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A Machine Learning Approach to Integrity Management of Pipelines

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Motivation

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Motivation

- Apply PHM to corrosion, the most prominent failure mechanisms in pipelines
- Only 1 % improvement in performance of systems saves billions



From: DOI 10.1007/978-3-319-44742-1

• Managing corrosion damage in oil and gas industry improves performance

What is the most efficient approach to manage pipelines corrosion failures?

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Motivation

- Significant progress in data analytics, machine learning and PHM
- Survey of key industries on relevance of data analytics :
 - How important is data analytics, machine learning relative to other priorities in your industry?



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Al, Machine Learning, Deep Learning

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

A program that can sense, reason, act, and adapt

symbolic vs. connectionist approaches to AI

MACHINE LEARNING

Algorithms whose performance improve as they are exposed to more data over time

DEEP Learning

Subset of machine learning in which multilayered neural networks learn from vast amounts of data



From: https://towardsdatascience.com/cousins-of-artificial-intelligence-dda4edc27b55



Data Analytics and Machine Learning in Pipeline Integrity Management

- Prognosis and health management (PHM) is the field where data analytics is applied
 - Cost effective and conditioned based pipeline integrity management
- What is PHM?





Data Analytics and Machine Learning in Pipeline Integrity Management

PHM categories
 Data-driven models
 Physics of Failure-based models (PoF)
 Hybrid models





Problem Definition

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Problem Definition

- Available data for a corroded pipeline:
 - Noisy and expensive offline large scale data/information
 - Corrosion growth physics of failure (PoF) information
 - Accurate and inexpensive online local data



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Developed Approach

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Overall View

The approach involves two levels:





- Minimizing health monitoring cost
- Maximizing probability of detection of corrosion damages
- Large scale level: data and information gathered through different techniques were fused to:
 - Developed and updated a hybrid corrosion growth model including measurement uncertainties to estimate RUL





Overall View



 $E_{\rm H}$: Estimated corrosion damage size based on human inspection S: Sensor, H: Human Inspection, I: ILI, F: final, PF: particle filtering

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Detailed View – Local Level



Detailed View – Large Scale Level





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RUL



RUL estimation for all corrosion damages



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Examples of Results

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Results-Local Level

- 46 synthetic realizations of pitting corrosion damages over a pipeline segment were considered
- Corresponding optimal arrangements were aggregated
 - Acoustic Emission Sensors (Triangle sign)
 - Human Inspection With Ultrasound tool (plus sign)



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Results-Local Level

- Automated crack length estimation using CNNs
 - Images correspond to experiments conducted at Center for Risk and Reliability.



Original CN

CNN prediction

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Original

CNN prediction



Results-Local Level

• Online crack growth (length) estimation using RNNs inferred from acoustic emission signals



Results- Local Level



Estimation of pitting corrosion growth model parameters by augmented particle filtering



PoF - based pitting corrosion growth model [Nuhi et al, 2011]

$$d = k(t - t_0)^{\nu}$$

d = pit depth t : operation time t_0 : Operation initiation time k & v : growth model parameters

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Results- Large Scale Level



An example of the estimated depth





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Results- Large Scale Level



Comparison between our results and the results of Maes model**:

Performance metric	Developed approach	Maes model**
RMSE	0.334	0.556
Metric N*	24.5%	60.55%

*Metric N: percentage of pits that their predicted depth is out of ±10% bounds of their actual depth.
** Maes model: State of the art pitting corrosion growth model for in-line inspected pits available in the literature which is validated by field data.

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Summary

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Summary



- A new machine learning based approach for RUL estimation of corroded pipelines is developed
- This approach considers local and large scale data/information for a high confidence RUL estimation
 - Local data are gathered using an optimal arrangement of sensors and inspection areas
 - Large scale data are gathered using in-line inspection
 - Local data are used to mitigate the uncertainties regarding large scale data
 - A fusion of local and large scale data are used to update physics of failure model parameters
- Future works:
 - Dynamic sensor placement based on data fusion results
 - Finding an optimal maintenance policy including optimal maintenance actions and schedule for each pipeline segment
 - Optimal next ILI time



Questions?

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Case study:

Assumptions and Pipeline Specifications

- A short pipeline segment is considered to illustrate the proposed approach
 - Length=50 m, Radius=1 m
- Internal pitting corrosion
 - Pit depth as the damage size
- Generated 46 synthetic samples
- Models from the literature are used for pitting damage density and size distributions
 - -Longitudinal pitting density: 0.2 pit/meter
- Detection methods: Acoustic emission sensors & Human inspection with ultrasonic tools



Case study: Layout for one Pitting Corrosion Sample

• 142 continues variables, 198 binary variables



CNN





• Semantic Image Segmentation



https://www.jeremyjordan.me/semantic-segmentation/



CNN 9cont.0





RNN





Particle Filtering

- Particle Filtering is a sequential Monte Carlo methods for on-line learning within a Bayesian framework.
- The key idea in PF is to approximate the posterior density function of the state of the system with a discrete weighted distribution of some random samples (i.e., particles)

$$Pr(d_j|y_{1:j}) \simeq \sum_{p=1}^P w_j^p \delta(d_j - d_j^p)$$

 d_j = actual state of the system at time step j $y_{1:j}$ = noisy measurments from time step 0 to j w_j^p = updated weight of p^{th} particle at time step j δ = Dirac's delta function P = number of particles





Particle Filtering

In order to perform PF, P number of samples or particles are generated from initial pdf of the state of the system and then at each time step, those particles are evolved by using the process model (prediction step). Subsequently, the measurements corresponding to that time step will be used to update the assigned weight to each particle (updating step)

Process Model:
$$d_j = f(D_{j-1}, V_{j-1}) \rightarrow P(d_j | d_{j-1})$$

Where d_j is state at time step j, V is called process noise and f is the evolution function.

Measurement Model: $y_j = h(d_j, W_j) \rightarrow P(y_j|d_j)$

Where y_j is state at time step j, W_j is called measurement noise and h is the evolution function.

In the standard PF, it is assumed that the parameters of the process model are known. However, for most of the practical cases, those parameters are unknown, but the form of the process model is known based on the physics of the process. In that case, augmented particle filtering (APF) can be used to estimate the state of the system and the process model parameters.

Hierarchical Bayesian



Another method that is a used in this approach is a hierarchical Bayesian (HB) method based on a non-homogeneous gamma process. HB modeling is an appropriate method to make scientific inference about a population, based on many individuals. This method has been used to fuse ILI data of various pits along the pipeline.