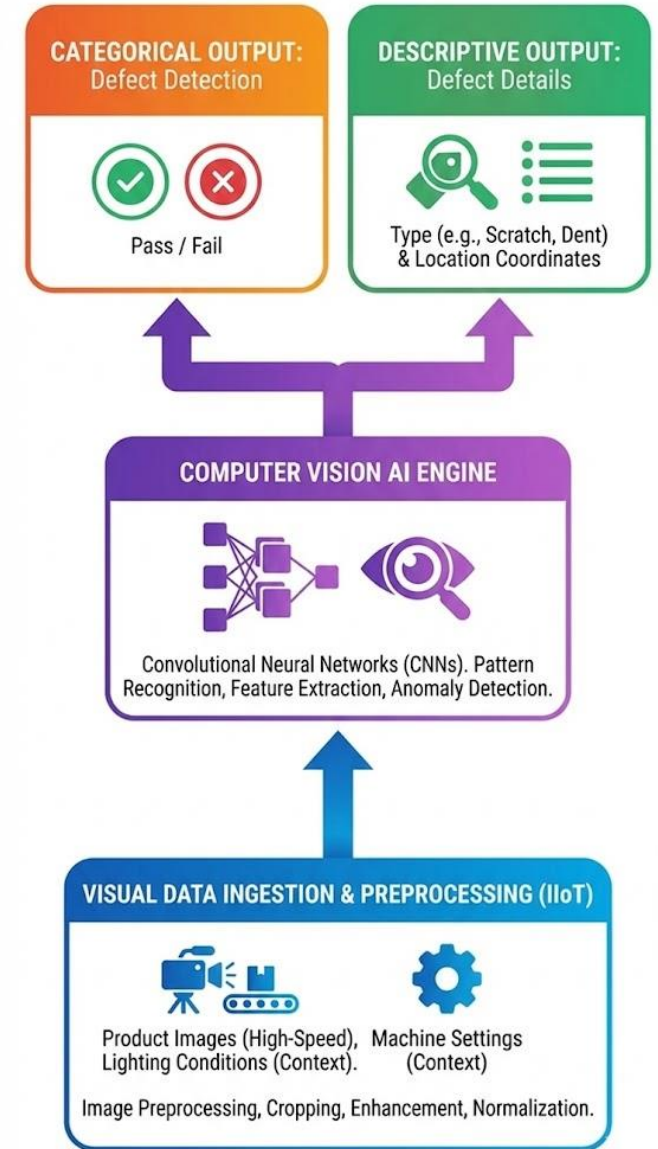
Downtime Prediction – Example

- ▶ **Goal:** predict the physical degradation (wear value and state) of cutting tools in the Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machining production line.
- ▶ **Data:** PHM 2010 milling dataset, including
 - ▶ Sensor signals (including Cutting force, vibration, acoustic emission)
 - ▶ Tool setting (feed, speed, depth)
- ▶ **Key data characteristics:** long time series and the sensor signal can be affected by the tool setting under the same wear condition.
- ▶ **Design:** Extend a transformer model to allow:
 - ▶ **Context injection:** take machine settings as a separate input
 - ▶ **Feature alignment:** match the machine setting with sensor signals (through feature projection, focus ability, and feature diversity)



Defect Detection

- ▶ After a product is manufactured, we need to know whether they are defect or not.
- ▶ **Goal:** Classify each WIP or finished product into whether it is a defect or not
 - ▶ **Input:** product image from high-speed camera, machine settings (as context)
 - ▶ **Output:** defect classification (binary), defect details
- ▶ **AI methods:** CNN for anomaly detection

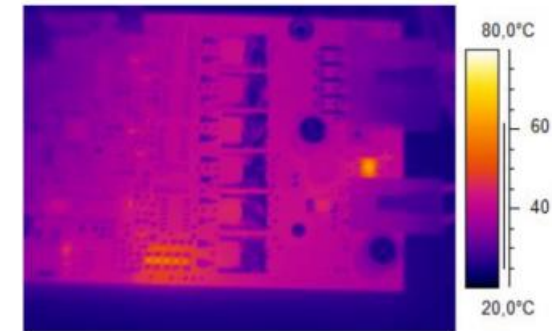


Defect Detection – Example

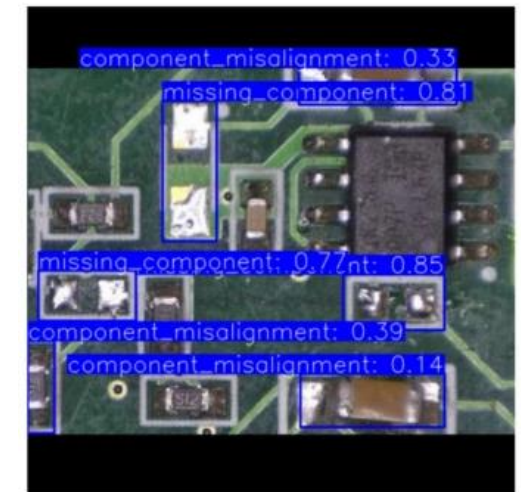
- ▶ **Goal:** detect both **visible** (surface) and **latent** (internal/thermal) soldering defects on Printed Circuit Board (PCB)
- ▶ **Data:** optical image (RGB) and thermal image from a custom-made scanning platform.
- ▶ **Data Characteristics:**
 - ▶ Optical data alone is "blind" to heat-related flaws
 - ▶ Defects usually come from the tiny details and precise geometry
- ▶ **Design:** A CNN-based model with
 - ▶ **Fusion** to jointly process optical and thermal images
 - ▶ **Hybrid Coordinate Attention Module** to focus on specific coordinates where features change rapidly (e.g., the edge of a solder ball)



Optical image



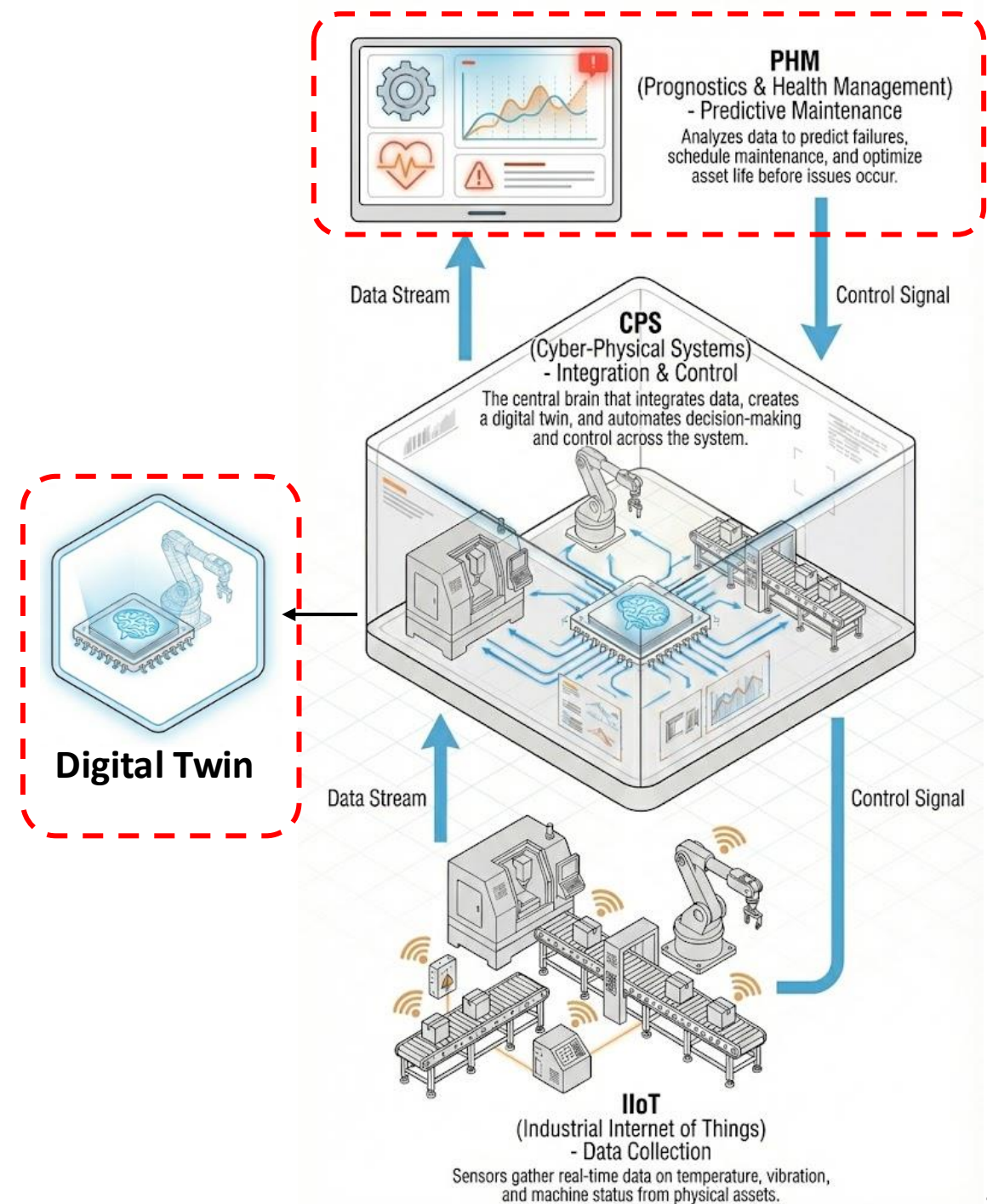
Thermal image



Defects on PCB

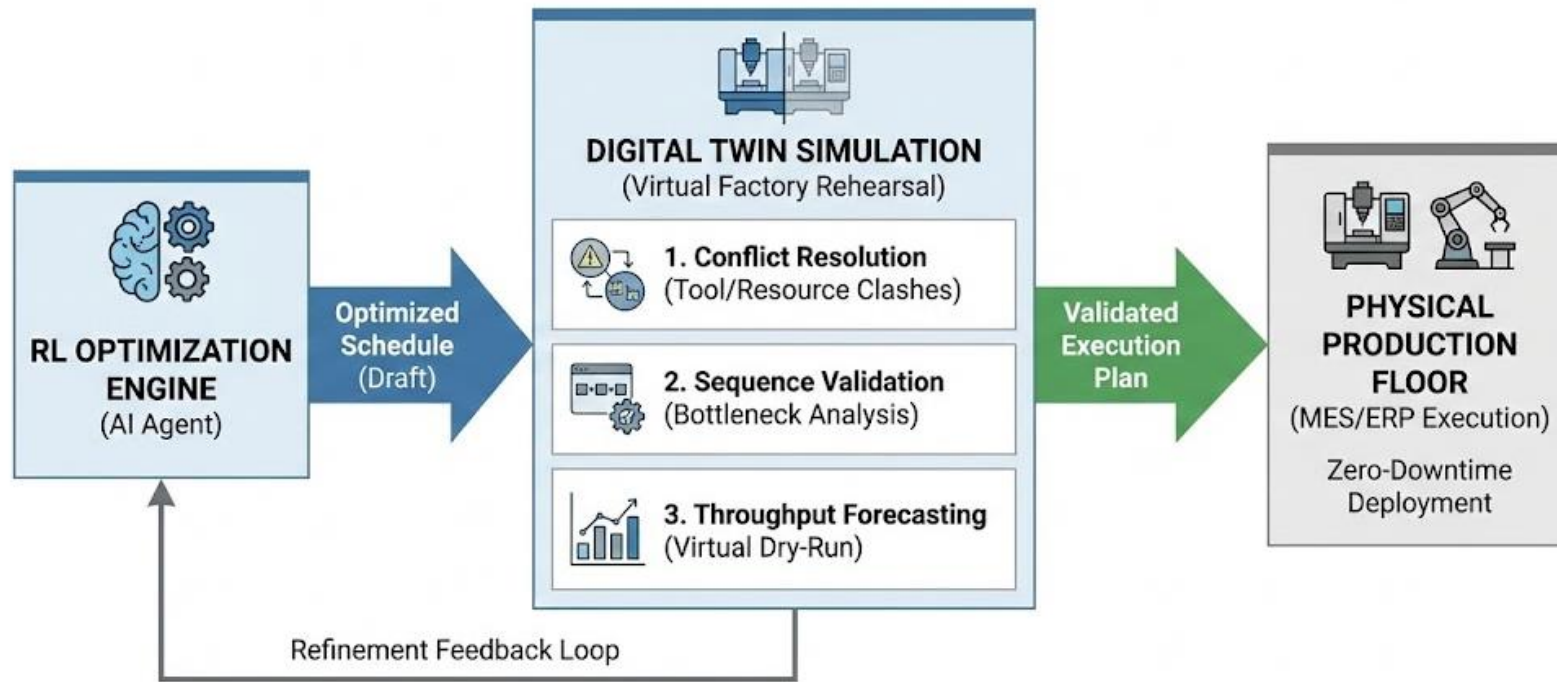
Step 4: Value Delivery

- ▶ The value of the two business problems is delivered in distinct way:
 - ▶ **Efficiency enhancement:** deploy the learned schedule on the digital twin to get actual simulation result
 - ▶ **Failure management:** display the machine status in a dashboard in PHM



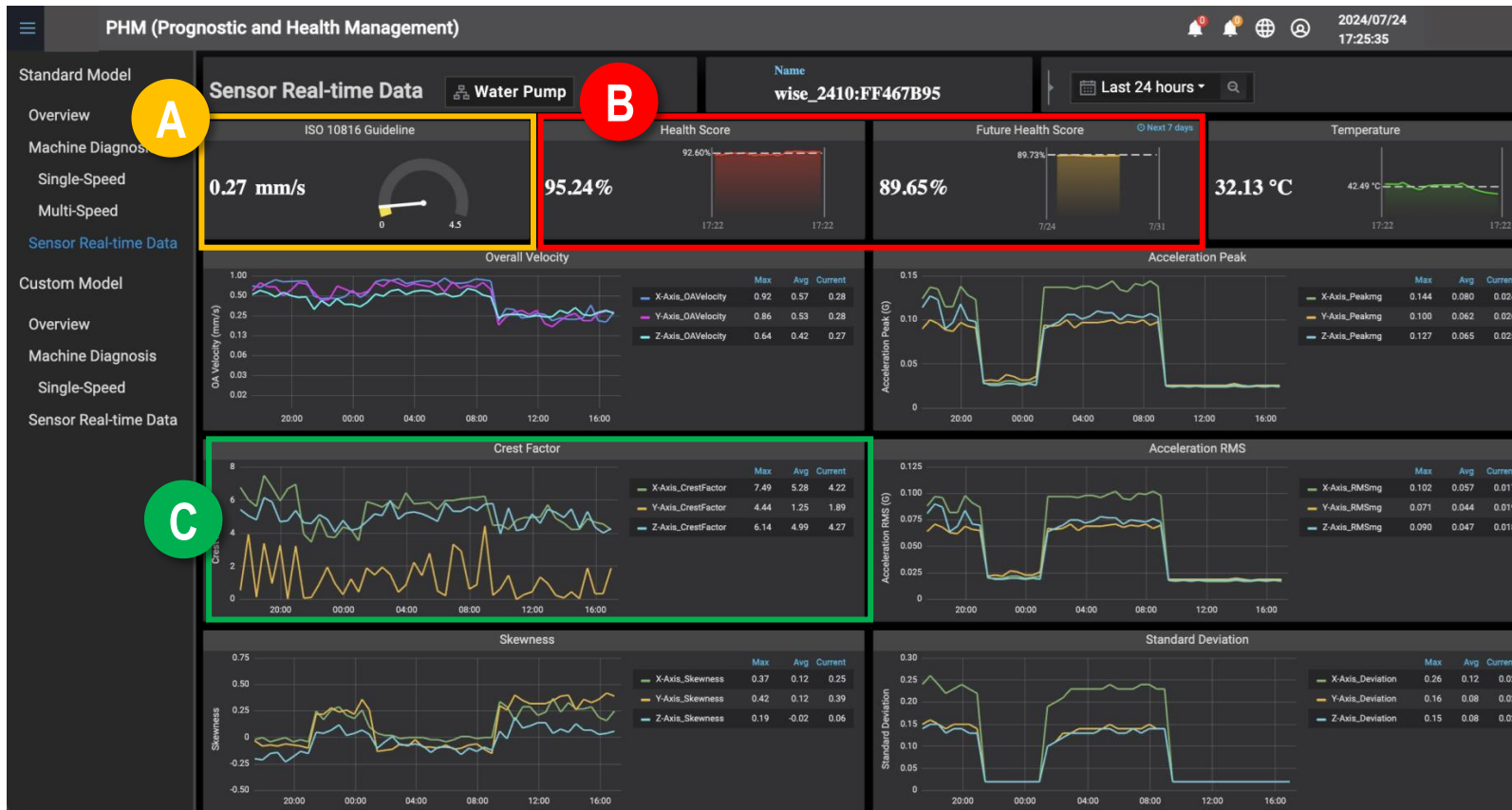
Value Delivery – Efficiency enhancement

- Once a schedule is optimized, the Digital Twin serves as a virtual proving ground to validate the plan before it is deployed to the physical factory floor.



Value Delivery – Failure Management

- PHM provides a dashboard to monitor the status of each machine comprehensively.



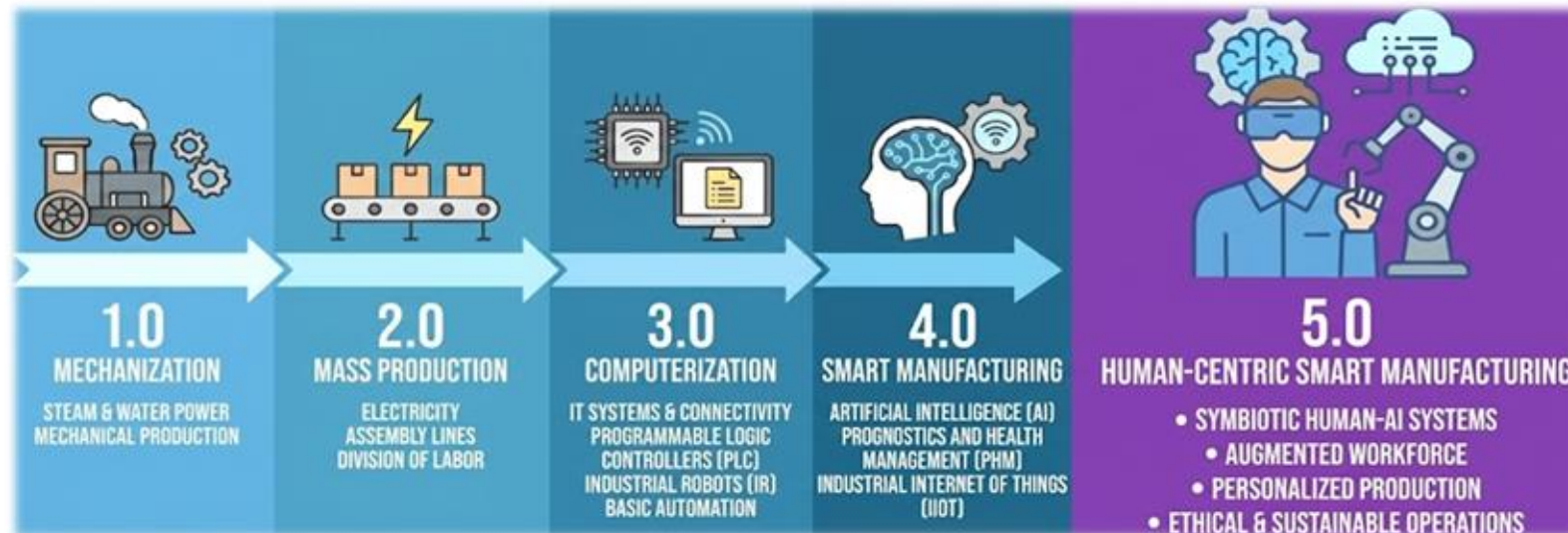
- A. ISO 10818 Guideline:** maps raw vibration velocity against international mechanical health standards
- B. Health Score (current and future):** shows the machine condition based on the downtime prediction analytics
- C. Skewness:** pinpoints specific faults (such as broken gear teeth or surface pitting) that can lead to product defect

Image from <https://www.integral-system.fr/products/solution-de-maintenance-predictive-pour-moteur-basee-sur-les-vibrations>

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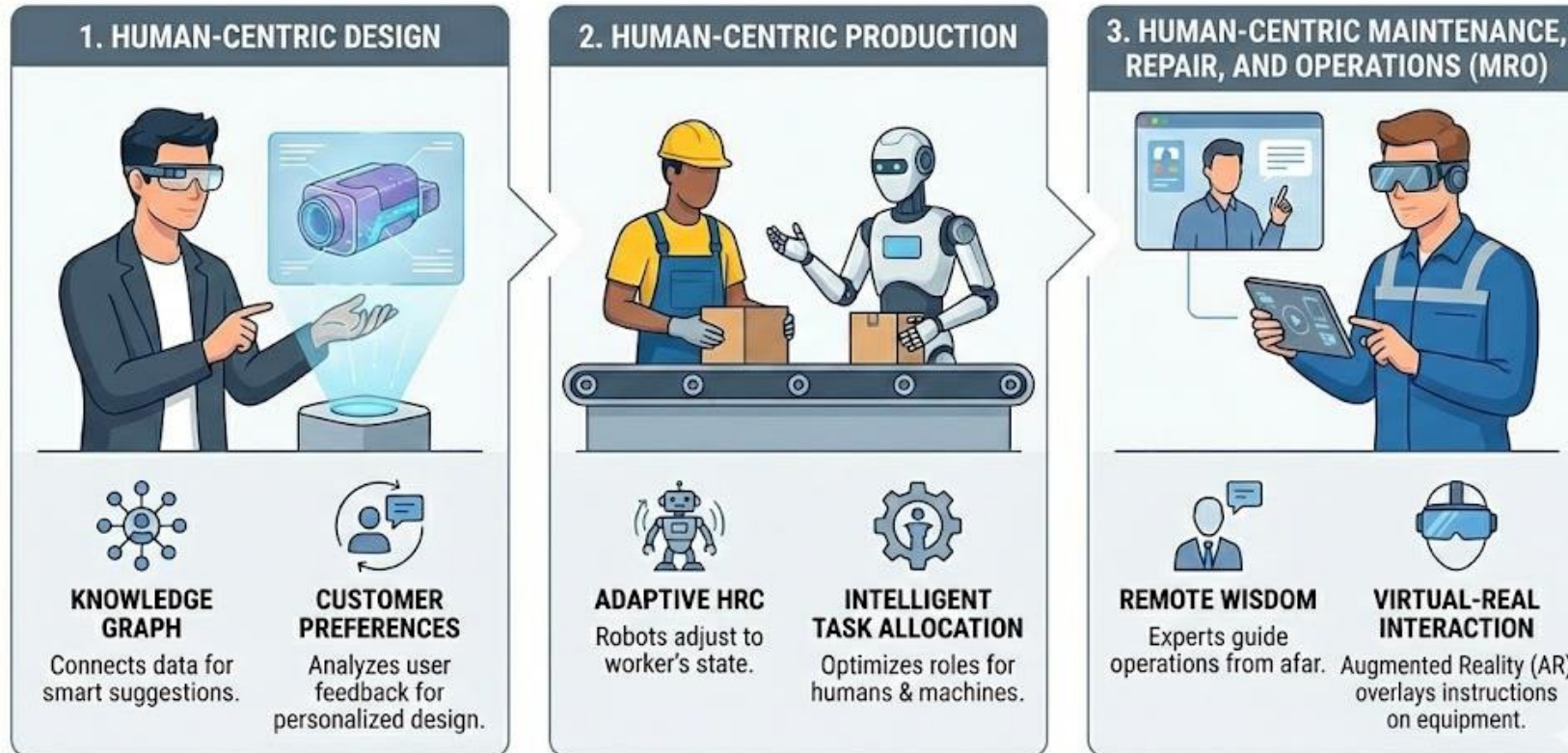
Future Development

- ▶ In Industry 4.0 Smart manufacturing focuses on **system optimization** to improve efficiency, quality, and stability.
- ▶ It has started to evolve into Industry 5.0 by adding a **human-centric** layer to these technological advancements.
 - ▶ **Goal:** prioritize the **well-being of workers** rather than just focusing on system efficiency.



Future Development

- Human-centric Smart Manufacturing aims to reshape industrial processes through "X-intelligence" across three main stages:





Review Questions

- ▶ What are the key infrastructures in a smart factory in Industry 4.0?
- ▶ Why is production yield important in modern manufacturing settings like the semiconductor industry?
- ▶ How is a simulator different from a digital twin?
- ▶ What are the goals and common AI methods for the three major smart manufacturing analytics?