

# ***Condition Monitoring to „protect“ the machine***

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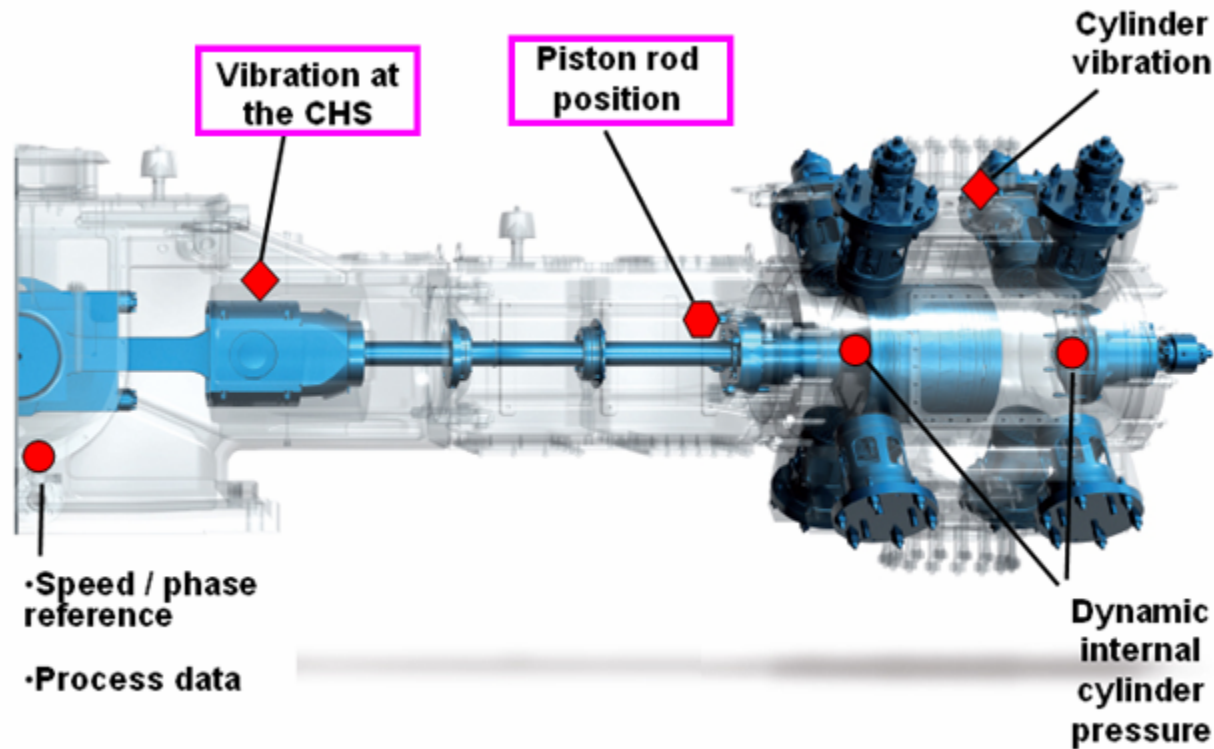
## Explanation:

### *How to successfully manage challenging conditions?*

- Continuously data stream  
(Comparative measurement)
- All-over data during event  
(Ring buffer)
- Event controlled safety setting and analysis  
(Segmentation)
- Use of specific measuring points and analysis  
(Crosshead and piston rod)



# Explanation: Safety measuring points



## Sensors on Safety:

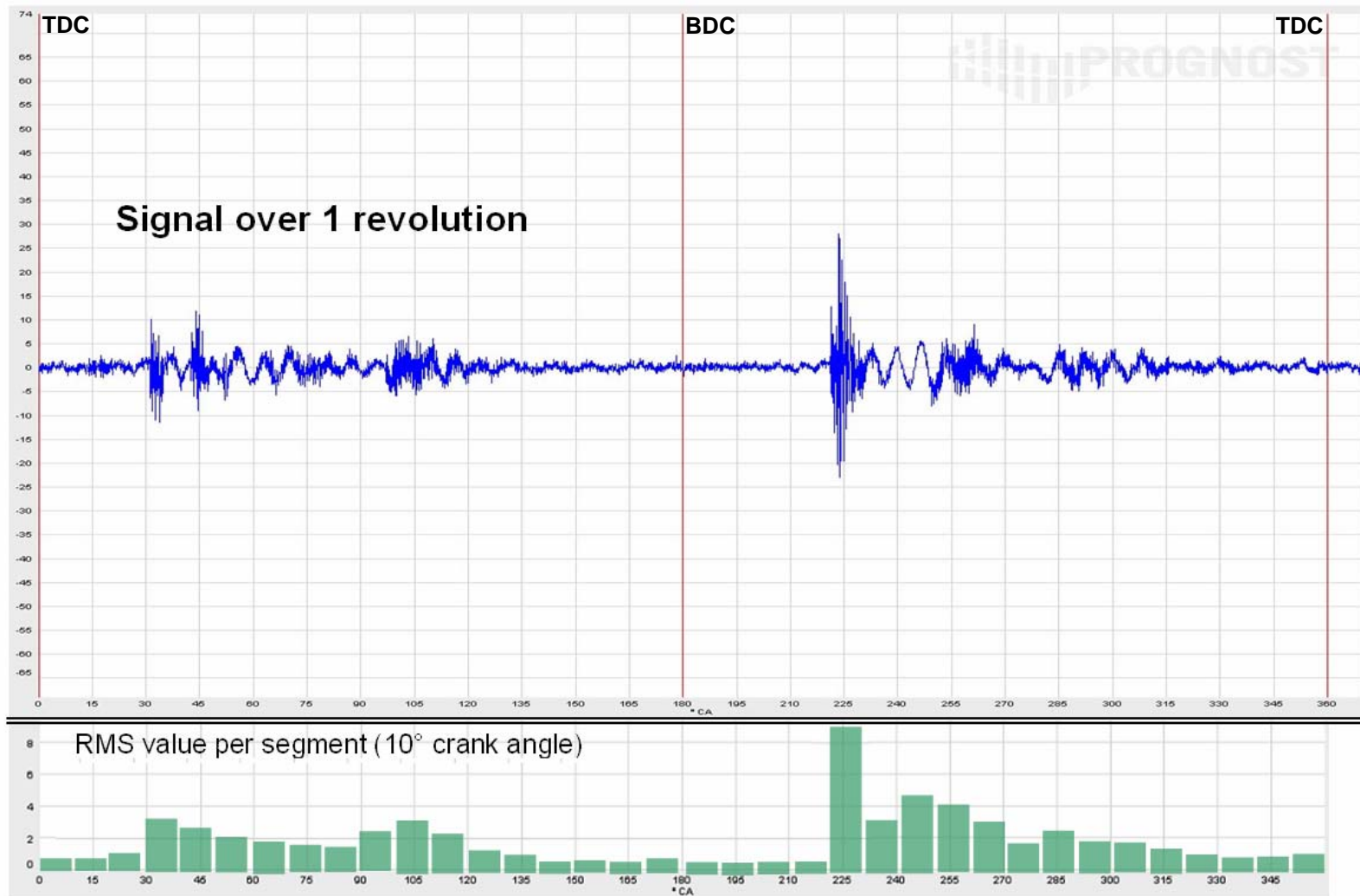
- Crosshead slide (CHS)
- Piston rod



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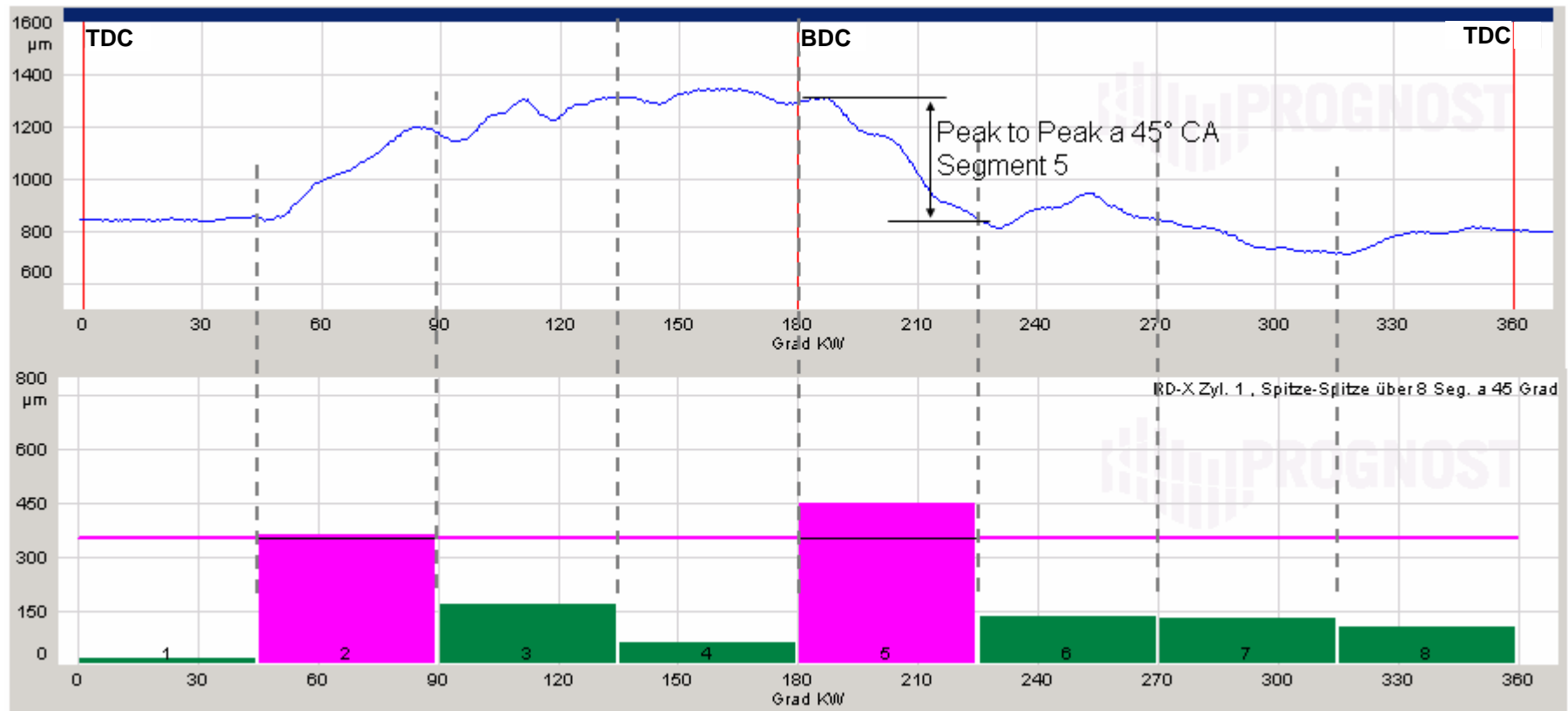
# Explanation: Safety analysis *CHS 36 Seg. RMS*



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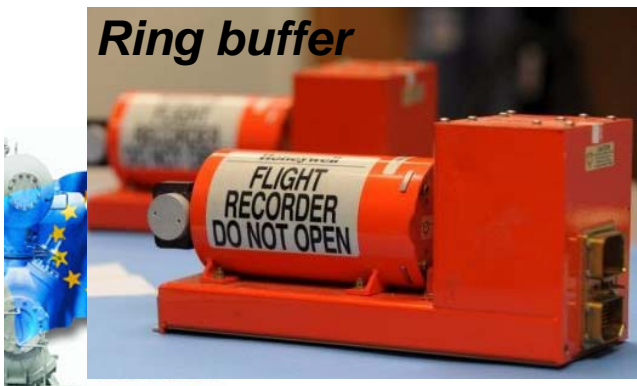
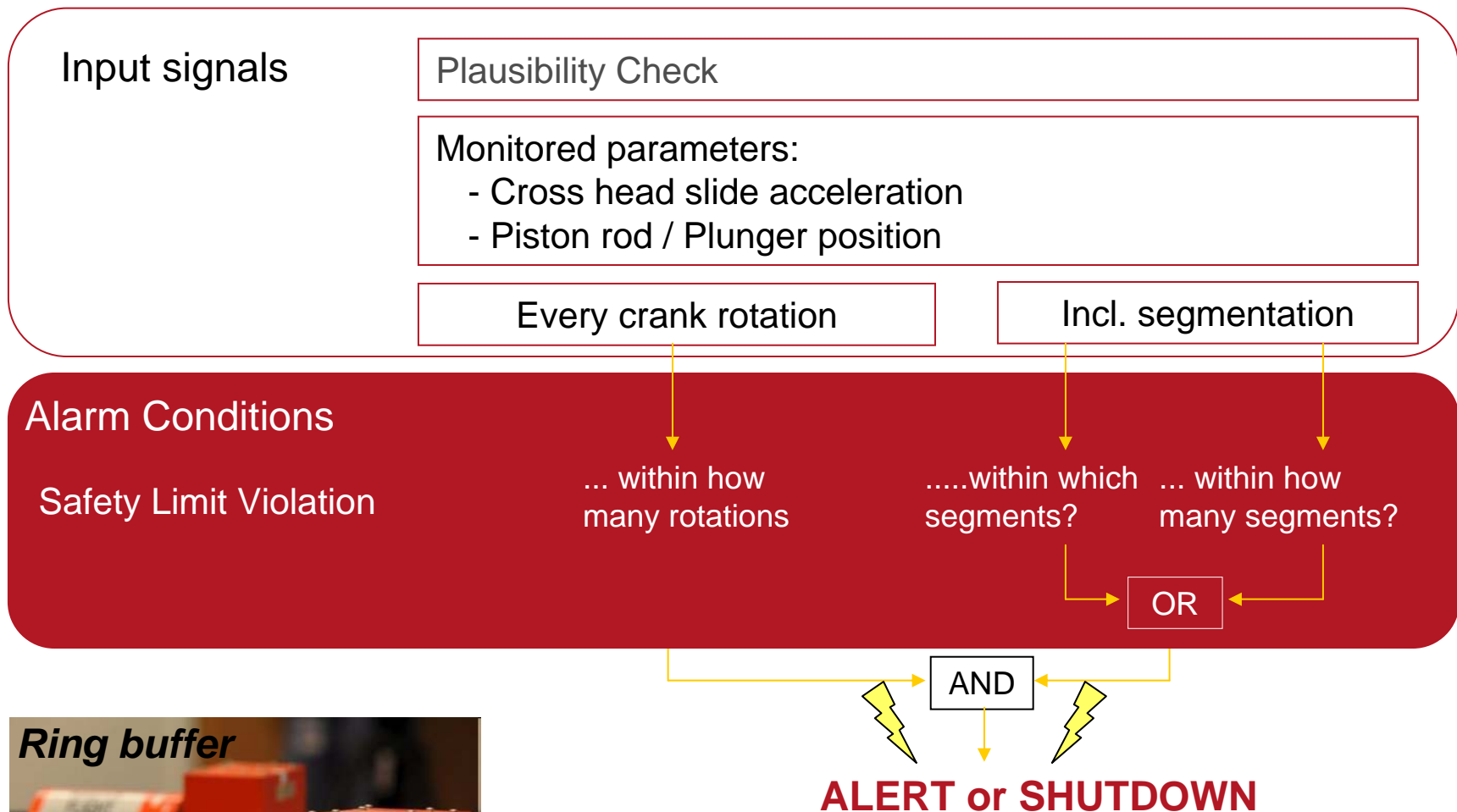
# Explanation: Safety analysis *RP 8 Seg. PTP*



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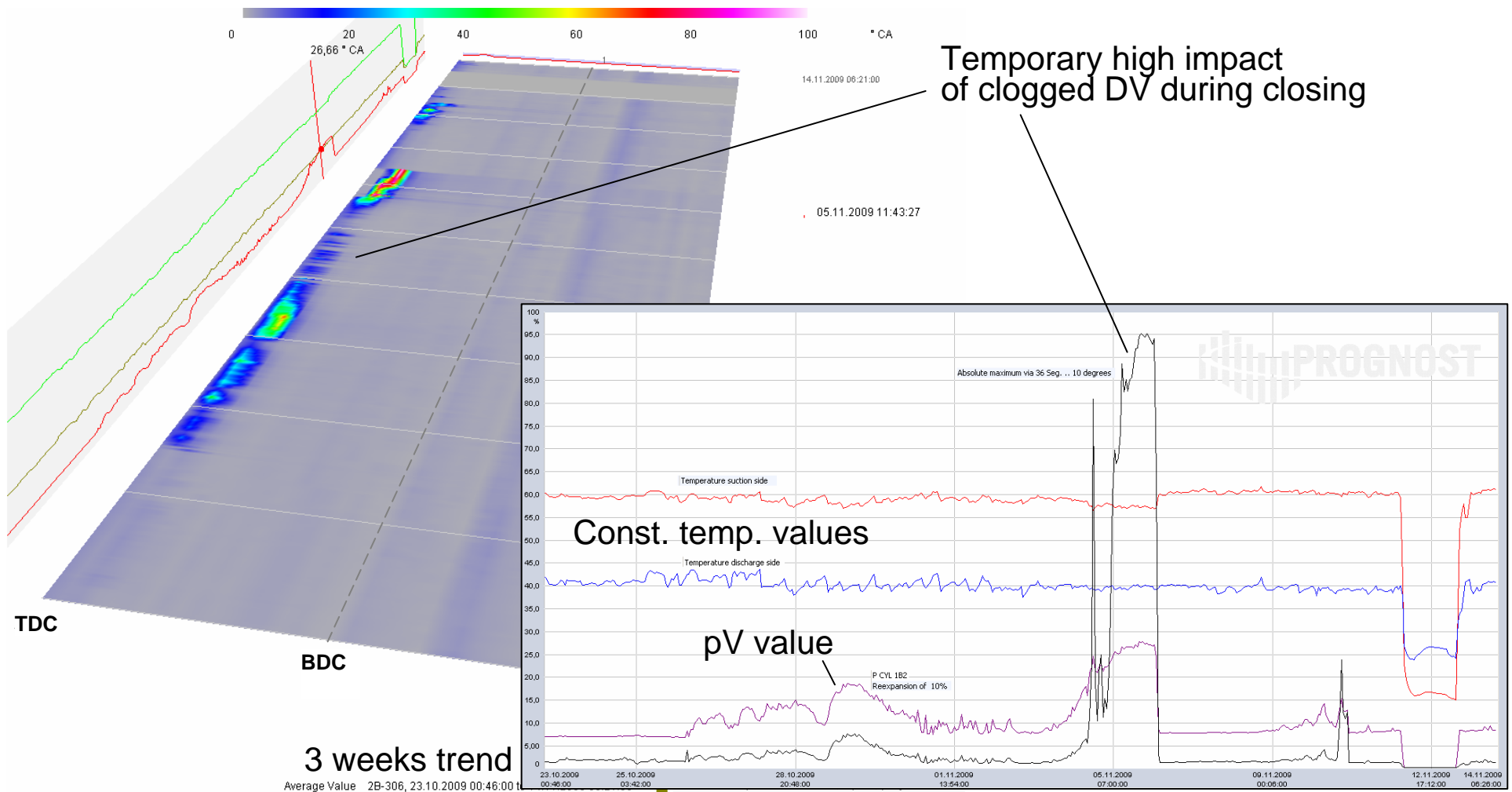
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# Explanation: Reliable shutdown algorithm



All-over data recording (10 minutes)  
of all online time signals for each revolution

# Explanation: Trend - Continuously data



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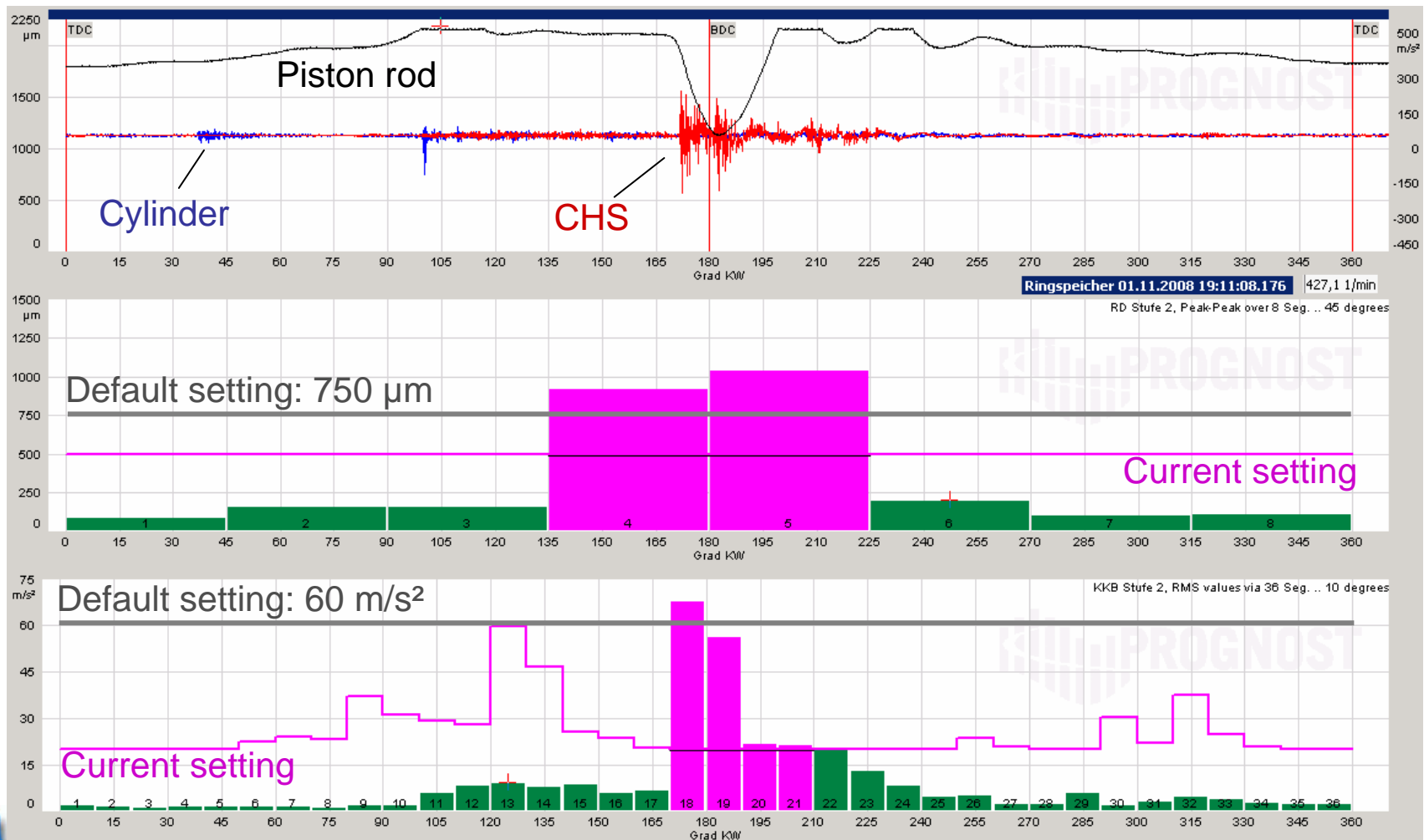


## **Case 1:** Excessive rider ring wear

- Horizontal 545 kW 2-throw / H2 service
- Trip criteria: Piston rod position 8 Seg. PTP over 20 consecutive revolutions (by default setting)
- Rider ring wear and crumbled piston rings because of extremely wet gas
- No consequential damage
- Unknown gas specification upfront
- Problem solved by adding of a separator



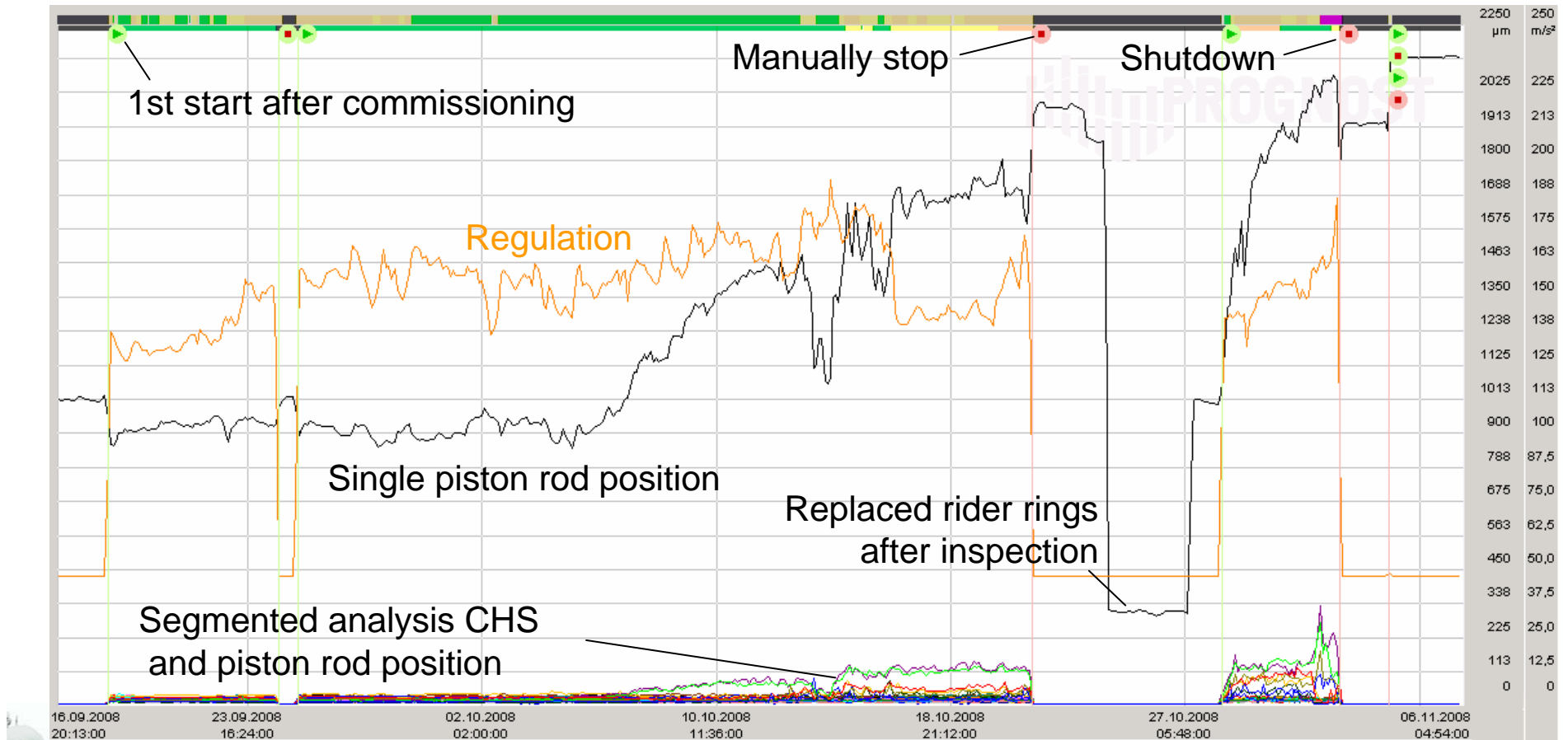
# Safety analysis



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# Development of event



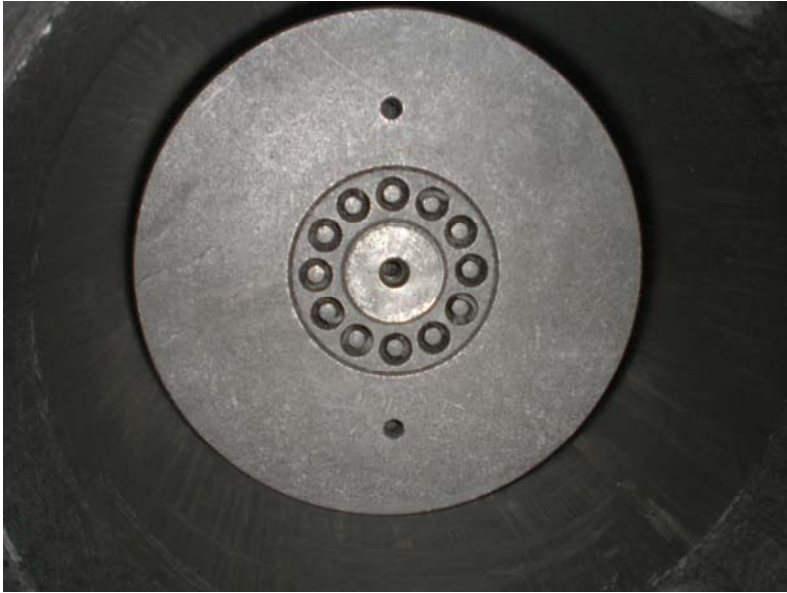
- 3 weeks minute trend -



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# Findings



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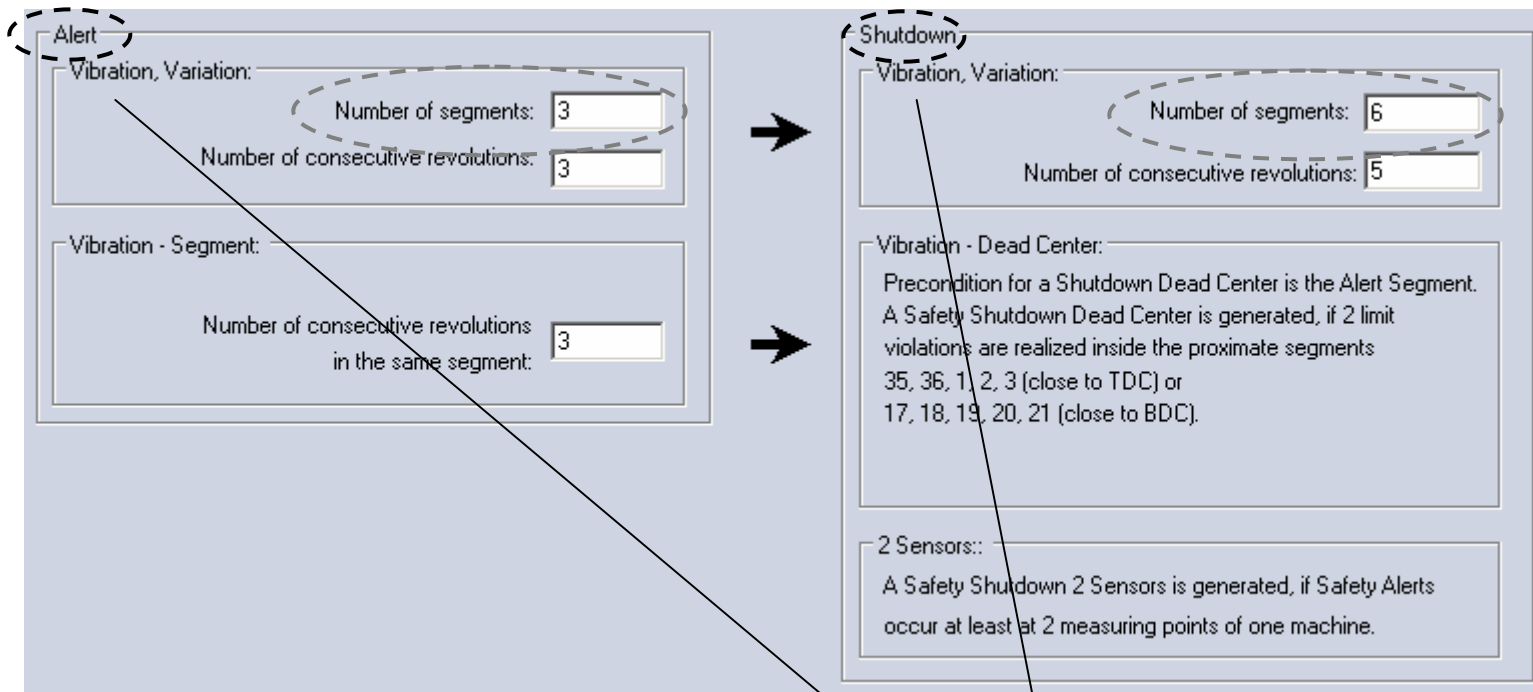
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## **Case 2: Broken piston**

- Vertical 1400 kW 2-throw / H2 service
- Trip criteria: Acceleration CHS RMS  
36 segments over 5 consecutive revolutions
- Abrupt event
- No consequential damage



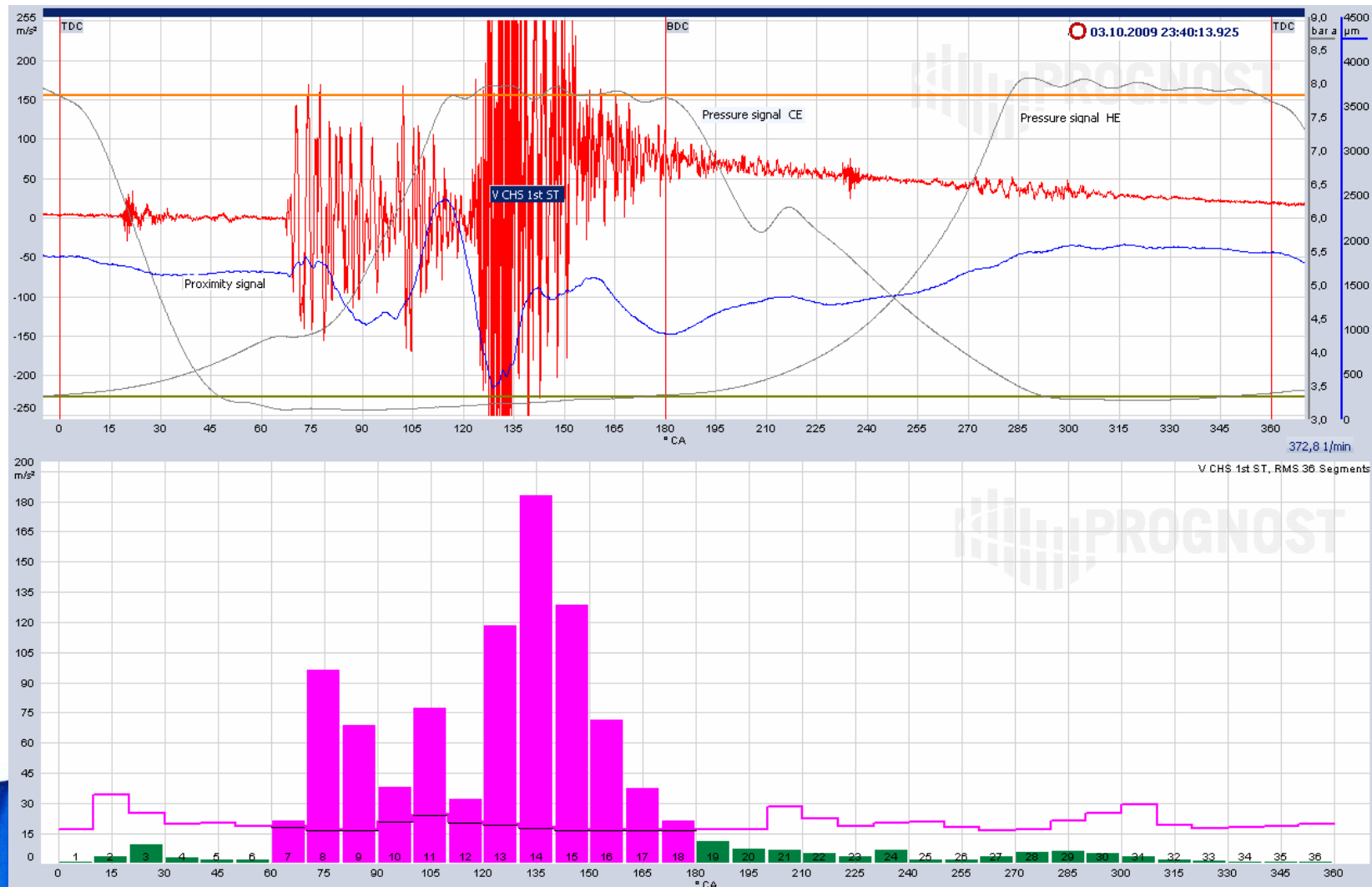
# Shutdown definition



	IMPORTANT	03.10.2009 23:40:17	V CHS 1st ST	Safety Alarm: Safety limit violated in at least 6 segments
	IMPORTANT	03.10.2009 23:40:15	V CHS 1st ST	Safety Alert: Safety limit violated in at least 3 segments



# Safety analysis



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# Finding

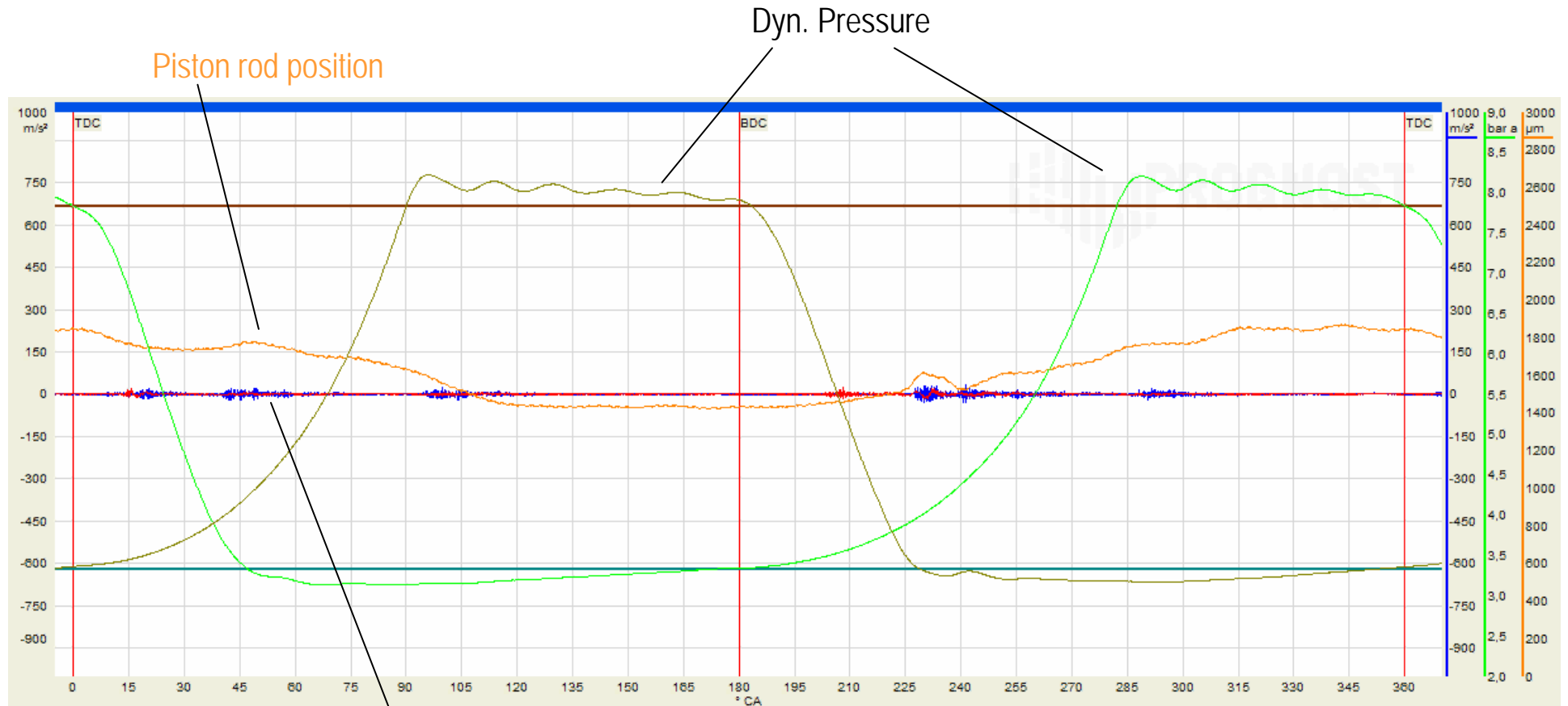


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# Ring buffer movie



Vibration CHS & cylinder



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## Case 3: Liquid Carry-over

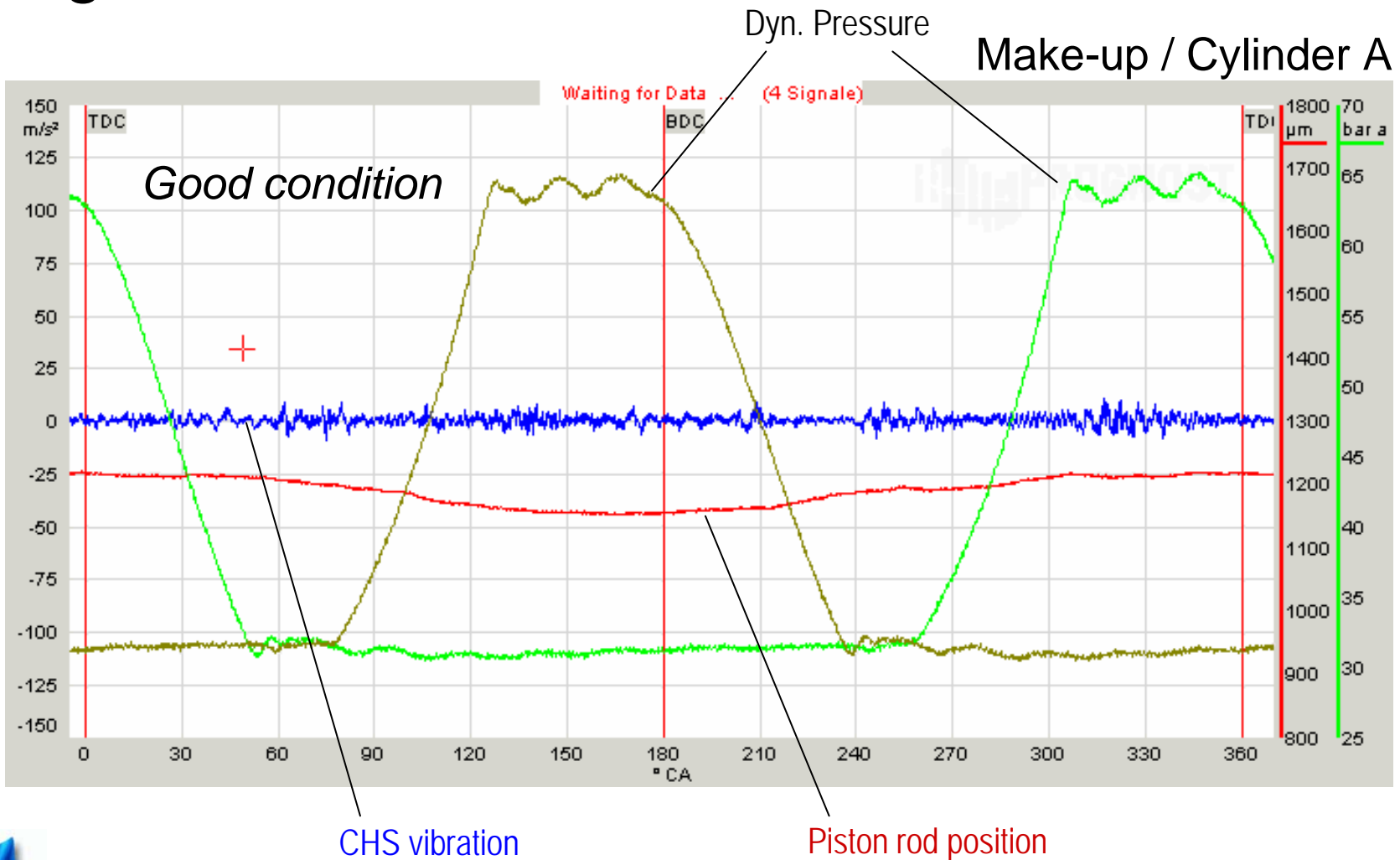
- Vertical 1150 kW 4-throw / H2 service
- Ring buffer trigger: Acceleration CHS RMS 36 segments over 5 consecutive revolutions
- HCOM control
- Sporadic event
- No damage



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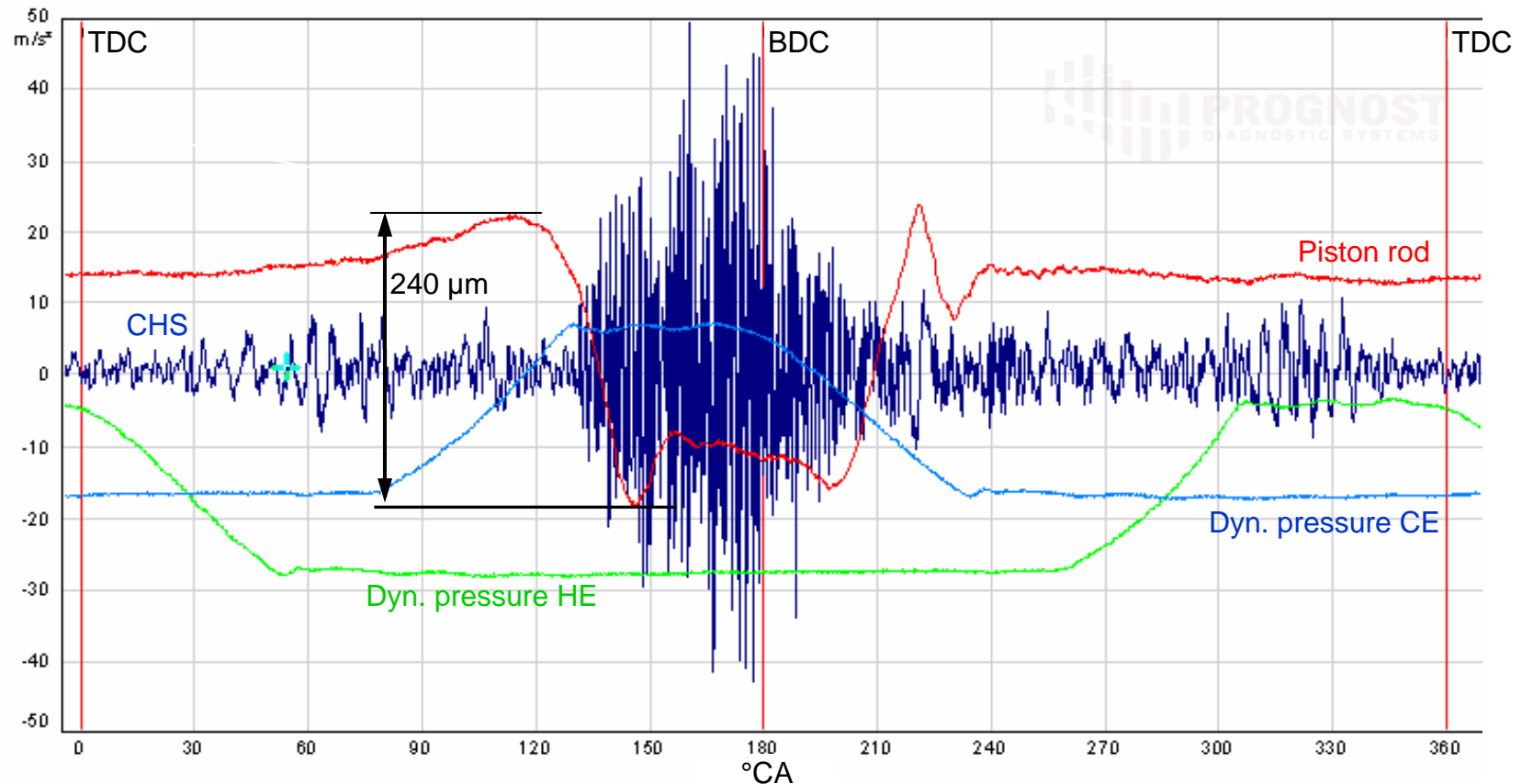
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# Ringbuffer data: Bad condition



During 11 revolutions at bottom dead center (BDC):

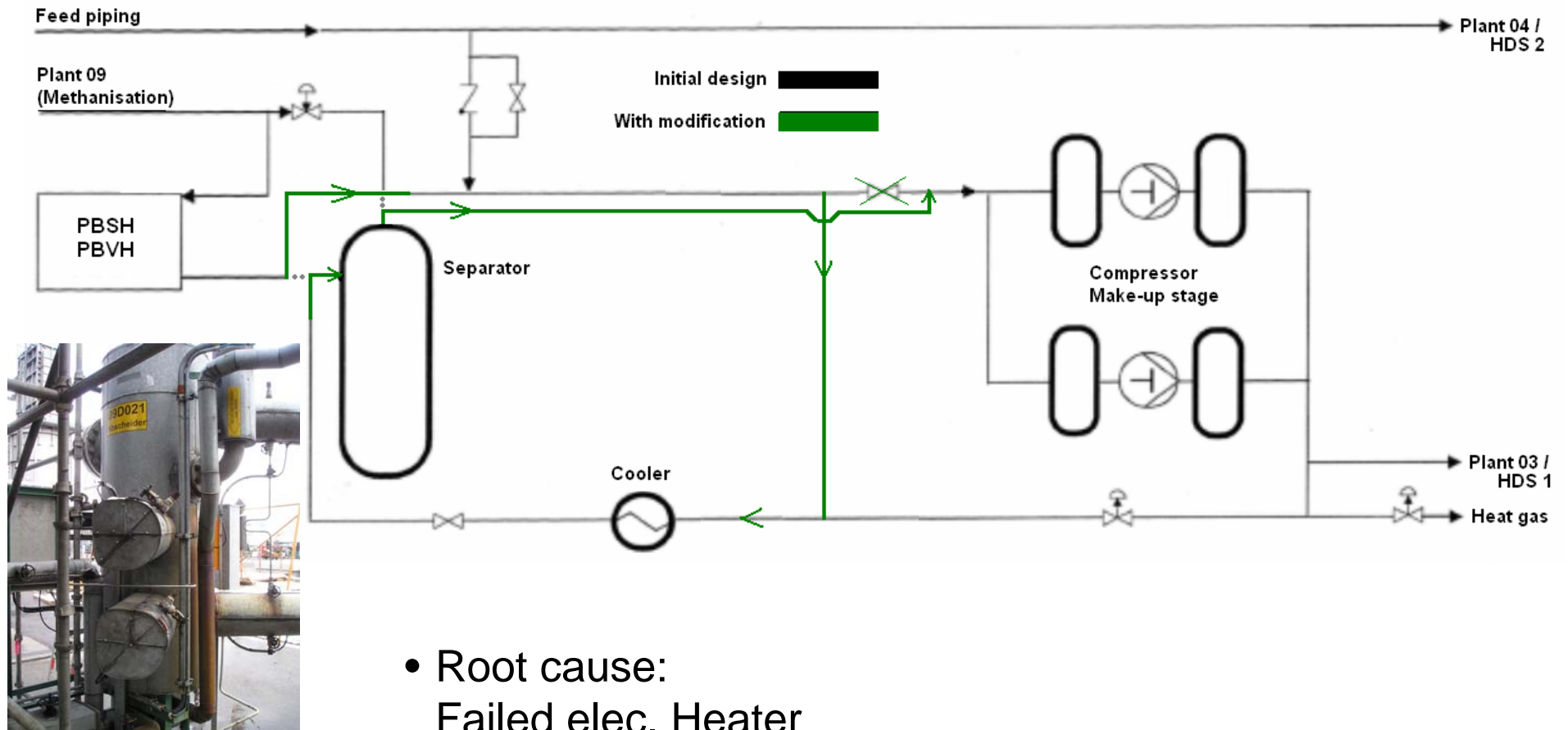
- High CHS acceleration
- Large piston rod displacement



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# H2 flow chart with modification



- Root cause:  
Failed elec. Heater  
External H<sub>2</sub> supply with to low temperature / no separator



# Summary

- Safety protection and condition monitoring  
has to be based on the same measurement value
- Root cause analysis based on stored data  
(Ring buffer and long-term trend)
- Early detection is possible -> No consequential damages

⇒ Highly effective tool for Safety Protection  
and Condition Monitoring

