



Building a Robust Operations and Monitoring System in Under 6 Months

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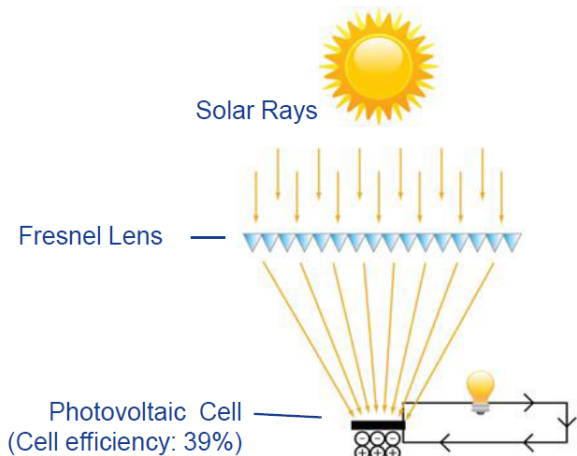
About Amonix

- Pioneer in CPV technology, 82%* of market
- Headquartered: Seal Beach, CA
- Manufacturing: Las Vegas, NV
- Installed Capacity: Over 65 MW (DC)
- Total Units: +650
- Total Sites: 15
- States: 6 US states



About Amonix - CPV Technology

Concentrating sunlight with optics...



...on the world's most efficient photovoltaic cells

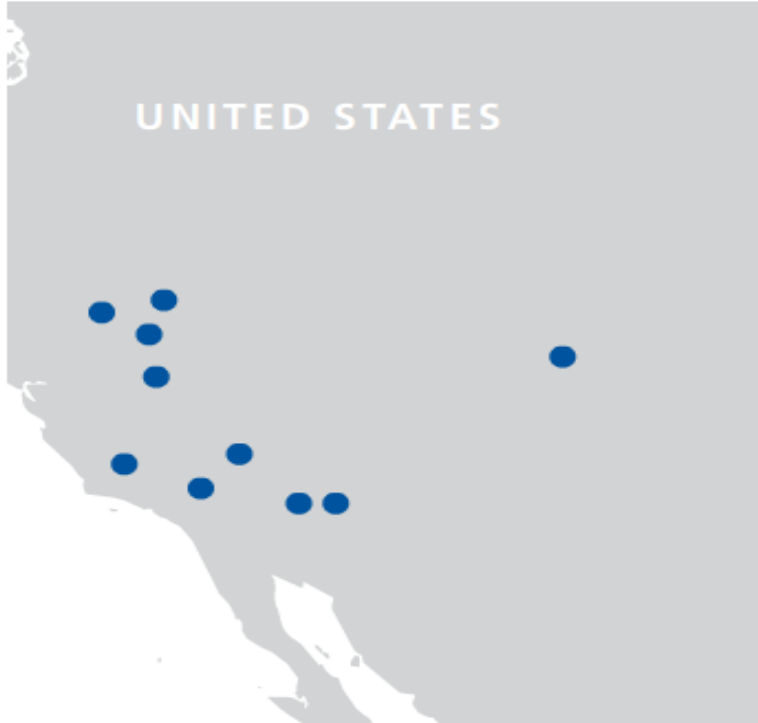
Getting the most of sunlight and scale effects...



...by fully tracking the sun with large 2 axis systems

About Amonix - Installations

United States Sites



Arizona

- 2

California

- 5

Colorado

- 2

New Mexico

- 1

Nevada

- 4

Texas

- 1

Spain

- Villafranca
- Talayuela
- Navarra



Business Challenge

Develop a easy, low cost data system

- Low Cost of maintenance
- Easy to maintain from Remote (unmanned) locations
- Develop full end-to-end system

Business Drivers

- Centralized data
 - Historical files
 - Current data systems
- New metrics/KPI System's reporting
- Improve automated reporting
- Improve performance monitoring

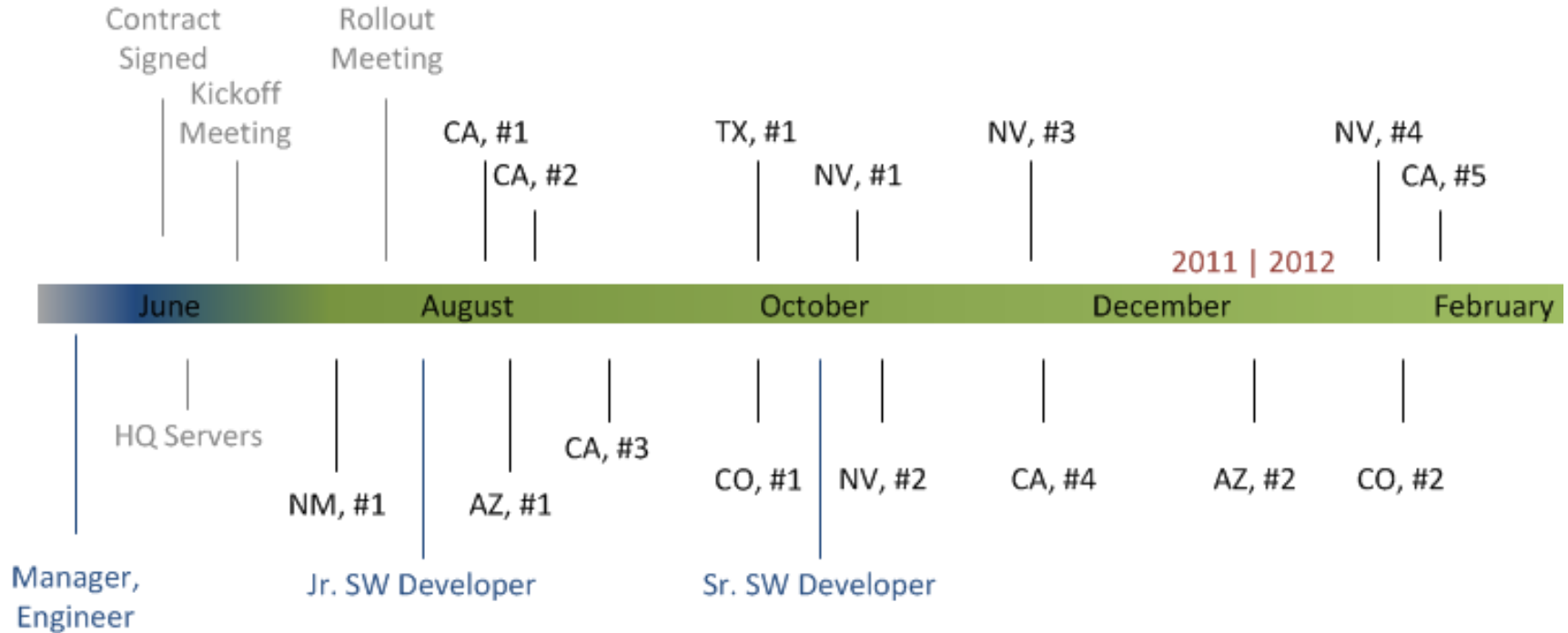
Challenges

- Amonix team new to OSIsoft PI System
- Autonomous and distributed site integration
- Customer SCADA/historian integration
- Fast track implementation
- “Ground-up” System required
 - Network Infrastructure
 - Historian
 - Client Tools
- Scalable real-time monitoring

Amonix Solution

- OSIsoft PI System as data historian
- OSIsoft PI System native tools and develop expert tools around the system
 - PI Coresight, PI ProcessBook, PI Data Link, PI Server & MATLAB
 - SharePoint, MatLab, Reporting Agent
- EA agreement
 - Dedicated OSIsoft PI System support team
 - Full access to OSIsoft PI System software
 - Access to field service and field installations

Timeline



OSIsoft soft Products and Services Employed



Support

- CoE
- EPM
- Enterprise Agreement
- Field Service Engineers
- Managed PI System
- Tech. Support
- OSIsoft vCampus
- OSIsoft YouTube Learning Channel



Applications

- PI ACE
- PI Asset Framework
- PI CoreSight
- Interfaces
 - PI ModbusE
 - PI OPC DA
 - PI to PI
 - PI UFL
- PI Notifications
- PI Point Builder
- PI SMT
- PI SQL Commander
- PI Webparts



Client Tools

- PI Active View
- PI Coresight
- PI Datalink
- PI OLEDB Enterprise
- PI OLEDB Provider
- PI ProcessBook

Products/Services – PI Process Book

Functional Use

- Real-time monitoring

Value Added

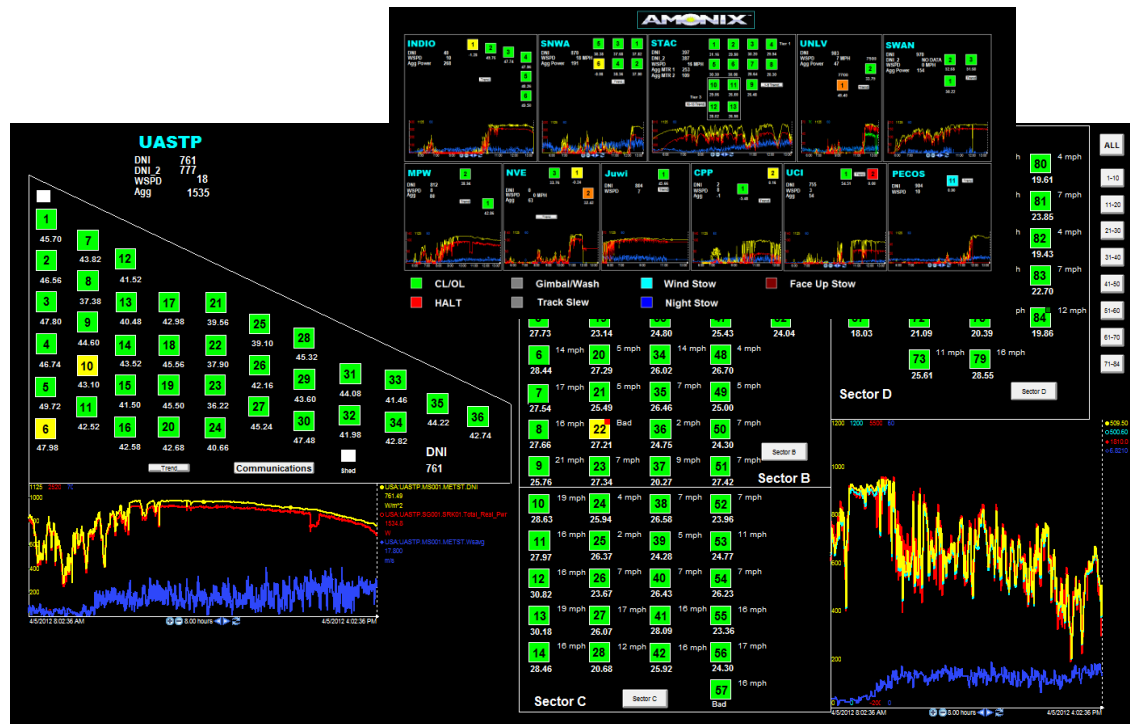
- Increase performance
- Reduced response time

Integrator

- NOC operators
- Engineers
- Project Managers

Resources

- YouTube
- Internal client tools training



Products/Services – PI Data Link

Functional Use

- Standardized reports
- Performance analysis

Value Added

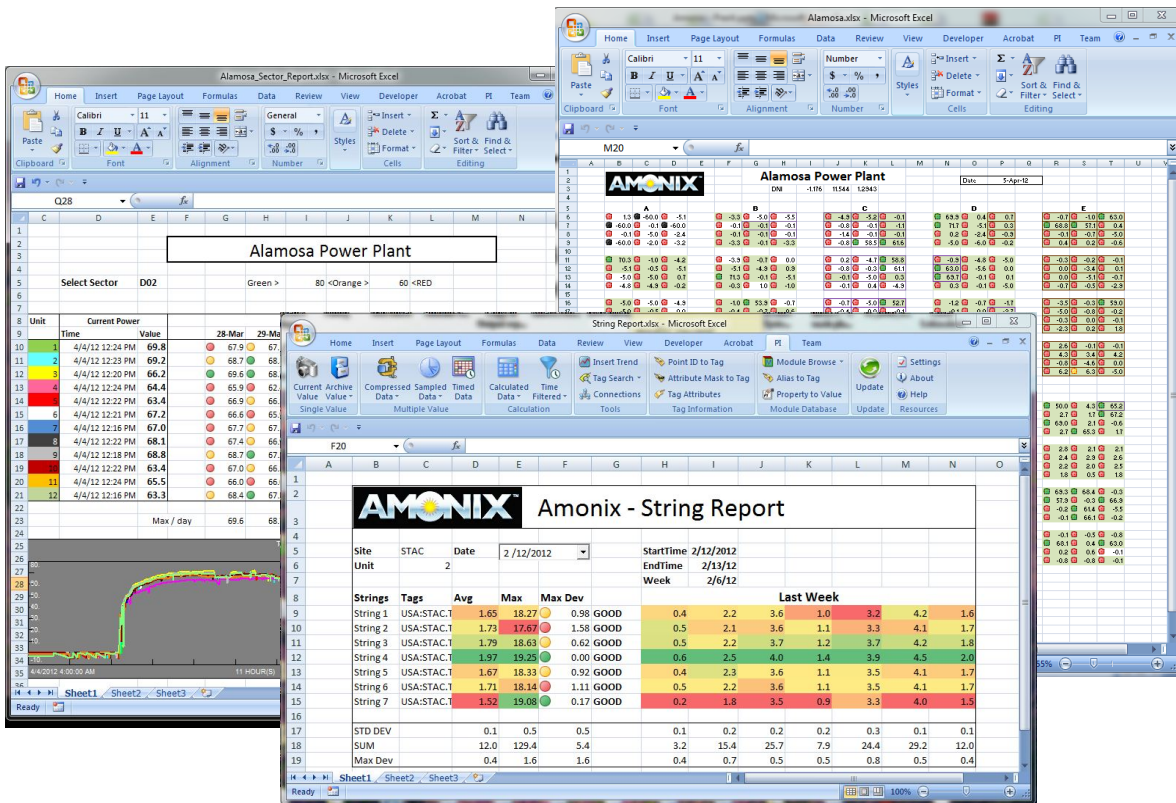
- Ad hoc analysis
- Trouble-shooting

Integrator

- Engineers
- Project Managers

Resources

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Products/Services – PI Notification

Functional Use

- Active Device Monitoring
- Value Added
 - Increased response time
 - Highly configurable
 - Historical alarm trending

Integrator

- Developer
- Engineer

Resources

- OSIsoft PI System knowledge base
- OSIsoft PI System user manuals
- AF Structure

The screenshot displays the OSIsoft PI System Explorer interface. On the left, a tree view shows the hierarchy of units, including 'No Power Production' for various units like Unit1, Unit2, Unit3, etc. The main pane shows a notification for 'CPP Unit2 is down' with the following details:

CPP Unit2 is down
alert@amonixscada.com
You forwarded this message on 4/2/2012 8:43 PM.
Sent: Mon 4/2/2012 8:43 PM
To: Prent Agarwal

CPP Unit2 is down
Available: False

Mode	Value
DNI	63.4323196411133
DC_Volt	Bad
Volt_AB	490.600006103516
Volt_AC	490.399993896484
Volt_BC	490.600006103516
Current_A	2.89999985694885
Current_B	2.77999997138977
Current_C	2.89999985694885
AZ_BIAS	-0.7199988
AZ_POS	-74.7300033569336
AZ_SUN	-74.6399993896484
EL_BIAS	0.79198684406281
EL_POS	28.7099990844727
EL_SUN	28.4699993133545
Pressure	5002

Start Time: 4/2/2012 3:42:50 PM Pacific Standard Time (GMT-08:00:00)
Trigger Time: 4/2/2012 3:42:50 PM Pacific Standard Time (GMT-08:00:00)
State: UnitUnavailable

Products/Services – PI Coresight

Functional Use

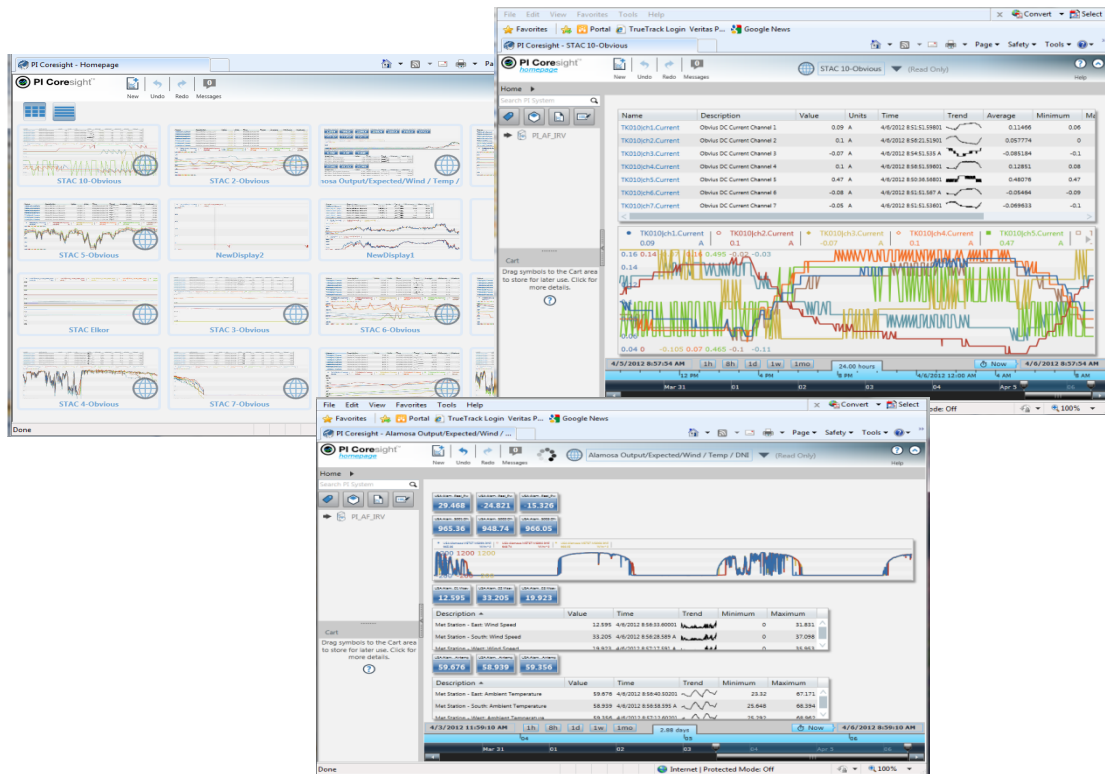
- Field monitoring
- Value Added
- Minimal learning curve
- Rapid trend analysis

Integrator

- All privileged domain users

Resources

- AF Structure



PI Server & MATLAB Integration

Functional Use

- Advanced data analysis
- Large Scale data comparison

Value Added

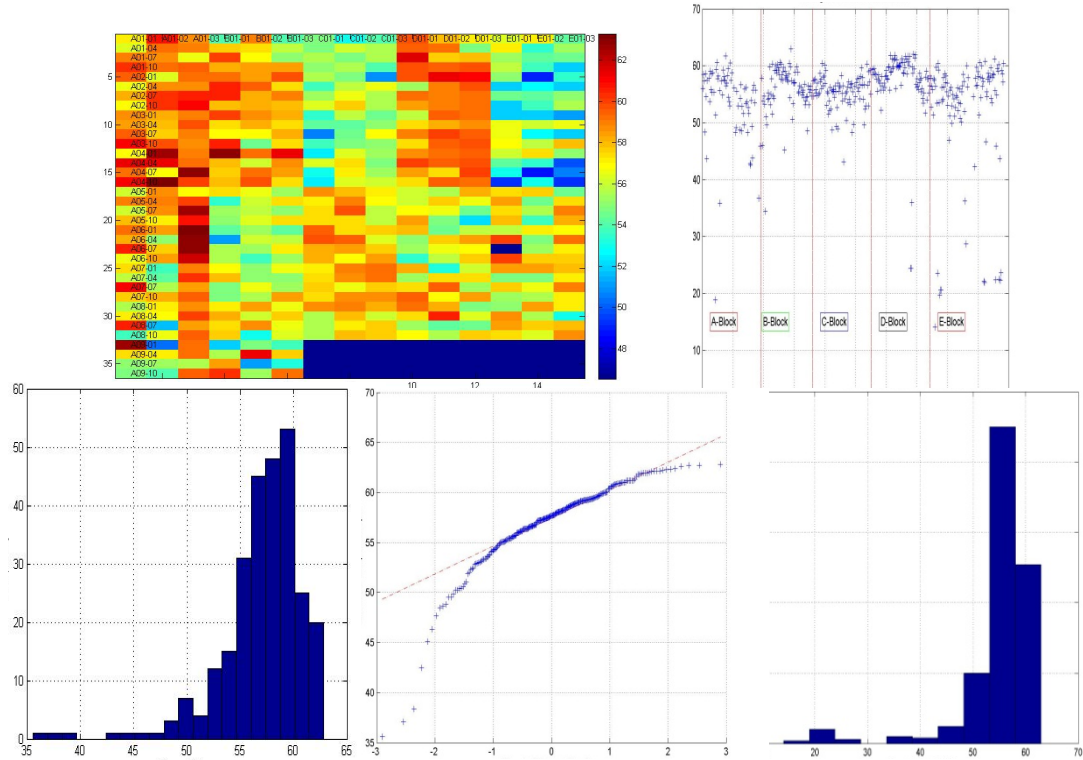
- Root-cause analysis data
- “What-If” Correlation

Integrator

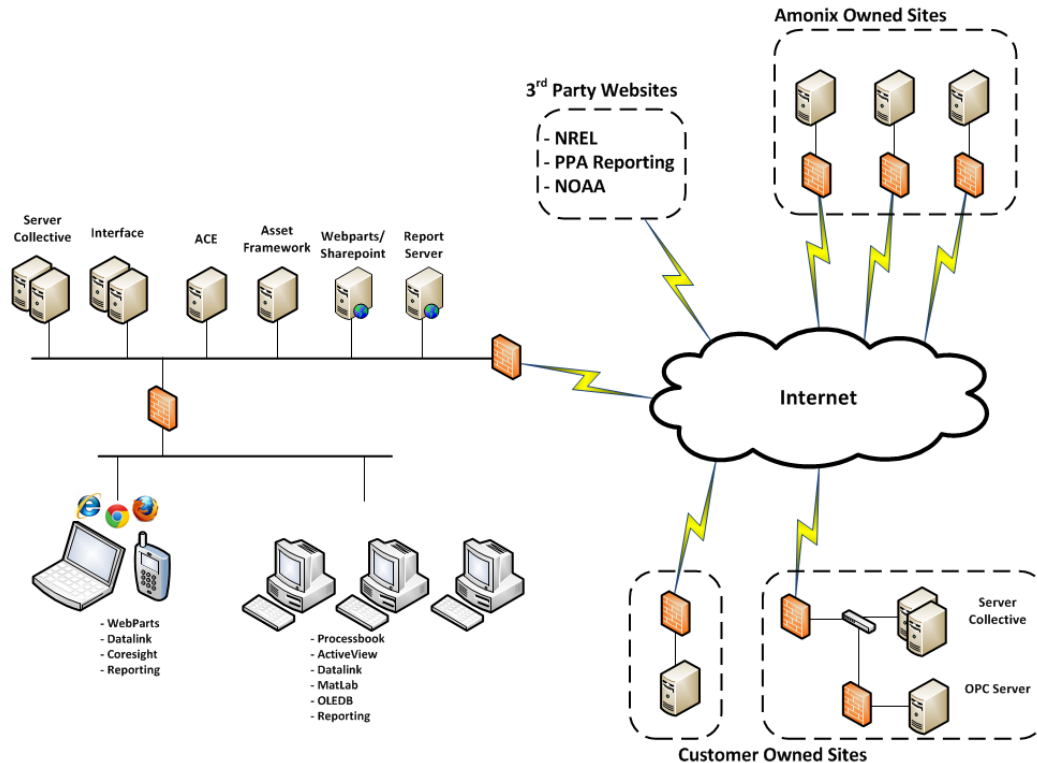
- Engineer

Resources

- vCampus

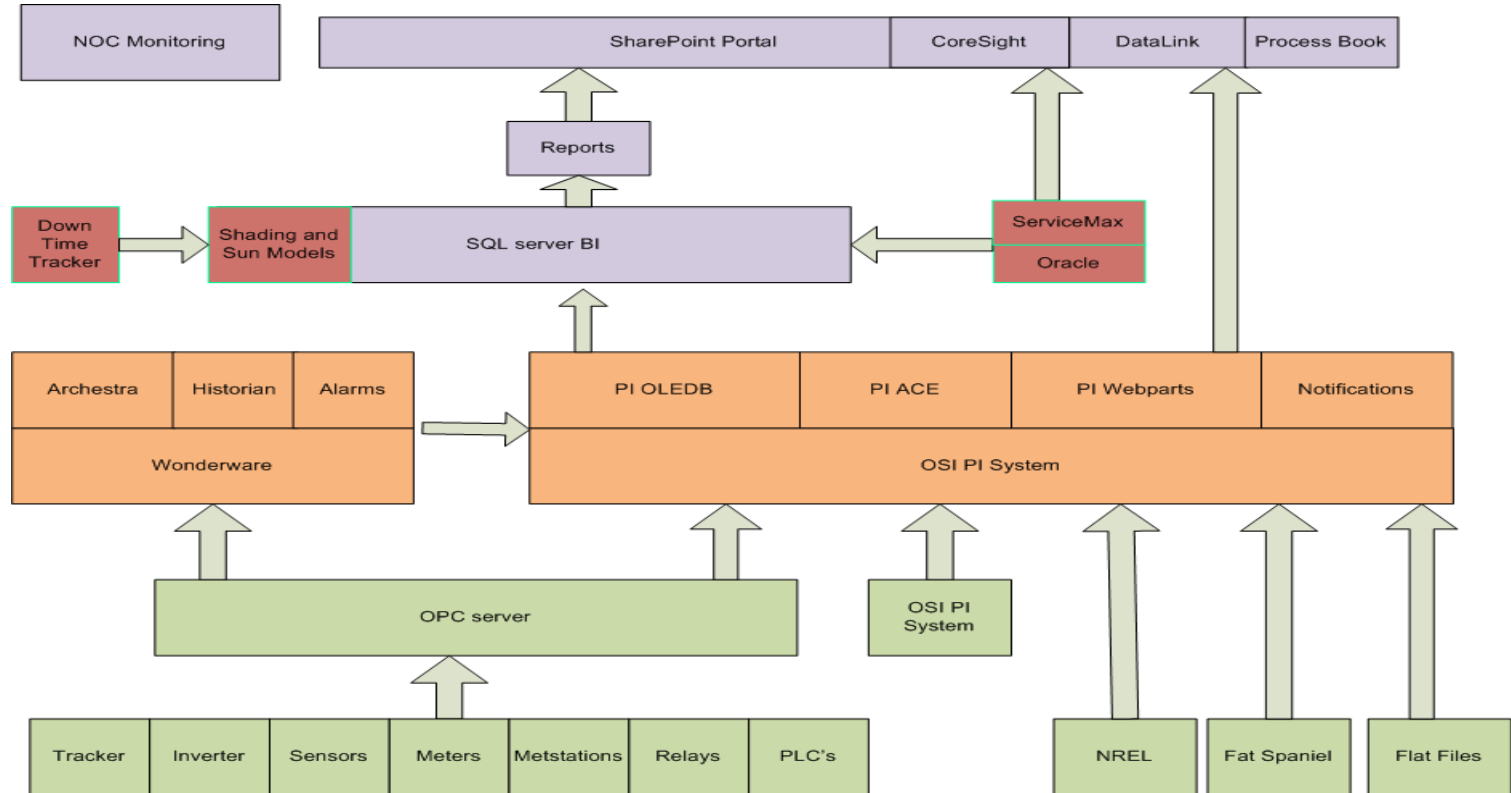


Architecture - PI System



- Central PI Server Collective
- Interface Nodes
- Web scraping via PI UFL Interfaces
- PI to PI Interfaces from Customer PI Systems

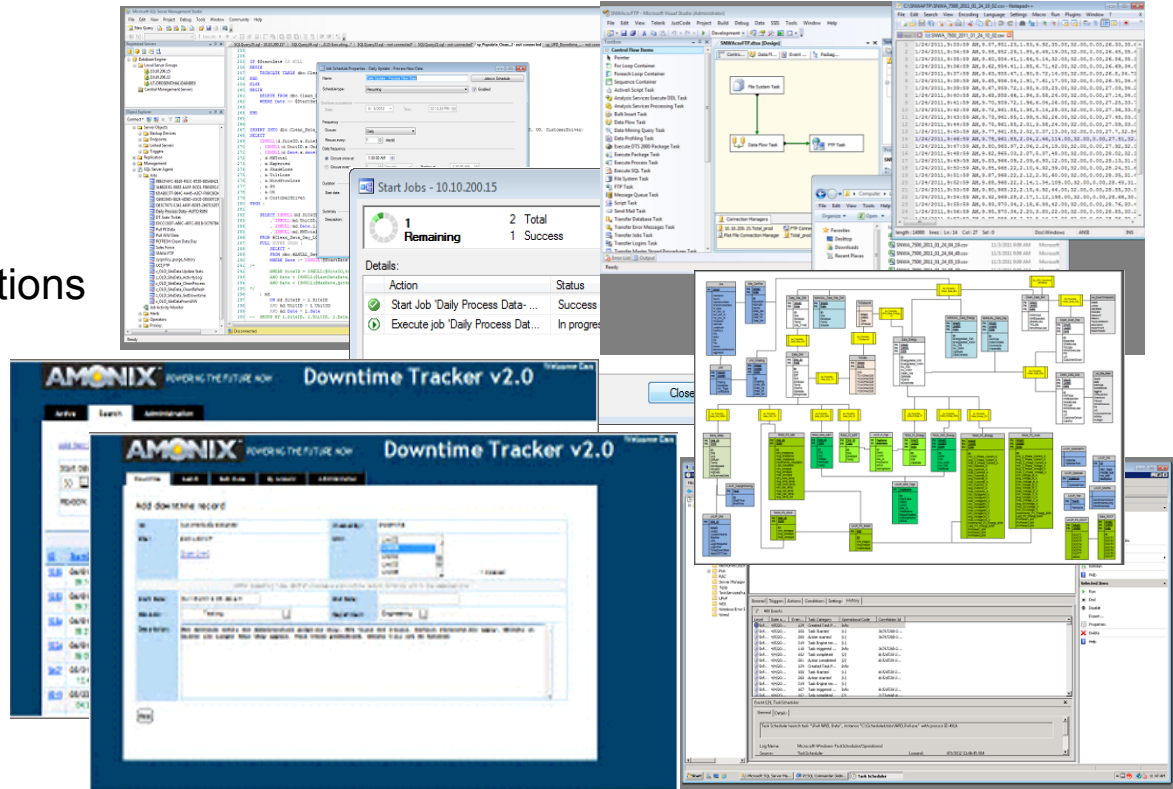
Architecture - Enterprise



Results - Sub Systems

Benefits

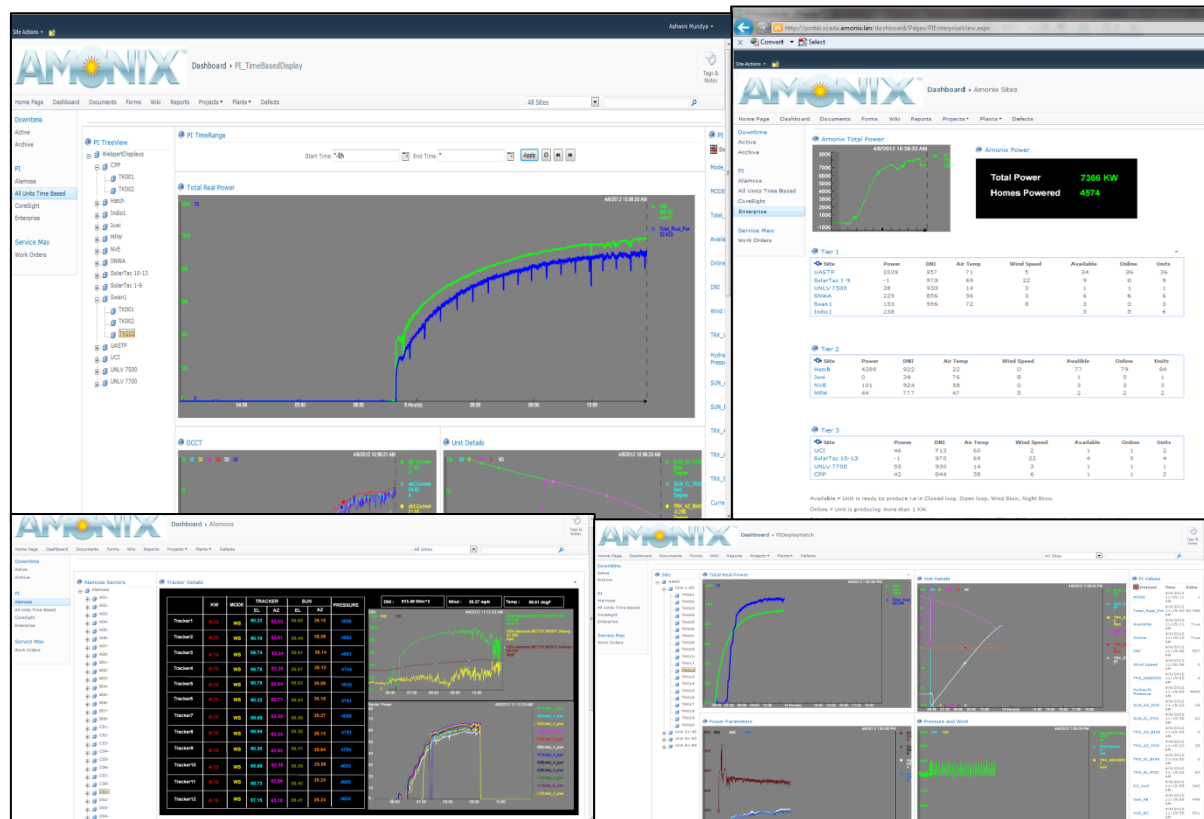
- Downtime Trackers
- Site Access Logs
- Business Logic
- Multiple Import/Export Applications



Results - Amonix Online Portal

Benefits

- Centralized resource
 - Downtime
 - Site Access
 - Document repository
- Company wide availability
- KPI System metrics display
- High level site performance monitoring



Results - Network Operations Center

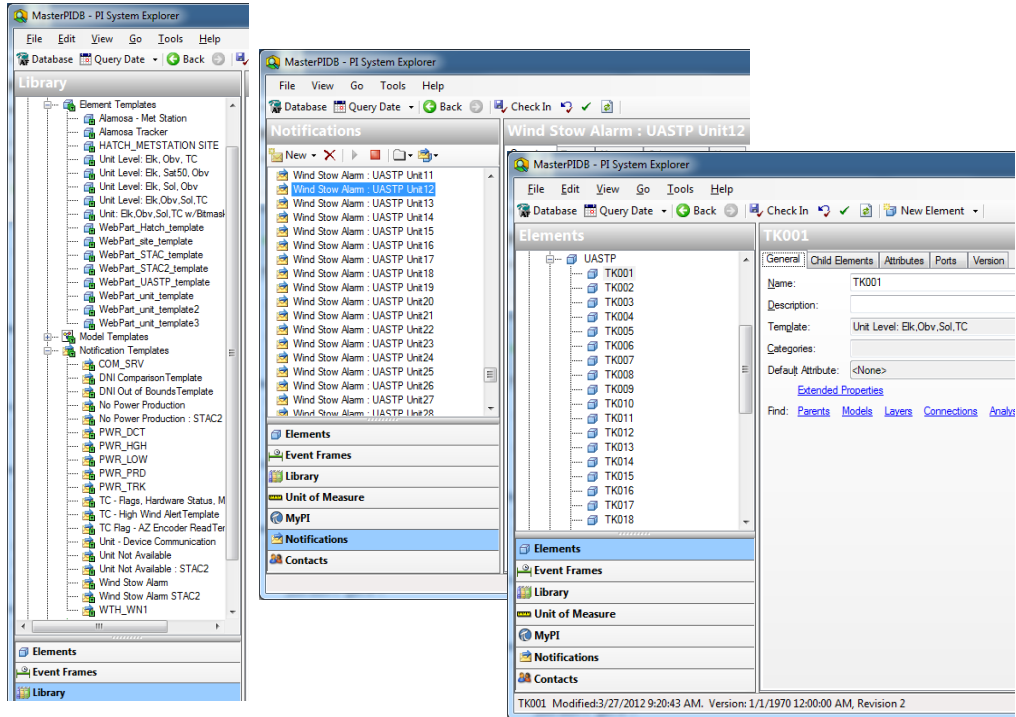


Benefits

- Complete Fleet Monitoring
 - Increased Availability/Production
- Centralized Dispatch
 - Work Orders
 - Site Activity Log
 - Downtime Traceability
- Real-time Data Feed

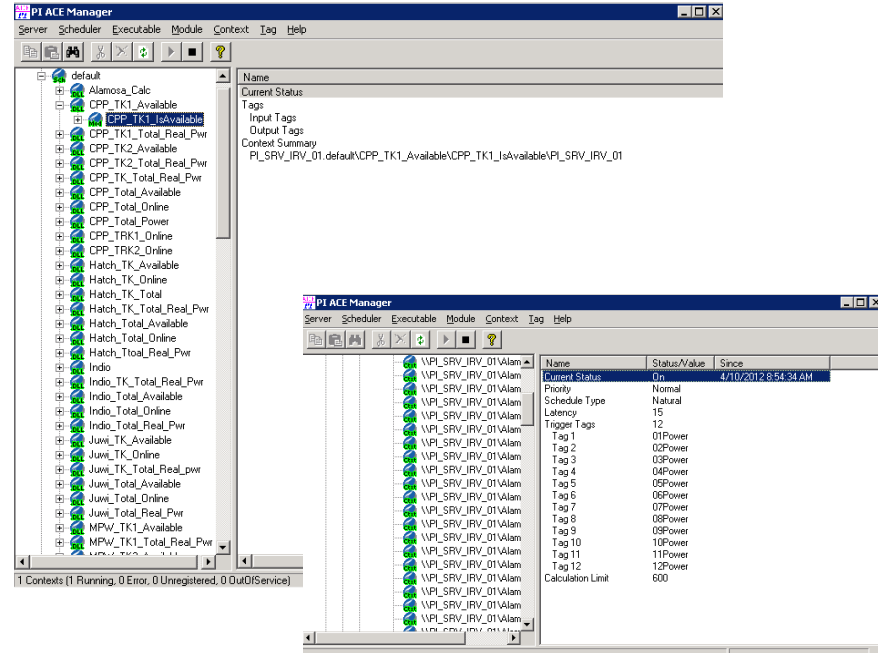
Lesson Learned – PI Asset Framework

- Large Scalability
- Tag Generation
- Templates First
- Total Fleet Device Update



Lesson Learned – Data Scrubbing

- PI ACE
- Redundant Tags - Single Metric
- “Bad”, “I/O Timeout” Removed
- Clean Data



Lesson Learned

- Plan and Learn ahead, use PI System expertise
 - EA agreement is great asset
 - NOC, CoE, EPM
- Understand Architecture issues
 - Data Sources
 - Archives
 - Collectives
- Time zone issues
- Tag properties can change later

Lesson Learned

- Start In-house training early
 - YouTube is great asset
 - OSIsoft Technical Support
- Use Templates in PI AF for rapid deployment
 - Custom clients applications benefit a lot from PI AF structure
- PI System, sub-systems and data needs maintenance
 - OSIsoft NOC a great asset to detect and resolve issues
- Data scrubbing is easy (templates) in PI System using PI ACE

Next Steps

- International Deployment
- PI Web parts Enhancements
- Generation Forecasting
- Mobile Applications
- Customer Online Portal
- Automated Long Term Data Analysis
- Next Generation NOC

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