

Using Emulate3D to Minimize Project Deployment Risks and Commissioning Time at Leonardo Automation



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BHS Simulation with Emulate3D

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Join Leonardo Automation & Hub Performance to learn how they use Emulate3D to design, develop and test systems before deploying physical equipment.



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Automation Systems / Airport Operational Context

Provider of automated Baggage Handling Systems for airports worldwide



BHS Video 1

THE NEW BAGGAGE HANDLING SYSTEM TERMINAL 1 OF ROME FIUMICINO AIRPORT

HIGH PERFORMANCE

ENERGY SAVING

SMOOTH HANDLING

Automation Systems / Airport Technology

Sample System



Technology Deployment Risks & Tools Used

Solution Validation Phases



Testing on Site Video 1



Power of Simulation (1/2)

Simulate "process-level" behavior of a given system design

- Used mainly in:
 - **Proposal phase** to validate performance of designed system
 - Baggage Flow
 - Parameters (for example conveyor speed)
 - Scenarios (together with FMECA to validate backup/fallback solutions)
 - **Design & development** to validate above plus
 - Study & specify low-level control logics
 - Sorting Allocation Computer (SAC) and Flow Manager (where applicable)



Power of Simulation (2/2)

Example

- Upgraded terminal for an important European Airport:
 - 6 inbound lines (from other terminals)
 - 3 carousels
 - 694 conveyors (almost 2 mi.)
 - 4 screening lines
 - 8 manual processing stations
 - 2 cross-belt sorters (> 800ft)
 - 4800 bags / hour throughput
- Different simulated scenarios:
 - Nominal: 1
 - Degraded: 8
 - Robustness check: 12



Cross-Belt Sorter: featured in Baggage Handling catalog

- Sub-Type of the generic Sorter Vehicle
 - To be configured, attached to a Track, and simply "Auto-Fill" -
 - Can set Carrier Dimensions and Pitch -
 - Can set multi-Cell Carriers (up to 3) -





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Injectors

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Checkin Controller

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Cross-Belt Sorter: specific Baggage Handling features used with Leonardo technology

- Cell inhibit delay after unload
 - Bringing better realism by obeying the real equipment constraints
 - New set of parameters on Sorter Outfeed (chute)
 - Inhibit Timeout Delay
 - Inhibit Timeout Delay Color





InhibitTimeoutDelay

Duration to elapse after tilting, before tilt tray can be inducted to again.

Cross-Belt Sorter: specific Baggage Handling features used with Leonardo technology

- Optimized induction spacing to prevent Recirculation
 - Optimized bags induction on Sorter, considering the allowed unloading interval at their destination Chute.
 - Cell coloring based on destination Chute (or Red when Failed to optimize in the TimeOut cells Range)



Cross-Belt Sorter: other advanced features

- Sorter Content Tracker
 - Max Fill Percentage
 - Works together with "Shutdown When Content Threshold Met" on Infeeds
 - Recirc Dwell Optimization
 - Chooses the most critical bag to unload against Flight closing time and In-System-Time
 - "TimeSec_Closing" and "TimeSec_Input" properties to be set each bags
 - Carrier disabling
 - For Cell failure or dynamic storage
- Sorter Power Saver
 - Saves run time by stopping Sorter when empty



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Properties: SorterPowerSaver1

Sorter will only stop when empty, after this given timeout has elapsed.

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${\tt UseUpstreamRangeFromRecircDwellOptimizationTable}$

Default = False which means global

"UpstreamRangeForRecircDwellOptimization" is used for all outfeeds. If True, range is read per outfeed, from corresponding row in "RecircDwellOptimization" table.

Other BHS Simulation related features

- Baggage Handling catalogue
 - Tote Systems (2017)
 - Managed Merge Control (2018)
 - Collector Belt Controller (several improvements in years)
 - Bags Screening (xRay machine & Operators improvements)
 - Standard 2 L1/L3 & Standard 3 modes
 - Deterministic mode
 - Decision times tables
 - Timeout modes (Time / Station)
 - Operators multiplexing
 - "Waiting for Operator" status
- Black Box, initial spec (2018)
 - Input buffer
 - Storage



Power of Emulation (1/2)

Replicate machine behavior (conveyors, screening systems, sorting systems, etc)

- Used mainly during project lifecycle to:
 - Validate field interfaces (machine machine, machine sensors, machine actuators, etc)
 - Validate baggage flow management functions / logic / algorithms
 - Validate change requests for live systems in a virtual environment
 - Support tool for analysis of difficult technical issues during commissioning / go-live
 - Validate software while equipment is being procured / installed
 - Regression testing of updated software libraries
- Video Example
 - Vertical Sorting Unit



Power of Emulation (2/2)

Additional Example

- PLC ("API005") that manages a conveyor line that interfaces two complex machines:
 - PL6106 which is a Barcode Reading System (BCR, including OCR capability)
 - TX6109 which is a Security Screening System (SSS)
- The emulator is used to validate:
 - Quantity / positioning of photocells
 - PLC software logic
 - Control interface with BCR
 - Control interface with SSS

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Ongoing & Future evolutions

Overall

- Hub Performance to train and support the team for their growth (both ECT & Sim3D)
- Flow Simulation
 - Make better/wider use of public Sim3D tools, and improve/adapt the current custom Framework
 - Provide Operational Decision tool ("Operations Support System")
- Controls Testing / Virtual Commissioning
 - Continuous Integration testing of software libraries
 - Regression testing
 - Support to test other systems (SAC)
 - HLE (High Level Emulation)





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