### Research Talk

Part 2

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### **Discussion Topics**

1. Investigation general issues

2. Further research directions

3. Comments and Suggestions

## **Explainable and Interpretable Machine Learning**

#### Goal:

 Develop Machine Learning (ML) models that clearly explain diagnostic decisions

- Black-box models
- Integration of fuzzy logic and ML

### **Transfer Learning & Domain Adaptation**

### Goal:

 Adapt ML models trained on one system for application to similar systems

- Supervised/unsupervised transfer learning
- Neural networks for domain adaptation
- Shared feature extraction across different domains

### **Online & Incremental Fault Diagnosis**

#### Goal:

 Real-time updating of ML models with streaming sensor data.

- Incremental ML methods (e.g., Online Support Vector Machines (SVM), Incremental Random Forest (IRF))
- Adaptive feature extraction
- Real-time model updating

## Robustness against Data Corruption & Adversarial Attacks

### • Goal:

 Enhance model robustness to noisy, corrupted, or adversarial data

- Robust neural networks (Adversarial Training)
- Robust statistical data preprocessing
- Ensemble-based robust detection methods

## Unsupervised & Semi-Supervised Fault Diagnosis

### Goal:

 Develop fault diagnosis methods with limited labelled data

- Autoencoder-based anomaly detection
- Density-Based Spatial Clustering of Applications with Noise (DBSCAN), Isolation Forest
- Semi-supervised ML techniques (e.g., Co-Training algorithms)

# Hybrid Approaches: Data-driven & Model-based Integration

### Goal:

 Combine advantages of physical (model-based) and ML-based (data-driven) approaches.

- Kalman filters integrated with ML classifiers
- Model-based feature extraction integrated into ML
- Physical residual generation combined with MLbased decision logic

# Fault Prognosis & Remaining Useful Life (RUL) Prediction

#### Goal:

 Extend fault diagnosis to fault prognosis and Remaining Useful Life (RUL) prediction of systems/components.

### Approaches:

- Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN) such as Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) and Gated Recurrent Units (GRU)
- Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA) models
- Deep learning-based predictive maintenance

### • Health Aware Control (new, since 2023)

o Replaces FTC, sustainable control, ...

### **Now: From Your Side...**

#### Goal:

New targets.

### Approaches:

 Methodologies and solutions of interest for your course of studies

### Applications

- Novel plants, processes and systems
- Simulated, real or realistic
- Hardware In the Loop (HIL)

### **Concluding Remarks on Future Directions**

- Increasing demand for robust, adaptive, and interpretable ML methods
- Potential impact on predictive maintenance and operational efficiency
- Encouragement to pursue interdisciplinary approaches (control theory, data science, engineering)

## Thanks for Listening!

# From you all: Comments and Suggestions

Please feel free to contact me via email (silvio.simani@unife.it) or phone (+393203044076) if you need help or have suggestions and recommendations regarding your thoughts and work