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A Use case of intelligent maintenance

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3 expertise domains to engineer tomorrow

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Intelligent Maintenance is at the intersection of:

**Product & Systems Engineering**
- Product Design & Development
- Systems Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Silicon, Electronics & Embedded Systems
- Testing & Compliance

40% of engineers

**Digital & Software**
- Digital Experience Design
- Software Product Engineering & Cybersecurity
- IT & OT Systems Integration
- Advanced Network Technology & IoT
- Data Analytics & AI

35% of engineers

**Industrial Operations**
- Manufacturing Engineering & Technology
- Supply Chain & Quality Management
- Operations & Asset Management
- Network Operations & Transformation
- Product Support & Sustenance

25% of engineers
We work with global innovation leaders across industries.
Let’s put a focus on our client Orano
PREVENT AUTOMATED ARM OUTAGE

USE CASE:
COLLECTING DATA FROM AN AUTOMATED ARM TO REDUCE BREADOWNS OCCURRENCES ON LEGACY SYSTEMS
NOT ONLY ABOUT IT, PEOPLE MATTER

REAL TIME ASSET MEASUREMENT
ROTATIONS, SPEED, MECHANICAL CONSTRAINTS

DEPLOYED TRAINING INTELLIGENT MAINTENANCE PREDICT FAILURES
Connected maintenance with IoT on legacy systems

ISO 55000 family standards
ISO 13374 series of standards

Connected maintenance adding data to legacy systems with IoT solutions makes sense:

- Equipment area not easily accessible
- From corrective (fail and fix) to conditional maintenance
- Adding diagnostic and monitoring for:
  - Preventing/predicting
  - Learning, self-learning
  - Training

Cost efficiency of adding IoT rather than changing the machine fleet (up to 1000 machines)

Cost of failures are currently (up to 1000 machines): ????? Per year? Per failure?
AUTOMATED ARMS in the NUCLEAR INDUSTRY

MT 200, master slave telescopic mechanical arm, suitable for high capacity and heavy remote manipulations (20 daN).

Target: 8 cells, each including 15 to 20 arms

Cold zone with a 80 cm width wall

Dettinge La Calhène

Hot zone
AUTOMATED ARMS in the NUCLEAR INDUSTRY: 1st challenge

First challenge: Modelling and choice of the sensors:

1. and 2. inertial sensors (X, Y)
2. Counterweight Distance measurements (ZMAN/ZE) (Z): IR sensor + Button
3. Constraint: putting the sensors on the « cold » zone requires calculating the real » movements on the « hot » zone and not measuring directly
4. Modelling requires defining critical parameters and assessing relevant thresholds

Large movements / Small movements

Designing and adding a set of sensors and data collectors:
- To measure the subsystems movement
- To collect and transmit the data via a wireless infrastructure
- To expose the results: MMI offering a visualization of angles X/Y, Z, ZMAN/ZE, the thresholds detection, the utilization rates
AUTOMATED ARMS in the NUCLEAR INDUSTRIAL: 2nd challenge

Adding the IoT without interferences, disturbance or reduction of the MTBF

Second challenge: designing and bringing connectivity

- First trial: using LoRa 2.4 GHz (sensors + GTW)
- Second trial: moving to LoRa 868 MHz technology for the alerts + WiFi for the connectivity + using wired sensors => OK and complying to the standards

- Interfacing to the command of the MT200 without compromising security features => synchronize the supervision card with NTP

- Modelling for the integration feasibility

- Powering the sensor set-up without having interferences between both systems

- Compliance to the standards

Real time constraints: LoRa Alerts, WiFi (not done yet), kinetics calculations are not done on the edge (data collected every 100ms)
AUTOMATED ARMS in the NUCLEAR INDUSTRY: 3rd challenge

Collecting the data, checking the relevancy, creating value

Third challenge: collecting the data to create value:

- Checking the data and algorithms relevance: Euler angles (Tait Bryan with pitch/roll/yaw like evaluation) was sufficient, no need to use quaternions.
- Analysis of failure causes: quantifying critical parameters and thresholds (Orano)
- Anticipation of failures (combining utilization rates and large movements detection above thresholds)
- Training the collaborators: the client will combine training sessions of collaborators with data signatures and references collected by the IoT system.

Cost efficiency:

- Remplacing 1000 arms vs equipping them with the IoT system: cost of the “arm” vs. 1600 to 2000 Euros for the IoT solution.
- Average failure cost is huge compared to setting this IoT solution (not disclosed by Orano)
- Mutualization of the maintenance operations brings a huge benefit (not disclosed by Orano)