Technology Development at Babcock International

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Babcock International Group – Our Business



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Our business



Naval engineering, support and systems

Delivering high-value, technical and engineering support for ships and submarines to UK and other navies

- Owning, maintaining and developing critical naval infrastructure
- Designing, building and exporting world class naval platforms and equipment
- Delivering affordable digital support and solutions which enhance our customers' capabilities

• Providing high-value engineering and support services in land and aviation, defence, civil nuclear and other critical sectors

Critical services: defence and civil

- Delivering technical training services in defence and security sectors
- Maintaining and providing complex assets and equipment
- Providing integrated solutions to our customers by brining together the right technology and suppliers



Technology: at the core of everything we do

- The technology landscape is changing rapidly.
- Customer assets are growing in complexity.
- We continue to support our customers to make better decisions.
- Our innovation and our engineering insight sets us apart.





Our Nuclear Sector

Babcock operates across a number of sectors that demand cutting edge technology, high quality and operational availability.

New ideas and capabilities have wide application for use in:

- Nuclear new build, large scale and modular, to meet net zero target
- Production of submarine components to meet UK defence needs
- Maintenance and repair of UK submarine fleet
- Life extension of nuclear assets
- Decommissioning and disposal to remove the existing nuclear legacy









Technology Case Studies



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Case Study 1: Welding/AM and NDT

Current workflow separates fabrication and inspection







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Integration of fabrication and inspection

AWESIM

Control

• High-temperature ultrasonic roller probe (couplant free)

Inspection

- Thermal compensation and noise suppression imaging software
- Weld profile mapping with defect detection and classification
- System integration with closed-loop control and automation



Benefits

- Real-time defect identification
- Optimisation of welding resources
- Optimisation of NDT inspectors and inspection work
- Reduces process time
- Increased schedule certainty
- Improved data and analysis algorithms increases understanding of quality
- Saves materials and process energy
- Can be retrofitted to existing systems



Case Study 2: Autonomous Waste Sort and Seg.

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OptiSORT: An integrated, autonomous technology that sorts and segregates radioactive waste from decommissioning into optimally packed containers

- 1 Waste items identified at laydown area using machine learning
- 2 Robot arm picks up waste item
- **3** 3D point cloud of waste item produced
- Waste item materials identified using combined X-ray Fluorescence and Raman Spectroscopy
- **5** Robot arm loads waste item onto an Auto Guided Vehicle (AGV)
- 6 AGV delivers waste item to assay station
- Waste item undergoes Hi-Res Gamma assay to determine waste category and is weighed
- 8 AGV delivers waste item to buffer store
- Packing optimisation system calculates optimal packing regime from point cloud taken at Step 3
- Second robot arm packs waste item into correct waste container (Low or Intermediate Level Waste)









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Technology and Innovation Direction



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Technology Strategy and Outcomes



Babcock's **technology focus** areas are:

- Data collation, exploitation and analytics
- Autonomous systems and automation

Supported by developing key capabilities in:

- Optimised asset maintenance and support
- Rapid prototyping
- Manufacturing automation
- Novel methods of characterisation, monitoring equipment and systems
- Development of representative digital models



We will become expert integrators of technology



Creating a safe and secure world, together

Our Principles



be curious

We believe in positively challenging the status quo and asking 'how might we?'.



be kind

We believe in being kind to ourselves, kind to each other and kind to the planet.



be courageous

We believe in being brave, ambitious and determined.



Think : outcomes

We believe in measuring success by the results we deliver and the positive impact we make.



collaborate

We believe Babcock is greater than the sum of its parts.



own and deliver

We believe our collective success depends on individual actions.



