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- Turnover 277 M€
  (VTT Group 2014), personnel
  2,600 (VTT Group 1.1.2015)
- Unique research and testing infrastructure
- Wide national and international cooperation network

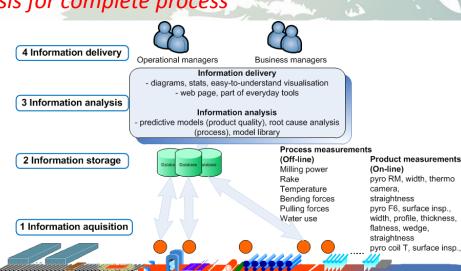


## **PROJECT IDEA**

- SPIRE 02-2016: Plant-wide monitoring and control of data-intensive processes
- Key component Process: Solutions for more efficient processing and resource and energy efficient systems for the process industry, including industrial symbiosis / Key Action 2.3: Process monitoring, control and optimization
- The process of steel manufacturing is complex including a number of consecutive steps and different units (blast furnace, smeltery plant, rolling mill) causing a severe risk of sub-optimising.
- Rigid existing legacy systems are not providing all the information required for integrated and optimized manufacturing process.

### **PROJECT IDEA**

- This project is aiming to adapt new solutions to achieve better process integration, optimization and especially steel quality.
- The requirement is on-line monitoring quality system, that enables better process control and interaction and therefore support more sustainable processes.
- The system will benefit industrial internet technologies in development (sensors, data analytics, big data, information visualisation)
- Such system uses theoretical and mathematical models as a intelligent engine that provides basis for complete process understanding.
- The major result is to develop solutions for predictive utilization of process data for sustainable steel processing
- TRL level is 4-6



## **EXPECTED IMPACT**

- A real-time and adaptive system that that automatically check, alarm and set new operational windows for production parameters in respect to targeted quality level.
- For example slab/coil width is monitored automatically and required corrections starting from slab width control up to reallocation of material are automatically done.
- By predicting quality level of the material as early as possible energy is not wasted for upstream production. In heavy industry lot's of energy is utilized for a production that is finally evaluated as scrap or second-hand material.
- Solutions for more controlled processing can be utilized in any process industry
- (Ref. Key Action 2.3: Process monitoring, control and optimization)

## **EXISTING PROJECT CONSORTIUM**

We are looking for cross-sectoral consortium

VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland (Research work, development)

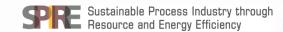
- Research work experienced in developing tools for monitoring and controlling steel quality processes

SSAB Europe (technical development, beneficiary of results)

- Requirement definition
- Partner for industrial tests integrated quality management, verification of research results
- End-user of the results

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- Partner for industrial tests for integrated quality management, verification of research results
- End-user of the results



# **LOOKING FOR PARTNERS**

#### Research partners

- VDEh-Betriebsforschungsinstitut GmbH, (bfi.de), ongoing discussion
- Process modelling
- Big data management

### *Industry partners*

- Research result commercialization (Service provider)
- Industrial test sites

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