



# Optimization of Operation and Maintenance in Thermal Power Plants using PI System

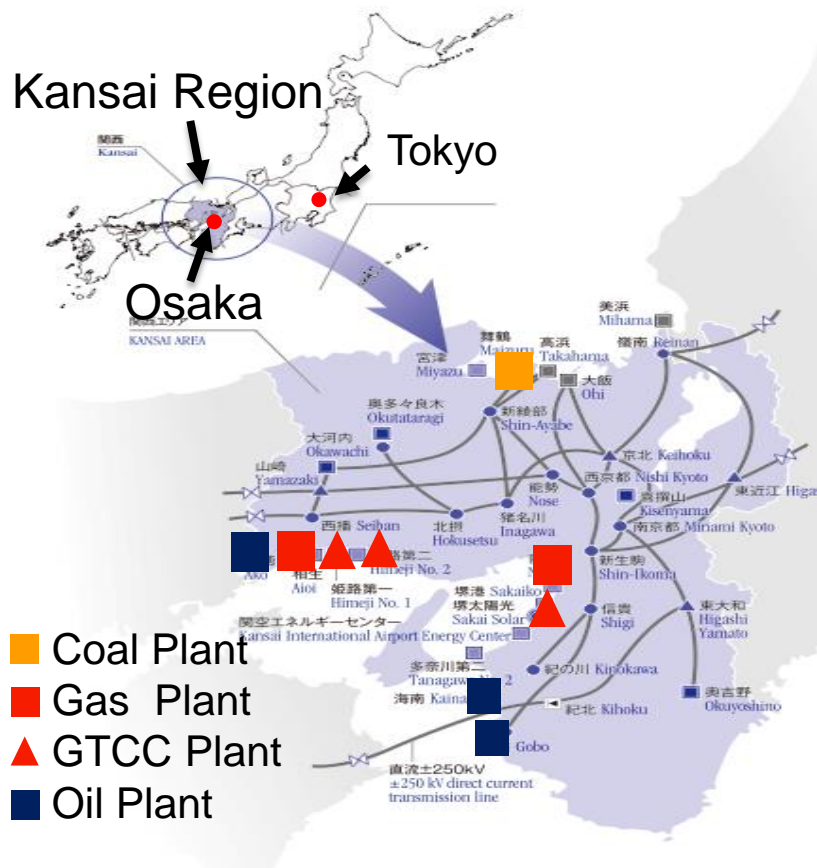
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# Agenda

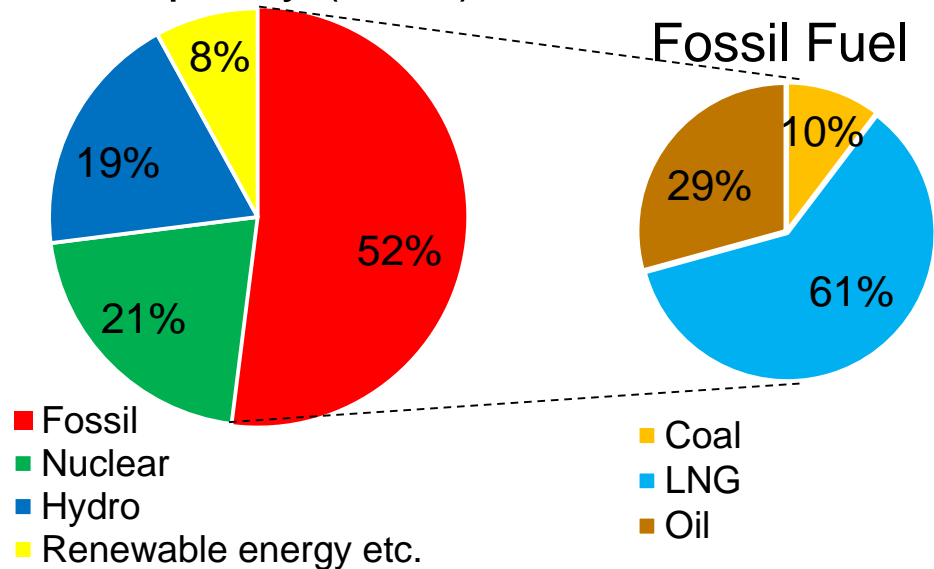
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- Expansion Plan
- Conclusion

# Overview of Kansai Electric Power

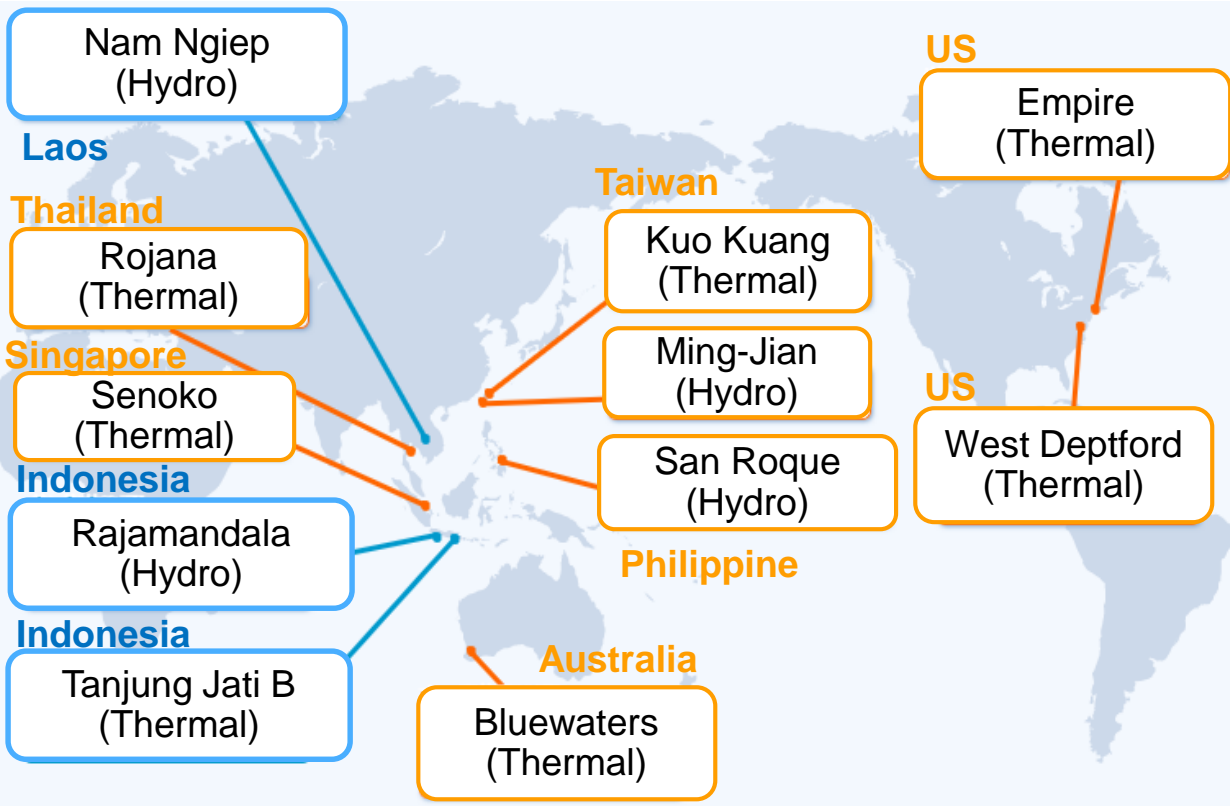


- Established in 1951
- Electricity Sales : 127,516 GW
- Installed Plant Capacity : 46 GW

Capacity (2016)



# Kansai's Overseas Projects



- Total Output: 2,159 MW
  - Fossil : 1,788 MW
  - Hydro : 371 MW



Empire Power Station  
GTCC, 635 MW  
Rensselaer, NY, US

# Power System Deregulation in Japan



## Before

- 9 Electricity Power Companies dominated and controlled the market.

## After

- Full liberalization of the electricity market in 2016
- Opening a new market - 200 billion \$ market scale

# Challenges in Thermal Power Generation

## Optimization of Operation & Maintenance



Minimizing  
Forced Outage



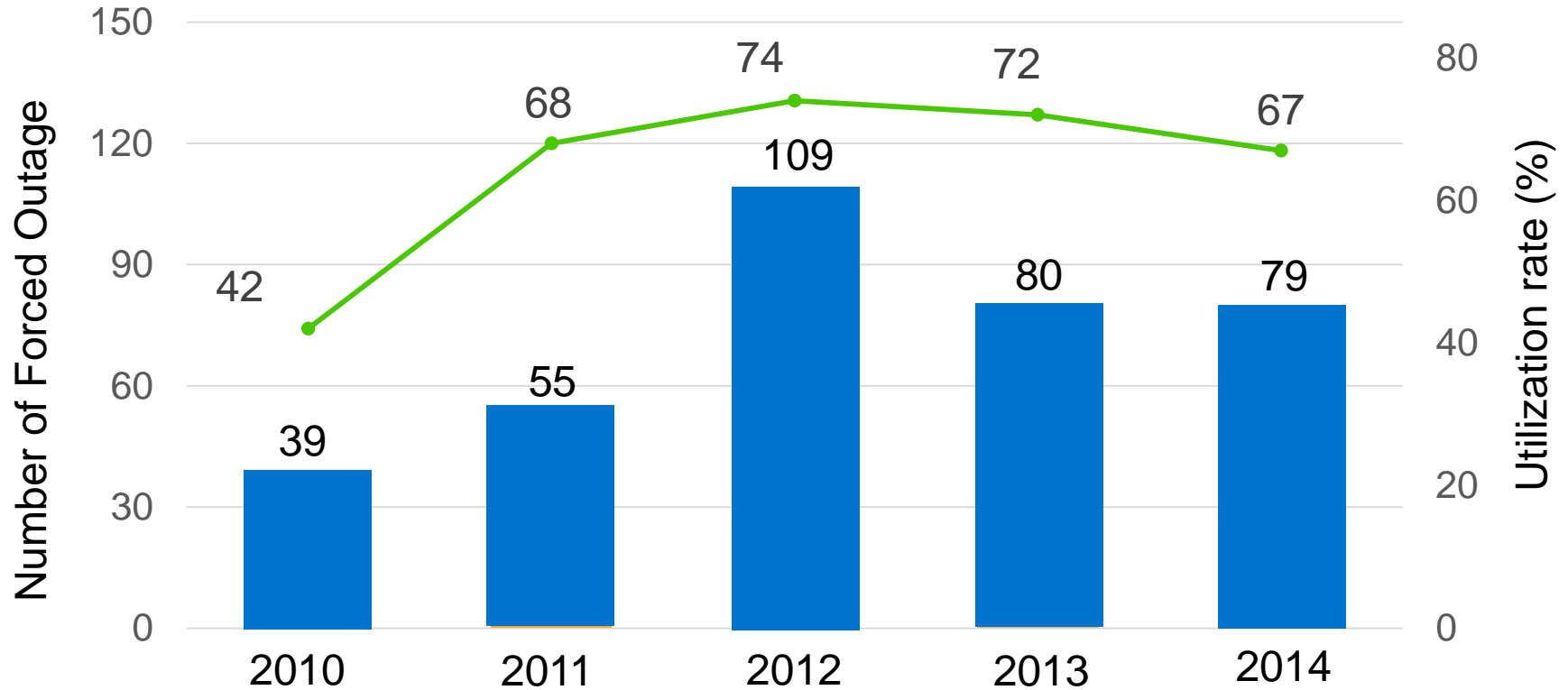
Optimizing  
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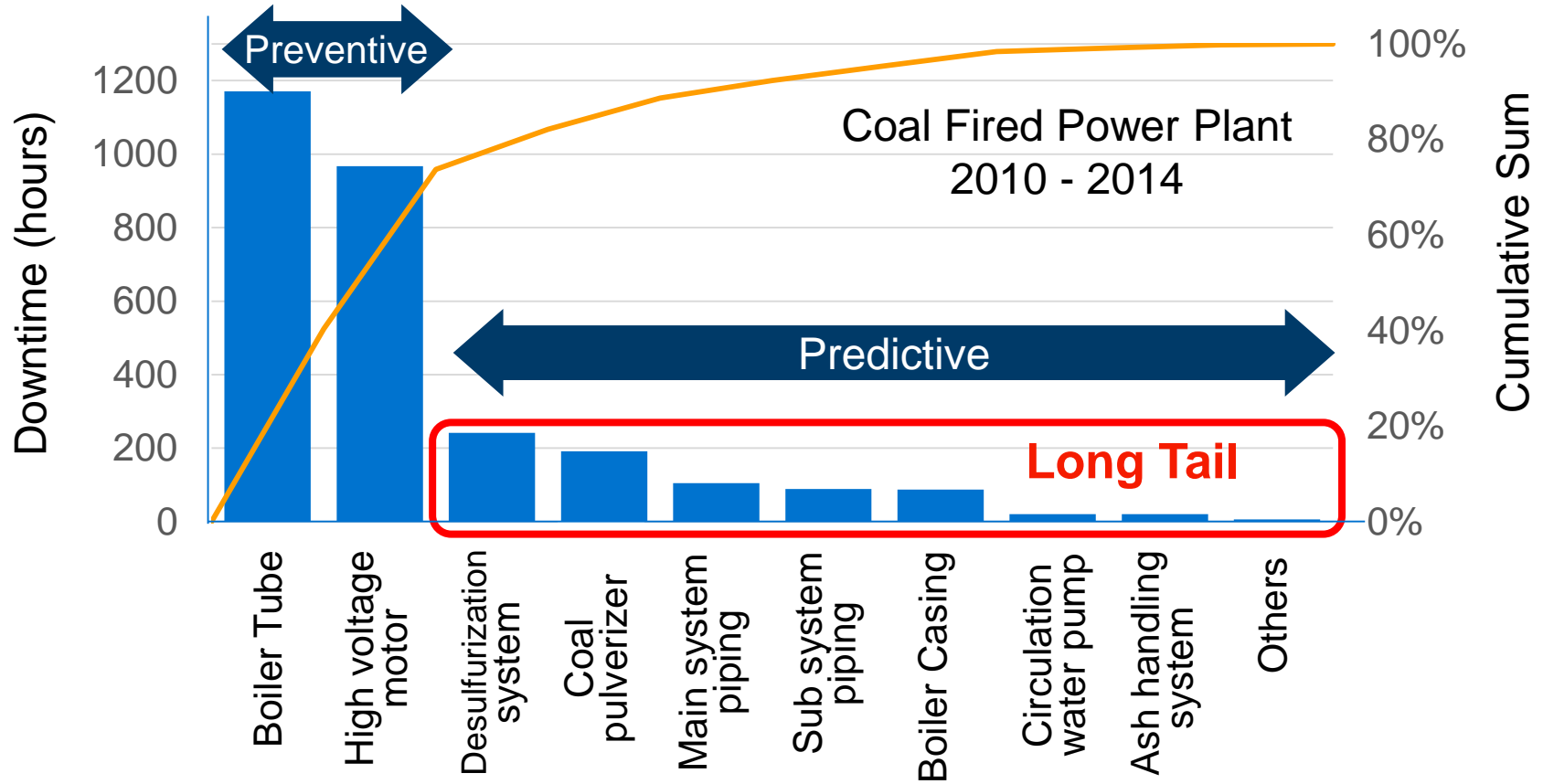
Enhancing  
Plant Efficiency

To address these challenges,  
We need to make the best use of enormous amount of plant operating data.

# Challenges in Thermal Power Generation



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# Optimization of O & M in Thermal Power Plants with IoT, BD & AI

## Optimization of Operation & Maintenance



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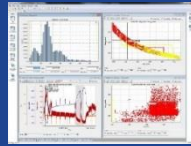


Optimizing  
Maintenance Plan



Enhancing  
Plant Performance

BD Analytics with AI



IoT devices



Data Management Infrastructure - PI System

Expertise

Operating  
Data

Knowledge &  
Experience

# Introduction of PI System to Thermal Power Plants

2015



2016

Oil Plant



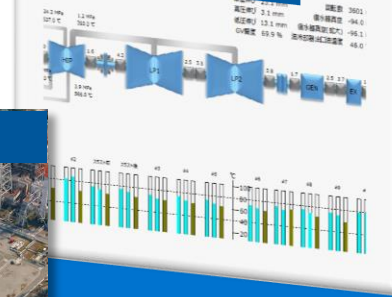
Coal Plant



GTCC Plant



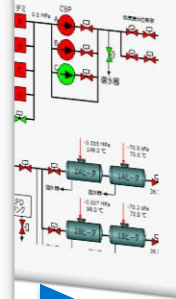
Steam Turbine



Feed Water

Forced Draft Fan

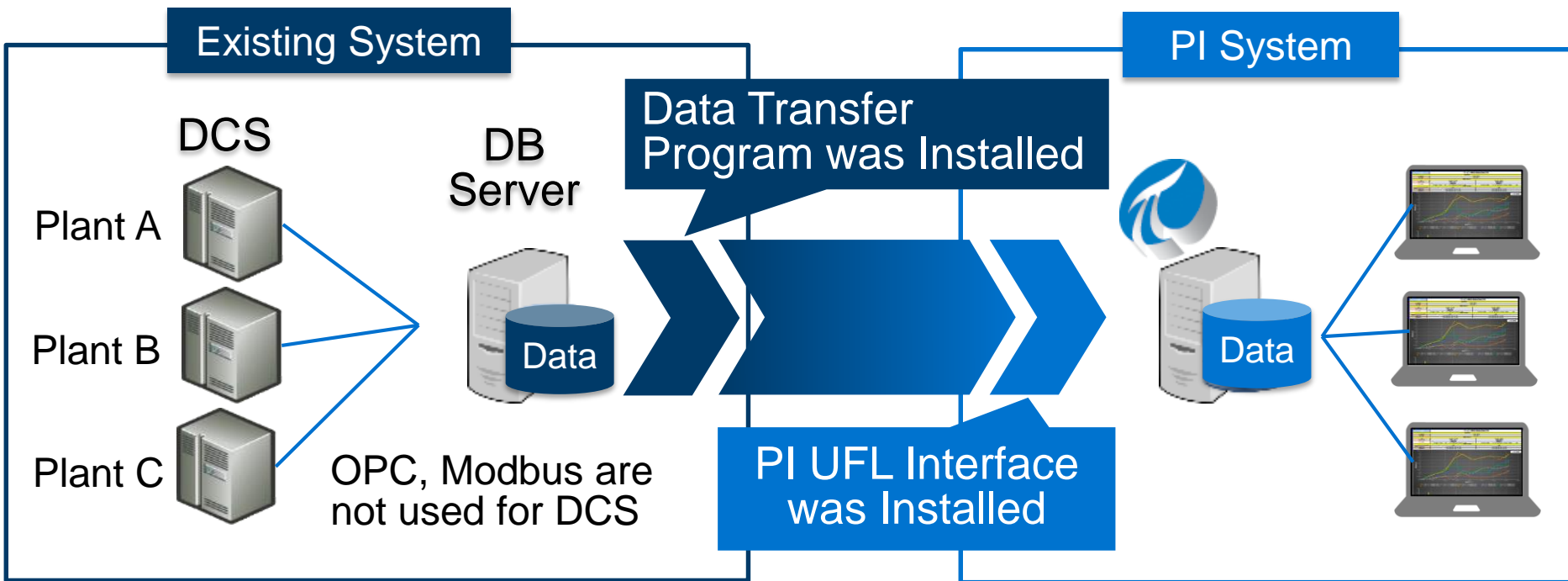
Condensate Water



■ Build the system  
in two months.

- Deployed to 3 Power Plants / Coal, Oil & GTCC Plants
- Create 200 + surveillance screens

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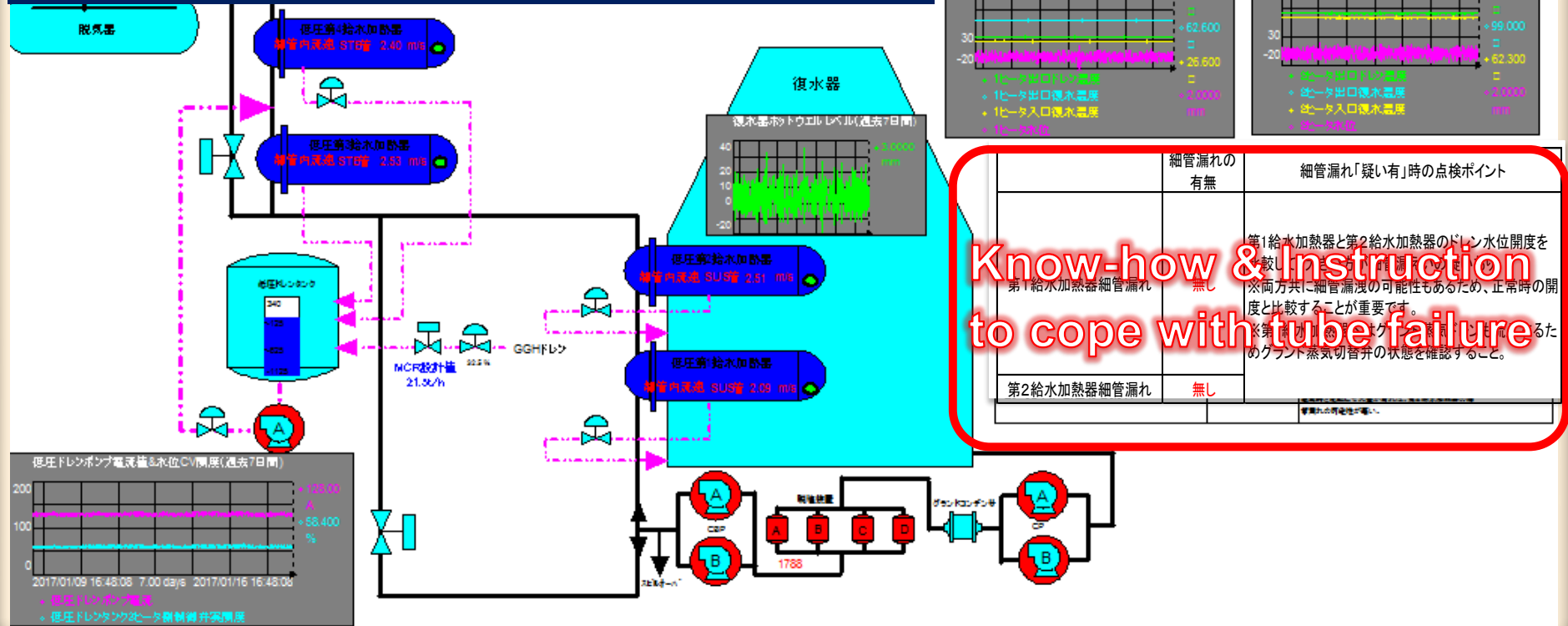


It took only 2 months to install PI System in our existing plants.



# Example - Condition Monitoring on Heat Exchangers

## Condensate Water System Surveillance Display

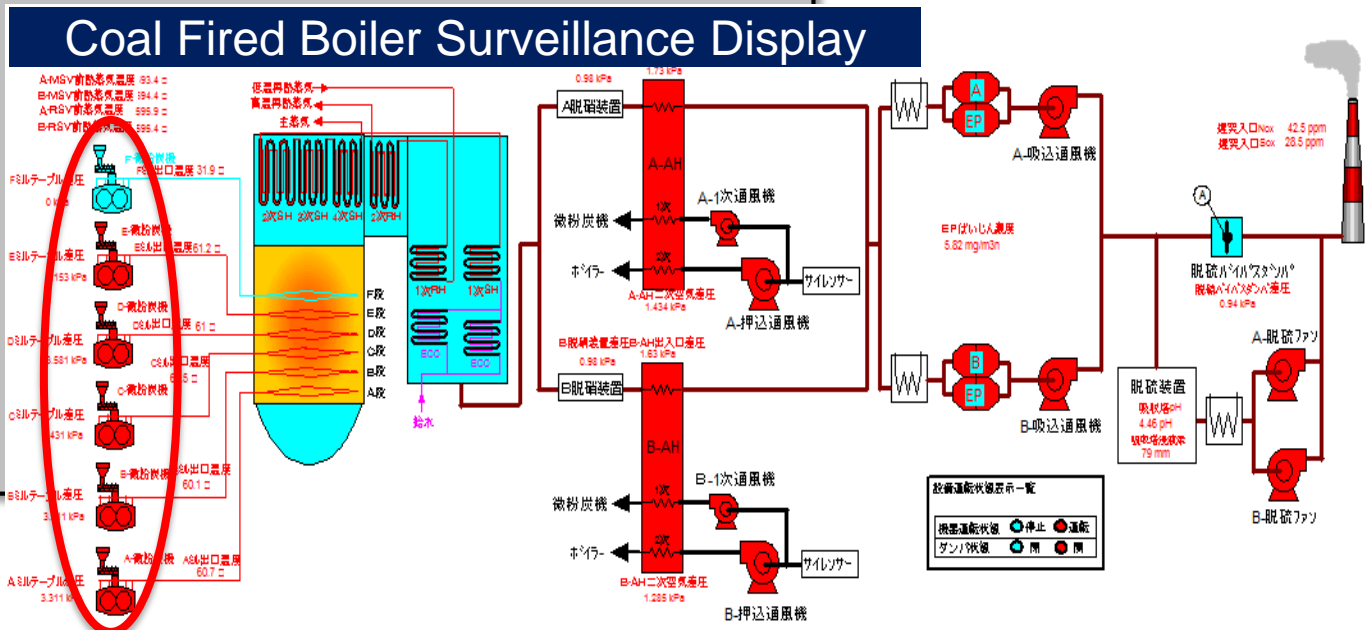


# Example – Condition Monitoring on Coal Mill

## Display for Pre- Alarms

Aミル	Bミル
ミル 差圧 0.057 kPa	ミル 差圧 2.862 kPa
ミル 電流 0.1 A	ミル 電流 139.4 A
ミル 振動 1.3 μm	ミル 振動 24.8 μm
ローラリフト 0.51 mm	ローラリフト 10.62 mm
ローラ加圧 0.04 MPa	ローラ加圧 7.5 MPa

Coal Mill



- Setting pre-alarm based on past failure data for earlier anomaly detection.
- Adding a single pre alarm to existing system costs US\$ 10,000 / in PI System US\$ 0 !

# Life Estimation of Crucial Equipment

**TBM** : Maintenance Intervals recommended  
by Manufacturers.

**Past**

**TBM** > **CBM**

◆ Now in the process of transition to CBM...

**Present**

**TBM** < **CBM** : Optimize Maintenance Management

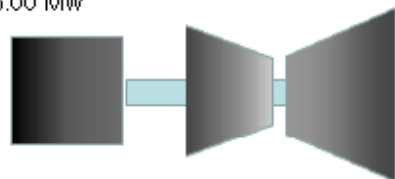
◆ Extend equipment lifetime based on real-time condition monitoring & inspection records.

**Future**

# Example - Life Estimation of Gas Turbine Inlet Air Filters

1号機 GEN出力

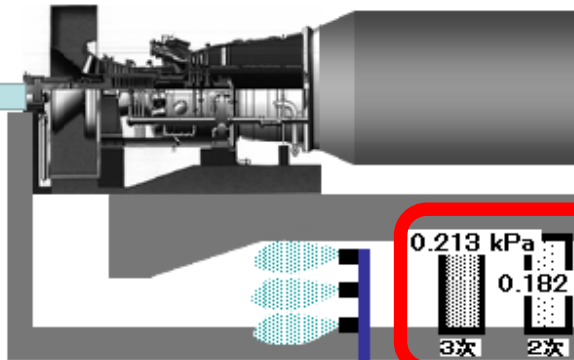
2017/03/06 15:35:00  
346.00 MW



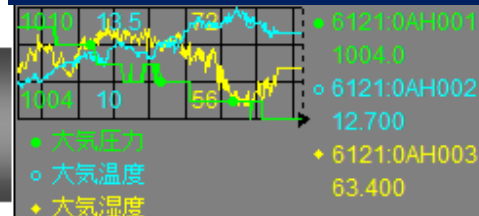
ST出力  
121.00 MW

GT出力

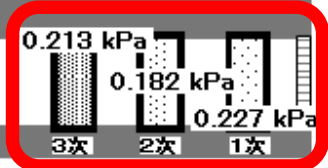
225.00 MW



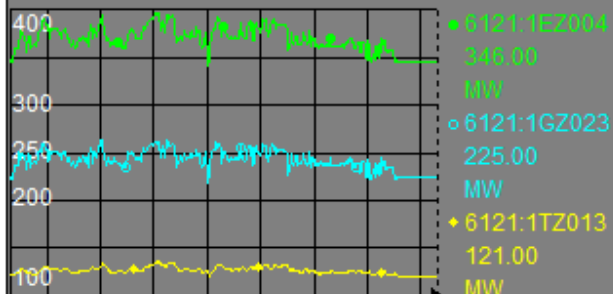
Intake Air Temp



Intake Air Filters



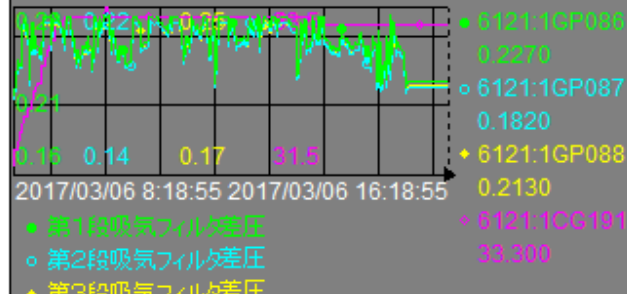
1号-プラント出力



Gas Turbine Output




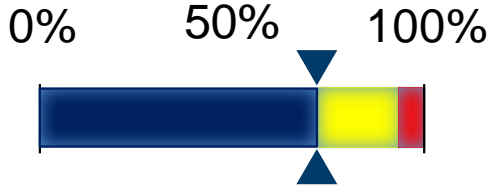

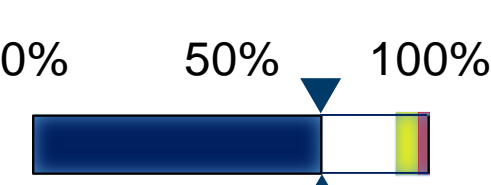
1号-1~3次フィルタ差圧-GT効率



Filter Differential Press



# Example - Life Estimation on Components of Crucial Equipment

Component	Monitoring Parameter	Remaining Lifetime	Overhaul Schedule	Lifetime Consumption Rate
 <p>Bearing</p>	Operating Time	3,600 h	Jul.2020	
 <p>Solenoid Valve Stem Nut</p>	Number of Open & Close	7,200 h	Jul.2020	

Optimize overhaul schedule of crucial equipment based on monitoring deteriorating condition of the mechanical weak point of them.

# Further Projects

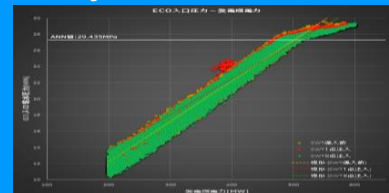
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## PI System Tools



## Anomaly Detection Tools



## PI System / Collect · Store · Visualize

## Plant Computers



## Process Instruments

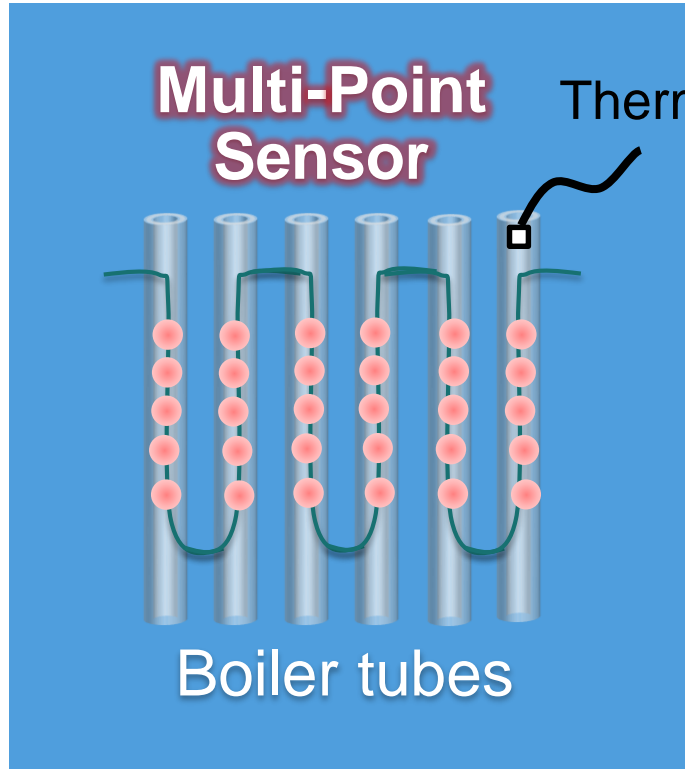


## IoT devices



# Use of high-tech sensor devices

## - Multi-Point sensor for Boiler Super Heater tubes



### Thermocouple

- Single-Point Measurement

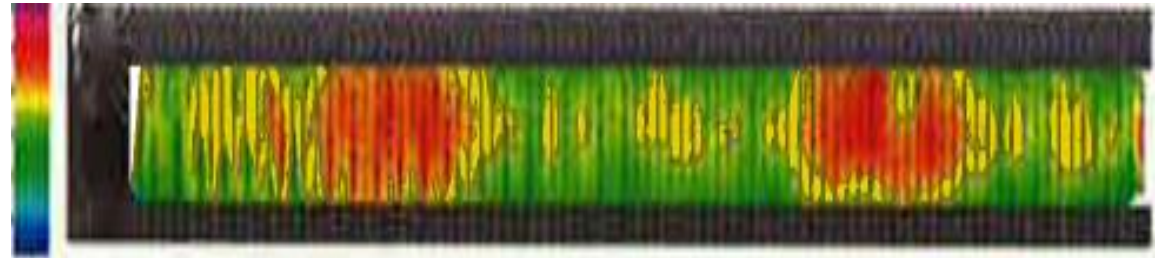
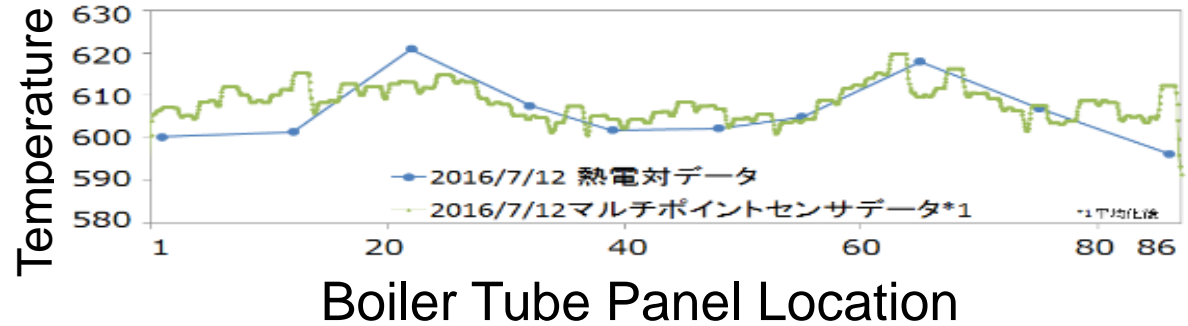
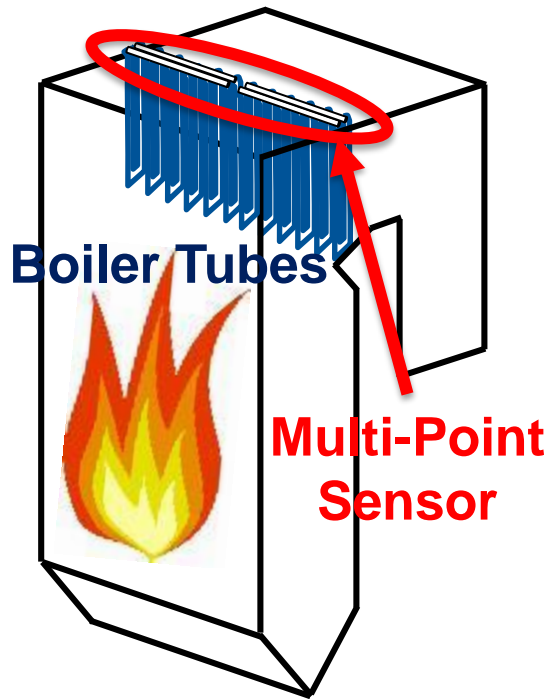


### Multi-Point sensor

- Multi-Point Measurement enables
  - More accurate lifetime estimation
  - Earlier anomaly detection

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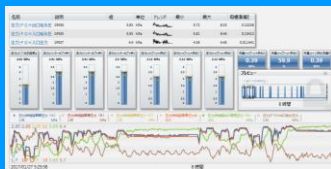
Temperature of Boiler Tube Panel Surface

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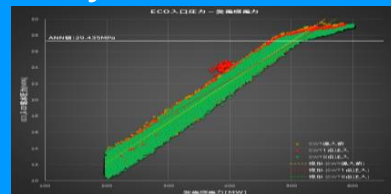
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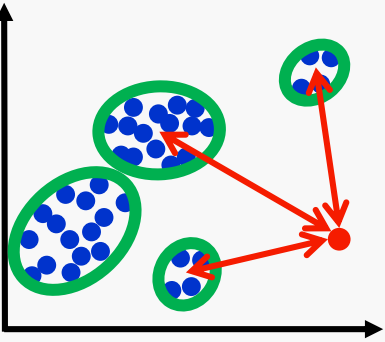
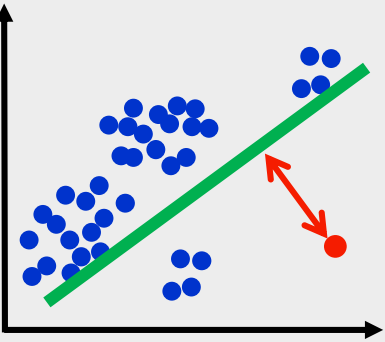
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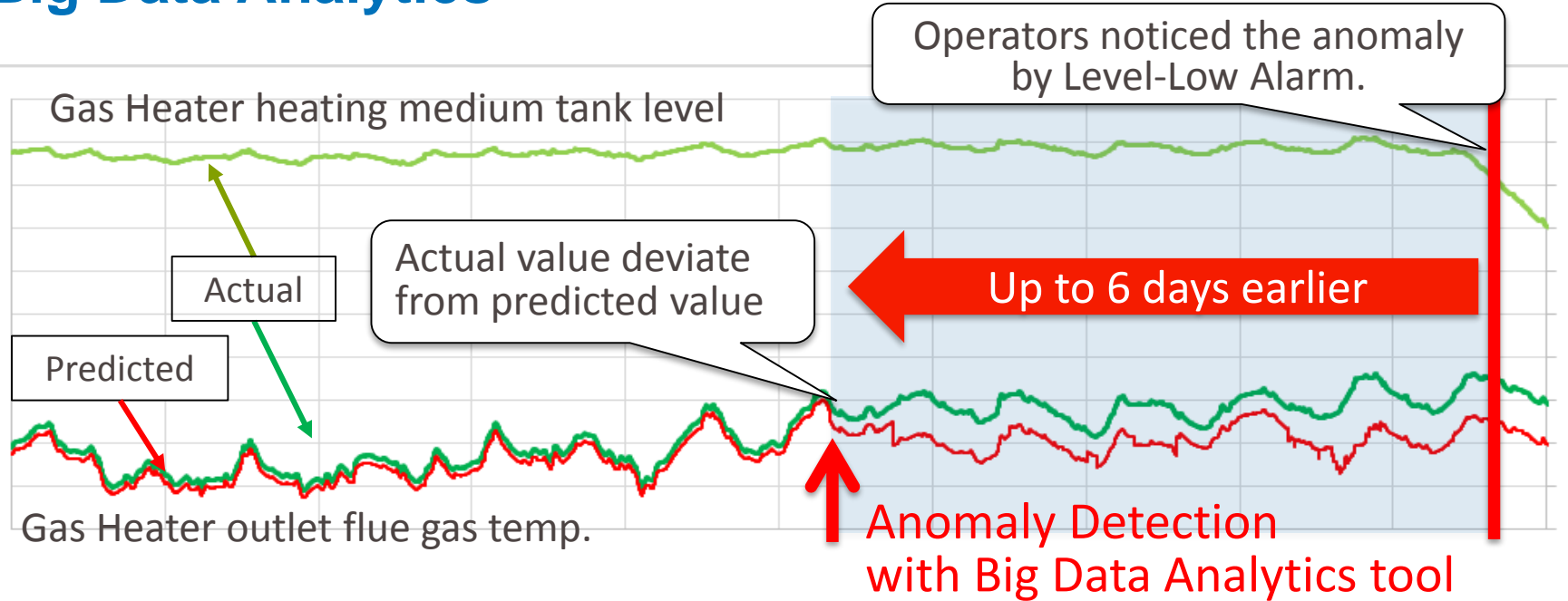
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# Big Data Analytics for Anomaly Detection

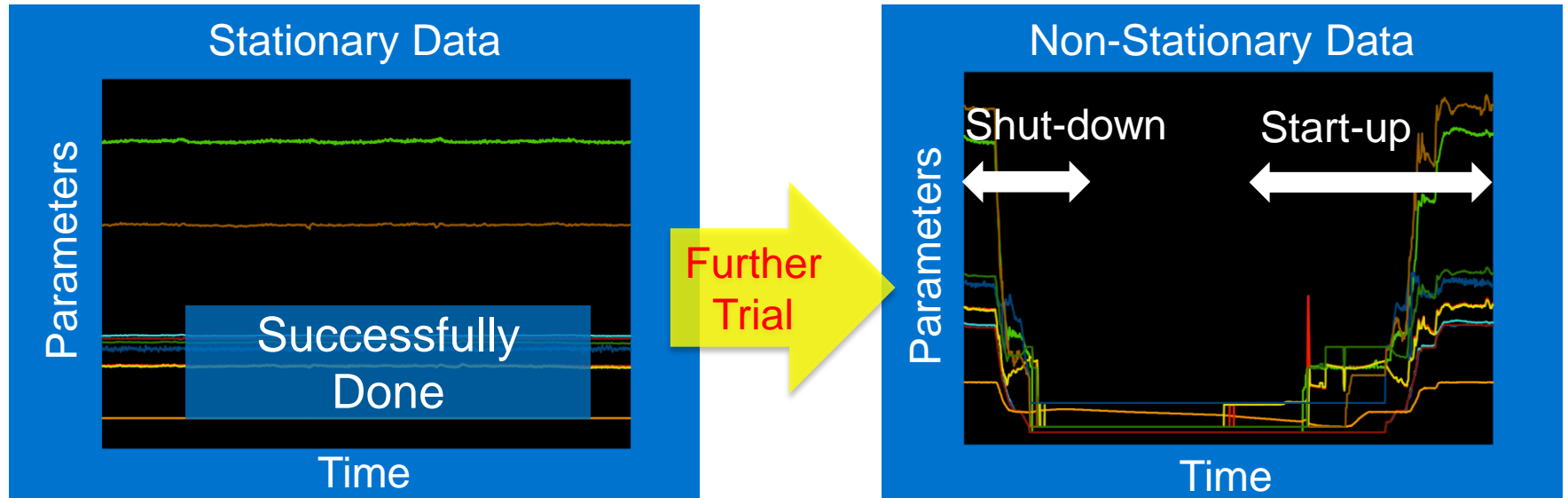
Technique	Schematic Diagram	Method / Theory
Classification		Clustering
		Adaptive Resonance Theory
		Pattern Recognition
		Deep Learning
Regression		Multiple-regression
		Invariant
		Self-regression
		Mahalanobis - Taguchi

# Big Data Analytics



With BD analytics tools, the anomaly was detected 6 days earlier than operators actually had noticed it.

# Big Data Analytics



## Further Trial

To verify whether or not the tools can detect anomaly even while plant load changes or plant is in start-up & shut-down operation.

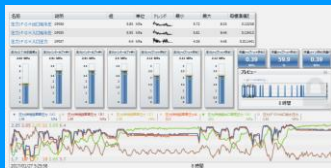


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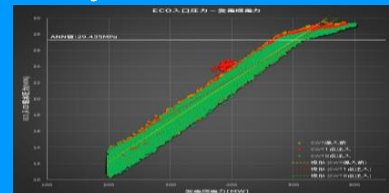
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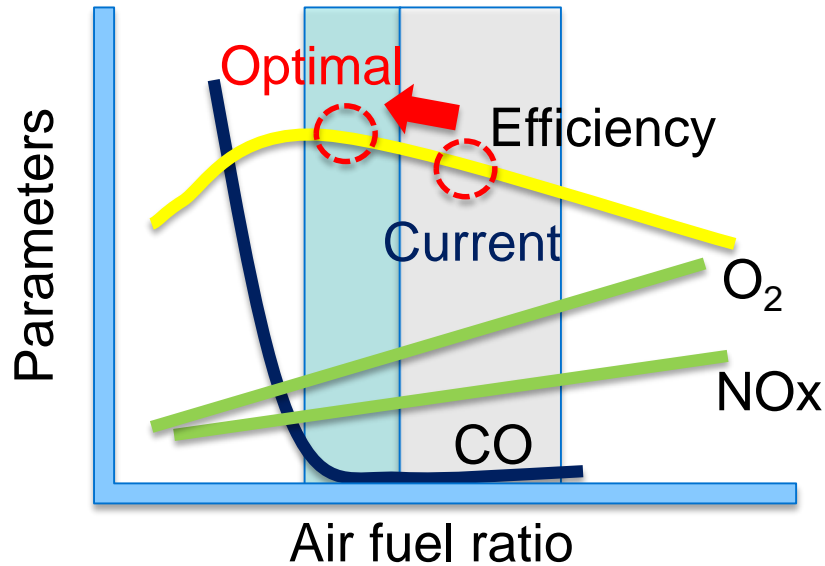
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# Plant Operation Optimization System



- Reduction of excess air rate
- Combustion optimization with image recognition technology
- Steam temp optimization
- Soot blowers optimization

Efficiency Improvement >>> 0.1 % abs. UP

# Expansion Plan - PI System

2015

Planning



2016

Trial and Evaluation

Headquarters



Maizuru



Sakaikou



Akoh



2017

Deployment to all PPs

Himeji No.2



Himeji No.1



Nanko



Aioi



Gobo



2017

To be installed  
to all Power Plants



# Summary

## COMPANY and GOAL

- 1) Kansai Electric Power
- 2) To be the foremost Power Company in Japan.  
Competing successfully in the power market.



## CHALLENGE

To maximize optimization of O & M at our thermal power plants.

- Minimizing forced outages
- Optimizing maintenance plan and time,
- Making plant operations more efficient.

## SOLUTION

To merge our knowledge and expertise in O & M with recent remarkable developments in digital technology.

- PI System
- IoT devices
- Big Data Analytics tools

## RESULTS

We confirmed that it is possible to reduce O & M costs by using the PI System and its high compatibility with sensor devices and Big Data Analytics tools.

- Strengthening condition monitoring
- Switching from TBM to CBM
- Conducted the verification of Multi-point sensor, anomaly detection tools and operational improvement software.

# Conclusion

- ✓ Optimize our Operations and Maintenance in an ongoing fashion and stay competitive with PI System.
- ✓ PI System is a crucial “bridge” that links large process data with our expertise, collective knowledge and digital technology.

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