



Machine Learning-Based Plant Production Forecast Improves Contract Fulfillment for O&G Major



## A Client

The client is a leading midstream oil and gas company with more than 60 gas processing plants across the US.

## À Challenges

- ✓ Over 15% average error in forecasting of daily gas production, resulting in partial fulfillment of contracts due to shortfall or loss of profit due to excess production
- Unplanned and abrupt downtimes, rescheduled gas supply, internal/external events data uncertainty, error in sampling, and static approach making production forecasts difficult
- Need for predictability in production of processed gas from 75+ plants with different capacities and variations



- Developed a multi-model machine learning framework capable of processing data from multiple data sources like SCADA-OSI PI, FLOWCAL, and Snowflake
- Enriched data by eliminating data anomalies and creating additional 45+ derived variables based on forecasting principles
- Applied business rules considering unplanned and abrupt downtimes, rescheduled gas supply, and internal/external events
- Implemented ensemble technique (aggregation of models) for real-time selection of the most accurate prediction model (based on error rate) to forecast
- Leveraged advanced Azure durable functions to improve scalability and performance of the prediction solution
- Developed persona-driven dashboards with historic data summary of readings for current and past performance of forecast for better governance



## Business Benefits

## **98%**

accuracy in gas production estimation and forecasts

Attained minimum error rate of less than **4%** 

Optimized volume commitments and better revenue planning

Reduced dependency on manual labor for forecasting production

Implemented across 11 plants with an average cumulative gas processing capacity of 450000 MMBTU/day

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