



Integrated Vehicle Health Management Overview

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Overview / Project Goals



National Aeronautics R&D Policy and JPDO NextGen R&D Plan

"Develop technologies to reduce accidents and incidents through enhanced vehicle design, structures, and subsystems."

"Aircraft-level health-management systems, including sensors and analytical tools, will be developed that will identify problems before accidents occur. Research in health management requires not only monitoring and detecting, but also confident prognostics of latent potential failures before they occur ... with extensive verification and validation of automation systems."

R-1280 Complete applied research on system health management to support alternative NextGen equipage decisions.

JPDO NextGen Research and Development Plan

IVHM Strategic Objectives Derive from Aviation Safety Program Objectives



1. New operations

1.a. Robust, collaborative work environments

- 1.b. Effective, robust human-automation systems
- 1.c. Information management and portrayal for effective decision making

2. Flight in or around hazardous conditions

2.a. Sensing and portraying environmental hazards2.b. Modeling and sensing airframe and engine icing and icing conditions

3. Loss-of-control

3.a. Avoidance of conditions conducive to loss-of-control (sensing and planning)3.b. Detection of onset of loss-of-control (sensors, alerting, pilot awareness)3.c. Recovery from loss-of-control (piloted recovery, automatic recovery)

4. Durable aircraft structures and systems

4.a. Full fundamental knowledge about legacy aircraft

4.b. Start on knowledge about likely emerging materials and structures

5. On-board system failures and faults

5.a. Detection of system anomalies and adverse events

5.b. Diagnosis of causal factors, assess severity of and distinguish adverse events

5.c. Prognosis of remaining useful life

5.d. Mitigation of impact of adverse effects to continue safe flight and landing

6. Analyzing complex systems for safety

6.a. On-going monitoring [and prediction] of potential safety issues from operational data

6.b. Validation of system requirements relative to safety objectives

6.c. Verification that designs meet system safety requirements

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IVHM Research Objectives*



 Detection of system anomalies and adverse events Microwave Blade Tip Clearance Sensor High Temperature Wireless Sensors Multifunctional Sensing with Fiber Bragg Gratings Integrated Large Area Sensor Actuator Network 	 Prognosis of Remaining Useful Life Damage Propagation Modeling in a Particle Filtering Framework Probabilistic Fatigue Damage Prognosis and Uncertainty Management Early-Indicators of Failure Prognosis of Electronics under Shock, Vibration, and Thermo-mechanical Loads
Diagnosis of causal factors, assess severity of and distinguish adverse events • Onboard Model-based Engine Performance	 Mitigation of impact of adverse effects to continue safe flight and landing Mitigation of Crack Damage in Metallic Materials
 Estimation Lightning Damage Diagnosis for Composite Aircraft Probabilistic Methods for Diagnosis of Aircraft Systems Diagnostics of Avionics Systems Using Causal Models 	 On-going monitoring [and prediction] of potential safety issues from operational data Data Mining for Fleet-Wide Health Monitoring Event Cube: An Organized Approach for Mining and Understanding Anomalous Aviation Events
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IVHM Research Framework



Level 4 – Aircraft Level



A Comprehensive Approach to Assessments, Testing, and Integration





IVHM Management Team





IVHM Theme: Detection



Detection of system anomalies and adverse events

If a potential threat to aircraft safety develops, the first step is to DETECT it quickly, accurately, and reliably.

A Microwave Blade Tip Clearance Sensor for Propulsion Health Monitoring,

Mark Woike, NASA Glenn Research Center

Novel capability to measure blade tip clearance, which provides information indicative of the engine health.

High Temperature Wireless Sensor Systems,

Gary Hunter, NASA Glenn Research Center

Record-breaking capability to monitor high temperature sections in engine which would revolutionize engine health management

Multifunctional Sensing Using Fiber Bragg Gratings,

Cy Wilson, NASA Langley Research Center

Enhanced capability to monitor aircraft 'hotspot' locations

IVHM Theme: Detection Continued



Integrated Large Area Sensor Actuator Network Technology for Structural Health Monitoring,

Fu-Kuo Chang, Stanford University,

Revolutionary capability to detect structural damage at critical spots (bird /object strike at engine inlet locations and leading surfaces at takeoff and landing; cargo bay door sections; landing gear high stress areas)

Data Mining for Fleet-Wide Health Monitoring,

Nikunj Oza, NASA Ames Research Center,

Automated capability to search for precursor fault indications in archived databases, as well as online monitoring

Event Cube: An Organized Approach for Mining and Understanding Anomalous Aviation Events,

Jiawei Han, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Revolutionary text mining capability to identify root cause of threats

IVHM Theme: Diagnosis



Diagnosis of causal factors, assess severity of and distinguish adverse events

Once one or more potential threats are detected, the next step is to determine the root cause and disambiguate between a set of potential root causes.

Onboard Model-Based Aircraft Engine Performance Estimation for IVHM Applications,

Don Simon, NASA Glenn Research Center

Enhanced real-time onboard engine diagnostic capability

Lightning Damage Diagnosis Research for Composite Aircraft,

George Szatkowski, NASA Langley Research Center Lightning damage diagnostics for composite aircraft

Probabilistic Methods for Diagnosis of Aircraft Systems,

Ole Mengshoel, NASA Ames Research Center Bayesian methods for diagnostics, providing a structured framework for uncertainty management

IVHM Theme: Diagnosis Continued



Diagnostics of Avionics Systems Using Causal Models,

Raj Bharadwaj, Honeywell

Advanced analytics to improve the performance of diagnostic tools

New Algorithms for Diagnosis of Multiple Faults,

Stephen Boyd, Stanford University

Novel algorithms based on convex optimization to rapidly disambiguate faults

Vehicle Level Reasoning for Integrated Vehicle Health Management,

Eric Cooper, NASA Langley Research Center

Vehicle level reasoning system to diagnose vehicle level performance, disambiguate any conflicting subsystem health information, and determine best course of action

IVHM Theme: Prognosis

Estimation of remaining useful life



Once the cause of the threat is diagnosed, the next step is to determine the urgency, remaining useful life of the component/subsystem, and effect on aircraft safety.

Damage Propagation Modeling in a Particle Filtering Framework,

Kai Goebel, NASA Ames Research Center

Advanced analytics to improve the performance of prognostics methods

Probabilistic Fatigue Damage Prognosis and Uncertainty Management,

Yongming Liu, Clarkson University

A combination of physics-based and data-driven techniques to model fatigue in composite materials.

Early-Indicators for Failure-Prognosis of Electronics under Shock, Vibration and Thermo-mechanical Loads,

Pradeep Lall, Auburn University

Revolutionary techniques to identify precursors to failures in electronics.

IVHM Theme: Mitigation

NASA

Mitigation of impact of adverse effects to continue safe flight and landing

Following prognosis of a potential threat, the next step is to determine what mitigation actions should be taken. The IVHM R&D effort is focused on mitigating hardware faults as well as software faults.

Mitigation of Crack Damage in Metallic Materials,

Andy Newman, NASA Langley Research Center

Mitigation of crack damage in metallic materials using self-healing materials.

IVHM Theme: Software Health Management



A new area of research to detect, diagnose, predict, and mitigate adverse events due to software that has already passed verification and validation.

Software health management is a new area in the IVHM R&D portfolio.

Development of a Baseline Taxonomy of Flight-Critical Software Failures,

Walter Storm, Lockheed Martin Developing a baseline taxonomy for flight-critical software failures

Towards Model-based Software Health Management,

Gabor Karsai, Vanderbilt University A model-based approach to software health management