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## Video Based Vibration: A tutorial and case study with a live demonstration and data analysis on real life pump data

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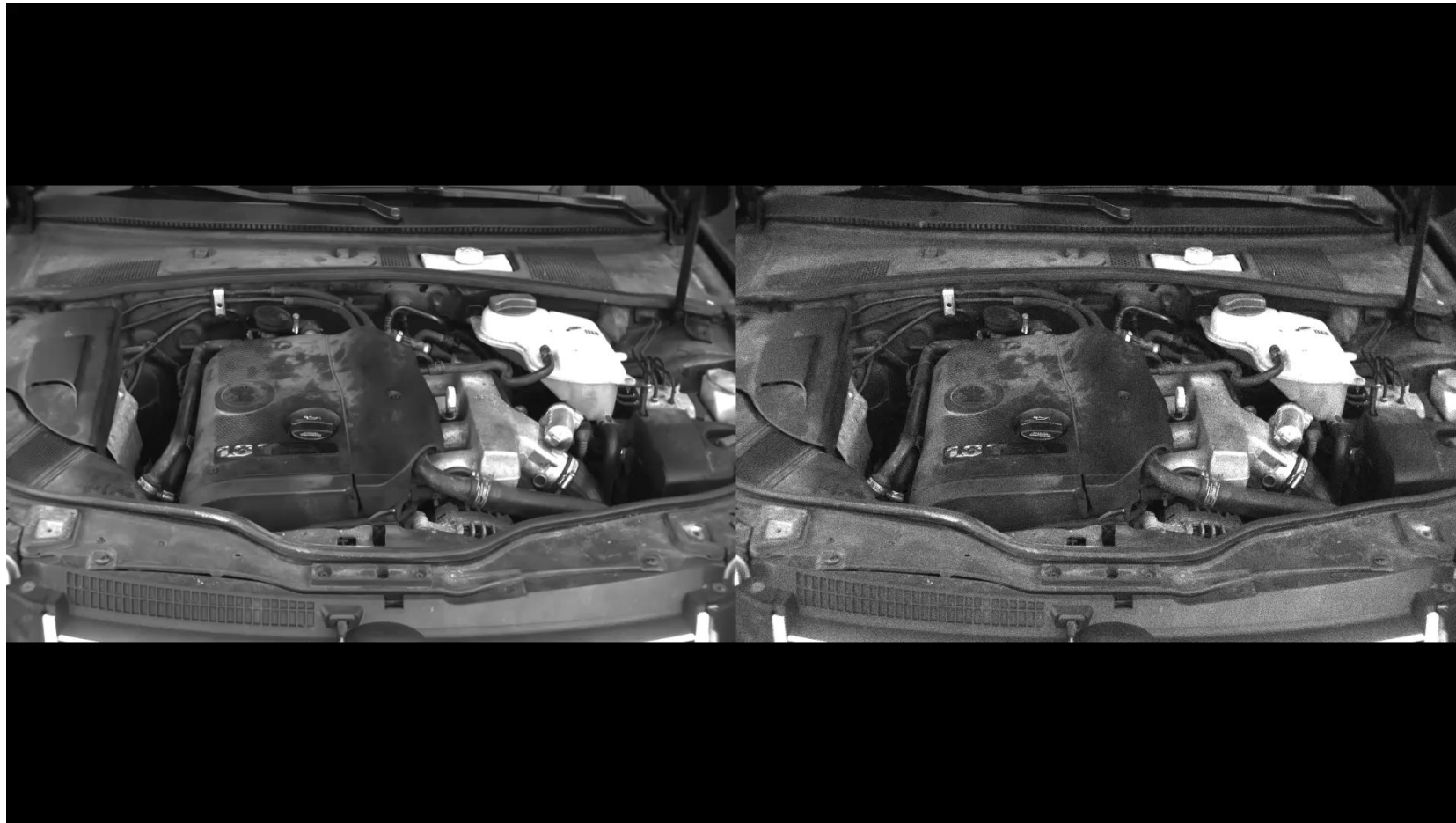
## Jeff Hay, CEO RDI Technologies

- Interests in Photography
- PhD in Applied Optical Physics
- Started research in Astronomy
- Originally developed optical technology for DOD and DHS
- Left research to work within large CBM service company and then full time at RDI to bring products to market

# Short text of an Abstract (approx.80 words) to print in show guide

Recent advances in camera technology allows the user to detect subtle motion and amplify that motion to a level visible with the naked eye. Furthermore displacements, phase and frequency of motions can all be determined from the video to allow for a comprehensive analysis of machinery. A series of pump case studies and a live demonstration will be highlighted along with new advancements such as transient motion tracking, vectors and motion mapping.

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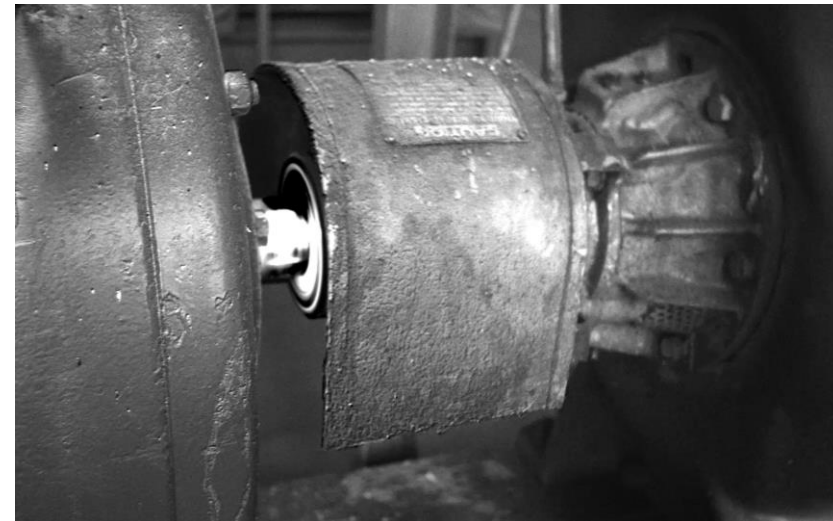
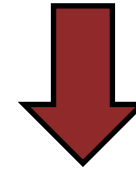
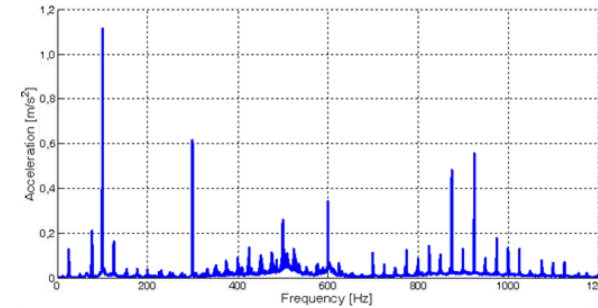


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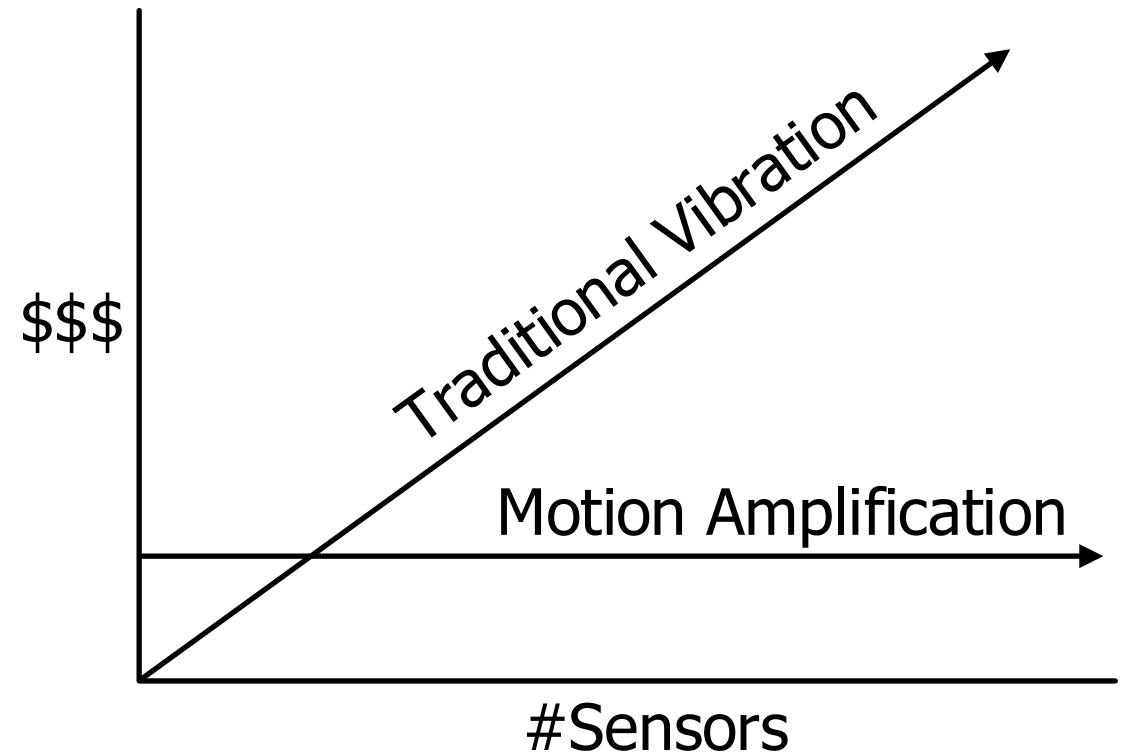
# Technology Overview

- Measure movement not visible to the human eye.
- Technology turns every pixel in the camera's view into a sensor
- The results lend themselves to a visualization of the motion.
- We can measure and quantify any structure or assets that a camera can see.



# See the Big Picture

- Traditional Vibration is limited by cost and access to sensors
- Camera based collection allows you to scale data collection without adding cost
- Visualize the entire asset in one collection
- Every point is measured and quantified. No guessing between points



# Technical Specifications

- Fundamental Measurement is Displacement
- Capable of Live Visualization
- Amplification factor to 500x
- Shows Overall and Frequency Based Motion
- <math><0.01</math> mils measurement
- 180 fps /1,400 fps in HD
- Up to 650 Hz/14,500 Hz in frequency at reduced resolution
- 2-axis measurement orthogonal to line of sight
- Synchronous measurement across image for Phase Measurement
- Measures Shaft Displacement

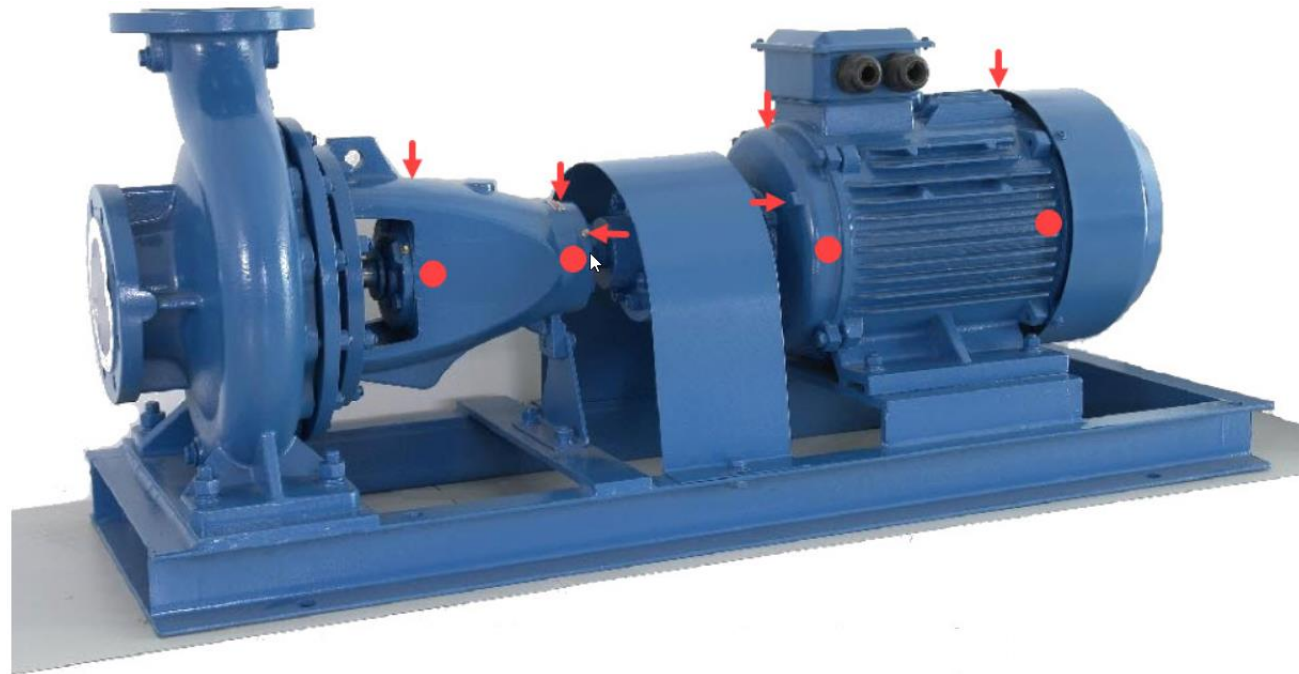




# Benefit of Video Based Vibration

- Root Cause Finding Complementary Tool
- Communications Tool – Technical and non-technical
- Improved Safety: Totally non-contact
- Planned Shutdowns: Know what are your “Bad Actors” are doing
- Collection during operation
- Diverse applications – Machines, Structures, Manufacturing Processes, Piping, Visual ODS
- Setup & acquire data in minutes, portable and easy to deploy
- Actionable information: Results are easy to see in a standard video

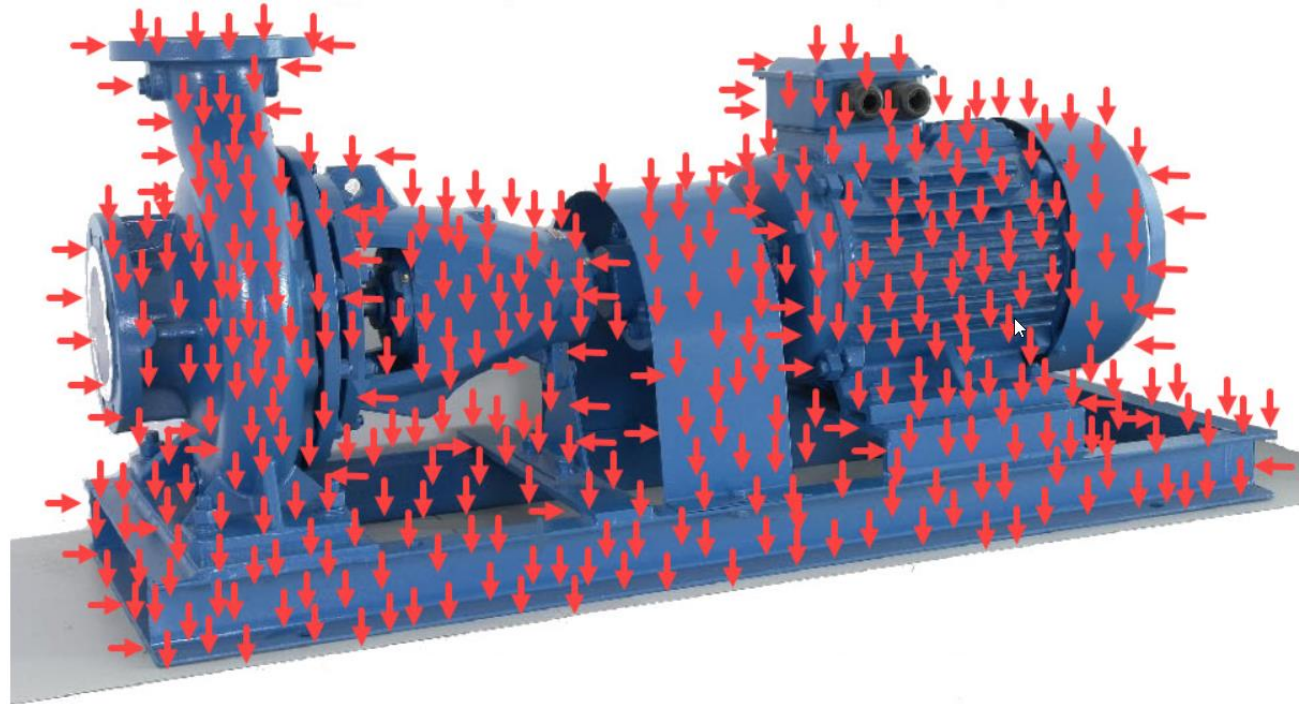
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**NON-Simultaneous Data**

**Report: Detailed Explanation or Exception List with Spectra and Waveforms**

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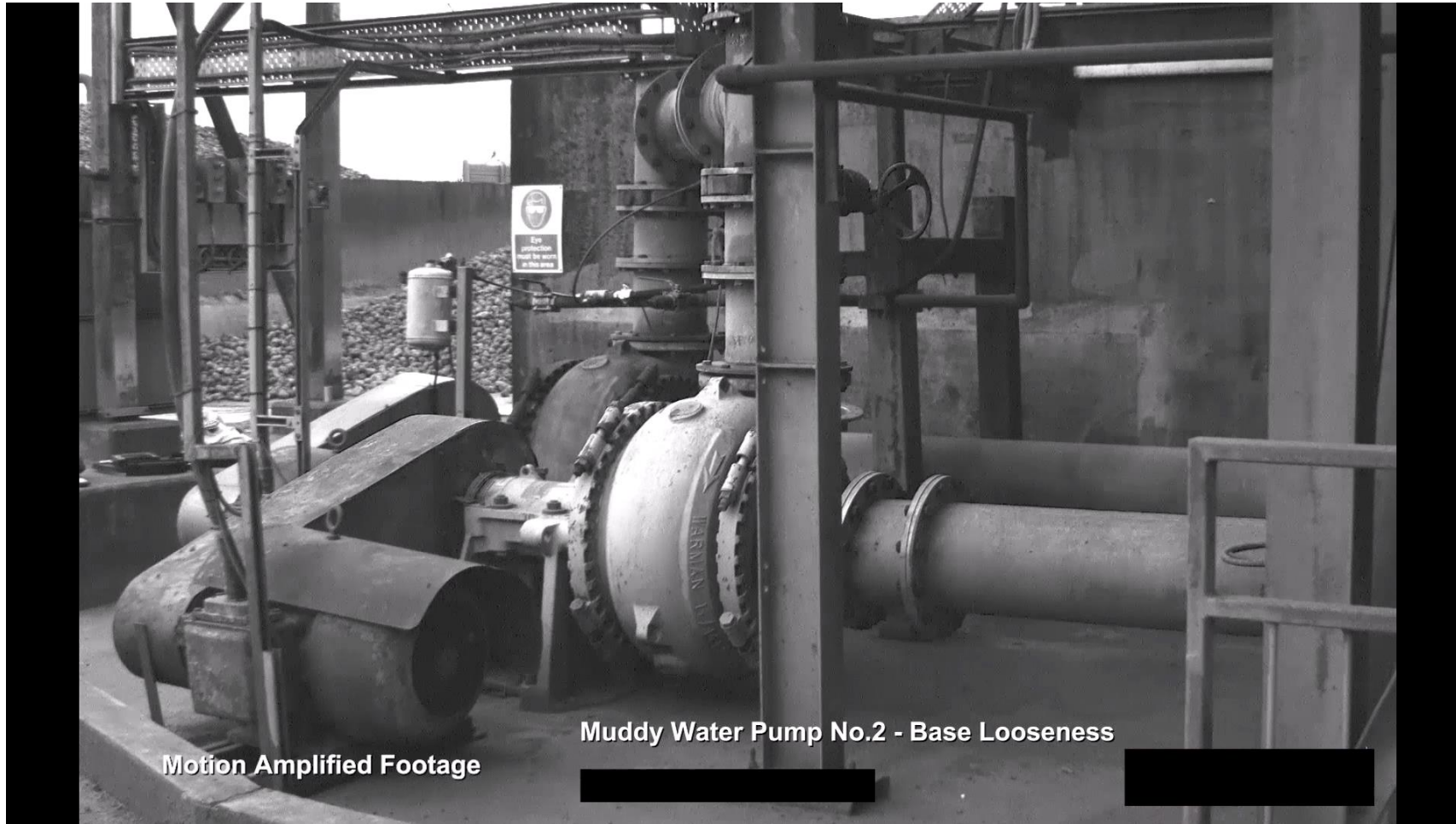


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*SIMULTANEOUS Data*

*Report: Video with optional Spectra & Waveform*

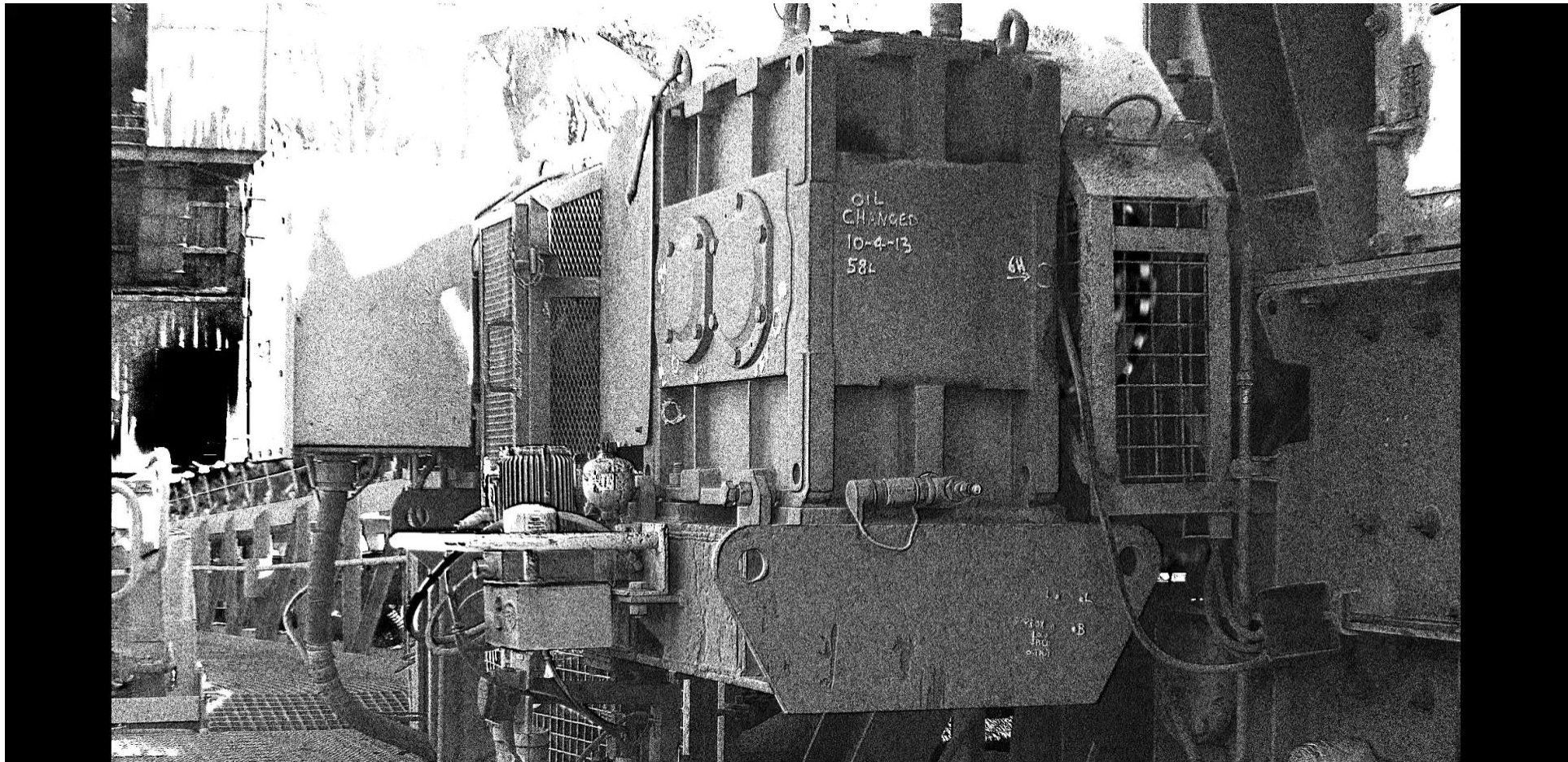
# Advanced Technique: Filtering



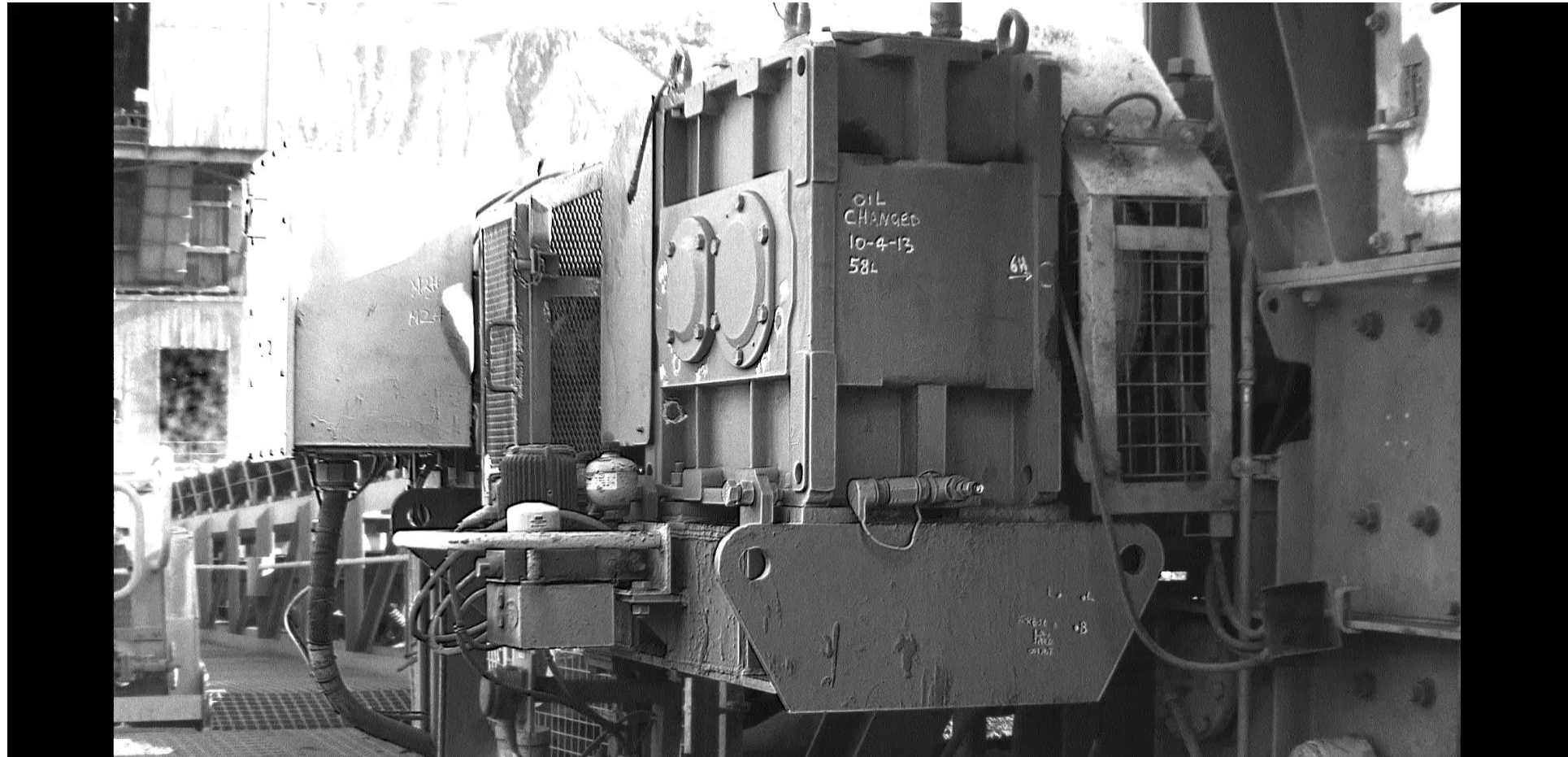
Motion Amplified Footage

Muddy Water Pump No.2 - Base Looseness

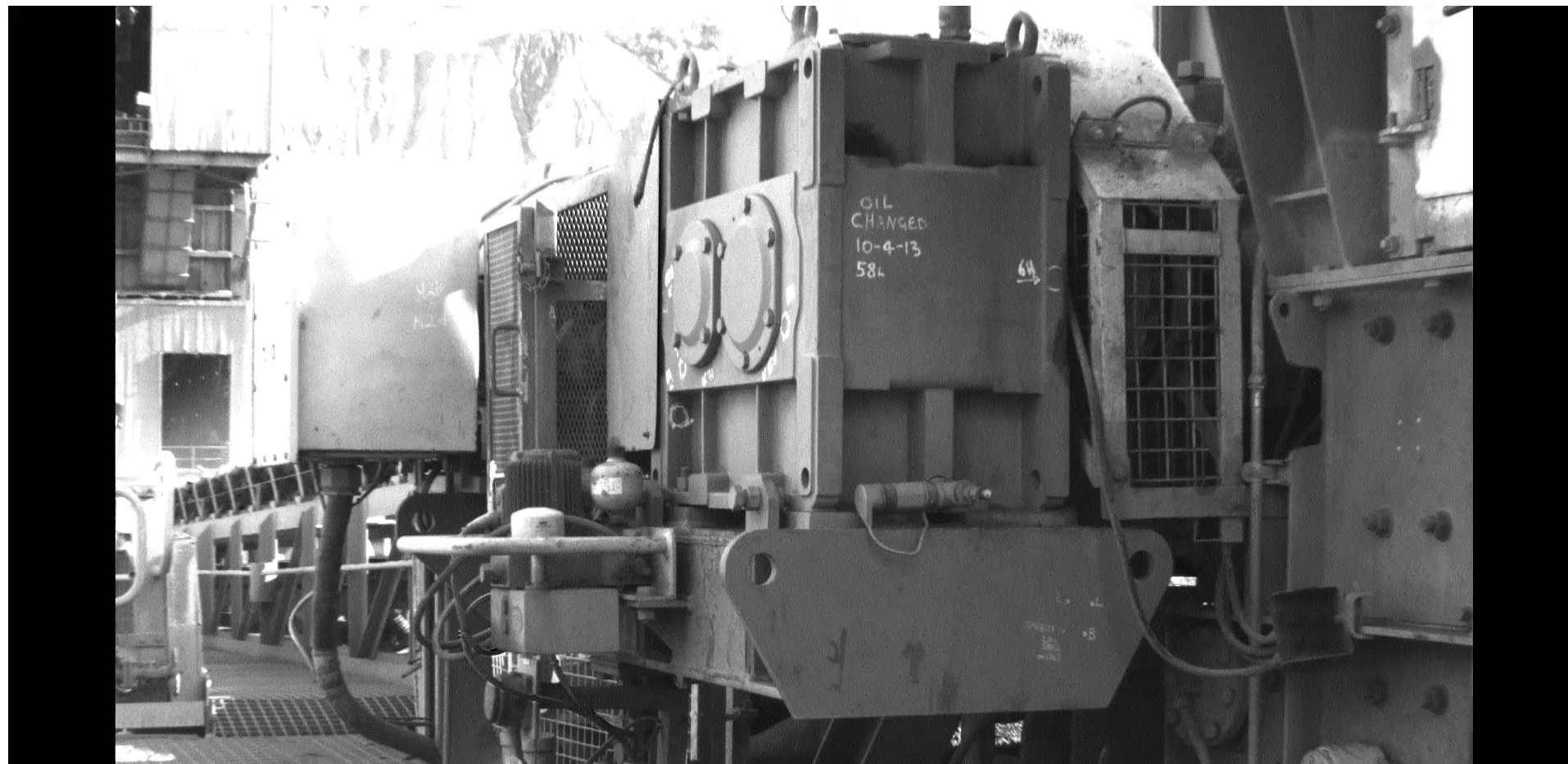
# Advanced Technique: Filtering Overall



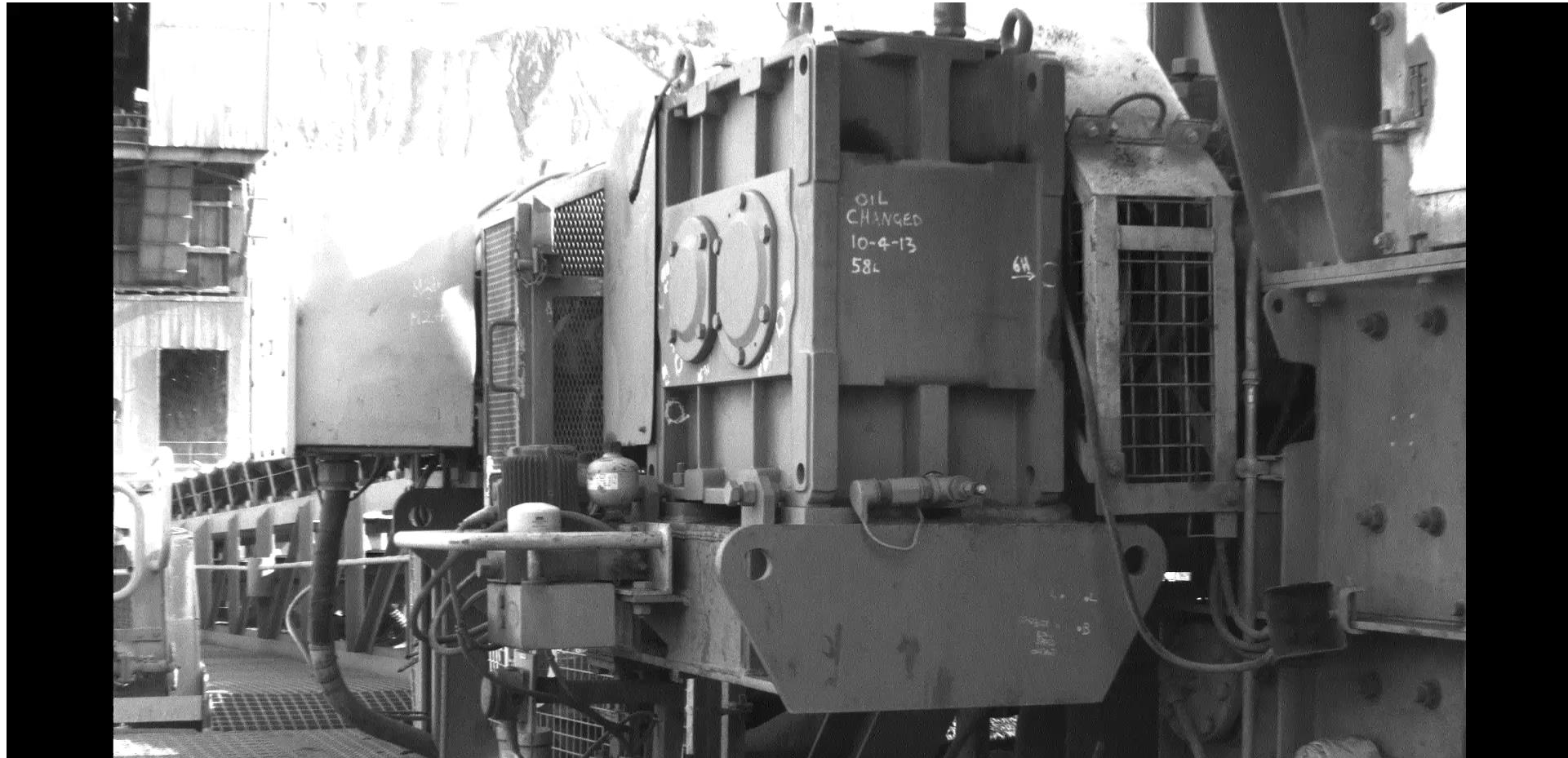
# Advanced Technique: Filtering 2 Hz



# Advanced Technique: Filtering 25 Hz

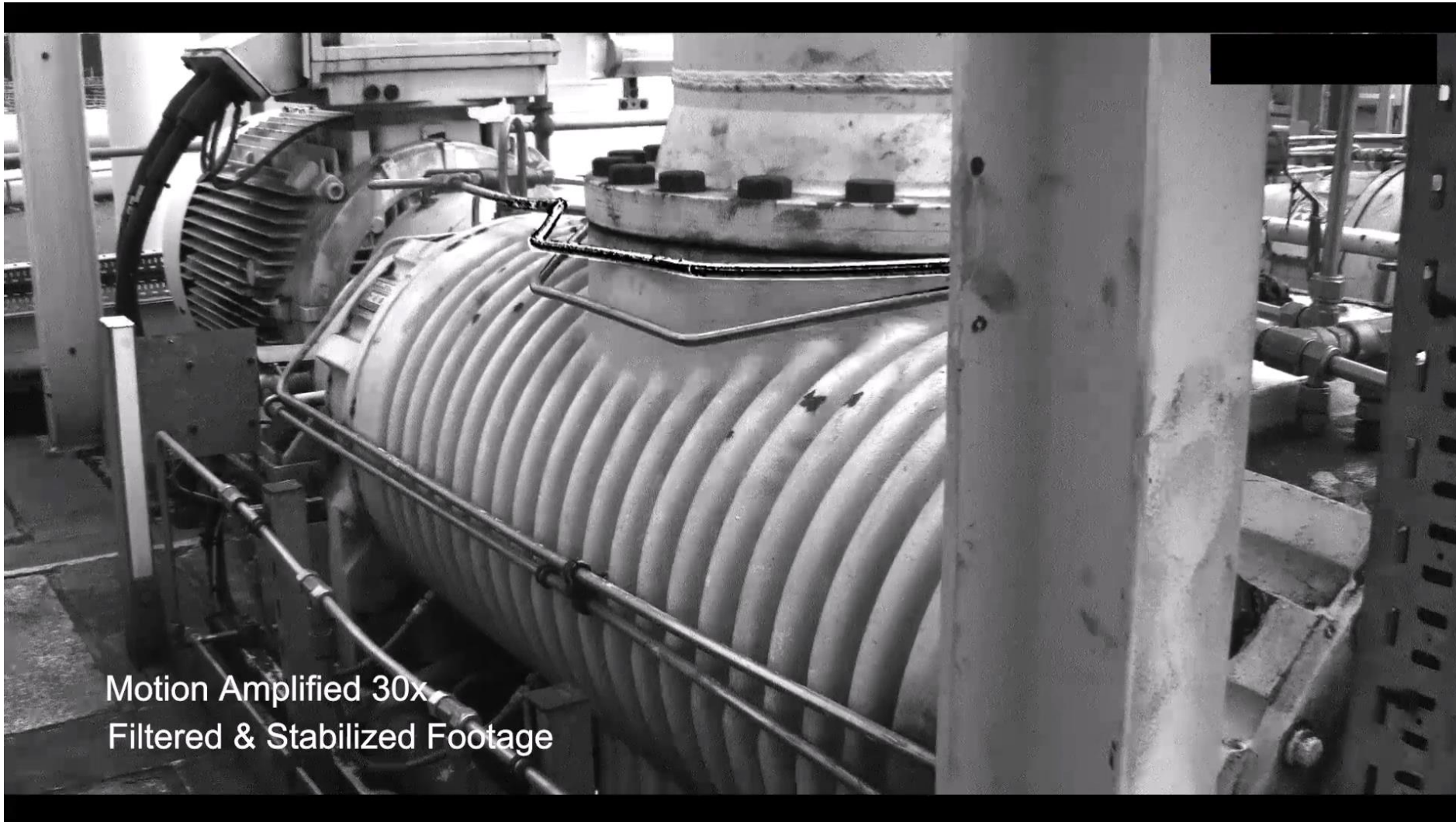


# Advanced Technique: Filtering Background





# Advanced Technique: Stabilization



Motion Amplified 30x  
Filtered & Stabilized Footage

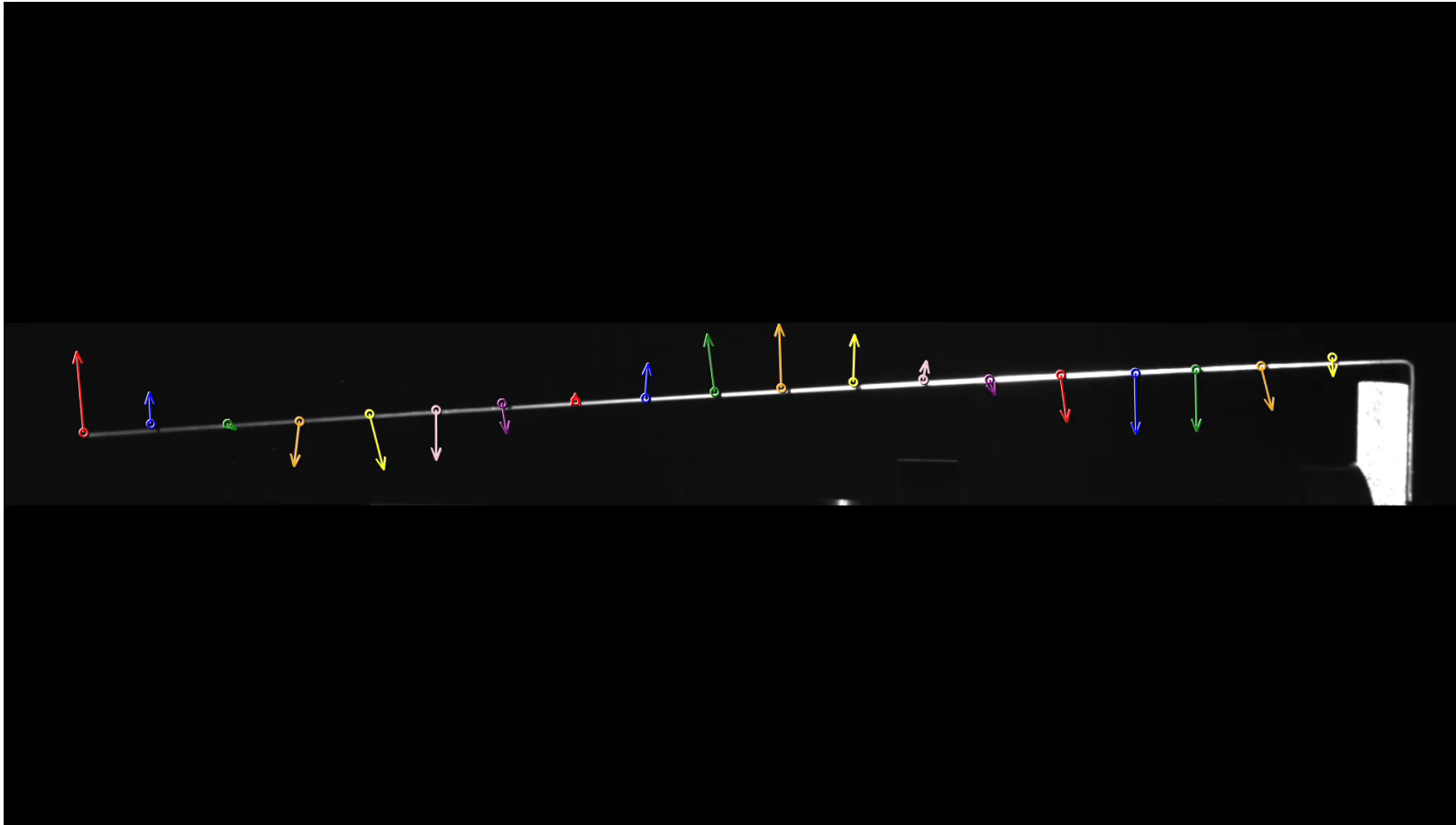
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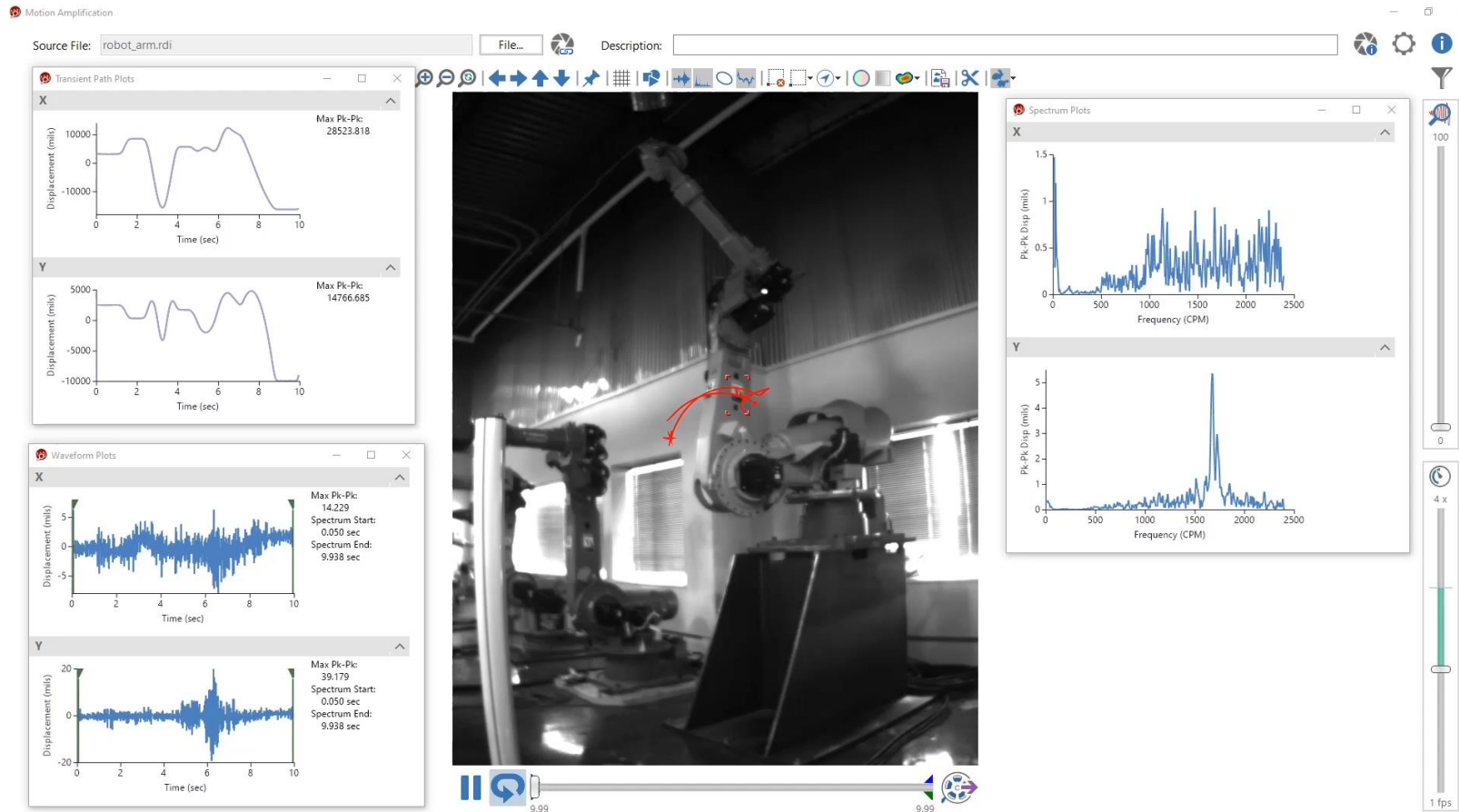
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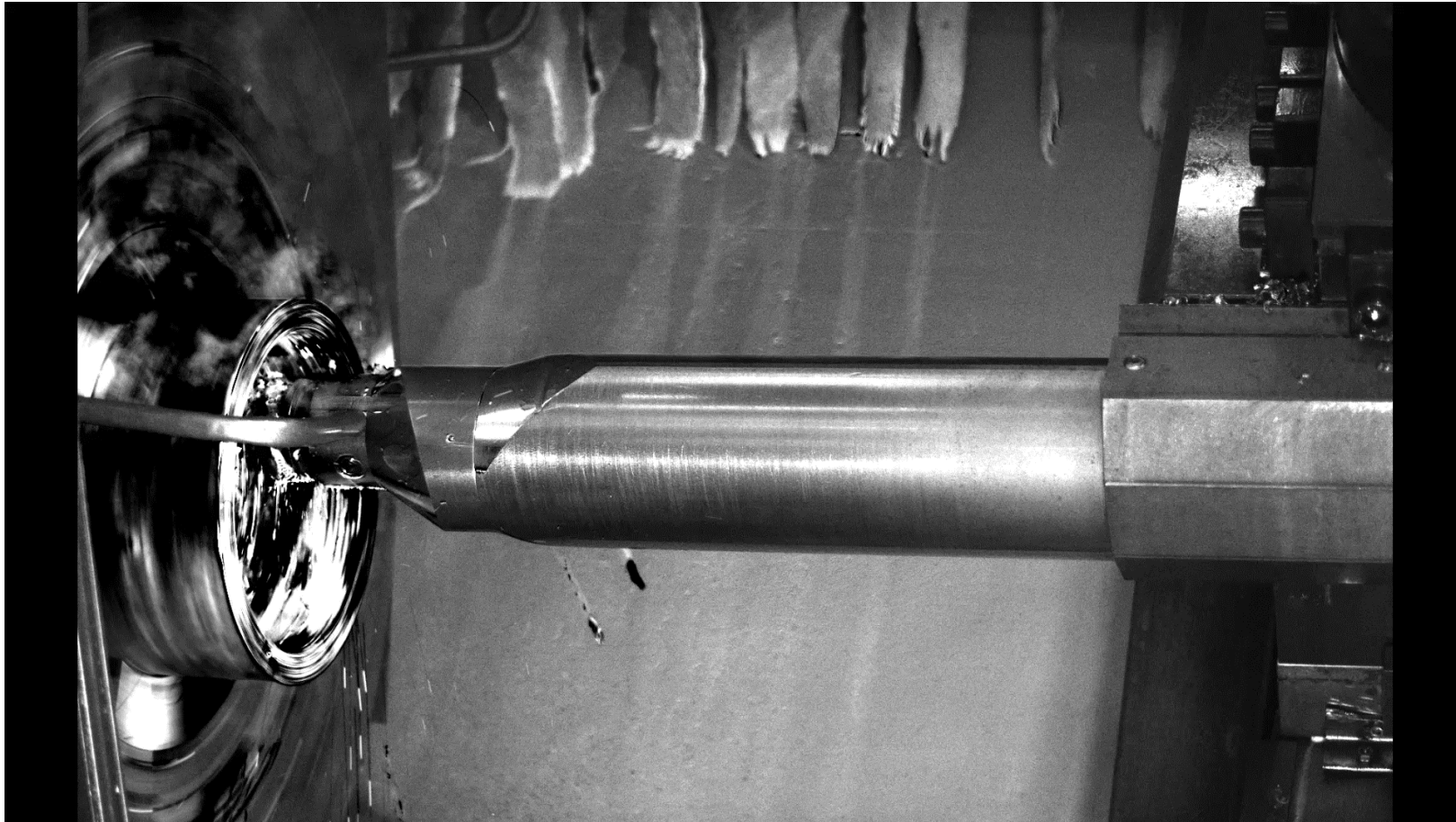
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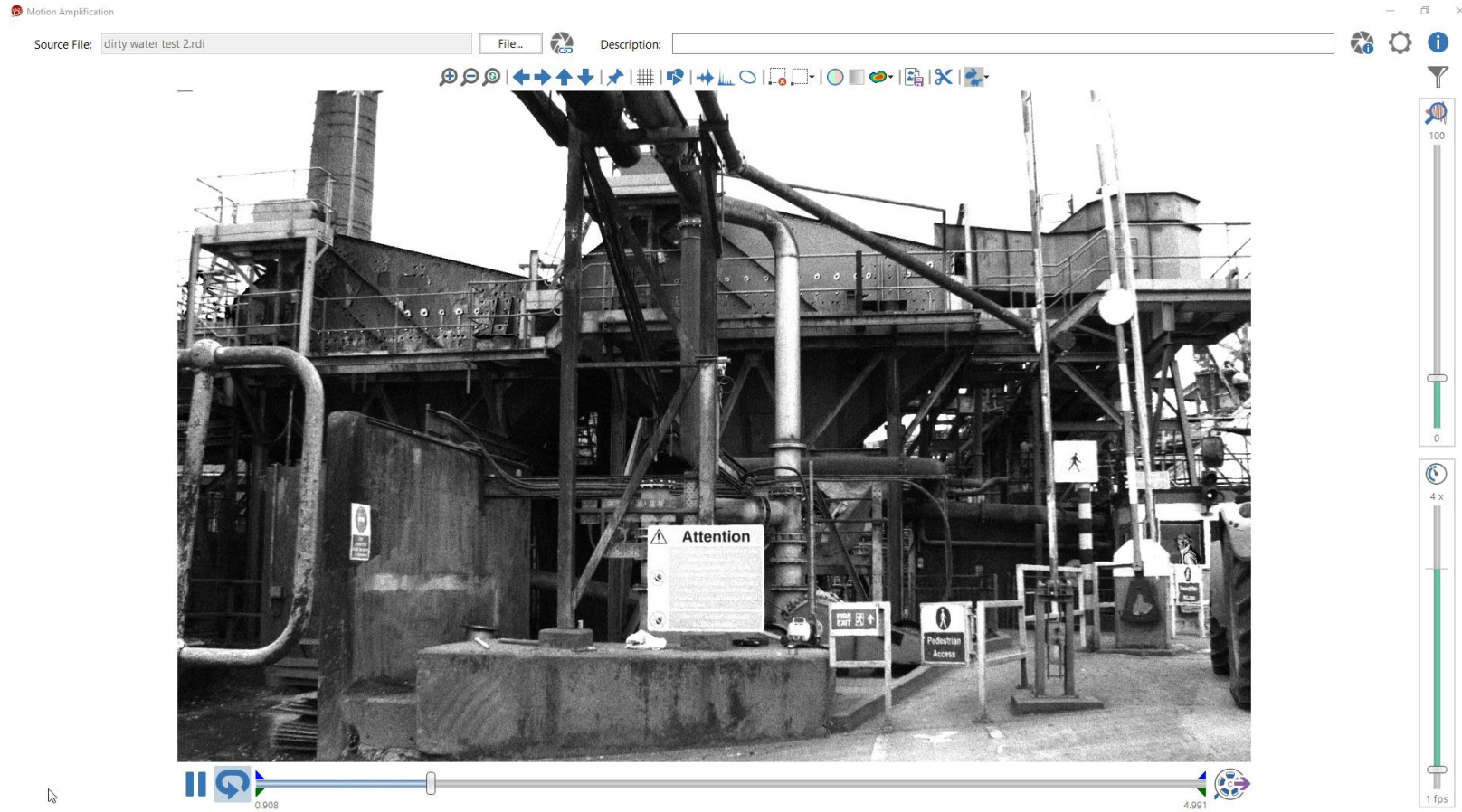




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# Pump Case Studies

# Case Study: Motor Stator Pump

**Company:** AGL Loy Yang

**Location:** Latrobe Valley, Victoria, Australia Service

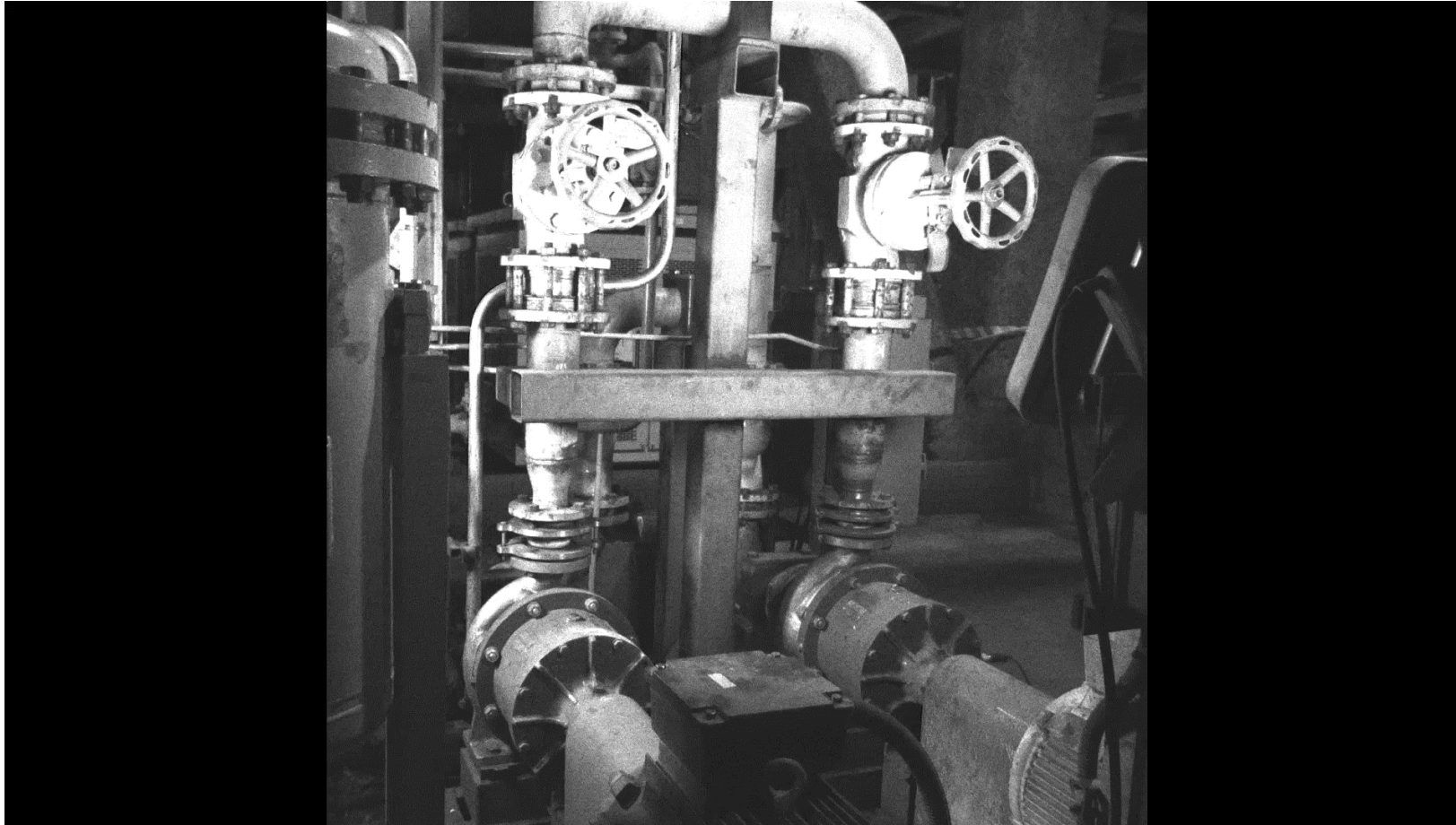
**Provider:** Optical Motion Technologies (OMT)

**Problem:** Excessive Vibration Levels

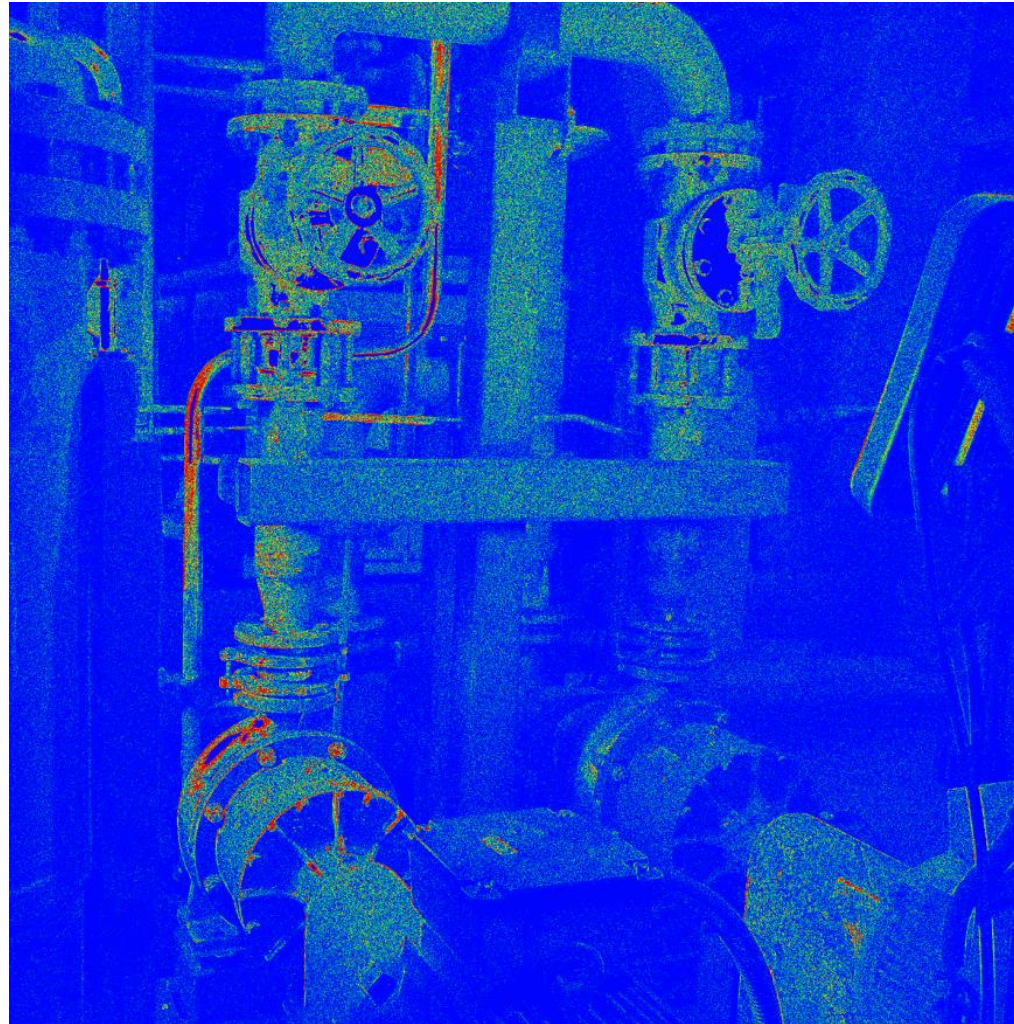
- \$120,000 USD in repairs over 11 years
- 500 Man-hours expended
- Problem still existed
- Process completed in less than 1 hr.
- Root Cause Identified

- Camera revealed issues in the structural integrity of pump base frame
- Majority of Repair Complete through fillet welds interior to base – Client confident the problem is now understood
- Prior to this study additional repairs were planned that would not have addressed the problem
- Camera allows for a quick Root Cause look – quickly isolating issues

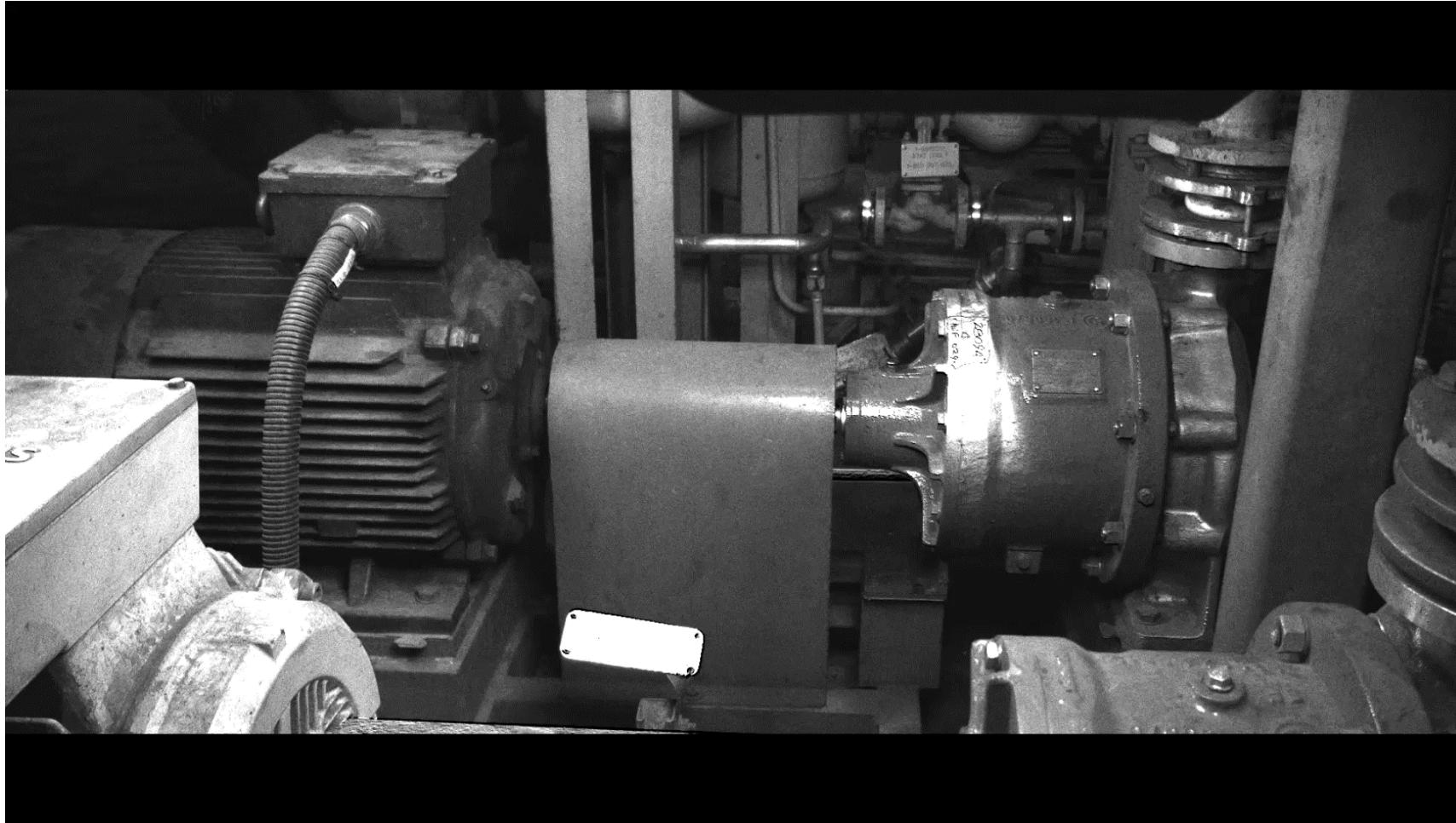
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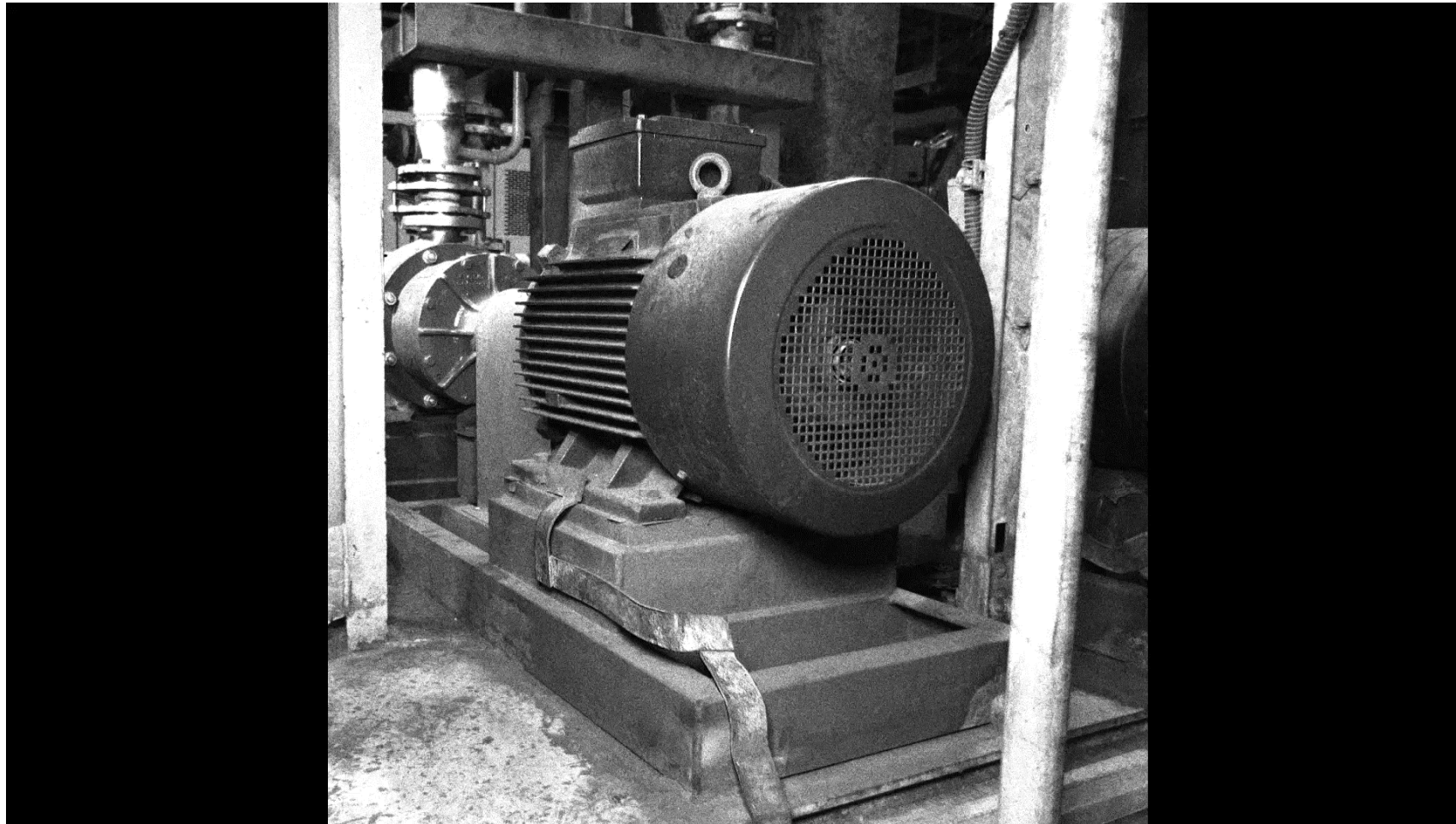


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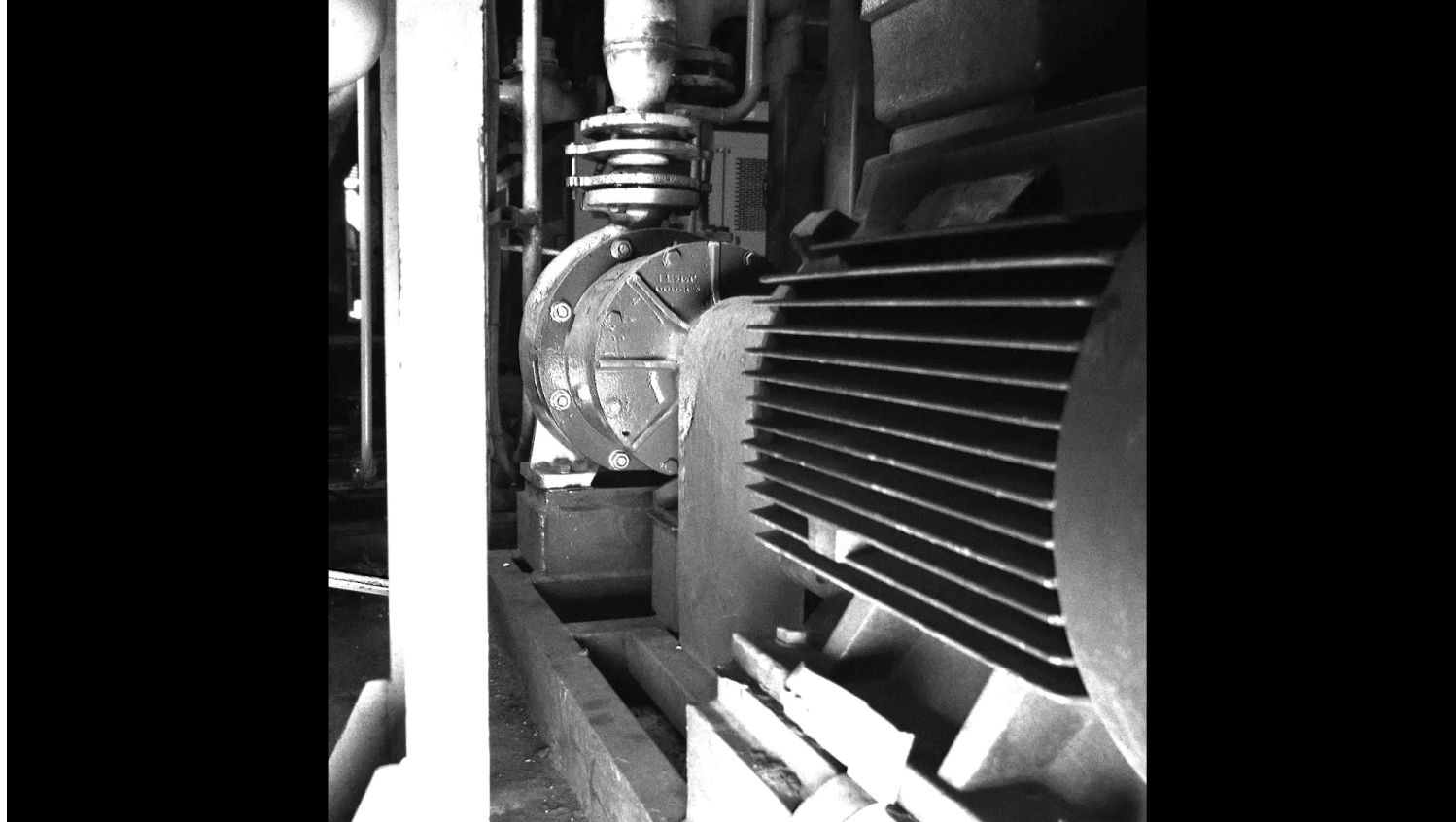




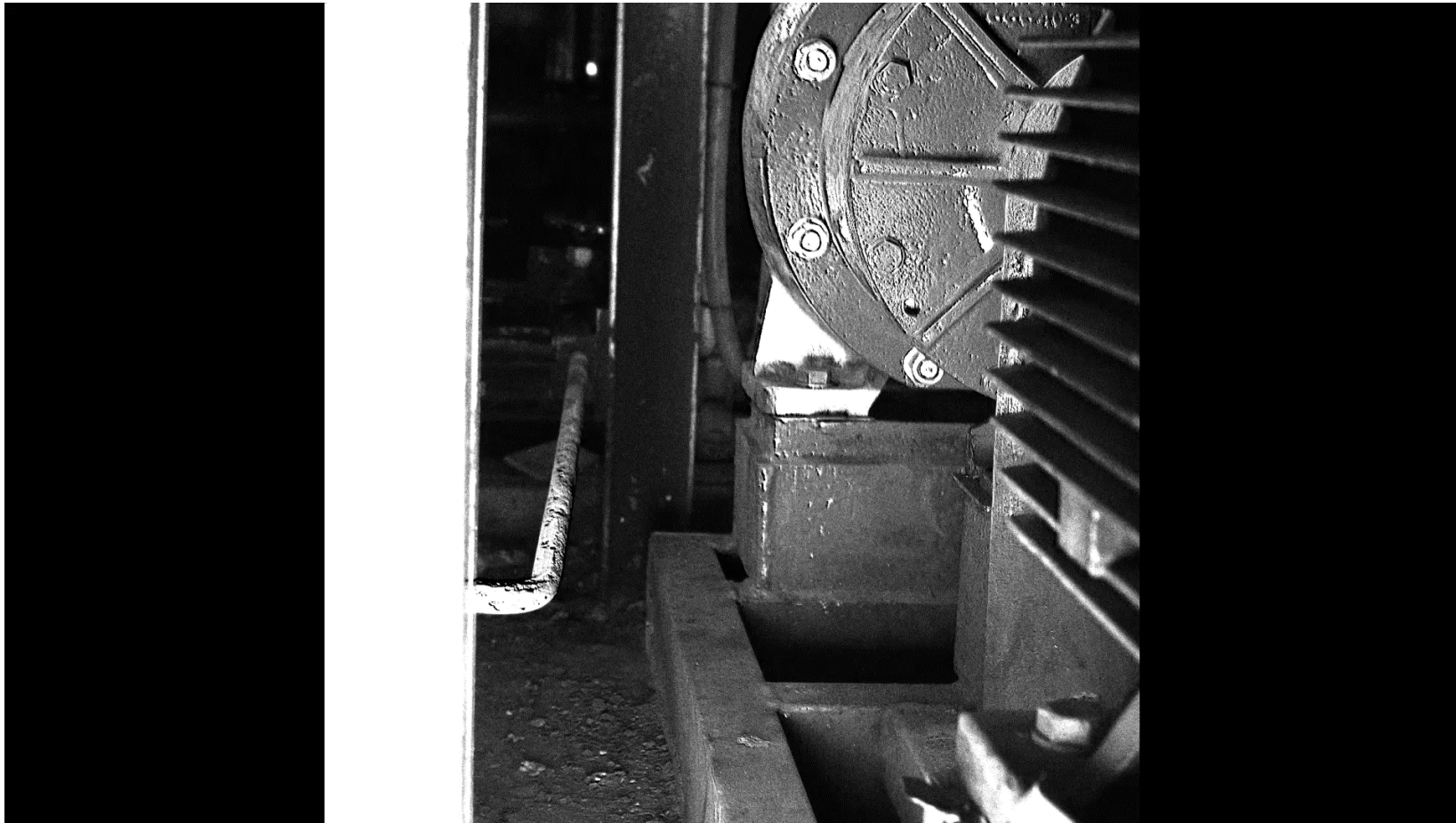
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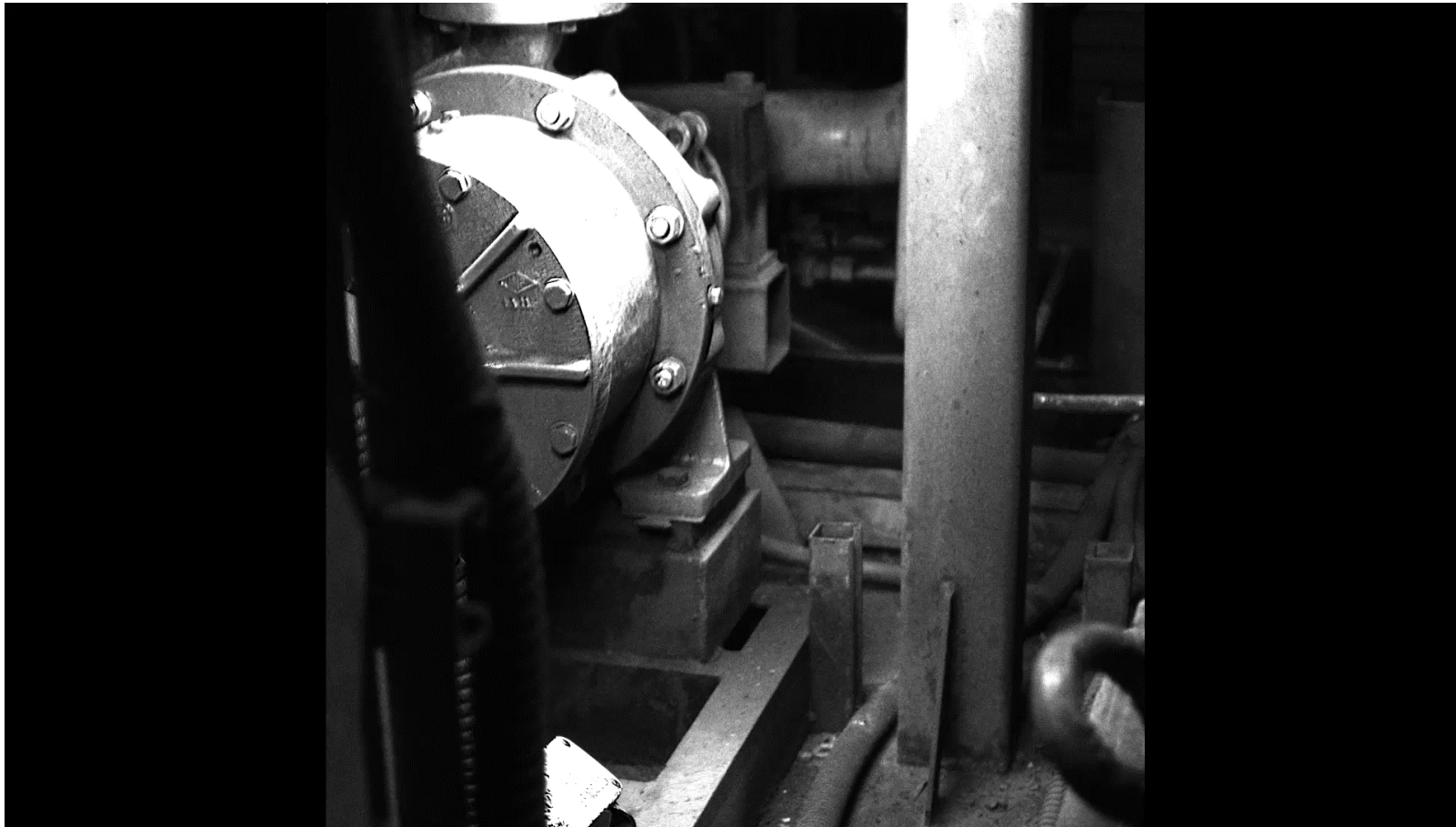
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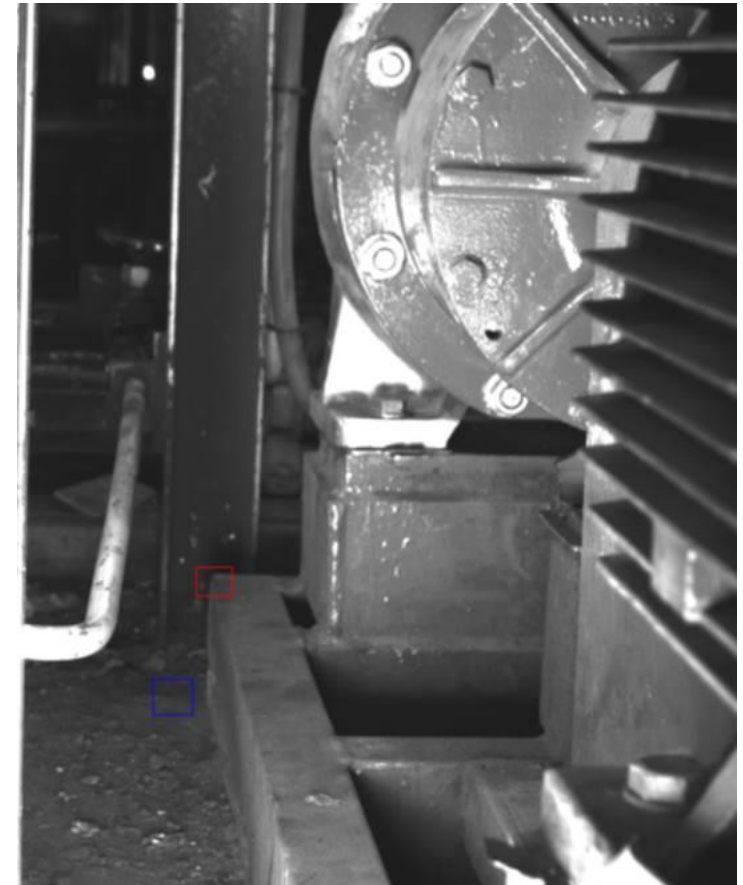


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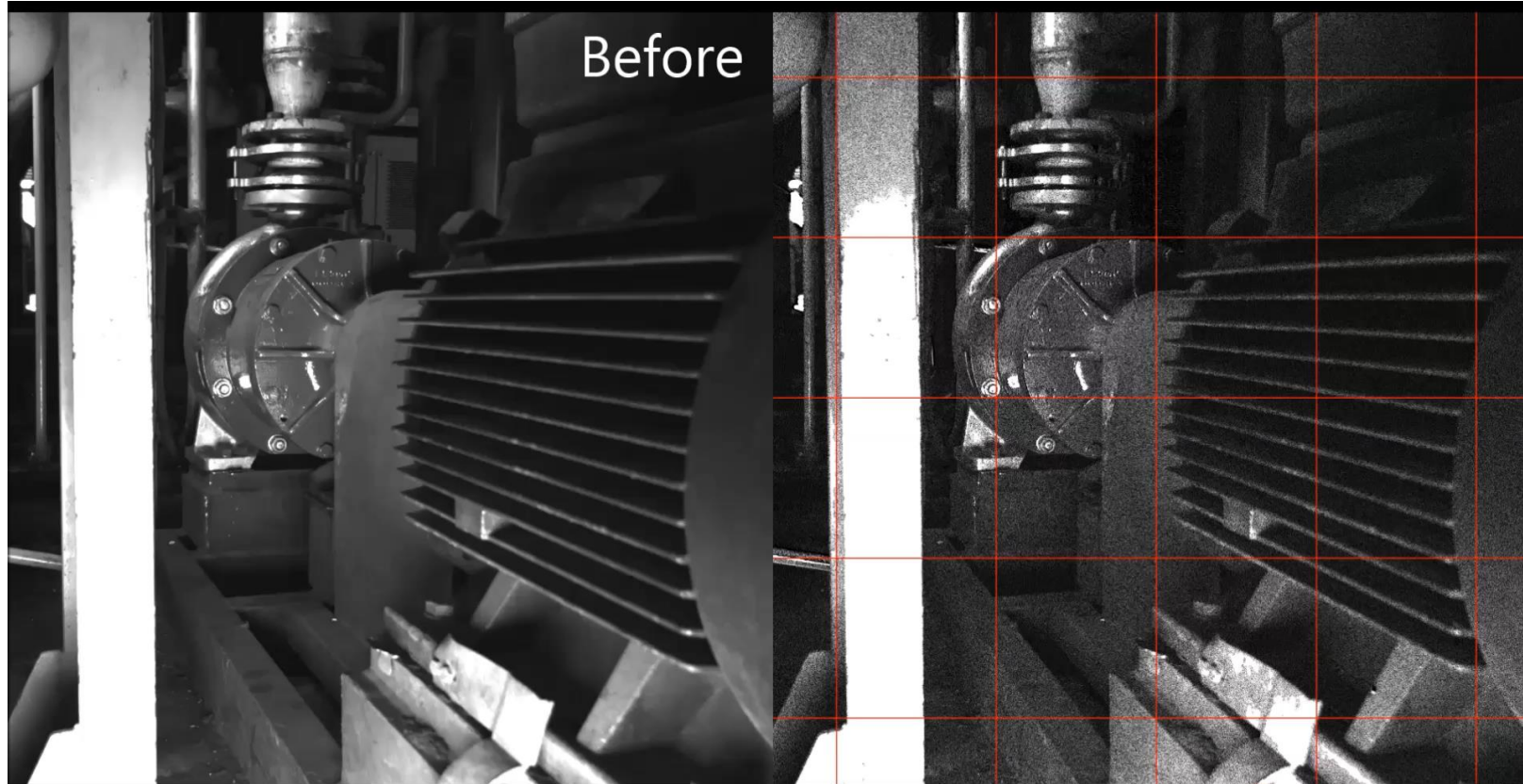


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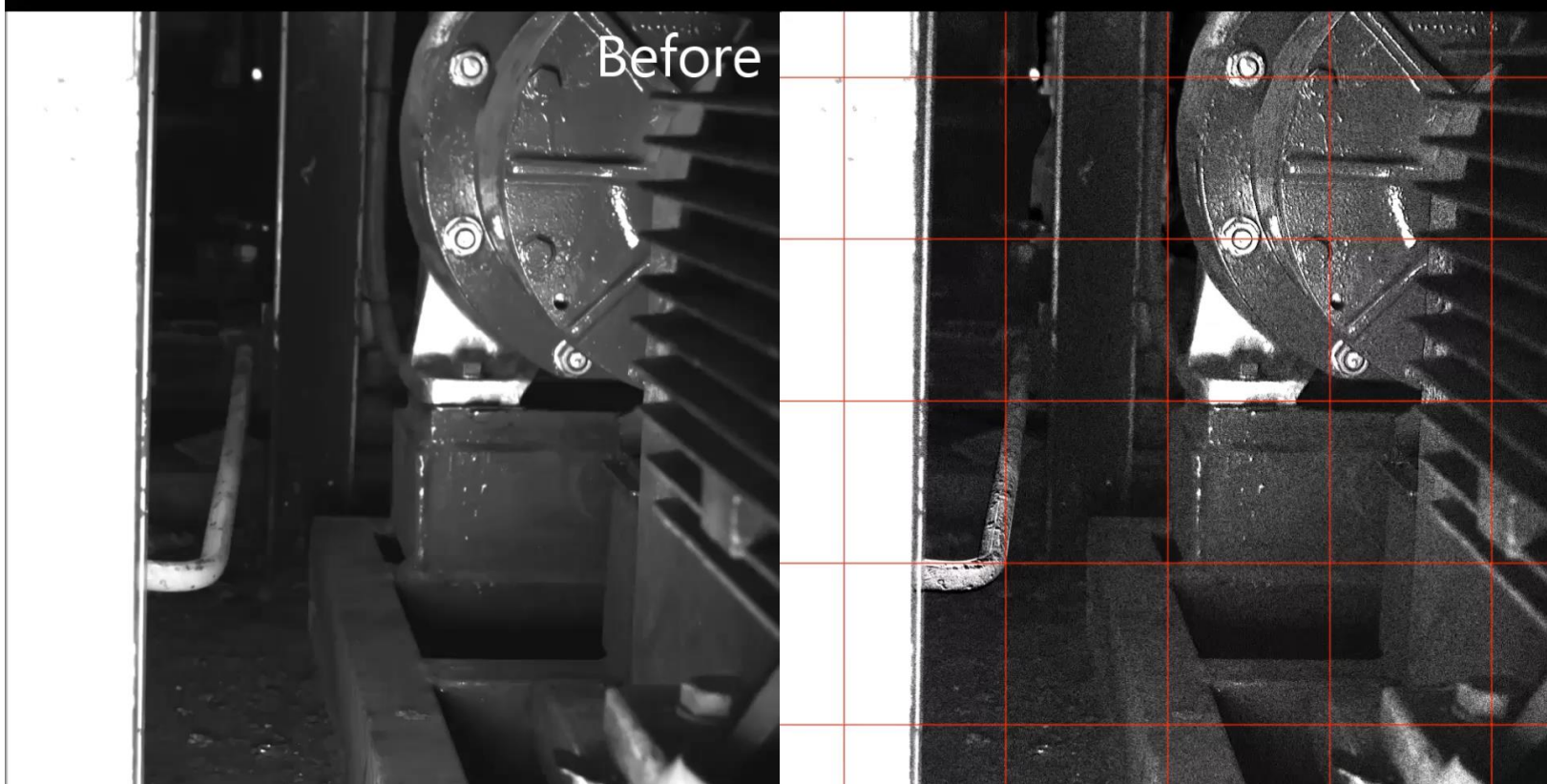
- Main indicator was that there was relative motion (soft foot) between the steel motor/pump frame and the common skid steel base plate
- “There was simply insufficient weld to secure the motor/pump frame properly to the skid base plate”
- ~2 mils Pk-Pk (Red Box on motor/pump frame) vs ~0.4 mils Pk-Pk (Blue Box on skid base plate)
- Root Cause Issue Identified
- Vibration reduced from 0.55 in/s to 0.15 in/s
- This is before realignment- expected to improve more.



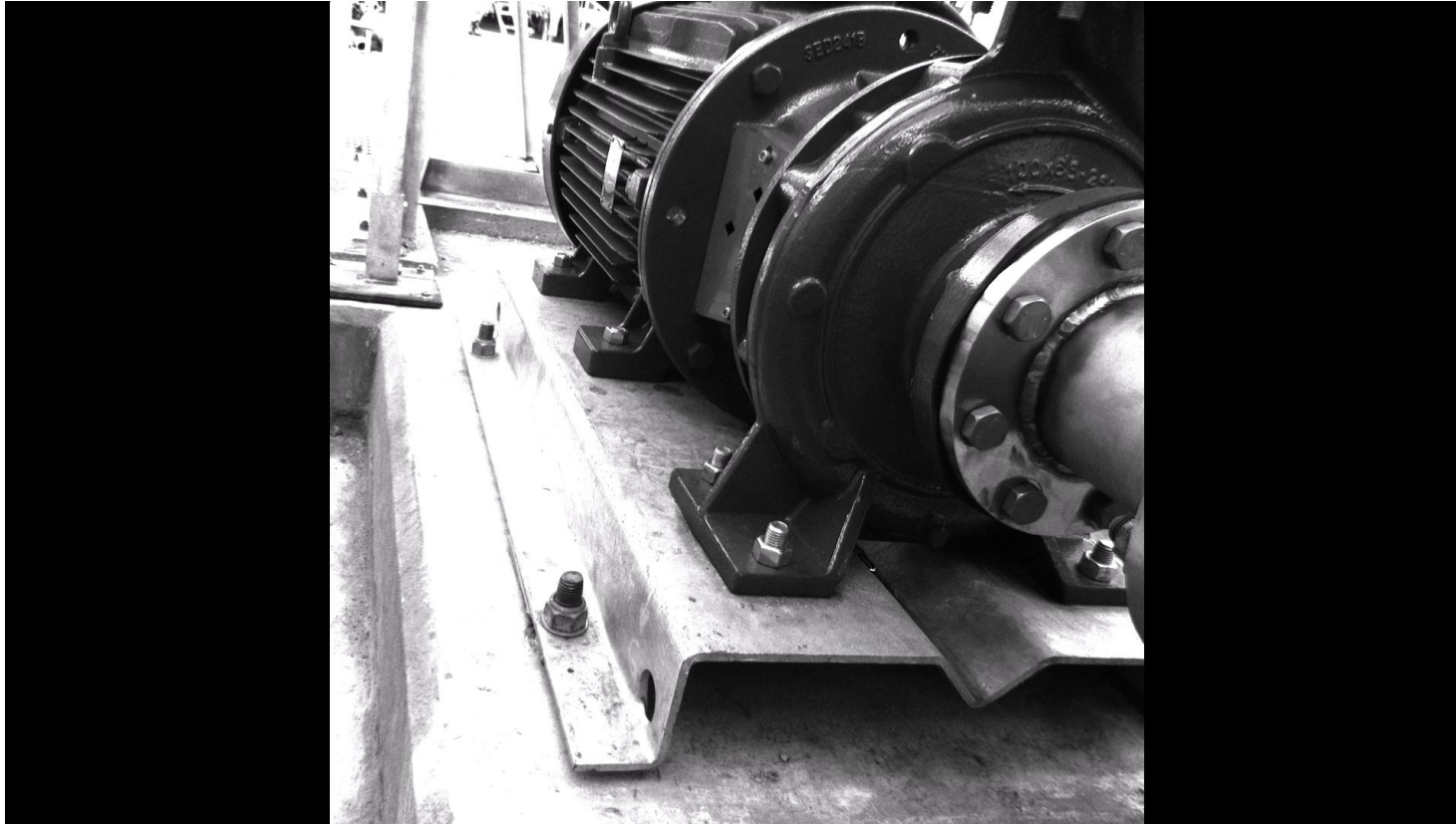
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# Case Study: High Pressure Spray Pump

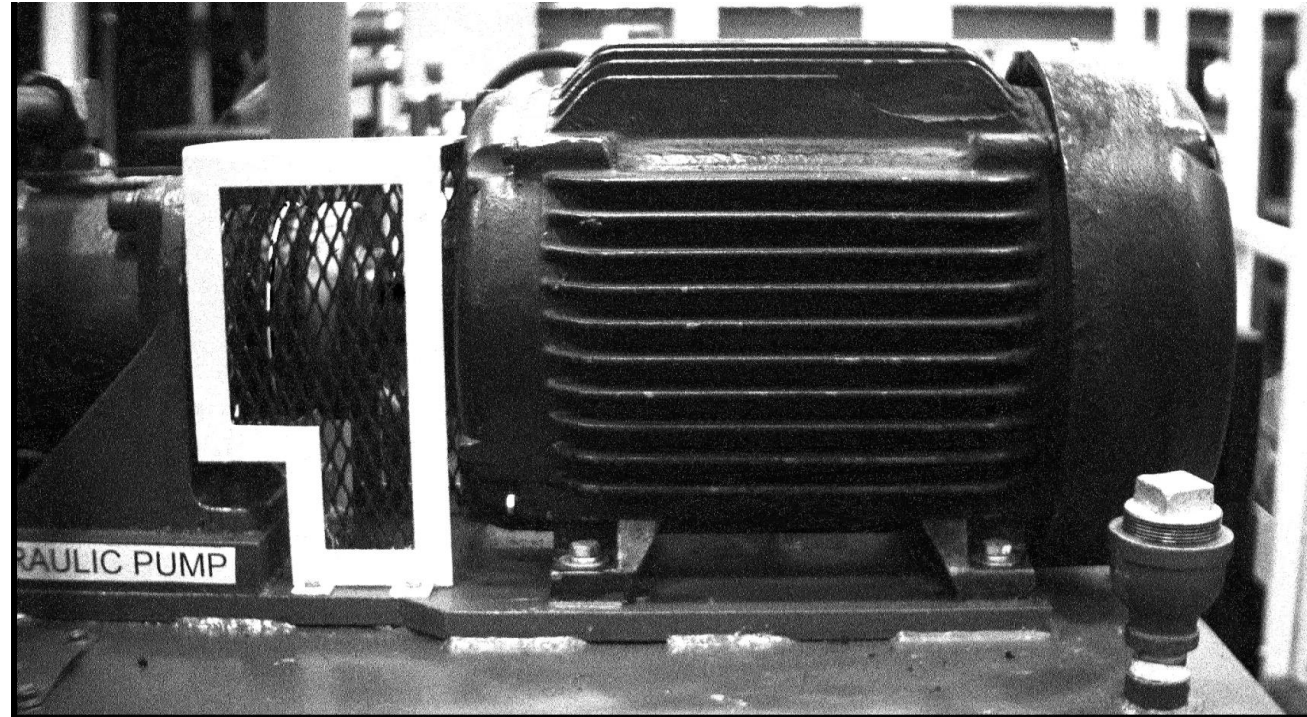




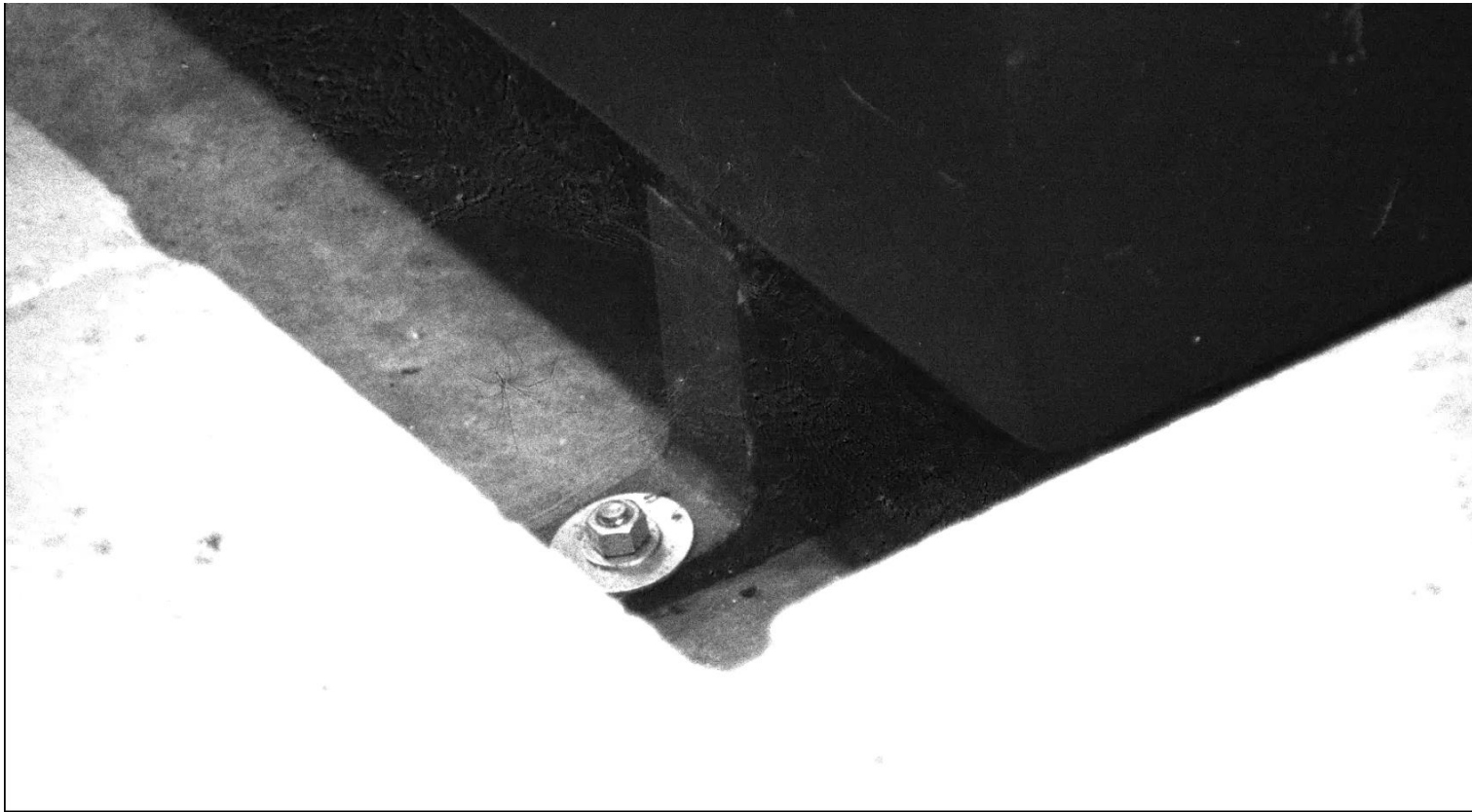
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- Operator knew of problem (High Vibration and Change in Audible Noise Levels)
- Could not determine root cause
- Motion Amplification process < 30 minutes.
- Issue identified as bolt drilled at an angle at install

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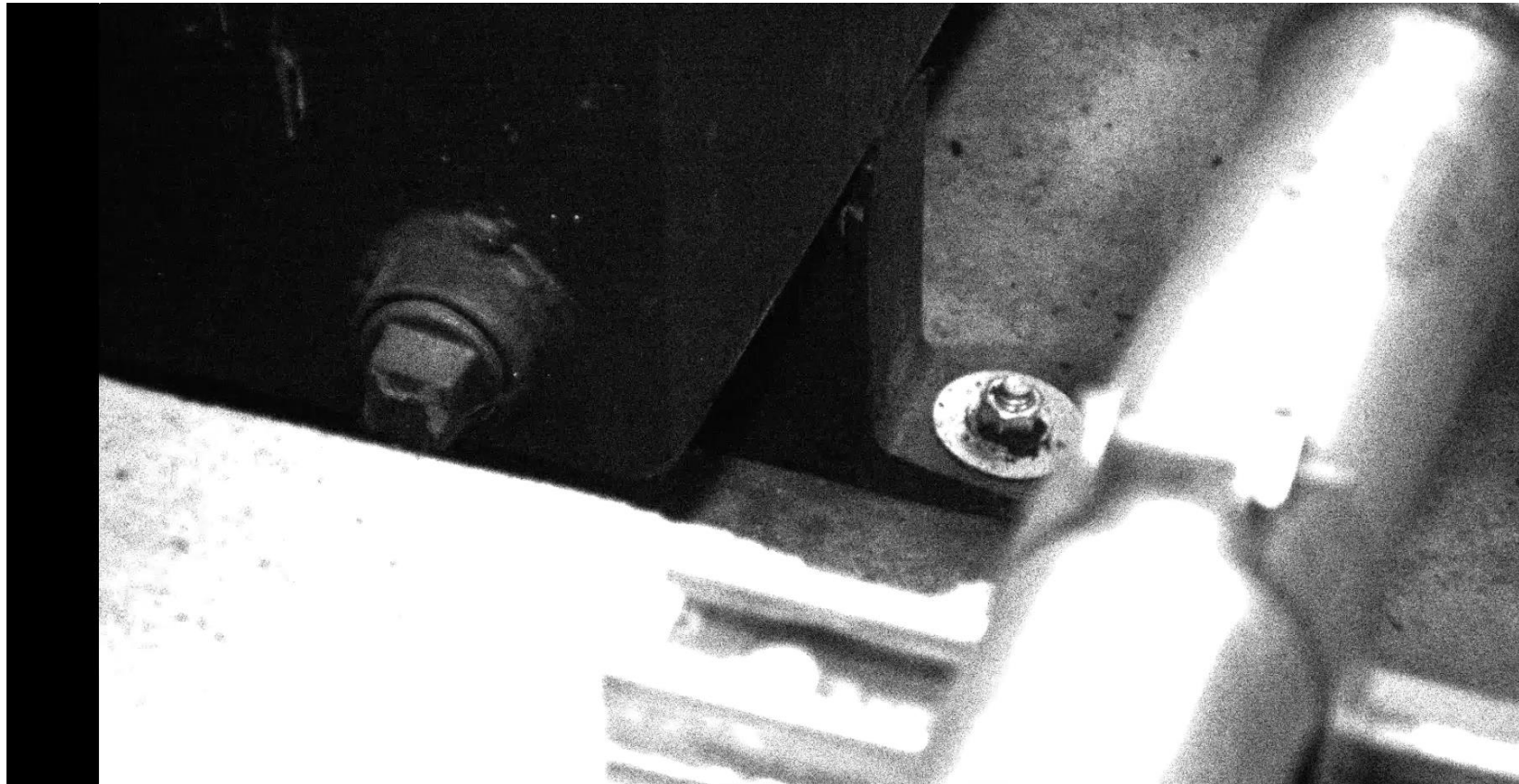
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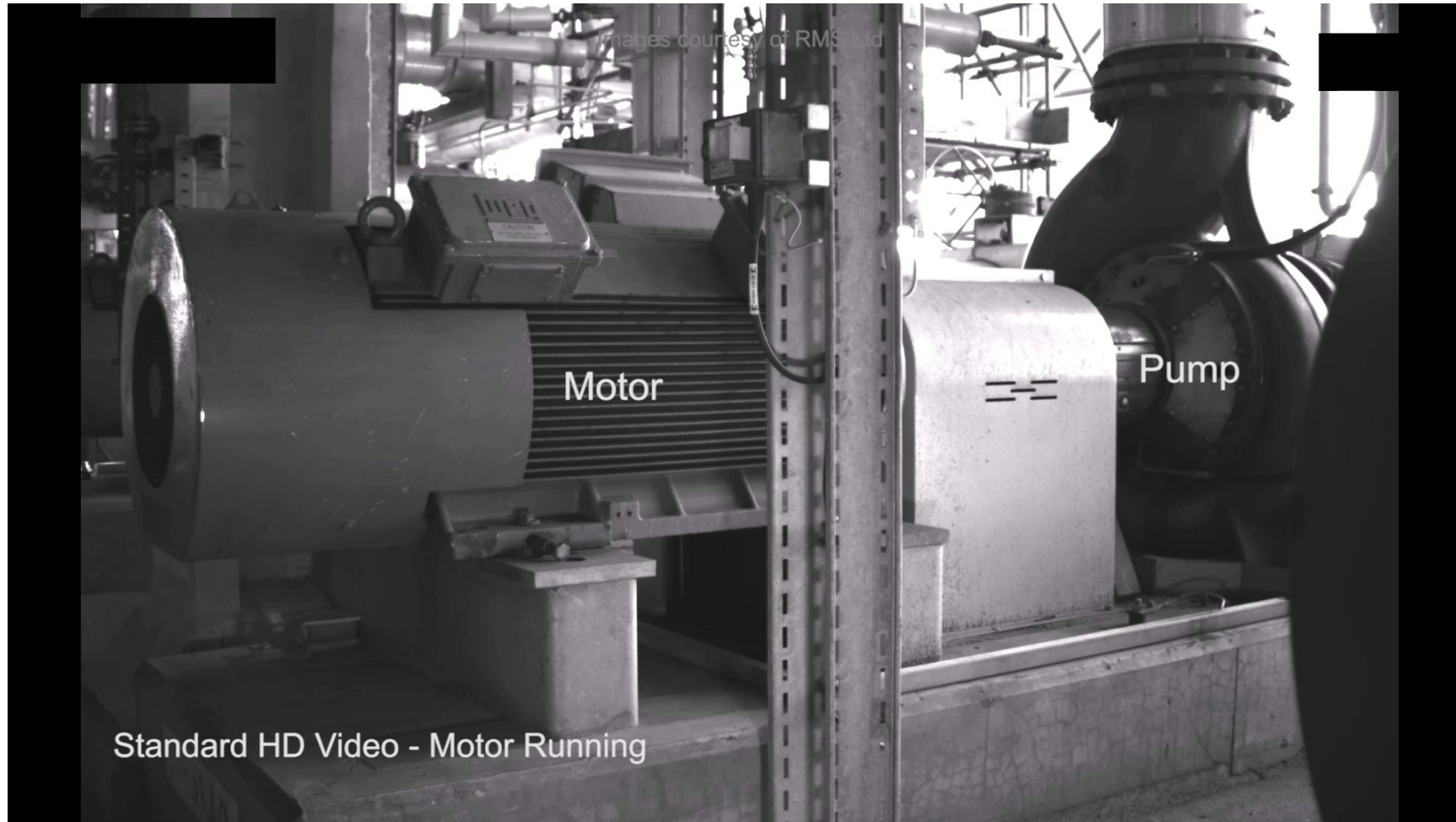


# Case Study: Hydraulic Pump Solution

- Client confirmed the bolt was drilled at an angle during installation
- Allowed the bolt to work its way loose
- Client confirmed they intended to remove the bolt and redrill correctly.

# Live Demonstrations

# Case Study: Boiler Pump





# Questions?

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