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Key:  
* Multiple Memberships
Smart Vehicle Concepts Center
National Science Foundation Industry-University Cooperative Research Center (IUCRC)

Cooperative Center Concept - IUCRC
• Encourages collaborative research
• Focuses on pre-competitive research
• Projects driven and mentored by Industry
• Evaluator appointed by NSF to ensure quality control

SVC Mission
• Conduct basic and applied research, with application to ground and aerospace vehicle components and systems
• Build an unmatched base of research, engineering education, and technology transfer
• Develop well-trained engineers and researchers (at the undergraduate, MS, and PhD levels)

Industrial Advisory Board
• IAB consists of one representative from each member company.
• The board is responsible for evaluating current research thrusts, suggesting new opportunities, evaluating center operations, and matching center capabilities with unfilled research needs.
• IAB holds two meetings each year during the SVC review meetings.

Membership Fee Structure

**The Ohio State University**
• $40K/year - Full Membership (One vote per full membership; access to all Center projects)
• $14K/year - Affiliates (Access to one ongoing project only; no voting or intellectual property rights)

Leveraging: Membership fee, when combined with cost-sharing and NSF money, gives members access to over $750K per year of research

Additional Project Fee Schedule to Ensure a Guaranteed (Solo) Project

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For further details: [https://svc.engineering.osu.edu/membership](https://svc.engineering.osu.edu/membership)

SVC Core Faculty

Prof. Marcelo Dapino
Expertise: Smart materials; nonlinear coupled systems, design, control

Prof. Jen-Ping Chen
Expertise: Computational fluid dynamics simulation and coding; turbulence modeling; turbomachinery

Prof. Hanna Cho
Expertise: Nonlinear NEMS/MEMS; AFM cantilever dynamics; multi-functional ferroelectric material energy systems; nano- and bio-science

Prof. Vicky Doan-Nguyen
Expertise: Synthesis; in-situ structural characterization; smart materials; advanced materials for energy storage/conversion

Prof. Ryan Harne
Expertise: Vibration/noise damping, energy harvesting/transfer, sensing

Prof. David Hoelzle
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Prof. Rajendra Singh
Expertise: Noise & vibration control, geared systems, nonlinear dynamics, DSP

Prof. Vishnu Sundaresan
Expertise: Piezoelectric materials, active polymers, bio-derived materials

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Dr. Nicholas Mastricola
Prof. Scott Noll
Prof. Soheil Soghrati
Dr. Prasant Vijayaraghavan
## New Research Matrix for Phase III

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<th>Thrust</th>
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** Pending proposals
Technology Summary

- Smart materials produce high force, high frequency, low displacement motion
- Hydraulic fluid is used to rectify motion to create large displacement and high force
- Frequency response of existing mechanical one-way fluid valves is a limiting factor

Applications/Benefits

Advantages over traditional linear actuators:
- No need for separate pump/fluid lines
- Few moving parts
- Fast response
- High power-to-weight ratio

Plan

- Investigate valve designs to improve high frequency operation:
  - Reed-type mechanical valves
  - Micro-machined valve array
  - Active valve concepts
- Design, model, and test progressively miniaturized actuator designs to reduce system compliance and inertance

Project leader: Marcelo Dapino (dapino.1@osu.edu)
Project Initiated by Moog Inc.
Project # 20: Development of an Interfacial Force Sensing System
(Sub-Project # 20C: Characterization of Pump Bearing Surfaces)

Motivation
- Pump hydrostatic and boundary lubricated surfaces are poorly understood
- Knowledge of multidimensional force transmissibility through a pump’s bearings interface is vital for dynamic modeling and vibration reduction

Goals and Expected Benefits
- Static and dynamic measurements will improve system level modeling
- Understanding the lubrication regimes will be helpful in developing better math models
- Estimation of interfacial forces will lead to better efficiency and durability and reduced NVH concerns
- Characterization of the lubrication regimes will be helpful in developing math models

Problem Formulation
- Determine the nature of the lubrication regimes
- Conduct dynamic characterization experiments
- Model bearing interfaces using first principles
- Develop an improved bearing model in multi-body dynamic software
- Compare prediction with measurements

Analytical and Experimental Methods
- Determine lubrication regime on bearing surfaces via pressure and acceleration measurements conditions
- Analytical models will be used to understand the physics and identify the system
- Use commercial multi-body dynamics software to model the bearing system and tune its parameters

Project Leaders: Raj Singh (singh.3@osu.edu) and Jason Dreyer (dreyer.24@osu.edu)
Project Initiated by Eaton Corporation
Project # 31A: Ultrasonic Friction Control

Technology Summary

- **Ultrasonic lubrication**: the coefficient of dynamic friction between two surfaces decreases when ultrasonic vibrations are superimposed to the sliding velocity

- This form of friction reduction is “solid state” and requires no greases or oils

- **Piezoelectric actuators** can be used to create ultrasonic vibrations

- The objective is to modulate the friction coefficient between “high friction” (off state) and “low friction” (on state) by driving the actuator at different voltages

Application/Benefits

- Adaptive seat belt system capable of providing **superior safety and comfort, reduced mass, simpler operation and more flexible design**

- Using smart materials to continuously measure and control the loading force can help design **active systems with feedback control**

- The friction control concept is applicable to a wide range of traditional problems where lubricants are not feasible and future applications with **active friction control as an enabling technology**

Plan

- Create a **proof-of-concept experiment** to fundamentally analyze and demonstrate ultrasonic lubrication at high speeds and high normal forces

- Demonstrate the principle of active friction control on a **tabletop seat belt system**

- Analyze and understand the dependence of friction on **system** parameters

- **Analytical modeling** of friction behavior in the presence of ultrasonic vibrations

Project leader: Marcelo Dapino (dapino.1@osu.edu)
Project Initiated by Honda R&D Americas and NASA Glenn
Laser Vibrometer

Features:
- **Non-contact out-of-plane velocity measurement**
- Scans to measure vibration of entire structure
- “Small” and “large” structures (mm² to m² scale)
- Measurements on complex shapes, ultrasonic devices, red-hot components
- **Geometry scan unit** to acquire 3D geometry and output to CAD software
- 4 analog inputs
- **Bandwidth:** up to 1 MHz
- **Velocity:** 1 cm/s to 20 m/s

Dynamic Testing of UAM Al-Galfenol Composites

Experimental setup
- UAM composite of Al containing Galfenol (a magnetostrictive material)
- Composite cantilevered within a magnetic circuit
- Modal analysis conducted on active cantilever beam under multiple bias magnetic fields

Challenges
- Composite response expected to be nonlinear; **complex models** required to extract full beam response from single point measurement
- Ability of fixture to produce cantilever condition unknown
- Many single point measurements required

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Change in modal frequencies due to applied magnetic field (constant current to coils)

Test Specimen

Geometry Scanning Module

Scanning Head

Instrumentation Cabinet

Project Leader: Marcelo Dapino (dapino.1@osu.edu)
Project Initiated by Honda R&D
**Background and Objective**

**Objective:** Develop 3D model for ultrasonic lubrication under speed and stress conditions found in metal forming processes

- **Ultrasonic lubrication:** coefficient of dynamic friction between two surfaces decreases when **ultrasonic vibrations** are superimposed to the macroscopic sliding velocity
- This form of friction reduction is "**solid state**" and requires no greases or oils
- We use a **piezoelectric actuator** to create ultrasonic vibrations.
- Modulate the friction coefficient between "high friction" (off state) and "low friction" (on state) by driving the actuator at different voltages

**Literature Review**

- **Working piece**
  - Superposition effect
  - Acoustic softening
  - Swaging effect
  - Metallurgical properties
  - Change of friction coefficient
  - Reverting friction vector

- **Interface between tool & Working piece**
  - Tri-axial stress
  - Rise in temperature locally and generally
  - Oxide, separation, hardening of surface, melting of asperities
  - Changing the magnitude of the friction forces over time

- **Friction**
  - Reducing the damage of the working piece
  - Reducing drawing force

- **Drawing force**

- **Tool life**

- **Ultrasonic Assisted Metal Forming**
  - US Welder
  - Laser sensor
  - Waveguide
  - Acorn nut
  - Disc
  - Chuck
  - Turntable
  - Motor

- **Experiments**
  - Ultrasonic lubrication was tested between stainless steel pin and stainless steel disc under stress (31-35 MPa) and speed (266 mm/s) conditions found in metal forming

**Examples of Ultrasonic Metal Forming**

- **Sheet rolling**
  - Severdenko et al. (1974)

- **Wire drawing**
  - Murakawa et al. (2001)

- **Compressing**
  - Siddiq and Ghassemieh (2008)

**Project Leader:** Marcelo Dapino (dapino.1@osu.edu)

**Project Initiated by Honda R&D**
Project # 40:
Modeling & Characterization of Passive & Adaptive Bushings & Mounts
(Sub-Project # 40A: Rubber Bushings)

Motivation

- Complexity in Modeling Bushing Properties
  - Geometry
  - Static and Dynamic Loadings
  - Multi-axis coupling
  - Transient / Steady State
  - Static Pre-loading
  - Material / Manufacturing
  - Assembly issues
- Hysteresis
- Strain-rate Dependence
- Dynamic Amplitude / Frequency Dependence

Experimental Component Study

- Both frequency and time domain characterization of bushings, including amplitude-sensitive and frequency-dependent properties
  - Static load-deflection
  - Harmonic input (1 – 50 Hz)
  - Step-up and step-down inputs
  - Different controlled mean and dynamic displacements (strains)
- 3 Different size specimens
- 9 Material compositions
- 3 Loading directions

Objectives

- Develop improved multi-dimensional linear and nonlinear dynamic models for elastomeric bushings (in both frequency and time domains)
- Develop and conduct systematic experimental characterization procedures to extract bushing parameters and validate dynamic models
- Examine the preloads effects and coupling between axial, radial and torsional stiffness elements
- Use models to examine geometric scaling and material considerations in bushing design
- Understand and quantify testing error
- Investigate feature / shape effects within components

Alternate Component-Level Models

- Multiple linear and nonlinear models have been developed and evaluated
- Multiple dimensional properties and coupling effects have been investigated analytically, computational, and experimentally

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Project Initiated by Honda R&D, TRC, F.tech R&D, Tenneco, & Ford
Motivation:
• Passive or adaptive hydro bushing can satisfy both motion control and vibration isolation requirements
• Many features of hydro bushings are described in patents but no analytical justifications are provided
• Very few scholarly articles on this topic are available
• Most hydro bushing designs are based on linear system principles, though their dynamic properties are highly frequency dependent and amplitude sensitive
• Apply expertise gained from recent SVC research on hydraulic mounts (SVC # 3 and #20A)

Project Goals:
• Develop new models of hydro bushings
• Propose improved characterization methods
• Develop new adaptive concepts

Research Plans:
• Develop linear models of hydro bushings with two flow passages
• Investigate static and dynamic properties of production bushings
• Conduct experimental studies on a new prototype and validate linear models in frequency domain
• Conduct time domain experiments and analysis
  • Develop quasi-linear (spectrally-variant properties) and nonlinear models (stopper and flow passage nonlinearities)
  • Explore adaptive bushing design concepts

Recent Results:
• Significant frequency and amplitude dependence are observed from measured dynamic stiffness and examined by analytical models
• Narrow/broad band tuning can be achieved by adjusting the combinations of flow passages

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Project Initiated by Honda R&D, TRC, F.tech R&D, Tenneco, & Ford
Project # 40:
Modeling & Characterization of Passive & Adaptive Bushings & Mounts
(Sub-Project # 40C – Subframe Dynamics)

Motivation:
Automotive elastomeric joints are used extensively to accommodate relative movement between metal parts and absorb shocks. Subframes are formed in complicated shapes that must be lightweight, high strength and compact. Subsystem designs must balance the competing needs for:

- Noise, Vibration, and Harshness
- Ride and Handling
- Durability

Benchmark Stiffness Coupling Experiments:

Joint Identification Using Inverse Method:

Joint Identification Using Inverse Method:

Joint measured

Estimate joint dynamic properties

Estimate joint mode shape

Finite element model structure (unconstrained)

Lab experiment with structural system (constrained)

Laboratory experiment with structure (unconstrained)

Measurement of forces and responses

Incomplete modal parameter estimation

Estimate modal damping ratio

Recent Results: Elastic Beam with Viscoelastic Supports

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Project # 40:
Modeling & Characterization of Passive & Adaptive Bushings & Mounts
(Sub-Project # 40D: Hybrid Modeling Methods)

Motivation:

Seeking to understand the sensitivity between rear subframe (including its modifications and end supports) and the sound pressure from within the vehicle compartment.

Potential Benefits:

- Improve target setting for NVH.
- Improve subframe design and performance.
- Minimize prototype iterations.
- Improve modeling capability.

FRF Based Substructuring:

Uncoupled System

Coupled System

Flexible Connection Matrix (Bushing or Mount)

Problem Formulation:

Substructure A Test-based model
Substructure B FE based model

*Combine Substructures A ⊗ B = C System Model

Recent Results:

Discrepancy suspected due to lack of rotational constraint in connection model

Sound Pressure Sensitivity dB re 1 Pa / N

- Particular components may be too difficult to model analytically with the required precision.

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Project Initiated by Honda R&D, TRC, F.tech R&D, Tenneco, & Ford
(Sub-Project # 40E: Automotive System Isolation)

Motivation:
- Exhaust hangers are widely used to isolate exhaust structure and powertrain vibration
- Many features of exhaust hanger and isolation systems are described in 5500+ patents but no analytical or scientific justifications are provided
- Very few scholarly articles on this topic are available

Project Goals:
- Improve modeling tools (including feature-based models)
- Refine dynamic characterization procedures
- Gain insight into contributions of various components to system performance
- Understand component and system design targets
- Resolve associated scholarly issues

Elements of Dynamic Performance:

Technical Issues:
- Dynamic behavior of elastomeric or plastic materials
  - Environment (temperature, humidity, chemical, age)
  - Loading conditions (mean load, dynamic amplitude, frequency)
- Nonlinear features within component
  - Shape effects of isolators and brackets (geometric nonlinearities)
  - Stoppers; friction and clearances within joints
- Modeling issues
  - Different models for time and frequency domains
  - Only linear models are used in spite of many nonlinearities
- Representation of connection dynamics in models
  - Multi-dimensional coupling; multiple structural paths
  - Local stiffness vs. global stiffness

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Industry Need, Context, and Relevance

- Improved understanding should strengthen isolator design methodology and specifications for higher speed cooling fans

Scope and Assumptions

- Focus on 6 rigid body modes
- Linear system theory (small displacements) for noise and vibration studies
- Dynamic force excitation
- Frequency-independent stiffness (with structural damping)

Goals

1. Characterize the multi-dimensional stiffness matrix of elastomeric isolators using the inverse identification method
2. Develop refined computational models for the dynamic analysis of a radiator-fan mounting system

Approach (Research Methods)

- Dynamic force excitation
- Frequency-independent stiffness (with structural damping)

Key:
- \( \omega \) – Natural frequency
- \( \eta \) – Loss factor
- \( E \) – Young’s modulus
- \( [k]_{6x6} \) – Stiffness matrix of dimension 6
- \( \omega_{1-6}, \eta, FRFs \) – Frequency response functions
- \( \eta \) – Loss factor

Laboratory experiment: 1-mount

- \( \omega_{1-6}, \eta, FRFs \)
- Fine tune \( E \)

Finite Element: 1-mount

- \( E \)

Laboratory experiment: 4-mount

- \( \omega_{1-6}, \eta, FRFs \)
- Fine tune \( E \)

Finite Element: 4-mount

- \( E \)

Experimental Measured/Estimated

- \( \eta \)

Computed \( [k]_{6x6} \)

Project Leader: R. Singh (OSU)

Project Mentor: Yi Zhang (Ford Motor Company)
Project # 42A: Enhanced Methods for Reducing Powertrain Vibration Transmitted through the Mounts

Motivation

- The move towards lighter weight vehicle components (say in the transmission) creates significant high frequency structure-borne noise and vibration

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**Remark**

1. The path(s) may interact with the source(s), receiver(s), and each other. Care must be taken to sort out and properly account for these possible interactions.

**Control effort(s) calculated using model**

**Problem Formulation**

- Shaker used as force input
- Feasibility for motion control of source mass using piezo stacks is demonstrated.

**Methods**

- **STEP #1:** Apply a shaker force (400 Hz cosine wave) and measure the amplitude
- **STEP #2:** Calculate needed control effort(s) to counteract the disturbance
- **STEP #3:** Apply the calculated control effort(s) using the piezo stack(s)
- **STEP #4:** Adjust the phase(s) and magnitude(s) for best results

**Experimental Results**

- Shaker turned on
- Left stack turned on
- Right stack turned on

**Remarks**

- Feasibility for motion control of source mass using piezo stacks is demonstrated.
- Experimental results are similar to simulated results

**Focus is on motion control of the source mass**

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Project initiated by Hyundai Motor Company (R&D Division)
**Project # 42B: Enhanced Methods for Reducing Powertrain Surface Radiated Noise**

**Motivation**
- New noise sources seen in hybrid and electric vehicles
- Characteristics of motor noise
  - Modulated sounds (with multiple sidebands)
  - Strong directivity
- May excite structural resonances at high frequencies
- Psycho-acoustic perception issues

**Objectives**
- Reduce surface radiated noise from surfaces through passive, active, or hybrid patches
  - Maximize the reductions in radiated noise using minimal patch material
- Use passive patches to determine optimal patch locations and capabilities of patch placement
- Develop control algorithm for use with active patches

**Passive Patch Investigations**
- Passive damping patches placed on structural anti-nodes of hollow aluminum shell (2% of surface area covered)
- Comparative studies showed anti-nodes to be optimal patch placement
- Same method applied to circular annular plates with similar reductions

**Active Patch Investigations**
- Representative experimental setup
  - Aluminum plate, disturbance from shaker
  - Piezoelectric patch to attenuate noise by destructive interference
- Significant reduction observed in sound pressure and accel.
  - Phase between disturbance and control signals varied
  - Reduction observed at different frequencies & for different patches

**Future Work**
- Mode Shape Characterization
  - Use roving-hammer-type test
  - Correlate with FEA, use to optimize patch placement (antinodes)
- Control Algorithm Development
  - Unknown disturbance frequency determined from measurement
  - Phase is control variable to minimize sound
- More complex geometry
  - Curvature, features like ribs
  - True in-situ geometry → electric motor housing

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Project # 43: Thermally Invariant Smart Composites

Technology Summary

• NiTi-Al composites are a lightweight alternative to iron-based thermally invariant materials like Invar.
• Tight part tolerance is required in aerospace components which undergo large temperature fluctuations.
• Ultrasonic Additive Manufacturing (UAM) enables the manufacture of gapless NiTi-Al composites below the melting temperature of the constituent materials.

Applications/Benefits

• Low fiber volume fraction is possible, which reduces cost and weight.
• NiTi-Al composites can be mounted with standard fasteners, are tough, and require no power to function.
• Composite is multifunctional:
  • Slows composite thermal response
  • Provides stiffening with heating
  • Can be activated passively or actively

Plan

• Develop high fidelity models for composite design and analysis.
• Improve and understand interfacial coupling between NiTi fibers and Al matrix.
• Scale up technology with mechanized UAM process:
  • Automated tape feed
  • CNC subtractive stage and laser etching
  • Fixtures for laying out of fibers

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Project # 44: Smart Condition Detection and Monitoring

**Problem Statement**

- The objective of this Smart Vehicle Concepts Center project is to develop flexible, self-powered, multi-functional tire sensors
- We are interested in measuring tire physical properties, log tire history, and generate real-time information on tire condition and tire-road interactions
- Research focus is PVDF (polyvinylidene fluoride) sensors and energy harvesters

As a first step we developed a tire revolution counter

- Smart sensors and devices can add significant value to tires
  - Safety: Real-time notification of tire condition and tire-road interactions can improve safety by providing accurate parameter estimation to the vehicle electronic stability control (ECS) system
  - Performance: Historical monitoring of tire data can be used to improve tire design, modeling, and fabrication
  - Operating costs: Tire condition monitoring is important in commercial vehicles where tires are the single largest maintenance cost item and may be retreaded multiple times

**Prediction of Measured PVDF Voltage**

- Rectangular shape (Length: L/2, L, 2L)
  - Prediction of generated charge
  - Prediction of generated voltage

- Stepped shape
  - Prediction of generated voltage

**PVDF Sensor Output during Drum Tests**

- Drum tests:
  - PVDF sensors bonded to a truck/bus tire innerliner
  - Tested various bonding methods
  - Tested under typical vehicle speeds and loaded tire radius conditions
- Drum test results:
  - Sensor successfully demonstrated without failure
  - Revolutions counted by sensor and algorithm matched data from a pulse tachometer

**Flexible, Self-Powered, RFID Based Sensors**

Objective: Develop autonomous, self-powered, radio frequency identification (RFID)-based smart tire sensors (STS) that log the tire history within the tire and generate real-time information on tire condition and tire-road interactions

- Energy Harvester
  - Energy harvesting to power data processing and writing to memory

- System Architecture
  - Compatibility and optimization of components for system performance
  - Multifunctional elements that reduce cost and weight by using fewer components

- Tag Antenna
  - Reliable reading regardless of tire construction and condition
  - Robust structure to withstand rubber curing, retreading, vehicle running/stoppage

**PVDF Model Output Charge [µC]**

- Example of PVDF output charge
- Prediction of generated voltage
- Prediction of measured voltage (3 sec for 1 rev)

**Problem**

- Objective: Develop autonomous, self-powered, radio frequency identification (RFID)-based smart tire sensors (STS) that log the tire history within the tire and generate real-time information on tire condition and tire-road interactions

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Project initiated by Bridgestone
**Problem Statement**

- Objective: Investigate morphing panels for improved aerodynamic performance at high vehicle speeds (150+ mph)
- Methodology:
  - Identify vehicle body shapes for aerodynamic drag reduction and examine smart material technologies to create appropriate shape changes
  - Propose shape morphing body concepts to reduce overall aerodynamic drag
  - Develop models and laboratory demonstrations to test the selected approaches and provide a basis for future development

**Background**

- There is growing interest in the use of morphing materials in both land and air vehicle applications to enhance aerodynamic performance
- Morphing vehicle structures must be lightweight and durable over a wide range of operating conditions
- Morphing panels can be used to improve aerodynamic performance by reducing drag and generating downforce at high speeds
- A variety of smart materials, composites, and devices can be used to create morphing structures for different applications

**UAM Active Hinge with SMA Ribbons**

- UAM active hinge concept using SMA ribbons
  - SMAs embedded in Al matrix are trained in a 180 degree folded shape for shape memory effect by heating shape set temperature of around 500 °C for 25 min and quenching in cold water
  - By applying electrical current through the two Al plates, SMAs actuate to fold the plate when heated above the transformation temperature
- 2.25"x4.5" active hinge panels with nine embedded SMA ribbons
- The panels are activated by ~23 A drawn from the battery. If the SMA wires are electrically isolated and connected in series, activation current will be reduced to less than 1 A.

**Actuator Technologies and Morphing Panel Concepts**

- **Actuator technologies**
  - **Short-term**: Torsional SMAs
    - Objective: Develop welding methods for joining NiTi alloys to common structural materials and enhance thermal dynamic response
  - **Mid-term**: Electro-hydraulic actuators driven by smart materials
    - Objective: Develop lightweight and small scale electro-hydraulic actuators driven by smart materials such as magnetostrictive or piezoelectric materials in order to actuate UAM panels
  - **Long-term**: Shape memory polymer composites
    - Objective: Develop morphing shape memory polymer (SMP) composites with shape fixity and shape recovery

- **Morphing panel concepts**
  - **UAM panels and hinges**
    - Objective: Develop morphing panels and hinges by joining dissimilar materials, smart materials, polymers, or electronics
  - **UAM origami structure**
    - Objective: Develop morphing structure by joining multiple UAM panels with integral smart hinges

**Active Hinge with SMA Torque Tube**

- Shape memory alloy torque tube hinge concept
- Both ends of 6" SMA tube are welded to 2.5" 304 stainless steel (with Ni filler) by orbital TIG welding
- Applied 222 in-lb torque (Critical finish torque of TIG weld: 201 in-lb)
- Thermal dynamic response can be enhanced by using a cartridge heater with larger diameter and filling the tube with a highly conductive material

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**Project initiated by Toyota Technical Center**
Motivation

- Need for a paint-on light source that can be used for aesthetic purposes in automotive applications
- Paint-on light to be coated on outer body surface of automobiles
- Mechanoluminescence (ML) of inorganic phosphors prime candidate

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Project initiated by Honda R&D

Problem Formulation

ZnS:Mn film

Metal substrate

PZT (disks/sheets) Support

- ML - light emission induced by mechanical action
- ZnS:Mn film - ZnS:Mn particles in a matrix (epoxy binder)
- ZnS:Mn particles - micro and nano-sized particles
- Binder – Transparent, efficient in stress transfer, adhesive

Methods

Wet chemical method – ZnS:Mn nanoparticles

\[ \text{Zn(C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2)_2 + \text{Na}_2\text{S} + \text{PVP} \rightarrow \text{PVP-ZnS} + \text{NaC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2 \]

- Easy control over dopant concentration.
- Particles synthesized are in nanoscale.
- Control over particle size achieved
- PVP found to increase PL emission

Experimental Results

- Chemical composition of ZnS nanocrystals has been confirmed.
- ML has not been observed yet from the nanocrystals
- Micro-particles are to be considered in the future
**Project Overview**

- **Motivation:** reduce driveline/gear vibration
- **Objective:** study magnetostrictive systems in relation to stiffness tuning, vibration damping, and energy harvesting
- **Expected Outcomes:**
  - Better understanding of multifunctionality
  - User-friendly FE module for 3D simulation

**Background**

- NASA is investigating piezoelectric-based solutions
- Available magnetostriction models are for expert users and have computational issues
- Galfenol and Terfenol-D offer the potential for
  - Improved energy harvesting and damping
  - Robust and reliable stiffness tuning

**Plan**

- **Sub-project 47A:**
  - Model stiffness switching (0 – 1 kHz)
  - Design, build, and test magnetostrictive variable-stiffness components
  - Benchmark against NASA's variable spring

- **Sub-project 47B:**
  - Model 2D/3D electromagneto-mechanical behavior of harvester/damper

- **Sub-project 47C:**
  - Variable spring concept

- **Plan (cont.)**

- **Design and build vibration ring and circuitry**
- **Test prototypes up to 2.8 kHz**

- **Sub-project 47C:**
  - Improve material model solution procedure and numerical inversion for
  - Elimination of singularities
  - Faster and more robust convergence
  - Integrate system models directly into commercial FE software

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**Project initiated by NASA Glenn and Honda R&D**
### Technology Summary

- Metal matrix composites (MMCs) consisting of matrix and reinforcing material
  - Matrix: Al or Mg
  - Reinforcement: Al$_2$O$_3$, carbon fiber, or SiC
- Functional grading can be manufactured using ceramic preforms and squeeze casting under high force and low velocity
- A need exists for understanding mechanical and thermal properties along the gradient

### Applications / Benefits

- MMCs can be tailored to achieve low density, high stiffness, improved wear characteristics, and enhanced high-temperature strength
- Functionally graded composites offer tunable properties through selective reinforcement
  - Withstand specified thermomechanical loading conditions in specific areas
- Applications include brake rotors and armor

### Approach

- Micro and Macro characterization on coupon specimens to determine microstructure and mechanical properties
  - Multi-scale modeling of coupon specimens using RVE approach in Comsol
  - Development of structural level model using hierarchical finite element approach

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Project # 49: Embedded Fiber Optic Sensors for Structural Health Monitoring

**Technology Summary**

- Fiber Bragg Grating (FBG) sensors can be used for real-time strain sensing
- Sensors are needed to monitor internal strains of metallic structures
- Ultrasonic Additive Manufacturing (UAM)
  - Low temperature process for rapid prototyping of 3D metallic structures
  - Gapless joining of dissimilar metals
  - Sensing fibers can be seamlessly embedded into metals (e.g., Al 6061) with UAM

**Applications / Benefits**

- FBG sensors are small, noninvasive, immune to electromagnetic interference, and can be multiplexed
- UAM process does not alter FBGs
  - No thermal loading
  - No deformation of the glass core
  - Embedded with commercial coatings
- In-situ embedded sensing
  - Smart maintenance
  - Minimize downtime
  - Monitoring in harsh environments

**Results**

- Process developed for embedding FBGs
- Accurate and repeatable strain tracking from embedded FBGs
  - Measurements during both tensile and cantilever bending testing
  - No slip between acrylate coating and matrix
  - Strain tracking at elevated temperatures
  - Dynamic response
- Improvements to temperature threshold of sensor coating as a result of embedment

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Project #51: Ultrasonic Additive Manufacturing for Automotive Structures

Purpose:
Enable lightweight vehicle structures via UAM

Research Objectives:
- Understand the cause for the knockoff in x-tensile (in-plane) strength resulting from the UAM process
- Develop weld parameters that can reduce or eliminate the knockoff

DIC Testing and Modeling:
- Digital image correlation (DIC) used to measure 2D and 3D strain fields
- Permits local and global measurements

Methodology:
- Investigate process-property relationships through Design of Experiments study
- Prior pilot study focused on feasibility of welds
- DOE study focused on x-tensile testing
- FEA models developed to guide the experiments and assists with data analysis

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Project Initiated by Honda R&D and Battelle Memorial Institute
### Motivation

- Thermoelectric processing of polymer composites has been demonstrated by Sundaresan and coworkers as a way to 3D print structural composites
- Develop matrix libraries and particulate additives for thermoelectric processing of piezoelectric polymer composites
- Develop nozzle designs and extrusion modes for 3D printing

### Problem Formulation

- Surlyn (E/MAA) + PZT-5H has been shown to demonstrate ionic aggregation of polymer and poling of piezoelectric phases respectively
- New material compositions, nozzle designs and extrusion process parameters for 3D printing will be studied through this project

### Methods

- Multiphysics modeling of thermoelectric extrusion of thermoplastic ionomers and piezoelectric work will be performed
- The model will be used to identify the influence of the following process parameters
  - Extrusion speed
  - Process temperature
  - Soak time
  - Electrical field
- on the following parameters
  - Build strength
  - Layer thickness
  - \( d_{33} \) coefficient
  - Interfacial adhesion (piezoelectric and polymer phase)

### Background Work

- DSC shows the effect of thermoelectric processing in E/MAA
- Narrowing of enthalpy peaks is representative of uniform dispersion of ionic groups, and this construct can be extended to other thermoplastic ionomers

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**Project initiated by:** Parker Hannifin
Project #54: Magnetic Additively-Manufactured Structural Hybrid (MASH)

Magnetic gears - challenges

- Specific torque (torque/mass) is lower than aerospace gearing
  - Structures have conflicting requirements in terms of strength, mass, and magnetic properties
  - Flux lost to the structure reduces torque coupling
- Efficiency is reduced at high speed due to eddy currents in the structures
- Typical laminated metals have limited geometry
- Permeable ceramic (ferrite) is brittle / hard to machine

New magnetic materials are needed...

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Research plan

Part A: Investigation of Magnetic Gear Configurations
- Modeling of magnetic gears
- Requirements of MASH
  - Machinability
  - High magnetic permeability
  - Geometry limitation
  - High mechanical strength
  - Low eddy current loss

Part B: Survey of Material Candidates for MASH
- Characterize stress-dependent magnetic properties
- Fabricate MASH
- Evaluate magnetic and mechanical properties of MASH
- Material candidates I
- Material candidates II
- Material candidates III
- Material candidates IV

Part C: Development of Magnetic Gear
- Magnetic gear demonstrator

Approach – fabrication of MASH

Ultrasonic additive manufacturing or soft magnetic material powder consolidation

- Magnetic materials (high permeability / high resistivity) will be embedded in structural material (high tensile strength)
- Flux paths within the structures will maximize power transfer between rotors without excessive mass

Performance Target

- Light weight
- Strong magnetic coupling
- Low eddy current loss
- Robust and reliable
- Easy to manufacture
- Self-contained

Photography of constructed magnetic gear

Table: Performance Target

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Background and Objectives

**Objective:** to predict the mechanical behavior of fiberglass insulation packs fabricated by Owens Corning subject to compressive loads.

Fiberglass packs: composed of nonwoven entangled glass fibers and a polymeric binder (total volume fraction: less than 2%)

Due to economic considerations, fiberglass packs are compressed to 10% of their original thickness for efficient shipping and handling.

Approach

Develop a novel descriptor-based reconstruction algorithm to synthesize realistic 3D virtual models of the fiberglass pack.

Create reduced-order finite element (FE) models of fibers and the binder phase to simulate the deformation response.

Calibrate with high fidelity FE results and study the impact of boundary conditions, size effects, and the binder on the mechanical behavior.

Applications and Benefits

Novel algorithm for the automated reconstruction of the microstructure and converting that into an appropriate FE model

- Realistic virtual microstructure informed by imaging data

New reduced-order model for simulating the mechanical behavior taking into account all sources of physical and geometrical nonlinearity

- Computationally efficient micromechanical model
- Performing simulations with millions degrees of freedoms

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Project #56: Dynamic Friction Characterization of Icy Road Surfaces for Conventional & Automated Vehicles

Industry Need, Context, and Relevance

- Weather-related conditions associated with annual*
  - $42 Billion
  - 7000 fatalities & 800,000 injuries
- Improved traction technology may reduce these statistics
- Adaptive/predictive algorithms & reliable sensing needed for emerging autonomous tech


Bridge laboratory and real-world experimental work
Best practices and test strategies needed
Broad applications to OEM, suppliers, regulatory agencies, etc.

Emerging autonomous vehicle technology would require more reliable friction models.
Adaptive or predictive steering algorithms rely on empirical friction models to ensure safe maneuvering
Extreme conditions may surpass controller’s ability to maintain on-road safety
General lack of literature on autonomous vehicle performance in extreme winter conditions

Selected Experimental Approaches

- Planned Indoor Winter Conditions Facility (IWCF)
- Controlled conditions allowing indoor simulated winter testing
- Laboratory, scaled, and full-scale experiments planned

Broader Impacts – Automated Vehicles

Tires


Dynamic friction


Vehicle Dynamics

Problem Statement

The goals of the project are:

- Measurement of static and dynamic aerodynamic pressure in a representative small-scale vehicle structure
- Measurement of internal pressure in an inflatable structure
- Development of ideas to use flexible piezoelectric materials as advanced vehicle sensors or actuators

Background

- There is a growing interest to track real-time air pressure in order to assess and control the aerodynamic performance of vehicles
- Conventional pressure transducers, besides their high cost, typically cannot be distributed. Due to their fixation for flush mounting, they produce significant distortion of pressure fluctuations in the dynamic range.

Features of Flexible Piezoelectric Materials

- Flexible piezoelectric sensors are lightweight, non-invasive, and inexpensive; hence they are suitable for measurement of quasi-static and dynamic pressure measurements on the order of several kHz.
- A piezoelectric material of primary interest is polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF), which is 10x more sensitive to stress inputs and 40x more compliant than conventional pressure and PZT transducers
- The primary focus will be on expanding the frequency range of pressure measurement into static regimes

Significance

- Design concepts like electrode patterning to tailor sensitivity and minimize signal processing requirements
- Integration into micro-systems and wireless technologies
- Investigation of new fabrication processes like 3D printing, film forming and electrospinning

Research Plan

Task A: Literature Survey
- Survey the literature on smart sensors for pressure measurement, PVDF and related technologies. Survey and compare different methods to measure air pressure during wind tunnel testing.
- Address key research questions in terms of ability of PVDF to measure static pressure and its sensitivity to environmental effects.

Task B: Sensor Modeling and Design
- Characterize PVDF, effect of shape, material, thickness etc. Develop multiphysics models of PVDF sensing systems to guide and supplement the characterization effort.
- Investigate new manufacturing and processing techniques. Characterize and analyze process-property relationships.

Task C: Experimental Validation
- Benchmark PVDF for pressure measurement against a commercial pressure sensor
- Develop and demonstrate a method to measure static pressure. Demonstrate use in a small scale wind tunnel setup to measure static pressure.
- Demonstrate internal pressure measurement in an inflatable structure

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Project Initiated by Toyota Technical Center
SVC Project #58: Architecture for Mechanoluminescent Structural Sensors and Sensing Platforms

Industry Need, Context and Relevance
Address challenges in health monitoring of multi-material components made of carbon fiber reinforced plastics (CFRP) in automotive and structural components.

Project Goals and Objectives
Develop experimental techniques to report on:
- Distribution of internal Stress in the matrix and around the fibers
- Detecting the onset of damage
- Crack Propagation
- Extent of failure that will lead to abrupt structural damage


Approach (Research Methods)
Vacuum Assisted Resin Transfer Molding (VARTM) is performed to fabricate carbon fiber composites with mechanoluminescent particles dispersed in the matrix.

Preliminary Results
Lab Scale VARTM at OSU
Cured Composite under UV light

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Motivation

- NASA subsonic transport system metrics: **Fuel Burn Reduction N+1 (2015) 33%, N+2 (2020) 50%, N+3 (2025+) 70%**
- 3-5% fuel reduction by ingesting boundary layer (BL) flow
- Non-uniform BL ingestion and inlet geometry create flow distortions that negatively impact engine performance and structural integrity
- A need to study inlet/fan interaction through CFD simulation to understand fan response to inlet distortion to mitigate aero and aeroelastic challenges

Accurate computational simulation coupled with inlet and blade optimization is necessary to bring this technology to production level

- Highly 3D swirling flow enters the inlet and interacts with the fan
- The fan experiences large changes in Angle of Attack
- Optimizing the geometry of the blade allows for increased overall performance and longer life for the blade
Industry Need, Context, Relevance

- Need to efficiently regulate temperature of internal environments with smart windows
- Impact on energy efficiency can be up to 42%\(^1\) of total energy consumption for residential cooling and heating
- Need rapid synthesis methods to reduce processing time
- Need control over optical transmittance for smart windows applications


Project Objectives

- Reduce typical synthesis of bulk materials from *days to minutes*
- Develop solution-processable low-temperature method for coating procedure

Research Plan

- Control microwave-assisted heating conditions to achieve phase purity of targeted materials
- Characterize phase purity of products and transition temperature
- Translate microwave-assisted heating conditions to solution-phase synthetic methods to control nanostructured morphology

Preliminary Results/Applications

Preliminary results show phase purity of bulk smart materials. Next steps include film deposition and controlling opacity.

\[ A_xV_{1-x}O_2 \]

Vary x to control transition temperature

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Origami-Inspired, Foldable Acoustic Arrays for Deployable Medical Ultrasound Devices:
Acoustics, wave physics, mechanics, design

Understanding, Predicting Response of Multistable Structures Operating in Extreme Environments:
Analytical dynamics, energy harvesting, hypersonic multiphysics

Lightweight Material Systems to Control Shock, Vibration, and Sound:
Structural mechanics, materials science, design and manufacturing

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Background and Objectives

- Metal Powder Bed Fusion (PBF) is an additive manufacturing (AM) process that fabricates 3D parts from powdered metal feedstock
- Emerging manufacturing process for low-volume, high value-added parts and tooling
- There remain significant thermal management problems that reduce part quality and yield

Objective: Develop a state estimator framework to estimate unmeasurable temperature states inside a part that is being built.

Methods

Merge experimental data with process model: provides internal temperature states and estimate covariance statistics

Extended Kalman Filter

Simulation Results

Estimates diverge for standard computational models
Estimates remain bounded using an extended Kalman filter

Inputs: Laser energy at coordinate \((x, y)\) and boundary conditions
System: Complex geometry thermal domain dominated by conduction
Output: Temperature field on the top surface

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NSF REU Project: Investigation of Metal Corrosion by In-situ Electrochemical Force Microscopy

Motivation

- Corrosion is a serious problem significantly affecting the lifetime of vehicles and thus automobile industry. For example, Toyota Motor Corporation has agreed to pay up to about $3.4 billion in 2016 to settle claims that certain of its trucks and sport-utility vehicles lacked proper rust protection, leading to premature corrosion of vehicle frames [1].

- To date, the macro-scale electrochemical measurements have revealed the effect of electrochemical potentials, temperatures, solution conditions, timescales, and other factors on the global corrosion process for various metallic materials, while the local properties and conditions are trivialized.

Background and Objective

- Localized corrosion accounts for 70 percent of material failures, and these failures are catalyzed by varying particular abnormalities affecting the metallic surface [2].
- Water (electrolyte) comes in contact with the surface of metal, while in the presence of air. With these three parts in contact, the metal becomes polarized and electrons flow through the metal, ultimately creating a mass build up of iron oxide, commonly known as rust.
- Nanoscale corrosion studies depend on the ability to mimic the real-world conditions that promote corrosion in a shorter time scale.
- By leveraging the PI’s expertise in AFM, we aim to investigate the corrosion process of various metallic alloys frequently used in automobile production by employing the state-of-the-art in-situ Electrochemical Force Microscopy (EFM) based on Atomic Force Microscopy (AFM).

In-Situ Electrochemical Force Microscopy

- Nanoscale characterization
- In-situ measurement:
  - In liquid; In electrolytes
  - Temperature control
  - Electrical input/output
- Measuring the potential dependence of corrosion current
- Local electrochemical behavior

Typical Data

Cyclic voltammograms of various metallic samples [3]

Topographic and potential images obtained on a stainless steel sample in a 10 mM NaCl solution via Electric Potential Microscopy [4]