



Adaptive alignment: the next generation in laser shaft alignment systems

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Shaft alignment and machine analysis



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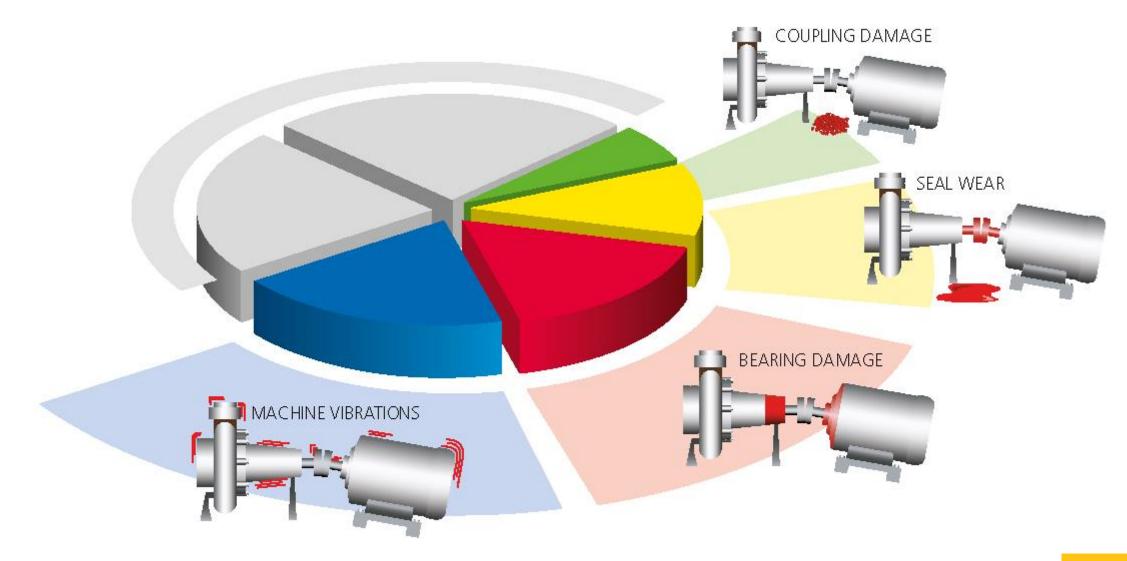


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Consequences of misalignment on machine condition



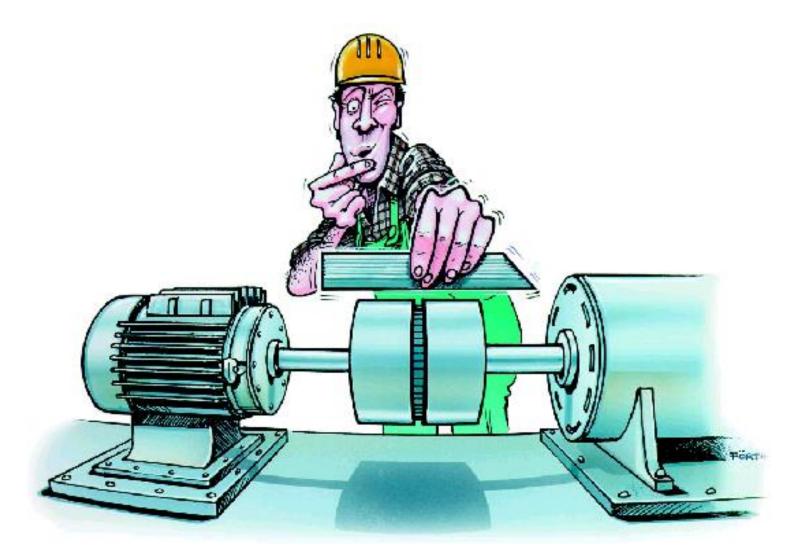


Typical short-flex couplings





Short history: Alignment of machines >> Ruler and feeler gauge





Short history: Consequences of misalignment on rotating machinery

BEARINGS COUPLINGS SEALS

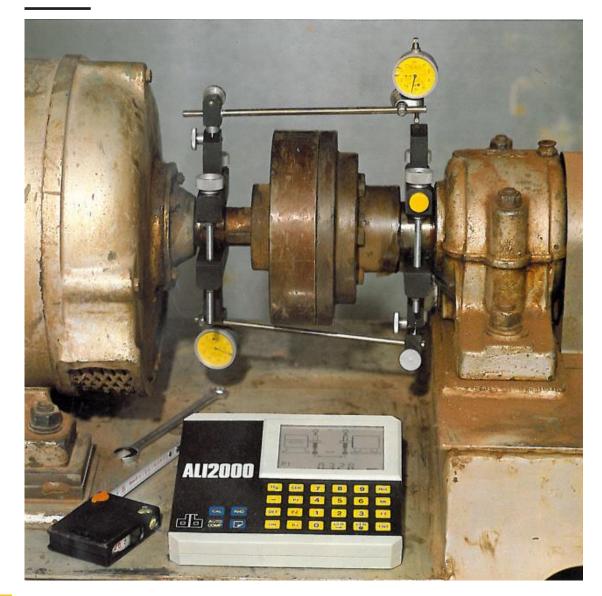


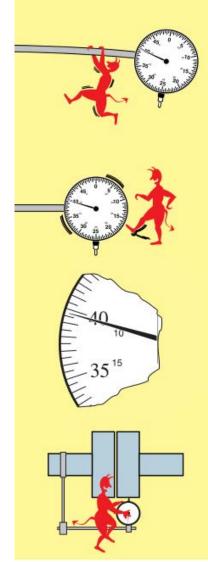


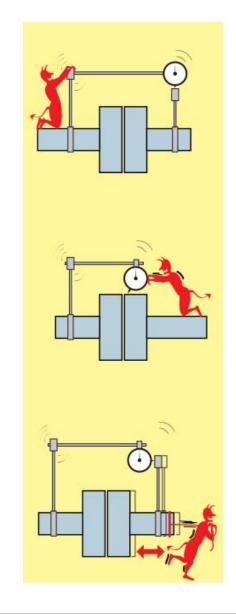




Short history: Alignment of machines → 1982 - PRUFTECHINK ALI 2000

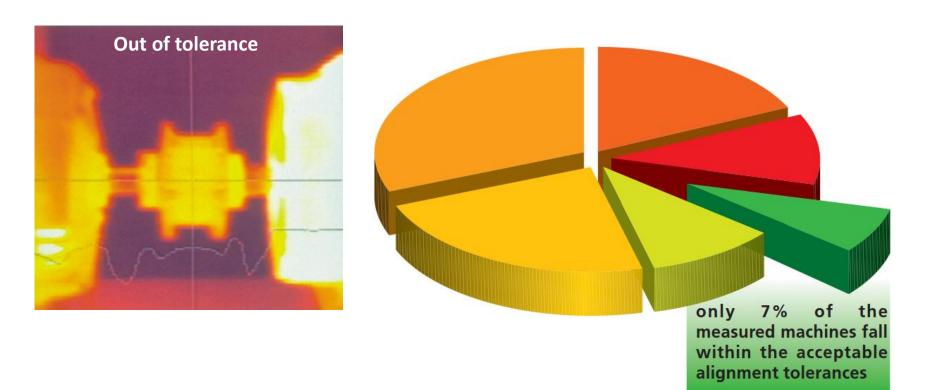


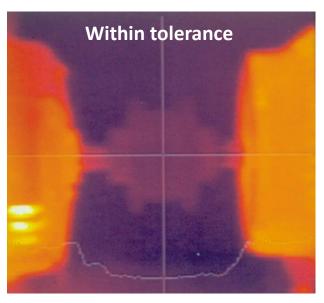






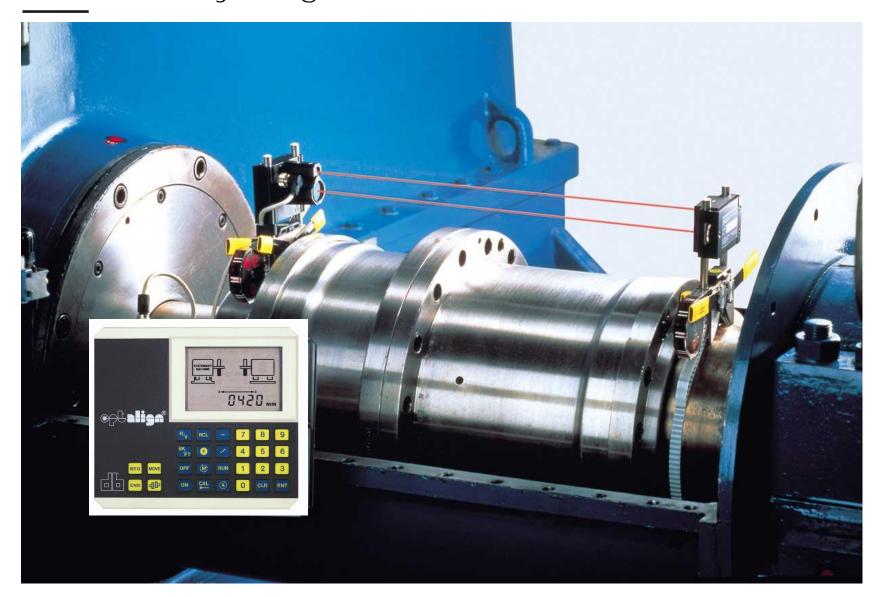
Short history: Machines within precision alignment tolerances







Short history: Alignment of machines → 1984 PRUFTECHNIK OPTALIGN





Short history: Shaft alignment methods

STRAIGHT EDGE DIAL INDICATOR OPTALIGN LASER SYSTEM Measurement Messen 5 mils 0.5 mils 0.05 mils 1 mm 1 mm 1 1000 mm Correction Korrigieren THE WIZARD THE SPECIALIST THE TECHNICIAN



POLL QUESTION No. 1



Which alignment method are you predominantly using?

(Click only one answer)

- Straight edge and feeler gauge
- Dial indicators
- Laser shaft alignment
- No alignment method being used at this time



PRUFTECHNIK Alignment → Evolution

OPTALIGN ROTALIGN Ultra ROTALIGN touch OPTALIGN touch

1984

1994

2004

2015

2018

1st laser alignment Single laser Single XY detector Single laser
Single sensor
Double XY detector

Colour computer Bluetooth comm.

Touch GUI
sensALIGN 7:
Integrated BT comm.
Single laser
Double XY detector
Intelli measurements

Common touch GUI sensALIGN 5:
Integrated BT comm.
Single laser
Double XY detector





What is Adaptive Alignment?

Adaptive Alignment is the next generation of laser alignment – brought to you by the inventors of laser shaft alignment who continue to innovate in the field.

It is a combination of software and hardware innovations, enabling maintenance teams to address every alignment challenge from simple to complex ... challenges that basic systems cannot handle. Adaptive Alignment systems can adjust:

- To the **asset** itself
- To the alignment situation or challenge
- To the technician and team charged with completing the alignment task

Adaptive Alignment systems eliminate "guesstimates," wasted effort, and time-consuming rework that happen with basic laser alignment systems.

Work is completed faster and with higher precision because advanced technology automatically "adapts" in real time, eliminating errors and correcting for situational challenges that other systems cannot.

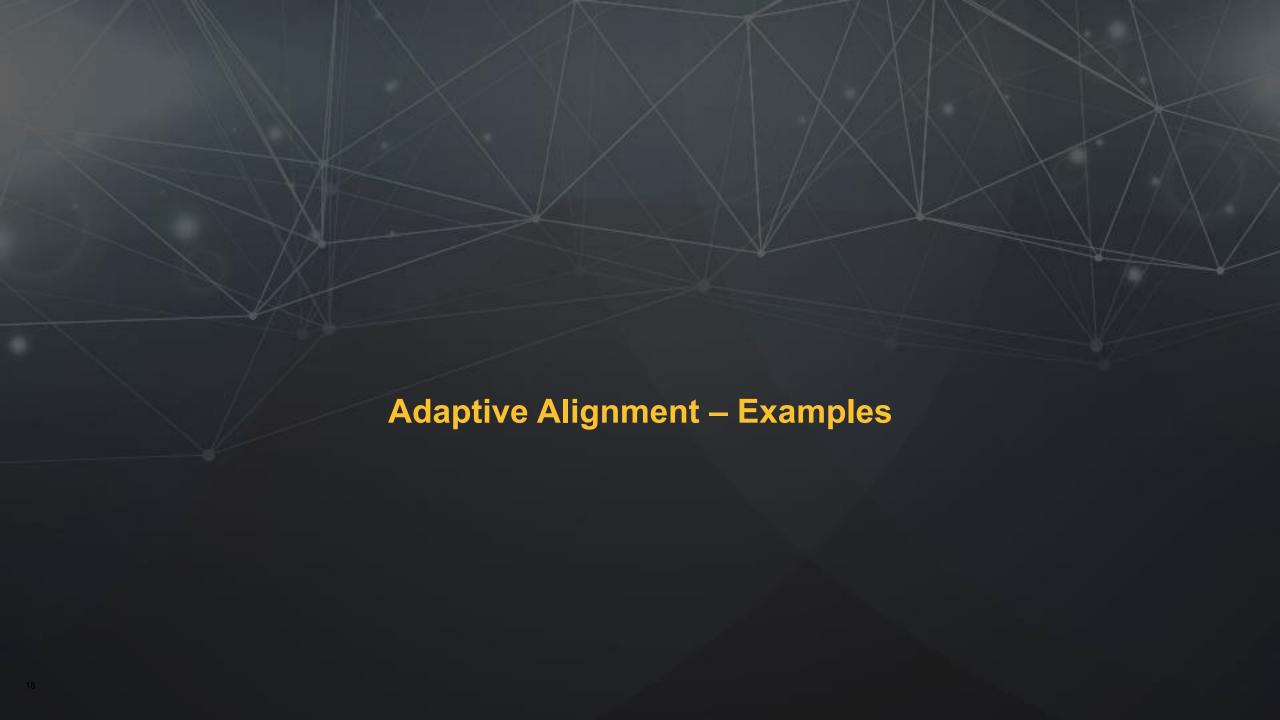


Innovations that make Adaptive Alignment possible

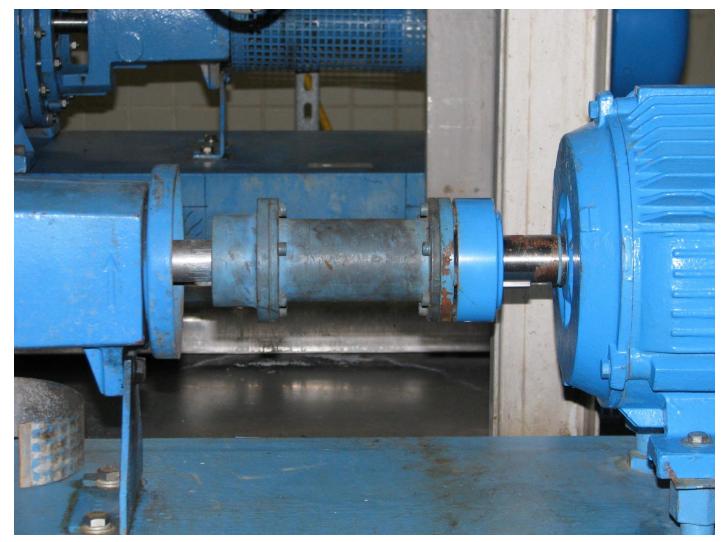
1. Single Laser Technology

- sensALIGN
- 2. Active Situational Intelligence
- numerous features, such as:
 - Simultaneous Live Move
 - Continuous Sweep
 - Uncoupled Shaft Awareness
 - Freeze-Frame Measurement
 - Automatic Multi-Factored Quality Enhancement
 - Total Thermal Coverage
 - ARC 4.0





Example 1: Coupled M/C - ROTATABLE -> Continuous Sweep



Hans Lenz, PRUFTECHNIK Germany: Pump-Motor coupled application

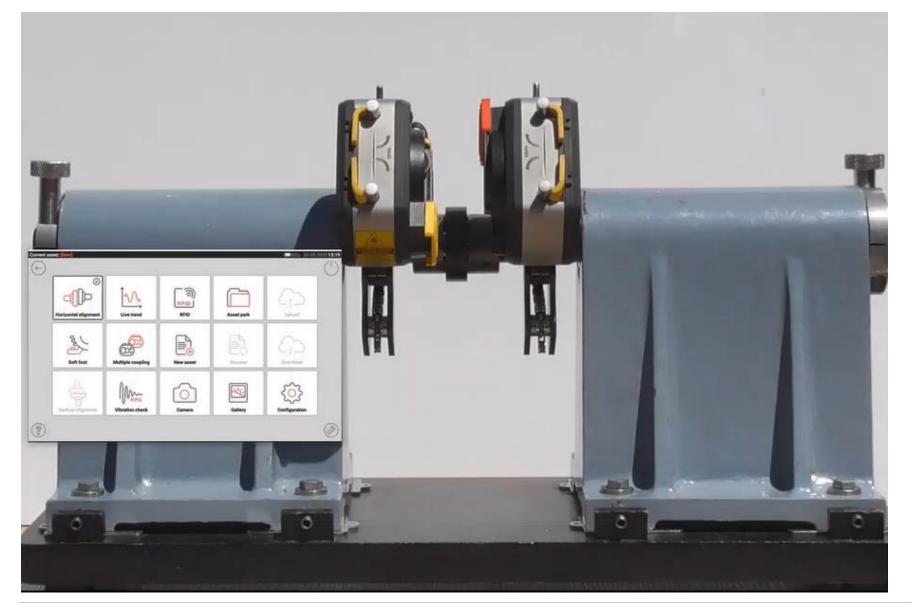


Example 1A: Coupled M/C→ Continuous Sweep→ MEASURE & LIVE MOVE





Example 1B: Coupled M/C → Continuous Sweep → COUPLING BACKLASH





Example 1C: Coupled M/C → Continuous Sweep → USER ISSUES





Example 2: COUPLED Vs. UN-COUPLED SHAFT ALIGNMENT

Coupling strain and shaft deflection

Shaft uncoupled

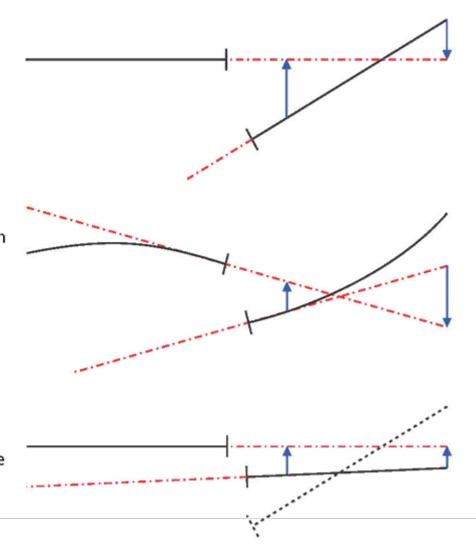
The alignment condition with the shafts uncoupled. Severe misalignment is present.

Shaft coupled

The projected centrelines of rotation are shown as measured with the shafts coupled.

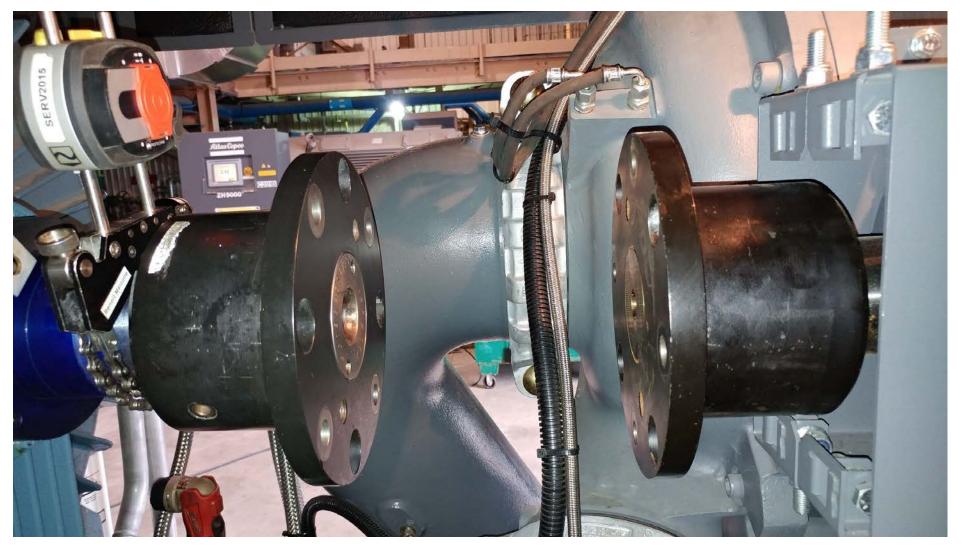
Shaft after alignment

The right shaft is moved according to the measured values. The alignment situation has improved but the shafts are still not aligned.





Example 2: Un-Coupled M/C - ROTATABLE -> Uncoupled Shaft Awareness



Benoît Marcotte, PRUFTECHNIK Canada: Compressor application

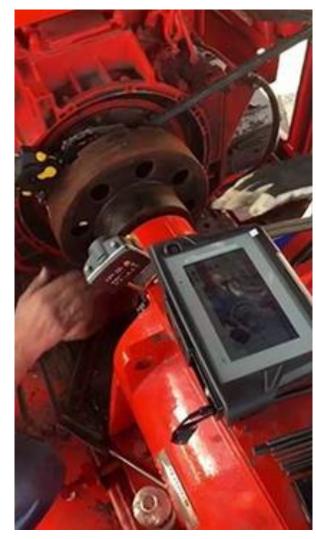


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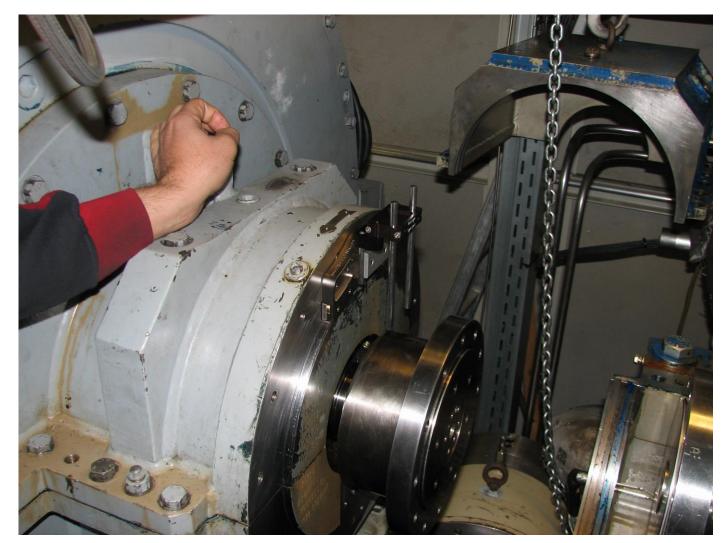




Example 3: Un-Coupled M/C - NON-ROTATABLE → Intelli/Multipoint



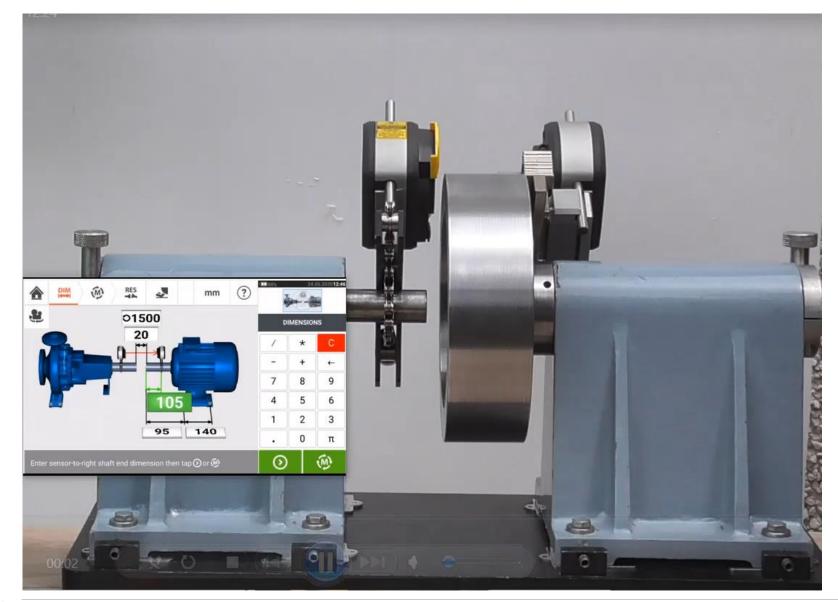
Brandon Zupperdo, Star-tech



Hans Lenz, PRUFTECHNIK Germany: Planetary gearbox non-rotatable shaft

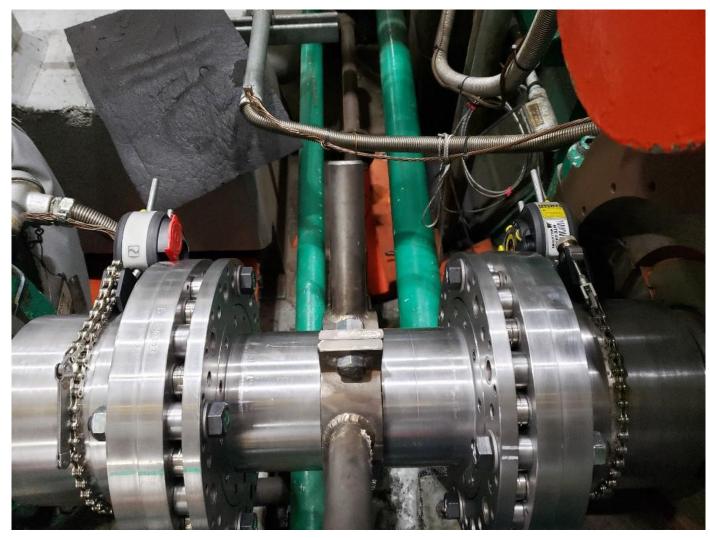


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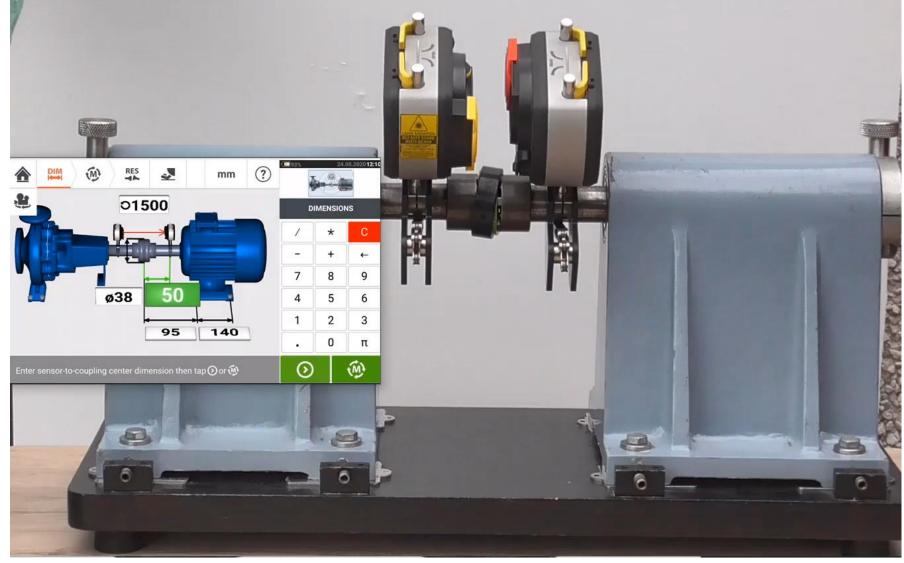
Example 4: INITIAL MISALIGNMENT >> Freeze-Frame Measurement



Deron Jozokos, Shoreline Reliability: Turbine driven nuclear feed water pump

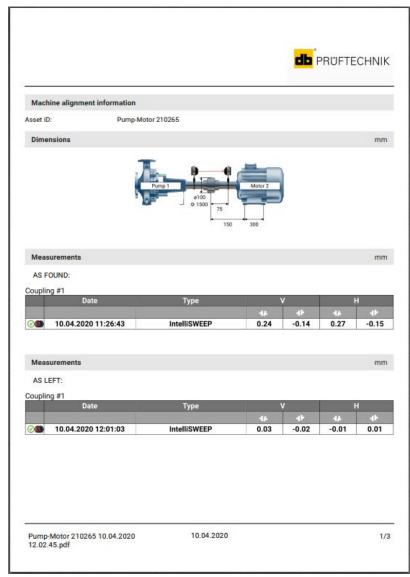


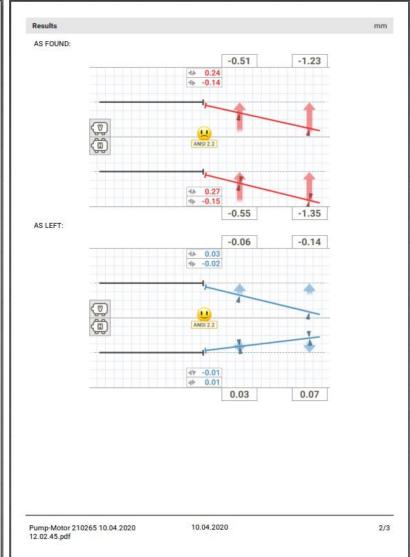
Example 4: INITIAL MISALIGNMENT >> Freeze-Frame Measurement





Example 4: INITIAL MISALIGNMENT -> Report protocol: As found





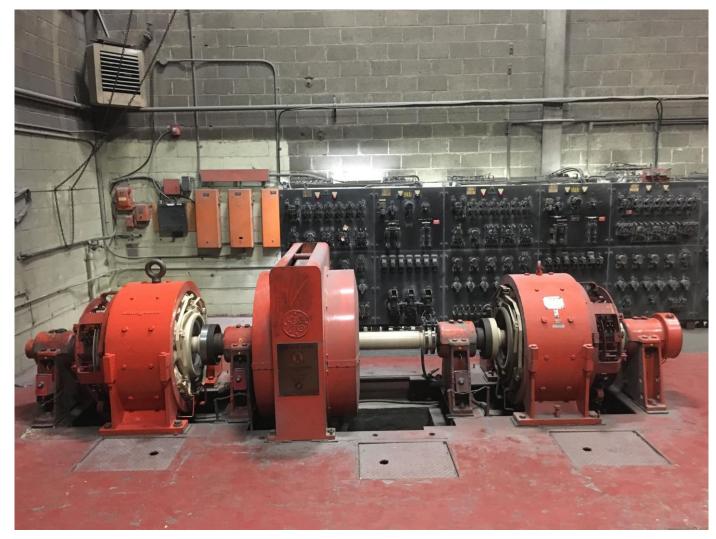


Examples 1 - 4: Adaptive Alignment measurement summary

Asset Situation	COUPLED ROTATABLE	UN-COUPLED ROTATABLE	UN-COUPLED NON-ROTATABLE
Active Situational Intelligence	Continuous Sweep	Uncoupled Shaft Awareness - Pass	Uncoupled Shaft Awareness - Multi
ASI Value	Real-time automatic detection & elimination of erroneous data		
User Benefits	User guidance, speed and consistent high precision results for all users		



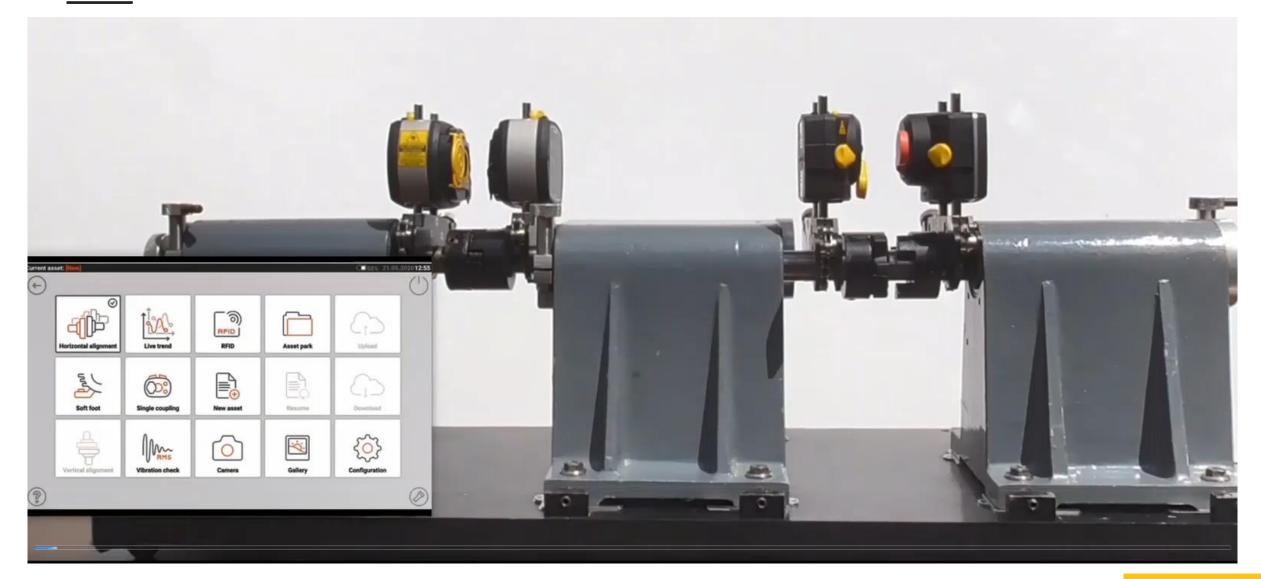
Example 5: MULTI-COUPLING > Simultaneous Machine Train Alignment



Benoît Marcotte, PRUFTECHNIK Canada: DC Generator machine train

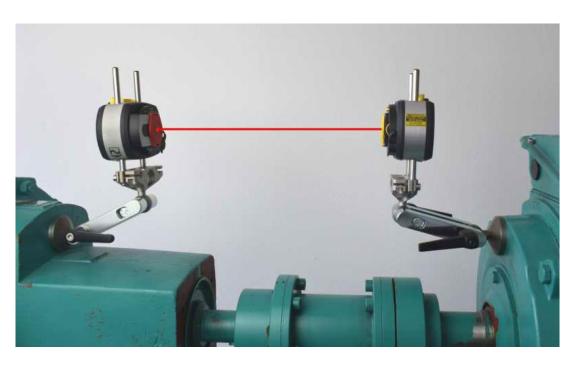


Example 5: MULTI-COUPLING > Simultaneous Machine Train Alignment





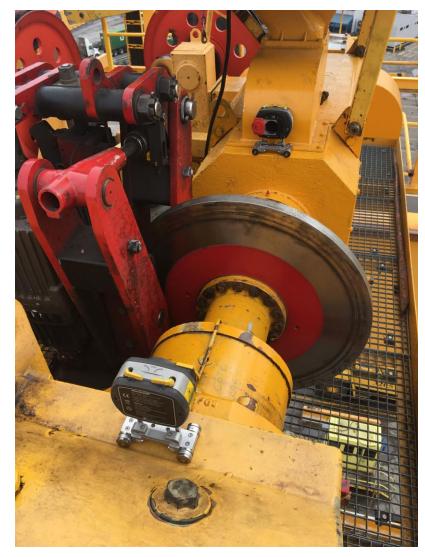
Example 6: MULTI-COUPLING > Total Thermal Coverage







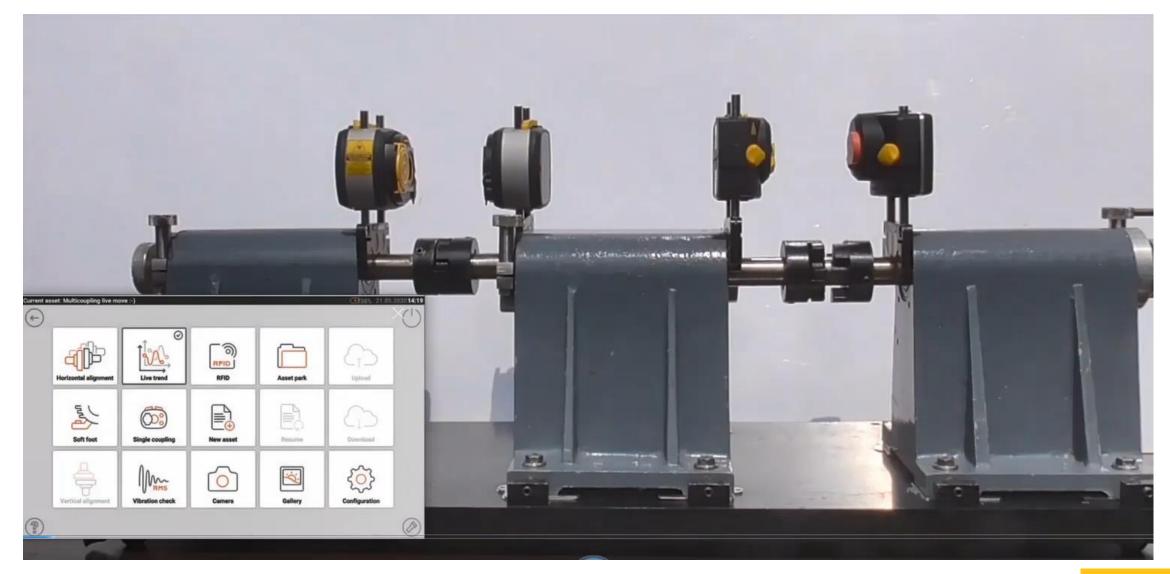
Example 6: MULTI-COUPLING → Total Thermal Coverage



Benoît Marcotte: Gantry crane



Example 6: MULTI-COUPLING > Total Thermal Coverage





Example 5 - 6: MULTI-COUPLING > Adaptive Alignment summary



Multi-Coupling Simultaneous Machine Train Alignment:

- Asset: Horizontal <u>Coupled & Uncoupled Shaft Alignment complete machine-train</u>
- Active Situational Intelligence: Monitor measurement and movement on all machines in real-time with automatic detection & elimination of erroneous data
- **User:** Track simultaneously complete machine movement changes to avoid machine-train bolt and base-bound situations with user guidance
- **BENEFITS:** Speed and accuracy of complete machine-train measurements and movements



Multi-Coupling Total Thermal Coverage:

- Asset: Horizontal Machine Alignment complete machine train
- Active Situational Intelligence: Measure/Log simultaneously the complete movement of complete machine train
- User: Automatic recording of machine-train changes to determine machine pre-sets at coupling and machine feet
- → **BENEFITS:** Speed, Simultaneously measure the complete machine train static/dynamic changes



Value proposition summary - Adaptive Alignment

- A comprehensive solution that acclimatizes in real time. Adaptive Alignment achieves results through two major innovations single laser technology and active situational intelligence. Together, these innovations optimize every alignment task from simple to complex minimizing downtime, extending asset life, and enabling technicians to accomplish more every day.
- Supports a broad range of critical rotating asset types & alignment challenges. Adaptive alignment quickly and easily handles straightforward alignment jobs, but more importantly <u>it's speed and ease of use expand to support more complex assets and situations</u>, such as machine trains, cardan shafts, long distance measurements, severe misalignments, highprecision tolerances, and more.
- Every technician can align like a pro. Adaptive Alignment systems unlock team capacity via real-time situational intelligence and built-in analytics. The system auto-corrects common user errors, enabling less experienced team members to obtain the same high-quality results as more experienced technicians. Unique collaboration facilities enable expert review of measurements, consulting, and mentoring as an alignment job progresses.



POLL QUESTION No. 2

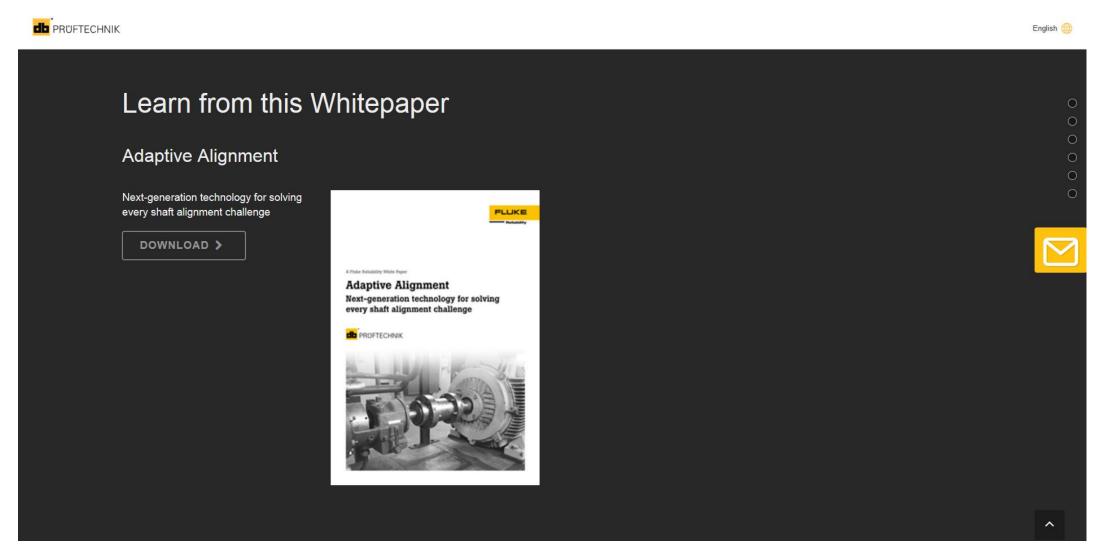


Do you see the benefits of an alignment system that adapts to situations and user experience level? (Click only one answer)

- Yes, extremely beneficial
- Somewhat beneficial
- Not that important
- Not sure
- We don't use an alignment system



Adaptive Alignment - Web content and information



https://www.pruftechnik.com/en-US/adaptive-alignment/



Adaptive Alignment - Best Practice webinar - Thanks



A big thank you to **Chris Wilson** at **PRUFTECHNIK UK**, who created the touch Adaptive Alignment video clips



QUESTIONS?



Thank you!

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