

Capabilities to support technology adoption

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"Exploring the adoption of CPS technologies in UK aerospace manufacturing"

- Aerospace industry has high reliance on technology advancements
 - Constant focus on speed and fuel-efficiency
- In the era of Industry 4.0, technology adoption is inevitable
 - Technologies with increasing complexities and interconnectivity
 - Different sets of capabilities required
 - Why aerospace manufacturing in the UK?

£31.1 billion		
£27 billion	exports earnings	
128,300	direct jobs	
153,900	indirect jobs	

(AGP, 2016)

3 key challenges..

- Technology regulatory and industry certification requirements
- Funding long development cycle
- Market new entrants from emerging economies



Additional challenge in supply chain management..



Manufacturing Process 2 In-service aircraft throughout its useful life



Some advanced technologies in use in aerospace manufacturing..



A tale of evolution..



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One of 2 key components of Industry 4.0..



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Some theoretical context..



What do we mean by operational performance?



Capabilities to match CPS technologies adoption..

Operational Capabilities

Managerial capability

Technical capability

Advanced Manufacturing Capabilities

Learning capability

Integrating capability

Coordinating capability

Describing Advanced Manufacturing Capabilities (AMC)...



The ability to acquire, assimilate, transform, and exploit knowledge. The ability to combine individual knowledge by contributing, representing, and interrelating individual input to the entire business unit. The ability to orchestrate and deploy tasks, resources, and activities.

Describing Operational Capabilities (OC)...



Managerial

The ability to administer operational activities by monitoring and reporting progress, designing incentives, and managing conflicts



Technical

The ability to deploy manufacturing technologies and accumulate technical knowledge in the process

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161 UK aerospace manufacturers participated in the study..



Revised categories of CPS technologies emerged...



Merging of physical, virtual, and communication technologies remains..

Automation CPS..

Examples.... Automated Material Handling System, Flexible Manufacturing System, 3D Printing, Industrial Robots, Data Analytics, Cloud Computing



Reduce direct and indirect labour

Minimise rework and inspection



Improve manufacturing planning and control

Infrastructure CPS..

Examples.... Office Automation, Activity-Based Costing, Intra-Company Computer Networks, Wireless Communication



Design CPS..

Examples.... Computer-aided Design (CAD), Computer-aided Manufacturing (CAM), Computer-aided Engineering (CAE)



Reduce the need for prototypes

Enable rigorous design testing

Allow early detection of product failures

Information Management CPS..

Examples.... Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), Material Requirements Planning (MRP), and Manufacturing Resource Planning (MRPII)



ability to view a master production schedule, supported by bill of material files that identify specific materials needed to produce each finished item

integrated in the manufacturing process with MRP, enabling firms to adjust production and inventory systems to address volume and delivery timing changes

provide information about all the functions within a firm through a single system

Infrastructure CPS adoption at low capabilities results in decreased operational performance...

Low capabilities

adoption of Infrastructure CPS

operational performance

High capabilities

adoption of Infrastructure CPS



marginal increase in operational performance

Examples....

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Design CPS adoption at low capabilities leads to significant reduction in operational performance...



Examples.... Computer-aided Design (CAD), Computer-aided Manufacturing (CAM), Computer-aided Engineering (CAE)

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Information Management CPS adoption at low capabilities increases operational performance tremendously!



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Automation CPS adoption increases operational performance significantly regardless of levels of capabilities...

Low capabilities



adoption of Automation CPS



operational performance

High capabilities

Some suggestions...

Capabilities

		Low	High
Informatio Managem	on ent	Highly recommended	Adopt with caution
Design		Not recommended	Adopt with caution
Infrastruct	ure	Not recommended	Recommended
Automatic	on	Highly recommended	

Improve operational performance through CPS adoption