

LIFE SCIENCE

Applications and solutions

Automation for a complex world



Compliance /// Repeatability and stability /// Batch processing Increasing throughput /// Traceability /// MES Integration /// Increased up-time /// Energy reduction strategies ///

Always under pressure





Mitsubishi Electric's Electro-discharge Machines help to shape and form some of the specialist alloys used in medicine today for replacement body parts as well as instruments – and all within tight tolerances and with final surface finishes.



Secondary packaging handling systems and batching processes require precision, speed and repeatability to ensure everything is processed and tracked in an optimum way – this is what Mitsubishi Electric's automation systems deliver.



From medical procedures, such as surgery support to controlling innovative internal body scanning, Mitsubishi Electric's Robotic technology brings a new dimension to Life Science.



The Life science industries are one of the most regulated and controlled of the process and hybrid sectors. Profits need to be maximised and protected wherever possible. However, medical, drug and health supplements are also subject to the critical dynamics of:

Time to market

Big wins or significant missed opportunities can result if new innovative products cannot capitalise on a strong, leading market position.

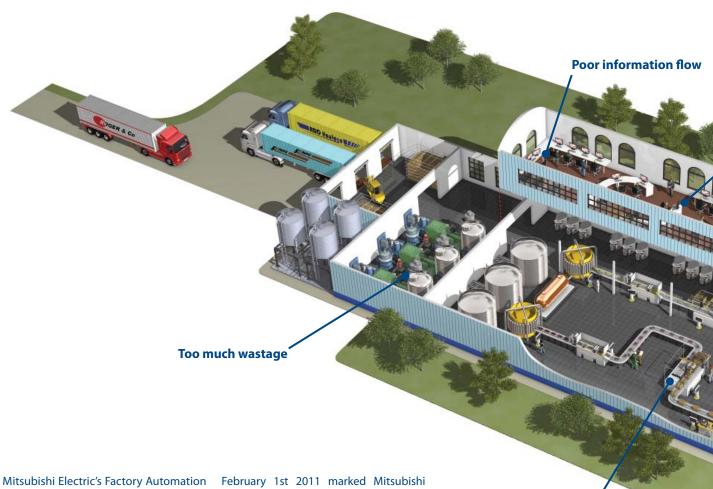
Production stability

Ensuring production is repeatable and predictable in both process and quality so that sub optimal products don't appear in the first place.

Batch trace and trackability

Compliance is a keyword for the life science sector – even if excellent product quality is proven time and time again, still the tracking of production batches must go on. It is never an optional requirement.

Experience and innovation



Mitsubishi Electric's Factory Automation products have been a foundation for a wide range of experiences from secondary packaging and processing applications to inspiring innovations in combining robotics with surgical and metaphysical processes, to controlling ozone sterilization for medical instruments and even to production processes for replacement body parts such as replacement hip joints.

February 1st 2011 marked Mitsubishi Electric's 90th anniversary. This long term position as a leading automation solutions provider is due in part to the philosophy of creating long term partnerships with its customers, helping them to achieve their goals whether it is simply to reduce energy consumption without affecting production quality and quantity or it's to aid and support innovative new solutions for improving the human condition.

Too many product

failures

" Typically, a production process covering the areas shown below, with manual interaction points between workflows will benefit from a MES proposition"



PAC Controller

Mitsubishi Electric offers a C Based programmable controller that utilizes non PC based industrial proven hardware.



MES Interfacing

Pulling data from the production environment to the business environment, even directly to your ERP was never easier.



C Batch

Small to medium batch control/processing without relying on a PC with its inherent risks.



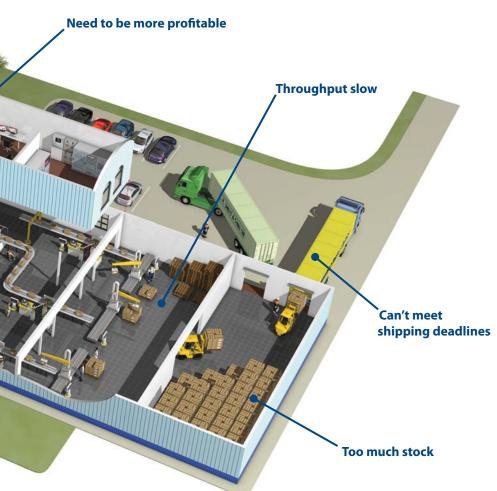
Energy Control Pack

Delivering a scalable energy management concept without affecting production quality.



Robotic precision

Repeatable, reliable and steady and accurate – essentials for Life Science applications.



This is at the heart of Mitsubishi Electric and is reflected in the company statement "Changes for the better".

Security



Protecting your assets from all threats

The stuff of legends

Cybercrime was something that Hollywood legends were made of. But the process based industries have realised that cybercrime can not only mean the loss of important product knowledge and Intellectual Property Rights but also a real threat of cyber terrorism means important plant can also be damaged with incredible consequential damages.

That is why many notable bodies such as ISA, Center for Chemical Process Safety and various governmental bodies throughout the developed world have been raising the awareness of this important topic.

When does safe = secure?

Interestingly in Swedish the word for safety is the same as that for security and in some way it is not really surprising as the two "worlds" are so closely intertwined.

It would be wrong to suggest that there is a perfect system which guarantees full protection of all concerned. The fact is all systems are vulnerable. It comes down to understanding the nature of a threat, its potential damage footprint, making a risk management process and designing in sensible precautions.

A big bad world

We live in a world of personal computers, in some way they either interact or control every aspect of our lives – this makes them a target for a minority of people with malicious intent. But even in this world some PC technology is targeted more frequently than others – this is simply down to access and availability of the needed education, tools and opportunity to be attacked.

Therefore precautions should be taken at all levels. Where a PC technology is used, often a firewalled system is used, but firewalls themselves also need constant maintenance. Forget it on one occasion and you can be immediately exposed.

Is there another way?

Actually we believe there is. In fact we believe there are several other ways. For example:

Reducing complexity

Instead of using several layers of system architecture reflecting data from the shop floor PAC and PLCs to line PCs and then ever upwards, why not let the two high reliability, high availability systems interact directly, i.e. the shop floor PLCs and PACs interface directly with management and ERP level systems. The benefits are several fold, system reliability/availability is protected as weaker PC layer technology is no longer the controlling gateway. Engineering costs are reduced as system complexity is simplified. Open vulnerabilities are removed as operating systems and virus checkers do not have to be maintained. Mitsubishi Electric's MES, MES IT and C Connector solutions bring a range of flexible solutions to do just this - offering connectivity directly to almost any higher level system including DB2, Oracle and SAP.

As easy as ABC

To increase system flexibility and resilience to some of the shop floor vulnerabilities Mitsubishi Electric has developed a platform control concept.

The systems is flexible enough that is can combine PAC based technologies with traditional PLC technologies, robotics, NC control and even an open C based control philosophy. The latter has also been used by Mitsubishi Electric along with its innovative e-F@ctory partners such as INEA, ubigrate and Felten to develop a wide range of industry solutions including secure solutions for Batch control as well as some of the upper system communication technologies mentioned earlier.

Business Systems Trojans, Worms, Malcode ENTERPRISE LEVEL CONTROL & VISUALISATION DEVICE LEVEL

Hackers and malicious users have traditionally focused on attacking the higher level business PCs, however now there are some signs they are increasing the scope of their focus to include shop floor systems.

Asset Control

Secure your IT

Of course it goes without saying that IT security is paramount. But this usually starts and stops with the server or PC itself. Mitsubishi Electric realised this and has been working with its e-F@ctory partner Green Hills Software and their subsidiary company, Integrity global solutions, to bring a new dimension and definition to a secure manufacturing PC environment. The Green Hills "integrity" operating system allows solutions to be built on a secure hypervisor based operating systems that puts "hard" protection between the different systems running on the client device.

Want to know more?

Ask for our security white paper or contact us for details about our secure solutions

Energy – quietly eroding your profitability



Energy management and control is a vital ingredient to reduce waste

Energy management is key

Sustainable manufacturing is a topic that has received a lot of focus, especially in the discrete and hybrid sectors. It has mainly centred around material resources or commodities such as in-organic compounds or flavours and fragrances for example.

However there is one other very important resource that is silently eroding the manufacturer's bottom line: Energy.

Manage it, reduce it or pay for it!

Sadly many manufacturers often end up paying the penalty of extra energy usage as they simply do not know what can be done to reduce and manage their current energy consumption.

Of course the use of inverter technology is well known but even the inverters of today are far far more efficient than those of even just 10 years ago.

Peak performance

However, by taking a holistic approach to reviewing the energy usage and consumption even greater savings can be made.

For example, regardless of the country, peak energy costs will affect the tariff levels used. Of course the method of calculation will differ but any efforts to reduce the peak energy consumption will then reduce the tariff rate and any possible penalty payments.

In this case knowing what the peak level was and when it occurred can be used to make a predictive model allowing loads to be managed and shed before the peak is reached.

Recycle

Of course everyone knows that plastics and other waste materials can be recycled, but not many people know that energy can also be recovered.

In a simple hoist application using an inverter is good, but using a regenerative inverter can make your hoist turn in to a generator when carried loads are lowered.

Imagine all the waste heat and finally energy disappearing in to the environment from a hot forming or exothermic process. However, with the use of heat pump technologies the "waste" hot air can be easily turned in to useful hot water for use as process water or even showers for the line workers. Use an air to air system and during the winter warehouses and office blocks could be heated from the waste production heat.

As much or as little as you want

Mitsubishi Electric is in an enviable position to be able to offer its customers energy efficient solutions from air conditioning, heat pumps and high speed hand dryers to drives and control solutions as well as direct reporting and interfacing with existing ERP systems.

Even the roof of the production site could be turned in to a power generator with Mitsubishi Electric's photovoltaic panels!

Furthermore Mitsubishi's innovative total energy management system brings together all the parts needed to create a modular energy management solution.

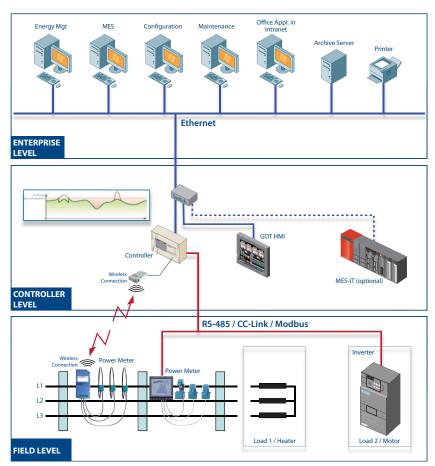
From feasibility study to proposal, predefined solutions leaving the last 20 % for customisation are available to speed up the system implementation and, of course, lower costs.

Our experience

With our partners we have installed total energy systems in Europe saving many megawatts of power annually and reducing power peaks by an average of 11.7 %.

Naturally the value of these saving varies country by country and in fact increases over time as the tariff rates increase.





Energy management concept

Want to know more?

Ask for details about our Energy Control Pack

Business integration



A wide variety of distributed assets can all be integrated into a single system

Mitsubishi Electric can help you improve your manufacturing and production efficiency by utilising our innovative non PC based data logging and data collection solutions to seamlessly link assets to business information systems.

Holistic approach

Taking an holistic approach to data means it can be either targeted to the business application where it is needed or shared with a master production system creating a cost effective solution for tracking and reporting asset level production data. This makes it easier to create Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that are meaningful to your business, for example Overall Equipment Effectiveness (OEE) maybe something that is critical to your scheduling and planning processes as well as an early alarm for maintenance engineers.

Concise and easy to use real time and historic reports for all personnel from the plant level to the boardroom will help all involved become more in touch with the actual daily business. This approach is essential for implementing Six Sigma projects, TPM/TQM processes and Lean Manufacturing techniques which are targeted to deliver immediate significant efficiency improvements where you are typically looking for payback times of less than a year.

10 minutes to success

Depending upon the style and type of data integration Mitsubishi Electric have solutions to suit almost all situations and in some cases direct data connection from your shop floor controller to your management system (database/MES or ERP) can take less than 10 minutes.

That means you have more time to concentrate on the main tasks to improve your business and manufacturing performance.

TIMWOOD

Toyota Production Systems have long been famed for their attention to manufacturing detail. In fact Taiichi Ohno came up with the concept of the seven wastes (Transportation, Inventory, Motion, Waiting, Over processing, Over production and Defect control). The idea being to control these wastes will result in productivity increases and reduction in non-traceable costs.

These concepts are in fact common between Japanese companies – hence Mitsubishi Electric's own motto of "Changes for the better"

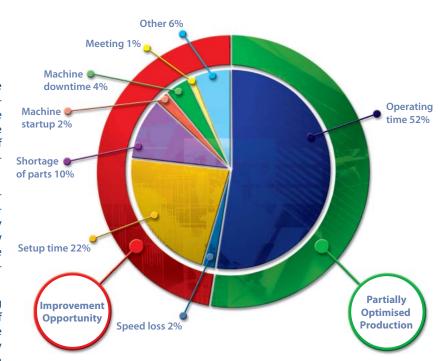
Changes for the better

Mitsubishi's work on the concept of the e-F@ctory has led to an understanding that while many companies have automated and mechanised parts of the production process there are still a lot of opportunities through associated activities to improve the productivity ratio.

However, this is often portrayed as a simple task. It is not. Understanding your production flow is a critical element as many manufacturing processes and plants grow organically over the years and hence the immediate impact is a sub-optimal process.

The second focus has to be to looking to measure and monitor every step of every process. This is in part a difference in culture between Asian based society and a more western society – this is often caricatured as Asia = produce it right first time, while western practices are produce as much as you can as fast as you can.

In Life Science industries whether the long process of cutting specialist alloys by erosion or the chemical processes employed in Pharamceutical applications, getting the wrong process results in a lot of wasted time or a lot of expensive wasted product.



Manufacturing solutions



Manufacturing should be an integrated process; Mitsubishi Electric helps to achieve that goal

Finally everything you do relies on manufacturing. As a player in the Life Science industry you are a creator of chemical, bio-medical or medical solutions for your customers. And in order to remain as a leader in your industry you need to be able to react faster with new developments, increase the volume of saleable product, reduce unnecessary costs while continuously observing compliance issues.

Sharpen your edge

It doesn't matter if you need bottle filling, labelling, bagging, horizontal or vertical pillow processes, case packing or palletizing Mitsubishi Electric has solutions and experience to help you achieve your goals with as little fuss as possible.

Mitsubishi are able to bring together support for open standards such as PackML and weihenstephan protocol with sequential control, process control and high speed motion control on to a single platform which makes engineering faster and reduces costs.

Handling problems

Materials handling needs care, speed and precision to manage the task at hand without damaging the product or creating production bottle necks. Finally this means you need experience.

Mitsubishi Electric's experience in materials handling covers the complete range of applications from in-line sorting through to high level racking and storage to AGV's and robotic solutions.

A deep integration between servo and robotic and control systems, with the ability to receive and pass data directly back to ERP packages such as SAP, means most users applications can be handled – with no problems.

Life-cycle engineering

Mitsubishi Electric and e-F@ctory partner Adroit Technologies have addressed the short-comings of traditional PLC-SCADA integration tools with the Mitsubishi Adroit Process Suite (MAPS).

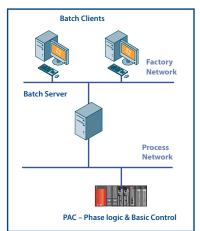
MAPS is a life-cycle software tool that offers value at all stages of a project from the design and engineering phases to the integration, installation and commissioning phases and finally into the running and maintenance phase.

It also extends the integrity of the 'as delivered' solution as it offers full system documentation from actual wiring through to the installed code. This helps users maintain consistency and integrity within an automation system, improving quality, reducing downtime and associated costs.

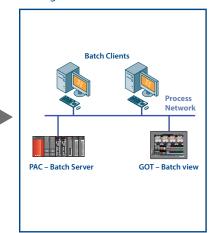
An advanced PAC

Process Automation Controllers (PACs) have been around for many years, however, Mitsubishi Electric has really taken this to a new level of automated control offering users the chance to integrate their choice of four control concepts from PAC, Process controller, PLC, Motion Controller, Robot Controller and even NC control in to a single harmonious system. It can also be augmented with an open C based control environment and an embedded PC depending on the needs. Everything in one place, everything interoperating: save time, save costs simplify systems.

Typical S88 system with PC based Batch Engine



C Batch S88 system with Batch Engine on PAC Controller



Typical production line architecture with intelligent automation

Robots of course make great optimisers

for pick and place processes, especially associated with packaging activities.

However, this is only the beginning of their contribution as they can be found

in secondary packaging, quality control

and test environments for pharma and

chemical processes but also have been

deployed in secondary supportive roles

in medical procedures such as surgery and



Typical production line architecture with intelligent automation

C Batch – Innovative

thinking

Batch control has always been dominated by PC based solutions feeding data down to local control and implementation stations. These layers of architecture make complex systems. C Batch simplifies this and provides everything from within the PAC environment, reducing PC overheads and their associated costs, utilizing Industrial proven hardware to increase availability and reduce susceptibility to some forms of cyber attack.

Advanced robotics

When people think of robots in automation they often have an image of the big car plants and welding activities. In fact robots can be used in many business areas and Life science is no exception.



Typical production line architecture with intelligent automation

Want to know more?

For specific information about our packaging and materials handling solutions please take a look at our dedicated brochures.

For more insight in to our advanced solutions please contact us..

Improving productivity with e-F@ctory



e-F@ctory Alliance means partners working together to make best in class solutions

e-F@ctory is the Mitsubishi Electric solution for improving the performance of any manufacturing enterprise, providing key benefits: Reduced total cost of ownership, maximised productivity, and seamless integration.

It was born out of the expertise Mitsubishi Electric has developed as a global manufacturing enterprise. We are now sharing this expertise with our customers.

This enables solutions to be created based on "best in class" technology and integration to meet the diverse and individual needs each user has. In short, improving productivity is the goal of each of the partners of the e-F@ctory Alliance. For full details visit our special e-F@ctory alliance website: www.e-factory-alliance.com

Here's an example of what some of the solutions can do for the Life science industry.

A picture is worth 1000 words

Machine vision systems hold the key to reliable, consistent, automated inspection in the most demanding manufacturing tasks, even on the highest speed production lines. And when tightly integrated with higher level enterprise controllers, machine vision systems provide the means to capture and record the complex production information that is essential for effective traceability.

Machine vision adds a new layer of intelligence to production systems that helps companies to improve their manufacturing performance. Modern cameras integrated with automation systems can quickly eliminate product defects, verify assembly, and track and capture information at every stage of the process. This information can be passed in turn on to the higher level manufacturing and ERP control systems where it is available to all areas of the business process.

The result is fewer production errors, lower costs, and increased customer satisfaction, with the assurance of full traceability should a problem arise anywhere in the supply chain.

Want to know more?

Ask for our e-F@ctory brochure which also contains examples from our own manufacturing experience, or take a look at the e-F@ctory website: www.e-factory-alliance.com

A world of automation solutions



 $Mitsubishi\ offers\ a\ wide\ range\ of\ automation\ equipment\ from\ PLCs\ and\ HMIs\ to\ CNC\ and\ EDM\ machines$

A name to trust

Since its beginnings in 1870, some 45 companies use the Mitsubishi name, covering a spectrum of finance, commerce and industry.

The Mitsubishi brand name is recognised around the world as a symbol of premium quality.

Mitsubishi Electric Corporation is active in space development, transportation, semiconductors, energy systems, communications and information processing, audio visual equipment, home electronics, building and energy management and automation systems, and has 237 factories and laboratories worldwide in over 121 countries.

This is why you can rely on a Mitsubishi automation solution – because we know first-hand about the need for reliable, efficient, easy-to-use automation and control in our own factories.

As one of the world's leading companies with a global turnover of 4 trillion Yen (over \$40 billion), employing over 100,000 people, Mitsubishi Electric has the resource and the commitment to deliver the ultimate in service and support as well as the best products.

Global partner. Local friend.

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