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Composite NDT and SHM for Spacecraft and Aircraft, Using MWM-Arrays

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Goals, Technical Approach and Funding

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 - Use winding geometry changes to alter penetration depth and characterize damage
- Detection/characterization of impact and other damage and monitoring of strain/stress as a function of depth and fiber orientation is accomplished by modeling the fiber properties/orientation/density/contact. Simplified models are being used now with advanced models still under development.

Funding

- NASA for micromechanical model development and application to composite overwrapped pressure vessels (COPVs)
- Army for rotorblade NDT
- **Navy** for NDT of aircraft composites

Linear Drive Eddy Current Sensors



MWM[®] and MWM[®]-Arrays



Parallel Architecture Instruments: GS-Durable and GS-HandHeld

0.25 mm

1 mm

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Micromechanical Model: Eddy Current Extension (Model under development in NASA Phase II SBIR)

- Linear drive MWM-Array sensing of composite with conducting fibers and insulating matrix
- Model uses a composite cylinder assemblage
 - Solve for field around a single fiber and extend to fiber bundle
 - Effective complex permeability and conductivity depend upon orientation with respect to fiber axis, fiber density and fiber contact
- Focus on Carbon Fiber/Epoxy composites



Uniaxial/Biaxial Specimens: Orientation Varied

- Single element MWM sensor; 10 MHz
 - Air/shunt calibration
 - Sensor response highly directional
 - Highest response when fibers when sensor drive oriented parallel to fibers



Uniaxial specimens



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Measurement Grids for Simplified Model



Example Grids for the MWM FS35 Sensor and Aluminum



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MWM Sensor Selection

- Magnetic field decays exponentially with distance away from sensor
 - Decay rate determined by skin depth at high freq. and sensor dimensions at low frequency
- High frequencies needed to induce significant eddy currents
- Large dimensions needed for thick composites



Quasi-isotropic Composite Panel Stackup

Stackup for bending test panel

- Uniaxial properties for each layer
- MWM-Array sensitive to composite layers with fibers oriented parallel to drive windings
- Composite layer considered insulating if fibers NOT within 5° of sensor orientation
- This visualization indicates that each sensor orientation is only sensitive to a subset of plies at varying depths within the composite.





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Simplified Grids for Quasi-isotropic Stackup



- The plots compare standard infinite half space grid to parameterized grids for each sensor orientation
- Sensitivity to a subset of plies causes a shift in effective property estimates compared to standard grids
- Smaller effective conductivities; effective lift-off can be high, lower, even negative, depending upon orientation

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Example COPV Stackup

- Stackup for COPV and COPV ring specimen
- MWM-Array sensitive to composite layers with fibers oriented parallel to drive windings
- This indicates that the sensor orientation is important for assessing the fiber properties.





JENTEK Grids for MWM-Array on COPV Samples

- Representative grids for a composite overwrapped pressure vessel (COPV)
- Models account for layered geometry and orientation effects on properties within each layer



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Segmented Field Magnetometry

- Different sensor geometries provide different penetration depths
- Segmented field sensors such as FA41 can provide two depths in a single scan
- Depth of sensitivity variation needed to characterize damage variation with depth
- Frequency variation alone is not sufficient



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Approach to Volumetric Imaging

Combination of sensor orientation and geometry can help isolate depth and region of damage: (i) sensor orientation determines plies, (ii) sensor geometry determines depth of sensitivity, (iii) spatial extent of damage determined from



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Volumetric Imaging of Composite Impact Damage

Sample provided courtesy of Lockheed Martin





Representative MWM-Array Scan Image



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Representative Quasi-isotropic Panel Scan Images



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Summary Image

Individual scans combined together to create composite cross-sectional view



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Cross Sectional Images: Panel 1, Low Impact Level

MWM-Array FA28 Data

Cross Sectional View along X-axis









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Cross Sectional Images: Panel 2, Medium Impact Level

MWM-Array FA28 Data

Cross Sectional View along X-axis







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Cross Sectional Images: Panel 3, High Impact Level

MWM-Array FA28 Data

Cross Sectional View along X-axis







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COPV Testing







See complimentary presentation:

"Continued Development of Meandering Winding Magnetometer (MWM[®]) Eddy Current Sensors for the Health Monitoring, Modeling and Damage Detection of Composite Materials"

Session: IVHM - Structural Health Monitoring for Damage Detection Presentation time: Thursday, April 05, 2012 2:30 PM

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Rotation Scan of Vessels AC-5250 S/N:030



MWM-Array Low Freq. Lift-Off Scans on COPV

Lift-Off image shows liner damage; freq. 50.11 kHz



- Sample AC5250-030; 90° Sensor drive orientation
- Higher impact energy results in larger dents in the aluminum liner
- Sensor: MWM-Array FA24

Periodic Response to Woven Plies

- FA28 scanned over a Gr/Ep composite with a coarse woven fabric ply near the surface
- The spatially periodic sensor response is consistent with the woven fabric tow width
 - Distance between peaks ~0.09-in.
 - This corresponds to 11 oscillations/in.
- Power spectrum density plot indicates strong spatial frequency near 11/in.





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Peak response

near 11 in-1

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MWM Response to Stress in 4pt Bending

Unidirectional Carbon Fiber Composite

FA28 Tension



Surface-Mounted Sensor Damage Monitoring



Tests run under NAVAIR SBIR at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics, Ft. Worth, TX

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