

Process Health Monitoring & Parallel Coordinates

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2024 Revenue

End Markets



Construction & Infrastructure



Industrial and other



Automotive



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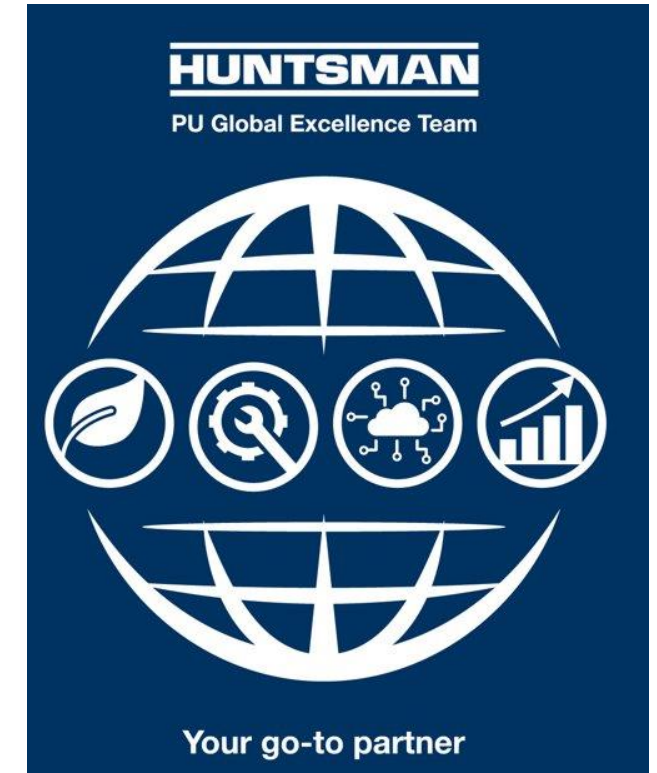
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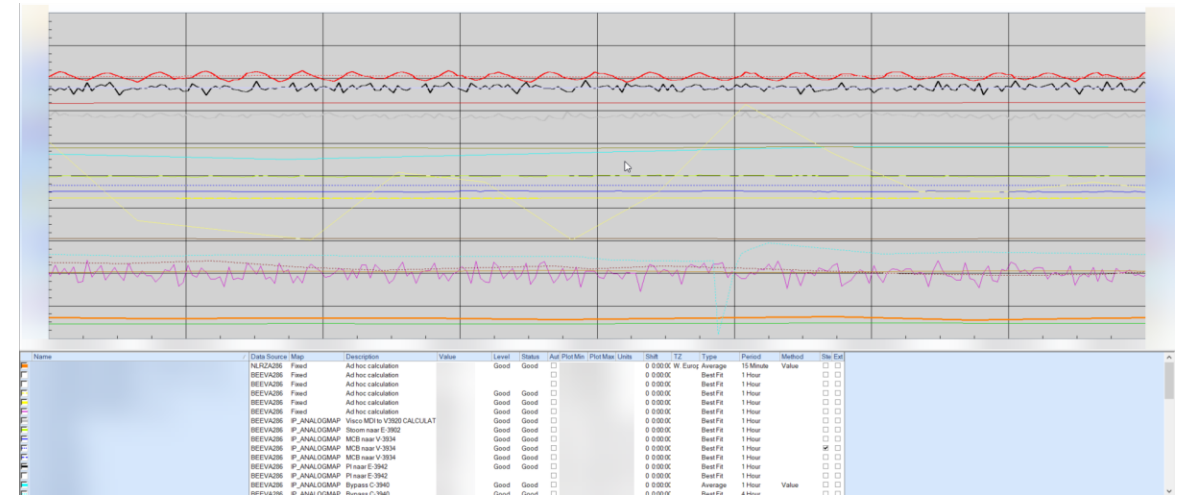
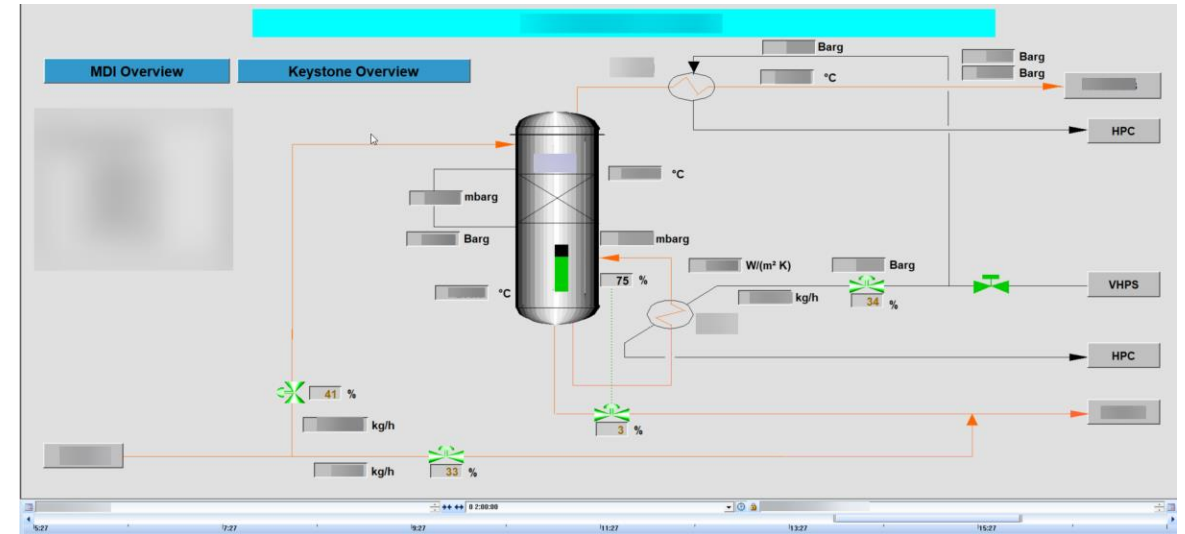
Myself & TrendMiner at Huntsman

- Advanced Analytics Engineer
- Background in chemical engineering
- Global Excellence Team Digital Manufacturing
 - Process modeling
 - Data science
 - Digital portfolio
 - Process control
- Almost ten years of TrendMiner at Huntsman
- Deployed to six major production sites across three divisions
- Use cases ranging from real-time monitoring to root cause problem solving



Process Health Monitoring

- Key reasons for health monitoring:
 - Prevent unplanned downtime
 - Ensure product quality
 - Predict necessary maintenance
- Historically the process health was assessed in Aspen Process Explorer and Excel sheets
- No common “source of truth” for process health
- Reactive rather than proactive
- Steep learning curve for new hires



Our Approach to Implement Health Monitoring

- Experience with monitors and dashboards in Trendminer for batch processes
- Started developing health monitoring dashboards in 2022
- Defined six steps for full implementation on Rotterdam site

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Involve all
operations
stakeholders

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List tags and
operating
ranges for site
areas

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Define key
variables for
process health
and product
quality

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Create monitors
and trends for
one area

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Review and
design process
to integrate in
way of working

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Roll-out to all
site areas

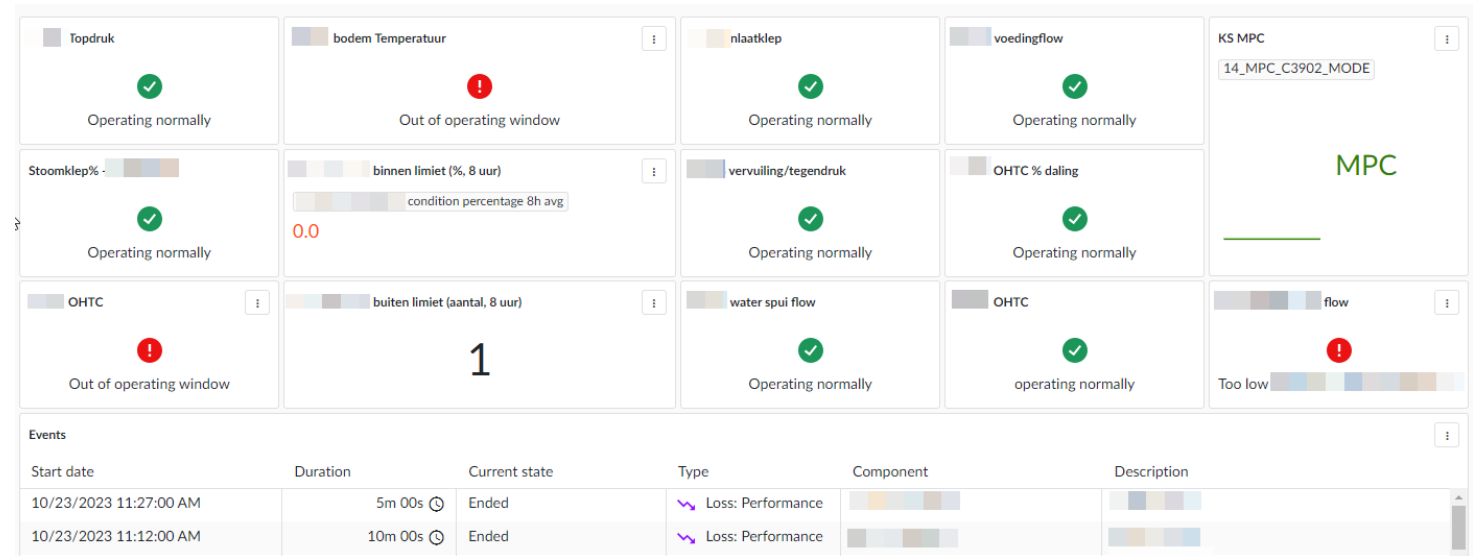
Defining Stakeholders and Key Parameters

- Thorough process with many questions:
 - Who are our main stakeholders?
 - What are healthy operating conditions?
 - How quickly are we to respond?
 - What does our operating envelope look like?
 - What are acceptable deviations?
 - What quality parameters apply to which products?
- Very valuable and insightful discussions
- Can be applied directly in health monitoring dashboards

Area	Deelstap	Onderwerp	Monitoring doel	Trend	Key parameter	Low	Optimal/Norm	High	Tag #1	Low	Optimal/Norm	High	Tag #1	Action Low	Action High	Response time CCR < 1 hr	Response time SSV > 1 hr	Response time OPEX > 1 hr
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Setting up Monitors and Health Dashboards (1/2)

- Three levels of dashboards are defined:
 - P1 – traffic lights based on monitors
 - P2 – trends for monitored tags including applied limits
 - P3 – long term trends and indicators for RCPS (root cause problem solving)
- P1 dashboards are used as a starting point to indicate any health issues for specific areas
- Combination of TrendMiner tools:
 - Search, context items and monitoring (value based, operating area)
 - Tag builder (aggregations, formulas)



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Setting up Monitors and Health Dashboards (2/2)

- P2 dashboards can be used to investigate any deviations found in P1 dashboards
- All P1 monitors have corresponding trends in P2 dashboards
- Easy to navigate using global timeframes
- P3 dashboards not realized yet – to focus on long term indicators



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- Roughly the P1, P2 and P3 dashboards correspond to three disciplines:
 - Operators and shift supervisors (running the process – short term)
 - Process engineers and area teams (keep the process running – medium term)
 - Global Excellence Team (improve the process – long term)
- Each morning meeting the P1 dashboard is reviewed by the shifts
- Input from health monitoring dashboards is entered in shift logs
- Working process designed to escalate any process health issues



Roll-out to all site areas

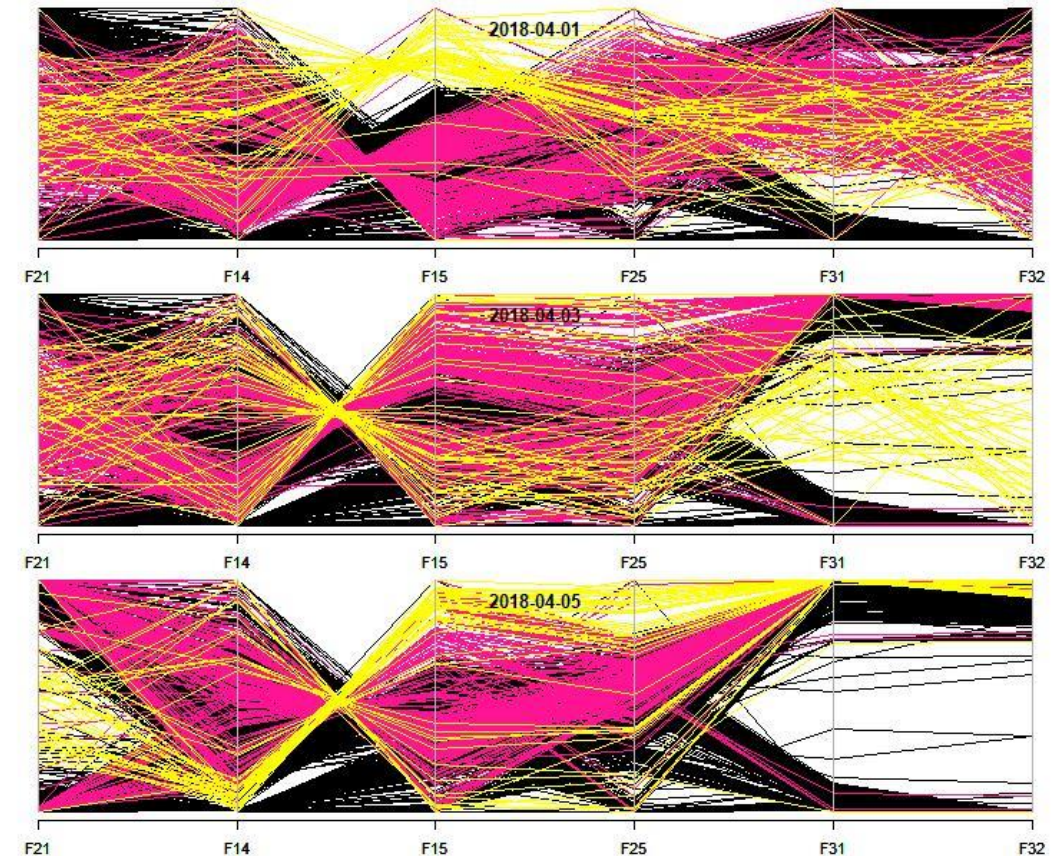
- Health monitoring dashboards set up for all Rotterdam upstream areas
- Significant amount of work – but working well once fully set up
- Navigation dashboard for quick access
- Next steps:
 - Scale approach to other sites
 - Investigate how context items can be used more efficiently
 - Include downstream areas

P0 Overview Dashboard		
Area 200	P1_200	P2_200
	P1_2200	P2_2200
Area 300	P1_300	P2_300
	P1_2300	P2_2300
Area 400	P1_400	P2_400
	P1_2400	P2_2400
Area 500	P1_500	P2_500
	P1_2500	P2_2500
Area 600	P1_600	P2_600
	P1_2600	P2_2600
Area 700	P1_2700	P2_2700
Area 800	P1_2800	P2_2800
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Event Analytics with parallel coordinates

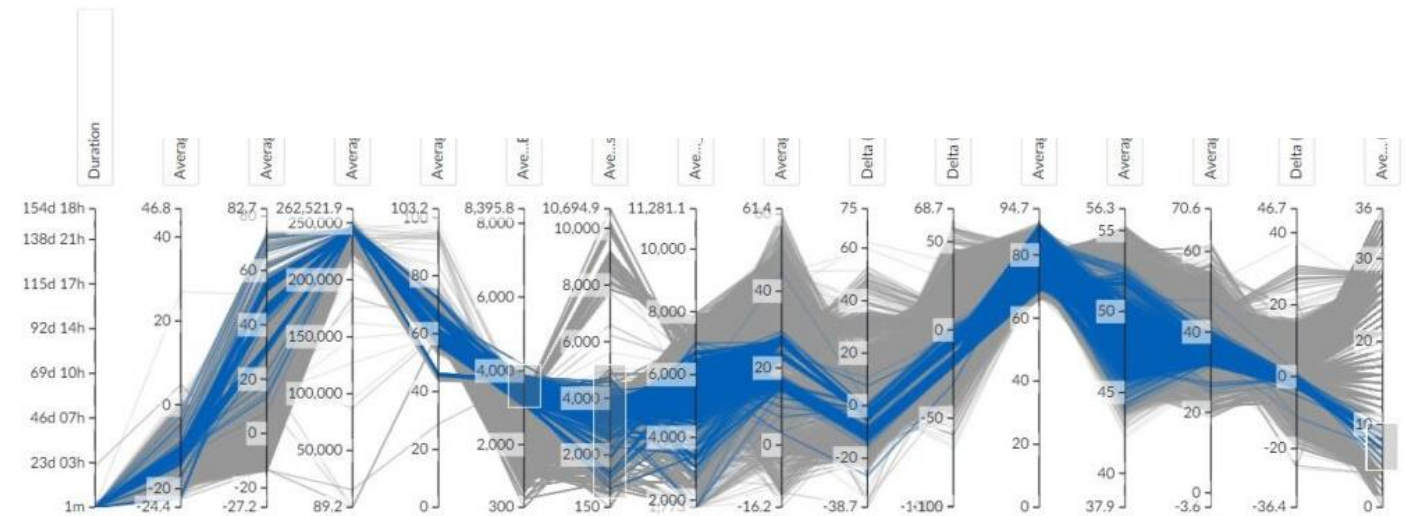
Event Analytics – Parallel Coordinates

- Experiments with parallel coordinates in R
- Powerful visualization technique, however:
 - User needs coding skills
 - No flexibility to reorder and flip axis
 - Static time series data
- Huntsman advocating for this to be included in TrendMiner
 - Several sessions and design iterations with TrendMiner product team
- Three use cases:
 - Crystallizer performance
 - Batch deviation analysis
 - Low production analysis



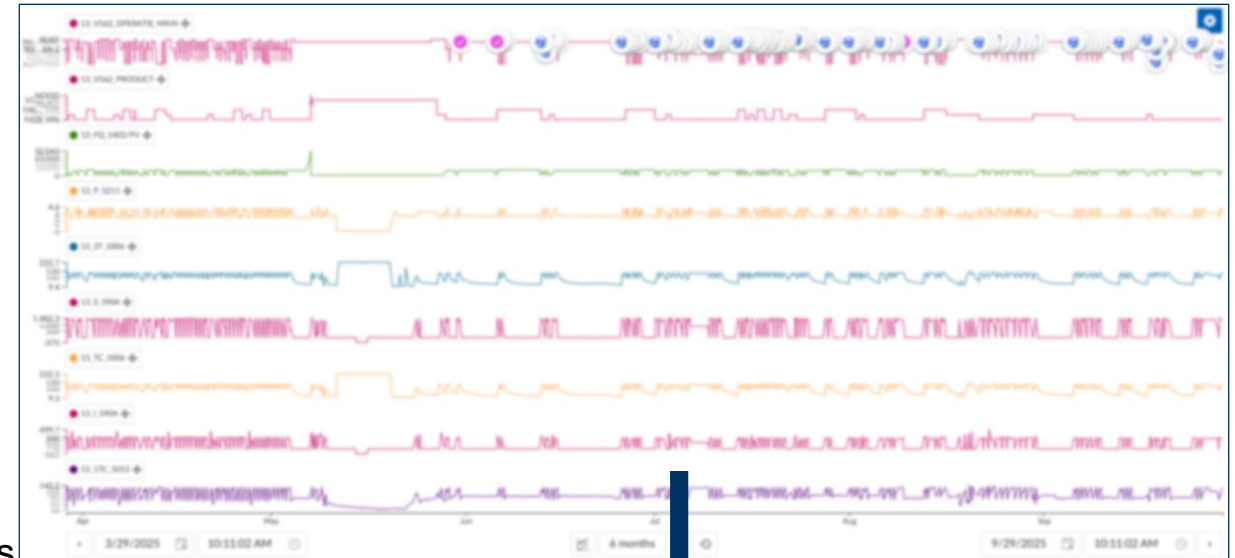
Use Case #1 – Crystallizer Performance

- Lean Six Sigma investigation for underperformance one of the crystallizers
- Selection mechanisms useful to identify how parameters influence each other – visually
- Found that low or high recycle settings have impact on product quality, and how they work through in product quality
- Investigation still on-going – parallel coordinates useful to identify key parameters

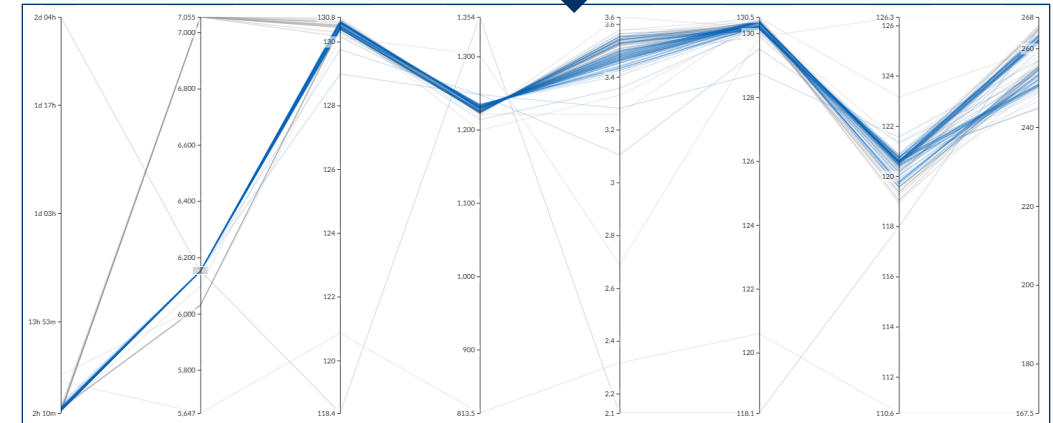


Use Case #2 – Batch Analysis

- Tags for batch step and product allow quick deep analysis of batch performance
- Comparative analysis of similar batches is much easier
- Duration of batch steps is part of the search mechanism
- Parallel coordinates allows to quickly validate theories, e.g.:
 - Temperature was higher at start of batch production, leading to lower quality
 - Longer batch step times require more heat input
- Calculation operators very useful and saves lots of time spent in tools like Minitab

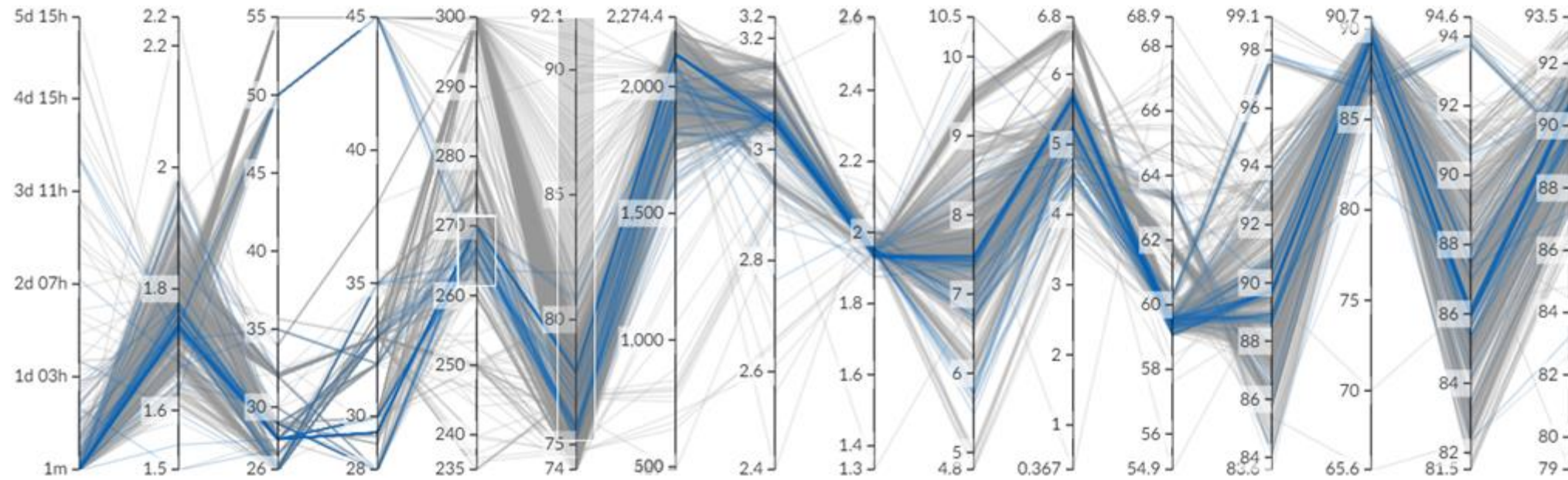


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Use Case #3 – Producing at lower rates

- Production issue regarding product colour at lower production rates
- Parallel coordinates allows to easily compare historical values at similar production rates
- Filtering can tell which setpoints were used previously to get into the right specifications
- Changing valve setting helped improve the product colour



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