Enhancing Equipment Reliability and Reducing Maintenance Costs with MSET2: A Predictive Maintenance Approach Using IoT Sensor Data

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Abstract

This paper explores the use of the Multivariate State Estimation Technique-2 (MSET2) algorithm in predicting equipment failures before they occur, utilizing data from Internet-of-Things (IoT) sensor networks. The application of MSET2 in military contexts is critical for maintaining high reliability and operational readiness while reducing maintenance costs through dynamic, condition-based maintenance strategies. By modeling normal operating behavior and detecting anomalies through real-time sensor data, MSET2 provides early warnings of potential failures and calculates the Remaining Useful Life (RUL) of critical components.

This prognostic capability allows for the optimal timing of maintenance actions, thus preventing unnecessary repairs and ensuring equipment readiness in diverse and often harsh operational environments. Additionally, the MSET2 algorithm enhances human-machine cognition in complex systems by minimizing cognitive overload for human operators through ultralow false alarm probabilities, rapid anomaly detection, and clear differentiation between sensor degradation and actual system degradation. This tandem approach of human-machine interaction leverages the strengths of advanced machine learning to augment, rather than replace, human decision-making, thereby improving the efficiency and effectiveness of military maintenance operations and improving order fulfillment rates. This paper establishes simulation-based optimization as a superior alternative to traditional methods, offering a more accurate, dynamic, and financially beneficial solution for supply chain management.

1. Introduction

In today's industrial and military contexts, the maintenance and operational reliability of complex engineered systems are critical (Jardine, Lin, & Banjevic, 2006). These systems are increasingly monitored by Internet-of-Things (IoT) sensor networks that provide real-time data about their operational status (Smith & Clark, 2019). Predictive maintenance, a proactive strategy that uses advanced algorithms and machine learning techniques to predict equipment failures before they occur (Chen & Wang, 2020), has become essential for ensuring high reliability and reducing maintenance costs. This paper presents a novel approach to predictive maintenance using the Multivariate State Estimation Technique-2 (MSET2) algorithm, specifically designed to address the challenges faced in maintaining mission-critical military equipment (Oracle Corporation, 2010).

1.1 Overview of Predictive Maintenance

Predictive maintenance relies on analyzing sensor data to anticipate equipment failures, thereby minimizing downtime and avoiding costly repairs (Vachtsevanos et al., 2006). This approach is especially crucial in military applications, where equipment must perform reliably under diverse and often harsh conditions (Prognostics and Health Management Society, 2015). Traditional maintenance strategies, such as scheduled maintenance, often lead to either unnecessary maintenance actions or unexpected failures, both of which can compromise mission success. In contrast, predictive maintenance allows for condition-based maintenance decisions that are more precise and cost-effective (ISO 13374-1:2003).

1.2 Challenges in Military Equipment Maintenance

Military equipment maintenance presents unique challenges due to its varied and demanding operational environments (NASA Ames Research Center, 2009). Equipment such as vehicles, aircraft, and naval ships must be ready to operate at peak efficiency at all times, often under extreme conditions. This requirement makes it difficult to rely on fixed maintenance schedules or reactive maintenance approaches. Instead, there is a need for advanced predictive algorithms that can dynamically adjust maintenance needs based on real-time data, ensuring optimal performance and readiness (Patton, Frank, & Clark, 2000).

1.3 Introduction to MSET2 Algorithm

The MSET2 algorithm offers a powerful solution for predictive maintenance in complex systems by utilizing a robust pattern recognition framework (Oracle Corporation, 2010). Developed to enhance system reliability and prevent failures, MSET2 leverages multivariate state estimation to model the normal operational behavior of equipment and detect anomalies that could indicate potential failures (Wald, 1947). Originally applied in sectors like nuclear power and aerospace (Vachtsevanos et al., 2006), MSET2 is now being adapted for use in military applications to monitor critical equipment health, predict failures, and calculate the Remaining Useful Life (RUL) of components based on real-time sensor data (Jardine, Lin, & Banjevic, 2006).

1.4 Human-Machine Cognition and Supervisory Control

In addition to predicting equipment failures, this paper explores a novel approach to human-machine cognition for human-in-the-loop supervisory control applications (IEEE, 2018). In such scenarios, the operator's role is to interpret the state of the system from monitored parameters and take appropriate actions. This task becomes increasingly challenging under the pressure of emergencies, where multiple faults, numerous alarms, conflicting data, and incomplete information can lead to cognitive overload (Gabor, 1946). The MSET2 algorithm assists operators by rapidly processing, interpreting, and displaying diagnostic and prognostic information in a prioritized format that is easy to perceive and understand, thereby reducing cognitive load and improving decision-making efficiency (IEEE, 2018).

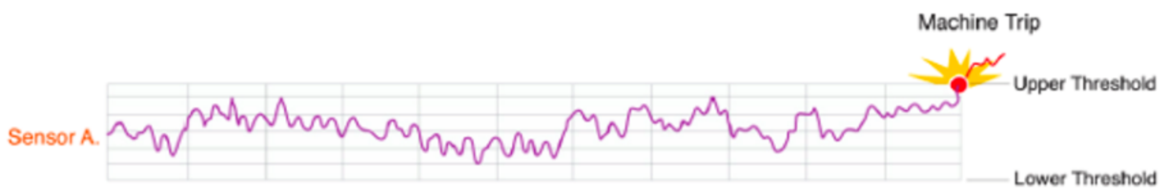
1.5 Model-Based Reasoning and Expert Systems

Model-based reasoning, a key feature of MSET2, involves using a model that reflects the empirical structure and function of the system to deduce its behavior (Oppenheim & Schafer, 1999). This approach is complemented by expert systems, which provide high-level expertise to aid in problem-solving by manipulating knowledge efficiently and effectively within a specific domain (Vachtsevanos et al., 2006). Two critical capabilities of expert systems relevant to this work are predictive modeling and "root cause" explanation. The ability to disambiguate between false alarms (Type-I errors) and genuine anomalies is vital for accurate monitoring and prediction (Roychoudhury & Das, 2017).

1.6 Addressing Limitations of Conventional Machine Learning Prognostics

Conventional machine learning (ML) methodologies in prognostics often suffer from limitations such as high false alarm rates or lower sensitivity due to threshold-based activation mechanisms (Chen & Wang, 2020). These methods either fail to detect anomalies early enough or generate too many false alarms, leading to unnecessary maintenance actions or overlooked failures (Prognostics and Health Management Society, 2015). MSET2 addresses these limitations by using a more sophisticated approach that minimizes false alarms while maintaining high sensitivity for detecting incipient anomalies in noisy process metrics (Oracle Corporation, 2019).

This capability ensures that human operators receive accurate and timely alerts, enabling them to make well-informed decisions even under high-stress conditions (IEEE, 2018).



1.7 Goals and Contributions of This Paper

The primary goal of this research is to enhance decision support for operators of complex engineering systems, transforming environments characterized by high cognitive demands and data intensity into efficient, information-rich, high-performance human-machine systems (Gabor, 1946; Vachtsevanos et al., 2006). By integrating MSET2 into predictive maintenance frameworks, we aim to improve equipment reliability, reduce maintenance costs, and enhance overall operational effectiveness (Oracle Corporation, 2010). This paper demonstrates how MSET2, combined with human-machine cognition approaches, can effectively support the operation of mission-critical systems by minimizing cognitive overload and ensuring accurate, real-time decision-making capabilities (IEEE, 2018).

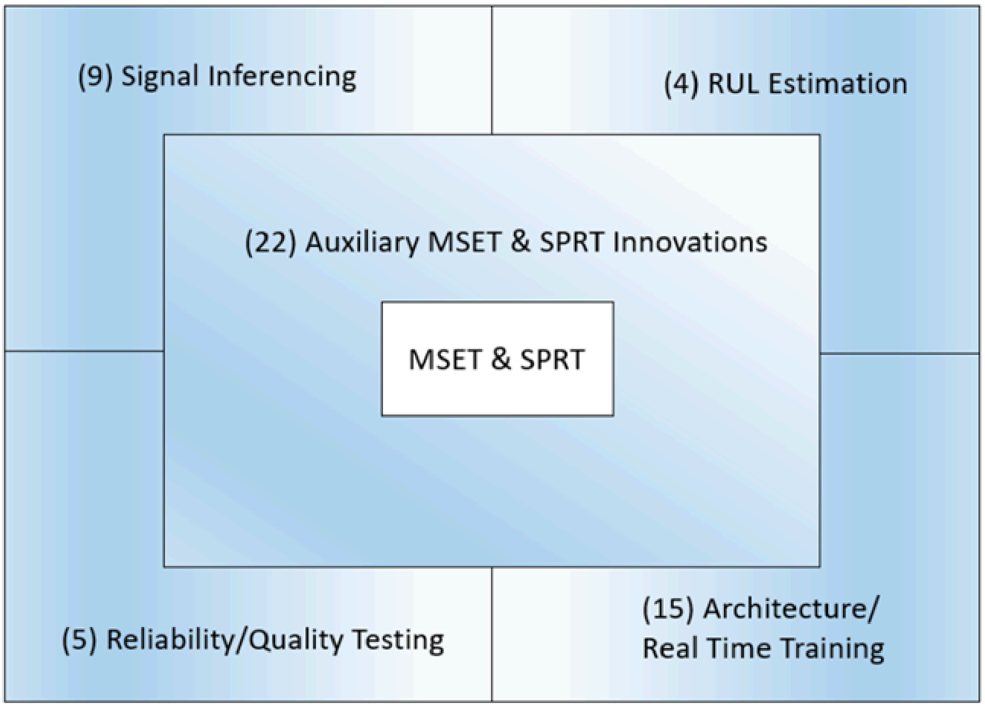
In summary, the novel AI-based system proposed in this paper leverages the advanced capabilities of the MSET2 algorithm to predict equipment failures and dynamically calculate the remaining useful life of critical components. It provides a robust framework for human-in-the-loop control applications by enhancing the accuracy and efficiency of decision-making processes, ultimately contributing to improved maintenance strategies and operational readiness in military applications (NASA Ames Research Center, 2009).

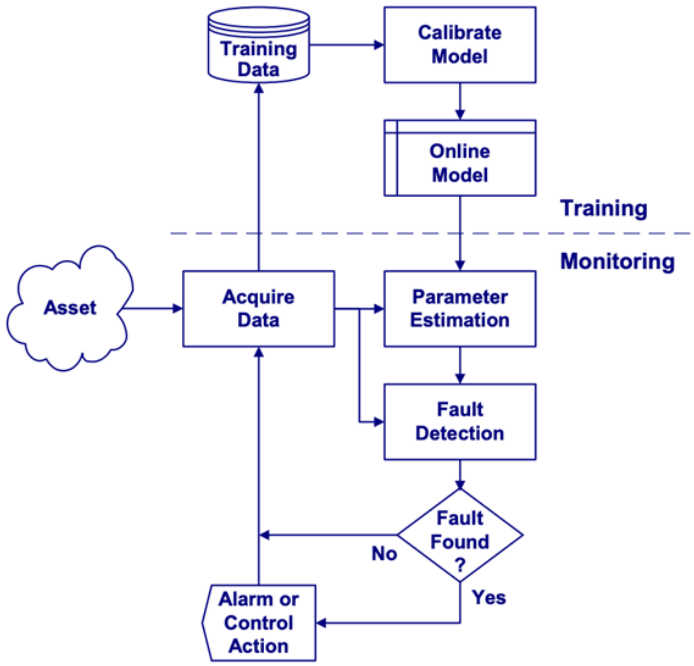
2. Methodology

2.1 MSET2

MSET2 is a comprehensive approach for prognostic health monitoring in business-critical systems, focusing on the early detection and isolation of failures, recommending condition-based maintenance (CBM) [6], and estimating the remaining useful life (RUL) [7] of critical components in real time. Over the past 18 years, Oracle has developed and patented a series of advanced pattern recognition innovations that utilize MSET2 prognostics for components, subsystems, and integrated hardware-software systems within enterprise data centers [8-10]. A fundamental component of MSET2-based Electronic Prognostics is a continuous system telemetry harness (CSTH), which gathers and preprocesses various types of time series signals that reflect the health of dynamically operating components and subsystems. These time series data provide quantitative metrics related to physical variables—such as temperature, voltage, current, power metrics, fan speeds, and vibrations (with up to one million physical sensors present in a typical data center)—as well as performance variables, including CPU and memory loads, throughputs, queue lengths, and process metrics. The CSTH signals are consistently archived in an offline circular file (the "Black Box Flight Recorder") and processed in real time using MSET2's advanced pattern recognition techniques to detect anomalies proactively and estimate RUL, along with associated quantitative confidence levels.

The research initiative discussed in this paper demonstrates how MSET2-based prognostics, originally developed for enterprise data center applications, are now being adapted for human-in-the-loop control applications involving dense-sensor IoT setups in industries such as Oil & Gas, smart manufacturing, utilities, and transportation (including aviation). The combination of CSTH (real-time) and BBR (offline) telemetry with MSET2 pattern recognition enhances asset reliability and system availability while reducing costly "no trouble found" incidents due to false alarms, which can lead to significant downtime for critical customer assets.



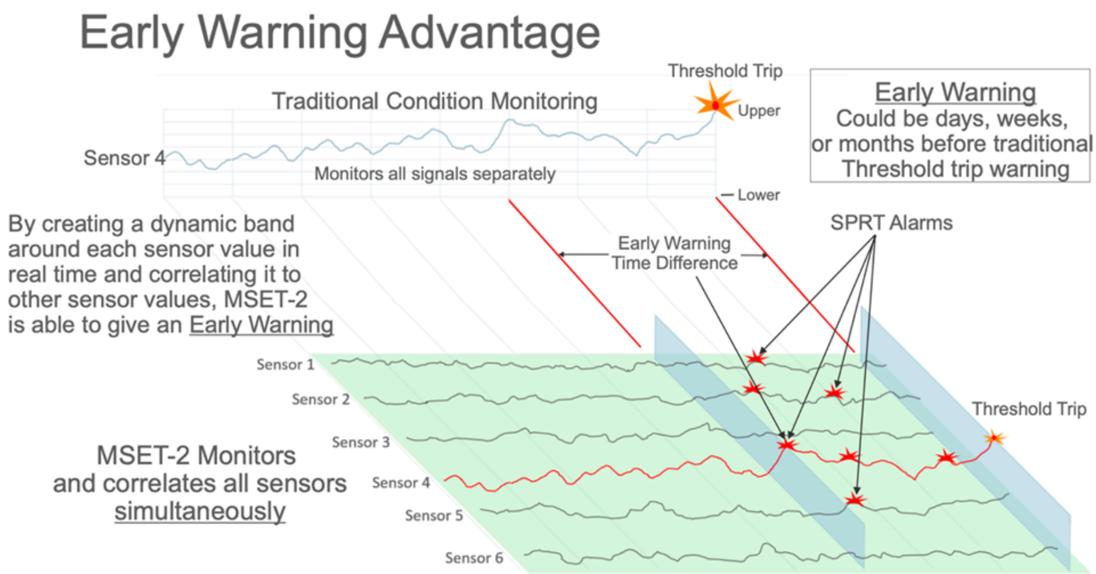


MSET2 Application

MSET2 innovations offers several advantages over traditional machine monitoring and machine learning approaches for real-time surveillance of business-critical assets, including:

- Detecting Subtle Anomalies Proactively: MSET2 can identify very subtle early disturbances, even when these disturbances represent only a small fraction of the inherent variance in monitored metrics.
- Ultra-Low False-Alarm and Missed-Alarm Probabilities: The system boasts extremely low probabilities of both false alarms and missed alarms (FAPs and MAPs).
- Independently Specifiable FAPs and MAPs: Unlike conventional equipment monitoring methods, which often have a trade-off between false alarms and missed alarms, MSET2 allows for separate specification of FAPs and MAPs.

- Real-Time Signal and Sensor Operability Validation: Most FAPs and MAPs in prognostic health management of business-critical and safety-critical systems are due to sensor degradation events. MSET2 provides real-time validation of signal integrity and sensor operability to mitigate this.
- Low Computational Costs for Large-Scale Monitoring: MSET2 is efficient for large-scale prognostic monitoring applications that involve numerous sensors or high sampling rates. In various comparisons between MSET and neural networks, MSET has consistently shown higher sensitivity to subtle disturbances in noisy process variables with significantly lower computational costs.
- Accurate Remaining Useful Life (RUL) Estimation: The system provides precise RUL estimates with quantitative confidence factors, which is crucial for enabling condition-based maintenance of customer IoT assets.
- Highly Accurate Inferential Variables: MSET2's capability to infer variables accurately ensures that operations can continue even if a low-cost internal sensor fails. The need for immediate sensor replacement can be deferred to a scheduled maintenance window.



By extending the prognostic monitoring capabilities to include an IoT customer's production assets, programmable logic controllers, power supplies, motor-operated valves, and interconnecting networks, all these benefits contribute to achieving higher availability and lower operational and maintenance costs for IoT Prognostic Health Management (PHM) applications.

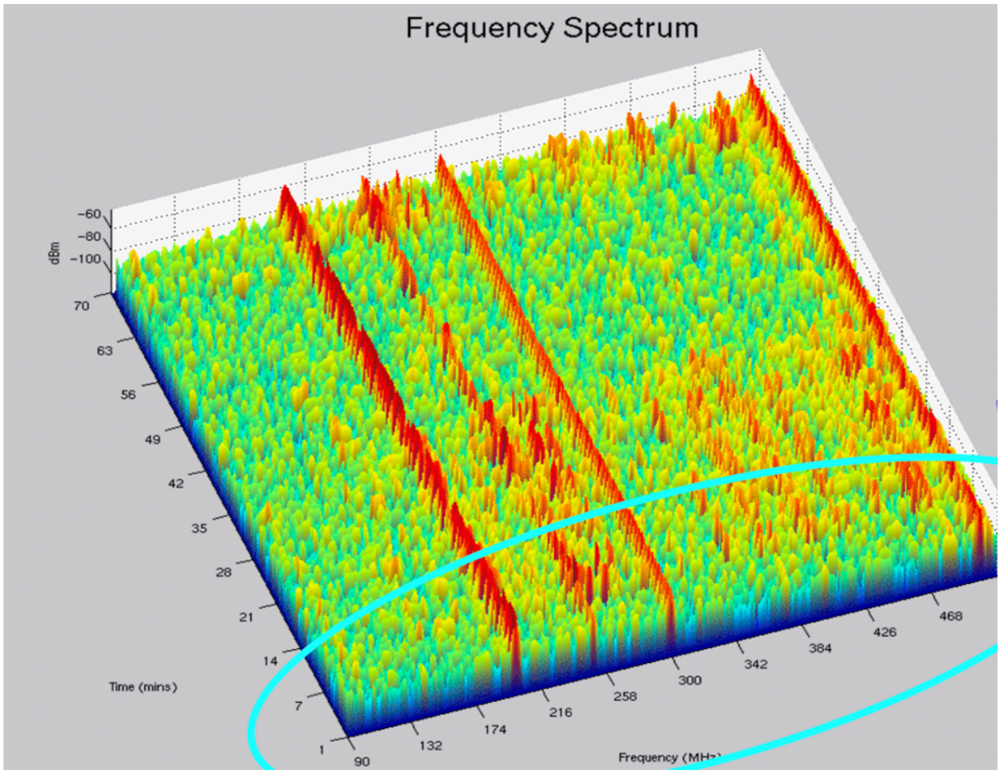
2.2 The Sequential Probability Ratio Test (SPRT)

- **Reducing False Alarms**

MSET2 is an advanced monitoring tool that is sensitive to not only changes in the mean of a signal but also to very subtle variations in the statistical moments of the monitored signals and the correlations between different types of signals. MSET utilizes a statistical pattern recognition method called the Sequential Probability Ratio Test (SPRT) [11-13]. This method is designed to detect even the most subtle statistical anomalies in noisy process signals as early as mathematically possible, providing actionable alert information about the type and precise onset of a disturbance. Unlike simple threshold limits that generate alerts when a signal surpasses a specific value, the SPRT technique uses user-defined false alarm probabilities (FAPs) and missed alarm probabilities (MAPs), allowing users to manage the likelihood of missing a detection or triggering a false alarm. For sudden, significant failures of sensors or system components, the SPRT announces the disturbance just as quickly as a conventional threshold limit check. However, for slow, gradual degradation—such as sensor decalibration, slow voltage drift, bearing wear, lubrication dry-out, or the gradual emergence of new vibration spectral components amidst noisy signals—the SPRT provides an early warning well before conventional threshold-based rules would detect an issue.

Many industrial processes have built-in diagnostic systems and online statistical process control techniques that analyze process variables in real time. Most of these systems use basic tests (such as thresholds, mean value plus three sigma, or SPC control-chart thresholds) that are only sensitive to significant changes in the process mean or to large step changes or spikes that exceed a set limit, indicating a failure or process deviation. These traditional methods often suffer from high false alarm rates (if the thresholds are set too low) or high missed alarm rates (if the thresholds are set too high). In new dense-sensor IoT monitoring applications in industrial manufacturing facilities, utilities, and transportation assets, false alarms can be very costly in terms of downtime, while missed alarms can lead to catastrophic failures of expensive assets.

The overall MSET2 framework includes a training phase and a monitoring phase (Fig. 1). The training phase involves characterizing the monitored equipment using historical, error-free operational data that covers the full range of possible operating conditions for the system variables under surveillance. During training, the available data is evaluated, and a subset of data points is automatically selected using a similarity operator to best represent the normal operation of the monitored asset. A model of the equipment is created and stored for use in the monitoring phase to estimate the expected values of the signals under surveillance. In the monitoring phase, new observations of all asset signals are collected and used alongside the pre-trained MSET2 model to predict expected signal values. MSET2 provides extremely accurate estimates, with errors typically being only 1 to 2 percent of the input signal's standard deviation. (In fact, the MSET2 estimate for a signal from any physical transducer is often more accurate than the transducer itself). The difference between a signal's real-time MSET estimate and its actual sensed value is called a residual. These residuals serve as indicators of anomalies for sensor and equipment faults. Rather than relying on simple thresholds to identify faults, SPRT determines if the residual error is inconsistent with the learned process model and thus indicative of a fault in the sensor or equipment. The SPRT algorithm represents a significant improvement over conventional threshold detection methods, providing more precise information about signal validity with a quantitative confidence factor based on statistical hypothesis testing. This approach allows users to set FAPs and MAPs, giving them control over the probability of false alarms or missed detections.

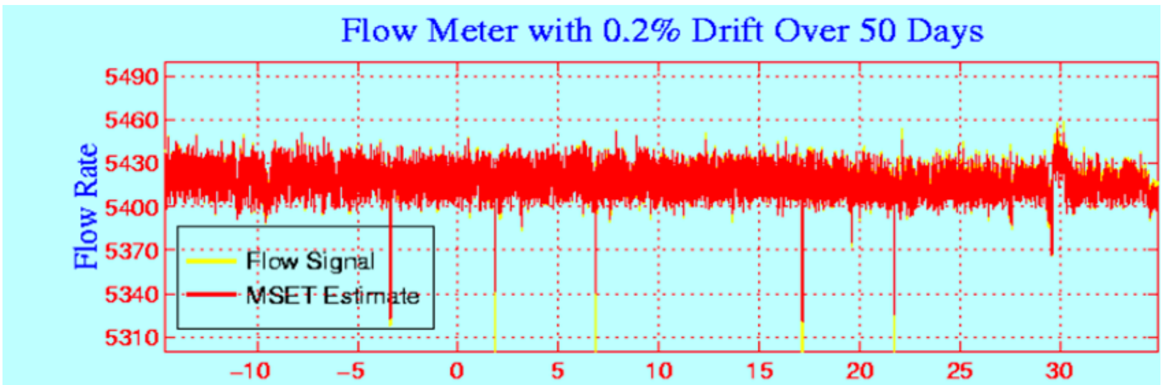


The integration of MSET2 with SPRT within the machine learning surveillance framework offers several advantages:

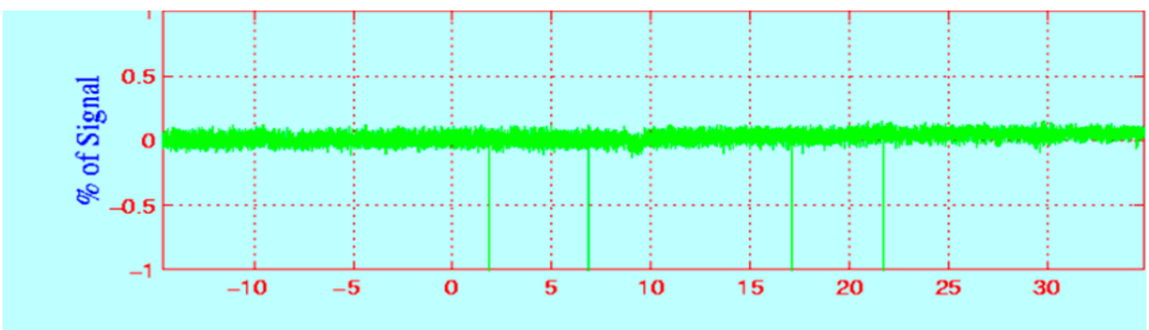
- Ultra-Low Missed Alarm Probabilities (MAPs): This enhances the overall availability of critical production assets by preventing serious outages.
- Ultra-Low False Alarm Probabilities (FAPs): For IoT industries where prognostic alerts can lead to automatic shutdowns of revenue-generating assets, minimizing false alarms is crucial.

Moreover, the ability of MSET2 prognostic solutions to allow independent control of FAPs and MAPs is a significant benefit for IoT applications. Traditional threshold-based prognostics force a trade-off between minimizing false alarms and missed detections, causing an increase in one when trying to reduce the other. Oracle's solutions circumvent this "Quality-Control seesaw effect" by balancing anomaly detection sensitivity with false alarm probabilities, offering a more reliable and efficient monitoring system.

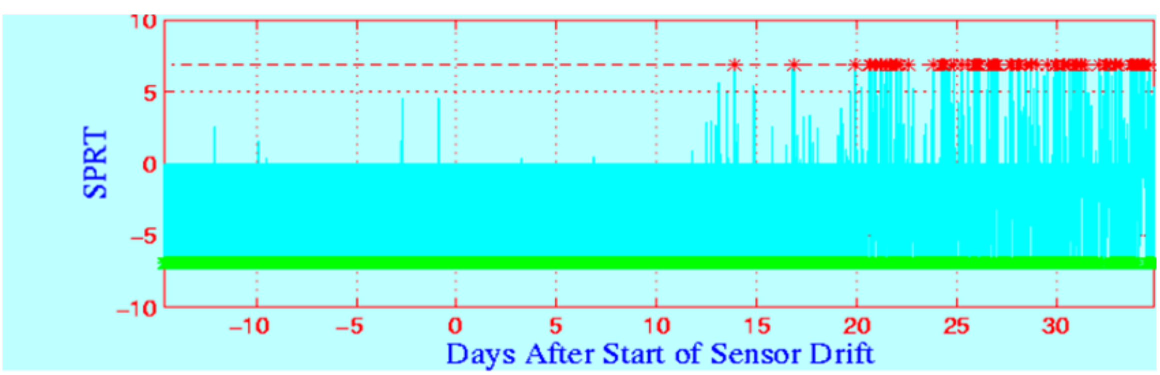
Actual Parameters (Yellow vs MSET Predicted (Red)



Residual Monitored by SPRT



Degradation detected by SPRT

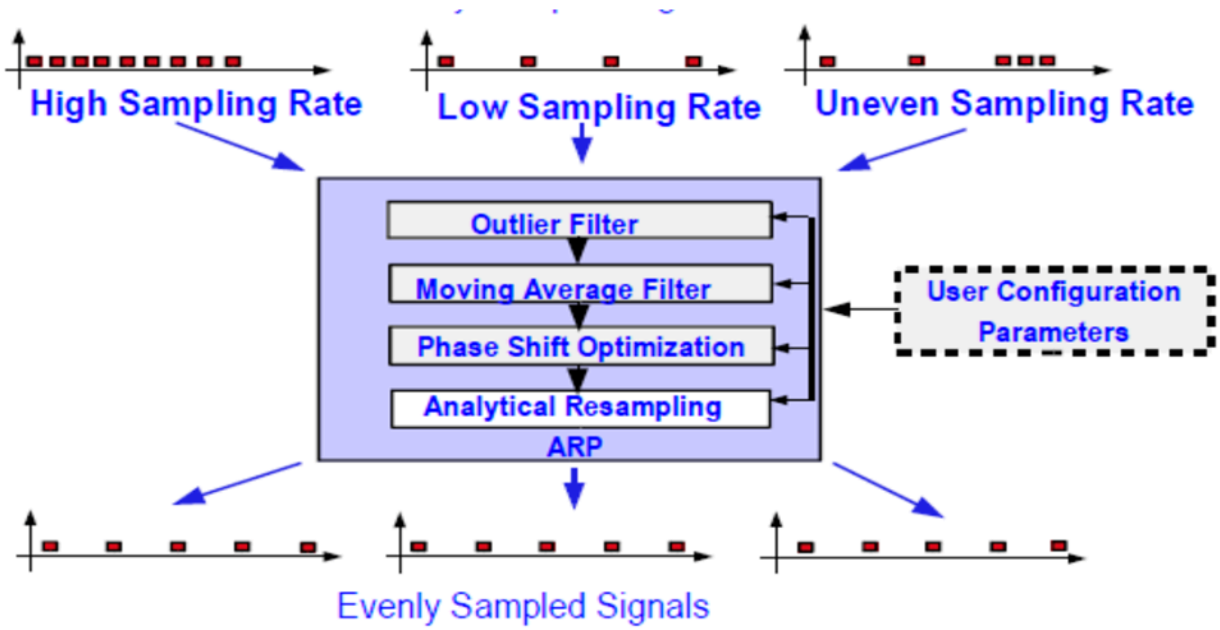


2.3 Intelligent Data Pre-processing (IDP) Innovations

Oracle's Intelligent Data Pre-processing (IDP) innovations are designed to serve as front-end data processing that supports the back-end MSET (Multivariate State Estimation Technique) and SPRT (Sequential Probability Ratio Test) algorithms. These pre-processing techniques are essential for maximizing the value of Prognostic Machine Learning (ML) and Data Mining techniques for customers. Below are some of the key IDP algorithms and their features:

- **Analytical Resampling Process (ARP)**

Data streams in industrial settings often originate from sources with different sampling rates. The Analytical Resampling Process (ARP) addresses this by using interpolation-based upsampling and downsampling methods to create uniform sampling intervals for all telemetry time series. In addition, various clocks such as internal asset clocks, control network clocks, and environmental monitoring clocks may not be synchronized, leading to clock mismatches that can cause most ML prognostic algorithms to fail. Oracle's ARP solves this issue through real-time empirical phase synchronization, ensuring that all data streams are temporally aligned. For more details, refer to [14, 15].



Another challenge in using telemetry signatures in ML algorithms is quantization, which significantly impacts the resolution of telemetry signals and the accuracy of computed results [16-17]. Quantization often arises from the use of low-bit Analog-to-Digital (A/D) chips in industrial and high-tech equipment transducers. Oracle's prognostic solution includes a feature called UnQuantize, which employs real-time techniques to "un-quantize" signals, effectively generating high-accuracy output signatures from low-resolution input signals. Figure 3 demonstrates a typical use case where the unquantization technique is applied to quantized data.

- **Missing Value Imputation (MVI)**

Missing values in sensor time-series data represent a significant challenge for dense-sensor IoT applications. The conventional approach to addressing missing values is interpolation, but this method has limitations, especially when the end goal is prognostic anomaly detection or verifying the absence of anomalies. Regardless of how sophisticated the interpolation technique is, it remains a “blind spot” in terms of detecting potential anomalies during periods when values are missing in individual sensor measurements.

The Missing Value Imputation (MVI) technique offers a more advanced solution by using inferential sensing. When individual observations are missing, MVI leverages MSET in inferential mode, just as it would for sensor failures. It's important to note that any conditions causing missing observations in the surveillance data may also be present during the training phase, posing a challenge for all ML prognostics, not just those using MSET.

During the signal preprocessing phase, the training dataset, which may include missing observations, is split into two parts: A and B. Missing values in part A are initially replaced using conventional interpolation. Part A is then used to train MSET, which is subsequently applied to part B to fill in the missing values using the MVI method. This trained MSET is then used on part A to replace the previously interpolated values with MVI-derived values.

Figures 4 and 5 illustrate this process. Figure 4 shows the original training dataset with high-accuracy measured values in blue and estimation data with high-accuracy measured values in red during Phase I of the MVI procedure. The black markers indicate the randomly selected values removed to create missing data points, which are "held back" as ground truth to assess the accuracy of the MVI procedure. Figure 5 reverses the datasets, using the MVI-derived values to replace the interpolated values from Phase I.

Figure 6 compares the original ground truth values (in black), the interpolated values (in red), and the optimal MVI values derived from the new two-phase MVI data-flow framework (in green). For this case study, the average uncertainty with the new MVI approach was 0.41, compared to 0.73 for conventional interpolation, indicating a 44% reduction in uncertainty. This technique has been tested across various datasets with differing cross-correlation levels and signal-to-noise ratios, consistently achieving a reduction in uncertainty ranging from 39% to 51%.

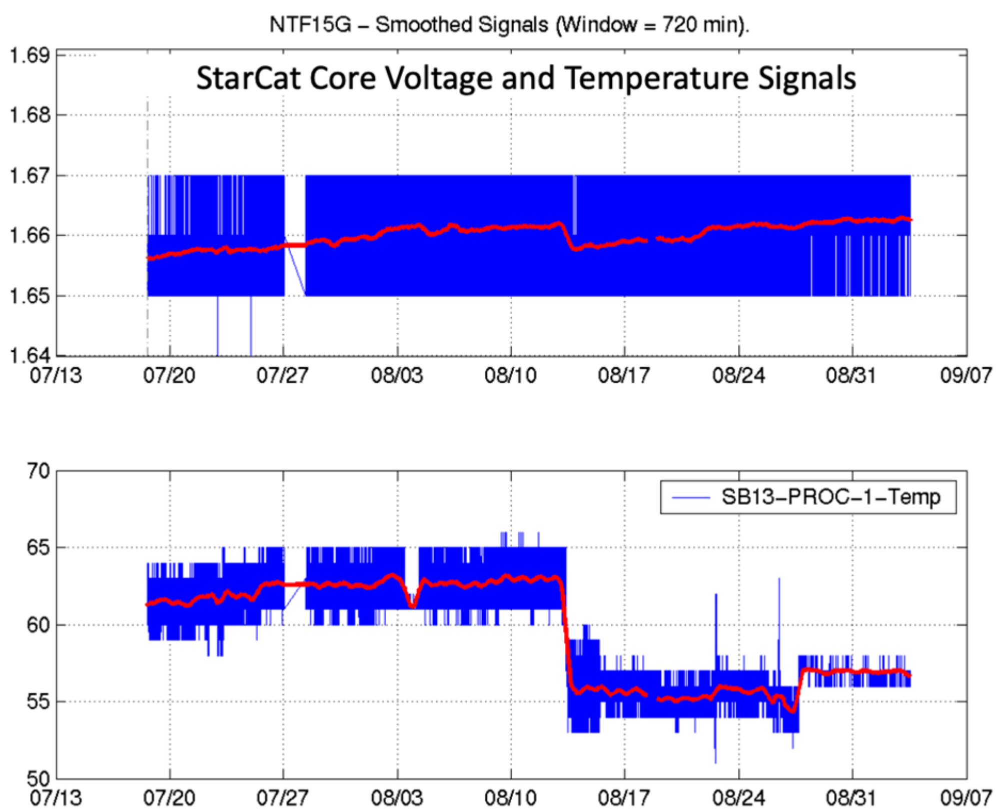
The primary advantage of MVI is not just that it produces more accurate imputed values than traditional interpolation, but also that if any degradation events occur during the narrow time window of a missing value, the MVI estimate can reflect these conditions, whereas conventional interpolated values cannot.

2.4 Addressing Limitations of Conventional Machine Learning Prognostics

Conventional machine learning (ML) methodologies used in prognostics and predictive maintenance are typically grounded in threshold-based activation mechanisms. These methods often rely on predefined limits or ranges for various process metrics. When a measurement surpasses these limits, an alert is triggered. However, this simplistic approach has inherent drawbacks that can undermine the effectiveness of predictive maintenance systems, particularly in complex, noisy environments often found in industrial settings.

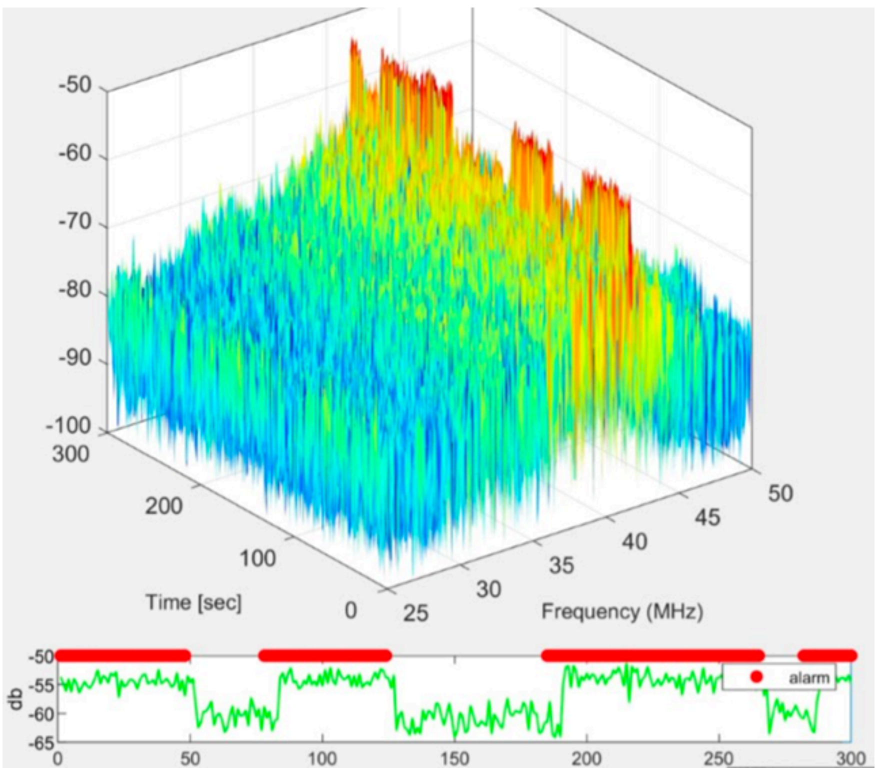
- **High False Alarm Rates**: Traditional ML prognostic methods are often prone to high false alarm rates. This occurs because threshold-based systems lack the sophistication to differentiate between normal fluctuations in process metrics and genuine indications of potential failures. For instance, a sudden but non-critical spike in sensor data due to transient noise can erroneously be interpreted as a fault, leading to unnecessary maintenance actions. High false alarm rates can have several negative consequences:

- Operational Disruptions: Frequent false alarms can lead to unnecessary shutdowns or interventions, disrupting normal operations and reducing overall productivity.
- Increased Maintenance Costs: Each false alarm can prompt unwarranted inspections, part replacements, or other maintenance activities, inflating costs without any real benefit.
- Desensitization of Operators: When operators are frequently exposed to false alarms, they may become desensitized, potentially ignoring critical alarms when they occur. This desensitization can compromise safety and reliability.



- Lower Sensitivity to Incipient Failures: On the other hand, some threshold-based systems set wide limits to reduce false alarms, which can result in a failure to detect subtle, early-stage anomalies that indicate potential issues. This lack of sensitivity means that the system might only identify a fault when it has escalated into a more severe state, thereby reducing the time available for preventive actions. The consequences of this can be serious, including:
  - Overlooked Failures: Early signs of degradation or minor faults may go unnoticed until they develop into major problems, leading to unexpected downtimes or catastrophic failures.
  - Inadequate Predictive Maintenance: Without the ability to detect early signs of failure, the utility of predictive maintenance is significantly diminished, as interventions occur too late to be optimally effective.
- **MSET2's Approach to Overcoming These Limitations**: The MSET2 algorithm addresses these challenges by employing a more advanced statistical modeling technique that does not rely on simple threshold limits. Instead, MSET2 leverages the Sequential Probability Ratio Test (SPRT) to assess the probability of an anomaly based on historical patterns and the current state of the system. This sophisticated method offers several advantages:
  - Minimization of False Alarms: By using SPRT, MSET2 continuously evaluates the likelihood of a fault condition based on the ongoing analysis of signal patterns. This approach significantly reduces the rate of false alarms by distinguishing between actual anomalies and normal signal noise.

- High Sensitivity to Incipient Anomalies: MSET2 is highly sensitive to even subtle deviations from normal operational patterns. It can detect small, gradual changes that would likely be missed by traditional threshold-based methods. This high sensitivity allows for the early detection of potential issues, providing ample time for preemptive maintenance and avoiding the progression to more severe states.
- Timely and Accurate Alerts: The combination of reduced false alarms and enhanced sensitivity ensures that operators receive timely and accurate alerts. These alerts are not only more reliable but also come with a confidence level, allowing operators to make better-informed decisions. This capability is crucial in high-stress environments where decision accuracy is paramount to maintaining system integrity and safety.



By integrating MSET2 into prognostic frameworks, organizations can significantly improve their maintenance strategies, reduce downtime, and enhance the reliability of their operations. The algorithm's ability to provide accurate, early warnings about potential failures ensures that maintenance activities are both timely and effective, ultimately leading to increased equipment lifespan and reduced operational costs.

3. Goals and Contributions of This Paper

The primary goal of this research is to advance the decision-support capabilities for operators of complex engineering systems. In environments where human operators are required to manage extensive datasets and make critical decisions under pressure, there is a significant need for systems that can effectively process information, provide timely insights, and reduce cognitive overload.

3.1 Enhancing Decision Support in Complex Systems: Traditional systems often fall short in environments characterized by high cognitive demands and data intensity, such as military operations, industrial manufacturing, and critical infrastructure management. By integrating MSET2, this research aims to transform these challenging environments into efficient, information-rich, high-performance human-machine systems. Key contributions include:

- **Improved Equipment Reliability**: By accurately predicting potential failures and calculating the remaining useful life (RUL) of critical components, MSET2 helps in maintaining high levels of equipment reliability. This ensures that mission-critical assets remain operational for longer periods without unexpected failures.
- **Reduced Maintenance Costs**: The early and accurate detection of anomalies allows for more efficient maintenance planning. Instead of adhering to a fixed maintenance

schedule, operators can perform maintenance activities based on actual equipment condition, optimizing resource allocation and reducing costs associated with unnecessary maintenance.

- **Enhanced Operational Effectiveness:** With MSET2's ability to provide real-time alerts and prognostic insights, operators can make better-informed decisions, leading to improved overall operational effectiveness. This capability is especially important in mission-critical scenarios where even minor delays or errors in decision-making can have significant consequences.
- **Human-Machine Cognition Approaches**: This paper also explores how MSET2 can be combined with human-machine cognition approaches to support the operation of mission-critical systems. The integration aims to balance the strengths of automated systems with the nuanced judgment and adaptability of human operators. By reducing cognitive overload through accurate and timely information, the system allows operators to focus on strategic decision-making rather than being bogged down by data processing tasks.
- **Novel AI-Based Prognostics System**: The innovative AI-based system proposed in this paper leverages MSET2's advanced capabilities to create a robust framework for human-in-the-loop control applications. Key aspects of this novel system include:
    - Dynamic Prediction of Equipment Failures: The system utilizes MSET2 to dynamically predict equipment failures, allowing operators to proactively manage assets and avoid unplanned downtimes.
    - Calculation of Remaining Useful Life (RUL): MSET2's precise anomaly detection capabilities enable it to calculate the RUL of critical components more

accurately, informing maintenance schedules and minimizing the risk of catastrophic failures.

    - Enhanced Maintenance Strategies: By providing more accurate and timely data, the system improves maintenance strategies, ensuring that interventions are both effective and efficient.
    - Operational Readiness in Military Applications: The system is particularly beneficial in military applications where maintaining operational readiness is critical. By enhancing decision-making processes and reducing cognitive overload, the system contributes to improved operational preparedness and effectiveness.

In conclusion, the proposed MSET2-based system not only improves the accuracy and efficiency of prognostic maintenance frameworks but also enhances overall decision-making capabilities. By minimizing cognitive overload and ensuring accurate, real-time insights, the system supports human operators in managing complex engineering assets, ultimately leading to safer, more reliable, and cost-effective operations.

4. Conclusion

The MSET (Multivariate State Estimation Technique) system combines the Sequential Probability Ratio Test (SPRT) with a data-driven modeling method to create a powerful surveillance tool. This integrated system offers unique capabilities that surpass conventional approaches such as neural networks, autoassociative kernel regression, and regularized kernel regression in several key areas:

- Sensitivity: MSET is more adept at detecting subtle anomalies in process signals.

- Reliability and Robustness: The system remains reliable even when dealing with unreliable or degrading sensors.
- Ease of Training: MSET simplifies the training process compared to more complex models like neural networks.
- Adaptability: The system can easily adapt to changes in sensor configurations.
- Computational Efficiency: MSET requires less computational power than other models, making it more efficient for real-time applications.

Furthermore, Intelligent data preprocessing (IDP) innovations enhance the performance of machine learning for various applications, including prognostics, streaming analytics, prognostic cybersecurity, real-time signal validation, and sensor-operability validation. These advancements are particularly valuable across industries where human operators supervise complex engineering assets.

The combined use of MSET2, SPRT, and the suite of IDP algorithms significantly mitigates common sensor and signal anomalies, reducing excessive false-alarm and missed-alarm rates that are prevalent in conventional machine learning prognostics. As a result, the integrated MSET system functions as an effective and autonomous decision aid for operators, minimizing "cognitive overload" events and enhancing overall operational safety and efficiency.

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