



# **Toward Dimension X-ray Computed Tomography to Smart Manufacturing**

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- Smart Manufacturing
  - Concept of Smart Manufacturing in Industry 4.0
  - Smart Manufacturing Principle and Activities
  - Digital Twin Manufacturing advantage
- CT Inspections (Measurement System) in smart manufacturing
  - Current Inspection Industry
  - CT Inspection solution
  - What NPL DXCT team can do
- The value of smart manufacturing with CT inspection







#### Industry 4.0



- All countries in the world are now embracing the fourth industrial revolution (Industry 4.0)
  - Big data
  - Internet of things (IoT)
  - Smart manufacturing (M2M)
- Challenges of implementation in enterprise
  - Traditional mechanical manufacturing
    enterprises
  - Medium or small enterprises.







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Product

**Documentation** 

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### **Smart Manufacturing**

Design

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Manufacturing

- Applying the latest technologies to manufacturing process.
- In each stage, digitalizing, using computer read and understand.

Inspections

(Quality

Assurance)

- Minimize human involvements in the manufacturing processing.
- By making machine smarter, optimizing manufacturing processing





## Foundation of smart manufacturing



#### Model-Based Definition (MBD)

- Geometry
  - Nominal data, Feature to measure
- Graphic PMI (Product Manufacturing Information)
  - Human-readable: Text,, Drawings, and 3D Views
- Sematic PMI
  - Machine-readable: Geometry & Tolerance Values and Linkages
  - Using for driving machines and conformance to specification.
- ISO Standard: 10303 STEP AP242, "Managed model-based 3D engineering"









#### **Digital Twin Manufacturing**

- Virtual world and physical world. Real time synchronization.
- Create virtual/cyber machine, modeling manufacturing process,
- As earlier as possible find error and solve the problems







#### **Example of smart manufacturing**









#### Grand Challenge Project By Dr. Martin Hardwick (Step Tools) Lead





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#### **Inspection Technologies**





- Inspection in manufacturing process
  - Complex, key stage, more critical.
- Pre-measuring:
  - CMM, Tools configuration, Planning
- Measuring:
  - Touch-probe, Scan, Optical, Laser, <u>XCT,</u>
    Vision, Potable, Arm, Multi-sensor,
- Post measuring:
  - Evaluation following ISO 1011 GPS, ASME Y14.5 GD&T





#### **CT Inspection Solution**

Design Manufacturing Inspections (Quality Assurance)

- Inner and external
- Efficiency for complex part (NDT)
- Collecting data fast
- Challenges

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- Complex setup-operation procedure
- Huge data, data handling slow
- Lack of traceability/accuracy

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#### **CT Inspection Data/Work flow**





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#### Model-Based Definition (MBD) driving CT Inspection

- Optimizing CT measurement (Automated, better accuracy, shorter measuring time)
  - Orientation, position of object (Part)
  - CT sources, detector
- Speed up <u>CT data evaluation</u>
  - Filtering, feature recognition, comparison
  - Evaluate geometry dimension & tolerance
- Generate standard graphic report



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- Reduce the size of data to speed up
- Without influencing on the level of accuracy
- Filtering types:
  - Grid, Normal vector, Sphere, Curvature
- Develop algorithms by using MBD information









### **CT Inspection – Feature Recognition**

#### **CT** Data Evaluation – Feature Recognition

Using MBD data, develop algorithms

for feature recognition

- Least Square constrains
- K-neighborhood.

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Fast and keep the level of accuracy







- Part Alignment
- Comparison
  - with CAD model
  - with Mesh Data
- Color Mapping
- Tolerance setting

Deviation Color Settings	
Lower Tolerance: -0.2	÷
Upper Tolerance: 0.2	Ð
Show Colored surface	







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### **CT Inspection - Reporting**

#### **Technical Product Documentation**

- Using MBD graphical PMI
- Standard report for measurement results
  - ASME reporting standard
  - ISO AS9000...
- 3D PDF reports





## Future of CT measurement system



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- Manufacturing Industries
  - Aerospace, automobile, etc.
  - Demands ,requirements
  - Additive manufacture (AM)
- Institutes in world wide
  - NPL, NIST, Universities
  - Researches
- Inspection Venders
  - Nikon, GE, Zeiss, YXLON,...
  - Research & development
  - Products

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## **Benefit for manufacturing industry**

- Smart manufacturing with CT Inspection fitting in the industry 4.0.
  - Streamline production, cut cycle time
  - Compliant with standards, easy globalization
  - Reduce errors, improve product quality
- Helps enterprises optimize the entire product processing and meet market needs
- Greatly increase the company's output value, and profits by reducing costs.







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#### Questions









