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Defining Design Margin Using Accelerated Random Vibration Testing

Editor's Note: This article was contributed by David A. Jahnke, NAVSEA Keyport. NAVSEA Keyport is one of this year's featured organizations. This article is intended to educate the community on the capabilities of this featured organization.

As T&E Engineers and Managers for DOD, we are constantly required to verify operability, qualification, or acceptance testing. One often overlooked issue is the products' Design Margin (DM) - the difference between the capability of the product and the intended use environment. Recent advances in technology now allow test equipment to accelerate the vibration environment in a multi-axis controlled application. Using acceleration factors, Miners Rule [E1] can be used to calculate cumulative damage, from which Design Margin (DM) and product reliability is found.

INTRODUCTION - The products lifetime of damage accumulation can be summed by identifying each damaging force and number of application times of each force over the products lifetime. Accelerometers gather field data in each axis x, y, and z. For each accelerometer, a power spectral density (PSD) measurement displayed for each damaging moment in time. Advances in computers allow a field Grms [E2] calculated from the PSD measured in the field. Testing a minimum of three products to failure, one each at three different accelerated Grms levels (Multi-axis Vibration), based as a factor of field measured Grms. Multi-axial test machines used are both the repetitive air hammer shock tables installed in HALT/HASS [E3] machines and the electro-dynamic 3-axis systems, such as that installed at NAVSEA.

LIFE CYCLE DAMAGE ACCUMULATION - First identify each type of force within the product's life cycle. For example, a torpedo first experiences packaging/handling stresses and then forklift/truck transportation stresses prior to being installed on a ship. Once installed in the field, shipboard vibration stresses and thermal heating/cooling stresses occur on the product during shipboard storage. When the torpedo is fired, launch and water entry stresses and then the operational stresses occur while the torpedo heads for its target. Next, generate a histogram of each applied force. Identify the most extreme condition that can occur at each force level. This is the extreme user. Assemble a composite histogram of the extreme users for the lifetime of the product [1]. This is the worst of the worst. Figure 1 shows a histogram of extreme users in a torpedo lifecycle. Each type of stress at a particular worst case level is plotted with respect to the time on stress or the number of stress applications. At each extreme user stress, measure the product's response of each particular stress. For field random vibration, measure the power spectral density (PSD) and calculate Grms of each force type occurring during one lifetime. Figure 2 shows arbitrary values as an example of different frequency energy levels a product may experience at each different force application.

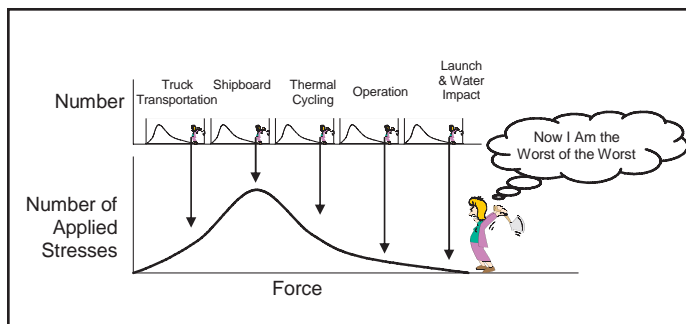


Figure 1: Histogram of Extreme users in a Typical Torpedo Life Cycle

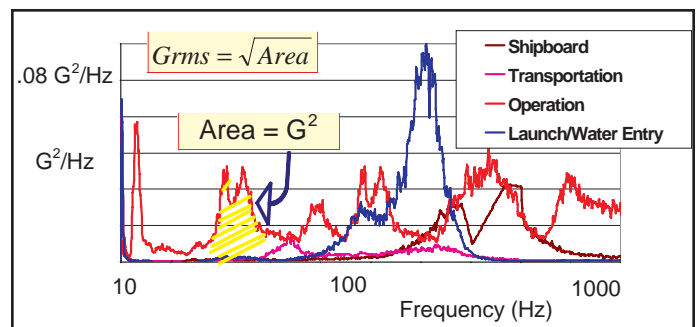


Figure 2: Power Spectral Density Plot (PSD)

FATIGUE STRESS-LIFE MODELS - Apply the appropriate Life-Stress models most suitable for each of the force types based on failure mechanisms [1]:

- Inverse Power Model for fatigue and voltage effects
- Arrhenius Diffusion Model for elevated temperature testing
- Coffin-Manson Model for thermal cycling based thermal fatigue
- Norris-Landzberg Model for high ramp rate thermal cycling
- Arrhenius-Peck Model for accelerated humidity testing

Since our random vibration failures are a fatigue effect, we will apply the Inverse Power Model.

CALIBRATING THE ACCELERATED VIBRATION TESTS BY APPLYING THE INVERSE POWER MODEL- Calibrated accelerated vibration testing can be roughly approximated with the following version of the Inverse Power Equation: From Eq. (1) and Eq. (2), Eq. (3) and Eq. (4) are created.

$$\text{Acceleration Factor} = \frac{\text{Life}_{\text{normal}}}{\text{Life}_{\text{accelerated}}}$$

Equation (1)

$$G_{\text{accelerated}} = G_{\text{normal}} \times \sqrt[m]{\frac{\text{Test Time}_{\text{Normal}}}{\text{Test Time}_{\text{Accelerated}}}}$$

Equation (2)

$$\text{Acceleration Factor} = \left(\frac{\text{Grms}_{\text{accelerated}}}{\text{Grms}_{\text{normal}}} \right)^m$$

Equation (3)

$$\left(\frac{\text{Grms}_1}{\text{Grms}_2} \right)^m = \frac{\text{Time to Failure}_2}{\text{Time to Failure}_1}$$

Equation (4)

Our accelerated vibration level assumes the use of the same PSD, just at a greater magnitude. Exponent m is chosen from the particular failure type noted. For example, m = 4 for connectors, m = 6.4 for aluminum leads on components, m = 5 for steel fatigue, if force or strain is used instead of vibration level then use 6.5 for steel [2]. Sources of exponent values are found in References [2], [3], and [4].

TEST TO FAILURE USING ACCELERATED MULTI-AXIS RANDOM VIBRATION -

Test to failure three products in multi-axis vibration, one each at a different accelerated Grms levels of random vibration environment using a Highly Accelerated Life Test (HALT) machine in Figure 3 or a 3-Axis Electro-Dynamic system shown in Figure 4.



Figure 3: HALT Chamber



Figure 4: NAVSEA Keyport's 3-Axis Electro-Dynamic Vibration Test System

Plot these failure points on a log-log scale. Draw a line through the failure data points creating the Life-Stress plot shown in red in Figure 5.

Torpedo Damage Accumulation		
Force	Grms	Life
Transportation (A)	0.15	3.E+08
Shipboard (C)	0.5	9.E+06
Operation (E)	1.75	800
Launch & Water Entry (G)	10	0.1

Incomplete Data - For Example Only

Table 1: Example of Field Life Data

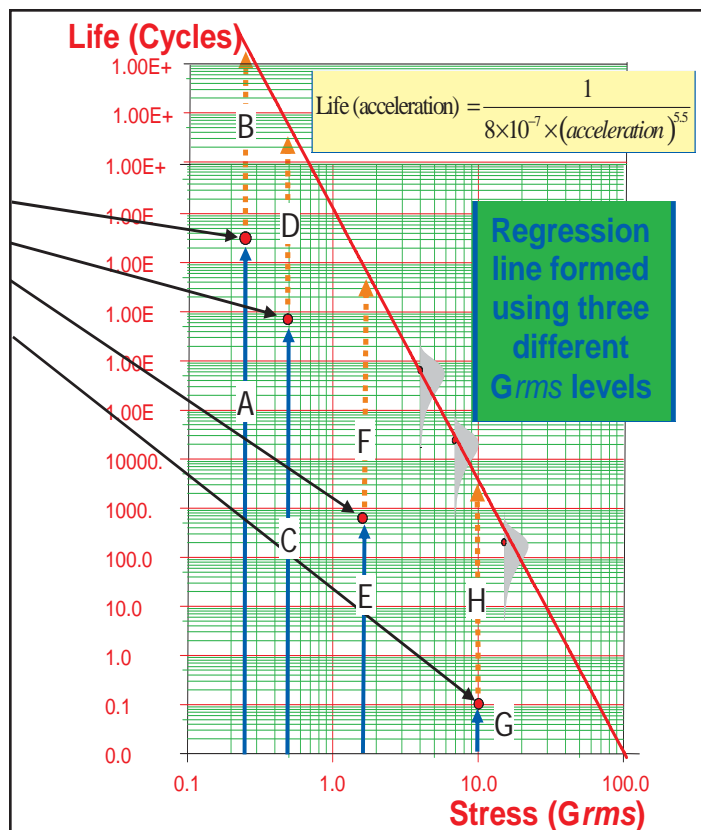


Figure 5: Life Vs. Stress plot using Miners Rule

Table 1 shows the measured values from Figures 1 and 2. These are plotted on the same Life-Stress plot of data previously tested to failure. Using Miner's Rule, the cumulative damage can be calculated (as seen in the torpedo environment) using Equation 5.

$$\text{Cumulative Damage} = \frac{A}{A+B} + \frac{C}{C+D} + \frac{E}{E+F} + \frac{G}{G+H}$$

Equation (5)

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Using the same data from Table 1, and using the Life-Stress plot in Figure 5, we can find the cycles of life available, percentage of life used up as shown in Table 2. From the stresses totaled in Table 2 using Miner's Rule, we see the cumulative damage for our lifetime torpedo example is 43.3%. The last column shows the total number of cycles necessary if the total damage accumulation of 43% was placed at that stress level. Using these same equations, a single accelerated stress level could be chosen to be used as a random vibration stress screening level.

Field Force	Field Stress in Grms	Stress in Cycles of Life Used Up	Cycles of Life Available From S-N Line	Percentage of Life Used Up With This Stress Level	Cycles of Testing Necessary If Total Cumulative Damage Was Placed At This Stress Level
Transportation	0.15	3.00E+08	4.25E+10	0.7059%	1.84E+10
Shipboard	0.5	9.00E+06	5.66E+07	15.9099%	2.45E+07
Operation	1.75	800	5.76E+04	1.3896%	2.49E+04
Launch & Water Entry	10	1	3.95E+00	25.2982%	1.71E+00
Cumulative Damage From All Stresses =				43.3036%	Data For Example Only

Table 2: Torpedo Lifetime Damage Accumulation

In this example, 43.3% of the lifetime available damage was used up. Therefore, the Design Margin (DM), defined as the difference between the capability of the product and in intended use environment, is equal to one minus 0.43 = 0.57. Figure 6 shows this relationship graphically [1].

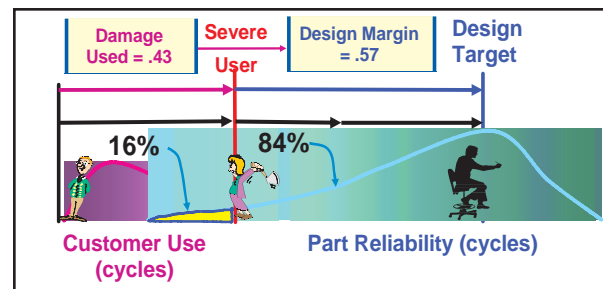


Figure 6: Capability of the Product and the Intended Use Environment

CONCLUSIONS- This paper applies damage accumulation of random vibration experienced in the field environment to design margin based on Grms accelerated test levels. This method assumes the same-shaped PSD plots at accelerated levels as seen in the field environment. Random vibration design margin can be applied to verify the product's Reliability and Design Margin, develop an equivalent single accelerated stress used for screening of delivered products prior to delivery, and can assist with Reliability Centered Maintenance (RCM) programs.

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- E1. *Editor's Note* - Miners Rule is a simple cumulative damage rule for irregular repeated loading (with respect to metal fatigue). Full name is Palmgren-Miners cumulative damage rule. It has been applied to other applications also in the vibration field.
- E2. *Editor's Note* - Peak Acceleration x .707 = Grms / 1.414 x Grms = Peak Acceleration
- E3. *Editor's Note* - HALT (Highly Accelerated Life Testing) / HASS (Highly Accelerated Stress Screening)
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