

The background is a collage of industrial images: blue electric motors, a large metal turbine, and a worker in a hard hat and safety vest. A white geometric grid is overlaid on the collage.

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Reliability

# Understanding the Basics of Automated Diagnostic System

# Meet the Speaker



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# Why is Automation so Important?

## Challenges Customers are Facing

Growing Volumes Of Data

Lack Of Resources

Too Many False Calls

Not Enough “Results” Or Lack Of Actionable Results

Pressure To Automate

## Requirements For A Reliable Automated System

- Repeatable Data
- Accurate Alarming
- Consistent and Reliable Rule Base
- Diagnostic Results with Usable Action Items



# Introduction to Azima's Condition Monitoring Solution

## CM Hardware

Online



Portable



Wireless

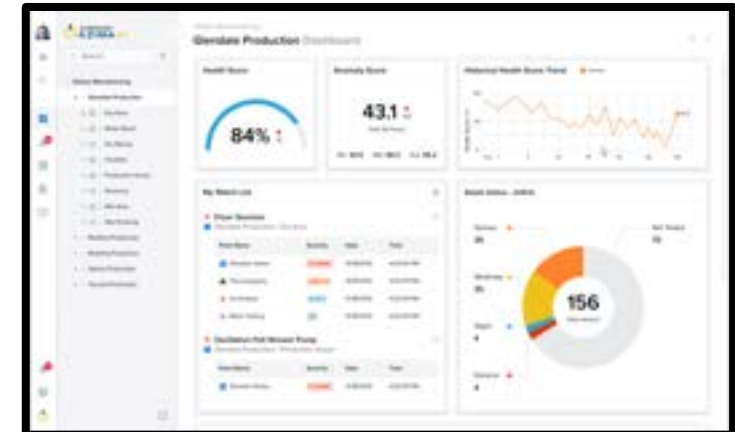


## CM Software and Services

AI Backed CM Analysis

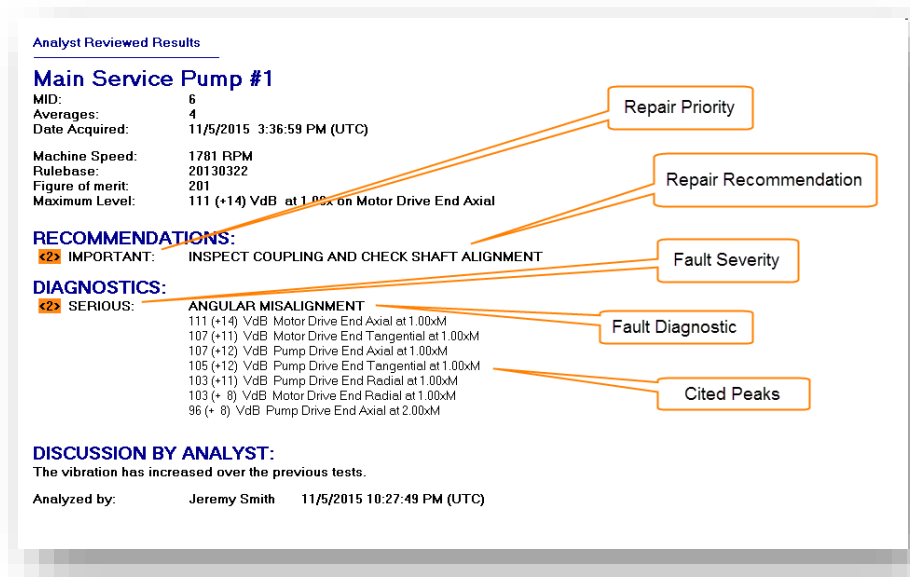
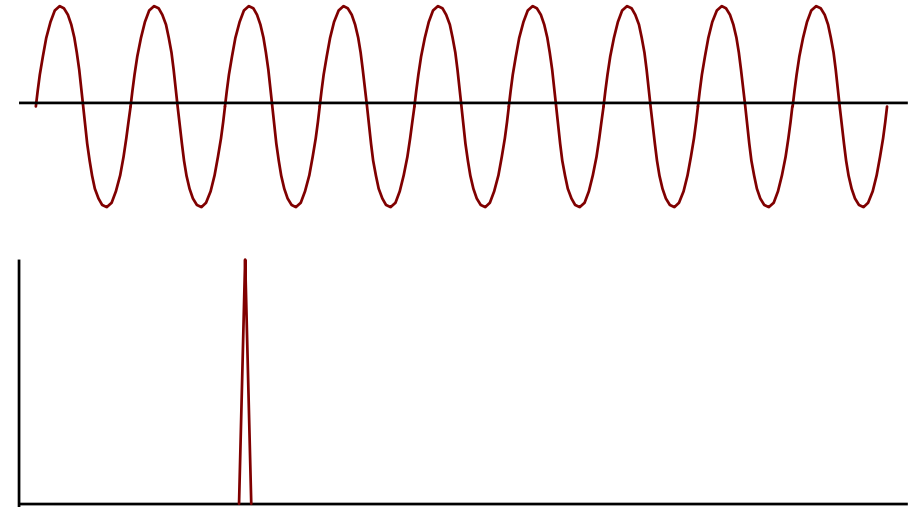


## Reporting Software



# What it IS!

Time Series Data  
Spectrum Data  
High Resolution  
(Avg 100,000 Lines/Machine  
Test)  
Diagnostic  
Actionable




# How Do We Do It

## Pre-Data

Understand The Machine  
Identify "Forced" Frequencies

## Post Data

Analyze Data  
Determine Exceedances  
Identify "Fault" Frequencies  
Determine Severity  
Recommend Action

Plant / Area Plant 1 / Crush / Extraction				Machine Name Recycle Pump #1								Asset ID P-031231		Photo ID		
HORIZ	OVERHUNG	M NDE	M DE	CPL	Machine Type: Pump				Fan	Comp: Cent	Screw	Recip	Blower	Refiner	Agit	Other
VERT	Y / N	1	2	Rigid	3	4	5	6	7	8	Rigid	9	10	11	12	
MANUF.	Toshiba			Flex							Flex					
HP	25			None	VAH							None				
DRIVER				Chain							Chain					
RPM	3575			Belt							Belt					
DR Mod#				Frame: 256T				Brgs: 6310 / 6309				Photo ID				
DVN Make: Durco				Type: Centrifugal				Model: Group 1				Photo ID				
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## Attachment Pads – Epoxy or Stud Mount

**NO MAGNETS!!!**

### Superior Frequency Response

- Ensures consistent, precise location of accelerometer/sensor for each testing period
- Eliminates variations in measurements from magnets

### Triax Data - Proven Methodology

- Simultaneous collection of data on three axis
- Fewer measurement points for faster collection of data
- Ensures common speed and load for all three axis

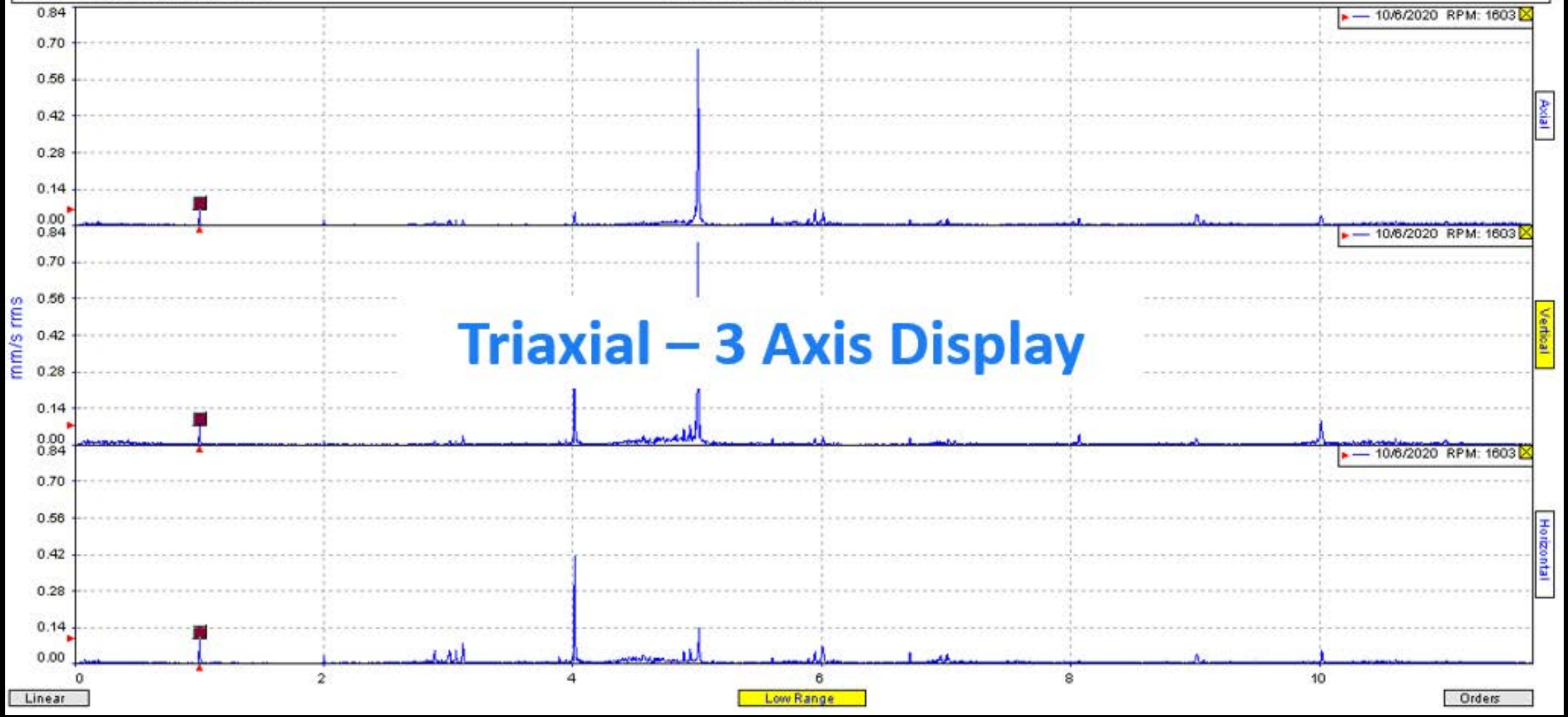
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Wireless



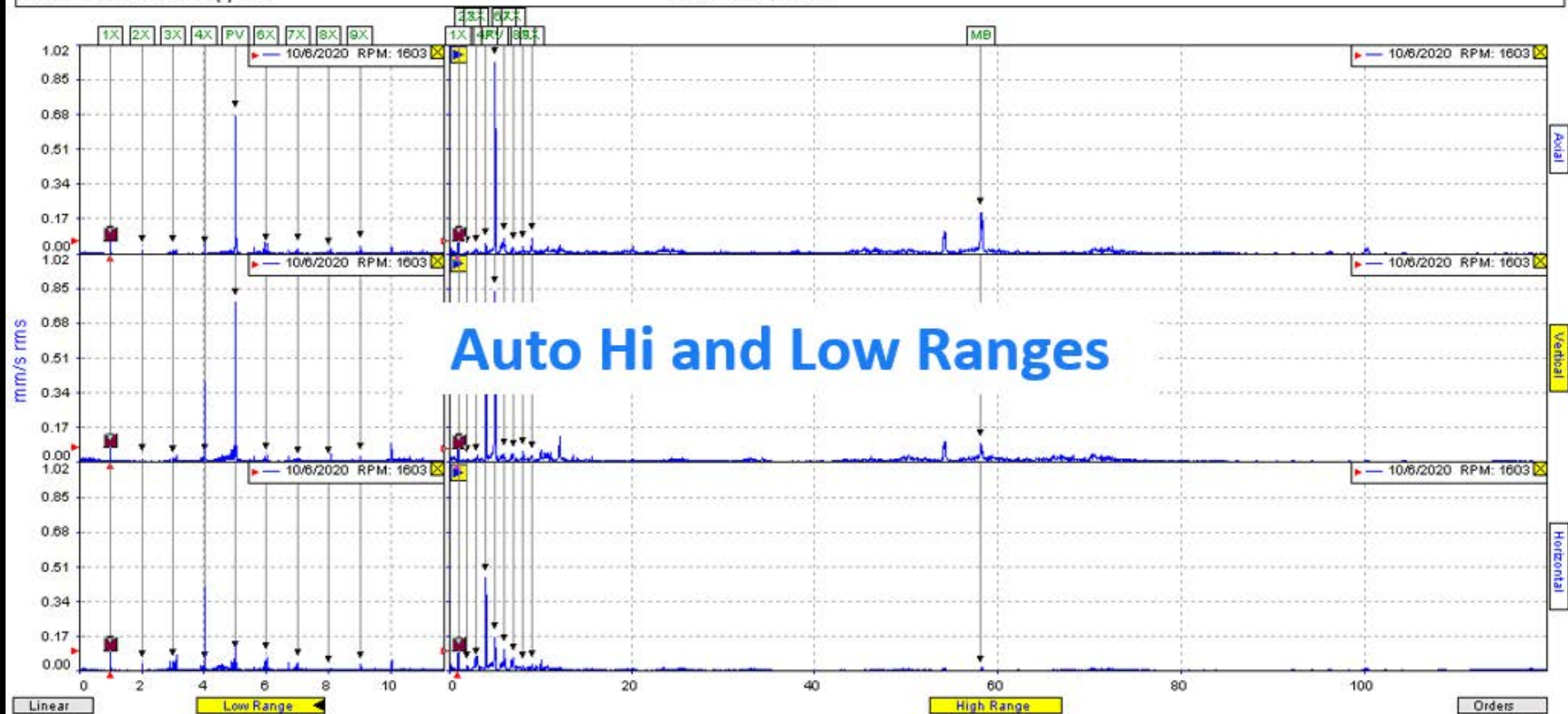
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Fault Severity

Fault Diagnostic

Cited Peaks

# Understanding the Expert Alert Diagnostic System (EADS)



## Introduction

- The Expert Automated Diagnostic System (EADS) is designed to assist the vibration analyst.
- The EADS methodology is modeled using well documented principals of narrow band vibration analysis.
- The primary advantage of using the Expert System is to assist the analyst with the routine part of the screening lots of data which includes feature extraction and consistent application of logical rules.



## ExpertALERT Diagnostic System (EADS)

- A Basic Understanding-
  - The EADS cites specific machine faults.
  - Software algorithms identify the nature and severity of the faults by applying logical rules.
  - These rules are specific to the component codes supplied by the user.
- Assists Analyst With:
  - Screening.
  - Feature extraction.
  - Consistent application of logical rules.
- These Faults And Rules Derive From The Machine Internal Design (MID)

## A Machine Train is the Sum of its Components

- When performing manual analysis on a machine, a vibration analyst must consider the interaction between all components in the machine train.
  - For example, an analyst cannot diagnose motor bearing wear without first checking to see if the indications of bearing wear are stronger on the pump.
- The Expert System requires at least one measurement location on each major component in the machine train.
- When diagnosing a fault on a given component, the Expert System considers that the indications could be coming from an adjacent component.

## Triaxial Vibration Data

- Repeatability of vibration measurements is a fundamental principal when doing vibration analysis where the data today is compared to what it was in the past.
- For maximum accuracy, the Expert System uses three axes of vibration data collected at the same locations every time.
- A triaxial accelerometer that is stud mounted or epoxied to the machine provides excellent repeatability and quality of data.
  - History has shown that collecting vibration in all three axes gives the analyst an adequate picture of how the machine is vibrating.
- Mounting pads or sensors permanently fixed to the machine define the measurement locations.

## Two Frequency Ranges of High-Resolution Spectra

- Two frequency ranges allow the analyst to diagnose the most common faults that can be seen in the vibration data.
- The low frequency range data typically has a frequency span of zero to 10X the shaft rotation rate while the high range data has a span of zero to 100X shaft rotation rate.
- The faults diagnosed by the Expert System use cited peaks from either one or both frequency ranges.

## Test Operating Condition Guidelines

Three assumptions made by the Expert System:

1. The machine is operating in a steady state mode at its predefined standard operating condition.
2. The pads/sensors are in the proper location and are orientated according to how they are setup in the database.
3. The configuration and nameplate data of the machine has not changed since the database was built. It is OK to have an overhauled machine if its configuration and nameplate data are as original.

## Standard Test Operating Conditions

- Along with the requirements of the sensor mounting method discussed, the Expert System requires repeatable steady state operating conditions while vibration measurements are made.
- The optimum test condition is to have the machine operating at steady speed with at least 80% rated load.
  - If this is not possible then any test condition that can repeatedly excite the forcing frequencies is adequate.
- VFD Machines – the EADS System works well with variable speed machines if:
  - Speed is constant during data collection
  - Variations are within  $\pm 25\%$  of average set speed

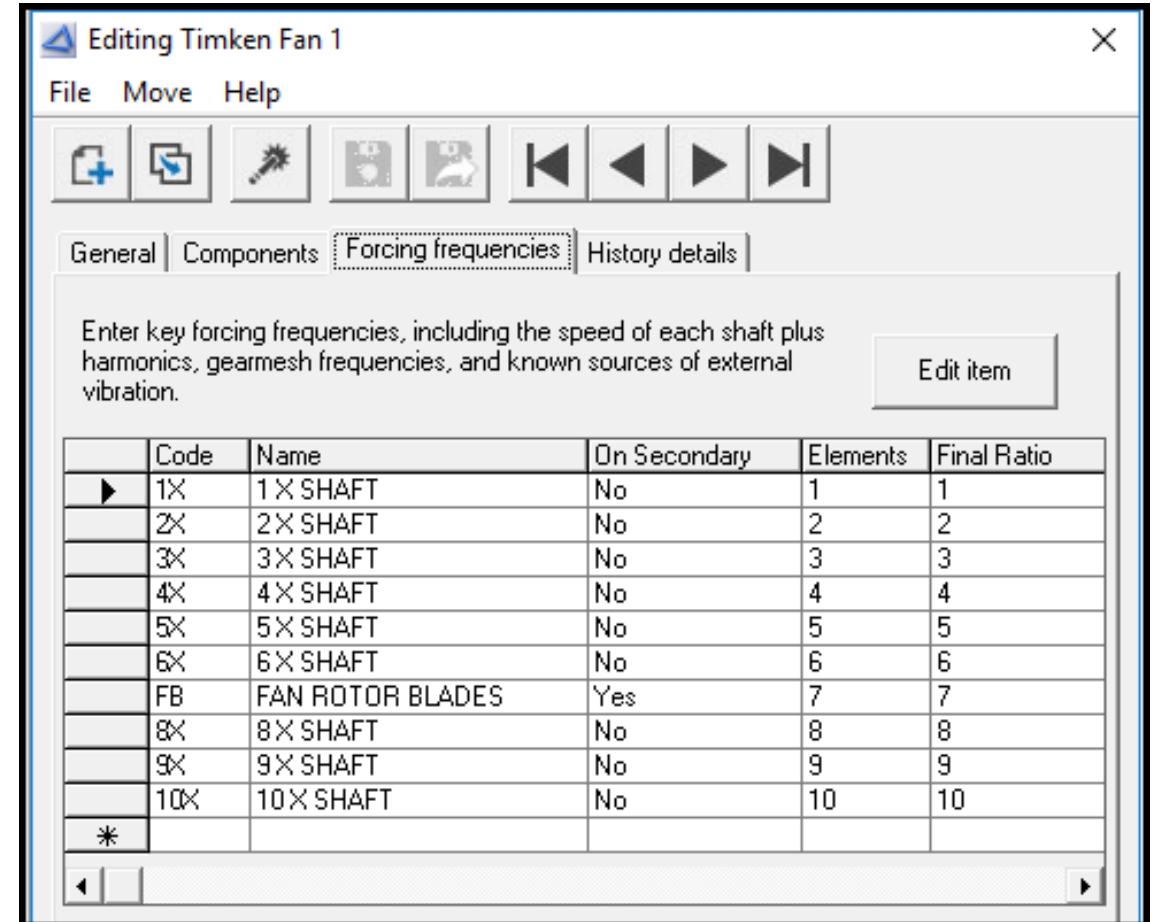


## Machine Internal Design (MID)

- The MID trains the Expert System about the configuration of the machine so that it can apply the correct rules.
- The MID is built with specific Component Codes for each component on the machine train
  - Each Component Code identifies specific details of the component
    - AC, DC or VFD Motor
    - Bearing type-Roller or Journal
    - Overhung or center hung component
    - Number of test locations
- Each Component Code has a specific set of rules
- An MID can contain one machine or a multitude of identical machines

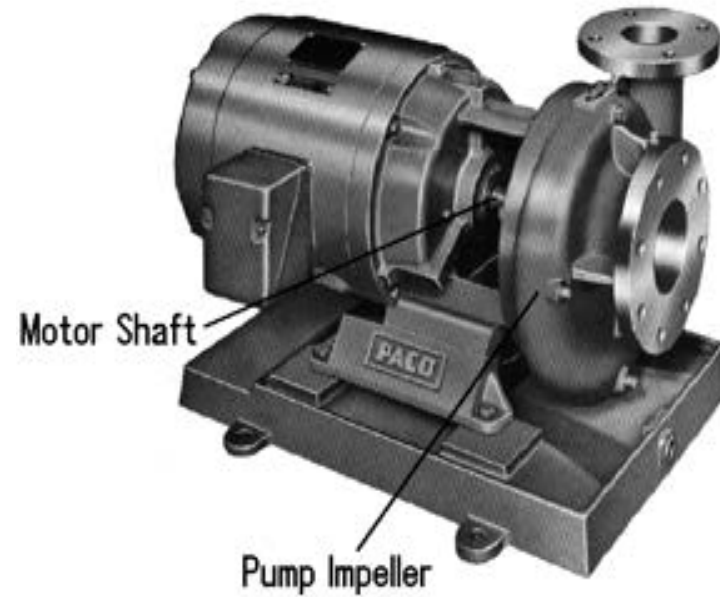
## MID Forcing Functions

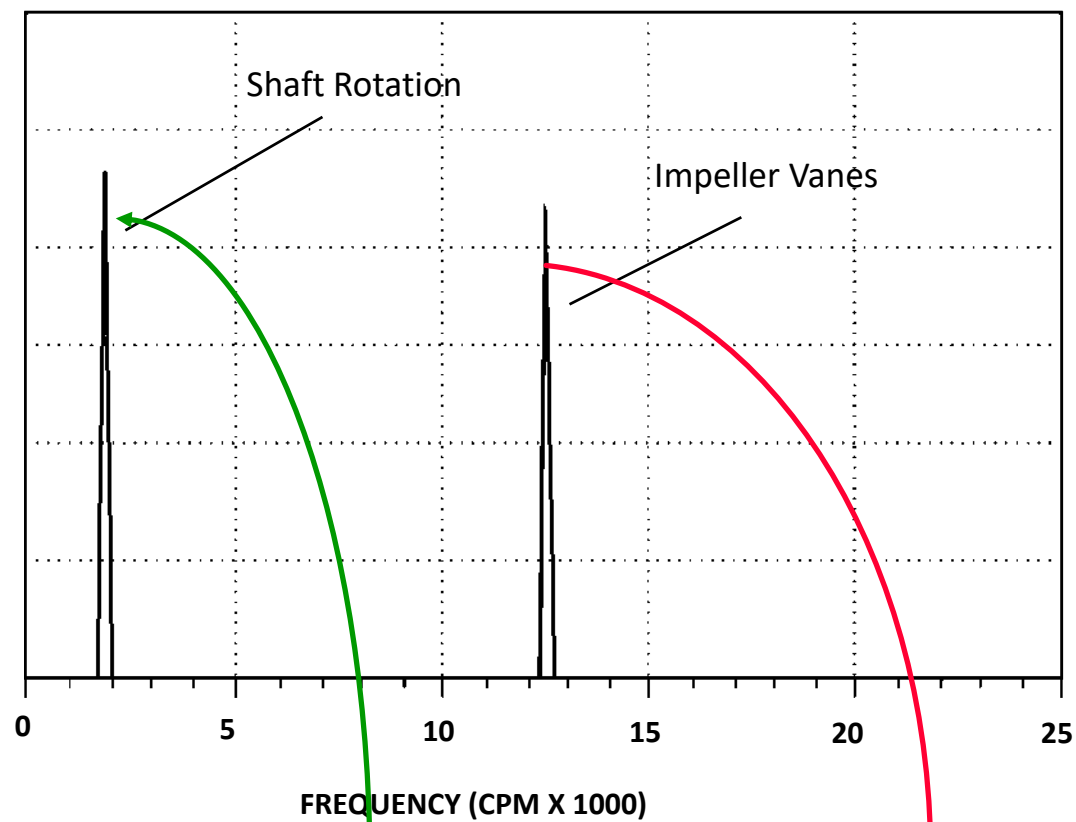
- In a rotating machine, moving parts impart vibratory forces into the machine structure, typically these forces occur at specific frequencies determined by the function of machine elements.
- One of the most important tools for vibration analysis, both manual and automated, is knowing and understanding the functions that create forcing frequencies present in each machine.



## Close-Coupled Pump

**Motor: 1800 rpm**  
**Impeller mounted directly**  
**on motor shaft**  
**Pump Impeller Vanes: 7**



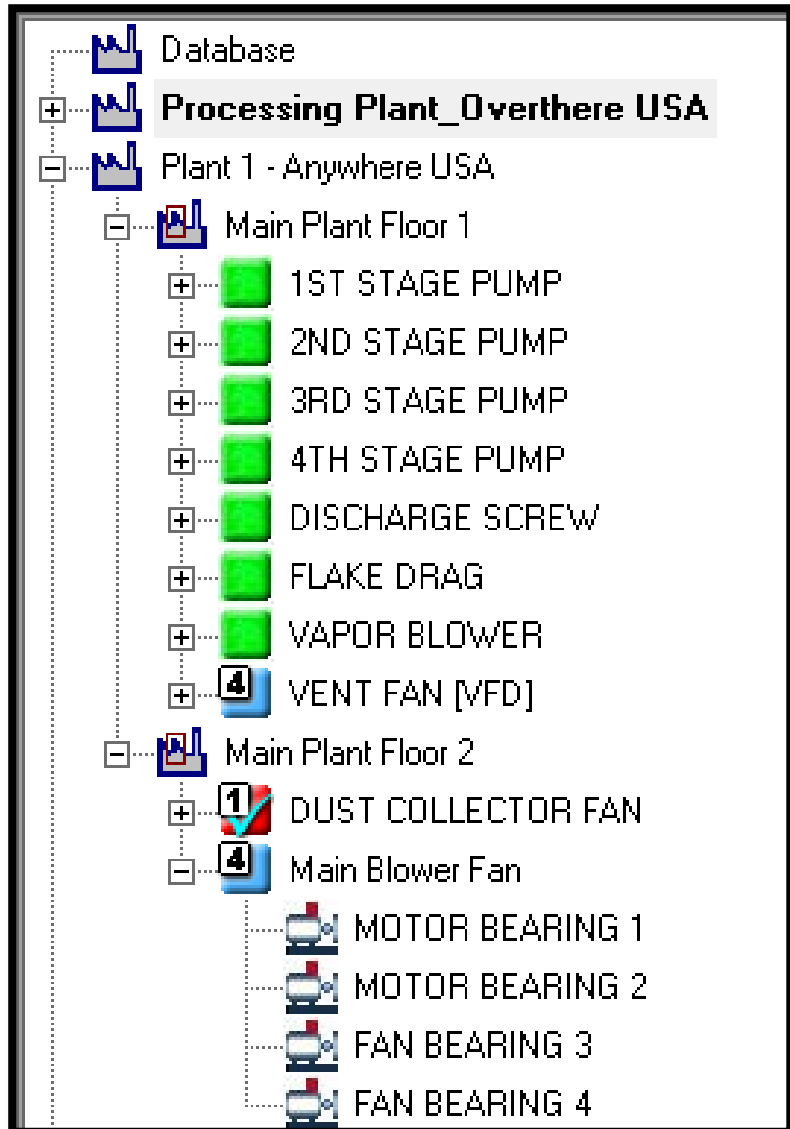


$$\text{Vane Rate} = 1800 \text{ cpm} \times 7 = 12,600 \text{ cpm}$$

## Building the Database

- Define the hierarchy
- Create the Areas
- Build the Machines
  - Machines can be built from the MID or be built manually.
    - It is recommended to first build the MIDs first and then build the machines from the MID
- Edit as needed

# Build EA Database



## Database Hierarchy

- Plant
  - Area
    - Machine
      - Locations
- No limit to number of plants or areas



# Baseline and Alarming

## Fine Tuning – after the first data set

- New data should be reviewed for the proper data collection set up
  - Are low and high range data being captured?
    - Spectra and waveform
  - Do the setups include all frequencies of interest?
    - For gearboxes, 3.5 times higher than the highest gear mesh frequency is recommended
  - Is the resolution high enough to separate all peaks of interest?
  - If averages are already added, verify the average data.

## Fine Tuning – after the first data set

- New data should be reviewed to identify any forcing frequencies to add or correct
  - Drive Shaft Speed
  - Driven Shaft Speed
  - Motor Bar
  - Vane/Blade Pass
  - Gear Mesh Frequencies
  - Belt Rate

## Baseline and Alarming

- With vibration analysis in general, it is apparent that the frequency of vibration is usually a good indicator of the source of the vibration.
- The source then leads to determining which type of mechanical fault is in evidence.
- In addition, the relative dominance of certain frequencies in one or more of the three axes and at which measurement location(s) are factors in the analysis.
- The debate more often surrounds the question of what amplitudes are considered excessive, and the severity of the indicated faults.
- Many people have sought to establish absolute vibration amplitudes as criteria for general classifications of machinery.

## Baseline and Alarming

- Experience has shown, however, that certain frequencies or orders of vibration that are very high for one model of machine may be quite normal for a similar machine type.
- When presented with the opportunity to have multiple machines of the same model in a vibration monitoring program, a good basis for comparison already exists.
- By establishing average baseline spectra for a specific machine type, we are allowing the machine itself, and many others identical to it, to determine what amplitudes are allowable.

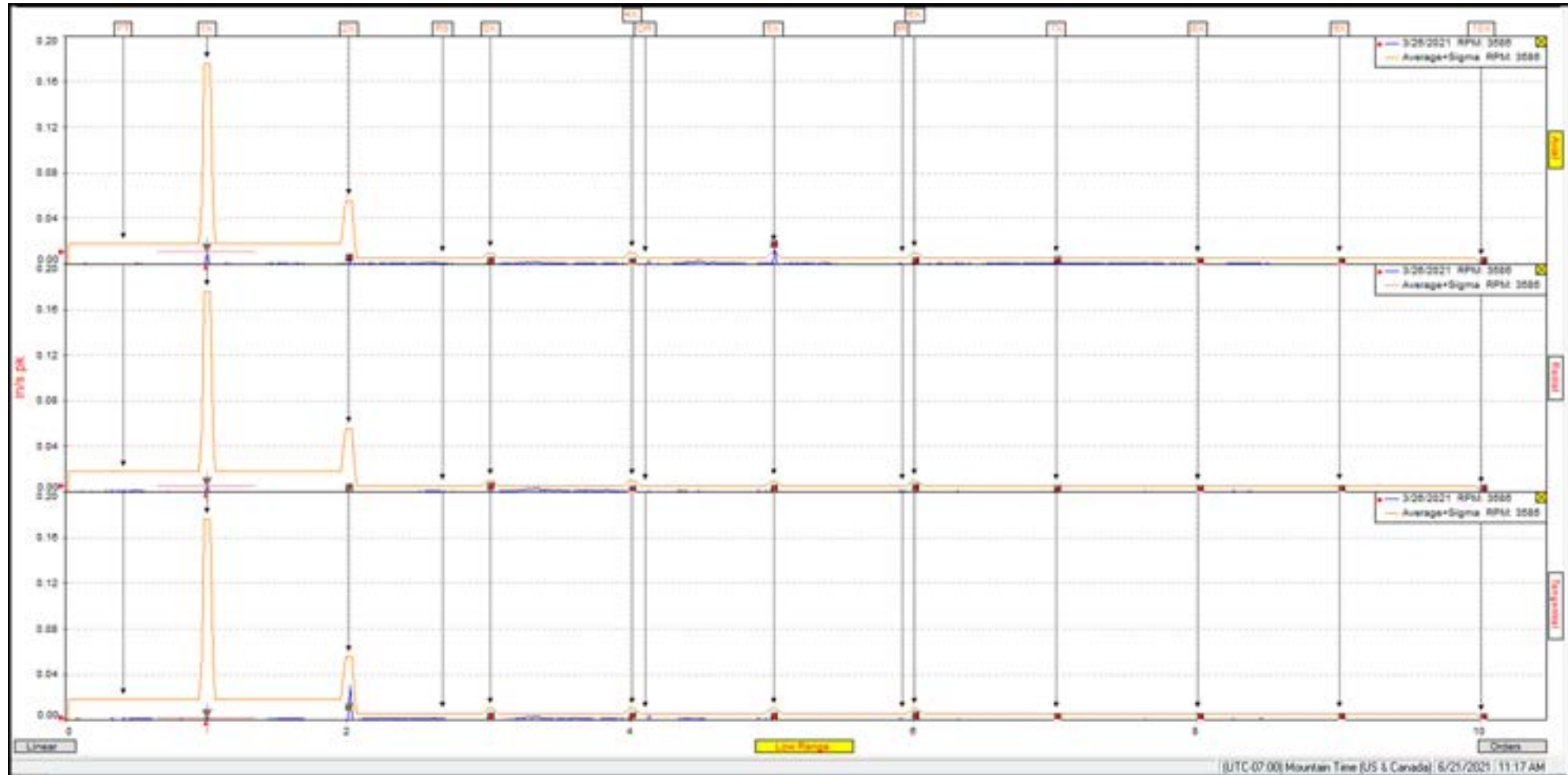
## Baseline and Alarming

- At the onset of a program, the EADS system uses a SYNTHETIC AVERAGE based on MID configuration
  - It is very important to have correct configuration for EADS to perform well
- Once you have historical data then statistical averages can be applied
  - Averages can “normalize” problem machines
    - Never average data that contains significant faults



# Synthetic Average

- This baseline is comprised of 17 values (1x – 9x, 1xFF, 2-3xFF, 4-12xFF and various noise floor ranges) that are unique to each major component group.



## Baseline and Alarming

- The average baseline used by the Expert Alert Diagnostic System is a set of frequency spectra drawn from actual data.
- These spectra are created by calculating the average of user selected data at each discrete frequency value.
- The software then computes a standard deviation.
- The average + the standard deviation = the alarm level

## Baseline and Alarming

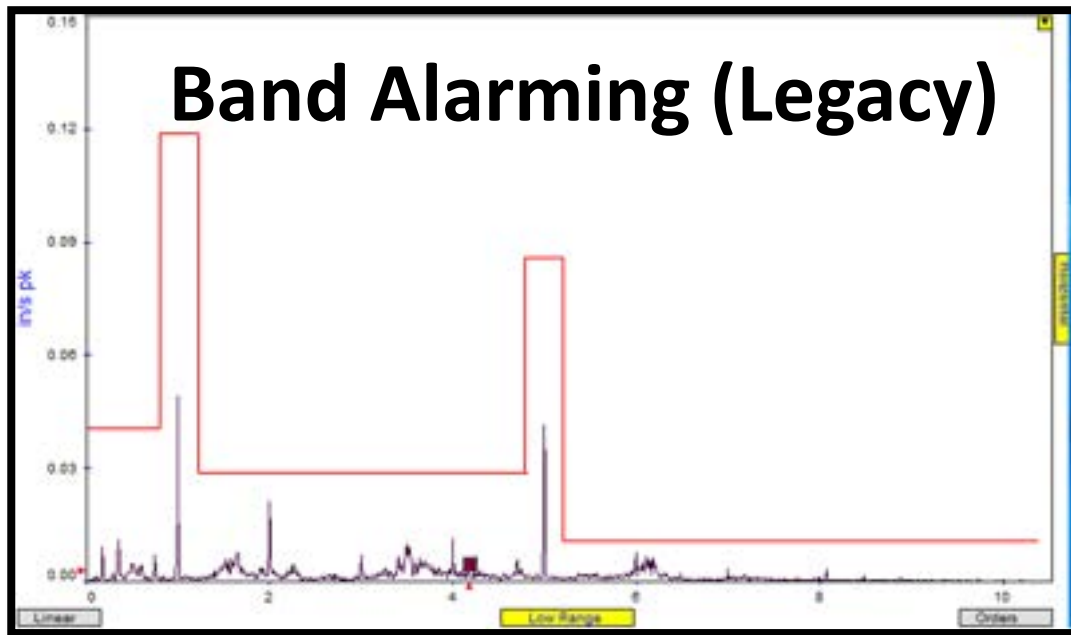
The analyst chooses which data sets are added (manual process)

- Data sets that show normal operation should be added.
  - Keep in mind that we are creating an average some variance should be allowed. Elevated running speed, motor bars and other certain forcing frequencies can be elevated.
  - Including data sets with bearing faults is not recommended
    - Averages can “normalize” problem machines
  - **Never average data that contains significant faults**
  - Avoid ski sloped data
  - A minimum of 6 data sets is required for a certified average. 12-20 is ideal.

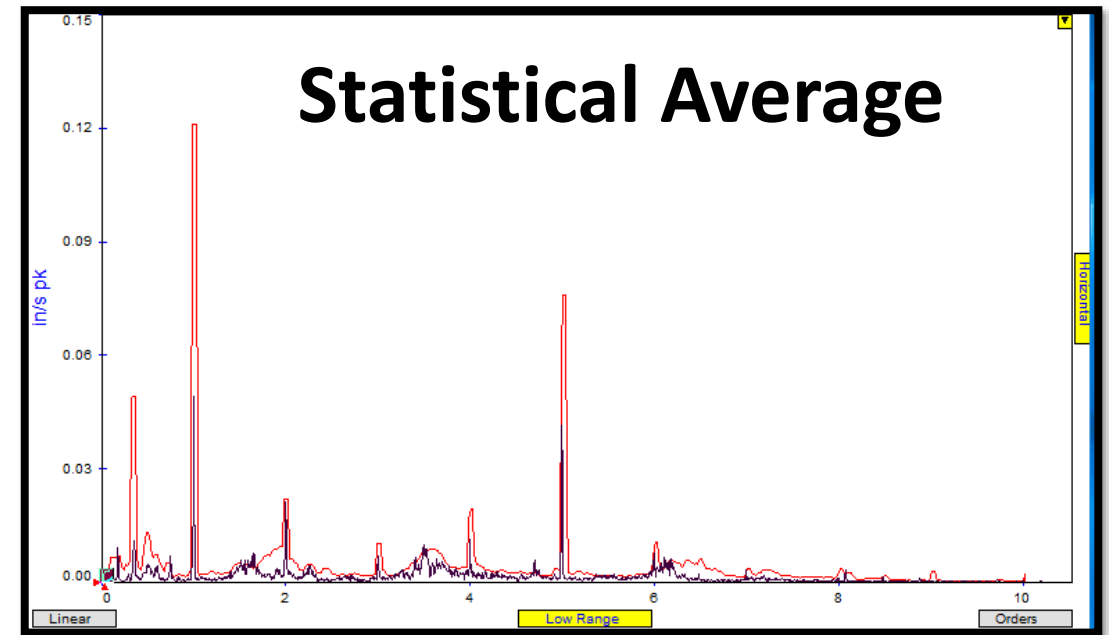
There are internal tools that allow for automation to assist in creating the averages.

# What is a Statistical Average

Others



VS



8000+ Line - Screening Criterion (per machine)

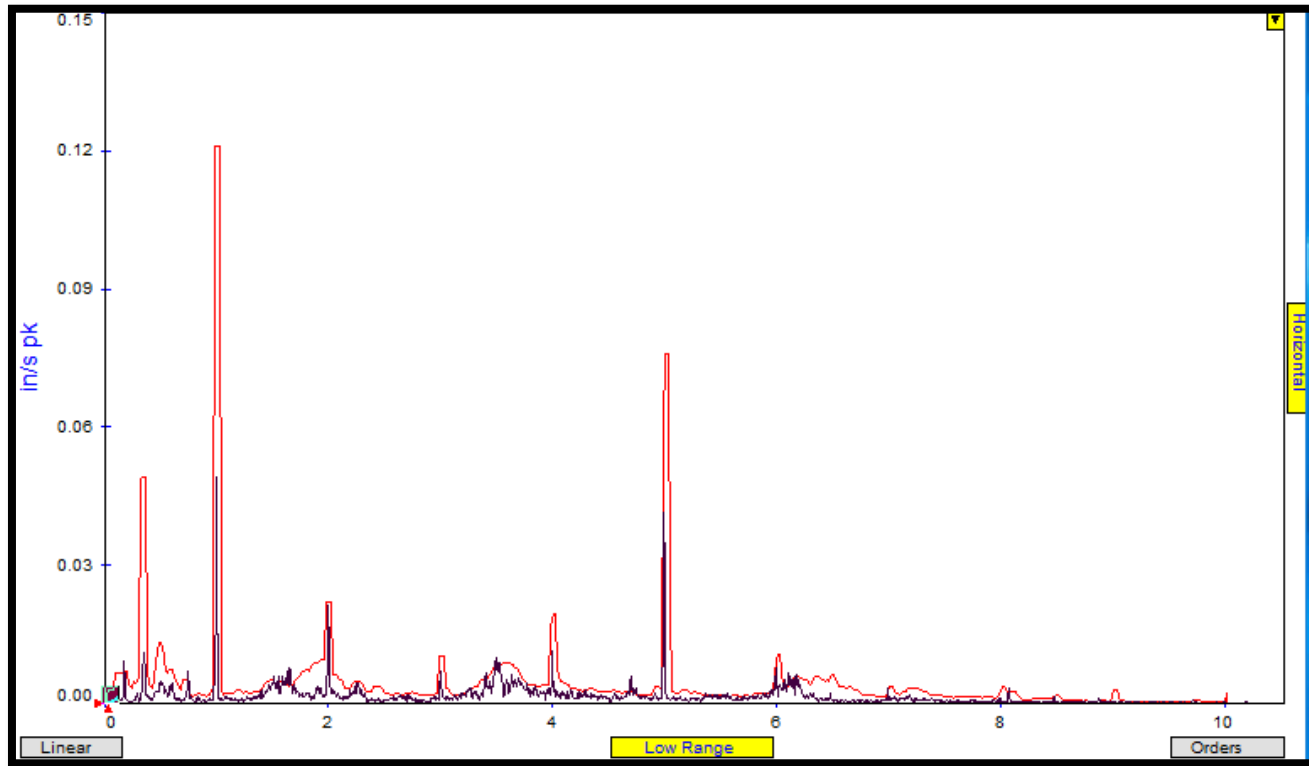
# Normalization and Data Processing

## Order Normalization in EA

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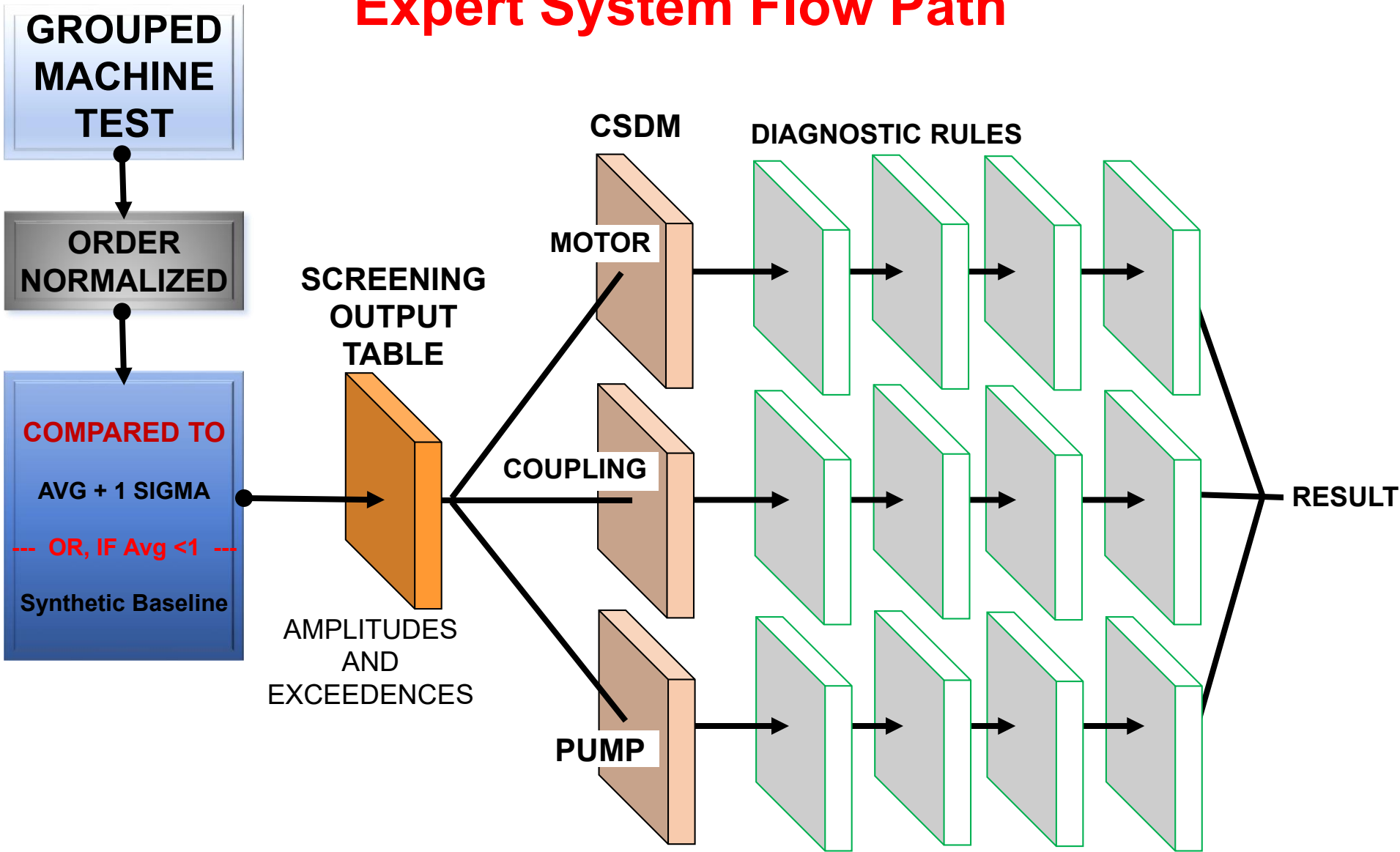
- Assigned Machine Nominal Speed
- Window Variance up to 30% (Especially important for VFD machines)
- Other noted frequencies of interest
  - Secondary shaft speeds
  - Forcing Frequencies

## Processing the Data



After the data is order normalized, it is compared to the average data and processed through the Screening Output Table

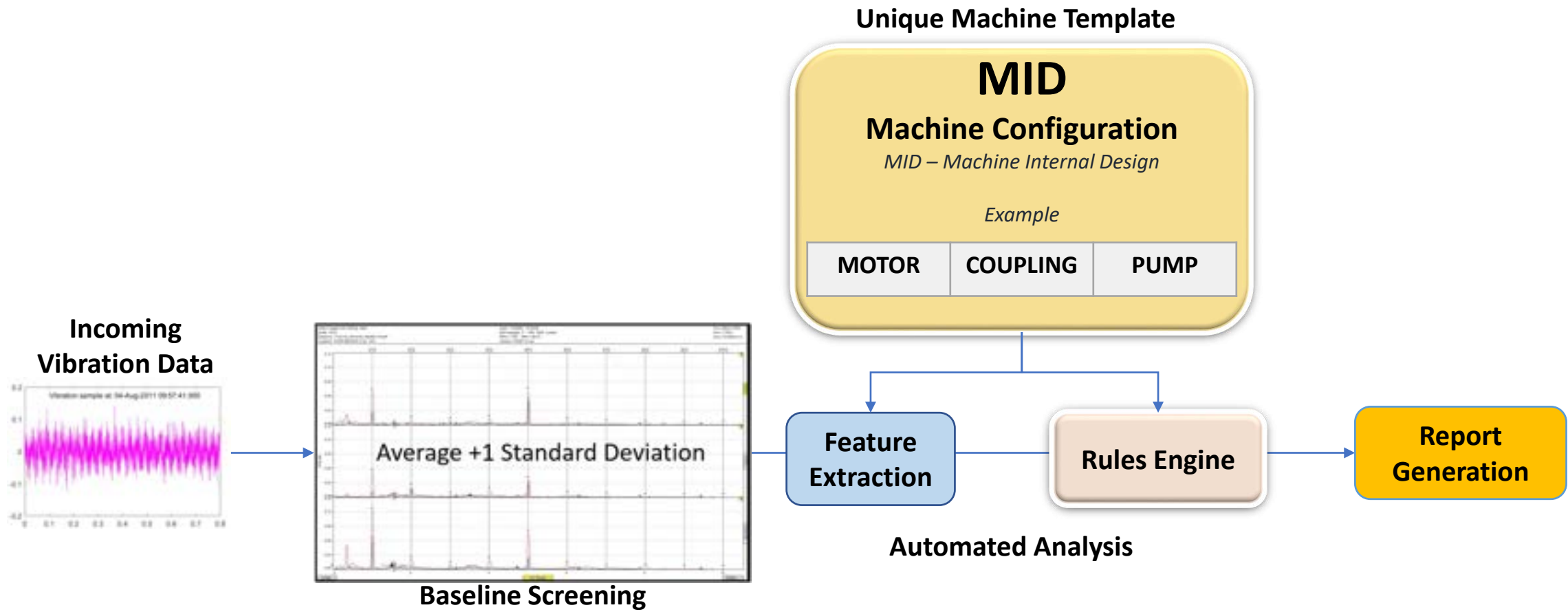
# Expert System Flow Path



( CSDM = COMPONENT SPECIFIC DATA MATRIX )



# Automated Diagnostic Process (Simplified)



# Expert Automated Diagnostic System Rulebase



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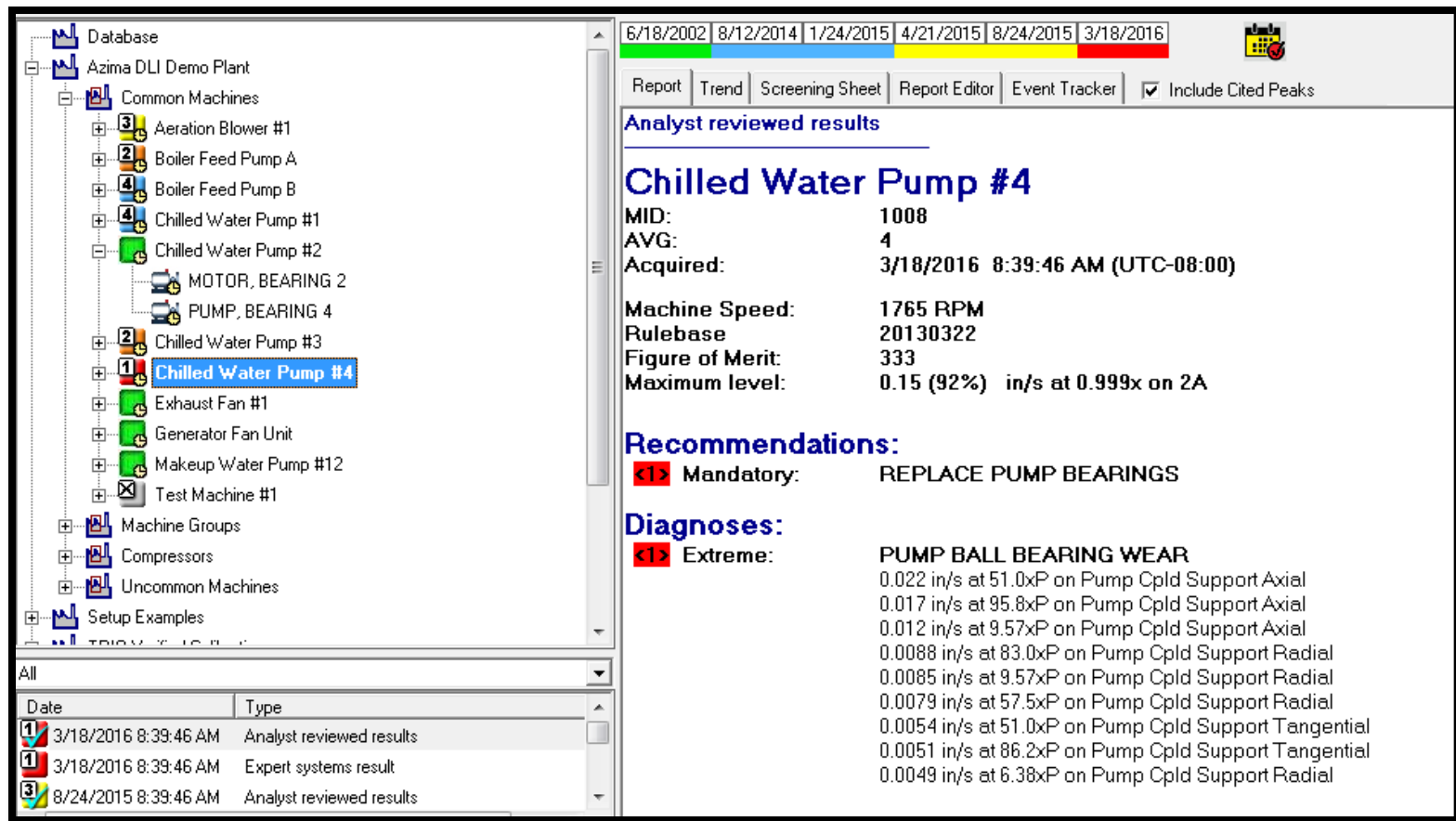
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**Repair Recommendation**

**Fault Severity**

**Fault Diagnostic**

**Cited Peaks**



Extreme Fault Severity  
Mandatory Repair Recommendation  
Days or hours of Operation

Serious Fault Severity  
Important Repair Recommendation  
Weeks of Operation

Moderate Fault Severity  
Desirable Repair Recommendation  
Months of Operation

Slight or No Fault Severity  
No Repair Recommendation  
Continued Operation

# ALERT Process

## Material Setup

- System Understanding
- Machine Understanding
- Blocking
- Vibration Test and Analysis Guide

## Database Setup

- MIDs
- Data Collection Setups
- Hierarchy - Location Assignment

## Initial Data Analysis

- Establish Walking Route
- Watchman Portal and Uploading
- Verify Adequate Data Collection

## Fine-tune ExpertALERT

- Establish Machine Baselines
- Adjust MIDs and Individual Machines
- Add Process Points

# Azima DLI Milestones



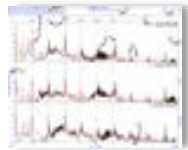
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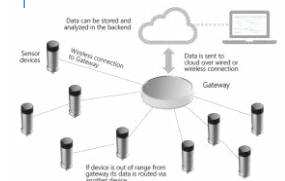
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