

# Acoustic Features and Autoencoders for Fault Detection in Rotating Machines: A Case Study

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# Outline

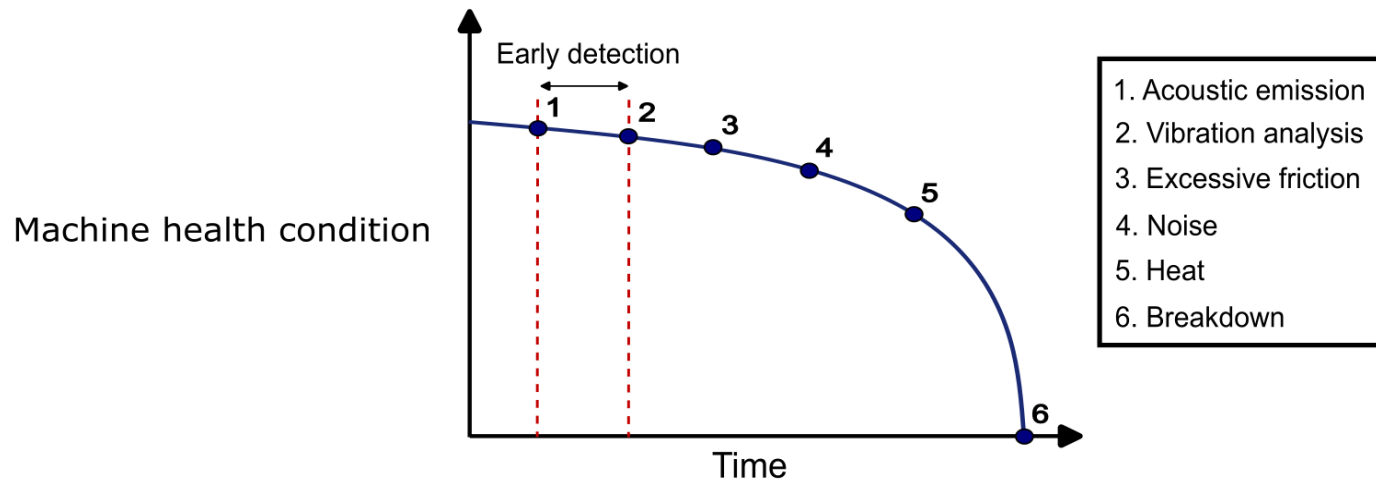
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# Motivation

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- Electric motors are ubiquitous in industrial processes
- Machinery faults might result in human and economic harm



- Preventive maintenance and early fault detection

Figure adapted from: Saufi, S.R. et al.: Challenges and Opportunities of Deep Learning Models for Machinery Fault Detection and Diagnosis: A Review. IEEE Access 7, 122644–122662 (2019).

# Motivation

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- Obtaining labeled data is challenging
  - Determination of every possible failure type
  - Different operational environments
- Autoencoders for Machine Fault Detection (MFD)
  - Unsupervised (only normal operation data required)
  - Only acoustic data is considered (early detection)

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# Case Study

**MaFaulDa**

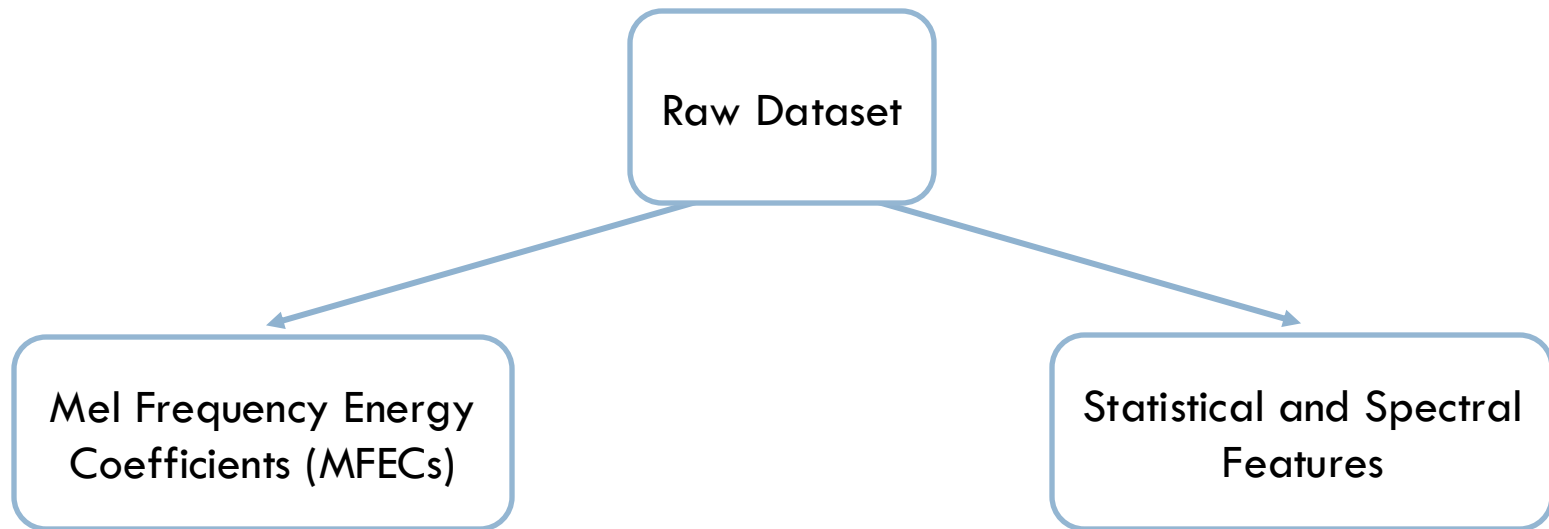
# MaFaulDa: Machinery Fault Database

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- 1,951 multivariate time-series (50KHz)
  - 49 under normal operation condition
  - 1,902 faulty scenarios (5 different types – merged as fault)
- Eight different sensors (time-series)
  - Six accelerometers
  - A tachometer
  - A microphone
- We consider classes "normal" and "fault" (merged)

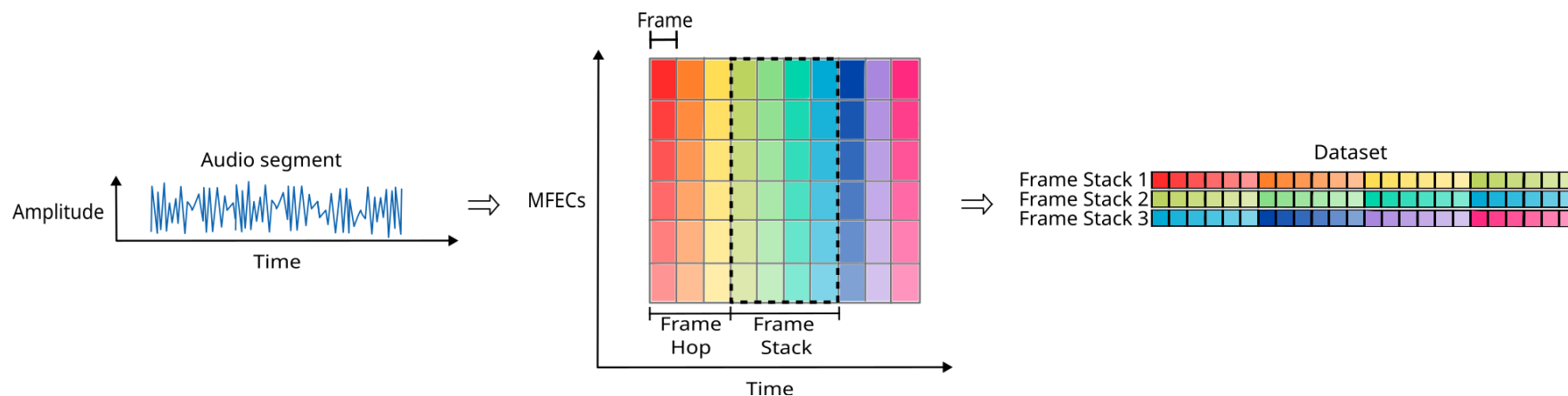
# Feature Extraction

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# Mel Frequency Energy Coefficients (MFECs)

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- In brief, application of FFT to windowed segments
- Window frames are stacked into resulting objects
- We also down-sampled the audio signal (3 subsamples)
- Final dataset with ~410k objects / 1,600 features
  - ~10k normal vs ~400k abnormal



# Statistical and Spectral Features

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- The "traditional" approach for feature extraction
- A total of 13 features are extracted for each series

root mean square; square root of the signal's amplitude; kurtosis value; kurtosis factor; skewness value; peak-to-peak value; crest factor; impulse factor; margin factor; shape factor; frequency center; root variance frequency and; rms frequency

- Previous work on MaFaulDa relied on these features

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- Two baseline feature sets from this extraction procedure
- Acoustic data sensor only – a single time-series (**B13**)
  - Final feature set with cardinality 13
- All data sensors – a total of eight time series (**B104**)
  - Final feature set with cardinality 104

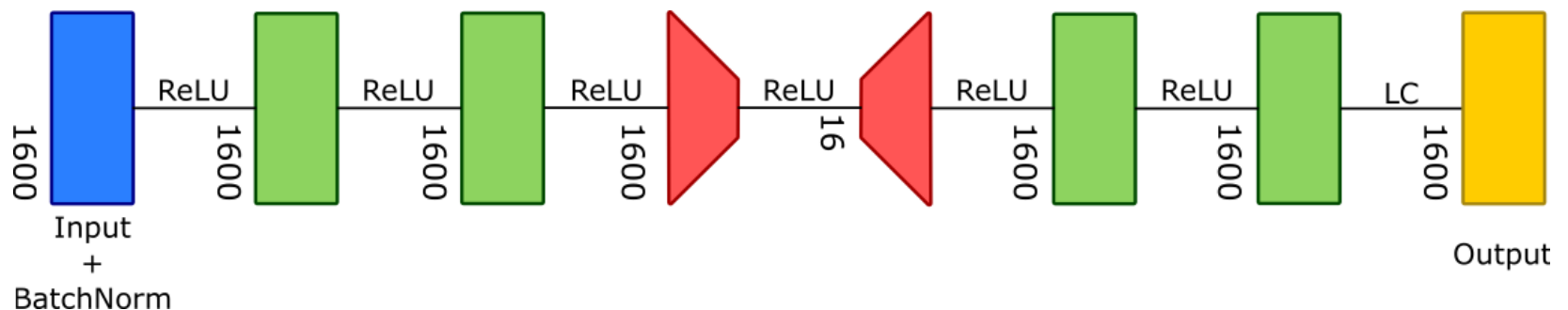
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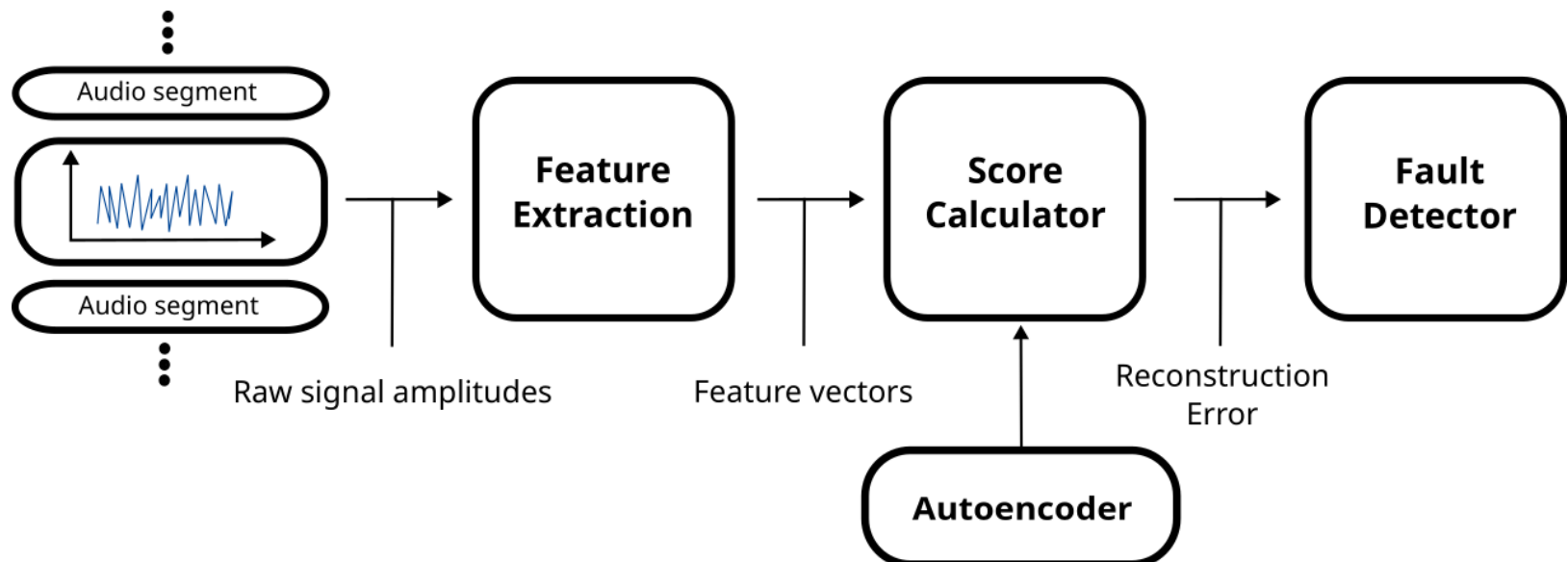
- After grid search on different parameters
  - Six internal layers
  - ReLu activation Function + Adam optimizer



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- Fault indicated if reconstruction error is *high enough*
  - Employed a validation set and resorted to Youden Index
- Four values considered for threshold
  - Min, Max, Mean, Median (as observed in validation set)



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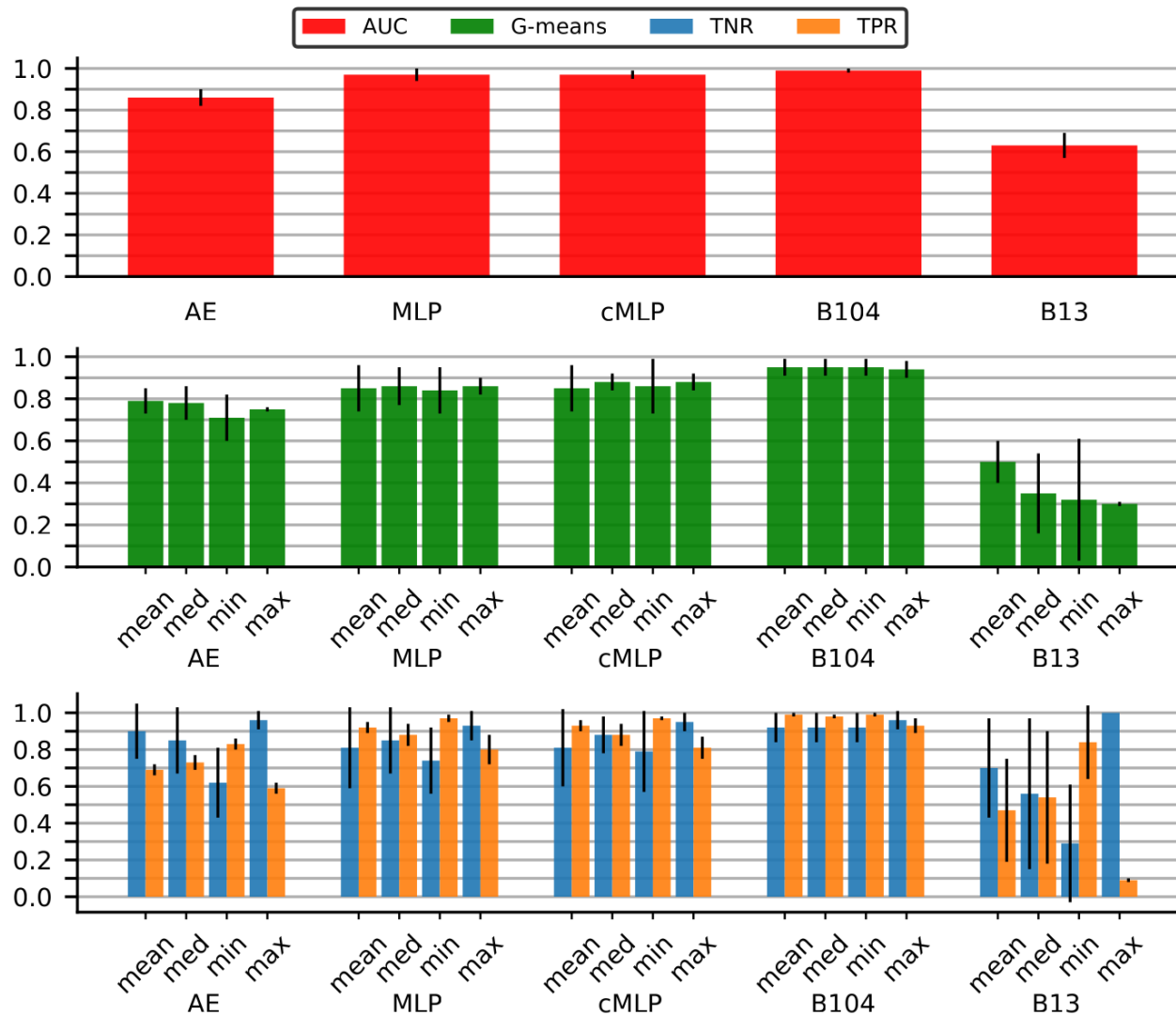
- We considered four baselines, all MLPs

B104	B13	MLP	cMLP
[104-Input]	[13-Input]	[1600-Input]	[1600-Input]
[BatchNorm]	[BatchNorm]	[BatchNorm]	[BatchNorm]
[104, 104, ReLU]	[13, 13, ReLU]	[1600, 1600, ReLU]	[1600, 16, ReLU]
[104, 104, ReLU]	[13, 13, ReLU]	[1600, 1600, ReLU]	[16, 1600, ReLU]
[104, 1, Sigmoid]	[13, 1, Sigmoid]	[1600, 1, Sigmoid]	[1600, 1, Sigmoid]

- Evaluations were performed considering
  - AUC, G-means, TPR and, TNR

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- Autoencoders provide promising results
  - No need for labeled data
- MLPs based on full feature set and MFECs
  - Good overall results, but need labeled data
- Statistical and Spectral Features
  - Poor results based only on acoustic features

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- Fault detection based on Autoencoders
  - Viable considering only acoustic data
- We plan to explore different flavors
  - Convolutional and Variational Autoencoders
- Explore models on open-set scenarios

Thanks for the attention

Questions?

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