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Numerous Embedded Inductive and Capacitive Sensors for Corrosion & Fatigue

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MWM-Rosette under retainer

MWM-Rosette

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Need Addressed

Need/Problem:

Inspect for cracks at

- Numerous local and distributed features
- In difficult-to-access locations
- Without disassembly for inspection

Solutions:

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1) Portable Data Logger

- Embedded MWM-Arrays and MWM-Rosettes (eddy current sensors) and
- Light weight cabling with
- Distributed multiplexing (MUX) units
- NDT data acquisition from easy access locations
- 2) Embedded Data Logger for continual in-flight or only ground-based NDT

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POD (Probability of Detection) for Embedded Sensors

• New Phase II SBIR Awarded to JENTEK by Air Force

- Develop MWM-Rosettes for target applications
- Develop low-cost POD curve generation method for embedded sensors
 - Use coupons monitored with embedded sensors to generate ahat vs a data
 - Generate POD curves using Military Standard-1823 like process
- Perform environmental and durability testing for target applications

Obstacles for Transition to Fleet Use

- POD/performance validation
- Durability
- Costs
- Flight test funding for target applications

Sensing Modes Supported

- Eddy Current Testing, for High Frequency and Low Frequency Using Linear MWM[®]-Arrays and MWM-Rosettes
 - Enhanced Durability under fastener heads and between layers
 - Curved surface monitoring
 - Crack detection, surface and buried (first, second or third layer)
 - Corrosion monitoring through protective coatings/gaskets/metals/composites
 - Moderate area coverage (several inches)
- Capacitive Sensing, Using IDED[™] (interdigitated electrode dielectrometer, and Segmented Field Dielectrometer Arrays (SFD-Arrays)
 - Sealant, CPC age degradation monitoring
 - Moisture ingress detection through protective layers
 - Corrosion product detection

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- Environmental monitoiring (humidity, etc.)

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(as demonstrated at Phase II status meeting)

Hand-Held Data Logger	
Multiplexing Units	MWM-Array
(MUX)	Sensors
Distributed Sessors/MUXs	
Channel 39 (3)	
	(as demonstrated at Phase II status meeting)

Features	Advantages	Benefits
Hand-Held Data Logger	Adds to the existing JENTEK high-end product line, providing a low cost field implementation and adds the support of multiplexed sensor networks to monitor numerous corrosion and fatigue sensors	 Low cost, field hardened Supports MWM-Array fatigue and corrosion monitoring Remote NDT without disassembly in difficult-to-access locations Supports scanning MWM-Array NDT, e.g., bolt-hole ET
MWM-Array	Embeddable in difficult to access locations, light weight, conformable, durable, and can monitor corrosion and fatigue, without disassembly or collateral damage	 Corrosion and fatigue detection Higher reliability than ET, LPI Works thru paint and coatings Enables frequent low cost inspection to detect damage early, from easy access locations
IDED-Array	Embeddable for moisture detection, corrosion product detection, and monitoring sealant aging	 Inspect thru coatings and sealants Embeddable under sealant Thin Conformable
MUX	Multiplexing networks for numerous sensors, for MWM-Arrays and IDED-Arrays, with support for other sensors, e.g., temperature, strain.	 Light weight cabling Low cost Reconfigurable Supports temperature, strain and other sensing
Calibration and data processing	Reduction of drift and noise for MWM-Arrays. Provides reliable crack detection and metal loss monitoring	 Needed to provide practical long term fatigue and corrosion monitoring Simplifies installation and data processing

New Enhanced Durability MWM-Rosettes





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Redundant Drives and Durability Enhancing Pillars FA158 MWM-Rosette



Low Frequency Dual Drive MWM-Array FA138





Fatigue Specimen Setup



Fatigue test coupon





- 0.04-in. thick protective cover plates

Schematic overlay - location of the individual sensing elements



von Mises stress distribution determined by FEA of the geometry

The FEA assured the specimen could be loaded sufficiently given the limits of the servohydraulic fatigue machine.

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FA138 MWM-Rosette Responses During the Fatigue Test of a Two-Hole Coupon



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Expanded view of FA138 MWM-Rosette Responses for Channel 2



Crack Growth Monitoring Capability



FASTRAN response with illustrations of MWM-Rosettes to show crack size relative to central drive and sense elements

Buried Crack Detection with MWM-Rosettes

"Smart Washer"



Durability: Both MWM-Rosettes operable after 90,000 fatigue cycles, in two separate tests



Stackable Low and High Frequency Solutions



Fatigue Sensor Network

FORWARD









Fatigue Monitoring with Linear MWM-Arrays in Bolt Holes Suitable for "Smart Bolt" Development



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A-4 Application MWM-Array Sensors to be installed under repair with access to connector





A-4 front spar cracking





Photographs provided by IAF

JENTEK/IAF Fatigue Test Results



Continuous Monitoring: MWM-Array FA65



Recent IAF Fatigue Test Compact Tension Specimen

MWM-Array FA65



Previous Results for Multi-Site Fatigue Testing Fatigue Test Monitoring: 10-Hole Specimen



Four FA45 MWM-Arrays Mounted to Test Panel MSD-39



MWM-Array & Visual Crack Tip Position Results





EQS: Interdigitated Electrode Dielectrometry (IDED[®])

- Electric field based
- Material Properties:
 - Dielectric permittivity e, ohmic conductivity s

 $\varepsilon^* = \varepsilon' - j\varepsilon'' = \varepsilon' - j\frac{\sigma}{\omega}$

- Porosity, voids,
 delamination, etc. can
 affect these properties
- One-sided measurements
- Imposed spatial and temporal frequencies
 - longer wavelengths penetrate further
 - spatial profiling





Three-Wavelength, IDED Constructs Single-Sided Capacitive Monitoring and Imaging

• Single Sensing Element



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Embedded Sealant Monitoring

Components

Sealant: PR 1826 Class B (DeSoto International) provided by Lockheed Martin. It is a 2-part, epoxy cured polythioether compound used for aircraft fuel tanks and structures.

Sensor: IDED dielectrometer DS04, three spatial wavelength sensor.

Metal: Aluminum alloy plate provided by Lockheed Martin.

View of IDED Sensor Embedded Under Sealant



Cross Sectional Representation





IDED (DS04) sensor



Real Time In-Process Monitoring

- Embedded IDED for monitoring moisture diffusion transient
 - Water added to filter paper to represent moisture change penetrating sealant



Corrosion Product Monitoring

- Simulated use of an IDED to monitor formation of corrosion products
- Assumed an aluminum surface with an IDED embedded at the top of the CPC
- The IDED responds to the thickness and dielectric constant difference between the CPC and the product layer



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Questions?

