# Unmatched accuracy in force reconstruction with Dragonfly®

### # The Challenge

Inverse methods are used in both design and operation to reconstruct underlying forces from structural responses, especially when **direct measurements are impractical**. This approach relies on two key steps : **calibration and operation**.

During calibration, measured responses can be weak due to structural stiffness, particularly when applied forces are distant from measurement points. To optimize sensor placement, **Finite Element Modeling** (FEM) helps identify locations with the **highest strain or acceleration**.

Traditional methods, such as accelerometers, struggle with force correlation and low sensitivity in **the low-frequency domain**. Foil strain sensors suffer from noise, leading to force reconstruction errors. As a result, more sensors are often required, increasing both setup cost and complexity.



### Sensor sensitivity is critical

The sensor sensitivity and **signal to noise ratio** need to be maximized during calibration phase



#### Sensor range limitation

To accurately capture the structure response both during calibration—where responses can be weak—and at higher levels during operation, a sensor with a **wide dynamic** range is essential.



#### Acceleration inapropriate

Accelerometers are sensitive but **acceleration is not proportional to the forces** in the structure.

### **# Breaking Point**

Recent industrial methodologies simulate transfer paths in multicomponent assemblies, requiring **individual measurement** of forces at system interfaces—whether acting as source components or passive receptors—following ISO 20270 standards. Achieving high-quality datasets in this context demands **ultrasensitive sensing** with very low noise and high electromagnetic field (EMF) protection. We asked **VIBRATEC** 

What is the key benefit of using Dragonfly ?

"Our latest use case, which involved extremely **low strain amplitudes**, could only be successfully addressed thanks to the **Dragonfly**® sensors from Wormsensing."



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## 1000x

HIGHER SENTIVITY TO CAPTURE THE FINEST DEFORMATION, ENSURING UNPARALLELED ACCURACY IN STRAIN MEASUREMENT.



### **#** The Solution

Dragonfly<sup>®</sup> is a revolutionary strain sensor that offers **1000x the resolution of** traditional gauges, enabling high accuracy, low noise, high immunity to EMF, greatintegrability and frequency bandwith making it the **perfect fit** for Force estimation in Inverse Methods.

### KEY FEATURES

#### SENSITIVITY

>120dB

1000X MORE SENSITIVE THAN TRADITIONAL SENSORS

#### SIGNAL TO NOISE RATIO

EXTREMELY LOW NOISE LEVEL

#### MEASUREMENT RANGE ±3000µm/m

ABOVE STEEL PLASTICITY

INTEGRATION PLUG & PLAY

VOLTAGE, CHARGE, IEPE STANDARD

#### Precision 1000x more sensitive than strain gauges, Dragonfly® ensures unmatched accuracy in every calibration.



Versatility Captures both microdeformations and large-scale shifts with seamless adaptability to any measurement need.

**Force correlation** Measures strain with

absolute precision, providing a direct reading of applied forces for a clearer structural analysis.



Dragonfly revolutionizes inverse methodologies by offering ultra-high **resolution** measurements during calibration while maintaining the ability to capture high-amplitude responses during operation, thanks to its large measuring range.

Its end-to-end shielding, exceptional sensitivity, and high signal-to-noise ratio set it apart from traditional foil strain gauges, ensuring superior measurement quality.

In contrast to acceleration-based methodologies, which exhibit weak responses at low frequencies, strain-based measurements provide a more reliable correlation with applied forces, making them the preferred choice for accurate force reconstruction.

Dragonfly<sup>®</sup>'s versatility extends to numerous other fields.







and many more applications...



