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## **Wireless Sensor - MEMs Accelerometer Basics**

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# Meet the Speaker



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## Wireless Sensor - MEMs Accelerometer Basics

This topic will discuss the use and utility of MEM's sensors for vibration analysis. It will compare attributes of legacy Piezo electric sensors vs MEM's including how each works and strengths & weakness of each. We discuss how we can leverage the MEM's sensor in a wireless sensor package and what results we see in using MEM's for impact detection.

# Accelerometers

# PIEZOELECTRIC ACCEL



# VS

COST

HIGH FREQUENCY

LOW FREQUENCY

AMPLITUDE RANGE

FLEXIBLE PLATFORM

SIMPLE PLATFORM

# MEMS ACCEL





# Legacy Azima Systems use Piezo-Electric Sensors



Piezo-Electric Accelerometer

# Piezoelectricity:

The ability of a crystalline material to develop electric charge in response to the applied mechanical stress and vice-versa.



# Piezo Electric Accelerometer

## Benchmark Technology

Direct Measure of Force

### Pro's

- High Dynamic Range
- Wide Frequency Range

### Con's

- Requires Unique Power Supply
- Requires Separate Signal Processing
- Requires Separate ADC
- Low Output At Low Frequency

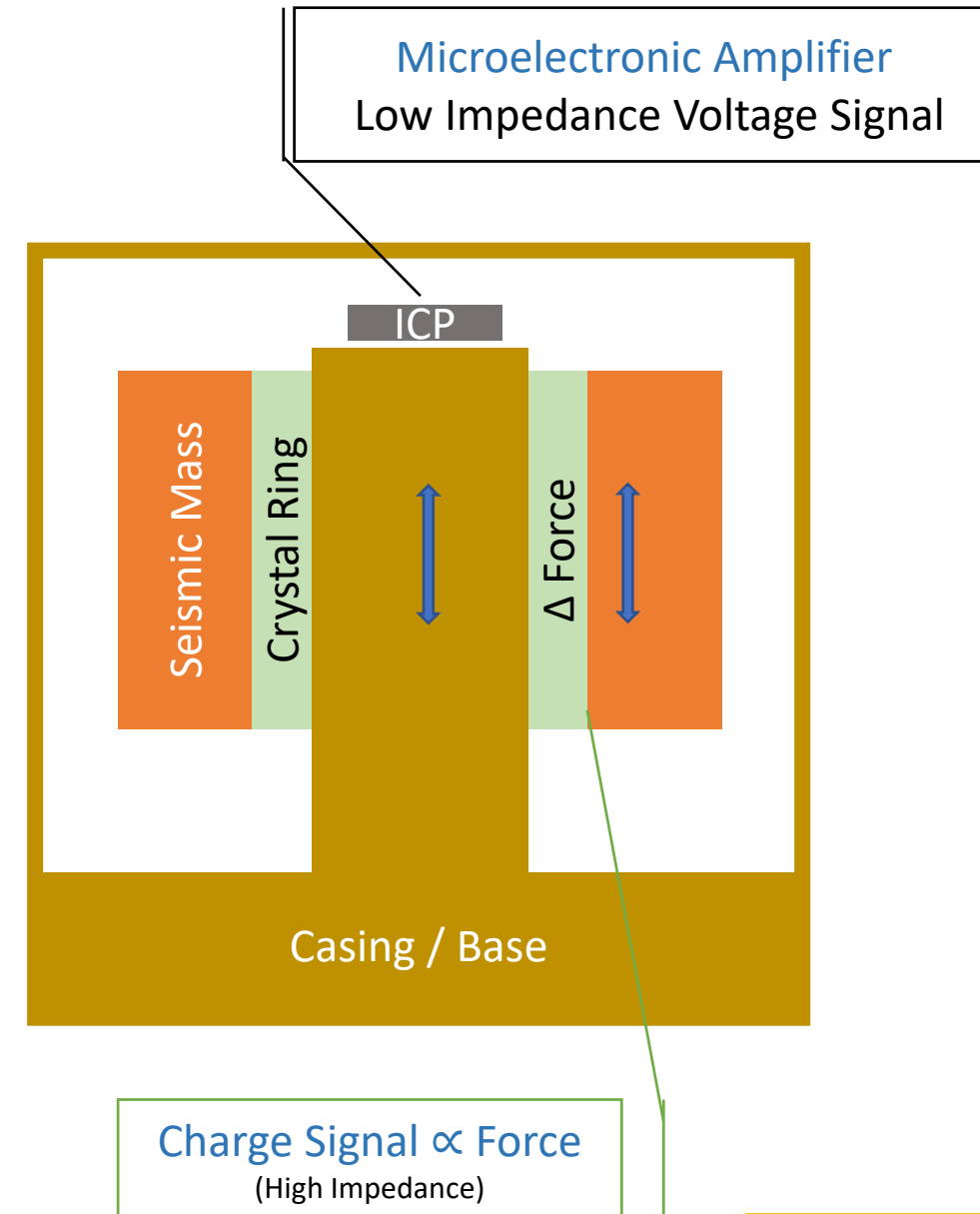


**DEFINITION:** ADC = Analog to Digital Converter

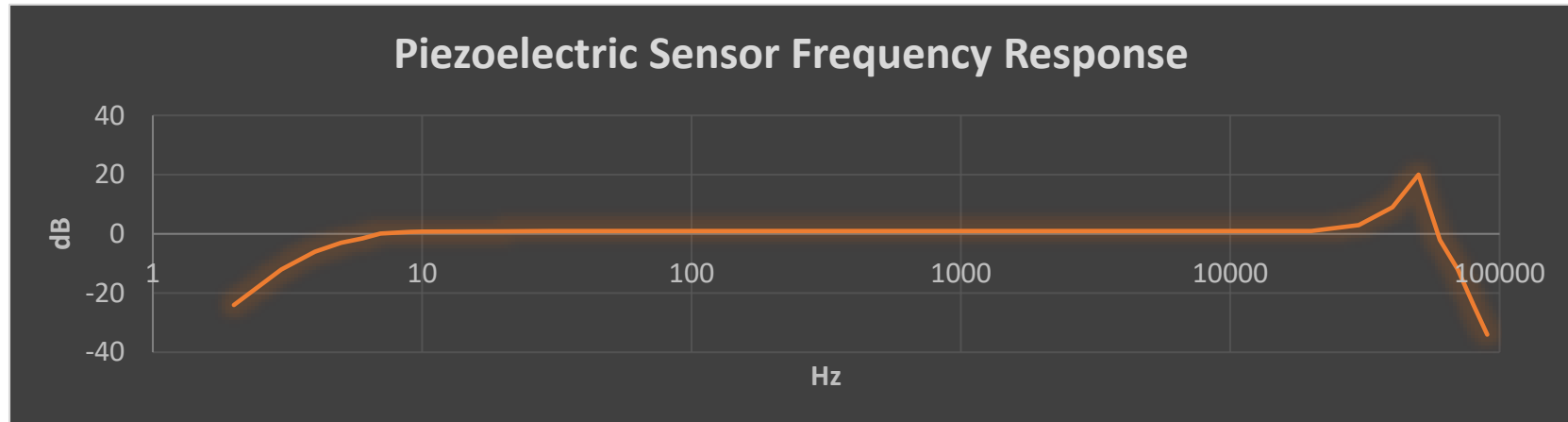
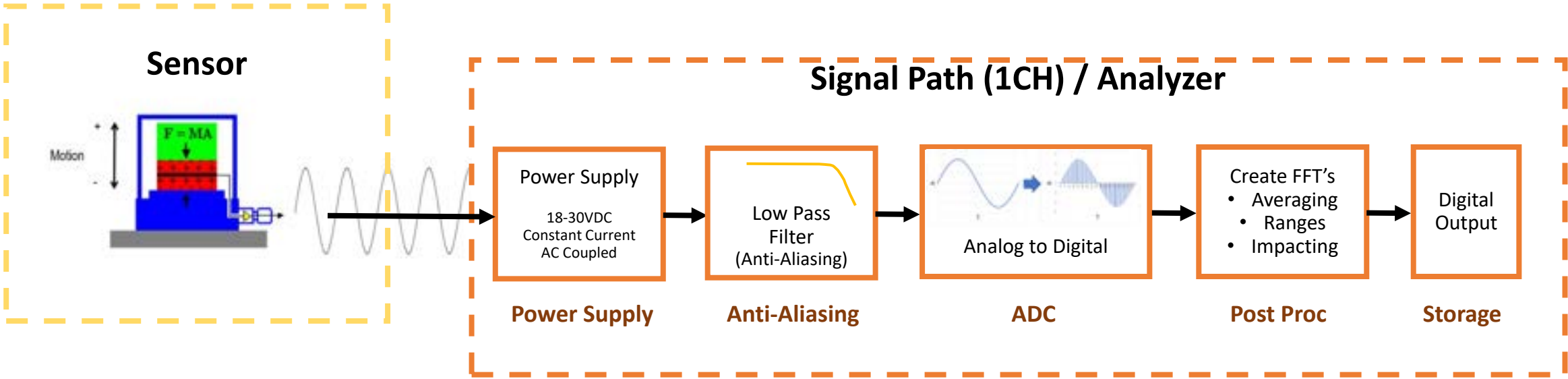


# Piezo Electric Accelerometer

- Piezo Electric Affect of Crystalline Element
- $\Delta\text{Voltage} \propto \Delta\text{Force}$
- $F=MA$  (known mass)
  - Shear Mode / Compression Mode
    - (Shear Mode Shown)
  - **Seismic Mass** Supported By **Crystal**
  - Sensing Element Is Rigid
  - Varying Stress Across Crystal Creates Varying Charge
  - Converted To Analog Voltage By **Amplifier**
  - Requires **External** Signal Processing And Digitization

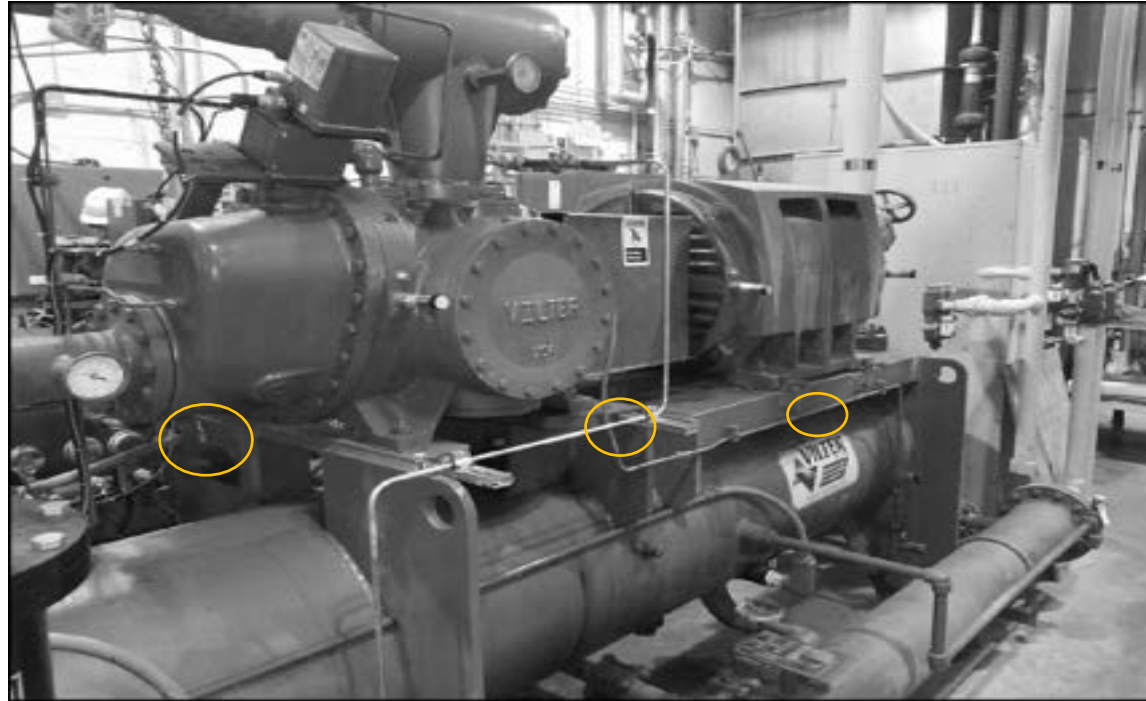


# Example Signal Path



# Watchman AIR™

Uses MEMS  
Accelerometer  
Technology



## ✓ Supports Expert Automated Diagnostic System

- High resolution, high sampling rate, Impact Demod™

## ✓ Supports frequent data collection

- Sustain 3-year battery guarantee

## ✓ Easy to setup, easy to train

- Simple configuration, plus mesh

## ✓ Various network options

- IT approved

## ✓ Affordable at scale

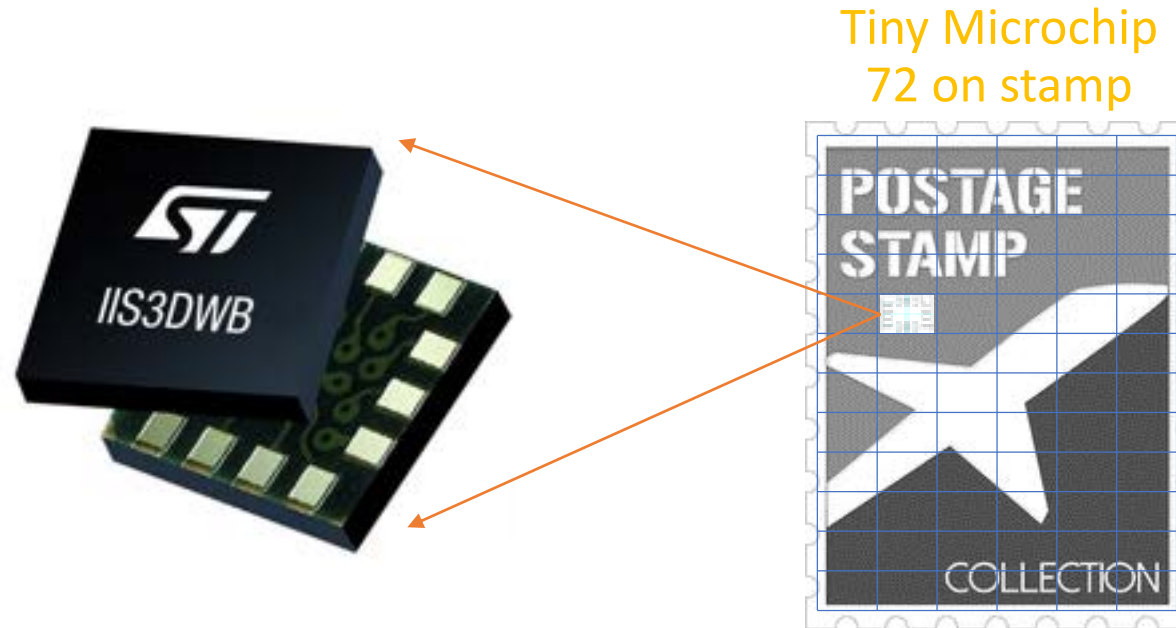
- Finance approved



Sensor

# MEMs Accelerometer

Micro Electro-Mechanical System  
System-in-Package / Triaxial Accel / Digital Output





# MEMs Accelerometer

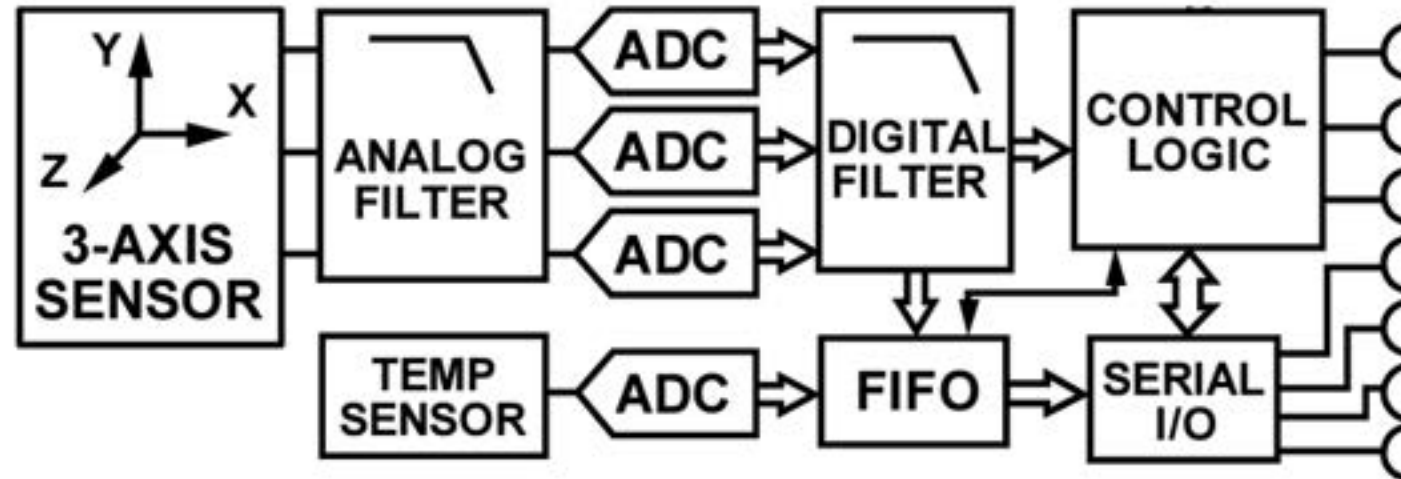
Sensor, Signal Processing, ADC, Buffer, Logic

## Pro's

- Compact
- Low Power
- Low Cost
- DC Coupled (0Hz)

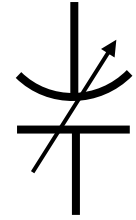
## Con's

- Limited Bandwidth
- Limited Amplitude Range (often)

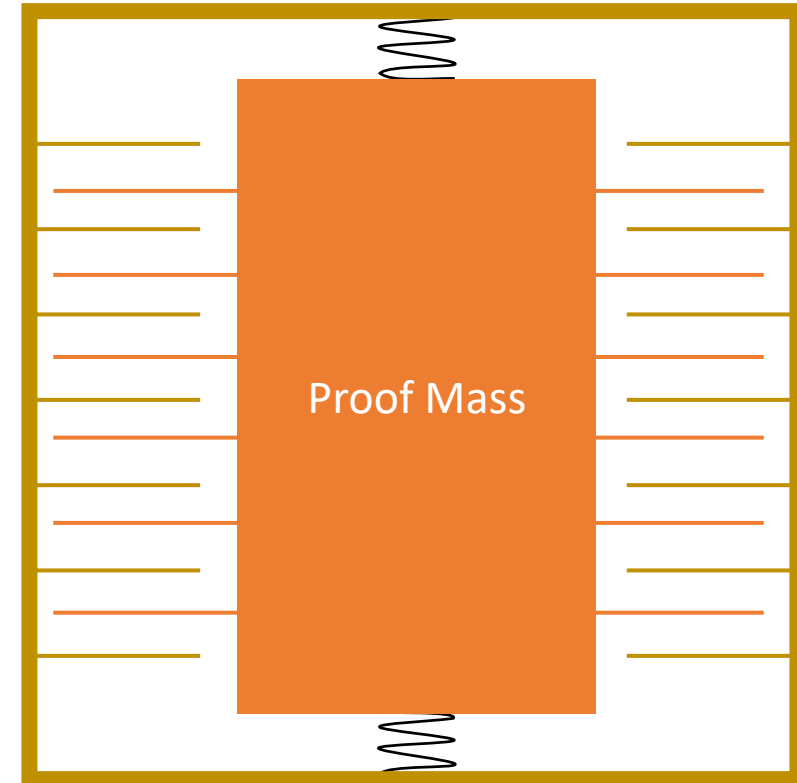
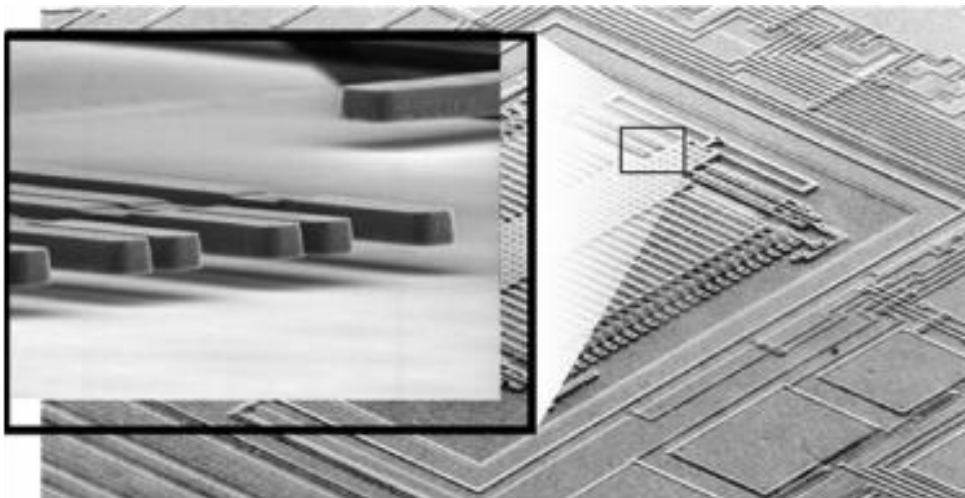


# MEMs Acceleration Sensor

## Variable Capacitance of Moving Proof Mass

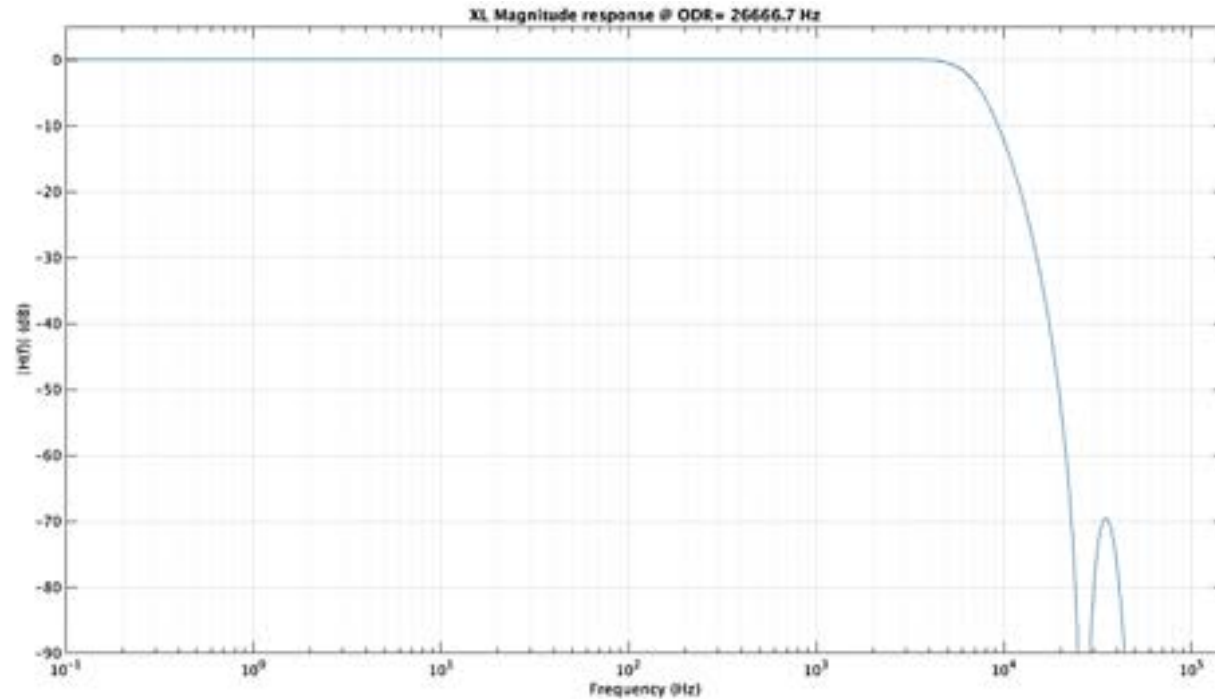
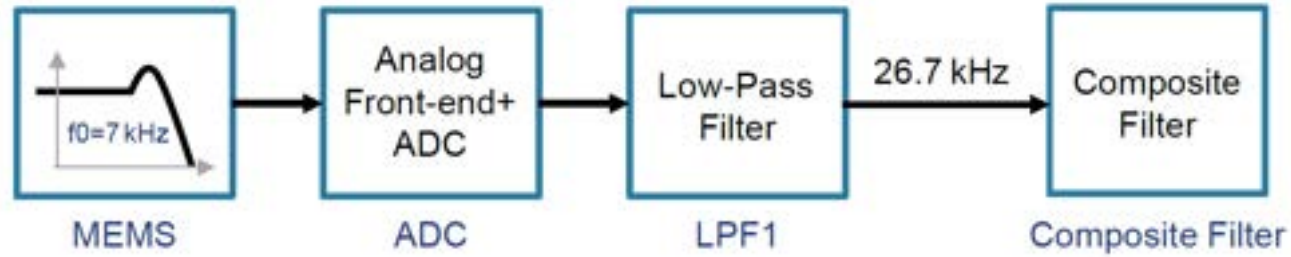


- $\Delta\text{Capacitance} \propto \Delta\text{Acceleration}$ 
  - Comb Fingers create Variable Capacitor
  - Proof Mass Spring Supported
  - Displacement of Proof Mass Varies Finger Capacitance



# Accelerometer Performance

## Filter Chain



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# PIEZO

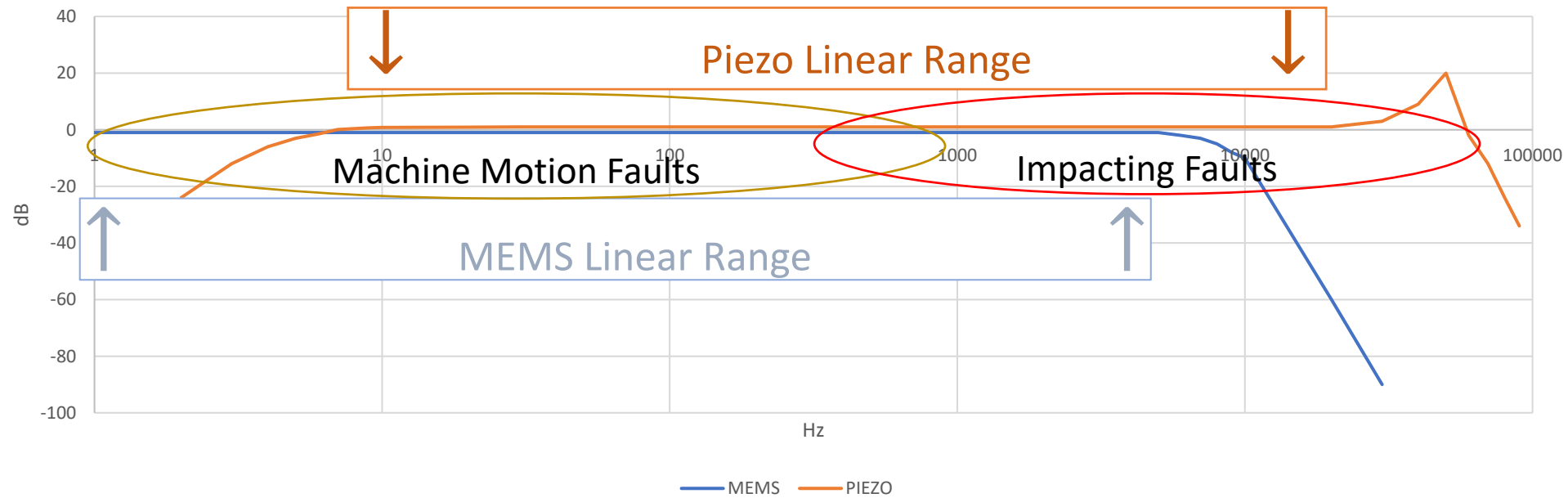


# MEMS



# VS

Piezo VS MEMS Frequency Response





## Low Speed and Wireless

### Question:

If MEMS sensor goes down to Zero RPM, why do you limit your wireless sensor to 600 RPM and above machines?

### Simple Answer:

Battery Life



# Low Speed and Wireless

## Example Data Set

Best practice

Sample for 15 revolutions

4 averages +50% overlap

### 600 RPM Example

1 Test = 4.25 Sec producing 113,000 Samples

Battery life ~ 3 yr.

### 12 RPM Example

1 Test = 188 Sec producing 4,800,000 Samples

Battery life ~ 45 days



# Asset Applicability

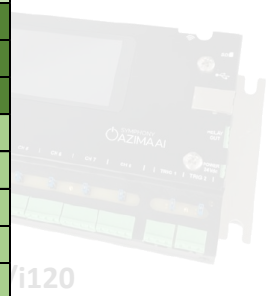
Common Identifiable Fault Types	1kHz Wireless	2kHz Wireless	Wireless Accel 310	Portable TRIO	Online SPRITE
Rotating Looseness	Limited	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Soft Foot / Mounting Flexibility	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Imbalance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Angular / Parallel Misalignment	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Belt Faults	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sheaves Faults	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Late Stage Bearing Wear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Early Stage Bearing Wear - Spectrum	No	Limited	Yes	Better	Best
Early Stage Ball Bearing Wear - Impact Demod	No	No	Yes	Better	Best
Impeller Vane Faults	Limited	Limited	Yes	Yes	Yes
Axial Flow Propellor Faults	Limited	Limited	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rotary Gear / Screw / Thread Faults	No	Limited	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fan Blade Faults	Limited	Limited	Yes	Yes	Yes
Blower Lobe Faults	No	Limited	Yes	Yes	Yes
Compressor Piston Faults	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Compressor Screw Faults	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
VFD Motor Faults	No	No	Most	Yes	Yes
Motor Rotor Bar Faults	No	Limited	Most	Yes	Yes
Gearbox Faults	No	No	Most	Yes	Yes
Journal Bearing Faults	No	No	Most	Most	Most
Centrifugal (Centac) Compressor Faults	No	No	Limited	Better	Best
High-speed Gear Mesh Faults	No	No	Limited	Better	Best
Turbines	No	No	Limited	Better	Best
Turbochargers	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Expanders	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Conveyors	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Slow Speed Shaft Faults, 60-350 RPM	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Slow Speed Shaft Faults, 5-60 RPM	No	No	No	No	Yes



- 6.3kHz - 10kHz Fmax
- 26.7kHz sample rate
- +/-16g input range
- 1,600 lines of resolution
- 110,000 sample buffer



- 40kHz Fmax
- 102.4kHz sample rate
- 100g (w/ 100mV/g sensor)
- 25,600 lines of resolution
- 525,000 sample buffer



- 40kHz Fmax
- 102.4kHz sample rate
- 100g (w/ 100mV/g sensor)
- 51,200 lines of resolution
- >14M sample buffer

## Piezoelectric



### Portable, Manual Acquisition TRIO – DP-2

- 4 simultaneous channels
- Largest asset coverage**
- All accessible, industrial, rotating assets

#### Tech Specs:

- 40kHz Fmax
- 102.4kHz sample rate
- 100g (w/ 100mV/g sensor)
- 25,600 lines of resolution

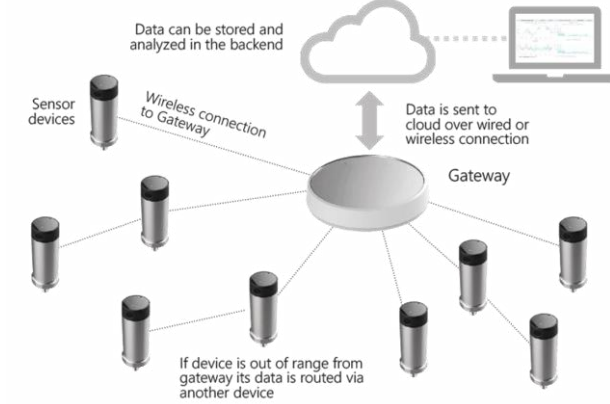
### Permanent, Auto Acquisition Online i110 / i120

- 16 multiplexed or 8+8 simultaneous channels
- Monitoring down to 5 RPM**
- Paper & metals machinery
- Slow speed gearboxes

#### Tech Specs:

- 40kHz Fmax
- 102.4kHz sample rate
- 100g (w/ 100mV/g sensor)
- 51,200 lines of resolution
- >14M sample buffer
- Wireless or wired

## MEMS



### Permanent, Fully Wireless Wireless Accel™ 310

- Hi-res, triaxial + temp
- Most connected program**
- Most common, industrial rotating assets
- Continuous running assets

#### Tech Specs:

- 6.3kHz - 10kHz Fmax
- 26.7kHz sample rate
- +/-16g input range
- 1,600 lines of resolution
- 3-year battery, fixed
- Mesh + gateway



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**QUESTIONS ?**

**THANK YOU!**

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