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Reliability Updating for Structures Subject to Localized Corrosion Defects

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Motivation

- Inspection quality models have been derived for NDE methods aiming at the detection of flaws and cracks (POD, PFA ...)
- These models assume that the outcome of the inspection is binary (detection – no-detection)
- For inspections aiming at the detection of corrosion defects, this is not the case: the result is a measurement on a continuous scale
- During a JIP related to the assessment of the quality of inspections for corrosion, the question were:
 - What are the relevant indicators for the quality of the NDE?
 - How can these indicators be applied for reliability updating?
 - How can they be considered in inspection planning?



A typical inspection outcome

- A scanning method (ultrasonic based)
- Different colours indicate different wall thickness



Characterisation of corrosion defects

- The structure is divided in individual elements
- Each element is characterised by its largest/deepest defect
- This is a function of time, described by corrosion models





Classical inspection performance models

• Probability of Detection (PoD), a function of defect size:



- Probability of False Alarm (PFA)
- Probability of Indication (PoI)



Classical inspection performance models

- Measurement uncertainty:
- Often considered through a measurement error \mathcal{E}_m , additive or multiplicative
- Here:

$$s = s_m - \varepsilon_m$$



Limit state functions for reliability updating

- Classically, two limit state functions are applied for reliability updating individually:
 - For the event of detection:

$$g_D = z - \Phi^{-1} \left(PoD(s) \right)$$

For the measurement event:(this is an equality event)

$$g_M = s - \left(s_m - \mathcal{E}_m\right)$$

- For localised corrosion defects, a measurement is always made, although it is unclear whether the deepest defect has actually been detected.
- Both LSF must be combined
- But how?



- The observable event is the detection of a defect with size s_o
- It is not clear, if s_o is the largest defect in the considered element

• Updating with
$$s_o$$
: $f''_s(s|s_o) = \frac{L(s|s_o)f'_s(s)}{f_{s_o}(s_o)}$

- The corrosion model only describes the largest defect in the element
- > The the likelihood function and the constant $f_{s_o}(s_o)$ cannot be determined for all *s*. It is only know that

$$L(s|s_{O}) = h_{O}(s, s_{O}), \qquad s_{O} \le s$$

 $L(s|s_0) = 0, \qquad s_0 > s$

(Measurement uncertainty is neglected at first)



• Assumption: $f''_{s}(s|s_{o}) = f'_{s}(s), \qquad s > s_{o}$

(Reasonable when individual defects within an element are considered independent)

• the full posterior pdf is then

$$f_{s}''(s|s_{o}) = \begin{cases} 0, & s < s_{o} \\ F_{s}'(s_{o})\delta(s-s_{o}), & s = s_{o} \\ f_{s}'(s), & s \ge s_{o} \end{cases}$$



• Prior model





• After the event s_o - Without measurement uncertainty





- The event that no detect is larger than s_o is denoted by L
- Additionally to s_o , the event of <u>no</u>-detection of a defect larger than s_o is observed, denoted by I
- The final posterior pdf of s is obtained by use of the likelihood function

$$P(\overline{I}|s \cap s_o) = \begin{cases} 1; & s \le s_o \\ (1 - PoD(s)); & s > s_o \end{cases}$$

• and results in

$$f_{s}''\left(s\left|\overline{I} \cap s_{o}\right.\right) = \begin{cases} 0, & s < s_{o} \\ F_{s}'\left(s_{o}\right)\delta\left(s-s_{o}\right)P\left(\overline{I}\left|s_{o}\right.\right)^{-1}, & s = s_{o} \\ \left(1-PoI\left(s\right)\right)f_{s}'\left(s\right)P\left(\overline{I}\left|s_{o}\right.\right)^{-1}, & s > s_{o} \end{cases}$$



• After the event s_o - Without measurement uncertainty





• After the events s_o and \overline{I} - Without measurement uncertainty



- Application of structural reliability: Update the event of failure
- The event of no-detection of the largest defect is introduced as

$$\overline{I_s} = \left\{ \overline{D} \cap L \right\}$$

• Then with some mathematical manipulation it is shown that

$$P\left(F\left|\overline{I} \cap s_{O} \cap \overline{I_{S}}\right) = P\left(F\left|\overline{I_{S}}\right)\right)$$
$$P\left(F\left|\overline{I} \cap s_{O} \cap \overline{I_{S}}\right) = P\left(F\left|s_{O} \cap \overline{L}\right)\right)$$

It follows that

$$P\left(F\left|s_{O} \cap \overline{I}\right) = P\left(F\left|\overline{I_{S}}\right)P\left(\overline{I_{S}}\right) + P\left(F\left|M\right)P\left(I_{S}\right)\right)$$



$$P(F|s_{o} \cap \overline{I}) = P(F|\overline{I_{s}})P(\overline{I_{s}}) + P(F|M)P(I_{s})$$
no-detection of the measurement of

largest defect the detected defect

- Both events can be described by the classical limit state • functions describing inspection outcomes.
- Application of structural reliability analysis is facilitated •





Example





Example – Inspection quality model

- Data obtained from a JIP
- Measurement uncertainty: $\varepsilon_m \sim N(0, 0.8 \text{mm})$
- PoD: Probability of detection of the largest defect





Example - Deterioration model

• CO₂ corrosion in a pipeline

$$g = d_{cr} - d_{C}(t)$$

• DeWaards-Miliams model:

$$d_{C}\left(t\right) = X_{M}r_{CO_{2}}t$$

$$egin{aligned} r_{CO_2} &= 10^{\left(5.8-1710/T_o+0.67\cdot\log_{10}f_{CO_2}
ight)} \ f_{CO_2} &= P_{CO_2}\cdot 10^{P_o\left(0.0031-1.4/T_o
ight)} \ P_{CO_2} &= n_{\mathrm{CO}_2}P_o \end{aligned}$$

Table 1. Parameters of the corrosion model.

Parameters	Dimension	Mean	St. dev.	Dist. type
d	mm	30	1.5	Normal
T_o	K	303	3	Normal
P_o	bar	100	10	Normal
n_{CO_2}	-	0.01	-	Determ.
X_{M}	-	0.4	0.32	Weibull



Example – Results

Measurement

9.3mm

Reliability index $\,\beta\,$



----- Without inspection

- — Updating based on the no-indication event
- ---- Updating based on the measurement of s_m
- —— Investigated model: Updating based on the combined events



Example – Results

• Measurement

25mm

Reliability index β



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Conclusions

• The reliability for localized corrosion can be updated by calculating the following probabilities by SRA:

$$P\left(\overline{I_{S}}\right) = P\left(\overline{D} \cap L\right)$$
$$P\left(F\left|\overline{I_{S}}\right) = P\left(F\left|\overline{D} \cap L\right)\right)$$
$$P\left(F\left|M\right)$$

- This requires the standard models for corrosion reliability and for inspection perfomance
- The updated probability can be approximated by considering the measurement and the indication event individually
- This facilitates an application of the models in inspection planning



- Thank you for your attention!
- Questions?

