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Near Real-Time IoT Analytics of Pumping Stations in PowerBI

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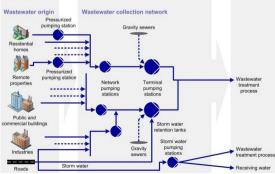


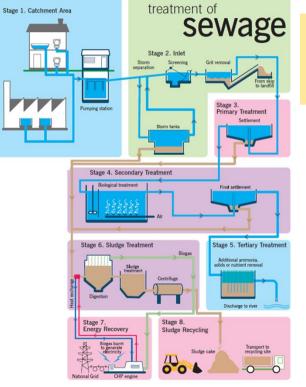
- Background
- Challenge
- Dashboards
- Solution
- Future improvements
- Comparison to other options

Waste Water Network



Wastewater collection process





PS: Pumping Station **CSO**: Combined Sewer Overflow **WWTW**: Waste Water Treatment Works



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Objective: Prevent Waste Water Spills

 Spills are damaging to the environment and may incur a fine from the Environment Agency





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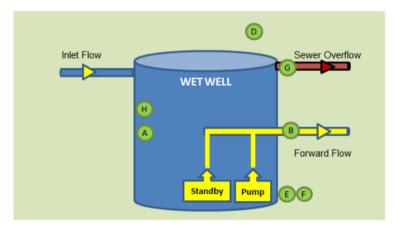


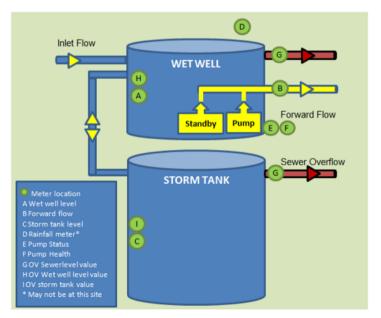
- ~600 Waste Water Treatment Plants, ~900 Pumping Stations, ~250 CSOs
- Sites have different architectures, different sets of IoT sensors (SCADA signals), different naming conventions for sensors, and some of them 100s of sensors
- Analogue signals up to every 15 min
- Digital signals only when there is a change from 1 to 0 and 0 to 1 (therefore there can be a long gap between receiving a signal)
- This particular solution currently has 45 million rows (100 sites, Aug 16 Mar 17). With new sites added, it will be around 400 million rows (600 sites, 1 years' data).

For the purposes of this session Site Names, Catchment Names, Beach Names have been masked, and postcodes mapped to random Scottish postcodes

Pumping Stations

- Pumping Station sites can have multiple wet wells and/or storm water tanks
- Simplified diagrams showing the IoT sensors:









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- How to produce a generic set of dashboards for pumping stations that will:
 - Show us the likelihood of a spill at a pumping station
 - Help us investigate the cause of a spill, including going back in history
 - Show the asset status
 - ✓ With access to only flat files of IoT data (SCADA)
 - ✓ Using Azure & PowerBI
 - ✓ In near real-time (~15 minutes latency)
 - ✓ With compelling visualisations





PowerBI Dashboards

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Current Status

Area

□ 2 □ 3

□ 4 □ 5 □ 6

Catchment

Catchment1
 Catchment10

Catchment11

Catchment13
 Catchment14

Catchment15
 Catchment16

Catchment17
 Catchment18

Catchment19Catchment2

Catchment20

Beach

Beach

Beach10Beach11

Beach12 Beach13

Beach14 Beach15

Beach16
Beach17

Beach18
 Beach19
 Beach2

Beach20

Dashboard showing the likelihood of a spill at a site

- Used by site engineers and operators
- Shows the logic used to derive likelihood of spill
- Can also filter by beach to determine whether spills are affecting a particular beach
- Can be used on mobile devices as well

ite ype	Area	SiteName	Status 🍸	RiskLevel	Rainfall Level	PFF (l/s)	Last Signal Time	
	6	Site400	Red	Spilling	Light Rain		21/03/2017 19:00:11	sk∑
4	5	Site720	Red	Spilling	Light Rain		21/03/2017 19:01:00	
4	1	Site1638	Amber	High	Light Rain	38.80	21/03/2017 19:01:28	
0	6	Site2033	Amber	High	Light Rain	0.00	21/03/2017 19:00:11	Likely .
0	2	Site1876		High	Steady Rain	4.64	21/03/2017 19:00:00	The second se
4	1	Site1795		Medium	Heavy Rain		21/03/2017 19:00:00	Sea of the Berdeen
4	5	Site1003		Low	Light Rain		21/03/2017 19:01:00	100 Mues
4	4	Site1011		Low	Light Rain		21/03/2017 19:00:00	undee
0	6	Site1040		Low	Light Rain	7.13	21/03/2017 19:00:00	GL Charge
4	2	Site1054		Low	Light Rain		21/03/2017 19:00:00	Malin Sea
0	6	Site1063		Low	Light Rain		21/03/2017 19:01:30	Logdonderry
4	5	Site1067		Low	Light Rain	229.20	21/03/2017 19:01:00	Derty Newcastle upon Tyne
4	3	Site1074		Low	Light Rain		21/03/2017 19:00:00	S Belfast Middlesbrough
4	5	Site1084		Low	Light Rain		21/03/2017 19:01:00	Dundak ISLE OF MAN Scarborough
0	1	Site1102		Low	Light Rain	0.02	21/03/2017 19:01:28	Leeds
3	4	Site1103		Low	Light Rain	26.34	21/03/2017 19:00:00	Baile Atha Cliath Cliath Cliath Cliath
4	5	Site1106		Low	Light Rain		21/03/2017 19:01:00	Cite Turne
0	4	Site1127		Low	Light Rain	46.71	21/03/2017 19:00:00	Site Type Site Type Description
4	1	Site1170		Low	Light Rain	0.00	21/03/2017 19:00:00	0 Regular
4	6	Site1181		Low	Light Rain		21/03/2017 19:01:30	1 With Tide Meter
4	2	Site1190		Low	Light Rain		21/03/2017 19:01:30	2 Inhibited by other site
4	3	Site1226		Low	Light Rain	0.00	21/03/2017 19:00:00	3 Storm Tank instead of Wet well
4	4	Site1248		Low	Light Rain		21/03/2017 19:00:00	4 No Pump status signal
2	3	Site1269		Low	Light Rain	0.01	21/03/2017 19:00:00	 5 Pumped Overflow signal for Spills
atus 🍡	SiteN	Name	Status Reason					
Red	Site4	100	Light Rain; OV Lorna Irwir	n Screen Leve	l Value (E14374)(0.761m) > Sp	oill Level (0.605m); PFF(23	.8 l/s) < Consented Flow (45 l/s);
Red	Site7	720	Light Rain; OV Sewer Ove	rflow Level V	alue (E1594)(3.3	04m) > Spill L	evel (1.068m);	
mber	Site1	1638	Light Rain: OV SSO Cham	ber Level Val	ue (E5401)(0.36	3m) <= 95% o	f Spill Level (0.37525m) A	ND > 80% of Spill Level (0.316m); PFF(38.8 l/s) < Consented Flow (7

Pollution Insights : Current Status

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Details (1)

Dashboard allowing users to identify the cause of a spill

Week Starting

Current Week

2017-03-13

2017-03-06 2017-02-27 2017-02-20

2017-02-13

Area

1 2

3

Π4

5 6

SiteName

Site1795

Site1813

Site1855

Site1919 Site1936

Site1966 Site2048

Site206 Site275

Site278

Site407

Site449 Site549 Site619

Example:

- It might be that pump • was not running when it should have been. which would indicate an issue with the pump
- It might be that when • there is more than one pump running the flow did not increase, which might indicate a blockage e.g. dead animal or garbage
- etc. •





Details (2)

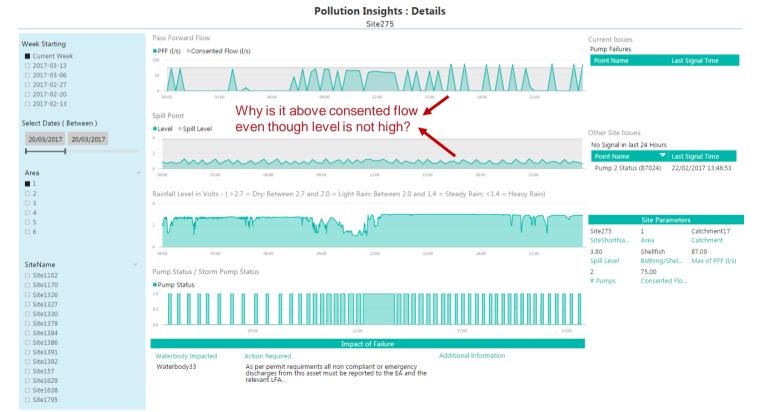




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- Shows whether there was a signal in the last day
- If there was not a signal in the last day this could mean there is need for maintenance
- Last signal value vs signal average

Catchment Catchment1 Catchment1 Catchment1 Catchment12 Catchment13 Catchment14 Catchment16 Catchment18 Catchment18 Catchment18 Catchment18 Catchment18

Area

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SiteName
Site1327
Site1384
Site1966
Site549

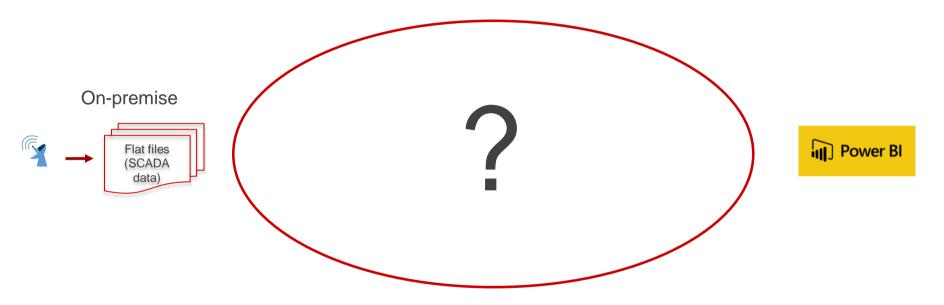
Area	SiteName	Point Name	Measurement Unit	Last Signal Time	Signal Average	Last Signal Value	Signal in La Day
1	Site1327	Pump 2 Status (B21518)	on/off			Pump has stopped	No
1	Site549	Pump 1 Status (B16888)	on/off	11/03/2017 17:23:41		Pump has stopped	No
1	Site549	Pump 2 Status (B16891)	on/off	16/03/2017 12:30:33		Pump has stopped	No
1	Site1327	Pump 1 Status (B21516)	on/off	21/03/2017 02:43:22		Pump has stopped	Yes
1	Site1327	Pump 3 Status (B21520)	on/off	21/03/2017 02:43:22		Pump has stopped	Yes
1	Site1327	Pump 4 Status (B21522)	on/off	21/03/2017 02:43:22		Pump has stopped	Yes
1	Site1327	OV Storm Tank Level Value (E6567)	m	21/03/2017 03:00:00	0.51	0.674 m	Yes
1	Site1327	Rainfall Meter Value (E11122)	Volts	21/03/2017 19:00:00	2.33	0.000 Volts	Yes
1	Site1384	OV Storm Sump Level Value (E10886)	m	21/03/2017 19:00:00	0.88	0.972 m	Yes
1	Site1384	Rainfall Meter Value (E9228)	Volts	21/03/2017 19:00:00	2.37	2.627 Volts	Yes
1	Site1384	Discharge Flow Meter Value (E10883)	l/s	21/03/2017 19:00:00	45.63	3.000 l/s	Yes
1	Site1966	Sewer EDM Level Value (E2354)	m	21/03/2017 15:30:00	0.10	0.059 m	Yes
1	Site1966	Rainfall Meter Value (E11122)	Volts	21/03/2017 19:00:00	2.33	0.000 Volts	Yes
1	Site549	Pump 3 Status (B16894)	on/off	21/03/2017 02:23:43		Pump has stopped	Yes
1	Site549	OV Sewer Level Value (E5584)	m	21/03/2017 02:30:00	0.00	0.000 m	Yes
1	Site549	Rainfall Meter Value (E10924)	Volts	21/03/2017 19:00:00	2.33	2.823 Volts	Yes
1	Site1327	Pump 3 Health (B21519)	on/off			Pump is healthy	
1	Site1327	Pump 1 Health (B21515)	on/off	10/08/2016 07:40:13		Pump is healthy	
1	Site1327	Pump 2 Health (B21517)	on/off	27/10/2016 14:09:19		Pump has failed	
1	Site1327	Pump 4 Health (B21521)	on/off	13/01/2017 13:55:25		Pump is healthy	
1	Site549	Pump 1 Health (B16887)	on/off	23/11/2016 15:07:51		Pump is healthy	
1	Site549	Pump 2 Health (B16890)	on/off	23/11/2016 15:07:55		Pump is healthy	
1	Site549	Pump 3 Health (B16893)	on/off	07/03/2017 15:36:47		Pump is healthy	

Pollution Insights : Signal Status

Architecture

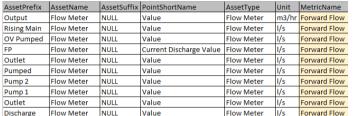


• How do we fill in the gap to meet the requirements?



First set of requirements to be addressed

- Names of signals from different sites need to be standardised
- In some cases, due to the architecture of sites, signals from multiple sites need to be reported as one site
- Not all sites have rainfall data, therefore we need to map it from the nearest site
- For rainfall level use average of last one hour of rainfall voltage
- Likelihood of a spill at a pumping station requires complex logic
- Visualise Pump Status properly



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EntityTypeFrom	EntityTypeTo
Signal	MetricName
Signal	Calculation
Signal	SiteName
Site Name	Site Short Name
	Signal Signal Signal

Likelihood of a spill

Working with site engineers, analysing historical data, and based on available sensors:

Around 100 sites classified into 6 types:

Site Type	Site Type Description			
0	Regular			
1 With Tide Meter				
2	Inhibited by other site			
3	Storm Tank instead of Wet well			
4	No Pump status signal			
5	Pumped Overflow signal for Spills			

Around 300 rules defined using various signals and thresholds to determine RAG Status and Risk Level

- Is there a Flow signal?
- Flow vs Consented Flow?
- Rainfall vs Threshold?
- Wet Well Level vs Spill Level vs Thresholds?
- Pump(s) running?
- Is there a Tide Meter?
- Tide increasing/decreasing?
- Storm pump(s) running?
- Is there an inhibitor?
- Is there a Pumped Overflow signal?

Spill RAG#	Risk Level	RAG Status
12	Spilling	Red
11	Very High	Red
10	High	Red
9	Medium	Red
8	Spilling	Amber
7	High	Amber
6	Medium	Amber
5	Low	Amber
4	Spilling	Green
3	High	White
2	Medium	White
1	Low	White

Some spills are allowed e.g. if it is raining heavily, but other spills are not allowed. RAG Status identifies this.



Likelihood of a spill



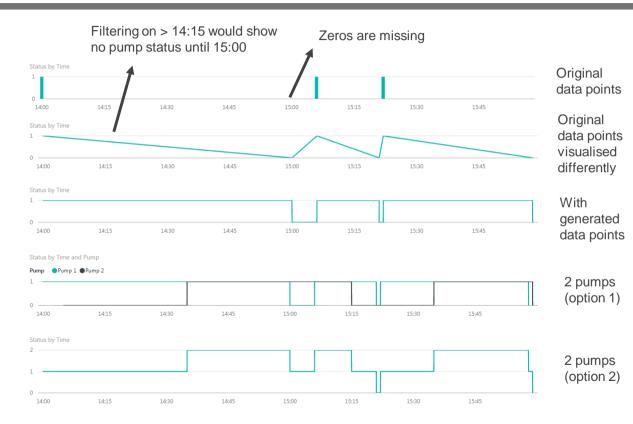
RuleSK	SiteType PassForwardFlowFlag	RainfallFlag	WetWellLevelFlag	PumpStatusFlag	TideLevelFlag	StormPumpStatusFlag	InhibitFlag	PumpedOverflowFlag	RiskLevel	RAGStatus
11	0 No PFF Signal	Rainfall >= Threshold	Wet Well Level <= Threshold2 AND > Threshold1	No Pumps Running	No Tide Meter	No Storm Pumps Running	Ν	NA	Low	Amber
12	0 No PFF Signal	Rainfall >= Threshold	Wet Well Level <= Threshold2 AND > Threshold1	Pumps Running	No Tide Meter	No Storm Pumps Running	N	NA	Low	White
13	0 No PFF Signal	Rainfall >= Threshold	Wet Well Level <= Spill Level AND > Threshold2	No Pumps Running	No Tide Meter	No Storm Pumps Running	N	NA	Medium	Red
14	0 No PFF Signal	Rainfall >= Threshold	Wet Well Level <= Spill Level AND > Threshold2	Pumps Running	No Tide Meter	No Storm Pumps Running	N	NA	Medium	White
15	0 No PFF Signal	Rainfall >= Threshold	Wet Well Level > Spill Level	No Pumps Running	No Tide Meter	No Storm Pumps Running	Ν	NA	High	Red
16	0 No PFF Signal	Rainfall >= Threshold	Wet Well Level > Spill Level	Pumps Running	No Tide Meter	No Storm Pumps Running	N	NA	Spilling	Green
17	0 PFF < Consented Flow	Rainfall >= Threshold	Wet Well Level > Spill Level	Pumps Running	No Tide Meter	No Storm Pumps Running	N	NA	Low	Amber
18	0 PFF < Consented Flow	Rainfall >= Threshold	Wet Well Level > Spill Level	No Pumps Running	No Tide Meter	No Storm Pumps Running	N	NA	High	Red
19	0 PFF < Consented Flow	Rainfall >= Threshold	Wet Well Level <= Spill Level AND > Threshold2	Pumps Running	No Tide Meter	No Storm Pumps Running	N	NA	High	Amber
20	0 PFF < Consented Flow	Rainfall >= Threshold	Wet Well Level <= Spill Level AND > Threshold2	No Pumps Running	No Tide Meter	No Storm Pumps Running	Ν	NA	Very High	Red
21	0 PFF < Consented Flow	Rainfall >= Threshold	Wet Well Level <= Threshold2 AND > Threshold1	Pumps Running	No Tide Meter	No Storm Pumps Running	N	NA	High	Amber
22	0 PFF < Consented Flow	Rainfall >= Threshold	Wet Well Level <= Threshold2 AND > Threshold1	No Pumps Running	No Tide Meter	No Storm Pumps Running	Ν	NA	High	Amber
33	0 PFF >= Consented Flow	Rainfall < Threshold	Wet Well Level <= Threshold1	Pumps Running	No Tide Meter	No Storm Pumps Running	N	NA	Low	White
34	0 PFF >= Consented Flow	Rainfall < Threshold	Wet Well Level <= Threshold1	No Pumps Running	No Tide Meter	No Storm Pumps Running	Ν	NA	Low	White
35	0 PFF >= Consented Flow	Rainfall < Threshold	Wet Well Level <= Threshold2 AND > Threshold1	Pumps Running	No Tide Meter	No Storm Pumps Running	Ν	NA	Low	Amber
36	0 PFF >= Consented Flow	Rainfall < Threshold	Wet Well Level <= Threshold2 AND > Threshold1	No Pumps Running	No Tide Meter	No Storm Pumps Running	Ν	NA	Low	White
37	0 PFF >= Consented Flow	Rainfall < Threshold	Wet Well Level <= Spill Level AND > Threshold2	Pumps Running	No Tide Meter	No Storm Pumps Running	N	NA	Very High	Red
38	0 PFF >= Consented Flow	Rainfall < Threshold	Wet Well Level <= Spill Level AND > Threshold2	No Pumps Running	No Tide Meter	No Storm Pumps Running	Ν	NA	Very High	Red

We need a platform that enables us to implement such a rules engine in near real-time

Visualise Pump Status



- Pump Status is a digital signal that comes only when there is a change from 1 to 0 and 0 to 1
- It does not come at a regular interval
- In order to visualise it and to be able to filter properly, generate data points at 5 minute intervals and at end points
- While this is not difficult to do, we need a platform that enables us to generate data points in near real-time

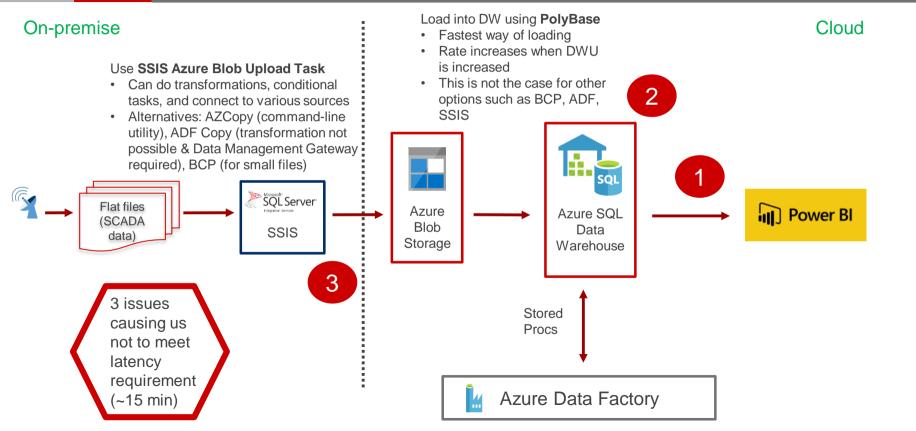




- b) Stream Analytics
- c) Storm on HDInsight
- d) Spark on HDInsight
- e) Somewhere else?

Easiest choice: Do it in a Data Warehouse – but what about latency?

Basic Architecture



Improvement 1 – Azure Tabular Model

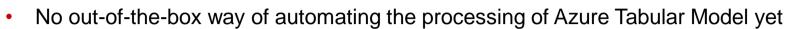
- PowerBI DirectQuery is unacceptably slow, has functional limitations, creates load on DW
- PowerBI Import Mode even with Pro licence can only be refreshed up to 8 times a day, has a size limit, and no partitioning
- How can we make this near real-time?
 - Use Azure Analysis Services Tabular Model we can process it as frequently as we wish
 - Improve processing performance by partitioning Tabular Model into current and historical
 - Live Connection from PowerBI to Tabular Model
 works super fast

(Azure Analysis Services came out in October 2016 & is still in preview)

III) Power Bl	Connection Options
SQL Server	ver database
Database (option	nal)
Data Connectivit	

SQL Server Analysis Services database							
Server							
Database (optional)							
O Import ● Connect live							
▷ MDX or DAX query (optional)							

How to process partitions of Azure Tabular Model & streamline with ETL process



 Do it in C# using Tabular Object Model libraries (TOM) and run from Azure Data Factory using Azure Batch

```
using static Microsoft.AnalysisServices.Tabular.Database:
. . .
public IDictionary<string, string> Execute(
            IEnumerable<LinkedService> linkedServices.
            IEnumerable<Dataset> datasets.
            Activity activity,
            IActivityLogger logger)
        if (currentDateTime.Date == lastProcessDate.Date)
             // If during the day, process only current partition
             model.Tables[tableName[i]].Partitions[0].RequestRefresh(RefreshType.Full);
             . . .
        else
             // If new day, process full
             model.RequestRefresh(RefreshType.Full);
             . . .
```

using Microsoft.AnalysisServices.Tabular;

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How to run C# from ADF using Azure Batch

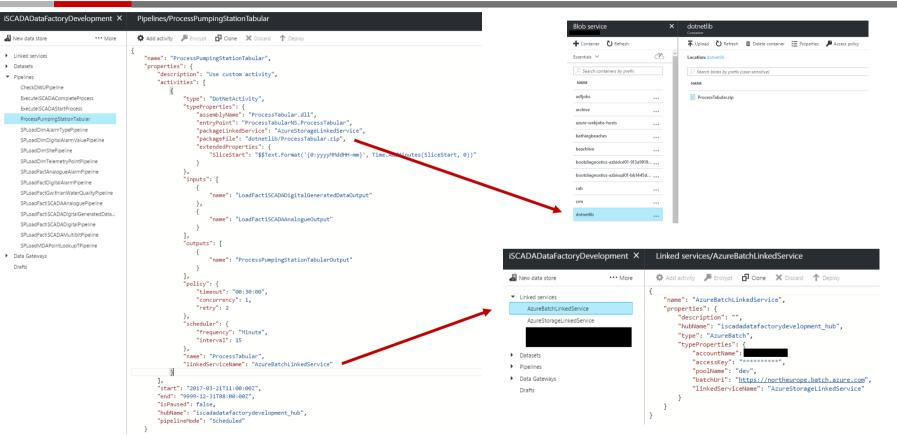
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- 1. Create a **.NET Class Library** project with just the Execute method of the IDotNetActivity interface
- 2. Build it, create a zip file of the binaries, and upload to Azure Blob Storage
- 3. Create an Azure Batch account and pool
- Add a pipeline to Azure Data Factory solution to run the C# code using Azure Batch

https://docs.microsoft.com/enus/azure/data-factory/data-factory-usecustom-activities

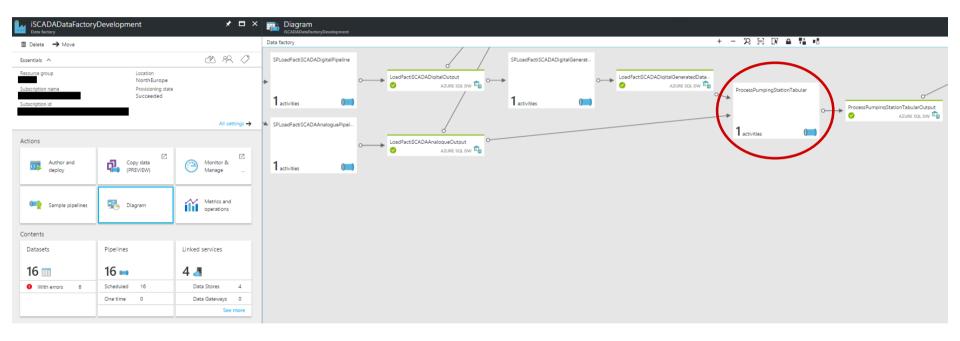
Process Tabular Model from Azure Data Factory



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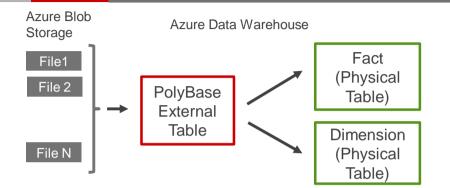


Add pipeline to ADF to process Tabular Model



Improvement 2 – Archive Blob Files





With data growing rapidly, even using PolyBase, loading data into Azure Data Warehouse physical table slows down

- Archive Blob Files that have been loaded into Data Warehouse physical table, so the external table points to only the new files
- Archiving is done from SSIS retrospectively

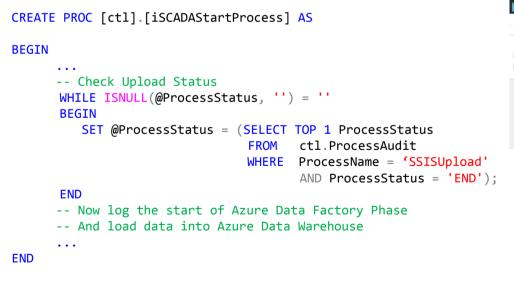
(Alternative would be to define PolyBase on a file (rather than a folder) but it would have to be on the fly)

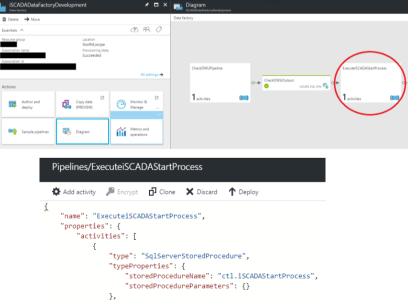
```
CREATE EXTERNAL TABLE [stg].[iSCADADigital]
(
[dv_id] [bigint] NULL,
[db_addr] [int] NULL,
[time] [datetime2](7) NULL,
[value] [bit] NULL,
...
)
WITH
( DATA_SOURCE = [iSCADAAzureStorage],
LOCATION = N'digital/',
FILE_FORMAT = [PipeDelimitedText],
REJECT_TYPE = VALUE,
REJECT VALUE = 0)
```

Improvement 3 – Streamline SSIS & ADF



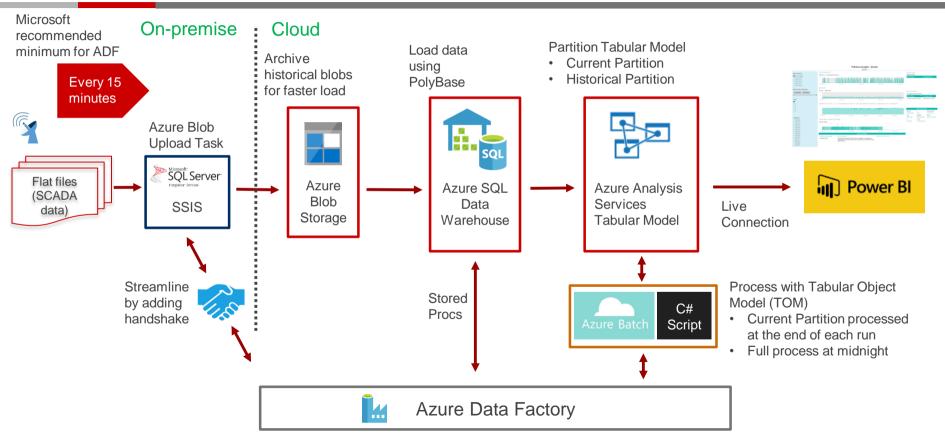
 Create a Stored Proc that will be the first task in ADF that will check for the completion of SSIS upload of files into Azure Blob





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Architecture





- As data grows, may need a more sophisticated partitioning scheme for Tabular Model. Currently 45 million rows (Aug 16 – Mar 17). With new sites added, it will be around 400 million rows (600 sites, 1 years' data).
- Automatically scale up Azure Analysis Services when doing full processing overnight, and then scale down
- Use machine learning to find the correlation between signals this could help improve the logic to predict the likelihood a spill (Utilising Azure Stream Analytics & Azure Machine Learning)
- Store historical RAG Status and Risk Level, and use Machine Learning to predict future RAG Status and Risk Level
- Other ideas:
 - Detect pump blockages from Flow & Pump Status
 - Pump energy use vs Flow rate determine whether pumps are efficient or need to be serviced
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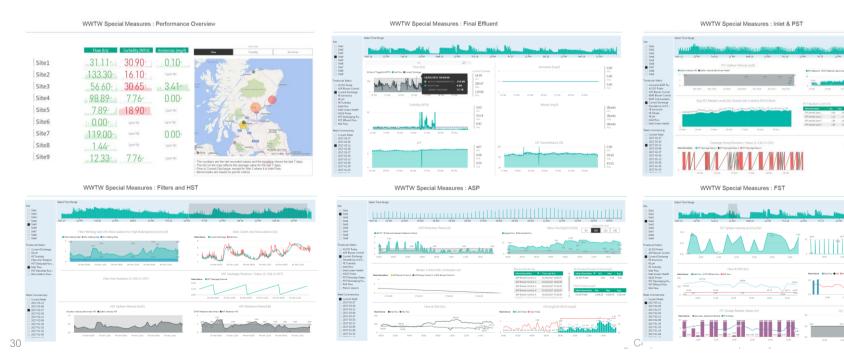
Comparison to alternative solutions



Solution	Handle complex rules	Handle out of order events	Latency	Visualisations	Cope with large amounts of data	Historical data analysis alongside near real-time data	Scale up & down	Cost
Azure Data Warehouse & Analysis Services	Yes	Yes	~ 15 min (Microsoft recommended minimum for ADF)	PowerBI	Yes	Yes	Yes	Pay-as-you-go (PaaS)
Azure Stream Analytics	May struggle (SQL & reference data from Azure Blob but no UDFs, no extensible code)	Yes	Low	PowerBI	Yes	Results need to be stored in DW	Yes	Pay-as-you-go (PaaS)
Storm on HDInsight	Code in Java or C#	Has to be implemented	Low	PowerBI	Yes (Very Large)	Results need to be stored	Yes	Pay-as-you-go (PaaS)
Spark on HDInsight (Spark Streaming)	Scala or Java	Yes (by batching data)	Batching adds some latency	PowerBI	Yes (Very Large)	Results need to be stored	Yes	Pay-as-you-go (PaaS)
On-premises SQL Server & Analysis Services	Yes	Yes	Low (Although loading data may be slow)	SSRS or with on- premises gateway in PowerBI but may need ExpressRoute for performance	Not as powerful as Azure DW	Yes	No	High initial setup cost, and later upgrade cost

A lot more can be done with Waste Water IoT data HITACHI Inspire the Next

- Another similar but larger project we did was on Waste Water Treatment Works
- Common dashboards for all sites to analyse performance, identify issues, prevent failures
- Dashboard for each phase of treatment: Final Effluent \rightarrow Inlet & PST \rightarrow Filters & HST \rightarrow ASP \rightarrow FST etc.





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