



# Monitor Bearing Health with Confidence

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# ABOUT GASTOPS

# AT WTUI SINCE 1999!

Innovative solutions for **equipment health management**

**35,000+ sensors since 1995**



Aviation  
Energy  
Marine  
Industrial



Founded in 1979  
Employee owned  
205 employees



Ottawa, Ontario – Head Office



Global Partner Network



# TECHNOLOGY & CAPABILITY

## CRITICAL EQUIPMENT CONDITION INTELLIGENCE

### Simulation



#### Digital Twin

Modeling capabilities which provide key insight into operational parameters de-risking designs and changes

### On-Line



#### MetalSCAN

On-line fluid sensing technology, providing real-time health monitoring of critical rotating equipment

### At-Line



#### ChipCHECK

#### FilterCHECK

Automated in-field analysis tools which offer insight for time critical decision making

### Off-Line

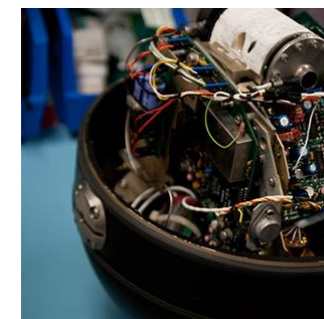


#### Oil / Filter / Chip

#### Analysis

Traditional & Advanced analysis services offering insight into abnormal lubricant and machinery condition

### MRO



Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul of mission critical equipment

## DAMAGE INDICATION IS UNRELIABLE



- Bearing and gear damage is a leading causes of unplanned removals
- Undetected event to significant production loss
- Chip detectors are the leading cause of false and missed events
- False positives lead to unplanned shutdowns
- Damage develops progressively in advance of component failure



*“Package lubrication issues were second in Forced Outage (FO) hours, **10%-plus by chip detector problems.**”*

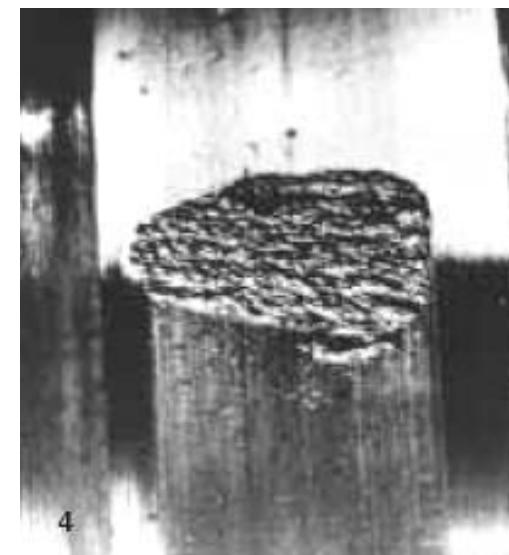
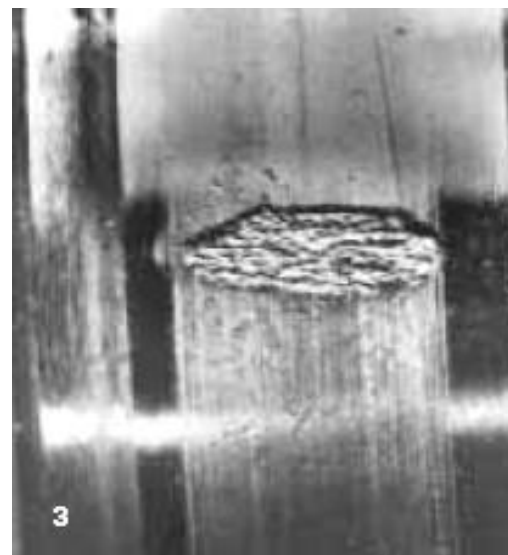
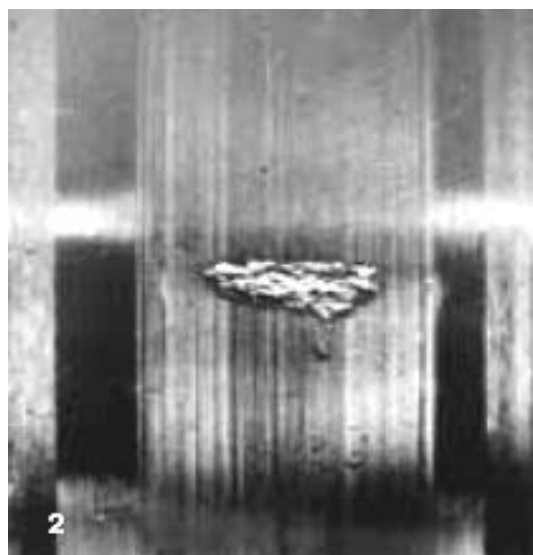
Source: WTUI 2017, LMS100 Users



## Theory

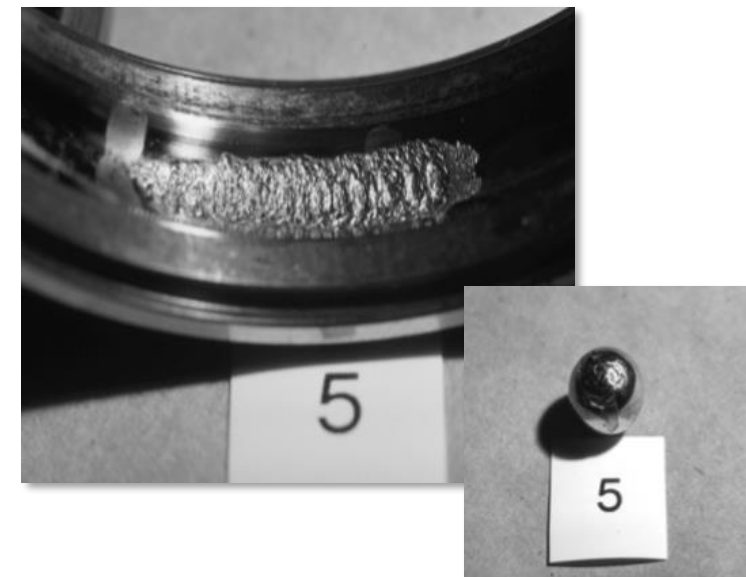
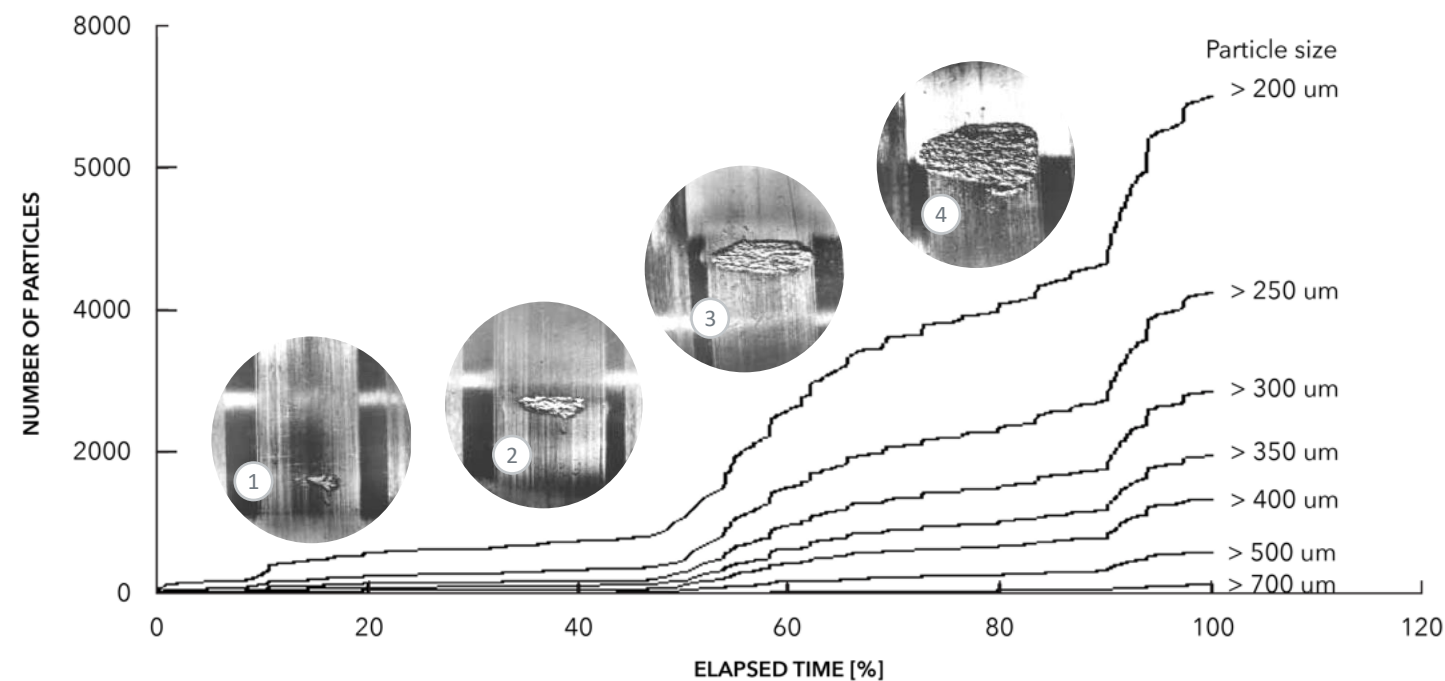
# BEARING SURFACE FATIGUE DAMAGE

- Damage develops progressively in advance of component failure
- Bearing damage is one of the leading causes of unplanned engine removals
- A missed detection on an aeroderivative leads to severe consequences



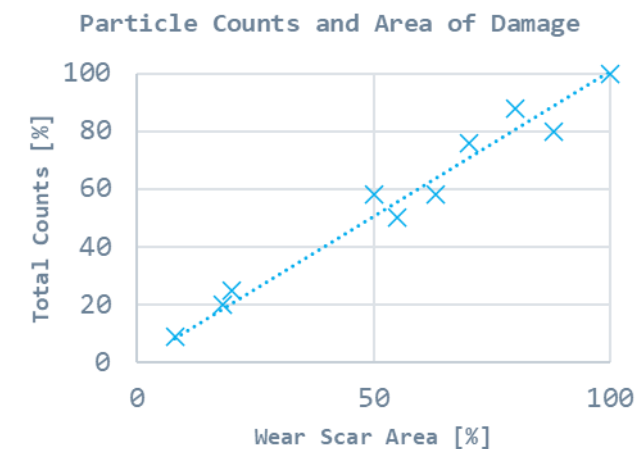
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# DAMAGE DEBRIS – RATE & SIZE

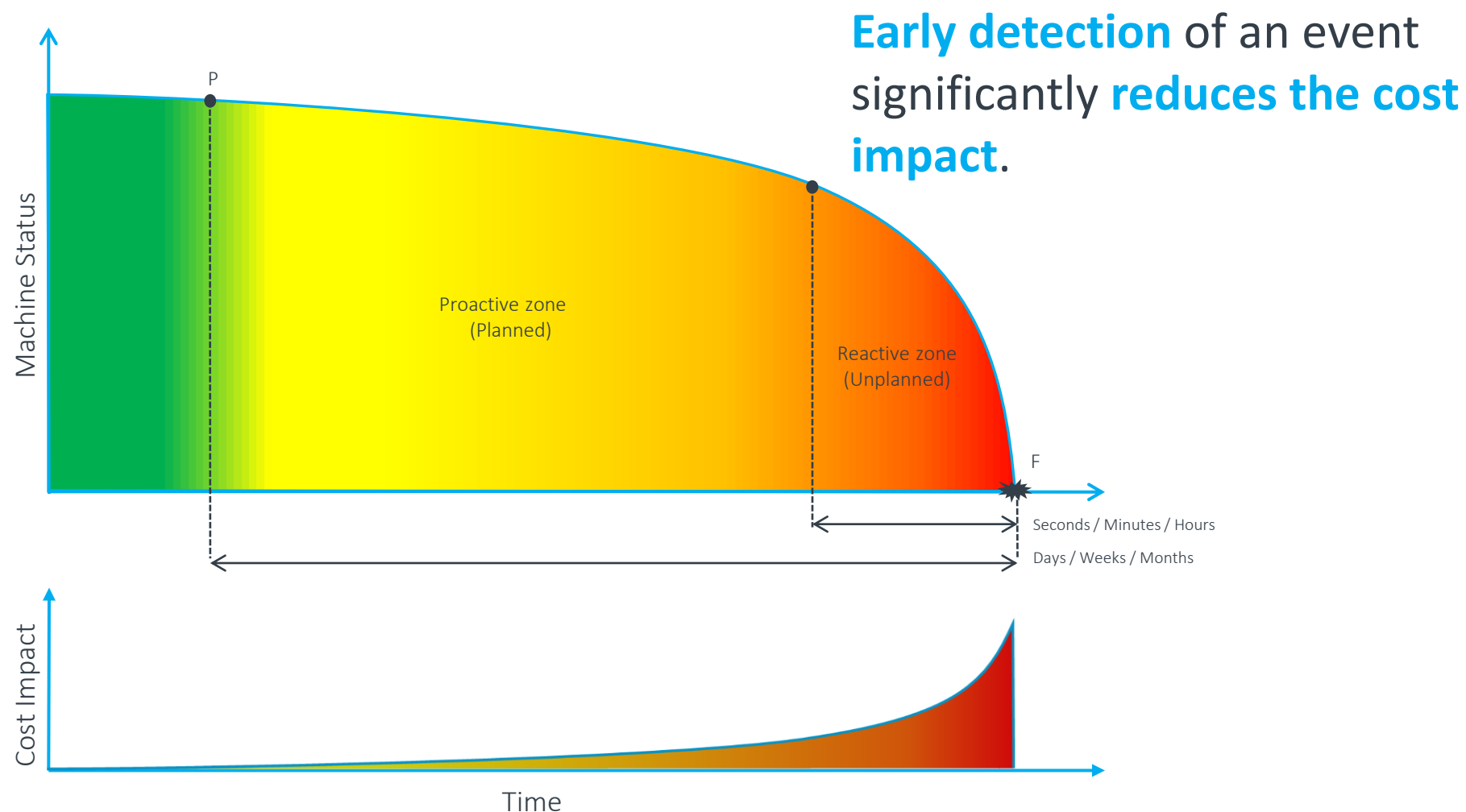


## Quantitative measures for prognostics:

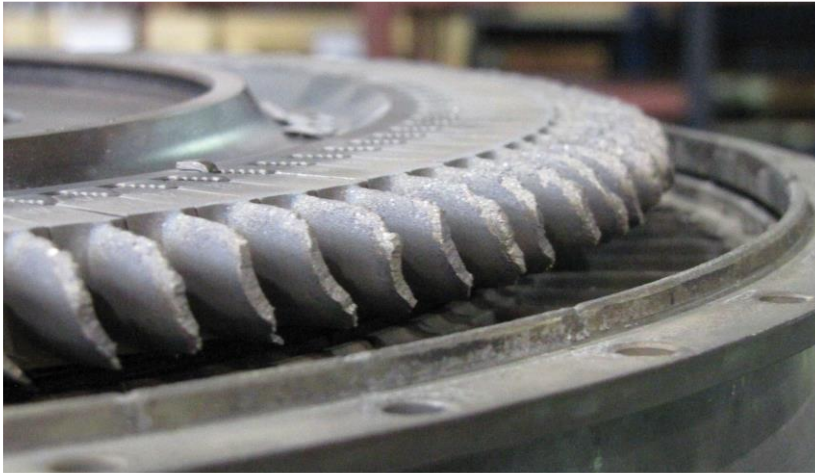
- Rate of debris generation is dependant on load & speed
- Quantity of debris is dependent on bearing size
- Particle counts directly relate to area of damage
- Particle size distribution is independent of bearing size



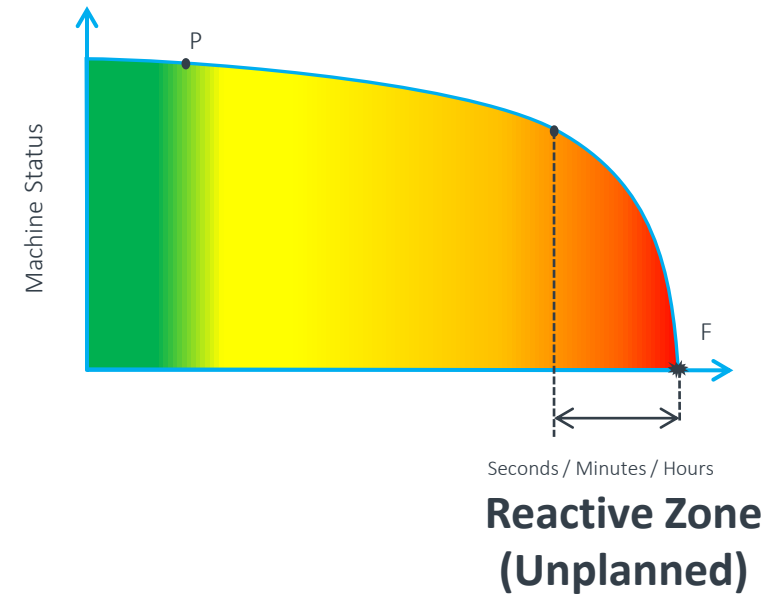
# CONDITION MONITORING THEORY: INCREASE PRE-WARNING



# REACTIVE MONITORING TECHNOLOGIES



- Indication seconds or minutes before event
- Limited advanced warning for maintenance planning
- Severe and expensive secondary damage
- Limited or no root cause analysis





# REACTIVE WON'T HELP

Little or no pre-warning



## OIL ANALYSIS

- Infrequent sampling period
- Lengthy feedback loop
- Inconclusive results
- Labour intensive
- Missed indications are common



## CHIP DETECTORS

- ~15% capture efficiency
- Magnetic particle capture only
- Qualitative interpretation only
- False alarms are common
- Missed indications are common



## TEMPERATURE MONITORING

- Shutdown device
- Missed indications are common



## VIBRATION MONITORING

- Shutdown device
- Expert interpretation required

## ADVANCED ODM: PROACTIVE PROTECTION METHOD

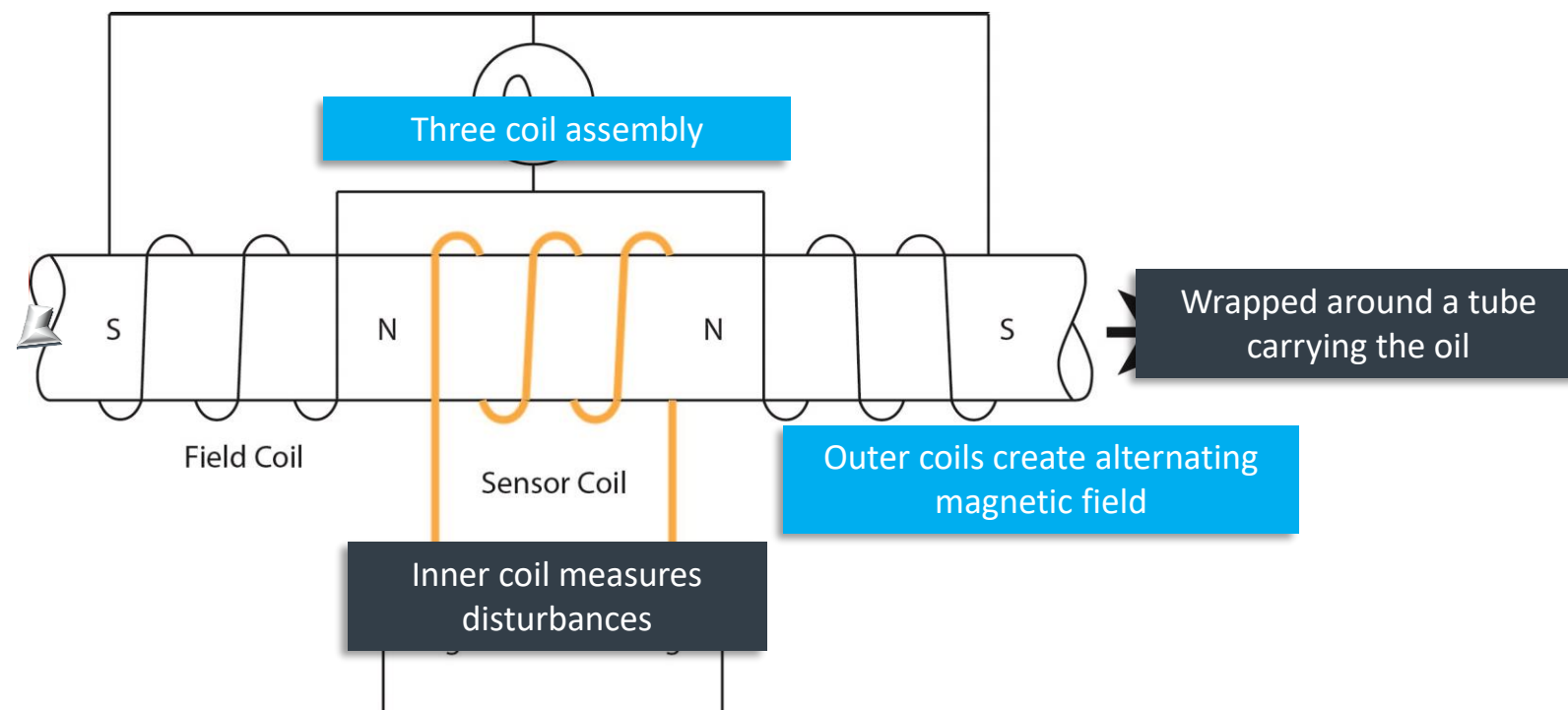
Rich, reliable data for earliest detection and predictive maintenance action

- 100% debris detection
- Flow through design
- Proven alarm limits
- Particle size information
- Particle type information
- Remaining useful life Prediction
- Easy & intuitive
- Maintenance-free

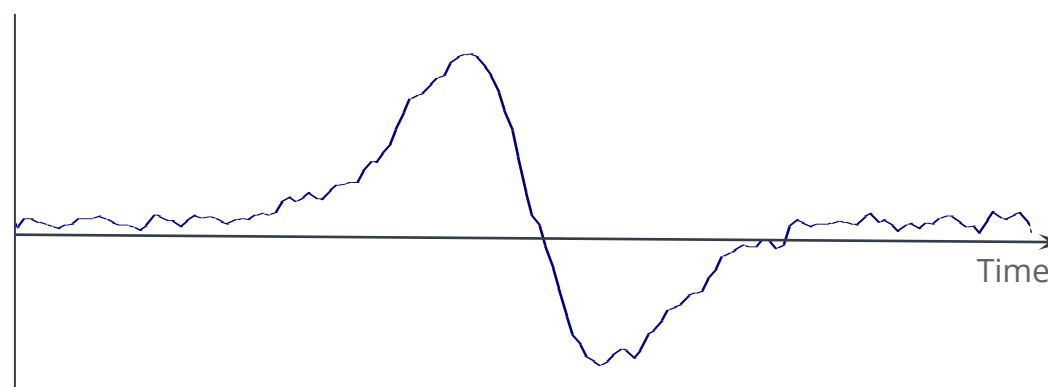


**Detect** the initiation and **monitor** the progression of damage

# MetalSCAN SENSOR



System Processor Output

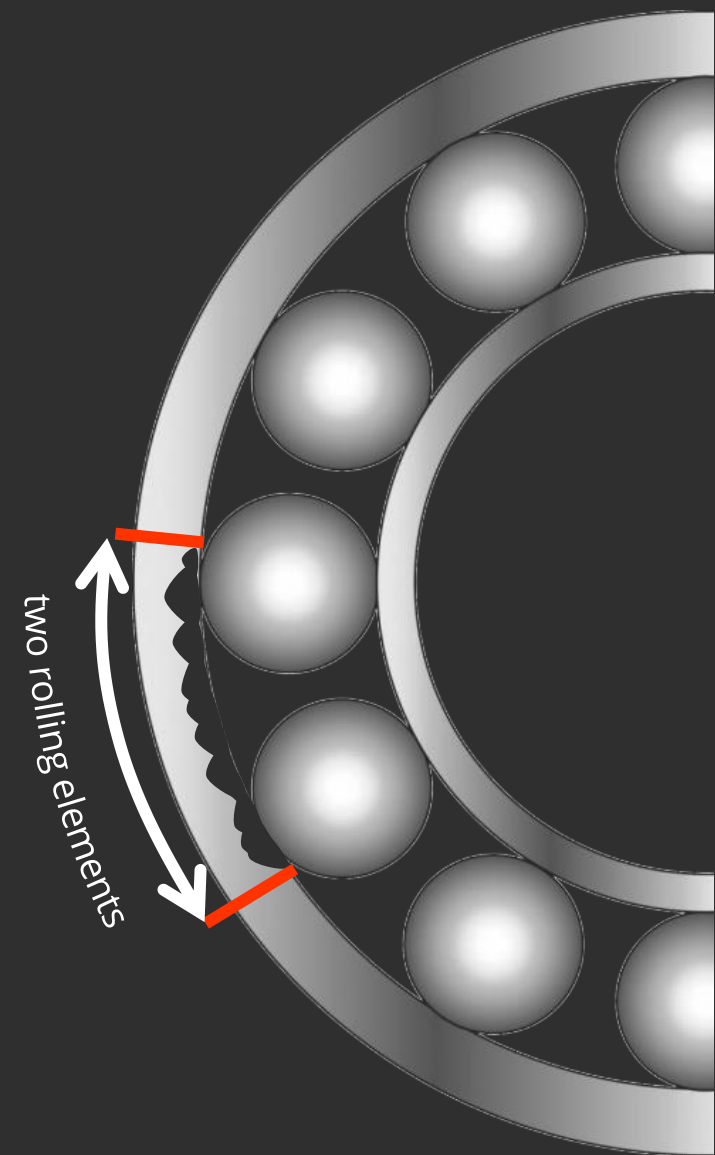
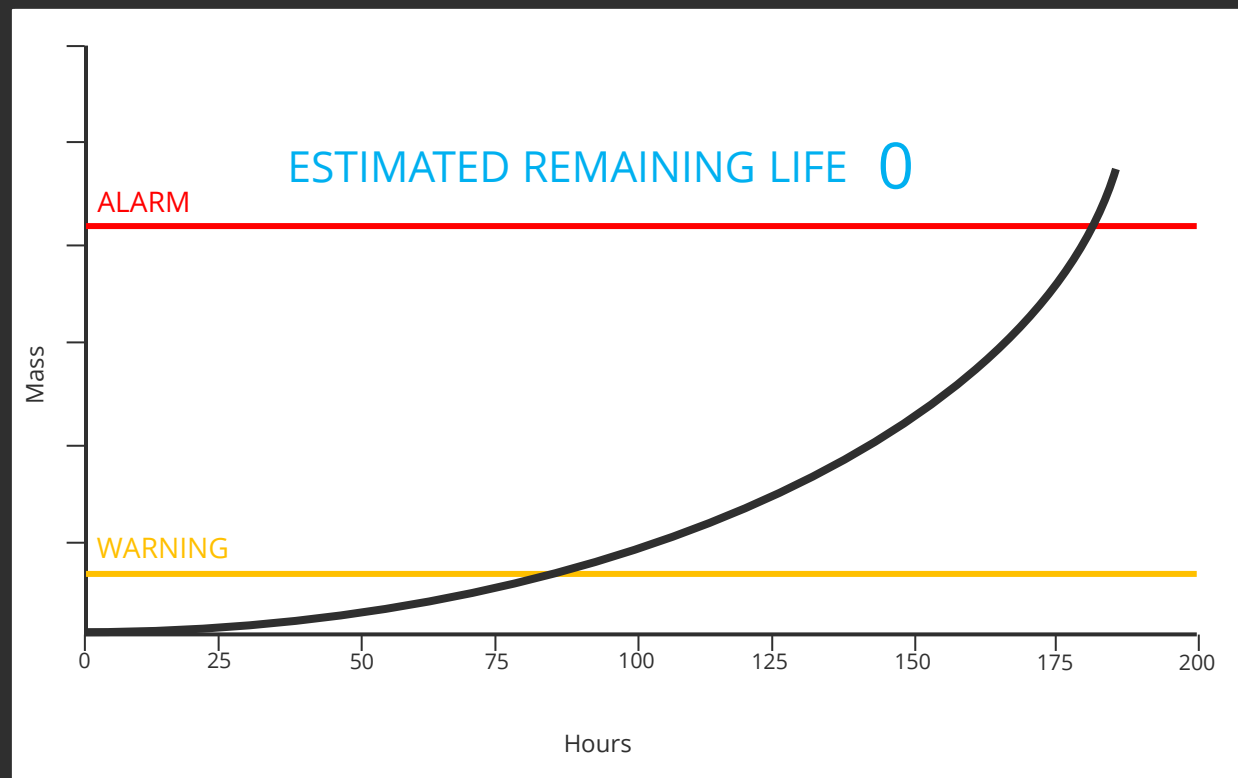


Magnetic metallic particle disturbs magnetic field

Non-magnetic metallic particle produces opposite signal

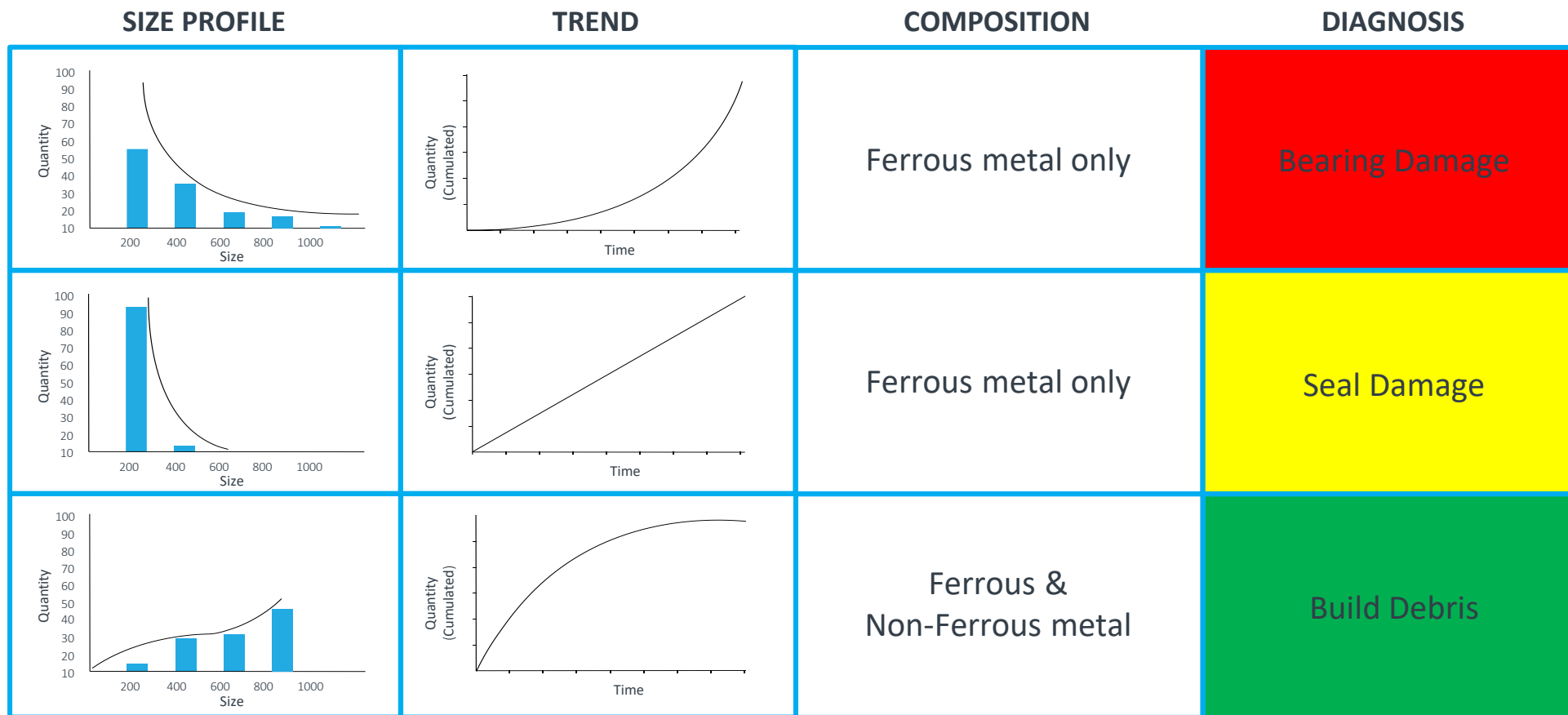
# MetalSCAN OUTPUT

Is it safe to operate? If so, for how long?



# ADVANCED OIL DEBRIS MONITORING DAMAGE ANALYSIS














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Differentiate between **build** and **damage** debris



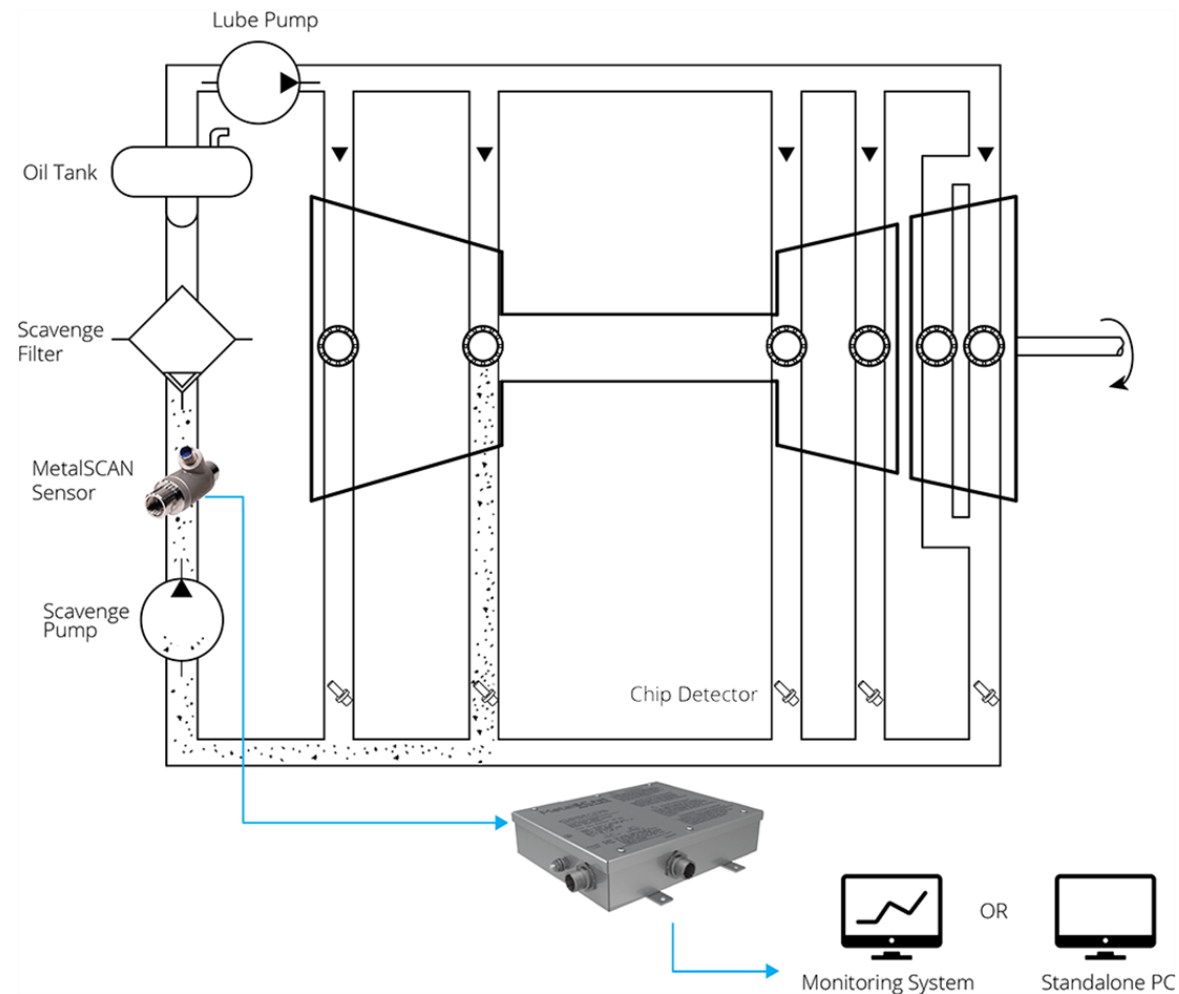
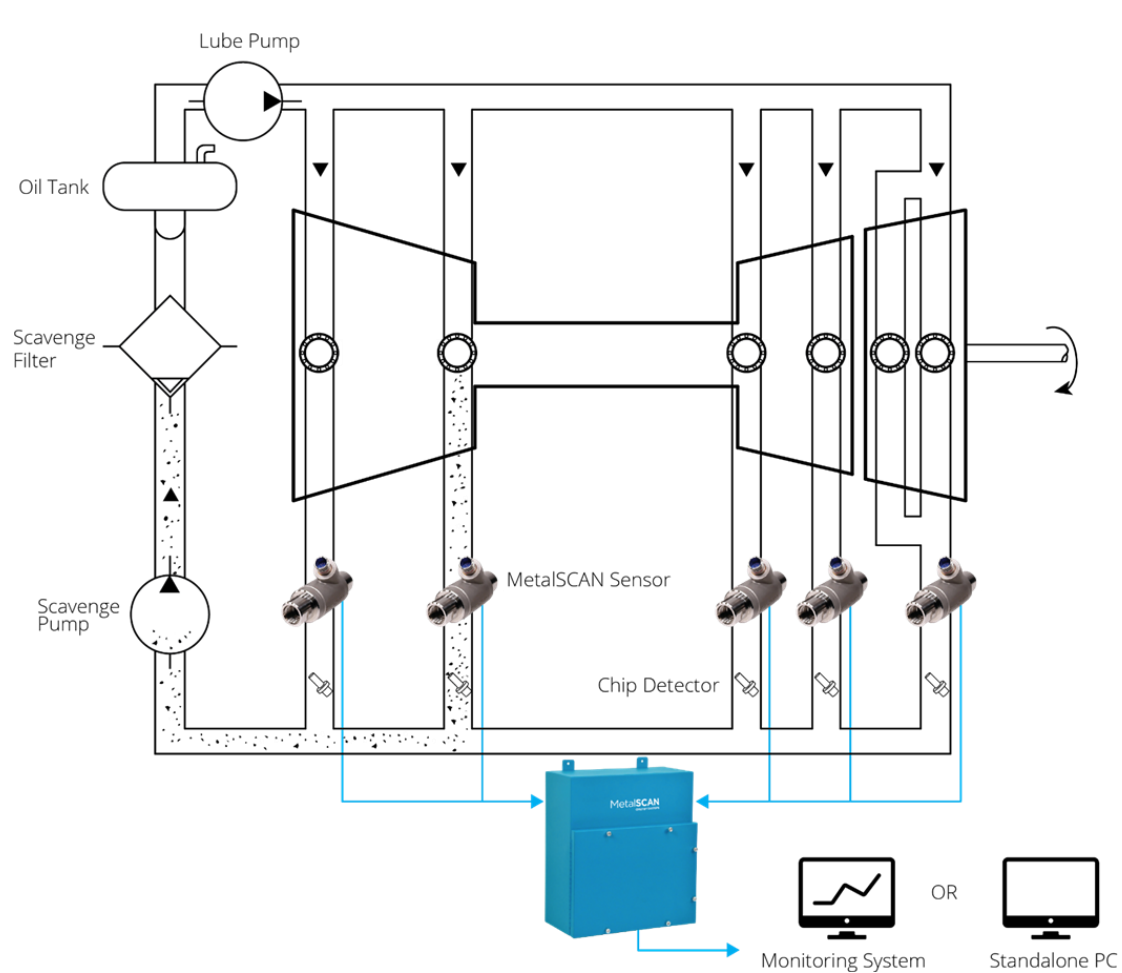
# ADVANCED OIL DEBRIS MONITORING ADVANTAGES - GAS TURBINES

Comparison	ECD	MetalSCAN ONLY BY GASTOPS	MetalSCAN Advantages
On-line Indication			Continuous real time detection vs. discrete on/off indication
Particle Detection Probability	~15%	100%*	All metallic damage debris passing through the sensor is detected
Ferrous Detection			Detection of all Fe bearing & gear material*
Non-Ferrous Detection			Detection of NFe bearing cage damage, pump damage, build debris*
Particle Counting			Counts all particles above threshold
Particle Sizing & Mass			Particle type/size info for discrimination of bearing damage, failure modes & build debris
Saturation			Flow through technology supports unlimited particle quantity
Condition Indicator			Graphical display for remaining life indication (prognostics & diagnostics)
No False Indications/Alarms			Intelligent signal processing and condition indicators
No Routine Maintenance			No cleaning, no calibration, includes built-in-test
No Forced Outage			No shutdown required to troubleshoot
No Missed Detections			Reliable with electro-mechanical features optimised for the application

\*All particles above the sensor detection threshold which is determined by the application

# SENSOR SOLUTIONS

# MetalSCAN CONFIGURATION OPTIONS (Multi vs. Single)



# MetalSCAN SELECTION GUIDE (Multi vs. Single)

Guideline		Multi	Single	Benefit Summary
Data	Individual sump debris detection	★★★★	☆☆☆	Allows for individual sump isolation
	Earliest indication	★★★★	★★☆	Damage particles reach sensor immediately
	Trending & limits	★★★★	★★☆	individual sump or combined alarm limits
	Remote monitoring	★★★★	★★☆	Less local involvement
Actions	Active load adjustment	★★★★	★★☆	Load reduction to augment RUL trend projection
	Troubleshooting	★★★★	★★☆	Early detection enhances advanced troubleshooting
	Proactive planning	★★★★	★★☆	Early detection and trending supports planning
	Peaker operation	★★☆☆	★★★★	Opportunity for a more affordable and easy retrofit
ROI	Savings delivered	★★★★	★★☆	User feedback: \$100k to \$1M+ per detection event
	Repair benefits	★★★★	★★☆	Damage has been isolated early and did not spread
	Cost	\$\$	\$	Installation < 1 day (single) vs 2 days (multi)

☆☆☆ N/A

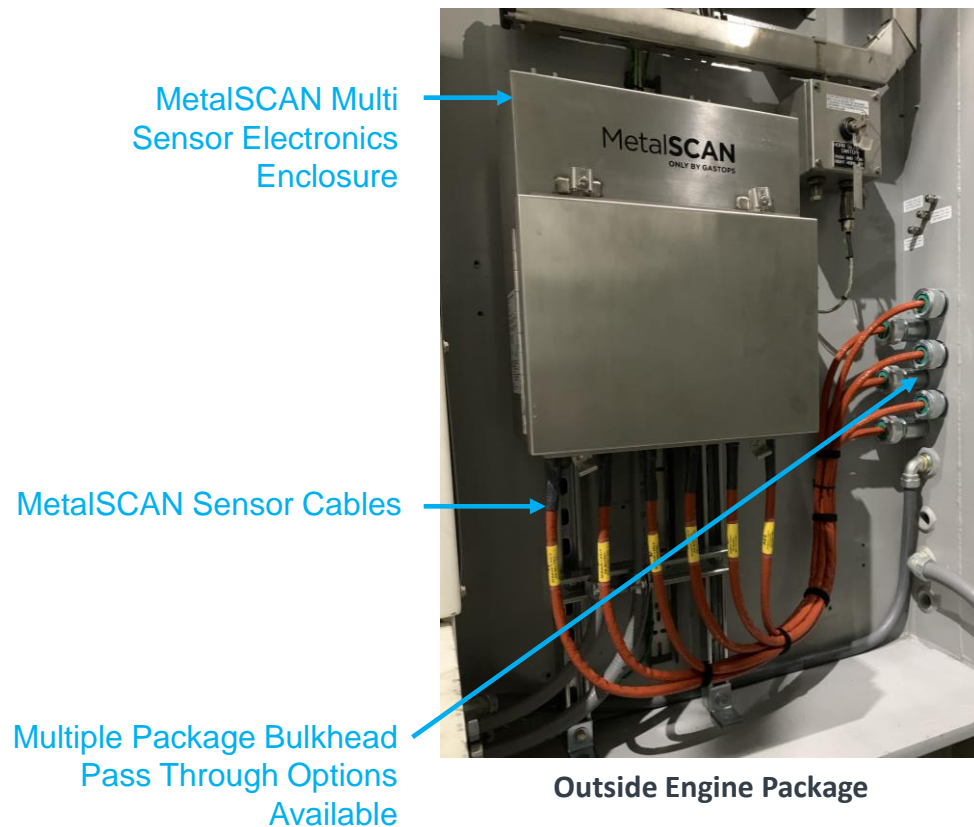
★★☆ Base solution

★★☆ Good solution

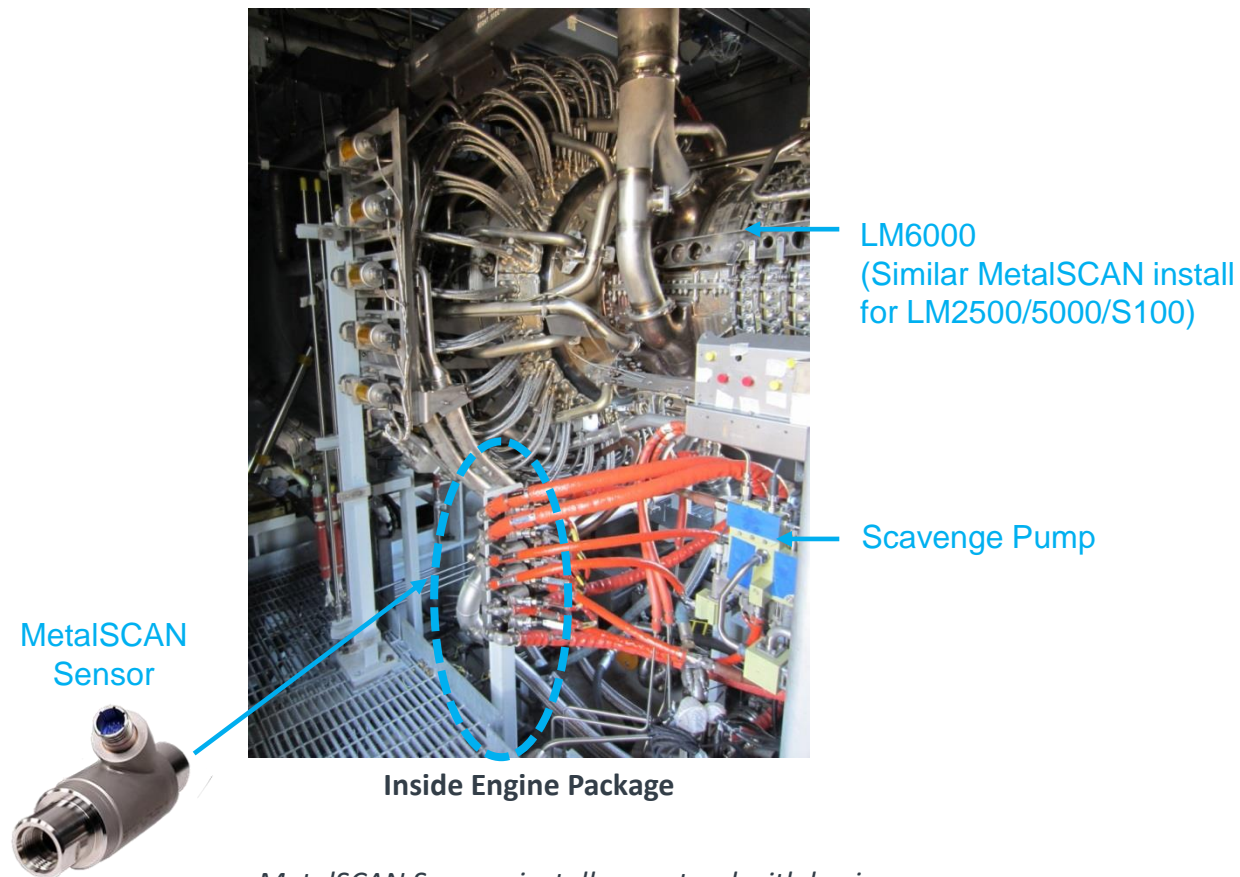
★★★★ Optimal solution



# MULTI SENSOR INSTALLATION



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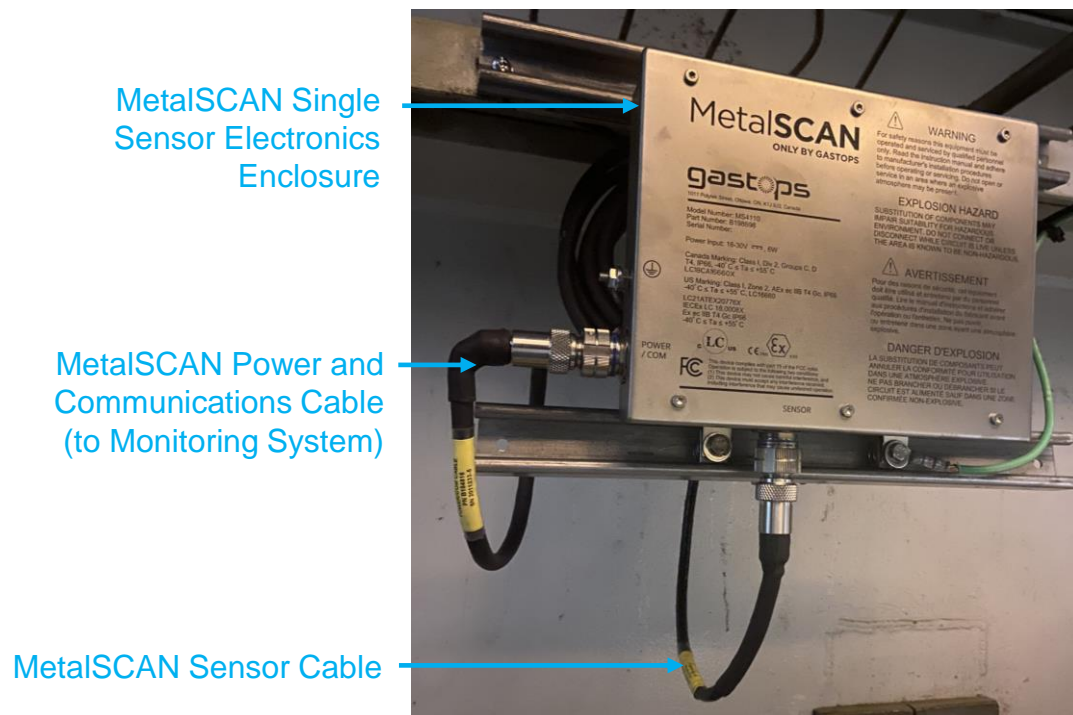


*MetalSCAN Sensors install on a stand with hosing going from Sump → MetalSCAN Sensor, and then from MetalSCAN Sensor → Scavenge Pump.*



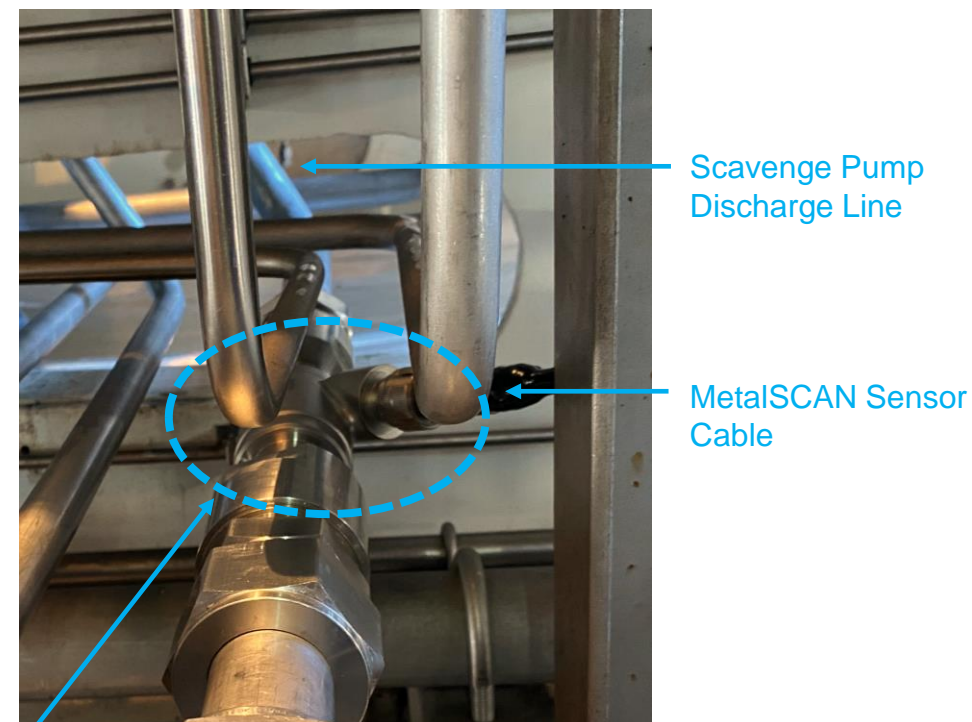
## Sensor Solutions

# SINGLE SENSOR INSTALLATION



Outside Engine Package

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Lubrication System Installation

*MetalSCAN Sensor installs in lubrication system plumbing downstream of common scavenge pump outlet. Mechanical integration approach is specific to lubrication system-package.*

MetalSCAN Sensor





# ADVANCED O&M TROUBLESHOOTING



# ADVANCED O&M TROUBLESHOOTING – THE COMPLETE SOLUTION

Early warning enables enhanced troubleshooting\*

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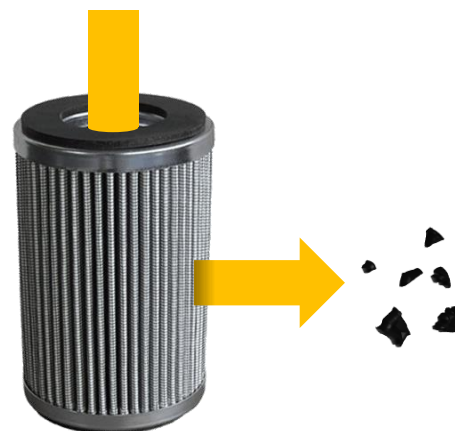
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# ADVANCED O&M TROUBLESHOOTING Laboratory Services



## Fluid Analysis Package

- Includes the following:
- RDE AES (ASTM D6595)
  - Viscosity (ASTM D445)
  - Acid Number (ASTM D974)
  - Water Content (ASTM D6304)
  - FTIR (ASTM D2412)
  - Particle Count (NAS 1638)
  - Color (ASTM D1500)



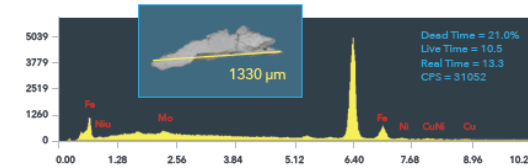
## Filter Analysis Package

- Includes the following:
- Filter Debris Analysis (ASTM D7919)
  - Chip Debris Analysis (ASTM D8182)

### ELEMENTAL COMPOSITION (Wt%)

Fe	Mo	Ni	Cu	Cr
93.11	2.16	1.85	1.75	1.13

The closest match for this material is UNS K71040  
Pyrowear 53



## Chip & Material Analysis

- Chip Debris Analysis (ASTM D8182)
- SEM – EDXRF Quantitative Elemental Classification

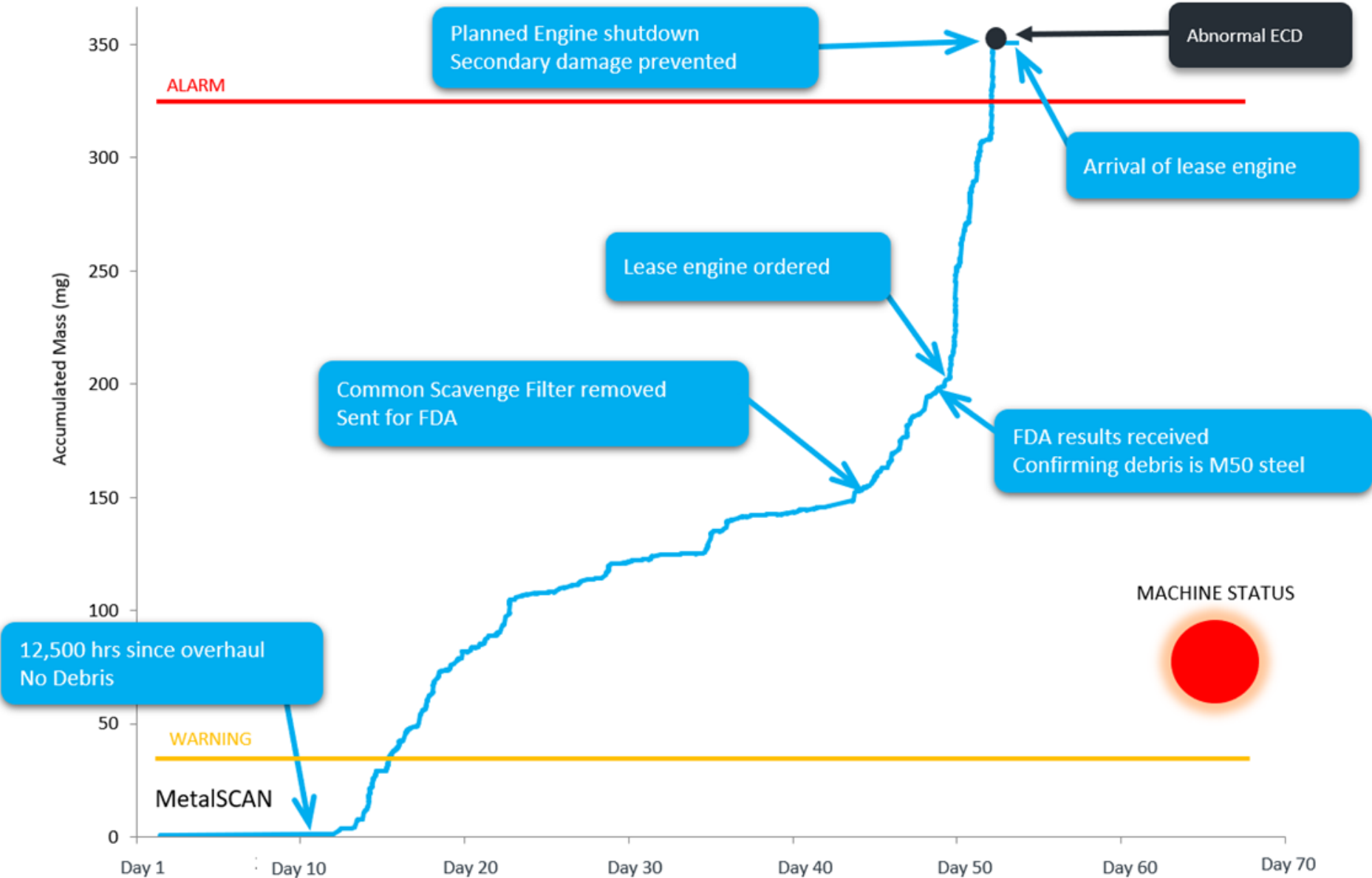
- All LM-engines test results evaluated in **accordance with GE Document GEK 105054** On-Site Operation and Maintenance Manual
- Gastops Oil Analysis Services **recommended in GEK 105054** On-Site Operation and Maintenance Manual and **GEK 117488** Field Guide for Lubrication System Debris

# ADVANCED OIL DEBRIS MONITORING – THE COMPLETE SOLUTION

CASE HISTORY

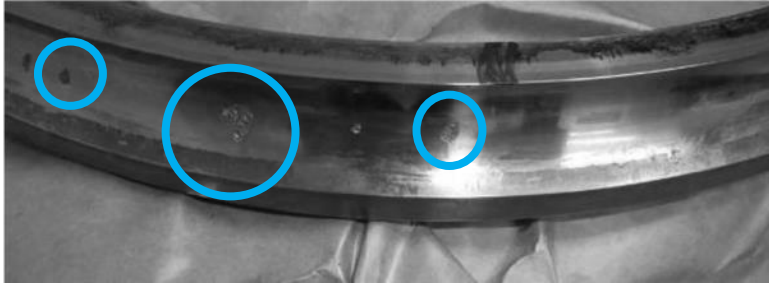
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## ADVANCED OIL DEBRIS MONITORING WITH MetalSCAN



- Alerted when vibration, temperature and ECD's are silent
- Limited damage to problem bearing
- Avoided secondary damage and unplanned shutdown
- Supported maintenance planning for replacement unit
- Reduced production loss and repair costs of unplanned event
- 4 days of unplanned downtime saved!
- Case histories: <https://www.gastops.com/products-services/metalscan/>

# THE MetalSCAN DIFFERENCE

More than just products

## Applications

Aeroderivative Gas Turbines  
Extruder Gearboxes  
Wind Turbine Gearboxes  
Marine Propulsion  
Test Cells

## The Complete Solution

Component damage isolation

## Identify Failure Modes

Surface fatigue damage  
Build debris  
Seal damage



## Damage Indication is Unreliable

Bearing and gear damage leads to unplanned events  
ECDs are the leading cause of false or missed events  
Damage develops progressively over time

## Proactive Protection

Real-time damage severity indication  
Schedule maintenance activities  
Root cause analysis determination  
Increase overall availability

## Condition Indicators

Warning and Alarm limits  
Remaining useful life information  
Extend overhaul intervals





# Thank you!

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