

# Introduction to Prognostics

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# Topics of the tutorial

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Why prognostics?

Prognostic process

Examples (with codes)



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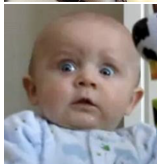
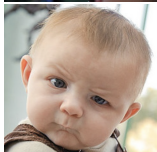
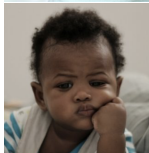
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# Today's material

Download this presentation and tutorial code at:

[phmsociety.org/events/conference/phm/19/tutorials](https://phmsociety.org/events/conference/phm/19/tutorials)

Scripts and dataset:

[\*particleFilterPrediction.py\*](#)

[\*gpRegression.py\*](#)

[\*CO2data.txt\*](#)

Libraries we'll use:

*numpy*

*scipy*

*matplotlib*

Instructions to install Python and libraries:

[\*README.txt\*](#)

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## Definition

**Prognostics** is an engineering discipline focused on predicting the time at which a system or a component will no longer perform its intended function\*

\*Vachtsevanos GJ, Lewis F, Hess A, Wu B. Intelligent fault diagnosis and prognosis for engineering systems. Hoboken: Wiley; 2006 Sep.

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## Type III: Condition-based ← **what we'll see today**

Modeling individual failure mechanisms, cumulative damage models, state extrapolation, ...

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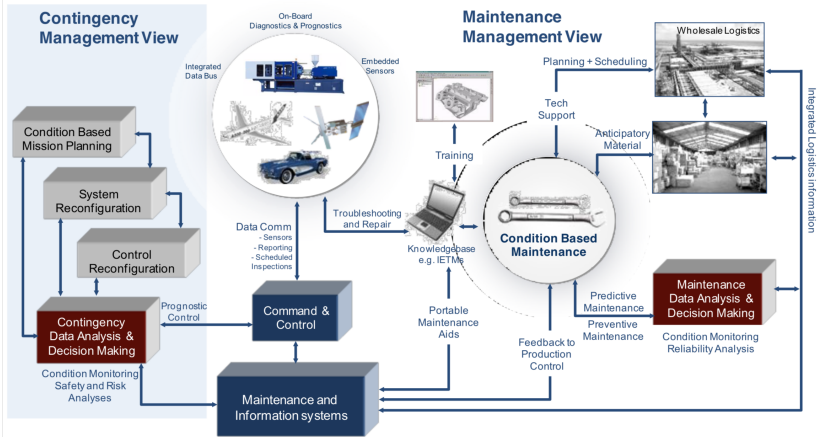
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# Why prognostics?



Thanks to: Dr. Abhinav Saxena

Schematic adapted from: A. Saxena, Knowledge-Based Architecture for Integrated Condition Based Maintenance of Engineering Systems, PhD Thesis, 2007.

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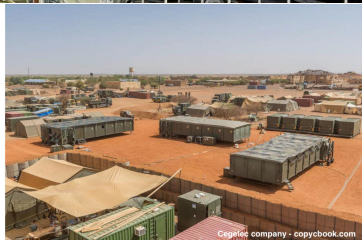


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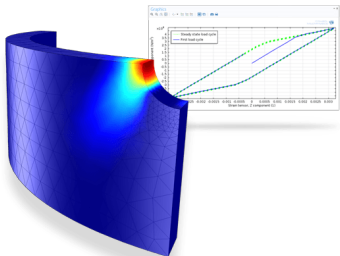


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Thanks to: Dr. N. Scott Clements. Please refer to his tutorial [PHM Tutorial 2011](#) for more information on industrial applications

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# What we are trying to predict

## Future behavior

Calculate the future values of the quantities of interest to infer future behavior of the system

## End-of-life

Calculate the time-to-failure or the remaining useful life (RUL) of a component/system, which current condition is known with certain confidence.

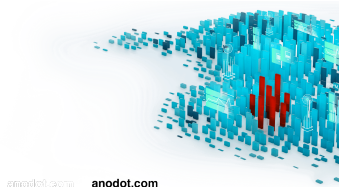


# Steps of the prognostic process

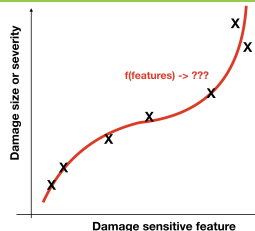
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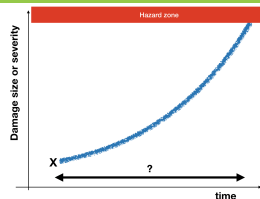
## 2. Identification and isolation



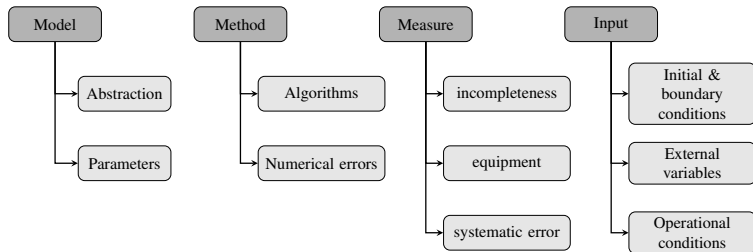
## 3. Quantification



## 4. Prognosis



# Source of information (and uncertainty)



- ▶ Ground truth measures are hard to come by, and sometimes there's no term for comparison (e.g., Golden Gate bridge)
- ▶ Many times measures are noisy, corrupted by systematic errors or faulty measurement systems
- ▶ Health-related quantities are typically hard to measure (i.e., measures are intrusive or destructive)
- ▶ Some times it's simply not possible (physically or economically) to measure some variables

- ▶ Models are mere representations of reality
- ▶ Models do not (typically) accommodate all physical phenomena affecting the system. If they do, they may not be suitable for real-time applications
- ▶ They always require calibration and validation.
- ▶ They may require correction terms to be updated in real-time (every time) or to be tuned on a case-basis

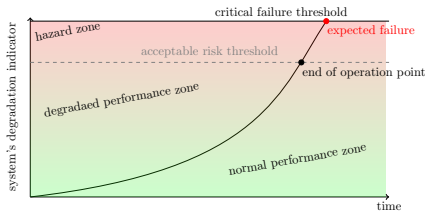
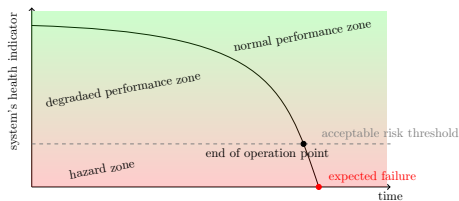
# Environmental & operational conditions (input)

- ▶ Varying environmental conditions can drastically change algorithm performance (or even make algorithms useless)
- ▶ Many damage-sensitive features are also affected by operational profiles (e.g., vibrations in a wind turbine generator change with produced power)
- ▶ Environmental variables May be unknown, hard to measure or their future values hard to predict (i.e., wind speed and direction in urban environments)
- ▶ Finding causal relationships: dependencies from external factors are hard to quantify

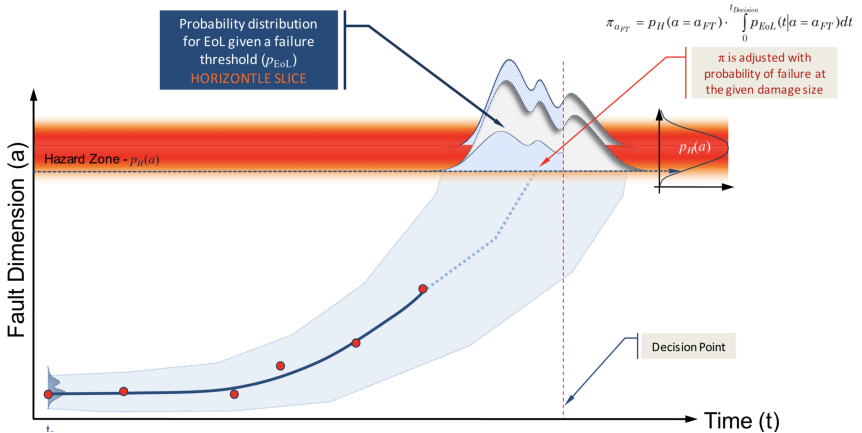
- ▶ Rounding errors or machine precision may not be negligible for the problem we're looking at
- ▶ If the algorithm goal is minimization or filtering, they may get stuck into a local minima (e.g., the results change at different runs)
- ▶ They often need tuning of parameters, or in case of data-driven methods, their performance depends on the amount of training data
- ▶ Convergence not always guaranteed

# Prognosis in a cartoon

## Tracking health vs. tracking degradation



# Prognosis in a cartoon



Thanks to: Dr. Abhinav Saxena, GE

See his prognostics tutorial from Annual PHM Conference 2010 [here](#).



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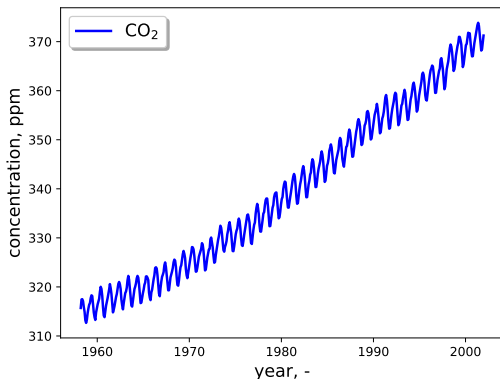
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# Example 1

## Data-driven CO<sub>2</sub> concentration prediction

# CO<sub>2</sub> concentration prediction

Monthly average atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations (in parts per million by volume, ppmv) collected at the Mauna Loa Observatory in Hawaii between 1958-2001<sup>1</sup>.



**What will the CO<sub>2</sub> concentration be after 2001?**

<sup>1</sup> credits for the idea to Rasmussen and Williams, Gaussian Processes for Machine Learning, and [Sci-kit learn](#), and NOAA for the dataset.

We use Gaussian Processes (GP) to predict the concentration over the years after 2001.

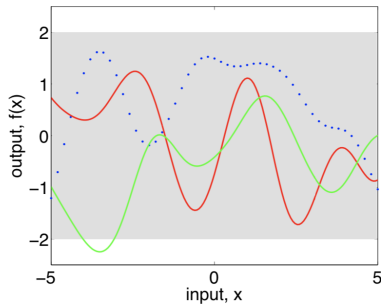
The process  $f(\mathbf{x})$  is a GP if can be specified by a mean and covariance function:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) \sim \mathcal{GP}(m(\mathbf{x}), k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'))$$

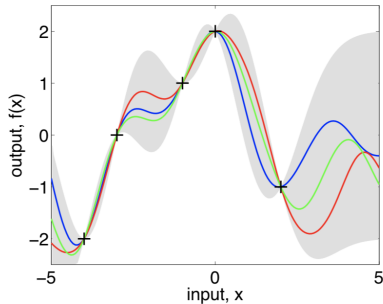
**The covariance function  $k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$  is the key** containing info about time-correlations and dispersion.

Once we learn the covariance function, we can perform predictions far from training points.

# GP - prior vs posterior



(a), prior



(b), posterior

Example from Rasmussen and Williams, *Gaussian Processes for Machine*

*Learning*, 2006.

**The covariance function  $k$  is the key:** To fit the CO<sub>2</sub> time series, we build  $k$  as a sum of elementary covariance functions:

$$k_1(x, x') = \theta_1^2 \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x-x')^2}{\theta_2^2}\right) \quad \text{long-term rising trend}$$

$$k_2(x, x') = \theta_3^2 \exp\left(-\frac{(x-x')^2}{2\theta_4^2} - \frac{2 \sin^2(\pi(x-x'))}{\theta_5^2}\right) \quad \text{periodicity}$$

$$k_3(x, x') = \theta_6^2 \left(1 + \frac{(x-x')^2}{2\theta_8\theta_7^2}\right)^{-\theta_8} \quad \text{medium term irregularities}$$

$$k_4(x, x') = \theta_9^2 \exp\left(-\frac{(x_p - x_q)^2}{2\theta_{10}^2}\right) + \theta_{11}^2 \delta_{p,q} \quad \text{noise}$$

$$k(x, x') = k_1(x, x') + k_2(x, x') + k_3(x, x') + k_4(x, x')$$

$$\theta = [\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_{11}]$$

# Find hyper-parameter vector $\theta$

Find the hyper parameters  $\theta$  that best fit the training data. We do so by maximizing the marginal likelihood  $p(\mathbf{y}|X)$  in log-form:

$$\log p(\mathbf{y}|X) = -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{y}^T (\textcolor{red}{k} + \textcolor{blue}{\sigma_n^2}I)^{-1} \mathbf{y} - \frac{1}{2} \log |\textcolor{red}{k} + \textcolor{blue}{\sigma_n^2}I| - \frac{n}{2} \log 2\pi$$

covariance function  
model error (noise)

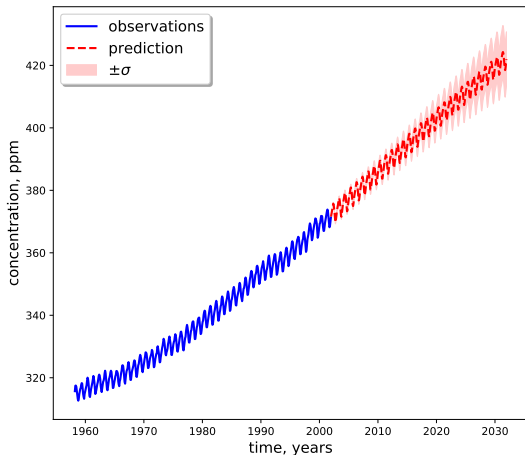
See *Rasmussen & Williams, GP for ML, 2006*.

open *gpRegression.py*. make sure *CO2data.txt* is in the same folder.



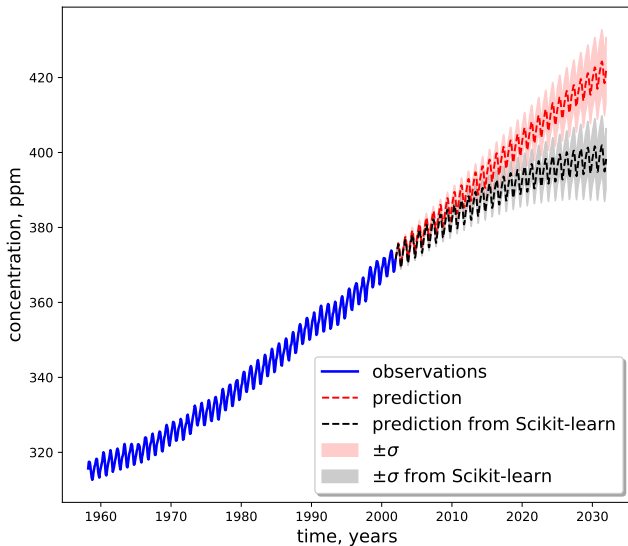
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Using (sub-)optimal parameters found via differential evolution algorithm<sup>2</sup>.



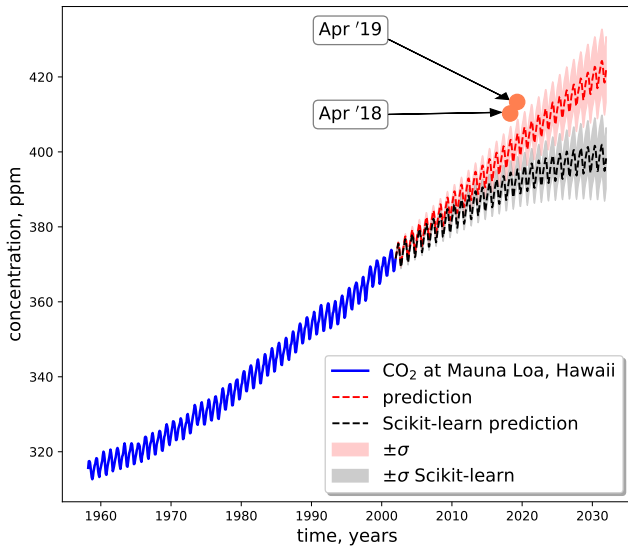
<sup>2</sup>DE should converge towards *the* optimal parameters. For this problem, different runs produced different results, suggesting either that the population size or number of iterations was too small.

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What's the concentration today?



# A few things to remember

## What about model validation???

Here's some options you should try:

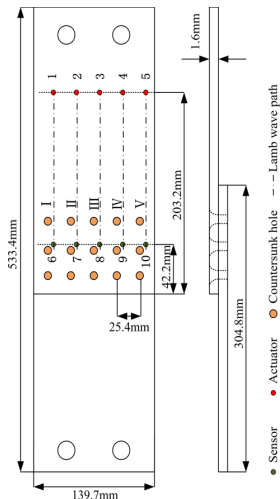
- ▶ Split dataset into training and validation
- ▶ Cross-validation with batches, leave-one-out, etc.
- ▶ Gather more data
- ▶ Try adding/removing different covariance functions

## Example 2

Fatigue crack growth prognosis using particle filter

# Fatigue crack growth prognosis

Data from 2019 PHM data challenge:

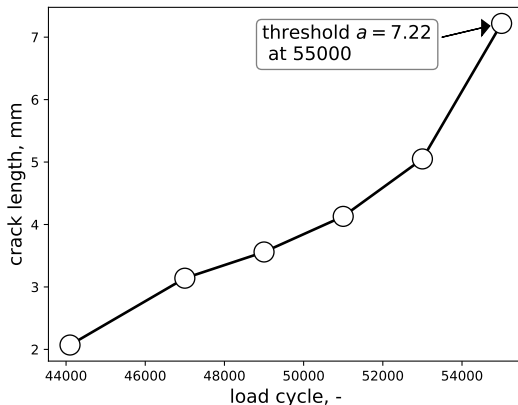


- ▶ fatigue crack growth at rivet holes
- ▶ tensile, constant amplitude fatigue loading

Thanks to: Prof. Yongming Liu and his team, ASU

Visit the 2019 PHM Data challenge website for more information.

# Fatigue crack growth prognosis



Given the set of sequential measures of crack length, **can we predict the number of cycles to reach final length  $a = 7.22$  mm (i.e., 55,000 load cycle)?**

Chapman-Kolmogorov and Bayesian updating

$$p(\mathbf{X}_k | \mathbf{Y}_{k-1}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(\mathbf{X}_k | \mathbf{X}_{k-1}) p(\mathbf{X}_{k-1} | \mathbf{Y}_{k-1}) d\mathbf{X}_{k-1}$$

$$p(\mathbf{X}_k | \mathbf{Y}_k) = \frac{p(\mathbf{X}_k | \mathbf{Y}_{k-1}) p(\mathbf{Y}_k | \mathbf{X}_k)}{p(\mathbf{Y}_k | \mathbf{Y}_{k-1})}$$

Far-ahead prediction stage:

$$p(\mathbf{X}_{k+l} | \mathbf{Y}_k) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} p(\mathbf{X}_k | \mathbf{Y}_k) \left[ \prod_{j=k+1}^{k+l} p(\mathbf{X}_j | \mathbf{X}_{j-1}) \right] d\mathbf{X}_{k:k+l-1}$$



# Particle filtering pseudo-code

**Input:**  $\mathbf{x}_{k-1}^{(i)}, \forall i = 1, \dots, N_s$ , and  $y_k$

**Output:**  $p(\mathbf{X}_k | Y_k), p(\text{RUL}_k | Y_k)$

## 1. Approximate posterior pdf

$\mathbf{x}_k^{(i)} \sim p(\mathbf{X}_k | \mathbf{x}_{k-1}^{(i)}) \leftarrow$  propagate samples with model function

$\ell(y_k | \mathbf{x}_k^{(i)}) \leftarrow$  compute likelihood for all samples

$w_k^{(i)} \propto w_{k-1}^{(i)} \ell(z_k | \mathbf{x}_k^{(i)}) \leftarrow$  assign weights

$p(\mathbf{X}_k | Y_k) \approx \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} w_k^{(i)} \delta_{\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{x}_k^{(i)}} \leftarrow$  approx. posterior pdf

## 2. Systematic re-sampling

$\mathbf{x}_k^{(j)} \sim p(\mathbf{X}_k | Y_k) : \Pr\{\mathbf{x}_k^{(j)} = \mathbf{x}_k^{(i)}\} = w_k^{(i)}$

$w_k^{(j)} = 1/N_s \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, N_s$

## 3. Prognosis

**for**  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N_s$  **do**

$l = 0$

**while**  $\mathbf{x}_k^{(i)} \in \text{safe domain}$  **do**

$\mathbf{x}_k^{(i)} \sim p(\mathbf{X}_{k+l} | \mathbf{x}_{k+l-1}^{(i)})$

$l += 1$

**end**

$t_f = t_{k+l} \leftarrow$  extract time at which sample  $i$  reached threshold  $\mathbf{x}_{th}$

$\text{RUL}_k^{(i)} = t_f - t_k \leftarrow$  extract remaining useful life for sample  $i$

**end**

# Assign variables

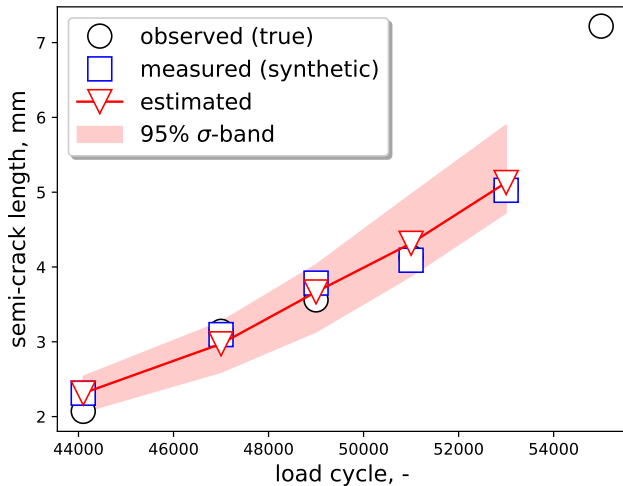
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| $\mathbf{x} = [a, \log C, m]^T$   | augmented state vector                    |
| $\mathbf{z} \rightarrow z = a + \epsilon_g$                             | unbiased, noisy measures                  |
| $\mathbf{u} \rightarrow u = \Delta S = 95 \text{ MPa}$                  | applied stress range ( $R \approx 0.05$ ) |
| $\boldsymbol{\theta} = [\log C, m]^T$                                   | state model parameter vector              |
| $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_f = [e^\omega, \epsilon_{\log C}, \epsilon_m]^T$ | state model error                         |

where:

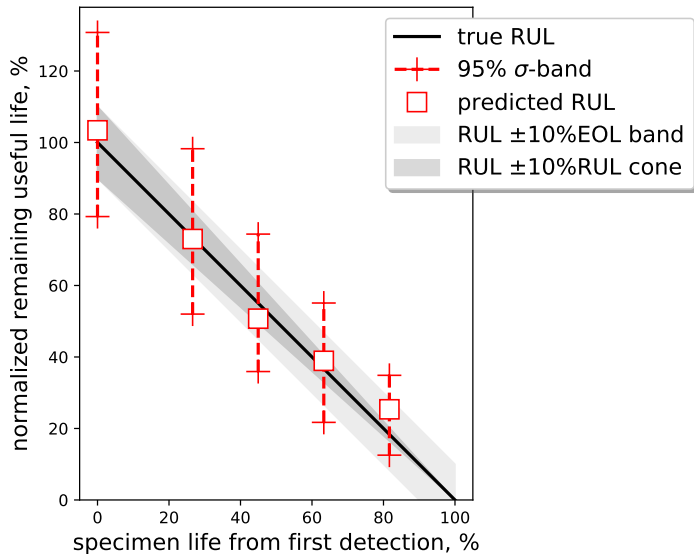
$$\omega \sim \mathcal{N}\left(-\frac{\sigma_\omega^2}{2}, \sigma_\omega^2\right), \quad [\epsilon_{\log C}, \epsilon_m] \sim \mathcal{MVN}(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma_\theta), \quad \epsilon_g \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_g^2)$$

open *particleFilterPrediction.py*

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# A few things to remember

- ▶ The model error (or process noise)  $e^\omega$  has that form for a reason. Please see *Corbetta et al. MSSP 2018, 104; 305:322*
- ▶ Try to implement Kernel smoothing instead of artificial dynamics for better performance (see *Liu J, West M. In Sequential Monte Carlo methods in practice 2001; 197:223 Springer, NY.*)
- ▶ Using unbounded processes to estimate bounded parameters usually results in poor performance

## Prognostics Center of Excellence (PCoE)

Web page:

<http://prognostics.nasa.gov>

Data repository:

<https://ti.arc.nasa.gov/tech/dash/pcoe/prognostic-data-repository/>

