

CAN LMD SUCCEED WHERE EHMS HAVE FAILED?

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Introduction

- What is an EHMS?
- The concept of PSCL
- Why EUMS are needed
- Oil Debris Monitoring
- A synopsis of where we are today
- The Future?

EHMS

- Engine Health Monitoring Systems
 - A prognostic system which
 - Accepts analogue data from various sensors
 - Analyses the data
 - Decides whether the engine is safe to continue
 - And, ideally
 - Gives advanced warning of impending failure.

PSCL

- Predicted Safe Cyclic Life
 - Measured in stress cycles
 - Defines the age before which there is a 10^{-n} probability of an “engineering” crack occurring
 - Used with safety-critical parts to set an upper age limit.
 - Determined using accelerated spin/rig tests

EUMS

- **Engine Usage Monitoring Systems**
 - Accepts analogue data from various sensors
 - Converts it to digital
 - And records it.
- **Ground Data Processing Station**
 - Reads the tapes
 - Calibrates and validates the data
 - Converts this through complex algorithms into stress cycles and accumulates these

Oil Debris Monitoring

- **JetSCAN**
 - Scanning Electron Microscope
 - Using Spectroscopy
 - Determines the elements present in each particle
 - Hence identifies the source
 - Is used to estimate rates and amounts of wear
 - Predicts when a component needs to be replaced

Current Status

- EUMS fitted to a small sample of aircraft in each of the RAF fleets
- Data is collected, downloaded and analysed regularly
- Cyclic Exchange Rates are calculated
- These are used to decide when life-limited parts should be replaced.

Near Future

- **EMS**
 - Fleet-wide fit on Eurofighter
 - On-board analysis
 - Exchange rates only needed for fill-in
 - No prognostic capability.
- **Oil Debris Monitoring**
 - Off-wing
 - Expensive
 - Requires high skill levels

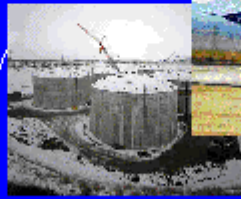
The Future?

- EMS on wider range of parts
- Jet-path sensors
- Vibration monitors
- Life Monitoring Devices



The Need

- Aircraft - power by the hour (airframe and engine)
- Nuclear - life extension of power plants
- Earthquake/terrorism - future use of buildings
- Prosthetics
- Military survivability
- Environment



Levels of Health Monitoring

- Level 1: *Detect* the existence of damage;
- Level 2: *Detect* and *Locate* damage;
- Level 3: *Detect*, *Locate* and *quantify* damage;
- Level 4: *Estimate* the remaining life and usage; (Prognosis);
- Level 5: Self diagnostics; and
- Level 6: Self healing

PREDICT REMAINING USEFUL LIFE

Damage Prognosis provides
the near real-time prediction of
an engineered system's remaining useful life.

Outcome of Prognosis

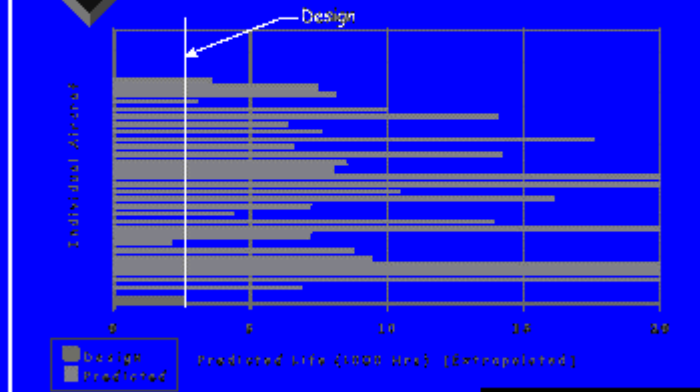
- Minor: Continue operating with monitoring
e.g. high cycle fatigue
- Chronic: continue operating at reduced load
e.g. loss of control surface
- Acute: immediate action required
e.g. Fan blade off

Rotary wing monitoring system - example

Examples

REF	PARTS (Per S/S)	COST	Flight Hours		PRED/DSN	Δ \$/FLT HR
			DESIGN	PREDICT		
01	Yoke Assembly	\$31280	2500	8910	3.5	\$10.47
03	Spindle (2)	33400	4400	20000	4.5	5.92
05	Grip Assembly (2)	22900	4400	20000	4.5	4.07
06	Retention Strap (2)	7280	1250	1210	0.97	32.19
13	Main Rotor Blade (2)	101900	4100	9200	2.1	19.31
30	M/R Pitch Link Assembly (2)	5890	2500	16700	6.7	2.00
56	PCV Gearbox Housing	10750	1400	6640	4.7	5.06
67	Wing, Left	31250	1500	6230	4.1	15.82
68	Wing, Right	31250	1500	20000	13.3	19.27
76	M/R Drag Brake	13190	1210	20000	16.5	12.63
Total (73 Part Nos):						\$175.37

Variability in Component Life AH-1W Rotor Pitch Link (P/N 214-010-410-119)



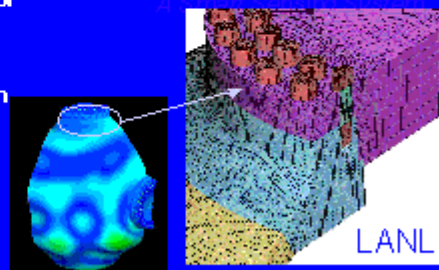
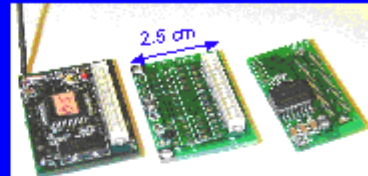
DAMAGE PROGNOSIS TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATES Smart Sensing and Computer Simulations to Diagnose and Forecast System Performance

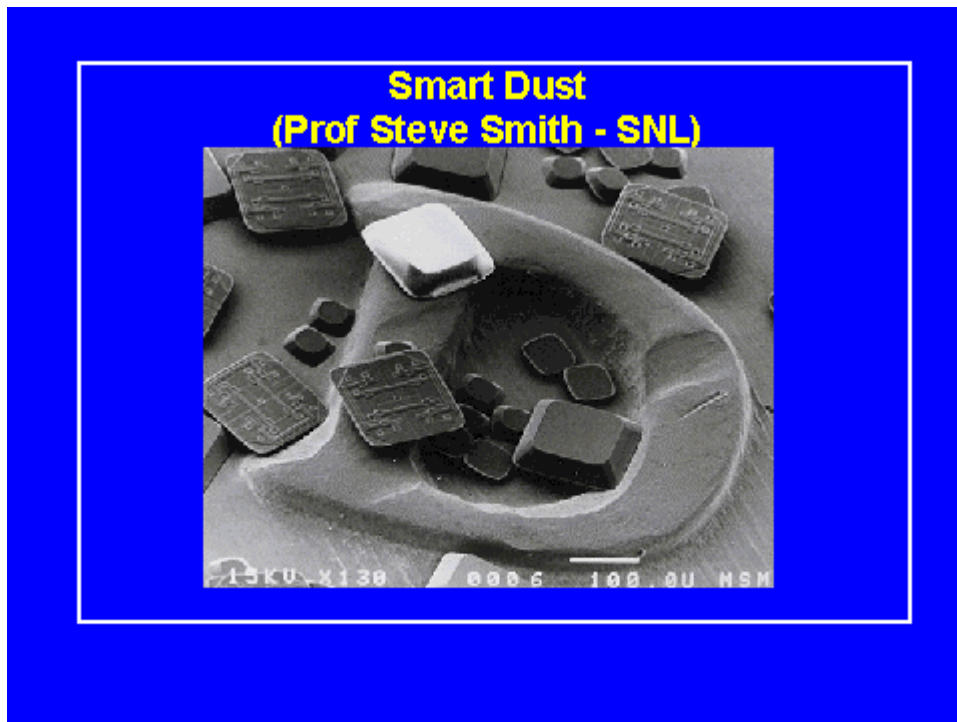
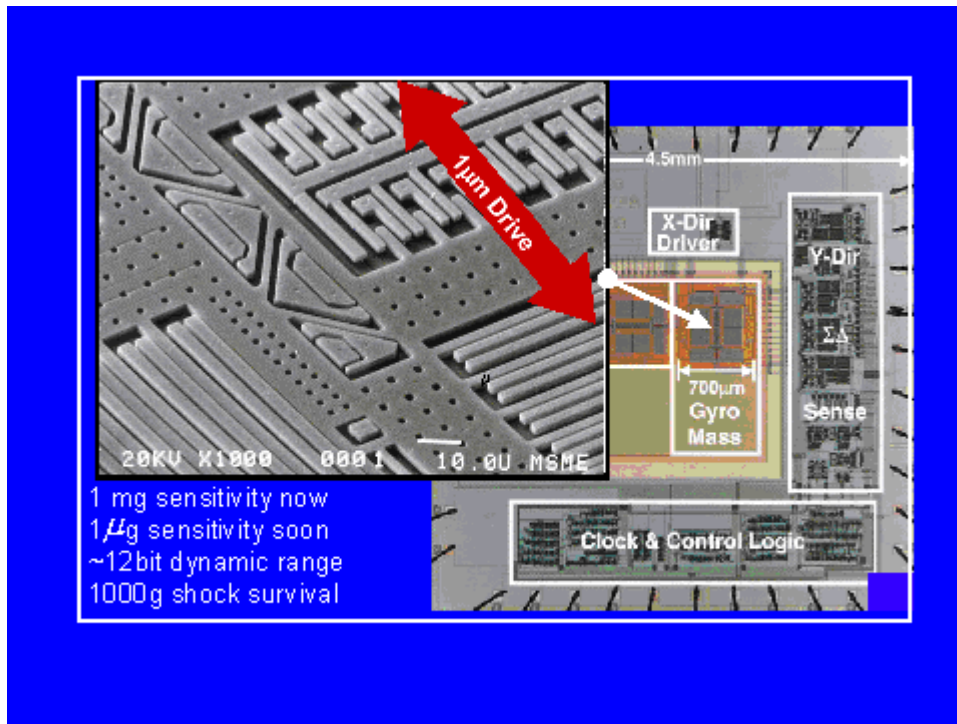
1. Develop a Computational Model of the System
2. Measure Critical System Parameters and Identify Damage
3. Update the Computational Model of the System
4. Estimate the Future Loading Environments on the System
5. Simulate Updated System Response to Future Environments
6. Predict the Remaining Useful Life of the System

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO ADVANCE DAMAGE PROGNOSIS TECHNOLOGY?

A coordinated, multidisciplinary effort is required to capitalize on recent revolutionary advances in:


- Smart microelectronic sensing technology
- Tera-scale computer simulations of damage evolution
- Machine learning and information technology for model compression, large-scale data management, model correlation and probabilistic system life prediction





Power Considerations

	Active	Idle	Sleep
CPU	5 mA	2 mA	5 μ A
Radio	7 mA (TX)	4.5 mA (RX)	5 μ A
EE-Prom	3 mA	0	0
LED's	4 mA	0	0
Photo Diode	200 μ A	0	0
Temperature	200 μ A	0	0

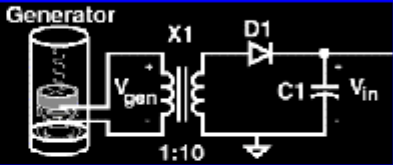


Panasonic
CR2354
560 mAh

- **What does this mean?**
 - Lithium cell runs for 35 hrs @ peak load and years at minimum load!
 - » *That's three orders of magnitude difference!*
 - Idleness is not enough, sleep!
 - A 1 byte transmission uses same energy as 11,000 cycles of computation!
 - » *Send decisions not data!*

Energy Scavenging

Energy Sources	Power (energy) Density
Batteries (Zinc-Air)	1000 - 1500 mWh/cm ³
Batteries (rechargeable Lithium)	100 mWh/cm ³ (2 - 4 V)
Solar	15 mW/cm ² - direct sun 1 mW/cm ² - ave. over 24 hrs
Wave/cons	0.05 - 0.5 mW/cm ²
Inertial Human Power	
Acoustic Noise	3E-6 mW/cm ² at 75 Db 3.8E-4 mW/cm ² at 100 Db
Non-inertial Human Power	
	1.8 mW (Shoe Insoles) 80 mW/cm ²
Nuclear Reaction	1E5m Wh/cm ³
One-Time Chemical Reaction	
Fluid Flow	300 - 500 mW/cm ²
Fuel Cells	~5000 mWh/cm ³

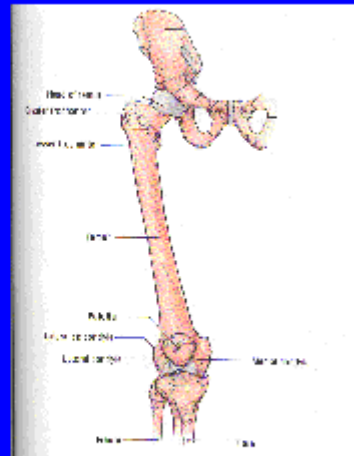
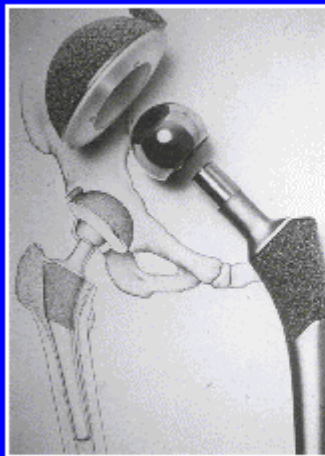


Integrated micro-vibrator provides 10-100 μ W of free power (equivalent to 2340 free DSP operations/sec) [Amirtharajah & Chandrakasan, DISPS99]

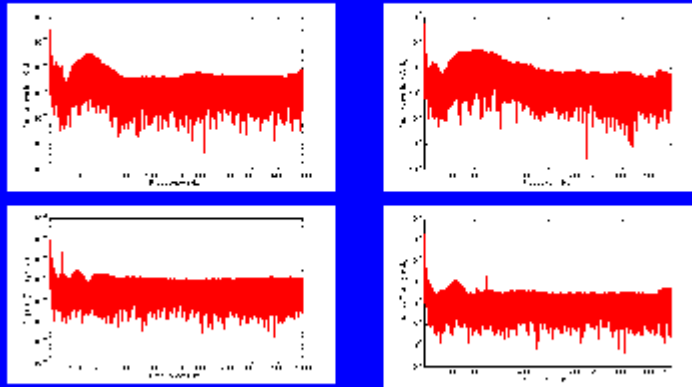
DAMAGE PROGNOSIS SOLUTIONS. . .

- **Require coordinated advances in**
 - Wireless microelectronic sensing technology coupled with embedded microprocessors
 - Tera-scale computer simulations of damage evolution
 - Machine learning and information technology for model compression, large-scale data management, model correlation and probabilistic system life prediction
- **Can only be solved in an environment that promotes multi-disciplinary research.**

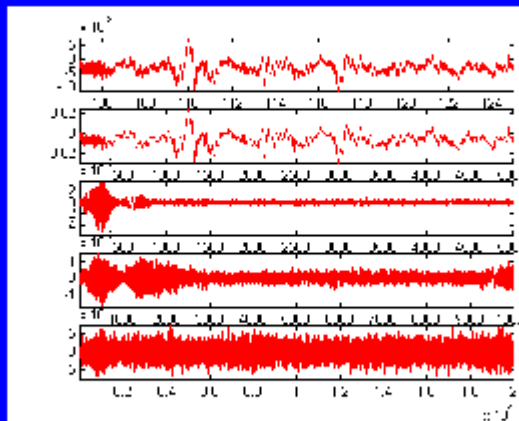
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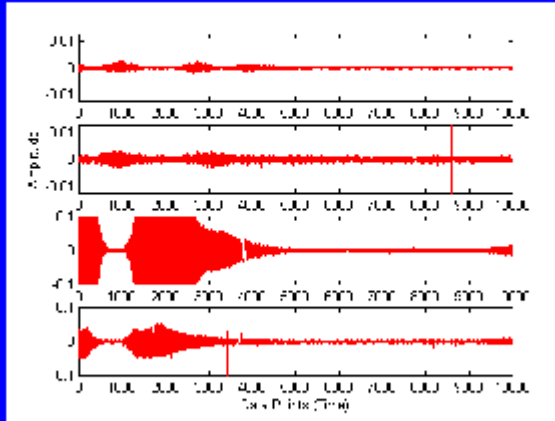
FFT of Loose and Fixed Prostheses



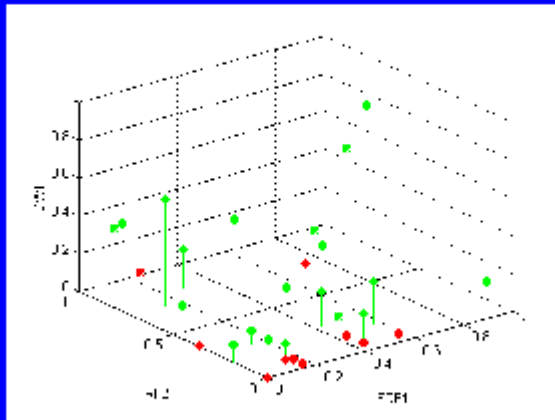
Level 3 DWT decomposition of output signal



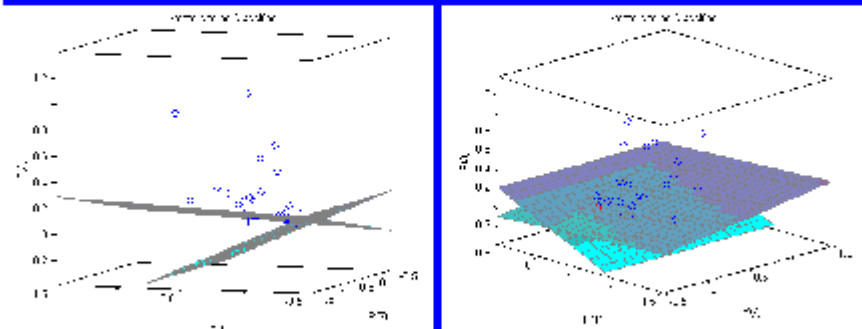
DWT level 1 decompositions for 4 patients



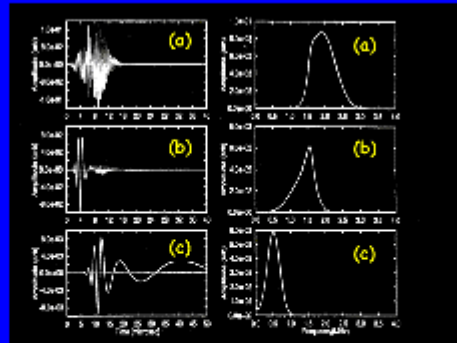
Visualisation of NN input data sets



Neural Network Hyperplanes



Identify Source mechanisms from physical principles



- Predicted differences in signals and spectra generated by
 - (a) fibre breaking
 - (b) matrix cracking
 - (c) shear delamination

Present State vs Future Vision

Usage Monitoring	Damage Prognosis
Time-based maintenance	Condition-based maintenance
Sparse sensing (10's of sensors)	Densely distributed sensing (1000's of sensors)
Prediction by observation and experience	Near-real-time prediction with validated computational models
Data trending	Adaptive data interrogation and model updating
Run to maintenance interval or failure	Predict required maintenance interval or failure

Significant Challenges

- " Sensing: What to measure, how to measure it
 - Densely distributed fault-tolerant micro-sensor technology
 - Reconfigurable and adaptable sensing system
- " Information Technology: Data interrogation and fusion
 - Distributed and adaptive on-board micro-processing
 - Model compression and updating
 - Large-scale data management
- " Predictive Modeling: Damage evolution
 - Evolution of micro-scale damage initiation to system level failure
 - Near-real-time predictive capability capturing relevant mechanics
- " System Integration & Deployment on Real-World Hardware

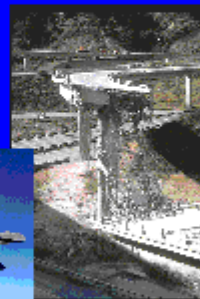


Key Technology Elements

- " **Engineering Mechanics:** Transient Nonlinear Computer Simulation, System Performance Analysis, Damage Evolution Models
- " **Reliability Engineering:** Probabilistic Inferencing, Probabilistic Risk Assessment, Reliability Methods
- " **Electrical Engineering:** MEMS, Wireless Telemetry, Power Management, Integrated Computing Hardware
- " **Computer Science:** Networking, Machine Learning, Computing Hardware Architecture
- " **Information Science:** Data Compression and Communication, Large-Scale Data Management, Signal Processing
- " **Material Science:** Smart Materials, Material Failure Mechanisms, Self-Healing Materials
- " **Statistics and Mathematics:** Statistical Process Control, Model Reduction, Pattern Recognition, Uncertainty Propagation
- " **Systems Engineering:** Requirements Flow-Down, Functionality Analysis, Systems Integration, Control Optimisation, Concurrent Engineering

What next?

- Development of LMDs
- Clean room development of power devices
- Demonstrator using cellular LAN



Summary

- LMD can detect structural changes
 - Has its limitations (excess temperature and vibration)
 - Has wide area of applicability
 - Cheap
 - Fit and forget (?)
 - Useful for determining reliability and crack propagation times.