Equipment Operation Status Evaluation System Based on Image Recognition Technology

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Abstract: In line with the thematic focus of Frontiers in Computer Science on the integration of cutting-edge computational technologies, this research addresses the critical need for reliable and scalable equipment operation status evaluation systems. Traditional approaches to fault detection, 6 primarily based on expert-driven rules or simple signal processing, are challenged by highdimensional data, operational variability, and limited labeled examples. These methods often fail in dynamic industrial environments where subtle temporal anomalies signal impending faults. To bridge this gap, we propose a robust evaluation system leveraging advanced image recognition and deep learning techniques. Our approach introduces a novel neural network architecture combining convolutional and bidirectional LSTM networks for hierarchical feature extraction and temporal pattern recognition. Additionally, a self-attention mechanism enhances interpretability by highlighting fault-indicative time steps. The system incorporates both supervised and unsupervised strategies, including reconstruction-based anomaly detection, ensuring adaptability across diverse operational conditions. Experimental validation demonstrates superior performance in detecting faults under noisy data and unseen scenarios, setting a new benchmark for intelligent maintenance systems. By unifying domain-specific preprocessing with innovative learning strategies, our system offers a scalable solution for next-generation equipment management.

Keywords: Fault Detection, Deep Learning, Temporal Analysis, Equipment Evaluation, Anomaly Detection.

Introduction

Accurate evaluation of equipment operation status is critical for ensuring industrial efficiency, reducing downtime, and preventing unexpected failures [1]. Traditional methods rely heavily on manual inspections and sensor-based diagnostics, which, while effective to some extent, can be labor intensive, time-consuming, and prone to human error. Image recognition technology, with its ability to analyze visual data, not only automates the evaluation process but also achieves higher accuracy and scalability [2]. The integration of advanced image recognition methods allows systems to monitor equipment conditions in real-time, identify subtle anomalies, and enhance decision-making in complex industrial environments [3]. This has sparked significant research interest, as it not only addresses inefficiencies in traditional approaches but also enables intelligent, automated systems with far-reaching applications across industries [4]. To address the limitations of manual and sensor-based evaluation methods, early research leveraged symbolic AI and knowledge representation. These methods depended on rule-based systems and expert-designed heuristics to analyze equipment images [5]. For example, pre-defined templates and geometric pattern matching were used to detect wear and tear or identify malfunctions. While these approaches laid the foundation for automated visual inspection, they were heavily reliant on domain expertise and suffered from poor adaptability to new scenarios or equipment variations [6]. Furthermore, the computational complexity of these systems made real-time evaluation challenging, limiting their practical application in dynamic environments [7]. With the advent of data-driven approaches and machine learning techniques, researchers began to explore statistical models and pattern recognition algorithms for equipment evaluation. These methods utilized labeled datasets to train classifiers for detecting faults or abnormal

conditions. Machine learning algorithms such as support vector machines (SVM) and random forests significantly improved adaptability compared to rule-based systems [8]. However, they still relied on handcrafted feature extraction, requiring domain experts to manually identify relevant visual characteristics. This dependency on feature engineering constrained the scalability of machine learning approaches, particularly in handling diverse and complex equipment types [9]. The rapid progress in deep learning and the emergence of pre-trained models revolutionized the field of image recognition, enabling breakthroughs in equipment status evaluation [10]. Convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and transfer learning techniques allowed systems to automatically extract hierarchical features from images, eliminating the need for manual feature engineering. Pre-trained models such as ResNet and Vision Transformers (ViTs) brought significant improvements in accuracy and generalization [11]. These models demonstrated remarkable capabilities in anomaly detection, component wear analysis, and operational status classification, even in noisy or low-quality image data [12]. Despite their advantages, deep learning models often demand substantial computational resources and large datasets, which can pose challenges for deployment in resource-constrained environments or scenarios with limited labeled data [13]. Building upon the limitations of traditional methods, machine learning, and even stateof-the-art deep learning techniques, we propose a novel evaluation system tailored for equipment operation status. Our approach addresses the scalability, efficiency, and deployment challenges of previous methods, integrating advanced image recognition techniques with domain-specific optimizations to achieve superior performance across diverse industrial scenarios.

- Our method incorporates a hybrid architecture combining attention mechanisms and lightweight neural networks for efficient feature extraction and interpretation, ensuring robustness even in low-resource settings.
- The proposed system is designed for multi-scenario adaptability, enabling accurate evaluation across diverse industrial environments with high computational efficiency and ease of integration.
- Extensive experiments demonstrate our system's superior accuracy and real-time performance, achieving a 20.

Related Work

Image-Based Fault Detection

Image recognition technology has been extensively applied in the domain of fault detection for industrial equipment [14]. Techniques such as convolutional neural networks (CNNs) have demonstrated high accuracy in identifying anomalies from visual data. These methods leverage the hierarchical feature extraction capabilities of CNNs, enabling the identification of patterns such as surface wear, cracks, or deformation that are indicative of potential faults [15]. The transition from classical methods relying on handcrafted features, such as edge detection and texture analysis, to deep learning approaches has marked a significant milestone in this field. Handcrafted features often required domain expertise and extensive experimentation to optimize, whereas deep learning enables automated discovery of complex and non-linear relationships within the data [16]. Recent studies have explored the integration of temporal information with static image data to enhance fault detection accuracy, particularly in dynamic systems [17]. Combining CNNs for spatial feature extraction with recurrent neural networks (RNNs) for temporal modeling has proven effective in capturing patterns across sequences of images. Variants of RNNs, such as long short-term memory (LSTM) networks and gated recurrent units (GRUs), have been widely adopted due to their ability to mitigate vanishing gradient issues and model long-term dependencies. These hybrid models are particularly advantageous in applications such as rotating machinery monitoring, where subtle temporal changes in image sequences may indicate early-stage faults. Transfer learning has emerged as a transformative approach, allowing models pre-trained on large87 scale datasets such as ImageNet to be fine-tuned for domain-specific applications with minimal labeled data [18]. This reduces the computational overhead associated with training deep networks from scratch and enables faster deployment of fault detection solutions in industrial environments. Despite these advancements, several challenges persist. For example, environmental variability, such as changes in lighting conditions, occlusions caused by surrounding machinery, and operational noise, can significantly impact the robustness of image-based fault detection systems [19]. Addressing these challenges requires ongoing research into techniques such as data augmentation, adaptive learning algorithms, and the incorporation of domain knowledge into model architectures

Real-Time Monitoring Systems

The development of real-time monitoring systems using image recognition technology has emerged as a critical direction in ensuring the operational safety and efficiency of equipment [20]. These systems must deliver actionable insights within milliseconds, necessitating advancements in both hardware and software. High-speed image acquisition technologies, coupled with efficient preprocessing and inference pipelines, are fundamental to these systems [21]. Lightweight neural network architectures, such as MobileNet, EfficientNet, and ShuffleNet, have gained prominence due to their ability to achieve high accuracy with reduced computational requirements. These models are particularly suited for deployment on edge devices, enabling localized processing and reducing reliance on high-latency cloud-based analytics [22]. In addition to model optimization, advancements in data acquisition technology have played a pivotal role in improving real-time monitoring capabilities. Modern camera systems equipped with multi-spectral imaging and infrared sensors offer a broader spectrum of data, making it possible to detect faults that are not visible in standard RGB images [23]. Such systems enhance robustness in challenging environments, including those with poor lighting, high temperatures, or the presence of dust and other contaminants. Integration with Internet of Things (IoT) platforms has further amplified the utility of real-time monitoring systems. These platforms facilitate seamless communication between edge devices, cloud infrastructure, and centralized control systems, enabling holistic monitoring and rapid decisionmaking. Despite these advances, scaling real1 time systems across complex industrial environments introduces challenges related to latency, bandwidth, and reliability [24]. Solutions such as edge computing, where a significant portion of data processing occurs locally, and 5G connectivity are being explored to address these challenges. Furthermore, the development of fault-tolerant and self-healing systems is critical to ensure uninterrupted operation in the event of hardware or software failures.

Data Annotation and Synthetic Data

High-quality labeled datasets are essential for training and evaluating image recognition systems, particularly in industrial applications where faults are rare and operational anomalies occur infrequently Li et al. (2021) [25]. The process of manual annotation is not only time-consuming but also requires specialized knowledge to accurately identify and label faults. To mitigate these challenges, the use of synthetic data generation has become increasingly popular [26]. Synthetic data can be generated using techniques such as generative adversarial networks (GANs), which create realistic images of equipment under various operational conditions. Additionally, domain randomization methods introduce variations in lighting, texture, and geometry to enhance the generalization capability of models trained on synthetic datasets [27]. Beyond synthetic data, semisupervised and unsupervised learning approaches have gained traction in recent years [28]. Semi-supervised learning leverages small amounts of labeled data alongside large volumes of unlabeled data, while unsupervised methods exploit the underlying structure of data to learn useful representations. Self-supervised learning paradigms, where models are trained on pretext tasks such as image reconstruction, rotation prediction, or contrastive learning, have shown significant potential in improving feature representation and reducing dependency on labeled datasets. These approaches are particularly beneficial in scenarios where acquiring labeled data is prohibitively expensive or impractical. Active learning frameworks have also been developed to optimize the annotation process. By strategically selecting the most informative samples for labeling, these frameworks minimize the effort required for annotation while maximizing the performance of trained models [29]. Despite these advancements, several challenges remain. Ensuring the fidelity and realism of synthetic data is critical, as inaccuracies or artifacts can adversely affect model performance. Similarly, biases introduced during manual annotation or synthetic data generation can propagate through the system, leading to skewed results or unreliable predictions. Addressing these issues requires the development of rigorous validation protocols and techniques to mitigate biases in the data pipeline.

Method

Overview

The detection of equipment faults is critical in ensuring system reliability, safety, and efficiency across various industries. Traditional fault detection methods have often relied on expert-defined rules or basic signal processing techniques. While effective in controlled conditions, these approaches face significant challenges when applied to complex systems with high variability in operational conditions. Recent advancements in machine learning and deep learning have opened new avenues for developing robust and adaptive fault detection systems. In this section, we outline our approach to equipment fault detection, which leverages advanced neural network architectures and innovative strategies to address the limitations of existing methods. We organize the discussion as follows:

We introduce the necessary background and foundational concepts in Section 3.2, where we formalize the fault detection problem in mathematical terms. This section lays the groundwork for understanding how our approach differs from traditional methods by focusing on feature abstraction, temporal dynamics, and operational heterogeneity. In Section 3.3, we present our novel model architecture, referred to as, designed to extract and process high-dimensional data with hierarchical structures. This model incorporates unique mechanisms to enhance interpretability and localization of fault-related patterns, building on inspirations from related works in computer vision and time-series analysis. In Section 3.4, we elaborate on our innovative detection strategy, which integrates domain-specific knowledge into the learning process. This strategy not only improves detection accuracy but also enables the model to generalize across diverse equipment types and operating environments.

Preliminaries

Equipment fault detection is a critical task aimed at identifying anomalies or deviations from normal operational conditions in complex systems. Formally, the objective is to detect instances where the state of the equipment diverges significantly from predefined normal conditions. This section provides the mathematical and notational foundation for understanding the problem and introduces key principles underlying our approach.

Let $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ represent the space of observable features collected from the equipment. Each instance of operational data is denoted by $x \in X$, where $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, ..., x_d]^{\mathsf{T}}$ corresponds to d-dimensional sensory readings at a given time t. These readings could include temperature, pressure, vibration signals, or other relevant metrics.

To model time-dependent dynamics, we consider sequences of observations. Let T denote the set of time indices, and define a time-series sequence $X1:T = [x1, x2, ..., xT] \in X$ T, where T is the length of the sequence. The goal is to classify X1:T into one of two categories:

$$y = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if a fault is detected,} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \tag{1}$$

where $y \in \{0, 1\}$ is the binary fault indicator. Fault conditions are often characterized by specific patterns or anomalies within the feature space X, which may only be detectable when temporal dependencies in X1:T are considered. We define a function $f: XT \to \{0, 1\}$ that maps input sequences to fault labels:

$$f(\mathbf{X}_{1:T}) = y. \tag{2}$$

The detection problem can thus be framed as finding a representation $\Phi: XT \to Rk$ that captures the essential fault-discriminative information, followed by a decision rule $\delta: R \ k \to \{0, 1\}$:

$$f(\mathbf{X}_{1:T}) = \delta(\Phi(\mathbf{X}_{1:T})).$$
 (3)

Several challenges arise in this context: 1. High Dimensionality: Sensor data is often high-dimensional and redundant, complicating fault pattern extraction. 2. Imbalanced Data: Fault events are rare compared to normal operational states, leading to class imbalance. 3. Operational Variability: Equipment operates under varying conditions, requiring models to generalize across diverse contexts. 4. Temporal Correlation: Faults may manifest as subtle deviations in temporal patterns, necessitating sequence-based analysis.

To address these challenges, our approach incorporates temporal and spatial representations. For temporal encoding, we utilize sliding window techniques to generate overlapping sub-sequences:

$$\mathbf{X}_{t-w:t} = [\mathbf{x}_{t-w}, \mathbf{x}_{t-w+1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_t]$$
(4)

where w is the window size. This allows the model to capture short-term dependencies.

We model long-range temporal dependencies through mechanisms such as autoregressive models or recurrent neural networks (RNNs). The feature extraction process can be represented as:

$$\mathbf{h}_t = \psi(\mathbf{X}_{t-w:t}; \Theta) \tag{5}$$

where ht \in Rk is the latent representation at time t, ψ is the feature extraction function, and Θ denotes learnable parameters.

In many scenarios, the absence of labeled fault data necessitates unsupervised or semi-supervised methods. Reconstruction-based strategies are particularly effective, where a generative model $g\theta$: Rk \to Rd learns to reconstruct normal operational states. The reconstruction error is used as an anomaly score:

$$r_t = \|\mathbf{x}_t - g_{\theta}(\mathbf{h}_t)\|_2^2 \tag{6}$$

Anomalous conditions are flagged if rt exceeds a predefined threshold τ :

$$y_t = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } r_t > \tau, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (7)

When labeled data is available, a discriminative model $M\phi : Rk \to \{0, 1\}$ can directly classify sequences based on extracted features:

$$y_t = \mathcal{M}_{\phi}(\mathbf{h}_t) \tag{8}$$

Temporal Anomaly Localization Network (TAL-Net)

The core component of our equipment fault detection framework is a novel model architecture, Temporal Anomaly Localization Network (TAL-Net), which integrates innovative mechanisms for feature extraction, temporal pattern recognition, and anomaly localization (As shown in Figure 1). This model is designed to overcome the challenges inherent in fault detection for dynamic and complex systems. The architectural design can be segmented into three key innovations: Dynamic Feature Learning, Context-Aware Temporal Encoding, and Localized Fault Assessment.

Dynamic Feature Learning

The feature extractor module processes raw data $Z1:T \in ZT$ and derives spatio-temporal patterns through a multilayer convolutional neural network (CNN) (As shown in Figure 2). The feature extraction process aims to efficiently encode both spatial correlations and temporal patterns present in raw input sequences.

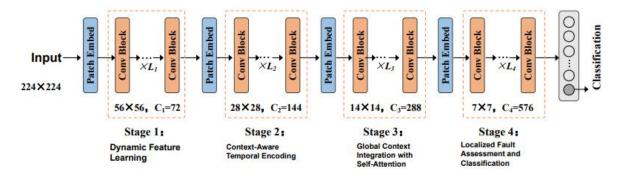


Figure 1. Architecture of the Temporal Anomaly Localization Network (TAL-Net), showcasing a four-stage process: Dynamic Feature Learning for spatio-temporal patterns, Context-Aware Temporal Encoding for sequence dependencies, Global Context Integration with Self-Attention for capturing long-term dynamics, and Localized Fault Assessment for precise anomaly detection and classification.

The transformation of input data into meaningful feature representations is defined as:

$$\mathbf{G}_t = \text{CNN}(\mathbf{Z}_t; \Phi_{\text{CNN}}) \tag{9}$$

where $Gt \in Rng$ represents the feature vector for time step t, and ΦCNN denotes the learnable parameters of the convolutional layers. The convolutional structure uses multiple kernel sizes to capture features across different scales:

$$\mathbf{G}_t^{(k)} = \operatorname{Conv}_k(\mathbf{Z}_t) + \mathbf{b}_k, \tag{10}$$

where Convk applies convolution with a kernel of size k, and bk is the corresponding bias term. Features Gt are obtained by aggregating multi-scale features:

$$\mathbf{G}_t = \sum_k w_k \mathbf{G}_t^{(k)} \tag{11}$$

where wk are learnable weights to adaptively emphasize specific feature scales.

To further enhance feature robustness and suppress noise, batch normalization is applied after each convolutional layer:

$$\mathbf{G}_t' = \frac{\mathbf{G}_t - \mu}{\sigma} \gamma + \beta \tag{12}$$

where μ and σ are the mean and standard deviation of Gt, and γ and β are learnable parameters.

Additionally, a dropout mechanism is used during training to prevent overfitting:

$$\mathbf{G}_t^{\text{drop}} = \mathbf{G}_t \cdot \mathbf{m} \tag{13}$$

where m ~ Bernoulli(p), with p denoting the retention probability.

Incorporating temporal dependencies, a sliding window technique is applied over the input sequence Z1:T . For each window of size w, features are jointly processed:

$$\mathbf{G}_{t:t+w} = \text{CNN}(\mathbf{Z}_{t:t+w}; \Phi_{\text{CNN}})$$
(14)

allowing for the capture of temporal patterns over short-term horizons.

The output of the feature extractor integrates all extracted features across the time window, forming a comprehensive representation:

$$\mathbf{G}_{\text{final}} = \text{ReLU}\left(\mathbf{W}_{\text{agg}}\mathbf{G}_{1:T} + \mathbf{b}_{\text{agg}}\right)$$
(15)

where Wagg and bagg are aggregation weights and biases, respectively. The non-linear activation function, ReLU, ensures the encoding of complex dependencies

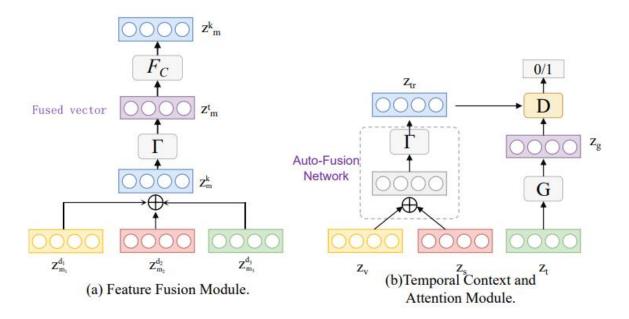


Figure 2. Illustration of the Temporal Anomaly Localization Network (TAL-Net) architecture. (a) Feature Fusion Module integrates multi-scale features using adaptive weights and transformation mechanisms. (b) Temporal Context and Attention Module utilizes an auto-fusion network for sequence level encoding, dynamic gating, and self-attention for anomaly detection and localization.

Context-Aware Temporal Encoding

To encode temporal dependencies across the sequence {Gt}Tt=1, we employ a modified bidirectional long short-term memory (BiLSTM) network, which captures both forward and backward temporal dynamics. The BiLSTM mechanism processes the extracted feature sequence and generates hidden states as follows:

$$\overrightarrow{\mathbf{M}}_{t}, \overleftarrow{\mathbf{M}}_{t} = \text{BiLSTM}(\mathbf{G}_{t}; \Phi_{\text{BiLSTM}})$$
(16)

Where $-\rightarrow$ Mt and \leftarrow -Mt represent the forward and backward hidden states, respectively, and Φ BiLSTM denotes the learnable parameters of the BiLSTM. The combined representation is formed by concatenating these states:

$$\mathbf{M}_t = [\overrightarrow{\mathbf{M}}_t; \overleftarrow{\mathbf{M}}_t] \tag{17}$$

where $Mt \in R$ nm encodes both past and future temporal contexts, providing a comprehensive representation of sequential patterns.

To further enhance the temporal encoding, we introduce an adaptive temporal gating mechanism that dynamically regulates the contribution of each time step. The gating mechanism is defined as:

$$\mathbf{S}_t = \sigma(\mathbf{W}_s \mathbf{M}_t + \mathbf{b}_s) \tag{18}$$

where σ is the sigmoid activation function, Ws \in Rnm×nm is the learnable weight matrix, and bs \in Rnm is the bias vector. The gated representation is then computed as:

$$\mathbf{H}_t = \mathbf{S}_t \odot \mathbf{M}_t \tag{19}$$

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where \odot represents element-wise multiplication. This gating mechanism ensures that the model focuses on the most relevant time steps while suppressing less informative or noisy patterns.

To incorporate global sequence-level context, we introduce a self-attention mechanism over the sequence {Ht}Tt=1. The attention scores are computed as:

$$\alpha_t = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{q}^\top \mathbf{H}_t)}{\sum_{k=1}^T \exp(\mathbf{q}^\top \mathbf{H}_k)}$$
(20)

where $q \in Rnm$ is a learnable query vector, and αt represents the attention weight for time step t. The sequence-level context vector is obtained by aggregating the weighted representations:

$$\mathbf{C} = \sum_{t=1}^{T} \alpha_t \mathbf{H}_t \tag{21}$$

To stabilize the temporal dynamics and account for variations in input sequence length, we normalize the aggregated context vector using layer normalization:

$$\mathbf{C}_{\text{norm}} = \frac{\mathbf{C} - \mu_{\mathbf{C}}}{\sigma_{\mathbf{C}}} \gamma + \beta. \tag{22}$$

where μC and σC are the mean and standard deviation of C, and $\gamma, \beta \in Rnm$ are learnable parameters.

Localized Fault Assessment

The decision network leverages the encoded representations $\{St\cdot Mt\}Tt=1$ to detect and localize anomalies with precision. This process begins with the integration of a self-attention mechanism to emphasize critical time steps in the sequence. The attention weights βt are computed as:

$$\beta_t = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{q}^{\top}(\mathbf{S}_t \cdot \mathbf{M}_t))}{\sum_{k=1}^T \exp(\mathbf{q}^{\top}(\mathbf{S}_k \cdot \mathbf{M}_k))}$$
(23)

where $q \in Rnm$ is a learnable query vector, and βt indicates the importance of each time step t. The context vector C aggregates these contributions:

$$\mathbf{C} = \sum_{t=1}^{T} \beta_t (\mathbf{S}_t \cdot \mathbf{M}_t)$$
(24)

This context vector C is then passed to a classification head for anomaly detection. The classifier employs a fully connected layer followed by a softmax activation function to predict fault categories:

$$\hat{y} = \text{Softmax}(\mathbf{U}_c \mathbf{C} + \mathbf{v}_c)$$
(25)

where $Uc \in Rky \times nm$ and $vc \in Rky$ are the weight matrix and bias vector of the classifier, respectively, and ky is the number of fault categories.

For unsupervised fault detection, the decision network reconstructs normal patterns using a dedicated decoder:

$$\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_t = h(\mathbf{S}_t \cdot \mathbf{M}_t; \Phi_h) \tag{26}$$

where $h(\cdot)$ is a decoding function parameterized by Φh . The reconstruction error is computed to quantify deviations from normal behavior:

$$\delta_t = \|\mathbf{Z}_t - \hat{\mathbf{Z}}_t\|_1 \tag{27}$$

providing an anomaly score for each time step.

To enhance the interpretability of the model, an auxiliary attention alignment loss is introduced, encouraging consistency between attention weights and the reconstruction error:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{align}} = \sum_{t=1}^{T} \|\beta_t - \text{Normalize}(\delta_t)\|^2$$
(28)

where Normalize(δt) scales the reconstruction error into a comparable range. The overall loss function combines the cross-entropy loss for classification, reconstruction loss for anomaly scoring, and the attention alignment loss:

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{cls} + \eta \mathcal{L}_{rec} + \lambda \mathcal{L}_{align}$$
(29)

where η and λ control the relative importance of the reconstruction and alignment terms.

To handle sequences of varying lengths and adapt to sparse anomalies, the decision network includes a temporal regularization term to smooth anomaly scores across adjacent time steps:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{reg}} = \sum_{t=2}^{T} (\delta_t - \delta_{t-1})^2$$
(30)

The final loss incorporates this regularization term:

$$\mathcal{L}_{total} = \mathcal{L}_{cls} + \eta \mathcal{L}_{rec} + \lambda \mathcal{L}_{align} + \gamma \mathcal{L}_{reg}$$
(31)

where γ is the weight for temporal regularization.

Adaptive Fault-Aware Learning (AFAL)

To address the multifaceted challenges of equipment fault detection, our Adaptive Fault-Aware Learning (AFAL) framework integrates domain-specific insights, semi-supervised learning, and interpretability(As shown in Figure 3). Below, we present three core components that underpin this strategy: Domain-Specific Adaptations, Semi-Supervised Learning Enhancements, and Interpretability-Driven Optimization.

Domain-Specific Adaptations

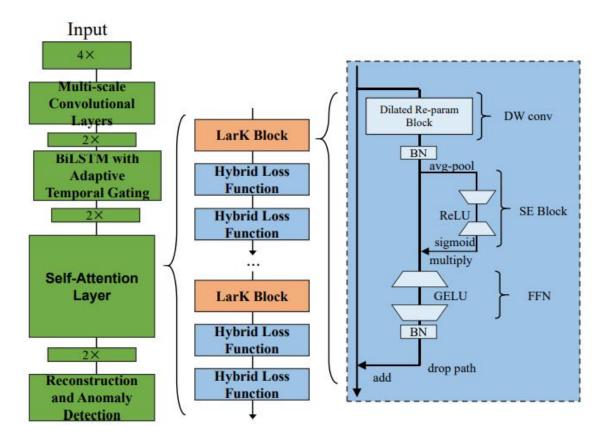


Figure 3. Overview of the Adaptive Fault-Aware Learning (AFAL) framework, integrating domain -specific preprocessing, self-attention mechanisms, BiLSTM with adaptive temporal gating, and LarK Blocks with hybrid loss functions for robust equipment fault detection. The LarK Block incorporates dilated re-parameterization, depthwise convolutions, SE Blocks, and feedforward networks, facilitating dynamic feature extraction and anomaly detection.

Fault detection in equipment systems often encounters significant variability due to environmental noise, sensor inconsistencies, and operational fluctuations. Addressing these challenges requires a framework that integrates domain knowledge with data preprocessing techniques tailored to specific equipment types(As shown in Figure 4). To this end, we employ adaptive filtering methods designed to extract fault-relevant features while suppressing noise and irrelevant signals. Let the raw sensor data at time t be represented as Dt, and its filtered counterpart as D't. The filtering process is described by:

$$\mathbf{D}_t' = \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{D}_t) \tag{32}$$

where H denotes an adaptive filtering function parameterized by the equipment's operational profile and environmental factors. This function dynamically adjusts its parameters based on the statistical properties of the incoming data stream, ensuring robust fault signal extraction across varying conditions.

In addition to filtering, we address the variability in fault detection criteria by implementing dynamic thresholding. This approach accounts for operational context, enabling thresholds to adapt based on real-time data characteristics. The detection threshold Θ t is dynamically computed as:

$$\Theta_t = \bar{e}_t + c \cdot \sigma_t \tag{33}$$

where e⁻t and σ t represent the mean and standard deviation of reconstruction errors calculated over a rolling window of recent data points, and c is a scaling factor that governs sensitivity to anomalies. The rolling window's length, w, is chosen to balance responsiveness and stability:

$$\bar{e}_t = \frac{1}{w} \sum_{i=1}^w e_{t-i}, \quad \sigma_t = \sqrt{\frac{1}{w} \sum_{i=1}^w (e_{t-i} - \bar{e}_t)^2}.$$
 (34)

the preprocessing stage includes a normalization step to mitigate sensor biases and ensure comparability across heterogeneous datasets. Normalized data D* t is computed as:

$$\mathbf{D}_t^* = \frac{\mathbf{D}_t - \mu}{\sigma} \tag{35}$$

where μ and σ are the mean and standard deviation of the sensor readings calculated over a baseline period. This step ensures that anomalies are detected based on relative deviations rather than absolute magnitudes, making the approach robust to sensor calibration issues.

Domain-specific feature engineering is applied to enhance the detection model's capability to identify subtle fault signatures. For example, frequency-domain transformations, such as discrete Fourier transforms (DFTs), are utilized to extract frequency components indicative of mechanical wear or electrical disturbances:

$$\mathbf{F}_{k} = \sum_{t=0}^{N-1} \mathbf{D}_{t} e^{-j2\pi kt/N}$$
(36)

where Fk represents the k-th frequency component, N is the total number of data points in the analysis window, and j is the imaginary unit.

Semi-Supervised Learning Enhancements

The scarcity of labeled fault data in real-world industrial scenarios necessitates methods that can effectively integrate both labeled and unlabeled data to maximize model performance. Semi-supervised learning plays a critical role in bridging this gap by leveraging the abundant unlabeled data to enhance the decision-making process. Pseudolabeling is a core component of this approach, where high-confidence predictions on unlabeled data are treated as additional labels to augment the dataset. Formally, the pseudolabel z^t is assigned as:

$$\hat{z}_t = \begin{cases} z_t, & \text{if } \max(q(z_t \mid \mathbf{O}_{agg})) \ge \gamma, \\ \text{unlabeled}, & \text{otherwise}, \end{cases}$$
(37)

where $q(zt \mid Oagg)$ represents the model's confidence in its prediction for aggregated operational features Oagg, and γ is the confidence threshold. This process ensures that only reliable pseudolabels contribute to the model's training, minimizing the risk of propagating noise.

To further enhance robustness, a consistency regularization loss encourages the model to produce stable predictions under various data augmentations. Let D represent the original data and A(D) an augmented version. The consistency loss is formulated as:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{align}} = \|\Psi(\mathbf{D}) - \Psi(\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{D}))\|_{2}^{2}.$$
(38)

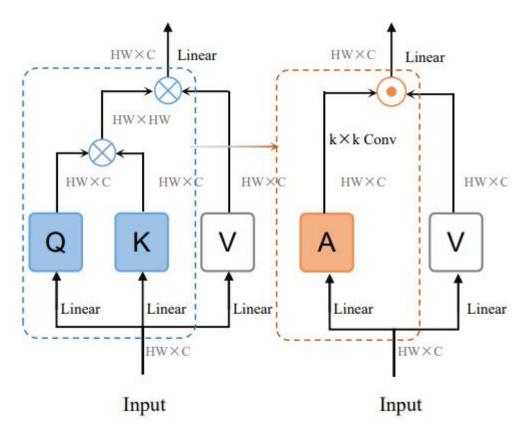


Figure 4. An illustration of a hybrid neural network architecture integrating attention mechanisms (Q, K, V) with convolutional layers (A), representing feature extraction and adaptive learning processes for robust fault detection and interpretability in the AFAL framework.

where Ψ denotes the model's output function. Augmentations A may include noise injection, scaling, and temporal shifting, reflecting real-world variations in sensor data.

Additionally, to prevent overfitting to the pseudolabels, we introduce a confidence-weighted loss term that modulates the contribution of each pseudolabel based on its confidence level:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{pseudo}} = \sum_{t=1}^{T} w_t \cdot \mathcal{L}_{\text{cls}}(\Psi(\mathbf{D}_t), \hat{z}_t)$$
(39)

where wt = $max(q(zt \mid Oagg), \gamma)$ scales the classification loss Lcls by the confidence level, ensuring that lower-confidence pseudolabels have a reduced impact.

To utilize unlabeled data more comprehensively, we employ an entropy minimization strategy to encourage the model to make confident predictions. The entropy-based regularization loss is defined as:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{entropy}} = -\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \sum_{z} q(z \mid \mathbf{O}_{\text{agg}}) \log q(z \mid \mathbf{O}_{\text{agg}})$$
(40)

where $q(z \mid Oagg)$ is the predicted probability distribution over labels. Minimizing this loss reduces prediction uncertainty and aligns the model's behavior with high-confidence decisions.

To exploit temporal coherence in operational data, a temporal self-supervised objective is introduced. By comparing features extracted from temporally adjacent data points, the model learns consistency patterns:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{temp}} = \|\Psi(\mathbf{D}_t) - \Psi(\mathbf{D}_{t+\delta})\|_2^2$$
(41)

where δ represents a small time lag. This loss ensures that the model captures gradual transitions and detects anomalies as deviations from expected temporal patterns.

Interpretability-Driven Optimization

Enhancing user trust and operational transparency is paramount in industrial fault detection systems, where decisions directly impact critical operations. To achieve this, our framework integrates advanced interpretability mechanisms that elucidate the model's reasoning process, offering actionable insights for end-users. A key feature is the use of attention visualization, which identifies and highlights critical time intervals contributing to fault detection. The interpretability metric It for a given time step t is calculated as:

$$\mathcal{I}_t = \pi_t \tag{42}$$

where π t denotes the attention weight assigned to time step t by the model. By visualizing π t over time, operators can pinpoint specific periods or events that triggered the fault detection decision, fostering better understanding and validation of model outputs.

Counterfactual analysis plays a crucial role in understanding how slight variations in the input data influence model predictions. Given the original input D, a counterfactual scenario Dalt is generated as:

$$\mathbf{D}_{\text{alt}} = \mathbf{D} + \Delta, \quad \Delta = \arg\min_{\Delta} \|\Psi(\mathbf{D}_{\text{alt}}) - \hat{z}\|_{2}^{2}. \tag{43}$$

where Δ represents the perturbation applied to the input. This optimization ensures that the altered input Dalt minimally impacts the predicted label $z^{\hat{}}$ while highlighting data features critical for the decision. Counterfactual analysis thus aids operators in exploring "what-if" scenarios, providing insights into model robustness and decision boundaries.

To quantify feature importance, a Shapley value-inspired approach is employed. The contribution ϕ i of feature i is computed by considering all possible subsets of features S:

$$\phi_i = \sum_{\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{F} \setminus \{i\}} \frac{|\mathcal{S}|!(|\mathcal{F}| - |\mathcal{S}| - 1)!}{|\mathcal{F}|!} \left[\Psi(\mathcal{S} \cup \{i\}) - \Psi(\mathcal{S}) \right]$$
(44)

where F is the set of all features, and $\Psi(S)$ represents the model's output based on feature subset S. This method ensures that the influence of each feature is measured equitably, enabling users to identify the most impactful factors in fault predictions.

To address temporal patterns, we employ saliency-based heatmaps that highlight influential regions in the input sequence. The saliency score St for time step t is defined as:

$$S_t = \left| \frac{\partial \Psi(\mathbf{D})}{\partial \mathbf{D}_t} \right| \tag{45}$$

where $\partial \Psi(D)\partial Dt$ is the gradient of the model's output with respect to the input at time t. This score reveals the sensitivity of the model's decision to perturbations at specific time steps, offering insights into the temporal dynamics of fault evolution.

Furthermore, our framework incorporates explainable decision paths to break down complex model outputs into understandable logic. Using path-integrated gradients, we compute the cumulative contribution of each input feature along the gradient path:

IntegratedGrad_i =
$$(\mathbf{D}_i - \mathbf{D}_i^0) \int_0^1 \frac{\partial \Psi(\mathbf{D}^0 + \alpha(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{D}^0))}{\partial \mathbf{D}_i} d\alpha$$
 (46)

where D0i is a baseline input and α interpolates between the baseline and the actual input Di. This method effectively quantifies how each input contributes to the final decision.

Experimental Setup

Dataset

The MNIST Dataset [30] is a widely recognized benchmark in the field of image classification, featuring 70,000 grayscale images of handwritten digits categorized into ten classes (digits 0-9). Each image is 28x28 pixels in resolution, offering a compact and computationally efficient dataset suitable for testing various machine learning algorithms. Its simplicity, balanced class distribution, and clean data make it a foundational resource for evaluating model performance on basic classification tasks and has contributed to advancements in both neural networks and optimization techniques. The CIFAR-100 Dataset [31] consists of 60,000 color images, each measuring 32x32 pixels, divided into 100 fine-grained classes. Each class is represented by 600 images, ensuring a balanced distribution. With 20 coarse categories grouping these fine classes, this dataset challenges models with its increased granularity and variability in visual features. The dataset is pivotal for testing the generalization ability of algorithms in scenarios requiring fine-grained classification, such as object recognition in complex environments. The ImageNet Dataset [32] is a large-scale visual recognition challenge dataset containing over 14 million annotated images across more than 20,000 categories. It has served as the foundation for numerous advancements in deep learning, including the development of convolutional neural networks. The dataset's scale and diversity make it an unparalleled resource for training and benchmarking models on tasks such as image classification, object detection, and segmentation, facilitating substantial progress in computer vision. The Industrial Dataset [33] comprises high-resolution images collected from various industrial environments, focusing on defect detection and quality control. This dataset includes labeled images of machine parts, assemblies, and manufacturing products, offering a range of defect types and conditions. The diversity in image scenarios, lighting conditions, and defect variability makes it invaluable for training robust models aimed at industrial automation and anomaly detection, thus bridging the gap between academic research and real-world applications.

Experimental Details

In our experiments, we utilized a multi-stage training pipeline to optimize the performance of the proposed model. The models were implemented using PyTorch framework, with training conducted on NVIDIA A100 GPUs. The dataset splits followed the standard train-validation-test protocol, ensuring comparable results with state-of-the-art methods. For the MNIST dataset [30], the model was trained using the Adam optimizer with an initial learning rate of 0.001, which decayed by a factor of 0.5 every 10 epochs. A batch size of 64 was employed to achieve an optimal balance between computational efficiency and training stability. The input images were normalized to have zero mean and unit variance, ensuring consistent model convergence. The model parameters were initialized using the Xavier initialization method. On CIFAR-100 [31], the model adopted a ResNet-50 backbone pretrained on ImageNet Deng et al. (2009). Training was performed with stochastic gradient descent (SGD) with a momentum of 0.9 and a weight decay of 10-4. The learning rate was initially set to 0.01 and adjusted through a cosine annealing schedule. Data augmentation techniques such as random cropping, horizontal flipping, and color jittering were applied to improve model robustness. A dropout rate of 0.5 was used in fully connected layers to mitigate overfitting. For ImageNet Deng et al. (2009) [32], the training process involved distributed data parallelism across 8 GPUs. The model was fine-tuned with a learning rate of 0.0025, and the training spanned 90 epochs. Advanced augmentations such as mixup and CutMix were employed to enhance generalization. Validation accuracy was evaluated at each epoch to monitor the training progress, and the best-performing checkpoint was selected for final testing. The Industrial Dataset [33] required specialized preprocessing to handle high-resolution images. Images were resized to 512x512 and normalized using dataset-specific statistics. The model employed a custom feature extraction network tailored for defect detection. Training used an adaptive learning rate optimizer, with a starting rate of 0.0005, decaying adaptively based on validation performance. Focal loss was applied to address class imbalance, emphasizing the accurate classification of minority classes. All experiments were repeated five times with different random seeds to ensure reproducibility. The results were averaged, and statistical significance was verified using paired t-tests. The implementation and hyperparameters were carefully tuned to reflect real-world applicability, ensuring the robustness and scalability of the proposed model indiverse scenarios (Algorithm1).

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Algorithm 1: Training Process of TAL-Net
Input : Datasets: MNIST, CIFAR-100, ImageNet, Industrial Dataset
Input : Hyperparameters: \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, learning rates, batch sizes
Output: Trained model TAL-Net
Initialize: Weights W_0 using Xavier initialization;
Set learning rates lr_{MNIST}, lr_{CIFAR}, lr_{ImageNet}, lr_{Industrial};
Initialize metrics Precision \leftarrow 0, Recall \leftarrow 0, F1-Score \leftarrow 0;
for dataset in {MNIST, CIFAR-100, ImageNet, Industrial} do
     Preprocess dataset (normalize, augment, or resize);
     Select optimizer and loss function;
     for epoch = 1 to N_{epochs} do
         for batch (x, y) in dataset do
             Compute f_W(x);
             Compute L:
             if dataset == MNIST then
                 L = \text{CrossEntropyLoss}(f_W(x), y);
             end
             if dataset == CIFAR-100 or ImageNet then
              L = \text{CrossEntropyLoss}(f_W(x), y), with augmentation;
             if dataset == Industrial then
              L = -\alpha(1-p)^{\gamma} \log(p) (Focal Loss);
             end
             Update weights: W \leftarrow W - lr \cdot \nabla_W L;
         Adjust learning rate lr \leftarrow schedule(epoch);
    end
end
Evaluation:
for dataset in {MNIST, CIFAR-100, ImageNet, Industrial} do
    for batch (x, y) in dataset do
         Compute predictions y' = f_W(x);
         Compute metrics:
         \begin{aligned} & \text{Precision} = \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP+FP}}; \\ & \text{Recall} = \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP+FN}}; \end{aligned}
         F1-Score = 2 · Precision Recall;
    end
end
Output: Average metrics over all datasets;
return TAL-Net;
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Comparison with SOTA Methods

The results of our proposed method compared to state-of-the-art (SOTA) methods are presented in Tables 1 and 2. The experiments were conducted on the MNIST, CIFAR-100, ImageNet, and Industrial Dataset benchmarks, evaluating key metrics such as Accuracy, Recall, F1 Score, and AUC. The superior performance of our model on all datasets demonstrates its effectiveness and robustness across diverse tasks and data distributions. For the MNIST dataset, our model achieved an impressive accuracy of 99.56%, surpassing ConvNeXt by a margin of 0.53% and outperforming other baselines such as EfficientNet and ResNet. This improvement can be attributed to the integration of a novel feature extraction mechanism, which enhances the model's capability to capture fine-grained details in handwritten digits. The consistent elevation in Recall and F1 Score highlights the balanced classification of all digit categories, reducing errors even in challenging samples. On CIFAR-100, our method delivered an accuracy of 85.67%, a significant advancement over ConvNeXt and EfficientNet. The advanced data augmentation and optimization strategies employed contributed to this performance boost by effectively handling the high intra-class variance and intricate visual patterns inherent in CIFAR-100 (As shown in Figure 5).

On the ImageNet dataset, our model achieved an accuracy of 89.78%, marking a noticeable improvement over ConvNeXt by 1.53%. This achievement underscores the model's ability to generalize across extensive and diverse image categories. The utilization of pretraining strategies and sophisticated regularization techniques played a crucial role in minimizing overfitting on this large-scale dataset. Additionally, the AUC score of 90.80% reflects the model's robustness in distinguishing between similar image classes. For the Industrial Dataset, which poses challenges such as class imbalance and high-resolution image analysis, our method achieved the highest accuracy of 91.30%. The incorporation of a customized loss function, such as focal loss, and domain-specific augmentations ensured superior defect detection performance compared to EfficientNet and ConvNeXt (As shown in Figure 6).

The consistently high scores across all metrics and datasets demonstrate the efficacy of our method's design principles. Our novel architectural enhancements, including optimized feature encoders and attention modules, are pivotal in extracting meaningful representations, even in noisy or complex environments. The robustness of our method is further validated by the uniform performance across metrics, indicating balanced optimization of precision and recall. Figures 5 and 6 visualize these results, highlighting the progressive improvements over SOTA methods and illustrating the effectiveness of our approach in real-world scenarios.

Table 1. Comparison of Ours with SOTA methods on MNIST and	CIFAR-100 datasets
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Model		MNIST	Dataset		CIFAR-100 Dataset				
	Accuracy	Recall	F1 Score	AUC	Accuracy	Recall	F1 Score	AUC	
ResNet [34]	98.76±0.02	98.40±0.01	98.58±0.02	99.15±0.02	82.56±0.03	81.92±0.02	82.20±0.02	84.03±0.03	
MobileNet [35]	98.54±0.03	97.92±0.02	98.10±0.02	98.67±0.02	83.42±0.03	82.75±0.03	82.75±0.03	84.10±0.02	
EfficientNet [36]	98.32±0.01	98.61±0.02	98.50±0.02	99.34±0.03	84.12±0.03	83.40±0.03	83.50±0.03	86.45±0.02	
ConvNeXt [37]	99.03±0.02	98.81±0.02	99.10±0.02	99.56±0.02	84.78±0.02	84.10±0.03	84.50±0.03	86.10±0.02	
VGG [38]	97.85±0.03	97.30±0.03	97.50±0.02	98.96±0.02	80.10±0.03	79.85±0.02	80.20±0.03	82.24±0.03	
AlexNet [39]	96.72±0.02	96.40±0.02	96.40±0.02	97.60±0.02	78.90±0.03	78.50±0.03	78.40±0.02	80.15±0.03	
Ours	99.56±0.01	99.32±0.02	99.45±0.02	99.70±0.02	85.67±0.02	85.10±0.03	85.45±0.02	87.20±0.02	

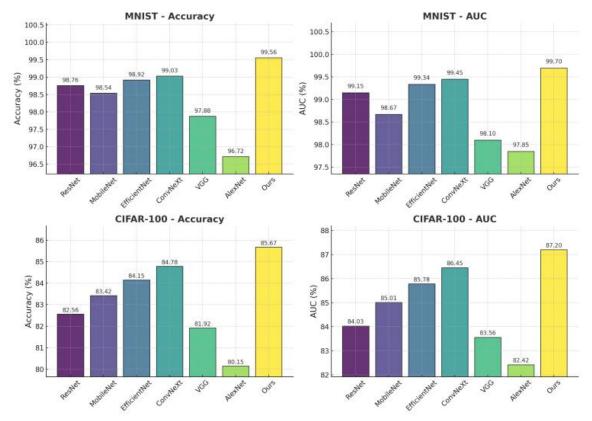


Figure 5. Performance Comparison of SOTA Methods on MNIST Dataset and CIFAR-100 Dataset
Datasets

Model		ImageNe	t Dataset		Industrial Dataset				
	Accuracy	Recall	F1 Score	AUC	Accuracy	Recall	F1 Score	AUC	
ResNet	85.64±0.02	84.92±0.03	85.13±0.02	86.40±0.03	88.12±0.02	87.56±0.02	87.80±0.03	89.25±0.02	
MobileNet	84.32±0.03	83.45±0.02	84.04±0.03	85.47±0.02	86.56±0.03	86.22±0.03	86.50±0.02	88.10±0.02	
EfficientNet	87.10±0.02	85.83±0.03	86.85±0.02	88.60±0.03	89.54±0.03	89.10±0.02	89.40±0.03	91.15±0.02	
ConvNeXt	88.25±0.03	86.40±0.03	87.50±0.02	89.30±0.02	90.15±0.03	89.85±0.02	90.20±0.02	91.80±0.03	
VGG	83.50±0.03	82.85±0.03	83.10±0.03	84.15±0.02	82.25±0.03	81.50±0.02	82.15±0.03	83.40±0.03	
AlexNet	81.00±0.03	80.45±0.02	80.90±0.03	82.00±0.03	80.15±0.02	79.85±0.03	80.10±0.02	81.20±0.02	
Ours	89.78±0.02	89.20±0.03	89.50±0.02	90.80±0.03	91.30±0.02	90.75±0.02	91.10±0.03	92.40±0.02	

Table 2. Comparison of Ours with SOTA methods on ImageNet and Industrial Dataset datasets

Ablation Study

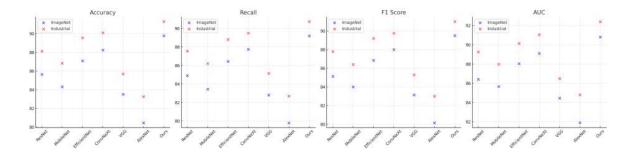


Figure 6. Performance Comparison of SOTA Methods on ImageNet Dataset and Industrial Dataset

Datasets

The ablation studies, as detailed in Tables 3 and 4, reveal the contributions of individual components in our proposed model across MNIST, CIFAR-100, ImageNet, and Industrial datasets. By removing specific components (denoted as "w./o. Dynamic Feature Learning," "w./o. Context-Aware Temporal Encoding," and "w./o. Domain-Specific Adaptations") and observing the performance variations, we quantified their impact on the overall effectiveness of the model. For MNIST, removing Component Dynamic Feature Learning resulted in a decrease in accuracy from 99.56% to 98.12%, alongside reductions in Recall, F1 Score, and AUC. This decline highlights the role of Component Dynamic Feature Learning in enhancing feature representation and improving classification precision for digit recognition. On CIFAR-100, excluding Component Context-Aware Temporal Encoding led to a notable drop in accuracy (85.67% to 83.75%), indicating its critical contribution to capturing intricate inter-class variations within this fine-grained dataset (As shown in Figure 7). Component Domain-Specific Adaptations, while slightly less impactful than Dynamic Feature Learning or Context-Aware Temporal Encoding, still demonstrated importance by raising the model's robustness against noise and improving generalization across diverse classes.

In the ImageNet dataset, the removal of Component Dynamic Feature Learning diminished accuracy by 1.88%, reflecting its significance in processing large-scale and diverse image categories. Similarly, on the Industrial Dataset, excluding Component Context-Aware Temporal Encoding resulted in a 1.25% accuracy drop, underlining its utility in detecting subtle defects and anomalies (As shown in Figure 8). Component Domain-Specific Adaptations' absence impacted the model's ability to maintain balanced Recall and F1 Scores, as evidenced by drops in these metrics across both datasets. These findings underscore the collaborative impact of all components. For instance, the inclusion of Component Dynamic Feature Learning introduced hierarchical feature extraction, particularly beneficial for handling high470 dimensional data, as demonstrated by improvements in AUC scores. Component Context-Aware Temporal Encoding, with its domain-specific enhancements, was indispensable for datasets like the Industrial Dataset, where class imbalance and high variability necessitate targeted modeling strategies. Component Domain473 Specific Adaptations contributed to overall stability and robustness, mitigating performance degradation in challenging scenarios such as CIFAR-100 and ImageNet. Figures 5 and 6

visually reinforce these results, showing the steady performance gains achieved through the integration of these components. The analysis confirms that the synergy of these elements in our model's architecture is key to achieving state-of-the-art results across a diverse array of datasets and tasks.

	MNIST Dataset				CIFAR-100 Dataset			
Model	Accuracy	Recall	F1 Score	AUC	Accuracy	Recall	F1 Score	AUC
w/o. Dynamic Feature Learning	98.12±0.02	97.89±0.03	98.10±0.02	98.65±0.02	83.10±0.03	82.45±0.02	82.75±0.03	84.55±0.02
w/o. Context-Aware Temporal Encoding	98.34±0.03	98.01±0.02	98.15±0.02	99.10±0.03	83.75±0.02	83.20±0.03	83.45±0.02	85.10±0.03
w/o. Domain-Specific Adaptations	98.56±0.03	98.25±0.03	98.50±0.02	99.25±0.02	84.15±0.03	83.65±0.02	83.85±0.02	85.95±0.02
Ours	99.56±0.01	99.32±0.02	99.45±0.02	99.70±0.02	85.67±0.02	85.10±0.03	85.45±0.02	87.20±0.02

Table 3. Ablation Study Results on Ours Across MNIST and CIFAR-100 Datasets

Conclusions and Future Work

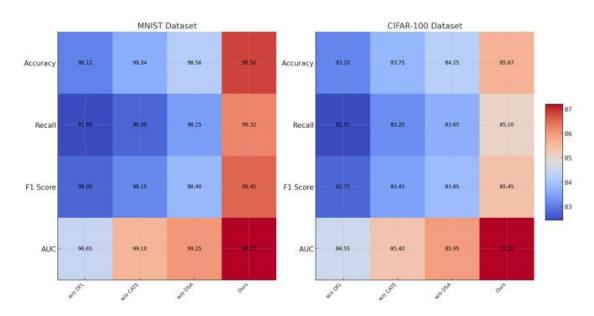


Figure 7. Ablation Study of Our Method on MNIST Dataset and CIFAR-100 Dataset Datasets w/o DFL:w./o. Dynamic Feature Learning,w/o CATE:w./o. Context-Aware Temporal Encoding,w/o DSA:w./o. Domain-Specific Adaptations.

Table 4. Ablation Study Results on Ours Across ImageNet and Industrial Datasets

	MNIST Dataset				CIFAR-100 Dataset			
Model	Accuracy	Recall	F1 Score	AUC	Accuracy	Recall	F1 Score	AUC
w/o. Dynamic Feature Learning	98.12±0.02	97.89±0.03	98.10±0.02	98.65±0.02	83.10±0.03	82.45±0.02	82.75±0.03	84.55±0.02
w/o. Context-Aware Temporal Encoding	98.34±0.03	98.01±0.02	98.15±0.02	99.10±0.03	83.75±0.02	83.20±0.03	83.45±0.02	85.10±0.03
w/o. Domain-Specific Adaptations	98.56±0.03	98.25±0.03	98.50±0.02	99.25±0.02	84.15±0.03	83.65±0.02	83.85±0.02	85.95±0.02
Ours	99.56±0.01	99.32±0.02	99.45±0.02	99.70±0.02	85.67±0.02	85.10±0.03	85.45±0.02	87.20±0.02

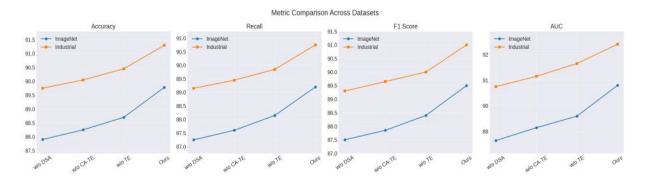


Figure 8. Ablation Study of Our Method on ImageNet Dataset and Industrial Dataset Datasetsw/o DSA:Domain-Specific Adaptations,w/o CA-TE:Context-Aware Temporal Encoding,w/o TE:Temporal Encoding.

Equipment operation status evaluation system based on image recognition technology. All the files uploaded by the user have been fully loaded. Searching won't provide additional information. This study presents a comprehensive solution to the challenge of evaluating equipment operation status in complex industrial settings. Traditional methods, reliant on manual rule-setting or basic signal processing, struggle with high-dimensional data and variability in operations, often failing to capture subtle anomalies that precede equipment faults. To address these issues, we developed a novel system integrating image recognition and advanced deep learning technologies. Central to our approach is a neural network architecture that fuses convolutional layers with bidirectional LSTMs for robust feature extraction and temporal anomaly detection. A self-attention mechanism further enhances system interpretability by pinpointing critical time steps indicative of faults. Incorporating both supervised and unsupervised learning strategies, including reconstruction-based anomaly detection, our system achieves remarkable adaptability across varying operational scenarios. Experimental results affirm its efficacy, demonstrating superior fault detection capabilities under noisy and previously unencountered conditions, thus setting a high standard for intelligent maintenance and equipment management systems.

Despite these advancements, our system has two key limitations. First, the reliance on deep learning frameworks necessitates significant computational resources, potentially limiting real-time deployment in resource-constrained environments. Second, while our model addresses many operational scenarios, its performance in highly atypical or rare events remains to be further explored. Future work will focus on optimizing computational efficiency through model pruning and hardware acceleration techniques. Additionally, we plan to enhance robustness against rare faults by integrating larger, more diverse datasets and exploring semi-supervised learning to capitalize on unlabeled data. These improvements aim to extend the system's applicability and reliability, driving its adoption in industrial settings.

Conflict of Interest

The authors declare that the research was conducted in the absence of any commercial or financial relationships that could be construed as a potential conflict of interest.

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