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Dear Editor:

Enclosed please find a manuscript entitled "A Neural Network-Evolutionary Computational Framework for Remaining Useful Life Estimation of Mechanical Systems" by my students David Laredo, Zhaoyin Chen, my colleague Dr. Oliver Schütze and myself. We would like to submit it to *IEEE Transactions on Industrial Informatics* for publication consideration as a regular paper. We have not published this paper elsewhere before.

Thank you for handling the paper.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Sun", written in a cursive style.

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