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Aplicaciones de la digitalización
e inteligencia artificial en la industria
cementera.

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The path forward for the cement industry

Embrace digitalization to achieve operational excellence & sustainability targets

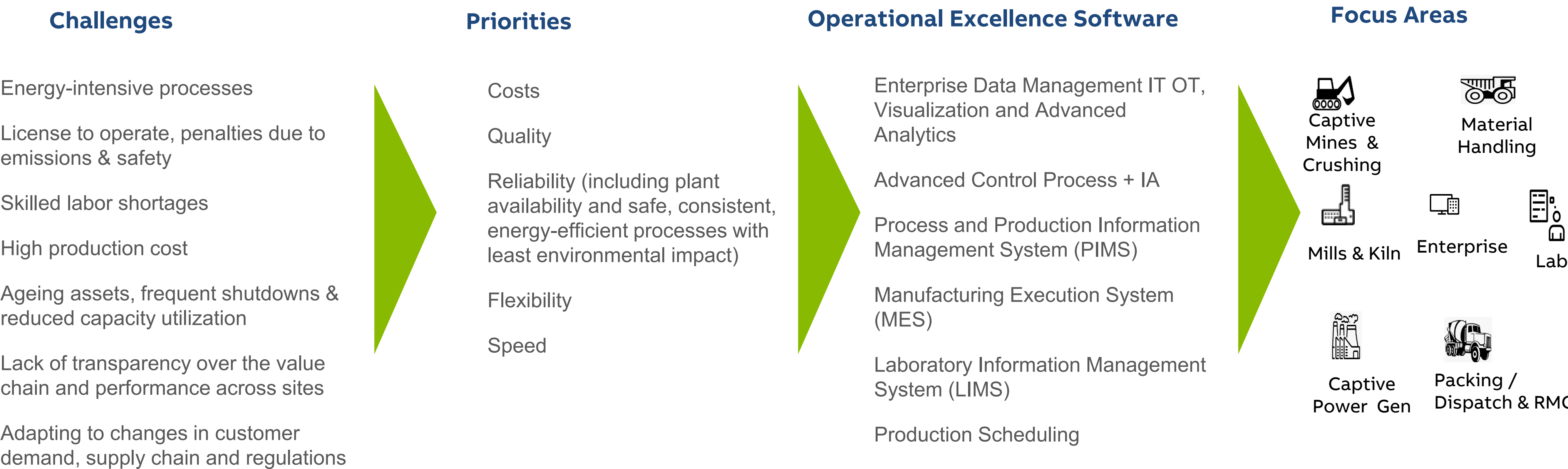
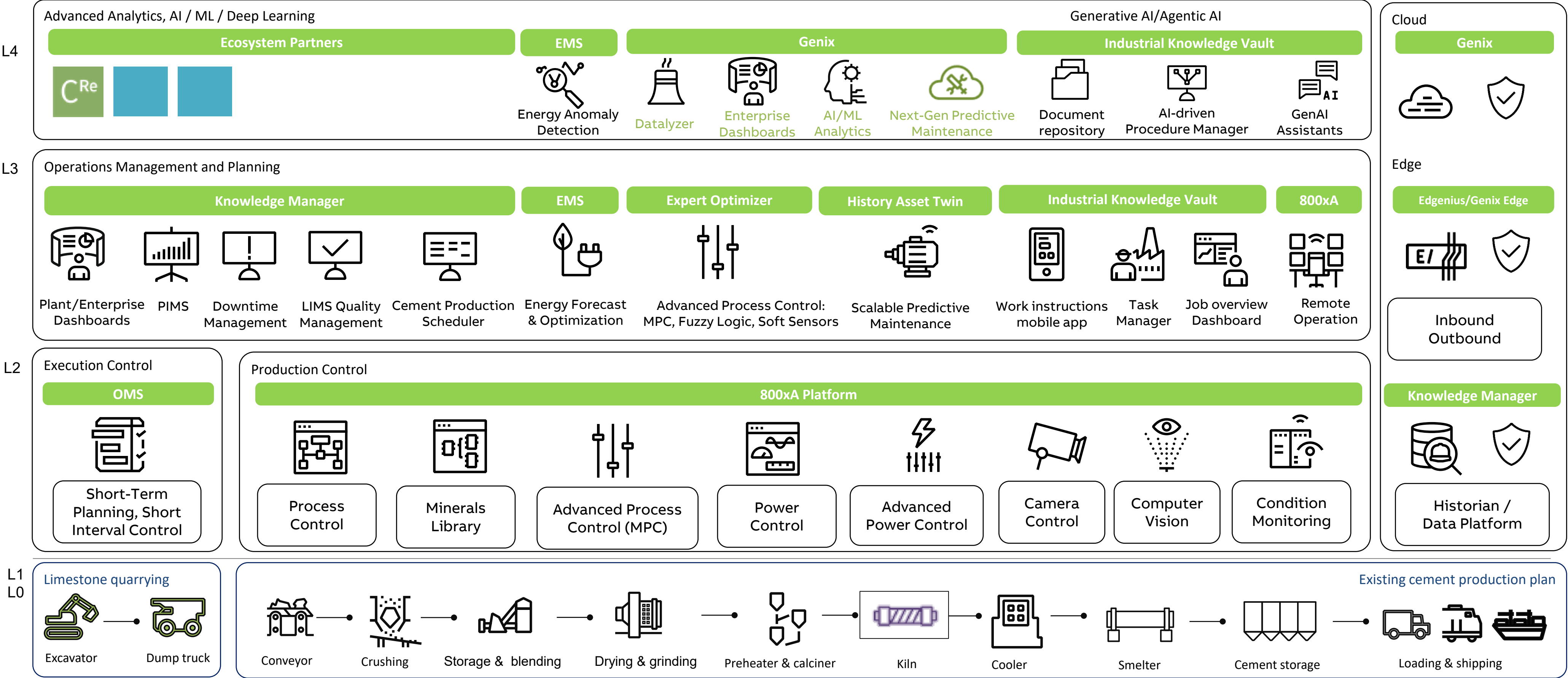


ABB Ability™ solutions for **cement** – breaking down operational silos



Industry trends and relevance of advanced analytics solutions in cement

Why predictive analytics is increasingly critical in modern cement manufacturing

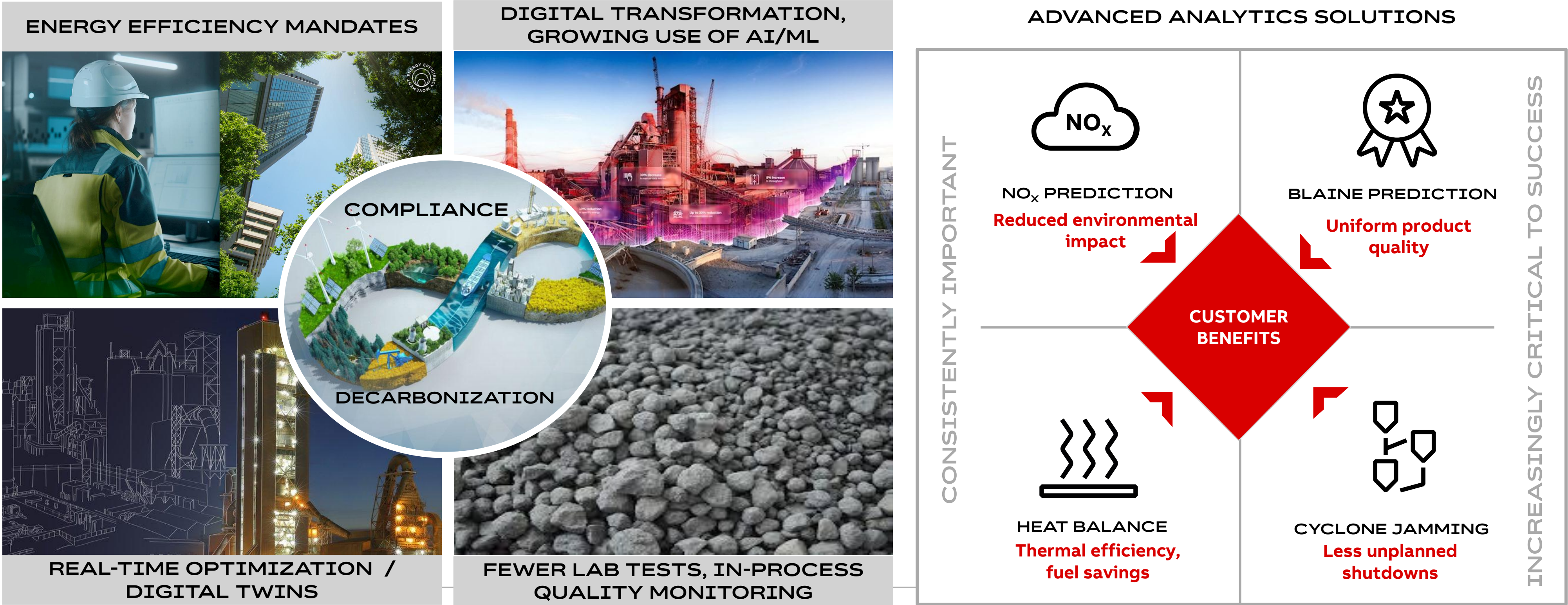
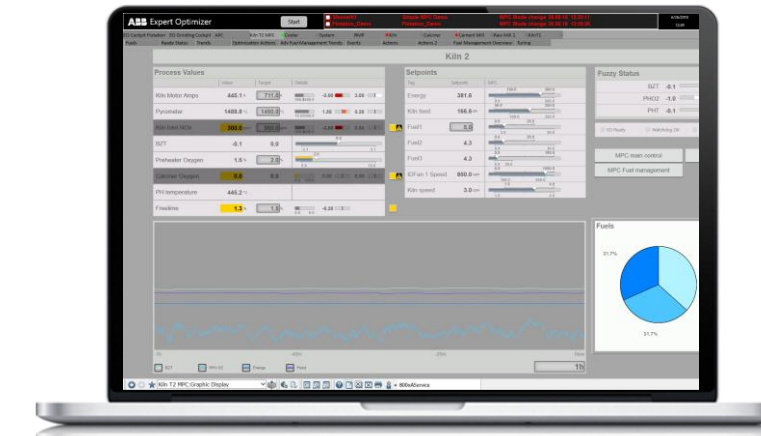


ABB Ability™ Expert Optimizer for Cement

Decarbonization through Advanced Process Control

INDUSTRIAL SOFTWARE – PROCESS
PERFORMANCE



Reducing Electrical Consumption

Maximize feed / maintain stable load and product fineness

Dedicated Milling Modules

- ✓ Raw Mill
- ✓ Cement Mill
- ✓ Coal Mill

- Electrical energy savings in kWh/t can directly be converted into CO₂ savings
- 0.9kg CO₂ emitted per kWh of power generated in a thermal power plant
- 0.3 – 1.1 kWh/t power saved from Expert Optimizer

- **> 1,000 tons CO₂ / year for an average plant**

Reducing Thermal Consumption

Maximize throughput whilst ensuring efficient combustion and reducing overfiring of fuels

Dedicated Pyro Modules

- ✓ Calciner
 - Fuel Management sub-module
- ✓ Kiln
- ✓ Cooler
- Fossil fuels and Pet Coke with Carbon content ranging from 60% to 80%
- Fuel savings in kcal/kg clinker can be converted to CO₂ savings
- 2% fuel saved per year on average
- **> 6,000 tons CO₂ / year for an average plant**

Maximizing Alternative Fuels

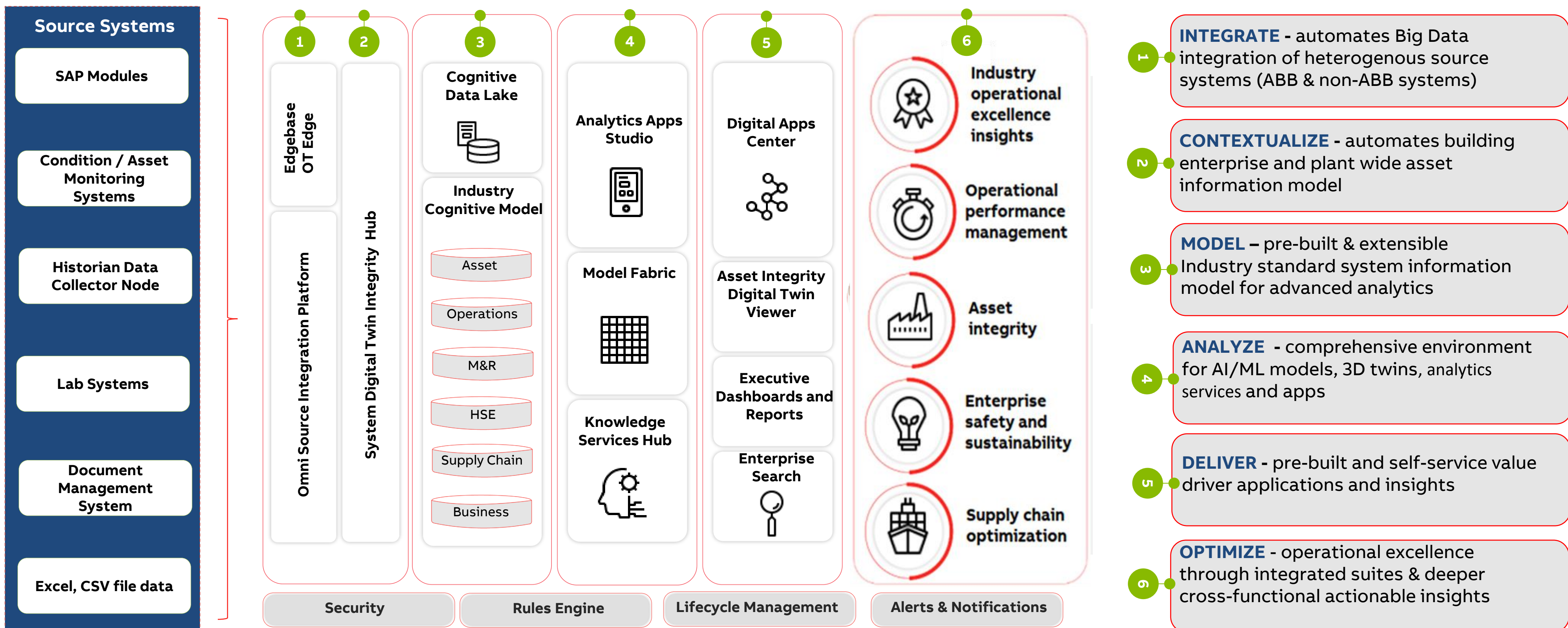
Maximize alternative fuels, minimize Coal / Pet Coke

Dedicated Fuel Management Modules

- ✓ Animal meal
- ✓ RDF
- ✓ Solid refuse / sewage sludge
- ✓ Whole tires
- ✓ Etc.,
- Indirect reduction on CO₂ due to using a fuel that would otherwise be dumped or simply incinerated
- Reduction in coal usage is also included
- Up to 50% coal reduced due to alternative fuels
- **> 100,000 tons CO₂ / year for an average plant**

ABB Ability™ Genix Industrial Analytics and AI Suite

Enterprise grade modular, open standards based, deployment across edge, on-premise and multi-cloud





Advanced Process Control Study Cases

A cement producer maximizes **alternative fuel** usage with **ABB Ability™ Expert Optimizer**



Challenge

Difficult to maintain the use of alternative fuels within the allowed percentage determined by local authorities. Operators had to change the values of each fuel manually. To avoid significant fluctuations in temperatures, operators tend to limit AFs over the more consistent fossil fuels, leading to higher costs and CO₂



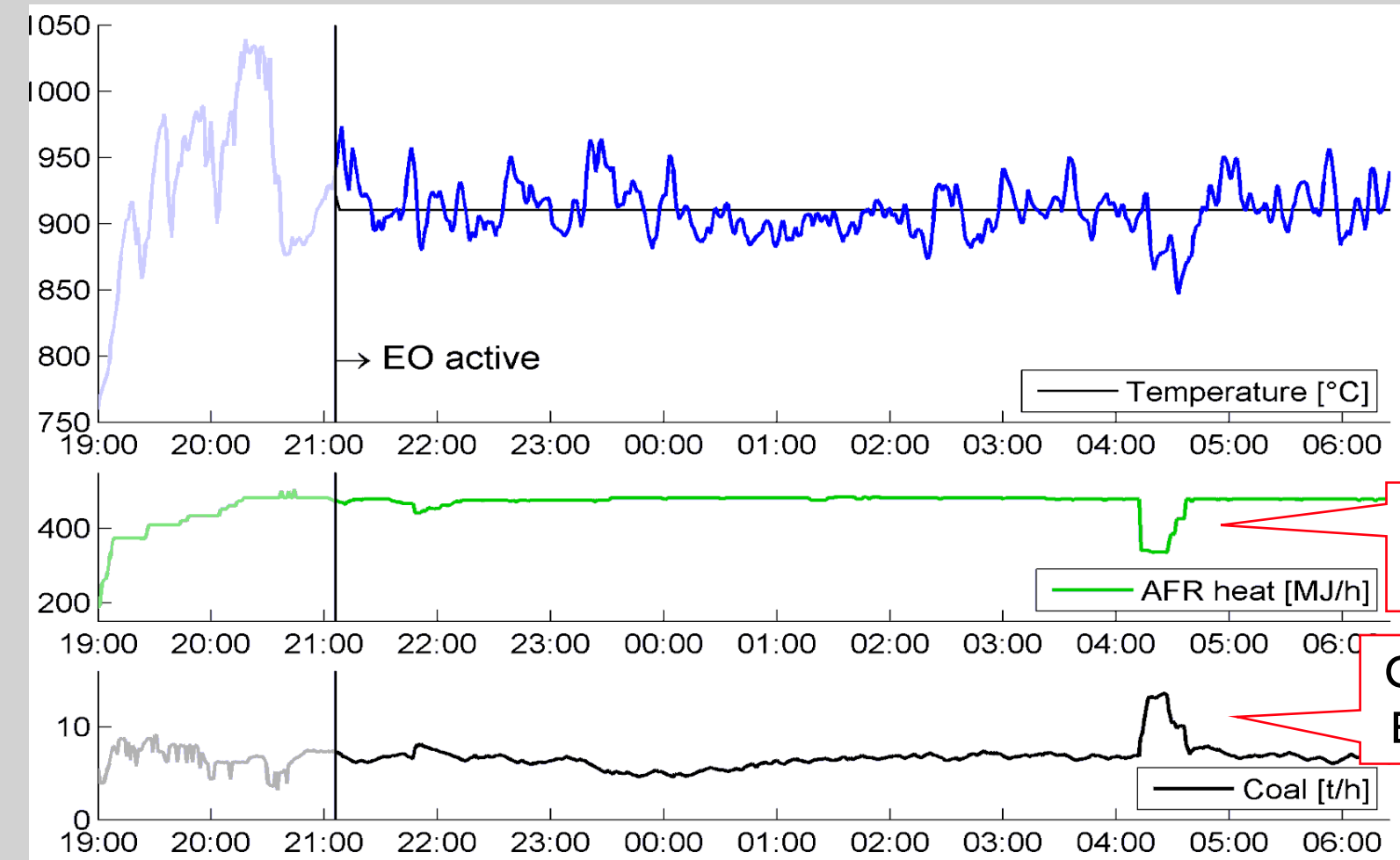
Solution

ABB Ability Expert Optimizer Advanced Fuel Management On-Line using simple Energy MPC Model and Neural Networks for faulty signals

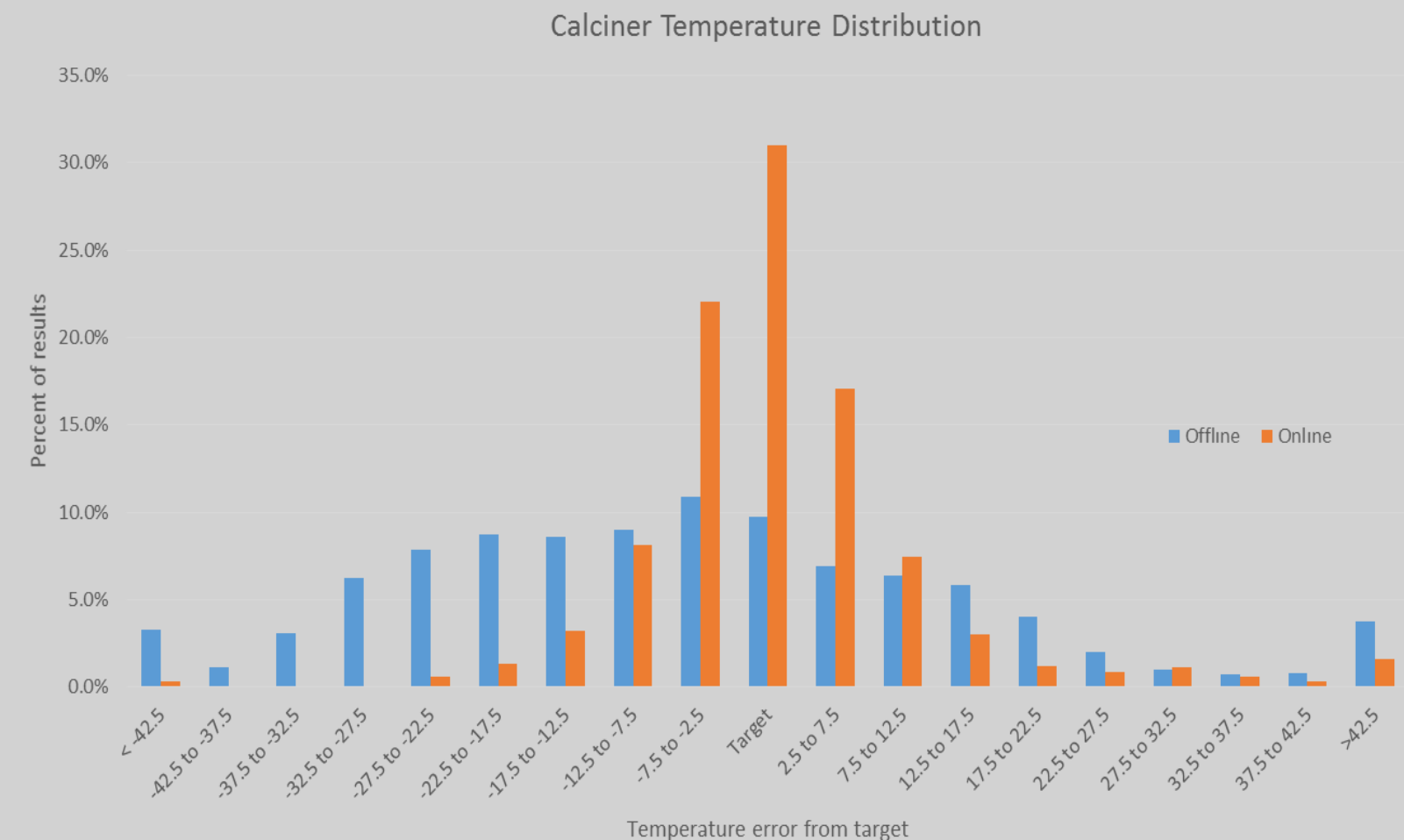


Outcomes

- Maximization of AF usage with multiple control fuels
- Respects limits defined by local authorities
- Lower overall energy consumption
- Less variability in product quality
- Lower risk of cyclone blockage
- Less trips of the system due to high CO levels
- More stable kiln and higher overall production



Temperature stabilization whilst maximizing alternative fuels



Votorantim in Brazil increases process stability and improves the bottom line with ABB Ability™ Expert Optimizer



Challenge

Due to variability in feed and fuel sources, coupled with complex processes, manual operators with PID control tend to remain at “safe distances” from process constraints. The goal was to tackle the complexity of cement processes, minimize the effect of variability in feed and fuel for 1 Raw Mill, 1 Coal Mill, 1 Kiln, 1 Calciner, 1 Cooler, 2 Cement Mills.



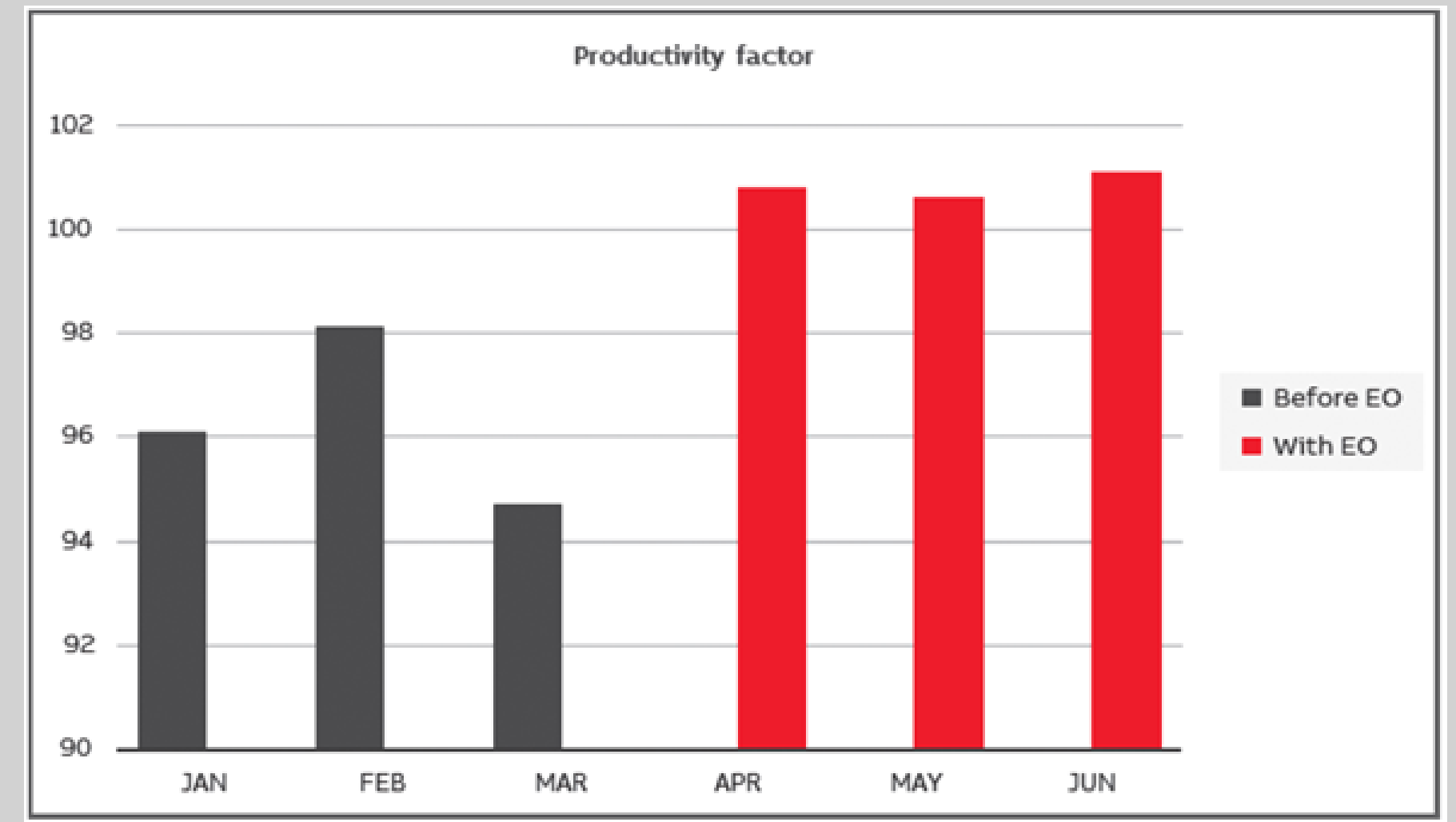
Solution

After individual implementation of ABB Ability Expert Optimizer in each of the plant areas, a connection is made between all applications to further compliment plant-wide optimization. The solution is integrated with existing third-party control system. Mills have been modeled with MPC, calciner, kiln and cooler - with fuzzy logic.



Outcomes

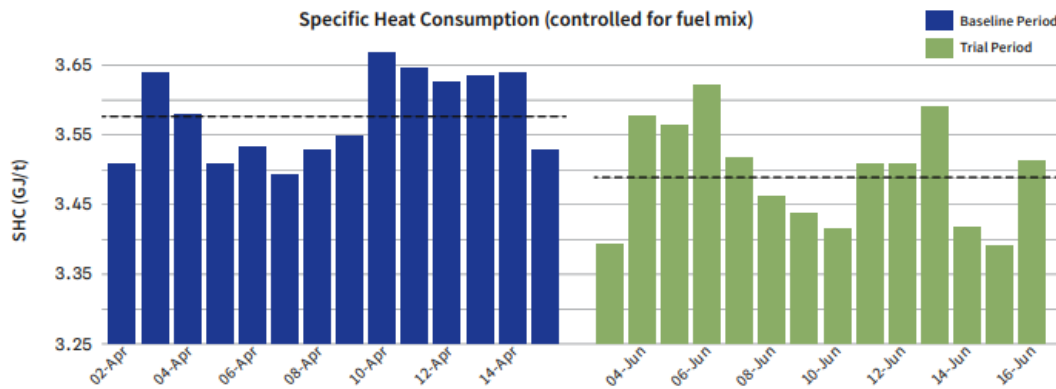
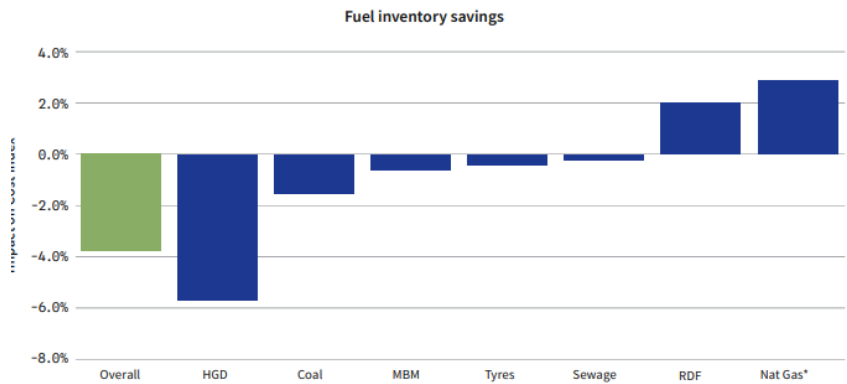
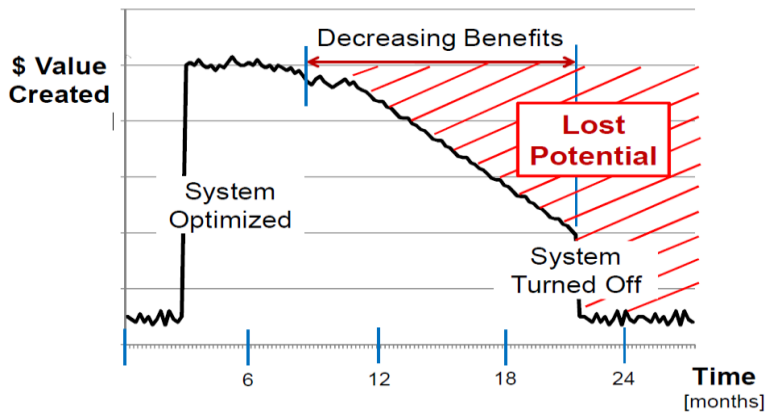
Reduction in standard deviation of:
raw mill power - 62%, raw mill bed depth - 60%,
kiln motor load - 24%, free lime - 27%,
liter weight 16%, burning zone temperature - 5%
Reduction in consumption of grinding media in ball mill



“The cement mill’s productivity gain had a positive impact that reflected on a reduction of 1.15 kWh/t of energy consumption”

Production manager at Votorantim Cimentos

Heidelberg Materials improves performance with ABB Ability Expert Optimizer (EO) and Carbon Re's AI – EO evolution at Czech site



Fingerprint



2019

Step 1: Fingerprint

- Define Business Case + ROI
- Identified EO opportunities on:
 - Raw Mills
 - Kilns
 - Cement Mills

EO Commissioning



2020

Step 2: EO Implementation

- Raw mill 2** specific energy consumption reduction of **3.2%**
- Kiln 2** (cooler, calciner) specific heat consumption reduction of **3.19 %** + AF rate of **2,14%**
- Cement mills**, depending on the cement type production increase of **3.14%** to **3.44%**
- Standardized opinion on the process control
Reducing shift to shift variation = smooth operation
Reduction of the operator's workload!

CarbonRE



2023

Step 3: Extended AI - CarbonRE

- Total **5.4% SHC** reduction
 - 3.19% EO + 2.2% CarbonRE
- 33% reduction** in C₃S (Alite) variation
 - Additional savings through grinding process activated and non-activated filler use.
- Alternative Fuel Rate increased
 - 2.14% EO + 2% CarbonRE**

Maintain



2025

Reference: [Webinar link](#)

Reference: [Case Study](#)

Heidelberg Materials improves performance with ABB Ability Expert Optimizer and Carbon Re's AI



Challenge

- Lag in quality metrics due to sampling and lab processes
- Process engineering resource expended in adapting APC targets to changing plant environment
- Data signals under-utilised in decision making



Solution

Building upon the strength of ABB Ability™ Expert Optimizer, Carbon Re integrated real-time process, chemistry, and control data into AI models that directly informed Expert Optimiser’s strategic targets.



Outcome

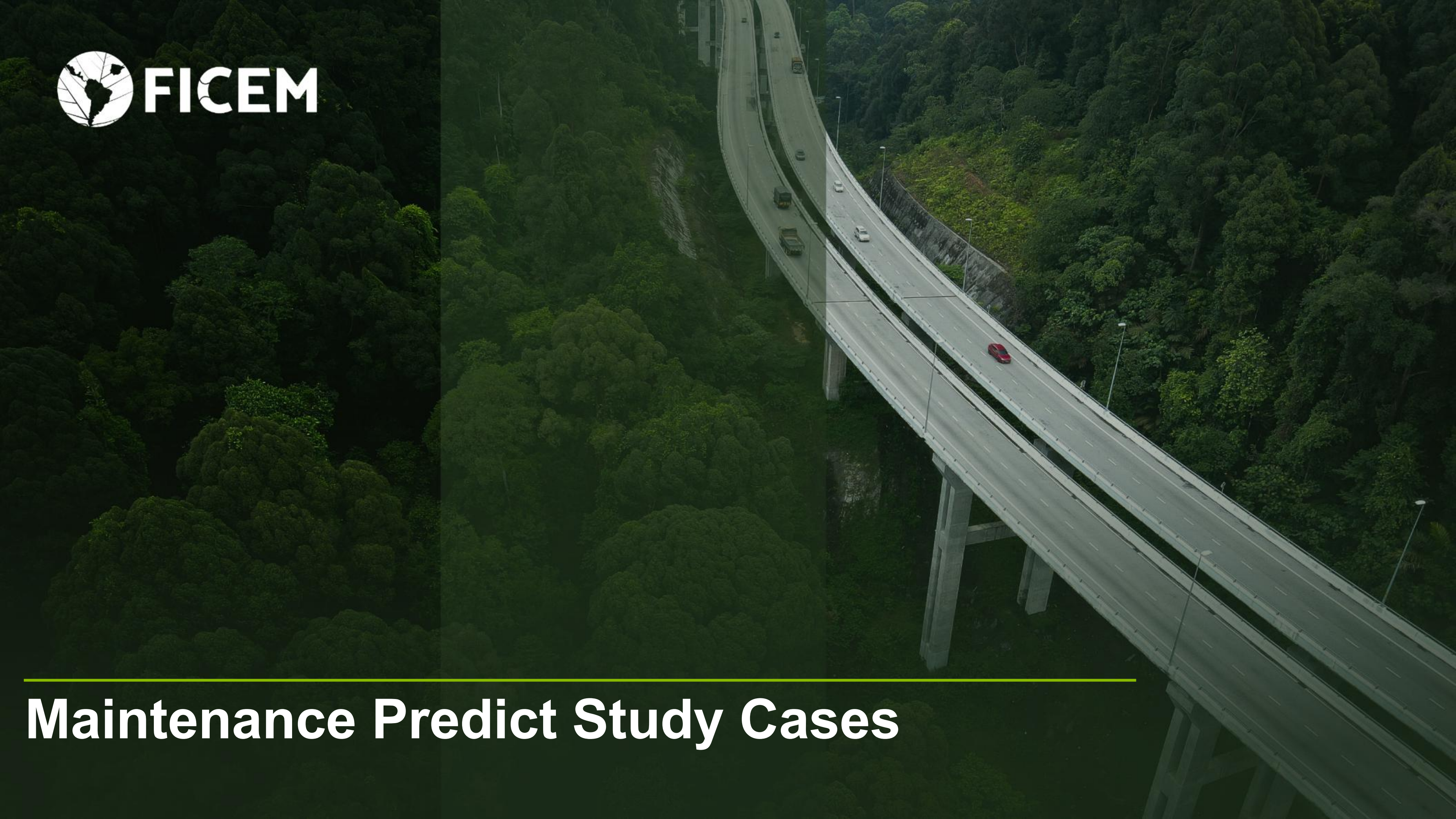
	SHC Reduction	Variability Reduction	Carbon Reduction
ABB	2-3%	30-50%	5-50 kg/tonne
Carbon Re	2-3%	30%	5-20 kg/tonne
ABB+Carbon Re	4-6%	60-80%	10-70 kg/tonne



“We had been searching for a system to enhance our Expert Optimizer with AI for a long time and Carbon Re’s AI platform looked promising. ABB’s confidence in the company along with Carbon Re’s understanding of the challenges of cement production and their expertise in AI were key to us working together. Not only did they deliver on time, the real-time insight we gained into our operations was incredibly valuable from day one”

Mokra Plant Director





Maintenance Predict Study Cases

Case 1: VRM – Asset Performance Management

Genix Models

- ✓ Rule-based models,
- ✓ Time-series forecasting,
- ✓ Change-point detection
- ✓ Condition indicators
- ✓ Unsupervised fault detection
- ✓ Supervised fault detection
- ✓ Remaining Useful Life (RUL)
- ✓ Expert Fault Models,
- ✓ Digital twin

List of indicative Failure Modes :

System Blockage

1. Motor Current
2. Mill Inlet
3. Mill Outlet
4. Feed Rate_
5. Mill Discharge Temperature

Efficiency Degradation

1. Motor Power kW
2. Mill Outlet
3. Specific Power kWh/kg
4. Mill Discharge Temperature

Mill Gear Box Issue

1. Gearbox Low Oil Pressure
2. Gearbox High Vibration
3. Gearbox Bearing High Temperature
4. Gearbox Oil High temperature

Mill –Main Motor Drive Issue

1. Motor Overload /High Current
2. Motor High Vibration
3. Motor High Temperature
4. Motor High winding temperature

Filter Clogging

1. Mill Inlet
2. Mill Outlet
3. Air Flow
4. Filter DP
5. Separator Speed

Feed Loss

1. Motor Current_
2. Mill Inlet
3. Feed Rate
4. Mill Discharge Temperature
5. Separator Speed

Mill Hydraulic System

1. Hydraulic Low Pressure
2. Hydraulic Cylinder sluggish
3. Hydraulic Oil High Temperature

Time-series prediction vs. threshold alarm: 1st alarm ~10 hours earlier

RULE-BASED

Fixed threshold: Thrust bearing pressure low

Alert fires only when the physical limit is already breached.

Detection timing

At breach

Zero lead time for maintenance planning

Context provided

Single parameter

"Pressure is low" — no root cause



GENIX PREDICTION

Time-series forecasting: APM PMW & EFM Models

Advanced models monitor trends to identify deviations before they reach critical levels.

Detection timing

9 hrs 50 mins before breach

First diagnostic alert triggered on July 15th at 20:15 Hrs.

Context provided

Expert Fault Monitoring (EFM)

Identified root cause: **Hydraulic leakage** in the thrust tilt pad bearing.

Use Case: VRM

Perform 360

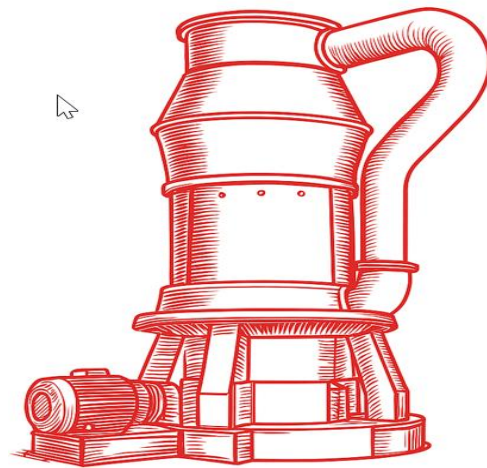
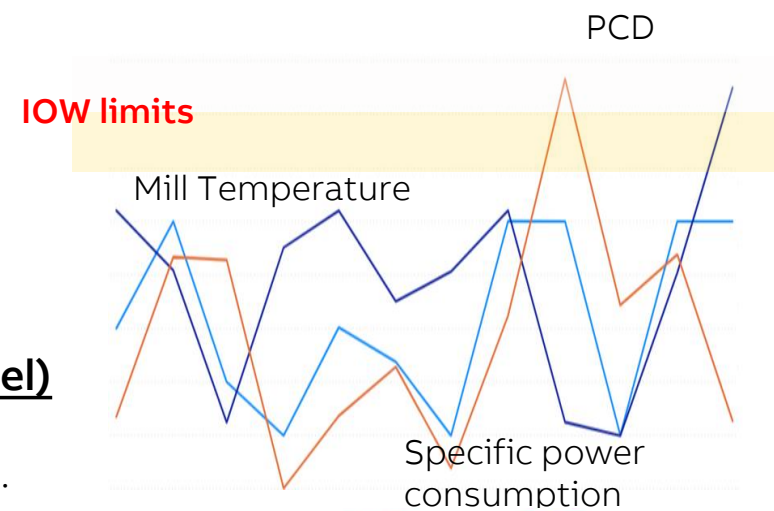
Predict 360

Operational

- Mill Outlet Pressure
- Outlet Temperature
- Mill Inlet Pressure
- Feed rate

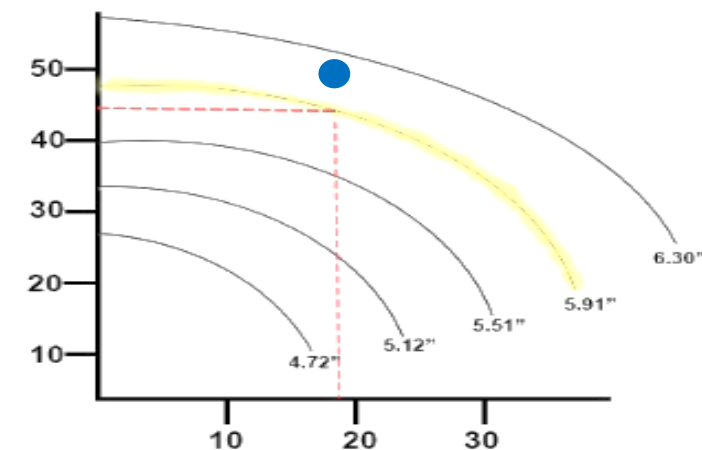
Derived (Physics Model)

- Specific Power Cons.
- Output Feed
- Mill DP



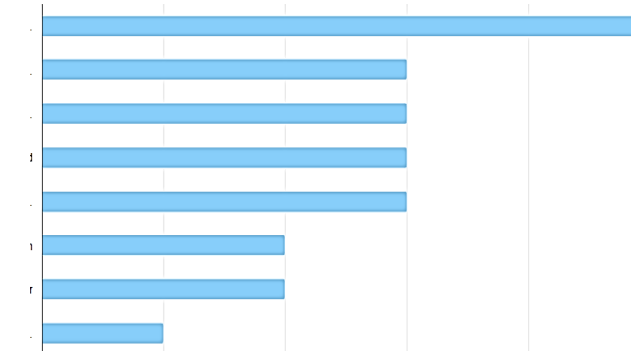
Performance Curve

Current Operating Point



Damage Analysis

Damage Analysis



- Damage Mode
- Damage Mode - Object
- Damage Mode - Cause



Reliability/
Technologist
Engineer

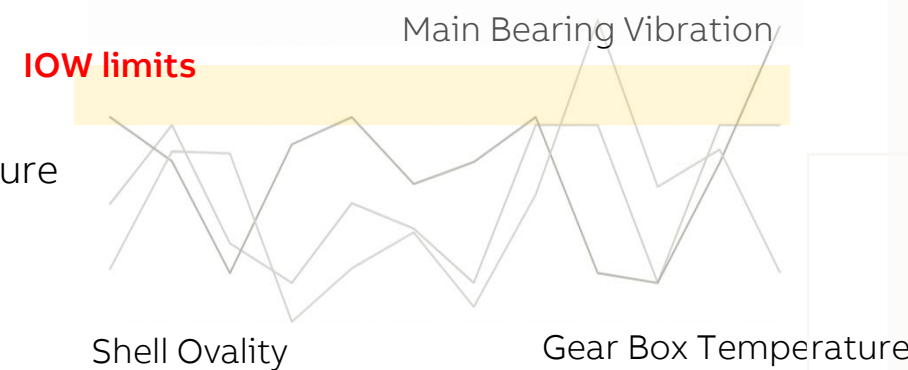
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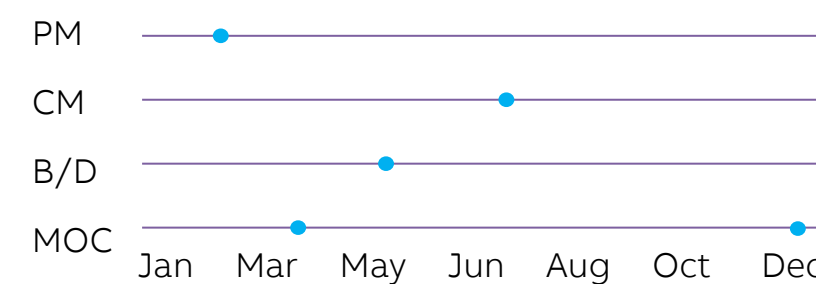
Operational

- Main Bearing Vibration
- Grinding Roller Temperature
- Gear Box Temperature
- Hydraulic Oil Pressure



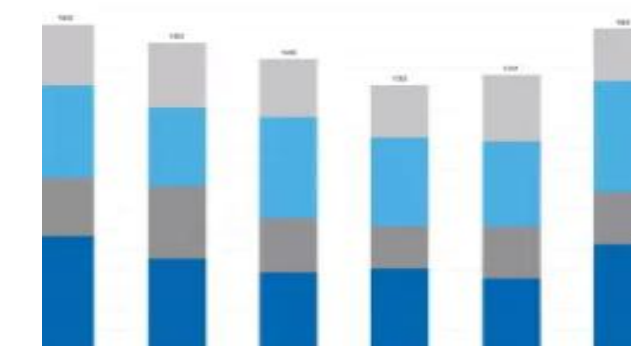
Maintenance

Maintenance Intervention & Planning



Life Cycle Cost

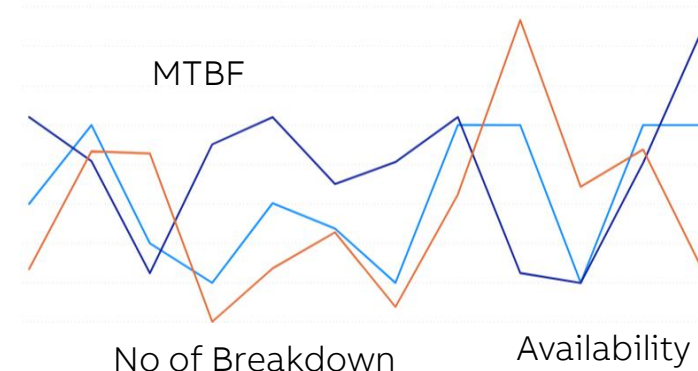
Planned vs Actual



- Cost - Planned vs Actual
- Material & Service Cost
- Cost Vs Work Order Type
- Cost Vs Failure Mode
- Cost Vs Planned Group
- Cost Vs Work order

Failure Metric

- MTBF
- MTTR
- No of Breakdown
- Availability



Use Case: VRM

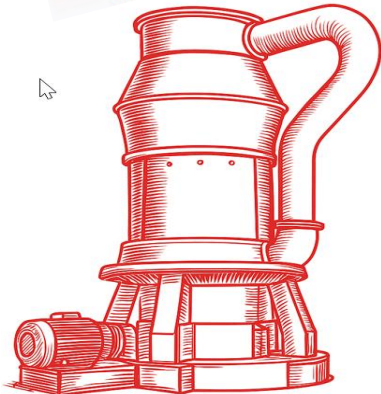
Perform 360

Operational

- Mill Outlet Pressure
- Outlet Temperature
- Mill Inlet Pressure
- Fuel Consumption, Average

Derived (Physics Model)

- Specific Power Cons.
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Health

Operational

- Main Bearing Vibration
- Support Roller Vibration
- Gear Box Temperature
- Oil Temperature

Failure Mode

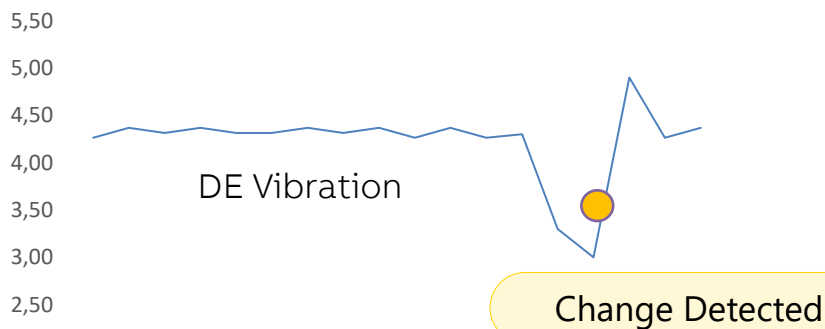
Hydraulic Pressure

- Rule Based Model
- Time Series Forecast Model

Alert: Hyd. Prs > 15%
Warning: Hyd. Prs > 10%

High Vibration

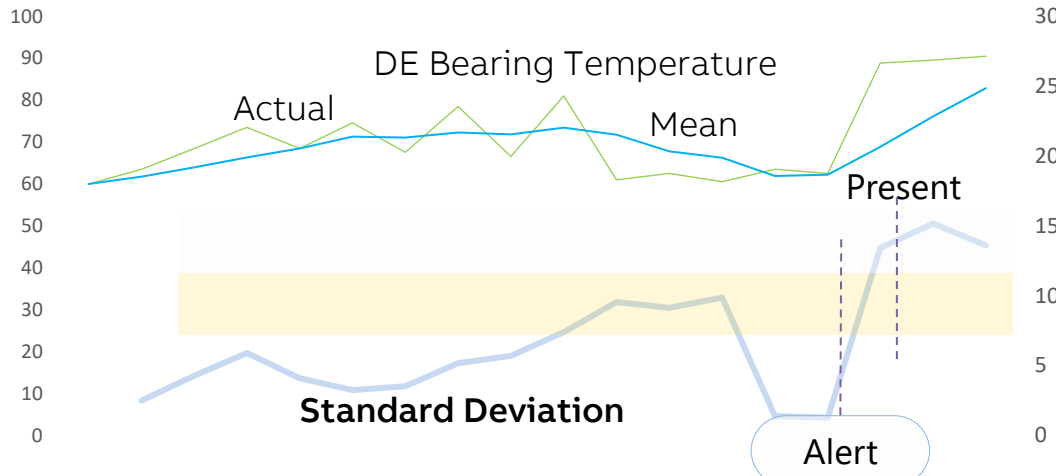
- Change Point Detection Model



High Bearing Temperature

Condition Indicator Model

- Crest Factor
- Impulse Factor
- Kurtosis
- Margin Factor
- RMS
- Shape Factor
- Skewness



Expert Fault Modelling (Multivariate)

	Filter Clogged	System Blockage	Liner Wear
Inlet Pressure	7	9	
Outlet Pressure	7	4	
Air flow	9		
Roller Pressure Bar			9
Mill Discharge Temp		3	9

Fault Severity Indicator/ Fault Probability Indicator

FSI Warning

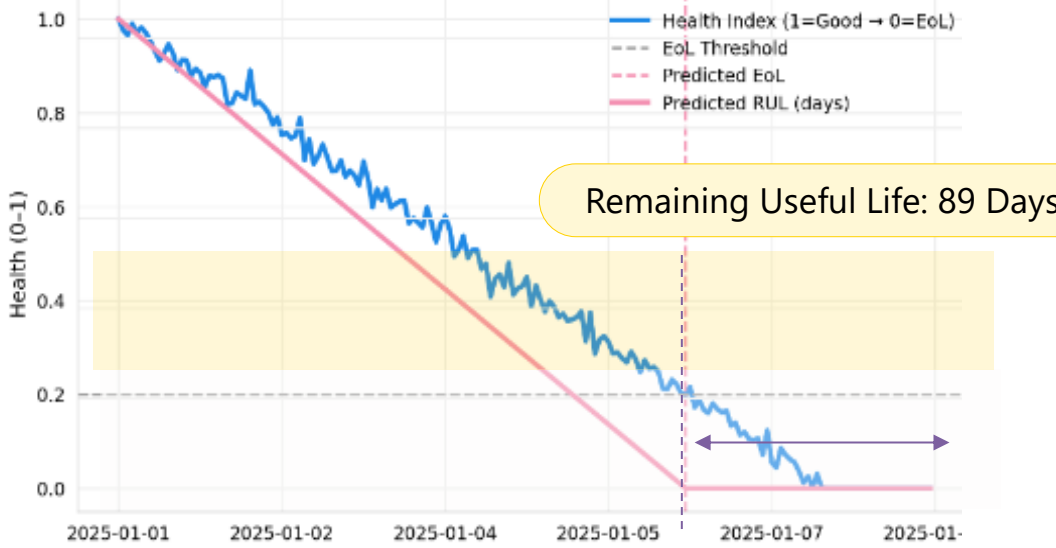


Key Diagnostic Indicator

KDI Alert

Predict 360

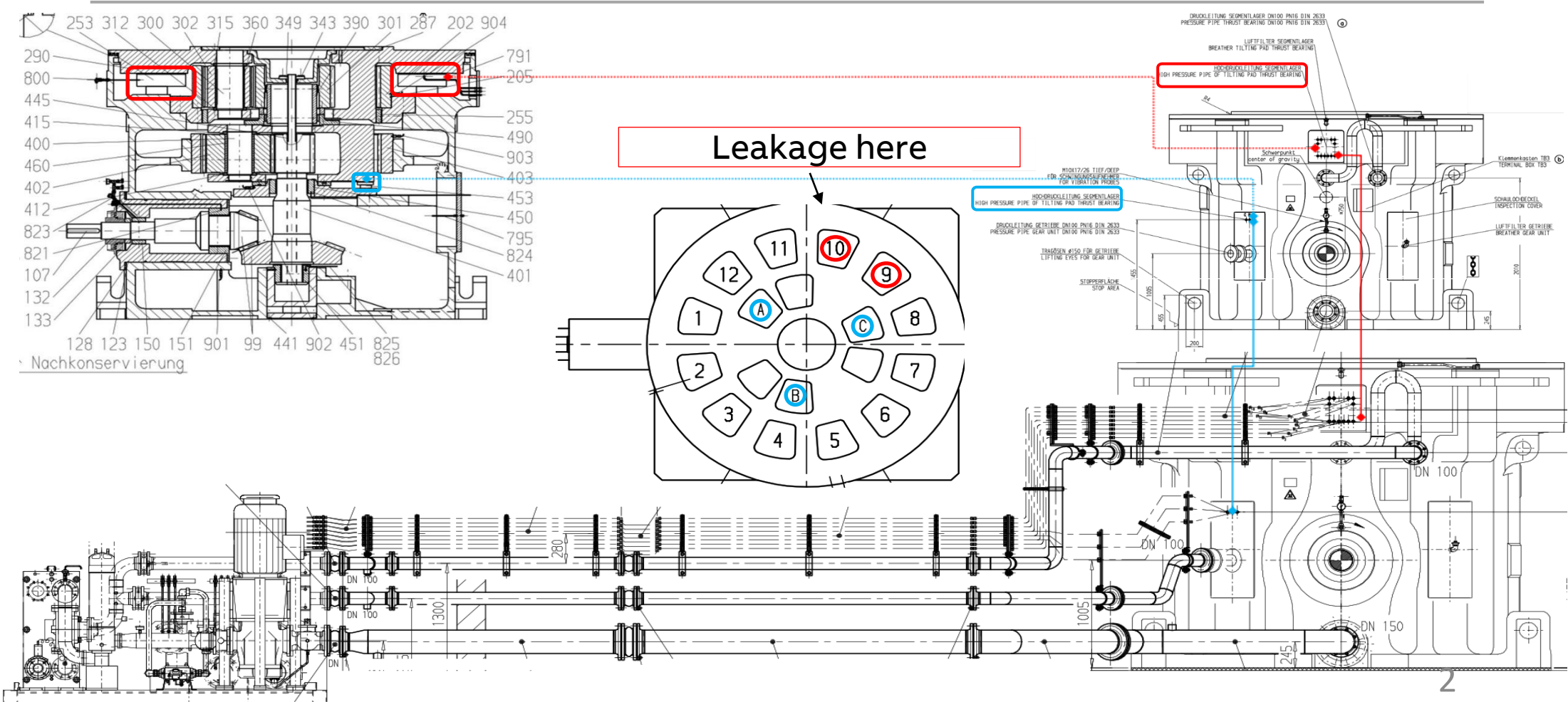
Remaining Useful Life



VRM Actual Failure Event (Reported by Customer)

Failure Mode: Thrust Tilt Pad Bearing Issue

What happened?
Raw Mill 2 tripped due to “Thrust tilt pad bearing pressure low”. On 16th July 06:05 Hrs



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Product 360

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APM

EventsSystem OverviewAnalyticsEFM Health IndicatorEFM Fault IndicatorKPI PerformanceRecommendation

CONNECTED ASSETS1

HEALTHY ASSETS0

FAULTY ASSETS0

UNDEFINED ASSETS1

CHANGE POINT DETECTION EVENTS1
Change Detection

TIME SERIES FORECAST EVENTS3

Clear Filters1Filters

From15-07-2023To16-07-2023

Search

Acknowledge

Applied Filters: Event Type X

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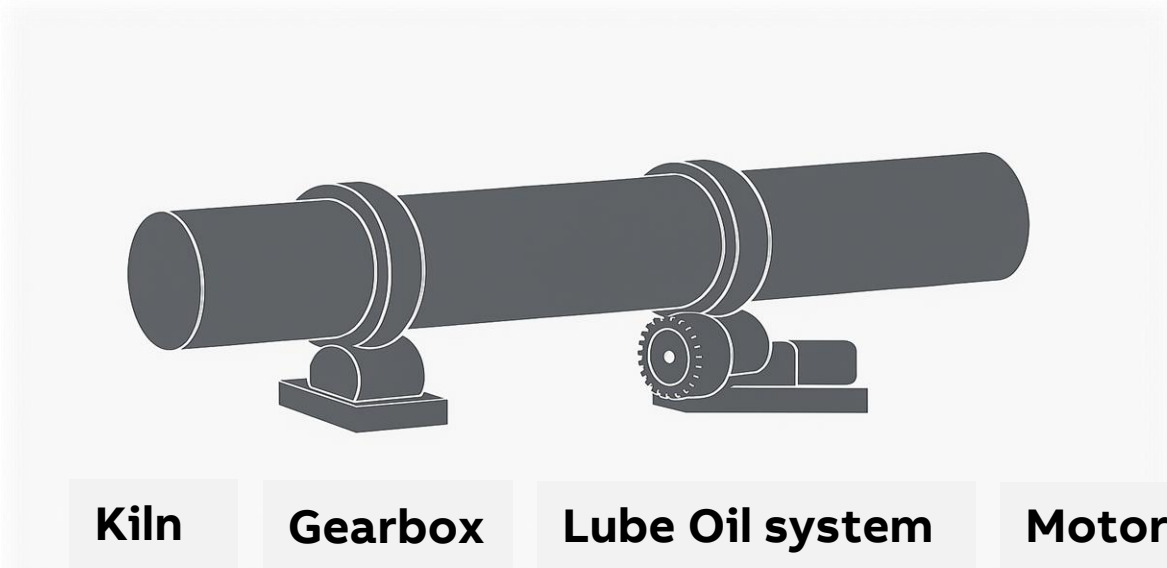
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Case 2: Kiln – Asset Performance Management

AI -Powered Analytics to avoid unplanned downtime and Reduce maintenance cost

Equipment



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 - ✓ Digital twin

Failure Modes

Parameters /Failure mode Matrix	Ring Formation Ring	Thrust bearing issue	Support Roller Bearing issue Roller	Gearbox Issue	Motor Issue	Efficiency Degradation
Kiln Performance Monitoring						
Kiln Feed Rate Clinker Output Specific Heat Consumption Kiln Inlet/Outlet Pressure Differential Pressure	✓					✓
Kiln and Gearbox Health Monitoring						
Support Roller Bearing Vib (1-3) Pinion Gear to Girth Gear Vib Gearbox Vibration	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Motor and Drives						
Motor Current & Power Motor Winding Temperature Motor Bearing Vibration and temperature					✓	
Lubrication						
Lube Oil Pressure Lube Oil Temperature Gearbox Oil Temperature Hydraulic Pressure (Main/Thrust)				✓		

Use Case: Kiln

Perform 360

Predict 360

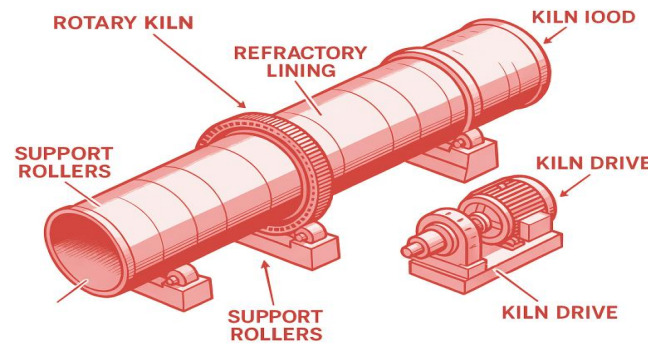
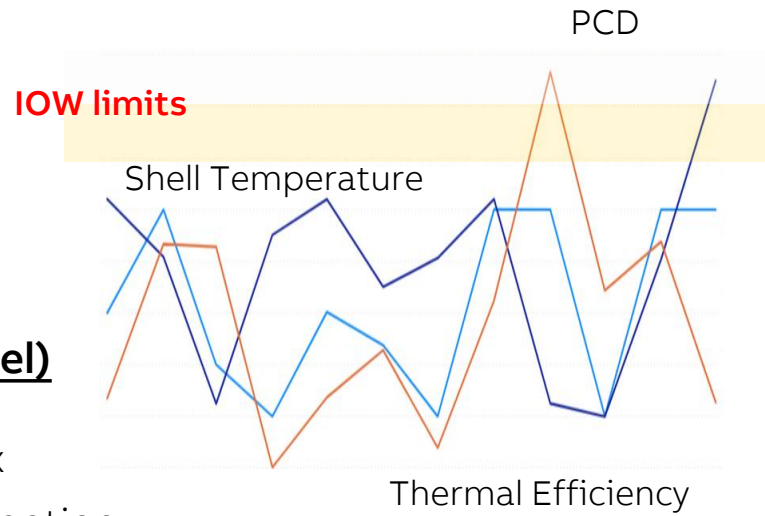
Performance

Operational

- Shell Temperature
- Inlet Gas Temperature
- Kiln RPM
- Fuel

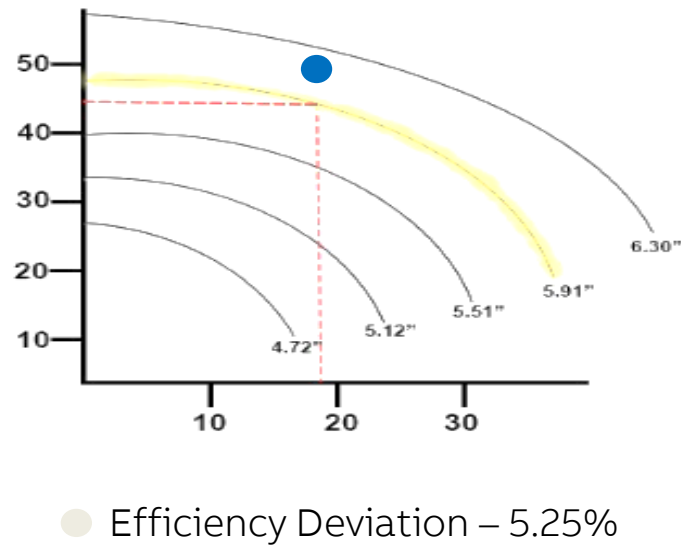
Derived (Physics Model)

- Draft Efficiency Index
- Specific Heat Consumption
- Kiln Yield



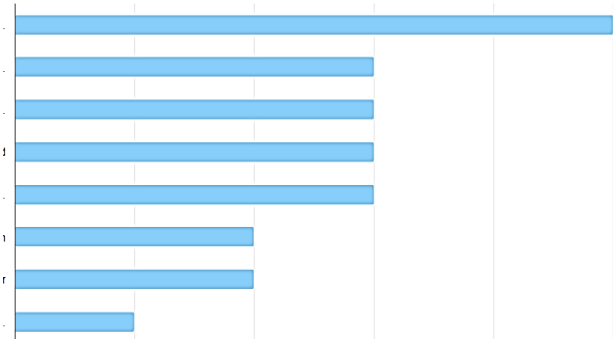
Performance Curve

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Damage Analysis

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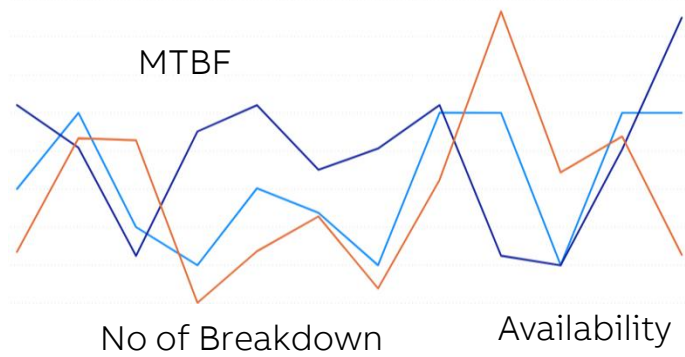
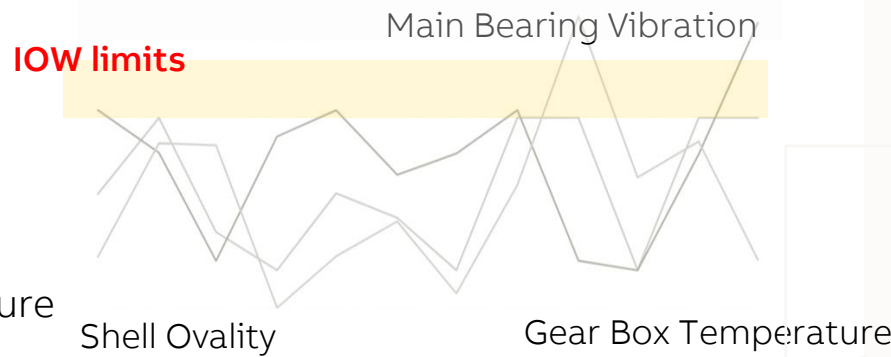
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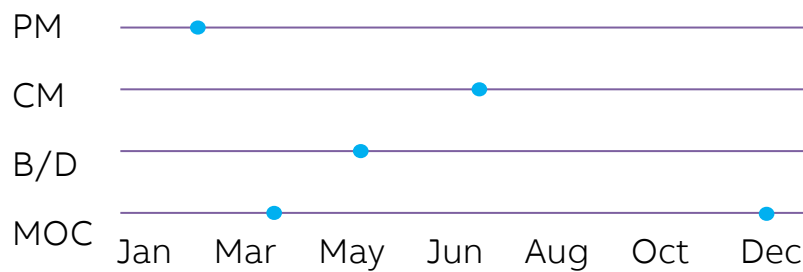
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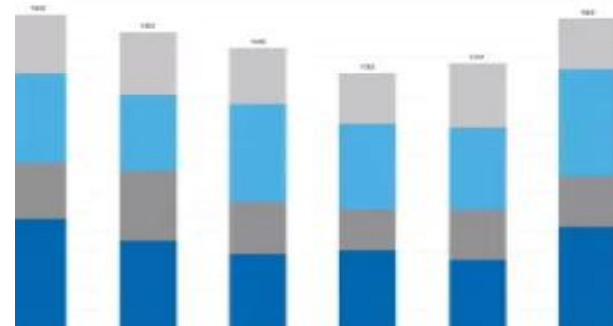
Maintenance Intervention & Planning



- Last 20 Workorders
- Overdue Workorders
- Spares Availability
- Frequently Consumed Material

Life Cycle Cost

Planned vs Actual



- Cost - Planned vs Actual
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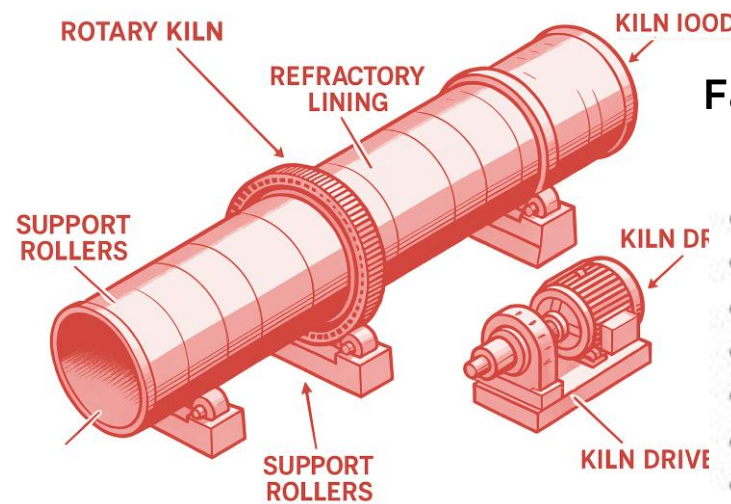
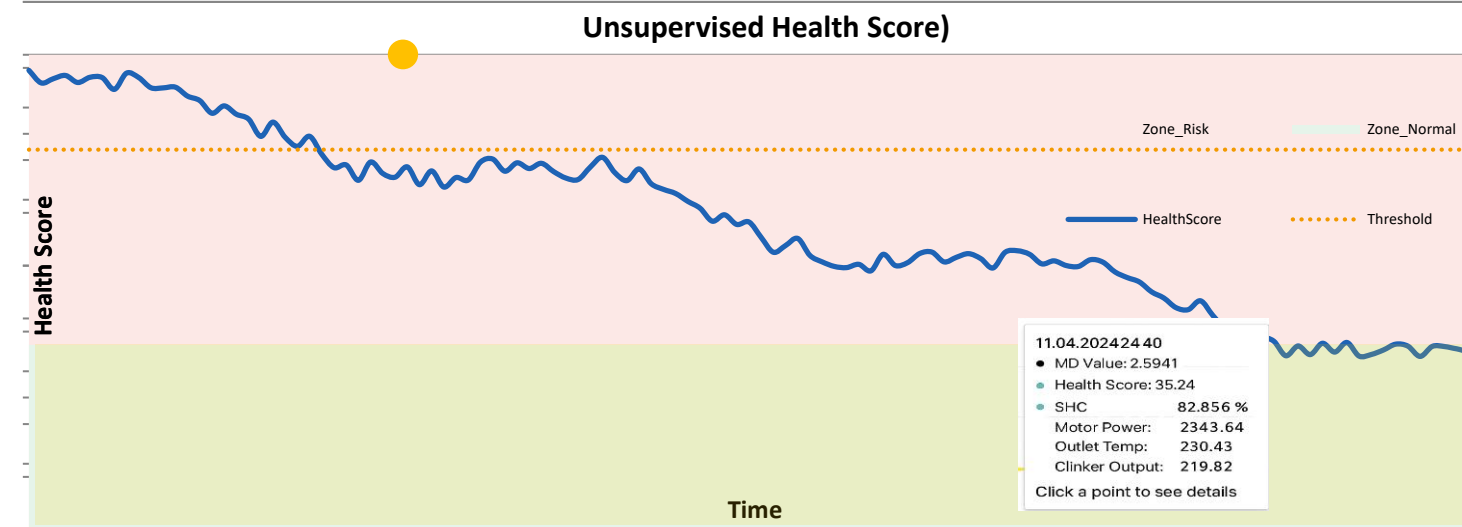
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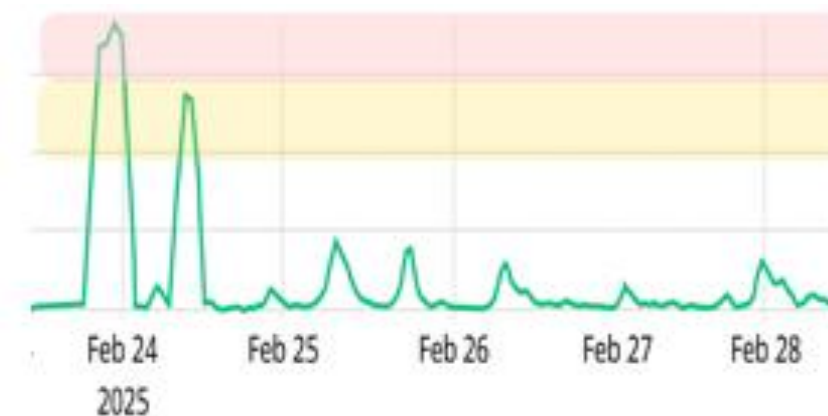
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Failure mode: Efficiency degradation



Failure mode: Ring Formation

Alert



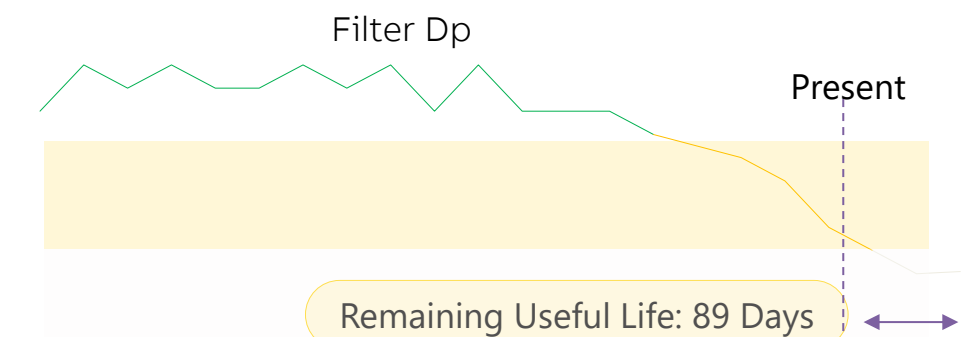
Expert Fault Modelling (Multivariate)

	Ring Formation	High Vibration	High Temperature
Dp	7		
Output Temp	7		
Power	9	3	5
Support Bearing Vibration		3	9
Thrust Bearing Vibration		4	9

Failure mode:

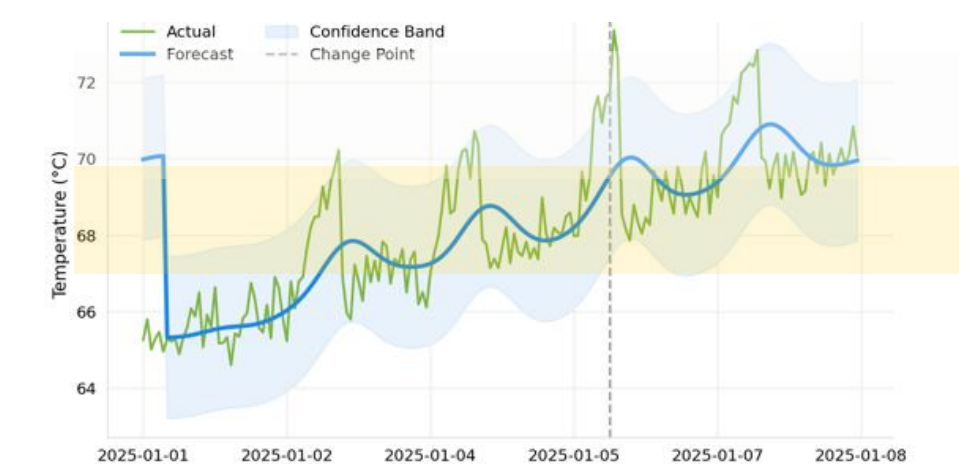
Lube Oil Filter Clogging

● Remaining Useful Life

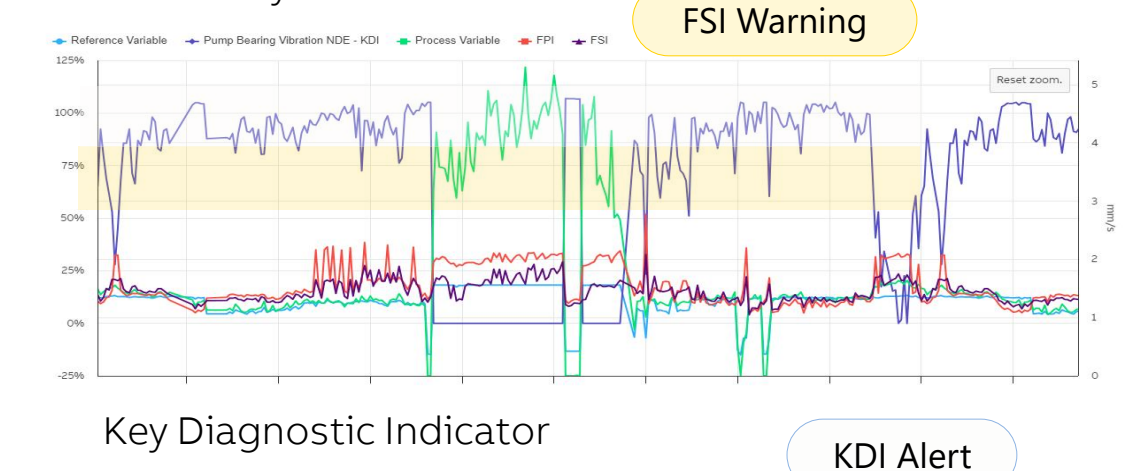


Failure mode :High Bearing Temperature

● Time Series Forecast Model



Fault Severity Indicator/ Fault Probability Indicator



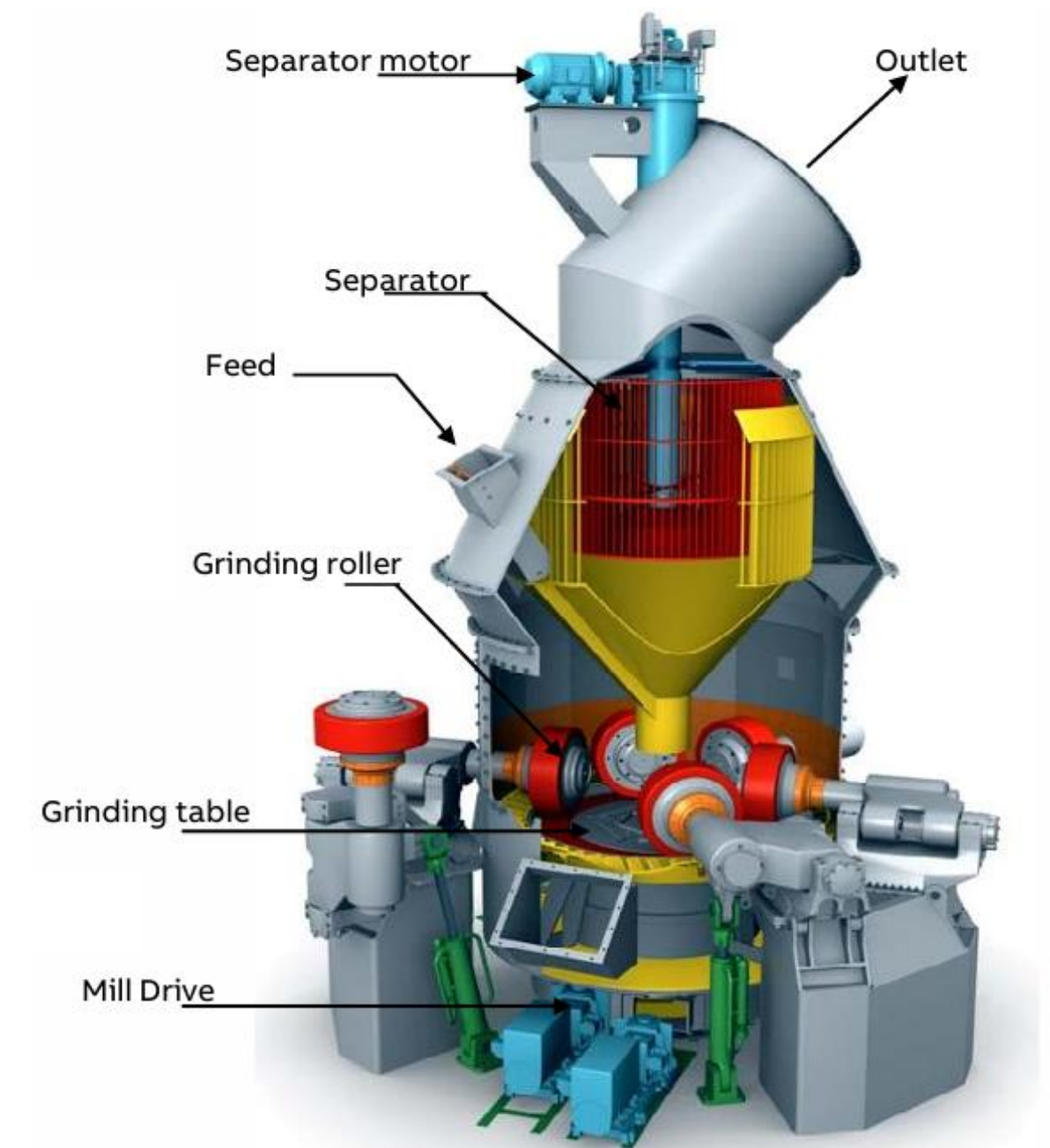


Energy Optimization by Blaine Prediction

Eliminating the "Blind Spot" in Quality Control

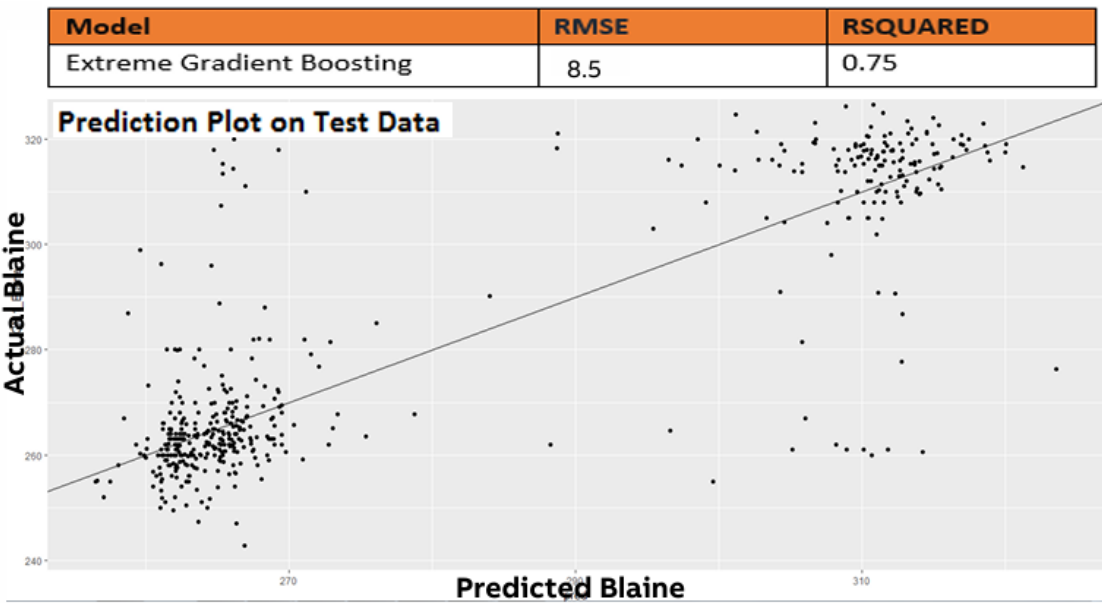
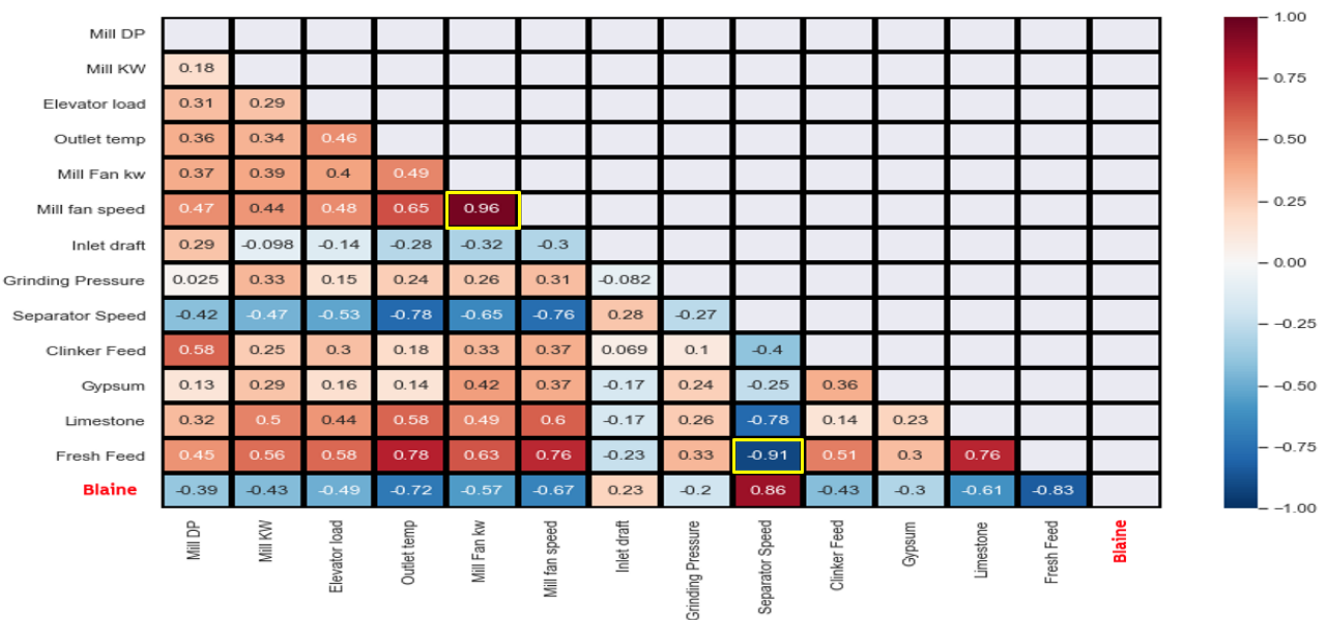
Transitioning from reactive to real-time quality management.

- **The 120-Minute Delay:** Traditional Blaine fineness is measured in a lab every hour, meaning operators react to process changes with a 120-minute lag.
- **Introducing the "Soft Sensor":** A Virtual Sensor powered by Genix AI that predicts cement fineness instantaneously based on live mill parameters.
- **Strategic Value:** Eliminates operational uncertainty, allowing for immediate corrections and preventing out-of-spec production before it happens.



Industrial Intelligence: Understanding Your Mill's DNA

Data-driven insights that identify the true levers of productivity.



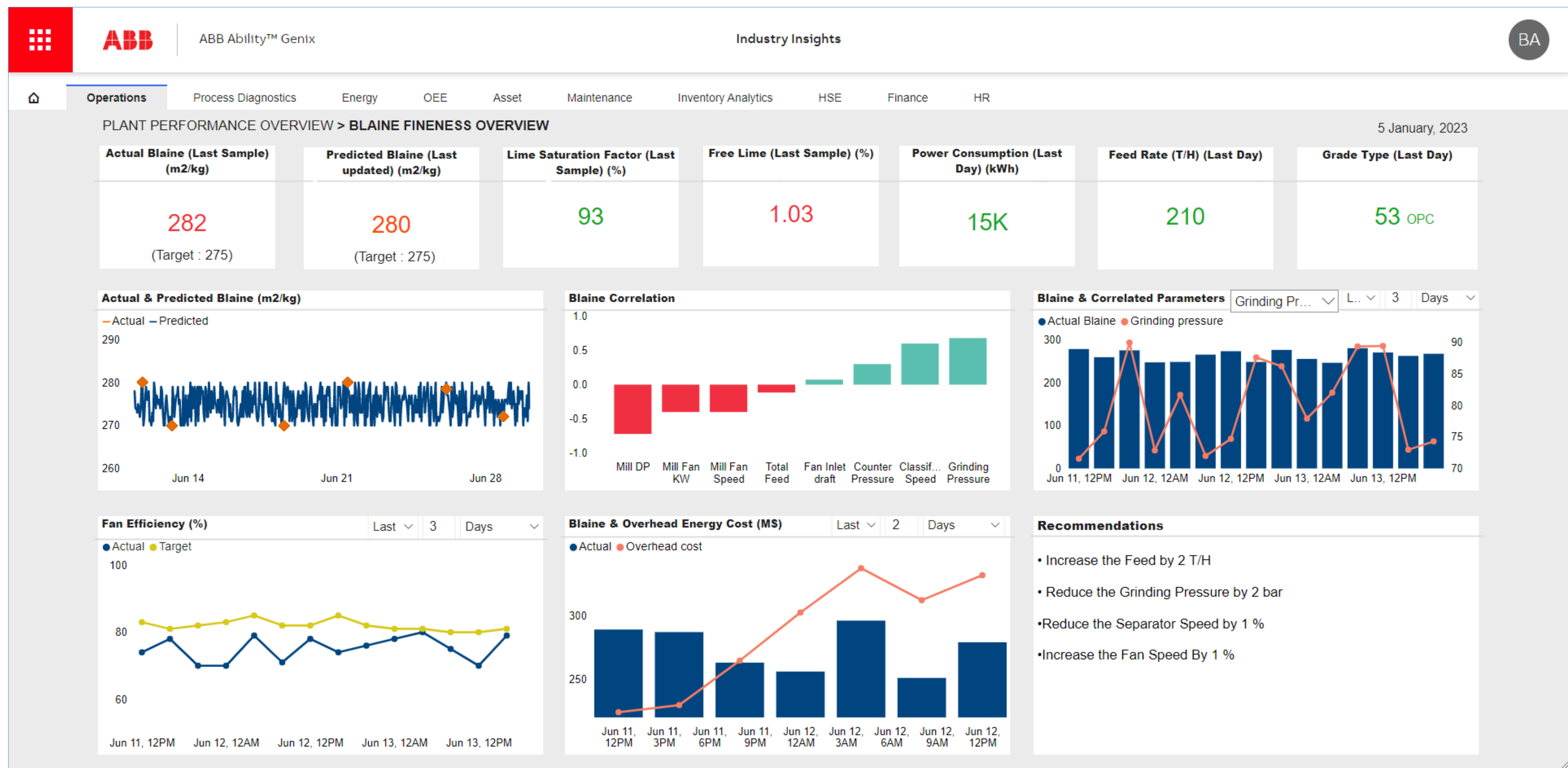
OPC 43



OPC 53

- **Critical Variable Mapping:** Our algorithms identify exactly which parameters—such as **Separator Speed** and **Grinding Pressure**—have the highest impact on your specific quality targets.
- **Proven Accuracy:** After training on historical data, the model achieves a prediction error of only **3-8%**, ensuring high reliability for executive decision-making.
- **Seamless Grade Transitions:** Automatically adapts to different cement types (e.g., OPC 43, OPC 53, or PPC), maintaining stability during product switches.

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