Intelligent Information Management System for Decision Support: Application in a lift manufacturer's shop floor

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- Introduction
- Relevant work
- Data sources & IoT sensors
- Analysis of data
- Exploitation of data
- Maintenance decision support & fill level monitoring
- Conclusions



- Lift manufacturer application
- Full shop floor cycle
 - Production -> Scrap Metal Transportation
- Data analysis
 - Failure predictions
 - Scrap metal collection optimization
 - Bin fill level real time notifications
 - Optimal routes suggestions
- End to end process in one tool



- 5Vs analysis Volume, Variety, Velocity, Validity, Value
- Model optimization in the rule engine
- AI & ML algorithms for decision making process
 - automation
 - High complexity split by smaller autonomous agents.
- Manufacturing DSS parameters represent:
 - inputs
 - outputs



- CMMS data
- Live data by deployed sensors for
 - Polishing machine
 - Scrap metal
- Data transmission protocols:
 - MQTT protocol & a corresponded broker
 - HTTP



- Data format
 - OGC Observations and Measurements (O&M))
- Security
 - authentication & authorization services of the message broker



Predictive Maintenance

- Vibration sensors
- Analytics and DSS connection *for monitoring and rule creation*
- Machine's power supply / micro USB wires
- Wi-Fi communication

Smart transportation of scrap metals

- Fill level sensors deployed in scrap metal bins
- Light sensors prototypes used to enable the fill level measurement, enclosed in a plastic case & the complete sensor modules enclosed in 3d printed cases
- DSS connection for **notifications** to empty bins
- Batteries
- LoRa wireless network.







Probabilities model for machine predictive maintenance

- PDM based on the calculation of probabilities of an upcoming event based on no-fault scenarios prior to that event. 3 types of machine faults (labeled as: {1} → electrical, {2} → hydraulic, {3} → mechanical, {0} -> no fault
- 10 years range
- 4 scenarios that point to time ranges prior to that fault where no fault was happened

- Scenario 1 (no-fault = 0.81, electrical = 0.09, hydraulic = 0.01 and mechanical = 0.09)

- Scenario 4 (no-fault = 0.84, electrical = 0.1, hydraulic = 0.01 and mechanical = 0.05)





Machine Vibrations Profile and Visual Analytics

- Dynamic solution based on real-time data
- Real-time detection of abnormal vibrations (Machine Vibration Diagnosis Profile, MVDP)
- Detect the time point(s) when abnormal vibrations occur from the profile of the eigenvalues sums, where is the time of the recording, and the calculated variance in a sliding window of fixed size and step one, calculated from the vibration sensor recordings from the three axis (x, y, z)
- The basic assumption of MVDP is that significant eigenvalue sums with simultaneous significant variations could point out to abnormal vibrations





Optimal route for scrap metal bins' transportation

- Dijkstra's algorithm > optimal/shortest path
- Triggered -> bins' fill level > 80%
- Graph theory -> shortest path problem -> finding a path between two nodes in a graph where the sum of the weights of its constituent edges is minimized
- Dijkstra's algorithm -> finds a shortest path tree from a single source node, by building a set of nodes that have the minimum distance from the source
- Scrap metal bins placed on (a), (c), (g), (j), open top containers placed in nodes (k), (f)
- The **distance matrix** is the main input. After the application of proposed algorithm on distance matrix, the **optimal paths from scrap metal bins** to **scrap metal open top containers** are given.



Source node of pilot plant site

Optimal path (A to B)

Point A	Point B	Route
(a)	(f)	$(a) \rightarrow (b) \rightarrow (d) \rightarrow (e) \rightarrow (f)$
(c)	(f)	$(c) \rightarrow (d) \rightarrow (e) \rightarrow (f)$
(g)	(k)	$(g) \rightarrow (e) \rightarrow (k)$
(j)	(k)	$(j) \rightarrow (h) \rightarrow (k)$



Decision Support System

- Model-driven and data-driven DSS -> consists of 4 main sub-components
 - Rule engine
 - Stream processing
 - Data persistence
 - HMI



The Analytics tools provide the input data to the DSS in OGC O&M format via either HTTP or MQTT communication protocols.



Finite state machine in the DSS

- Focused on real time shop floor data training based on computational models
- Based on a tuple D(Q, Σ, δ, q0,F) and the derived language
- Vertices are the states -



• The alphabet is the conditions for each state



Data Streaming Process for the DSS

- Stream processing includes continuous streams of data. Suitable for mathematical analysis and simulations
- Batch processing provides data in batch format in certain time intervals
- Both processing techniques **timestamp** data at the **source**
- Timestamp is carried through data acquisition, transformation and exploitation



- The DSS uses:
 - Stream processing (used in storage, analysis and training)
 - Batch processing (used in the data acquisition from other components, based on MQTT and HTTP protocols)



Predictive maintenance

- Piston production line -> polishing machine -> most critical -> requires effective maintenance to improve availability
 - Probabilities for the prediction electrical, hydraulic, mechanical failures and the outcomes of the MVDP & VA are fed into the DSS
 - Maintenance Manager sets **specific rules** in the **Rule Engine** & **prescribes** actions to be taken
 - Personnel at the shop floor receive **notifications & guidelines** for actions **via the DSS**

Scrap metal collection

- Handling scrap metal produced on shop floor. Collected in bins and its removal is critical
- Early & automated detection of scrap metal fill levels to empty the bins before they get full
- Forklift drivers pick up tens of scrap metal bins, transport the collected material to the open top containers to dispose the scrap metal. **Congestion** within the factory or **delays in other tasks**
- A shortest path proposition & a timely notification is needed. The scenario ends in the suggestion of optimal routes within the shop-floor.



Major contribution

IIMS is applied, validated and demonstrated a real-world setting

Benefits

- Real time condition monitoring & failure predictions estimation
- Real time notification to empty the bins along with fill level monitoring & optimal path calculation
- Combination of **heterogeneous data** sources & **multiple data analysis** methods
- Development of the DSS **data streaming process** subcomponent
- Robust solution to support real-life situations

Advantages

• General nature & transferability to other shop-floors and industrial use-cases

Future Work

 Investigation of the transfer & application of the developed solutions to other production processes & plants



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