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Using Multi-Criteria Decision Making for Selecting Maintenance Strategy

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Middle East Technical University Industrial Engineering Department undergraduate students had started transformation journey with BOSCH Bursa Facility for senior year project.

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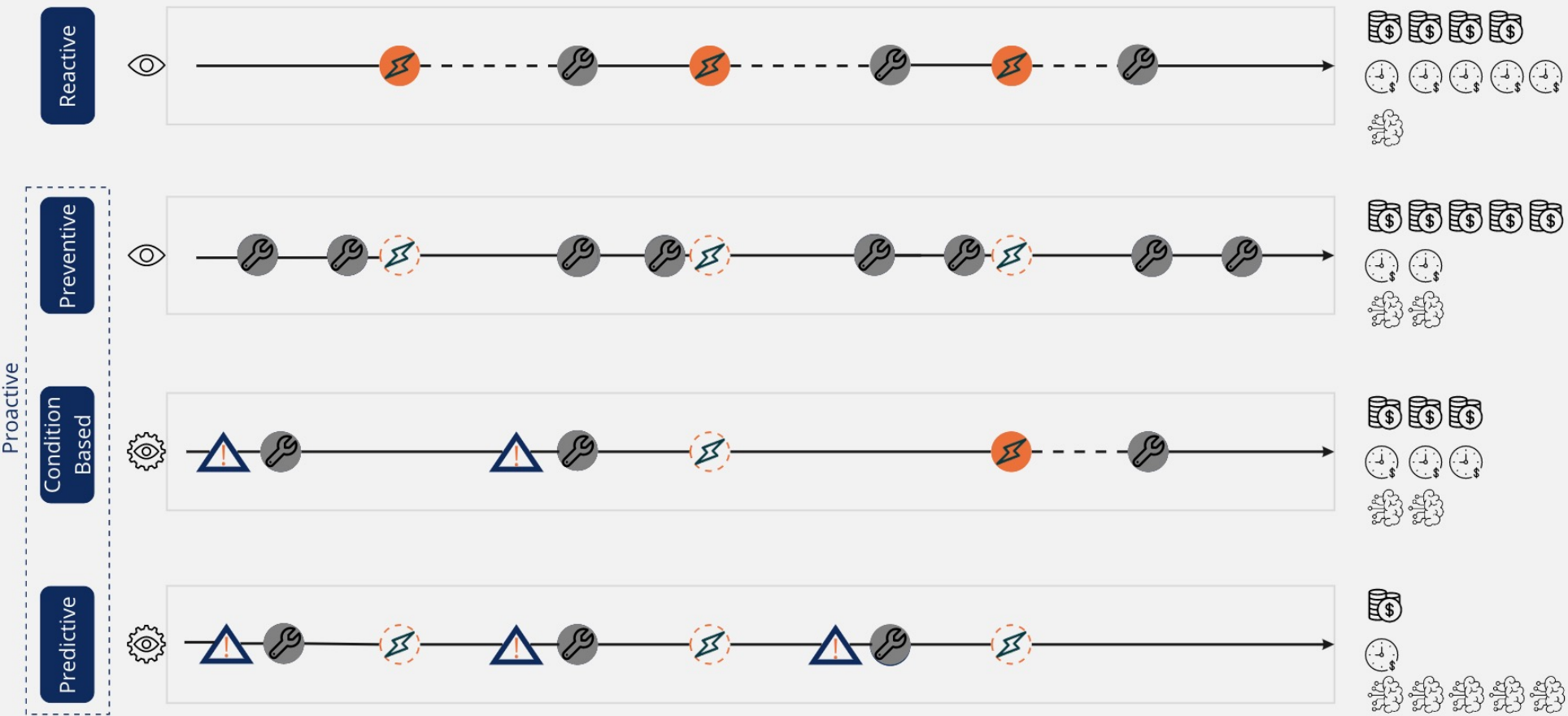
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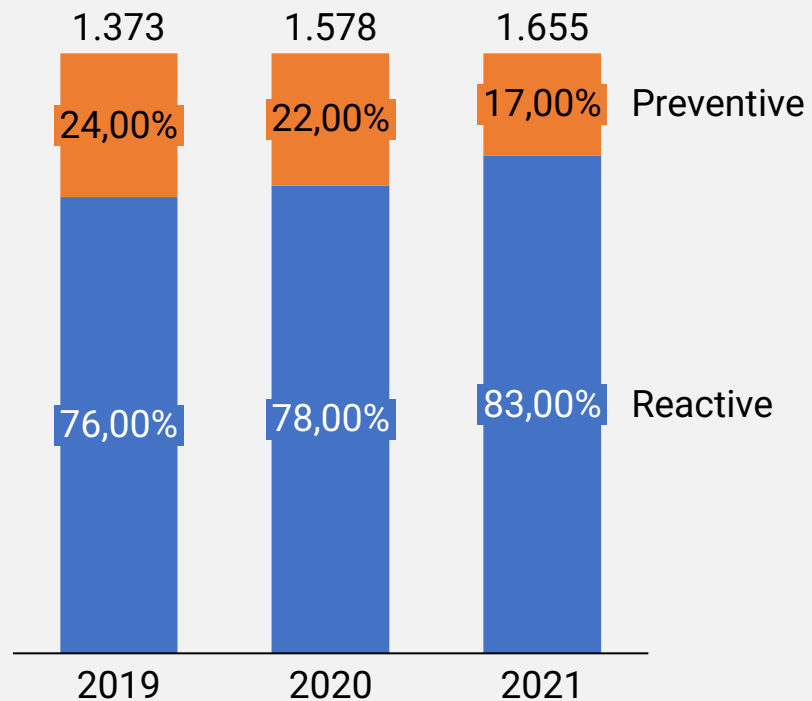
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How we use MCDM ?

- Which maintenance strategy is appropriate for which machines?
- Which fitness criterion should be used to select maintenance strategy for machines?
- Which MCDM method is suitable for current situation?

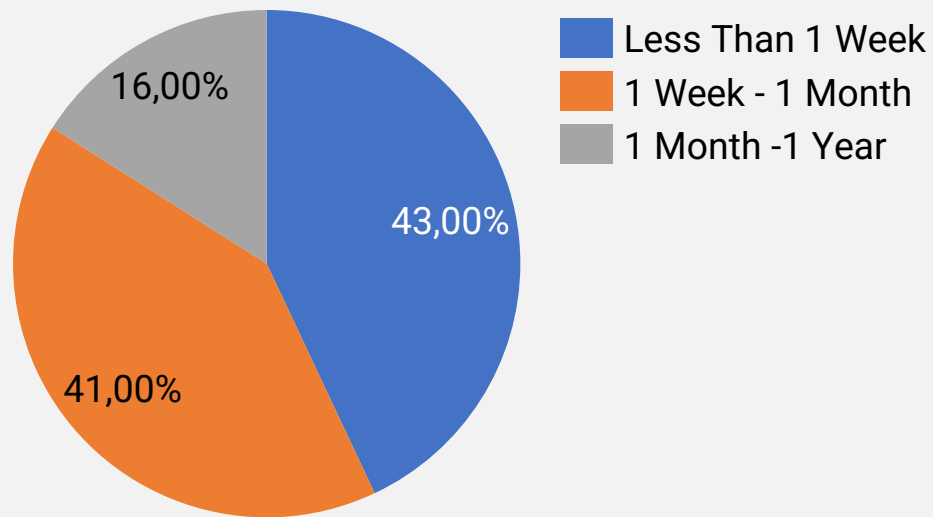
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Maintenance records for maintenance strategies from years

According to last 3 years records, approximately 80% of the maintenance activities can be identified as reactive maintenance and the remaining are pro-active preventive maintenance .

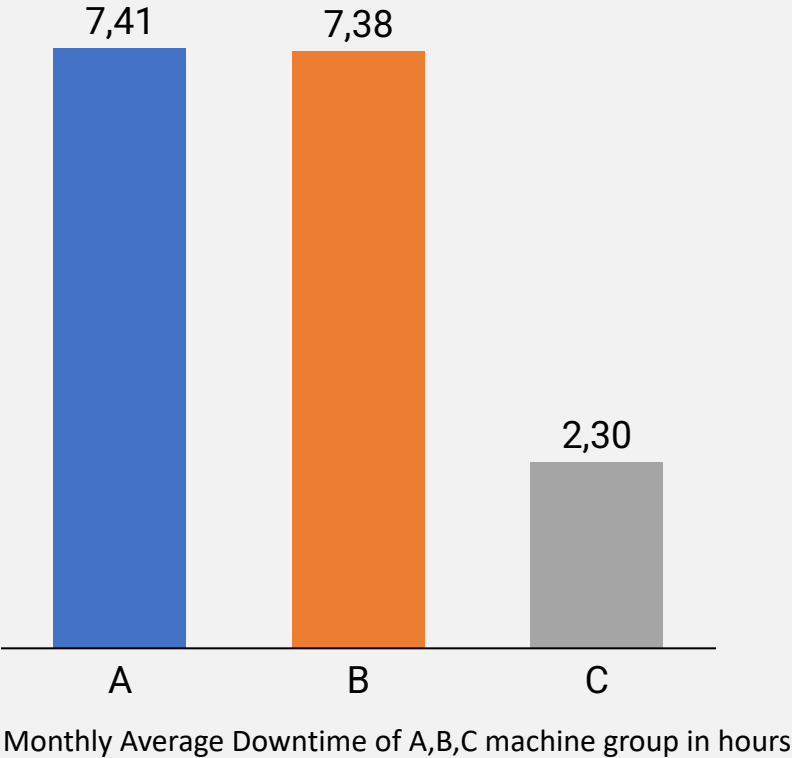
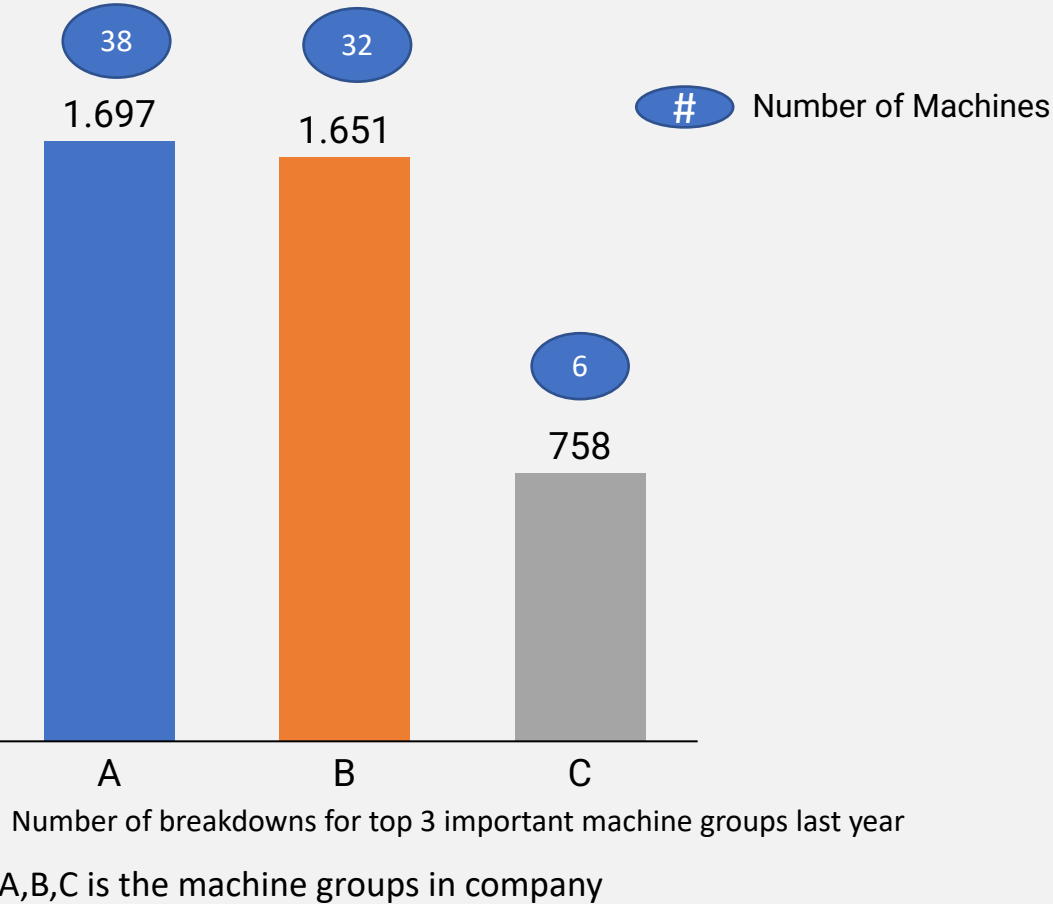
To analyse the effectiveness of the maintenance we have control the first breakdown after applying the preventive maintenance.



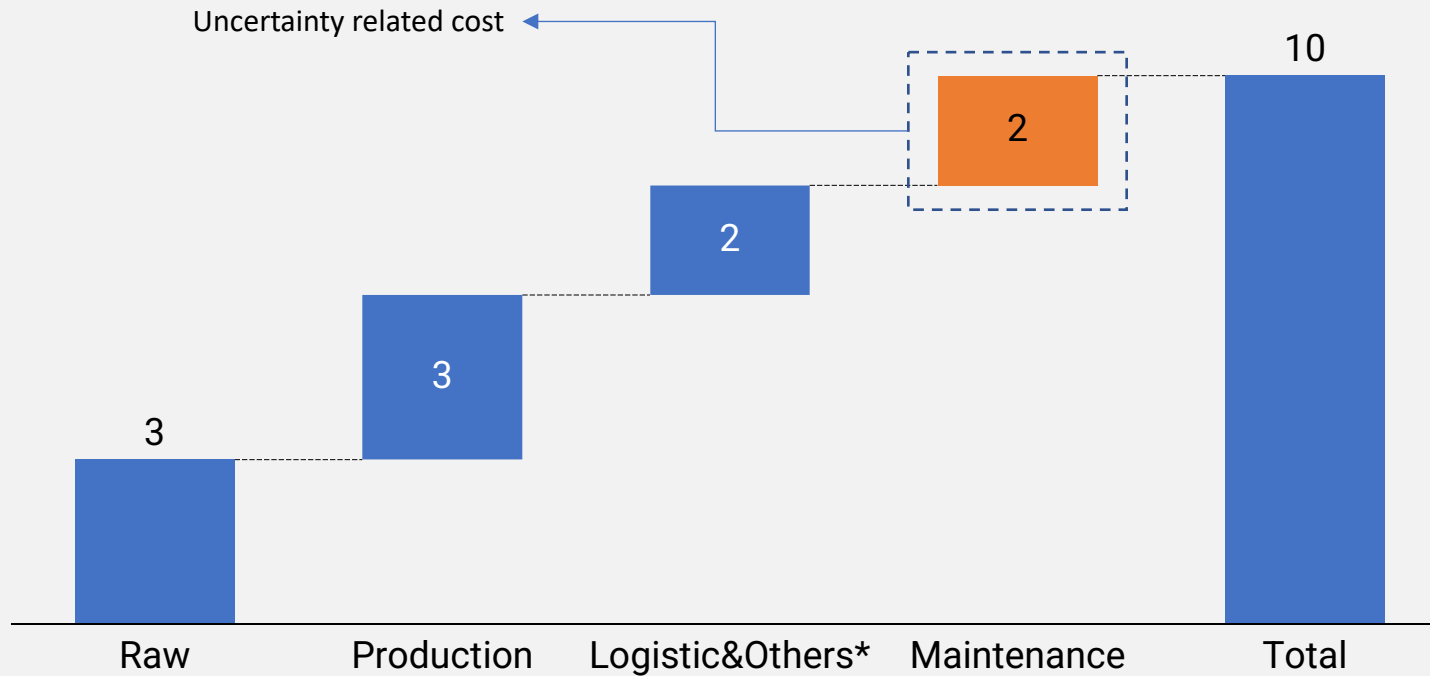
First occurrence of breakdown after applying preventive maintenance

Since the 84% of the time passed until failure after preventive maintenance is shorter than a month, effectiveness of application of preventive maintenance can be identified as low.

We have analysed maintenance records of Bosch and realised that there are significant downtimes due to unexpected machine breakdowns.



There are several cost items for producing one unit. The most uncertain cost is maintenance cost. The unexpected breakdowns interrupts the production process and increase this cost.



Cost components of average product.

To avoid these uncertainties, sufficient predictions could have positive impact on maintenance cost and the seamless production.

Predictive maintenance is one of the effective ways to handle with consequences of unanticipated breakdowns.

To analyse the appropriateness of predictive maintenance to machines, several criterion which indicate cost and uncertainty are considered.



1-Cost Related Features

- Total cost of failure
- Total number of failure

2-Time Related Features

- Mean time to repair
- Mean time between failure

3-Uncertainty Related Features

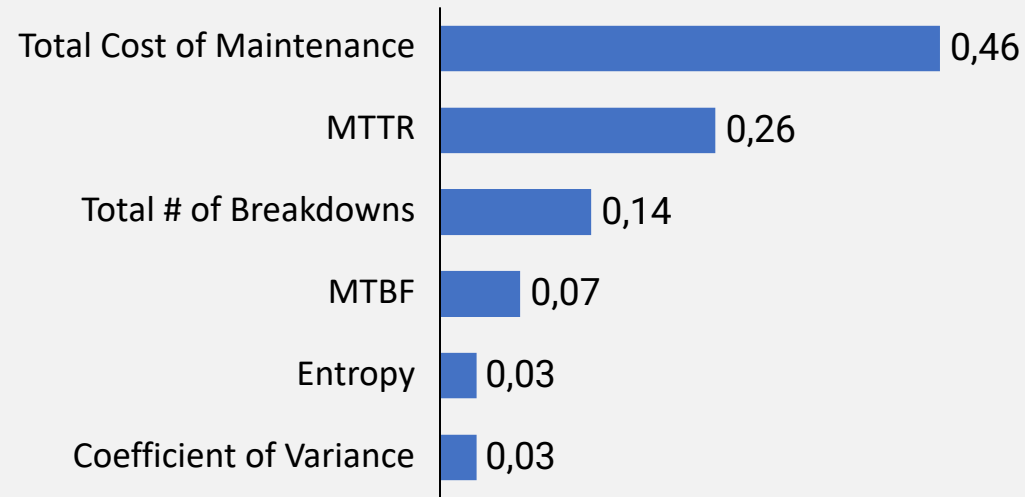
- Entropy
- Coefficient of Variation

After deciding the criterion, relative importance are evaluated by using Analytic Hierarchical Process ^[1] applied with the help of Bosch engineers & executives

Evaluate the importance criteria

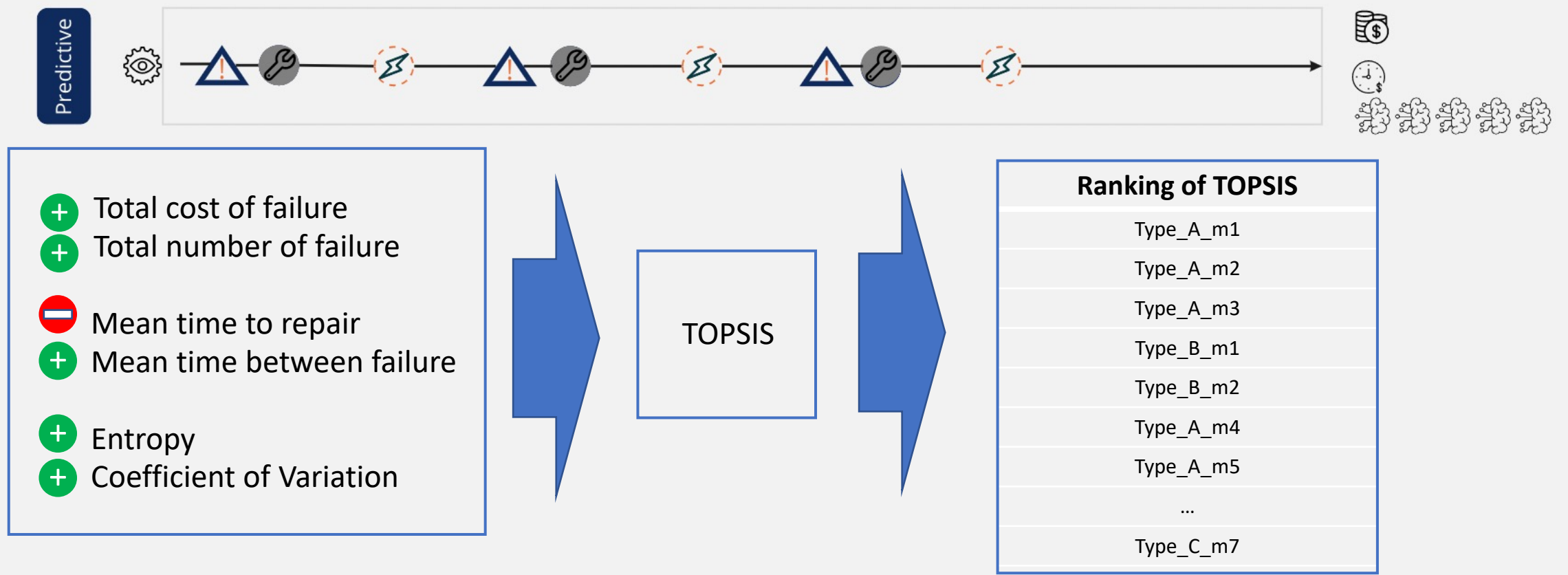
Preference Scales	
Scale	Description
1	Equally Important
3	Moderately Important
5	Strongly Important
7	Very Strongly Important
9	Extremely Important
2,4,6,8	Intermediate Values

After applying AHP, we checked the consistency of our calculations.



Consistency
Ratio
 $R=0.045 < 0.1$

After importance factors are evaluated by using AHP, positive and negative ideal points for fitness to predictive maintenance strategy are identified for TOPSIS analysis.



Proposing the list of the appropriateness of machines, Bosch chose the top 5 machines due to their budget limit.

Ranking of TOPSIS
Type_A_m1
Type_A_m2
Type_A_m3
Type_B_m1
Type_B_m2
Type_A_m4
Type_A_m5
...
Type_C_m7

Investment for each machine are mutually compatible. The cost of sensors are considered for selected number of machines.

Conclusions

- Strategy selection for maintenance is an multi dimensional project.
- When considering maintenance strategy, features that show uncertainty has an important impact.
- Correct maintenance strategy selection can increase the observing affect of maintenance.

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