

Gas Measurement Improvement

A Systematic Approach to Reducing Measurement Errors Using Seeq Data Lab and Machine Learning

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About Williams





- Williams handles 30% of natural gas consumed in the US
- Handles gas used by 77 million homes and businesses
- Own and operate more than 32,000 miles of pipeline in 25 states
- Gas processing capacity of 7.4 bcf/d



Gas Measurement







Meter Conditions







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Orifice Plate







Meter Conditions







Freeze Defined by Trend Signatures





DP Over-range Often indicative of a plate freeze

Unstable DP Often indicative of a tube freeze



Program History

- Random Catch Historical
- Started in 2015
 - Rules-based Approach
 - PI Vision Analytics
 - Seeq for Rule Development
- Formalized in 2019
 - SSRS Automated Reporting
 - PowerBI User Interface
- Advancement in 2023
 - Machine Learning
 - User Feedback







Machine Learning Approach



- Goal is to overcome limitations of rule-based approach
 - Fewer false positives and false negatives
 - Automated less time required of analyst
 - Its easier to build an ML model than to develop highly-complex rules
 - Replace the review process with a model
 - Increase identification accuracy
- Goal is *not* to predict meter issues
 - Prediction not particularly useful
- Successful model developed in 2022/2023
 - Extensive assistance from Seeq customer success team in developing model
 - Confirmed the model is more accurate than the rules-based approach



ML and Continuous Learning at Scale







Monitor by Exception at Scale



path	probability	event count	event capsules
Meters_ML >> WAM >> Meters >> 98011-01	0.79000000000000000	2	2
Meters_ML >> WAM >> Meters >> 94810-01	0.79000000000000000	1	1
Meters_ML >> WAM >> Meters >> 96170-01	0.79000000000000000	1	1
Meters_ML >> WAM >> Meters >> 94795-01	0.78375	8	2
Meters_ML >> WAM >> Meters >> 96817-01	0.78	1	1
Meters_ML >> WAM >> Meters >> 98213-01	0.7725	4	1
Meters_ML >> WAM >> Meters >> 98146-01	0.7710000000000000	10	3
Meters_ML >> WAM >> Meters >> 94538-01	0.77	3	2
Meters_ML >> WAM >> Meters >> 94763-01	0.77	1	1
Meters_ML >> WAM >> Meters >> 98474-01	0.77000000000000000	5	1
Meters_ML >> WAM >> Meters >> 94565-01	0.758	5	4
Meters_ML >> WAM >> Meters >> 94350-01	0.7528571428571430	14	1
Meters_ML >> WAM >> Meters >> 94733-01	0.75	5	2
Meters_ML >> WAM >> Meters >> 10432-01	0.75000000000000000	1	1
Meters_ML >> WAM >> Meters >> 96935-01	0.75000000000000000	1	1
Meters_ML >> WAM >> Meters >> 94636-01	0.7475	4	3
Meters_ML >> WAM >> Meters >> 94838-01	0.745	2	1
Meters_ML >> WAM >> Meters >> 94804-01	0.74	1	1
Meters_ML >> WAM >> Meters >> 94922-01	0.74	1	1
Meters_ML >> WAM >> Meters >> 98022-01	0.74	1	1
Meters_ML >> WAM >> Meters >> 10451-01	0.7327272727272730	11	2
Meters_ML >> WAM >> Meters >> 96256-01	0.73000000000000000	1	1
Meters_ML >> WAM >> Meters >> 98221-01	0.73	4	4
Meters_ML >> WAM >> Meters >> 94834-01	0.7271428571428570	14	1
Meters_ML >> WAM >> Meters >> 96586-01	0.726	5	3
Motore ML >> WAM >> Motore >> 06370-01	0.72500000000000000	2	1







Solution Development









Engagement Model Fast Iterations and End to End Management





Fast iterations

- Weekly discussion between Williams team (Skeeter) & Seeq team (Sepide, Andres, Ashwin)
- More frequent meetups during delivery weeks



Machine Learning Approach



- Next Step: Contain process entirely in Seeq
 - Identification
 - Analysis
 - Feedback



Impact



- Meter Errors
 - More likely to OVERmeasure gas than undermeasure
 - Appears as a loss when reconciling with customer
 - Gas must be replaced at Williams expense





Thank You

