





Making Reliability Engineering Smart:

When Principles of Failure Meet with Industrial Big Data

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Introduction

A vision from Vision Hotel

- "What if we have only one data point? (Making good reliability assessment under this circumstance) It is a vision." – Prof. Way KUO
- A challenge: if we do not have enough historical failure data, how can we still evaluate the reliability with sufficient degree of confidence?



Source: http://en.beijingvision.cn/



Overview of research activities



Zoom in to axis 1: Conceptual framework for failure causes



Fig. A conceptual framework for failure causes

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Zoom in to axis 1: Integrated index for risk and reliability

- Belief risk index *Risk*_B:
 - Belief degree of the decision maker that a given consequence occurs, considering the prediction of the PRA model and the EU in the PRA model.
 - Design margin, degradation, aleatory uncertainty are modeled by *Risk*^{*}_P.
 - Epistemic uncertainty is modeled by σ_E .
 - Impact of knowledge and epistemic uncertainty.
 - $Risk_B = 0.5$: Total ignorance: due to EU, we cannot use the PRA model to make decisions.
 - Perfect knowledge: $\alpha_e \rightarrow 0$: $Risk_B \rightarrow Risk_P^*$
 - Graphical explanation: measures the distance from origin to the boundary of the failure region in the extended uncertainty space.



Fig. Interpretation of belief risk index in terms of distance to the failure region.

For more details see: Zeng Z, Bani-Mustafa T (SS), Flage R, Zio E. An integrated risk index accounting for epistemic uncertainty in Probability Risk Assessment (PRA). Journal of Risk and Reliability 2021.

Dependent failure process: modeling and analysis:

- Selected work component-level dependency modeling:
- A top-down method to identify dependency relations among failure mechanisms.
- A bottom-up "compositional" method for dependency modeling.
- A case study and experimental validations on a aviation valve.



Model validation

Compositional modeling

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For details see: Z. Zeng, Y. Chen, E. Zio and R. Kang., 2017. A compositional method to model dependent failure behavior based on PoF models. Chinese Journal of Aeronautics. *30*(5), pp.1729-1739.

Dependent failure process: modeling and analysis:

- Selected work system-level dependency modeling:
- An integrated model to consider system-level dependencies.
- A bisection-based reliability analysis method.
- An application on a hydraulic servo actuator.



For details see: Zeng, Z., Kang, R. and Chen, Y., 2016. Using PoF models to predict system reliability considering failure collaboration. *Chinese Journal of Aeronautics*, *29*(5), pp.1294-1301.

Reliability analysis

Dependent failure process: modeling and analysis:

- Selected work degradation-shock dependency modeling:
- □ A new reliability model is developed for degradation-shock dependence.
- **D** Zone effect of random shocks magnitudes is considered.
- □ The model is applied on a <u>sliding spool</u>.



An example of degradation-shock dependence & zone effect





Results of the application

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For details you can refer to: Fan, M., Zeng, Z., Zio, E. and Kang, R., 2017. Modeling dependent competing failure processes with degradation-shock dependence. *Reliability Engineering & System Safety*, *165*, pp.422-430.

Dynamic reliability updating

- Comparison to existing methods:
 - Comparisons are made to methods using only statistical data and only condition-monitoring data.
 - The developed method integrates information from the two sources.
 - Parameter K determines our trusts on the information sources.



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 $R_{B,i,t}$ (t=7)

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See Zeng, Z. and Zio, E., 2018. Dynamic risk assessment based on statistical failure data and condition-monitoring degradation data. *IEEE Transactions on Reliability*, *67*(2), pp.609-622.

Big data driven fault diagnosis through deep and transfer learning



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Failure behavior of non-recoverable systems

Recoverable systems









Looks good? Then?

Smart reliability engineering: Facing the challenges and

opportunities of industry 4.0



It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.

1st revolution

2nd revolution

3rd revolution

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4th revolution



• Internet of things

- Big data
- Artificial intelligence
- Smart factory

Mechanization, steam and water power Mass production and electricity

Electronic and IT systems, automation

1st revolution

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4th revolution



Mechanization, steam and water power



Mass production and electricity

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Electronic and IT systems, automation



- Internet of things
- Big data
- Artificial intelligence
- Smart factory



- Cyber-physical systems are corner stones for industry 4.0.
- How to model?



- Large scale, distributed system.
- Everything connected.
- Highly interdependent.
- Large amount of new technologies.
- Emergence of failures for complex systems.

Industry 4.0 for reliability

- More data and knowledge are available.
- How to use them to in reliability?

Reliability of Industry 4.0

Modeling of risk and resilience of interconnected infrastructures – 4 PhD projects funded by the chaire RRSC



Industry 4.0 for reliability

Digital failure twin for online reliability assessment and predictive maintenance of future manufacturing systems

• Project funded by ANR JCJC 2022 (1 PhD + 1 Postdoc).

Challenges to the reliability of future industrial systems:

- Few failure data available.
- Existing digital twin-based models only consider a single failure process.

In this project, we intend to develop:

- Digital Failure Twin (DFT).
- Online reliability assessment methods based on DFT.
- Predictive maintenance models based on DFT.

Need to consider multiple dependent failure processes.

New reliability model needed.

Digital twin

Multiple dependent





In order to:

- Improve the reliability.
- Reduce the operation costs of future manufacturing systems.

Use cases:

- An intelligent production line
- Supported by GE Healthcare and orange.



Industry 4.0 for reliability

Data-driven reliability modeling and opportunistic maintenance planning under deep uncertainty and dependencies

- Joint work with GE Health care
 - Real data -> Messy and deep uncertainty
 - Potential dependency among the components but needs to be explored from data
 - Objectives:
 - Develop data-driven approach for reliability modeling considering possible dependencies.
 - Develop data-driven covariate models for reliability prediction.
 - Develop data-driven opportunistic maintenance model considering the possible dependency among the components.







Pilot study (I): Reliability modeling of a smart railway grid from cyber-physical system perspective

Work with Romain Ray, as part of the master project (09/2020 – 04/2021)



Context : Why we need railway smart grid ?

- The transport sector is responsible for nearly **23% of energy-based CO2 emissions worldwide**. All transport modes have increased their GHG emissions **except railways**.
- Road transport has the largest carbon footprint from transportation-related sources (72%) whereas railway has the lowest footprint (4%).
- Due to their **low-carbon performance, railway transportation is a key element to reduce GHG gas emitted through transportation** and meet the threshold set by the Paris agreement.
- However, the railway industry is heavily reliant on electricity and a lot of wasted energy could be used as renewable energy or the braking energy from the train.
- This issue can be solved by developing Railway Smart Grid which are composed of different interconnected elements.

The implementation of RSG is driven by 4 key drivers :

- Decreased reliance on fossil fuels (energy recuperation, more efficient drive chain...)
- Lower the costs (Meets the emissions targets, fewer delays and penalties…)
- Attracting customer (Fewer delays, better services in peak…)
- Futureproofing (Reduced supply uncertainty with diverse mix, Scalable management…)

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Source: International Union of Railways (UIC). « Energy Consumption and CO2 Emissions of world railway sector », 2012. Steele et al,« Railway Smart Grids: Drivers, Benefits and Challenges », 2019

An example of a smart railway station



<u>Research questions</u> : As we move from "traditional" system to CPS, **Is there some benefits in term of reliability ?** What are the challenges we face when developing CPS ?

To answer those questions, we want to model a railway station with power consumption from :

- Loads in the station (50kw):
 - Lighting.
 - Air conditioning.
 - Elevators etc...
- Charging station of an electrical hybrid bus (200KW, 4 mins every hour).
- And **potential energy source**:
 - Utility grid.
 - Solar energy.
 - Breaking power from the train (The theoretical share of recoverable energy in railway system depends on the train's speed profiles and the timetable and range from 15% for the main lines to 45% for the suburban lines.).

<u>Objective:</u> Develop a **smart energy management system** to reduce operating costs (**CPS model**)



Modeling - Physical system

- **Utility grid**: Energy source delivering electricity to the whole system.
- **Breaking power recuperation system**: Modelled as a random peaks power source injected into the grid to simulate the trains braking.
- **Photovoltaic generation system:** Generating power injected into the grid depending on the sun.
- **Station load**: The station's components that consumes electric power and modelled as a resistive load (e.g electrical signs, lighting fixtures, escalators, elevators...).
- Charging station for electrical hybrid bus: modelled as a critical load consuming high powers in short period.
- Energy Storage System (ESS):
 - *Supercapacitor*. Modelled using a generic component. Primary storage element due to high power storage particularly useful for storing RBE.
 - *Batteries:* Modelled using a generic component. Secondary storage equipment and continuous source of low power.
- **DC Busbar**: The busbar connecting the inverter to the internal grid
- **DC/DC converter**: Buck-boost circuit to change voltage to operating voltage of each load. It connects the railway system, ESS and hybrid buses to the DC busbar.
- **Bi-directional inverter**: Modelled using a generic component. Converts AC grid power to the DC bus voltage. It is used to regulate the DC busbar voltage.



Physical model implemented on Simulink.



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Modeling - Cyber system

- The Cyber part manages the micro-grid by directing power flows.
- It takes 10 variables from sensors as inputs, makes a • decision and output 3 variables to actuators.
- It serves three main functions: ٠
 - **Calculate reference value** for the DC bus voltage.
 - **Determine the output power** of the Energy Storage ٠ System depending on:
 - Demand in the DC bus.
 - Health of the super capacitor and battery.
 - Determine if we need to sell power to grid based ٠ on the real-time electricity price.



Inputs and outputs of the Energy Management System (EMS)



Control logic for the output power determination implemented on Stateflow.



Modeling - Communication

We consider the medium access control (MAC) layer:

- MAC is the layer that controls the hardware responsible for interaction with the wired, optical or wireless transmission medium.
- Data link layer of the OSI model.
- Two questions:
 - Who gets the access?
 - How to handle conflicts?
- Communication protocols.
- TrueTime: An open-source toolbox for modelling communication network in Simulink.

https://www.control.lth.se/research/tools-and-software/truetime/



Simulation of failure scenarios: Loss of utility grid

0.35

0.4

0.45

0.5

V_{DCf} (Ideal case) V_{DCf} (degraded case)

V_{DC ref} (Ideal case) V_{DC ref} (degraded case)

Comparaison between two simulations:

1100

1050

1000

950

900

850

800

750

700

650

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0.2

0.05

- -Ideal case : CPS model without failure(s)
- -Degraded case : CPS model with failure(s)

Comparaison of two KPI the reference voltage ($V_{DC ref}$) and the actual voltage of the DC bus (V_{DC}) in both cases.

V_{DCf} and V_{DC ref} comparaison ideal and degraded case with a grid failure at 0.25sec





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More resilient compared to the "traditional" approach.

0.25

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Simulation of failure scenarios: Communication performance degradation

- Since we interconnect elements, we have the **ability to** gather more and more data.
- Leads to a **new failure mechanism** introduced by CPS.





Simulation of failure scenarios: Sensor failure + grid failure



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What does "being smart" mean to reliability and resilience?



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Danger Opportunity

Challenges:

- Complexity of the system.
- New failure modes:
 - Communication delays.
 - Interplay of sensor failures and cyber system.
 - Etc.

Opportunities

- More data and information.
- Possibility to reconfiguration the system.



In the future:

- Extend the modeling to a "smart railway grid": Many stations connected as a network.
- If we move from a traditional communication network to 5G?
- Model checking for CPS based on artificial intelligence techniques.
 - How to generate the testing scenarios?
 - How to identify failures in a more efficient way?









Pilot study (II): Reliability assessment and knowledge extraction from linguistic data

Work with Jean Meunier-Pion, student from Parcours Recherche (09/2020 – 06/2023)



Context: Why considering linguistic data

Because they are there!

- Customer review.
- Accident reports.
- Media reports.
- Maintenance reports from technicians. •





👷 🚖 🚖 🏠 Great device with a slight build defect December 28, 2017 Style: Intel Core m3 Verified Purchase

Having read many reviews between this or the samsung chromebook, I've decided to jump on this (mainly in part of the cyber monday promotion). Having had it for just over a month, I have to say I am thoroughly impressed by its versatility and how stable the OS is. Sure, I get the odd android app glitches every now and then and certain apps won't scale properly with this, mainly impart to its traditional aspect ratio. I find the display sharp and touch responsive to be quite excellent. The battery life, good not amazing as I am able to get through most day with moderate usage. The typing experience is something I thoroughly enjoyed, this is one of the best keyboard I have used on any portable device. Overall, would recommend this.

On a side note, there is a slight defect on my chromebook as there is some creaking and loose feeling when pressing on the bottom left side of my screen, this can be especially annoying in tablet mode. The process and

inconvenience to have it internationally shipped back to Amazon is delaying to have this replaced but it's something I would have to act on soon as that creak it is starting to cause me more annoyance everyday.



Comment Report abuse

8 people found this helpful



Assessment framework:

Data collection	Collect the comment and rating from customer's review dataWeb scraper is used.	
Information extraction	 Select training samples. Manually labels the training samples. Train a classification model. Use the classification model to determine if a review contains failures. 	A Classification based assessment method is needed!
Numerical evaluation	Calculate the probability of failure.	-



Our effort (I): An ensemble of logistic regression



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Performance evaluation

Metric	Ensemble model	Sub-model 1	Sub-model 2	Human evaluation
Accuracy	0.8660	0.8279	0.8491	0.9143
Balanced Accuracy	0.8544	0.8429	0.8315	0.9077
Precision	0.7991	0.6960	0.7856	0.8718
Recall	0.8171	0.8918	0.7742	0.8855



Our effort (II): Pre-trained transformer with sliding window

Model structure







The way ahead

In the future:

- Structured knowledge extraction.
 - When does a failure happens?
 - On which part?
 - Cause and effect?
 - Etc.
- Apply on risk and reliability data like accident reports and maintenance report.









Pilot study (III): Encoding knowledge with machine learning



Why not just data-driven models?

A motivating example from SLB:

- A large dataset of Teams meeting quality.
- Decision problem: Should we recommend to use 24GHz instead of 50GHz?
- Seem yes. But…
 - 50GHz is faster but with a lower range.
 - 24GHz is slower but with a wider range.
 - Implying confounding effect in the dataset.







How to solve the problem?

Using knowledge to strengthen the capability of data-driven model

- Causal knowledge:
 - Renato Rosa De Oliveira
 - 1st Year Engineering student on Parcour Recherche (2022 2025)
 - Do not step in the same river twice Learning from past failures through causal inference
 - Focus: Apply causal inference to improve the fault detection and diagnosis
 - Adam Younsi
 - 1st Year Engineering student on Parcour Recherche (2022 2025)
 - Let reports speak Mining causal relations in critical infrastructure failures from accident reports
 - Focus: Discovery causal relationships related to critical infrastructure failures
- Physical knowledge:
 - ADITYA SANJU
 - 3rd student in Bachelaor's program, *COEP* Technological University, India
 - Apply physics-informed deep learning to improve the performance of fault diagnosis and prognosis.
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Confucius: "When a man's good nature and his accomplishments are well balanced, he thus becomes a man of virtue."

Thank you for your attention!

Your questions/comments are sincerely welcomed!

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