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High-rate Structural Health Monitoring: Part-I Introduction & Data

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Motivation – Air Force

Air Force Weapon Components – Extreme Mechanical Environments



Input Characteristics

- Repeated shocks
- Multiaxial
- Short rise time/high frequency
- Short & Long duration





Definition – High Rate Dynamics

A dynamic response from:

- high-rate (< 100 ms) and
- high-amplitude (acceleration > 100 g_n) event such as a blast or impact.

High-rate dynamics contains:

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- Large **uncertainties** in the external loads;
- 2. High levels of **non-stationarities** [in the structure] and heavy disturbances;
- 3. Unmodeled dynamics from changes in system configuration.



Blast against civil structures



High Speed aircraft and airframes



Automotive impact and crashes



Lightning Strikes on aircraft

Hong, J. et.al. Introduction to state estimation of high-rate system dynamics. Sensors, 18(2):217, Jan 2018.





Definition – "High Rate" Timescales

The high-rate structural health monitoring problem has multiple time-scales to address:

| Time scales of | Time Scales | Examples |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---|
| duration of the event | $30 \mu s - 100 ms$ | Structural loading - blast, high-speed impact, automotive crash |
| sensor response | 3 μs – 10 μs | Accelerometer, strain gage, etc. |
| different physical behavior regimes | 250 μs – 1 sec | Energy propagation, structural resonance |
| algorithm execution and decision- | 100 μs – 1 ms | Damage detection, uncertainty quantification, state |
| making | | awareness, decision making |

We have defined **3 timescale regimes** for the time elapsed between event detection and decision-making (i.e. latency):

- 1. High-Rate 1 ms Current Goal
- 2. Very High-Rate 100 μs
- 3. Ultra High-Rate 1 μs





Technical Challenges of HR-SHM

Goal: Determine the condition of a structural system and make system decisions in *less than a millisecond*, while the structure sustains unknown/unmeasured, high-magnitude, and short-duration impacts

Technical Challenges:

Adequate Sensing

Need to achieve multiresolution (time, space, and frequency) sensing awareness

Lack of System Knowledge

Need to [partially] understand physics and approximate dynamics for *structural awareness*

High Variability and Uncertainty in Loading

Due to unmodeled dynamics occurring during high-rate dynamics; Need to be able to establish environmental awareness

Limited resources for algorithm implementation

Need to identify algorithms and hardware for 1 ms timescales while maintaining energy awareness





Technical Objectives and Approaches to enable HR-SHM

To achieve...

Sensing Awareness:

- Non-inertial and non-contact sensing methods
- Full field sensing algorithms and data fusion, contextual-artificial intelligence approaches

Structural & Environment Awareness:

- Physics-enhanced machine learning (PEML) models
- Real-time fusion of high-speed dynamic data augmented by model-based data
 - Model reduction and model-updating (offline and real-time) approaches
- Uncertainty quantification (UQ) methods to enable decisions connected to confidences

Energy Awareness:

- Cognitive sensing configuring sensors and hardware to measure at various timescales
 - Combining both hardware and software to enable high-rate executions

System Development

- Experimental Validation for high-rate algorithms
 - Suite of experimental data sets and apparatus for different aspects of the dynamics







Summary

There is a need for High-Rate Structural Health monitoring (HR-SHM), structural prognostics, and real-time decision making for both military and commercial applications.

HR-SHM should target 1 ms timescales from event detection to decision-making (current goal)

Summary of Technical Objectives and Needs are:

| Technical Objectives | Technical Challenges/Needs | |
|----------------------------|--|--|
| Sensing Awareness | Adequate Sensing | |
| Structural Awareness | System Knowledge Understanding | |
| Environment Awareness | High Variability in Loading | |
| Energy Awareness | Limited Resources for Algorithm Implementation | |
| System Development | Experimental Validation | |
| Risk-based Decision Making | High-Rate Uncertainty Quantification | |





High-rate Structural Monitoring, Damage Detection, Prognostics, and Reactions Working Group



http://www.me.sc.edu/Research/Downey/high rate working group.html



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Novel Variable Input Observer for High-Rate State Estimation

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Nonlinear Force Identification and Localization for External Forces

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Real-time Impact Load Identification for Nonlinear Dynamical Systems

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Real-Time State Monitoring for Air Force Structures

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Multiscale SHM using Data-Driven Methods

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Prognosis of Damage Using Uncertainty- Quantified Failure Forecast Method

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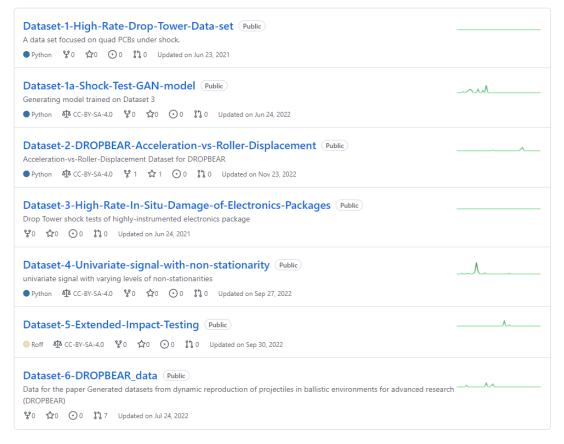


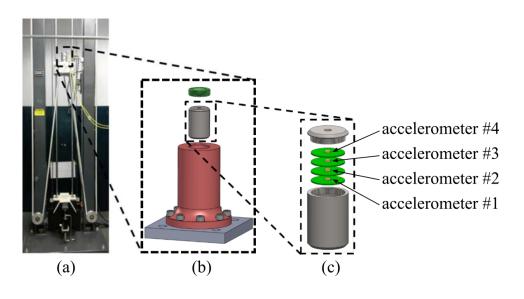


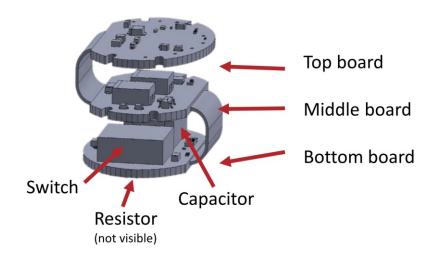
Common Datasets - a Method for Collaboration



github.com/High-Rate-SHM-Working-Group



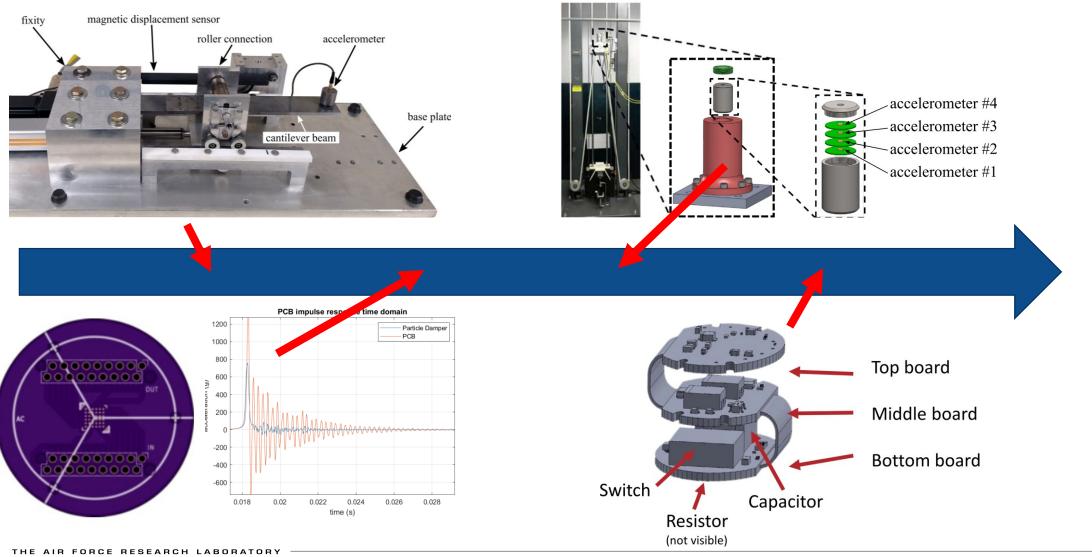








Datasets of Varying Complexity







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- Summer Internship Program
- 8-10 weeks

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- 1-2 Years

Structural Dynamics and Instrumentation of Electronic Systems

http://nrc58.nas.edu/RAPLab10/Opportunity/Opportunity.aspx?LabCode=13&ROPCD=134502&RONum=C0147



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https://afsffp.sysplus.com/





