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Mapping & Tracking Properties of Next Generation Space Vehicle Materials

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- New Magneto-ThermographyTM Method (Patents pending)
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- Case Studies
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MWM® and MWM®-Array Sensors

Meandering Winding Magnetometer (MWM)



High Resolution MWM-Array Scanning for Engine Components

Blade Dovetail Inspection



Engine Disk Slot Inspection



JENTEK GridStation & Impedance Instruments

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Automated Engine Disk Inspection System

- In-use at NAVAIR Depot since April 2005
- Nine disks with verified cracks detected, several of these large and small cracks not detected by conventional ET and LPT
- No false indications (over 3000 slots inspected), false indication rate < 0.04



Lift-Off

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Rapid Data Processing with Grid Methods and "Air" Calibration



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New Magneto-Thermography[™] Method

- Developed by JENTEK (patents issued and pending)
- New Phase I SBIR (ongoing for composites)
- JENTEK IR&D (ongoing for metals)

New Magneto-Thermography Method (Patents pending)

- Monitor subsurface temperatures and temperatures at buried interfaces
- Reduced cost and improved portability over IR cameras
- Capability to inspect thicker structures, up to 0.75 in. or more, with higher sensitivity than conventional thermography
- Capability to inspect curved and complex structures
- Capability to measure temperatures at different depths by varying frequencies
- Capability to inspect through air gaps and coatings, for multi-layered structures

Magneto-Thermography Capability Demonstration: Metal-Metal Joint (JENTEK IR&D Project)

- Hot plate provides heat
- The temperature difference along the upper plate part over the adhesive and the part over air simulates a disbond
- Differences in temp. lead to differences in material conductivity
- Conductivities of both upper plate areas are measured using mounted MWM-Array sensor

 $\sigma = \frac{\sigma_0}{1 + k_c (T - T_0)}$ k_c =thermal coefficient of resistance (/K)





Through-Wall Temperature Monitoring

Need: Non-invasive throughwall temperature measurement at inaccessible locations

ONLY Known Solution for this Problem





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Composite Fiber Temperature Monitoring

Magneto-Thermography Feasibility Tests



Measured Temperature of Buried Fibers

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Requirements for Mapping & Tracking of Damage Initiation and Growth

- Reliable and reproducible images
- High resolution
- Position registration
- Fast
- Low cost
- Easy to use in field and depot

Mapping and Tracking of Crack Initiation and Growth at "Dings" in Ti-6Al-4V



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Generation of "Real Crack" Specimens



MWM-Array Scans for Bolt Hole Inspection





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Time Sequenced Images of Crack Growth



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Inspection of Complex Composite Surfaces with Variable Curvatures





- Foam wheels protect surface
- Manual scanning for complex surfaces
- C-Scan images of wide areas built from multiple passes

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• Adapts automatically to varied curvatures



Test Setup for MWM-Array RCC Inspection Validation



Blind Test RCC Sample Provided by NASA Langley Research Center

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MWM-Array FA24 single-frequency scan at 1 in./sec



Scan Performed in 2 Minutes.

Space Shuttle Leading Edge Conductivity Mapping of RCC

MWM-Array for Inspecting Complex Composite Surfaces with Variable Curvature





For as-manufactured RCC specimens and the same specimens exposed to thermal cycling equivalent to 12 and 72 shuttle missions

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Composite (Buried) Disbond Growth Mapping and Tracking



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Fighter Aircraft Steering Crank Inspection Using MWM-Arrays

- Prototype fixture for scanning with an FA43 MWM-Array sensor
- Multi-frequency calibration and measurement procedure using a 3-unknown method:
 - plating thickness (assuming a conductivity)
 - lift-off

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- substrate magnetic permeability
- Magnetic permeability images provide both crack and overload detection capability







Fighter Aircraft Steering Crank Inspection Sensor placement and permeability map produced



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C-Scan Images of MWM-Array Measured Magnetic Permeability

Acquired during periodic interruptions of two fatigue tests



Test 2 Permeability (µ) Evolution

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Imaging of SCC in Pipeline Sample

Establishing Detection Criteria



MPI Analysis by RTD. Circled cracks do not appear in MWM thresholded image.

MWM threshold image.

MWM spectrum image. All cracks identified by MPI were detected.

Imaging of SCC in Pipeline Sample

Scans of Pup Section With Identified SCC



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Summary and Future Work

- Mapping and tracking feasibility demonstrated for:
 - Titanium
 - Gr/Epoxy Composites
 - RCC
 - Steel
- Future Work
- Time space filtering methods
- Adaptive life management (ongoing SBIR for NAVAIR)