

Defnding the Defenders with StressWave Monitoring

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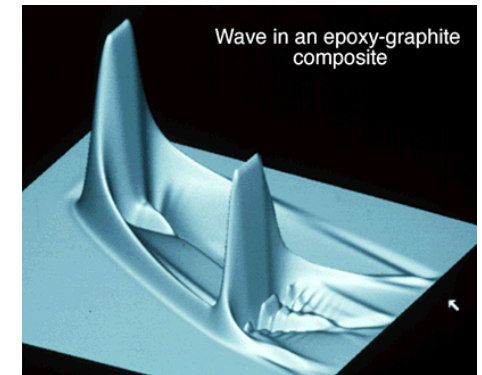
- **Condition-Based Maintenance Plus (CBM+) - What is it?**
- **The CBM+ is a DoD proactive equipment maintenance capability**
 - Uses system health indications to identify and **predict functional failure in advance** of the event
 - Provides the ability to take appropriate action
- **Benefits**
 - Increase **operational availability and readiness** throughout the weapon system life cycle
 - Automation to improve maintenance productivity
 - **Reduce the deployed footprint** required to provide maintenance services to combat units
 - Provide visibility of equipment status needed to implement **anticipatory logistics concepts**



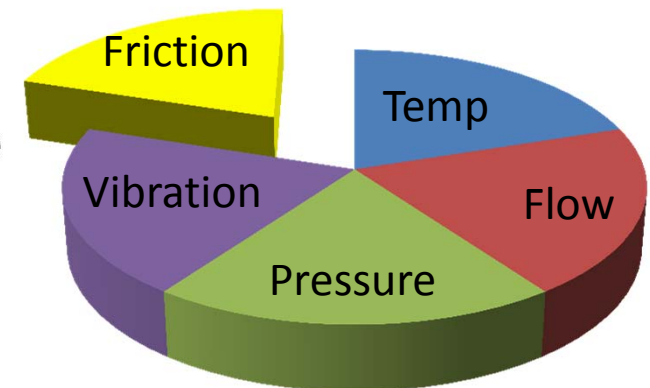
Why is the military interested in StressWave Technology?



- Technology initially demonstrated at U.S. Army Aviation Research and Technology Activity (AFSCOM) Fort Eustis, Virginia on a UH-60 helicopter transmission
- Has been used by the U.S. Navy on LCAC for over 10 years for pre-deployment availability
- Insensitive to operational vibration (e.g. helicopters, ground vehicles)
- Real time condition assessment
- New parameter which can be used to enhance current analysis techniques



Stress Wave Visualization – Virginia Tech



Current Markets Served

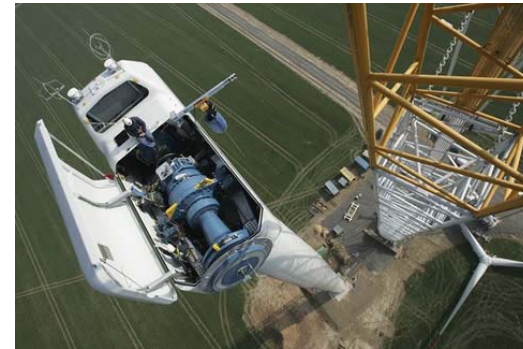
Marine



40 Ocean Liners



Wind Energy



4000 WTGs Serviced

100+ WTG 24/7

Over 10 sites

Process/Oil & Gas



Steel Mill

Chemical

Oil & Gas

Power



Fossil Fuel Nuclear

Military Program Demonstrations



Military Maritime



Hovercraft



Surface Navy

Ground Military



LAV

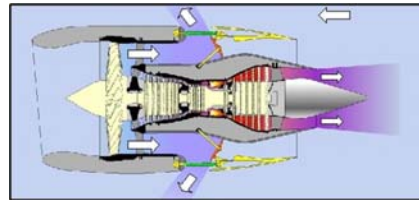


Bradley/Abrams

Air



Tankers



Transport/Cargo

Rotorcraft



Helicopter



Tilt Rotor



Demonstration of a StressWave System in the U.S. Army Helicopter Transmission Test Cell

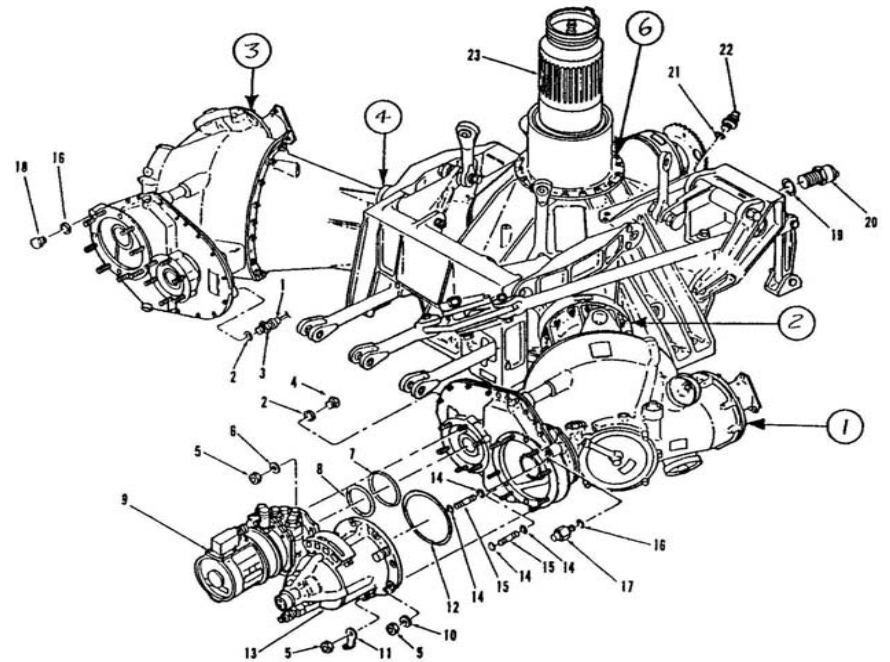


Main Rotor Transmission Testing of StressWaves



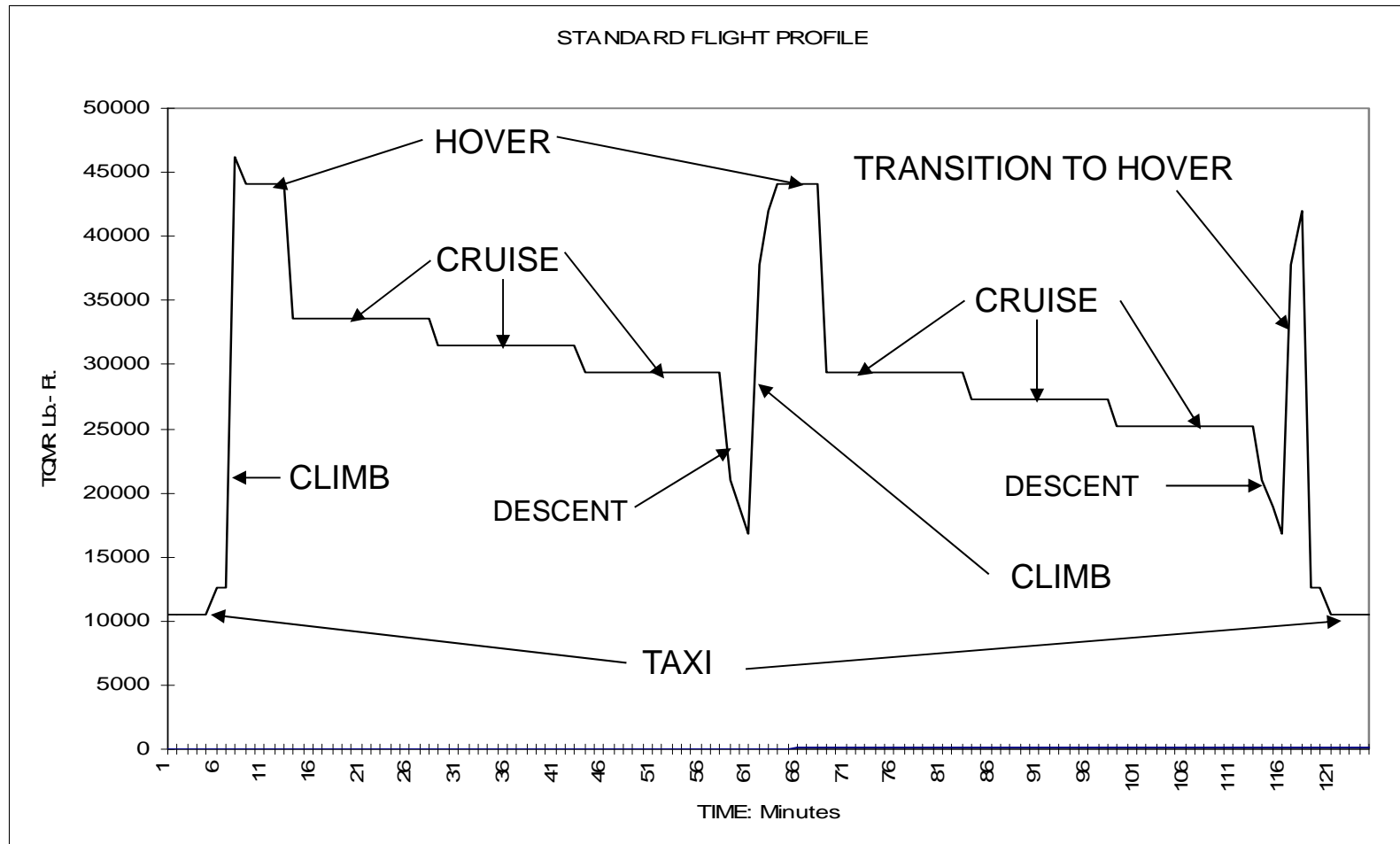
Seeded Faults

- Spalled planet gear rolling element
- Spalled planet gear
- Main Module (MM) Timken bearing spall
- MM input pinion gear spall
- MM input pinion gear broken tooth
- MM input pinion bearing integral race spall
- Input module EDM'd roller bearing
- Input module EDM'd ball bearing
- Input pinion high vibration

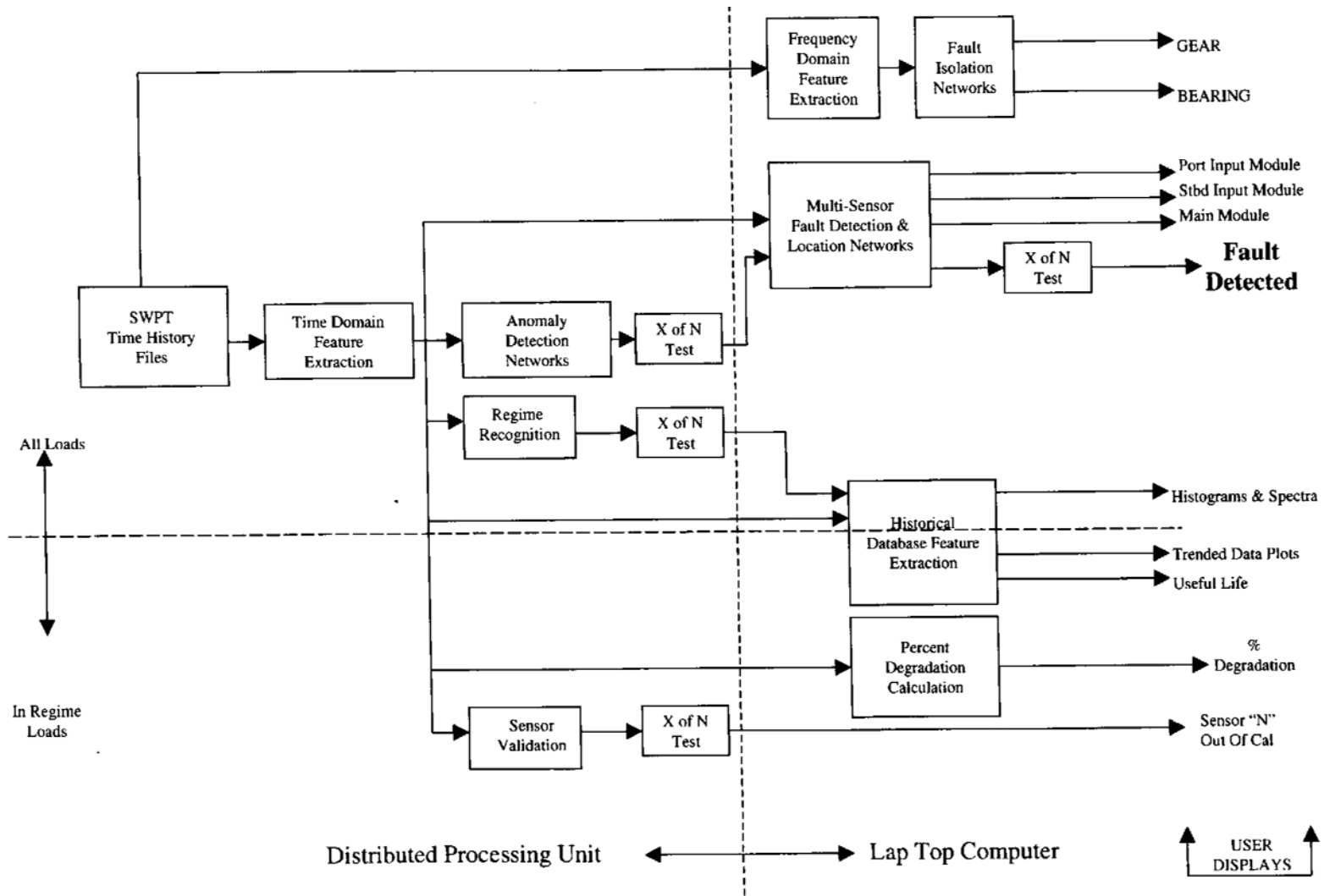


MAIN TRANSMISSION SWAN SENSOR LOCATIONS

Helicopter Standard Flight Profile



Data Fusion Architecture



StressWave System Test Results



| TEST CASE | ADN | | FDN | | FLN | | FIN | |
|--|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|------------|------------|--------|-----------|
| | Actual | Indicated | Actual | Indicated | Actual | Indicated | Actual | Indicated |
| "Best-build " Baseline | OK | OK | OK | OK | | | | |
| Shim survey Baseline | A | A | OK | OK | | | | |
| Spalled planet roller | A | A | F | F | MM | MM | BRG | BRG |
| Spalled tapered roller brg | A | A | F | F | MM | MM | BRG | BRG |
| Tooth spall + broken tooth | A | A | F | F | MM/SIM | MM/SIM | GR | |
| Bearing race spall | A | A | F | F | MM | MM | BRG | BRG |
| Gear spall | A | A | F | F | MM | MM | GR | GR |
| "EDM'd " ball & roller brgs | A | A | F | F | PIM/SIM | | BRG | BRG/GR |
| "EDM'd " ball & roller brgs plus planet gear tooth fault | A | A | F | F | PIM/SIM/MM | SIM/MM | BRG/GR | BRG |
| "EDM'd " ball & roller brgs plus "metal maker " MM | A | A | F | F | PIM/SIM/MM | PIM/SIM/MM | BRG | BRG |

Example of Deployed StressWave System in the U.S. Navy Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC)



Importance of LCAC Worldwide Operations



Navy ACV Operational Relevance



Jan'05 Tsunami Relief



Mar'03 Iraqi Freedom



Jan'10 Haiti Relief



Jul'06 Beirut Evacuation

How does the Navy use StressWaves?

- **The U.S. Navy uses a portable StressWave System with deployments in Little Creek, VA and Camp Pendleton, CA**
- **The system monitors each of the four (4) main engine gearboxes, the (2) forward offset gearboxes and the two (2) aft offset gearboxes**
- **Testing is performed at the following intervals**
 - Initial gearbox baseline condition assessment
 - Seventy-five (75) hour intervals of operation
 - Sixty (60) days prior to deployment
 - Sixty (60) days prior to induction into the Service Life Extension Program (SLEP) or the Fleet Modernization Program (FMP)

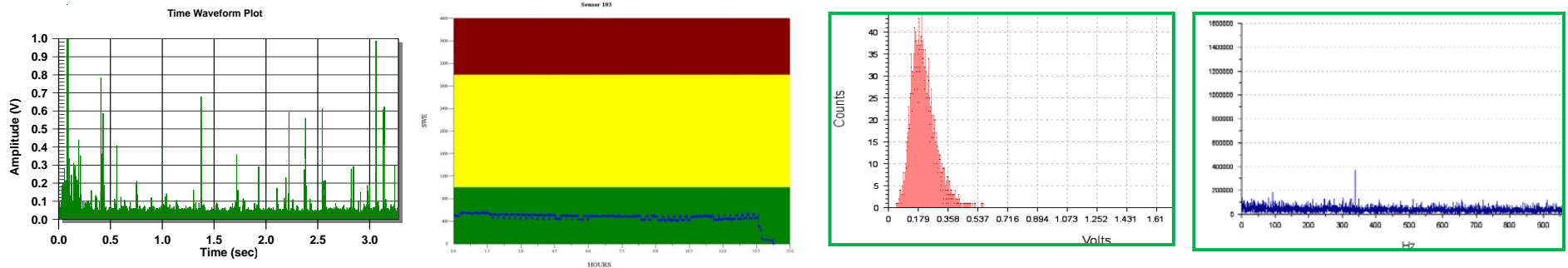


Portable StressWave System

Navy StressWave Data Analysis



- Data Analysis is then performed on the StressWave Energy (SWE) data, Voltage Distribution (Histogram) data and Frequency Spectra (Fast Fourier Transform - FFT) data



- Results of the analysis determine if gearbox removal and replacement is warranted

CONCLUSION

- The Navy has found a number of issues using the StressWave System which would have resulted in critical failures during deployment and operations putting personnel and equipment at risk

SPS-49 Health Evaluation Case Study



SWAN sensors were attached to the machine surface via epoxy on type mounts at various locations providing a structural path between the sensor and the machine component being monitored. SWANview system configuration was achieved on a known good SPS-49 unit for both the Elevation and Azimuth Drives, and then two units of questionable condition were subsequently tested. A determination was easily made that the EL drive and AZ drive of one of the questionable units was failing as compared to the known good unit without disassembly of the units.

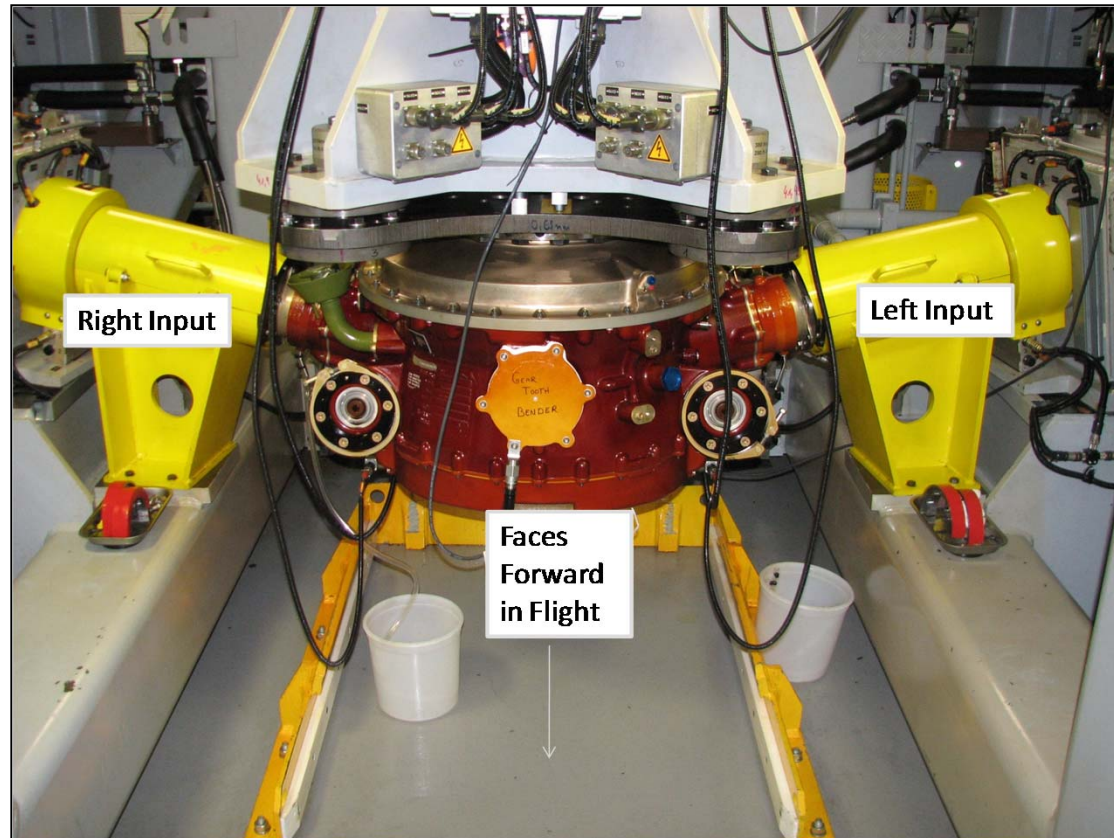
SPS – 49 Elevation and Azimuth Drive Systems – Case Study



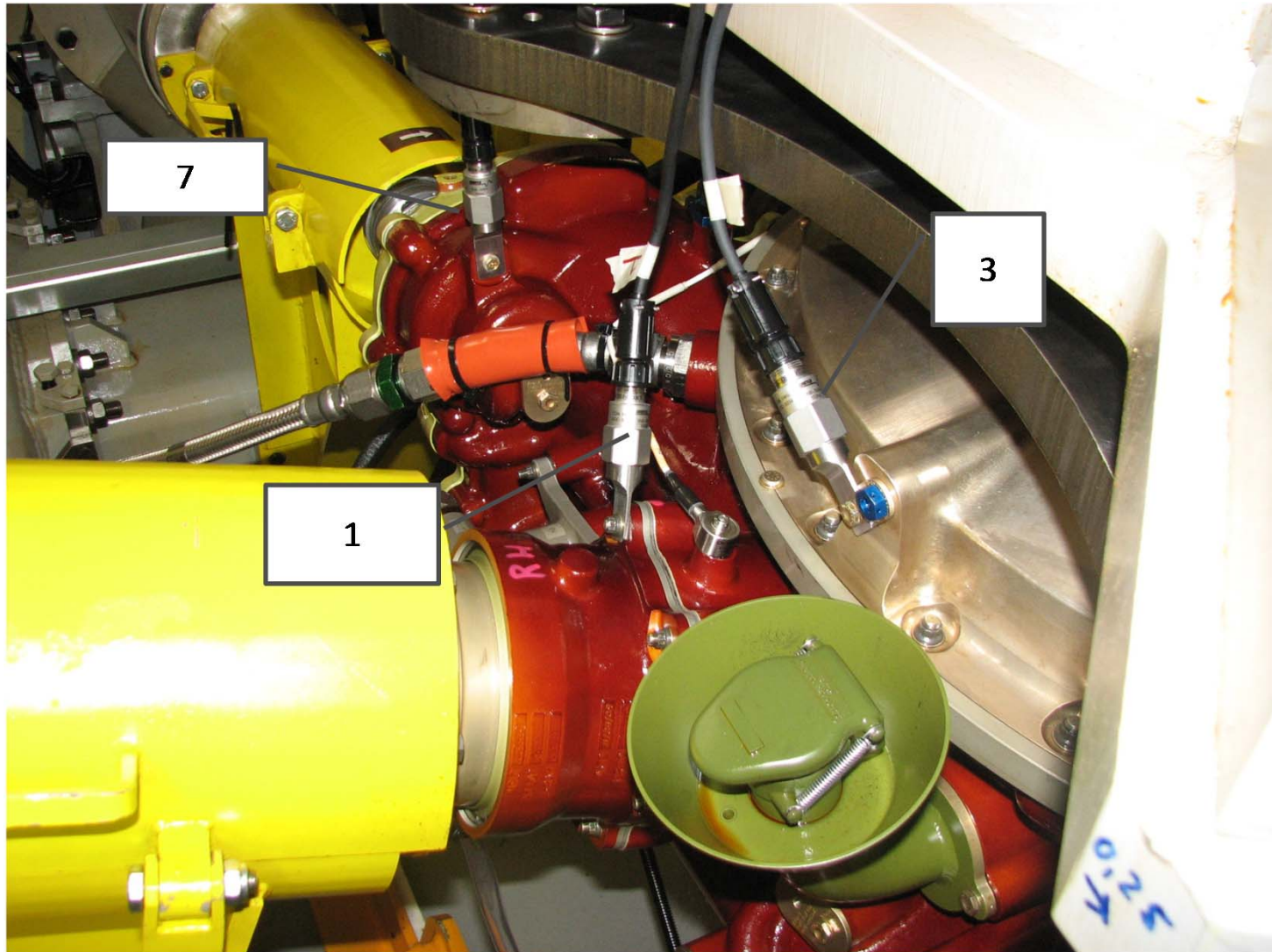
EL & AZ Gear Box Sensors



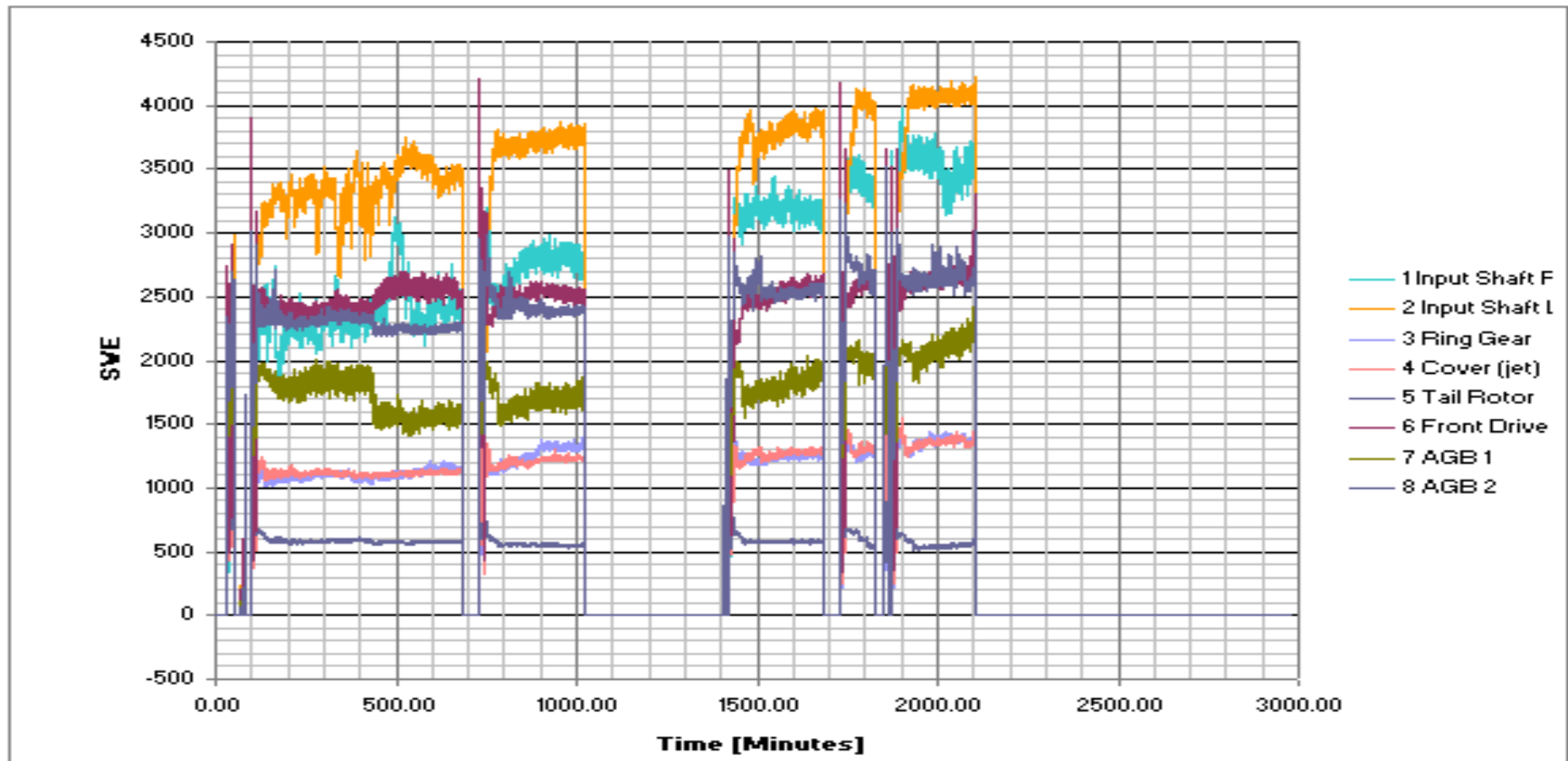
Safety Demonstration of StressWave System in new Helicopter Transmission



Example Sensor Placement



StressWave Operating History Comparison



Increasing and/or erratic SWE trends are signs of increasing contact stresses and imminent or existing damage

Predictive Trend in SWE



SWE increases significantly and consistently over three days prior to critical operational failure

FFT Plots



Significant increases in the amplitude and number of both synchronous and asynchronous periodic friction/shock events throughout test. Significant growth of pinion 1/rev & harmonics are a particular concern.



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14 Dec @ 18:10

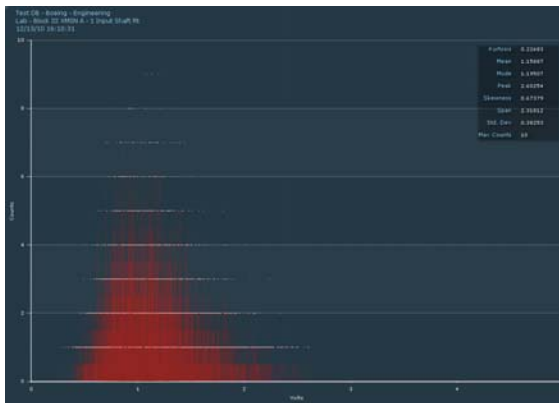


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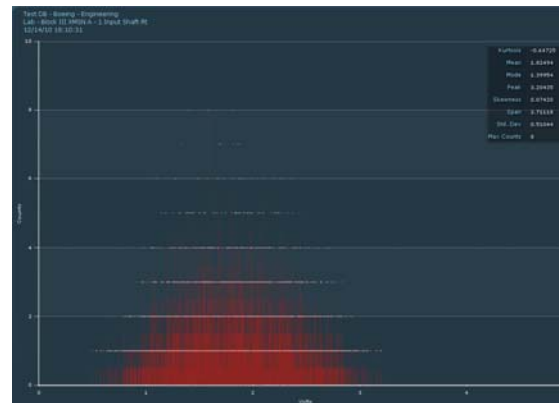
Peak Amplitude Histograms



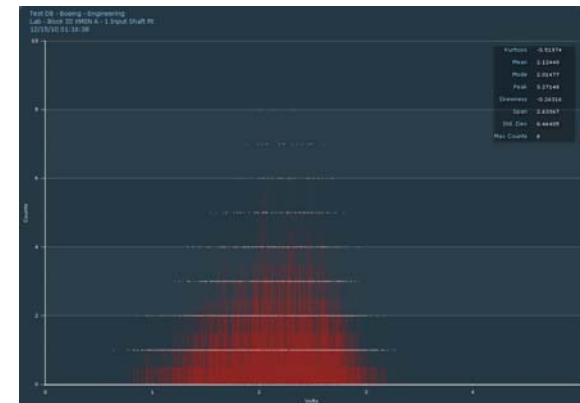
Decreasing kurtosis, and skewness changes from positive, through 0, to negative, are signs of increasing dynamic contact stresses.



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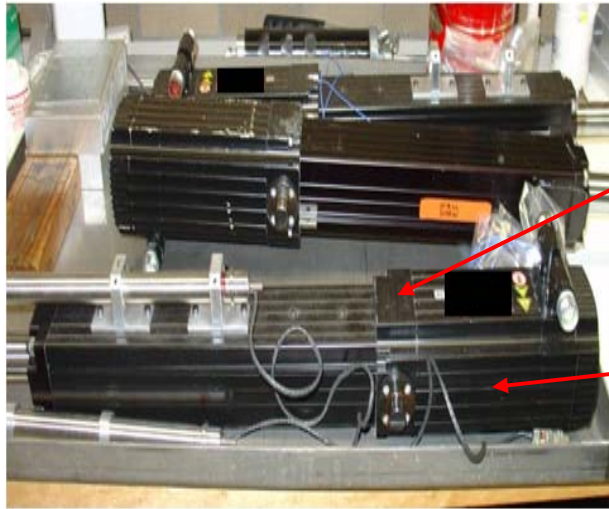


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Electro-Mechanical Actuators (EMAs)

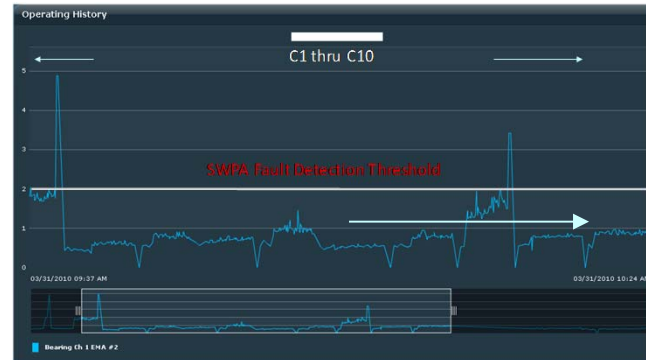
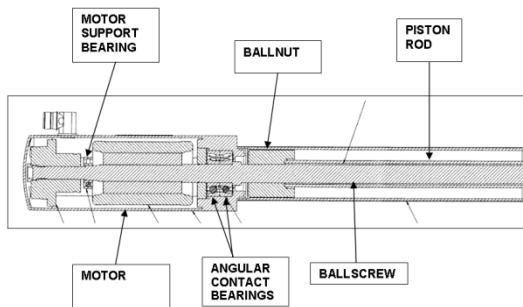


Bearing Ch 1 was epoxy mounted (using a flange mount) here

Motor Ch 2 was epoxy mounted (using a circular stud mount) here

Seeded Fault Testing

- Good
- Bad Bearing
- Bad Ballscrew



HEALTHY EMA



BEARING DEFECT

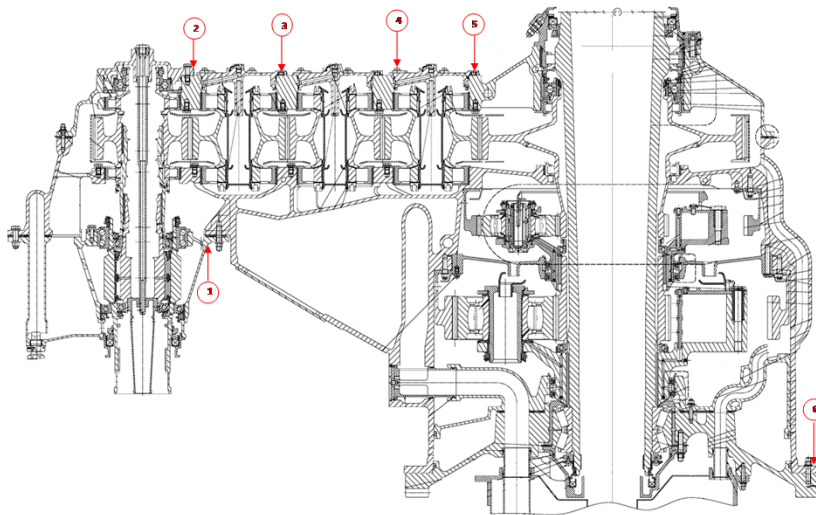


BALL SCREW DEFECT

V-22 Prop Rotor Gear Box (PRGB)



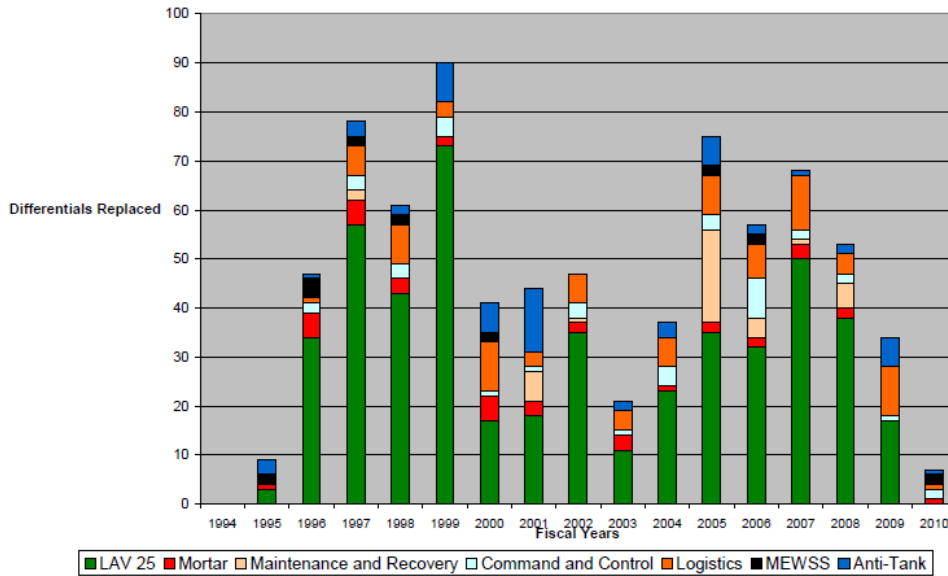
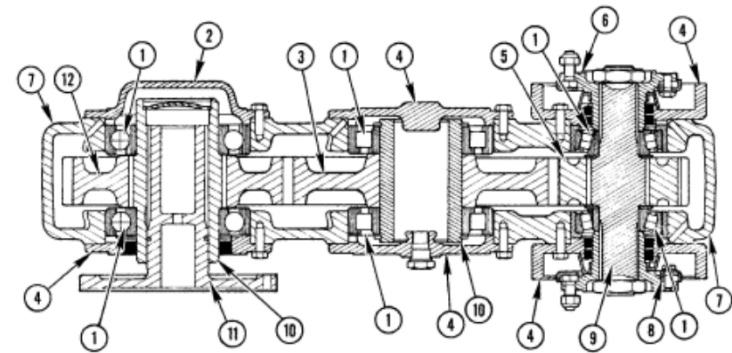
- Gearbox Oil Debris & Component Defect
- Green Run Testing – Reduce Production Costs
- Test Stand Monitoring
- Future On-board application for safety/availability



USMC LAV Differentials



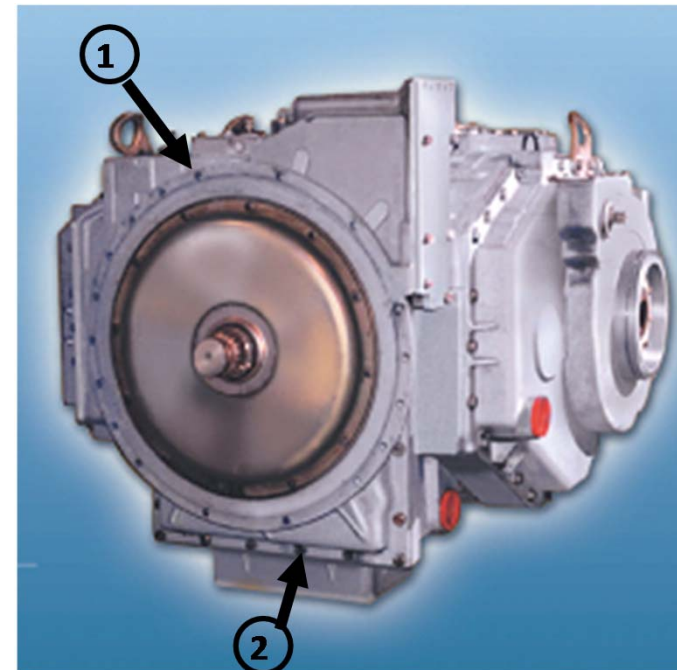
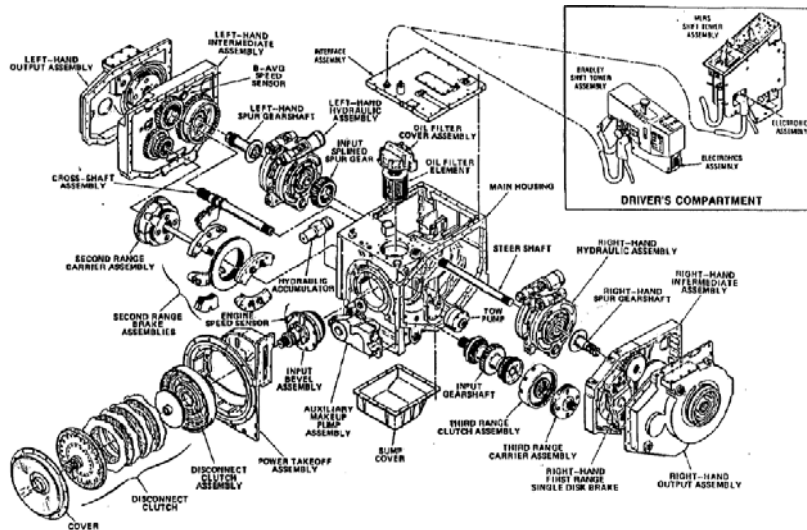
- Lubrication and Failure Prediction
- Water and Sand Debris in Differentials cause early failures
- Constant Oil Analysis not cost effective



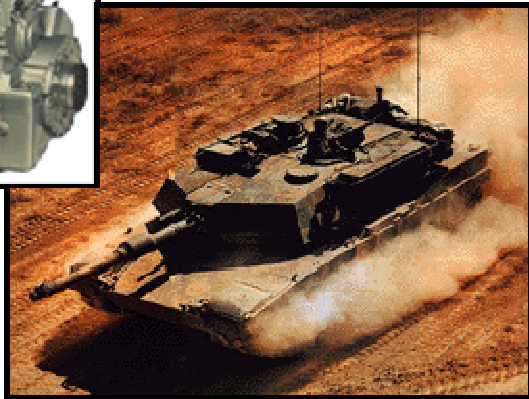
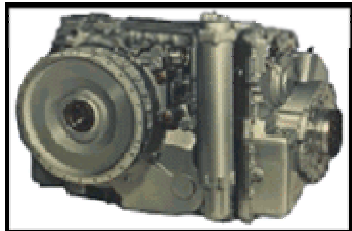
Bradley Transmissions



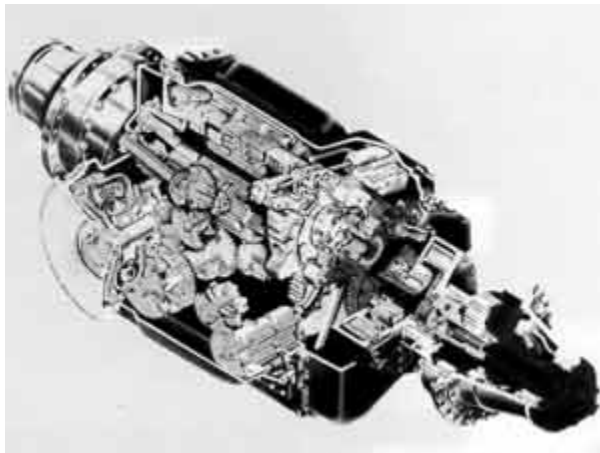
- Life Tests - Transmission Failures
- Data collection on transmissions during HALT Testing



Abrams Engine & Transmission



M1A1 Photo courtesy of General Dynamics Land Systems.



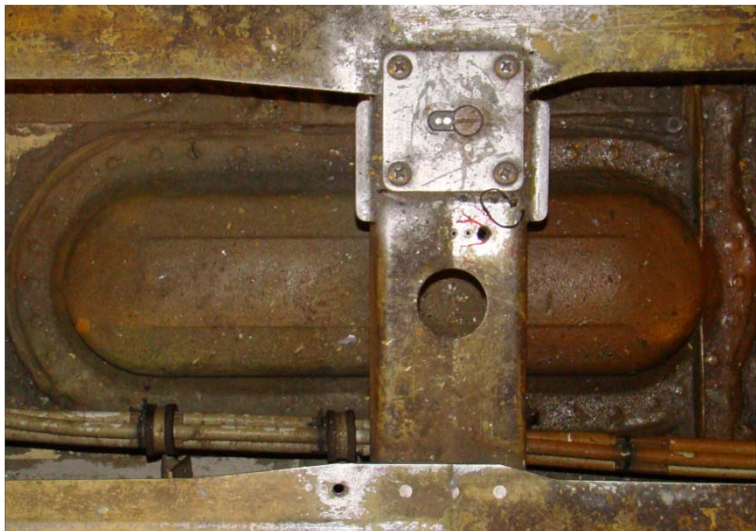
- Funding to support business case and testing at Aberdeen

| 2006 | | M1A2 Abrams | | |
|---|----------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| <i>Top 10 Repairables by Total Cost</i> | | | | |
| Nomenclature | Consumer | Qty. | Cost | Per Mile |
| ENGINE,GAS TURBINE, | 256,431 | 291 | \$74,621,426.28 | \$134.84 |
| TRANSMISSION,HYDRAULIC | 59,121 | 137 | \$8,099,632.01 | \$14.64 |
| WHEEL,SOLID RUBBER | 315 | 6,964 | \$2,190,819.00 | \$3.96 |
| FUEL SYSTEM ASSEMBLY | 10,421 | 165 | \$1,719,406.66 | \$3.11 |
| ELECTRONIC UNIT,FIR | 46,696 | 31 | \$1,447,590.18 | \$2.62 |
| SIGHT UNIT | 48,491 | 26 | \$1,260,766.57 | \$2.28 |
| GENERATOR,ENGINE AC | 7,547 | 269 | \$2,030,223.53 | \$3.67 |
| HEATER,VEHICULAR,CO | 4,309 | 230 | \$991,139.68 | \$1.79 |
| AZIMUTH DRIVE ASSEMBLY | 11,913 | 77 | \$917,324.29 | \$1.66 |
| COOLER-DEWAR GROUP | 17,305 | 52 | \$899,843.79 | \$1.63 |

Tanker Fuel Bladder

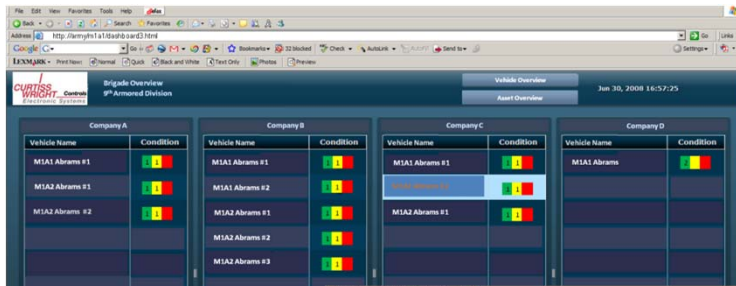


- Fuel Bladder separates in flight and leaks fuel
- Need non-intrusive technology outside fuel vapor

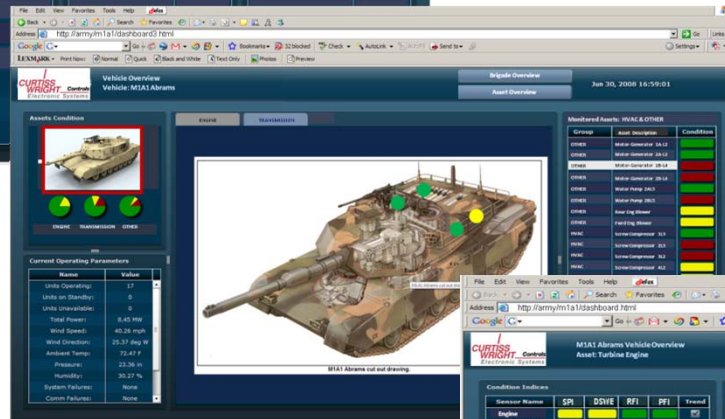


Fleet Management for Condition Based Maintenance

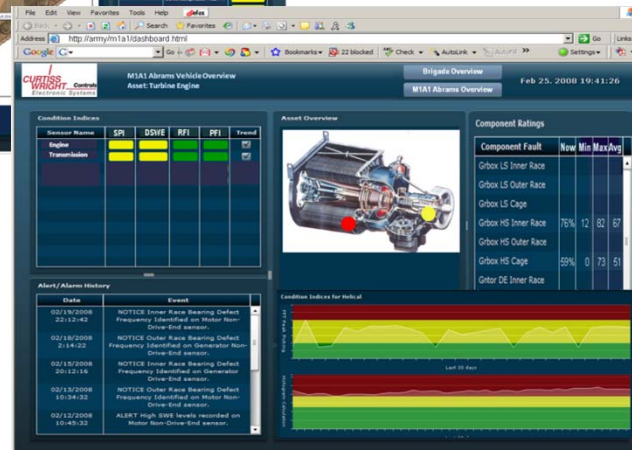
Brigade Level Status



Vehicle Level Status



Engine/Transmission Level Status



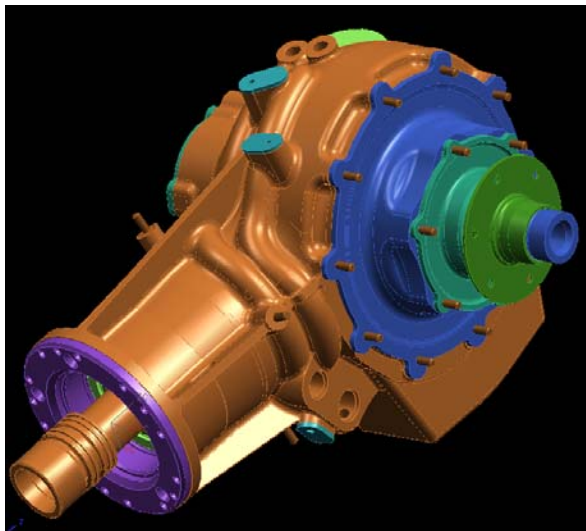
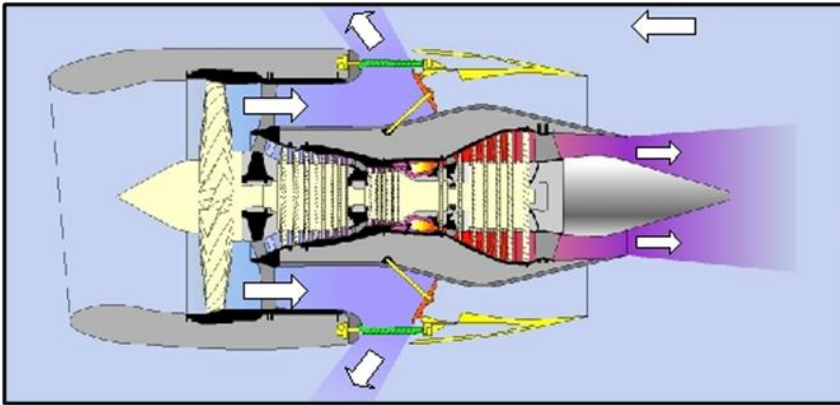
Brigade Overview:
Multiple user-defined regions
Unlimited sites per region
Unlimited assets per site
Huge asset density on one page

Greater Detail

Greater Density

Vehicle Overview:
User defined asset categories
Multiple user-defined sub-areas
Unlimited assets per site
All assets on one page if desired

Projects in Progress





Questions?

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