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Easy to Use Eddy Current Arrays with Physics Model-Based Data Analysis

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3 Decades of Research and Transitions

Example Successful Transitions of Research In-Use Today

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Example Engineering-Science Innovations & Ongoing R&D

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S.1: US Navy Turbine Blade Weld Inspection (<2002)

- System was upgraded for the application
- Effective, rapid procedure
- Blades with weld repairs readily identified
- 10,000 blades inspected, no false positives (i.e., all detections confirmed)





Welded Blade

S.1: US Navy Turbine Blade Weld Inspection (2020)





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Upgraded in 2020

- jET 7-Channel Handheld
- FA274 MWM-Array
- Simple scanning fixture
- New Software "Tabs" for POI (Probability of Inspection) verification

S.1: US Navy Turbine Blade Weld Inspection (2020)



S.2: USAF Prop. Cold Work (<2003, 2018 jET upgrade)

GridStation Software



C-130 Blade Shanks

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7-Channel Instrument

MWM Probe

S.2: USAF Prop. Cold Work (<2003, 2018 jET upgrade)







Position 3



Position 2



Position 4



S.2: Typical JENTEK GridStation[®] Interface for Cold Work Quality Control



S.3: Scanning Set-up for JENTEK, ALCOA FSW Study (2005 – continued in 2020 transitions)



S.3: MWM-Array Longitudinal Scans

Good, Full Penetration



Full Scan



Close-up View

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Kissing Bond and Lack of Penetration



Close-up View

S.3: MWM-Array Longitudinal Scan







Plots of conductivity acquired during transverse scans of panels in the as-welded (solid lines) and skim-machined (dashed lines) surface conditions



S.3: Images of conductivity for two FSW panels

cross-sections show nugget, TMZ, HAZ and base metal



S.4 Knife Seal Inspection (2005 still in use)

- "Technical aspects of the method are FAA approved" (See Service Bulletin)
- Engine OEM implemented this inspection
- Multiple systems in use world-wide since 2011
- AE family engine knife seal Inspection on several stages for cracks
- Thousands of engine stages inspected per year
- Inspection performed with blades in place (minimal disassembly saves substantial dollars)







Reference: https://aeromanager.rolls-royce.com/control/publicsite/publicnoticeboard/categorylist?userAction=performDisplayDocument&selectedLevel=2&selectedLevelID=65

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- Engine Blade Dovetail
- Provide crack depth measurement to enable CBM /repair of blade dovetail for life extension
- Technical approach: multiple frequency MWM-Array detection, location and depth sizing for cracks in regions with fretting damage
- Validation method Detection performance validation included POD study
- Status: Solution validated and system delivered

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Sensor Coverage for Blade Dovetail Scans



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S.4 US Navy Disk Slot Inspection 2005, still in-use

- In use at NAVAIR Depot since April 2005, for a decade
- Nine disks with verified cracks detected, several of these large and small cracks not detected by conventional ET and LPI
- No false indications (numerous slots inspected)



Winner, FAA-Air Transport Association 2007 "Better Way" Award for "MWM and MWM-Array Engine Component Inspection Technology"

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S.4: 1st Funded POD Study (FAA) ENSIP-Type Flat Specimens (numerous other POD studies funded)



S.5: Independent Thickness & Conductivity for Coatings (2002, transitions continuing)



S.5: Aged MCrAIY Coating (EPRI study)

- Measurements on top and bottom of coupons
 - Post-study metallography indicated slight differences between sides
- Measurements with and without shims
 - Highly reproducible effective conductivity measurements



S.5: Aged MCrAIY Coating (EPRI study)

- Blind set samples had frequency variations similar to training set
- For remaining Beta Zone thickness on blind samples:
 - High correlation between MWM estimates and metallography
 - Low RMS error in MWM estimates (6.3 um, 0.25 mils)



S.6: Complex Composite Surfaces ,Variable Curvatures (used last 5 yrs of Space Shuttle Program at KSC)





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



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S.6: Complex Composite Surfaces, Variable Curvatures

Test Setup for MWM-Array RCC Inspection Validation



Blind Test RCC Sample Provided by NASA Langley Research Center Scan Direction



Conductivity Image

Lift-Off Image





Scan Performed in 2 Minutes.

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S.6: Complex Composite Surfaces ,Variable Curvatures

(used last 5 yrs of Space Shuttle Program at KSC)







11LFB1	& UPPER	SURFACE	
DRILLED FBH	LASER MEASUREMENT		
Ø @ HOLE DEPTH	ø	REMAINING MATERIAL THICKNESS	THICKNESS
3/8 @ 0.040	0.381	0.222	0.251
1/2 @ 0.040	0.509	0.220	0.249
3/8 @ 0.115	0.383	0.138	0.247
1/8 @ 0.115	0.128	0.130	0.246
3/8 @ 0.190	0.381	0.057	0.246
1/8 @ 0.190	0.132	0.058	0.249
1/2 @ 0.115	0.512	0.140	0.249
1/4 @ 0.040	0.241	0.215	0.250
3/8 @ 0.115	0.384	0.136	0.250
3/8 @ 0.190	0.384	0.061	0.251
1/2 @ 0.040	0.507	0.212	0.250
1/4 @ 0.115	0.235	0.130	0.250
1/4 @ 0.190	0.236	0.057	0.250
3/8 @ 0.040	0.380	0.213	0.251
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Source:

"Global Mass Loss Characterization Through Eddy Current Analysis," Buzz Wincheski, **NASA** Langley Research Center; Dan Ryan, Jim Landy, **United Space Alliance**; and Neil Goldfine, JENTEK Sensors, Inc.

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S.6: Complex Composite Surfaces ,Variable Curvatures (used last 5 yrs of Space Shuttle Program at KSC)

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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I.1: HyperLattices for Multivariate Inverse Methods (MIMs)

Coatings Example:

- Measure Three Unknowns (Thickness, Conductivity, Liftoff)
- Provide High Resolution image of each unknown
- Automated & Real-Time



Sensor Windings Lift-off (h) Ta Coating (σ_{Ta} , Δ_{Ta}) Cr Interlayer (σ_{Cr} , Δ_{Cr}) Substrate (σ_s , μ_s) High $f \sigma_{Ta}$ - Δ_{Ta} - h Lattice $\mu_{s}, \sigma_{s}, \sigma_{Cr}, \delta_{Cr}$ constant Increasing 4.8 2.4 lift-off



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I.2: SF-ET-Arrays (Segmented Field) **Engineering-Science Innovation**

- **Enables AM powder** characterization
- **Enables enhanced Composite** characterization
- Enables enhanced multiple layer media characterization



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0.010

0.001 ∟ 1Hz

 $\lambda/4 = 0.04$

10Hz

100Hz

1kHz

Frequency



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Carbon Stee

10kHz 100kHz

Stainless

Steel

Aluminum

1MHz

I.3: jET with MWM-Array (larger channel count systems called GS8200 uses same technology)



- 3 frequencies simultaneously

- 7 channels simultaneously
- Up to 1000 measurements/sec per channel

MWM-Array

- Designed for model based methods
- Drive sense gap determines depth of penetration







I.3: Types of Eddy Current Arrays & MWM-Arrays

1. Compilations of single eddy current testing (ET) coils

- Used independently (either in parallel or multiplexed)
- Mounted on a shuttle that is rigid and shaped similar to the part
- Challenges include: rigidity, cross talk for parallel operation, variability channel to channel, response variation across array, etc.
- 2. Arrays of flat spiral coils or multiple layered coils that can act as both drive and sense elements
 - Multiplexed in groups of channels (typically 4 or 8 at a time)
 - Must avoid exciting neighboring coils due to cross talk
 - Challenges include: variable channel performance, crack response variations across array, variable directional sensitivity across array, curvature effects and rigidity due to complex cabling issues.

3. Single rectangular drive with linear array of square sense elements MWM-Arrays

- Fully parallel data acquisition from all channels
- No significant cross talk
- Designed for physics model-based analysis methods
- Challenges include: larger cables for many channels, culture change is a hurdle for some customers

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I.3: Fully Parallel Digital electronics, with MWM-Array Advantages

- 1. Sensor: Designed for model-based multivariate inverse methods (MIMs)
 - Designed with simple linear drives and square sensing elements
 - No significant cross talk between elements.
 - Enables more robust results, such as rescaling of the crack response for variable liftoff when scanning a curved surface.

2. Electronics: Simultaneous data acquisition at up to 3 frequencies

- Needed to measure multiple properties, such as independent
 1st and 2nd layer corrosion imaging independent of gap between layers.
- Both complex impedance components simultaneously to retain data integrity and support model based methods

3. Electronics & Sensor: Enable fully parallel (simultaneous) acquisition from 7 sensing elements

- Needed to reliably detect and size cracks
- Needed to reliably detect cracks at edges
- Needed to ensure consistent coverage of the inspection surface
- Needed to rescale crack response for position within the array

I.4: Fatigue Test: AI Compact Tension Specimen



I.4: Mapping and Tracking of Crack Initiation and Growth at "Dings" in Ti-6AI-4V



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I.4: Generation of "Real Crack" Specimens



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I.4: Fatigue Monitoring Holes Aluminum Alloys



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125 µm Crack Length, Detection Threshold





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coupon design, JENTEK patent pending







I.4: Difference Imaging or Baseline Subtraction Improves Signal-to-Noise Levels to Reliably Detect Smaller Cracks

A514 Grade B Steel



I.4. Stress & Temperature Monitoring for Steel Alloys with BD-MSGs or QD-MSGs



Test Setup for Calibration Derivation in Oven

Magnetic Permeability vs Temperature Plots

I.4. Stress & Temperature Monitoring for Steel Alloys with BD-MSGs or QD-MSGs



Two BD-MSGs at ± 45 degrees and 0/90 degrees on bending coupon



Longitudinal Stress Compression response is monotonic

Tension response peaks at about 70% of Yield, and Hysteresis occurs after approaching yield

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I.4: Need to Combine Longitudinal and Transverse Permeability Responses for Stress Monitoring





BENDING COUPON TEST WITH MOUNTED BD-MSGs

I.4: Dynamic Stress Testing on a Pipe at GDF Suez



PHOTOGRAPH GDF TEST SETUP FOR CRACK GROWTH AND STRESS MONITORING USING AN INSTALLED MWM-ARRAY AT A MECHANICAL DAMAGE SITE DYNAMIC STRESS DATA SHOWING VARIABLE PERMEABILITY AS THE PIPE SECTION PRESSURE IS VARIED CYCLICALLY OVER TIME.



I.4. Pipe Fatigue Test at Mechanical Damage Site

under DOT and PRCI funding with GDF Suez





FA178 MWM-Arrays



Stress Monitoring



I.4: 10-Hole Specimen Fatigue Test Setup



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I.4: MWM-Array & Visual Crack Tip Position Results



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I.4: SS304 Pre-crack Fatigue Monitoring

Normalized Permeability at 158.4 kHz



Magnetic permeability image for a control specimen that has not been subject to fatigue testing. (Top) Magnetic permeability image for the specimen tested to 88% of fatigue life. (Bottom)

I.4: SS304 Anisotropic Permeability for Pre-crack Fatigue Monitoring



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I.4: In-Situ Monitoring Set-Up (Test Performed at Alcoa with JENTEK Support)



EXCO Solution

Control: Water

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I.4: In-Situ Monitoring Set-Up (Test Performed at Alcoa with JENTEK Support)

Control (Water)

Corrosion



2024 joint to Composite

I.4: In-Situ Monitoring Set-Up (Test Performed at Alcoa with JENTEK Support)



Time (min/10) \rightarrow

I.5: Software "Tabs" and data visualization tools with automated analytics & training feedback



Liftoff and coverage verification



Crack detection

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Air Calibration & Verification (Air and liftoff checks)



Model-Based visualization

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I.6: Example Aircraft Structures NDT/NDE/NDI

- 1. Corrosion imaging
- 2. Buried crack detection
- 3. Bolt hole inspection
- 4. Surface crack detection
- 5. Coating characterization
- 6. Detection of cracks in steel through coatings
- 7. Friction Stir Weld (FSW) and other weld inspection
- 8. Detection of 1st and 2nd layer cracks at fasteners
- Layer-by-Layer in process additive manufactured (AM) metal part inspection and post process NDT
- 10. Residual stress/stress monitoring, and cold work assessment for various but not all alloys



I.6: Corrosion Imaging Performance Study Ongoing



I.6: Corrosion Loss Imaging and POI Verification



Liftoff & coverage verification



Air Calibration & Cal Check (Air and liftoff)

C-Scan and B-Scan data visualizations

I.6: 15 inch Corrosion Loss Sample





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I.6: FA296: 15 inch Corrosion Loss Sample (1)



Filtered and normalized C-scan of Gap data across the corrosion defect locations.

I.6: FA296: 15 inch Corrosion Loss Sample Holes (2)



Normalized B-scan of Gap data across the flat bottom hole defect locations.

I.6: FA296: 15 inch Corrosion Loss Sample Slots (3)



I.6: Surface Crack Detection Interface for POD verification and Inspection



Liftoff & coverage verification



Unfiltered and Filtered B-Scans



Unfiltered and Filtered C-Scans

I.6: Surface Cracks: Rescaling of Conductivity Response



I.6: Surface Cracks: Rescaling of Conductivity Response



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I.6: Titanium Alloy Unfiltered and Shape Filtered Results



I.6: Titanium Alloy, air calibration, unfiltered and shape filtered results (with rescaling for position within array)



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I.7: Additive Manufacturing and Weld Inspection

Additive manufacturing Initiatives Ongoing

- Layer-by-layer NDT
- Fatigue life management
- Post process NDT
- In-process control for AM (metal powder characterization, non-contact temperature, weld pool monitoring, metallurgical assessment, geometry tracking).

Weld inspection initiatives

- FSW inspection as replacement for penetrant testing ((PT)
- Inspection of welds with crowns as replacement for PT
- Volumetric inspection of welds for thin layers to replace (UT and Radiagraphy)
- In-process control for welding (non-contact temperature, weld pool monitoring, seam tracking, metallurgical assessment, geometry tracking).
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