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- The leading class societies recommend HSM systems on all large hulls
- Most new Boxships, Tankers, Bulkers, LNGC's and Navy/Coastguard vessels install HSM systems
- ✓ Well suited to be retro-fitted, even in service
- The leading class societies wants to make HSM systems compulsory on large hulls

Why Monitor your Hull/Structure



Improved safety by quantification of uncertainties

Reduced operational cost (OPEX)

Reduced frequency of inspections

Prolonged remaining structure/field life

Light Structures AS



- World's leading supplier of fiber optic Hull Condition Monitoring Systems
- Founded in 2001 by scientists from the Norwegian Defense Research Establishment
- Head office and production based in Oslo. Acquired GME in Korea in 2017
- Represented by a network of agents in Korea, China, Japan, Taiwan, Russia, India, Singapore, USA, Canada, Australia, UAE and Greece
- More than 200 sold systems to commercial ships, navy and offshore units





Strain sensor deck Gonnection box

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Hull condition monitoring

Sloshing monitoring

Ice Load monitoring

Strategic Markets





Shipping



Oil & Gas



Navy/Coast Guard

Shipping



Tankers

Container vessels

Bulk carriers

LNG carriers

Ro-Ro vessels

Seismic vessels

- Hull condition monitoring
- Ice Load monitoring
- Sloshing monitoring













Oil & Gas



FPSO's: Pazflor, Nexus I, Goliat, Knarr, Egina

Drillers: Sevan Brazil

FSO's: Heidrun, Mariner, Gina Krogh

Semisub's: Ichthys CPF





- Hull Stress Monitoring
- Integrated Marine Monitoring System (IMMS)
- Mooring Tension Monitoring





Ichthys CPF







MIL /Navy



- Hull condition monitoring
- Ice Load monitoring
- Patrol vessels
- FTB/Coast corvette
- MCMV
- Coast Guard
- Frigates









LIGHT STRUCTURES



Generic System Architecture





Strain sensor installation (Retrofit)

Recommended short-base sensors fixed directly on deck longitudinal or stiffener with epoxy glue Watertight protection, integrated in anti-corrosion coating Place in ballast tank, void space or on deck









Sensor installation (retrofit)





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YARD

- Prepare cable support
- Pull cable from sensor position to junction box (midships and forepeak, typically)
- At sensor positions remove anti-corrosion coating and sand metal surface
- After sensor gluing, recoat with anti-corrosion coating

MAKER's ENGINEER

- Fix sensor with epoxy glue and make watertight (short-base sensor)
- Terminate fiber optic cable in junction boxes and processing electronics

Fiber optic sensor types



Our sensors were developed specifically for hull stress monitoring requirements

- Short-base fiber optic strain sensor
- Long-base fiber optic strain sensor
- Fiber optic accelerometer
- Fiber optic sloshing pressure sensor
- All sensors use Fiber Bragg Gratings





Hull Stress Monitoring (HSM)



- Developed in 1997 for the Norw. Navy
- Fiber optic technology, patented
- More than 180 installations
- All major Class notations DNV GL, ABS, BV, Lloyds, Rina, CCS, ICS



Basic system based on the minimum requirements for HMON notation: four sensors + accelerometer.

Possible to add sensors for more comprehensive measurements of global forces plus surveillance of "hotspots".

Active Fatigue Management – onshore database for maintenance planning for fleet and individual vessel.

Suggested solution for ship design SENSFIB







Intermediate Configuration (Container vessels)





8	рс	Fiber optic strain sensor SS1T
1	рс	Fiber optic accelerometer, 0-100 Hz
1	рс	FBG Analyzer-3 signal receiver



Benefits

- Improved maintenance planning
- Tool & reports accepted by leading class societies
- Reduced docking days
- Improved hull lifecycle
- Improved fleet scheduling/utilization
- ✓ Attractive ROI

Active Fatigue Management



AFM for fleet planning/optimization





Example Targeted reports



- Analysis of incidents and vessel status based on exported data
- Loading, frequency responses, fatigue status
- Data export by USB or satellite link





Monitoring vrs.loading computer





18k TEU container vessel measured over 6 months period

Conditions to Trigger Alarms



- Based on measured stress (or bending moment) exceeding threshold level defined by classification society or hull designer (independent of loading computer interface)
- Based on deviation between HSM measurement and loading computer calculation, e.g. during loading (requires online link to LC)
- Possible also to have warning of high fatigue rates, i.e. material fatigue accumulating faster than desired. Allows the navigator to adjust speed or course to conserve hull operational life.

Risk-based operator guidance for high speed navy vessels





Local response



Risk model



Hull Info Graphical User Interface



Bar graphs for each sensor with current stress and fatigue rate

Ship outline with sensor status indicator

Operating conditions at a glance (data from external sources)

Color indicates level green for normal, yellow for warning, red for overload



Intermediate Configuration (Container vessels)





Research and Development



- Partner in the Nerves of Steel DNVGL extraordinary innovation project in 2017
- Data for key projects uploaded and analyzed

Previous research projects

- HMON systems (EU)
- Ice Load Monitoring (DNVGL)
- Container vessel monitoring (DNVGL)
- LNG tank sloshing (DNVGL, Lloyds, ABS)
- Advanced load prediction (Norwegian Navy)
- Infrastructure monitoring (EU)
- Windmills (Kongsberg Maritime, ++)
- Aircraft (EDA, Airbus, ++)

Comparison table



No	Item	Fiber optic short-base	Conventional
1	System accuracy	Excellent	Good
2	System reliability	Excellent	Acceptable
3	System repeatability	Excellent	Acceptable
4	Location of sensors	On/under deck	On deck
5	Cable	Fiber optic	Electric twisted pair
6	Intrinsically safe	Yes	No
7	Calibration needed	No	Yearly
8	Maintenance	Mainly upgrades	Regular maintenance

Ice Load Monitoring (ILM)





- Developed in JIP with the Norwegian Navy (Coastguard) and DNV
- All fiber optic technology
- First commercial installation 2012
- Comply with recommendations of Major Class societies.

- Avoid damages
- Dynamic operator guidance
- **Extended hull lifecycle**
- Improved fleet utilization
- □ Attractive ROI

Combines the traditional Hmon system with the need for measuring local ice loads.

Two and three directional sensors will cover all design hotspots and sensitive areas.

Alarms and operator friendly display.

Torque meter and Ship Performance Monitoring System (SPMS)



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6DOF Motion sensor MRU2000



 The MRU-2000 unit is based on state-of-the art MEMS technology and is intended for use in mari PERFORMANCE





PERFORMANCE							
Parameter	MRU-2000	Remark					
Outputs	Roll, pitch, yaw, surge, sway, heave, xyz accelerations						
Roll & pitch	± 0.10°	RMS (Dynamic)					
Heave (Real-time)	5.0 cm or 5%	Whichever is greater					
Rotation speed range	± 150 °/s						
Acceleration range	± 3 g	Measurement range					
Output frequency	0 – 200 Hz	Adjustable setting					
POWER AND SIGNAL							
Parameter	MRU-2000	Remark					
Power consumption	6 W						
Supply voltage	12 – 36 VDC	24 VDC nominal					
Ports	Ethernet, RS-232, RS485, 2 x Sync	Gigabit Ethernet					
Protocols	NMEA, ASCII, binary, TSS, MDL, OCTANS, ATLAS	Wide range available on request					
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS							
Parameter	MRU-2000	Remark					
Weight	1.2 kg						
Footprint (L x B)	154 x 86 mm						
Height	67 mm						
Depth rating	200 m	Marine Aluminium Housing					

Some of our customers









- Hull stress monitoring will reduce risk for structural damage and dangerous events
- Will have a positive impact on maintenance planning – and hence a cost benefit
- ✓ Will improve fleet scheduling & utilization
- ✓ Will most likely become compulsory

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