

# THE FUTURE OF SMART FACTORIES THROUGH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)



In the rapidly changing world of manufacturing, artificial intelligence (AI) is no longer just a technological trend, but an essential force that helps companies stay competitive. The question is no longer whether AI will change the future of manufacturing, but how fast it will bring that change. From predictive maintenance to autonomous quality control; AI is having an unprecedented impact on the way we manufacture, the efficiency we achieve and the innovation that becomes possible. In this article, Limis shares their insights on the impact of AI on the manufacturing industry and why these developments are crucial for the future.

## Predictive Maintenance: Efficiency Through Smart Technology

One of the most notable ways AI is affecting manufacturing is through the introduction of predictive maintenance. Traditionally, machine maintenance depended on a fixed schedule or when machines actually broke down. This often led to downtime, unforeseen costs and delays in production.

With AI, manufacturers can now collect real-time data on the health status of machines and equipment. By using sensors and data analysis, AI can predict when a machine is likely to fail, even before the problem occurs. This technology reduces unexpected downtime and optimises machine life, resulting in lower costs and higher production efficiency.

For companies like Limis, focused on production planning and optimisation, this represents a big step forward. In the future, our planning software will start using AI-driven insights, allowing us to adjust production schedules based on real-time machine performance. This will allow companies to design their production processes even more flexibly and efficiently, which is essential for the future of the industry.

## Smart Factories: Automation and Integration of Systems

The smart factory is another area where AI is making its mark. Here, machines, robots, and systems are seamlessly

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connected through the internet and AI-driven algorithms. This enables factories to communicate and operate independently, without constant human intervention.

At Limis, we are increasingly seeing how AI improves collaboration between systems. For example, AI can automatically plan orders based on available capacity, material requirements and delivery times, without the need for a planner to manually intervene. This ensures faster and more accurate production planning and reduces the risk of errors.

In the future, we will see more and more autonomous systems that not only control production, but also make decisions based on defined parameters, such as capacity, demand and material availability. This offers significant efficiency gains and enables companies to react quickly to changing market conditions.

## Autonomous Quality Control: Increased Precision and Reliability

In traditional quality control, people perform inspections and collect data manually. This can be time-consuming and increase the risk of human error. AI can change this by using image recognition technology and advanced sensors that continuously monitor product quality during the production process.

For example, AI can automatically detect defects in manufactured parts and classify them according to their severity. This technology makes it possible to identify problems at an early stage, significantly reducing the number of defects in the final product. Moreover, AI allows companies to track quality scores in real-time, ensuring continuous improvement and reliable product quality.

At Limis, we see how companies can integrate autonomous quality control into their production planning, not only improving efficiency but also increasing the reliability of their products. In an industry where quality is crucial, this is a huge advance.

## The Importance of AI for the Future of Manufacturing

The future of manufacturing is not only digital, but also AI-driven. Technology is changing not only how we produce, but also how we plan, design, and ensure quality. For companies that want to compete in a rapidly changing market, it is essential to embrace AI and integrate its benefits into their manufacturing processes.

At Limis, we believe AI-driven planning and optimisation are key for companies looking to improve their efficiency and flexibility. Our scheduling software uses real-time data and AI to optimise production processes, enabling

companies to respond faster and more efficiently to changes in demand, capacity and other contingencies.

Integrating AI is an investment in the future that not only increases productivity, but also ensures a sustainable and innovative production process. Companies that embrace this technology will be better prepared to meet the challenges of the future and stay ahead of their competitors.

## The Role of AI in the Future of Manufacturing

Artificial intelligence has the potential to transform manufacturing by increasing efficiency, improving precision and driving innovation. From predictive maintenance to autonomous quality control; AI provides powerful tools for manufacturers to stay competitive in an ever faster-changing industry. At Limis, we see the huge impact this technology is already having, and we believe AI is the key to a smart, efficient and competitive manufacturing environment. It is time to embrace AI and take advantage of the benefits it offers for the future of manufacturing. ■

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