

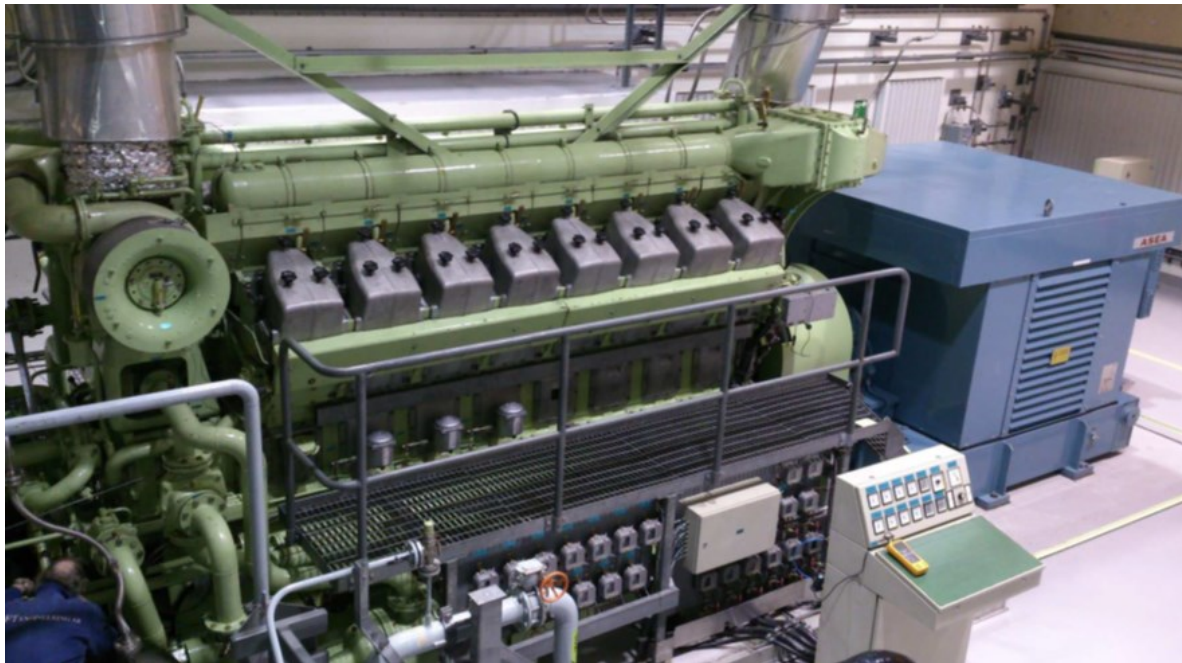
Mitigation of Diesel Generator Vibrations in Nuclear Applications

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- Sources of excitation
- DIAM-matrices

Introduction

- Goal of this project was to
 - Gather practical information on EDG vibrations into a report
 - Develop a systematic problem solving tool for EDGs, the DIAM-matrices
 - The report doubles as a manual for the DIAM-matrices



NOHAB/Wärtsilä F216V emergency diesel generator in Forsmark 3 (Forsmark, 2014)

Vibration problems in EDGs

- A lot of vibration problems in EDGs
- Problem examples:
 - Loosening and breaking of bolts, pipe supporting, machine feet
 - Cracks in welds and pipes
 - Damaged gears, impellers, pistons, couplings...
 - Excessive vibration of piping, electrical components, turbochargers, pumps, base frame, the whole EDG and the foundation...
- Vibration problems cause major economical losses at nuclear power plants
 - Increased maintenance costs
 - Downtime

Vibration problems in EDGs

- Excitations are always present in an EDG
- Strongest excitations originate from the diesel engine, but excitations are also created in the generator and locally in auxiliary components
- Excessive vibration may occur when
 - Natural frequencies of components are shifted due to loosening, wear, structural changes etc. leading to resonance/ dynamic amplification
 - Excitation forces grow stronger or new excitations appear due to faulty condition

Sources of excitation

Diesel engine excitations

- Excitations are caused by mass and gas forces inside the engine
- Mass forces
 - due to rotating and reciprocating masses
 - Continuous in the period of 1 crankshaft cycle
 - Excitations are created at harmonic orders 1, 2, 3, 4...
 - Rigid body, bending mode and torsional vibrations
- Gas forces
 - due to compression and combustion pressure waves inside the cylinders
 - Continuous in the period of 2 full crankshaft cycles (4-stroke engine)
 - Excitations at sub harmonic orders $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, $1\frac{1}{2}$, 2...
 - Crankshaft torsional and axial vibrations, engine block vibrations

Harmonic order of running speed

$$f = \text{order\#} \frac{\text{rpm}}{60}$$

Sources of excitation

Diesel engine excitations

- Engine excitations (reciprocating forces and moments) are transmitted to the rest of the EDG through the base frame -> are felt everywhere in the EDG
- Each engine type causes a different excitation spectrum

Sources of excitation

Diesel engine excitations

- Firing frequency is typically the strongest engine excitation frequency
 - Caused by the firing of cylinders
 - Firing of each cylinder causes a torque pulse to the crankshaft
 - The engine block is twisted to opposite direction -> force couple transmitted to the base frame

Firing frequency for 4-stroke engines

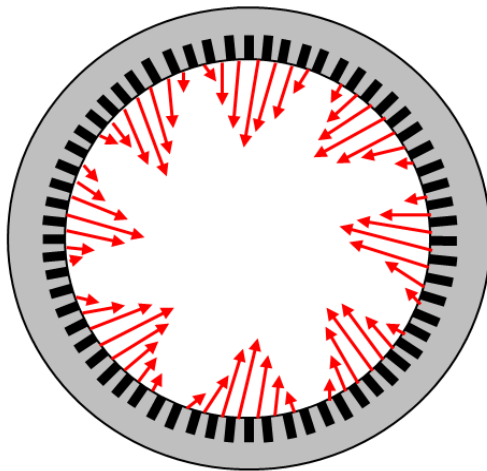
$$f = \frac{N_{cyl}}{2} \frac{rpm}{60}$$

N_{cyl} = number of cylinders in one cylinder bank

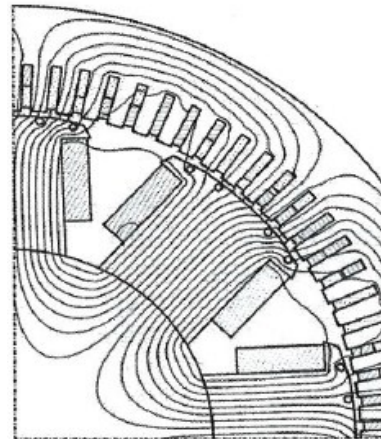
Sources of excitation

Generator excitations

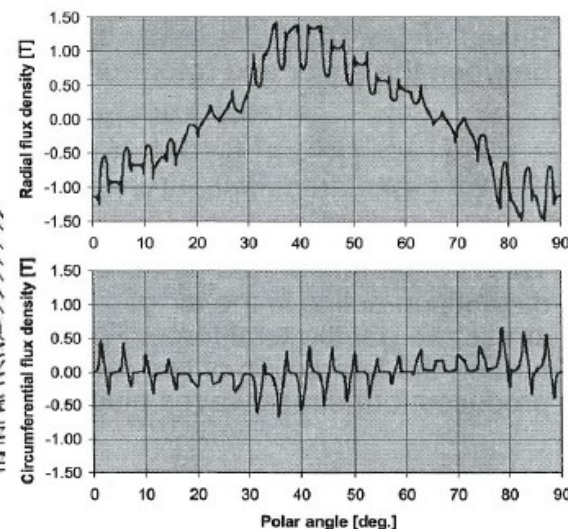
- The rotating magnetic field causes rotating magnetic force waves
 - Fundamental variation of the magnetic field 50 Hz (line frequency)
 - Fundamental variation of the force waves 100 Hz (pole pass frequency=twice line frequency)
 - A broad spectrum of excitations are present 50, 100, 150, 200 Hz...



Magnetic force distribution.



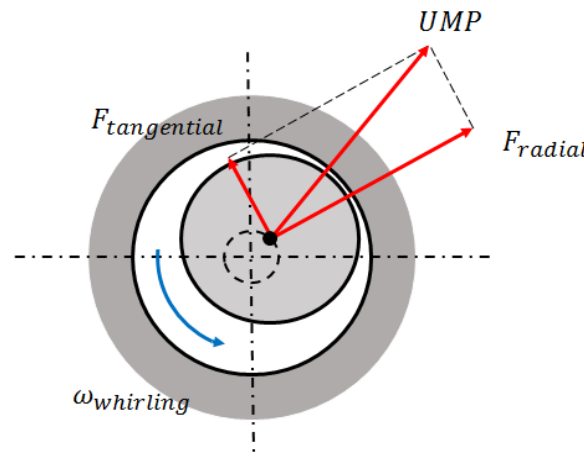
Magnetic field in the air gap. (Arkkio, A. 2007)



Sources of excitation

Generator excitations

- Ideally the rotor and stator core are concentric
Radial force components cancel each other out, tangential force components create load for the engine
- In practice the rotor is more or less eccentric
 - Radial forces become non-zero -> Unbalanced magnetic pull (UMP)
 - UMP increases in nonlinear fashion with increasing eccentricity -> increases excitations
 - Typically about 10% eccentricity is permitted



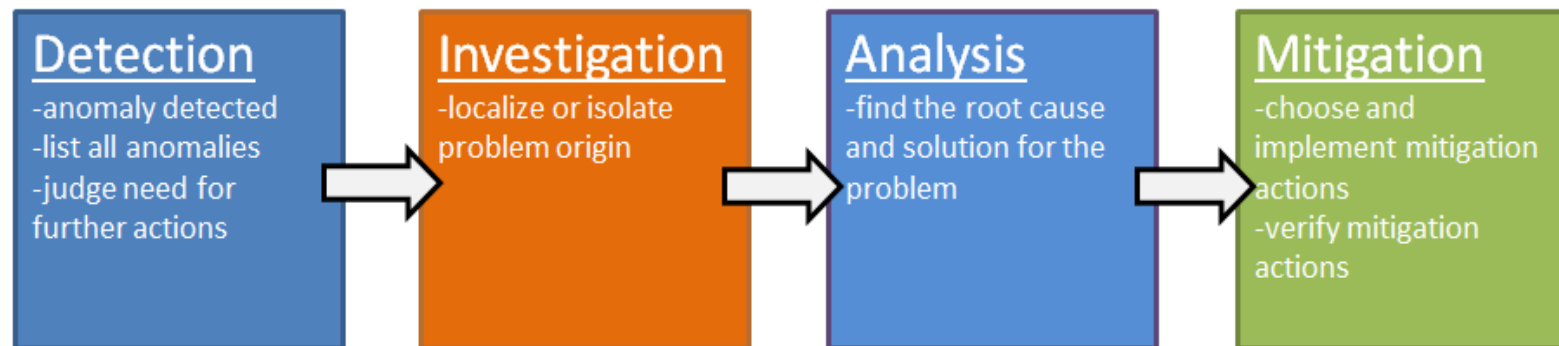
Sources of excitation

Other excitation sources

- Engine misfiring
- Critical speeds
- Unbalance
- Misalignment
- Mechanical looseness
- Rotor rub
- Governor hunting
- Gear meshing
- Pump vane excitation
- Bearing defects
- Etc.

DIAM-matrices

- DIAM-matrices are an Excel-based table tool that provides a systematic walkthrough to solving vibration problems
- Problem solving procedure is divided into steps of Detection, Investigation, Analysis and Mitigation



Responsible party:

Power plant personnel

Manufacturer / consultant service

DIAM-matrices

- Original idea by Paul Smeekes
- DIAM-matrices for pipe vibration – Mikko Merikoski
- DIAM-matrices for turbine and generator vibrations – Rainer Nordmann
- DIAM-matrices for EDG vibrations – Antti Kangasperko

DIAM-matrices

Basic idea

- The matrices are primary targeted for users who are not diesel vibration experts
- The matrices are based on correlation values between different observations/findings and possible problems
- Values range from 0-5
 - 5: very strong correlation
 - 1: very weak correlation
 - 0: no correlation
- Correlation values are used to calculate how "probably" the vibration problem is caused by each phenomena
- The correlation values are estimates
 - Values are to be tuned with experts

DIAM-matrices

Detection phase

- Begins when abnormal machine behaviour, an anomaly, is detected during EDG testing
 - Increased vibration amplitude, increased boost pressure, abnormal cylinder temperature, abnormal sounds, visible vibration, leaks, etc.
- When an anomaly is marked into the matrix as found, it is included in the probability calculation
- Other possible anomalies should be looked for to get more accurate initial probabilities for phenomena causing the problem

Detection matrix

			Anomalies detectable by sensors												Anomalies detectable by human senses												Anomaly location															----- Mark here "x" if not used in the plant																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																															

Product of probabilities, if no blanks

Relative probabilities

Commonness & Severity weighted probability

Commonness

Severity

Detection matrix – structure

Correlation values

List of possible anomalies

location

Findings are marked to the yellow row

List of possible phenomena that can cause vibrations

		Anomalies detectable by sensors												Anomalies detectable by human senses												Anomaly location														

DIAM-matrices

Possible phenomena highlighted with green

Discovered anomalies now marked

		Anomalies detectable by sensors										Anomalies detectable by human senses										Anomaly location																			

Probabilities for phenomena

DIAM-matrices

Investigation phase

- Investigation phase begins when it has been concluded that the anomaly requires further actions
- Based on the detection findings, the matrix recommends checks, test and measurements that may be helpful in locating the problem origin
 - For example: vibration matches with at a certain known excitation frequency, vibration increases with engine speed, vibration matches with hammer test frequencies, vibration disappears when electricity is turned off...
 - main excitation frequencies are calculated automatically if technical data is added to the front sheet
- Investigation phase is split to three matrices
 - Investigation objectives: suggests what to look for
 - Investigation methods: suggests which tests and instruments are effective for the present purpose
 - Investigation findings: findings are marked here for probability calculation

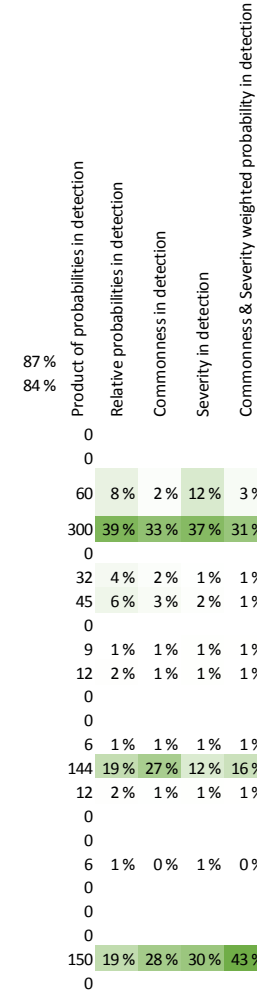
Investigation objectives

What to look for,
problem characteristics,
frequencies etc.

- Major Investigation objectives
- Other Investigation objectives
- Possible phenomena according to the Detection matrix

Same phenomena
as in detection phase

Investigation objective		Vibration increases with engine speed	Vibration increases with generator load	Vibration disappears when electric power is turned off	Strong vibration only on certain speeds	Vibration disappears when mounting foot is loosened	Vibration disappears when the governor is prevented	Crankshaft torsional vibrations	Vibration at blade pass frequency	Vibration at hammer test frequencies	Vibration at 6.25 Hz (engine half order)	Vibration at 12.5 Hz (engine first order)	Vibration at 25 Hz (engine second order)	Vibration at 37.5 Hz (firing frequency)	Vibration at 50 Hz (line frequency)	Vibration at 100 Hz (2x line frequency)	Vibration at 200 Hz (4x line frequency)	Vibration at 1250 Hz (slot pass frequency)	Vibration at 0.43...0.48 x rpm (auxiliary components)	Vibration at 1x rpm (auxiliary components)	Vibration at 2x rpm (auxiliary components)	Harmonics of running speed present	Subharmonics of running speed present	Frequency is modulating	Disturbances in time waveform	Unexplainable measurement results
Easiness		4	4	4	4	3	3	1	2	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	4
Objectives, sum		81	11	11	139	6	23	131	30	150	150	7	9	0	0	5	0	15	3	46	45	80	118	51	119	74
Objectives, %		6	1	1	11	0	2	10	2	12	12	1	1			0		1			3	6	9	4		6
Easiness weighted %		7	1	1	11	0	1	3	1	9	15	1	1			0		2			4	7	10	5		6
Phenomenon	Section																									
Mass forces	4.1.1	5						2		1		5	5	1	1							5				
Gas forces	4.1.2	3	5					2	3	1	2			5	1							5	4			
Crankshaft torsional critical speed	4.1.5				3			5		3												2	1		1	
Misfiring	4.1.7							3	1	1	5												2	1	1	2
Diesel knock	4.1.8							1	1	1													1	1		
Piston slap	4.1.9	5						1		1			2									1	1		3	
Governor hunting	4.1.11						5	1		1													1		3	
Magnetic forces	4.2.1		4	5						1					3	3	3	2			3	1	1			
Static eccentricity	4.2.3		5	5		4				1						5						1	1			
Dynamic eccentricity	4.2.4	2	5	5						1		3										1	1			
Stator end winding looseness	4.2.5		5	5	1					1					2	3	2					2	1		1	
Rotating unbalance	4.3.1	5								1		5								5						
Misalignment	4.3.2	2				4				1			4						4	3	3				2	
Mechanical looseness	4.3.3	4			3					1									3	3	4	3	1	5		
Rotor rub	4.3.4	3						2		1		3										3	3	2		
Lateral critical speed	4.3.5				4					3																
Oil whirl	4.3.6							1		1		1						5								
Oil whip	4.3.6				4			1		1								5								
Roller bearing defect	4.3.7	1								1															4	
Gear meshing	4.3.8	2						2		1												3	3		5	
Vane or blade excitation	4.3.9	2						2	4	1												3	3		4	
Structural resonance	3.3				5					5								1								
Measurement fault	5.1.4																							1		5



Same probabilities
as in
detection
phase

DIAM-matrices

Investigation methods

What to look for,
problem characteristics,
frequencies etc.

- Major Investigation objectives
- Other Investigation objectives
- x Used investigation methods
- Possible investigation findings
- Do the markings here

Checks, tests,
measurements

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		Easiness weighted %	7	1	1	11	0	1	3	1	9	15	1	1					0		2		0	4	7	10	5		6	
Investigation method	Section																													
Pre-checks	check for recent structural changes	8.2.1.1																												
	Check for exceptional operating conditions	8.2.1.2																												
	Review operating history	8.2.1.3																												
Transducer selection	Accelerometers	5.2.1.1	5	4	3	5	5	5		3	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5		
	Velocity transducers	5.2.1.2	4	3	2	4	4	1		1	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4		
	Proximity probes	5.2.1.3	5	3	3	5	5	2		1	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5		
	Laser vibrometers	5.2.1.4	5	4	3	5	5	2		2	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5		
	Shaft encoders	5.2.1.5	2	1				5	4	1	1	4	4	4	4	4	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
	Strain gauges	5.2.1.6	1	1	1	1	1	5	3	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
	Fiber optic sensors	5.2.1.7	5	5	5	5	5	2		3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5		
	Dynamic pressure transducers	5.2.1.8									5																			
Tests and measurements	Engine speed test	8.2.2.1	5			5																								
	Generator load test	8.2.2.2		5																										
	Electric power off test	8.2.2.3			5																									
	Impact hammer test	8.2.2.4									5																			
	Soft foot test	8.2.2.5					5																							
	Governor prevention test	8.2.2.6						5																						
	Time waveform signal analysis	5.3.2																							5	5	3			
	Vibration spectrum analysis	5.3.1									3	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	1		2		

Recommendation based on the objectives, sum
Recommendation taking into account selected methods
Relative recommendation percentage
Percentage taking into account selected methods

Perform
always

117	117	12%	12%
91	91	10%	10%
114	114	12%	12%
116	116	12%	12%
47	47	5%	5%
40	40	4%	4%
117	117	12%	12%
78	78	8%	8%
5	5	1%	1%
5	5	1%	1%
75	75	8%	8%
3	3	0%	0%
11	11	1%	1%
62	62	7%	7%
71	71	7%	7%

How good
different
instruments
and tests are
in this case?

Investigation findings

Investigation findings are marked here

Investigation findings					Vibration increases with engine speed	Vibration increases with generator load	Vibration disappears when electric power is	Strong vibration only on certain speeds	Vibration disappears when mounting foot is	Vibration disappears when the governor is	Crankshaft torsional vibrations	Vibration at blade pass frequency	Vibration at hammer test frequencies	Vibration at 6,25 Hz (engine half order)	Vibration at 12,5 Hz (engine first order)	Vibration at 25 Hz (engine second order)	Vibration at 37,5 Hz (firing frequency)	Vibration at 50 Hz (line frequency)	Vibration at 100 Hz (2x line frequency)	Vibration at 200 Hz (4x line frequency)	Vibration at 1250 Hz (slot pass frequency)	Vibration at 0,43...0,48 x rpm (auxiliary components)	Vibration at 1x rpm (auxiliary components)	Vibration at 2x rpm (auxiliary components)	Harmonics of running speed present	Subharmonics of running speed present	Frequency is modulating	Disturbances in time waveform	Unexplainable measurement results	Product of probabilities, if no blanks	Relative probabilities				
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Objectives																																			
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Mass forces			4.1.1	5							2	1		5	5	1	1								5								0		
Gas forces			4.1.2	3	5						2	3	1	2			5	1							5	4							16	26 %	
Crankshaft torsional critical speed			4.1.5				3				5	3													2	1		1					0		
Misfiring			4.1.7								3	1	1	5													3	1	1	2			45	74 %	
Diesel knock			4.1.8								1	1	1															1	1				0		
Piston slap			4.1.9	5							1	1			2															3			0		
Governor hunting			4.1.11						5	1		1																	1		3		0		
Magnetic forces			4.2.1		4	5						1						3	3	3	2				3	1	1						0		
Static eccentricity			4.2.3		5	5		4				1								5						1	1						0		
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Stator end winding looseness			4.2.5		5	5	1										2	3	2							2	1		1				0		
Rotating unbalance			4.3.1	5								1		5											5								0		
Misalignment			4.3.2	2				4				1			4										4	3	3		2				0		
Mechanical looseness			4.3.3	4			3					1												3	3	4	3	1	5				0		
Rotor rub			4.3.4	1							2	1		3												3	3	2						0	
Lateral critical speed			4.3.5				4					3																					0		
Oil whirl			4.3.6								1	1		1								5												0	
Oil whip			4.3.6				4				1	1										5												0	
Roller bearing defect			4.3.7	1								1																						0	
Gear meshing			4.3.8	2							2	1														3	3		5					0	
Vane or blade excitation			4.3.9	2							2	4	1													3	3		4					0	
Structural resonance			3.3				5					5									1													0	
Measurement fault			5.1.4																									1		5			0		

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Product of probabilities, if no blanks

Relative probabilities

New probabilities based in investigation findings appear here

Green: phenomena according to investigation findings

Light blue: phenomena according to detected anomalies

Analysis phase

- After investigation phase the problem may already be known, at least to some extent
- Sophisticated methods are applied to find the root cause of the problem
 - modal analysis, ODS-animations, Motion amplification, oil analysis, metallurgical failure analysis, simulations...
- External parties (manufacturer, consultants) may have an increasing role in this phase, depending on the readiness of the NPP to carry out the analysis methods
- Matrix shows how good each method is for gaining information from the problem that was discovered
- This matrix sheet is only for information, no input from user required

Analysis matrix

		Recommended transducers							Analysis methods									
		Accelerometers	Velocity transducers	Proximity probes	Laser vibrometers	Shaft encoders	Strain gauges	Fiber optic sensors	Dynamic pressure transducers	Experimental modal analysis	Operational deflection shape	Operational modal analysis	Motion amplification	Digital image correlation	Infrared thermography	Metallurgical failure analysis	Oil analysis	Simulations
Easiness		4	4	3	3	2	1	5	4	1	2	2	4	2	5	1	1	2
Recommended method, sum		9,3	7,7	6,1	18,3	30,5	18,3	9,3	30,5	18,3	24,4	24,4	26	12,2	27,3	10,9	10,9	22,8
Recommended method, %		3	3	2	6	10	6	3	10	6	8	8	8	4	9	4	4	7
Easiness weighted %		4	4	2	7	7	2	6	15	2	6	6	12	3	16	1	1	5
Phenomenon	Section	5.2.2.1	5.2.2.2	5.2.2.3	5.2.2.4	5.2.2.5	5.2.2.6	5.2.2.7	5.2.2.8	8.3.1.1	8.3.1.2	8.3.1.3	8.3.1.4	8.3.1.5	8.3.1.6	8.3.1.7	8.3.1.8	8.3.1.9
Mass forces	4.1.1	4	3	2	4	1	1	4	3	4	4	5	1	3	4	5	4	
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Diesel knock	4.1.8	3			3	2	4	3	5	1					2	3	3	5
Piston slap	4.1.9	3	3	1	3		3	3		1	4	1	5		4	3	5	1
Governor hunting	4.1.11	1	1	1	3	5	3	1		1	2	2	3	1	1	3	2	
Magnetic forces	4.2.1	3	2		4	3	1	5		2	1	3			1		1	4
Static eccentricity	4.2.3	3	2				2	5		2	5	3	5	2	3	3	3	1
Dynamic eccentricity	4.2.4	3	3	1			2	5		2	5	3	5		1	1	2	2
Stator end winding looseness	4.2.5	3	1		5		2	5		3	1	3	4	2	3	5	1	3
Rotating unbalance	4.3.1	4	3	4	3		1			2	4	2	5	1	1		3	1
Misalignment	4.3.2	4	3	5	3		1						1	3	5	4	3	1
Mechanical looseness	4.3.3	4	3	2	4		1	4		3	4	2	4	2	5	5		2
Rotor rub	4.3.4	4	3	4	3	2	2	4			2		1	2	5	5	4	1
Lateral critical speed	4.3.5	4	3	1	4		1	4		3	1	4	3	1	1		2	4
Oil whirl	4.3.6	4	2				1	3		1	1	1	4		2		4	2
Oil whip	4.3.6	4	1				1	3		1	1	1	4		2	2	4	3
Roller bearing defect	4.3.7	5	1		4			4					1		4	5	5	
Gear meshing	4.3.8	4	1		4	4	1	4				1	2	3	4	5	5	1
Vane or blade excitation	4.3.9	3	1		3	2	1	3	5			1	3	1	2	1	1	3
Structural resonance	3.3	5			5		2	5		5			4	5	3	1	2	5
Measurement fault	5.1.4	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2				4		3		5	

Product of probabilities based on investigation findings
Relative probabilities based on investigation findings

How recommended each analysis and measurement instrument is in this case?
Based on effectiveness and easiness

DIAM-matrices

Mitigation phase

- The root cause of the problem is fully known at this point
- The matrix shows different mitigation methods and how good they are at mitigating each problem type
 - Balancing, aligning, replace component, natural frequency tuning, isolation, mass damper, no damage expected (analysis has shown that it shouldn't break)...
- Mitigation method is verified by vibration measurements after implementation

Mitigation matrix

Found phenomenon is marked here

		Mitigation method											
		Balancing	Aligning	Replace / repair defected component	Improved control sequence	Isolate the source of excitation	Isolate a component from vibrating base	Natural frequency tuning	Vibration dampers	Tuned mass dampers	Active vibration control	No damage expected	Improving fatigue resistance
Easiness		2	3	3	3	2	2	1	2	2	1	3	2
Recommended method, sum		0	0	3	0	3	3	0	2	1	0	3	3
Recommended method, %				17		17	17		11	6		17	17
Easiness weighted %				21		14	14		10	5		21	14
Phenomenon	Section	6.4.1.1	6.4.1.2	6.4.1.3		6.3.1.4	6.3.1.5	6.3.1.6	6.3.1.8	6.3.1.9	6.3.1.10	6.3.1.11	6.3.1.12
Mass forces	4.1.1	1				3	3	3	2	2	1	3	3
Gas forces	4.1.2					3	3	3	2	1	1	3	3
Crankshaft torsional critical speed	4.1.5			3				1	3	3	1	3	1
x Misfiring	4.1.7			3		3	3		2	1		3	3
Diesel knock	4.1.8											3	
Piston slap	4.1.9			5					1		1	3	
Governor hunting	4.1.11				5							3	
Magnetic forces	4.2.1					1	3	3	1	1	1	3	3
Static eccentricity	4.2.3		5				1					3	1
Dynamic eccentricity	4.2.4	4	1	2			1		1	1		3	1
Stator end winding looseness	4.2.5			4				3	1			3	4
Rotating unbalance	4.3.1	5				3	3		2	2	1	3	1
Misalignment	4.3.2		5									3	
Mechanical looseness	4.3.3			4		1	1		1			3	
Rotor rub	4.3.4	1	4	3								3	
Lateral critical speed	4.3.5	5				2	2	2	2	2	1	3	1
Oil whirl	4.3.6							1			1	3	1
Oil whip	4.3.6							1			1	3	1
Roller bearing defect	4.3.7			5								3	
Gear meshing	4.3.8		3	5		3	3	3	2	3	1	3	3
Vane or blade excitation	4.3.9			3		4	4	3	2	1	1	3	3
Structural resonance	3.3					4	4	5	3	4	3	3	5
Measurement fault	5.1.4												

Best mitigation methods for the found phenomenon

Other mitigation methods

Relative probabilities based on investigation findings

100%
100%

Recommended mitigation methods, based on how effective and easy it is

26 %

74 %

Thank you for your attention!
Any questions?