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Learning Objectives

1. Identify current applications of AI in highway asset management
2. Identify emerging sensing and analytical technologies
3. Discuss future applications of AI in highway asset management

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) OPPORTUNITIES IN HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE

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KEY STRENGTHS OF AI

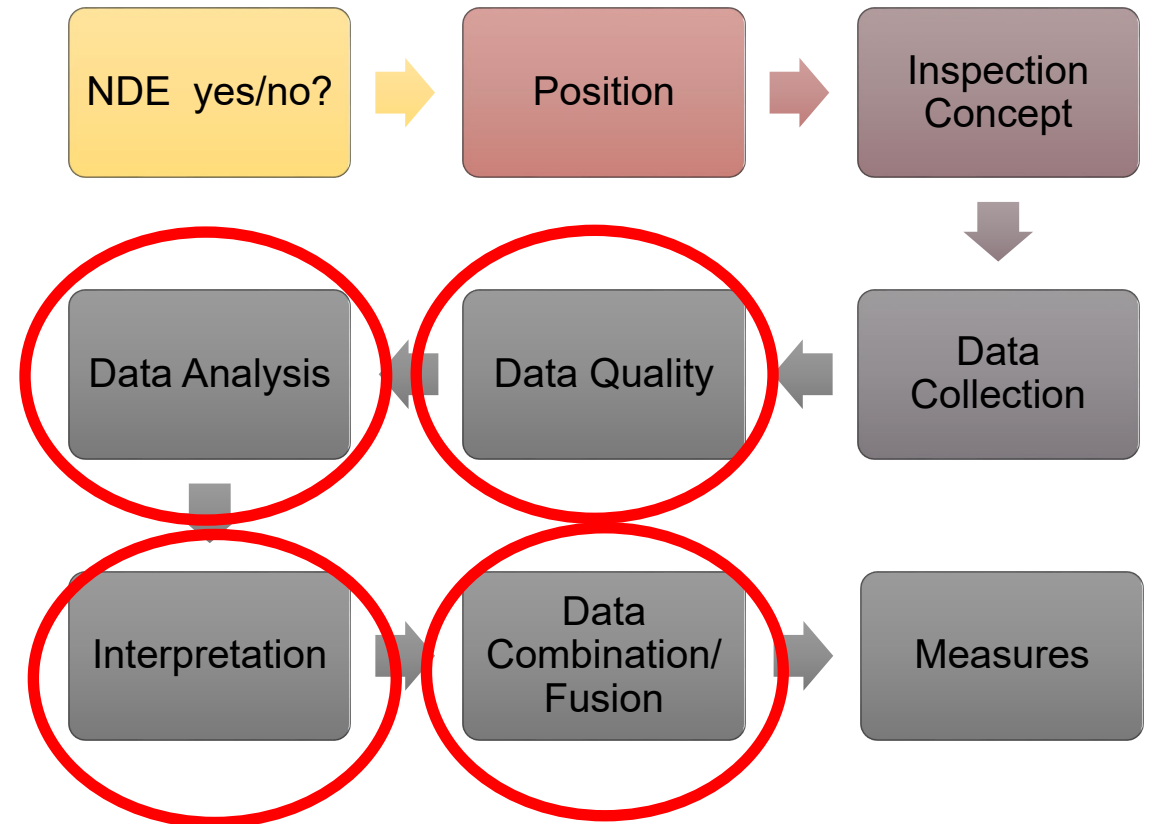
- Allows ever-larger datasets to be processed
- Unveiling hidden correlations
- Automated way of extracting knowledge/information from data, differing from traditional scientific approaches
- Automated decision making



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AI POTENTIAL FOR NDE

- Automatically process massive NDE data
- Automate identification of hidden defects and damages
- Automate condition assessment
- What aspects can be assisted by AI?



CHALLENGES

- Along the entire process, expert decisions necessary
- Application of AI requires ground truth data
- Labor intensive to label data
- Identification of the most suitable learning models and optimization methods to process NDE data

CURRENT FOCUS

- Multimodal data fusion
- Forecast future NDE condition maps based on NDE map time series (tumor growth)
- Reproduce a NDE scan based on those from other modalities (reproduce MRI from X-ray)
- Develop Long Term Performance Prediction Models

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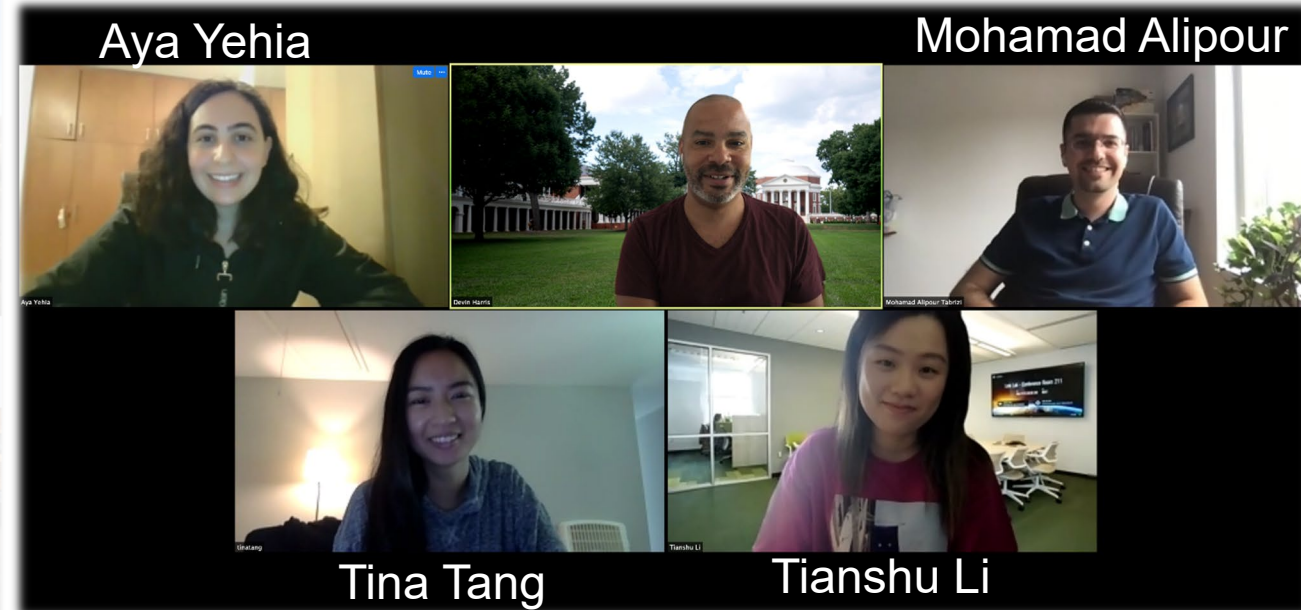
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Mobile Laboratory for Rapid Evaluation of Transportation Infrastructure (MOB Lab)

- Efficient methods to evaluate the performance of the built environment
- Understanding linkages between condition state and performance
- Minimal disruption of operations or service



Our Motivation

Transportation infrastructure systems represent the lifeblood of our economy, yet these systems are aging and are in a general state of disrepair.

- Tragic failures brought the challenges associated with the safety of national infrastructure to forefront of public scrutiny.



I-35, Minnesota (2007)



I-5, Washington (2013)



M bridge, Missouri (2013)

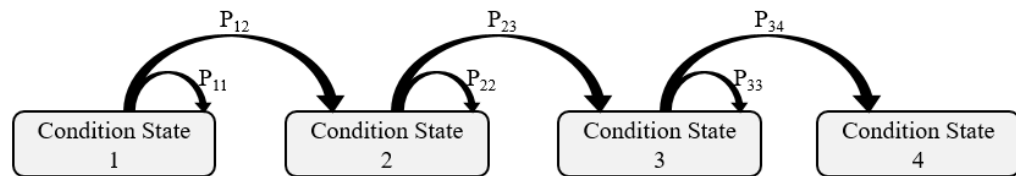
- ***Asset management*** represents a framework that describes systems to manage the infrastructure assets we already have in service (i.e. roads, bridges, ancillary structures, etc.) and plan for future assets.

State of Transportation Infrastructure...Bridges

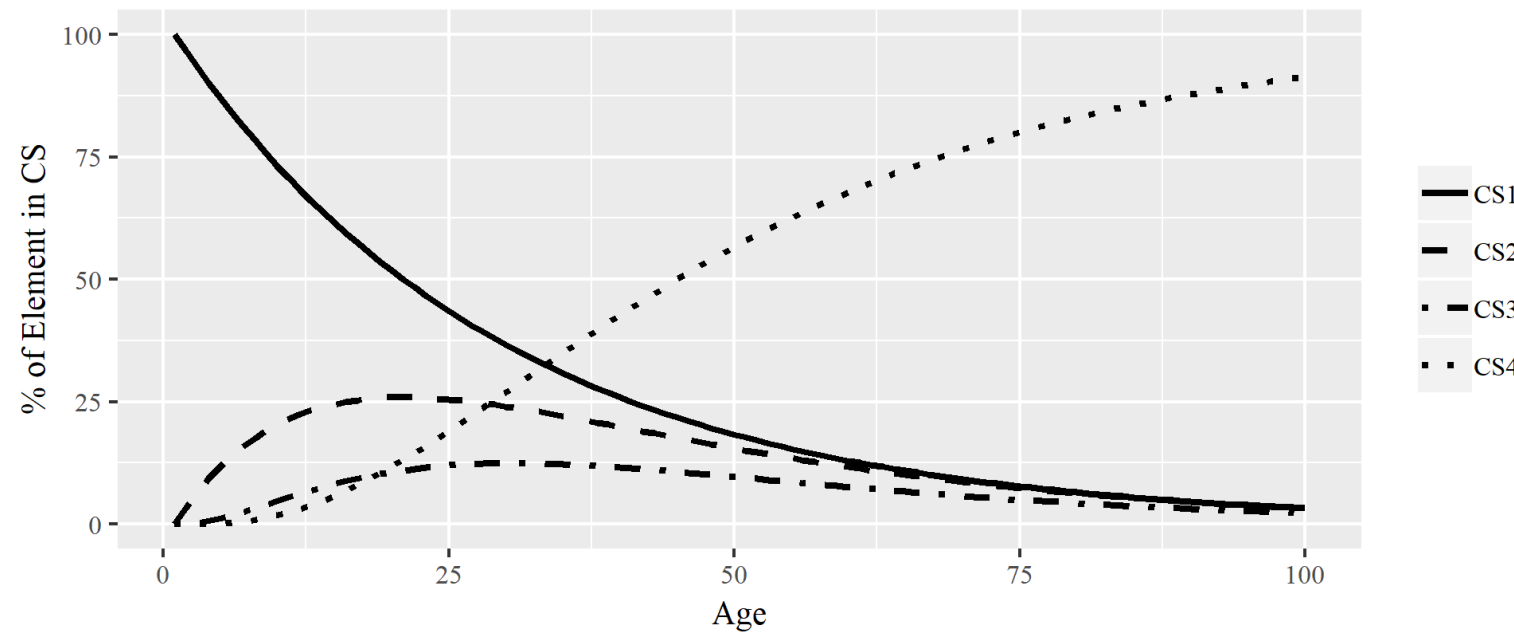
- Our infrastructure suffers from various sources of in-service degradations and these mechanisms remain as one of the greatest challenge for managing agencies (DOTs)
- To ensure safe, cost-effective, and reliable structures owners must understand the conditions that a structure experiences and the effects of condition on performance.
 - For many infrastructure systems, these decisions are often informed by inspections and the human-based observations derived from the inspection process.
 - **For Bridges**: Biennial inspections are required, which include documentation/verification of critical asset information and observation/measurement of condition state according to National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS)
 - General condition ratings
 - Element condition ratings
 - Load ratings*
- Much of the data is submitted to FHWA for inclusion in National Bridge Inventory (NBI) database
 - Principal use of the NBI is to determine the eligibility for and the amount of appropriation for funding the infrastructures in the National Bridge Program administered by FHWA

What do we currently do with this data?

- Condition data is used by state agencies (DOTs) to forecast future condition
 - Forecasting approaches rely on historical data to allocate **future expenditures**
 - While modeling is mathematical, much of this forecasting relies on heuristic knowledge



Predicted transition probabilities
from one condition state to the next



How Might We Use the Data in New Ways?

Inspection reports are ripe with data (**untapped** and **passive**) that goes unused

- Images of condition state
- Detailed narratives on condition states

What information can be extracted?

- Expert observations from **trained** and **experienced** inspectors
- Long history of detailed record collection

How can information it be extracted?

- Advances in Artificial Intelligence (AI)
 - Visual recognition (imagery)
 - Natural Language Processing (text)

STRUCTURE INSPECTION REPORT – SUMMARY

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Signature of Reviewer [REDACTED]

Reviewer [REDACTED]

rating

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS Underwater Inspection Fatigue Prone Details Segmental Concrete
 Fracture Critical Scour Critical Pin & Hanger Movable Bridge

CONDITION RATINGS

Deck:	4	FIELD POSTING	Sign Legibility:	N	TRAFFIC SAFETY FEATURES	Bridge Railings:	0
Superstructure:	4	Sign Visibility:	N	Transitions:	0	Approach Guardrail:	0
Substructure:	5	Capacity Sign R12-1 (Tons):	N	Approach Guardrail Ends:	0		
Channel/Channel Prot.:	N	Capacity Sign R12-5					
Culvert:	N	Single (Tons):	N	YEAR PAINTED	1986		
		Semi (Tons):	N				

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- Span A, *topside*
 - Electric cover at the base of light pole has only 1 bolt securing cover.

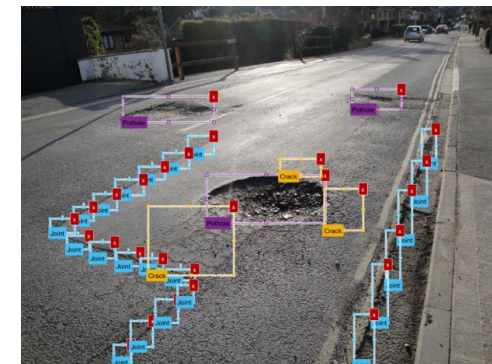
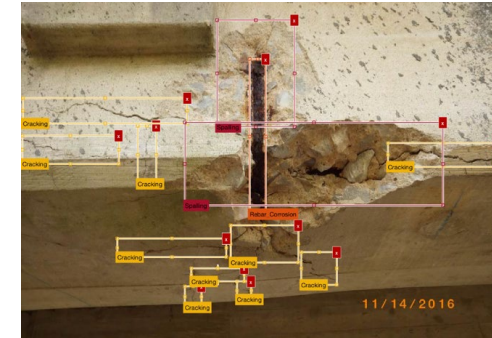
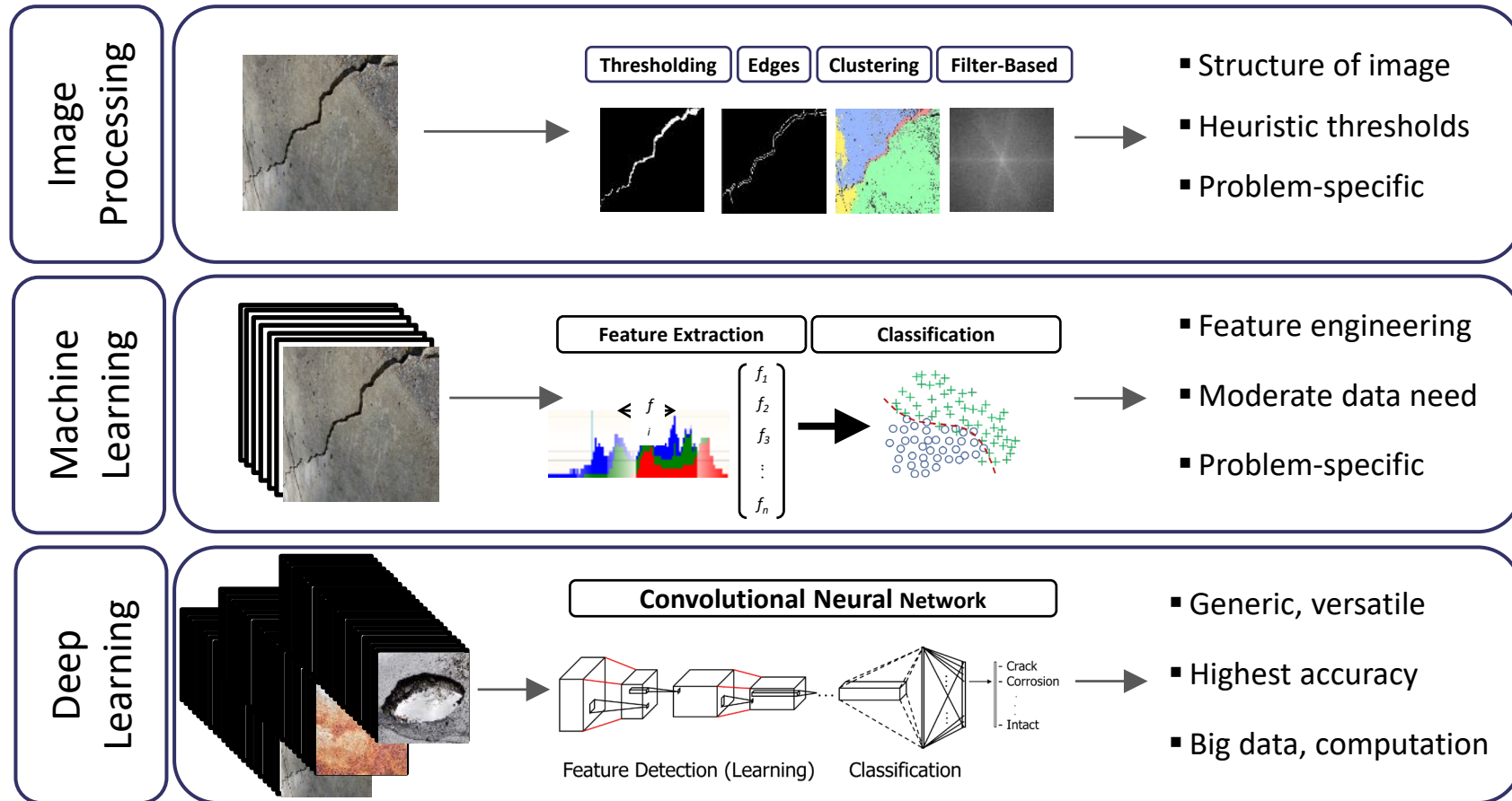
Utilities Good

Span F

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Visual recognition for infrastructure assessment

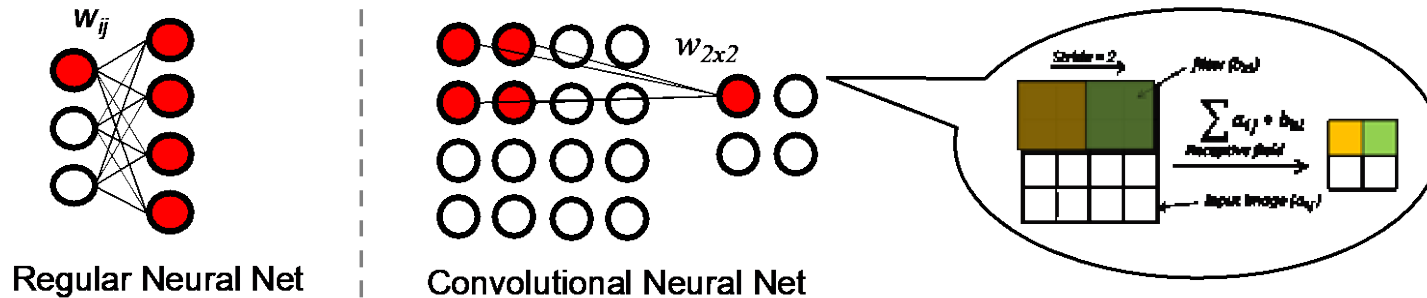
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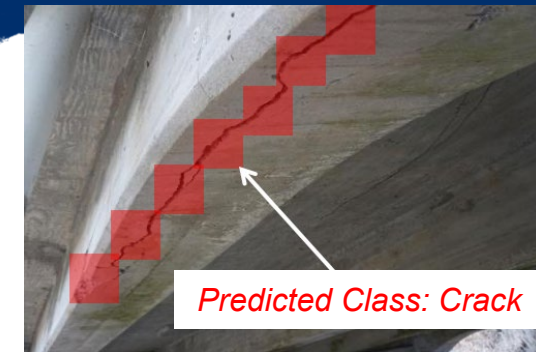
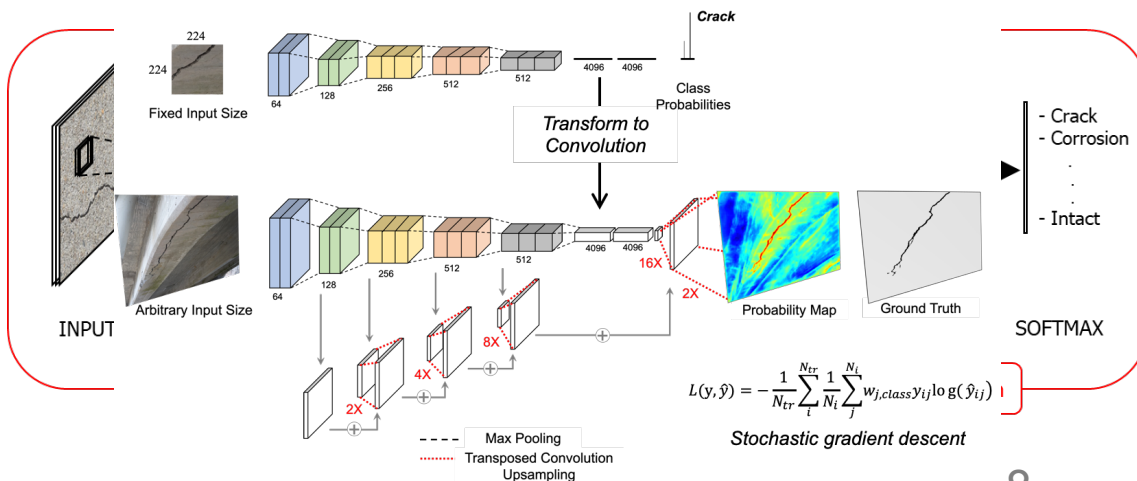
How might we interpret image data using CNNs?

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)

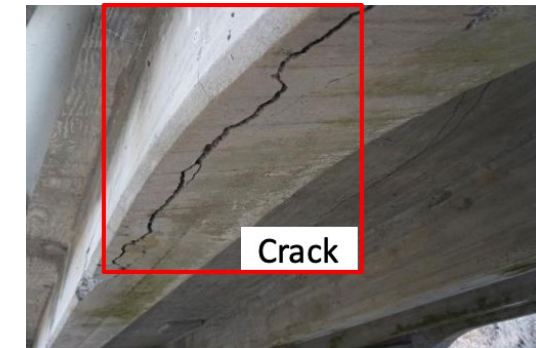
- CNN: Receptive fields connected to hidden neurons by **shared weights**.



- CNNs transform input image into layers of increasingly meaningful representations
 - Deep neural networks: multistage information-distillation operation, where information goes through successive filters and comes out increasingly purified



(a) Image Classification



(b) Object Detection



(c) Semantic Segmentation

Leveraging Bridge Inspection Report Imagery

STRUCTURE INSPECTION REPORT – COVER PHOTOS

Agency ID: [REDACTED]



WEST ELEVATION



EAST ELEVATION

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Overview

STRUCTURE INSPECTION REPORT – PHOTOS

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Photo #13

Looking at Span F,
Pier 5, Bay 12 side of
Beam 12.

Up to 1/2" loss of
section (previously
1/4" loss of section)
on Bay 12 side of
bottom flange x 2'
long. Web has up to
1/4" loss of section x
6" high, with up to
1/8" loss of section x
full height behind
bearing stiffener.

2017. 9. 27



Photo #14

Looking at Span G,
Pier 6, Bay 13 side of
Beam 13.

Up to 3/8" loss of
section x 3' long x 8"
wide on bottom flange
due to water/debris
channeling and
localized severe
corrosion with up to
100% section loss 12"
long x 6" wide (3/4"
original flange).
Bottom flange has a 4"
long x 3" wide
perforation near
bearing. Adjacent
beam web has up to
7/16" loss of section x
6" high x 2' long.

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Local Defects

How can we apply AI to this inspection data?

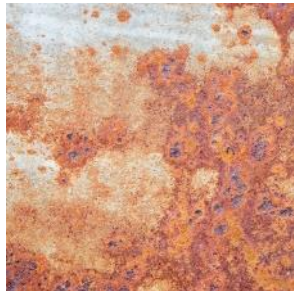
Crack Detection Problem

- Detection across Different Materials
- Pixel-level detection
- Quantification



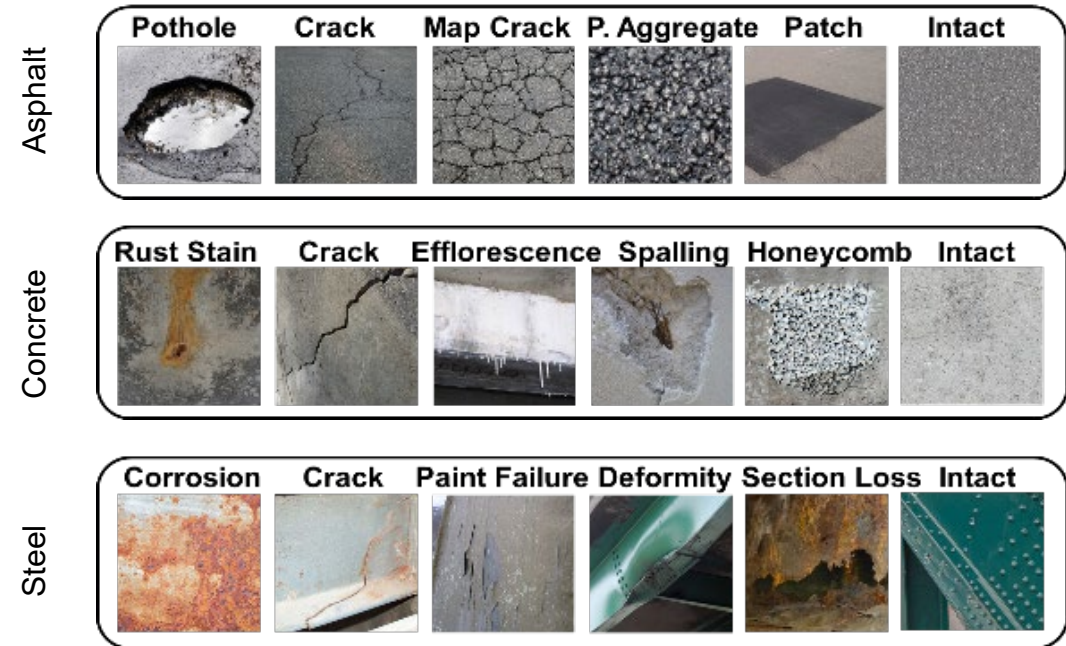
Corrosion Detection Problem

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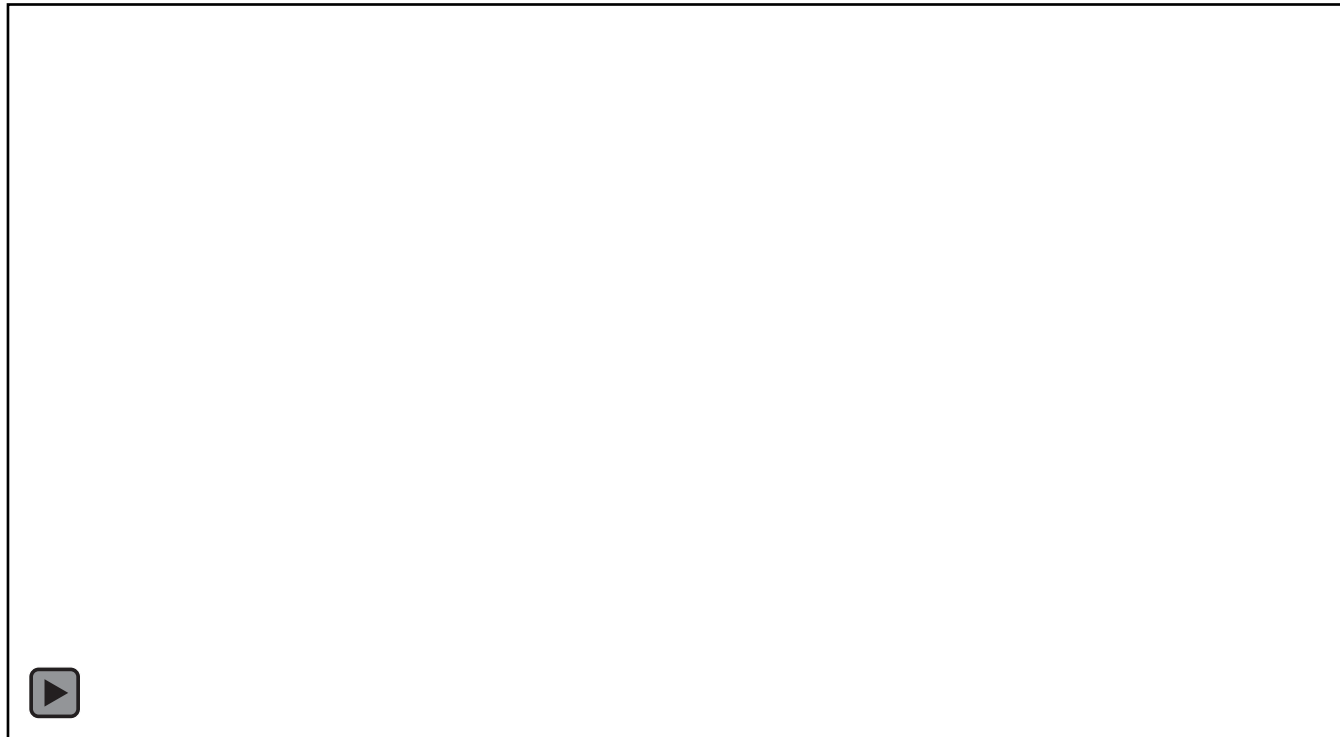
Multi-Defect Detection Problem

- Crowd-sourced urban monitoring
- Inspection image dataset



How we have used these models so far...

- Our current models can:
 - Detect and measure defects (qualitative and quantitative)
 - Provide a map of the changes (geo-location)
 - Determine damage pattern change since the last inspection (temporal)



Other Potential Applications:

- Automated inspection
- robotic inspection
- crowd-sourced monitoring

NLP for infrastructure assessment

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Machine Learning

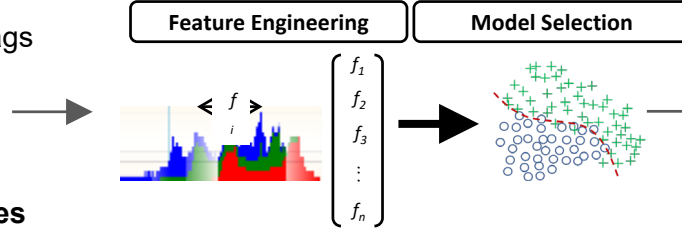
Syntactic Features

- Part-of-speech tags
- Casing
- Prefix

Semantic Features

- Ontology

Bag-of-Word Features



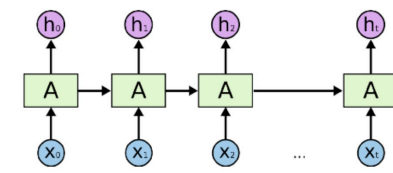
- Problem-specific
- Feature engineering
- Ontology building

Deep Learning

Dense Embedding

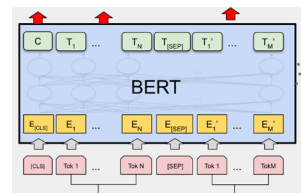
- Word2Vec
- GloVe
- FastText

Recurrent Neural Network

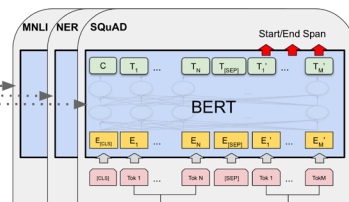


- Problem-specific
- Semantic features
- Directional training

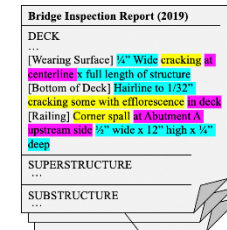
Bi-directional multi-task pre-training



Fine-Tuning

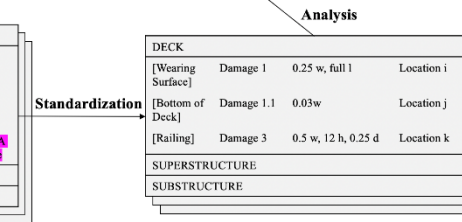
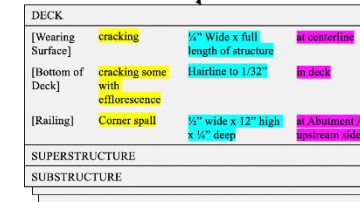
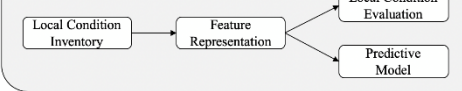


- Generic, versatile
- Highest accuracy
- Big data, multi-task
- Parallelizable



- ### Maintenance Planning Query
- What are the frequent damage types in the interstate highways over water?
 - How many bridges have cracks developed since last inspection?
 - Is there any severe exposed rebar that should be alerted?
 - Which bridges have major wearing surface deterioration?

Detail-driven Modeling



Can we effectively extract context derived from expert observations?


Leveraging Bridge Inspection Report Text

- Condition ratings (score)
- Condition details of local defects, and their evolution history, in narratives

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Condition Extraction

- Dissect sentence into chunks
- Sequence labeling task

Bridge Inspection Report (2019)

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 SUPERSTRUCTURE
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 SUBSTRUCTURE
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Bi-Directional LSTM-CRF

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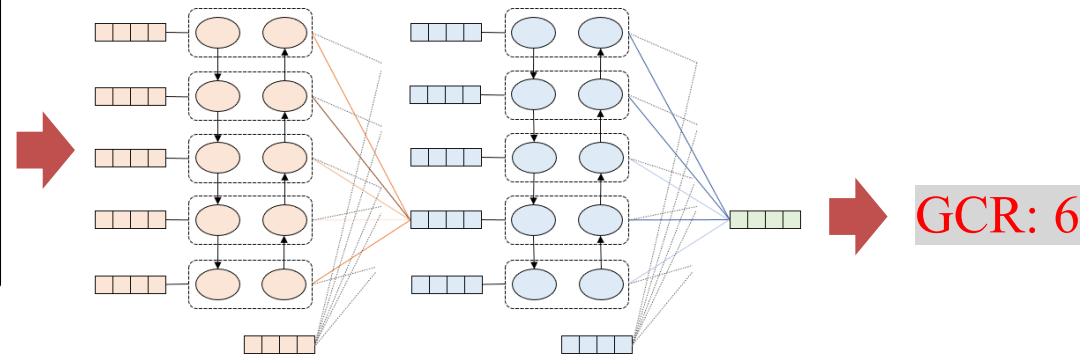
Condition Rating

- Map sentences to general condition rating (GCR)
- Text classification task

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Hierarchical Attention Network



How models can be used for asset management...

- Extract local condition information
- Construct a condition inventory to assist analysis

Track local defect changes since last inspection

Year	Damage	Location	Severity	Deterioration?
2014	spalling and delamination	bottom of deck downstream side	a 47" long x 29" wide x 2 3/4" deep area	NO
2017				
2014	exposed longitudinal bars	bottom of deck downstream side	4 (rebars)	YES
2017			5 (rebars)	
2014	exposed transverse bar	bottom of deck downstream side	75% (section loss)	YES
2017			75% to 100% (section loss)	

- Generate condition rating given textual description
- Reveal key word/sentence in the mapping from texts to ratings (what drives decision)

good the concrete deck is in overall good condition
 there is light stone and debris accumulation along the right shoulder
 see the expansion joints section for notes regarding the joint at pier 6 that does not have joint armor
 good the exposed concrete deck soffit in spans 1 3 is in good condition
 there are no notable defects
 stay in place sip metal forms are in all bays in spans 4 7
 the sip forms are in good condition throughout
 the deck overhang soffits are in good condition in all spans
 good the concrete parapets are in overall good condition in all spans
 there are typical hairline vertical cracks some with moisture staining in the parapets spaced every 4 to 8 feet
 minor isolated horizontal hairline cracks were also observed at some locations see photo 1

Also provides a mechanism for quality control of selected ratings (training)

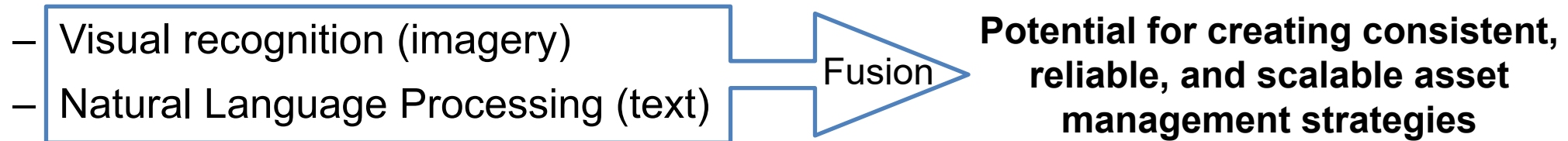
Summary of AI Applications for Asset Management

Bridge Inspection reports are ripe with data (**untapped** and **passive**) that goes unused

- Long history of detailed record collection that are independent of reporting requirement changes
- Images are routinely collected as part of a typical inspection and provide observations of condition state
- Inspector also provide detailed narratives of their observations during an inspection which contains expert observations

Inspection report data are largely **untapped** and **underutilized**, but have the potential to reframe how we manage assets

Advances in artificial intelligence create opportunities to effectively leverage these **passive** datasets



Thanks for your attention



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Emerging Data Analytics & Artificial Intelligence Technologies for Bridge Deterioration Prediction



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Civil Infrastructure Systems Open Knowledge Network (CIS-OKN)

BIG Data Analytics & Artificial Intelligence (AI) open unprecedented opportunities

- Better predict bridge deterioration
- Enhance maintenance decision making

- 6 universities (Lead: UIUC; partners: USC, Purdue, CMU, ASU, Stevens)
- State DOTs: CA, IL, FL, CT, IA, SC, UT, IN, AZ
- Transportation centers: ICT, METRANS, TOPS, other
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Big Data for Bridge Deterioration Prediction

Volume, Variety, Velocity

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1	State Code
8	Structure Number
5	Inventory Route
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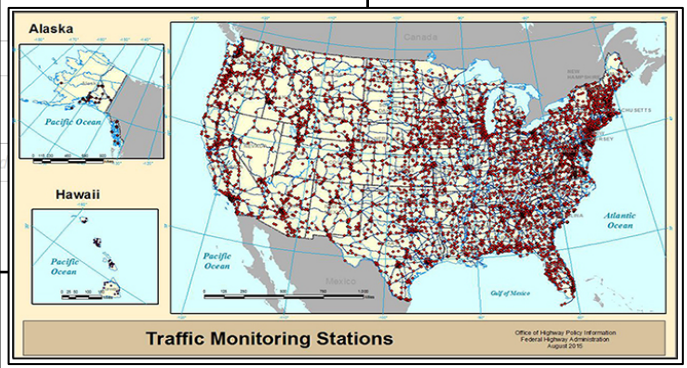
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Northampton Street
Weston
Portland Columbia



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Long-Term Bridge Performance Program

Structure No. 24 0287L

Defect Number	Component	Defect Status	Defect Type	Defect Date	Comments	Characteristics
1	Bridge > Span 2 > Span 2 - Deck Underside	New	1110 - Crack CRAC	12/13/2011	Transverse cracks with efflorescence	
1	Bridge > Span 2 > Span 2 - Inside of Deck > Face B	New	1110 - Crack CRAC	12/13/2011	Fine longitudinal crack on underside of deck.	
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Photo Description	Photos
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Challenge #1: Dealing with unstructured data

Information Extraction from Inspection Reports and Images

- **Semantic**, semi-supervised machine learning for information extraction

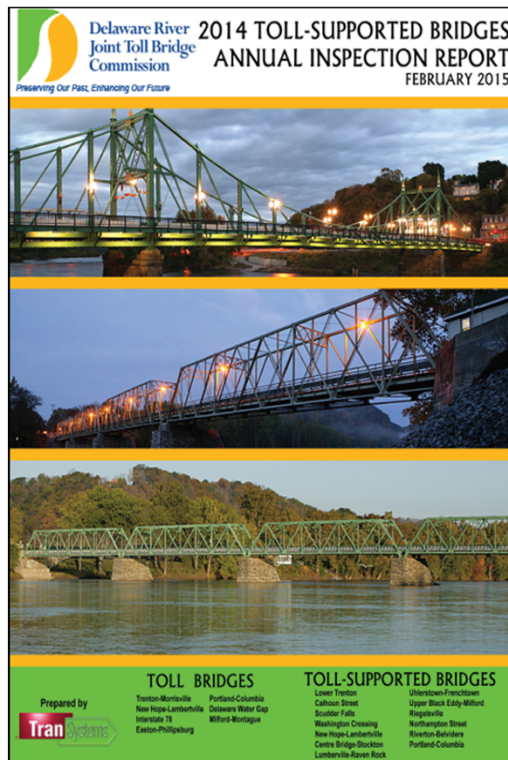


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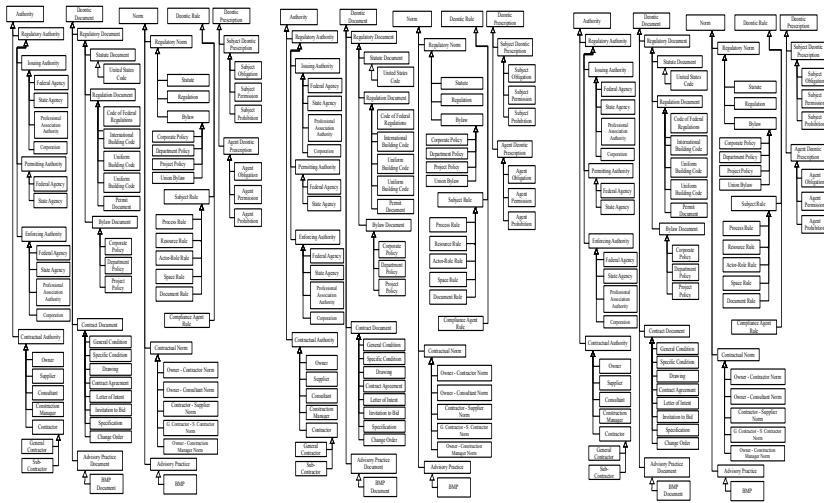
- Natural language processing
- Computer Vision
- Machine learning



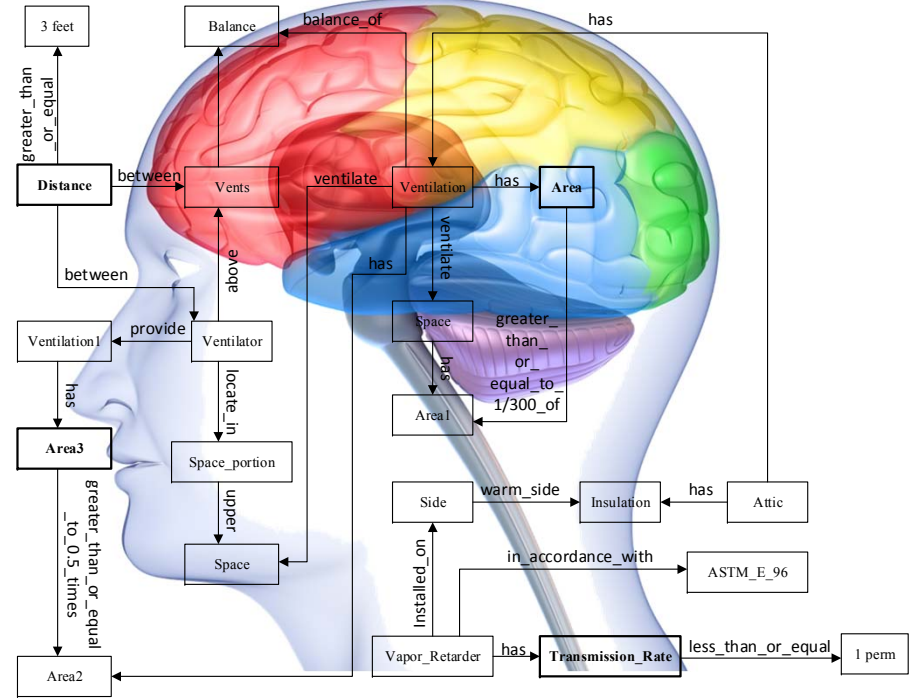
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Challenge #2: We cannot use off-shelf models

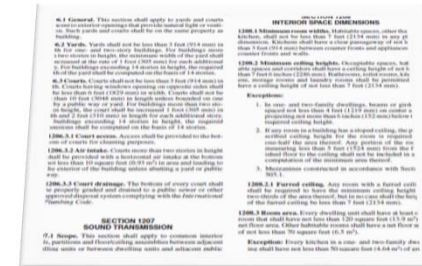
Challenge #3: Lack of training data



Semantic Modeling & Ontology



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LL #1: Adaptive and advanced ML models are the way to go!

- **Adaptation** of out-of-domain training data to our domain
- **Semi**-supervised learning
- **Unsupervised** learning
- **Transfer** learning

Challenge #4: Multisource, heterogeneous data

LL #2: Semantic data linking & fusion is the way to fully-integrated, multi-source analytics

- **Unsupervised** linking of data extracted from the reports
- Data fusion to fuse the measures

Challenge #5: Unbalanced data

Machine Learning

- Predicting deterioration
 - corrosion, cracking, decay, delamination, efflorescence, scaling and spalling, scour, settlement
 - type of deterioration, quantity, severity, onset timing, condition rating, propagation in quantity and severity with time
- Learning how to better maintain our bridges
- Prediction results linked to fused and original data to ascribe quality and provenance to the results

Data Unbalance Problems!

Challenge #6: Data sharing & knowledge convergence

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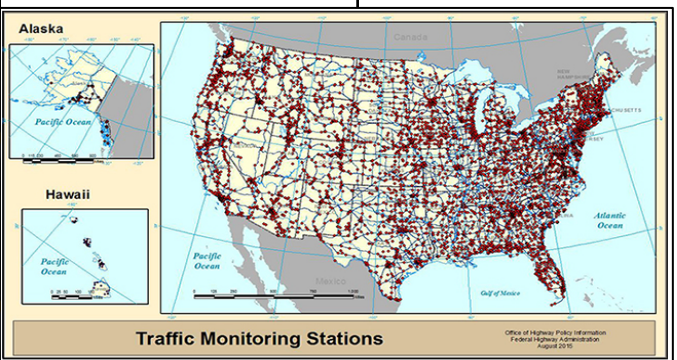
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- Jessup Park
- Washington Crossing
- New Hope, Lancaster
- Centre Bridge, Swanton
- Lancaster, Swanton, York

- Upper Merion, Philadelphia
- Upper Merion, Bridge, Millersburg
- Regentville
- Northampton Street
- Wheaton, Swanton
- Portland, Columbia



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LL #3: Convergence is a must!

- 6 universities (Lead: UIUC; partners: USC, Purdue, CMU, ASU, Stevens)
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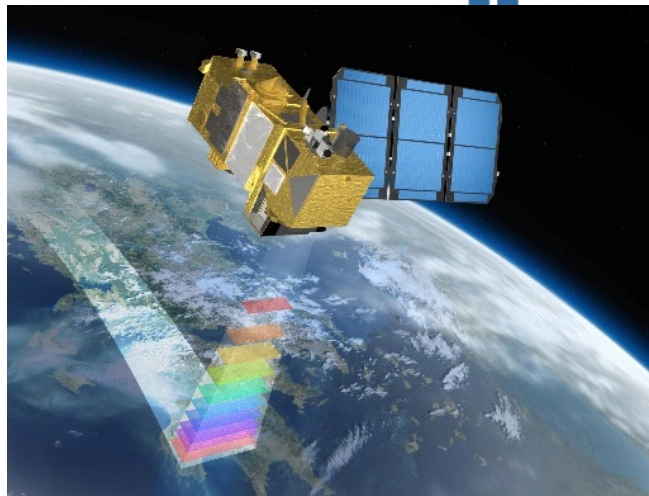
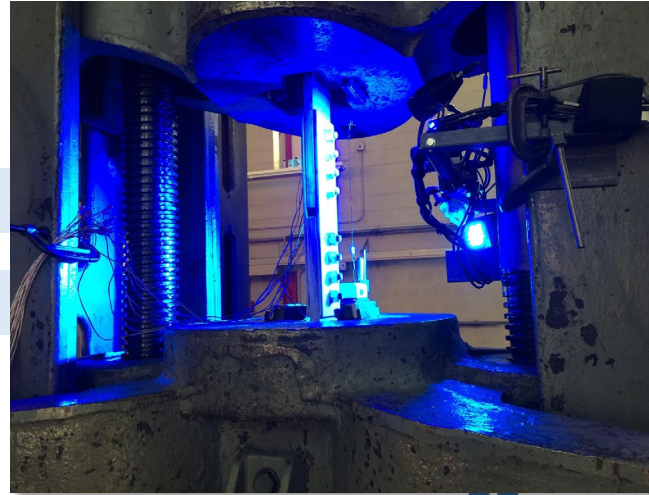
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Motivation

- **High resolution of long-term monitoring** data with today's sensing technology
- **Integration of data** collected by traditional means with emerging sensing systems
- **Smartphones** as data sources? What if the general public had access to portable, high-quality sensors and contributed to SHM every day?
- Soon SHM will meet the **Big Data standards** and need to deal with storing and processing such large datasets



Measuring Strain vs Acceleration

- Directly related to stress, fatigue and failure

- Strain gauges:

- High installation cost
- Power issues
- Hard to capture strain field



Can we collect **acceleration** data from WSN or mobile sensing to obtain **strain** information?

- DIC, fiber optic sensors:

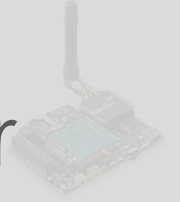
- Installation and calibration
- Expensive



- Modal analysis, system identification

- Wireless sensor networks:

- Cheap
- Works with battery



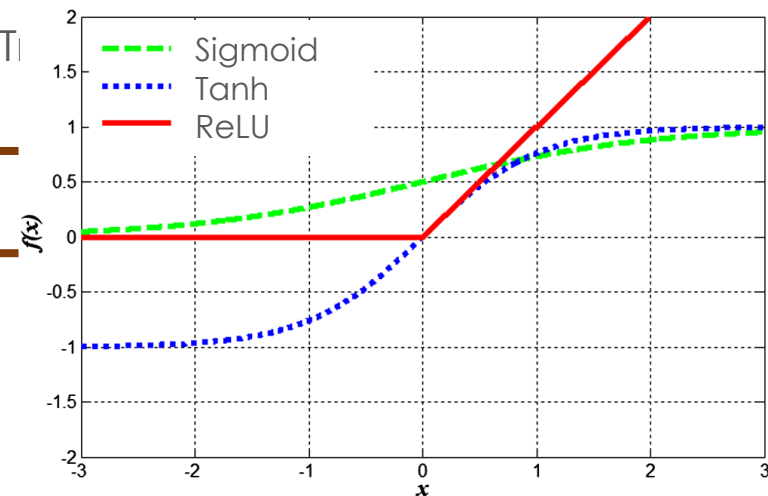
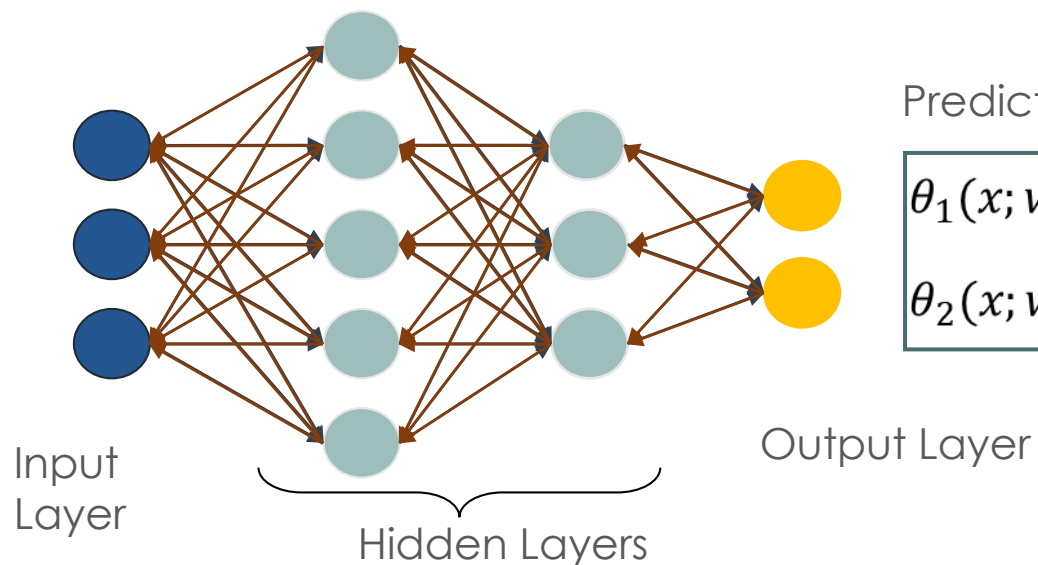
- Mobile sensors:

- No installation cost
- Crowd-sourcing potential
- Dense geographic coverage



Deep Neural Networks (DNN)

- DNNs form a model using deep graph organized in multiple linear layers and non-linear transformations
- The output of the neuron is found by a weighted sum of inputs composed with a non-linear mapping, e.g., tanh, relu etc.



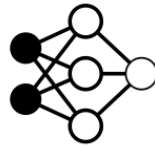
Proposed Framework

Training

Accel. & strain data from **selected** locations



Training the architecture



Testing

Only Accel. data from **desired** locations

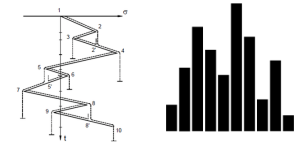


Use saved model parameters

Predict strain time-series

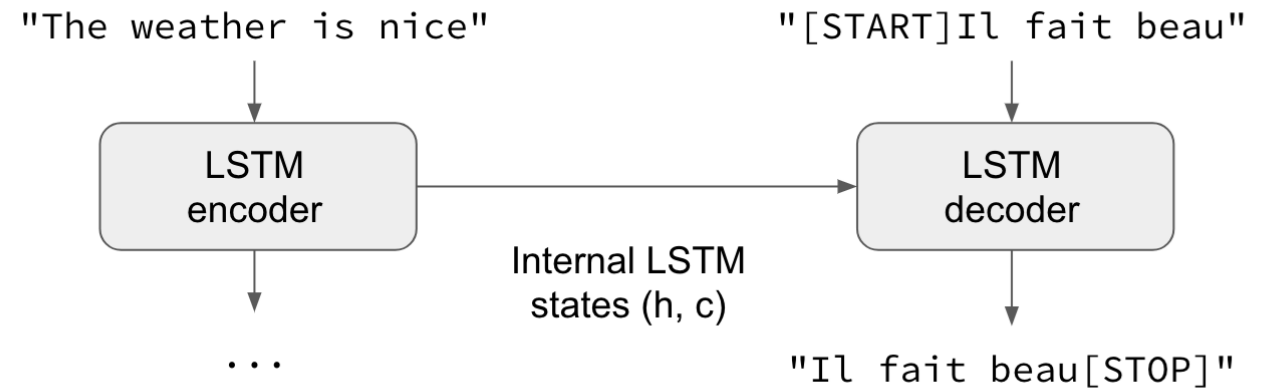


Obtain rain-flow histograms



Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)

- State-of-the-art performance in time series prediction, language translation and speech recognition
- LSTMs (Gers et al., 2000) can capture dynamics of the sequence
- Current decisions are affected by the previous states

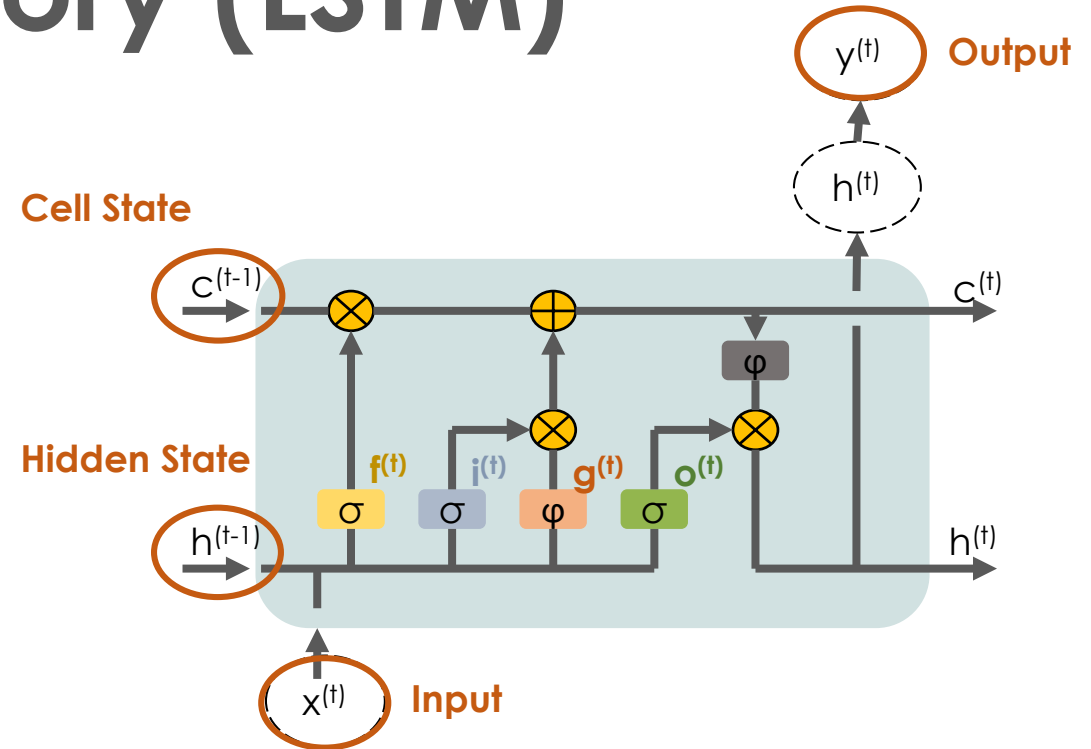


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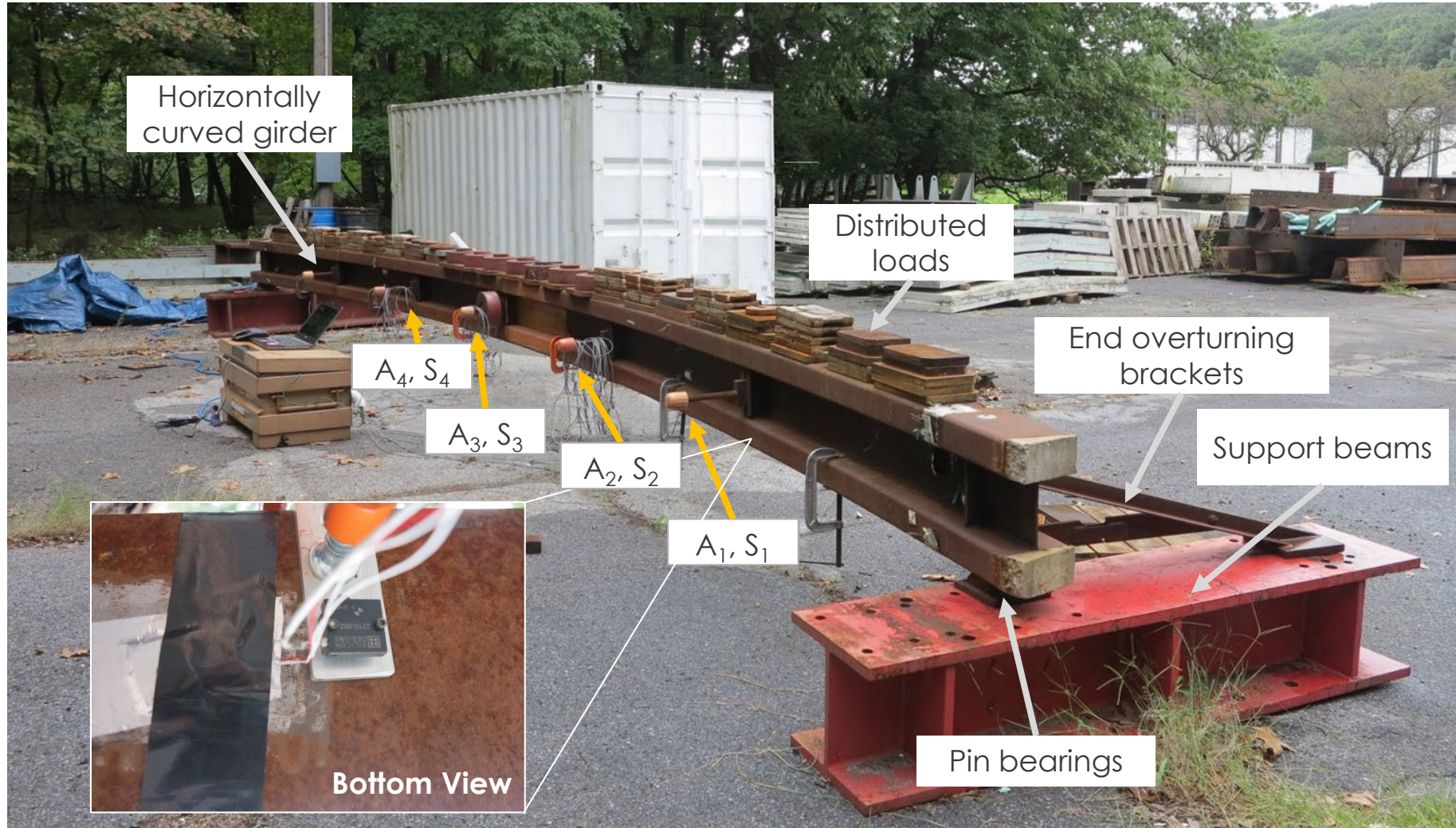
- SHM-specific challenges:
 - The difficulty of training **long sequences**
 - **The initialization** of network parameters
- Language model - initial state = 0
- in SHM - continuous stream of data



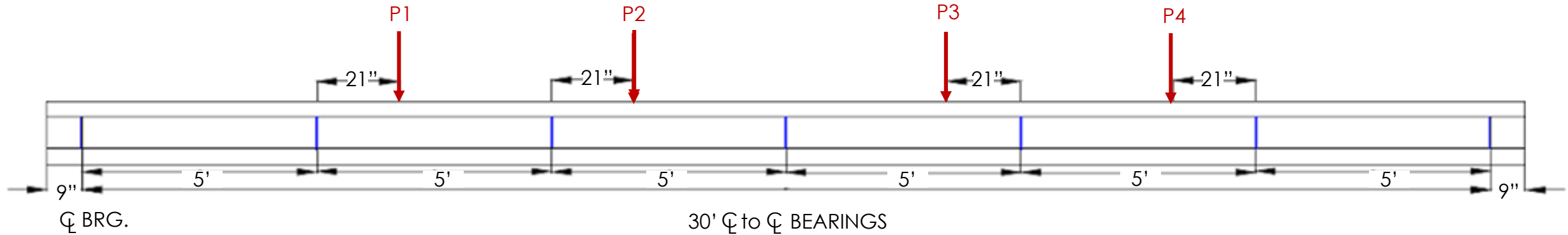
New way of training LSTMs!

- Randomized mini-batches
- Step-wise learning

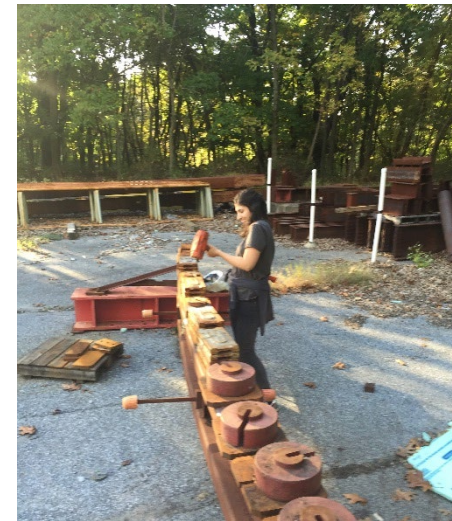
Setup and Instrumentation



Procedure



Type	Loading Scheme	No of Loading Case
Type I	Stepping at P1/ P2/ P4	54
Type II	Stepping at P1 and P4	20
Type III	Hammer + Stepping at P1/ P4	16
Type IV	P1, P2, P3 and P4	12



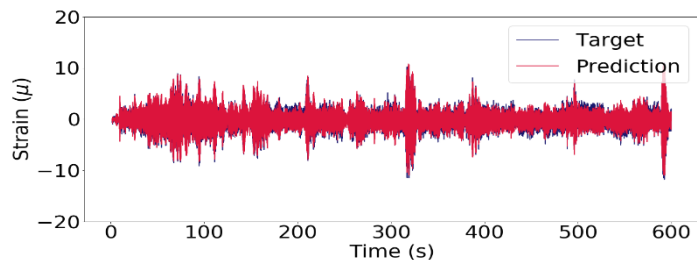
Excitement by using hammer



Excitement by stepping

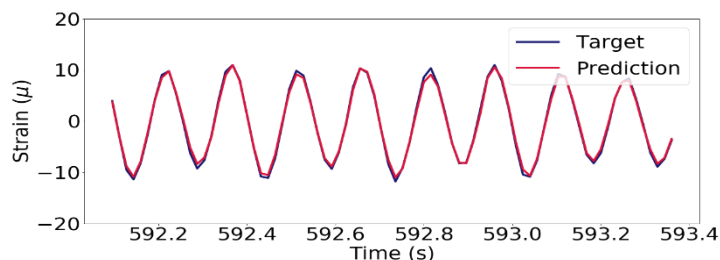
Type I

10-min time history

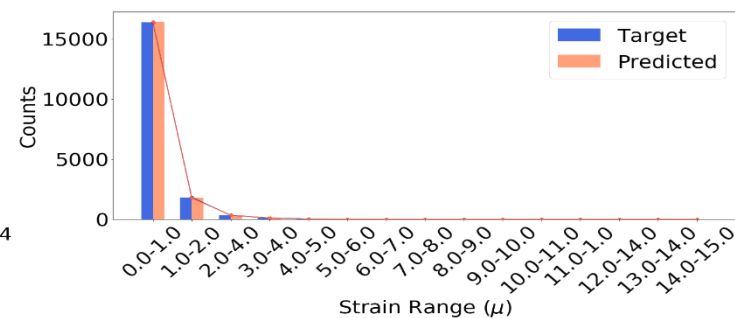


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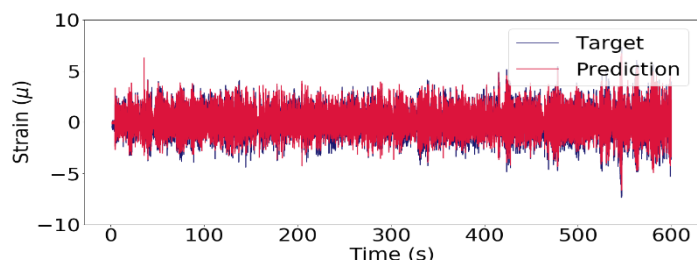
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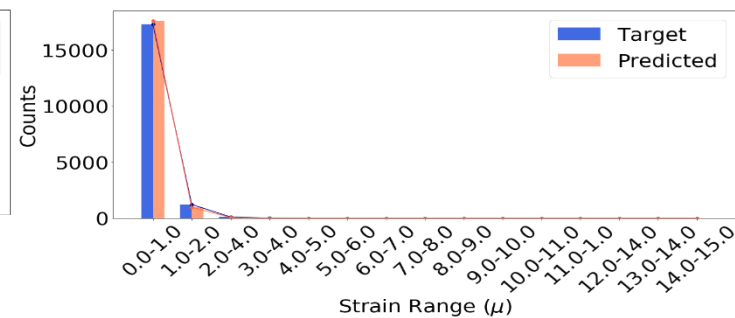
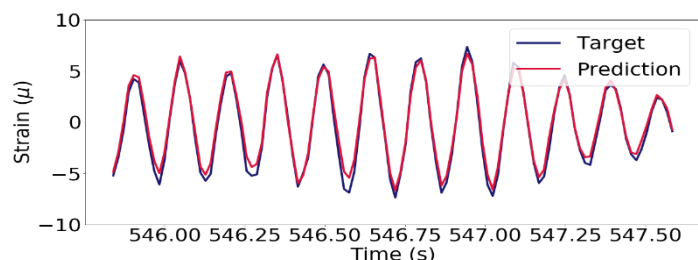
Rainflow counting histograms



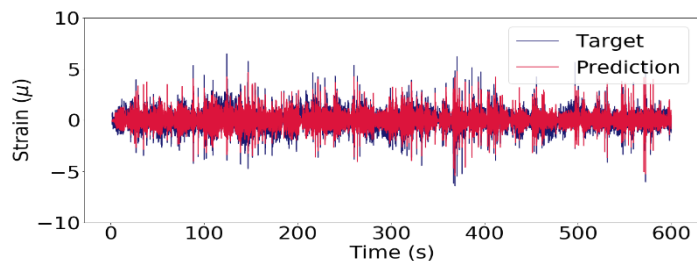
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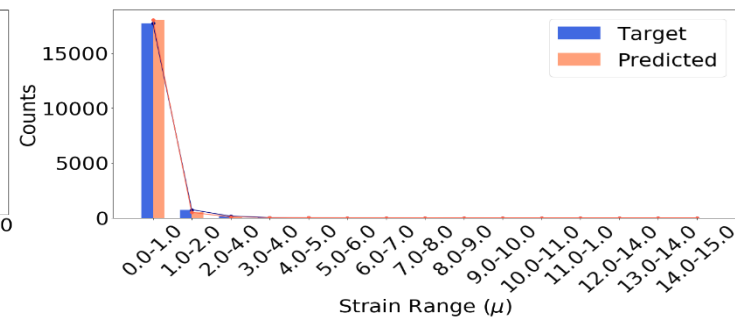
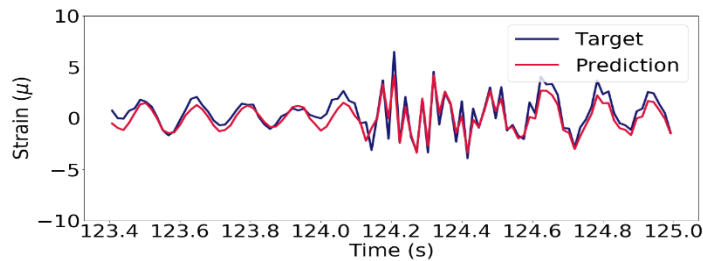
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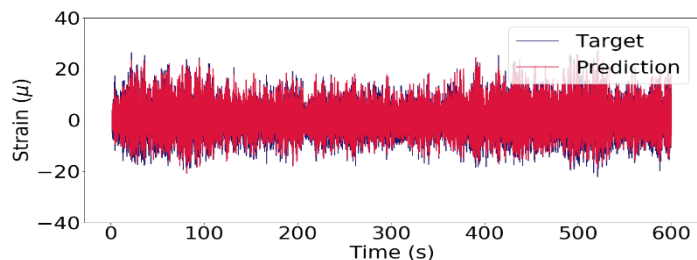
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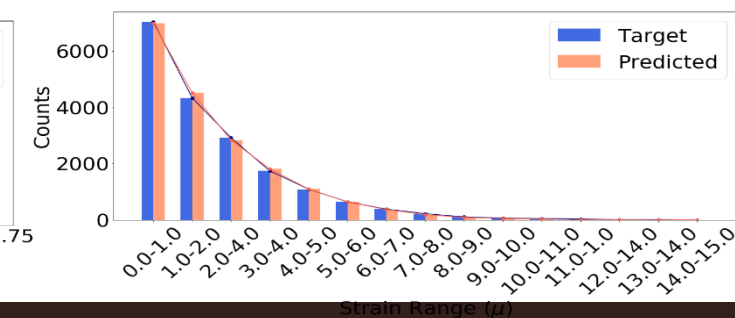
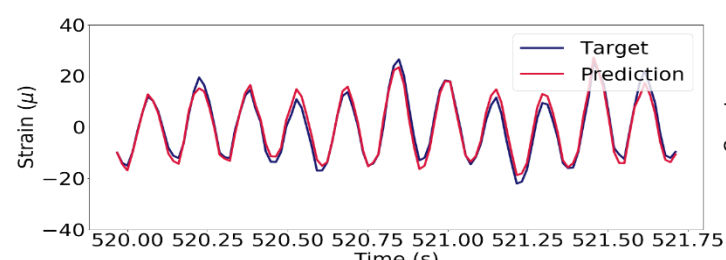
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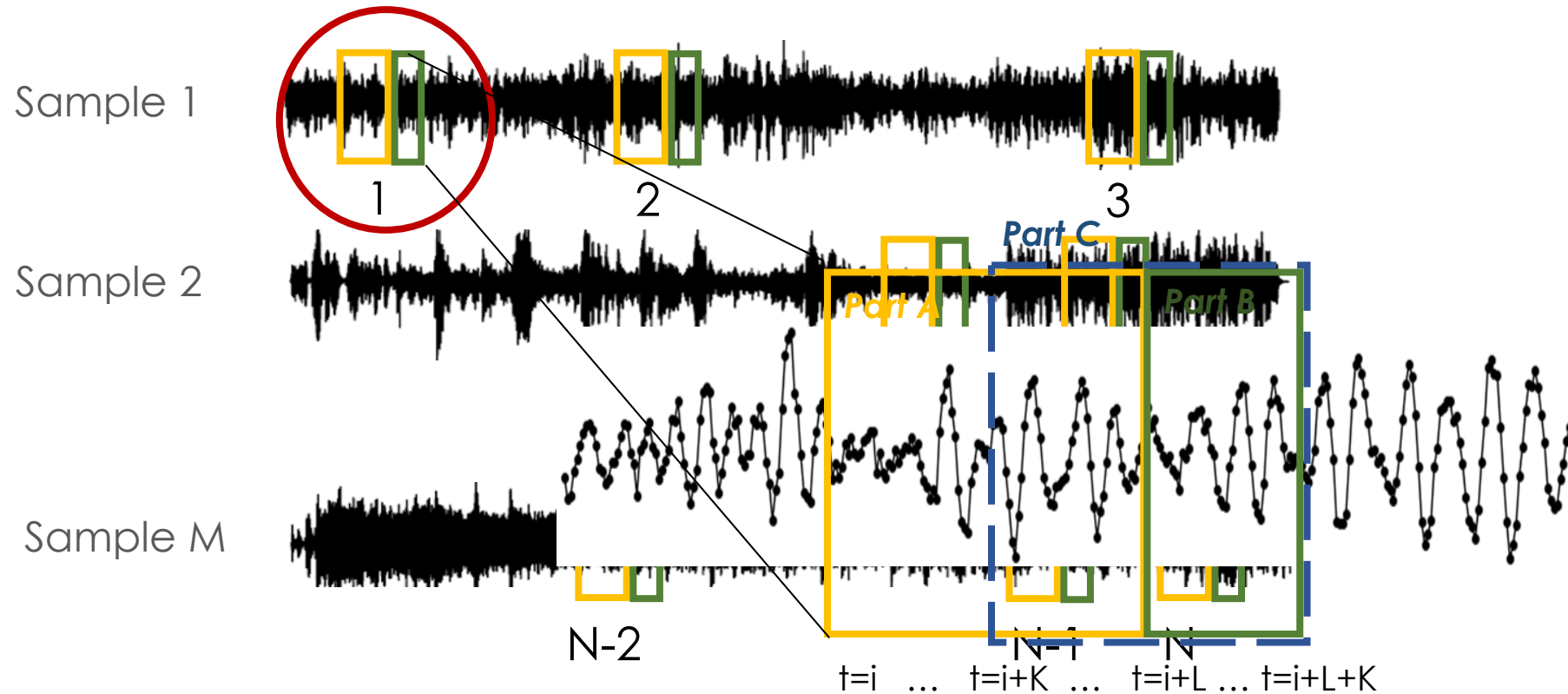
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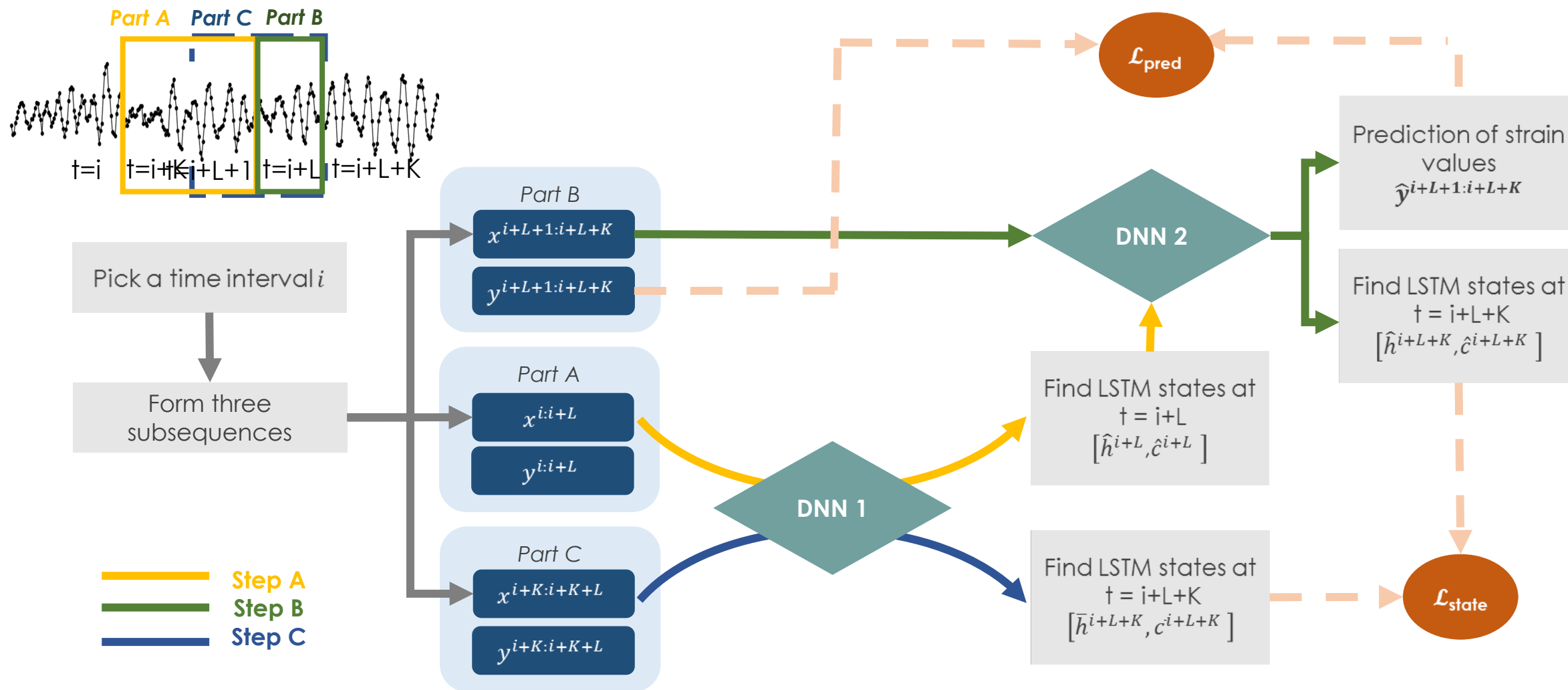
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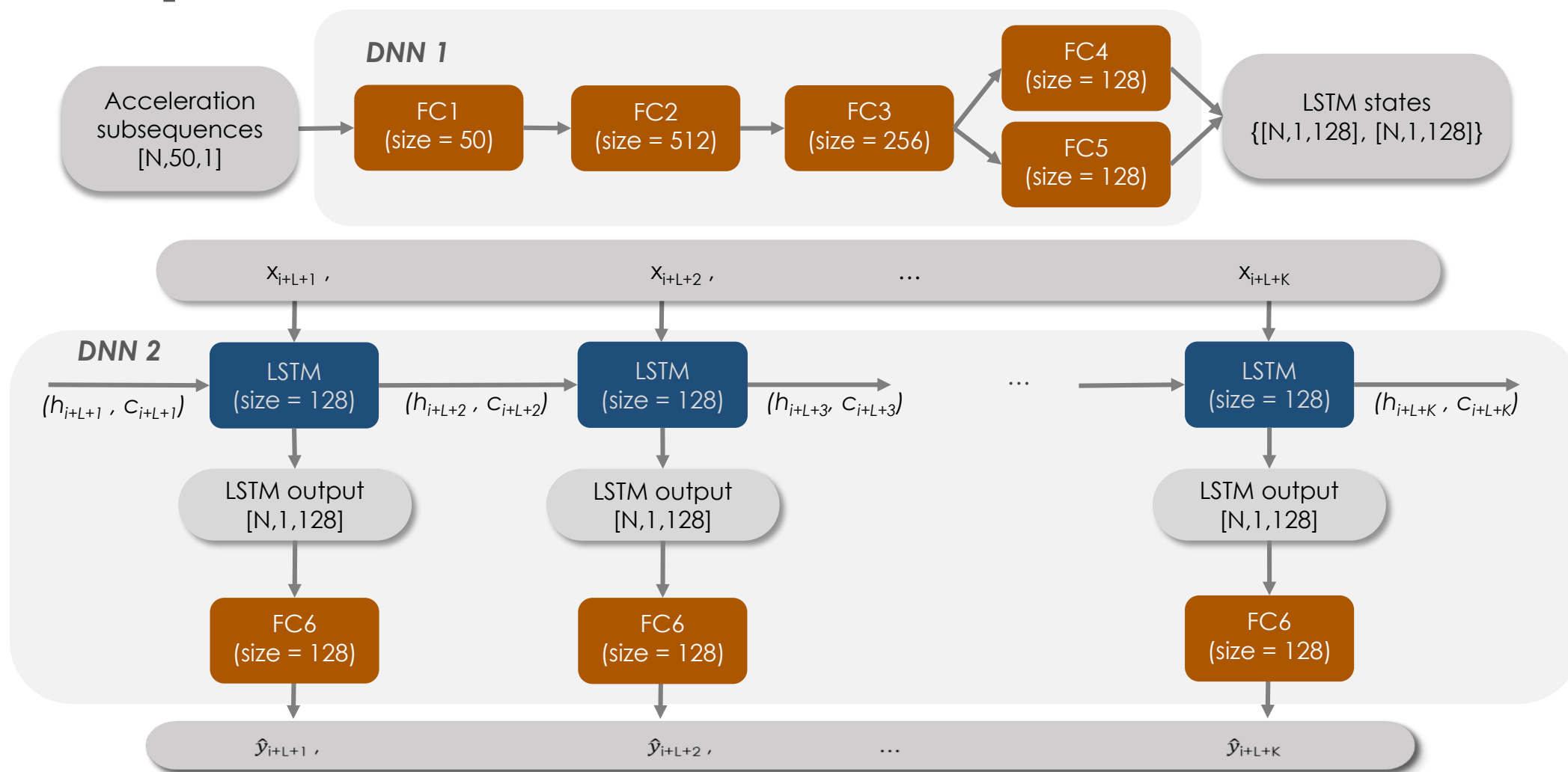
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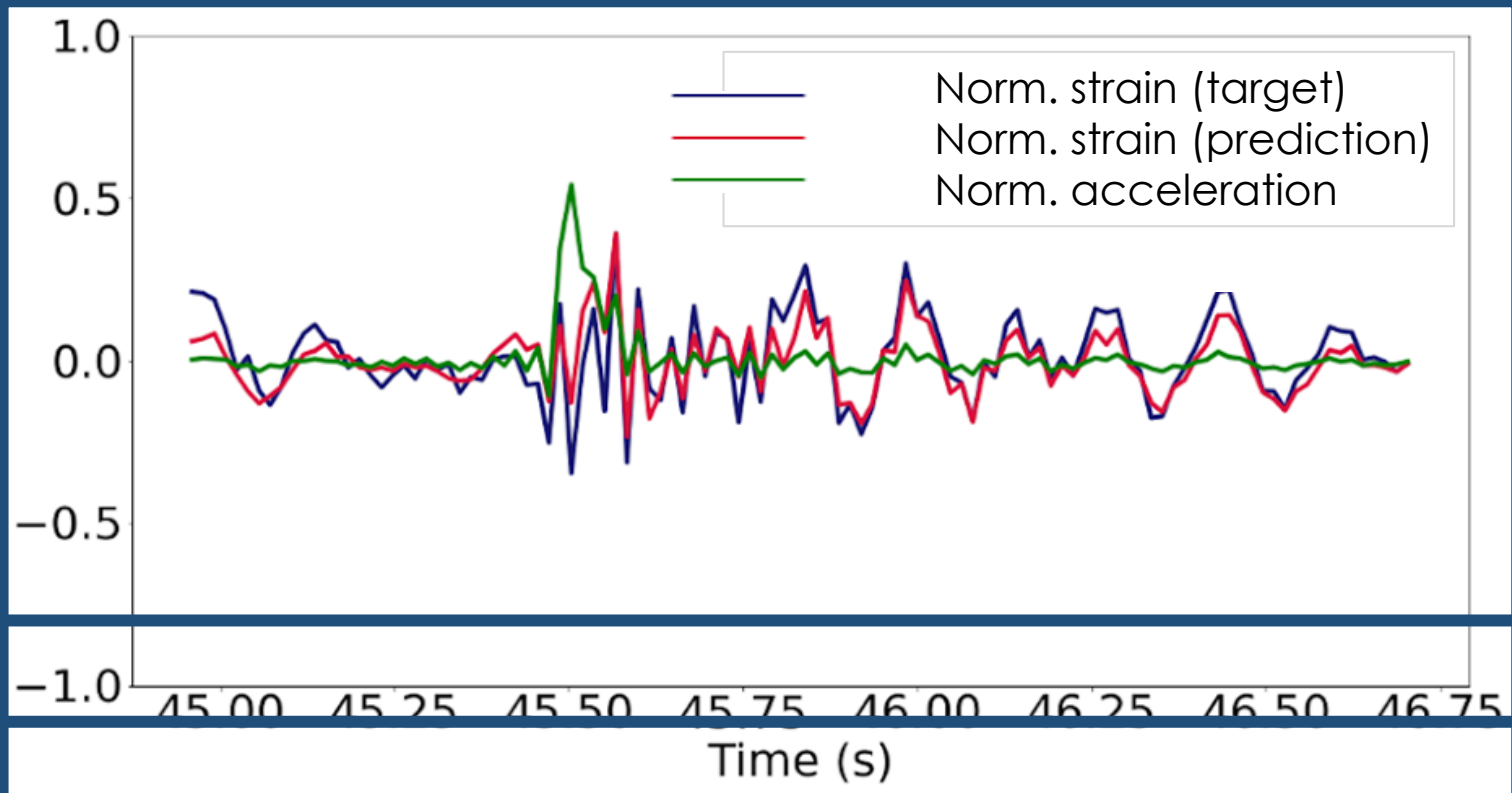
Proposed Architecture



TRAC Results

$$\text{TRAC} = \frac{(\sum_{t=0}^T \hat{y}(t)y(t))^2}{(\sum_{t=0}^T \hat{y}(t)\hat{y}(t))^2 (\sum_{t=0}^T y(t)y(t))^2}$$

Case	Trained Sensor Pair	Est. Strain	Type I							Type II							Ty. III	Ty. IV
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
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															0.68	0.91		
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C ₄	A ₄														0.67	0.89		
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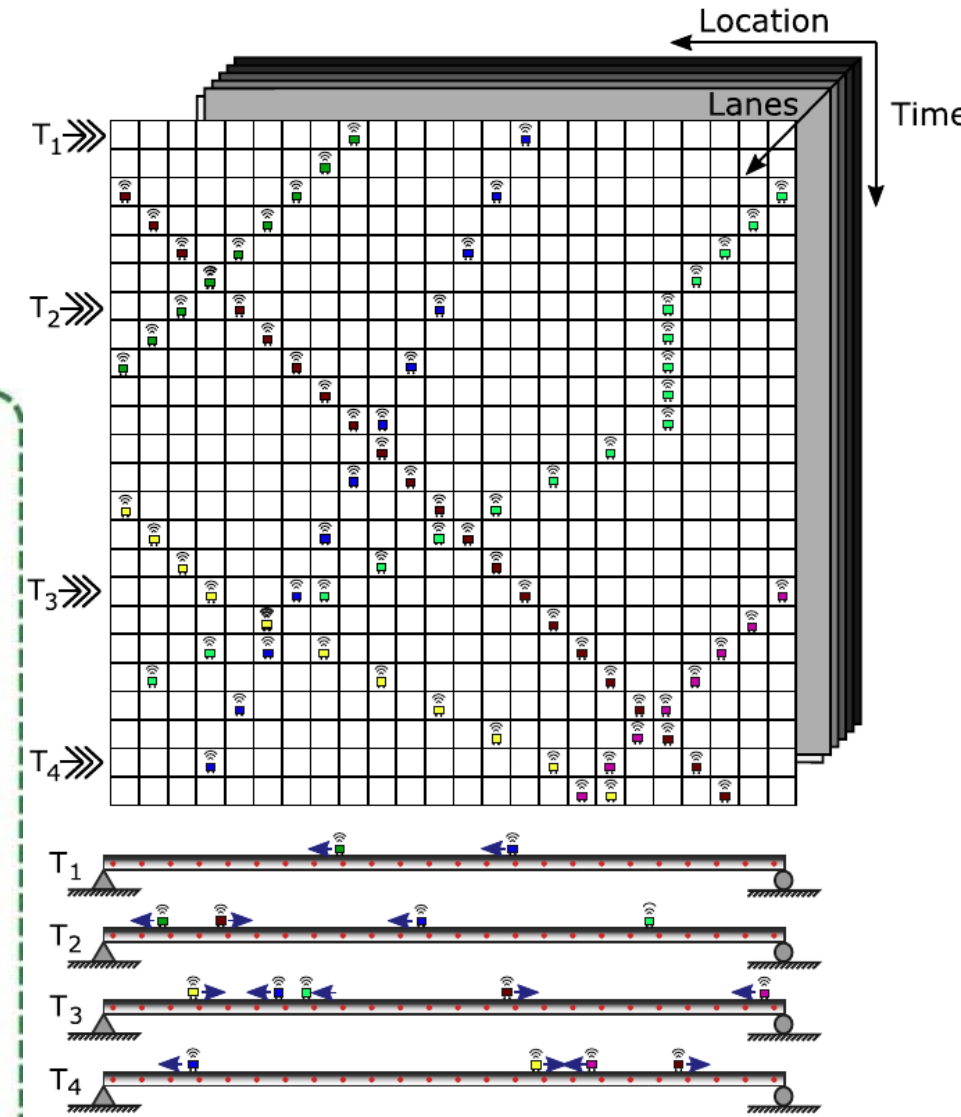
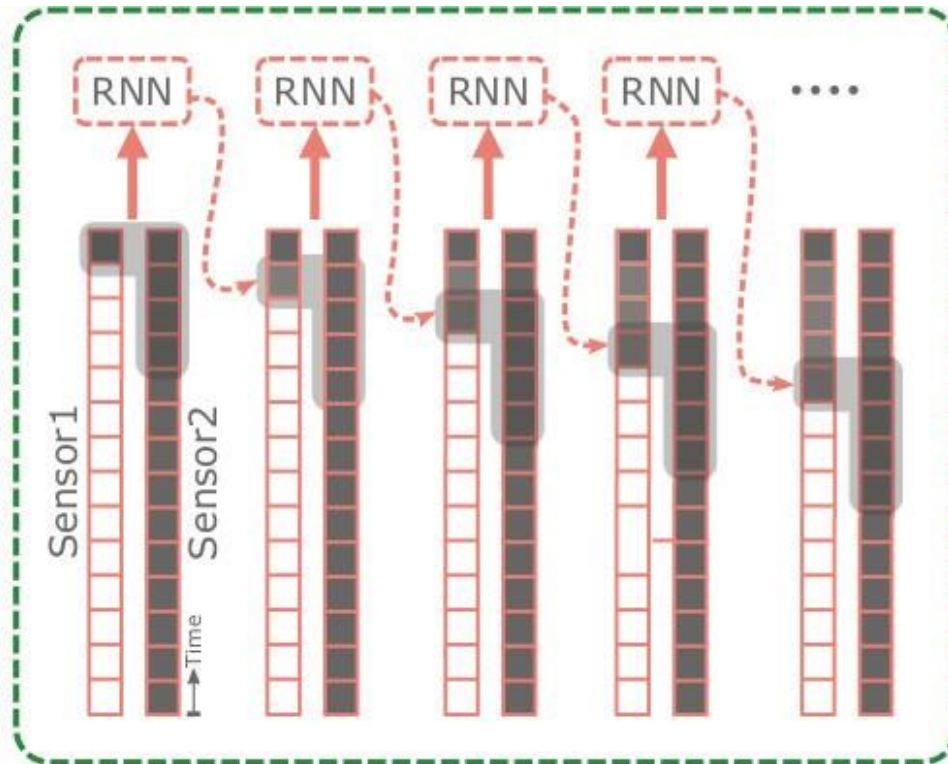
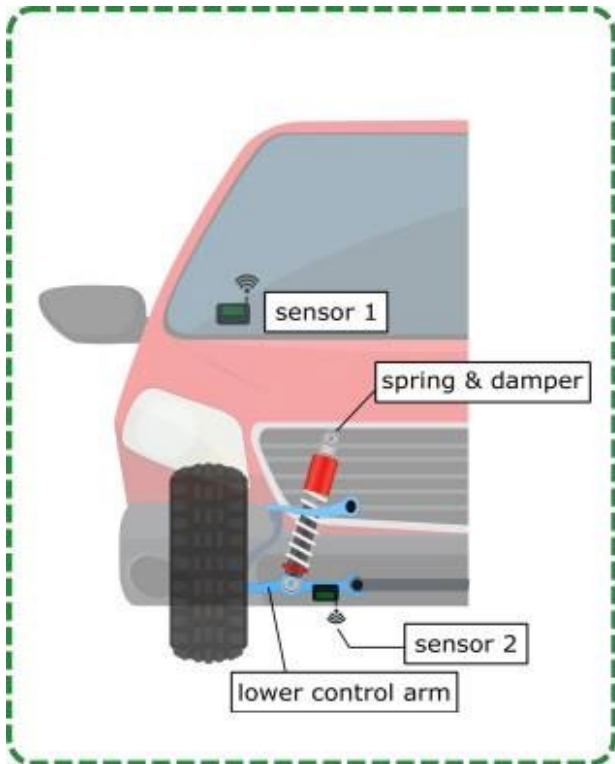
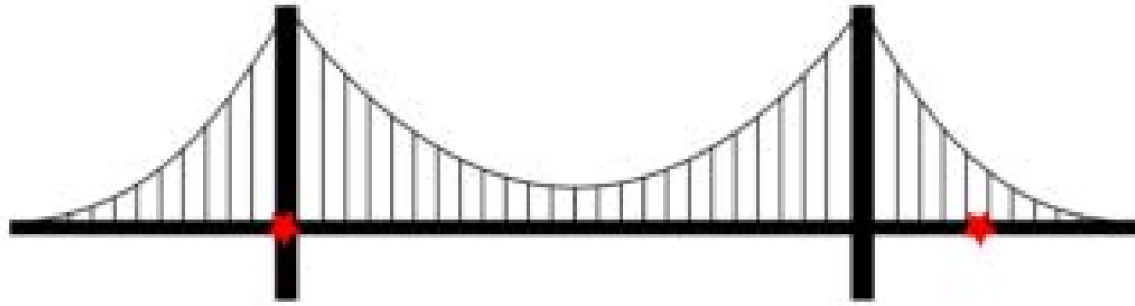
Key Outcomes

- Accurate estimation of strain time series is possible with acceleration acquired from **inexpensive sensing system**
- The proposed network exploits the **temporal modeling of LSTM** and **nonlinear mapping of FC layers** to be able discover temporal dependencies and complex relationships between input and output sequences
- This study also introduces a **novel step-wise training methodology** to deal with the computational cost of sequential learning and long time histories obtained as a nature of fatigue life assessment

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**Thank you
Any questions?**

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