

Flexibilisation of Power Plants

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Uniper is an international energy company currently having ~42GWs under operations

European Generation



- One of the largest European generators with 31 GW of own, mostly dispatchable generation capacity
- Diversified base across technologies and main NWE markets
- Strong capabilities in construction, operations and maintenance

Global Commodities



- A leading physical energy trader with global footprint
- Trading financial and physical gas
- Long term contract gas and stakes in pipelines
- LNG liquefaction and regas, fields and gas storage sites
- Trading financial and physical power
- Trading financial and physical coal and freight

International Power



- Number 3 privately-owned Russian generation company
- ~30% capacity increase since 2010
- 11 GW of generation assets
- JV in Brazil with assets under operation and strong pipeline





Our assets, capabilities enable delivery of bespoke, competitive energy products & services

Uniper's portfolio and capabilities allows to offer technology services with global footprint



Uniper & India Power have formed a strategic partnership to service Indian power sector



India Uniper Power Services

- 50:50 joint venture in power plant services
- A value-based service provider
- Offering a broad range of flexible and customised services
- Headquartered in Kolkata

The joint venture will combine strengths of strong partners with complementary scope and portfolio. Key service offerings:

- Plant operations and maintenance,
- Asset monitoring software and analytical tools,
- Flexibilisation of units, Lifecycle extension,
- Engineering and integration of pollution control equipment and systems, etc.

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What is happening in Europe today?



1. Reduction in Demand

 Global recession has destroyed power demand across Europe

2. Global Commodity Prices

- CO₂ prices have dramatically fallen caused by oversupply – attempts to reform have failed to date
- US shale gas has increased US coal exports making coal generation cheaper than gas
- Recently this has reversed as global gas prices have fallen putting coal at margin

3. Renewables Growth

 Incentive schemes designed to deliver European 2020 targets have caused the strong and constant growth of Renewables

4. Political Intervention

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Source: Eurostat (code: nrg_105a)

→ Change in operating regime for coal and gas power plants from base load to flexible
→ Sometime gas needs to be flexible and sometime coal

On May 08, renewable electricity "probably" covered ~90% of power demand in Germany



→ It is very difficult to predict the role of fossil generation as it is very dependent upon weather patterns

The German energy transition has also implications for other European countries



- ⇒ Power generation surplus in the north; power generation deficit in the south; this discrepancy will even become stronger over time
- \Rightarrow Grid extension needed to bring the electricity to where it is needed
- ⇒ Lack of transmission routes in Germany leads to electricity-flows via neighbouring countries, causing power system stability issues



.....and for customers

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Components of average power-prices for households (ct/kWh)



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Rapidly evolving power market puts pressure on power plants from various dimensions



Once you understand the market you can focus on a number of key areas to adapt the plant



- 6 basic technical parameters (CARFEC) that can be optimised
- All parts of the organisation must work together
- Trade offs have to be made while choosing one or more of the CARFEC parameters for optimisation



Various potential scenarios for operating fossil plants arise from flexibility requirements in EU

Scenario	Requirement for fossil plants	Adaption response (CARFEC)
High renewables in feed meets demand (e.g. summer / windy)	Standby mode / preservation	Availability, Reliability & Cost – Preservation strategy
Intermittent renewables (e.g. solar in Northern EU)	Start at short notice for TSO (often within 1 hour), fast ramping	Reliability, Flexibility & Cost – reduce start costs and increase performance
High solar (e.g. Southern EU)	Night time only operation	Availability, Reliability & Cost – change operations
No wind/sun (anticyclone in winter)	Must run	Availability, Reliability & Cost - back to old operations regime
Grid constraints and poor renewable reactive power and frequency response performance	Offer reliable ancillary service products	Reliability, Flexibility & Cost



Impact on auxiliary systems depends upon flexibility required

Preservation equipment

- New auxiliary equipment required for preservation strategy (e.g. dehumidifiers, stack balloons)
- Needs to be able to be installed and removed as required by the market

Variable and low load operation

- Many motors replaced by variable speed drives
- Auxiliary boiler integrity
- Fuel supply, stocking and feeders
- By-products strategy
- Ammonia and limestone supply and stocking



DCS & monitoring

- DCS control changes may be required (e.g. drain valves)
- Monitoring may need to be more real time due to risk and commercial need
- A new data strategy is needed



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Aim: Provide flexibility without risking integrity or increasing running costs

Starts per months



Achievements for this plant:

- Efficient start up (reduction in time, variability and costs)
- Reduced notice to synchronise and unit synch intervals
- Increased ramp rates
- Efficient coal stock management and by-products management

By-products - 50mill EUR p.a. turnover from 15 flexible coal plants and stable customer demand

Products of BauMineral



- 1.3 million t of concrete addition EFA- Füller[®]
- 0.3 million t of hard coal fly ash BM-Füller[®]
- 0.2 million t boiler slag Isogran[®]
- 0.2 million t bottom ash Grobalith[®]
- 0.5 million t gypsum

Separate specialist company manages all the storage and handling of by-products Investing in silos, benefication and blending facilities at strategic locations Not just on Uniper sites but in "clusters" Can ensure customer supply and quality



Most modifications are not to physical plant but to other areas of O&M strategy



per underpinning it all Is monitoring and data

Data - Focus is on being best in class and continuous improvement using benchmarking









Monitoring - Understand deviation from ideal start to maximise value and consistency

- Auto generated report using plant data
- Compares each start to an 'ideal'
- Used as a 'passive' tool by operators to review and compare starts and identify areas of improvements
- Has already played a part in reducing oil usage on start-ups and so reduce start up costs and increase competitiveness





Target training and best practice to improve consistency and performance of operators

atcliffe Start Up Report

Oil Use

Oil Burners

Boiler (and alarms)

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	Target	Actual	(mins)	diff (mins)	State		Availibility of Unit				
Sync Time	05:59	05:55	-4				MEL=0 Prior to start No				
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Time 4 mills in service		06:16	20	-38	Early		Time Office	oad (Hrs)	10.0	нот	
Time FGD in service		06:22	26	-32	Early		Turbine S	tate (°C)	443.8	нот	
Time SCR in service		06:49	53	-4	Early		Boiler Sta	te (°C)	484.0	нот	
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Temperature when feeder started (*	'C)	>60 <94	86	76	73	86	#N/A	87	#N/A	85	
Time PA fan in service (> 3mbar)			06:06	06:59	06:52	05:37	#N/A	06:12	#N/A	05:43	
Time feeder in service			06:07	07:05	06:57	05:49	#N/A	06:15	#N/A	05:57	
Temperature of standing mills (°C)		<50	41.5	37.1	39.9	35.6	#N/A	46.1	#N/A	26.7	
Mill fail starts/Mill start reliability		?									
Boiler	er Target				Turbine				Target		
Boiler purge total time (mins)		7	/		Turbine on barring prior to run up (hrs)		>5	9			
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Times synch, target synch

Mill Performance

Turbine (and alarms)

Alternator

Load / Target and key times

Imbalance





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On CCGT plants we have achieved 50% reduction in start up time

-Approach

- Steam cycle is the constraint
- For 9FA gas turbine
 - GE trial site for flex load path
 - Uniper engineers focused on HRSG and steam turbine
- Thermodynamic model of system built
- Validated by thermocouples and test runs
- Many control system changes for HRSG and BOP
- Main investment improving aux boiler, thermocouples, DCS mods and condition monitoring





Use of Real Time Data

Production

- Trends
- Process Reports
- Watchdog
- On Line Efficiency Monitor

Maintenance / Engineering

- Equipment running hours
- Number of operations (eg breakers)
- Brushgear Maintenance
- Plant Condition

Linking into Other part of business

- PROATES thermodynamic model
- ACM/SPHERICAL
- Market data



Data is analysed over time for asset integrity

-Approach

- Uniper utilises plant data and advanced algorithms within Uniper proprietary software "Spherical" to provide full plant health monitoring
- Advance Condition Monitoring (ACM) provides a highly effective and efficient data screening solution
- Sites manage their plant operation and maintenance more efficiently
- Optimised condition based maintenance strategy reduces unplanned unavailability



- Works in parallel with existing vibration monitoring services
- Issues are reviewed on exception during normal office hours
- Technical experts investigate and provide recommendations when necessary
- Communication is via web portal, email, phone and reports



Condition Monitoring : Case Study







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