# Classification of Compressor Blades Mode Shapes using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)

Data Analysis and Machine Learning - Module 3 - Project

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From ansaldoenergia.com and cblade.it

Design of gas-turbine components needs to take into account, among others:

- Eigenfrequencies
- Excitation sources

Target: minimise resonance phenomena during engine operation

During compressor stage design, blade eigenfrequencies are computed and associated to specific vibrational modes.



#### Increasing frequencies

Advantages of automatic mode detection:

- Correlate frequencies and mode shapes during geometry optimisation;
- One-to-one association of mode shapes from FEM to measurements.

# Inputs & Method

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- 373 images
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2WB images for different stages

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Data is randomly augmented by means of keras *ImageDataGenerator*:

- Horizontal shift [-23, 23] %, fill with white
- Brightness [80, 125] %
- Zoom [90, 150] %
- Channel shift [-150, 150]
- Horizontal flip
- Vertical flip
- Rescale values 1./255



16 randomly-augmented images - same input

## Method



- 1.05 *M* parameters *vs* 770 *M* for Fully-Connected NN
- Dropout 25% and Data Augmentation ightarrow Overfitting  $\downarrow$
- Target accuracy is \_\_%

### Structure:

- 3 Conv layers
- 2 Max-Pool layers
- 3 FC layers

Grid Search:

- $\bullet \ \ \mathsf{Optimizer} \to \mathsf{Adam}$
- Learn Rate  $\rightarrow$  0.001
- $\bullet \ \ \text{Init} \ \text{func} \to \text{uniform}$
- $\bullet \ \ \mathsf{Activation} \to \mathsf{ReLU}$
- Dropout  $\rightarrow$  25%

## **Target Accuracy**

#### A survey was carried out among the team



89 images out of 100 were classified unanimously by all participants

## Human Benchmark

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### The model is trained on:

- 200 epochs
- Batch size: 16

## **Training Results**

- Accuracy: Training and validation reach a value  $> 90\% \rightarrow$  Target achieved;
- Loss: Loss curve is volatile due to small dataset used for validation;
- **Trade-off** between getting the most out of training keeping validation set reasonably big.

## Results

### **Test accuracy**

The performance of the model is evaluated on a test set.



Stage 1

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Stage 2

Total accuracy on test set: 94.1 %













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### Insights in a nutshell

- Deeper CNN layers have a bigger receptive field on the input image;
- Feature extraction advances over consequent convolutions;
- But.. network complexity easily leads to overfitting.

# **Conclusions & Next Steps**

Conclusions:

- CNN model has been trained on augmented dataset;
- Limited-size dataset  $\rightarrow$  Volatile validation loss;
- Number of classes limited to 8;
- Target > 90% accuracy achieved.

Next Steps:

- Investigate possibilities to increase dataset size;
- Assess improvement of validation loss upon dataset increase;
- Define approach for additional mode shapes;
- Investigate performance of more complex newtorks running on GPU.

# Thank you!