

## IoT in Practice: IoT in Astro Turf Industry

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### Abstract

Astroturf or artificial grass is a growing component in landscape management projects like, housing complexes, sports complexes, etc. This increased the manufacturers to increase production, but the process is a very time taking and energy consuming process. This paper discusses how the manufacturing process can be optimised technologies such as IoT, data analytics to make the manufacturing process more streamlined and increase the operational efficiency.

## 1. Introduction

Many market researchers forecast that the synthetic grass market is going to reach approximately upto \$4038,64 Millions, this estimate is based on the necessity to conserve water by growing natural grass. This forecast in the business has made manufacturers to make sure increase in the production to reach the demand. But increasing the manufacturing has increased the utilisation of electricity, water and material wastage. But as we all know we are in middle of a climate change, there is an essential need to optimise the process of manufacturing artificial grass.

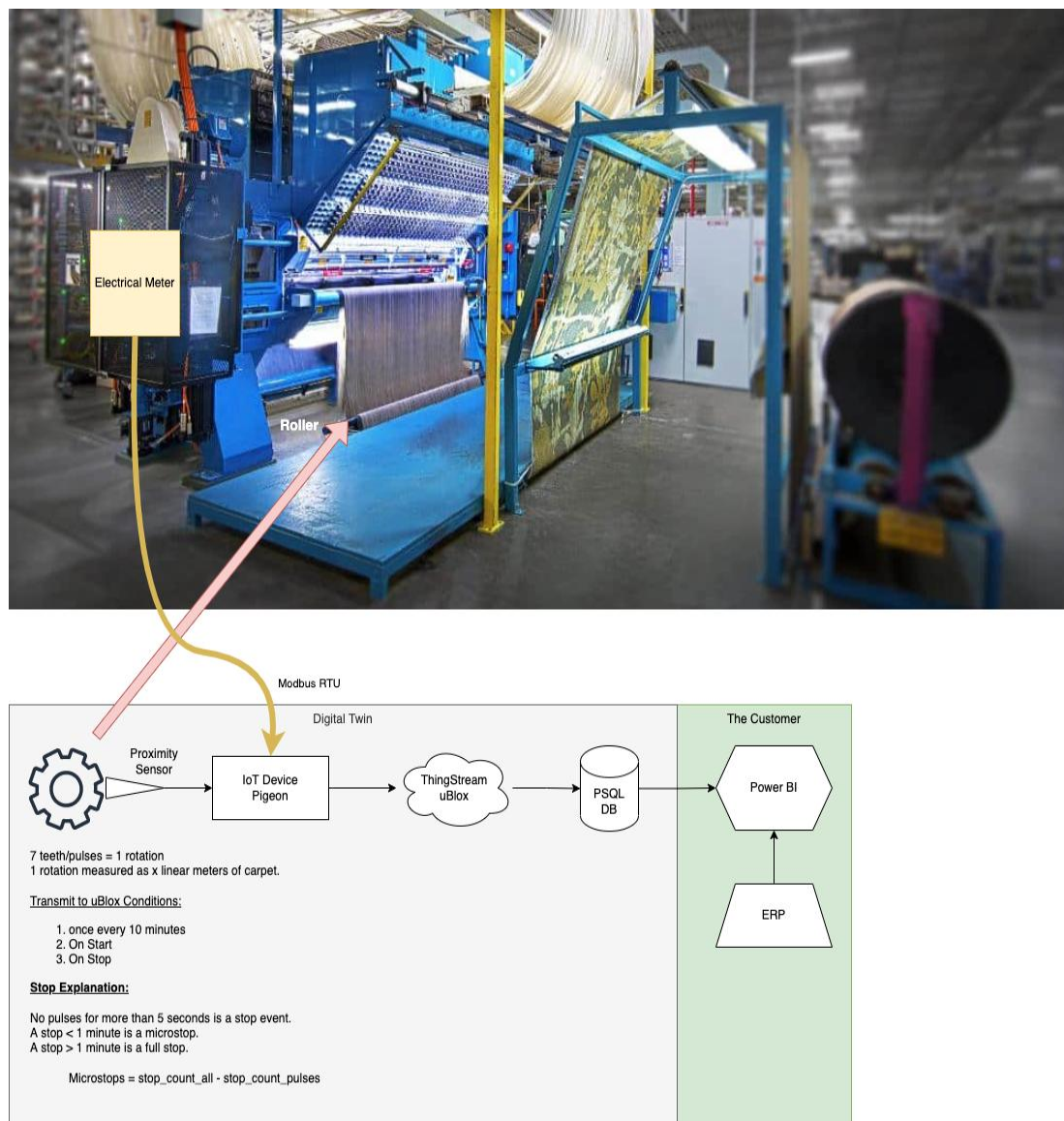
The above problems can be mitigated and optimised by utilising IoT, Iot or Internet of Things is a technology which is considered as a network of devices interacting with each other As part of the industry 4.0, Industrial IoT or IIOT is considered to create an amalgamation of Production systems with internet technologies. IIOT can also be considered a mixture or overlap or Information Technology(IT) and Operational Technologies(OT)

The scope of this paper focuses on the extent of IIoT in artificial grass manufacturing industry. The complexities and challenges faced in this industry are: Energy consumption /

Electricity consumption, cost to manufacture to cost to maintenance of equipment etc. This study is motivated for addressing the increase in need and how manufacturing units can cope up with them by implementing IIoT.

## 2. Research methodology

By creating a SOC using Raspberry Pi to collect the Power Output and rotations for the spindle rotor using a pulse actuator as shown in the picture below, we can calibrate the necessary tracking on rotations and energy consumed by the machine

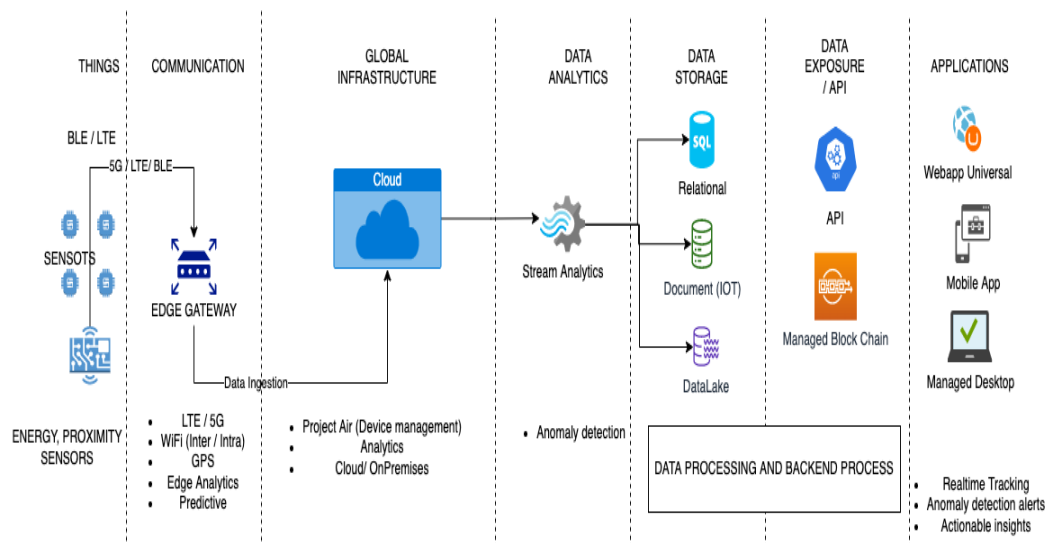


In the above machine the ELECTRIC METER collects the power consumed and the rotor sensor connected with a proximity sensor, collects the length of the manufactured carpet area, and correlates it with the power consumed.

This proximity sensor allows us to capture the total stoppage time, or pulsed stoppage time based on raw material breakage (String corrosion, needle replacement etc.)

The above solution can be used for different types of material, which provide manufacturers on operational efficiency of the machine and alerts on complete digitalisation of the process using modern technologies.

### 3. High Level IOT architecture for Astroturf Manufacturing



### 4. Research Methodologies

Major calculations for the measurement of various parameters calibrated in the result sets, are based on simple mathematics, ie. the amount of rolling or production on throughput for a carpet is based on the roll of the roller as part of the tufting machine.

Defect on outer race (Ball pass frequency outer)	$= \frac{n}{2} \frac{rpm}{60} \left( 1 - \frac{B_d}{P_d} \cos \phi \right)$
Defect on inner race (Ball pass frequency inner)	$= \frac{n}{2} \frac{rpm}{60} \left( 1 + \frac{B_d}{P_d} \cos \phi \right)$
Ball spin frequency	$= \frac{P_d}{2B_d} \frac{rpm}{60} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{B_d}{P_d} \right)^2 \cos^2 \phi \right]$
Fundamental train frequency	$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{rpm}{60} \left( 1 - \frac{B_d}{P_d} \cos \phi \right)$
$P_d$ = Pitch Diameter	$n$ = Number of Balls
$B_d$ = Ball Diameter	$\phi$ = Contact Angle

## 5.Results

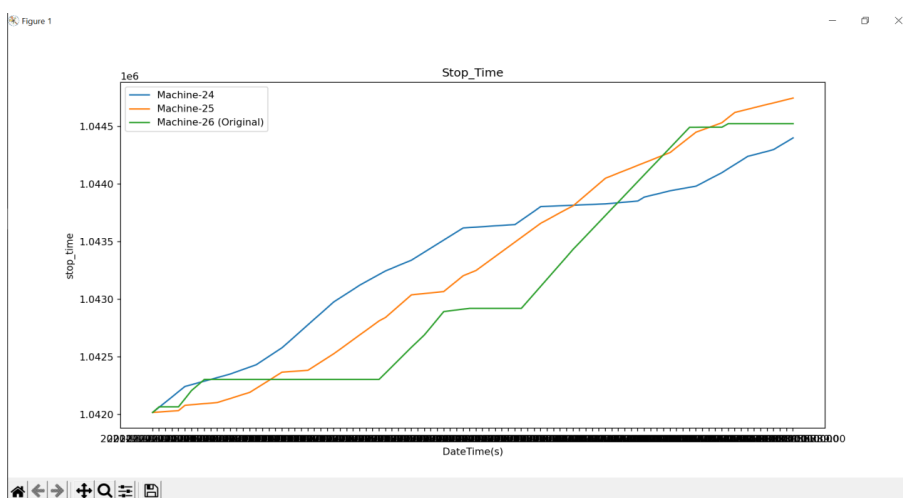
For example before the advent of IOT the machine metrics for rotations and thresholds wont be calibrated, for further analysis

Some of the data presented is an extract of the data gathers from the IoT sensors

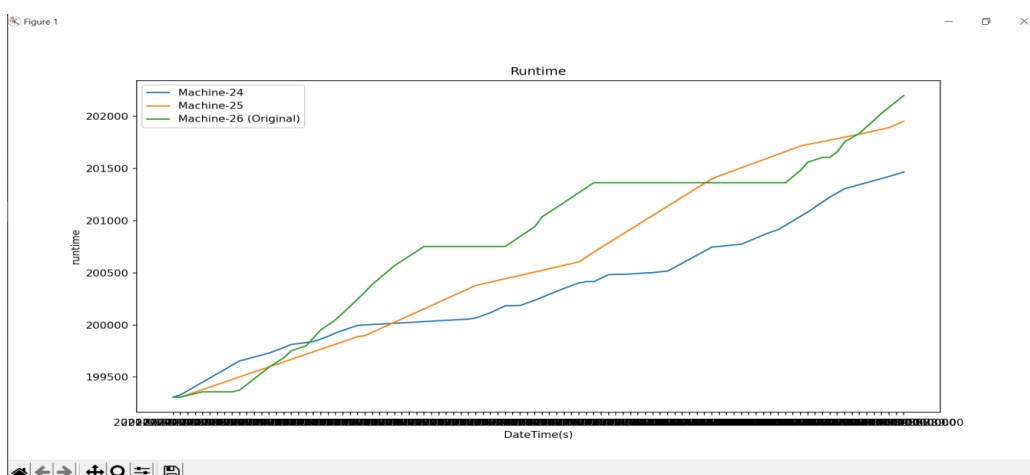
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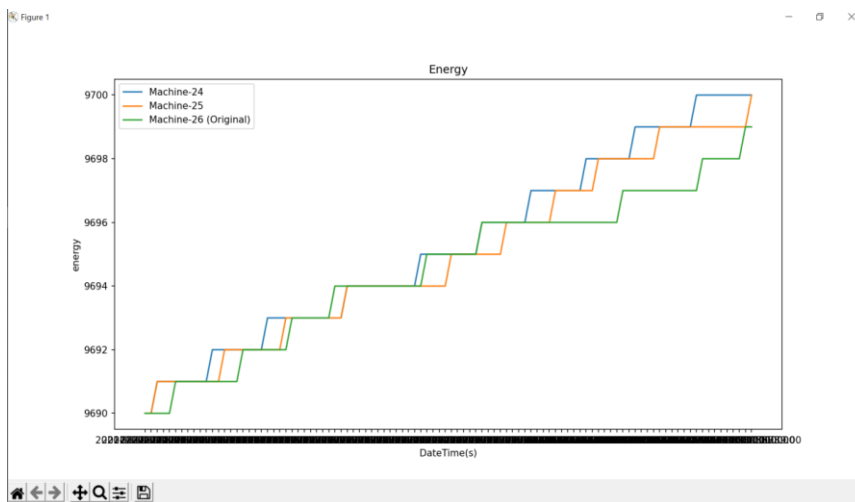
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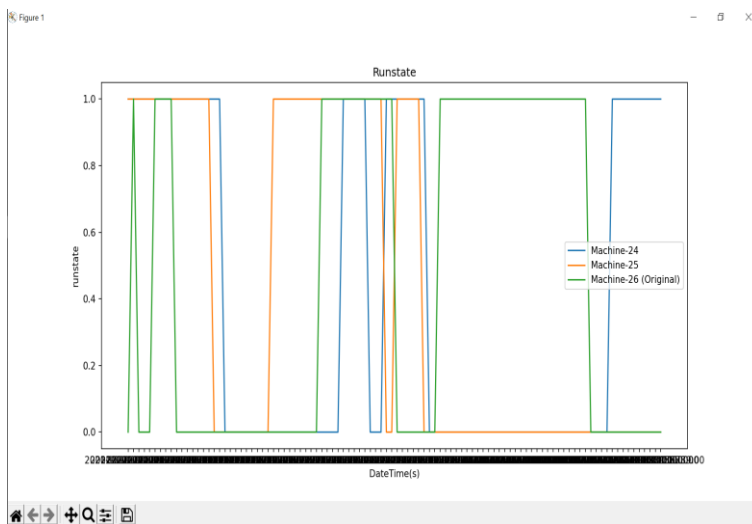
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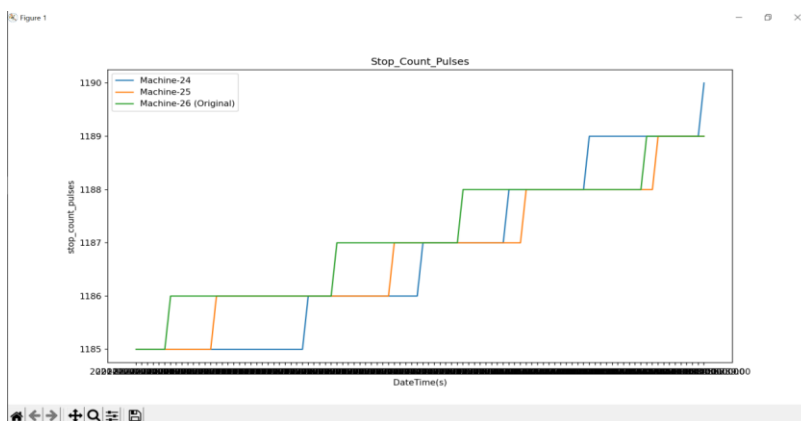
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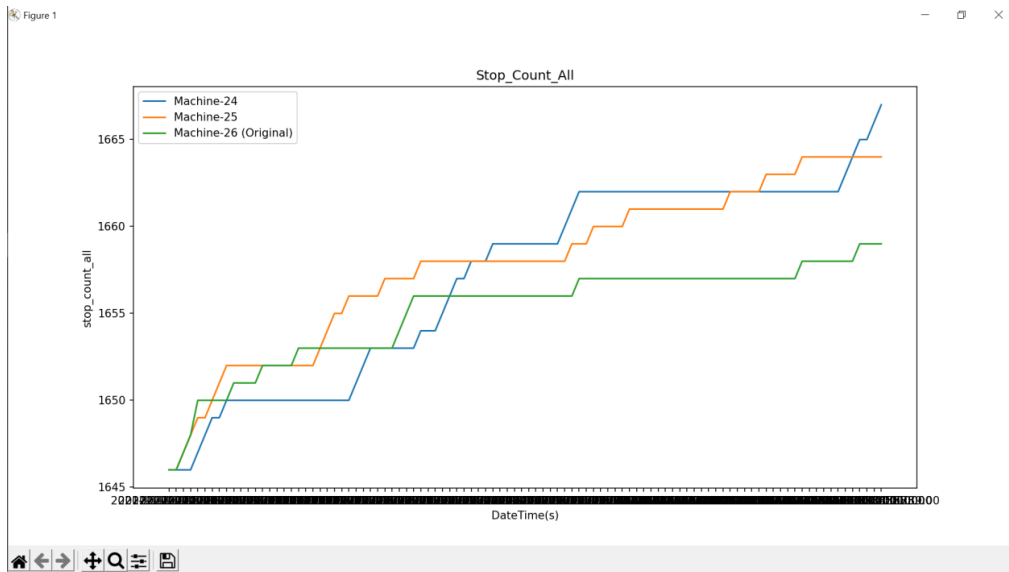
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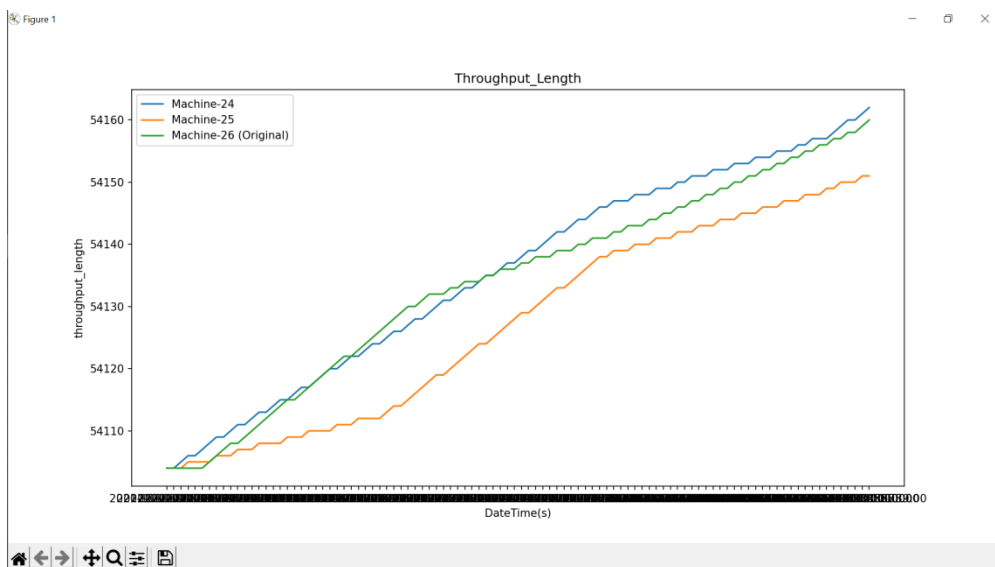
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## 5. Conclusions

With the inclusion of the metrics that monitor the displacement of tufting rollers, energy meters, temperature regulators etc. We can calibrate a better understanding of the behavior of the tufting machine. This data collected will be helpful to the analyze and frame the times when the machine works optimal and to calibrate the stoppage times for various reasons to be viz. Needle breakage, thread malfunction, to be understood. But this process of digitalization of an age old process will help in making sure, there are very little downtime times for increasing the productivity of the spinning machine



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