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Technologies for Advanced Remote Monitoring

Plant Modernization Pathway Stakeholder Engagement Meeting





Advanced Remote Monitoring for Operational Readiness (ARMOR)

- Research and develop advanced monitoring and inspection tools to support the current fleet of nuclear power plants in reducing operational costs and preventing unnecessary shutdowns
- These tools integrate diverse sensor data with algorithms and artificial intelligence
- Benefits include early problem detection, condition-based maintenance, and reduced operator workload
- This presentation covers:
 - Automated process anomaly detection
 - Automated gauge reading
 - Automated fire watch
 - Automated change detection

Online Condition Monitoring



Automated Rounds and Monitoring

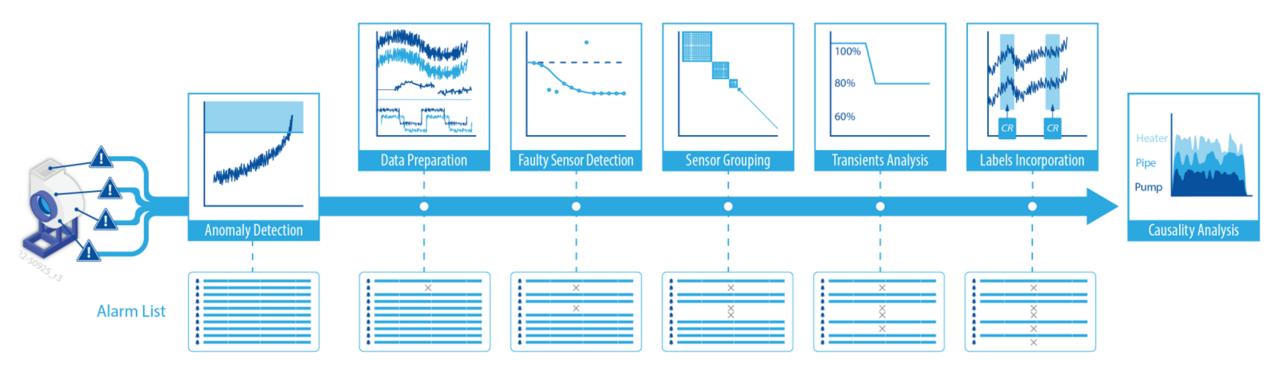








Automated Process Anomaly Detection





Automated Gauge Reading





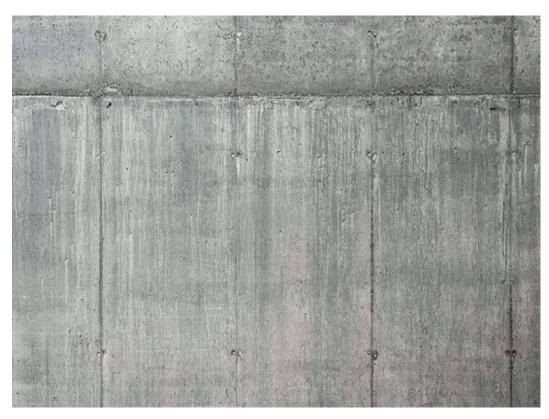
Automated Fire Watch



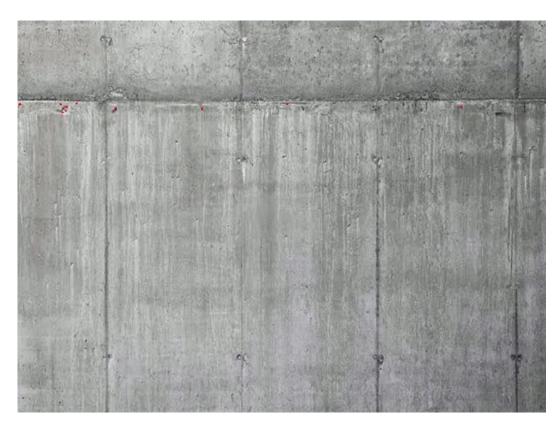




Automated Image Change Detection



Simulated crack growth on concrete



Detected image anomalies (in red)

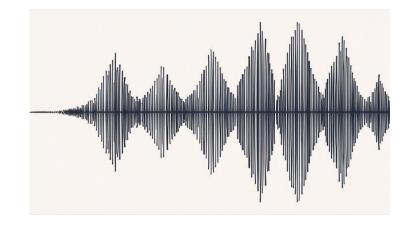


Other Technologies

- Operator rounds
 - Aerial drones
 - Infrared fire watch
 - Acoustic anomaly detection
- Inspections
 - Computer vision
 - Drones
- Transformer health monitoring









Day 2 - Session 4 – Innovation and Data Analytics

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 1:30pm – 3:45pm (EST)

Time (EST)	Topic	Speaker - Organization
1:30 - 1:35	Introduction	Jake Farber, INL
1:35 - 2:00	Advanced Remote Monitoring	Jamie Dugan, Vistra Corp.
2:00 - 2:25	Continuous Online Monitoring for Process Anomaly Detection and Predictive Maintenance	Jake Farber and Vivek Agarwal, INL, on behalf of Xcel Energy and PSEG
2:25 - 2:50	Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Work Management	Pat Murray, EQRPI, Inc.
2:50 - 3:15	Insights on using AI for Inspections	Chris Esser, Xcel Energy
3:15 - 3:45	General Q&A and Session Wrap Up	Vivek Agarwal, INL
3:45	Session Adjourned	













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