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# 1. Overview

## 1.1 Background

Based on the industry experience, currently most of manufacturing enterprises lack of real time data on the state of equipment performance like utilization, downtime, OEE, energy performance and etc. On the contrary, there is also rare on the labor production line for which real time performance like WIP rate, line balancing efficiency, first pass yield and etc.

It is a common practice in most of current situation that it is still relying on the manual data recording for which is not real time and inaccurate in sense. In this case, if the company would like to improve the operation for higher efficiency and productivity, due to the slow response of data, the improvement result would not be able to catch up the rapid change of market. As current practise, the data is manually recorded, which leads to latency of data availability. Due to the latency of data, it delays the data analysis, decision making and implementation. The whole improvement operation will be delayed and the efficiency will be affected, which leads to slow response to rapid change market. On the contrary, Digital LEAN enables data transparency through real time data acquisition, which leads to faster data availability and shorten the decision-making latency. Therefore, the real time data availability and transparency could excel the LEAN effectiveness. (See Appendix 7.2)

This report provides specified requirements of hardware and software to measure labour-intensive assembly line in order to practice Digital Lean and the procedure is outlined as below.

1. Define Existing Common Problems
2. Define lean Tools for addressing problems
3. Quantify factor for problem study
4. Define existing sensor/method for measurement
5. Define hardware and software requirements for auto-collecting real time data
6. Design Proof of Concept
7. Expected Result

Report provides a simple solution to collect and analyse real time data. Report shows that summarizing the problems and measurements, it could use sensors and Human-Machine interface to collect the real time data in one device and be able to demonstrate 3 different functions. All the real time data would also be analysed and displayed on dashboards for responsible people.



## **1.2 Purpose and Scope**

The Industry 4.0 is a new level of organisation and control over the entire value chain of the life cycle of products, and the basis for i4.0 is the availability of all relevant information in real time by connecting all instances involved in the value chain. The connection of people, things, and systems create dynamic, self-organising, real-time optimised value-added connections within and across companies. Digital LEAN enables real time data collection of any value-added processes and simultaneous performance analysis within a manufacturing company.

Digital LEAN enhances productivity and efficiency of Hong Kong Industry, and also as a key enabler towards the foundation of Industry 4.0 (0i-1i), according to Industrie 4.0 Smart Factory Level (See Appendix 7.3) and prepare for detail implementation roadmap for 1i implementation, end-to-end real time data Acquisition which is a foundation for next stage 2i Real-time Data Processing & Integration. Apart from that, it also could help enterprise to speed up OBM/ODM transformation in researching and developing product or prototype through digital LEAN in the optimization of New Product Development Process. Furthermore, it could also increase the HKSMES professional image and build up the solid foundation towards Industry 4.0. Finally, as also importantly, it could address the market demand of Digital LEAN solution and problems that the HKSMES facing.

The report only suggests one possible solution to practice Digital Lean on labour-intensive assembly area which is common in different manufacturing industries (See Appendix 7.4). Many other solutions such as Video Imaging Analysis and Machine IOT and Machine Learning could also be used for practising Digital Lean, as long as the solution include data acquisition, data analysis and data visualization in a real time basis.

## 2. Product/Service Description

### 2.1 Problem Identification

In the labour intensive assembly line, many problems could be found generally and the corresponding lean tool with collecting data of key factors usually addresses those problems. Below table shown the problems, lean tools and corresponding key data factor.

| Process                   | Potential Problems                  | Lean Tool  | Key Data Factor  |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|------------------|
| <b>Quality Inspection</b> | Manual Recording                    | Automation   | No. of Defect    |
|                           | Too many inspection stations        | Quality At Source  | Defect type      |
|                           | Mis-judgment                        | Andon  | No. of Defect    |
| <b>Manual Assembly</b>    | Line unbalance                      | Line Balancing   | Processing time  |
|                           | Too many WIPs                       | WIP Reduction  | Idle time        |
|                           | Bottleneck                          | Bottleneck Removal/<br>Line Balancing/<br>Takt Time analysis | Waiting time     |
|                           | Overproduction                      | Waste Elimination  | Response time    |
|                           | Product loss                        | Visual Management  | Labor efficiency |
|                           | Labor efficiency                    | ECRS / Ergonomic   | Productivity     |
|                           | Manual Recording                    | Automation   | Output rate      |
|                           | Jig and Fixture Maintenance Problem | Maintenance Optimization                                     | Down time        |

However, using traditional Lean tools with manual record will cause response latency. In order to collect data in real time, sensor technology or other technology need to be defined for each problem.

## 2.2 Definition of the LEAN Tools and Data Measurement Method

| Process                   | Potential Problems                  | Lean Tools   | Key Data Factor  | Possible Measuring Method                            |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|------------------|--|
| <b>Quality Inspection</b> | Manual Recording                    | Automation   | No. of Defect    | optical sensor<br>weighing sensor<br>pressure sensor |
|                           | Too many inspection stations        | Quality At Source  | Defect type      | optical imaging                                      |
|                           | Misjudge                            | Andon  | No. of Defect    | AOI  |
| <b>Manual Assembly</b>    | Line unbalance                      | Line Balancing   | Processing time  | Infrared sensor                                      |
|                           | Too many WIPs                       | WIP Reduction  | Idle time        | Movement Recognition                                 |
|                           | Bottleneck                          | Bottleneck Removal/<br>Line Balancing/<br>Takt Time analysis | Waiting time     | optical sensor                                       |
|                           | Overproduction                      | Waste Elimination  | Response time    | optical sensor                                       |
|                           | Product loss                        | Visual Management  | Labor efficiency | optical sensor                                       |
|                           | Labor efficiency                    | ECRS / Ergonomic   | Productivity     | optical sensor                                       |
|                           | Manual Recording                    | Automation   | Output rate      | optical sensor                                       |
|                           | Jig and Fixture Maintenance Problem | Maintenance Optimization                                     | Down time        | optical sensor                                       |



### **3. Tool Kit Requirements**

Based on the result of study, those data can be collected by an integrated solution tool kit with following specification. The Tool Kit will consist of sensors, Human Machine Interface for data acquisition and visual dashboard for data visualization.

#### **3.1 Functional Requirements**

##### **3.1.1 Hardware**

Analyzer Appliance Gateway (Max. size 214mm x200mm x52mm)

- Redundant Wireless profile and configuration (400~520MHz)
- Data logging & Alarm
- Interfacing to third party server
- System configuration
- Web Server Engine included
- Support up to 32 remote node

Analyzer

- Display: 5" TFT True Color (16 : 9), Touch Screen
- Resolution: 800×480
- CPU: TI Industrial Grade Cortex A8
- RAM : 512MB DDR3 SDRAM
- Storage : 256MB SLC Nand Flash
- Extended Storage : SD Card 32 G
- Power Consumption : 3.4W
- Input Power : DC 24V
- Communication: VIVI Mesh Module Support
- Dimension:
  - Main unit: 165 mm x 105 mm x 32 mm
  - Base Unit: 105 mm x 64 mm x 32 mm
- Language display
- Chinese (default)
- Monitor size: 5" LCD Display
- Power adapter
- Mounting kit

Appliance Server Hardware Specification

- CPU: Intel
- RAM: 4GB/DDR3
- Hard disk: 128GB
- Power Supply: 60W
- No. Core CPU: 4
- CPU frequency: 1.8GHz-2.4GHz
- Wireless: VIVI Mesh support
- RAM Frequency: 1333MHz
- Hard disk type: Solid State Drive



- Core chip set: Intel NM10
- CPU type: g4400

#### Wireless Gateway Hardware Specification

- CPU: Broadcom BCM2837, quad-core Cortex-A53 1.2GHz
- RAM: 1GB LPDDR2
- Storage eMMC flash, 4GB - 64GB, soldered on-board
- Micro-SD socket
- LAN: 2x 100Mbps Ethernet ports,
- Vivi Mesh interface
- Display and Audio
- USB: 4x USB2.0 host, type-A connectors
- Serial: 1x RS232 port, ultra-mini serial connector
- CAN: 1 x CAN bus, RJ11 connector
- RS485 1x RS485 port, half-duplex 2-wire, RJ11 connector
- Digital I/O 6x DIO, 5V tolerant, 100-mil header
- Real time clock
- Security Hardware protection against unauthorized boot from external storage
- Unregulated 10V to 36V
- Dimensions 112 x 84 x 34 mm (industrial temperature housing)
- Weight 450 gram
- MTTF > 200,000 hours
- Operation Temperature: 0° to 60° C
- Relative Humidity: 10% to 90% (operation)
- 05% to 95% (storage)

#### Sensor Specification

- Infrared diffuse reflection Photoelectric switch sensor
- Distance: 10-30cm
- Adjustable sensitivity

#### Others

- Mounting
  - Desktop
  - Rail Mounting
- Installation
  - Mounting remote unit and supply power
  - Power on the appliance Server
  - The remote unit will auto discovery and appear in the status monitor dashboard
  - It will start capture the data
- Wiring
  - Connect the adapter to power socket
  - Power up and start working
- Analyzer button functions
  - The button is customized by software in system configuration

- Variables configuration
  - Variable can be configured via the system setup
- Battery operate for 3 hours

### 3.1.2 Software

The tool kit function as below.

- Processing time, waiting time and WIP data real time acquisition
- Human Machine Interface with Andon and defect key-in

## 3.2 User Interface Requirements

The visualization level will divide into 3 levels for different users.

- Front Line management (i.e. Line leader)

| Data Type                           | Display Chart | Remarks  |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Processing time of each workstation | Line chart    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To compare the takt time and find out the bottleneck</li> </ul>               |
| WIP of each workstation             | Line chart    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To compare the limited WIP</li> </ul>   |
| Hourly output                       | Bar Chart     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To monitor the hourly output and target output</li> </ul>                     |
| Overall processing time             | Pie Chart     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Display the VA and non-VA time percentage</li> </ul>                          |
| No. of defect over time             | Line Chart    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To alert the defect rate when it rising in short</li> </ul>                   |
| Defect reason                       | Bar chart     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribution of defect</li> </ul>   |
| Idle time for operators             | Bar chart     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waiting time and repairing time of machine repairing for each case</li> </ul> |

- Middle management (i.e. Production Supervisor)

| Data Type   | Display Chart            | Remarks  |
|---|--------------------------|--|
| Processing time of each workstation per production line | Line chart               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To compare the takt time and find out the bottleneck</li> </ul>   |
| Production situation per production line                | Clustered 2-Column Chart | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compare the planned production and real time situation</li> </ul> |
| Daily output over period per production line            | Line chart               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To monitor the daily output and target</li> </ul>                 |
| Overall processing time per production line             | Pie Chart                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Display the VA and NVA time percentage</li> </ul>                 |

|                             |            |  |
|-----------------------------|------------|--|
| Defect rate per hour        | Line Chart | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To monitor the quality stability</li> </ul> |
| Idle time for each mechanic | Bar chart  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate their performance</li> </ul>       |

– Top management (i.e. General Manager)

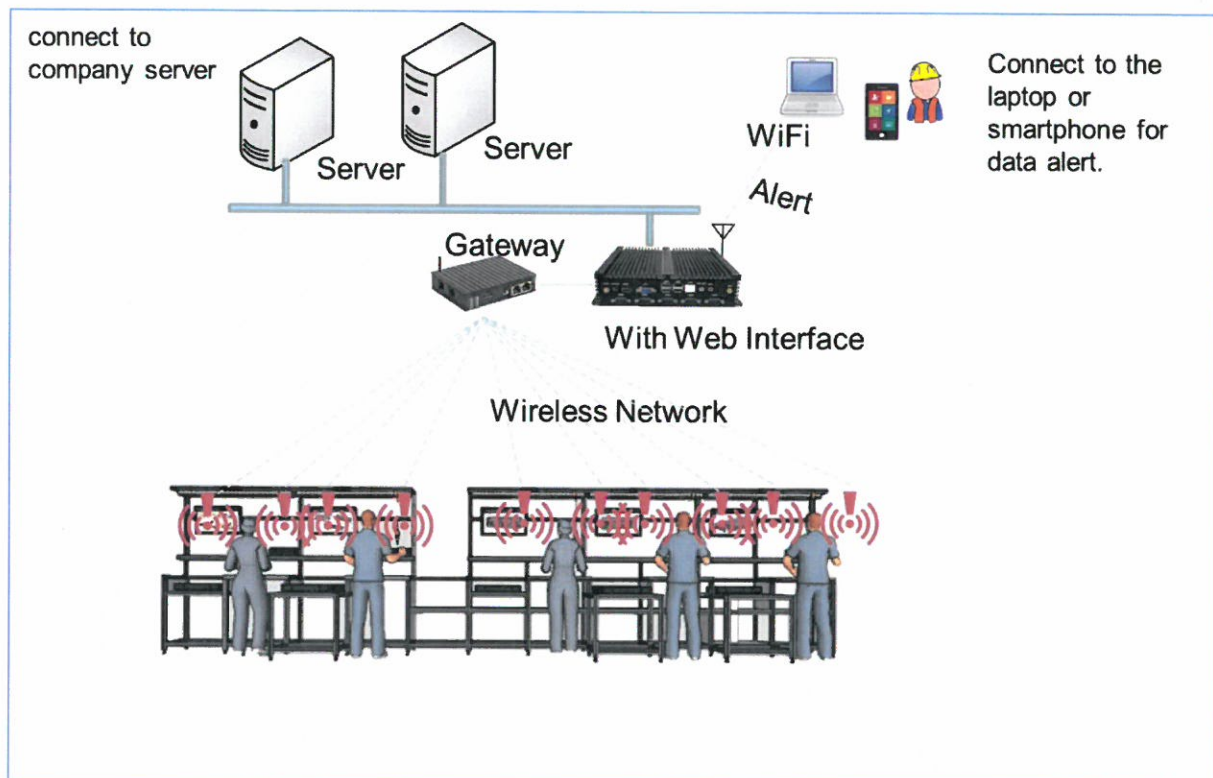
| Data Type                           | Display Chart            | Remarks   |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Processing time of each workstation | Line chart               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To compare the takt time</li> <li>Highlight the workstation which is unbalanced</li> </ul> |
| Production situation per production | Clustered 2-Column Chart | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compare the planned production and real time situation</li> </ul>                          |
| Overall processing time             | Pie Chart                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Display the VA and non-VA time percentage</li> </ul>                                       |
| Average Idle time for each problem  | Clustered Column Chart   |   |



### 3.3 Setup Requirement

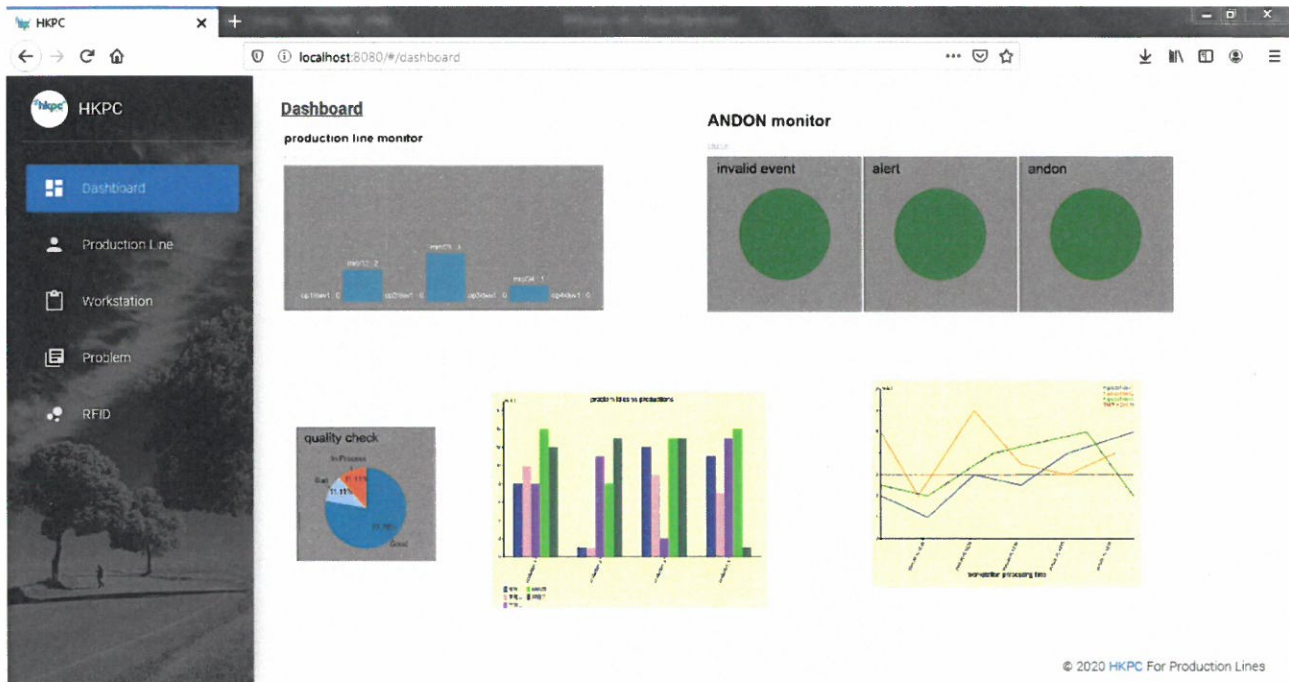
#### 3.3.1 Schematic diagram

- Below schematic diagram shown the setup demonstrating the all-in-one solution to capture, monitor, report and analyse the production line performance and efficiency.
- With the latest in IoT, RFID and other smart technology, it allows data capturing easily and accurately with minimum human intervention.
- It contains its own wireless network that cover 200 meter end-to-end (standalone wireless connection to digital devices like laptop or smartphone for visualization and alert purpose).
- All component including the gateway, server, workstations and accessories are packaged into one transportable case, it can easy to deploy.



### 3.3.2 Expected Performance

Expected dashboard will be as below to show different production lines productivity, operator efficiency and quality problems in real time.



## 4.1 Definition of Test Script

Below testing script is for verifying the specification.

### 4.1.1.1 Testing Scenario of Processing Time Collection

#### Input Parameter:

D = Detectable distance  
C = Standard processing time  
C' = Allowance in percentage  
 $S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4$  = Sensor  
 $S_a$  = Actual processing time in Station 1  
 $S_b$  = Actual Waiting time  
O = Object

#### Alert Rule:

1. Actual Processing time > Standard Processing time with allowance for 3 times (accumulate)
2. Waiting time > Standard Processing time with allowance for 3 times
3. Accumulate 3 or above invalid records
4. WIP > 3

#### Expected result:

Abnormal → instant alert or accumulate record is hit 3 times → instant alert  
Invalid → no need to count  
Normal → need to count and no need to alert  
No record → Sensor does not record anything



| Input Parameter |       |               |        | Scenario Setting |                                       |                                       |                                       |   | Scenario Setting                                    |   |          | Detective Zone                 | Expected Result |
|-----------------|-------|---------------|--------|------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|----------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Scenario        | D     | C<br>(in sec) | C' (%) | WIP              | S <sub>1</sub>                        | S <sub>2</sub>                        | S <sub>3</sub>                        | S <sub>a</sub><br>(S <sub>2</sub> -S <sub>1</sub> ) | S <sub>b</sub><br>(S <sub>3</sub> -S <sub>2</sub> ) |   |          |                                |                 |
| 1               | 40 cm | 5             | 20     | 3                | O is staying at S <sub>1</sub>        | -                                     | -                                     | -   | -   | - | 0 - 30cm | Invalid Record                 |                 |
| 2               | 40 cm | 5             | 20     | 3                | O is traveling back and forth quickly | -                                     | -                                     | -   | -   | - | 0 - 30cm | Invalid Record                 |                 |
| 3               | 40 cm | 5             | 20     | 3                | O Passed *10                          | O Passed*10                           | -                                     | All are within 4 – 6 s                              | -   | - | 0 - 30cm | Normal                         |                 |
| 4               | 40 cm | 5             | 20     | 3                | O Passed *10                          | O Passed*10                           | -                                     | 2 of records are 2s                                 | -   | - | 0 - 30cm | Normal                         |                 |
| 5               | 40 cm | 5             | 20     | 3                | O Passed *10                          | O Passed*10                           | -                                     | 2 of records are 7s                                 | -   | - | 0 - 30cm | Normal but accumulate record   |                 |
| 6               | 40 cm | 5             | 20     | 3                | O Passed *10                          | O Passed*10                           | -                                     | 3 of records are 7s                                 | -   | - | 0 - 30cm | Abnormal                       |                 |
| 7               | 40 cm | 5             | 20     | 3                | O Passed *10                          | O Passed*7                            | -                                     | All are within 4 – 6 s                              | -   | - | 0 - 30cm | 3 invalid records and abnormal |                 |
| 8               | 40 cm | 5             | 20     | 3                | O Passed *10                          | O Passed*7                            | -                                     | 3 of records are 7s                                 | -   | - | 0 - 30cm | Abnormal                       |                 |
| 9               | 40 cm | 5             | 20     | 3                | O Passed*8                            | O Passed *10                          | -                                     | All are within 4 – 6 s                              | -   | - | 0 - 30cm | 2 invalid record               |                 |
| 10              | 40 cm | 5             | 20     | 3                | O Passed*7                            | O Passed *10                          | -                                     | All are within 4 – 6 s                              | -   | - | 0 - 30cm | 3 invalid records and abnormal |                 |
| 11              | 40 cm | 5             | 20     | 3                | O Passed                              | O is staying at S <sub>2</sub>        | -                                     | -   | -   | - | 0-30cm   | Invalid Record                 |                 |
| 12              | 40 cm | 5             | 20     | 3                | O passed                              | O is traveling back and forth quickly | -                                     | -   | -   | - | 0-30cm   | Invalid Record                 |                 |
| 13              | 40 cm | 5             | 20     | 3                | O Passed *10                          | O Passed*10                           | -                                     | All are within 4 – 6 s                              | -   | - | 41-50cm  | No record                      |                 |
| 14              | 40 cm | 5             | 20     | 3                | O Passed *10                          | O Passed*10                           | O is staying at S <sub>3</sub>        | All are within 4 – 6 s                              | -   | - | 0-30cm   | Invalid Record                 |                 |
| 15              | 40 cm | 5             | 20     | 3                | O Passed *10                          | O Passed*10                           | O is traveling back and forth quickly | All are within 4 – 6 s                              | -   | - | 0-30cm   | Invalid Record                 |                 |

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|    |       |   |    |   |              |              |              |                        |                          |         |                              |
|----|-------|---|----|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------|------------------------------|
| 16 | 40 cm | 5 | 20 | 3 | O Passed *10 | O Passed *10 | O Passed *1  | All are within 4 – 6 s | 9 of records > C with C' | 0-30cm  | Abnormal                     |
| 17 | 40 cm | 5 | 20 | 3 | O Passed *10 | O Passed *10 | O Passed *7  | All are within 4 – 6 s | 3 of records > C with C' | 0-30cm  | Normal but accumulate record |
| 18 | 40 cm | 5 | 20 | 3 | O Passed *10 | O Passed *10 | O Passed *10 | All are within 4 – 6 s | no. WIP within standard  | 0-30cm  | Normal                       |
| 19 | 40 cm | 5 | 20 | 3 | O Passed *10 | O Passed *10 | O Passed *10 | All are within 4 – 6 s | no. WIP within standard  | 41-50cm | No record                    |

#### 4.1.2 Testing Scenario of Defect Key-In (For inspection process)

**Input Parameter:**

F = allowance number of defects

C = Standard processing time

C' = Allowance in percentage

s1.s2 = Sensor

Sa = Actual processing time in Station 1

A = Remote Unit

O = Object

**Alert Rule:**

1. Actual Processing time > Standard Processing time with allowance for 3 times (accumulate)
2. Waiting time > Standard Processing time with allowance for 3 times
3. Accumulate 3 or above invalid records
4. Accumulate 3 or above defectives

**Expected result:**

- Abnormal → instant alert or accumulate record is hit 3 times → instant alert
- Invalid → no need to count
- Normal → need to count and no need to alert
- No record → Server does not record anything

| Scenario | Input Parameter |            | Scenario Setting |                |          |                | S <sub>a</sub> (S <sub>2</sub> -S <sub>1</sub> ) | Expected Result                             |
|----------|-----------------|------------|------------------|----------------|----------|----------------|--|---|
|          | F               | C (in sec) | C' (%)           | S <sub>1</sub> | A        | S <sub>2</sub> |  |   |
| 1        | 3               | 5          | 20               | O Passed *10   | -        | O Passed*10    | All are within 4 – 6 s                           | Normal and all pass goods                   |
| 2        | 3               | 5          | 20               | O Passed *10   | 2 input  | O Passed*8     | All are within 4 – 6 s                           | Normal and record 2 defects                 |
| 3        | 3               | 5          | 20               | O Passed *10   | 3 input  | O Passed*7     | All are within 4 – 6 s                           | Abnormal                                    |
| 4        | 3               | 5          | 20               | O Passed *10   | 5 input  | O Passed*5     | All are within 4 – 6 s                           | Abnormal and alert when defects hit 3 times |
| 5        | 3               | 5          | 20               | O Passed *10   | 1 input  | O Passed*10    | All are within 4 – 6 s                           | 1 invalid records and normal                |
| 6        | 3               | 5          | 20               | O Passed *2    | 2 inputs | -              | The time between 2 Input is too short            | Invalid Record                              |
| 7        | 3               | 5          | 20               | O Passed*2     | -        | O Passed *5    | All are within 4 – 6 s                           | 3 invalid record and abnormal               |



#### 4.1.1.3 Testing Scenario of Andon

##### Input Parameter:

W = allowance waiting time

R = Standard repairing time

A = Remote Unit

C1 = Mechanics card

C2 = Supervisor card

t1 = operator input time

t2 = mechanics arrival time

t3 = supervisor approval time

ta = actual waiting time

tb = actual repairing time

##### Alert Rule:

1. Waiting time > standard waiting time for 3 times
2. accumulate 3 or above invalid records
3. C1 is read by other A while repairing

##### Expected result:

Abnormal à instant alert or accumulate record is hit 3 times à instant alert

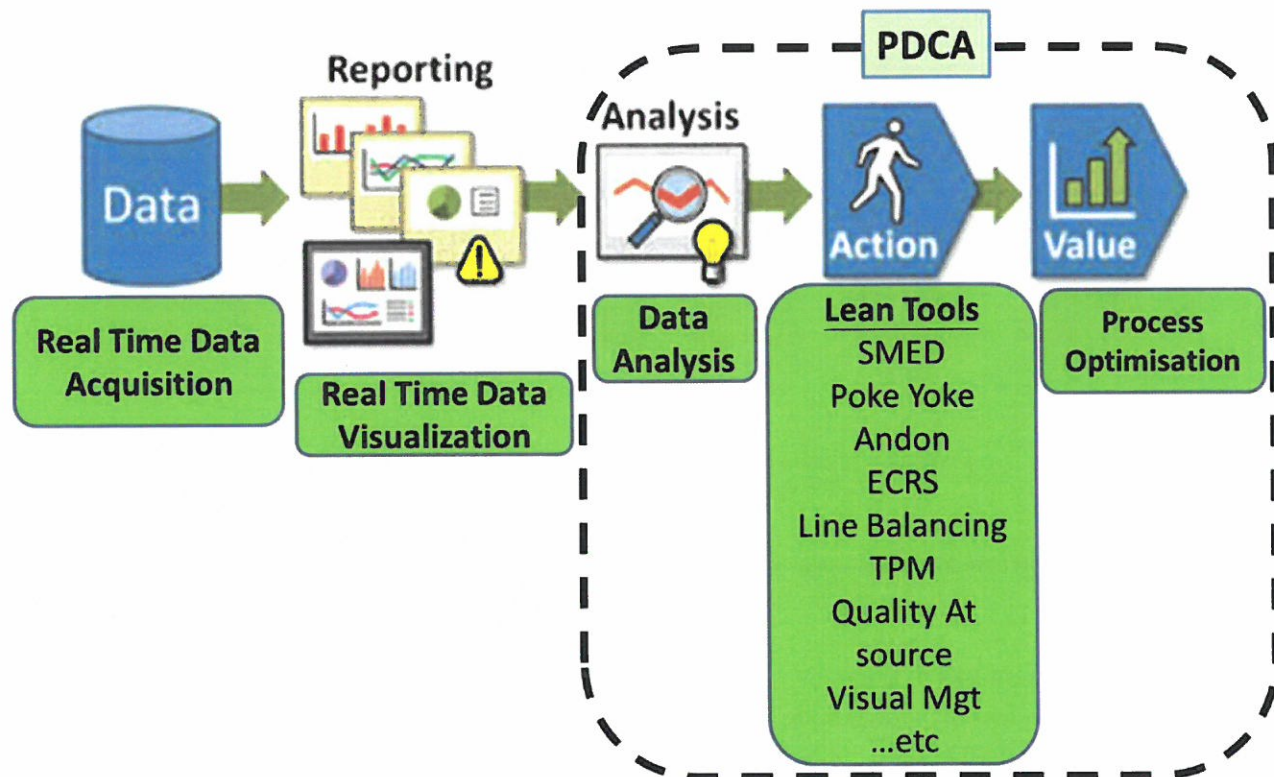
Invalid à no need to count

Normal à need to count and no need to alert

| Input Parameter |          | Scenario Setting |                      |                  |                                 | Expected Result                 |                                |
|-----------------|----------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Scenario        | W in sec | R in sec         | A                    |                  | t <sub>a</sub>                  | t <sub>b</sub>                  |                                |
|                 |          |                  | t <sub>1</sub>       | t <sub>2</sub>   | t <sub>2</sub> - t <sub>1</sub> | t <sub>3</sub> - t <sub>2</sub> |                                |
| 1               | 5        | 10               | Operator input once  | C1 is read       | within 5 sec                    | within 10 sec                   | Normal                         |
| 2               | 5        | 10               | Operator input twice | -                | -                               | -                               | 1 invalid record               |
| 3               | 5        | 10               | Operator input once  | C1 is read       | 7 sec                           | -                               | abnormal and accumulate record |
| 4               | 5        | 10               | Operator input once  | C1 is read twice | within 5 sec                    | -                               | 1 invalid record               |
| 5               | 5        | 10               | Operator input once  | C1 is read       | within 5 sec                    | within 1 sec                    | t3 record is invalid           |
| 6               | 5        | 10               | Operator input once  | C1 is read       | within 5 sec                    | within 10 sec                   | 1 invalid record               |

## 5. Digital Lean Methodology Model

The below diagram showing the methodology model of Digital Lean. In this report, by the adoption of sensor technology (as illustrated in section 2.2) for the real time data acquisition and through digital tool kit (as illustrated in section 3), real time dashboard can be visualized on a real time basis for tracking, monitoring and analysis.



PDCA (Plan-Do-Check-Act) is an iterative, four-stage approach for continually improving processes, products or services, and for resolving problems. The PDCA Cycle provides a simple and effective approach for solving problems and managing change. It enables businesses to develop hypotheses about what needs to change, test these hypotheses in a continuous feedback loop, and gain valuable learning and knowledge. It promotes process optimisation on a small scale before updating company-wide procedures and work methods.

The PDCA cycle consists of four components:

**Plan** – Identify the problem, collect relevant data, and understand the problem's root cause, develop hypotheses about what the issues may be, and decide which one to test.

**Do** – Develop and implement a solution; adopt appropriate lean tools (as shown in the diagram) to gauge its effectiveness, test the potential solution, and measure the results.

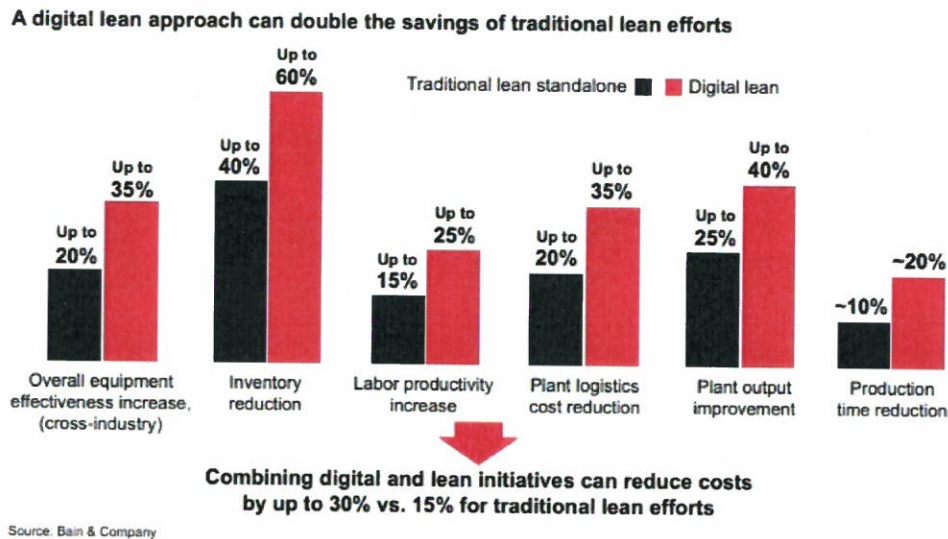
**Check** – Confirm the results through before-and-after data comparison. Study the result, measure effectiveness, and decide whether the process optimisation is supported or not.

**Act** – Document the results, inform others about process changes, and make recommendations for the future PDCA cycles. If the solution was successful, implement it. If not, tackle the next problem and repeat the PDCA cycle again.



## 6. Summary

The solution showing in this report provides the concept of using sensors to collect data. The key point of getting the data in real time is to find out the critical factor(s) of the production line and quantify it. In this report, it demonstrates using cost-effective technology to practise Digital Lean concept. The expected result of practising Digital Lean will be as below.



Source: Digital Tools Can Double Lean Six Sigma Savings - Bain & Company

Figure 1

According to the study from Bain & Company, when comparing implementation of Digital Lean to Traditional Lean, it can increase labor productivity by up to 20%, output improvement by up to 40%, and reduce production time by up to 20%. (See Figure 1)



## 7. Appendix

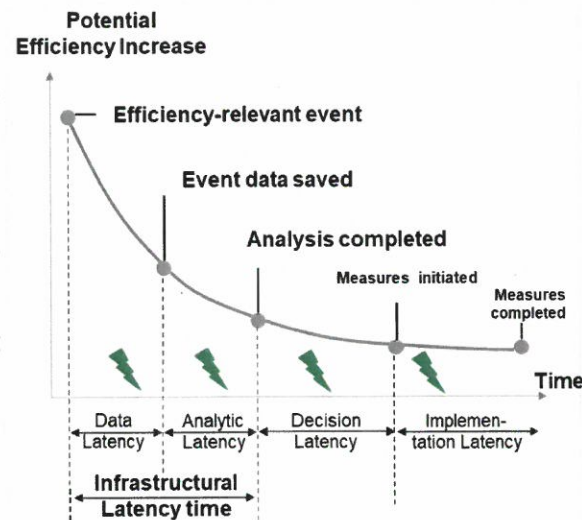
### 7.1 Abbreviation

| Terms                              |  | Explanation  |
|------------------------------------|--|--|
| Digital LEAN                       |  | A digital systematic method for waste minimization within a manufacturing system without sacrificing productivity, which can cause problems.   |
| CNC                                | Computer Numerical Control               | A method for automating control of machine tools through the use of software embedded in a microcomputer attached to the tool. It is commonly used in manufacturing for machining metal and plastic parts.   |
| OEE                                | Overall Equipment Effectiveness          | Evaluation of how effectively a manufacturing operation is utilized  |
| SCADA system                       | Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition | A control system architecture that uses computers, networked data communications and graphical user interfaces for high-level process supervisory management.  |
| WIP                                | Work-In-Progress                         | in-process inventory are a company's partially finished goods waiting for completion and eventual sale or the value of these items.  |
| OBM                                | Original brand manufacturer              | A company that sells an entire product made by a second company or including a component from a second company sources as its own branded product. Selling the product of the second company under its own brand just adds a virtual extrinsic value to the product.                             |
| ODM                                | Original design manufacturer             | A company that designs and manufactures a product, as specified, that is eventually rebranded by another firm for sale.  |
| Quick Changeover (SMED) Techniques | Single minute of exchange die            | one of the many lean production methods for reducing waste in a manufacturing process  |
| Bottleneck                         |  | one process in a chain of processes, such that its limited capacity reduces the capacity of the whole chain  |
| Quality At Source                  |  | Lean manufacturing principle which defines that quality output is not only measured at the end of the production line but at every step of the productive process and being the responsibility of each individual who contributes to the production or on time delivery of a product or service. |
| Value Stream Mapping               |  | lean management tool that helps visualize the steps needed to take from product creation to delivering it to the end-customer. As with other business process mapping methods, it helps with introspection (understanding your business better), as well as analysis and process improvement.    |

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|----------------------|--|---|
| Visual Management    |  | business management technique employed in many places where information is communicated by using visual signals instead of texts or other written instructions. The design is deliberate in allowing quick recognition of the information being communicated, in order to increase efficiency and clarity.  |
| Line Balancing       |  | manufacturing-engineering function in which whole collection of production-line tasks are divided into equal portions. Well-balanced lines avoid labor idealness and improve productivity.  |
| Takt Time Analysis   |  | Takt time is the average time between the start of production of one unit and the start of production of the next unit, when these production starts are set to match the rate of customer demand.  |
| Poke Yoke Initiative |  | any mechanism in any process that helps an equipment operator (yoke) avoid mistakes (poke). Its purpose is to eliminate product defects by preventing, correcting, or drawing attention to human errors as they occur.  |
| Kaizen               |  | Kaizen is an approach to creating continuous improvement based on the idea that small, ongoing positive changes can reap major improvements.  |
| ECRS                 | Eliminate, Combine, Rearrange & Simplify | one of the lean improvement methods. Idea is to look at the process and ask ECRS questions and then execute to remove/reduce waste.   |
| Andon                |  | referring to a system to notify management, maintenance, and other workers of a quality or process problem. The alert can be activated manually by a worker using a pull cord or button or may be activated automatically by the production equipment itself. The system may include a means to stop production so the issue can be corrected. Some modern alert systems incorporate audio alarms, text, or other displays. |
| Ergonomic            |  | the scientific study of people and their working conditions, especially done in order to improve effectiveness  |
| AOI                  | Automated Optical Inspection             | a method of using optics to capture images to see if components are missing, if they are in the correct position, to identify defects, and to ensure the quality of the manufacturing process   |

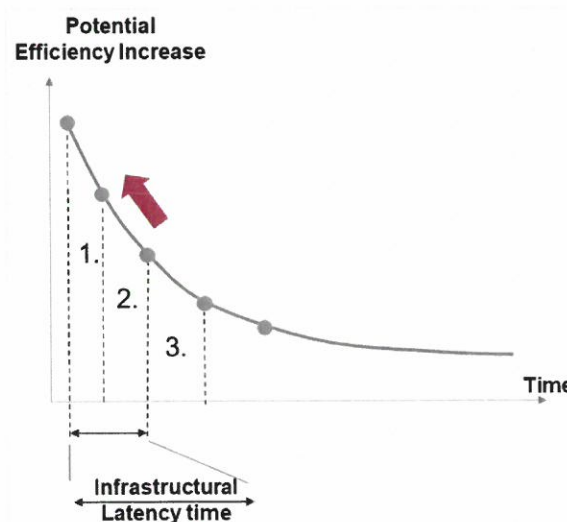


## 7.2 Reference



**Figure 1a**

As shown in Figure 1a, as current practise, the data is manually recorded, which leads to latency of data availability. Due to the latency of data, it delays the data analysis, decision making and implementation. The whole improvement operation will be delayed and the efficiency will be affected, which leads to slow response to rapid change market.



**Figure 1b**

On the contrary, as shown in Figure 1b, Digital LEAN enables data transparency through real time data acquisition, which leads to faster data availability and shorten the decision-making latency. Therefore, the real time data availability and transparency could excel the LEAN effectiveness.

Source: WZL Benchmarking-Studie Production Systems (2009) Business Process Analytics



### 7.3 Industrie 4.0 Smart Factory Level

| Smart Factory Level |  |  | Smart Factory Characteristics & Requirements   |
|---------------------|--|--|--|
| 4i                  | i4.0 - Intelligent, Autonomous Processes & Self Organizing System (4i) | Self-optimizing processes and autonomous control of product and process along the value chain                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Autonomous automation (Smartify!)</li> <li>Self-learning, self-organizing and self-optimization</li> <li>Horizontal integration along value chain</li> </ul>  |
| 3i                  | i4.0 - Integration of Cyber-Physical System (3i)                       | Mobile assistance systems and human-machine/machine-machine collaboration for decentralized decision-making              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decentralized decision-making</li> <li>HMI/MMI, Industrial apps</li> <li>Mobile assistance systems</li> <li>Close-loop process optimization</li> </ul>  |
| 2i                  | i4.0 - Real-time Data Processing & Integration (2i)                    | Development of knowledge and insights through the analysis and aggregation of all available information and data sources | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full digitalization &amp; aggregation of real time data</li> <li>Smart Data analytics</li> <li>Improving forecast ability &amp; decision making</li> </ul>  |
| 1i                  | i4.0 - Real-time Data Generation (1i)                                  | Generation and availability of data and information of all activities in real time                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data acquisition by sensor and machine IoT (M2M) in real time for process understanding</li> <li>Vertical integration (Business &amp; Production)</li> <li>Well established "Single Source of Truth"</li> </ul> |
| 0i                  | i4.0 - Frame Condition (0i)  | Organizational and infrastructural enablers for the implementation of Industry 4.0                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Industry 4.0 awareness and culture built</li> <li>IT-infrastructure and data security</li> <li>Lean processes &amp; reasonable automation</li> <li>Advanced tools adopted &amp; mastered</li> </ul>             |
| -1                  | Industry 3.0   | Predominantly Industry 3.0 process (Discrete Automation)   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discrete automation</li> <li>Discrete IT system application adopted</li> </ul>  |
| -2                  | Industry 2.0   | Predominantly Industry 2.0 process (Division of Labour)  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strong division of labor</li> <li>No information technology/system adopted</li> </ul>   |

Source: Developed by Fraunhofer IPT & HKPC, 2015

## 7.4 HK Manufacturing Industries/Manufacturing Processes Matrix

Define the production process in different manufacturing industries.

|                    | Toys | Home Appliance | Garment | Automotive | Metal components | Moulding | Medical Device | Printing & Packaging | Electronic | Optical | Food | Textile | Jewelry | Watch and Clock | Total |
|--------------------|------|----------------|---------|------------|------------------|----------|----------------|----------------------|------------|---------|------|---------|---------|-----------------|-------|
| Inspection         | O    | O              | O       | O          | O                | O        | O              | O                    | O          | O       | O    | O       | O       | O               | 14    |
| Manual Assembly    | O    | O              | O       | O          | O                | O        | O              | O                    | O          | O       | O    | X       | O       | O               | 13    |
| Semi auto Assembly | O    | O              | X       | O          | O                | O        | O              | O                    | O          | O       | O    | X       | O       | O               | 12    |
| CNC Machining      | O    | X              | X       | X          | O                | O        | X              | X                    | O          | O       | X    | X       | O       | O               | 7     |
| Polishing          | O    | X              | X       | X          | O                | O        | X              | X                    | X          | O       | X    | X       | O       | O               | 6     |
| Spraying           | O    | O              | X       | O          | O                | X        | X              | O                    | X          | X       | X    | X       | X       | X               | 5     |
| Die casting        | O    | O              | X       | O          | O                | O        | X              | X                    | X          | X       | X    | X       | X       | X               | 5     |
| Pressing           | O    | O              | X       | X          | O                | O        | O              | X                    | X          | X       | X    | X       | X       | X               | 5     |
| Injection          | O    | O              | X       | X          | X                | O        | O              | X                    | X          | X       | X    | X       | X       | X               | 4     |
| Pad Print          | O    | O              | X       | X          | X                | X        | X              | O                    | O          | X       | X    | X       | X       | X               | 4     |
| Cutting            | X    | X              | O       | X          | X                | X        | X              | O                    | X          | O       | X    | X       | X       | X               | 3     |
| Sewing             | O    | X              | O       | X          | X                | X        | X              | X                    | X          | X       | X    | X       | X       | X               | 2     |
| Printing           | X    | X              | O       | X          | X                | X        | X              | O                    | X          | X       | X    | X       | X       | X               | 2     |
| EDM                | X    | X              | X       | X          | X                | O        | X              | X                    | X          | X       | X    | X       | X       | X               | 1     |
| Wire cutting       | X    | X              | X       | X          | X                | O        | X              | X                    | X          | X       | X    | X       | X       | X               | 1     |
| SMT                | X    | X              | X       | X          | X                | X        | X              | X                    | O          | X       | X    | X       | X       | X               | 1     |

The result shows that Inspection Manual Assembly are the most common process in all industries. As this project aims to focus on labour-intensive assembly line, Semi Auto Assembly would not be considered as one of the project focus processes.