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Data-driven pattern recognition in structural health monitoring

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[Background]

For vibration-based SHM, uncertainty heavily exists in the process and may cause a masking effect to damage signal, which introduced huge difficulty for anomaly detection.

Among various kinds of uncertainty, environmental and operational variables (EOVs) induced variation is considered to be a severe disturbance for anomaly detection in long-term SHM.

[Objective]

This study aims to make some strategies for anomaly detection considering the influence of identification uncertainty and EOVs-related variability in long-term SHM.

By data-driven methods utilizing the correlation, autocorrelation, co-integration or subspace properties, some invariant features are expected to be revealed from the long-term variation of general damage indicators like modal frequency, which can be further used for anomaly detection with higher reliability.

[Approach]

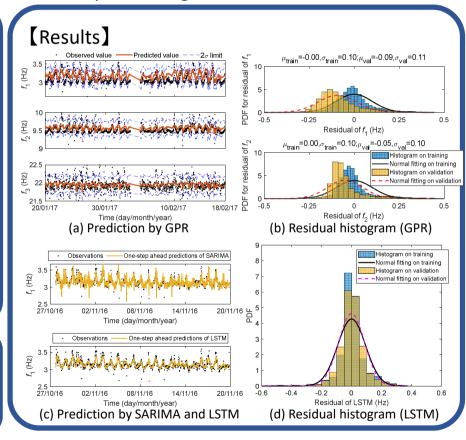
Considering the correlation and autocorrelation patterns as inherent properties which may be robust to the disturbance of EOVs on some damage-sensitive features like modal frequency in long-term SHM, some EOVs-driven models like BLR, GPR, and some non-EOVs models like SARIMA, LSTM, were investigated with a case study. The results indicated a better performance in non-EOVs models without any constraints from deficient measurements of EOVs (latent variable issue in EOVs-driven models).

[Publication plan]

• ASCE-ASME Journal of Risk and Uncertainty in Engineering Systems: Part A. Civil Engineering. (a paper titled "Modeling variability in vibration-based long-term SHM of bridges" has been submitted) • 9th International Conference on Experimental Vibration Analysis for Civil Engineering Structures.

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