**Driving Sustainability and Efficiency:** The role of PRV Monitoring in Digital Transformation Initiative



# **Pressure Relief Valves – The Last Line of Defense**

## **Main Function**

- Critical to protect against unexpected overpressure events
- Need to meet national and local safety rules & regulations

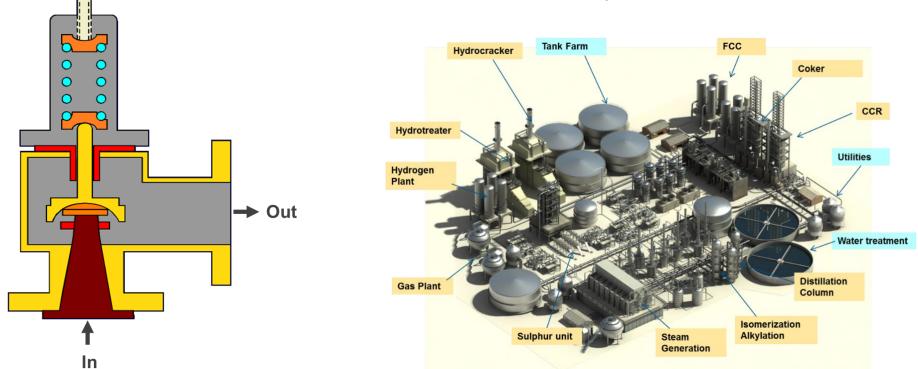


## **Basic Operation**

- Mechanical devices
- Self operated
- Typically "off grid" not connected

## Importance

- can not be "by-passed"



## **Preventive Maintenance with Service Schedules is the Norm**

### Pervasive across most plants

### Cause emissions and losses

## Critical for process availability,



# Undetected Overpressure Events Can Lead to Serious Consequences. FNChE Asia 2024

## **Emissions**

## **Releases and leakages** can lead to fines and lawsuits, requiring:

- Meeting equipment • leakage standards
- Identify the source of • releases to flare
- Reporting emissions • during startup and shutdown



## **Production**

**Production and energy** losses can annualize millions of dollars

- Leakages may remain undetected for years
- Releases and leakages • will prevent process optimum performance
- Unplanned service is . costly and disruptive



## Reliability

**PRV** releases are often symptoms of Process and operation problems

- Frequent overpressure will wear valves
- Overpressure may also stress adjacent mechanical equipment
- **PRV** maintenance directly impact process availability and uptime





## Safety

## Undetected releases are unreported "Near Miss" **Safety Events**

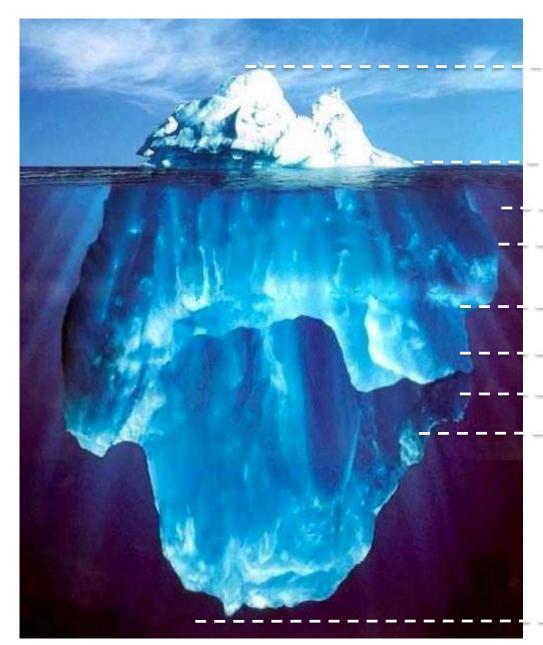
No process safety root cause failure analysis

Valves may stay stuck in a closed position, not opening when required

Checking PRVs on manual rounds is an occupational hazard



# **PRV Total Cost of Ownership**



- Initial Product Cost (Engineering/Sizing/Selection/Commissioning)
- Direct PRV Repair Labor
- PRV Repair Parts
- Administrative, Record Keeping and other Transactional Costs
- Transportation (External)
- Inventory Administration Cost
- Rigging/Scaffolding, Pipefitting, etc.

## **Cost of Non-Conformance:**

- Unplanned Outages
- Late Delivery of Repair Valves
- Misapplication of PRVs
- Emissions
- Inventory Utilization
- Incorrect Maintenance Intervals





# **PRVs are Difficult to Access**

## **Operations**



## **Inspection with portable tester**

- Frequently required if flare rates are high
- Costly with hundreds of PRVs
- · Challenging to locate in the field

New environmental and safety regulations require operations to record and report PRV releases and leakages

## Service



## **Needs removing and reinstalling**

- Basic: 4 man hours/valve
- Scaffolding: 6-8 man hours/valve
- Crane: 8-10 man hours/valve

Testing and inspection cycles may be required by outside organizations including local or federal jurisdictions, insurers...etc.

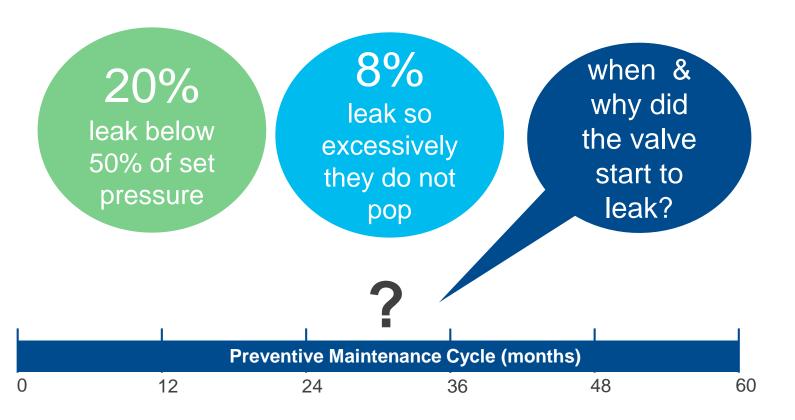
Reducing the Frequency and Duration of Field Activities Will Reduce Cost & Improve Safety

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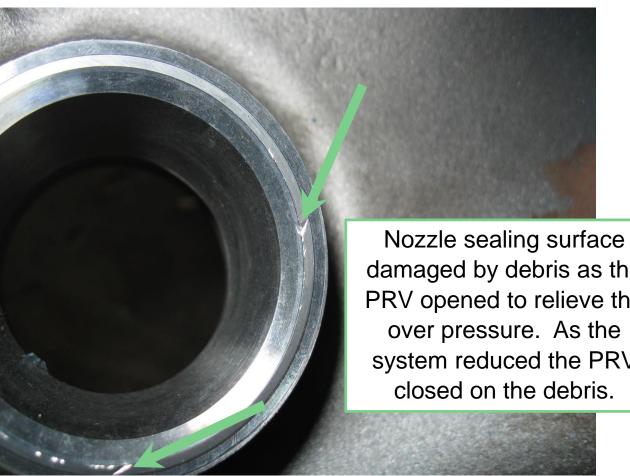
# **Undetected and Unreported Relief Events Often Occur**

Service Records Data Analysis (Multiple PRV Brands)



### \*10,000 PRV pre-test service records from Large North America Refining Complex

## **Limited Root Cause Failure Analysis**





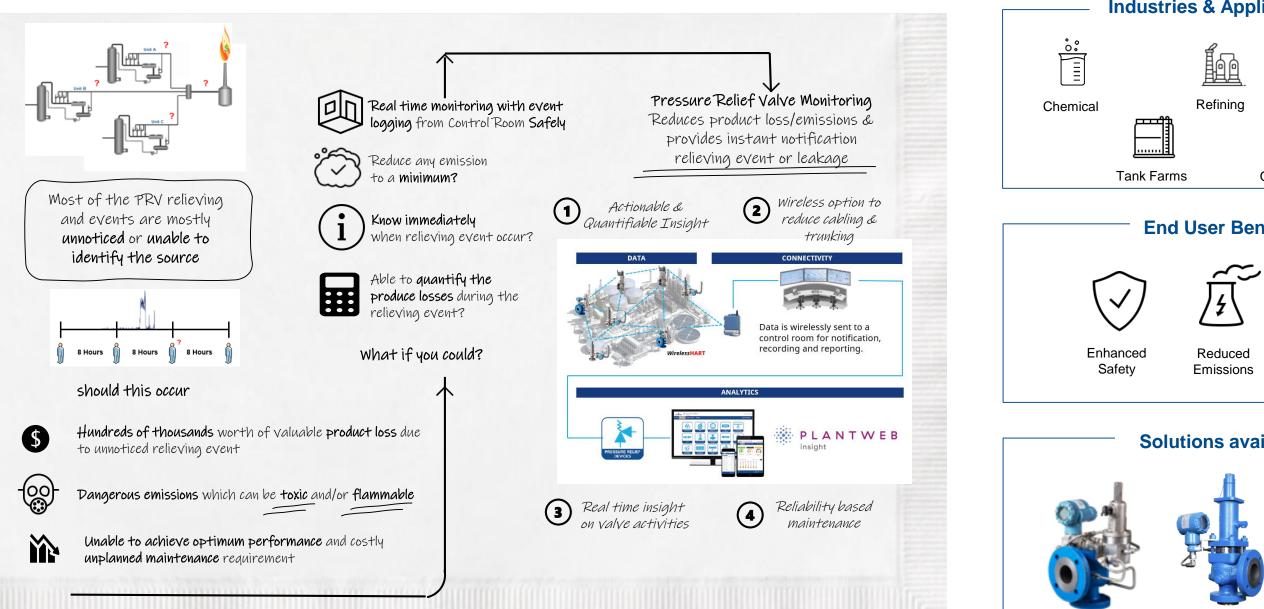
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damaged by debris as the PRV opened to relieve the over pressure. As the system reduced the PRV closed on the debris.



## **Pressure Relief Valve Monitoring Solution**

Improve Safety and Reduce Emission through Real Time PRV event detection





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### **Industries & Applications**







Oil & Gas

### **End User Benefits**





Improved Maintenance Protocols

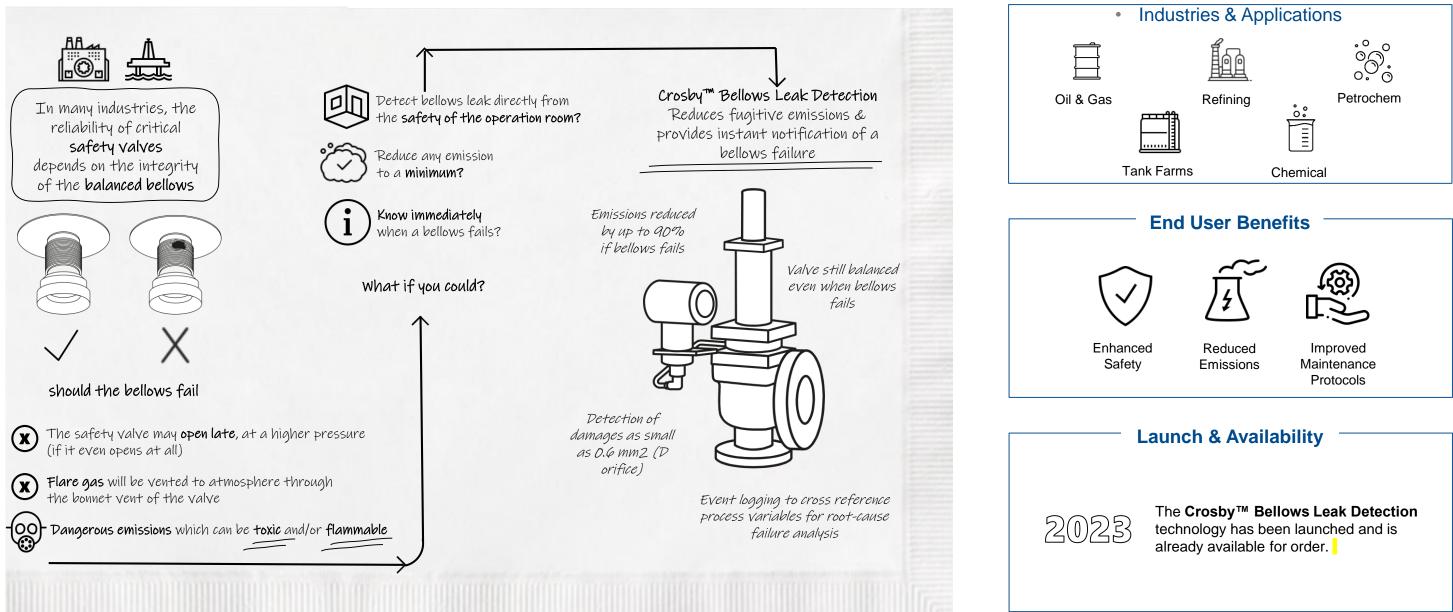
### **Solutions available**





## **Crosby™ Bellows Leak Detection**

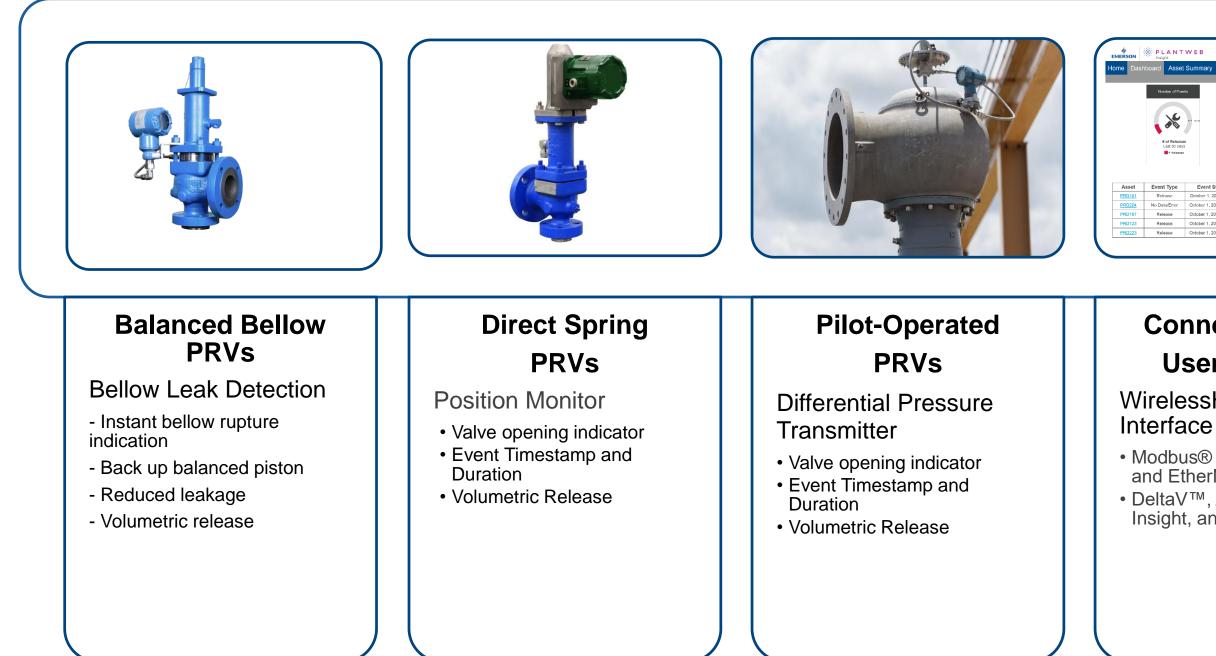
**Reduces fugitive emissions & provides instant notification of a bellows failure** 







# **Monitoring Solutions for Any PRV Application**





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## **Connectivity and User Interface**

# WirelessHART ®

• Modbus® RTU/TCP, OPC and EtherNet/IP™ • DeltaV<sup>™</sup>, AMS<sup>™</sup>, Plantweb<sup>™</sup> Insight, and More

# **Solution to PRV Monitoring Challenges**



Analytic tools create *actionable insights* for informed decisions and maintenance prioritization



**Continuous monitoring approach** leads to the most effective and successful results



WirelessHART provides a cost-effective approach with high reliability



Wireless transmitters make installation and maintenance quick and easy

