# Digitizing Manufacturing Data

How To Apply Smart Technology To Leverage Your Data

# Unlocking Your Full Potential

Modern manufacturing companies have a lot to contend with.

Supply chain headaches, quality issues, labor shortages, rising costs - the challenges just keep piling up.

It's easy to get stuck in reactive mode, fighting fires day-to-day without a way to get ahead of the curve.

But what if there was a way to spot problems before they occur, quickly identify bottlenecks, and make your operations more proactive and self-optimizing?

The key is leveraging your data.

Most factories are filled with a goldmine of trapped data and insights, you just need the right tools to unlock it.

That's where smart manufacturing comes in. New technologies like AI, machine learning, and Industrial IoT can help to finally see your operations clearly and take targeted action.

In this guide, we'll explore how to:

- Digitize and connect your shop floor data

- Gain instant visibility into bottlenecks

- Use analytics to identify issues early

- Enable a cycle of continuous improvement

The best part? You don't need a complex rip-and-replace overhaul.

With an incremental modular approach, you can start small and scale up, picking the technologies that deliver results quickly in your specific environment.

Step-by-step, you can build up your smart factory capabilities, unlocking trapped data and insights.

Sound achievable? Then let's get started. The first step is getting a handle on all that untapped data...

# Staying Competitive In Tough Times

The past few years have been difficult for manufacturers.
A global pandemic, disrupted supply chains, skills shortages, economic troubles, and rising energy costs.

You're battling on multiple fronts:

## Data Overload

With so many complex, interconnected processes, it's nearly impossible to stay on top of all the data points and signals to make smart decisions.

## Skills gaps

Experienced employees retiring, combined with a lack of skilled talent means you're facing a skills gap that requires fresh training and tech.

## Supply challenges

Highly complex global supply chains are vulnerable to disruptions, delays, and shortages, putting your productivity at risk.

## Rising costs

From materials to energy, costs are exploding, forcing you to find ways to tighten budgets and optimize spending.

## Thin Margins

With small margins, even tiny inefficiencies can push your factory from profit to loss in a competitive landscape.

## Consumer demands

Customers expect fully customized products, flawless quality control, and near instantaneous delivery times.

## Safety and sustainability

Manufacturers are under pressure to be safer and more environmentally friendly.

## Resistance to change

For employees accustomed to legacy systems, adapting to new digital technologies can be an uncomfortable culture shift.

With the right strategy, not only can you stay competitive, but gain a sizable advantage. In this white paper, we'll provide insights on how you can overcome these challenges and unlock trapped value step-by-step.

# Data –
# Your Secret Weapon

Imagine your factory could alert you the moment a critical machine shows signs of failure. Before an order delay occurs, you're notified which processes will be impacted and can take action to avoid cascading issues.

Another scenario – a new bottleneck crops up, but it's automatically flagged so you can take steps to rapidly optimize your assembly line.

This is the power of data in manufacturing.

With the ability to collect, analyze, and act on data in real-time across your operations, you gain a formidable competitive advantage.

The problem is, manufacturers are flooded with data such as production metrics, quality indicators, equipment performance, and so on. Most of this data slips through the cracks. Legacy systems aren't set up to harness it. Data silos emerge.

The good news – new technologies such as IIoT sensors, digital twins, automated data monitoring systems, and AI analytics can help unlock the full potential of your data.

The result? Data-driven manufacturers who spot inefficiencies instantly, dynamically adjust processes, predict problems before they occur, and optimize their operations continuously.

While others rely on gut instinct and manual oversight, data-driven manufacturers operate intelligently. They don't just react - they predict, analyze, and optimize.

"Companies have tons and tons of data,

but success isn't about data collection,

**it's about data management and insight**."

P. Southekal
head of the Data for Business
Performance Institute

# Enabling Insights With Industry 4.0

Advanced digital technologies, such as IoT, AI, and digital twins, help manufacturers to automate data collection and processing. This provides real-time visibility into their operations.

With smart factory technology in place, you can identify areas for improvement, optimize processes, and make data-driven decisions.

Manufacturers can quickly gain lean insights that may have taken years to uncover before. Real-time data processing and sharing helps you to become proactive, rather than reactive.

For example, a manufacturing manager may uncover assembly line inefficiencies and bottlenecks. They can take steps to address the issues, potentially cutting lead times by 20% and increasing throughput and profits.

Smart factory technology provides the tools to unlock trapped value in data for greater efficiency, improved product quality, and operational excellence.

POTENTIAL
**SMART MANUFACTURING GAINS**

**15 - 30%**[*]
More productivity

**30 - 50%**[*]
Less downtime

over **15%**[**]
Energy savings

**12%**[***]
Less gas emissions

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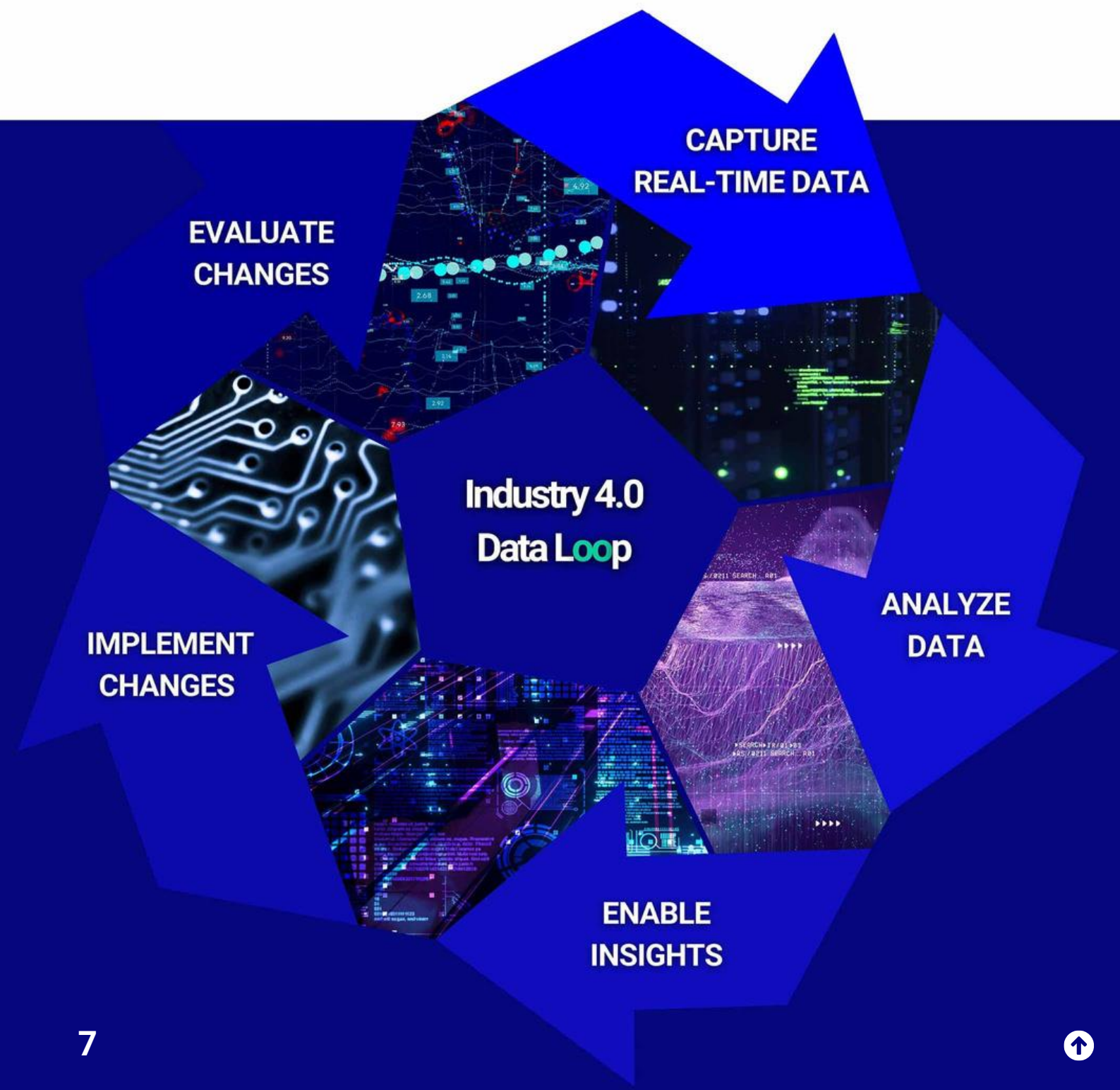https://www.researchgate.net/ **
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# Continuous Improvement Feedback Loop

Let's begin with the end in mind.

**One of the main goals is to create a continuous improvement feedback loop.**

This means using technology to constantly improve performance in a cyclical way. With this approach, manufacturers can unlock trapped value by optimizing their processes, boosting productivity, and cutting waste.



CAPTURE REAL-TIME DATA

EVALUATE CHANGES

Industry 4.0 Data Loop

ANALYZE DATA

IMPLEMENT CHANGES

ENABLE INSIGHTS

# Digitizing Data

Processes. People. Planet.

The goal for manufacturers is to reach the final stages of the digital transformation roadmap – an autonomous, constantly improving smart factory.

During the final stages, Industry 5.0 benefits are unlocked, including continuous process optimization, people empowerment, and improved sustainability.

To progress through the stages, manufacturers need to firstly establish a solid Industry 4.0 foundation before moving on to the implementation of Industry 5.0 technology.

## DEFINITIONS

### Industry 4.0

Industry 4.0 refers to the current trend of automation and data exchange in manufacturing and other industrial processes, using technologies such as IoT, AI, cloud computing, and advanced robotics to create highly efficient and flexible "smart factories".

### Industry 5.0

Industry 5.0 is a proposed future industrial revolution that emphasizes the integration of advanced automation technologies with human skills and creativity, to create a more holistic approach to industrial production. Many experts believe that Industry 5.0 will also take into account and mitigate the environmental, social, and economic impacts of industrial production.
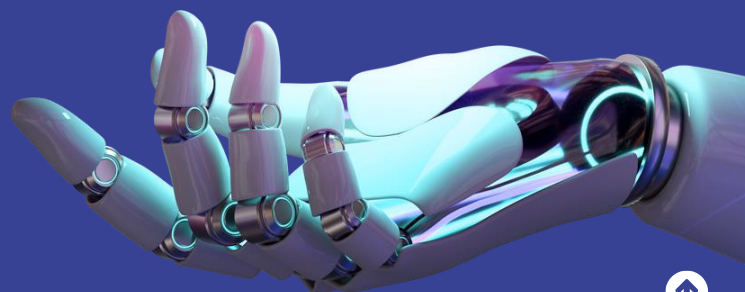
## Industrial Internet-of-Things (IIoT)

Using sensors and devices to collect real-time data from industrial equipment and processes and sending it to the cloud. For instance, IoT sensors can collect data on temperature and pressure in the plastic injection molding process.
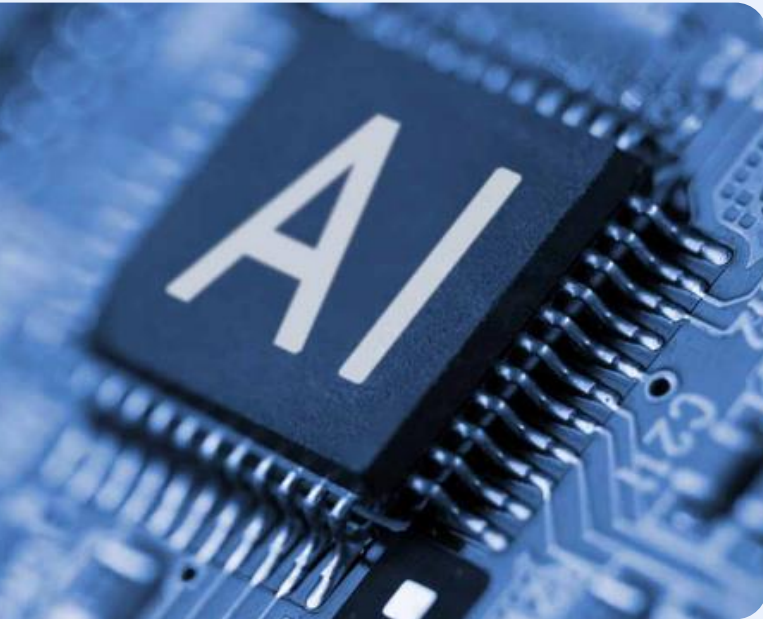


## Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Analyzing machine and production data to find patterns and make predictions to help with decision making. AI is particularly useful for process optimization, predictive maintenance, quality control, and supply chain optimization.

## Digital Thread

A connected series of data that follows a product from design to end of life, providing a real-time view of the product enabling decisions across the supply chain, e.g. improvement of manufacturing processes.

## Cloud Platform

A cloud platform provides the infrastructure necessary for many Industry 4.0 technologies to operate, such as IoT, AI, and big data analytics.



## Digital Twin

A virtual simulation of a machine or process that uses real-time data to improve decision making and production. For instance, a digital twin can be used to analyze the optimal temperature in plastic injection molding to reduce flaws.

## Augmented Reality (AR)

Providing workers with real-time digital information to speed up production and provide interactive training or remote assistance. For instance, an assembly line worker may wear AR glasses to superimpose the position of components over real images to speed up production.
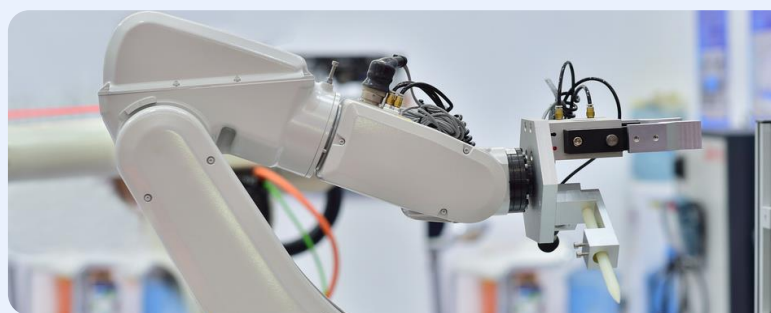


## Advanced Robotics

Using AI and computer vision in collaborative robots (cobots) and autonomous mobile robots (AMRs) allows them to carry out complex production tasks with precision, increase efficiency, and perform self-optimization and adaptation tasks in a changing production environment.

# O3OZONE in Action

## Folding Carton Company

The Folding Carton Company had problems with visibility and data control in their operations. This led to reduced productivity, inefficiencies, and high costs. O3OZONE implemented systems to provide real-time operational intelligence, monitor and control assets, and integrate existing systems.

**80%**  less customer complaints

**12%**  less unplanned downtime

**11%**  better equipment efficiency

**10%**  lower costs

## The Liquid Packaging Company

The Liquid Packaging Company faced challenges in reducing its workforce, improving productivity, and ensuring performance levels didn't deteriorate. Other challenges included increased customer complaints and inconsistent quality output. O3OZONE was deployed to help with the rollout, digitalization, and standardization of autonomous and predictive maintenance, safety, quality, and production processes across the plant.

**98%**  better delivery performance

**35%**  less customer complaints

**71%**  less workplace accidents

**21%**  lower costs

**7%**  better equipment efficiency

# Choosing The Right Digital Transformation Consultants

Implementing smart manufacturing modules requires careful planning and expertise to ensure a smooth transition.

That's why partnering with the right consultant is critical.

When evaluating consultants, look for the following:

### Industry Knowledge
They should have in-depth experience in a variety of manufacturing verticals to understand the nuances and challenges. This experience enables them to customize solutions accordingly.

### Methodical Approach
A structured, phased approach focused on clear objectives, change management, and continuous improvement is key for long-term success.

### Flexibility
Every factory's needs are unique so the ability to adapt and mold solutions to your environment is crucial. Avoid one-size-fits-all approaches.

### Open Communication
Continuous collaboration, transparency, and idea exchange leads to the best outcome. Value partners who communicate openly and frequently.

### Hands-on Guidance
Don't just get pointed in the right direction - receive active coaching throughout the implementation process. Mentorship accelerates success.

### Proven Implementations
Look for a history of successful smart factory deployments. Real-world experience smooths out the transition.

### Cutting-edge Expertise
Leverage the latest Industry 4.0 advancements through partners immersed in the ecosystem. Stay ahead of the curve.

The right consultant becomes an invaluable asset. With deep manufacturing expertise combined with the ability to adapt to your specific environment, they empower you to smoothly transition to a smart, connected factory.

# Overcoming Challenges Together

Disrupted supply chains, economic troubles, rising energy costs, and other challenges can be eased with smart manufacturing technologies.

O3OZONE's modular solution can form the foundation of an Industry 4.0 vision.

O3OZONE connects machines, processes, and people. Each module fits together perfectly to build an integrated ecosystem over time.

Our solution is based on proven lean manufacturing methodology, not just adopting technology for the sake of it.

Our team of specialist consultants, process experts, and value engineers will guide you every step of the way.

**Accelerate problem resolution** with O3OZONE's automated shop-floor data collection and processing

**Unlock trapped value** by identifying trends and inefficiencies and optimizing your operations

**Increase productivity** and profitability by enabling deep analysis and data-driven decisions

**Empower people** by automating processes and management tasks, freeing up time for creative solutions and innovation

**Become more sustainable** by saving energy and cutting waste with O3OZONE's data foundation for artificial intelligence and machine learning

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