Ultrafast laser damaging of ball bearings and anomaly detection for condition monitoring of fleet of linear motors

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Independent Cart System

System is miniaturized version of an industrial packaging machine. Main Components include,

- Motors (Stator of Linear motor)
 - Linear motors with straight and curved stator geometry
 - Each motor is equipped is with a set of electromagnetic coils that generates changing magnetic field to facilitate motion of carts.
- Movers/Carts (Rotors of Linear motor)
 - Magnetically driven passive components.
 - Each mover contains a set of three bearings.
- Guide Rail
 - Installed parallelly behind the motor modules.
 - Allows carts to glide along the desired trajectory.
- Vibration Sensors
 - 5 vibration sensors (3 mono-axial, 2 tri-axial)
 - Vibration sensors are directly attached to the guide rail.
 - Sampling rate is 50kHz.









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2250 mm 2500 mm

2750 mm

3000, 0 mm

250 mm

Bearing Fault Injection Campaigns

- Manual (Without Dismantling)
 - Faults were injected in the raceways using drill mils.
 - Imprecise dimensional control, due to proximity of inner and outer races along with rolling elements.
- Laser
 - Picosecond laser source
 - Generates Gaussian beam profile at the IR wavelength of 1064nm.
 - It produces ultrashort pulses in picoseconds regime.
 - No limitation in terms of hardness of the bearing material.















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Problem Statement

To identify faults in the bearing and ultimately localize the faulty bearing in a fleet of moving carts. Step 1:

Binary Classification:

• To classify the data with faulty bearing from the data with no-fault

Faulty identification:

- Identify the type of the fault
- Location of bearing (top or the bottom bearing)

Step 2:

Cart Localization

- Not only identify the type of the fault but also identify the specific "Cart" that is carrying the Faulty Bearing.
- Problem of fault localization becomes progressively challenging with,
 - the increase in number of movers, especially when the same machine on industrial scale has 100s of movers.
 - With the addition of every Mover/Cart the number of bearings increase by 3.
 - The spacing between two top bearings is approximately 1.3mm







Data Preprocessing

Experiments were conducted single mover moving back and forth at 1m/s.

Since it's a back-and-forth motion, mover's speed also fluctuates between 0 and 1 m/s.

Moving average based filter, extracts the windows to remove data during speed fluctuations.









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Time Domain Statistical Features

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Anomaly Detection (Results and Discussion)





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Results and Discussion



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