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AI for Dairy Processing

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Agenda

- Intelec AI: Use the Potential of Your Production Data and Optimize Operations
 - Speaker: Erik Søndergaard, Au2mate
- Using Industrial AI to Address Process Challenges
 - Speaker: Chris Barnes, Rockwell Automation
- The Acceleration of Artificial Intelligence and Automation in Food Production
 - Speaker: Crystal Cristescu, Tetra Pak
- Q&A

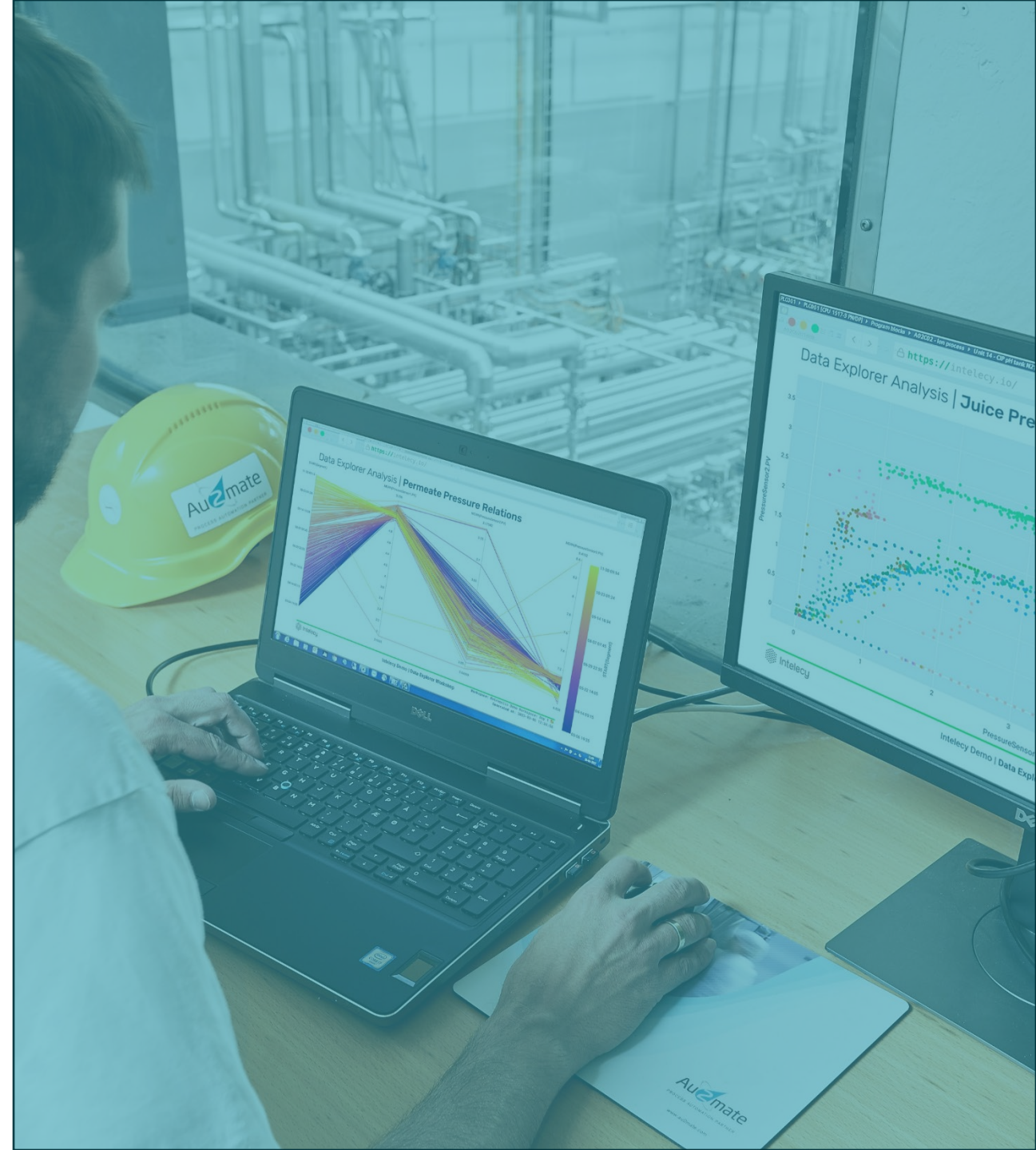
Featured Speaker:
Au2mate A/S

INTELECY AI

Use the potential of your production data and optimize operations
with AI

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introduction
2. The Role of AI in the Process
3. Industry Identifying Industry Needs & Challenges
4. Summary & Next Steps





Typical challenges in production

- **Challenges:**

- **Data availability:** Only 1-5% of data in productions is actively used.
Variances: Large fluctuations in capacity and quality can be expensive and difficult to manage.
- **Maintenance:** Unexpected breakdowns and inadequate prediction models create bottlenecks and increase costs.
Solutions: Implementation of data quality management and advanced models for predictive maintenance.

Solution is the use of cloud-based systems for data analysis and contextualization

KEY FEATURES



EASY TO USE AND LIGHTNING-FAST TREND TOOL ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

Discover and analyze patterns, trends and correlations in multivariable time series data.



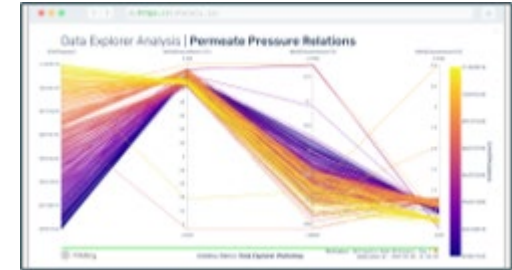
BUILD AND USE MACHINE LEARNING MODELS TO IDENTIFY ANOMALIES

Detect where anything is deviating from the expected behavior, leveraging Anomaly detection models.



BUILD MACHINE LEARNING MODELS TO FORECAST THE FUTURE

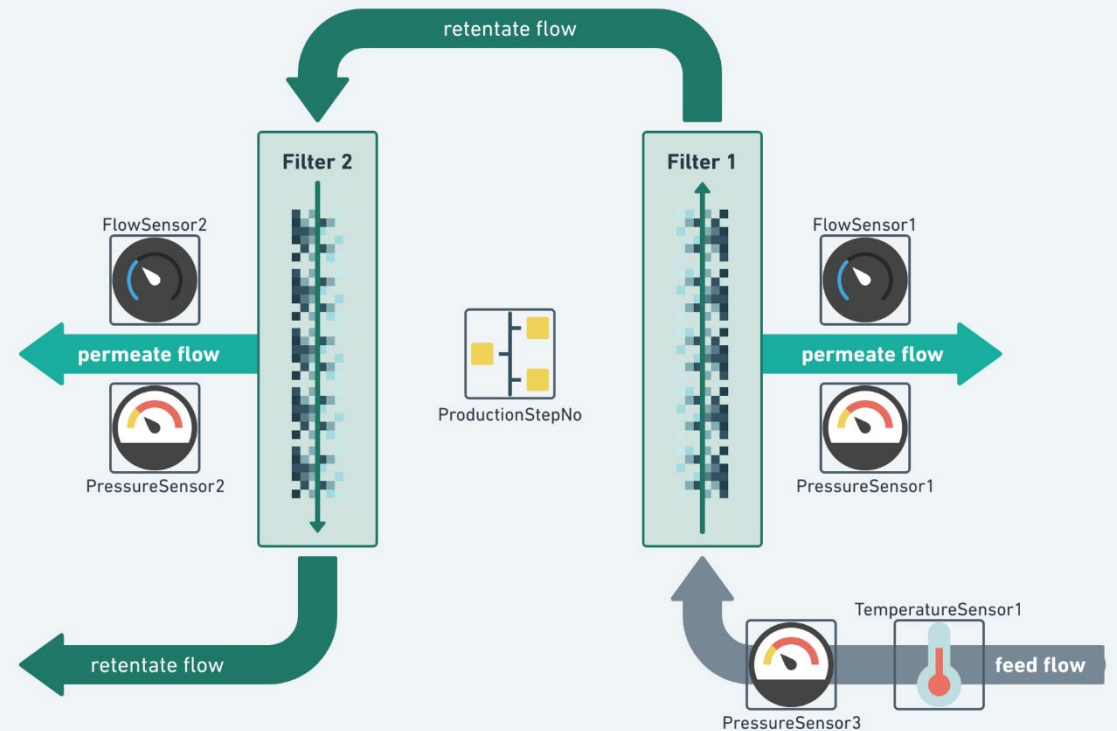
Predict what has not happened yet and let you make adjustments before it is too late, leveraging Forecast models.



INSTANT ADVANCED ANALYTICS AND VISUALIZATIONS

Data Explorer is a powerful set of analytics that enable deep insight into both what is happening in your processes and why it is happening.

Building AI Models with NO-CODE AI



Models

Filter by name, type, output tag or state...

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Name	Type	Output Tag	Created	State
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test au2test	Anomaly Detection Nowcast	PressureSensor2.PV Pressure Sensor 2 (bar)	07 Nov 2023, 10:28 4 months ago	Inactive
test	Forecast 1 hour	PhExit.PV pH measurement (pH)	21 Dec 2023, 19:55 3 months ago	New
pma_forecast	Forecast 2 hours	PhExit.PV pH measurement (pH)	20 Sep 2023, 12:34 6 months ago	Active
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openx	Anomaly Detection Nowcast	PressureSensor2.PV Pressure Sensor 2 (bar)	08 Nov 2023, 09:56 4 months ago	Awaiting user input
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USE CASE #1 – Optimize Capacity While Maintaining Quality

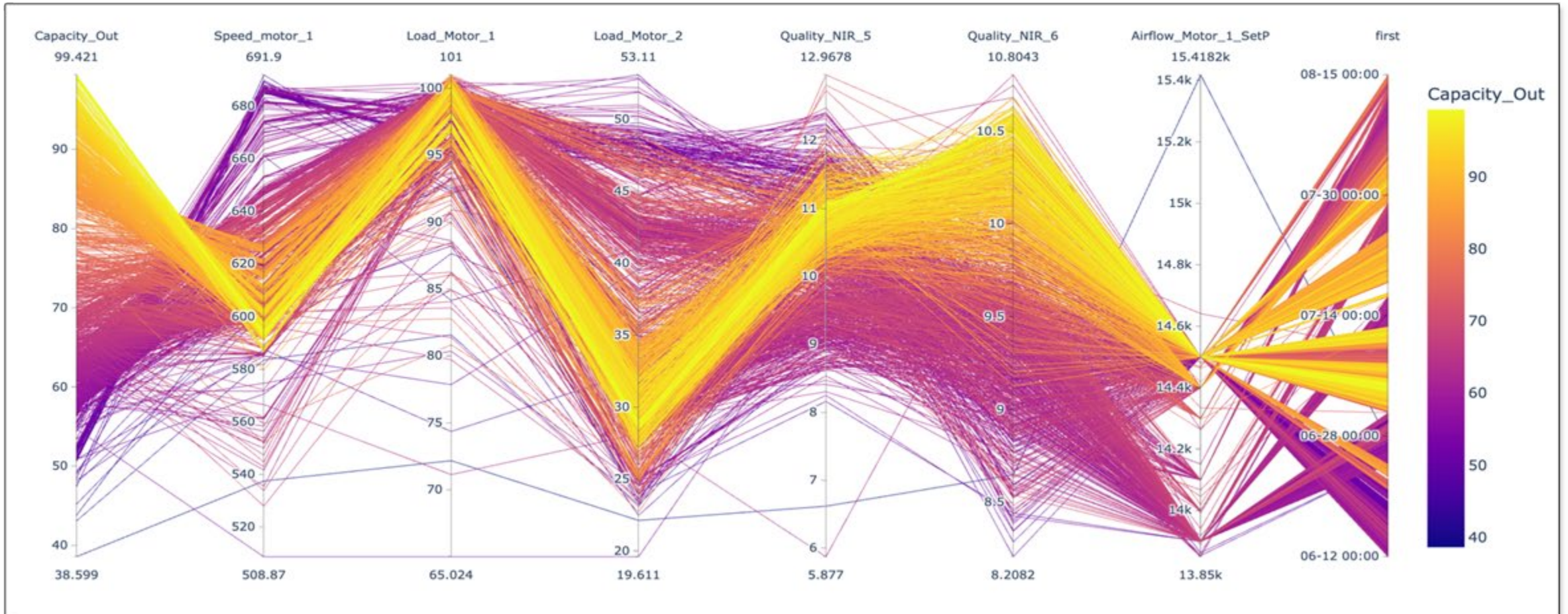


Increase capacity without reducing quality
By identifying what you should change

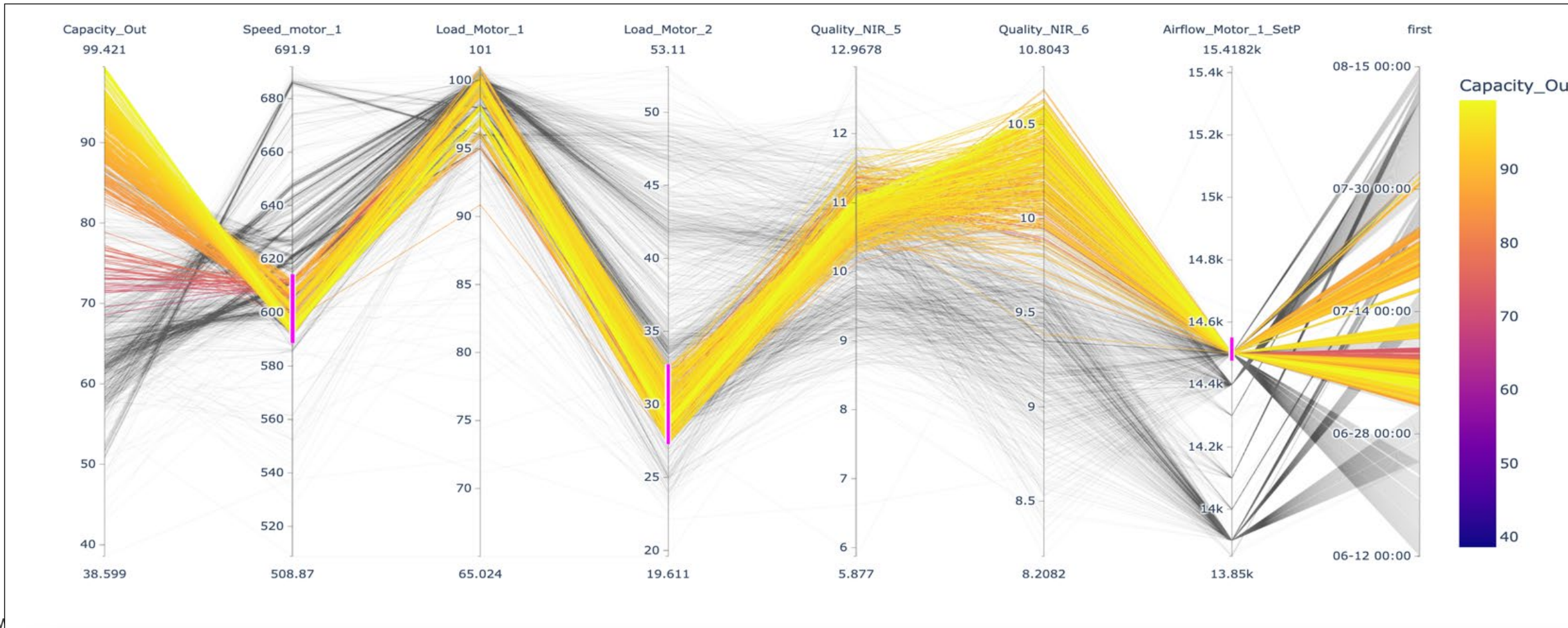
Artificial Intelligence

Quality analysis Root-cause analysis and causality (Desired outcome vs undesired outcome) “Golden batch”

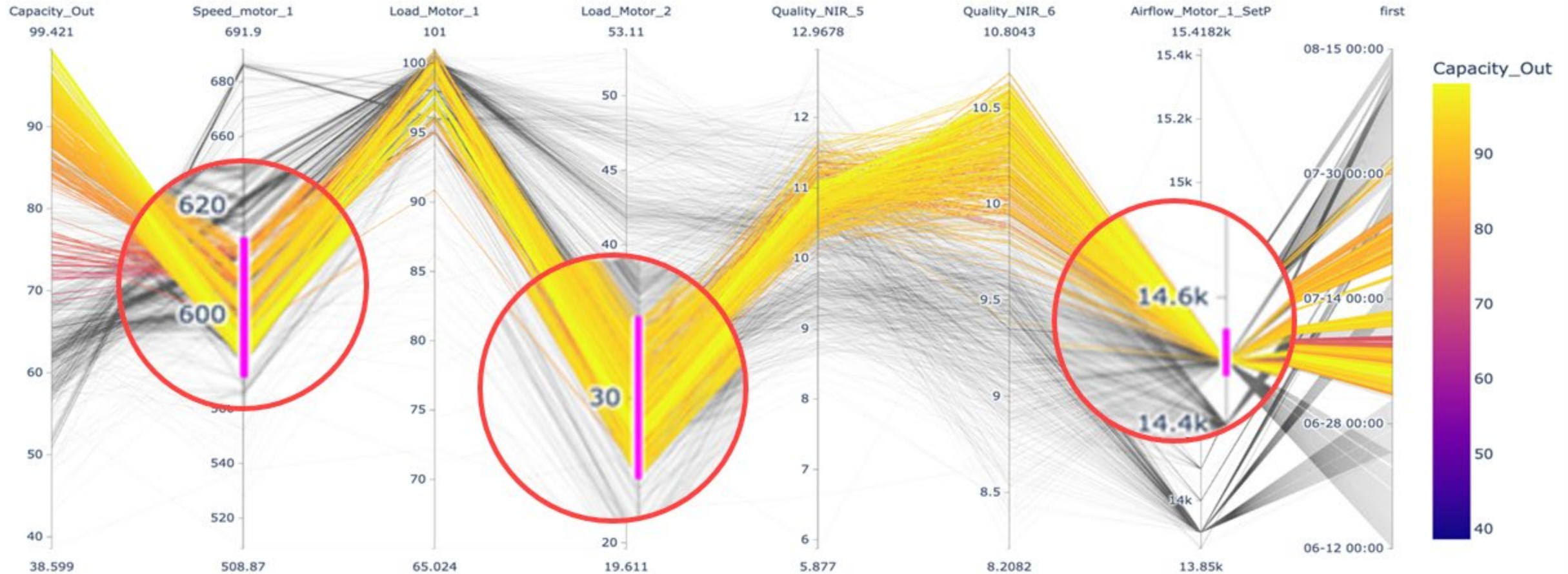
CASE #1 VARIABLE CAPACITY AND QUALITY



Show Only 85% and Above Capacity



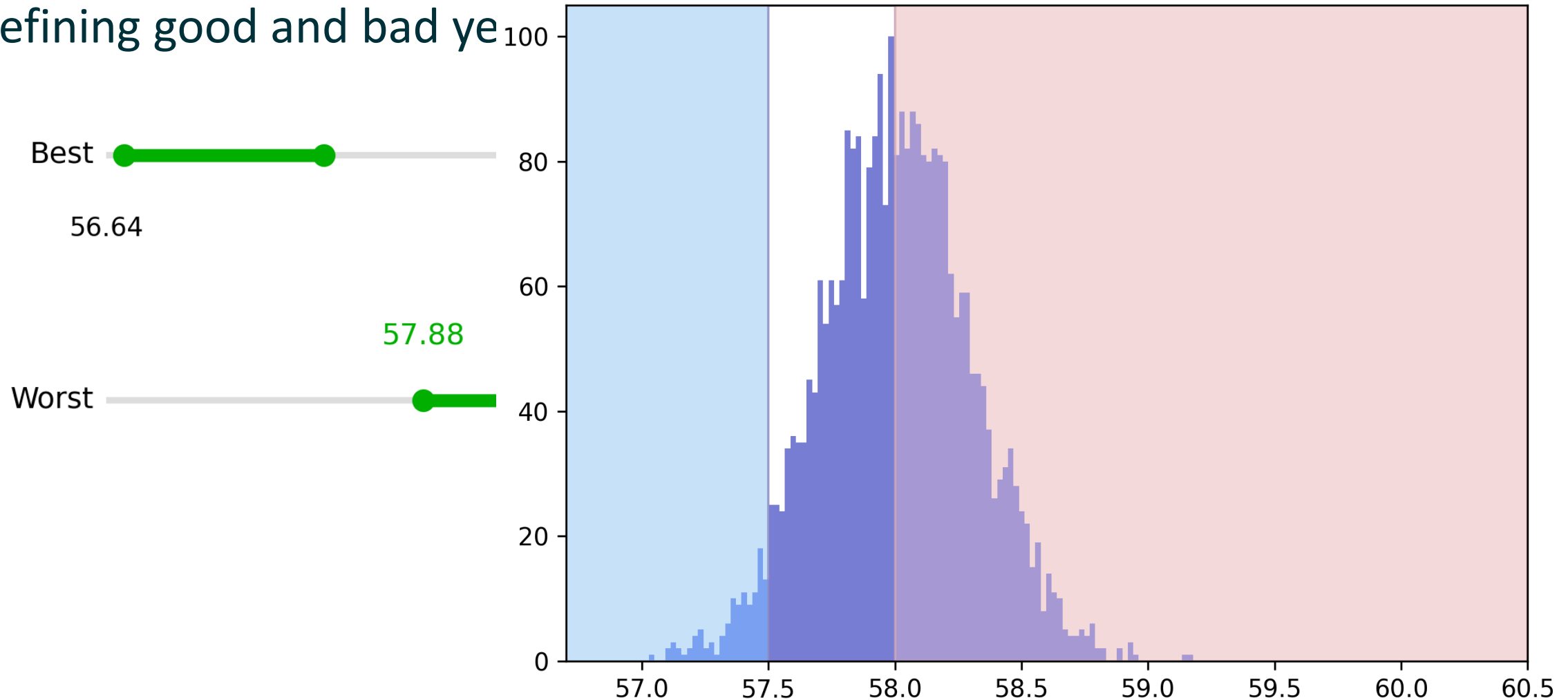
Increase Capacity by 20% While Maintaining Quality



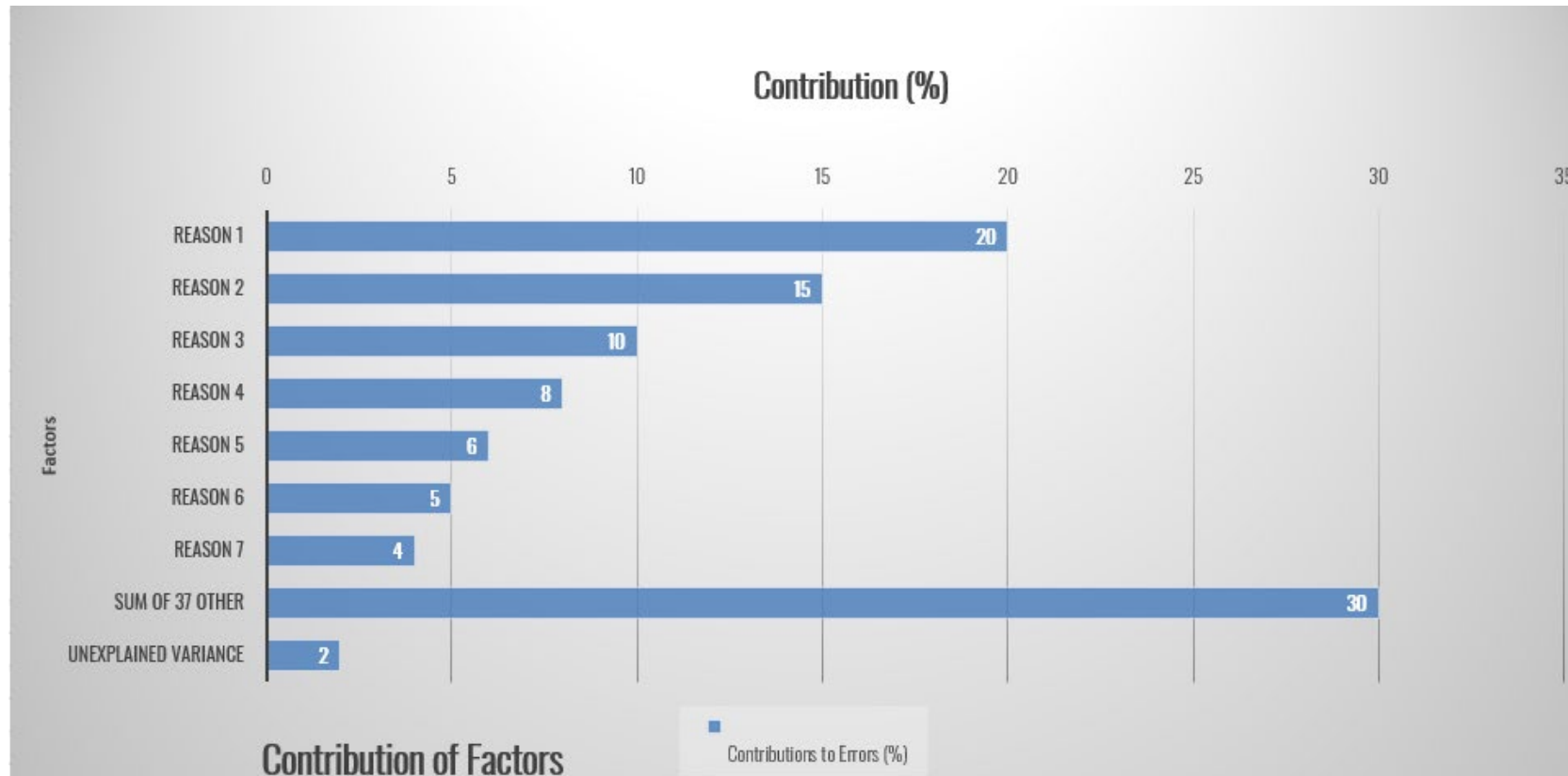
20% Increase and it only took 1 day to to get this knowledge

NEW MODULE PRO OPTIMA

Defining good and bad ye



How much can be explained



CASE #2 FROM TINE



TINE Jæren

The largest dairy in Norway

Started production in 2014

40 000 tags streaming data continuously

Over 200 million rows of data every day

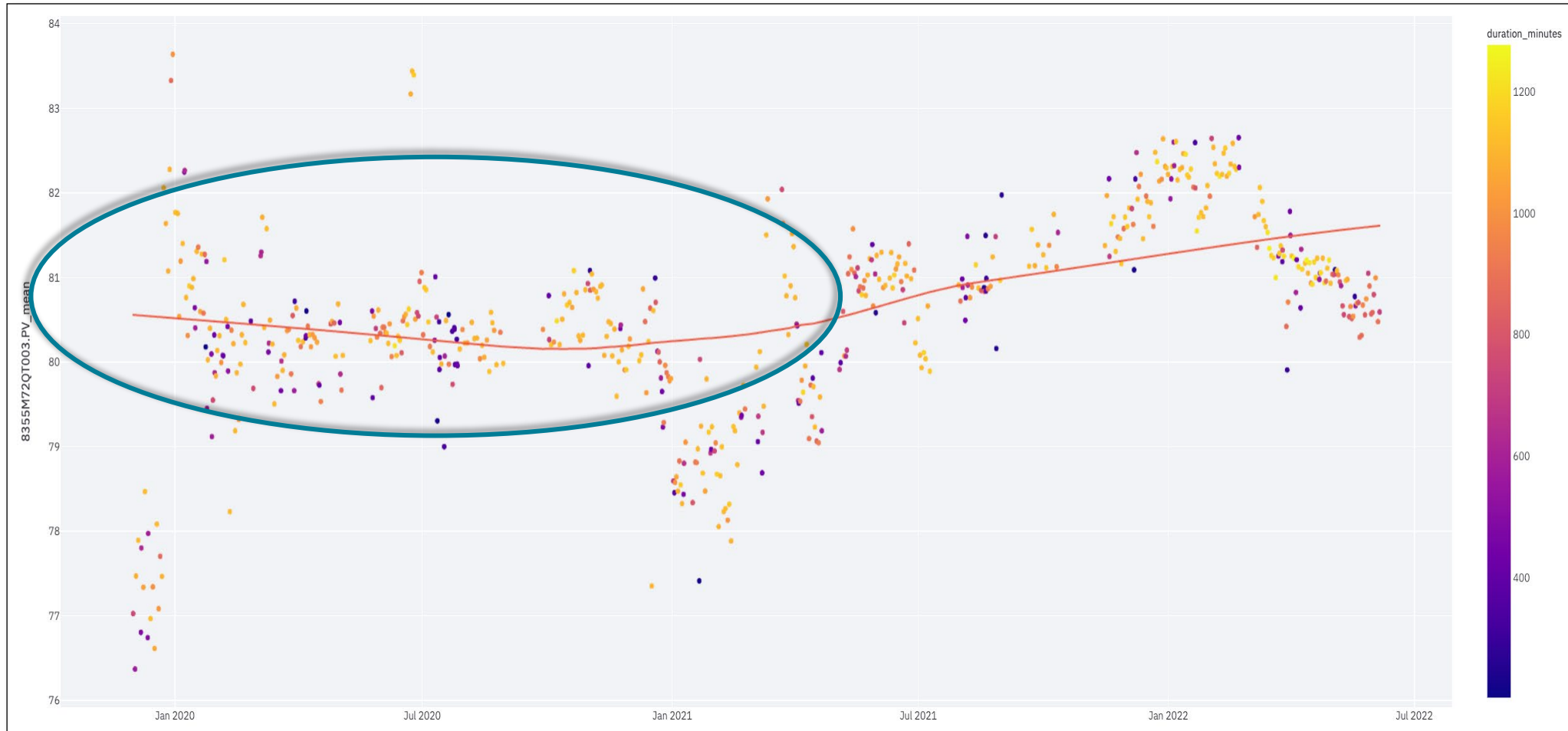
USE CASE #2 SPRAY TOWER

Correct protein content
And less variation...

Artificial Intelligence - Forecast
Estimate and predict protein content before you can measure it



MORE CONTROL & LESS VARIATION



PREDICT PROTEIN CONTENT 30 MINUTES BEFORE MEASURED

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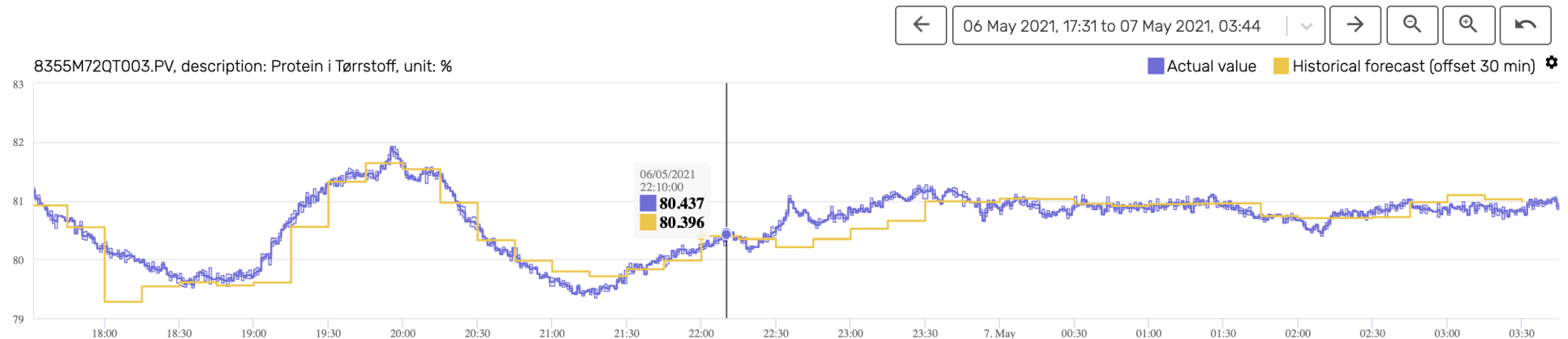
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Output tag and historical forecast



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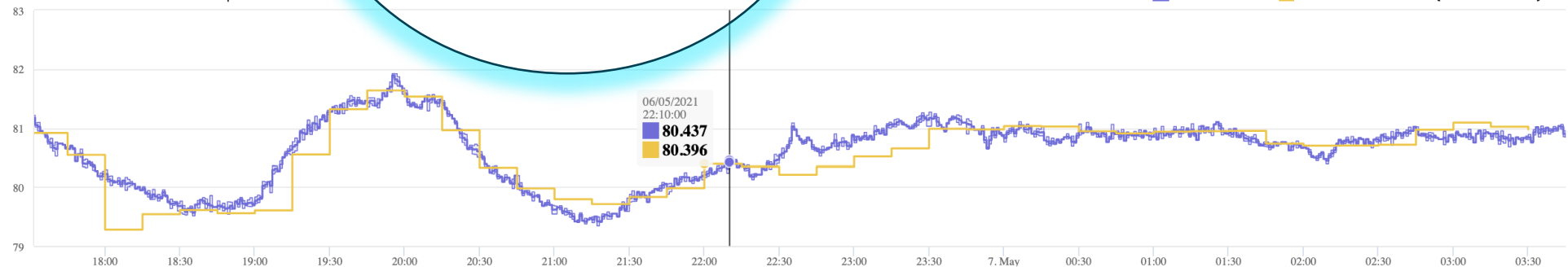
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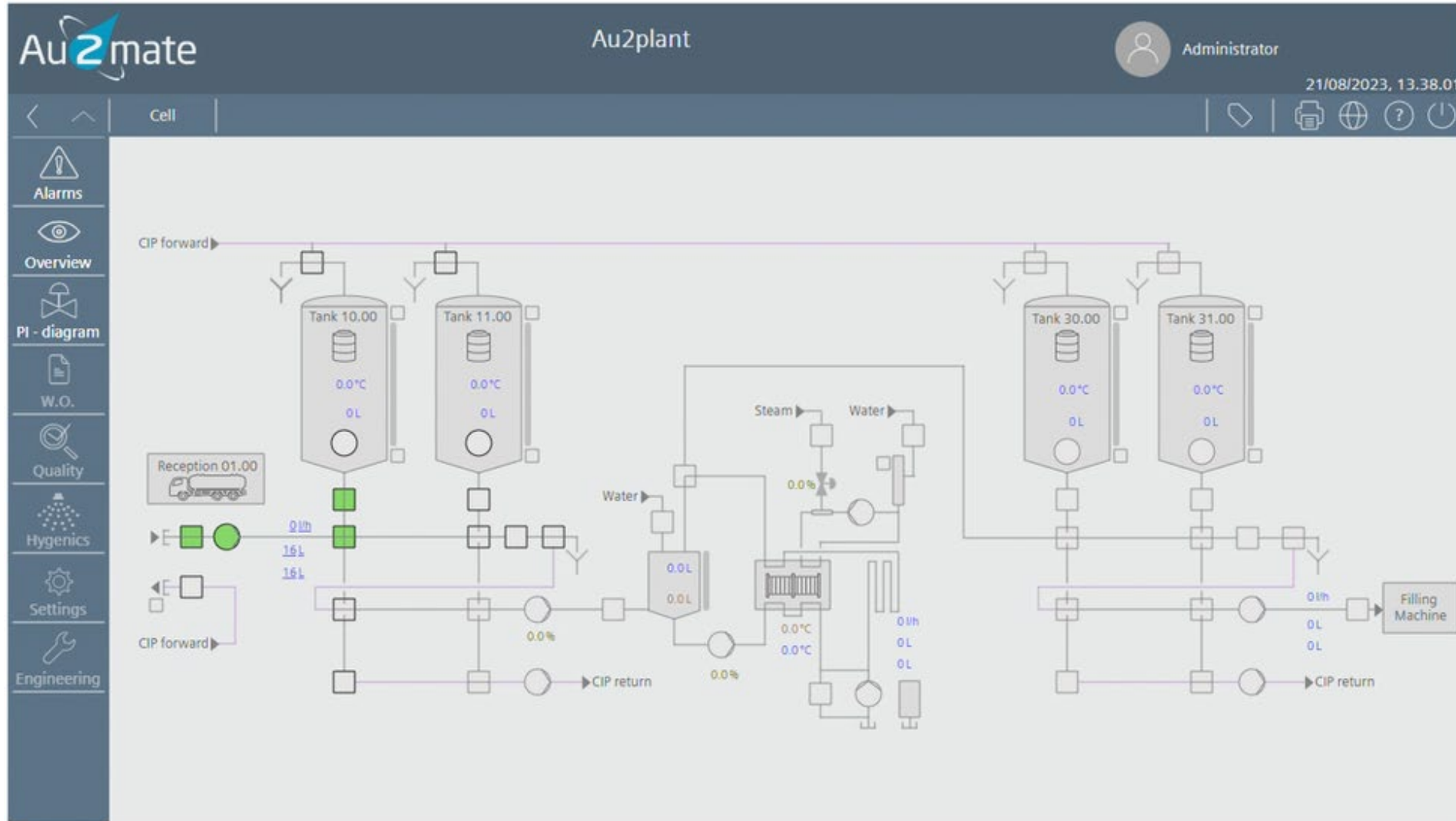
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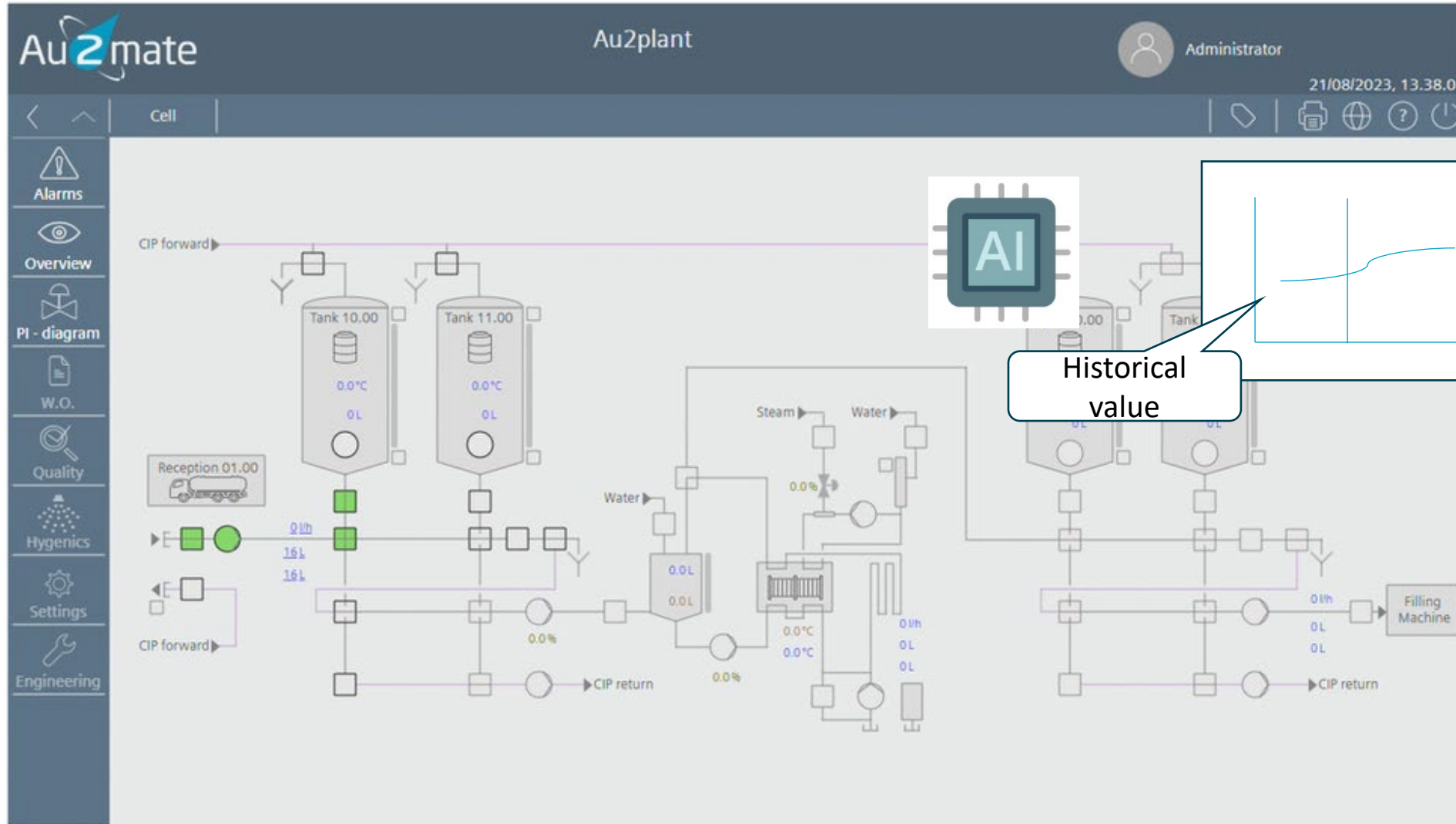
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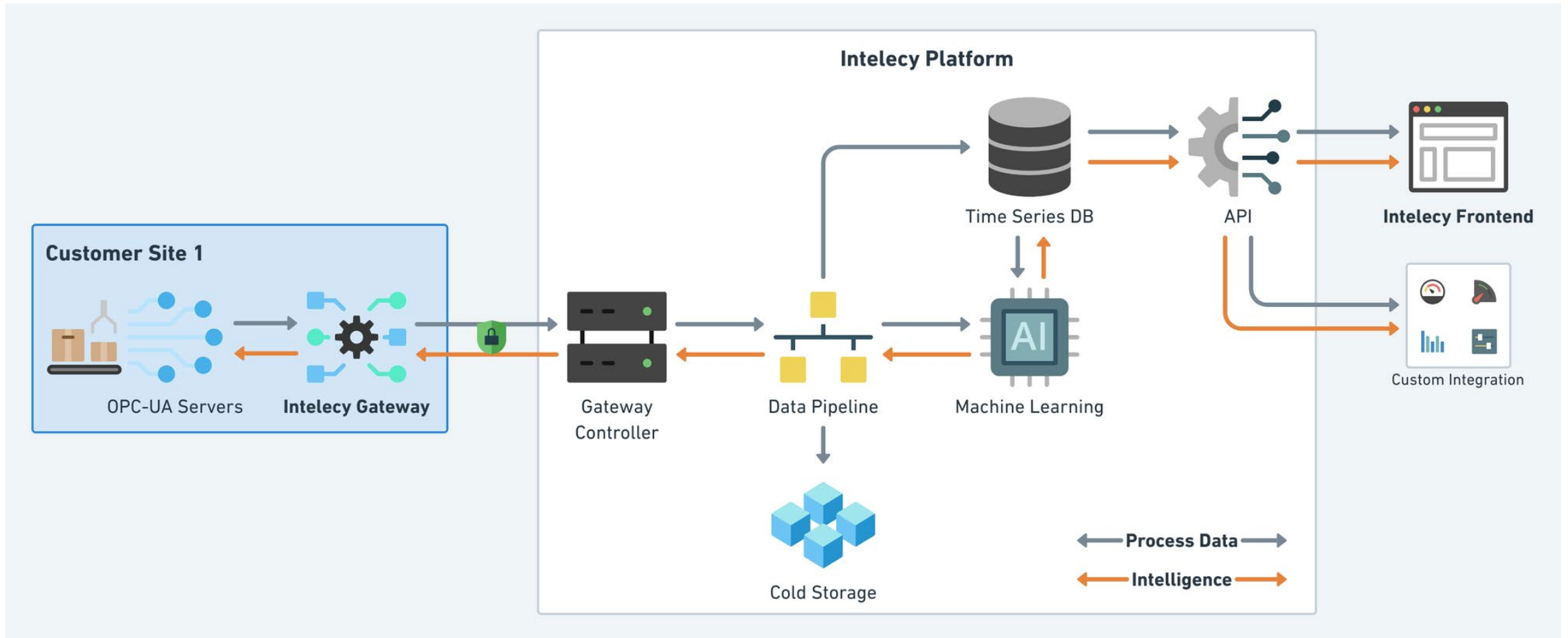
Typical issues part 1 of 2

1. We often keep a little too much distance from the limit values for our products to be on the safe side, and our productions have a lot of variance. Unfortunately, this means that it costs us a lot of money to be so careful.
2. We have a lot of data at our disposal, but often it happens that we cannot use it effectively. Either it requires too much processing power, or we lack access to the right data when we need it.
3. We find that there can be deviations in the quality of production. It takes us a long time to find the causes, and sometimes we don't find them at all, which can be quite frustrating.
4. It also happens that we see large fluctuations in our capacity at times. It is time-consuming and complex to find out what causes it, and of course it affects production.
5. There is a clear feeling that we could save a lot of energy, but with the current systems we cannot create the overview needed to find the obvious focus areas.

Typical issues part 2 of 2

6. When there are changes in processes, we cannot always react quickly enough. This means that we sometimes lose both efficiency and output.
7. We also have challenges with maintenance. Often, machines come to a standstill because we can't predict when components will start to fail. Unfortunately, this results in some unnecessary production stoppages.
8. Something similar happens with our filters, where we detect clogs too late. This creates bottlenecks and slows down production.
9. When we look at monitoring pumps and bearings, this is also a problem. It often turns out that we only discover the damage when it has already been done, and we would like to change that.

END-TO-END PLATFORM





Unlock the Value of AI in Dairy Processing

Key Takeaways: Why AI in Dairy Processing?

- **Optimized Production** – Reduce variations and improve efficiency
- **Predictive Maintenance** – Minimize downtime and unexpected failures
- **Quality Assurance** – Maintain high product consistency with AI-driven insights
- **Data-Driven Decisions** – Turn raw data into actionable intelligence



ROI: 3X - 10X your investment in the first implementation!

- Faster decision-making
- Reduced waste & improved yield
- Scalable automation for long-term impact

Let's Stay Connected!

- **Any Questions?**
- Let's stay connected!
- Scan the QR code to connect with me on LinkedIn, where I regularly share insights on AI and MES, with a special focus on the dairy industry.
- Your feedback is highly valued—don't hesitate to reach out!



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AI INITIATIVES FOR CPG

High-Value Use Cases Delivering Quality & Capacity Improvements

Model Predictive Control

Minimize process variability and optimize outcomes using online process models and ML.

Case Study:
Standardizing process in milk powder industry realized **60% reduced protein variability** and **10% production uplift** with MPC, netting **>\$1M p.a.**



Perfect Fill

Minimize giveaway and rework by using AI feedforward to reduce process variability.

Case Study:
Filling operation running at 0.2 seconds per dose realized a **52% reduction in giveaway** using soft sensors & feedforward control.



Golden Batch

Identify an ideal output and optimize the manufacturing process to replicate conditions that produce it.

Case Study:
AI learned the perfect manufacturing recipe for tortilla production, combining 21 control points, **reducing standard error by 73%.**



Simulation Optimization

Dynamically adapt the operating plan with Digital Twin scenario analysis to optimize automation systems.

Case Study:
Routing for a fleet of 45 AMRs was optimized to achieve a **13% increase in throughput.**



Predictive Maintenance

Preempt asset degradation that causes quality, throughput and availability loss, using advanced condition sensing.

Case Study:
A filling/sealing process **avoided 3 asset failures** by using high-frequency data from Kinetix servo drives for early detection of asset wear.



Vision Inspection

Automate and improve the accuracy of visual inspections with integrated camera systems.

Case Study:
100% inspection rate was achieved with an automated vision system to detect 4 types of defects, **freeing human inspectors for other value-add tasks.**



Automation Copilots

Augment human decision-making in automation tasks with AI copilots that provide real-time guidance, analysis, and documentation.

Case Study:
AI copilot reduced troubleshooting time from **hours to minutes** by automatically analyzing equipment alarms & recommending resolution procedures.

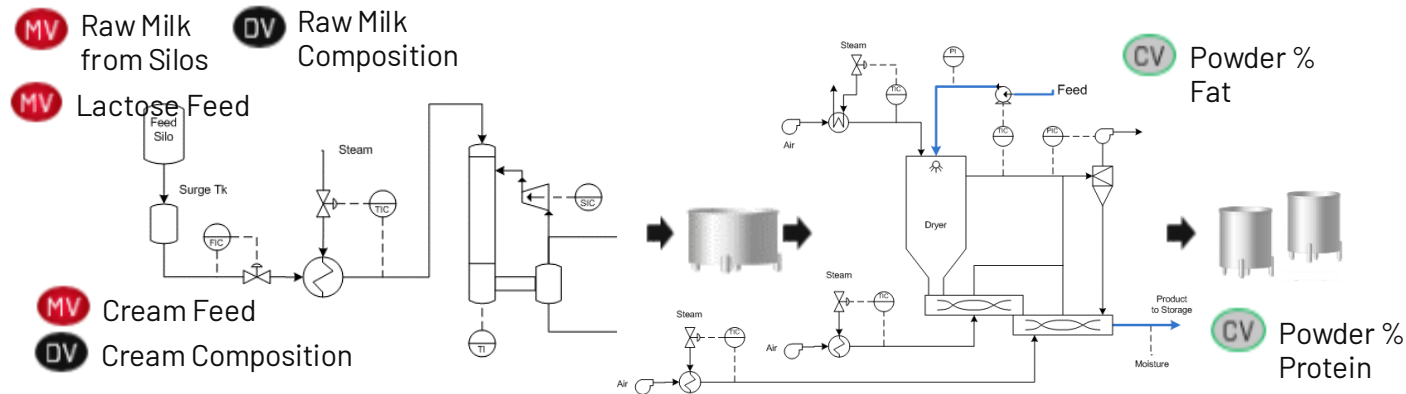


AI Improved Quality with a 60% reduction in product variability

Challenge

- Standardization is a **complex component balance** of fat, protein, lactose, and moisture
- Traditional control strategies 'compete'** (increase in fat means decrease in protein)
- System of **multiple control loops**
- High variability = **giveaway & yield loss**

Process



Solution

Controlled Variables

- Powder % Fat
- Powder % Protein

Manipulated Variables

- Raw Milk from Silos
- Lactose Feed
- Cream Feed

Processing Steps

- Standardization
- Evaporation
- Drying

Liquids Controls

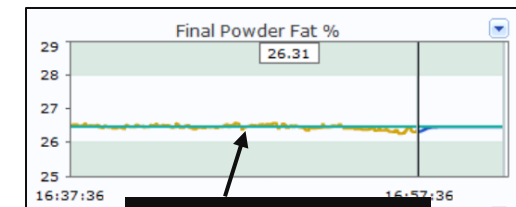
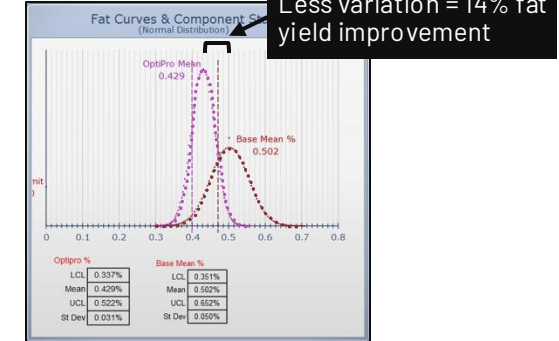
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MV	Lactose Feed	X	X	X
MV	Cream Feed	X	X	X
DV	Raw Milk Composition		X	X
DV	Cream Composition		X	X

CV	Total Standardized Milk Flow	X
CV	Milk Fat/SNF	X
CV	Milk Protein/Lactose	X

Powder Controls

MV	Milk Fat/SNF	X	X
MV	Milk Protein/Lactose		X

Results



Production Test Results

- ➔ **60%** reduced variability
- ➔ **10%** production rate increase
- ➔ **12%** energy reduction
- ➔ **14%** protein & fat yield increase
- ➔ **>\$1M p.a.** production uplift

AI Improved Capacity with a 52% reduction in giveaway

Challenge

- Mayonnaise filling
- **300 bottles/minute**
- Viscous material
- Fill heads **lose accuracy over time**
- Strict **lower limit**
- Inaccuracies in fill level = **product giveaway**
- **Frequent operator adjustments** to keep near fill limit

Process



Variable of Interest

- Dosed Weight

Manipulated Variables

- Setpoint of Weight

Controlled Variables

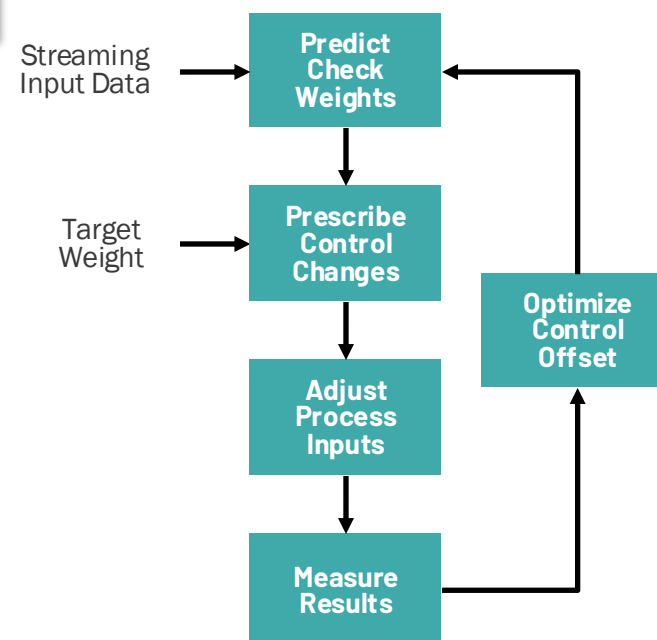
- Tank level
- Batch process data
- Temperatures
- Instrument data

Disturbance Variables (unable to measure)

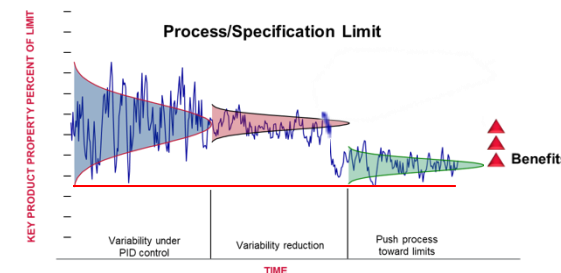
- Raw material viscosity

Solution

- Self-learning AI module **deployed to the edge**
- Learned the **contributing variables and coefficients**, trained on historical and real-time streaming data
- ML model **predicts fill weights**
- **Optimizer adjusts control setpoints** to minimize error (closed-loop)



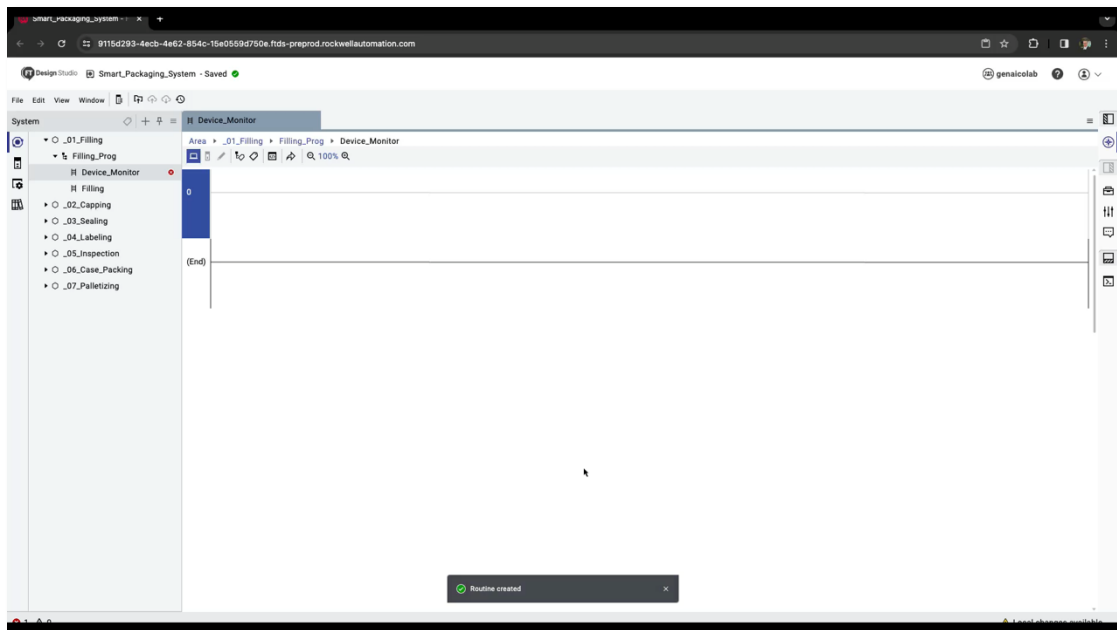
Results



Production Test Results

- ➔ **96%** prediction accuracy
- ➔ **52%** reduction in giveaway
- ➔ **67%** elimination of underfill
- ➔ **0.4 second** prediction window

AI Improves Worker Capacity & Quality with automation copilots

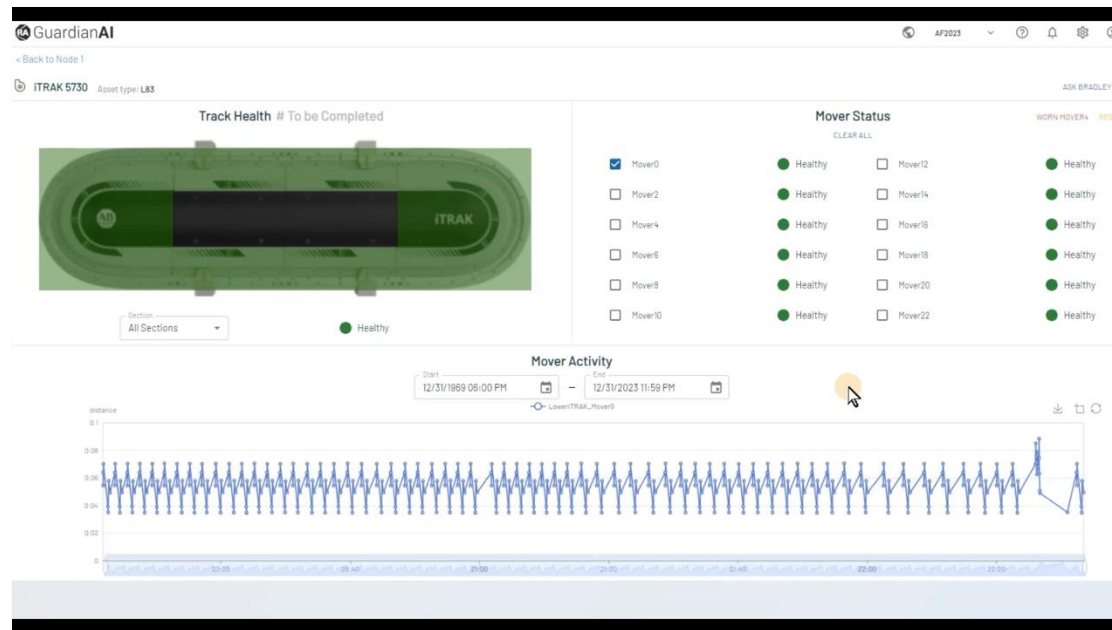


Integrated AI Assistant allows engineers to stay focused as they design & develop the system

Copilot can answer questions and provide guidance on how to perform tasks

Natural language prompts can **generate and help edit Ladder Logic Code**

FT Design Studio™ Copilot



“Ask Bradley” Generative AI Assistant

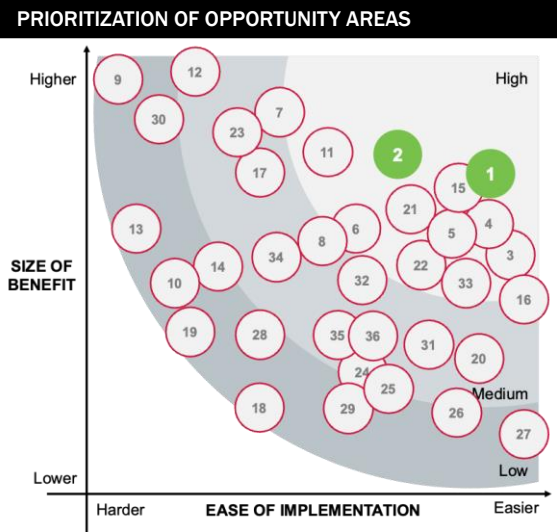
GenAI receives the error code and can **offer root cause or troubleshooting checklist to resolve**

Troubleshooting steps are directly **sourced from trusted, pre-defined data store**

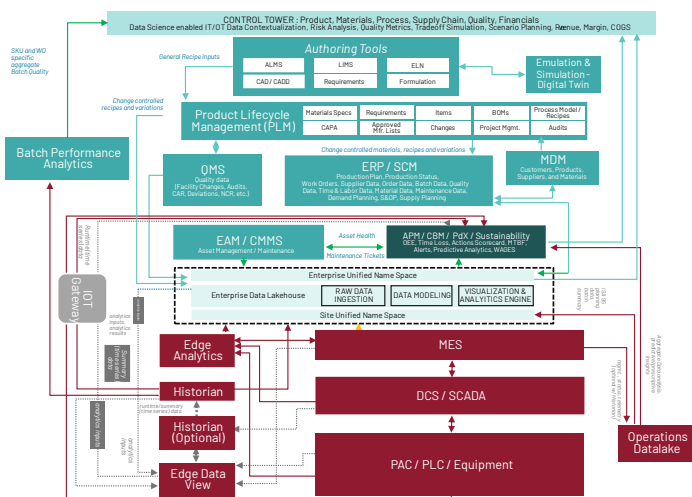
iTRAK® Maintenance Copilot Beta

Proven methodology for executing your AI strategy and vision

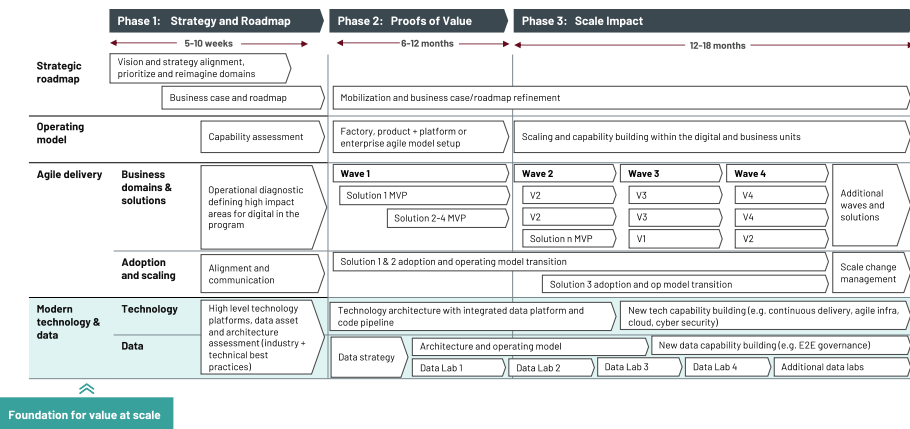
1 Opportunity & Value Analysis



2 Enabling Technology Architecture



3 Value-Based Implementation Roadmap



Thank You!



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The acceleration of artificial intelligence and automation in food production

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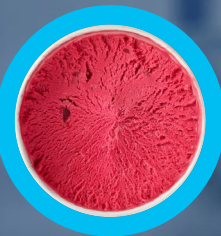


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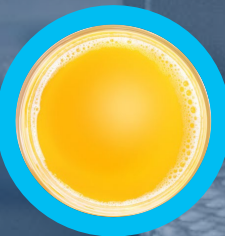
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Dairy



Ice cream



Beverage



Prepared food



Cheese



Powder



Plant-based





The food & beverage industry is changing rapidly, with pressure to



Lower
the cost of ownership



Increase sustainability
and product innovation



Secure food safety and
safeguard quality



Digitalize
to address shortage of
skilled labor



Transition installed
legacy equipment to
modern standards





Today, data in Smart Factories help us address these challenges



1

Integration

... means the seamless integration of automation and digital workflows at lowest engineering cost and start-up time

2

Optimization

... means eliminating operator work wherever possible, while focusing on improved product quality and lower costs



3

Connection

... means that we connect value from every available data point to targeted decision makers at the right time, with the right context



Automation typically leads to

7-20%

OEE improvements*

Over the next 5 years, Automation and digitization will account for

25%

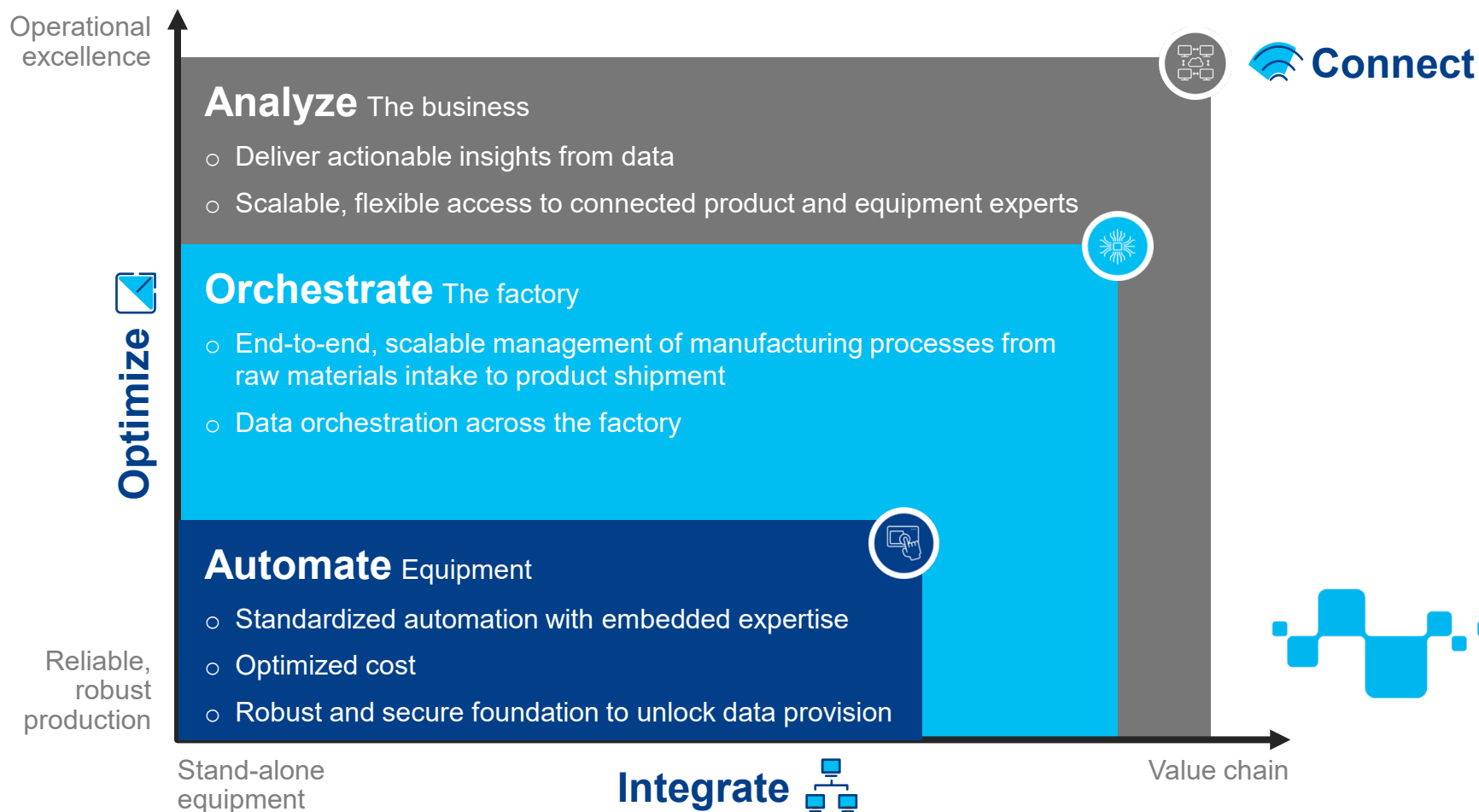
of F&B companies' capital spending **

* Tetra Pak comparative study, 2020

** 2022 McKinsey Global Industrial Robotics Survey LINK



How we think about delivering Industrial Revolution 5.0





A strong automation foundation is a mandatory baseline



For baselining operations on the factory floor



For continually optimizing performance

- 1 Operational Repeatability**
... optimize based upon predictable operating envelopes and minimized human error
- 2 Reduced Variability**
... allows you to drive the operational performance closer to the required limits/boundaries/constraints
- 3 Creates a Reliable Data Source**
... data streamed from assets in a reliable, accurate way – all the time

Data Orchestration: from data to actionable insights

Clean, in-context data is critical to taking the next step into analytics





Decision Science and Analytics is a team sport

The aim is to accelerate and unlock the time to value of data

Business



Business Expert

Speed driver

- ▶ Decision challenge
- ▶ Total opportunity and business KPI's
- ▶ Domain expert
- ▶ Value quantification

Data



Data Engineer

Speed to good data

- ▶ Data quality input
- ▶ Cold data ingestion
- ▶ ETL automation

Facts



Data Scientist

Evidence driver

- ▶ Model owner
- ▶ Empirical Value
- ▶ Sustain model performance
- ▶ Evidence sign off

Code



OT/IT Engineer

Scalable application

- ▶ Code development and maintenance
- ▶ Model scalability
- ▶ Infrastructure performance



Used cases developed in our AI Labs

Harnessing the power of AI to drive radical improvements



**Cheese & Powder
moisture optimization**



**Ice cream process
optimization**



**Cleaning procedure
optimization**



Milk Segregation



**Virtual Assistant for
Issue Resolution**

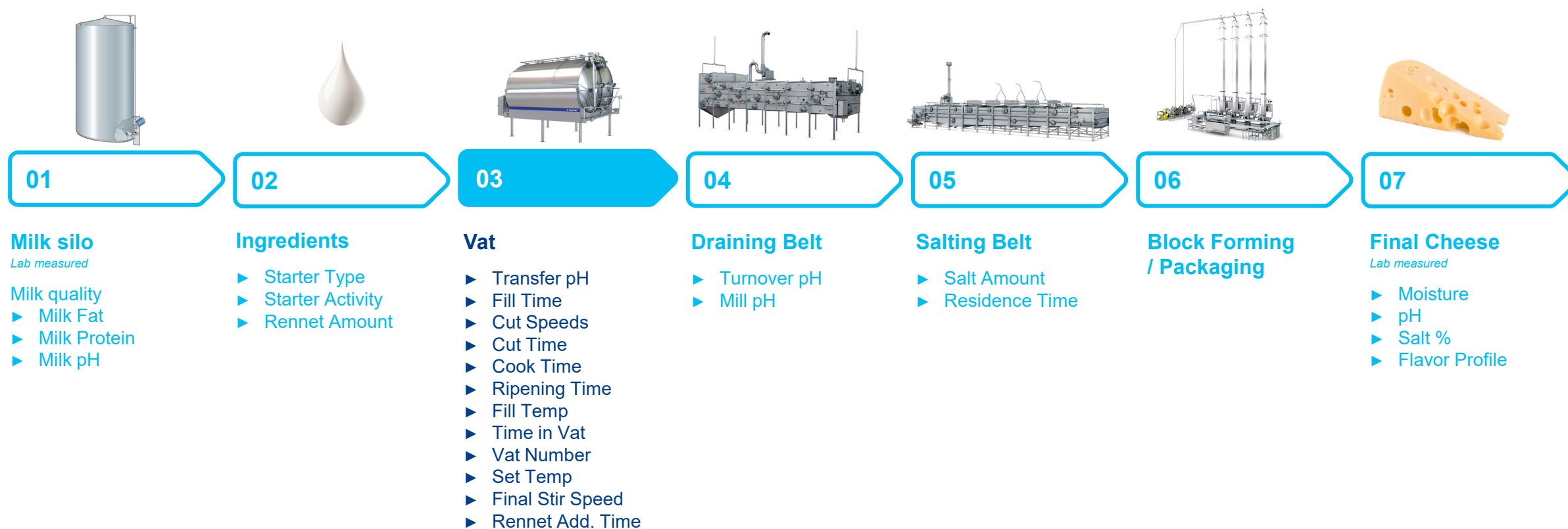


Opportunity: Elevating efficiency in the vat

To achieve superior moisture levels, improving product quality & yield



Variables in the cheese production process





Cheese moisture optimization

Challenge

- ▶ Achieve superior moisture levels
- ▶ Decrease pH and moisture variability
- ▶ Improve overall product quality
- ▶ Increase yield

Solution

Scalable AI: easy deployment across multiple facilities.

Proven Success

Validated through clinical trials

Seamless Integration

Minimal disruption to existing processes

Tailored Implementation

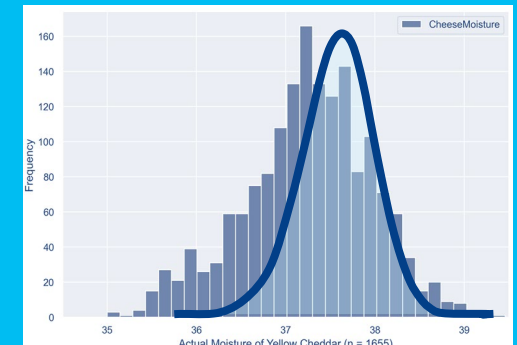
Customized AI to fit unique production needs

Outcome

- ▶ Reduction of Moisture Variability
- ▶ Increase of Average Moisture
- ▶ Reduction of pH Variability



\$1.7-2M year/factory



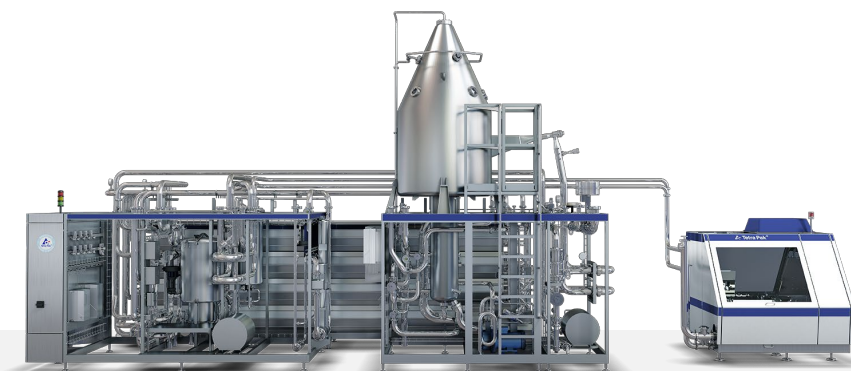
Factory Capacity: 10 000 pounds of cheese / hour



Opportunity for optimizing frequencies and duration of cleaning-in-place



Formulation of high protein drinks (HPDs) tends to cause **higher levels of fouling**



Our aseptic processing unit for continuous Ultra High Temperature (UHT) processing of premium quality, aseptic products



Processing cleaning procedure optimization

Challenge

- ▶ Unplanned production halts
- ▶ Risk of contamination

Solution

AI-Driven CIP Recommendations

Our algorithm analyzes UHT and production data to predict the optimal timing for CIP, reducing unnecessary downtime and improving sustainability

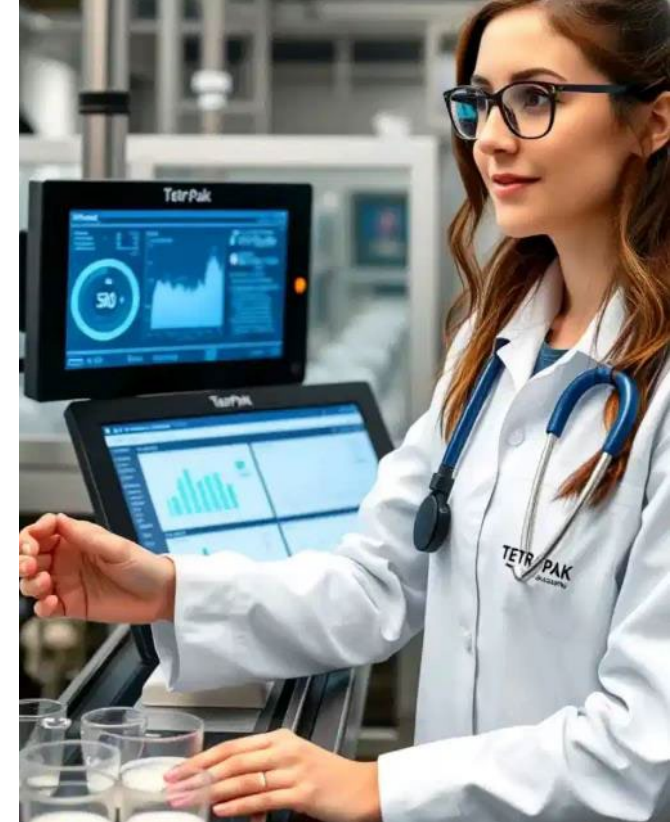
Realized Value

Increased Production Time

Extend machine runtime by 0.5 to 2 hours per cycle

Reduced Contamination Risk

Ensures timely cleaning, maintaining product quality and reducing waste



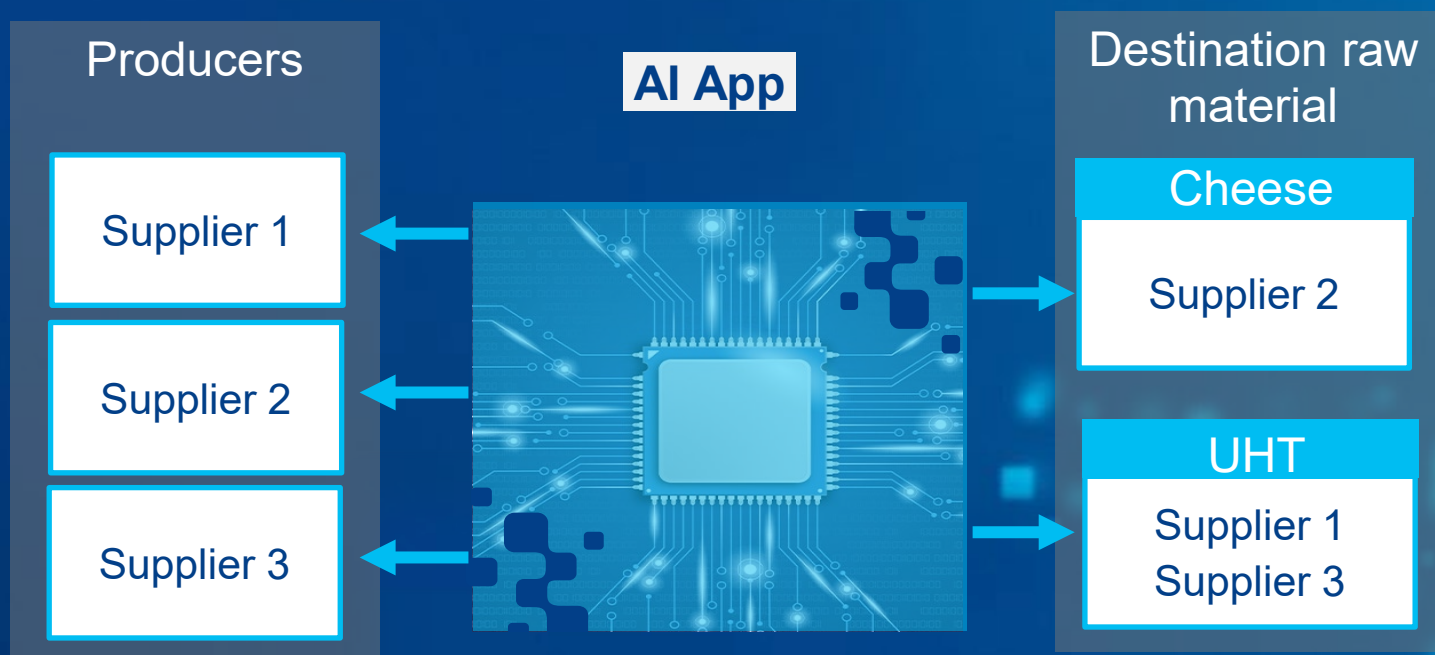
**\$1.3M revenue increase
year/factory**

*Calculated for an average customer
with 3 machines per factory*



Artificial intelligence in milk reception

Planned milk segregation by demand and production volume



Milk segregation at reception

Challenge

- ▶ Resource Limitation and Lack of Data
- ▶ Long time to analysis
- ▶ **Inability to create planning for segregation**
- ▶ Difficulty in classifying producers

Solution

Multidisciplinary team building

Data collection and processing

Data clustering

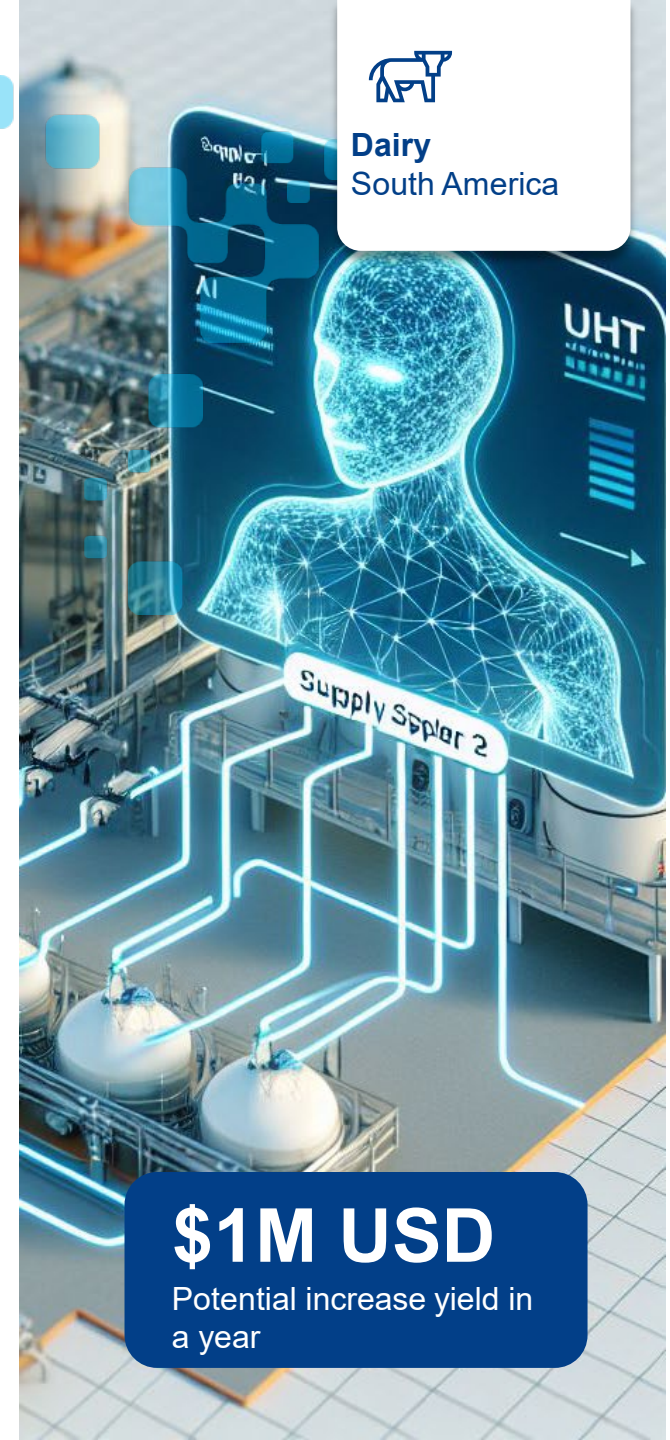
Algorithm development

Realized value

- ▶ What are my producer groups and how do they behave?
- ▶ What is the best destination for my raw material based on parameters?



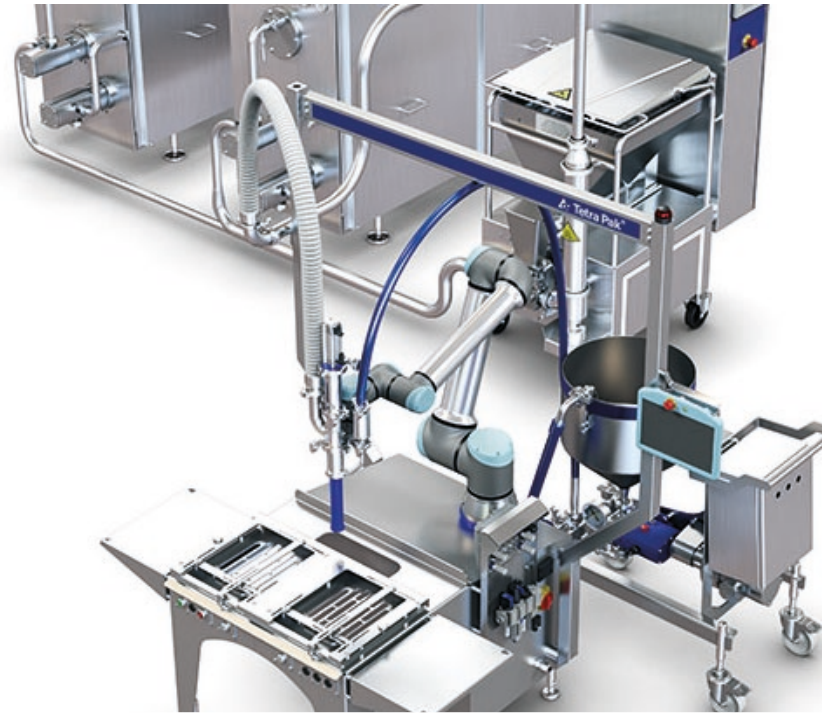
Dairy
South America



\$1M USD

Potential increase yield in
a year

Cobots Robots and AGVs



- 1** Increased throughput
- 2** Improved quality and repeatability
- 3** Cost savings with risk reduction



Enhancing
the automation
foundation





Questions and Answers

Q&A

How do you see AI's application distinct to dairy processors vs. other agricultural industries or industries in different verticals?

Q&A

How will AI change the business processes at a manufacturing plant?

Q&A

Have you reached any AI or Energy optimization programs for Spray Drying or Evaporation/Concentration? Would you be open to a local engineering office to provide this service?



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