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## 9.6.5 Rotodynamic Pumps for Condition Monitoring

### 9.6.5.1 Introduction

#### 9.6.5.1.1 Scope

This guideline is for rotodynamic pumps, including both sealed and sealless pump designs as stated in each section.

#### 9.6.5.1.2 Purpose

This document is intended to give the pump user a tool for condition monitoring of the pumps in his or her systems, but does not directly address process management systems.

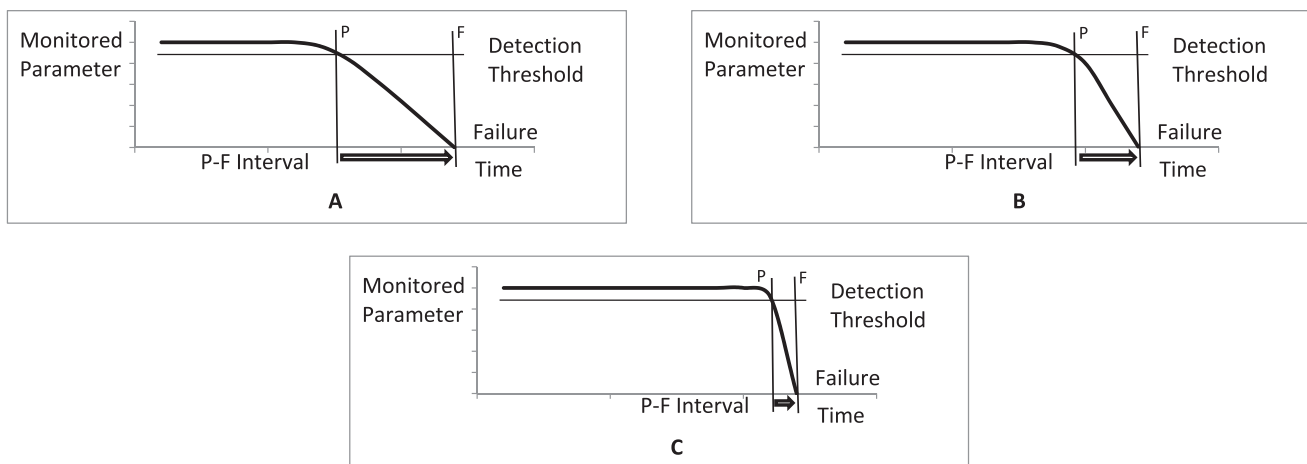
#### 9.6.5.1.3 Use of this document

It is the user's responsibility to identify the need for implementing pump condition monitoring practices. The user is also responsible for identifying those parameters he or she wishes to monitor. *This document does not require any specific monitoring be done on the pumping system*, but will provide a guideline and information relevant to making such decisions, and provides suggestions for carrying out the monitoring process.

Condition-based maintenance (CBM) of machines by monitoring the output of various sensors and/or indicators as diagnostics tools allows technicians to assess the condition of a machine while in operation. Successful application of CBM enables identification of existing, impending, or potential problems prior to component failure. CBM not only helps plant personnel reduce the possibility of catastrophic failure, but also allows them to order parts in advance, schedule manpower, and plan other repairs during the downtime.

Every machine has a unique path to failure that condition monitoring can track. The potential-to-failure interval (P-F Interval) is commonly used to help establish the right maintenance to perform at the right time.

The P-F intervals vary by type of machine and type of detection technology employed. Once a problem has been identified using a diagnostic technology, there is no guarantee of continued operation through the typical P-F interval. In addition, there is no guarantee that the failure will indeed occur at some specified time in the future. Experience tells us that there is a potential for failure based the basic physics behind the diagnostic technology. The basis for this comes from the many case studies that have related diagnostic indication to machine defects. When employing P-F logic in specifying monitoring intervals, it is important that we recognize that in some cases the technology does not provide enough lead time for the detection to be of practical use.



**Figure 9.6.5.1.3 — Typical P-F interval curves**

The three curves shown in Figure 9.6.5.1.3 demonstrate that the P-F interval can vary and is specific to a given diagnostic test and failure mode combination. Curve A shows a long P-F interval and the organization may opt to wait for a second measurement before taking action. Curve B shows a shorter P-F interval, but still gives sufficient