

# **Industrial Automation**

## **(Automação de Processos Industriais)**

<http://users.isr.ist.utl.pt/~jag/courses/api1920/api1920.html>

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Prof. José Gaspar, rev. 2019/2020

Industrial Revolution 1760/80 – 1820/40 (historians E. Hobsbawm, T. S. Ashton)

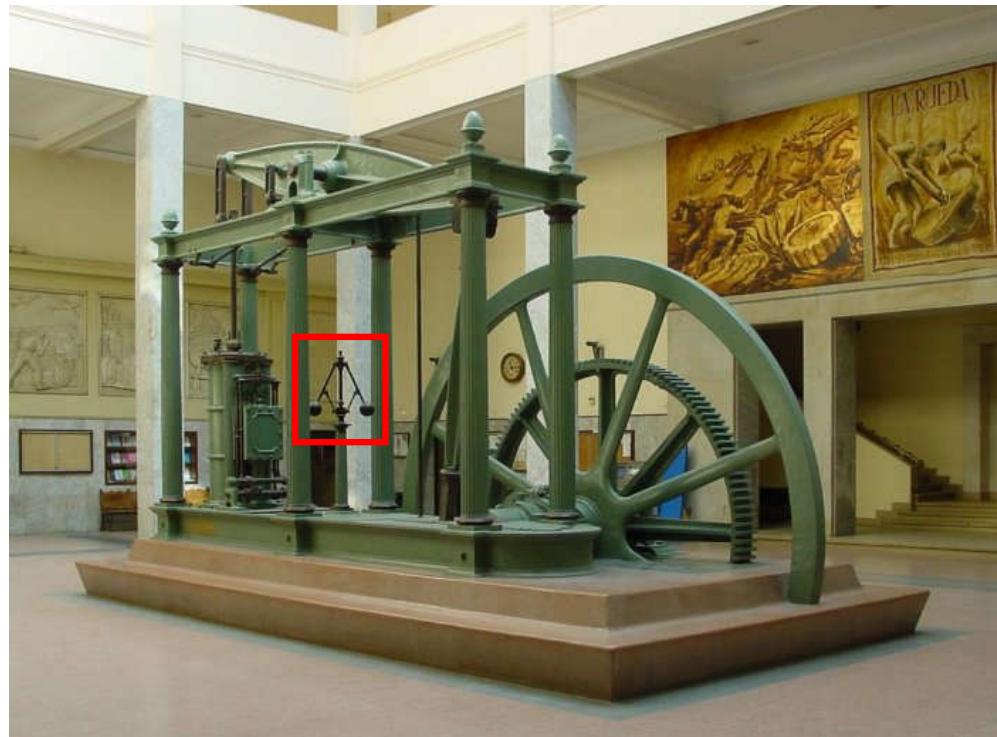
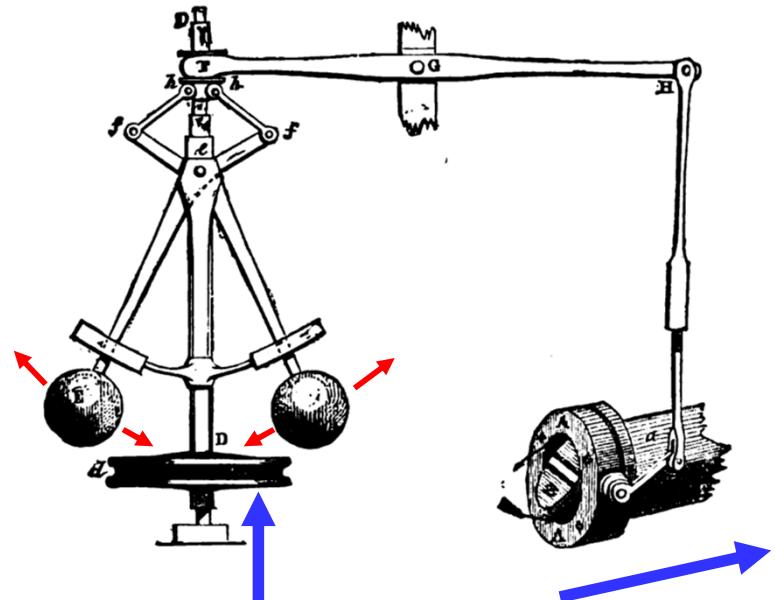


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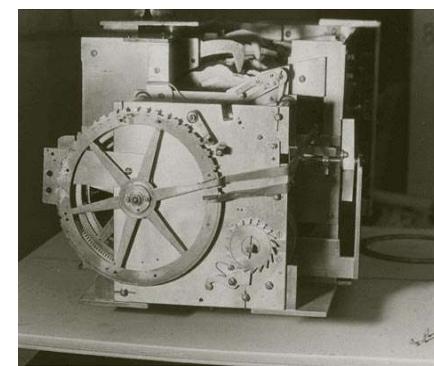
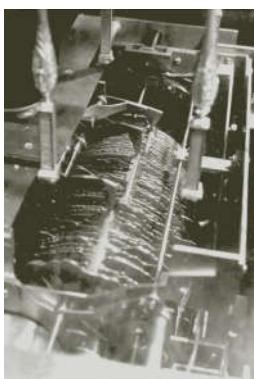
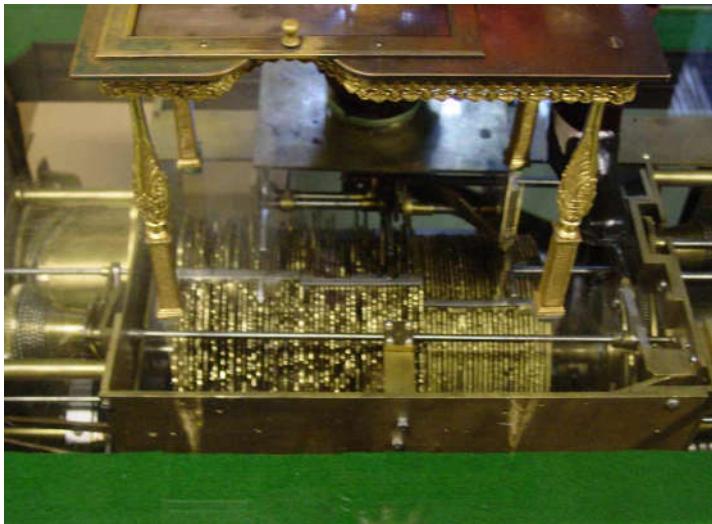


Air pressure implies  
proportional rotation  
(desired small flow)

Out flow regulates  
air pressure.

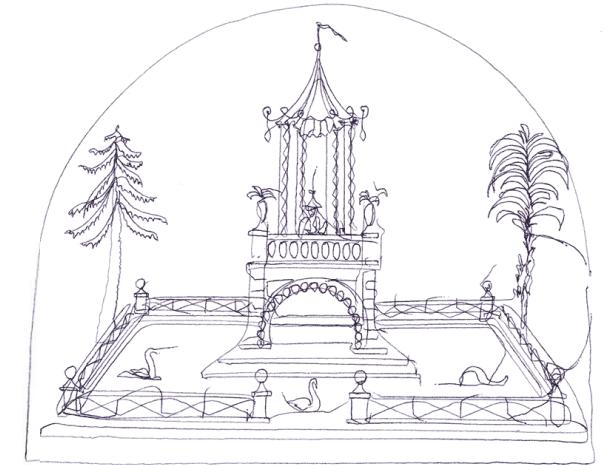
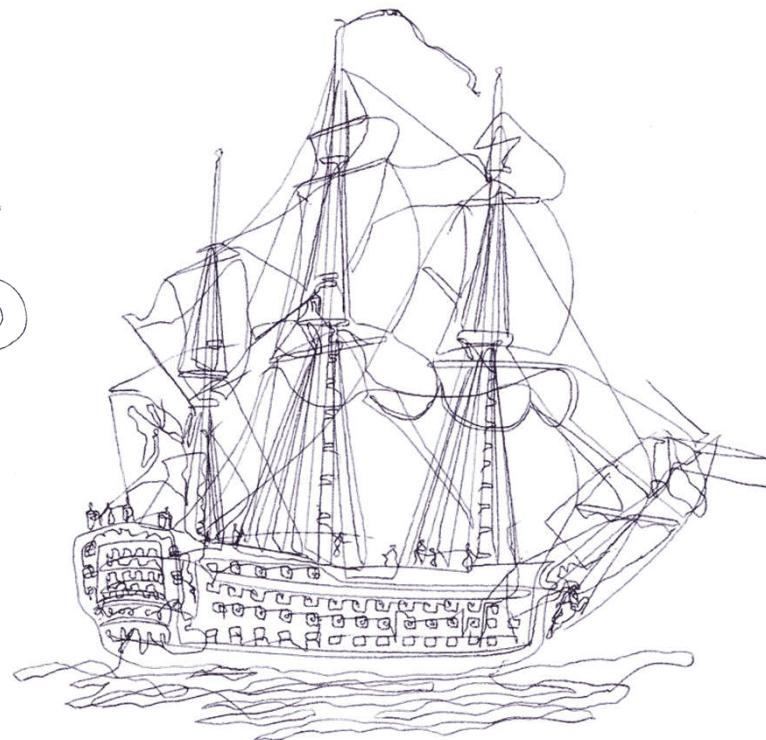
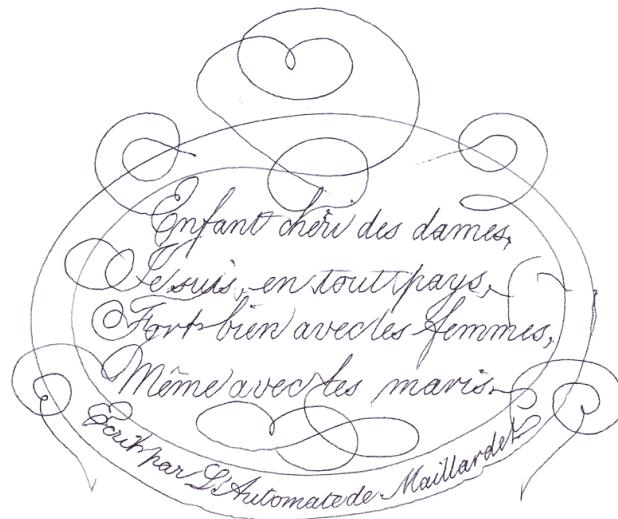
Steam engine and detail of the governor, James Watt's [Wikipedia].

*A jewel: Maillardet's Automaton, 18<sup>th</sup> century, the largest known mechanical memory*



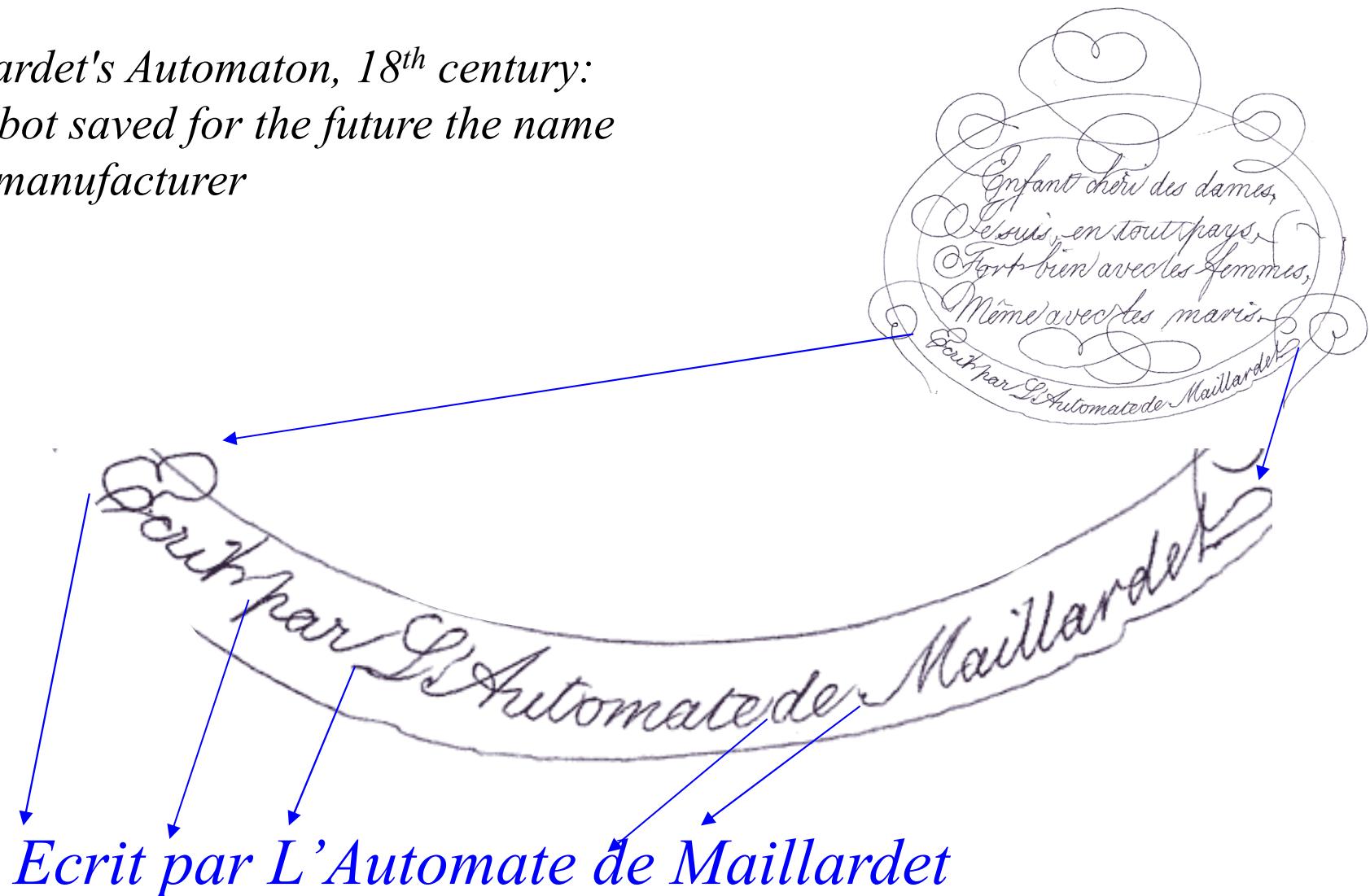
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*Maillardet's Automaton, 18<sup>th</sup> century: the largest known mechanical memory  
Four drawings and three poems*



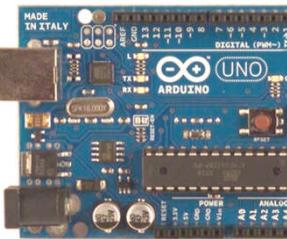
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*Maillardet's Automaton, 18<sup>th</sup> century:  
the robot saved for the future the name  
of its manufacturer*

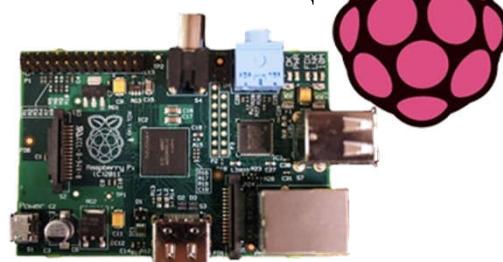


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## Microcontrollers

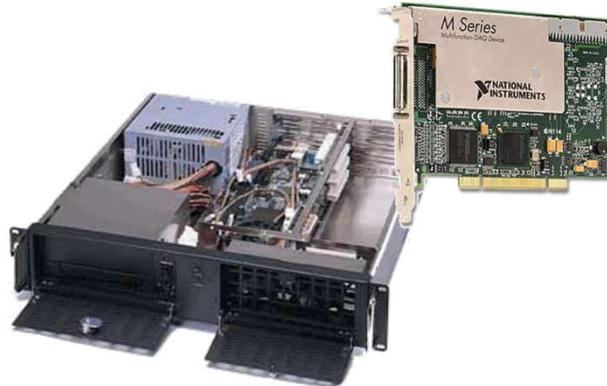


Arduino



Raspberry-pi

## Computer + IO



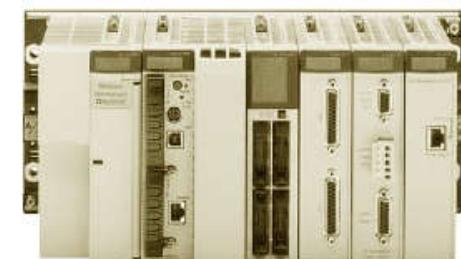
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## PLC

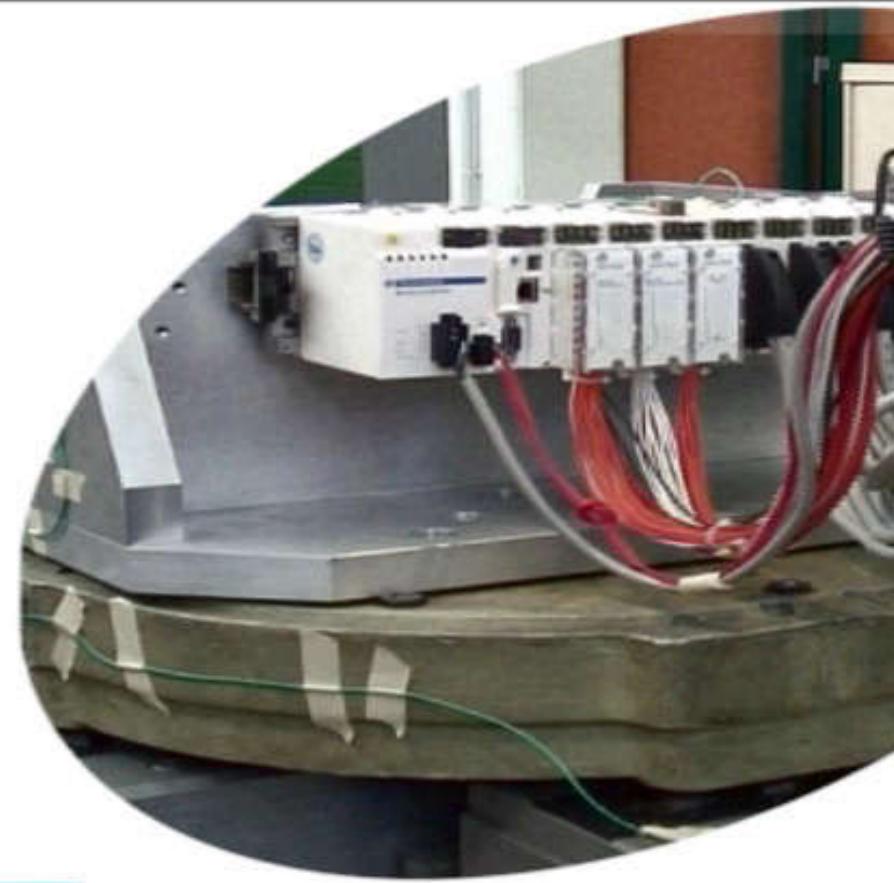


Premium P57



*Many options for controlling real world devices! Why PLCs?*

**Robustness  
is not an Option**



# Objectives of the course:

- *Analysis of systems for industrial automation.*
- *Methodologies for the **implementation** of solutions in industrial automation.*
- *Programming **languages** of PLCs (Programmable Logic Controllers).*
- *CAD/CAM and Computerized Numerical Controlled (CNC) machines.*
- ***Discrete Event Systems Modeling.***
- ***Supervision** of Processes in Industrial Automation.*

# ***Program at a glance:***

## ***1. Introduction to Automation [1 week]***

*Introduction to components and methodologies.*

## ***2. Introduction to PLCs [2 weeks]***

*Components of Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs). Architecture, functional structure, IO.*

## ***3. PLCs Programming Languages [2w]***

*Standard languages (IEC-1131-3): Ladder Diagram; Instruction List and Structured Text.*

## ***4. GRAFCET (Sequential Function Chart) [1 week]***

*Norm, elements of the language, modelling.*

## ***5. CAD/CAM and CNC Machines [1 week]***

*Types of Computerized Numerical Controlled machines. Interpolation of trajectories. Flexible fabrication cells.*

## ***6. Discrete Event Systems [1 week]***

*Modeling of discrete event systems (DESSs). Automata. Petri networks. State and dynamics of PNs.*

## ***7. Analysis of DESSs [2 weeks]***

*Properties of DESSs. Methodologies for the analysis: reachability graph and matricial equation.*

## ***8. DESSs and Industrial Automation [1 week]***

*Relations GRAFCET / Petri networks. Analysis of industrial automation solutions as DESSs.*

## ***9. Supervision of Industrial Processes [2w]***

*Methodologies for supervision. SCADA. Synthesis based on invariants. Examples of application.*

## Assessment and grading:

- 2 *Preliminary laboratory assignments - training purposes (0% of the final grade).*
- 2 *Laboratory assignments (20%+20% of the final grade). Groups of 3 students.*
- 1 *Seminar (20% of the final grade). Topics to be selected with each group.*
- 1 *Exam (40% of the final grade).*

*Upon student choice, the second exam can be oral.*

- *Minimum grade: 9.0/20.0 val. in each component.*

**One extra value for students attending more than 70% of recitations and do short summaries of the classes.**

# Assessment and grading:

*Short  
summaries  
of the  
classes*

*Download this  
XLS file from the  
webpage of the  
course.*

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- Section 1:** A single row with columns A, B, C, D, and E. Cell B3 contains the text "João silva".
- Section 2:** A row with cells A, B, C, D, and E. Cell B3 contains the text "Industrial Automation 2014/5 - Self-taken links to bibliography".
- Section 3:** A row with cells A, B, C, D, and E. Cell B3 contains the text "Name: João silva" and cell D3 contains the text "Number: 12345".
- Section 4:** A row with cells A, B, C, D, and E. Cell B3 contains the text "Bibliography:".
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- Section 15:** A table with rows 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20. The table has columns Week, Monday, Notes, Tuesday, and Notes. Row 15 is a header row with these column labels. Rows 16 through 20 contain data for weeks 1 through 4. Week 1 (row 16) has Monday 15-Set-14 and Notes Ch1 Introduction, [slides12] C1 pp1-...; Tuesday 16-Set-14 and Notes Cabled vs programmed logic. Examples of sensors and actuators. [slides12] C1. Week 2 (row 17) has Monday 22-Set-14 and Notes; Tuesday 23-Set-14 and Notes. Week 3 (row 18) has Monday 29-Set-14 and Notes; Tuesday 30-Set-14 and Notes. Week 4 (row 19) has Monday 06-Out-14 and Notes; Tuesday 07-Out-14 and Notes.

At the bottom of the Excel window, there are tabs for "summaries" and "calend".

## Schedule (semester view, laboratories & exam):

Lab. registration <sup>1</sup>	First week
1 <sup>st</sup> preliminary lab.	1 week
2 <sup>nd</sup> preliminary lab.	1 week
1 <sup>st</sup> lab. assignment	3 weeks
2 <sup>nd</sup> lab. assignment	3 weeks
3 <sup>rd</sup> lab. assignment	0.5h seminar (one date $\geq$ week 8) <i>20min presentation + 10min discussion</i>
Exams (do at least one)	3h, <b>08Jun or 06Jul 2020</b>

<sup>1</sup> Important: define the students' representative

## Schedule (week view, see also IST-GOP / fenix):

- Recitation classes

Monday	15.30 h – 17.00 h	Ea3
Friday	15.30 h – 17.00 h	Ea5

- Lab. Classes (once per week, choose one shift)

1 <sup>st</sup> shift Monday	17.00h – 18.30h	LSDC4 (room 5.21)
2 <sup>nd</sup> shift Thursday	09.30h – 11.00h	LSDC4 (room 5.21)
3 <sup>rd</sup> shift	<i>to schedule if needed</i>	LSDC4 (room 5.21)

- Groups registration for the Laboratory

# Bibliography :

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# Industrial Automation

## (Automação de Processos Industriais)

### Introduction to Automation

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## Industrial Automation is Necessary and is Happening

Consistent **production growth** in the last three centuries (since the Industrial Revolution)<sup>1</sup>.

The production of **increasing amounts** of goods requires the storage and handling of large quantities of resources.

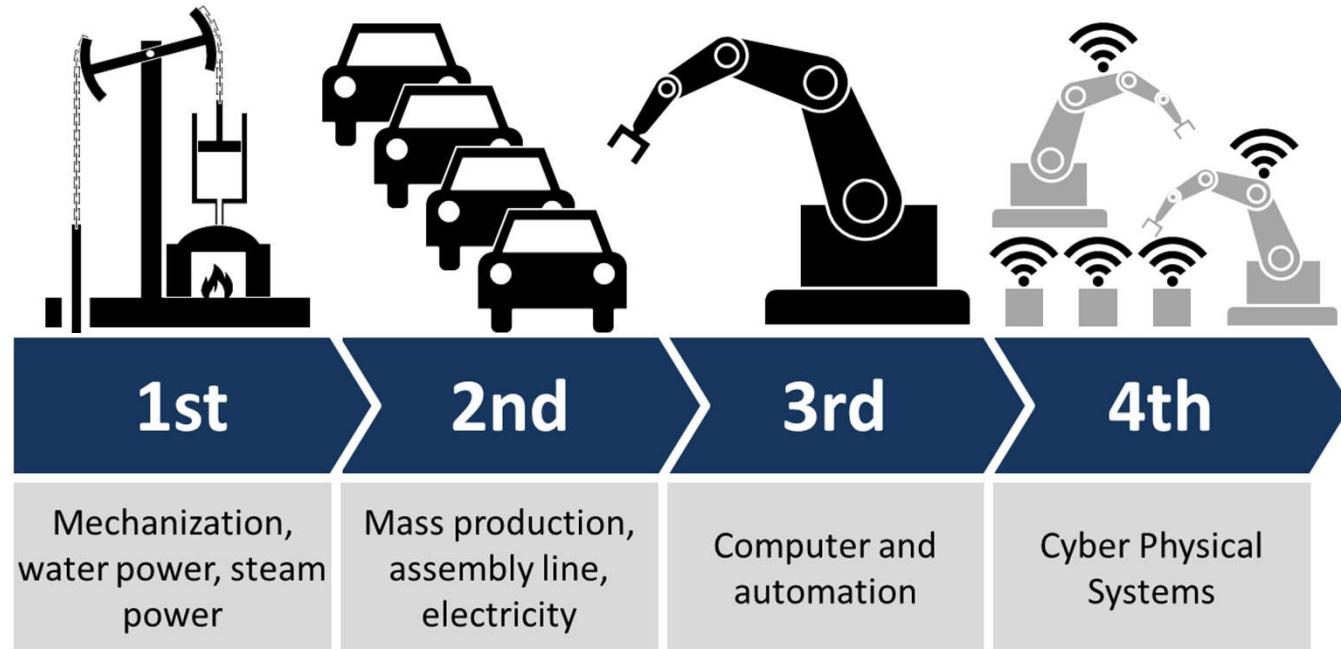


Need to use **automatic tools and systems**.

**Automation** was fostered by the invention of computers.

<sup>1</sup> Motivated by the continuous growth of the world population and migration to cities.

# Industrial Automation - Industry 4.0



[Wikipedia]

**1760-1840**  
Industrial  
Revolution

**1913**  
Assembly line  
by Henry Ford

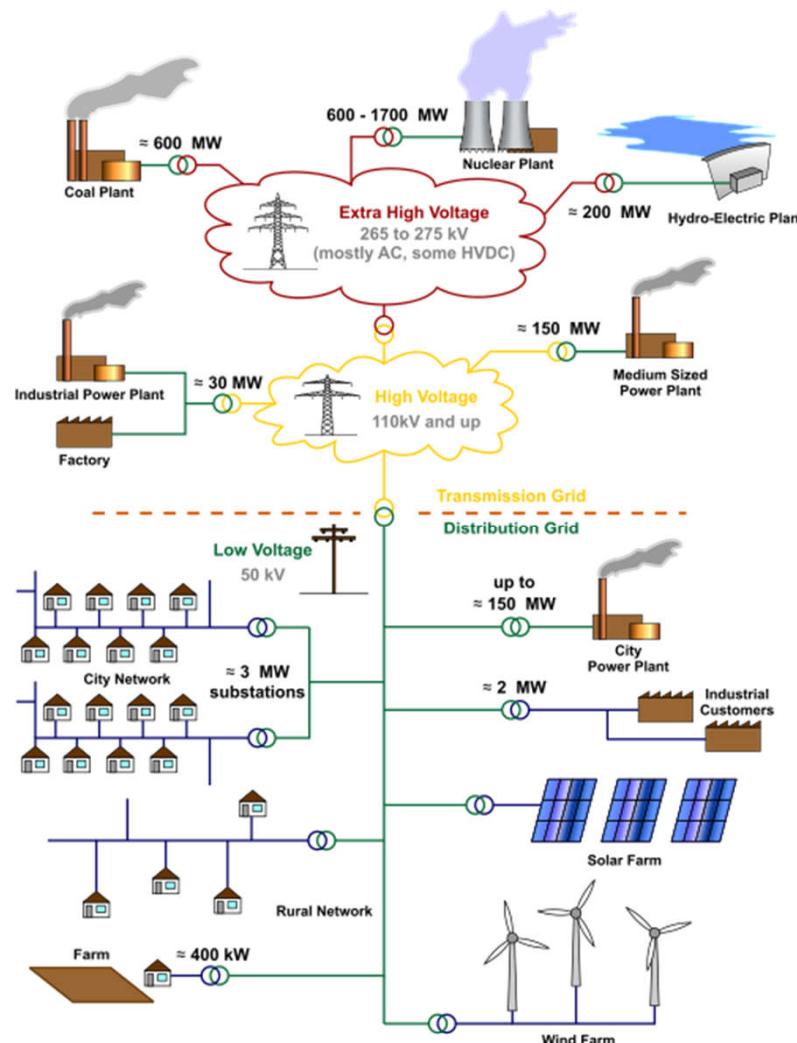
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**1968** Bedford /  
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**2011** Industry 4.0  
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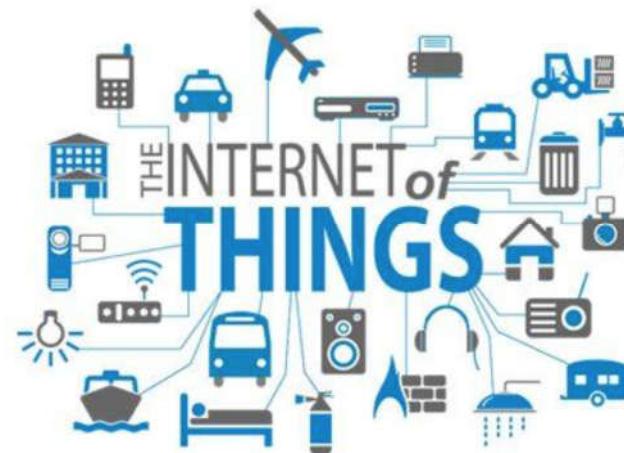
*1807-1811 French invasions, 1821 Independence of Brasil  
1974-1975 Independence of Guiné-Bissau, Moçambique, Cabo Verde, São Tomé e Príncipe, Angola*

# Industrial Automation - Industry 4.0

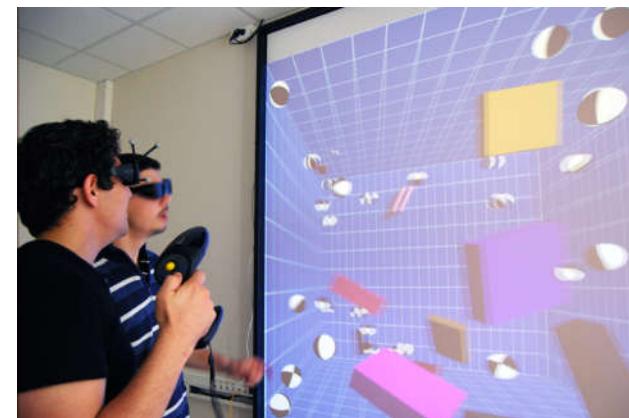
*Cyber physical systems, Internet of things (IoT) and Visual computing*



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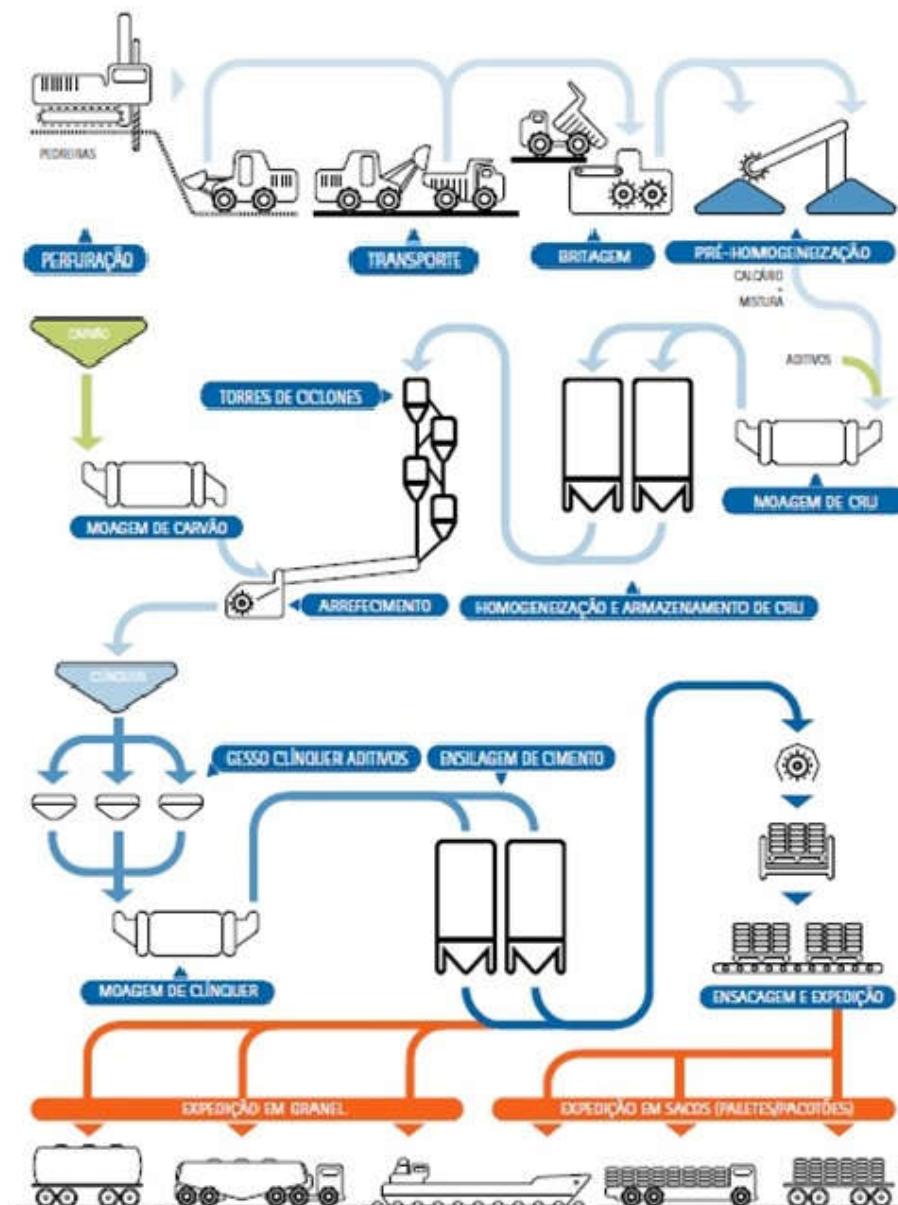
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*Industrial Process:*

*Making Cement*

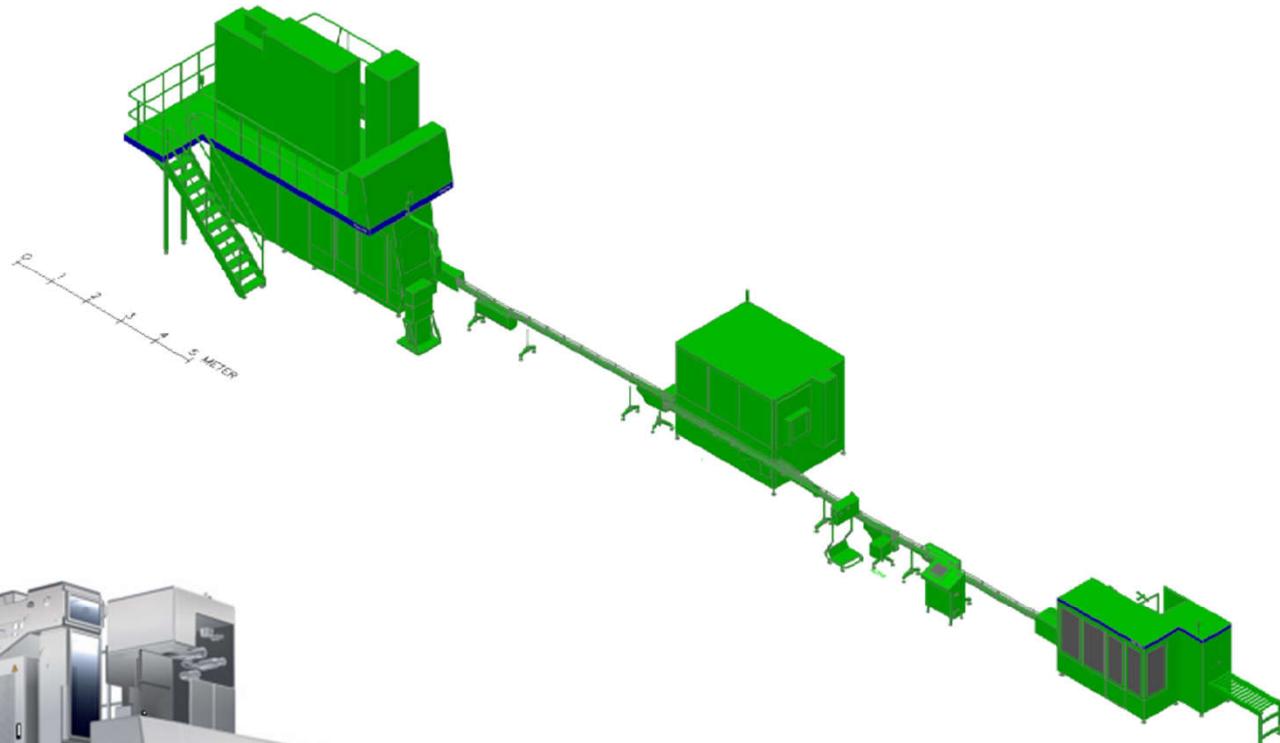
*[Outão / Setúbal / Portugal]*

*Some systems are very large and complex but still need to “work like a clock”*



*Industrial Process:*

*Tetra Pak /  
Parmalat*

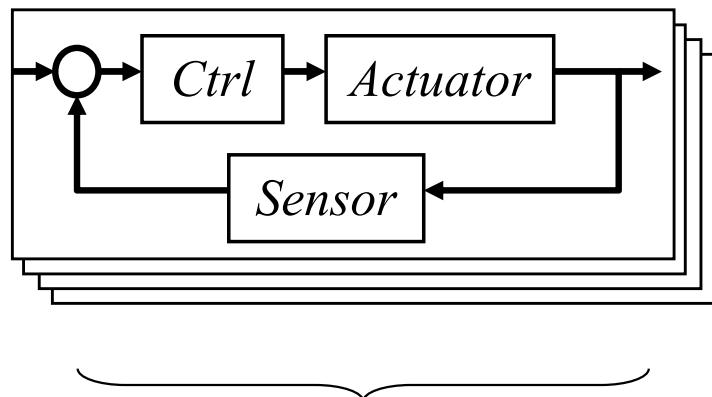


*Complexity handled with **modularity**.*  
*Filling machine, complete line:*

- 200 ml slim 20000 TP/h
- Straw Applicator
- Beverage Carton Film Wrapper
- Conveyors
- Carboardpacker

## *Complex Systems based on Local and Global Controllers*

***Subsystem + Subsystem + Subsystem + ...***



*Other courses as  
e.g. Control*

**+ Global  
Controller**

*= Automated  
Industrial  
Process*

*Subsystems sequencing,  
synchronization, ...*

*Start and stop digital  
(binary) signals and events.*

*The subject of this course.*

## Ch. 1 – Introduction to Automation [1 week]

- 1.1 Introduction to **components** in industrial automation.
- 1.2 **Cabled** logic versus **programmed** logic versus **networked** logic.
- 1.3 Introduction to **methodologies** for problem modeling.  
Methodologies of work.

## 1.1 Components used in industrial automation

Robotic Manipulators

- generic load, unload, handle, work

Computerized CNC Machines

- specialized workers

Handling materials

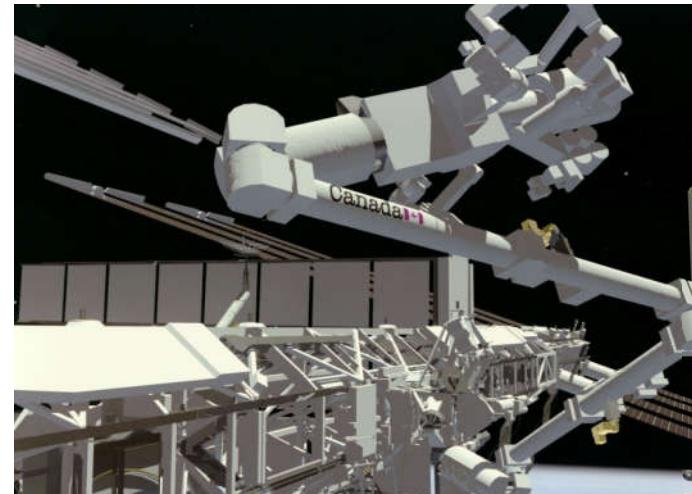
- specialized load and unload



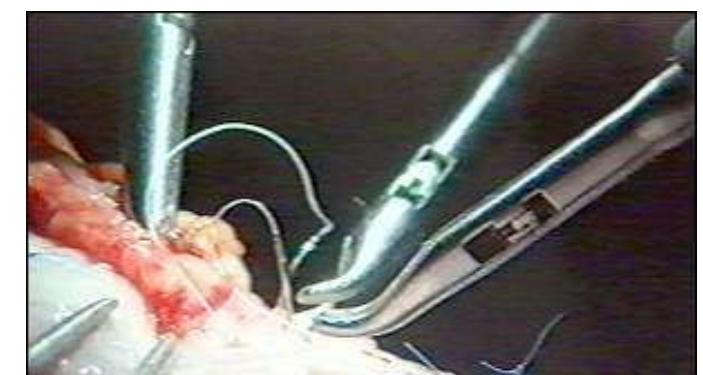
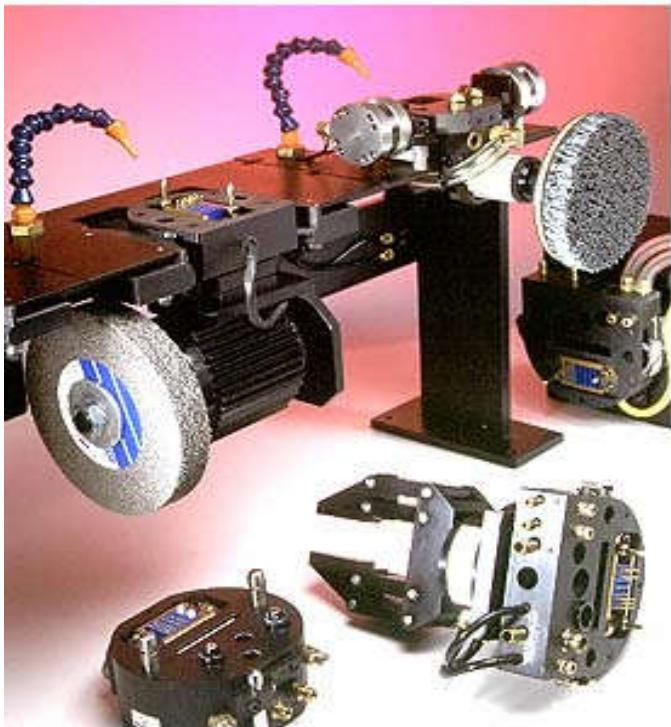
*How it is done:*

- *Low level actuation and sensing*
- *Motors and sensors, local and global integration*

# Robotic Manipulators



## Robotic Manipulators - End Effectors



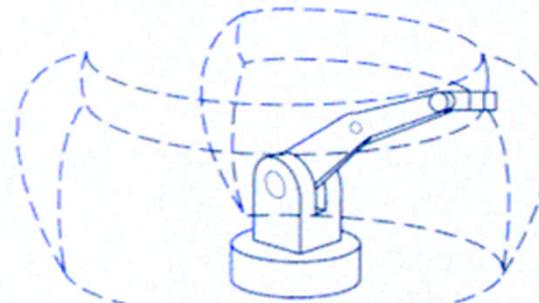
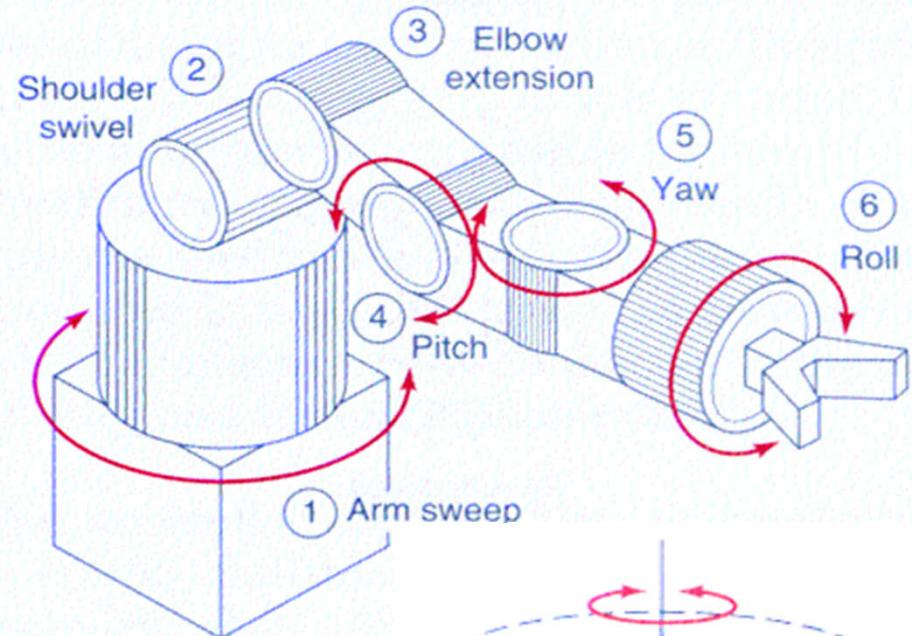
# Robotic Manipulators

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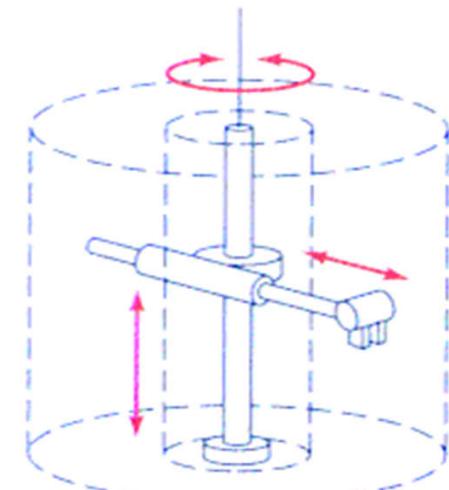
- Number of degrees of freedom
- Types of joints (prismatic/revolution)
- Programming tools and environments  
(high level languages, teach pendant, ...)
- Workspace
- Accuracy, reliability
- Payload and robustness

## Workspace, examples:

- Spherical
- Cylindrical
- ...



(b) Articulated



(a) Cylindrical

**Fig. 15-23**

Robot work envelope.

## Robotic Manipulators

### Central problems to address and solve:

- Direct / Inverse kinematics
- Trajectory generation / Trajectory following
- Coordinate frames where tasks are specified
- Level of abstraction of the programming languages

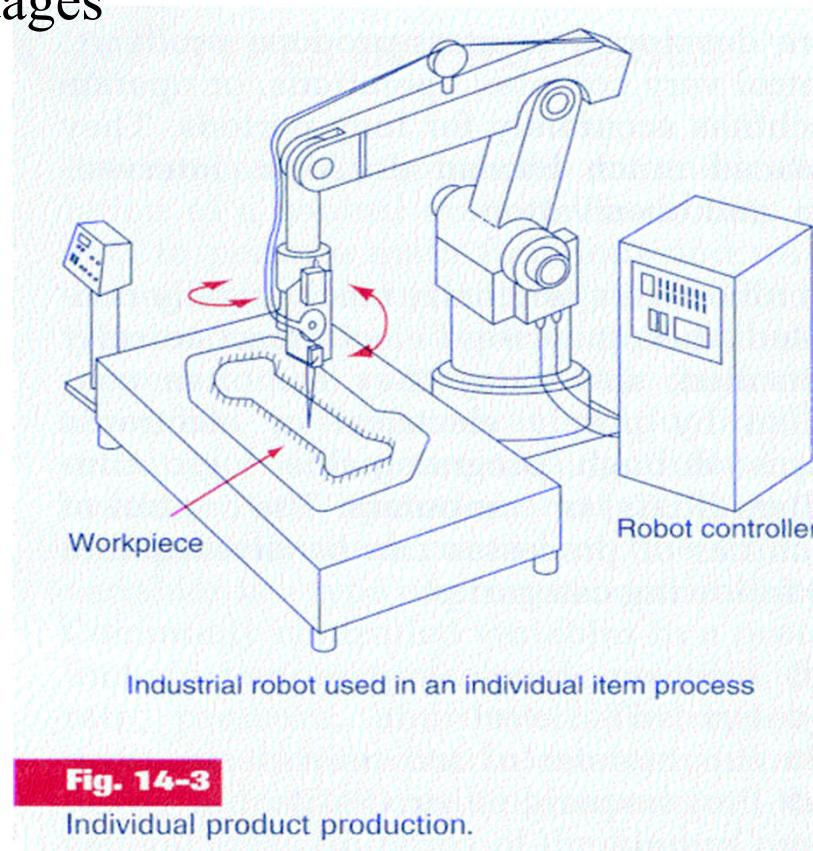


Fig. 14-3

Individual product production.

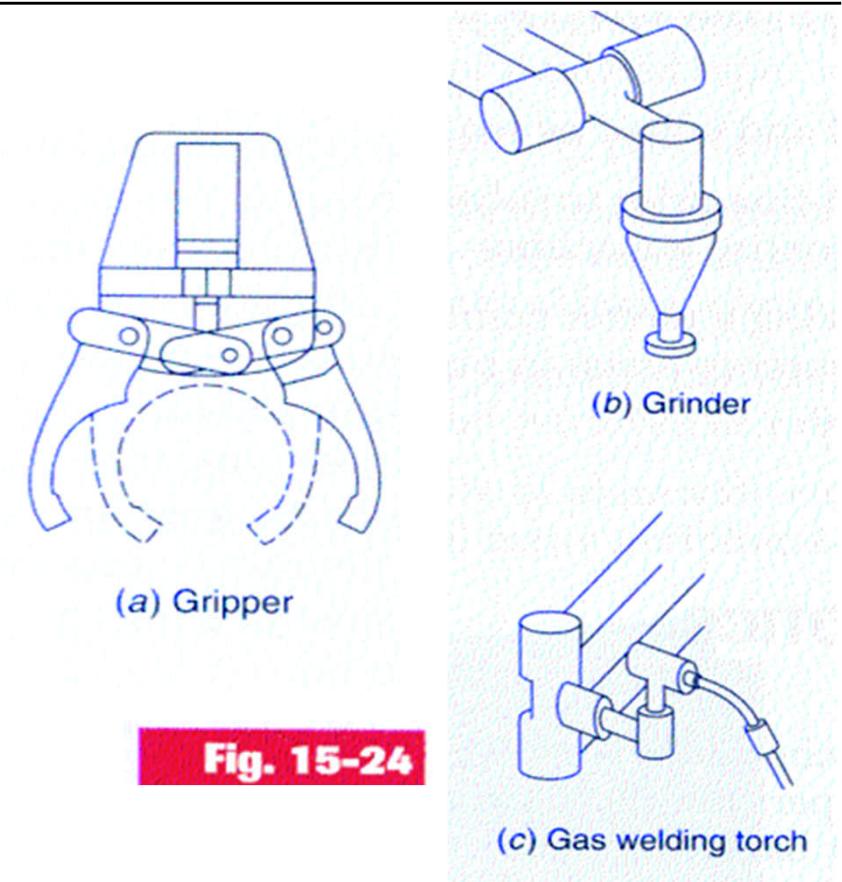
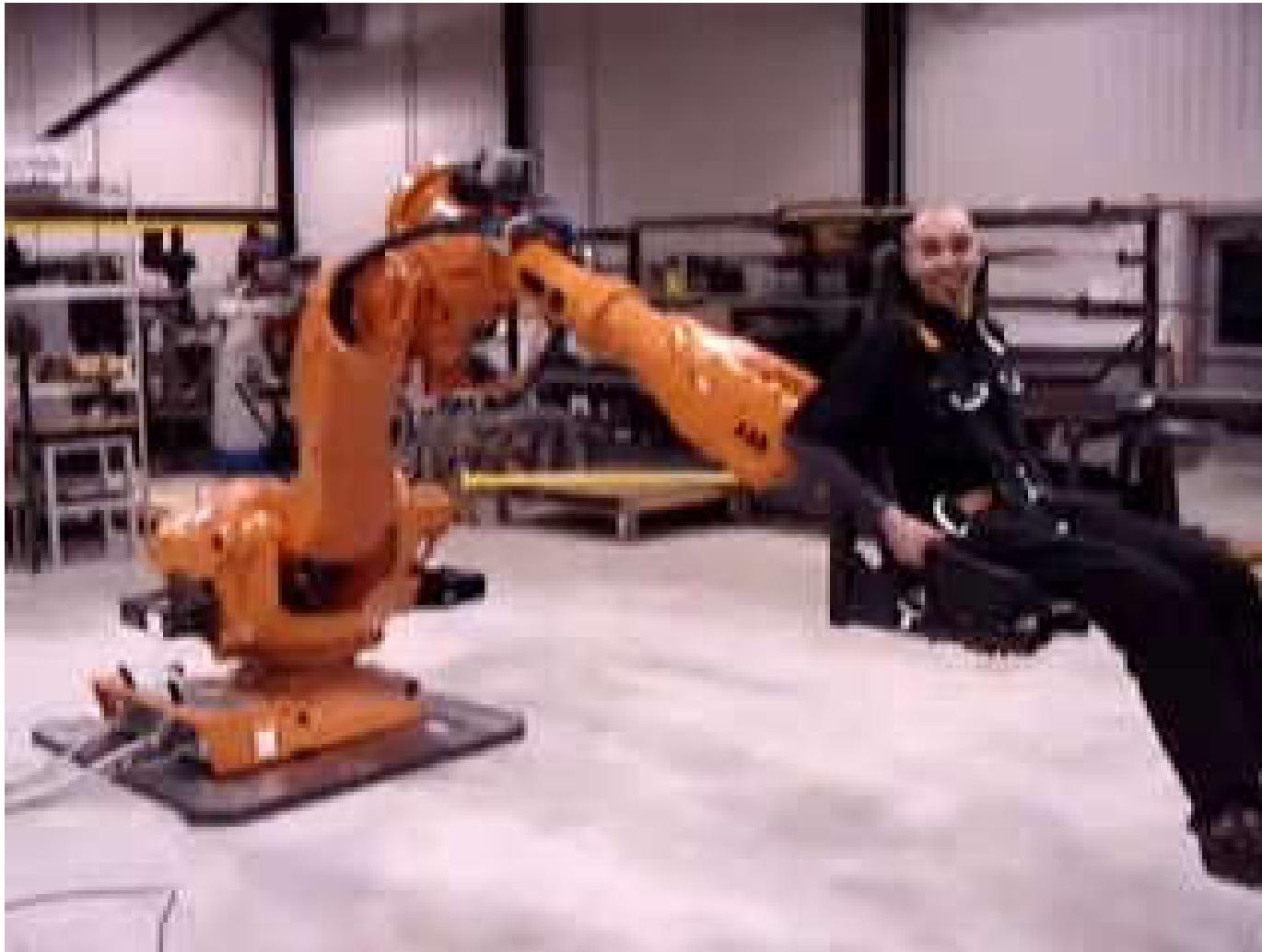


Fig. 15-24

Use in Flexible Cells of Fabrication:

it is required that the manipulators have correct interfaces for the **synchronization** and inputs for **external commands**.

## Robotic Manipulators



*Riding an ABB IRB 6600 Robot 1 [Youtube]*

*API Note: please understand the power, and do not do this; keep always the safety!*

## Computerized Numerical Controlled (CNC) Machines

### Major characteristics:

- Number of degrees of freedom
- Interpolation methods
- Load/unload automation, and also in tool change
- Programming (high level languages, teach pendant, ...)
- Workspace
- Accuracy, reliability
- Payload and robustness
- Interface
- Synchronization with exterior

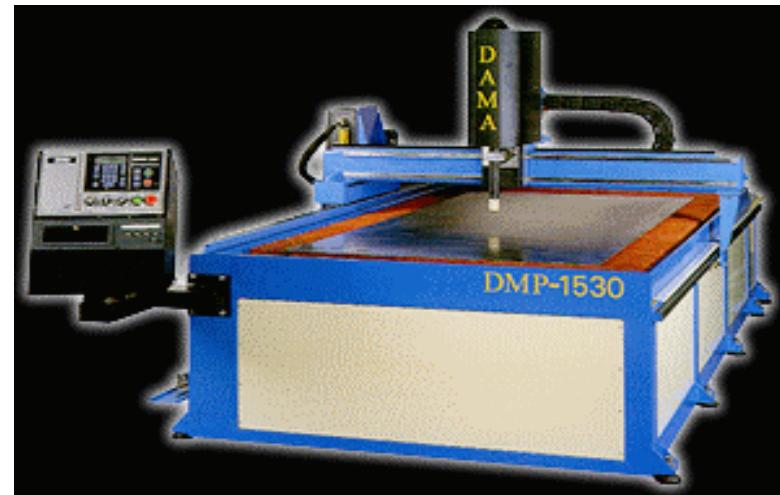
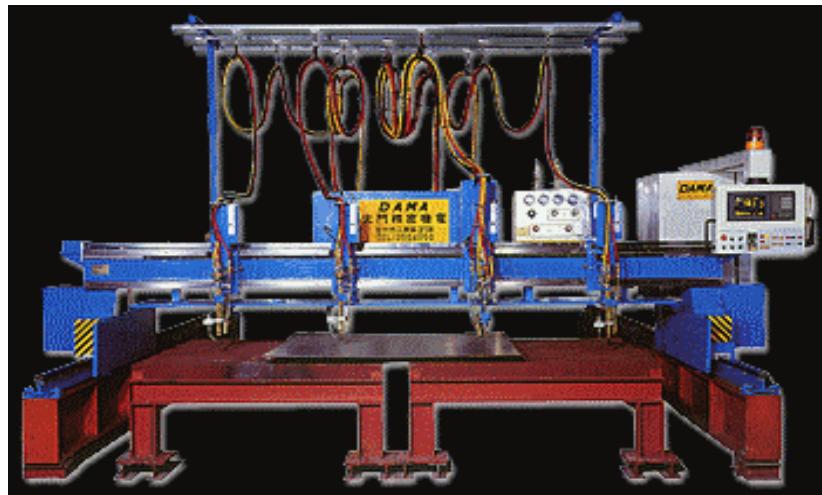
### Examples:

Milling, Lathes, ...



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## Computerized Numerical Controlled (CNC) Machines



Compact CNC plasma cutting machine  
Effective cutting : 1.5 m X 3 m  
Plasma torch cutting capacity up to 5cm (mild steel), Gas torch option allows up to 10cm.

# Computerized Numerical Controlled (CNC) Machines

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the website for the Núcleo de Oficinas (NOF) at the Instituto Superior Técnico (IST). The title bar reads "Oficina de Mecânica | Núdeo...". The address bar shows the URL <https://nof.tecnico.ulisboa.pt/rede-de-oficinas/oficina-de-mecanica/>. The page content includes a large image of a CNC machine in operation, a navigation menu with links like "INÍCIO", "SOBRE O NOF", "REDE DE OFICINAS", "OFICINA SELF-SERVICE (NÃO DISPONÍVEL)", and "ARMAZÉM TÉCNICO", and a photograph of a workshop with various machinery.

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## Solutions for Handling materials

### For transport

#### Major characteristics:

- Load / unload automation
- Accuracy, reliability
- Payload and robustness
- Interface
- Synchronization with exterior



*Conveyors, wheels on the ground*

## Automatic Guided Vehicles (AGVs)

### Major characteristics:

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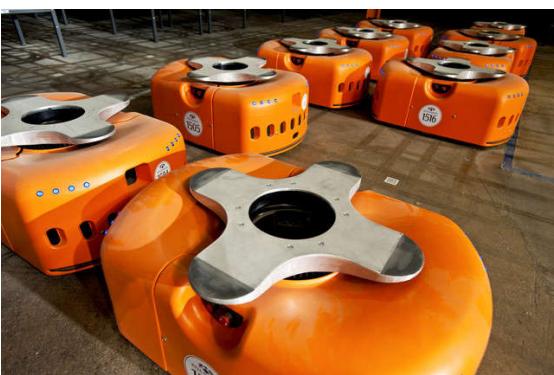


## Automatic Guided Vehicles (AGVs)

Example of fleet operating in industry



## Automatic Guided Vehicles (AGVs)



Kiva Systems Inc

- warehouse automation
- used by Staples, Toys R Us, ...
- 2012 bought by Amazon (\$775 million)



## AGVs (Automatic Guided Vehicles)

Kiva Systems Inc, warehouse automation

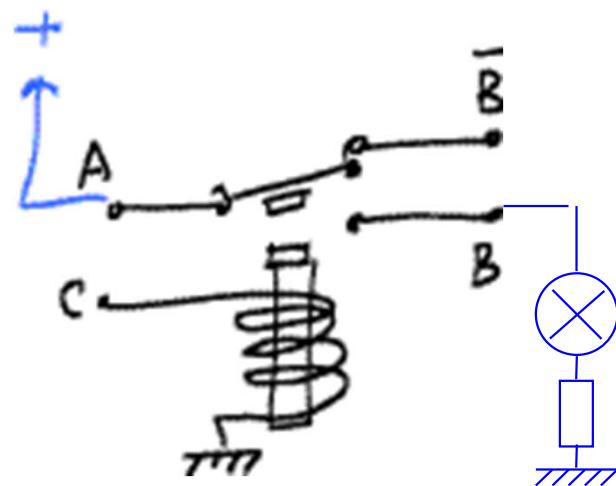


## Ch. 1 – Introduction to Automation [1 week]

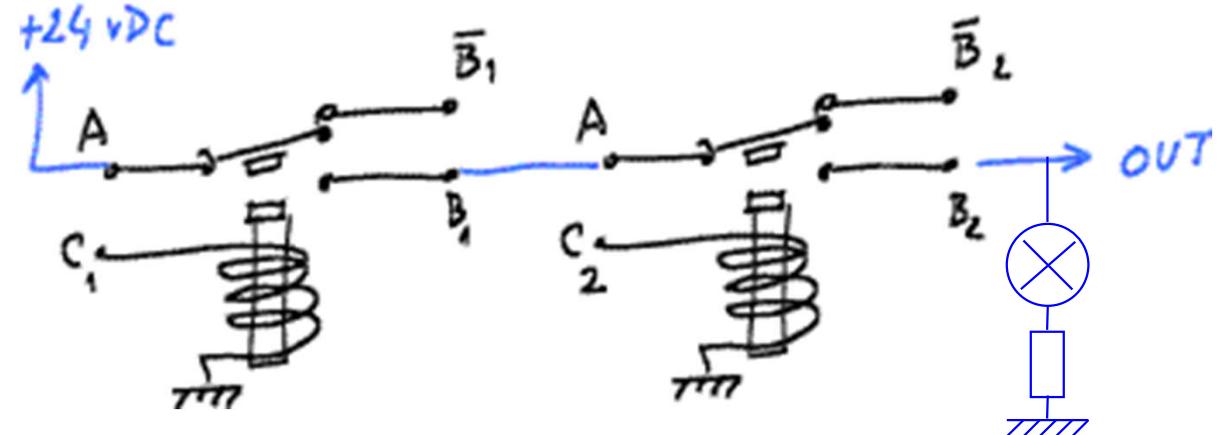
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## 1.2 Cabled Logic

*One Relay*



*Two Relays making one AND gate*

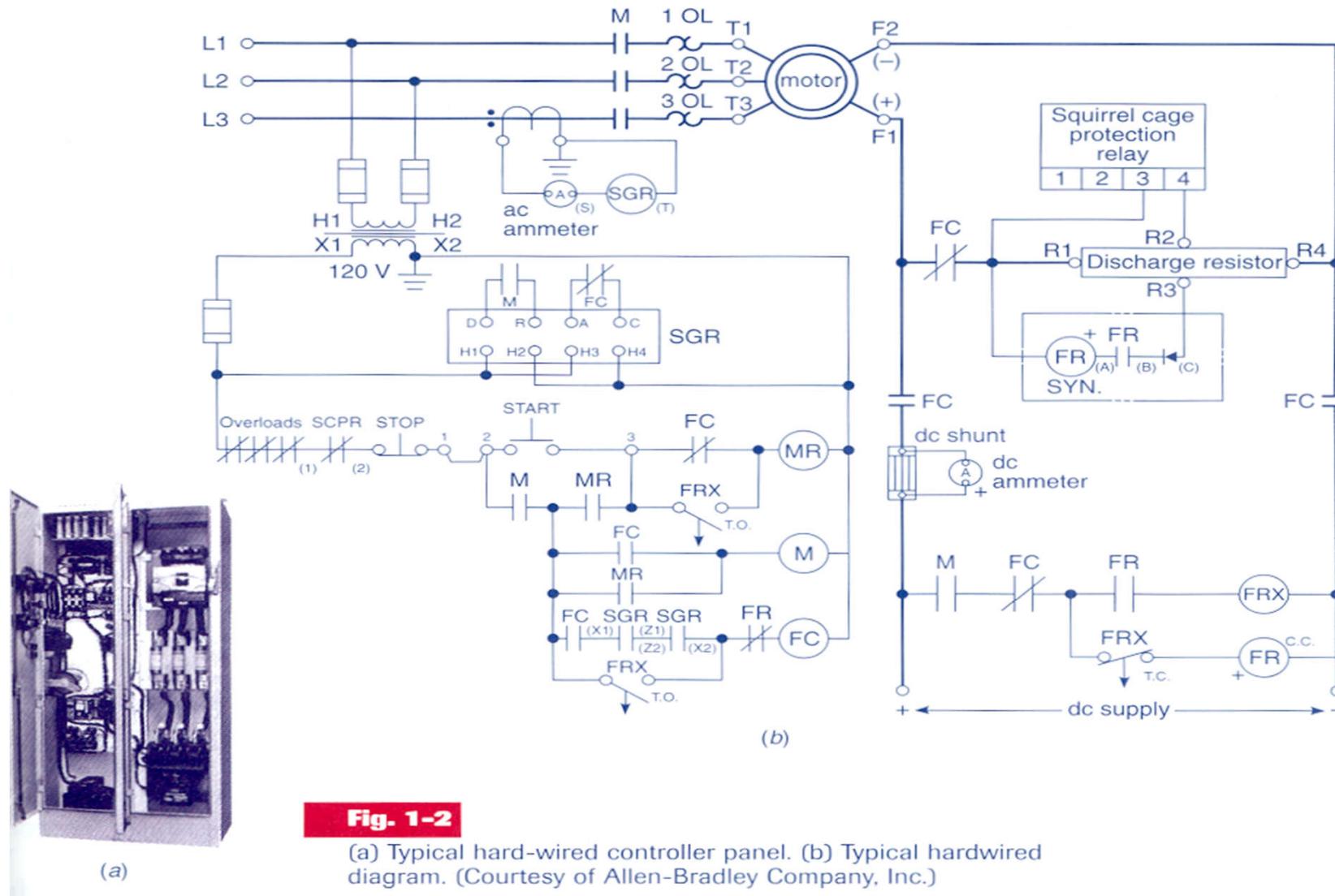


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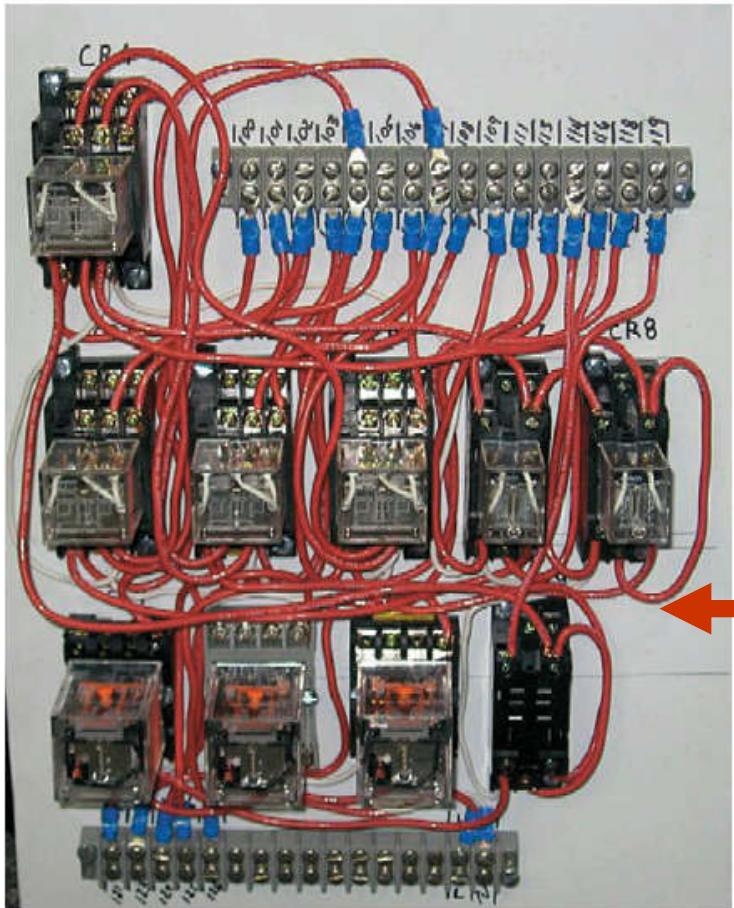
## 1.2 Cabled Logic versus ...

**Fig. 1-2**

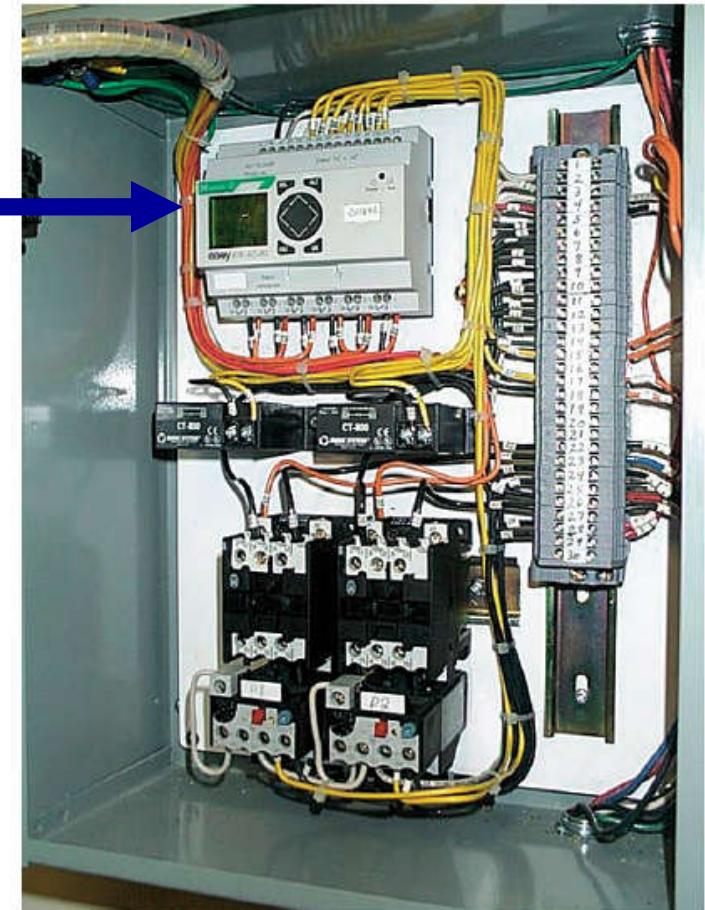
(a) Typical hard-wired controller panel. (b) Typical hardwired diagram. (Courtesy of Allen-Bradley Company, Inc.)

# Cabled Logic versus ...

... versus Programmed Logic ...



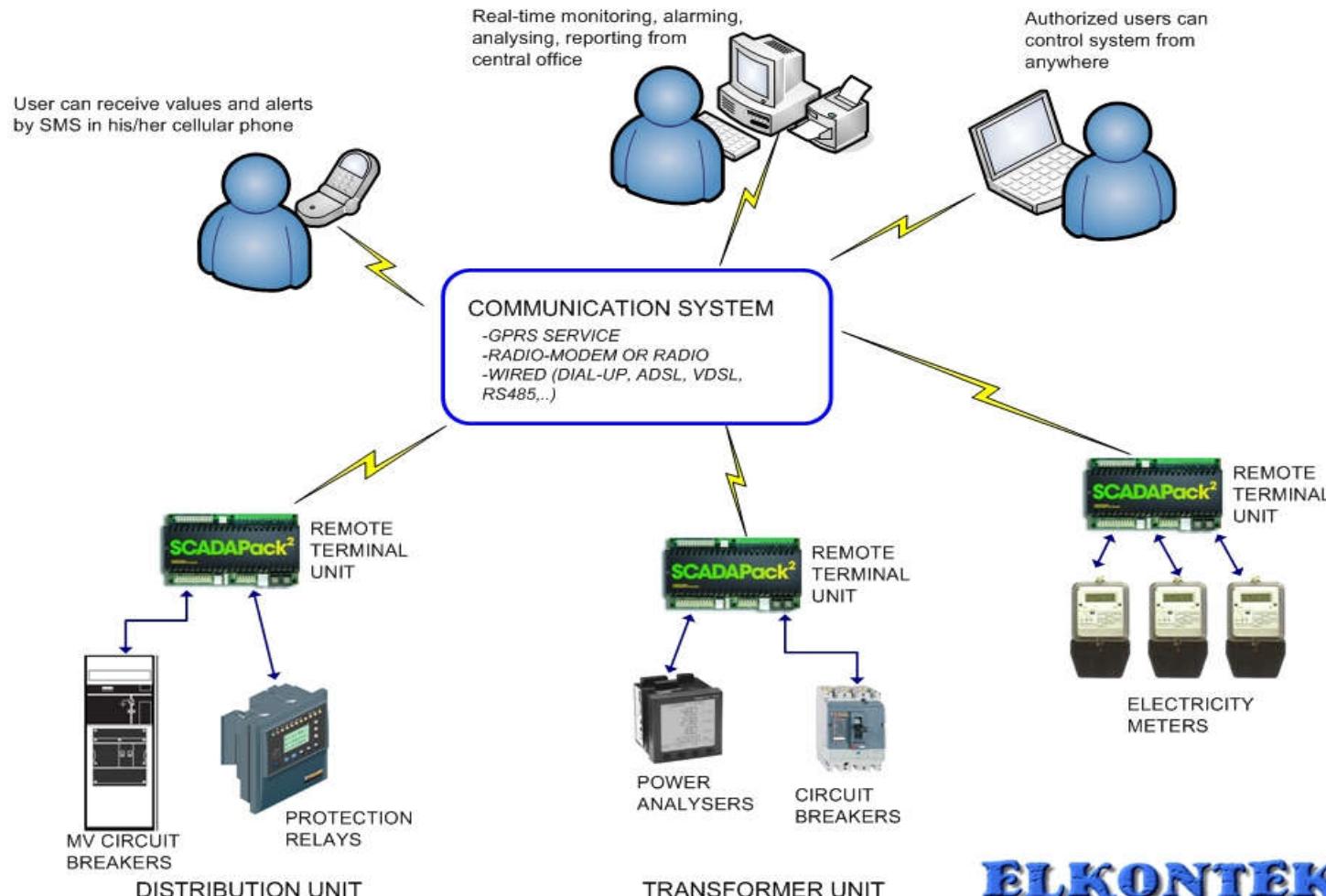
PLC  
control  
panel



Relay  
control  
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# ... versus Networked Logic

MIDDLE AND LOW VOLTAGE  
ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION NETWORKS  
MONITORING VE CONTROL SYSTEM



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## **Relay or Ladder diagram**, design methodology:

- identify the main hardware, **actuators & sensors**, to build the system
- break the system into **subsystems**; tune hardware selection
- **integrate** hardware, logic and sequencing, locally and globally.

### **Actuators**

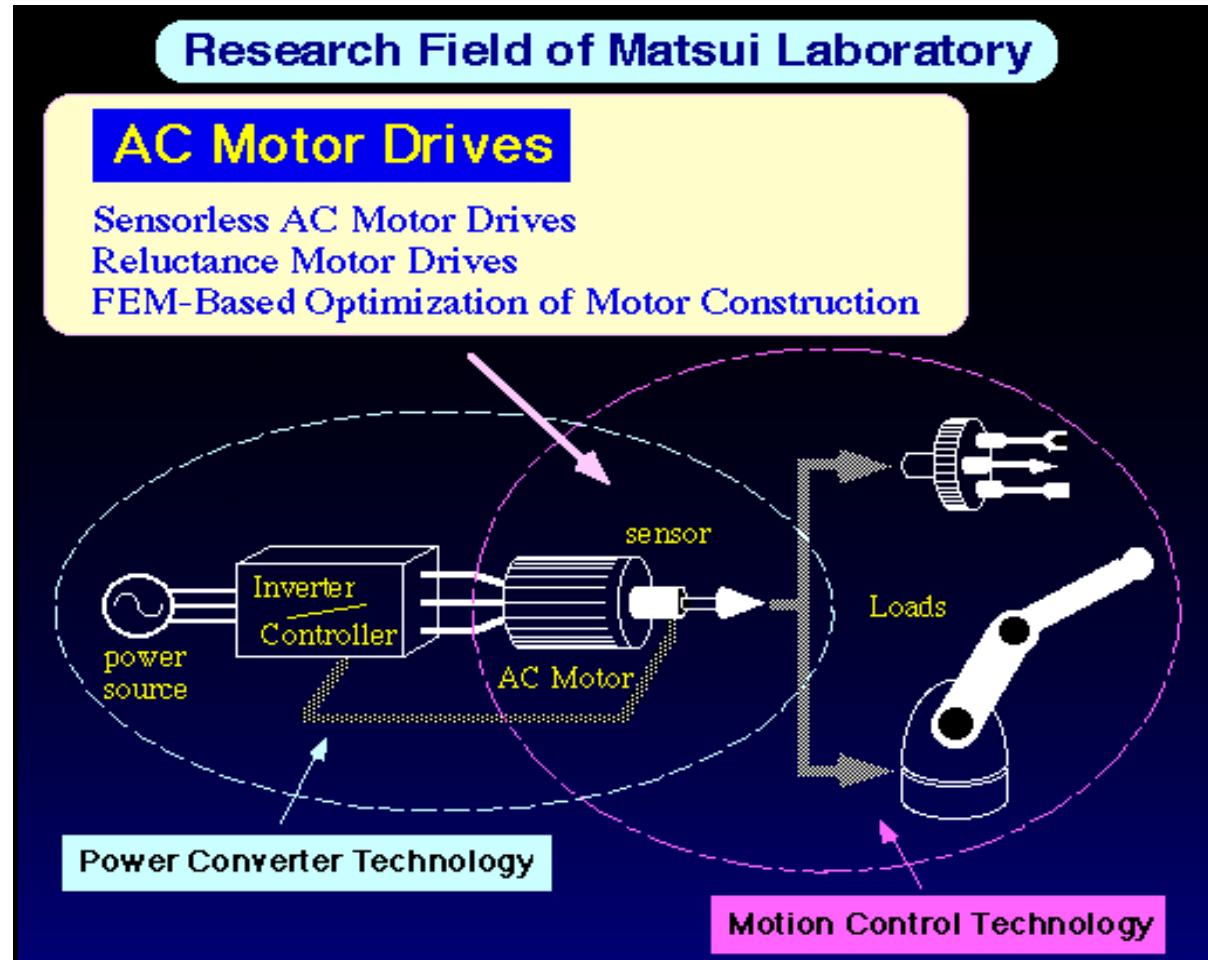
Motors  
Solenoid valve  
Command relay  
Pneumatic cylinder / Electro pneumatic

### **Sensors**

Pressure switch  
Temperature sensors  
Proximity sensors

*Ref: Programmable Logic Controllers, Frank D. Petruzzella, McGraw-Hill, 1996.*

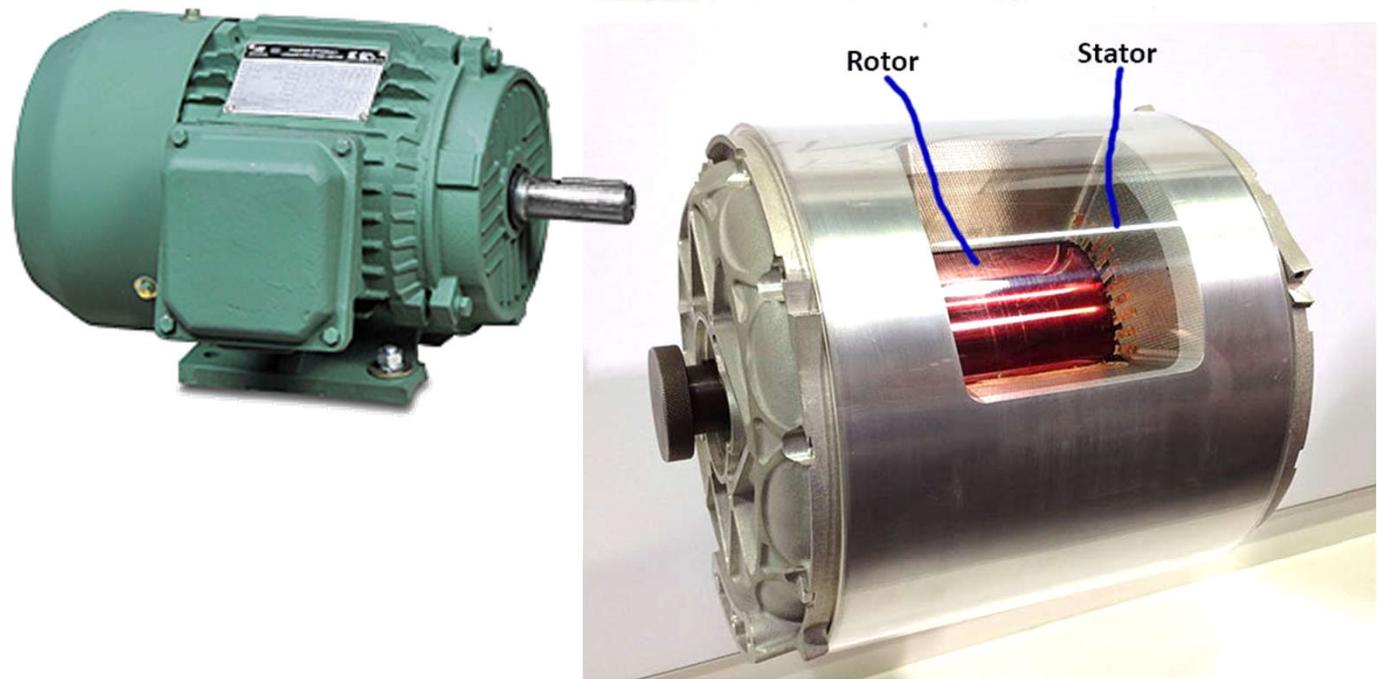
## Example of AC motor, with driver



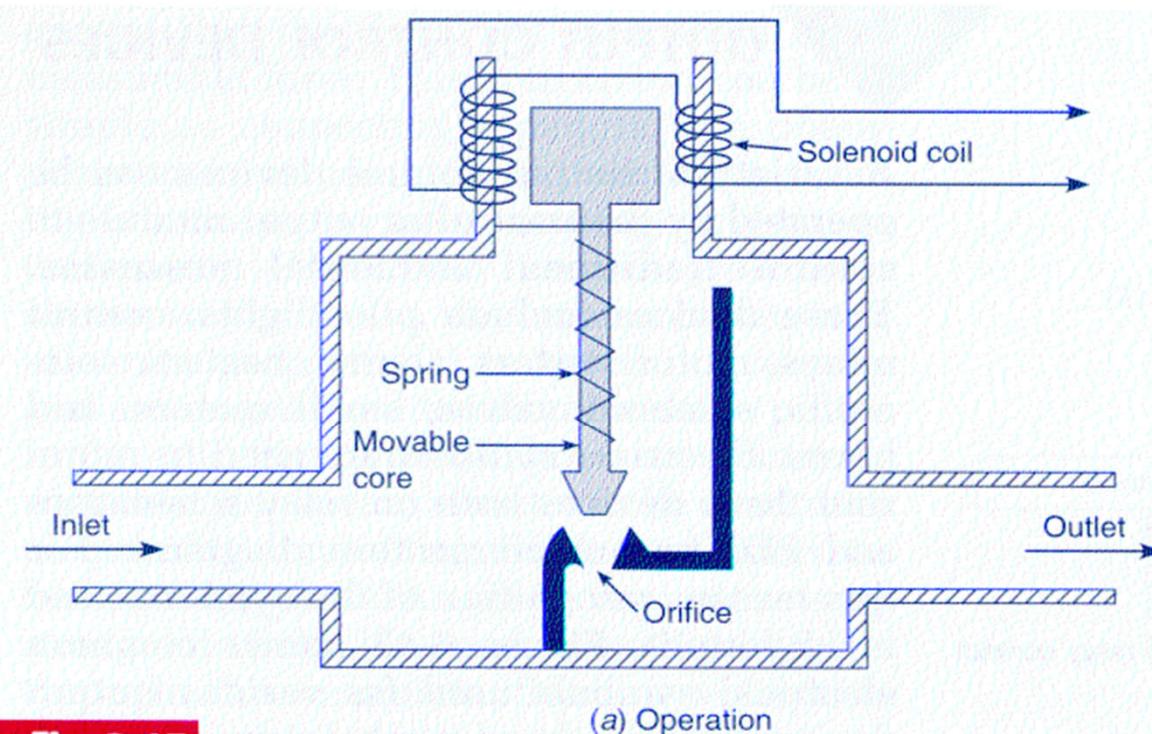
# Actuation Motors

## Major characteristics:

- Type of start
- Type of control
- Accuracy, reliability
- Payload and robustness
- Interface with exterior
- Synchronization

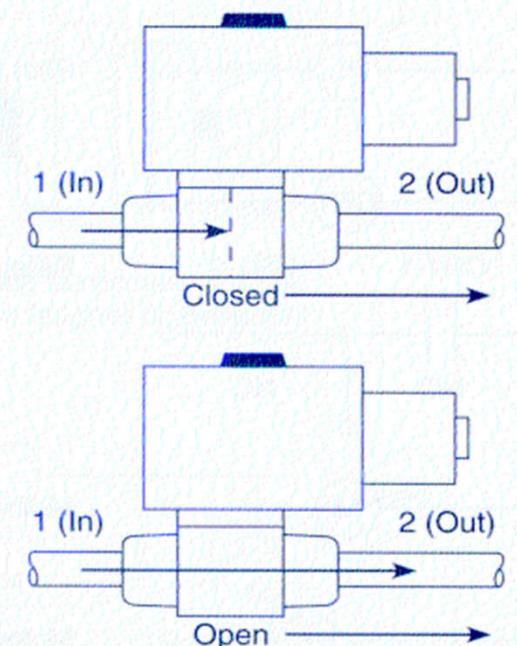


## Solenoid Valve



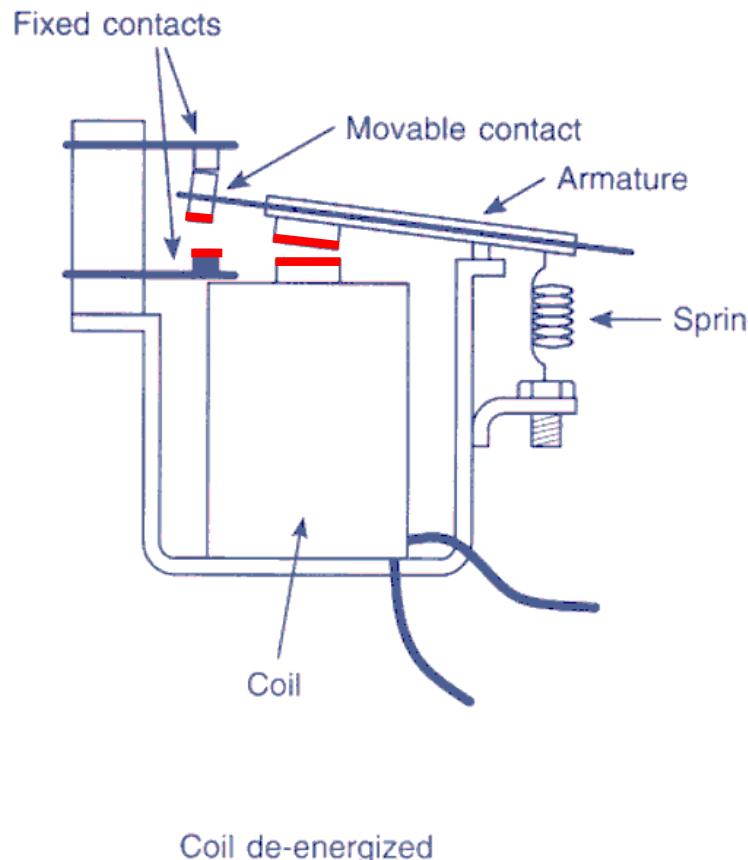
**Fig. 6-45**

Solenoid valve.

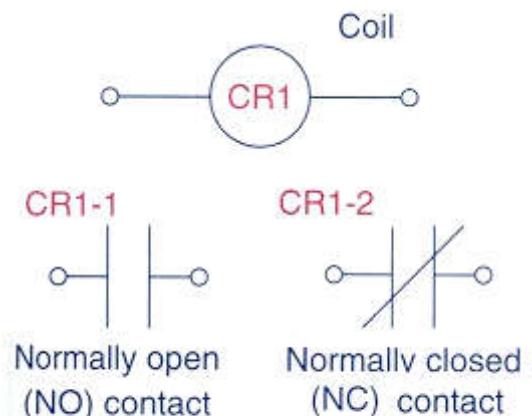
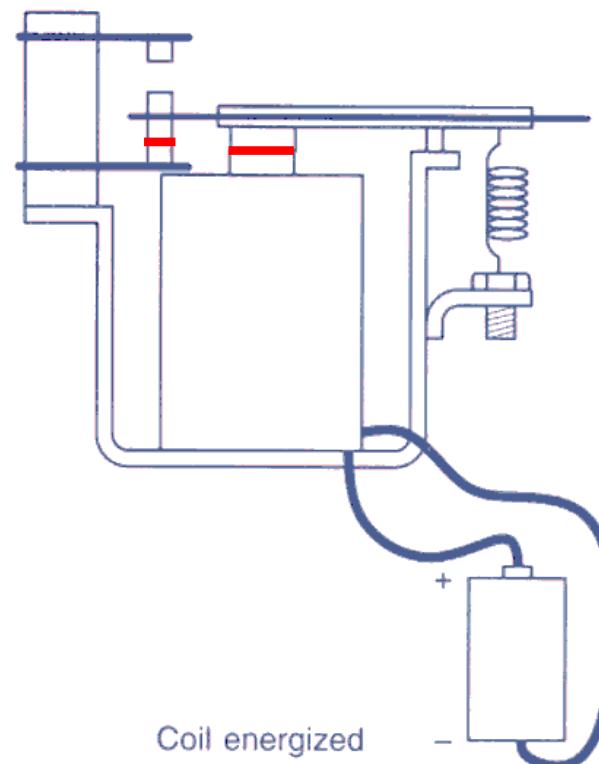


(b) Solenoid valve installation

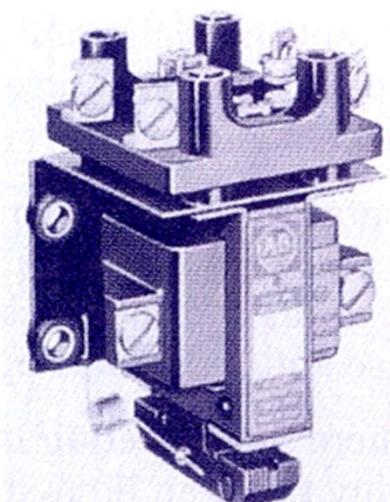
## Command Relay

**Fig. 6-1**

Electromagnetic control relay operation.



(a) Control relay symbol

**Fig. 6-2**

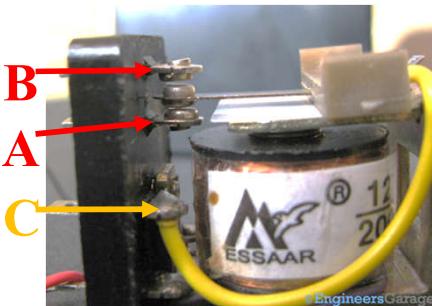
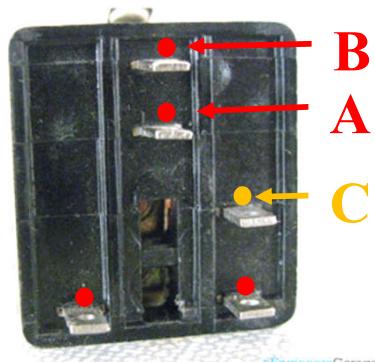
Control relay.

## Command Relay

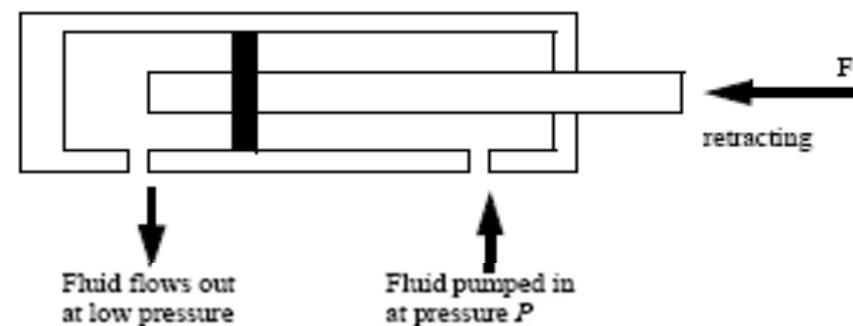
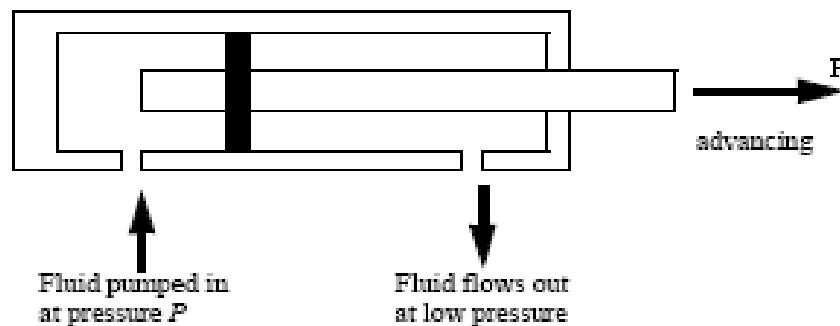


**A** = *NO* =  
*Normally  
Open*

**B** = *NC* =  
*Normally  
Closed*



## Cylinders (Pneumatics)



Force:

$$P = \frac{F}{A} \quad F = PA$$

where

$P$  = the pressure of the hydraulic fluid

$A$  = the area of the piston

$F$  = the force available from the piston rod

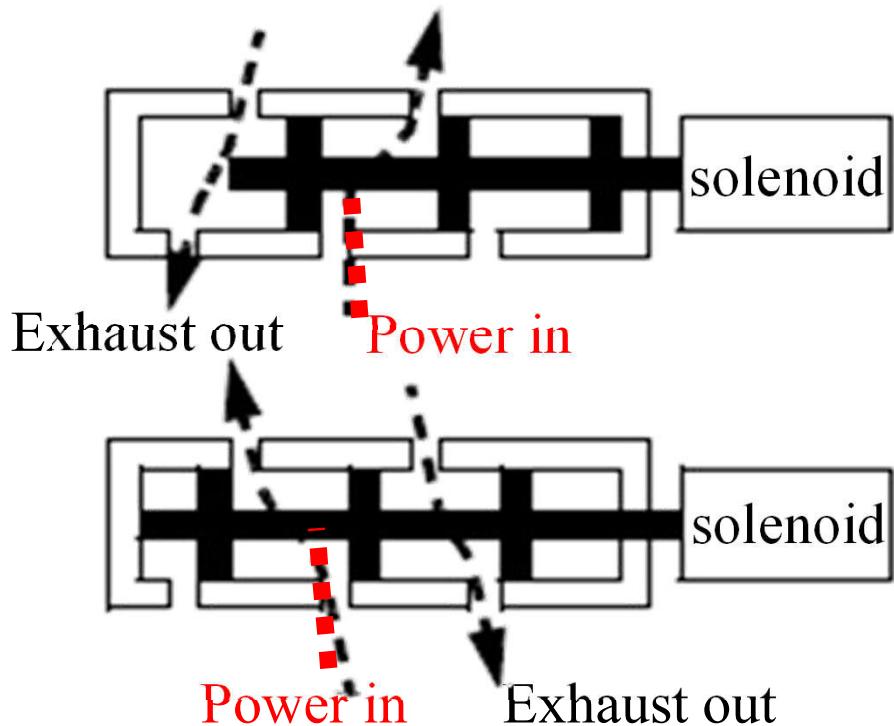


*Air flow in or out*

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## Solenoid Valves (Electrovalves, Electro-pneumatics)

The solenoid has 2 positions. Each position implies one direction of fluid flowing:

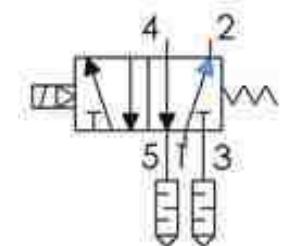
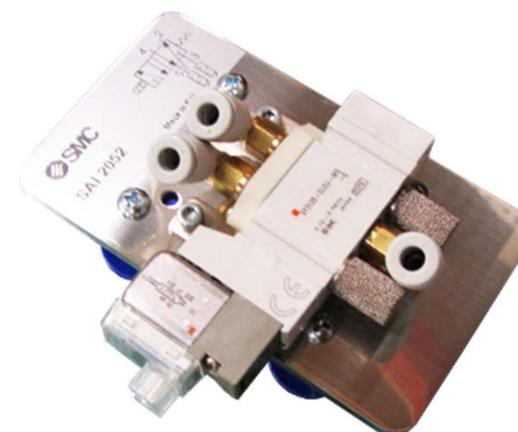


Two types: ON/OFF valves, Proportional Valves

Symbols commonly used to represent the two cases:

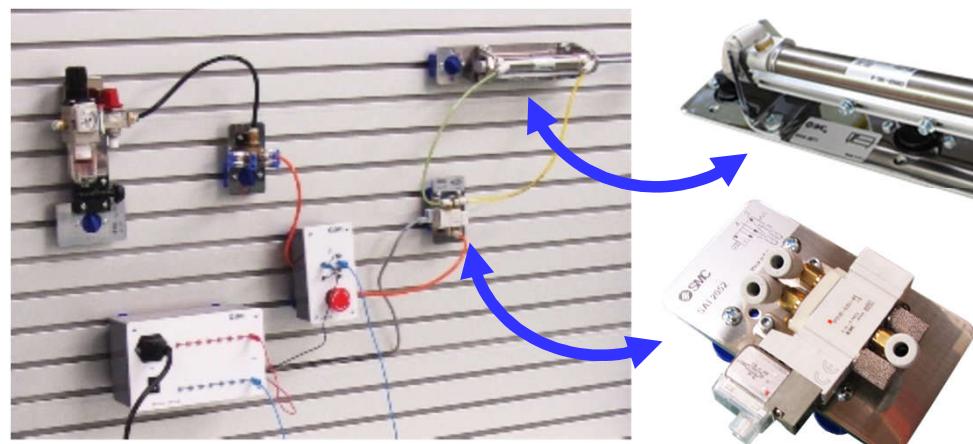
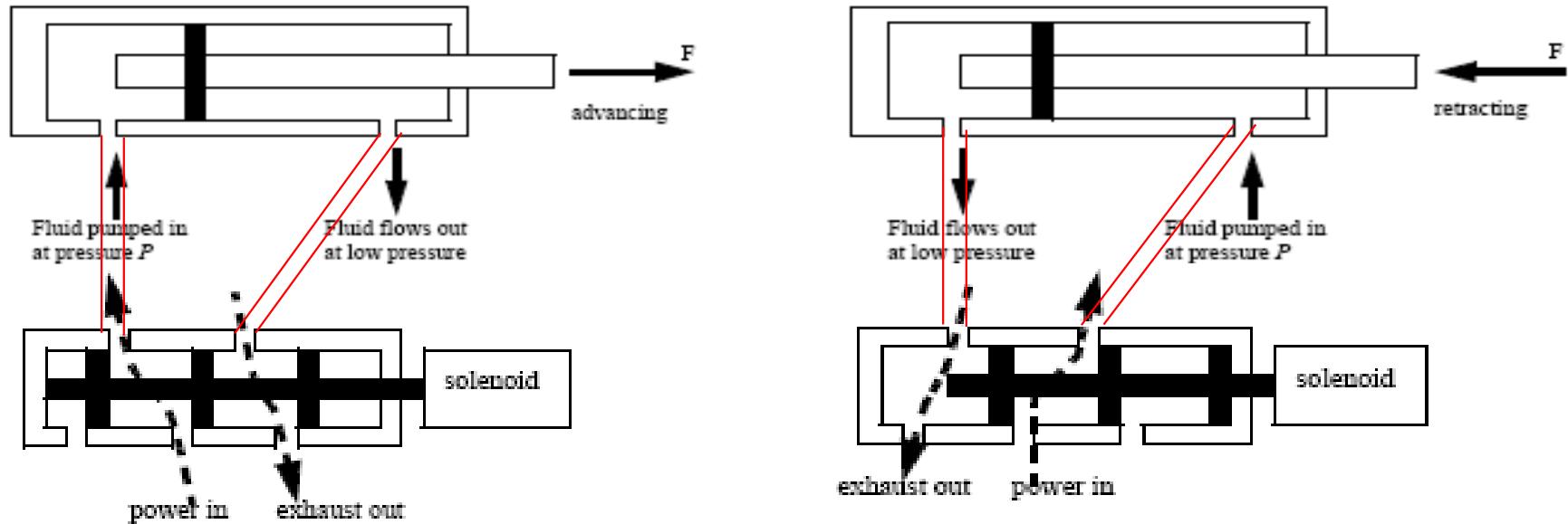


Example of a commercial valve:



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## Solenoid Valves and Cylinders



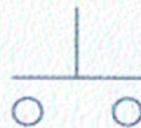
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*Note about the most flexible systems:*

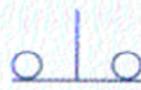
- Proportional pneumatics (proportional valve),
- Servo-pneumatics (e.g. feedback of the position of the piston).

# Sensors

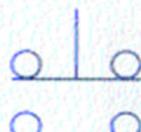
## Push buttons



Normally open (NO) pushbutton



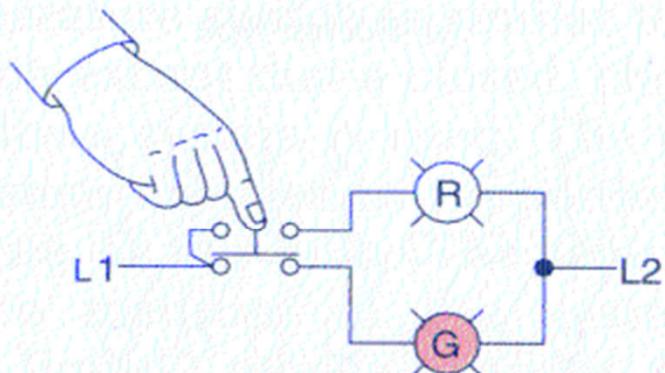
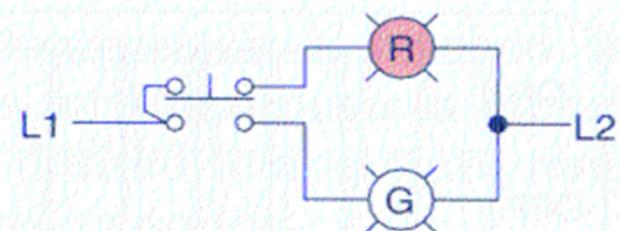
Normally closed (NC) pushbutton



Break-make pushbutton

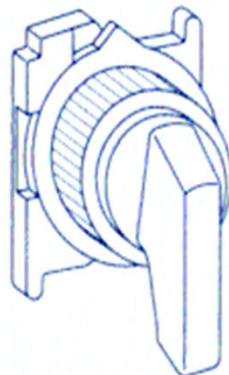
Note: The abbreviations NO and NC represent the electrical state of the switch contacts when the switch is not actuated.

(a) Pushbutton switches



(b) Control circuit using a combination break-make pushbutton

## Selector with three positions

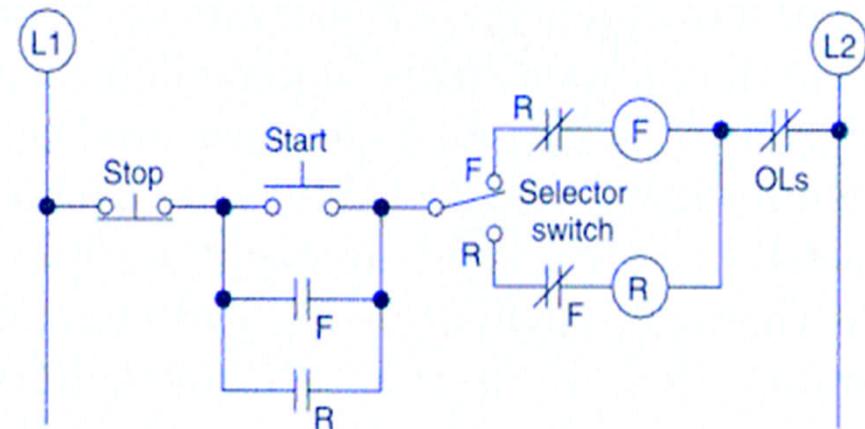


(a) Selector switch operator



Position	Contacts	
	A	B
Hand	X	
Off		
Auto		X

(b) Three-position selector switch and truth table



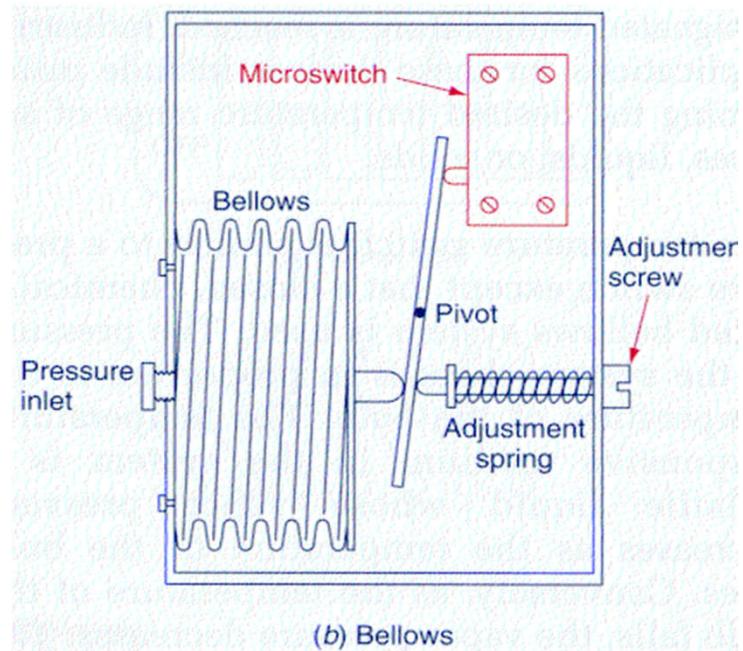
(c) Selector switch used in conjunction with a reversing motor starter to select forward or reverse operation of the motor

**Fig. 6-11**

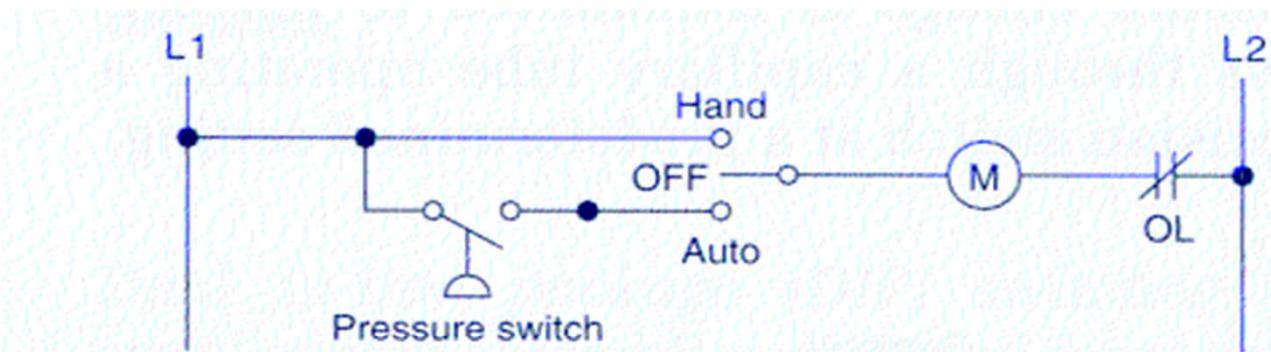
Selector switch.

# Sensors

## Pressure Switch



(b) Bellows



(c) Starter operated by pressure switch

**Fig. 6-15 (continued)**

Pressure switch.

# Temperature Sensors

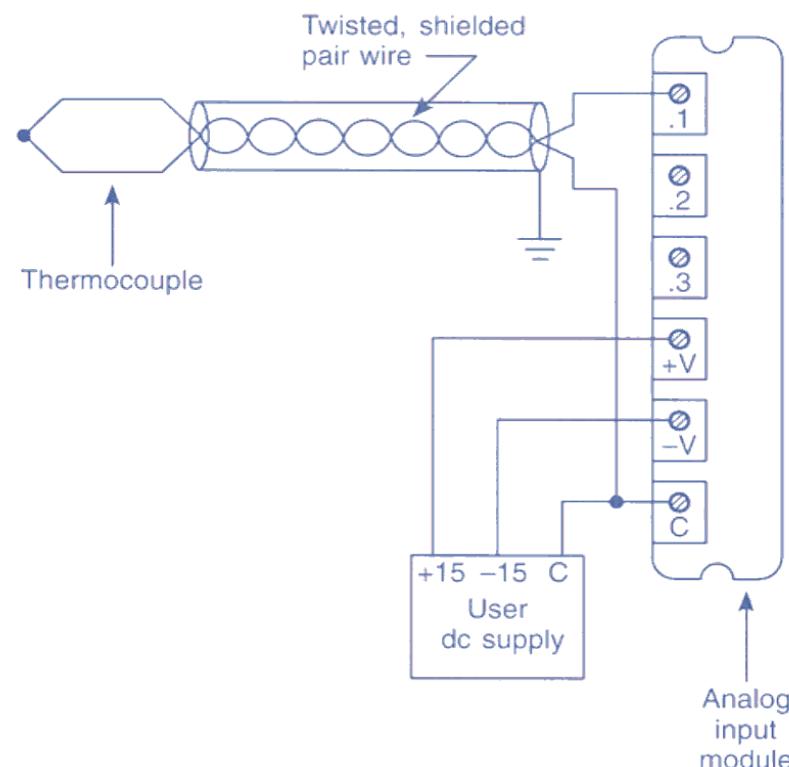
	Thermocouple	RTD	Thermistor	IC Sensor
Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-powered</li> <li>• Simple</li> <li>• Rugged</li> <li>• Inexpensive</li> <li>• Wide variety</li> <li>• Wide temperature range</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most stable</li> <li>• Most accurate</li> <li>• More linear than thermocouple</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High output</li> <li>• Fast</li> <li>• Two-wire ohms measurement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most linear</li> <li>• Highest output</li> <li>• Inexpensive</li> </ul>
Disadvantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nonlinear</li> <li>• Low voltage</li> <li>• Reference required</li> <li>• Least stable</li> <li>• Least sensitive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expensive</li> <li>• Power supply required</li> <li>• Small <math>\Delta R</math></li> <li>• Low absolute resistance</li> <li>• Self-heating</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nonlinear</li> <li>• Limited temperature range</li> <li>• Fragile</li> <li>• Power supply required</li> <li>• Self-heating</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>T &lt; 200^\circ\text{C}</math></li> <li>• Power supply required</li> <li>• Slow</li> <li>• Self-heating</li> <li>• Limited configurations</li> </ul>

Fig. 6-38

Common temperature sensors.

RTD = Resistance Temperature Detector  
 IC = Integrated Circuit

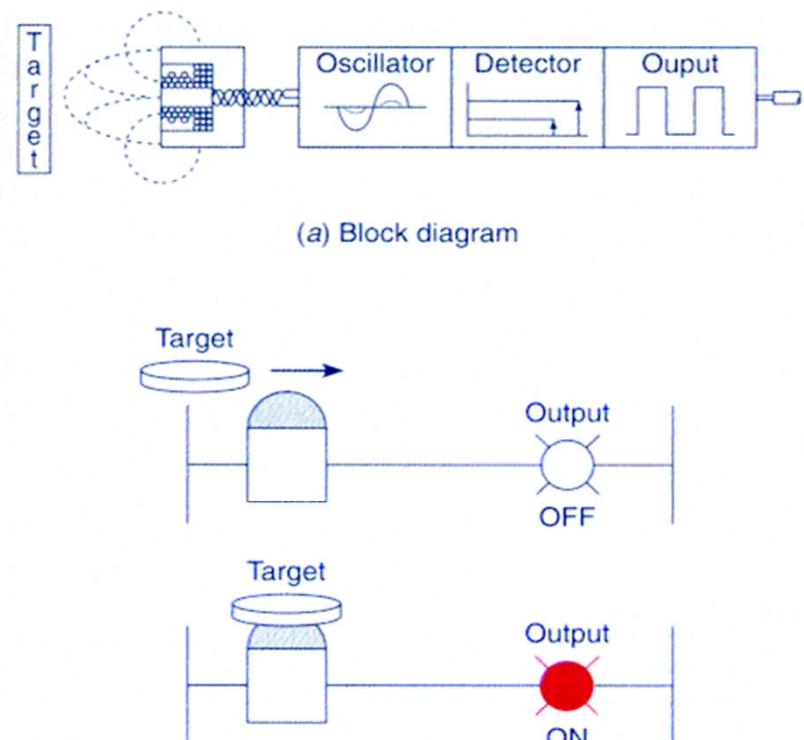
## Thermocouple



**Fig. 2-12**

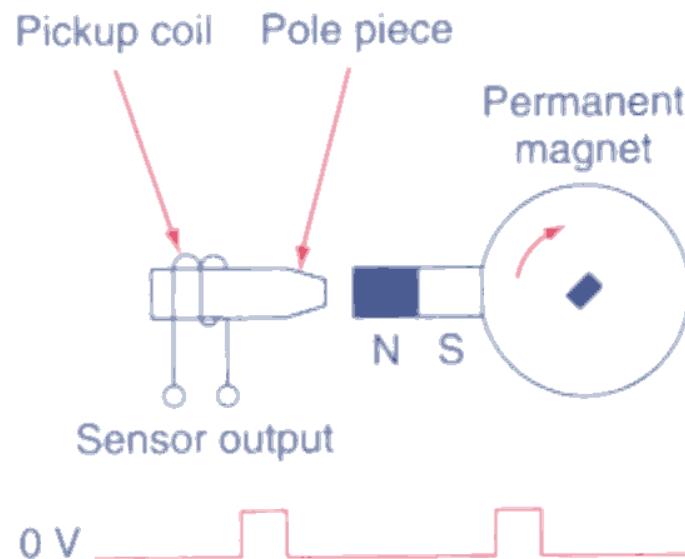
Typical thermocouple connection to an analog input module.

## Proximity detector



**Fig. 6-20**  
Inductive proximity sensor.

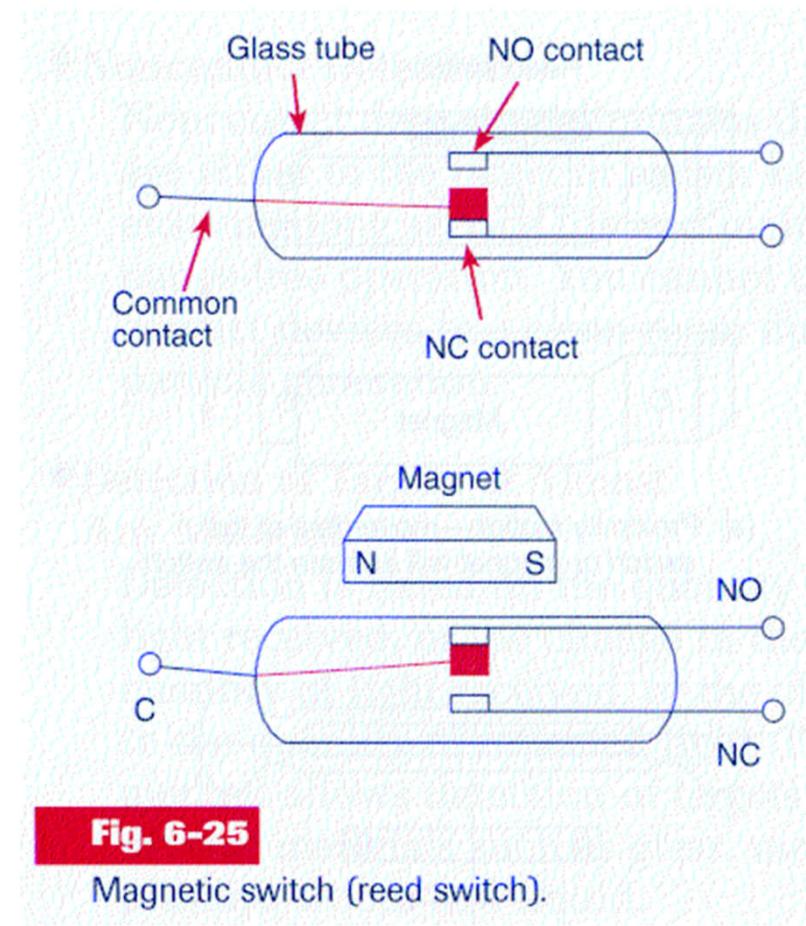
## Magnetic detector



**Fig. 6-42**

Magnetic pickup sensor.

## Magnetic switch

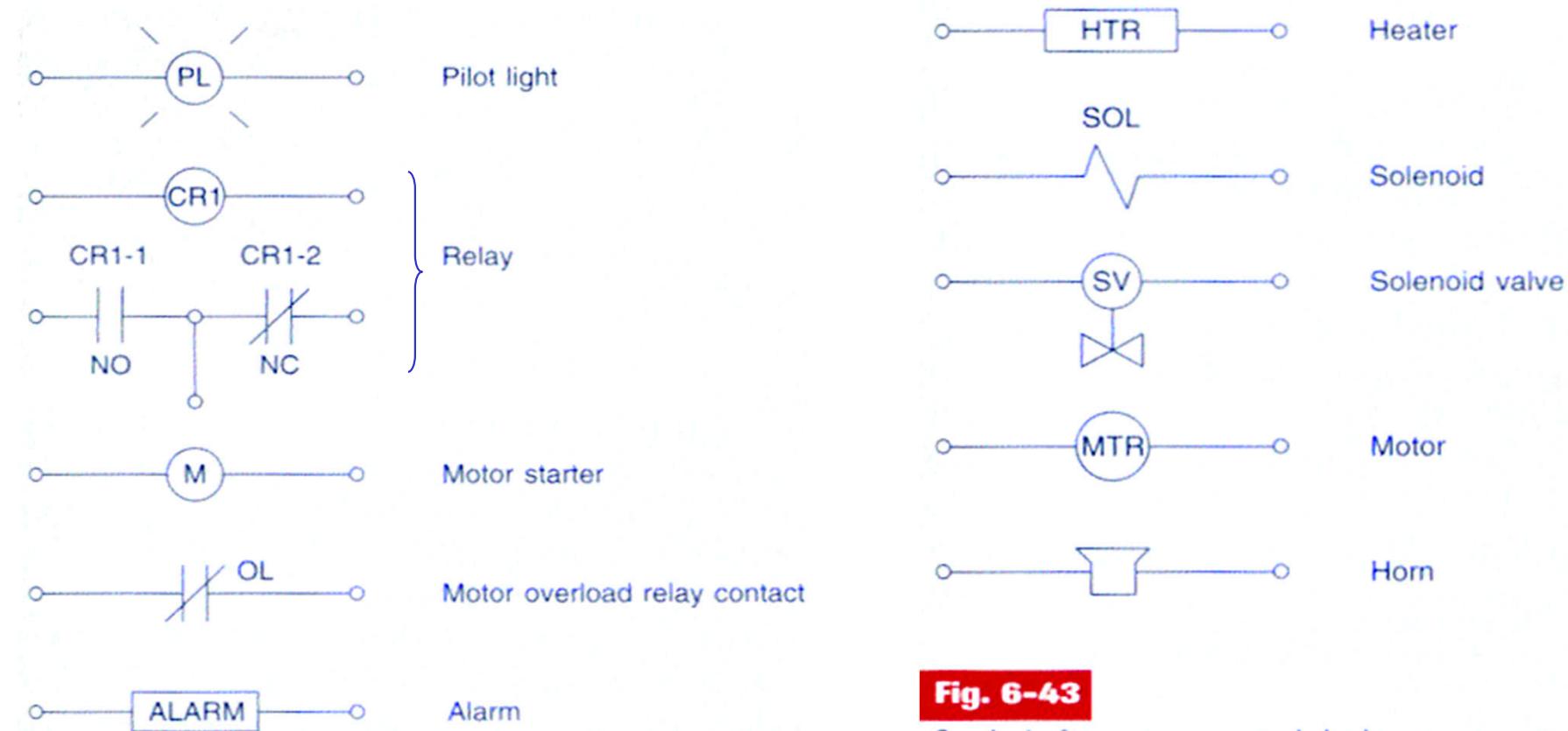


**Fig. 6-25**

Magnetic switch (reed switch).

*Symbols associated to all components*

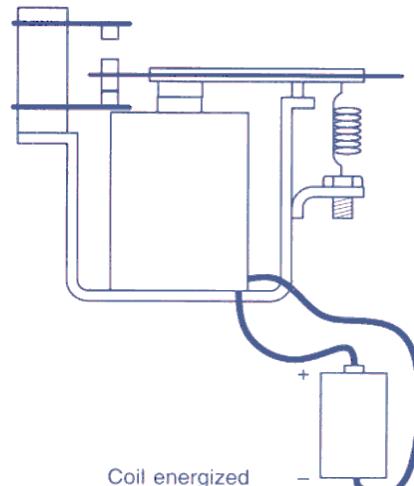
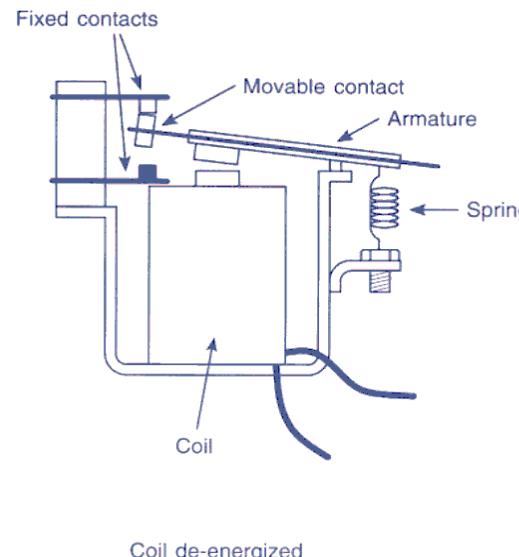
## Standards - Joint International Committee (JIC) Wiring Symbols

**Fig. 6-43**

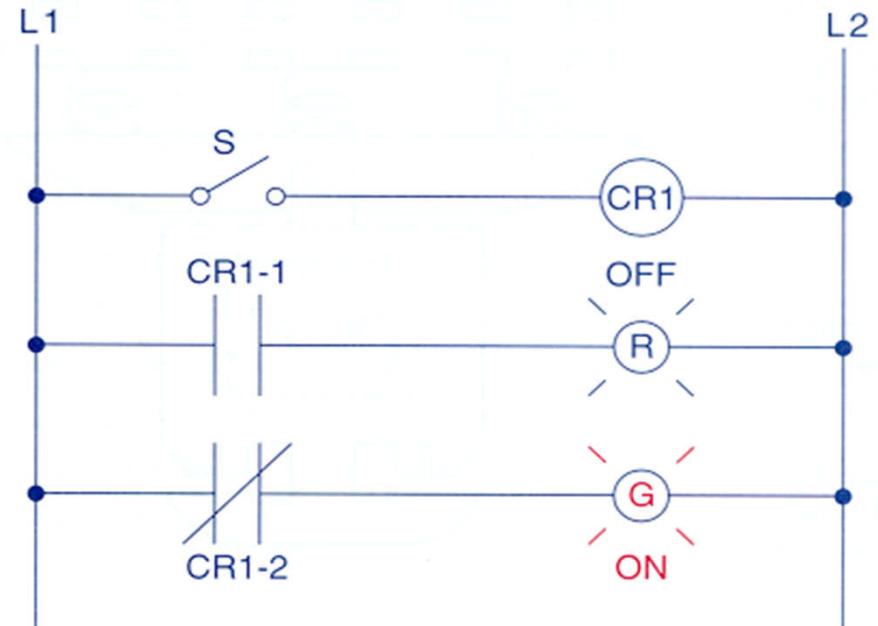
Symbols for output control devices.

# *Methodologies for the implementation of solutions in industrial automation*

## *Device: Relay*



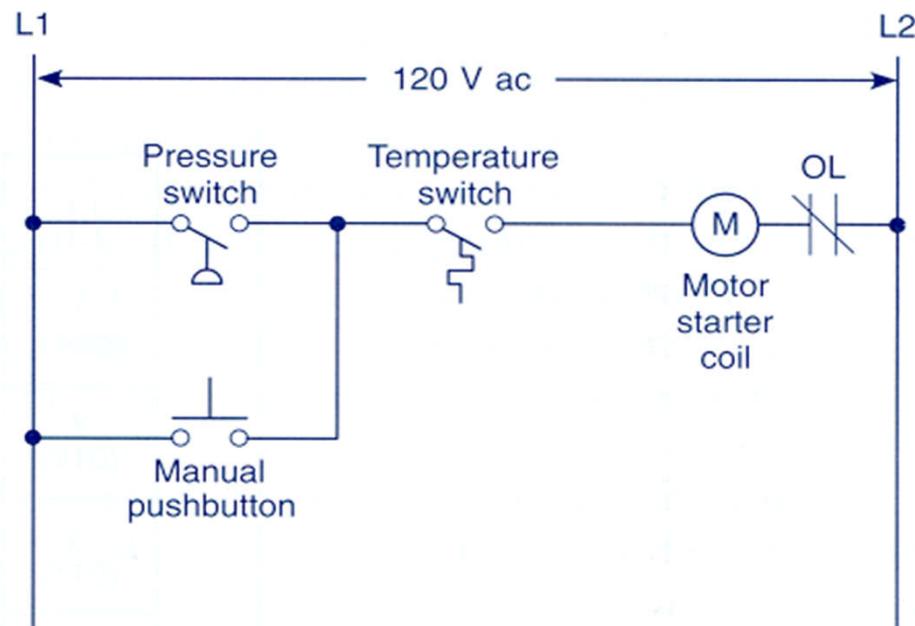
## *Contact Diagram or Ladder Diagram*



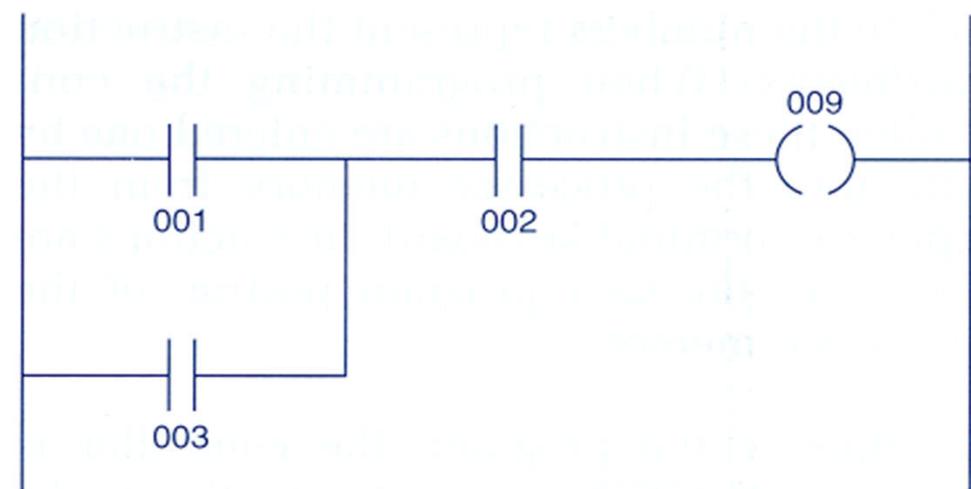
**Fig. 6-3**

Relay circuit—switch open.

## Example of relay and ladder diagrams:

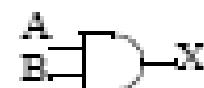
**Fig. 1-13**

Relay ladder diagram for modified process.

**Fig. 1-14**

PLC ladder logic diagram for modified process.

# Logic Functions

**AND**

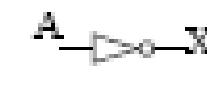
$$X = A \cdot B$$

A	B	X
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

**OR**

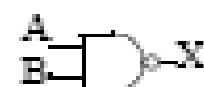
$$X = A + B$$

A	B	X
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

**NOT**

$$X = \overline{A}$$

A	X
0	1
1	0

**NAND**

$$X = \overline{A \cdot B}$$

A	B	X
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

**NOR**

$$X = \overline{A + B}$$

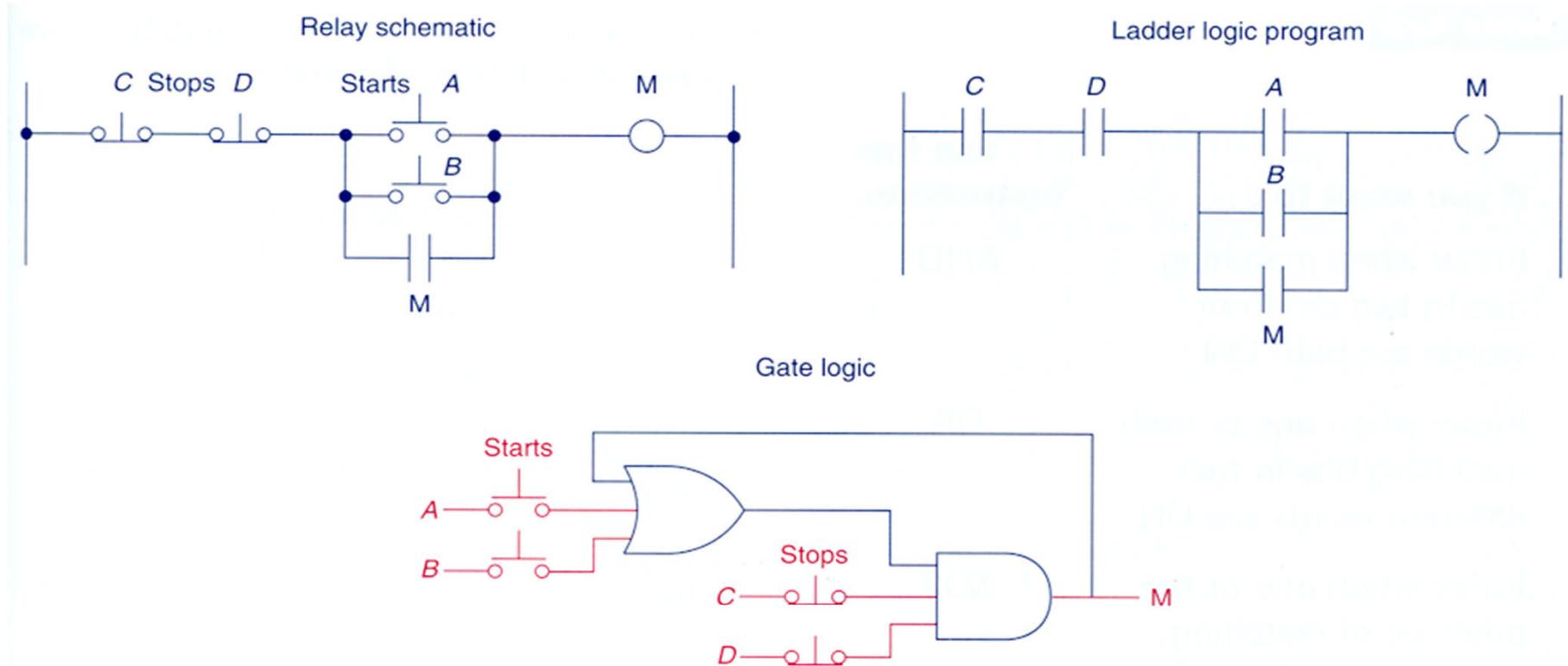
A	B	X
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	0

**EOR**

$$X = A \oplus B$$

A	B	X
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

## Example of relay and ladder diagrams, and gate logic:

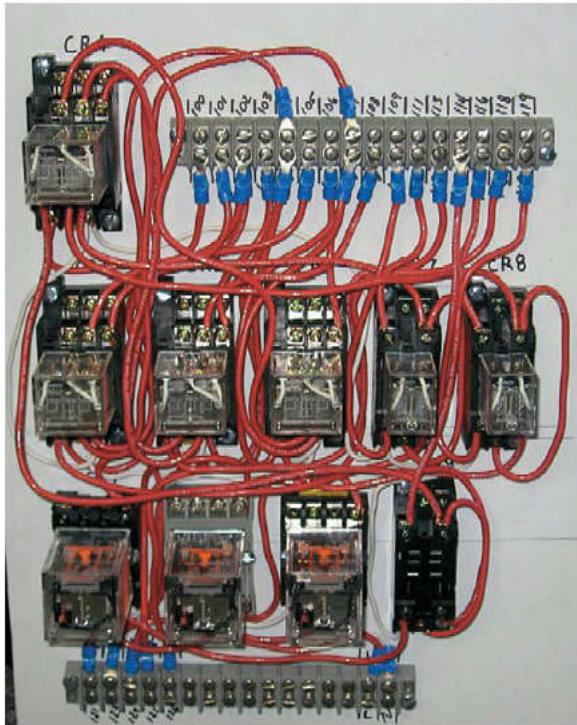


### Example 4-9

A motor control circuit with two stop buttons. When the start button is depressed, the motor runs. By sealing, it continues to run when the start button is released. The stop buttons stop the motor when they are depressed.

*The world is always moving forward:  
Exploit the advantages of Programmed Logic!*

*Relay control panel*



*PLC control panel*



*Rule of thumb: if using more than 6 relays then a PLC is already lesser expensive*