

EFRC Training Workshop

Basic Training of Reciprocating Compressor Systems

Condition Monitoring
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- Why condition monitoring?
- Sensor locations and data management
- Signal analyses:
 - Acceleration (crosshead, cylinder, bearings)
 - Velocity (frame)
 - Proximity (piston rod)
 - Dynamic pressure (compression chamber)
 - Piston rod load
 - Temperatures (valve, gas and bearings)
- Early Failure Detection vs. Machine Protection

Why Condition Monitoring?

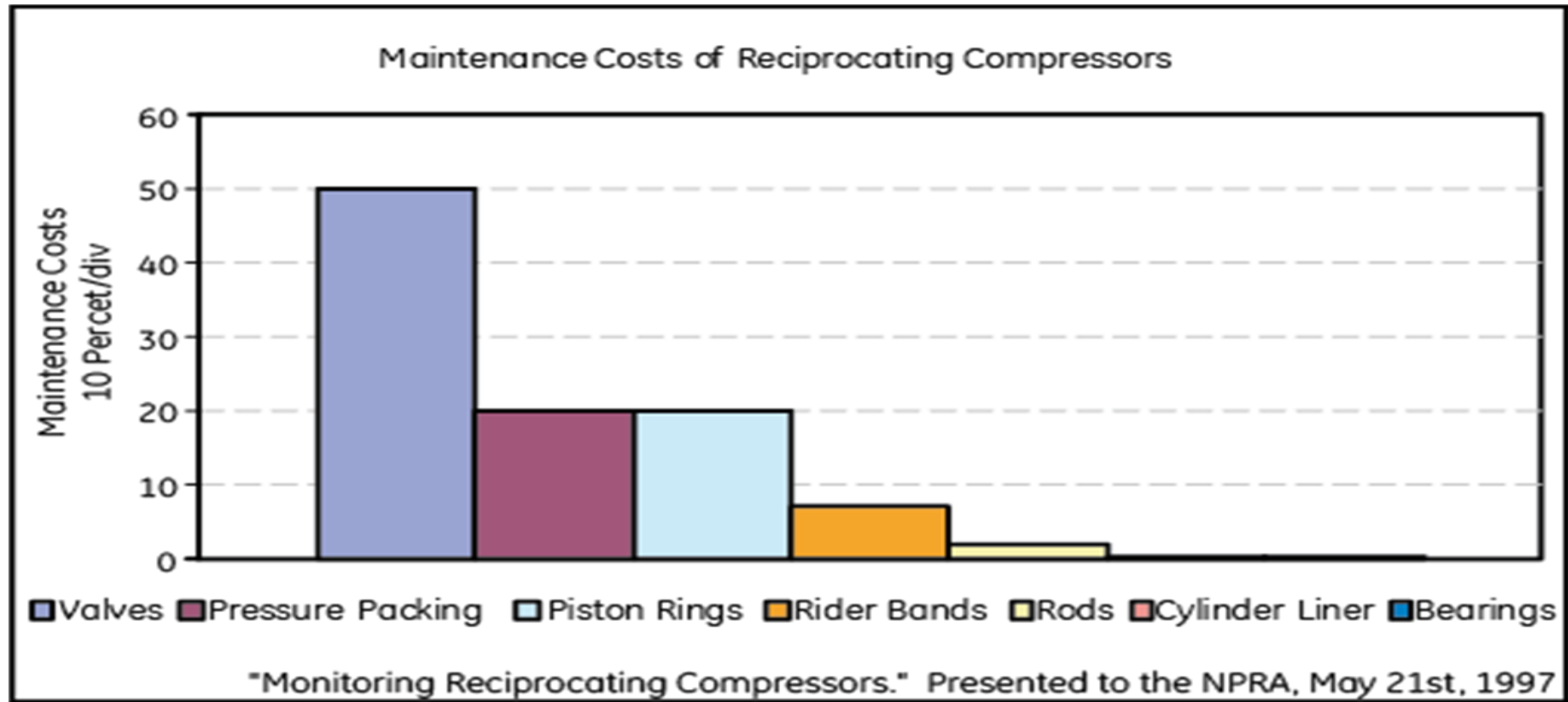
- **Challenge:** Increase machinery uptime with constant maintenance budget
- **Solution:** Max. component lifetime for extended meantime between maintenance (MTBM)
- **Statement:** Maximum MTBM depends on the "weakest link in the chain", i.e. valves
- **Task:** Determine and monitor the "weakest link" to predict necessary overhaul stops



Maintenance Costs and Failure Modes

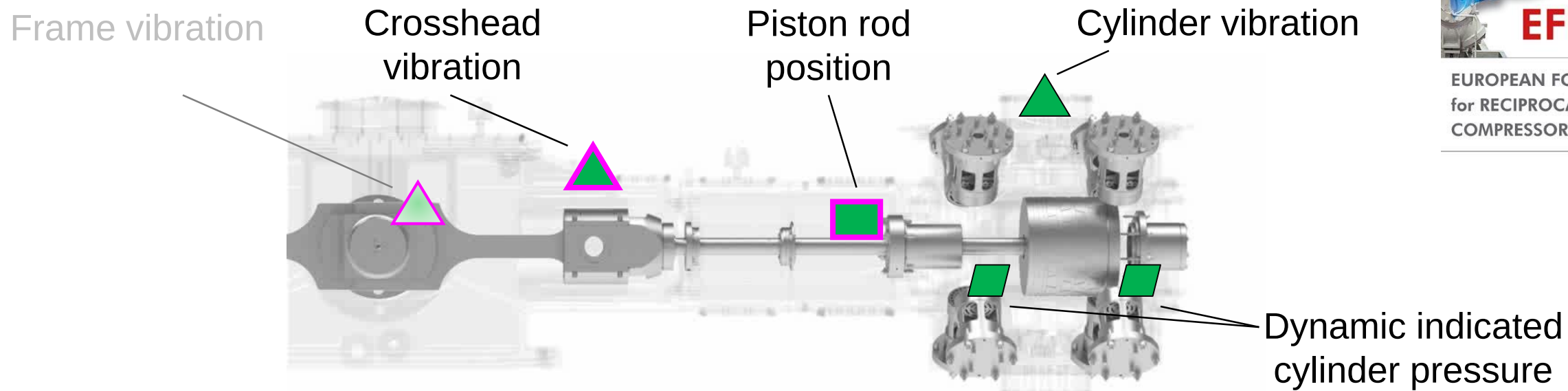


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Maintenance personnel must decide between taking a leaking compressor offline or running to a scheduled period.

Sensor types and locations



0 30 60 90 120 150 180 210 240 270 300 330 360

- Process data
- Speed / phase reference

Data acquisition

Trend values

- Vibration amplitudes
- Temperatures
- Rotating speed
- Suction / Discharge pressure
- Etc ...

Dynamic values

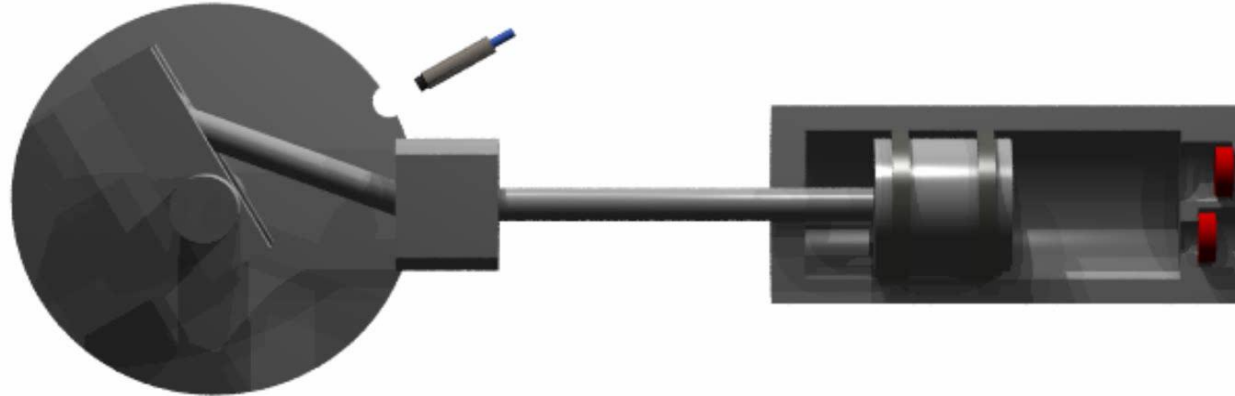
- Crosshead acceleration vs Crank angle.
- Cylinder acceleration vs Crank angle
- Rod movement vs Crank angle
- Pressure vs Crank angle
- PV diagram
- **Spectrum are useless ?? ...**
- **Timing is the key !**

Piston Angle / Phase reference



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Piston Angle: 0.0 degrees



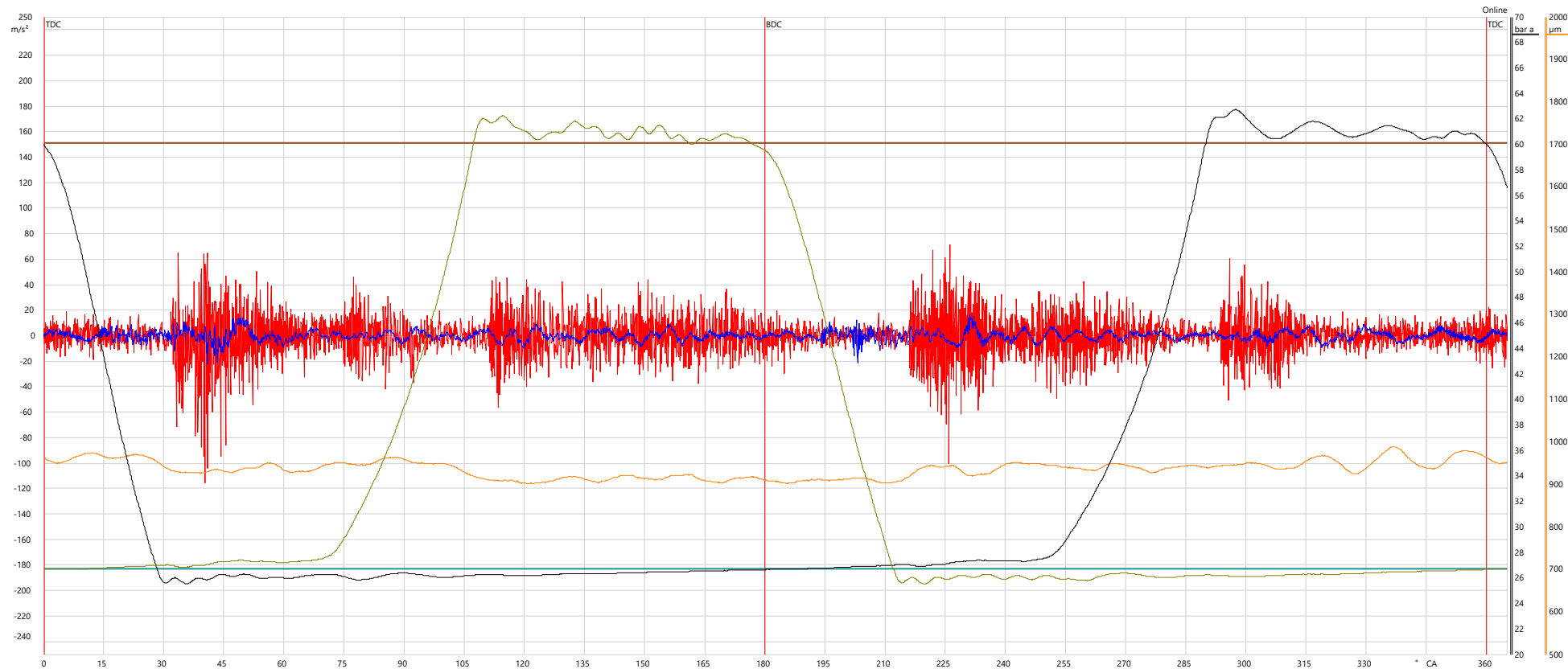
PistonAngle.wmv

Crank Angle (P-θ) Plots



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	Machine	Measuring Point	Data name	TAG-Name	Value	Unit
	M1000	Zylinder St.1	Vib. cylinder	S 10044	-2000 - 2000	m/s ²
	M1000	KKB Stufe 1	Vib. cross head slide	S 10043	-250,0 - 250,0	m/s ²
	M1000	Druck St.1 DS	Press. head end	P 10047	-2,207 - 97,79	bar a
	M1000	Druck St.1 KS	Press. crank end	P 10046	-1,438 - 98,56	bar a
	M1000	RD Stufe1	Rod position	X 10044	0 - 2250	μm
	M1000	Saugdruck St.1	Suction pressure	P 10049	0 - 40,00	bar a
	M1000	Enddruck St.1	Discharge pressure	P 10056	0 - 100,0	bar a
	M1000	HydroCOM St.1	HydroCOM regulation	PV 10049B	50	%

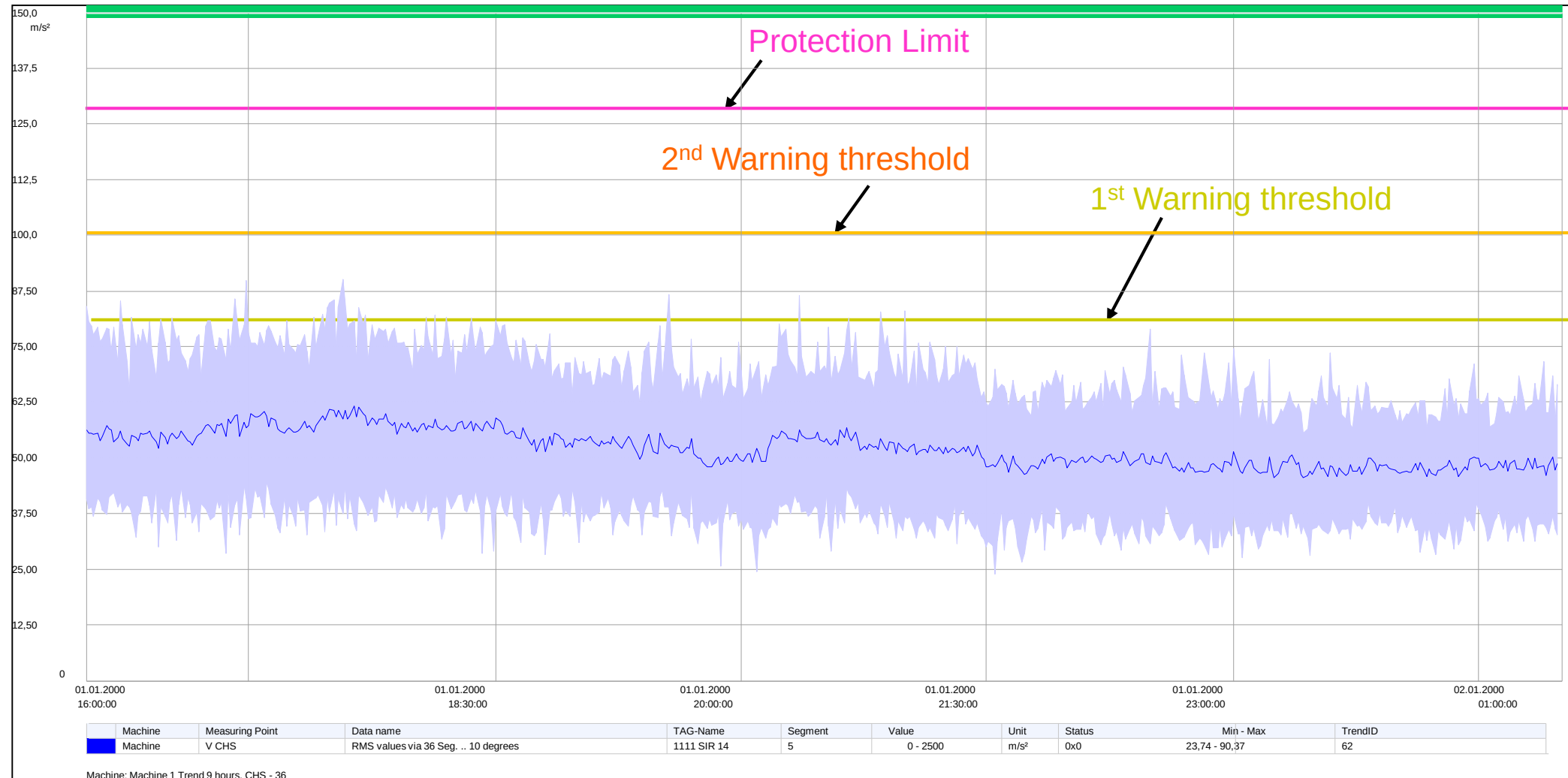
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Trend plot

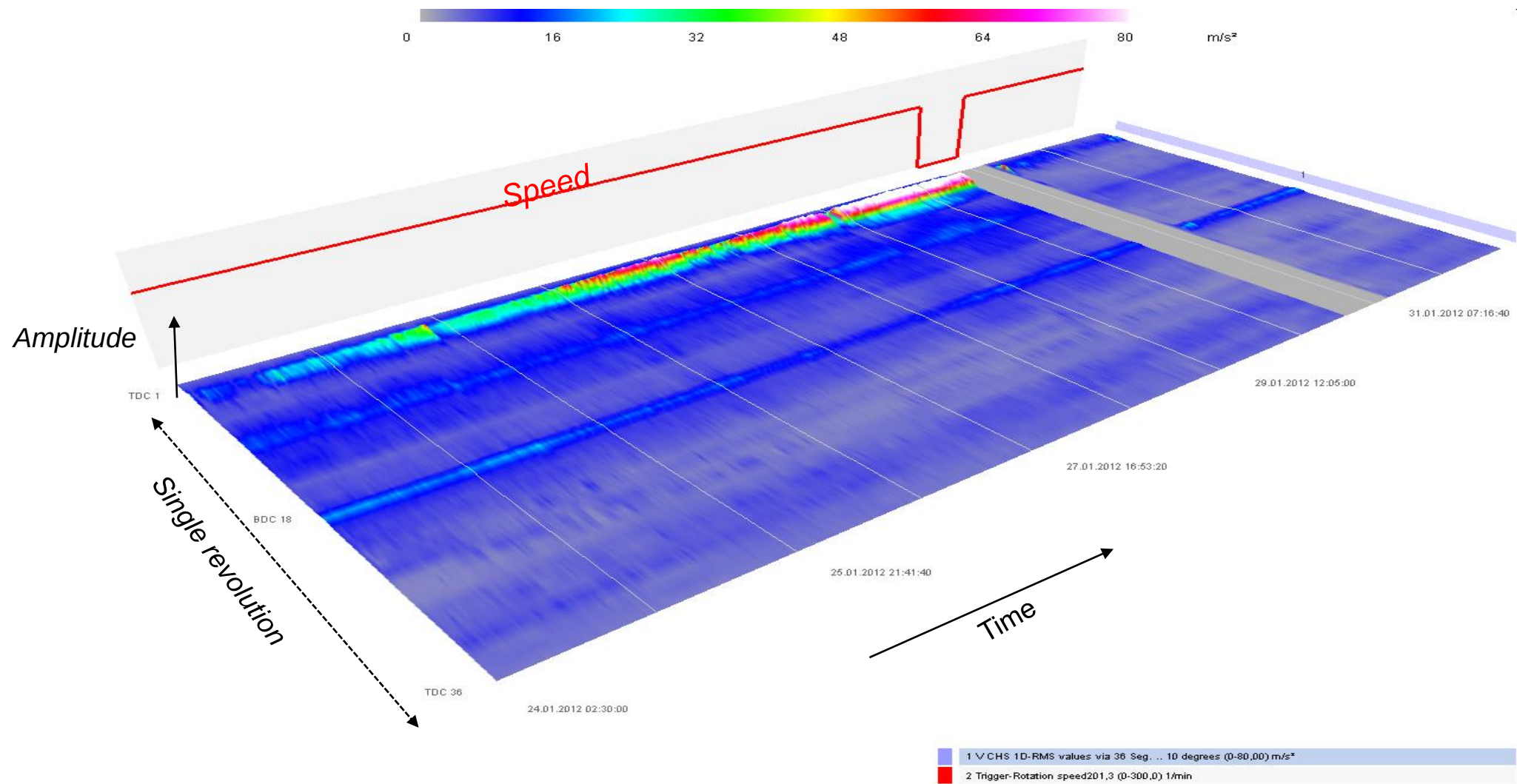


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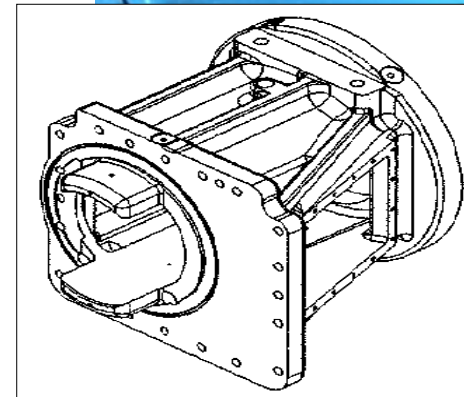
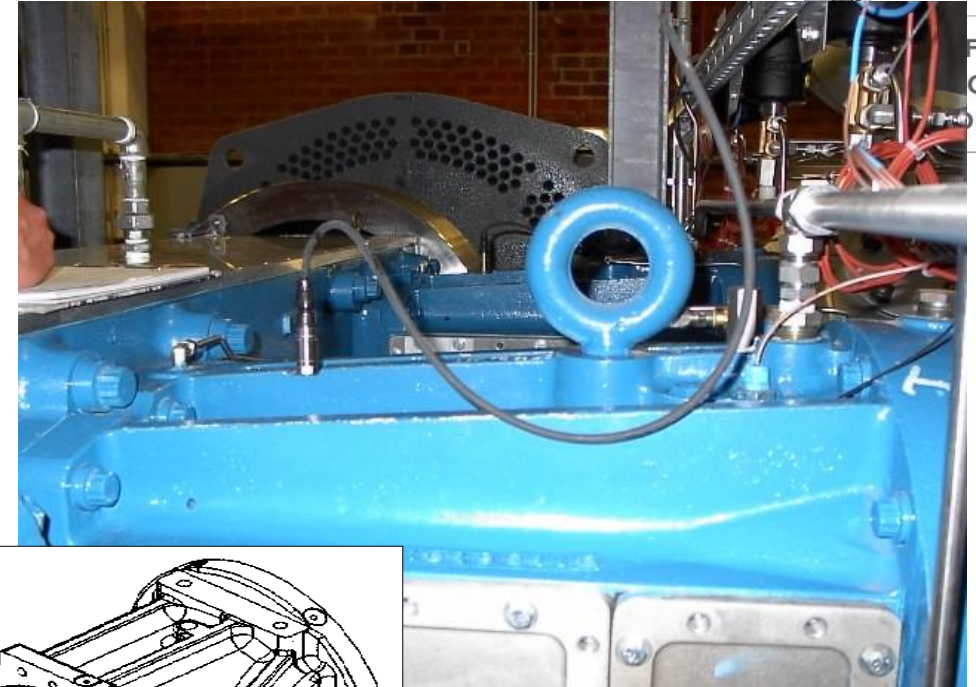
3-D trend / Waterfall plot



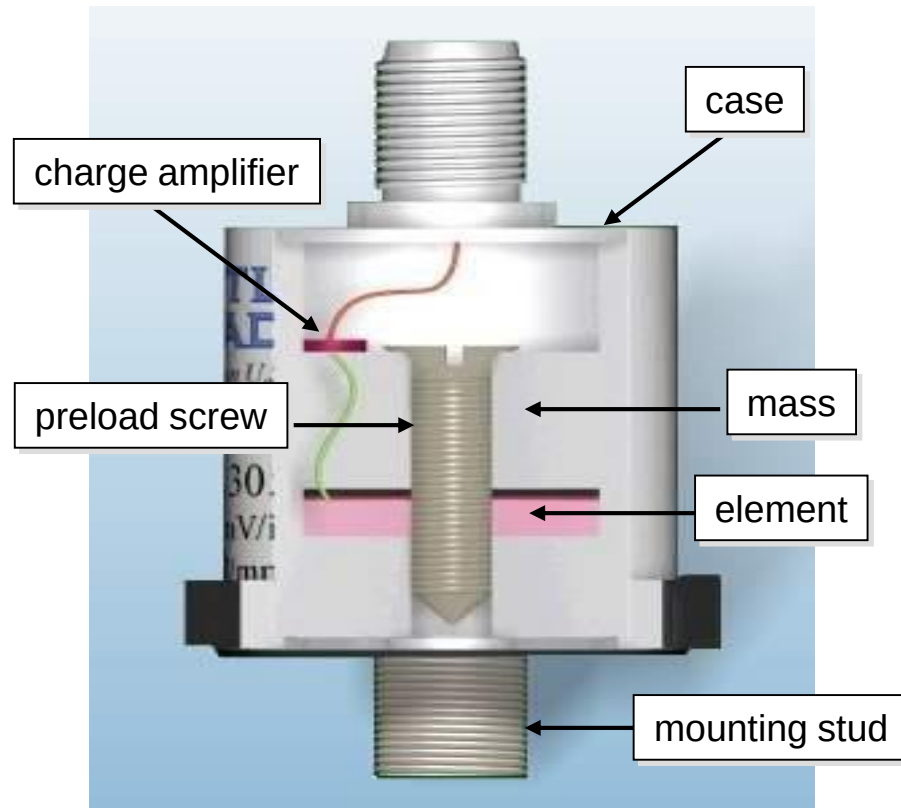
Maximum Value 60-C-1002 1st Stage, 24.01.2012 02:30:00 to 02.02.2012 02:02:25 Line distance: 1295 minutes

With **acceleration sensors**...

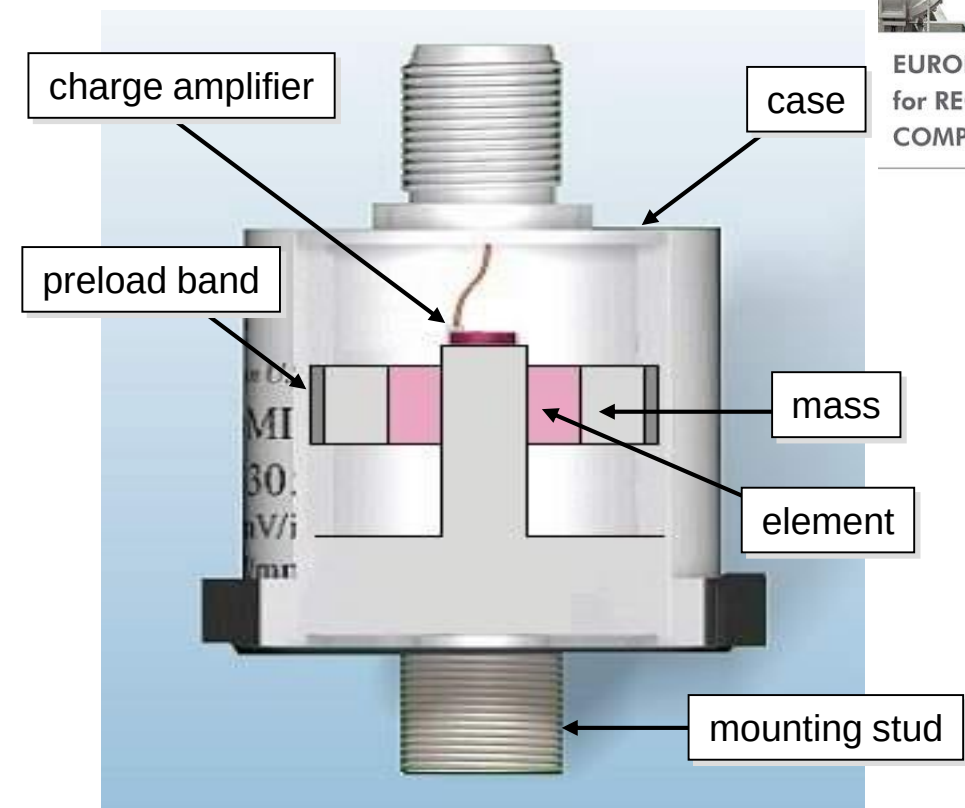
- mechanical damages
 - clearance in the reciprocating drive train
 - loose crosshead-piston rod connection
- ...can be detected in early stages



Accelerometer Specifics



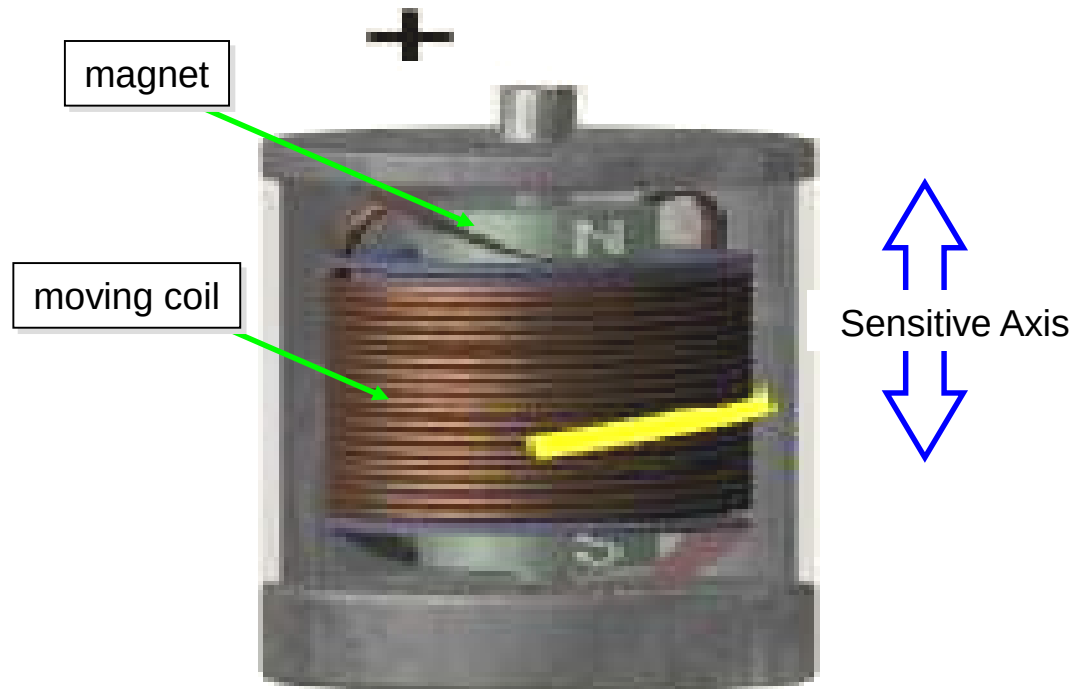
compression type sensor



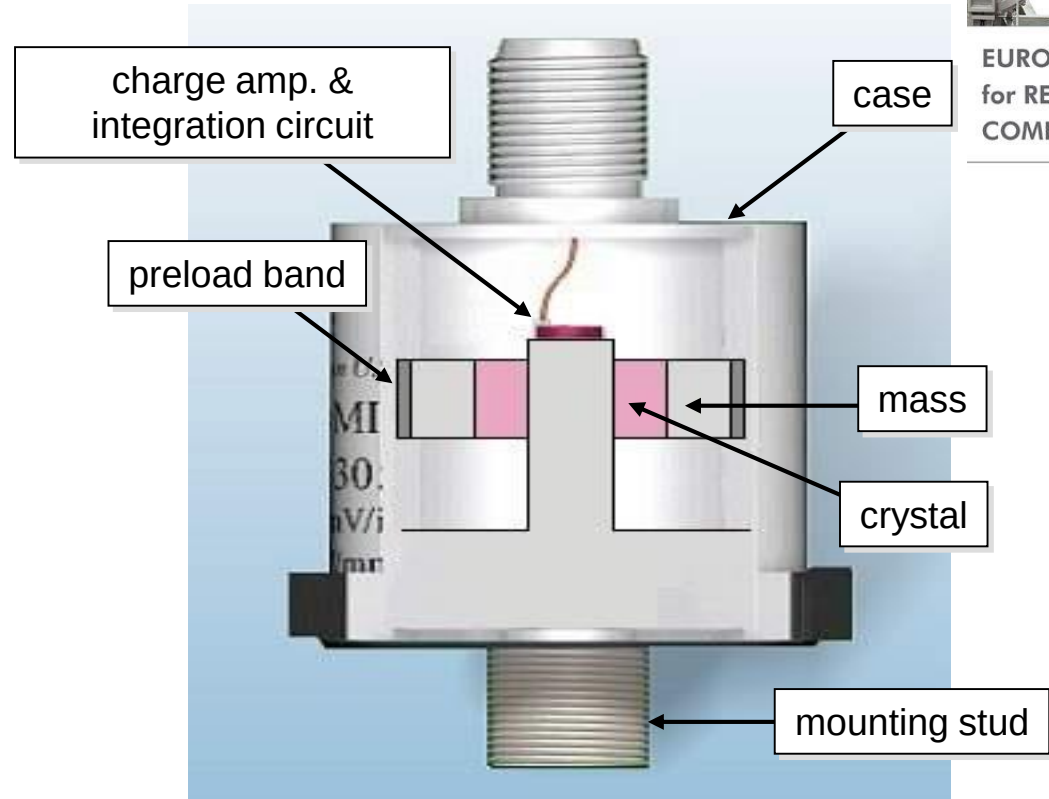
shear type sensor

Piezoelectric Accelerometer

Velocity Sensor Specifics



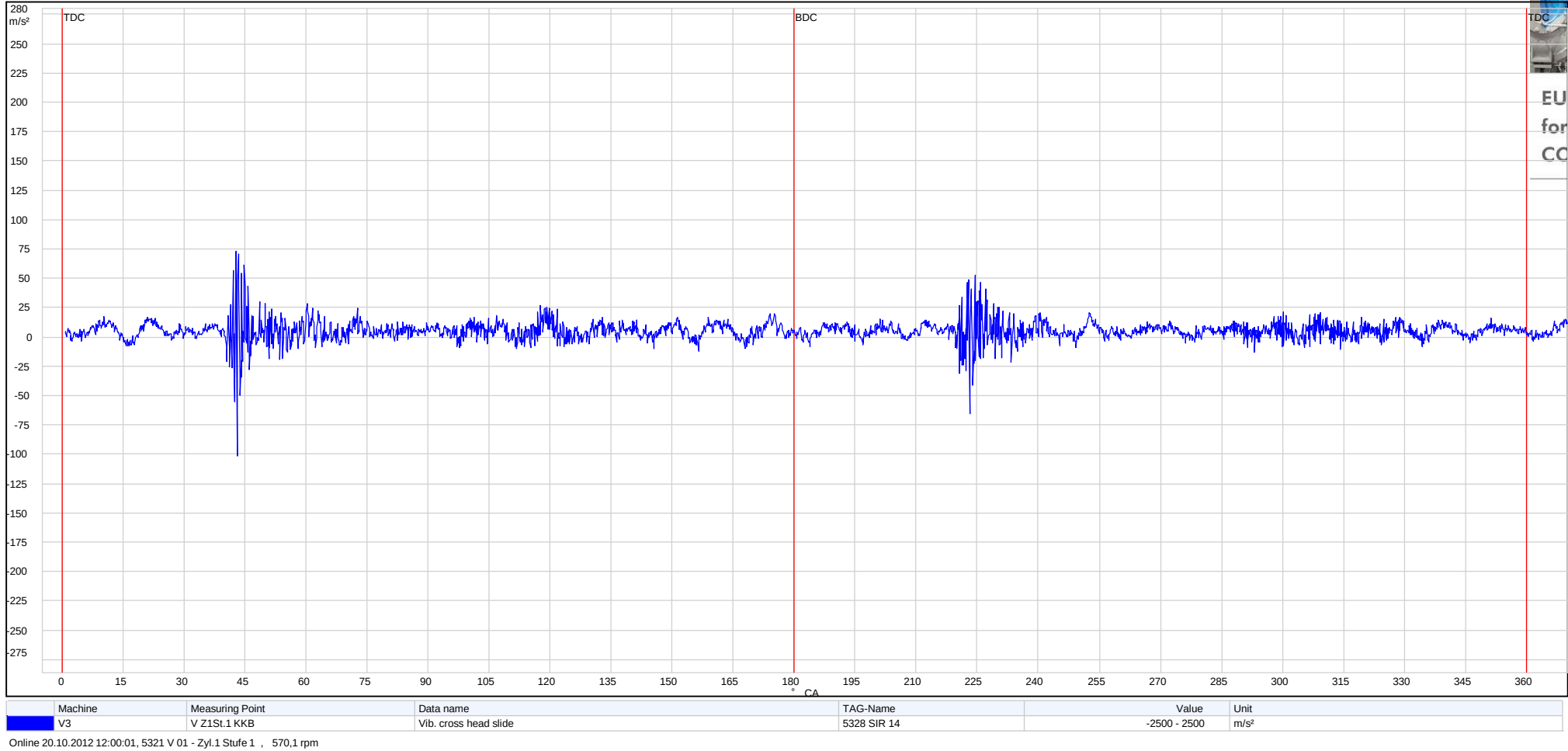
Traditional Moving-Coil Sensor
(self-powered)



Piezo-Velocity Sensor
(Accelerometer with onboard integrating circuit)

Integration within the sensor minimizes signal noise

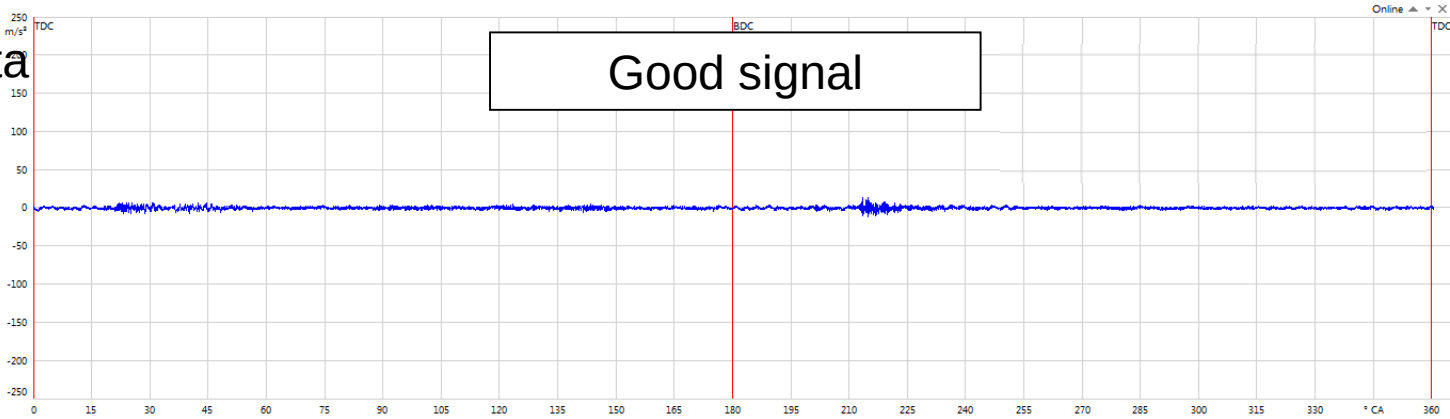
Crosshead vibration



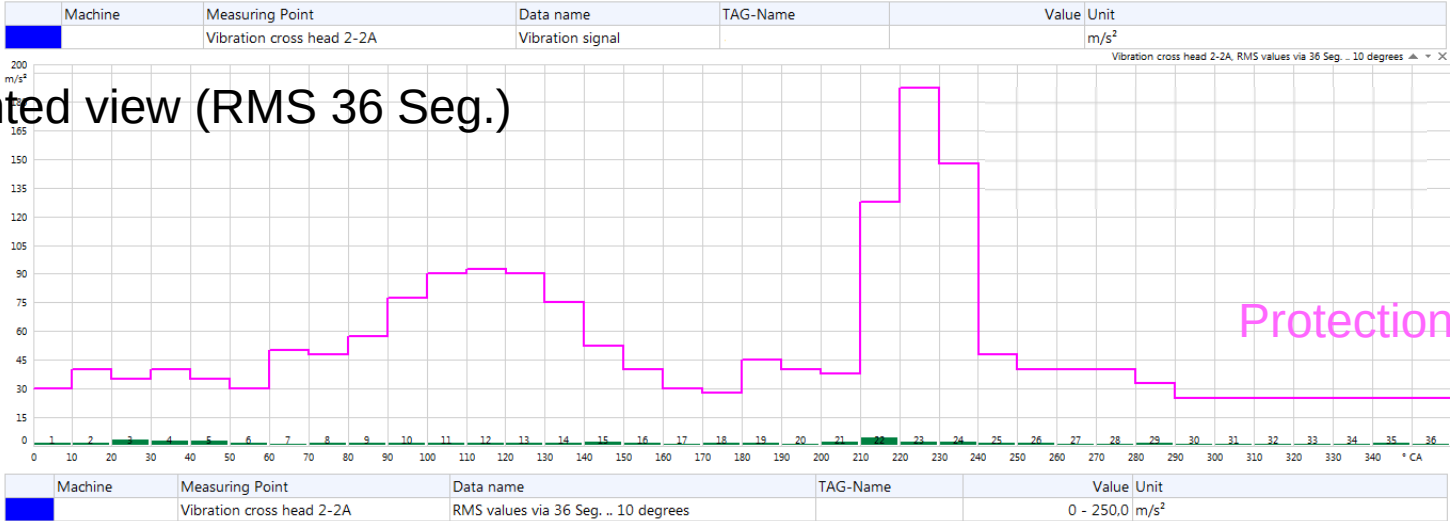
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Raw data



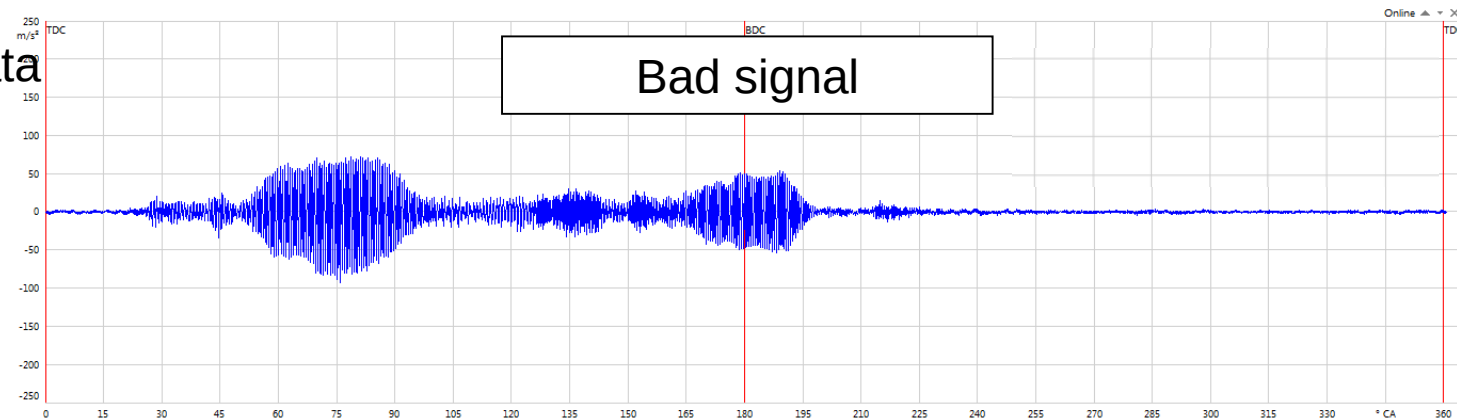
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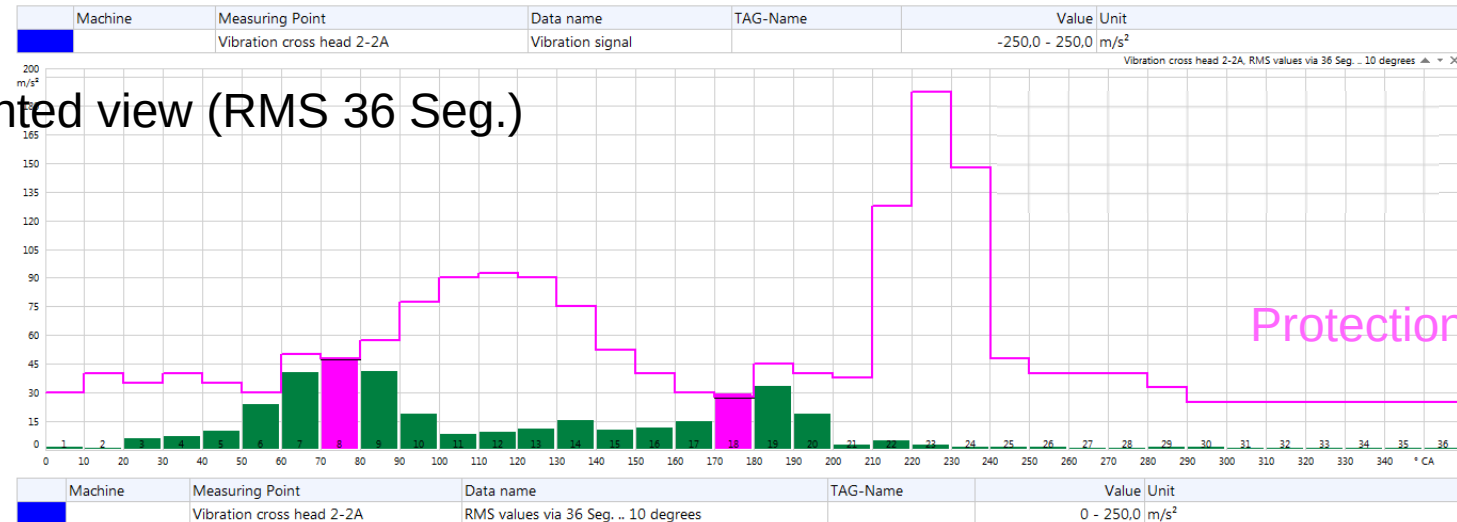
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Case with lubrication issue

Raw data



Segmented view (RMS 36 Seg.)



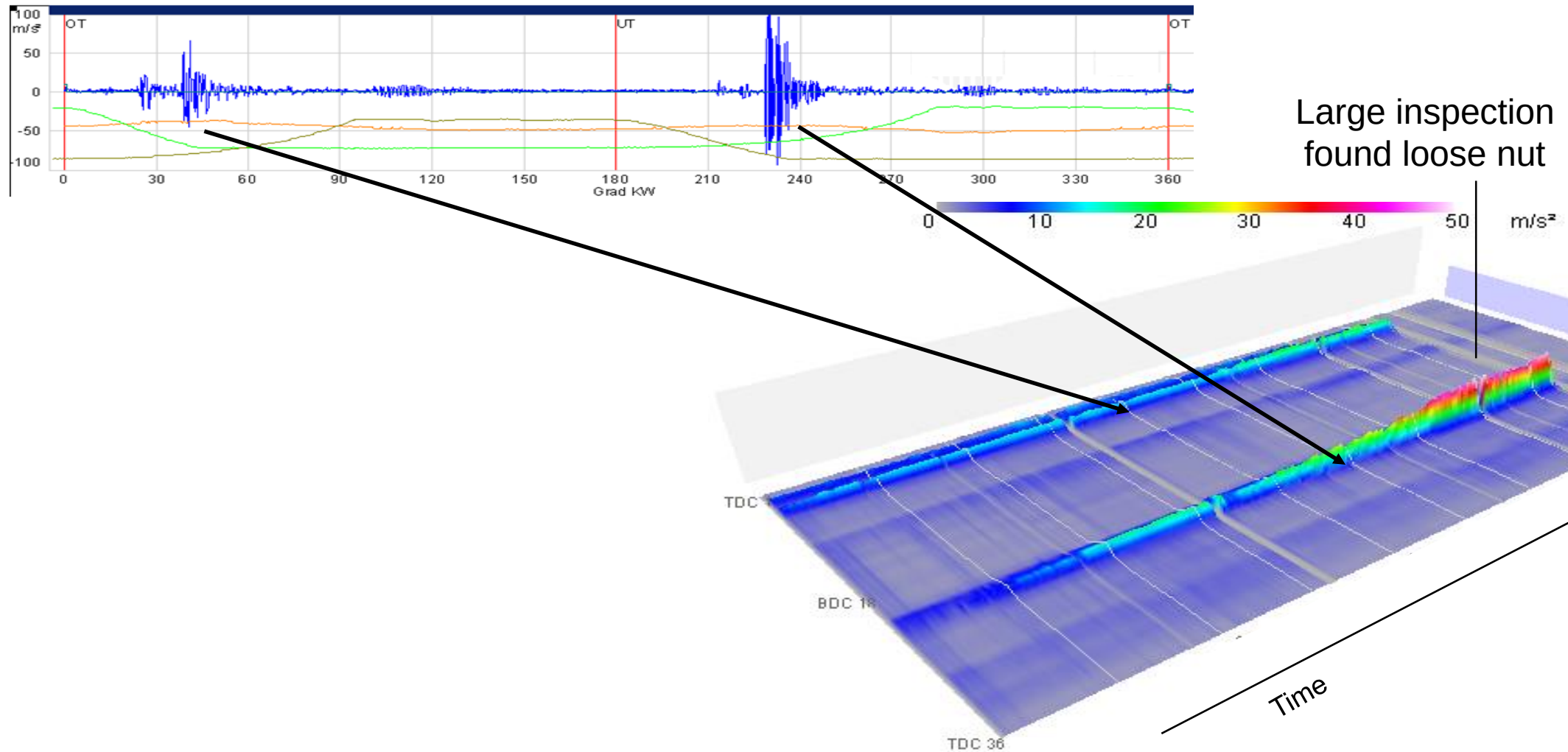
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Case 2: Loose piston nut



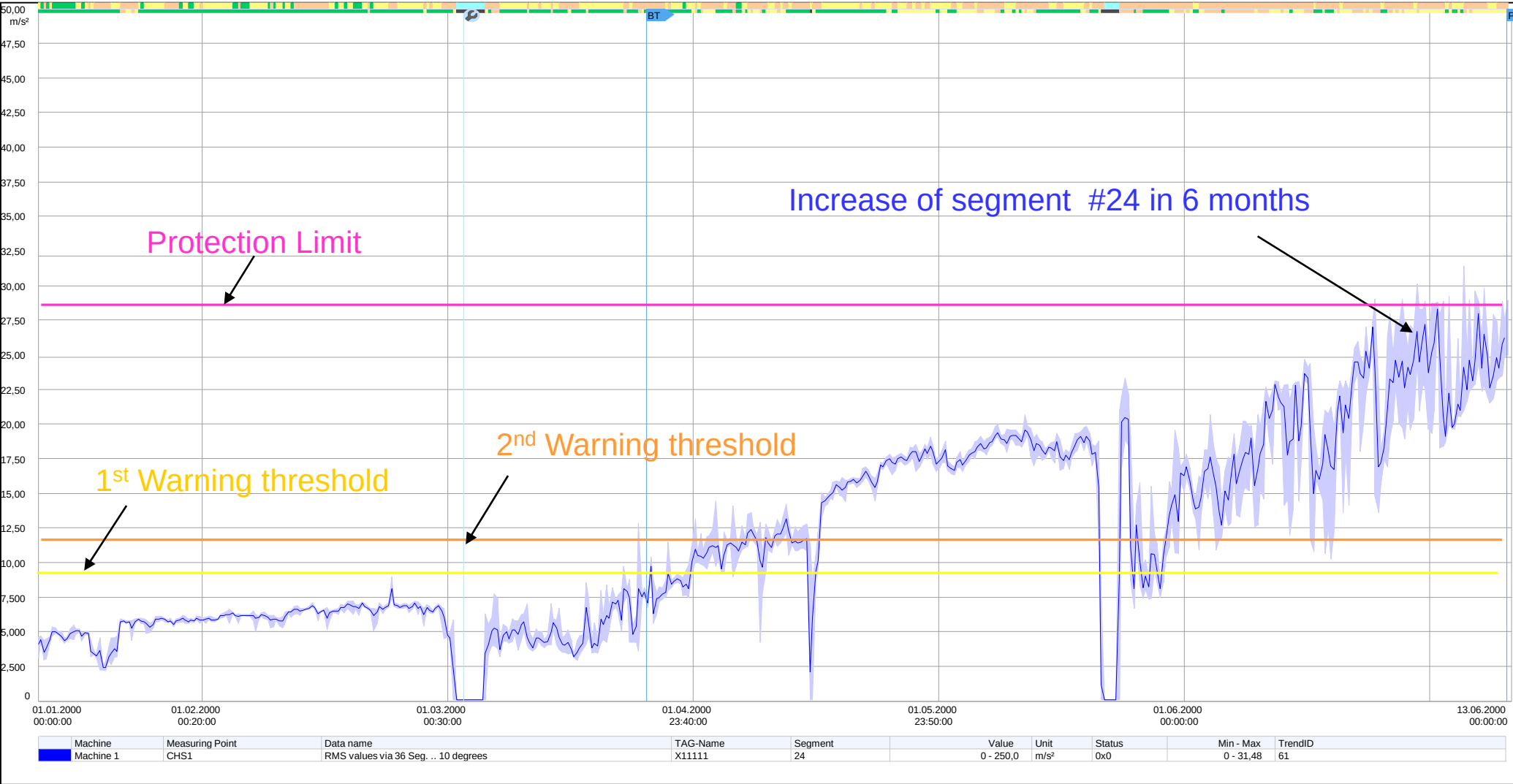
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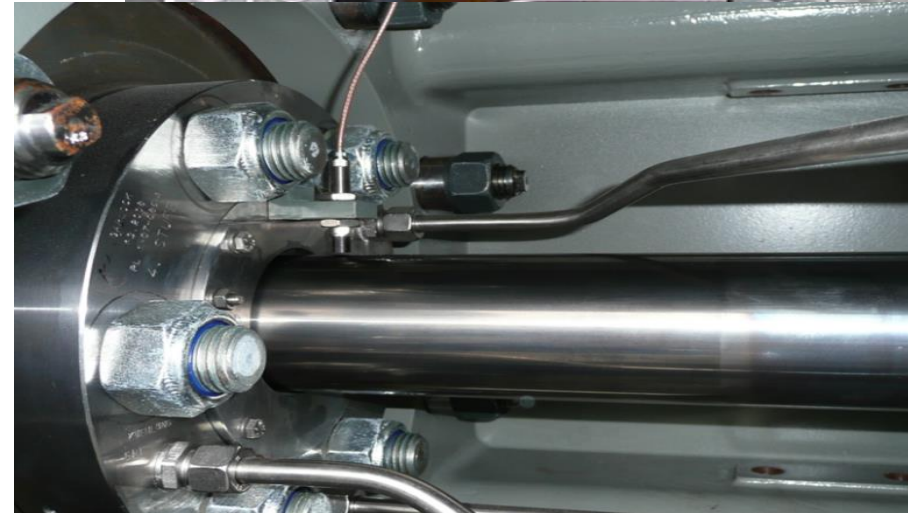
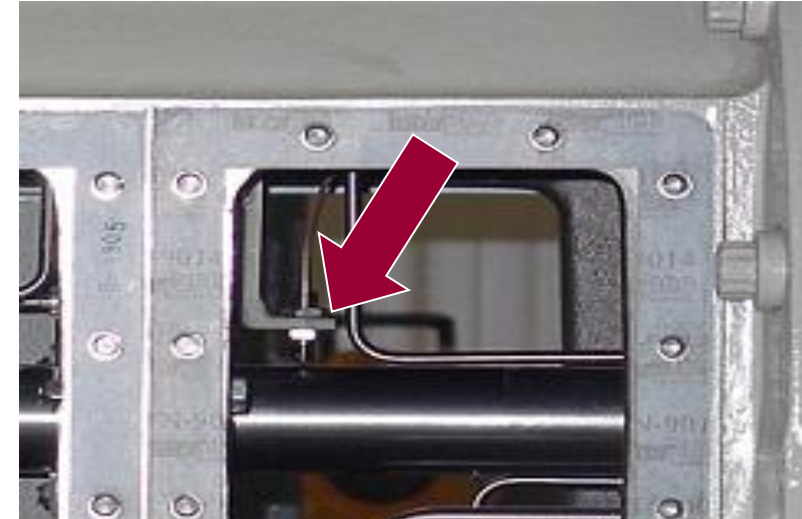
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Piston rod displacement

Movement / displacement of the rod measured with a proximity probe...

- **Debris and contaminants** (e.g. piston ring or valve fragments)
- **Oil or condensate** accumulation in the compression chamber
- Condition of the piston rod (incipient **fracture**)
- **Rider ring wear** monitoring

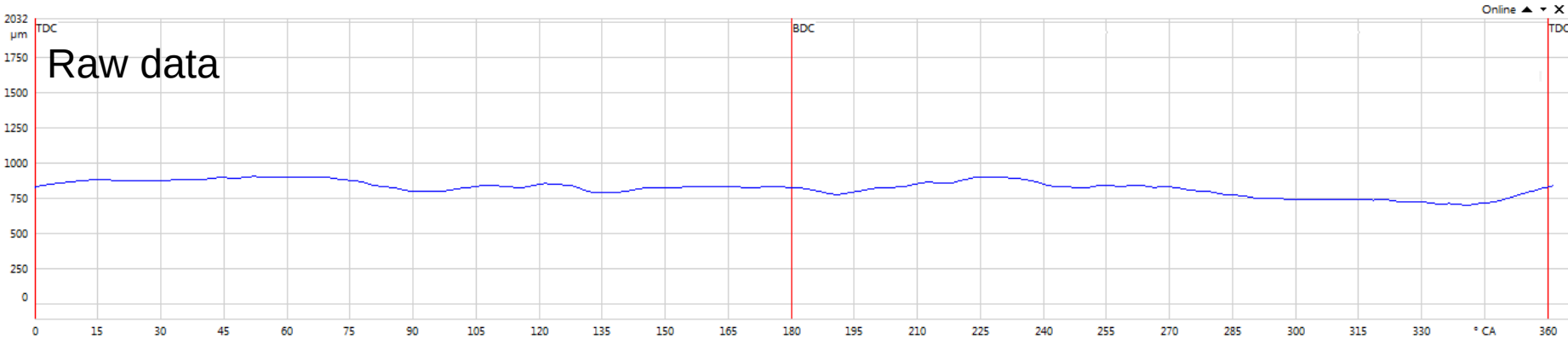


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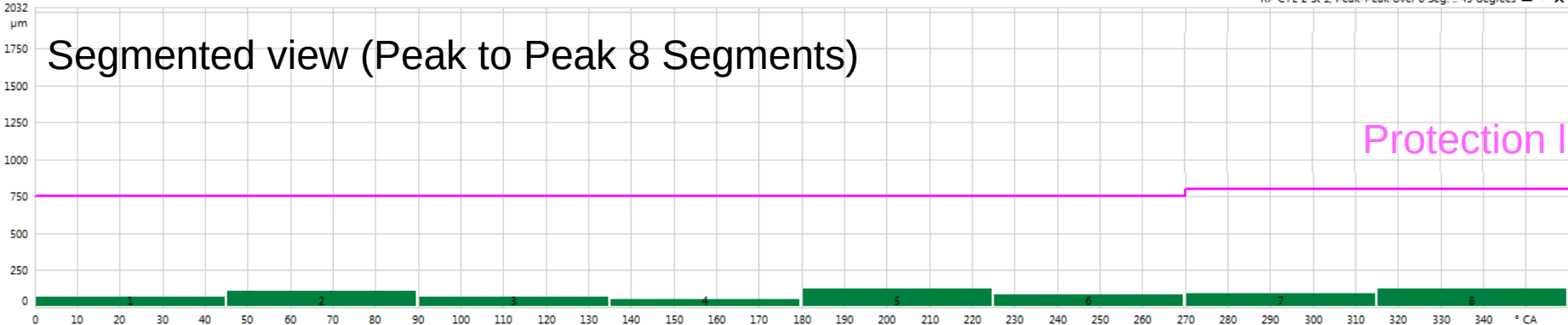
Case 3: Broken Piston Rod



Normal signals- 8 minutes before failure



Machine	Measuring Point	Data name	TAG-Name	Value	Unit	Safety (Beta)	MP Status	Channel Status
	RP CYL 2 St 1	Proximity signal	XE-08132A	0 - 2032	µm	(A:0, S:0, U:0, F:0x0000)	(D: 0x00) (M: 0x40)	(H: 0x80000000) No Error



Machine	Measuring Point	Data name	TAG-Name	Value	Unit	Safety (Beta)	MP Status	Channel Status
	RP CYL 2 St 1	Peak-Peak over 8 Seg.	XE-08132A		µm			

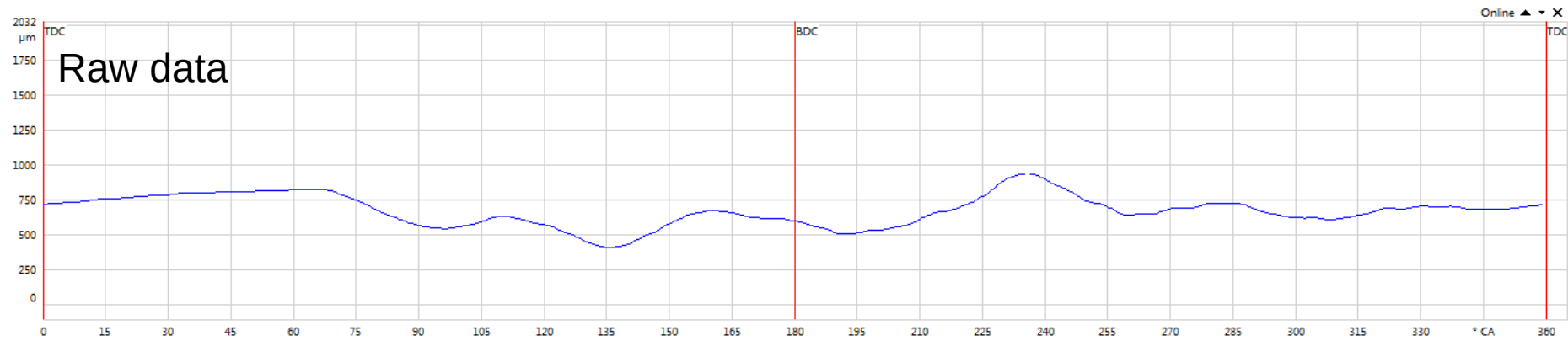
Protection limits

Case 3: Broken Piston Rod

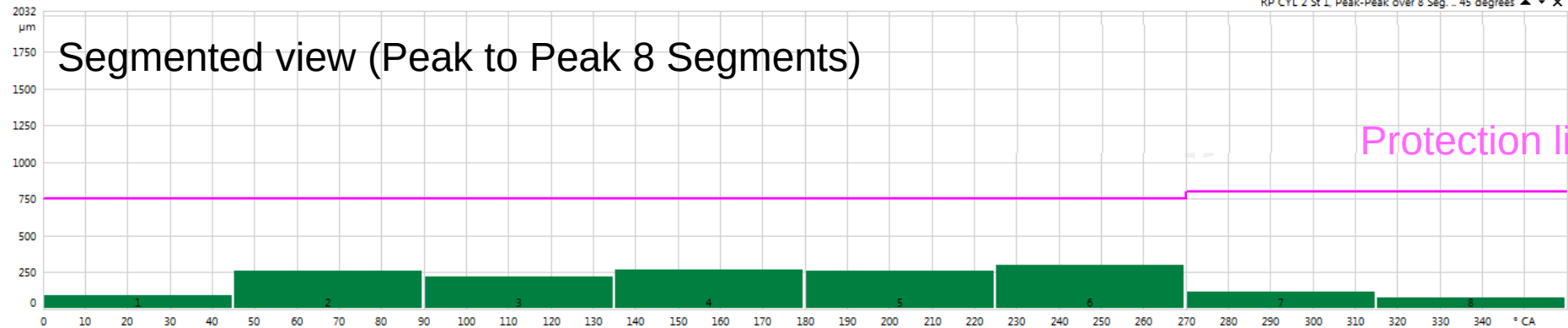


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First indications – 90 sec to failure



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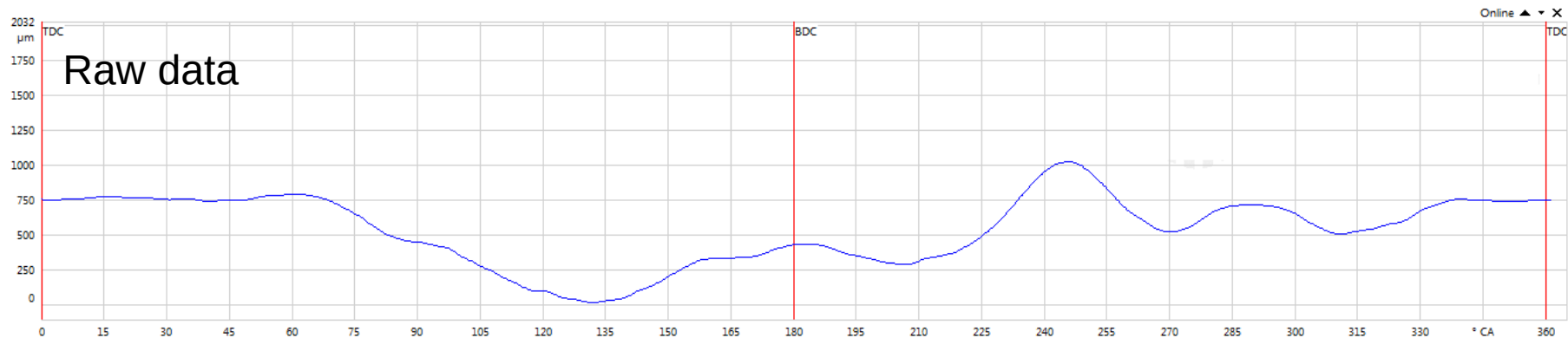
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Case 3: Broken Piston Rod

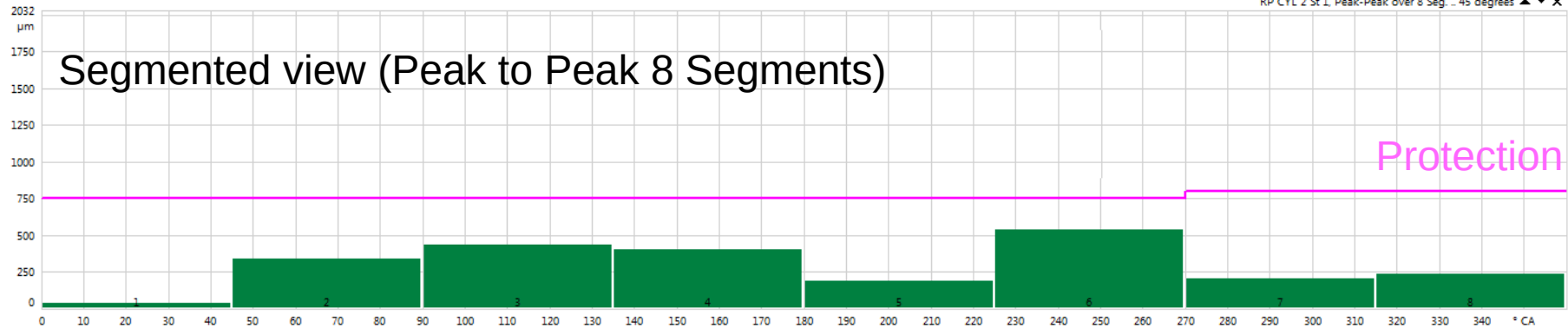


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Bigger increase – 41 sec. to failure



Machine	Measuring Point	Data name	TAG-Name	Value	Unit	Safety (Beta)	MP Status	Channel Status
V01A	RP CYL 2 St 1	Proximity signal	XE-08132A	0 - 2032	µm	(A:0, S:0, U:0, F:0x0000)	(D: 0x00) (M: 0x40)	(H: 0x80000000) No Error



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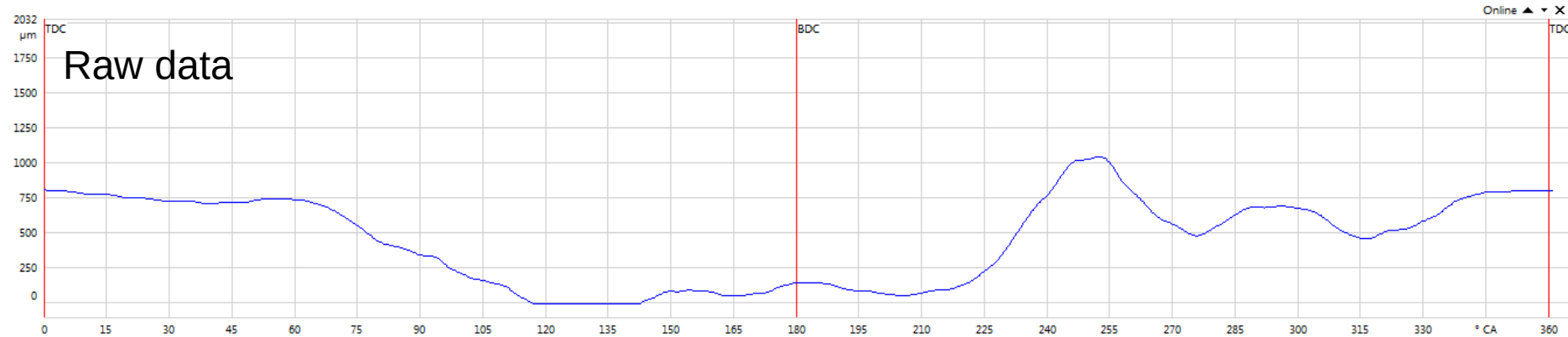
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Case 3: Broken Piston Rod

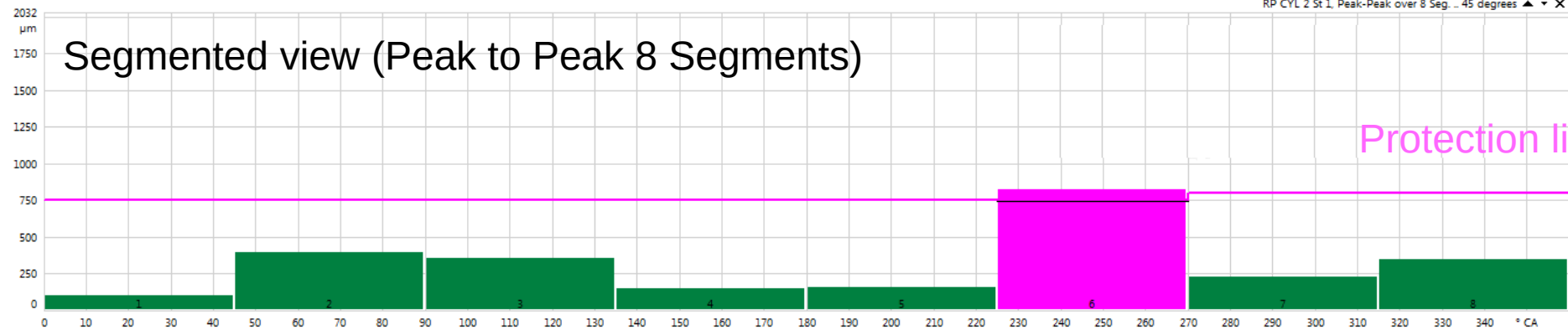


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Shutdown released – 32 sec. to failure



Machine	Measuring Point	Data name	TAG-Name	Value	Unit	Safety (Beta)	MP Status	Channel Status
	RP CYL 2 St 1	Proximity signal	XE-08132A	0 - 2032	µm	(A:0, S:0, U:0, F:0x0000)	(D: 0x00) (M: 0x40)	(H: 0x80000000) No Error



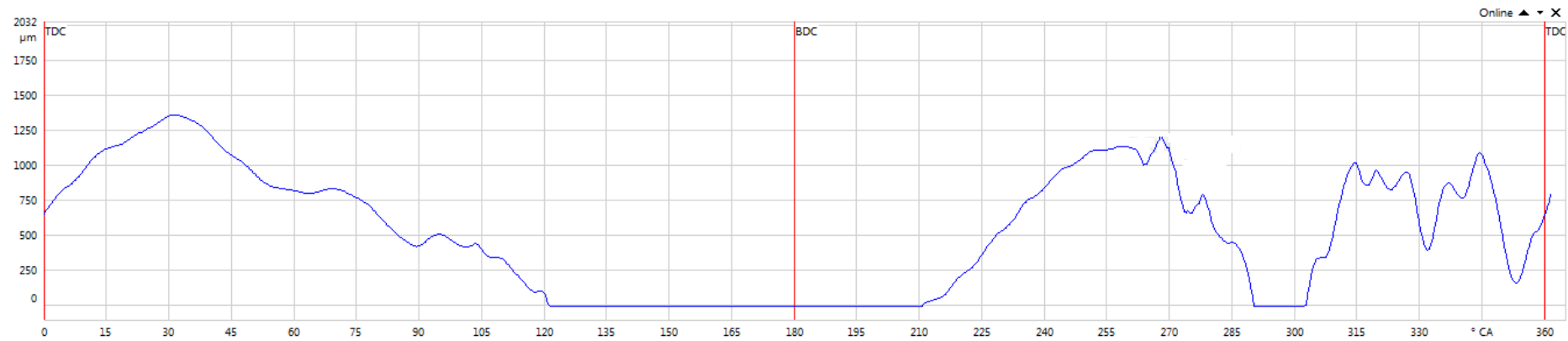
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Case 3: Broken Piston Rod

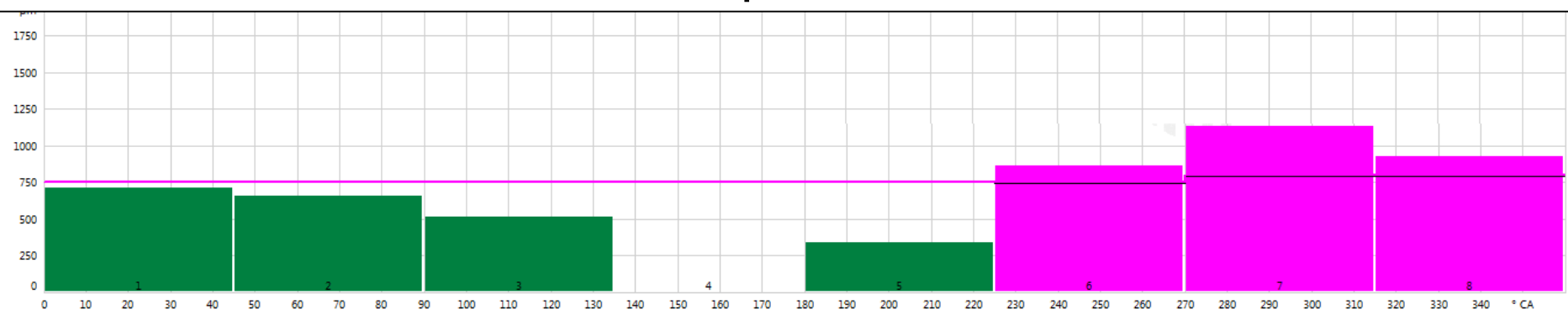


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Piston rod broke

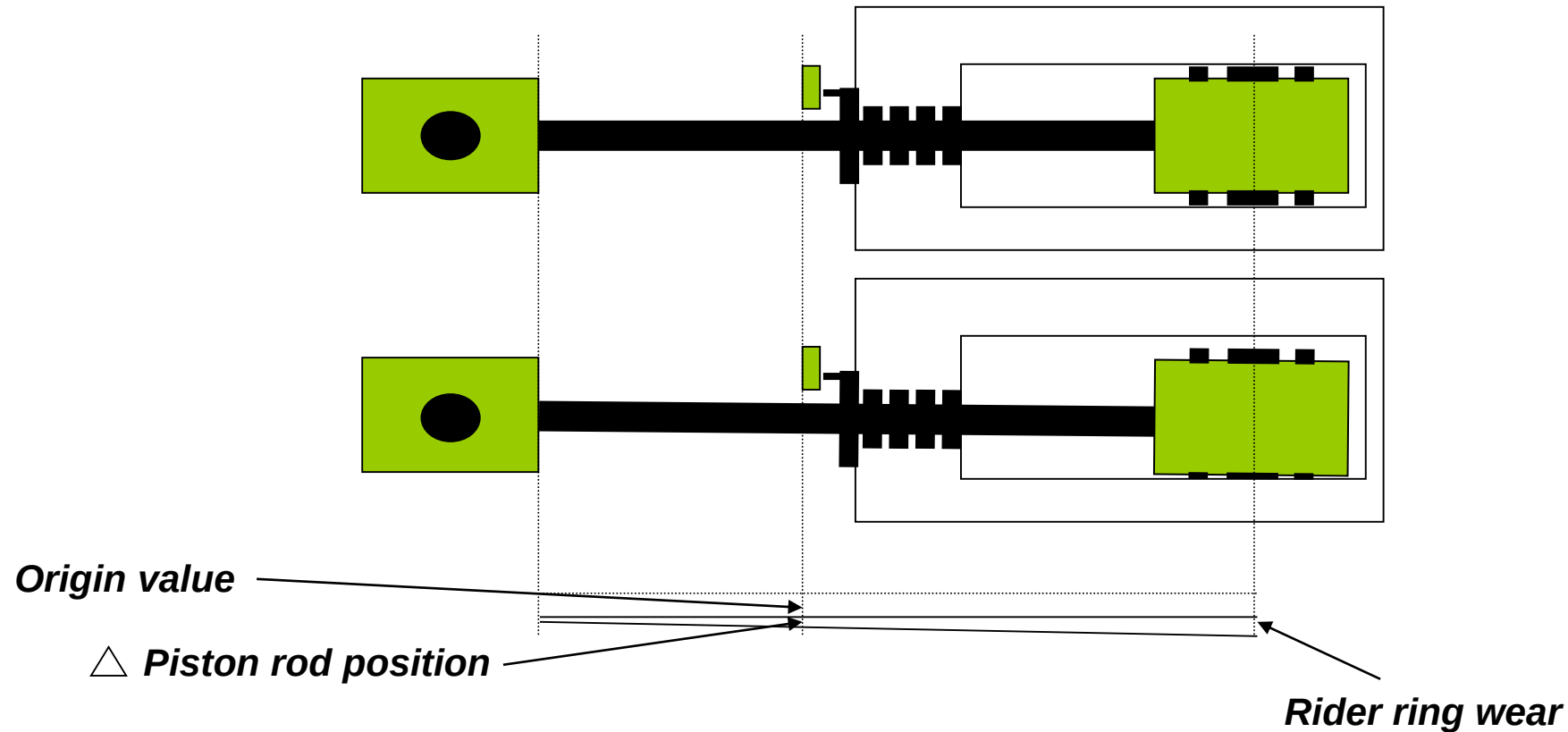


Automatic trip was no active!



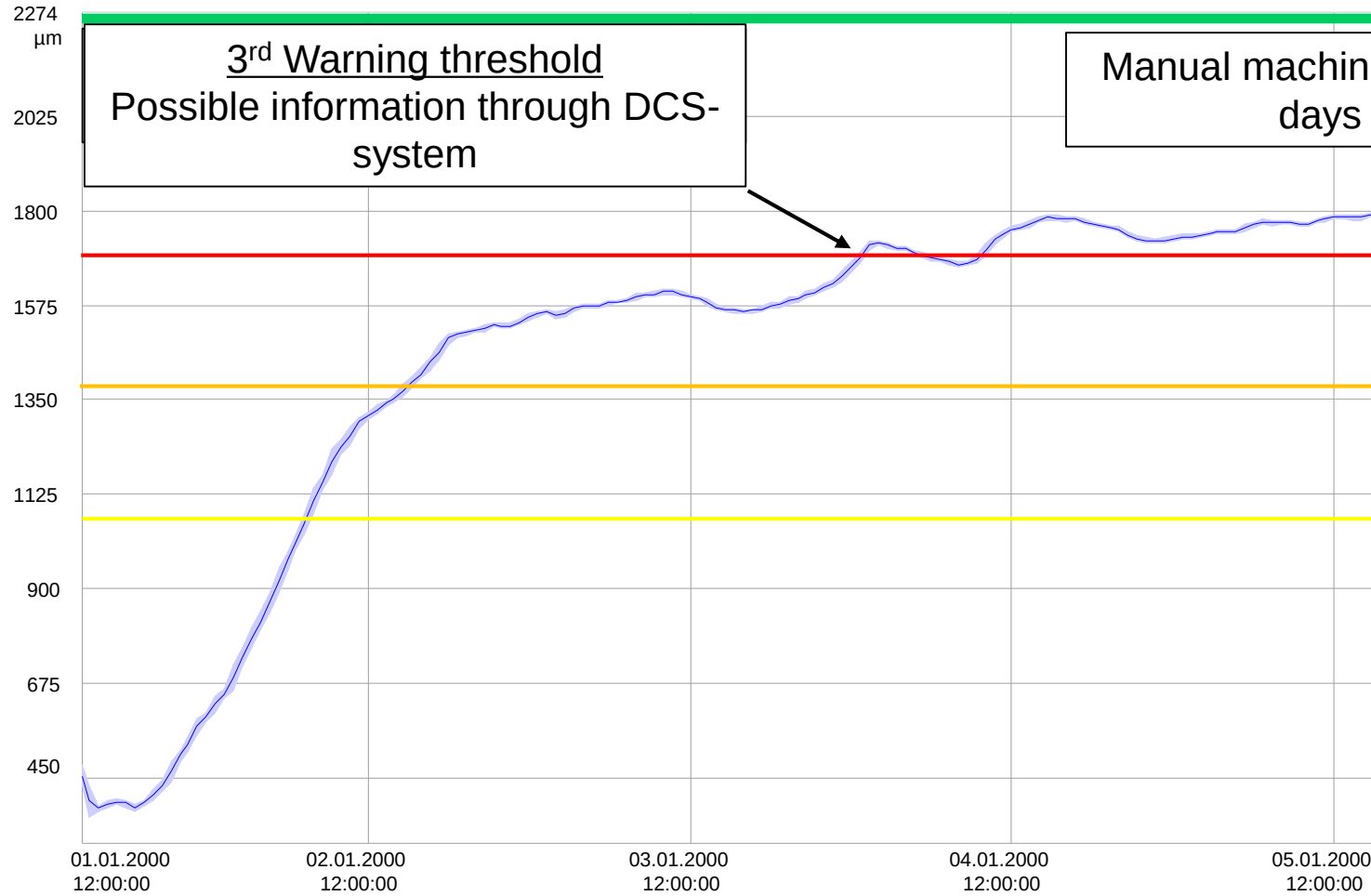
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.	RP CYL 2 St 1	Peak-Peak over 8	XE-08132A		µm			

Rider ring wear



- The actual wear will be compared to a reference point of time
- Analysis is based on rod piston and dimensions (applied intercept theorem)
- Adjustment of reference point necessary (zero adjustment)

Case 4: Rider ring wear



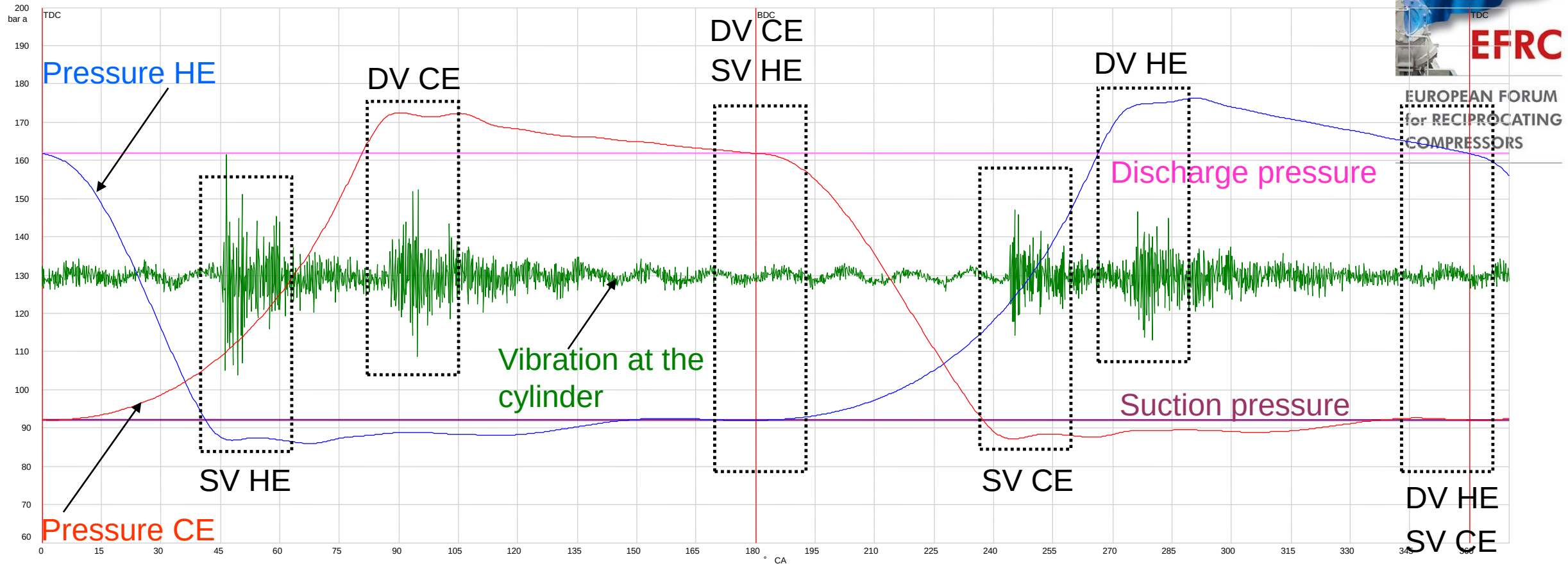
Machine	Measuring Point	Data name	TAG-Name	Segment	Value	Unit
Machine 1	RD Stufe 1	Rider ring wear	X1.111	1	0 - 2250	µm

With **acceleration sensors**...

- Valve impacts
 - Broken valve plate
 - Loose valve cage
 - Leakages
 - Liquids
- ...can be detected

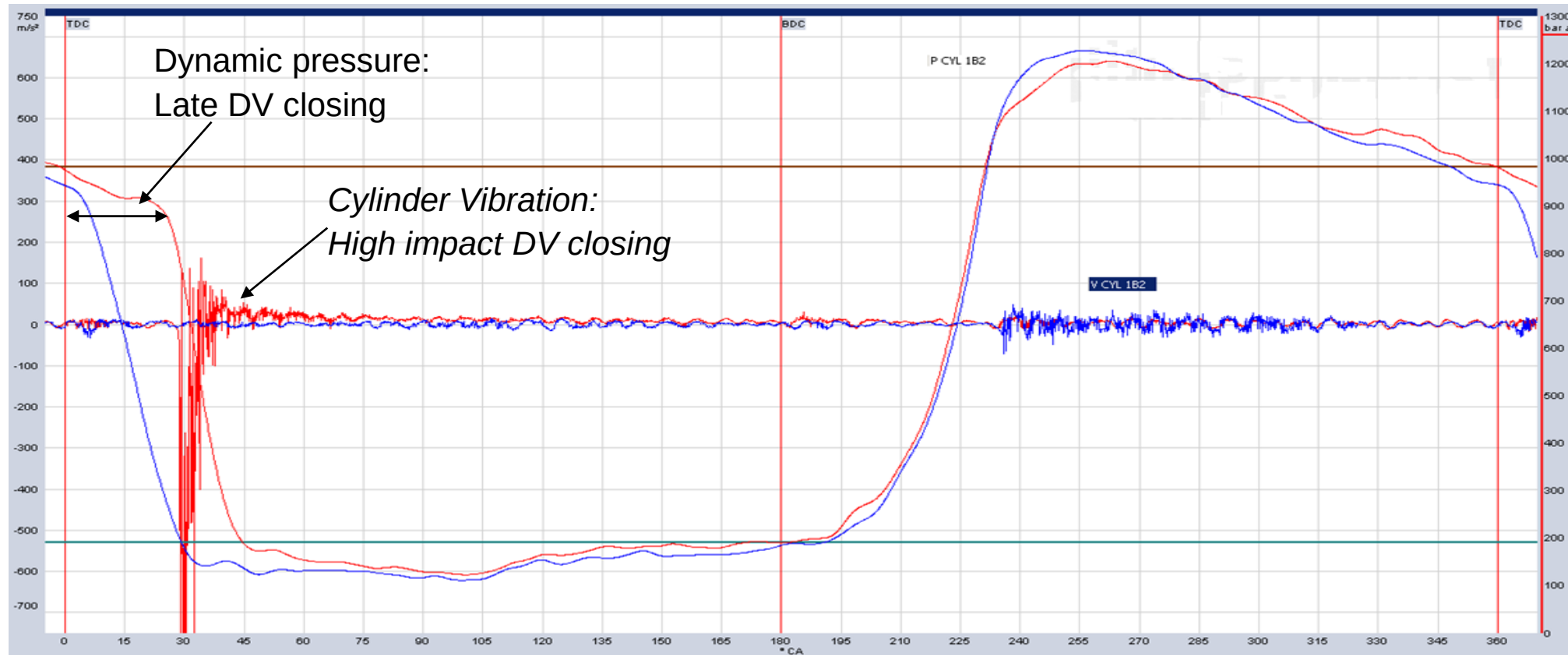


Cylinder vibration measurement



Those impacts always take place at the same time / ° CA
 HE = head end CE = crank end; DV= discharge valve; SV=suction valve

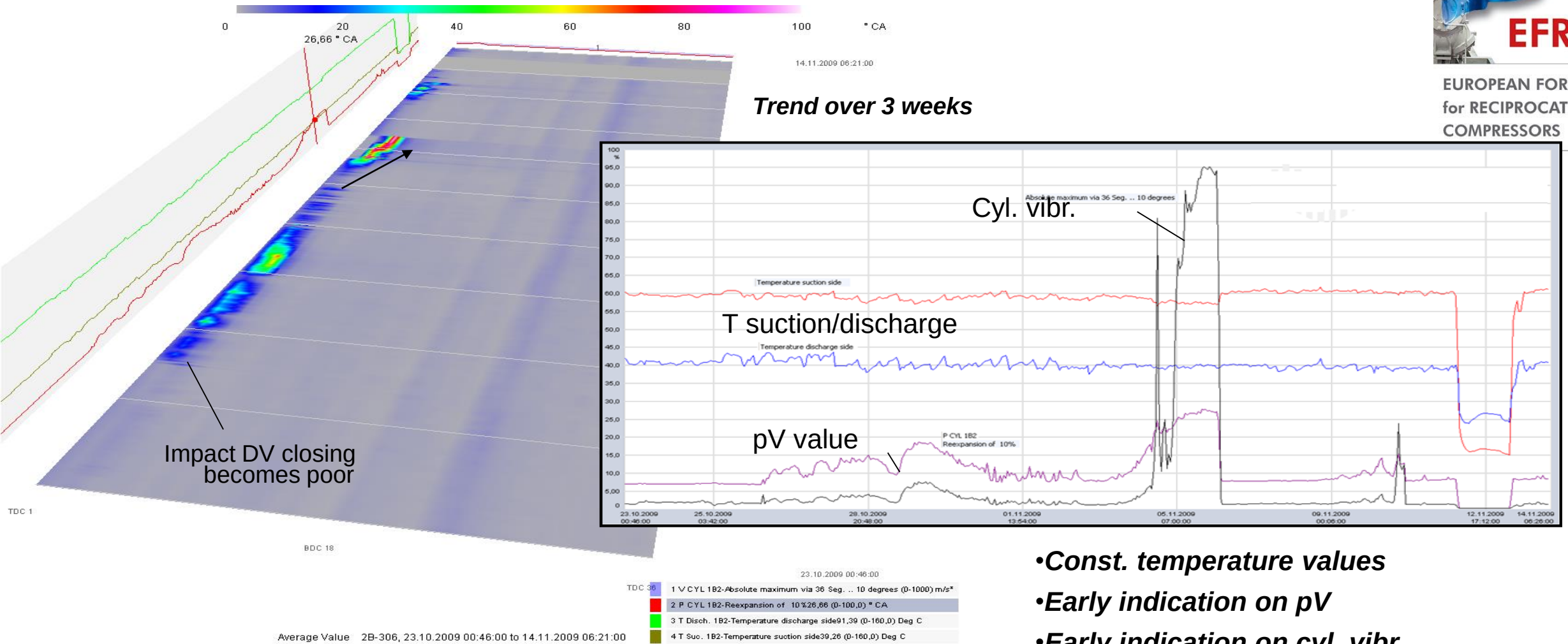
Case 5: Sticking poppet



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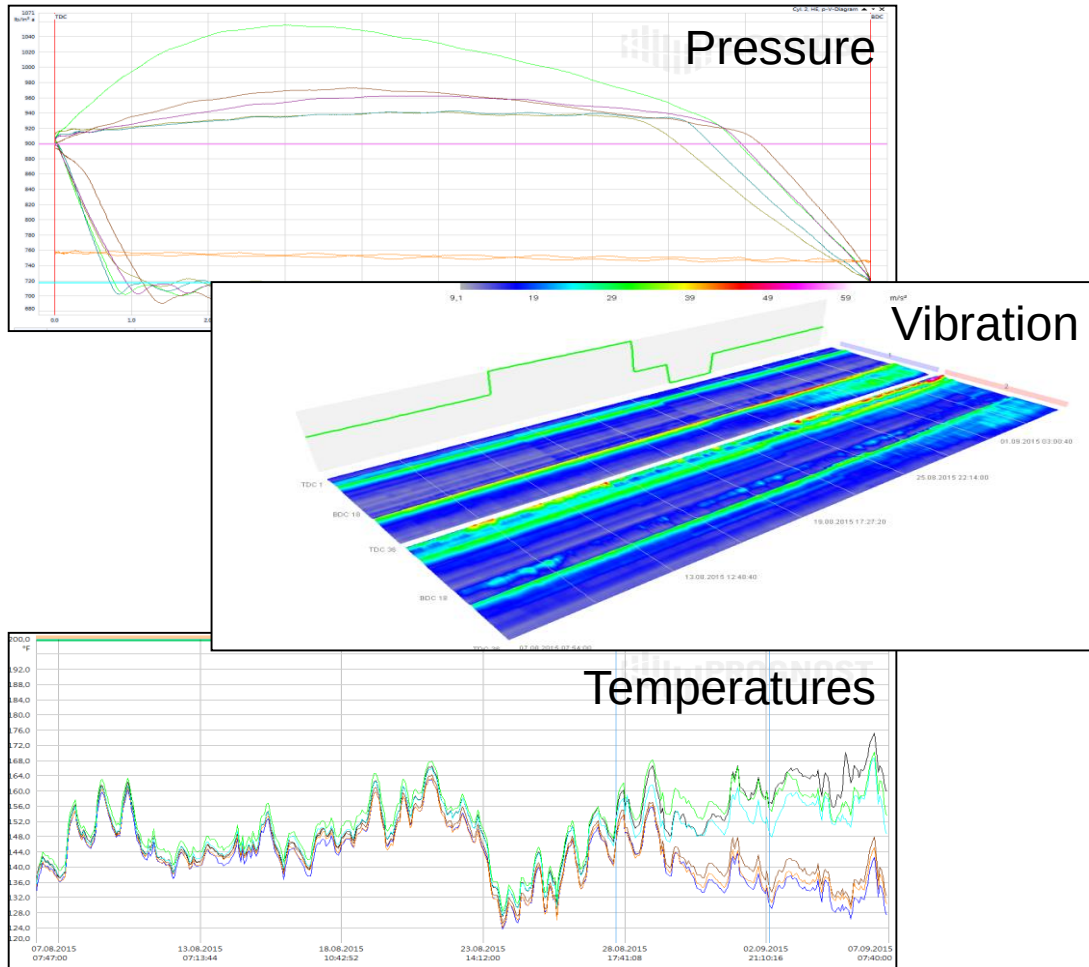
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- **Const. temperature values**
- **Early indication on pV**
- **Early indication on cyl. vibr**

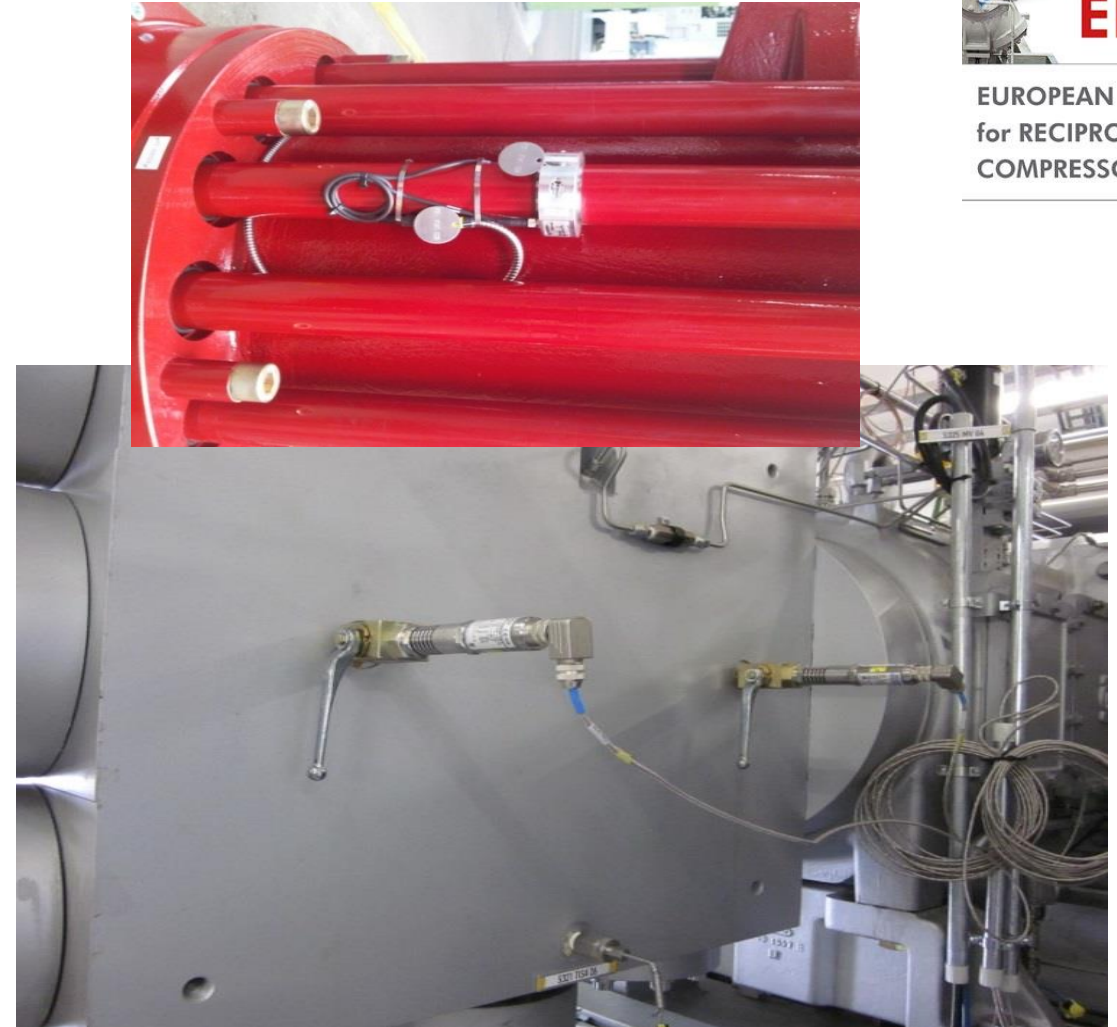
Big Data – Example of usage in Condition Diagnostics

Pattern recognition compares signals based on known cases and results in automatic message:
„Blocked discharge Valve issue Cyl. XY”



With **pressure probes** or **strain rings**

- Condition of the valves
- Condition of the sealing elements such as piston rings and stuffing boxes
- Efficiency / losses
- Pulsations
- Monitoring of the control devices:
 - Suction valve unloaders
 - Clearance pocket unloaders

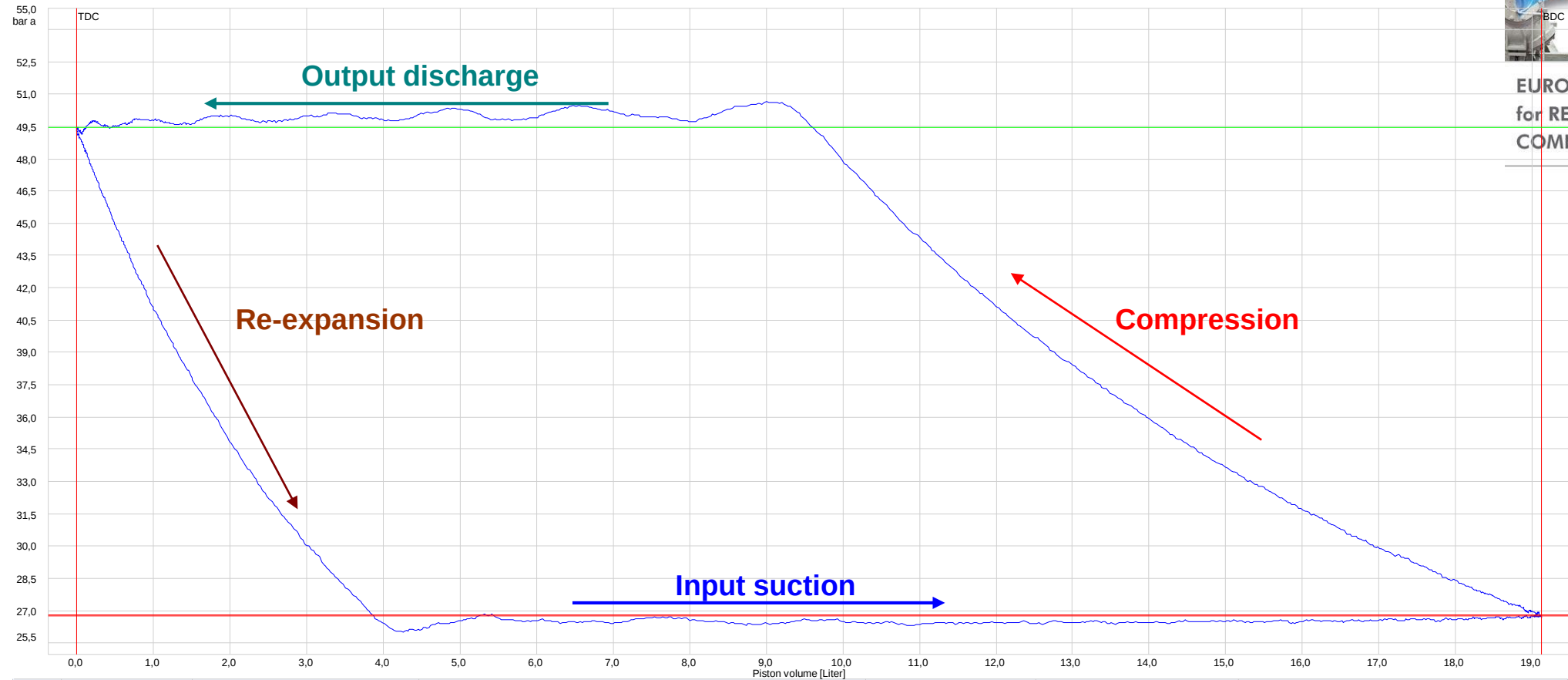


Dynamic pressure - pV diagram



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Machine	Measuring Point	Data name	TAG-Name	Value	Unit
Machine 1	Cyl. 1, CE	p-V-Diagram	PR-1111	-87,77 - 109,0	bar a
Machine 1	SP Cyl.1	Process Data Standard Analysis	PR-1111T	0 - 110,3	bar a
Machine 1	DP Cyl.1	Process Data Standard Analysis	PR-1111T	0 - 110,3	bar a
Machine 1	Cyl. 1, CE	Break through suction pressure	PR-1111	0 - 150,0	° CA
Machine 1	Cyl. 1, CE	Break through discharge pressure	PR-1111	200,0 - 350,0	° CA

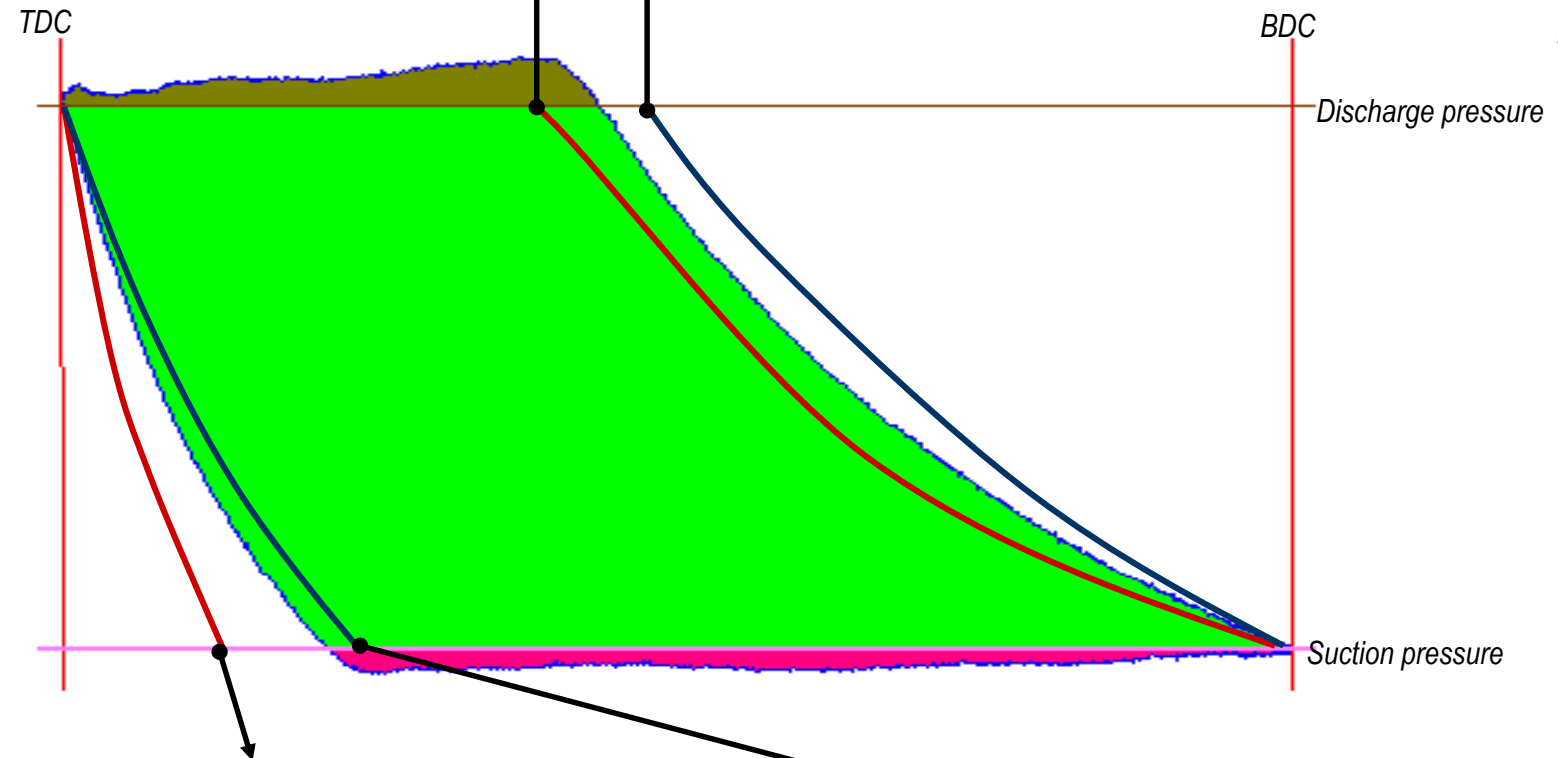
Online 01.01.2000 12:00:00, Machine 1 - Cylinder 1 - Cyl. 1, CE (Type:Pressure) , 500,0 1/min

Exercise: Detection of leakages



„Longer“ to discharge pressure
→ Suction valves or packing (crank end)

„Shorter“ to discharge pressure
→ Discharge valves

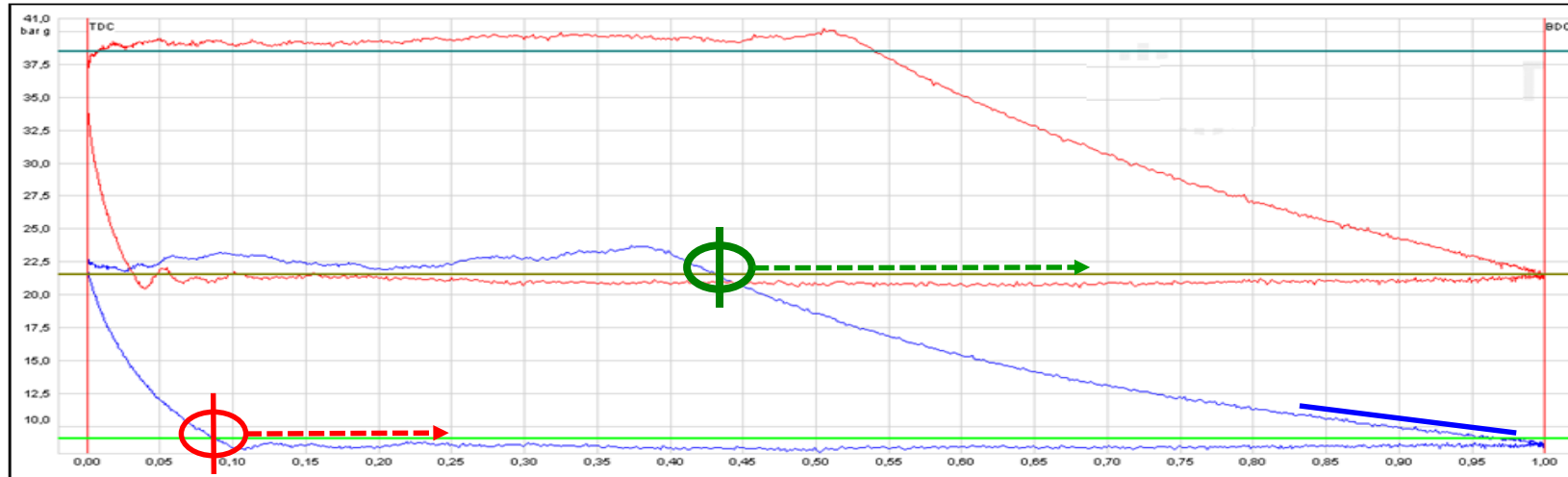


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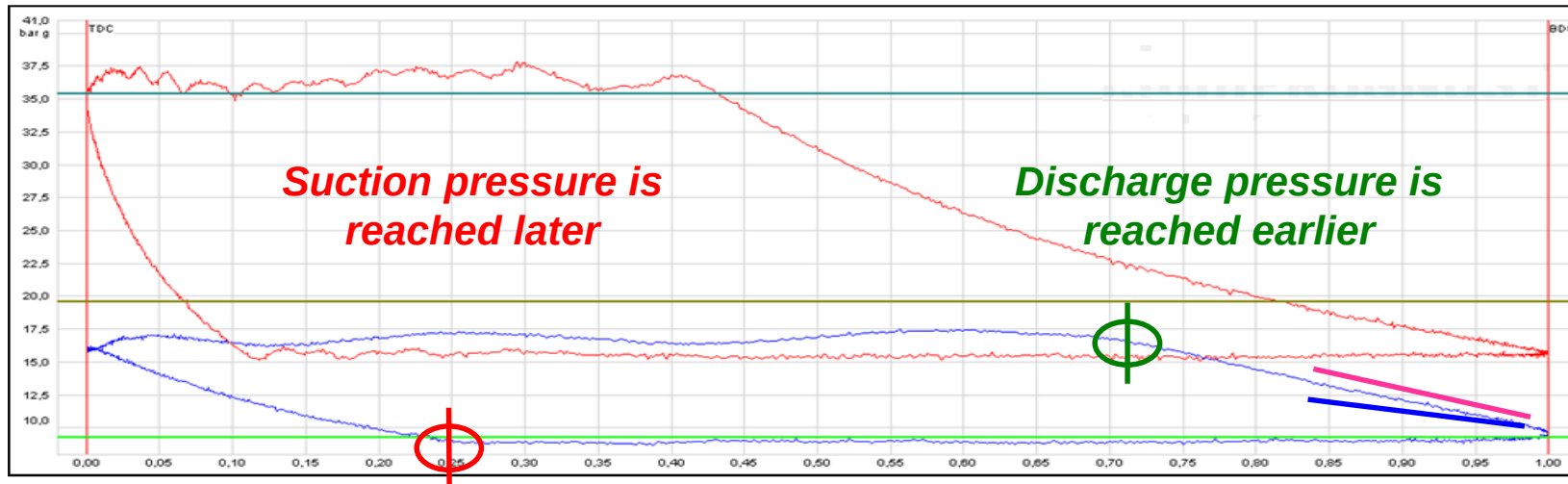
„Longer“ to suction pressure
→ Discharge valve

Case 6: Valve failure

**Good
condition**



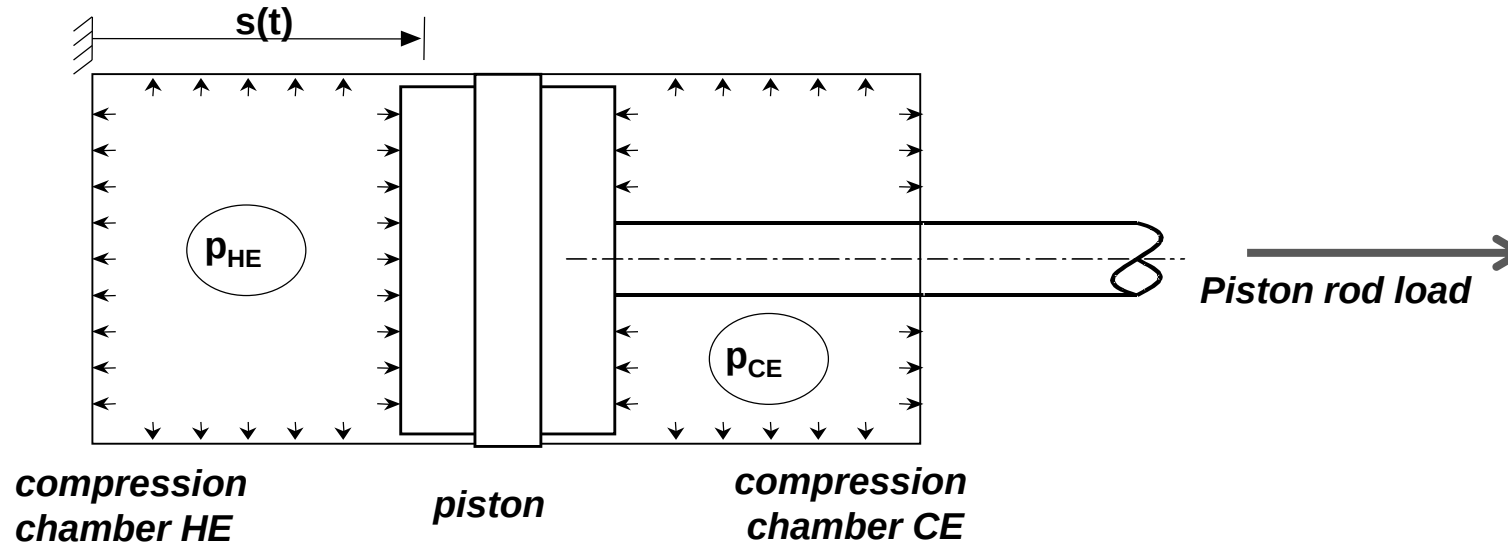
**Bad
condition**



Valve ?

**Line of
compression steeper**

- Calculation = **Inertia** force + **Gas** forces



Inertia force

- piston, rod and crosshead mass
- speed
- connecting rod ratio

Gas force

- dynamic pressure
- piston area

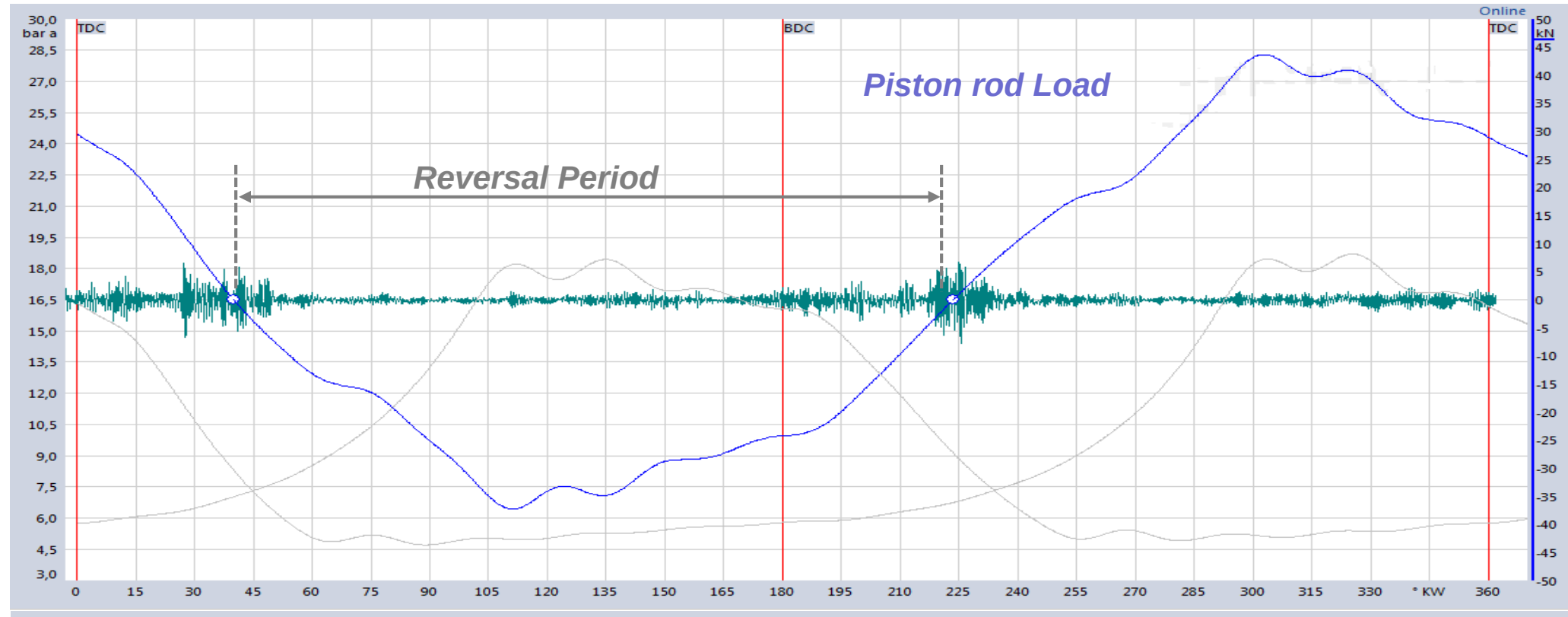
HE = head end

CE = crank end

Piston rod load



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Temperature measurements



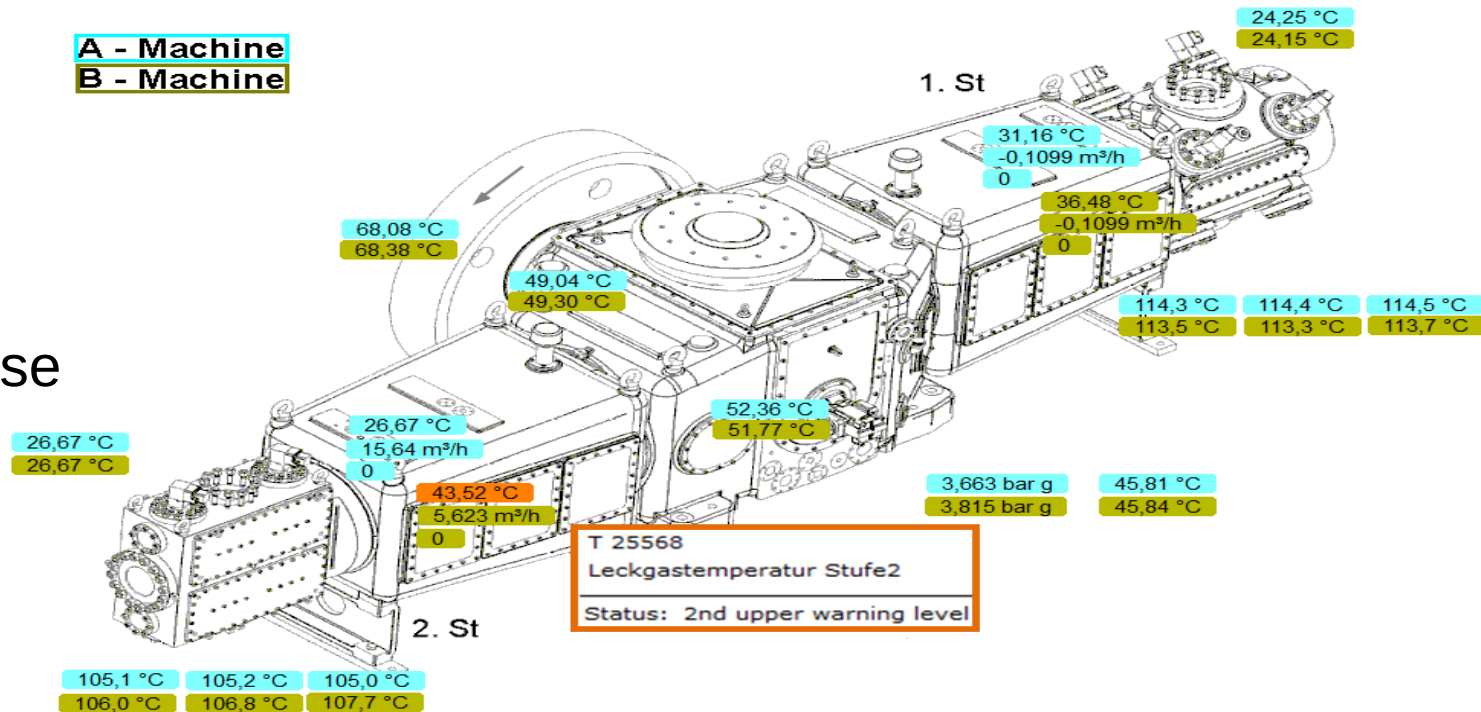
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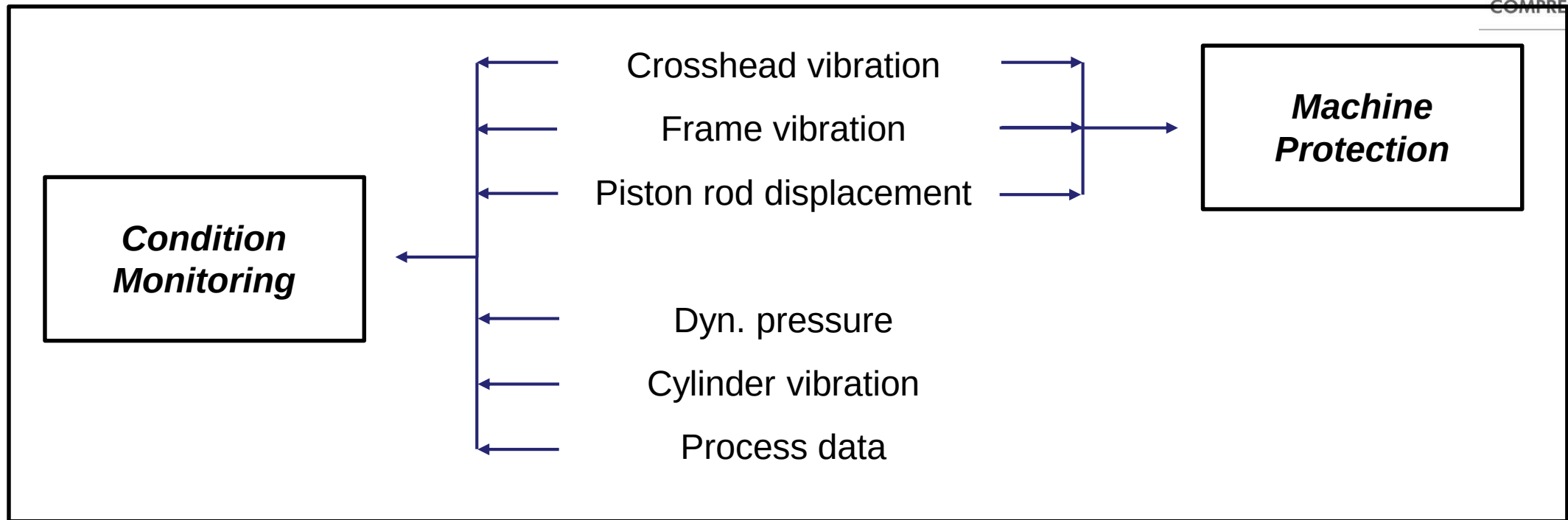
Common

- Valve
- Gas
- Packing vent or case
- Bearings

Uncommon

- Crosshead guide
- Connecting rod bearing and crosshead pin based on wireless very expensive and not reliable





Technology developments and practical experience over recent years lead to additional recommended measurements for monitoring and diagnostics.

Benefits & Challenges of Condition Monitoring are:

- Ability is there to avoid successfully secondary damage
- Technology is available to provide early failure recognition to increase machine running time
- The latest system generation is providing end user information instead of data display
- Different approach for recipis, which is not comparable with those for centrifugal machines
- Threshold and limit setting demands experiences and dedication