## Combining Lab Automation Solutions **SIEMENS** with the Best Rapid Process Improvement Tools

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## **Our Healthcare Enterprise is Complex**



## Grounding

**Automation** is playing an important and strategic role in all regions of the world.

Global Drivers:

### EMPLOYEE SAFETY - PRODUCTIVITY – Predictable TAT

Regional Drivers:

- Japan & Korea (early adopters) lab consolidation
- U.S. skilled labor shortages
- Europe consistent turn around times / process improvement
- Canada standard work process
- Latin America quality
- Asia Pacific most of the above

# Background - Lab Automation Challenges

Many issues and performance problems occur at newly installed automation sites – Why?

### **Markets Served**

### **Hospital Laboratory**

• 24/7 with variety

of peak workloads

- STAT demand
- Key Metrics: STAT TAT
- Backup Capability: High

### **HV Reference Laboratory**

- 16/6 with peak loads
  from 1500 to 0800 hours
- Little to No STAT demand
- All work to be completed typically by 0700 hours
- Key Metrics: Pending W/L
- Backup Capability: Low

### **SIEMENS**

### **Today's Objectives**

**Review common problems encountered with Automation Installations** 

Provide you with a problem resolution approach using the Rapid Process Improvement and Tools

## Agenda

- SIEMENS Rapid Process Improvement Approach
- Grounding Automation Challenges
- Case Study Findings Solutions
- Looking Ahead What's next?



## **Quality Driven Approach**



### One Goal "Taking Diagnostics To The Next Level. Together"





### Rapid Process Improvement { Kaizen }

<u>Process</u> → Identify key processes opportunities where solutions can be quickly implemented *without significant capital investments* 

Focus → Continuous Improvement

Eliminating Waste

<u>Strategy</u>  $\rightarrow$  Working together at all levels and across the organization to improve a process or address a problem with an actionable and executable plan.

Analytical Processes and Tools

- Value Stream Mapping
- The Five Why's
- Fish Bone

## **Automation Challenges / Implementation**

## Going from Instrument W/F to Automation W/F



### **Early Team Acknowledgements**

Needs for both Project and Change Management



## **Change Management**

## Consequences of not managing the people side of change

- Lower productivity
- Passive resistance
- Active resistance
- Turnover of valued employees
- More people taking sick days or not showing up
- People finding work-around's
- People revert to the old way of doing things



### Recommendation:

Implement an Effective Change Mgt. Program

### Case Study Automation Optimization



# Problem Classification & Priority Setting

**Complex Operation with Multiple Levels of Interdependencies** 





## **Conduct an Analysis based on current Test Mix**

## Identify Actionable Steps that can Increase Throughput

**Achieving Operational Excellence** 





## Capacity Analysis based on Work Flows

### **Process**

 Obtain Data – LIS, LabCell (Instruments, Automation Line, and Sample Managers)

 Monitor operations and document any anomalies or key factors that may affect output

### **Compile Data by Instrument / Workstation**

 Considerations – Total Chemistry volume processed

### **Measurement Period**

 24 hours on two different high volume dates



### Facts:

### **Automation Output Interdependencies**

System Capacity is dependent upon many related interactions including:

- Tube/Test Mix
- Tube Arrival Times
- System Operations (hours)
- System Downtime
- Barcode Dependability
- Order Availability (Scanning)
- Test Maps
- Repeat Rates & Add-Ons

System	Avg. Tests/hr	Avg. Tubes/hr	Systems	Tubes/ System	Operation Hrs	Tot. Tubes	Tot. Test
ADVIA Centaur	130	75	7	525	21	11,025	19,110
ADVIA Chemistry	1,053	135	3	405	21	8,505	66,339
Total	1,183	210	10	930	21	19,530	85,449

Note: This capacity is based on 23.5 hours per day of track operations (excl. Mondays) and analytical instruments on line for 21 hours per day with specimen loads available

### Measurement: Automation Sample Manger Loading (log files)

Hour	No.
0:00	323
1:00	771
2:00	600
3:00	695
4:00	619
5:00	489
6:00	480
7:00	0
8:00	0
9:00	0
10:00	324
11:00	358
12:00	340
13:00	526
14:00	613
15:00	795
16:00	691
17:00	752
18:00	734
19:00	672
20:00	707
21:00	382
22:00	618
23:00	473
Total	11962

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### Throughput is Lower than expected

### Number of Unique Samples Checked Into ADVIA LabCell By Hour (May 6/7)



Data Source: Wonderware Logger File, 7 May 2008

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### Measurement: Automation Actual Total Sample Loading

Capacity Exceeds 900 samples / Hr.

Number of Samples Loaded Onto ADVIA LabCell By Hour (May 6/7)



Total Check Ins: 14,851 tubes

Hours: 20.2 hours

Average Throughput: 735 samples/hour

Note: Includes samples checked into the line more than once for repeats, dilutions, re-routing, add-ons, sorting, etc. (19.8%)

Data Source: WWL Files, 7 May Page 18

Hour	No.	Repeats	Totals
6:00	480	159	639
7:00	0	15	15
8:00	0	0	0
9:00	0	0	0
10:00	324	9	333
11:00	358	91	449
12:00	340	133	473
13:00	526	51	577
14:00	613	163	776
15:00	795	128	923
16:00	691	206	897
17:00	752	155	907
18:00	734	165	899
19:00	672	133	805
20:00	707	128	835
21:00	382	72	454
22:00	618	186	804
23:00	473	268	741
0:00	323	448	771
1:00	771	9	780
2:00	600	90	690
3:00	695	116	811
4:00	619	87	706
5:00	489	77	566
Total	11962	2889	14851

1200 clinical repeats, 400 dilutions, etc.

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# Expected Tube Capacity / Throughput by Hour



Hr	6:00	7:00	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00
Tubes	600	350	600	700	950	925	950	925
Ur	14.00	15.00	16.00	17.00	19.00	10.00	20.00	21.00
пі	14.00	15.00	10.00	17.00	10.00	19.00	20.00	21.00
Tubes	950	600	700	950	925	950	950	925
Hr	22:00	23:00	0:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00
Tubes	950	600	700	950	925	950	925	900

Data Source: WWL Files

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### Percent Capacity Achieved on ADVIA Automation (with repeats)



	No			
Hour	Complete	Repeats	Total No.	Max Cap.
6:00	560	162	722	600
7:00	464	68	532	350
8:00	392	196	588	600
9:00	320	74	394	700
10:00	0	0	0	950
11:00	243	45	288	925
12:00	781	129	910	950
13:00	688	193	881	925
14:00	720	132	852	950
15:00	748	180	928	600
16:00	592	211	803	700
17:00	565	117	682	950
18:00	683	176	859	925
19:00	603	90	693	950
20:00	632	153	785	950
21:00	540	194	734	925
22:00	624	153	777	950
23:00	701	149	850	600
0:00	527	125	652	700
1:00	560	132	692	950
2:00	657	78	735	925
3:00	623	149	772	950
4:00	572	116	688	925
5:00	578	151	729	900
Total	13.373	3.173	16.546	19.850

Comparison of Tubes Processed vs. Maximum Capacity on ADVIA LabCell on 9-10 May 2008



### Based on tubes with reruns, repeats, addon orders, and SIQ tubes

## Loaded 16,546 tubes on the Automation System

Note: This capacity is based on **23.5 hours** per day of track operations (excl. Mondays) and analytical instruments on line for 21 hours per day with specimen loads available

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### **Capacity and Workload Summary**



Improvements in Operation will Increase Capacity

- Reduction of no-reads
- Reduction of tubes in the SIQ (800-1,000/day)
- Reduction in operator enable/disable systems
- 23.5 Hours Automation Track Operation
- Maintaining Two Chemistry systems on-line
- Changing start-up procedures
- Reducing unnecessary repeats, add-ons

### **Automation Capacity**

 Adding an additional Sample Manager will increase capacity up to 26,500 tubes, enable sorting to the offline ADVIA 2400, and provide a backup.



**Operational Excellence** 

**Execute New QC Program** 

Maximize Line Operations -- Develop and Implement Rules regarding Overall Automation Operations

**Optimize Test Mapping** 

**Optimize Supply Chain and Stocking – reduce lead times** 

**Recognize and Reward broadly** 



### **Product Training & Education**

### Conduct Needs Analysis for the entire line for Service and Users

**Develop Customized Programs for Service and Users** 

**Deliver Training** 





## **Performance Monitoring**

Identified Needed Tools for Effective Support

### Dashboard

## Visual Controls and Work Instructions

### **Develop New Service and Support Tool for Performance Monitoring**

File Generation File Processing Report Generation

**Establish Visual Controls:** 

- Automatic File Processing
- Real time analysis for Problem Analysis
- Productivity analysis



## **Overall Findings**

The Ultimate Key to Success requires a comprehensive upfront and executed plan that includes these essential elements:

- Understanding and Focus on customer's operations, capabilities, and future projections in order to clearly identify needs / gaps
- Planning, staffing, and training <u>before</u> the installation
- Effective project management
- Effective handoffs and smooth communications across each participating function within DX
- Assisting the customer with "Change Management"
- Implementing programs and tools that enable the customer to manage the entire line for optimal performance (does not exist today)
- Customized training plan
- Focus on "Workflow Optimization" after installation



