


Mission-intensive Inspection 2.0

**By far your most effective machinery
condition monitoring strategy**

Jim Fitch, Noria Corporation



Machines Fail Because of What People Do... and What They Don't Do

Tribology is a Behavioral Science

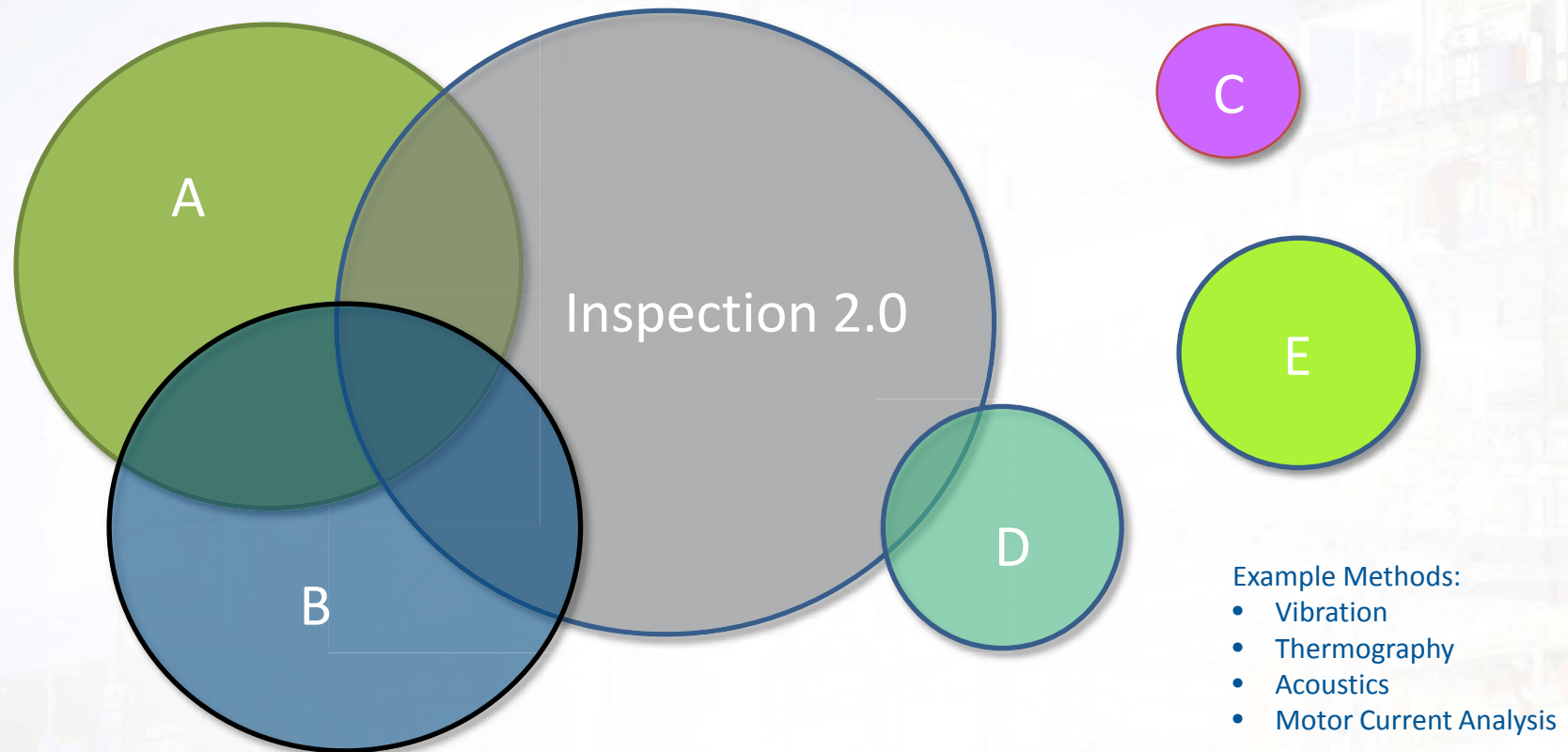
Main Points

- Fishing for Faults
- Time Domains of Machine Failure
- Virtues of Early Fault Detection
- Agony of Undetected Fault Bubbles
- Creating Inspection Windows
- Deploying Advanced Inspection Aids and Tools
- The Role of the Operator

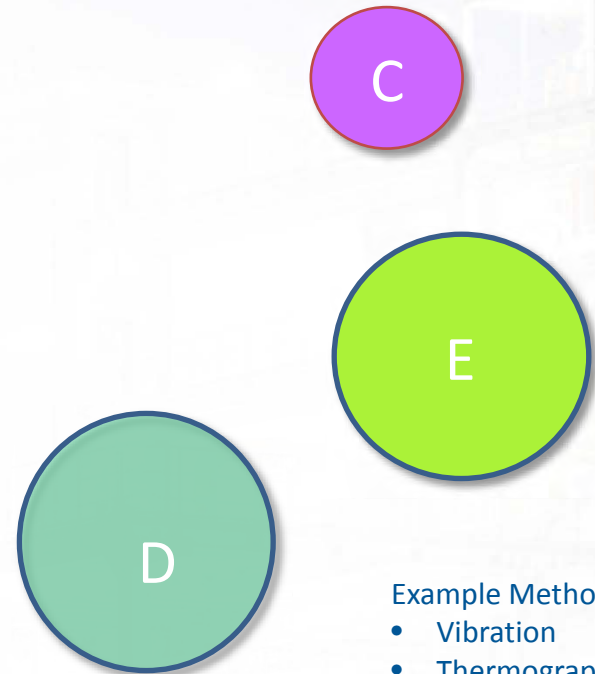
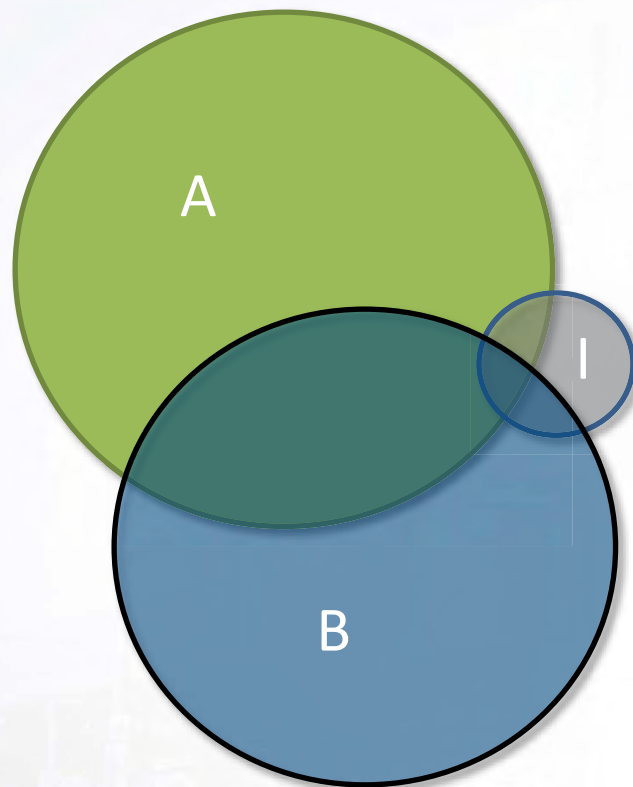
Noria was founded on the premise that ...

- Maintenance is the No. 1 most controllable expenditure in a plant
- Every plant has a hidden plant that must be found
- Lubrication is the No. 1 cause of machine wear and failure
- There is no greater influence on the state of lubrication than human behavior
- All progress depends on change, and change must be enabled

The Condition Monitoring Universe



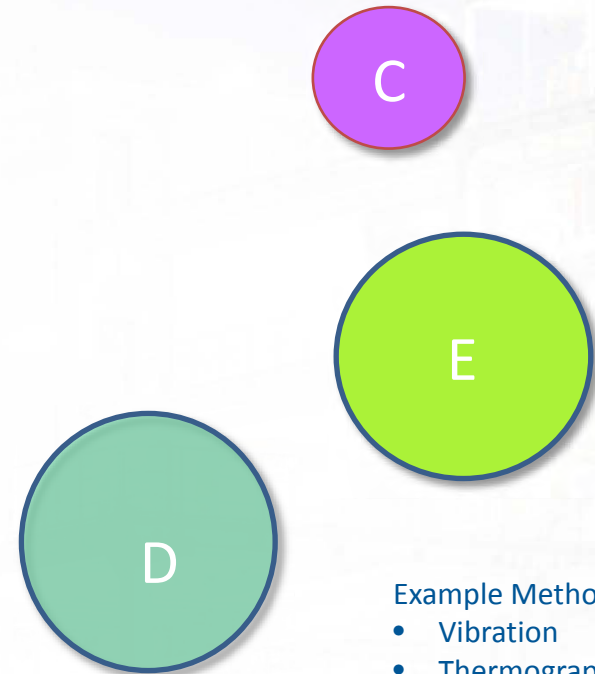
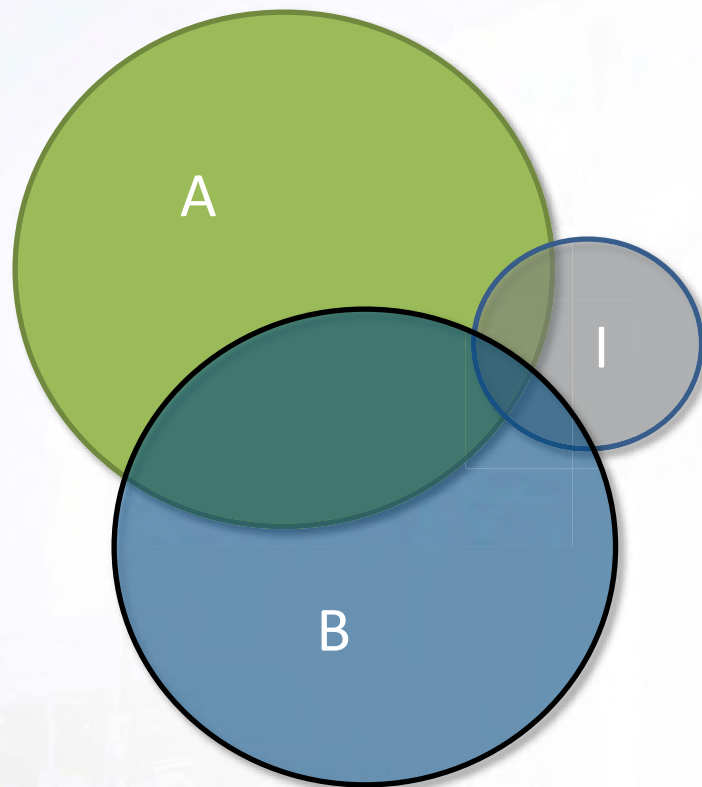
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- Acoustics
- Motor Current Analysis

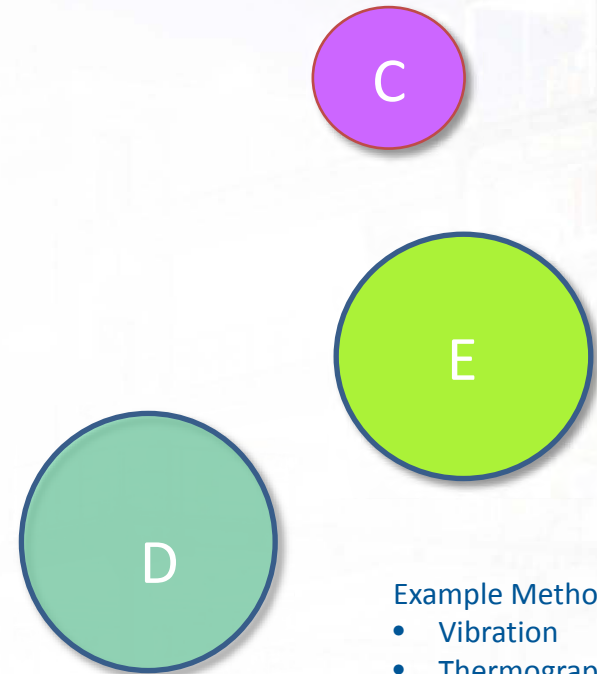
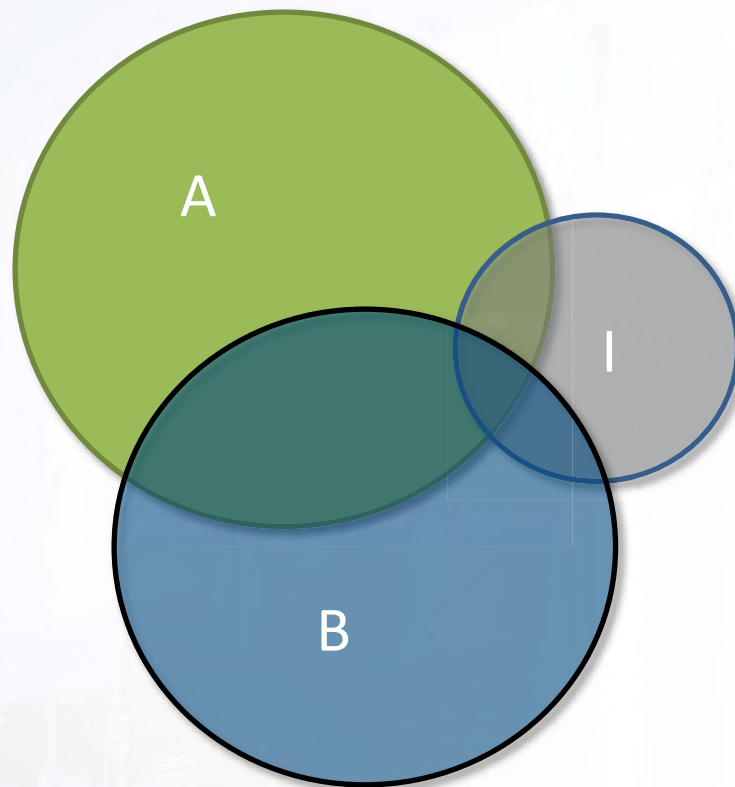
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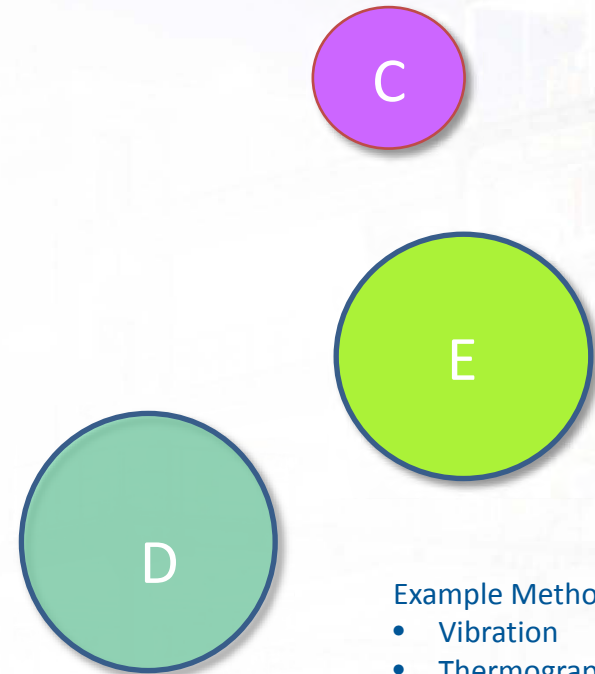
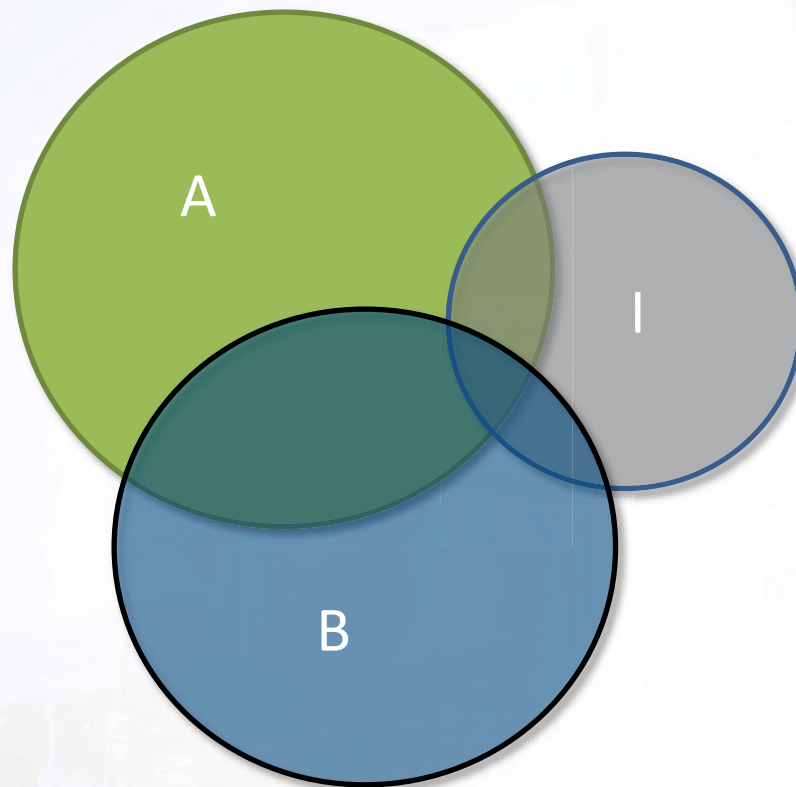
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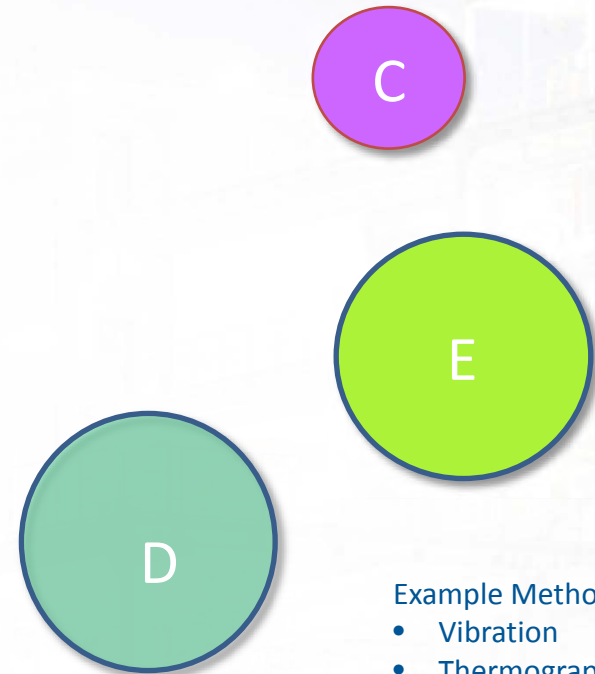
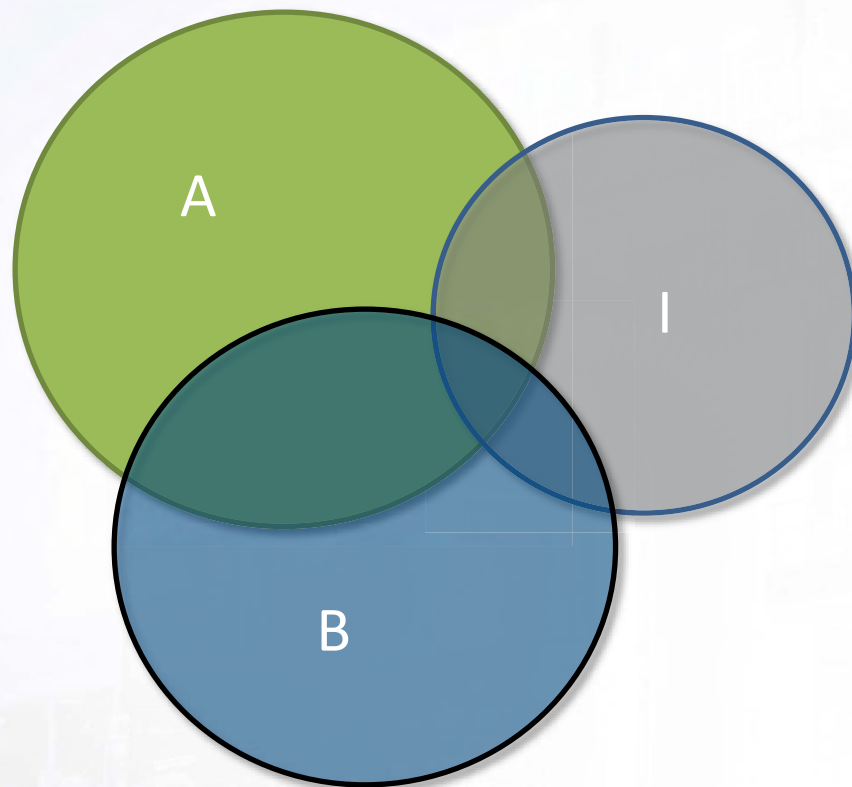
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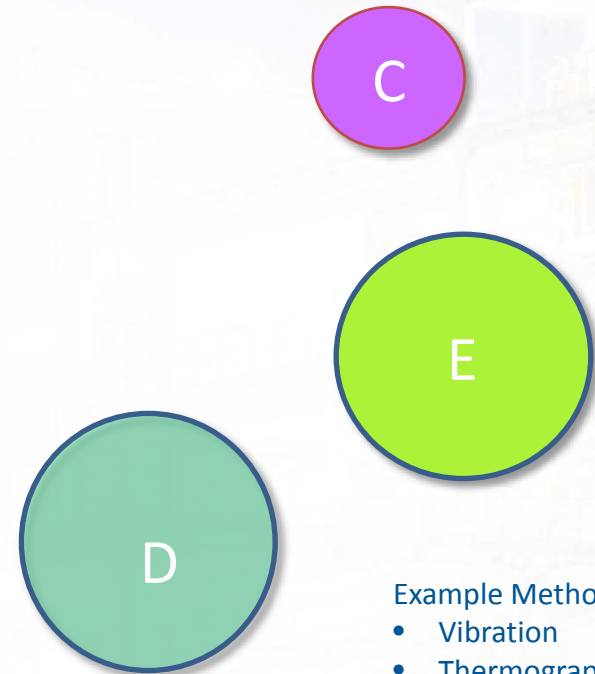
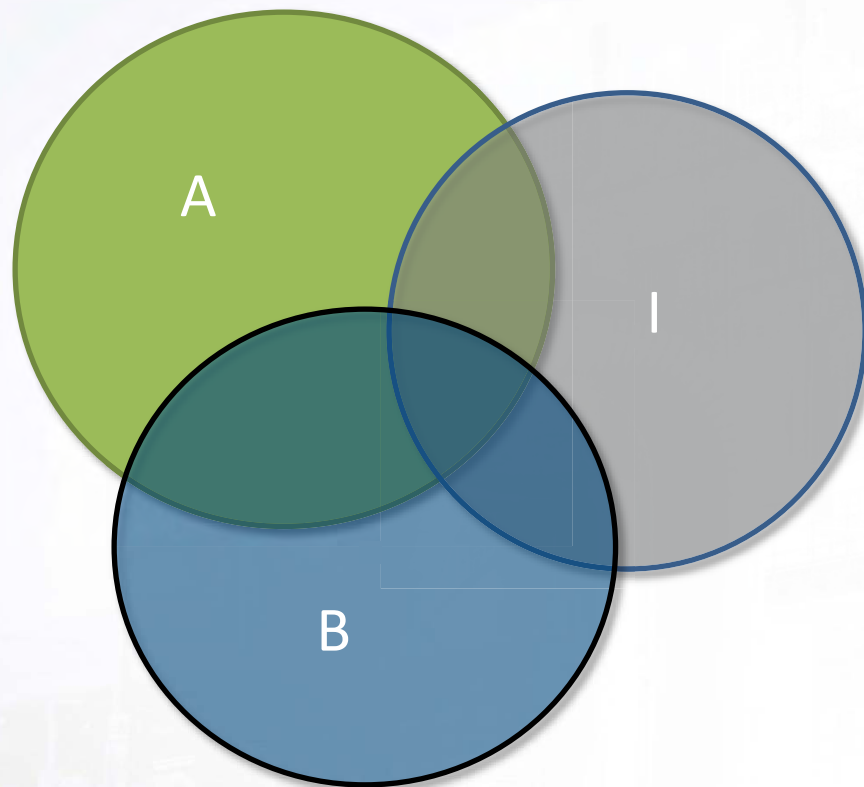
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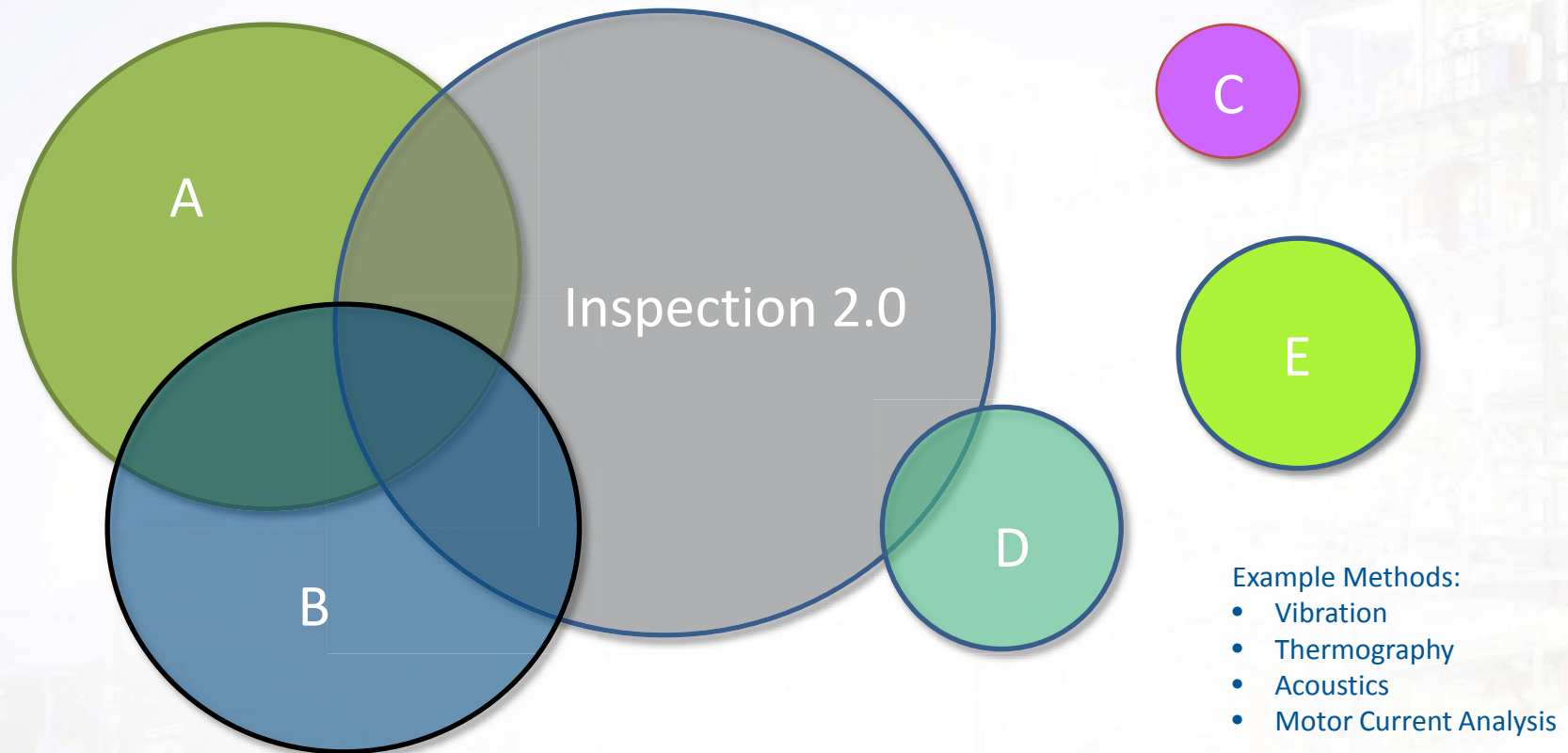
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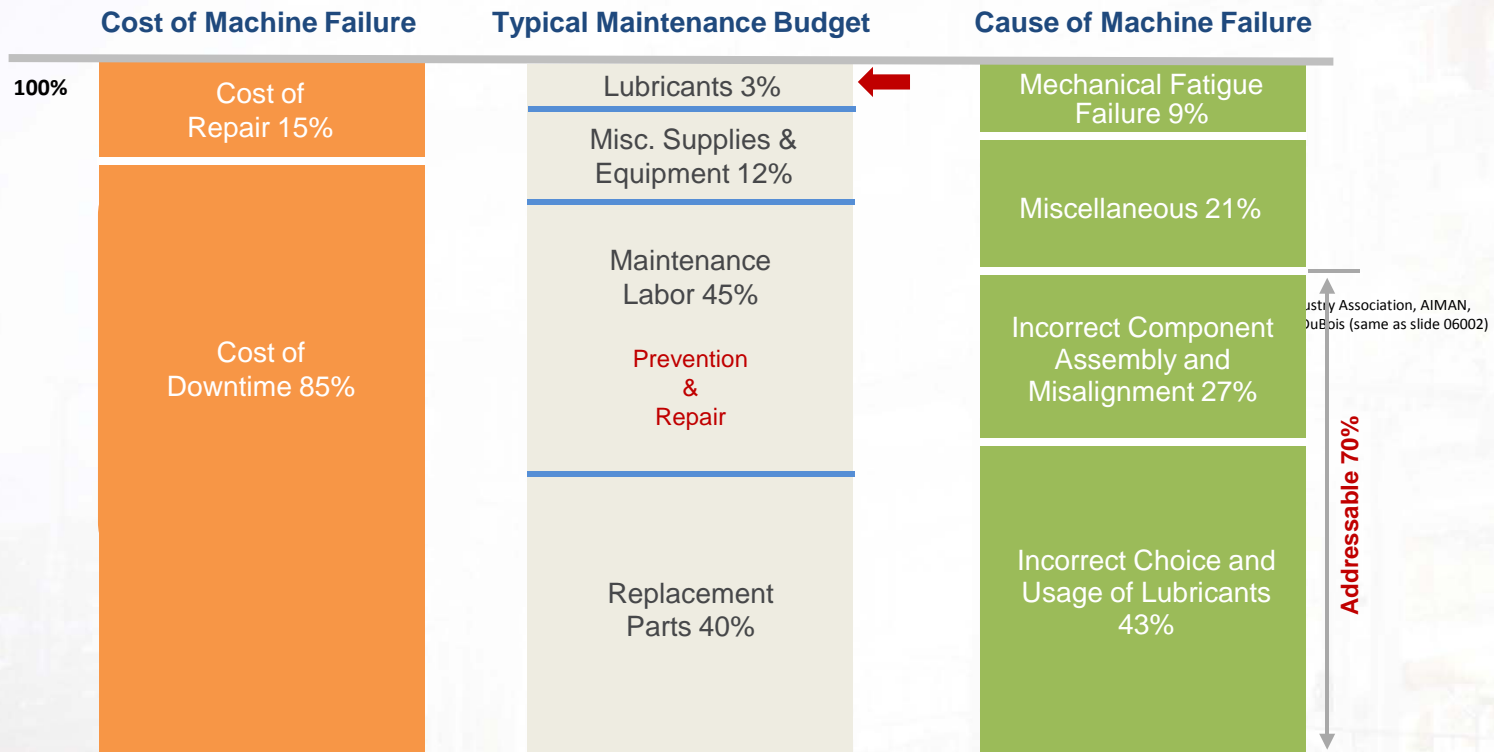
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Addressable Opportunities in Lubricants and Lubrication



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- Reliability-centered Maintenance
- Total Productive Maintenance
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- Condition-based Maintenance
- Reliability-centered Maintenance
 - Failure modes and effects analysis (FMEA)
 - Criticality analysis (failure effects and consequences)
 - P-F interval and predicting life expectancy
 - Maintenance strategy planning
- Total Productive Maintenance
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- Asset Management (ISO 55000)

Philosophies That Frame Today's Reliability Culture



- Condition-based Maintenance
- Reliability-centered Maintenance
- Total Productive Maintenance
 - Autonomous maintenance (with inspection)
 - Continuous improvement (kaizen)
 - Operator-centric maintenance
 - Cleanliness and orderly work environment
 - Culture and motivated employee involvement
- Inspection 2.0
- Asset Management (ISO 55000)

Philosophies That Frame Today's Reliability Culture



- Condition-based Maintenance
- Reliability-centered Maintenance
- Total Productive Maintenance
- Inspection 2.0
 - Advanced inspector skills
 - Machine inspection readiness with inspection windows
 - Advanced inspection tools and aids
 - Inspection protocol aligned to failure modes
 - Early fault and root cause emphasis
 - Origin of >90% of unscheduled work orders
- Asset Management (ISO 55000)

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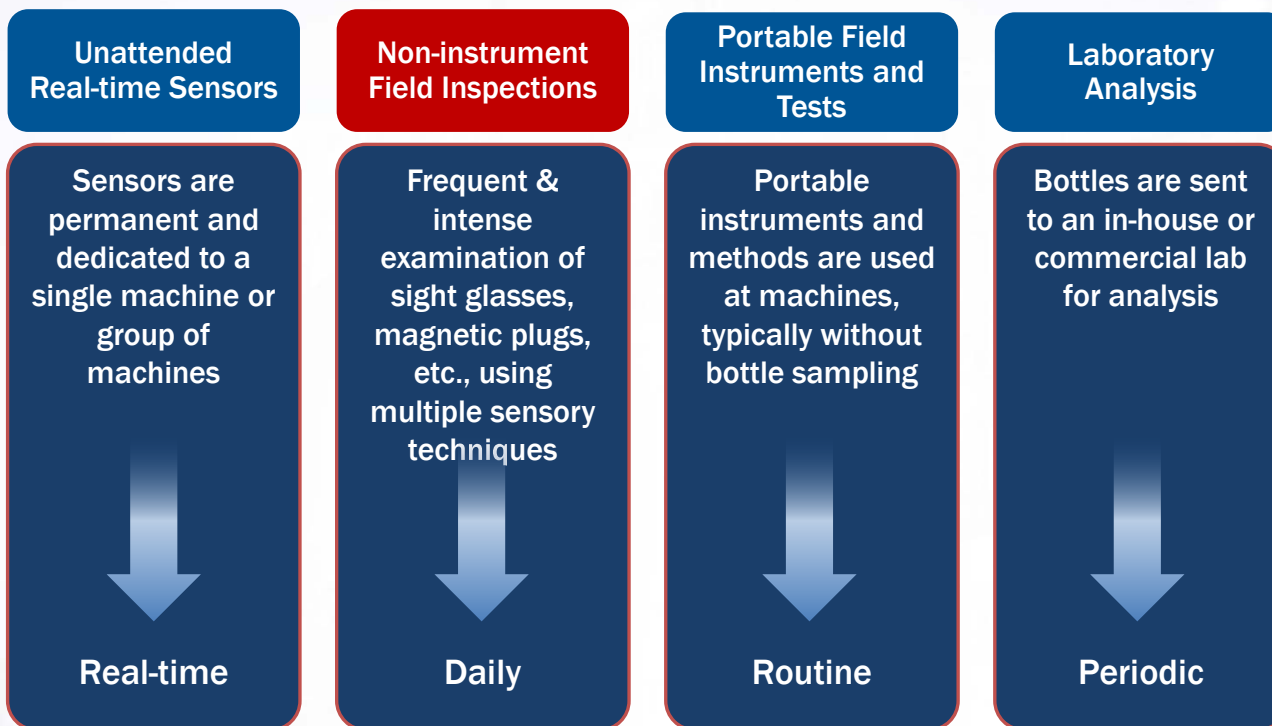


- Condition-based Maintenance
- Reliability-centered Maintenance
- Total Productive Maintenance
- Inspection 2.0
- Asset Management (ISO 55000)
 - Provides an overall structured approach to asset management
 - Modeled after 9001 (quality)
 - Not maintenance prescriptive; instead it codifies
 - Alignment to broader organizational objectives
 - Transformation planning to reach optimum state
 - Regular performance/compliance assessment
 - Continuous improvement



Reliability is everyone's responsibility

Lubricant Condition Monitoring Options



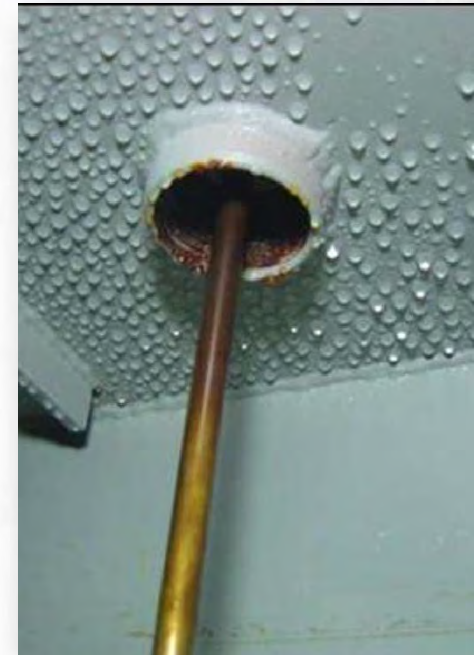
Why Inspection 2.0 Condition Monitoring?

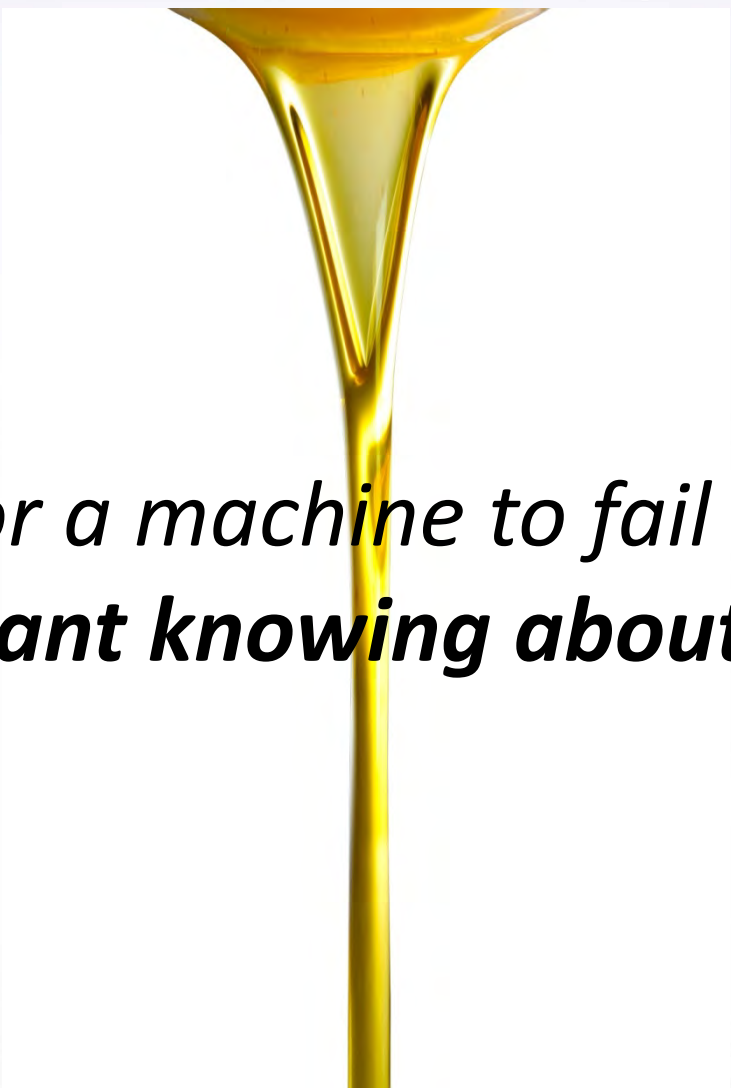
Ease of Use

- Inexpensive, simple, lasting deployment
- Operator-driven, autonomous maintenance (TPM)
- Emphasis on examination skills, less on technology

Early Detection

- The power of the one-minute daily inspection
- Proactive, root-cause oriented
- Early fault detection, less “just-in-time” saves
- Economics of “lead time” and scheduled remediation





*It's hard for a machine to fail without **the lubricant knowing about it first***

Remember these Hidden Objects Puzzles from Highlights Magazine?

Can you find the objects on the list?

What if you didn't have the list?

Could a super-computer find them?



- Kite
- Flashlight
- Cowboy boot
- Whale
- Balloon
- Slice of pie
- Bird
- Tea cup
- Compass
- Ice cream cone
- Magnifying glass
- Rhino head
- Banana

**Let's do an inspection now ...
Can you find the 10 reportable
conditions from this tank?**



Ten Reportable
Conditions:

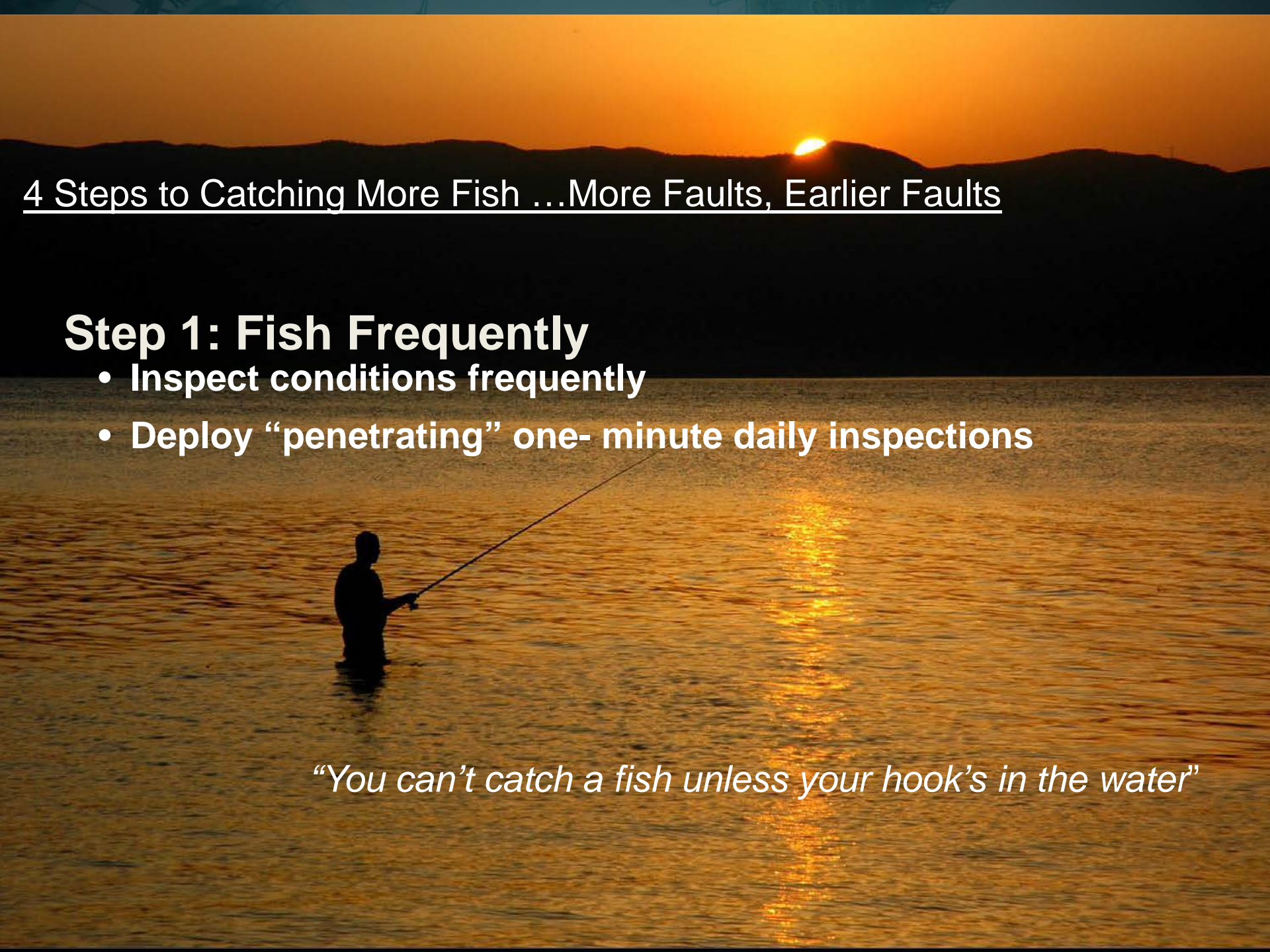
How many
would have
been reported
by your
inspection
program?

Your laboratory
from a sample
of oil?

Your vibe
program?

A person wearing a red hat and a plaid shirt is fishing from a boat on a calm body of water at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a golden glow across the sky and water. The person is holding a fishing rod that is bent, indicating they have caught a fish. The background shows a distant shoreline with trees and hills.

Fishing for Faults

A person is silhouetted against a bright orange sunset sky, standing in shallow water and holding a fishing rod. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a shimmering reflection on the water. The background shows dark silhouettes of hills or mountains.

4 Steps to Catching More Fish ...More Faults, Earlier Faults

Step 1: Fish Frequently

- Inspect conditions frequently
- Deploy “penetrating” one- minute daily inspections

“You can’t catch a fish unless your hook’s in the water”



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Step 2: Know Where the Fish Are

- Know where to inspect
- Use purposeful “fault-wise” inspection zones

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Step 3: Use Proper Tackle

- Use proper inspection aids, tools and methods
- Install inspection windows, visual oil analysis, inspection aids



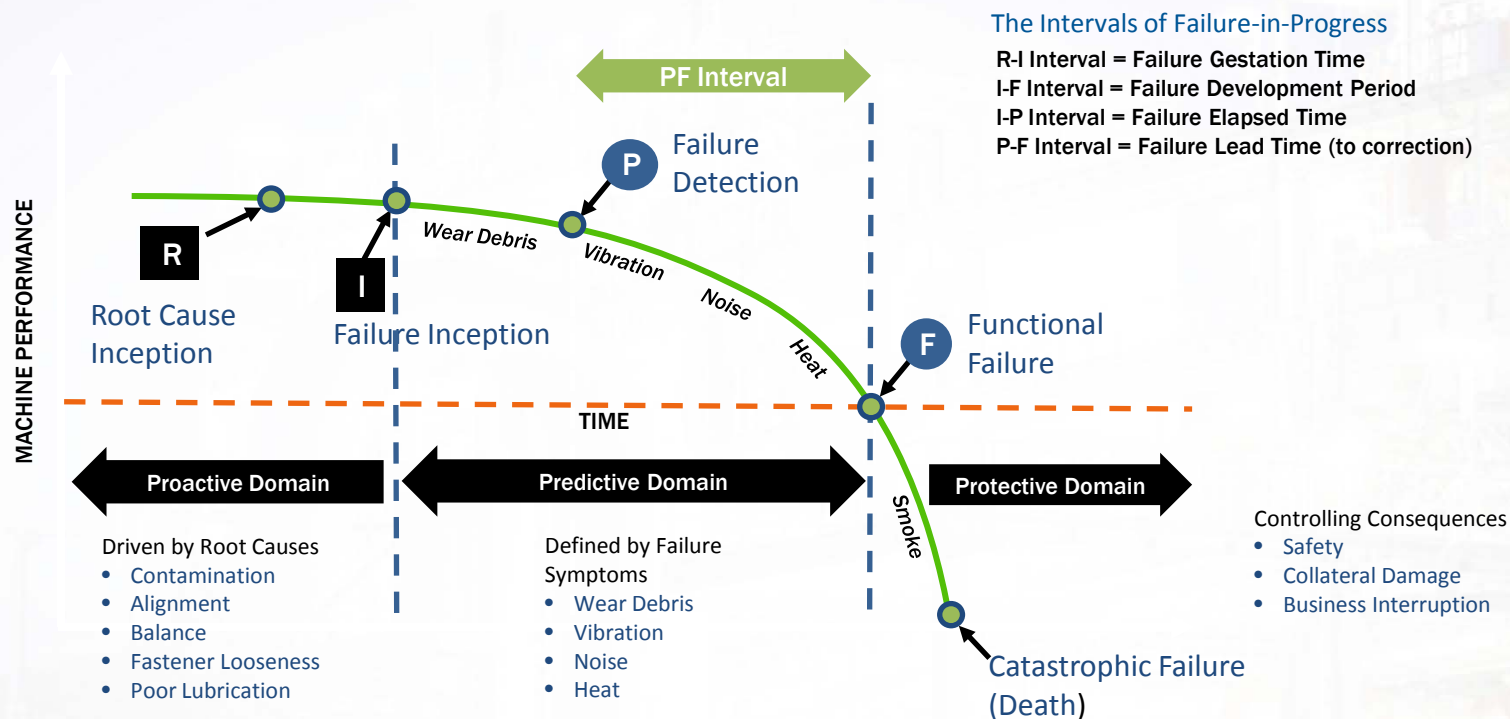
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Step 4: Fish Skillfully

- Inspect skillfully
- Learn from a master, perfect skills, practice relentlessly



Condition Monitoring and the Time Domains of Machine Failure



Fallacy of Linking Inspection Intervals to P-F Intervals

Out: Linking the Inspection Interval to the P-F Interval (e.g., $\frac{1}{2}$ the P-F Interval)

Why? Who can predict what the next P-F interval will be?

It varies for all of these reasons:

- One machine, multiple components
- Multiple failure modes
- Running conditions change (loads, speeds, exposures)
- Remaining Useful Life (RUL) varies with age
- Failure detection methodology and effectiveness vary (ability to detect weak signals)

Some Lubricant-related Failure Modes

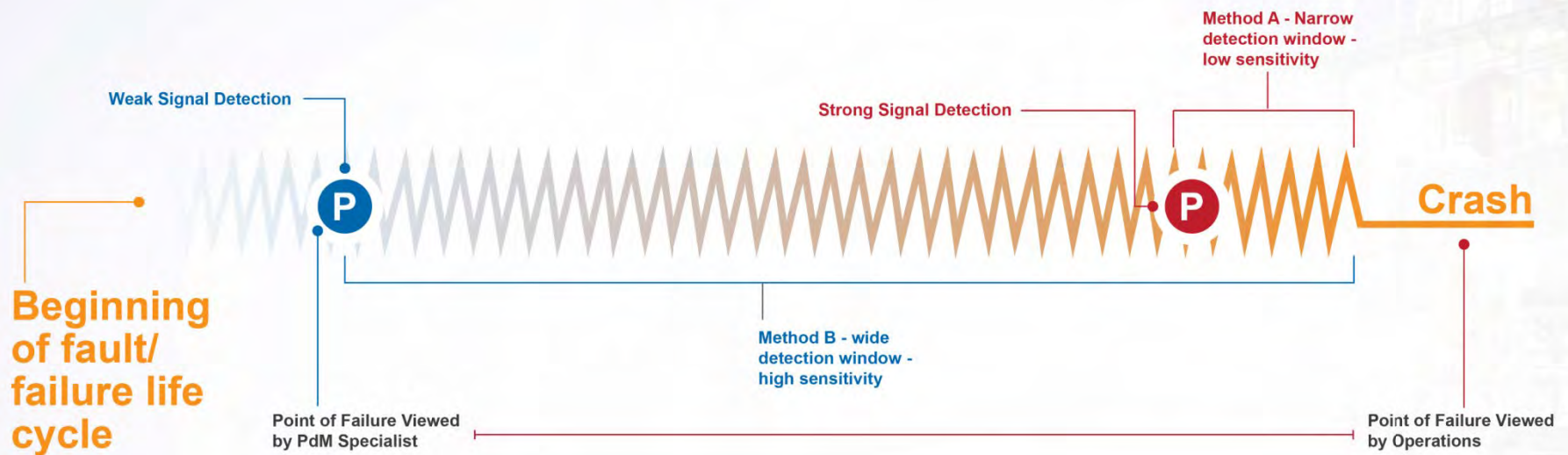
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| • Low lube levels and starvation | • Particle contamination | • Coolant contamination |
| • Wrong lube selected or applied | • Moisture contamination | • Foam and aeration |
| • Lube degradation | • Fuel/chemical contamination | • Under-/overgreasing |
| | | • Varnish/sludge |

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A visible oil drip preceded this bearing lock-up.

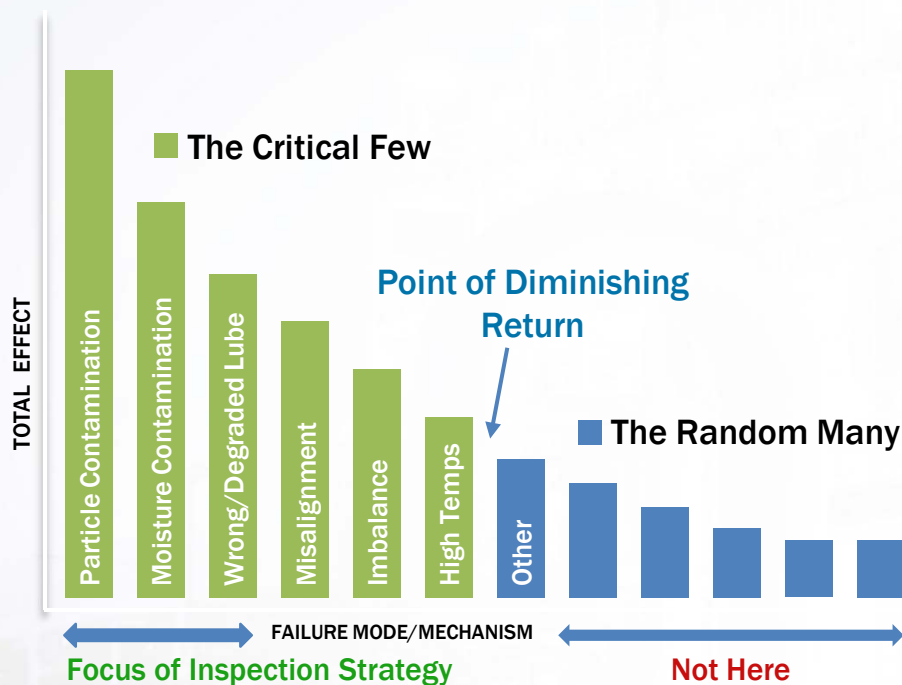
Early Detection Means Frequent Detection Frequent Detection Means Frequent Inspection





- *This inspection window finds an active, threatening root cause*
- *See it now!*
- *Act now!*
- *Don't wait for lab to report 20% water*

1. Start by ranking failure modes based on probability and consequence (the definition of risk).
2. Next, define one or more inspection fault detectors for each failure mode.



Example Inspection Fault Detectors

- Heat
- Oil Color & Clarity
- Blue Smoke
- Sudden Leakage
- Machine Sing-Song
- Oil Level Change
- Sight-glass Fouling

**Risk is defined as probability of failure X the consequences of failure.*

Pursuit of Long P-F Intervals

Your Best Strategy:

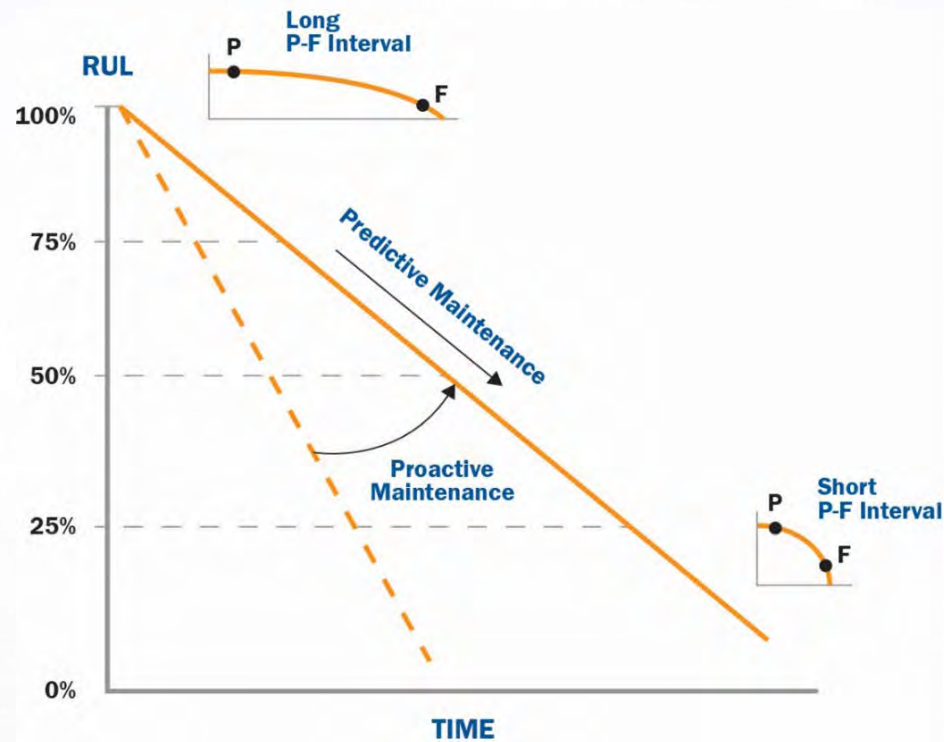
- Shorten the inspection interval
- Mitigate the **primary failure agent**
- Weak signal detection by better methods and skill
- Slow down the rate of failure progression

RUL = Remaining Useful Life



How RUL Affects the P-F Interval

Slow continuous wear reduces a machine's Remaining Useful Life (RUL). The P-F interval for each new failure event can never exceed this diminished state.



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Short P-F Interval

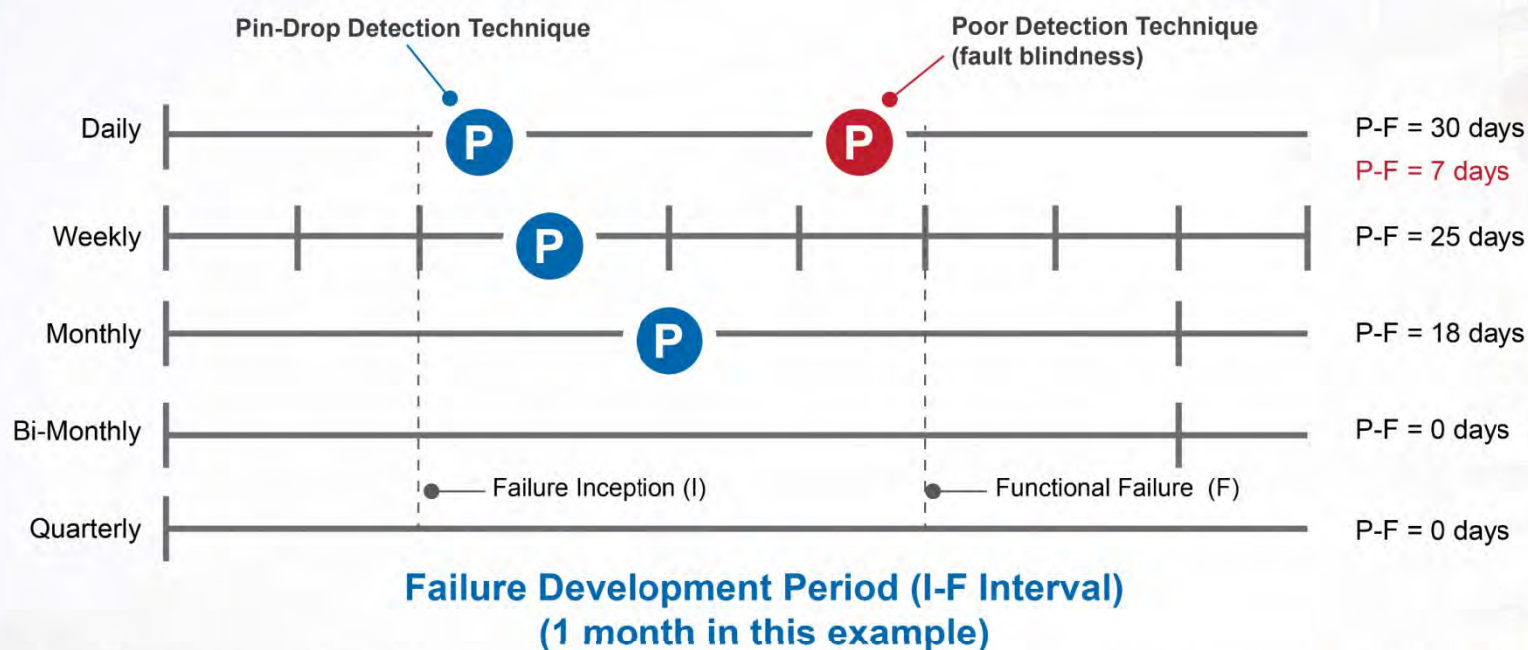


Long P-F Interval



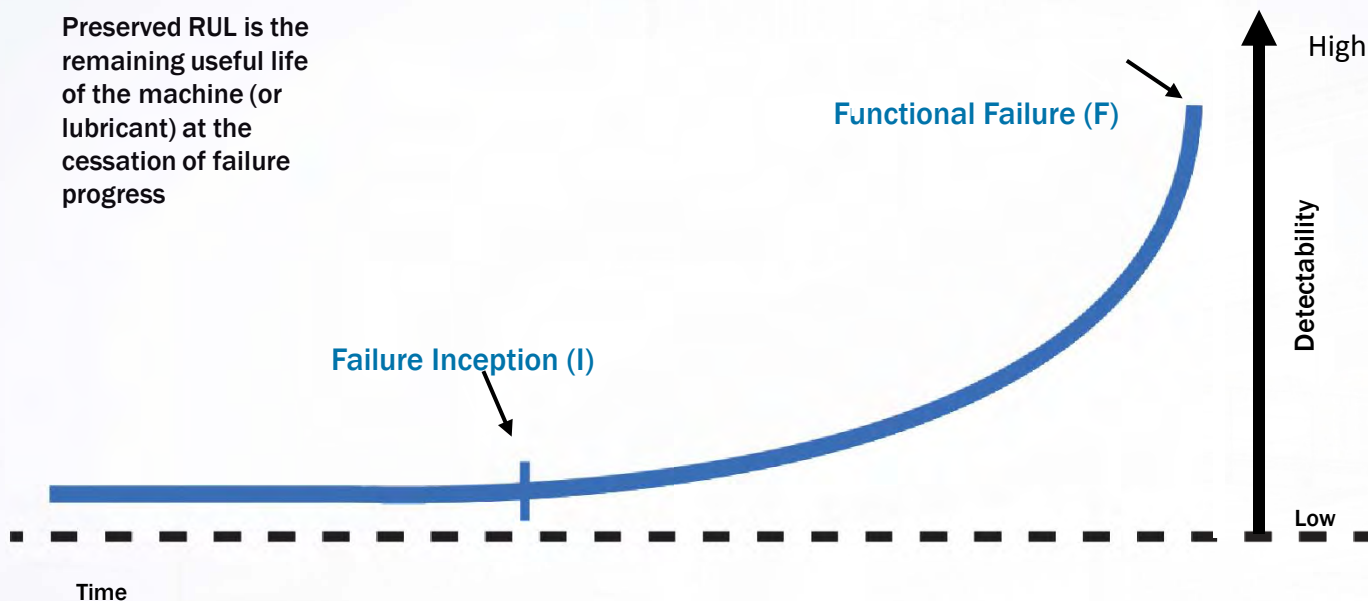
If your car's front wheels became suddenly misaligned, which of the two tires above would be the first to fail?

How Inspection Technique and Frequency Influence the P-F Interval



Signal Strength Increases as Functional Failure Approaches

Preserved RUL is the remaining useful life of the machine (or lubricant) at the cessation of failure progress



... Except for Fault Bubbles

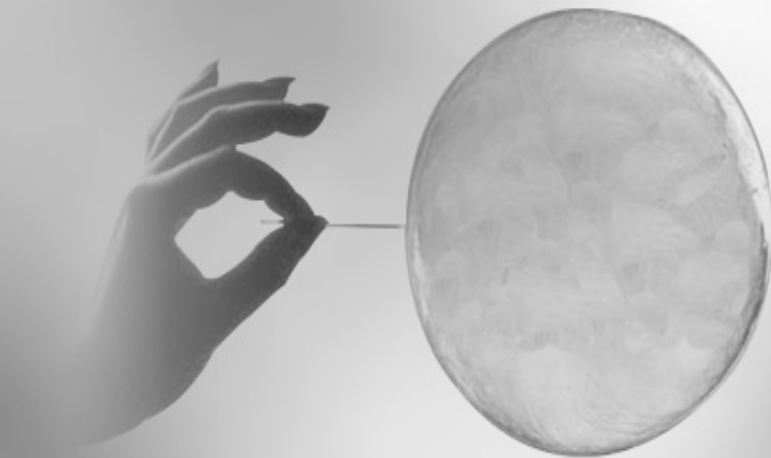
The Agony of Root Cause “Fault Bubbles”

Protection Against Sudden Death or Short P-F Failures

The P-F interval of most complex industrial machines can vary from milliseconds to decades. Sudden-death failures can occur without warning and without a P-F interval for many reasons. **However, they can be stopped with a root cause focus.**

Example Causes of Short P-F and Sudden-Death Failures:

- Ruptured oil filters
- Shock loading
- Stiction/silt lock (motion impediment)
- Wrong oil or severely degraded oil
- Fishbowl conditions (disturbed sediment)
- Sudden and severe misalignment
- Grease “soap lock” (starvation)
- Impaired oil supply (starvation)
- Heavy fuel dilution (thinning)
- Chemical contamination
- Gross seawater contamination

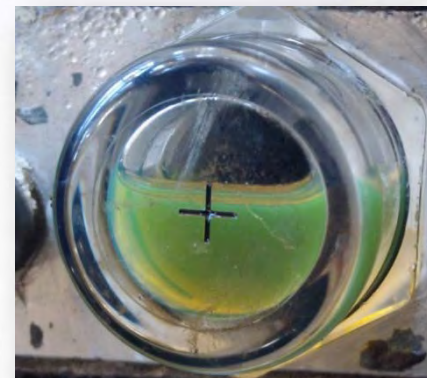


Tires can wear out slowly or than can burst suddenly.
So can machines.



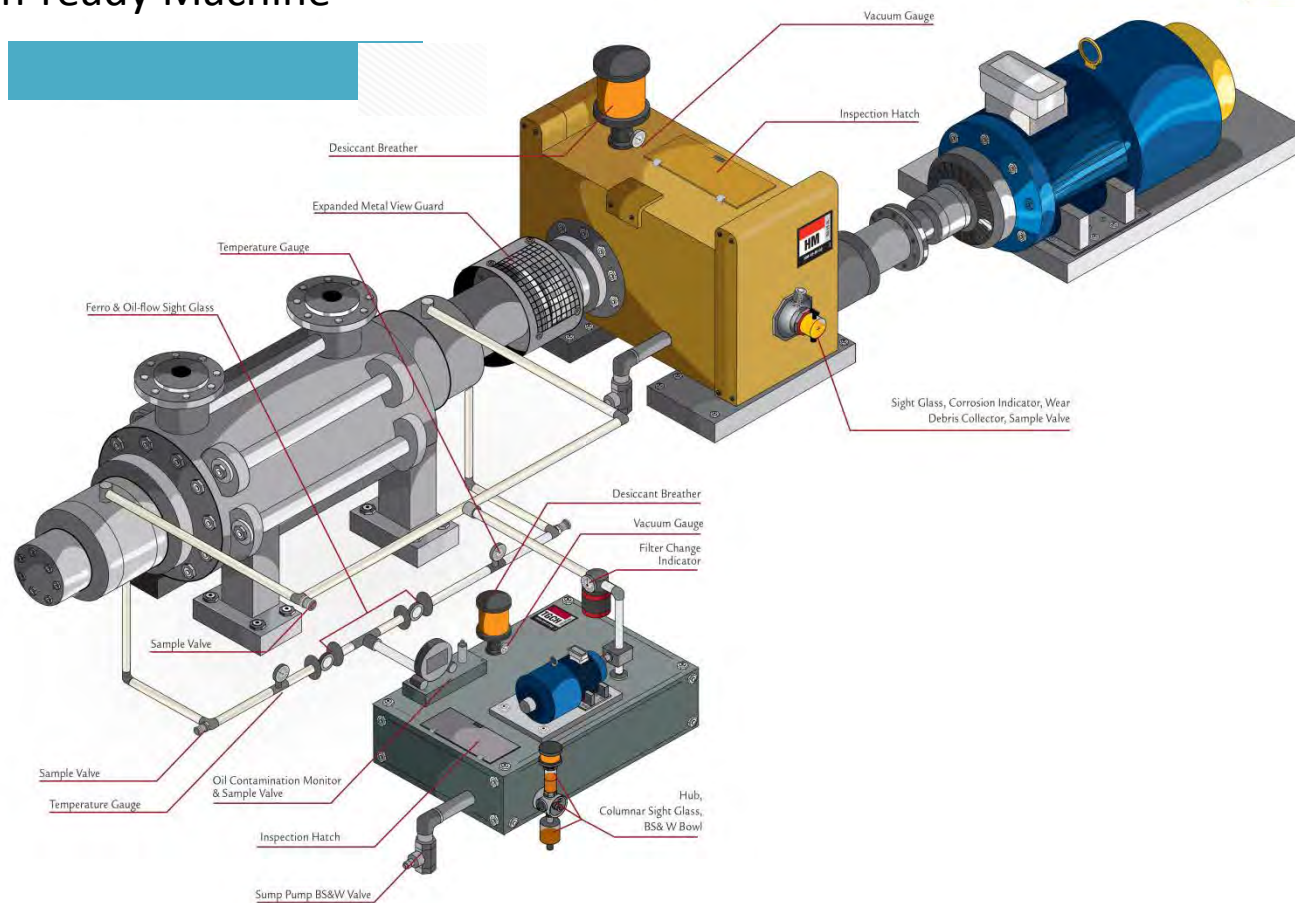
*Poor Humpty Dumpty ...
The failed bearing that the king's men and
horses could not save*

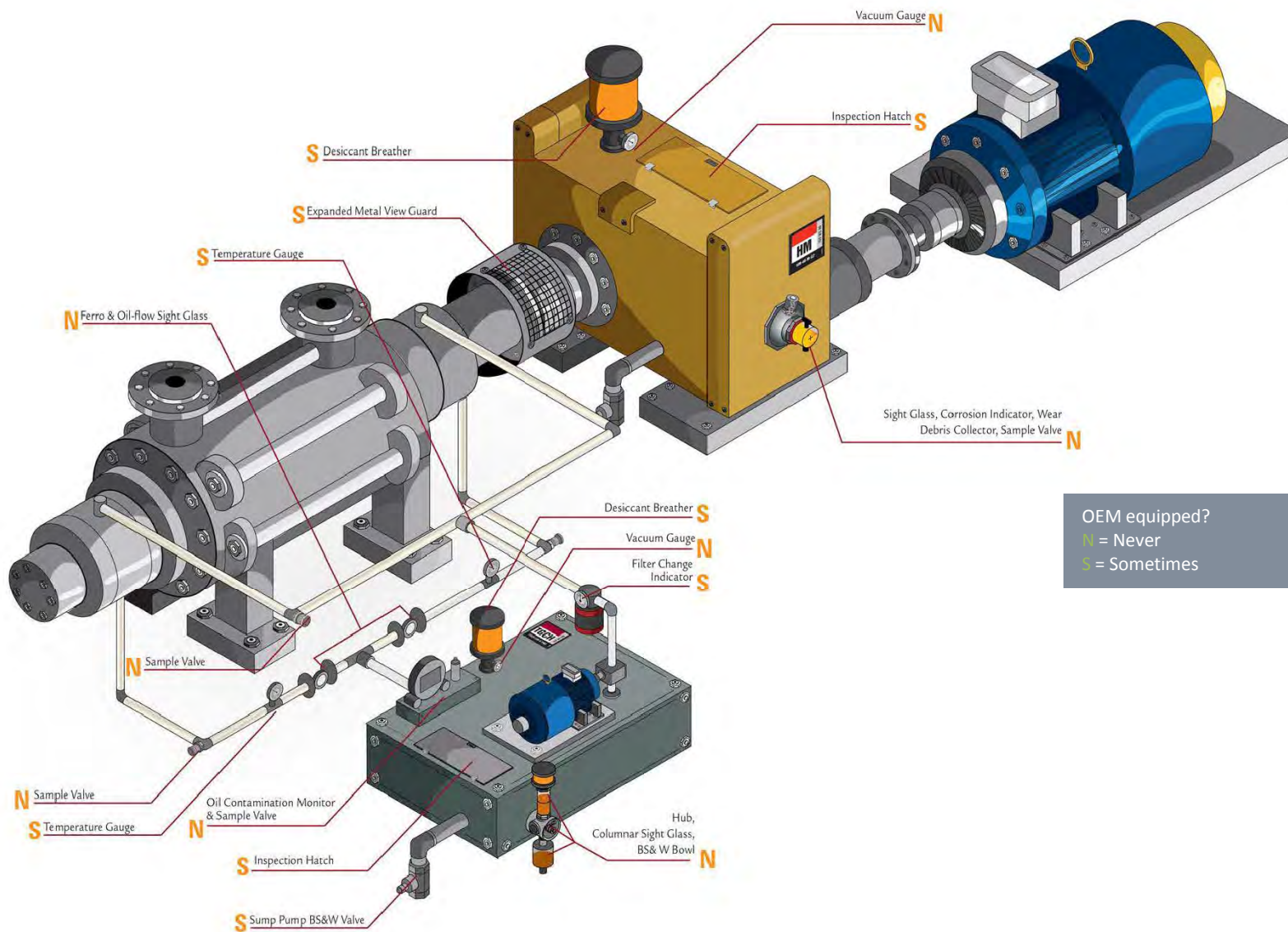
1. **Temperature.** Use touch, gauges and/or heat guns to inspect for general or localized hot running conditions.
2. **Oil Volume.** Use level gauges, sight glasses, dipsticks or inspection ports/hatches.
3. **Pressure.** Use gauges or pressure transducers at multiple points as needed.
4. **Filter.** Examine delta-P gauges and bypass indicators to confirm the filter is serviceable.
5. **BS&W.** Take bottom samples or examine bottom sediment and water (BS&W) bowls for abnormal
6. **Ventilation.** Confirm serviceable condition of breathers and inspect for abnormal fumes, vapor and smoke.
7. **Clear and Bright.** Pull samples or inspect sight glasses
8. **Leakage.** Use a powerful flashlight to inspect shaft seals, gaskets, actuators, seals, fittings, unions, ports, hoses, etc.
9. **Fluid Surface and Headspace.** Through inspection hatches and ports, look for foam, varnish, sludge, bathtub rings, etc.
10. **Points of Entry.** Inspect for potential ingress sites such breathers, hatches, clean-out covers, etc.
11. **Dirty Exterior.** Machines that are dirty on the outside are usually dirty on the inside as well.
12. **Spits and Sputters.** Machines emit an assortment of audible signals; some are normal, but others are not.
13. **Grease Condition/Color.** Inspect grease from seals and along shafts for abnormal color, consistency and condition.



An Inspection-ready Machine

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OEM equipped?

N = Never

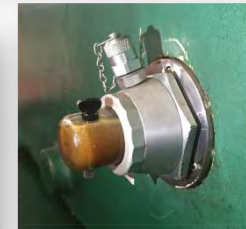
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Sight Glass Oil Analysis

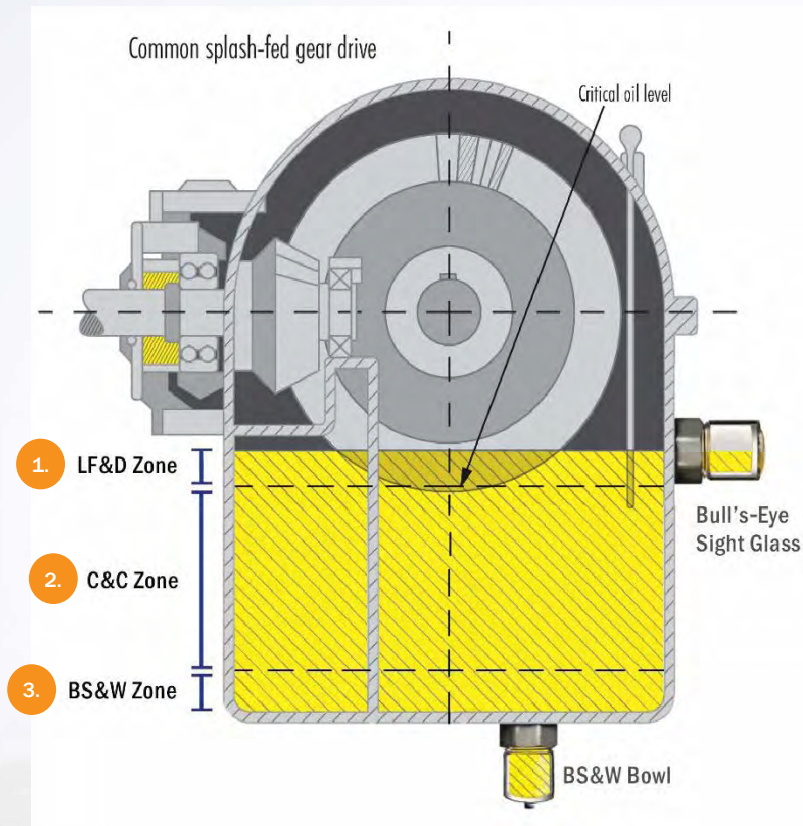
- Change in oil level – up or down. Sudden and significant changes are serious.
- Sight glass foaming
- Oil color, darkening, turbidity, etc.
- Bottom sediment and water (BS&W)
- Use blue pen-lights and lasers to check oil level and oil quality.



Inline sight glass for non-flooded flow inspection Pod has magnetic plug, corrosion indicator and bottom sample port. Oil level sight glass. Inspection inline sight glass for full-

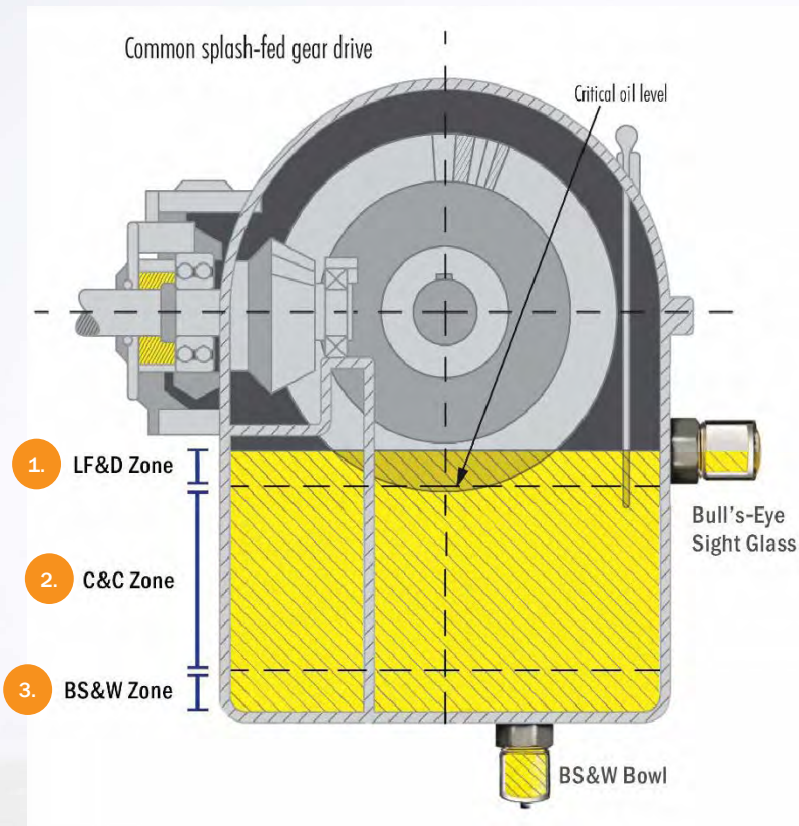


Zone Inspections for Early Problem Detection



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2. Color and Clarity (C+C) Zone
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Level – Inspection confirms critical oil level is maintained

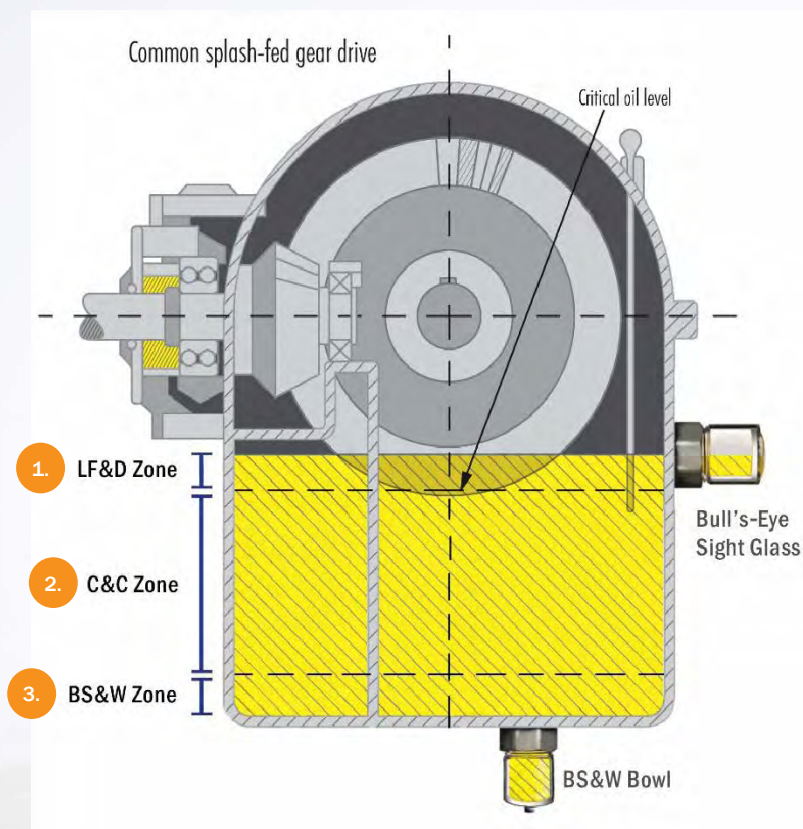
Foam – Entrained air rises and often forms foam

Deposits – Oil insolubles (varnish potential) commonly form deposits on splash surfaces above oil level

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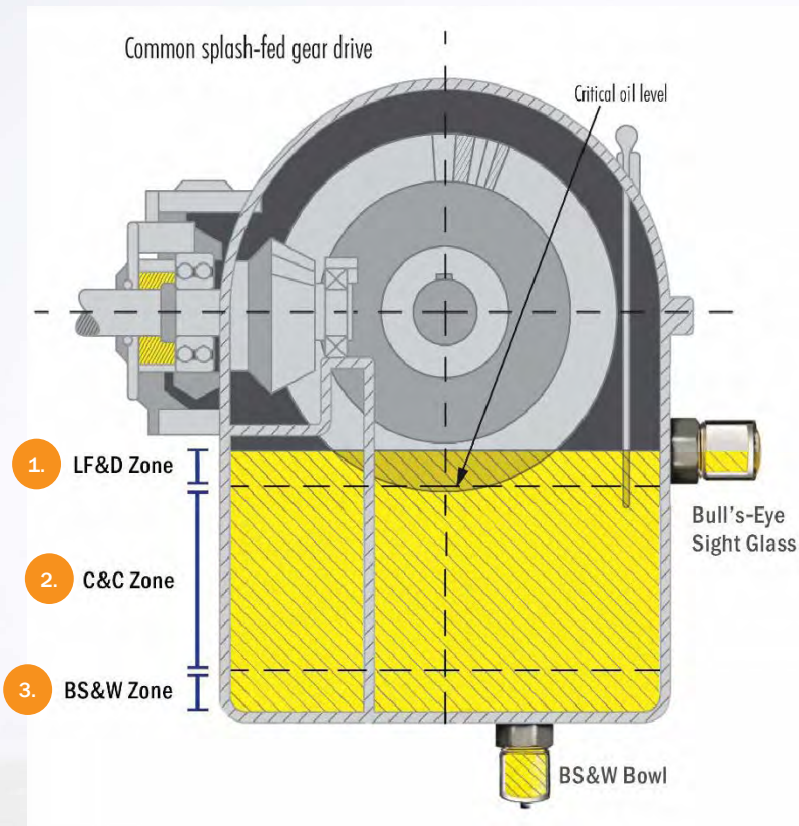
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Contamination (e.g., water) and oil chemistry change often change C+C. These include:

- Base oil oxidation
- Thermal degradation
- Additive stratification (dropout)
- Microbial contamination
- Free or emulsified water contamination
- Air induction conditions
- Impaired air-release conditions
- Antifreeze contamination
- Sludge conditions
- Varnish potential conditions

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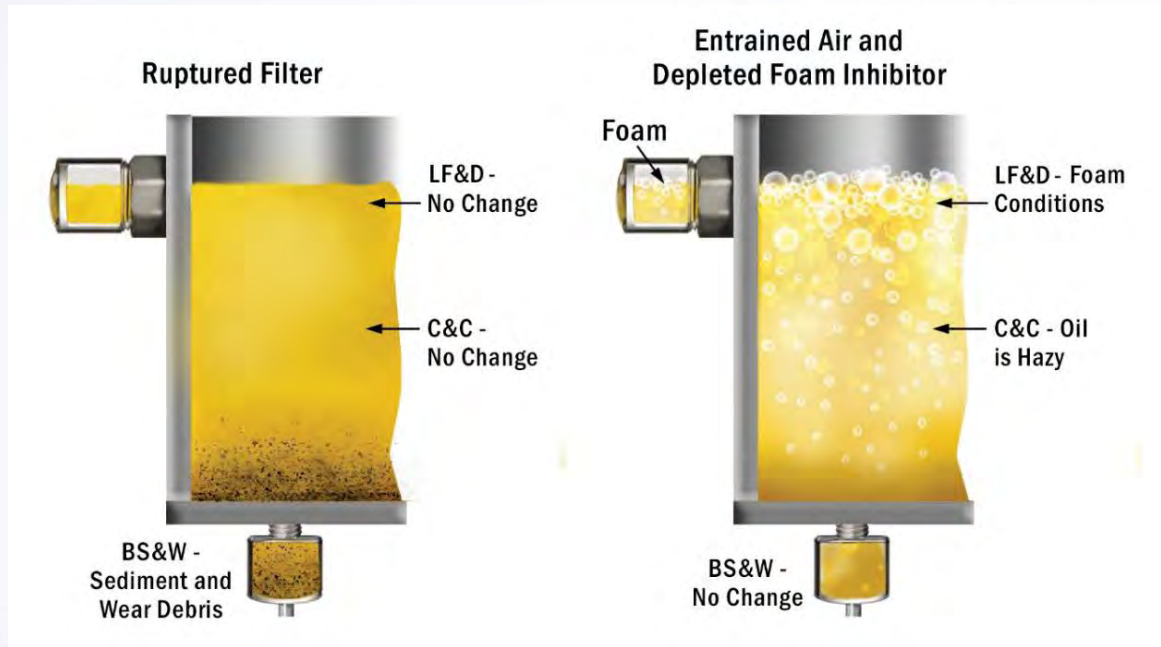
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- Agglomerated sludge (accumulations of resinous solids, gums, oxides and dead additives)
- Stratified solids (dense zones of soft contaminants, oxides and dead additives)
- Sediment (settled hard contaminants like dirt and wear debris)
- Water and other settled liquid contaminants (e.g., antifreeze)

Example Problems Detected by Zone Inspections



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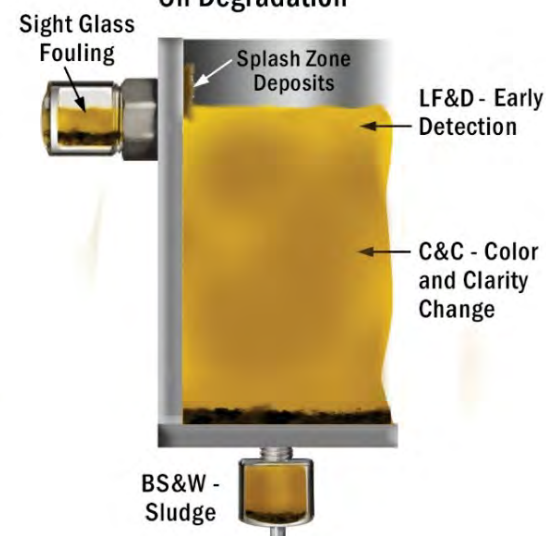
Ruptured Filter



Entrained Air and Depleted Foam Inhibitor



Oil Degradation



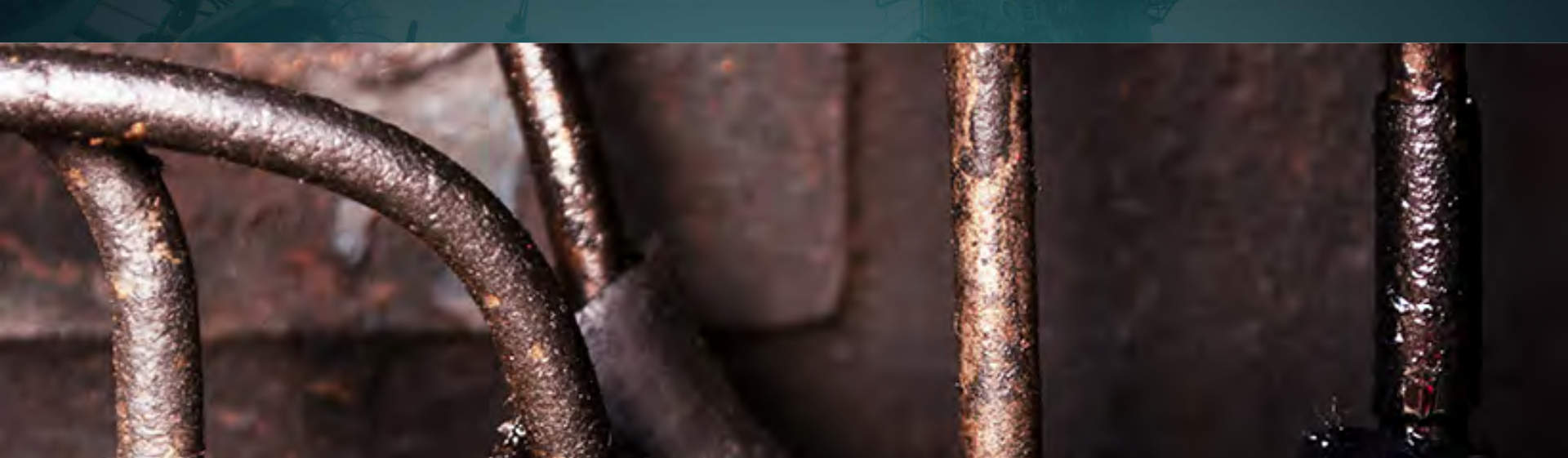


What's in your inspector's toolbox?



- Heat gun
- Blotter test
- Grease purge traps
- Corrosion gauge
- Varnish gauge
- Oil content gauge for grease
- Stethoscope
- Dipstick
- Viscosity comparator
- Oil color gauge
- Sediment test
- Water separability test
- Magnetic plugs
- Borescope





*Even the easiest inspection alert
often gets missed.*



Cure for Attention-deficit and Half-measure Inspections

Cure for Attention-deficit Inspections

- Strong reliability culture
- Training and inspection skill competencies
- Stop looking at bearings, seals, couplings, motors, etc. Start “examining” them.
- Celebrate inspection “saves”
- Install penetrating inspection windows
- Use helpful inspection aids
- Respond to inspection-generating alerts and red flags



Review: Comparing Conventional Inspections to Inspection 2.0

DISTINCTION	CONVENTIONAL INSPECTION	INSPECTION 2.0
Emphasis on daily inspections	Sometimes	Always
Emphasis on inspection location	Rarely	Always
Installed inspection windows	Rarely	Always
Inspection alignment to failure mode ranking	Sometimes	Always
Inspection designed to preempt fault bubbles	Rarely	Always
Emphasis on early “weak signal” detection	Rarely	Always
Use of advanced inspection aids and tools	Rarely	Always
Inspectors who are highly skilled and motivated	Sometimes	Always

The 10 Reportable Conditions. Did you see them?



1. Sustained foam, impaired foam inhibitor?
2. Entrained air, source of air ingress?
3. Corrosion on screens, impaired rust inhibitor?
4. Rust on screens, water contamination?
5. Dark oil, oxidized oils?
6. Varnish/deposits on screens. High oil temperature?
7. Liquid/chemical contamination
8. Failed hatch gasket
9. Debris on tank top
10. Low oil level

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Thank you.