



# Process automation & Monitoring Systems

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# Agenda

- Tetra Pak presentation
- Motion control application in packaging machines
  - Automatic machine operation
  - Motors and control
- Condition Monitoring 4.0 in Tetra Pak
  - Monitoring parameters for automatic machines
  - Data Cloud Processing
  - Data visualization
- Tetra Pak use cases
- Independent carts system
  - How to approach the diagnostics of a new technology





**Who we are.**







We are a world leading food processing and packaging solutions company.

Working closely with our customers and suppliers, we provide safe, innovative and environmentally sound products that each day meet the needs of hundreds of millions of people in more than 160 countries.





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Solutions and equipment for dairy, plant-based, cheese, powder, ice cream, beverages and prepared food



## Services.

Helps you improve your performance, optimise costs and ensure food safety throughout the lifecycle of your operations

## Packaging.

A complete carton packaging range for consuming food products offering convenience, easy opening, optimal shelf life and the ability to give maximum brand exposure





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**We want people all over the world to have access to safe food of the highest quality**

- ▶ Food safety, availability and quality
- ▶ Integrating and optimising operations
- ▶ Innovating for customer growth
- ▶ Proven expertise

## How we do it?

**By continuously innovating to improve safety and quality standards through e.g.:**

- ▶ eBeam non-chemical sterilisation
- ▶ Aseptic Performance Leadership
- ▶ Quality Data Management System





## Our global organisation.

World-class expertise,  
everywhere

**27** Market  
companies

**>12.775**

Net sales 2023 in € billion

**>160**

Countries where  
Tetra Pak had sales

**8** Technical  
Training  
Centres

**7** Customer  
Innovation Centres

**100** Sales  
offices

**24,391**

Employees

**2,302** Processing  
units delivered

**234** Filling machines  
delivered

**810** Downstream  
equipment  
delivered

**8,426** Packaging  
machines  
in operation

**21,789** Downstream  
equipment in  
operation

**108,396** Processing  
units in  
operation

**6** R&D  
centres

**10**

Product Development Centres

**51** Production  
plants



# Motion control applications in packaging machines



# Packaging machines

- A packaging machine is characterized by highly coordinated repetitive actions that shape a material into a container, fills the container and seals it.
- There is often some processing treatment of the container e.g. sterilization.
- Typical cycle times are from 70ms to 1,5s.
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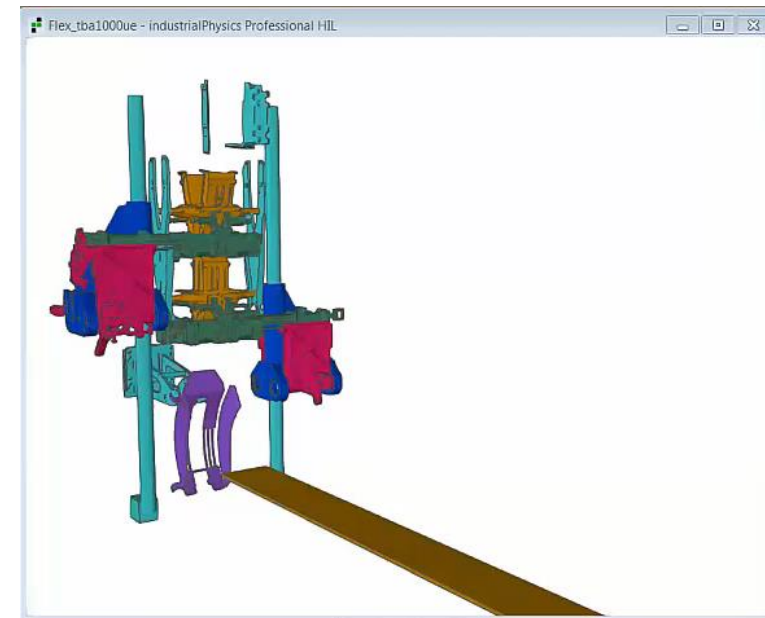






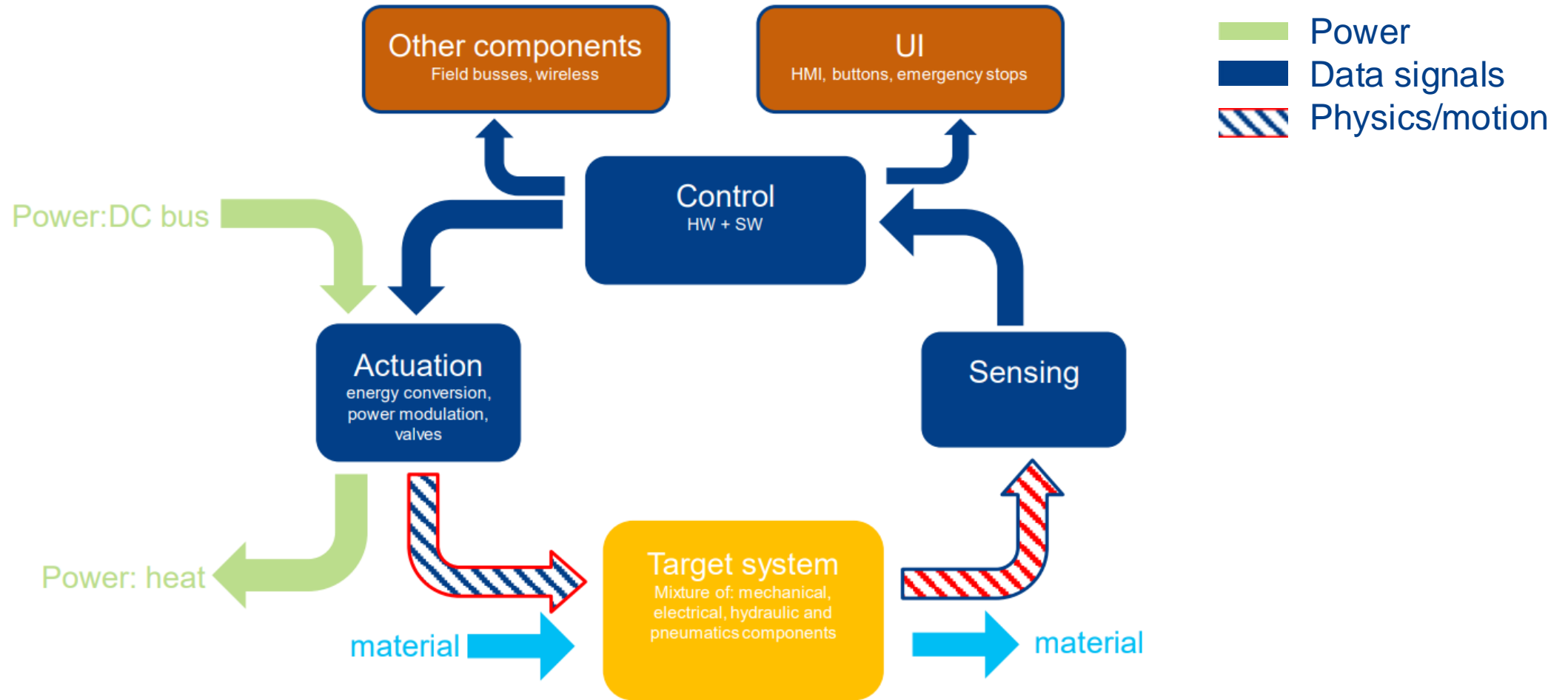
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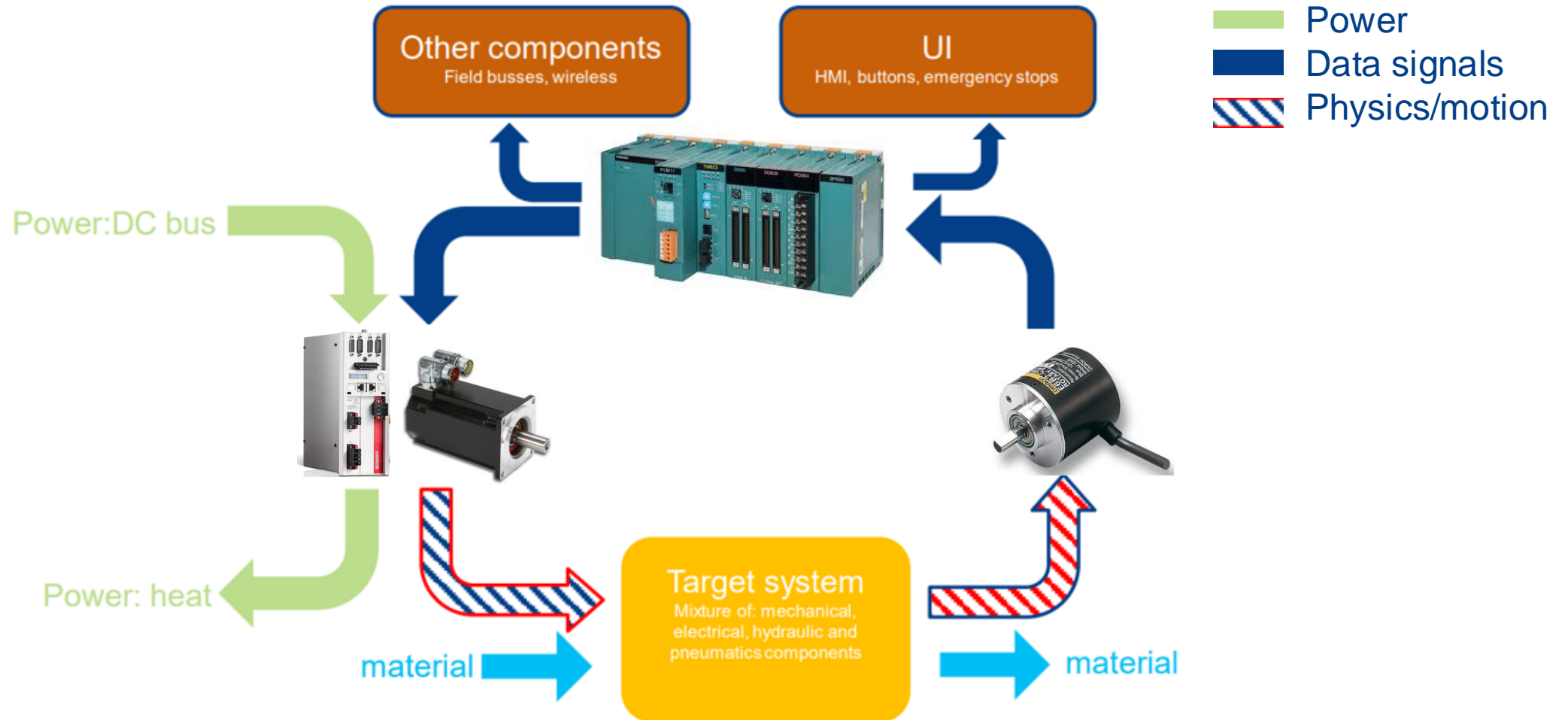
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# Motors and control

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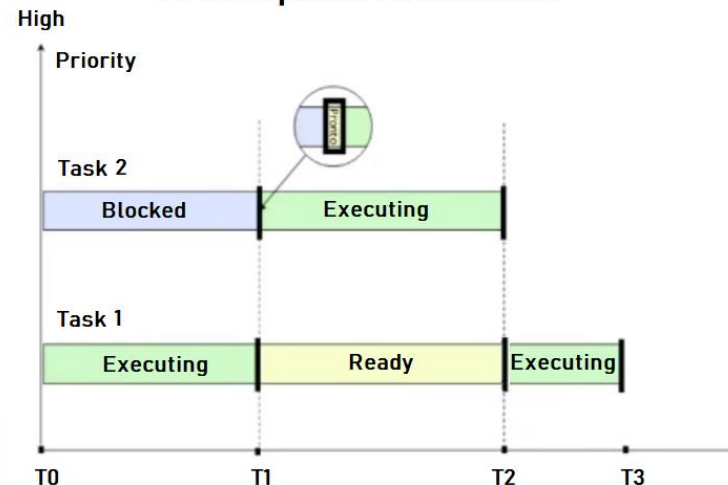
The motion system of electrical motor is based on three elements:

## Programmable Logic controller (PLC)



- Is a specialized computer used in industrial control systems to automate processes and machinery.
- It use a **Real Time operative system** that **has** the capability to schedule the execution of specific tasks within a very specific time constraint. Processing must be done within the defined constraints **or the system will fail.**

### Preemptive Scheduler



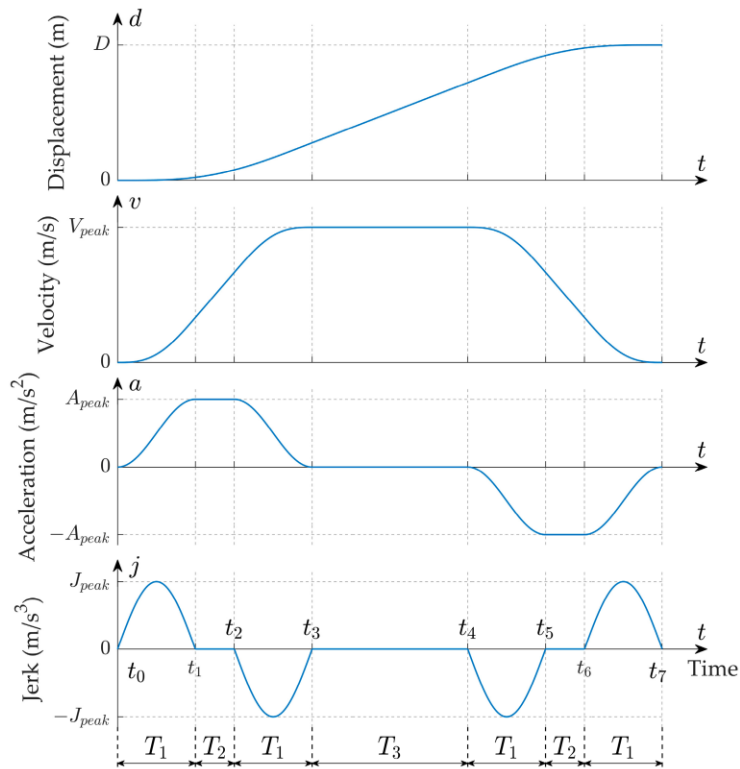




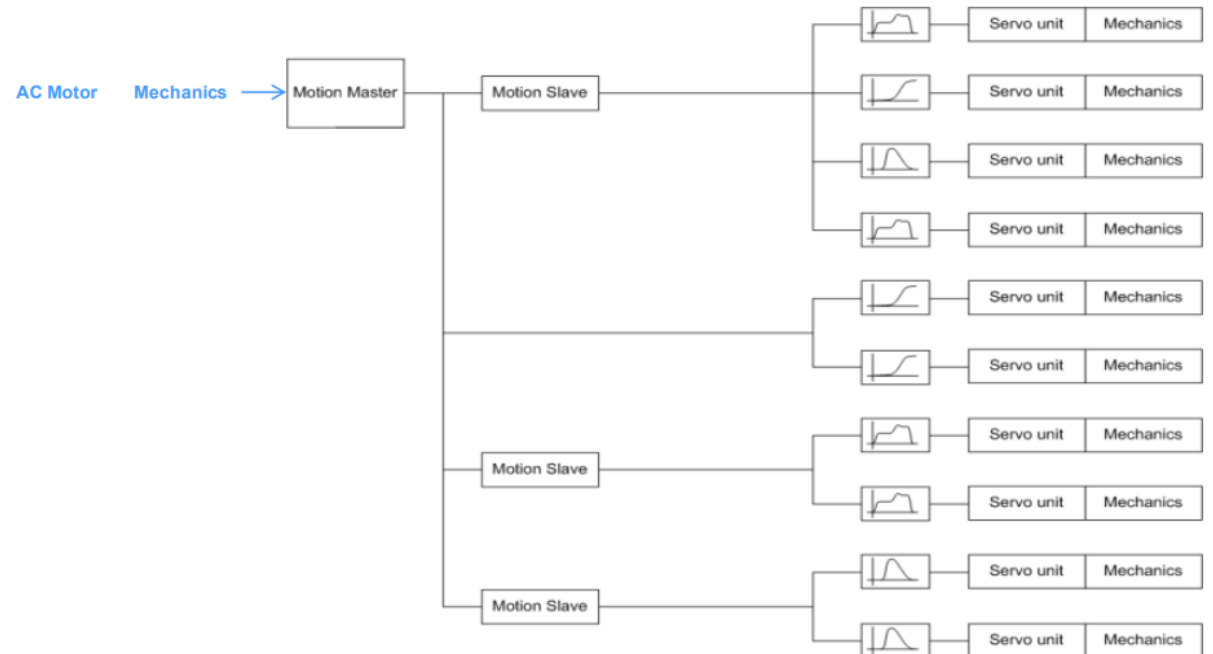
# Motors and control

- It is used to compute the trajectory of motion and to give the control signal to the amplifier.
- It allows the motion synchronization for all the actuators.
- To do it is used a Master/Slave architecture.

### Motion profile



### Master/Slave architecture





# Motors and control

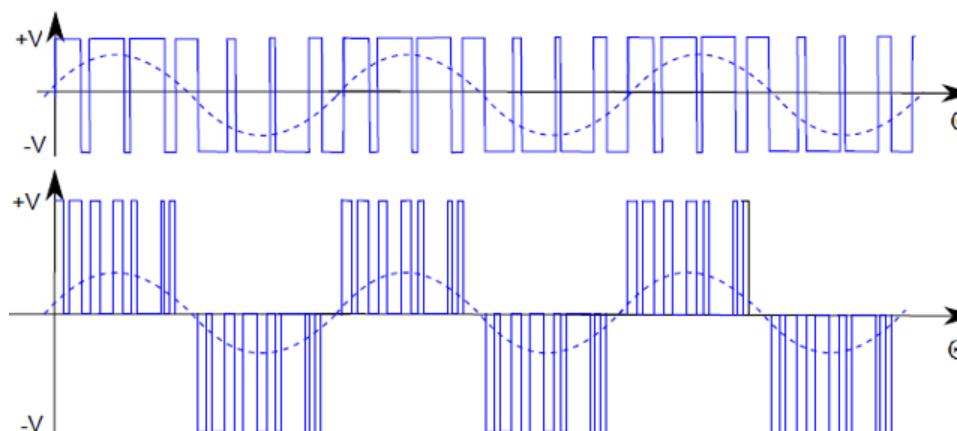
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## Driver

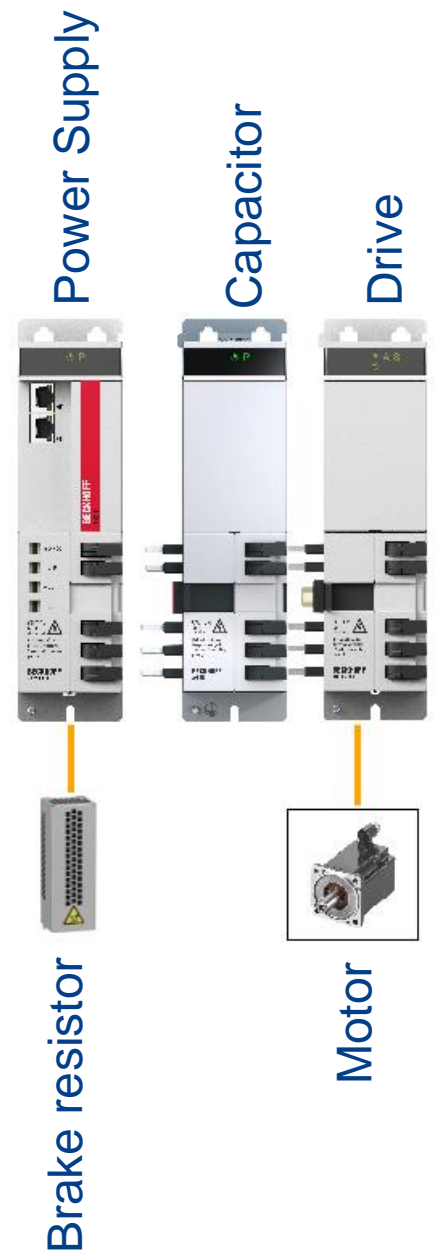
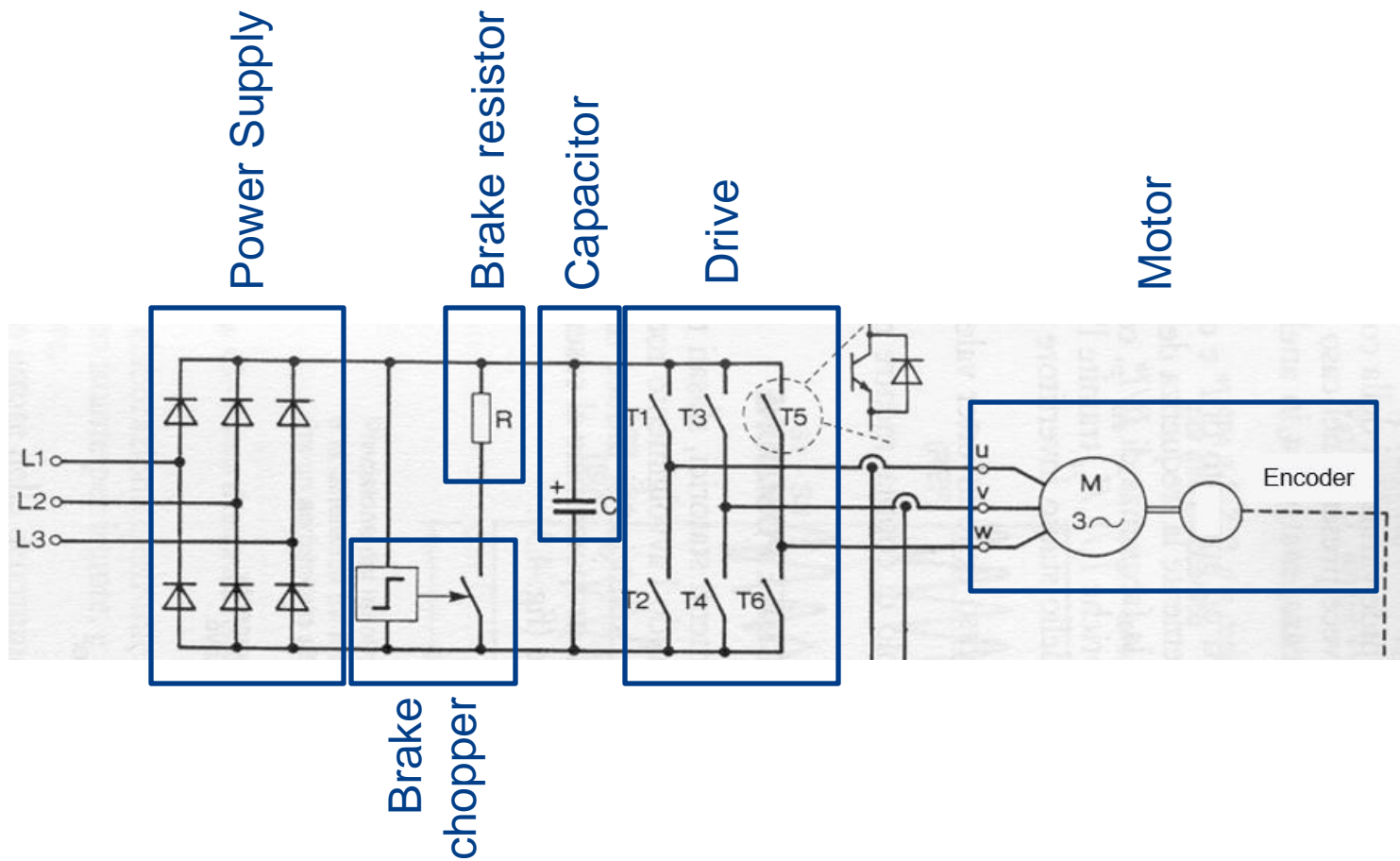


- It **amplifies** the control signal from the PLC controller up to high power, which the motor can use.
- It **rectifies** AC to DC voltage that is supplied to the Drive Controls the DC Bus and manages "drainage" to Brake resistor or additional Capcitors (It occurs when the regenerative energy is at it's peak (motors are braking)
- It **choppes** up the DC voltage (PWM) using IGBT's (Power transistors) to control the motor Uses Position and/or Velocity and Current feedback to close the controll loop





# Motors and control



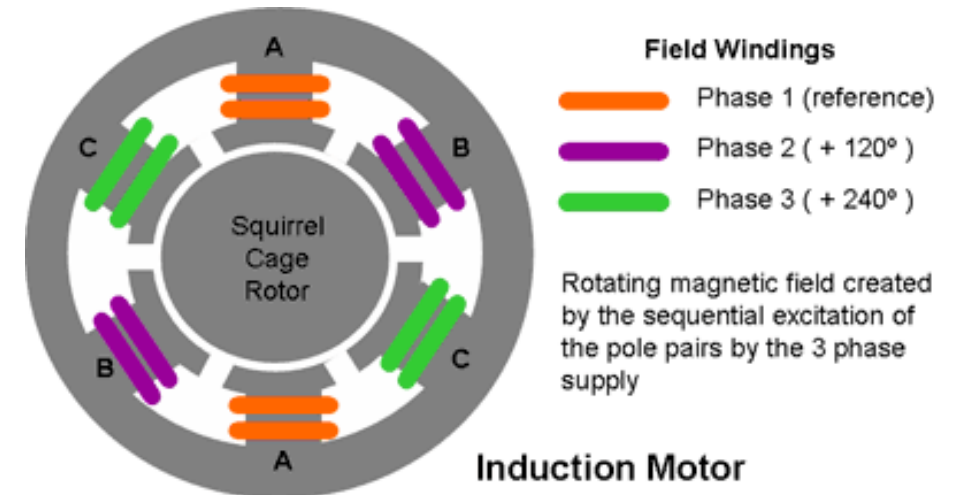
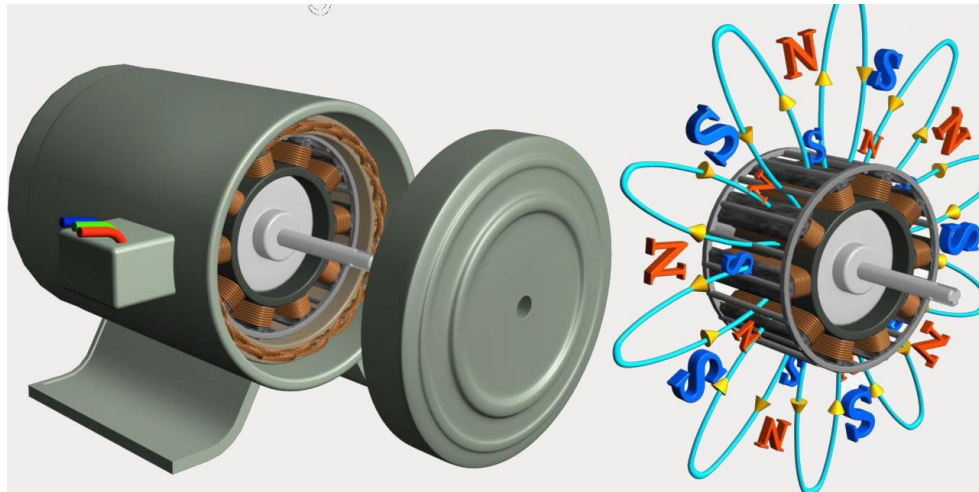




# Motors and control

## AC Induction Asynchronous Motors

- Cheap, Reliable & Standard
- No feedback required, most often open loop
- Not too dynamic and performant
- Not too energy efficient





# Motors and control

## AC induction Asynchronous Motors

- ▶ Used for driving conveyors, fans, pumps etc. with reasonable performance
- ▶ Can run directly off the grid
  - The *synchronous speed* is the rotation speed of the magnetic field and is proportional to grid frequency and number of motor poles
    - For 50 Hz grid: - 2 pole = 3000 rpm    - 4 pole = 1500 rpm    6 pole = 1000 rpm
  - The actual, true, speed is determined by the motor design and the load the motor is driving. This speed is called the *asynchronous speed*
    - The difference between the two is termed *slip*
- ▶ Often controlled by a Variable Frequency Drive (VFD)
  - Enabling variable speed
  - Can adjust for the slip by smart control algorithms



# Motors and control

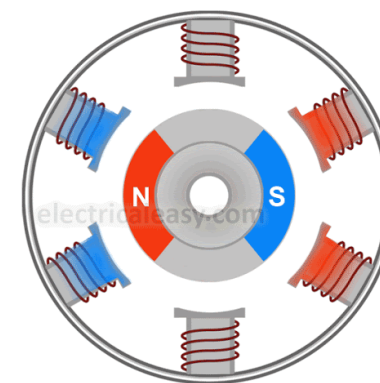
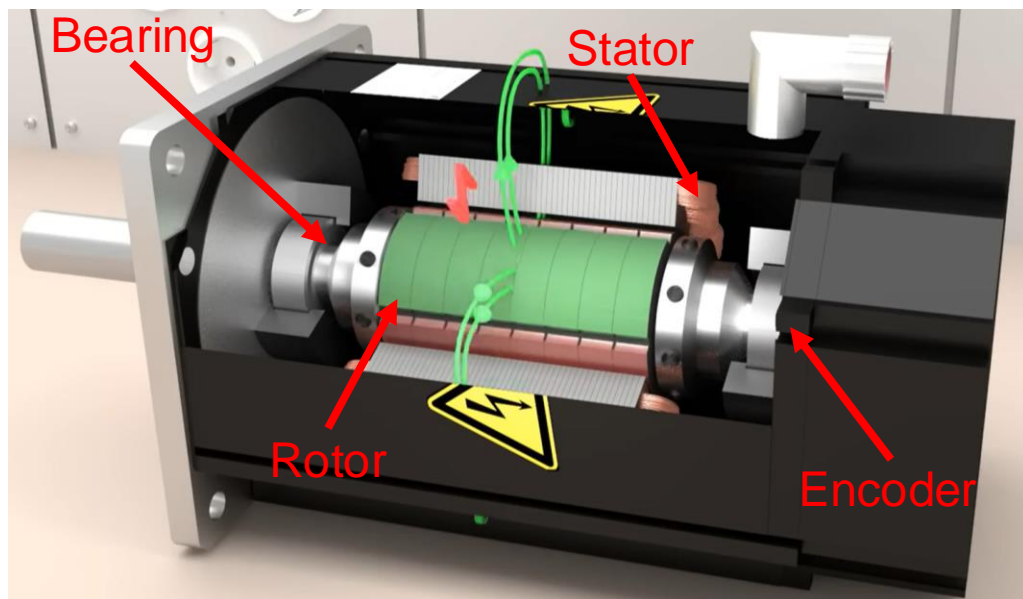
## Servo Motors

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The motion system of electrical motor is based on three elements:

- AC servomotor usually are three phases brushless synchronous motor whose rotor field is excited by permanent magnet
- They have a feedback sensor (resolver or encoder) that send the information about the actual position of the rotor.

**Servo motor**



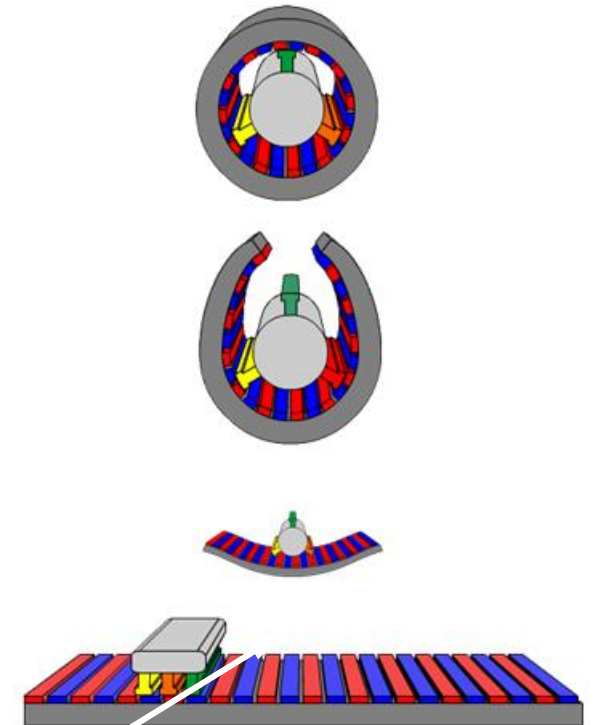




# Motors and control

## Linear Motors

- ▶ Basically a “dissected” and “unfolded” rotary motor
  - Width of slider/stator and length of stator decides force performance
  - Add stator modules to increase move length
  - Mechanics (bearings) and encoder must be added
  - Very high attraction force – increase complexity at assembly
  - Full flat or slightly rounded possibilities
- ▶ Very good performance – direct drive
- ▶ Rather expensive but eliminates most of the drive train.





# Motors and control

## Linear Motors

- ▶ **Ironcore:** The stator consists of an iron base plate covered with permanent magnets. The moving part consists of a laminated iron core containing coils

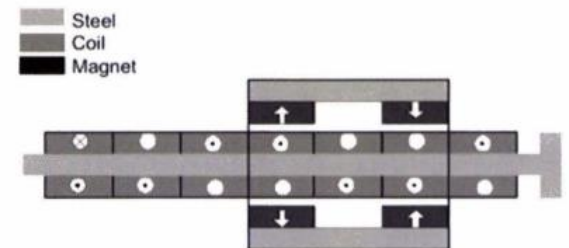
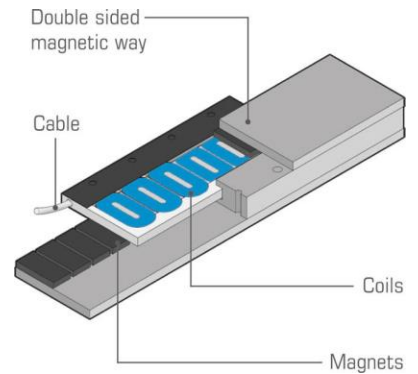
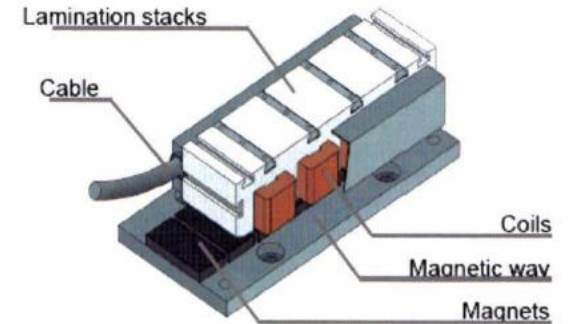
High force, limited speed

- ▶ **Ironless:** The stator consists of two iron base plates covered with permanent magnets configured in a U-form. Between the plates there is the moving part that consists of an epoxy plate that contains the coils that commutate the magnetic field.

Limited force, very high speed

- ▶ **Moving magnets :** Multiple coils are placed in the stator, it requires multiple switching amplifiers for moving the moving part that contains the permanent magnets.

High speed , medium force





# Independent cart system

XTS: New freedoms for mechanical engineering.





# Motors and control

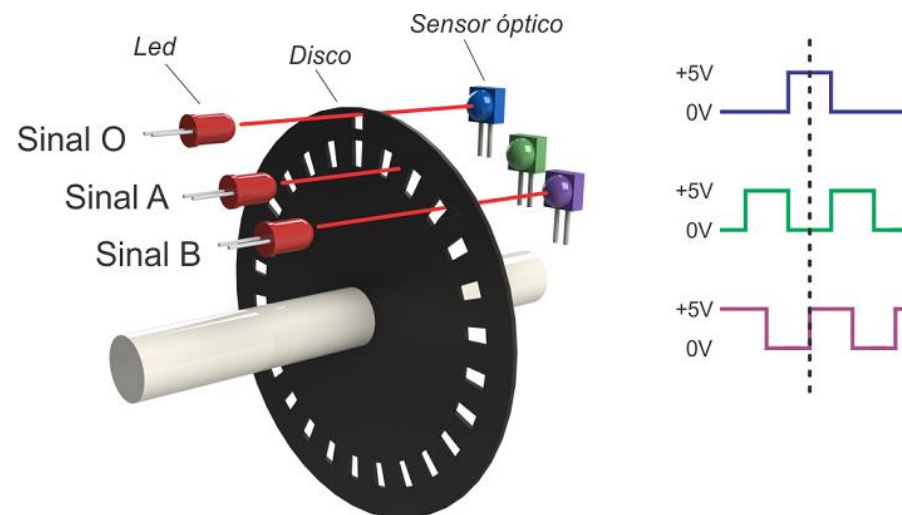
## Position feedback

- ▶ There are different types of Position feedback devices:
  - Resolver
  - Encoder (absolute or incremental)
- ▶ The feedback devices can Incremental or Absolute
- ▶ Can be connected directly to the drive or using a real time fieldbus in to close the control loop

Resolver



Encoder



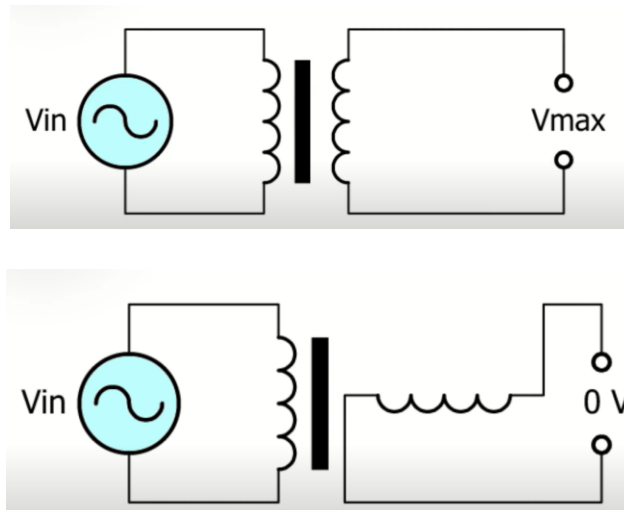


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## Position feedback: resolver

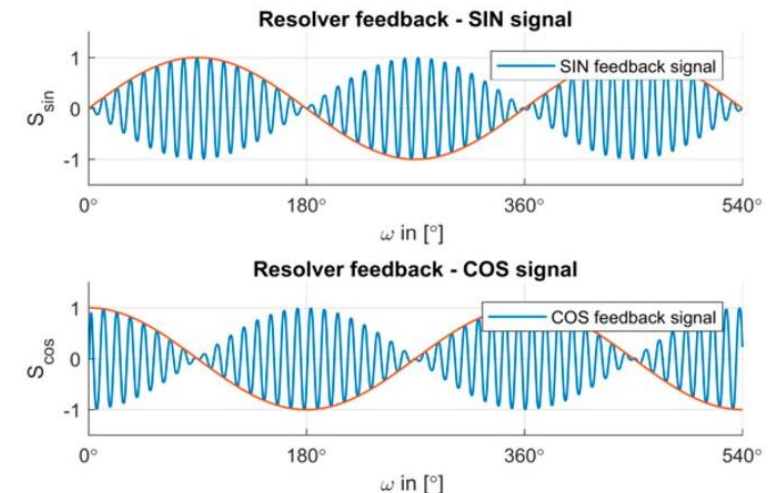
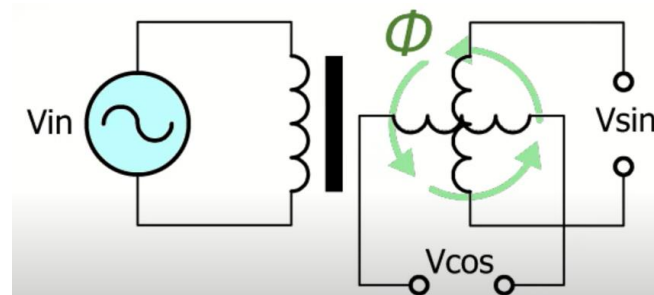
- ▶ The resolver is an analog device that produces an *Incremental* position feedback
- ▶ Rather robust and cheap, but not too common today because they are not very precise
- ▶ Resolution is infinite and based on the AD converter performance
- ▶ It is a transformer with a fix winding and a rotating winding
- ▶ 2 channels to enhance robustness because with only one is not possible to establish the rotation direction

### One channel



$$V_{out} = V_{in} \sin(\varphi)$$

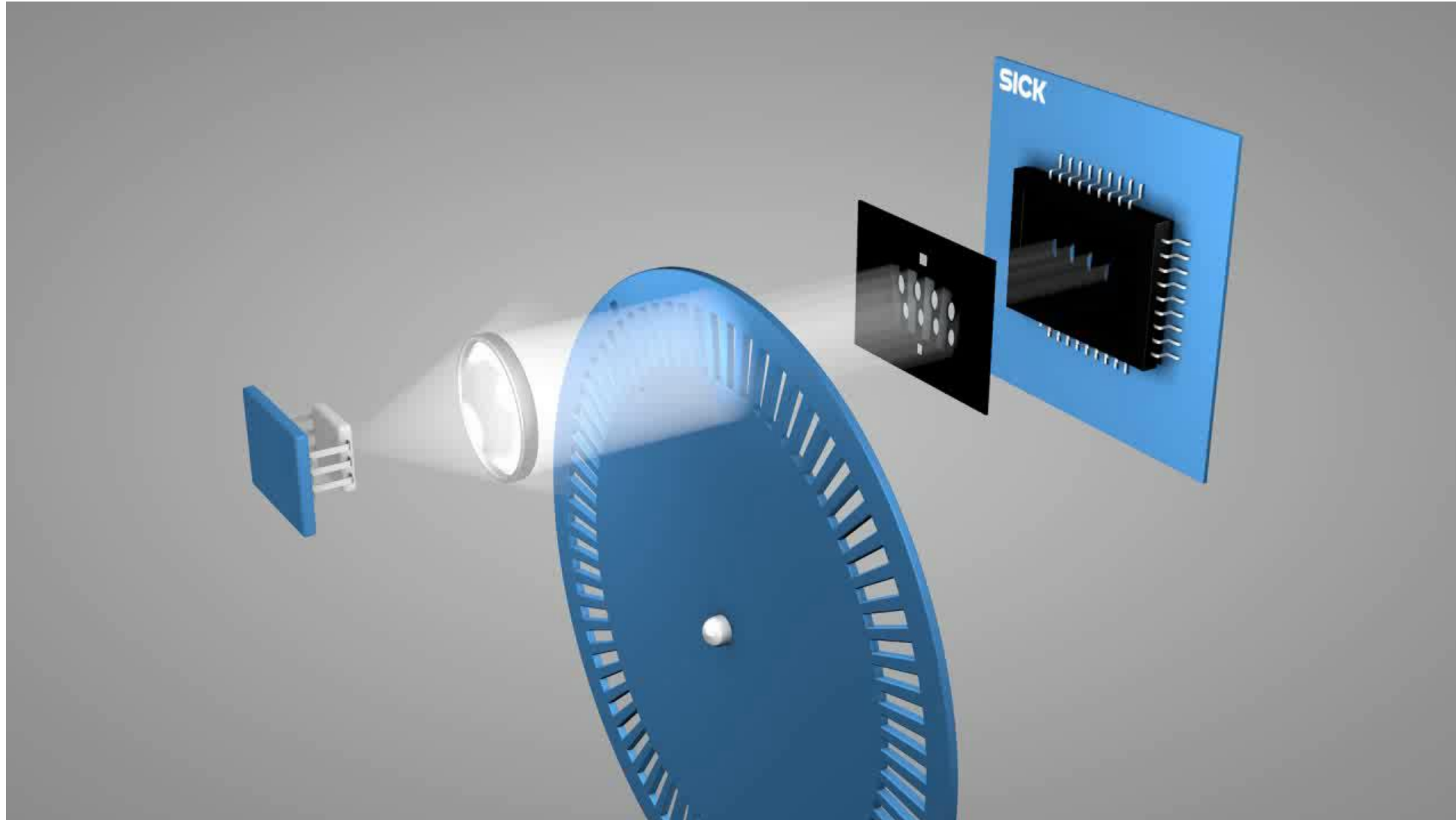
### Two channels





# Motors and control

## Position feedback: encoder

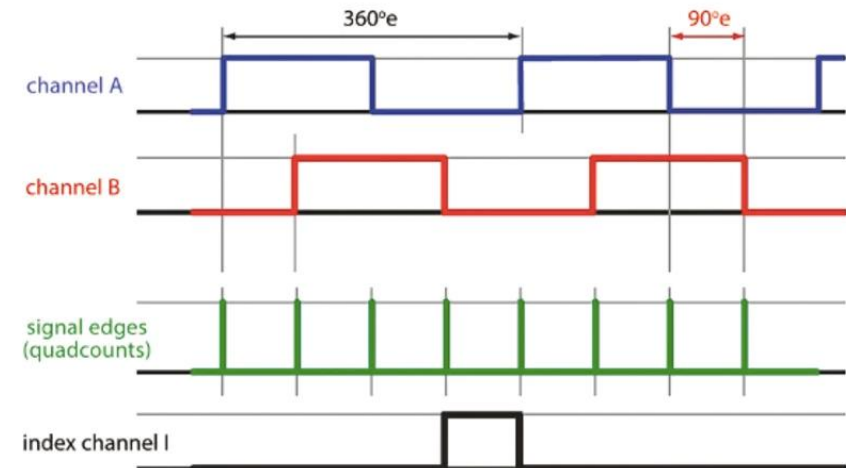
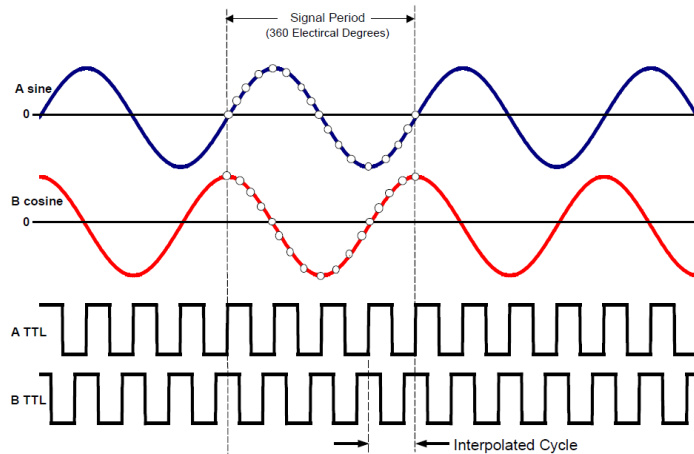




# Motors and control

## Position feedback: encoder

- ▶ Encoder is a device that provides a digital output as a result of rotational or linear displacement
  - Digital superimposed on e.g. Temp wires
  - Analog single turn position, digital multi turn position
  - The single turn resolution is typically 18 bits (262143 incr / rev) and counting...







# Available data of the motion system

The data of the motion system are very useful for the condition monitoring.

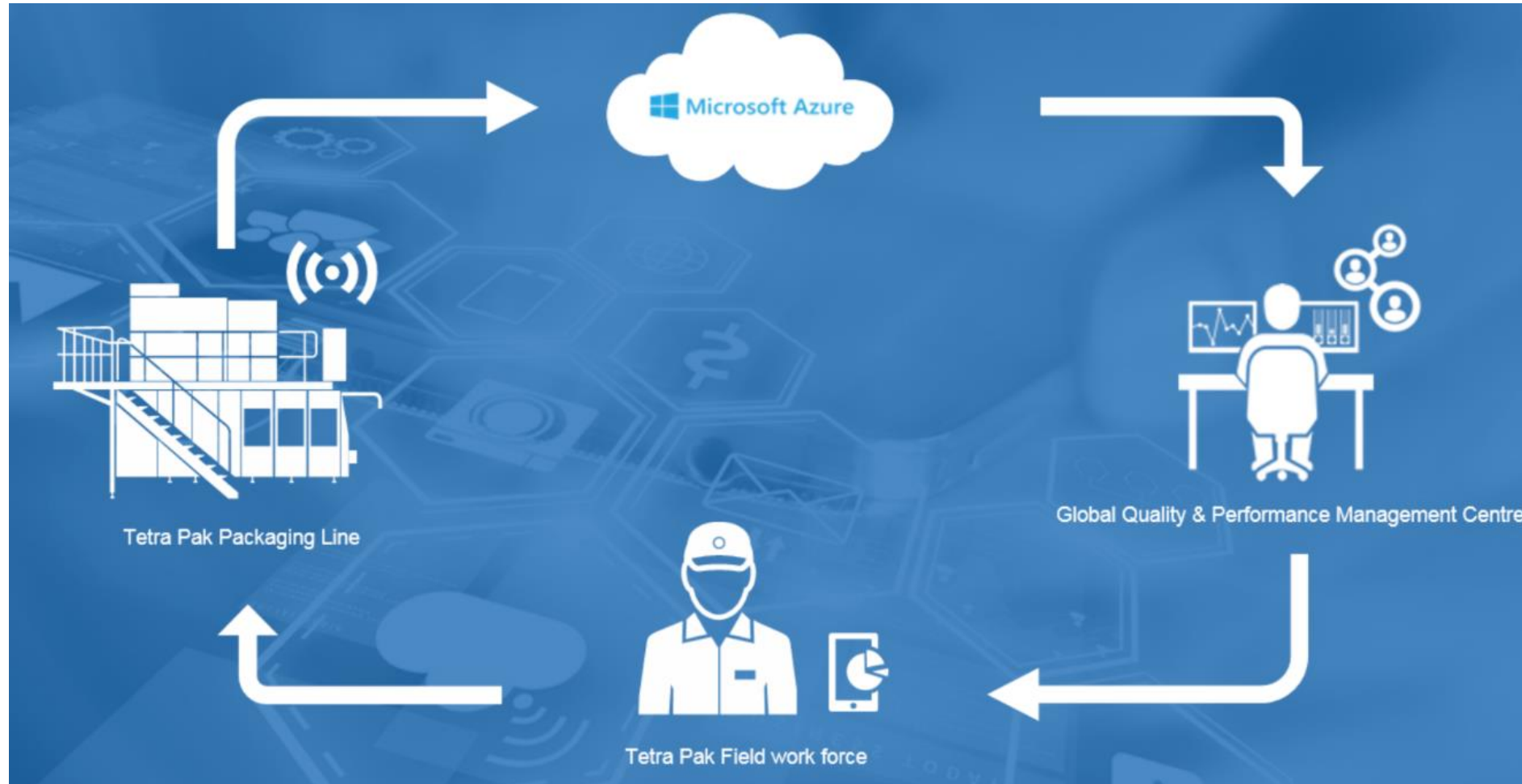
The typical data recorded are:

- Position error (difference between the actual position and the target position of the motor)
- Velocity error (difference between the actual velocity and the target velocity of the motor)
- Actual Current (It is proportional to the torque of the motor)
- Temperature of the motor

# Condition monitoring & predictive maintenance approach within Industry 4.0.

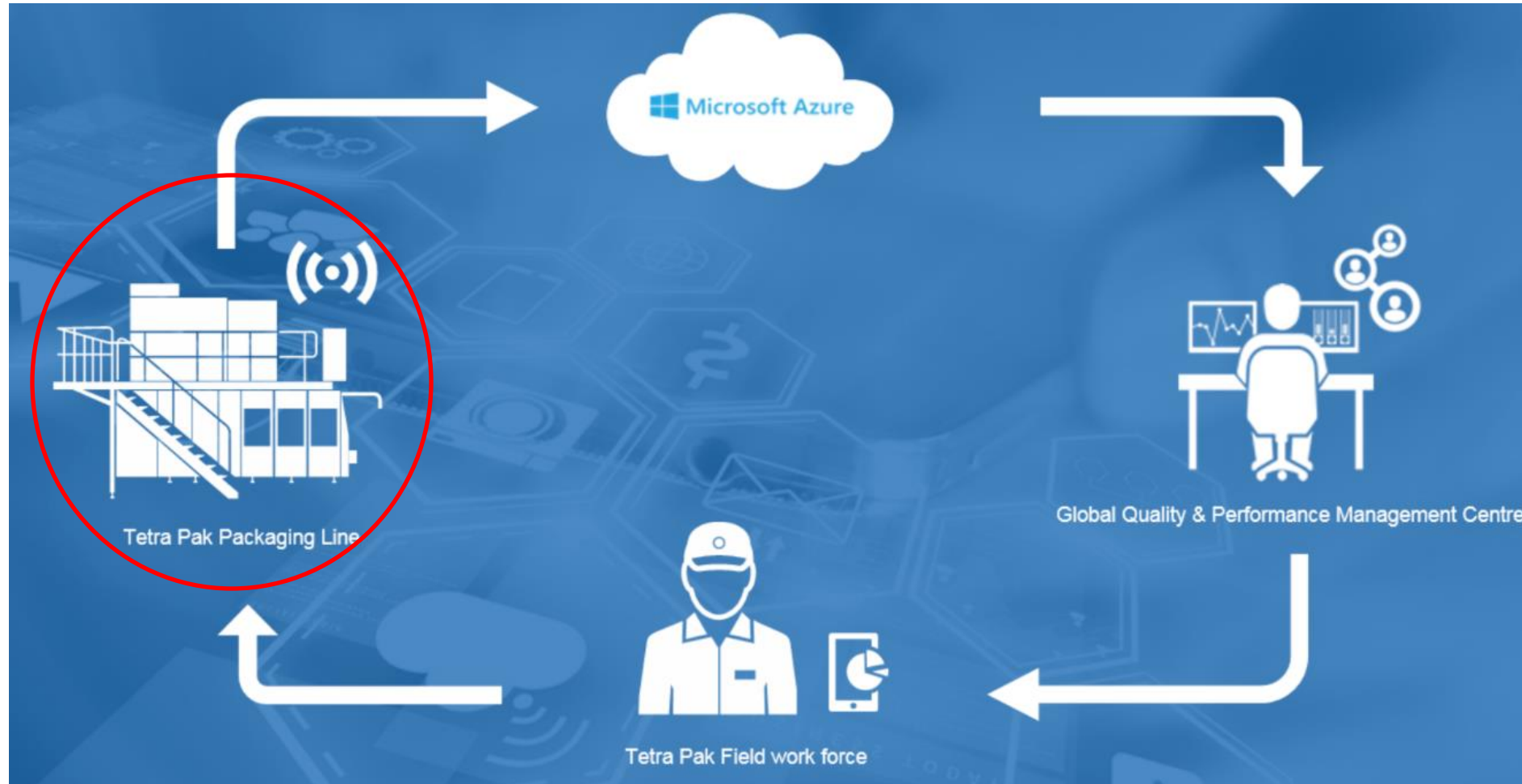


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# Failure Mode analysis

In general, each component of an automatic machine has a peculiar way of failures, cost of failure(COF), mean time to repair(MTTR), etc...

Failure mode effect analysis(**FMEA**) and Failure mode, effect and criticality analysis(**FMECA**) are two methods in order to identify the potential failure modes and estimate the probability of a failure.

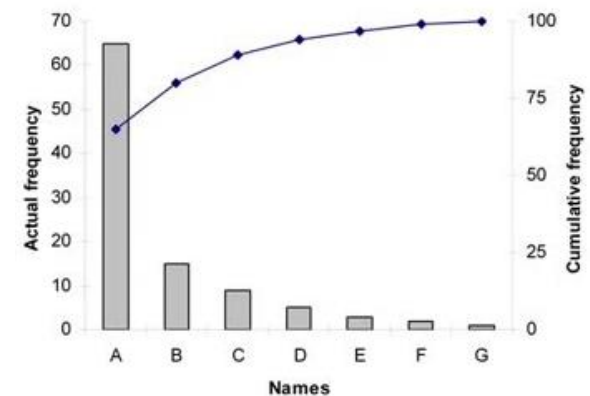
In case exist historical data of component failures is necessary to execute a pareto analysis to find which are the component failure with the higher frequency respect to the cost of the failure.

The choice of the type of the sensors, their placement, and the schedule of the data collection require the knowledge of the process and an analysis of the impact of sensor costs on the process.

FMEA

Severity Probability	1	2	3	4	5
1	Low	Low	Low	Low	Moderate
2	Low	Low	Low	Moderate	High
3	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate	High
4	Low	Moderate	Moderate	High	Unacceptable
5	Moderate	Moderate	High	Unacceptable	Unacceptable

Pareto chart





# Monitoring parameters for automatic machines

## Sensor type

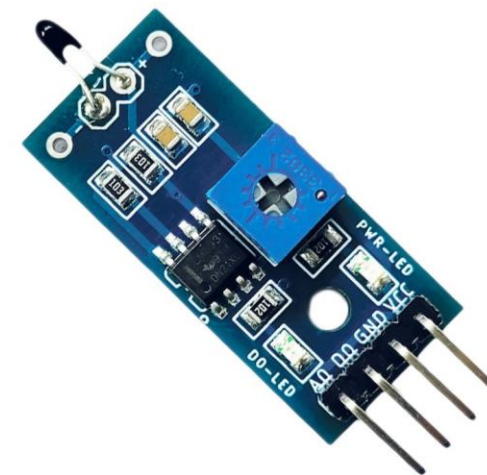
**Multi-purpose external sensors:** They are the most used sensors for condition monitoring. They can be applied to different components (multi-purpose), measuring the effects of impacts or events in time domain and include for example accelerometers or external temperature sensors.

**These sensors are not usually present in the machine and represent an extra cost for maintenance.**

Accelerometer



Temperature sensor





# Monitoring parameters for automatic machines

## Sensor type

- ▶ **Specific external sensors;** They are used for a specific measurements in specific parts of the machine. Sometimes multi-purpose sensors cannot be used because of the impossibility of installation, such as environmental conditions or some possible mechanical interference with moving parts during the process. Sometimes a specific measurement is needed in a very limited but critical part of the plant, for example chemical analysis.
- ▶ **These sensors are not usually present in the machine and represent an extra cost for maintenance.**

Pressure sensor



Oil quality





# Monitoring parameters for automatic machines

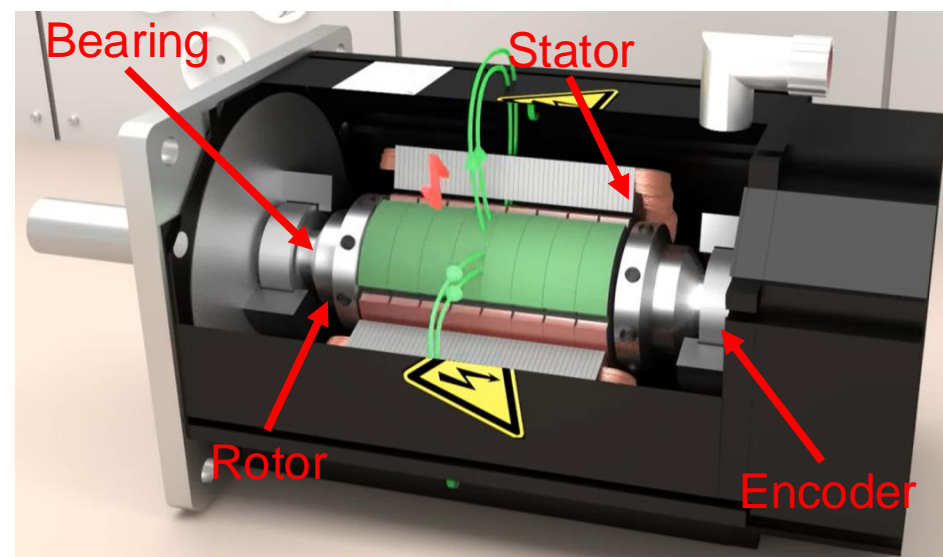
## Sensor type

**Embedded sensors;** They are already present in specific components of the machine, since they are used by control logics for the correct operation of the machinery.

**They do not represent an extra cost for maintenance.**

For example, in the modern servomotors there is always:

- ▶ An **encoder** for position measurement,
- ▶ An **embedded amperemeter** (often by means of two simple Hall sensors) for the measurement of the current absorbed by the mains
- ▶ A **temperature sensor** (often embedded in the encoder) for the measurement of the heat inside the motor (or at least a positive temperature coefficient (PTC) thermistor in the coils for detection of over temperature).







# Monitoring parameters for automatic machines:

## Acquisition type



**On-Line Data:** Is informative data acquired in the working conditions of the machine. They are collected by specific sensors to measure the state variables of the system.

**Off-Line Data:** Is informative data asynchronous to the working conditions of the machine. This is the opposite of “on-line data” which is collected during events synchronous to the working conditions.

These events cover scheduled service interventions, unexpected service interventions, and production conditions of the machine.

Some off-line data can be acquired and stored automatically, for example the stopping or starting up of the machine, but most of the off-line data is manually inserted by the service engineers that perform the technical interventions or by the after-sales department which defines the scheduled operations.

Off-line data is essential for condition-based maintenance and much more in the development step of the data-driven processing, showing the difference between supervised and unsupervised methods (for more details see [27,28]).



# Data Pre-processing

The data collected from a single machine must be pre-processed **locally**, before data is sent to a high-level storage structure to reduce the amount of data to be sent to the cloud platform and to decrease the latency in the decision-making process.

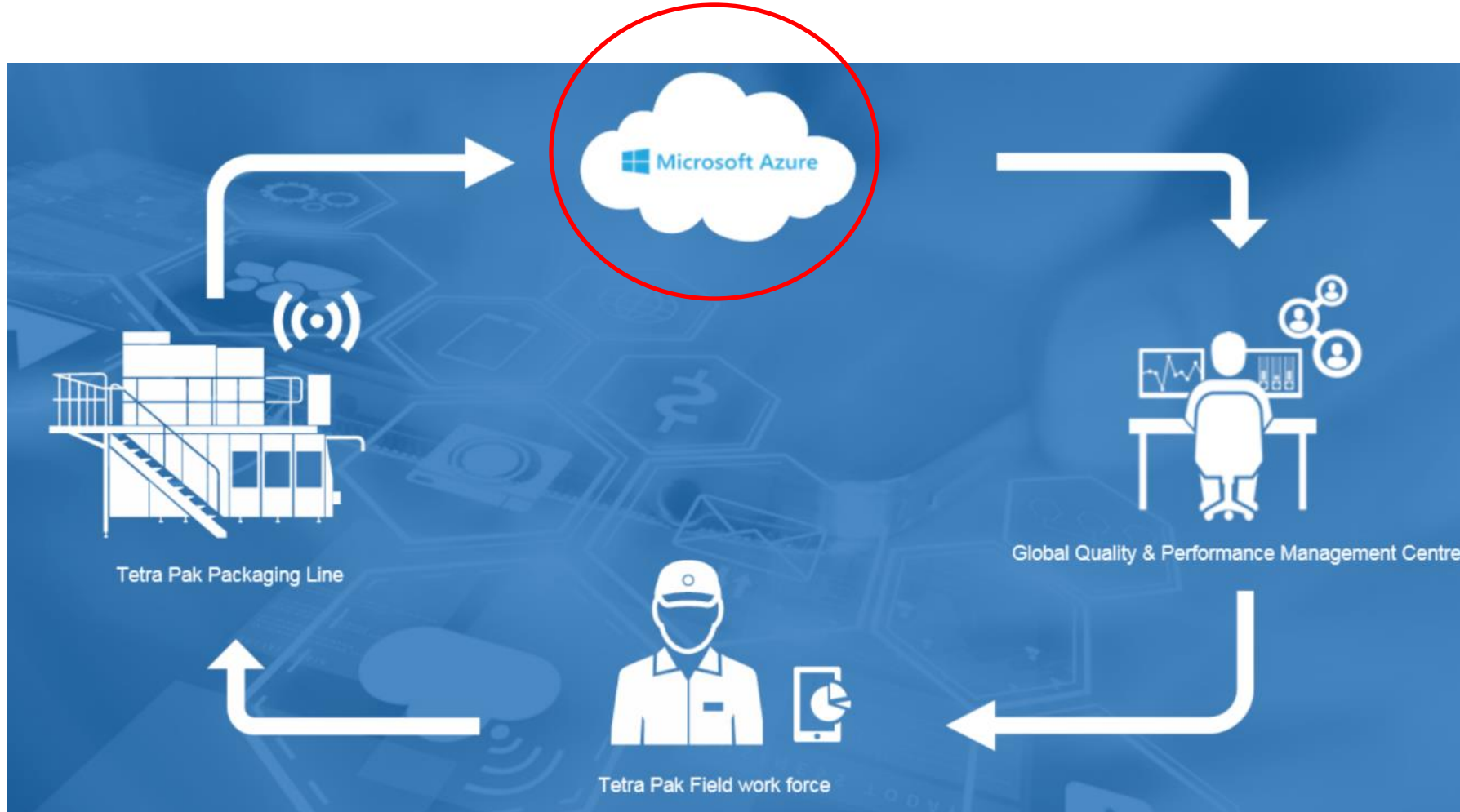
The **cloud platform costs depend on the amount of data processed**, therefore aggregated data is preferable for cost reduction.

The main functions of the pre-processing step are the following:

- **Checking of the sensors:** The measurement files are checked for inconsistency of data. Especially in manufacturing machines, processes are repeated cyclically and the expected data from sensors must contain cyclic components too (e.g., at the productivity frequency of the machine). If the data recorded by a given sensor does not show cyclic components in the spectrum, it is due to a problem on the measurement chain: the sensor, the cable, or the acquisition system. The inconsistency of the data must generate an alarm to the service engineer that will schedule a check of the sensor.
- **Calculation of statistics:** The main advantage is data reduction; each statistic is a single scalar value compared to the thousands of points acquired by each sensor. Statistics are the features that the data-driven diagnostic method uses to make the post-processing analysis.



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# Data Cloud



The data cloud processing mainly consists of cloud-computing data management.

The main functions of the cloud-processing step are as follows:

- **Data-storage:** The data needs to be storage in the most efficiently way both for reduce the storage space and to have an efficient way to use data coming from different sources. Fundamental is the data partitioning that can be **Directional Partitioning** , based on different access patterns and continent needs or **Logical Partitioning** based on probability/frequency of access
- **Data transfer:** The off-line data does not need further processing. In this case, the cloud acts as a simple storage device; the analysts pick up the off-line data collected from different machines for the off-line development of condition-monitoring techniques.





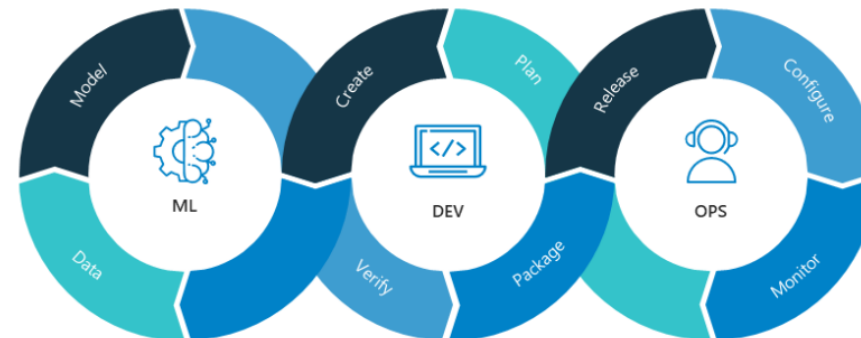


# Data Cloud Processing



**Execute the prediction models:** Statistics data from every monitored subsystem of the machine are analysed with Model based, machine learning and statistical techniques. The machine learning system generates alarms to the performance management centre

**Machine learning operation(MLOps):** All the workflow of the ML models from the training to the deployment and the life cycle is manage in the cloud with software such as Mlflow, Weights & Biases, LakeFS.





# Cross Industry Standard Process for Data Mining (CRISP-DM)

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It is based on six phases and the sequence of the phases is not strict. In fact, most projects move back and forth between phases, as necessary.

## 1. Business Understanding:

- Gathering background information about the current business situation as precise as possible( ex. Is already exist a similar solution? Or is it an improvement?)
- Define the business objectives and requirements(ex. Define cost and target profit)
- Define the criteria to determine the data mining success from a business perspective.





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## 2. Data understanding:

- Define the amount of data, the value types (numerical, categorical), coding scheme.
- Check the data with the domain knowledge for improve the data understanding.
- Verify data quality (Missing data, bad metadata, measurements error)





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## 3. Data preparation:

- Is one of the most important aspects.
- it is estimated that data preparation usually takes 50-70% of a project's time
- Data preparation consist in several task like merging dataset, data cleaning, splitting the dataset in training and test dataset





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## 4. Modelling

- Decide which type of models are the most promise( possible to use pre-trained model or train a model from scratch)
- Train the model and fine-tune the parameters to respect the target of the required by the business
- It can be re-iterate the data preparation to have a more optimize model







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## 5. Evaluation

- It is based on the business success criteria
- If the model satisfy the business criteria it is possible to deploy it
- In case the success criteria are not satisfy we can elaborate conclusions and findings that can be used for re-start the process or stop it





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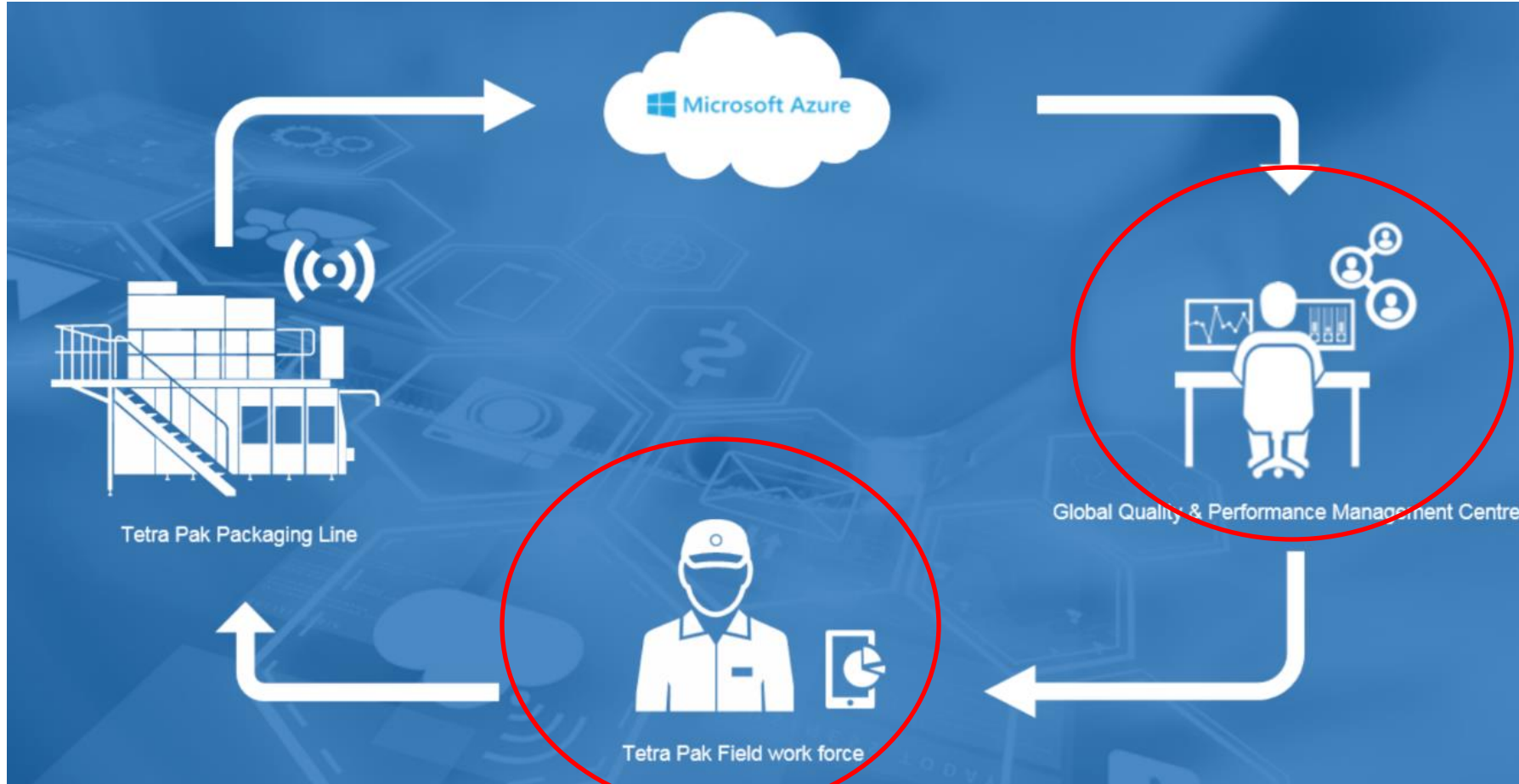
## 6. Deployment

- It depends on the type of model and the target (cloud deployment/ edge deployment)
- It is necessary to define a policy for the monitoring of the model result during its lifetime
- It is necessary to define a policy for the re-train of the model





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# Data visualization

It is very important to show in a clear way the processed data to help both the developer and the service engineer on the field.

► **Overview tab**

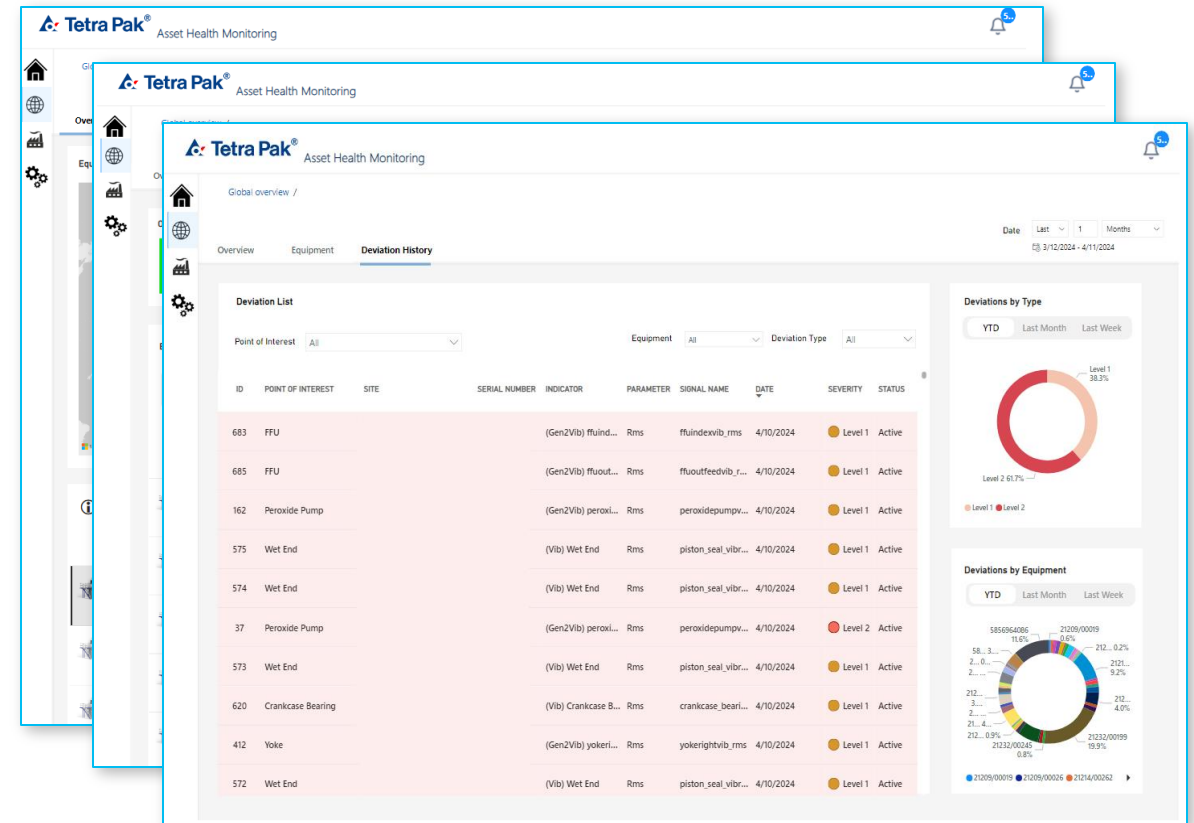
The map shows the geographical location of each plant with at least one asset equipped with CM, along with its status. The color coding of the circles on the map refers to the different health status levels.

► **Equipment tab**

Reports an overview of the status of all connected equipment, including the overall health and connectivity status.

► **Deviation history tab**

All the data deviations collected by the CM system are stored and can be retrieved for dedicated analysis.





# Tetra Pak Condition monitoring kit

## Failure modes

### Electrical power

Voltage dip, swell, spikes,  
phases unbalance  
Voltage harmonics/quality  
Consumption monitoring  
(KWh/packs/kg of prod)

### Yoke drive motors

lubrication issue  
belt tension loss/wear  
Runner block wear  
servo bearing wear  
Yoke bushing wear

### Jaw drive motors

lubrication issue  
belt tension loss/wear  
Runner block wear  
servo bearing wear  
Jaw bushing wear



### Peroxide pump

Motor bearing wear  
coupled unit bearing wear  
coupled unit looseness, misalignment,  
unbalance  
impeller wheel wear /cavitation

### FFU drive motors

belt tension loss/wear  
servo bearing wear

### Cutting Function

knives blade sharpness loss  
cutting function deterioration

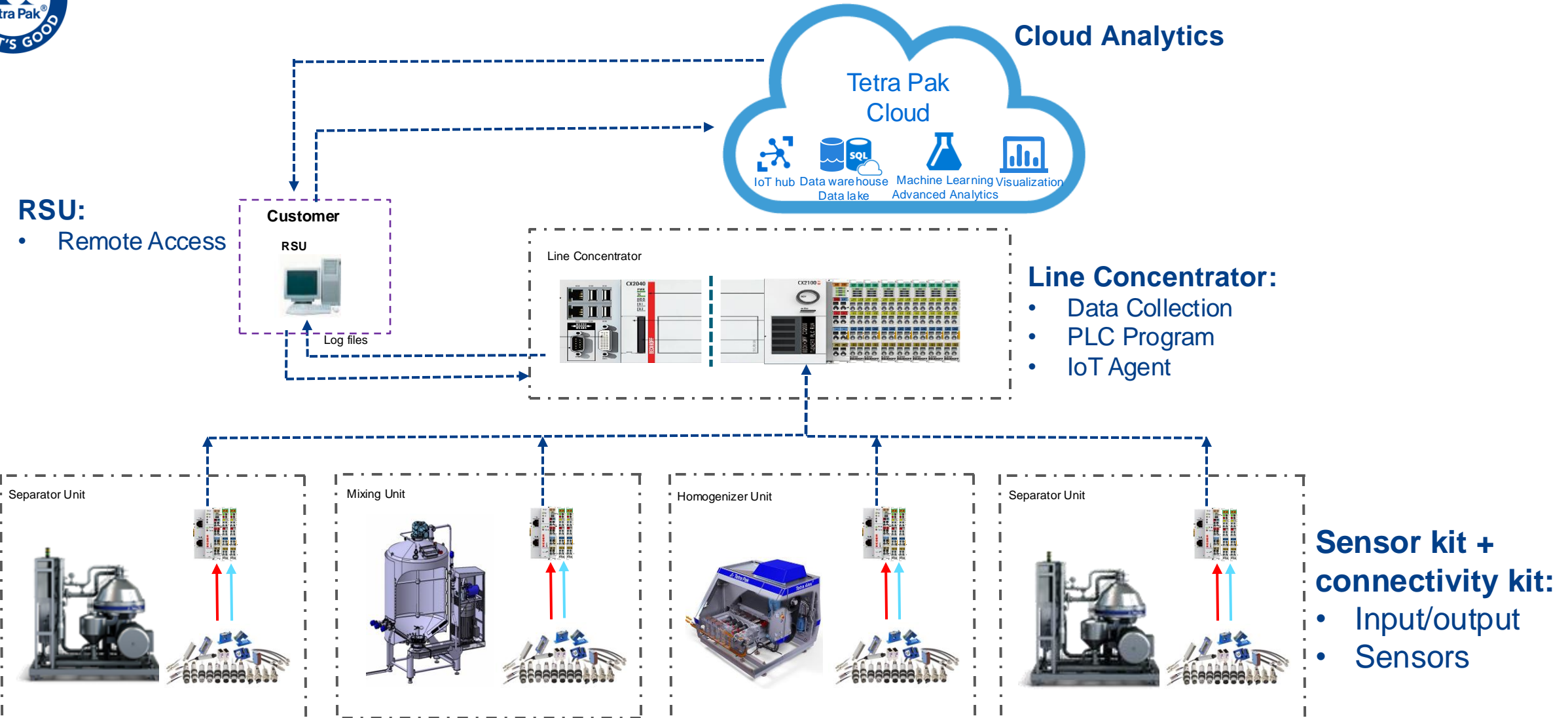
### TS components

Inductor corrosion/wear  
coaxial cable electrical issue  
transformer electrical issue





# Tetra Pak Condition monitoring kit

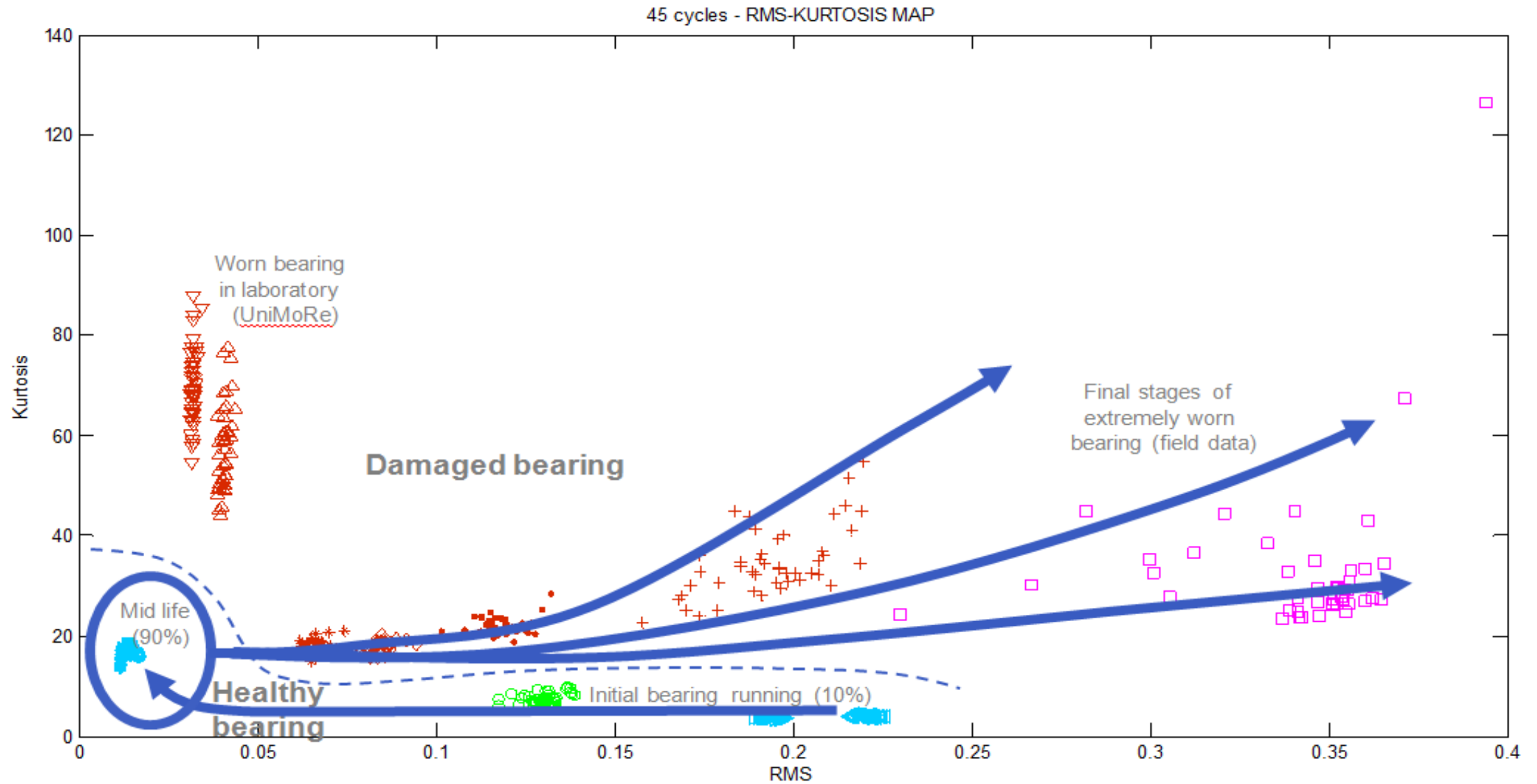


# Incipient Fault Prediction

Example of positive cases  
at Customer Site



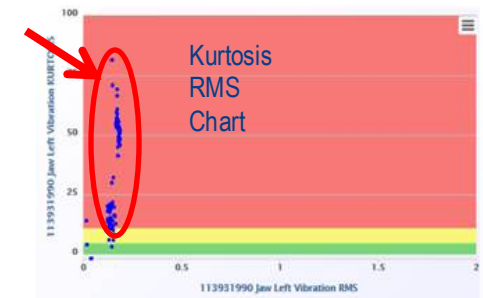
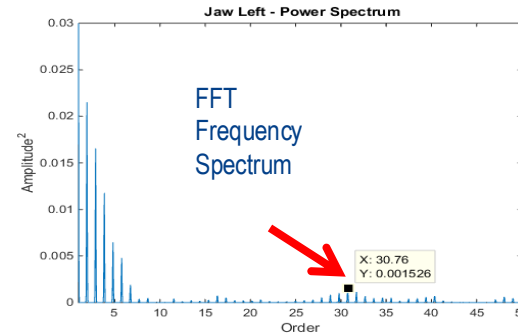
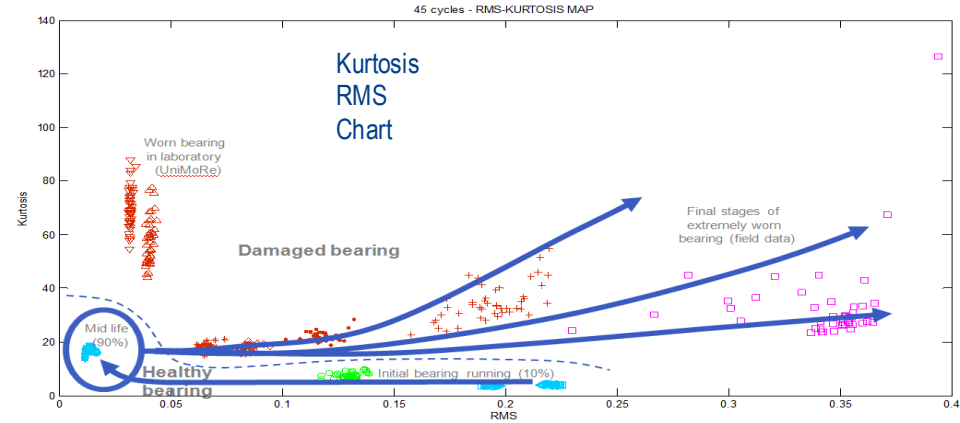
# RMS-Kurtosis map





# Case #1

- ▶ All the algorithms used give the same output: evident signs of incipient faults. This is an example of positive case of incipient fault predicted with CM-Kit.
- ▶ FSE during regular maintenance finds the motor as **evidently worn out** (high friction in turning the JSU pulley)
- ▶ Motor opened to check the fault



Inner ring incipient failure



Iron dust



Comparison with previous cases





## Case #2

**Kurtosis increased** in the last few weeks

- ▶ Market Company informed to check
- ▶ **Bellow Coupling mechanical problem** found
- ▶ Bellow Coupling changed



Bellow Coupling





## Case #3

RMS increased drastically at the same time as Kurtosis decreased

- ▶ At this time customer also notice a **screaming sound** from the machine!
- ▶ Customer continued to run production without any disturbance from this noise
- ▶ At next long production stop the "**Elastic Coupling**" was **adjusted**, and the noise disappeared!





## Case #3

RMS decreased to normal, but Kurtosis increased to a very high value

- ▶ Kurtosis increased again, and the service engineer found **wornout belt and bearing!**
- ▶ Components have been changed





## Case #4

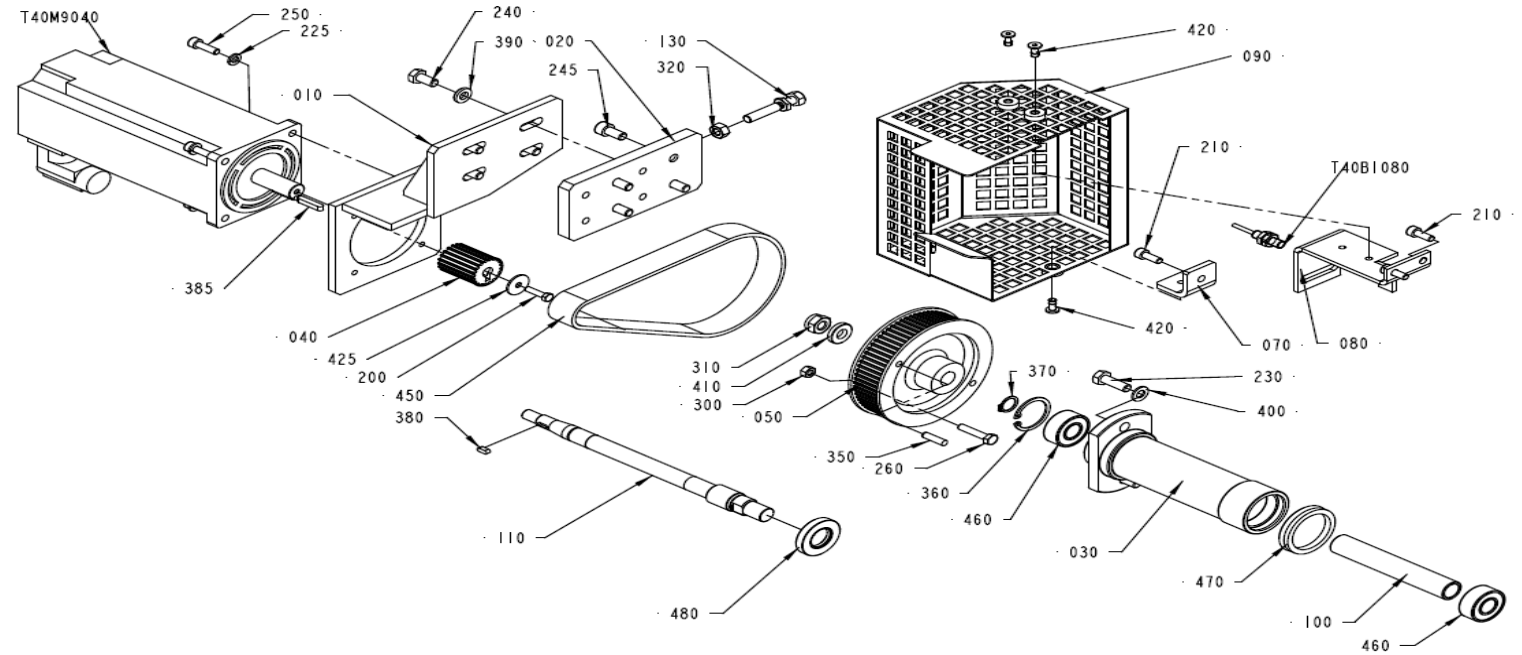
The RMS has been increasing for some time now

- ▶ Site engineer has started to investigate
  - Oil level in gearbox ok!
  - Flow of cooling liquid ok!
- ▶ Next step will be to dismantle the motor and check the ball bearings
- ▶ Findings: **Cavity in the lid of the motor was worn out!** Bearings miscoloured (Overheated)





## Case #5



RMS increased over time, and so did the "Design Correction" warning from the off-line data of the machine.

- ▶ After first inspection, the "Site engineer" found a **worn Belt!** Belt will be changed next TPMS.



## Case #6

Kurtosis increased on YokeLeft

- ▶ Site engineer found the 4 **Traction belts too loose!** Belts were adjusted! Value decreased!

Kurtosis increased again!

- ▶ **Belt was found loose again!** Belts were tightened again with good result!





# Example of condition monitoring

Start date	Customer/Line	Background & Action	Comments
2017-02-15	Sancor Line X JawRight		<p>JawRight has an increased "Kurtosis" over time, and need to be investigated!</p> <p>Site engineer informed via "Weekly report"</p> <p>Site engineer found broken lubrication hose! Was replaced! Site engineer checked the right jaw finding mechanic play between the axis and the locator piece (<b>See video!</b>) The parts in bad condition was replaced we did basic measures and now the filling machine is running.</p>

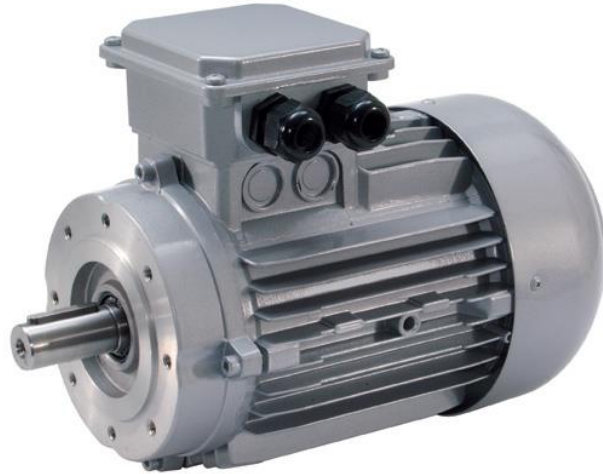
Pictures/Movies	Result
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# Independent Carts System

Development of condition monitoring  
for a new technology



# Evolution of electrical motors in Industry

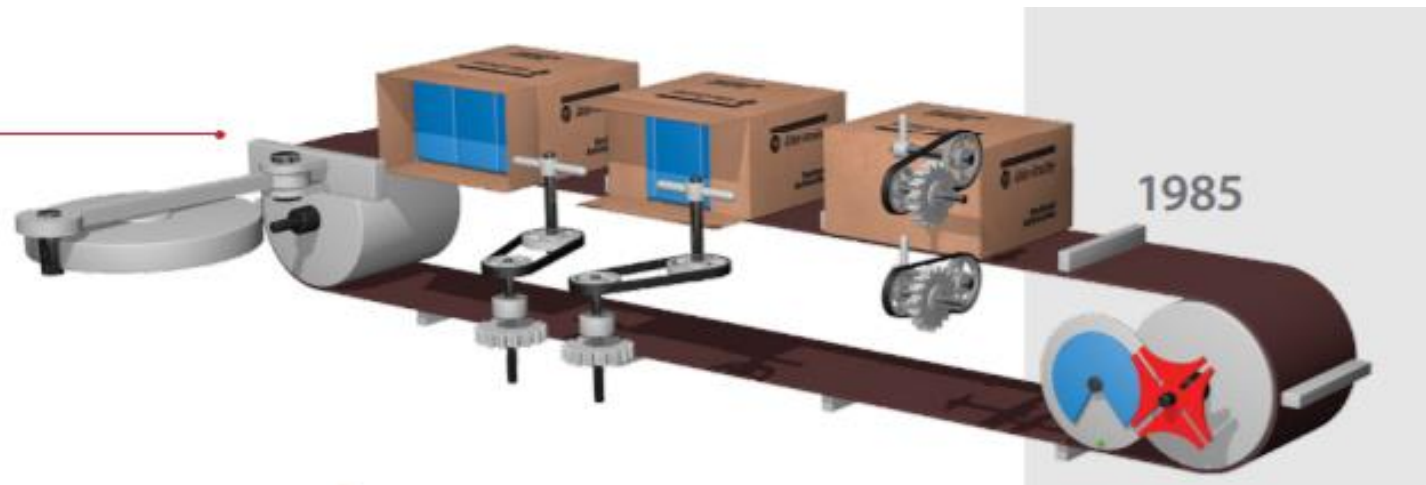


Asynchronous motors working at constant speed

## Traditional motor solutions

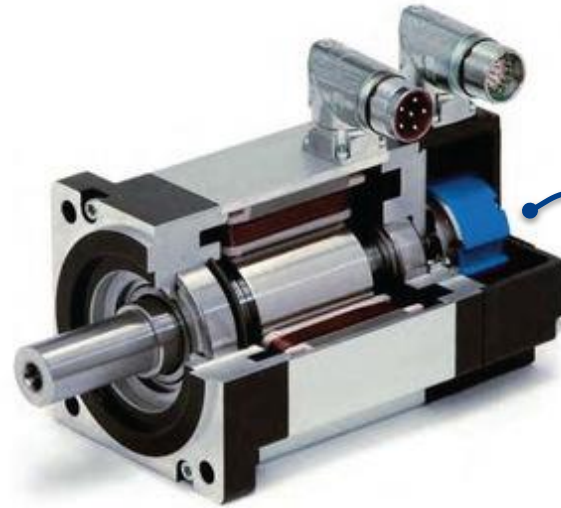
### Mechanical line shaft

- Complex mechanical designs and constant maintenance
- Little flexibility or scope for upgrades
- Limited in speed by the wider system
- Energy wasted through friction





# Evolution of electrical motors in Industry



Brushless servo motors can work at variable speed

Encoder



## Electronic line shaft

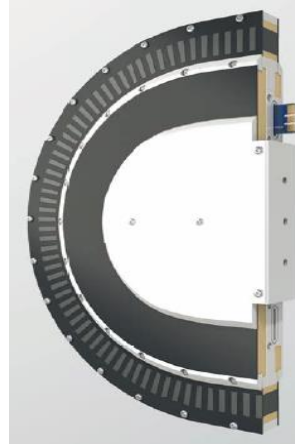
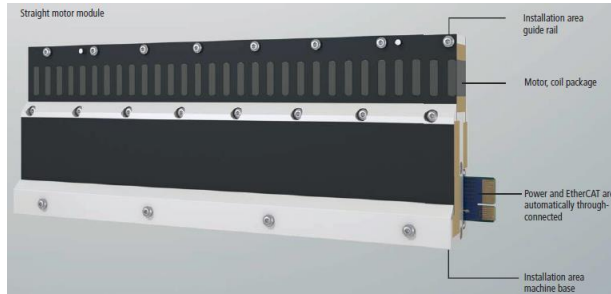
- Reduced maintenance and a degree of flexibility
- Upgrade templates along with new mechanical challenges
- Improved line speed
- Improved energy consumption





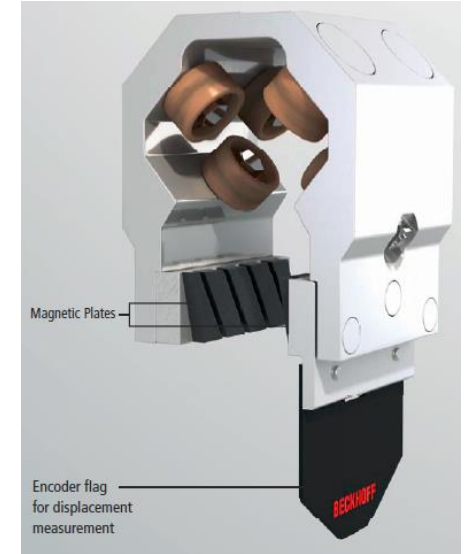
# Independent Carts Technology

## Straight Modules



## Curved Modules

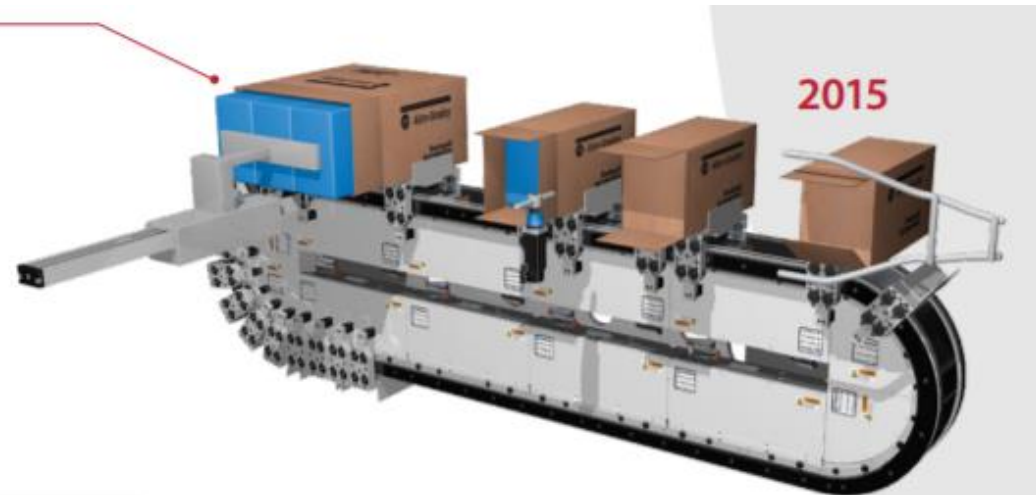
## Carts



### iTRAK pitchless technology

Designed without mechanical constraints to:

- Minimize maintenance
- Change between products at the push of a button
- Simplify mechanical designs
- Upgrade easily by reducing complex tooling
- Operate faster with less downtime
- Reduce energy consumption through direct drive







# Independent cart use case

- The Independent Carts System uses linear motors to control one or more movers that are constrained by rollers to follow a track.
- The track can have different shapes with curved and straight parts and it has a flexible architecture to build modular configurations.
- In this way, a high-performance flexible system can be carried out, with this technology each mover can be controlled independently [1] [2].
- The movers can accelerate, decelerate, take an absolute position and produce forces.





# Independent cart use case

## Advantages

1. High flexibility
2. High production rate
3. Possible to control each cart independently

## Disadvantages

1. Each cart has bearings and end-effector that are subject to wear
2. Very complex system

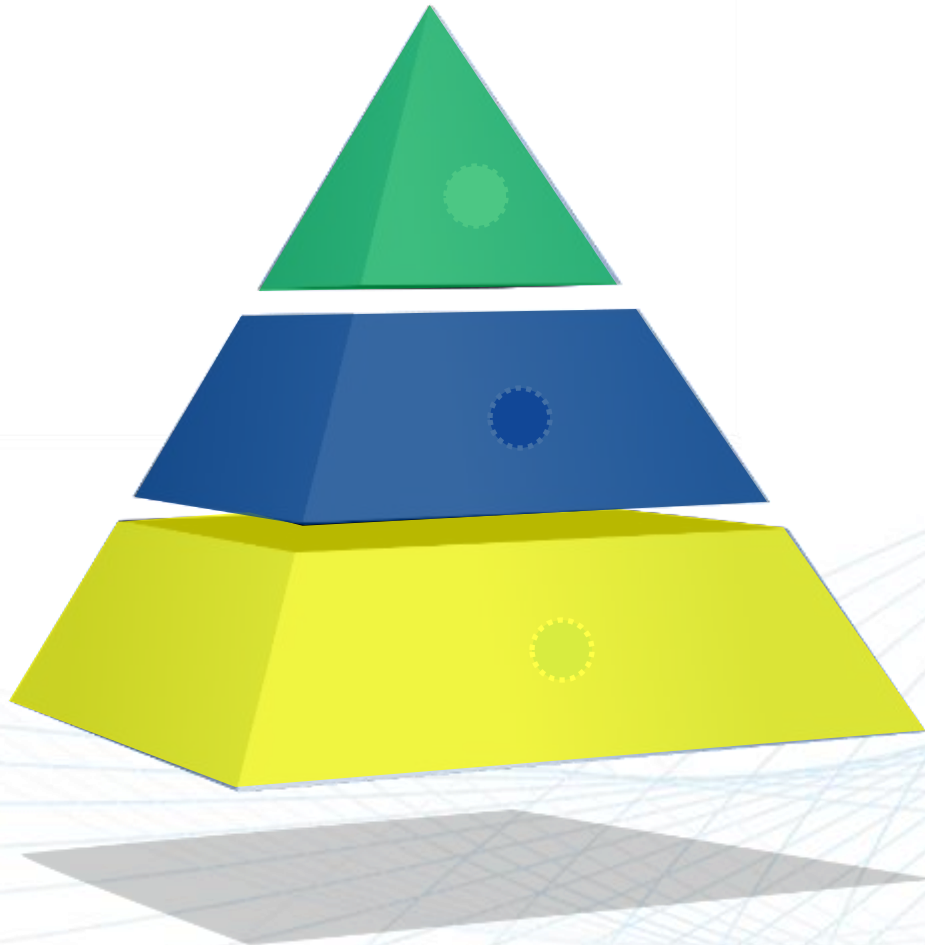
### **Problems for the creation of a condition monitoring system:**

- Slide different of the behaviour of each mover
- No-stationary working conditions
- Not complete know how of the possible failure mode



# Condition Monitoring framework pyramid

A continuous learning process



## Predictive maintenance

- Thanks to the historical data and model of the system is possible to predict a near-future failure and to predict the Remaining Useful Life.

## Fault detection

- It is possible to detect peculiar way of failure of the machine components.

## Anomaly detection

- Detect only the behaviour variation of the system but not detect any precise failure. There are few or nothing historical cases of failures of the equipment.

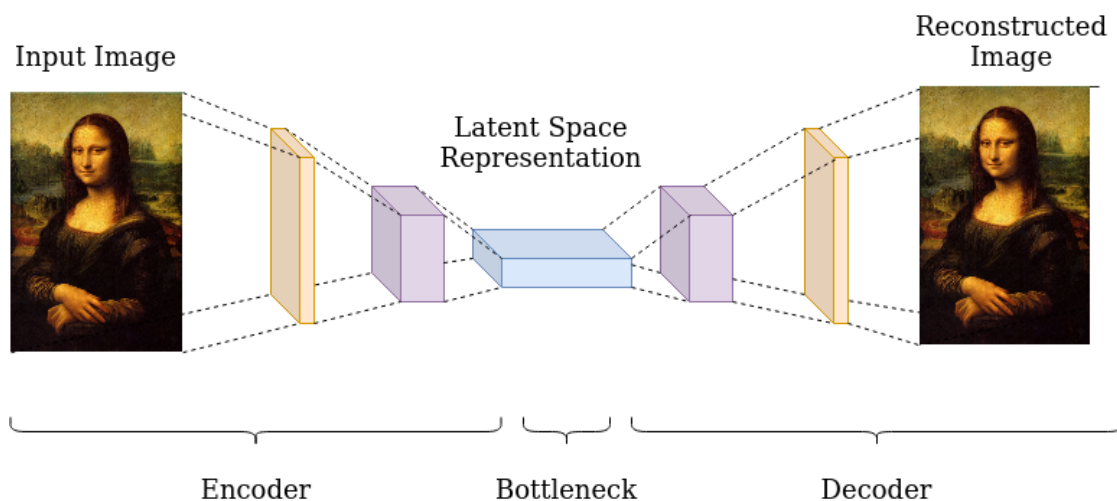


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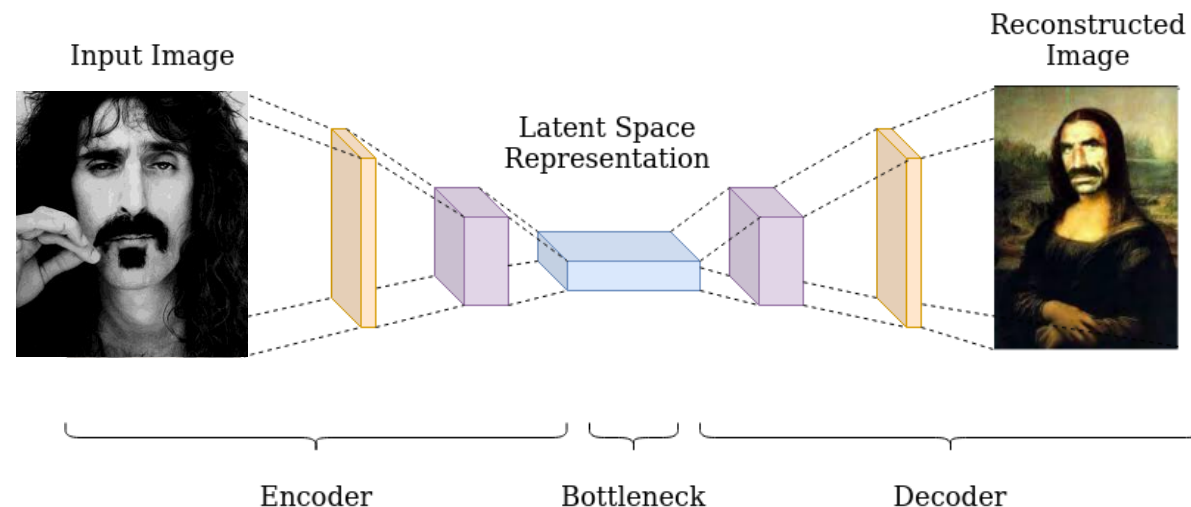
## Anomaly detector

- To overcome the problem a data-driven approach has been developed.
- An anomaly detector based on an autoencoder architecture is used to detect anomalies of the system.
- The autoencoder is train to recontract healthy signals with high precision and anomaly signal with lower precision.
- By check the recontraction error it is possible to identify anomalies on the signals.

### Normal behaviour



### Anomaly behaviour



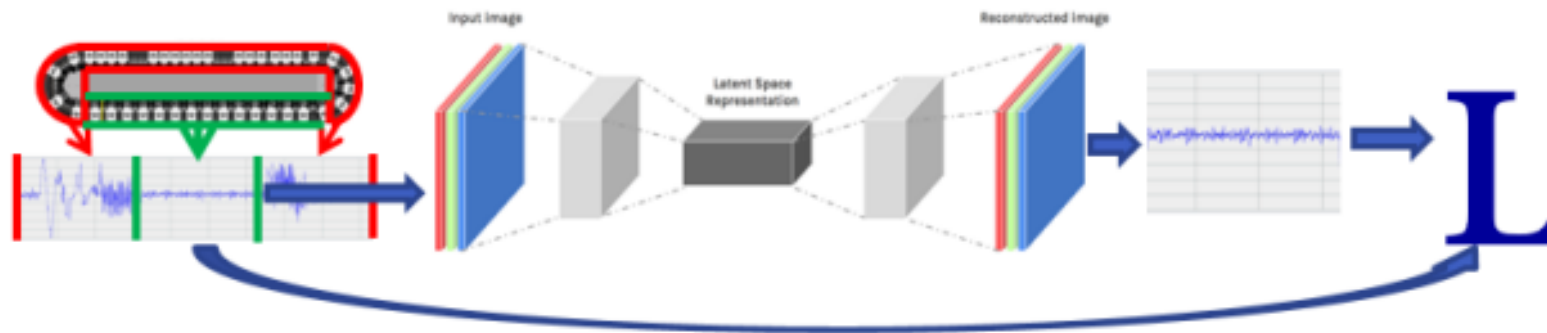


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## Anomaly detector

The autoencoder is trained to reconstruct healthy signals with high precision and anomaly signals with lower precision. By checking the reconstruction error, it is possible to identify anomalies on the signals.

For each mover, several signals of position, velocity, and force in the case of healthy conditions are used for the training of the model. It is possible to use convolutional neural networks[2] or Temporal convolutional neural networks[3]







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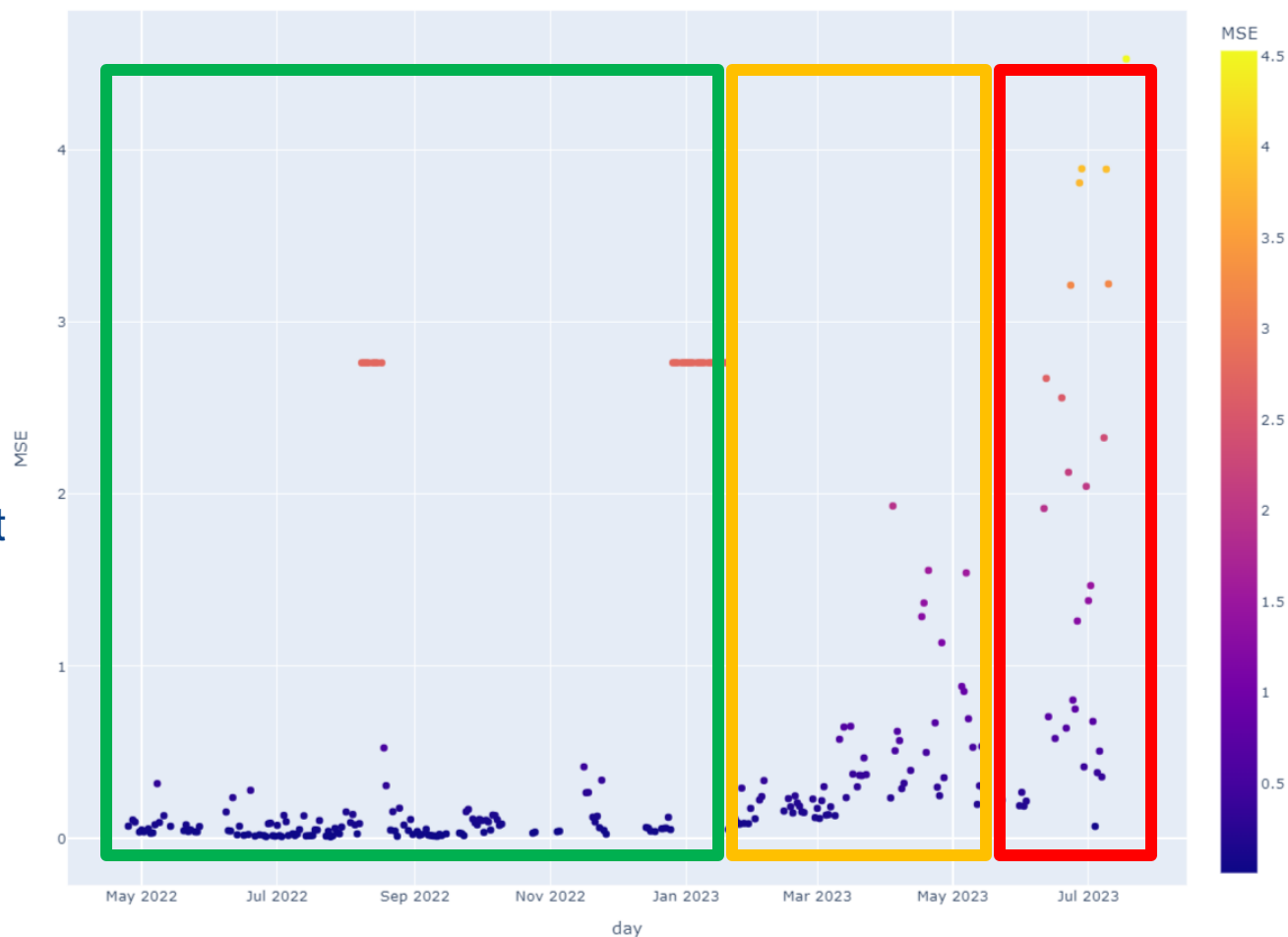
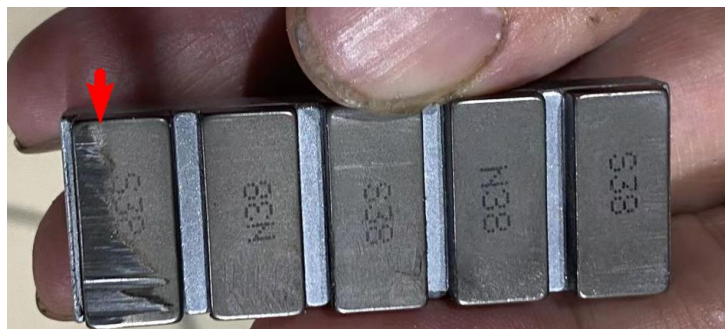
## Anomaly detector

The anomaly detector has been trained with current, position, position error of each cart. Once per day the model runs and generates the signal reconstruction.

The Mean square Error is used as a metric for the detection of the anomaly.

In 2023 one cart presents a creasing of the MSE during time.

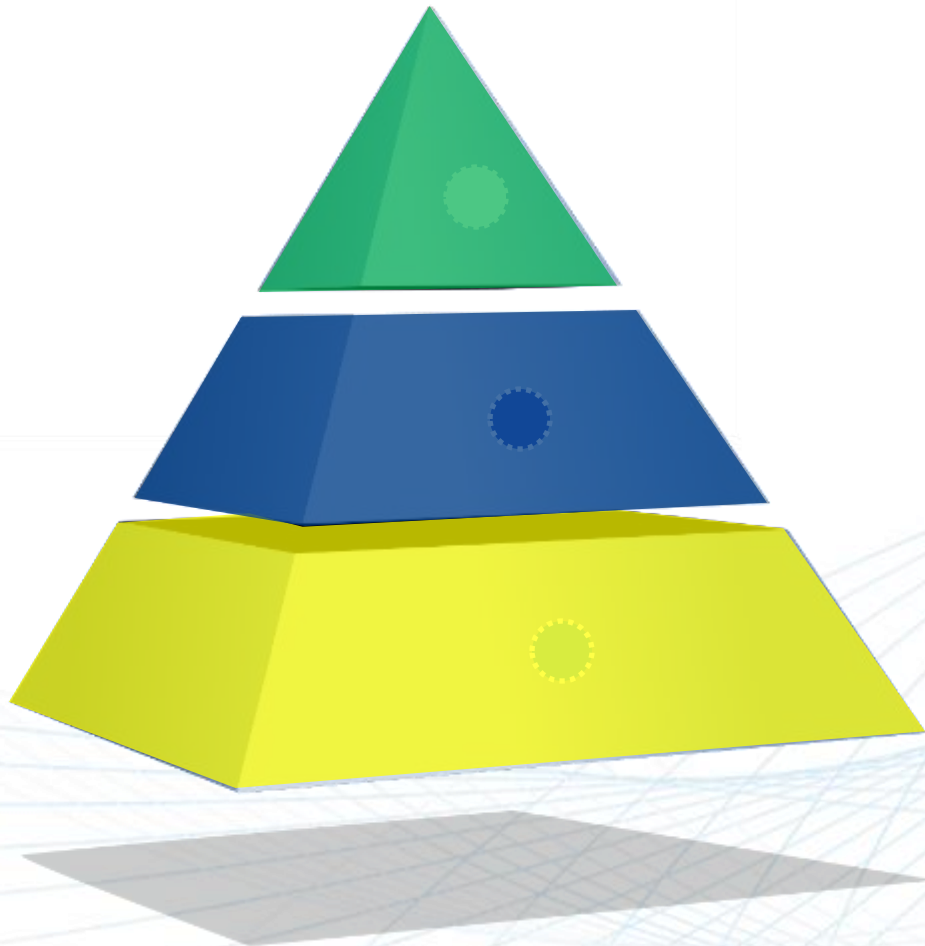
After a check on the machine, it has been detected that the mover presents a cut magnet due to a collision.





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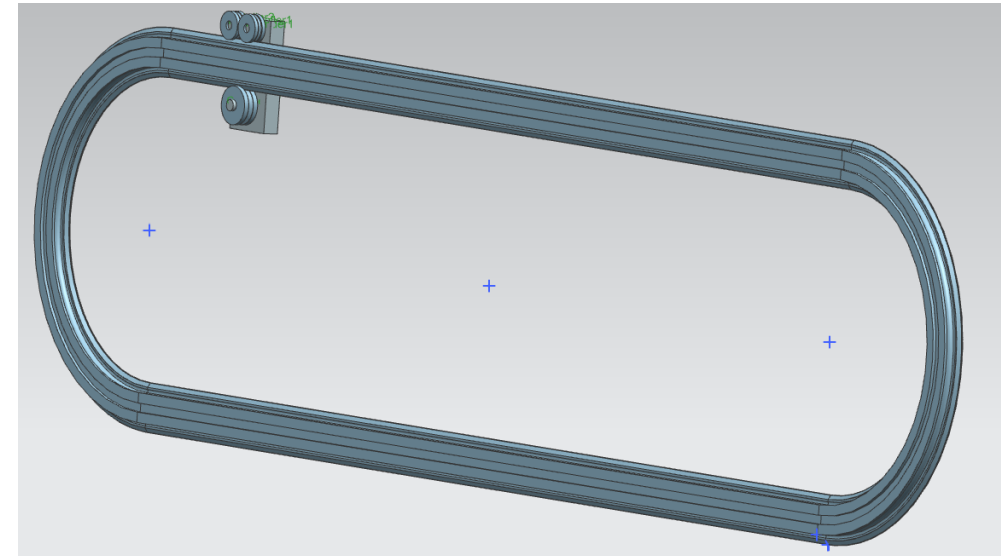




# Independent cart use case

## Fault detection- model based approach

- ▶ The target is to model the XTS system where the bearing roller is modelled with a complete multibody model.
- ▶ The model takes into consideration a simplified cart moved by an external driver.



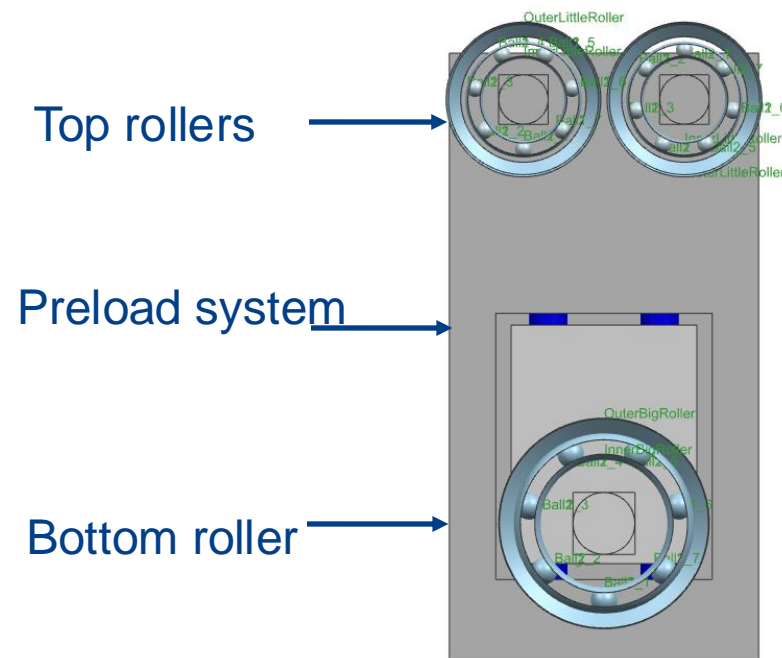


# Independent cart use case

## XTS model

- The cart consists of three double row ball bearings;
- The top bearings are smaller than the one in the bottom;
- The bottom bearing is connected to a spring preload system;
- Each bearing has a double row of rolling elements ;
- The bearing is modelled with analytical contact;
- Each bearing is connected to the cart by a bushing connector.

Simplified Cart







# Cart vs. multibody model

Mover's Bearing Configuration

Small Bearing (Top Left)



Small Bearing (Top Right)

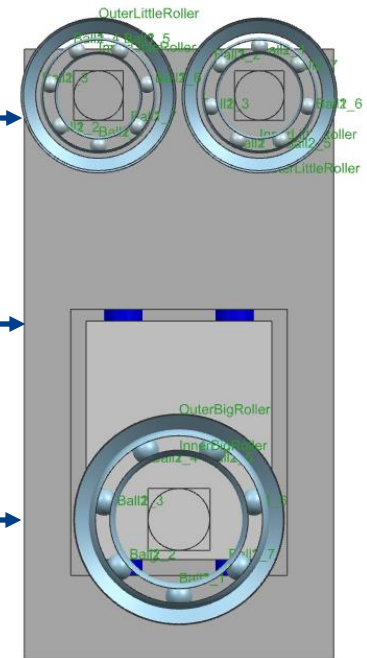
Big Bearing (Bottom)

Simplified Cart

Top rollers

Preload system

Bottom roller



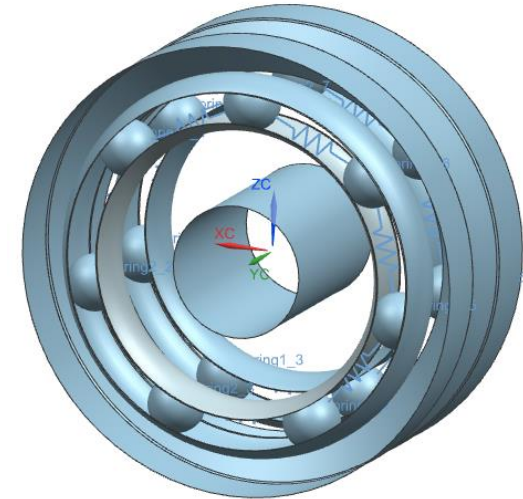


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Double row deep groove ball bearing



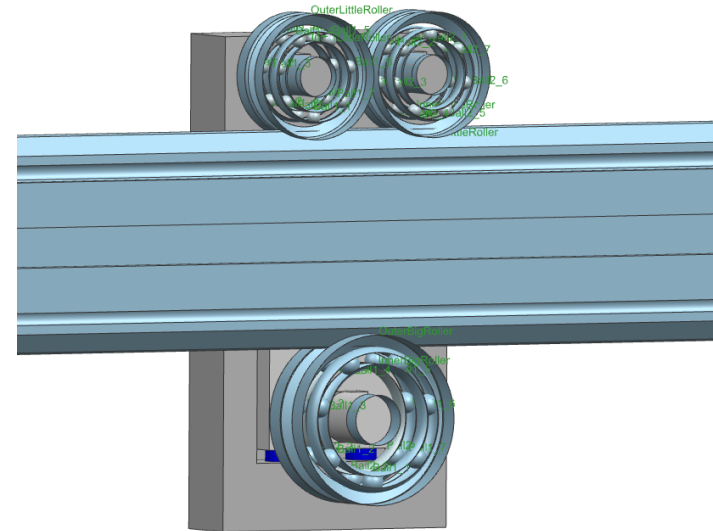


# Independent cart use case

## XTS model

- The contact between the external rolling surface and the rail has been modelled as an analytical contact between the revolution surface of the bearing and the extrusion surface of the roller.
- The cart is moved by a driver that follows a predefined motion profile

Rail connection





# Independent cart use case

XTS model





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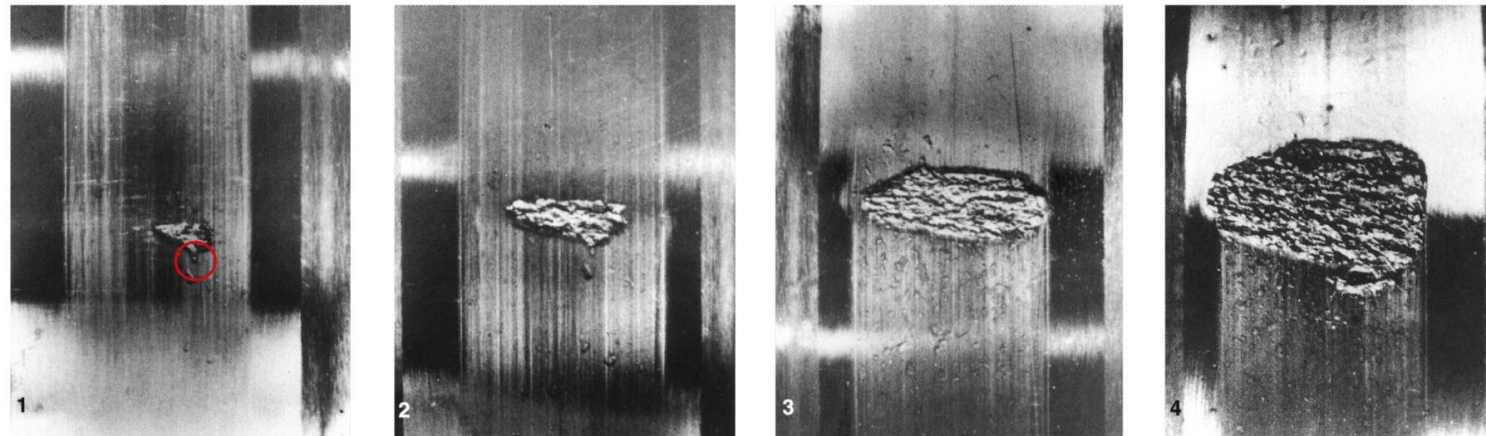
## XTS model

One of the most typical bearing damages is **the spall on the raceway**.

Spalling is the result of surface or sub-surface fatigue which causes fractures in the running surfaces.

In the experimental campaign a ball bearing has been artificially damaged in order to reproduce a spall damage.

Typical evolution of a spall damage





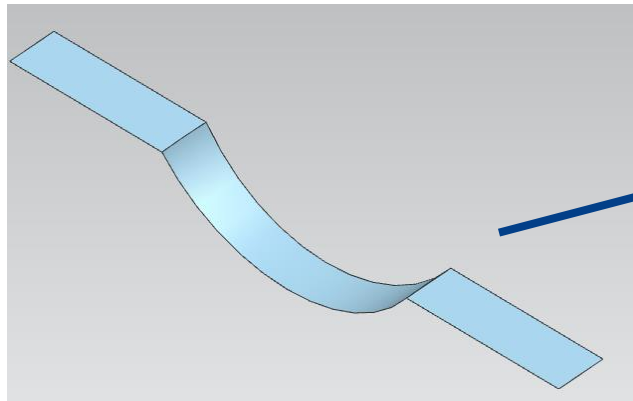


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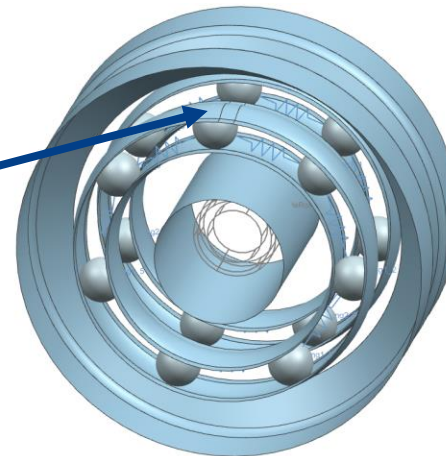
## XTS model

- ▶ In order to model a **spall damage on the outer ring with an analytical contact formulation of the ball contact**, a double revolution surface has been created with a dimension comparable to the real damage.
- ▶ The validation of the model consists in the vibration comparison between the simulated cart with the damaged bearing and the real cart with an artificial spall damage.

Modelled damage surface with an inner ring curvature 0.01mm higher than the normal one



Damaged inner ring bearing

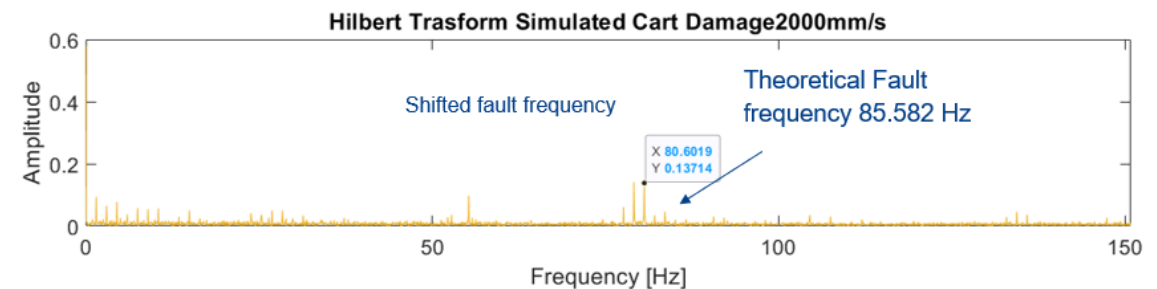
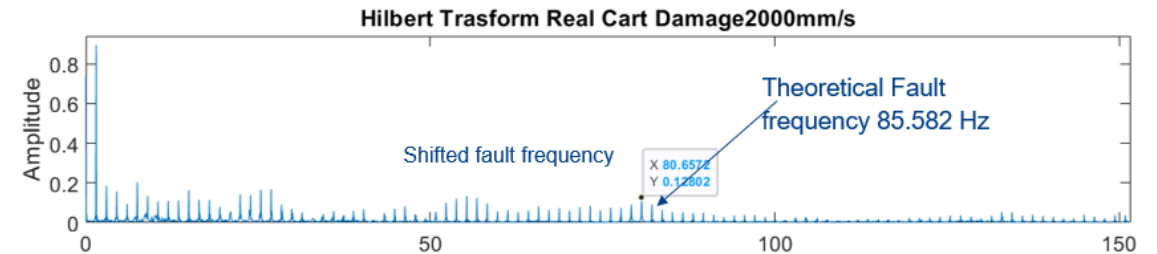
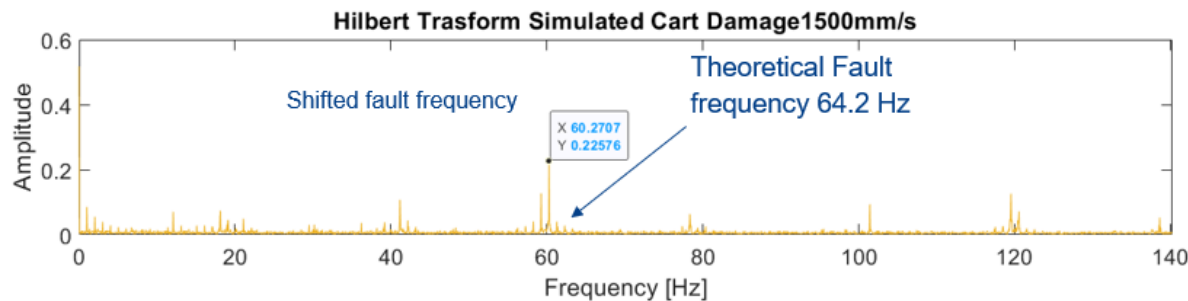
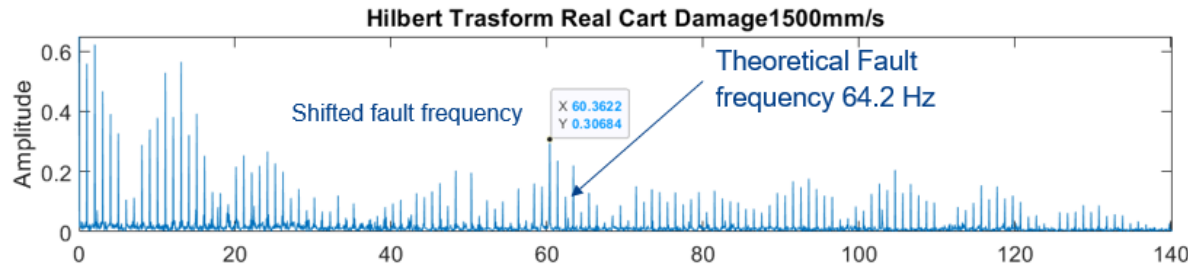




# Independent cart use case

## XTS model

- A deep groove ball bearing model has been developed and validated;
- The bearing model allows to create internal damage of different dimension in the bearing;
- The healthy and damaged bearings have been developed and validated for an Independent Cart System.





# Conclusions

## Condition monitoring in Industry 4.0

- ▶ Today, machines provide different data for the control of processes and electric motors that can be used in diagnostics
- ▶ In the short term, industries are mainly interested in anomaly detection
- ▶ Simple statistical indicators, although they do not clearly identify causes, are preferable for alerting the technical service and planning more thorough checks
- ▶ Peculiar information is still provided by customer support but is not considered in the current literature which is focused on data processing.



# Conclusions

## Condition monitoring in Industry 4.0

- ▶ In the medium to long term, machine learning (ML) is preferred for ease of use.
- ▶ In-depth knowledge of the physical phenomenon is not required, and over time data are stored and they can be used to improve the training step
- ▶ The same ML framework can be used to make diagnostics for different parts of the machine.
- ▶ Diagnostics with a model-based approach need time to be ready and they are developed mainly for the key components or future re-design



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