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# Advancing Swiss NPP Operations with Predictive Data Models

Harnessing modular data design and causality analysis to detect neutronics signal faults.

### INDUSTRIAL DATA ANALYTICS

This is the process of collecting, analyzing and using plant data to harness the hidden value. Tools like e-DAP are capable of modelling a physical phenomenon on the basis of data collected over time. The insight gained helps improve operational efficiency, optimize process, and plan maintenance ahead of time.

#### SITUATION & CHALLENGE

- AXPO lacked a framework for detecting anomalies in neutronics signals during plant start-up and its impact on steam production and instabilities.
- 'Deterministic' causality analysis struggled to predict faulty signals linked to flow instabilities and potential dry-out in the reactor vessel.

#### SERVICE & APPROACH

- Legacy data was collected, ingested into the platform, and engineered (feature selection, windowing, PCA, etc.).
- A unique, sophisticated anomaly detection module, employing an autoencoder networks, was developed within e-DAP.
- Data from 5 cycles and 1 cycle-startup was used to highlight changes in system causality and crosscorrelation over time.
- An online framework was created, offering visual analytics of real data and live inference of the digital twin using sensor data.

#### E-DAP: the end-to-end data platform

A cloud-hosted infrastructure for the treatment of plant data: from IoT sensing, through engineering, dashboarding, ML/AI, digital twinning, to insight

#### **IMPACT & ADDED VALUE**

- An online business intelligence tool was acquired, offering daily operational insights and monitoring asset health using defined KPIs.
- There's capability to deduce potential asset failure scenarios using real-time data (when IoT is connected to e-DAP Edge) for the digital twin's input.



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