

# Industry Standard Approach for Remote Connectivity to Real-time Mobile Asset Information

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# Agenda

## About

- Industry/Market
- Company

## Industry Needs, Challenges and Solutions

## Standards and Benefits

## Integration of a Standards based Solution

## Example Installs and Reports

## Summary



# About Symboticware

## Our Mission

- Safety, production, asset utilization, environmental, and energy management

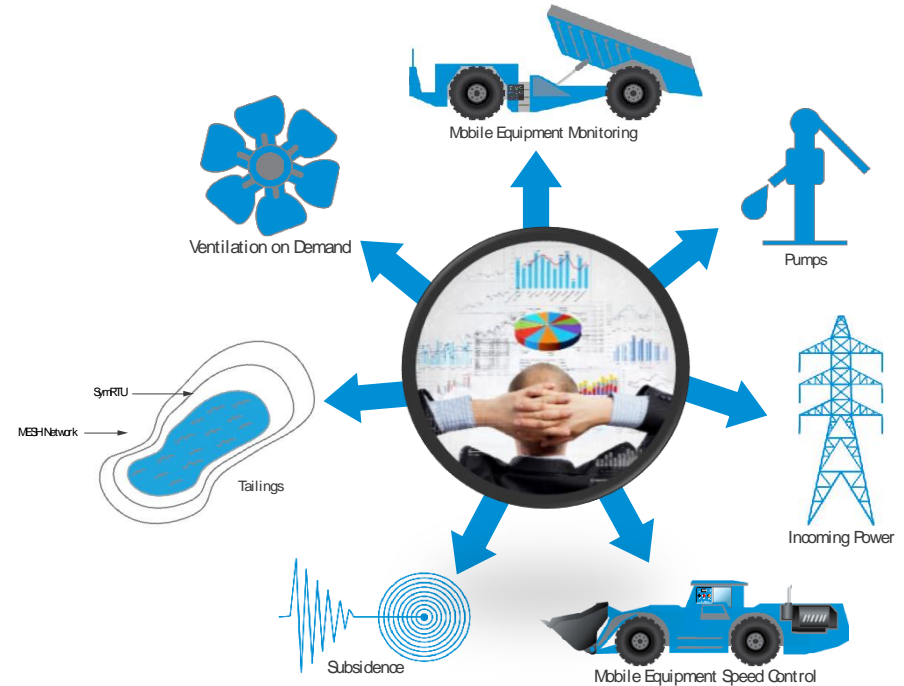
## Standards

- Open standards-based data and control platform for mining from pre-construction to closure

## Presence

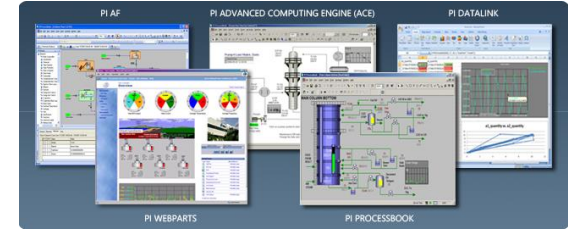
- Sudbury, Ontario, Canada with presence in USA, Brazil, Chile and Peru.

# Data Management and Safety Applications Fixed and Mobile Assets



# Symbioticware Data Management and Safety Solutions

- **SymBot**
  - Data collection and management solution for fixed and mobile assets
- **SymRTU**
  - Intelligent wireless SCADA solution for fixed asset monitoring
- **SpeedGuard**
  - Mobile equipment monitoring and control solution



# Industry Needs



## Safety

Reduce Exposure to Operating Risks

Monitor Conditions and Working Environment in Real-Time



## Productivity

Reduce Margins of Error

Increase Personnel & Equipment Productivity

Real-time decisions



## Efficiency

Improve Equipment Reliability and utilization

Reduce Maintenance Expenses



# Industry Challenges



Process monitoring and control  
methods Underground

# Industry Challenges



High exposure to **operational risks**, diminishing **margins** and increased **costs**, technology **adoption** and streamlining **integration**.

## Technical Challenges

- Data availability and interfacing with mobile assets
- Intermittent connectivity and data gaps
- Knowledge/ability with PI System at mine-site

## Behavioral Challenges

- Decision making and influence within operator's structure
- Market Characteristics
- Maturity and acceptance of global mining standards and guidelines



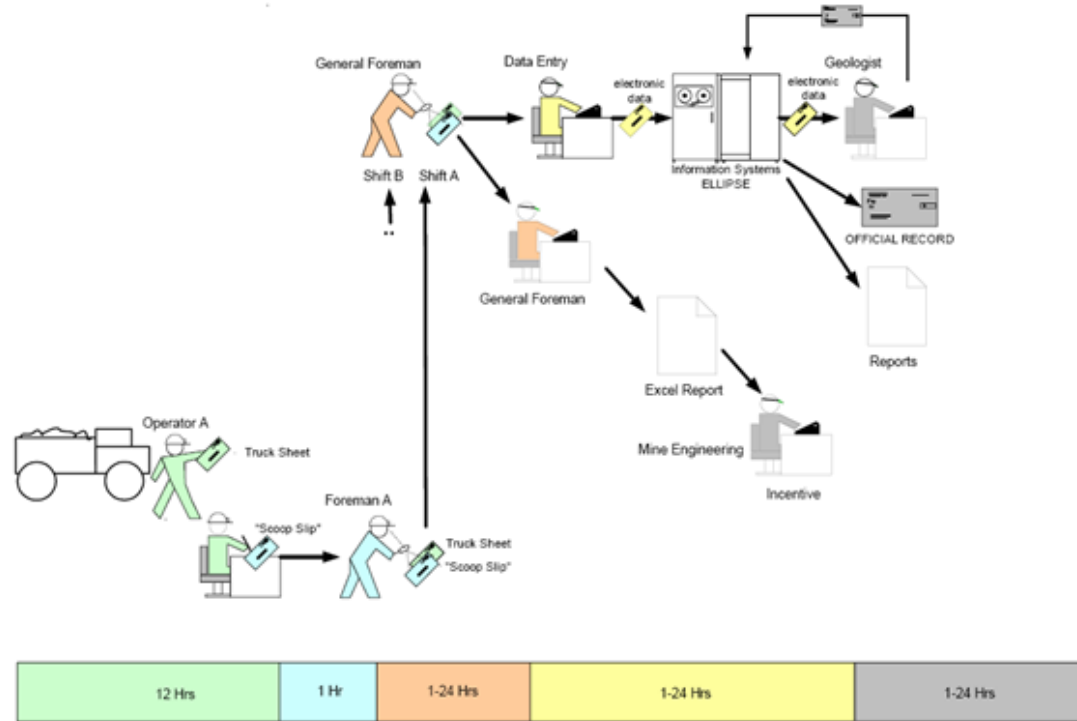
# Challenge — Timely, Accurate Data

## Current Paper Based Process

Collects safety, production and maintenance data

### Issues

- Data from worker input only
- Many manual steps = labour intensive
- Prone to error = lack of trust in data to make business decisions
- Long delays in reporting data = poor response to process upsets



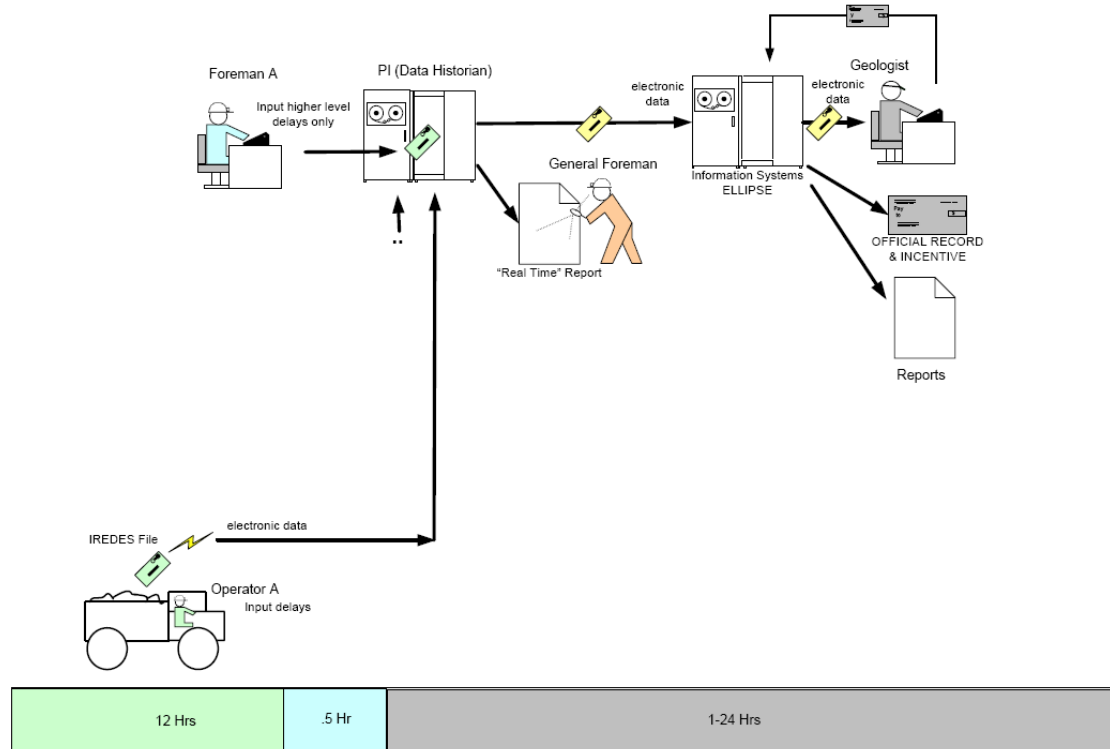
**2-3 Days Delay in Reports!**

# Solution – Timely, Accurate Data

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## Issues Resolution

- Data - automatic collection
- Eliminates labour intensive data collection process
- Eliminates error
- Eliminates process delay
  - Reports production at end of each load cycle ~ 15 minutes



# Solution – Timely, Accurate Data

The HMI replaces the paper slip and sent electronically

- **Operators Production Input**
  - Draw Point/Dump Point ID's\*
  - Task Type
  - Material (Ore/Rock/Fill/Retram)
  - Number Of Buckets\*
  - Load Weights\*
  - Hours\*
- **Operators Post Production Input**
  - Lost Time Codes
  - Location of Equipment\*
  - Equipment Condition
- **Operators Pre-Check Input**

\* Automatically collected by Symbol



Onboard HMI

LOST PRODUCTION CODES		HRS	LOCATION FROM	LOCATION TO	TASK	MATERIAL	# BKT. LOADS	HOURS
			LEVEL	WORKPLACE	TYPE	TYPE	(ENTS)	OPERATED
BLASTING DELAY	1	DB						
CANT DUMP	DD							
TRAFFIC DELAY	DE							
NO MUCK / ROCK	DM							
MINE UTILITIES B.O.	DP							
REWORK	DR							
B.O. ELECTRICAL	ME							
B.O. HYDRAULIC	MH							
B.O. MECHANICAL	MM							
PLANNED MAINTENANCE	MP							
LUNCH / MEETINGS	NL							
REASSIGNMENT	NR							
TRAVEL TIME	NT							
OPERATOR REPAIRS	OP							
TIRE CHANGES	OT							
WASH EQUIPMENT	OW							
PREOP / FUEL / LUBE	FP							
ROADWAY MAINT.	RM							
WORKPLACE PREP	FW							
TOTAL LOST PROD. HRS								

TASK TYPE	PLANT	MACHINE #	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	SHIFT
1. MUCK BKT. 2. MUCK BKT. 3. MUCK BKT. 4. TRUCK TRAM 5. TRUCK TRAM 6. MUCK FROM DOT 7. MUCK FROM DOT 8. MUCK FROM DOT						

MATERIAL TYPE	HOUR METER	SERIAL #	USER ID	DIV
1. MUCK 2. MUCK 3. MUCK 4. MUCK 5. MUCK 6. MUCK 7. MUCK 8. MUCK				

SCOPES	TRACK/AM	JEEPS	MAT. SLIP	SUPERVISOR

FLUID CONSUMPTION		TIME	AMOUNT
1. ENGINE OIL	1. DIESEL FUEL		
2. COOLANT	2. BRAKE FLUID		
3. LUBE OIL/GREASE	3. HYDRAULIC OIL		
4. POWER STEERING	4. TRANS. FLUID		

Paper "Scoop Slip"

# Challenge – Environment

## Issues

- Intermittent wireless connectivity
- Difficult RF environment
- Shock and Vibration
- Heat, Cold
- Water (Acidic)
- Access (for maintenance)
- Access to communications
- Automated location determination  
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## Solution

Store and Forward

Hardened case  
IP67 with robust  
connectors

Can read WiFi  
Access Points ID  
or beaconing RFID  
tags

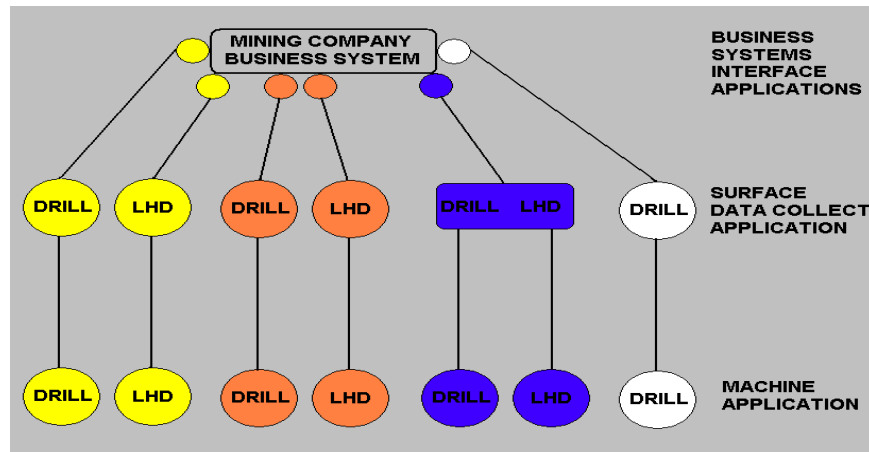




# Challenge — Adoption of Standards

## Issues

- Most mines have multivendor mobile fleet with each vendor using proprietary data sets and communications protocols. Requires complex array of comms drivers, software and disparate data sets.
- Slow adoption of industry standards that are used in surface processes maintains silos . OT vs IT

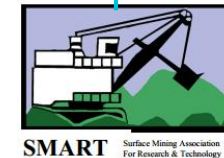


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## Solution



# ISA Standards

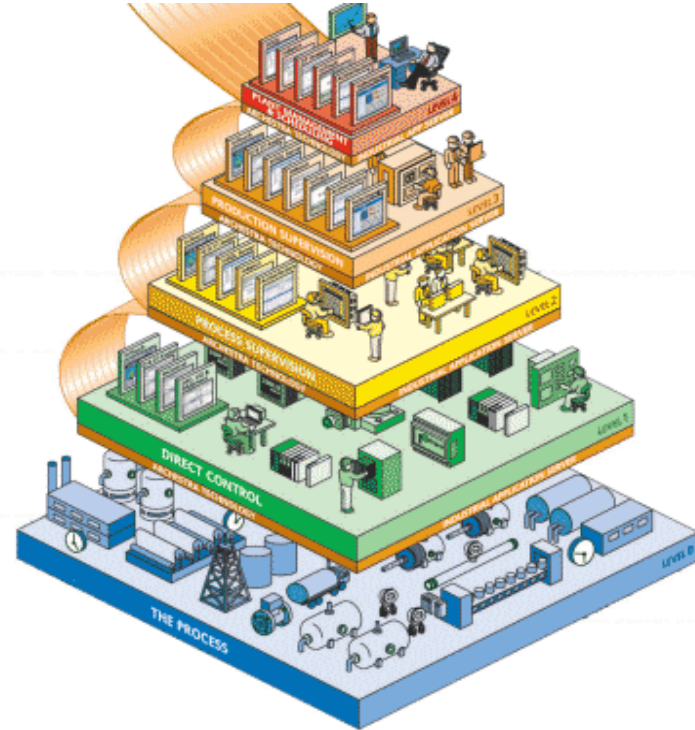
Relationship between OT and IT

## ISA-95

- Reduce cost risk and errors associated with implementing interfaces between enterprise and production control systems
- Is a method to define the interfaces between enterprise and production control systems

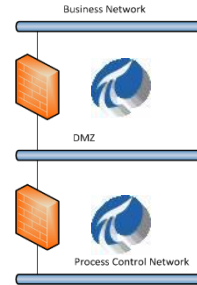
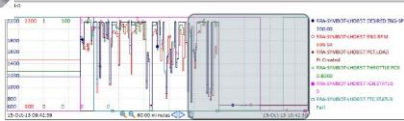
## ISA-99

- Objective to ensure security of process control systems
- Set of technical requirements and processes

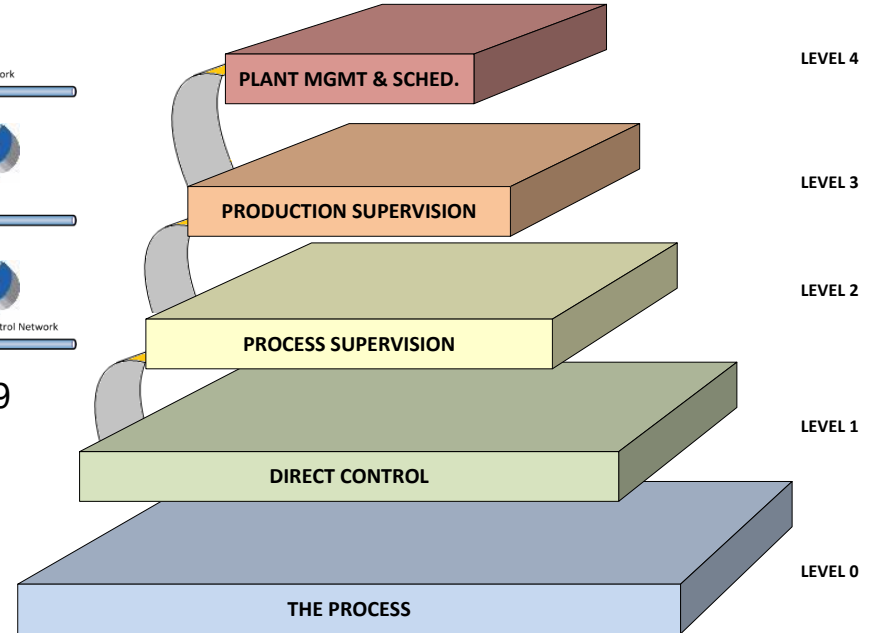


ISA-95 Layers

# Industrial Standards – ISA 95 and ISA 99



ISA-99



ISA-95 Layers

# Standards – View from machine

## Interconnectivity of Devices

- Numerous engine and accessory interfaces
- Require own application and operator interface
- Produce data separately

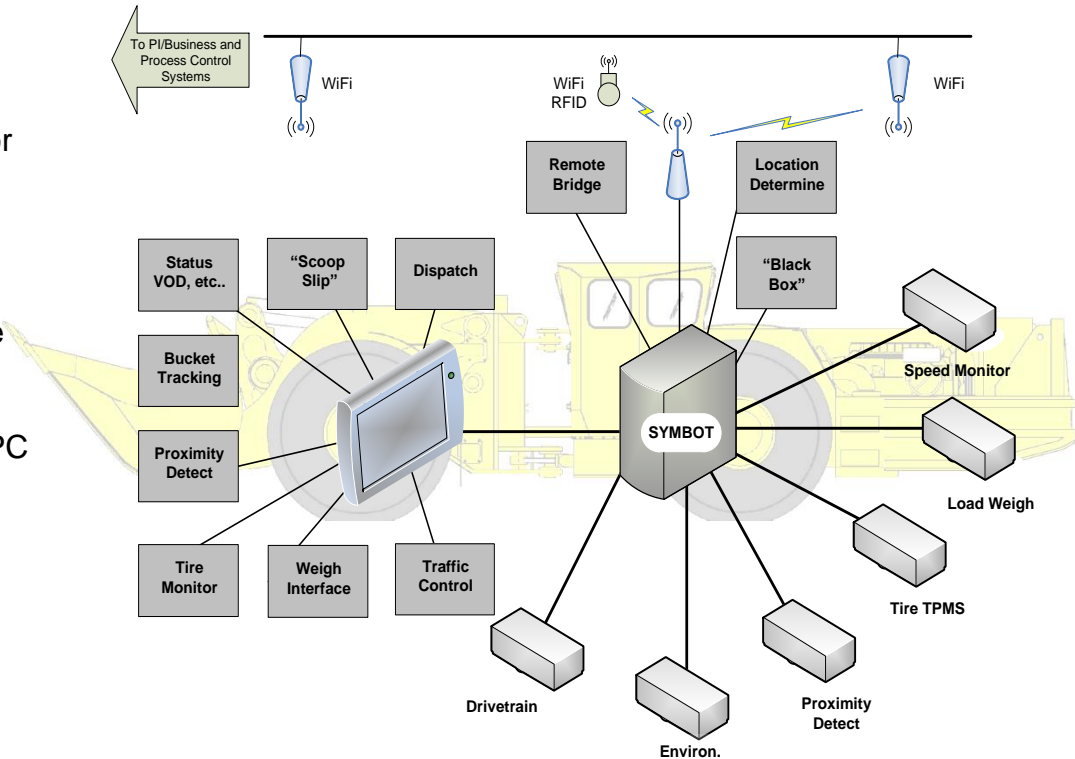
## Data Exchange Standard

- Aggregates data from devices to one stream
- Standard data set
- Common interface to business and PC

## Solution

### GMSG – Global Mining Standards Group

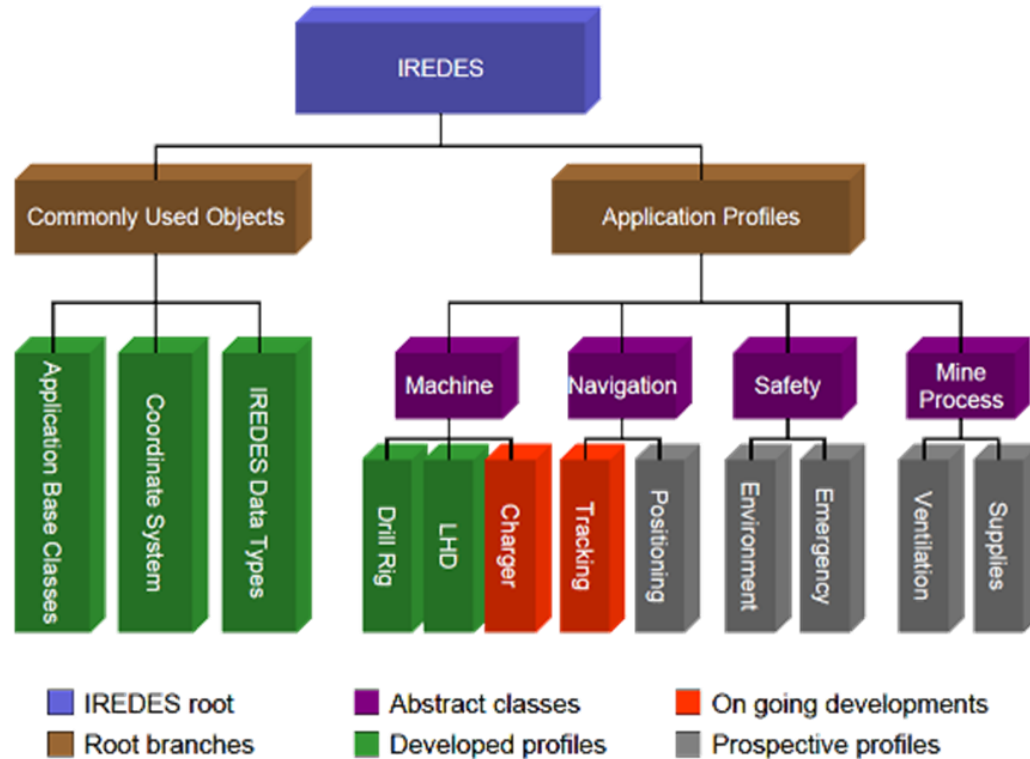
- Adopt SMART for interconnectivity
- Adopt IREDES for data exchange





# Mining Industry Standards – IREDES

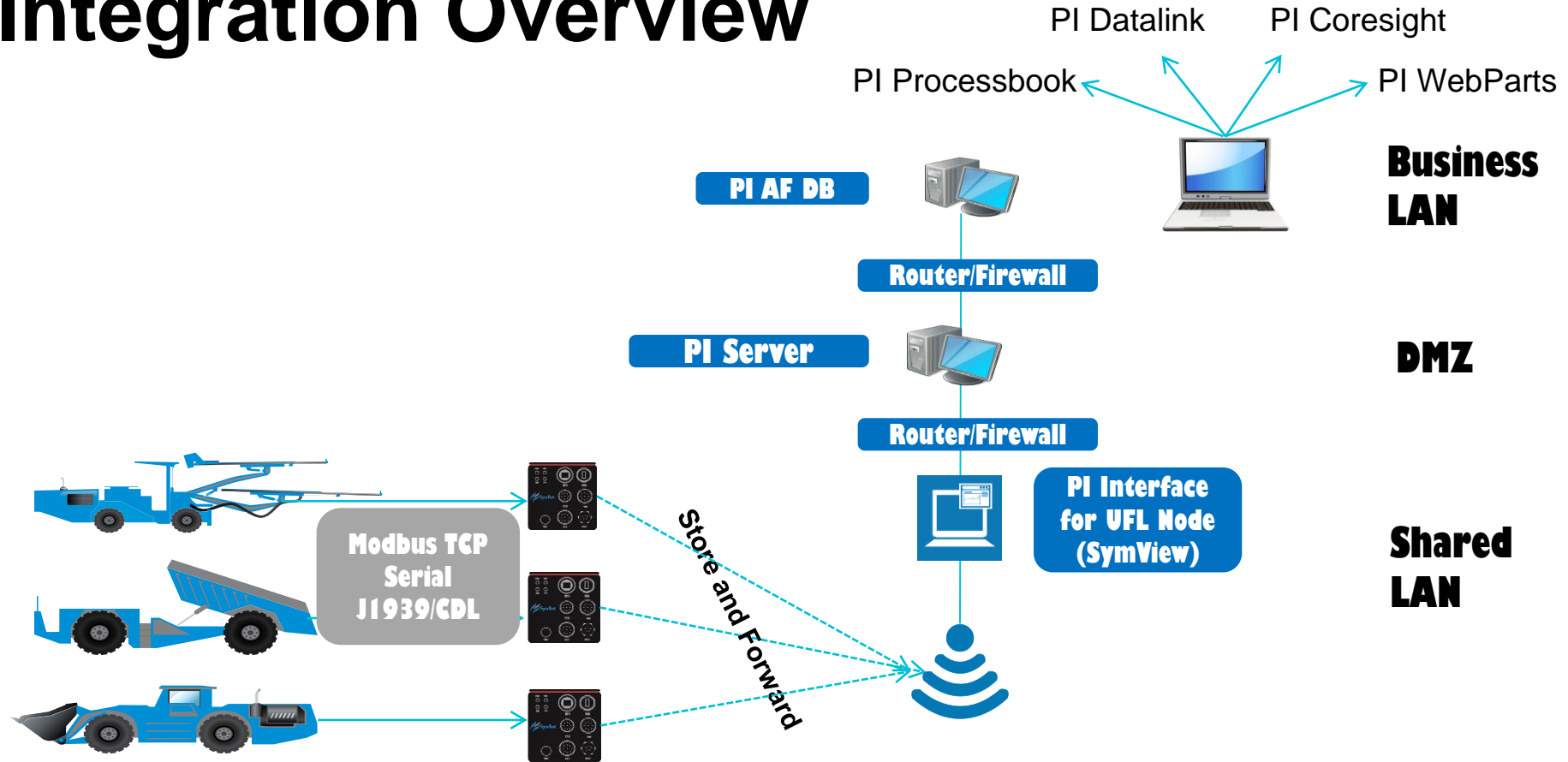
ISO  
certification in  
progress  
through the  
GMSG



# Sample IREDES Data

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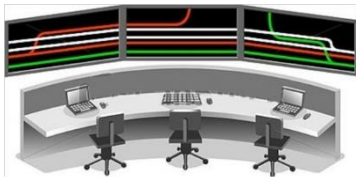
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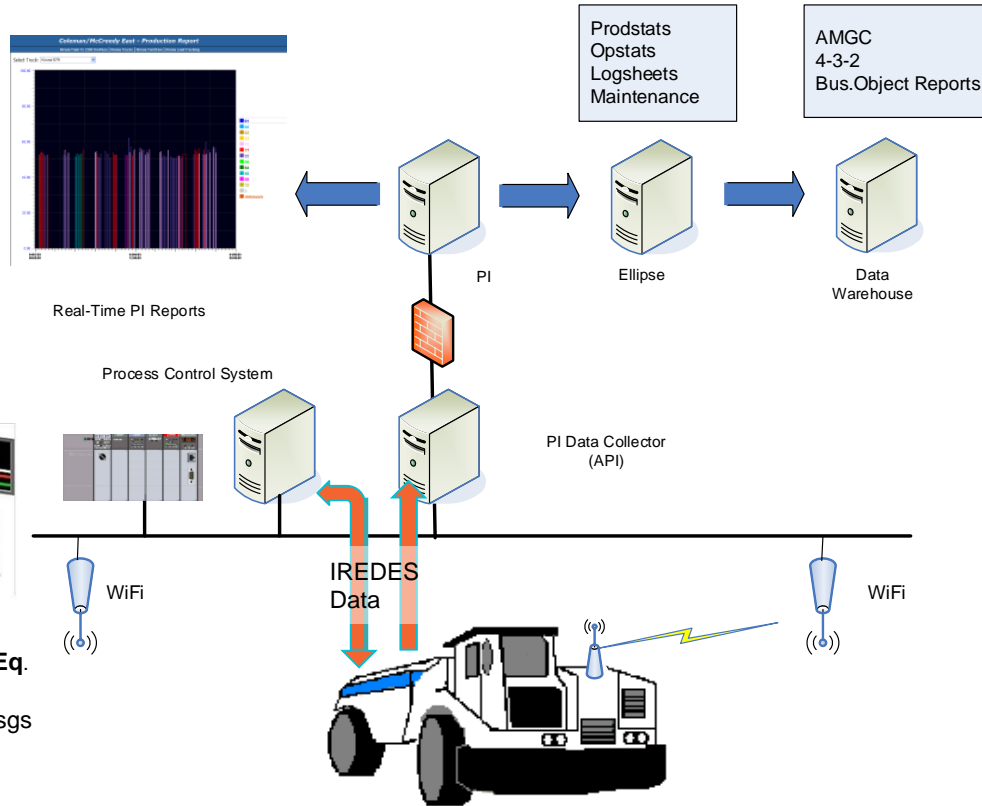
## Process Control Data from Mobile Eq.

Machine Status  
Production Info  
Alarms  
VOD – Gas levels, temp



## Process Control Data to Mobile Eq.

Ore Pass Levels, Load stn status  
Traffic Control, Missions, Safety Msgs  
VOD Status



# Example Installation

- CAT AD45 Diesel Trucks

## Ramp Application

### Collects Engine and Transmission Data

- Engine and transmission data from J1939 port
- Data transmitted via WiFi
- Location information on-board and central tracking system
- Central tracking system is Cisco MSE (Mobility Service Engine)





# Example

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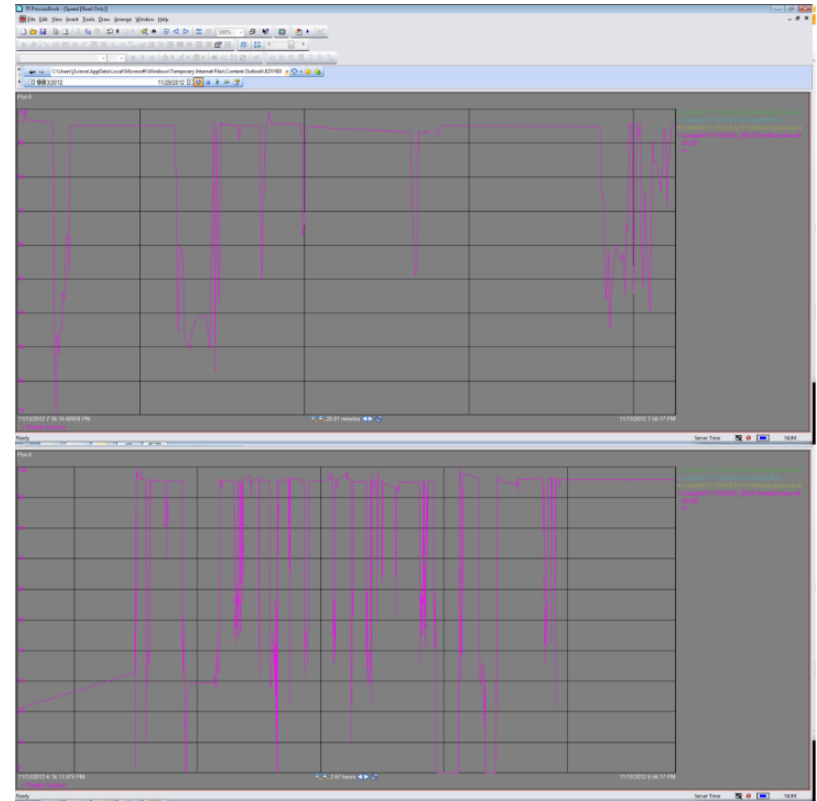
Mine Ramp

Engine Data

Example – Throttle Position

Uses

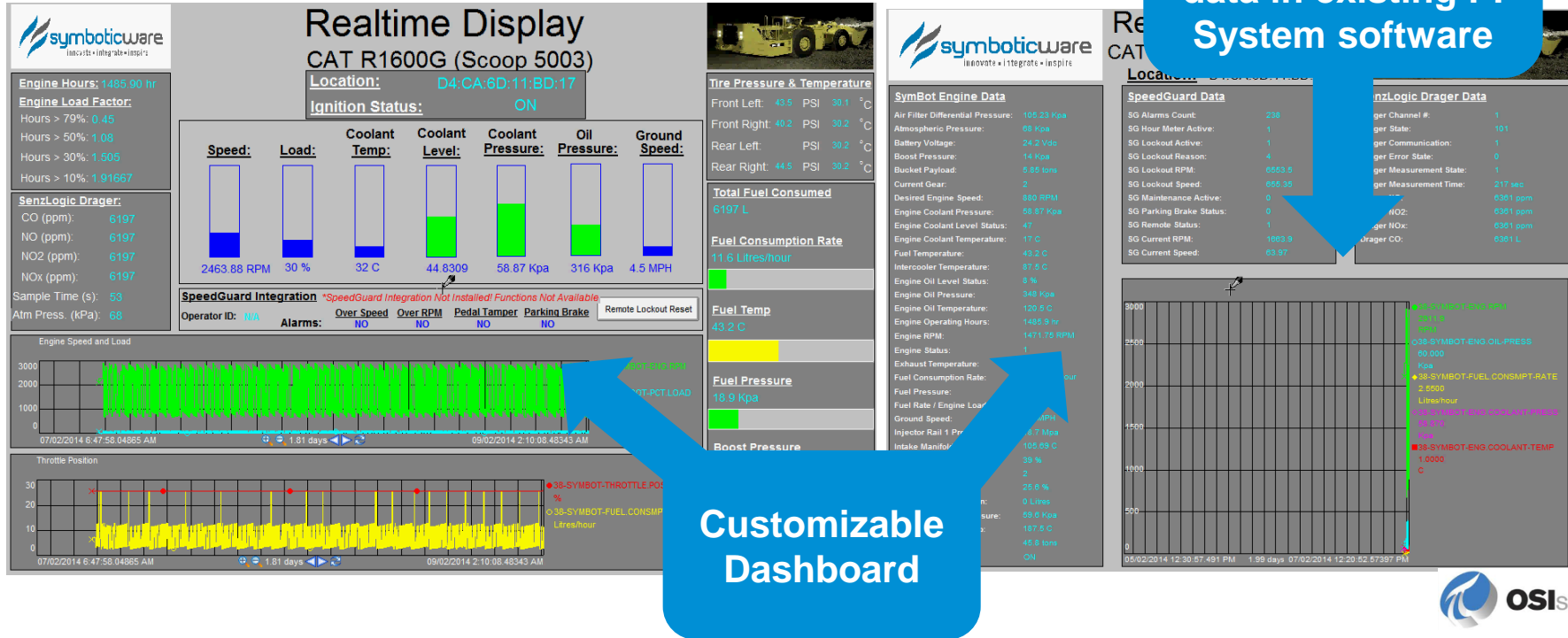
- Determine road roughness
  - Warn of possible injuries
  - Look at ramp delays



PI ProcessBook Trend of Throttle Position Truck 309 – Mine Ramp

# OSIsoft PI ProcessBook Displays

View real-time and historical SymBot data in existing PI System software



# Example

- Trucks

## PI Run Chart

- y axis = Truck load tons
- x axis = time
- colour = loading location along ramp

## Non productive time

- Bonus system was changed from tons to seat time

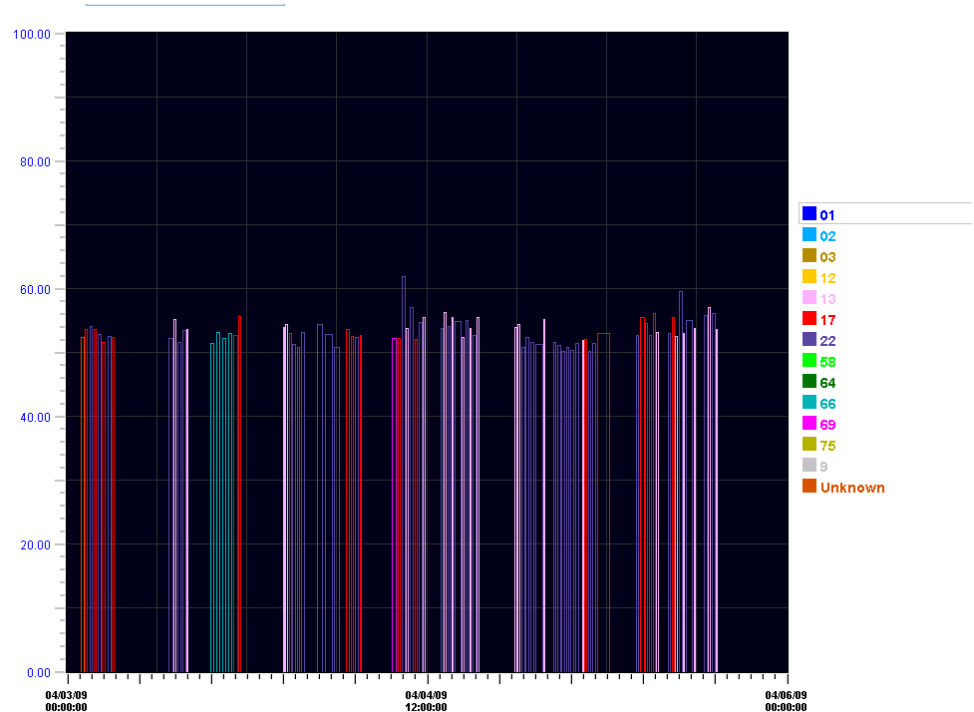
## Load weights

- overloading was causing maintenance issues

## Locations

- ensure “campaigns” are followed

Benefits – improved equipment utilization,  
reduced maintenance costs, improved blending



# Tire Pressure Monitoring (TPMS)



## Benefits

- Operator peace-of-mind, time and added safety
- Greater fuel economy
- Longer tread life and less premature wear
- Mitigate casing damage allows retreading
- Decreased tire maintenance costs
- Notification to stakeholders – maintenance, tire manager, supplier



## ROI Case Example

- CAT R1700 tire price is \$9k/tire
- Worn tire can be recapped @ \$~3k/tire
  - But can only be recapped if casing is intact
  - Low pressure will destroy casing
- Within 3 months, customer saved 4 tires @ a savings of \$36k



# Tire Pressure Monitoring (TPMS)



## SymBot integration with Valor TPMS

- Internal mounted sensor
  - Where tire pressure and temperature are meant to be checked
  - Battery powered (5-7 years)
  - Does not impede inflation
- Extreme reliability
  - signal strength (works through 60 ply with chains)
  - Sensor durability
- J1939 interfaces to SymBot from Valor transceiver in cab
- Integration with up to 24 external sensors
  - Exhaust
  - Axle temperature
- **Present TPMS data to those who need it!**



# Customer ROI



- Direct savings in first 4 weeks of trial at customer site
- Savings directly attributed to the pilot program to date
  - ✓ Repair instead of replacement of 2 tires @ \$900/tire
  - ✓ Versus Cost of replacing the tire @ \$19,000 each
- 3 tires identified during TPMS audits as low on air and changed before reaching run flat state with a potential savings of \$26,000.
- The report details potential savings of at least \$150,000 per year if TPMS is implemented on all production equipment in the mines.

# Quotes from Customer Trial



*"This system does have the potential to **save tires** from being scrapped due to Run Flat conditions."*

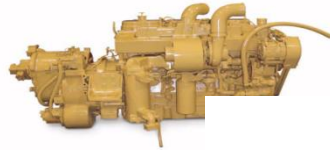
*"If the system is implemented in Manitoba on the rest of the production fleet, it should **reduce our Run Flats to at least half** of what we are seeing now. This TPMS program has the potential to **save the Manitoba Division at least \$150,000 per year.**"*

*"This one program would account for half of the **25% reduction in tire costs** that we are looking to achieve."*



# Cost Savings and ROI Summary

Engine Replacement: \$100,000 +



Axle Replacement: \$90,000



The early detection of just one component failure can save you more than your initial investment

Tire Replacement: \$6,000-\$9,000 / tire

# Benefits

- Improve Safety
  - Monitor safety related variables – load weights, speed, tire pressures
  - Future – brake test, operator qualifications, emissions, pre-op
- Reduce cost
  - Reduce data collection and reporting effort
  - Reduce maintenance costs
  - Improve reliability and utilization of fleet
  - Reduce component costs
- Improve productivity
  - Improve accuracy and timeliness of mobile equipment data.
  - Improve trust of business reporting systems using familiar corporate wide s/w tools provided by OSISoft

# Summary

- Installation of a standards based data collection and reporting system benefits a mine by improving safety, reducing cost and improving productivity.
- Leveraging existing infrastructure and software tools such as the PI System keeps implementation costs down

# **Symboticware : Mine process intelligence to improve safety, asset utilization and production**

**Having timely accurate mobile fleet data available throughout a mine is a major step in improving a mine's safety, productivity and costs. Data that was previously missing, late and not trusted is now crucial to improving the mines "invisible" processes.**



## **Business Challenge**

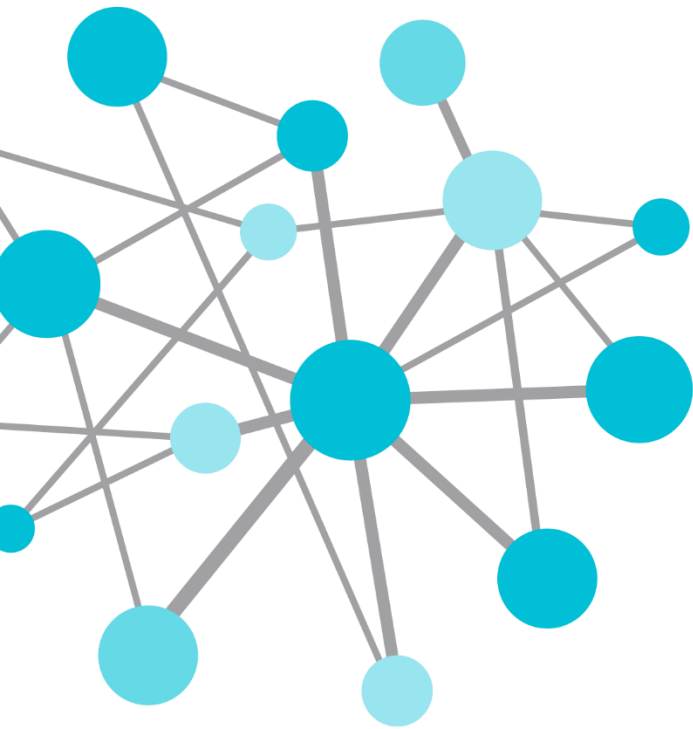
- Provide timely reliable production and maintenance data from a mobile process within a harsh environment and technology adverse workforce.

## **Solution**

- Developed a mine hardened mobile equipment data hub based on open standards.
- Leverage existing infrastructure and software tools to provide timely accurate data and reports

## **Results and Benefits**

- Timely accurate mobile data and reports
- Reduced costs and improved utilization of equipment
- Improved safety

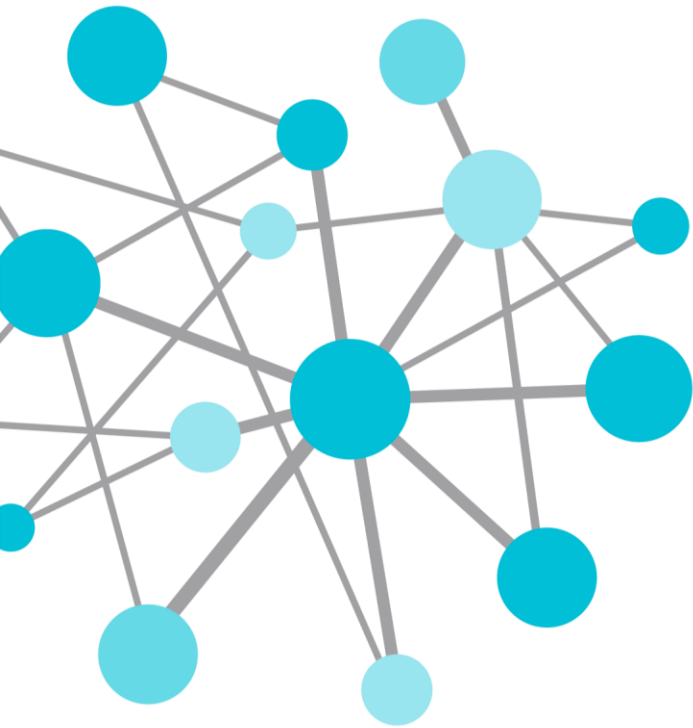


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