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Machine Vibration Measurement and Its Importance in Preventive Maintenance

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Abstract:

Machine vibration measurement is a cornerstone of predictive and preventive maintenance strategies in industrial settings. It allows the detection of early-stage defects such as imbalance, misalignment, and bearing wear. By identifying such issues proactively, organizations can reduce unplanned downtime, optimize maintenance schedules, and extend equipment lifespan. This paper explores the theoretical basis of vibration measurement, modern analysis techniques, real-world applications, and the future of vibration monitoring within Industry 4.0 frameworks.

1. Introduction:

Industrial equipment operates under high mechanical and thermal stresses, making it susceptible to various types of wear and failure. Unexpected machine failure not only results in production losses but can also compromise safety. Preventive maintenance, which involves regular and planned equipment servicing, has evolved to include condition-based monitoring (CBM), where machine health is continuously assessed using real-time data.

Among the various CBM techniques, vibration measurement stands out due to its ability to provide early warning signs of mechanical failure. As the mechanical components degrade, their vibrational signatures change in measurable ways. This enables engineers to act before a failure becomes catastrophic.

2. Principles of Vibration Measurement:

2.1 Fundamentals of Vibration

Vibration is defined as the periodic or random motion of a mechanical component or system around a point of equilibrium. In rotating machinery, vibration is often induced by unbalanced masses, misalignments, or structural defects. It can be described using Newton's second law:

F=ma=md2xdt2F = ma = m\frac{d^2x}{dt^2}F=ma=mdt2d2x

Where:

- FFF is the force causing the vibration,
- mmm is the mass,
- aaa is the acceleration,
- xxx is the displacement.

A single-degree-of-freedom (SDOF) damped vibration system can be modeled by the differential equation:

mx¨(t)+cx˙(t)+kx(t)=F(t)m\ddot{x}(t) + c\dot{x}(t) + kx(t) = F(t)mx¨(t)+cx˙(t)+kx(t)=F(t)

Where:

- mmm = mass,
- ccc = damping coefficient,
- kkk = stiffness,
- F(t)F(t)F(t) = external force,
- x(t)x(t)x(t) = displacement as a function of time.

This model forms the basis for interpreting real-world vibration signals in engineering applications.

2.2 Types of Vibration

- Free Vibration: Occurs when a system oscillates after an initial disturbance without external forces.
- Forced Vibration: Induced by an external periodic or random force (e.g., unbalanced rotor).
- Damped vs. Undamped Vibration: Real systems have damping which dissipates energy. Undamped systems are idealized.

2.3 Vibration Parameters

• Displacement (µm or mils)

- Suitable for low-frequency analysis (e.g., slow-speed gearboxes)
- Measured peak-to-peak or RMS

• Velocity (mm/s or in/s)

- Best general indicator of machine condition
- Preferred for ISO 10816 [5] compliance

• Acceleration (g or m/s^2)

- Ideal for detecting high-frequency phenomena such as bearing defects

These parameters are interrelated through frequency (ω\omegaω):

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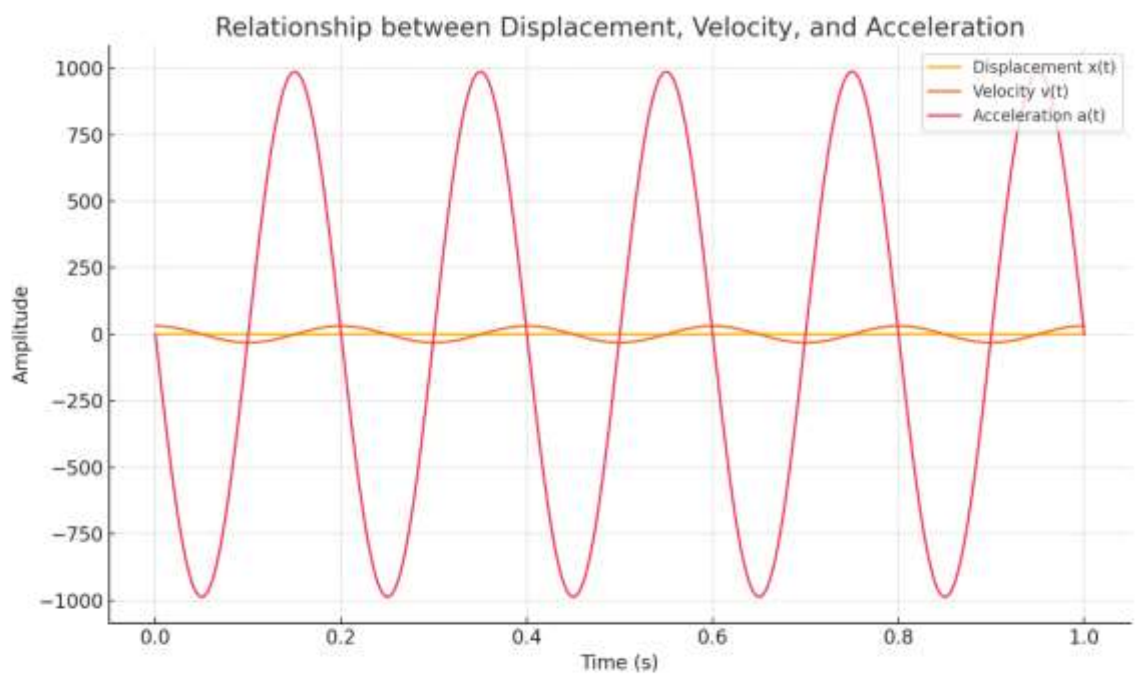

2.4 Measurement Instruments

• Accelerometers:

- Piezoelectric-based
- High sensitivity and wide frequency range (up to 10 kHz+)

• Proximity Probes:

- Measure shaft displacement directly
- Common in turbomachinery

• Velocity Transducers:

- Measure velocity directly using electromagnetic principles

• Laser Vibrometers:

- Non-contact measurements
- Useful for delicate or inaccessible equipment

2.5 Signal Acquisition and Sampling

Digital acquisition of vibration signals must follow the Nyquist theorem, which states:

fs≥2fmaxf_s \geq 2f_{max}fs≥2fmax

Where:

- fsf_sfs = sampling frequency,
- fmaxf_{max}fmax = highest frequency component of interest.

Improper sampling leads to aliasing, corrupting the spectral data.

Anti-aliasing filters are used in conjunction with high-resolution A/D converters (typically 24-bit) for accurate data acquisition.

3. Vibration Analysis Techniques:

3.1 Time Domain Analysis

Time domain analysis involves observing the raw signal as a function of time. It is often the first step in vibration monitoring and is useful for identifying sudden spikes, impacts, or trends.

Key Metrics:

- Peak Value (ApeakA_{peak}Apeak): Maximum deviation from the baseline.
- RMS (Root Mean Square): Represents signal energy, useful for trending.

Arms=1T∫0T[x(t)]2dtA_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T [x(t)]^2 dt}Arms=T1∫0T [x(t)]2dt

- Crest Factor:

CF=ApeakArmsCF = \frac{A_{peak}}{A_{rms}}CF=ArmsApeak

Indicates the presence of peaks or impulsive events like bearing faults.

- Kurtosis: A statistical measure of signal "tailedness". High kurtosis may indicate spiky or impact-related behavior, typical in bearing degradation.

Time domain plots are helpful for observing start-up or shutdown behavior and transient faults.

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Figure 2: Frequency Spectrum of Vibration Signal

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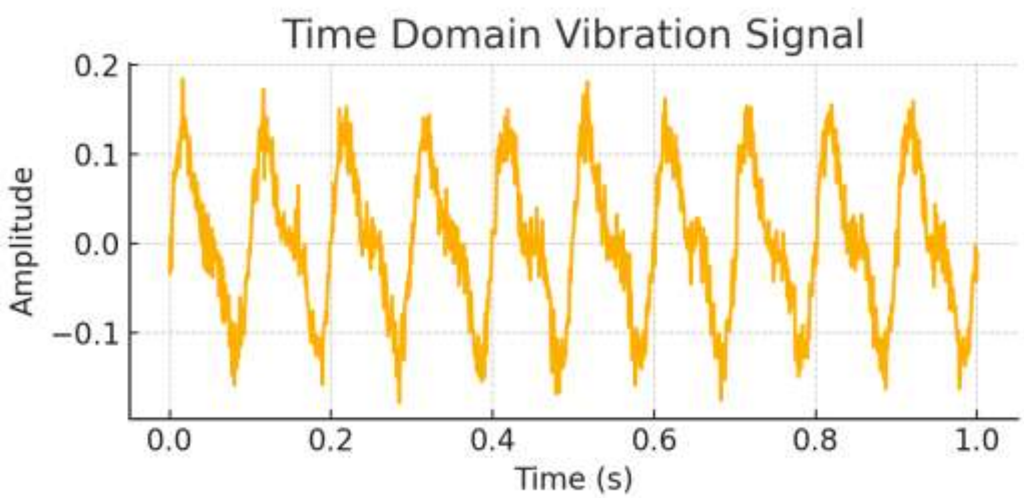

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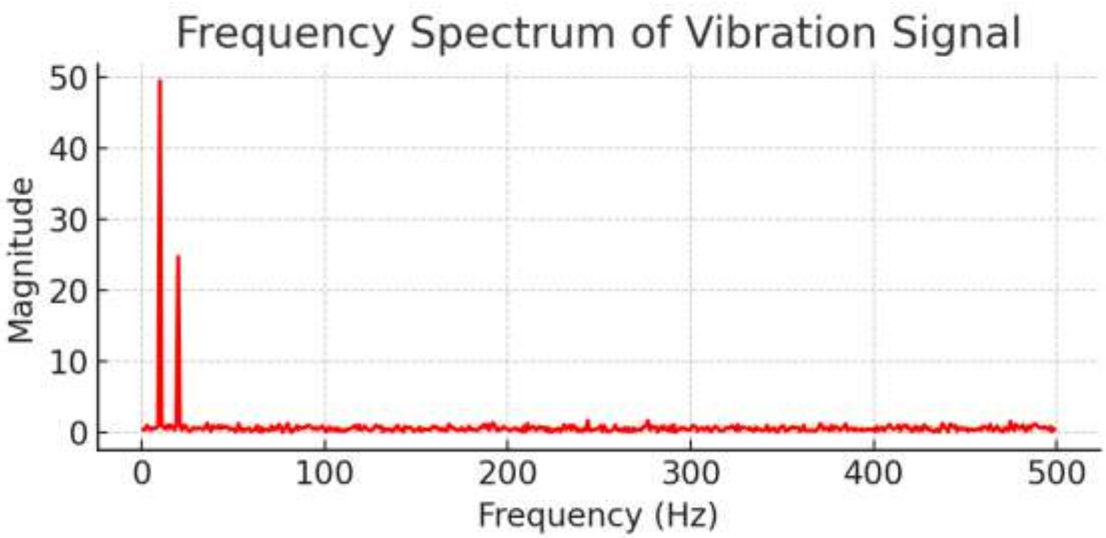

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3.2 Frequency Domain Analysis (FFT)

The Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) converts a time-domain signal x(t)x(t)x(t) into its frequency-domain components X(f)X(f)X(f):

X(f)=∫−∞∞x(t)e−j2πftdtX(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{-j2\pi ft} dtX(f)=∫−∞∞ x(t)e−j2πftdt

In practice, we use the Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) computed efficiently via FFT. This is especially powerful for identifying:

- Imbalance: Dominant peak at shaft rotating speed (1X).
- Misalignment: Peaks at 2X or 3X.
- Bearing Defects: Peaks at characteristic bearing fault frequencies (BPFO, BPFI, BSF, FTF).

FFT-based spectral analysis allows precise fault identification using known frequency signatures. [1], [2], [13]

3.3 Envelope Detection

Envelope detection isolates high-frequency impacts from rolling element bearings or gear faults. It involves:

1. Band-pass filtering the raw signal to isolate the resonance band.
2. Demodulating the signal via rectification.
3. Low-pass filtering the rectified signal to extract the envelope.
4. FFT applied to the envelope to reveal repetitive impact frequencies.

This technique is highly effective for early-stage detection of bearing defects before they are visible in the overall spectrum.

3.4 Order Tracking

Order analysis is used in non-stationary or variable-speed machines (e.g., automotive engines). It transforms vibration data into a synchronous function of shaft rotation (orders), rather than time.

Order Ratio:

Order=Signal FrequencyRotational FrequencyOrder = \frac{Signal\ Frequency}{Rotational\ Frequency}Order=Rotational FrequencySignal Frequency

This method eliminates speed variation effects and helps identify faults like:

- Eccentric gears
- Resonant orders
- Combustion knock in engines

Order tracking requires a tachometer or phase reference signal to correlate data with shaft speed.

3.5 Time-Frequency Analysis (Wavelet Transform)

Time-frequency methods analyze non-stationary signals where frequency content changes over time—something FFT cannot handle efficiently. [15]

Wavelet Transform:

Unlike FFT, wavelets allow multiresolution analysis:

W(a,b)=1a∫x(t)ψ(t−ba)dtW(a, b) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \int x(t) \psi\left(\frac{t - b}{a}\right) dtW(a, b)=a1∫x(t)ψ(at−b)dt. [1], [2]

Where:

- ψ\psiψ = mother wavelet
- aaa = scale (frequency)

- bbb = time shift

Wavelet analysis is ideal for:

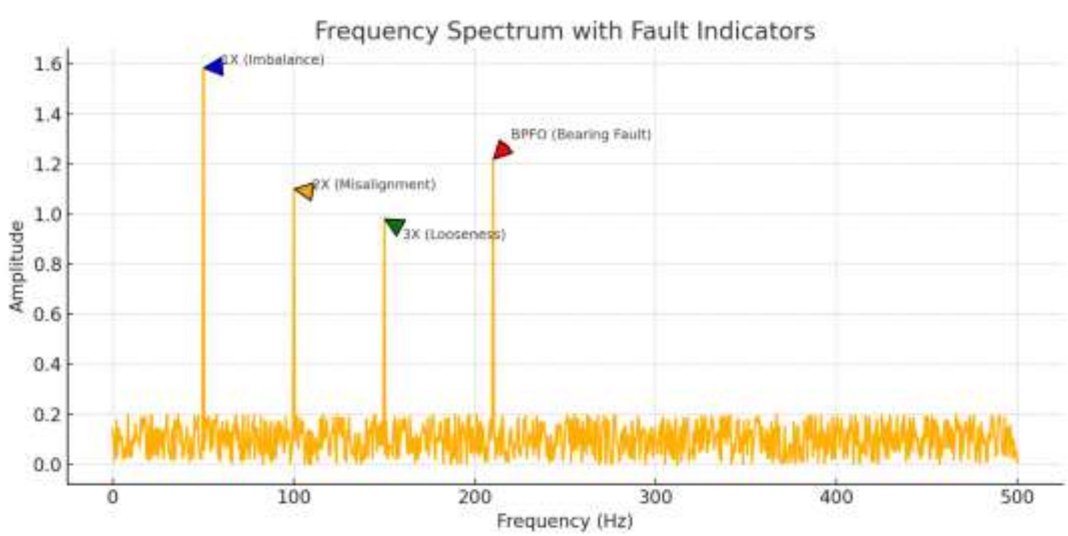
- Transient signal detection (e.g., crack propagation)
- Gearbox noise analysis
- Start-up or shutdown conditions

3.6 Cepstrum Analysis (Bonus Technique)

The cepstrum is the inverse Fourier transform of the logarithm of the power spectrum. It reveals periodicities in the spectrum, useful for:

- Gear mesh analysis
- Fault detection in systems with modulating frequencies

Cepstrum(x(t))=F−1{log|F{x(t)}|}Cepstrum(x(t)) = \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left\{ \log \left| \mathcal{F}\{x(t)\} \right| \right\}Cepstrum(x(t))=F−1{log|F{x(t)}|}



This figure visually identifies key spectral peaks associated with:

- 1X (Imbalance)
- 2X (Misalignment)
- 3X (Looseness)
- BPFO (Bearing Outer Race Fault)

Summary Table: Comparison of Vibration Analysis Techniques

Technique	Domain	Best For	Requires Constant Speed?	Detects Early Faults?
Time Domain	Time	Overall trending	No	No
FFT	Frequency	Known fault frequencies	Yes	No
Envelope Detection	Time-Frequency	Bearing/gear faults	Yes	Yes
Order Tracking	Rotational Order	Variable-speed machines	No	Yes
Wavelet Transform	Time-Frequency	Non-stationary, transient events	No	Yes
Cepstrum	Frequency/Quefrency	Gear and modulated faults	Yes	Moderate

4. Importance in Preventive Maintenance:

4.1 Cost-Benefit Analysis of Vibration-Based Maintenance

Unscheduled machine failures can cost industries millions in downtime, lost production, and damage to adjacent systems. A study by the U.S. Department of Energy [4] indicates:

- 25–30% reduction in maintenance costs
- 70–75% reduction in breakdowns
- 35–45% decrease in downtime
- 20–40% increase in equipment lifespan

This is made possible by shifting from calendar-based maintenance to condition-based maintenance (CBM) using vibration trends as key health indicators.

Example:

A production line with a downtime cost of $5,000/hour can avoid 24 hours of unexpected stoppage annually via vibration monitoring:

Savings=24×5000=$120,000 per year Savings = 24 \times 5000 = \$120,000 \text{ per year}Savings=24×5000=$120,000 per year

4.2 Fault Detection and Prognosis

Vibration analysis provides an early warning system for a wide range of faults. These include:

Fault Type	Vibration Signature	Diagnostic Method
Rotor Imbalance	Peak at shaft frequency (1X)	FFT, Time Domain
Misalignment	Harmonics at 2X, 3X	FFT, Order Tracking
Looseness	Sub-harmonics, 3X+	FFT, Time Domain
Bearing Defects	High-frequency impacts, BPFO, BPFI	Envelope Detection
Gear Mesh Issues	Sidebands around mesh frequency	Cepstrum, FFT
Resonance	Amplified vibration at natural frequency	Modal Analysis

By continuously monitoring these signatures, vibration systems can detect deterioration weeks or months before catastrophic failure.

4.3 Maintenance Strategy Optimization

Preventive maintenance becomes smart maintenance when data from vibration sensors are integrated into a centralized asset management platform. This enables:

- Automated work order creation
- Optimized spare parts inventory
- Real-time alerts and dashboards
- Dynamic scheduling of service crews

In reliability-centered maintenance (RCM), the goal is to maximize uptime while minimizing intervention. Vibration metrics like RMS trends and kurtosis thresholds can be used to dynamically determine when maintenance is truly required.

Example:

If RMS vibration increases by 25% over baseline for 3 consecutive days, a maintenance ticket is automatically triggered.

4.4 Alignment with Industry Standards

Several international standards define acceptable vibration levels and guide maintenance decisions:

- ISO 10816 [5] / ISO 20816: Vibration severity in rotating machines
- ISO 7919 [6]: Shaft vibration measurement
- IEC 60034-14 [7]: Limits for electric motor vibrations
- API 670 [8]: Machinery Protection Systems

These standards provide thresholds for alarm and shutdown levels based on machine type, mounting, and operational speed.

ISO 10816 [5] Classification Example:

Machine Condition	Vibration Velocity (mm/s RMS)
Good	**0 – 2.8**
Satisfactory	**2.8 – 7.1**
Unsatisfactory	**7.1 – 11.0**
Unacceptable	**> 11.0**

4.5 Integration with Root Cause Analysis (RCA)

When a fault is detected, vibration data can assist in performing Root Cause Analysis (RCA) by revealing:

- The initiating frequency
- The time of onset
- The affected component

This leads to permanent corrective actions rather than repeated reactive maintenance.

4.6 Case Example: Manufacturing Plant

Context: A large bottling plant experienced frequent downtime due to unexpected conveyor motor failures.
Action: Vibration sensors were installed on all motor housings and connected to a cloud-based monitoring system.
Result: The system detected rising acceleration values in one unit. Bearing failure was identified 14 days before failure. Replacement was scheduled during planned downtime.

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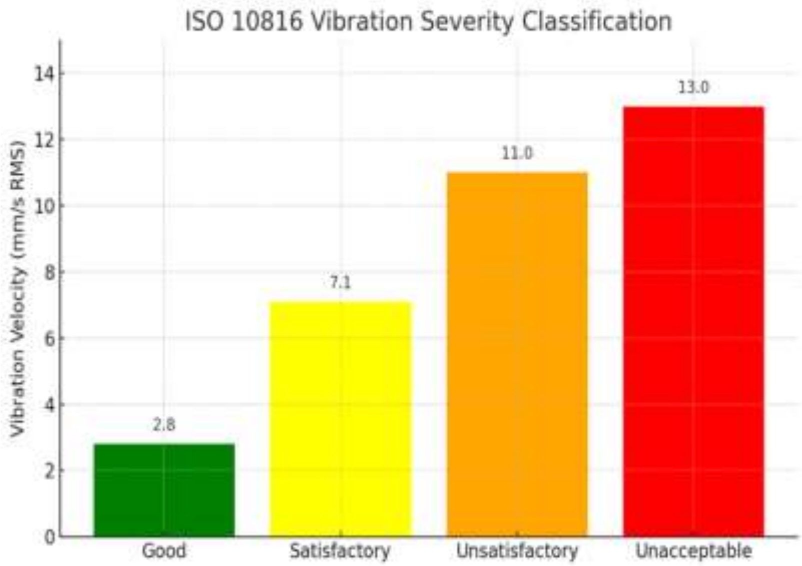
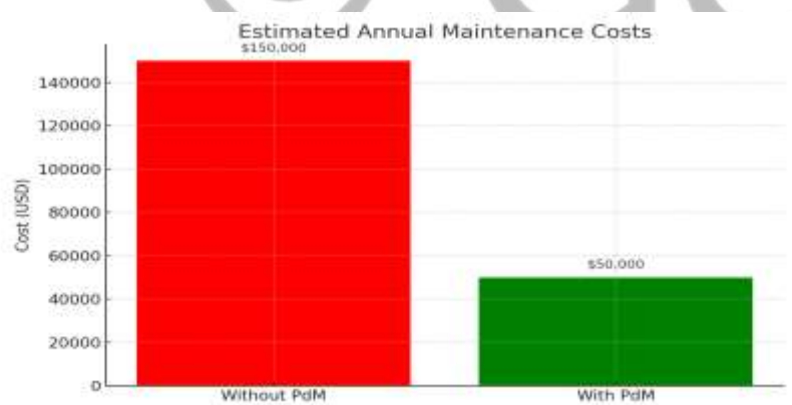
ROI from predictive maintenance in this case: over $75,000 in saved downtime and labor

ISO 10816 [5] Vibration Severity Classification



A visual representation of ISO 10816 [5] Vibration Severity Classification showing acceptable and critical vibration levels for rotating machinery:

This figure can be inserted into the "Importance in Preventive Maintenance" section to visually reinforce the standard thresholds.



A visual ROI comparison of maintenance costs with and without predictive maintenance (PdM).

5. Case Study Example:

5.1 Overview

Industry: Petrochemical Refining
Equipment Monitored: Centrifugal Pumps (API 610 compliant)
Monitoring Scope: Motor-pump assembly including bearings, shaft, and couplings
Objective: Implement vibration-based condition monitoring to reduce unplanned downtime and enhance maintenance efficiency

5.2 Problem Statement

The refinery faced recurrent failures of critical centrifugal pumps used for circulating hydrocarbon fluids. These failures occurred approximately every 5–6 weeks, leading to:

- 24–36 hours of unplanned shutdown per event
- Loss of throughput worth $25,000–30,000/hour
- Maintenance costs averaging $80,000 per failure

Initial root cause analysis was inconclusive, prompting the need for real-time vibration diagnostics.

5.3 Vibration Monitoring Implementation

Component	Sensor Type	Parameter Measured	Mounting Location
Pump Bearings	Piezoelectric Accel	Acceleration (g)	Horizontal + Vertical axes
Motor Housing	Velocity Transducer	Velocity (mm/s RMS)	Axial direction
Shaft Coupling	Proximity Probe	Displacement (μm)	Non-drive end bearing cover

Data Acquisition System:

- 24-bit resolution
- Sampling rate: 12 kHz
- Bandwidth: 10–5000 Hz
- Real-time FFT + Envelope Processing

5.4 Observations and Diagnostics

After 3 weeks of installation, the following trends emerged:

- Gradual rise in RMS velocity from 2.2 mm/s to 6.9 mm/s over 10 days
- FFT revealed dominant peak at 1X (25 Hz) and increasing sidebands around 2X
- Envelope detection uncovered periodic impacts at bearing fault frequency: BPFO ≈ 295 Hz
- Crest factor rose from 3.1 to 5.8

Interpretation:

- Rotor imbalance likely causing initial 1X rise
- Coupling misalignment evidenced by 2X sidebands
- Outer race bearing defect progressing as confirmed by envelope peak and crest factor

5.5 Intervention and Results

Action Taken:

- Scheduled pump maintenance during low-load window
- Replaced damaged bearing, rebalanced rotor, realigned shaft coupling

Outcomes:

- Vibration levels returned to <2.5 mm/s
- No unexpected shutdowns for over 14 months
- Estimated cost savings:

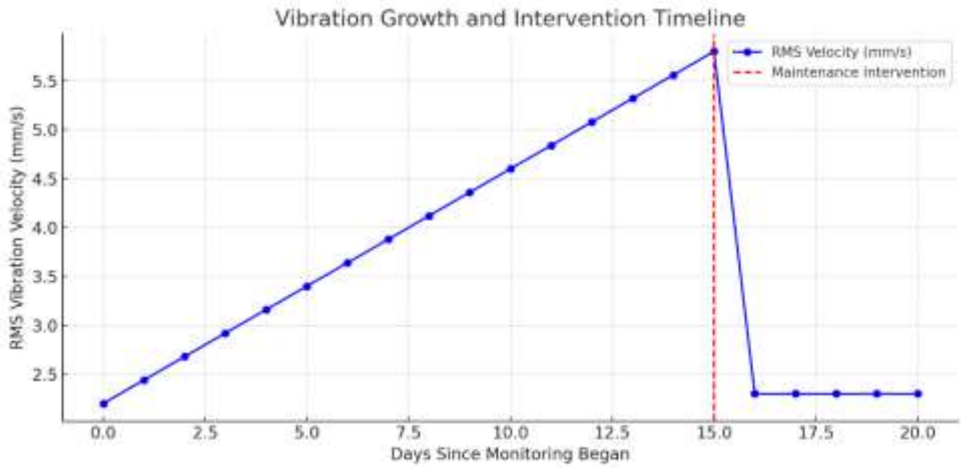
Downtime avoided: 2 failures × 30 hrs × $25,000 = $1.5 million

Repair cost avoidance: ~$160,000

Total ROI on system within 6 months

5.6 Lessons Learned

- Vibration analysis enabled early fault detection with 2–3 weeks lead time
- Envelope detection was critical for identifying incipient bearing defects
- Real-time trend monitoring facilitated data-driven maintenance scheduling
- Integration with plant DCS allowed instant alerts and trend visualization



The timeline-style chart illustrating vibration growth over time and the intervention point during the case study.

6. Integration with Industry 4.0:

6.1 Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS)

Vibration-based maintenance becomes part of a Cyber-Physical System (CPS) when integrated with:

- Embedded sensors
- Real-time processing units
- Communication protocols (MQTT, OPC UA)
- Cloud or edge computing platforms

These systems form a feedback loop where physical assets are monitored, analyzed, and optimized digitally.

6.2 Smart Sensors and Edge Analytics

Smart vibration sensors now include:

- Microcontroller Units (MCUs) for on-board processing
- AI chips (e.g., TinyML models for anomaly detection)
- Wireless capabilities (BLE, Wi-Fi, LoRa)

Edge computing enables:

- Signal preprocessing (e.g., envelope, FFT, RMS) at the sensor level
- Reduction in bandwidth requirements
- Real-time fault detection without cloud dependence

Example: A MEMS-based sensor computes spectral features locally and transmits only feature vectors, reducing data by 95%.

6.3 Cloud-Based Platforms

Cloud platforms serve as central hubs for:

- Data storage (structured and unstructured)
- Visualization (dashboards, KPI tracking)
- Advanced analytics (trend detection, multivariate analysis)

Popular platforms:

Vendor	Platform	Key Features
AWS	IoT Site Wise	Equipment modeling, KPI dashboards
Microsoft	Azure IoT Hub	Edge + cloud analytics, Power BI integration
Siemens	Mind Sphere	Industrial apps, vibration diagnostics
IBM	Maximo Application Suite	AI + CMMS integration

6.4 Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning

AI/ML models enhance vibration diagnostics through: [13], [14]

- Supervised learning (fault classification)
- Unsupervised learning (anomaly detection)
- Reinforcement learning (adaptive maintenance policies)

Common ML Models in Vibration Analysis:

Algorithm	Application Area
CNN (Convolutional)	Spectrogram-based fault classification
LSTM (Recurrent)	Remaining Useful Life (RUL) prediction
k-Means Clustering	Signal pattern grouping (anomaly detection)
SVM (Support Vector)	Binary fault classification

These models are often trained using features such as:

- Spectral centroid
- Kurtosis and skewness
- Energy entropy
- Order harmonics

6.5 Digital Twins and Predictive Simulation

A Digital Twin is a real-time digital model of a physical asset. It continuously receives data from vibration sensors and simulates:

- Component degradation
- Wear rates
- Fault propagation

Use cases include:

- Predictive what-if analysis
- Remaining Useful Life estimation
- Automatic scheduling of replacement parts

Example: A compressor's digital twin reduced emergency maintenance by 60% in one year via predictive simulations using vibration and thermal data.

6.6 Maintenance Automation and Integration

With cloud-based AI models, vibration data can automatically:

- Trigger alarms and generate maintenance work orders in CMMS (Computerized Maintenance Management Systems)
- Prioritize maintenance actions based on severity
- Suggest corrective measures (e.g., lubrication, alignment)

Integrated Architecture:

1. Sensor detects rising vibration trend
2. Edge node calculates FFT and kurtosis
3. Cloud AI classifies "bearing outer race fault"
4. CMMS generates a work order
5. Technician notified via mobile app

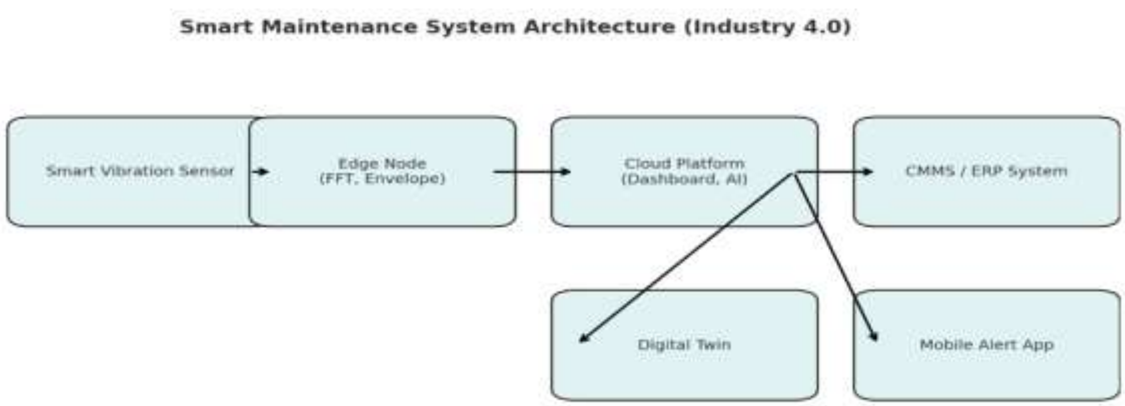
6.7 Security Considerations

Industry 4.0 architectures must be secured. Vibration systems connected via Ethernet or Wi-Fi must implement:

- TLS/SSL encryption

- Access control and authentication
- Firmware update validation
- Segregated network zones

Standards like IEC 62443 [11], ISO/IEC 27001 [12], and NIST SP 800-82 [10] guide cybersecurity for industrial monitoring system



7. Challenges and Limitations:

7.1 Sensor Placement and Mounting Errors

Accurate vibration analysis begins with proper sensor placement. Misplaced or poorly mounted sensors can introduce noise, dampen signals, or even mask critical fault signatures.

Issues include:

- Misalignment of sensor orientation (axial vs. radial)
- Loose mounting or poor surface contact
- Installation on non-representative structural parts (e.g., thin covers)

Poor sensor placement can lead to >30% deviation in vibration severity readings.

7.2 Data Overload and Management Complexity

Modern systems with high-frequency sampling (e.g., 12 kHz/channel) generate massive data volumes, especially when monitoring hundreds of assets.

Challenges:

- High storage costs for raw time-domain data
- Need for scalable cloud infrastructure
- Difficulty in filtering relevant events from benign anomalies

Solution: Use edge computing to extract and transmit only critical features (RMS, kurtosis, FFT peaks).

7.3 False Alarms and Diagnostic Uncertainty

Predictive maintenance models are probabilistic. Therefore, false positives (unnecessary interventions) and false negatives (missed failures) remain a concern.

Causes:

- Inadequate training datasets
- Ambiguous fault signatures
- Cross-interference from adjacent machinery

Mitigation: Ensemble learning and hybrid model architectures combining rule-based and ML approaches.

7.4 Integration Barriers with Legacy Systems

Most industrial plants still operate with legacy PLCs, SCADA systems, or non-networked equipment.

Limitations:

- Lack of standardized communication protocols (e.g., OPC UA, Modbus TCP/IP)
- No direct API access to control systems
- Need for costly retrofitting of sensors and gateways

Approach: Use protocol converters and modular sensor gateways for phased integration.

7.5 Workforce Readiness and Skill Gaps

Effective use of vibration data requires knowledge in:

- Signal processing
- Mechanical diagnostics
- Machine learning
- Industrial communication standards

However, many maintenance teams are not yet equipped to interpret spectral data or configure AI models.

A 2023 study by McKinsey [9] found that 58% of manufacturing firms cited "lack of skilled personnel" as a barrier to digital maintenance adoption.

Solution: Ongoing training, use of intuitive dashboards, and automated diagnostics with AI explainability tools (e.g., SHAP, LIME).

7.6 Economic Constraints

Small and medium enterprises (SMEs) often face challenges in justifying upfront investment in:

- Wireless vibration sensors
- Edge/AI hardware
- Subscription-based cloud platforms

ROI depends on:

- Criticality of equipment
- Frequency of failures
- Downtime costs

Modeling ROI using historical failure data helps justify expenditure.

7.7 Cybersecurity and System Vulnerability

As more vibration monitoring systems connect to the internet or internal OT networks, they become targets for cyber threats.

Risks include:

- Data interception
- Firmware tampering
- Unauthorized device access

Best Practices:

- Encrypted communication (TLS 1.3)
- Network segmentation (IT vs. OT)
- Regular vulnerability assessments

Standard Compliance: IEC 62443 [11], NIST SP 800-82 [10], ISO 27001

Summary Table: Challenges and Mitigations

Challenge	Impact	Mitigation Strategy
Sensor misplacement	**Inaccurate measurements**	**Training, QA checklists**
Data volume overload	**Cost, latency issues**	**Edge filtering, feature extraction**
Diagnostic ambiguity	**False positives/negatives**	**Hybrid AI models, expert system overlays**
Legacy system compatibility	**Delayed integration**	**Protocol converters, phased deployment**
Workforce skill gaps	**Underutilized tools**	**Training, dashboards, AI assistive tools**
High initial investment	**ROI concerns, slow adoption**	**Failure cost modeling, pilot implementations**
Cybersecurity threats	**System compromise**	**Encryption, network segmentation**

8. Conclusion:

Vibration measurement has evolved from a diagnostic tool used by specialists to a foundational element of modern, data-driven maintenance strategies. Through continuous condition monitoring, vibration analysis enables the early detection of mechanical faults, allowing maintenance actions to be taken before failures occur—minimizing downtime, optimizing resource use, and enhancing safety.

This paper has explored:

- Physics and parameters of machine vibration,
- Core signal processing and diagnostic techniques (FFT, envelope detection, wavelet transform),
- The economic and operational advantages of vibration-based preventive maintenance,
- A real-world case study demonstrating cost savings and operational benefits,
- The integration of Industry 4.0 technologies, including AI, IoT, and digital twins,
- And the challenges facing full-scale implementation in industrial environments.

The technical evidence and practical applications presented affirm that vibration-based monitoring is not only a viable option, but an essential strategy in modern asset management. As the Fourth Industrial Revolution continues to mature, this approach will become even more effective with the fusion of machine learning, real-time edge analytics, and secure cloud integration.

Looking ahead, research and development should focus on:

- Improving AI interpretability for maintenance technicians,
- Enhancing multi-sensor fusion (vibration, thermal, acoustic),
- Building more resilient and self-healing systems,

And establishing unified global standards for vibration-based predictive maintenance.

By embracing vibration analysis as a core enabler of smart maintenance, industries can move from reactive firefighting to proactive optimization, ushering in an era of intelligent reliability engineering.

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