# Al-Driven Real-Time "Prediction of Paper Stiffness and Moisture"





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#### JK Paper Vision, Mission, Core values



#### VISION

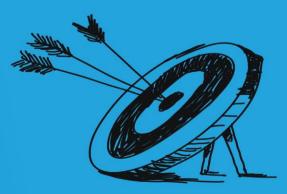
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#### MISSION

Deliver sustainable solutions & profitable growth through:

- Digitalization and Innovation
- Cost Competitiveness
- Customer Centricity
- People and Community care
- Outstanding & Agile Talent

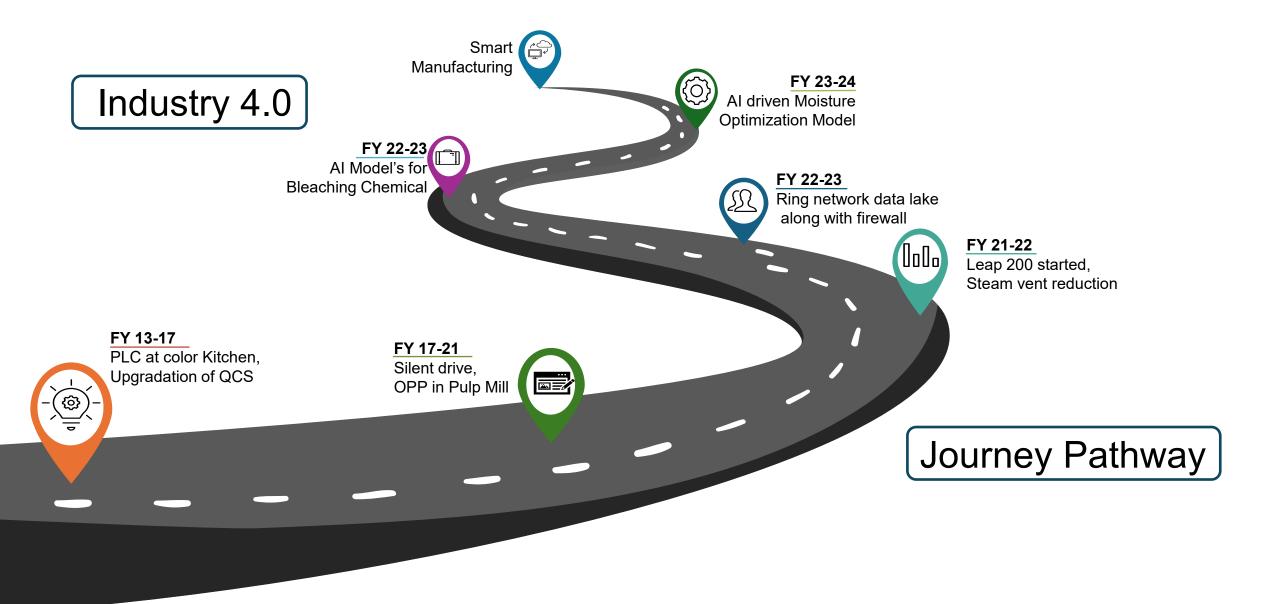


#### CORE VALUES

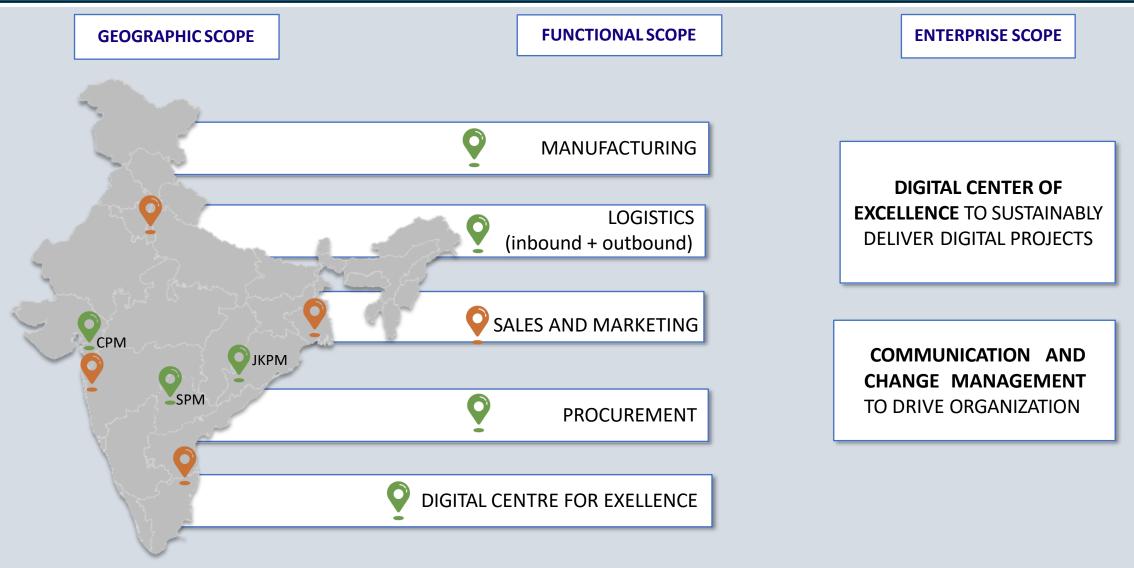
- Caring for People
- Integrity including Intellectual Honesty, Openness, Fairness and Trust
- Commitment to Excellence



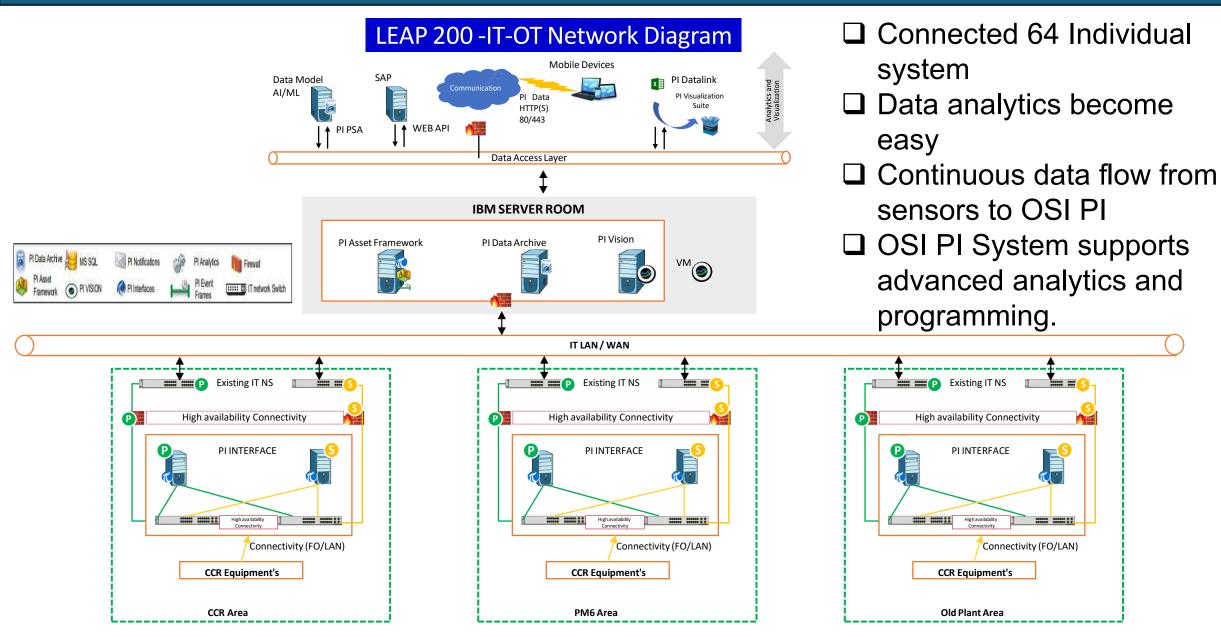
#### **Digital Transformation Journey**



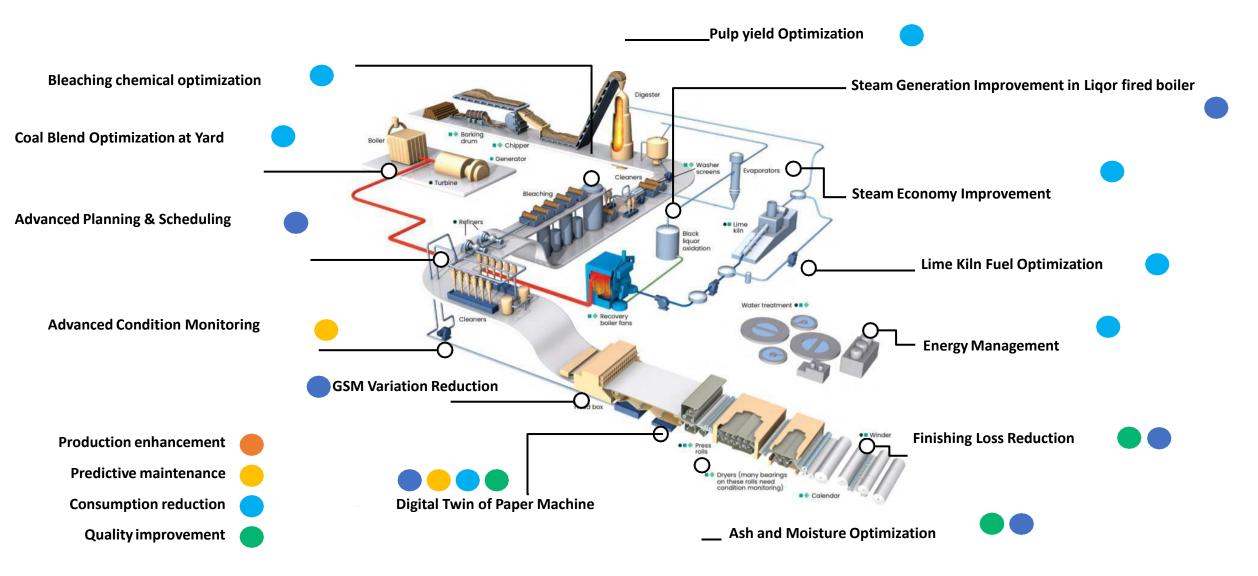
#### **Digital Transformation Overview**



#### Handshaking of data



# **Digital Transformation in Manufacturing Section**



"Enhancing Moisture % in paper through Al-driven predictive and calculative quality control measures"





Moisture % is influenced by both operator settings and lab parameters



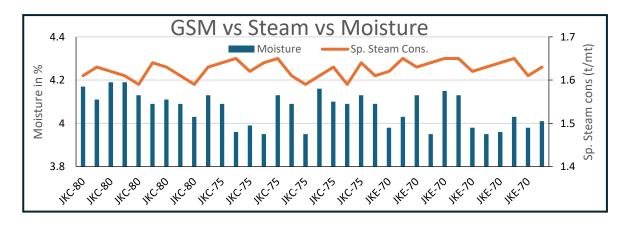
Different paper grades have operator-dependent setpoints



Lack of Real-time Monitoring & Control Decisions are based on historical data, not live process conditions.



**No predictive** system to proactively adjust moisture levels.



| Grade   | GSM | Caliper | Bulk       | Ash %  | Moisture  | Stiffness (md) | stifness (Cd) |
|---------|-----|---------|------------|--------|-----------|----------------|---------------|
| 1 SKU-1 | 70  | 106+_2  | 1.50+_0.05 | 20 Min | 4.0 +_0.5 | 2.0 min        | 1.0 min       |
| 2 SKU-2 | 75  | 106+_2  | 1.50+_0.05 | 20 Min | 4.0 +_0.5 | 2.0 min        | 1.0 min       |
| 3 SKU-3 | 75  | 106+_2  | 1.50+_0.05 | 20 Min | 4.0 +_0.5 | 2.0 min        | 1.0 min       |
| 4 SKU-4 | 80  | 106+_2  | 1.45+_0.05 | 20 Min | 4.0 +_0.5 | 2.0 min        | 1.0 min       |

| Time                   | QUALITY        | PM6 QUALITY Bulk | PM6 QUALITY Caliper | Stiffness_MD ▼ | Stiffness_CD | Ash  | PM6 Q | Moisture | PM6 Q | M/C_Roll_ |
|------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------|------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|
| 09/16/2024 4:10:00 AM  | JKC-75 N       | 1.43             | 107.6               | 2.5            | 1.6          |      | 250   |          | 279   |           |
| 09/17/2024 2:00:00 AM  | JKC-75 N       | 1.43             | 107.3               | 2.5            | 1.55         | 22   | 226   | 4.24     | 242   |           |
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## Methodology



# **Data collection**

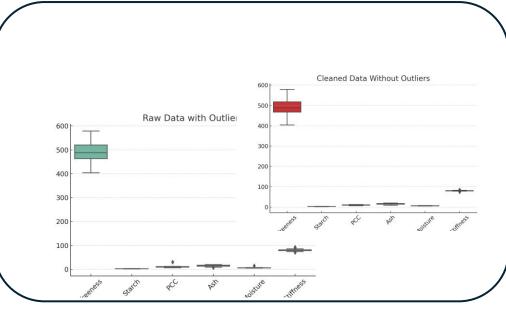
- Collected six months of minute-wise process data from PM6.
- Data extracted from DCS logs, lab reports, and sensor readings.



# **Data Cleaning Techniques**

- □ Outlier **removal** using statistical methods
- Handling missing values using interpolation techniques.
- □ Standardization & normalization to improve model accuracy.
- Ensure high-quality, reliable input for AI model training.

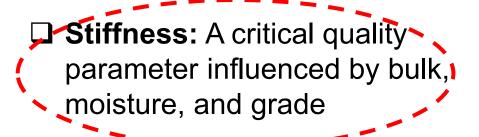
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## Methodology

# **Parameters Monitor**

- Stock Parameter
- **Chemical Parameters**
- **QCS** Parameters
- Basis Weight
- Bulk



# **Challenges**

Stiffness Data Delay: Stiffness measurements were only available through lab testing, causing delays in feedback and process adjustments.

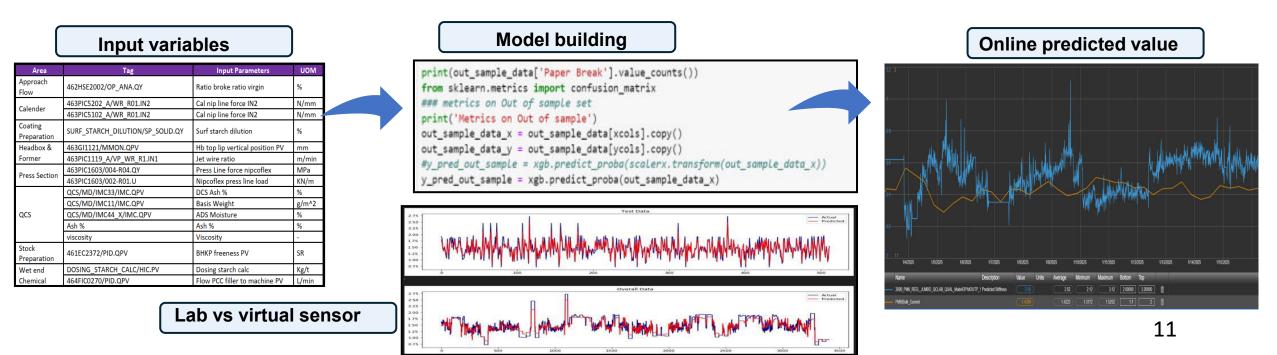
# **Solution**

Virtual Sensor: A virtual sensor was developed using selected online variables to estimate stiffness in realtime.

#### **Optimization of Quality Parameters Using AI-Based Virtual Sensor**

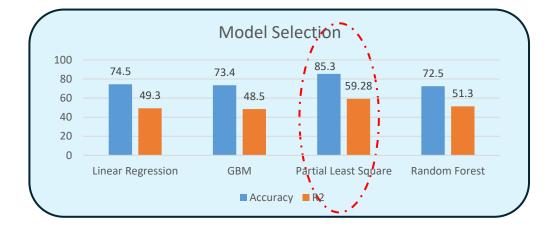
## **Virtual Sensor Stiffness Prediction**

- Developed a virtual sensor using key process variables.
- □ Using input variables, we built a model utilizing multicollinearity to predict stiffness.
- □ Assigned the trends in the historian for monitoring and analysis.
- □ The predicted virtual sensor values match lab data with 95% accuracy.
- □ Enables real-time stiffness prediction to optimize moisture levels.



### **Model Selection**

- We used multiple analytical approaches and selected as per their accuracy and R<sup>2</sup> value
- We have selected PLS analytical approach.

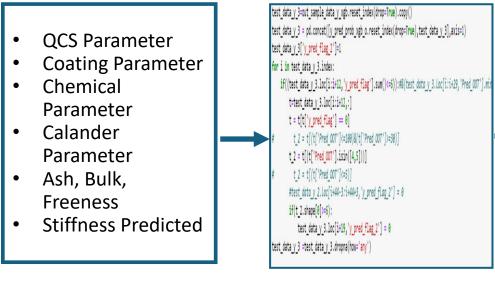


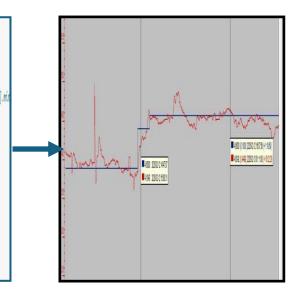
### **Model Development**

- □ All the variable were selected using correlation
- Data collected from different sources like Lab , DCS.
- □ After corelation we selected PLS and Linear regression for model deployment.
- □ Model deployed in OSI PI, trained and tested using different data sets.

#### **Moisture Model**

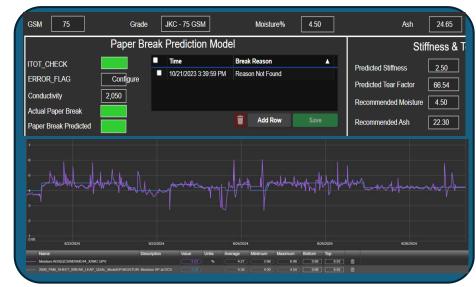
- •Predicted stiffness MD and bulk determine the optimal moisture setpoint
- •The algorithm operates within a minimum and maximum band range to ensure stability.
- •The model helps achieve higher moisture levels while maintaining minimum quality standards.





|     |       |          |          | Minim |         |         |
|-----|-------|----------|----------|-------|---------|---------|
|     |       | Min      | Maximum  | um    | Minimum | Maximum |
| GSM | Grade | Moisture | Moisture | Bulk  | Ash     | Ash     |
| 70  | SKU-1 | 4        | 5        | 1.46  | 20      | 24      |
| 70  | SKU-2 | 4        | 5        | 1.46  | 20      | 24      |
| 75  | SKU-3 | 4.2      | 5        | 1.41  | 22      | 24      |
| 70  | SKU-4 | 4        | 5        | 1.46  | 20      | 24      |
| 75  | SKU-5 | 4.2      | 5        | 1.41  | 22      | 24      |
| 80  | SKU-6 | 4.2      | 5        | 1.35  | 22      | 24      |

#### Grade wise range



#### **Input Parameter**

#### Algorithm

#### Recommended Moisture SP

# Dashboard 13

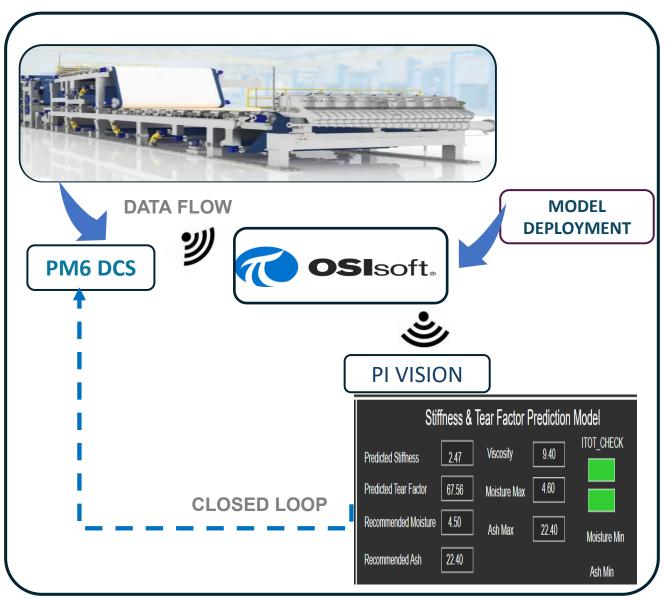
### **Visualization and Closed Loop Monitoring**

# **Visualization**

- •DCS Integration: IT/OT connectivity for seamless operation.
- •Real-Time Optimization: Continuous sensor data enables Al-driven adjustments.
- •Smart Dashboard: Provides operator recommendations.

# **Loop Monitoring and control**

- •Cloud Monitoring: Enables remote access and tracking.
- •Closed-Loop Control: Initiated after a successful trial.
- •Error Handling: Feedback system detects data failures and model anomalies.



#### Value Delivered by the Project

# **Moisture Improvement**

- •Moisture improved and <u>gained 9%</u> from baseline to target through AI.
- •AI improved consistency, reducing manual rework.
- •Better control over drying process
- •Improved paper strength.

# **Steam Reduction**

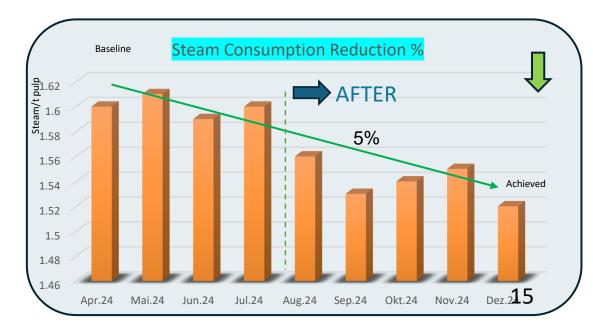
Steam consumption reduced from

baseline.

- •Target achieved: 5% reduction.
- •Reduction in steam usage impact on

lower production costs.





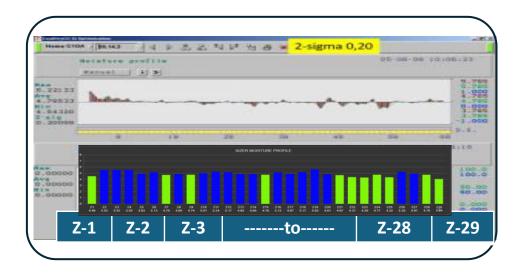
#### **Upcoming AI Model**

# Proposed Idea for improving CD moisture profile

- □ AI-Driven CD Moisture Profile Optimization
- Virtual Sensor Implementation
- □ Intelligent Quality & Cost Optimization

## **Anticipated Advantages**

- **Precision**: Al minimizes manual tuning, ensuring stability.
- **Efficiency**: Automated control enhances response time.
- **Quality**: Better moisture uniformity improves the product.



- **Revolutionizing paper production** through AI-driven technologies, optimizing processes from raw material handling to final product output.
- Enhanced operational efficiency with AI systems for predictive maintenance, real-time process monitoring, and automated adjustments, reducing downtime and improving throughput.
- Al-enabled quality control ensuring consistent product quality by analyzing key parameters and making data-driven adjustments during production.
- Significant **cost savings and sustainability improvements** achieved by reducing energy consumption, optimizing resource usage, and minimizing waste.

The adoption of AI continues to **transform the future of paper manufacturing** paving the way for smarter, more efficient, and environmentally responsible production methods.

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