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Data Validation with PI AF

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Anglo American Platinum Operations



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Anglo American Platinum

Anglo American Platinum is the world's premier PGM producer, supplying approximately 40% of the world's newly refined Platinum.

Process Division:

- 14 Concentrators
- 3 Smelters
- 1 Converter
- 2 Refineries
- 9 geographic operational areas

OPERATIONAL FLOW CHART

UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS

Drilling, blasting and hauling of one from below the surface



FLOTATION

The separation of the valuable content from the ore takes place in flotation cells where reagents are added to an aerated slurry to produce high-grade PGM-bearing concentrate

OPEN PIT The open pit enables shallow ore bodies to be accessed

ACID PLANT

The SO, gas is converted to SO, by passing it over catalytic beds and the subsequent addition of water produces 98% sulfuric acid which is sold to fertilise

manufacturers

ACID

CRUSHING AND MILLING

Ore is reduced in size with the aid of crushing and milling. Water is added to produce a pumpable slurry

CONVERTING

Oxygen-enriched air is blown through a top-submerged lance converter to oxidise sulfur and iron contained in furnace matte to SO, gas and slag respectively. The resulting converter matte is slow-cooled to concentrate PGMs into a metallic fraction.

SLAG CLEANING

Converter slag is reduced in an electric furnace to recover PGMs and base metals for recycling back to the converte

SMELTING

Use of electric furnaces to smelt concentrate to produa sulfur-rich matte with gangue impurities removed as slan

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Base metal-rich solids are leached in high-pressure autoclaves and contacted with MCP leach solution to yield separate nickel and copper streams

LEACHING

PURIFICATION

AGNETIC CONCENTRATION PLANT (MCP

PGM REFINING

Final concentrate is dissolved using

gold. Osmium is precipitated as a salt

hydrochloric acid and chlorine gas. PGMs are sequentially separated and purified to yield

platinum, palladium, iridium, rhodium, ruthenium and

Crushed converter matte is milled and the PGM fraction

is separated magnetically. This is pressure leached

to vield a solid final concentrate that is sent to PMR, Base metal-rich non-magnetic solids

nd leach solution are processed

further in the base metal refinery

DALLADIUM

The separate nickel and copper streams are purified. During this process cobalt sulfate is recovered

ELECTRO-WINNIN Nickel and copper metal

cathodes are produced by

passing electrical current through the separate

CRYSTALLISATION

Excess sulfur in solution

Is neutralised with sodium

hydroxide and crystallised to

form a sodium sulfate product.

purified streams

COBALT

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Platinum Process

- Long value chain in comparison to most minerals
- Technically complex
- Comparatively low volumes but high value
- A significant material pipe line
- Energy and water intensive

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Business Challenge

- Large number of instruments across the group; approximately 100,000
- Large amount of data; approximately 700,000 tags are logged
- Minerals processing plants are a harsh environment for instruments
- Instruments form the basis of all control and information systems
- Certain instruments are critical to safety
- The quality of the data leads to better quality information
- Anglo American Platinum need a mechanism to:
 - Monitor the quality of the instruments/data
 - Clean/Reconstruct the data where practical

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Process Information Management Technology Stack



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High level architecture

- A distributed architecture has been implemented; primarily due to limited network bandwidth
- Each operation has a complete PI System implementation
- Calculations are performed at the level they are used; primarily on the sites
- Selected data is rolled-up to a central PI System
- The master PI AF is on the central PI System and replicated to site
- Data flows in one direction
- The central PI System is used for:
 - Group wide analyses
 - Single point of integration to certain business systems

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Plant Model

- The plant model provides context to the data
- The models are aligned to the S95/S88 standards
- The models are consistent across all sites
 - The models are maintained on the central PI System
 - The models are replicated to the sites.
 - This is currently a manual process. However, it will be "automated" shortly.

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Data validation methods

Model based reconciliation

Statistical

- Benefit
- Filters
- Gross Error Detection

Complexity

- The methods are not mutually exclusive
- Gross error detection (GED) is normally the basis of all validation techniques
- The graph provides a qualitative outline of popular data validation method
- The cost of implementation and maintenance increases with complexity
- The more sophisticated techniques are typically reserved for a small collection of instruments/data
- GED can be applied to everything

Gross Error Detection

- Detect data errors based on simple metrics using simple, fast mathematical algorithms
- No models are implied or used. Therefore, low maintenance
- Each data point can have a single state. The states are prioritised
- The data is classified into the following states:

Category	Description	Fault state	Analogue	Digital
Good	Good data quality		Х	Х
Missing Data	Data point is missing	Yes	Х	Х
Not Running	Equipment or process not running		Х	Х
High	Data point is above the process high limit	Yes	Х	
Low	Data point is below process low limit	Yes	Х	
Not Updating	Data is not updating	Yes	Х	
ROC	High rate of change	Yes	Х	
Simulated	Simulated data	Yes	Х	Х
Qbad	Quality bad indicator from the control system	Yes	Х	Х

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Instrument classification

- To aid prioritisation of instruments Anglo American Platinum has classified all instruments into the following categories:
 - Mission Critical
 - Any instrument that is vital to safety
 - Instruments that are critical to running the operation
 - Any instrument that will result in a plant (or major equipment) trip
 - Control Critical
 - Any instrument that is used in the automated control of the process
 - Loss of these instruments will result in a loss of efficiency
 - Information Critical
 - Instruments that do not have an immediate impact on the plants operation

Instrument classification

- The instrument classification is used to define:
 - Instrument availability
 - Mean time to repair
 - Spares holding
 - Instrument engineer's and technician's performance ratings
- The instrument classifications are "stored" within PI AF and synchronised with the G2 Advanced Process Control solution
- The classification process is currently manual; "automated" techniques are being investigated

Data validation calculation requirements

- Must work seamlessly with PI AF
 - Handle new elements
 - Element changes
 - Element deletion
- Must scale to handle at minimum 5000 instruments on a single server
- The configuration of the calculations must be "automatic" based on PI AF templates
- The results must be stored in the PI Server
- Each instrument must be individually configurable but with sane defaults based on instrument type
- The solution must be low maintenance
- The solution must support rapid deployment. A site roll out should not take more than an hour

Calculation method

- The PI System has numerous calculation options:
 - Totalisers
 - Performance Equations
 - PI ACE
 - PI AF Formulas
 - PI AF Data References
- An "off-the-shelf" solution did not exist



Calculation solution

- Developed in conjunction with the OSIsoft CoE
- OSIsoft vCampus and the CoE were invaluable in developing the service; particularly performance
- PI AF holds all the configuration
- The service automatically handles changes to the elements
- The calculation services is a standard windows service application
- A custom WebPart was developed to display the dashboard
- Longer term reports implemented in SQL Server Reporting Services using PI OLEDB Enterprise



Calculation solution

- The bulk of the GED calculation is handled by a custom data reference and a formula data reference
- The services reads the data from PI AF and writes the results to a PI AF attribute
- PI AF seamless writes the results to PI
- Communication with PI AF is via the AF SDK

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Data validation calculation performance

- Calculation service executes every 10 seconds
- Tested up to 1,000 instrument elements; ~70% discrete instruments
- Under these conditions the calculation is completed in approximately 2 seconds; running on a 10s schedule
 - Service start up is a little more tricky
- CPU loading is typically less than 5% during the calculation
- Memory usage is approximately 200MB
- Test system:
 - Windows 2003 Server Std 32bit
 - Dual Intel 2.6GHz Quad core processors
 - 4GB RAM
 - PI AF and calculation service are installed on the same server
- The solution has proven to be very stable

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Instrument Monitoring Dashboard

- A simple webpart is used to display the instrument status
- Based on the PI AF SDK
- Longer term results are accessible via reports
- The webpart uses the same PI AF configuration
- All the information is derived from PI AF
- Simple intuitive design
- The webpart is dynamic providing the user with a drill down capability

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Benefits of data validation and instrument monitoring

- Contributes to a broader vision
 - Supports the "One Version of the Truth"
 - Better quality of information
- Instruments are the basis of everything we do
- The solution make the instrument availabilities unequivocal
- The dashboard and reports provides clear visibility of the status of instruments and data
- Faulty and simulated instruments have resulted in serious equipment failures in the past. The visibility highlights these issues

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Future plans

- Implement PI Notifications on serious faults
- Expand the data validation to include statistical models; particularly useful for reconstruction of values
- Refine the user interface
- Implement OLAP style analyses for group wide analysis
- Move to event based calculations. The bulk of the instruments are digitals and therefore the event based mechanism will improve performance

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