



Leveraging the PI System® in the Processing of Opportunity Crudes

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Agenda

- Introduction
- Business Opportunity & Challenge
- Solutions:
 - Keeping process in control
 - Early fault detection
- Analytics and Decision Support Strategy







MOL Group

MOL is an integrated, independent, international oil and gas company, headquartered in Budapest, Hungary with a track record of over 100 years in the industry.











An Integrated Downstream Value Chain



- Integrated Fuels Value Chain:
 - 4 refineries, 2 Petrochem plants
 - Logistics including 2 000 retail stations
- PI System® Overview:
 - 3 HA collectives, ~400K tags
 - Elements:
 - ~350 element templates
 - ~23K elements & growing
 - Events:
 - ~6K Notifications
 - ~10K Event Frames analyses
 - ~50K Event Frames in 2016
- PI Coresighttm is the primary process visualization platform

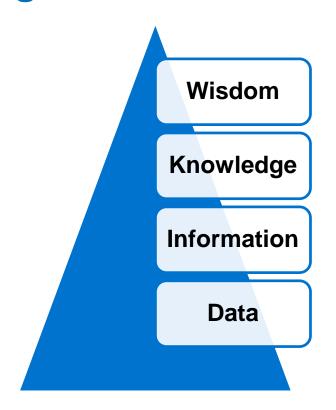


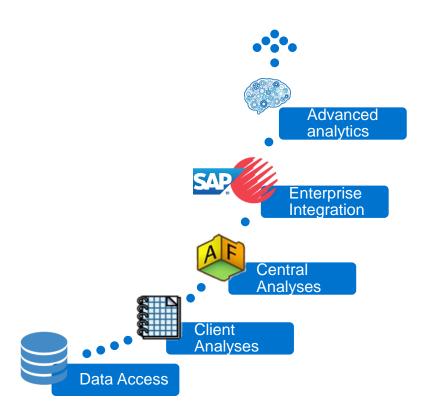






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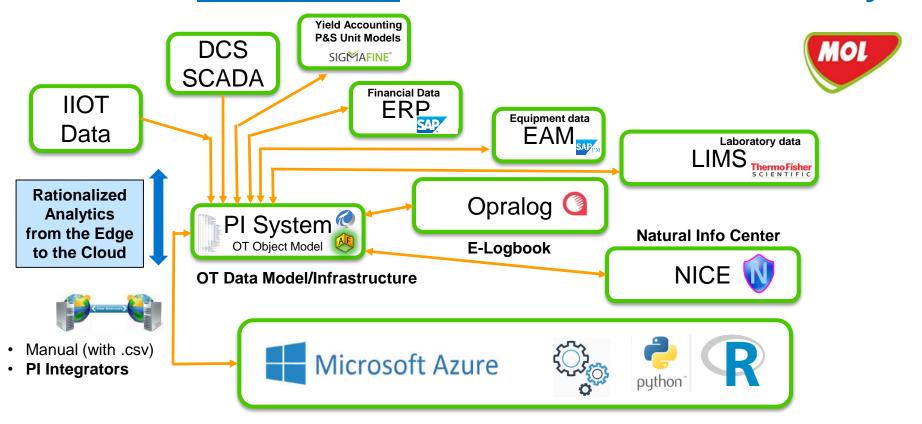








PI AF- the Foundation of MOL's Distributed Analytics

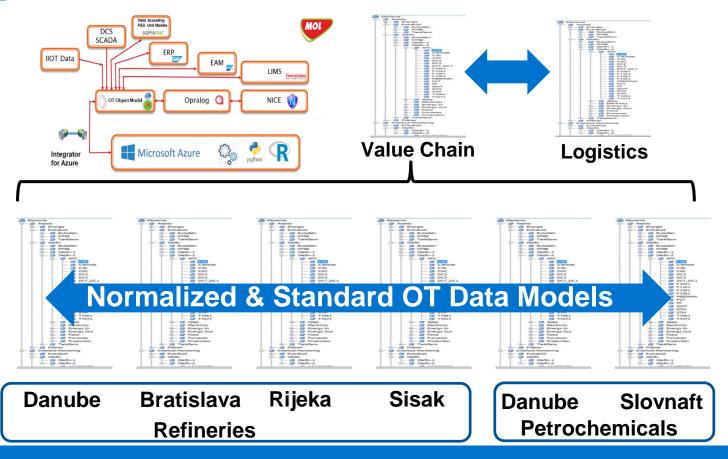








Integrated Smart Fuels Value Chain Vision







Background – Alternative supply sources

- **Opportunity crudes, Seaborne supply sources:**
 - Discounted price
 - Flexible supply



- **Strategic target:**
 - Crude basket with 50 + grades



QUICKLY RESPOND TO MARKET CHANGES & OPPORTUNITIES WITH ALTERNATIVE/SEABORNE SUPPLY SOURCES AND A CRUDE BASKET WITH 50+ GRADES



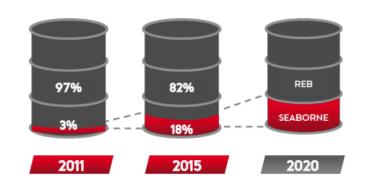
Opportunities

Discounted price

- \$2 \$4 / BBI depending on crude type
- Can be negative in case of higher grade crude



- Quickly respond to market changes with crude selection
- Estimated benefit: \$1 \$3 / BBI
- 10 % alternative crude processing ~
 \$10M \$11M+ /Year/Refinery





Strategic goal: Increase seaborne crude processing to 33% by 2030









Challenge – Alternative supply sources

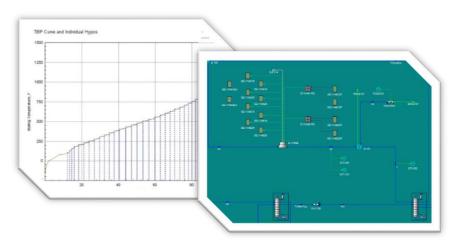
- Refinery was designed for a given type of crude
- No crude mixing fluctuation in process
- **Operations challenges:**
 - Crude Desalter Performance
 - Corrosion
 - Fluctuation in process
 - Unpredictable issues
 - Equipment Performance & Reliability
 - Fouling





Solution – Crude analysis, Asset upgrade

- Crude Assays
- Process Simulations
- Refinery Modeling



- Crude Blender
- Improvements of desalters and other assets





Solution – Increase Real-Time Situational Awareness

Issues

- Fluctuation in crude quality
- Changes in quality of semifinished products
- Disturbancies in process



Increased number of events to react

Solution

- Faster, proactive and predictive decision support
- Advanced analytics
- Equipment performance/CBM
- Failure detection, notification



Support Operational Awareness



Examples – Keeping process in control

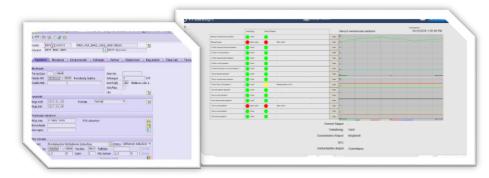
Operation - Avoid harmful process conditions

- Integrity operating window (IOWs)
- Corrosion control & monitoring
- Feed composition tracking



Maintenance - Early failure detection

- Preventive & condition based maintenance
- Online statistical validation of controllers, sensors



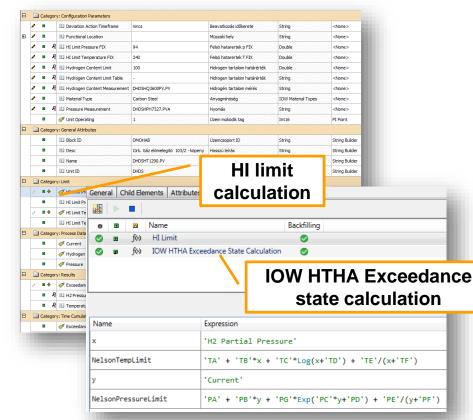


Integrity Operating Window – Objective

Objective: Keep process safety parameters in control

Solution:

- Structure in PI Asset Framework (PI AF)
- Calculation, limit evaluation
- Advanced PI Analytics and PI **Event Frames**





Integrity Operating Window – User Experience

Visualization: PI Coresighttm

Work initiation: PI N suggested actions)

Results:

- Increased process safety
- Faster reaction
- Longer asset lifecycle

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Corrosion Control & Monitoring

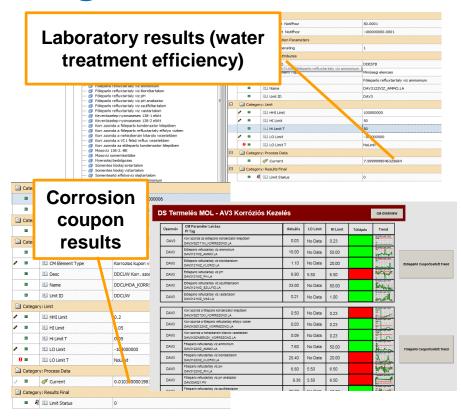
Objective: Support corrosion monitoring and water treatment

Solution:

- Comprehensive and logical structures in Asset Framework (AF)
- Visualization in PI Coresight, alerts in Notifications

Results:

Reduced corrosion → Cost savings



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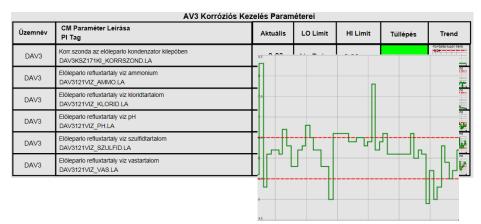
Corrosion Control & Monitoring—Chemical Treatment

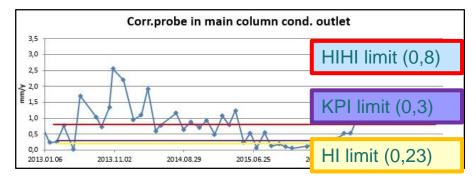
Monitoring

- Online Coresight Display
- Monthly Corrosion Report

Actions

- Chemical Treatment program
 - **Process Treatment**
 - Water Treatment
 - **Amine System Treatment**
- Increased sampling frequency in case of alternative crude









Feed Composition Tracking – Background

Delayed Coker Unit (DCU):

- Semi-continuous, thermal cracking process
- Produces white components & coke

Wide variety of feedstock:

- Residuals from different crudes
- Heaviest oil from other conversion. processes, other refineries

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Issue:

- Increased number of steam eruptions during coke cutting
- Increased drum vibration during coking and cutting



Safety risk





Feed Composition Tracking – Investigation

Datasources:

- Process data Event Frames
- Movement data Oracle database
- Laboratory data Oracle database
- Manual data Excel files

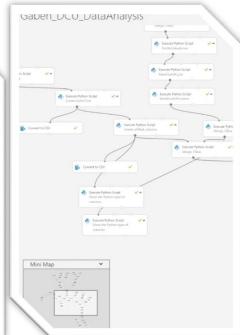


Complex data preparation and cleaning was needed

Azure Machine Learning with Python scripts

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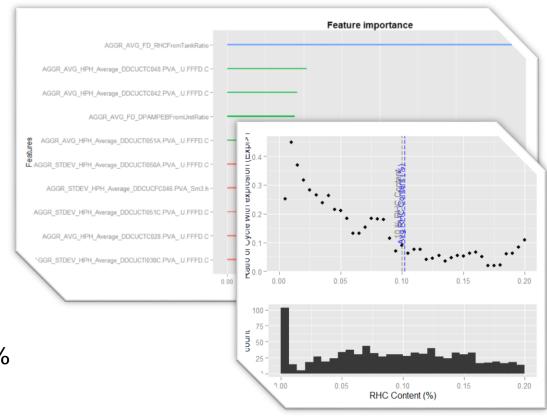






Feed Composition Tracking – Investigation

- Model building, analysis in Rstudio:
 - Gradient boosting model
 - Feature importance and visual analysis
- Most important factor:
 - RHC content of feed (RHC: heaviest product of Residual Hydrocracker)
 - It has to be kept above 10 %
 - Difficult to calculate online







Feed Composition Tracking – Online Calculation

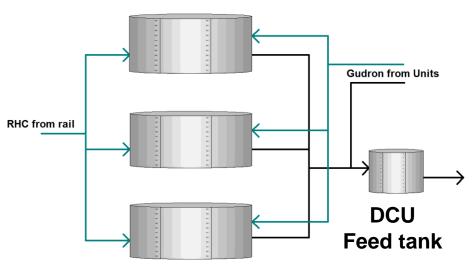
RHC content of storage tank:

- Data: movement information in a Oracle database
- Frequency: daily

RHC content of feed tank:

- Data:
 - Valve positions
 - Tank volume change
 - Storage tank RHC Content
- Frequency: online

Storage tanks

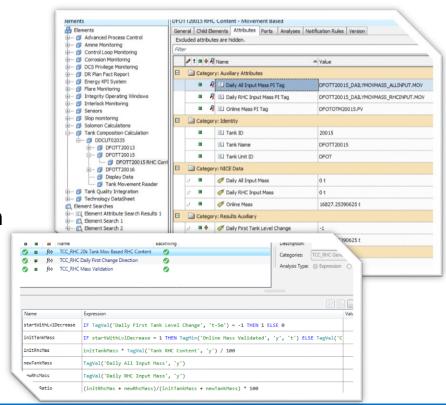






Feed Composition Tracking – Online Calculation

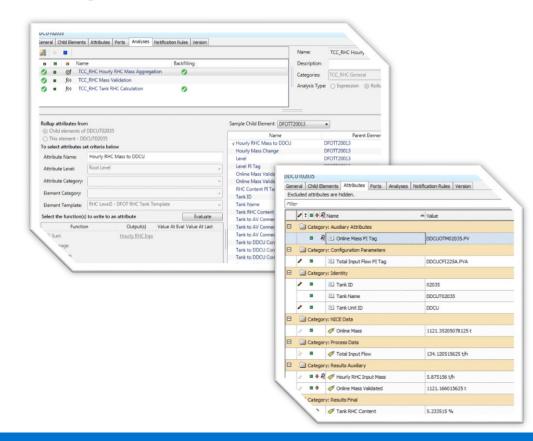
- First step: Storage tanks:
 - Base data: material movement into storage tanks
 - Data import with PI RDBMS Interface
 - Daily calculation
 - Calculate the RHC content of storage tanks with a simple mixture calculation
- **Result**: RHC content of storage tanks (daily resolution)





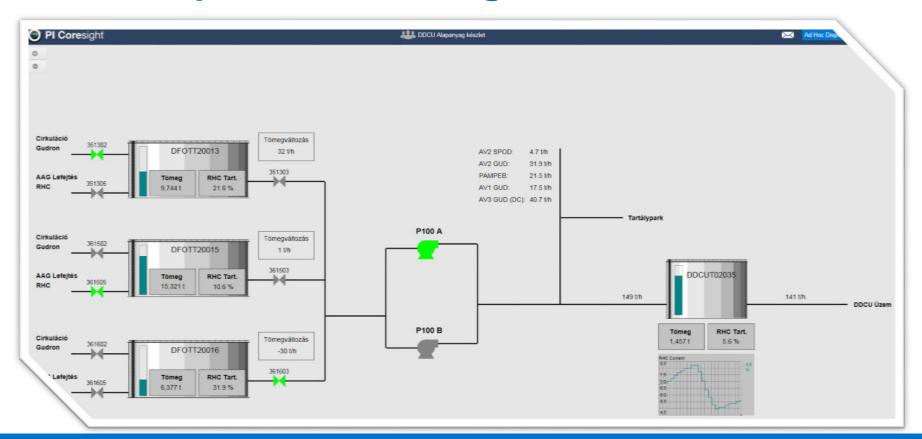
Feed Composition Tracking – Online Calculation

- Second step: Feed tanks:
 - Base data: RHC content of storage tank, valve positions, online tank mass
 - Online data from DCS system
 - Hourly mixture calculation
- Result: RHC content of feed tank (hourly resolution)





Feed Composition Tracking – User Interface







Examples – Keeping process in control

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Maintenance - Early failure detection

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Preventive and Condition Based Maintenance

Objective: a robust OT/IT system to support preventive maintenance strategies

Criteria:

- Flexibility and scalability (further strategies expected)
- Integrated solution (utilization of existing softwares)

Tools:

- PI System® → Main process database + Real time analysis
- SAP PM → Equipment database + Maintenance management tool
- **Solution**: Connection between systems



Preventive and Condition Based Maintenance

PI System®

- Process database
- Online analysis of process information
- Calculation of asset health
 - Asset condition
 - Running hours
 - Performance
 - Risk
- User Interface
 - PI Coresighttm
 - PI DataLinktm

Connection

(WebLogic)

Calculated asset health

Maintenance related information

SAP PM

- Maintenance database
- Management of maintenance processes
- Creation of work orders or notifications
- Trigger maintenance strategies based on asset health





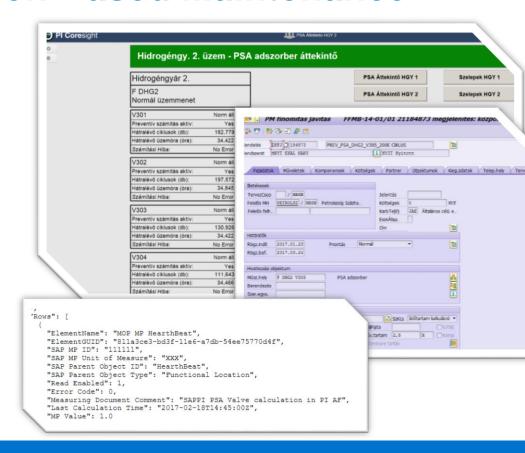




Preventive and Condition Based Maintenance

- Flexible calculations in PI Asset Framework (PI AF)
- Interface with PI Web API

- Work Order creation in SAP PM
- Estimated benefit: \$230,000/year
- First working solution:
 - Preventive maintenance of pressure swing adsorber valves in Hydrogen Production Plants

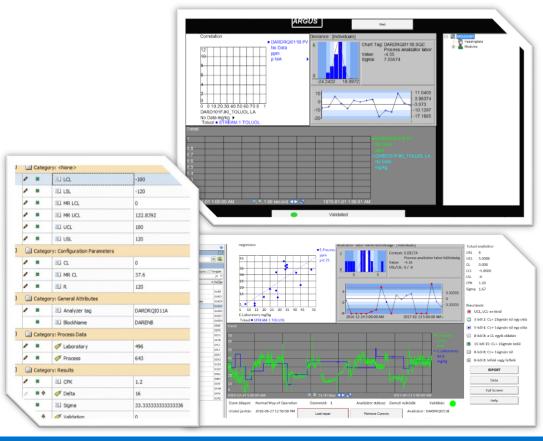


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Analyser Validation – ARGUS 3.0

- ARGUS 1.0:
 - Analyser validation with statistical methode in PI ProcessBook + VBA
- ARGUS 2.0
- Centralized calculation with PI Asset Framework (PI AF)
- Missing components
 - Further signal evaluation
 - Workflow management





Analyser Validation – ARGUS 3.0

New functionalities:

- Different validation methodes
- Wofklow management
 - Failure detection
 - Maintenance request
 - Validation request
 - Validation
- Common solution for analysers and soft-sensors
- PI Coresighttm based UI







Analytics & Decision Support Strategy-Distributed Analytics

- **Analytics with different** scope, scale and target:
 - Online calculations
 - Machine learning
 - Maintenance scheduling

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- Etc ...
- Refinery is more than the sum of independent business and technological processes



"The whole is greater than the sum of its parts."

Aristotle







- **Decision supporting tools** have to be organized in an integrated system:
 - **Analytics are distributed** across components
 - Data and information flow through each element

Machine Learning



Operational Intelligence



Business Process









Offline Analysis









- Model building
- Investigation
- Data sources:
 - Process database: Pl System
 - Relational Databases
 - There are always extra Excel files
- Tools: PI Coresight^{tm,} RStudio, Azure ML
- Result:
 - Insight, Knowledge
 - Model













Into Operation







- Goal: put knowledge into operation
 - Results from an investigation
 - Model to run continuously

Platform:

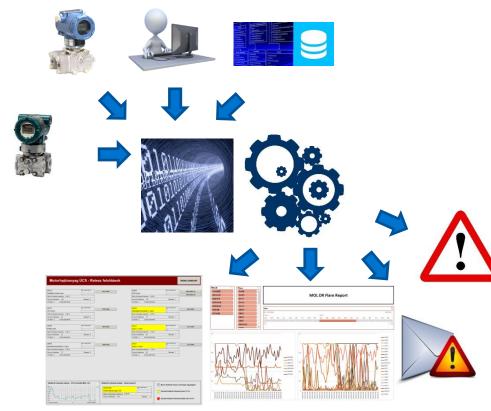
Asset Framework (AF), the foundation

Connection

- Maintenance: SAP PM
- Operation: Shift Logbook + DCS

Visuals

- PI Coresighttm dashboards
- PI DataLinktm reports







Business Process





Maintenance

Plan

Released

work order



Unreleased

work order

Online issue and disturbance identification

Action



Solution



- Workflow management
- Feedback collection
- Support collaboration



Event based entries to inform operation or collect feedback

Notification





Targeted notifications with suggested actions

Tools:

- SAP PM, Shift Logbook
- PI Coresighttm, PI Notifications











Measuring

Documents

Measuring

Documents

Current State - Next Steps

Existing architecture:

- Offline analysis (RStudio or Azure Machine Learning)
- Real-time analysis (AF and Asset Analytics)
- Visualization with PI Clients and trigger in other systems
 - PI Coresighttm, PI DataLinktm
 - Opralog, SAP PM, DCS

Possible developments:

- Integrated Advanced Analytics and Operational Intelligence
 - Data transfer from PI System® to analytical tools
 - Machine Learning model implementation with direct output to PI System®























Addressing Operational & Reliability Issue from the Processing of Opportunity Crude

COMPANY and GOAL

In its 2030 strategy, MOL Group is aiming increased flexibility and quicker response to market changes with a crude basket of 50+ grades to improve EBITDA.







CHALLENGE

Alternative crude processing brings benefits, but also risks and disturbances in process.

- Benefit with increased flexibility and discounted price
- Changing feed quality can cause disturbances in the process, new corrosion mechanisms, & asset performance/reliability issues

SOLUTION

Operational Intelligence, online analytical solutions, & advanced analytics to support faster decisions.

- PI System® supported workflow initiation and management
- Real time decision support tools
- Integrated system: investigation online analysis - reaction

RESULTS

Ability to react faster, prevent or eliminate disturbances and keep the process stable with changing feed quality.

- Stable operation with changing crude quality
- Longer asset lifecycle
- Strategic goal: 33 % seaborne crude by 2030











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"In God we trust; all others bring data."

W. E. Deming





