



# A KPI for control valve reliability used in projects with SPI

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# Overview















- Common risks on problems in control valve sizing and selection
  - Capex projects
  - Turnarounds
- Solution by predictive reliability analysis
- Lessons learned
  - Applying reliability index “ $R_i$ ” in real life together with SPI



# What you'll see and what not















 Control valve	Calculation and optimization especially from the control engineering point of view
 Control valve (two phases)	Calculation and optimization of control valves with two-phase flow at the inlets
 Steam conditioning valve	Calculation of the steam conditioning unit including the required cooling water flow
 Actuator forces	Calculation of required actuator forces of globe valves
 Differential pressure flow element	Flow measurement according to ISO, API and ASME with orifice elements, venturi tubes, nozzles and pitot tubes
 Restriction orifice plate	Sizing, adaptation and optimization
 Pressure loss	Taking into account the pipe length, individual resistances and elevation differences
 Pressure surge	Pressure surge characteristics with variable closing times and different valve characteristics
 Sizing	Cross-sectional area, jacket area, flow velocities, Joukowsky peak, etc.
 Pipe compensation	Calculation of the changes in length, pipe support loads and compensation (L or U-bend)
 Span calculation	Taking into account the dead weight, insulating material and maximum permissible sag
 Pipe wall thickness	This calculation according to EN 13480 and DIN 2413 applies to pipes subjected to an internal pressure



# What you'll see and what not



 Shell-and-tube heat exchangers	Sizing and recalculation of liquid-liquid shell-and-tube heat exchangers from the process engineering point of view
 Condenser	Calculation of liquid-cooled condensers
 Material data calculation	Computation of the characteristics of tubing and equipment materials
 Pressure relief valve	According to AD, ISO, API and ASME, pressure losses and piping forces, two-phase flow
 Rupture discs	Calculation of rupture discs according to API 520 and ISO 4126
 Thermowells	Calculation of thermowells according to ASME PTC 19.3
 Level calibration	Measurement of drum level using a differential pressure transmitter
 Tank depressurization	A tank filled with gas is depressurized either into the atmosphere or into a second tank
 Pump and compressor output	The motor power requirements of pumps, fans and compressors are determined
 Substance calculation	Calculation of pressure and temperature-related properties
 Thermodynamics module	Calculate and plot thermophysical properties of substances in the fluid phase
 Regression	Graphical representation and adaptation of a curve to a series of measuring points

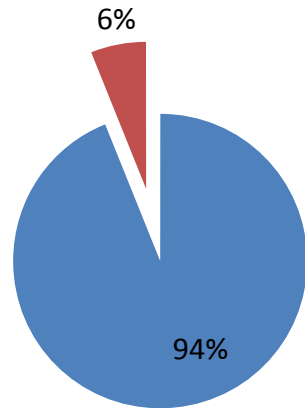


# Control Valve Cost Distribution



## Small number

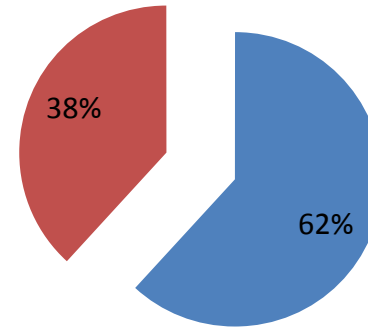
Number of valves



- Standard Control Valves
- Critical / High Performance Control Valves

## Big impact on purchase cost

Proportional purchase cost



- Standard Control Valves
- Critical / High Performance Control Valves





# Scenario: Capex projects

- High performance valves are not fit for the application
- Risk of valves failing during commissioning and startup
- Real example of a Petrochemical plant
  - Major problems with high performance valves
  - >2,5 million \$ reengineering and replacement cost
  - Startup delay > 30 days



# Scenario: Turnarounds



- Detection of unexpected damages on High Performance Control Valves
- Spare part lead time several month
- Workarounds are introducing further cost
- Risk off project and startup delays





# Common to both scenarios



- Root cause analysis necessary
  - Based on the “real” process data (hard to get)
- Reengineering
  - Depending on vendor recommendations for the solution
  - Risk of repeatedly selecting a poor solution
- Replacement
  - Long lead times may impact operation
  - Risk of operation loss



# What if...



- you could predict if a Control Valve is “fit for the application” at all?
- you could predict reliability problems (e.g. due process data changes) to preorder spare parts for turnarounds.
- you get rating for how good a valve fits to the process conditions to select the best available solution
- you could apply “Ri” on large control valve populations
- you could therefor minimize the risk of capital losses



# Control Valve sizing and selection

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- Select a valve that
  - works stable in the required range of control
  - give you some reserve on control
  - fulfills its job reliable
- Verify that the selection meets all the requirements
- Don't rely on a vendors recommendation only





# Why do we need a KPI?

- Are you a valve nerd?  
Some, maybe most of us will answer “For sure not”
- “How can I reproducibly decide if a valve matches the given process conditions so that it performs reliably in any mode of operation?”
  - Gut instinct?
  - Rules of thumb?
  - Applying best practices?



# Why do we need a KPI?

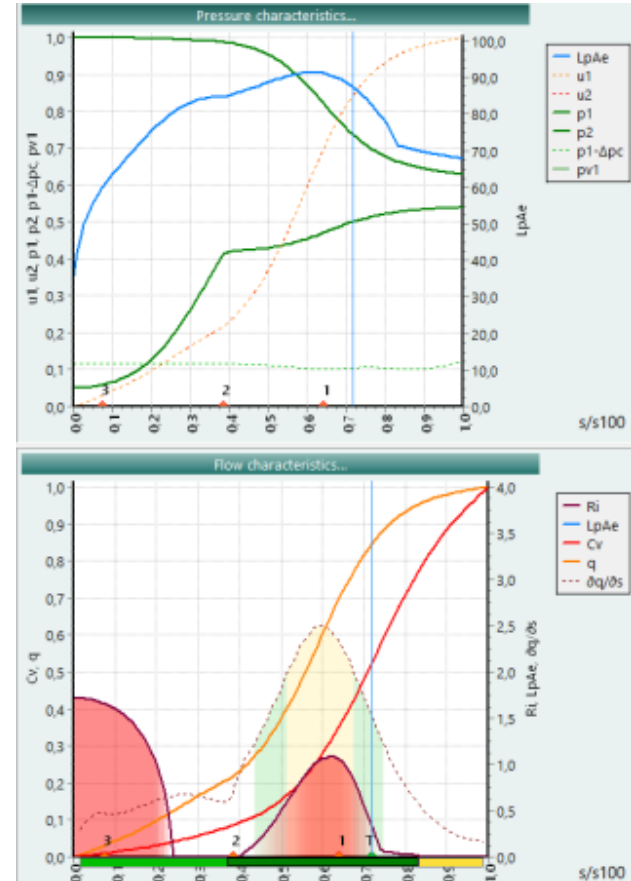


- Ensure that independent from the individual doing the analysis the given rating is reproducible identical
- Allow analysing valve cases by “non-nerds” having “only” the process conditions
- Quickly detect the severe cases in big number of cases
- To predict the impact of changing process conditions
- ...



# Why do we need a “Ri” KPI?

- To review the full range of operating conditions: (Min, Norm, Max, Start-up, ... 0% to 100% of valve opening)
- To ensure that you don't miss something



# Quick definition of “Ri”



- A single number for each operating / process condition
- The range of the value is defined
  - 0 to 0.1 ● No reliability problems expected
  - 0.1 to 0.5 ● Possible reliability problems
  - 0.5 to 1 ● Limited reliability
  - >1 ● Possible mechanical damage
- Additional info on the root cause and options to improve





# Building the “Ri” in brief

- To calculate the “Ri”, all major reliability influencing factors need to be taken into account.
- General parameters like
  - $\Delta p$
  - Energy conversion
  - Noise level
  - Outlet flow velocity
  - Valve type
- Flow conditions
  - Cavitation
  - Flashing
  - Choked flow
- Fluid properties
- Process conditions
  - Normal operation
  - Start-up
  - Special operation
- ...





# How to apply a “Ri” in projects?



- Import latest data from SPI and vendor tools
- Determine the “Ri” with final operating conditions for all modes of operation for all control valves
- Follow the hints, discuss and select more suitable solutions
- Ensure that finally no valve will be selected with a “Ri” > 0.1

- Sounds easy, isn't it?



# Challenges applying the “Ri”



## Process data / specification

- Tools involved
  - Process simulators
  - SPI
  - Vendor tools
- One time handover
  - Process Data Sheet
  - Instrument Data Sheet
- Bulk processing

## Interfaces involved

- Import from Process Simulator Software
- Import from SPI
  - Process Datasheet
  - Instrument Datasheet
- Import from Vendor tool
  - Fisher First 2
  - Fisher Specification Manager



# CONVAL Adapter Tool - CAT

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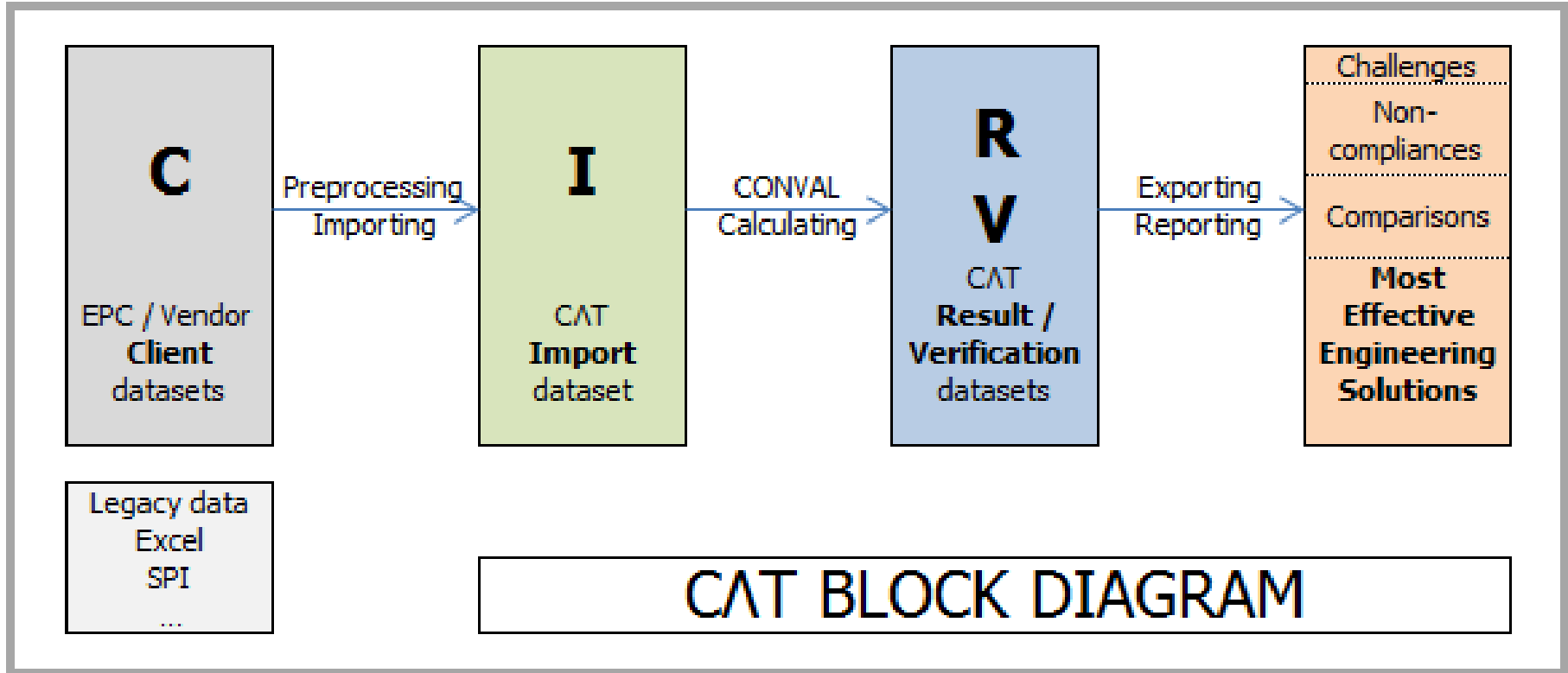
The screenshot displays the CAT software interface, which is divided into several functional areas:

- Top Panel:** Shows project identifiers (AHH097-V, AHH097-V), fluid name (water), and inlet/outlet specifications (2" x 8.84 GPM(US)).
- Process Log:** A list of system events including import operations, calculations, and warnings. A warning states: "Limited reliability in the operating point 1 (high Ri) due to High velocity: 48 %; Flashing In order to avoid evaporation at the inlet, the upstream pipe should be line-sized and In order to improve the reliability, you should use a valve with a larger nominal size."
- Properties Panel:** Contains fluid state (water), critical pressure, temperature, and pressure data. It also includes control parameters like ICat (B), RCat (D), and HPCV settings.
- Flow Analysis Tables:** Three tables showing flow characteristics at maximum, normal, and minimum flow rates.
 

Flow State	@ maximum flow	@ normal flow	@ minimum flow	unit
Flow	2981,0	2484,0	1242,0	kg/h
Density imported	886,9	886,9	886,9	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Flow state	Flashing	Flashing	Flashing	
- Issues Panel:** Lists error messages such as "0 : RI: categorization" and "0 : RI: different category between calculation basis 1 & 2".
- Vendor Data:** Shows details for FISHER EZ valves, including model (11301), Cv (8.84), and measured values.
- Main Data Table:** A large table listing process components with columns for identifier, PID, I/Cat, R/Cat, pack, HPCV, flow coefficients (total, max, norm, min), fluid name, and flow state. It includes rows for AHC Feed and water with specific flow and state parameters.



# CAT General processing



# CAT Reporting



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* DNr = ratio suggested DN / vendor DN ; if >1 warning, if > 2 issue!																																																																															
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V260B										Full bore										12"										2400										SPL 96/98/82 dB(A)										Heavy duty valve, Hardened seat/plug, Low-noise																													
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EUD/EUT Whisper trim										Multhole trim										16"										2095										SPL 95/92/84 dB(A) ; XS schedule!										Special valve, Hardened seat/plug, Low-noise																													
1										1										1										1										1.25										Impact downstream schedule on noise calculation ; Impact N0 # flow passages! (AV?) used 500?																													
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# CAT Verification issues statistics



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**CAT control valves verifications**

issues statistics

Monday, 02 March, 2015

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**NAG** package 1

\* cat: A = R<0.1, B = 0.1<R<0.5, C = R>0.5, D = R>1, E = 2-phase  
 \* valve type: C=Client specified, V= Vendor, 1= Globe, 2=Rotary, 3=Butterfly, 4=Ball, 5=Other, 6=Slide, 7=Axial, 8=Angle Y,  
 9=Angle globe, 10=Diaphragm  
 \* I = Issue, R = Recommendation, C = comments

Identifier	pack	cat	valve type C/V	manufacturer	series	trim	dv	DN	PN	page
<b>I : FLUID PHASE: Conval cannot predict reliability for 2-phase flow</b>										
<b>R : CURRENTLY CANT RECOMMEND (CONVAL 10 DEVELOPMENT)</b>										
<b>C : 2-phase flow if liquid content is larger than 5%</b>										
36HV4139	1	E	3	3	FISHER	A11		23800	30"	1

Identifier	pack	cat	valve type C/V	manufacturer	series	trim	dv	DN	PN	page
<b>I : FLUID PROPERTIES: CONVAL has compared EPC properties vs Extended properties data and made 2 cases</b>										
<b>R : Consider using CONVAL extended property data</b>										
<b>C :</b>										
93PV1002	1	D	1	4	FISHER	V150	Segmented ball	3340	14"	1
92LV4002	1	D	1	4	FISHER	V150	Segmented ball	5200	14"	1
80PV4404	1	B	3	3	FISHER	A31A Bfy	Centric reinforced	11050	18"	1
46XV5131	1	C	9	1	FISHER	EWD	Cage trim	924	10"	1
41FV4520	1	C	1	1	FISHER	EUD/BUT Whisper trim	Multihole trim	2049	16"	1
39PV4304	1	D	3	1	FISHER	EWD Whisper trim I	Contoured plug	883	16"	1
31PV3307	1	D	3	1	FISHER	ET Whisper trim III	Multihole trim	1315	12"	1
30PV3208A	1	D	1	1	FISHER	EUD/BUT Whisper trim	Multihole trim	2095	16"	1
28FV3102	1	E	3	3	FISHER	A31A Bfy	Centric reinforced	21500	24"	1
28FV3102	1	D	4	4	FISHER	V2608	Full bore	2400	12"	1

Identifier	pack	cat	valve type C/V	manufacturer	series	trim	dv	DN	PN	page
<b>I : MACH NUMBER: Ma in valve outlet too high</b>										
<b>R : Consider a redesign</b>										
<b>C : Ma &gt; 1</b>										
31PV3307	1	D	3	1	FISHER	ET Whisper trim III	Multihole trim	1315	12"	1

Identifier	pack	cat	valve type C/V	manufacturer	series	trim	dv	DN	PN	page
<b>I : NOISE CALC: Conval yields a substantial higher SPL (sound pressure level) according to latest IEC 60534-8-4</b>										
<b>R : Consider a lo-noise design</b>										
<b>C : Substantial if a higher than 10 dB(A) difference between CONVAL and vendor calculation</b>										
93PV1002	1	D	1	4	FISHER	V150	Segmented ball	3340	14"	1
92LV4002	1	D	1	4	FISHER	V150	Segmented ball	5200	14"	1

Identifier	pack	cat	valve type C/V	manufacturer	series	trim	dv	DN	PN	page
<b>I : NOISE CALC: High SPL</b>										
<b>R : Consider a lo-noise design</b>										
<b>C : Conval creating a warning</b>										
93PV1002	1	D	1	4	FISHER	V150	Segmented ball	3340	14"	1
92LV4002	1	D	1	4	FISHER	V150	Segmented ball	5200	14"	1
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Identifier	pack	cat	valve type C/V	manufacturer	series	trim	dv	DN	PN	page
<b>I : NOMINAL FLOW COEFF: Cv100 lower than CONVAL suggested minimum flow coefficient</b>										
<b>R : Consider a larger nominal flow coefficient</b>										
<b>C :</b>										
30PV3208A	1	D	1	1	FISHER	EUD/BUT Whisper trim	Multihole trim	2095	16"	1
28FV3102	1	D	4	4	FISHER	V2608	Full bore	2400	12"	1

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Identifier	pack	cat	valve type C/V	manufacturer	series	trim	dv	DN	PN	page
<b>I : PIPE SCHEDULE: missing in EPC package. Std assumed. Possible impact on noise calculation!</b>										
<b>R : Assess possible impact on noise calculation</b>										
<b>C :</b>										
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Identifier	pack	cat	valve type C/V	manufacturer	series	trim	dv	DN	PN	page
<b>I : PROCESS DATA: flow zero at a given working point</b>										
<b>R : EPC to supply us correct/missing process data</b>										
<b>C :</b>										
93PV1002	1	D	1	4	FISHER	V150	Segmented ball	3340	14"	1
80PV4404	1	B	3	3	FISHER	A31A Bfy	Centric reinforced	11050	18"	1
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Identifier	pack	cat	valve type C/V	manufacturer	series	trim	dv	DN	PN	page
<b>I : VALVE DBASE: Valve missing in Conval vendor valve database</b>										
<b>R : EPC to provide us with vendor specific valve data</b>										
<b>C :</b>										
39PV4304	1	E	3	1	FISHER	EWD Whisper trim I	Contoured plug	883	16"	1
36HV4139	1	E	3	3	FISHER	A11		23800	30"	1

Identifier	pack	cat	valve type C/V	manufacturer	series	trim	dv	DN	PN	page
<b>I : VALVE OUTLET: Valve outlet too small.</b>										
<b>R : Consider larger valve outlet</b>										
<b>C :</b>										
93PV1002	1	D	1	4	FISHER	V150	Segmented ball	3340	14"	1
46XV5131	1	C	9	1	FISHER	A31A Bfy	Cage trim	924	10"	1
41FV4520	1	C	1	1	FISHER	EUD/BUT Whisper trim	Multihole trim	2049	16"	1
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<b>I : VALVE PERFORMANCE CLASS: Conval recommends a special valve.</b>										
<b>R : Vendor to confirm that selected valve can handle the power dissipation</b>										
<b>C :</b>										
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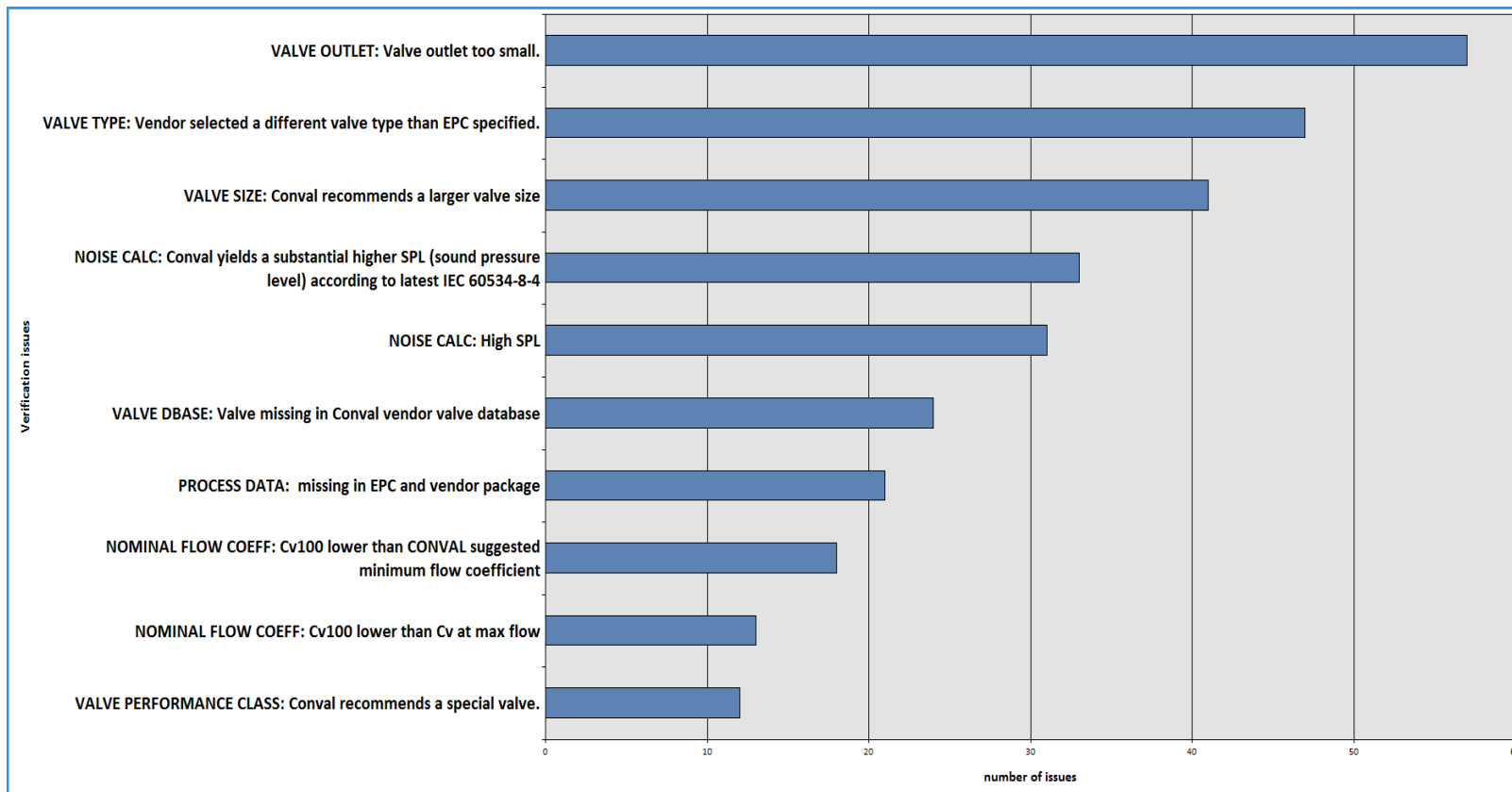
  

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<b>I : VALVE SIZE: Conval recommends a larger valve size</b>										
<b>R : Consider a larger valve size</b>										
<b>C : Directly impacts outlet velocity as visualized by DN (DN ratio) &gt; 1.25!</b>										
46XV5131	1	C	9	1	FISHER	EWD	Cage trim	924	10"	1
39PV4304	1	D	3	1	FISHER	EWD Whisper trim I	Contoured plug	883	16"	1
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# CAT issues pareto chart



# Challenges applying the “Ri”



## Data content

- Data not complete
- Data not correct
- Data changing last minute
- Data not covering all modes of operation (e.g. Start-up)

## Data format

- Data structure specification not consistent
- Data not structured (e.g. Notes)
- Flashing / Outgassing data in SPI process datasheet
- Lots of relevant data un UDFs





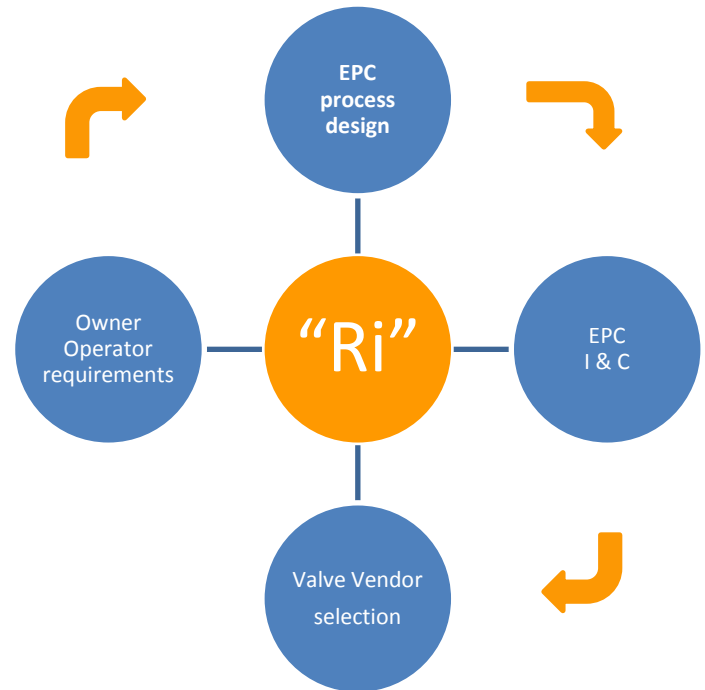
# Special challenges in projects



## Communication

- The biggest challenge at all
- 3+ parties involved
- Project workflow is not yet designed to use a “Ri” as a central quality control element
- There is no common data language for cycling specification and selection data
- No common practice established yet

## Collaboration



# Q&A / Discussion

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