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Condition-Based-Maintenance of Electrical Motors for INSIGHT (Intelligent Stennis Gas House Technology) and NPAS (NASA Platform for Autonomous Systems)

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# 1. Introduction/ Background

#### Condition-Based Maintenance vs. Periodic Maintenance

- Condition-Based-Maintenance (CBM) implies that maintenan is done only when conditions indicate that it is necessary
- Periodic maintenance  $(PM)$  th is done periodically, whether it necessary or not.
- PM is more costly than CBM, because the period between maintenance activities needs to be conservative.



Repair Strategy

Technical After failure Periodic **Periodic condition**

Breakdown Repair Strate Preventive Maintenance StrateGondition based Maintenance Strategy

Control Action Type BRS PMS PMS CMS

Maintenance **based**

Goal of this internship: advance CBM capability in NPAS for INSIGHT

# 2. CBM Definitions

- CBM employs sensor readings as indicators to evaluate if maintenance is needed
	- Probability of Failure (PF) is then calculated based on readings that measure values of parameters that point to maintenance needs
	- Condition indicators Are values from failure analysis that are used to define alarm settings according to criteria based on analysis of failure progression



## 3. Common Motor Failures

- Common failures:
	- Bearings (50%)
	- **Stator winding failures (16%)**
	- External environment (16%)
	- Unknown (10%)
	- Rotor bar (5%)
	- Shaft & coupling (2%)`
- Examples of bearing failures, include the following:
	- Mechanical failure such as excessive load, overheating,
	- False and true brinelling, normal fatigue failure, reverse loading, contamination, lubricant failure, corrosion, misalignment
	- Loose or tight fits per report from Barden Precision Bearings at Bearing Failure: Causes and Cures





Figure 4. Common Motor Failures

## 3. Common Motor Failure Indicators

- Three major electrical motor failure indicators include the following:
	- 1. Electrical overload or over-current
	- 2. Low resistance
	- 3. Over-heating
- In order to implement CBM, sensors to measure the above parameters are needed



Figure 5. Electric Motor Failures

#### Motor Failure Can Result from Any of the Following Issues

- **Short cycling:** repeatedly stopping a motor that is already heated to operating temperature, and then starting it again before it has a chance to cool
- **Phase voltage unbalance:** can cause electric motor failure due to an excess temperature rise (in a three-phase supply); A a3% voltage unbalance causes an 18% temperature rise in the motor and current increase of six to ten times the voltage unbalance; a motor should not be operated if the phase unbalance is greater than 5%
- **Physical and environmental conditions**: i.e. restricted ventilation can cause a motor to operate at higher than the desired temperature; improper lubrication can damage bearings and throw grease into windings; moisture, in the form of condensation, can cause rust within a total enclosed motor; vibration can results in motor failures
- Vibration: i.e. in the motor, results in unbalance of the rotating element, rubbing parts, loose parts, oil film instabilities; major cause of motor failure
- **High ambient temperatures:** can result in de-rating to a lower horsepower.



## 4. Example Electrical Motor Failures













7. Stator Winding Failure Examples **Figure 8. Typical Rotor Problems and Characteristics** 

#### 5. Description of Sensors Needed for Electrical Motor CBM

Based on Table 2 Technical data, four embedded sensors are proposed:

- (1) Current-Stator and (2) Current-Rotor sensors to detect problems at Stator and Rotor areas
- (3) Thermocouple Sensor for overheating
- (4) Proximity Sensor for monitoring the speed for the Motors



Table 2. Specification data for the proposed electrical sensors for the motors



Table 3. Motor Formula

#### Applying the formulas in Table 3

• I (Current) = 111.9 x 1000 x 746/746) /  $(460x1.73x.95) = 148.87$  Amps when the load from pump is 115.1 KW, Voltage is 460 V, power factor is 95% from the table 4.

#### 6. Gas House Motor Data Analysis



Table 4. Nitrogen Reciprocating Pump & Motor Data (nameplate/spec) at HPGH, source: NASA SSC Gashouse, November, 2019

## 7. Implementation Details: (1) Stator-Current Sensor

- **(1) Stator-Current sensor (SCS):** enables detecting abnormal behavior due to various stresses in stator area.
- Table 5 shows the analysis for CBM



Table 5. Parameter of the Stator-Current sensor (SCS)

#### 7. Implementation Details: (1) Stator Current Sensor



Figure 9. Phase current(isA) and current in short circuited turns



Figure 10. Consequences of inter-turn short-circuit



generated by https://www.desmos.com/calculator/t41w64inzb

## 7. Implementation Details: (2) Rotor-Vibration Sensor

- **(2) Rotor-Vibration sensor (RVS):** Used for detecting abnormal behavior due to various causes in the rotor area.
- Table 6 shows the analysis for CBM



Table 6. Parameter of the Rotor-Vibration sensor (RVS)

## Implementation Details: (2) Rotation Vibration Sensor

- Vibration frequency analysis depicts two broken rotor bars with high sidebands (see, Fig. 12); difference in amplitude between the FL (line frequency) and the FP (pole pass frequency) is an indication of motor health-
- Fig.13 shows the simulation for RVS



Figure 12. Spectrum of a Motor with Damaged Rotor source: Pete *Bechard. ADVANCED SPECTRAL ANALYSIS*. http://masters.donntu.org/2008/eltf/naftulin/library/letter5.htm.



#### Implementation Details: (3) Thermo Sensor

- **(3) Thermo sensor (TS):** used for detecting exceeding thermal limits in the stator-rotor area.
- Table 7 shows the analysis for CBM-



Table 7. Parameter of the Thermo sensor (TS)

*Source: SPEED CONTROL OF PMBLDC DRIVE WITH GATE CONTROL METHOD...* https://www.researchgate.net/publication/50366358\_SPEED\_CONT ROL OF PMBLDC DRIVE WITH GATE CONTROL METHOD USING CON VENTIONAL\_AND\_FUZZY\_CONTROLLER.

#### 7. Implementation Details: (3) Thermo Sensor

- **(3) Thermo sensor (TS):** is used for detecting abnormal behavior due to various stresses in stator area.
- Table 7 shows the analysis for CBM-



Figure 14. Parameter of the Thermo sensor

## 7. Implementation Details: (4) Proximity Sensor

- **(4) Proximity Sensor (PS):** is used for detecting abnormal behavior due to various stresses in motor area
- Table 8 shows the analysis for CBM



Table 8. Parameter of the Proximity sensor

## 7. Implementation Details: (4) Proximity Sensor

• **(4) Proximity Sensor (PS):** used for detecting abnormal changes of speed. We can use the formula for the Speed in (rpm) = (120 x Frequency) / No. of Poles. The maximum speed for the PS for 4-pole AC motor is 1,800 rpm.



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Figure 15. Capability curve of an induction motor

## 8. G2/NPAS Coding

• Simulation layout for the sensors for the Electrical Systems of small motor-1







**MOTOR-CBM-DEFINITIONS** 

animate sensor-stator-current-master



SENSOR-STATOR-CURRENT:: ANIMATE-ICON



ANIMATE-ICON



SENSOR-ROTOR-CURRENT:: ANIMATE-ICON



SENSOR-THERMO::ANIMATE-ICON



SENSOR-PROXIMITY::ANIMATE-ICON

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Figure 17. SCS, RVS, TS and PS sensors to the Small Motor-1

#### 8. G2/NPAS Coding for Simulation





Figure 18. Motor-1 System Layout for the Simulation

#### 8. G2/NPAS Coding: (1) Stator Current Analysis



Figure 19. Proposed Stator-Current sensor System

#### 8. G2/NPAS Coding: (2) Rotor Current Analysis



Figure 20. Proposed Rotor-Current sensor System

#### 8. G2/NPAS Coding: (3) Thermo Sensor



Figure 21. Proposed Thermo sensor System

#### 8. G2/NPAS Coding: (4) Proximity Sensor Analysis



Figure 22. Proposed Proximity sensor System

#### 8. G2/NPAS Coding: Simulation of the Nominal Stator Current



Figure 23. Simulation of the Stator-Current sensor in Normal Stage at Motor-1

#### 8. G2/NPAS Coding: Simulation of the Stator Current at Alarm-1



Figure 24. Simulation of the Stator-Current sensor in Alarm Level-1 Stage at Motor-1

#### 8. G2/NPAS Coding: Simulation of the Stator Current at Alarm-2



Figure 25. Simulation of the Stator-Current sensor in Alarm Level-2 Stage at Motor-1

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#### 8. G2/NPAS Coding: Simulation of the Stator Current at Alarm-3



Figure 26. Simulation of the Stator-Current sensor in Alarm Level-3 Stage at Motor-1

#### 8. G2/NPAS Coding: Simulation of the Stator Current Back at Nominal State



Figure 27. Simulation of the Stator-Current sensor back to Normal Stage at Motor-1

## 9. Conclusion

- This internship study looked at assessing visual-indicators, sensing needs for condition assessment, as well as an approach for implementation of CBM of electrical motors
- This work also provided the training to initiate preliminary coding in G2/NPAS, and the foundation for future guidance for further research and development of CBM implementation in INSIGHT with G2/NPAS



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