

Failure Management Policies

Module 2.5en

What must be done to **mitigate the consequences** of the failure modes identified in RCM Question 5?

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RCM

A process used to  
determine what must be done  
to ensure that a physical asset continues to do what  
its users require it to do in its operating context:

Failure  
Management  
policies

What do its users require it do (Functions )?  
What specific performance losses can occur (Failures)?  
What event causes the failure (Failure mode)?  
What happens when it fails (Effects)?  
Why does it matter (Consequences)?  
**Can you predict, prevent or mitigate the failure consequences (Maintenance task)?**  
What if no mitigating task can be found (Default action)?

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Failure Management Policies

1. CBM = Condition Based Maintenance

2. TBM = Time Based Maintenance

3. FF = Failure Finding

4. Redesign

5. NSM = No schedule maintenance

Proactive

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Reactive

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RCM line of sight

Analysis

Decision

Resourcing

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Equipment

Function

Failed state

Cause

Effects

Conseq

Task

Planning (one time)

Scheduling one time

Yearly Sched.

Quarterly Sched.

Monthly Sched.

Task: tools, materials, safety procedures

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Labor Skills

Parts Consumables Outside services

Tools Test equip

Training Training resources

Procurement Stocking Lead times Purchasing decisions

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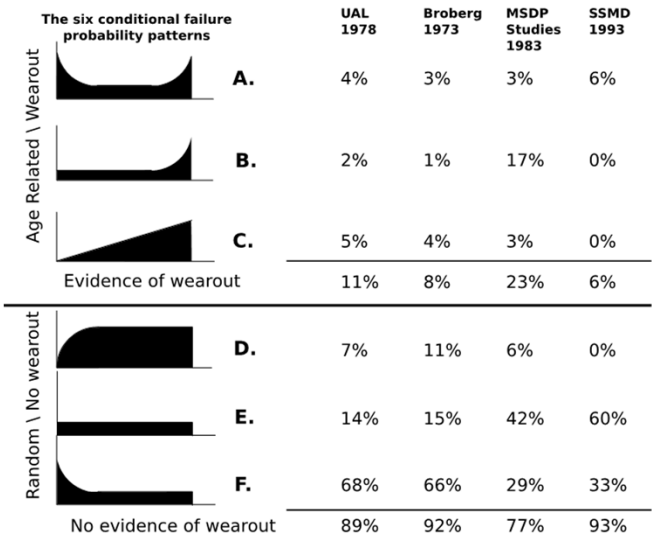
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Time Based Maintenance (TBM)

“Time” can be calendar time but more often it is the “working age” of the asset measured in a convenient unit proportional to the accumulated stress on the asset.

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The RCM Curves. What do they mean?



Intrinsic or actual failure behavior?

- Answer: Intrinsic or true behavior regardless of PM
- How is this possible?

It’s a Paradox!

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### The answer lies in the observed data

At the moment of maintenance, we observed that:

1

Some items failed

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Some were in excellent condition but were renewed anyway

3

Some were about to fail

• We report the above findings to our manager. And,


• **What does he ask?**

OK

Failed

Close to failure

OK



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### What does the astute manager ask?


“What is the **"optimal"** moment to conduct maintenance?”

He wants a PM policy...  
The policy should be “optimal”.

• Not too many failures.

• Not too much unnecessary maintenance.

How do we give our manager what he wants?



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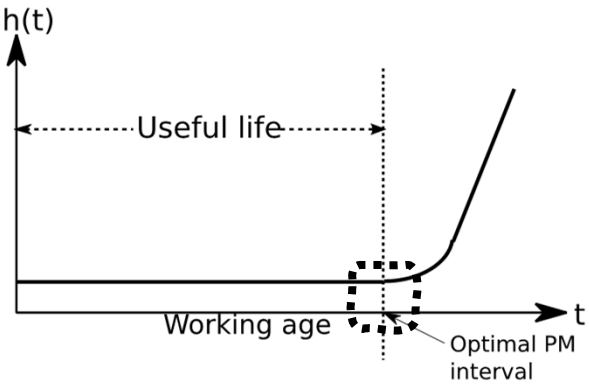
What maintenance policy will give us the most overall profitability?

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Assume the “true” failure behavior is “B”



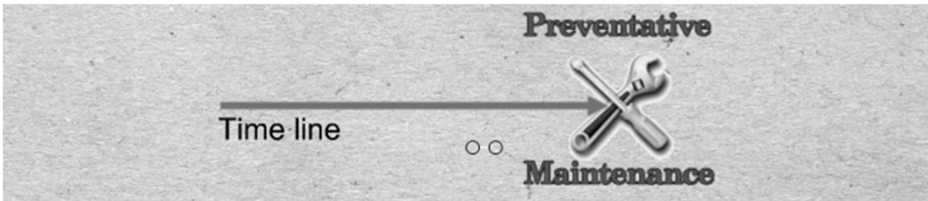
So what is the answer to the question: Do the RCM curves represent the true or PM modified failure behavior?

Given that we have “real world” data – **how do we draw these true behavior curves?**

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# Suspended data

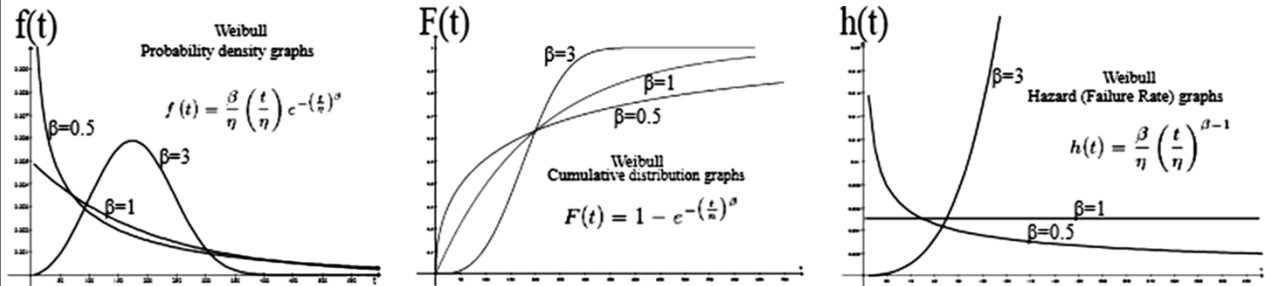


Suspended lifetimes are those that end by an act of prevention without having failed

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### Three of the forms of the Weibull equation



1. Probability density  $f(t) = \frac{\beta}{\eta} \left(\frac{t}{\eta}\right)^{\beta-1} e^{-\left(\frac{t}{\eta}\right)^{\beta}}$  (Eqn. 1)
2. Cumulative distribution  $F(t) = 1 - e^{-\left(\frac{t}{\eta}\right)^{\beta}}$  (Eqn. 2a), and  
Reliability (aka Survival Probability)  $R(t) = 1 - F(t) = e^{-\left(\frac{t}{\eta}\right)^{\beta}}$  (Eqn. 2b)
3. Failure Rate  $h(t) = \frac{\beta}{\eta} \left(\frac{t}{\eta}\right)^{\beta-1}$  (Eqn. 3)

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We need to “solve” the Weibull equation to “estimate” the values of:

- The shape parameter  $\beta$ , and
- The scale parameter  $\eta$

$$h(t) = \frac{\beta}{\eta} \left( \frac{t}{\eta} \right)^{\beta-1}$$

There are several ways to perform the estimation. Let's have a look at one of them in the following example ...

Observations at maintenance

Item	Failure age	The part's life ending event
A	84	Failed (F)
B	91	Suspended (S)
C	122	Failed (F)
D	274	About to fail (F)

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Enter the data and fit the Weibull to the data

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Current Component  
ItemX

Event Data for the Current Component

	Record No.	Age	Frequency	Event Type
▶	1	84	1	F
	2	91	1	S
	3	122	1	F
	4	274	1	F
*				

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Fitting Weibull Distribution

Shape

Scale

Location

Fit Weibull

Weibull Report

Save Model

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Hazard Rate Function

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OREST - Weibull Parameter Estimation

Current Component  
ItemX

Data Summary

Data Type  Ungrouped

Number of Failures  3

Age Unit  Weeks

Number of Suspensions  1

Estimated Parameters

Shape  1.87

Mean Life  174.62

Median Life  161.6

Scale  196.67

Standard Deviation  97.15

B10 Life  58.9

Location  0

Characteristic Life  196.67

Goodness of Fit - Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test

Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test Statistic  0.38

p-Value  0.66

Test Result 

The hypothesis that the Weibull fits the data is NOT rejected at 5% significance level.

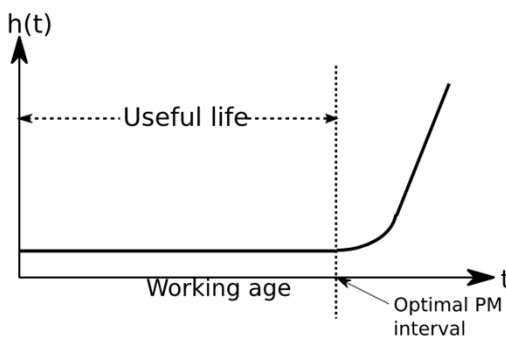
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Failure PDF Function

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Now that we can draw the curve we still need to know how to select the optimal age point

$$h(t) = \frac{f(t)}{1 - \int_0^t f(t) dt}$$



We do this by focusing on the “probability density” form of the Weibull curve...

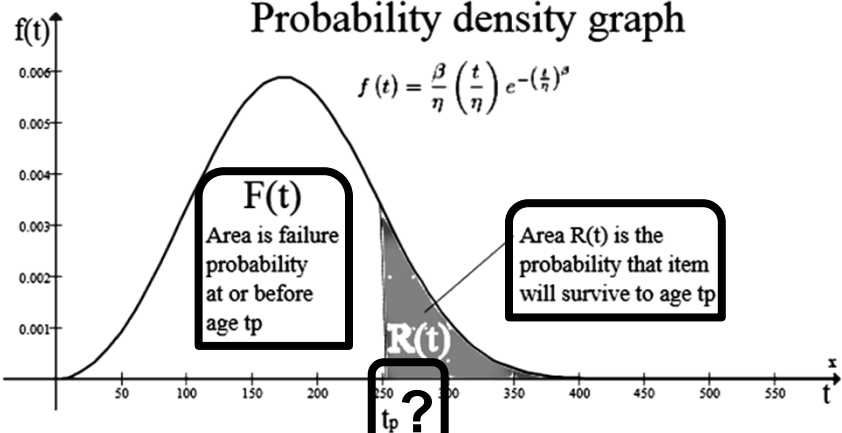
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The Probability Density graph has some revealing characteristics...

Probability density graph



$$f(t) = \frac{\beta}{\eta} \left(\frac{t}{\eta}\right)^{\beta-1} e^{-\left(\frac{t}{\eta}\right)^{\beta}}$$

$$C_t = C_R R(t_p) + C_F (1 - R(t_p))$$
$$t_t = t_p R(t_p) + t_F (1 - R(t_p))$$
$$\frac{C_t}{t_t} = \frac{C_R R(t_p) + C_F (1 - R(t_p))}{t_p R(t_p) + \int_0^{t_p} t f(t) dt}$$

Now let us assume that  $t_p$  is the time at which, as a policy, time based renewal, is carried out. The obvious question then is, “what should  $t_p$  be so that it is optimal?”. By *optimal*, we mean that the organizational objective, say lowest operational cost, is achieved. Let’s answer the question...

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Software solution

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Component Information

Component NameItemX

Preventive Replacement Cost100

Age UnitWeeks

Failure Replacement Cost1000

Cost Unit\$

2

Preventive Replacement Policy

Deterministic Replacement

Age Preventive Replacement

Interval Preventive Replacement

3

Optimal Age Replacement

Optimal Prev Repl Age

Average Total Cost

Average Prev Repl Cost

Optimal Policy

Save Optimal Policy

Plot Cost Function

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OREST - Age-Based Preventive Replacement Report

Current ComponentItemX

Optimal Preventive Replacement Policy

Replace at Age66.23 weeks

Replacement Summary

Percent of Preventive Replacement of Optimal Policy87.71%

Percent of Failure Replacement of Optimal Policy12.29%

Cost Summary

Preventive Replacement Cost of Optimal Policy\$1.39 per weeks

Failure Replacement Cost of Optimal Policy\$1.94 per weeks

Total Cost of Optimal Policy\$3.33 per weeks

Cost for Replacement Only on Failure\$5.73 per weeks

Note: Compared to replacement only on failure, the optimal policy results in spending \$1.39 per weeks on preventive replacement to save \$3.79 per weeks associated with a policy of replacement only on failure. This results in a saving of \$2.4 per weeks (about 41.88%) in total cost.

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2.5.1 Quiz 1 Policies

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1. One may consider the first 4 questions in the RCM process as the "analysis" phase of RCM. And the last three questions as the "what to do about it?" decision phase. True or False? \*

1 point

☐ True

☐ False

2. A FF (failure finding) task may be considered proactive because \*

1 point

☐ 1. The inspection is performed routinely according to the preventive maintenance schedule in the EAM.

☐ 2. The inspection and its frequency are designed to reduce the probability of a multiple failure to an acceptable level.

☐ 3. The RCM analysis establishes a maintenance plan and schedule. RCM can also guide training and procurement functions. True or false?

3. The RCM analysis establishes a maintenance plan and schedule. RCM can also guide training and procurement functions. True or false? \*

1 point

☐ True

☐ False

4. A PM work order is issued by the EAM every 3 months to verify the condition of an electrical panel. The technician is required to report hot spots, dirt, clogged ventilation and to take appropriate remedial action. Would this activity be an example of TBM or CBM? \*

1 point

☐ TBM

☐ CBM

5. TBM or time based maintenance can be based on calendar time or another variable that increases in proportion to the accumulated stress on the asset. Which of the following would not be appropriate for scheduling TBM? \*

1 point

☐ Fuel consumed?

☐ Hour meter?

☐ Odometer?

☐ Raw material input?

☐ Product output?

☐ Number of failures?

6. The RCM curves represent \*

1 point

☐ the designed in reliability of a component independent of the maintenance performed.

☐ the reliability behavior of a component as a result of adhering to the manufacturers recommended maintenance program.

7. An "Optimal" maintenance policy is designed to achieve \*

1 point

☐ The lowest cost of maintenance

☐ The highest availability

☐ Either of the above or a desired balance among high reliability, low cost, high yield, and safety.

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Answer: All of them.

To which of the 6 patterns can CBM be applied?

Neither. They represent failure modes.

Do the RCM graphs represent an entire equipment or a single component?

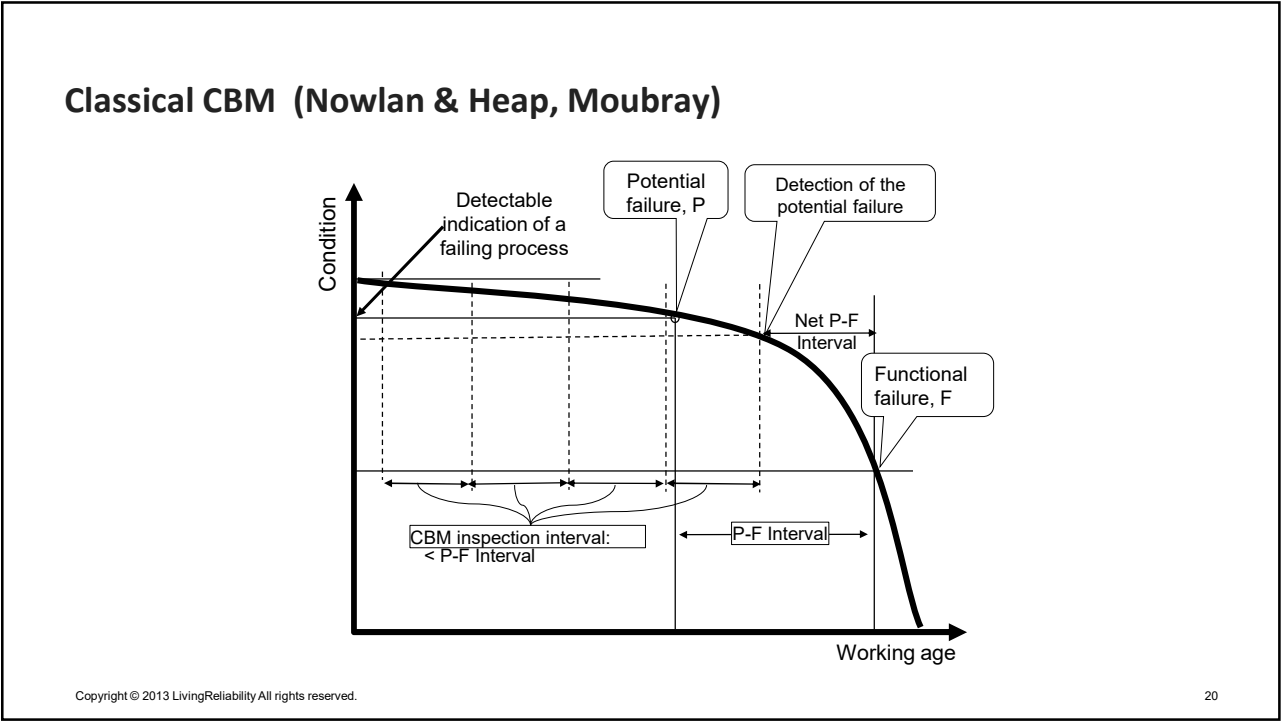
### Condition Based Maintenance

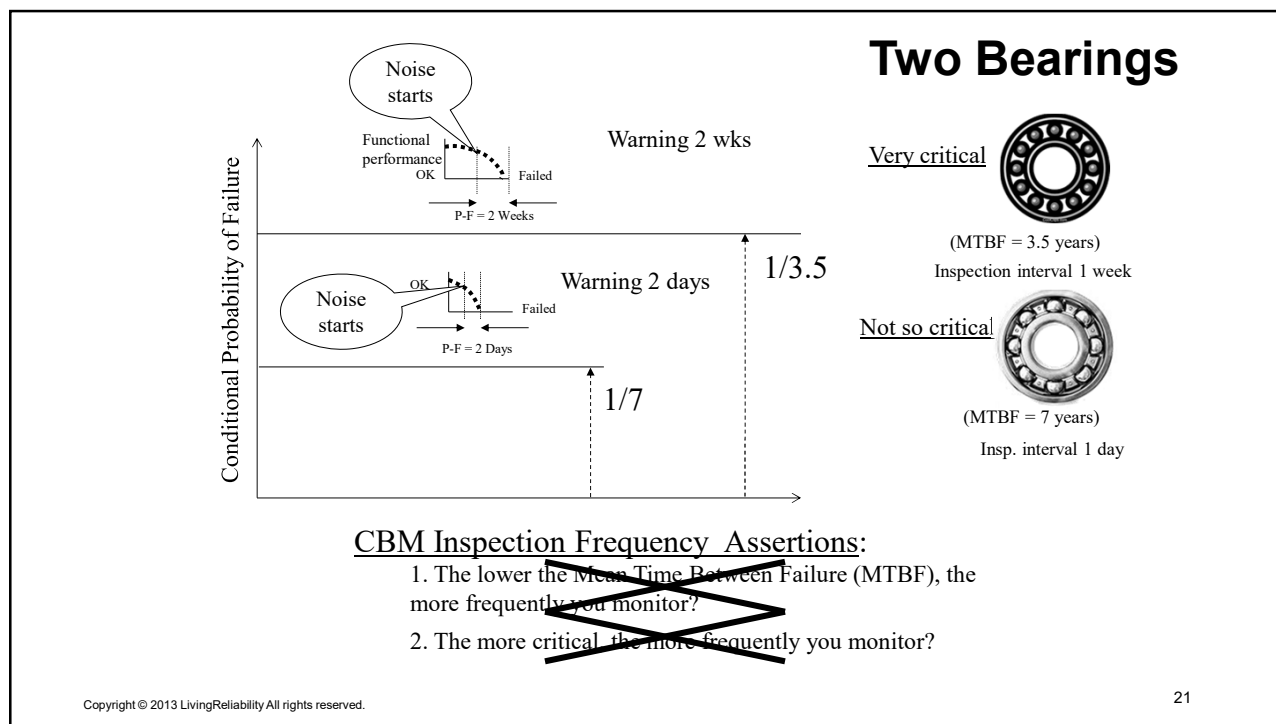
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50s, 60s, & 70s

Pre WW II

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## The P-F Interval limitations

### Assumes that:

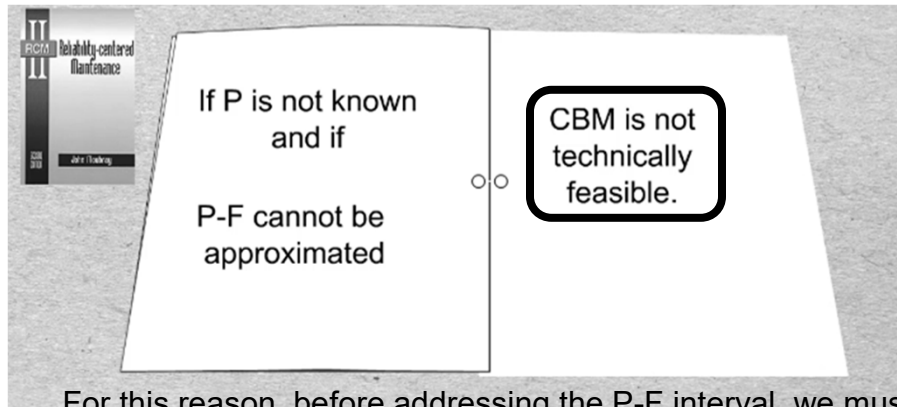
1. The potential failure set point, P, of an identifiable condition is known, and that
2. The P-F interval can be found and is reasonably consistent (or its range of variation can be estimated), and that
3. It is practical to monitor the item at intervals short enough to provide adequate maintenance reaction time within the net P-F interval

*In most maintenance departments these assumptions are unsubstantiated. **CBM Performance is unverified.***

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For this reason, before addressing the P-F interval, we must first discover **when and how** to declare a potential failure **P**.

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## Conclusions

1. The P-F Interval is a reasonable **first approximation** towards the establishing a CBM inspection interval
2. The P-F is often developed during an RCM analysis in the **absence of data**
3. It is usually **subjective** based on (a consensus) recollections of potential and functional failures.
4. Analysis, called "Age exploration" by N&H, should be used in a continuous improvement process to
  1. **confirm** inspection frequencies and
  2. **refine** predictive models (more confidence in CBM decisions)

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An alternative CBM policy (called "RULE" can...

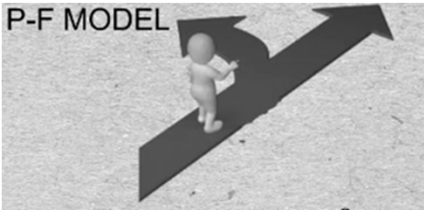
1. estimate Remaining Useful Life, and

2. issue a confidence level for that estimate.

RULE

Remaining Useful Life Estimation

To attain these goals we will begin by revisiting the MTTF (Mean Time Between / To Failure



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What is the MTTF (Mean Time to Failure)?

Mathemat  $t=0$   $t=\infty$   $t f(t) dt = t=0$   $t=\infty$   $R(t) dt$   
 $=0$   $t=\infty$   $t f(t) dt = t=0$   $t=\infty$   $R(t) dt =0$   
 $t=\infty$   $R(t) dt$   $t=\infty$   $R(t) dt$   $t=\infty$   $R(t) dt$   
 $t=\infty$   $R(t) dt = \infty$   $t f(t) dt = t=0$   $t=\infty$   $R(t) dt$   
 $dt$   $t=\infty$   $t f(t) dt = t=0$   $t=\infty$   $R(t) dt$   $t=\infty$   
 $t f(t) dt = t=0$   $t=\infty$   $R(t) dt$  cally it is  
"Expected" life:

$E t = \int_{t=0}^{t=\infty} t f(t) dt = \int_{t=0}^{t=\infty} R(t) dt$

- Approximately: It is the "average" life of a group of similar items:

	A	B
		Failed at week
1		
2	Item A	13
3	Item B	15
4	Item C	25
5	Item D	18
6	Item E	4
7	MTTF=AVG(B2:B6)	15

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### What is the MTTF (Mean Time to Failure)?

Mathematically:  $MTTF = \int_{t=0}^{t=\infty} t f(t) dt = \int_{t=0}^{t=\infty} R(t) dt$

PDF

Probability Density Function

Working Age t

Expected life:

What is the expected "remaining" life calculated from the current age of the item?

MTTF is the expected life measured from age "0"

Approximately: It is the "average" life of a group of similar items:

	A	B
1		Failed at week
2	Item A	13
3	Item B	15
4	Item C	25
5	Item D	18
6	Item E	4
7	MTTF=AVG(B2:B6) 15	

Graphically it is the area under the survival curve

Survival (Reliability) Graph

MTTF = Area under curve

$\sum t_i \times f(t_i) \times \Delta t = E(t) = MTTF = \int_{t=0}^{t=\infty} t f(t) dt$

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### What is the expected life measured from the current age?

First we define the Conditional Probability Density Function.

Conditional Probability Density Function, CPDF

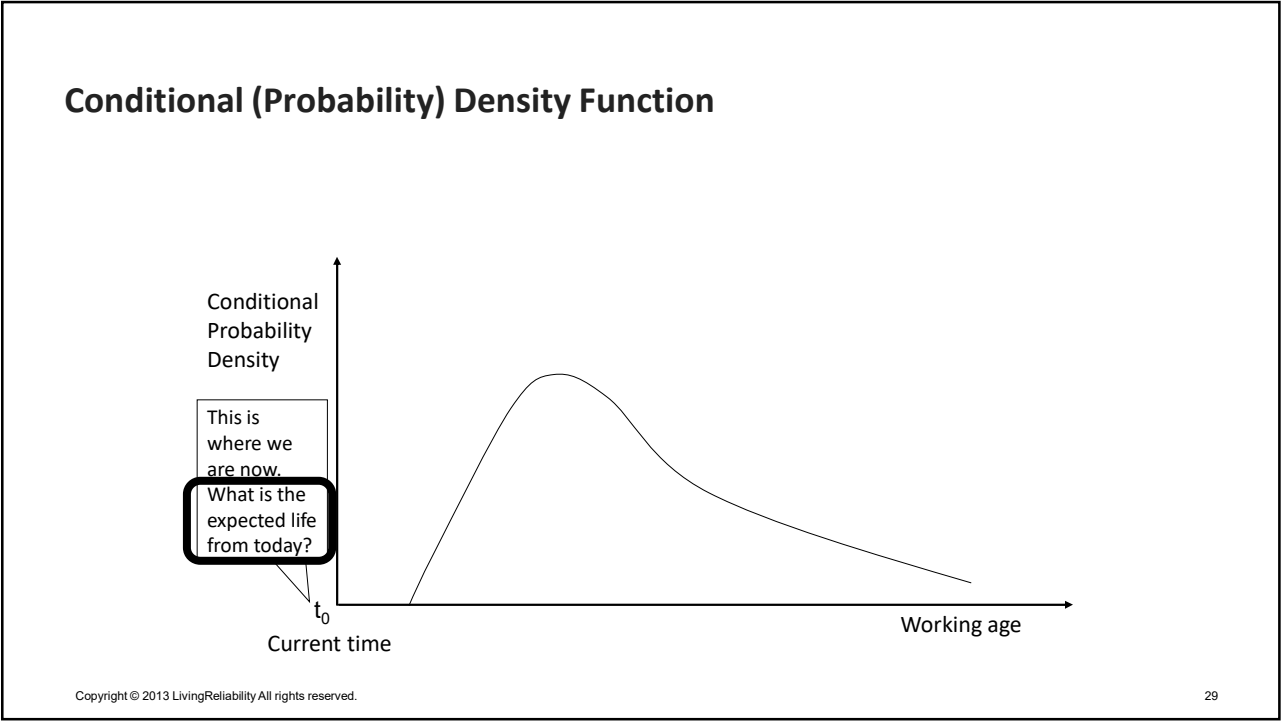
Prior wear and tear

Current time  $t_0$

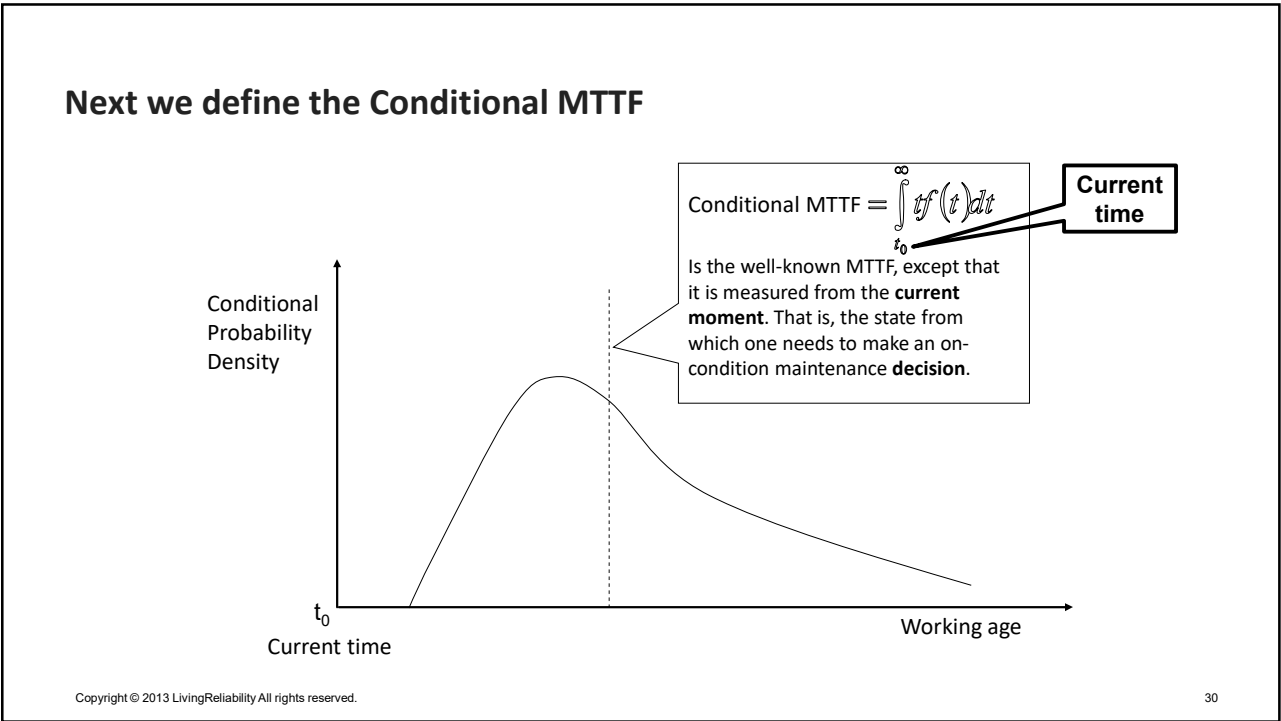
Working age

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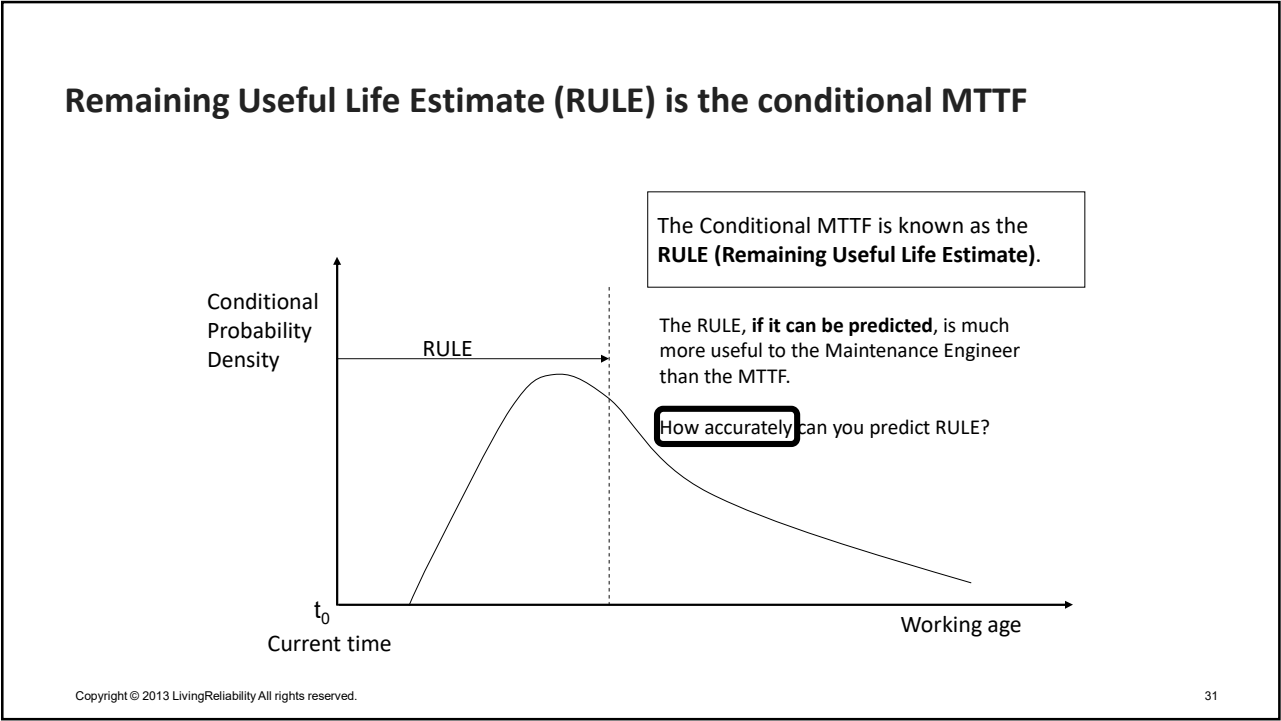
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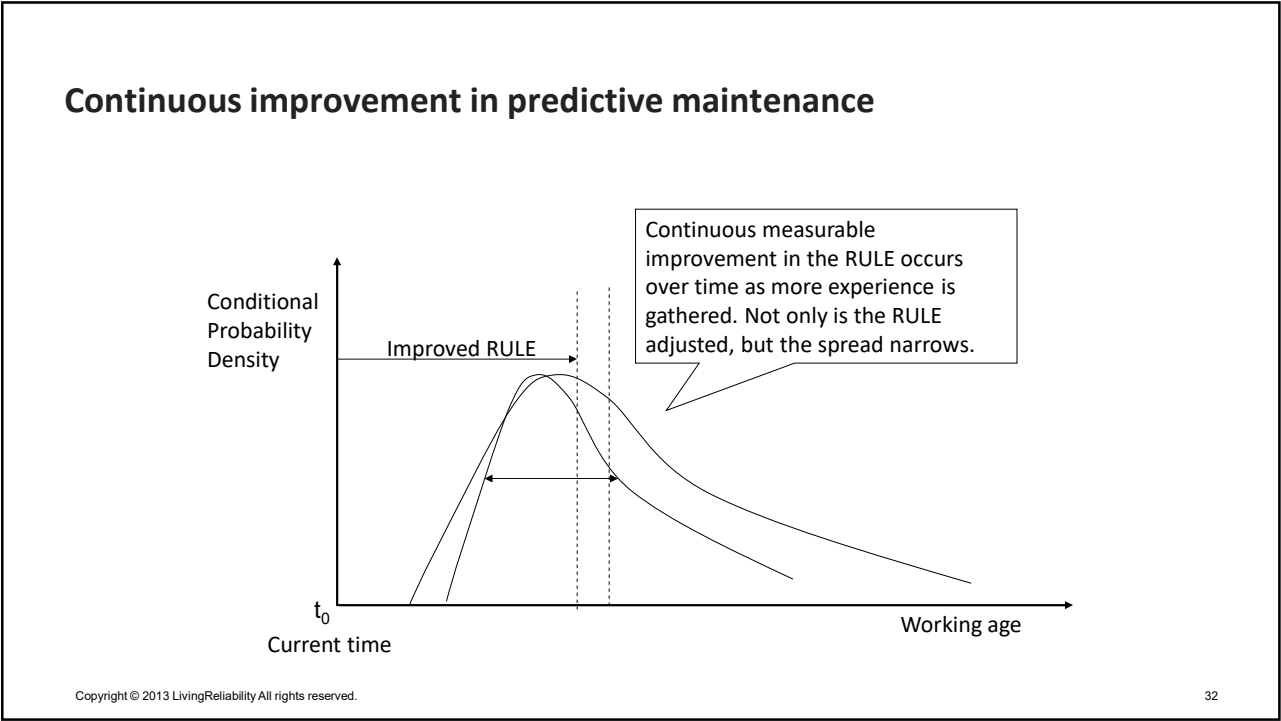
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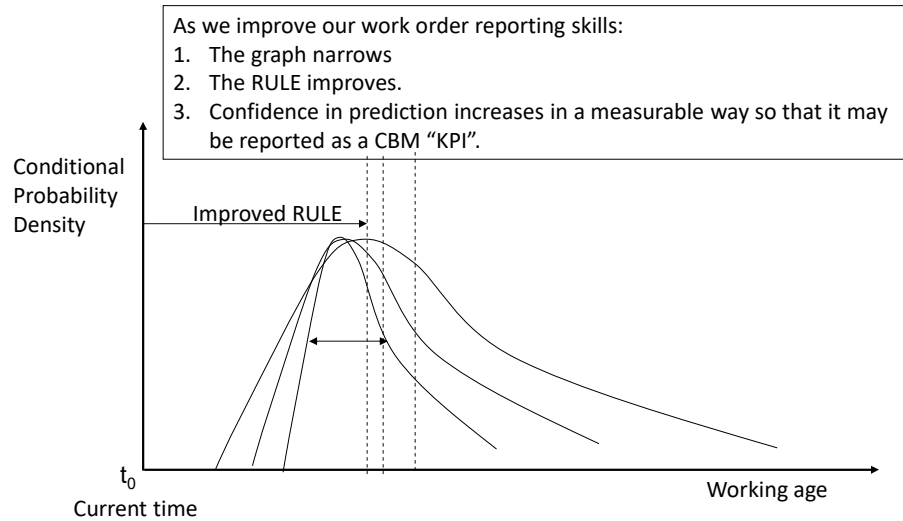
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## Measuring improvement in predictive maintenance



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## RULE (EXAKT™) Workshop

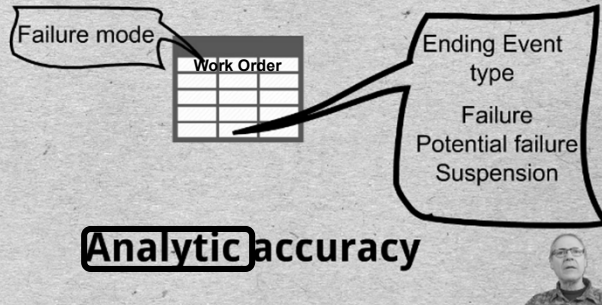
- 1 Determine the **influential** CBM variables.
- 2 Find the **relationship** among age, influential CBM variables, and failure probability.
- 3 Set up a model for **predicting** the state of the influential monitored variables.
- 4 Incorporate **business data** into the decision process
- 5 Build the decision model
- 6 Set up an **automatic** agent that will monitor new data as it arrives in a database and report an item's RULE and the recommended CBM decision.
- 7 Monitor CBM performance (**confidence**) in terms of standard deviation.

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**Effective CBM depends almost entirely on the quality of information transcribed by the technicians onto the work order form.**



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### How do we improve confidence in Predictive Maintenance?

1. By reporting both **failures and suspensions** when closing work orders.
2. By continuously improving the RCM **knowledge base** when closing work orders.
3. By ensuring EAM catalogs **reflect** the RCM reality.
4. By generating **samples** from the CMMS/EAM.
5. By applying **reliability analysis** techniques to build CBM decision models from high quality data in the EAM.

**These steps describe the Living RCM process.**

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2.5.1 Quiz 2 Policies

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1. The P-F interval is a model that (select the INCORRECT answer): \*

1 point

☐ describes a strategy for the design of a CBM program.

☐ describes an approach for estimating the CBM inspection interval.

☐ describes the logic for determining how to declare a potential failure.

☐ is based on a judgment or first approximation of P-F interval.

2. CBM applies to all six RCM failure behavior patterns because (select the INCORRECT statement): \*

1 point

☐ The age dimension is a "stand-in" for relevant yet unmonitored condition data.

☐ The RCM study by Nowlan and Heap proved that most failure modes are age dependent.

☐ The RCM graphs represent only the age based failure behavior of a component, part, or failure mode.

3. The MTTF is generally useful for predicting failure. True or False. \*

1 point

☐ True

☐ False

4. Which of the following, concerning, conditional MTTF is INCORRECT? \*

1 point

☐ The conditional mean time to failure is a more useful concept in the maintenance department than the MTTF.

☐ The conditional MTTF is, by definition, an estimate of the remaining useful life (or RUL).

☐ The conditional MTTF assists in determining the inherent age based reliability behavior of an item.

5. The standard deviation is a useful way to monitor CBM performance. It is highly influenced by the quality of work order data entered by the technician. True or False? \*

1 point

☐ True

☐ False

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Failure finding interval

Policy: Failure Finding

How often

should we check to see if Pump C works?

Hidden failure

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Maintenance policy Failure Finding

FFI = Failure Finding Interval

How often should we check to see if Pump C works?

The FFI would depend on

- 1. The reliability of the Protector  $M_{prot}$
- 2. The tolerated unavailability of the Protector  $U_{prot}^*$

$$FFI \propto M_{prot} \times U_{prot}$$
$$FFI = K \times M_{prot} \times U_{prot} \quad (Eq. 1)$$

\*  $U_{prot}$  is called (in SIS standard) the required "Probability of Failure on Demand (PFD)"

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Tail light failures

	Joe	Henri	Leon	Jed	Mark	Zelda
2010						
2011						X
2012	X					
2013			X			
2014					X	
2015						

5 years x 6 devices = 30 device years  
 $M_{prot} = 30 \text{ device years} / 4 \text{ failures} = 7.5 \text{ years}$

Since failure could have occurred any time during the year, on average the devices would have been unavailable half the time:

$$U_{prot} = 1/2 \text{yr} \times 4 \text{dev} / 30 \text{dev-yr} = 1/15$$

Use these results to determine K.  
 $FFI = K \times M_{prot} \times U_{prot} \quad (Eq. 1)$   
 $1 = K \times 7.5 \times 1/15$   
 $K=2$   
Now user wants device 99.99% available or .01 % unavailable. So  $U_{prot} = .0001$   
 $FFI = 2 \times 7.5 \times .0001 = .55 \text{ days. Twice a day.}$

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### More than one failure mode in the device

$$FFI = \frac{2 \times M_{func}}{M_{mf} \times \left( \frac{1}{M_1} + \frac{1}{M_2} + \dots \right)} \quad (Eq. 3)$$

Valid if

- each failure mode on its own knocks out the protective device
- one task can detect any of the failure modes
- the failure modes are all independent of each other
- the total unavailability is small (less than 0.05)

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### Redundant protective devices

$$FFI = M_{prot} \times \left\{ \frac{(n+1)M_{func}}{M_{MF}} \right\}^{1/n}$$

Where:

FFI = Failure-finding task interval

$M_{prot}$  = MTBF of protective device

$M_{func}$  = MTBF of protected function

$M_{MF}$  = Tolerable mean time between multiple failures

$n$  = Number of fully redundant protective devices

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## Voting systems

$$FFI = M_{prot} \times \left\{ \frac{(n-r)! r! (r+1) \times M_{func}}{n! M_{mf}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{r}}$$

**Voting systems are usually called k out of n systems, where:**

n = number of units in parallel

k = number of units needed to activate the safety function (To reduce probability of false or nuisance alarms at least k of the n devices need to trigger.)

r = number of units which must be failed for the system to fail

so:  $r = n - k + 1$

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## The FF test can itself induce a (hidden) failure

$$FFI = \frac{2 \times M_{ExclInd}}{(1 - p_{Ind})} \times \left\{ \frac{M_{func}}{M_{MF}} - p_{Ind} \right\}$$

**Where:**

$FFI$  = Failure-finding task interval

$p_{Ind}$  = Probability that the FF test will induce a hidden failure

$M_{ExclInd}$  = MTBF of the device excluding test induced failure

$M_{func}$  = Demand rate of protected function

$M_{MF}$  = Tolerable mean time between multiple failures

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If multiple failure has only monetary consequences, then an optimized FFI can be calculated

$$FFI = \left\{ \frac{2M_{prot}M_{func}C_{ff}}{C_{mf}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

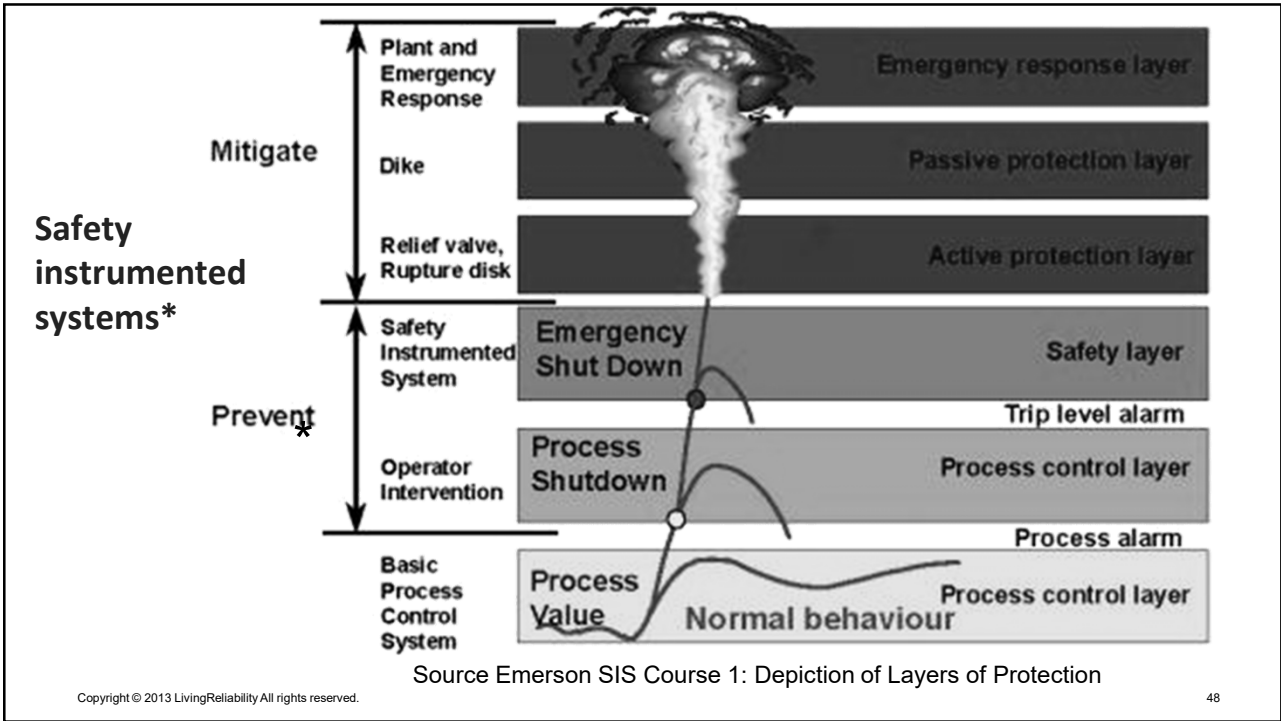
For single protective device

$$FFI = \left\{ \frac{(M_{tive})^n(n+1)M_{ted}C_{ff}}{nC_{mf}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{n+1}}$$

For redundant protective devices

**Where:**  
C<sub>ff</sub> = cost of FF task  
C<sub>mf</sub> = cost of multiple failure  
n = Number of fully redundant protective devices

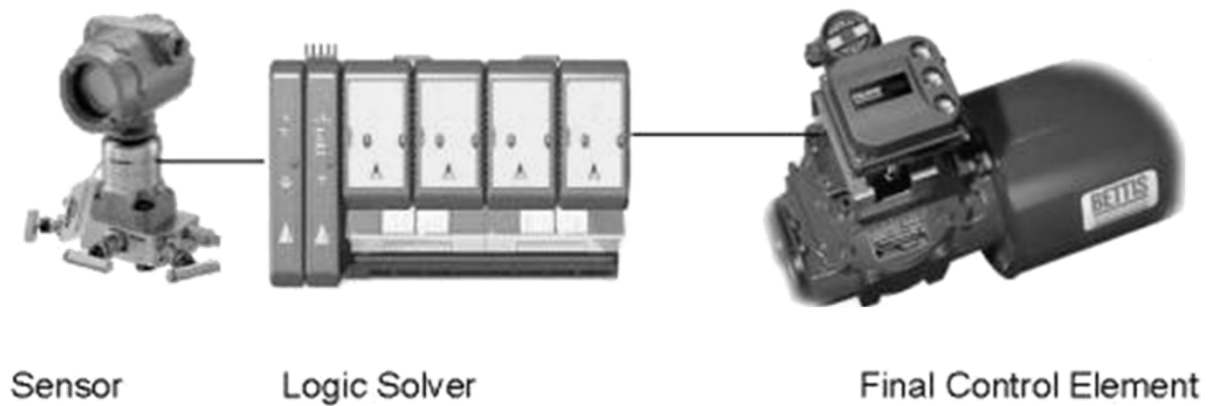
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### Consists of three elements



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### Standards

General standard:

**IEC Standard 61508** (Functional Safety of Electric, Electronic and Programmable Electronic Systems)

Specific to process industries:

**IEC Standard 61511** and **ISA 84.00.01-2004**

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Safety Integrity Levels		
SAFETY INTEGRITY LEVEL (SIL)	REQUIRED SAFETY AVAILABILITY (RSA)	AVERAGE PROBABILITY OF FAILURE ON DEMAND (PFD) =1- RSA = U <sub>prot</sub> = tolerated device unavailability.
1	90 99%	0.01 to 0.1
2	99 99.9%	0.001 to 0.01
3	99.9 99.99%	0.0001 to 0.001
4	99.99% 99.999%	0.00001 to 0.0001

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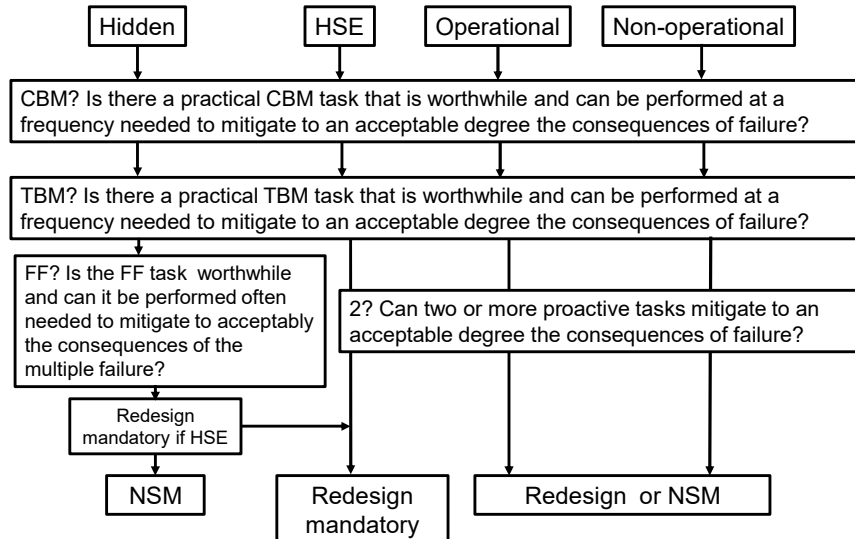
Multiple Failure Risk = Probability x Severity					
Probability			Severity		
PROBABILITY LEVEL	DESCRIPTIVE WORD	FREQUENCY OF OCCURRENCE	SEVERITY LEVEL	DESCRIPTIVE WORD	POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES TO PERSONNEL
5	Frequent	One per year	5	Catastrophic	Multiple deaths
4	Probable	One per 10 years	4	Severe	Death
3	Occasional	One per 100 years	3	Serious	Lost time accident
2	Remote	One per 1,000 years	2	Minor	Medical treatment
1	Improbable	One per 10,000 years	1	Negligible	No injury

Risk	Possible required SIL
25	4
15 to 25	3
6 to 14	2
1 to 5	1

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### If proaction not applicable nor effective a default task may be mandatory



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### No scheduled maintenance NSM

#### HSE branch of the RCM decision tree

- NSM not available as a choice in the decision tree.

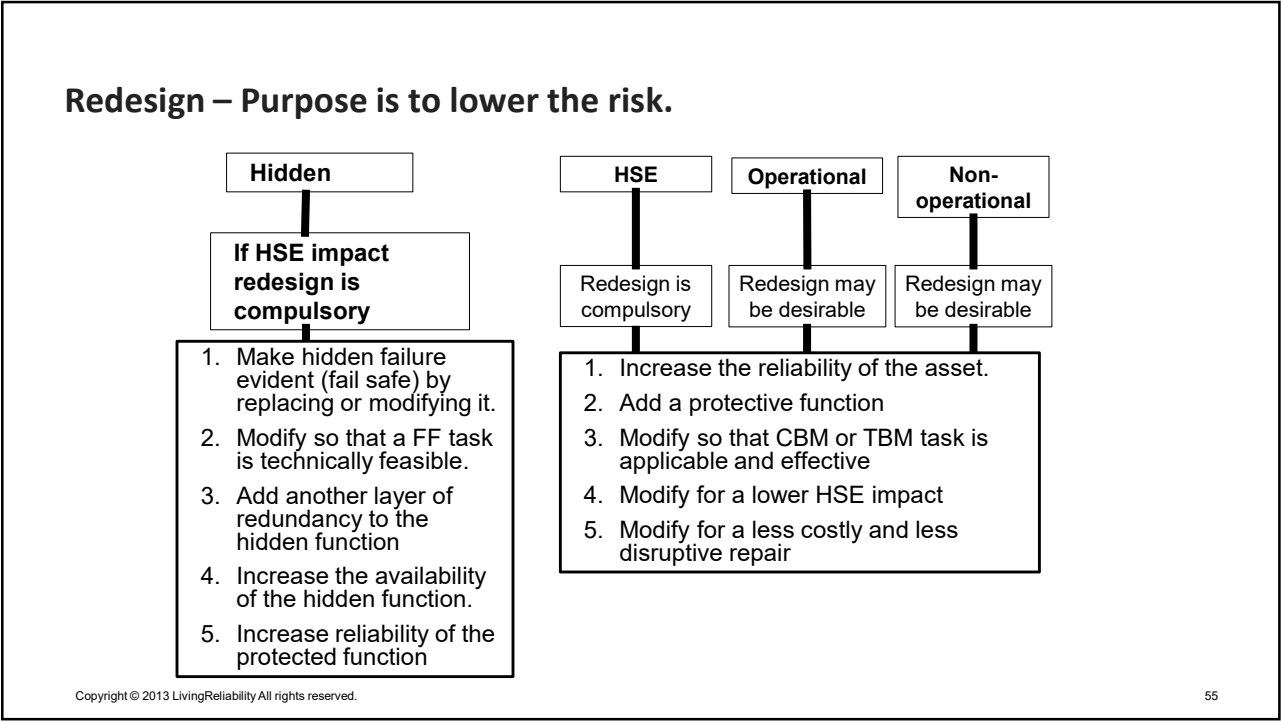
#### Operational and non operational branches

- NSM is accepted only if a cost-effective task cannot be found.

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2.5.1 Quiz 3 Policies

<https://forms.gle/m9RChqLcjW9uCLfJ6>

1. The failure finding interval applies usually to failures whose consequences are hidden. True for False? \*

1 point

☐ True

☐ False

2. The failure finding interval depends on: \*

1 point

☐ The reliability of the protector.

☐ The unavailability of the protector.

☐ The accepted mean time between multiple failures.

☐ The consequences of the multiple failure.

☐ Environmental, health, and safety regulations.

☐ All of the above.

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