ABB Ability
Power plant

The case – creating stability for the Energy Revolution takes ability: ABB Ability™.

Measurement made easy

Introduction

ABB provides an extensive selection of proven measurement and analytical products and solutions for power generation industry applications.

Using ABB’s measurement products, power plant operators can maximize the efficiency of their assets and comply with local and international legislation. They receive access to data on many critical measurements needed, from combustion performance and water chemistry through to stack emissions.

Digital technologies are providing new opportunities to enhance processes and productivity. This case study highlights the smart devices used in a range of power plant applications and a number of innovative solutions that combine physical devices with software to help deal with known customer needs.

Focus areas

• Overview of Measurement & Analytics devices and digital solutions applicable for power plants
• More efficient and comprehensive surveying with ABB Ability mobile and static gas leak detection systems
• Dynamic QR codes helping to remote troubleshoot emission monitoring system problems
• Condition monitoring of emission monitoring systems enhancing plant availability
• Increased productivity through improved device commissioning time with ABB Ability Field Information Manager (FIM)
• Improved Instrumentation maintenance with ABB Ability Verification for measurement devices
• Wireless devices enabling cost-effective process optimization project
• Remote monitoring and secure data back-up of effluent discharge measurements
• Commissioning and troubleshooting support with MyMeasurement Assistant
• ABB Ability™ Remote Insights for service – reducing time to resolution through improved collaboration using augmented reality technology
ABB Ability solutions for measurements

Our offering for power plants

Verification for measurement devices
Remote Assistance for measurement devices
My Measurement Assistant
DataManager Pro advanced data review software
Field Information Manager (FIM)
Recorders, controls
Actuators
Continuous gas analyzers
FTIR/FTNIR spectroscopy
Gas flow
Positioners
Pressure
ABB Ability solutions for measurement devices:

- Condition Monitoring for measurement devices
- Dynamic QR code Assistance for Analyzers
- Augmented reality/remote insights

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my Installed Base

Mobile and static leak detection

Digital solutions helping to Do more and Do better

Process control and data recording instruments helping to Do more

Data rich sensors helping to know more

Continuous water analyzers

Coriolis

Differential pressure

Electromagnetic flow

Laser and radar level

MagnetostRICTive level

Oxygen analyzers

pH/Conductivity

Temperature

Thermal mass

Ultrasonic level

Vortex/Swirl

ABB Ability solutions for measurement devices:
Focus area 1

Mobile and static natural gas leak detection

Overview
Utilities, as well as gas transmission and distribution companies, face increased challenges with pipeline monitoring and compliance due to:
- aging infrastructure
- regulatory pressure to improve system integrity and safety
- desire to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- reliance on time-consuming, error-prone paper-based monitoring systems – pressure to reduce cost
- need for data transparency

Customer situation/Industry need
Traditional leak detection processes do not meet today’s demands for fast, accurate and transparent data collection. Utilities typically employ third-party companies to survey neighborhoods and districts to check for pipeline leaks. The current surveying equipment has a short detection range, it must be operated at very low speeds, often on foot and the equipment is prone to detecting false positives. Additionally the surveyor uses a map and pencil to mark the location of any identified leaks.

ABB solution 1
ABB Ability Mobile Gas leak Detection finds leaks fast and shares data via the Cloud.
- improves pipeline integrity and public safety whilst surveying up to 25 x greater area compared with traditional techniques
- measure, map, share while driving enabling the operator to detect leaks hundreds of meters away, this flexible solution is compatible with cars, ATV, aircraft, drones
- ABB Ability mobile gas leak detection system uses ABB’s patented Off-Axis Integrated Cavity Output Spectroscopy (OA-ICOS) technique which has a sensitivity and precision more than 3000 times greater than legacy methods. This enables identification of leaks several hundred feet away from the source.
ABB solution 2
ABB Ability Static Gas leak detection. The static laser based system accurately measures gas concentrations with extraordinarily high sensitivity, fast response and over a wide dynamic range.

The system delivers:
- measurements of multiple gases
  - fast response (seconds)
  - high sensitivity (ppb levels)
- low total cost of ownership
  - low operational costs (no consumables)
  - high reliability (few moving parts)
  - easy to service
- simple to operate
  - easy set-up
  - contextual system diagnostics
  - reduced maintenance effort

Outcomes/Results
Significant maintenance cost savings thanks to a major reduction in surveying time. Fast and accurate detection of gas pipeline leaks with digital results immediately available within the cloud allowing utility companies to act fast and efficiently.
Focus area 2
Reducing risk of power plant shutdown

Overview
Emission monitoring systems are a critical plant component as loss of measurement data can have major consequences for the customer. Though the exact causes of problems aren’t always immediately evident, or easy to resolve, the indications of a problem are there for experts to recognize, often times far earlier than more overt evidence of a failure. Digitalization has made collecting and using such insights a tool for preventing system failure, and keeping systems on line.

Due to the potential for process problems, sample handling issues or analyzer failure occurring it is important to have a range of digital solutions available to quickly and reliably resolve problems:
- Dynamic QR Code Assistance for Analyzers
- ABB Ability Remote Assistance for Measurement devices
- ABB Ability Condition monitoring for measurement devices

Digitally connected products and services providing expertize

ACF5000 Analyzer CEM system installed at the Lévis incinerator in Quebec, Canada
Plant components

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Focus area 2

Reducing risk of power plant shutdown

ABB Solution 1 – Dynamic QR code

Overview
In today’s global economy, customers are constantly striving to improve on their own – but they also depend on suppliers like ABB to come up with novel ideas that will increase asset utilization and enhance the services they provide. This innovative application expedites ABB’s service response to customer issues to make sure ABB-manufactured assets stay online and the customer production line keeps running.

Customer situation
When an Emission system fails or measurements are no longer accurate, it is a real emergency for the customer to return equipment to operation as fast as possible and at lowest possible cost. Forward-thinking companies are looking to understand root causes, predict future failures and make such events less frequent – and should they nonetheless occur, make their resolution less costly. Every minute of missing data can significantly impact plant productivity, resulting in lost revenues. Continuous gas analyzers are also used to meet regulatory compliance – device downtime could lead to a failure to monitor and report plant emissions to regulatory agencies, which can result in significant fines and even plant shutdown.

The solution
ABB Dynamic QR code (DQR) assistance for Analyzers. DQR Code is a noninvasive technology designed to transfer information from device to user. The DQR code generated reflects the real-time status of the device in question. Every time a new DQR code is requested by the user, the DQR software pulls updated data and status information from the central unit, which can be in control of several separate ABB gas analyzer modules. The DQR codes combine with the interactive display on the continuous gas analyzer systems give operators a real-time analysis and health check of their gas analyzer’s performance history and to provide them with direct and quick access to important device serial number information that ABB’s service professionals require to access a device’s history and ideal-state status.

Supported products:
Continuous Gas Analyzers
- ACF5000
- AO2000
- EL3000
- Caldos25 / Caldos15
- Caldos27 / Caldos17
- Fidas24 / MultiFID14
- Limas21 / Limas23 / Limas11
- Magnos206 / Magnos106
- Magnos27 / Magnos17
- Uras26 / Uras14

Continuous Water Analyzers
- Aztec600
- Navigator600

Recorders & Controllers
- RVG200
- SM500

FT-IR and FT-NIR Analyzers
- FTPA2000
ABB Solution 2 – Remote Assistance

Overview
Customers and industry are under pressure to improve productivity and efficiency. This means reducing process downtime is crucial. The rapid development of technology makes it possible to get fast and reliable support from ABB remotely. Saving customers time and money.

Customer situation
Emission monitoring requires high levels of accuracy and availability. It is not always practical to have skilled operators on-site 24/7 and in today’s competitive market this is often a luxury customers can afford. Customers often rely on a comprehensive service contract which includes rapid response modules such as telephone support or technicians on-site in emergencies within a specified timeframe. The above techniques work well however the ideal scenario for the customer is to have problems resolved as soon as they occur and ideally without needing a technician to come to site. Many customers are looking to Digital technologies to find new more efficient ways of working.

The solution
With ABB Ability Remote assistance customers are guaranteed quick issue identification and resolution which will reduce process downtime, lighten the burden of knowledge on employees, while saving costs by avoiding unnecessary on-site visits. The solution is cybersecure because there is no connection to the customer’s network, only direct access to the device. Designed to restore products back to normal, we know process downtime is crucial. ABB’s product specialist to remotely connect, troubleshoot the problem and provide the most effective solution.
Focus area 2

Condition monitoring

Overview
Across the world, environmental regulations on emissions are increasing. The regulations often require control and continuous measurement of pollutant gases, dust and other toxic materials. To ensure continuous operations, it is necessary to secure the availability of data required by environmental regulatory agencies. Otherwise, fines and penalties up to and including plant shutdown could occur.

Customer situation
A leading utility company in Italy needed a reliable service provider capable of delivering 24/7 support. They also wanted to lower compliance and labor costs without impacting service quality in support of multiple sites.

The Solution
ABB Ability™ Condition Monitoring for measurement devices provides emissions equipment condition data to ABB service experts, enabling condition-based monitoring using real-time data. It increases availability and reliability of equipment and prevents unplanned outages and downtime.
### Rapid response:
- 24/7 telephone and remote assistance support
- 24/7 spare parts management availability
- 24/7 service engineer mobilization
- 24/7 ready-to-operate spectrometer exchange unit

### Lifecycle management:
- On-site preventive maintenance
- Spare parts supply and inventory management
- Supply and management of gas cylinders (including consignment stock at local ABB offices)
- Calibration of production and back-up gas analyzers

### Performance improvement:
- Remote condition monitoring
- Predictive service recommendations
Focus area 3

Increase productivity by streamlining system commissioning

Customer situation/Industry need
Configuration and commissioning of new instrumentation can be a time-consuming stressful process. Available Asset management tools are often outdated, difficult to install, difficult to use and rely on a physical connection to the device to create the initial configuration.

During unplanned shutdowns when rapid commissioning can make the difference between profit and loss what is needed by customers is a simple, universal, clean software solution that can be used with any device type to prepare the configuration offline.

ABB solution
Introducing ABB Ability Field Information Manager (FIM), the universal tool that automatically searches for field devices, identifies suitable drivers and connects in less than 3 minutes. With the capability to connect to any HART™ device using an FDI package (or device driver) and perform offline configuration set-up.

FIM is a flexible solution that can access devices directly using a HART modem, remotely via System 800xA or even when in front of the device through the Infrared service port.

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Outcomes/Results
Saved configurations stored as a back-up ready for upload in a hurry when a replacement device is required. Rapid configuration and commissioning saving time and money. Operational efficiency enhancement through improved device management.

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![ABB Ability Field Information Manager (FIM) window](image-url)
Focus area 4
Instrumentation verification ensuring processes continuously operate at their peak

Overview
Verification is the inspection and testing of a product to establish that it meets regulatory/technical requirements in terms of measurement performance. Industrial instrumentation is robust, very reliable and designed to operate for many years with minimal maintenance but as a critical part of the process it is best-practice to inspect and maintain these assets.

Customer situation/Industry need
Every customer is looking for ways to maximize profitability by enhancing process performance and availability, in addition stricter regulations require regular testing of instrument accuracy. Regular instrument verifications is one way to ensure processes continuously operate safely at their peak. As skilled instrument technicians grow more scarce customers are facing a real challenge to manage assets effectively.

ABB solution
**ABB Ability Verification for measurement devices** allows customers to quickly verify the performance of their instrumentation without the need for highly skilled instrumentation technicians. Technicians can analyze historical data to detect early signs of faults helping to reduce costly process downtime.

Outcomes/Results
Fast, efficient instrumentation testing ensuring processes and operations are functioning at their peak, maximizing revenues whilst improving profitability.

Features of the ABB Ability Verification for measurement devices platform

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Plant components

*ABB Ability Verification for measurement devices* is a software platform that can be used with a range of ABB devices, the product lines and applications from a power perspective are as follows:

- Electromagnetic flowmeters (EMF)
- Mass flow
- Vortex
- Swirl
- Level

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Focus area 5
Optimize processes by adding wireless measurements to your process

Customer situation/Industry need
When building a plant the available budget often dictates how many instruments are installed, it’s a balance between good control of the process and identifying areas to monitor for process optimization. Generally plants are fitted with wired communications between the control systems and the devices. A wired infrastructure makes it very difficult and costly to add additional measurement points in future, however once a process is operational it is often beneficial to add instrumentation as the process evolves and new requirements are established.

ABB solution
Wireless devices provide customers an opportunity to add measurement points without costly investments in wiring. ABB offer a range of Pressure, Temperature and Vibration devices plus WirelessHart adaptors for connection to any Hart device and Gateways to create a mesh network with up to 250 wireless products.

Outcomes/Results
Greater process knowledge leading to enhanced process efficiency. Reduced level of investment to run optimization projects. Solution that can be easily integrated into control system networks.
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- Steam line
- Cooling water system
- Generator
- Condenser
- Gas cleaning system
- FGD
- Residuals storage
- Stack
Focus area 6

Remote monitoring of effluent discharges

Customer situation/Industry need
Environmental legislation often requires power plants to prove to the relevant authorities the chemical content and volume discharged from their site. If plant operators are unable to present their measurement data and prove to the authorities that they have firstly monitored their discharge and additionally that they were within the legal limits then large fines can be levied. A cost-effective system to back-up the data and allow remote monitoring is required to increase plant productivity and remove the risk of inadvertent data loss.

ABB solution
Figure 1 shows a typical arrangement of an effluent flow monitoring system which is recording pH measurements and flow data.

The use of an RVG200 paperless chart recorder is ideal for this application thanks to its Ethernet communications and integrated webserver, which enables a simple, secure, remote connection. Remote access can be either via the plant network or if no Ethernet connectivity is available then access can be provided via a GSM modem. The data coming from the recorder can then be imported into DataManager Pro, a data storage and review software used for reporting purposes – see Figure 2.

Outcomes/Results
Remote operation of the effluent flow monitoring system with secure back-up of data for peace of mind and security.

Figure 2 Using DataManager Pro to remotely view and store data as a back-up
Plant components

ABB Recorders and Controllers can be used in a range of applications within a power plant:

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My measurement assistant

Customer situation / industry need
Many companies are facing a skills shortage challenge that is hindering their objective to increase productivity in their plants. This is part of a wider change in workforce dynamics; instrumentation technicians who have a level of theoretical knowledge, combined with decades of experience in the industry, are now reaching retirement stage in their careers, leaving a knowledge vacuum. Millennials and graduates entering today’s job market do not have the technical knowledge and practical experience of their predecessors so they tend to find information as needed to solve issues. The most popular modern source of such information is short videos.

ABB solution
ABB has recently launched the most progressive web application ‘My Measurement Assistant’. The application supports service providers and maintenance teams with troubleshooting and commissioning of instrumentation devices. It gives the user access to online checklists that guide them through each step of the proper commissioning steps in the form of 'how to' videos. Furthermore, a downloadable commissioning report is available as an output to record steps taken and results of completed actions.

There are also online troubleshooting checklists that help pin-point the root cause of problems and gives instructions to assist in solving them. Country-specific contact details for cases where expert support is needed are also available.

Outcomes/Results
Online technical help and guidance reducing personnel burden of knowledge, ensuring right-first-time device commissioning and reduced downtime increasing productivity and saving time and money.

Supported products:
- CoriolisMaster
- HygienicMaster
- ProcessMaster
- Vortex/Swirl Master
Speed up your service:
Guided checklists with step-by-step video instructions

Easy access:
Accessible via app or cloud-based software from smartphones, tablets or desktops

For your installed device:
Database of downloadable videos and PDFs

Available where you need it:
Offline functionality (checklists & access to video downloads)

ABB support:
via ABB Service Contact

Spare parts identification:
Spare parts catalog and a possibility to request a quote

24/7 access:
Access to service knowledge and up-to-date information 24/7

Error code notification:
Translate error code notifications and receive remedial actions
Remote insights

Addressing resource gaps amidst demand for increased operational efficiency

Throughout the world, technological advancements are bringing modernized industrial operations to the furthest reaches of the planet. As industry expands across remote parts of the globe, producers struggle to find skilled workers to manage and maintain these operations.

In many markets, including the energy sector, experienced workers are retiring and taking their vast knowledge with them. As businesses seek to squeeze more out of their assets, this introduces more opportunities for error, loss of production and unplanned downtime. As a result, businesses must find a way to bridge these knowledge gaps with fewer resources and across greater distances.

Reimagining how we address field maintenance, ABB offers a wide range of control systems, software, instruments, analyzers and devices for industrial operations. Regardless of your industry, chances are there is an ABB device helping ensure smooth operation at your facility. As reliable as ABB devices are, all aspects of an operation are still susceptible to maintenance issues. When an ABB device, or even a device from a third party, does require maintenance, ABB is here to help. We strive to find increasingly innovative ways to bring continuous improvement to your operations and processes, no matter where you are.

ABB is embracing the power of augmented reality to bring significant improvements to field service. This new solution will simplify maintenance, reduce downtime, increase equipment effectiveness and improve safety. This enables you to expand the technical knowledge of your workforce as your personnel gain hands-on maintenance experience from ABB’s global expert support network.
Benefits

**Receive remote expertise**
- Instant access to expert diagnostic and repair guidance
  - Resolve issues quickly
  - Improve quality of repairs
  - Take advantage of global ABB network of experts

**Save time**
- Chat instantly with remote experts
  - Eliminate travel time
  - Accelerate problem recognition and resolution

**Reduce costs**
- Live audio and video support
  - Reduce unplanned downtime
  - Eliminate travel expenses
  - Support typical handheld devices such as smartphones and tablets
  - Use the equipment already on hand

**Increase knowledge base and productivity**
- Transfer knowledge effectively
- Improve training through visual guidance and best-practice access
- Foster collaboration
- Enable fast learning for apprentices

**Increase safety**
- Perform hands-free field maintenance
- Troubleshoot issues with potentially dangerous equipment from a safe distance
- Increase accessibility for workers with permanent or temporary physical limitations