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MACHINERY**

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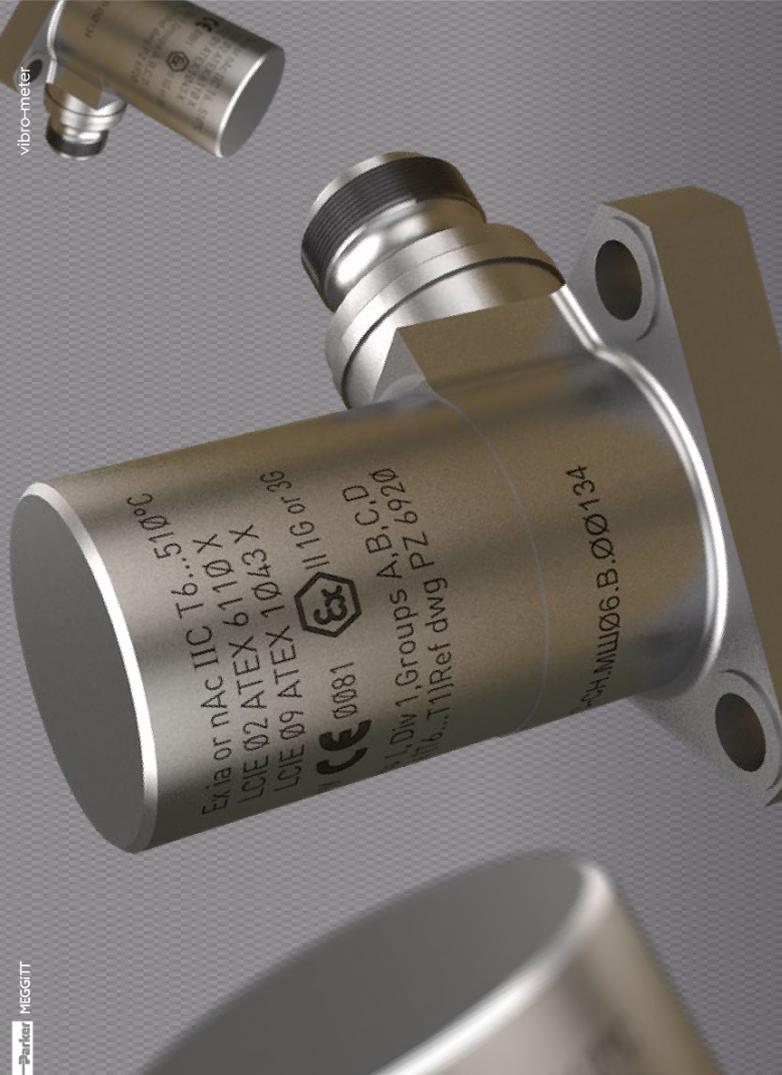
The Parker Meggitt facility in Fribourg, Switzerland, designs and manufactures complete condition monitoring, vibration monitoring, and measurement solutions for the energy and aerospace industries.

Since its foundation in 1952 as Vibro-Meter, our products and expertise have enabled superior solutions for the sensing and monitoring of vibration, pressure, air gap and other essential parameters in critical plants and equipment.

Today, our solutions are trusted by major OEMs globally and have become standard-fit components on machinery used in Power Generation, Oil & Gas and other industrial applications.







# SENSING TECHNOLOGY FOR CRITICAL MACHINERY

## SENSORS & SIGNAL CONDITIONERS

vibro-meter has one of the widest ranges of sensors for harsh industrial environments and extensive knowledge of the measurements for machinery monitoring.

Our comprehensive range of sensors and measurement chains can be used with our monitoring system hardware and software (or third-party systems) in order to provide complete solutions for the monitoring and protection of critical machines and processes.

From standard to harsh industrial environments, including hazardous areas and/or extreme temperatures (up to 700°C).

### VIBRO-METER PRODUCT PORTFOLIO

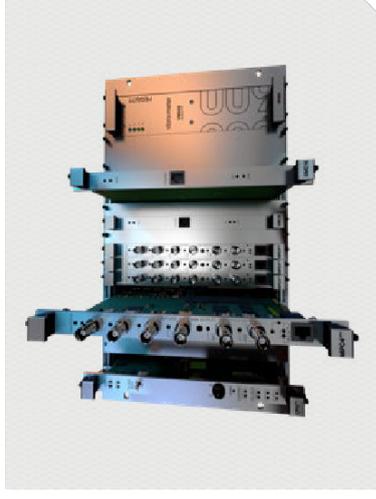
## From Sensors To Answers

With one common data visualization, event management, and diagnostic platform, plant operators can choose the system that suits their requirements.

### VM600 Mk2

Centralized and modular machinery protection, condition monitoring for vibration and combustion applications from medium to high channel counts.

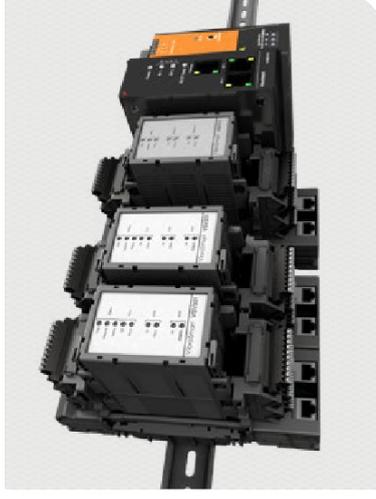
Typically used for larger gas and steam turbines and plants often including a larger quantity of balance-of-plant equipment.



### VibroSmart

Distributed condition and machinery protection for vibration and combustion applications on power generation turbines and auxiliary balance-of-plant equipment.

Modules can be mounted directly on machinery, eliminating the need for costly cabling.



### VibroSight

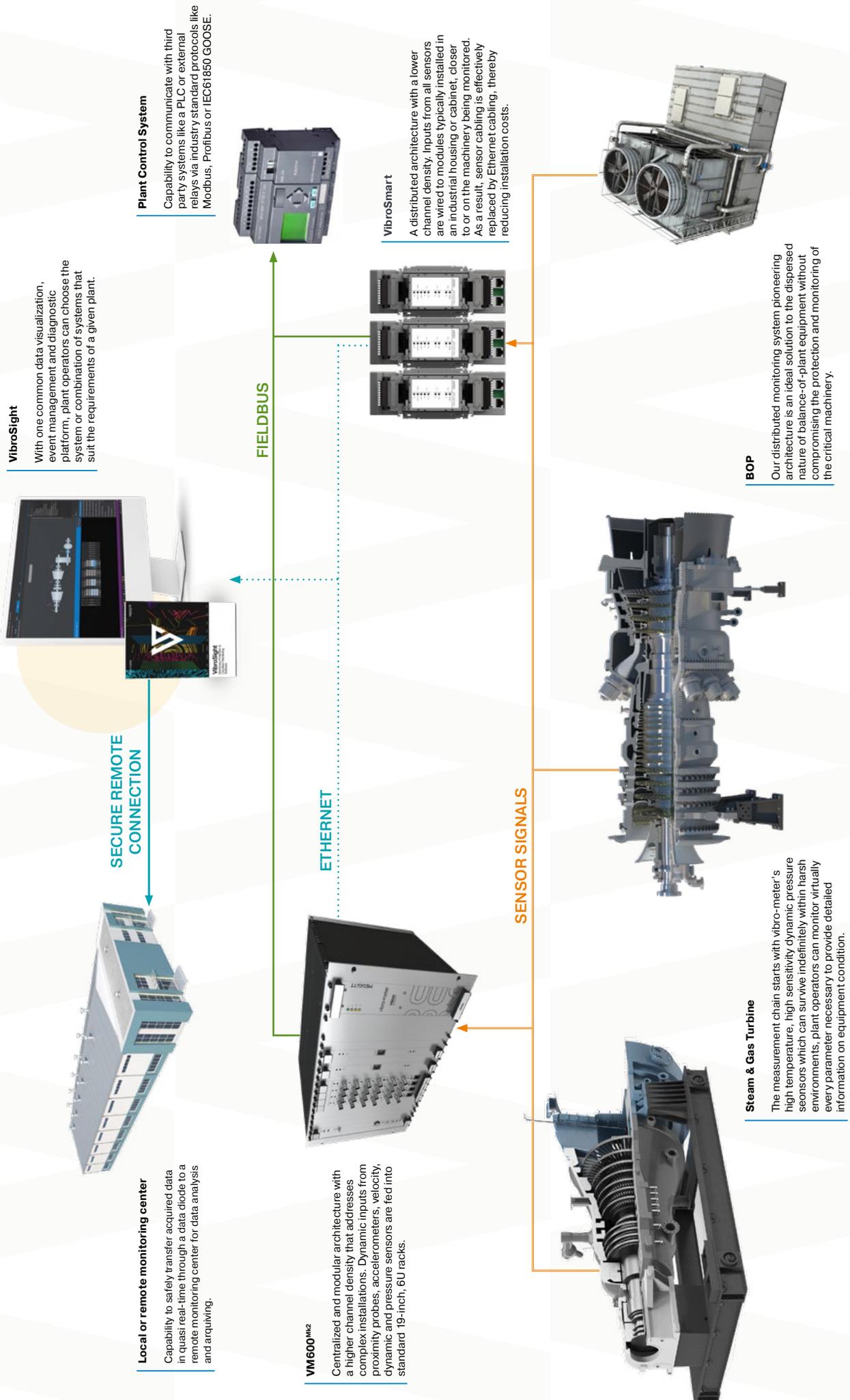
A common software platform for the configuration, operation and management of VM600<sup>Mk2</sup> and VibroSmart systems.

Fast and powerful, user-friendly software with an extensive plot catalogue for online and offline data visualisation and analysis.



# SOLUTION PORTFOLIO

## Plant-Wide Ecosystems Integration



### Local or remote monitoring center

Capability to safely transfer acquired data in quasi real-time through a data diode to a remote monitoring center for data analysis and archiving.

### VibroSight

With one common data visualization, event management and diagnostic platform, plant operators can choose the system or combination of systems that suit the requirements of a given plant.

### SECURE REMOTE CONNECTION

### Plant Control System

Capability to communicate with third party systems like a PLC or external relays via industry standard protocols like Modbus, Profibus or IEC61850 GOOSE.

### FIELDBUS

### VM600<sup>MS2</sup>

Centralized and modular architecture with a higher channel density that addresses complex installations. Dynamic inputs from proximity probes, accelerometers, velocity, dynamic and pressure sensors are fed into standard 19-inch, 6U racks.

### VibroSmart

A distributed architecture with a lower channel density. Inputs from all sensors are wired to modules typically installed in an industrial housing or cabinet, closer to or on the machinery being monitored. As a result, sensor cabling is effectively replaced by Ethernet cabling, thereby reducing installation costs.

### ETHERNET

### SENSOR SIGNALS

### Steam & Gas Turbine

The measurement chain starts with vibro-meter's high temperature, high sensitivity dynamic pressure sensors which can survive indefinitely within harsh environments, plant operators can monitor virtually every parameter necessary to provide detailed information on equipment condition.

### BOP

Our distributed monitoring system pioneering architecture is an ideal solution to the dispersed nature of balance-of-plant equipment without compromising the protection and monitoring of the critical machinery.

## EXPERT ARTICLE Integrating a machinery monitoring system into a plant-wide ecosystem



### Secure, functional connectivity

A typical plant has at least three other systems with which a machinery protection platform like the VM600 must be able to communicate:

1. The **Process Control System** (often a DCS)
2. The **Machine Control System** (often a PLC or purpose-built platform specifically for machinery control such as by the machine OEM or a supplier like Woodward, Compressor Controls Corporation, Tri-Sen, etc.)
3. The **Condition Monitoring System** (usually from the same supplier that provides the machinery protection system)

In addition to these three, there are other systems that touch rotating machines and must be considered as well. These include:

- The **Emergency Shutdown (ESD)** System which will often exist independently of the machine control system. Its task is to bring not only the machine, but the surrounding process to a safe state. Because it controls the shutdown of the process – and not just the machine – it is often separate and distinct from the machine control system and may well incorporate SIL ratings if implemented as part of risk reduction and process safety.

Thirty years ago, the phrase “islands of automation” was commonplace. It was used to describe instrument and control systems that exhibited very poor connectivity and were thus “islands unto themselves”.

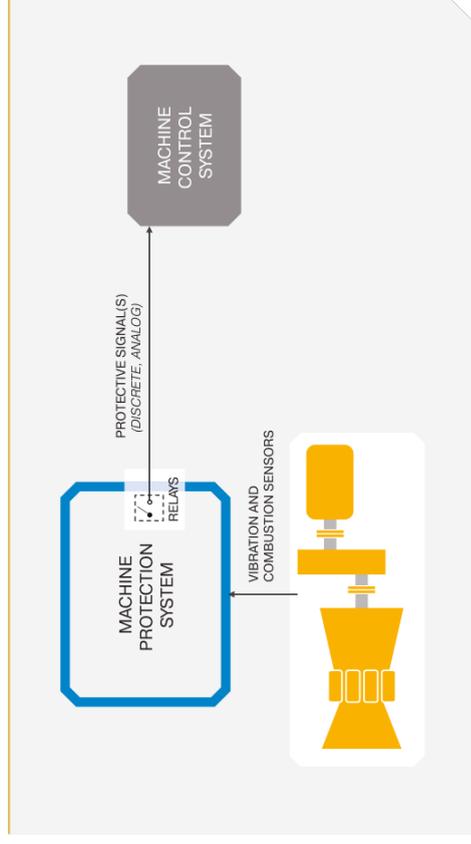
What little connectivity existed might consist only of analog 4-20 mA outputs or discrete signals from relays. Although the phrase may not be as common these days, the ability to properly connect systems to one another remains a concern.

However, where at one time connectivity may have meant simply fitting a platform with the right digital protocol so that it could talk to other systems, the issue of cybersecurity is today a primary concern where it wasn't even in the dictionary three decades ago.

Indeed, the issue in the past could normally be overcome by selecting from among the various digital communication protocols used in industrial automation: Profibus, Modbus, ControlNet, Foundation Fieldbus, HART, OPC, etc.

Manufacturers had to decide which of these to support in their instruments, users needed to decide which ones to use, and third-party entities sprang up in abundance with hardware protocol converters and software that gave rise to the term “middleware” and could be used to allow systems with dissimilar protocols to communicate.

Hardwired relays remain the preferred and accepted way of interfacing the protective signals to the corresponding shutdown system such as an ESD or the machine control system; relays can often be hardwired directly to so-called “final control elements”, such as a motor contact or valve that removes energy from the machine and thus stops it.



Best practices for connecting to process control, machine control, and condition monitoring systems.

# EXPERT ARTICLE



# “The cost of this (analogue) wiring can be substantial and in some cases may exceed the cost of the machinery protection system itself.”

*In contrast, a single digital communications cable can carry all of these signals as well as many other variables for each channel that are produced by the machinery protection system and can be trended such as Smax, 1X amplitude, 1X phase, probe gap voltage, and others.*

The CPU<sup>MS</sup> is an example of a digital communications card designed to connect a machinery protection system to a process control system using standard, open protocols such as Profibus and Modbus. The card forms part of the new VM600<sup>MS</sup> architecture from vibro-meter.

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### III. Condition Monitoring Interface

The interface between the condition monitoring software and the machinery protection system is digital and uses proprietary communications. There are no exceptions to this rule, regardless of manufacturer. The reasons that proprietary protocols are used derive from the fact that most "open" industrial protocols are not designed to carry the high throughput of data entailed by the dynamic waveforms of vibration sensors.

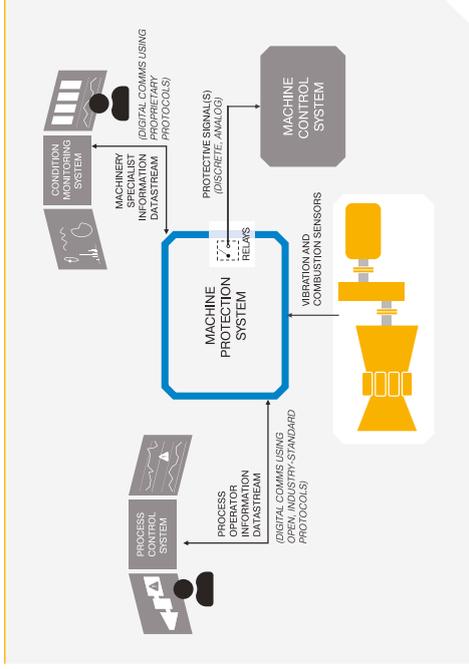
It is generally not desirable to stream every single waveform for every shaft revolution to the condition monitoring software, and instead the monitoring hardware makes decisions regarding what data to collect and what data to send. These settings are user-configurable in most systems, including the VibroSight Suite software from vibro-meter.

### IV. Combustion Dynamics Interface

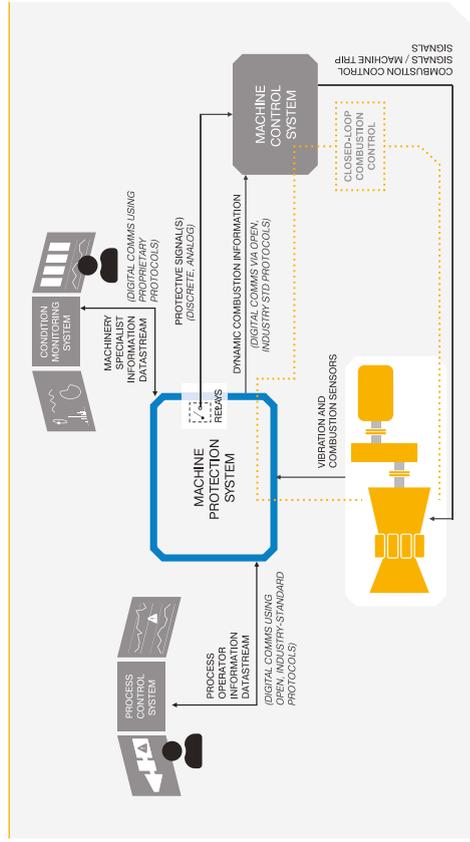
For gas turbines using low-NOx combustor designs, damaging pressure pulsations can occur that will shorten the life of combustor cans if not detected and controlled. The pulsations occur because the combustion process runs as lean as possible and the flame becomes meta-stable under such conditions, creating damaging pressure pulsations when operating too close to the flame's stability margin.

On these co-called DLE (Dry Low Emissions) machines, the dynamic pressure pulsations are monitored via special filtering profiles on the signal that detect when the combustor is incurring incipient or fully manifest pulsations. When the pulsations are detected, a signal is sent to the turbine control system where the fuel/air ratio is modified to continue running the gas turbine as lean as possible, yet without remaining in a state where these damaging pulsations are present.

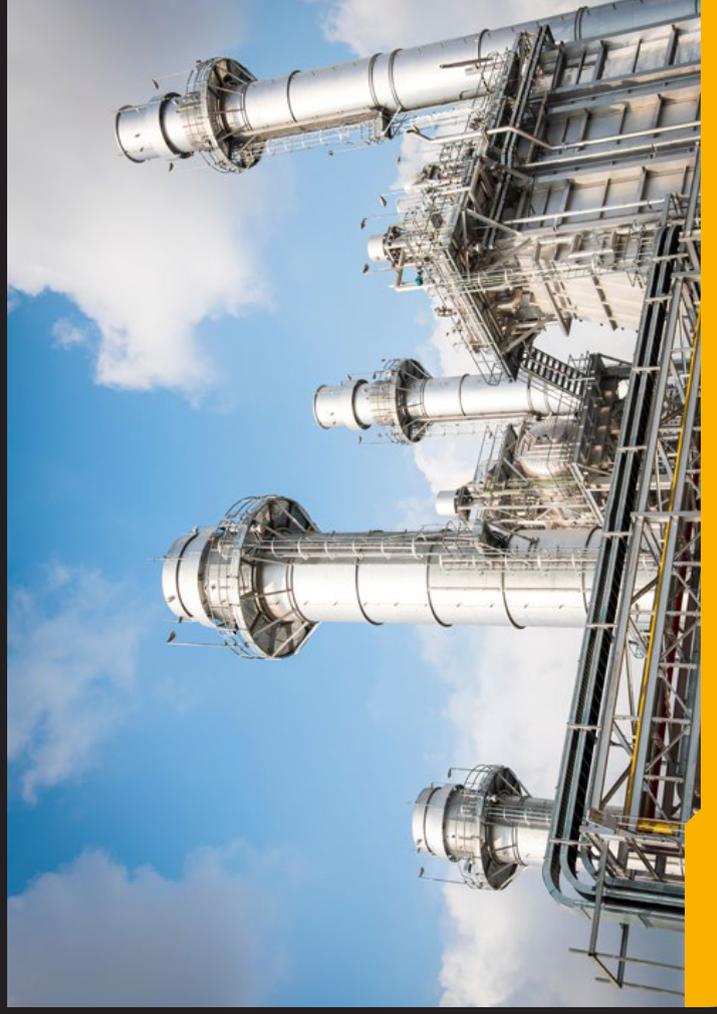
Because modern turbines can have more than a dozen combustors, the link between the machine protection system (where the embedded combustion dynamics monitoring occurs) and the turbine control system is generally an open, industry-standard digital communications protocol such as Profibus rather than hardwiring a dozen or more signals to convey the presence or absence of damaging pulsations in each combustor.



The condition monitoring interface is designed to deliver all the same data that goes to the process control system, but also dynamic waveforms that allow rotating machinery specialists to diagnose problems using rich vibration data. Proprietary protocols via Industrial Ethernet are used for this purpose and considerable attention is paid to cybersecurity to ensure people accessing the system remotely are not able to compromise the machinery protective functions.



The VM600<sup>ms2</sup> platform continues to offer integrated combustion dynamics monitoring, just as its predecessor did. Like the process control system interface, it uses an open, industry-standard protocol such as Profibus or Modbus to form closed-loop combustion control with the machine control system.



## Integrate our machinery protection systems to your broader plant.



With the VM600<sup>ms2</sup>, we have built on the strong foundation of our 1st generation VM600 "legacy" platform to ensure that each of the links discussed in this article are more robust and functional than ever before, yet reflecting modern cybersecurity concerns – particularly the condition monitoring interface and its segregation from machine protection.

# VM600 Mk2



**CENTRALIZED PROTECTION  
& MONITORING SYSTEM**

# Features

Ideal for applications where large rotating machinery is concentrated in one area of a plant, requiring centralized monitoring with very high channel counts.

#### Safety Standards

SIL 2 in accordance with IEC 61508

API 670 5th edition machinery protection compliant

Cybersecure in accordance with IEC 62443 (formerly ISA 99).

#### International Compliance

Europe: EU declaration of conformity (CE certificate).

North America: cCSAUS.



#### ACCESSIBLE

Designed to centrally process a wide range of dynamic inputs coming from a variety of critical assets such as gas, steam and hydro turbines, high-value rotation machines, as well as balance of plant (BOP) equipment such as compressors, gearboxes, motors, pumps and fans.

#### EXTENDED LIFE CYCLE

By upgrading installed measurement chains and VM600 racks with the latest M<sup>Mk2</sup> modules allows first generation users to considerably lower their total cost of ownership.

Further, replacing MPC4 with MPC4<sup>Mk2</sup> module allows condition monitoring to easily be added to existing machinery protection only systems

#### STAYING POWER

Monitoring cards are hot-swappable so that you can keep your protection system running virtually continuously should a card fail.

Importantly, replaced modules are automatically reconfigured with the system configuration in order to minimize downtime. The requirement for spare modules is kept to a minimum.

#### INCREASED SAFETY AND SECURITY

Locked operational mode for improved safety and security. That is, physical access to a VM600 rack is required in order to change the machinery protection system (MPS) configuration.

System-wide control signal that automatically drives all system relays and analog outputs to a safe state should the MPC4<sup>Mk2</sup> module's diagnostics (BIST) detect a problem.

## MPC4<sup>Mk2</sup>

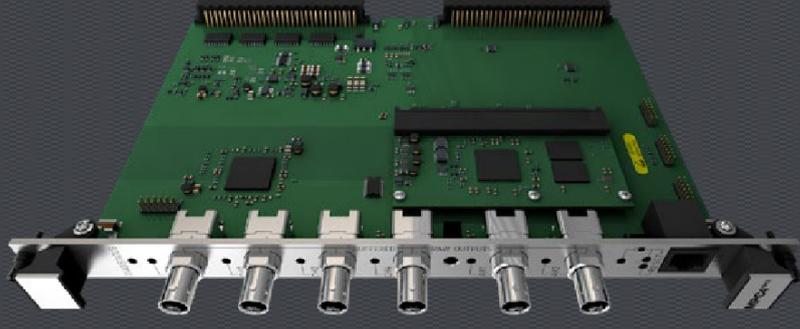
### SMART ARCHITECTURE

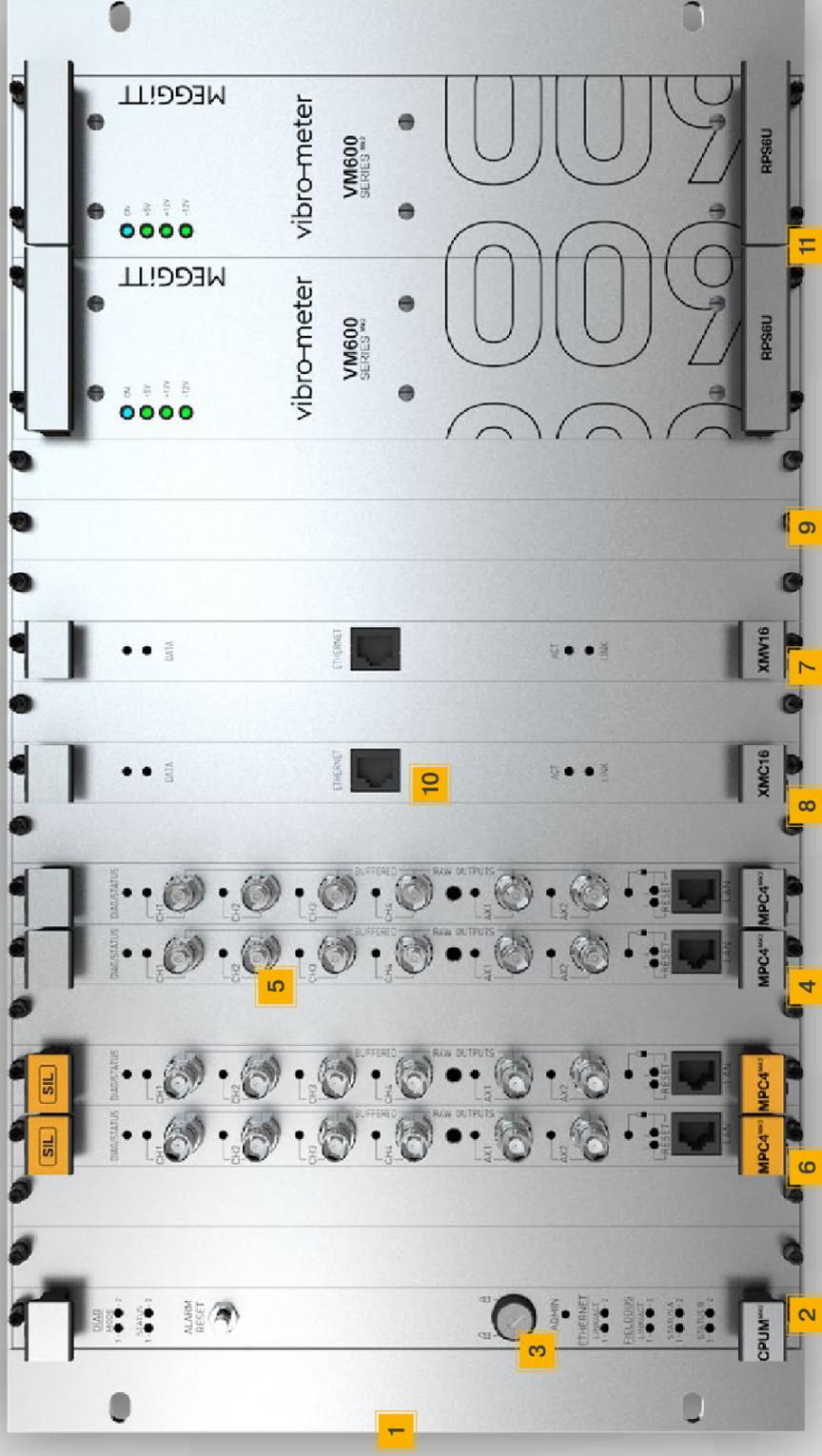
Machinery protection, condition monitoring functionalities are delivered from one module to support condition-based maintenance strategies and help reduce operating costs.

In addition, the new MPC4<sup>Mk2</sup> module provides **integrated condition monitoring** functionality equivalent to that of a separate XMV16 module, and **completely segregates** the protective functions from the condition monitoring functions.

Like its predecessor, the **same sensors can be shared between protective and condition monitoring** functions via the rack's backplane.

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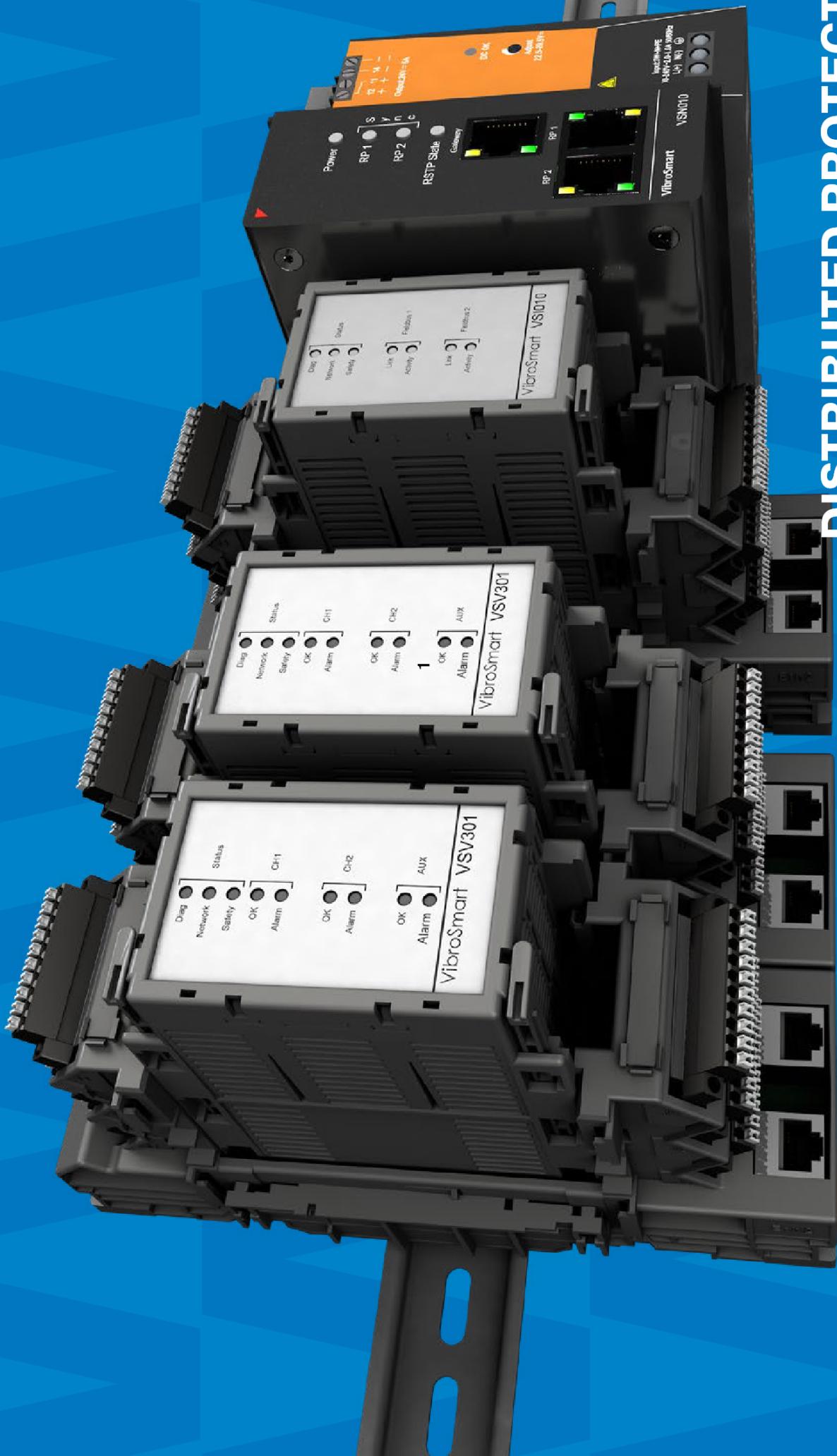
- 19" EIA chassis, 6U tall, 300mm deep, 21 slots (numbered 0-20).  
*Note: also available a 19" EIA chassis, 1U tall, 311mm deep, 1 slot.*
- CPUM<sup>Mk2</sup> Communications and rack control module; supports redundant media with communications with plant control and automation platforms including PLCs, DCSs, turbine controllers, local displays, and more; supported protocols include Modbus TCP, Modbus RTU\*, Profibus DP, and Profinet\*. Cybersecure design to meet IEC 62443.

3. Keylock provides an extra measure of physical security in addition to password-protected access to configuration changes.
- MPC4<sup>Mk2</sup> Universal vibration monitoring module provides 4 channels of dynamic signal inputs and 2 channels of speed/phase or DC inputs; provides integrated protection and condition monitoring while delivering cybersecurity performance to meet IEC 62443; up to 12 modules (72 channels) per rack.
- The MPC4<sup>Mk2</sup> is capable of specialized measurements such as generator combustion monitoring on gas turbines.

- SIL 2 version of MPC4<sup>Mk2</sup> modules. Five on-board relays allow alarm and module fault (OK) status annunciation, suitable for auto-shutdown applications meeting SIL 2.
- XMW16 module can be used for condition monitoring-only applications where protection is not required; allows 16 channels of high-performance condition monitoring in a single rack slot. Ideal for balance-of-plant assets, small hydro units where protection is not required, or for adding condition monitoring to existing third-party protection systems.
- XMC16 module provides robust gas turbine combustion

- dynamics monitoring in the same chassis as vibration protection and condition monitoring.
- RLC16<sup>Mk2</sup> relay expansion module provides 16 additional relays to augment the 5 relays on board each MPC4<sup>Mk2</sup> module.
- Proprietary ethernet communications provide all dynamic and other rack signals to VibroSight software for archival, analysis, and visualization.
- Simplex or redundant power supplies deliver all required power for rack modules and connected sensors.

# VibroSmart



## DISTRIBUTED PROTECTION & MONITORING SYSTEM



# VibroSight



**ADVANCED MACHINERY  
PROTECTION & CONDITION  
MONITORING SOFTWARE**

# Features

Fast and powerful, user-friendly software that enables the reliability and operational efficiency of industrial machinery.

## DATA VIZ AND ANALYSIS

Exceptional data handling and visualisation capabilities for the effortlessly fast display and analysis of data.

Online or offline data presentation and analysis - Setup and storage of user-defined plots as projects

Complete catalogue of plots with cursor synchronisation to allow all information relevant to a particular event or time period to be easily displayed.

## INTEGRATED DATA MANAGEMENT

Proprietary, highly-optimised system of VibroSight databases for outstanding performance.

Fully-integrated support for VibroSight database management simplifies the configuration and operation of database backups, database purges and the management of offline data storage.

Extremely easy to use data management configuration means that no external data/database management tools are required.

## APPLICATION SPECIFIC PACKAGE

VibroSight use and navigation is deliberately simple and straightforward in order to make tasks intuitive. The software allows fast data analysis and machinery diagnosis using a comprehensive plot catalogue, featuring cursor and zoom synchronisation and fully customisable machine states including run-ups and run-downs.

## DATA IMPORT AND EXPORT

VibroSight can import data from external systems using industry standard interfaces such as Modbus and OPC.

This allows data from third party systems such as other monitoring and/or control systems (such as a DCS or PLC) to be easily centralized in a single database for ease of data management and/or to take advantage of the speed and power of VibroSight for the display and analysis of plant-wide data.

Equally, VibroSight can export its data using industry standard interfaces in order to share information with third-party systems.

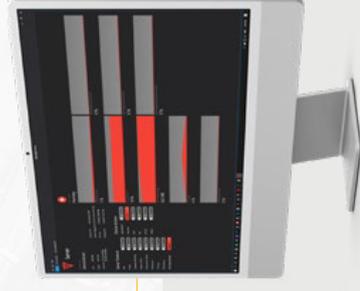
# VibroSight

## SMART ARCHITECTURE

VibroSight is a suite of user-friendly application software modules for analyzing machinery health. It supports the flexible configuration of channels, processing, outputs, alarms and plant structure, helping to monitor the condition of all critical assets.

*“Operators can assess the overall condition of machines at a glance or use the full suite of visualization and analysis tools and plots to undertake in-depth analyses.”*

With continuous data acquisition offering seamless monitoring of even short events, VibroSight is suitable for the most stringent test-bed applications. However, configurable data-logging rules enable users to ensure they are not overwhelmed by data.



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### Monitoring Systems

VibroSight can gather data from vibro-meter VM600 racks, VibroSmart distributed monitoring systems but as well from third party systems via Modbus, OPC or CSV files.

### Database

VibroSight doesn't require the installation and maintenance of a third party database thus simplifying the system management from the IT point of view.

### Backup

VibroSight can automatically create an incremental database backup on a network drive to quickly recover the monitoring system from a computer catastrophic failure.

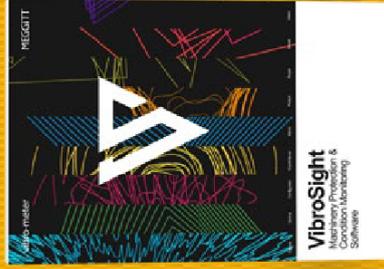
### Historical data files

The data from the database can be periodically downselected and copied over automatically to historical data files that can be used to create a mirrored database at a different location or for longer term storage.

### Purge

The database size can be maintained under control by automatically deleting the oldest data from the database.





Adopted by major gas-turbine OEMs as their fleet standard for combustion and vibration monitoring, VibroSight is actively developed and maintained with at least three new software releases per year including new features and improvements.

## Management



### SERVER

Data logging, management & sharing  
Data logging into the database and provides data access to all VibroSight suite applications and third party software.



### SYSTEM MANAGER

System maintenance  
Allows system maintenance tasks like module firmware upgrades or configuration of IP addresses and NTP settings.

## System Configuration



### PROTECT

Machinery protection configurator  
For the configuration of machinery protection functionality.



### CAPTURE

Condition monitoring configurator  
For the configuration of condition monitoring functionality.

## Monitoring



### VISION

Data visualization & analysis  
Features a comprehensive plot catalog to display and analyse live or historical data from monitoring systems or stored in VibroSight databases.



### EVENT VIEWER

Monitoring of alarms and system events  
Allows the monitoring of alarms and system events from monitoring systems or stored in VibroSight databases



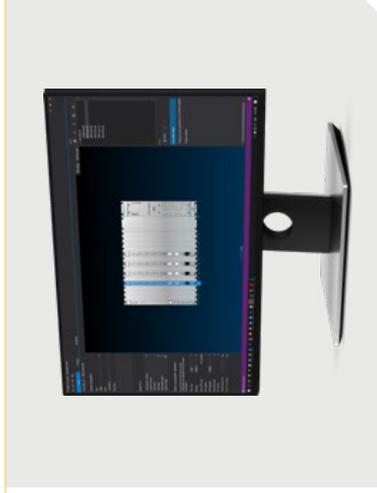
### MIMIC

Machine operator interface  
Provides an overview of the machinery being monitored using live measurement data.

## PROTECT

### Machinery protection configurator.

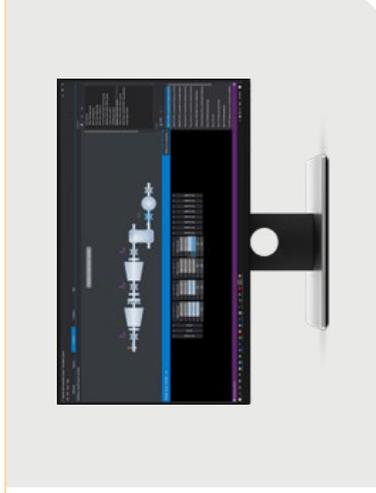
VibroSight Protect is a software tool exclusively dedicated to the configuration and commissioning of machinery protection systems. It has been designed to naturally guide the user through the configuration of all the protection chain components (input channels, processing functions, alarms, logical functions and relays) in a very user friendly way to avoid any potential misconfigurations that could end in a miss-strip or a false-trip.



## CAPTURE

### Condition monitoring configurator.

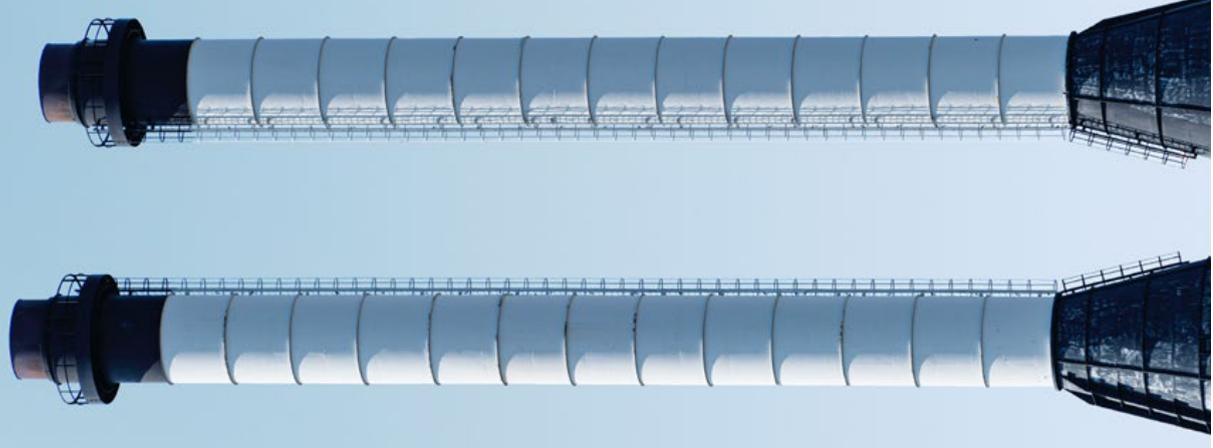
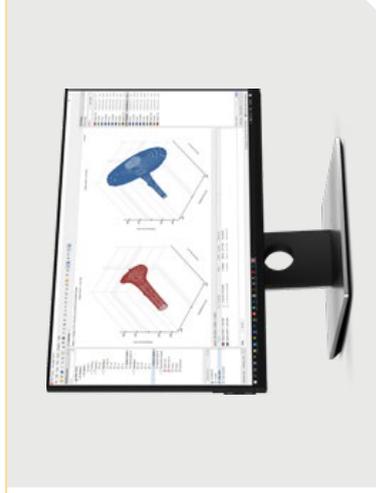
In VibroSight Capture the user can configure the condition monitoring capabilities without being able in any way to impact the machinery protection function either intentionally or by pure mistake. The configuration workflow uses as reference point the modelling and layout of the machine trains under surveillance. The condition monitoring settings include condition monitoring processing functions and software alarms, database logging, database management, data import and export.



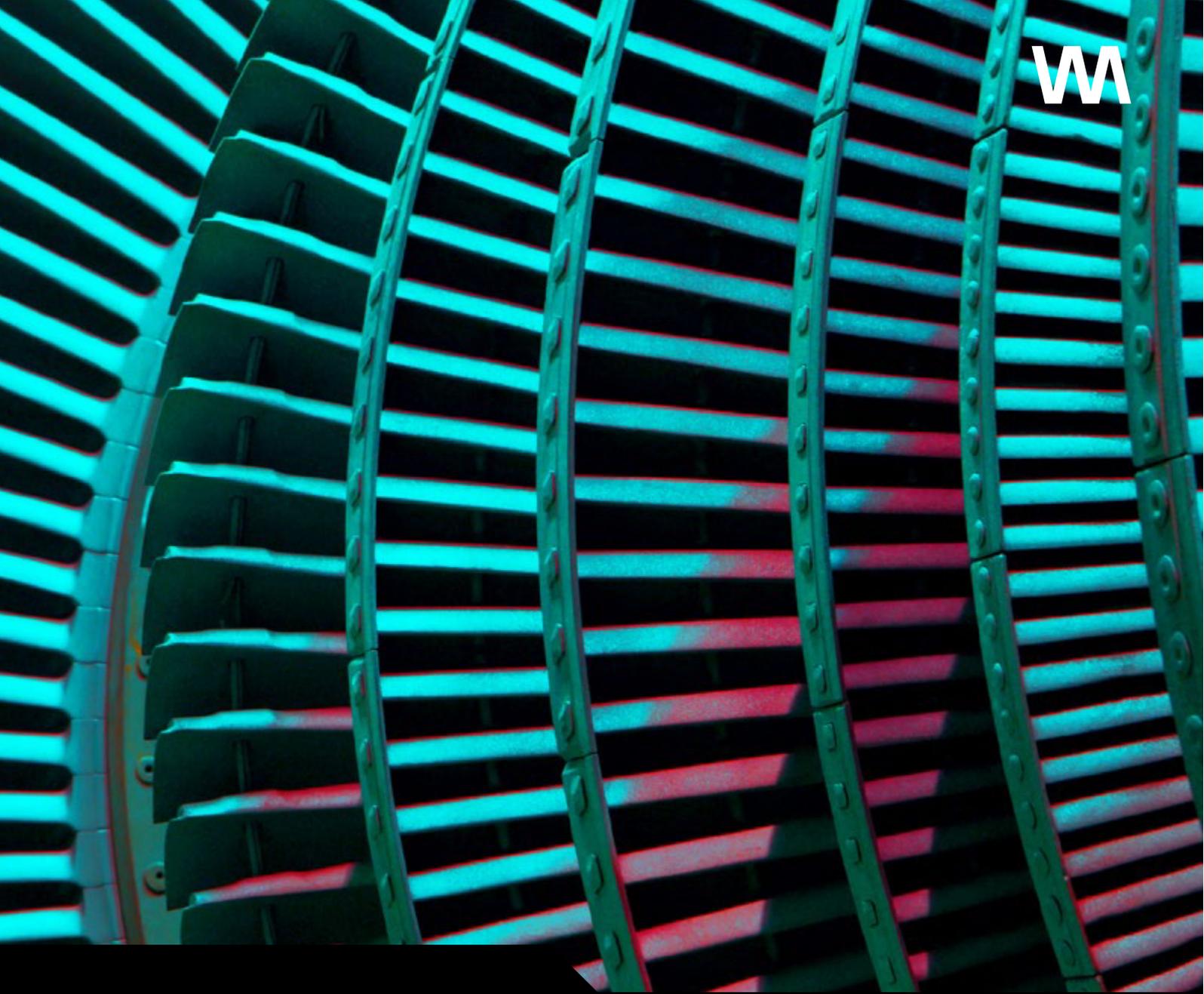
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