

## **A Practical Self-Assessment Framework for Evaluation of Maintenance Management System based on RAMS Model and Maintenance Standards**

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### **Abstract**

A set of technical, administrative and management activities done during the life cycle of equipment in order to improve its condition and functioning to a proper and expected level is called maintenance management system (MMS). The framework and models of assessment in order to enhance effectiveness of a MMS could be proposed in two categories: qualitative and quantitative. In this research, the self-assessment's dimensions of MMS which affect the successful implementation of this system in companies have been established and examined. This research uses a case study and review methodology (second hand material such as TPM, ISO 14224 and IEC 60300-3-14 and RAMS model) to extract dimensions, related indices and issues about how MMS must be measured and self-assessed these dimensions and indices. According to surveys and studies done by the authors the common dimensions of frameworks and models for evaluating MMS have been determined which includes; maintenance organization, training programs in maintenance, maintenance reporting, reliability engineering, maintenance – general practices, financial optimization, asset care continuous improvement, maintenance contracting, document management, the safety level of work environment, maintenance inventory and purchasing, predictive maintenance (PdM), maintenance work orders, maintenance planning and scheduling, maintenance automation(CMMS), operations/ facilities involvement on running of maintenance programs, preventive maintenance (PM) and maintenance quality management (MQM). Additionally, this paper presented a self-assessment framework based on the above mentioned topics for evaluation and placement of the MMS according to the total score obtained in a Wireman pyramid. Then, according to the review of the literature, the appropriate indicators for each dimension of evaluation have been extracted and the framework has been tested in a petrochemical company.

**Keywords:** maintenance management system; self-assessment framework; evaluation, total preventive maintenance (TPM); IEC 60300-3-14 standard; RAMS model

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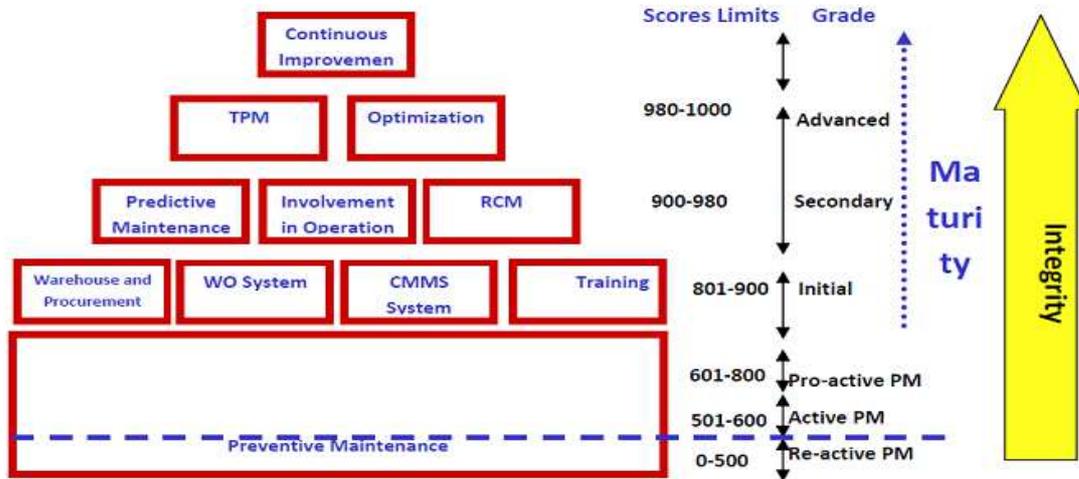
## **1- Introduction**

On the one hand, the increase in investment on industrial machinery and automation, and the increasing financial and economic value of machinery, on the other hand, made managers and industry owners think of logical solutions that enable them maximize useful lifetime of manufacturing equipment and extend their economic life cycle. In industrial plants, machinery is constantly being eroded, so one of the most significant issues is maintenance of machinery. The necessity of designing and implementing maintenance systems in factories is one of the critical and vital issues in today's industry. Saving the nation's funds and the high expenses of purchasing machinery and equipment warrant a rational and planned use of machinery and demands a timely maintenance of machinery and equipment. Strengths and weaknesses of this sector directly affect productivity and profitability of production (Tabatabaei *et al.*, 2007) Maintenance is a pervasive issue in an organization / company that involves sense and operational incentives and decision-making at different levels of organization from operators to managers of the organization. Maintenance is an administrative and managerial process and maintenance decisions made must be based on management maturity and engineering / technical sophistication in order to meet universality and overall acceptability of the whole organization. Thus, maintenance should be planned, implemented, and controlled in the form of a planning or engineering system from the very beginning of a project investment (for example, expanding the capacity of production or building a complex / refinery) to continuous productivity so as to ensure the performance and efficiency of equipment as well as constant production. Therefore, the components and processes of maintenance system in an organization must be clearly defined in a standardized form and the processes involved in maintenance must be designed from the very beginning (Márquez, 2007).

Self-assessment models and frameworks of maintenance management system are presented in two categories: qualitative and quantitative. Most quantitative assessment models proposed in previous studies are based on TPM concepts or related standards such as ISO 14224 and IEC 60300-3-14 standard while quantitative models are based on indicators such as reliability, availability and maintainability. Recently, the RAMS system including the above-mentioned indicators along with safety issues has been increasingly utilized.

### **1-1- Common framework for improving maintenance**

Different frameworks and techniques have been used for assessment of maintenance management systems. For example, Wireman proposed a set of consecutive steps for the implementation of maintenance in order to ensure that all of the maintenance management functions are carried out. He believes that there should be a preventive maintenance in the first stage before moving on to the next step. The second step is the establishment and implementation of CMMS. He states that before taking reliability-centered maintenance (RCM) and predictive maintenance programs, a well-disciplined system to do tasks (for the right timing and implementation of the activities in order of priority) and a system for the management of maintenance resources are required. The operator also must be aware of the importance of their role in the maintenance general functioning. In this case, in addition to their role as a regular employee of the organization, the operator is assigned to perform and implement the maintenance processes in the next stage. It should be noted that TPM, which is an initiative of 1980, is composed of management initiatives and interventions (like TQM) that can help an operator play their role and can help promotion of the use of optimization techniques. TPM can also prove beneficial in creating the necessary structure for the maintenance in the organization and will facilitate continuous improvement in maintenance activities. See the overall picture of Wireman model in Figure 1 (Márquez, 2007).

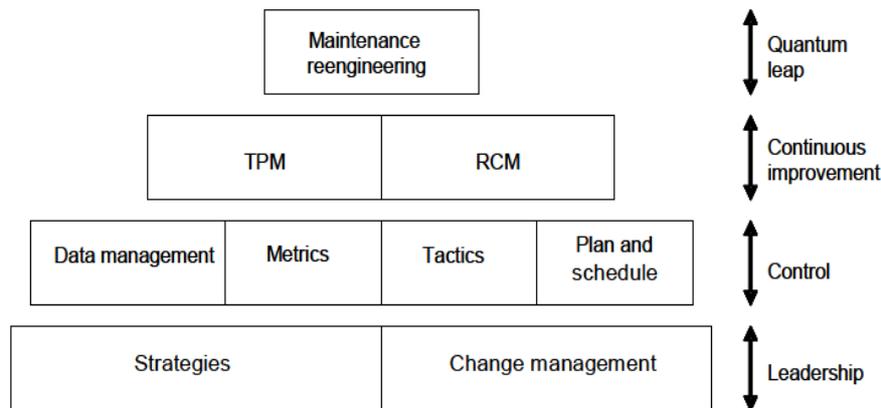


**Figure 1.** Framework and maturity level of maintenance management system based on Wireman (Márquez, 2007)

Campbell & Jardine (2001) also suggests a formal structure for the effective management of maintenance (see Figure 2). This process begins with developing a strategy for each asset and is closely related to the business plan. Aspects related to human resources that are needed to create cultural change have been considered in this model. Next, the organization gains control to ensure the proper function of each asset's life cycle. This is carried out by the implementation of a CMMS, a maintenance function measurement system, and planning and scheduling the maintenance activities. In this regard, a different set of tactics are employed based on the selection of the value and risk of the asset to the organization. Among these tactics, Campbell & Jardine (2001) will consider the following:

- Operating a machine until failure occurs,
- Duplication,
- Scheduled replacement,
- Scheduled overhauls,
- Ad-hoc maintenance,
- Preventive maintenance,
- Age or use based maintenance,
- Condition based maintenance, and
- Redesign.

Finally, Campbell & Jardine (2001) proposes the implementation of RCM and TPM as two highly successful methods for continuous improvement. He also recommends that process reengineering method (activity-based process mapping techniques, techniques for analysis of the process value, and innovative and visual techniques for the process) to make a dramatic and noticeable improvement, if used step by step.



**Figure 2.** Maintenance framework based on Campbell (Campbell & Jardine, 2001)

Pintelon and Puyvelde (1997) provide an instrument for evaluating the performance of maintenance. The instrument consists of a control board and a set of reports to analyze specific ratios. This instrument is used in various areas under the maintenance management control: budget / cost of equipment, personnel performance, materials management and controlling work priority. For each of these areas, the control board displays the ratios in different ways as actual or expected data, goals, necessities, and requirements. Waeyenbergh and Pintelon (2002) discuss the framework that involves the main aspects of maintenance management. This framework is made up of two blocks:

- Activities related to system design, operations management/ maintenance management: This aspect associates maintenance management with broader business concepts and contexts; business in which marketing concepts, operational and financial issues are interacting with each other not the type of business in which each operation is confined to pursuing its own limited goals. In this study, maintenance management has been considered as a secondary function of operation.
- The second block concerns decision making about maintenance management is control and planning which includes decisions that maintenance manager within the main three functions of (marketing, finance and operations), resource management and performance reporting. Maintenance theories and methods are technically more complex (e.g., maintenance technology, the study of technical content materials that can improve maintenance like method of repair or new monitoring techniques to improve maintenance design) and they have not been directly discussed here.

### **1-2- Measurement and Control of maintenance management activities**

A complete set of indicators for monitoring and improving maintenance management can be found in references Wireman (2005) and Campbell & Jardine (2001). For example Wireman defines a set of criteria which are divided into cooperative, financial, efficiency, technical, and functional groups in the source (Wireman, 2005). He asserts that people should use the indicators that are correctly linked with cooperative indicators. Objectives of performance indicators are as follow:

- Identifying the strategic objectives
- linking core business processes with the objectives
- Focusing on significant success factors and pursuing performance processes
- Identifying possible solutions to the problems

To assess the various instruments of maintenance management, a group of indicators are shown in the Wireman's book. Table 1 displays a summary of a various functions related to maintenance engineering unit.

**Table 1.** Classification of functions within the ME methods (Márquez, 2007)

Functions of the ME Methods pillar	Design of the maintenance plan and its process of continuous improvement	Failure analysis, reliability analysis and risk analysis of the system's operation
		Design of the maintenance plan
		Ensure the total employees involvement in maintenance, to pursue continuous improvement
		Management of maintenance resources
	Optimization of the maintenance policy	Analysis and preparation of reliability and availability data of the system
		Analysis and preparation of maintenance financial data of the system
		Modeling systems for their maintenance policy optimization
Measurement and control of maintenance engineering activities		

### 1-3- Maintenance assessment frameworks and models

With the emergence of various methods and techniques to improve work, we are increasingly seeing progress in many aspects of our industry. The purpose of these methods is to provide strategies on which we can rely in order to identify the work details and stages correctly and select the best method to carry out each and every stage. In the present era, measuring the performance is the best ways to obtain information for decision-making in organizations and plays a vital role in their success. However, majority of organizations have not developed and employed proper formal processes for evaluating their performance (Tabatabaei *et al.*, 2007). The most important issue in the implementation of optimal maintenance in industry is having sufficient data and information to identify the gap between the existing conditions of the organization and the ideal situation and finally take the steps needed to fill the current gap between the two situations (Jalali & Mahpeykar, 2009). To this end, several models have been developed to measure the performance in organizations though each has its own advantages and disadvantages. If we develop a unified approach including a uniform set of criteria for the evaluation of their performance among organizations, it will, then, enable us to relatively compare organizations in terms of their performance. Evaluating the performance of organizations includes defining appropriate set of criteria, taking into account the entire input, procedures, output, and the whole consequences of the organization activities. Such evaluation would enable managers to compare the performance of the organization not only with other organizations but also with the performance of their own organization over the past years (Tabatabaei *et al.*, 2007). Various methods have been used to assess the maintenance system both qualitatively and quantitatively. Azadeh *et al.* (2010) improved the maintenance process by using a method called fuzzy inference for evaluating the failure of pumps in the petrochemical industry. Tabatabai *et al.* (2007) provided a practical model of BSC to enhance the performance of maintenance system in a manufacturing plant and utilized appropriate criteria for reporting of the system for each of the aspects mentioned in the strategy map (Tabatabaei *et al.*, 2007. Jalali & Mahpeykar, 2009) provided a check list for audit of maintenance activities. Ostadi *et al.* (2005) used a preventive maintenance in cement rotary furnace considering the availability of components in a system, Davoodi and Ghahramani (2010) employed a reliable method for maintenance management of rail. (Avestakhan *et al.*, 2012) assessed the level of safety in production environments using fuzzy method. One of the most significant issues affecting the effectiveness of a maintenance system is frameworks and models used for the evaluation of maintenance system. Earlier research studies indicated that such frameworks and models have been offered in two categories: qualitative and quantitative. Most qualitative evaluation models are based either on TPM concepts or on the audit of the management system standards such as IEC 60300-3-14 (reliable management system), the standard ISO 14224 (principles for collecting reliable data and

maintenance), etc. In some cases, however, assessments based on RAMS model have been proposed. In effect, in such a model of maintenance evaluation, the quantitative approach is mainly adopted. Quantitative models are based on indicators of reliability, maintainability, and availability. In recent years, RAMS system (including safety parameters in addition to the above-mentioned indicators) has been utilized as one of the most widely used systems among quantitative models.

## 2- Research Methodology

### 2-1- Completion status of the proposed framework

By reviewing earlier research studies, we found out that various dimensions influencing maintenance were identified and dealt with by researchers. These dimensions are presented in the table below.

**Table 2.** Frameworks and models have been studied by various authors

Main topics	Reference	Year
Reliability analysis to study the PM influence	Shankar & Sahani	2003
Provide an implementation check list for a TPM system	Jalali & Mahpeykar	2009
Provide a mechanism of fault finding, pumps by a fuzzy inference system	Azadeh <i>et al.</i>	2010
Provide PM policy considering the optimal availability of system	Ostadi <i>et al.</i>	2005
Using the relations of dependability in order to assess the reliability of rail failure and its growth rate	Davoodi , Ghahramani	2010
Provide functional model of BSC to enhance maintenance system performance of a manufacturing plant	tabatabai <i>et al.</i>	2007
Develop a comprehensive approach to evaluating manufacturing systems based on the dependability indices	Rezaie <i>et al.</i>	2009
Using TPM to improve status in Babacan textile company	Tavakoli-Moghaddam <i>et al.</i>	2013
Use of maintenance quality management and presented PMO techniques (optimization PM) as an efficient approach to eliminate unnecessary maintenance activities	Ramezani & Barzegar	2011
Risk assessment to determine safe levels of production environments by fuzzy method	Avestakhan <i>et al.</i>	2012

**Table 2.** Continued

Main topics	Reference	Year
Provide a framework for evaluating and improving the performance of shipboard equipment based on the dependability	Ebrahimipour & Suzuki	2006
Presentation the approaches for predictive analysis of potential human error	Kim & Park	2010
Presentation PSO <sup>1</sup> models and offer maintenance programming to establish units based on the optimization of the components using probabilistic risk optimization method	Suresh & Kumarappan	2010
Evaluation of CBM <sup>2</sup> in multi component systems with the economic relationship between the various components and provide a CBM procedure for them based on PHM model and develop a numerical algorithm for the accurate assessment of the cost of PHM based on a multi-component CBM approach	Tian & Liao	2011
Presentation a new application of virtual maintenance to maintenance safety evaluation	Geng <i>et al.</i>	2013
Improve the efficiency, reliability and safety associated with rail maintenance tasks using FMECA and provide new maintenance activity based on the evaluation results of preventive maintenance tasks	Jaehoon & Jeong	2013

## 2-2- The proposed framework for the evaluation of maintenance management system

In Table 2, the Frameworks and models studied by various authors are presented. Each of these researchers focuses on particular aspects of evaluation of maintenance management system. Upon classifying these scales as well as the required dimensions for maintenance of this system, the following pivots have been suggested. To validate these pivots, the authors of this article reviewed the related research studies to provide the corresponding studies to each pivot (table 3.).

**Table 3.** The authors focus on different aspects

Main topics	References
The safety level of work environment	(Avestakhan <i>et al.</i> , 2012), (Geng <i>et al.</i> ,2013), (Jie,Wensheng, 2012), (Zahara, Mushalia, 2012) (Hinze Thurman, Wehle, 2013), (Brown, 2000), (Schrörs, 2010)
Preventive Maintenance	(Ostadi <i>et al.</i> , 2005), ( Jalali, Mahpeykar, 2009), (Shankar, Sahani, 2003), (Wireman,2004), (Kolahan,Doostparast,2014), (Mercier,Pham,2012), (Garcia <i>et al.</i> , 2014), (Selvik,Aven, 2011), (Dehayem,Gharbi, 2011)

<sup>1</sup> particle swarm optimization

<sup>2</sup> Condition based maintenance

**Table 3.** Continued

Main topics	References
Maintenance inventory and purchasing	(Zheng,Xu, 2004), (Wireman, 2004), (Van Horenbeek <i>et al.</i> ,2013), (Smith,Hawkins, 2004)
Maintenance work orders	(Wireman, 2004), (Palma <i>et al.</i> , 2010)
Maintenance planning and scheduling	(Márquez, 2007), (Wireman, 2004),(Commission I.E, 2004), (Siener, Aurich, 2011),(Patankar <i>et al.</i> ,2009), (Fattahi <i>et al.</i> ,2014), (Ming, Raghava ,2008)
Maintenance automation (CMMS)	(Wireman, 2004), (Durán, 2011), (Jalali,Gholaamzade, 2012), (Mädera,Gotelb, 2012) ,(Bertolini <i>et al.</i> , 2009),(Waeyenbergh, Pintelon, 2002)
Operations/ facilities involvement on running of maintenance programs	( Jalali, Mahpeykar, 2009),( Kim & Park, 2012), (Wireman, 2004)
Predictive Maintenance (PdM)	(Márquez, 2007), (Ming, Raghava , 2008), (Beebe,2004),(Efthymioua <i>et al.</i> , 2012), (Carnero, 2006), (Carnero Moya, 2004), (You <i>et al.</i> , 2010), (Gilabert, Arnaiz, 2006)
Maintenance quality management (MQM)	(Kim & Park, 2012), (Siener,Aurich, 2011), (Wireman, 2004), (Dhillon, Liu, 2006), (Singh <i>et al.</i> , 2013), (Bevilacqua <i>et al.</i> , 2009), (Pandey, Vrat, 2011), (Leong <i>et al.</i> , 2012), (Zawawi <i>et al.</i> , 2011), (Lundteigen <i>et al.</i> , 2009)
Maintenance organization	( Jalali, Mahpeykar, 2009) (Tavakoli-Moghaddam <i>et al.</i> , 2013) ,(Wireman, 2004) ,(Hansson, Backlund, 2003), (Smith, Hawkins, 2004),(Reiman, Oedewald, 2006)
Training programs in maintenance	(Commission I.E, 2004),(Wireman,1992),(Smith, Hawkins, 2004)
Maintenance reporting	(Commission I.E, 2004), (ISO 14224,2006) ,(Pintelon, Puyvelde, 1997) ,(Burgman, Roos, 2007)
Reliability Engineering (RCM)	(Carnero, 2006), (Wireman, 2004), (Zheng, Xu, 2004),(Azadeh <i>et al.</i> ,2010), (Deshpande, Modak, 2002) ,(Hansson, Backlund, 2003),(Chiodo <i>et al.</i> , 2004) ,(Nilsson, Bertling, 2007), (Waeyenbergh, Pintelon, 2002) , (Kolahan, Doostparast, 2014), (Selvik, Aven, 2011)

**Table 3.** Continued

Main topics	References
Maintenance – general practices	(Commission I.E, 2004), (ISO 14224, 2006), (IEC 60300, 2004)
Financial optimization	(Komonen, 2002), (Wireman, 2004),(Wessels, 2003) ,(Khan, Haddara, 2003)
Asset care continuous improvement	(Wireman, 2004), (Wireman, 1992),(Azadeh <i>et al.</i> , 2007), (Delgado <i>et al.</i> , 2014),(Cachay, Abele, 2012)
Maintenance contracting	(Wireman, 2004), (ISO 14224, 2006), (Teixeira de Almeida, 2001),(Kumar <i>et al.</i> , 2004), (Wu, 2012), (Jackson, Pascual, 2008), (Cavalleria <i>et al.</i> , 2008)
Document management	(Commission I.E, 2004), (Wireman, 2004), (Durán, 2011)

**2-3- Formula to calculate a system score and identify its placement in the Wireman pyramid**

If M is the obtained score of a company in proportion to the evaluation pivots, and MAX is the total score for the proposed framework, then:

$$MMS \text{ Self – Assessment} = R = \frac{1000 * M_i * \sum_j Ind(i, j)}{max} \quad (1)$$

$i=1, 2, \dots, n; j=1, 2, \dots, m$ ; max shows the total score gained in the framework;  $M_i$  shows weight of  $i$ th dimension; (i, j) indicates the score of Index  $i$  at dimension  $j$  and  $R$  is the average score of self-assessment for a typical company.

The obtained score of a system for placement in the pyramid =  $(1000 * M) / MAX$  (2)

After calculating the scores, we can identify where in the pyramid the system fits and find out the placement of the system according to table (4).

**Table 4.** Determining a company's ranking Based on the scores and the Wireman Pyramid

Interval, the final score is calculated based on the proposed framework	Grade	No.
0-500	Re-active PM	1
501-600	active PM	2
601-800	Pro- active PM	3
801-900	initial	4
901-980	secondary	5
981-1000	advanced	6

**3- Implementation the self-assessment framework in a case study**

In this study, a company and its relevant parts of the maintenance management were observed and investigated in order to conduct a quantitative evaluation and audit of refinery maintenance management system based on the designed checklist.

During the assessment, the units and individuals were interviewed using questions included in the checklist in order to carry out the evaluation along with audits based on evidence of maintenance management system. Summary of assessment provided in table 5.

**Table 5.** Summary earned refinery maintenance management system

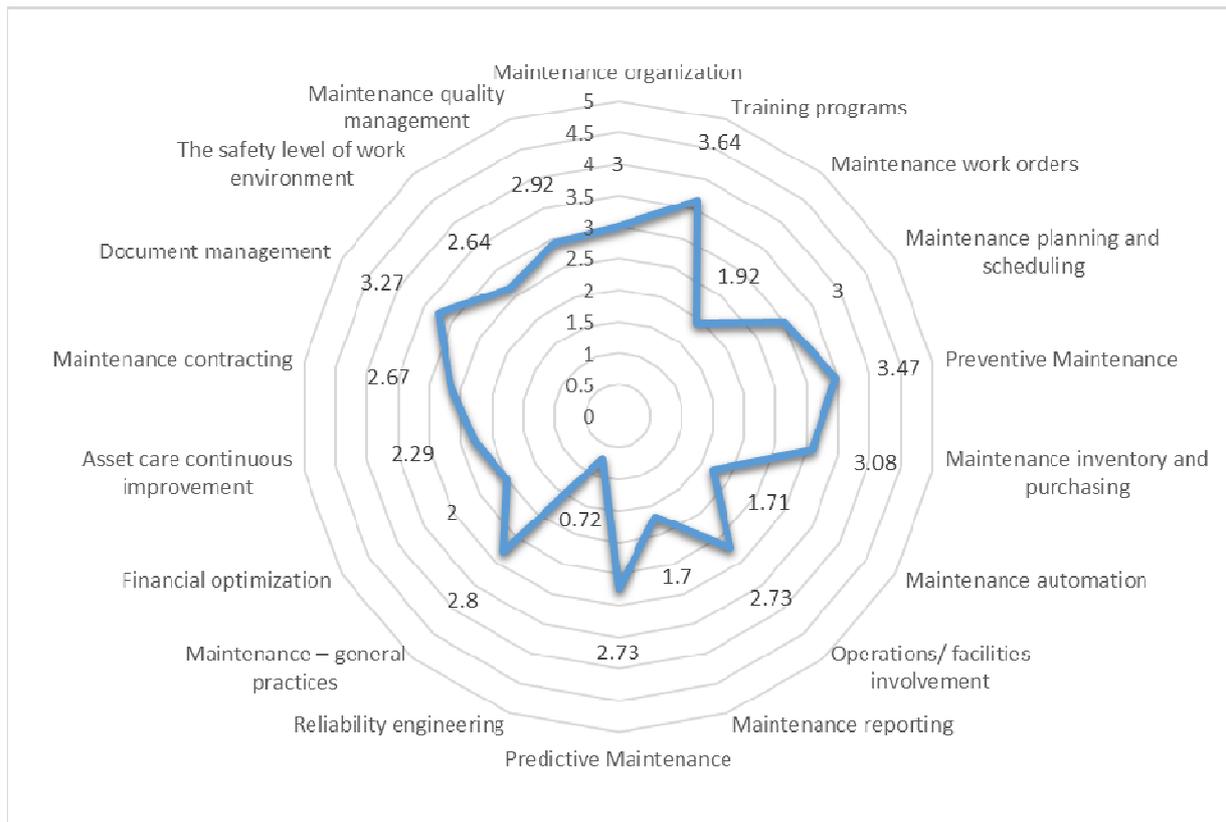
Number of Criteria																							
	Dimension	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	$W_i$	$\Sigma$	$\bar{x}$	
1	Maintenance organization	3	1	4	2	4	3	3	3	3	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.12	33	3	
2	Training programs	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.04	40	3.64	
3	Maintenance work orders	0	1	1	4	1	3	0	4	0	3	4	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	0.05	25	1.92	
4	Maintenance planning and scheduling	4	4	4	3	4	1	4	4	0	4	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.06	36	3	
5	Preventive Maintenance	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	0	4	4	4	4	2	4	2	-	-	-	0.04	52	3.47	
6	Maintenance inventory and purchasing	3	1	0	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	2	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	0.06	40	3.08	
7	Maintenance automation	3	2	0	0	0	0	4	4	2	0	2	1	2	2	2	3	2	-	0.04	29	1.71	
8	Operations/ facilities involvement	4	0	2	2	4	2	4	4	4	4	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.04	30	2.73	
9	Maintenance reporting	0	4	2	0	2	2	3			4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.04	17	1.7	
10	Predictive Maintenance	4	2	2	0	4	0	4	4	4	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.05	30	2.73	
11	Reliability engineering	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	1	3	0	1	0.07	13	0.72	
12	Maintenance – general practices	4	3	1	3	3	4	3	3	0	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.5	28	2.8	
13	Financial optimization	0	0	2	4	4	4	0	4	4	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	-	-	0.07	32	2	
14	Asset care continuous improvement	4	4		4	4	3	4		0	3	2	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	0.06	32	2.29	
15	Maintenance contracting	3	3	3	4	4	1	3	0	3	3	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.05	32	2.67	
16	Document management	2	0	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.07	36	3.27	
17	The safety level of work environment	4	2	3	1	2	1	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	4	-	-	-	-	0.05	37	2.64	
18	Maintenance quality management	3	3	2	4	3	2	2	2	3	4	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.04	35	2.92	
Total score obtained																						577	2.57
The total possible score																						904	4
The percentage of compliance		Considering coefficient = 620.1 regardless coefficient = 638.2																					

In the above table,  $W_i$  is the corresponding weight (relative importance) of dimension i and  $\Sigma$  is the corresponding total score dimension i obtained and  $\bar{x}$  is the mean score dimension I obtained.

After calculating the above table for each company, we will have:

$$MMS \text{ Self} - \text{Assesment} = R \quad (3)$$

The results indicated that issues such as performance training programs and RCM performance improvement seem necessary. According to the scores and wireman pyramid, the results of quantitative assessment showed that total percent of compliance refinery is equal to 624.5 and the ranking of maintenance management system is in the active preventive maintenance (PM pro- active). To reach the next level of the pyramid (initial), the system needs to improve in those cases when the company rating is low, especially in the training, CMMS, purchasing and inventory systems as well as agenda needed for fundamental improvement. RADAR charts (Figure 3) were used to show the results.



**Figure 3.** RADAR charts (finding from MMS self-assessment)

#### 4- Results and Discussion

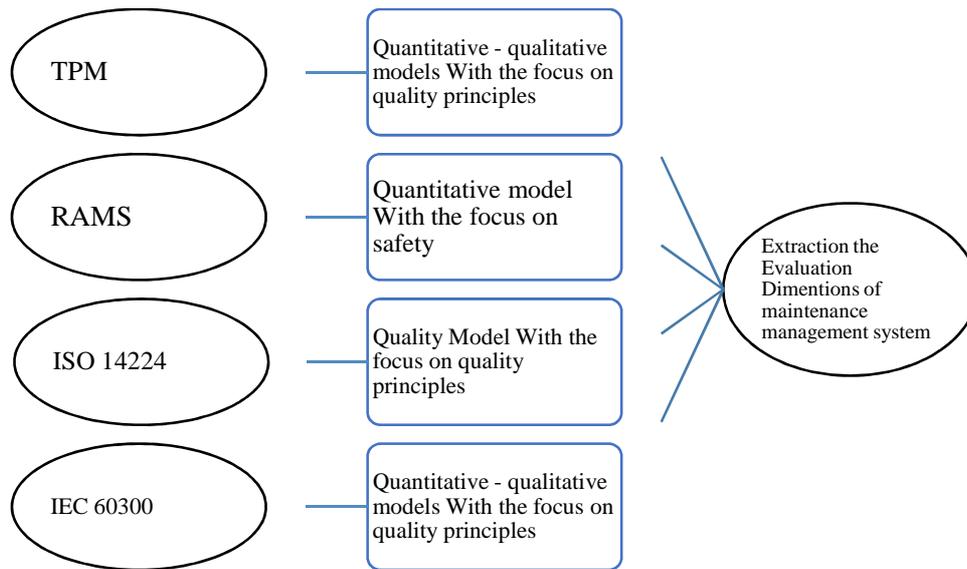
A set of technical, administrative and management activities are done in the life cycle of equipment to put it in good condition and let the equipment have proper and expected functioning. This procedure is referred to as maintenance management system (MMS). Given the importance of this system in the companies, the significance of frameworks required for the assessment becomes more obvious. Besides, by reviewing the literature, researchers have realized the importance and necessity of presenting a self-assessment framework for the maintenance management system. The framework and models of assessment in order to enhance effectiveness of a maintenance management system could be proposed in two categories: qualitative and quantitative. Most qualitative evaluation models proposed in previous research are based on total preventive maintenance (TPM) concepts and related standards such as ISO 14224 and IEC 60300-3-14. Quantitative models, on the other hand, are based on reliability, availability

and maintainability measures. In recent years, measures relevant to safety issues have also been included in compliance with RAMS system. According to surveys and studies done by the authors, the common dimensions of frameworks and models for evaluating MMS have been determined, which include:

- Maintenance organization
- Training programs in maintenance
- Maintenance reporting
- Reliability engineering (such as RCM)
- Maintenance – general practices
- Financial optimization
- Asset care continuous improvement
- Maintenance contracting
- Document management
- The safety level of work environment
- Maintenance inventory and purchasing
- Predictive Maintenance (PdM)
- Maintenance work orders
- Maintenance planning and scheduling
- Maintenance automation (CMMS)
- Operations/ facilities involvement on running of maintenance programs
- Preventive Maintenance (PM)
- Maintenance quality management (MQM)

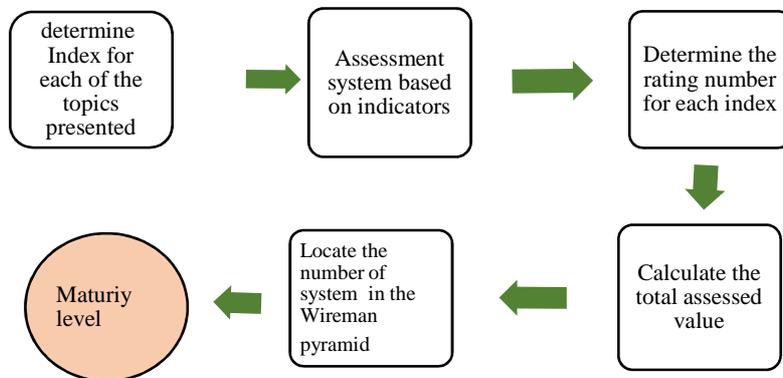
In this paper, first the eighteen dimensions and their indicators were reviewed and extracted. Then, a self-assessment framework was introduced to assess the value of these dimensions. Following the completion of a self-assessment questionnaire, improvement opportunities for MMS should be prioritized, providing an ongoing illustration of the company's MMS.

Therefore, this paper will present a self-assessment framework based on the above mentioned topics for evaluation and placement of the MMS according to the total points earned in a Wireman pyramid. Then, according to the review of the literature, the appropriate indicators for each dimension of evaluation have been extracted and the framework has been tested in a petrochemical company. Also, to identify and develop the assessment dimensions of MMS, several secondary data sources have been used by the authors that have been shown in Figure 4.



**Figure 4.** Methodology to identify and develop, Evaluation aspects of maintenance management systems

One of the applications of the designed framework based on the above topics is to identify the placement and location of a system, by using their results, in the Wireman pyramid of promotion (Figure 1.). In other words, if the proportion of points earned by a typical company and ranking of wireman, then the maturity level of maintenance system of a firm will be separable, according to Figure 1.



**Figure 5.** Procedures determine the maturity level maintenance management system based on the topics presented

Assessment result of this model will be based on the proposed framework. By using the average scores indicating the system points and Wireman pyramid, we can determine the ranking of the maintenance management system. In other words, the average scores of total points will be presented in a range of 0 to 1000. Then, the appropriate maturity level of the maintenance will be determined based on the maturity levels outlined by Wireman.

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