

# Novel Signatures from Deployed Transmission Infrastructure Sensors

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# *Funding, POP, Participants*

- 10/2019 - 10/2022
- \$1.5M, DOE
- “Data Share” Partners: Natural gas transmission (NGT) pipeline industry
  - Open to NGT pipeline operators
    - 1 partner so far (unnamed)
  - Open to ILI companies, ILI research labs/consortia
    - 1 ILI partner so far (unnamed)
    - 1 consortia member (PRCI)

# *Overall Project Objectives*

- 1. Team with NGT pipeline industry and apply ML to historical NGT pipeline data sets**
  - ILI data (ILI tool signal data or flaw sizes listed in ILI reports)
  - Pipeline attributes (material, environmental conditions, construction history, etc.)
- 2. Uncover “novel signatures” in data sets to gain new insights on current & future pipeline condition**
  - Non-obvious ILI signal features used to increase flaw detection probability, resolution & accuracy of flaw size (MFL or UT)
  - Non-obvious relationships between pipeline corrosion initiation time, corrosion rate, and pipeline properties/attributes
- 3. Use novel signatures to build model**
  - Diagnostic model for assessing current pipeline condition
  - Hybrid physics-based, data-driven prognostic model for predicting future pipeline condition
- 4. Generate algorithms with model, transfer to industry**

# Envisioned Use

Step 1: Obtain PDFs from Hybrid Model  
Operators use the PHD software to obtain PDFs for different pipeline conditions, as in service pipelines, customized for each pipeline segment.

Step 2: Diagnose Pipeline Condition

Step 3: Calculate Pf, POF & Risk  
Use flow characteristics to determine Pf and use Pf to calculate PDF for different SysOPs

Step 4: Propose

Use the estimated flow sizes and Pf

## Research (Us)

## Operations (Industry)

Inspected Pipelines

- ▶ PDF for corrosion evolution rate
- ▶ PDF for corrosion initiation time
- ▶ PDF for baseline failure pressure/age

### Pipeline Health Display V1.0 (Commercial grade executable)

Inputs: Essential Pipeline Variables

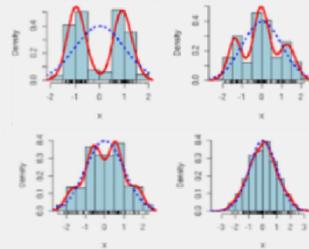
Material Parameter

Soil	Young's Modulus: 66e007 Pa	Pipeline	Young's Modulus: 2.1e11 Pa
	Poisson's Ratio: 0.2		Poisson's Ratio: 0.3
	Density: 1900 kg/m <sup>3</sup>		Density: 7800 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
	cohesion: 18000 Pa		Yield Stress: 4.6e08 Pa
	angle of Friction: 0.471 rad		Tangent Modulus: 2.1e10 Pa

Working Condition of Pipeline

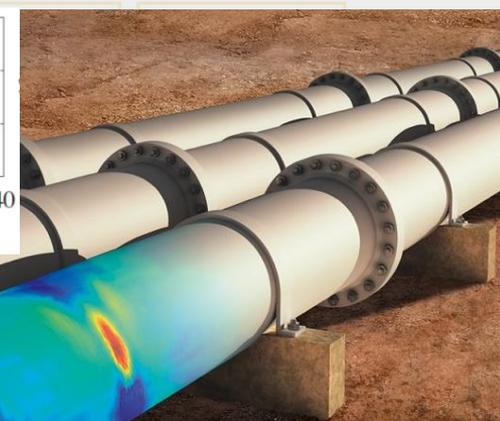
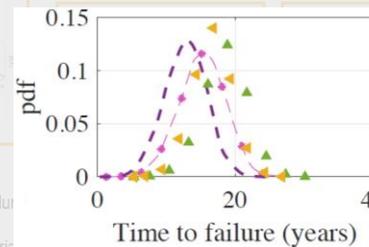
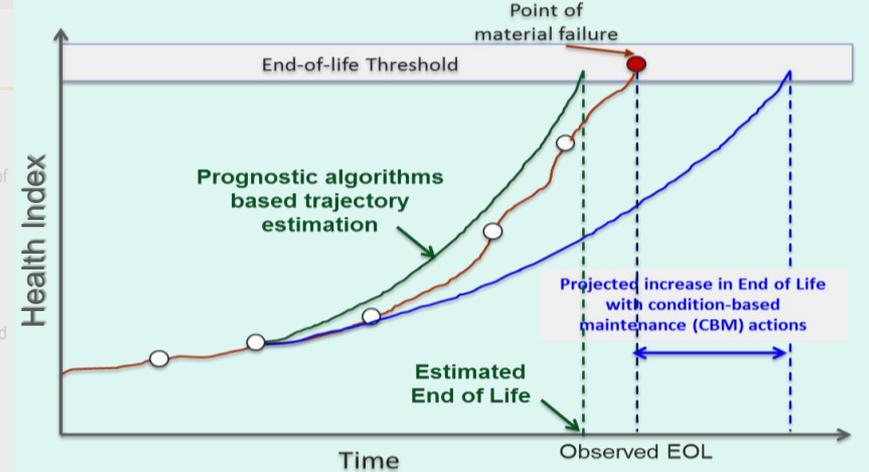
Diameter: 1.026 m	Thickness: 0.026 m
Depth: 0.0 m	Inner Pressure: 1e+07 Pa

Outputs: Probability density functions for corrosion evolution rate; corrosion initiation time; baseline lifecycle or failure age/pressure; and condition



Un-Inspected Pipelines

- ▶ PDF for corrosion evolution rate
- ▶ PDF for corrosion initiation time
- ▶ PDF for pipeline condition
- ▶ PDF for baseline failure pressure/age

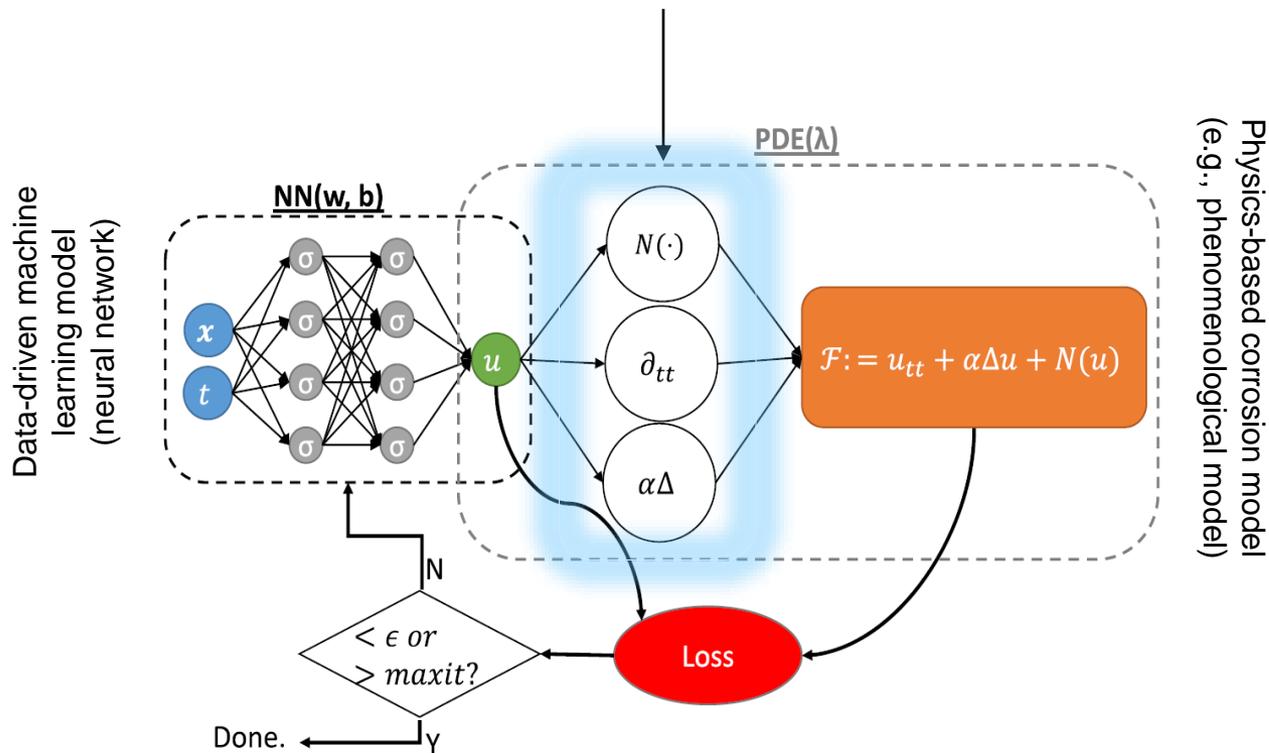


\*Pf calculations are updated as appropriate, i.e. after ILI campaigns when new data-driven Pf PDFs become available (following new version releases).

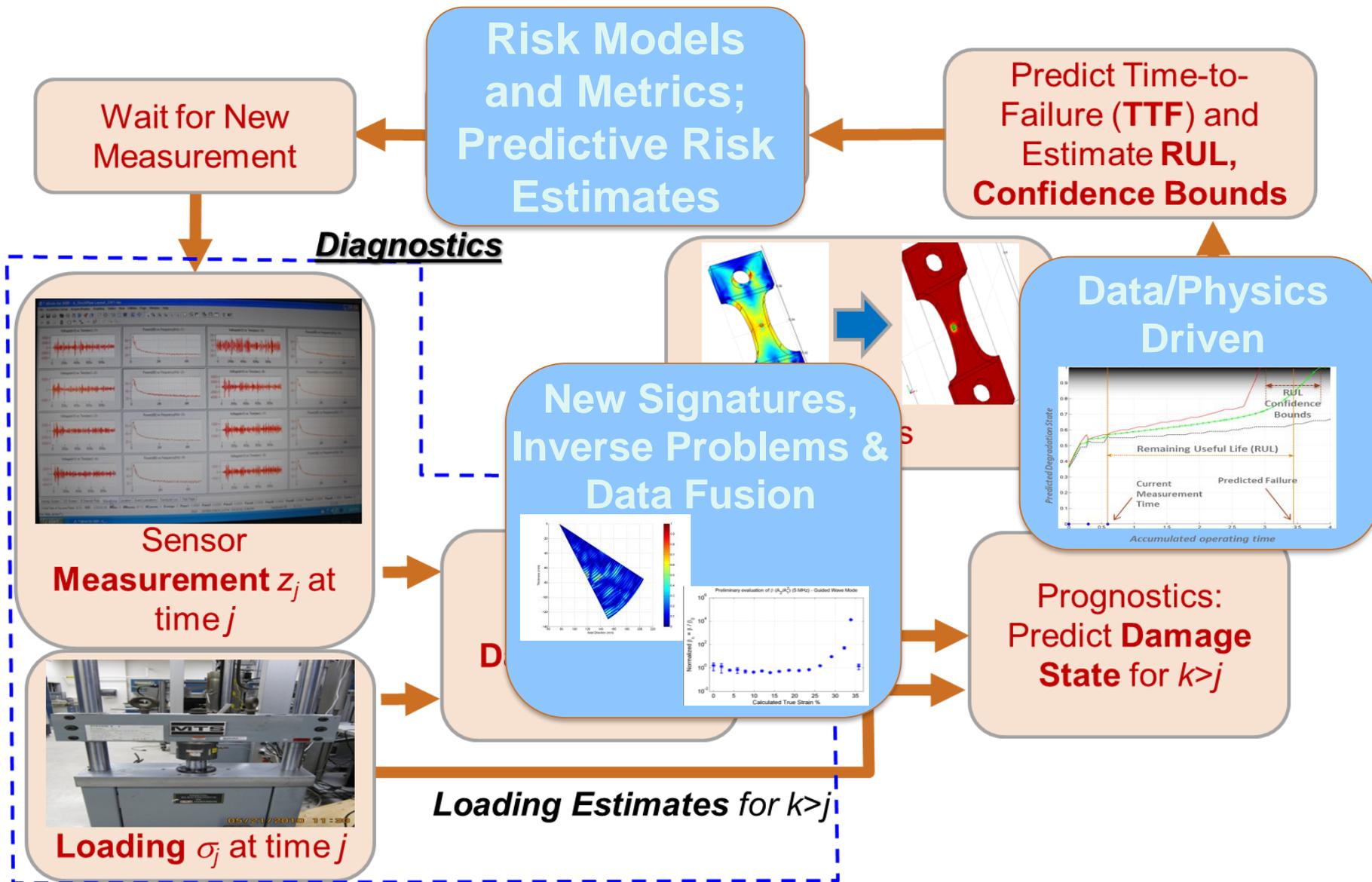
Amaya-Gómez R, M Sánchez-Silva, E Bastidas-Arteaga, F Schoefs, and F Munoz. 2019. "Reliability assessments of corroded pipelines based on internal pressure – A review." *Engineering Failure Analysis*.

# *Underpinning Science*

## Hybrid Physics-based/Data-driven Model of Corrosion Initiation and Evolution Rate



Jagtap AD, K Kawaguchi, and GE Karniadakis. 2020. "Adaptive activation functions accelerate convergence in deep and physics-informed neural networks." *Journal of Computational Physics* 404.



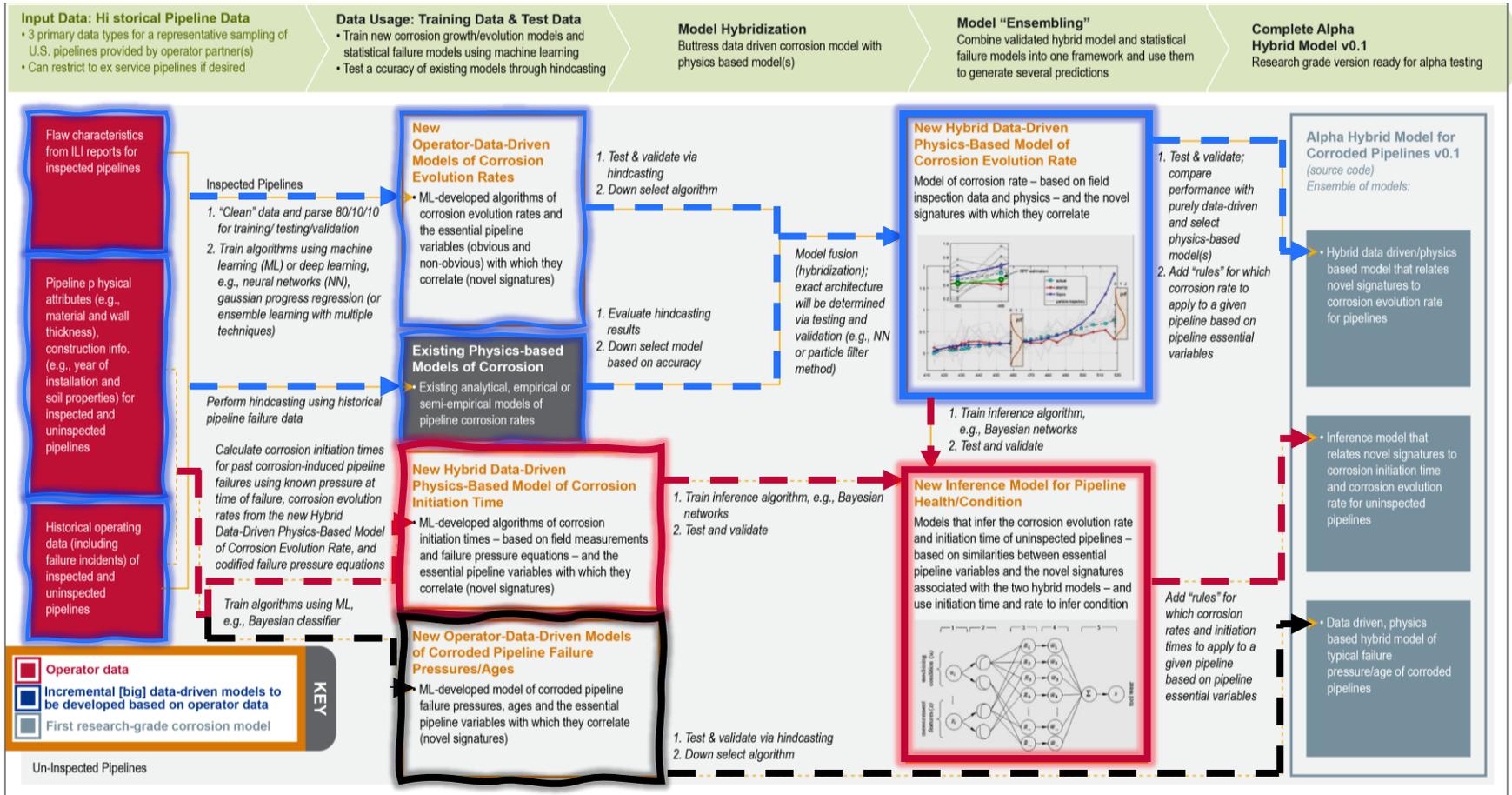
# *Advantages/Challenges*

- Technical/economic advantages:
  - Data sets needed to train data-driven/ML aspect of model already exist (data collection is expensive)
  - Will leverage machine learning algorithms developed at PNNL and by others, so not starting from scratch
  - Hybrid model approach allows data-driven model to be imperfect and physics-based model to be imperfect
  - Hybrid model should result in increased certainty of pipeline condition and degradation/corrosion rate
    - Benefit to stakeholders: If industry has higher certainty of pipeline reliability and remaining useful life, then it drives focused/efficient predictive maintenance
    - Results in more reliable “gas grid” and more efficient use of integrity management resources
  - Cost is concentrated in the initial development and testing phase; scale-up and technology transfer of software over time will cost less
- Technical/economic challenges:
  - Need large data sets to train data-driven aspect of model
  - Reliant on data access provided by others – takes time to build trust/credibility with partners



# Experimental Design

## Model Development



# *Work Plan & Schedule*

<b>#</b>	<b>Milestones and Deliverables</b>	<b>Current Due Dates</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	Year 1 Summary report	N/A	<i>Complete</i>
2	Diagnostic Algorithm Evaluation Report	5/31/2021	Not Yet Due
3	Prognostic Algorithm Evaluation Report	9/30/2021	Not Yet Due
4	Pipeline Reliability and Lifecycle Health Management System Design Report	9/30/2022	Not Yet Due

# *Success Criteria & Risk Mitigation*

- Project success criteria:
  - Engaged “data-share” partners from NGT pipeline industry (go/no-go)
  - Model predictions accurately reflect ground-truth answers (e.g., 90+%)

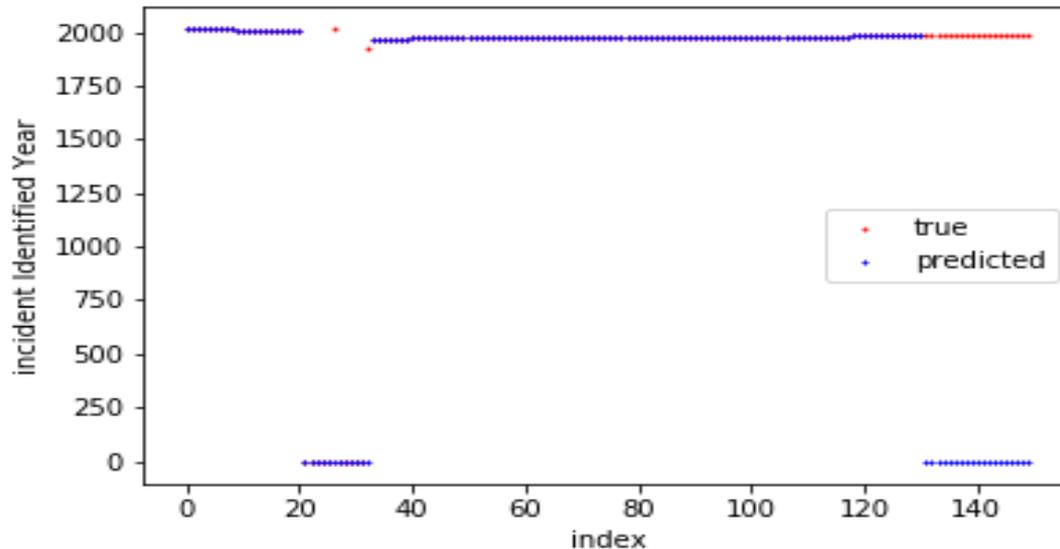
Project Risks	Risk Mitigation
<p>No MFL/UT signal data <u>with</u> corresponding ground-truth data are provided.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-or-</p> <p>No ILI report data and meta-data (associated pipeline attribute data, construction info., environmental conditions, operating history, etc.) are provided.</p>	<p>MFL/UT signal data without ground-truth data is not useful for model training. The model framework is flexible enough that it can make use of MFL/UT signal data with ground-truth data if the data sets are available (for diagnostic model development); however, it can forego diagnostic model development and just focus on prognostic model development that uses tabulated flaw sizes, such as those found in ILI reports.</p> <p>If pipeline ILI report data are provided, but no corresponding meta-data, then the ILI report data will not be useful for model training. If meta-data are provided, but no ILI report data, then the data can be used to train a prognostic model, but it would be based on time in service before failure, instead of based on pipeline condition.</p>
<p>MFL/UT signal and ground-truth data sets are provided by partner(s), but only for a modest quantity of pipelines.</p>	<p>Modest signal/ground truth data sets are acceptable because inspections are performed on long runs of pipeline and each pipeline typically contains thousands of features that are examples on which the model can be trained.</p>
<p>ILI report and meta-data are provided by partner(s), but only for a modest quantity of pipelines (e.g., narrow range of materials and/or geographical regions).</p>	<p>Modest ILI/meta-data sets are acceptable, but not preferred, because the range of pipelines to which the model can be applied in the future will be limited by the diversity of the pipeline data used to train the model. A modest quantity of pipeline data sets just means the model will need to be applied to a narrower range of pipelines. However, the model can be updated as more data sets are provided to expand applicability.</p>

# Accomplishments

Feature Variables		Target Variable
Column Name	# Possible States	Column Name
IYEAR	49	INCIDENT_IDE NTIFIED_DATE TIME
ON_OFF_SHORE	3	
ITEM_INVOLVED	3	
PIPE_TYPE	6	
PIPE_DIAMETER	83	
PIPE_MANUFACTURER	61	
PIPE_MANUFACTURE_YEAR	56	

- Used past NGT pipeline incident data to show DNN applications
  - Limited to pipeline failures due to corrosion, about 1500 samples (80/10/10 split)
  - Model predicted incident year with ~86% accuracy i.e., model correctly predicted the incident year ~86% of the time
- Presented at PRCI REX2020 in March and invited members to participate on project
- “Data-share” partners added to project team**
  - 1 pipeline operator partner
  - 1 ILI company partner
- PRCI hosted webinar where PNNL presented project goals
  - To keep opportunity open
  - Attended by ~100 members
  - Follow-up from 9 companies

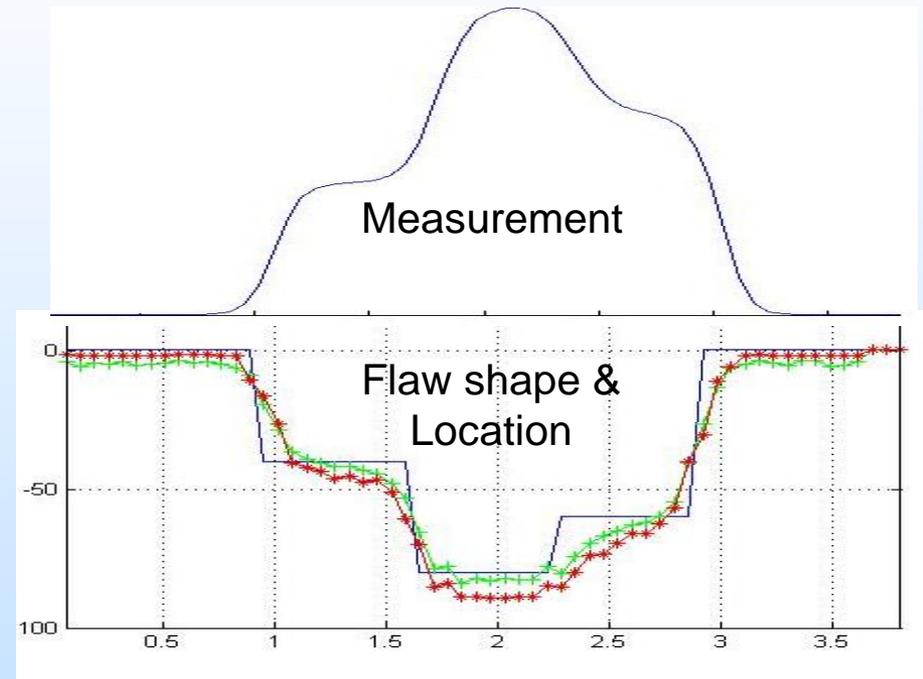
Incident Identified Date-Time  
True vs Predicted



# *Current Status*

## Diagnostic component: Predict flaw characteristics from signal data

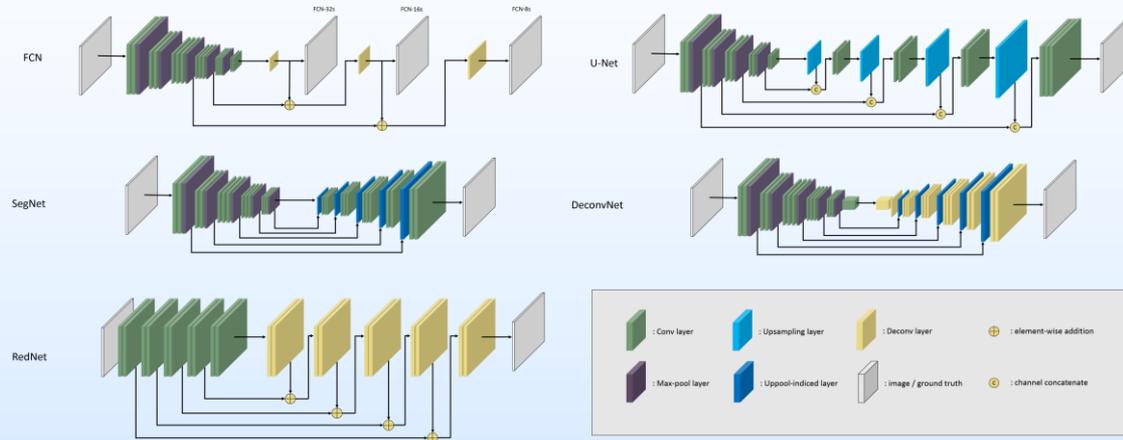
- Data received (thanks to ILI partner):
  - 2-D MFL scans (axial, radial, circumferential) from ILI
  - Ground truth measurements and scans of defect location and surface
  - Processed features of 2-D MFL scans (measurements of signal peak, peak-to-peak, footprint, etc.)
- Model input/output structure:
  - Data inputs: (raw) MFL data or (processed) its geometric features
  - Prediction target: infer properties of flaws (length/width/depth or depth map)
- Key research questions:
  - Is the signal local or global (interference between defect signals)?
  - Do candidate flaws need to be located or picked (automated vs human detection of “bounding box”)?
  - Can a model understand raw data, or does it signal properties or other metrics (rescaling can highlight subtle features)?
  - Can a model reconstruct the defect surface, or just geometric properties?



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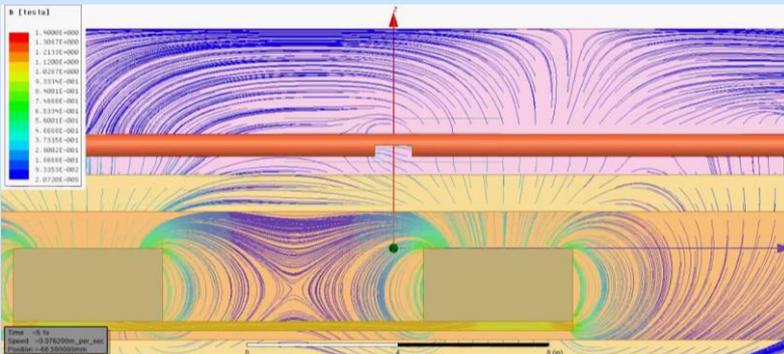
## Diagnostic component development: Defect detection

- “CenterNet” is a centered-point object detection approach
- Objective: Use CenterNet to detect flaws from MFL data, classify based on length, width, depth
- Inputs: 3D matrices of MFL data, labeled using the COCO data format
- Outputs: Defect location and depth, and rough defect length/width

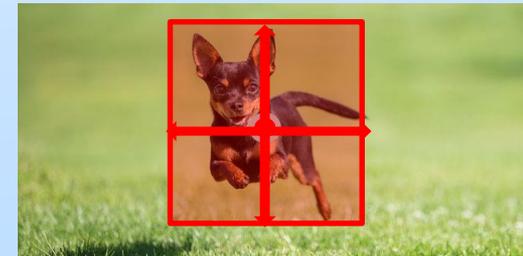


CenterNet: Can use different models as backends depending on the task (e.g. object detection, object segmentation, etc.)  
<https://medium.com/@sunnerli/simple-introduction-about-hourglass-like-model-11ee7c30138>

MFL Principle: Magnetic field will leak in areas where there is a defect



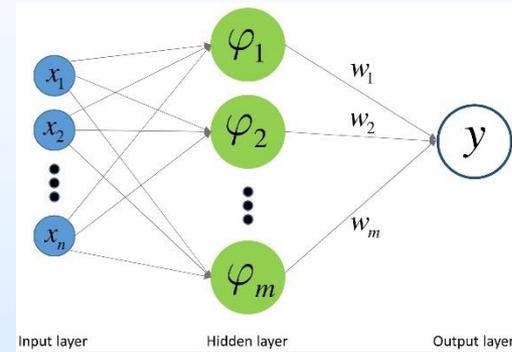
CenterNet: Learns to find the object's center and the length and width of the encompassing box.



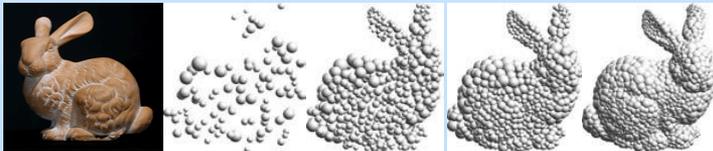
# Current Status

## Diagnostic component development: MFL to defect reconstruction

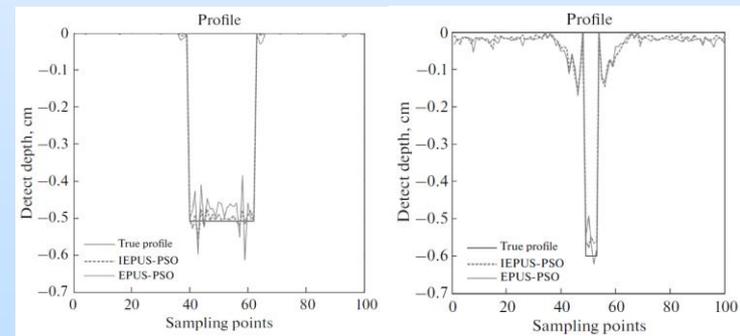
- Radial basis functions (RBFs) are used to represent complex functions
  - E.g. the sum of several RBFs can be used to learn detailed 3-D surfaces, and multi-dimensional signals like MFL
- RBF networks are used as a general function approximator
  - Have been used to learn maps from MFL to defect surfaces
- RBF networks are deep neural networks with one hidden layer
  - Traditionally, higher accuracy is achieved with more RBFs.
  - However, “deeper” networks may provide higher accuracy.



Traditional RBF NN: Source: Kandroodi et. al. (2017) IEEE Trans. Magn.



Sources: (left) <http://graphics.stanford.edu/data/3Dscanrep/>;  
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<http://www.cs.jhu.edu/~misha/Fall05/Papers/ohtake04.pdf>



Reconstruction of defect profiles from MFL signals: (left) simulated MFL data, (right) real MFL signal from engineered defect. Source: Han et al. (2017) Russ. J. Nde. Test.

# Future Development/Tests

## Current project

### Stage 1: Alpha Testing

Apply hybrid model to in service pipelines that have ILI data and to in service pipelines that have no ILI data to demonstrate accuracy and versatility of the model

### Stage 2: Beta Testing

Apply hybrid model to in service pipelines having ILI data and in service pipelines that have no ILI data to further demonstrate accuracy and versatility of the model and to qualify it for official technology transfer

### Testing Complete

Model is reliable and ready to advance to commercial grade

Alpha Hybrid Model for Corroded Pipelines v0.1 (research grade prototype software)

Alpha Software for ILI Signature Screening v0.1 (research grade prototype software)

**Perform Alpha Testing** - researcher/operator team applies the model to pipelines that:

- ▶ had failed in the past or had been preemptively removed from service,
- ▶ whose "true state" are known and can be compared with model predictions, and
- ▶ whose data were not part of training/testing/ validating the model during the development stage.

#### Alpha Testing Data Examples:

- Pipelines that have failed in the past (reportable or non reportable), the data for which are made available by the operator partner(s) or are available in publicly available historical failure databases
- Pipelines that are part of PRCI's sample library at the Technology D development Center (TDC) in Houston, TX
- Pipelines that are part of EPRI's sample library in Charlotte, NC.

Beta Hybrid Model for Corroded Pipelines v0.1 (engineering prototype software)

Beta Software for ILI Signature Screening v0.1 (engineering prototype software)

**Perform Beta Testing** - researcher/operator team applies model to pipelines that:

- ▶ had failed in the past or had been preemptively removed from service,
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- ▶ whose data were not part of training/testing/ validating the model during the development stage.

Model Complete PNNL

Technology Deployment & Outreach Office prepares Technology Transfer Plan

Optional: engage an industry partner to commercialize software

Add graphical user interface (GUI) to Beta Hybrid Model for Corrosion v0.1 to facilitate entry/uploading of pipeline essential variables and flaw characteristics from ILI

### Pipeline Health Display V1.0 (Commercial grade executable)

essential Parameter

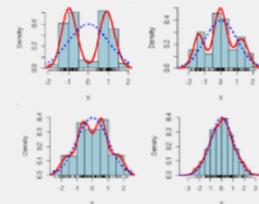
Steel Yield Strength: 50 ksi Poisson's Ratio: 0.3 Density: 7850 kg/m <sup>3</sup> Columnar: 10000 Pa Angle of Friction: 0.471 rad	Pipeline Yield Strength: 50 ksi Poisson's Ratio: 0.3 Density: 7850 kg/m <sup>3</sup> Field Stress: 50 ksi Tangent Modulus: 200 GPa
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Working Condition of Pipeline

Diameter: 1.000 m	Thickness: 0.000 m
Depth: 0.0 m	Inner Pressure: 10000 Pa

**Inputs:**  
Essential Pipeline Variables

**Outputs:**  
Probability density function s for corrosion evolution rate corrosion initiation time; baseline lifecycle or failure age/pressure; and condition



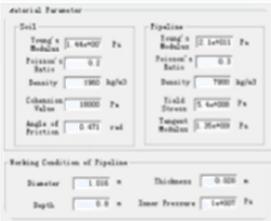
Verify and validate GUI software

GUI Software Complete Advance to Technology Transfer

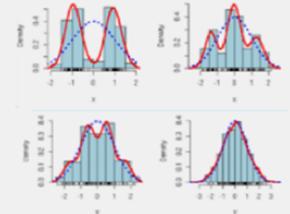
# Future Tech Transfer

**Pipeline Health Display V1.0**  
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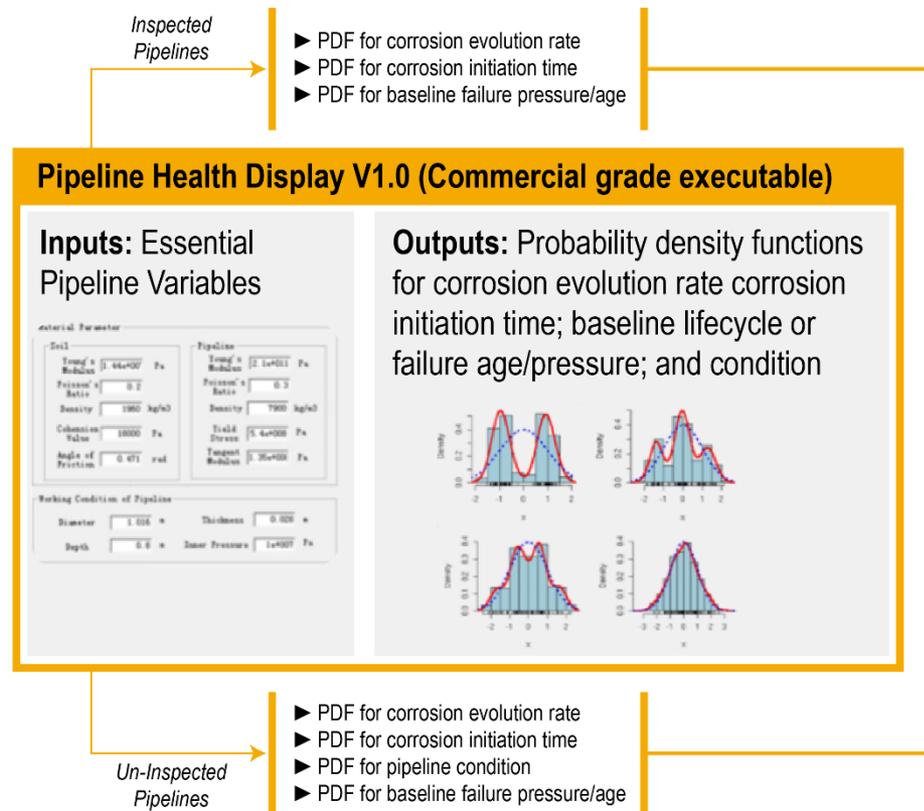
Execute PNNL  
Technology  
Transfer Plan

## Examples of Technology Transfer Options

The Hybrid Model will be made available to data providers and partners at no-cost under a royalty free software site license (for executable code) for internal use only. The Hybrid Model will also be marketed to software service support provider(s)/vendor(s) to ensure a long-term commercial offering and support services. All data providers/partners will receive a discounted subscription to the commercial code offering from the vendor(s).

Implementation by Partners

# Scale-up



Enrich and scale-up training data set to increase scope of application

**A Living Model:**  
Sustained support by periodically issuing updated versions of the PHD commercial grade software following updates to the hybrid model source code, which entails:

- ➔ enrichment of the training data set as additional pipeline data are made available;
- ➔ updating the algorithms; verifying and validating the updated algorithms; and
- ➔ updating the executable for the commercial-grade PHD grade software.

# *Summary*

- Project is in “Year 2” in terms of progress, Year 3 in terms of time
- Finally building momentum on data receipt and model building
- Key findings:
  - ~86% accuracy of predicting year of pipeline failure (based on 1500 examples, limited to failure cases only)
  - Engaged “data-share” partners to expand training data set to include representative sampling of pipelines
  - Receiving batches of ILI signal data (MFL) and developing diagnostic aspect of model
- Lessons learned
  - Took extra year to build data-share partner relationships
  - Industry open to partnering on this project; some have attempted ML themselves or with others and are open/optimistic about continuing
- Future plans
  - Continue developing prognostic aspect of model
  - Begin developing prognostic aspect of model
  - Follow up with interested companies from PRCI webinar

# Appendix

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# Organization Chart



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