

Predictive Maintenance:

Transforming Reactive Service into Proactive Solutions

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Introduction

Story: A data scientist says he can predict parts failures with 95% accuracy.

Director asks: 'Is this real?' This presentation explores that question.

John Tocado – Principal Analyst, JLG



JLG (2015 – present):

- Leading contact-center innovation with ML integrations
- Serve as Business Analyst, Project Manager, Team Lead



MIT Tech Conferences:

- Attended EMTech Digital at MIT Media Lab (2022): Explored breakthroughs in AI
- Attended EMTech Future Compute (2022): Focus on machine learning infrastructure, security, and metaverse



Former US Army Helicopter Mechanic:

- MOS 67 Uniform Medium Helicopter Repair
- Maintained and repaired the CH-47 Chinook



Old Dog Learning New Tricks



Trade Show Takeaway

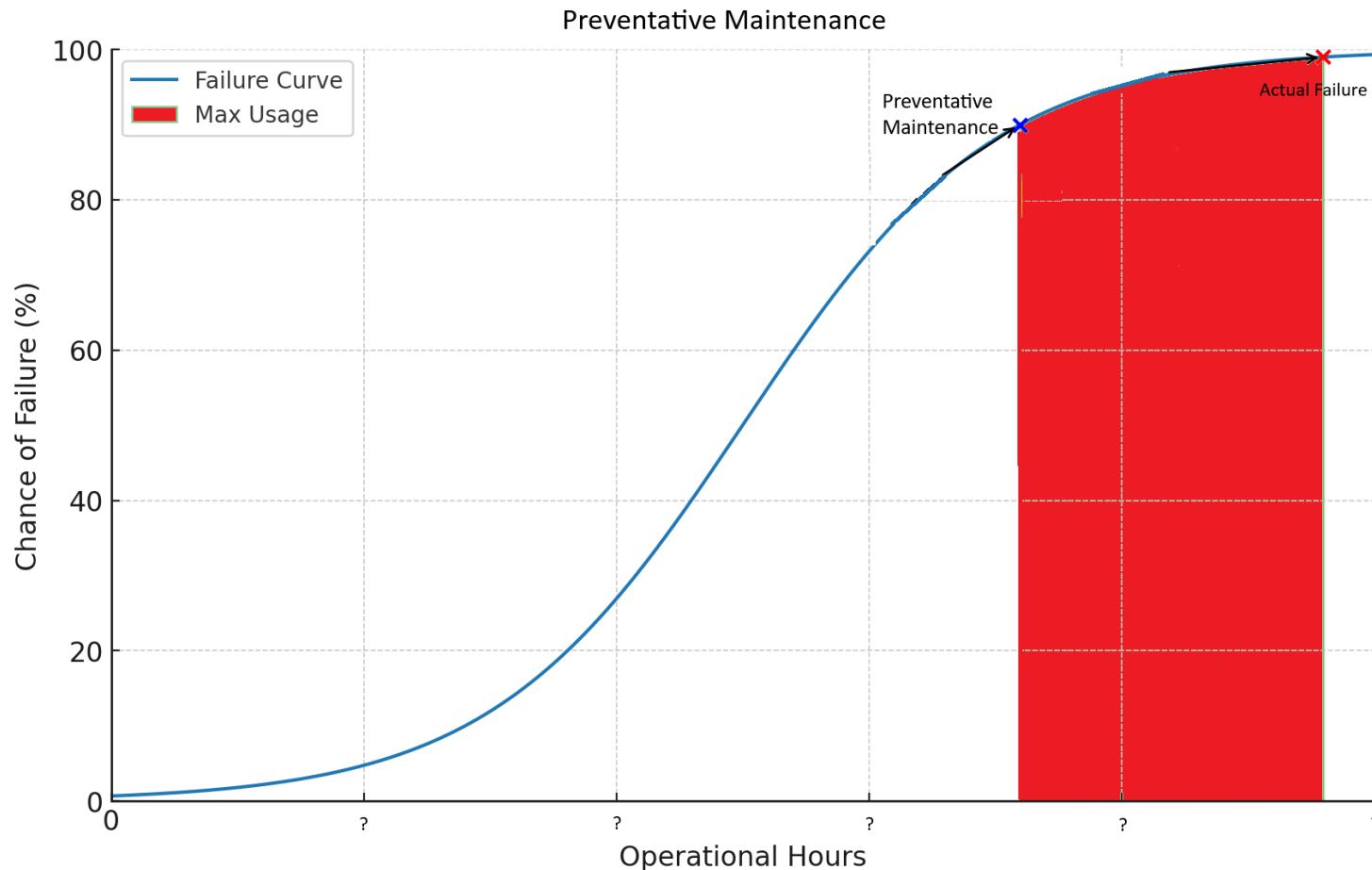
John has been wrestling with Machine Learning Hype and Management Expectations for 3 years

Current State: Preventive Maintenance

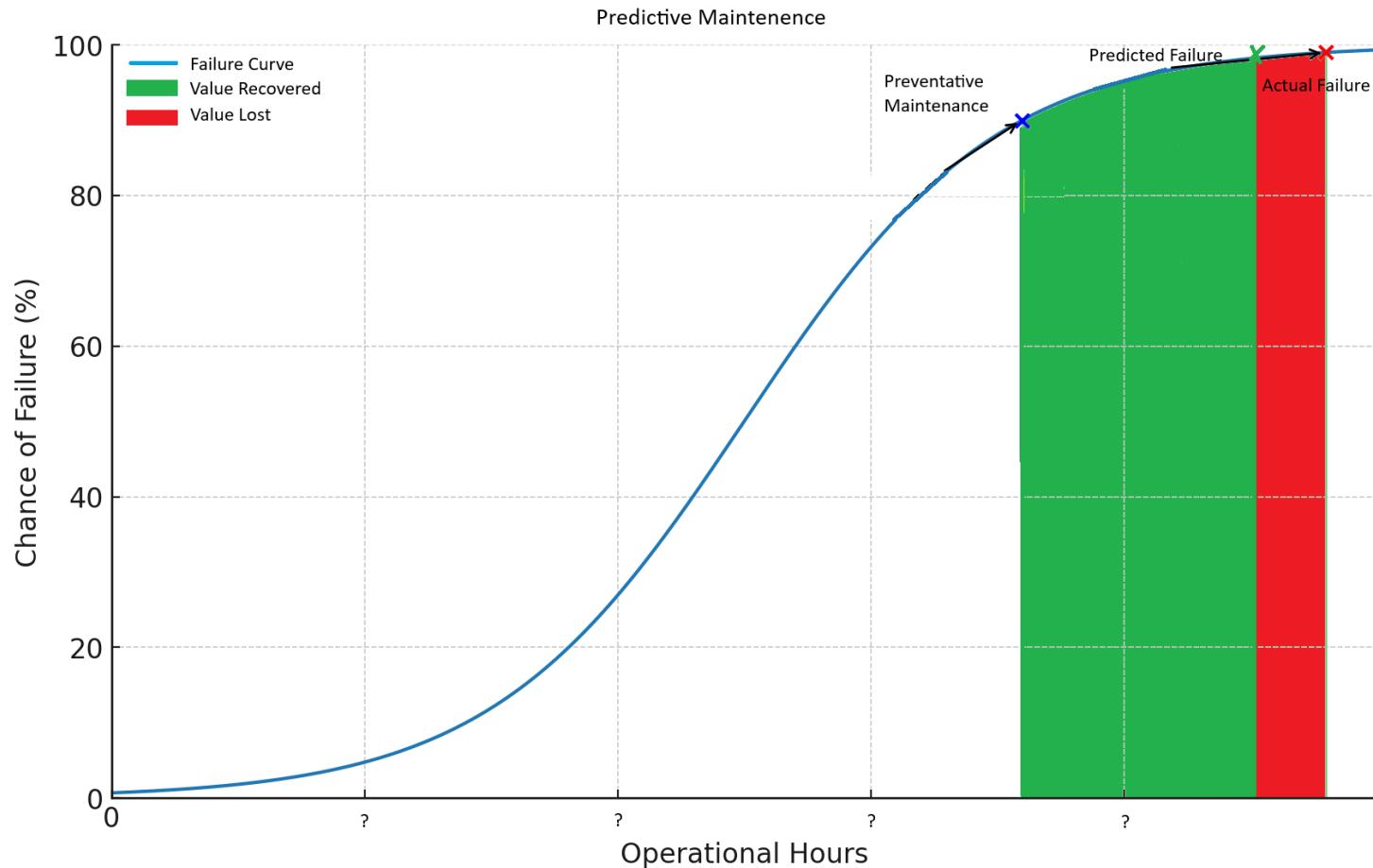
- Reduce unscheduled downtime
- Optimize parts scheduling
- Improve labor efficiency
- Maximize service bay usage



Current State: Preventive Maintenance



Predictive Maintenance Value



How to Decide

What is the cost
to predict key
failures?

Do projected
savings outweigh
PdM investment?

Is PdM the right
strategic step
today?

Go Back to the Data Scientist

- For a JLG 1055
- Find the High Maintenance Parts
- What failures can I realistically prevent?
- Estimate Value of PdM
- Report on Data Available



Predictive Maintenance Model Costs

Model Development
\$?

Data pipelines
\$?

**Machine Learning
Operations**
\$?

Risk
\$?

- I Have No Idea if This Will Work

Create the Requirements

Pick a Machine

Pick the Right Parts

Pick the Right Predictions



POC Partner

Decision: Build vs Buy vs Embed



Buy: AI-as-a-Service



Build: In-house ML
team, or
Consultants



Embed: PdM in
ERP/telematics
software



Decision: cost,
speed, control,
scalability

Time for the Data Audit

Do I have sufficient data for modeling?

What additional data is required?

What will it cost to get it?



The Data Audit Details

Collect all machine evidence:



Work orders



Telematics



Contact center notes



Call transcripts





Cost of a
Model



ML Model
Complex Machine

~\$250k

Beyond the Model: Ongoing Costs

Model Usage

MLOps

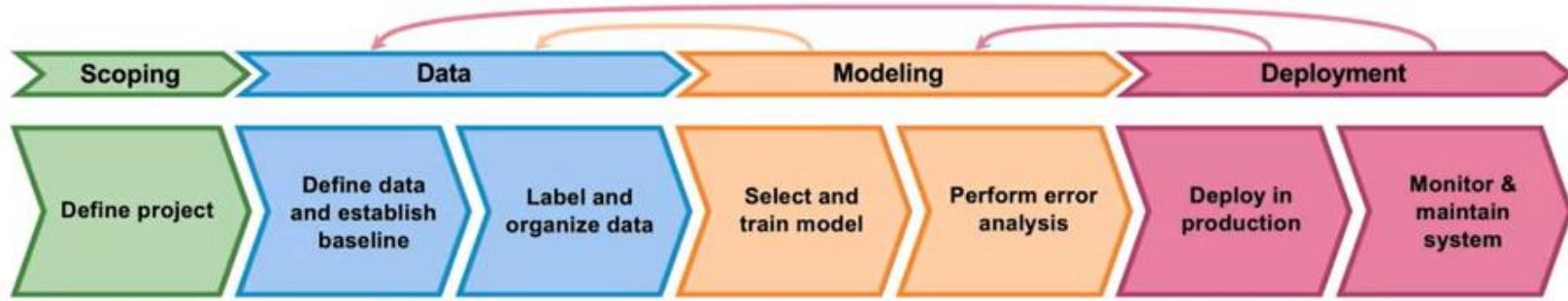
Model
Refresh Cycles

Support

Machine Learning Operations

Standing Up a Practice

The ML project lifecycle



$X \rightarrow Y$

Lessons Learned

Preventive Maintenance
→

Efficient shop management

Broad value

Predictive Maintenance
→

Reduce unplanned outages

Narrow but high-value opportunities

Expect to
Have a
Hybrid
System →

Use PrM for Efficient shop management

Use PdM for high-value opportunities

Summary



High Risk



Narrow Rewards



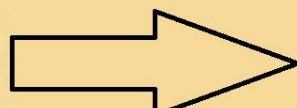
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