

Non-Invasive Digitization of Nuclear Plants

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Problem: Most Plant Data is NOT Digitized



Solution: Non-Invasive Sensors – 5 Minute Install



Connection via
RESTful API or OPC

Historian



HMI

CYPRESS ENVIROSYSTEMS

Readings Graph Table Alarm History Status Configuration Site Settings Help

Export

WGR Readings: 153 Items

Timestamp	NodeID	Description	Reading	Units	LCL	U
09/23/2023 10:41:37 3/1/10/0/0/0	U1-11194	1 TURB MAIN OIL PMP SUCTION PI	34.22	PSI	0	6
09/23/2023 10:42:04 3/1/10/0/0/0	U1-11192	1 TURB MAIN OIL PMP DISCH PI	39.11	PSI	0	6
09/23/2023 10:42:27 3/1/10/0/0/0	U1-12113	1 TURB BRG 1 TI	130.0	F	20	24
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09/23/2023 10:47:30 1/1/20/0/0/0	U1-12119	TURB GEN BRG #5 TEMP IND	137.3	DEG F	20	22
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09/23/2023 10:49:14 1/1/20/0/0/0	U1-12121	1 TURB BRG 7 TI	137.9	DEG F	32	21
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09/23/2023 10:56:28 3/1/40/0/0/0	U2-17410	121 LAB & SERV AREA CLG WTR PMP KTN HDR TEMP TEST	79.3	DEG F	0	24
09/23/2023 10:47:02 3/1/40/0/0/0	U2-17408	121 LAB & SERV AREA CLG WTR SPY HDR TEMP TEST	73.8	DEG F	0	24
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3/1/40/0/0/0	U2-11953	1175 SWIRTO KRNW OILS CONTR PR (Not Installed - Hard to Access)				
3/1/40/0/0/0	U2-8222	TSC UPPER HVAC UNIT TEMP (Not Installed - WHIM)		F		
3/1/40/0/0/0	U2-8222	135C LOWER HVAC UNIT TEMP (Not Installed - WHIM)		F		
09/23/2023 10:41:30 3/1/10/0/0/0	U2-12130	2 TURB BRG 1 TI	138.4	DEG F	20	22
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Typical Installation



Typical Installation-2

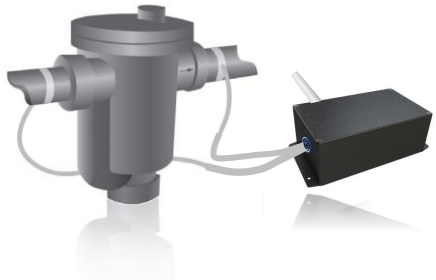


Family of Non-Invasive Monitoring Solutions

Valve Cycle
Isolation
Monitor



Steam Trap
Monitor



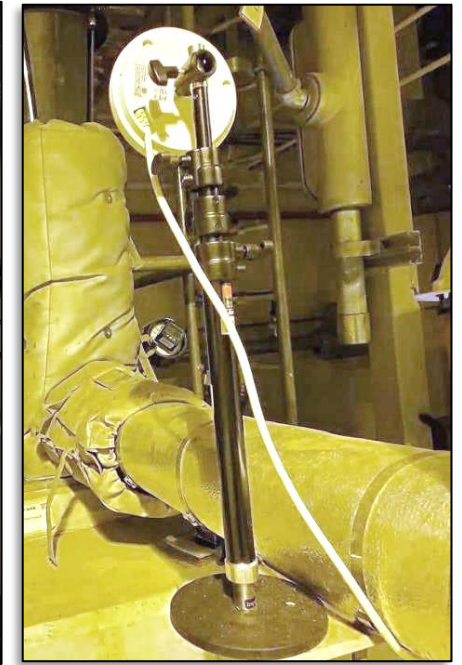
Wireless Temperature
and Humidity Monitor



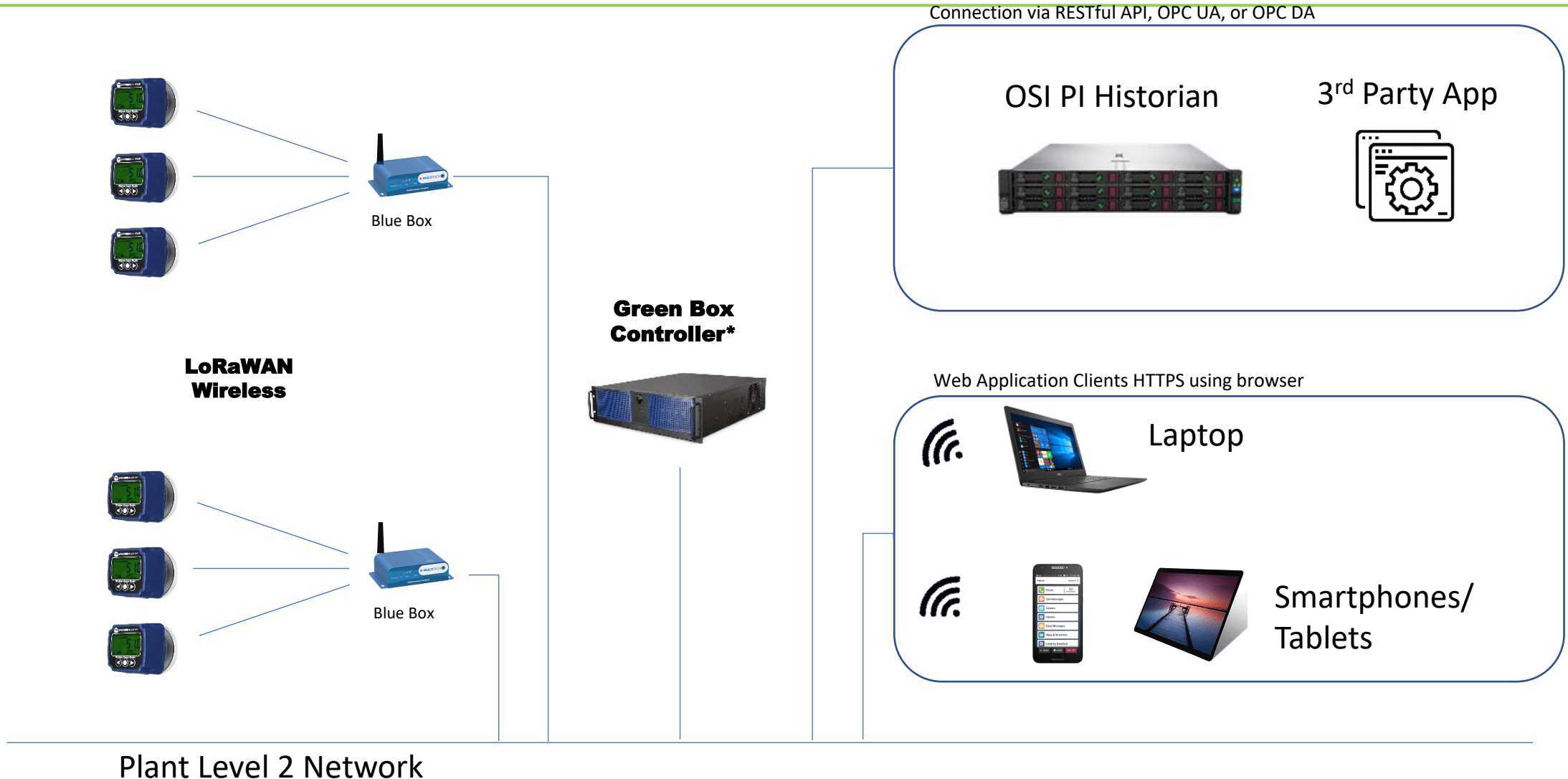
Wireless Transducer Reader
(thermocouples, 4-20mA, 0-5V, dry
contacts, RS-232 etc.)



Webcam Digitization
(machine vision)



Network Architecture – Cyber Approved



Non-Invasive Digitization
Deployment at:

Southern Nuclear Company Plant Hatch, Baxley, Georgia United States

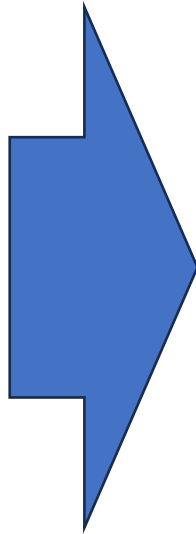
Reactor Type: GE BWR-4
Units Operational: 2 x 900 MW
Start Operations: 1975 (Unit 1)
1979 (Unit 2)



Plant-wide Engagement – Broad benefits

DEPARTMENT:

- Operations
- Maintenance
- Engineering
- Chemistry
- Radiation Protection
- Monitoring & Diagnostics Center



BENEFITS:

- Improve operator efficiency
- Equipment fault detection/reduce unplanned downtime
- Reduce maintenance cost – enable condition-based maintenance
- Optimizing plant thermal performance
- Improve worker safety – ALARA, heat stress
- Troubleshooting via crash cart, emergent needs

Long Term Trending: Turbine Valve Actuator Temperatures

Need:

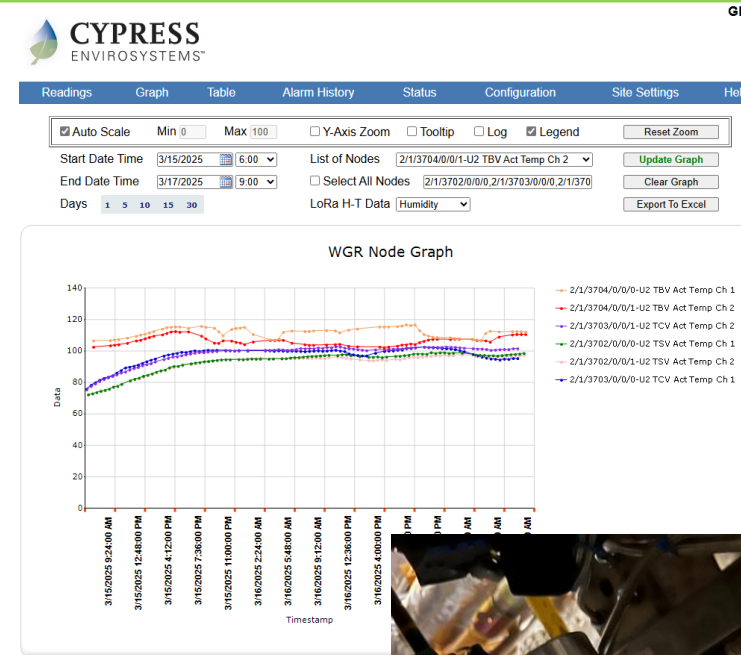
- Long term temperature trending to monitor for EHC fluid degradation due to temperature

Solution:

- Install magnetic thermocouples to each Turbine Valve Actuator

Benefit:

- Real time temperature monitoring without entry into Condenser Bay
- Eliminate Radiation dose and heat stress to personnel
- Avoid Turbine Valve failures due to EHC fluid degradation



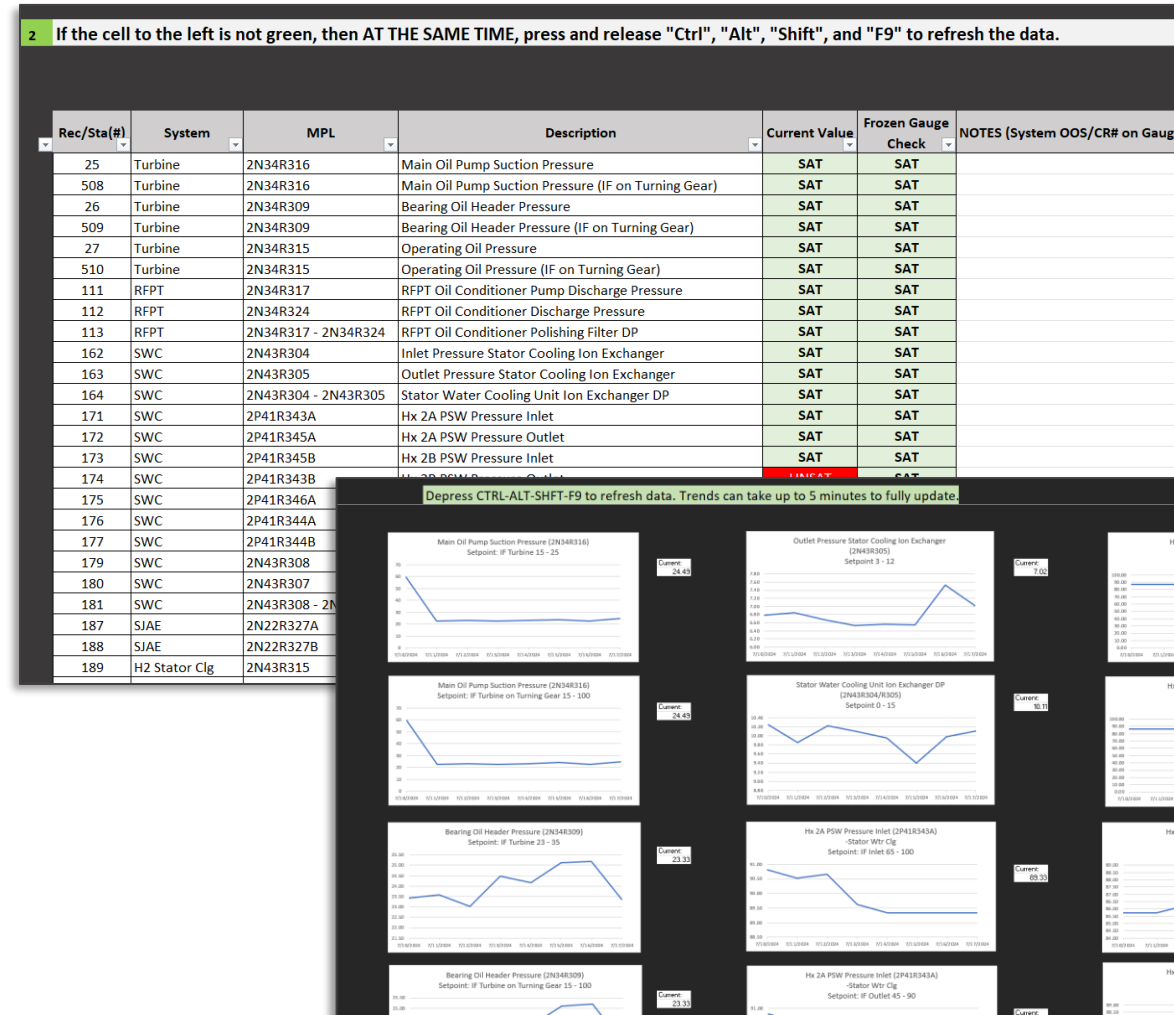
Operator Rounds Dashboard

Concept:

- Collect rounds data throughout day using WGRs
- Operators can review trends and identify abnormalities at start of shift
- Plan and prioritize work more efficiently

Benefit:

- Reduce operator time by 2 hours per shift
- Faster response to excursions / emergent issues



Credit: Operator Dashboard developed by J. Plumb, Operator at Duke Energy, Oconee Nuclear Plant

Dry Well Temp / Humidity Monitoring

Need:

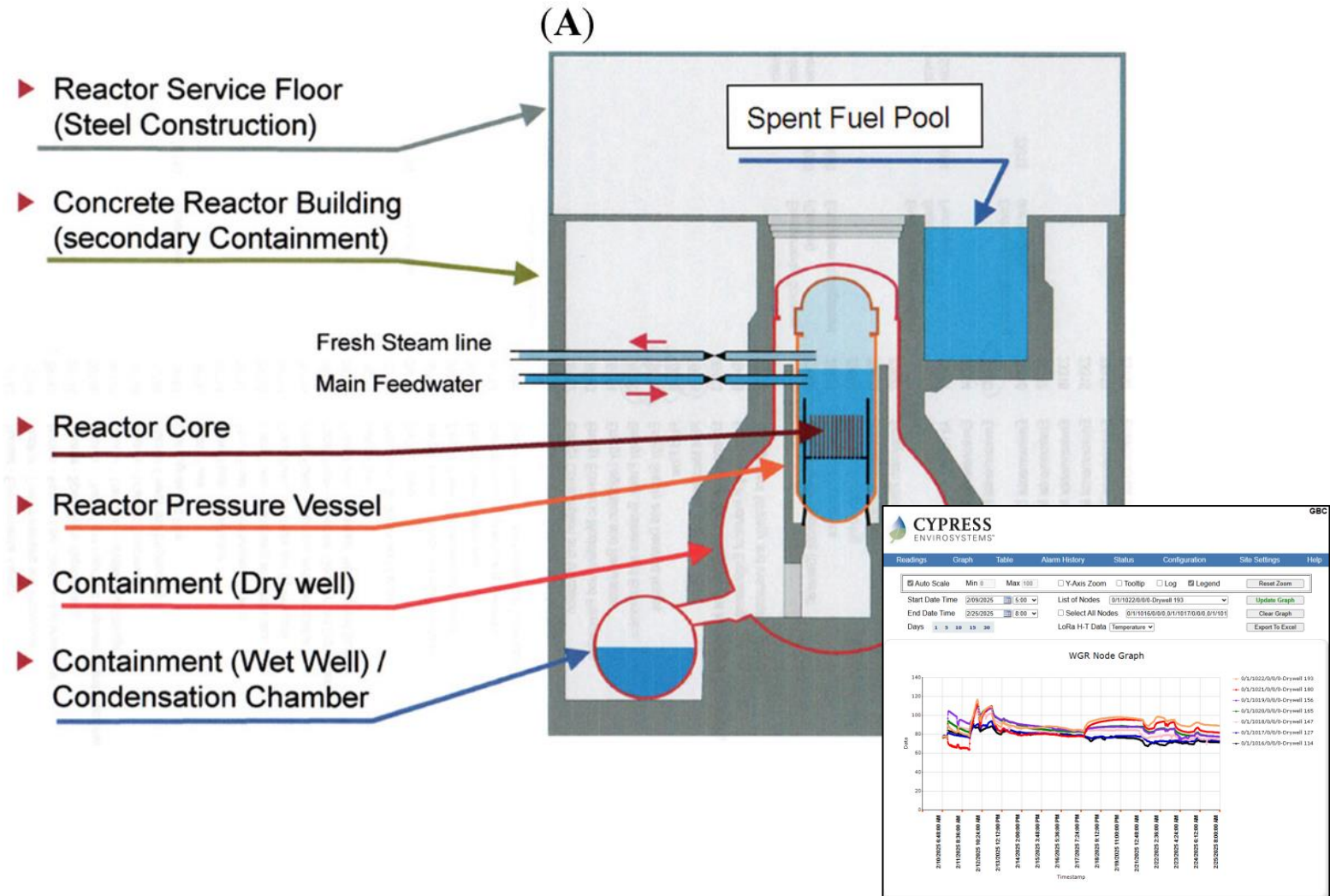
- During outage: Monitor temperature and humidity for worker safety (heat stress).
- Minimize time and dosage exposure for RP Tech to gather data each shift.

Solution:

- Use magnetic mount temporary non-invasive Wireless Temperature and Humidity Monitors.

Benefit:

- Save 1.5 Man-hours/day, 45 Man-hours outage total
- Reduce 8 mrem/day, 240 mrem outage total radiation exposure
- Reduced Industrial Safety exposure



Crash Cart for Emergent Issues

Need:

- Plant needs data quickly to troubleshoot, diagnose and correct emergent issues.

Concept:

- Use Crash Cart with non-invasive sensors to collect data
- Pre-approved, ready to install in 30 minutes.

Benefit:

- Avoid lengthy engineering reviews and approvals to add sensors
- Minimize operator man-hours
- Reduce plant downtime



Early Fault Detection: Condenser Tube Leaks

Need:

- Remotely monitor Condenser Hotwell Sodium and Conductivity to detect tube leaks

Concept:

- Use Wireless Digit Readers to monitor installed Sodium and Conductivity instruments

Benefit:

- Early detection of tube leaks prior to impacting Reactor Chemistry
- Ability to trend chemistry data
- Remote monitoring versus having a technician gathering data



Enhance Design Modifications: Condensate Booster Pump Seal Continuous Monitoring

Application:

- Design Mod to upgrade Unit 2 condensate booster pump seals
- Added six WGRs as low-cost method to digitize/enable continuous monitoring of seal pressures.

Benefit:

- Minimize design time and cost to allow continuous monitoring.
- Enable automated equipment health monitoring and fault-detection.



Machine Vision Webcam Digitization

Application:

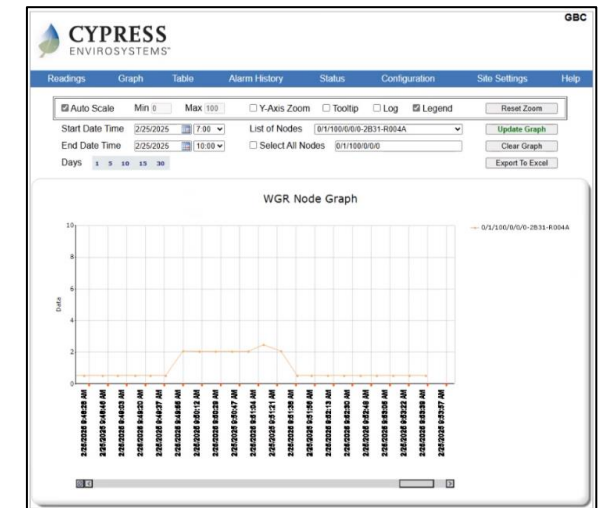
- Support design mod to reactor recirc pump seal purge filter.
- Monitor purge flow during post install testing.
- Normally requires operator watching webcam display.
- Replace with machine vision.

Benefit:

- Reduce operator time.
- Quickly detect excursions.
- Ability to collect, trend and analyze historical data.



**Webcam with
Operator monitor**



**Automated Digitized
Collection of Data**

Valve Cycle Isolation Monitoring

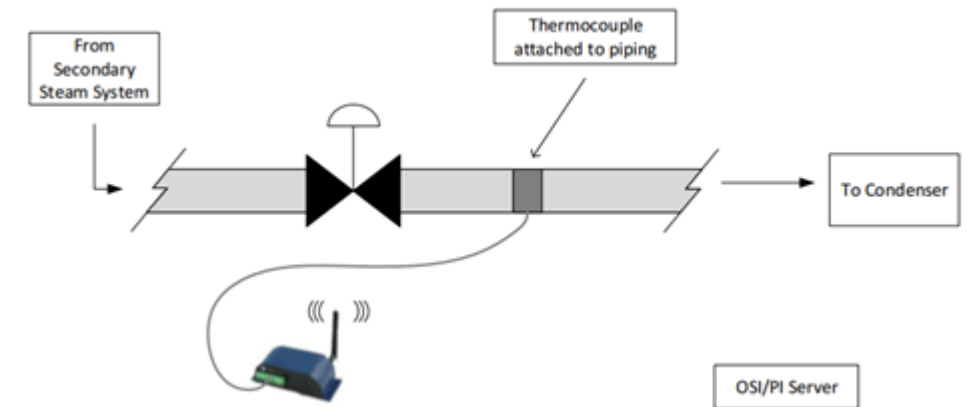
Need:

- Detect valve cycle isolation faults.
- Minimize cost and process disruption.

Benefit:


- Stop leaks, save MW's (est. up to 2MW per malfunctioning valve).
- Save operator time to monitor valves

Detect Leaking Valves



Stakeholder Engagement, Sustainable Adoption

- Clear procedures for tasks, roles, and ownership.
- Lots of training.
- Users Group to share OE and best practices – Industry wide group plus Southern chapter.
- Create library of Use Cases with documented benefits.
- PROACTIVE - DO NOT TAKE ADOPTION FOR GRANTED.

 **Southern Nuclear** HATCH
Unit C

DI-OPS-96-1222

Control of Wireless Gauge Readers

VERSION 1.1

Special Considerations:
Applicable to HNP

PROCEDURE LEVEL OF USE CLASSIFICATION PER NMP-AP-003	
CATEGORY	SECTIONS
Continuous	NONE
Transient Response	NONE
Reference	ALL
Information	NONE

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OPERATIONS
Responsible Department

Deployments – N. America Nuclear Fleet (34 plants)

- Duke Energy (Fleetwide: Oconee, Robinson, Brunswick, Harris, Catawba, McGuire)
- Southern (Fleetwide: Farley, Hatch, Vogtle)
- Xcel Energy (Fleetwide: Prairie Island, Monticello)
- PSEG (Fleetwide: Salem, Hope Creek)*
- Bruce Power (Canada)
- Constellation Energy (Calvert, Braidwood, Clinton, JAF, Nine Mile Point, Limerick, Ginna, Peach Bottom)
- NextEra (Fleetwide: Turkey Point, St. Lucie, Point Beach, Seabrook)
- Vistra (Comanche Peak, Davis Besse)
- STP Nuclear (South Texas)
- Nebraska Public Power District (Cooper)
- Arizona Public Service (Palo Verde*)
- Entergy Vermont Yankee (1 unit – decommissioned)
- EPRI Charlotte - Nuclear Applications Center (installed)
- France EDF (pilot deployment)

* Pending Installation

Q & A