

Comau Approach to Industry 4.0

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A History Rooted in Excellence, a Future Driven by Innovation



Comau's competency stems from over 40 years of field-proven experience and a strong presence within every major industrial country. The comprehensive offering of modular, flexible and highly configurable products is based on open automation principles, and can be tailored to meet the needs of each individual customer.



Personalized Production Demands New Manufacturing Approach



SOURCE: "Design of reconfigurable manufacturing systems", Journal of Manufacturing Systems, 2013 - Prof. Yoram Koren

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SIX CORE PRINCIPLES OF RECONFIGURATION



CUSTOMIZED PRODUCTION

- Continuously shortening product life cycles.
- Rapid quantity fluctuation.
- Small batch sizes up to make-to-order production and at the same time a large number of variants.
- High degree of alteration in the part spectrum.
- · Raising product quality demand.

Reconfigurable Manufacturing Systems represent the solution with an important contribution from Robotics.

Key Automation Trends



Minimize Non-Value

Made in Comau

Added Activities

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Technologies for

Dissimilar Materials

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Digital Factory Elements: The Big Enabler of the Manufacturing Digital Transformation





Comau Innovation Pillars

EASY TO USE SOLUTIONS

- Intuitive, easy to understand and easy to use solutions that keep automation simple
- «Plug & Play»: all our new products and solutions inherit an open architecture concept

ADDED VALUE MANUFACTURING SOLUTIONS

Manufacturing technologies and innovative processes that facilitate flexibility, the use of advanced materials, the achievement of high product performance.

HUMAN ROBOT COLLABORATION

Symbiotic human-machine relations, which seek a deeper understanding of human behavior and go beyond conventional approaches

Comau Approach to Industry 4.0



HUMANufacturing: Our Way To Industry 4.0

We believe that digital manufacturing and the technologies that support it represent the next step toward excellence in automation.

This new Smart Factory paradigm is being driven by breakthrough innovations in products, processes and systems.

Cloud computing, advanced connectivity networks, mega-processors designed to handle big data

Improved computational, analytics and business intelligence capabilities

Additive manufacturing and similar technologies able to bridge digital and physical realms

HUMANufacturing and the full cooperation between man, with the industrial automation solutions, and the new digital technologies that surround him



DIWO: Digital Workplaces



Why

- Current practice is based on corrective maintenance, which leads to unpredictable downtime
- Process and product information are not fully correlated
- Process capability and bottleneck analysis are difficult to perform, due to the huge amount of unstructured data

What

- Remote collection of operational and quality data from equipment's, analysis and correlation of data with service operations to predict future malfunctions and process drift.
- Cognitive systems able to improve efficiency and throughput, using the available information

- Improved efficiency of existing and new systems
- Direct saving on impacted maintenance cost
- Reduction of breakdowns of equipment's operations resulting in optimization of Overall Equipment Effectiveness

Wearable and Mobile Technologies



Why

Today factory floor fixed HMI have a low flexibility and mobility

What

 Applications to support assembly and maintenance operators with consumer smartwatch/smartphone/tablet devices and intuitive gesture-voice-based input to perform their daily activities

- Continuous advancements in human machine interface (HMI) technology are driving huge gains in productivity and usability
- Smartwatch gives operators more flexibility when executing and certified assembly task
- Tablet gives maintenance team fast assistance when repairs machines

SMU Sensorized Memory Unit



Why

- In many cases the equipment are not able to provide specific information to evaluate their condition avoid failures
- Recognize machine component misalignment, defective bearing, bent need signal analysis (es. vibration, torque,..) properly done
- Control loops on industrial robots are closed through position sensors which are positioned on the motors and there is no feed back from the physical mechanical components

What

- Integrated sensor solutions that combine hardware with data analytics and transmission in an easy to setup and use application for predictive maintenance
- Solid state inertial platform to collect acceleration data from the last joint of the robot

- Easy sensorization of existing equipment
- · Reduce sensors setup time and cost
- Reduce bandwidth usage for data transmission
- Robot performance closed loop optimization

Advanced Robot Programming



Why

- Nowadays robots are programmed manually using either a teach pendent or by means of an off-line programming tool. This "textual" robot programming languages have proven to be difficult for many people to learn, and to use effectively.
- In addition, the robot programming is based on series of position and signal conditions rather than simple to use real human concept of task.

What

• Software applications to support task-level and object-level instruction of robot and control systems based on visual "Assembly Plan from Observation" approach where users can interact directly with the part to be assembled.

- Reduce programming time of existing and new robot
- No need to learn a robot programming language

AGILE Autonomous Guided Intelligent Lean Equipment

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 Autonomous vehicles are one of the key tools meeting the Factory of the Future's needs, such as growing demand of flexibility, riconfigurability and minimal use of resources in production systems

What

- An autonomous mobile platform providing modular and wide ranging solutions for logistic applications in manufacturing systems through all process stages
- Step 1 will be a 1.5 ton vehicle (AGILE 1500)

Value proposition

- High performance vehicle (best in class payload / size + speed) with best TCO ratio
- Modular, Scalable, fully Customizable All navigation systems implementable
- Customer investment protection

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ADDED VALUE MANUFACTURING SOLUTIONS

AURA Advanced Use Robotic Arm



HUMAN ROBOT COLLABORATION

Why

- To reach the goal of building an adaptable factory, it is necessary:
- to avoid fences or other obstacles to a free floor
- to allow men and robots to work side by side, complementing each other peculiar skills
- to allow men an easy interaction with robots, correcting their behaviour when necessary and easily teaching them new tasks

What

- High speed collaborative robot (110kg payload)
- 6 safety layers for a modular approach Laser scanner, Foam with Proximity sensor and Piezo-resistive sensor, Force sensor on wrist (manual guidance), Vision system

Value proposition

- Optimization of working process
- Reduction production time
- Reduction of manual processes / working steps

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Exoskeleton



Why

- The proportion of workers that will require support to improve the quality of work in their activities is increasing because of aging or injuries
- Modern robotics assisting and serving human beings will enter into the "surroundings" of workers activities and thus become an integral part of factory

What

- Wearable passive (non servo assisted) devices to improve manual operations quality and to relief fatigue
- Wearable active (servo assisted) devices to improve the operator strength and solve ergonomics issues

Value proposition

- · Reduction of musculoskeletal disease/injury
- Support of workers during simple and continuous movements, such as grasping control sticks or lifting heavy building materials, reducing equipment investment

e.DO: People Make Robotics

- To help students with their coursework
- To execute simple chores
- To simulate and test a variety of business applications

- A unique, "build-it-yourself" 6-axis articulated robot project based on a 100% open-source hardware and software platform that allows users to understand how robotics work from the inside-out and the outside-in
- Backed by community-led expansion
- IoT compliant (multisensor board distributed on every joint)

Value proposition

Multi-faceted project directed at business, educational and consumer markets

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