

Smart Manufacturing

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Biography

Giovanni Notarnicola is an electronic engineer with an international career spanning over 18 years, marked by deep expertise in the semiconductor industry and strategic transformations. He began his journey at the **CERN in Geneva**, where he contributed to cutting-edge projects in particle physics, an experience that laid the groundwork for his ability to tackle advanced technological complexities.

In 2008, he was selected for the "high potentials" program at **Bosch**, where he worked at both central and plant levels across Europe and Asia, leading strategic transformations in supply chain, production, and IT for the automotive sector. This experience allowed him to develop a deep understanding of industrial production processes and lead global optimization and innovation projects.

In 2012, Giovanni joined **Porsche Consulting**, initially leading strategic transformation projects across various industrial sectors, including manufacturing, consumer goods, and automotive. Over time, he took on roles of increasing responsibility, eventually becoming **Global Head of the Semiconductor Industry** at Porsche Consulting, where he is responsible for growing the industry practice. In this role, he supports the strategic transformations of key industry players in the post-COVID world, focusing on building new **capabilities** and challenging the status quo to drive a higher level of performance. His work leverages innovative technologies such as **Al applied to operations** and the development of **lights-out factories**, while also providing strategic support on geopolitical challenges and innovation to help the industry achieve greater resilience and global competitiveness.

In addition to his role at **Porsche Consulting**, Giovanni is **Chairman of several initiatives within the strategic partnership between SEMI and Porsche Consulting**, aimed at contributing to the development of a technologically advanced and competitive ecosystem for the semiconductor industry.

References

From Insight to Action: Elevating Employee Efficiency with Smart Detection and Targeted Data Delivery

H. Smith
Director of Technical Marketing
INFICON, Syracuse, United States of America



Abstract

In an era where it is increasingly easy to be overwhelmed by data, timely and efficient decision-making is critical to maintaining optimal factory operations. This talk will highlight the results of a joint collaboration between INFICON and ST Microelectronics. Together, we are developing an innovative application aimed at transforming how factories operate and respond to challenges.

In addition to providing real-time tracking of key performance indicators (KPIs), the application detects various types of operational anomalies. These anomalies are automatically assessed to determine their potential impact, and the application allows workflow management by assigning tasks to the appropriate factory workers, ensuring rapid response and resolution.

Our collaboration is focused on enhancing employee efficiency by delivering data that is specifically tailored to each worker's role, minimizing information overload, and providing actionable insights exactly when and where they are needed. By combining comprehensive operations tracking with smart detection and targeted data delivery, this solution enables semiconductor factories to operate with greater precision and reduced downtime.

Biography

Holland Smith is Director of Technical Marketing for INFICON IMS. Prior to this, Dr. Smith directed Smart Manufacturing systems architecture and installation projects at fabs across the world. Dr. Smith is a semiconductor data systems expert and a contributing developer of the INFICON FPS Digital Twin, which powers optimized Fab Scheduling among other industrial engineering-related applications. Dr. Smith has spoken widely across industry events (like Semicon West, FOA, SEMI Digital Twin Workshop, ASMC, etc.) on topics at the intersection of operations research, data science and computer science. Dr. Smith has a B.S, M.S. and Ph.D in Materials Science and Engineering from University of California, Berkeley, as well as a B.A. From Stanford University.

Thomas Gimmig has twenty-five years of experience in semiconductor manufacturing. After holding various positions in maintenance, engineering, and production management at ST Microelectronics, finishing as Production Director of the Rousset plant in 2019, he moved to manufacturing central functions in 2022. Initially, he was in charge of Front-End Operational Excellence programs, developing the LEAN leaders community, and leading smart manufacturing transformation programs. He recently became the head of Industry 4.0 programs for ST Microelectronics manufacturing. Thomas Gimmig holds a master's degree in electronics.

150-200mm Fab Modernization

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Abstract

The European semiconductor industry is at a pivotal moment, where modernization of 200mm fabs is crucial to sustaining exponential growth and maintaining global competitiveness. This presentation will explore how the latest innovations in digitalization, automation, and artificial intelligence (AI) can transform traditional fab operations, making them more productive, agile, and sustainable.

By integrating advanced technologies such as intelligent storage, automated material handling systems (AMHS) like Autonomous Mobile Robots (AMRs), and control room optimizations, fabs can achieve significant improvements in operational efficiency. Furthermore, advanced scheduling algorithms and Aldriven decision-making systems will empower fabs to manage production workflows more effectively, reduce downtime, and improve throughput.

This session will emphasize the importance of collaboration across the European semiconductor ecosystem to enhance fab attractiveness and productivity. By embracing digital transformation, Europe can position itself as a global leader in semiconductor manufacturing, supporting the industry's goals of sustainable, exponential growth.

Biography

Jerome SCHWARTZMANN is Senior Director in charge of Industrial Strategy reporting to Soitec's COO. He joined Soitec in 1998 and served different functions such as manager for industrial engineering, IT & strategic programs (new fab startup, new business diversification, post M&A integration, digitalization). From 2015 to 2017 after the termination of Soitec Solar Business, Jérôme joined Oberthur Technologies (IDEMIA) as Corporate Industrial Strategy Director to deploy Industry 4.0 practices in all fabs across the world (NORAM, LATAM, China, India, Middle East, Europe).

Back in Soitec in 2017 he has been leading the project to restart Soitec Singapore Fab and then took over the head of Information Technology position for Soitec.

Jerome is currently managing growth projects to deliver two new fabs, one in France for SmartSiC business (150/200mm) and one in Singapore to extend SOI 300mm capacity. He is also overseeing the Industry 4.0 roadmap of Soitec.

Jerome earned a master degree in Applied Mathematics and Computer Science from Grenoble University and a strategic negotiations degree from Harvard Business School,

New Approaches and Innovations to Improve Effective Use of Vacuum Assets in Cleanroom and SubFab

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Abstract

Edwards is developing new technology solutions and business models to minimize risk and uncertainty from maintenance events on process-critical vacuum assets. We are already successfully deploying our domain knowledge with on-prem AI solutions, enhancing tool uptime and efficiency, UD prevention and MTBS extension, and identification of wider vacuum infrastructure issues.

Building on this, we are developing a long-term easily scalable approach to data capture and analysis. This is driven by several innovations including cloud-based technologies addressing data volume, Al scope and accuracy, and a flexible document-based data store, to allow easy extension to additional data sets.

We have also developed a Wi-Fi solution to the first-mile equipment connection problem, allowing for economically viable data collection and analytics will that benefit many fabs.

Together with portable data analytics tools it will accelerate demonstration of AI solutions to process issues, and subsequent deployment at scale for all fabs. In the presentation we will discuss these current and new approaches and technologies, illustrated with relevant case studies.

Biography

Name : MR.Paul Johnson Job Title: Chief Architect

Department: Business Transformation, Semiconductor Service

Education:

Bachelor of Engineering degree in Electrical & Electronic Engineering, University of Sunderland Experience:

Paul joined Edwards Vacuum in 2023, he is focused on building new software tools to aid predictive maintenance within the vacuum & abatement space.

He started his career in Semiconductors in 1993 at Fujitsu Microelectronics, before moving to Applied Materials in 2000, working in a range of increasingly senior roles in Field Service.

He then joined Netflix in 2010 as Director of Engineering where he oversaw software development including various projects using Artificial Intelligence to predict failures.

He is now bringing this experience with Artificial Intelligence and big data systems to semiconductor manufacturing.

Roadmap for Semiconductor Exhaust Gas Treatment Equipment Towards Carbon Neutrality

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Abstract

Various efforts are being made across industries to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. In this context, at semiconductor manufacturing facilities, the abatement of greenhouse gases (GHGs) such as fluorinated gases emitted from manufacturing equipment represents a significant challenge. Additionally, achieving carbon neutrality across the entire supply chain for Scope 1, 2, and 3 is necessary. From Kanken Techno, a specialist manufacturer of abatement systems in Japan, we will present guidelines and recommendations and introduce the technology that addresses these directions.

Biography

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Education:

- Professor Tokyo Institute of Technology 2012-
- Visiting Researcher Massachusetts Institute of Technology 1994-1996
- •Doctor Degree Tohoku University 1991-1994
- •Graduate TOKYO University 1977-1981

Experience:

- •CTO KANKEN Techno 2017-
- •CTO Global Environment Group Mitsubishi Corp 2008-2017
- •General Manager Power generation Group HITACHI Ltd. 1981-2007

Fire Risks & Challenges in Semiconductor Manufacturing Environments

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Abstract

The semiconductor manufacturing process taking place inside the Wafer FAB present's extreme fire risks and challenges on a FAB facility, there are two main building types - manufacturing facilities (FAB & assembly & test and packaging and offices. The manufacturing building is typically a large-volume, high-ceiling structure with intricate and convoluted architecture that does not lend itself to traditional smoke detection, maintenance access for regulatory checks may also not be easy to achieve. Within these complex buildings, there are several functional rooms with their own individual fire risks.

Honeywell Building Automation serve's the Semiconductor market globally through a variety of life safety solutions including :

Fire Systems & Sensors - Protect people and premises with leading integrated and networked solutions including voice alarm and emergency lighting

Advance Detection - Proactive early warning detection solutions to overcome specific challenges and keep mission critical semiconductor FAB's running

Software Solutions - Provide software that supports remote-assisted inspection and maintenance, alarm transmission, site monitoring, digital compliance

Projects Support - Work directly with end-users, consultants, and system integrators to support the standardization of fully compliant, EU integrated fire systems

Our comprehensive approach to safety can help support increased productivity, performance, and operational uptime.

Biography

Mark Donaghy is an experienced international business development leader currently based in the UK with 13 years' experience in the areas of automation & robotics, battery manufacturing and fire & life safety. Mark holds a construction Batchelors in construction management and a further degree in leadership & management from the Royal School of Military Engineering. Mark spent 22 years in the British Army (Royal Engineers) deploying on global operations throughout his career in UK Armed Forces. Mark began his second professional journey outside of the military in 2012 and has been a part of the Global automotive industry working for companies such as Porsche Consultancy, KUKA Systems Battery BU, ABB Robotics & Honeywell.

Mark is spearheading the business development in Europe for Battery Gigafactory's & Semiconductor manufacturing verticals, supporting clients with life safety solutions strategies & design (fire & gas advanced detection). Mark is also part of a global Building Automation team that provides expertise & guidance in early warning detection solutions to overcome specific challenges and keep mission critical European sites running.

Maximizing Equipment Productivity: Harnessing the Power of Alx

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Abstract

In the rapidly evolving semiconductor industry, maximizing equipment productivity is crucial for maintaining competitive advantage and optiming operational effficiecy. This presentation will explore the use of the Alx analytics platform to enhance productivity in in production semiconductor fabs. Alx leverages predictive component failure models to minimize unscheduled downtime, ensuring continuous operation and efficiency. Additionally, Alx employs advanced Al/ML models to monitor hundreds of process chamber parameters across a fleet of tools simultaneously, effectively managing fleet process matching variability. in the near future, Alx is set to introduce self-diagnosing capabilities, which will significantly expedite repairs and maintenance, further enhancing operational efficiency.

Biography

Brad Eaton is the Senior Director of Strategic Marketing at Applied Global Services. In this role, Brad leads a team responsible for driving capabilities for the Al^x analytics platform utilized by Applied field engineers to enhance and support Applied Materials service contracts. With more than 24 years of extensive experience in the semiconductor industry, Brad has been instrumental in the development of both equipment and integrated circuits (ICs) for the automotive and consumer electronics sectors and holds more that 90 patents and technical publications.

Ensuring Fire Safety and Security in Clean Room Environments: Key Requirements and Best Practices

M. Sanap Global Smart Infrastructure vertical head of Semiconductor Manufacturing Siemens AG, Smart Infrastructure, Erlangen, Germany

Abstract

This informative presentation delves into the specialized challenges presented by cleanroom environments in relation to fire safety and security. With an emphasis on the crucial importance of adhering to regulations, we will outline the indispensable elements in the designing, implementation, and upkeep of fire safety and security systems specific to these controlled settings.

Participants will be presented with a thorough exploration of performance-oriented design strategies, highlighting Siemens' innovative dual-wavelength technology. This technology is instrumental in the early detection of fires, consequently enabling prompt intervention to safeguard personnel and secure the integrity of critical processes.

Moreover, the talk will shed light on the importance of an integrated approach, detailing how the cohesion of fire safety, security, and additional cleanroom systems can not only elevate overall protection but also simplify the avenues for compliance documentation.

We advocate a comprehensive and integrated perspective for crafting bespoke fire safety and security solutions that are finely tuned to meet the precise demands of cleanroom operations. Attendees will leave equipped with actionable knowledge to enhance protection against fire risks while maintaining seamless operational performance in their cleanroom environments.

by Mangesh Sanap and Terry Anne Janice Ramos

Biography

Mangesh Sanap is a seasoned professional with more than 17 years of experience with Siemens and a robust foundation in strategy, mergers and acquisitions, and product lifecycle management. He excels in identifying growth opportunities and strategically positioning products and services for market success. As the Head of Strategy for the business unit in India and the PLM Head for the product line, Mangesh has effectively leveraged his extensive sales background to drive profitable expansions, foster brand alignment, and oversee integrations that enhance organizational value.

Mangesh holds a Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical and Electronics Engineering and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Mumbai. He identifies with the core values of collaboration, a growth mindset, and a deep expertise in business development, sales, vertical management, strategy, and M&A.

Terry Anne Janice Ramos is a licensed Electronics Engineer and accomplished Global Marketing Manager specializing in fire safety at Siemens AG, based in Zug, Switzerland, where she has contributed since October 2023. Previously, she served as Head of Building Products at Siemens Inc. in the Philippines, leading the division from 2019 to 2023 with a focus on strategic sales alignment, market development, and customer relations.

With extensive expertise across the ASEAN region, Terry Anne has a proven track record of driving sales growth, developing targeted market strategies, and ensuring compliance with operational and sales goals. Her leadership has effectively advanced Siemens' Fire Safety and Security product presence within key vertical markets in the region.

Prior to Siemens, she held significant roles at Robert Bosch Inc. and Chittick Fire & Security Corporation, where she gained expertise in sales, marketing, technical support, and project management. Her early career as a Cadet Engineer established a strong foundation in engineering design, detailed project estimation, and system configuration for fire detection and alarm systems.

With nearly two decades of experience across roles in fire safety, security, and engineering, Terry Anne's robust industry knowledge and leadership skills continue to contribute significantly to Siemens' mission of enhancing fire safety solutions globally.