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The electricity sector is considered ripe for a programme of rapid digitalisation, with thermal power generators offered the tantalising prospect of strengthening their bottom line at a time of intensifying competition from renewables.

By utilising advanced analytical software, the 'cloud' and smart devices, analysts say it is possible to extend the asset lifecycle of power generation infrastructure, optimise electricity network flows, consign unplanned downtime to the dustbin of history, and extract significant economies via predictive maintenance tools. That argument holds for all energy types.



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