Autonomous Online Predictive Monitoring System for hazardous air pollution prediction: A Case Study

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Environment – Human Relationship



Air pollution

- An average of 2 million people are killed worldwide every year due to air pollution
- Air pollution in China alone is related to around 656,000 deaths every year
- In a survey of more than 100 cities, the World Bank has found that the air in many urban areas remains unhealthy
- Air pollution increasingly affects climate changes directly by preventing sun heat from escaping from atmospheric back to the space

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(Source: National Geographic News)

Source: European environmental Agency: http://www.eea.europa.eu/data-and-maps/figures/rise-of-greenhouse-gases-concentration-compared-with-the-year-1750

Kuwait Air Quality

- Current population of Over 4 million
- Industrial areas are of closed proximity to residential areas.
- A recent study showed that concentrations of the following air pollutants CH4, CO, O3, SO2, NOx and total sulfur (TS), had increased over the period (1998-2004)
- ▶ The same study shows that NOx and SO2 exceed the permitted standard levels.
- Alwadhi (2014) stated that factories like the one in oil industry are a major contributor to pollution in Kuwait.
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Data mining

Data mining is a computer science field in which a computational process is used for discovering patterns in large data sets using methods from artificial intelligence.





building an autonomous system for Hazardous rates prediction



System Details (1):



Phase 1: Data acquisition & preparation:

every 15 minutes: Raw data readings of gases such as CH4, CO, CO2, NO, NO2, SO2, and H2S is acquired using mobile sensors around the industrial area for a period of time (~2 months time).



- Data is transferred to a central server
- average readings for 1, 12 and 24 hours is calculated & stored as well.

System Details (2)

- Phase 2: Data Mining
 - Data is divided into training and testing sets
 - Data Mining algorithm is used to learn the pattern using training set
 - The same algorithm is tested using the testing set, once satisfactory results -> System goes online.



System Details (3)

Online Phase:

- Continuous Data acquisition
- Continuous prediction for 1, 12, 24 hours period.
- Alert is sent to managers in case rates goes beyond standards
- Reports are generated continuously



BIG Picture



Screen Shot of Prediction Report

Prediction Reaches as high as 99.8% for some gasses especially for larger periods (12 hours or 24 hours)

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Screen Shot of Monitoring Interface

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System Reliability

- Data transfer temporally disruption
- Mobile station Shutdown (intentional or unintentional)
- Concurrency problem.
- Dealing with Multi-norms

Conclusion

- System was able to achieve error percentage below 10% within a 15 days of operation only when reading does not contained abnormalities.
- System is being able to adjust itself once spikes in data reading fade away.



