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Predictive maintenance for Industry 4.0 (including market overview)

Maintenance concepts aim to achieve high availability, but they are also a cost factor. It is therefore important to find a balance between the two. Intelligent concepts should help to reconcile several target parameters.

An often neglected aspect when purchasing capital goods is the fact that the costs for operation, maintenance, and repairs (operational expenses – Opex) over the life cycle are higher than the acquisition costs (capital expenses – Capex). In both industry and IT, the rule of thumb is that only 20–30% of the total costs are incurred at the time of purchase, but 70–80 % during use ...

iX compiles an overview of external providers and their cloud solutions.

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