PI System and BI, essential tools for productivity in the paper industry

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- Batch Digester performance
- Centerlining on a paper machine
- Sheet break re-thread
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- Tips from the trenches on design
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International Paper

- World's Largest Pulp and Paper Company
 - Founded 1898
 - 55,000 Employees
 - \$21.7 Billion Net Sales (2017)
- OSIsoft Installed Base
 - 37 Facilities (62 PI Servers)
 - US, Brazil, Canada, France, India, Poland, Russia
 - 1.9+ Million PI Tags





Challenge – Solution - Results



International Paper, like many companies in pulp and paper, is facing a workforce turnover. Newer and better tools are required for the younger and less experienced workforce.

CHALLENGE

Inordinate amount of time spent pulling and shaping data instead of acting upon what the data says

- Need to asses performance at a glance
- SME's retiring, new engineers need different tools

SOLUTION

Displays with modern techniques to give more intelligence around larger datasets and real-time performance

- PI AF, PI Event Frames, PI Vision, PI OLEDB Enterprise, PI Integrator for Business Analytics
- BI tools like Power BI and Tableau

RESULTS

Financial impact TBD, but can attack problems that were hard to get to before

- Machine Centerlining
- Digester performance and steam usage
- Sheet break re-thread performance



Batch Digester Performance



What is a Batch Digester?





Business Problem

- We were actually looking at paper machine runnability when we found that steam usage per cook was up and certain digesters were performing worse – so, go where the data leads you
- Multi-variate analysis picked up changes in digesters could have been affecting paper machine runnability. Still looking at some of these issues
- Found some issues that needed more investigation by mill SME's, including steam usage in the cooking process (may be using more than in the past)

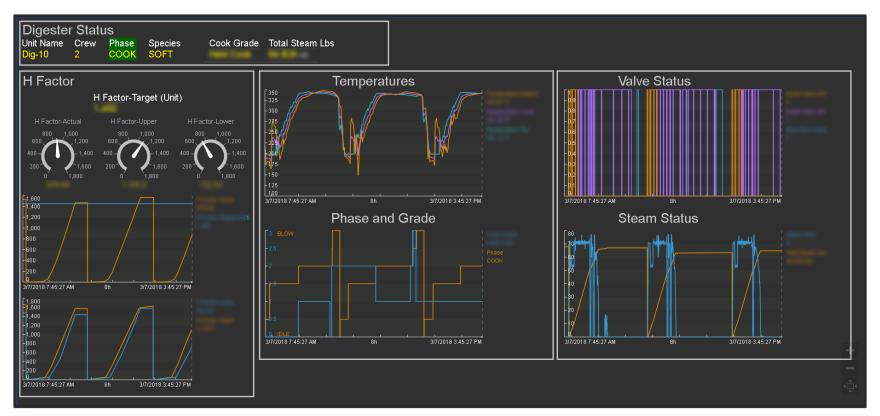


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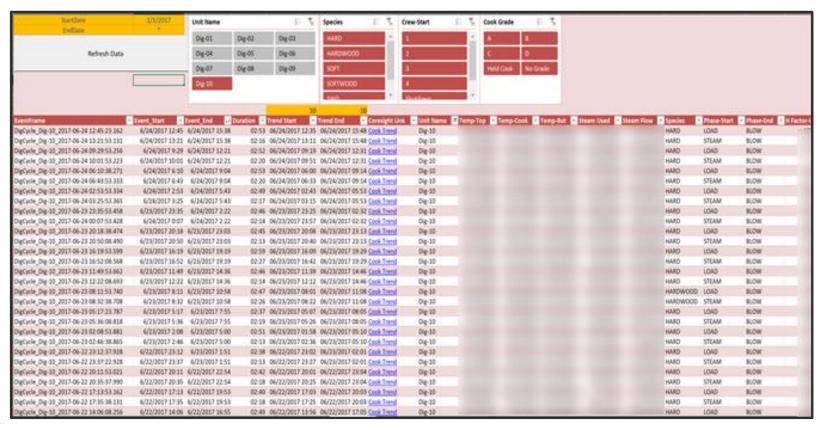


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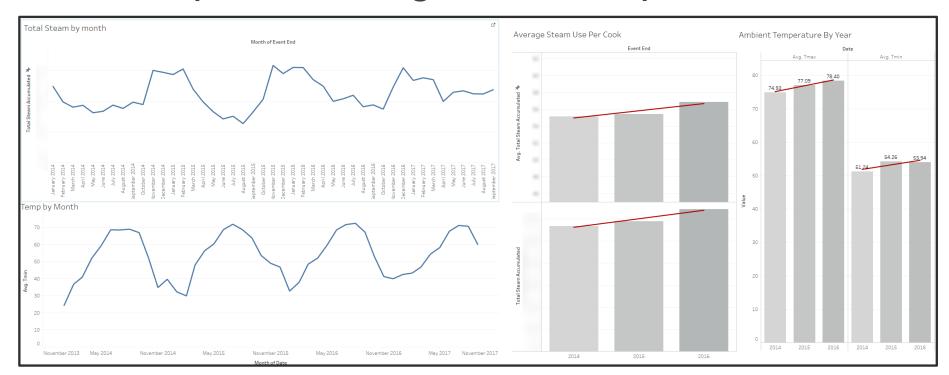


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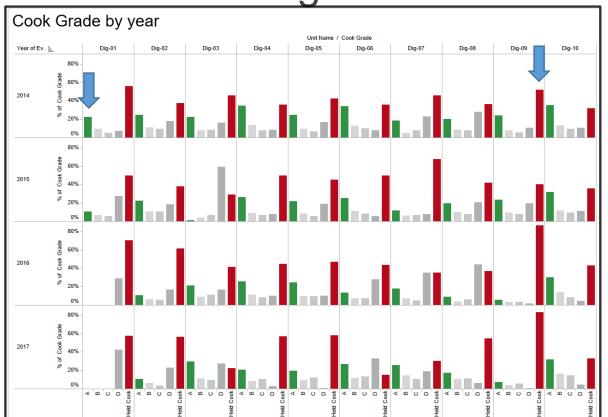


BI Helps With Large and Multiple Datasets





Cook Grading Over 4 Years





Machine Centerlining



Business Problem

- Lots of turnover in the mill leading to poor runnability at a particular mill
- "Old hands" who knew where to run the machine on different grades are gone – much less experienced operators and supervision
- How do we keep them "out of the ditch?"
- Engineering issues stem around the time it takes to pull data to calculate targets and limits and keep them up to date and to help when things aren't running well

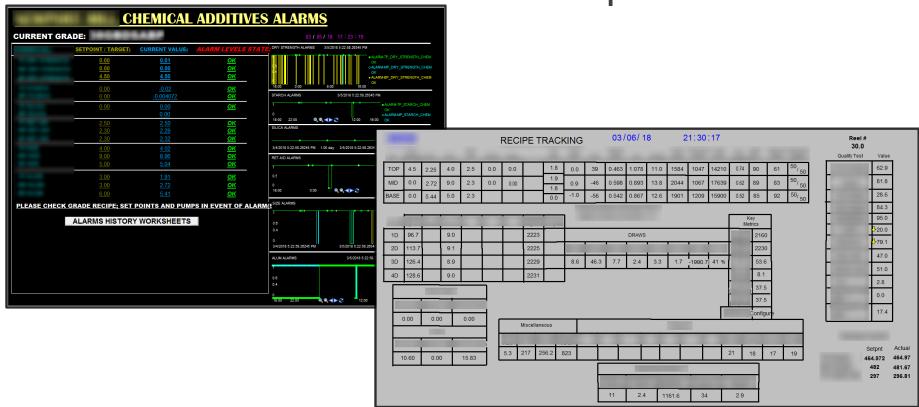


What is Centerlining?

- Centerlining is the process ensuring that a paper machine uses optimum parameters for all key variables of the machine on every production/grade run. The steps include:
 - Determine the variables that affect paper machine performance (in an ideal world)
 - Calculating targets and limits (specification and control limits) by product/grade
 - Ensure that the targets and limits are used for every production/grade run

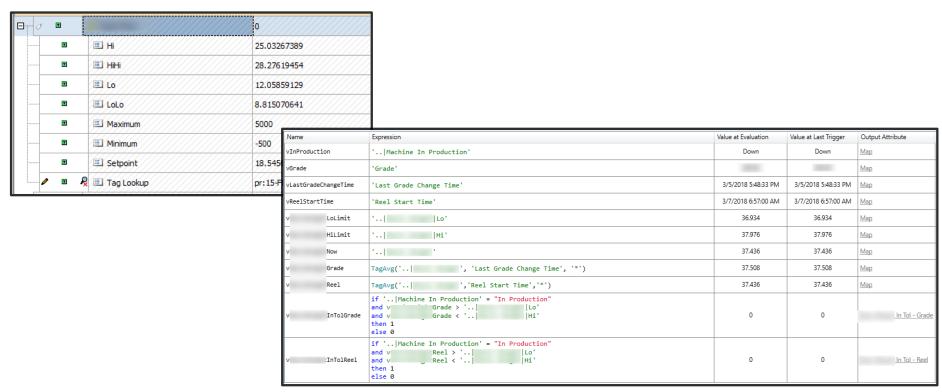


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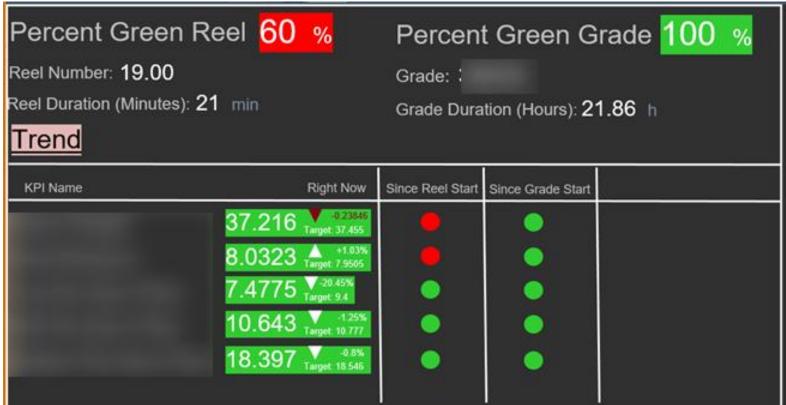


Re-imagining for the Operator Part 1





Re-imagining For the Operator Part 2



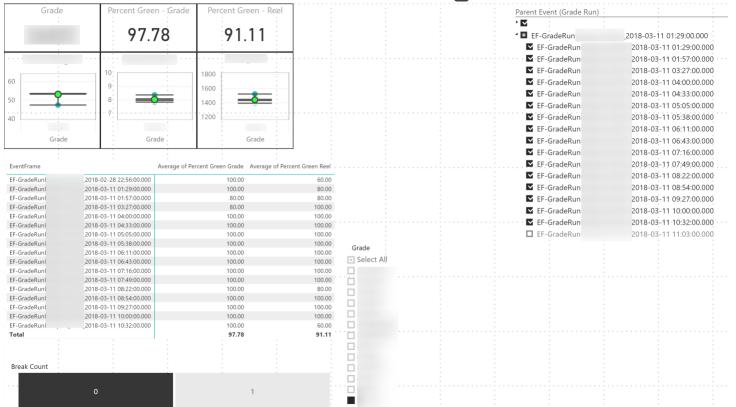


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Sheet Break Re-Thread



Business Problem

- Mill wanted to understand how long the re-thread process took after a sheet break (downtime event). Time = \$\$
 - By crew
 - By grade
- Engineer who wanted to solve this pulled lots of data and wrote logic to capture events in Excel/Minitab
- Not a scalable solution for ongoing performance and analysis
 - Engineer transferred to a new role after the initial analysis

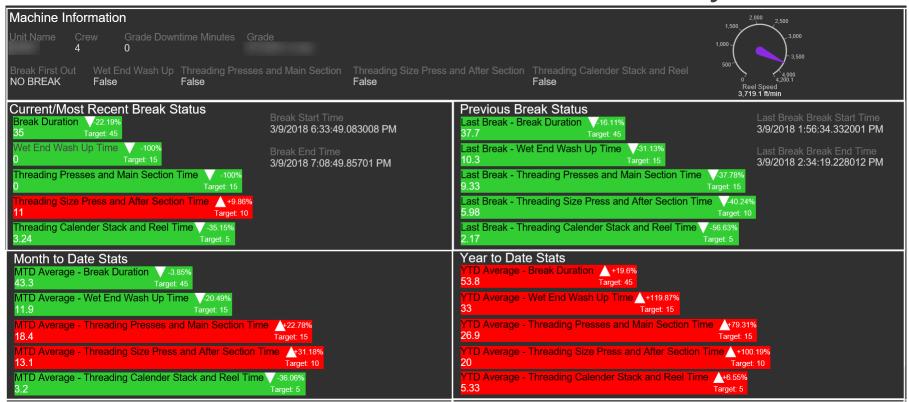


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PI Vision – For Real-Time Analysis





Power BI and the PI Integrator for BA





Summary

- New additions to the workforce requiring different tools and faster analysis
- Need more context around limits (Red/Yellow/Green)
- Interactive displays in PI Vision and BI tools top level should be simple and should tell a story. Draw the audience's eye to what you need them to see. Drill down into detail as needed
- AF, Analytics, and Event Frames give us context we need
- PI Integrator for Business Analytics great tool to replace large data pulls and to refresh BI reports is invaluable



Design Tips

- **Be cognizant of your audience(s)** could be 3-4 "customers" of your solution. Build the **right tool for the right audience**
- Strategic use of color and empty space in visuals draw attention to the story you are trying to tell – start at the top left of the page – our eye is naturally drawn there
- Boxes around groupings in displays as appropriate
- Use limits (AF attribute traits)
- Understand **Analytics best practices** (triggering, error checking, use of variables, etc.)
- Work with SME's to validate everything you do



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Challenge: How much time are your people spending pulling and shaping data? Isn't there a better use of their time?

