#### **Monitoring & Diagnostics potentials**

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### Example 1: Condenser pressure



Condenser pressure difference detected: 7 mbar Additional fuel: 6 MJ/s reaching 140.000 €/month



## Example 2: Minimum load stabilization









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### **KISSY – power plant information system**

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KISSY provides the opportunity to benchmark power plants by:

- Compiling availability data and evaluating performance indicators
- Comparing the indicators of single plants with indicators of peer groups

#### **Characterics:**

- Size of power plant capacity
- Fuels by capacity
- Furnace type by capacity
- Units by single or dual boiler operation
- Units by sub-critical or supercritical pressure



Benchmarking is a good way to assess the O&M performance of the own plant(s). It provides necessary transparency about focus areas for maintenance interventions.

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#### TOP 20 components with highest unplanned unavailability

Evaluation of 3,633 incidents without external influence Collective: fossil fired units; commis. date  $\ge$  2000;  $\ge$  200 MW gross capacity; all countries Time Period 2000 to 2013







#### KISSY – root cause analysis for all plants

#### **TOP 20 components with highest unplanned unavailability**

Evaluation of 66,330 incidents without external influence Collective: fossil fired units, ≥ 200 MW gross capacity, all countries Time Period 2000 to 2013





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#### unplanned UA-Energy by KKS-Codes of reporting years of lignite and hard coal power plants > 450 MW



Meldejahr = reporting years





#### Organizational structure of a power plant team

Level 0-1 CEO, MD Top Management Senior Level, >20 years experience

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Level 1-2 Plant Manager Senior Management >15 years experience

Level 3 Senior Engineering Middle Management >10 years experience

Level 4 Junior Engineering Assistant Managers / Specialists >5 years experience

Level 5 Technicians / Fitters Senior operational craft >5 years experience

Level 6 Helpers / Trainees Operators and manual laborer No or few experience



The organization of a power plant usually comprise seven hierarchical level. Besides the size of the plant the number of employees depends on the subcontracting philosophy.

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#### **Technical challenges**

- reduction of full-load hours
- increased number of start-ups and load changes
- potential of reduced economic
  viability due to reduced life time
- technical development is focussed to ensure:
  - $\rightarrow$  more flexibility (load changes)
  - $\rightarrow$  reduction of minimal load
  - $\rightarrow$  high availibility and reliability
  - → possibility of island operation and fast cold start

#### Skill challenges

- less predictability and seasonal variations and shut-down periods
- flexible working hours schemes
- variable areas of working with different technologies
- increased complexity
- → continuous learning and skill enhancement



The Kraftwerksschule is the benchmark for power plant training in Germany. The training of operators is in the focus of the skill program.



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# Documentation of best practices, expertise and lessons learnt

- not binding
- proven industry standard
- >300 standards, guidelines and instruction sheets, 100 available in English; 10-20 new/updated releases per year

#### Structure of a standard or guideline

- Originators of the standard
- Introduction (technical basics and scientific fundamentals)
- Technical details and recommendations (80 % of the guideline)
- Literature and publications (mainly articles in technical press)
- Related standards and norms (ASME, ISO, VdTÜV, DIN etc.



VGB-Standard

for Type, Operation and Maintenance of Flue Gas Desulphurisation Plants (FGD)

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Recommendations for the	Quality Assurance in the	Construction and	Condition Monitoring and
SIL classification of	Manufacture of	installation supervision in	Inspection of
safety-related systems	Generators	the manufacture and	Components of Steam
and systems in the water		assembly of water-tube	Boiler Plants, Pressure
circuit	VGB-R101e	boilers and associated	Vessel Installations and
	Guideline for Ordering	systems in thermal plants	High-Pressure Water and
VGB-S-010	High-Capacity Steam		Steam Pipes
Feed Water, Boiler Water	Boilers	VGB-S-513	
and Steam Quality for		Internal Cleaning of	VGB-S-517
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Plants	Guide for Procurement of	Generating Plants and	microstructural
	Steam Turbine Plants,	Associated Pipework	composition and creep
VGB-R170e	Part A, B and C		rupture damage of creep-
Design standards for		VGB-S-504	resistant steel for high
Instrumentation and		Inspection and Testing of	pressure pipelines and
control equipment		Large Forgings and	boiler components and
		Castings for Steam and	their weld connections
VGB-R455e		Gas Turbine Generators	

#### VGB-R167e

Overhaul recommendations for turbo-generators

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Cooling Water Guideline



#### **VGB Standards – an example**

Example: Internal Cleaning of water-tube steam generating plants and associated pipe-work issued in 2015 (revised version)

- aims at cleanliness of the inner surfaces
- includes all kind of cleaning procedures: flushing, acid cleaning, blow through, alkaline boiling
- reflects recent experiences made in comissioning of new built plants
  - new materials are included like Ni-based alloys and austenitic steels
  - completely revised chapter about blow-through
  - comprehensive quality and preparing recommendations



Metal release at 1 % HF and 60 °C after 2 hours





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cleaning

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Country	Name of Plant	Name of Company	No. Units	Unit Cap. MW (gr.)	Main Fuel	Life/RH Steam Temp. (°C)	COD (Y)	<b>St</b> eam Blowing	Acid cleaning	High speed flushing
Germany	Neurath F&G	RWE Power	2	1100	LIG	595/605	Jul 12		х	х
Germany	Datteln 4	E.ON	1	1100	нс	600/620	?		х	х
Germany	Moorburg A-B	Vattenfall Europe	2	820	нс	600/610	2015		Х	x
Germany	Boxberg R	Vattenfall Europe	1	675	LIG	600/605	Okt 12		х	х
Germany	GKM 9	Grosskraftwerk Mannheim AG	1	911	нс	600/610	2015		Х	х
Germany	RDK8	EnBW	1	912	нс	600/620	2014		х	х
Germany	Walsum 10	STEAG/EVN	1	725	HC	610/620	Nov 13		х	х
Germany	Lünen	Trianel	1	750	нс	600/610	Jan 14		х	х
Germany	Wilhelmshaven	GDF Suez	1	800	НС	600/610	Apr 14		х	х
Germany	Westfalen D&E	RWE Generation	2	800	НС	600/610	Sept 14		х	х
Netherlands	Eemshaven	RWE Power	1	1600	HC	600/610	Jan 15		х	х
Netherlands	Maasvlakte	Electrabel	1	750	НС	600/610	2013		х	х
Netherlands	Maasvlakte 3	E.ON Benelux	1	1100	HC	600/620	2015		Х	X
South Africa	Medupi	Eskom	6	4800	НС	600/620	2015	Х	х	х



#### Summary

- → Excellence in operation is a lot about transparency of the plant status.
- → Modern I&C equipment and analyzing instruments are useful tools to identify improvement potential.
- → To sustain the improvement process benchmarking provides useful information to assess own performance.



- $\rightarrow$  Fleet management is a good way to optimize maintenance costs.
- → Guidelines and standards that are based on industrial best practices document valuable experiences.

Transparency of the plant status, skilled personnel and the application of best practices are key to excellence in O&M.

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