



# Secure Collaborative Learning for Predictive Maintenance in Optical Networks

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# Who Need Optical Networks?



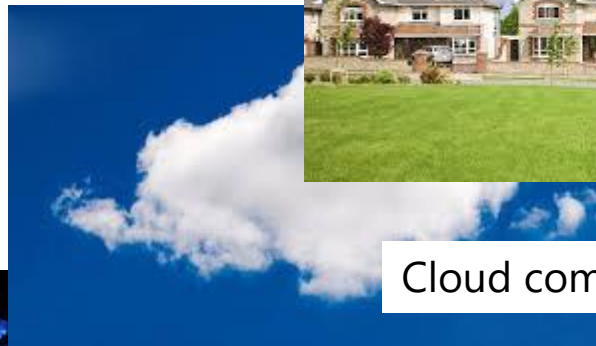
Residential access



5G network



Cloud computing



Enterprise



Government / Bank



# Motivation



How can I estimate  
the risk of hardware  
failure?



Fixed optical network as  
basis for 5G functionality

# Network blackout by fire (South Korea, 2018)

The fire broke out the Korean Telecom site in western Seoul on Saturday (24-Nov-2018), causing massive network damage there and in neighboring regions.

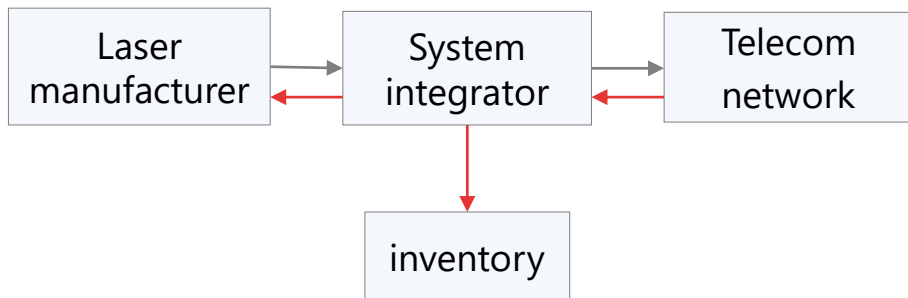


=> Services of mobile phone, restaurant, taxi, supermarket, ATM, hospital, online ordering, etc. were disrupted.

# How to evaluate the risk?

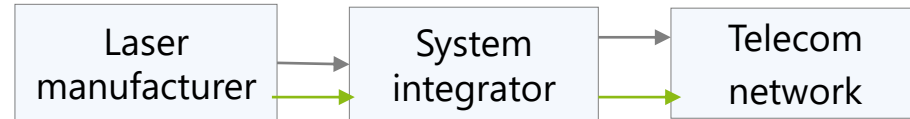
## Example of laser manufacturer

### Reactive Maintenance



After a hardware fault occurs, the replacement process begins.

### Predictive Maintenance



Before a hardware fault occurs, the replacement is prepared.

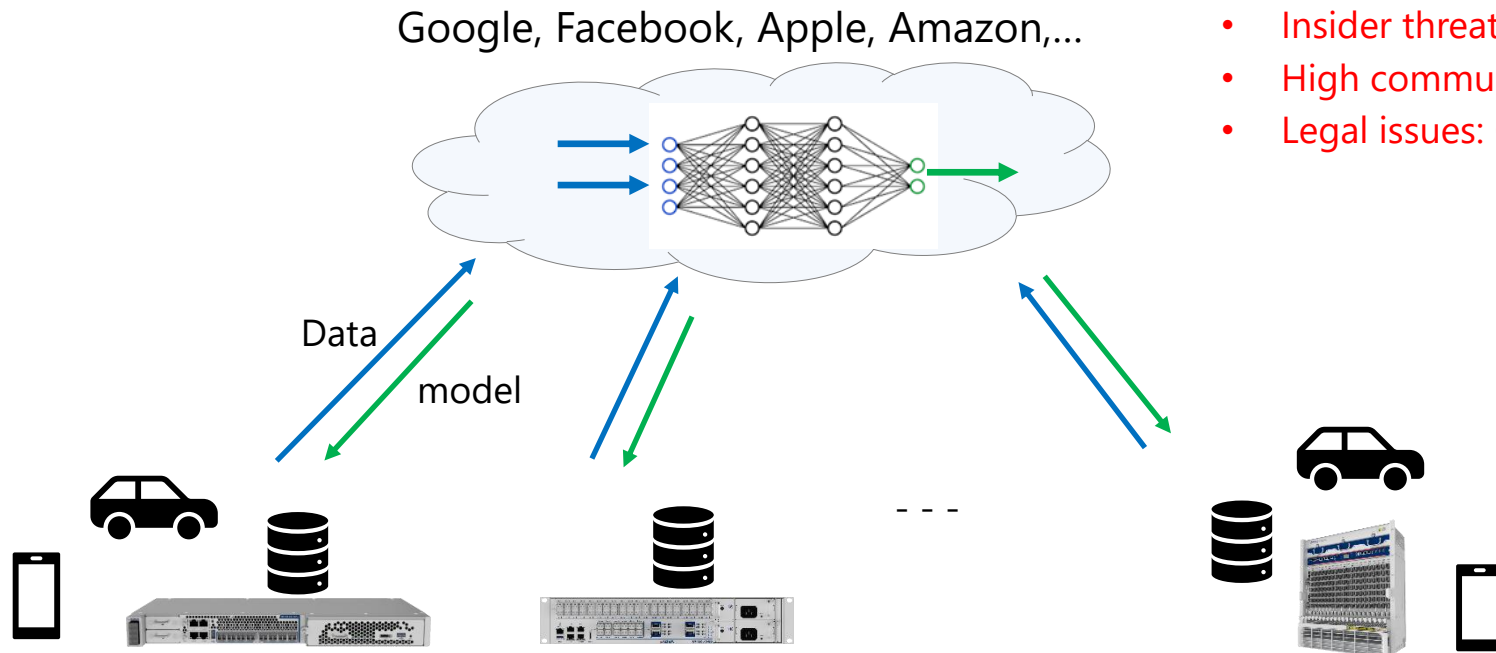
Minimizing the unplanned downtime and outage of services

# PM in the Cloud: Amazon Monitron, Google,...



Global predictive maintenance market is expected more than \$13 billion by 2026.

# Centralized Machine Learning

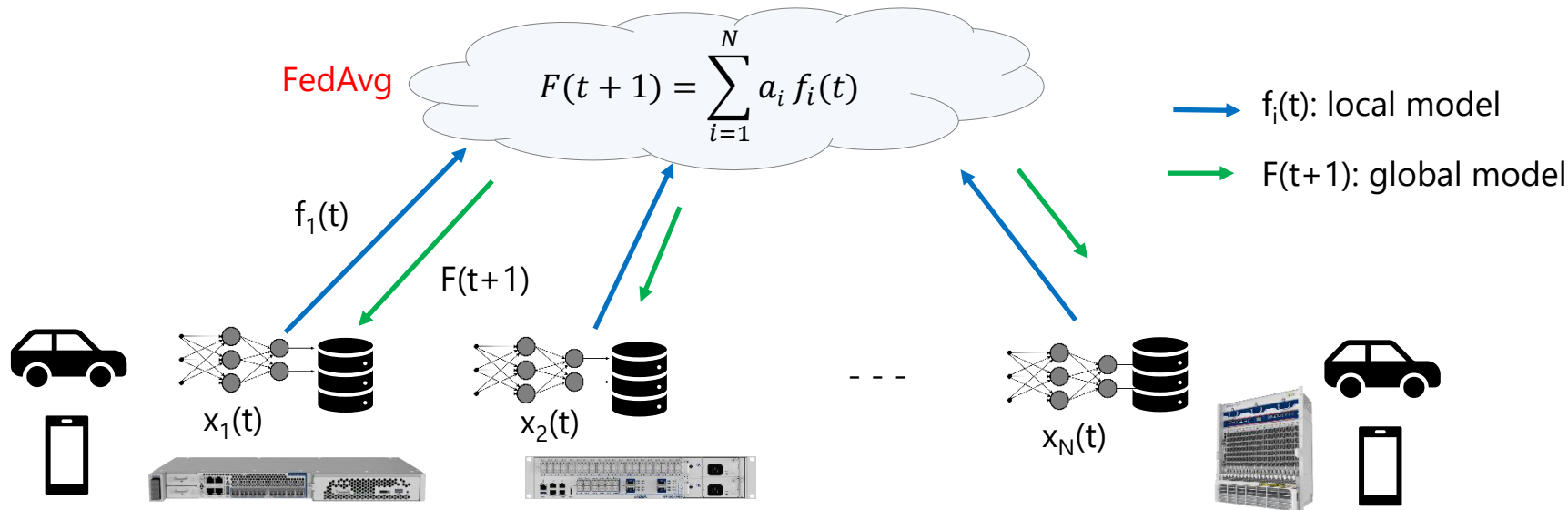


- Data breaches
- Insider threats
- High communication cost
- Legal issues: GDPR, CCPA,...

# Federated Learning (FL)

- Training an ML model from multiple datasets while keeping training data in place.
- Iterating train rounds which aggregate model updates after local training.

Google introduced the technique in 2017 to test on Android keyboard suggestions.

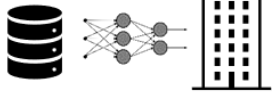


# ML-based predictive maintenance in federated learning

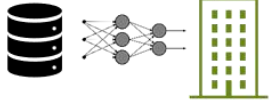
Aging test data

Field test data

Vendor 1

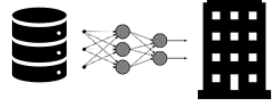


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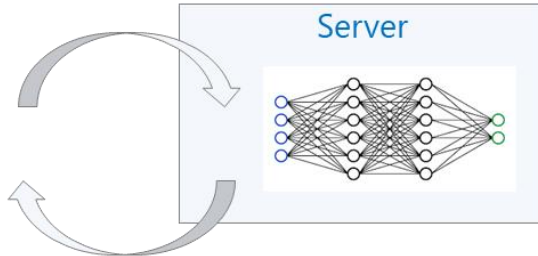


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Vendor N



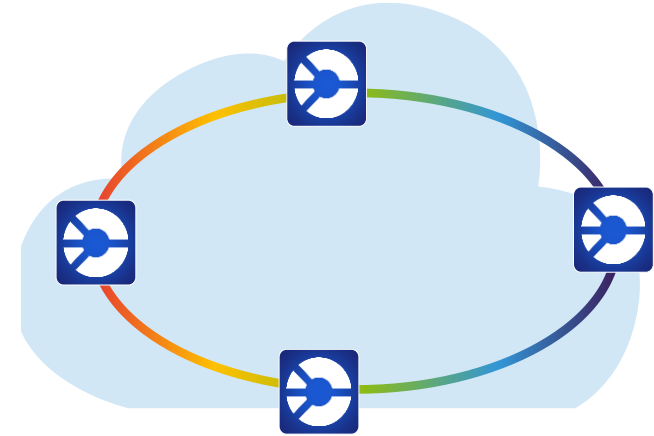
Secure  
Aggregation



Model  
Deployment

Update  
Model

Telecom Network



Predictive Maintenance

# Challenges in Developing Data-driven Prognostics Models



**Unavailability** of run-to failure data sets (Scarcity of failures during the system operation)

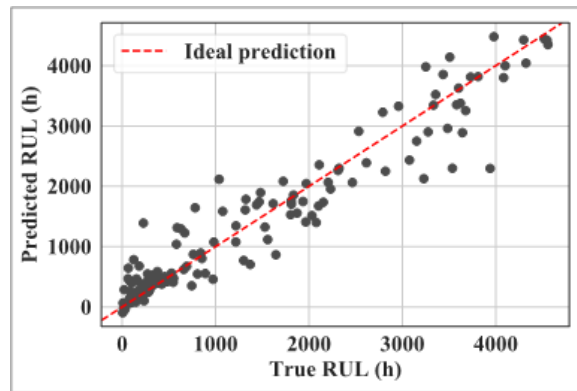


Long time required to generate a **meaningful** reliability data

➔ Adopting accelerated aging tests to collect reliability data in **shorter time**

- Accelerated aging tests are **expensive**
- Accelerated aging tests carried out for **few devices**

➔ **Small amount** of data derived from such tests adversely impacting the performance of ML model

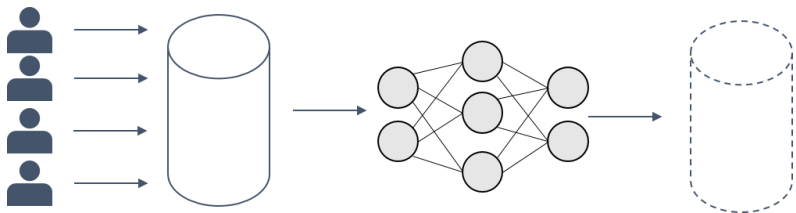


Federated Learning is a promising candidate to tackle the lack of data issue.

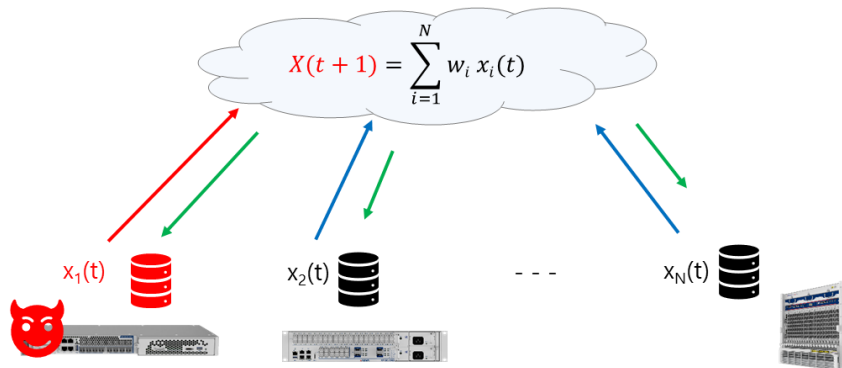
# Security and Privacy in FL



## Model Inversion Attack

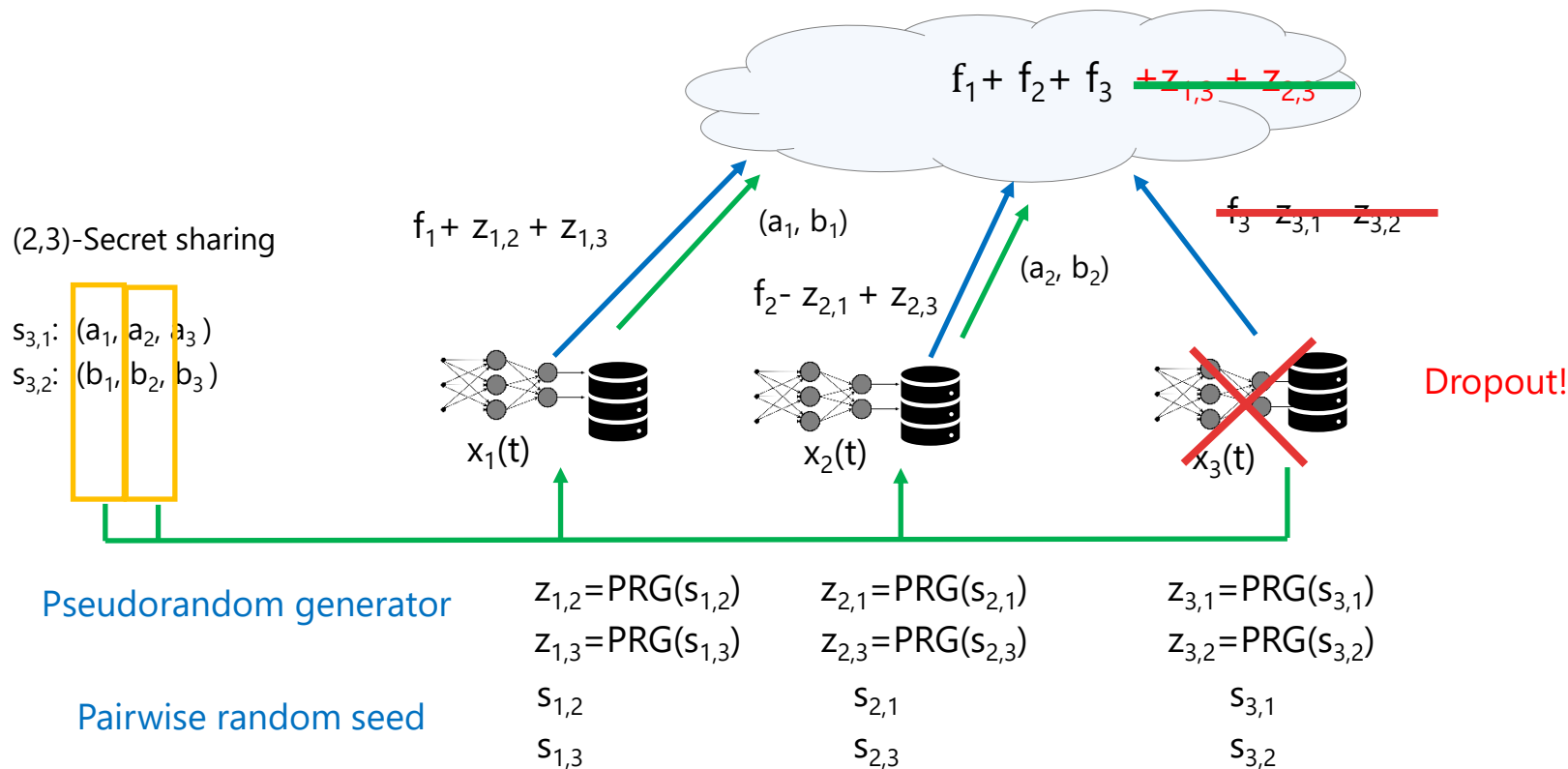


## Poisoning attack



[1] Fredrikson, Matt, Somesh Jha, and Thomas Ristenpart. "Model inversion attacks that exploit confidence information and basic countermeasures." In Proceedings of the 22nd ACM SIGSAC Conference on Computer and Communications Security, pp. 1322-1333. 2015.

# Secure Aggregation: Example by Google



# FL: Secure Aggregation

## Practical Secure Aggregation for Privacy-Preserving Machine Learning

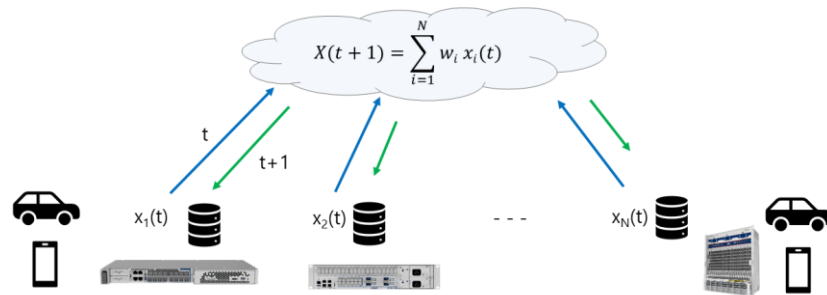
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### Threat model

- Honest but curious
- Dropout may occur

$s_{u,v}$ : a pairwise shared mask

$$y_u = x_u + \sum_{v \in \mathcal{U}: u < v} s_{u,v} - \sum_{v \in \mathcal{U}: u > v} s_{v,u} \pmod{R}$$

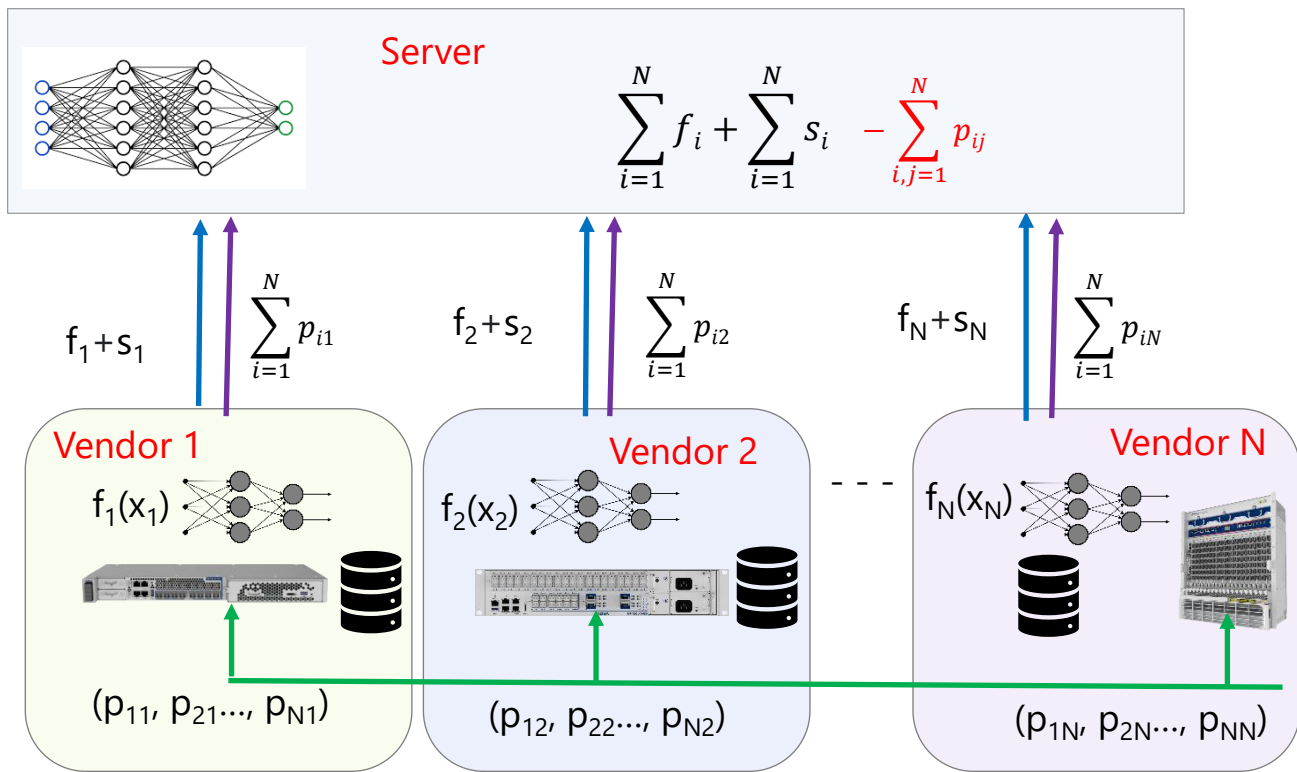


$$x_1(t) + s_{1,2} + s_{1,3} + \dots + s_{1,N}$$

$$x_2(t) - s_{2,1} + s_{2,3} + \dots + s_{2,N}$$

$$x_N(t) - s_{N,1} - s_{N,2} - \dots - s_{N,N-1}$$

# Private Federated Learning using Additive Masks

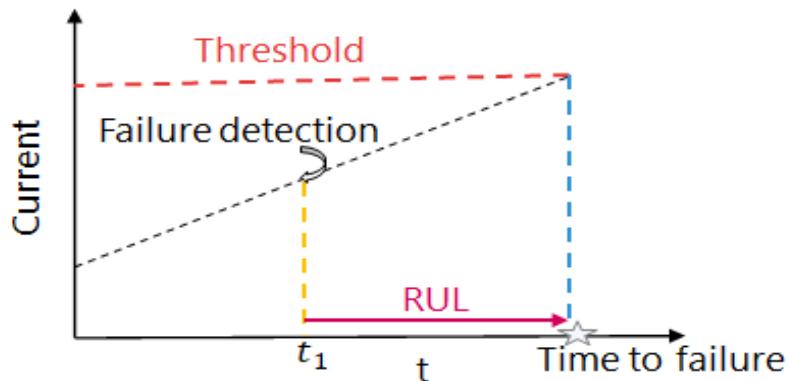


# Experiment

## Laser Remaining Useful Life (RUL) Prediction

### RUL Prediction

RUL defined as the length of time a device is likely to operate before being repaired or replaced.



### RUL Estimation Approaches

#### ➤ Physics-based approaches

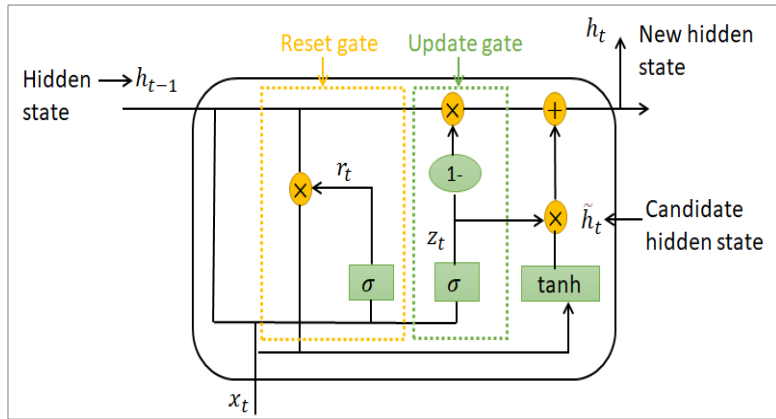
- + Accurate, precise
- High implementation costs
- Time consuming
- Computationally intensive

#### ➤ Data-driven approaches

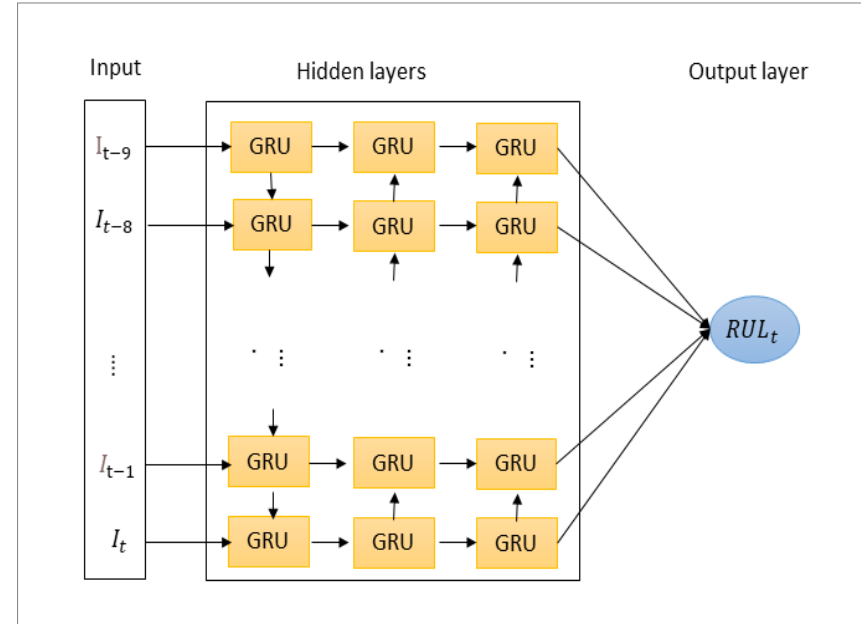
- + Easy and fast implementation
- + No knowledge required about the system
- The need of sufficient amount of data

# Local ML Model

## GRU



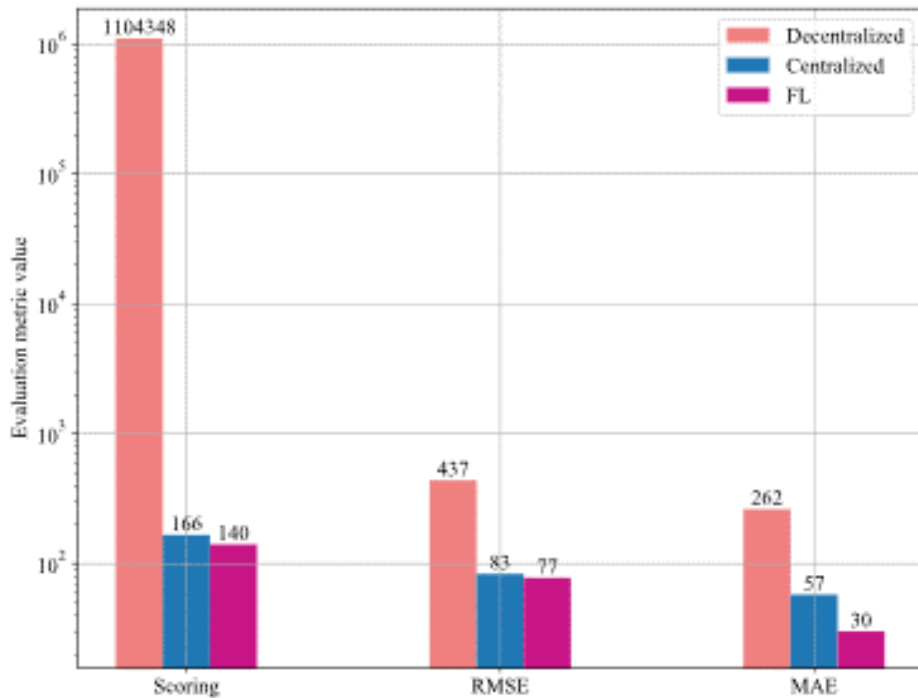
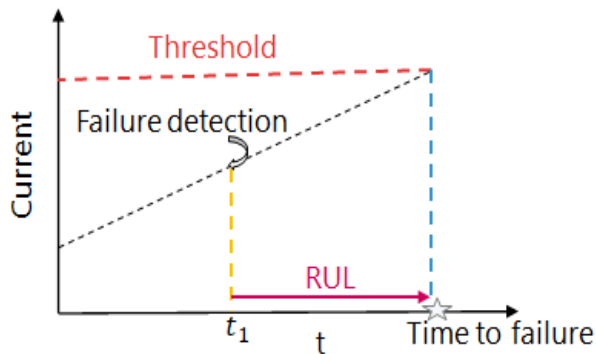
## GRU Model for RUL Prediction



# Comparison of FL, Centralized and Local ML

Using RMSE (Root Mean Square Error), MAE (mean absolute error) and scoring metrics

- Decentralized:  $x_1, \dots, x_N$
- Centralized:  $X = \sum_{i=1}^N x_i$
- FL:  $F = \sum_{i=1}^N f_i$



# Take away

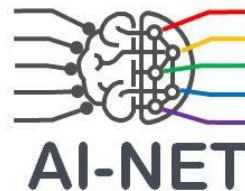
- We demonstrated that the FL framework achieves good prediction capability while ensuring the data privacy and confidentiality.
- The performances of the FL and centralized approaches are very similar in our use case.
- FL is potentially vulnerable for data/model poisoning attacks => Anomaly detection using ML can be applied.

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