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## ABSTRACT

In oil and gas industry, the performance prediction of gas compressors is approaching criticality. 10 Usually, maintenance engineers rely on recommendations set by the original equipment 11 manufacturer (OEM) for maintenance activities. Since compressors are operated in offshore 12 13 conditions, OEM recommendations may over predict or under predict the maintenance schedule. An improper verdict on compressor maintenance interventions may increase the equipment 14 15 downtime because of unavailability of the resources and poor readiness of the spare parts. The aim of the presented research was to develop a diagnostic model for gas compressors by using the 16 genetic programming (GP). The OEM isentropic and actual isentropic heads were compared, and 17 the maintenance activity of a gas compressor was predicted by calculating the performance 18 19 degradation. The computational codes were developed separately for OEM isentropic and actual isentropic heads through GP. Hereinafter, the empirical equations were derived from the developed 20 computational codes to predict the optimum time for the routine maintenance. For rotational speed 21 between the tested regions, GP predicted 92% accurate interpolation between the curves. It reveals 22 that using the developed GP model, the operators can accurately predict the compressor's health 23 and plan ahead the equipment maintenance at any time. 24

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