





PV Monitoring and Modeling

a machine learning perspective

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Overview



Introduction

What is Machine Learning?
Why use Machine Learning?
How can Machine Learning Provide Value?

Data Monitoring Quality

Rule-based versus Outlier Detection

Performance Validation

- ... Based on Extensive Data Sets
- ... Based on Limited Data Sets

Fault Detection & Diagnostics (FDD)

Novelty Detection Multi-Class Classification

What is Machine Learning?



What?

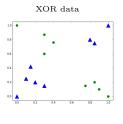
Machine Learning is the science of programming a computer so that it can learn from data

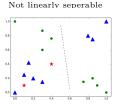
Two main types:

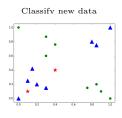
- Supervised learning: Inputs w/ desired outputs
- Unsupervised learning: Inputs w/out desired outputs

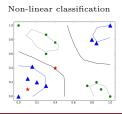
Supervised Learning Example

Classification using Support Vector Machine









Why use Machine Learning?



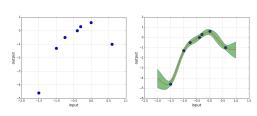
Why?

- 1. Regression
- 2. Classification
- 3. Density estimation
- 4. Others

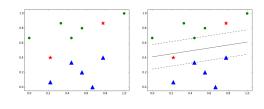
Approaches:

- 1. Artificial Neural Networks
- 2. Deep Learning
- 3. Support Vector Machines
- 4. Clustering
- 5. Many others

Regression (Gaussian Process)

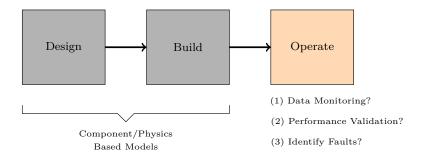


Classification (Support Vector Machine)



How can Machine Learning Provide Value?





Machine Learning Applications?



Data Monitoring Quality:

Rule-based

if True then
Report
else
No Report
end if

Outlier Detection



Validate Performance:

Extensive Data

Inputs =
$$\{E,T_{module}\}$$

Outputs = $\{Power\}$

Limited Data

$$InputsA = \{P_{nearby} \}$$

$$InputsB = \{E_{\textit{forecast}}\}$$

$$Outputs = {Power}$$

Fault Analysis:

Fault Detection

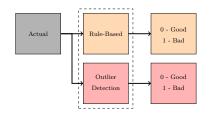
Fault Diagnostics

Data Monitoring: Rule-Based versus Outlier Detection

Problem Statement

Machine learning can use polluted data that contains incorrect or corrupt data records to identify outliers by assuming a distribution.

Process



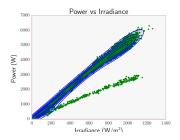
Results

Rule-Based Rules were not violated

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if Power > P<sub>mpp</sub> x Number<sub>mod.</sub> x 1.2 = 7776 then Alarm else if Power < 0 then Alarm end if
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Kernel Density Function

Outliers were detected



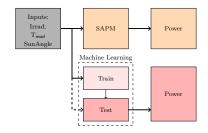
Validate Performance: Extensive Data



Problem Statement

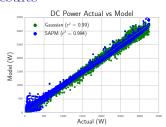
Machine learning can model existing PV systems using collected weather and performance data.

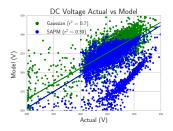
Process



Train: 01/16 to 12/16 -> Test: 01/17 to 04/17

Results





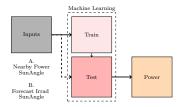
Validate Performance: Limited Data



Problem Statement

Machine learning can model existing PV systems where power is the only monitored value. The algorithm can associate PV power with nearby system outputs and forecasted irradiance.

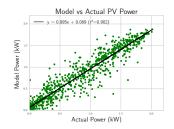
Process



Results

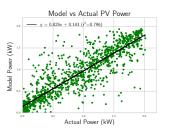
Inputs A:

- 1. Nearby
 Power
 (17km)
- 2. Sun
 Angle



Inputs B:

- 1. Forecast
 Irrad.
 (NOAA)
- 2. Sun
 - Angle



FDD: Novelty Detection (I-V Data)



Problem Statement

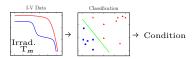
Machine learning can be used to perform binary classification of I-V curve data.

Process

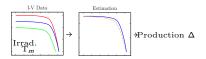
Train & Test

Training: 86 normal and 21 abnormal curves Testing: 242 normal and 82 abnormal curves

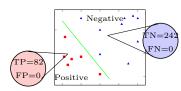
Classification



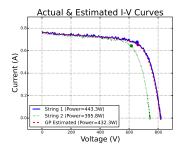
Estimation



Classification



Estimate Loss



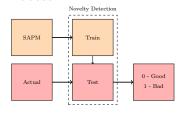
FDD: Novelty Detection (Max Power Point Data)



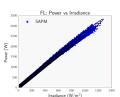
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Machine learning can be used to identify anomalies automatically by training on "clean" data and testing on new, possibly polluted, observations.

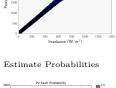
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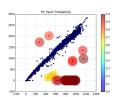


Train & Test Results



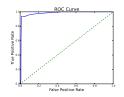
Train











FDD: Classification using LAPART



What?

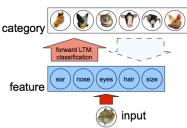
- 1. Unsupervised
- 2. Supervised

How?

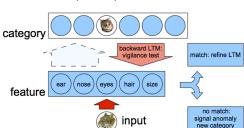
Why?

- 1. Classification
- 2. Regression

step 1: classification



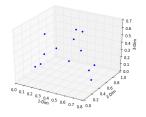
step 2: expectation

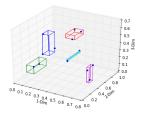


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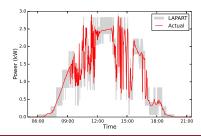


How does it learn data?





PV Power:



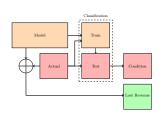
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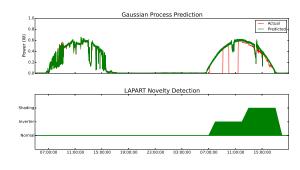
Problem Statement

Machine learning can be used to classify fault conditions and estimate lost revenue.

Process



Results



Summary



Machine Learning

- 1. What?
 - 1.1 machines can learn
 - 1.2 two main types of learning
- 2. Why?
 - 2.1 Regression
 - 2.2 Classification
- 3. How?
 - 3.1 Monitor
 - 3.2 Validation
 - 3.3 Faults

Examples

- 1. Data Quality
 - 1.1 Kernel Density Function (python: scipy, scikit)
- 2. Performance Validation
 - 2.1 Gaussian, SVM, etc (python: scikit)
- 3. Novelty
 Detection/Classification
 - 3.1 Gaussian, SVM, etc (python: scikit)
 - 3.2 LAPART (python: coming soon)

Questions



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