

Metallurgy Analytics

Transforming Plant Data to Actionable Insights

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Conference Theme & Keywords



Barrick Gold Corporation

- Barrick Gold is the world's largest gold producer
 - Head-Quartered in Toronto, ON, Canada.
 - Worldwide company with a focus on the Americas.
 - More than 75% of our gold production comes from the Americas region, including Argentina, Canada, Dominican Republic, Peru and the United States.
 - Barrick also has mining operations and projects in Australia, Chile, Papua New Guinea, Saudi Arabia, and Zambia.
 - At the end of 2017, Barrick had proven and probable gold reserves of 64.4 million ounces.



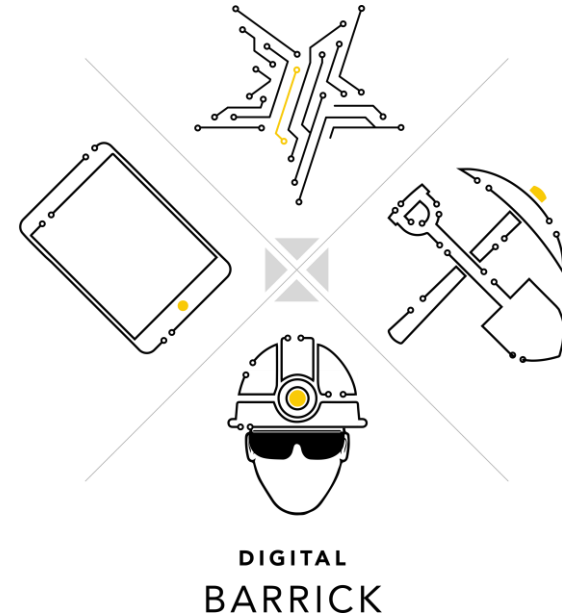
Barrick Nevada – Cortez Ops.

- 100 kilometers southwest of Elko, Nevada, in Lander and Eureka counties.
- Cortez Mining District mining since 1862.
- Proven and probable gold reserves at Cortez as of December 31, 2017, were 10.0 million ounces.
- One of the early adopters of OSISoft PI infrastructure, within Barrick.



Digital Transformation journey

- Barrick Gold, like many world-class companies today, has embarked on a Digital Transformation journey:
 - Harness the transformational potential of digital innovation across the whole enterprise.
 - Strategic Intent is to transform Barrick into a Digital Enterprise.
 - “A productive, safe, environmentally friendly, socially responsible low cost digital enterprise that leverages technology and data as a competitive advantage.”



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SOLUTION

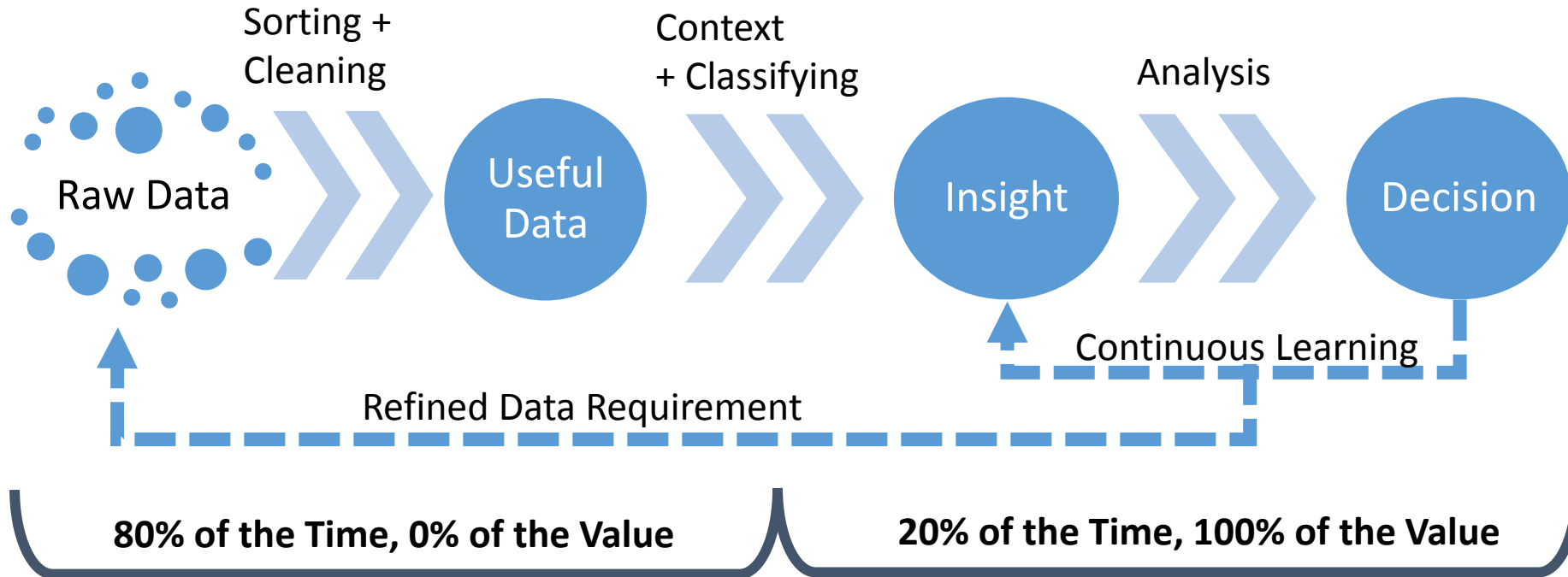
RESULTS

Agenda

- Data Assembly and Preparation
- Data Contextualizing and Classifying
- Putting Data to Work – Predictive Modeling
- Enhancing Process Transparency – Communicating Insights

The Challenge with Big Data

Data \neq Information



Metallurgy Analytics – PI System as Foundation

Process Unit Template (PI Asset Framework)

Elements

Elements

Cortez Processing

01 - Stockpile

02 - SAG and Ball Mill

03 - Grinding Thickener

04 - CIL

05 - CIC

06 - Tailings

Cortez Processing _ Archive

Element Searches

02 - SAG and Ball Mill

General

Child Elements

Attributes

Ports

Analysis

Filter

Name

Category: Consumables

Air Consumption

Electricity Consumption

Flocculent Consumption

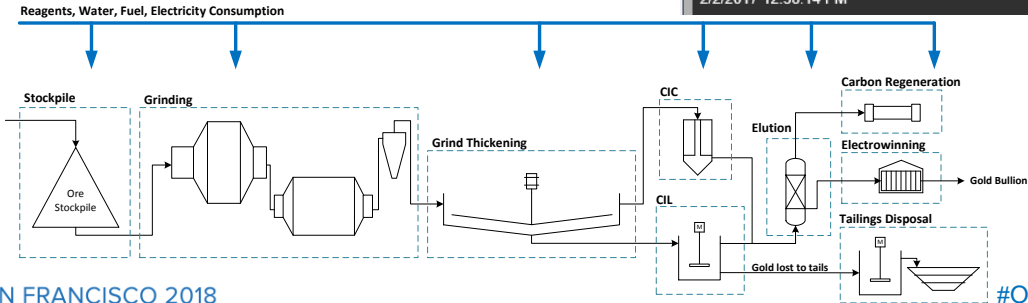
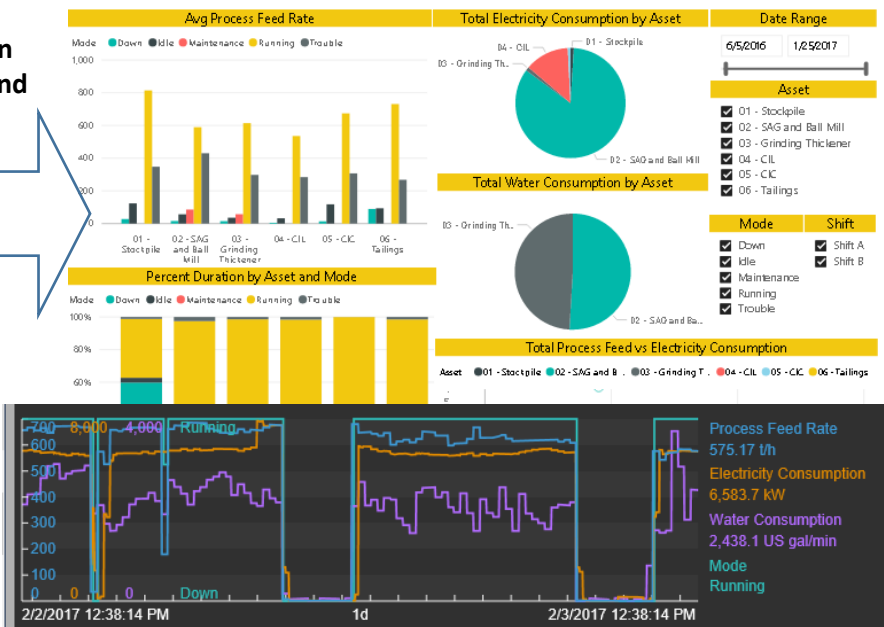
Leach Reagent Consumption

Water Consumption

Classified Data Aggregation To Business Intelligence and Visualization Tools (PI Event Frames)

Targeted Personnel Event Notifications

Classified Data Extraction and Process Modeling (PI Analyses and Event Frames)



Results reflected in data visualization and analysis platforms.

Unit Process Element Templates

Method

High-Level PI AF Element Templates applied to Process Sections



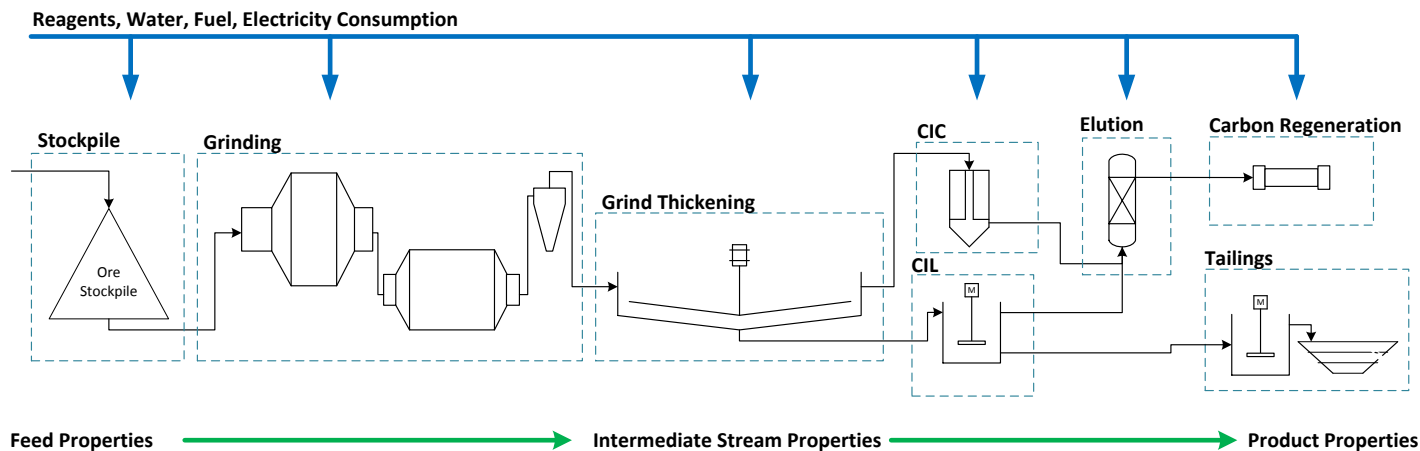
Reason

Implement a Standard, Scalable form for comparison.



Result

- Quickly compare cost drivers between sections.
- High-level sectional process models using key inputs.



PI Event Frames for Data Classification & Context

Classified by

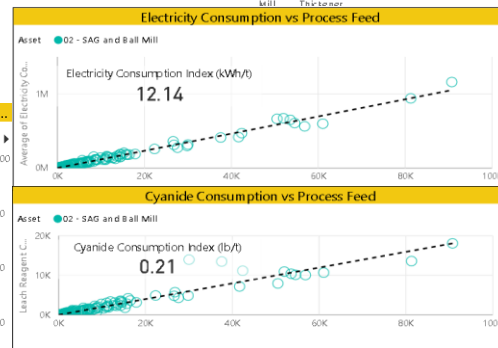
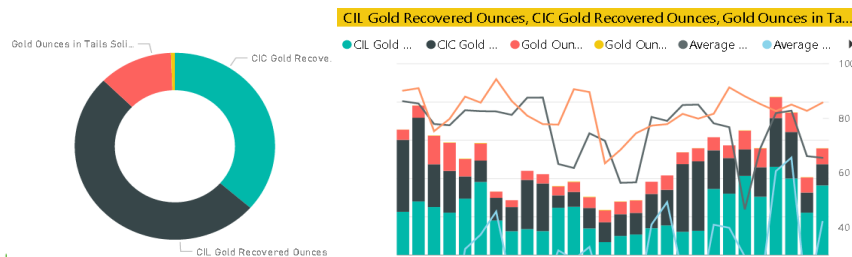
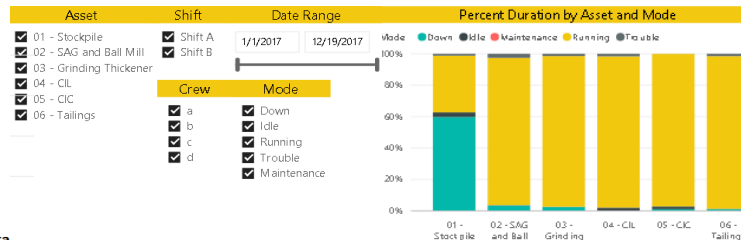
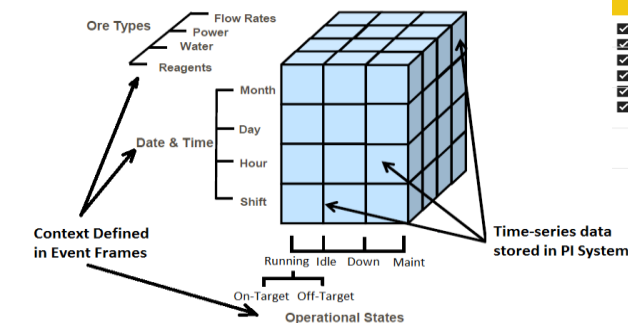
- Operating Modes
- Operating Shifts / Crews
- Feed Types

Reason

Aggregation by classification / context in BI Tools.

Result

- Highlight opportunities by operating mode.
- Clean, contextual data for Process Modeling



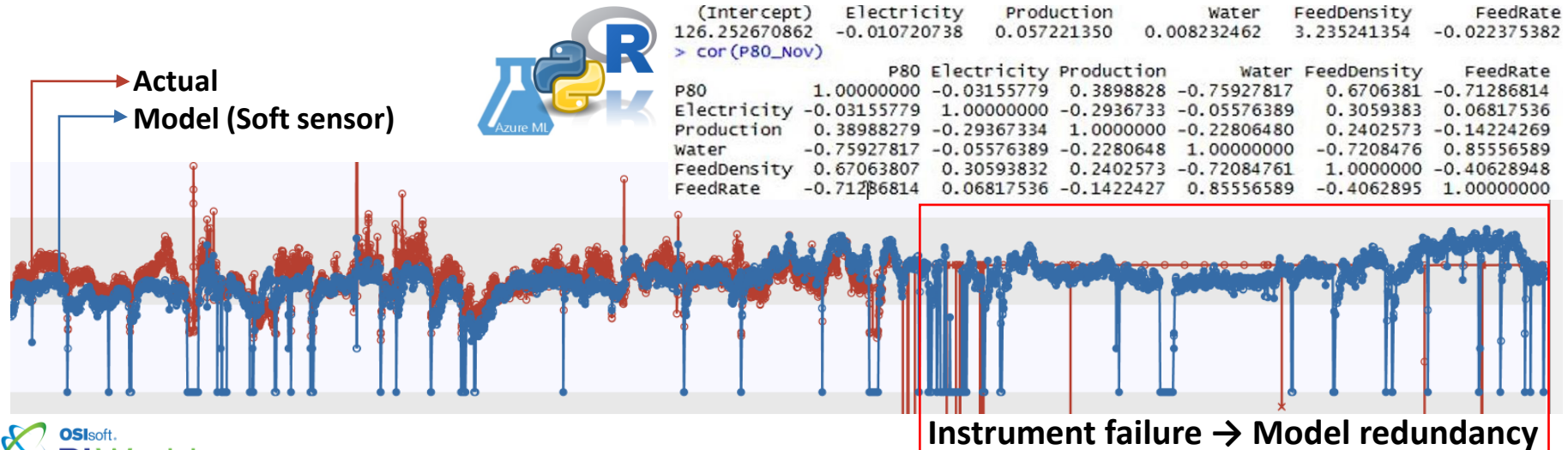
Data Driven Analytics – Machine Learning

Method

- PI Event Frames as sources of high-quality, cleansed, and contextualized modeling data sets.
- Model development in specialized 3rd party advanced analytical toolkits.

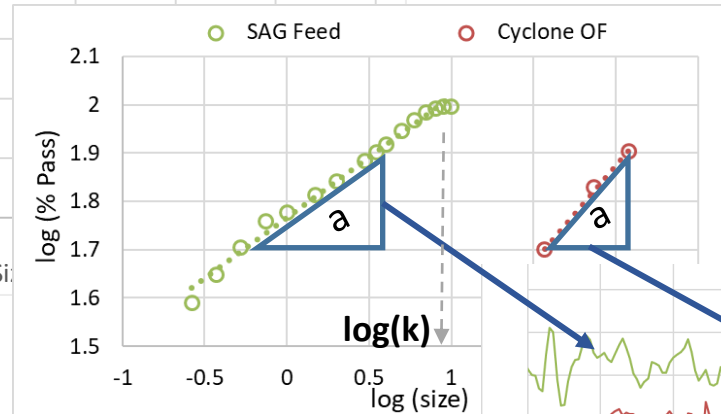
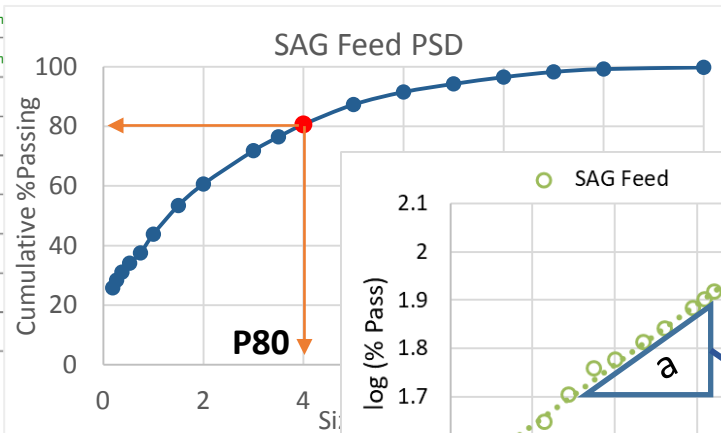
Result

- Significantly reduced time in data preparation and pre-processing for modeling purposes.
- Operating mode specific model deployment, e.g. predict only during running OK states.



PI Analysis to Gain Deeper Insights

Name	Expression
X1	LOG10(37)
X2	LOG10(74)
X3	LOG10(TagAvg('Discharge Properties Particle Size Distribution Size P80', '*-5m', '*'))
Y1	LOG10(TagAvg('Disch
Y2	LOG10(TagAvg('Disch
Y3	LOG10(80)
SumX	X1+X2+X3
MeanX	SumX/3
SumY	Y1+Y2+Y3
MeanY	SumY/3
SumXY	X1*Y1+X2*Y2+X3*Y3
SumXSumYDivn	SumX*SumY/3
SumX2	X1^2+X2^2+X3^2



Result

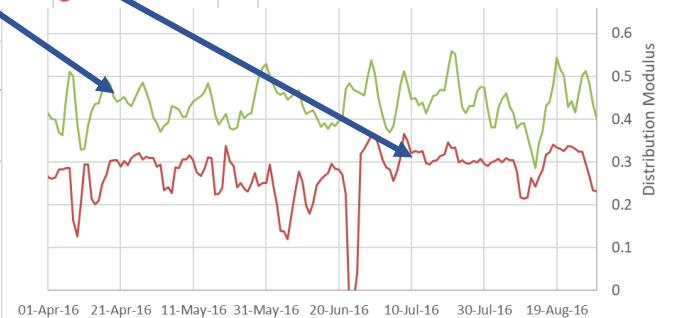
- Building on existing process measurements to enhance insights, e.g. online-calculation of PSD shape parameters to detect possible ore property changes.

Gaudin-Schumann

$$y = 100 \left(\frac{x}{k} \right)^a$$

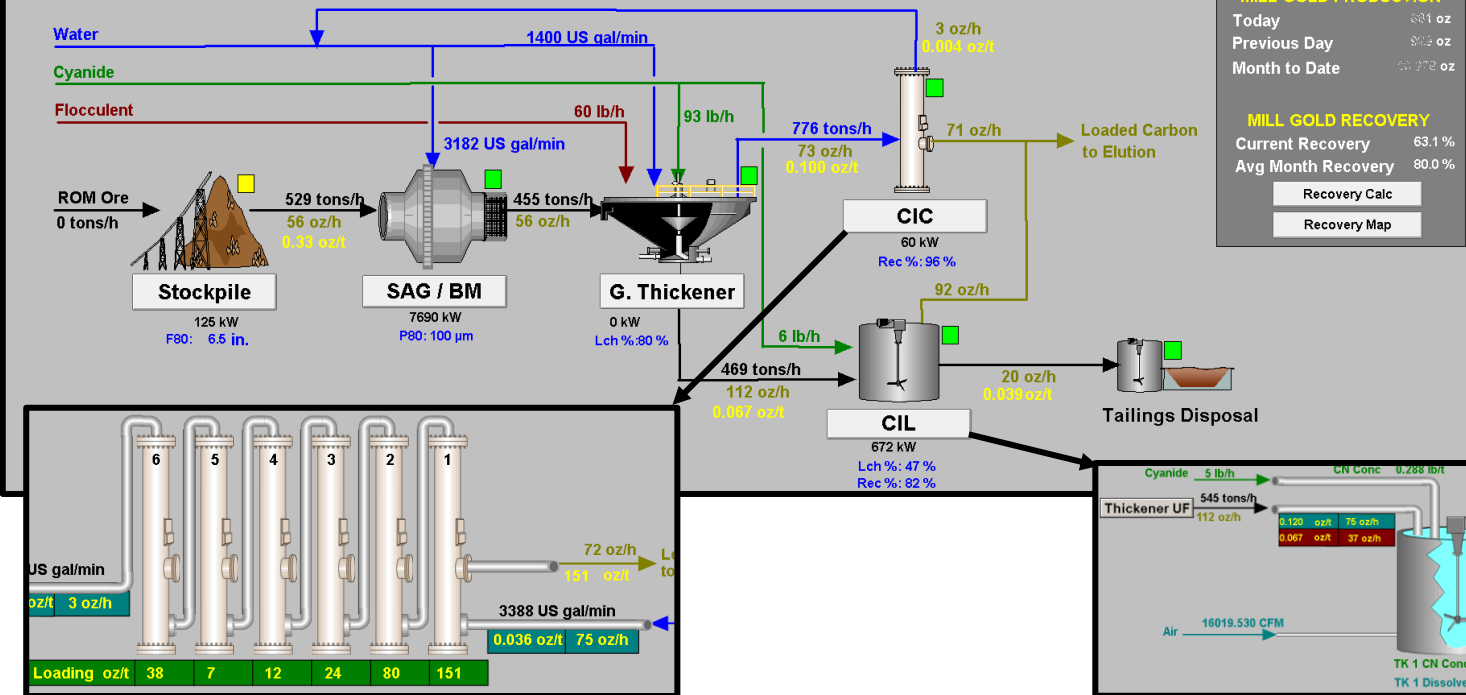
a - Distribution Modulus

k - Size Modulus



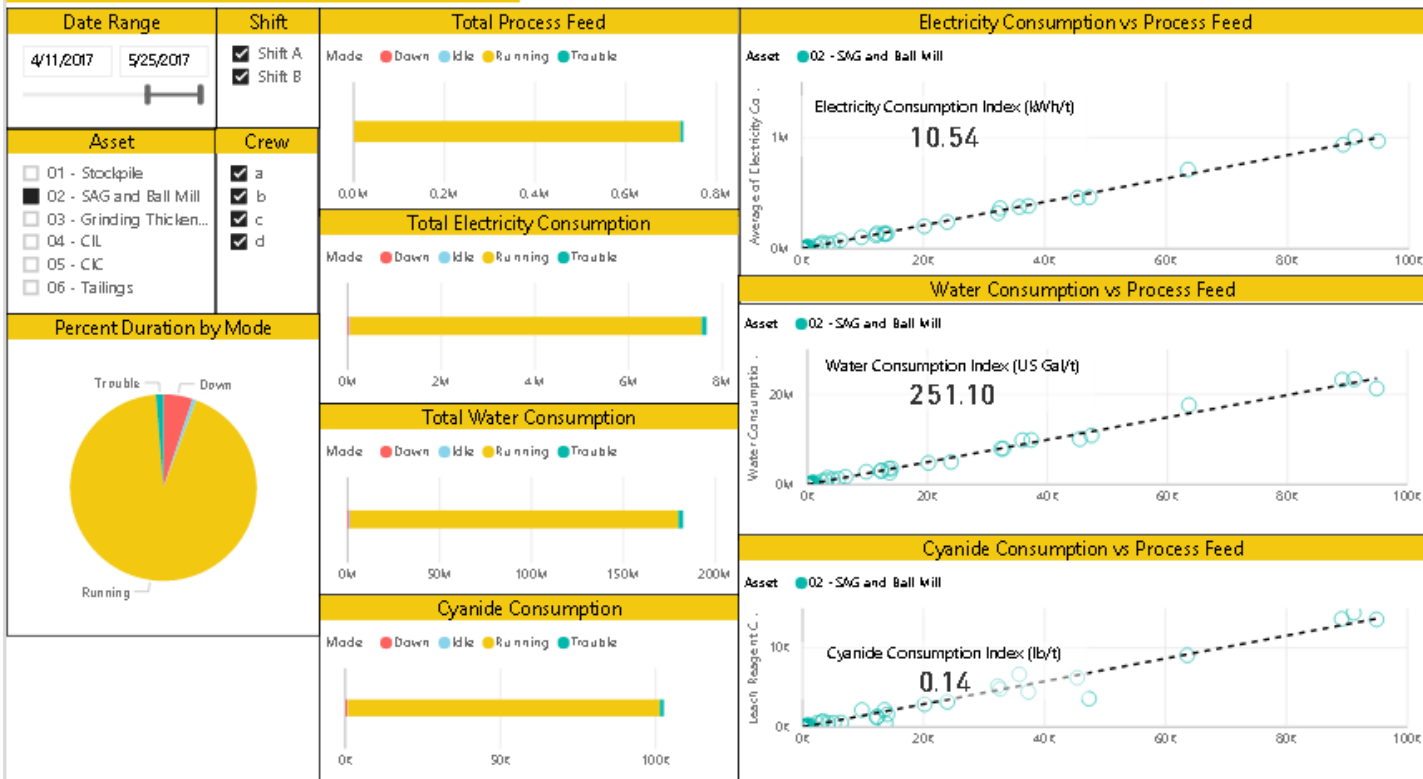
PI Vision for Operations Transparency

Cortez Processing



MS Power BI for Visual Analytics

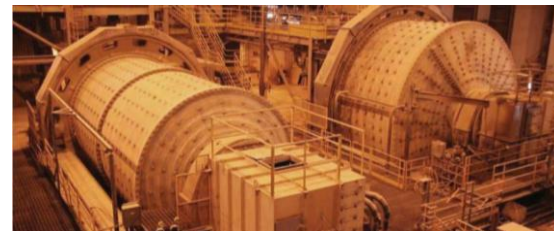
CORTEZ PROCESSING - INDIVIDUAL SECTIONS



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SOLUTION

- PI Asset Framework employed as the foundation for data preparation, classification, and exposure to advanced analytical tools
- PI Event Frames used to build context layers onto high-level process sections.
 - PI EF classified data as cleansed and prepared data sets directly used in Machine Learning tools

RESULTS

- Enhanced understanding of major gold recovery drivers.
- Rapidly scalable configuration of process sections to track major process consumables and cost drivers.

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