

# Conference :- Heat Rate Efficiency Summit 2023

Topic :

Heat rate improvement of thermal power plants through real time, closed loop, advance process control based solutions

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# Maintenance Best Practices for Efficiency

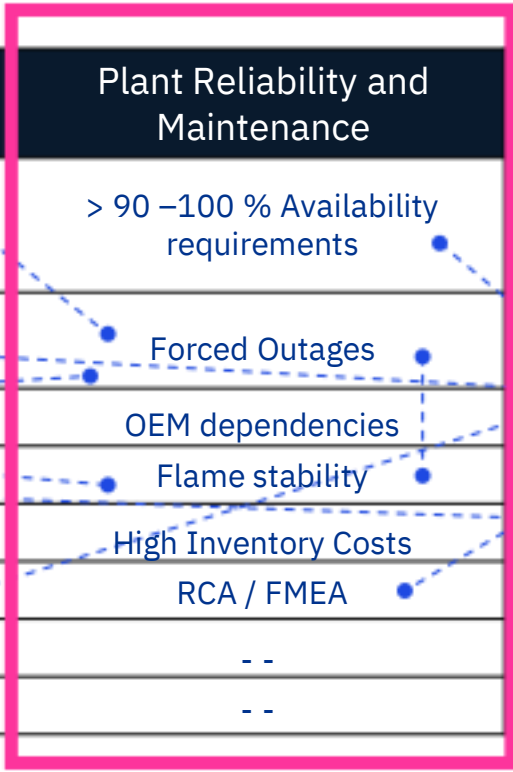
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# Complex interdependencies from coal to

# power

Complex interdependent operation should be in sync for successful profitable operation

Procurement and Logistics	Flexible yet efficient operation	Plant Reliability and Maintenance	Power Procurement	Safety & Compliance
Different grade coals being used	Renewable integration resulting daily load changes	> 90 –100 % Availability requirements	Deviation Settlement Mechanism to ensure right quantity at right time	Ever increasing environmental compliances
GCV Variation from 2500 - 6500	Significant load fluctuations to meet captive demand	Forced Outages	Realtime Market	SOx < 200mg/Nm3
High Ash Content coal	Ramp Rates > 2%	OEM dependencies	Green Power Requirements	NOx < 300mg/Nm3
Opaque rail logistics	Of-design operation	Flame stability		Boiler / Condenser blowdown
GCV loss tracking	APC < 6 –7 %	High Inventory Costs		Ash Disposal
Biomass Co-firing	Heat rate < 2300 kcal/kWh	RCA / FMEA		PM < 50 mg/Nm3
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It is important to understand the complexities of producing reliable, efficient power

# Power Plant 4.0 for flexible, reliable, efficient and sustainable

Predictive Analytics for dispatch planning  
 bases stockyard  
 Drones to get ahead in merit order  
 monitoring/ Hot spot  
 detection. Incident  
 Inspection for Boiler Tube  
 Leakages etc.



Advanced Combustion  
 to meet SOx,  
 NOx, PM and environmental  
 norm

Remote expert centre to  
 optimize real time performance  
 with contextualized  
 dashboards

Digital Twins for  
 continuous heat rate,  
 auxiliary power  
 optimization



Machine Learning models  
 for start up advisory

RPA generated workflow  
 management tools to create efficient Co-firing and Realtime  
 orders reducing shutdown time fuel requirement and ash  
 generation predictions

Automated Predictive  
 spare parts requirements  
 to optimize inventory level  
 and requisitions from  
 suppliers



AR / VR for visitors safety  
 and workers training

# Kind of maintenance your plant is having

••• Corrective Maintenance (Run to Fail)

Preventive Maintenance

Condition Based Maintenance

Predictive Maintenance

Prescriptive Maintenance

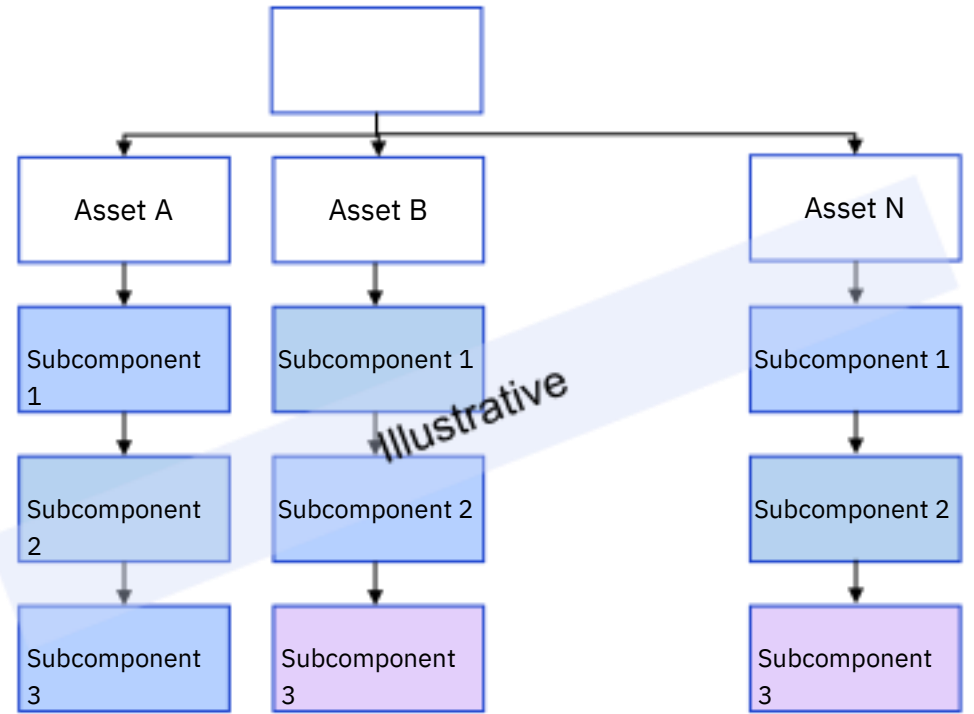
Sowhich one is right for our assets?

Depends ...

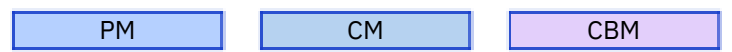
A studysays\*, “Potential of Predictive Maintenance though encouraging begins to evaporate due to, too little data, too little time, impact and savings”

# Based on criticality, maintenance strategy to be created for equipment at the assembly, sub assembly or the component level

Maintenance strategy



- Define all the formal and informal maintenance tasks to be performed on equipment
- Identify the failure modes that each task is meant to prevent or detect
- Capture functions lost by each failure as appropriate
- Perform consequence analysis and task determination for specific failure conditions
- Develop mitigation plans for high probability failure incidents with significant impact to production capabilities



Equipment generation break down will be used to map the equipment till the level where it can be monitored from maintenance standpoint. Generally these will be till the assembly level..

# Opportunities to optimize maintenance effort and improve plant reliability through Data driven equipment criticality assessment & FMEA

Equipment criticality assessment

## FMEA

**i Consequence Classification**

		Potential generation impact		
		No loss	Partial loss	Unit trip
Potential HSE Impact	None	Low	Medium	High
	First-aid	Low	Medium	High
	Minor	Low	Medium	High
	Major	High	High	High

**ii Probability classification**

MTBF	Probability of failure
>18 months	5
12-18 months	4
6-12 months	3
3-6 months	2
<3 months	1



**Equipment classification**

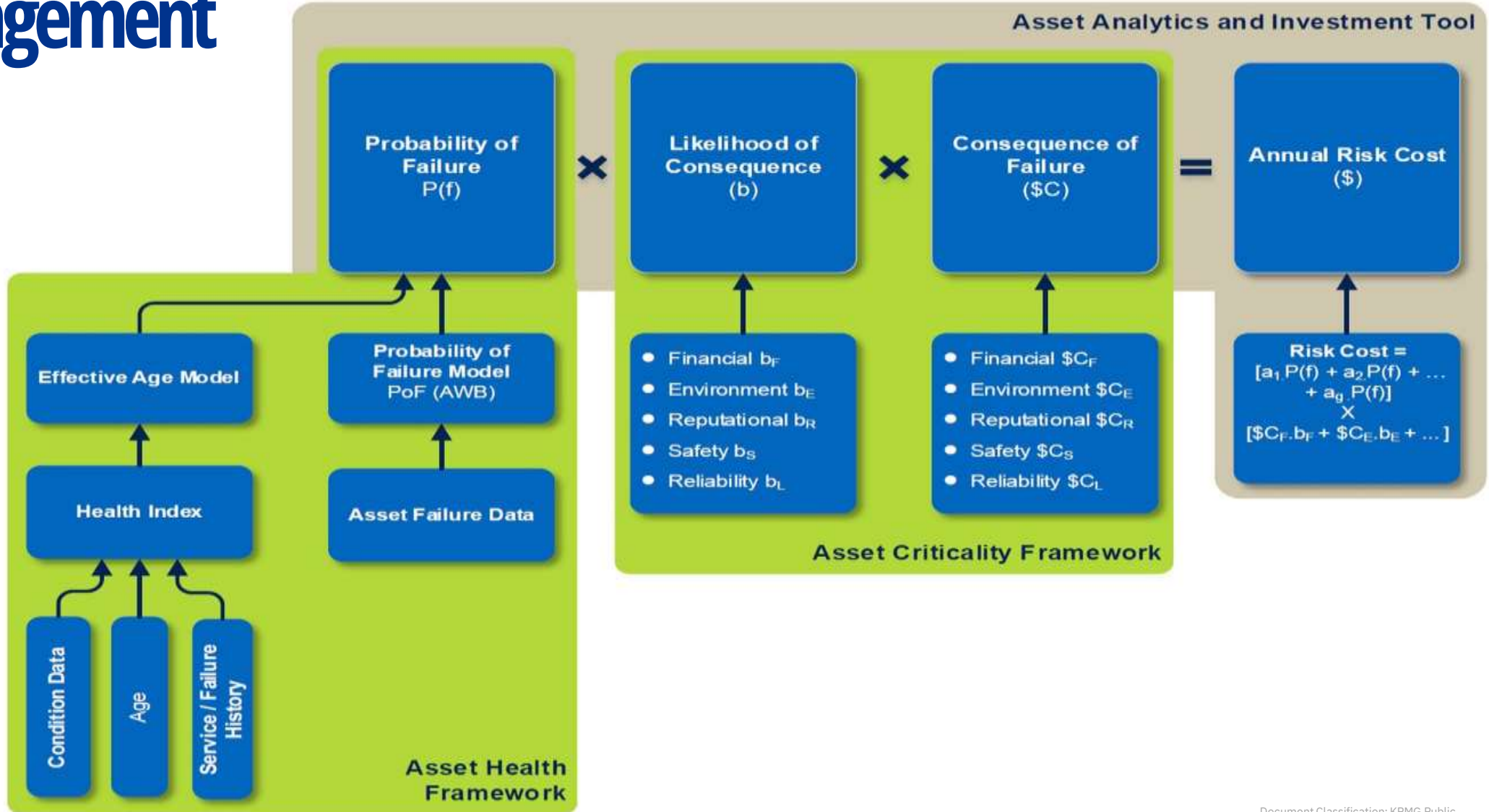
		Consequence class		
		Low	Medium	High
Probability class	5	C	B	A
	4	C	B	A
	3	C	B	A
	2	B	A	A
	1	A	A	A

ILLUSTRATIVE



- RCM evaluation covered 248 equipment
- Reduction in maintenance frequency schedule for 40+ equipment based on criticality assessment
- Further scope for reduction in maintenance load based on mitigation actions coming out of FMEA
- Process enabled for periodic **auto-classification of equipment criticality** based on failure data captured in maintenance management system
- **Auto Trigger of Root Cause Analysis tickets based on maintenance tickets**
- **Outcomes of ECA and FMEA to drive maintenance philosophy**

# How will it integrate results in better Risk Management



# Example-Boiler Tube Leakage – Avoid Predict Respond

Unplanned Outage can impact significant revenue loss

BTL – one effect many causes Possible Reasons Avoid



- Changes in thermohydraulic behavior

- Changes in fuel type
- Material Damage

- Temperature Excursions

Available Solutions

- Thermodynamic study for Root Cause Analysis
- Temperature and Temperature gradient change
- Acoustic Based Detections
- Neural Network based Detection

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- Temperature Profiling (Eco –RH/SH)
  - Gradient Monitoring (overheating/ spray cooling)
- Erosion behavior models (flow patterns/Ash content)

Failure Signature

AI / ML Based learnt models to predict Boiler Tube Leakages and give early warnings

Avoid operational regime prone for Boiler Tube Leakages as far as possible

Predict

- Use state of art tools for early prediction of failures and use early warning system
- Control and operate the plant in case of early warnings in safer mode to avoid forced shutdown (possible planned shutdown)

Respond

- 100% avoidance to BTL is not possible, with the advancement of UAVs now there could be rapid action response to BTL thereby reducing outage time by 2-3 days and increase generation, ensures availability

# Predictive

# Maintenance

Vibration Monitoring in heavy machines, Construction equipment's , Industrial equipment's , Diesel & Gas generators, Marine Engines etc. is an important aspect of maintenance & safety

Typical problems that generate vibration	
Misalignment	Reaction & Frictional forces
Unbalance	Hydraulic forces
Worn belts & pulleys	Bent shafts
Bearing	Gear problems
Shafts	Housing Distortion
Combustion Reciprocating forces	Electrical

### What & How we measure for Vibration analysis

Amplitude

Frequency

Phase

Vibration analysis formula with filters

$$V_{RMS} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=k_1}^{k_2} S_j^2}$$

- $k_1, k_2$  - Harmonics
- $S_j$  - Spectrum Amplitude

RMS Time Trend

### Solution Overview

6 in 1 Non-Intrusive sensor mounting on engine and alternator  
Ready to use predictive models with minimalistic learning

LoRa   LTE   WiFi

Mass Unbalance

Structural Resonance

Misalignment

Sleeve Bearing Looseness/Rubs

Structural Looseness

Gear Problem Misalignment

Bearing Looseness

Pump Cavitation

“The Vibrations produced in a machine are the best indication of the machine’s health”

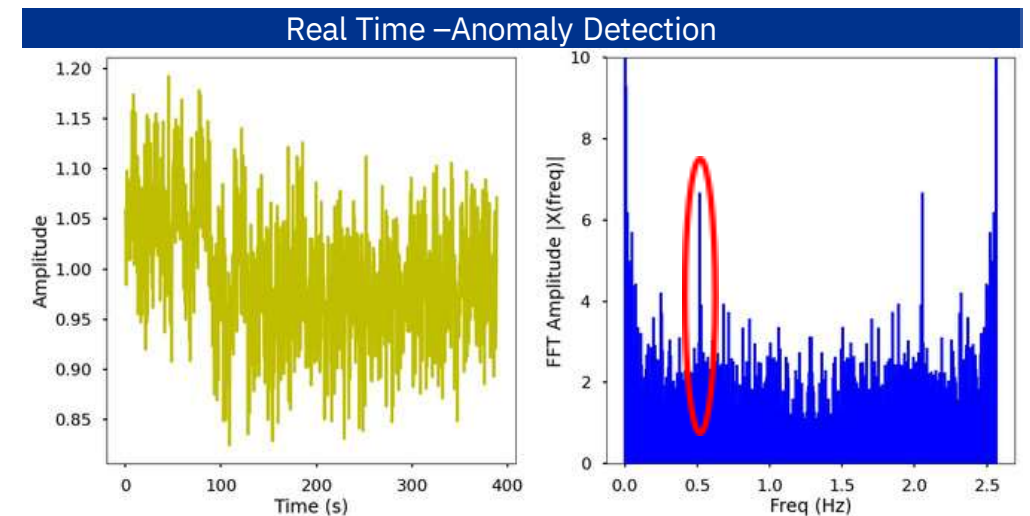
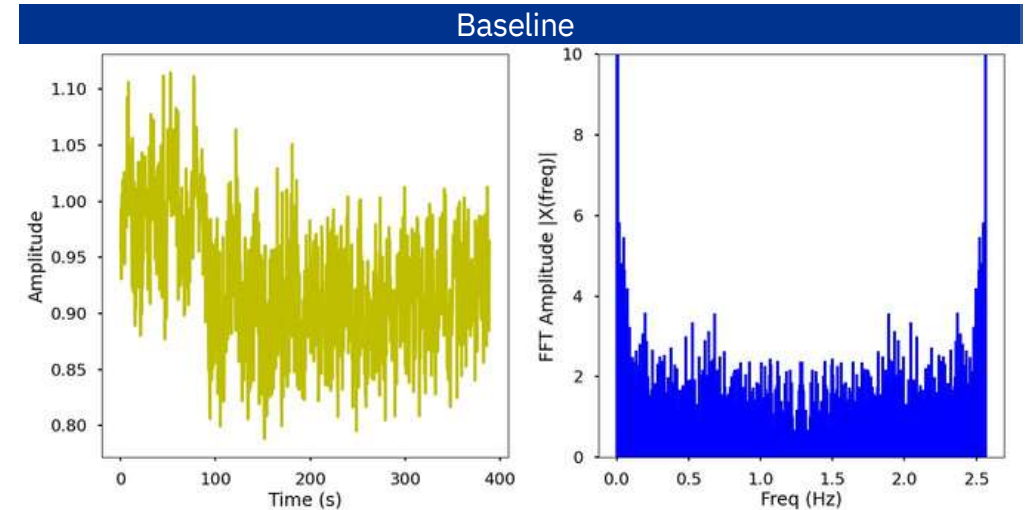
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# Case Study: Early detection from Vibration

## monitoring

FFT Spectrums helps detect defects in rotating equipment like fans by analyzing vibration, amperage, power data from sensors

- 1.Data Collection: Tri axial accelerometers vibration sensors gathering per second data
- 2.Signal Transformation: Time-domain data is converted into the frequency domain using FFT, revealing vibration frequencies and corresponding amplitudes.
- 3.Frequency Analysis: The frequency spectrum is examined, linking specific frequencies and amplitudes to various fan defects like imbalance, misalignment, looseness, or bearing wear.
- 4.Defect Identification: Unusual peaks or amplitude changes in the frequency spectrum indicate defects. Comparing observed frequencies to known fault-related frequencies pinpoints the issue.
- 5.Early Warning systems: Early defect detection through FFT enables scheduling repairs or replacements before problems escalate, reducing unplanned downtime and costs.



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# What is Asset

# Management

According to ISO 55000

“Speedy, Efficient, Effective, Integrated Coordination of activities

of an organization to

Optimize Money Spend & Lower Risk to business on account of Asset Health such

that

“VALUE Created” from Operating assets is maximized”

# Structured RCM approach & best in class tool-kit to identify areas of improvement in the current asset management philosophy

• Equipment classification, codification  
 • Equipment criticality analysis (ECA)

Reliability based analysis

- Data driven FMEA (Failure Modes and Effect Analysis)
- exercise RCA for critical equipment

Impact analysis

- Deep dive based on above analysis
  - Planned Maintenance activity analysis
    - Predictive maintenance requirement analysis
    - P-F interval analysis for schedule optimization

Asset Management strategy optimization

- Optimization of asset management strategy based on deep dive analysis result and linked to equipment classification
- Spare parts management

Implementation plan

- Implementation plan for recommended strategy:
  - Workflows
  - Governance, KPI
  - MIS
  - Upgradation of IT system

Reliability centered

maintenance

Reliability Centered Maintenance	Reliability Based Inspection
Design for Maintainability	Life Cycle Costing
Fault Tree Analysis	Failure Mode & Effect Analysis
Failure Reporting & Corrective Action Systems	P-F interval analysis
Weibull Analysis	Reliability Block Diagrams
Highly Accelerated Lift Test	Monte Carlo

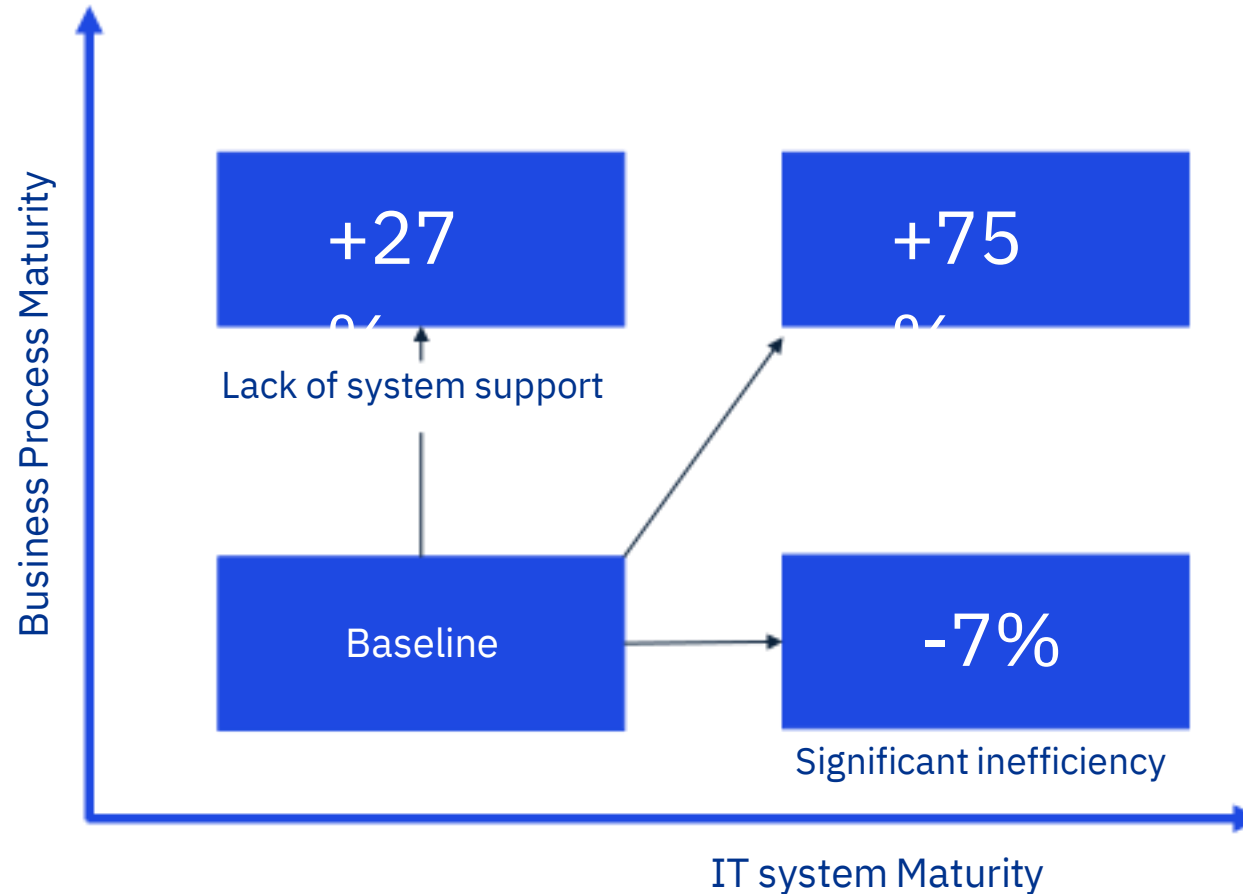
# A Paradigm Shift

# Asset Performance Management

APM is Technology Powered Reliability Engineering using AI/ML, IIoT

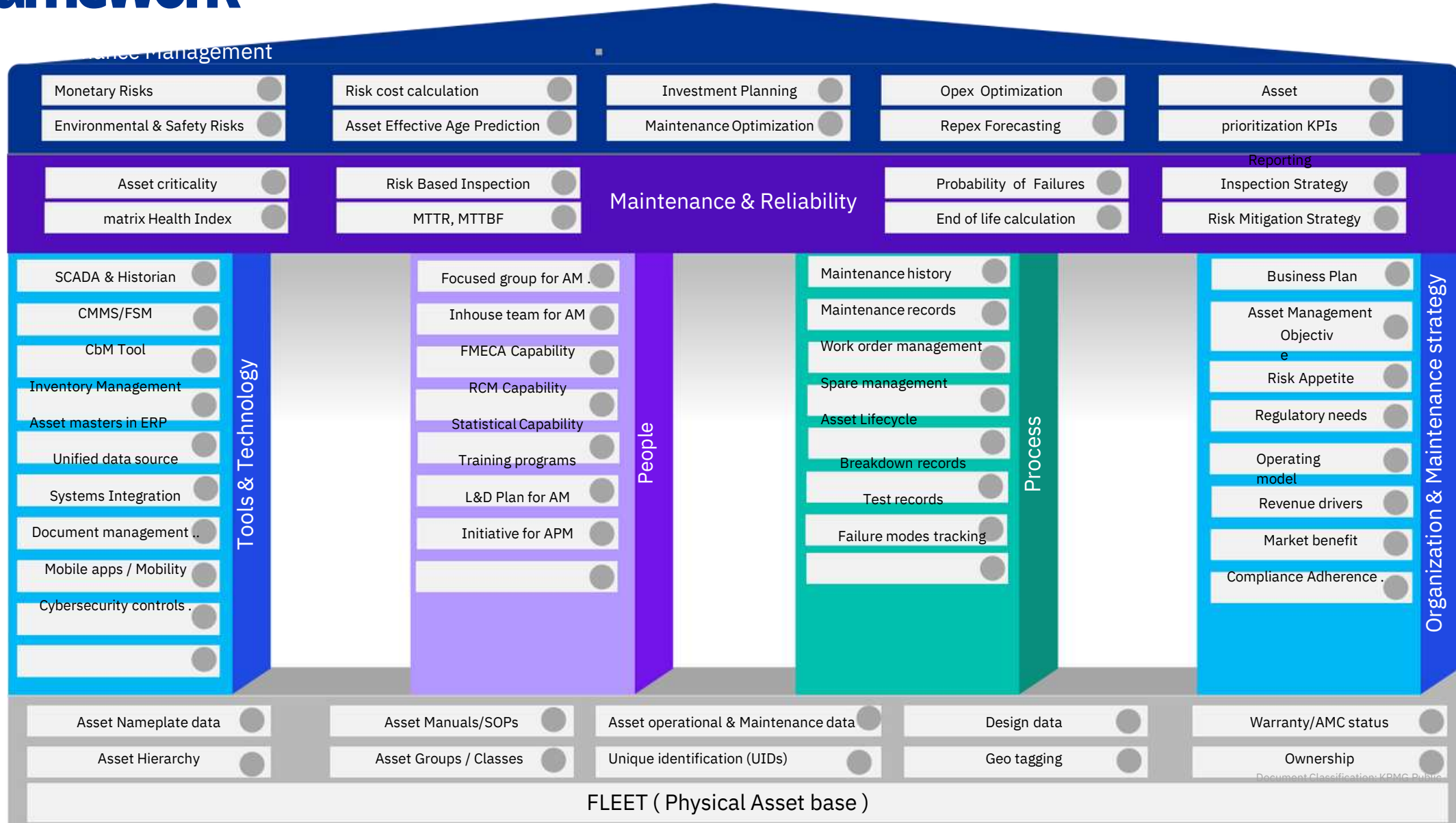
Artificial Intelligence should create -A--u--t-o--m--a--t-i-o-n--  
Augmentation

# APM is Asset Management Enabler – How do we approach for it



Adopted from Eric Brynjolfsson study “Productivity Paralysis”

# KPMG's Asset Performance Management framework



# Implementation

# Roadmap

Core Digital Team

SAP ERP implementation with

Monitoring team maintenance APM Need Identification and Pilot Projects

APM Deployment and Data Integration

Integration of from various projects



Dedicated asset class groups

RCM development for some asset groups

APM Organizational Alignment

AIP deployment

Centralized Procurement Portal

Central Command & Control Center

# Maintenance Best Practices Results

Category	Typical	Best in Class
Maintenance Cost as % of replacement asset value	6 -11%	2.0 -2.5 %
% -Planned Work	< 15%	90% 90%-
Schedule Compliance	50%	100%
Budget Compliance	< 60%	100%
Inventory Accuracy	Unknow	>95%
Accurate Maintenance Dashboards	n NA	100%

# Key

## Learnings

- Best in class Maintenance is an attitude –start with right mindset
- No shoe fits all –Assess your priorities and act accordingly
- Understand digital as Augmentation not Automation
- Best in class has been achieved, you can be the one or better



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