

### Bayesian Knowledge Fusion in Prognostics and Health Management—A Case Study

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## **Motivation and Background**

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#### **P3 Aircraft Health Management**







- SAFE-life design assumes very low probability of crack initiation
- Full-sacle fatigue tests with 2X safety factors
- Objective: Quantify the risk associated with fleet life extension (damage-tolerance regime)



- Today's objective in fleet management is to use an airframe to its maximum service life (total life) [1]
- Stochastic Physics-of-Failure (PoF) approach has proved useful for fleet management.
- Shortcomings of PoF:
  - 1. Limited knowledge about the underlying physics of failure
  - 2. Scarcity of relevant material-level test data to estimate model parameters
  - In practice, disconnected from the system being modeled (no feedback)



#### Methodology

### GOAL: Developing a hybrid prognostics methodology for health management consisting of the following modules:

- Physics-of-Failure (PoF) Model
- NDI-based structural integrity assessment
- Knowledge Fusion Module













# **Acoustic Emission Monitoring**

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#### AE for Fatigue > Background





#### Acoustic emissions are

elastic stress waves generated by a rapid release of energy from localized sources within a material under stress [3].

- Passive technique (good for detecting damage as it accumulates)
- Global monitoring and localization capability
- Only good for detecting active defects
- Highly susceptible to noise

[2] Huang, M. et al., 1998. Using acoustic emission in fatigue and fracture materials research. *JOM*, 50(11), 1-14
 [3] Mix, P.E., 2005. Introduction to nondestructive testing: a training guide, Wiley-Interscience







### **AE Features**

- Amplitude
- Energy
- Rise time
- Counts (Threshold crossing)
- Frequency content
- Waveform shape

AE for Fatigue > Estimating Crack Growth Rate



# Objective: To correlate AE parameters with fatigue crack growth parameters





## **Experimental Procedure**





<u>Crack Growth Clip</u>

#### AE for Fatigue > Experimental Procedure > Crack Size Measurement





#### Experimental Procedure > Noise Filtration











#### Experimental Procedure > Noise Filtration (Amplitude)





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#### AE Discovery Tool developed in MATLAB



#### AE for Fatigue > Model Calibration > Bayesian Regression





#### **AE-based Crack Size Prediction**





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Initial crack distribution





#### Knowledge Fusion > Multi-stage state updating



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#### Knowledge Fusion > Bayesian Model Updating





#### Knowledge Fusion > Bayesian Model Updating > Model Structure



#### Hierarchical Bayesian Model



 $\underline{\lambda} = {\underline{\theta}, \sigma}$  (First level prior)

 $\underline{\phi} = \{ \mathbf{M}_{\theta}, \Sigma_{\theta} \} \text{ (Second level prior)}$ 

 $\underline{\Psi} = \{M_{M\theta}, \Sigma_{M\theta}, \Omega, \eta, \alpha, \beta\} \text{ (Vector of hyperparameters)}$ 





The objective is to infer the model parameters from the simulation and the AE data.

$$\begin{split} p(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\phi} \mid D_{SM}, D_{AE}) &= ?\\ p(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\phi} \mid D_{SM}, D_{AE}) &= p(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\phi} \mid D_{SM}, D_{AE}^{(1)}, \dots, D_{AE}^{(N_e)}) &= p(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\phi} \mid D_{SM}, E^{(1)}, \dots, E^{(N_e)})\\ &= \int_{e^{(1)}} f_{E^{(1)}}(e^{(1)}) p(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\phi} \mid D_{SM}, e^{(1)}, E^{(2)}, \dots, E^{(N_e)}) de^{(1)}\\ &= \int_{e^{(1)}} \int_{e^{(2)}} f_{E^{(1)}}(e^{(1)}) f_{E^{(2)}|E^{(1)}}(e^{(2)} \mid e^{(1)}) p(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\phi} \mid D_{SM}, e^{(1)}, e^{(2)}, E^{(3)}, \dots, E^{(N_e)}) de^{(2)} de^{(1)}\\ &\vdots\\ &= \int_{e^{(1)}, \dots, e^{(N_e)}} f_{E^{(1)}}(e^{(1)}) \prod_{k=2}^{N_e} (f_{E^{(k)}|E^{(k-1)}}(e^{(k)} \mid e^{(k-1)}) p(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\phi} \mid D_{SM}, e^{(1)}, e^{(2)}, \dots, e^{(N_e)}) de^{(k)}) de^{(k)}) \end{split}$$

The correlation between AE data at subsequent time instances is captured in the conditional PDF terms that appear in the above equations.



Now using Bayes' rule:

$$p(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\phi} \mid D_{SM}, e^{(1)}, e^{(2)}, \dots, e^{(N_e)}) \propto p(D_{SM}, e^{(1)}, e^{(2)}, \dots, e^{(N_e)} \mid \underline{\lambda}, \underline{\phi}) p(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\phi})$$

$$= p(D_{SM} | \underline{\lambda}, \underline{\phi}) p(e^{(1)} | \underline{\lambda}, \underline{\phi}) \dots p(e^{(N_e)} | \underline{\lambda}, \underline{\phi}) p(\underline{\lambda}, \underline{\phi})$$

Simplification based on the independence of  $D_{SM}$  and  $D_{AE}$  and conditional independence of  $E^{(k)}$ 's given the model parameters, i.e.

$$E^{(k_1)}|E^{(k_2)},\underline{\lambda},\underline{\varphi}\rangle = p\left(E^{(k_1)}|\underline{\lambda},\underline{\varphi}\rangle,\forall k_1,k_2=1,\ldots,N_e\right)$$

$$= p(D_{SM} | \underline{\lambda}) p(e^{(1)} | \underline{\lambda}) \dots p(e^{(N_e)} | \underline{\lambda}) p(\underline{\lambda} | \underline{\phi}) p(\underline{\phi}; \underline{\psi})$$

$$\oint does not appear in the likelihood functions and by using the rules of conditional probability$$

At this level, each of the likelihood terms,  $p(.|\underline{\lambda})$ , can be easily calculated as follows:

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$$p(D_{SM} | \underline{\lambda}) = \prod_{j=1}^{NX} \prod_{i=1}^{NS} f_Y(y_{ij} | \underline{\lambda}; x_j)$$
$$p(e^{(k)} | \underline{\lambda}) = f_{Y_k}(e^{(k)} | \underline{\lambda}; x_k)$$



- $D_{SM}$  and  $D_{AE}$  are independent so we can do sequential updating: First update using  $D_{SM}$ , use the resulting posterior as the prior for updating with  $D_{AE}$
- For  $D_{AE}$ , discretize the distribution of  $E^{(k)}$ 's and treat each resulting point as regular evidence. Perform the updating but weigh the resulting posterior using an appropriate weight calculated from the conditional distribution  $f_{E^{(k)}|E^{(k-1)}}(e^{(k)}|e^{(k-1)})$
- Bayesian updating at each step is performed via MCMC simulation
  - We use WinBUGS software to find the posterior
  - Weight calculation is performed in MATLAB
- Large computation time for large data sets and lower discretization error.



- A case study of using Bayesian fusion technique for integrating information from multiple sources in a structural health management problem was presented
- The simulation data was first used to find the model parameters and then, as crack size estimates from AE became available, the model parameters were updated in light of the new evidence.
- The mathematical formulation of the problem as well as the setup of the Bayesian inference solution was given.
- The solution includes treatment of 'uncertain' evidence and also takes into account the correlation between AE observations.
- The resulting equations should be solved numerically. Efforts are still under way to provide an efficient computational solution to this problem



# Thanks you! Questions? Comments?