

# New automatic methods for paste control for consistent product performance

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# Outline

1. Company and Market Status
2. Benefits and Objectives
3. Technical Implementation
4. Equipment Review

## Insights based on experience.

- Focus on thickness measurement
- History in lead battery production
- Multiple clients and OEM partnerships
- 25+ countries
- 16 years of non-stop product evolution

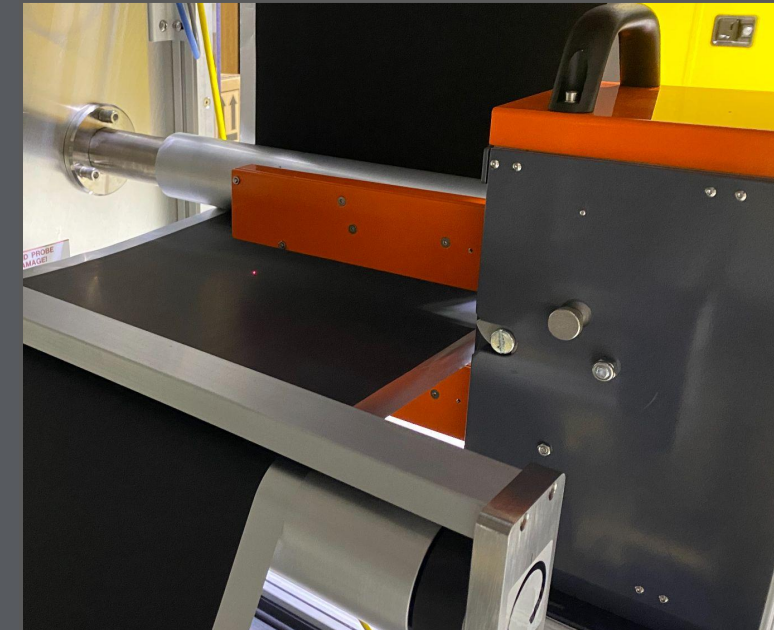
# Battery Thickness Measurement Applications



**Lead Strips**



**Pasted Plates**



**Li-Ion Electrodes**

*I'd love to continue the conversation...*



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# Impacts Post-Covid

1. Covid Precautions
2. Supply Chain
3. Cybersecurity
4. Labour Shortages

# Other benefits to Smart Manufacturing Technologies ....

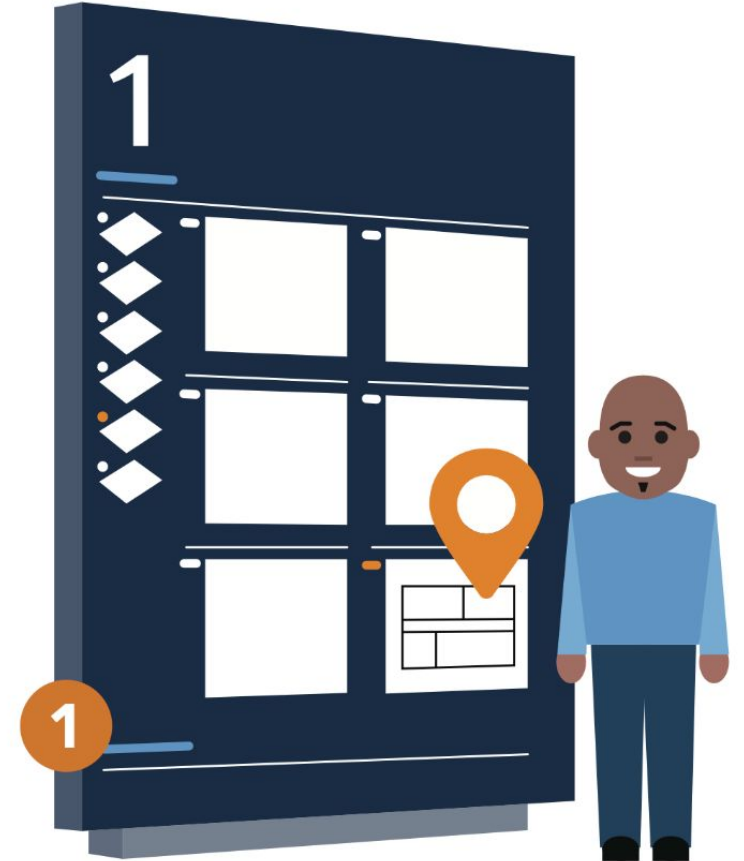


Jakob's Heuristic

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# Visibility of System Status

**Definition** The design should **always keep users informed** about what is going on, through appropriate feedback within a reasonable amount of time.





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Product:



0.0536 in

0.0541 in

0.0539 in

0.0540 in

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0.0538 in

0.0543 in

0.0540 in



LEFT

RIGHT



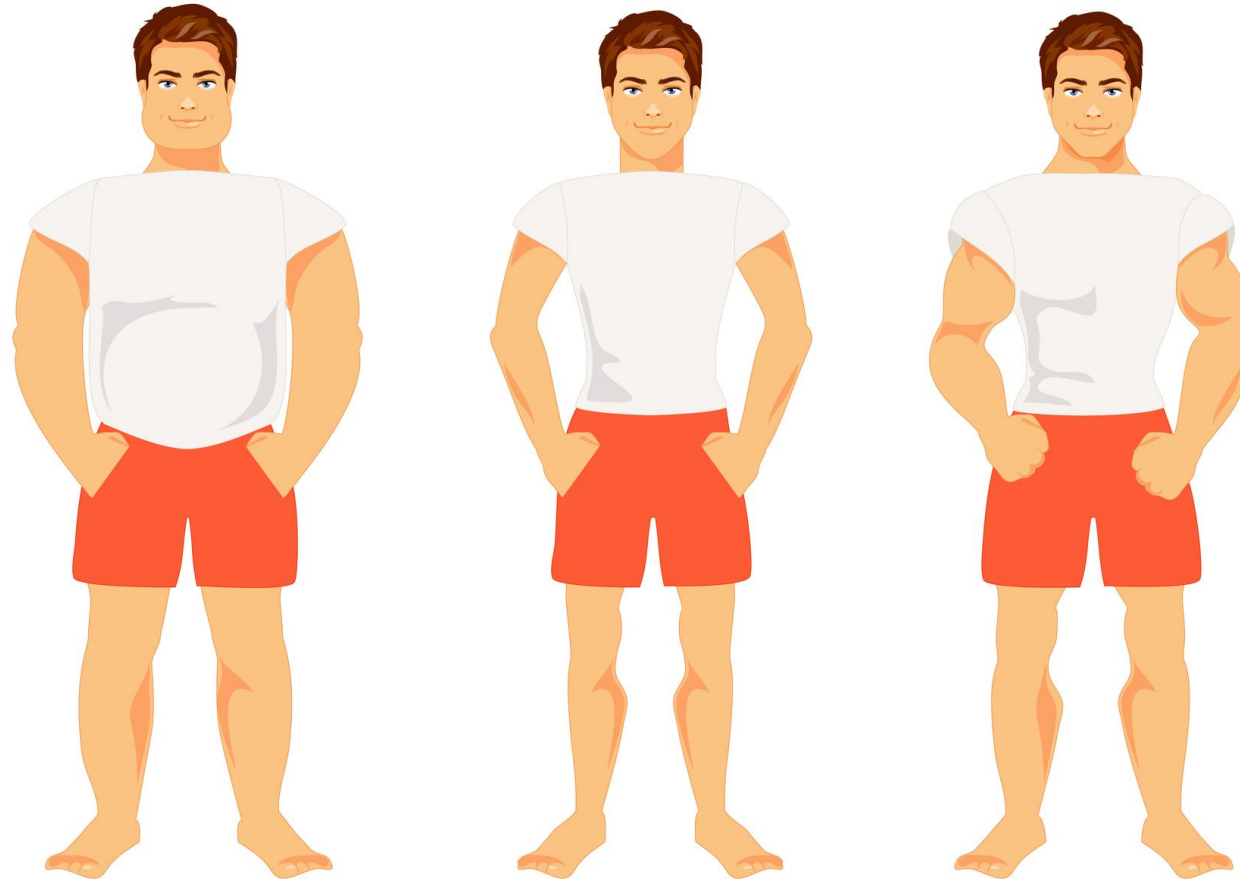
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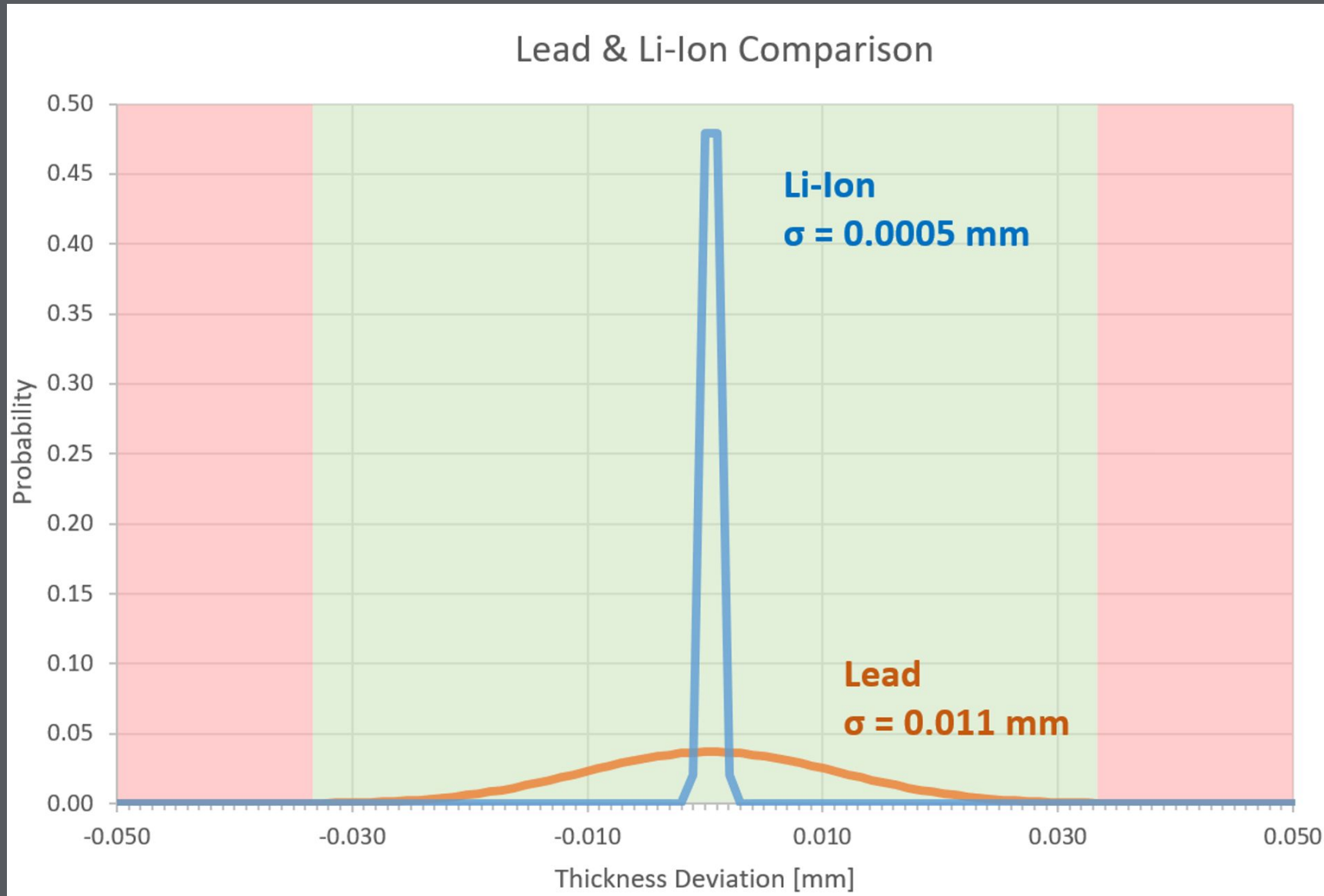
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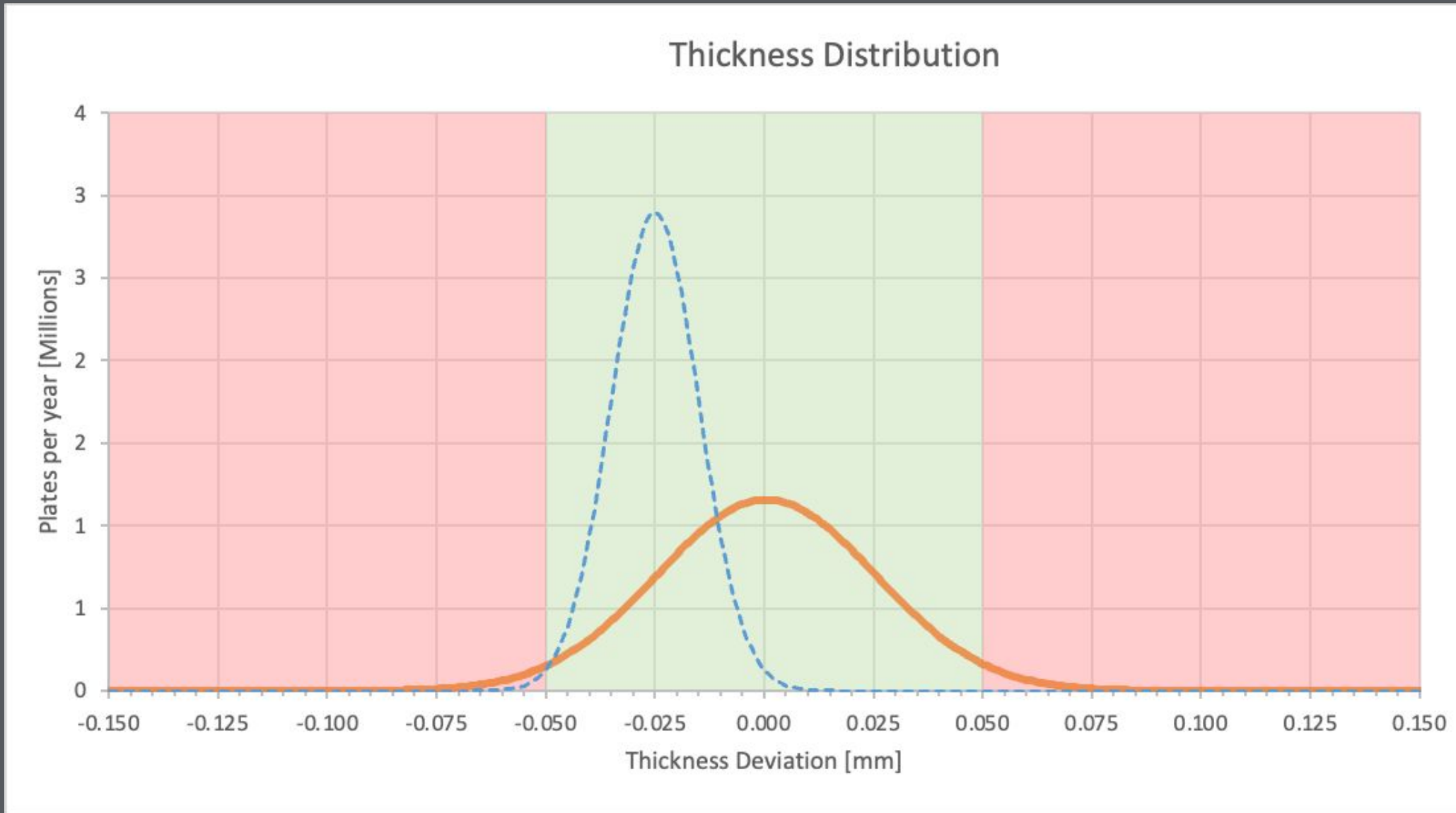


# Lead and Lithium Comparison

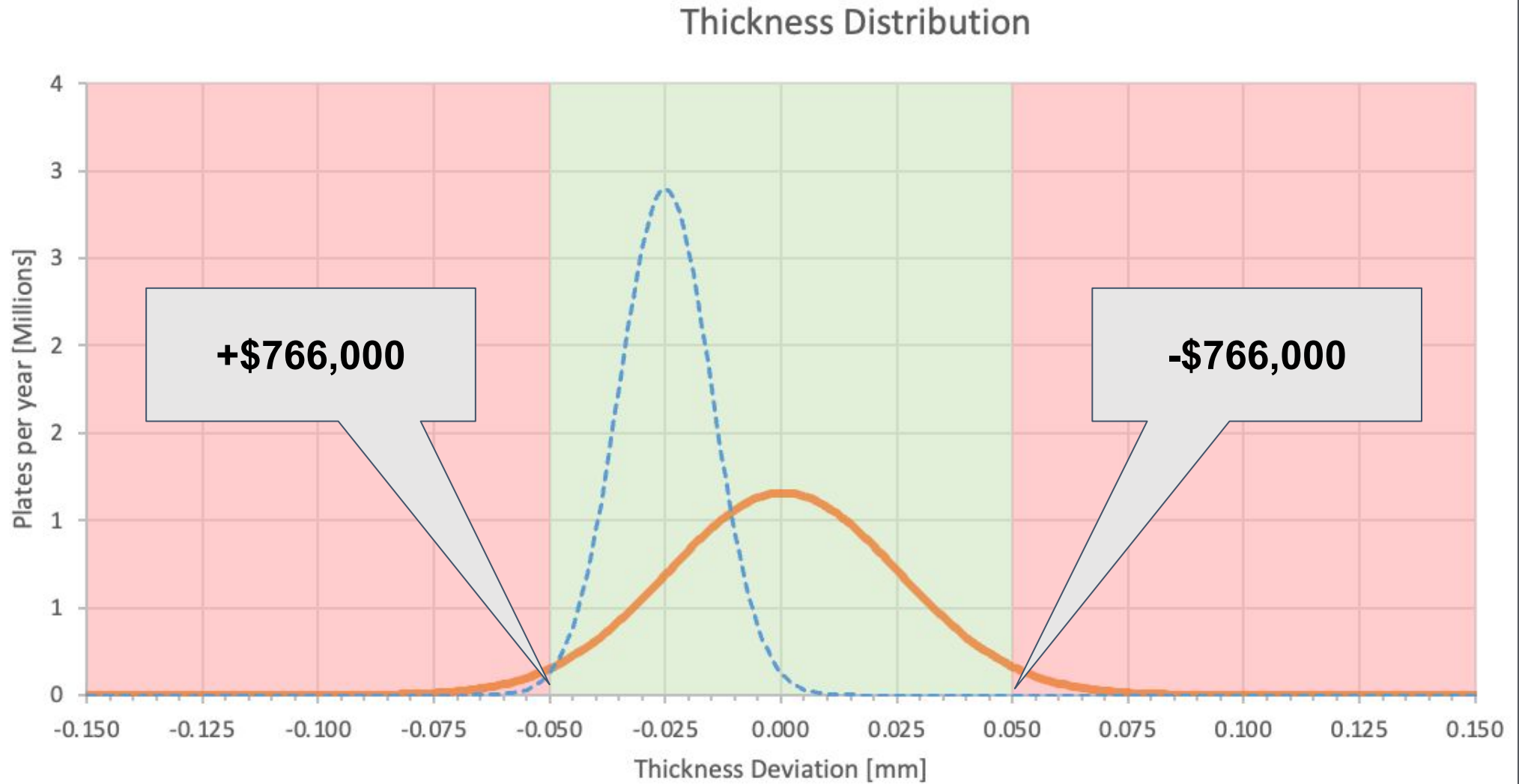




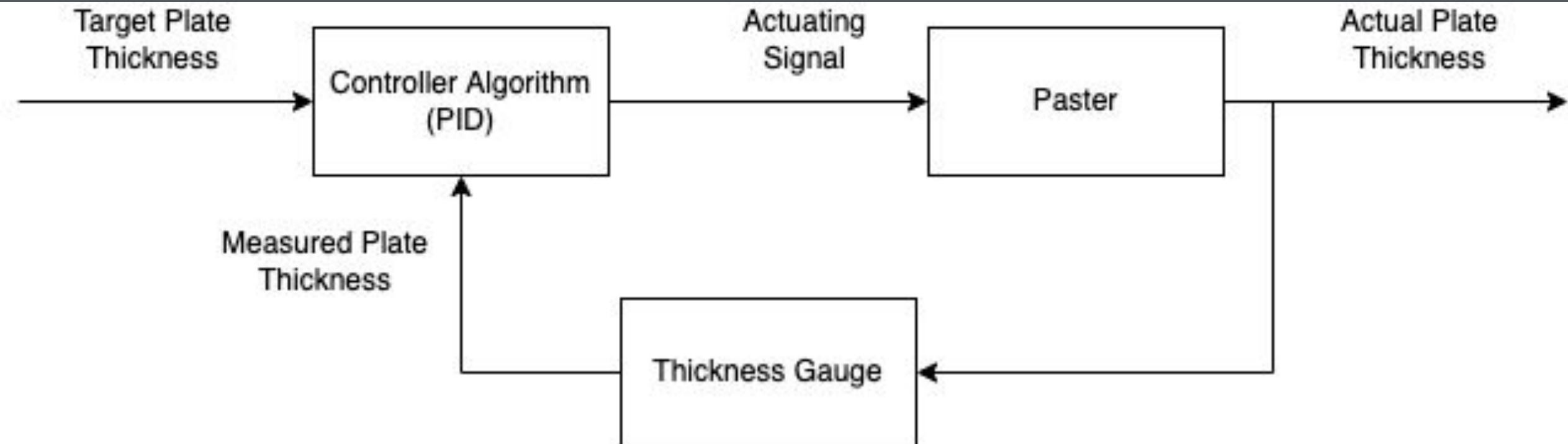
# What the future could be...



# Through a different lens ...



# Automatic Methods



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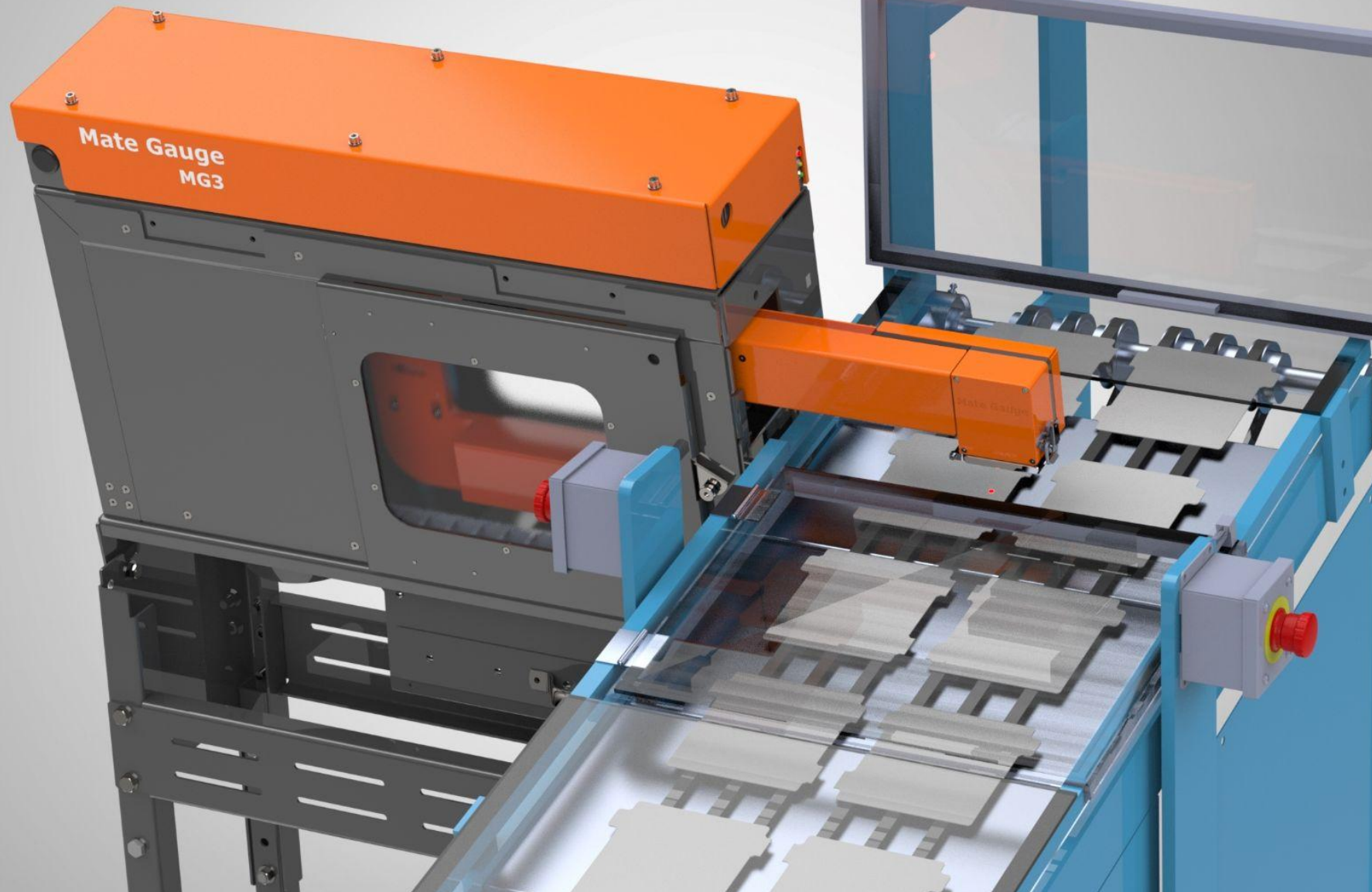
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# Mate Gauge



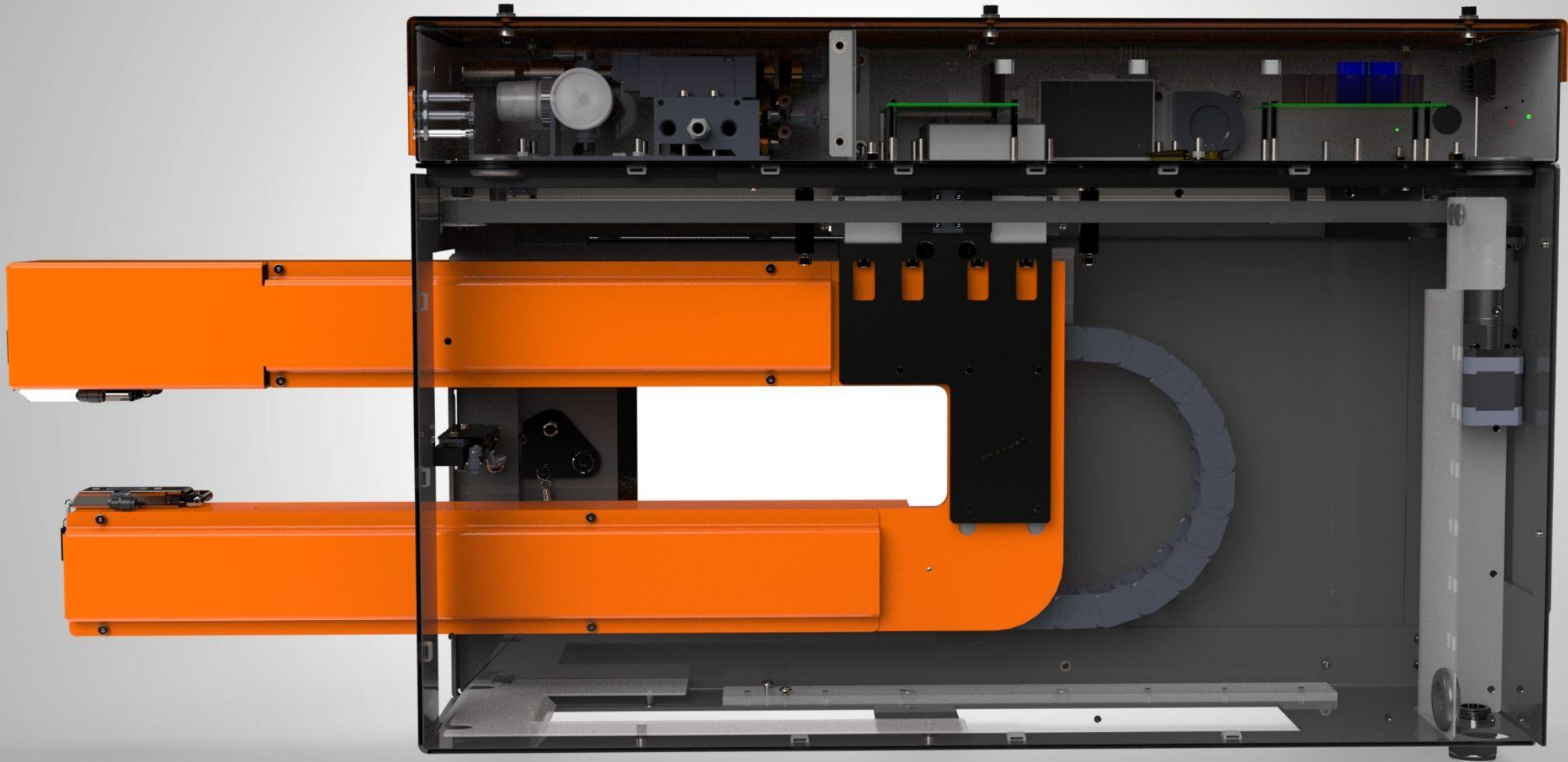


# How Mate Gauge is responding:

## Reducing operator involvement

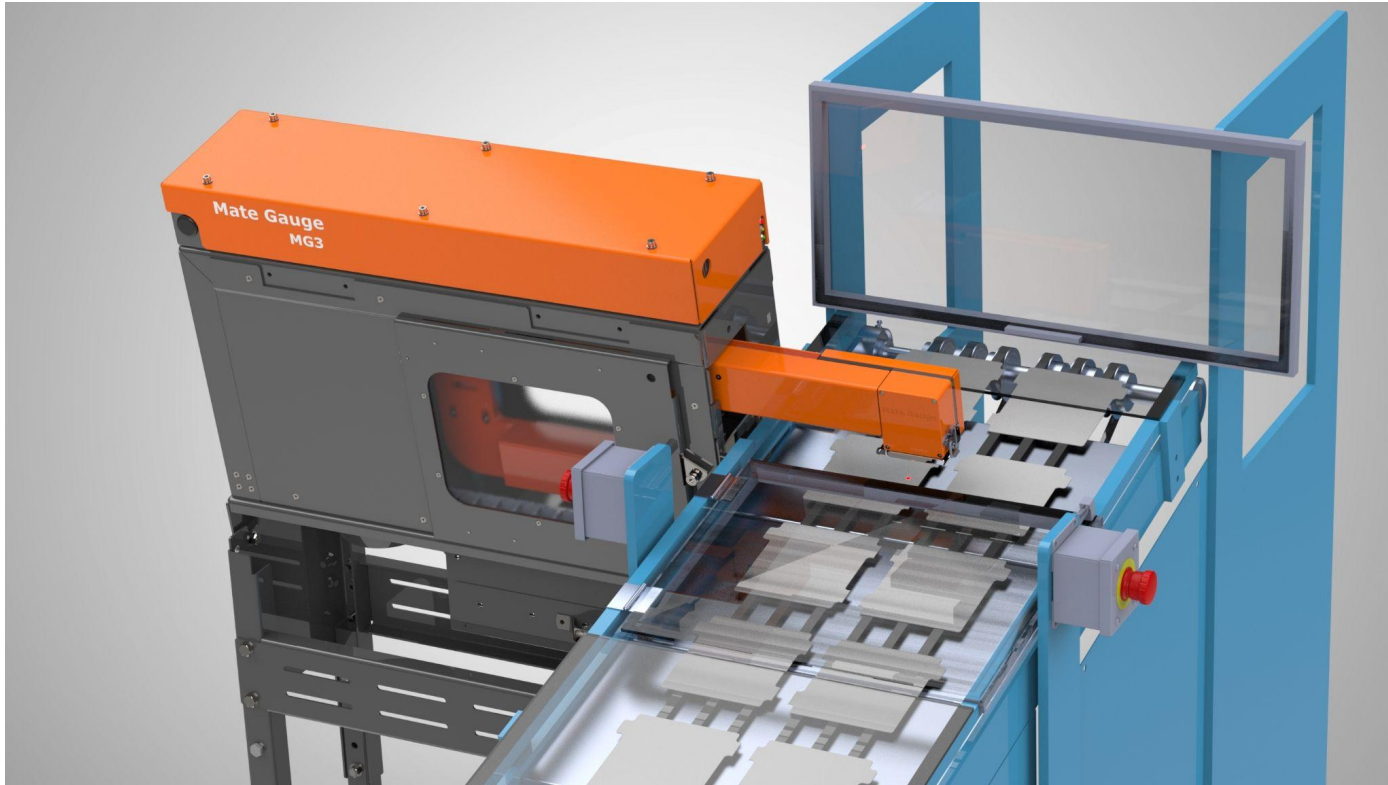
- Complete, plug-and-play thickness measurement solutions
- Self-calibration
- Better data access via faster and easier PLC setup and integration

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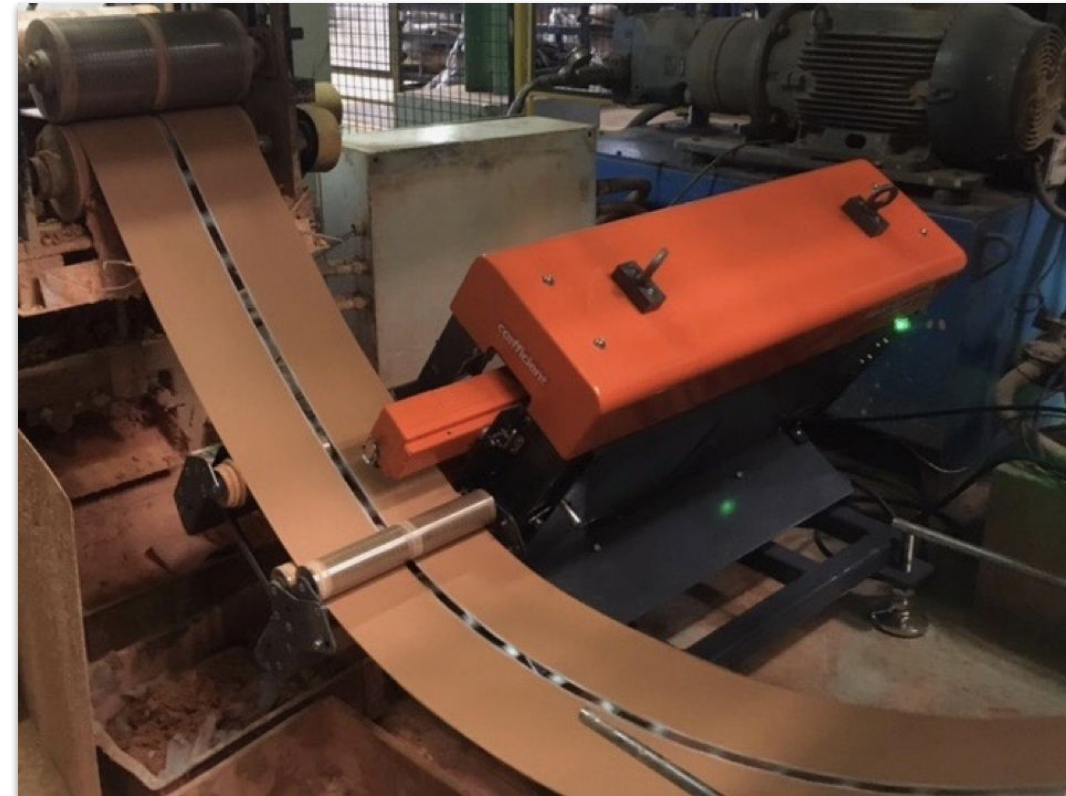
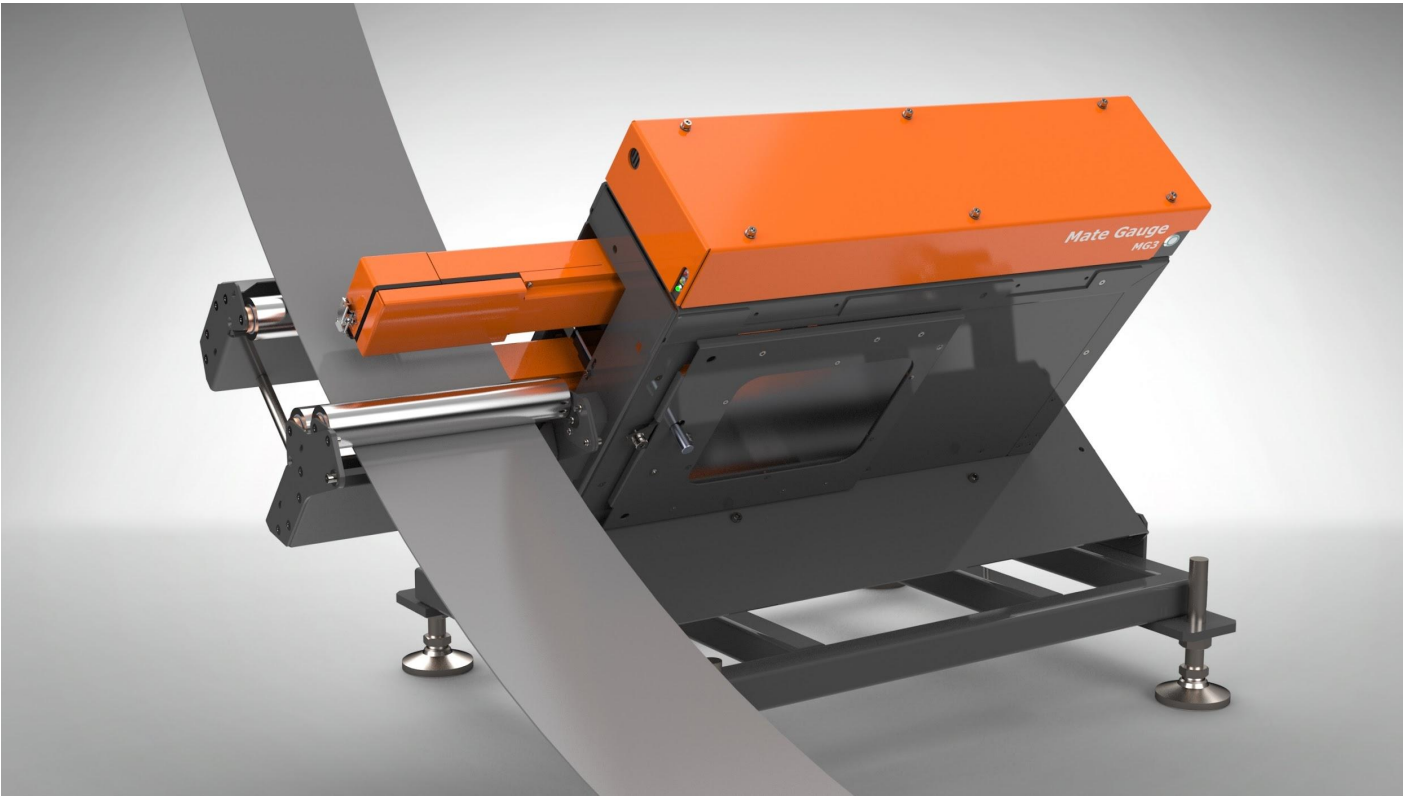


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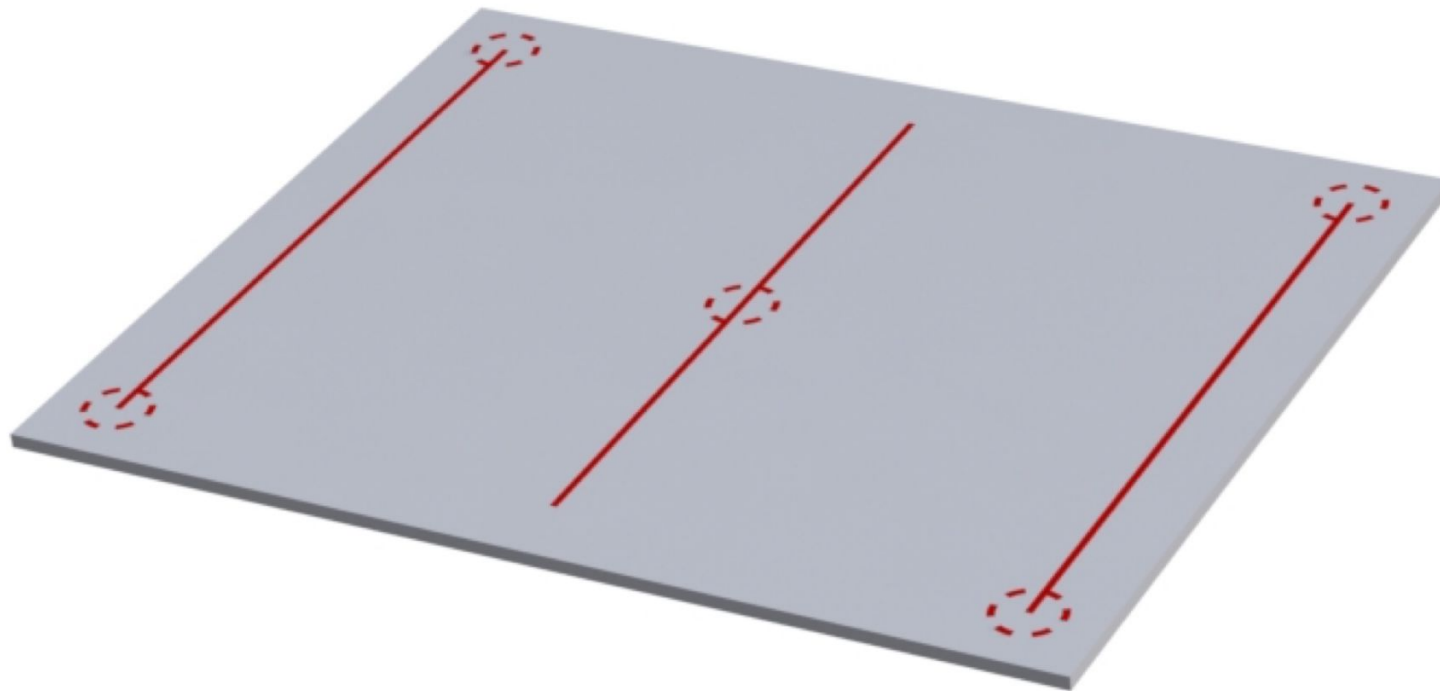


**After Flash Dry Oven**

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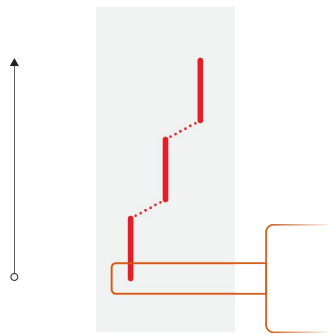


**After Paster**

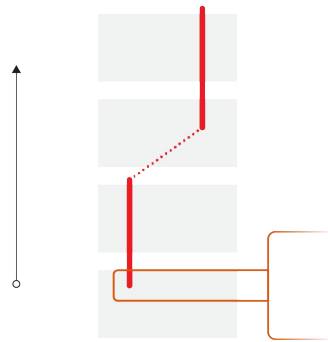


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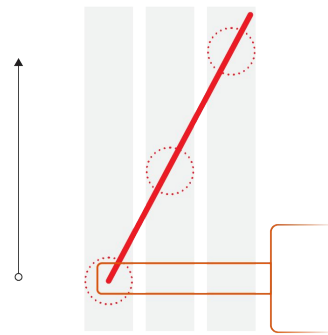
# Measurement Apps



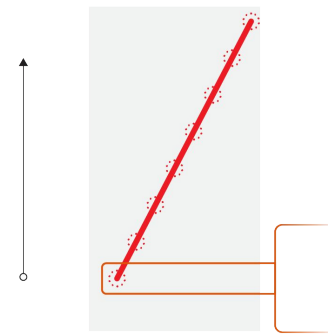
Gauge and Go



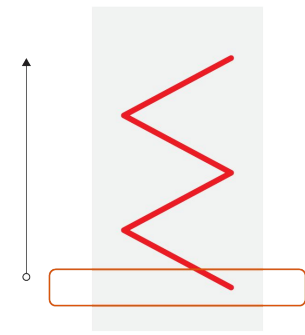
Plates



Strips



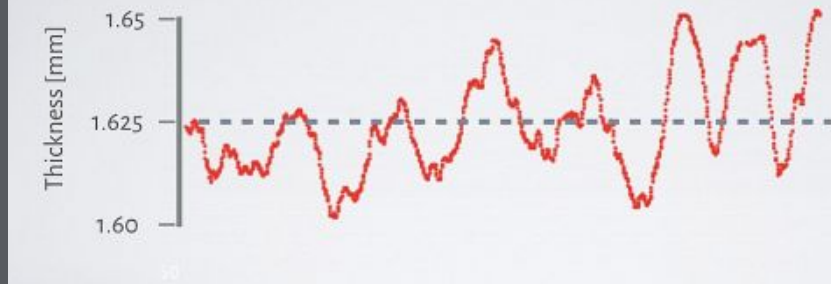
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Panels

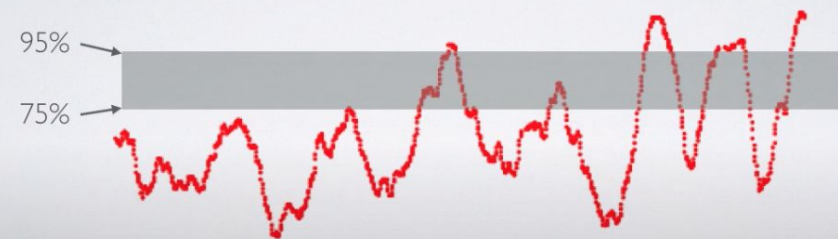
# Built-In Filtering

CENTRE-LINE AVERAGE



Pros: weight and thickness correlation.

PEAK-WEIGHTED AVERAGE.



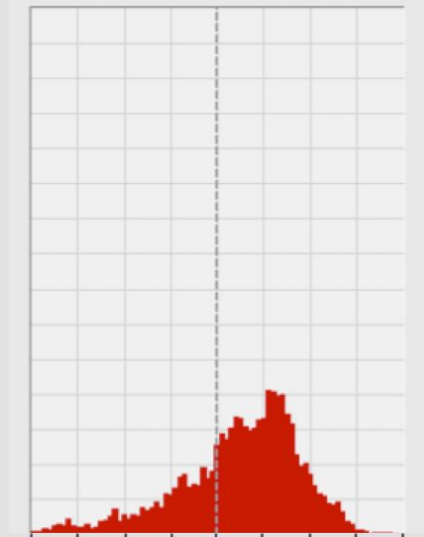
Pros: better correlation with legacy measurement tools (e.g. micrometer).



**Control Method:  
Weight Control**

3X Std. Dev:  
**0.075 mm**

**Cpk 0.5**

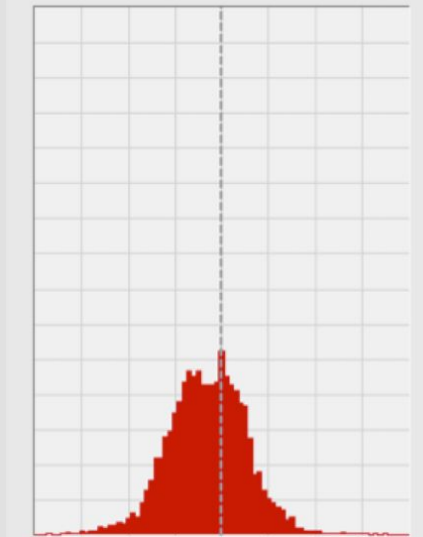


Deviation from Target [um]

**Control Method:  
Laser Only**

3X Std. Dev.:  
**0.039 mm**

**Cpk 0.9**

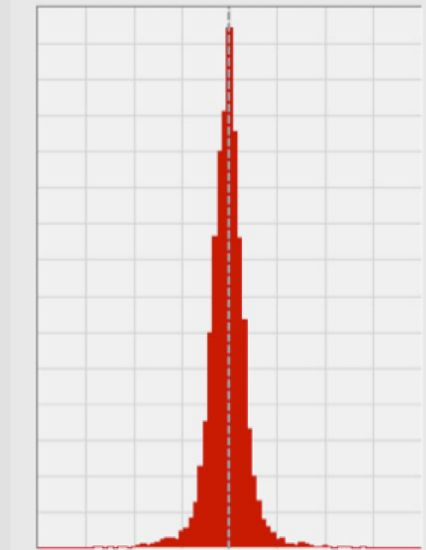


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**Control Method:  
Paste Saver**

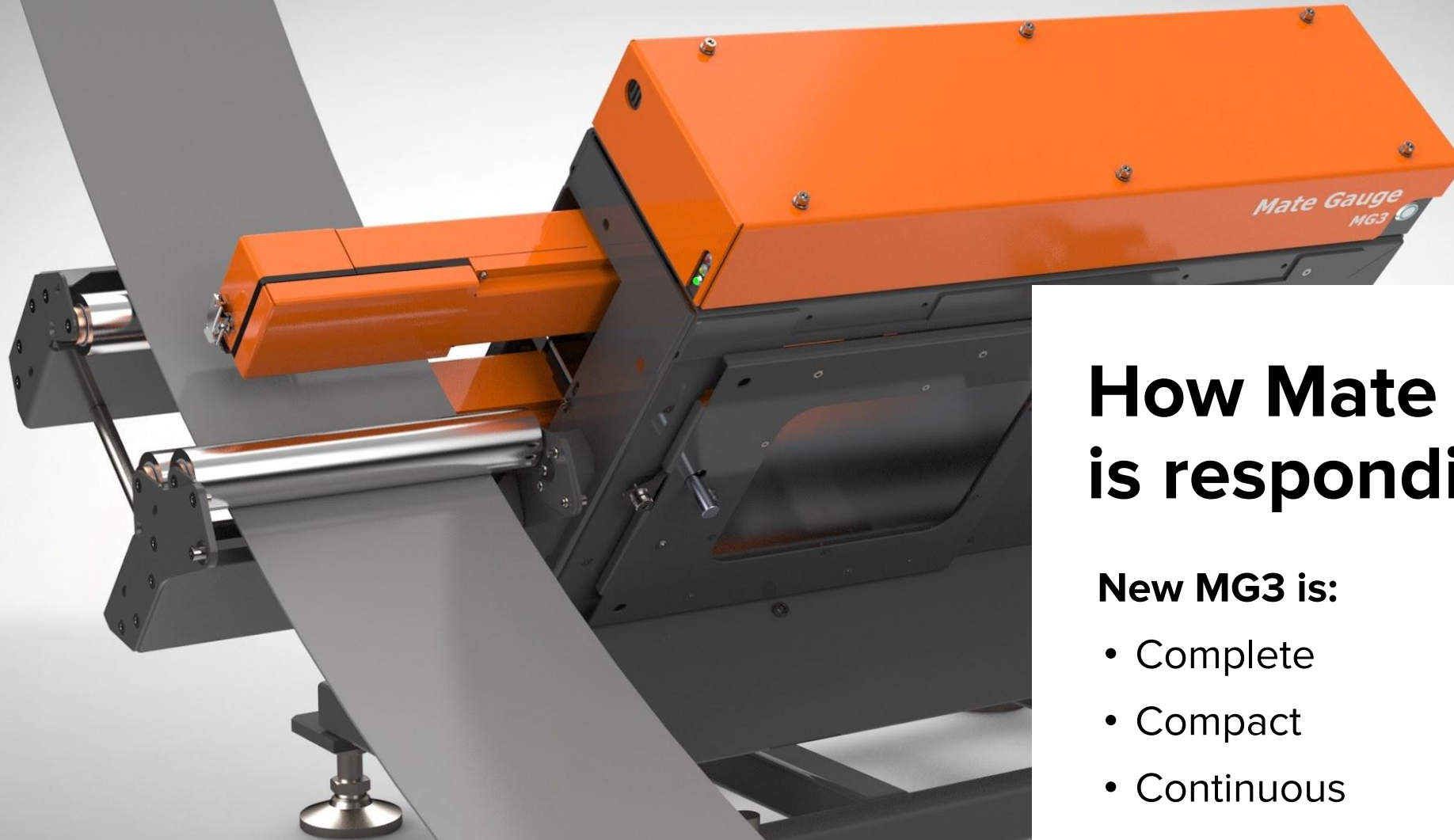
3X Std. Dev.  
**0.024 mm**

**Cpk 2.2**



Deviation from Target [um]

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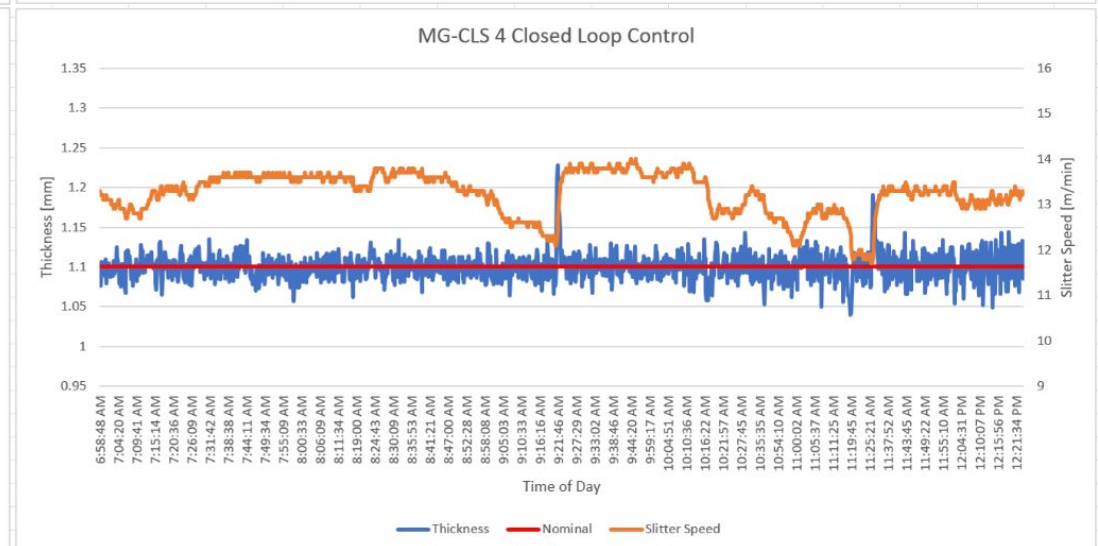
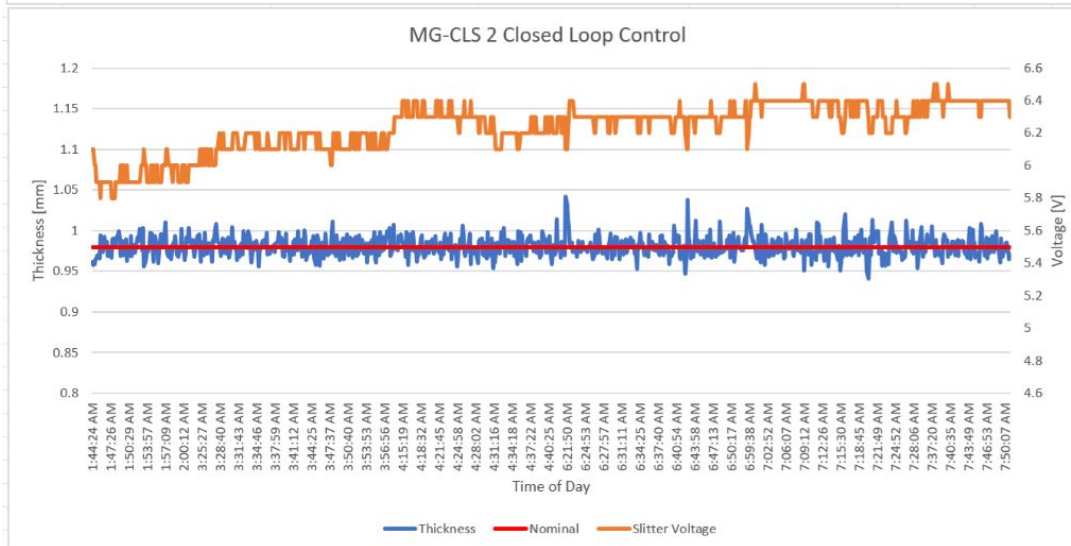
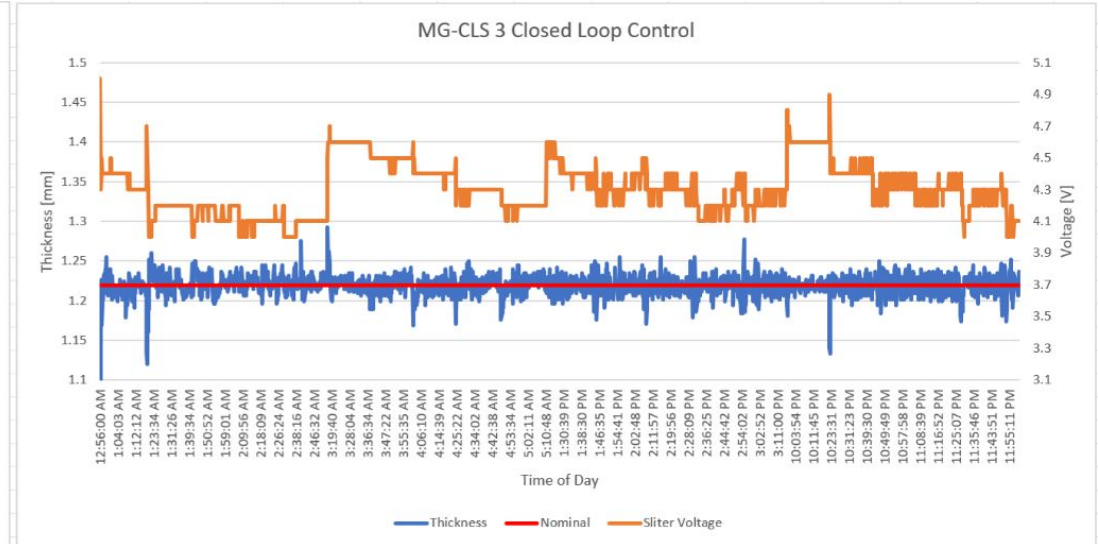
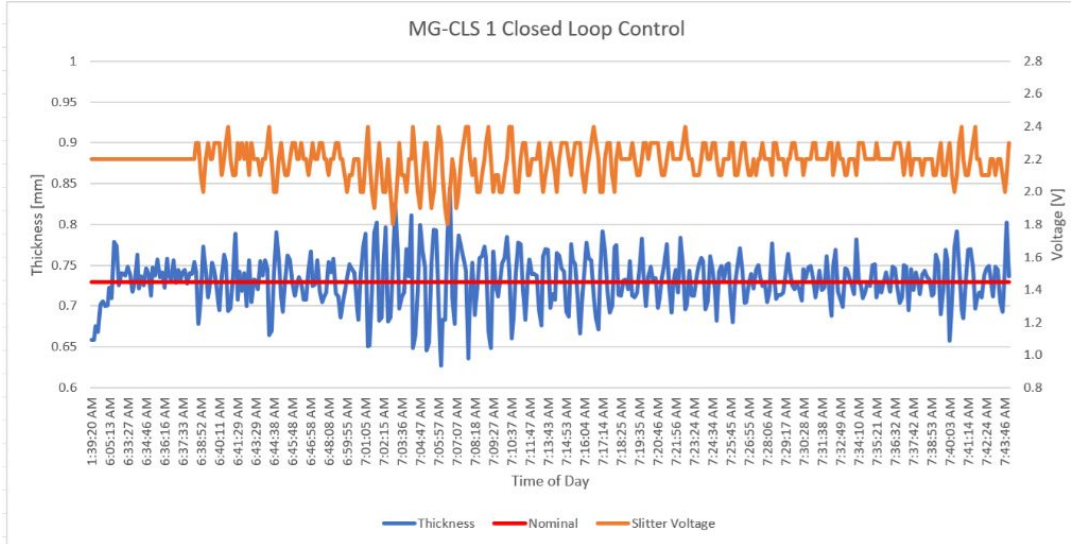


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**New MG3 is:**

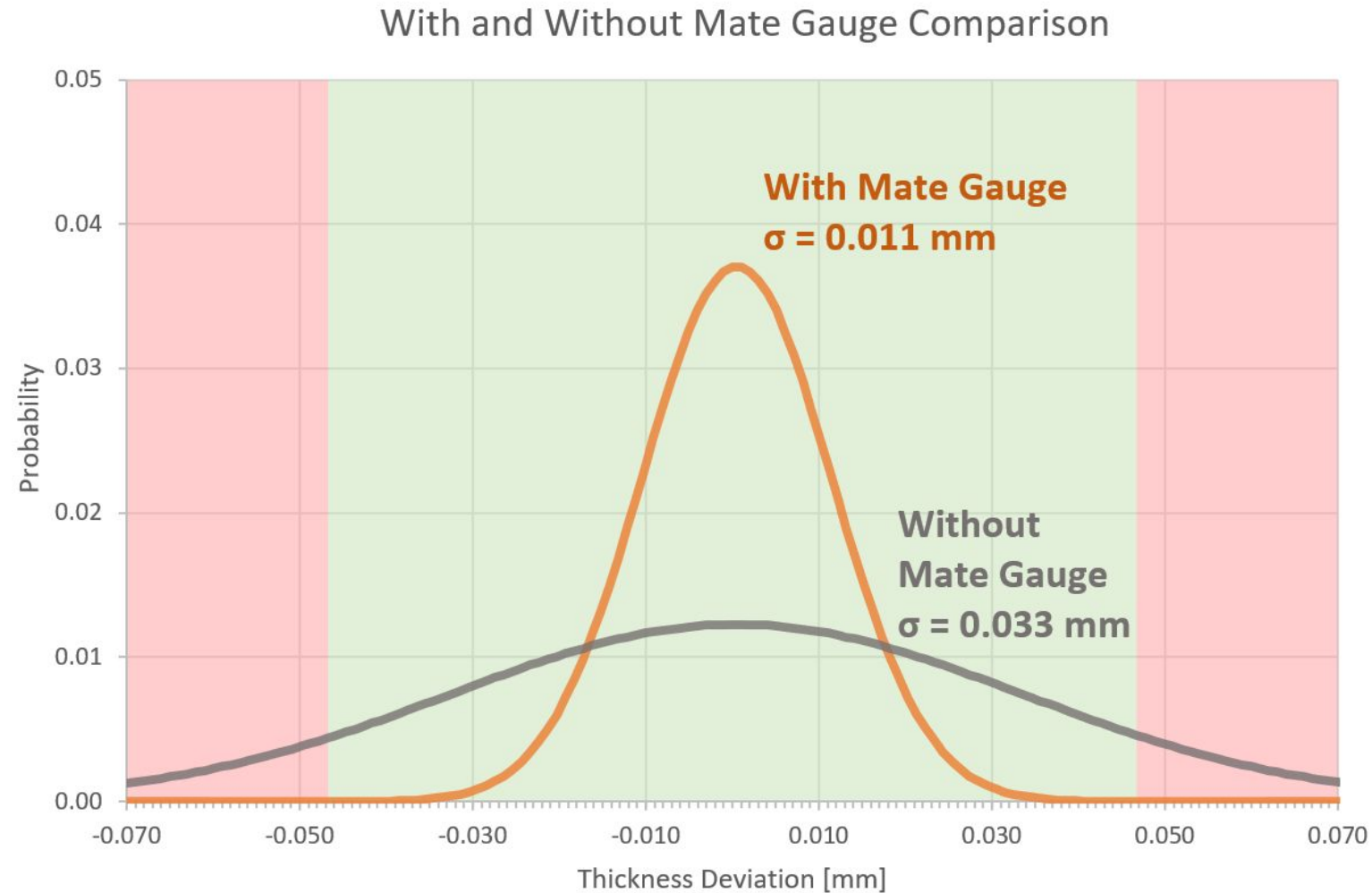
- Complete
- Compact
- Continuous

# Four client case studies (Lead Strip)



# Tighten your Dispersion

Avoid material overages





## How Mate Gauge is responding:

We're on an ongoing quest to increase production efficiency

- Reduce downtime
- Improve line consistency
- Show production changes in real time
- Access live and historical reporting

*Thank you for listening.*

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All-in-one thickness measurement  
solutions

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## Data Portability

- Full compatibility with industry standard control systems, including Allen-Bradley, Siemens, Omron, and more
  - Includes tagging, automation, and bidirectional communication
- Automatic data stream storage to CSV
  - Fully accessible through Windows
- Data publishing and thickness results
- Remote access for downloading and managing data



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The Omron logo consists of the word 'OMRON' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.