

The image is a composite of three photographs. The top-left photo shows blue industrial motors. The top-right photo shows a large metal gear assembly. The bottom-left photo shows a factory floor with blue machinery. The central photo shows a worker in a red safety jacket and white hard hat looking at a tablet. The entire image is overlaid with a white diamond-shaped grid pattern.

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Reliability

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## **Best Practices – Why balance your machines?**

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**Step 1 of a Connected  
Reliability Solution**

# Meet the Speaker



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**Vibration Analysis  
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**Ultrasound  
Category I certified**



**Thermal/Infrared  
Thermography Level I certified**



Reliability



Innovative Software



Remote condition monitoring services



World-class hardware

# Agenda



## **Common team challenges and struggles**

- Solutions from Connected Reliability



## **Vibration analysis – diagnose machine faults**



## **Balancing principles – how it works**



## **Steps to Connected Reliability**



## **Summary - questions**

# Customer Business Challenges

“69% of executives say improving operational availability or reducing process safety mechanical integrity risk is important for their operations and can be a challenge for their facility.”

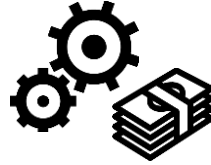
[Source: Pinnacle Reliability Report](#)

“... depending on the industry between 15 and 70 percent of total production costs originate from maintenance activities”

[Source: Survey on Predictive Maintenance](#)

Maintenance is one of the US Army's top five injury producing activities

[Source: US Army](#)



**Reduce Costs  
(downtime, labor,  
parts)**



**Safety &  
Sustainability**



**Regulatory  
Compliance**



**Availability of  
skilled workforce**



**Reduce Spare  
Parts Inventory**

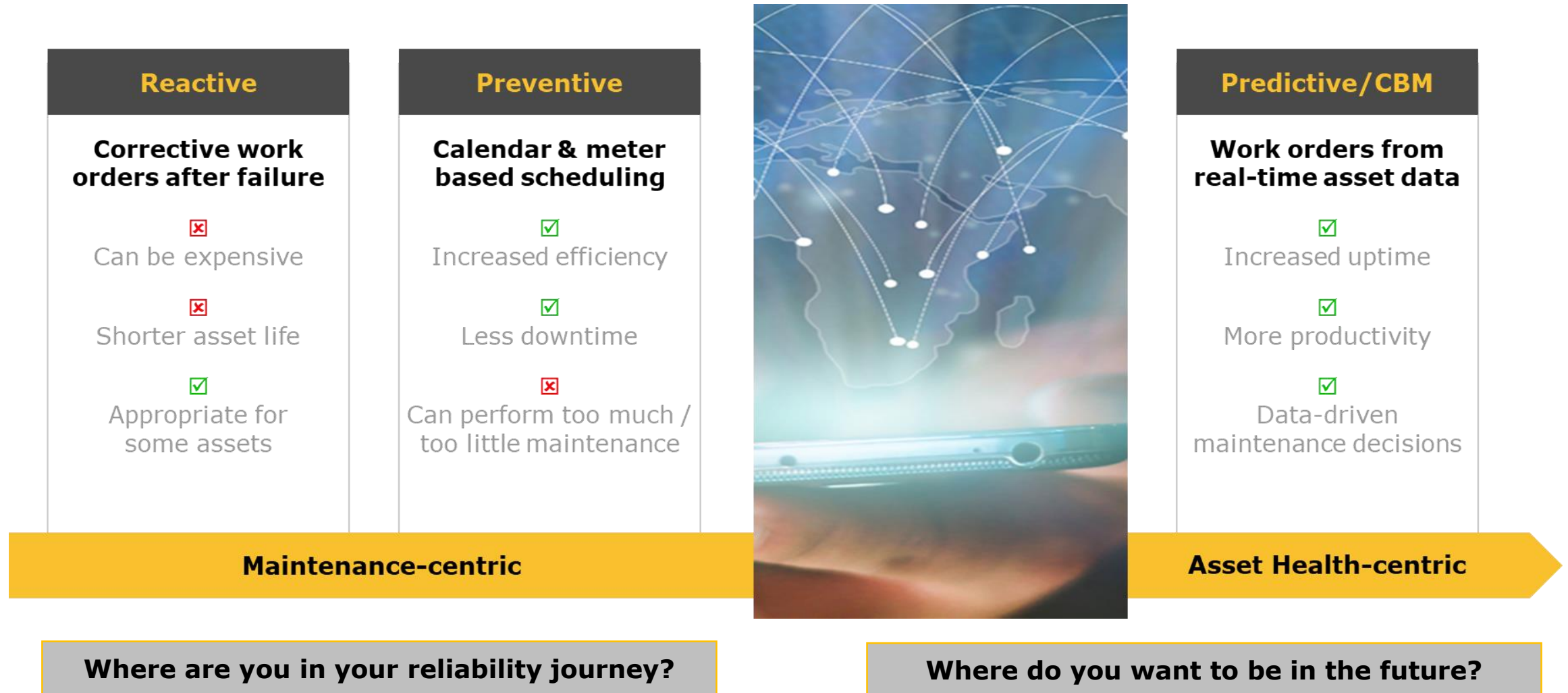


**Supply Chain  
Disruptions**

**Condition Monitoring helps to overcome these challenges**



# Every organization is somewhere on this journey ...



# Why many teams struggle?

## Predictive equipment vendors have been developing and improving tools / software

So why are most companies (in almost all industries) still mainly using reactive and preventive methods?

➤ *Today's tools are the most advanced, and training has never been easier, but the problem is always time and resources.*

### 1 How do we grow a reliability program ... when we are 100% busy?

We have no time to collect/analyze data and generate reports.

### 2 How do we make the best decisions ... when we have incomplete information?

We don't have time to conduct all the necessary routes, nor can we have access to all machines

### 3 How do we monitor all critical assets ... with limited resources?

We must allocate/balance resources needed for planned/calendar-based maintenance, repairs, and emergencies, etc.



# So, what do we do?

## Ideal world - sounds good:

*All maintenance is done before downtime, proactively*



**Predictability increases**



**Safer workplaces**



**Increased maintenance intervals**



**Reliability**



**Boost to peace of mind**

**Do we have to choose? No.**

Here are some solutions that teams have found to be successful to overcome the challenges that they face . . .

## 3 real world choices:



**Reactive (RM):** No repair action until failure

- Increased cost due to last minute fixes
- **Unplanned downtime: longer lost production and time to get parts**
- **Stressful work environment**
- More severe failures affecting other parts or machines



**Preventive (PM):** Repair before failure (based on the calendar / history)

- Failures are random **85% of the time**
- **Fault-free machines are overhauled unnecessarily because they're "due"**
- If it ain't broke, don't fix it



**Predictive (PdM):** Trend machine condition and repair only when needed

- Limited budget and time for creating history and measurement condition reports
- **Difficult to implement – hard to change company culture**
- Data is everywhere
- **Already busy with PMs/repairs**



# How some teams succeed?

## Reliability Best Practices— important cornerstones:



Learn from successful customers: start small and grow; select the right tool based on failures; get answers, not just data, and share with others on team

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Evaluate your plant specifics: asset criticality, failure modes, risks to uptime, needs, etc.

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Assess your company's resources, goals, success metrics, plan for implementation, etc.

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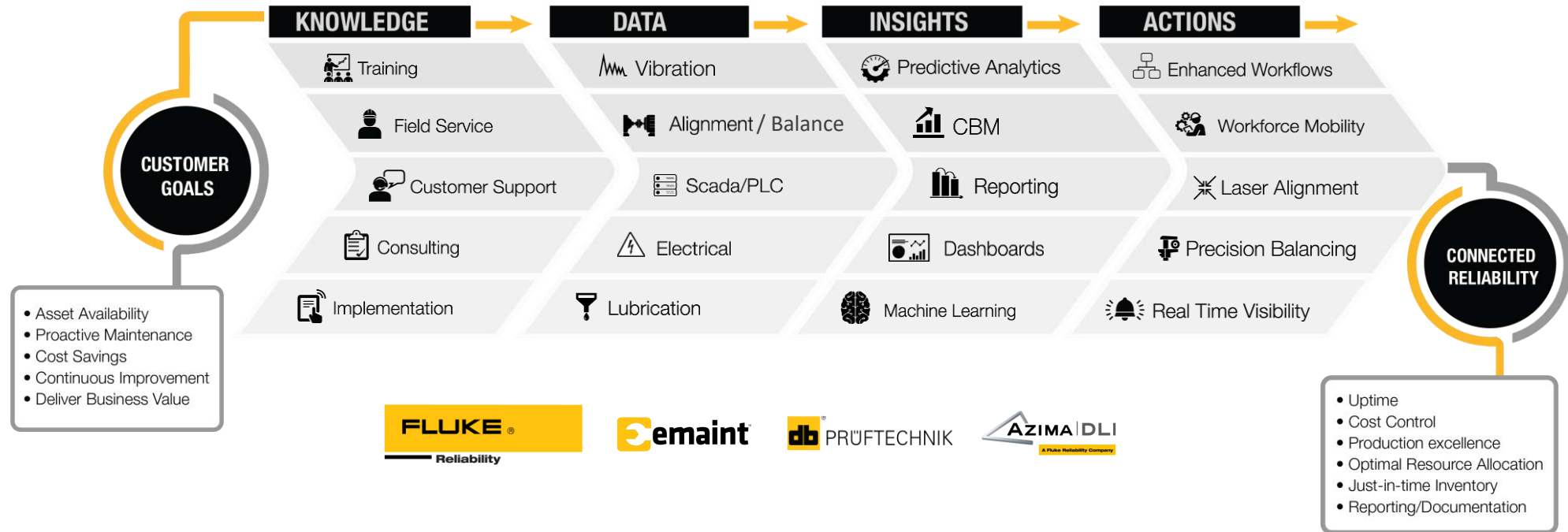


Partner with a reliability consultant—get support to transition from goals to results



# What is Connected Reliability?

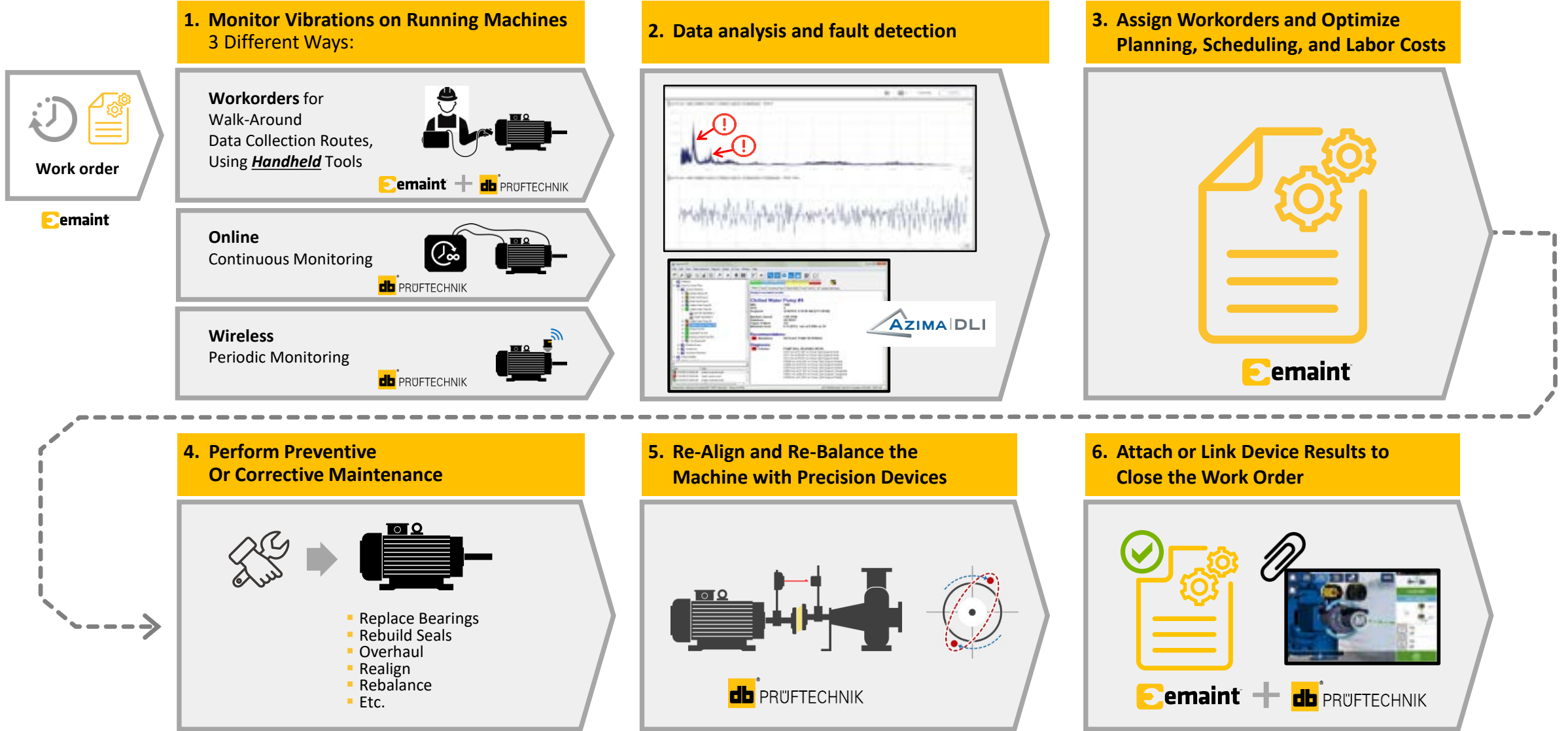
*Simplified solutions for the people who keep the world up and running*



**Helps guide the customer past the obstacles on their reliability journey from Point A to Point B**



# Predictive Maintenance - A Connected Reliability Workflow



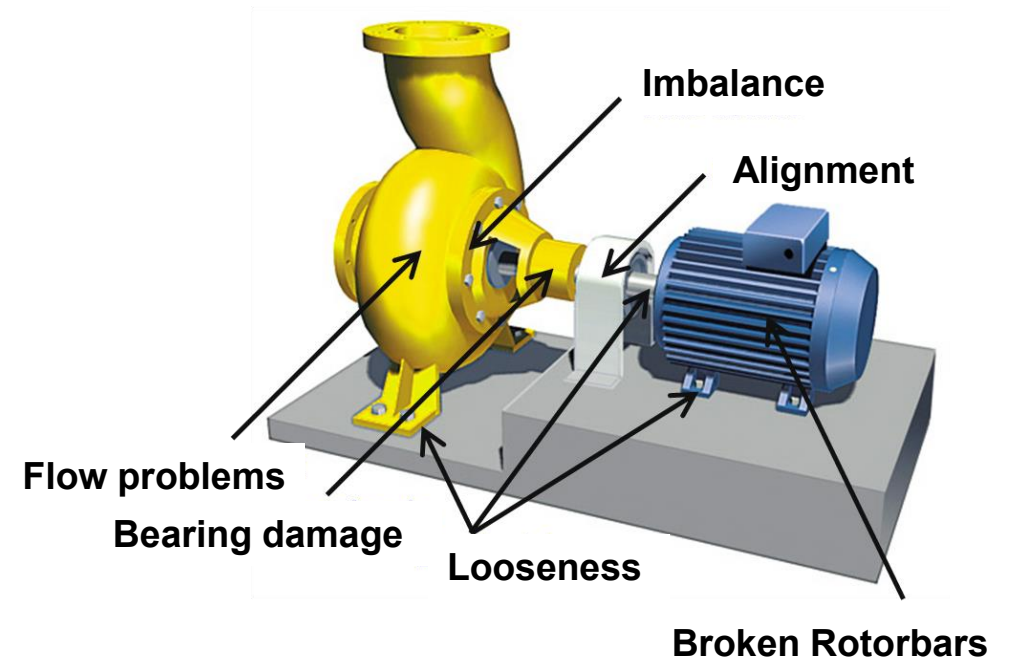
# Vibration analysis

# Why Measure Vibration?



- Thermography (IR)
- Ultrasonic
- Oil Analysis
- Electrical / Current Analysis
- **Vibration Measurements**

**(80% of all machine faults can be detected with vibration analysis)**



**NOTE: Vibration faults have directionality**



# Condition Monitoring using Vibration Analysis



## Pro-active Maintenance

- Most damage to rotating machinery is detectable by Condition Monitoring
- Catch issues sooner than other techniques of maintenance prevention
- Plan shutdowns only when necessary and with fewer extra spare parts

## How much vibration is bad? Many customers think:

Just watch the trend of every machine and you will quickly know what to do  
But vibration data is not a simple number like temperature, pressure, current

Taking vibration measurements will show the machine is dynamic like a living creature – there are many variables from background noise, adjacent machines, the structure, resonances, process, cavitation, changing load and speed, etc.

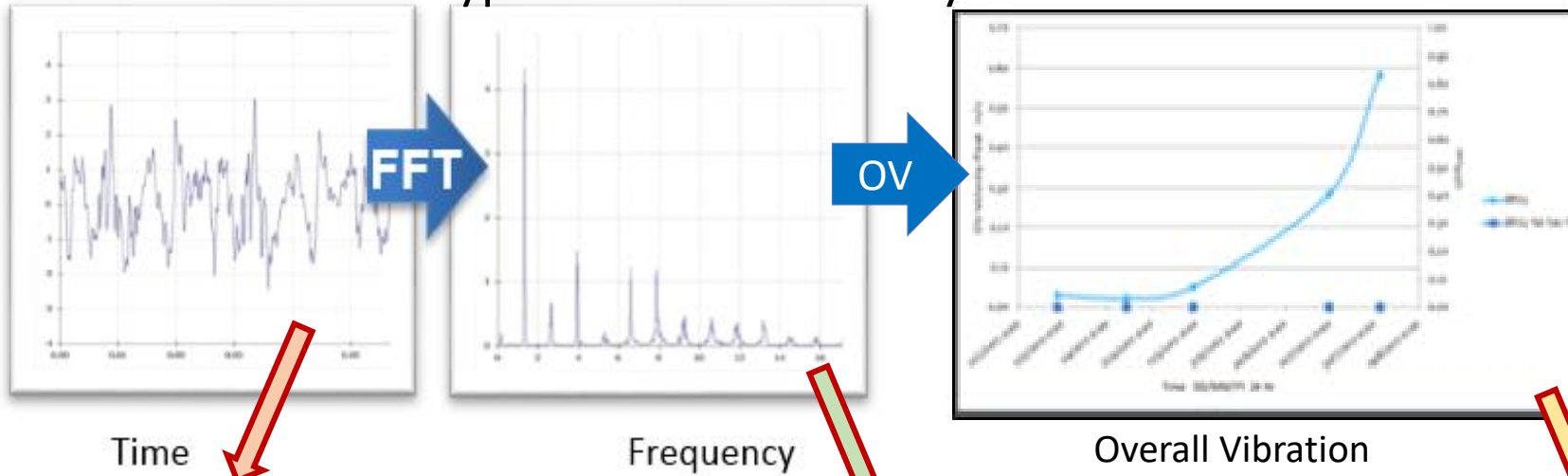
Experts have been analyzing hundreds of thousands of machines over the years, they have found that every mechanical fault has a pattern, and they have learned how to ignore the noise and other vibration that doesn't follow the algorithms.

## There is no secret formula

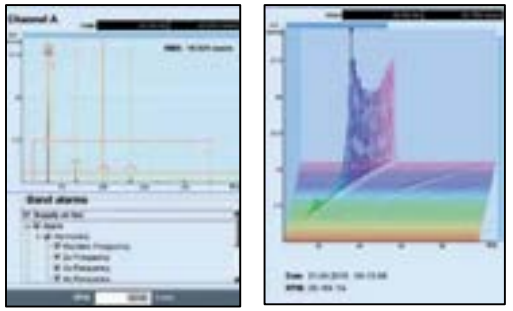
... from lessons learned we can offer best practices to guide you  
... don't go it alone – partner with experts to support you

# Which tools are best? It depends . . . What kind on answer do you need?

➤ There are 3 types of vibration analysis – what is the difference?

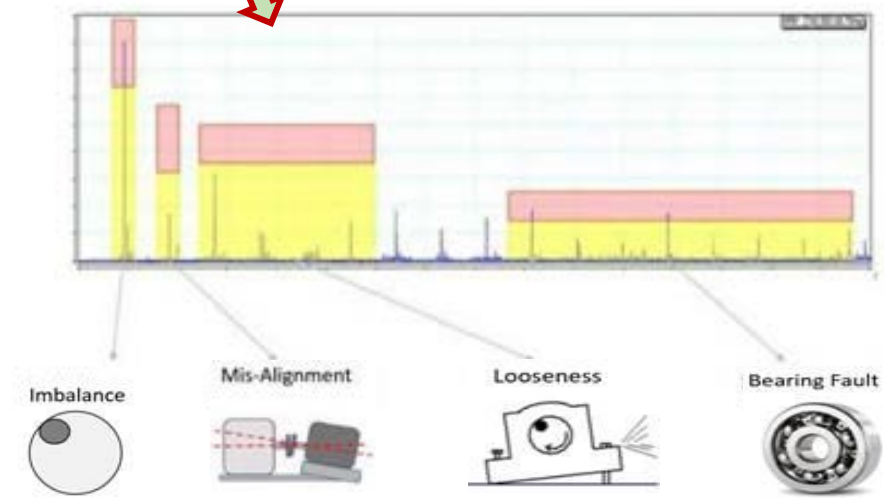


- Time waveform – raw data:  
Complex - transients, noise
- Frequency spectrum – converted:  
Simplified - patterns to diagnose faults
- Overall Vibration – calculated 10-1K:  
One number - trend to screen health



**#2**

- All faults detected
- Advanced analysis
- Experience / training
- Takes resources / hours
- Best for top tier machines

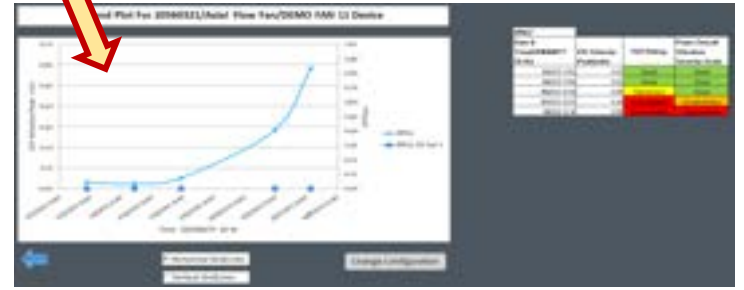


**#3**

- 4 common faults (ignores others / noise)
- Quick answer & action recommendation
- Best for mainstream machines

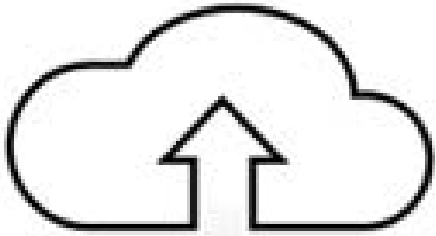
**#1**

- Simple number / trend
- Green, yellow, red
- Good or Bad: No answer or action
- Best for bottom tier machines



**Simple colors may be what you want, but answers are what you need?**

# Full circle solution



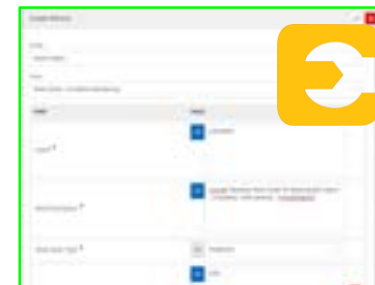
Watchman gateway sends data to cloud via Wi-Fi, Cellular LTE, or ethernet connection



User accesses data via secure connection to software portal

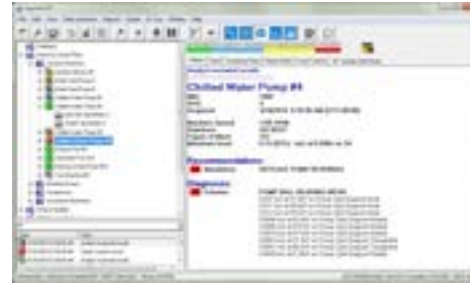


Expert Automated Diagnostic System



CMMS auto generates work request / order

- Review data to confirm action needed
1. Customer – manual w/2day training
  2. AI – Auto diagnose common faults
  3. Customer – advanced w/ inhouse experts
  4. Service – advanced w/ remote experts



Narrowband alarm triggers notification



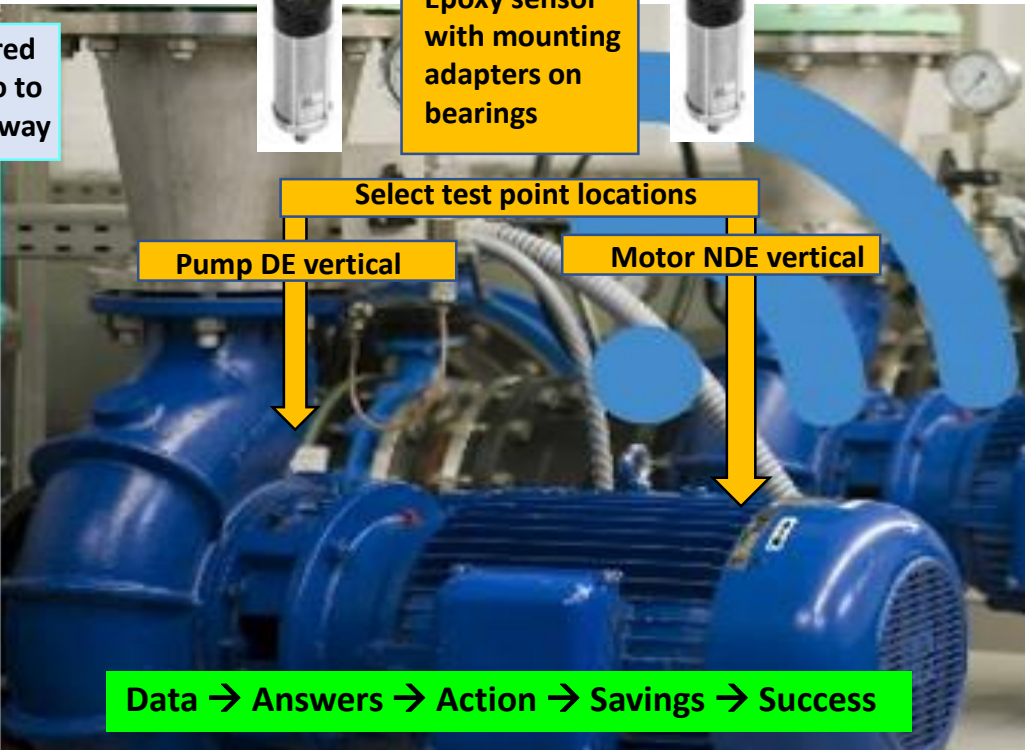
Onsite S/U by experts

- Commissioning
- Installation

Data is transferred by 2.4 GHz radio to Watchman gateway



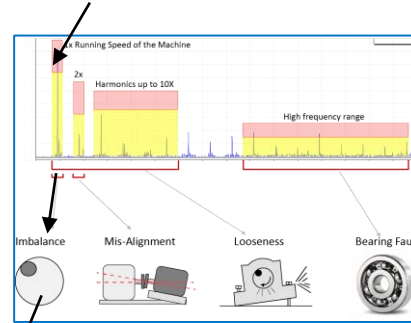
Epoxy sensor with mounting adapters on bearings



Select test point locations

Pump DE vertical

Motor NDE vertical



- 5 Months later . . .
- EXTREME Imbalance**
- Repair needed
  - Approve work request
  - Generate work order
  - Balance machine
  - Return to service

Data → Answers → Action → Savings → Success

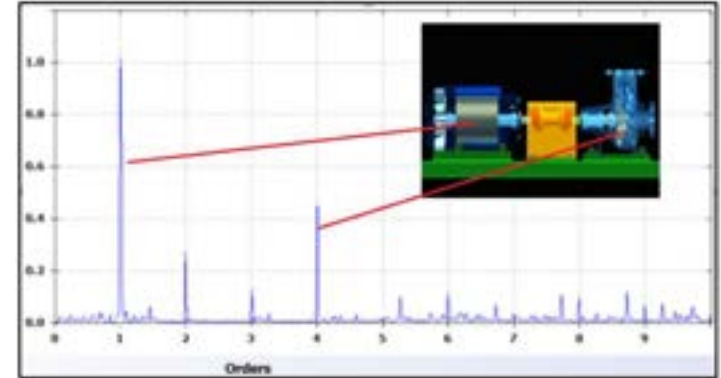


# Diagnosis machine faults

# Diagnose faults – vibration analysis

Vibration analysis can be simplified to a three-step process:

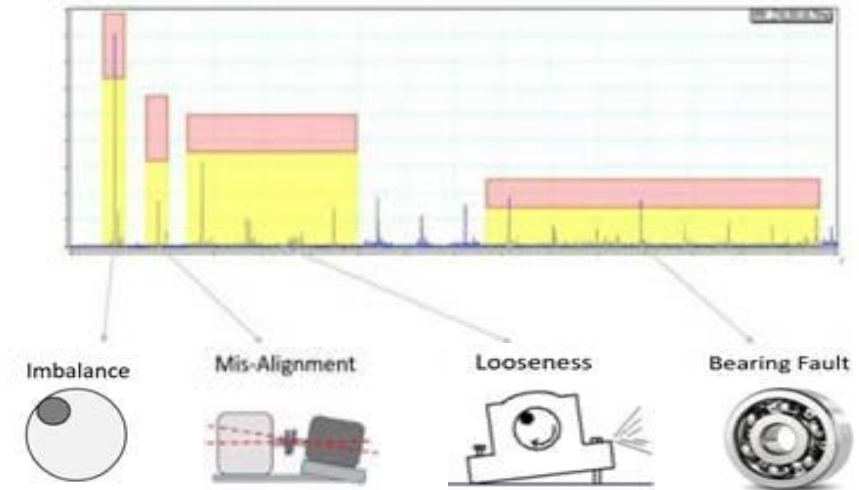
1. **Identify vibration peaks** as they relate to a source component on the machine.
2. **Look for patterns** in the data based on vibration rules.
3. **Measure the amplitude** of the vibration peak to determine the severity of the fault



Once the fault and severity are determined, a repair can be recommended, and a work order generated.

There are hundreds of faults, but most are infrequent or rarely seen. Instead of learning hundreds of rare faults, learn the four most common machine faults that you will find every day and are easy to correct:

	Machine fault	Frequency and Axis	Component found	Advanced Severity
1	Imbalance	1X - All radial directions	On affected component	Higher amplitude 1X
2	Misalignment			
	Parallel	2X - Radial and tangential	Both sides of coupling	Higher amplitude 2X
	Angular	1X - Axial	Both sides of coupling	Higher amplitude 1X
3	Looseness	1X harmonics—all directions	On affected component	Higher harmonics
4	Roller bearings	Non integer—all directions	On affected component	Harmonic, sidebands, noise hump, noise floor

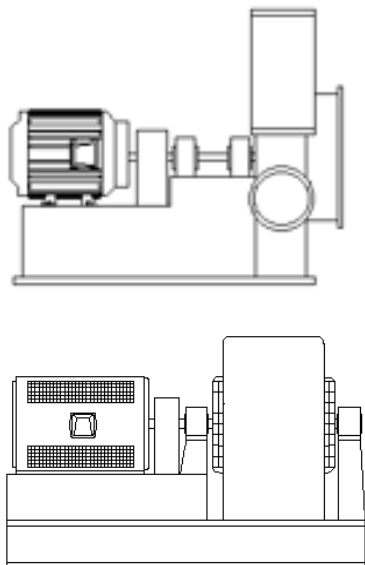
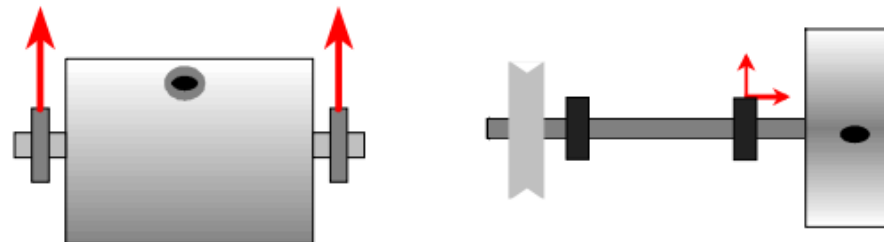
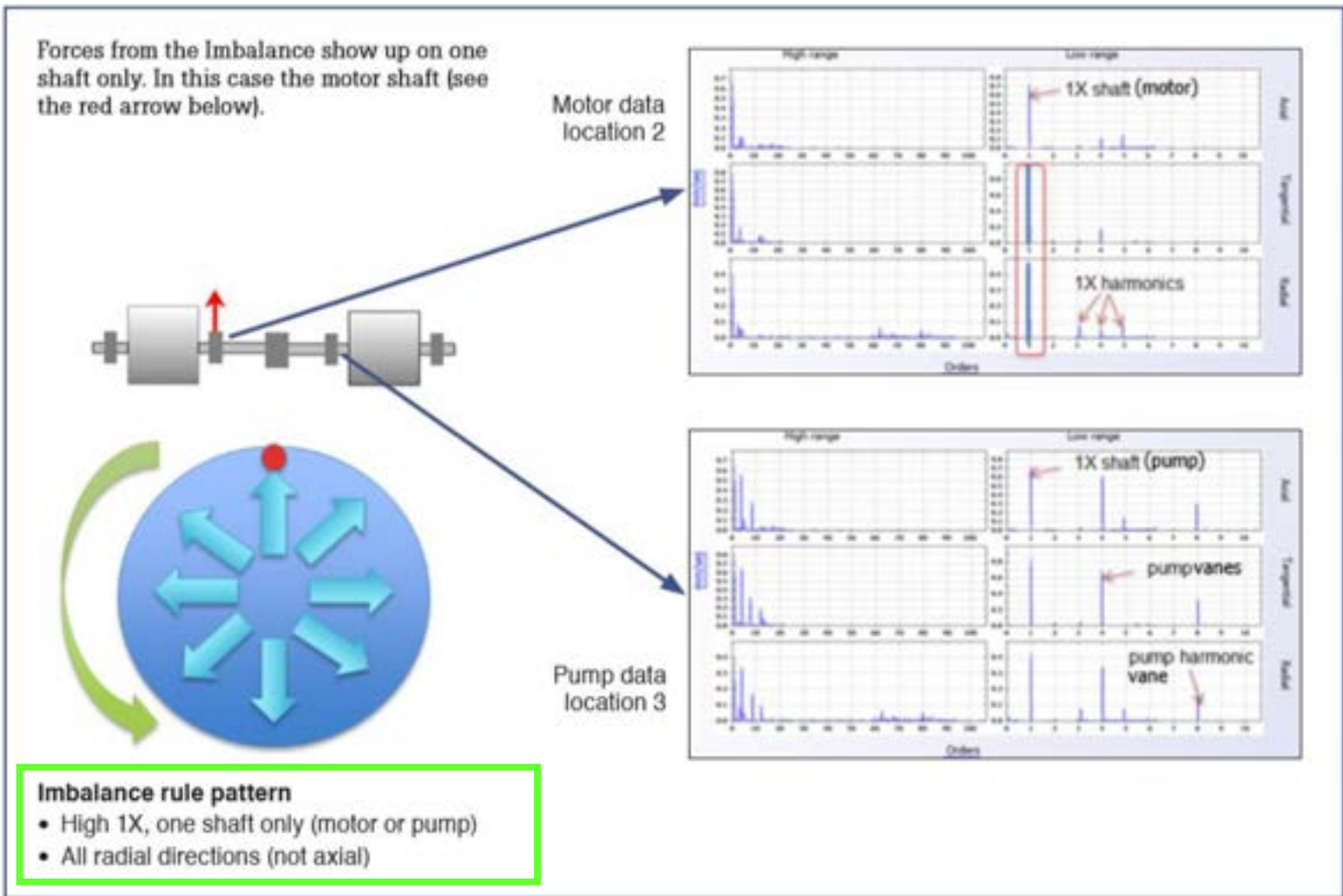




# Imbalance (unbalance)

A heavy spot on the shaft causes forces in all radial directions that leads to excessive vibration and increases the wear of bearings, seals, etc.

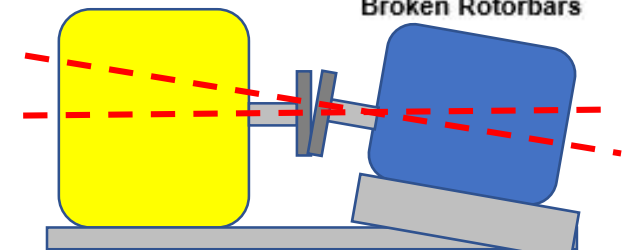
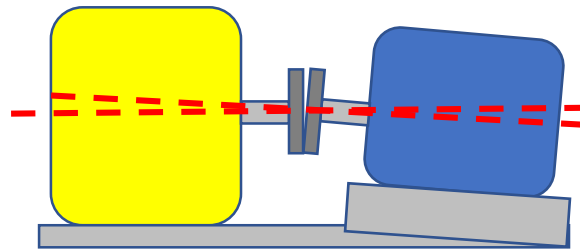
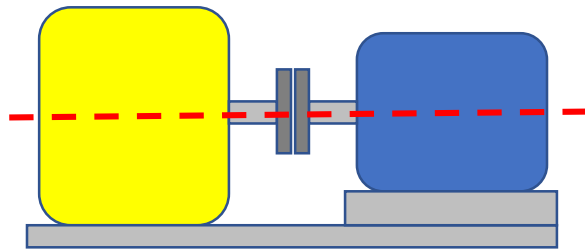
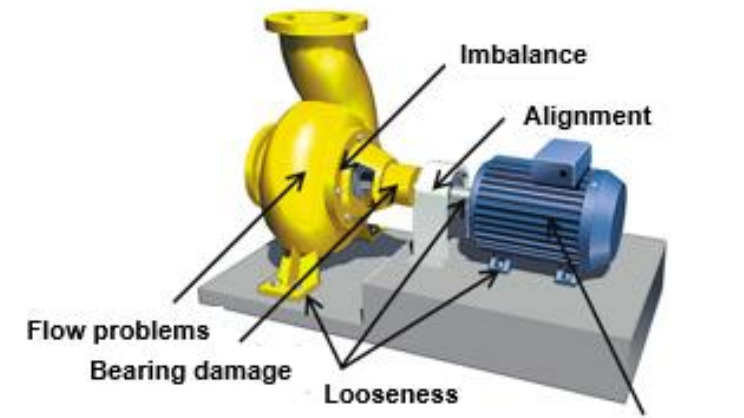
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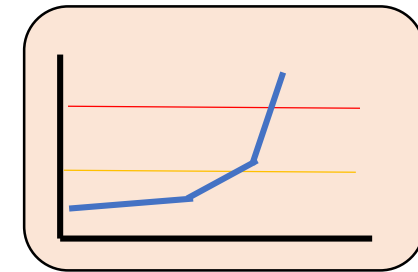
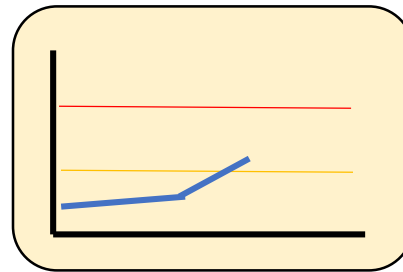
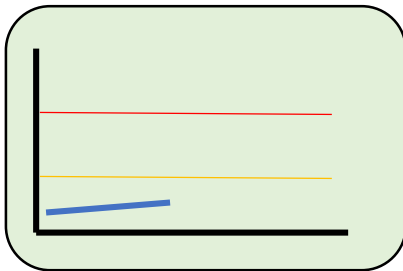
# Condition Monitoring Example – misalignment

(same for imbalance, looseness, bearings)

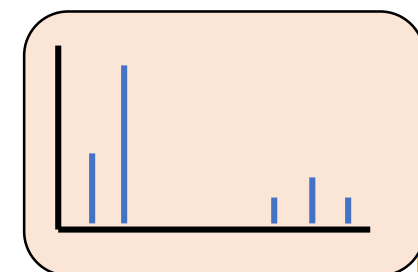
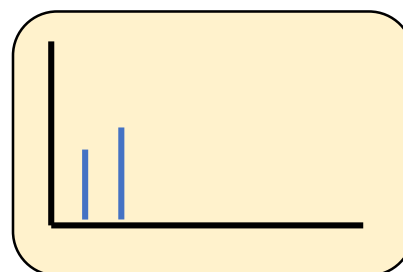
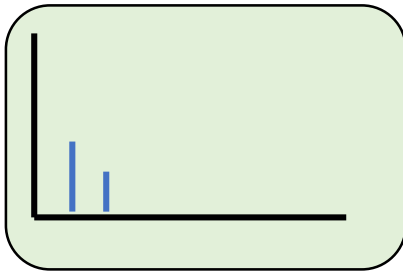
Track the fault severity over the months or even a year or more



OV



FFT



Time

# Why do teams keep replacing the same bearings and seals?

*Need to find root cause of the problem – fix the root cause don't just fix the symptom*



~50% of rotating machine damage is directly related to imbalance



~50% of rotating machine damage is directly related to misalignment

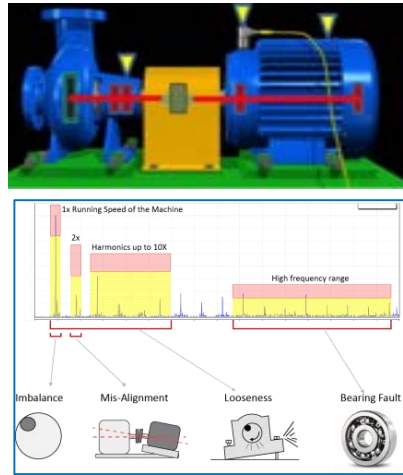


Most teams just replace bearings and seals because alignment/balance takes too much time



## Diagnose the root cause

Vibration detects all faults – don't ignore the root cause (misalignment, imbalance)



## Correct the root cause on most machines

Step-by-step corrective tools provide quick, easy precision balance & alignment to fix root cause on most machines in the plant (not just a few)



Shaft imbalance



Shaft misalignment

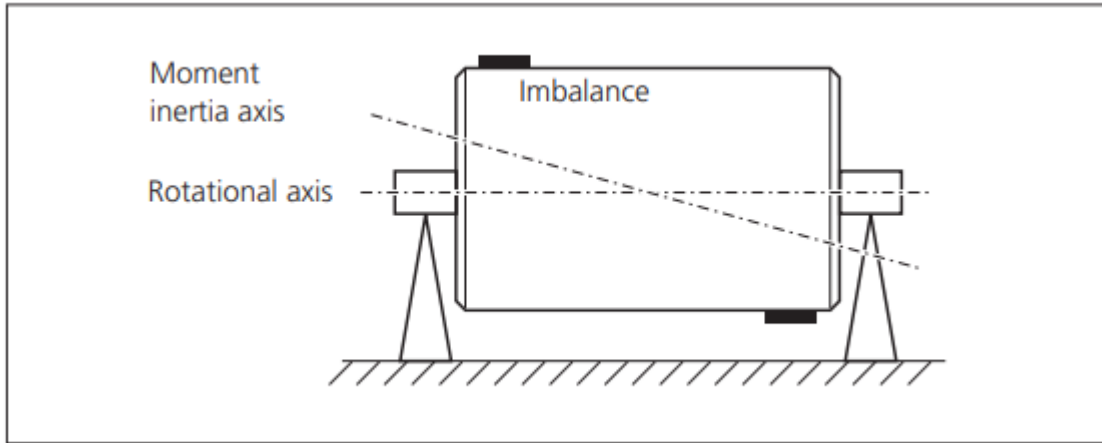
*"We electricians would replace the motor bearings and mechanics would replace the pump bearings and seals, and we'd slap it all back together. In a few months we would do it all over again. Then we learned to perform precision balance and alignments, and the bearings would last for years and years."*

*Maintenance Supervisor from US Navy*

# Balancing Principles



# Balancing on shafts with rotating masses



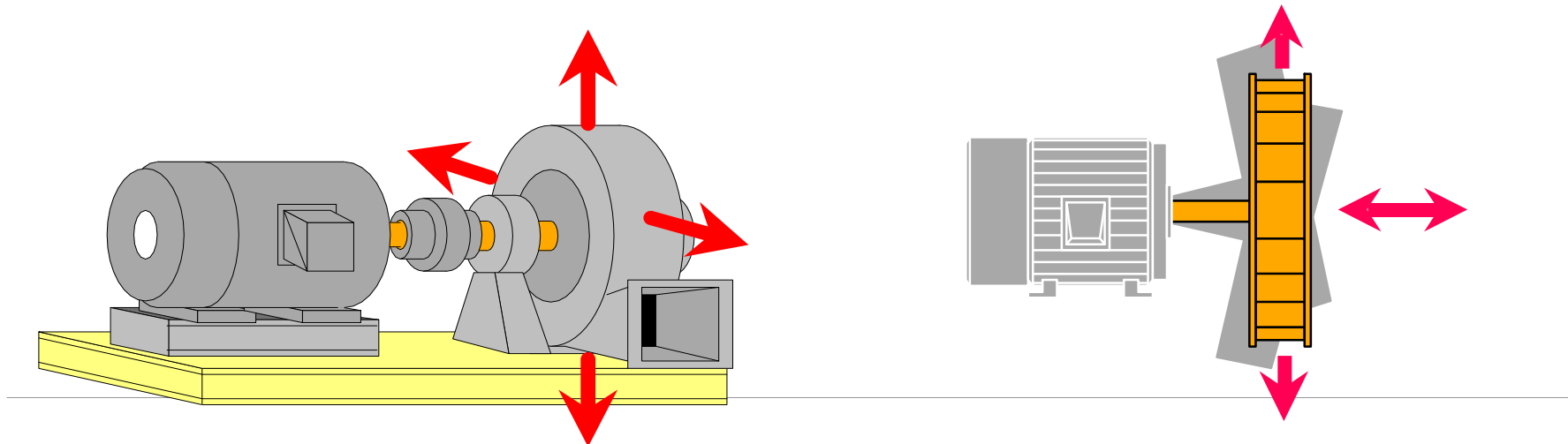
If a rotor is correctly balanced and this rotor is placed on balancing rollers, any additional mass placed on the rotor will cause this mass to immediately move downwards.

If this rotor is now turned with the balancing RPM, a centrifugal force is caused perpendicular to the rotational axis by the displacement of the center of gravity.

If two equally heavy masses are attached to a completely balanced rotor so that they lie exactly opposite in two separately lying radial planes, this is called a couple imbalance (or a dynamic imbalance).

The center of gravity of the rotor remains on the rotational axis.

The imbalances cause a centrifugal torque that gives rise to opposing forces of the same size in the bearings.

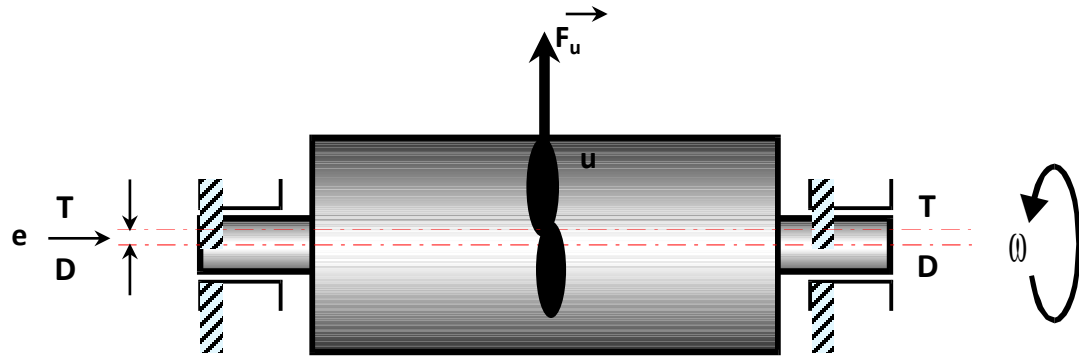




# Static vs Couple imbalance

## Static imbalance

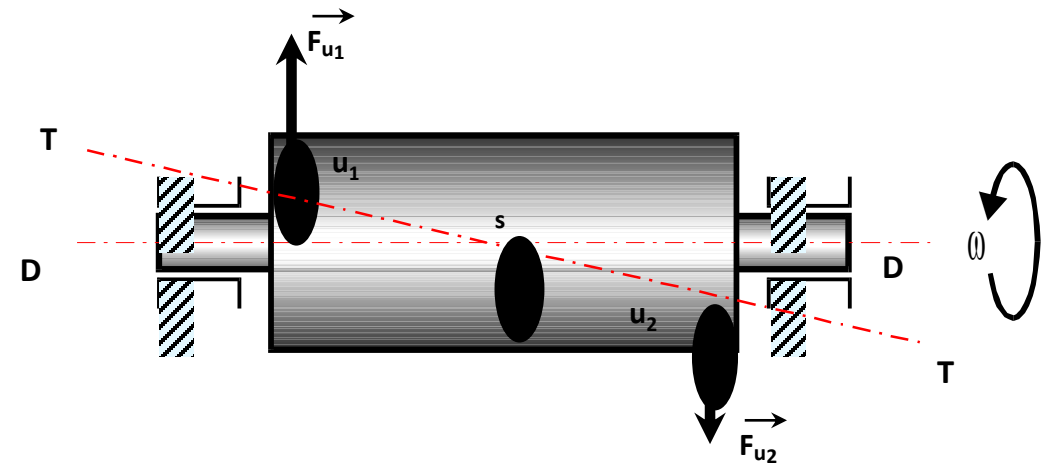
Causes steady vibrations in a single plane



- D-D.... Shaft axis
- T-T.... Main axis of inertia
- u.... Imbalance mass
- s... Center of gravity
- e... Center of gravity offset

## Couple imbalance

Generates cyclic vibrations in two perpendicular planes due to the equal and opposite masses



- D-D.... Shaft axis
- T-T.... Main axis of inertia
- u.... Imbalance mass
- s... Center of gravity

$$u_1 = u_2$$

# Causes of imbalance

## Construction and design errors

- e.g., asymmetric construction, fit tolerance too large, uneven mass distribution in electric motor rotor bars or windings

## Material faults

- e.g., cavities, blowholes, material fatigue, uneven erosion and corrosion, cracks and fractures

## Production and mounting errors

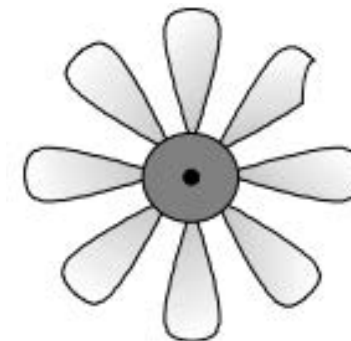
- Bearing seats not machined with the same setup (eccentric), unmachined external contour, parts not centered, mounting of unbalanced individual parts

## Operation related issues

- e.g., Contamination, wear and tear, poor maintenance practices, excessive corrosion, material deposits, missing balance weights



Example of caking on fan impeller



# Why is shaft balancing needed?

## Get more out of your rotating machines through proper balance:

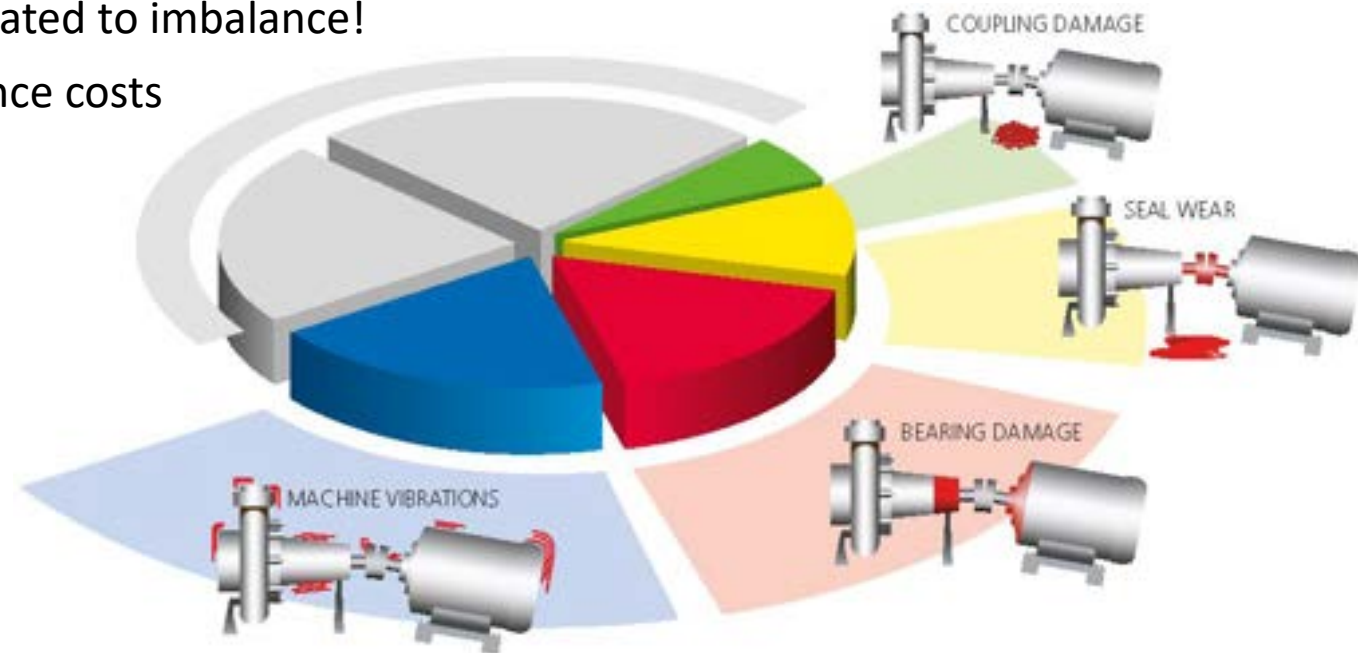
- ✓ A balanced shaft reduces bearing and coupling wear, and vibration of machinery, which in turn leads to improved machine performance.
- ✓ You could be losing thousands of dollars per year in replacement bearings and hours of unnecessary repair time
- ✓ Today's maintenance departments can't afford crippling unplanned downtime and wasted energy
- ✓ See the benefits of precision balancing on most of your machines not just a few of the most critical

### Benefits: Cost savings:

- Up to 50% of damage to rotating machinery is directly related to imbalance!
- Well balanced machines reduce operating and maintenance costs
- Reduced bearing and mechanical seal repairs

### Benefits: Why precision balance is so crucial:

- Decreased power consumption
- Longer machine lifecycle
- Less vibration leading to less wear (other faults)
- Lower temperatures on bearing, coupling and lubrication
- Reduced costs for storing spare parts



# Field balancing customer pain points



## Machine vibration levels

- Reducing machine vibration levels



## Machine failure

Identifying the cause of machine failure and if they are related to unbalance



## Skill and experience requirements

Lack of experience can lead to improper balancing and further exacerbate the issues



## Time constraints

Field balancing often needs to be performed quickly to minimize downtime



## Environmental conditions

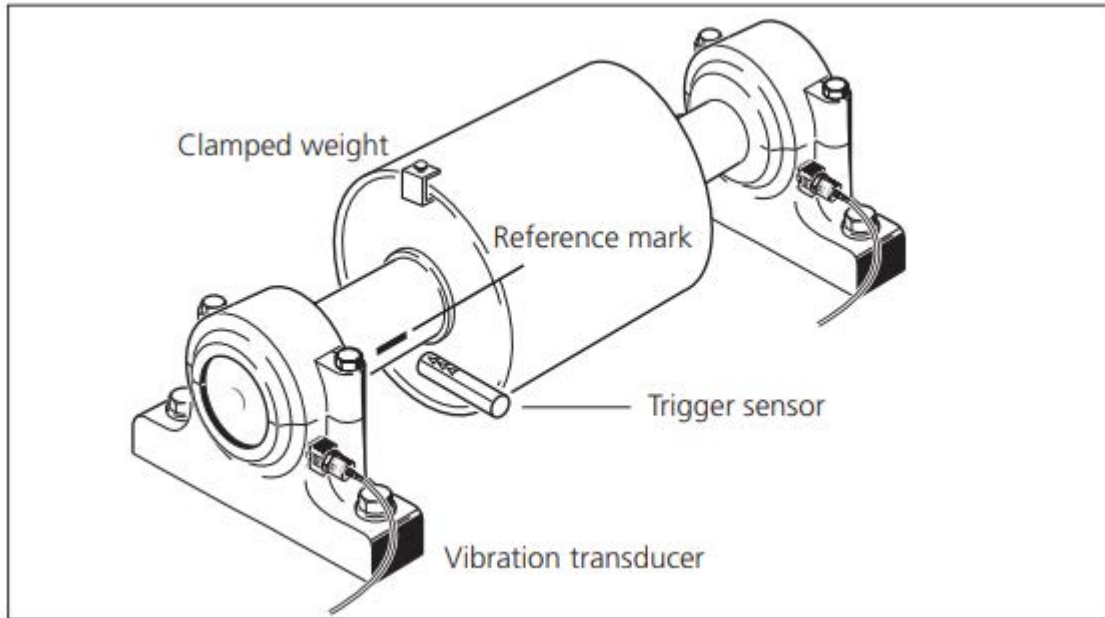
Impact on accuracy of measurements and the safety of technicians



Other pain points include equipment complexity and limited or inadequate documentation on rotating equipment



# Balancing on shafts with rotating masses



The balancing module is based on the well-known 'influence coefficients method':

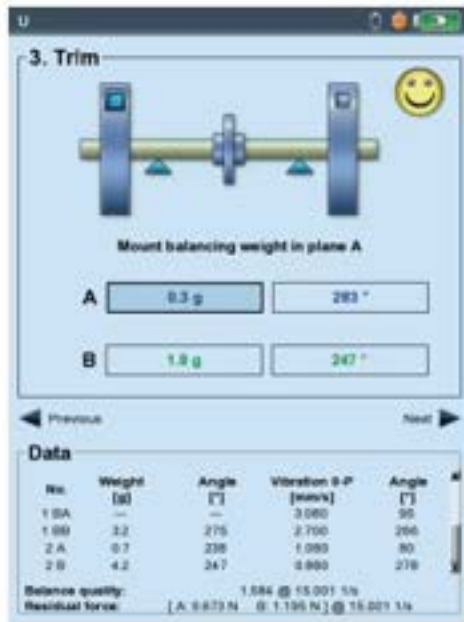
First, the tool measures the vibration amplitude and phase angle and the vibration caused by the imbalance or so-called 'initial imbalance'.

A defined trial weight\* is then attached and the instrument measures the resulting change in amplitude and phase.

The program calculates the influence coefficients from the difference between both vibrations according to magnitude and phase which precisely indicates the location and magnitude of the balancing weight about the position and size of the trial weight.

In the case of two-plane balancing, the calculation of the influence of the mass is also considered in the other plane.

All 'rigid' rotors are balanced using this method.



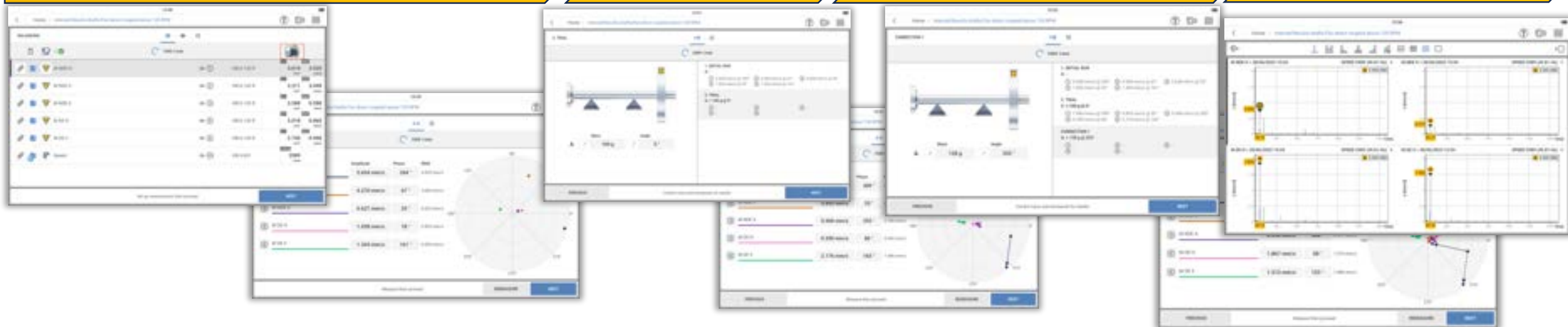
# Simple steps to balance your machines

Initial run

Trial run

Correction run

Verification



## 1. Initial run

- Select points and connect sensors
- **Start balancing procedure and take initial run**

## 2. Trial run

- Add trial mass and enter in system
- Measure trial mass influences and check the vectors

## 3. Correction run

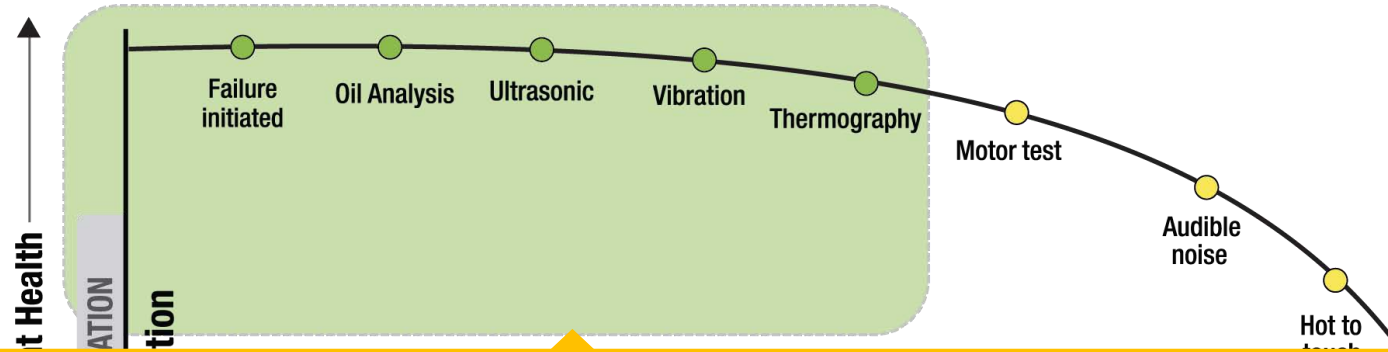
- Add correction mass (calculated by program) and enter value
- Measure the correction and check improvements

## 4. Verification

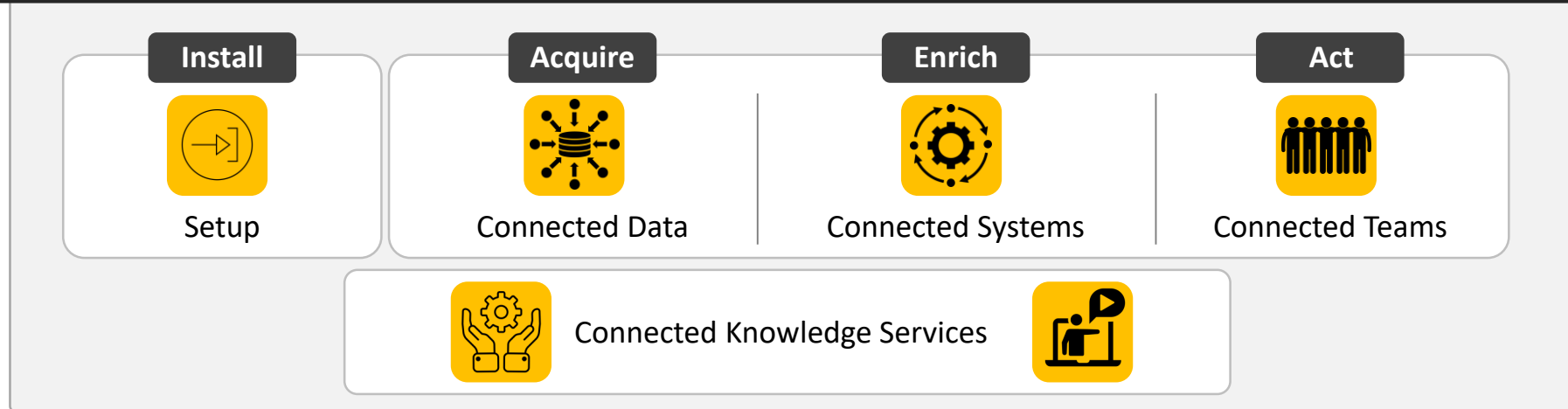
- Verify the improvements

# Steps to Connected Reliability

# Connected Reliability

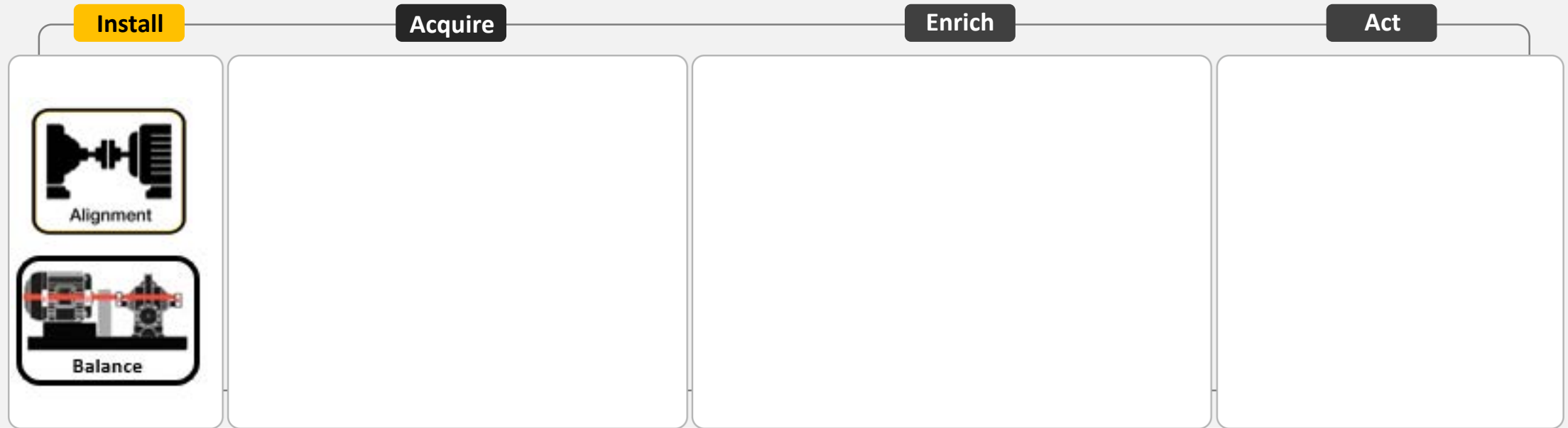


**Install with precision** → **then operate at the top-left of the P-F Curve**

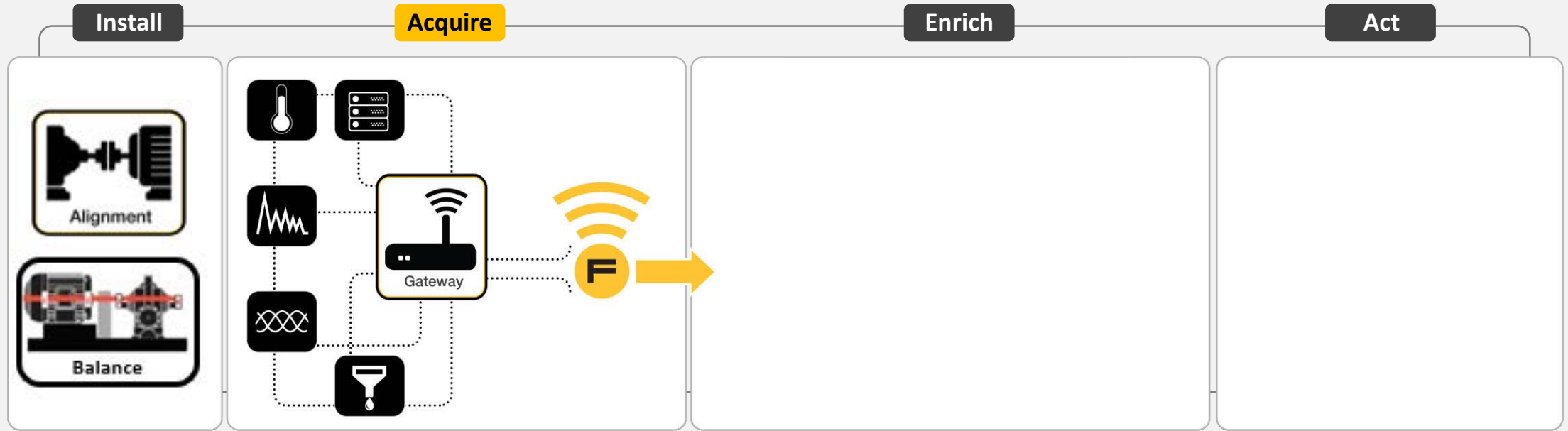




# Precision Alignment & Balance: Peak Performance from Day 1



# Connected Data



Handheld Tools

Wired Sensors

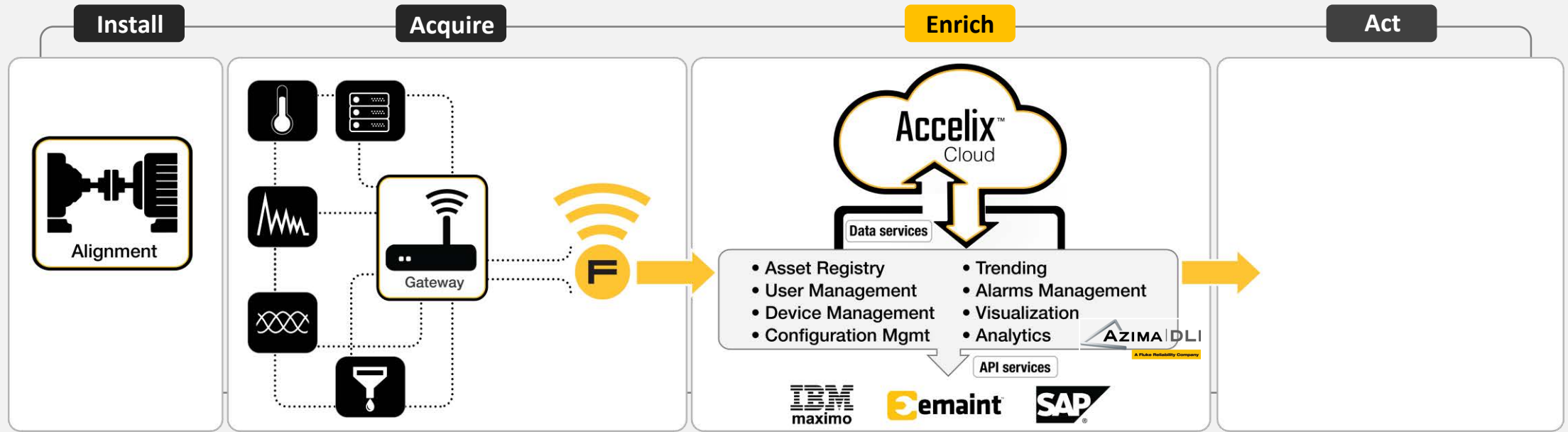
Wireless Sensors

Automation & Controls



- Route- and sensor-based tools
- Simple to complex measurement
- Multiple P-F Curve modalities (vibration, ultrasound, oil analysis, etc.)

# Connected Systems



Data and API services provided by the Accelix Data Platform

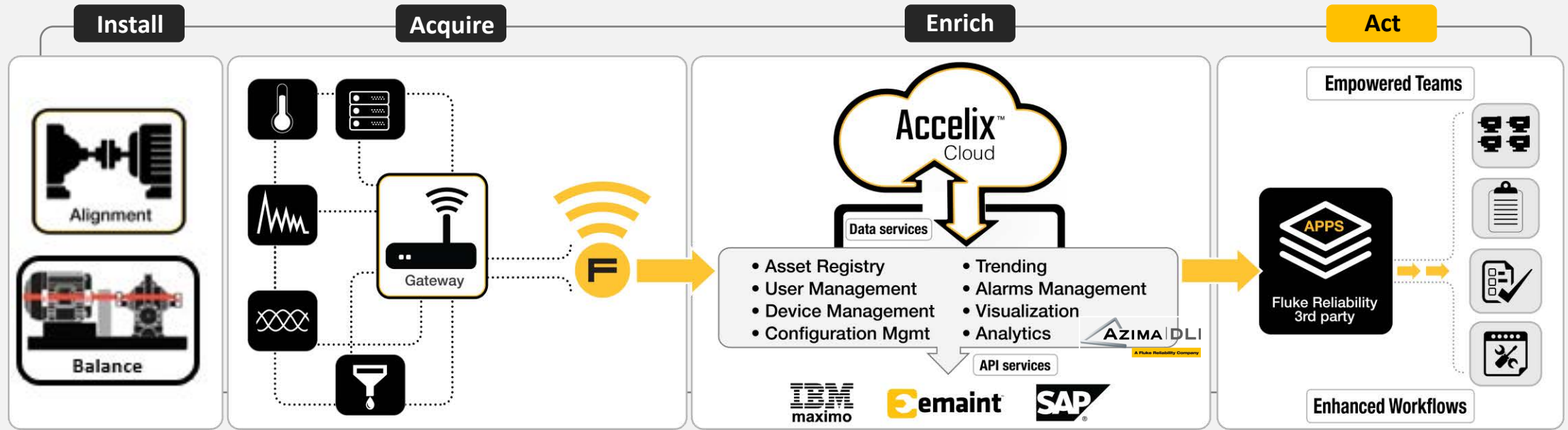
Aggregated data supports long-term trend analysis and machine learning

Enriched condition data via integration with CMMS/EAM systems

## Result:

- A more complete picture of asset history and current health
- A solid basis for decision support and maintenance actions

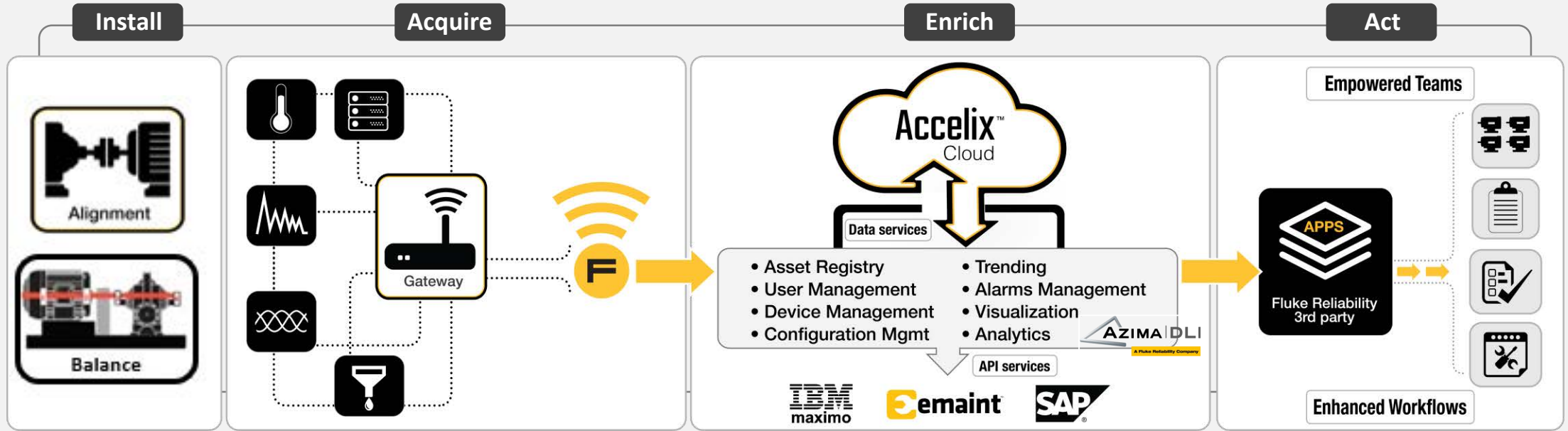
# Connected Teams



Reliability-centered maintenance actions | Mobile workforce enablement | Enhanced workflows



# Connected Knowledge



## Connected Knowledge Services



### Active Assistance

- Onsite Machinery Services
- PARALIGN
- TELEDIAGNOSIS
- Remote Condition Monitoring



### On-Demand Expertise

- ISO CAT Training
- Online & In-Person Courses
- Reliability Program Consulting
- Customer Success Team

# Summary



All maintenance teams struggle with business challenges and lack of resources



Condition monitoring using vibration analysis helps teams diagnose root cause faults, then use corrective tools like balancing to quickly correct and return to service



Precision balancing and alignment are the first steps towards a Connected Reliability solution at your facility.

# Fluke Reliability: One mission, one shared purpose

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We simplify connected reliability solutions for the people who keep the world up and running

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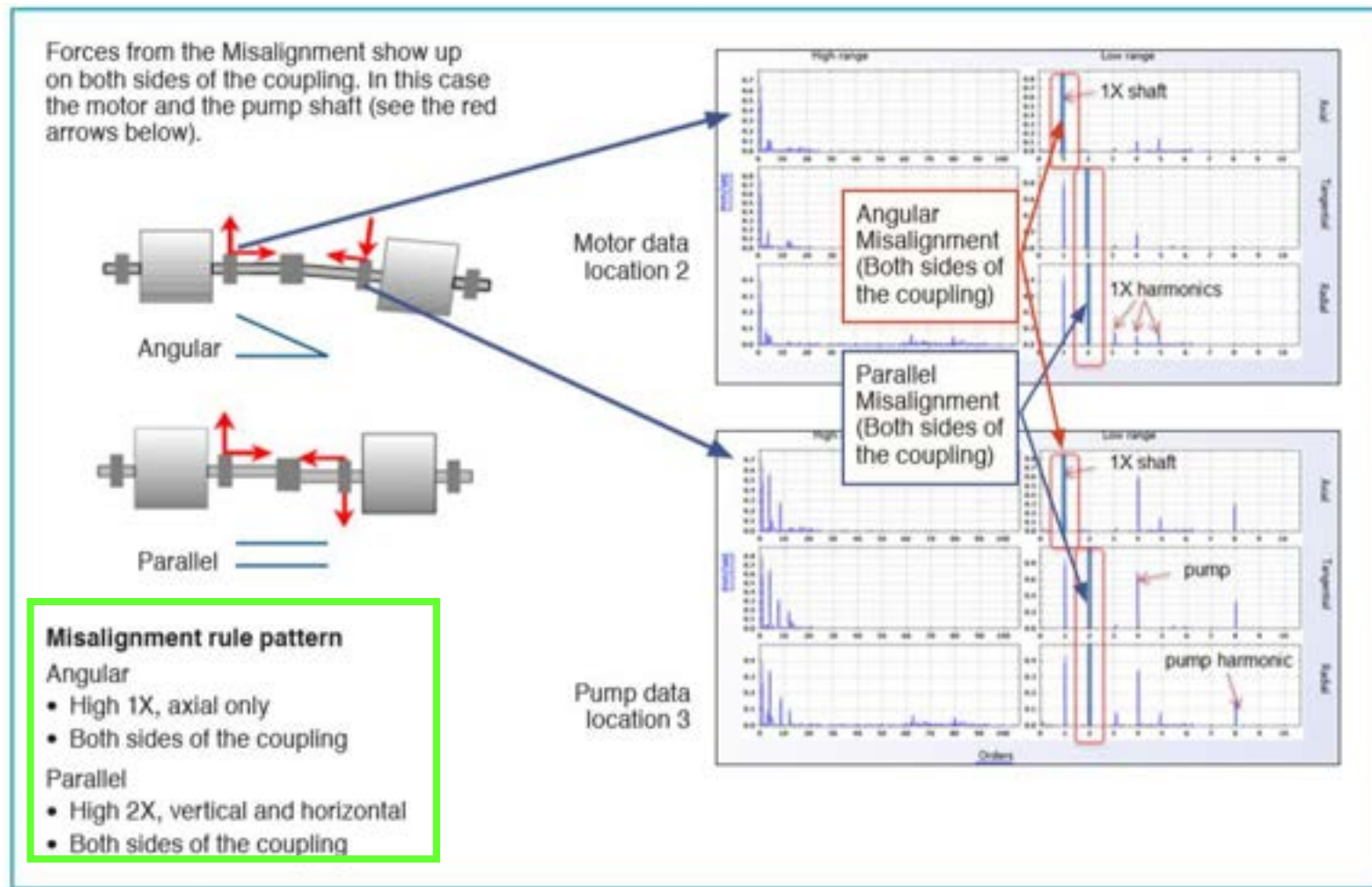
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# Misalignment

The axes of rotation of two shafts are not collinear when the machine is running under normal operating conditions which causes forces that lead to excessive vibration and increases the wear of bearings, seals, etc.

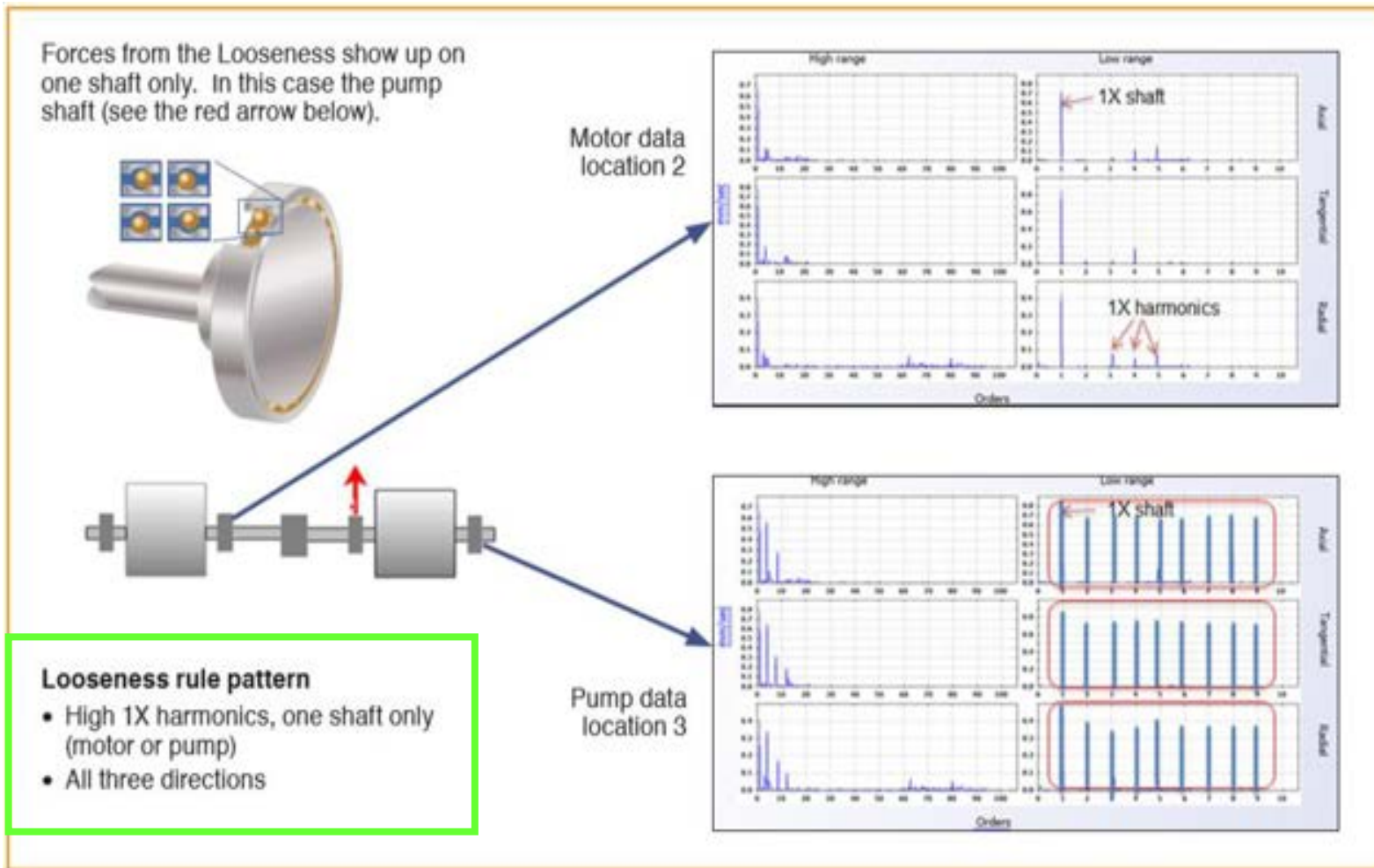
	Machine fault	Frequency and Axis	Component found	Advanced Severity
1	Imbalance	1X - All radial directions	On affected component	Higher amplitude 1X
2	<b>Misalignment</b>			
	Parallel	2X - Radial and tangential	Both sides of coupling	Higher amplitude 2X
	Angular	1X - Axial	Both sides of coupling	Higher amplitude 1X
3	Looseness	1X harmonics—all directions	On affected component	Higher harmonics
4	Roller bearings	Non integer—all directions	On affected component	Harmonic, sidebands, noise hump, noise floor



# Looseness

The shaft, foundation, or a component has become loose which causes forces that lead to excessive vibration and increases the wear of bearings, seals, etc.

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2	Misalignment			
	Parallel	2X - Radial and tangential	Both sides of coupling	Higher amplitude 2X
	Angular	1X - Axial	Both sides of coupling	Higher amplitude 1X
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# Bearing failure

Bearings will wear from excessive loads, other machine faults, poor lubrication or installation, etc. If not corrected, the bearings will eventually fail.

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