



Motion Amplification®  
The new era in vibration measurement & root  
cause analysis

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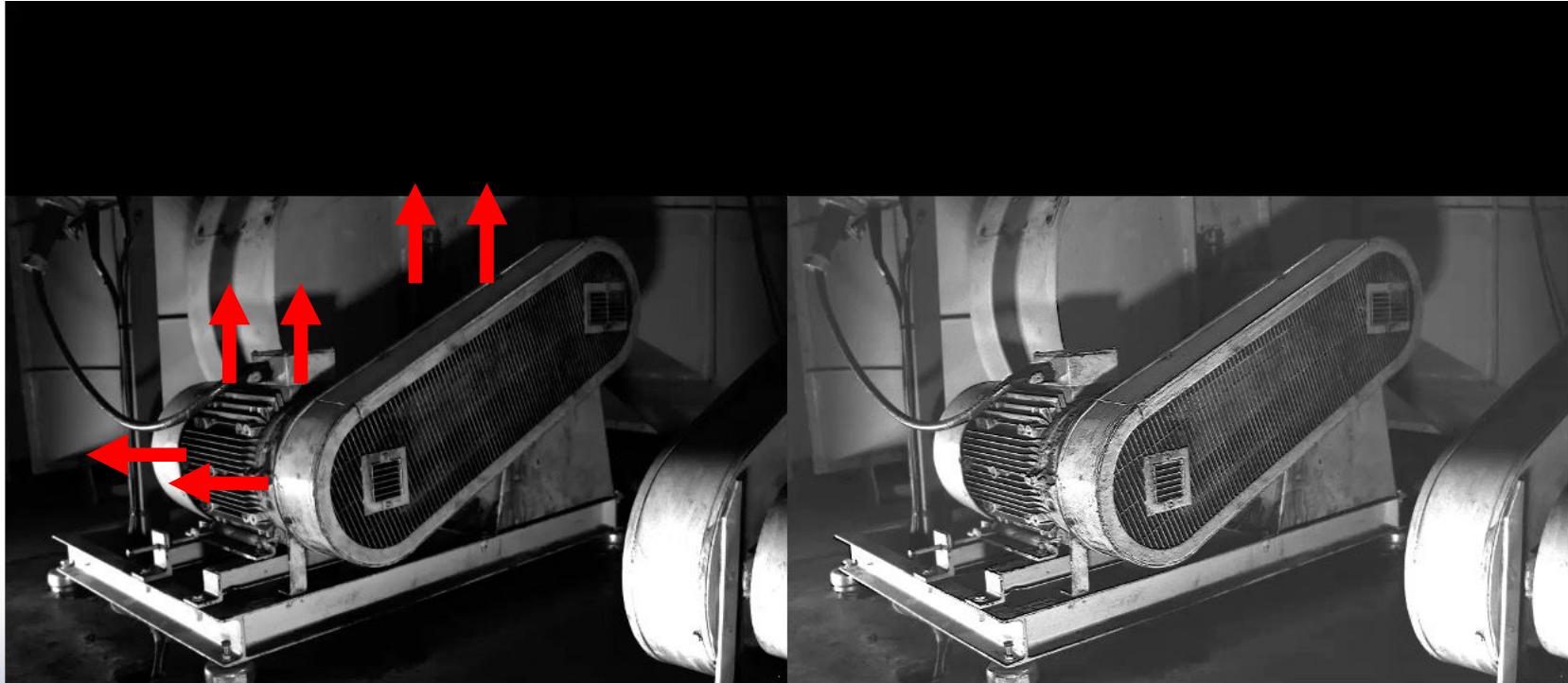
# What is Motion Amplification®?

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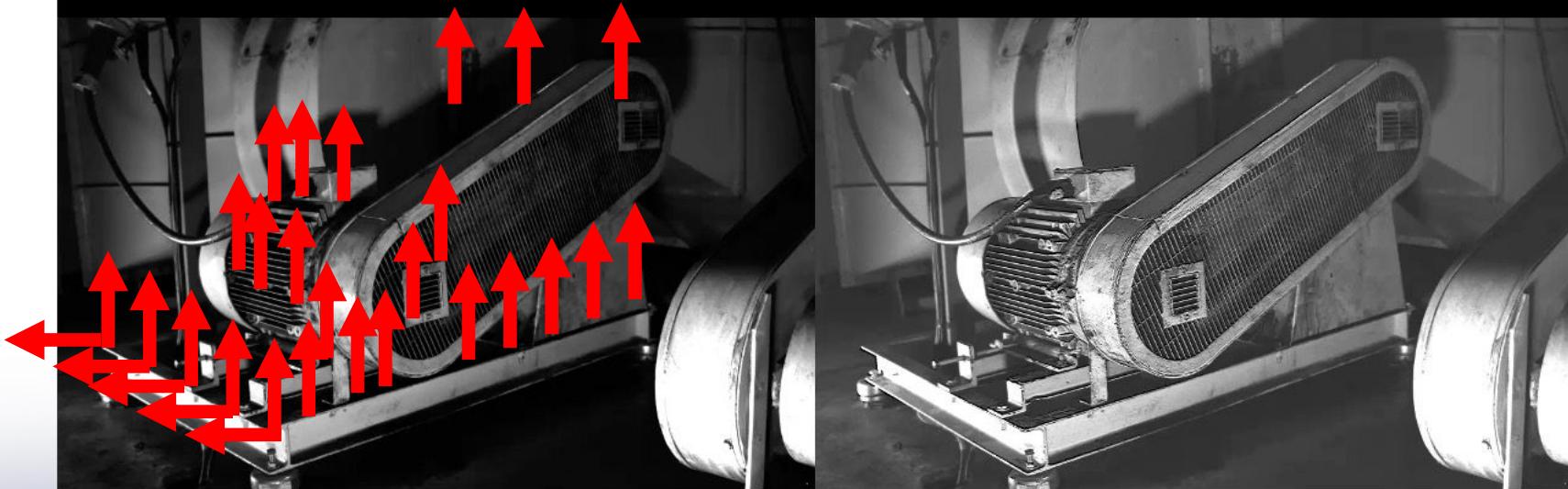
The Motion Amplification® turns **EVERY PIXEL**  
into a **SENSOR** that **MEASURES MOTION**

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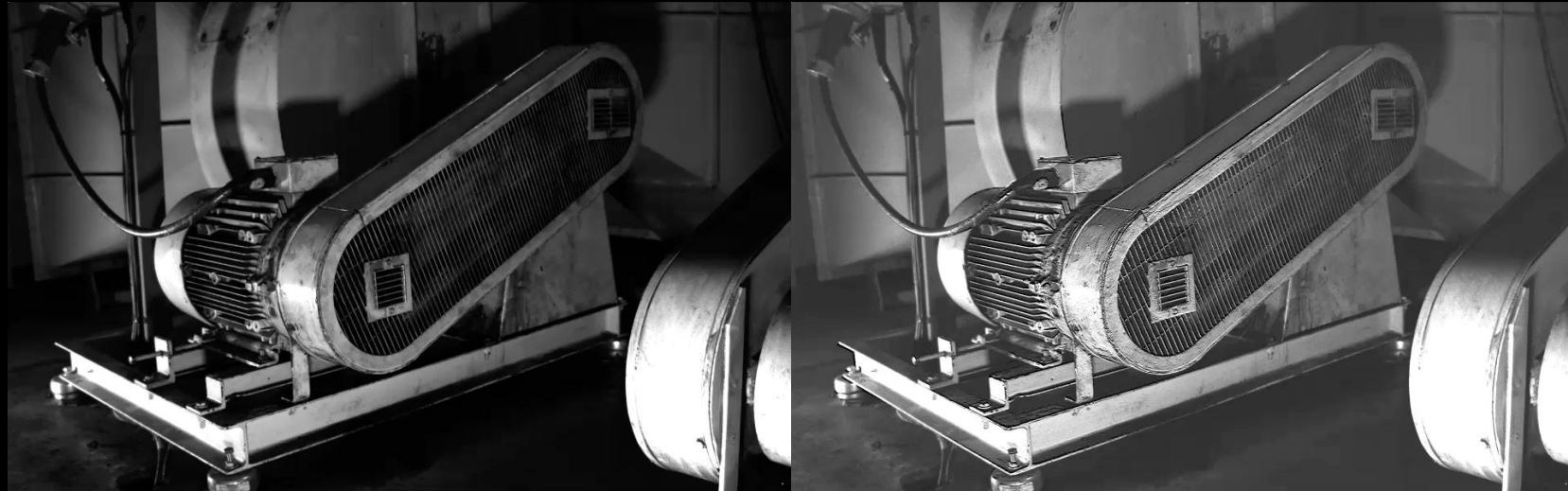






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- Motion Amplification® is a technology capable to show and measure movements not visible to the human eye
- It applies a standard video technology and high speed machine grade camera together with an outstanding analysis software
- It applies patented methods and algorithms to extract and analyse data
- It is capable of sub-pixel measurement
- It is capable to enhance the motion
- Suitable for different fields of application and different types of motion analysis



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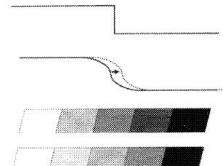


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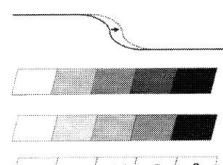


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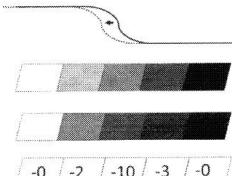


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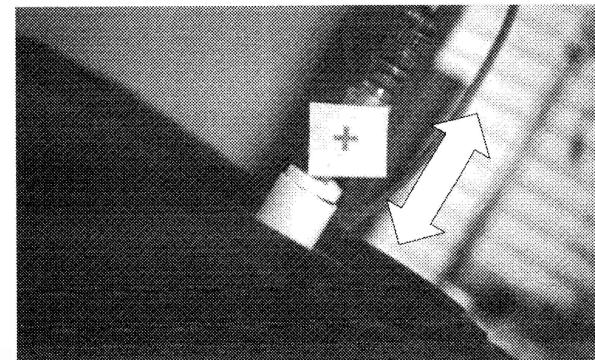


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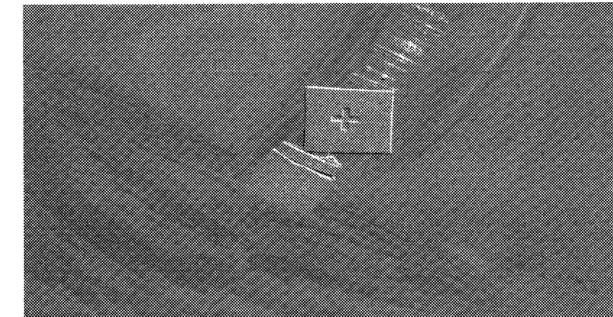


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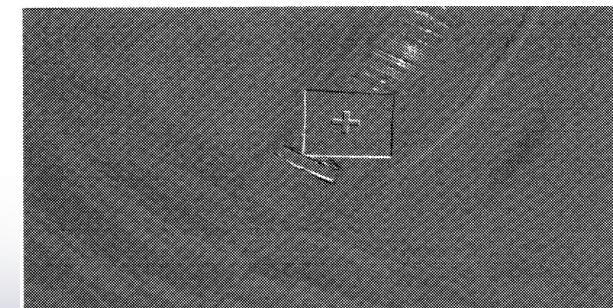


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## Specification

### Motion Amplification™

Available Lenses	6mm, 12mm, 25mm, 50mm, 100mm
Acquisition System	i7 processor, 16 GB RAM, 500 GB SSD, dual batteries, lightweight, MIL-STD-810G standard drop protection, 3 yr accidental damage protection*
Sample Rate	<b>Iris M:</b> 120 fps default, up to 1,300 fps at reduced resolution <b>Iris MX:</b> 1,400 fps default, up to 29,000 fps at reduced resolution
Frequency Range	<b>Iris M:</b> Up to 3,600 cpm @ 120 fps default Maximum 39,000 cpm @ 1,300 fps with reduced resolution <b>Iris MX:</b> 42,000 cpm @ 1,400 fps default Maximum 870,000 cpm @ 29,000 fps with reduced resolution
Minimum Displacement	0.1 mil (2.5µm) at 3.3 ft (1m) with 50 mm lens at max brightness
Motion Amplification™ Factor	1-50x
Ethernet Gigabyte Cable with USB Adapter	9.84 ft (3m)
Optional Accessory Kit	LED light: 14,000 Lux @ 1m, Li-ion light battery, light stand, extra vibration pads, computer stand

**IRIS M**  
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**IRIS CM™**



**IRIS MX™**  
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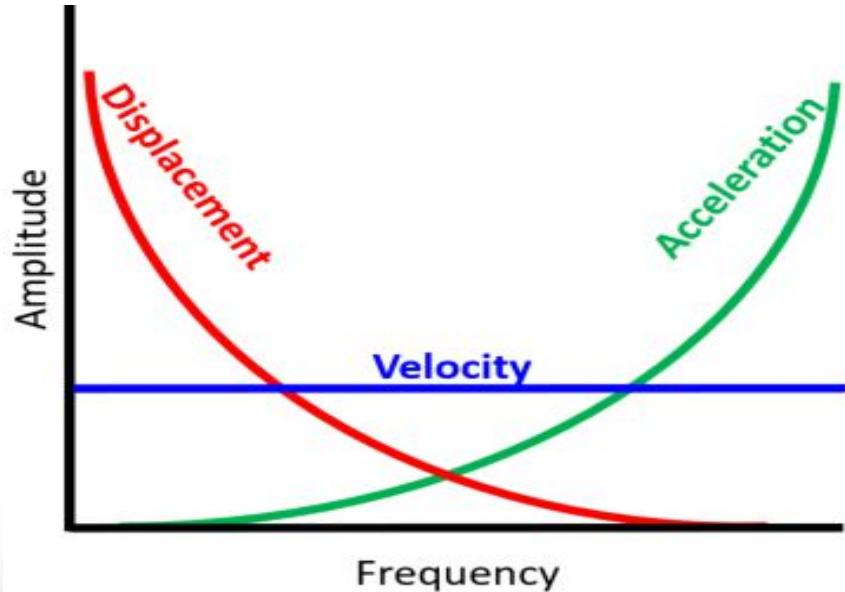


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The Stereo Vision:  
3D measurement head



We can then use the MA for:

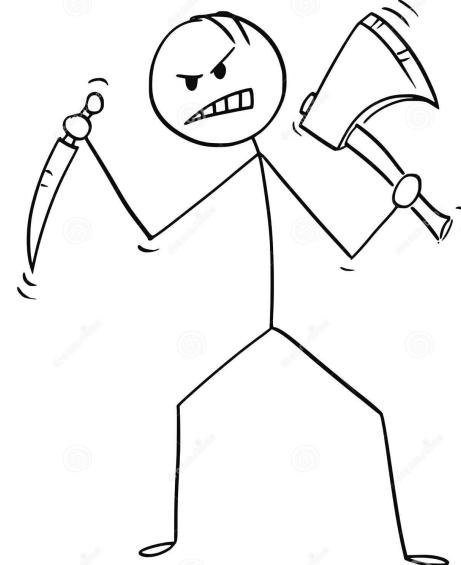
- Typical low and middle frequency issues (imbalance, misalignment, resonance, ...)
- Periodical or non periodical motions
- Large motion analysis
- ODS and Modal Analysis
- ...but normally NOT for bearings and gearboxes issues (very high frequencies and very low displacement)

# Which displacement can be resolved, with standard lenses?

Target distance from camera	Lens focal lenght	Displacement resolution
2 meters	25 mm	1 micron
2 meters	50 mm	0.5 micron
1 meter	50 mm	0.25 micron
100 meters	100 mm	12.5 micron

# What Motion Amplification® is not?

It **IS NOT ALWAYS** a Vibration analysis  
replacement





It is NOT ALWAYS a replacement for "old fashion" vibration analysis!

It is something that sometimes replaces and sometimes integrates standard measurement technology.

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## PROS...

- ✓ Allows motion frequency separation
- ✓ Provide quick analysis on high complexity systems
- ✓ Measurement points can be quickly moved
- ✓ Can be used at a distance, on dangerous components, on high temperature surfaces, ...
- ✓ It is the only viable measurement & analysis system in several situations
- ✓ Improve communication dramatically

## CONS...

- ✓ Continuous light is necessary
- ✓ Frequency range is limited by camera, light, displacement
- ✓ It is less accurate than accelerometers or laser
- ✓ Long term acquisitions require stable light condition
- ✓ Spot checks are less repeatable between inspections, due to differences in positioning
- ✓ Data size can be an issue

Motion Amplification® is the  
**faster, easier** and more **exhaustive** method  
to find the cause of a problem

And a way to measure what, yesterday,  
couldn't be measured

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# It simplifies dramatically:

- **General machine vibration evaluation**
- ODS - Operational Deflection Shape
- Modal Analysy
- **Root cause analysis**
- Data collection in difficult points
- **Measurement at a distance**

## THE GREAT ADVANTAGE...

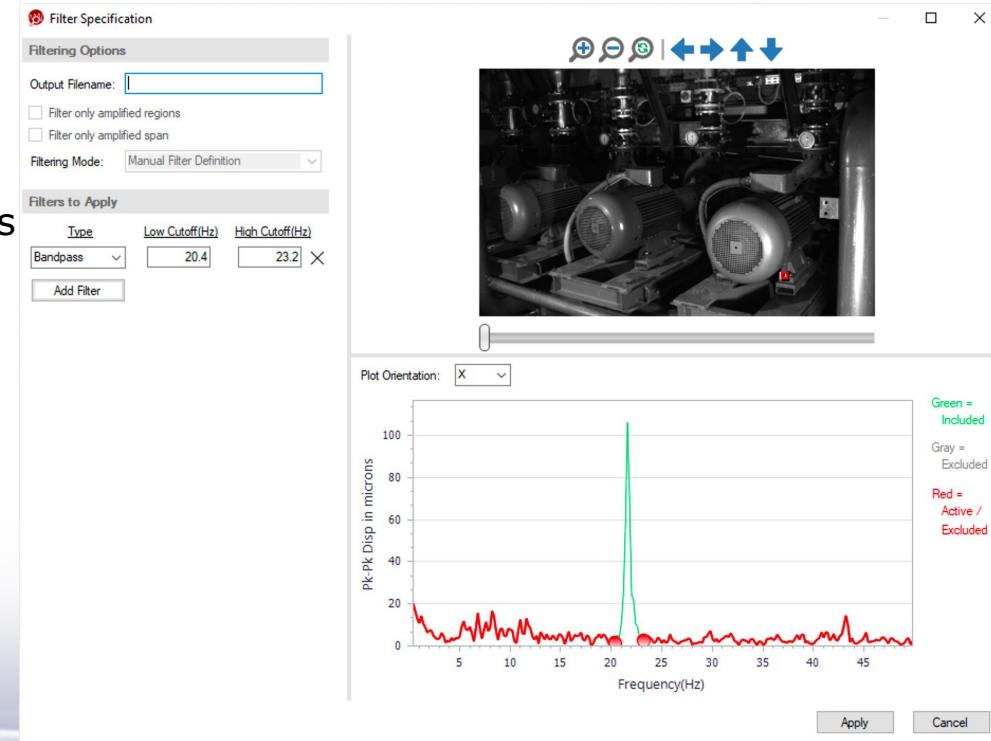
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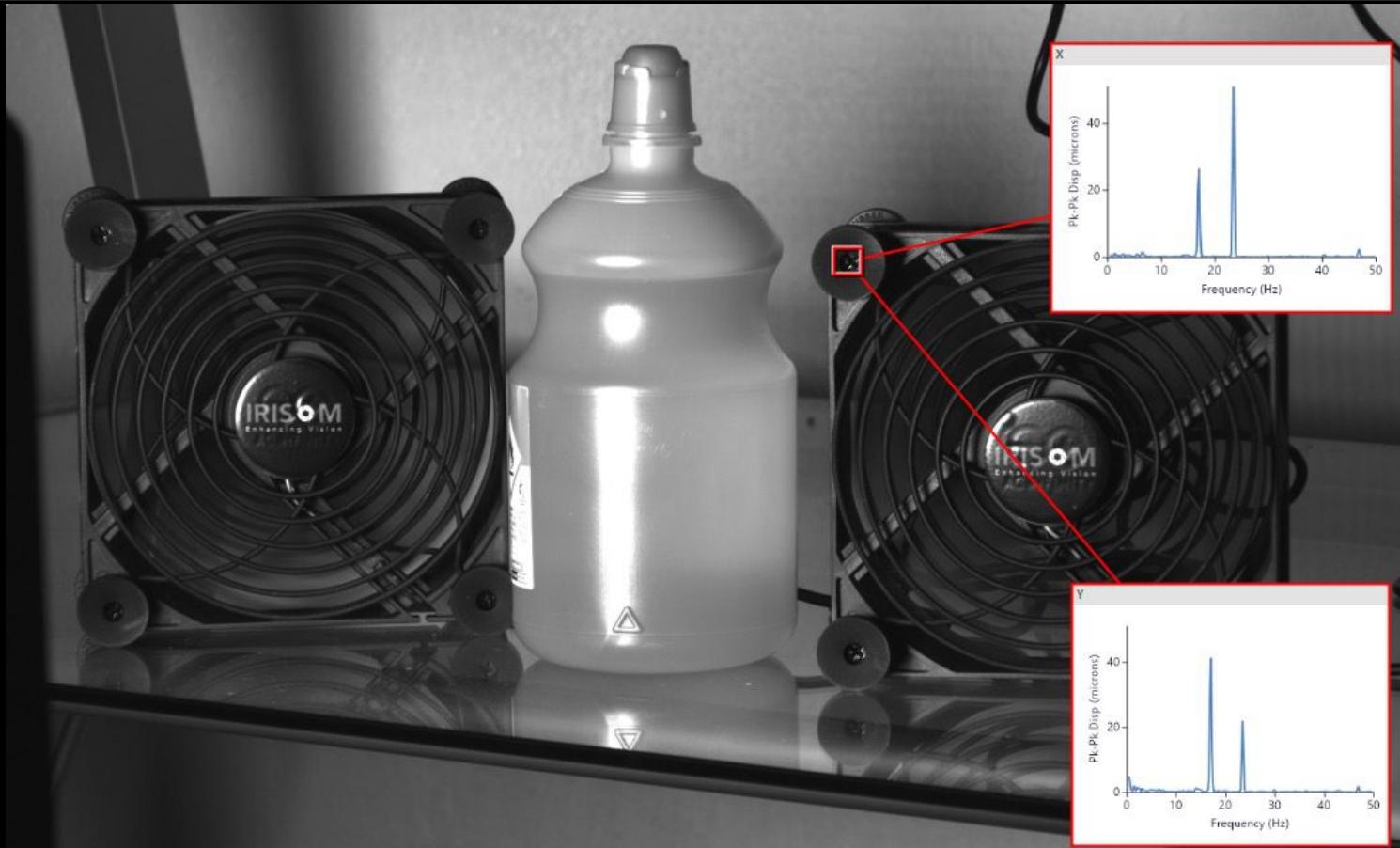
## The MA allows, in fact:

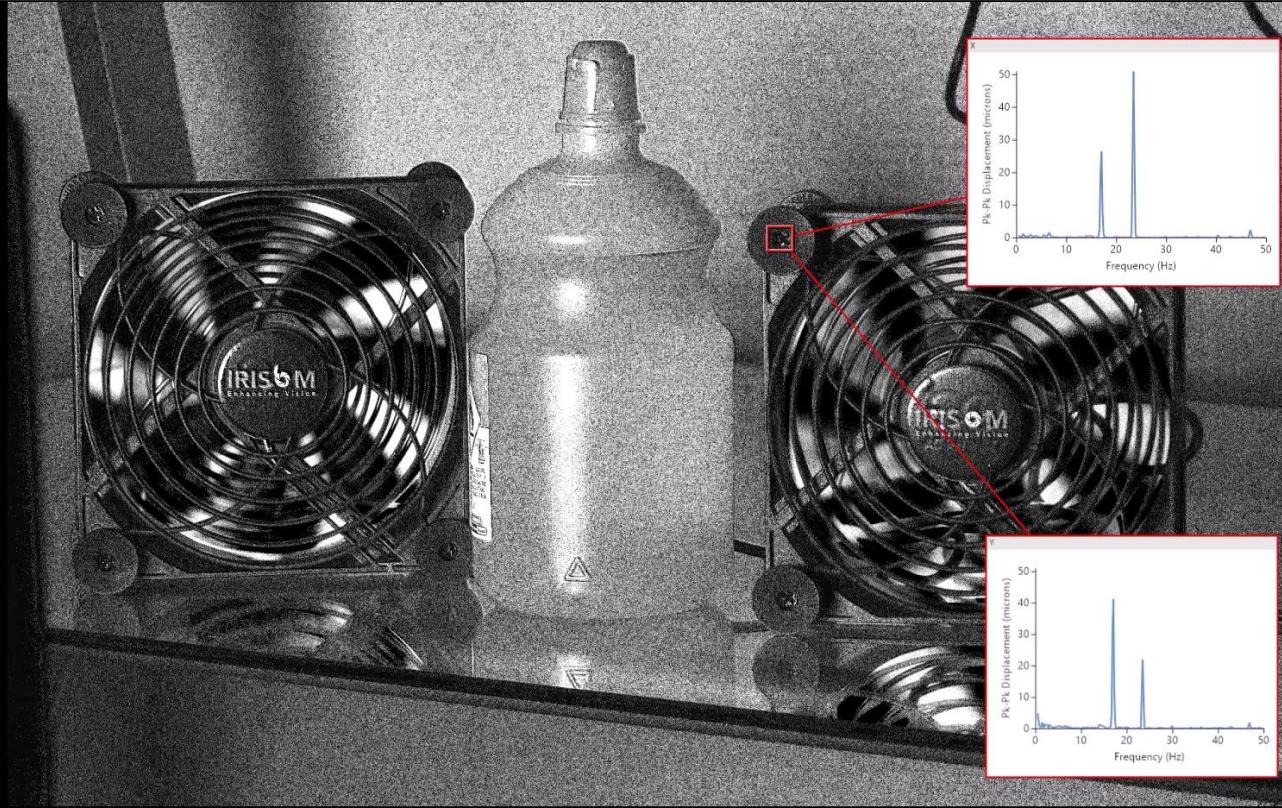
- to verify spectra and waveforms
- filter in frequency
- rebuild the motion
- amplify and slow down
- ...and much more...

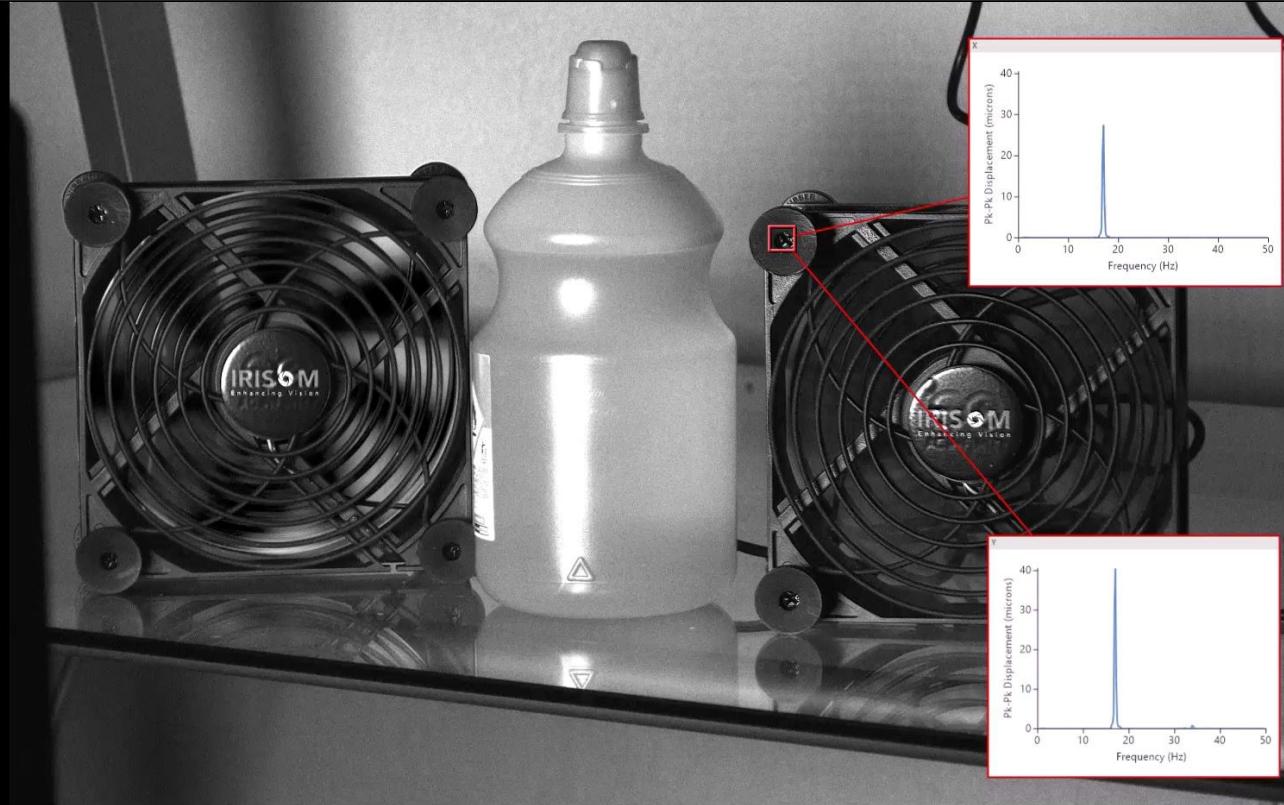


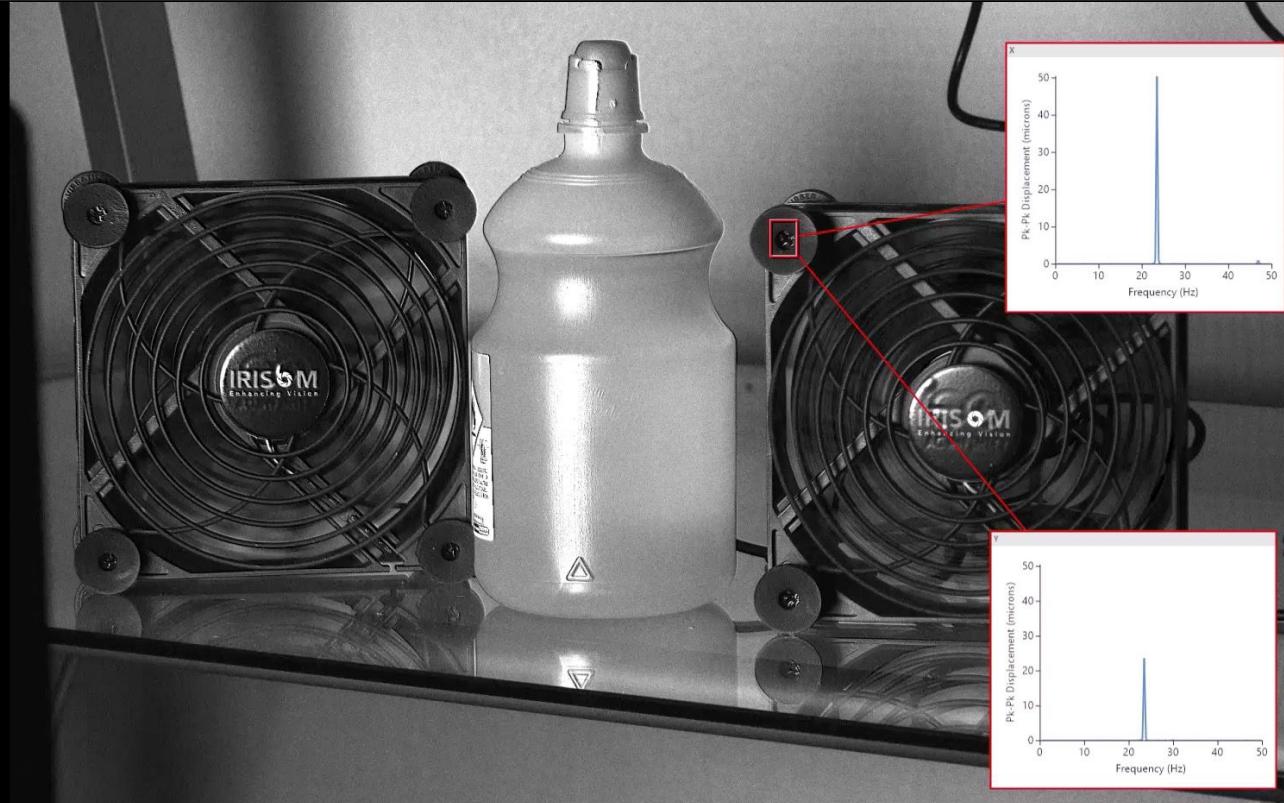
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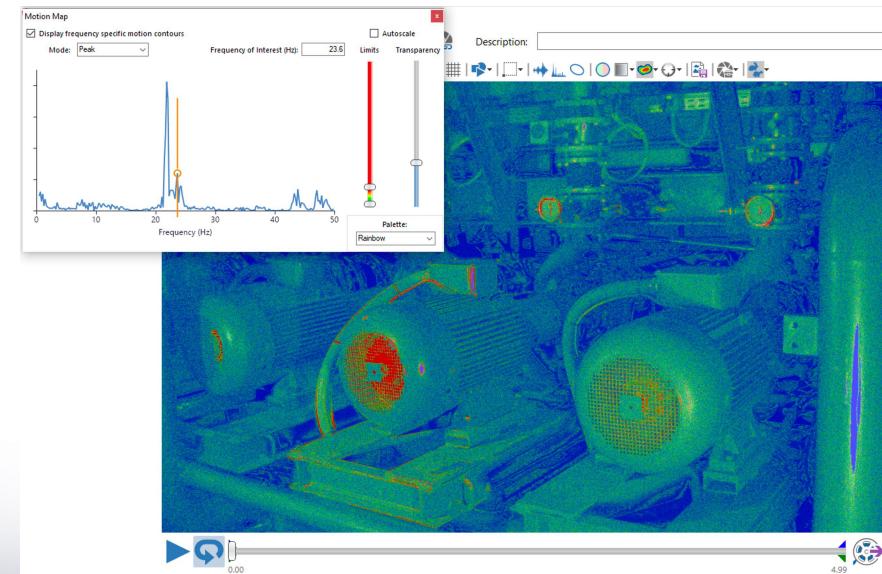
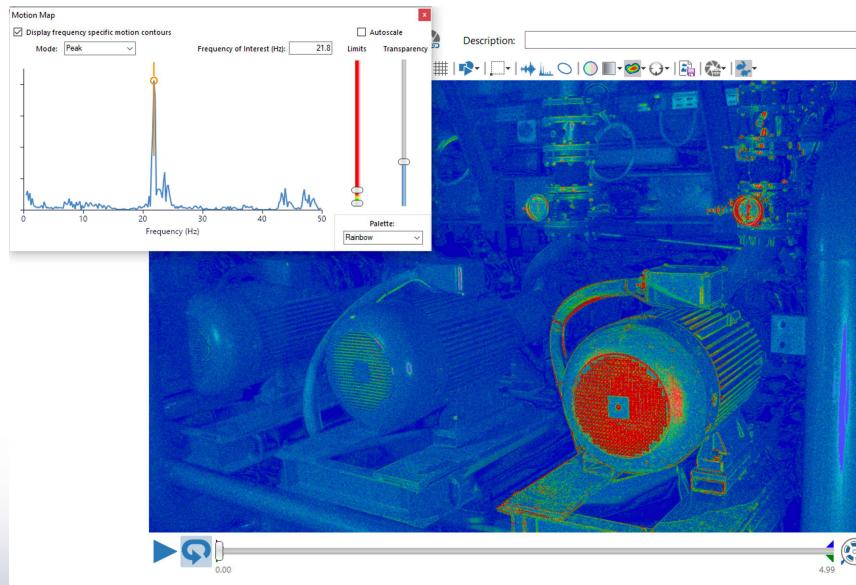


So, the two different forcing frequencies can be analysed  
**SEPARATELY.**  
(and this can be done for every frequency)

This is fantastic for diagnostics.

But there is more...

## Visual frequency detection...



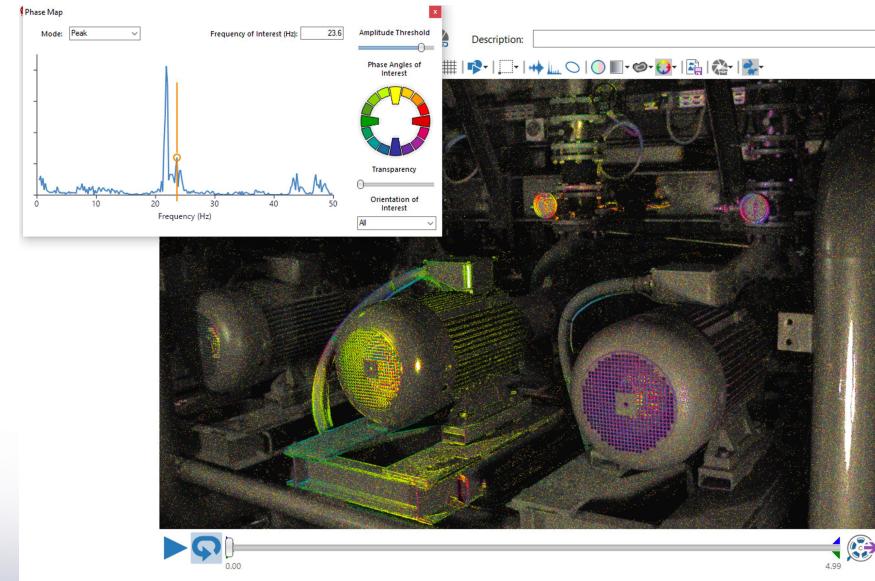
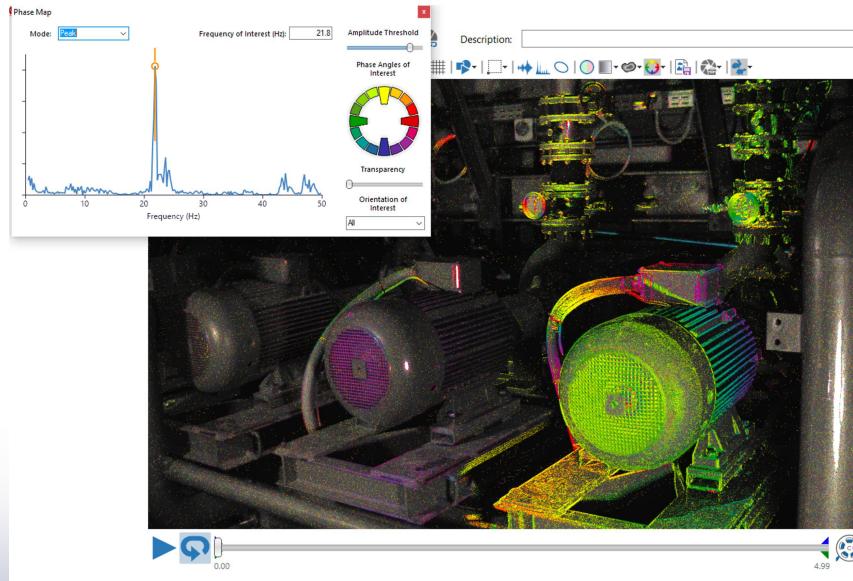
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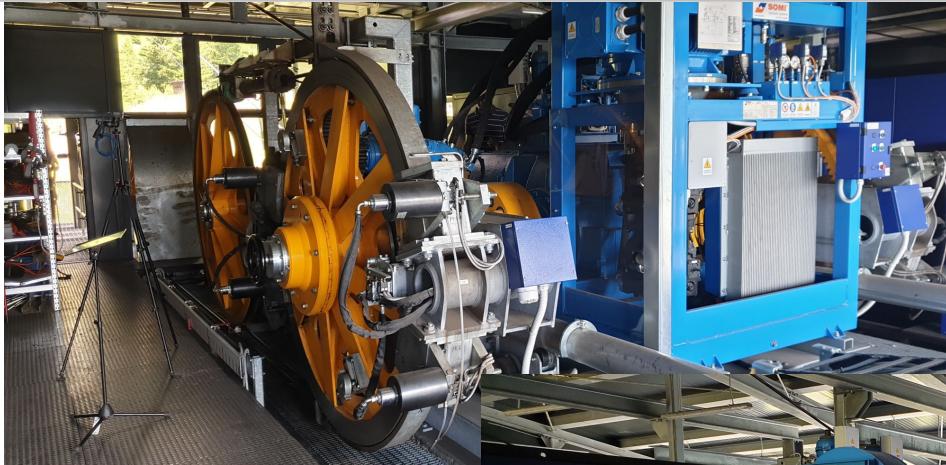


## Where we are:

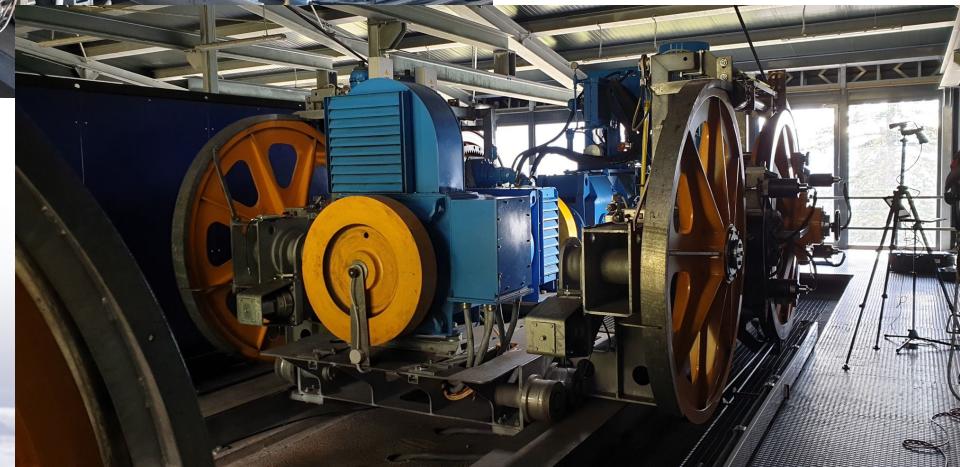
- Ropeway located in the Alps
- At a specific speed, the drive and gearbox system started to vibrate in an excessive and anomalous way
- Already checked alignment, unbalance, bearing and gearbox
- No particular risk for customers, but some limitations in the ropeway running speed
- There is a sister driving mechanism for the other part of the ropeway
- One day they decided to call us to see if we were able to understand what was wrong...

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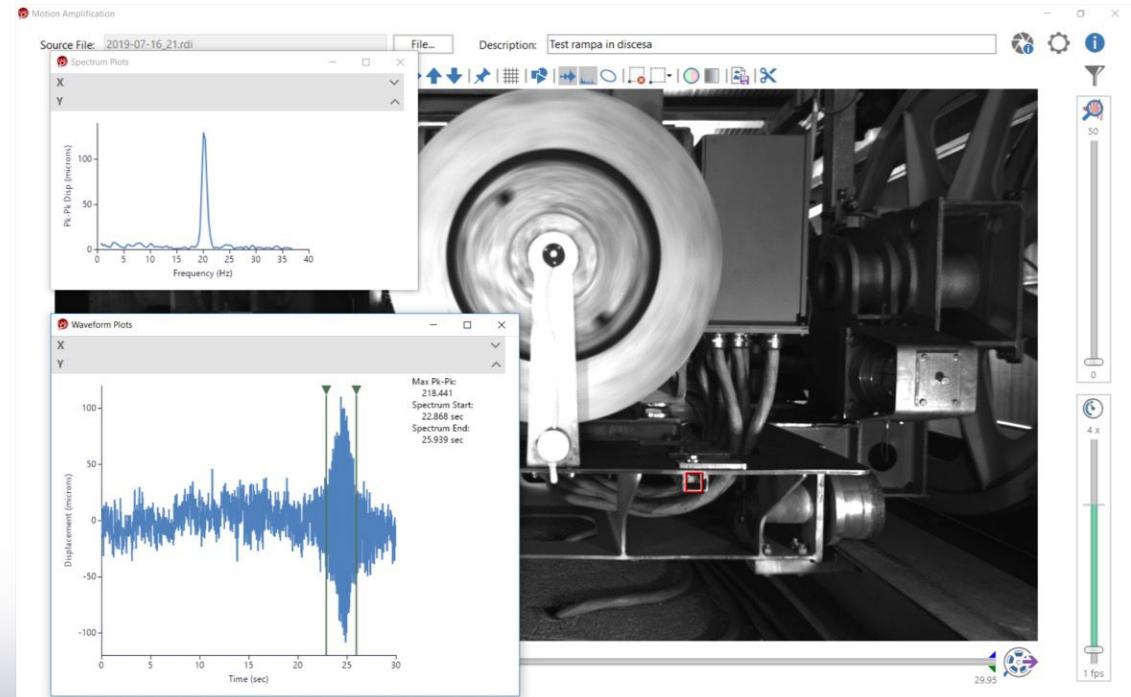


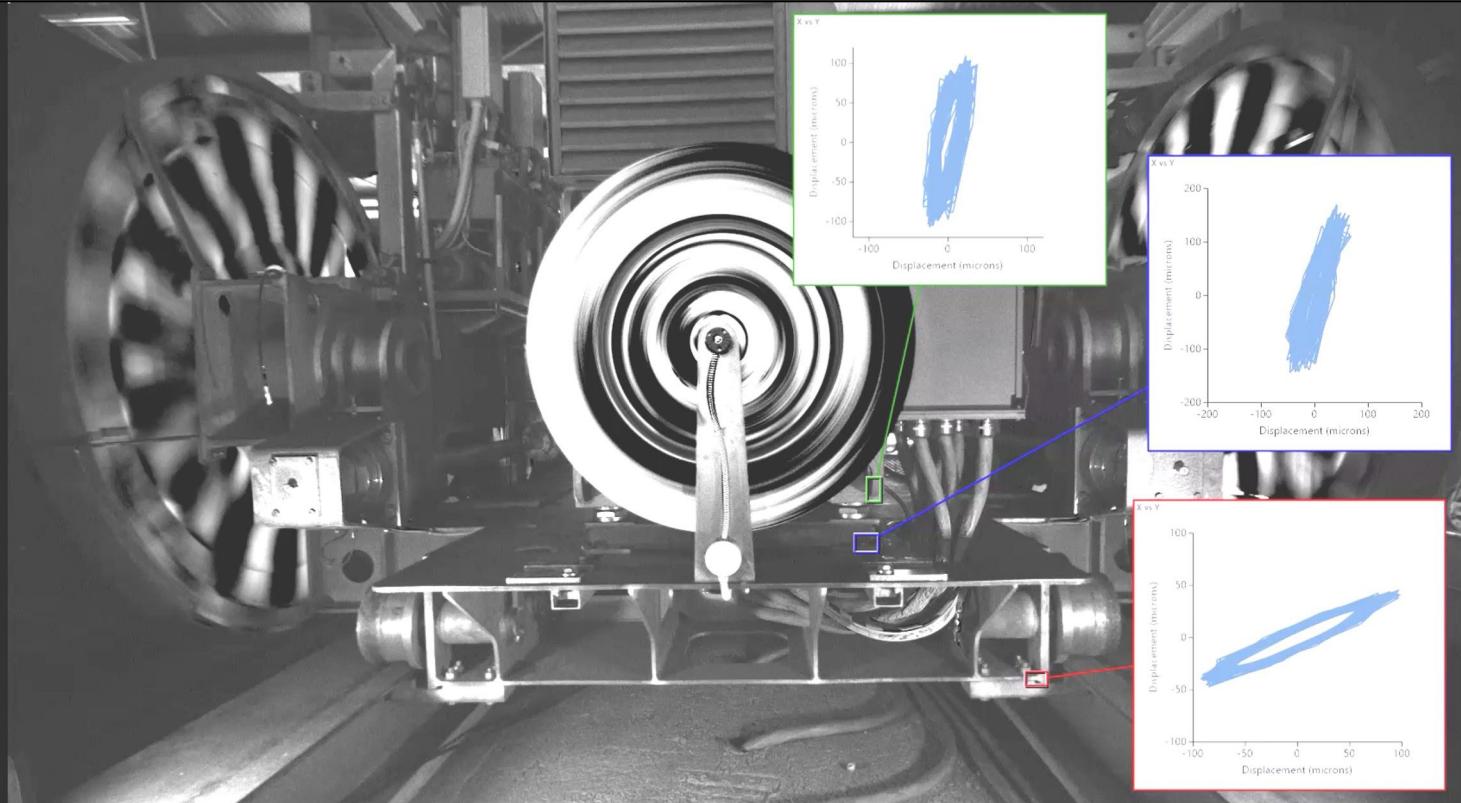


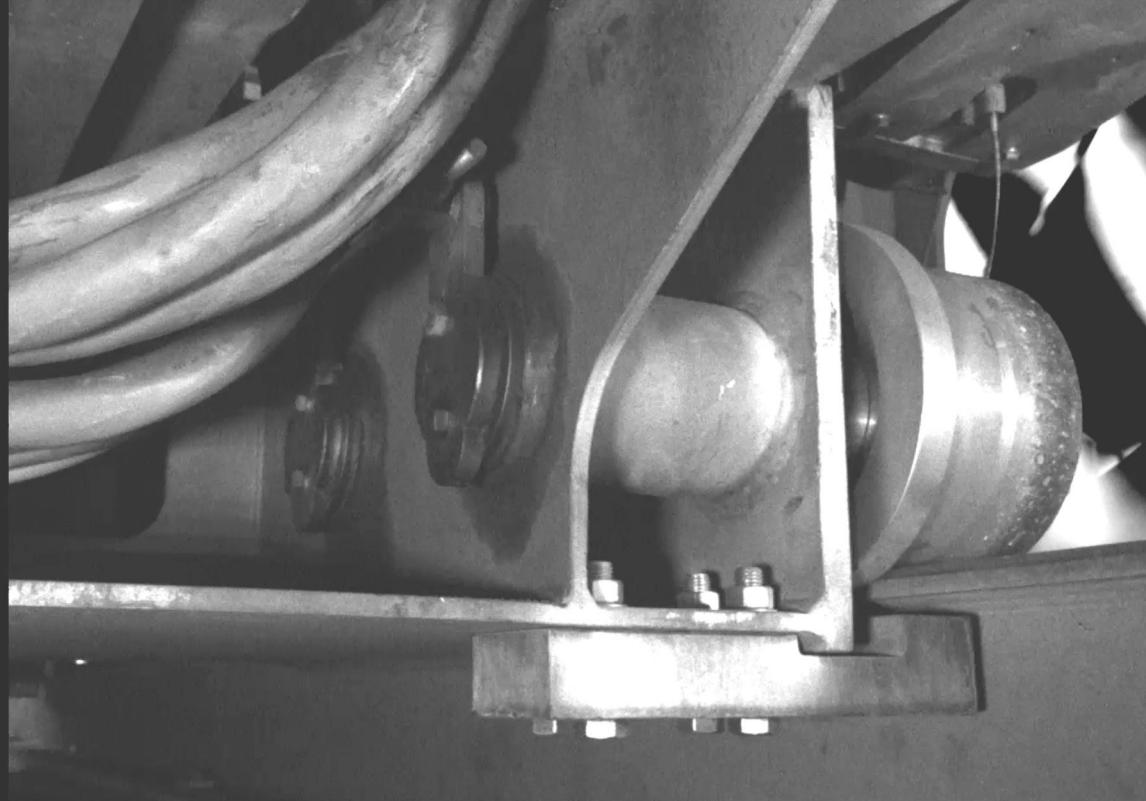
This complete system shakes without a reason, at a certain rope speed.



As a first step, we decided to perform a run up test.  
The recorded waveform showed a typical typical resonance behaviour.







## Final summary:

- Due to the vibration, the ropeway was running at 80% speed, at maximum
- This was a potential problem for the winter season, where the maximum traffic of tourists could have been affected
- Several trials to eliminate the vibration have been made: balancing, alignment, mechanical inspections, part replacement, for several months
- The cause of the problem has been found in 30 minutes
- Replacement of the indicated bearings and subsequent testing proved that we were right

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# Examples of structural issues

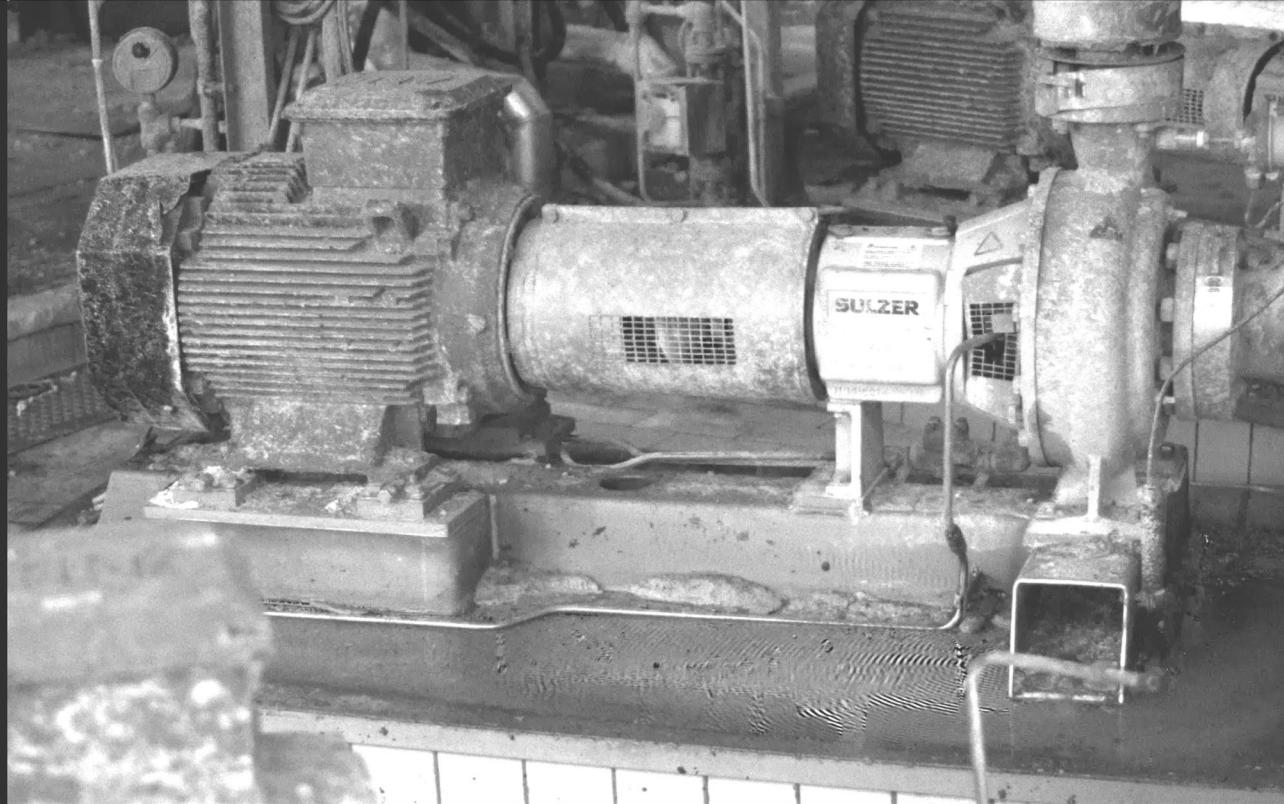
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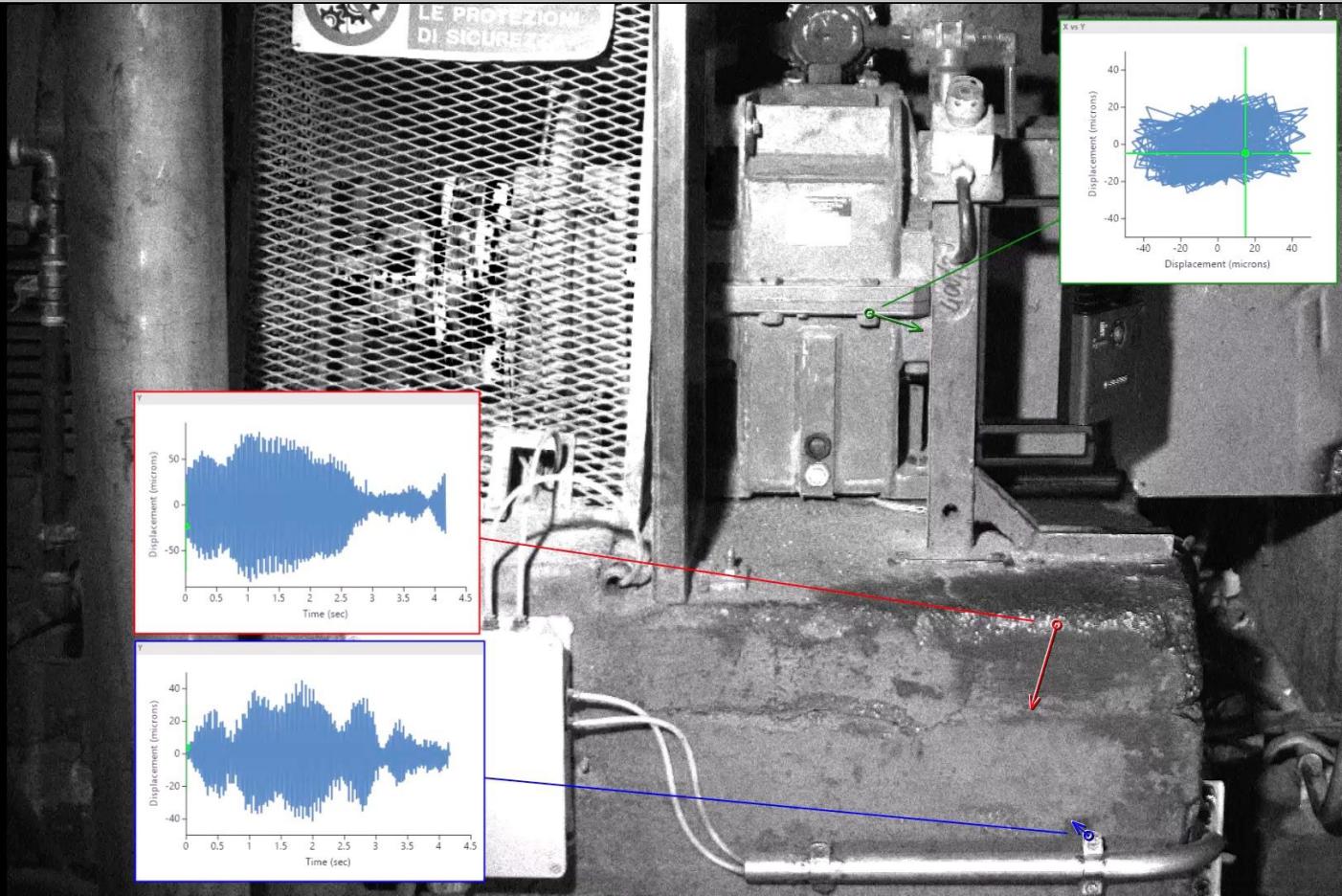
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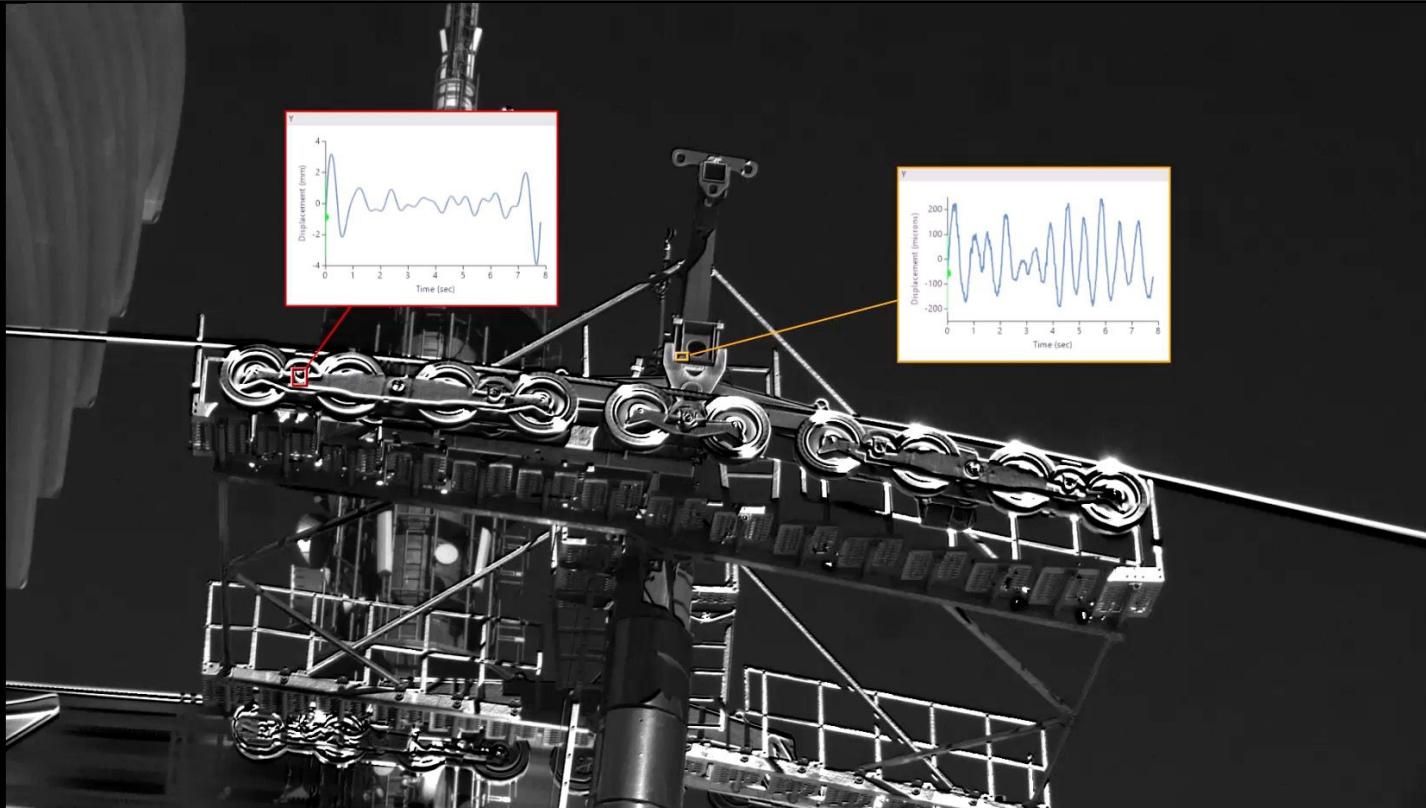




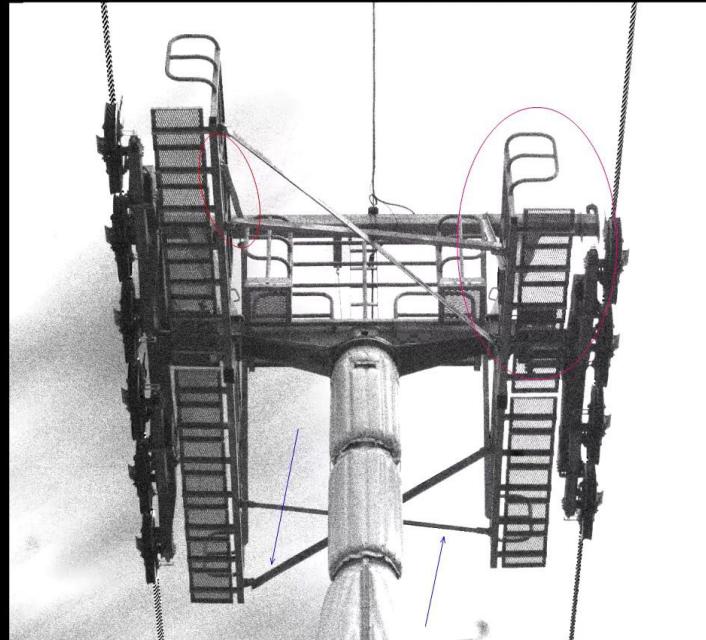




# Examples of measurement at distance



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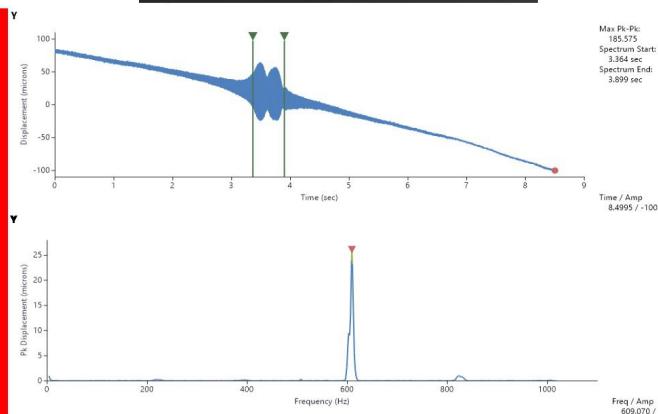
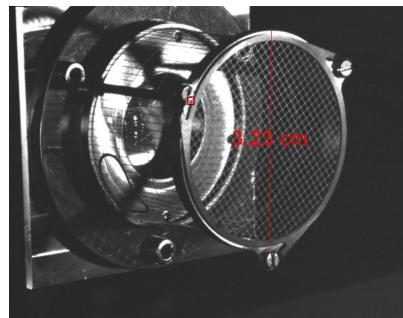


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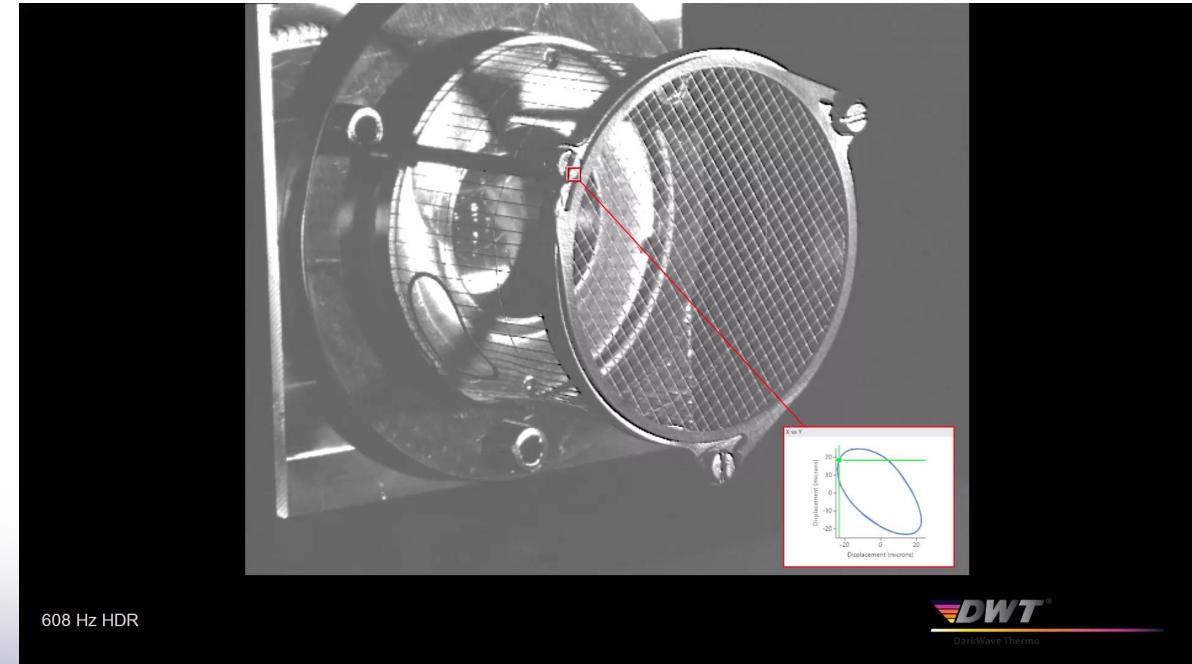
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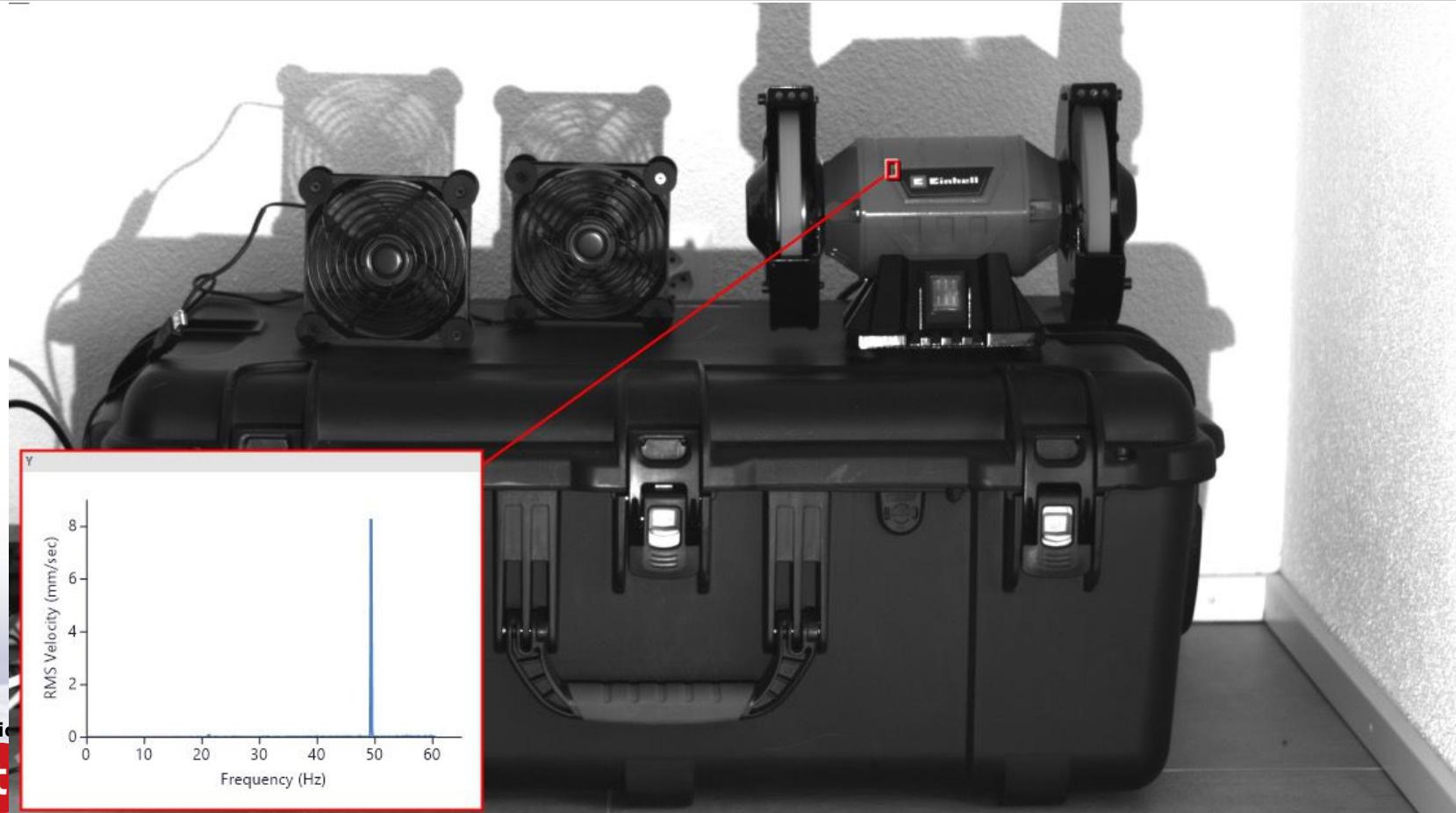


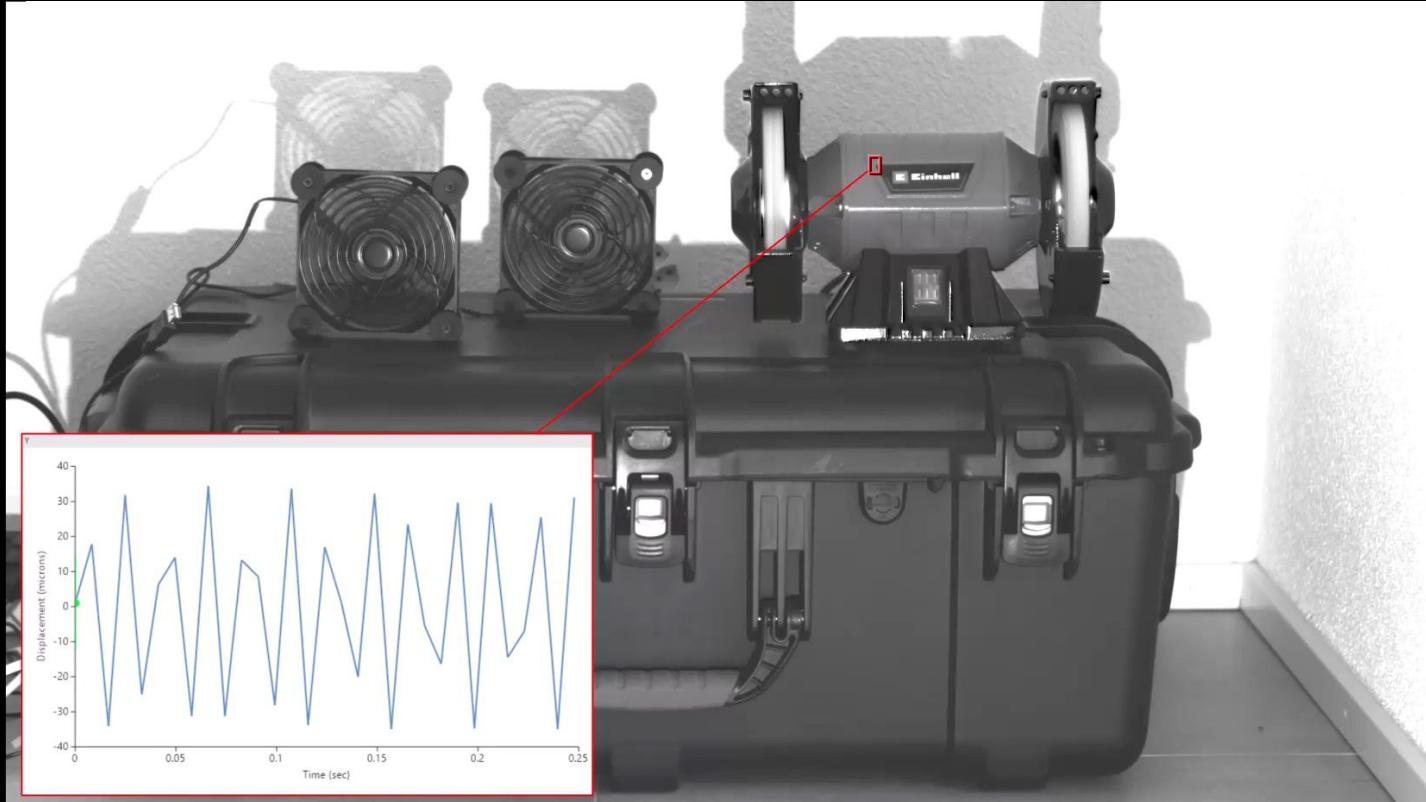
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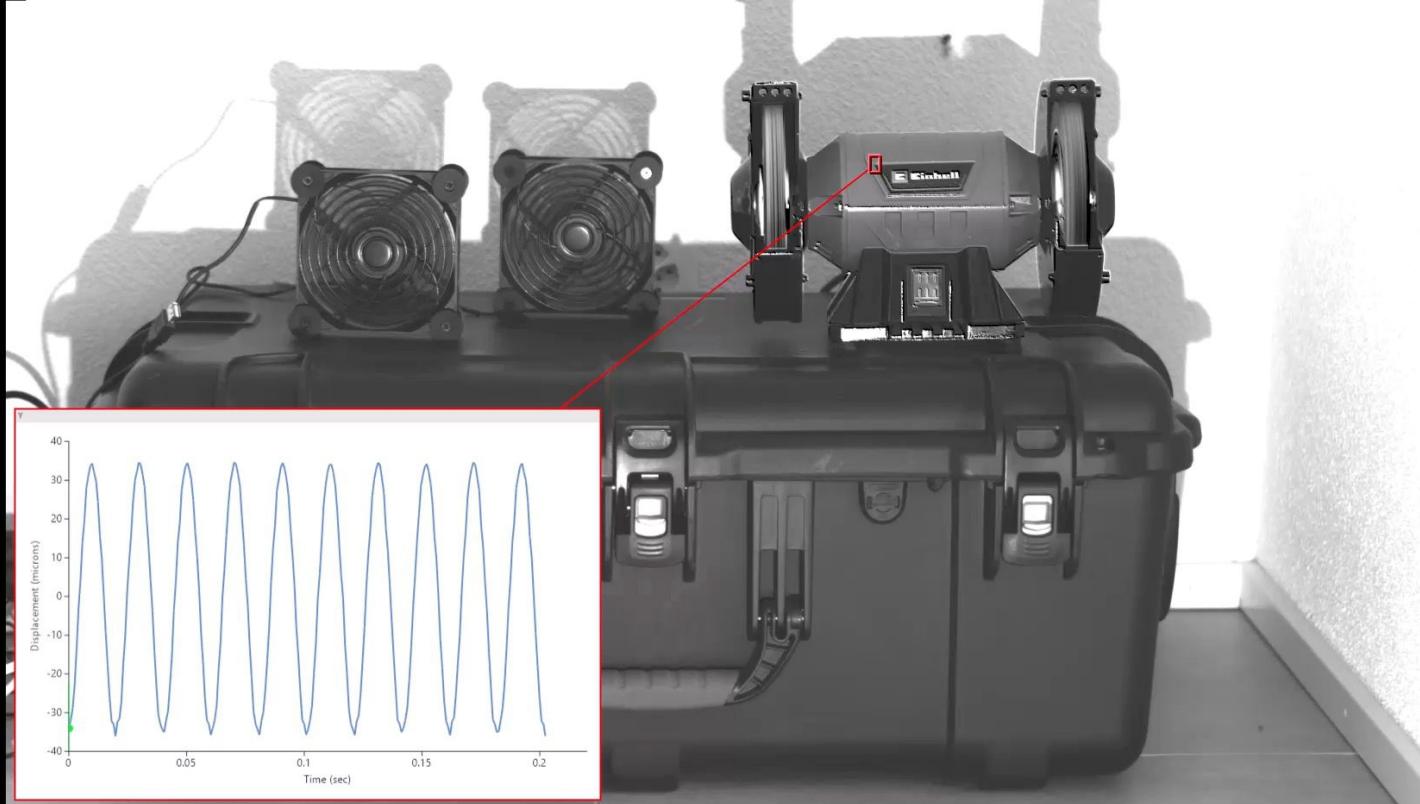
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# HDR Filter





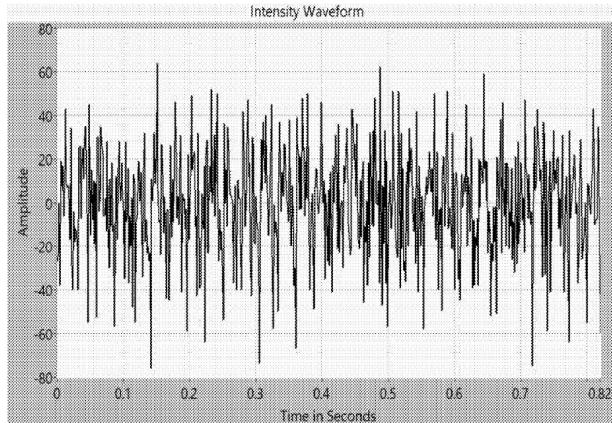


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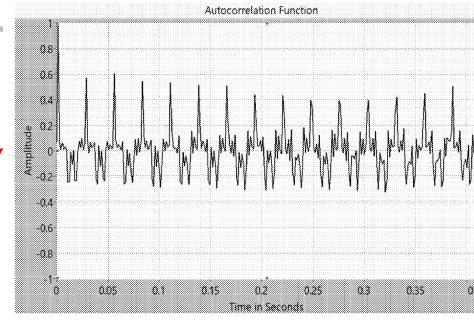
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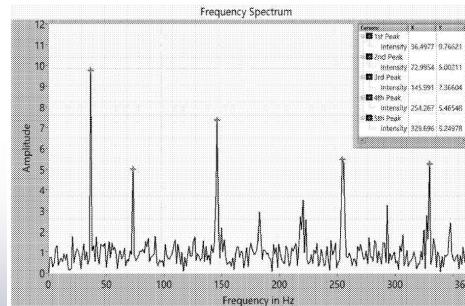
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Autocorrelation



FFT Spectrum



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RDI Acquisition

**Recording Properties**

Name: 2023-05-07

Distance: 2 m

Focal Length (mm): 50

Acquisition Type: Shaft Inspection

Asset Speed (RPM): 0

Add Notes...

**Recording Association**

Collection: MA Educational Videos

Asset: (Unassigned Collection)

Change...

**Camera Properties**

Brightness (%): 0.04

Gain (dB): 29

Image Rotation: None

**Image Properties**

Width: 1920

Height: 1080

Left: 0

Top: 60

Reset

**Calculated Values**

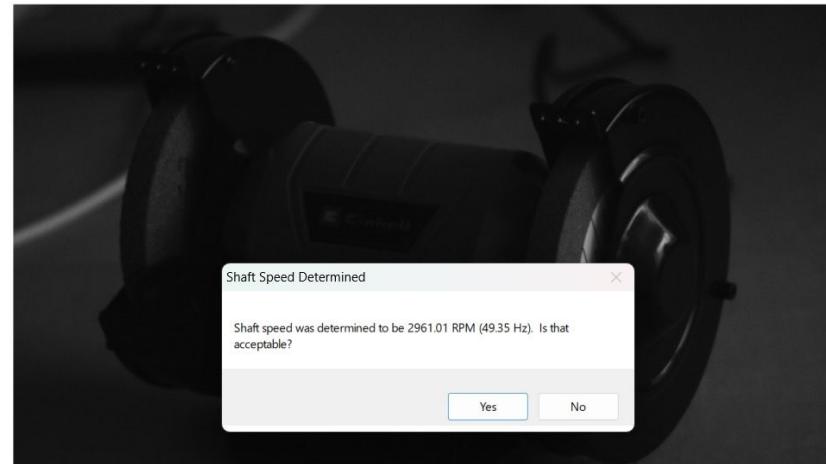
Number of Frames: TBD

Recording Size: TBD

**Shaft Speed Determination**

**Shaft Location**

Please click on an exposed area of the shaft.



Shaft Speed Determined

Shaft speed was determined to be 2961.01 RPM (49.35 Hz). Is that acceptable?

Yes No

**Speed Calculation**

Please select the appropriate speed range:

High (300 - 7000) RPM

Calculate Cancel

Images Collected: -

Images Stored: -



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FIGURE 1

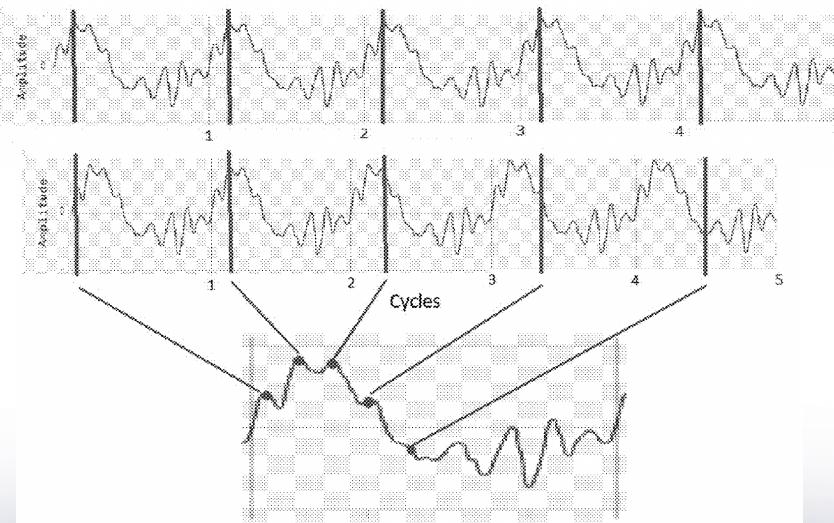


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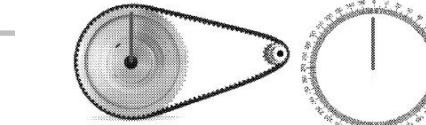


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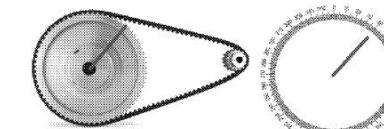


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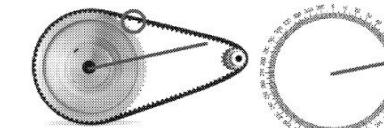


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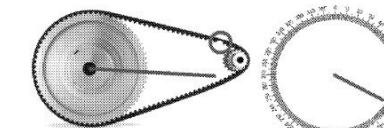


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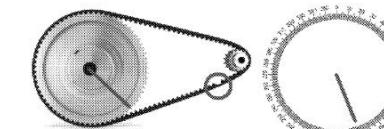
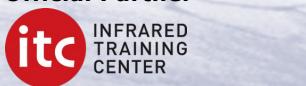


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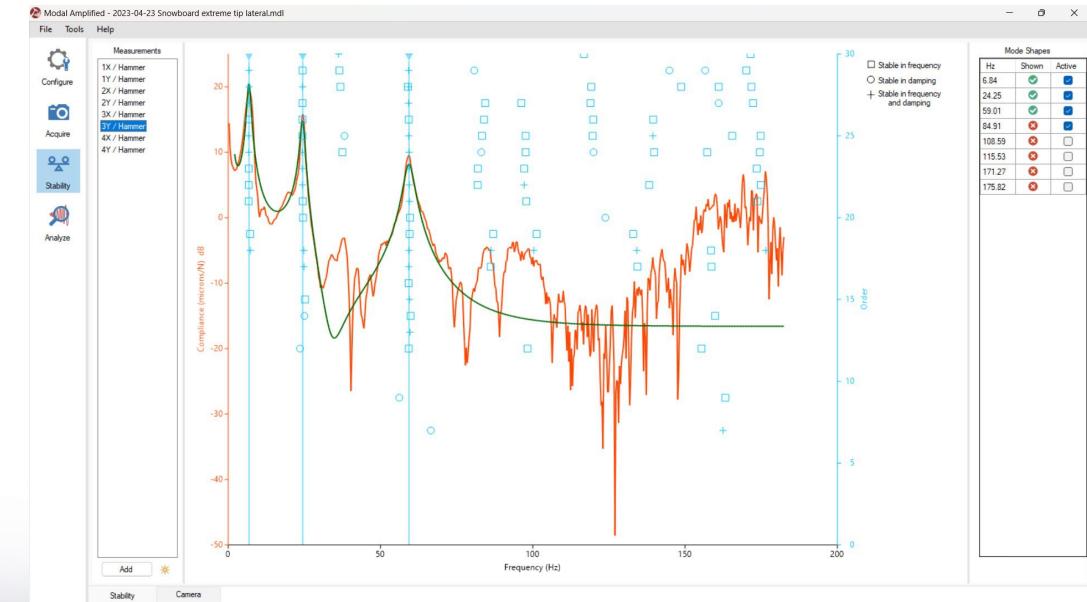
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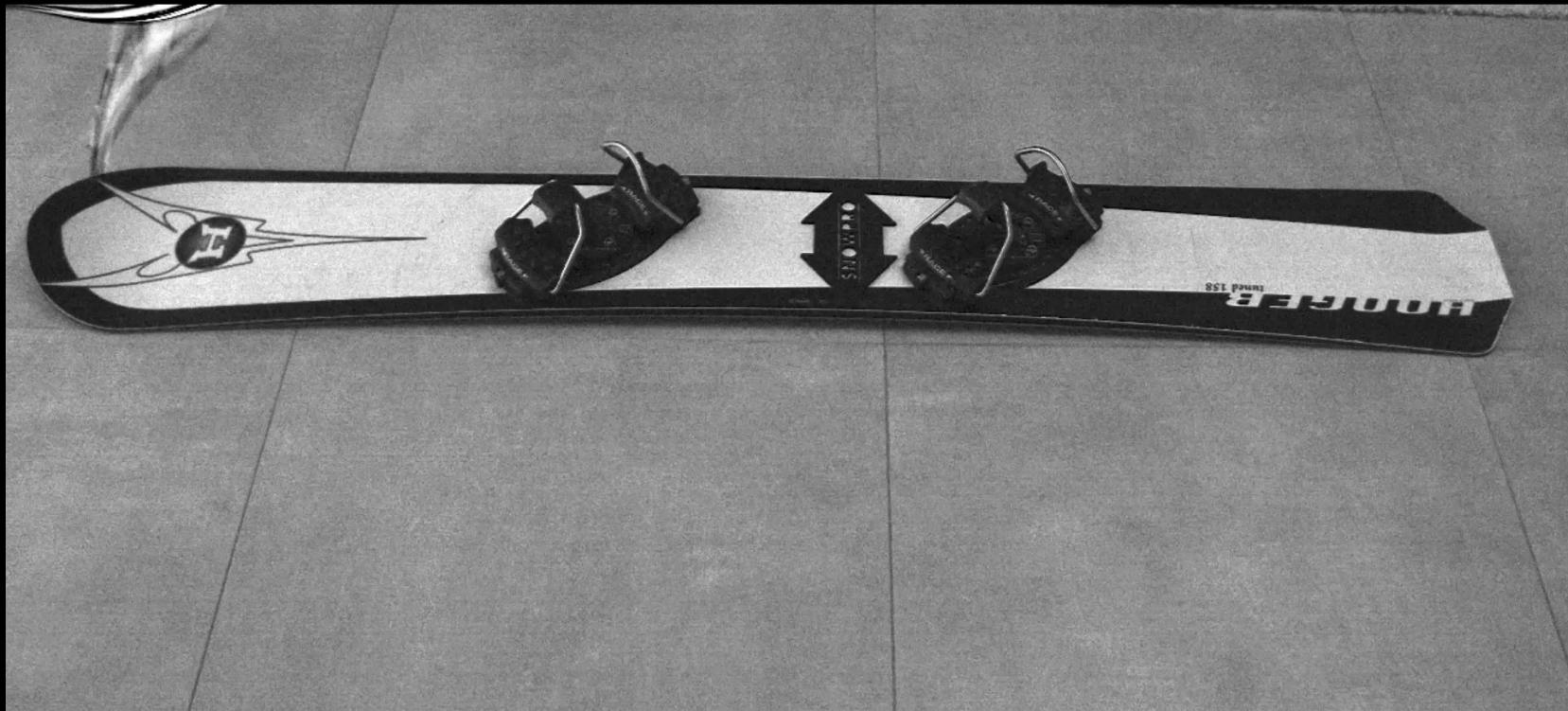
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# Modal analysis





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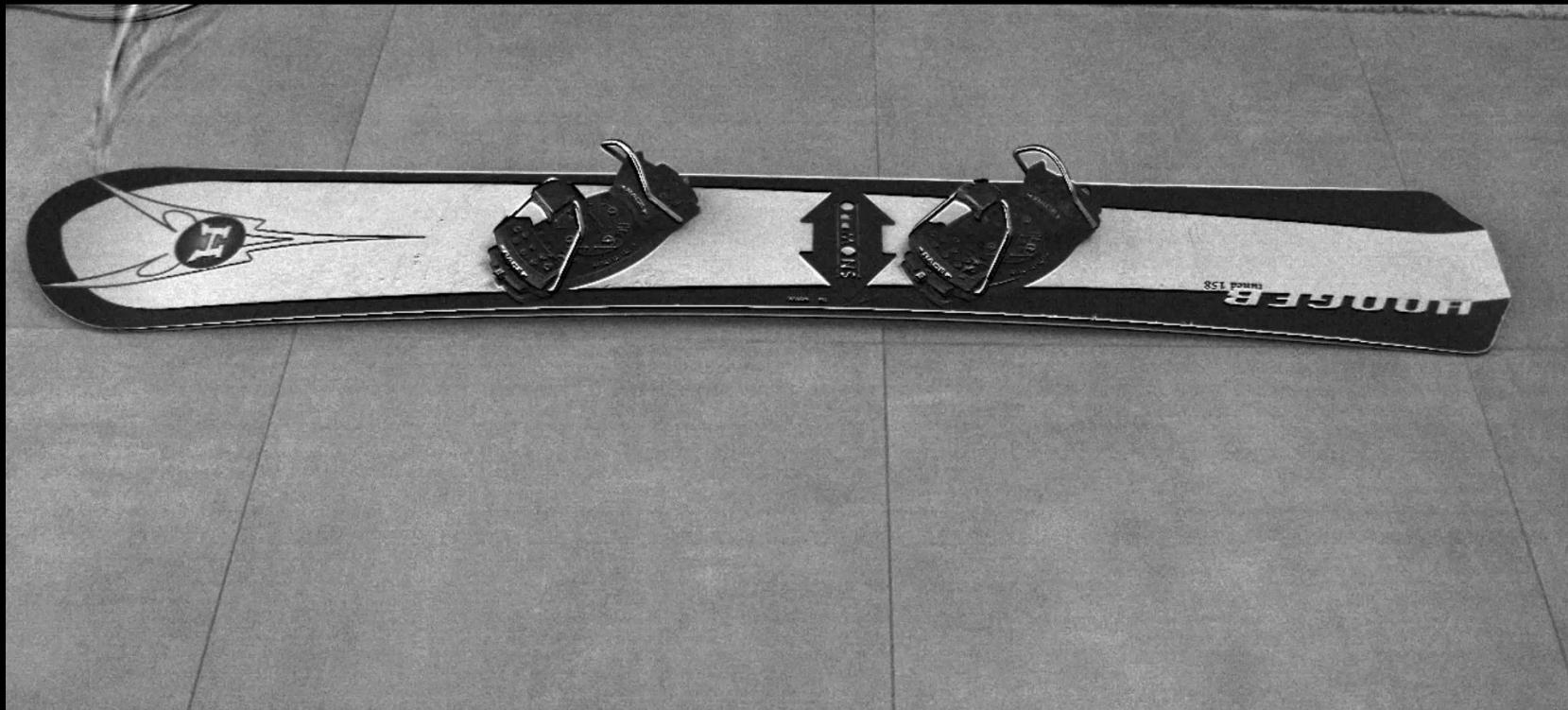
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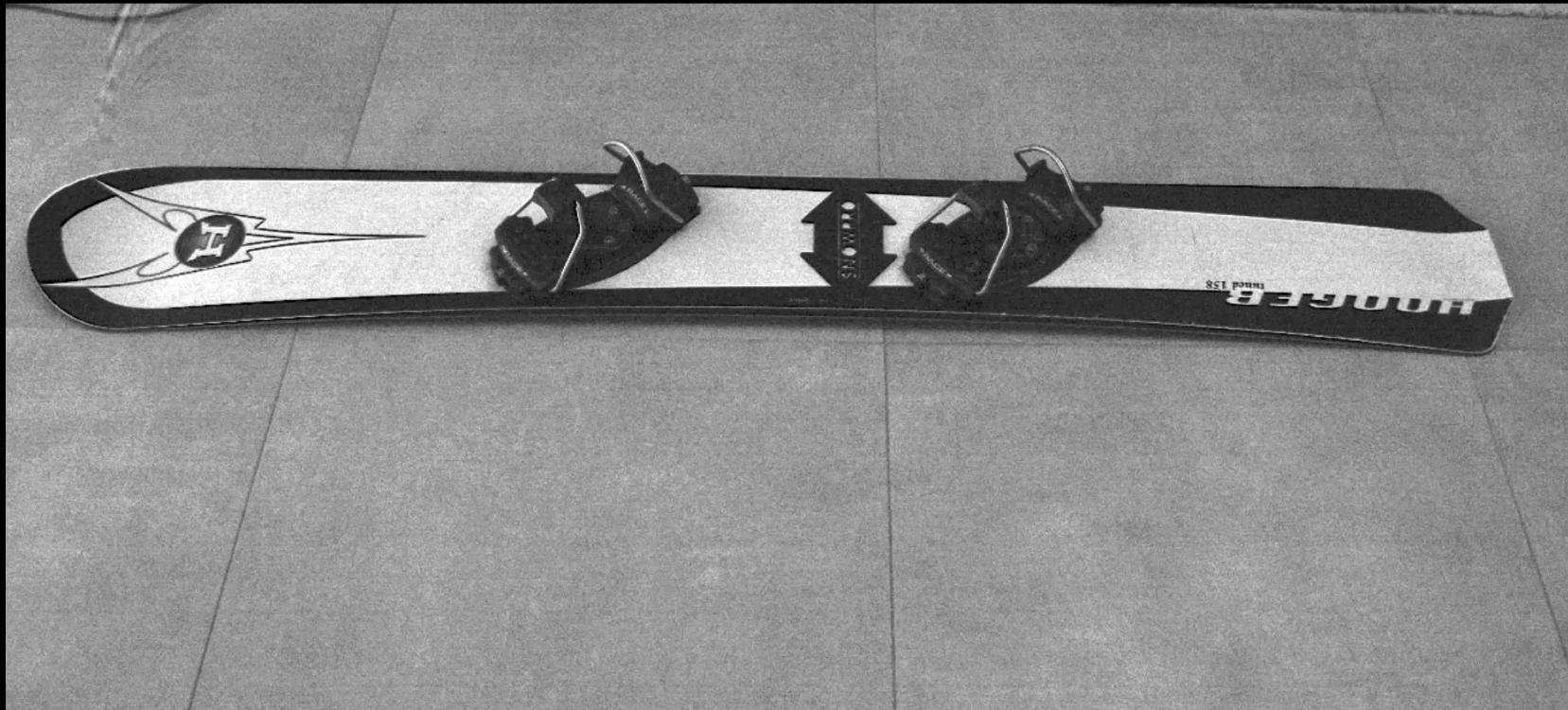
24.25 Hz



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59.01 Hz



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1536.28 Hz



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## Other capabilities

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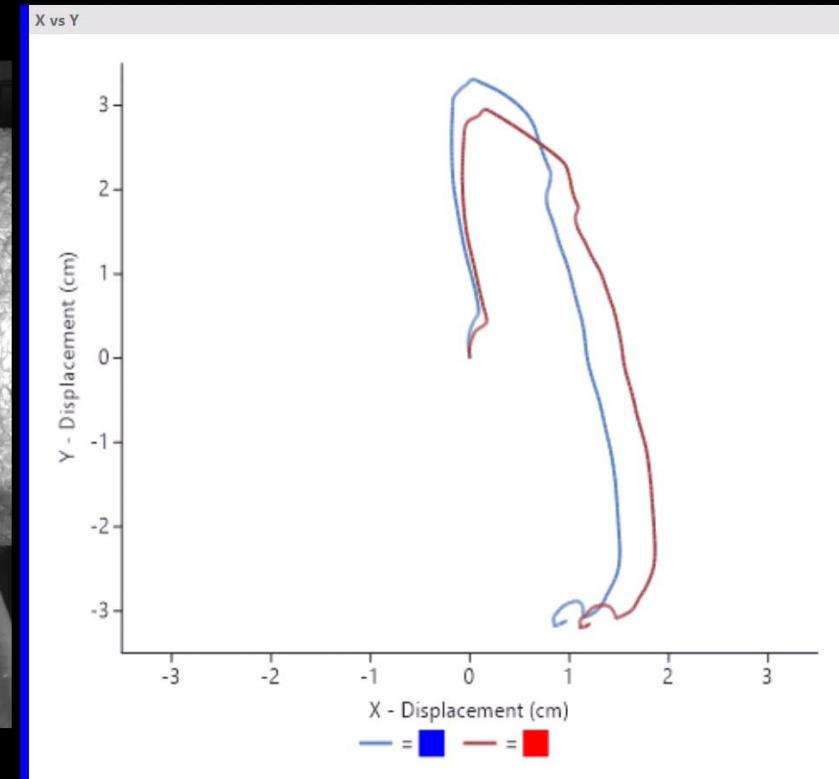


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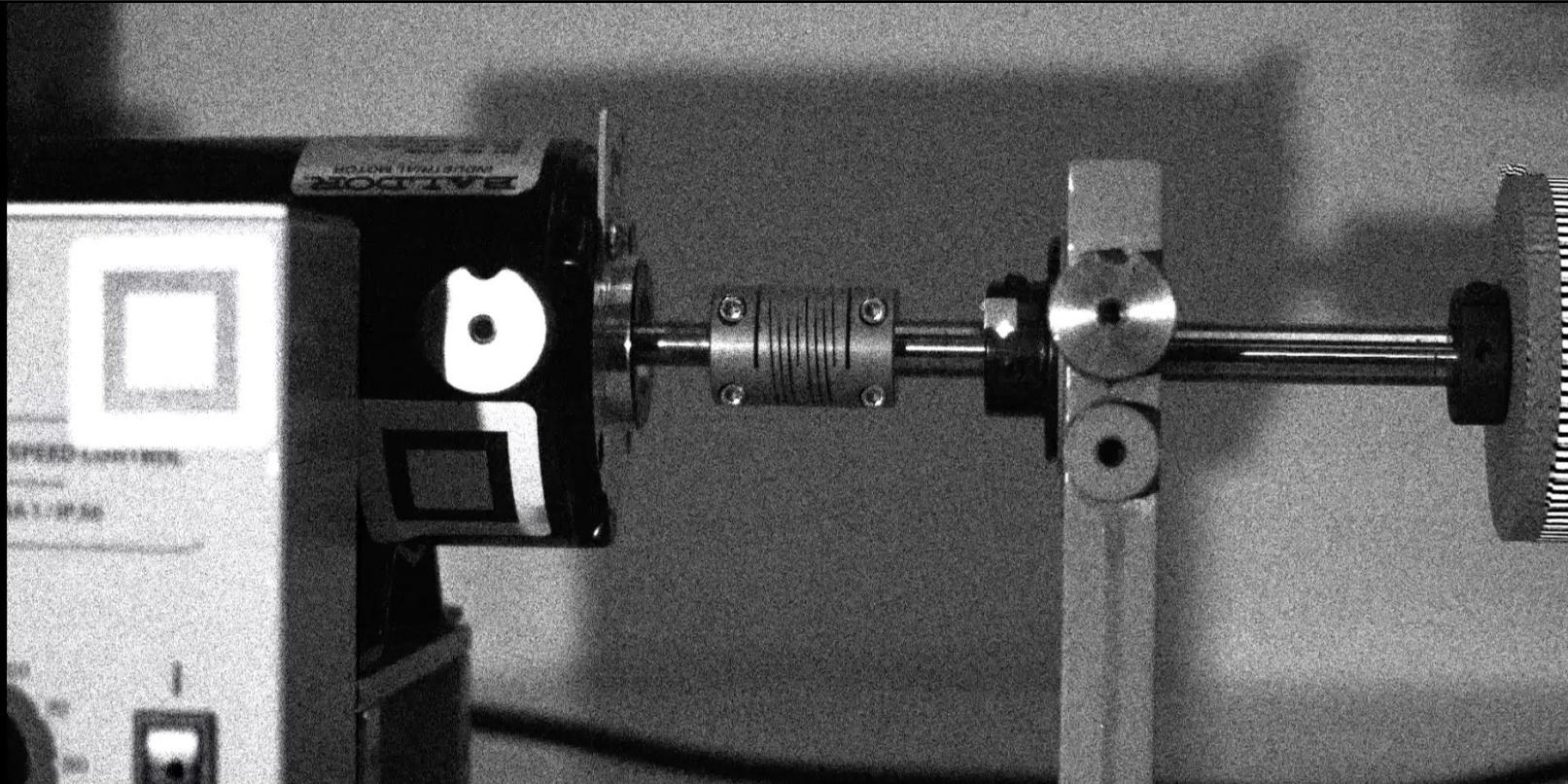


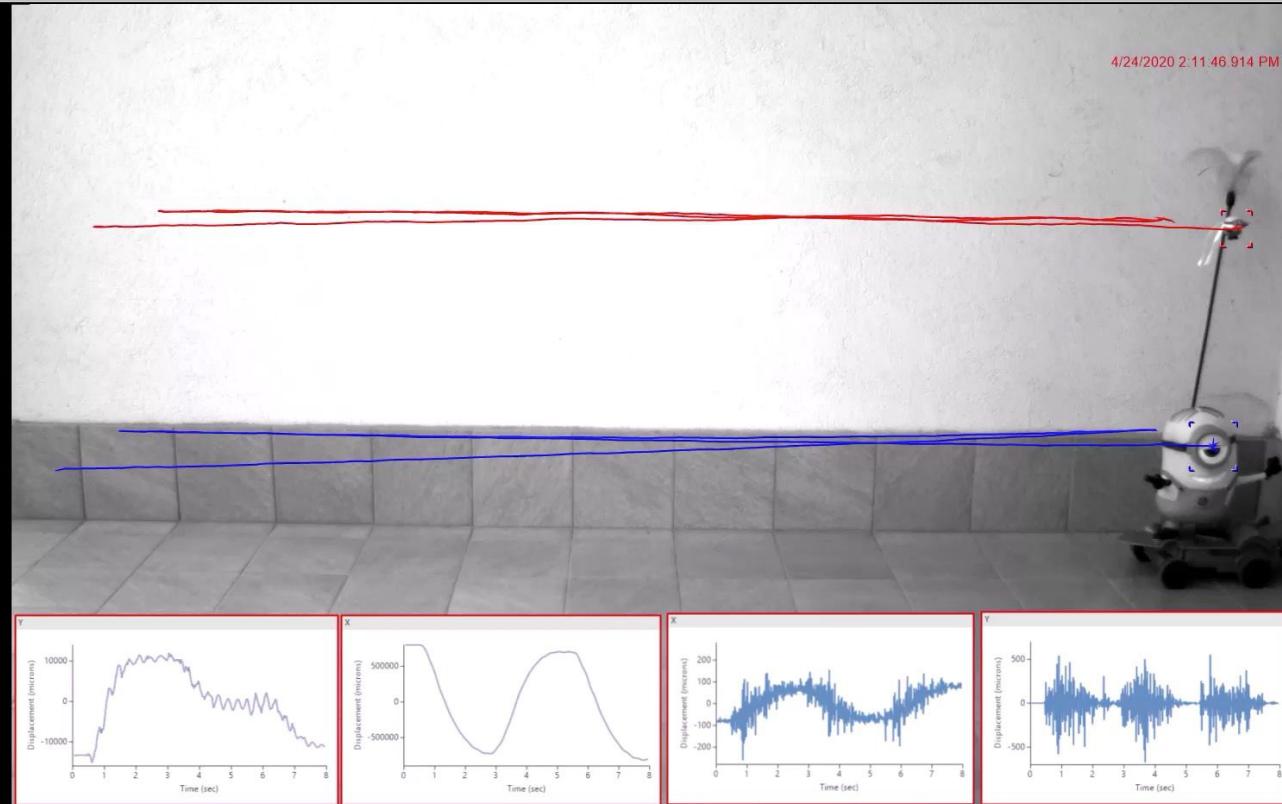


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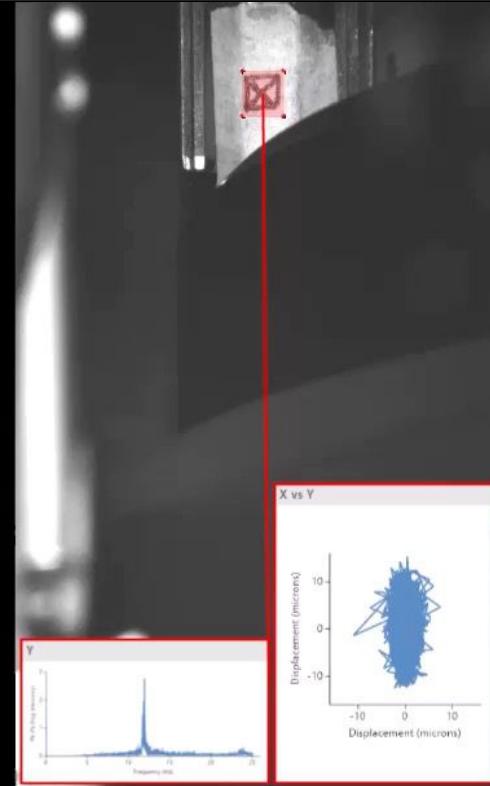
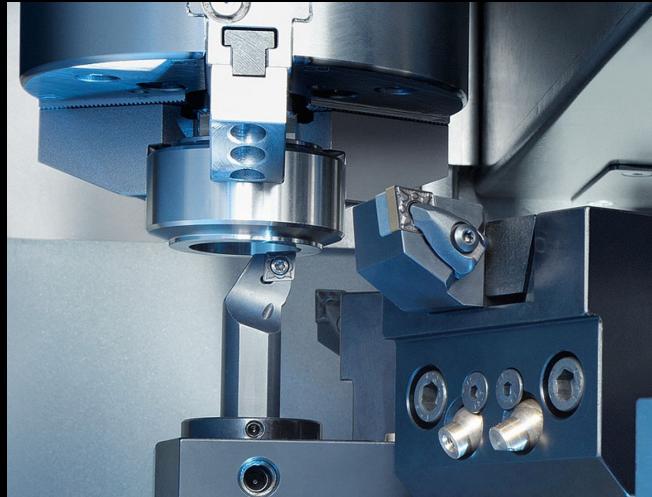








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