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Avionics Gyro COTS Replacement Program – Accelerated Life Testing

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NUWC Division, Keyport was designated as a Center for Industrial and Technical Excellence (CITE) by Secretary of the Navy in July 2002:

- Encourages partnerships with private industry or other entities to perform work or utilize facilities / equipment
- Allows participating activities to retain funds from lease or sale of material
- Designed to lower the cost of infrastructure at organic depot facilities and provide better product at lower cost

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<td>Partnership with Bremerton Naval Shipyard and Olympic College to support the restart of our trades apprentice program</td>
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<td>Pearl Harbor Heavyweight Torpedo IMA</td>
<td>Partnership with SUB PAC, Raytheon and PMS 404 for operation of the IMA at Pearl Harbor Hawaii.</td>
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<td>Torpedo Upgrade Facility Partnership</td>
<td>Partnership with Raytheon for the lease of an operating building at Keyport for the manufacture of torpedo upgrade kits.</td>
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<td>Undersea Vehicles Partnership</td>
<td>Partnership with ARL Penn State to support development test and analysis of prototype undersea vehicles.</td>
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H-60 and H-53 Aircraft Gyro Replacements

- Existing electromechanical Gyros replaced with solid state technology
- Existing MTBF 600 hours
- Calculated new MTBF 44,000 hours

Figure 1. All Rate Gyros with weights
Rate Gyro Test Program

- Environmental Stress Screen (ESS) – Remove latent defects
  - Nondestructive temp and vibration
  - 100% sample rate for test samples and production

- Qualification Testing – Requirements Based
  - Temp & Humidity
  - Thermal Shock
  - Vibration
  - EMI
  - ESD
  - Altitude
  - Mechanical Shock

- Qualification by Analysis
  - Rainfall
  - Salt Spray
  - Sand and Dust
  - Fungus
  - Explosive Vapors

- HALT – Design Support
  - Exploratory Temperature
  - Exploratory Vibration
  - Test to Failure with combined Temperature & Vibration

- STRIFE – Durability Assessment
  - Combined Temperature and Vibration
  - Low Voltage and High Voltage Simulations
Qualification Testing

Vibration

Rate Table

Drop Shock

Rate Table with Temperature Box
HALT is a test to failure approach to find potential design weaknesses
- Should be performed during design phase

Used existing equipment

Results
- Exploratory Thermal
  - Low Temp: -100 deg F (Still functioning)
  - High Temp: 250 deg F (Still functioning)
- Random Vibration: 33g’s (Still functioning)
- Thermal Cycling: -80 to 170 100 cycles (still functioning)
STRIFE Testing

- STRIFE (stressful life) is an approach to determine durability
- Goal was to simulate 44,000 hours of operation
- For Vibration:
  - MIL-STD-810F Fatigue Relationship
    - Inverse Power Equation

\[
\left( \frac{W_0}{W_1} \right) = \left( \frac{T_1}{T_0} \right) \left( \frac{1}{M} \right)
\]

For this example:

- \( W_0 = 4.2 \text{ g's RMS} \)
- \( T_0 = 44,000 \text{ hours} \)
- \( T_1 = 250 \text{ hours} \)

\[ W_1 = 15.2 \text{ g's RMS} \]

Material Constants Ranges from:
- Kipp Company Paper \( M=2 \) (random Vib)
- MIL-S-810 \( M=4-6 \)
- D. S. Steinburg \( M=6.4 \)
STRIFE Testing

- For Thermal:
  - Min and Max temps based on HALT
    - -75F and 175F
  - Ramping and dwell times based on equipment capability and functional test requirements
  - MIL-H-344 used for acceleration factor

\[ D = N \times S^B \]

- D is Damage Index
- N is Cycles
- S is delta Temperature
- B is Fatigue exponent (2.5 for solder)

For this example:
- N = 750 test cycles
- S = 250 delta F
- D = 7.41e8

If actual environment is S=80 delta F:
- D = 7.41e6 (same effective damage index)

**N=12944 cycles for actual environment**
STRIFE Testing

Combined Vibration and Thermal Testing with Liquid Nitrogen Assist

![Graph showing PSD (g²/Hz) vs. Frequency (Hz)]

Figure 13. STRIFE Test Setup Example
Figure 14. STRIFE profile (one complete cycle)

For a sample of two with no failures:

Vibration: 86.5% Assurance population will survive 44,000 hours at 4.2 g’s
or 99.8% Assurance population will survive 14,667 hours at 4.2 g’s

Thermal: 86.5% Assurance population will survive 12944 cycles at 80 delta F
or 99.8% Assurance population will survive 4315 cycles at 80 delta F

For comparison, one sample with no failures would give 63.2% assurance at 44,000 and 95.0% assurance at 14,667 for vibration

Assumption is that test samples adequately represent population
• Navy (DoD?) Environmental Test labs designed around 1960’s technology and equipment
  ■ Steady state environments
  ■ Single axis vibration
  ■ Requirements based test design

• My Approach:
  ■ Upgrade equipment
    ◆ Multi-axis vibration
    ◆ High performance thermal systems (LN2)
  ■ Educate Programs about value of accelerated life testing
    (HALT/HASS/STRIFE/ESS)

**Accelerated Life Testing is part of an Effective T&E approach**
Failure Distribution Model

- ESS, HASS
- HALT, STRIFE

Useful Life

End of Life (EOL)