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ISO 14224 – with semantics

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Situation



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Positive

- The ISO14224 standard is a conceptualisation of how equipment can be structured for reliability and maintenance data collection.
- ISO 14224 is widely used in industry.
- SAP is ubiquitous in many organisation. The way maintenance data is capture in the SAP APM software maps to many fields identified in ISO 14224.

Challenges

- ISO 14224 does not define functions.
- There is no agreed set of engineering functions. Though concepts have been defined in 1) DOLCE ontological functions and listed in 2) the IEC 81346 standard
- There are levels in an equipment hierarchy (equipment, subunit, maintainable item, component) – each with functions.
- Each function will have potential functional failures.
- Is it possible to give semantic meaning to common equipment functions and related loss of function to semantic concepts for failure descriptors?

What is the ISO 14224:2016 standard?



- ISO 14224 provides a structured approach to collecting and exchanging reliability and maintenance data.
- The standard covers a wide range of equipment used in the process industries during their operational life cycle.
- Users of the standard aims to improve the reliability, availability, and maintainability of equipment by standardising data representation and exchange between different organisations (e.g. operators, contractors, manufacturers).
- The main categories of data described in the standard are:
 - equipment data, e.g. equipment taxonomy, equipment attributes;
 - failure data, e.g. failure cause, failure consequence;
 - maintenance data, e.g. maintenance action, resources used, maintenance consequence, down time.

Who uses the ISO 14224 standard?



- The original developers of the ISO 14224 standard were organisations involved in the oil and gas and petrochemical industries.
- Today ISO 14224 is also used as a reference by other process plant organisations such as in the mining and mineral processing industries.
- The equipment hierarchy breakdown structure and list of concepts (such as failure modes) form the basis of the OREDA database for industry failure rate data for use in offshore oil and gas equipment design. This includes functional safety data.
- The [OREDA data collection project](#) has been going for more than 43 years.
- SAP, a multinational software company providing enterprise software to most of the Western World's process plants uses many ISO 14224 definitions in its SAP-APM (asset performance management) software. Many relevant classes of data in SAP APM are directly mappable to ISO 14224 concepts.

Comparing SAP, ISO 14224 & IEC 60812 definitions



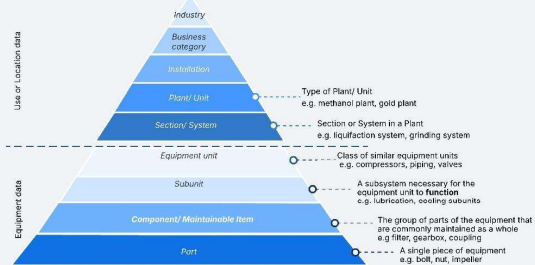
Term	SAP definition*	ISO 14224:2016 definition (Collection and exchange of reliability and maintenance data for equipment)	IEC 60812:2020 definition (Failure modes and effects analysis)
Function	statement of what the user wants an item (equipment, etc.) to do and to what standard of performance.	n/a	n/a
Failure	n/a	<of an item> loss of ability to perform as required <i>Note 1: A failure of an item is an event that results in a fault of that item</i>	n/a
Functional Failure	the termination of the ability of an item (equipment, etc.) to perform a required function.	n/a	n/a
Failure mode	the way in which the inability of an item (such as equipment) to perform a required function occurs.	manner in which failure occurs	Same as for ISO 14224:2016 <i>Note 1: a FM may be determined by function lost or other state transition</i>
Failure mechanism	description of the physical, chemical, or other processes which have led to the failure (mode).	process that leads to failure, the process can be physical, chemical, logical or combination	Same as for ISO 14224:2016 but the 2nd clause is in a Note.
Causes	circumstances during design, manufacture, or use which have triggered the failure mechanism and led to the failure (mode).	set of circumstances that leads to failure	Same as for ISO 14224:2016
Failure effect	describes what happens to the item (such as equipment) when a Failure Mode occurs.	n/a	consequence of a failure, within or beyond the boundary of the failed item
Item	n/a	subject being considered. <i>Notes: Item can be an individual part, component, device, functional unit, equipment, subsystem or system. Also, hardware, software and/or people.</i>	Same as for ISO 14224:2016
Maintainable item	Same as ISO 14224:2016	item that constitutes a part or an assembly of parts that is normally the lowest level in the equipment hierarchy during maintenance.	n/a

* From SAP Asset Reliability Engineering [page](#)

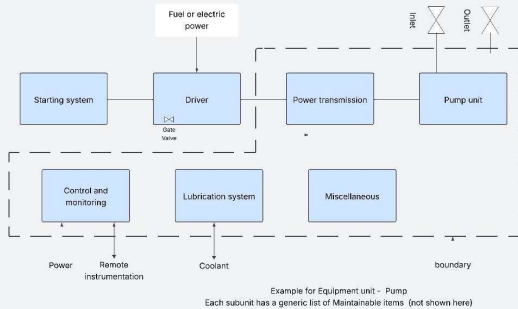
ISO 14224:2016 and other processes and tables



Establish a taxonomy for asset data in line with ISO 14224 hierarchy

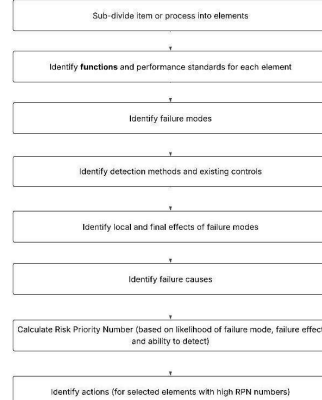


ISO 14224 Generic functional diagrams for each equipment unit in terms of subunits



Example for Equipment unit - Pump
Each subunit has a generic list of Maintainable items (not shown here)

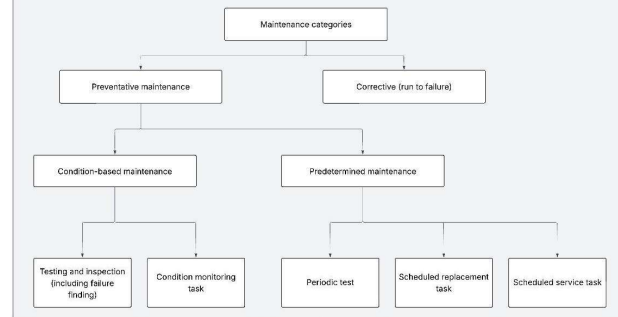
IEC 60812 FMEA process for each element



RELIABILITY-CENTRED MAINTENANCE DECISION TREE TO IDENTIFY MAINTENANCE TASKS TO ADDRESS SIGNIFICANT FAILURE MODES

Use Reliability-Centred Maintenance (or similar decision tree) to identify maintenance category for each significant failure mode for each element of interest (Equipment Unit/ Subunit/ Maintainable item)
RCM takes into account the consequence of each failure mode and the failure behaviour

Identify maintenance category for each significant element and each significant failure mode (ISO 14224 classification)



DEVELOP MAINTENANCE PLAN FROM IDENTIFIED TASKS

EXECUTE MAINTENANCE PLAN

COLLECT FAILURE AND MAINTENANCE DATA

ISO 14224 FAILURE MODES (table shows a few examples only)

Failure modes should normally relate to the equipment-class level in the asset hierarchy

- Failure modes are categorised as three types:
- function not obtained
 - function lost or outside of acceptable limits
 - failure indication observed but no immediate impact e.g. degradation or wear

Failure mode code	Description	Examples
AIR	Abnormal instrument reading	False alarm, faulty instrument indication
BRD	Breakdown	Serious damage (seizure, breakdown)
NOI	Noise	Abnormal noise
POE	Parameter deviation	Monitored parameter exceeds limit
UST	Spurious stop	Unexpected shutdown
VIB	Vibration	Abnormal vibration

ISO 14224 failure data requirements per failure event

Data category	Data to be recorded	Description
Identification	Failure record*	Unique failure record identifier
	Equipment identifier/ Location*	e.g. tag number
Failure data	Failure date*	Date of failure identification
	Failure mode*	Usually at equipment-unit level
	Failure impact on plant safety (personnel, environment, assets)	Use corporate's risk matrix
	Failure impact on plant operations	Use corporate's risk matrix
	Failure impact on equipment function	Effect on equipment-unit function: critical, degraded or incipient failure
	Failure mechanism	Physical, chemical or other processes that have led to failure
	Failure cause	Circumstances during design, manufacture or use which has led to failure
	Subunit failed	Name of the subunit that failed
	Component/ Maintainable item(s) failed	Name of the failed component/ maintainable item(s)
	Detection method	How the failure was detected
Operating condition at failure*	Run-down, start-up, running, hot standby, idle, cold standby, testing	
	SIS failure mode classification	For Safety Instrumented Systems (DO, DU, SU, SD)

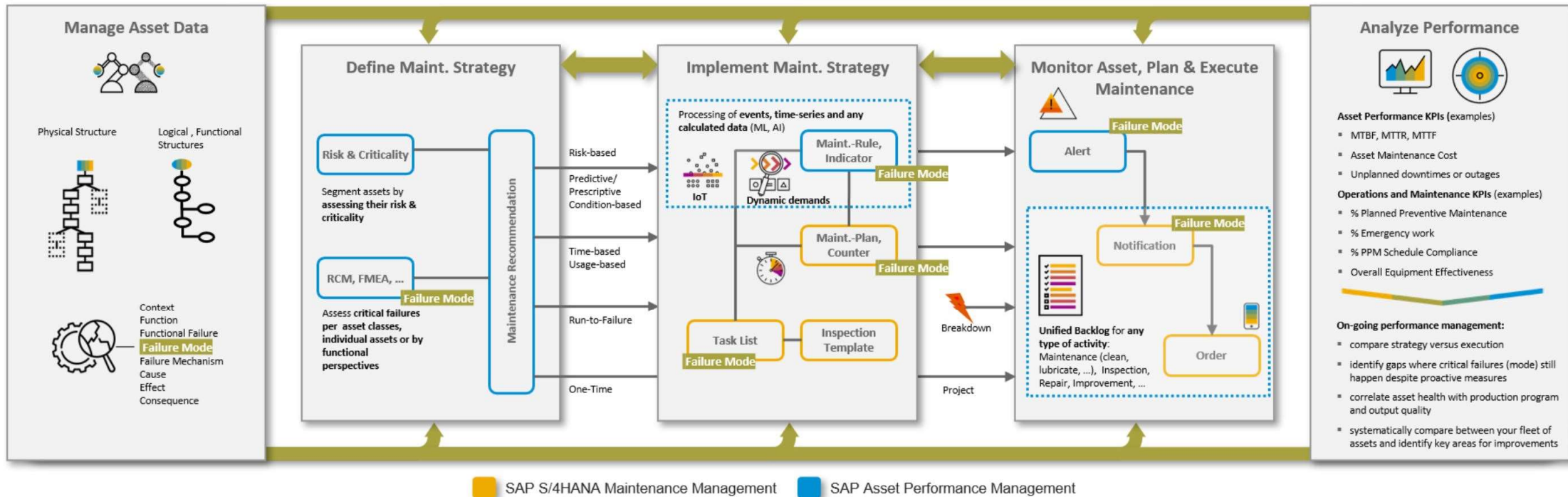
ISO 14224 FAILURE MECHANISMS
Failure mechanisms should be at subunit or maintainable item levels

Failure mechanism	FM subdivision	Failure mechanism	FM subdivision
Mechanical failure	General	Instrument failure	General
	Leakage		Control failure
	Vibration		No signal/ indication/ alarm
	Clearance/ alignment		Faulty signal/ indication/ alarm
	Deformation		Out of adjustment
	Looseness		Software error
Material failure	Sticking	Electrical failure	Common cause/ common mode
	General		General
	Cavitation		Short circuit
	Corrosion		Open circuit
	Erosion		No power/voltage
	Wear		Faulty power/ voltage
Miscellaneous	Breakage	External influence	Earth/ isolation fault
	Fatigue		General
	Overheating		Blockage/ plugged
	Burst		Contamination
	General		Misc. external influence
	No cause found		
	Combined causes		
	Other		
	Unknown		

SAP APM

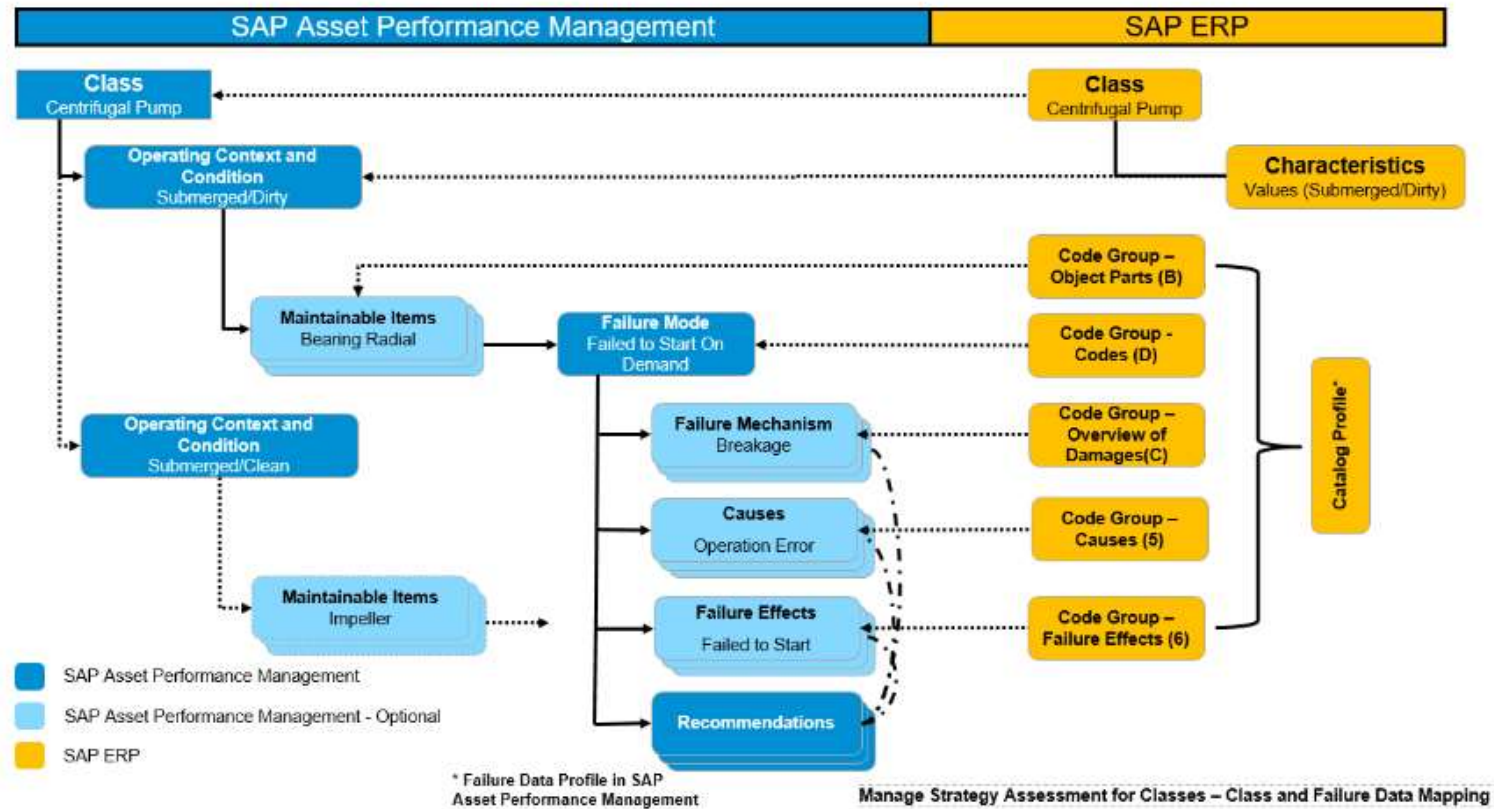


Seamlessly integrated and harmonized to optimize Maintenance Programs, increased Business Outcome



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Under the hood in SAP APM – reuse of ISO 14224 concepts

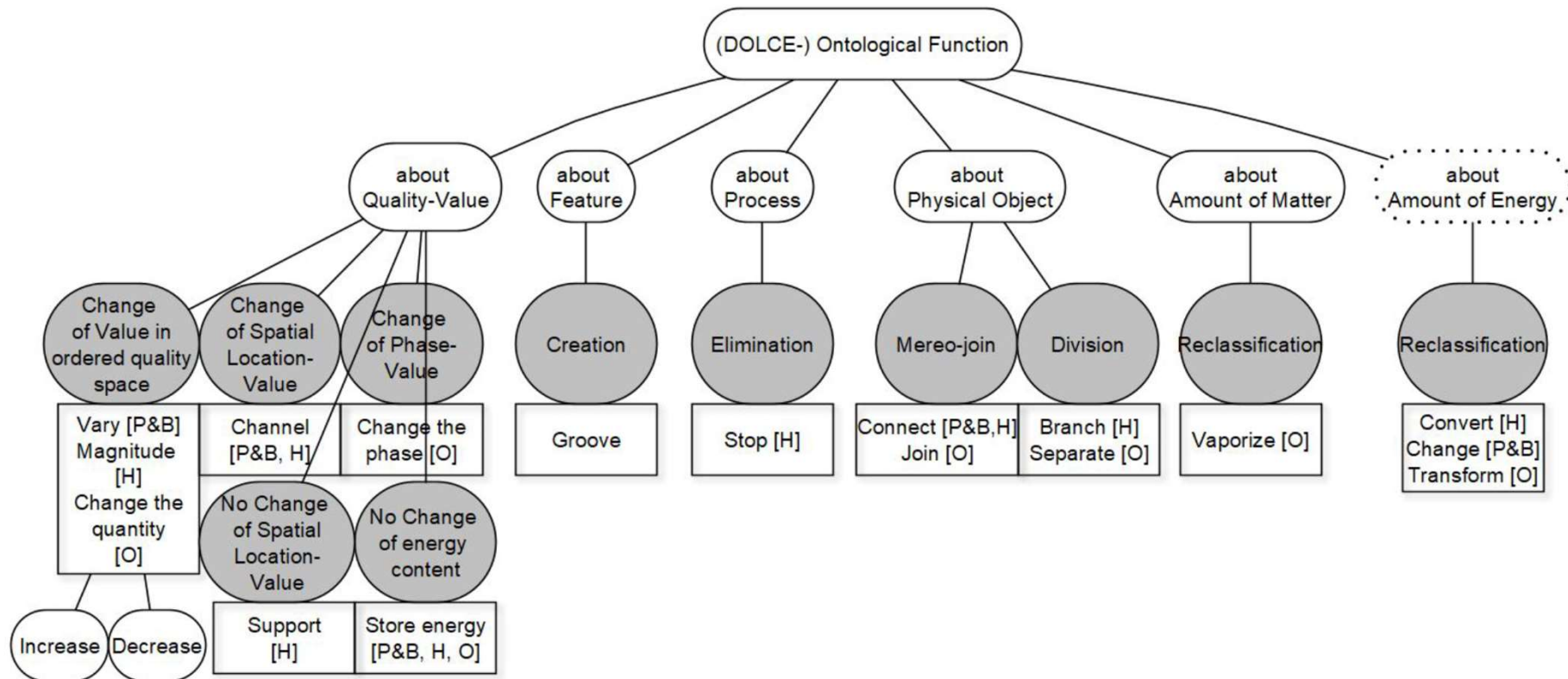


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DOLCE Ontological Function



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Ref; Compagno Thesis 2024 Fig 3.2

Thinking about how to distinguish between ISO 14224 failure mechanisms



Failure mechanism	FM subdivision	Involves fluid or hydraulic force	Involves electrical or magnetism force	Involves kinetic energy	Involves change in material properties	Involves loss or gain of material from equip	Involves nothing happening when it should	Involves an output or path being not as desired	Involves thermal energy	Failure mechanism	FM subdivision	Involves fluid or hydraulic force	Involves electrical or magnetism force	Involves kinetic energy	Involves change in material properties	Involves loss or gain of material from equip	Involves nothing happening when it should	Involves an output or path being not as desired	Involves thermal energy
Mechanical failure	General									Instrument failure	General								
	Leakage	Y									Control failure						Y		
	Vibration			Y							No signal/ indication/ alarm						Y		
	Clearance/ alignment			Y							Faulty signal/ indication/ alarm							Y	
	Deformation			Y							Out of adjustment							Y	
	Looseness			Y							Software error							Y	
	Sticking			Y							Common cause/ common mode								
Material failure	General									Electrical failure	General								
	Cavitation	Y			Y						Short circuit		Y					Y	Y
	Corrosion	Y	Y		Y						Open circuit		Y				Y		
	Erosion	Y			Y	Y					No power/voltage						Y		
	Wear			Y	Y	Y					Faulty power/ voltage		Y					Y	
	Breakage			Y	Y						Earth/ isolation fault		Y					Y	Y
	Fatigue			Y	Y					External influence	General								
	Overheating				Y				Y		Blockage/ plugged	Y							
	Burst			Y	Y						Contamination	Y							
											Misc. external influence								

IEC 81346 functions

[IEC81346 MaintIE link](#)

[IEC81346 ontology link](#)



IEC 81346 functional objects (top-level)
sensing
storing
emitting
protecting
generating
matter processing
Information processing
driving
covering
presenting
controlling
restricting
human interaction
transforming
holding
guiding
interfacing

PhysicalObject/Sensing/Energy	BH
PhysicalObject/Sensing/Energy/DefinedEnergyDensityFlow	BHA
PhysicalObject/Sensing/Energy/DefinedHeatCapacityThermalFlow	BHB
PhysicalObject/Sensing/Energy/ElectricityFlow	BHC
PhysicalObject/Sensing/Power	BJ
PhysicalObject/Sensing/Power/ScalarOutput	BJA
PhysicalObject/Sensing/Power/BooleanOutput	BJB
PhysicalObject/Sensing/Time	BK
PhysicalObject/Sensing/Time/ScalarOutput	BKA
PhysicalObject/Guiding/ClosedEnclosure	WP
PhysicalObject/Guiding/ClosedEnclosure/CircularRigidForm	WPA
PhysicalObject/Guiding/ClosedEnclosure/NonCircularRigidForm	WPB
PhysicalObject/Guiding/ClosedEnclosure/FlexibleForm	WPC
PhysicalObject/Guiding/MechanicalEnergy	WQ
PhysicalObject/Guiding/MechanicalEnergy/Shaft	WQA
PhysicalObject/Guiding/MechanicalEnergy/Belt	WQB
PhysicalObject/Guiding/MechanicalEnergy/Chain	WQC
PhysicalObject/Guiding/MechanicalEnergy/Linkage	WQD
PhysicalObject/Guiding/MechanicalEnergy/Wheel	WQE
PhysicalObject/Guiding/MechanicalEnergy/ToothedBar	WQF
PhysicalObject/Guiding/MechanicalEnergy/FluidLink	WQG

EXAMPLES OF EQUIPMENT CLASSES

flow energy meter, energy cooling meter, energy meter, energy sensor, gas energy meter

thermal energy meter, condensate sensor, energy cooling meter, energy meter, energy sensor

electric energy meter, kWh sensor

power meter, kW meter

power limit switch

time sensor, clock, time information device

EXAMPLES OF EQUIPMENT CLASSES

pipe

duct, chimney

hose

drive axle, axle

drive belt, moving line, v-belt

drive chain, chain

drive link

wheel, cogwheel, gearwheel

toothed bar

hydraulic hose, hydraulic pipe, pneumatic hose, pneumatic pipe

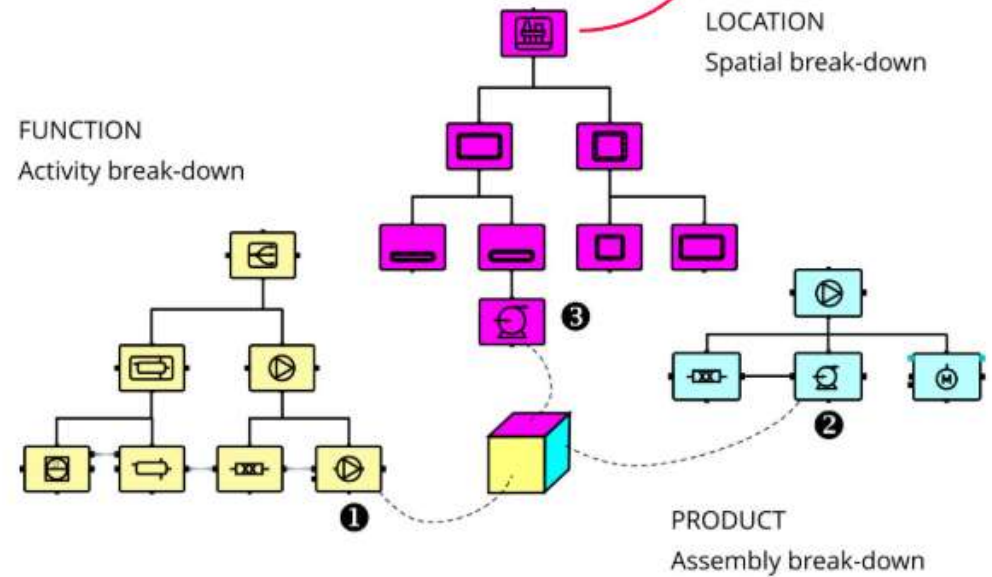
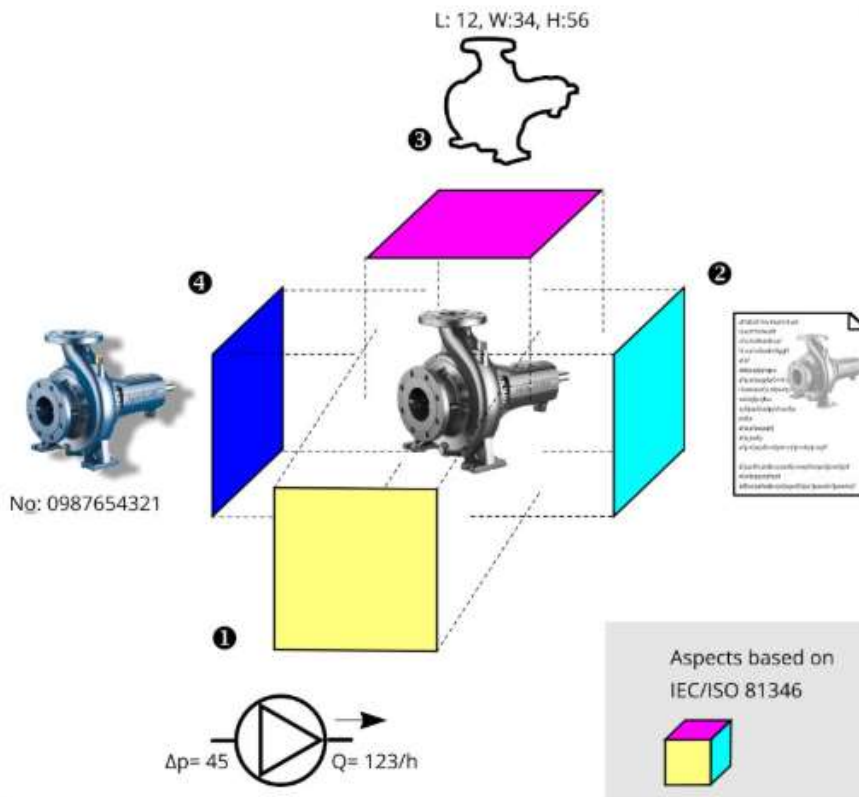
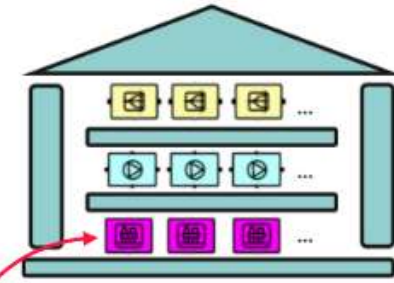
Ref: IEC 81346-2 contains a mapping for '00's equipment to an IEC functional object and sub-functional object

IEC 81346 aspects

Reserved Aspects in IMF extending ISO/IEC 81346



Industry
commons



Thought experiment – function first



IEC 81346 functional objects	DOLCE ontological function	Comment
sensing	Convert/transform (reclassification of energy)	A structure detects a stimulus and converts it into a signal
emitting	Reclassification (of energy or matter)	To send out a beam, noise, smell or gas
matter processing	Reclassification (of matter)	To convert something into something else
presenting	?	
generating	Reclassification (of energy)	Convert
driving		
transforming		
protecting		
storing		
human interaction		
holding		
covering		
interfacing		
restricting		
Information processing		
guiding		

Example Failure Data from Maintenance Work Order



ID	Date	Unstructured Text	NLP Identified Item	NLP 14224 Failure mode	NLP Identified Activity	NLP Identified Subunit	Work Order Type
	12012-10-18	pressure switch undersize	pressure switch		none	control and monitoring	corrective
	22013-02-14	remove pressure switch	pressure switch	Unknown	remove	control and monitoring	corrective
	32013-03-19	calibrate pressure switch	pressure switch	Abnormal instrument reading	calibrate	control and monitoring	corrective
	42013-04-29	pump not pumping well	pump	Low output	none	pump unit	corrective
	52013-05-21	pressure switch leaking	pressure switch	External leakage - process medium	none	control and monitoring	corrective
	62013-06-03	calibrate pressure switch	pressure switch	Abnormal instrument reading	calibrate	control and monitoring	corrective
	72013-06-18	18M electrical service motor	motor		service	driver and electrical	preventative
	82013-06-28	calibrate pressure switch	pressure switch	Abnormal instrument reading	calibrate	control and monitoring	corrective
	92013-08-07	calibrate pressure switch	pressure switch	Abnormal instrument reading	calibrate	control and monitoring	corrective
	102013-10-06	calibrate pressure switch	pressure switch	Abnormal instrument reading	calibrate	control and monitoring	corrective
	112013-10-06	valbe needs replacing	valve	Unknown	remove	pipng and valves	corrective
	122013-12-23	Investigate oil leak	oil	External leakage - utility medium	investigate	lubrication	corrective
	132014-02-10	seal leaking	mechanical seal	External leakage - utility medium	none	pump unit	corrective
	142014-03-20	pressure switch unserviceable	pressure switch	Unknown	none	control and monitoring	corrective
	152014-05-31	check pressure switch	pressure switch	Unknown	check	control and monitoring	corrective
	162014-07-01	pump not pumping	pump	Low output	none	pump unit	corrective
	172014-11-04	install new pressure switch	pressure switch		install	control and monitoring	corrective
	182014-12-16	78W electrical service motor	motor		service	driver and electrical	preventative
	192014-12-31	26W mechanical service pump	pump		service	pump unit	preventative
	202015-03-25	pressure switch failure	pressure switch	Unknown	none	control and monitoring	corrective
	212015-04-20	replace pressure switch	pressure switch	Unknown	replace	control and monitoring	corrective
	222015-05-16	motor tripping on high amps	motor	Spurious shutdown	none	driver and electrical	corrective
	232015-05-19	repair pressure switch	pressure switch	Unknown	repair	control and monitoring	corrective
	242015-06-05	26W mech service pump	pump		service	pump unit	preventative
	252015-11-24	26W mech service pump	pump		service	pump unit	preventative
	262016-06-17	78W electrical service motor	motor		service	driver and electrical	preventative
	272017-06-04	replace pump	pump	Unknown	replace	pump unit	corrective
	282017-06-12	78W electrical service motor	motor		service	driver and electrical	preventative
	292018-06-15	change oil	oil	Unknown	change	lubrication	corrective
	302018-07-03	oil leak from housing seal	mechanical seal	External leakage - utility medium	none	pump unit	preventative
	312019-01-06	pump is tripping	pump	Spurious shutdown	none	pump unit	corrective
	322019-06-06	78W electrical service motor	motor		service	driver and electrical	preventative
	332019-11-26	faulty flowmeter	flowmeter	Unknown	none	control and monitoring	corrective
	342020-02-19	repair pump	pump	Unknown	repair	pump unit	corrective
	352020-04-14	pressure switch faulty	pressure switch	Unknown	none	control and monitoring	corrective
	362020-04-22	replace pressure switch	pressure switch	Unknown	replace	control and monitoring	corrective

Source:PumpdatafroMaintActivityOntolgy.csv