



SewerSense

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Project Overview



- Sewer CCTV inspections are lacking in objectivity and reliability (up to 25% of defects missed according to Dirksen J. et al, 2013)
- Decision Making process relies on flawed inspection reports
- Recent advances in Machine Learning provide opportunities
- Plenty of data is available: CCTV footage and reports
- Investigate possibility of more sophisticated sensors



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- Given large amounts of such data,
Can we learn by example?
 - How much data is enough?
 - What other sensory data is interesting?
(3D camera, laser profile scanner, etc.)
 - To what degree do more reliable defect
classifications lead to better decision making?



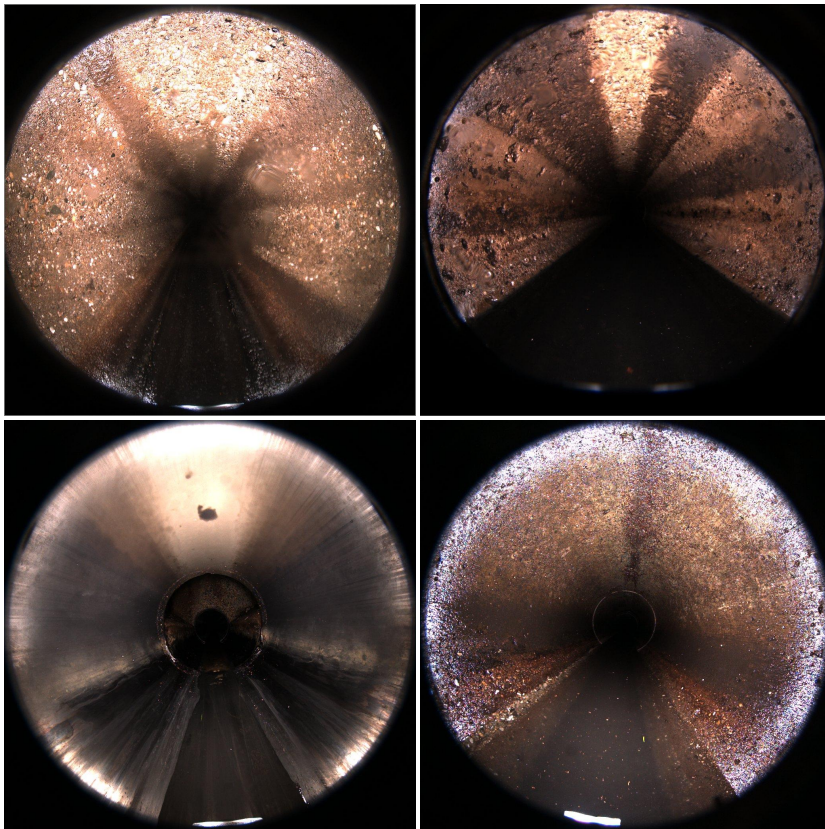
Recent Work:

A defect classification methodology for sewer image sets with convolutional neural networks



Image data (~2.2 million)

Reports (30 in 12 municipalities)



Rijdende camera

Algemene strenggegevens en waarnemingen

Rapportnummer :
Opdrachtgever [AAM] :
Plaats [AAN] :

Riool-ID [AAA] : 001

ALGEMENE GEGEVENS

Wijkkern [AAC] :
Straat [AAJ] :
Tekening :
Bemal.gebied :
Rioolstelsel [ACK] : Alleen afgestroomd hemelwater
Soort riool [ACJ] : Vrij verval afvoerleiding of riool
Datum [ABF] : 5-5-2014
Soort locatie [AAL] : In weg
Verharding [AAL] : Klinkers
Gereinigd [ACM] : Gereinigd
Voestofstr. [ADC] : Geen
Neerslag [ADA] : Geen
Temperatuur [ADB] : Boven vriespunt
Grondeigend[AAQ] : Publiek
Operator [ABH] : MB/70.017

STRENGGEGEVENS

Insp. richting [AAK] : Stroomopwaarts
Beginput [AAD] : R15
Eindput [AAF] : R17
Bodemhoogte beginput : m (t.o.v. putrand)
Bodemhoogte eindput : m (t.o.v. putrand)
Axial ref.punt [ABC] : Midden van beginput
Strenglengte [ABC] : 71.50 m
Geïnsp. Lengte : 71.50 m
Jaar in gebruik. [ACN] : 2014

BUISGEGEVENS

Breedte [ACC] : 300 mm
Hoogte [ACB] : 300 mm
Vorm [ACA] : Cirkelvormig
Materiaal [ACD] : Beton
Lengte [ACG] : 2.40 m
Verbinding : Mol/spie
Liningmat. [ACF] :
Soort lining [ACE] :

VIDEOGEGEVENS

1e Videobestandsnaam : USB01
1e Begintelling : 00000
1e Eindtelling : 000020
2e Videobestandsnaam :
2e Begintelling :
2e Eindtelling :
Videomedium [ABK] : Anders (=> in algemene opmerking !)
Fotomedium [ABL] : Stilstaand beeld op de computer

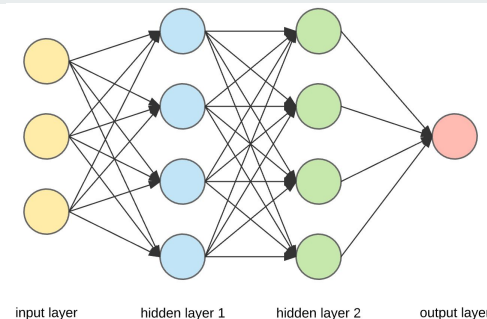
INLATEN/COMMENTAAR

Aantal inlaten : 5
Commentaar :

Alg. Opm. [ADE] : "ABK: Panorama"

Foto nr.	Afst. [m]	Code	K1	K2	K3	KLS	V	Waarneming	Klok
	0.0	BCD	A					Beginknooppunt, rioolput, R15	
	0.0	BDD	A				E	(0)Begin >Waterpeil, helder afvalwater, waterdiepte in cm; h <= 10%	
	19.6	BCA	A	A				Aansluiting, samenkomst, open, hoogte = 0mm, breedte = 0mm	12-00
001	24.1	BDA						Algemene foto	
	24.5	BCA	A	A				Aansluiting, samenkomst, open, hoogte = 0mm, breedte = 0mm	12-00
002	41.1	BDA						Algemene foto	
	41.6	BCA	A	A				Aansluiting, samenkomst, open, hoogte = 0mm, breedte = 0mm	12-00
	58.6	BCA	A	A				Aansluiting, samenkomst, open, hoogte = 0mm, breedte = 0mm	12-00
	68.3	BCA	A	A				Aansluiting, samenkomst, open, hoogte = 0mm, breedte = 0mm	12-00
	71.5	BDD	A				E	(0)Eind >Waterpeil, helder afvalwater, waterdiepte in cm; h <= 10%	
	71.5	BCE	A					Eindknooppunt, rioolput, R17	

Recent Work - Challenges




- We train a Neural Network to classify footage
- Some methodological groundwork was needed first
 - Classifiers were often trained and tested on 50/50 datasets
 - Quality metrics used (accuracy) do not translate to operational impact
 - Division into training and test set can lead to data leakage
 - Use of human-operated camera footage biases classifier



- Classifiers **must** be **tested** on realistic ratios (~1% defects)
(**Training** on realistic ratios **might** improve performance)
- Because of high costs of false negatives,
It makes more sense to report FP at **set** FN rates.
- Dividing dataset into inspections prevents the same pipe
Appearing in both training and test set
- Footage of zooming, panning, rotating, by a human
operator is not part of our dataset



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- The usefulness of a classifier depends largely on interpretability of its output.
 - Our validation methodology translates directly into operational impact.
 - Fully-automated classification is not possible yet, but our work pushes that boundary.
 - The proposed classifier can reduce the images that require review by 60.5%.



Upcoming Steps




- Multi-Sensor measurements
 - Stereo Vision/RGB-D
 - Laser Profiler
- Linking Defects to Performance
- Quantify Improvement in Data Quality
- Link data quality to better Decision Making



Conclusion



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- SewerSense aims to automate (parts of) sewer inspections
 - Groundwork for automated classification of defects in sewer pipes has been prepared
 - Investigation into Multi-Sensor Data is starting
 - Implications on a higher level than operational require more research



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Thank you.