

Domain Generalization for Fault Detection in Rotating Machinery: A Study

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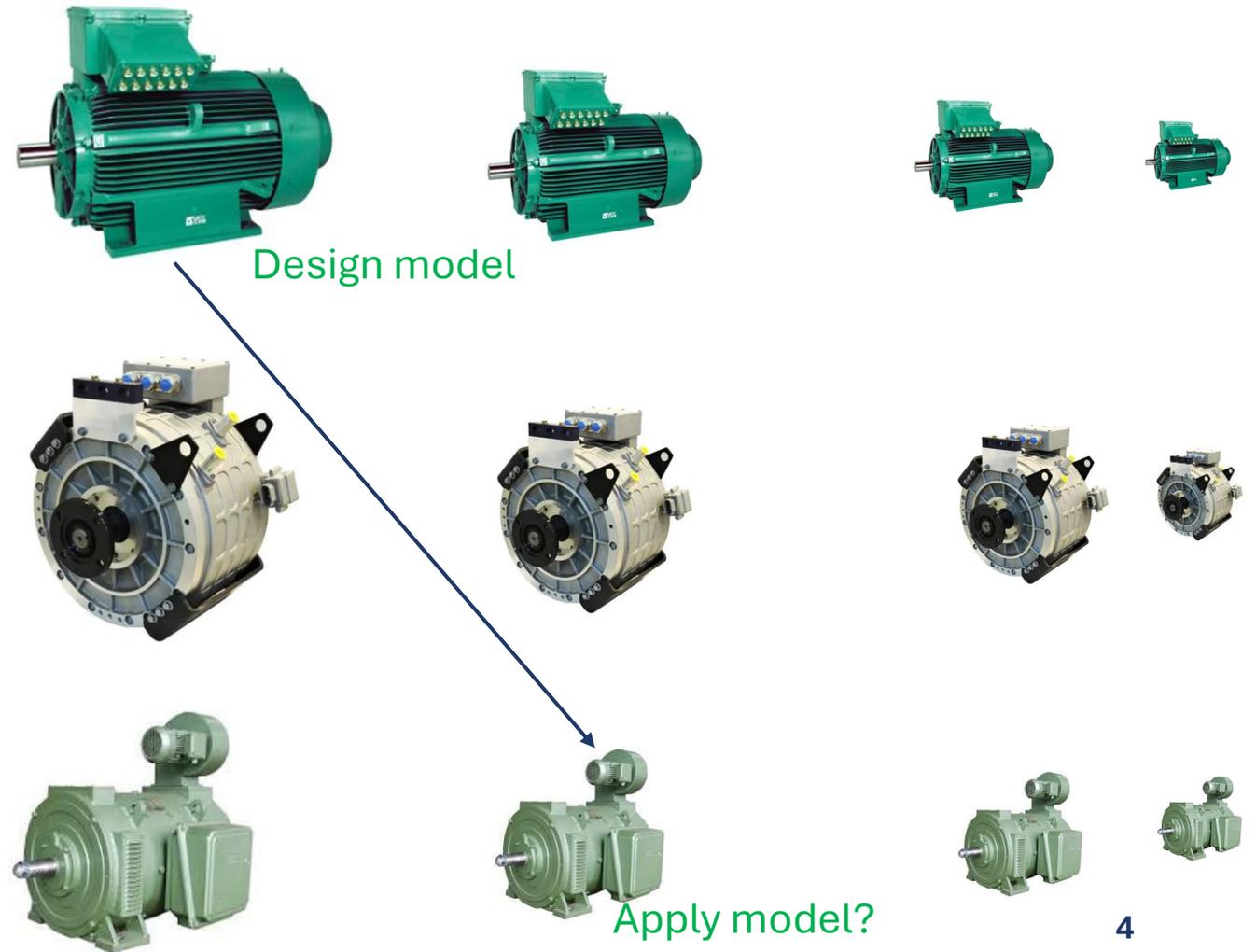
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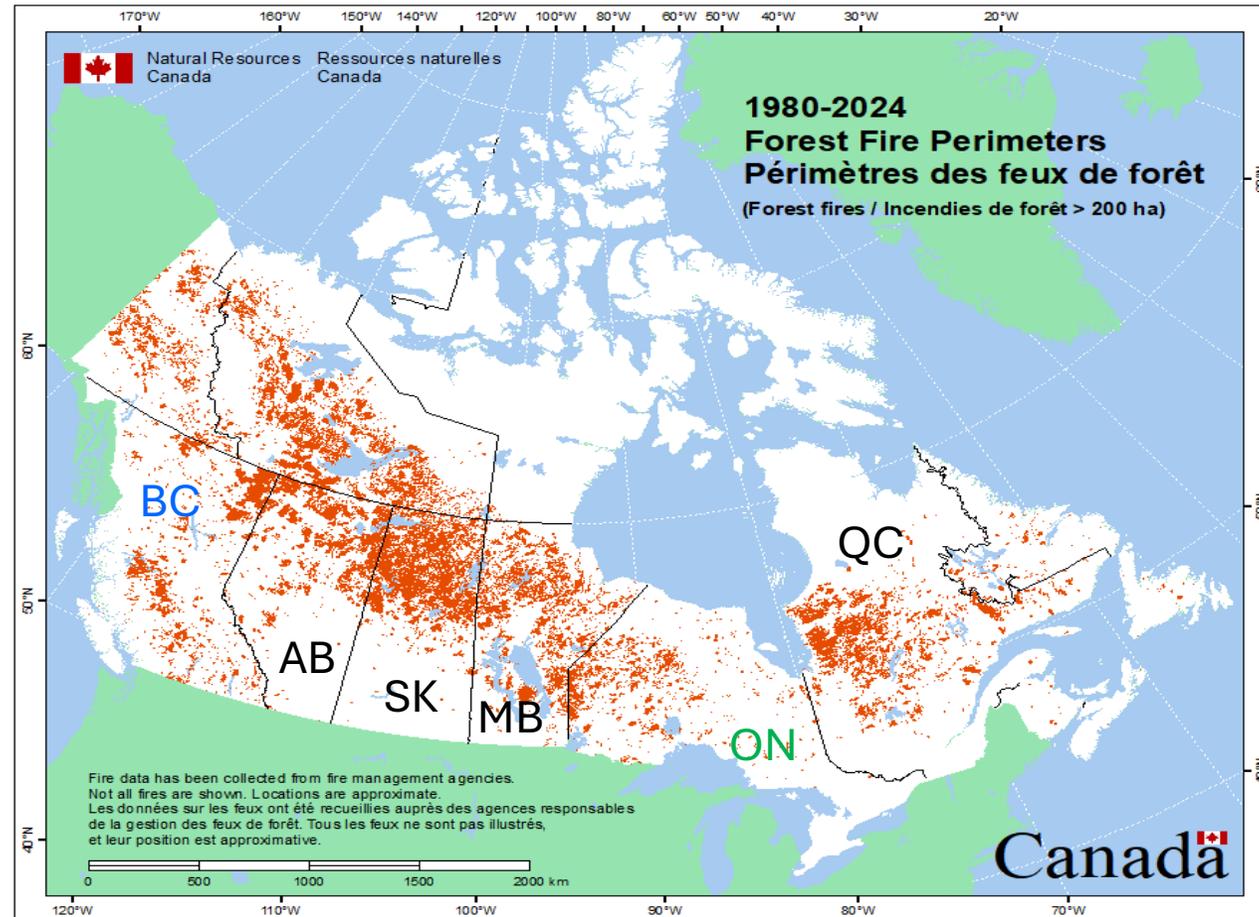


Another example: forest fires in Canada

Can a forest fire (FF) model (prediction, spread) developed using BC data be reliably applied in ON?

Can FF models be adapted within the same province, country, ...?

Advantage: Model reuse/adaptation can save cost.

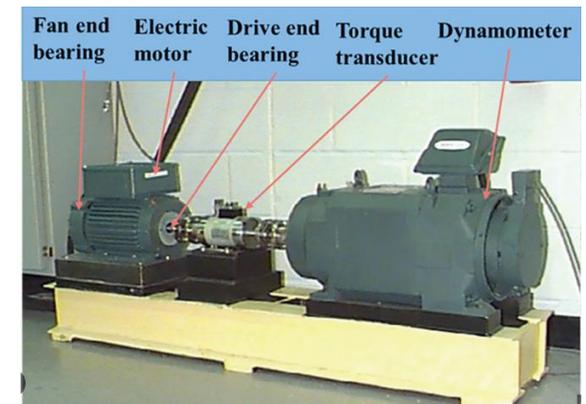


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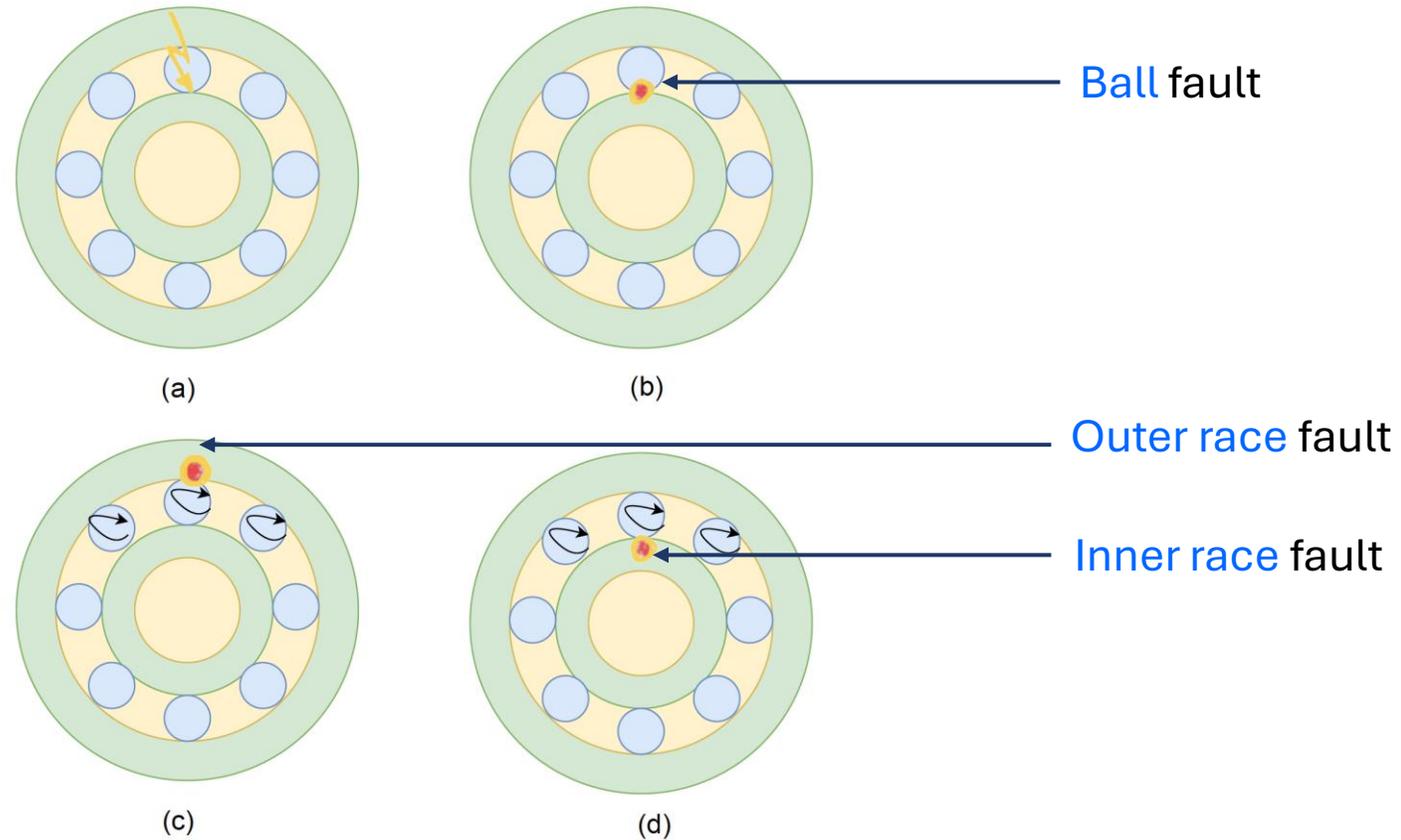
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Prognostics and Health Management (PHM) of Rotating Machinery

- **Rotating machinery** (Ex. motors) serve as the **backbone** of modern industrial infrastructure.
- **Continuous operations** under varying loads make the system **susceptible** to **mechanical degradations**:
 - shaft **misalignment**
 - rolling element bearing **failures**
- Those faults can escalate into **catastrophic system failure**: safety issues and economic losses.
- **(Motivation)** There is a need for PHM frameworks for **early detection and accurate diagnosis** of faults to facilitate **condition-based maintenance**.

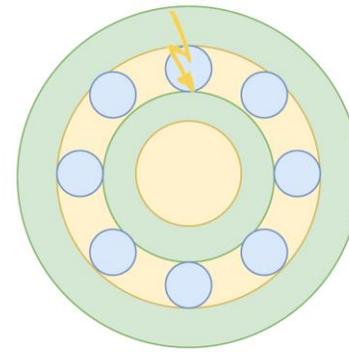


Fault Types

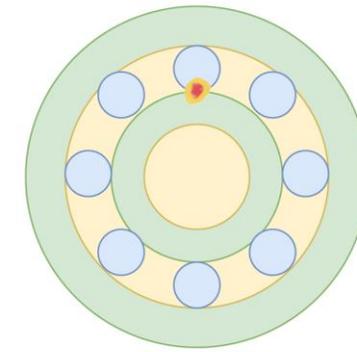


Fault Types and Intensity

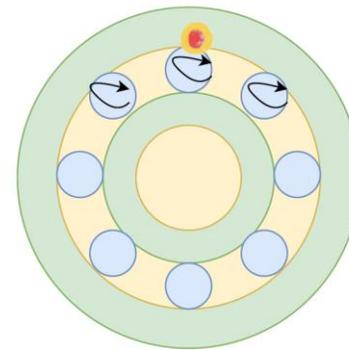
Fault Type	Fault Diameter (Unit: inches) (Severity of faults)
Ball Fault (Fig. b)	0.007
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Ball Fault (Fig. b)	0.021
Inner Race Fault (Fig. d)	0.007
Inner Race Fault (Fig. d)	0.014
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Outer Race Fault (Fig. c)	0.007
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Normal (Fault-free)	0.0



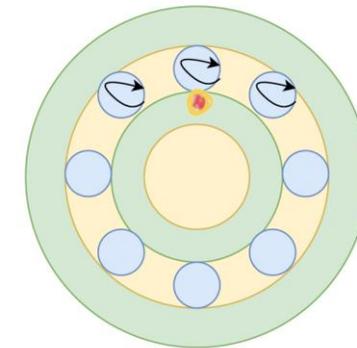
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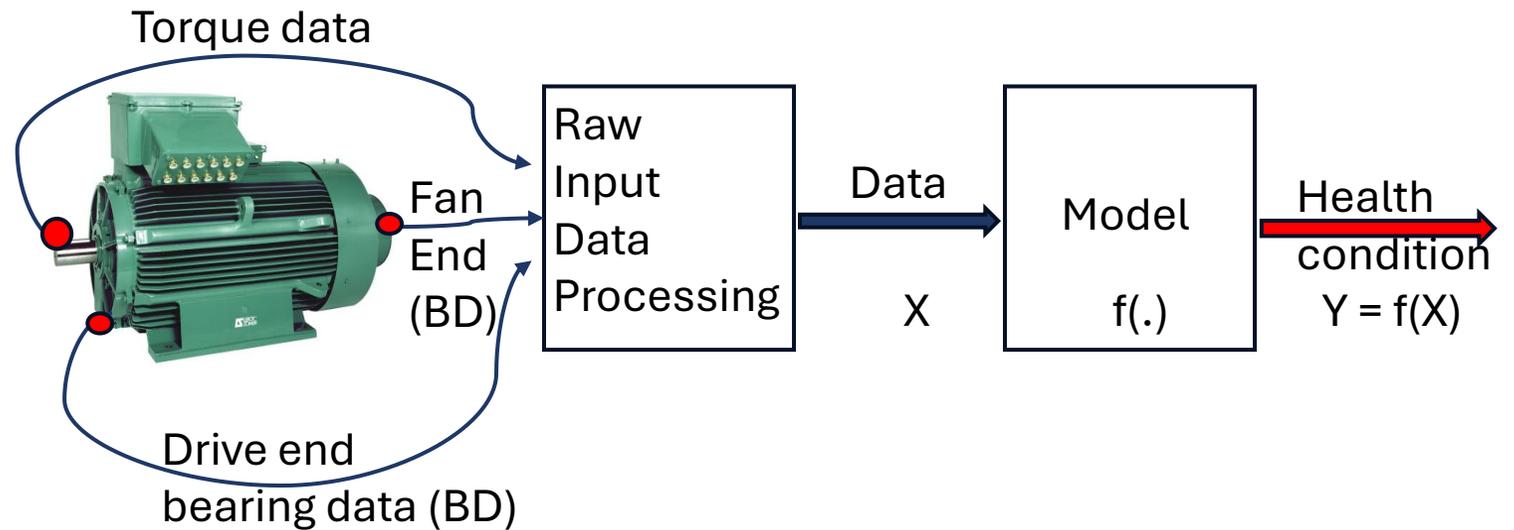
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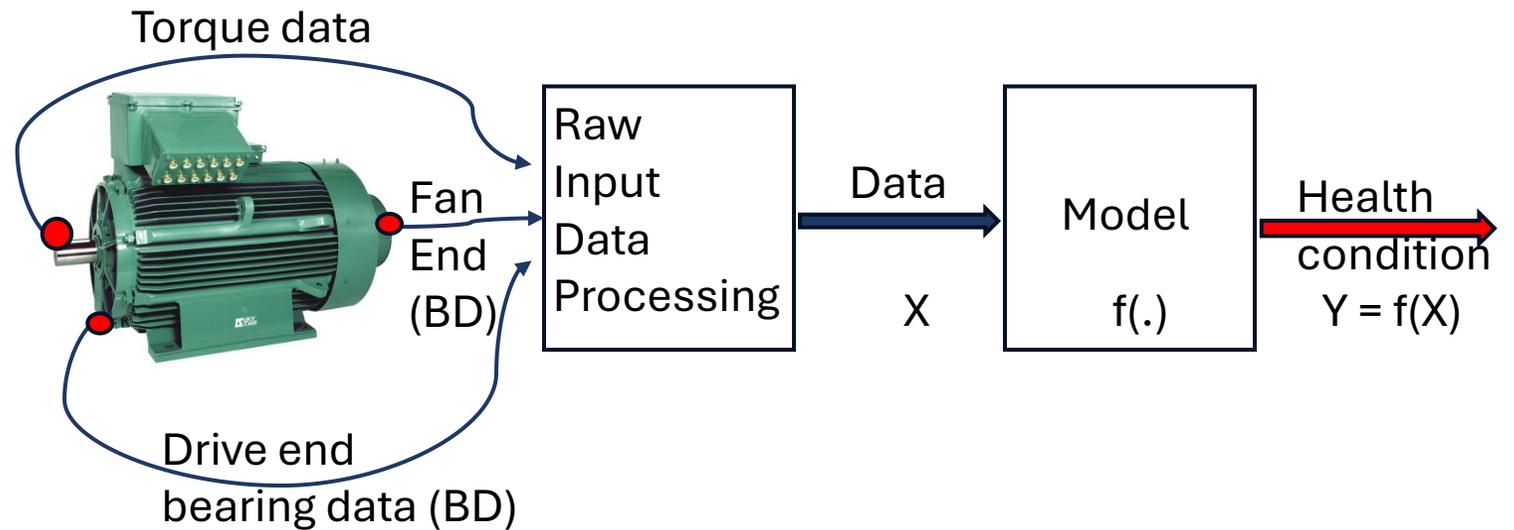
- **A simple PHM system: training, validation, and testing have not been shown.**



Prognostics and Health Management (PHM) of Rotating Machinery

- **Identify two key concepts**

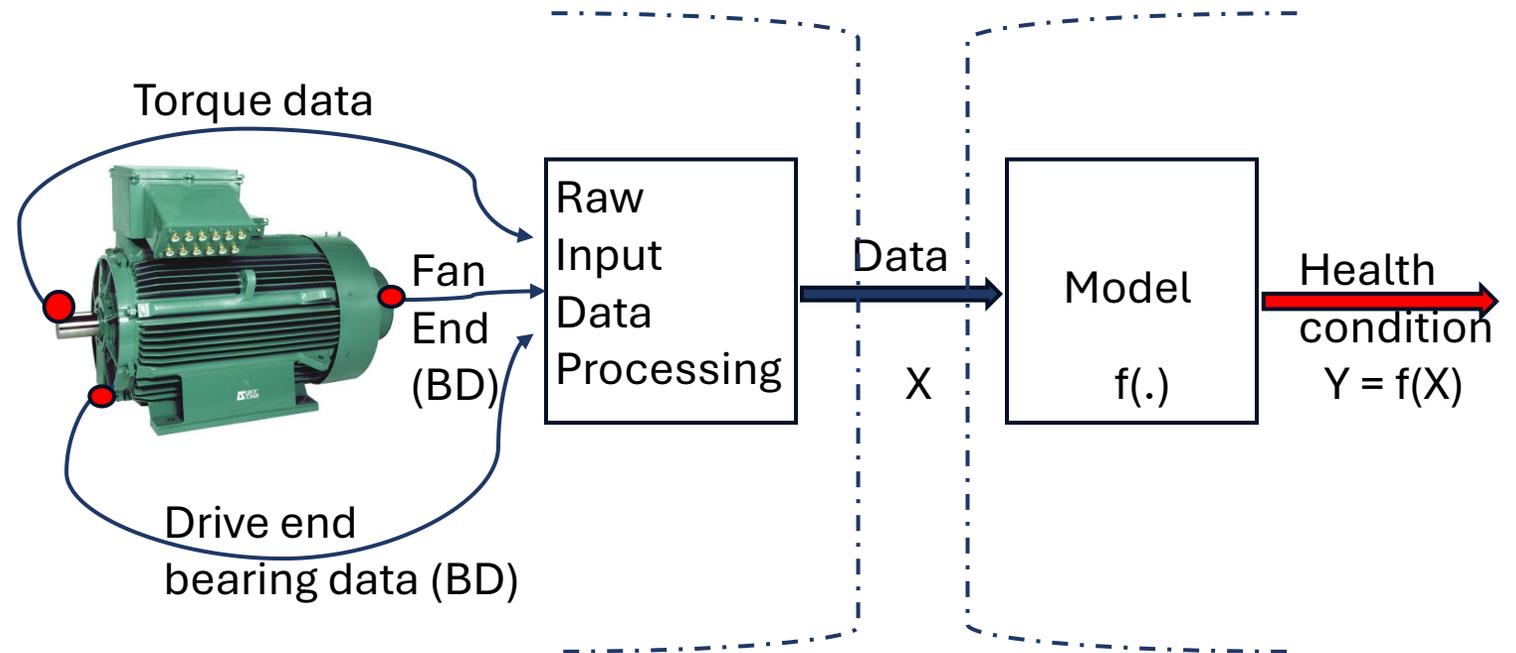
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- Task (T)



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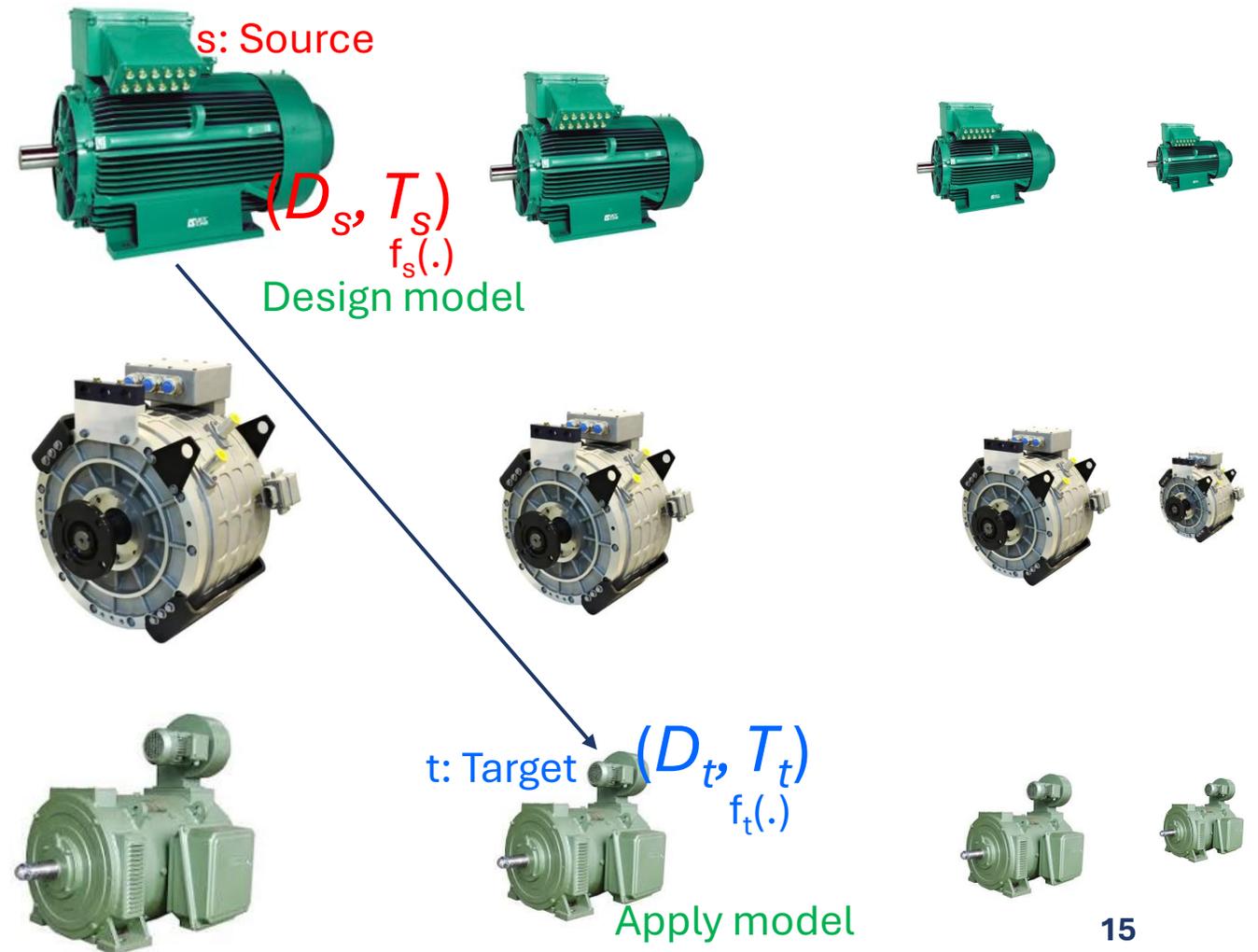


Problem Definition: Transfer Learning

- Given a
 - source domain $D_s = \{\chi_s, P(X_s)\}$ associated with a source task $T_s = \{\mathcal{Y}_s, f_s(\cdot)\}$ and a target domain $D_t = \{\chi_t, P(X_t)\}$ associated with a target task $T_t = \{\mathcal{Y}_t, f_t(\cdot)\}$
- the goal of transfer learning is to leverage the knowledge learned from (D_s, T_s) to assist the learning of the target predictive function $f_t(\cdot)$ to minimize the error on D_t , where $D_s \neq D_t$ or $T_s \neq T_t$.
- $D_s \neq D_t$ suggests that either $\chi_s \neq \chi_t$ or $P(X_s) \neq P(X_t)$.
- $T_s \neq T_t$ suggests that either $\mathcal{Y}_s \neq \mathcal{Y}_t$ or $f_s(\cdot) \neq f_t(\cdot)$.

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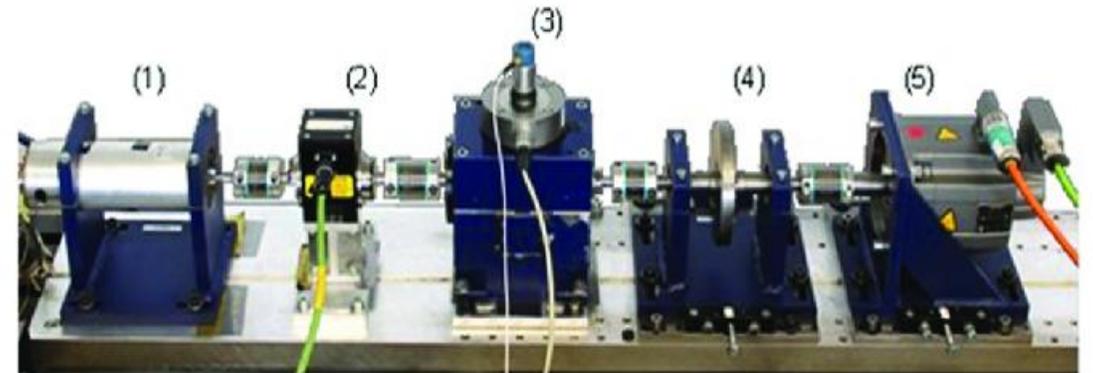
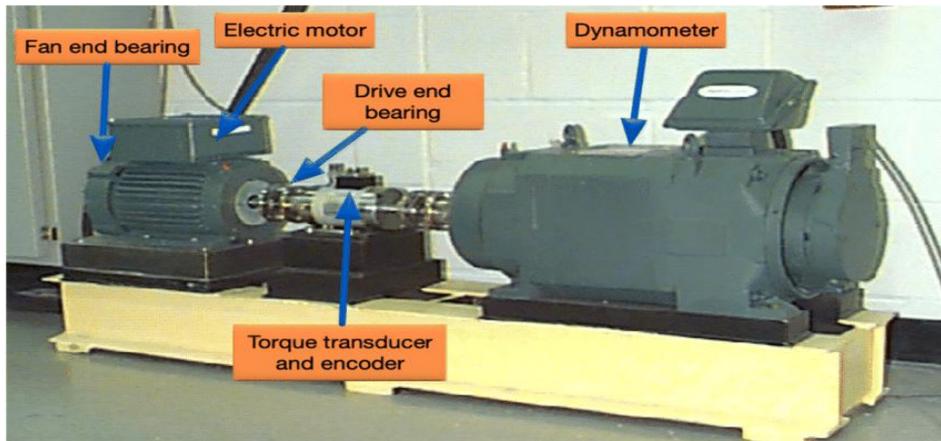


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Two systems and two data sets

- Case Western Res U. (CWRU) Dataset: **D1**
 - **Faults:** seeded in drive end bearing
 - **Fault diameters:** 0.007", 0.014", 0.021" (0.18-0.54 mm)
 - **Fault classes (9)** : Ball, inner race, outer race (x 3)
 - **Data sampling rates:** 12 K, 48 K Samples/Sec
 - **Load conditions:** 0, 1, 2, 3 HP
- Paderborn Univ. (PU) Dataset: **D2**
 - **Faults:** induced in test module bearing
 - **Fault diameters:** 1-2 mm, 0.25 mm
 - **Fault classes (2):** inner race, outer race
 - **Data sampling rates:** 64 K
 - **Load conditions:** 900 RPM rotational speed, 0.7 NM Torque, 1000 N radian force (0.088 HP)



(1)An electric motor, (2) a torque-measurement shaft, (3) a rolling bearing 652 test module, (4) a flywheel, and (5) a load motor.

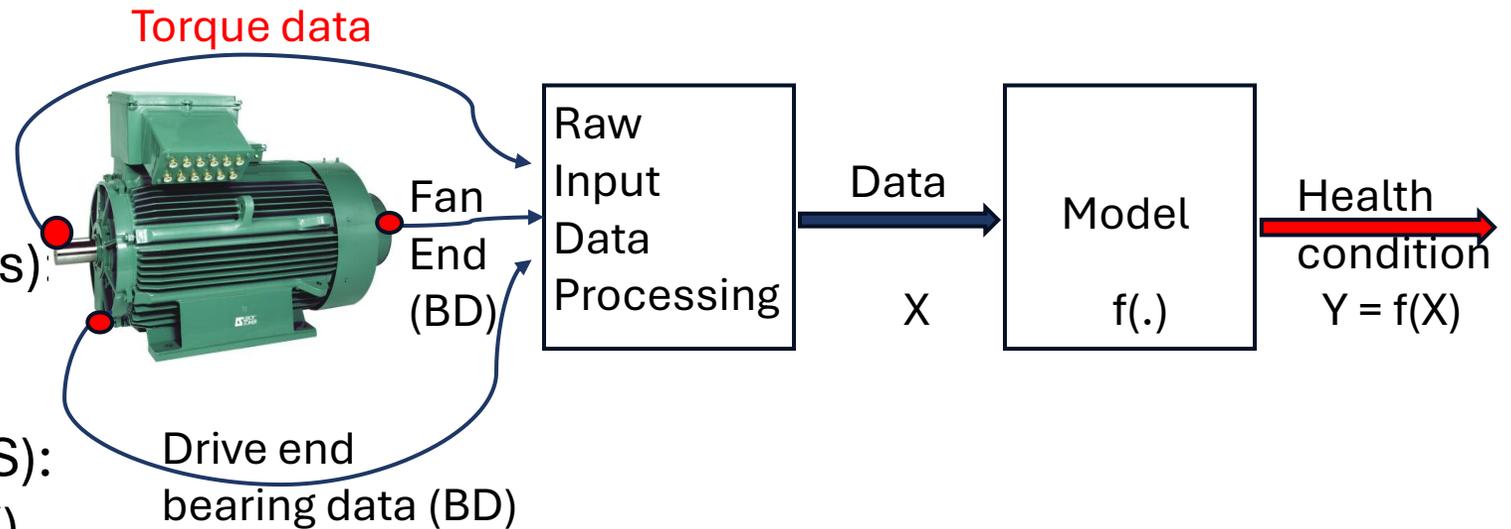
Even simple cases are challenging ...

- Notation: Dx_{Fy}C_z

- Dx: Different Machines (motors):
D1, D2

- Fy: Sampling Frequencies (SPS):
(F1 = **12 K**, F2 = **48 K**, F3 = **64 K**)

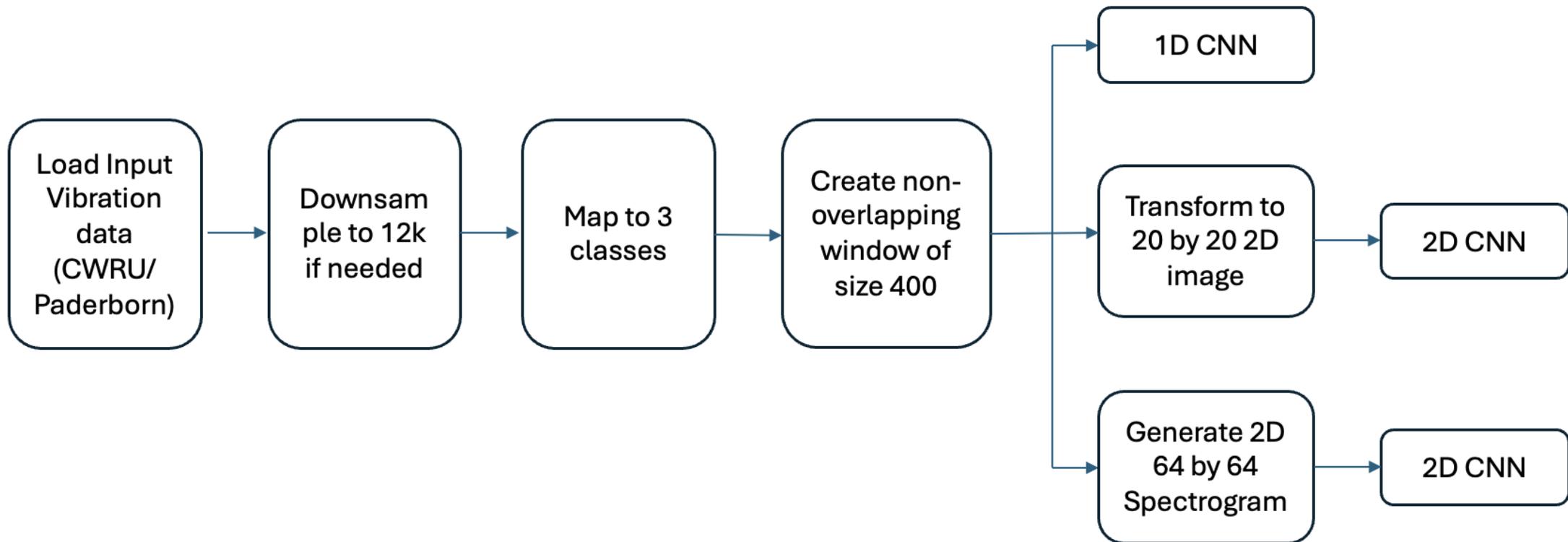
- Cz: Load Conditions:
(C1 = **2 HP**, C2 = **0 HP**, C3 = **1 HP**,
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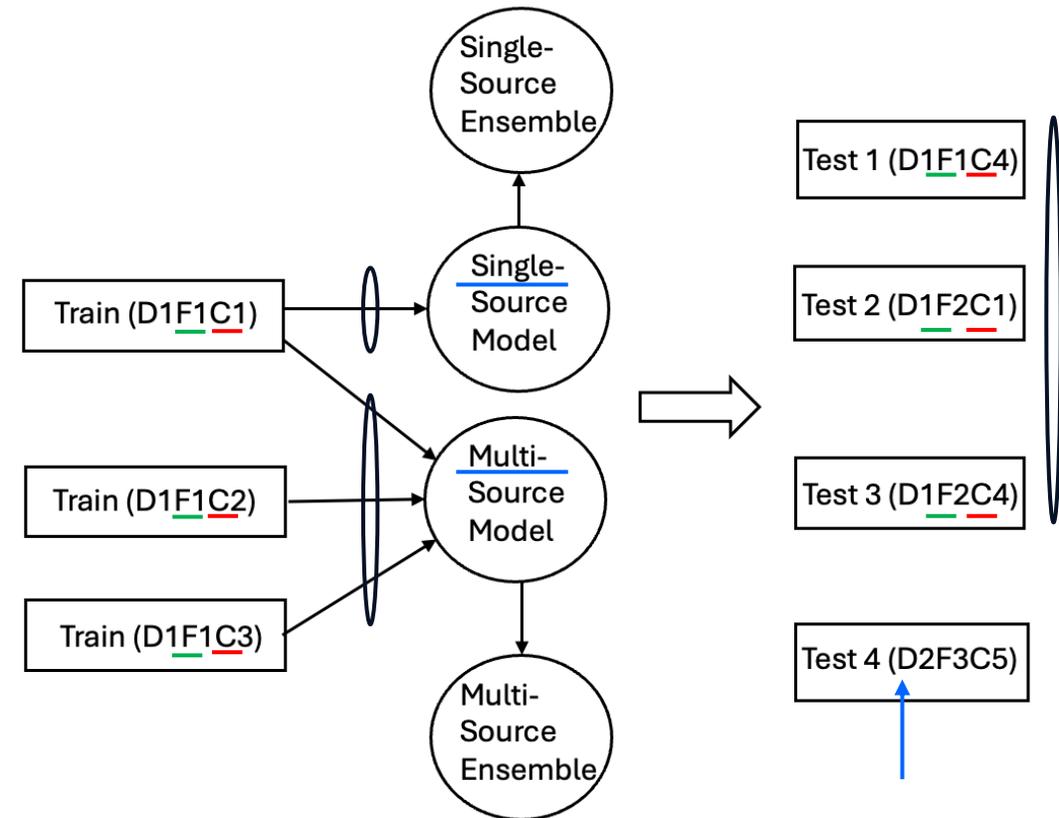
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Flowchart of experimental pipeline



Schematic of exp. design for domain generalization



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- **Cz:** Load Condition: (C1 = **2 HP**, C2 = **0 HP**, C3 = **1 HP**, C4 = **3 HP**, C5 = **0.09 HP**)

Training Data 2 Types of Models 4 Types of Tests

Results: Single-source Training

Accuracy (for 3 types of modeling)

Test Scenario	1D CNN	2D CNN (Time Series)	2D CNN (Spectrogram)
Test 1	99.35	99.23	98.18
Test 2	80.53	83.28	81.12
Test 3	75.01	78.63	79.77
Test 4	33.33	33.39	15.67

F1-Score (for 3 types of modeling)

Test Scenario	1D CNN	2D (Time Series)	2D (Spectrogram)
Test 1	99.35	99.23	98.19
Test 2	79.79	82.74	80.76
Test 3	73.53	78.13	79.25
Test 4	16.67	16.80	09.82

High level meanings of the 4 tests

Test 1: Unseen Load (D1F1C4)
Test 2: Frequency Shift (D1F2C1)
Test 3: Freq. + Load Shift (D1F2C4)
Test 4: Cross-Machine (D2F3C5)

(F1 = 12K, F2 = 48 K, F3 = 64 K)

(C1 = 2 HP, C2 = 0 HP, C3 = 1 HP, C4 = 3 HP, C5 = 0.09 HP (PU))

Results: Multi-source Training

Accuracy (for 3 types of modeling)

Test Scenario	1D CNN	2D CNN (Time Series)	2D CNN (Spectrogram)
Test 1	99.34	99.34	97.15
Test 2	78.03	80.63	82.47
Test 3	73.79	75.74	80.07
Test 4	33.33	33.56	11.89

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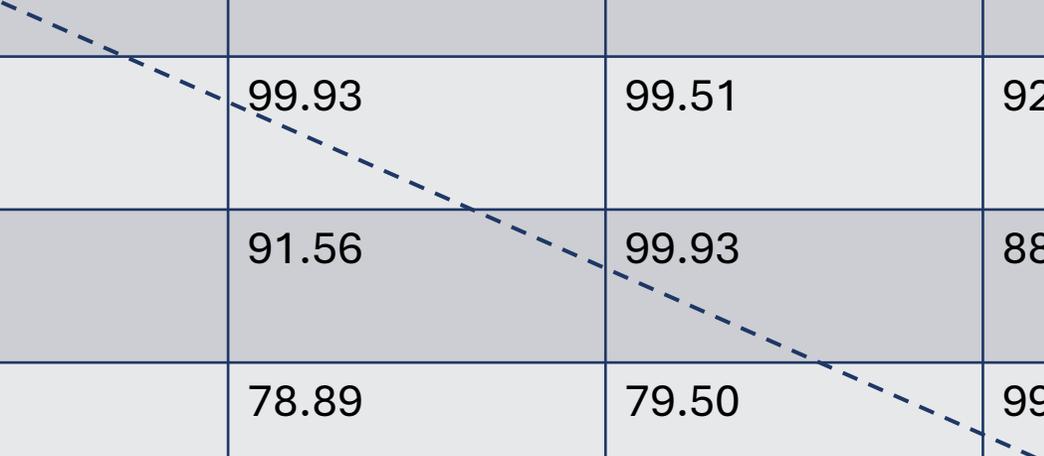
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Test 1	99.34	99.35	97.14
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(Same system) Cross-load generalization accuracy [CWRU, Sampling freq.: 12 K]

Train load	Test 0 HP	Test 1 HP	Test 2 HP	Test 3 HP
0 HP	99.93	87.89	87.98	72.84
1 HP	88.31	99.93	99.51	92.08
2 HP	83.87	91.56	99.93	88.36
3 HP	75.07	78.89	79.50	99.91



Cross-domain generalization from CWRU Paderborn; All sampling rates: 12 K

CWRU: Train load	Paderborn: Testing Accuracy (Torque 0.7 NM, 1500 RPM: 0.147 HP)	Paderborn: Testing Accuracy (Torque 0.1 NM, 1500 RPM: 0.021 HP)
0 HP	39.58	33.33
1 HP	33.26	33.33
2 HP	24.34	21.94
3 HP	33.26	33.89

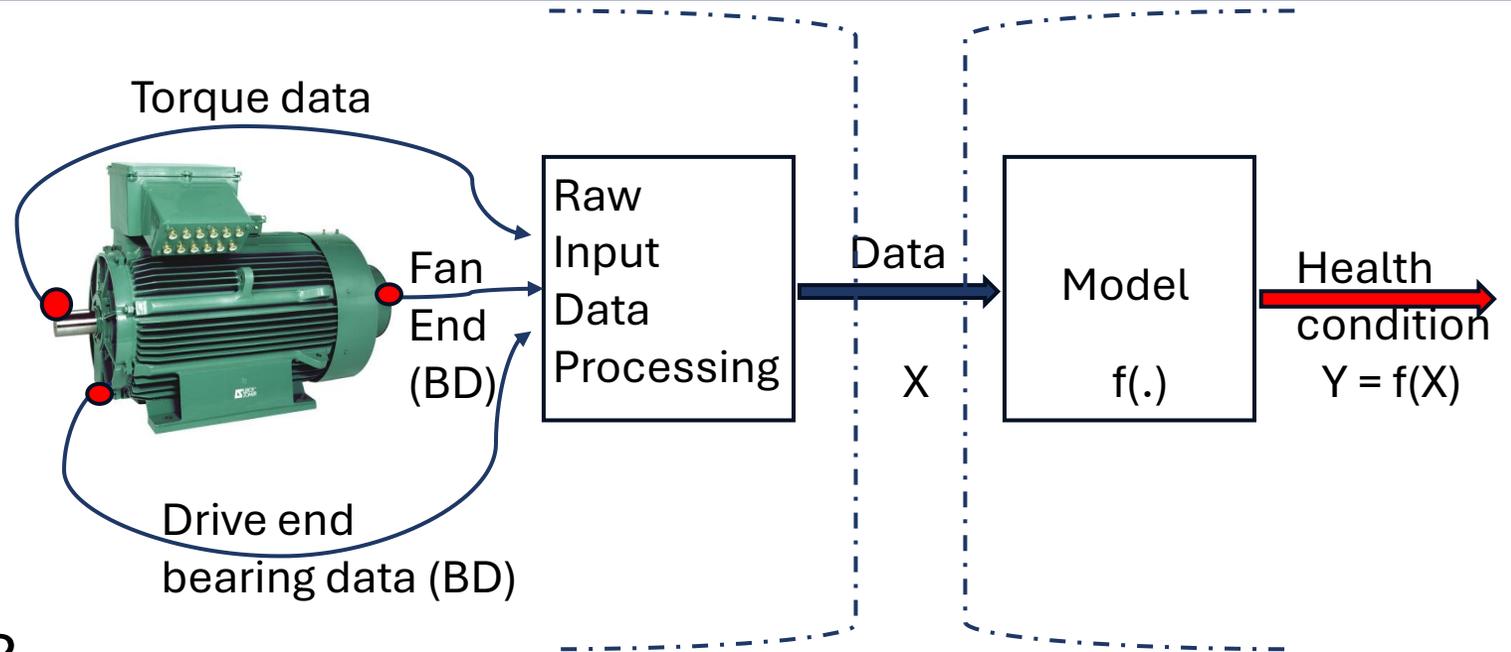
Power in Watts = Torque x Rotation (radians/sec); HP = Watts/746

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Challenges in domain adaptation

- Changes in operating conditions cause changes in test results even for the **same** domain (system).
- Are the definitions of Domain and Task **correct** and **complete**?
- Should we apply the notion of **equality** or **similarity** in comparing domains and tasks?
- While interpreting test results, should we have an **understanding** of the **similarity** between the two systems?



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Future Work

- Revisit and finetune: **Domain** $D = \{\chi, P(X)\}$
- Investigate the concept of domain **similarity/ difference**.
- Visualize the concept of domain similarity/difference.
- Track the **changes in internal features** in a domain as **training and testing** happen through multiples stages of model generation.
- **Goal:** Know when domain adaptation is **feasible**.

Thank you!

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