

# Neural Networks based Speed-Torque Estimators for Induction Motors and Performance Metrics

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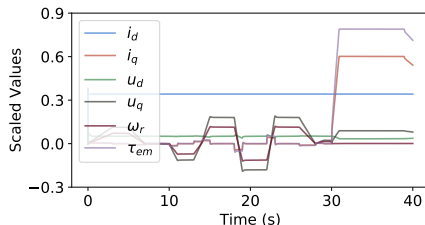
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Evaluating neural networks (NNs) used in induction motor use case using performance metrics.

- Physics for dynamics modeling.
- ML methods for control and fault detection.
- Large industrial sensor datasets.
- Performance metrics to evaluate NN.

# Problem Statement

*Estimating speed and torque from current and voltage of an induction motor using NNs.*



**Figure:** First 40 seconds of a simulated electrical motor operation.

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Model based controller requires modeling dynamics.

- Controller design with known parameters [*Nicklasson et al., 1997*].
- Controller design with uncertain parameters [*Marino et al., 1999*].
- State-space model of induction motor [*Jadot et al., 2009*].
- Analytical mechanics and energy consumption [*Jebai et al., 2014*].

# Neural Network based Modeling

Control and fault detection using NNs.

- NN fault classifiers [*Silva et al., 2013*].
- Currents and flux linkages coupling using RBF [*Ortombina et al., 2018*].
- Encoder-decoder learning input-output relationship [*Verma et al., 2020*].



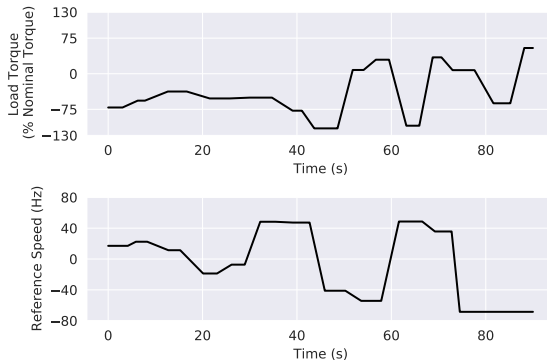
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# Reference Trajectory Generator

- Generate reference speed and torque load
- Real world operating scenarios
- Conditional Hidden Markov model
- Paramtereized operating conditions

# Reference Trajectory Generator



**Figure:** Generated reference speed and load torque trajectories.

# Nonlinear State-Space Motor Model

- Generate simulation data.
- Fifth-order nonlinear state space model [*Jadot et al., 2009*]
- Widely used in industrial paradigm.
- Explained in **Physical Modeling: A.**

# Standard Neural Networks

Three standard networks from [Verma *et al.*, 2020]

- Four layer Fully Connected Network (**FCN**)
- Two layer Long-Short Term Memory Network (**LSTM**)
- Four layer Convolutional Neural Network (**CNN**)

# Four layer Fully Connected Network (FCN)

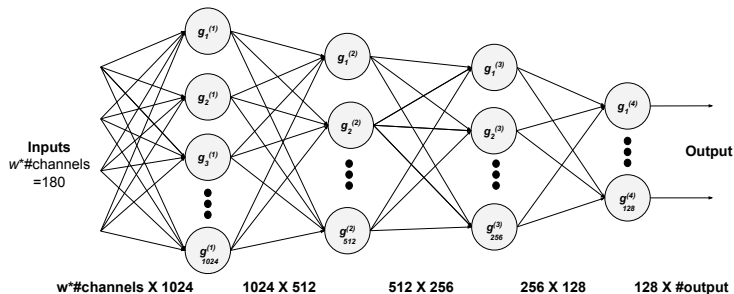


Figure: Fully Connected Network.

# Two layer Long-Short Term Memory Network (LSTM)

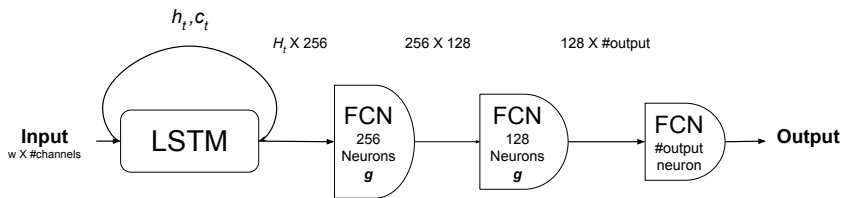


Figure: Long-Short Term Memory Network.

# Four layer Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)

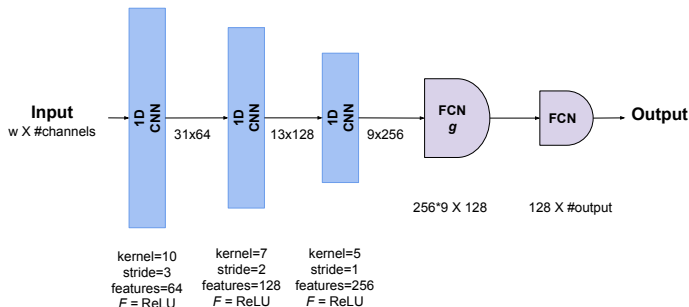


Figure: Convolutional Neural Network.



# Encoder-Decoder Networks

Proven performance gain in temporal signal modeling.

- Vanilla Encoder-Decoder (**Vanilla**)
- Encoder-Decoder with Skip Connections (**Skip**)
- Encoder-Decoder with Recurrent Skip Connections (**RNN**)
- Encoder-Decoder with Bidirectional Recurrent Skip Connections (**BiRNN**)
- Encoder-Decoder with Bidirectional Diagonalized Recurrent Skip Connections (**DiagBiRNN**)

# Vanilla Encoder-Decoder (Vanilla)

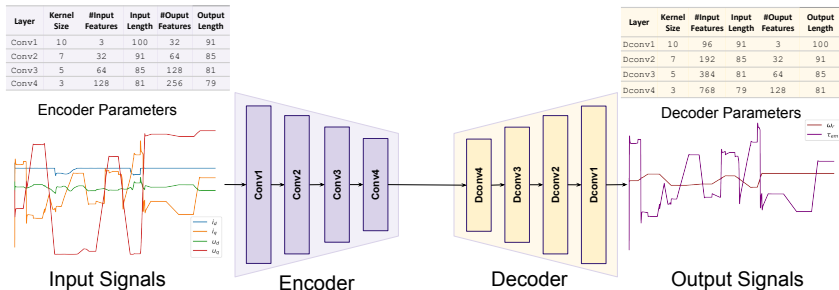


Figure: Vanilla

# Encoder-Decoder with Skip Connections (Skip)

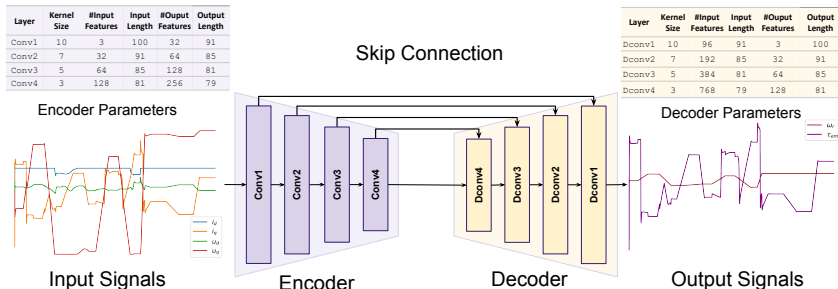


Figure: Skip Connections

# Encoder-Decoder with Recurrent Skip Connections (RNN)

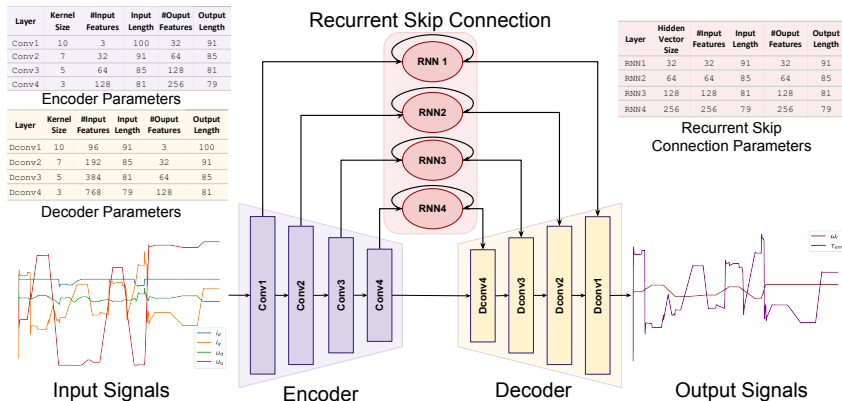


Figure: Recurrent Skip Connections

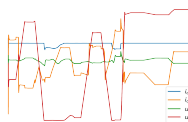
# Encoder-Decoder with Bidirectional Recurrent Skip Connections (BiRNN)

Layer	Kernel Size	#Input Features	Input Length	#Output Features	Output Length
Conv1	10	3	100	32	91
Conv2	7	32	91	64	85
Conv3	5	64	85	128	81
Conv4	3	128	81	256	79

Encoder Parameters

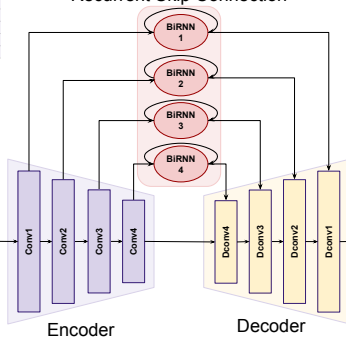
Layer	Kernel Size	#Input Features	Input Length	#Output Features	Output Length
Dconv1	10	96	91	3	100
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Dconv3	5	384	81	64	85
Dconv4	3	768	79	128	81

Decoder Parameters



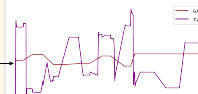
Input Signals

Recurrent Skip Connection



Layer	Hidden Vector Size	#Input Features	Input Length	#Output Features	Output Length
RNN1	32	32	91	64	91
RNN2	64	64	85	128	85
RNN3	128	128	81	256	81
RNN4	256	256	79	512	79

Recurrent Skip Connection Parameters  
All RNNs are bidirectional



Output Signals

Figure: Bidirectional Recurrent Skip Connections

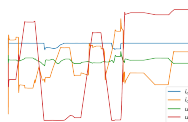
# Encoder-Decoder with Bidirectional Diagonalized Recurrent Skip Connections (DiagBiRNN)

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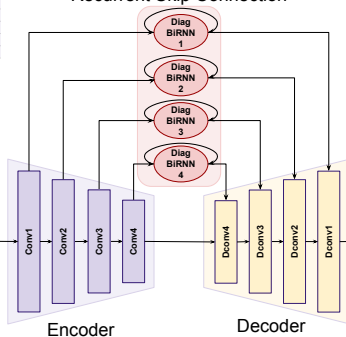
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**Figure:** Bidirectional Diagonalized Recurrent Skip Connections

# Machine Learning Metrics

Analyze neural network performance using ML metrics.

$$\text{MAE}(y, \hat{y}) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T |y_t - \hat{y}_t|$$

$$\text{SMAPE}(y, \hat{y}) = \frac{100}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{|\hat{y}_t - y_t|}{|\hat{y}_t| + |y_t|}$$

$$R^2(y, \hat{y}) = 1 - \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T (\hat{y}_t - \bar{y})^2}{\sum_{t=1}^T (y_t - \bar{y})^2}$$

where  $y_t$  is ground truth,  $\hat{y}_t$  is predicted output at time  $t$ , and  $T$  is total experiment duration.  $\bar{y}$  is mean of ground truth  $y$ .

# Performance Metrics

Electrical engineering (EE) performance metrics widely used in industrial settings.

- **2% response time ( $t_{2\%}$ )**
- **95% response time ( $t_{95\%}$ )**
- **Overshoot ( $D\%$ )**
- **Steady-state error ( $E_{ss}$ )**
- **Following error ( $E_{fol}$ )**
- **Maximum acceleration torque (for speed ramp only) ( $\Delta\tau_{max}$ )**
- **Speed drop (for torque ramp only) ( $SD$ )**



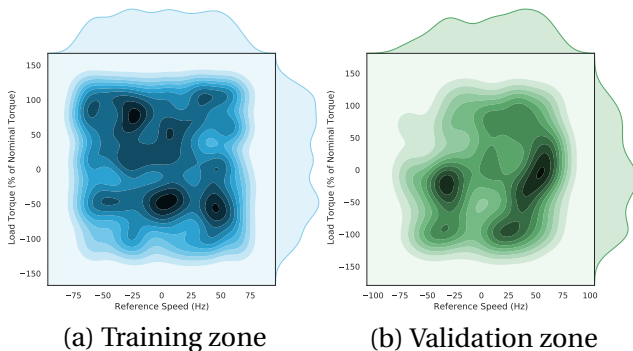
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# Training and Validation Dataset Generation

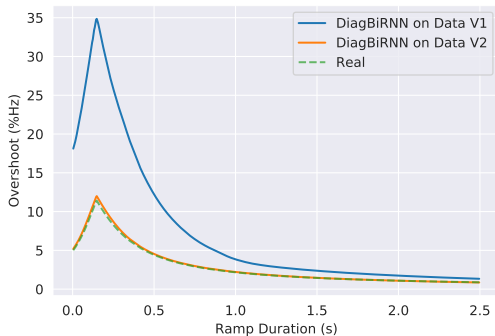
- **100** simulated speed and torque trajectories.
- State-space model to simulate.
- Different speed and torque ramps from exponential distribution.
- **4kW** induction motor at **4kHz**.
- **150 minutes** of training and **30 minutes** of validation.

# Training and Validation Dataset Generation



**Figure:** Density plots of torque vs speed plans showing training and validation separation.

# Ramps Distribution Matters



**Figure:** Overshoot vs. ramp. Bias in **Data V1** due to normal distribution. **Data V2** from exponential distribution.

Bench-marking NN methods using EE performance metrics.

- **Dynamic-Speed1:** 0 to 50Hz in 1s at no load.
- **Dynamic-Speed2:** 50 to -50Hz in 1s at 50% of nominal load.
- **Dynamic-Torque:** Load from 0 to 100% of nominal in 4ms at 25Hz.
- **Quasi-Static1:** No load, 70 to -70Hz in 50s.
- **Quasi-Static2:** 50% nominal load, 70 to -70Hz in 50s.

# Experimental Setup

- Ubuntu 18.04 OS, V100 GPU, and PyTorch.
- **Simulink** for state-space model.
- **100** time steps is the input size for all networks.
- Learning rate is **0.1** for standard and **0.001** for encoder-decoder.
- Total variation weighted mean square loss  $\mathcal{L}_{TV-MSE}$ .

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# Machine Learning Metrics Aggregated

Model	Speed ( $\omega_r$ )		Torque ( $\tau_{em}$ )	
	MAE	SMAPE	MAE	SMAPE
FCN	0.79	21.77%	0.57	48.66%
LSTM	0.11	18.76%	0.21	43.01%
CNN	0.06	19.14%	0.09	38.91%

**$R^2$  is 0.99 for all the networks for both quantities.**

**Table:** ML metrics for the predictions done on benchmark set using standard models.



# Machine Learning Metrics Aggregated

Model	Speed ( $\omega_r$ )		Torque ( $\tau_{em}$ )	
	MAE	SMAPE	MAE	SMAPE
Vanilla	0.05	18.94%	0.10	39.91%
Skip	0.08	19.08%	0.12	43.23%
RNN	0.06	19.31%	0.08	41.81%
BiRNN	0.05	<b>18.67%</b>	0.09	42.82%
DiagBiRNN	<b>0.03</b>	18.76%	<b>0.04</b>	<b>38.46%</b>

**$R^2$  is 0.99 for all the networks for both quantities.**

Table: ML metrics for the predictions done on benchmark set using the encoder-decoder variants.

# Performance Metrics on Dynamic Benchmarks

Model	$t_{2\%}$ (ms)	$t_{95\%}$ (ms)	$E_{fol}$ (Hz)	$D\%$ (%)	$E_{ss}$ (Hz)	$\Delta\tau_{max}$ ( $\% \tau_{nom}$ )
Real	48	960	-0.02	2.16	0.00	32.69
Vanilla	44	968	-0.08	2.62	0.02	32.37
Skip	48	952	0.12	3.04	0.01	32.46
RNN	48	952	-0.04	2.28	0.02	32.82
BiRNN	44	944	-0.11	2.29	0.01	32.67
DiagBiRNN	44	952	-0.01	2.21	0.03	32.67

**Table:** EE performance metrics obtained by encoder-decoder networks on Dynamic-Speed1 benchmark.

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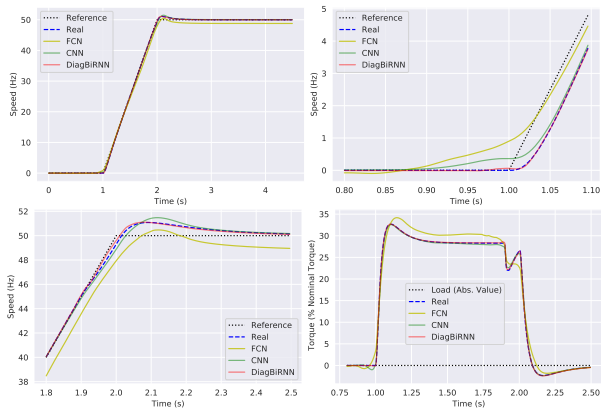


Figure: Results on Dynamic-Speed1 benchmark.

# Performance Metrics on Dynamic Benchmarks

Model	$t_{95\%}$ (ms)	$D\%$ (%)	$E_{ss}$ (% $\tau_{nom}$ )	$SD$ (Hz)
Real	244	15.96	0.00	4.39
Vanilla	244	15.46	0.04	3.88
Skip	244	15.90	-0.02	4.43
RNN	244	15.87	0.00	4.03
BiRNN	244	16.01	0.01	4.23
DiagBiRNN	244	15.91	-0.02	4.31

**Table:** EE performance metrics obtained by different models on Dynamic-Torque benchmark.

# Performance Metrics on Dynamic Benchmarks

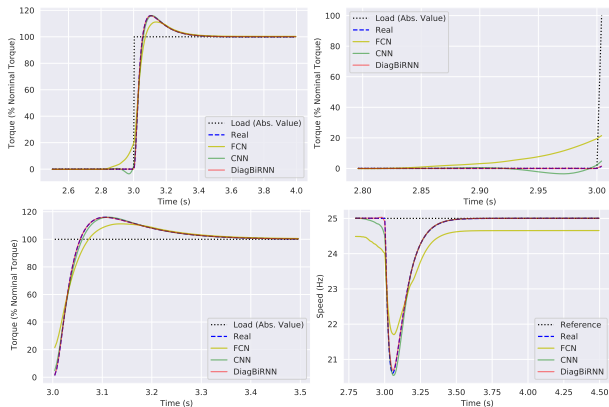
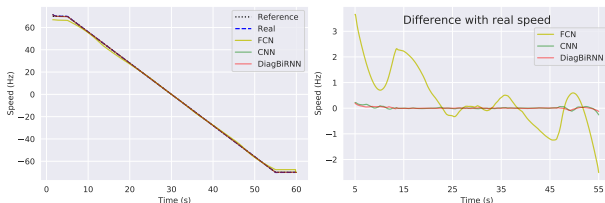


Figure: Results on Dynamic-Torque benchmark.

# Performance Metrics on Static Benchmarks

FCN	LSTM	CNN	Vanilla	Skip	RNN	BiRNN	DiagBiRNN
3.66	0.992	0.261	0.178	0.549	0.341	0.236	<b>0.198</b>

**Table:** Max absolute error (Hz) for Quasi-Static1 benchmark.



**Figure:** Results on Quasi-Static1 benchmark.

# Conclusion

- NNs for speed-torque estimation are not trivial.
- Special care in dataset generation and training procedure.
- ML metrics gives false sense performance gain.
- EE performance metrics are best suited for this kind of problems.

*Thanks!*

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**Figure:** Project page, code, and dataset.