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Predictive Modeling
for Process Data

“LET’S FOCUS ON FIXING PROBLEMS INSTEAD OF LOOKING FOR THEM.”

- David B.

AGL Head of Operational Systems & Technology

BENEFITS

- Avoid catastrophic failure
- Shift unplanned downtime to planned downtime
- Increase proactive planning and execution
- Reduce repair costs and lost revenue
- Mitigate impact of minor problems
- Watch your plant 24/7
- Detect and notify on anomalies

Predict-It™ is ECG’s state of the art process monitoring solution that utilizes Advanced Pattern Recognition (APR). Recent advances in modeling algorithms have made it possible to track trends in process variables on a continuous basis and compare them to historical operation. By these techniques, the drift of the process variable toward unacceptable areas of operation may be recognized and a potential future outage can be avoided with preventive management steps. Early detection and correction of performance degradation helps to keep equipment and process systems operating at a higher efficiency, which can reduce operating costs while increasing production and safety of the plant.

Unlike products that monitor equipment based on first-principle approach technology, Predict-It employs empirical models of normal operation based on historical data for each piece of equipment or system. Predict-It then compares the current operation in real-time to detect equipment-specific deviations from normal. This allows the earliest detection of statistically significant problems.

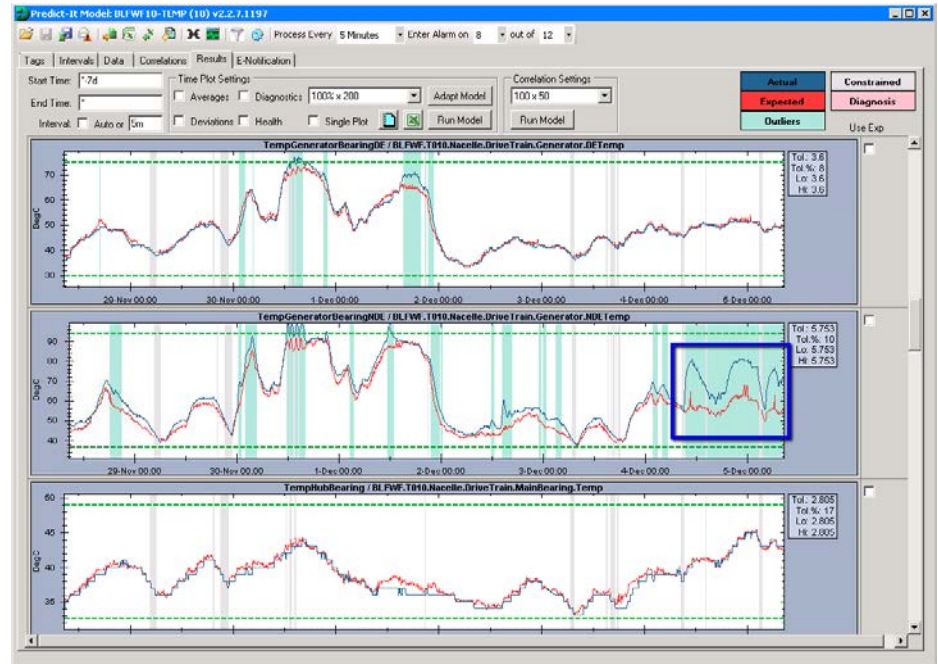


HOW DOES IT WORK?

Predict-It leverages existing process data stored in your plants' OSIsoft™ PI Historian. It compares readings received with those calculated. If the software identifies a deviation outside of a tolerance limit, it will initiate an event for an engineer or analyst to review. The early warning allows time to plan a proactive response. This reduces ancillary damage, minimizes cost to repair, avoids failure, and lost revenue.

Predict-It uses historical tag values to create models of critical assets.

The modeling begins by retrieving tags using Microsoft® Excel® along with ECG's Predict-It Add-In or the Predict-It Model Builder. Multiple sensors can be assigned to each model. The Predict-It service runs the models 24/7 generating events if the process deviates from normal.



Process deviation highlighted in the Predict-It Model Builder

CASE STUDY

In a large utility turbine generator, deposits in the stator cooling passages caused gradual local overheating. Post-mortem studies found slow drifts in stator cooling water temperatures below alarm setpoint conditions that went unnoticed for over a year. After the initial indications, localized degradation with associated temperature anomalies continued without alarm until culmination in a catastrophic failure. Trending of these sub-critical conditions against historical data, as described in Predict-It, would have alarmed a serious condition near the onset of the problem.

This would have prompted an inspection and remedial maintenance during a scheduled outage as opposed to a costly unexpected generator overhaul.



As-found generator stator bar insulation damage



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ECG's knowledge and expertise helped AGL to start our journey towards proactive maintenance more effectively. ECG was fantastic to work with and we appreciate their continuous support. Seamless implementation of Predict-It has ensured our return on investment shall be in much shorter time than anticipated. We highly recommend ECG for Predict-It.

Deepak P.

Engineer Asset Reliability & Diagnostics Group Operations



PREDICT-IT PAID FOR ITSELF WITHIN ONE YEAR.

WHY CHOOSE PREDICT-IT

- **Advanced Pattern Recognition (APR)**
Anomaly detection through unique asset models based on prior running history improves availability and reliability.
- **Predictive Maintenance**
Early warning and fault detection moves maintenance practice from reactive to proactive reducing downtime and damage to critical equipment.
- **Cost Effective**
Reduces maintenance and operating expenses. Highest value, lowest cost APR solution available in the industry.
- **Highly Intuitive**
Software models can easily be configured by subject matter experts.
- **OSIsoft™ PI® Compatibility**
Leverages commonly used OSIsoft PI tools and software such as ProcessBook, DataLink, and Coresight.
- **ECG Support and Services**
ECG offers monitoring services as an experienced extension of your staff.



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