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- update of definitions (for clarification purposes);
- revised data requirements;
- revised modelling types;
- revised failure modelling techniques (see [Annex C](#));
- update of Bibliography.

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## Introduction

The complete process of machine condition monitoring consists of five distinct phases:

- a) detection of problems (deviations from normal conditions);
- b) diagnosis of the faults and their causes;
- c) prognosis of future fault progression;
- d) recommendation of actions;
- e) post-mortems.

Machine health prognosis demands prediction of future machine integrity and deterioration so there can be no exactitude in the process. Instead, prognosis requires statistical or testimonial approaches to be adopted. Standardization in machine health prognosis therefore embodies guidelines, approaches, and concepts rather than strict procedures or standard methodologies.

Prognosis of future fault progressions requires foreknowledge of the probable failure modes, future duties to which the machine will or might be subjected, and a thorough understanding of the relationships between failure modes and operating conditions. This may require an understanding of the physics underlying the fault modes and demand the collection of previous duty and cumulative duty parameters, previous maintenance history, inspection results, run-to-failure data, trajectories and associated operational data, along with condition and performance parameters prior to extrapolations, projections and forecasts.

Prognosis processes need to be able to accommodate analytical damage models.

As computing power increases, and data storage decreases in cost, multiple-parameter analysis becomes more complex and modelling becomes more sophisticated. Thus, the ability to predict the progression of damage accumulation is achievable if the initiation criterion is known (expressed as a set of parameter values for a given mode) in addition to future behaviour for a given set of conditions.

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