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Applying Artificial Intelligence to Built Environments

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Johnson Controls

- A global leader in buildings, energy and security market
- Invented the first electric thermostat (Warren Johnson, 1883)
- We create innovative, integrated solutions to make cities more connected, buildings more intelligent and environment safer.
- We manufacture, sell and service building HVACR, control system and energy equipment around the world
 - Chillers, boilers, air handling unit, rooftop unit, refrigeration units, energy storage system, security systems, fire detection systems, BMS, BAS, EMS,...
- More and more our equipment are being equipped with sensors and collect data in real time and AI/ML creates values with the data
 - \rightarrow Digital Solutions business





AI Solutions for Connected Equipment in Buildings



Optimal control: optimal temperature, comfort, cost, energy source at multiple levels (room, floor, building, campus)

Equipment operating at maximum efficiency and uptime and dispatched for minimum cost

Improved, cost-effective security: better understanding of risk, faster response, higher efficiency and reduced cost

Risk modeling and prediction

Advanced cybersecurity risk management

When, what, how to repair—even before customer realizes a problem exists

Wayfinding, space utilization metrics, space efficiency

Natural user interactions with building systems

Common data models across all JCI devices and Equipment (HVAC, Fire, Security) unify the system

Seamlessly connected to the Digital Vault for advanced offerings and analytics

A logical building taxonomy scheme (BRICK) organizes and interconnects the building



Smart Built Environment AI Solution Landscape at JCI



Integrated AI Solutions for Assets & Operations: Examples



Connected AI Solutions: Vision



Our AI Solution Capabilities

 Four key AI capabilities that work together to make the building smart and make building occupants comfortable and productive



- Sense
 - Accessing, collecting and cleaning data from all the building systems, subsystems, equipment, occupants, assets and sensors
- Learn
 - Learning the evolution and patterns of different states in the buildings and what influences the change of states. (Supervised Learning, Unsupervised Learning, Reinforcement Learning)
- Predict
 - Prediction of various states in the future and enabling intelligent decisions of changing controllable actions
- Control & Optimize
 - Making changes or determining control actions to make building energy efficient, productive, safe and value-added

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Our future AI solutions will be autonomously configured, installed, commissioned and provisioned

Artificial Intelligence Solutions for Prediction and Control of States



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Use Case: Sensor Based FDD: Chiller Shutdown Prediction Model

- Using connected chiller data, predict safety shutdown of chillers before they happen so that appropriate maintenance action is taken
- Prediction Performance (for a group of YK chillers)
 - Recall: 73%, Precision=81%, F1-Score=0.77 (for one-day ahead prediction)
- Reduce repair costs (typically 15%), improve customer service, extend the operational life of chillers and components





Use Case: Chiller Vibrational Analysis with AI (CNN)

- Automated analysis of chiller vibration data for overall machine health and component health assessment
- Analyze more equipment (from 20,000 to 45,000) with same number of analysts
- Reduce maintenance costs, extend the operational life of chillers and components





Use Case: Energy Prediction Model (EPM)

- Predicts energy consumption of a whole building, or equipment level or energy consuming component level for various external (e.g., weather) and indoor conditions using Deep Learning (S2S LSTM technique)
- Allows peak shaving, load shifting, demand response, sourcing decision
- Reduce energy consumption, energy costs (typically 10%)



Use Case: Optimal Control of HVAC System with DNN and DRL

- Computes optimal operational set-point for the airside of HVAC system by taking into consideration
 - Thermal mass of the building as thermal storage, predicted energy load, electricity rate structure, occupant comfort level
- Reduce energy cost (typically 20%), improve the comfort and wellness of building occupants, improve the productivity of building occupants



Key Elements for Successful AI Solutions in Building and Energy Management



