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Sugar Technologists

Digitalisation in sugar production – from vision to reality.

Chances of integrated thinking

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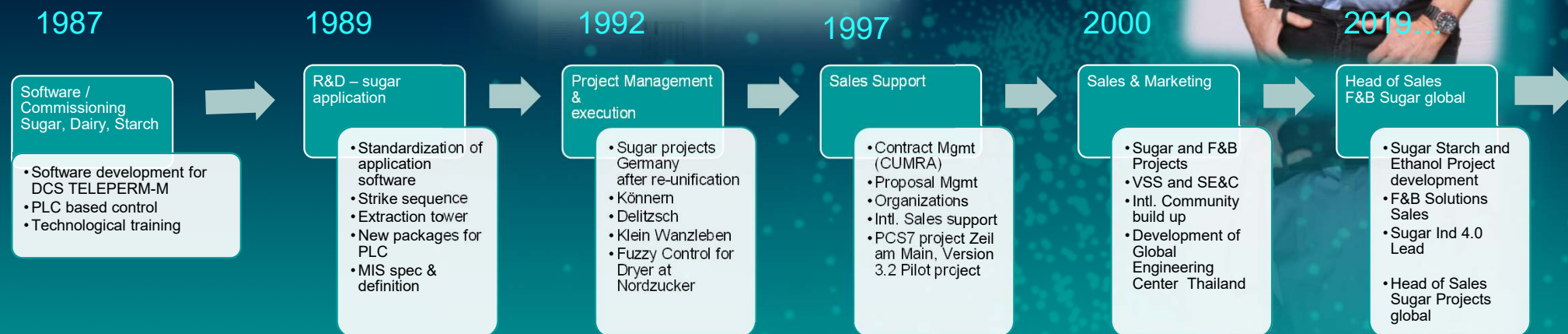
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 Diplom Ingenieur, Applied Computer Science

1986/87 Diploma on
 „Automatic crystallization of sugar
 based on PLC S5-115U“
 Implemented in Sugar Factory Rethen, Germany





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Dr. Roland Busch
President and CEO of Siemens AG



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Glass Production	Pharmaceutical Industry	Campus	Tire Industry	Mining Industry	Cement	Transportation and Logistics
						
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Airports	Electronics Industry	Semi-conductors	Data Centers	Machinery and Plant Production	Food and Beverage	Water and Wastewater Industry
						
Chemical Industry	Municipalities and DSOs	Cranes	Intralogistics	Aerospace	Battery Manufacturing	



Digital transformation has the potential to drive progress and growth and reduce resource consumption in all countries

Industry



Up to **50% material savings** can be realized using digital twins and innovative production technologies such as additive manufacturing.

Infrastructure



Buildings are currently responsible for **39% of global energy related carbon emissions**. Data analytics and automated building management can unlock large saving potentials.

Mobility



Up to **30% higher network capacity** can be achieved through automatic train operation and by optimizing train flows and rail operations.

We empower our customers to become more competitive, resilient, and sustainable

FY 2024

312,000

Employees^{1,2}

€75.9 bn

Revenue

€84.1 bn

Orders

€9.0 bn

Net income³

15.5%

Profit margin
Industrial Business

€9.5 bn

Free Cash Flow³

¹ As of September 30, 2024 | ² Continuing operations | ³ Continuing and discontinued operations

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The **dark** sugar factory

The SIEMENS vision for the future of sugar production



Digitalization concepts in the light of diversification and sustainability

Digitalization with purpose



The sugar industry is facing a **changing landscape**, requiring a change of **mindset** and adjustments in the production process to **remain efficient** and **competitive**. This involves exploring **new technologies** and **collaborating** with solution providers.

José Orive

Executive Director
International Sugar Organization

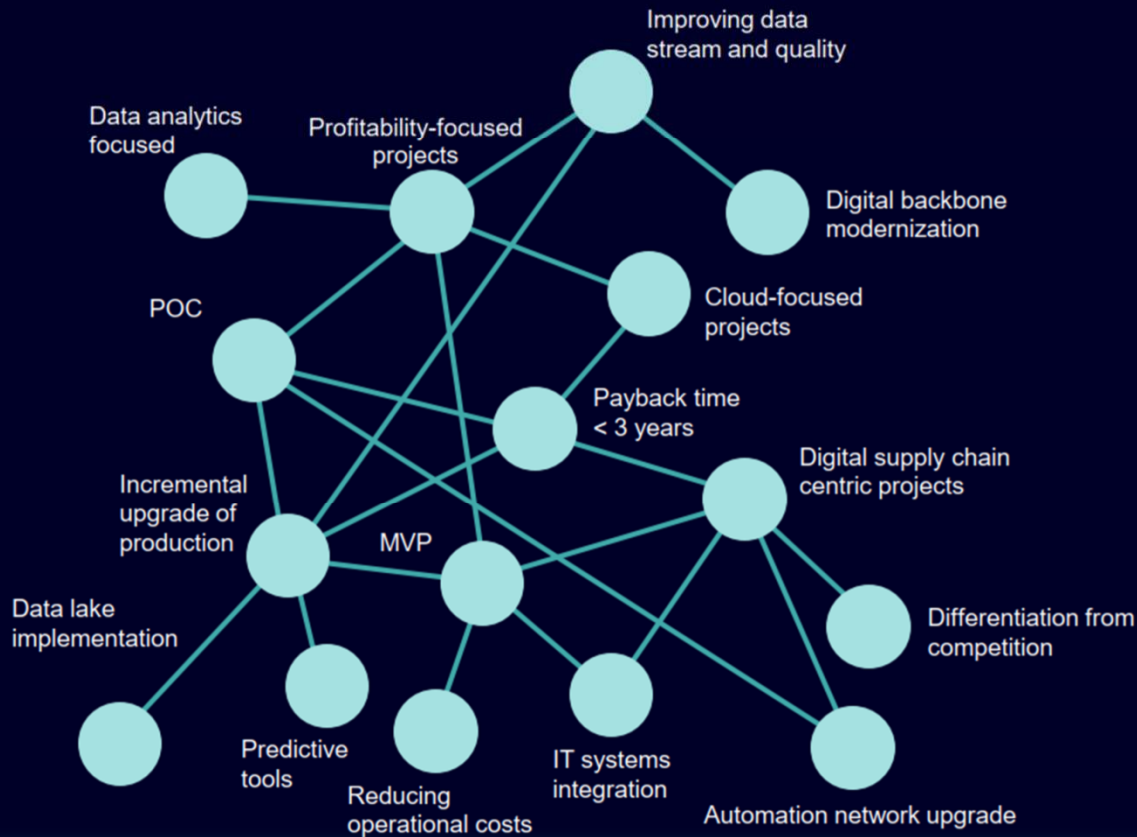


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Digital transformation

Complexity – many options available



45%

see the potential of Industrial IoT
but don't know where to begin

60%

of all digital transformation initiatives
/ POC's do not reach
their goals

\$ 900 bn

wasted in wrong investments
(over \$1'300 bn in IoT)



The goal is to turn data into
information, and information
into actionable insight.

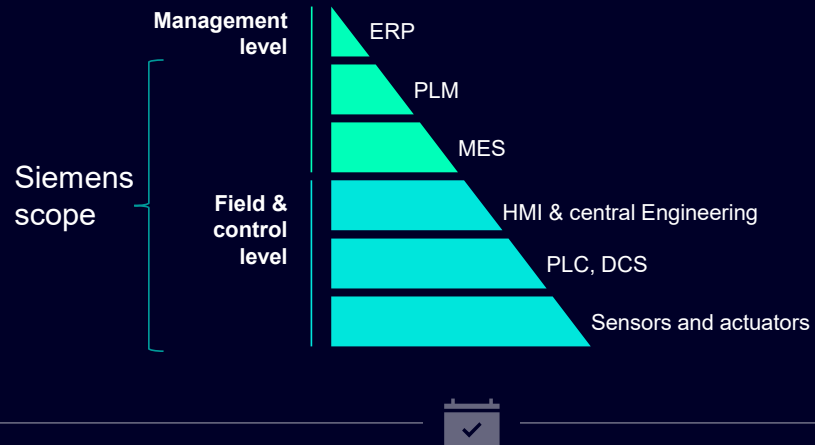
Carly Fiorina
Former CEO – Hewlett-Packard

IT and OT Technologies and Discipline are converging



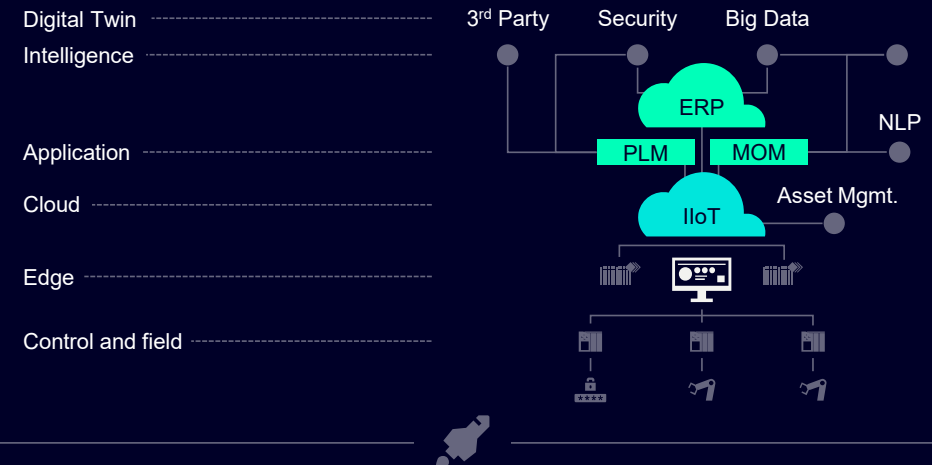
Yesterday/“often” today

Monolithic pyramid



Near future

The two worlds of IT & OT are converging

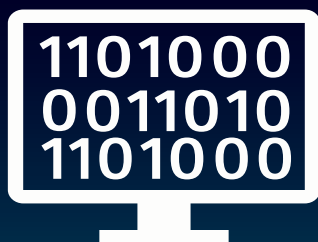


With the technology convergence data can now be leveraged where necessary

This means opportunities and challenges to our customers, and we – as Siemens – are ready help and solve.



**Integration of Data Driven and Knowledge Driven Approach
is essential for sustainable investment into the digital operation,
ensures smooth operation and
provides the basis for future diversification options.**



Data Driven Analytics

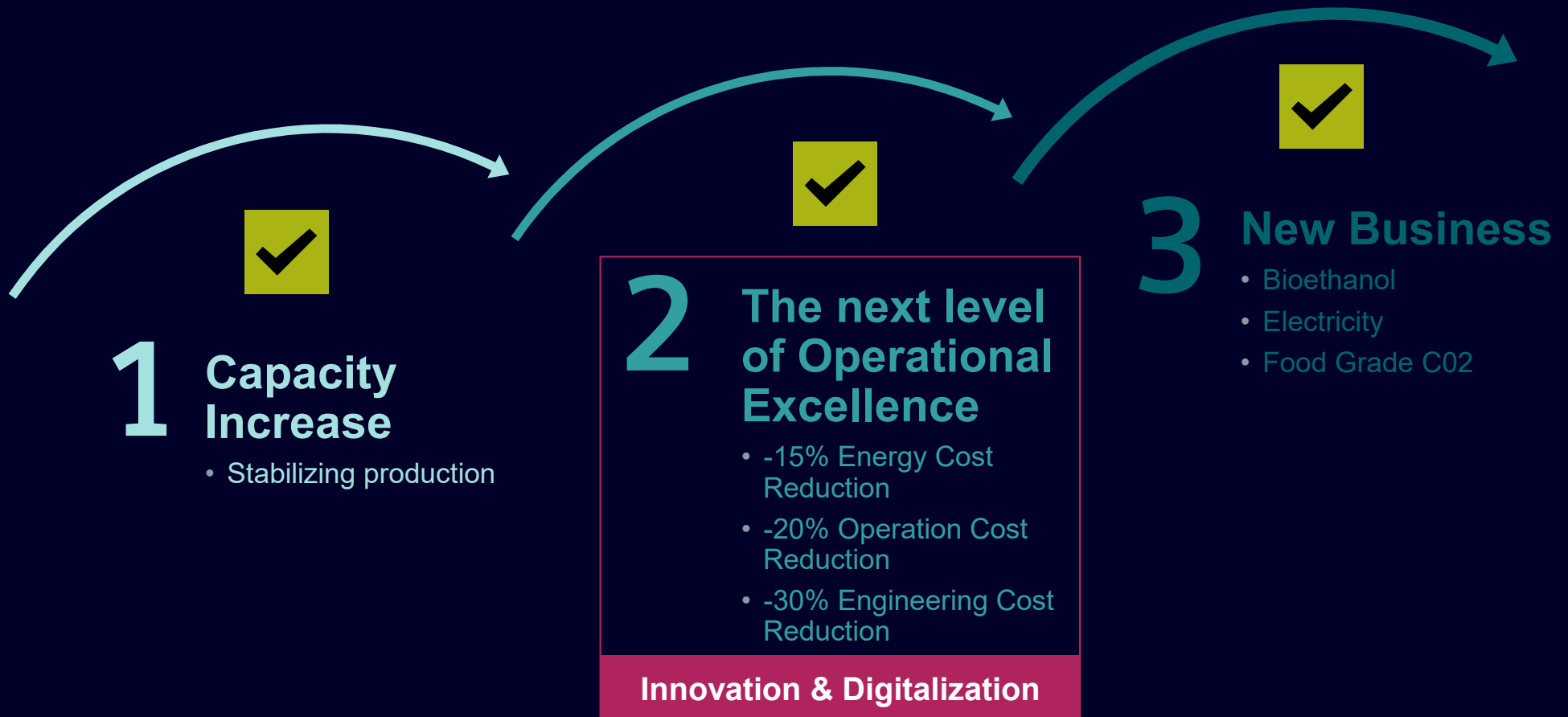


Knowledge Based Analytics



The Sugar Factory's Common Journey

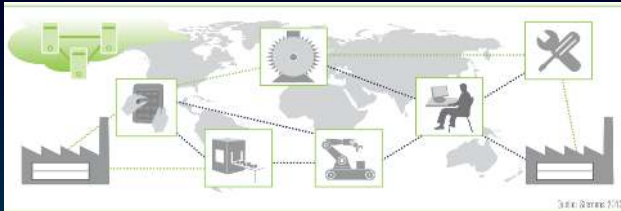
Productivity – Efficiency – New Business



Digital Enterprise A Definition?

The Definition of Digital Enterprise for process industry is following the logic of Industrie 4.0 with a specific interpretation

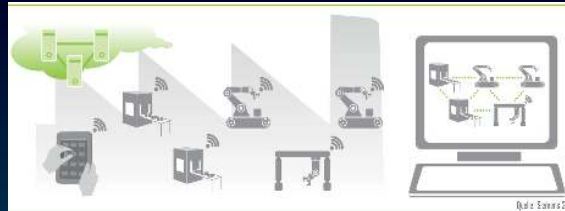
Horizontal integration through value-add networks *



Optimization of resources along value-add networks from raw materials to product

- Remote operations via Internet
- Cloud computing / Mindsphere
- Data driven services, e. g. predictive maintenance

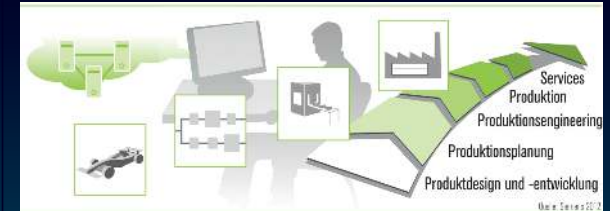
Vertical integration and networked production systems *



Increased flexibility and optimization of production in volatile and global markets

- Integrated Operations
- Plant Asset Management
- Seamless interoperability (Plug&Produce)
- Decision support / assistance systems

Seamless integration of the engineering along the entire life-cycle *



Time savings in engineering by consistent data storage along plant life-cycle

- Integrated Engineering
- Augmented reality
- Digital Twin of the "as-is"-plant status
- On-site training simulation

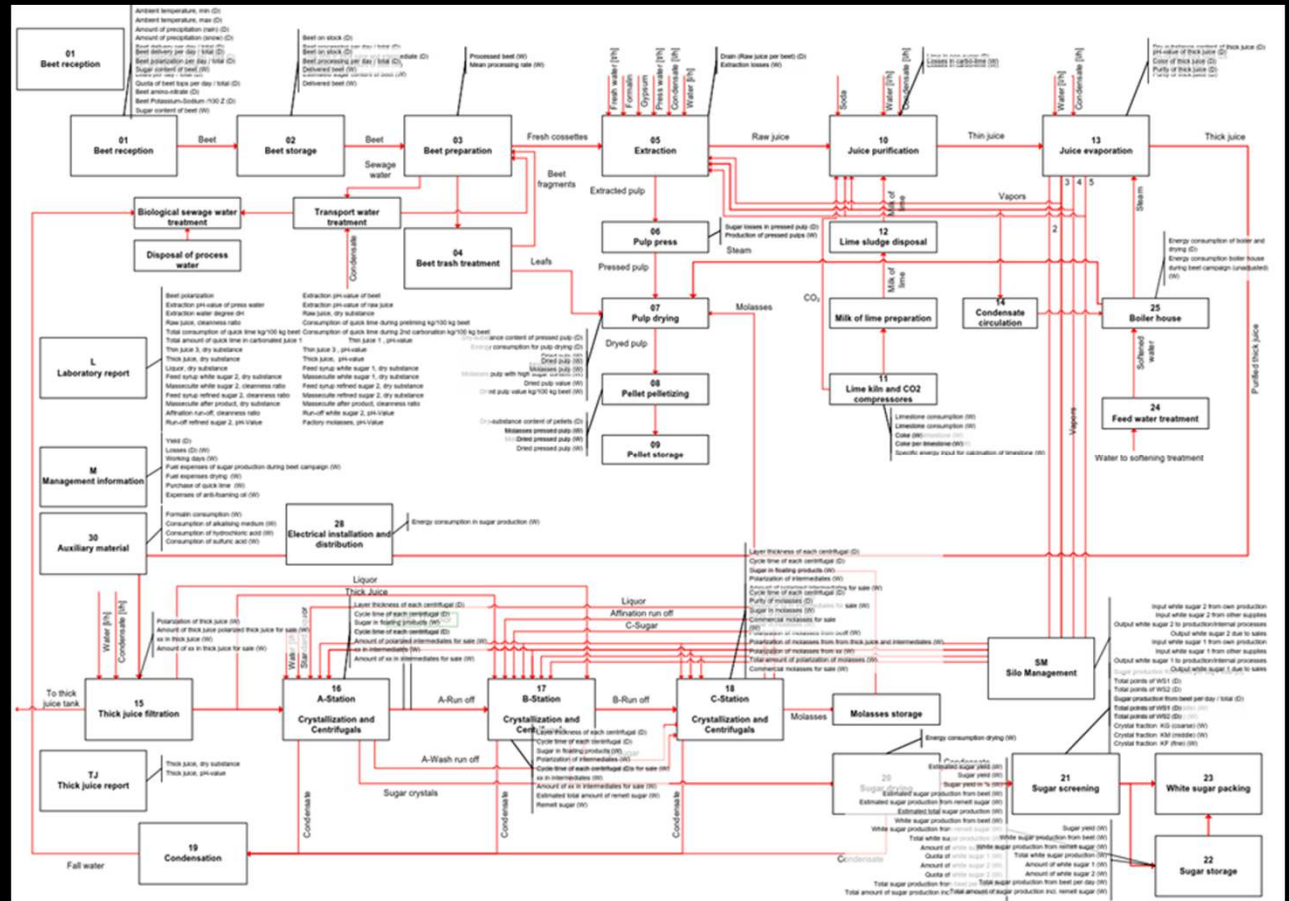
Modelling and Simulation

Seamless interoperability and communication based on standards

Cyber Security / Industrial Security

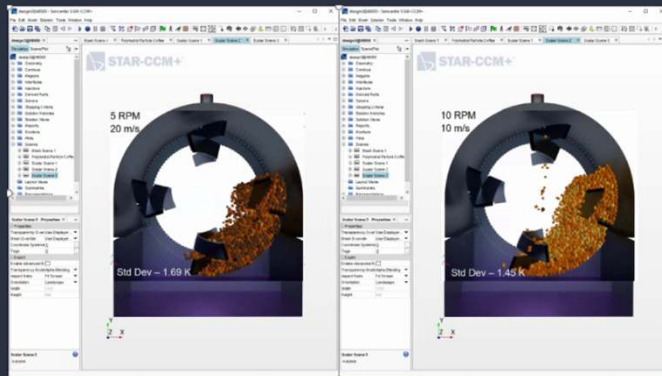
*) Source: acatech, April 2013 "Umsetzungsempfehlung für das Zukunftsprojekt Industrie 4.0"

The „One-Setpoint-Factory“ Complexity is just another word for Reality



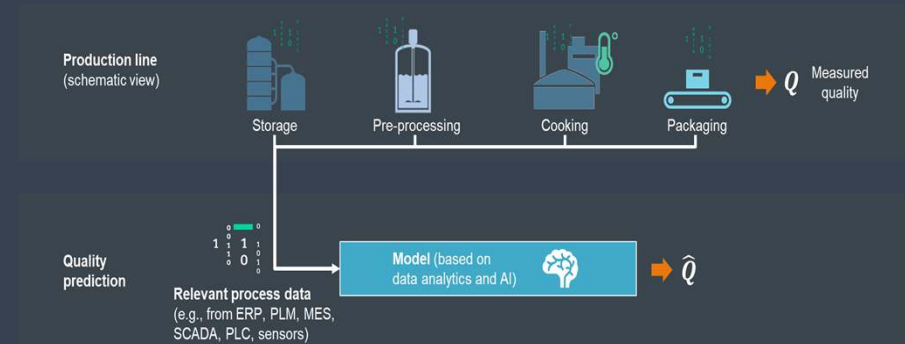
Two Types of digital twins

Model-driven Digital Twin

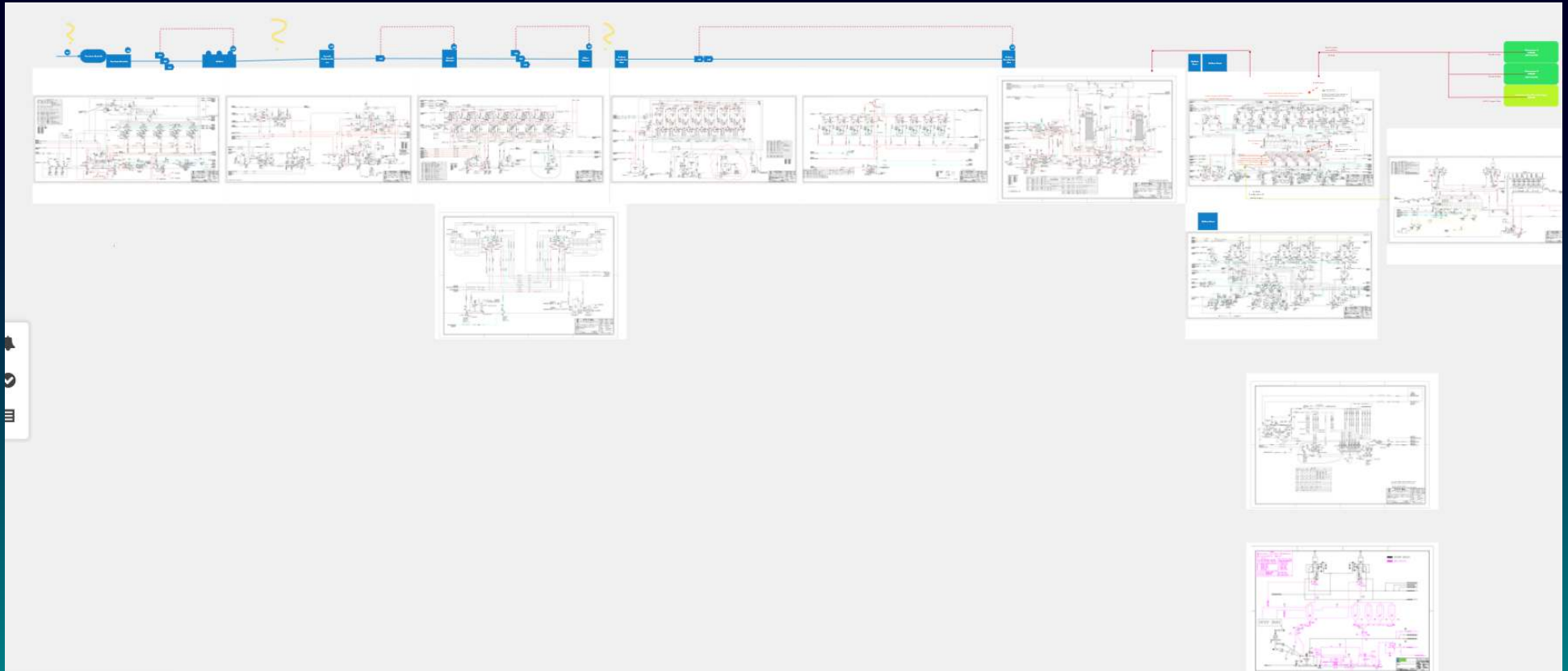


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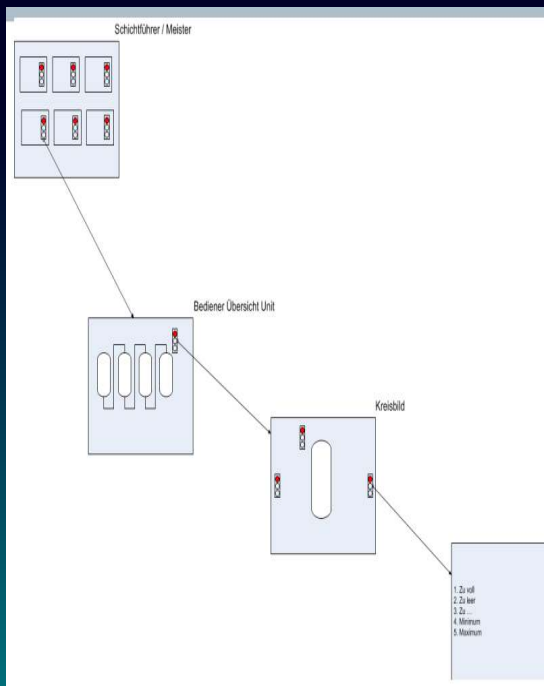
Data-driven Digital Twin



The real-life example, Sugar Refinery XYZ.



Using advanced plant control procedures in full automatic mode allows xxx to optimise production by reduced operations and fault avoiding algorithms



Mind-Map as Basis for the workshop

Left side:

- Measures, directly connected to DCS activities
 - Alarm Management
 - PID-Control optimization
 - HMI – Graphics Interface
 - Advanced process graphics
 - Operator Guidance
 - Reduction of process operations



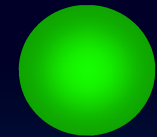
Right side:

- Measures, with based on technological process areas
 - Functional optimization
 - Add-on interlocks
 - Section control
 - Extraction interlock
 - Sugar house:
 - Pan sequence
 - Vapor Rail control
 - Centrifuge Master
 - Data driven modelling

Benchmarking Investment into I&C: Operator actions – classification

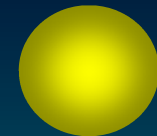
Monitoring related actions

- Open new operator windows or zoom into technological functions
- Online reporting of situations on the electronic shift book



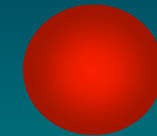
Process related actions

- Initiate new products / recipes
- Select machines or production lines
- Start or stop of batches



Fault related actions

- Take controllers to manual operations
- Take machinery to manual operation
- Acknowledgement of faults
- Manual operation of valves, pumps, motors etc.



Benchmarking Investment into I&C: Failure Analysis of a beet sugar plant

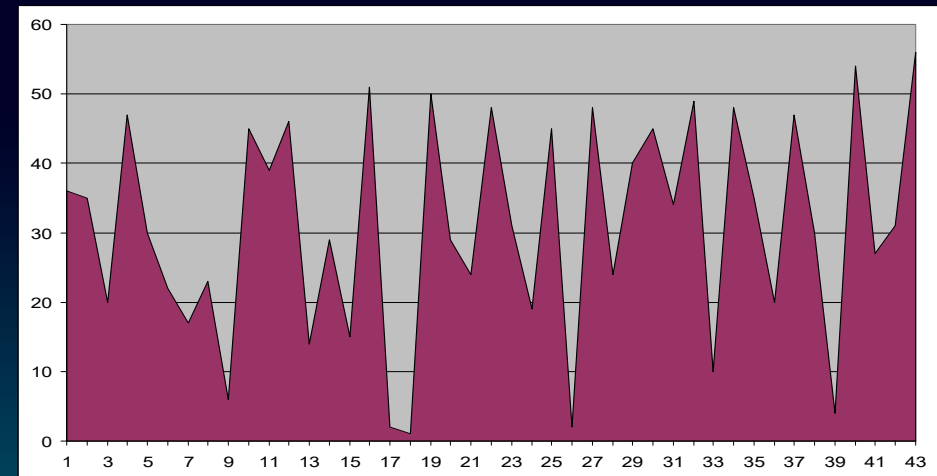
Alarms per day – Overview for 43 days

Average of 25 Alarms which need operator action
per day

Approximately one per hour!

Additionally:

10-15 Process related action per hour



Overall Benchmark of 280-350 operation per day !

Benchmarking Investment into I&C: Comparison of use cases

	Monitoring	Process operations	Failure action	Total per day
Plant A Beet Sugar	?	240 – 320	3 – 40 per day	240 - 360
Plant B Beet Sugar	?	100 / hour	5 – 10/ Hour	> 3.000
Plant C Refinery	?	> 150-200 / hour	5 – 10 / Hr	> 4.000

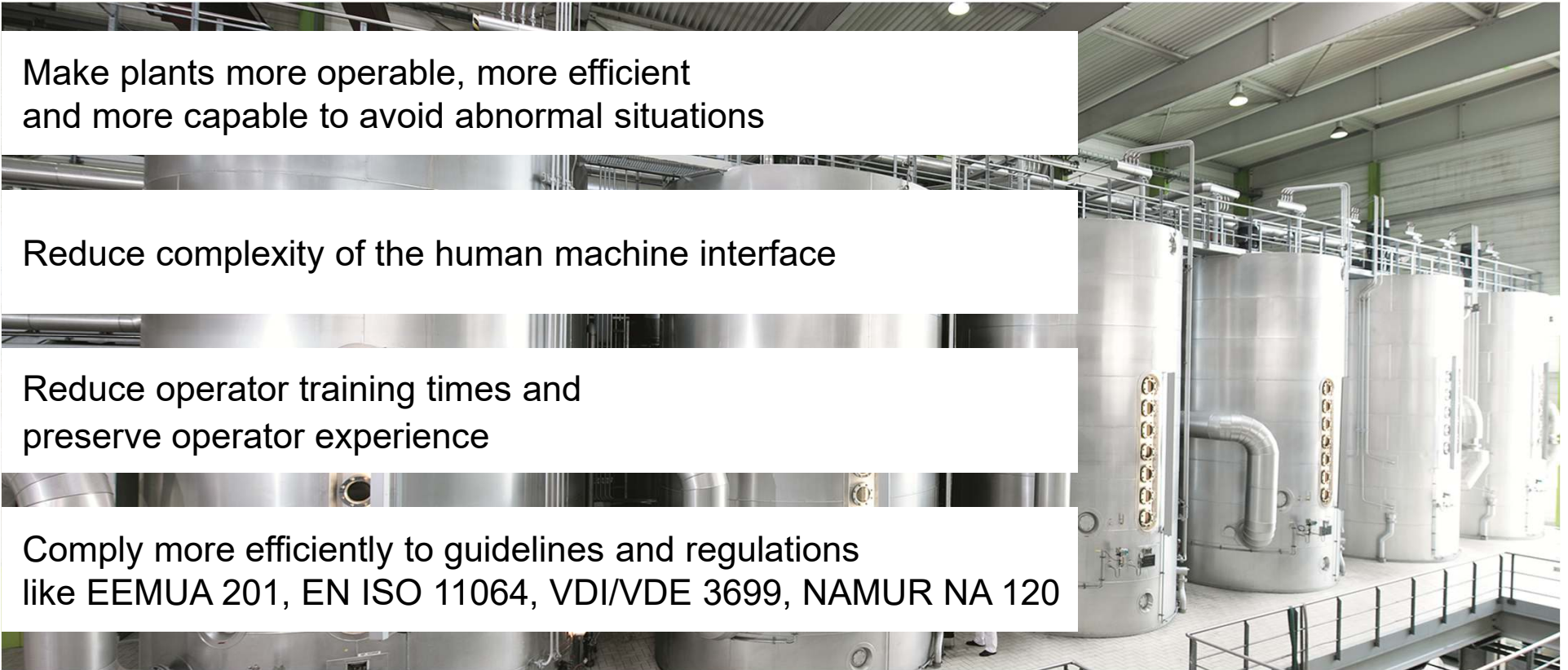
Digital Enterprise creates opportunities to increase productivity Siemens – Trusted partner for the sugar industry to achieve the next level

Make plants more operable, more efficient
and more capable to avoid abnormal situations

Reduce complexity of the human machine interface

Reduce operator training times and
preserve operator experience

Comply more efficiently to guidelines and regulations
like EEMUA 201, EN ISO 11064, VDI/VDE 3699, NAMUR NA 120



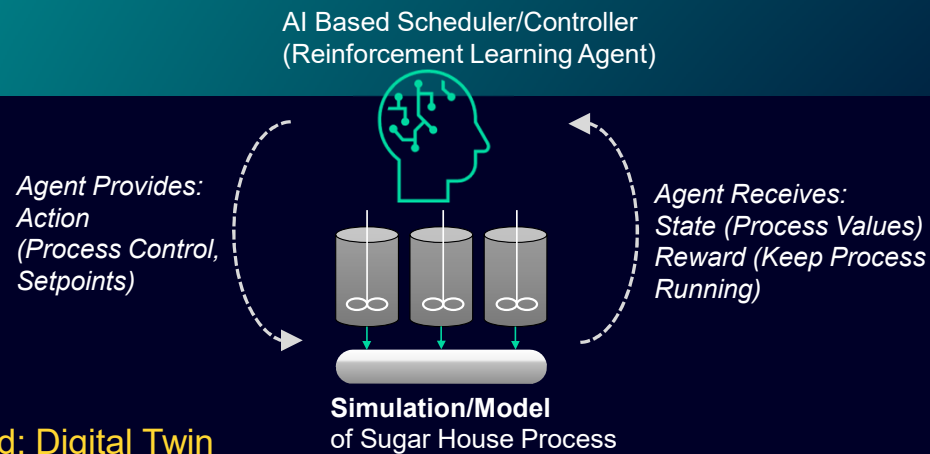
Digital Twin

A digital twin is a digital representation of a real-world entity or system. The implementation of a digital twin is an encapsulated software object or model that mirrors a unique physical object, process, organization, person or other system.

Data from multiple digital twins can be aggregated for a composite view across a number of real-world entities, such as a power plant or a city and their related processes. Integrating and connecting the digital and physical world.

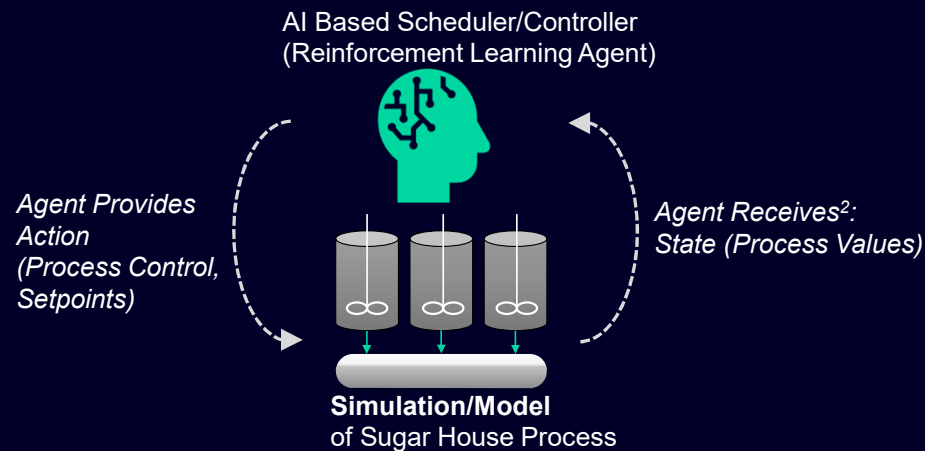
Use Case and Approach

AI Based Quality Sugar Crystallization Scheduling and Control



Virtual World: Digital Twin

Real World



Learning Phase

AI Agent interacts with Process Simulation.

Advantage:

- No harm to real world process during exploration.
- Large amount and variety of training data.

Inference Phase

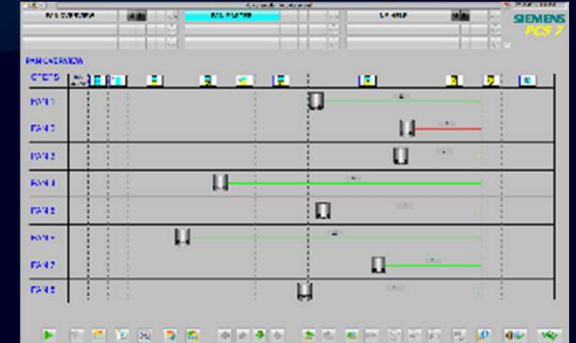
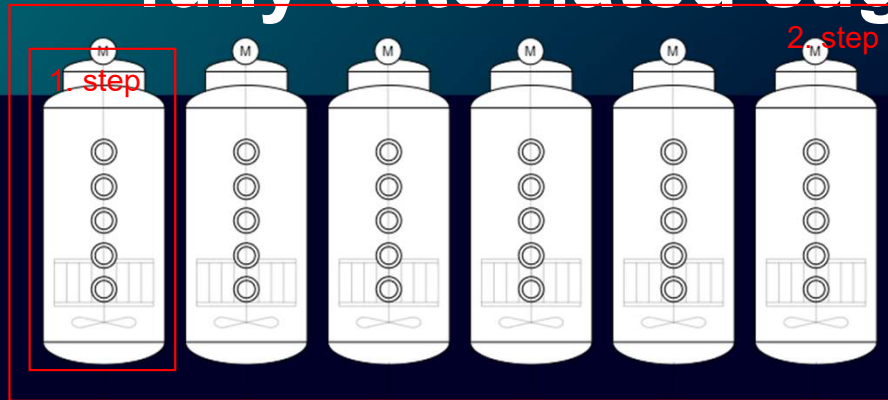
AI Agent controls real word process.

Potential Benefits:

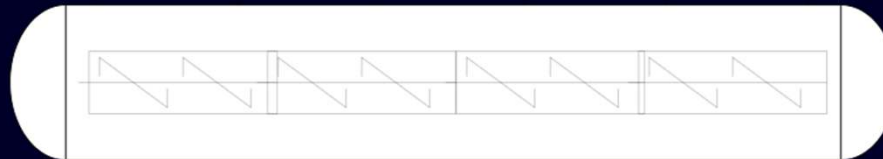
- Fast and computational lightweight inference.
- Reduction of idle times and energy consumption.

“Big picture” – fully automated sugar house

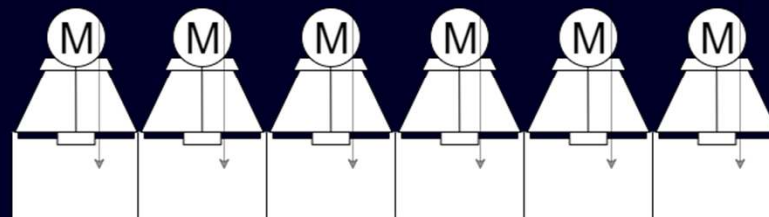
Vacuum Batch Pans
for Sugar Crystallization



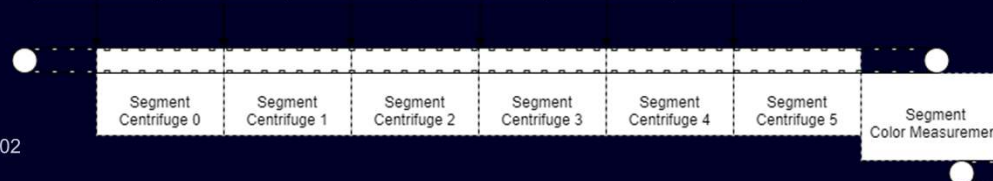
Strike Receiver



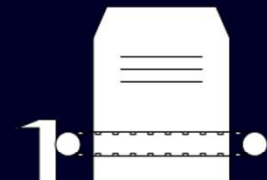
Centrifuge Station



Conveyor Belt



Sugar Drying



Bucket Elevator



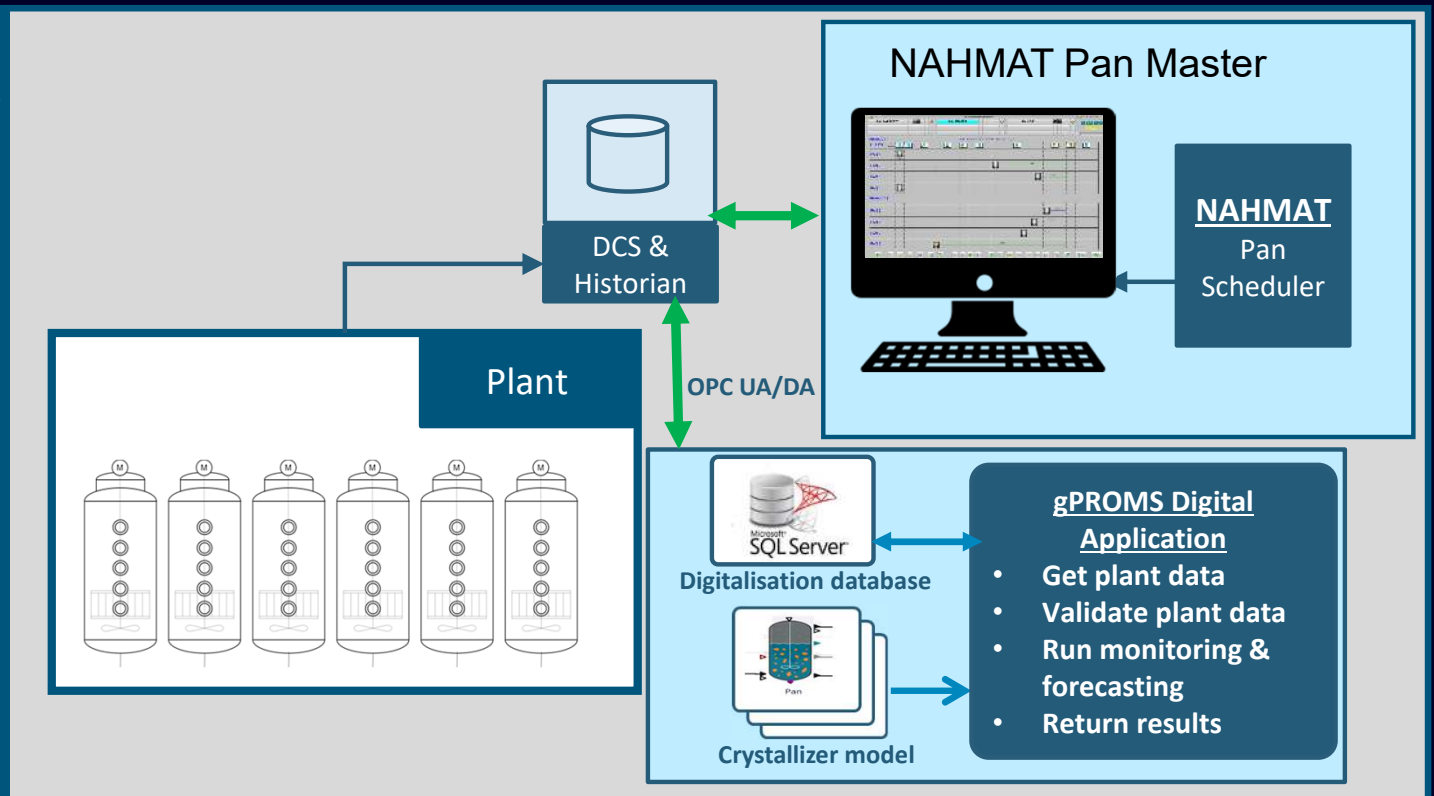
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Crystallization batch pans performance monitoring, forecasting and scheduling

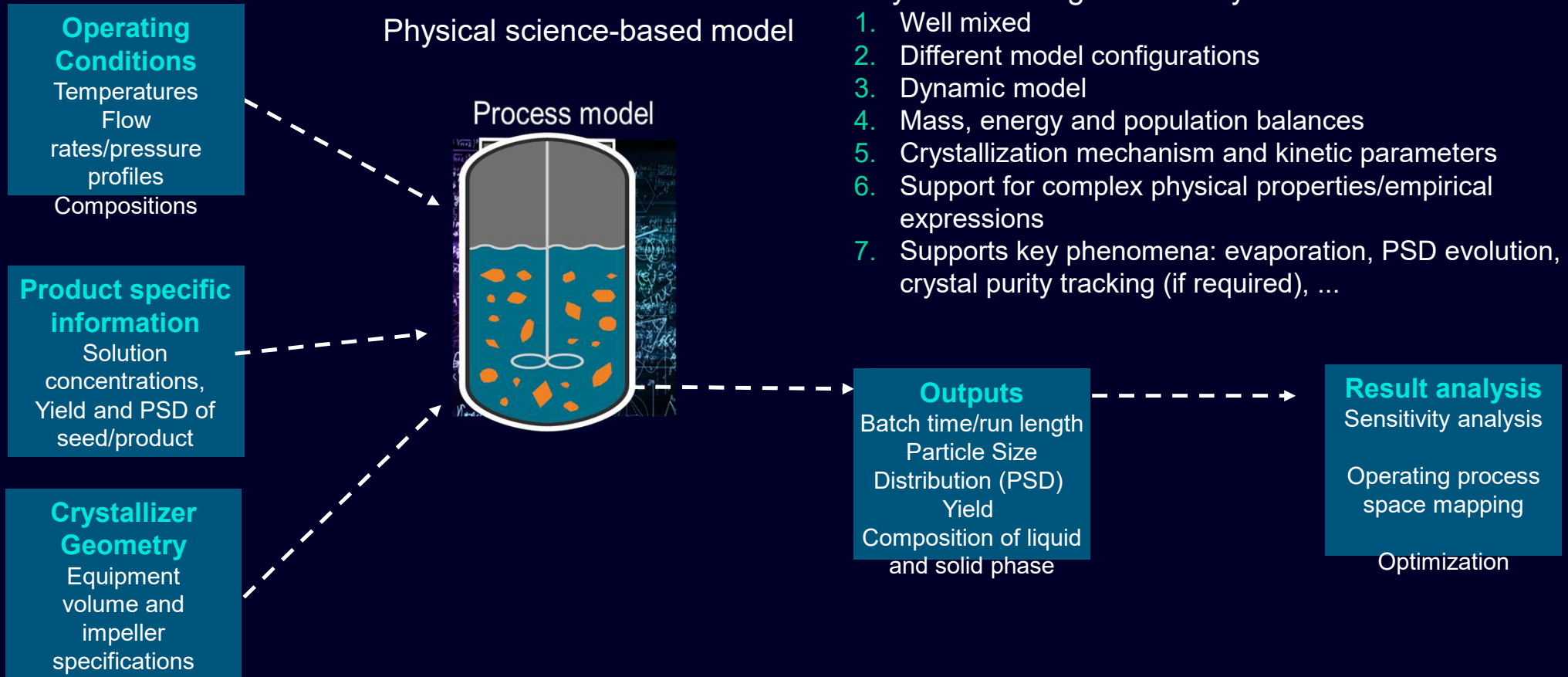
Technical architecture

Potential functionalities

- Monitoring of pan performance and quality metrics
- Forecasting of batch length
- Batch scheduling
- Optimization of batch operation*
- What if analysis*



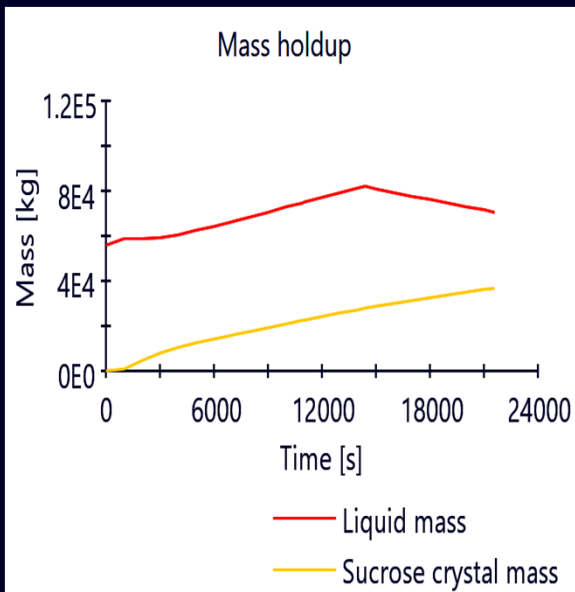
Modelling approach



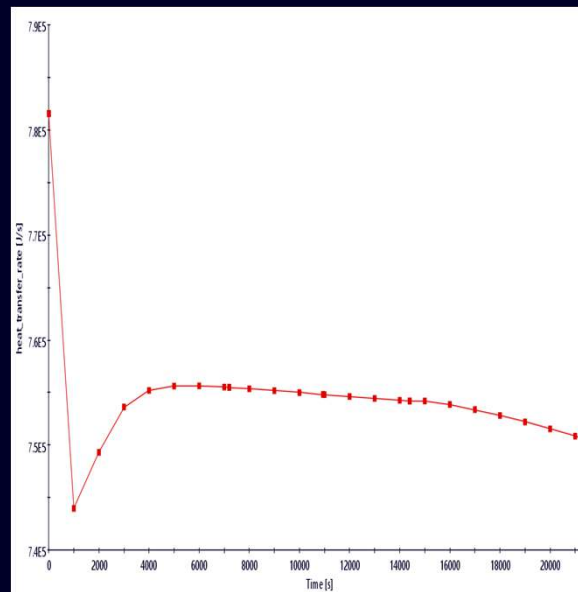
Model outcomes

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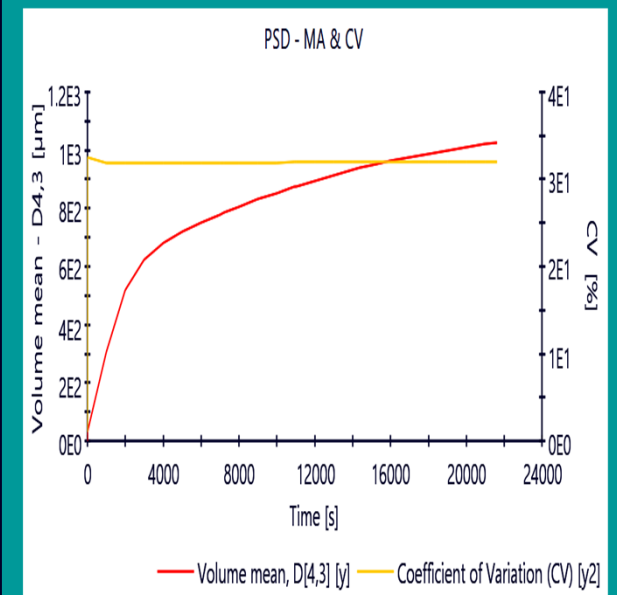
Key results 1 – expected boiling time



Key results 2- expected energy consumption



Key results 3 – crystal size



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AA(PSH2611 [@Mitchell, Niall (DI PA SW IS CC PM SOL)] could we add the top 3 plots or KPIs that the model can predict here? Just to create some curiosity before we go into deep dive

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NM1 0 Added trends from representative simulation. Let me know if you would like to modify. Thanks

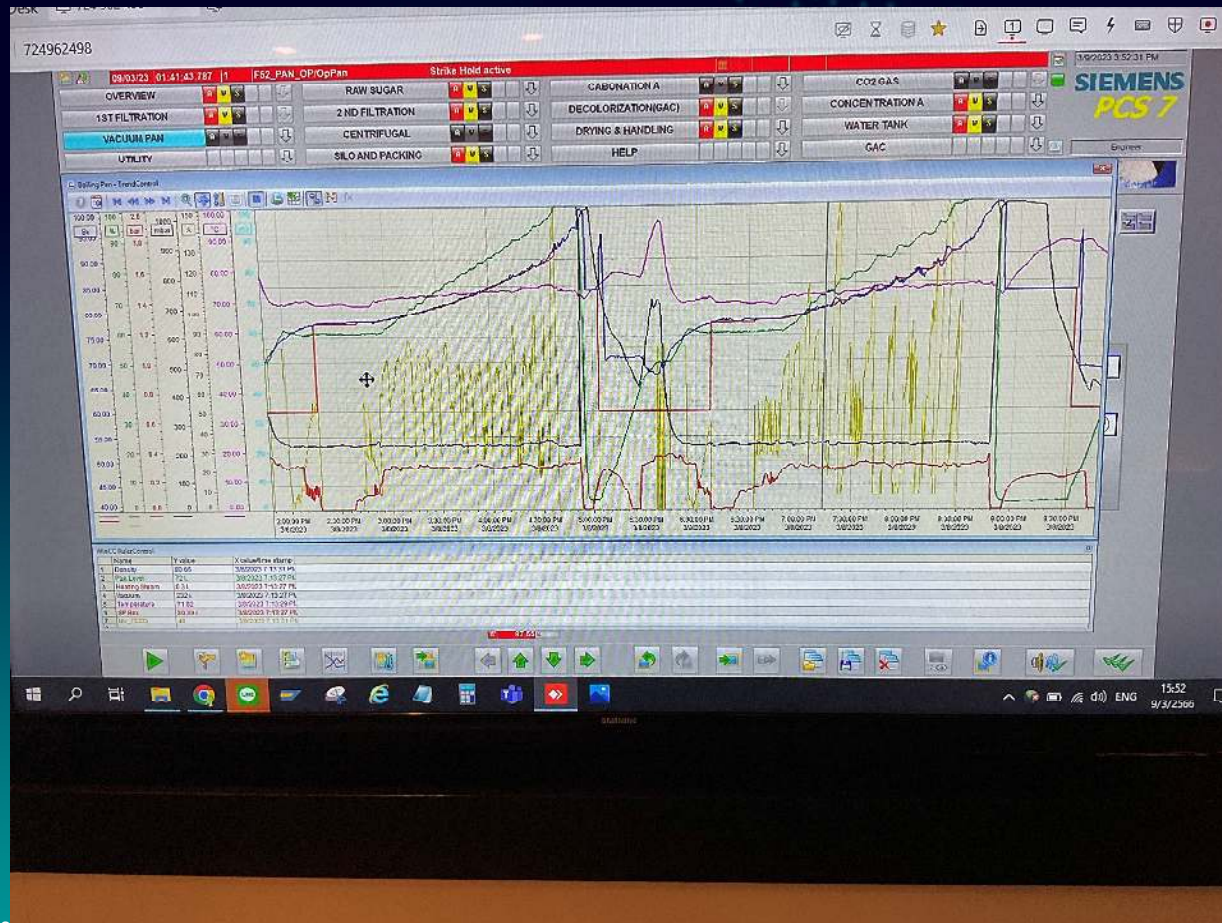
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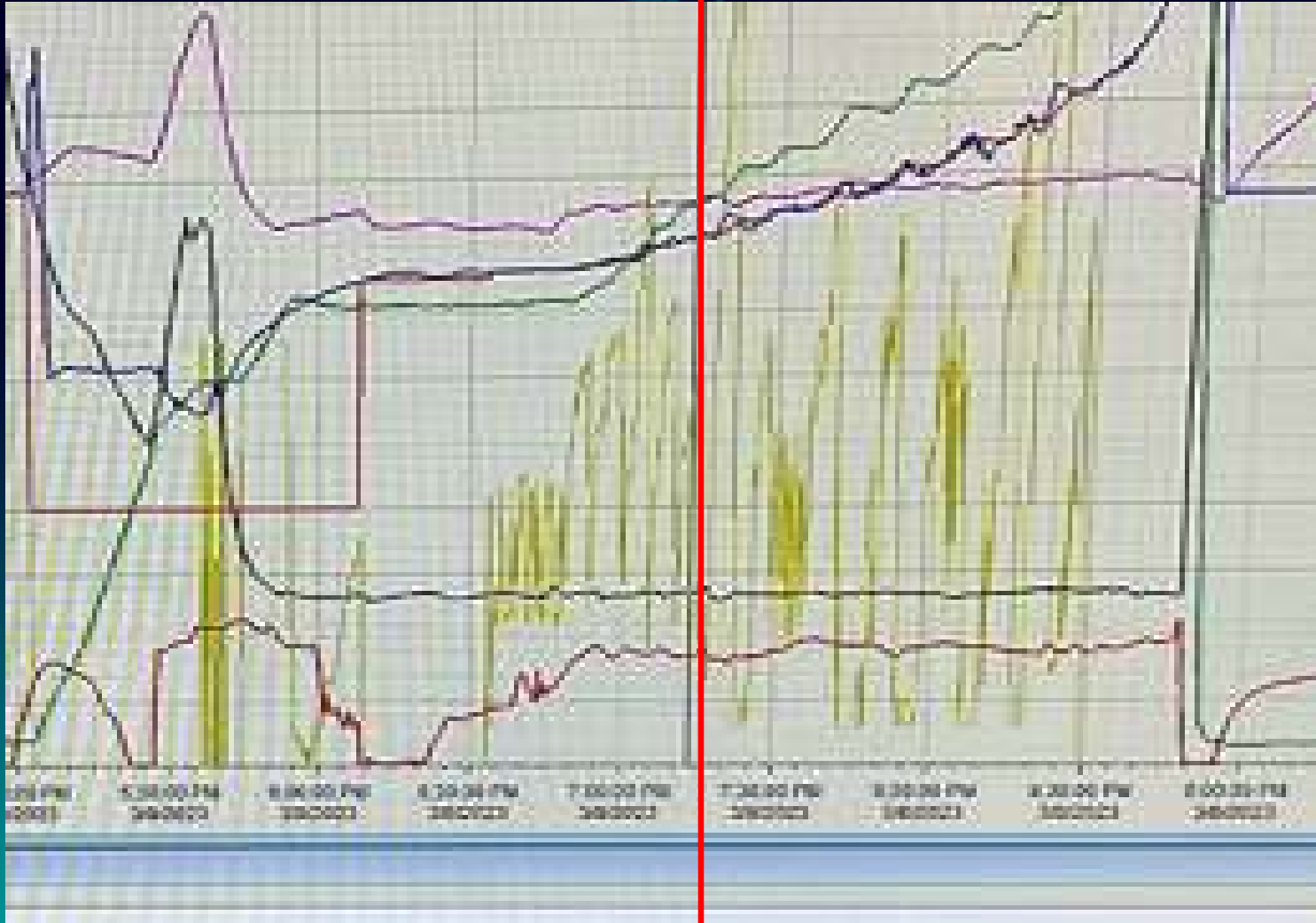
NAHMAT Pan Master – the brand new add-on



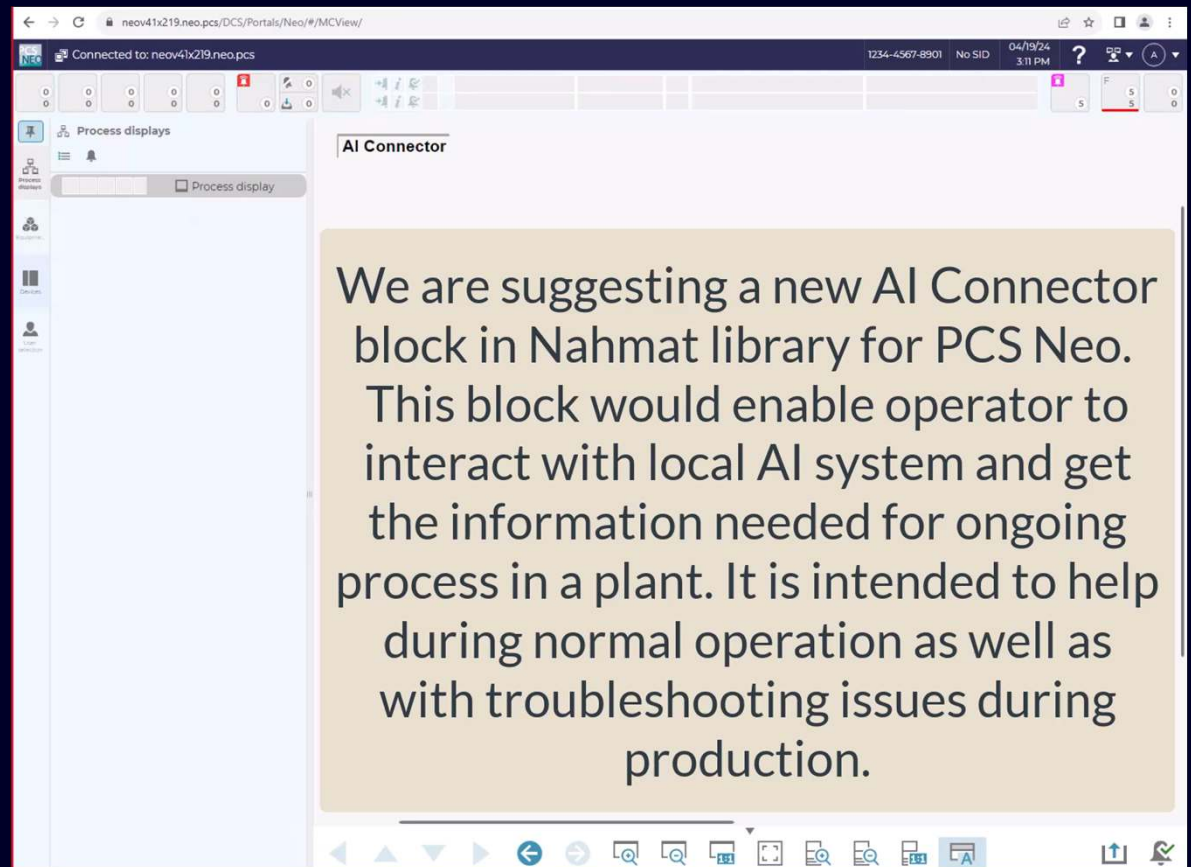
Artificial Intelligence in process control

What is wrong here and why? Can AI solve that problem?





First Gen AI support solutions in NAHMAT



Remote Operations



What is that?

Central control of production sites

Global access via Remote-Terminals into local M&C (operator console)



Value

Higher Efficiency of operations

Higher productivity of resources

Global support and access

Technological support for local operations

The next step: Remote Operations

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- Central access and control of distributed production plants
- Remote control of unmanned plants or plant areas i.e. during night shift.

Yesterday



The next step Remote Operations

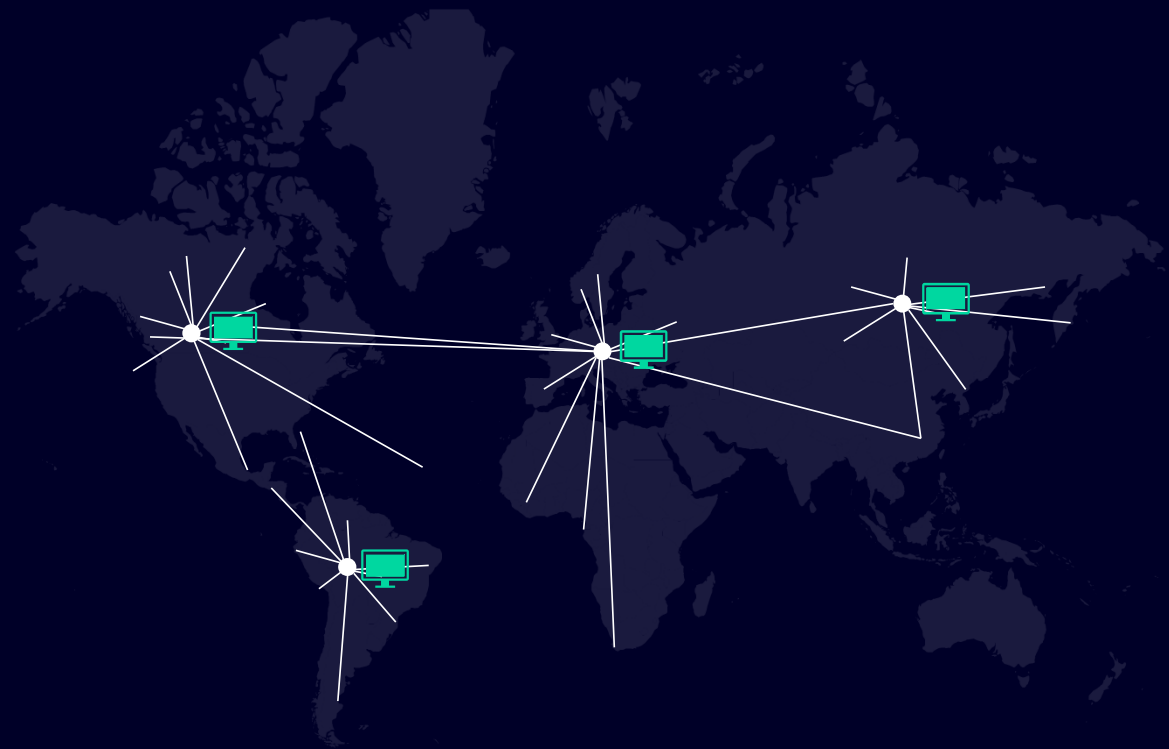
Siemens Solution

- Remote Operations

Yesterday



Today



SIMATIC PCS 7 Remote Operations

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Reference

„Siemens provided a userfriendly, bandwidth-optimised and secure solution for our remote operations demands. The project was delivered within time and budget. And it was developed in close cooperation with our engineers“

Michael Schill, Head of Instrumentation
Process Control and Technical Network,
Region Continental and Northern Europe
Linde Gases Division



Scope

- SIMATIC PCS 7 with remote terminals for open and high flexibility
- Networktechnology incl IT-Security
- Usability
- Operation of the plants within optimized plant conditions in Automatic Load Control (ALC) and Linear MPC

Value

- Reduction of time and cost-intense site-service support
- Global control of down-time and maintenance activities.
- Preparing for continuous production on global scale
- Savings in regard of asset information. Global access to storage/warehouse-management

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