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Test Driven Automation and Condition Monitoring

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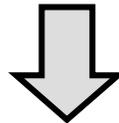
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20 Jahre Erfahrung in der Automatisierung

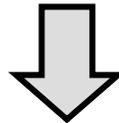
- **Automation** is the use of control systems (such as numerical control, programmable logic control, and other industrial control systems), in concert with other applications of information technology (such as computer-aided technologies [CAD, CAM, CAx]), to control industrial machinery and processes, reducing the need for human intervention.[1] In the scope of industrialization, automation is a step beyond mechanization. Whereas *mechanization* provided human operators with machinery to assist them with the *physical* requirements of work, *automation* greatly reduces the need for human *sensory* and *mental* requirements as well. Processes and systems can also be automated.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Automated>

Increasing Requirements



Ever-increasing Complexity



Larger and more complex software

Two Approaches for one Solution

■ Test-Driven Automation

- To assist during design & development of automation solutions

■ Condition Monitoring

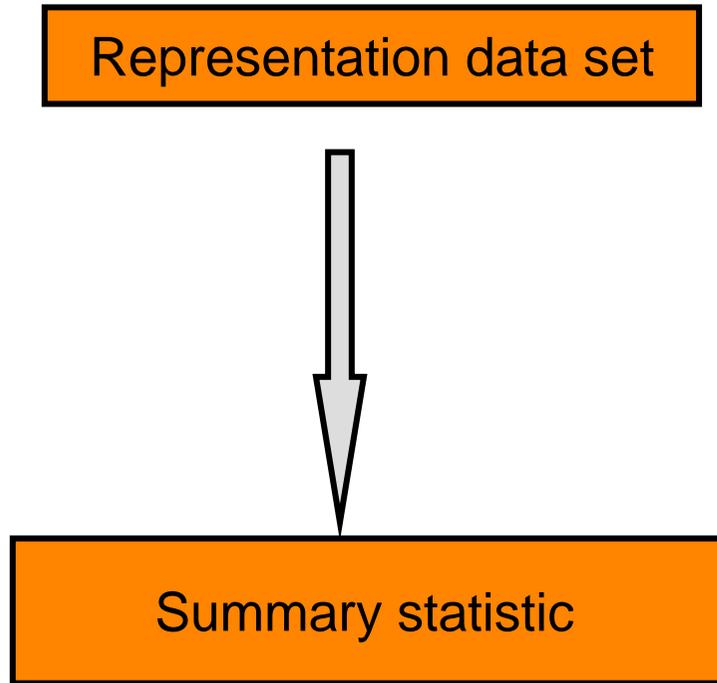
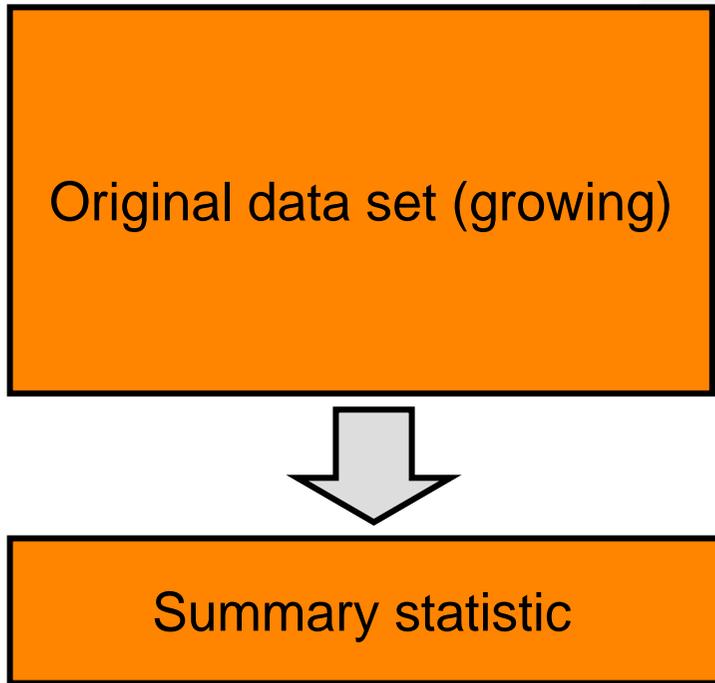
- To identify upcoming system failure at an early stage

- Reusing concepts from business IT for automation systems development
 - Test Driven Development Process
 - Testable Application Architecture
 - Testing Practices like Unit-Tests
- Integration with process supporting tools like
 - Lifecycle-Management Tools
(Requirement-, Test-, Issue-, Configurationmanagement)
 - Tools for Automated Testing

- Identify a failure before it occurs, e.g.,
 - Monitor the sound of a motor's bearing and warn if the motor "sounds like becoming defective"
- Current approaches are very simple
 - Monitoring of single (or a few) sensor values
 - Compute some characteristic data/value (e.g. using an FFT)
 - See if characteristic data/value fits into an acceptance region
 - Issue an error
- Benefits
 - Maintenance intervals can be scheduled according to machine condition, not just every n months
 - Spare parts can be ordered in advance and do not have to be put on stock
 - Downtime can be minimized (minimum loss of production)

- Connection of Automation and Condition Monitoring
 - Integration of diagnosis into automation application architecture
 - Utilize diagnosis interfaces used for unit-testing to supply condition monitoring applications with process related data
- Development of Data-Mining Algorithms for Real-Time Data Processing
- Add statistical methods to the simple algorithms currently used in condition monitoring systems
 - Also allows to “collect data” over a rather long period of time without extensive need of resources
 - Can extend Condition Monitoring from single components (e.g. monitoring a drive’s bearings) to larger parts of automation solutions (e.g., machine or even complete production line/plant)

- Condition monitoring:
Storing statistical data should be efficient timewise and spacewise
 - We represent data by a set of representatives of a fixed size
 - Instead of computing summary statistics with the original (large) data set which is constantly growing we compute the statistic using the “empirical statistics” with the representation data set
 - Data are collected continuously, and when a given number of new data is available, the representation data set is updated
 - Method is “universal” we do not restrict the set of available statistical methods by “condensing” the data



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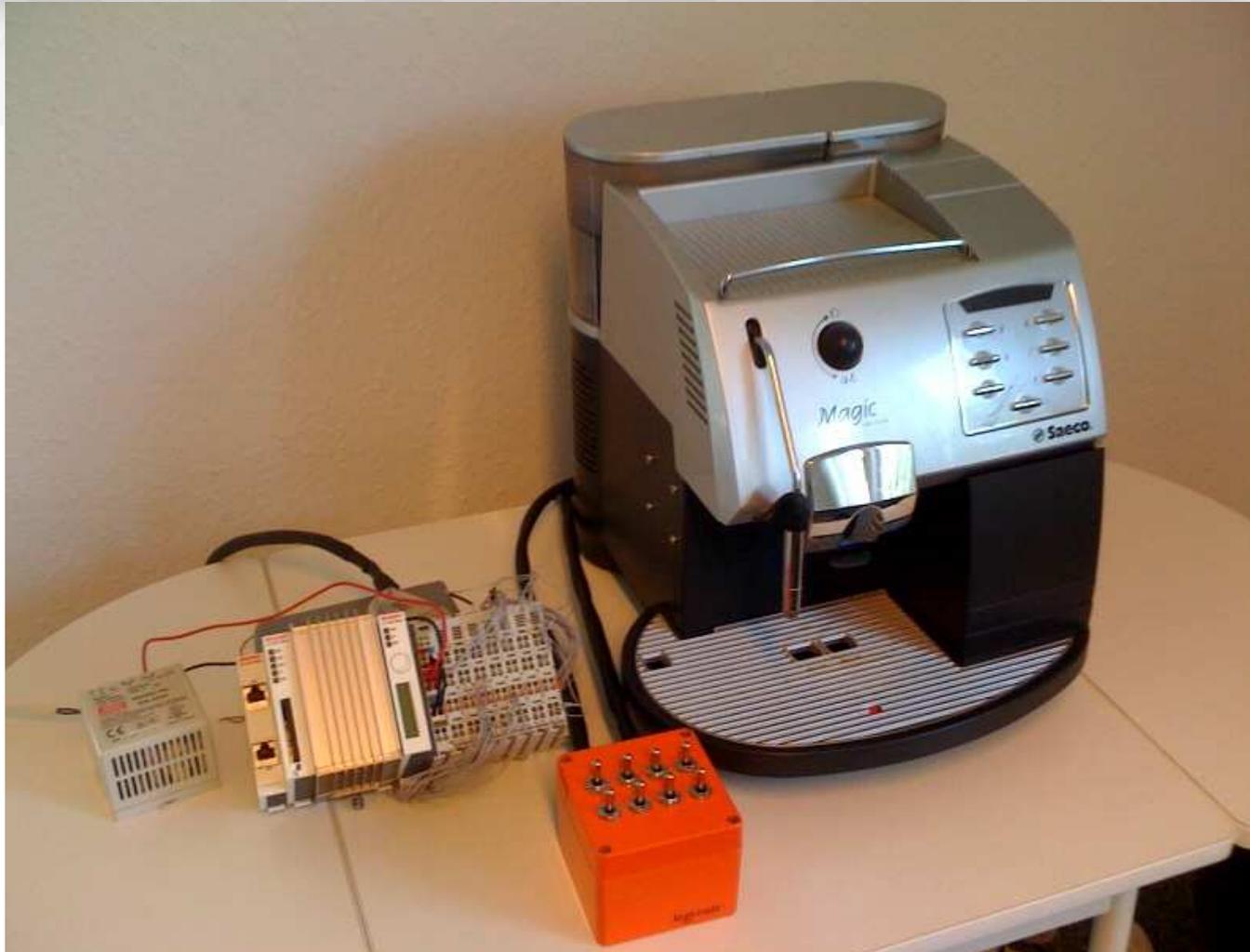
- Algorithm (Chambers et al)
 - For the set of representatives compute the interpolating distribution function (representatives are used as quantile points)
 - For the data set to be used for adjustment compute the (discontinuous) empirical distribution function
 - Compute the mixture distribution of these two distributions. Weights in the mixture are accumulated number of points and size of the new data set
 - Compute quantiles of mixture distribution and use these as the new representation data set
 - This algorithm does NOT allow generalization to multivariate distributions easily.

- Multidimensional algorithm
 - Compute principal component directions for the data
 - Compute projections of the data sets on the components
 - Perform one-dimensional Chambers algorithm for each projection
 - Combine updated projected representatives to new set of representatives

- Showcase application: coffee machine
 - We compute the sound spectrum of the noise
 - We want give a warning if coffee will run out soon
 - Spectrum has characteristic behavior for fineness of grinding
 - Spectrum is noticeably different when coffee will run out
- Implementation
 - Compute average energy in selected spectral segments in real time
 - Do multidimensional plot (lattice plot) with marked regions for different states of the machine

Showcase Application: Coffee Machine

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logi.DIAG: Issues with R Implementation

- Algorithms are run on automation systems
 - Slow CPU (even 16-bit CPUs with < 10MHz)
 - Few memory (beginning with 2KB RAM+Flash up to ~ 1MB)
 - No math processor
 - Real-time operating systems
- Reimplementation required
 - Porting from R to C
 - Using as few R packages (and functions) as possible
 - Tuning for memory and operations (floating point?)

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