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# **Detecting Geothermal Operational Asset Anomalies Using the Locality-Sensitive Hashing (LSH) Algorithm**

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#### **Abstract.**

Geothermal power plants are crucial for sustainable energy generation, necessitating the reliable maintenance of their operating assets. This research proposes an approach for asset maintenance through anomaly detection using the Locality-Sensitive Hashing (LSH) algorithm. The accuracy and coverage of traditional anomaly detection approaches in geothermal power plants may be constrained by sensor monitoring systems. The LSH algorithm is used to improve detection skills and get a full understanding of the state of important assets. The proposed method utilizes historical sensor data collected during geothermal power plant operations. This data is transformed into hash codes using LSH, effectively capturing similarities between various operational states and asset conditions. By comparing the hash codes of the current operational state with a library of precomputed hash codes representing typical operating conditions, the LSH algorithm can identify deviations indicating potential irregularities. This facilitates early detection of anomalies, even in large-scale databases, enabling prompt maintenance interventions. The application of anomaly detection using the LSH algorithm provides benefits such as improved asset maintenance planning, reduced downtime, and increased operational safety. By leveraging data-driven analysis and the effectiveness of LSH, geothermal operators can detect faults early, enabling prompt interventions and optimizing reliability and efficiency. By leveraging historical sensor data and the efficient similarity approximation capabilities of LSH, the proposed approach enables early diagnosis of problems, improving maintenance planning and optimizing geothermal operations.

**Keywords:** geothermal assets, locality-sensitive hashing, asset condition, fault detection, reliability

## **1. Introduction**

Geothermal is one of the energy sources that are relied upon to achieve Indonesia's 23% renewable energy mix by 2025 [1]. The government plans to develop 1445 MW of Geothermal Power Plant from 2021 - 2025 [2]. Yet Geothermal Projects were constantly facing challenges both in exploration drilling [3] and social acceptance [4]. Still,

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Geothermal Power Plants are preferable to PLN due to their base load 24-hour dispatch nature which is expected to generate stable electricity [5]. Therefore, their consistent functioning is key to ensuring a steady and predictable energy supply. Physical Asset Management is one of the frameworks that allow physical assets such as Geothermal Plant to be optimized. One of the key building blocks of [As](#page-13-2)set Management is Lifecycle Delivery where when an asset is acquired or commercially operated, it will be managed through operation and maintenance [6]. It is known that Power Plant operating capacity is decreased by almost 35% due to downtime and hidden losses [7]. Therefore, anomaly detection is an important part of asset management in power plants because it allows possible problems to be identified [ea](#page-13-3)rly on before they cause substantial losses or downtime.

There are several methods of anomaly detection. Through condition-based maintenance (CBM), the most common technologies are oil analysis, vibration analysis, and infrared thermography [9]. However, CBMs are periodic and may not cover early anomalies that could potentially be identified by using real-time data.

The role of Machine Learning (ML) comes with ingesting data on power plant operating conditions and has been [ex](#page-13-4)plored and implemented intensively by power plant entities [10]. Several algorithms are used for energy efficiency and forecasting maintenance schedules. For anomaly detection, recognizing the pattern of operating parameters is the baseline to gain insight and decide which deviation is considered an anomaly or not. [A c](#page-13-5)onventional machine learning model such as clustering usually relies on data patterns between input and output to obtain pattern recognition. However, when presented with high-dimensional fault data with unclear output and highly interdependent input, it would compensate for interpretation speed and accuracy [11].

Locality-sensitive hashing (LSH) is a potential algorithm optimized for anomaly detection in geothermal power plants, as it can effectively capture similarities between various operational states and asset conditions. LSH is a method th[at](#page-13-6) compresses highdimensional data into one-dimensional data to detect residuals for the whole dataset [12]. This allows the system owner to look at single-value residuals to detect a failure in the system or equipment model while gaining insight into the biggest contributor. Resulting in faster anomaly detection. This paper will present the use case of LSH in [ano](#page-14-0)maly detection of Patuha Geothermal Power Plants which leads to forced outage events.

## **2. Literature Review**

There are several studies and implementations regarding anomaly detection with machine learning (ML). Both are using supervised and unsupervised learning [13]. Supervised methods such as random forest [14] are highlighted would be more difficult without proper data ingestion. Conventionally, unsupervised learning relied upon to detect patterns in data is clustering. Yet clustering faces predictive accuracy challen[ge](#page-14-1)s in high-dimensional data [15]. While other clu[ste](#page-14-2)ring methods such as OPTICS are facing accuracy challenges during anomaly detection [16].

Using a supervised neural network, a thermal power plant successfully detected anomaly readings with [a s](#page-14-3)light increase in fe[ed](#page-14-4)water flow and pressure decrease [17]. Although the result is satisfying in terms of accurately detecting slight changes in data, the paper didn't provide enough information on the result interpretation. This is important since in power plant system operation, there are a lot of parameters related [to](#page-14-5) each other. For example, Table 1 shows that a turbine-generator efficiency formula involves six dynamic transmitter data (parameter). Figure 1 explains the relationship between the efficiency losses and its building parameter.



Table 1: Turbine-Generator Efficiency Parameter (DiPippo, 2016) [18].

Neural network, random forest, and clustering are black-box model which does not use any particular prior knowledge of the data relationship to provide a prediction [19]. Hence, a black-box model of turbine-generator efficiency would be able to find anomalies such as efficiency losses. However, the model won't be able to explain



**Figure** 1: Potential parameters to address during efficiency anomaly.

where the losses came from to the domain expert due to the mathematical complexities involved [20].

Due to this challenge, the machine learning models no longer emphasized just based on its predictive accuracy, but also descriptive accuracy. Hence as described in Figure 2, an inte[rpre](#page-14-7)table model or white-box model will include a post hoc analysis such as histograms and scatter plots to accurately describe the data relationship [21].



**Figure** 2: Interpretable (White-Box) Machine Learning includes Post-Hoc Algorithm [21].

There are various advantages to using white-box algorithms. First, they are more accountable since white-box algorithms are transparent in how they proces[s](#page-14-8) data input by giving in weights and relationships. Second, white box algorithms are more justifiable because the process can be adjusted to match the demands of a specific domain challenge. Third, because white-box algorithms also provide correlation and contribution between their input, it is easier to interpret why the algorithm generates the predictions [22]. Interpretability is the main component of explainable AI which embody five different perspective: the right to explanation, trust, model improvement, and discovering novel concepts [23].

Locality Sensi[tive](#page-14-9) Hashing (LSH) is a model that works well to interpret highdimensional data [24]. The approach is based on the notion that comparable objects are likely to be assigned to the [sam](#page-15-0)e bucket by splitting the high-dimensional space

into several smaller buckets. The technique accomplishes this by using a hash function to convert each object in the high-dimensional space into a bucket. Since comparable things are likely to have the same hash value, the hash function is created in this way.

The algorithm can run a similarity search after the items have been placed in buckets by simply comparing the things in the same bucket. Compared to comparing every object in the high-dimensional space to every other object, this is substantially faster. The authors of the research demonstrate that even with limited data, their LSH algorithm can perform well for similarity search in high-dimensional domains [24]. The capability of LSH for anomaly detection both in synthetic and real datasets is comparable to other available methods [25].

#### **2.1. Hypothese[s](#page-15-1)**

In this paper, the LSH algorithm will be tested to detect both prediction accuracy and descriptive accuracy. The process of detecting the anomaly of an equipment or system is shown by overall model residuals (OMR) that of clustering. Then it would create a feature selection that ranks sensor contribution and fault diagnosis of the OMR. In short, the LSH algorithm must be able to: predict changes in OMR and predict contributors to the changes.

## **3. Methodology Research**

The model development method used is based on anomaly detection in an integrated parameter system [25] which involves historical data collection, data pre-processing (configuration), statistical learning (training), model evaluation (testing), and model finetuning (see Figure 3).

Historical data c[olle](#page-15-1)ction: The first step is to gather a dataset that is relevant to the problem that the model is trying to solve. The dataset should be large enough and representativ[e o](#page-5-0)f the real-world data that the model will be used. The datasets also be used as a baseline of normal operating conditions. This means there must be incorporation of experts that justify the data.

Data pre-processing (configuration): Once the dataset has been gathered, the next step is to configure the ML model by doing data pre-processing. This involves selecting the appropriate model architecture and hyperparameters. The model architecture is the overall structure of the model, while the hyperparameters are the tuning parameters

that control the learning process. This would also involve certain data cleansing such as filtering, trimming, and clearing outliers.

Statistical learning (training): Once the model has been configured, it needs to be trained on the dataset. This involves feeding the dataset to the model and allowing it to learn the patterns in the data.

Model evaluation (testing): Once the model has been trained, it needs to be evaluated on a held-out test set. This helps to assess the performance of the model on unseen data and to identify any potential areas for improvement.

Model fine tuning (re-training): By evaluation, the model should be re-cleansed if it fails in anomaly detection. If the model failed to describe failure or sensor contribution accordingly, the model data inputs would need to be re-weighted.



<span id="page-5-0"></span>**Figure** 3: The process of Geothermal Power Plant Model Development.

#### **3.1. Data Gathering**

The quality and quantity of the data used to train an ML model have a significant impact on its performance. Therefore, it is important to gather a dataset that is relevant, large enough, and representative of the real-world data that the model will be used. When gathering data, it is important to consider the following factors:

1. Relevance: The data should be relevant to the problem that the model is trying to solve. For example, if the model is trying to predict the anomaly of an electric motor, then the data present should be the parameters of the motor such as winding temperatures, electrical current, and terminal voltage.

2. Quantity: The dataset should be large enough to allow the model to learn the patterns in the data. The minimum dataset size depends on the complexity of the problem and the type of ML model being used.

3. Representativeness: The dataset should be representative of the real-world data that the model will be used on. This means that the dataset should include a variety of different examples, and it should not be biased towards any subgroup.

In this particular paper, data from the power plant condensing system will be used with its dependent parameters. The data will be limited by the number of sensors gathered for the unit. Outliers will also be filtered out so the model can fit with the normal operation of the system. The model involves several pieces of equipment each of them, as seen as Table 2:



Table 2: Equipment and Parameter of Circulating Water System.

#### **3.2. Model Configuration**

Once the dataset has been gathered, the next step is to configure the ML model. This involves selecting the appropriate model architecture and hyperparameters. The model architecture is the overall structure of the model. It determines how the model will learn from the data and how it will make predictions. Since LSH leveraging the white box model, the model would be configured with pre-knowledge of hot well pump failure mode which will be mapped with its sensor causal relationship such as increase, decrease, and constant such as Table 3. The model would also involve weighting sensor contribution to certain faults.





The data that will be used for training are from 13 - 31 August 2023 with intervals of 5 minutes. Since training data are the baseline or normal reference of operating conditions, any anomaly present during training is cleansed so it can be verified during model evaluation. As shown in Figure 4, the anomaly present on the condenser spray valve is cleansed. During training, known operation intervention will create a bias toward the model sensor contribution. Due to this, it is important to choose a date interval without any intervention.



Figure 4: Data without cleansing (left), data used for model training (right).

#### **3.3. Model Training**

Once the model has been configured, it needs to be trained on the dataset. This involves feeding the dataset to the model and allowing it to learn the patterns in the data. The pattern that the model learns is the "normal" operating pattern so the model will fit prediction and residuals with normal reference as the baseline. The data is then clustered to get a working model that will be used to test data.

## **3.4. Model Evaluation**

Once the model has been trained, it needs to be evaluated on a held-out test set. This helps to assess the performance of the model on unseen data and to identify any potential areas for improvement. In this test, the model will be presented with actual data from 13 August – 01 September 2023 (without cleansing) to detect anomalies in the condenser spray valve (see Figures 5 and 6). This component was known to be the cause of plant forced outage on September 1, 2023.



**Figure** 5: Actual trend of spray valve decrease.



**Figure** 6: Simple 5 Whys analysis of Trip event during September 1, 2023.

First, the model needs to detect earlier by using overall model residuals (OMR) which are based on the regular RMSE formula:

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OMR \, (\%) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{(y'_{i} - y_{i})}{n}} (1)
$$

 $y'_{i}$  = Predicted value

 $y_i$  = Actual value

 $n =$  Number of observations (parameters)

Second, the model needs to be able to predict the sensor contributions of the OMR. This would involve using a statistical histogram or Pareto analysis. To be descriptive

accurate, the model would have to predict the highest sensor contributor as the Condenser Spray Valve. And fault diagnostic would predict the highest fault to be the condenser spray valve fail to open.

### **3.5. Model Fine Tuning**

If the model is not performing well on the evaluation set, it may need to be re-tuned. This involves adjusting the model architecture or hyperparameters and then training the model again. The process of re-tuning a model can be iterative, and it may be necessary to retune the model several times before it achieves the desired performance. However, if the model is showing the desired result, the model is not necessarily fine-tuned. The practice of fine tuning is usually done after maintenance of equipment which makes the equipment run in different baselines.

## **4. Results and Discussion**

The model of the condensing system resulted in the overall residual model (OMR) which summarizes all the observations in each sensor into a single feature. The feature then generated an area of predicted value in which tolerable around 5% deviation to the OMR (see Figure 7).







Figure 8 shows OMR above 5% during 13 – 23 August 2023. This means the model has an accurate prediction of anomaly detection.

**Figure** 8: Shows OMR above 5% at 13- 23 August 2023.

Figure 9 shows that during the period of 13 – 23 August 2023, the highest sensor contributor is the condenser spray valve at 49.6%. This would validate the model's descriptive accuracy. Following with Figure 10 detects 47.8% of fault potentially from Spray Val[ve](#page-10-0) Fail to Open.



<span id="page-10-0"></span>**Figure** 9: Sensor Contribution.



**Figure** 10: Predicted fault diagnosis at 13 – 23 August 2023.

Figure 11 shows the OMR increase before the forced outage event on 01 September. In this anomaly finding, the signal contribution is dispersed evenly with the highest contributor still coming from the condenser spray valve. While the predicted fault leaned towards t[he](#page-11-0) condenser's high level. The close gap between the contributions means the analysis is still descriptive accurate because it shows accountable results that the sensor deviation and fault diagnosis are inconclusive. Further analysis by the domain expert is indeed needed but fine-tuning is not necessary. Figure 12 shows signal contribution near the forced outage event, and Figure 13 depicts predicted fault diagnosis near trip event.



<span id="page-11-0"></span>**Figure** 11: Shows OMR above 5% at 31 August – 01 September (before outage).



**Figure** 12: Signal contribution near the forced outage event.



**Figure** 13: Predicted fault diagnosis near trip event.

## **5. Conclusion**

The development of a white-box model aims to show an accountable, justifiable, and interpretable result. That is why a white-box model has to be directed by subject matter experts (SMEs) and domain information to be deployed. One of the white-box methods that are implemented in this paper is locality-sensitive hashing (LSH). The LSH model in Patuha Geothermal Power Plant can successfully detect anomalies earlier before the plant shutdown. Not only predicting the anomalies, but the model also could describe the parameter that most contributes to the anomaly and diagnose anomaly to a certain fault condition. This contribution and diagnosis are developed from the data preprocessing process which involves weighting and creating relationships between data before deploying the model. The key to accurate prediction is actually in the weighting and relationship of the data which is done by subject matter experts (SMEs) from the domain.

As a white-box model, the model should have to be evaluated and fine-tuned by the SMEs frequently. The main evaluation parameter monitored in the LSH model is overall model residuals (OMR) and its sensor contribution (Pareto analysis). The usage of OMR is helpful to give SMEs a preliminary insight into what's happening in the plant/equipment. The Pareto analysis then would help to find the sensor contribution of the anomaly. However, SMEs also need to verify what is happening in the field. As the interpreter of machine learning, the responsibility lies on its reader to evaluate the bias.

For further research, evaluation and comparison analysis are needed to benchmark model results with algorithms such as independent component analysis (ICA), clustering, and other black-box methods. Furthermore, this model would be potentially expanded into the sub-surface of geothermal fields. Like other renewable energies, geothermal would depends heavily on its resources which in practice, is usually done in engineering technologies in the form of well simulations that result in well intervention. As the capacity assurance of well, the early detection would help detect faults in the subsurface such as casing leaks, brine carry-over, and equipment fishing.

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