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# Meeting New Regulatory & Financial Challenges Through Asset Framework with Sigmafine

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# Conference Theme and Keywords



# Agenda



- About Uniper
- Business Challenge
- Solution
- Product Capabilities vs. Business Requirements
- Business Impact
- Summary & Lessons Learned

# About the company

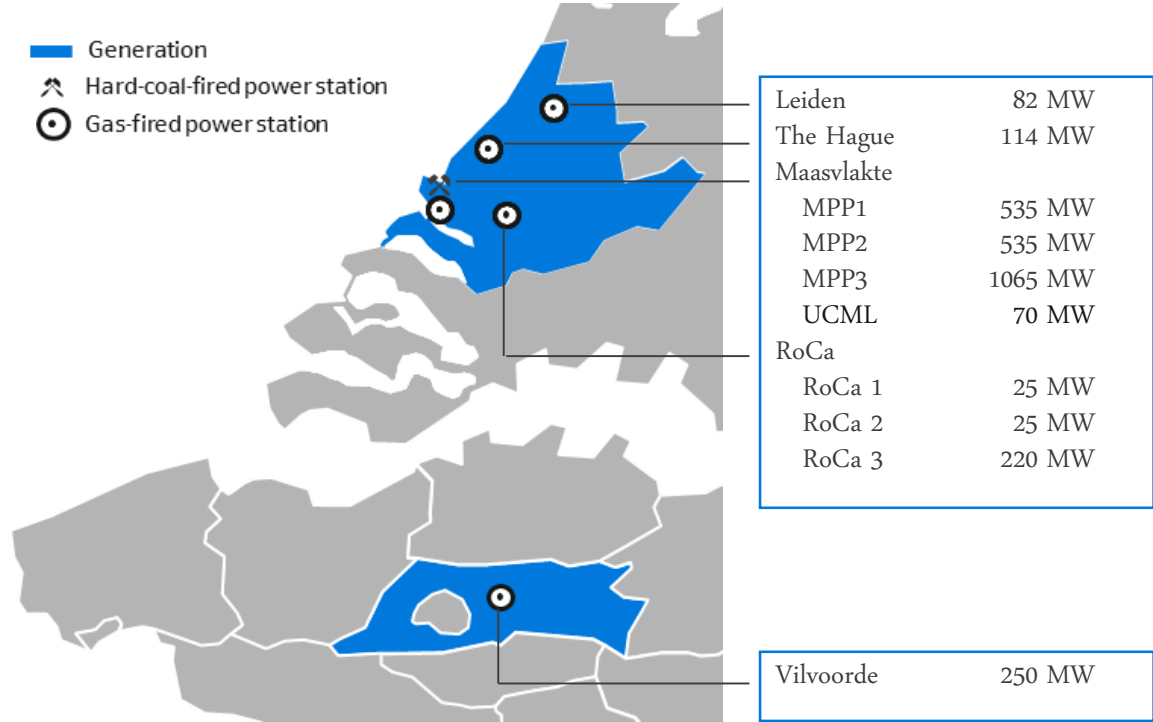
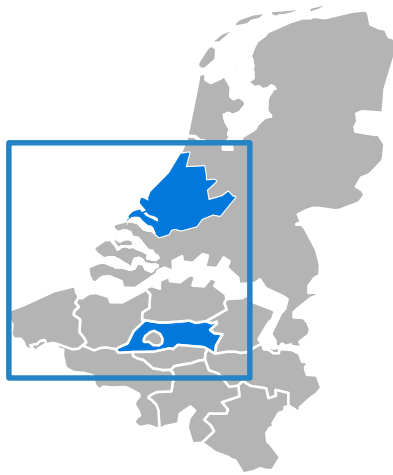


# About Uniper



- Public Company Formerly E.ON / IPO Q3-2016
- Uniper Benelux (UBX)
  - Power & Heat generation
  - Sales B2C & B2B
  - Netherlands and Belgium
- 2 900 MW Installed capacity (UBX)
  - 2 100 MW Coal,
  - 800 MW Gas
- Dusseldorf ⇒ Short & Long term planning & optimization
- Rotterdam ⇒ Operations, Local power & heat dispatch, Sales

# Uniper Benelux Generation



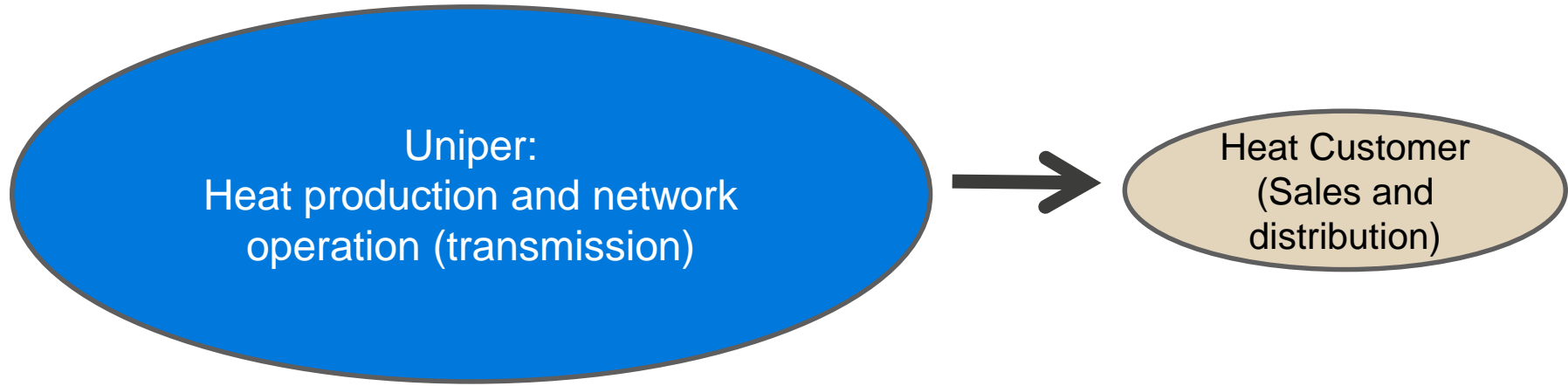
# Combined Heat & Power business

- Long term heat contracts
  - Delivery of heat
  - Operation of networks
- Single Heat Customer
- Multiple Heat Producers
- UBX Heat capacity
  - 500 MW CHP
  - 500 MW Heat Boilers
- Maasvlakte Co-siting





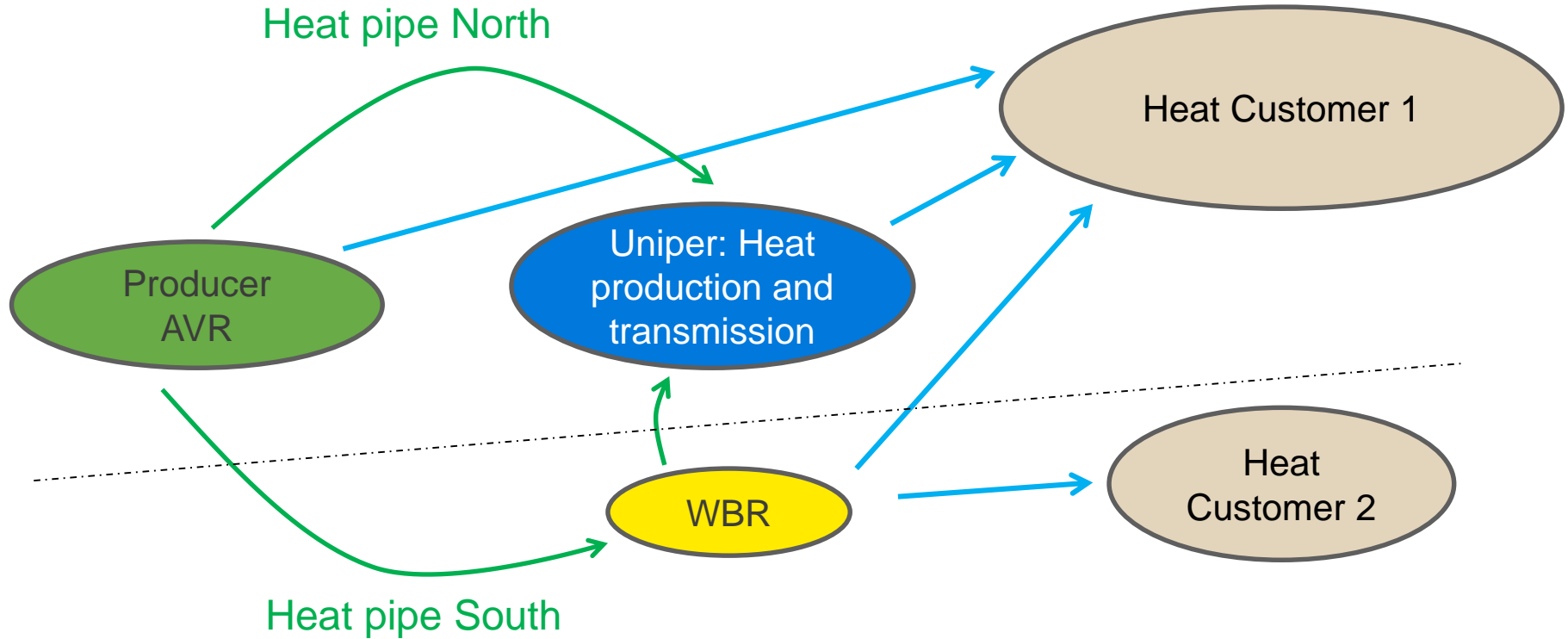
# Changing position in Heat market



District Heating Rotterdam before 2014

- UBX had delivery commitment
- UBX was single producer

# Changing position in Heat market



# Operational & Business Challenges

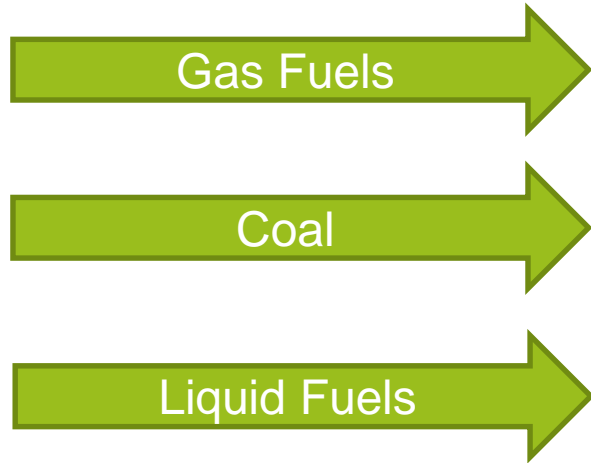


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# UBX Business Environment

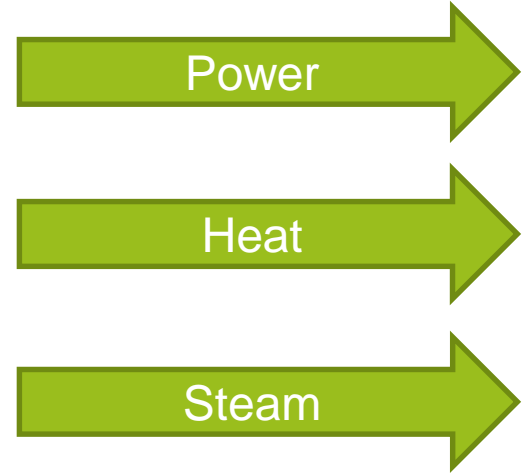
## Hourly Validation



**Multiple suppliers**



**Multiple Generation  
Units & Scenarios**



**Many buyers**

# Uniper Operational Data Requirements

- UBX needs to validate (accountable, compliancy) process measurements:
  - 11 power transactions
  - 36 heat transactions
  - 10 validated emissions to air for city production sites
  - 3 validated heat loss to aqueous streams
- Approximate 150-250 internal measurements per site



# Business Challenges

1. Improve response time (to market changes) / in validation process
2. Profit maximization based on balance of heat, power and steam
3. Timely provision of verified and auditable data to all trading partners
4. Operate within environmental permit limits

# Solution



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# Technical Solution: PI System & Sigmafine



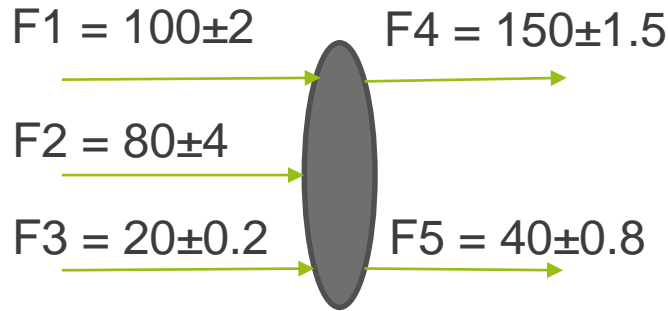
- **PI AF - Structure the asset to meet business needs**
- **PI DataLink - Extract data to Excel**
- **PI Notification - Automate email notification for meters operating outside their validity**
- **PI ProcessBook: visualization of the asset based model**
  
- **SF Server**
  - **Energy Balance Calculation**
  - **Automatic Unit of Measure conversion**
- **SF Scheduler – Automation based validation & reconciliation periods (hourly, daily, monthly)**



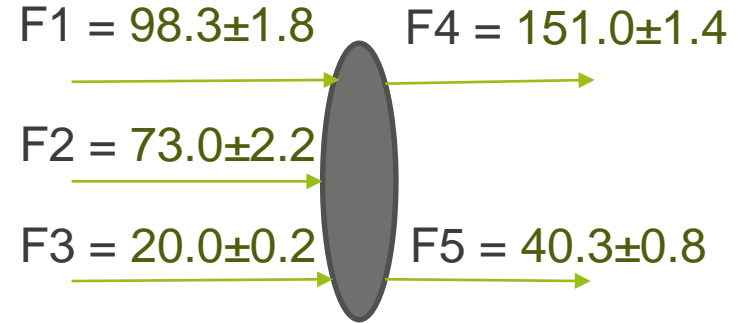


# Uniper-Benelux Energy Balance

# Power and Heat Market: Data quality needs

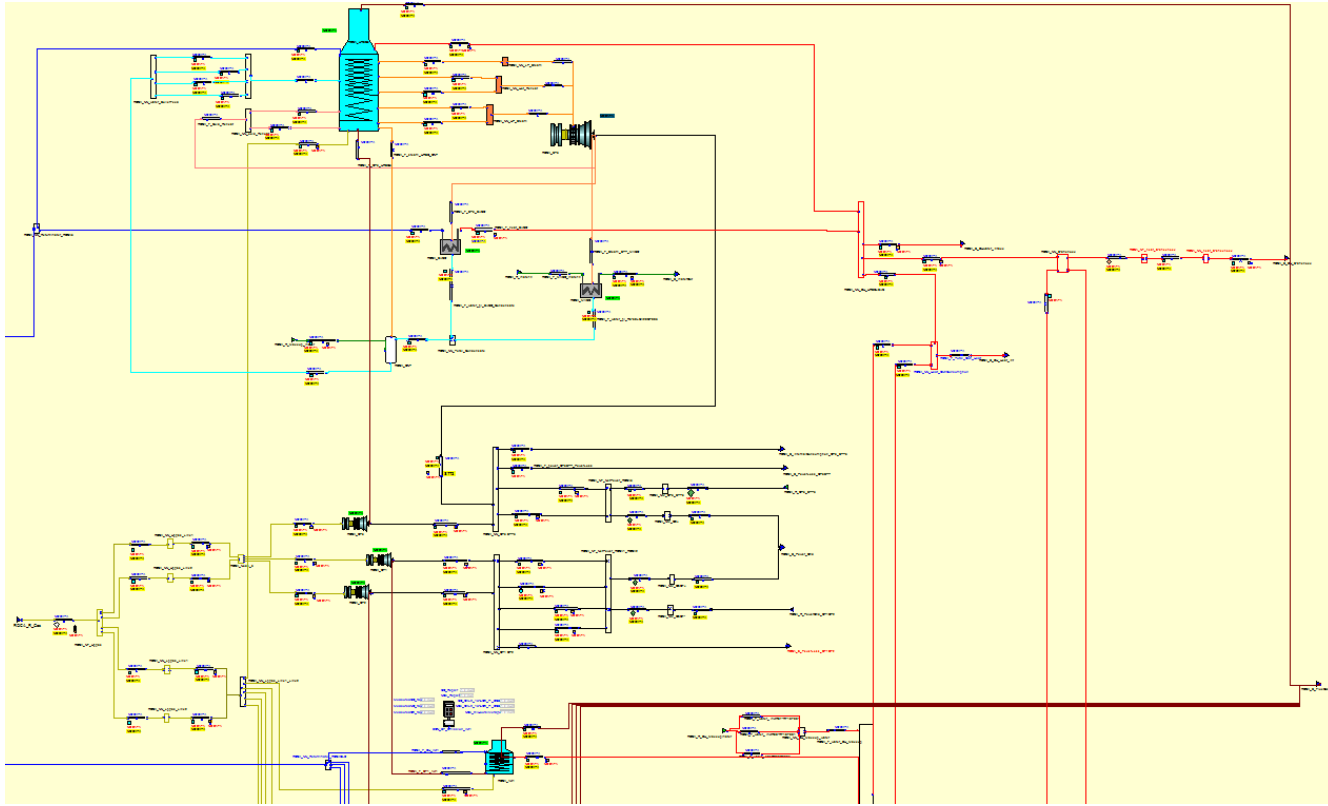


Measured Imbalance = +10



Reconciled Imbalance = 0

# Energy Balance: Combined Power & Heat site



Energy Balance



Reconciled data



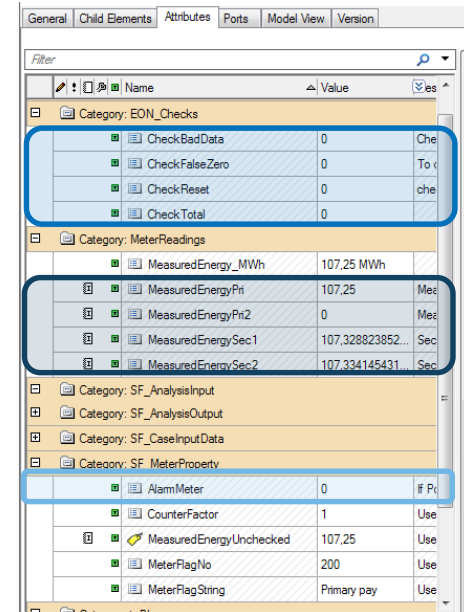
Publish validated data



Improve business and operational decisions

# AF Structure - Input

1. PI AF attributes covers multiple measurements
2. PI AF attributes captures data scientist standard checks (delta violation, freezing, no data)
3. Uses OSIsoft PI Notifications sends alarm emails for important measurements errors (including emissions)



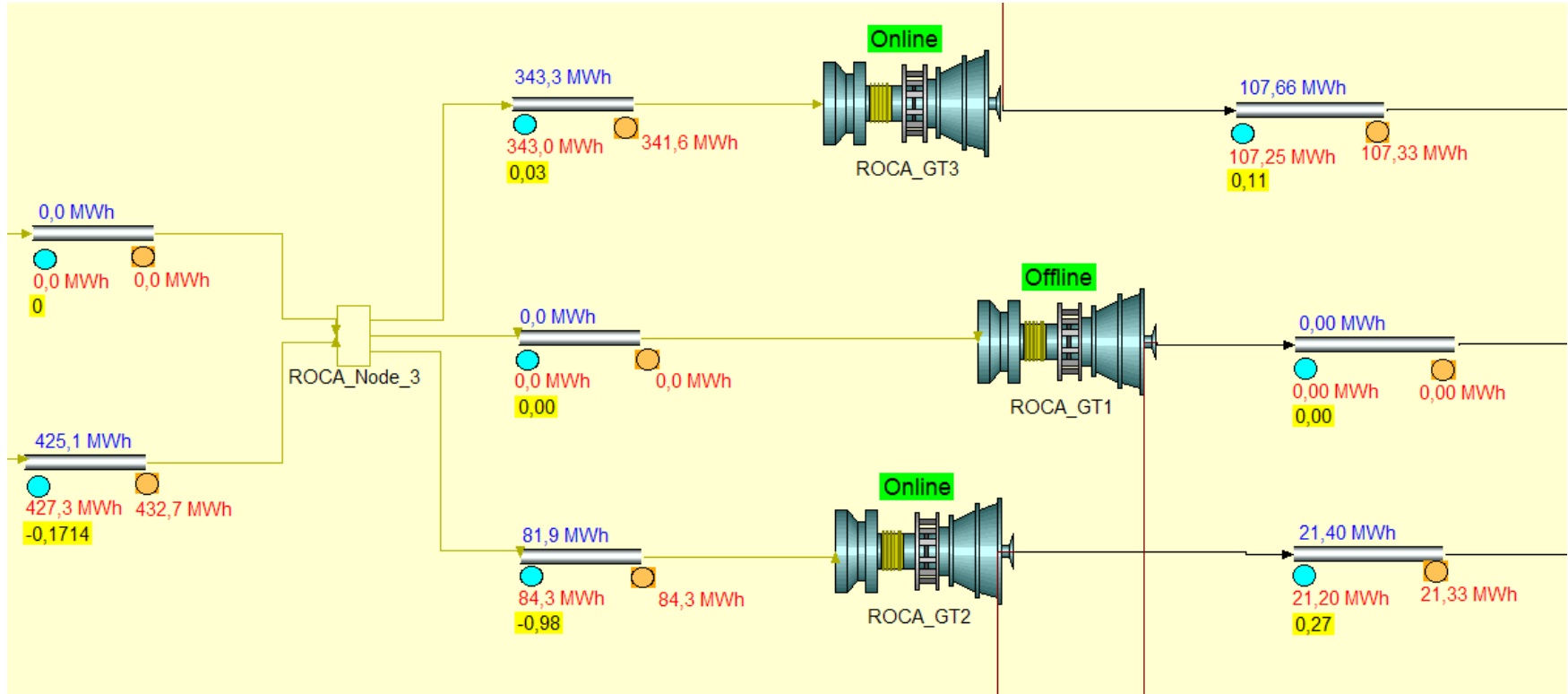
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CheckFalseZero	0	To c
CheckReset	0	che
CheckTotal	0	
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MeasuredEnergyPft	107.25	Mea
MeasuredEnergyPft2	0	Mea
MeasuredEnergySec1	107.328823852...	Sec
MeasuredEnergySec2	107.334145431...	Sec
Category: SF_AnalysisInput		
Category: SF_AnalysisOutput		
Category: SF_CaseInputData		
Category: SF_MeterProperty		
AlarmMeter	0	If Pr
CounterFactor	1	Use
MeasuredEnergyUnchecked	107.25	Use
MeterFlagNo	200	Use
MeterFlagString	Primary pay	Use

# AF Structure - Output

1. Sigmafine calculates reconciled energy and associated tolerance
2. Sigmafine produces measurement data quality KPI for data scientist
3. Sigmafine produces balance point quality KPI for Operations manager

Name	Value
Category: SF_AnalysisOutput	
InferredStatus	
ReconciledEnergy	39.90383055 MWh
ReconciledEnergyInfluence	0
ReconciledEnergySolvability	R
ReconciledEnergyStatus	
ReconciledEnergyTolerance	0.88952485 MWh
ReconciledEnergyCorrection	-0.77859914 MWh
ReconciledEnergySolvability	0
ReconciledEnergyStatus	
ReconciledEnergyTest1	-0.5583
Category: SF_AnalysisInput	
EnergyTolerance	1.42388503914407 MWh
MeasuredEnergy	40.6824296898307 MWh
Category: <None>	
BalanceTest	1.191
DX0	42.3021131833755 %
DX1	1.41688916864712 %
DX2	1.29740701248447 %
DX3	2.61011413593531 %

# Making data trustable: The Sigmafine way



# Energy balance

## Before

- Balances are calculated in excel using PI DataLink
- Separate boundary balance (gas or power or heat)
- Manual repairs or alternative meter selection for missing values/errors
- Process monthly interval

## Now

- Sigmafine integrates natively to PI System
- Single energy balance model with data reconciliation containing all process units (gas, power, heat)
- All data sources (PI Server & external) considered in model
- (Near- ) real time balance



# Business Impact



- **Operations Benefits**
  - Monthly → Daily (intraday) Balancing
  - Timely validated operations data with financial impact
  - Daily maximization of heat dispatching
  - Faster Billing & Reporting to customers
- **Financial Benefits**
  - Power/heat optimization valued to approx. 4%-6% of heat contract value
  - Expected €300-500 k annually

\*Optimize the heat optimization and dispatch also depending on other parallel projects



# Life of the Data Custodians

## Before

Manual and Time consuming monthly data validation process

Manual data import from different sources (PI Server, TSO, Gas grid)

Manual identification and resolution of data gaps, meter defects

Manual selection of the “best” redundant measurements points

Time spent to resolve “Ambiguities” related to Compliance and Billing (consumption & production)

## After

Daily automatic data validation and reconciliation

Automatic import into Sigmafine from all the data sources

Automatic data correction

Automatic filtering and selection of the best measured data

Faster, **validated** view on financial impact of operations

# Improve integrity of Business Process by delivering timely & accurate information

## COMPANY and GOAL

UBX performance engineering department is responsible for processing, validating, correcting and releasing unambiguous generation data



## CHALLENGE

Current manual work processes limits the data availability to monthly intervals

- Time consuming data processing with manual corrections
- Lack of focus on data and metering quality

## SOLUTION

Combining PI AF and Sigmafine to automate data validation and reconciliation

- Hourly intervals combining different data sources
- Pre programmed model runs to match delays of availability

## RESULTS

- Single source of truth for generation data, available at shorter intervals/delays
- Data version capture made available company wide for reporting, invoicing, business analyses
- Increasing data quality over versions



# Tangible Improvement of the outcome of Business Process & Decisions

## COMPANY and GOAL

UBX Heat business under stress of declining margins. Unambiguous generation data increasingly important for steering business dispatch/operations



## CHALLENGE

Suboptimal heat operation/ dispatch due to lack in clear view of financial impact decisions

- Ambiguous data availability
- 1 month delay of validated 'fiscal' data
- No link between operation decisions and finance

## SOLUTION

Implementing automated data validation and reconciliation system

- Single source of truth available within 1 day
- Automatic reports with actual financial impact of operations/ dispatch

## RESULTS

- Improvement opportunity (300-500 k€ annually)
- Improve short term operations/dispatch
  - Faster invoicing, limiting amounts outstanding
  - Linking operational decisions to financial results



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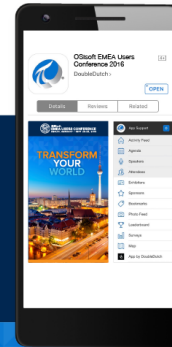
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