

Fiber optical sensing

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- Sales 2015 Euro 8,287 Million
- Employees 46,635
- Production sites around 115 in 29 countries
- SKF presence in over 130 countries
- Distributors/dealers 17,000 locations

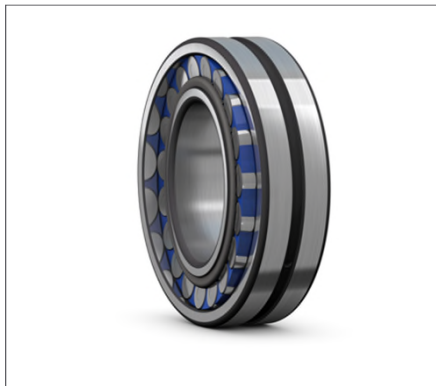
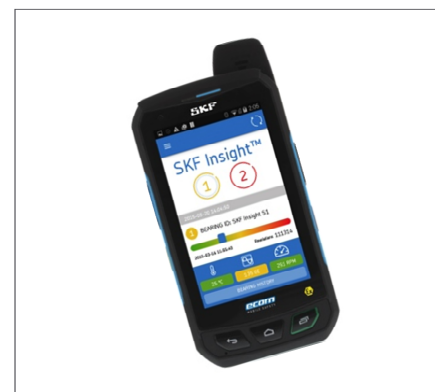




Our solutions are everywhere



SKF technology



Technologies around the rotating shaft

Changing business reality

Globalization



- More competitive landscape across the value chain
- Asian companies going global
- Overcapacity in heavy and investment- driven industries

Technology



- Automation, electrification and digitalization drive the change
- New technology requirements for new applications
- Technology for cost competitiveness

Competitors



- New, emerging competitors gaining ground
- Chinese competitors strengthen position fueled by local market

Customers



- More transparent supplier market gives stronger buying power
- Strong price/cost focus
- Tougher competition and SKF traditional customer base under competitive pressure

Two value propositions in focus

1. Rotating equipment performance



Customer need:

“I want your products and my assets to reach technical end of life with trouble-free operation”

2. Product



Customer need:

“I want on-time delivery, quality and field performance, flawless launches of new products, technology and price”

Smartifying industry



**Mobility
becomes
the window**



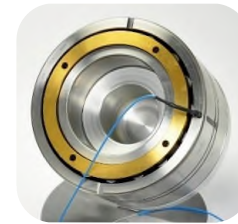
the Cloud becomes the infrastructure



(Big) Data management becomes the intelligence

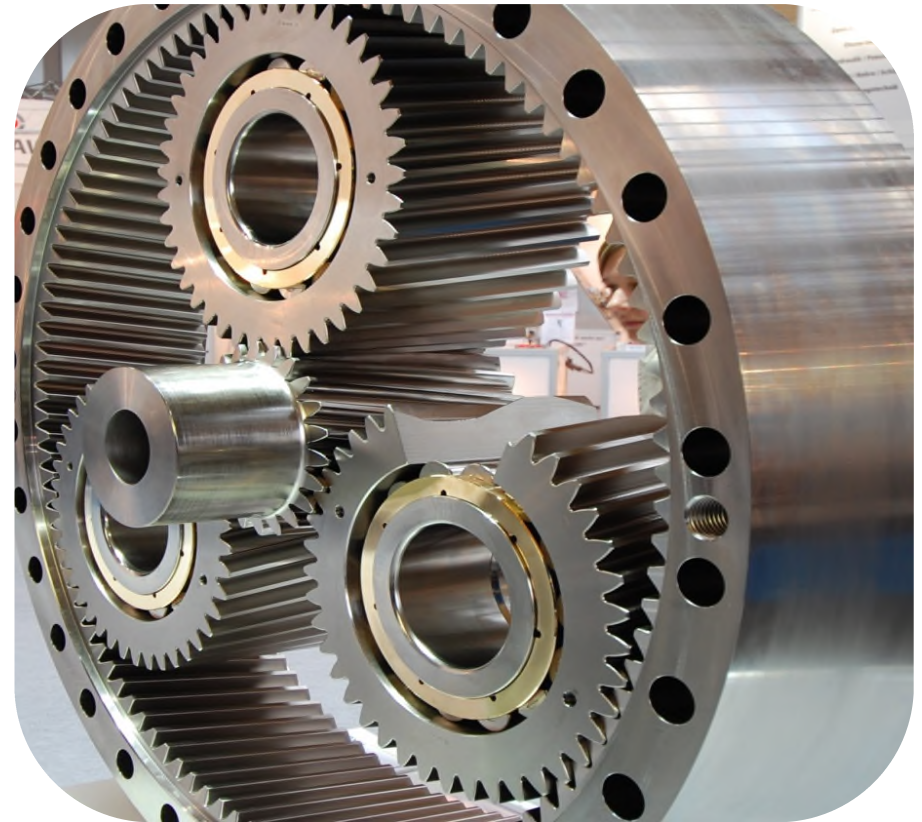


Connected sensors/systems
become the data feed

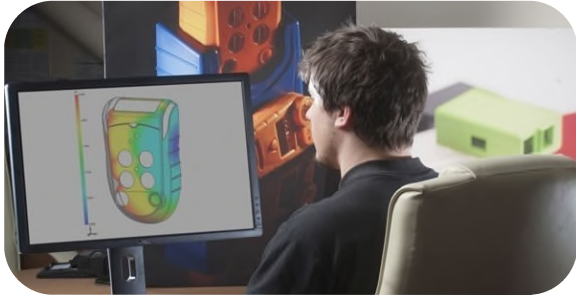
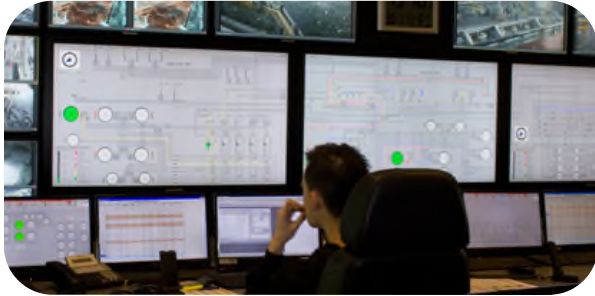




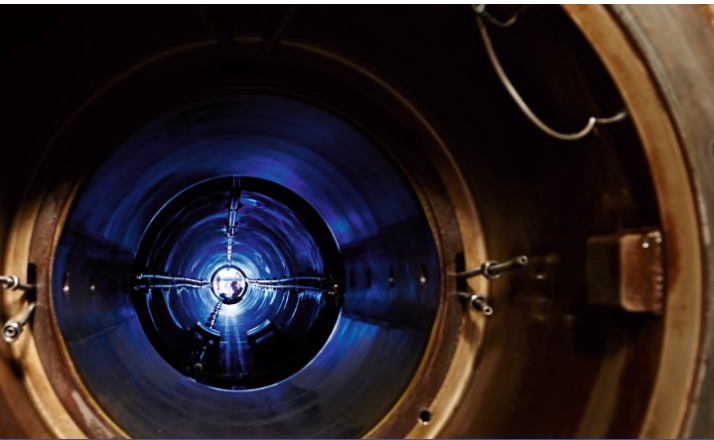
Monitoring the heart of your application

“Bearing unique control point of the application”



What to monitor in that heart

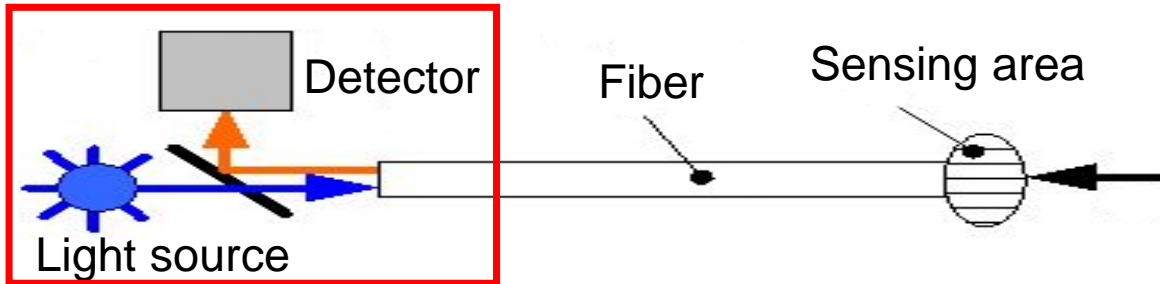
	Service	“Product & service”
Operation: <u>Load</u>	<p>Design verification and support tool</p> 	<p>Process control</p> 
Condition: <u>Vibration</u>	<p>Trouble shooting</p> 	<p>Condition monitoring & prognostics</p> 



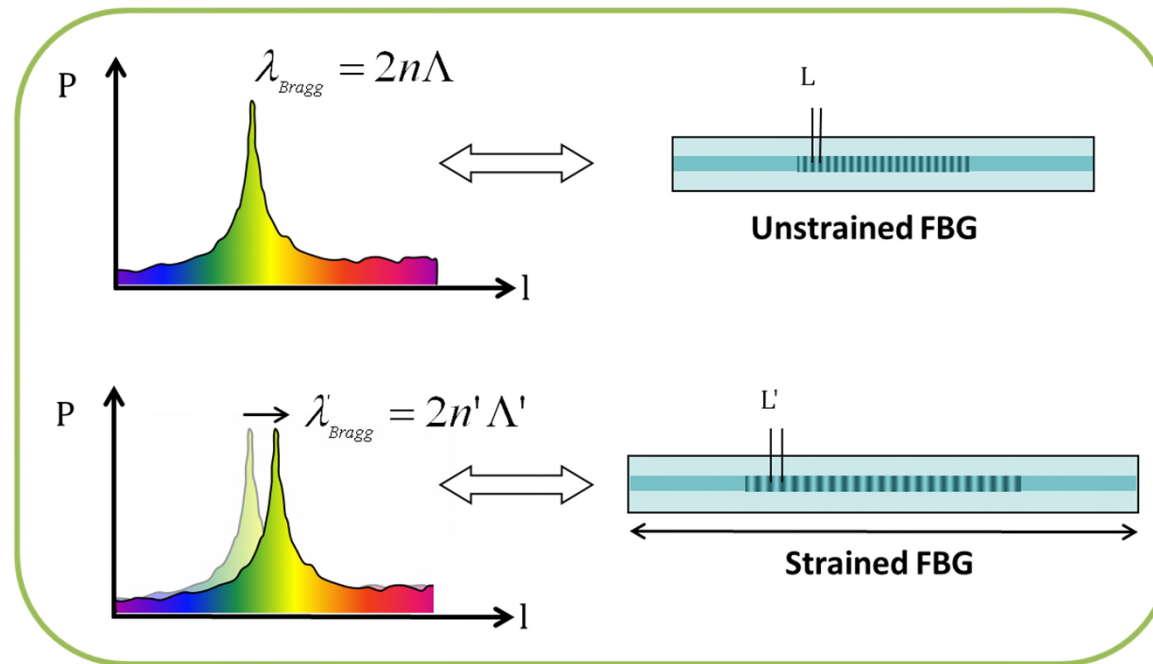
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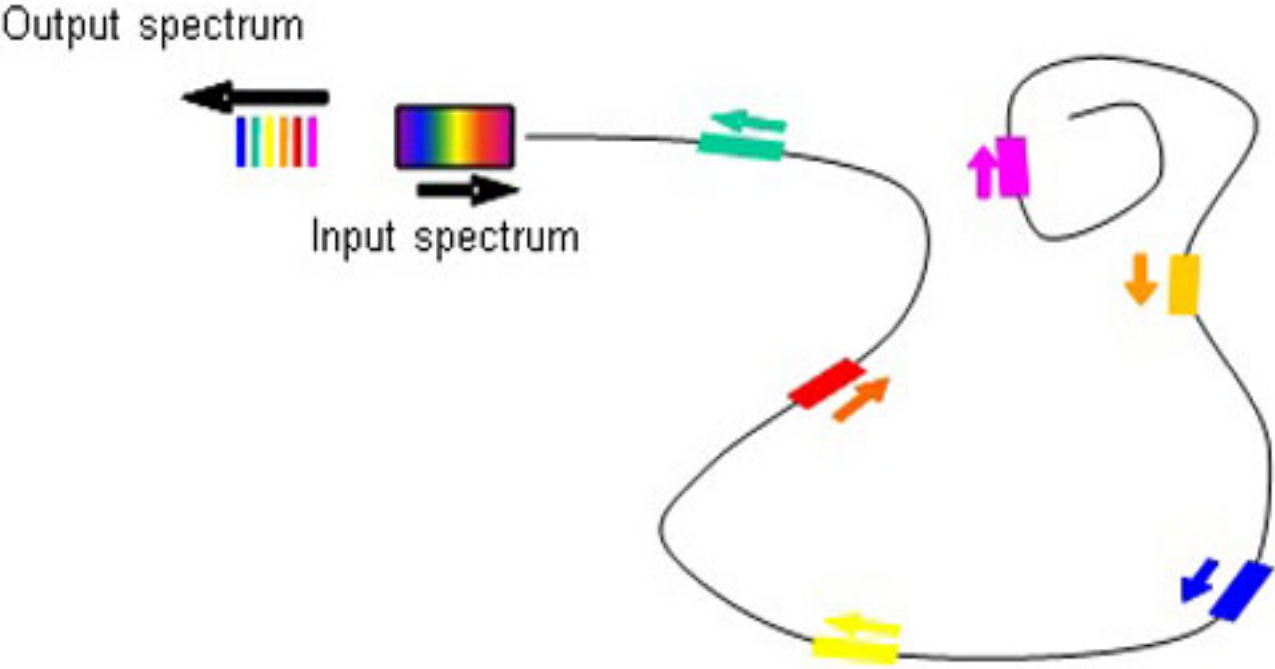
Fiber Bragg Sensing – principle



Interrogator

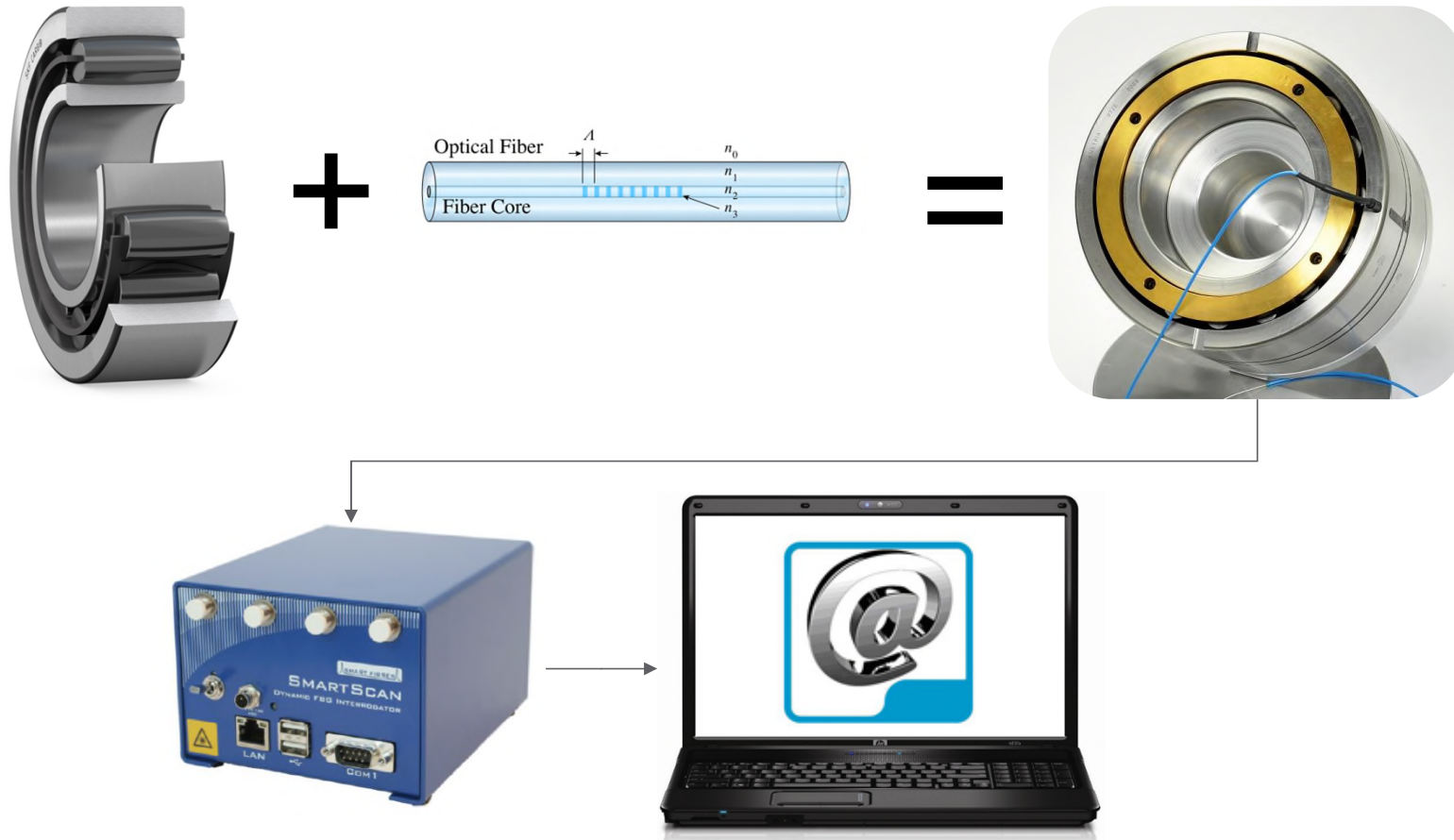


Multiplex sensing

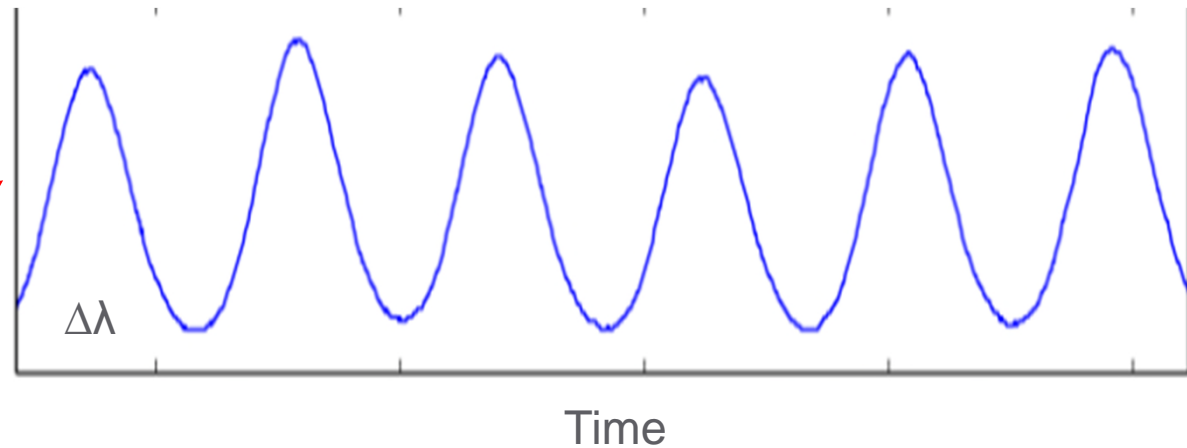
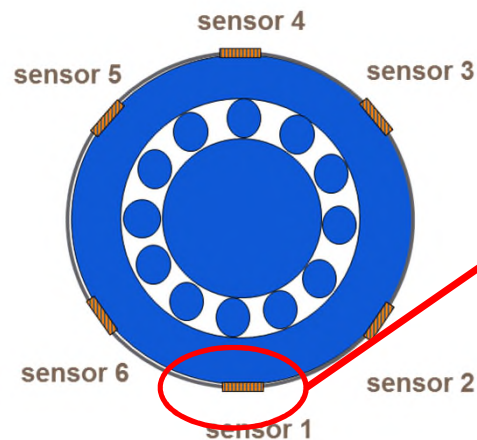


Up to 25 sensors per fiber

Technology integration



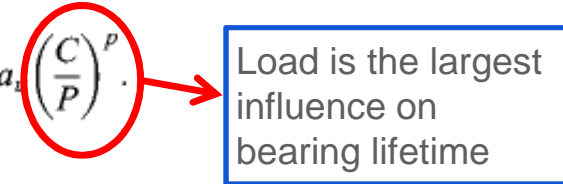
How do you measure



Parameter	Process parameter
Amplitude	Load
# peak / min	Speed
Response shape	Defects
Temperature	Offset
Amplitude different sensors	Loaded zone

Main sensing functionality in thrusters

Bearing loads

$$L_{10} = \frac{1}{\left[1 + \frac{u^m L_{10}^{(m-e)} I_s}{\ln(1/0.9)} \left(\frac{C}{P}\right)^{ep} (a_u)^e \right]^{1/e}} a_s \left(\frac{C}{P}\right)^p$$


Load is the largest influence on bearing lifetime

Real application loads are often unknown, monitoring enables:

- Design optimization
- Bearing life – Condition based maintenance
- Optimal operating regime's
- Full control – lower cost/longer insurance period
- Fleet management – best practice optimization
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Fiber Optical load Sensing

Measurement performance

- High signal-to-noise ratio
- Multiple variables: Load, temperature, pressure, vibration...
- Multiple sensors in one fiber

Harsh /hard accessible environments

- Intrinsic explosion safe
- Sub-water resistant
 - no corrosion
 - no signal issues from under water
- High chemical resistance
- Wide temperature range
- Robust against EM-interference





Pumps & Compressors

- One fiber for multi operating parameter sensing
- Large distances - submerged
- New type of pumps development

Value:

- No electro magnetic interference
- integrated into the bearing – small integration footprint
- large amounts of data
- One cable for Load, temperature, pressure and CoMo – One ingress
- No monitoring solution currently available – compressors
- Optimized operation/process control



Strain and speed measurement

- Able to identify roller speed.
 - Possible to identify bearing slip.
- The size of the loaded zone can be determined.
- Individual rollers can be identified by their signal strength.

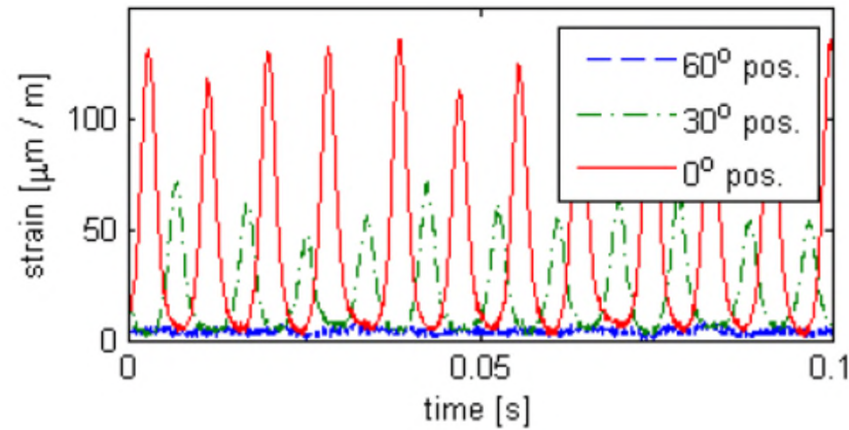
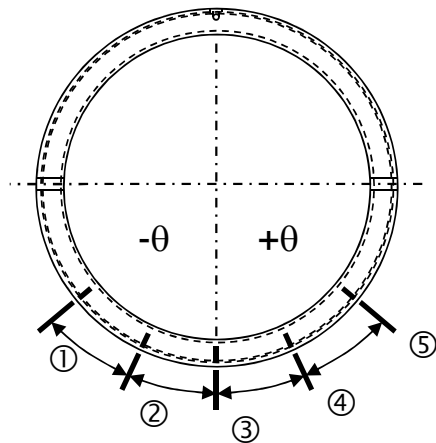
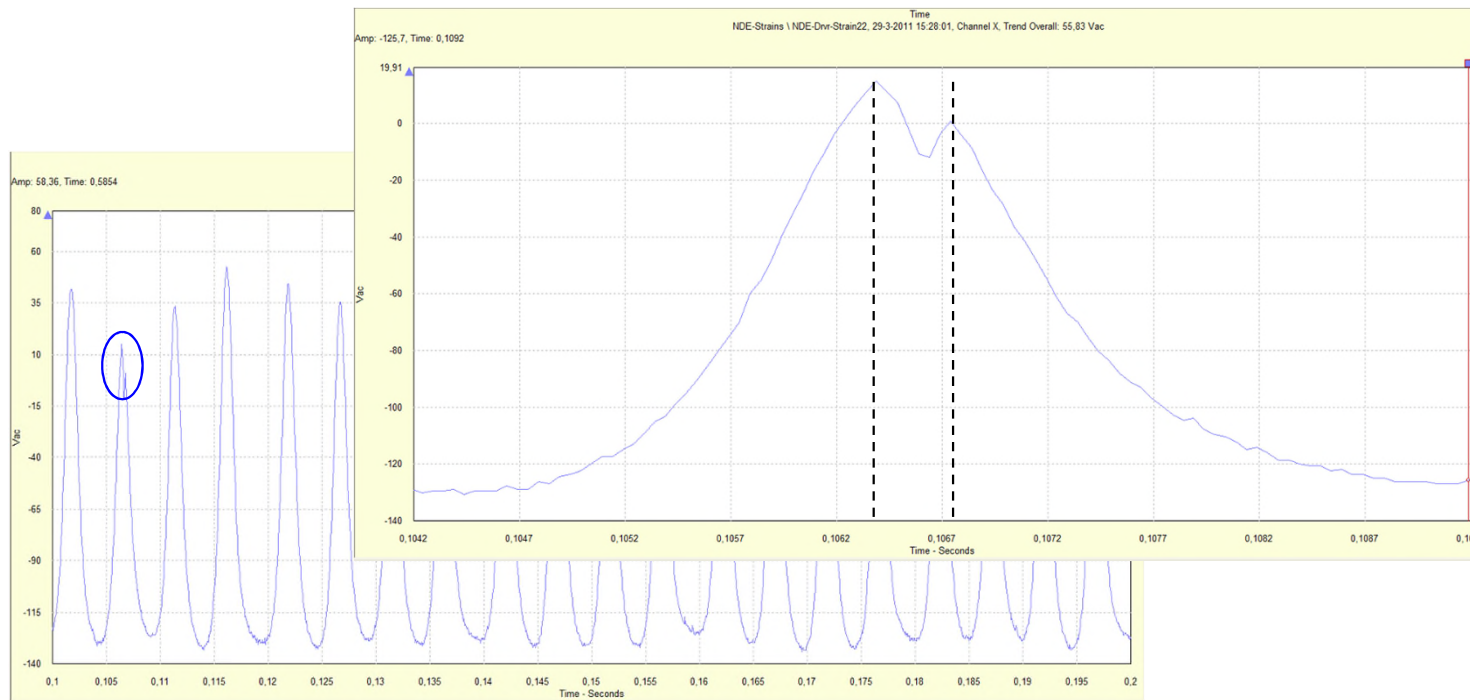


Figure 5 Example of strain signals

Condition monitoring

- High frequency content imposed on roller pass.
- Small pressure reduction visible.
- Calculated length of defect = $\sim 2 \mu\text{m}$

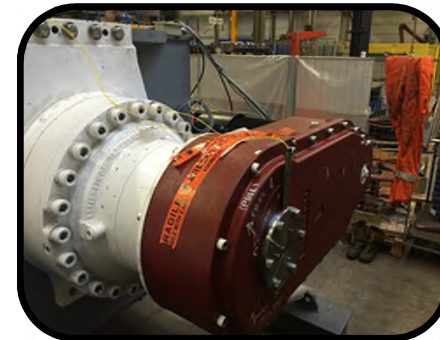


Jacking systems

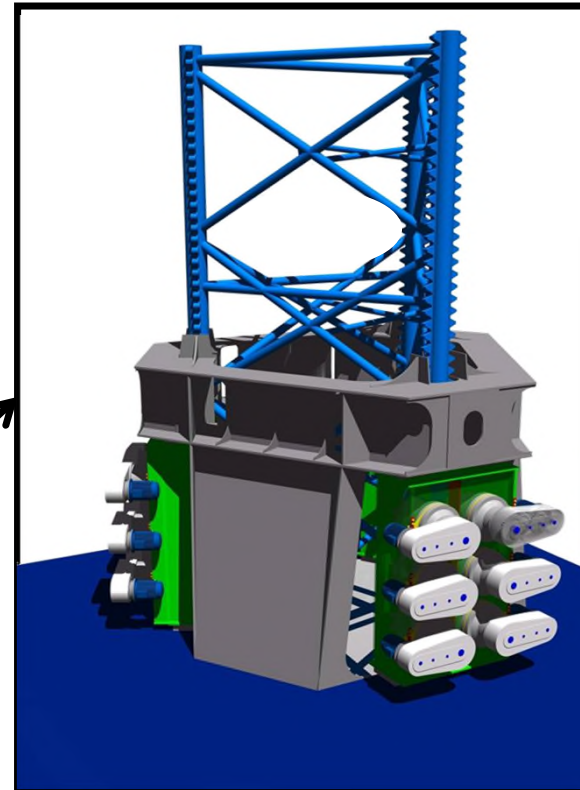
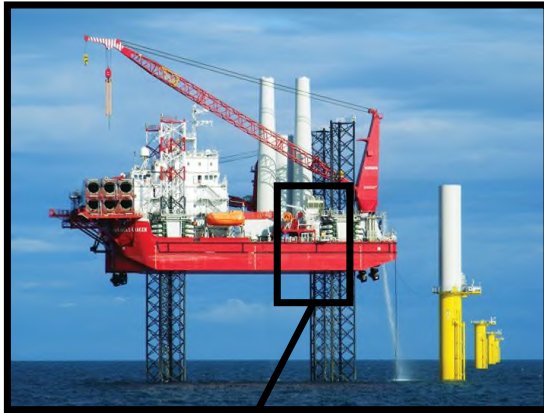
- Load measurement during stand-still
- Absolute static load measuring without prior dynamic load information
- Absolute load as operating parameter

Value:

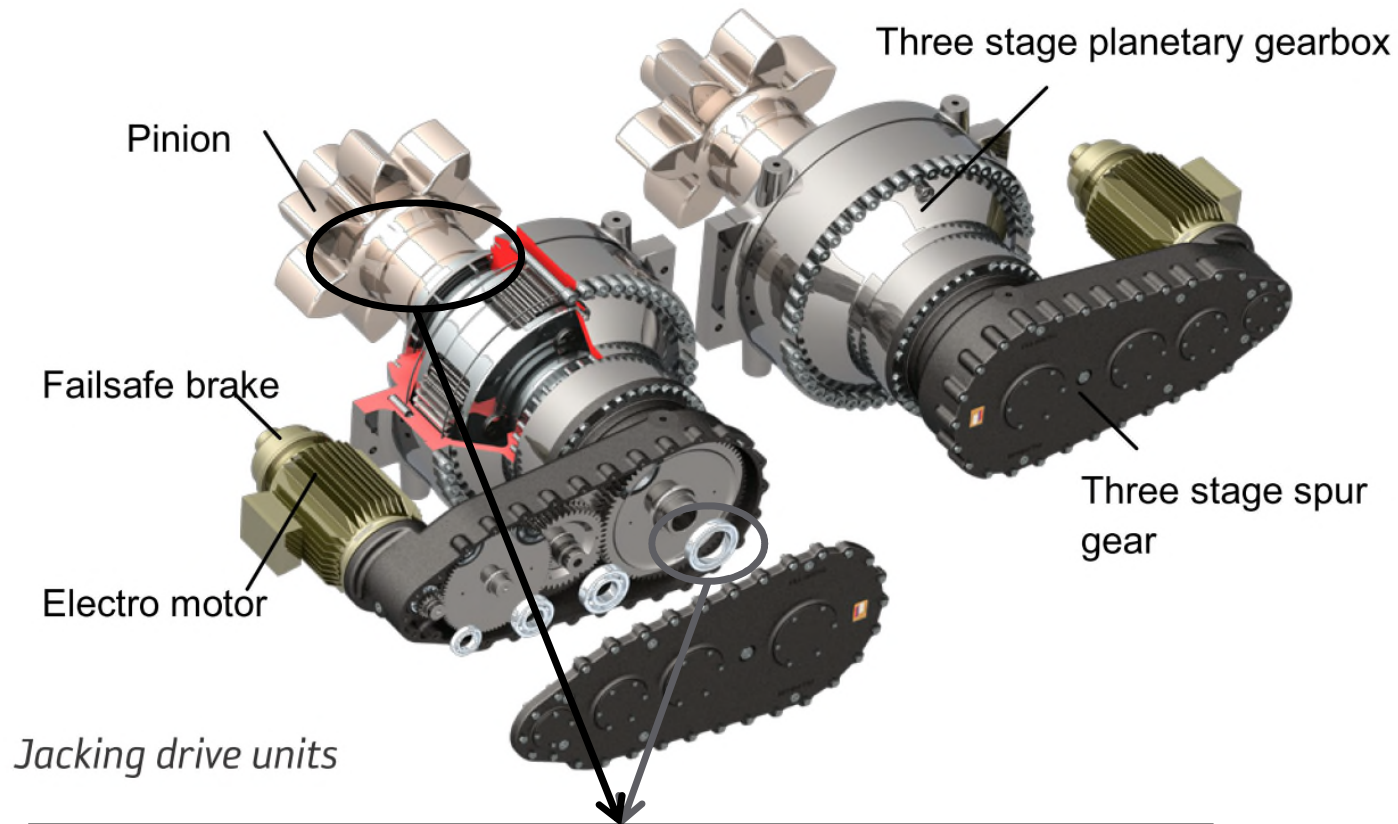
- Small footprint; integrated into the bearing
- Large amounts of data
- Direct measurement of load and load angle at the pinion
- **Static load measuring possible due to sensor integration density (~2.5 mm)**
- **Harsh environment (salt water corrosion)**



Application - Jacking systems



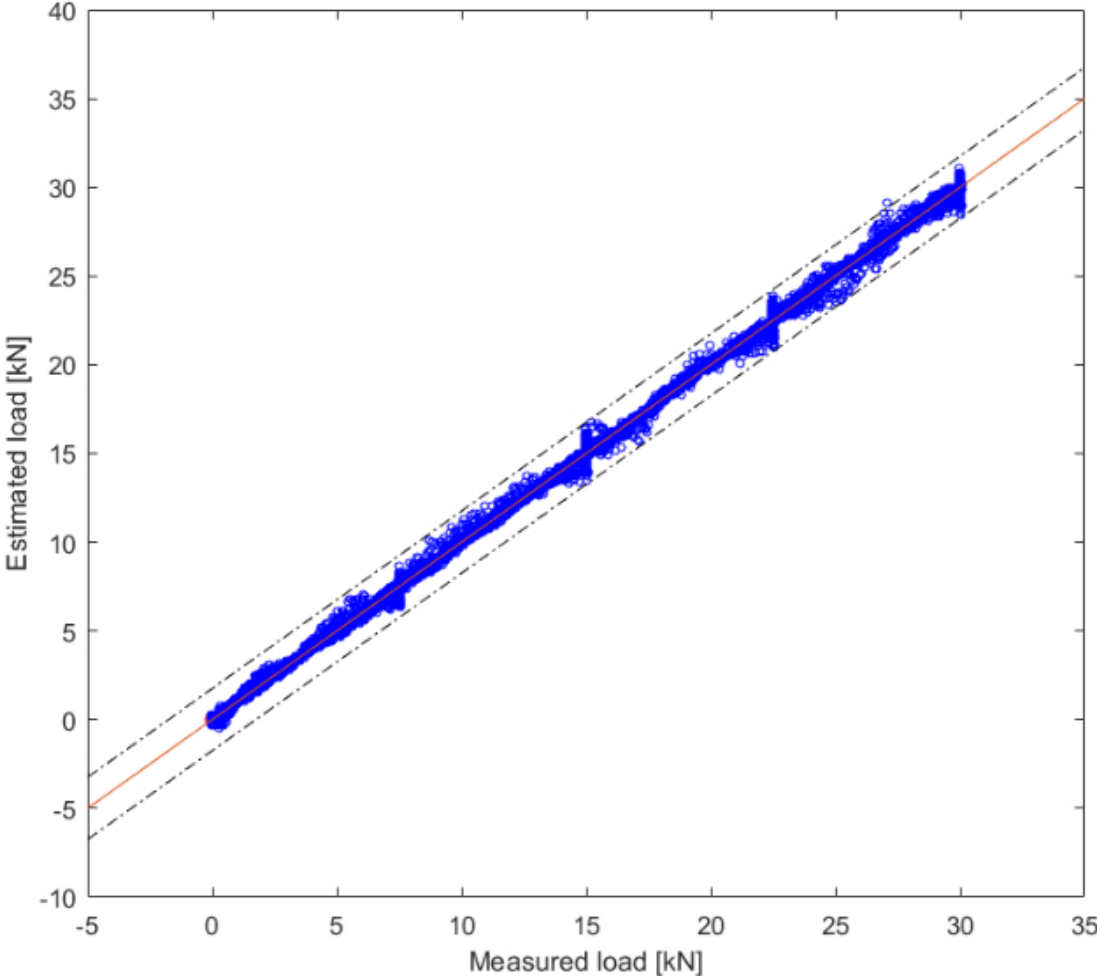
Application - Jacking systems



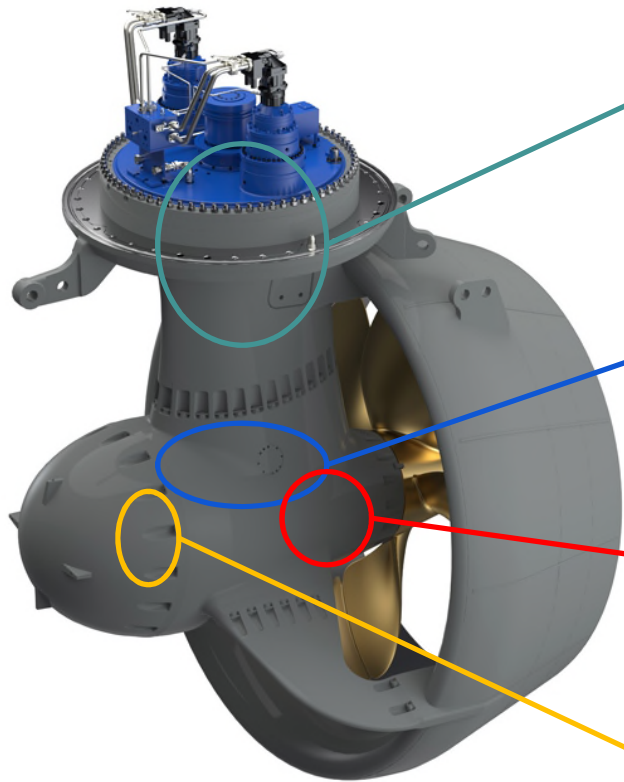
Two bearing position to measure **static and dynamic** load:

- Three stage spur gearbox
- At the pinion

Load estimate – guides are +/- 5%



Thruster pods monitoring



Vertical shaft

- Temperature
- Shock loads
- **Load direction**



Pinion shaft

- Temperature
- Shock loads
- Load direction
- **CoMo**



Propeller shaft

- Temperature
- **Shock loads**
- Load direction

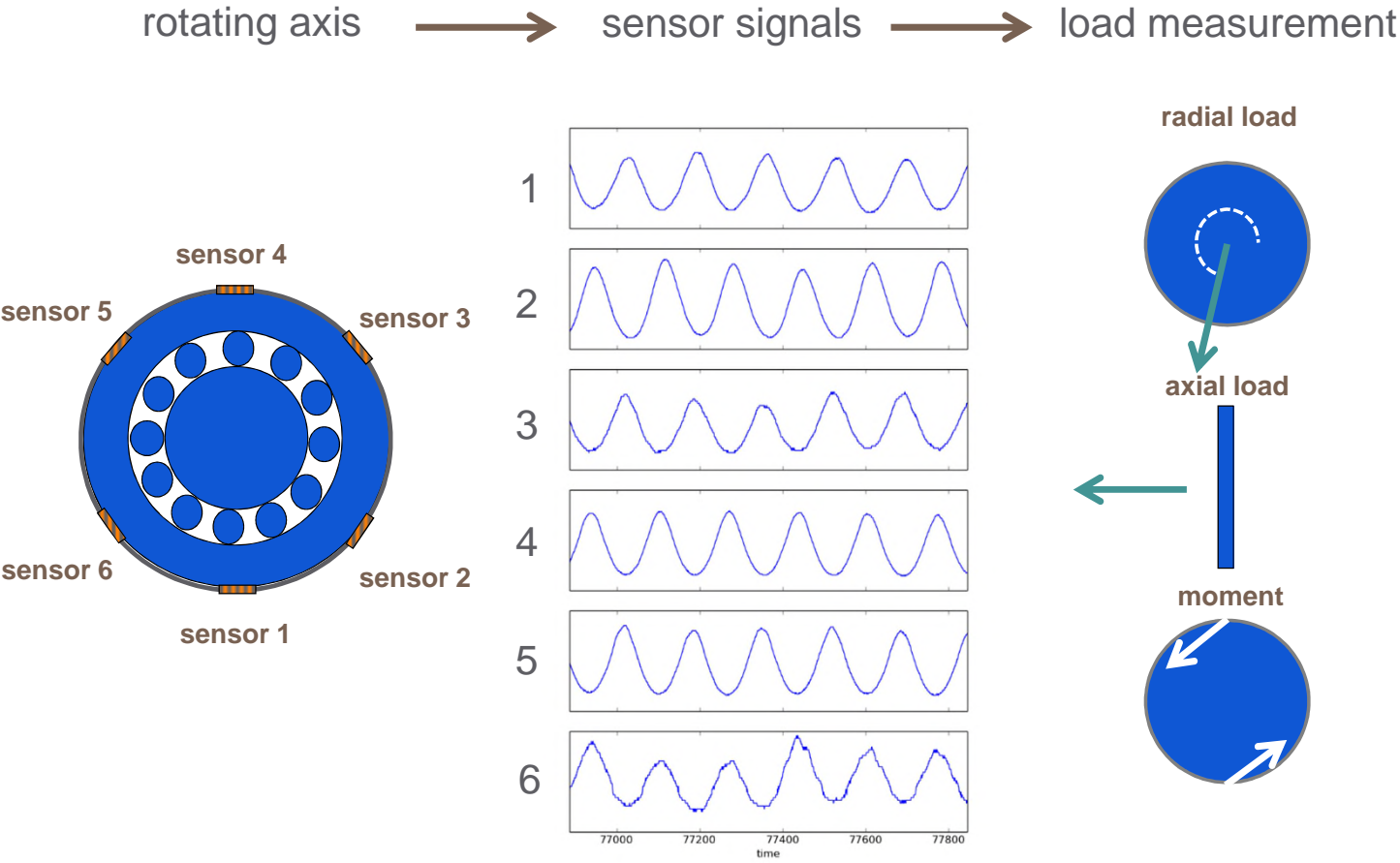


Propeller shaft

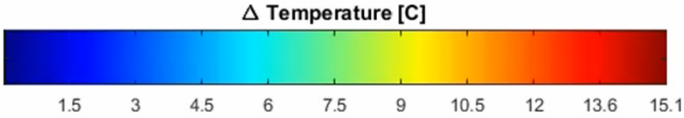
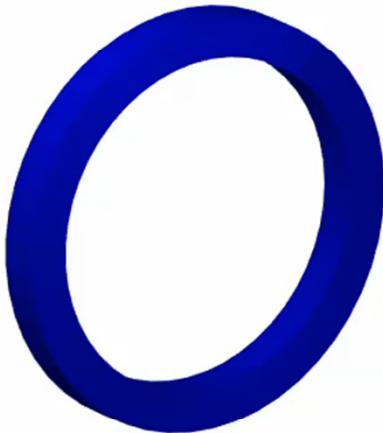
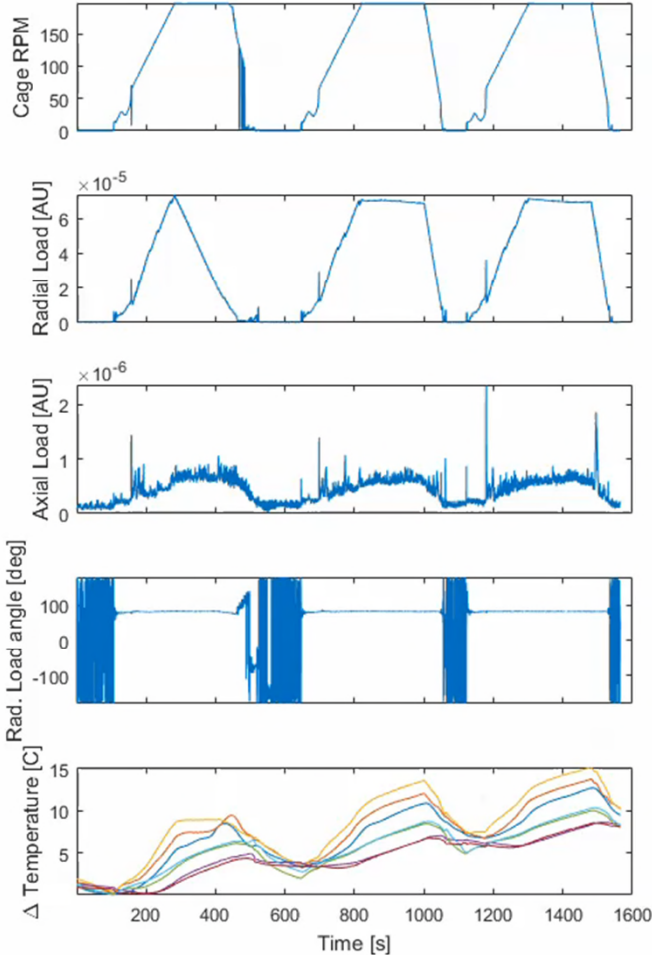
- Temperature
- **Shock loads**



Load Measurement: Strain to Load



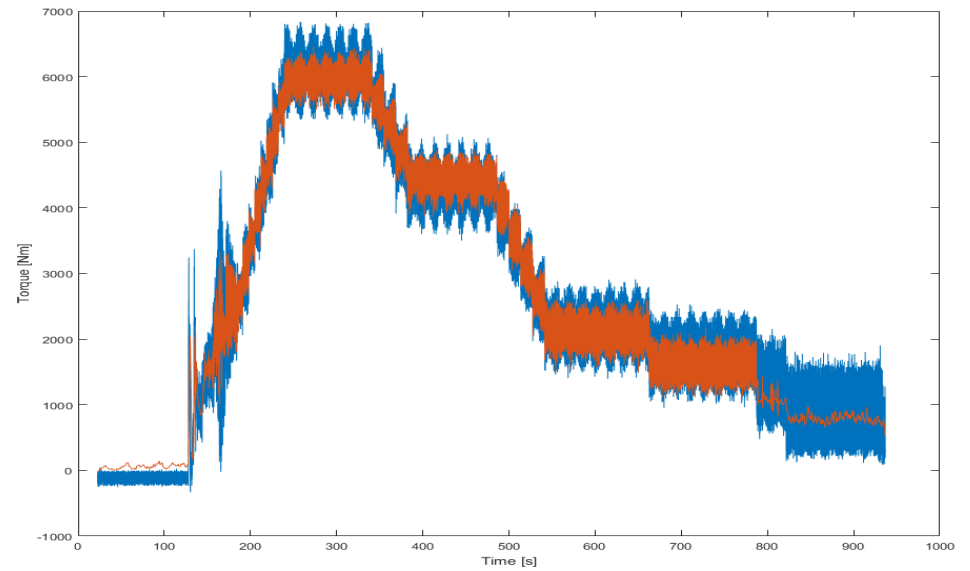
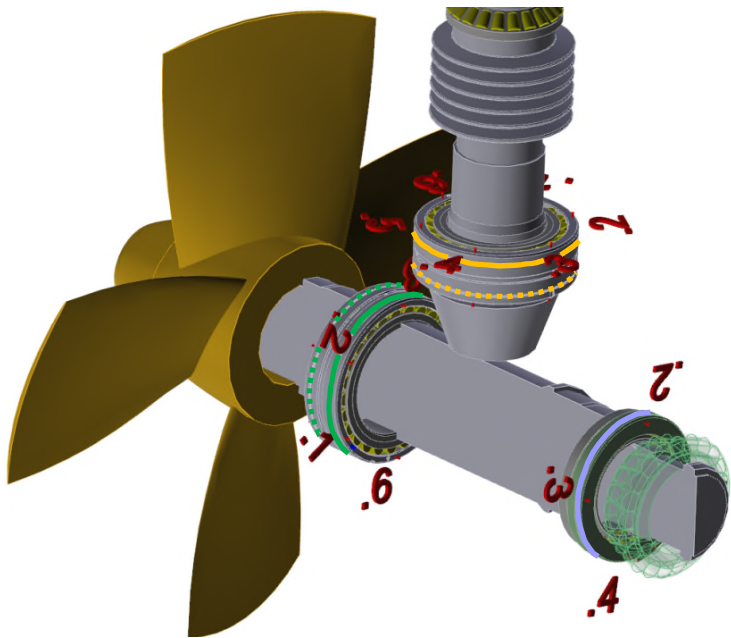
Measurements



Dis-balance in propeller shaft

Naming:

- 23138₀ – Channel 0 pinion SRB
- 23138₁ – Channel 1 pinion SRB
- 23044₀ – Channel 0 Propeller SRB
- 23044₁ – Channel 1 Propeller SRB
- 29336E – SRTB



Sensing value

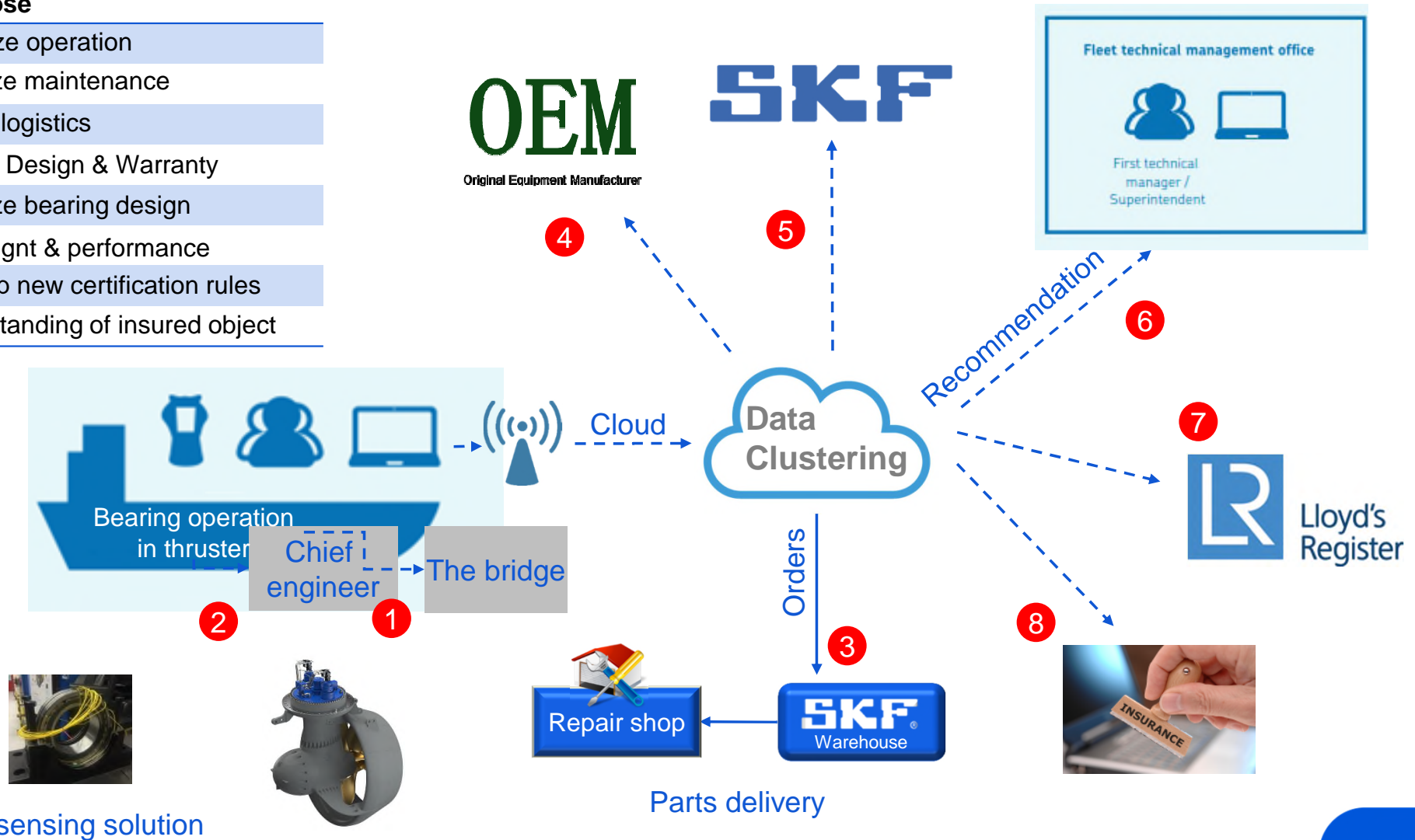
Via a sensor bearing we can sense multiple operating parameters in thrusters;

- Load (Axial/Radial)
- Direction of loaded zone
- Torque
- Bearing temperature & OR temperature distribution
- Speed & direction of rotation

What can be done with this operating information?



- | # | Purpose |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Optimize operation |
| 2 | Optimize maintenance |
| 3 | Repair logistics |
| 4 | OEM – Design & Warranty |
| 5 | Optimize bearing design |
| 6 | Fleet mgnt & performance |
| 7 | Develop new certification rules |
| 8 | Understanding of insured object |

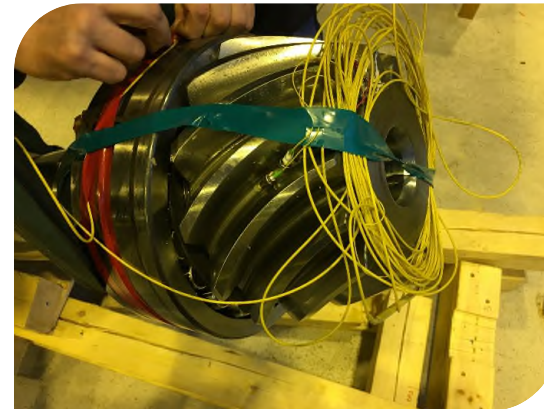


SKF sensing solution

Summary – Fibre optical sensing in Marine

An unique tool to monitor “unknown” thruster loads:

- Measuring “How your application is operated”
- Sensing is one, making sense of it is the complex part
- Multiple sensing; “You can get more then you expect”
- Sensors have to work:
 - At “impossible” situations
 - After extreme handling
- Internet-of-bearings



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