Improving consumer value through enhanced performance around the world

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Billion dollar manufacturing savings and new manufacturing jobs in the U.S result from LANL reliability engineering

The Procter and Gamble Company (P&G) develops and launches consumer product innovations focused on improving consumer value through enhanced performance around the world.

Reliability Technology (RT) is a comprehensive reliability engineering system developed by P&G to increase the overall fraction of productive manufacturing time, or “uptime” for its internal manufacturing lines.
RT is based on statistical tools from the Los Alamos National Laboratory, co-developed under a cooperative R&D agreement started more than a decade ago. The genesis for the system came from the large amount of runtime data collected on P&G’s manufacturing lines, coupled with the Laboratory’s interest in testing advanced statistical theory with real-world data.

Today, P&G is adapting the RT approach into other advanced manufacturing sectors, including an experiment to apply the method to LANL’s plutonium re-processing program. They are demonstrating that the “uptime” perspective that was statistically formalized at a DOE laboratory has the power to transform many areas of U.S. manufacturing, and then return to its source to help reduce costs in the interest of U.S. national security.