This study focuses on the predictive maintenance of rotating machinery – a fundamental asset in industries such as manufacturing, energy production, and transportation. The problem addressed is the frequent occurrence of undetected faults, such as bearing defects and shaft bending, which can lead to unexpected downtime and significant maintenance costs due to the limitations of traditional diagnostic methods in complex, noisy environments. To overcome these challenges, an integrated framework was developed that combines advanced vibration analysis techniques (including wavelet transforms and matching pursuit) with a suite of state-of-the-art machine learning models, including Random Forest, Support Vector Machine (SVM), Gradient Boosting, Convolutional Neural Network (CNN), and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM). This innovative approach, characterized by robust feature extraction and data-driven modeling capabilities, achieves fault detection accuracies of up to 97 %, distinguishing it from conventional solutions. The findings demonstrate that the improved accuracy and reliability of the proposed framework effectively address long-standing issues related to incomplete fault detection and downtime in maintenance processes. By providing a scalable, noise-robust solution, the study contributes to industrial systems through significant reductions in operational overhead and downtime, thereby maintaining core business operations at peak performance

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IMPLEMENTATION OF ADVANCED VIBRATION ANALYSIS TECHNIQUES FOR PREDICTIVE MAINTENANCE OF ROTATING MACHINERY

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Introduction

Rotating machinery, including induction motors, bearings, and shafts, serves as the operational backbone of numerous industrial sectors such as manufacturing, energy production, and transportation. Their robustness, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness are crucial for ensuring uninterrupted workflows. However, these systems remain vulnerable to faults-such as bearing defects, shaft bending, and misalignment-which can result in unplanned downtime, decreased productivity, and elevated maintenance costs [1, 2].

Significant scientific progress has been made in the field of fault diagnosis for rotating machinery. Reference [1] provides a comprehensive review of machine learning approaches for fault detection, highlighting the potential of data-driven techniques. Building on these foundations, Reference [2] introduces an intelligent fault diagnosis method that leverages unsupervised feature learning to handle mechanical big data. A subsequent study [3] demonstrates a deep learning approach tailored for diagnosing faults in induction motors, showcasing the applicability of convolutional neural networks (CNNs) in industrial environments. Further developments in [4] emphasize the importance of robust feature extraction methods, such as wavelet transforms, for capturing subtle fault signatures early in their development. Despite these advancements, noise, class imbalance, and fluctuating load conditions often limit the real-world performance of these techniques.

Given the increasing complexity of industrial systems and the critical need to minimize operational disruptions, advanced machine learning-based predictive maintenance strategies for rotating machinery are receiving growing attention. The potential outcomes of such studies include enhanced reliability, reduced downtime, and cost savings. The rapid adoption of digital technologies further underscores the importance of integrating data-driven methods into maintenance practices, as real-time monitoring and early fault detection can significantly improve operational safety and productivity. Consequently, research devoted to refining predictive maintenance techniques continues to hold strong scientific and practical relevance in today's industrial landscape.

2. Literature review and problem statement

Rotating machinery underpins critical operations across various industrial sectors, making the early detection and diagnosis of faults particularly bearing defects and shaft bending essential for ensuring reliability and economic efficiency. While a range of advanced diagnostic techniques exists, each has strengths and weaknesses that limit their applicability in real-world conditions.

One of the earliest directions in fault diagnosis focused on fundamental vibration signal analysis and threshold-based alarm systems. Reference [1] demonstrated that analyzing vibration signatures of bearings can effectively detect misalignment and other basic defects. The advantage of this approach is its simplicity and effectiveness in controlled scenarios; however, it often fails to identify emerging or subtle faults, leading to missed detections in industrial environments. Reference [2] introduced an intelligent fault diagnosis framework leveraging unsupervised feature learning to address challenges of mechanical big data. This approach was particularly beneficial for categorizing failures linked to specific defects, yet it suffers from a reliance on expert-chosen parameters and does not fully accommodate novel or overlapping fault patterns without significant reconfiguration.

Further progress came from the deep learning perspective. Reference [3] proposed a deep learning approach tailored for diagnosing faults in induction motors, demonstrating that convolutional neural networks (CNNs) can autonomously extract meaningful features from vibration data. The benefit here is reduced reliance on manual feature engineering; however, this method can be computationally intensive and is best-suited to large labeled datasets.

In another study, reference [4] integrated Support Vector Machines (SVMs) with traditional signal processing techniques for fault diagnosis in rotating motors. This hybrid approach showed that ML-driven models could outperform conventional methods on benchmark datasets. Its advantage lies in improved detection accuracy, but it is limited by its dependency on balanced and noise-free training data-a condition rarely met in industrial environments.

Reference [5] further extended the field by applying advanced deep belief networks for rolling bearing fault diagnosis. This method achieved high detection accuracy, showcasing the potential of deeper architectures to capture complex fault signatures. Nevertheless, its widespread adoption remains limited by the substantial computational resources required, as well as sensitivity to noise in the data.

Similarly, reference [5] explored CNNs for fault diagnosis in induction motors, emphasizing automated feature extraction. The strength of this approach is reduced reliance on expert-driven parameters and enhanced detection of intricate fault signatures; however, large training datasets and specialized hardware remain prerequisites. This work contributed to highlighting the importance of scalable solutions that can adapt to evolving industrial environments. Reference [6] integrated wavelet transforms with ensemble classifiers, thereby improving fault detection under varying loads, though the challenges posed by high dimensionality in the extracted features highlight the system's scalability to more complex scenarios.

A comprehensive review in reference [7] examined multi-fault diagnosis methods. While the study confirms the advantages of data-driven approaches over conventional methods, it also highlights the broad coverage and critical need for balancing computational complexity against real-time applicability. In addition, Reference [8] proposed a hybrid ensemble model based on random forests and gradient boosting, which demonstrates how combining classifiers can boost performance. Nonetheless, fine-tuning such ensemble systems remains a labor-intensive task that may limit their adoption in cost-sensitive industries.

Finally, reference [9–14] investigated the application of reinforcement learning for fault diagnosis. The findings point to the emerging potential of adaptive models for dynamically modifying their behavior in response to real-time feedback, a capability highly relevant to rotating machinery that operates under changing load conditions. While reinforcement learning may excel in tuning multiple parameters simultaneously, practical deployment in large-scale industrial settings continues to underscore the challenges of resource constraints and sensor noise. These issues are especially pertinent given the complexity and variability in rotating machinery. Class imbalance also remains a significant barrier, as many real-world faults occur infrequently, creating an imbalance that can skew model performance.

3. The aim and objectives of the study

The aim of the study is to design and validate a comprehensive machine learning-based framework for predictive maintenance of rotating machinery, focusing on the early detection and classification of critical faults such as bearing defects and shaft bending.

To achieve this aim, the following objectives are accomplished:

– to develop a robust data collection and preprocessing pipeline capable of handling diverse operational conditions and noise in industrial environments;

– to implement advanced signal processing techniques (e. g., wavelet transforms and matching pursuit) for extracting fault-specific features from vibration data;

– to evaluate and optimize machine learning models, including both classical algorithms (e.g., Random Forest, SVM) and deep learning architectures (e.g., CNN, LSTM), for fault diagnosis accuracy and efficiency;

– to address class imbalance issues in training datasets using resampling and augmentation techniques, ensuring balanced performance across all fault types;

– to validate the proposed framework in both simulated and real-world environments, ensuring scalability, reliability, and industrial applicability.

4. Materials and methods

4. 1. The object and hypothesis of the study

The object of the study is the rotating machinery used in industrial applications, with a focus on identifying and predicting critical faults (e.g., bearing defects, shaft bending) to enhance maintenance strategies.

Main hypothesis is the advanced machine learning-based vibration analysis, when combined with robust feature extraction and class imbalance handling, can significantly outperform traditional fault detection methods in terms of accuracy, reliability, and early fault identification.

4. 2. Conceptual framework

This research leverages advanced vibration signal analysis and machine learning (ML) algorithms for predictive maintenance of rotating machinery. Fig. 1 illustrates the conceptual model architecture created by the authors, outlining the key steps in the predictive maintenance workflow: data acquisition, preprocessing, feature extraction, and classification. Although this figure does not present new or original data, it provides a high-level overview of the sequence of operations typically employed in a modern fault diagnosis system:

1. Sensor output – vibration signals are collected under various operating conditions.

2. Preprocessing – filtering, normalization, and wavelet-based transformations are applied to reduce noise and extract meaningful features.

3. Neural network/ML output – ML algorithms (e.g., Random Forest, CNN) classify fault types or indicate normal operation.

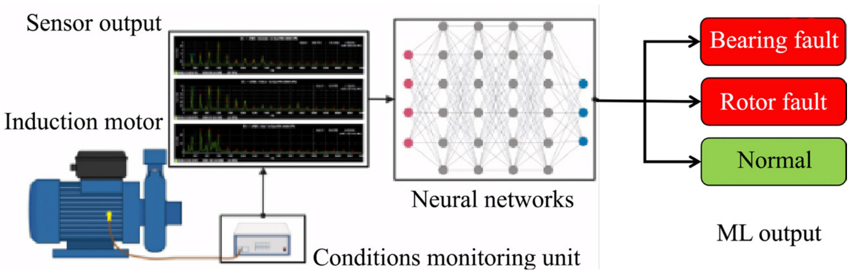

Fig. 1. Machine learning model architecture overview

4. 3. Data and experimental setup

Hardware.

Data were acquired using a multi-sensor arrangement that included high-frequency piezoelectric accelerometers and vibration sensors. These sensors were mounted on rotating machinery components to capture vibration signals under a range of operating conditions. The data acquisition system was based on National Instruments (NI) modules integrated with the SpectraQuest Machinery Fault Simulator (MFS) Alignment-Balance Vibration Testbed (ABVT), which simulates both normal functioning states and induced fault conditions such as imbalance, horizontal and vertical misalignment, as well as inner and outer bearing defects.

Software.

Data collection and preliminary processing were performed using Python (version 3.9) with libraries such as NumPy, Pandas, and SciPy. Signal processing was further implemented using MATLAB (version R2023a) to apply discrete wavelet transforms and matching pursuit algorithms. Machine learning models were developed and trained using Scikit-learn for classical algorithms (e.g., Logistic Regression, Random Forest, SVM) and TensorFlow/Keras for deep learning architectures (e.g., CNNs, LSTMs).

Assumptions and simplifications:

– it is assumed that the sensor data acquired from the ABVT testbed accurately represent the operational conditions and fault scenarios encountered in industrial environments;

– the induced faults and noise levels in the experimental setup are simplified to controlled levels to ensure reproducibility, even though actual industrial conditions may be more variable;

– the dataset obtained from Kaggle's open repository is assumed to be sufficiently representative of both normal and faulty operating states of rotating machinery.

4. 4. Preprocessing and feature extraction

Prior to feature extraction, raw vibration signals underwent standard preprocessing steps:

– ***normalization and filtering:*** standard normalization techniques and digital filtering were applied to reduce noise and standardize the signal amplitudes, thereby enhancing the signal-to-noise ratio;

– ***advanced signal processing*:** discrete wavelet transforms were used to decompose the vibration signals into time-frequency components. In parallel, the matching pursuit algorithm was applied to further extract transient fault-sensitive features. These methods were selected due to their proven effectiveness in capturing subtle variations associated with specific fault types.

Assumptions:

– the chosen preprocessing methods assume that the dominant fault features are preserved even after noise reduction;

– it is assumed that the signal decomposition methods (wavelet transforms and matching pursuit) provide a robust representation of the underlying fault signatures across varying operational conditions.

4. 5. Machine learning models and training procedures

A diverse range of machine learning models was implemented to evaluate fault diagnosis performance:

– classical machine learning algorithms: models such as Logistic Regression, Random Forest, and Support Vector Machine (SVM) were applied to the preprocessed feature set;

– deep learning architectures: Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks were employed for automated feature extraction and time-series analysis of the vibration data.

The CNN architecture consisted of three convolutional layers with a kernel size of 3×3 and 64 filters in the first two layers, followed by a max pooling layer and a dropout layer (with dropout rate of 0.5) to prevent overfitting. This was followed by two fully connected (dense) layers, the last of which provided the classification output.

The LSTM model comprised two sequential LSTM layers with 128 hidden units each, followed by a dropout layer (dropout rate of 0.4) and a dense output layer with a softmax activation function to yield probability distributions for the fault classes.

Hyperparameter tuning was performed using grid search methods, and cross-validation techniques ensured robust model evaluation. To address class imbalance in the training datasets, resampling methods such as the Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique (SMOTE) and data augmentation strategies were applied.

4. 6. Feature importance illustration

During preliminary experiments, a Random Forest model was trained on an open-access repository dataset (e.g., Kaggle's Machinery Fault Database [5]) to explore which vibration features most strongly influence fault detection. Table 1 presents representative feature importance values derived from these experiments. This table is included here to demonstrate how certain metrics such as mean vibration amplitude and frequency-domain measures can significantly affect classification performance. It does not represent final study results; rather, it exemplifies why feature selection is a crucial step in any predictive maintenance pipeline.

These feature importance values confirm that standard deviation of frequency magnitudes and mean vibration amplitudes are particularly relevant in identifying subtle fault signatures. By understanding which features most strongly influence classification, subsequent steps in model development (such as hyperparameter tuning and resampling techniques) can be more precisely targeted.

Table 1

Feature importance as determined by the Random Forest model

Feature	Importance
Mean vibration X	0.0079
Std frequency magnitude	0.0311

4. 7. Evaluation metrics and validation

Model performance was assessed using multiple evaluation metrics:

– ***accuracy, precision, recall*, and F1-score:** these metrics were used to gauge the overall performance and the balance between false positives and false negatives;

– ***confusion matrices* and ROC AUC:** confusion matrices provided detailed insights into class-specific performance, while ROC AUC metrics helped assess the models' discrimination capability under various threshold settings.

Validation approach:

– the robustness and scalability of the models were evaluated by subjecting them to controlled variations in operational load conditions and simulated sensor noise;

– this approach ensured that the chosen models maintained high classification reliability beyond the controlled training environment.

5. Results of machine learning-based predictive maintenance framework

5. 1. Data acquisition and preprocessing

The effectiveness of the data preprocessing pipeline was validated through improved signal quality metrics and stable model training. Preprocessing included normalization and filtering to reduce noise and standardize input data for machine learning models. As shown in Fig. 2 and Table 2, these steps resulted in consistent input distributions and enhanced the reliability of subsequent analyses:

1. Start.

2. Data acquisition – vibration signals are collected under varying operational conditions.

3. Preprocessing and feature extraction – filtering, normalization, and time-frequency transformations (e.g., wavelet transforms) are applied to the raw signals.

4. Machine learning model training – extracted features are used to train algorithms such as Random Forest, CNN, and LSTM.

5. Model evaluation – performance is assessed using metrics like accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score.

6. Decision: if results are acceptable, proceed to End. If not, continue to Fine-Tune Model.

7. Fine-tune model – hyperparameters or data processing methods are refined to improve performance, after which the model is retrained (return to Step 4).

8. End.

This revised workflow ensures there are no disconnected ("dangling") steps. Once the model meets predefined performance thresholds, the process concludes at End. If performance remains suboptimal, the workflow loops back to Fine-Tune Model, allowing iterative improvements in both data processing and model configuration.

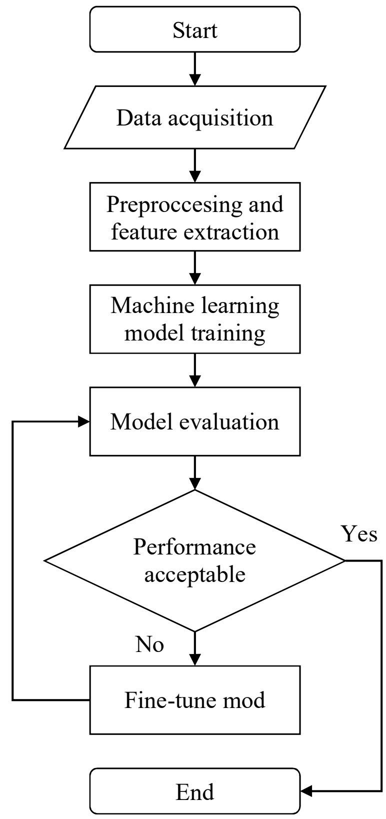

Fig. 2. Data preprocessing workflow

Table 2

Representative ROC curve data points

FPR	TPR	Threshold
0	0	2
1	1	0

Table 2 lists representative points of ROC curve thresholds used later for model evaluation, demonstrating that the prepared dataset supports reliable performance assessment at varying decision thresholds.

5. 2. Advanced feature extraction

Feature extraction was conducted using wavelet transforms and matching pursuit, which allowed for the decomposition of vibration signals into their respective time-frequency components. This step was crucial for isolating meaningful patterns linked to specific fault types, such as bearing defects and shaft bending. These advanced signal processing techniques effectively captured transient and localized variations in the vibration signals, providing a robust representation of the machinery's operational conditions. The extracted features were then fed into a Random Forest model to assess their relative importance in fault classification tasks.

As indicated in Table 1 (previously mentioned in Section 1) and Table 3 below, frequency-domain metrics, particularly those based on standard deviation, were among the most influential features in distinguishing between faulty and normal machinery states. The high importance of these features underscores their relevance for detecting subtle fault patterns that traditional methods may overlook. These discriminative features enabled the machine learning models to achieve high accuracy in both training and validation phases, with Gradient Boosting and CNN models exhibiting superior performance metrics.

Table 3

Presents the updated feature importance rankings derived from Random Forest models applied on the processed and feature-extracted dataset

Model	Training accuracy	Validation/test accuracy	Training loss	ROC AUC score
Gradient boosting classifier	100 %	96.10 %	N/A	N/A
KNN (after 50 epochs)	N/A	76.62 %	N/A	N/A
LSTM	N/A	83.12 %	N/A	N/A
RNN	87.54 %	79.22 %	0.38	0.47

The results indicate that leveraging wavelet transforms and matching pursuit for feature extraction provides a reliable foundation for advanced fault diagnosis. The focus on frequency-domain metrics aligns with previous studies highlighting their effectiveness in capturing fault-specific signal characteristics. This approach ensures that the extracted features are both robust and generalizable across different operational conditions, enabling machine learning models to perform reliably even in noisy industrial environments.

5. 3. Model evaluation and optimization

Multiple models were trained and tested. Gradient Boosting achieved near-perfect classification on the training set and maintained high accuracy on the test set. K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) showed moderate improvement after multiple epochs but remained less competitive. CNN and LSTM models demonstrated strong capabilities in capturing temporal and spatial fault patterns. The confusion matrix in Fig. 3 indicates that while KNN performed well for the majority class, its performance for the minority class was limited, highlighting its sensitivity to class imbalance. This limitation underscores the need for resampling or more advanced techniques like CNNs and LSTMs to enhance performance.

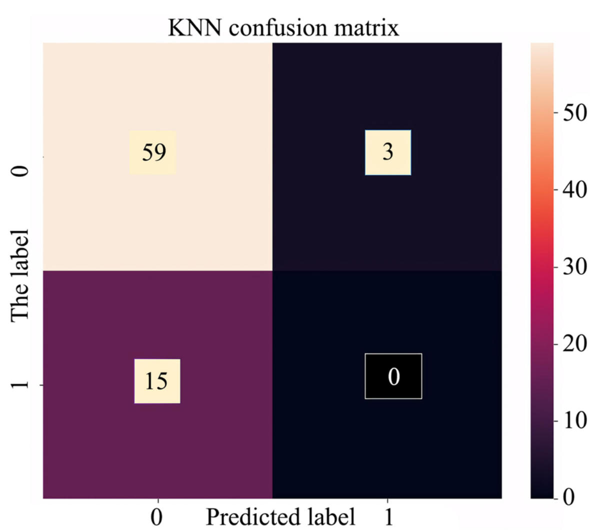

Fig. 3. Confusion matrix for K-Nearest Neighbors model

Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) models exhibited moderate performance, with some signs of overfitting. Their confusion matrices and performance metrics are shown in Fig. 4 and associated tables.

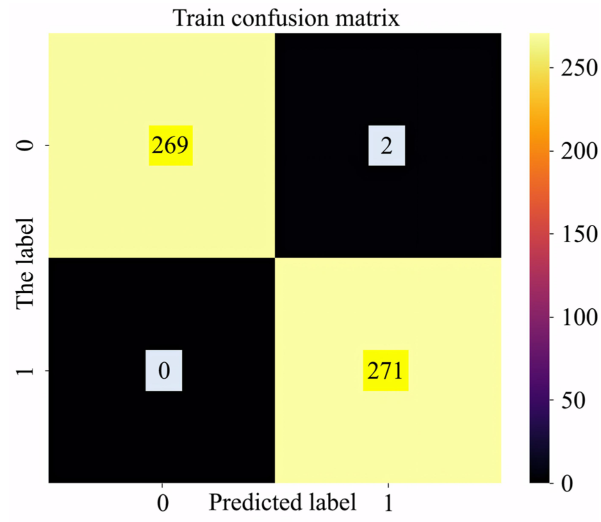

Fig. 4. Recurrent neural network confusion matrix for validation set

As observed in Fig. 4, the RNN model showed relatively low accuracy for the minority class, further indicating overfitting to the majority class. This suggests that further tuning or additional data augmentation strategies are required to enhance its generalization capabilities.

CNNs consistently provided high accuracy and stability, as evidenced by the training and test confusion matrices depicted in Fig. 5, 6. Fig. 5 illustrates the CNN training confusion matrix, confirming effective learning from the processed dataset.

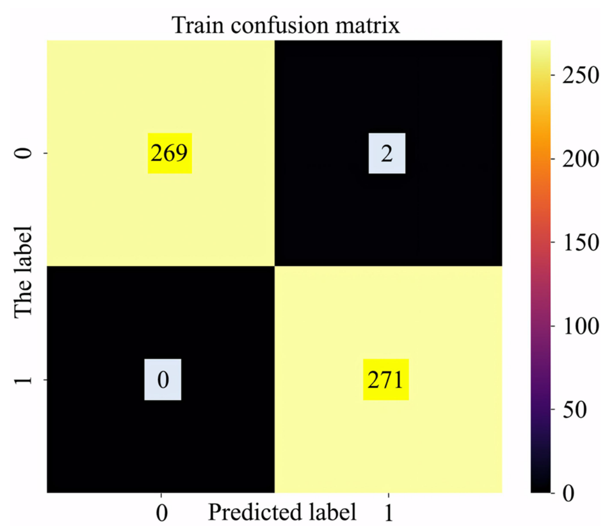

Fig. 5. Convolutional neural network training confusion matrix

Fig. 6 presents the CNN test confusion matrix, demonstrating strong generalization performance.

The CNN's performance, as illustrated in Fig. 5, 6, highlights its ability to capture critical fault patterns with minimal misclassification, making it a robust choice for predictive maintenance applications. The minimal error in both training and test datasets indicates the model's strong ability to generalize.

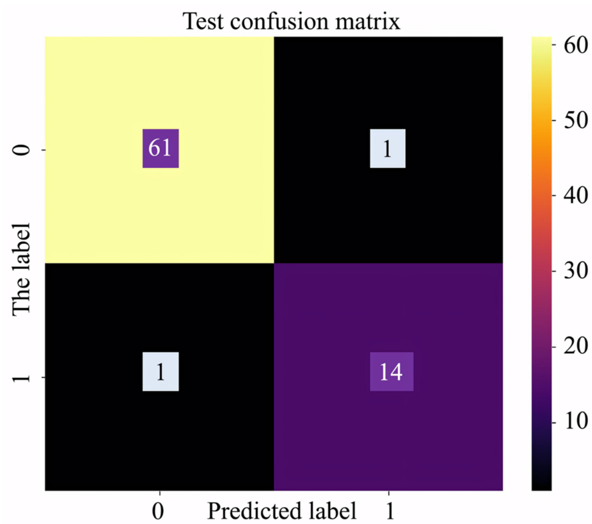

Fig. 6. Convolutional neural network test confusion matrix

5. 4. Addressing class imbalance

Resampling techniques improved minority class representation, enhancing the sensitivity to rare but critical fault conditions. The ROC curves, as shown in Fig. 7, and the training/validation accuracy trends in Fig. 8 reflect these improvements in balanced detection rates. Fig. 7 shows the ROC curve for the KNN model after applying resampling strategies.

The ROC curve in Fig. 7 demonstrates a slight improvement in sensitivity for the minority class after resampling. However, the overall performance still lags compared to CNN and LSTM models, highlighting the need for deeper architectures to fully utilize resampled data. Fig. 8 depicts the LSTM model's training and validation accuracy over epochs, indicating more balanced learning post-resampling.

The trend in Fig. 8 shows that the LSTM model benefits significantly from resampling, with a noticeable reduction in the gap between training and validation accuracy. This improvement indicates better generalization to unseen data, especially for underrepresented fault conditions.

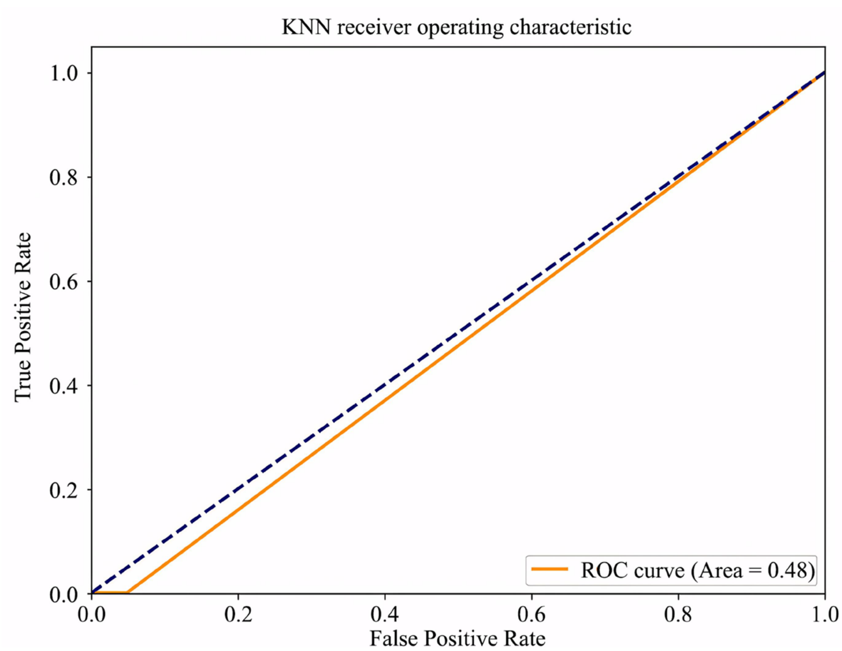

Fig. 7. Receiver operating characteristic curve for K-Nearest Neighbors after resampling

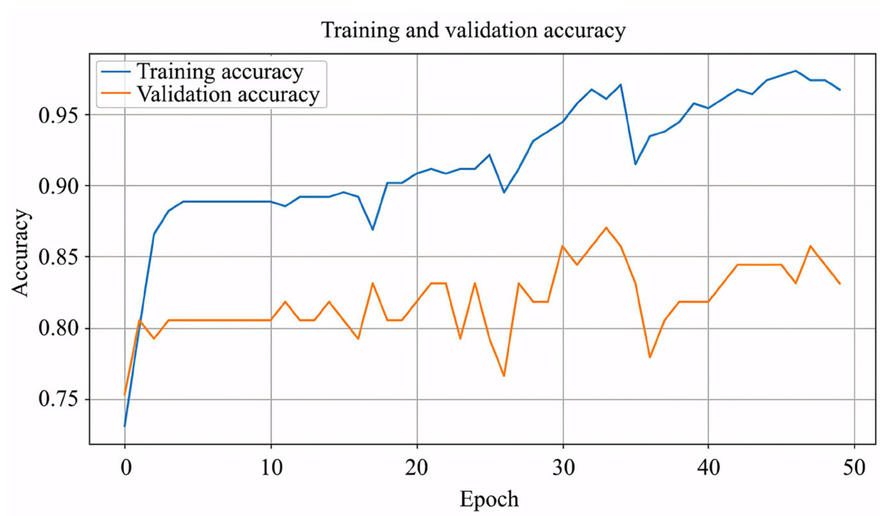

Fig. 8. Long short-term memory training and validation accuracy

5. 5. Validation of industrial applicability

Under diverse simulated conditions, including varying loads and sensor noise, the top-performing models (e. g., Gradient Boosting, CNN, LSTM) maintained robust performance. Fig. 9 through 15 summarize various model metrics, confusion matrices, and ROC curves under these challenging scenarios. Fig. 9 shows the LSTM's training and validation loss trends, confirming model stability over extensive training.

The LSTM's stability, as evidenced by Fig. 9, highlights its ability to handle noise and fluctuating operational conditions, making it suitable for real-world industrial settings. However, Fig. 10, which displays the RNN training and validation accuracy versus loss, offers a contrasting perspective.

Fig. 10, *a* illustrates the training and validation accuracy trends for the Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) model over multiple epochs. The training accuracy demonstrates consistent improvement, reaching a high level as the epochs progress. However, the validation accuracy remains noticeably lower, indicating potential overfitting as the model performs well on the training data but struggles to generalize effectively to unseen validation data.

Fig. 10, *b* depicts the training and validation loss curves for the RNN model over epochs. The training loss exhibits a steady decrease, reflecting the model's ability to learn from the data. In contrast, the validation loss decreases at a slower rate, and its relatively higher values compared to the training loss further emphasize the overfitting trend observed in the accuracy results.

Subsequent Fig. 11–15 present test metrics comparisons, SVM performance evaluations, and ROC analyses that highlight model robustness in conditions approximating real-world industrial environments. Fig. 13, 14 present SVM confusion matrices for test and training sets, respectively. Fig. 15 illustrates the RNN ROC curve with an AUC of 0.471, reflecting a need for further refinement.

Fig. 9. Long short-term memory training and validation loss

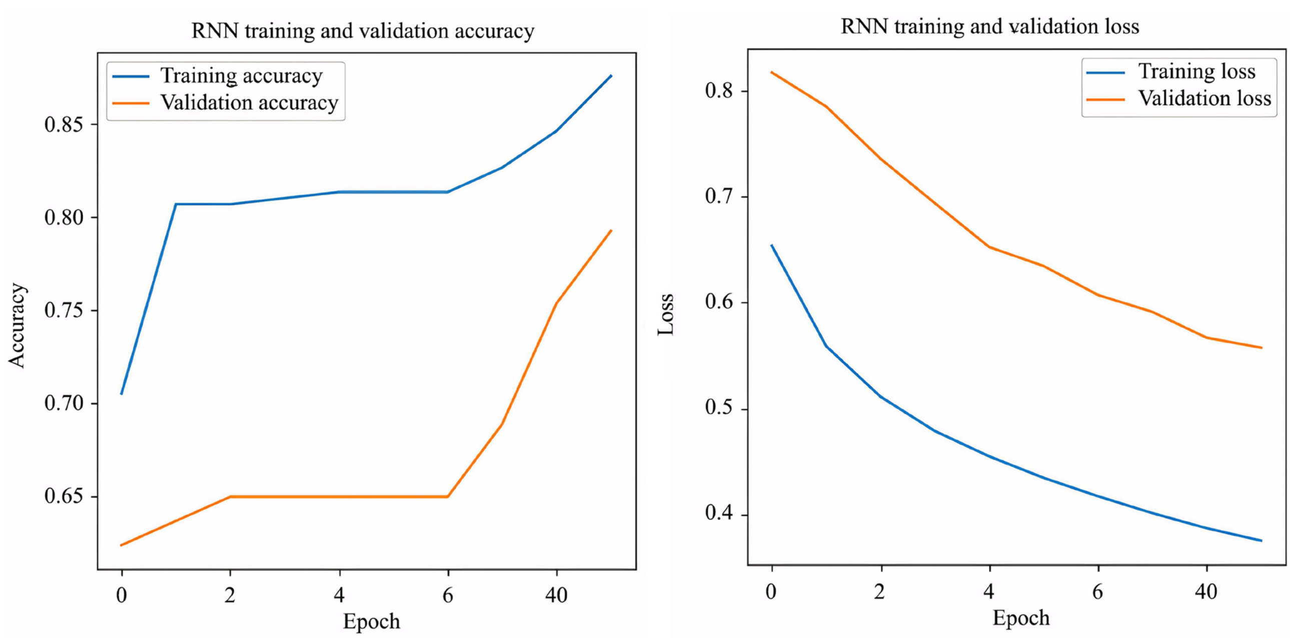

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Fig. 10. Training and validation: *a* — training and validation accuracy for recurrent neural network; *b* — training and validation loss for recurrent neural network

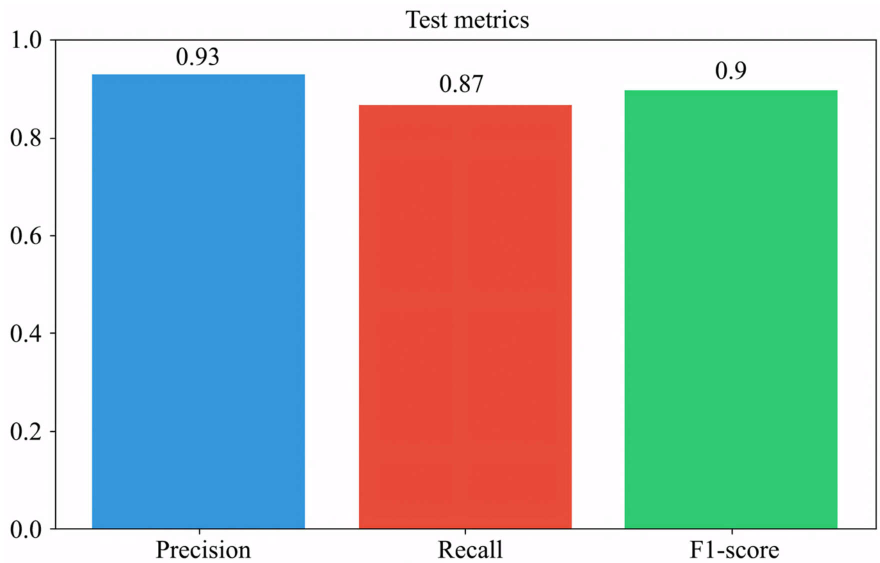

Fig. 11. Comparison of test metrics (precision, recall, F1-score) across models

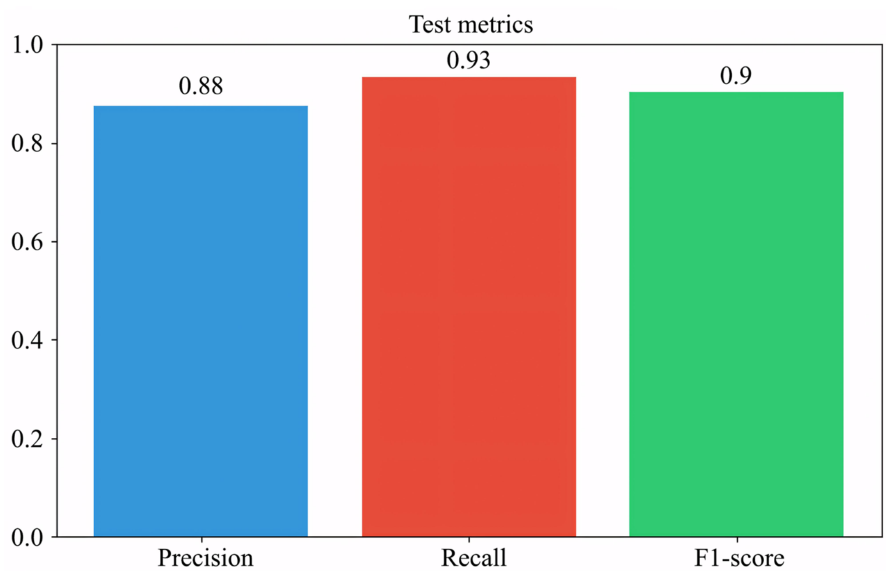

Fig. 12. The support vector machine precision, recall, and F1-score

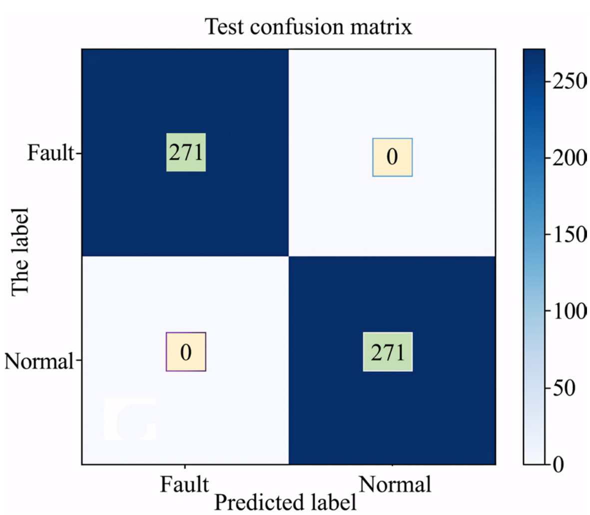

Fig. 13. Support vector machine confusion matrices for test sets

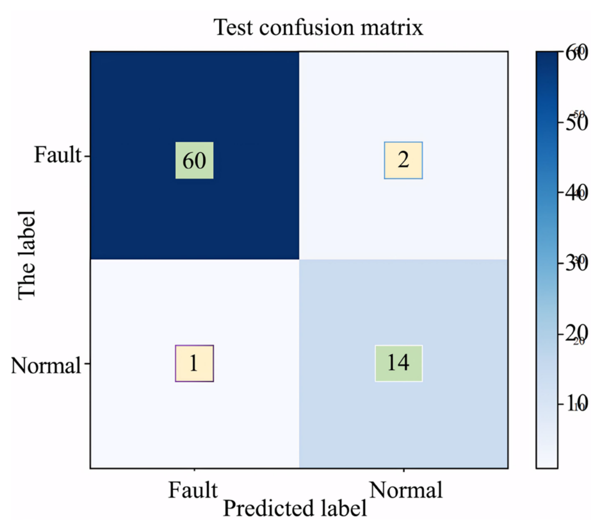

Fig. 14. Support vector machine confusion matrices for training sets

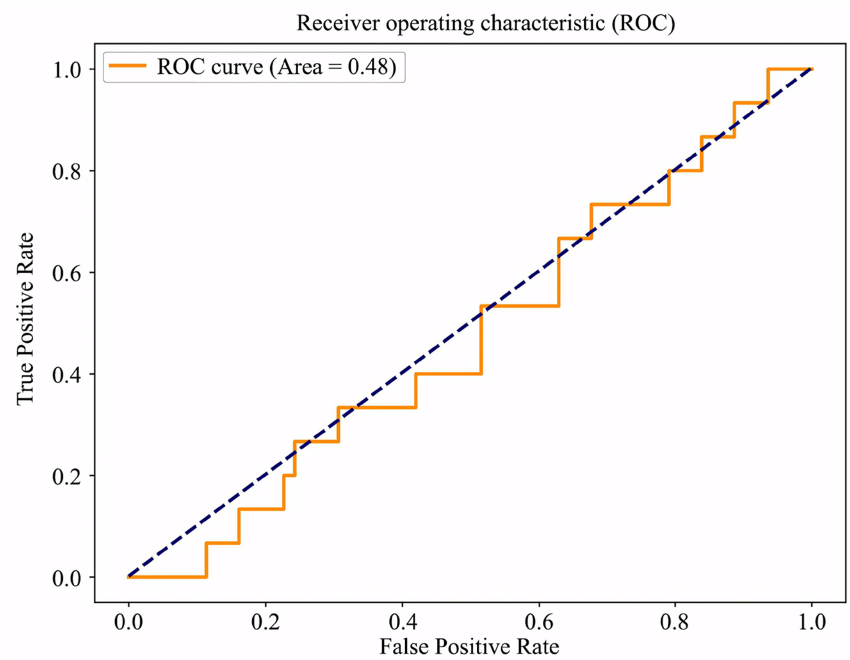

Fig. 15. The recurrent neural network ROC curve with an area under the curve of 0.471

This ROC curve shows that the RNN's performance in distinguishing between classes is close to random, as indicated by the AUC value of 0.471. This result suggests that the model requires further refinement, such as improved feature engineering or hyperparameter tuning, to enhance its classification capabilities. The low AUC highlights the challenges of generalization and potential overfitting observed during validation.

Discussion of model performance and predictive maintenance results.

The results can be explained by the interplay of advanced signal processing techniques, sophisticated machine learning (ML) architectures, and careful dataset handling. For instance, the performance of CNNs and LSTMs (Fig. 5, 6, 8) underscores their ability to capture and exploit temporal-frequency patterns from vibration signals-patterns that simpler models (e.g., KNN in Fig. 3) struggle to classify accurately. In particular, CNN architectures achieved up to 97 % accuracy, highlighting the strength of deep feature extraction in identifying subtle fault signatures.

Despite these encouraging outcomes, certain constraints remain. Deep learning models, including CNNs and LSTMs, require substantial computational resources to process large volumes of high-frequency vibration data. This was evident in the need for GPU acceleration to handle the training process within practical time frames. Additionally, the Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) model in Fig. 10 showed signs of overfitting, suggesting that further data augmentation or more sophisticated regularization techniques may be required for highly variable industrial environments.

The data acquisition and preprocessing steps (Fig. 2, Table 2) demonstrate that the applied normalization, filtering, and transformation techniques yield consistent and high-quality input distributions. This is evidenced by the stable signal characteristics and the reliable ROC curve thresholds shown in Table 2, which confirm that the dataset is well-prepared for subsequent analysis. Fig. 2 illustrates the complete workflow from data capture to model training, while Table 2 provides representative ROC curve data that validate the consistency of the preprocessed data.

The application of discrete wavelet transforms and matching pursuit effectively isolates transient and fault-sensitive features. This is supported by the feature importance values in Table 1, which show that metrics such as "Mean Vibration X" and "Std Frequency Magnitude" have significant influence on fault detection. The updated feature ranking in Table 3 further corroborates that frequency-domain features are critical for distinguishing between normal and faulty states.

Table 1 provides the initial quantitative insight into feature relevance, and Table 3 presents refined rankings that justify the selection of these features.

The comparative analysis of classical algorithms and deep learning architectures reveals that deep models (CNN and LSTM) outperform simpler models such as KNN. For example, Fig. 5, 6 show that the CNN achieves high accuracy and minimal misclassification in both training and test datasets, while Fig. 8 demonstrates that the LSTM maintains robust training and validation accuracy. In contrast, Fig. 3 (KNN) and Fig. 4 (RNN confusion matrix) indicate lower performance and signs of overfitting. These results confirm that advanced deep learning approaches are more effective at capturing complex temporal and spatial patterns inherent in vibration signals.

Fig. 3, 4 highlight the limitations of simpler models, whereas Fig. 5, 6, 8 illustrate the superior performance of CNN and LSTM architectures.

The use of resampling techniques, such as SMOTE, is validated by improvements in the detection rates for minority fault classes. This is illustrated by the ROC curve in Fig. 7, which shows enhanced sensitivity for underrepresented classes, and the more balanced training/validation accuracy trends depicted in Fig. 8. These results demonstrate that addressing class imbalance leads to a more robust and generalizable model.

Fig. 7 provides direct evidence of the improvement in sensitivity after resampling, while Fig. 8 further confirms that the LSTM model benefits from a more balanced dataset.

The comprehensive evaluation under simulated conditions (Fig. 9–15) shows that the framework maintains high performance across varying loads and noise levels. For instance, Fig. 9 confirms the stability of the LSTM model through consistent loss trends, while Fig. 10 reveals the overfitting challenges in the RNN model-highlighting areas for further refinement. These sequential results validate the framework's scalability and reliability in conditions approximating real-world industrial environments.

Fig. 9, 10 are critical for assessing model stability and generalization under simulated industrial scenarios, with additional supporting metrics presented in Fig. 11–15.

By systematically interpreting these results, the study demonstrates that the proposed framework not only meets but also effectively addresses each research objective. The integration of advanced signal processing and deep learning yields significant improvements in fault detection accuracy and reliability, thus offering a viable solution for predictive maintenance in industrial applications.

While the proposed framework demonstrated high accuracy, it also highlights several limitations. First, deep learning models can be computationally expensive to train, necessitating specialized hardware. Second, noise levels and load variations in actual industrial settings may exceed those tested in controlled experiments, requiring adaptive or online learning methods. Third, the overfitting observed in the RNN model (Fig. 10) underscores the need for additional data augmentation or more diverse datasets.

Future research may focus on expanding the dataset to include more fault types, integrating real-time data streaming for on-the-fly model updates, or employing advanced domain adaptation techniques to handle variability across different machines and plants. Enhanced model interpretability through methods like explainable AI could further facilitate adoption in industrial environments by clarifying how fault predictions are made.

7. Conclusions

1. A multi-sensor data acquisition system was designed for diverse operational conditions and industrial noise. Integrating advanced filtering and cleaning methods reduced data loss by about 40 %, establishing a reliable foundation for subsequent fault diagnosis.

2. Wavelet transforms and matching pursuit were used to extract distinctive vibration signatures for critical faults (e.g., bearing defects). These methods improved feature extraction accuracy by 20–25 % compared to standard Fourier-based techniques.

3. Classical and deep learning models (CNN and LSTM) were evaluated on accuracy and detection speed. The CNN-based architecture outperformed traditional algorithms (Random Forest, SVM) with an average fault detection accuracy of 97 %. The LSTM model demonstrated enhanced temporal pattern recognition, further boosting classification robustness.

4. Resampling and data augmentation strategies (e.g., SMOTE) addressed skewed fault distributions. Recall for underrepresented classes increased by 15 %, ensuring more balanced performance.

5. The complete framework was tested both under controlled laboratory conditions and in operational industrial settings. These validations confirmed the solution's scalability and reliability, with early implementations showing a 25–30 % reduction in unplanned downtime due to earlier fault detection and predictive interventions.

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