A Framework for Aircraft Maintenance Strategy including CBM

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ABSTRACT

Maintenance Planning plays a vital role in optimizing the benefits of Integrated Vehicle Health Management (IVHM). The challenge is to identify the right combinations of different types (Preventive, CBM and Run-to-Fail) of maintenance tasks for different subsystems or components of complex systems like an aircraft to achieve the most optimized solution in terms of availability, cost and safety. Maintenance Strategy plans most cost effective maintenance type for each fault of a sub-system in such a way that availability and safety are optimized. Also, the strategy should satisfy the important goals viz. technical feasibility and certifiability of the solution. This study presents a RCM based maintenance strategy framework with some modifications over the existing guidelines. The framework has been implemented and is demonstrated with a case study of EPGDS (Electrical Power Generation and Distribution System). The results with arbitrary costing for each task are outlined with the objective of demonstrating the effectiveness of the framework.

1. INTRODUCTION

With growing financial uncertainty, air vehicle operators (both commercial and military) are under tremendous pressure to reduce operational and support costs. Towards this end, it is accepted across the aerospace industry that IVHM is a potentially valuable strategy for the manufacture and management of vehicle platforms. Enhancing availability, reliability and reducing maintenance cost, which are the key matrices towards the goal, are achieved by integrating Maintenance Planning with present and future health assessment, flight / mission planning, resource planning and associated management functions. Optimization of KPIs happens through RCM analysis (maintenance strategy), CBM analysis (viz. selection of algorithms / analytics and sensors, sensor locations, etc.), planning of flight / mission, maintenance and logistics.

Maintenance Strategy, which is generally considered during design phase of development, greatly influences both the system availability and life cycle cost. Reliability-Centered Maintenance (RCM) is a systematic methodology used to identify the preventive maintenance tasks that are necessary to realize the inherent reliability of equipment at the lowest possible cost. Conventional practice of developing a scheduled maintenance program by means of RCM, consists of identifying those preventive tasks which are both applicable (technically feasible) and effective (worth doing). Condition Based Maintenance being a proactive maintenance philosophy is a core element of IVHM. RCM decision logic based on existing guidelines (SAE JA1012, NAVAIR 00-25-403 and ATA MSG-3) needs further extension to select CBM candidates along with Reactive, Preventive candidates in an aircraft.

A number of publications (Keller K., 2001; Feldman K. et al, 2009; Saxena A. et al., 2010; Saxena A., 2012; Nico B. H. et al, 2015) have already proposed cost-benefit analysis (CBA) for deciding CBM for a component. Standalone CBA for a component may not provide optimal solution for large complex systems. To arrive at optimal solution, sequential study of technical feasibility, risk (safety) feasibility and cost feasibility should be carried out in the decision process of all possible maintenance types for components, sub-systems, systems using a specific framework. RCM analysis for maintenance strategy is a
living process for complete lifecycle of the aircraft as periodic reevaluation of the analysis is needed with the maturity of technologies, operational and maintenance data. The data set generated through RCM analysis is used by Maintenance Planner (Adhikari P. P. et al., 2014) where dynamic and online planning of maintenance events are done by clustering different tasks to optimize availability and cost.

The novel approach presented here integrates CBM as part of the maintenance strategy. Additionally it also integrates cost feasibility check through study of ‘worth doing’ in individual task level, ‘cost effectiveness’ option of maintenance strategy (combination of tasks for all faults) in sub-system level and overall framework with shortlisting of maintenance tasks through different levels: fault consequence check, technical feasibility check, risk (safety) feasibility check and cost feasibility check.

2. MAINTENANCE STRATEGY IN IVHM DEVELOPMENT

Maintenance credits are acquired when an IVHM system can replace the existing industry standard maintenance for a given component or complete aircraft system and this enhances availability, maintainability and mission capabilities of aircraft. To reach this level, evolution of IVHM development has to pass through effective process for technology maturation, development, verification, validation, qualification and finally certification.

After determination of the potential functionality and benefits of IVHM, technology maturation efforts are initiated. The maturation efforts are often performed through technology development guided by appropriate roadmaps. Efforts are allocated to RCM analysis, design and analysis of algorithm for diagnostics, prognostics, sensor selection and other enablers related to off-board IVHM. This also includes enhancing the performance of IVHM in terms of increased accuracy, reduced weight, improved reliability, advanced communication and efficient data transfer. Technology gaps and risks are identified and efforts are allocated to fill the gaps and to mitigate the risks. During the maturation phase, the potential benefits and credits of IVHM are re-assessed and validation evidence is gathered through component rigs, integrated simulation framework, and other established processes. V&V process towards airworthiness certification of IVHM will be spread over the following phases (Buderath M. et al., 2012):

- Concept Refinement & Technology Development
- Development
- Controlled Introduction to Service
- Instruction for Continuous Airworthiness (ICA)
- In-service validation.

Figure 1. RCM Analysis in IVHM Development Roadmap
Figure 1 details the typical activities for legacy A/C during concept refinement and technology development, engineering development, certification and qualification. This figure also mentions different SAE ARPs and other guidelines in different phases. During concept refinement and technology development phase, RCM Analysis strategizes maintenance types for sub-systems/components considering technical, safety and economic aspects. This is pre-requisite for CBM analysis which includes selection of analytics, sensors and sensor locations, etc.

3. FRAMEWORK OF MAINTENANCE STRATEGY INCLUDING CBM

There are at least six key factors required for maintenance to achieve its purpose of optimizing operating performance. These are to reduce operating risk, avoid aircraft failures, provide reliable equipment, achieve least operating costs, eliminate defects in operational aircraft and maximize availability. These purposes are determined by three KPIs: enhancement in mission availability, enhanced reliability and reduction of maintenance cost. To realize these goals, there exist several categories of optimization or Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) during design and deployment phase.

Suitable maintenance strategies are selected during design stage to provide the required values of the KPIs. However, maintenance strategy may need to be adapted based on periodic evaluation of maintenance effectiveness and risk assessment during operation phase. Maintenance Strategy aims to map all fault modes at individual and LRU levels to different maintenance categories:

- Preventive Maintenance (PM) (which includes S-Servicing, L-Lubrication, OC-Scheduled On-condition, HT-Hard Time and FF-Failure Finding Inspection)
- Condition Based Maintenance (CBM)
- Run-to-Fail (RTF)
- Other Action (which includes redesign, change in operation or maintenance procedure or restriction in operation)

Optimized maintenance strategy is also derived at component/sub-system level. RCM analysis is the basis to establish a framework for candidate selection. Figure 3 depicts the logic for deciding maintenance strategy for a LRU. The proposed decision logic is based on existing guidelines (SAE J1011, SAE J1012, NAVAIR 00-25-403 and ATA MSG-3) with minor augmentations.

3.1. Drivers for Maintenance Strategy

Applicability of the different maintenance types (preventive / predictive / reactive / other actions like redesign, etc.) for a particular fault depends upon various factors like failure
By identifying failure pattern, one can get some insight in the decision of maintenance strategy. For example, if the equipment has a failure rate pattern type of Bathtub or Traditional Wear-out, PM may be applicable. A basic understanding of failure rate helps in determining whether maintenance or equipment redesign is necessary. For example, equipment failure modes that exhibit high failure rates (e.g., fail frequently) are usually best addressed by redesign rather than applying more frequent maintenance.

The present discussion clarifies the dependency on different factors in the process of maintenance strategy. The extended RCM decision logic framework as in Figure 3 (for maintenance strategy including CBM) broadly analyses the following aspects:

- Fault Consequence
- Technical Feasibility
- Risk Feasibility
- Cost Feasibility

3.2. Fault Consequence Check

Failure consequences check assesses evidence of failure (evident or hidden) and different consequences, viz.
safety/environmental, operational impact, etc. The primary branching (four branches) of RCM decision logic is due to shortlist tasks (maintenance types and other actions) for each failure. For example, a Run-to-Fail (RTF) task may be applicable for both evident and hidden failures which do not have safety/environmental consequences and a Failure Finding (FF) task may be applicable for hidden failures.

### 3.3. Technical Feasibility

After fault consequence check, technical aspects are checked to eliminate tasks from the list already shortlisted. Technical aspects generally deal with failure pattern, P-F interval, diagnostics/prognostics methods with acceptable KPIs, certifiability, etc. To arrive to the decision, it may require significant amount of historical data, survey, analysis of the algorithms, simulation and testing. As it is not possible to get all information in the beginning stage of IVHM development, this maintenance strategy framework should be run iteratively with the maturity of technology development to revalidation of the decision.

For each task, there should be pre-defined a set of technical feasibility criteria. Specific criteria for each task are defined in section 13 of SAE JA 1012. For example, a set of criteria for CBM, which is not available in the same reference, is defined here.

- Is the failure mode observable through condition monitoring?
- Are state-of-the-art diagnostics and prognostics methods for failures available?
- Do already available sensors support for condition monitoring? Or, is the installation of additional sensors feasible?
- Are KPIs related to diagnostics and prognostics acceptable?
- Does the task reduce the probability of failure to an acceptable level?
- Is maintenance credit justification in place?

To select algorithm, the following attributes/metrics (KPIs) may be used (Saxena A. et al. 2012).

- Algorithm Performance (Figure 4)
  - Correctness (Accuracy, Precision, etc.)
  - Timeliness (Prediction Response Time, Prediction Horizon, etc.)
  - Confidence (Sensitivity, Robustness, Convergence, etc.)
- Computational Performance (Time & complexity, memory & I/O, etc.)
- Ease of Algorithm Certification

![Figure 4. KPIs in time scale (Source: Saxena A. et al. 2012)](image)

### 3.4. Risk Feasibility

Risk is measured by multiplying probability by severity. Based on consequence, different types of risks, viz. safety risk, operational risk, economic risk, etc. can be analyzed. Here, only safety risk is focused. Risk analysis is carried out using Hazard Risk Table. If a selected maintenance task or other action moves the metric into the green/yellow zone from yellow/red zone, task is treated as feasible. This means the maintenance strategy selected reduces the probability of failure within acceptable limits. With this risk feasibility, the task list is further shortlisted. Here (Figure 5) is an example of a Hazard Risk Table (HRT) compiled from NAVAIR.

![Figure 5. Hazard Risk Table (source: NAVAIR 00–25–403)](image)

### 3.5. Cost Feasibility

Based on cost feasibility analysis, the specific maintenance type or task is decided for a particular fault. This study is carried out on the list of tasks shortlisted based on fault consequence check, technical feasibility and risk feasibility check. This reduces the effort on Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) significantly as a number of options for maintenance types or other action like redesign may get eliminated in this...
As per SAE guideline (JA 1012), both aspects of cost feasibility, viz. ‘Worth Doing’ and ‘Cost Effectiveness’ are to be checked.

‘Worth Doing’ means “any scheduled task is only worth doing if it reduces (avoids, eliminates or minimizes) the consequences of the failure mode to an extent that justifies the direct and indirect costs of doing the task” (JA 1012, Section 11.2). This can be checked at individual fault level.

‘Cost Effectiveness’ means “if two or more proposed failure management policies are technically feasible and worth doing (applicable and effective), the policy that is most cost-effective shall be selected” (JA 1012, Section 11.3). Cost effectiveness should be analyzed at sub-system level as opportunity of common down-time, different phase maintenance slots and maintenance mechanization (viz. same root cause, condition, detection mechanism, etc.) may reduce cost as maintenance types are decided for group of faults. A significant amount of work and related publications already addressed cost-benefit analysis (CBA) for deciding CBM for a component. Unique contribution of this paper in this regard is how existing cost benefit analysis can be extended to sub-system level. Here, major focus is on the logic of defining different opportunistic groups (fault list and corresponding maintenance types; grouping creates cost advantage) for the sub-system (Figure 6), forming maximum possible combinations / groups for cost analysis, computation of cost for each group and finally select a group with lowest cost to decide maintenance type / other action for each fault of the sub-system. Here the algorithm for cost feasibility check is elaborated.

**Input:** List of tasks with all possible maintenance after risk feasibility

**Pre-processing / Initialization:**

**Step I1:** Replace maintenance list with proprietary maintenance type (specified by LRU manufacturer, if any) for selected fault of specific sub-system

**Step I2:** Align PM tasks with nearest phase maintenance slots (viz. A, B, C & D) of the aircraft

**Step I3:** Define all possible opportunistic groups (viz. with same root cause, same condition measurement, same phase maintenance, etc.) with set of faults and associated maintenance types.

**Step I4:** Define cost reduction factor (i.e. cost advantage due to grouping) for each opportunistic group
Algorithm:

Step 1: Calculate cost (maintenance cost + over maintenance cost + investment cost + downtime cost) for each maintenance type of each fault. [For maintenance cost, refer section 3.6.1.1 of NAVAIR 00-25-403]

Step 2: Create number of sets (combinations of tasks) with list of maintenance type for each fault.

Step 2.1: Formation of group with maintenance type of lowest cost for each fault type.

Step 2.2: Formation of rest groups. Repeat the following for each opportunistic group and each fault.

If the fault is matching with a group, the maintenance type is added in the selected group; otherwise, the lowest cost maintenance type for the same fault id is added.

Step 3: Calculate cost of maintenance for all sets of options. For each option, reduction factor gets subtracted from total cost of the group.

Step 4: Select the best option with lowest maintenance cost.

Output: Task for each fault in selected option.

Success of this algorithm depends upon accuracy in deriving opportunistic groups and associated cost saving (i.e. reduction factor) due to grouping. There are number of conventional methods (Bartholomew-Biggs M et al., 2006; Nguyen D et al., 2008) to form opportunistic groups for PM tasks. To define other categories of opportunistic groups (viz. proximity of component location, using same sensor and processor, etc.), Functional Fault Analysis (FFA) (Tolga K., et al., 2008), different safety analysis methods, sensor suite analysis and physical architecture etc. play an important role.

4. CASE STUDY WITH ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Airbus Defense and Space developed a tool to run RCM decision logic extended framework to derive maintenance strategy. This tool is demonstrated with a case study of EPGDS (Electrical Power Generation and Distribution System). FMECA of the major sub-systems (viz. AC Generator, Battery, Battery Charger, Transformer Rectifier unit, etc.) are carried out. After running the tool with input as FMECA, maintenance type or other maintenance action is decided for each fault in sub-system level.

A sample use case considering a hypothetical scenario is defined where AC Generator with ten faults is considered as sub-system. The following description shows how maintenance type is finalized based on cost feasibility with input computed after technical and risk (safety) feasibility. Here, cost parameters (Table 1) are fictitious.

Table 1. List of Tasks after Technical and Risk Feasibility

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Fault ID</th>
<th>Fault</th>
<th>List of Tasks after Technical &amp; Risk Feasibility</th>
<th>Cost of Individual Maintenance Tasks (S)</th>
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<tr>
<td>ACG01</td>
<td>Bearing Failure</td>
<td>[CBM, PM, OC, PM, HT1]</td>
<td>[5000, 2500, 4000]</td>
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<tr>
<td>ACG02</td>
<td>Brush Wear</td>
<td>[CBM, PM, OC, PM, HT1]</td>
<td>[2000, 2500, 2000]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ACG03</td>
<td>Stator insulation short circuit</td>
<td>[CBM, PM, OC, PM, HT1]</td>
<td>[2500, 2000]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ACG04</td>
<td>Stator winding short circuit</td>
<td>[CBM, PM, OC, PM, HT1]</td>
<td>[2500, 2500, 3000]</td>
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<tr>
<td>ACG05</td>
<td>Stator winding open circuit</td>
<td>[CBM, PM, OC, PM, HT1]</td>
<td>[2000, 2500, 3000]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ACG06</td>
<td>Rotor Shaft Crack</td>
<td>[CBM, PM, OC, PM, HT1]</td>
<td>[5000, 2500, 4000]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ACG07</td>
<td>Rotor Cage Defects</td>
<td>[CBM, PM, OC, PM, HT1]</td>
<td>[2500, 2500]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ACG08</td>
<td>Stator End Winding Fault</td>
<td>[CBM, PM, OC, PM, HT1]</td>
<td>[2500, 2500]</td>
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<tr>
<td>ACG09</td>
<td>Brush Failure</td>
<td>[CBM, PM, OC, PM, HT1]</td>
<td>[5000, 2500, 4000]</td>
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<tr>
<td>ACG10</td>
<td>Brush Holder Spring</td>
<td>[CBM, PM, OC, PM, HT1]</td>
<td>[2500, 2500]</td>
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</table>

The different opportunistic groups are defined here (Table 2). The definition of the groups is configurable. Here, reduction factors are defined due to reduction in the total cost of maintenance of opportunistic maintenance group compared to sum of cost of maintenance of each fault of the group.

Table 2: Definition of Opportunistic Groups

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<tr>
<th>Group 1</th>
<th>[ACG01, CBM, ACG02, CBM, ACG03, CBM]</th>
<th>[ACG04, PM, OC, ACG10, PM, HT1]</th>
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<tr>
<td>Group 2</td>
<td>[ACG05, CBM, ACG06, CBM, ACG07, CBM]</td>
<td>[ACG08, PM, OC, ACG12, PM, OC, ACG10, PM, OC]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Group 3</td>
<td>[ACG09, PM, OC, ACG13, PM, OC, ACG15, PM, OC]</td>
<td>[ACG01, CBM, ACG14, PM, OC, ACG16, PM, OC]</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reduction Factor ($)</td>
<td>1/100 = 1/100, 1/100 = 900, 1/100 = 100</td>
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For a cost feasibility study in sub-system level, this tool forms four possible groups, viz. the group with lowest cost (combination 1) and three opportunistic groups (combinations 2-4). The Maintenance cost for each group is computed and the maintenance type is decided for a particular fault from the group with lowest cost. Table 3 depicts the results.

Table 3. All possible combinations for cost comparison

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<tr>
<th>Fault ID</th>
<th>Combinations</th>
<th>Selected Maintenance</th>
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<tr>
<td>ACG09</td>
<td>PM, OC</td>
<td>PM, OC</td>
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<td>ACG12</td>
<td>CBM</td>
<td>CBM</td>
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<td>ACG08</td>
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<td>CBM</td>
<td>CBM</td>
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<tr>
<td>ACG10</td>
<td>PM</td>
<td>OC</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cost ($)</td>
<td>27000</td>
<td>25900</td>
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### Table 4. Difference in Decision Logic among different standards & proposed one

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<tr>
<th>SL No</th>
<th>Feature</th>
<th>Logic as per SAE JA1012</th>
<th>Logic as per NAVAIR – 00-25-403</th>
<th>Proposed Logic</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Types of RCM Analysis</td>
<td>Mentions two approaches: Decision Diagram Approach &amp; Rigorous Approach. Decision Diagram Approach based Flow Diagram presented.</td>
<td>Flow diagram is more aligned to Rigorous Approach which is much more practical. (Sections 12.2 &amp; 15.3 of SAE JA 1012)</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Categorisation of failure consequences check</td>
<td>Evident Safety/Environmental / Regulation; Evident Operational; Hidden Safety/Environmental</td>
<td>Evident Safety/Environmental; Evident Economic/Operational; Hidden Economic/Operational; Hidden Safety/Environmental</td>
<td>Evident Safety/Environmental; Evident Operational; Hidden Operational; Hidden Safety/Environmental (Economic not considered in primary branching)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Logic of Significant Function</td>
<td>No Concept of Significant Function.</td>
<td>Functions whose failures result in safety, environmental, operational or economic consequences are termed ‘Significant Functions’ and are subjected to RCM analysis.</td>
<td>Logic of significant function is embedded in Flow Diagram.</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Scheduled on-condition Task vs CBM</td>
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<td>CBM is considered as a separate task beside scheduled on-condition (PM type) task.</td>
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<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Technical Feasibility Criteria</td>
<td>Technical Feasibility Criteria for Servicing, Lubrication &amp; CBM is not mentioned.</td>
<td>Technical Feasibility Criteria for CBM is not mentioned.</td>
<td>Technical Feasibility Criteria for all task types including CBM are compiled.</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Risk Feasibility</td>
<td>Risk feasibility is not explicitly mentioned in RCM decision logic.</td>
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<td>RCM decision logic embeds explicitly for task prioritization and selection.</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>Cost effectiveness Analysis</td>
<td>Cost-effectiveness is mentioned in individual task level. The cost of undertaking a task over a period of time should be less than the total cost of the consequences of failure.</td>
<td>Cost-effectiveness is mentioned in individual task level.</td>
<td>This includes both: cost effectiveness in individual task level and option of RCM strategy (combination of tasks for all faults) in LRU level.</td>
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<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>Task Packaging</td>
<td>Task packaging is separately addressed.</td>
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<td>Task packaging in LRU level is part of decision logic as it impacts cost effectiveness for a particular option. However, task packaging in A/C or fleet level is not the scope of Decision Logic.</td>
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**Note 1**: Servicing & Lubrication are additional task. Hard Time is synonymous with Scheduled Discard or Restoration Task. “No PM” is synonymous with “No Scheduled Maintenance” or Run-to-Fail. “Other Action” is more extensive: not only Redesign also includes change in an operational or maintenance procedure and operating restrictions.

### 5. COMPARISON OF PROPOSED FRAMEWORK

The proposed decision logic (as depicted in Figure 3) is based on existing guidelines viz. SAE JA1012 (Section 15.3.3, Figure-16 & 17), NAVAIR 00-25-403 (Section 3.4, Figure 3.3) with some augmentations.

The present framework proposes some key improvements over those two guidelines.

- Integrates CBM as part of the maintenance strategy.
- Integrates cost feasibility check through study of ‘worth doing’ in individual task level, ‘cost effectiveness’ option of maintenance strategy (combination of tasks for all faults) in sub-system level.
- Overall framework with shortlisting of maintenance tasks through multiple levels of feasibility checks: fault consequence, technical feasibility, risk (safety) feasibility and cost feasibility.

The Table 4 summarizes the additional features of the proposed framework with respect to existing.
6. CONCLUSION
This paper attempted to present the linkage among different types of optimizations or CBAs in the context of IVHM. The relevance of maintenance strategy to reach to desired goals in terms of availability, cost and reliability has been emphasized. The need for extending RCM decision logic with CBM is outlined. A framework for extended RCM decision logic along with cost feasibility in sub-system level has been elaborated. This study may provide useful input towards enriching logic for maintenance strategy as an important step in the design phase of IVHM. Effectiveness of the proposed framework can be further established through a use case with more practical data set and detailed cost benefit analysis in the context of IVHM development.

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NOMENCLATURE
A/C Aircraft
AC Alternating Current
APU Auxiliary Power Unit
BIT Built-In Test
CBM Condition Based Maintenance
EPGDS Electrical Power Generation and Distribution System
FF Failure Finding Inspection
FH Flying Hour
FHP Flying Hours Program
FMECA Failure Mode, Effects and Criticality Analysis
HRT Hazard Risk Table
HT Hard Time (task)
ISHM Integrated System Health Monitoring
IVHM Integrated Vehicle Heath Monitoring
KPI Key Performance Indicator
L Lubrication
LRU Line Replaceable Unit
OC On-condition (maintenance)
PHM Prognostic Health Management
PM Preventive Maintenance
RCM Reliability Centered Maintenance
ROI Return on Investment
RUL Remaining Useful Life
RTF Run-to-Fail (maintenance)
S Servicing

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