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Enabling IoT predictive maintenance for motors with vibration analysis

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There are motors all around us...



Residential & Commercial





Motor Market Growth









A case for predictive maintenance...





What is Motor Condition Monitoring?

Temperature monitoring

- Observable using simple sensors
- Not a primary indicator

Current monitoring

- More complex but provides insight into potential electrical issues
- Requires expert
 installations

Vibration monitoring

- Primary indicator of potential failures
- Requires engineering/ mathematical training



Where does vibration fit in the life cycle of the motor?





Advantages of Vibration Monitoring



Non-invasive solution

- Allows the customer to strap-on the solution during regular operation
- Senses shock pulses internally without making contact with the moving elements
- Add more sensors to sense different aspects of the motors, like gears, shafts, etc



Primary Detection Mechanism

 Vibrations set in early, even before temperature changes can be detected due to faults



Lowers cost of maintenance

 With early detection, operators may schedule maintenance without downtime affecting crucial operations





What is needed to make a vibration monitoring system?



Vibration Monitoring System: Sensors





Vibration Monitoring System: Data Acquisition and MCUs

Modern MCUs come with integrated SAR ADCs

- Enables ease of integration for data acquisition
- Higher precision with larger effective number of bits (ENOB) improves Signal-to-Noise ratio (SNR)
- Coupled with improved sensor provides at-par performance to Sigma-Delta ADCs with higher sampling rate

Ever expanding on-chip memory

- Enables longer Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) sequence required for higher resolutions
- Accelerates embedded machine learning algorithms



Vibration Monitoring System: Data Transmission

	RS232	Ethernet	Wi-Fi	Bluetooth low energy	Sub-1 GHz
Range	Few 100 feet	Few 1000 feet	Few 10 feet	Few feet	Long range
Data Rates	Low	High	High	Medium	Low
Ease of use	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low
Home	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Industrial	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Industrial	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes



A Vibration Monitoring System solution



Components of a VCM System

Hardware

- Sensors that scale with requirements
- Ultra Low Power devices and architecture to conserve battery life for the system
- On-demand High performance MCU to acquire, process and make sense from data
- IOT compatible communications component

Software

- Provides device-aware power management software components
- Integrates different Data Transmission options and scales seamlessly
- Supports for Industrial and Building Automation Protocol Stacks so that system can be adapted to different use-environments



TI's reference design for predictive vibration monitoring





TI's SimpleLink SDK components for vibration monitoring

Integrated Software Development Kit (SDK) for both Host MCU and Wireless MCU

Cloud connectivity plugin for home automation

Wireless and Wired plugins for industrial automation





Summary: Vibration monitoring is "Predictive"



Motor driver and motor manufacturers can move from a bi-annual service model to monitoring models that add more value to their products (and \$\$\$)



Customers can now drive increased productivity of their machines without having to worry about unexpected downtime



What's Next?



As machine information is collected over time, it makes data analysis on motors/pumps intelligent to develop deep learning algorithms that can be moved to edge nodes



Cloud intelligence and condition monitoring work hand-in-hand, providing visibility into machine trends and alieving manufacturers from having to base time-to-failure on computation of individual components





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