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Implementing condition monitoring using the AVEVA PI System to drive Condition-Based Maintenance

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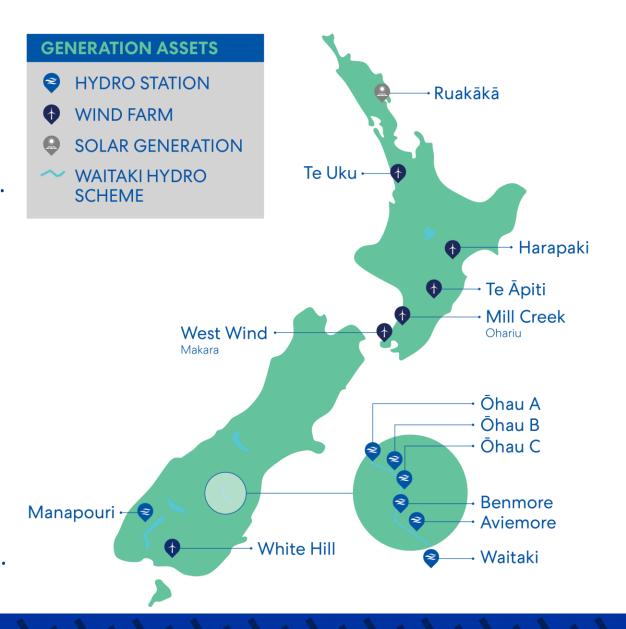
Who are we?

Aotearoa/New Zealand's largest energy generator with over 2800 MW of installed capacity equating to approx. 30% of the country's electricity

100% renewable generation – Wind, Water and Sun

- 7 hydro stations
- 5 wind farms with 2 new underway
- Grid-scale Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and solar array underway

We retail electricity to more than 363,000 customers (or about 15% of household and business) across Aotearoa through our Meridian and Powershop brands.





Who are we?

Our purpose – Clean energy for a fairer and healthier world

More than just power – doing our bit to help drive sustainability for ourselves and our customers

- Fleet electrification
- Community Decarbonisation
- KidsCan
- Kākāpō Recovery
- Forever Forests



Who are we?

The power to make a difference through data

Improve processes from a routine-based maintenance approach to a data informed condition-based maintenance approach

Why?

Make life easier for our on-site teams to do their jobs effectively

Improve asset health

Do our bit to keep the lights on in Kiwi homes and Aotearoa/New Zealand powered through the cold winter months





Our Business Challenge

Problem

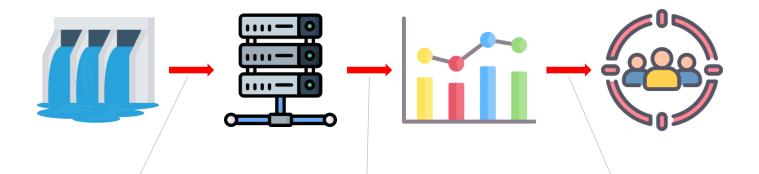
- Lack of visibility into our generating assets
- Requiring plant outages and routine maintenance to investigate the degradation of our generating assets
- Outage flexibility becoming less frequent due to constraints from market demand

Goal

 Meridian Energy would like to optimise resource usage through condition-based maintenance

The AVEVA PI System ecosystem was crucial for this

Our Data Pipeline

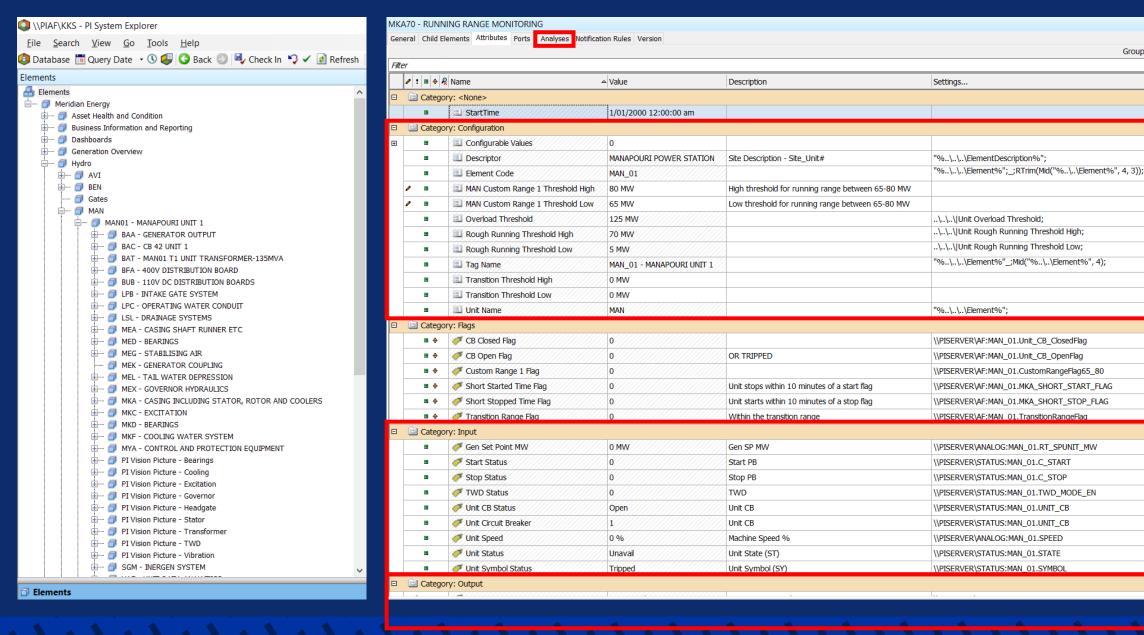


AVEVA PI System collects data points from our assets and stores them within our PI Data Archive

AVEVA PI Asset
Framework builds
analytical models
to format and
contextualise data

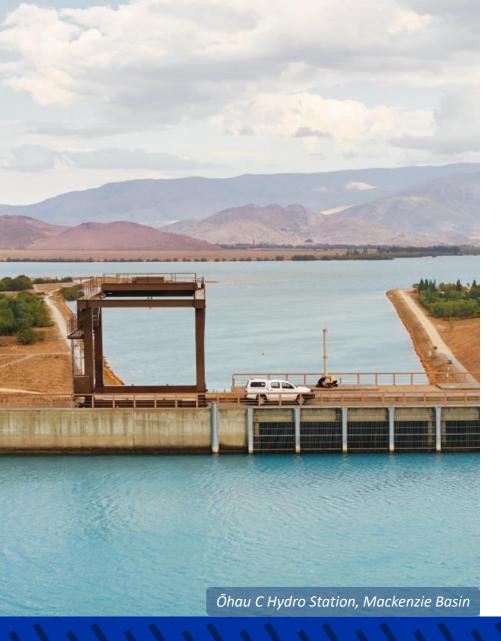
AVEVA PI Vision and Dimension Software's Asset Intellect constructs platform to collate and present relevant information from various data sources







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Use Cases

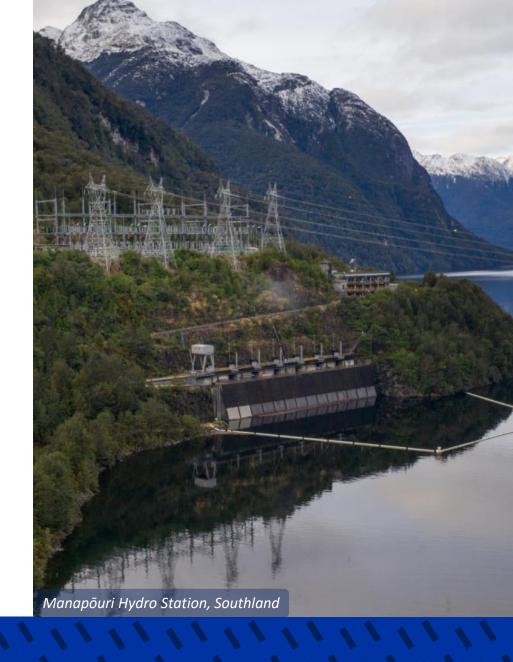
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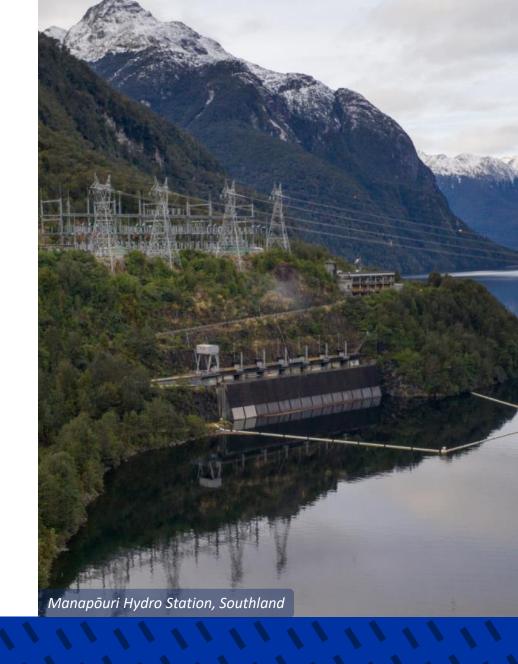
- Hydro generation units not stopping as expected leading to forced outages
- Loss of potential generation during outage period
- Uncertainty of root cause
 - Wicket gate failure
 - Degrading brake pads



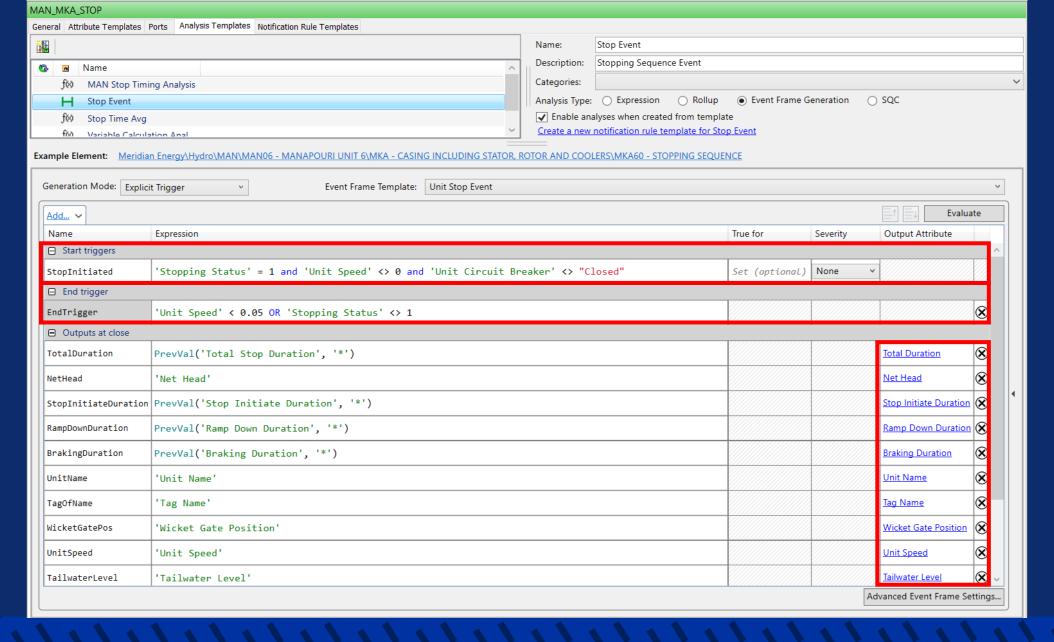
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Approach

- Use time-series data collected via AVEVA's PI system with PI Asset Framework and PI Vision
- Create event frames for each unit's stopping sequence
- Perform analytics on raw data to generate contextualised information
- Present information using PI Vision



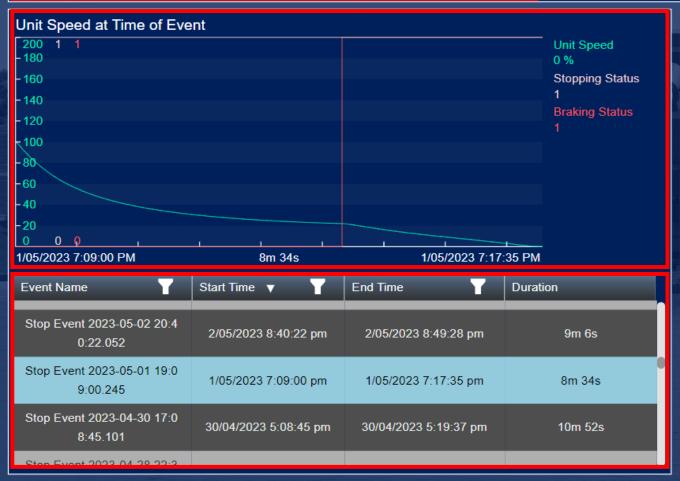
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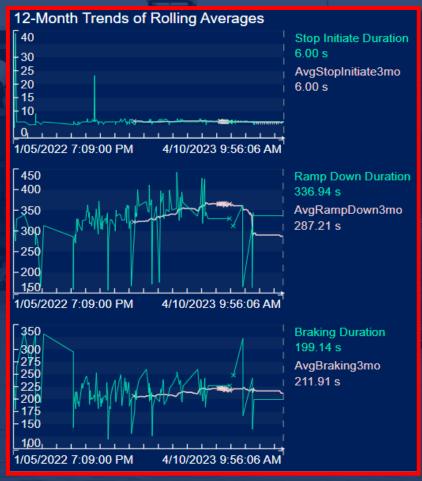


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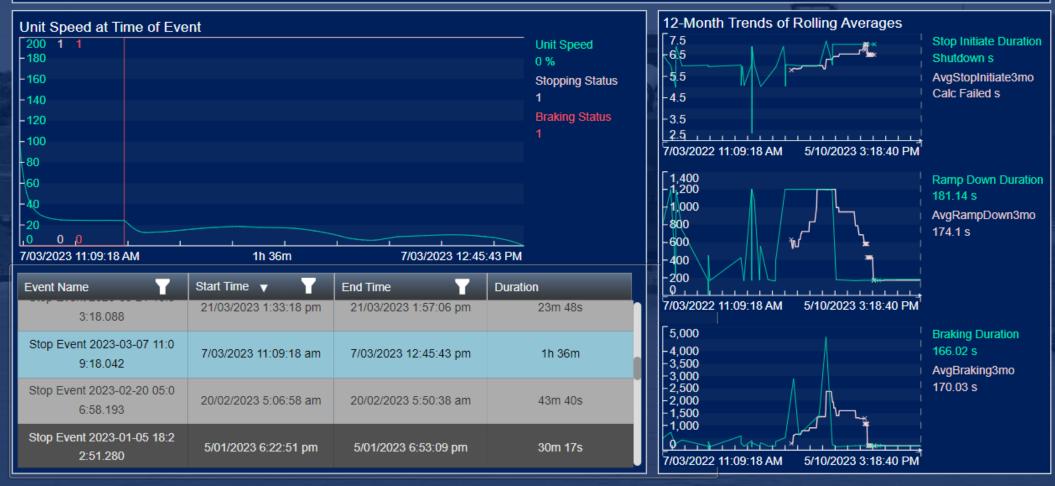
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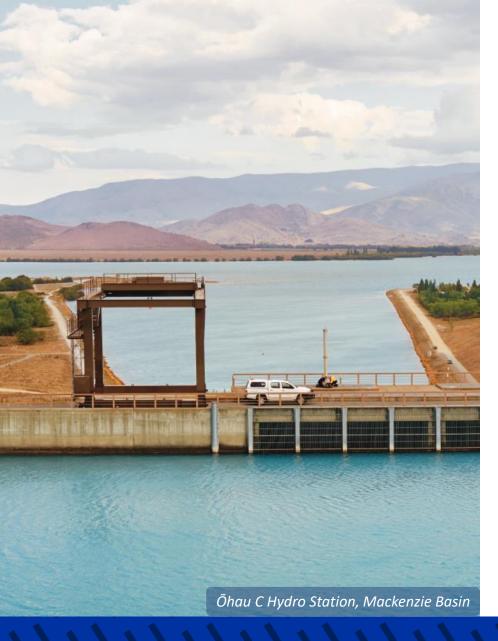
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Use Cases

Hydro Unit Stopping Sequence Analysis

Hydro Unit Fatigue Monitoring

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Problem

- Meridian Energy has no indication of unit fatigue correlating to raw, real-time data
- Lack of visibility into hydro operating metrics
- Insufficient data to drive condition-based maintenance decisions



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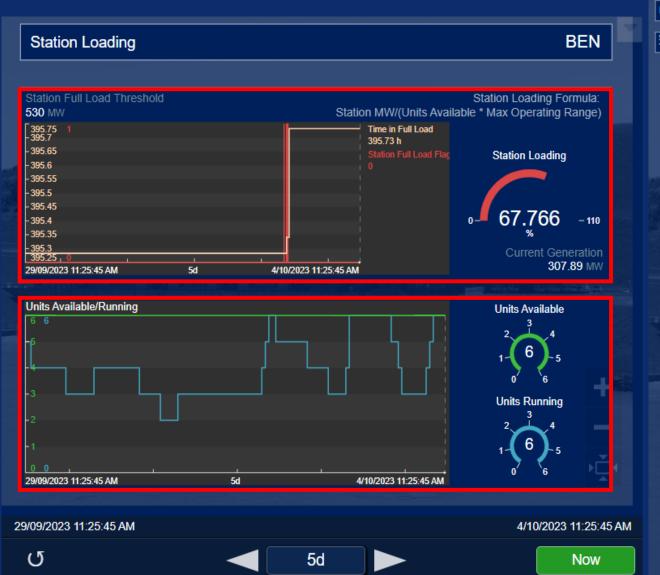
Approach

- Use time-series data from AVEVA's PI system with PI Asset Framework and PI Vision
- Perform expression analysis to gain insights into operating metrics such as:
 - Unit starts/stops
 - Tailwater Depression (TWD) operations
 - Station loading
 - Time within various generation ranges



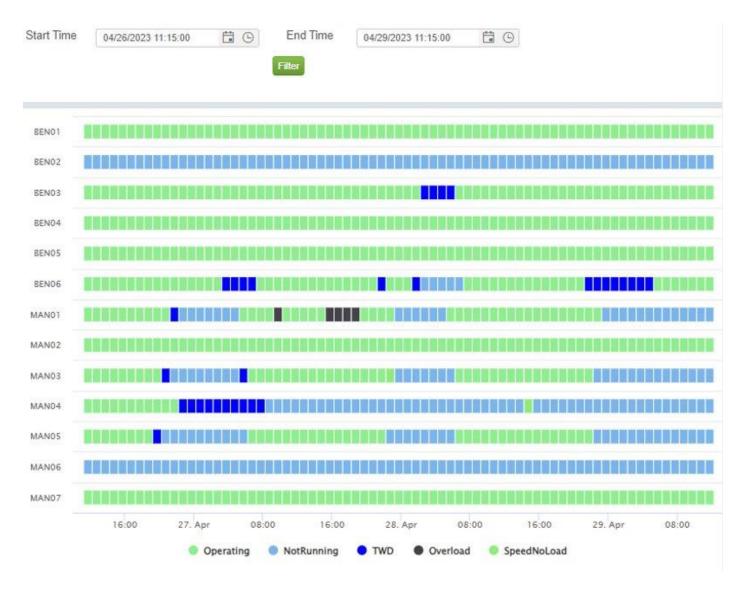
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Future Work Examples

- **Overload Analysis**
 - Revenue
 - Maintenance frequency
- **Operational Vibration Analysis**
 - Monitoring and Alarming
- Component condition heat map
 - Simple colour-coded condition visual
 - Single metric to describe unit fatigue
 - Similar degradation rates



Results and Benefits

Hydro unit stopping sequence analysis

- Provided data points and visuals of all prior stopping sequences to provide insights into component-level conditions
- Created trends of unit stopping times to monitor degradation of generating asset components over time

Hydro unit fatigue monitoring

- Highlights the way we operate our generating assets
- Provides foundation for future, complex analytics



Results and Benefits

AVEVA's PI System

Provided foundation to build up a hierarchy of virtual assets increasing accessibility to critical plant information

PI Asset Framework

- Contextualise and format data for various business units
- Monitor events using start and end triggers whilst capturing relevant data
- Notify the right people at the right time when the plants are performing unexpectedly

PI Vision

Integrate analytical data into graphs and displays to show only what is required

Meridian Energy has reduced the need for plant outages to perform analytics by increasing asset transparency with AVEVA's PI System

Challenge

- Lack of visibility into our generating assets
- Requiring plant outages and routine maintenance to investigate the degradation of our generating assets
- outage flexibility becoming less frequent due to constraints from market demand

Solution

Integration of AVEVA's PI System, PI Asset Framework, and PI Vision to collect, analyse, and contextualise critical metrics within our generating assets

Results

- Created processes to collect and contextualise information and deliver it to various business units in relevant formats
- Developed a centralised platform to present data at different depths to accommodate all levels of interest



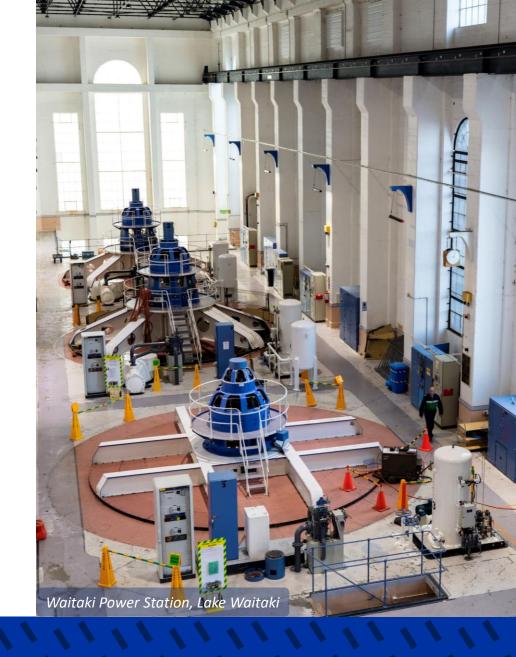
Looking Ahead

Building more foundational models and expanding on these with more complex analytics

Integrate bi-directional channel between PI System and work management system

Manage alarms and notifications through Asset Framework

Integrate PI Web API into our pipeline





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