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Optimizing Maintenance Through Data

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Introductions

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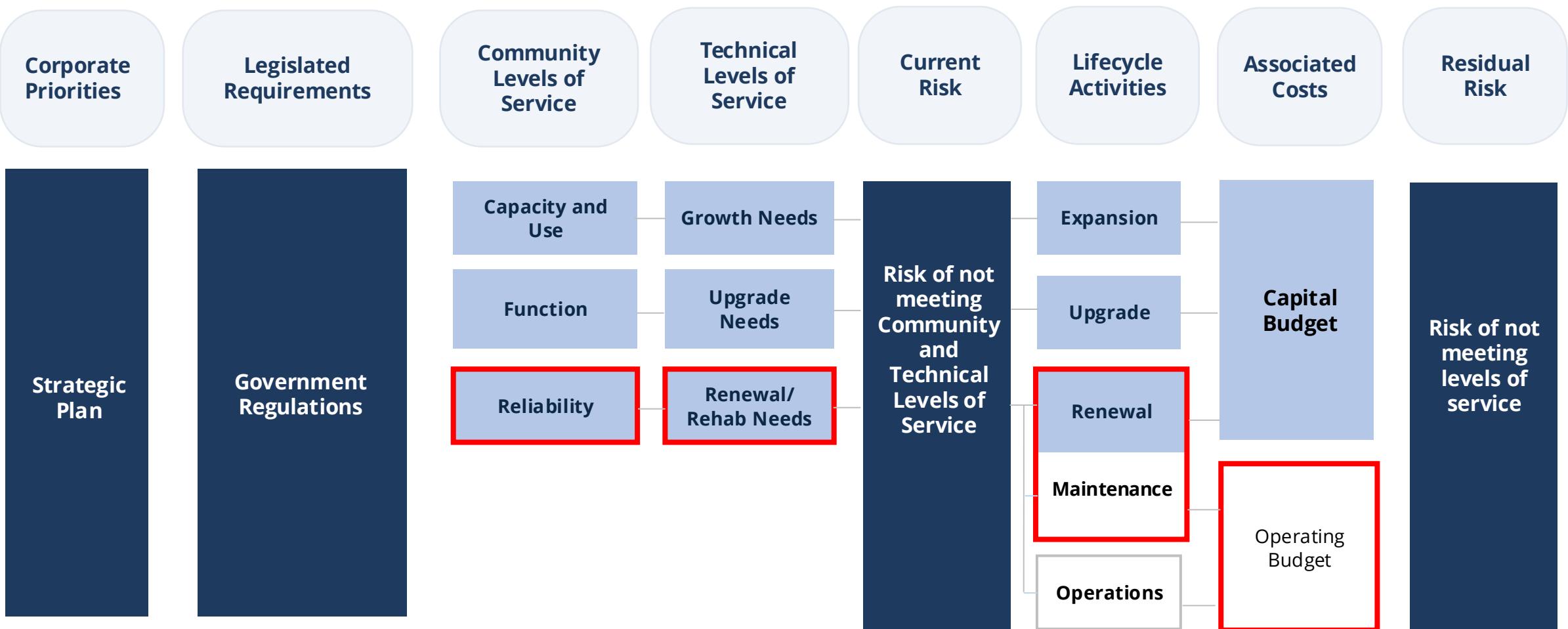


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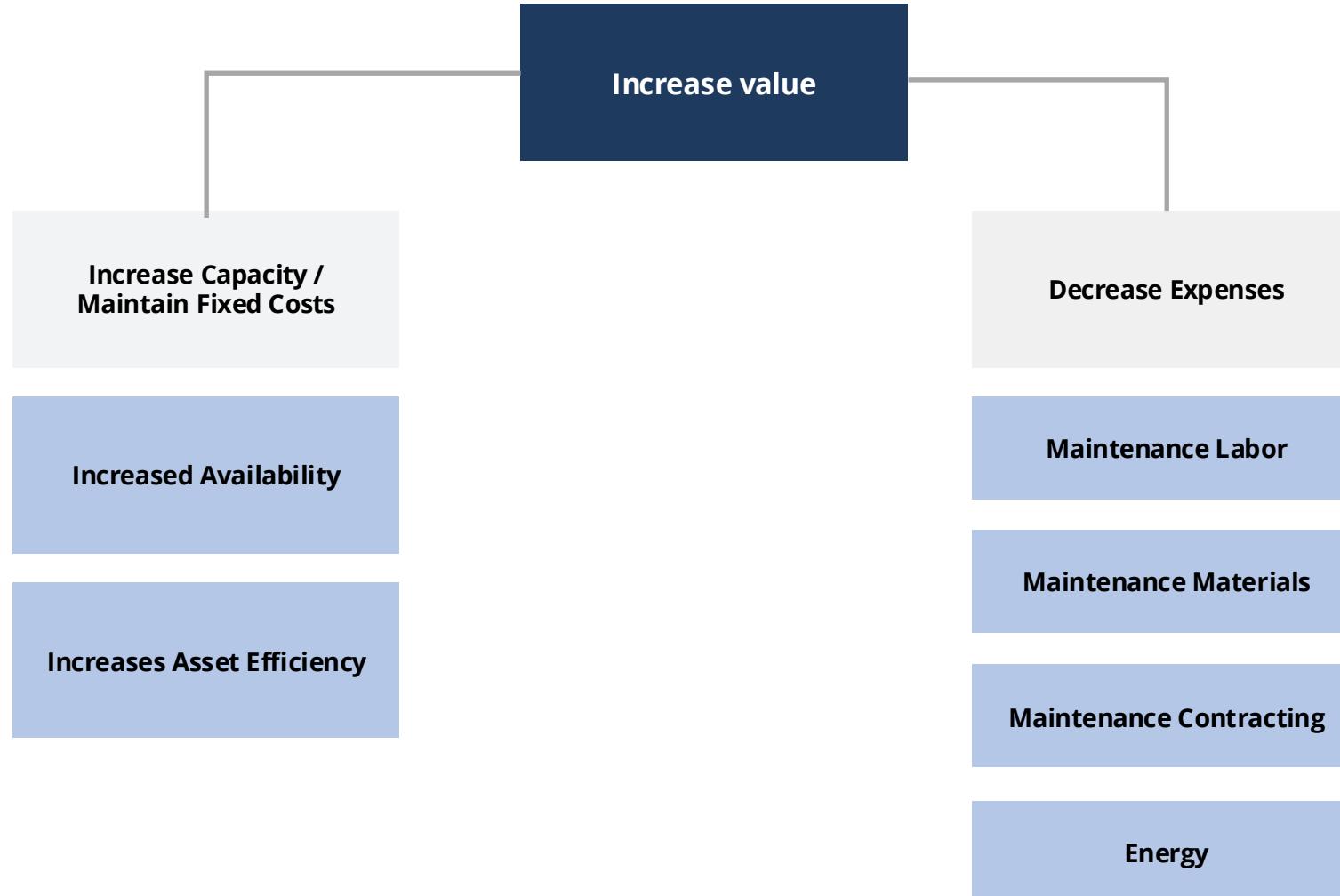


Why Maintenance Matters & ROI

Value Proposition of Maintenance



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14%

Maintenance OT

Current average overtime rate. Best practice target is < 5%.

12-18%

Cost Reduction

Savings from implementing planned maintenance

5-20%

Energy Savings

Reduction in energy consumption through optimization

30%

Inventory Costs

Carrying costs often high due to overstocking critical spares

Summary of Key Issues

Resource & Planning Issues

-  **Lack of dedicated resources** for maintenance planning leads to reactive firefighting.
-  **No specialized planner/scheduler** role, forcing supervisors to plan on the fly.
-  **Planner-to-Craft ratio is too high**, reducing the quality of job plans and schedule accuracy.

Data & Process Gaps

-  **Backlog is not tracked** or standardized, making workload visibility impossible.
-  **PMs are static** and not consistently tied to asset performance history or condition data.
-  **Failure codes exist but are inconsistent**, preventing meaningful reliability analysis.



Strategic Maintenance Management

Aligning Vision, Policy, and Execution

Strategic Maintenance Management Program



Strategic Plan

Strategic Direction

Organizational Vision
Strategic Goals
Long-term Objectives
Service Delivery Context



Maintenance Policy

Governance & Principles

Outline of core principles, requirements, and responsibilities for infrastructure service delivery.

Aligned with Outlook Plan



Maintenance Strategy & Plans

Value Creation

Specific initiatives and activities designed to enable the Asset Management Policy.

Financial

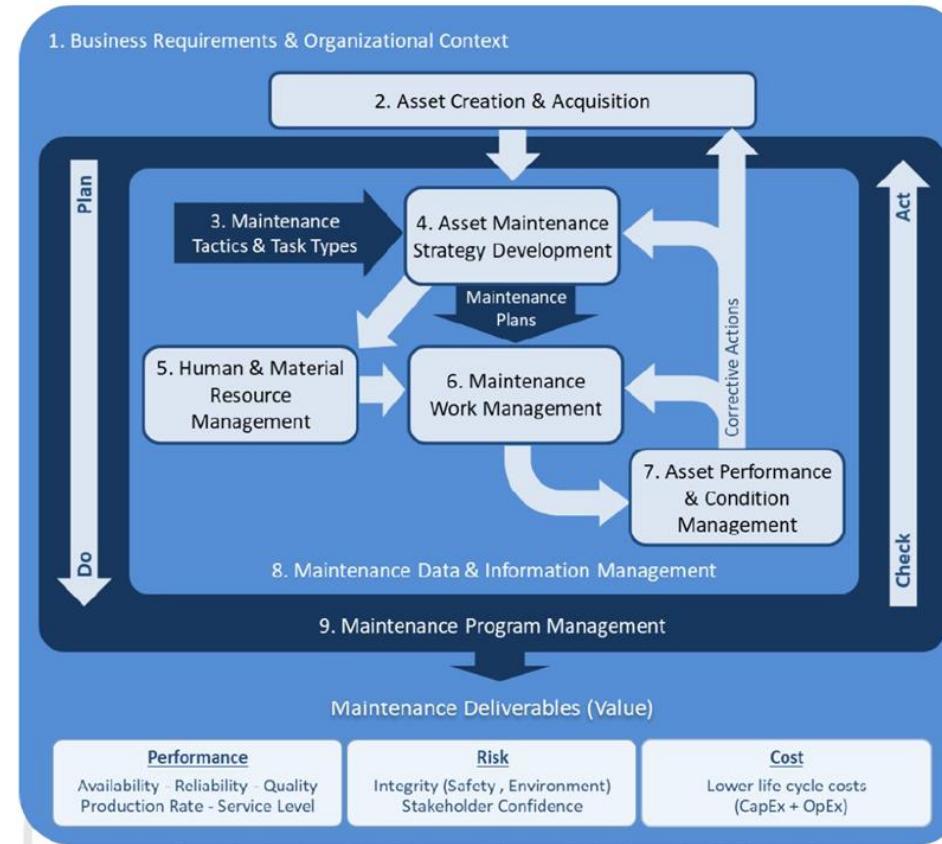
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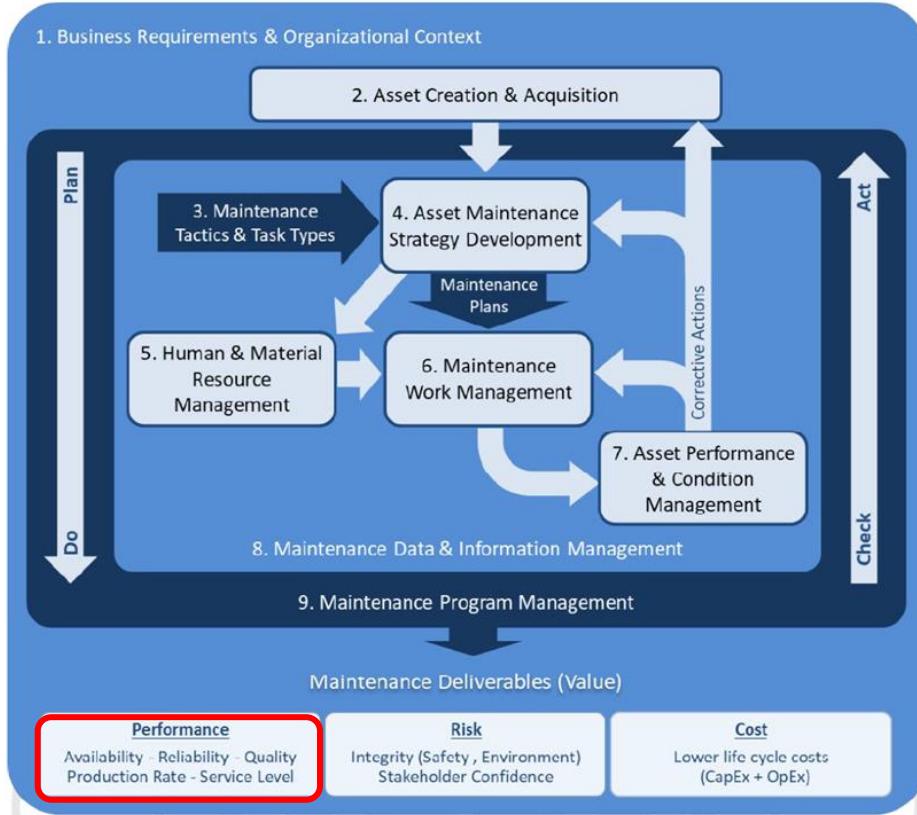


Global Forum on Maintenance & Asset Management (GFMAM)

Aligned framework for standardized asset management excellence

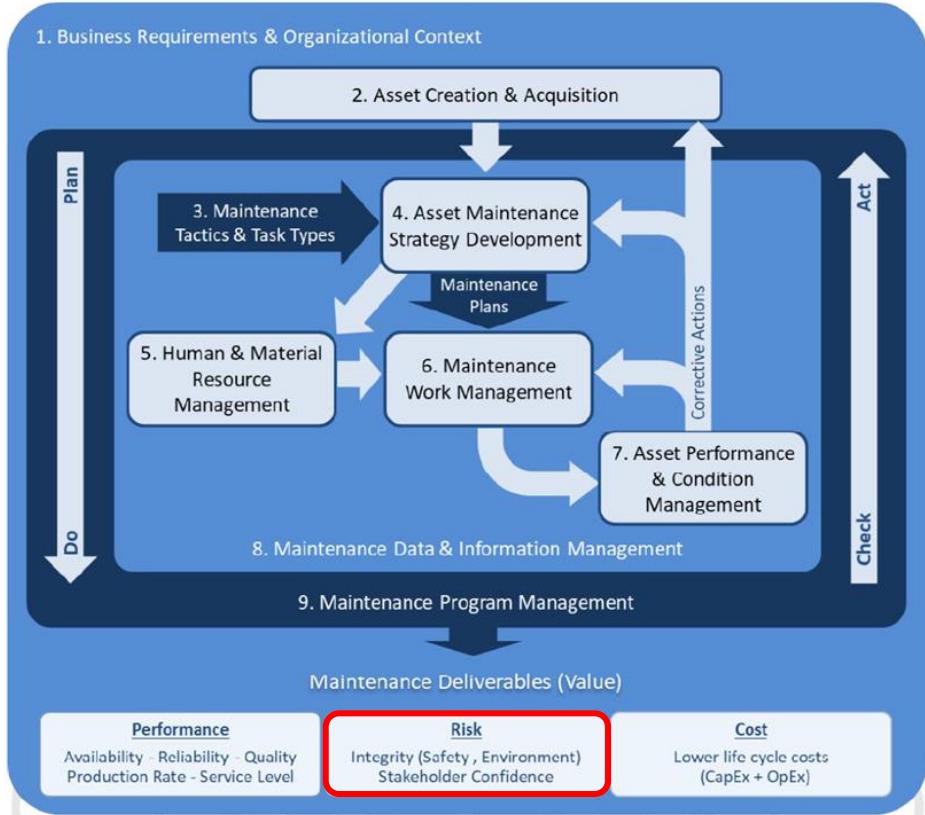


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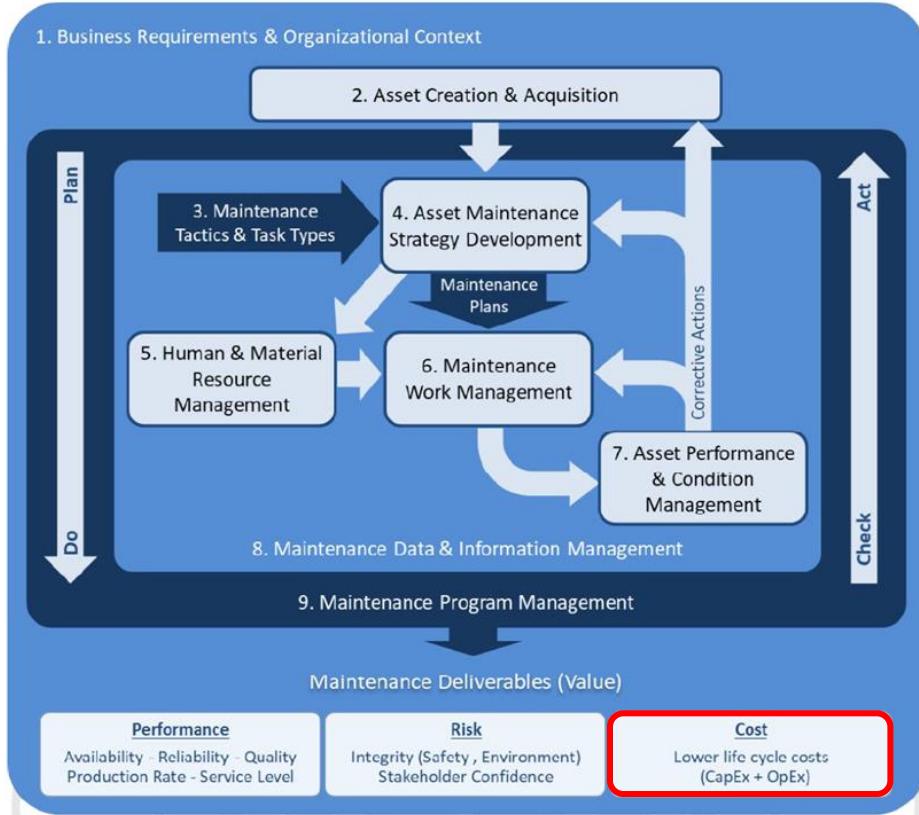
- Asset performance is directly tied to risk exposure
- Maintenance strategies reduce failure likelihood
- Well-maintained assets provide reliable, available services that meet service levels

Strategic Maintenance Management Program



- Reduces the likelihood of asset failure and supports reliable service delivery with minimal unplanned breakdowns
- Reduces exposure to safety, environmental, service-level, financial, and reputational risks

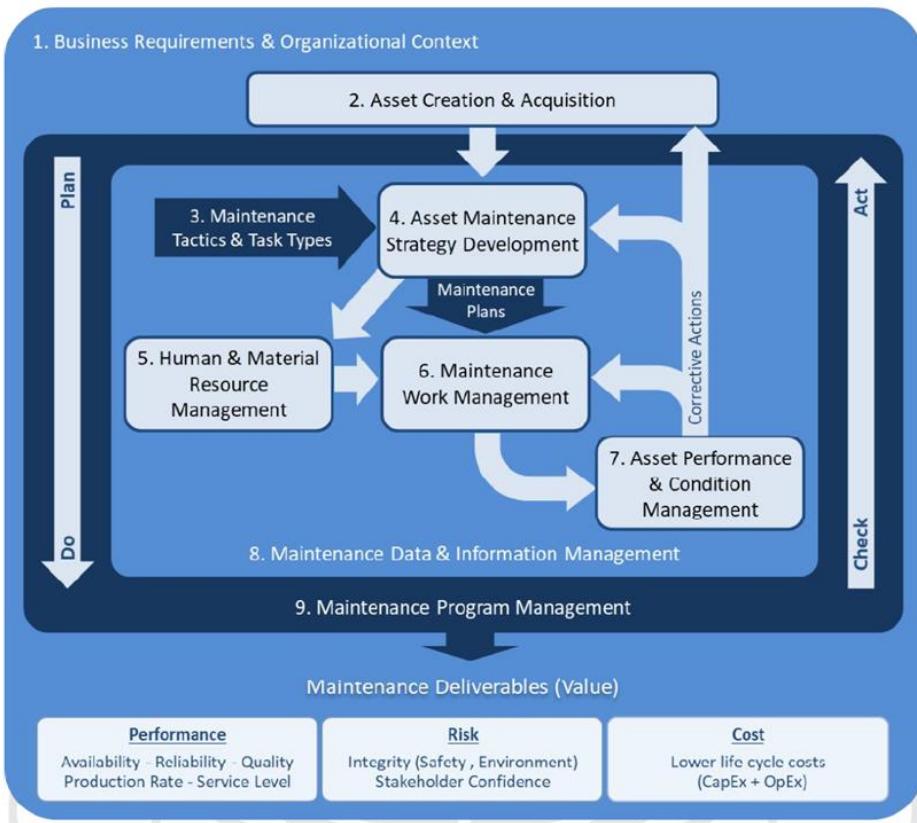
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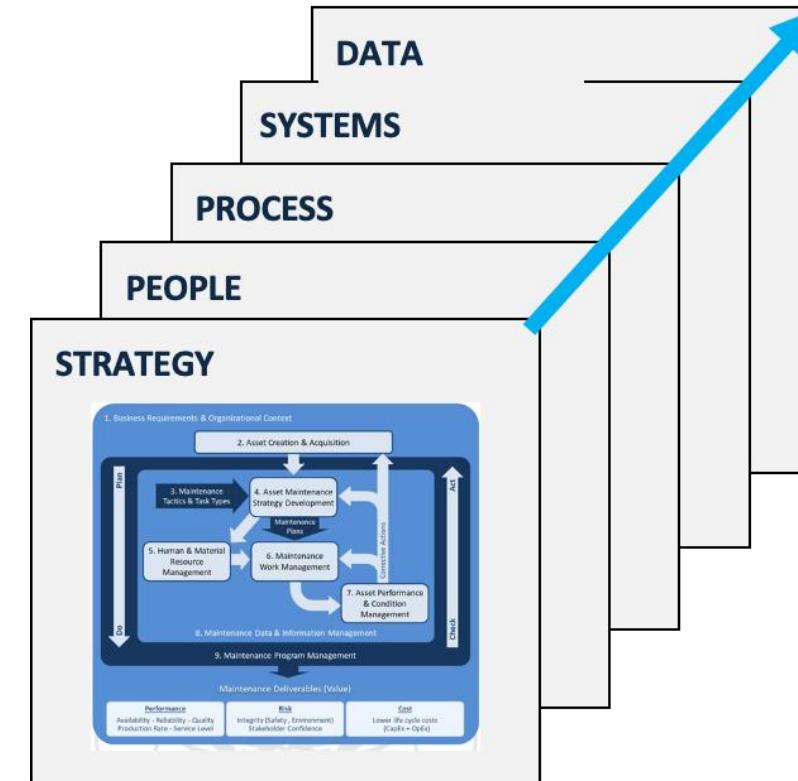
- Extends asset useful life and delays capital renewal through effective use of existing asset capacity
- Defers capital expansion by maximizing available asset performance and capacity
- High asset reliability reduces unplanned breakdown costs and lowers the need for system redundancy and excess spare inventory

Strategic Maintenance Management Program

GLOBAL FORUM FOR MAINTENANCE & AM (GFMAM) FRAMEWORK



Target Operating Model for Maintenance



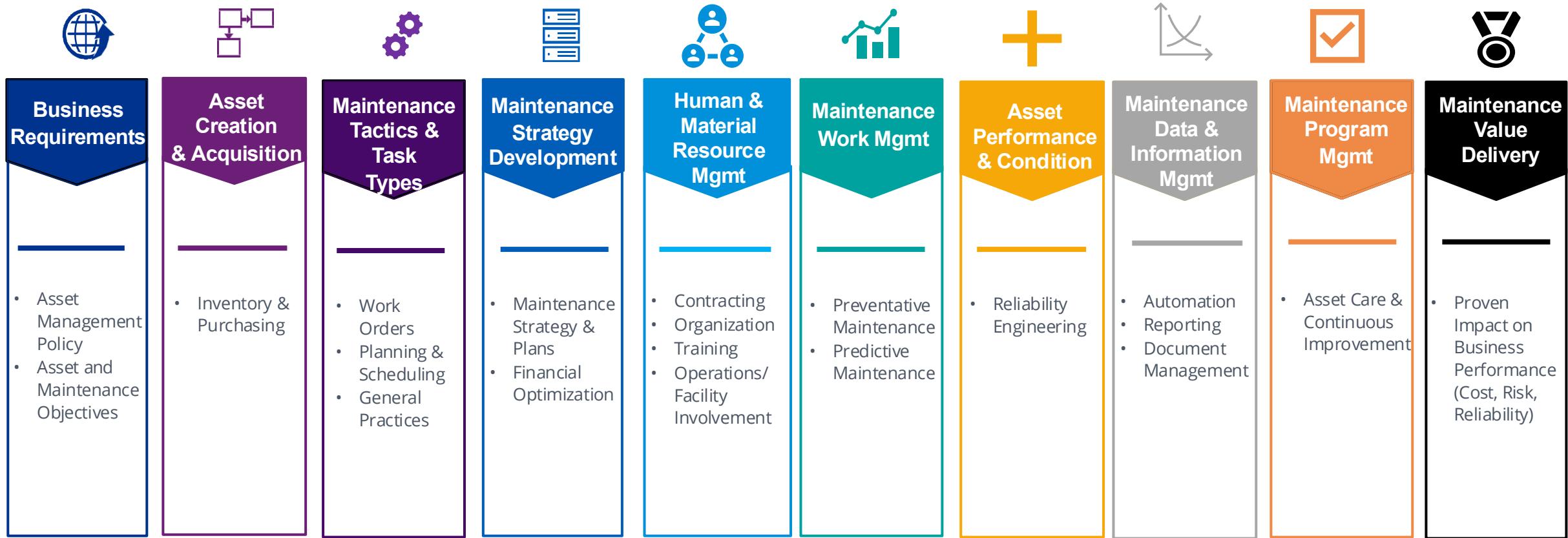


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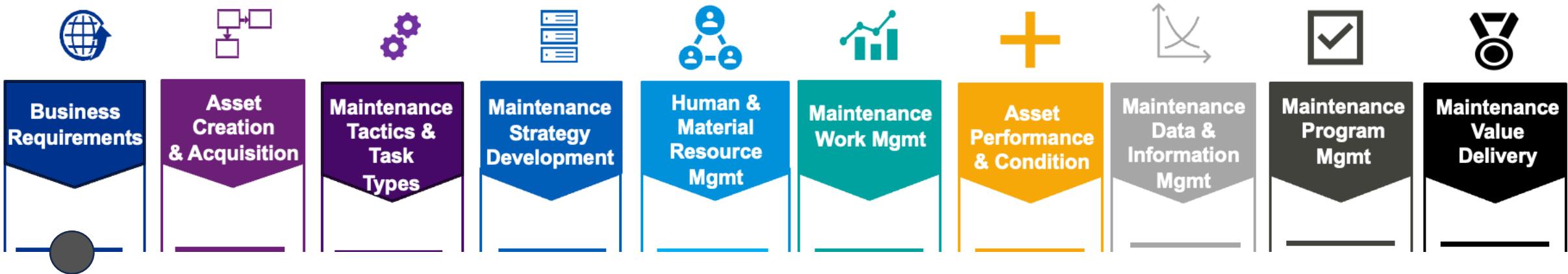


Structuring for Efficiency & Reliability

Maintenance Program

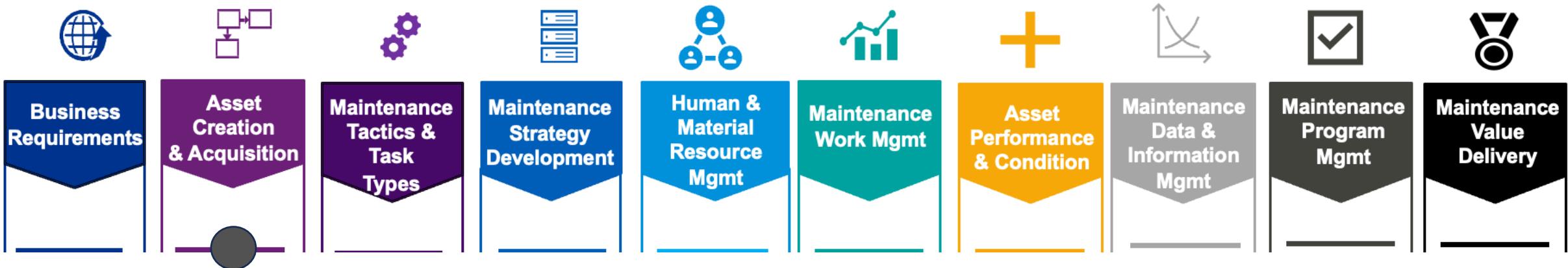


Maintenance Program



- Maintenance success factors clearly linked to strategic goals
- Maintenance positioned as a key enabler of Asset Management (AM), articulated in the Maintenance Policy and other corporate documents
- Defined Levels of Service (LOS) & performance targets

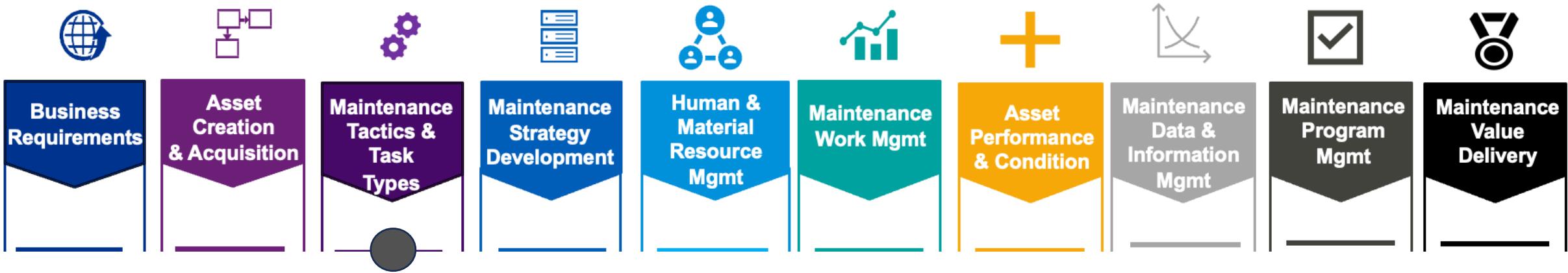
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- Lifecycle value analysis (LVA) is completed and used in capital project decision-making
- Inputs from maintenance staff are included in the design and procurement process
- Asset data is complete at handover and commissioning

KPIs: % handover packages meeting data completeness and accuracy standards

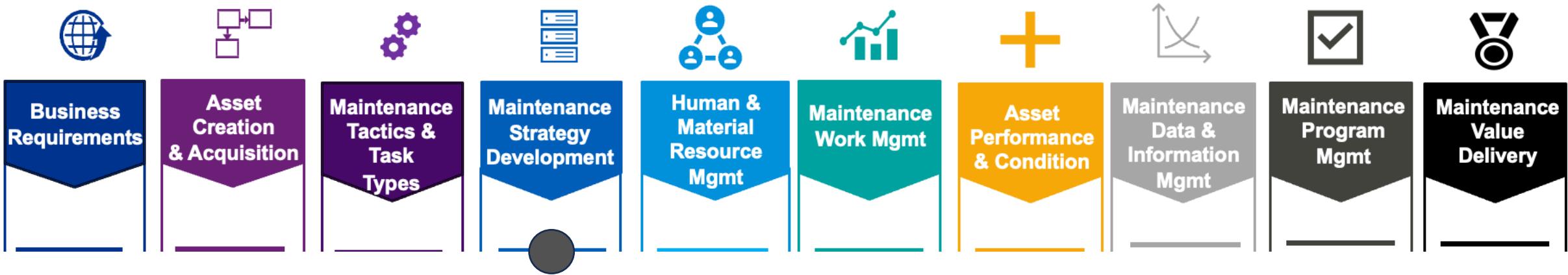
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- Predictive maintenance (PdM) strategies are used to detect early signs of degradation before failures occur (e.g., thermography, vibration analysis, oil analysis)

KPIs: number of failures predicted

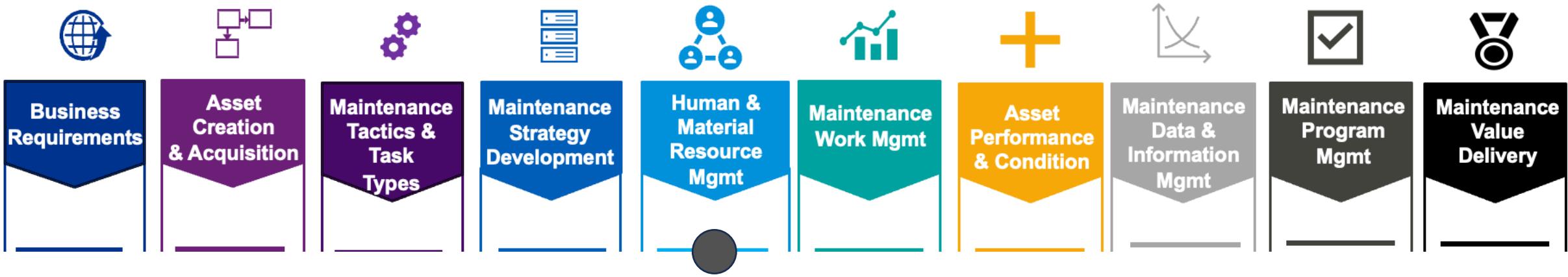
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- Maintenance strategies per asset class are selected based on criticality and risk (e.g. run-to-failure vs. regular preventive maintenance)
- Maintenance plans include the frequency of work, triggers, and inspection methods

KPIs: asset availability (uptime), PM compliance, failure rate per asset class

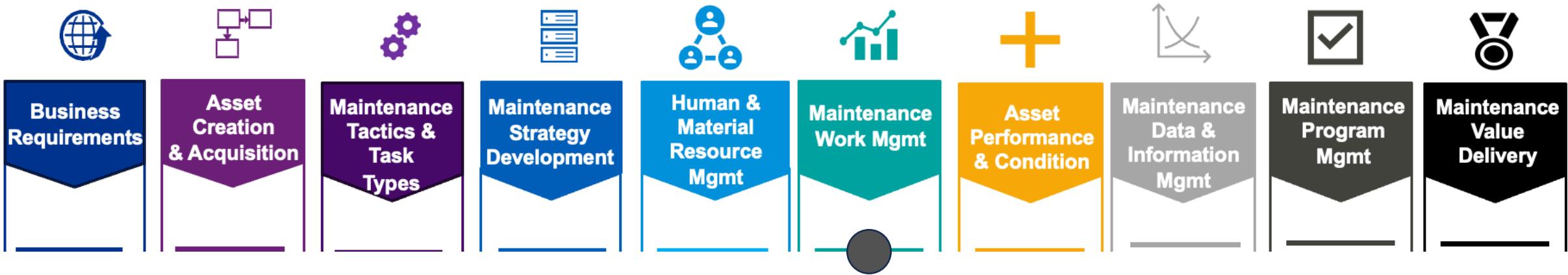
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- Knowledge transfer, succession planning, regular refresher training
- Defined competency requirements and RACI matrix for each maintenance task
- Inventory & spare parts strategy focused on critical spares and service impact

KPIs: inventory turnover, carrying cost, training hours per maintenance employee

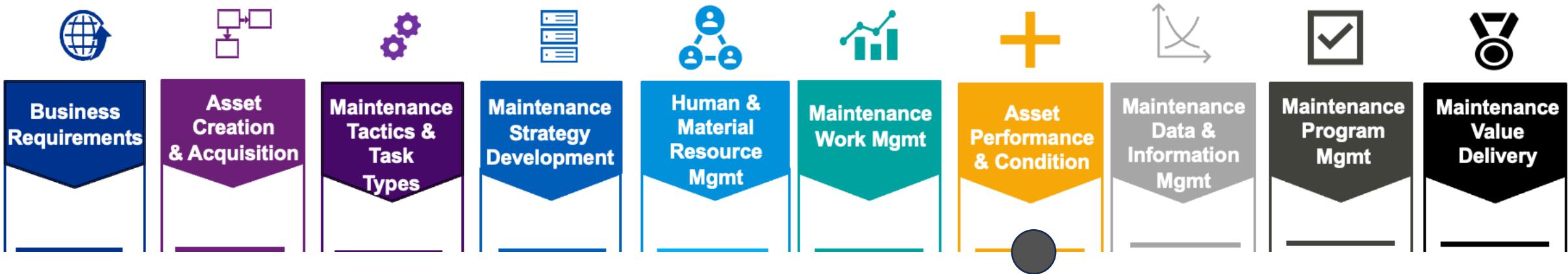
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- Delineated accountability for planning, scheduling, executing, and supervising work
- Standardized job plans and SOPs for repeatable work
- Weekly schedules based on work prioritization and keeping a healthy backlog

KPIs: craft labour utilization (wrench time), PM schedule adherence, work order backlog

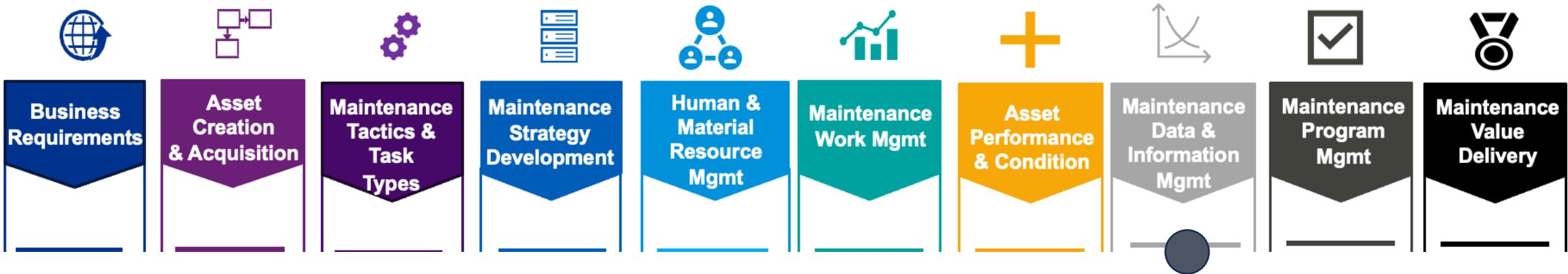
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- Reliability engineering – conduct criticality assessments and Failure Modes and Effects Analysis (FMEA) to create a model that predicts asset performance using automated condition monitoring tools (e.g. sensors)

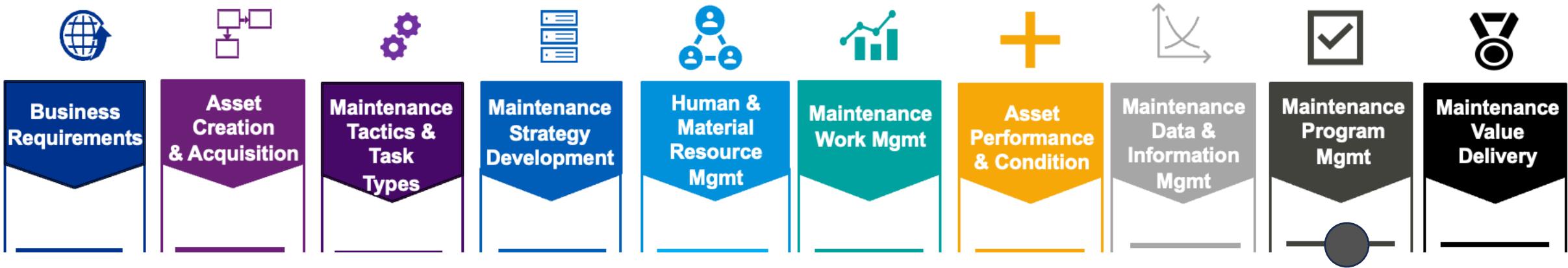
KPIs: mean time between failures (MTBF), % reduction in emergency work orders

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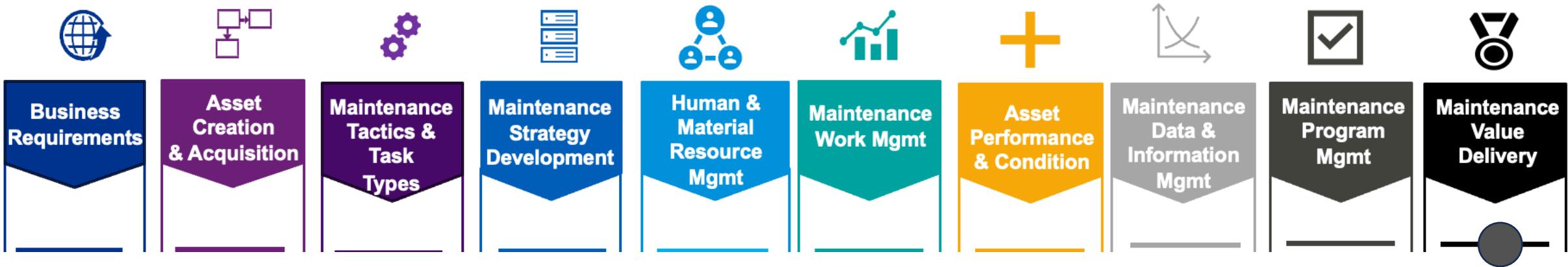
- Defined asset hierarchy
- Data standards and governance manual (asset registry fields, naming conventions, validation checklists, data audit protocols)
- Fit-for-purpose CMMS/EAMS technical and functional requirements that plan for future system integrations

Maintenance Program



- Continuous improvement through regular reviews of the PM program and Root Cause Analysis (RCA) after major failures

Maintenance Program



- Dashboarding and formal reporting on KPIs that demonstrate the value of maintenance for business impacts (cost, risk, reliability)

KPIs: return on maintenance investment (ROMI)

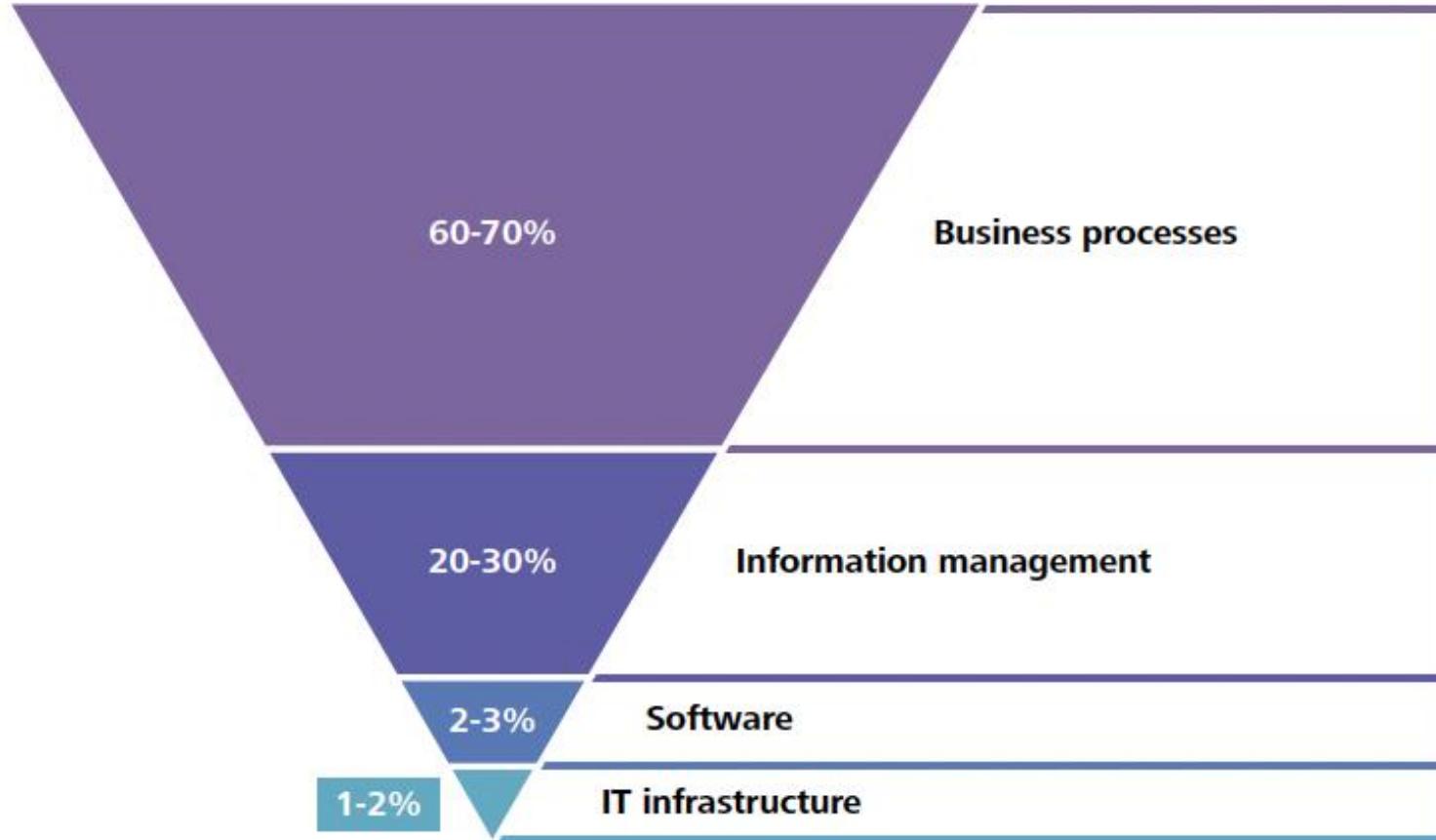


Using Data to Improve Maintenance

Turning Information into Action

“If planners or supervisors don’t trust the data, they won’t use it — that’s the biggest warning sign.”

Operational Cost



🔍 Evaluate Across 4 Dimensions



Completeness

Assets registered & WOs closed properly



Accuracy

Correct failure codes & ratings used



Consistency

Standards applied across all crews



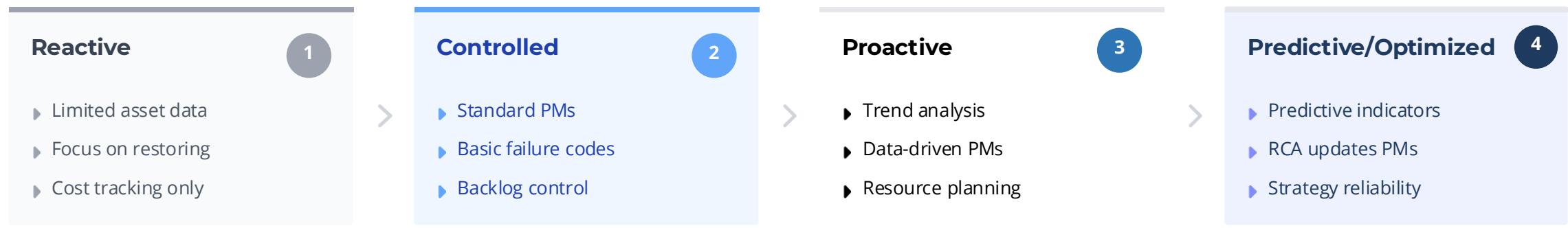
Usability

Trusted for planning decisions

Common Challenges

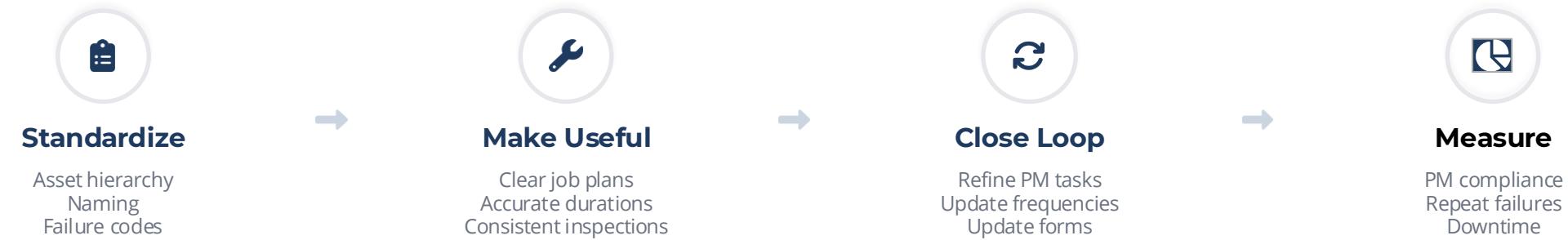
-  **Heavy use of free text** instead of structured data fields limits analysis capabilities.
-  **Failure codes** exist but are rarely used properly.
-  **Tradition-based PMs** persist rather than adjusting based on performance history.
-  **Inspection reports generated without action** indicate low data utility and wasted effort.
-  **Goal:** Shift from reactive mode to proactive planning via better asset insight.

Maintenance Data Maturity Model



Data Maturity and a Practical Pathway

A Practical Improvement Pathway



From Data to Insight to Action



The Continuous Improvement Cycle



Collect

Work orders, inspections, & PM results



Analyze

Identify failure trends & condition patterns



Decide

Adjust PMs, frequencies, & standards



Update

Revise forms, job plans, & failure codes



Improve

Better data leads to better decisions

⌚ Predictive & Condition Based Maintenance: Start Small

"Predictive maintenance begins with better data use, not just technology."

Focus inspections on meaningful indicators (vibration, heat)

Move beyond pass/fail results to quantitative data

Trend results over time to catch degradation early

Auto-flag repeats: Trigger work based on condition thresholds, not just calendar time

Maintenance data helps you:

- Eliminate low-value PMs
- Reduce unnecessary inspections
- Focus skilled labor on critical assets
- Improve planning accuracy
- Reduce emergency and reactive work



What 'Good' Looks Like



Trusted Data

Asset and failure data is complete & reliable



Justified PMs

Tasks based on history & condition, not just habit



Action-Oriented KPIs

Metrics guide decisions, not just reporting

How to Sell the Maintenance Program



Selling the Value

- Lead with the Business Case:** Tie improvements directly to risk reduction, cost savings, and reliability. Emphasize ROI (e.g., \$1 PM avoids \$4-\$5 corrective).
- Highlight Quick Wins:** Build trust by showing reductions in overtime, unplanned work, and stabilizing backlog trends.
- Use Visual Dashboards:** Make performance visible to executives with simple before/after KPIs (MTBF, compliance, backlog).
- Secure Champions:** Use success stories from operations and finance to identify internal advocates.

- Speak the Language of Finance:** Use lifecycle cost models and heat maps to show avoided CAPEX and extended asset life.
- Align with Strategic Priorities:** Connect maintenance to corporate goals like sustainability, compliance, and ISO 55000.
- Close the Loop:** Use failures (RCA) to update PM tasks, frequencies, and failure codes. Every failure should improve the system.

Questions?

Open Floor for Discussion