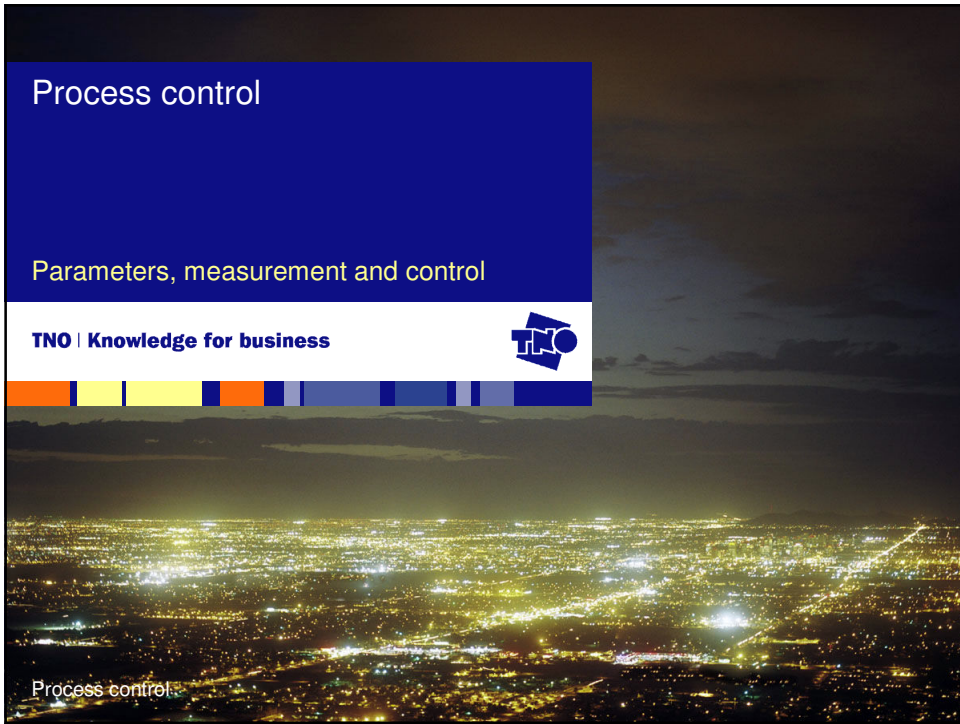


Process control

Parameters, measurement and control

TNO | Knowledge for business



Process control

China, Zhou Dynasty (11th to eighth centuries B.C.)



- "Cottons and silks of which the quality and size are not up to the standards are not allowed to be sold on the market."
- Separate warp and weft standards for silk in the north and south because of differing weather and humidity.



Germany , Tuchshau ('showing of cloth', 14th-century)

- Inspectors observed the entire manufacturing process starting at the loom, where warps were inspected.



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Quality



Now:

- different grades of quality defined by final inspection
- sold at various prices

What is a good quality?



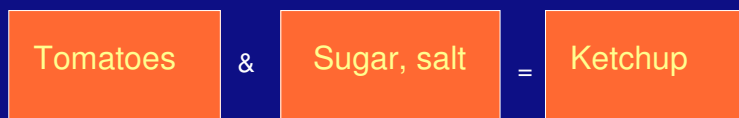
For instance: what is a perfect tomato?

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Tomato ketchup

- To make it more difficult

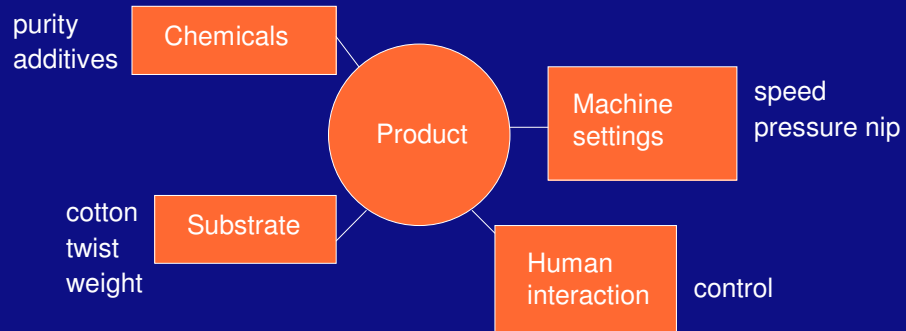


Varying ingredients result in varying end product

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Textile fabrics



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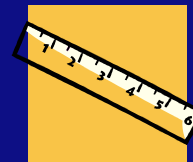
Remedy

Add inspection and control to:

- the quality of raw materials and
- the production processes

Benefits

- first time right
- increased quality
- correct for substrate variations
- correct for chemical variations
- adequate water and energy consumption
- increased competitiveness



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Possible process parameters



Consumption:

- water
- electricity
- wood
- steam



Machine settings:

- temperature
- fabric speed
- squeeze pressure
- tension



Fabric parameters:

- fabric weight
- width
- bow and skewness
- colour
- shrinkage



Chemicals:

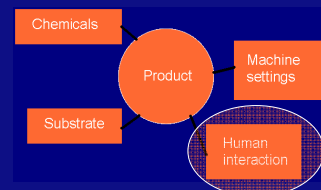
- purity
- quality dyes

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Process control



Human interaction



Detect errors in the production with cause analysis

Causes for reduced quality:

- technical causes
- operational and maintenance negligence
- poor raw material quality
- poor lay-out
- bad technology
- management causes
- employee de-motivation

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Process control



Cause Analysis - Finding solutions

Discuss errors, faults or causes?

Advantages of causes:

Problems

- are linked to causes
- become manageable
- are talked over
- are measurable
- are solved
- will never come back

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Process control



Method

Take one machine or process:

- Step 1: divide causes in
 - Machine
 - Material
 - Man
 - Method
- Step 2: Sort by →
- Step 3: Analyse
- Step 4: Remove cause
- Repeat step 3 and 4

Divide in (for instance)

- technical causes
- operational and maintenance negligence
- poor raw material quality
- poor lay-out
- bad technology
- management causes
- employee de-motivation

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For instance causes Continuous Dyeing

- Wrinkles because uneven folding
- Temperature too low or too high
- Speed variations
- Stopping of the machine
- Fabric entangled in rollers
- Oil stains
- Condense stains
- Broken barrels
- Fabric too wet
- Not enough dye pickup because of wet fabric
- Sensor failure, air in analyser
- Too long in steam chamber because speed was too low
- Faulty pressure in squeezing the fabric
- Steam pressure too low

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Cause analysis

Technical causes

Poor housekeeping:

Leaking taps, valves or flanges

Spillages

Overflowing tanks

Operational and maintenance negligence

Worn out machines

Unchecked water and air consumption;

Unnecessary running of equipment

Sub optimal loading and dosing

Lack of preventive maintenance

Adoption of avoidable process steps

Operation because of habits

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Cause analysis

Poor raw material quality

Use of substandard cheap raw material
Lack of quality specification
Shortages of supply
Improper purchase management system
Wrong material selection
Improper storage
Poor process or equipment design
Mismatched capacity of equipment
Lack of information or design capacity

Poor lay-out

Unplanned/ad hoc expansion
Poor space utilisation plan
Bad material movement plan

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Cause analysis

Bad technology

Continuing with the same technology despite product/raw material change
High cost of better technology
Lack of availability of trained manpower
Lack of information

Management causes

Increased dependence on casual or contract labour
Lack of formalised training system
Lack of training facilities
Job insecurity
Fear of losing trade secrets
Lack of availability of personnel
Under-staffing hence work over pressure

Tool: cause analysis

- technical causes
- operational and maintenance negligence
- poor raw material quality
- poor lay-out
- bad technology
- management causes
- employee de-motivation

- Getting started
- Analysing the process steps
- **Generating opportunities**
- Selecting solutions
- Implementing solutions
- Sustaining Cleaner Production

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Cause analysis

Employee de-motivation

Lack of recognition

Absence of reward/punishment system

Emphasis only on production, not on people

Lack of commitment and attention by top management



Analysis, removal

- Rank causes within divisions
- Eliminate first causes with shortest payback time
- Repeat
- Monitor that improvements are maintained

Tool: cause analysis

- technical causes
- operational and maintenance negligence
- **poor raw material quality**
- poor lay-out
- bad technology
- management causes
- employee de-motivation

Be aware of available
management capacity

Poor raw material quality

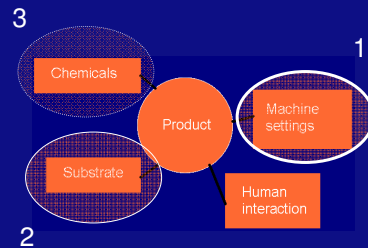
- Use of substandard cheap raw material
- Lack of quality specification
- Shortages of supply
- Improper purchase management system
- Wrong material selection (2)
- Improper storage (1)
- Poor process or equipment design
- Mismatched capacity of equipment
- Lack of info on capabilities machine (3)



Process control leads to better defined quality

Process parameters

- identify
- measure
- control



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Make an inventory

- of what is measured:
- in the processes (in-line) and
 - in the laboratory (off-line)

Ask yourself:

What will it bring if we collect more data?

investment
maintenance
complexity

savings
personnel
material

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Sensor evaluation

Process parameters

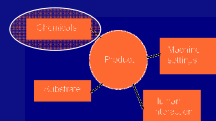
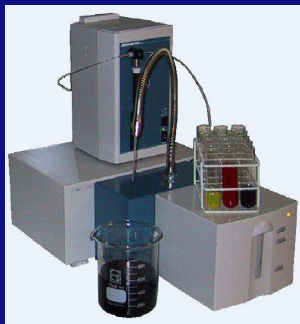
- identify
- measure
- control

- Necessity
(quality increase)
- Availability
(suppliers, is it possible)
- Feasibility
(is it practical, machines, employees, infrastructure)
- Verifiable
(can we measure the effect off-line)



Off-line

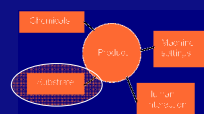
Dye liquor control system



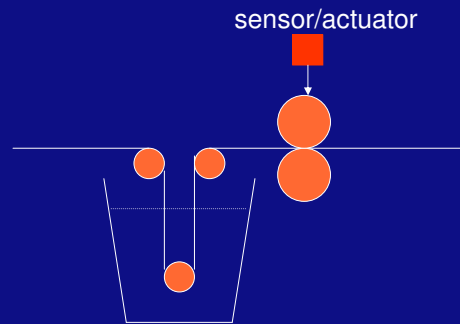
Material control



- pH
- residual analysis
- conductivity analysis



Sensor and actuators: machine settings

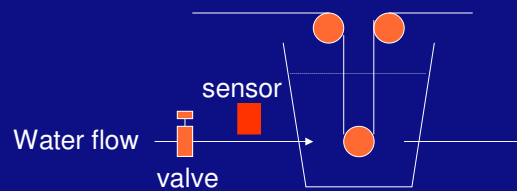


- Applies to:
- pressure nip
 - speed
 - water level
 - width burners

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Sensor and actuators: process parameters

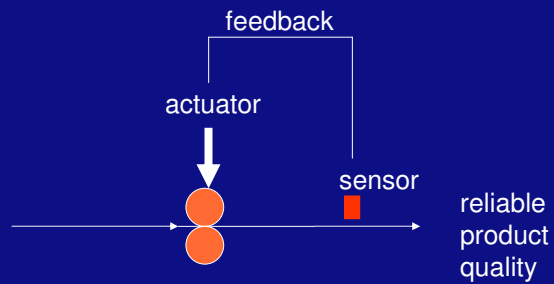


- Applies to:
- temperature
 - steam
 - water flow
 - dosing chemicals

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Sensor and actuators: fabric quality



Applies to:

- moisture
- fabric weight
- width
- bow and skewness
- color
- shrinkage

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Data analysis

Process parameters

- identify
- measure
- control

Useful on different levels:

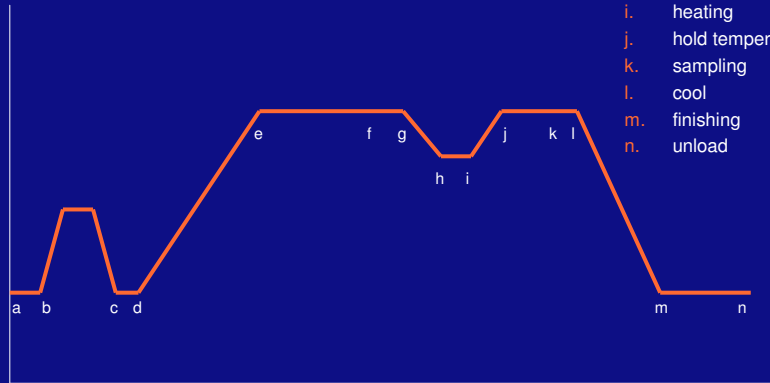
- management
(production control, logistics)
- process control
(machine control, down time, consumption)
- parameter control
(sensor/actuator)

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Dye control uptake curve

temperature



- a. load and fill
- b. pretreatment
- c. dye
- d. heating
- e. hold temperature
- f. sampling
- g. cool down
- h. dye addition
- i. heating
- j. hold temperature
- k. sampling
- l. cool
- m. finishing
- n. unload

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time



Package dye machine control

Sensors and actuators

- Control of :
 - pressures,
 - times,
 - temperatures,
 - flows
- Inputs can be:
 - RTD temperature probes or
 - voltages,
 - currents,
 - pressures,
 - pulses,
 - etc. from other instrumentation
- important variables are displayed on the screens
- alarm conditions in graphical or text format
- alarms are also indicated by horns, lights
- diagnostic program (trouble shooting of mechanical components), causes of low dyeing efficiency or increased redyes



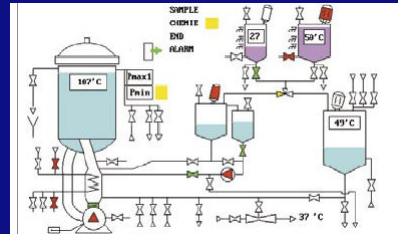
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Package dye machine control

PLC controlled

- control for 1 to 12 kier machines
- networked to a supervisor computer for centralized:
 - procedure making,
 - status display and
 - reporting



PROCEDURE STEPS

- START - Beginning of dye cycle
- ADD - Add from makeup tanks
- FILL - Water addition at blend temperature
- RAMP - Controlled ramp rate to the set point
- HOLD - Timed hold in a state
- REVERSE - Changes the flow direction
- DRAIN - Drains until float switch inactive
- EXTRACT - Extracts water from the yarn
- ENDCYCLE - Last step in a procedure
- WASH - Wash with temperature control
- PREPARE - Notify drug room to add chemical plus level & temperature control
- SAMPLE - Notify operator to take a sample
- SUBROUTINE - A group of procedure steps



Package dye machine control

Range speed and quality report

MICRO SERVICES GROUP TEST PLANT										1/5/00	
RANGE SPEED AND QUALITY REPORT											
		TEMP1	TEMP2	TEMP3	TEMP4	TEMP5	TEMP6	TEMP7	TEMP8		
DYE RANGE 1	RUNNING	Z1L	Z1R	Z2L	Z2R	ZONE 3	ZONE 4	Z5L	Z5R		
LOT 3347683800	SETUP 115	175	210	210	210	210	225	225	215		
ROLL 4321	SPEED 88	175	205	208	112	220	221	221	213		
DYE RANGE 2	RUNNING	ZONE 1	ZONE 2	Z3L	Z3R	ZONE 4	ZONE 5	Z6L	Z6R		
LOT 3347683849	SETUP 111	160	175	175	175	175	200	215	250		
ROLL 007	SPEED 105	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175		
DYE RANGE 3	PATCHING	Z1L	Z1R	ZONE 2	ZONE 3	ZONE 4	ZONE 5	ZONE 6	ZONE 7		
LOT 123456789012	SETUP 113	175	180	180	180	225	200	215	200		
ROLL 6852	SPEED 110	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175		
DYE RANGE 4	RUNNING	Z1L	Z1R	Z2L	Z2R	ZONE 3	ZONE 4	Z5L	Z5R		
LOT 4455009	SETUP 110	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175		
ROLL 9999	SPEED 68	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175		
DYE RANGE 5	WAITING FOR GOODS	Z1L	Z1R	Z2L	Z2R	ZONE 3	ZONE 4	Z5L	Z5R		
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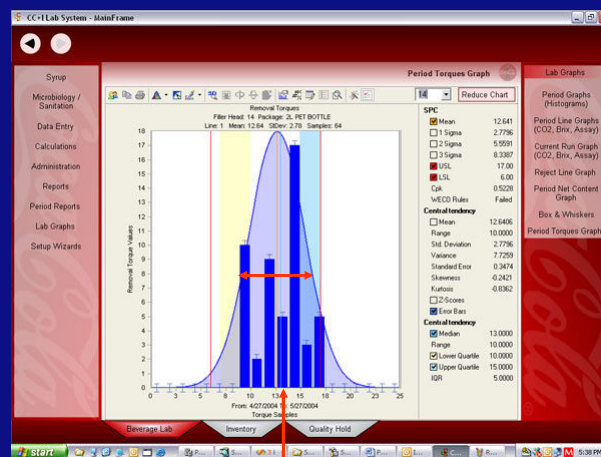
Statistical process control

- From
 - defect detection,
 - sorting,
 - situation resolution and
 - other firefighting activities
- To
 - continuous improvement and
 - prevention

How do we keep the variations in our process under control?



Histogram



- location of maximum (value)
- width of the Gauss curve (range)



Example: spinning

- Zellweger Uster, Switzerland started collecting data
- 1997, statistical information about twist statistics
 - yarn count,
 - strength,
 - elongation,
 - twist,
 - uniformity,
 - coefficient of friction and
 - hairiness

are now all regularly analyzed.

Relationship between yarn and fiber quality and the final fabric's quality is now better understood and managed



Continuous improvement RDMAICSI cycle

