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Nuclear Power Plant: Performance Monitoring

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Company Profile



- Electrabel GDF Suez
- 30% Belgian Electricity Production
 - Tihange 1: PWR 965MW (1975)
 - Tihange 2: PWR 1008 MW (1983)
 - Tihange 3: PWR 1054 MW (1985)

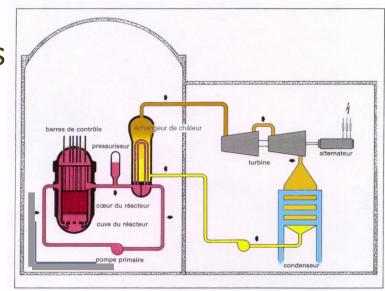




Project Objectives

Objective n°1:

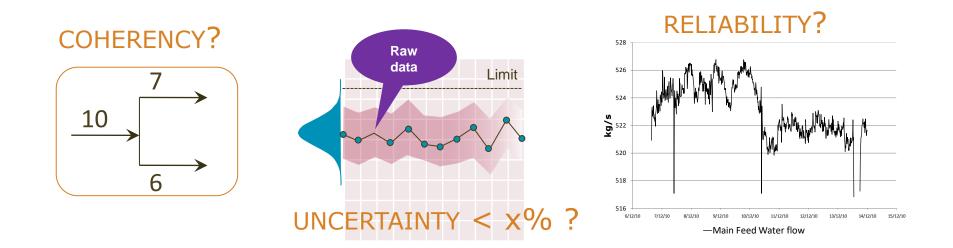
- Validation of raw measurements
 - Primary system
 - Secondary system
 - Tertiary system
- Objective n°2:
 - Improving the knowledge regarding the thermal balance based on reconciled values
 - KPIs following and underlining the malfunction of the installation





Objective n°1



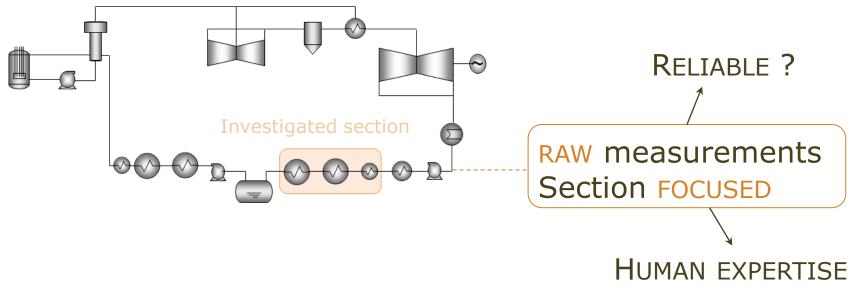


- Heat and mass balances
- Measurement errors propagation
- Data reliability





- Performance Monitoring being able to track at early stages
 - Inefficiencies and losses (equipment degradation, leakages, etc.)
 - Drifting Instrumentation



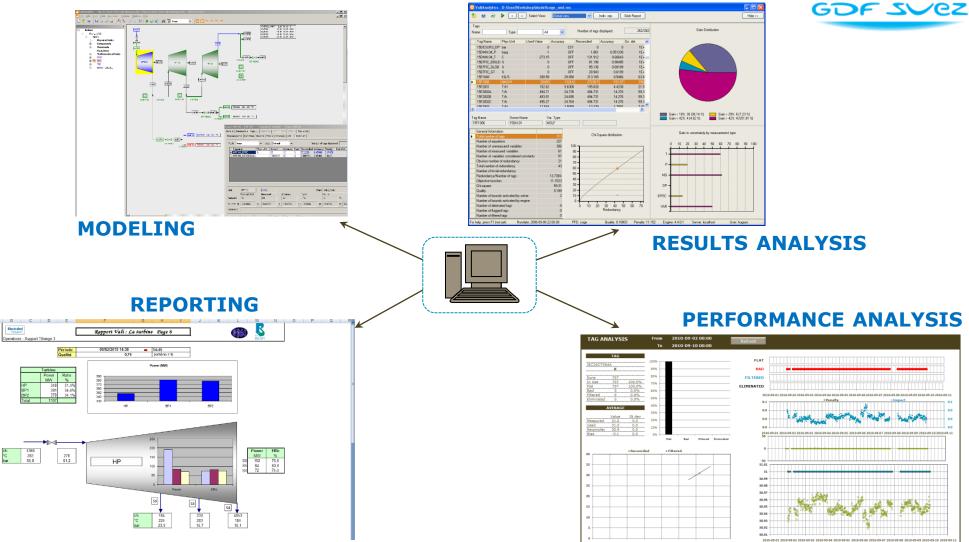
DVR Results: Heat & Mass Balance



- Online run each 15 min
- Close Mass & Heat balance
- No human manual input
- Clear and reliable view of the complete heat cycle
- Customized reports
- Quality of the model: 0,75
- Tags penalty below 4
- Main KPI uncertainty < 0.8%

VALI Solution

Electrabel



0 5 10 15 20 25 30 35

Used

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Measured Used
 Reconciled





- Less human ressources due of automatic computation
- Higher computation frequency => Better results (more accurate)
 - High frequency phenomenon catch
- Use of redundancy
 - More accurate and reliable results
 - Detection of faulty measurement
- KPI & Reporting with better view of results

Support Project



- Systematic support services to:
 - Help in analyzing and exploiting the results
 - Help VALI users to verify stability of the model
 - Provide special training in specific area of functionality (e.g. Benefits & usage of ValiAnalytics)

Support Project



Included, but not limited to:

- Exploitation of the results
 - Identify faulty sensors
 - Sensitivity analysis to identify what impacts the value and precision of the KPIs
 - Identify degraded equipments and process performance
 - Identify leaks and losses
 - Find optimal operation conditions

Support Project

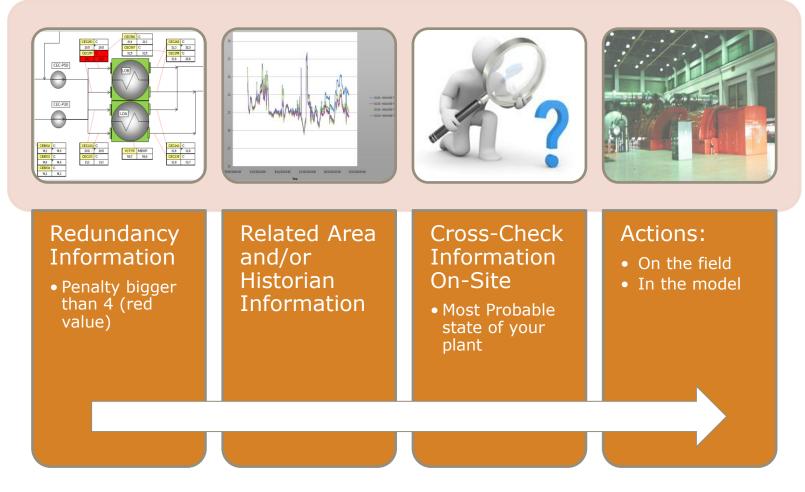


- Help with model convergence
 - Further tuning
 - Filtering
 - Verify stability of model(s), application(s)
- When the process changes:
 - Help making changes to the model(s)
 - Help making changes to ValiReport
 - Help making changes to the application(s)
- Training
 - Specialized training to answer customer specific needs

DVR Benefits – Reliable Data



• How to take benefit of penalty information?



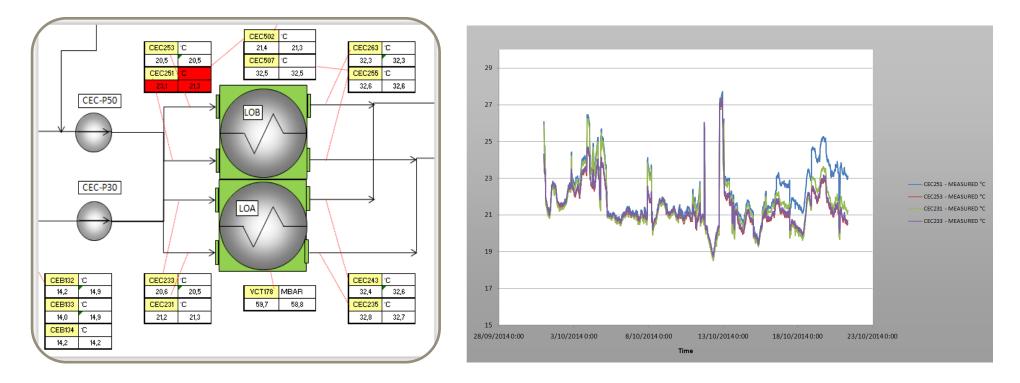
DVR Benefits – Reliable Data



1) Alarm in the report 2) Historian & comparison

CEC251 penalty >4

2°C of difference with the 3 other sensors



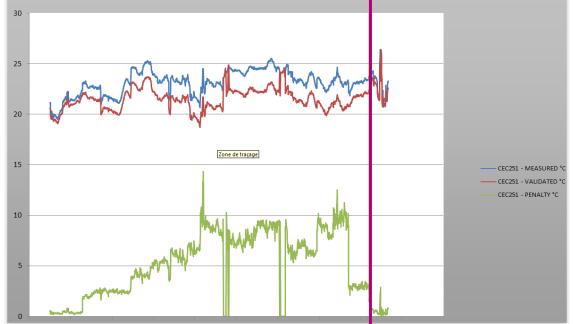
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3) 2nd sensor used to cross check the reality

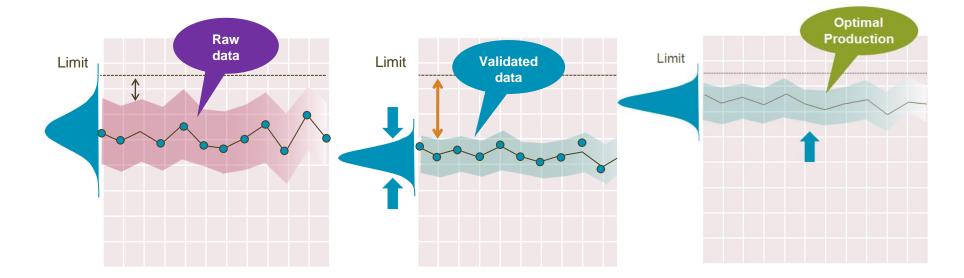
 22,5°C for the « bad » sensor vs 21°c for the 3 sensors

4) Intervention of the maintenance team



DVR Benefits: Reactor Thermal Power





OPERATIONAL MARGIN Measurement errors

INCREASED OPERATIONAL MARGIN

Uncertainty Recapture

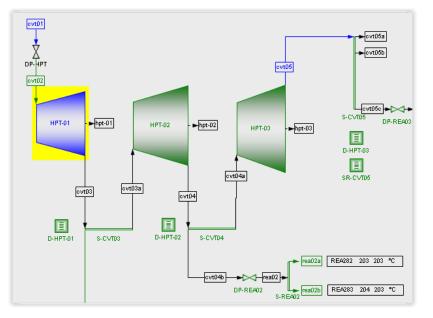
POWER UPRATE Increase of power

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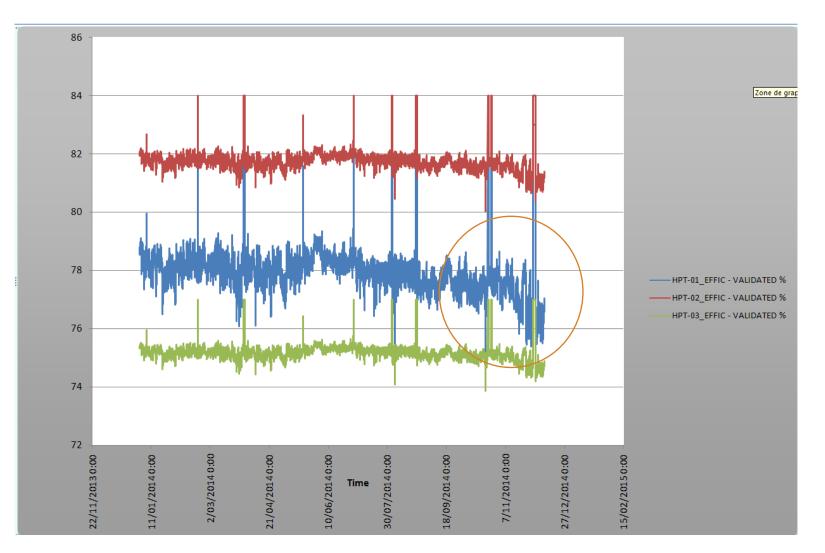
Electrabel Rapport Vali : La turbine Page 6 Operations - Support Tihange 3 Période 13/02/2015 8:30:00 08:45 Qualité 0,77 (critère: ≤ 1) Power (MW) Turbine Power Ratio 380 370 MW 96 360 31,5% HP 345 350 BP1 376 34,49 340 BP2 373 34,19 330 1094 Total 320 HP BP1 BP2 200 180 180 t/h 5295 Power Effic 140 *C 282 277 MW % 120 76,1 bar 65.1 60.5 190 HP S6 100 83 81,0 \$5 80 71 74,6 54 60 40 20 a Power Effic \$6 \$5 **S4** 181 226 4888 t/h °C 223 203 184 bar 23.7 15,5 10,0



- Turbines Efficiency Information:
 - Effic. 1st Stage (76%) is below the expected Effic.
 (83%) => Penalty 3,37
 - Historian data analysis: Efficiency decreasing







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Electrobel Rapport Vali : La turbine Cage 6 Operations - Support Tihange 3 28/05/2016 13:45:00 14:00 Periode Qualité 0.75 (critikne: \$1) Power (MW) Turbine Power Ratio MW 96 + 6MW (1,8%) 32,1% HP 353 BP 375 34,1% 372 BP2 33,8% Total 1100 :47 BP1 872 250 200 5378 Power Efflo .0 286 278 MN -150 60 69.1 61,1 HP 196 77,9 36 85 85 81,8 100 72 75,2 50 Preser 270 56 55 \$4 179 230 4969 th °C bar 224 204 185 24.0 15.7 10.2

Conclusion



- Reliable and most accurate picture of the plant measurement uncertainties minimization
- Primary, secondary and tertiary heat and mass balances closed - coherency
- Reactor thermal power uncertainty < 0.8 %
 - measurement uncertainty recapture
- Equipment KPIs with lowest level of uncertainty





Questions