Moving from Condition-based Maintenance to IoT- & Analytics-Enabled Predictive Maintenance
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OVERALL HIGHLIGHTS

- Predictive Maintenance market to become a $10.96B revenue opportunity by 2022. PdM is the #1 use case in Connected Industry settings.
- Fast growing market with a compound annual growth rate of 39%.
- Companies employing PdM solutions report real value. Maintenance efficiency gains of 20%-25% are achieved today.

TECHNOLOGY

- Storage: xxx
- Analytics: xxx
- Sensing: xxx

Source: IoT Analytics Research
Executive Summary (2/4)

MARKET

- **Overall drivers**: XXX
- **Market shift from CBM to PdM**: XXX
- **Internal PdM vs. PdM as-a-service**: XXX

- **Technology stack**: XXX
  - Shift from Type A PdM (static rule-based) to Type B PdM (dynamic models). XXX
  - Shift from On-premise solutions to cloud. XXX

- **Industries**: XXX

Source: IoT Analytics Research
Executive Summary (3/4)

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE
- Overall: xxx
- Startups: xxx
- M&A activity: xxx

BUSINESS MODELS & USE CASES
- Overall: xxx
- PdM Services: xxx
- Customer access: xxx
- Use cases: xxx

Source: IoT Analytics Research
Executive Summary (4/4)

TRENDS & CHALLENGES

- **Main trends**: The following 6 main trends are emerging:
  - Xxx

- **Role of PdM in service**: Xxx

- **Main challenges**: The following 7 main challenges are emerging (more called-out in Chapter 5):
  - Xxx

- **Main research areas**: The following 5 main academic research areas are emerging:
  - Xxx
PREFACE: Moving from Preventive to Predictive Maintenance

Key theme: Moving from preventive to predictive maintenance

Maintenance today often preventive. At present, maintenance is often preventive, time-based rather than based on actual equipment conditions and predictive methods. Maintenance on each asset is performed at more frequent, regular intervals to lessen the likelihood of costly failures. This results in unnecessary maintenance costs and causes unanticipated downtime.

Headed towards predictive maintenance. Connected, real-time IoT solutions allow companies to reliably predict failures, and detect and respond to unanticipated equipment or process degradation. This insight enables companies to perform maintenance based on the actual operating conditions of the equipment and process and also to predict failure ahead of time.

Cost-savings and new business models. The accurate prediction of upcoming maintenance not only enables reduced downtime, it also allows operators and service providers to optimize maintenance activities. By improving maintenance scheduling, they can both maximize the use of maintenance resources and optimize maintenance inventory and supply chains. The achieved cost savings, along with the production and operational benefits, of IoT-enabled predictive maintenance are significant, often >20% of addressable costs. Equipment OEMs are starting to introduce various PdM-based services that help them differentiate their product in the market and further tap into the lucrative aftermarket.

PdM is enabled by a set of new technologies. Sensors intelligently and continually capture data from equipment in the field, optionally processing it at the edge before transmitting critical data to a centrally hosted system for both near real-time and historical analysis. Here new technologies, such as machine learning, advanced analytics and applied data science, play a vital role; as does the ability to process large amounts of data across a significant number of devices and geographically dispersed assets. These critical technology-enablers work together to detect the equipment and process condition patterns that predict equipment failures, performance degradation, and process upsets.

PdM technology is evolving further. Innovations are continuing in the technological arenas that enable condition monitoring, including advanced sensing, advanced analytics, asset condition visualization, simulation, and user experience.

This report provides an overview of the ongoing shift in technology, the state of current PdM implementation projects in various industries, provides a landscape of companies enabling this shift and discusses the trends accompanying IoT and PdM specifically.

Source: IoT Analytics Research
Definition in Detail

In short: Predictive Maintenance (PdM) is a maintenance technique, based on the monitoring of equipment conditions combined with different sets of (real-time) analytics to achieve cost savings. Like CBM, PdM builds on condition monitoring but has a unique set of advantages. PdM is different from other maintenance approaches. It combines various sensor readings, sometimes external data sources and performs powerful analytics on thousands of logged events. 

(See next 4 slides for details)

**Definition**

*Predictive maintenance* describes a set of techniques to...

... accurately monitor the *current condition* of machines or any type of industrial equipment, 
... using either *on-premise* or *cloud analytics solutions*
... with the goal to predict upcoming machine failure by using automated (near) *real-time analytics* and *supervised or unsupervised machine learning*. *(Note: Today’s PdM implementations often use “near real-time” analytics i.e. with several minutes of delay)*

>> This approach promises *cost savings* over routine or time-based preventive maintenance, because tasks are performed only when warranted

**What it is NOT**

*Reactive Maintenance*: Run-to-failure – i.e., only performing maintenance when problems occur
*Preventive Maintenance*: Regularly scheduled maintenance – using either time intervals or usage as a trigger
*Proactive Maintenance*: Root cause analysis – Measures are taken to prevent equipment failure altogether
*Condition-based Maintenance (CBM)*\(^1\): Machine status monitoring – Use of sensors to monitor current asset condition, without performing further analytics (i.e., predicting remaining useful life or overall machine health)
*Prescriptive Maintenance*\(^2\): Machines “self-diagnose” and schedule maintenance *(Note: This concept builds on predictive maintenance but is not widely adopted today)*

\(^1\) CBM and PdM base on the concept of condition monitoring, but differ in sophistication levels.
\(^2\) Prescriptive Maintenance builds on PdM

Source: IoT Analytics Research
Comparison to Other Maintenance Approaches (1/4)

Functional view

A. Maintenance Approaches w/o Sensing Technologies

1. Reactive Maintenance
   - Run-to-failure-strategy
   **Result:** Low routine maintenance costs but high costs in case of equipment failure and risk of long downtimes

2. Preventive Maintenance
   - Maintenance is planned and performed in regular intervals
   - Time or a usage triggers are used to schedule maintenance
   **Result:** Reduced likelihood of failure, but an ongoing-effort is necessary

3. Proactive Maintenance
   - Determining the root causes for machine failure
   - Taking measures / corrective actions to avoid equipment failure altogether e.g., Give workers training on best-practice machine operation
   **Result:** Reasons for equipment failure are avoided

B. Maintenance Approaches Using Sensing Technologies

4. Condition-based Maintenance
   - Condition Monitoring via sensors
   - Maintenance is performed, only when equipment problems have been registered
   **Result:** Anomalies are identified and resolved prior to functional failure
   **Implementation variations:** Hand-held devices or retrofitted/previous integrated sensors

5. Predictive Maintenance
   - Condition Monitoring is enhanced by advanced statistics, stochastics, real-time analytics or even machine learning algorithms, which allow to make predictions on when equipment will fail
   - On-Premise and/or Cloud analytics
   **Result:** Equipment failure is predicted and preventative actions can be taken
   **Implementation variations:** Using static-rule-based analytics or using dynamic-model-based analytics (Type B)

6. Prescriptive Maintenance
   - Machines “self-diagnose” and schedule maintenance
   **Result:** Completely automated maintenance workflow

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1. Sometimes also referred to as “diagnostics”
2. Sometimes also referred to as “prognostics”

Source: IoT Analytics Research
Comparison to Other Maintenance Approaches (2/4)

Analytics View

**4 Condition-based Maintenance**

Single sensor reading

- **Failure**
- **Critical Value**
- **Average**

**Functionality**

Critical values are defined based on experience or specifications set by the machine supplier. Each sensor is monitored individually. Warnings occur only if critical values are reached or experts identify unusual sensor readings.

**Calculated Value**

**Warning signal** (provides information that unusual machine activity has been registered)

**Improvement measures**

Possibility to manually alter critical value threshold over time, based on experience

**5a Type A PdM\(^1\)**

Many sensor readings + ext. data

- Situation #1.1
- Situation #1.2
- Situation #1.n

- Situation #2.1
- Situation #2.2
- Situation #2.n

- Situation #X.1
- Situation #X.2
- Situation #X.n

+ operational / environmental data

**Functionality**

Condition monitoring is used as the basis for predictive maintenance, combining multiple timelines and all measurable parameters.

- **Static rules** enable **failure identification**.
- **Dynamic models** enable the **prediction of failure likelihood**.

**Calculated Value**

- **Combined health or risk score** (indicates how critical equipment status is)
- **Calculated Remaining Useful Life (RUL)** (gives exact information on a timeframe in which maintenance needs to be scheduled)

**Improvement measures**

Automatic improvement of prediction capabilities by constantly feeding maintenance logs into the model, thus further advancing machine learning algorithms.

**5b Type B PdM\(^2\)**

Many sensor readings + ext. data

- Situation #1.1
- Situation #1.2
- Situation #1.n

- Situation #2.1
- Situation #2.2
- Situation #2.n

- Situation #X.1
- Situation #X.2
- Situation #X.n

+ operational / environmental data

"In contrast to condition monitoring] Predictive maintenance applies analytical models and rules against the data to proactively predict an impending issue; it then delivers recommendations to operations, maintenance and IT departments to address the issue." Source: IIC

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1. Type A = Static-rule based analytics  
2. Type B = Dynamic-model-based analytics  
Source: IoT Analytics Research

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### Comparison to Other Maintenance Approaches

#### Maintenance Technician View

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<th><strong>5. Predictive Maintenance</strong></th>
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<td><strong>Maintenance Trigger</strong></td>
<td>If monitoring shows critical values</td>
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1. Sometimes also referred to as “prognostics”  
2. Static Rules = Using static methods such as SPSS, regression  
3. Dynamic Models = Using dynamic models such as Bayesian Networks, etc.

Source: IoT Analytics Research
## Example of a Typical Motor or Generator

<table>
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<th>Typical signs of failure</th>
<th>Optimal Operation</th>
<th>Vibration begins</th>
<th>Wear evidence</th>
<th>Audible Noise</th>
<th>Motor fails</th>
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<td><strong>5 Predictive Maintenance</strong></td>
<td>Up to 3 months prior to failure</td>
<td>Vibration anomaly identified – Remaining Useful Life Calculated</td>
<td>Performance decrease</td>
<td>Hot to touch</td>
<td>Event pre-empted</td>
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<td><strong>4 Condition-based Maintenance</strong></td>
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<td>Reactive Maintenance after failure</td>
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1. The later maintenance is performed, the more accurate predictions get.  
**Source:** Adapted from DELL, IoT Analytics Research
Total PdM Market
Predictive Maintenance a $1,498M Market in 2016, Expected to Grow to $10,962M by 2022

Page Summary
PdM was a $1.5B global market in 2016. It is expected to grow by 39% annually to $10.96B by 2022.

The main aspects driving this growth are:
• New PdM-based business models
• Increased senior executive buy-in for IoT/PdM implementations
• General decrease in cost of IoT technology
• Favorable technology replacement from CBM to PdM

Global Market Development (PdM)

Global Market Size\(^1\) in $M

<table>
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<th>Year</th>
<th>Market Size</th>
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<td>2016</td>
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<td>2017</td>
<td>2,154</td>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>3,070</td>
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<td>4,305</td>
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<td>8,146</td>
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<td>2022</td>
<td>10,962</td>
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Key drivers:
1. **New PdM business models.** The growth of PdM is to a large extent driven by new PdM-based business models (e.g., ThyssenKrupp’s MAX elevator service – see use case 4).
2. **Senior executive buy-in.** As (industrial) firms double down on their “digitization efforts”, CEOs/CDOs increasingly see the benefits of IoT/Digitalization/PdM, subsequently push for PdM projects.
3. **Decrease in cost for IoT technology.** IoT technology is getting cheaper at a fast pace due to standardization and scale effects, thereby making the business case for PdM more attractive. (e.g., declining prices for cloud, connectivity)
4. **Favorable technology replacement.** Some existing condition monitoring solutions are upgraded to more sophisticated PdM solutions. → see next page

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1. Market Size defined as entire “Annual PdM technology-spend” by companies implementing PdM solutions in USD
Source: IoT Analytics Research
Company Profile (2/10) : Sanitized company

Company Basics

- **Headquarters:** Redwood City, CA, USA
- **Type:** xxx
- **Revenue:** xxx
- **Employees:** xxx
- **Founding date:** xxx
- **CEO:** xxx

Company Description

Originally established in the energy sector COMPANY (before: xxx) offers a comprehensive platform as a service (PaaS) for the rapid design, development, deployment, and operation of next-generation AI and IoT applications that unlock data-driven insights and transform business processes. The company led by xxx has received more than $100M in funding and a $1.4B valuation. It has invested more than $300M in its technology platform.

PdM Technology

The xxx Predictive Maintenance SaaS application is built on the COMPANY technology Platform. It is a fully integrated application, which ingests, cleans, normalizes, and analyzes data, and then employs multiple machine learning algorithms to identify and predict assets likely to fail. PdM employs both supervised machine learning algorithms as well as anomaly detection in cases when labeled failure data are unavailable. COMPANY claims to be making 8M predictions per day with >95% accuracy.

Differentiators

- Deep experience in the energy industry
- Patent pending graph network representation capability to reconstruct and visualize complex networked systems

Project Experience

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<td>Oil &amp; Gas</td>
<td>Large Oil Producer</td>
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1. Industry Focus = Industries with most traction / known implemented projects
Source: COMPANY, IoT Analytics Research

Ecosystem Partners

- Amazon Web Services
- McKinsey & Company
- Exelon
- ENGIE

Customers

- 1. Energy: x
- 2. Oil & Gas: x
- 3. Metals & Mining
- 4. Chemicals
- 5. Pulp & Paper
- 6. Water & Wastewater
- 7. Machinery
- 8. Automotive & Transport: x
- 9. Discrete other: x
- 10. Healthcare
- 11. Buildings: x
- 12. Consumer Products
- 13. Other: x
# Predictive Maintenance Use Cases (2/11)

## Name
Predictive Analytics as a Service for Flow Control Products

## Project description

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<th>Company:</th>
<th>COMPANY Corporation</th>
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<td>Location:</td>
<td>Irving, TX, USA</td>
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<tr>
<td>Company size:</td>
<td>&gt; 10,000 employees</td>
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<td>Project Start Date:</td>
<td>2014 (estimated)</td>
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<td>Status:</td>
<td>In deployment</td>
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<td>No. of connected devices:</td>
<td>&gt; 5,000 Pumps</td>
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## Description
Pump manufacturer COMPANY offers a Predictive Maintenance as a service solution for its own pumps.

## Solution Brief
COMPANY engaged several technology vendors to work together on a comprehensive PdM technology for their pumps. The company now offers a complete PdM-Solution as a Service, with the option to integrate the solution into the customer’s existing processes. Pumps can be purchased including sensory hardware and older pumps’ retrofit later on. The solution enables predictions ~6 days prior to failure, an improvement of 20x, only 2% of alerts are false positives.

## Technology

### Analytics modelling approach:

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<th>Data Cleansing</th>
<th>Dimension Reduction</th>
<th>Feature Space Navigation</th>
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<td>Aggregated data from 3 files based on common time stamps</td>
<td>Analysed data over time to study trends and reduce dimensions</td>
<td>Created new feature abstract spaces using Machine Learning</td>
<td>Applied optimization methods to reduce false positives and maximize time to prediction</td>
<td>Used a prediction algorithm to predict the next failure once higher order features were extracted and optimized</td>
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**Provided data:**
- 3 months historical sensor data in 10 second time resolution
- Component failure logs
- Additional data from artificially generated failures

## Technology partners

- **Hewlett Packard Enterprise**
  - Hardware
- **OSIsoft**
  - PI System
- **Edge-Solution**
  - IoT Platform (Thingworx)
- **ptc**
  - Predictive analytics
- **sparkcognition**
  - Cognitive Analytics in Action

## Latest information
Oct 2016: COMPANY and Honeywell collaborate on further IIoT Solutions

## Further resources

Methodology of this study

Overall Methodology

The report at hand is based on extensive desktop web and literary research, 25 expert interviews with key stakeholders in the predictive maintenance market (technology vendors and technology users), as well as conference materials from various IoT/Maintenance focused events and further web data analysis.

Expert interviews were equally distributed across SMEs and MNCs, and a few startups. The technology companies were selected from the fields of condition monitoring, industrial automation, IoT-storage & platforms and predictive analytics. A few companies offering PdM as a Service with their products were also interviewed.

Market Sizing Criteria

The market for 2016 was sized using a bottom-up approach, summing up the PdM-related revenues of known companies in the field. In cases where the revenue for predictive maintenance related offerings was not known, it was estimated on the relevance of PdM for the company in relation to its latest overall report revenue numbers or (if not reported) based on an employee-based revenue estimate. Technology and industry splits were based on insights gained in expert interviews and through the use of web indicators such as employment status.

The forecast to 2022 is a triangulation of a.) IoT-based market growth forecasts, b.) past growth in Predictive Maintenance as well as other maintenance strategies, such as Condition-based Maintenance and Preventive Maintenance which are about to be replaced by PdM in the upcoming years and c.) Current growth figures (2015 to 2016) in this field that some of the technology vendors are reporting (sometimes only “ballpark figures” d.) Expert opinion.