

# **Graphic User Interface for High and Low Channel Count DATAQ and Recorder Systems**

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# The Tasks at Hand:

## ■ GUI or HMI?

- ◆ Human Machine Interface

## ■ Control without complexity

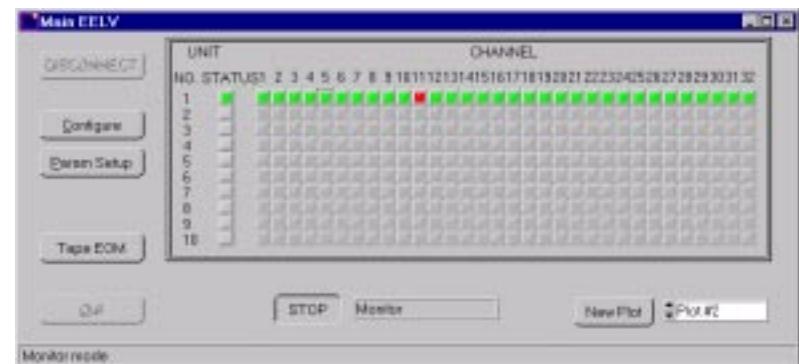
## ■ Acquisition of valid data

## ■ Monitoring without confusion

- ◆ Real-time vs.  
Visual Real-time

## ■ Expansion without constraints

## ■ Cost & Development Time vs. COTS



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# Four HMI/GUI Examples

- Multi-purpose ruggedized recorder
  - ◆ No GUI, LCD remote control
- Serial (PCM) sonar recorder
  - ◆ Simple GUI to match past
- Windtunnel DATAQ
  - ◆ 320 channels - simple functionality
- Vibration monitoring, processing and acquisition system
  - ◆ 32 channels - complex functionality



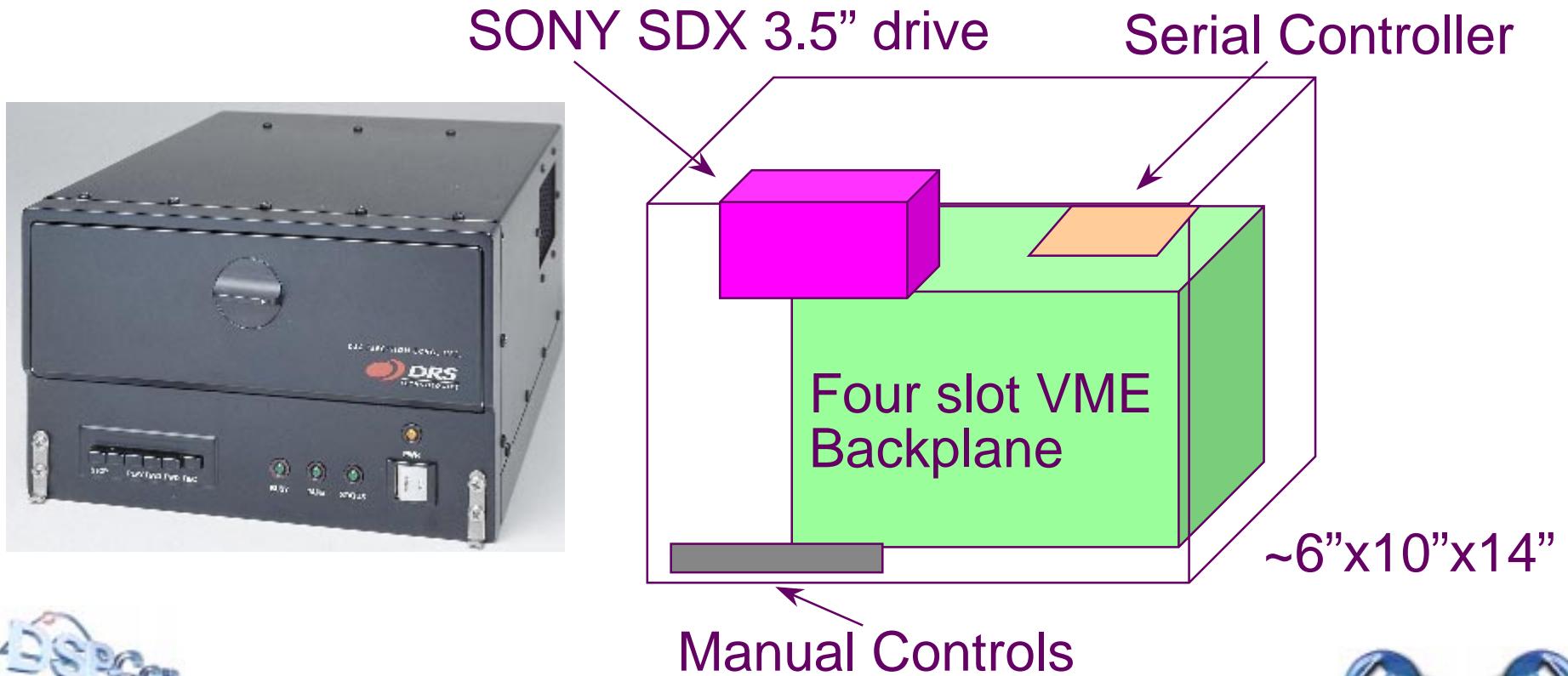
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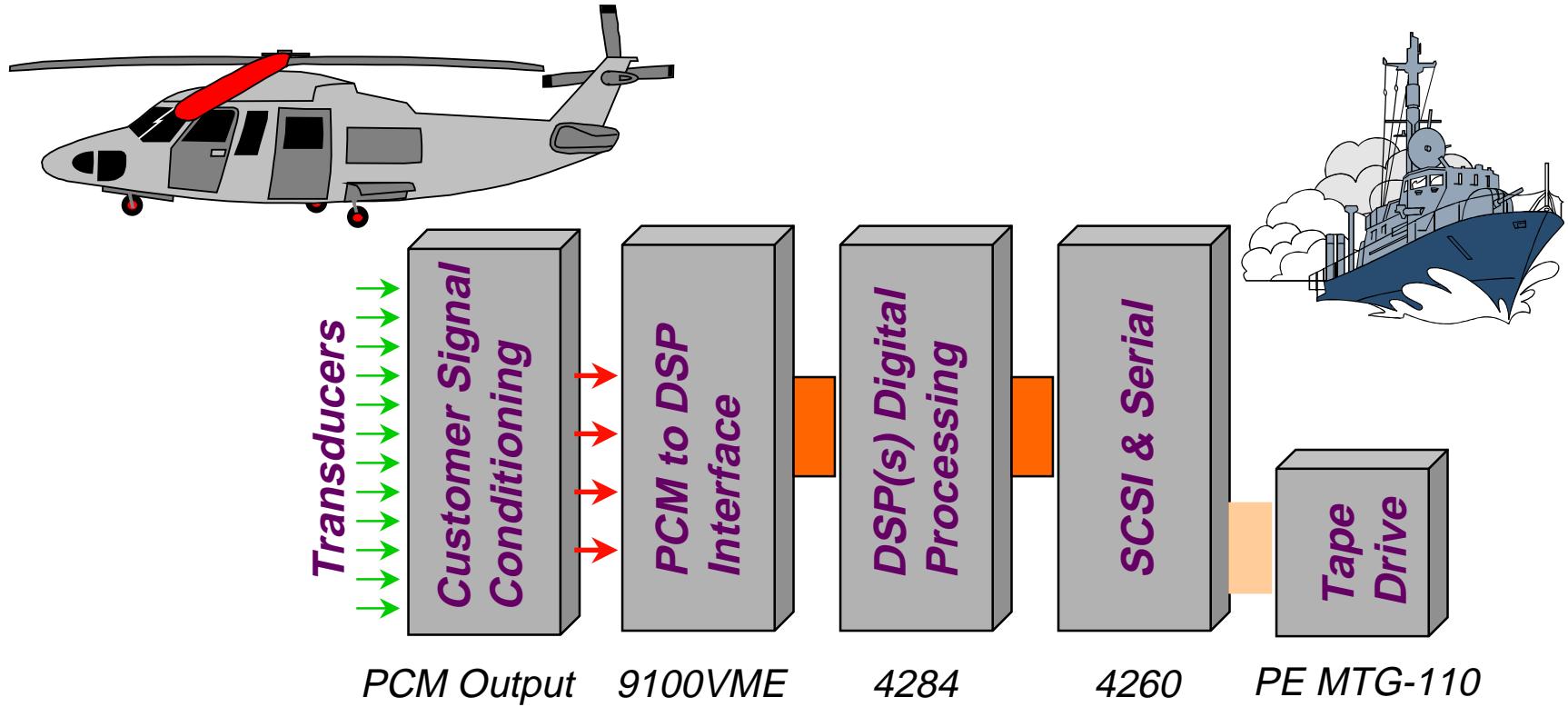
# PE DCMR-24 Digital Recorder

**24 Mbit/s with 25 GByte uncompressed capacity  
uses SONY's AIT tape, 28 VDC supply  
16-32 Ch. Analog, 2 Ch. Video, Serial and/or 1553**





# Ocean Floor SONAR Mapper





# Ocean Floor SONAR Mapper GUI

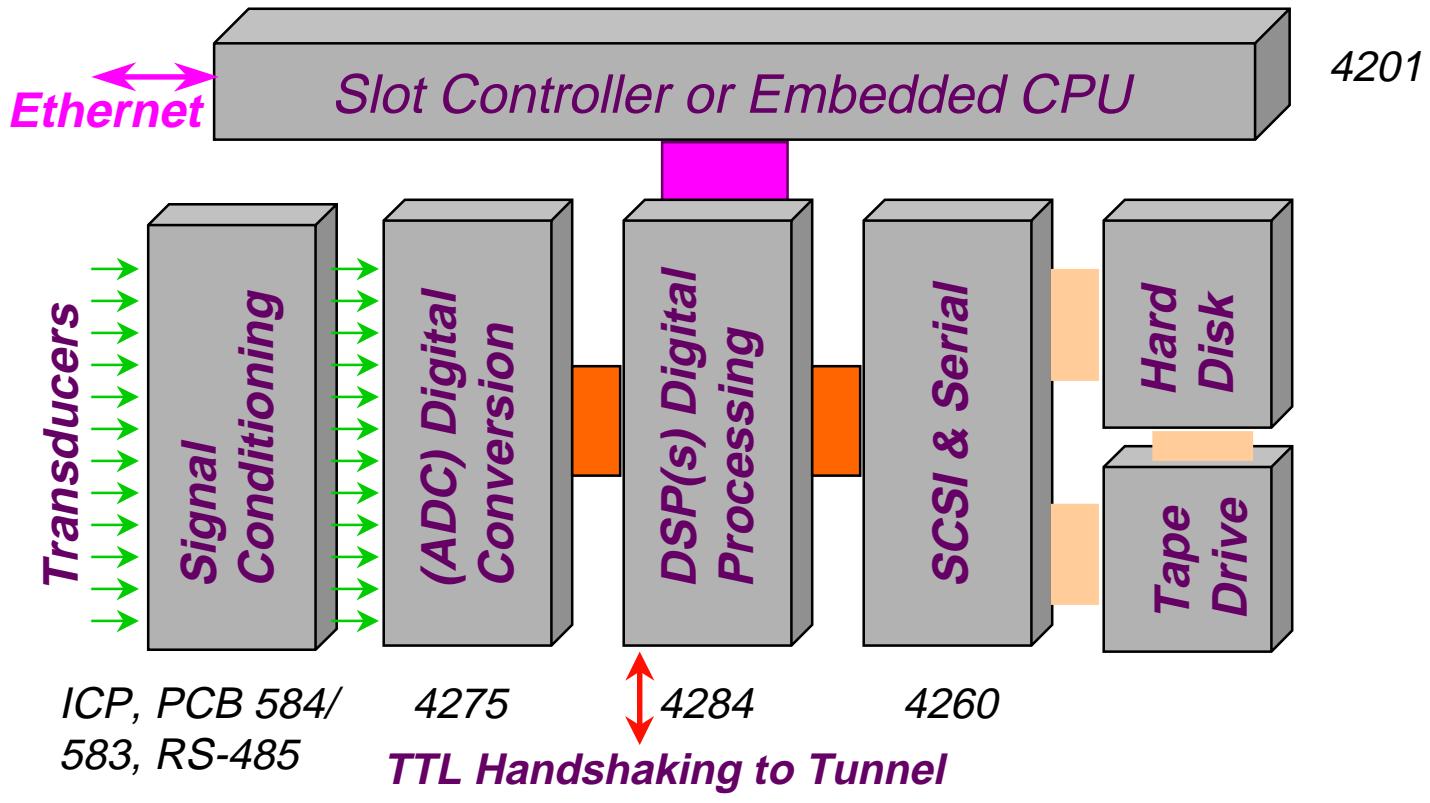
The screenshot shows the UT-ARL Data Recorder interface with the following components:

- Recording Status:** Displays "RECORDING" and the current time "13:22:21" and date "18 FEB 1998".
- Tape Position and Usage:** Shows "Tape Position [%]" at 7.941790 and "Tape Usage [%]" at 0.00.
- Control Buttons:** Includes STOP, PLAYBACK, RECORD, and various forward/backward seek buttons.
- Marker Buttons:** MARKER and MSG MKR.
- Event Log:** A scrollable list of events and messages, including:
  - 18 Feb 1998 13:17:56 RECORDING START
  - 18 Feb 1998 13:18:06 signal search
  - 18 Feb 1998 13:19:35 sinal found
  - 18 Feb 1998 13:20:27 signal noise, high frequency spike
  - 18 Feb 1998 13:21:00 signal strength regained
  - 18 Feb 1998 13:21:28 signal noise
  - 18 Feb 1998 13:21:34 signal lost
  - 18 Feb 1998 13:22:02 establishing signal search
  - 18 Feb 1998 13:22:12 signal found
- Message Window:** Displays "System configuration completed".
- Search Controls:** A separate window titled "Search/Skip Mode" with options for "Search by time stamp" (set to 18 Feb 13:19:35) and "Skip events".
- Labels:** Callouts point to specific areas:
  - System Status (points to the bottom left)
  - Directory of events, markers and messages (points to the event log)
  - Search Controls (points to the search window)
  - Markers (points to the MARKER button)
  - Tape Position and Usage (points to the tape position bar)
  - Message (points to the message window)





# Windtunnel 320 Chan. System





# Windtunnel System - Part 2

*A unique human interface was used to control, monitor and keep track of the 320 active channels:*

The image displays three windows of the Main EELV software:

- Main EELV (Top Left):** Shows a 10x32 grid of channel status LEDs. An orange arrow points from the text "A simple click on a channel ‘LED’ creates a plot of the channel with RMS level and time, spectra, PSD and SRS displays" to the LED for channel 11.
- Main EELV (Bottom Left):** Similar to the top window, showing the same 10x32 grid of channel status LEDs.
- Channel Configuration (Right):** A table listing 32 channels with columns for Chan, Name, Sensitivity, Gain, Filter, and Sensitivity. Buttons for Save Config, Manual Control, Read Back, and Close are also present.
- Plot #1: chan 11 (CHAN\_011) (Bottom Right):** A plot window showing Power [PSI] on the Y-axis (ranging from -40 to 20) versus Hertz [Hz] on the X-axis (ranging from 0.000 to 50000.000). The plot shows a noisy signal with a prominent initial transient.

*A simple click on a channel “LED” creates a plot of the channel with RMS level and time, spectra, PSD and SRS displays*

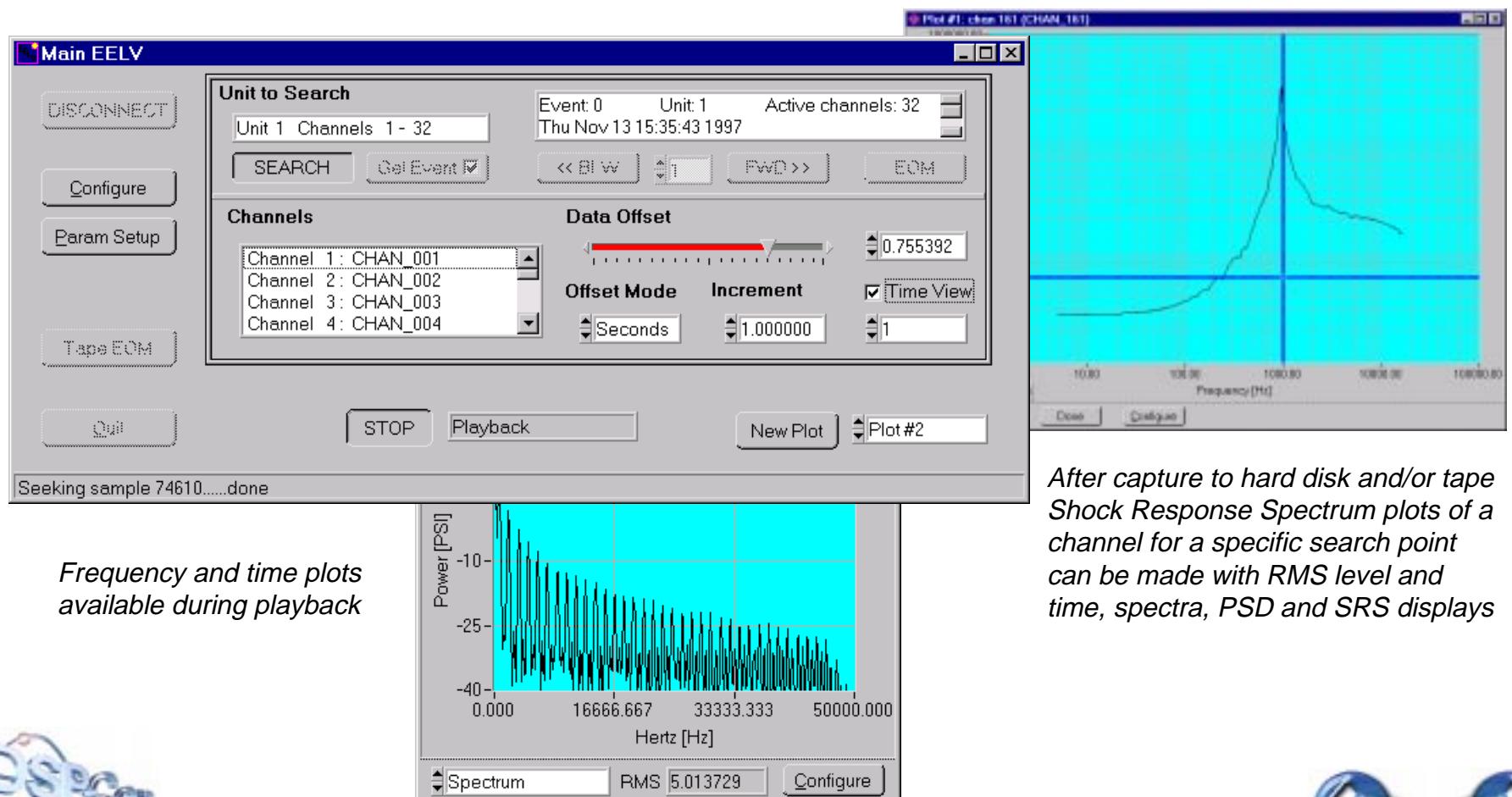
*Data captured to buffer (hard disk), loading to tape in progress alerts can be latched onto or used to stop loading.*





# System Evolution - Part 3

*After use in the tunnel - new missions required two @160 channel shock measurement and analysis systems*



*Frequency and time plots available during playback*

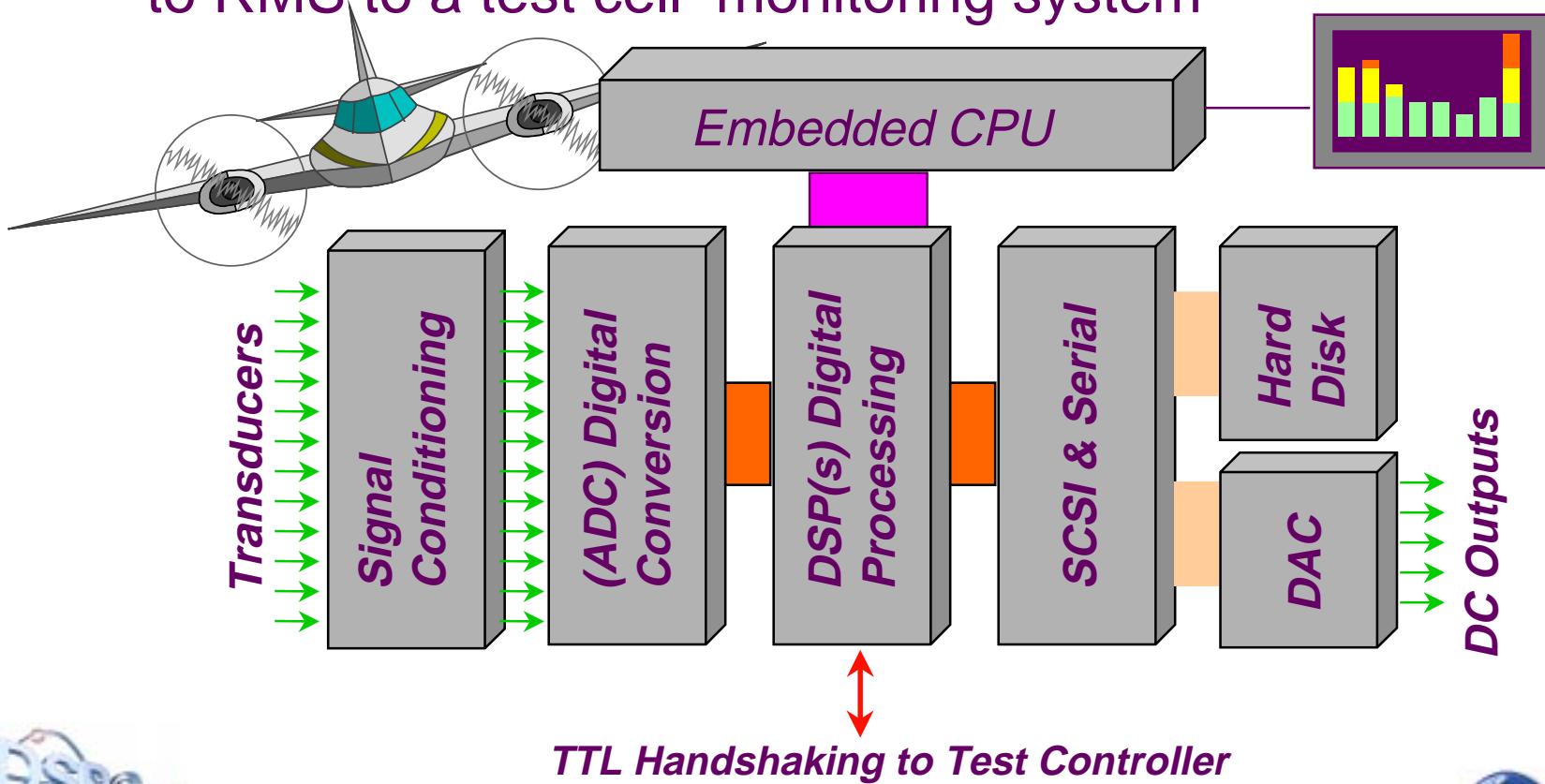
*After capture to hard disk and/or tape Shock Response Spectrum plots of a channel for a specific search point can be made with RMS level and time, spectra, PSD and SRS displays*





# Engine/Gearbox Vibration DATAQ

Receives vibration data from RS-232 controlled transducer conditioners and passes DC proportional to RMS to a test cell monitoring system





# VibMon - System Configuration

**Configuration Setup**

**Excel Setup**

**System Setup**

**Import control**

**System control**

**Imported setup**

The screenshot shows the VibMon Configuration Setup window divided into two main sections: **Excel Setup** on the left and **System Setup** on the right. The **System Setup** section contains fields for Node Name (jmniel.dund), Sample Rate (16000.00), Board Name (t85), Record Time (10.00), Port Number (8000), Pretrig Time (2.00), 4260 StackPos (2), PSD Factor (0.8000), 4252 StackPos (0,1), A/D Unit (Unit 0, Unit 1), Mix Stack Pos (0,1), SCSI Address (0,1), SCSI Disk (Disk 0, Disk 1), and SCSI Address (Disk 0, Disk 1). Arrows from three callout boxes point to specific controls: one arrow points to the **Node Name** field, another to the **Port Number** field, and a third to the **SCSI Address** field. The **Import control** box is associated with the **Node Name**, **Port Number**, and **SCSI Address** fields. The **System control** box is associated with the **Port Number** and **SCSI Address** fields. The **Imported setup** box is associated with the **SCSI Address** field. At the bottom of the window are **Save**, **Quit**, and **Change Password** buttons.

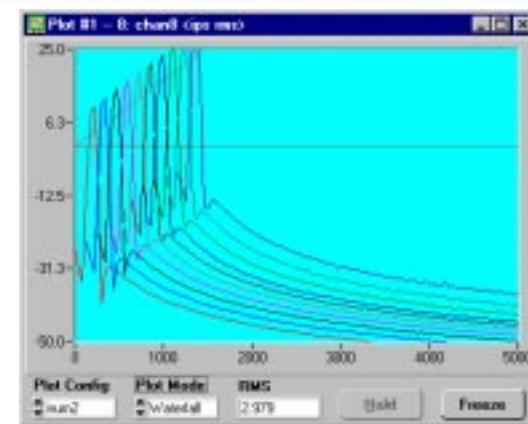
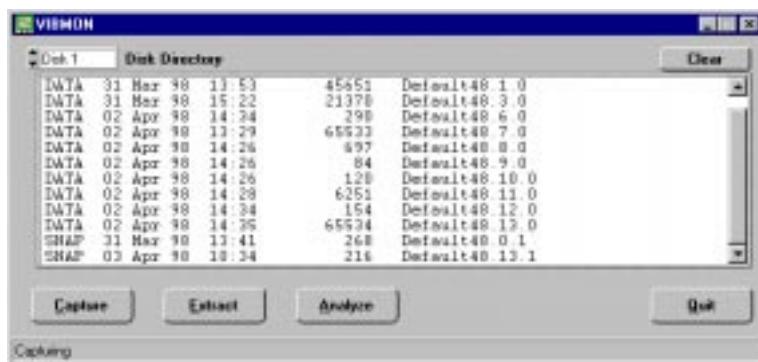
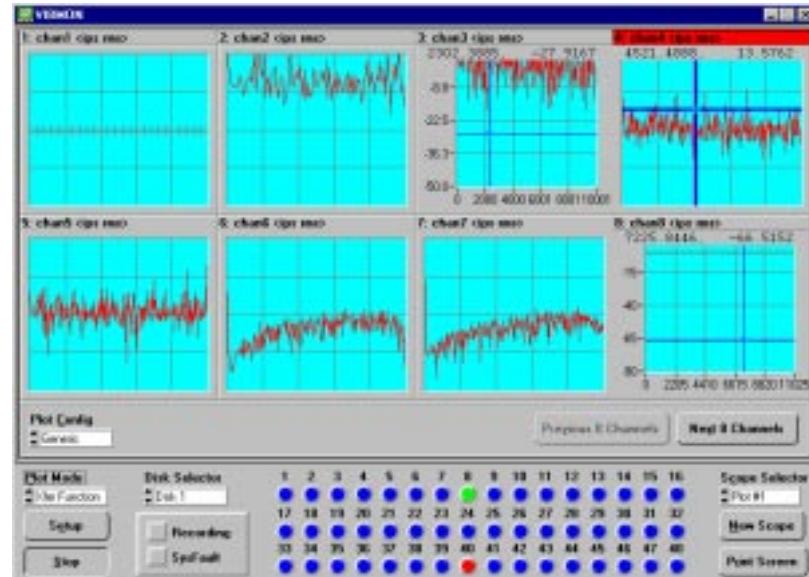
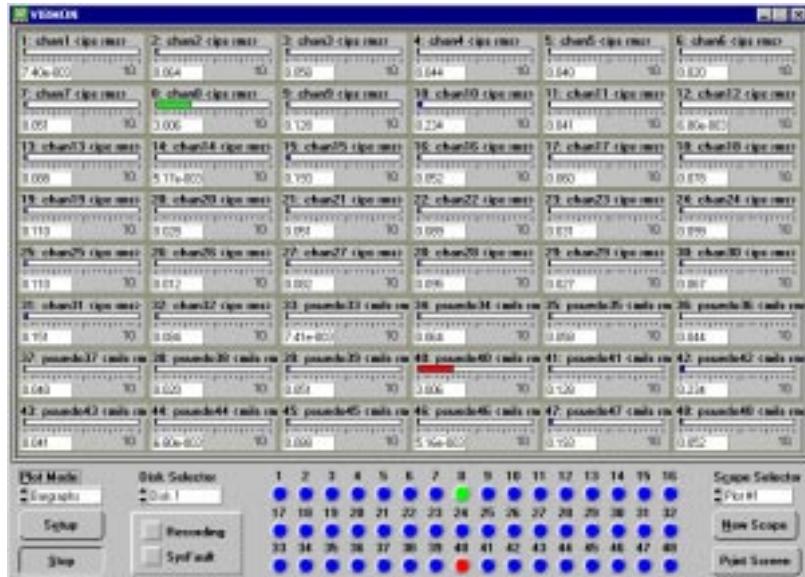
**Setup: Default48 (48)**

ID	Name	A/D	D/A	Units	Gain	Sens	Cond.	Filter	O-gain	O-offset	Warning	Alarm	
1	chan1	01	16	ips	0.0	1.00e+000	None	Low	1000.0	1.00e+000	0.00e+000	4.00	4.50
2	chan2	02	15	ips	0.0	1.00e+000	None	Low	2000.0	1.00e+000	0.00e+000	4.00	4.50
3	chan3	03	14	ips	0.0	1.00e+000	None	Low	3000.0	1.00e+000	0.00e+000	4.00	4.50
4	chan4	04	13	ips	0.0	1.00e+000	None	Low	4000.0	1.00e+000	0.00e+000	4.00	4.50
5	chan5	05	12	ips	0.0	1.00e+000	None	Low	5000.0	1.00e+000	0.00e+000	4.00	4.50
6	chan6	06	11	ips	0.0	1.00e+000	None	Low	6000.0	1.00e+000	0.00e+000	4.00	4.50
7	chan7	07	10	ips	0.0	1.00e+000	None	Low	7000.0	1.00e+000	0.00e+000	4.00	4.50





# VibMon - GUI/HMI for DATAQ





# VibMon - Plot Configuration

**Generic**

Name: **Generic**

**Time Domain**

Min Scale	Max Scale	Time Base
-1.000E+0	1.000E+0	22.000E-3

**Frequency Domain**

Min Scale	Max Scale	Min Freq	Max Freq
-50.000E+0	10.000E+0	0.000E+0	5.000E+3

**Nth Octave**

Start Frequency	Number of Octave	Div. per Octave
10.00	5	3

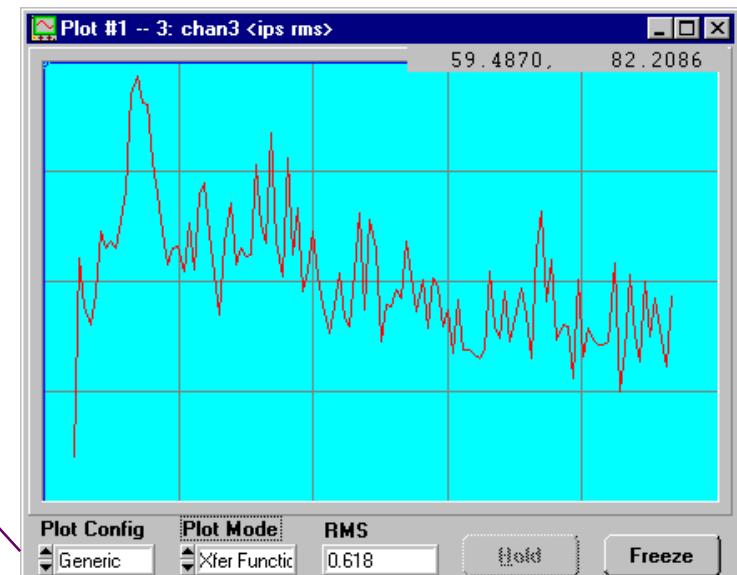
**Transfer Function**

Reference Channel
1

**Water Fall**

View Angle	View Raise	Trace Separation	Number of Traces	Update Period
11.000E+0	5.000E+0	1.10	10	100.000E-3

**Buttons:** OK, Cancel, Apply, Delete



**Plot type**





# Summary

- GUI has evolved into HMI
- Elaborate systems with simple operation are possible
- GUI/HMI “strawmen” are invaluable for development and evaluation
- Consistent HMI’s can cover a wide variety of hardware and data types



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