Advanced mill liner wear measurement and prediction services





WE DISCOVER POTENTIAL

Increase uptime through improved wear and extended liner life

The productivity of mining operations depends on a productive milling process. And central to a productive milling process is the wear life of its liners. Unpredictable wear increases maintenance requirements and reduces uptime. But understand how a mill wears and you're on your way to extending equipment life and better planning maintenance. Which is where our advanced 3D scanning and liner profiling technologies come in.



Discover performance

Our advanced liner profiling and scanning services use cutting-edge technology to give you the most accurate and actionable information about the condition of your mill liners. We also let you know the steps that can be taken to optimise the liner wear life – empowering you to extend the life of your equipment and better plan maintenance shutdowns.

How do we do this?

It starts with an understanding of how mill liners wear. And that is where we excel. Our deep process and product expertise – built on more than 135 years of history in the mining industry – gives us unparalleled insight into the causes of wear and how to combat it. Simply put: we know what we're talking about. And that means we're your reliable partner for mill wear optimisation.

Add into the mix our advanced 3D scanning, liner profiling, and wear prediction technologies and you have a winning package. We make wear measurement simpler and faster – while keeping it comprehensive – to provide you with the most appropriate solutions to reduce the total cost of ownership of your mill. We help you discover what your mill is really capable of.



FARO laser scanner

Key benefits



A partner for success

Our approach is centred on partnership. We approach each project not as suppliers with products to sell but partners with solutions to offer, ready to work with you to support your milling operations achieve their full potential. Our liner profiling and scanning solutions include:

- 3D scanning.
- Basic wear reporting.
- Advanced wear analysis and reporting.
- Liner replacement forecast.
- Mill liner profile optimisation.
- Mill liner material optimisation.
- Onsite technical advisory and audits.
- Supply and installation of new optimised liners.



Recording liner profiles as 3D cloud point data inside the mill chamber



3D scanning

Our 3D laser scanning technology can capture up to 50 million data points, at levels of accuracy that are simply not possible with physical measurement, to build a profile of the liner.

The scan generates a complete set of 3D cloud point data of everything around the laser to an accuracy of ± 2 mm at 10 m and 25 m, each at 90% and 10% reflectivity.

With a scanning time as short as 8 minutes, it can easily be performed during planned maintenance and inspection schedules. Total time - including lock-out and tag, checking-in staff and team, installation, scanning, check-out out of staff and team, and unlock and signalling – is less than 20 minutes.

Data transmission

3D data points from the scanner are transmitted to us for analysis via the FLSmidth Cloud Infrastructure Platform. The same platform is also used to transmit the report and recommendations back to the customer.



Data analysis

Once received, the data is automatically processed, manipulated, and converted into a 3D model. This is then aligned appropriately and compared with a fully-intact stock model of the liner set to highlight deviations. The deviations are then analysed for wear trends and wear patterns, and to forecast relining.

To ensure our recommendations are appropriate to the real-world conditions of your mill, one of our wear experts - who understands your unique operating practices and process conditions – will also review the analysis. All necessary data and images required to generate the report are obtained during this phase.

Report

The insights provided by the model and subsequent analysis are automatically compiled into a report, which is usually delivered in two phases. A basic summary is sent within two days of the scan; a detailed report then follows within the next three days:

Basic summary:

- Mill volume calculation.
- Reline date (±7 days accuracy).
- Minimum remaining liner thickness.
- Liner wear trend.

Detailed report:

- Liner longitudinal and cross-sectional wear profiles.
- Colour-coded wear map.
- Cross-sectional profile thickness comparison with new liners.
- Profile diagrams for each liner.
- Functional replacement date for liner performance.
- Expert recommendations.

Measure- ment order	Measure- ment date	Mill Ioad m ³	Free space m ³	Total mill volume m ³	Mill load %
1	7-Jan-19	96.0	390.0	486.0	19.75 %
2	13-Feb-19	97.4	390.8	488.2	19.95 %
3	19-Mar-19	86.0	410.0	496.0	17.34 %
4	29-Apr-19	100.3	406.4	506.7	19.79 %

Mill volume calculation

Discharge head grate (lifter & plate)

Forecast for lifter and plate

			1	Forecast disc	harge head liner					
Installation date	e	07-Ja	n-2019 Highest wear rate							
Current measu	Current measurement date 19-Mar-2019				Lifter w	12.6 mm/mT				
Accumulated to	Accumulated tonnage 3.808 mT				Plate w	12.3 mm/mT				
Average proces	Average processed tons 52,500 tonn									
		Foreca	st of change ir	n terms of hig	phest wear and c	ritical thicknes	ss (plate)			
Reline thicknes	Reline thickness		0	Total estimation duration of current campaign		Previous campaign duration		Highest wear located in point N°11 feeding lifter		
Forecast, remai	Forecast, remaining tons) mT							
Reline date	Reline date		03-May-2019		16.6 Weeks		15.6 Weeks		Worn thickness 50 mm plate critical thickness	
Forecast, remai	Forecast, remaining days		38 days		6.2 mT		5.24 mT			
			Disch	arge head pl	ate (Profile 2800) mm)				
Control data	D	ays	Tonnage			Thickness	Loss of thick-	Wear rate		
Control date	Days	Accumulated	Tonne	mT	Accumulated	(mm)	ness (mm)	mm/Week	mm/mT	
Cycle from 07	Jan-2019 to 19	9-Mar-2019								
07-Jan-2019	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	131				
13-Feb-2019	37	37	2,023,000	2.02	2.02	119	12	2.27	5.93	
19-Mar-2019	34	71	1,785,000	1.79	3.81	97	22	4.53	12.32	

Liner wear trend curve









Discharge head grate thickness as on December 08, 2019

Discharge head liner wear profile



Discharge head grate longitudinal lifter & plate as on December 08, 2019

Shell liner (lifter & plate)

Forecast for lifter and plate

				Foreca	st shell liner								
Installation date	•	07-De	c-2019			Highest	t wear rate						
Current measure	ement date	19-Mar-2020 Lifter wear rate						50.2 mm/mT					
Accumulated to	nnage	5.32	8 mT		Plate w	8.0 mm/mT							
Average process	sed tons	52,560 t	onne/day										
		Foreca	ast of change i	n terms of hig	phest wear and c	ritical thickne	ss (lifter)						
Reline thickness	;	130	mm	Total Estima	ation duration of	Drovious compaign duration		Highest wear located in point					
Forecast, remain	ning tons	2.67	2 mT	curren	t campaign	r revious can	inpaign duration	N°03 feeding lifter					
Reline date		08-May-2019		21.8 Weeks		38.5 Weeks		Worn thickness 130 mm lifter critical thickness					
Forecast, remaining days		51 days		8.0 mT		6.70 mT							
			S	hell FE-Lifter	(Profile 1800 mm	1)							
Control data	Da	ays	Tonnage		Thickness	Loss of thick-	Wear rate						
Control date –	Days	Accumulated	Tonne	mT	Accumulated	(mm)	ness (mm)	mm/Week	mm/mT				
Cycle from 07-D	Dec-2018 to 19	9-Mar-2019											
07-Dec-2018	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	458							
07-Jan-2019	31	31	1,517,000	1.52	1.52	393	65	14.68	42.85				
13-Feb-2019	37	68	2,024,000	2.02	3.54	343	50	9.42	24.60				



Liner wear trend tonnage



Forecast for lifter and plate

				Forecast	feed head liner					
Installation date	÷	07-Ja	n-2019		Highest wear rate					
Current measur	ement date	19-Ma	r-2019		Lifter w	Lifter wear rate				
Accumulated to	nnage	3.80	8 mT		Plate w	e wear rate 18.0 mm			ım/mT	
Average proces	sed tons	52,500 1	onne/day							
		Foreca	ist of change i	n terms of hig	ghest wear and c	ritical thickne	ss (lifter)			
Reline thickness	5	110	mm	Total Estim	ation duration of			Highest wear located in point		
Forecast, remai	ning tons	2.19	2 mT	currer	nt campaign	Previous campaign duration		N°04 feeding lifter		
Reline date		29- Ap	29-Apr-2019		16.1 Weeks		15.3 Weeks		Worn thickness 110 mm lifter critical thickness	
Forecast, remai	Forecast, remaining days		42 days		6.0 mT		5.77 mT			
			Fe	ed head lifte	r (Profile 1800 m	m)				
Control data	0	ays		Tonnage		Thickness	Loss of thick-	Wear rate		
Control date	Days	Accumulated	Tonne	mT	Accumulated	(mm)	ness (mm)	mm/Week	mm/mT	
Cycle from 07-I	Dec-2018 to 1	19-Mar-2019								
7-Jan-2019	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	270				
13-Feb-2019	37	37	2,023,000	2.02	2.02	226	44	8.40	21.95	
19-Mar-2019	34	71	1,785,000	1.79	3.81	179	47	9.59	26.11	

Liner wear trend tonnage







Shell liner thickness chart as on December 08, 2019

Shell liner wear profile





Shell liner longitudinal and cross section as on December 08, 2019

Liner optimisation

After thorough data analysis, delivery of the report, and with your consent, we can then go ahead with optimising the liners. This makes sure they offer the best mechanical and materials specifications for improved productivity and longer wear life. Discrete element modelling (DEM) is carried out to simulate throughput based on existing operating parameters and to evaluate how the liner design may be improved to meet your targets.

It's at this point that our collaborative approach is critical. We understand that there is no one-size-fits-all solution in mining. Your business is unique. So is your process. And so is your equipment. We also understand that you know your business, process and equipment inside and out. To make sure the final results are tailored to your needs, we discuss everything through with you and then incorporate your expert knowledge into the design.

Feed head liner wear profile



Feed head liner thickness chart as on December 08, 2019

Feed head longitudinal lifter and plate as on December 08, 2019





DEM simulations were conducted to ensure the most efficient lining design is recommended.

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In addition, as a complete OEM supplier of mills and mill parts, we bring experts with deep experience and understanding of mill equipment and processes to the table. This means we can take a holistic view of the mill and how it interacts with the complete milling circuit to provide effective long-term solutions, rather than short-term fixes.



DEM simulation

Establishing the maximum number of impacts per second using DEM simulations.

Optimised mill liners



When the time comes to replace the mill liners, every second of downtime is lost production – and lost profits. Our relining service teams comprise highly-skilled engineers and technicians that help ensure the mill is back up and running as quickly as possible.



FLSmidth field experts use 3D scanning technology to identify the critical wear areas to calculate and extend the wear life.

Supply and installation

Our relining and maintenance service teams are based regionally but backed by our global pool of leading process knowledge experts. Our service engineers and product specialists can also provide audit and advisory services.

Digitalizing the grinding circuit

By digitalizing your grinding circuit, you can boost productivity and energy efficiency by 5% and decrease process variability by 30%.





CONNECTIVITY

Monitor. control

and optimise remotely Connecting your equipment to the internet via our secure infrastructure is the prerequisite for harvesting the benefits of digitalization.

SiteConnect[™]

Real-time data on your mobile device. Instant notifications in case of unexpected events, and live access to performance data.

ECS/Product Control

Integrated product control enables faster commissioning, fewer programming errors and better overall performance. The integrated controls also provide you with with the "ecosystem" for plug and play future upgrades and services.

24/7 Global Remote Service Center

Reduce unplanned downtime through insightful analytics and 24/7 monitoring by subject matter experts

Cyber Security

Keep your connected IT updated, safe and unbreachable. Cyber security is an integrated and fundamental capability of our digital portfolio.

ASSET HEALTH

Keep your equipment healthy and your processes running smoothly

Remote condition monitoring of wear parts and equipment protects your assets and mitigates risks to secure optimal process flow.

LoadIQ

body changes in real time. Maximise efficiency,

ECS/UptimeGo[™]

Get insights to identify causes of equipment failure and eliminate downtime root causes.

ECS/ProcessControl

Delivers complete and reliable automated control of your grinding circuit, optimises performance, ensuring you are operating at your maximum potential. It also supports quicker and smarter troubleshooting of faults by your operators and maintenance engineers. reducing downtime and lost production. And it provides the tools, data and connectivity needed to unlock the value of Industry 4.0.

Augmented Field Engineer

Allows our engineers to remotely assist with your operational issues. A hands-free remote collaboration tool enables you to share vision of your equipment with our field service technicians. Results in faster resolution of incidents, reduced cost of service delivery and increased availability.

Online Condition Monitoring Services

with our local and global experts, to provide you with actionable insights to avoid losses associated with unexpected downtime and breakdowns.

Key benefits

- On demand information in the control room or on your mobile
- Expedite remote support
- Enable faster decisions and actions
- to top management
- Increase uptime and availability by decreasing unplanned breakdowns



PERFORMANCE OPTIMISATION

Boost your productivity

From single equipment to entire plants, our digital solutions uses data intelligence to optimise your performance, boost your productivity and reduce your energy usage.

Smart sensor technology that will automatically determine and maintain the optimal mill load while simultaneously accounting for liner wear and ore avoid liner damage, and increase throughput rates.

We use secure and advanced cloud analytics, coupled

ECS/ProcessExpert®

Advanced process control system to improve grinding circuit productivity and energy efficiency.

SAGwise

Minimise critical impacts to prevent liner damage, avoid shutdowns and cut energy costs.

PERI Automatic Ball Charger

Controlled, continuous supply of balls to ensure your mill operates at optimum charge level.

SmartCyclone™

Optimise the cyclone process and predict and control cyclone maintenance schedules.

On-Stream X-ray Analyzer

State-of-the-art sensitivity and short analysis cycle times for monitoring slurry process streams.

ECS/Plant Data Management

Transform process and quality data into real-time operations and get the most out of your plant and equipment

• Real-time insights available

- Maximise productivity and reliability
- Reduce environmental impact
- Cut operating costs
- Control and optimise operations



How you will benefit from our advanced wear measurement and prediction services

- Increase uptime and enable higher utilisation rates, throughput and productivity
- Empower better operating decisions with wear trending report and analysis
- Better forecast wear to inform maintenance planning
- Lower maintenance requirements
 limit personnel's interaction with mill
- Lower cost of production with improved energy efficiency and extended uptime



Optimise your milling operation

Our experts are ready to help. Contact them at:

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