

Manganese Processing Plant Variables

Section 1: Core Processing Plant Variables

This section describes the variables for the initial manganese processing plant simulation, covering ore feed, crushing, separation, equipment health, and energy tracking.

Core Plant Parameters

| Variable | Purpose |
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| plant_capacity | Defines daily throughput of the plant (Tonnes/day). |
| operating_hours | Daily operating hours. Affects equipment usage, energy, and throughput calculations. |
| ore_params | Dictionary containing ore chemistry and property ranges. |
| equipment_params | Dictionary with equipment efficiency values and crusher capacity. |

Ore Feed Variables

| Variable | Purpose |
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| mn_grade_pct | Manganese content percentage of the ore feed. |
| fe_content_pct | Iron content percentage, affects separation behavior. |
| siO2_content_pct | Silica content percentage, impacts slag and separation. |
| al2O3_content_pct | Alumina content percentage, affects ore behavior. |
| p_content_pct | Phosphorus content percentage for quality control. |
| moisture_pct | Moisture content percentage, affects flowability and crushing. |
| p80_mm | Particle size at 80% passing, determines crushing needs. |
| work_index_kwh_t | Ore hardness measured in kWh/tonne. |
| specific_gravity | Ore density, essential for gravity separation. |
| ore_type | Categorical type of ore: oxide, carbonate, or silicate. |
| timestamp | Time dimension for time-series tracking. |

Blended Ore Variables

| Variable | Purpose |
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| high_grade | High manganese grade ore feed portion. |
| low_grade | Low manganese grade ore feed portion. |
| blend_ratio | Proportion of high-grade ore mixed with |

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| | low-grade ore. |
| blended_feed | Final blended ore dataset for downstream processing. |

Crushing Circuit Variables

| Variable | Purpose |
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| feed_rate_tph | Crusher throughput in tonnes per hour. |
| crusher_gap_mm | Crusher setting affecting product size distribution. |
| power_draw_kw | Crusher power draw in kilowatts. |
| product_p80_mm | Output particle size at 80% passing after crushing. |
| liner_wear_pct | Wear percentage of crusher liners. |
| vibration_rms_mm_s | Vibration levels, indicates equipment health. |
| ore_hardness_wi | Ore hardness from feed data. |
| feed_moisture_pct | Feed moisture percentage impacting crushing efficiency. |
| timestamp | Time-series tracking variable. |

Separation Circuit Variables

| Variable | Purpose |
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| spiral_speed_rpm | Spiral concentrator speed, affects separation efficiency. |
| wash_water_m3h | Wash water flow rate in cubic meters per hour. |
| feed_density_pct_solids | Solids percentage in feed slurry. |
| spiral_concentrate_grade_pct | Mn grade in spiral concentrate. |
| spiral_tailings_grade_pct | Mn grade in spiral tailings (losses). |
| spiral_recovery | Fraction of Mn recovered via spiral separation. |
| magnetic_intensity_t | Magnetic field intensity in Tesla. |
| belt_speed_ms | Belt speed of magnetic separator in meters per second. |
| final_concentrate_grade_pct | Mn grade of final concentrate after magnetic separation. |
| overall_recovery | Combined recovery rate of Mn from all separations. |
| ore_type | Ore type influences magnetic separation efficiency. |
| timestamp | Time-series tracking variable. |

Equipment Health Variables

| Variable | Purpose |
|-----------------|--|
| equipment_id | Unique ID for each equipment unit. |
| equipment_type | Type of equipment (crusher, pump, etc.). |
| operating_hours | Total runtime hours of the equipment. |
| health_score | Overall health score (0-100). |

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| vibration_rms | Vibration reading for condition monitoring. |
| temperature_c | Equipment operating temperature in Celsius. |
| power_factor | Electrical power efficiency of equipment. |
| wear_rate_pct | Wear rate percentage of key components. |
| failure_probability | Probability of equipment failure. |
| rul_days | Remaining useful life in days. |
| maintenance_priority | Rank (1-5) for maintenance urgency. |
| timestamp | Time tracking variable. |

Energy Variables

| Variable | Purpose |
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| total_power_kw | Total power consumption of the plant. |
| crushing_power_kw | Power consumption of the crushing circuit. |
| separation_power_kw | Power used by the separation circuit. |
| auxiliary_power_kw | Power used by auxiliary systems like pumps. |
| base_load_kw | Base load consumption of the plant. |
| energy_cost_kwh | Cost of energy per kilowatt-hour. |
| operational_factor | Adjustment for day/night operations. |
| maintenance_mode | Boolean flag indicating maintenance downtime. |
| timestamp | Time-series tracking variable. |

Section 2: Enhanced Manganese Modules

This section adds advanced beneficiation stages including Froth Flotation, Dense Media Separation, Jigging, and Dewatering, along with direct links to equipment health for integrated optimization.

Equipment Metadata

| Variable | Purpose |
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| equipment_id | Unique identifier for each equipment unit. |
| equipment_type | E.g., flotation cell, pump, cyclone, jig, filter. |

Equipment Health Variables

| Variable | Purpose |
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| health_score | Overall health of the equipment (0-100). |
| wear_rate_pct | Wear percentage of key parts. |
| failure_probability | Probability of failure occurring. |
| rul_days | Remaining useful life of the equipment in days. |

Froth Flotation Variables

| Variable | Purpose |
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| feed_grade_pct | Mn grade of flotation feed. |
| collector dosage_gt | Collector dosing rate in grams per tonne. |
| frother dosage_gt | Frother dosing rate in grams per tonne. |
| actual_collector_consumed_gt | Actual collector used, affected by pump wear. |
| actual_frother_consumed_gt | Actual frother used, affected by pump wear. |
| ph_value | pH level of flotation pulp. |
| pulp_density_pct_solids | Solids concentration percentage in slurry. |
| air_flow_m3_min | Air supply to flotation cells in cubic meters per minute. |
| residence_time_min | Retention time of material in flotation cells. |
| flotation_recovery | Recovery of Mn from flotation process. |
| concentrate_grade_pct | Mn grade in flotation concentrate. |
| tailings_grade_pct | Mn grade in tailings. |
| froth_stability_index | Stability index of froth. |
| froth_grade_pct | Mn grade of froth overflow product. |

Dense Media Separation (DMS) Variables

| Variable | Purpose |
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| feed_grade_pct | Mn grade in DMS feed. |
| feed_size_mm | Feed particle size in millimeters. |
| media_density_sg | Specific gravity of dense media liquid. |
| cyclone_pressure_kpa | Operating pressure of DMS cyclone. |
| media_consumption_kg_t | Heavy media consumption per tonne of ore. |
| media_recovery_pct | Percentage of media recovered for reuse. |
| sink_grade_pct | Mn grade of heavy fraction (product). |
| float_grade_pct | Mn grade of light fraction (waste). |

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| sink_yield_pct | Percentage of material reporting to heavy fraction. |
| dms_recovery | Recovery of Mn through DMS process. |
| separation_efficiency | Overall efficiency of dense media separation. |

Jigging Circuit Variables

| Variable | Purpose |
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| stroke_length_mm | Stroke length of the jig. |
| stroke_frequency_spm | Stroke frequency in strokes per minute. |
| water_flow_m3h_m2 | Water flow rate per square meter. |
| bed_height_mm | Height of jigging bed material. |
| hutch_water_m3h | Water flow beneath the jig bed. |
| concentrate_grade_pct | Mn grade of jig product. |
| tailings_grade_pct | Mn grade of jig waste. |
| jig_recovery | Recovery rate of Mn using jigging. |
| separation_efficiency | Overall efficiency of the jigging process. |

Dewatering Circuit Variables

| Variable | Purpose |
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| feed_solids_pct | Solids percentage in slurry feed to thickener. |
| flocculant dosage_gt | Flocculant dosing in grams per tonne. |
| retention_time_hr | Residence time in thickener in hours. |
| underflow_solids_pct | Solids percentage in thickener underflow. |
| overflow_clarity_ntu | Clarity of overflow water in NTU. |
| thickening_efficiency | Performance of the thickener unit. |
| filter_pressure_kpa | Pressure applied during filtration. |
| cycle_time_min | Cycle time per filtration run. |
| cake_moisture_pct | Moisture percentage of filter cake. |
| water_recovery_pct | Percentage of water reclaimed. |
| solid_recovery_pct | Percentage of solids retained in product. |