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ENABLING DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

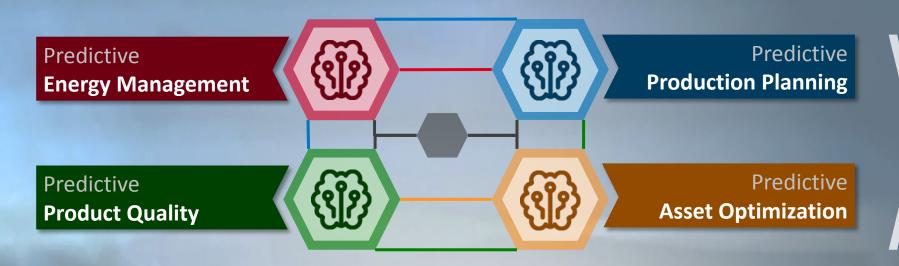


- Industry 4.0
- > Artificial intelligence
- Data-driven decision making
- > AR / VR / 3d visualization
- > Cloud computing / big data
- > Robotics and



Autonomous Plant Operation

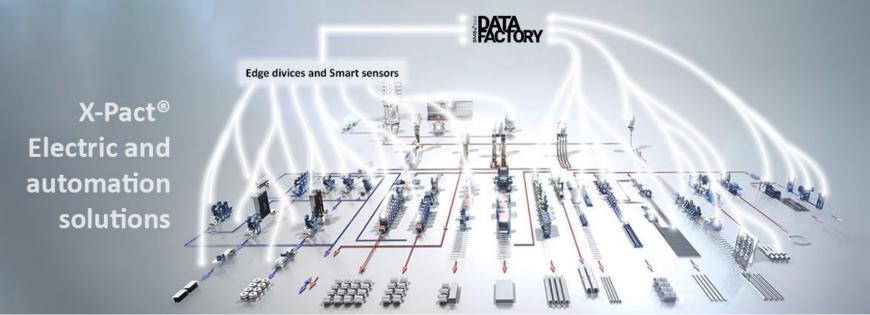
Four Dimensions to Boost Efficiency and Sustainability



- > Actionable items
- Maintenance tasks

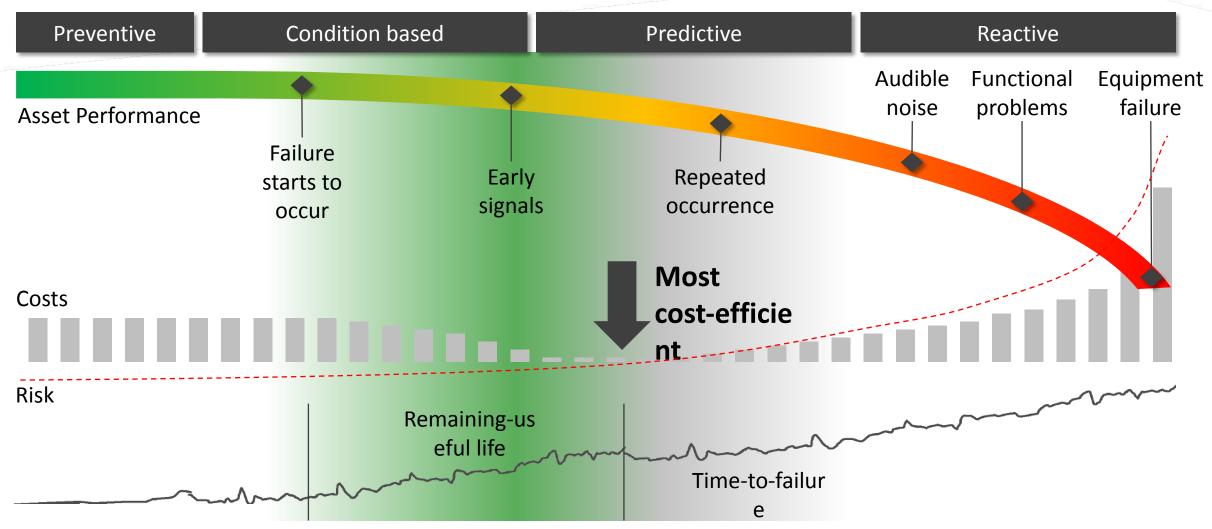


> Maintenance schedules



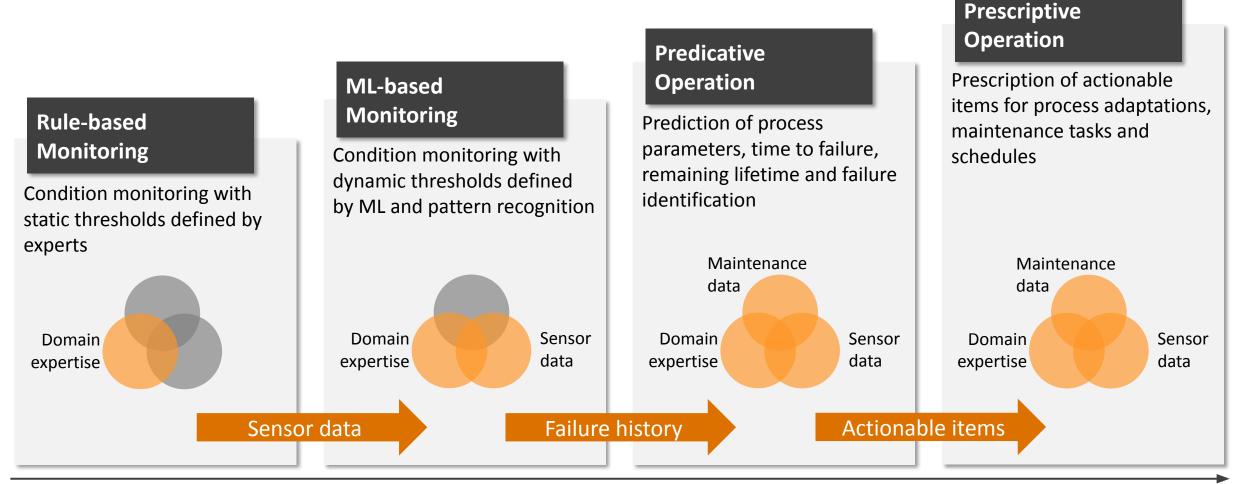


Equipment Lifecycle & maintenance strategies





Predictive Asset Optimization (tailor-made) Approach



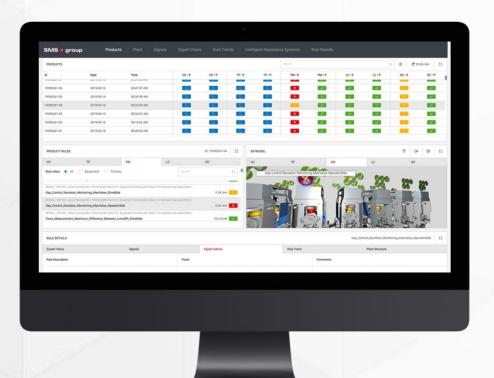
Asset intelligence



Process Condition Analyzer – Tailor-made approach Condition and Process Prediction

SMS group's tailor-made approach for asset optimization

- > Early identification of process deficiencies and unsuitable production parameters
- Automatic process supervision and guided operator support
- Increasing transparency and visibility of all process and production related data across the whole process chain

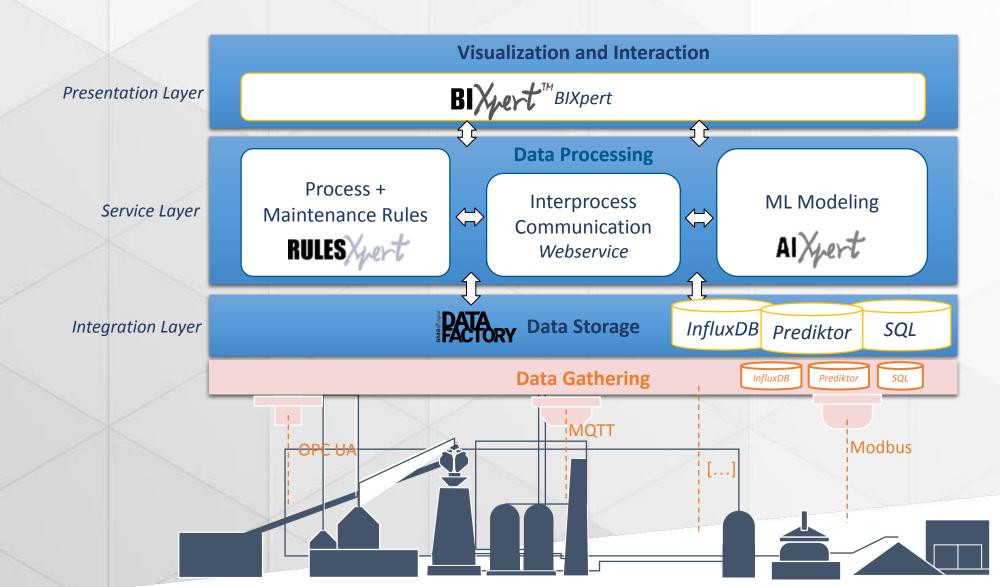






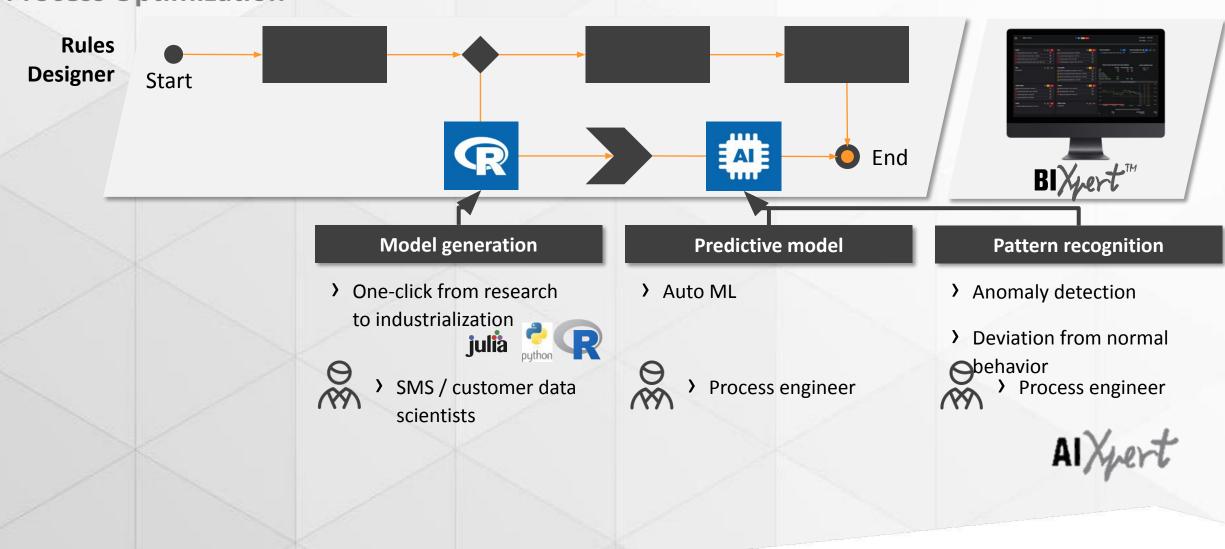
- Configurable Asset Optimization Platform
- Made by Engineers for Engineers
- Captures Know-How from experts and data
- Real-time decision support
- Predefined content for SMS assets

DataXpert Overview Tailor-made Asset Platform for Steel Industry

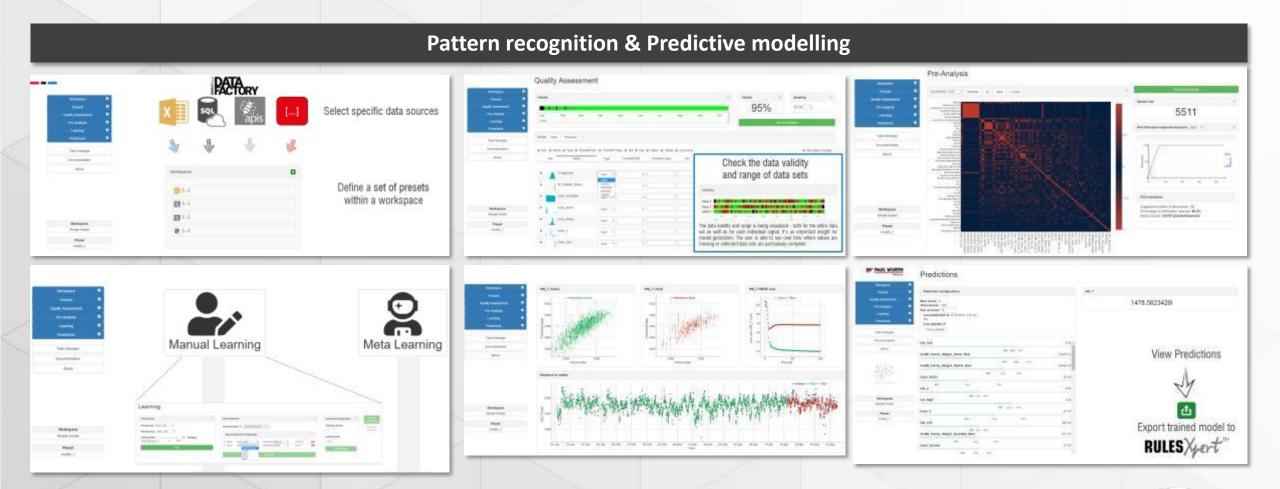


RulesXpert | Engineering Models & Machine Learning Models

Process Optimization



AlXpert | Engineering Models & Machine Learning Models Process Optimization





Configurable web dashboarding for real-time decision support

BIXpertTM



Facilitation of organization and visualization of equipment reliability data

- > Trend views for in-depth analysis and troubleshooting
- Contextual views by combining drawings, sensor positions and their values
- > Status view for general overview
- > Tabular views for KPIs, equipment and process status
- Notification panels including grouping and Gantt charts
- **>** High-speed queries:
 - Display
 - **>** Aggregates
 - > Raw values and filters



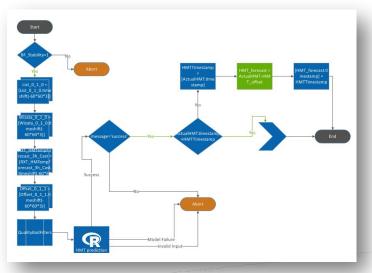


Condition and Process Prediction

Machine Learning Use case:

- Predict the temperature of the hot metal up to 3h in advance.
- Model ensemble approach with models implemented in AIXpert and R and glued together in RulesXpert.

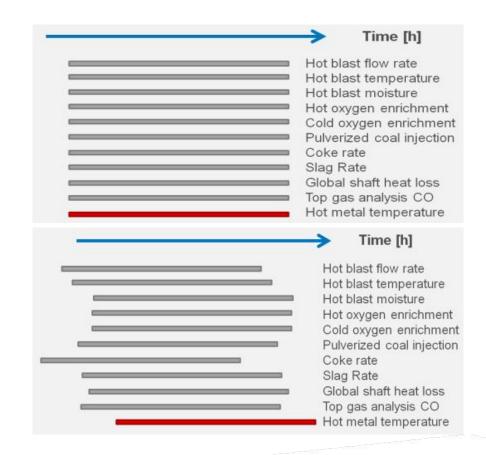






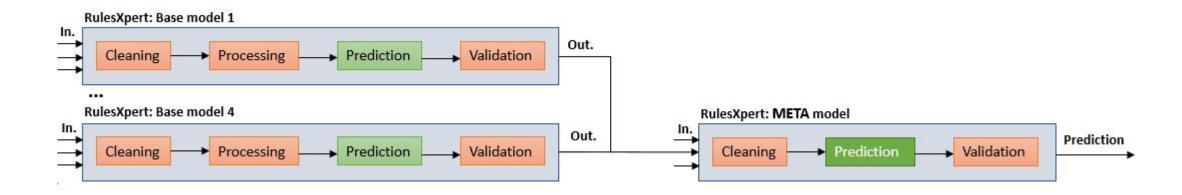
Condition and Process Prediction

- Selection of 80 potentially influencing variables (feature selection) by the process engineer
- Multiple Models trained in AlXpert and R
- Output of the models combined in the rule engine
- Time-delayed influence on the target variable



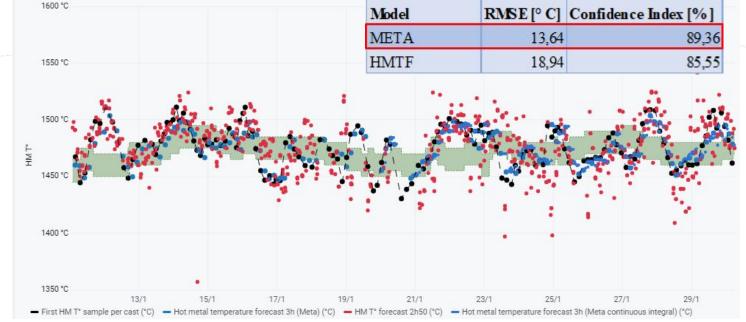


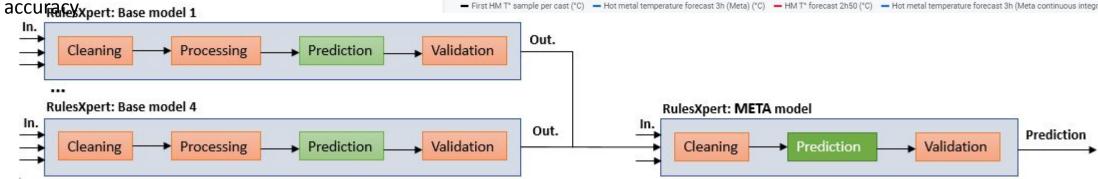
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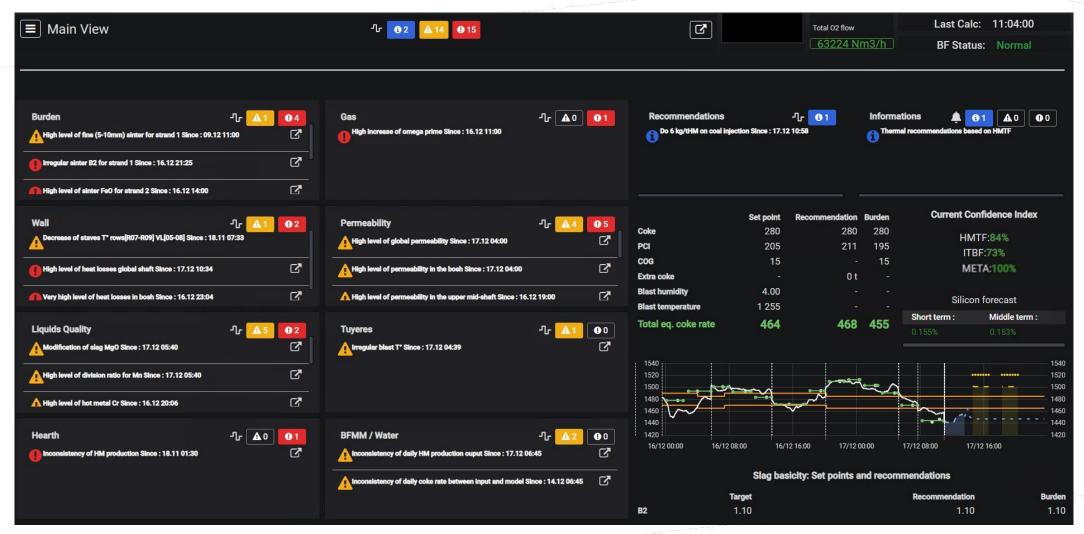
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 - > Significant improvement of prediction







ProcessXpert [™]: Hot metal temperature forecast and fuel recommendations

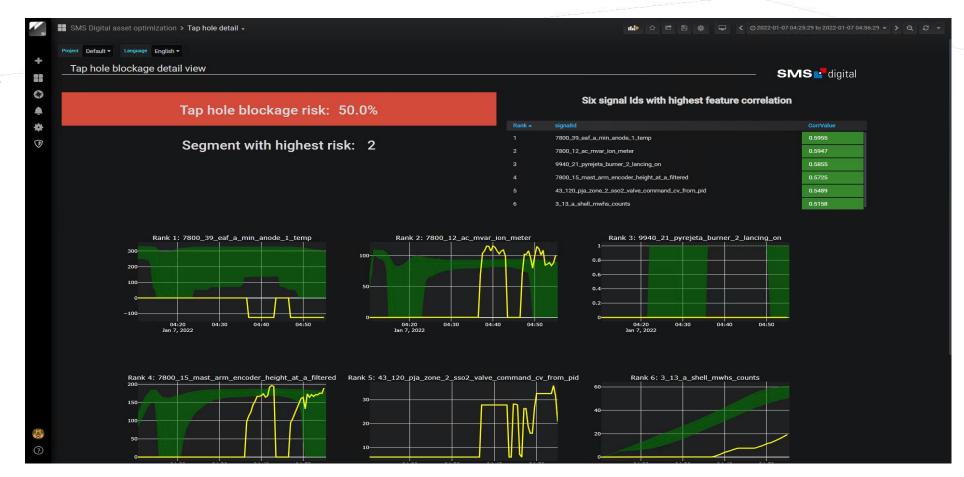




Use Case#2: Electrical Arc Furnace- Prediction of Tap-hole blockage

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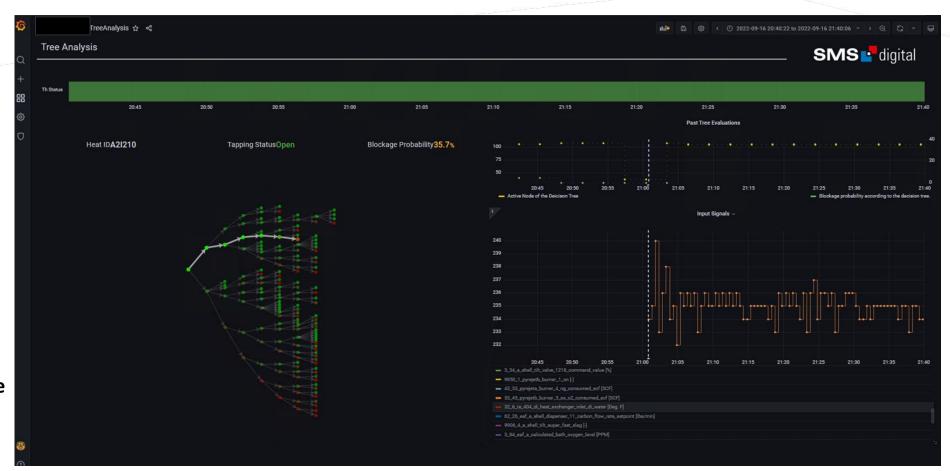
- > EAFs have tap hole to pass said molten steel.
- Due to multiple reasons, after continued operations, there is a phenomenon called 'Tap hole blockage' or Tap hole jamming.
- Operators need to clean the taphole to resume normal operation
- Due to complexity in metallurgy, it is very difficult to predict such tap holes blockages in advance.





Use Case#2: Electrical Arc Furnace- Prediction of Tap-hole blockage – Tree Analysis

- **> Objective:** Which process factors lead to such blockage.
- Solution: Data driven prediction models help operators to predict such a blockage with screen view as the one shown here
- With this tool not only next blockage is predicted but with expert knowhow counter measures can also be made to reduce such blockages.





Use Case#2: Electrical Arc Furnace- Prediction of Tap-hole blockage

 Consistent use of the DataXpert will lead to tap-hole blockage free operation.





Use Case#3: Laminar cooling water flow valves monitoring in Hot Strip Mill

> Evaluate flow of laminar cooling group when there is strip in laminar cooling and all valves are open



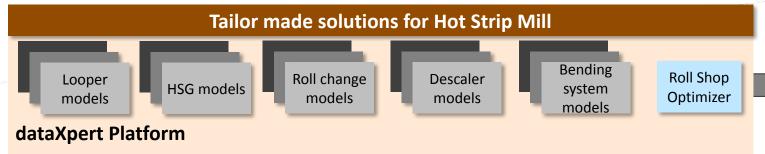
- Within 1.5 years total flow has decreased by about 13%
- > Reason probably water nozzles are going to clog slowly

> Benefits:

- Long term predictive indication on the clogging trend of the valves.
- When flow is reduced, recommendations can be given to the maintenance team to check, investigate, and exchange the cooling header and valve when necessary.
- Avoid unexpected products cooling quality problems due to reduced amount of water.



Use Case#4: Roll Change Optimizer for Hot Strip Mill

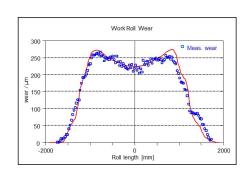


System Visualization

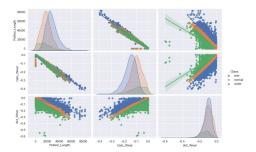
- > Prediction of expected roll life
- Display of operation results and recommendation
- > System operational Interaction

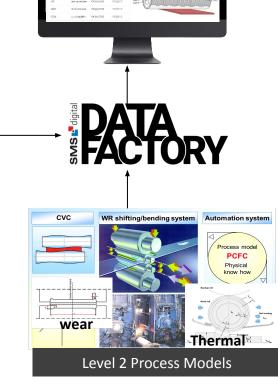
Data interface and control

- Data Interface to Level 1 and Level 2
- > Operational and control data
- Data Streaming











Conclusion

- The described predictive asset optimization applications shows that SMS group enables steel producers to draw better conclusions in data-rich decision areas and helps to assess equipment health and detect complex anomalies from real-time sensor data. Thanks to machine learning, equipment failures can be predicted or, at the very least, a probability of failure assessed days in advance.
- Data-driven condition monitoring does the groundwork for the **learning steel plant**.
- SMS Tailored solutions are being developed and being implemented for measurable results backed by proven techniques and domain known-how
- DataXpert can be used as a low code platform for machine learning solutions
- Models can be created in AlXpert, Python, Julia or R





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