## Digitization of Nuclear Plants

Wireless Gauge Reader Applications and ROI 3/7/2024





#### WGR Deployments – Nuclear Generation

- 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 Luminant (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



#### Problem: Most Plant Data is NOT Digitized















#### Solution: Non-invasive sensors – 5 minute install













- "Electronic Eyeball" reads gauges and numeric indicators and transmits readings wirelessly
- Already approved and installed in over 30 nuclear power plants
- Non-invasive, clamp-on to existing gauges in minutes
- No downtime, no leak check, no wiring, no drawings
- Battery life of 3+ years at 15 minute sample rate
- IP56/NEMA 4 rated for outdoor use
- Various size and types of mounting adapters to fit most existing gauges



## **Typical Installation**





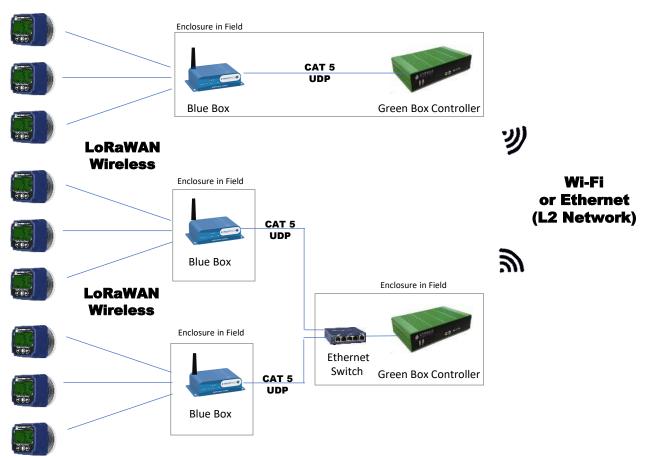




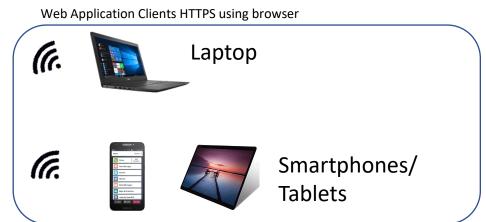




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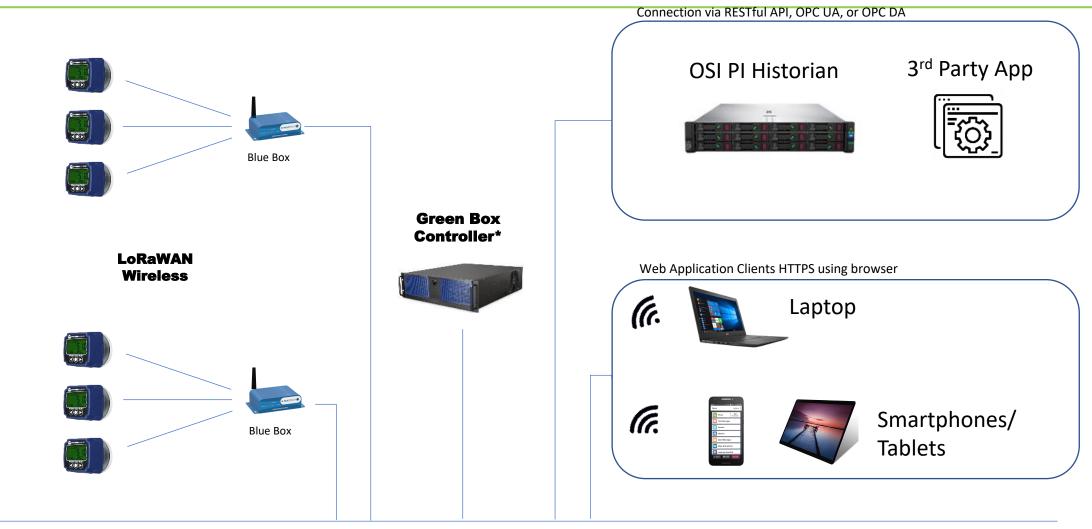




Wireless Gauge Reader



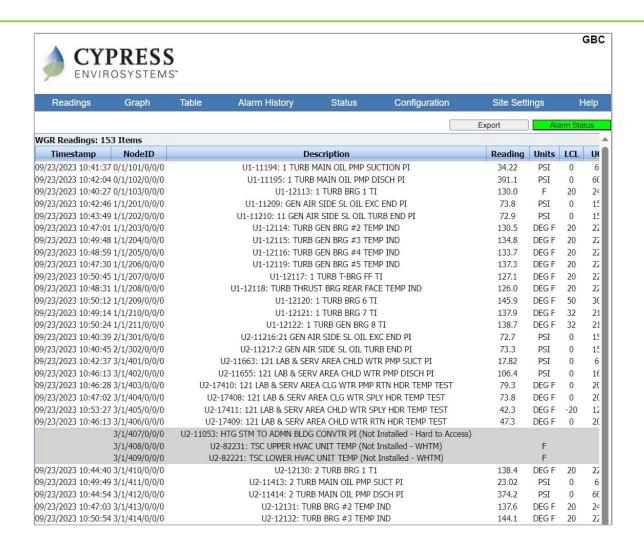
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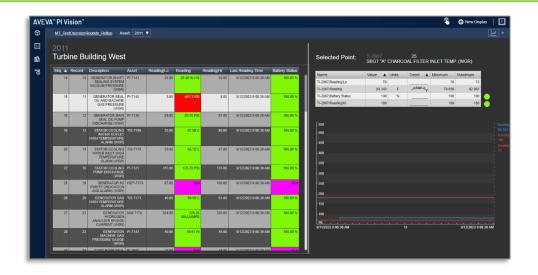


Level 2 Business Network (ethernet)



#### Data Visibility on Tablets or PI Historian





- Current Readings
- Historical Trending
- Download to Excel (.csv)
- Configurable Alarm Limits
- Configurable Notifications



# Cypress Family of Non-Invasive Digitization Solutions



#### Wireless Digit Reader



- Reads numeric indicators
- Exactly same form factor as Wireless Gauge Reader
- Should not require additional engineering review/approval
- Has different firmware than WGR
- Wireless transmission duty cycle is higher battery life about 30% of WGR. Use slower sample rate to compensate









#### Wireless Pipe Temperature Monitor



- Clamp on Type K thermocouples to pipe wall
- Thermocouples may also be inserted between pipe insulation and pipe wall
- Small form factor, slim profile can fit in tight spaces
- Low weight less than 1 lb reduces civil and seismic concerns.
- 500 deg F maximum temperature at thermocouple
- Electronics module max temperature of 158 F. Thermocouple wires may be up to 100 ft long.
- Battery life of 3+ years at 15 minute sample rate
- Optional IP67 enclosure available



#### Wireless Steam Trap/Pipe Wall Temp Monitor





Leaking Traps Waste Energy



Typical Steam Trap

- Traps are a necessary part of the steam distribution system, usually hundreds of units per site
- 15-20% average failure rate; leaks steam
- Failed traps lose \$5,000 per year (1/8" orifice)
- Manual inspection typically done annually labor intensive, do not catch problems in timely manner
- Solution: Wireless steam trap monitor detects faults and alarms on error, avoiding expensive leak loss
- Non-invasive installation: no breaking seals, wireless, integrates with BMS
- Battery life of 3+ years at typical sample rates
- IP65/NEMA 4 rated for outdoor use
- One year payback on investment



#### Wireless Transducer Reader



- Software configurable I/O and signal conditioning
- Enables wireless remote monitoring of virtually any analog transducer or instrument with the following outputs: 4-20mA, 0-5V, or 0-10V, RS-232, RS-485, thermocouple, thermistor, dry contacts
- 2 channels per device
- Configurable sample rates from three seconds to four hours
- Compatible with most existing flow meters, current meters, particle counters, thermocouples, weigh scales, etc.
- Battery life of 3+ years at 15 minute sample rate, also accepts
   110VAC line power
- IP 67 protection
- Enables data logging to enable trend analysis, notification, or statistical process control

#### Wireless Humidity, Temperature, Wet Bulb Monitor



- -20 °C to +70 °C (-4 °F to 158 °F) Temperature Range
- 0 − 100% Relative Humidity Range
- Displays Temperature, Relative Humidity, and Wet Bulb Temperature (optional)
- Used for worker heat stress management, materials life tracking etc.
- Magnetic Mounting for steel walls or columns
- Adhesive Mounting for other surfaces
- Battery life of 3+ years at 15 minute sample rate
- IP56/NEMA 4 rated for outdoor use



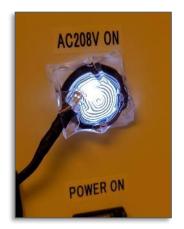
#### Wireless Indicator Light Reader











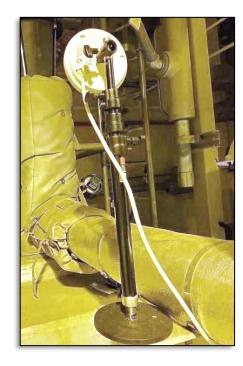


- Non-invasive stick-on light sensor
- Small form factor, does not obscure operator view of indicator
- Light weight, optical detection only minimal engineering review
- Optical detection is "air-gapped" –
   minimal cyber security review
- Will require EMI exclusion distance consideration depending on type of equipment



#### **IP Camera Monitoring Automation**







- Capture images from 3<sup>rd</sup> party IP Cameras
- Use GBC machine vision engine to automatically convert to digital value and store for history, trending, alarming
- No need for human operator to always check camera feed
- Leverage existing approved data architecture





#### Vibration Monitoring

## **HONEYWELL** VERSATILIS TRANSMITTER

#### **Multi-Variant Sensing**

Honeywell Versatilis™ Transmitter is a multi-variant sensing platform based on the latest LoRaWAN® protocol communication technology. Its inherently low-power compact design coupled with quick & easy installation, and commission helps manufacturers to deploy them at scale with the lowest CAPEX and negligible OPEX. These sensors are designed to monitor and predict the health of rotating equipment like motors, pumps, blowers, fans, compressors, and gearboxes. In addition, they can be deployed to remotely monitor the position of manual valves, the health of steam traps, and the surface temperature of static process equipment. They can also be deployed to monitor environmental conditions in life science facilities.

#### MEASUREMENT PARAMETERS:

Surface	Ambient	Ambient
Temperature	Humidity	Pressure
Vibration	Audio	Ambient
	Acoustics	Temperature



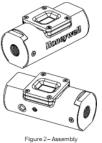
The Honeywell Versatilis platform contains a suite of sensors encompassing versatile sensing parameters such as pressure, temperature, humldifly, triaxial accelerometer, and audio acoustics MEMS to provide insightful measurements. Sensors on the platform are selected to cover a broad frequency spectrum enabling adequate sensing coverage of process and physical phenomena. Sensor fusion analysis on the acquired measurements can be performed. Any specific parameter is customizable in either software or hardware according to the requirement of a specific application. Each measured parameter contributes a unique dimension thereby augmenting the system into a multi-dimension sensing platform. Sensor data can be transferred over the LORBANN\* entwork which is protected through secure key authentication. The Honeywell Versatilis Transmitter can be configured to notify the application through Event Triggers and FFT (Fast Fourier Transform) Triggers.

Honeywell Versatilis™ Transmitter Technical Specification

Honeywell Proprietary



Figure 1 - Honeywell Versatilis Transmitter











## Return on Investment Use Cases

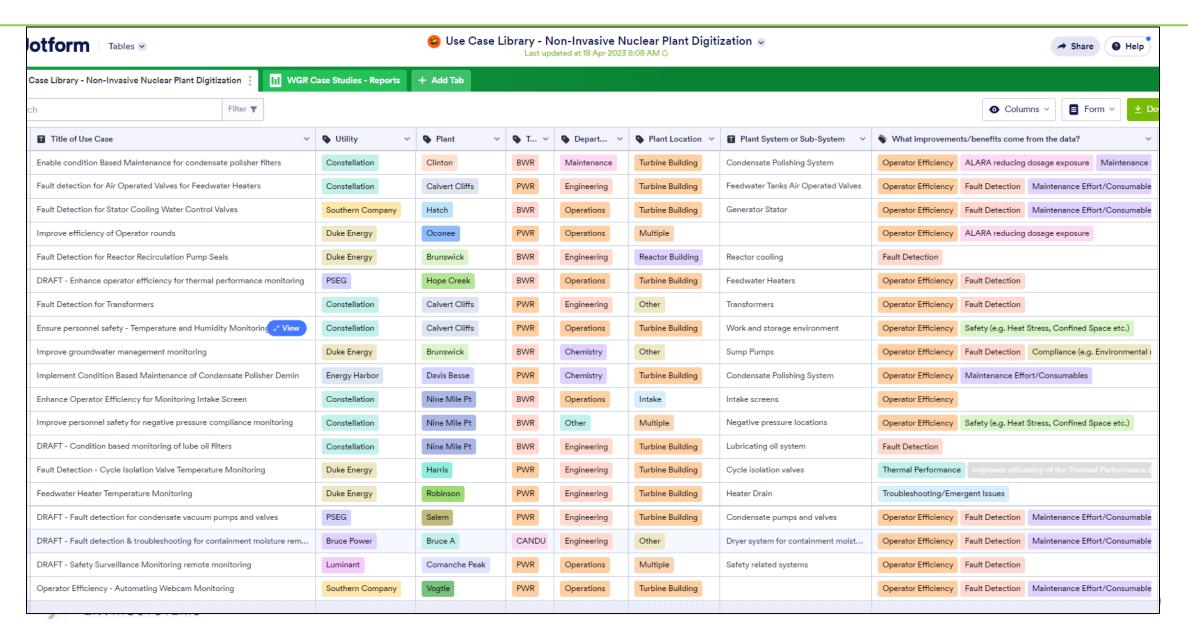


#### **Benefit Categories**

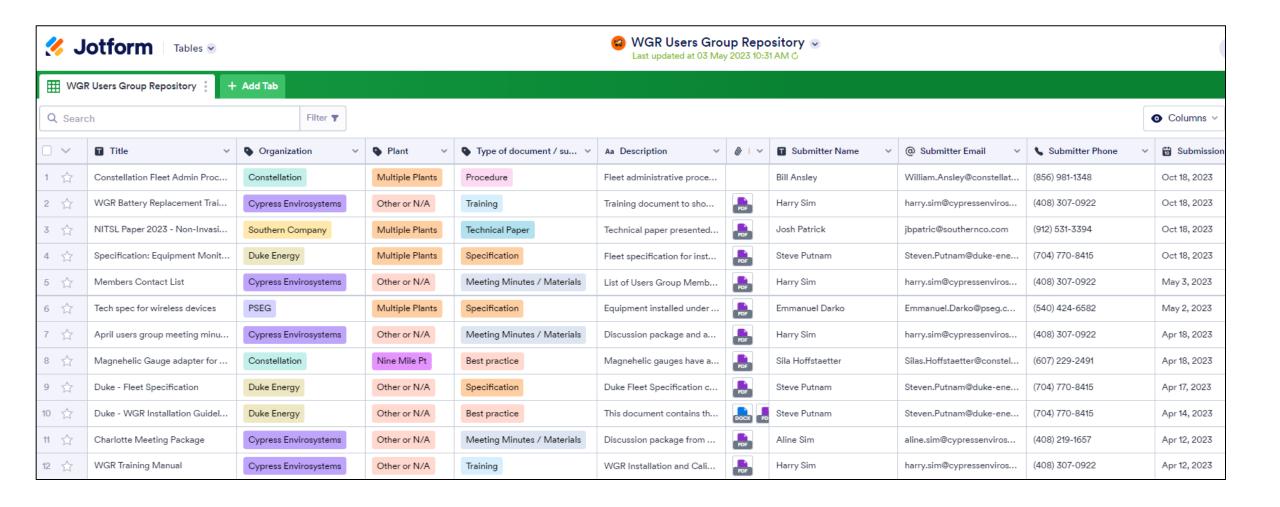
- Improve operator efficiency
- Equipment fault detection/reduce unplanned downtime, feed data to OSI PI and Advanced Pattern Recognition models (e.g. Predix, SmartSignal, Prism)
- Reduce maintenance cost transition from scheduled preventive to condition-based maintenance
- Optimizing plant thermal performance
- Improve worker safety minimize exposure to hazardous locations, ALARA
- Environmental compliance monitoring
- Troubleshooting via crash cart, emergent needs



#### Use Case Library – Available to WGR Users Group



#### Best Practices Library – Available to WGR Users Group





#### Selected Operational Experience - Discussion

- Duke Energy Oconee: improved efficiency of operator rounds after implementation of WGRs.
- Constellation Calvert Cliffs: Early fault detection in feedwater heater tank level controls avoided unplanned downtime
- Constellation Clinton: Implement condition-based maintenance for condensate polishing filter changeout
- Duke Brunswick (BWR): ALARA, to reduce dose rates for workers where possible for routine tasks
- Duke Harris: improve thermal performance by detecting and eliminating leaks in steam isolation valves
- NextEra Turkey Point: Monitor bearing temperatures and head pressure for condensate pumps, recirc pumps, component cooling pumps etc. to detect early failure signs
- Duke Brunswick: Monitor run-time for certain sump pumps as part of groundwater protection plan
- Limerick Comanche Peak: monitor ambient temperature, humidity and wet bulb for worker heat safety and material life impact
- Constellation Three Mile Island: crash cart for troubleshooting emergent issues (prior to decommissioning)



## Operator Efficiency Use Case: Webcam Monitoring Automation

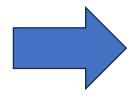


#### Webcam Monitoring – current practice

Webcams in the field







Operator watching video feed

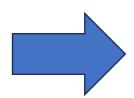


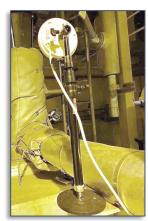


#### Webcam Monitoring – with Machine Learning

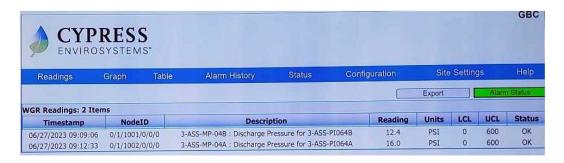
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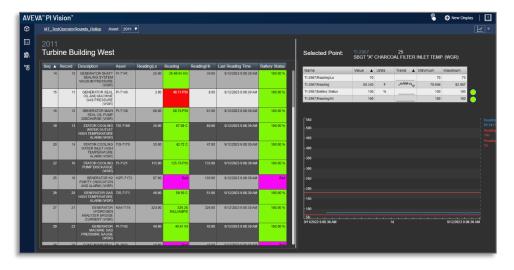






Data stored for trending / alarming / reporting (accessible via operator tablets or PI Historian)





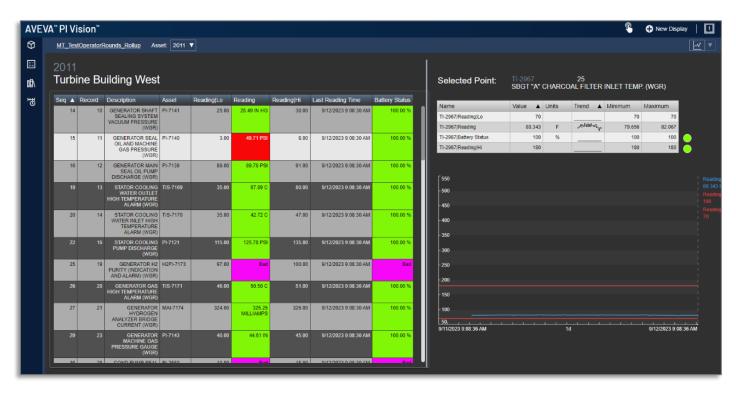


#### Operator Efficiency Use Case: Shift Dashboard



#### **Operator Shift Dashboard**

- Developed by Xcel Energy and Duke Energy
- Dashboard tool used by operators at start of shift
- Shows status of readings in Red, Yellow, or Green representing status of equipment monitored on rounds
- Operators can review history trend, set alarms, or compare to other points for analysis
- Helps to identify and focus on potential issues, before taking rounds



PI Vision Dashboard, implemented by Tim Tvrdik, I.T, Xcel Energy

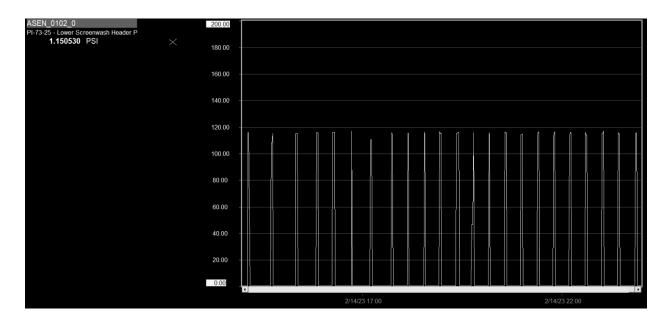


### Operator Efficiency Use Case: Minimizing Operator Wait Time for Equipment Response



#### Minimize Operator Wait Time for Equipment Response

- Certain rounds tasks require operators to wait and watch equipment to confirm functionality.
- Example: Constellation (Nine Mile Point)
   operators must confirm intake screen
   pump action each shift. Pump typically
   actuates once every 20 minutes, and
   operators may wait idle for response.
- Non-invasive monitoring and trending of pump head pressure allows operators to be freed up from non-productive waiting.



Silas Hoffstaetter – Constellation Nine Mile Point



#### Operator Efficiency Use Case: Enabling Condition Based Maintenance and ALARA



#### Condition Based Maintenance + ALARA

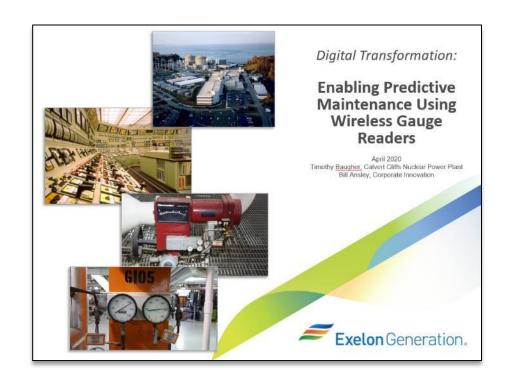
- Automated monitoring of filter delta-pressure for condensate polisher filters – minimize time and dosage exposure (BWR)
- Clinton observed problems with their condensate polisher suspect that filters are clogging up.
- Short term fix to replace filters more often, but expensive and time intensive.
- Need to monitor filter delta pressure more often to detect when a change is needed – condition based maintenance.
- Only way to do this is sending operators to read pressure gauges. This is a BWR. Dose rates in CP area about 25 mrem/hr.
- WGR used to remotely monitor and trend filter pressures.





#### Fault Detection – Exelon/Constellation Calvert Cliffs

- Monitor performance and detect failures of Air Operated Valves used to control and maintain feedwater heater tank levels.
- AOV's fail when there is an air leak, drift from calibration, stuck actuator, worn out cam.
- Prior failures caused high-level dump of heater tank and unit shutdown, with costly overtime work to repair.
- Since installing WGR's, Calvert Cliffs detected two emerging failures and repaired them before there was any operational disruption.





#### Environmental Compliance – Duke Brunswick

- As part of a Groundwater Protection Plan, Cypress installed wireless gauge readers on sump pump hour meters to track electrical manhole sump pump run-time.
- No current method to monitor sump levels automatically.
- If tritium is detected the sump pump runtime data may be useful to determine where it came from.
- Catch two types of faults:
  - Pumps not running when they should (sump level too high)
  - Pumps running too much (must be a leak)







#### Fault Detection – NextEra Turkey Point

- Turkey Point identified Pump Failures as a key contributor to unplanned downtime.
- Pump bearing temperatures are good predictive indicators of impending failure.
- Existing temperature monitors have only manual indicators.
- Cypress installed WGR's to capture data to send to PI Historian, Advanced Pattern Recognition algorithms, to enable early fault detection and correction.





#### Personnel and Equipment Safety – Southern

- Monitoring SF6 Gas for switchyard and substation circuit breakers
- SF6 gas used for arc quenching
- Gas leak can cause unintended dangerous arcing
- SF6 is highly toxic, do not want to send people to detect leaks
- WGR's can be used to retrofit existing circuit breakers for remote monitoring without risk of introducing leaks





#### Thermal Performance – Duke Harris

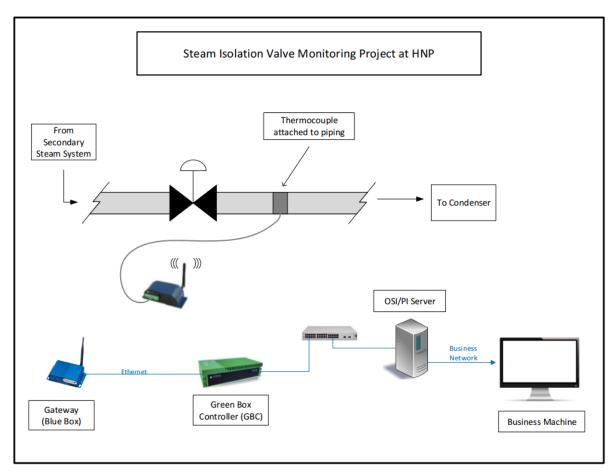
- Monitor and detect shutoff valve leakage via pipe wall temperature
- Undetected leaking shutoff valves can degrade thermal performance
- Use WSTM to monitor pipe wall temperature downstream (and if needed also upstream to get delta temperature)
- Non-invasive clamp-on thermocouples up to 500 deg F
- Electronics/wireless module connected by thermocouple wire up to 500 ft distance

Deployed at Duke Harris Nuclear Plant



#### Thermal Performance Monitoring - Deployment

Detect Leaking Valves Using Temperature Sensors – Duke Energy



Duke Energy
Harris – 40 valves
Robinson – 4 valves

PSEG

Hope Creek – 147 valves

Salem - ~40 valves

Vistra Luminant

Comanche Peak – 227 valves

and steam traps

Xcel Energy
Monticello – TBD valves
Prairie Island - ~40 valves



#### Transfomer Fault Detection – Exelon Calvert Cliffs

- Connect legacy transformer trace gas monitoring systems to PI Historian.
- Allow old ModBUS IP protocol to communicate and conform to latest cyber security requirements.
- Enable automated fault detection.







## Cypress network: Open System to Integrate with 3rd LoRaWAN sensors



#### Integration of 3<sup>rd</sup> Party LoRaWAN devices



#### MultiTech Reveal™ Wireless Proximity Sensors

MultiTech Reveal™ LoRaWAN Wireless Proximity Sensors detect contact between two wires, proximity detection with a magnet, range with an ultrasonic signal, while the Reveal UltraSonic Level Sensors provide high accuracy proximity detection and ranging in air.



#### MultiTech Reveal™ Wireless Push Button Sensors

The MultiTech Reveal™ LoRaWAN Wireless Push Button Sensor transmits on a button press event. They can be used as a panic button wearable device, personal emergency response system (PERS), remote control or other remote push button applications. When the button is pressed, an alert is sent to the wireless network.



#### MultiTech Reveal™ Wireless Movement Sensors

MultiTech Reveal™ LoRaWAN Wireless Movement Sensors use an ultra sensitive internal accelerometer to detect movement of a critical asset. When movement is detected that exceeds a certain threshold, an alert is sent over the wireless network. Reveal Tilt Sensors detect transitions between horizontal and vertical orientation, as well as reporting the angle of the tilt.



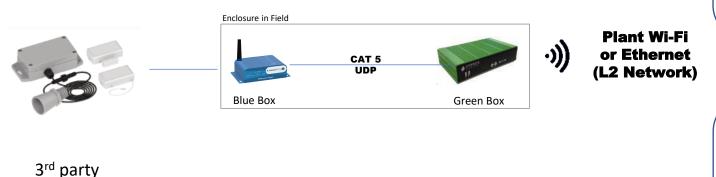
#### MultiTech Reveal™ Wireless Leak Detection Sensors

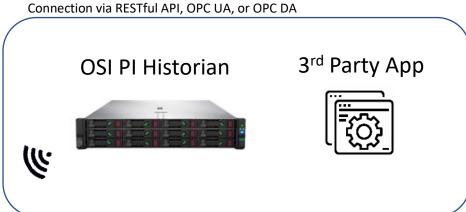
MultiTech Reveal™ LoRaWAN Wireless Leak Detection Sensors use a water probe to detect the presence of water or other liquids. When the presence of water or another liquid is detected, an alert is sent over the wireless network to prevent a potentially catastrophic event.

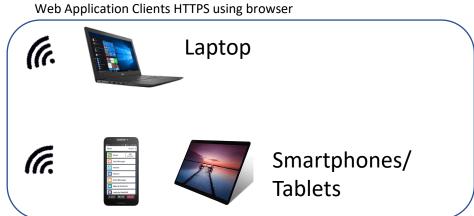
- Integrate devices with Cypress
   Gateway and GBC
- Same wireless network infrastructure
- Same cyber security approval
- Same OSI PI connectivity



#### Integration of 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Sensors



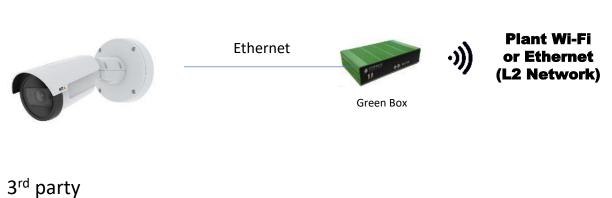


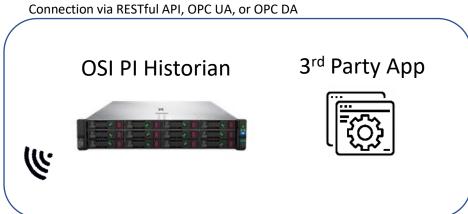


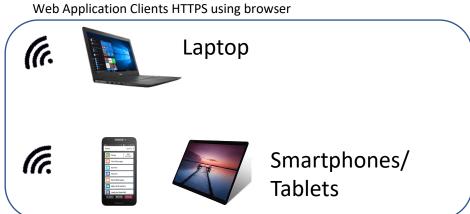


LoRaWAN sensor

## Integration of 3<sup>rd</sup> Party IP Cameras







IP camera