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# **A Data-driven Approach for Remaining Useful Life Prediction of Critical Components**

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# Introduction

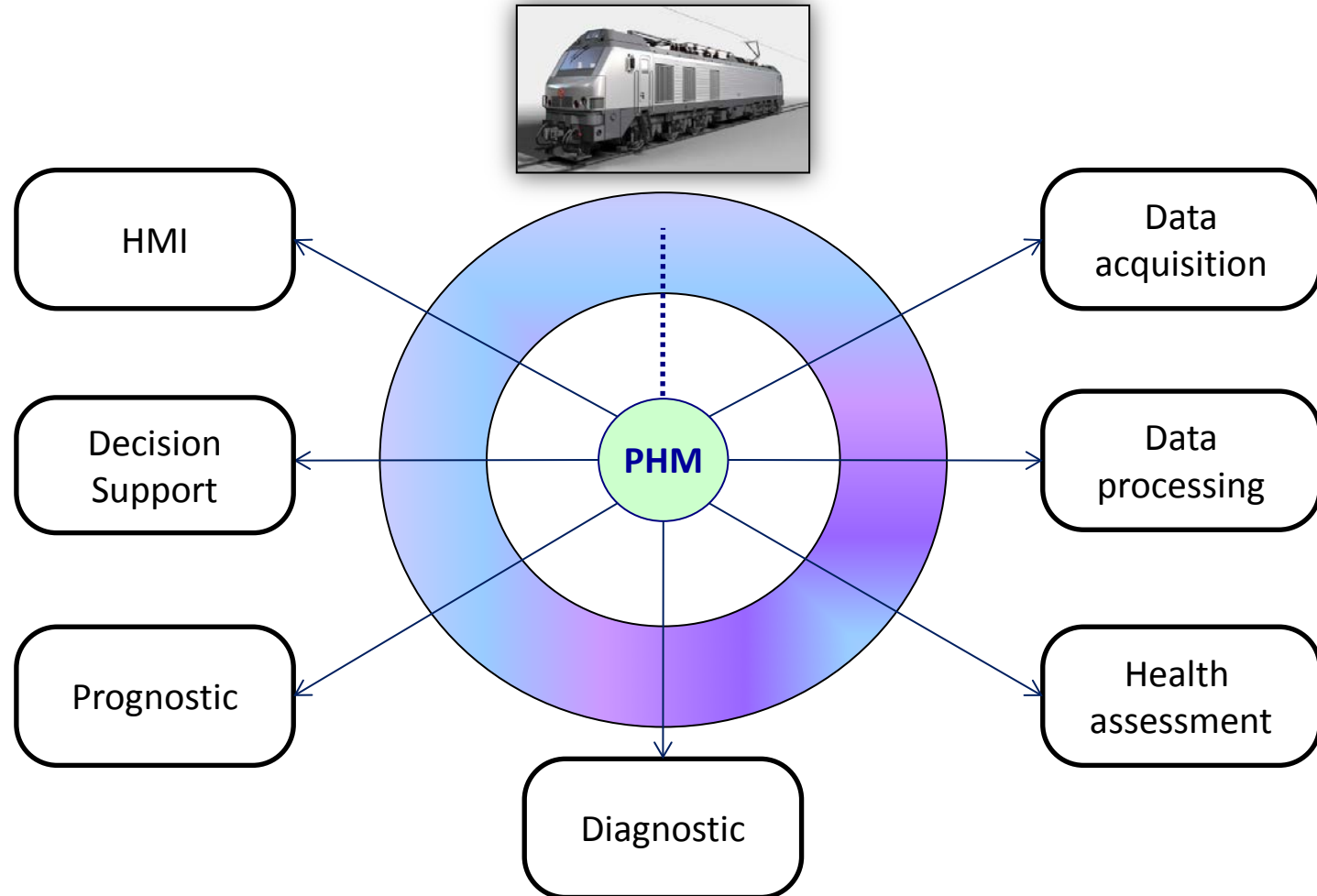


***Monitor, Detect, Predict, Anticipate = Prevent and avoid such catastrophes***

↗ Reliability   ↗ Availability   ↗ Security   ↘ Costs

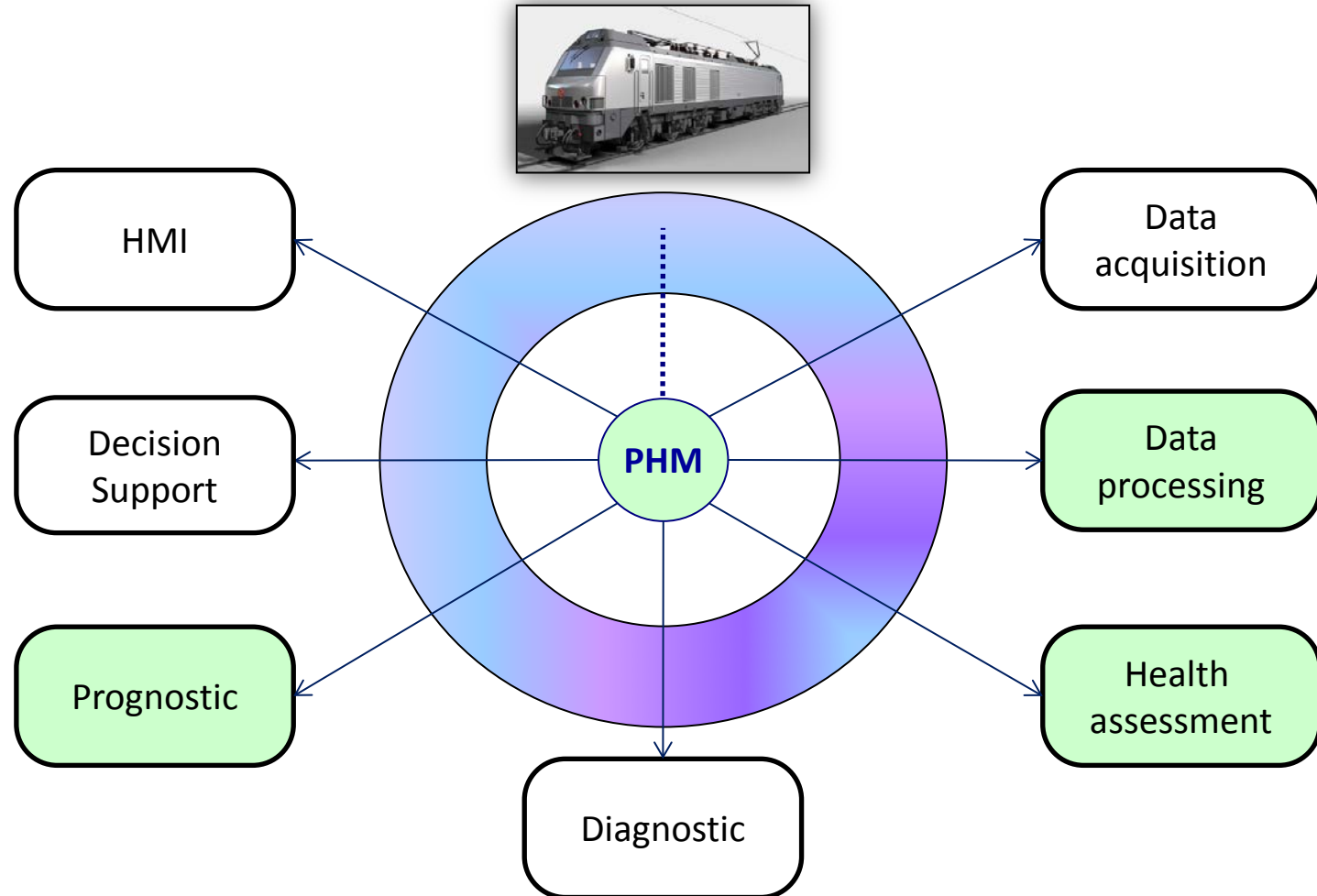
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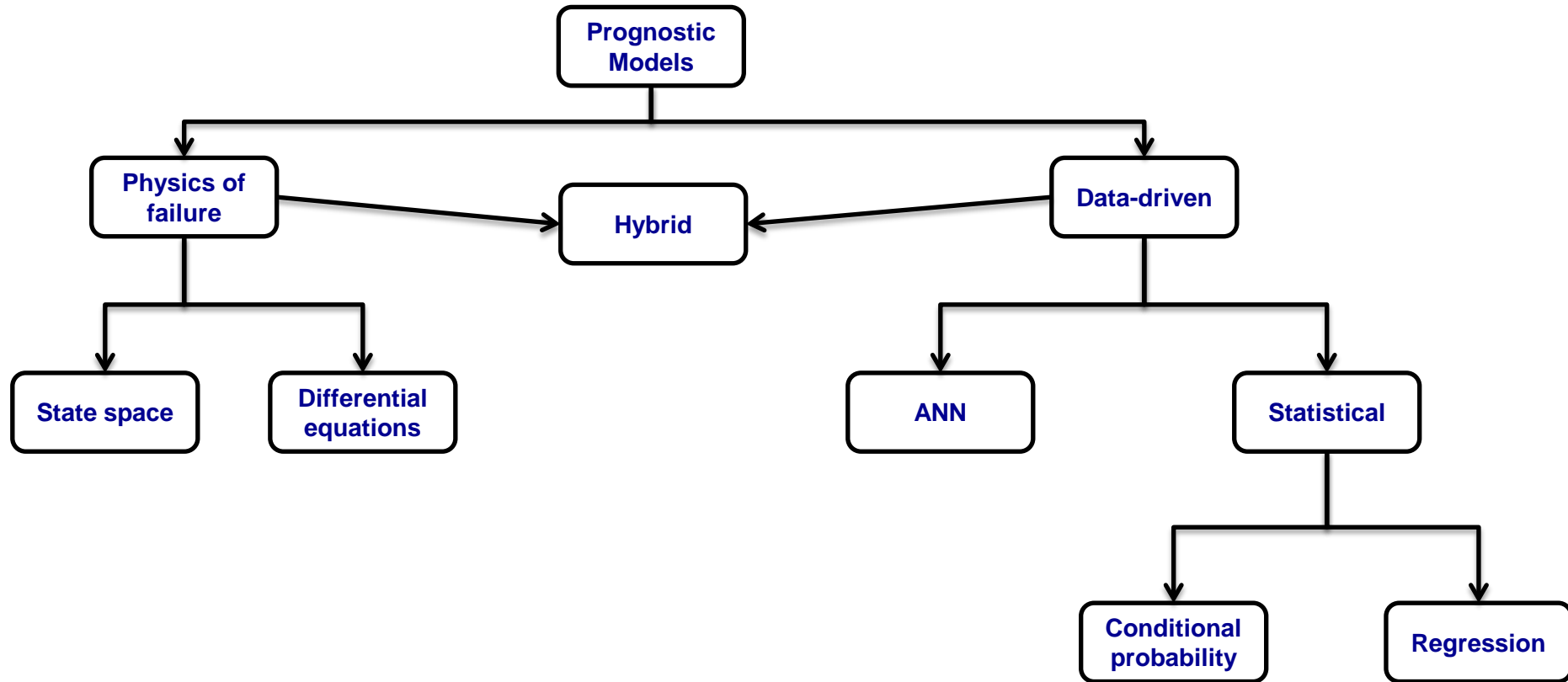
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## Prognostic definitions

- An advance indication of a future event. [Oxford dictionary]
- Estimation of time to failure and risk for one or more existing and future failure modes. [ISO 13381-1, 2004]
- Estimation of the time before failure, or the remaining useful life, and the associated confidence value. [Tobon-Mejia, 2012]
- Indicates whether the structure, system or component of interest can perform its function throughout its lifetime with reasonable assurance and, in case it cannot, to estimate the remaining useful life. [Zio, 2010]
- Predicts how much time is left before a failure (or more) occurs given the current machine condition and past operation profile. [K.S. Jardine, 2006]

# Introduction

## Prognostic models

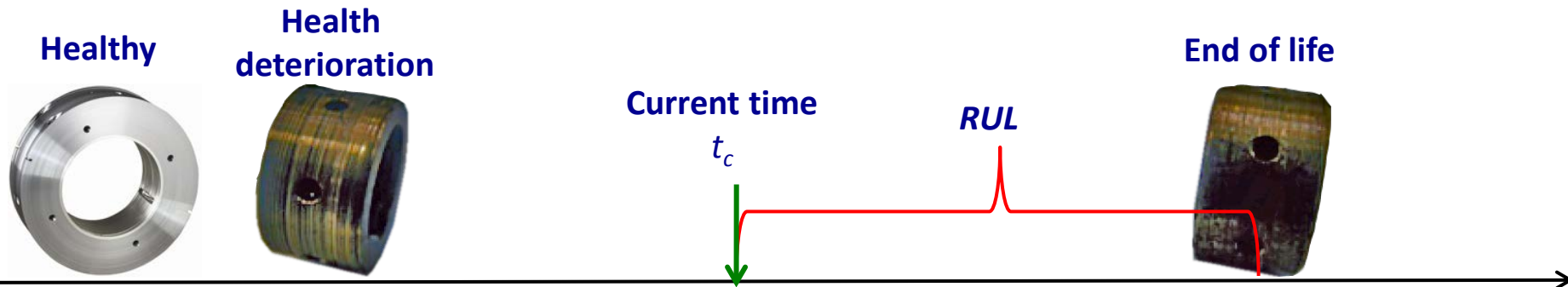


# Introduction



## Objectives

- Assess the current status of critical component.
- Predict the remaining useful life (RUL) time at which the critical component will no longer perform its intended function.





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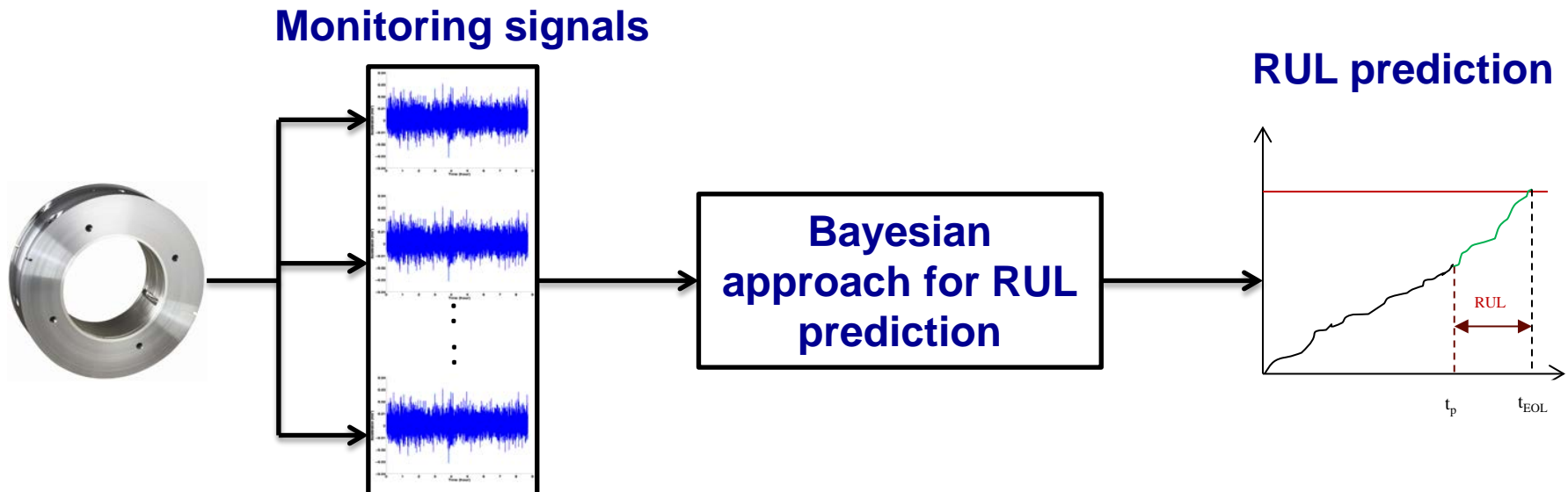
## Challenges

- Domain knowledge
- Measurements
  - Noisy
  - Imprecise
  - Incomplete
- Model
  - Un-modeled phenomena
  - Approximation and simplification
- Process
  - Unforeseen future loads and environmental conditions
  - Stochastic

# The method

## Overview

- Variable selection based on mining relationships between signals.
- Extract monotonic trends to represent evolution of the system.
- Using discrete Bayesian filter for online estimation.
- RUL prediction using k-NN and Gaussian process regression.



# The method

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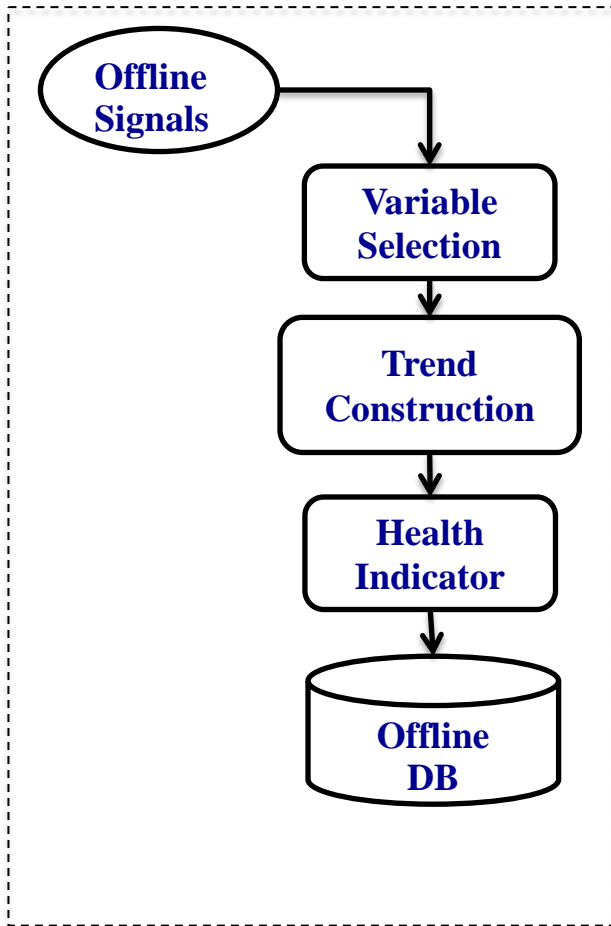


## General assumptions

- Domain knowledge
  - No.
- Measurements
  - Input signals: multidimensional time series matrix  $D_{N \times M}$  where N is number of observations and M is number of sensors.
  - Run to failure.
  - Relations between signals are important.
- Model
  - Data set contains enough samples for training.
  - Level: component (not system).
- Process
  - Operating conditions: constant.

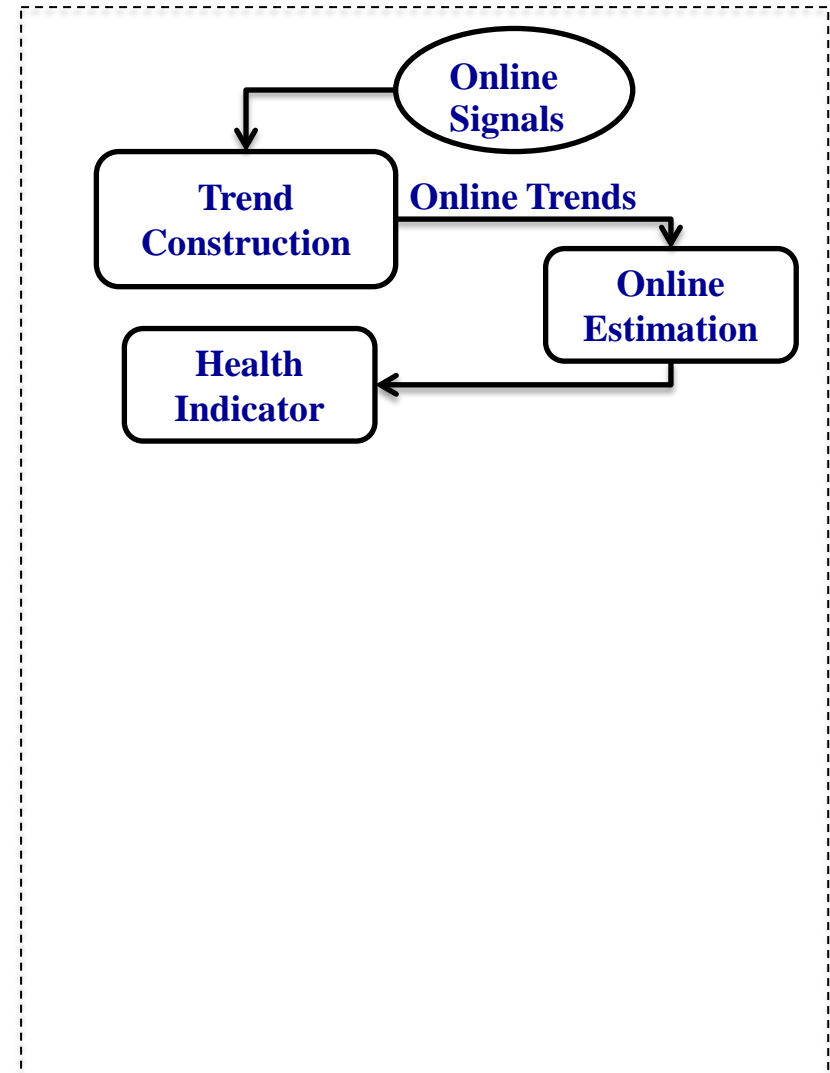
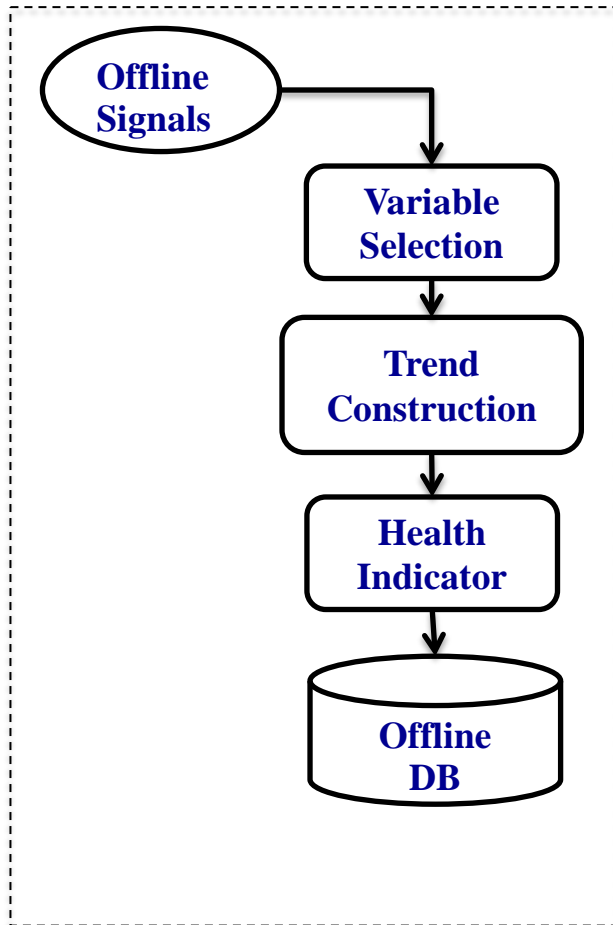
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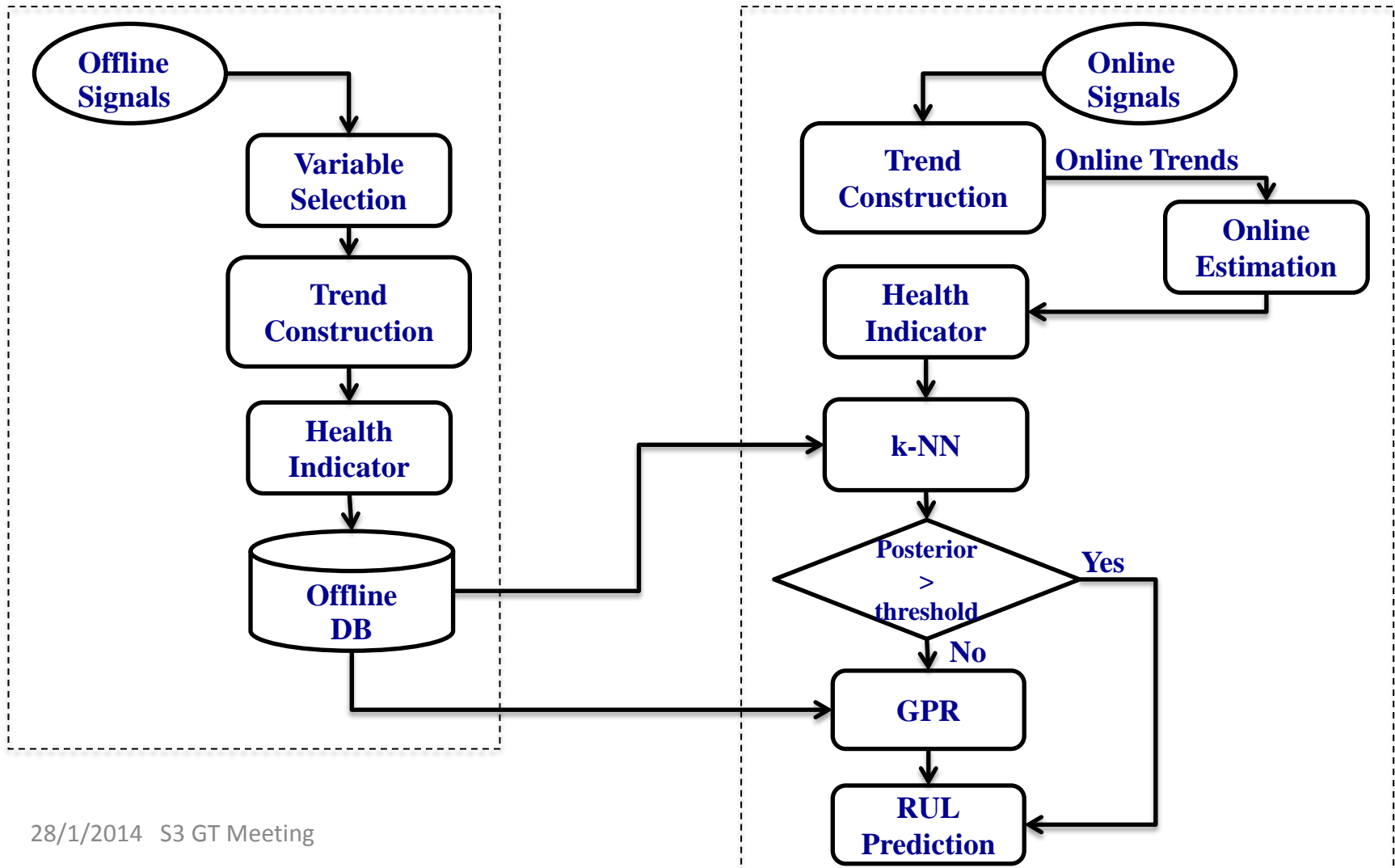
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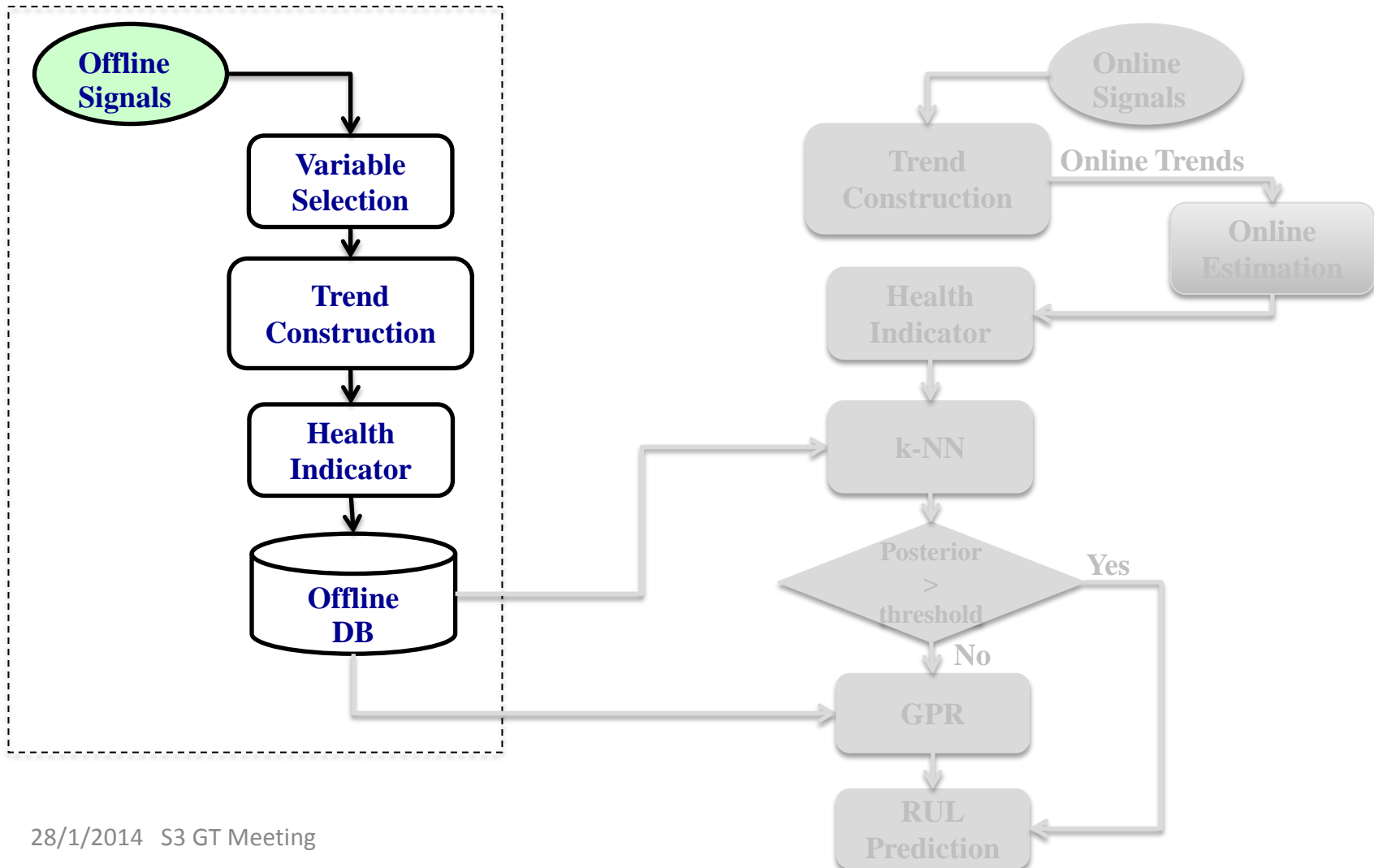
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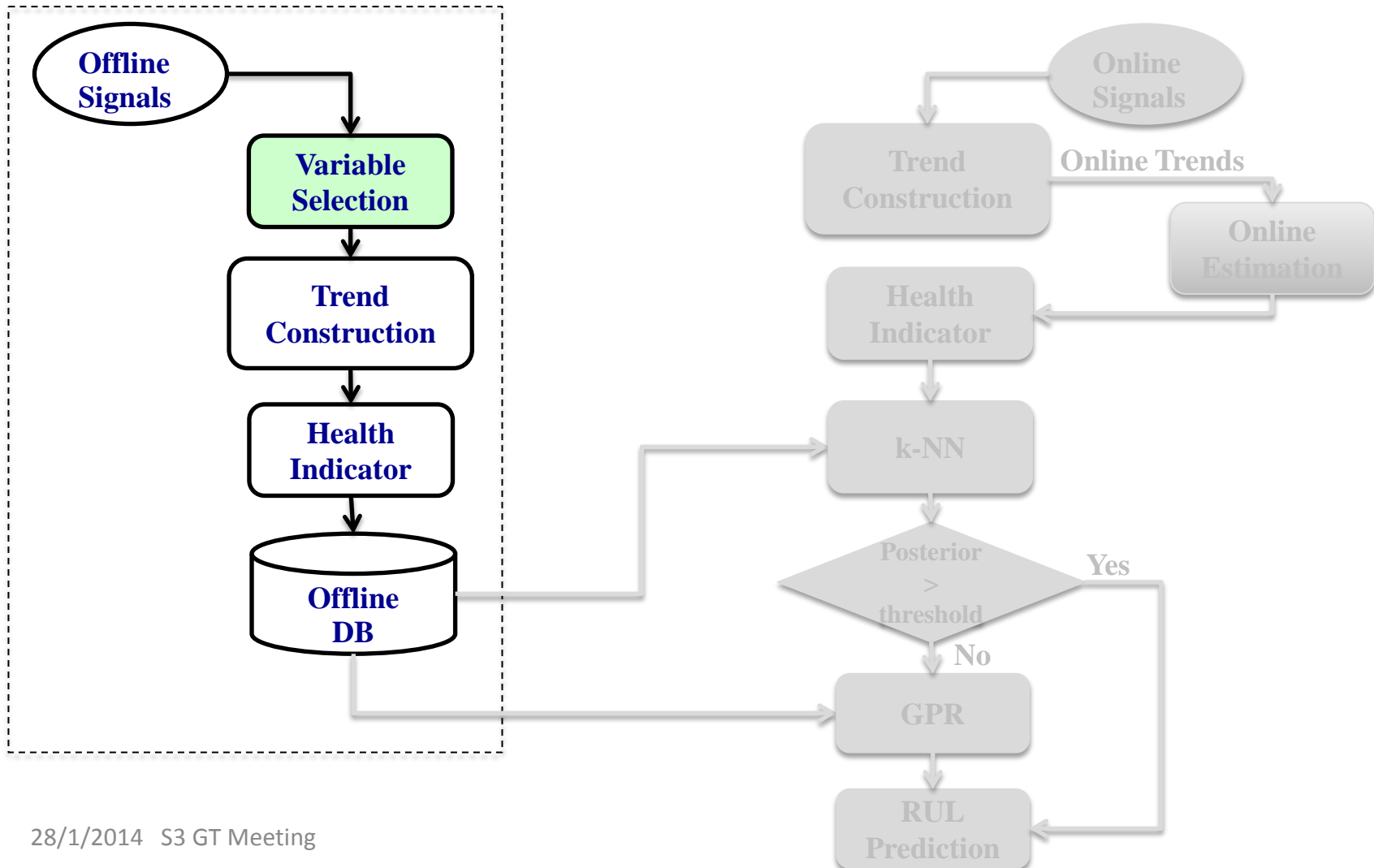
## Input data

- Multidimensional time series sensory data.
- Can be represented as a matrix  $D_{N \times M}$ 
  - Where, N is number of observations and M is number of sensors, i.e. variables.
- Signals that have non random relationships contain information about system degradation.
- The challenge is to automatically select the interesting variables.



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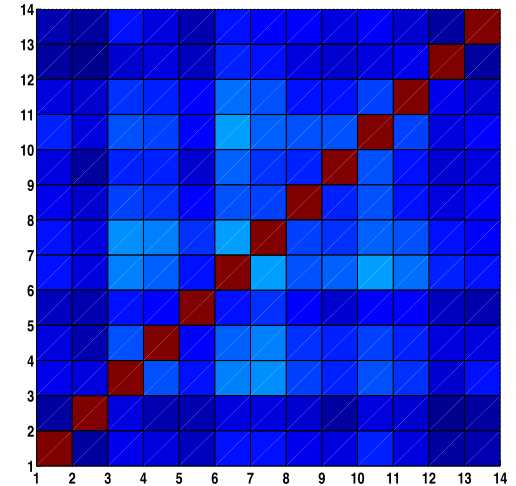
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## Variable selection

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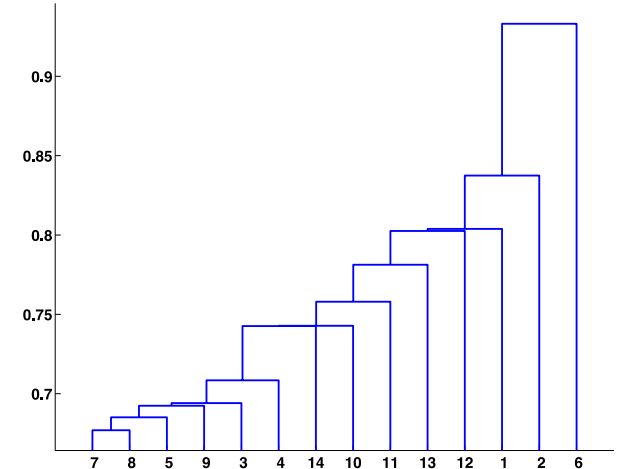


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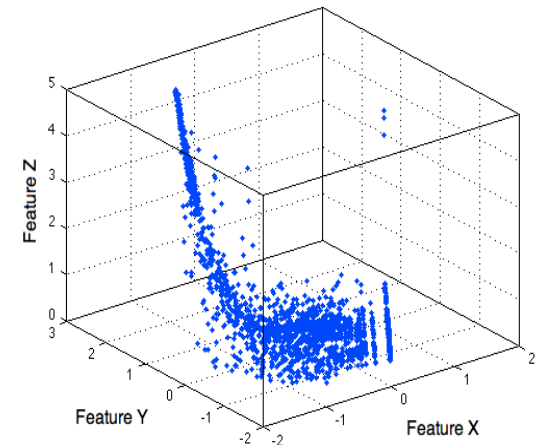
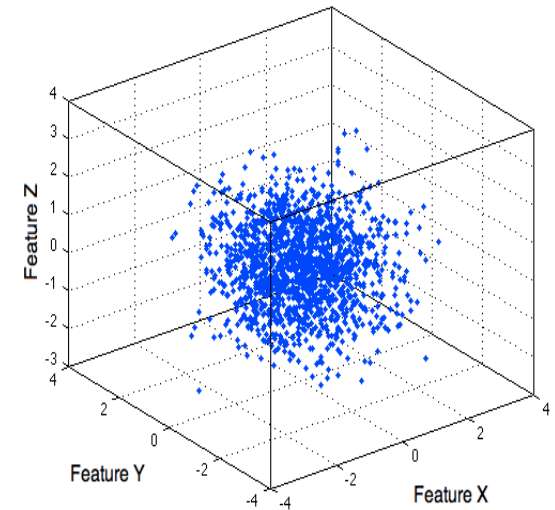


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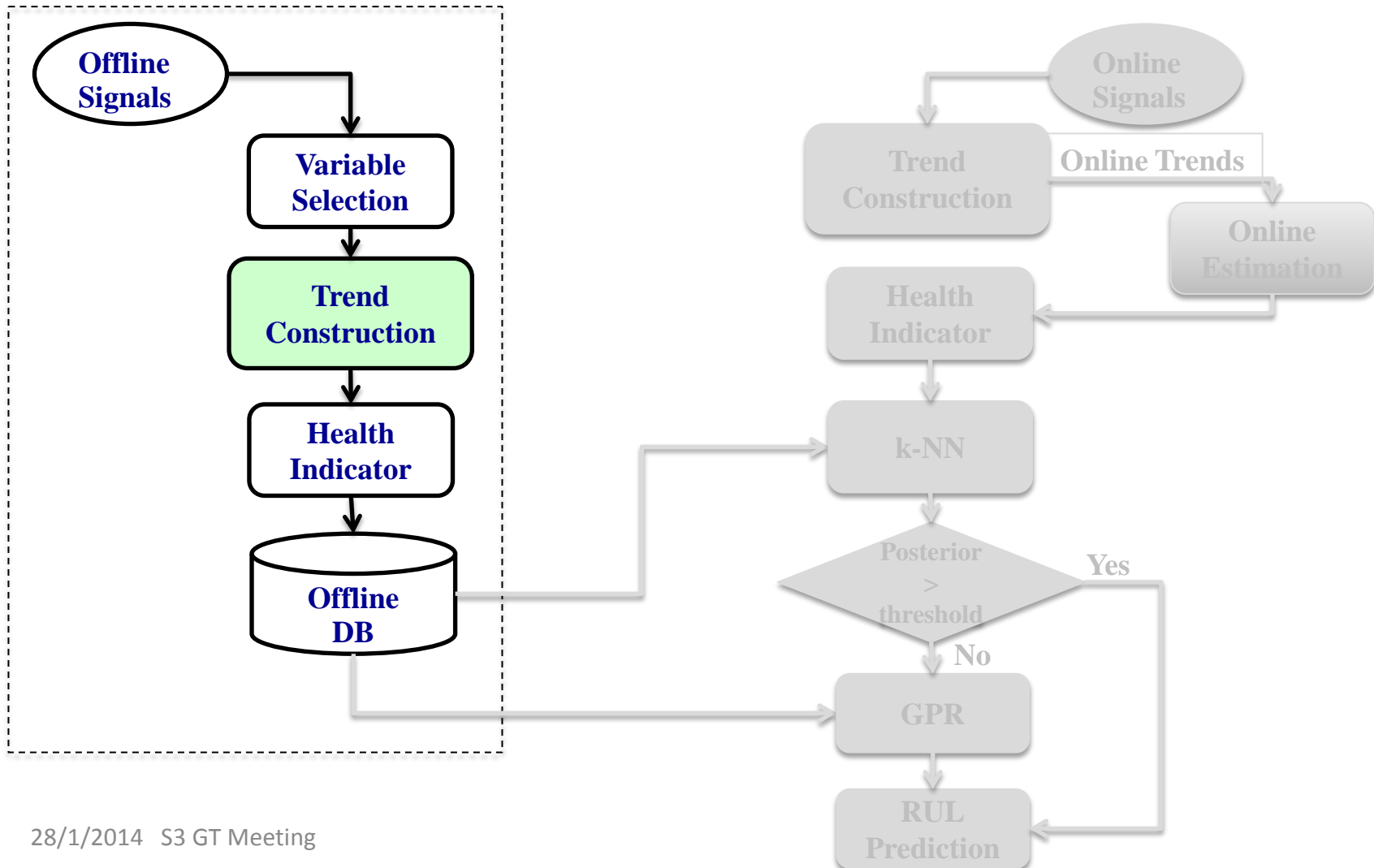
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3. Clustering quality using normalized value of distortion measure of the neurons.



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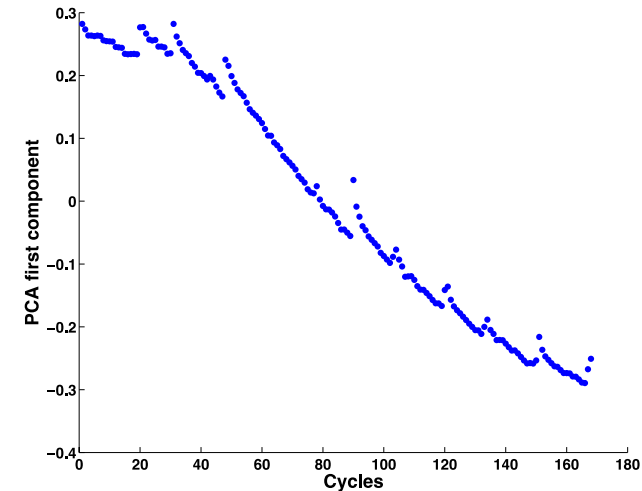
## Trend construction

- Using principle component analysis

$$C\lambda_i = \lambda_i v_i$$

- Where  $\lambda_i$  is eigenvalue and  $v_i$  is eigenvectors for covariance matrix of  $C$  of the selected features.

- Linear projection



# The method

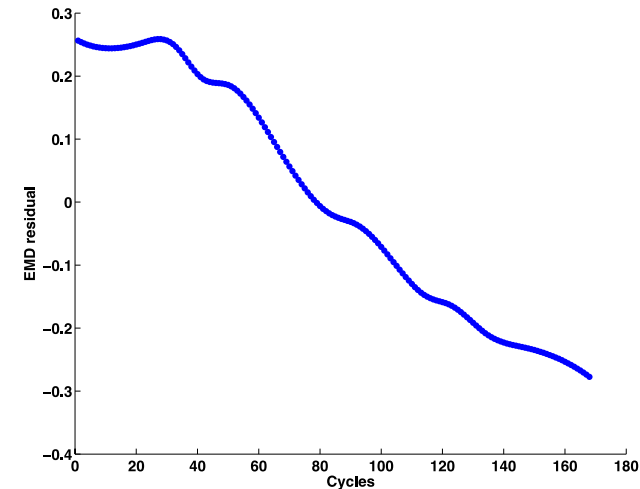


## Trend construction

- Using empirical mode decomposition

$$r_n(t) = X(t) - \sum_{i=1}^n imf_i(t)$$

- Where  $X(t)$  is input signal,  $imf$  is intrinsic mode function and  $r(t)$  is residual.
- The residual should be constant or monotonic function.

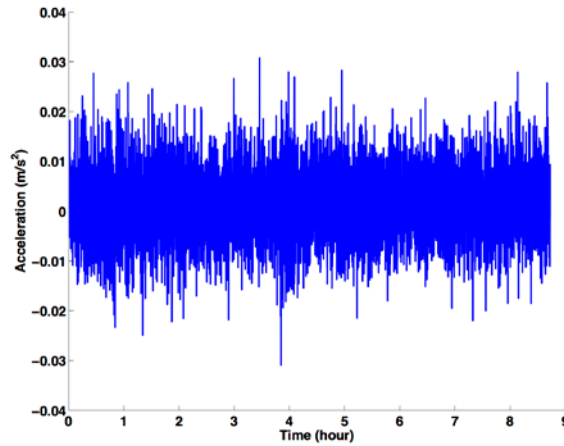


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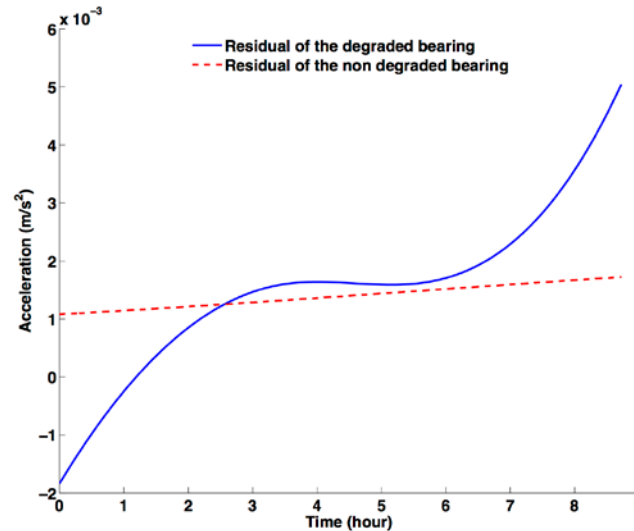
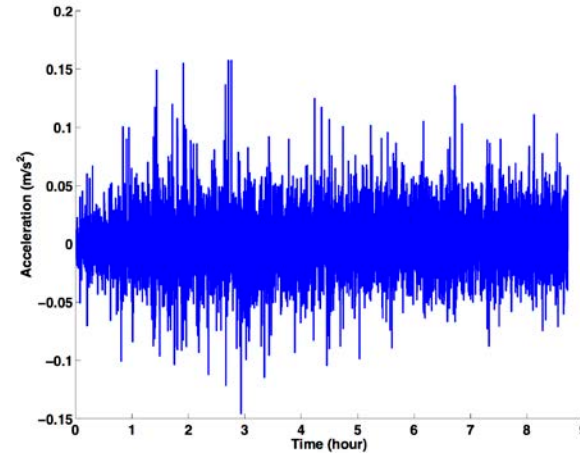


## Trend construction

Non degraded



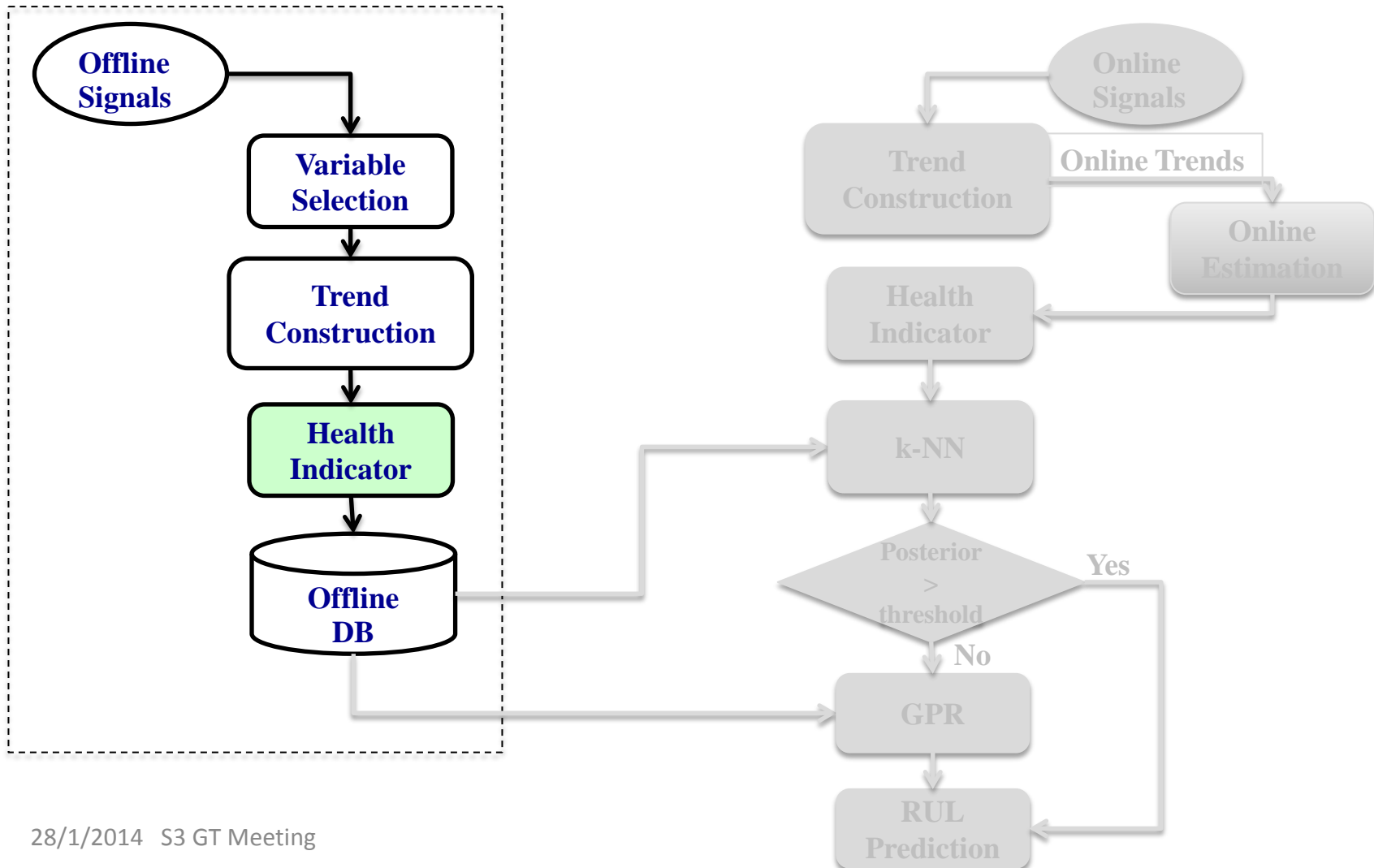
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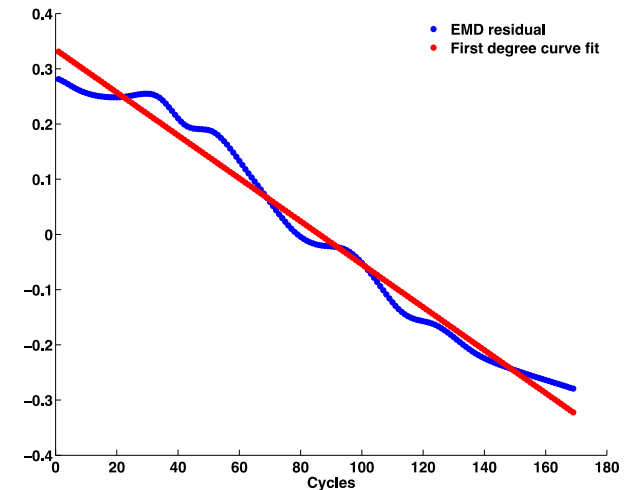


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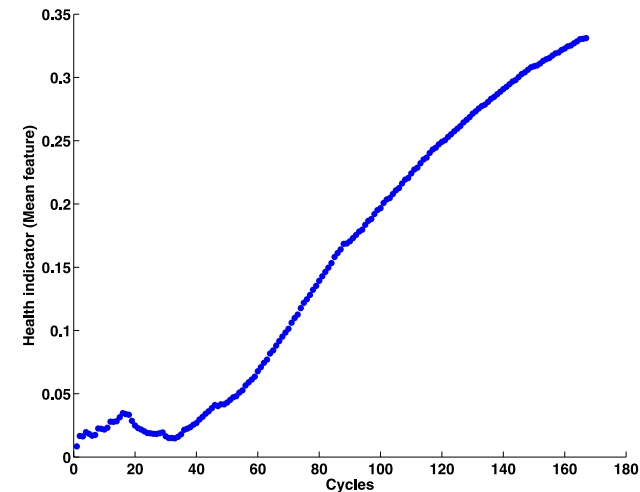


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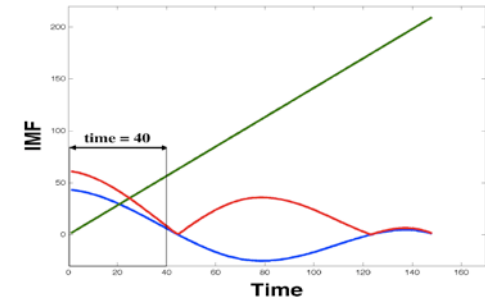
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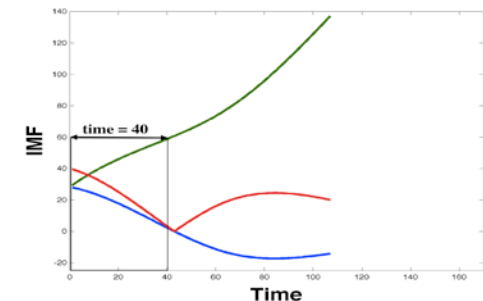
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- The features are labeled according to the EOL of each trend.

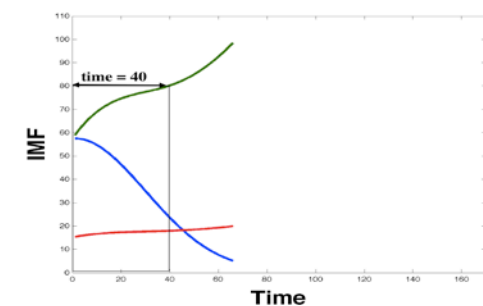
EOL = 148



EOL = 107

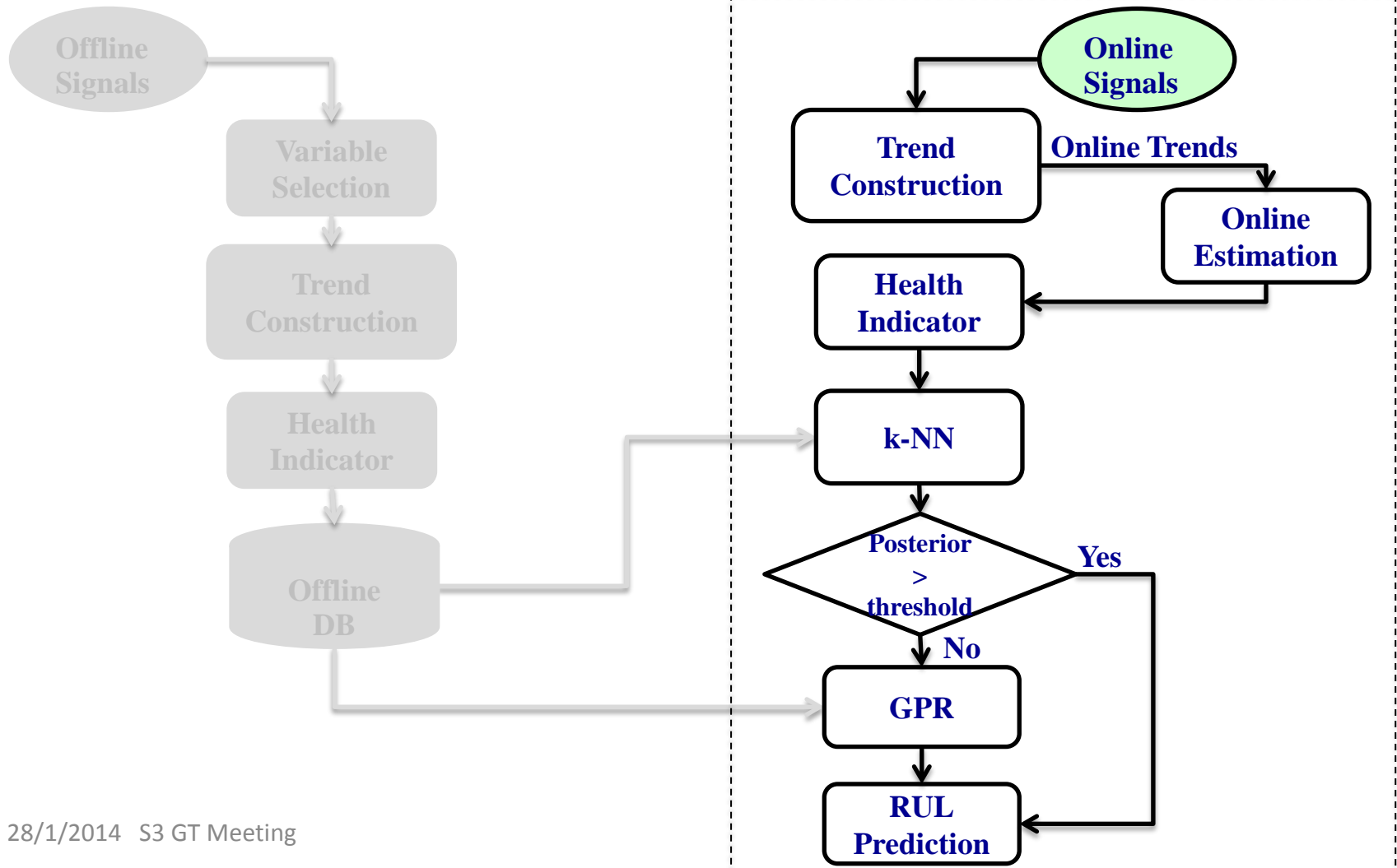


EOL = 66



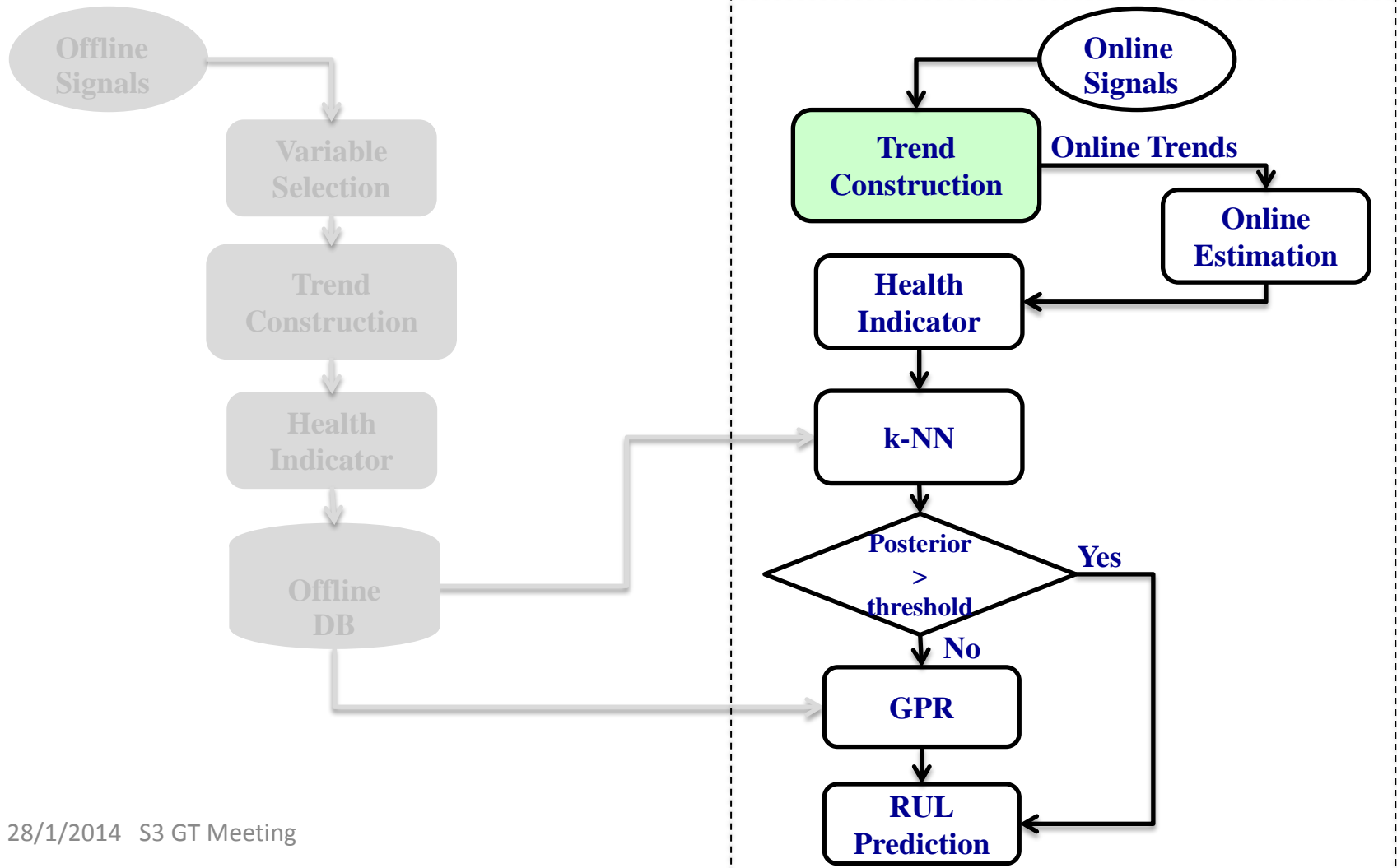
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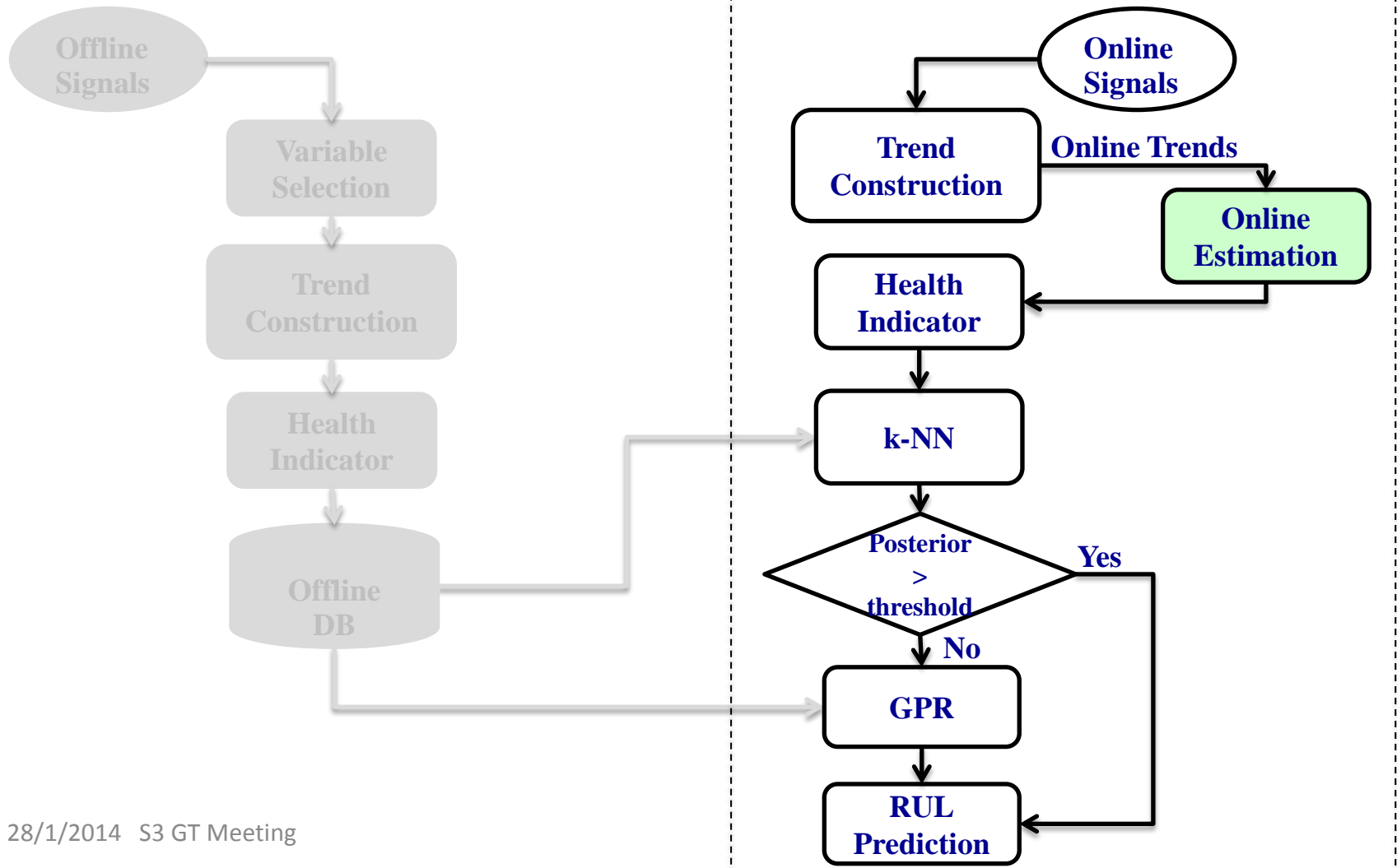
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## State estimation: Bayes filter

- Critical components are dynamic systems that possess internal state which can characterize the system health.
- Internal state can not be measured directly.
- Sensory data are used to deduce the internal state.
- The evolution of the state and measurements are governed by probabilistic laws.





## State estimation: Bayes filter

- Markovian internal state will be denoted as  $x_t$  and the sensory data are denoted as  $z_t$  at time  $t$ .
- Two main quantities need to be observed:
  - State transition probability:  $p(x_t | x_{t-1})$
  - Measurement transition probability:  $p(z_t | x_t)$
- Probability over state variable  $x_t$  will be denoted as:
  - $p_{\text{posterior}}(x_t) = p(x_t | z_{1:t})$ .
- Prediction probability distribution denoted as:
  - $p_{\text{prior}}(x_t) = p(x_t | z_{1:t-1})$



## State estimation: Bayes filter

- Bayes filter: a general algorithm for calculating the prior and posterior probabilities.

*Input* :  $p_0(x_{t-1}), z_t$

*Output* :  $p_{\text{posterior}}(x_t)$

$\forall x_t$

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} p_{\text{prior}}(x_t) = \int p(x_t | x_{t-1}) p(x_{t-1}) dx \\ p_{\text{posterior}}(x_t) = \eta p(z_t | x_t) p_{\text{prior}}(x_t) \end{array} \right.$$

*end*

- Estimates the probability distribution recursively from the data.



## State estimation: Bayes filter

- Can be implemented in different ways such as:
  - Kalman filter.
  - Extended Kalman filter.
  - Particle filter.
  - Histogram filter.
- Any implementation requires knowing three probability distributions:
  1. Initial probability.
  2. Measurement transition probability.
  3. State transition probability.

# The method



## State estimation: Bayes filter

- Known as histogram filter for continuous states.

*Input* :  $\{p_{k,t-1}\}, z_t$

*Output* :  $\{p_{k,t}\}$

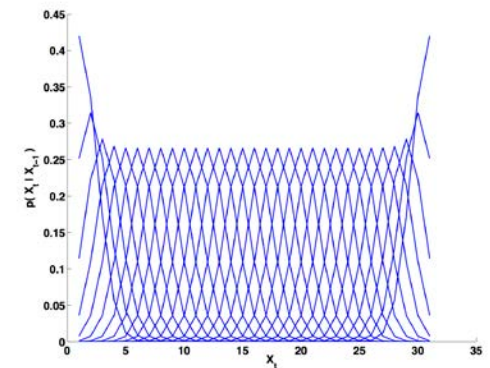
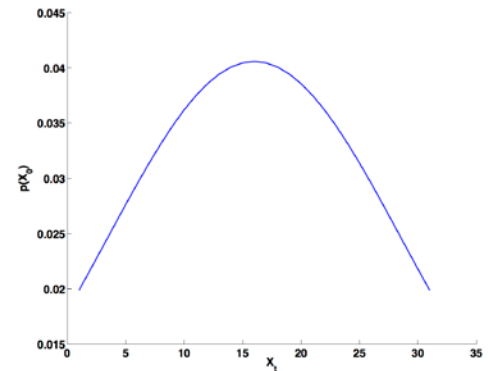
$\forall x_t$

$$\bar{p}_{k,t} = \sum_i p(X_t = x_k | X_{t-1} = x_i) p_{i,t-1}$$

$$p_{k,t} = \eta p(z_t | X_t = x_k) \bar{p}_{k,t}$$

*end*

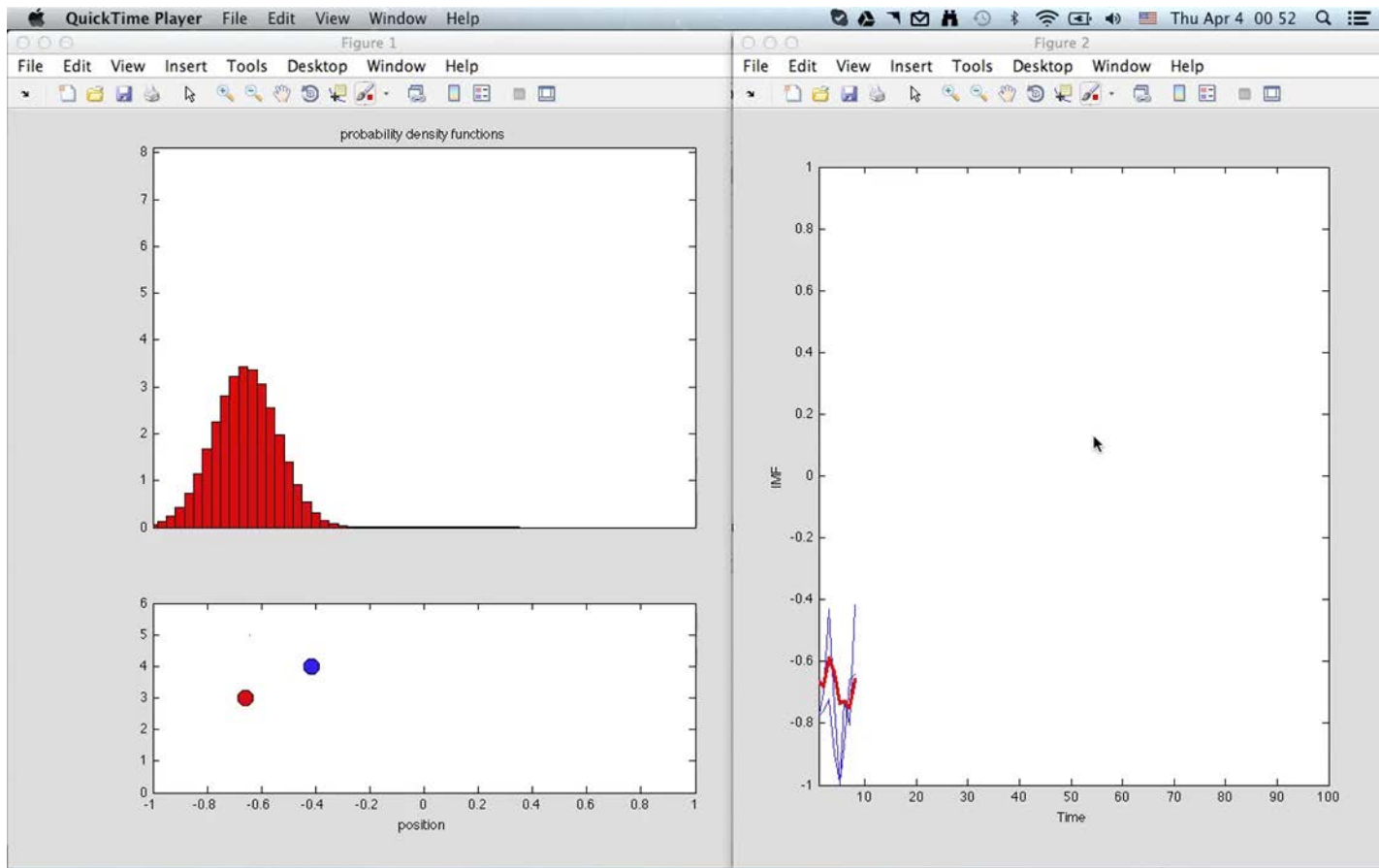
- Decomposes the state space into many regions and represents the posterior by a histogram.



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## State estimation: Bayes filter

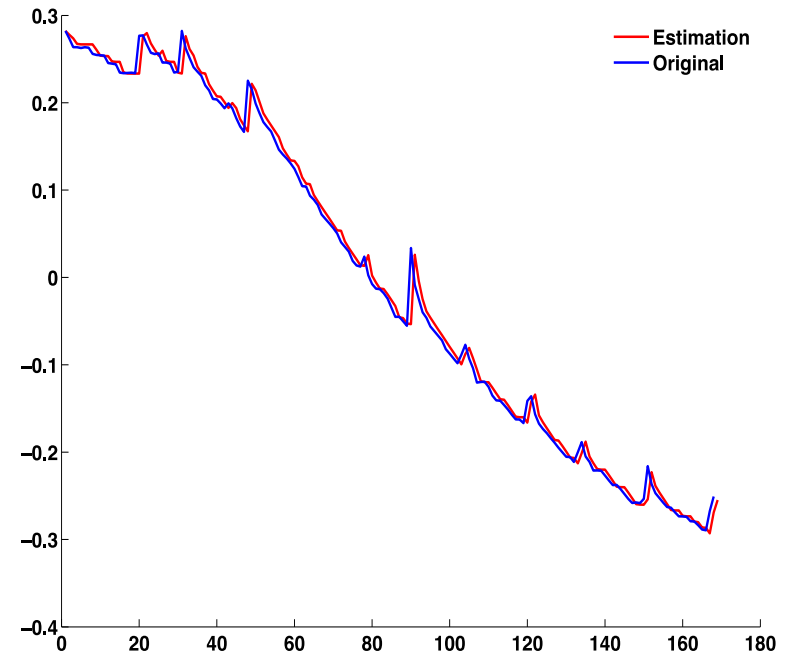


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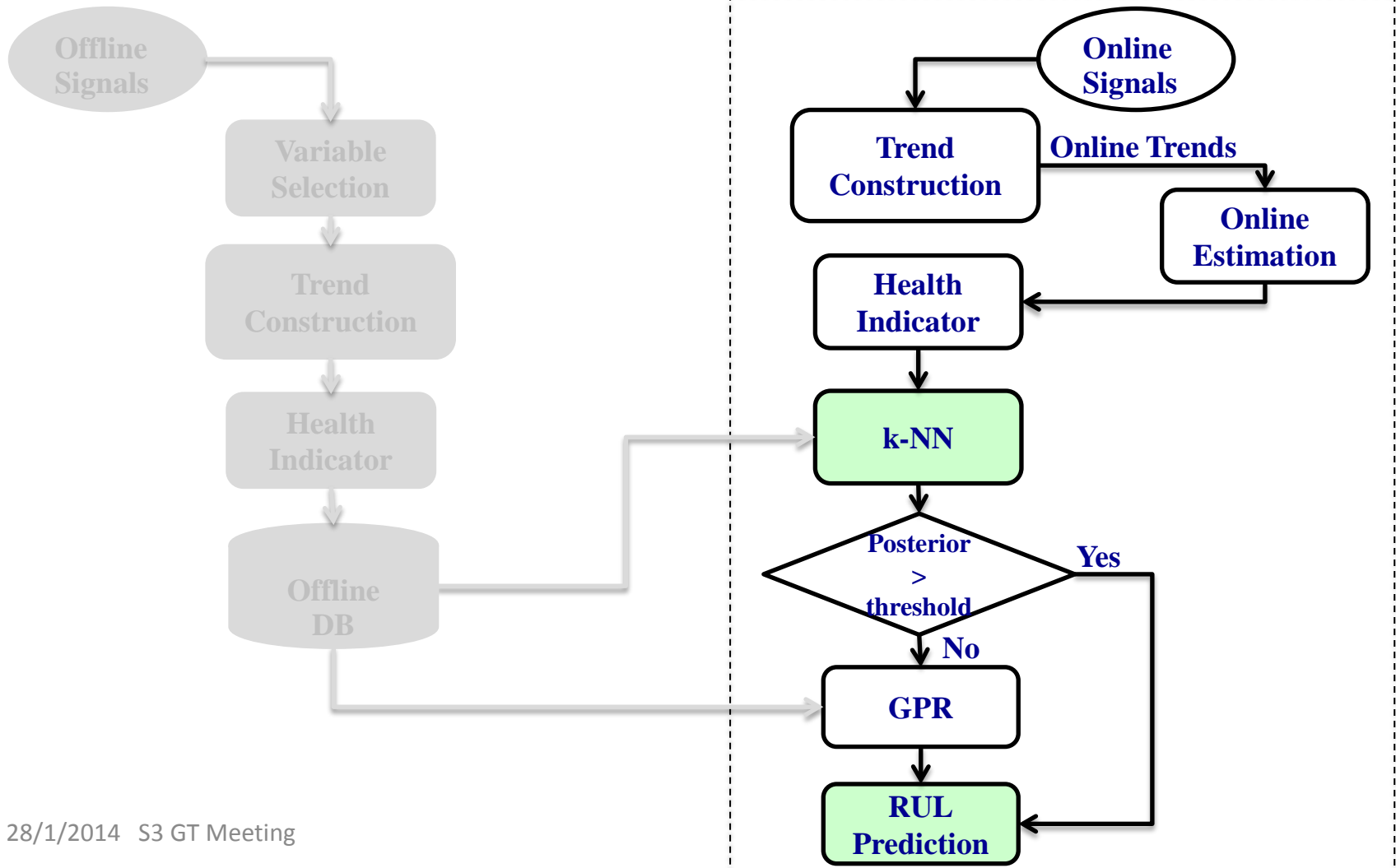
## State estimation: Bayes filter

- Example of estimating the trend of the projected capacity and voltage variables at discharge.
- $\text{RMS} = 0.0148$



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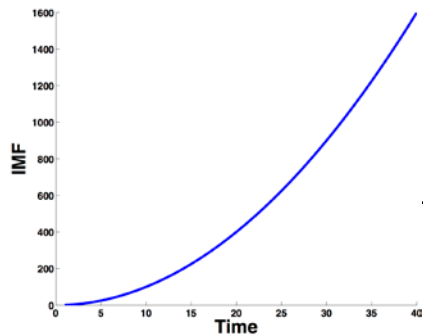


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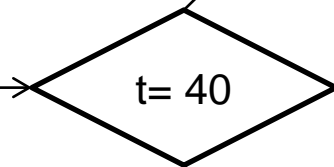
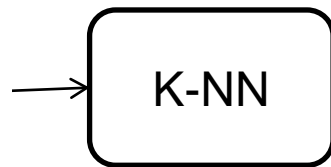
## Online selection (k-NN)

- A k-NN classifier for objects based on closest training examples in the feature space.

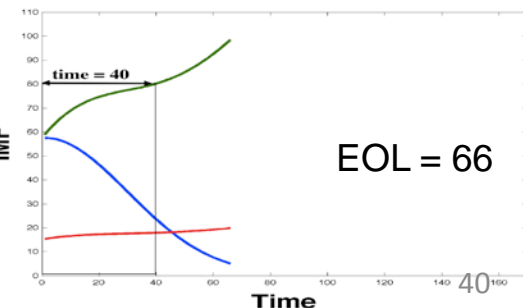
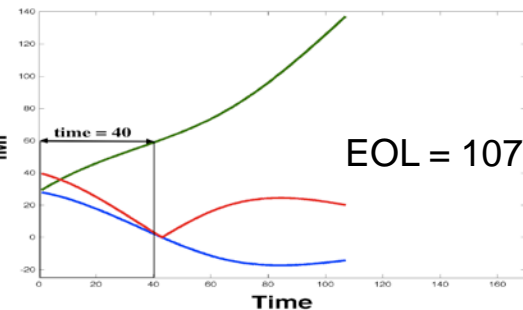
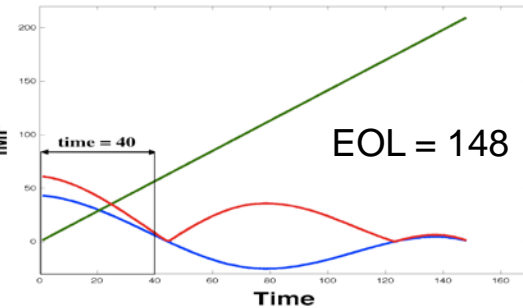
$$p(C_k|a) = \frac{p(a|C_k) \times p(C_k)}{p(a)} = \frac{K_k}{K}$$



Online trend at  
time = 40



## Offline trends



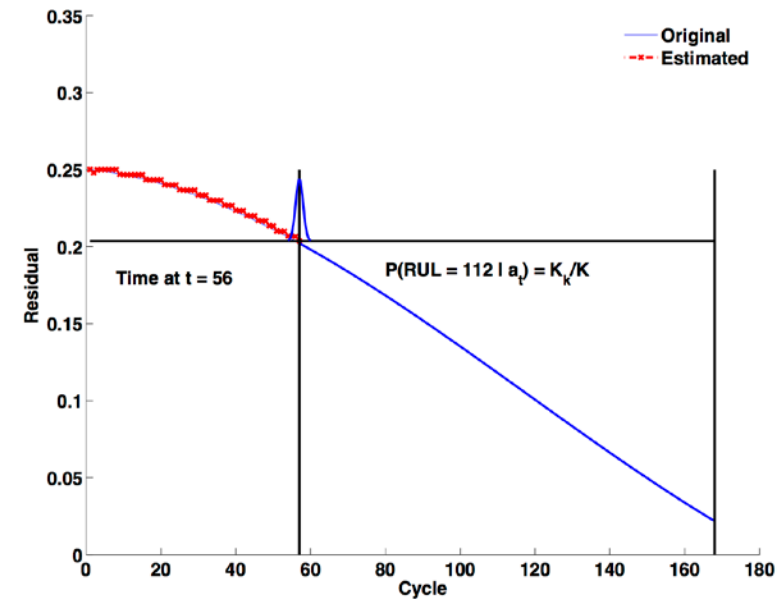


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## RUL prediction

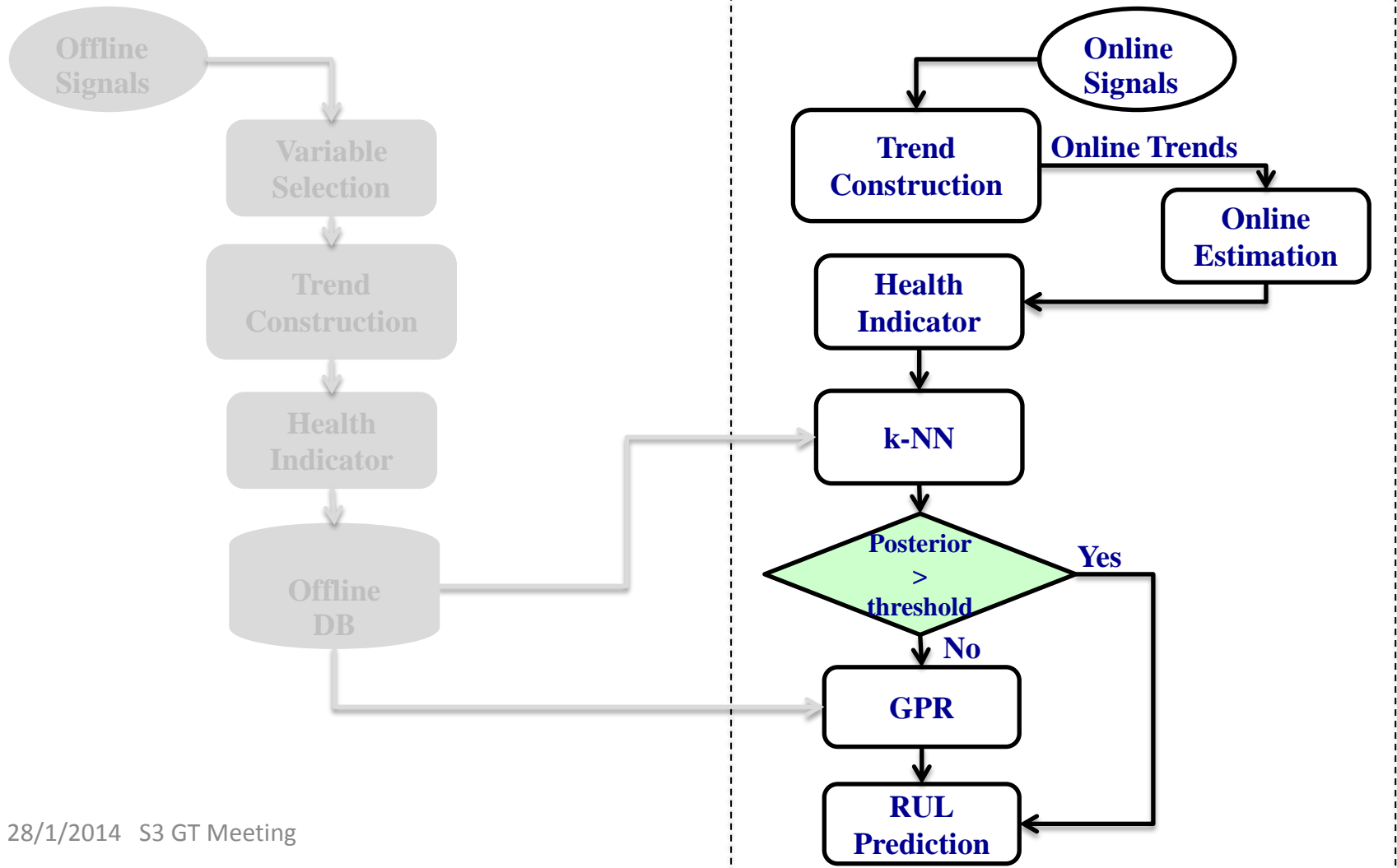
- Using Euclidean distance.
  - Between online signal and database till time “t”.
  - Efficient for this particular problem.



$$d(q-p) = \sqrt{(q_1 - p_1)^2 + (q_2 - p_2)^2 + \dots + (q_n - p_n)^2} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (q_i - p_i)^2}$$

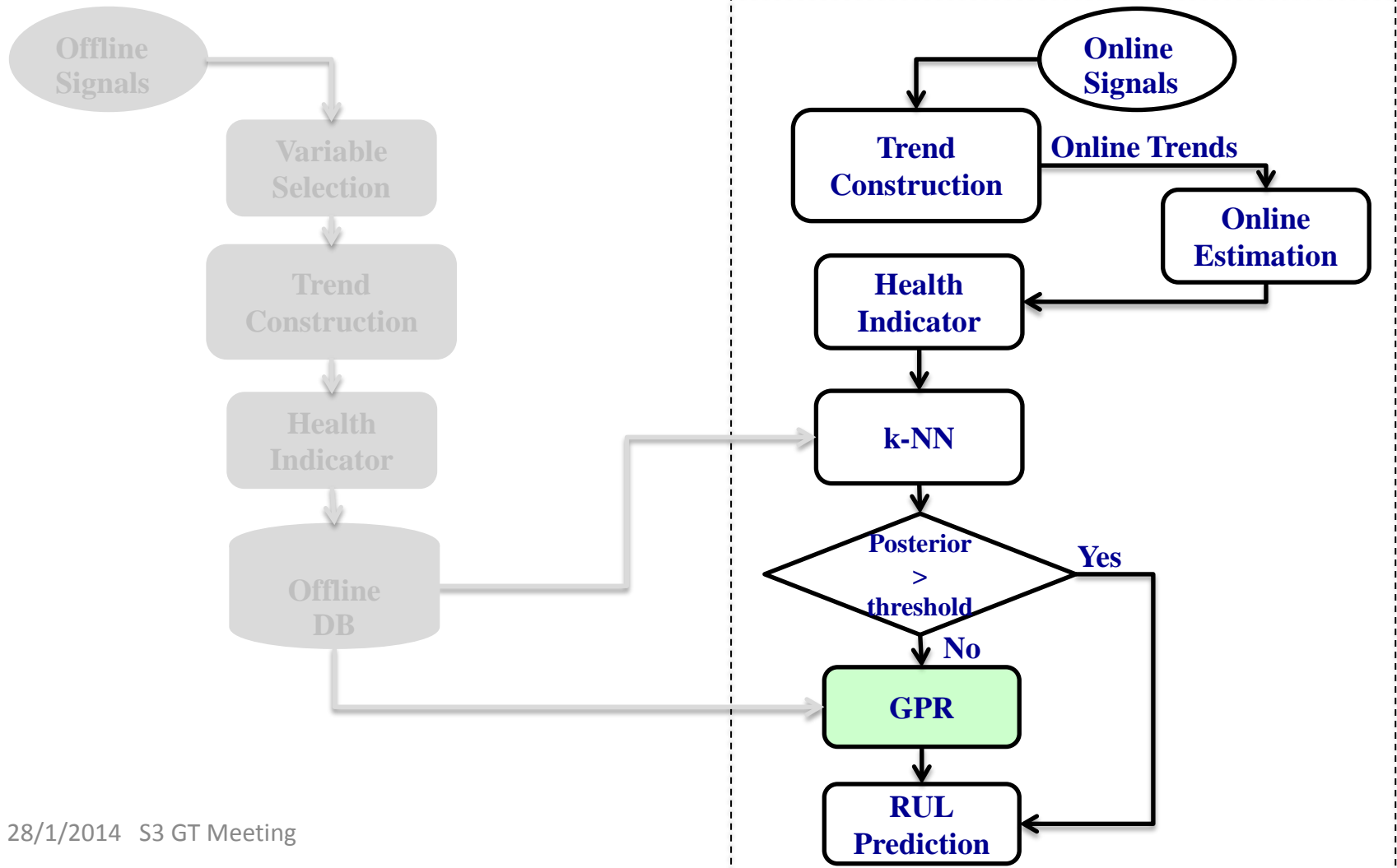
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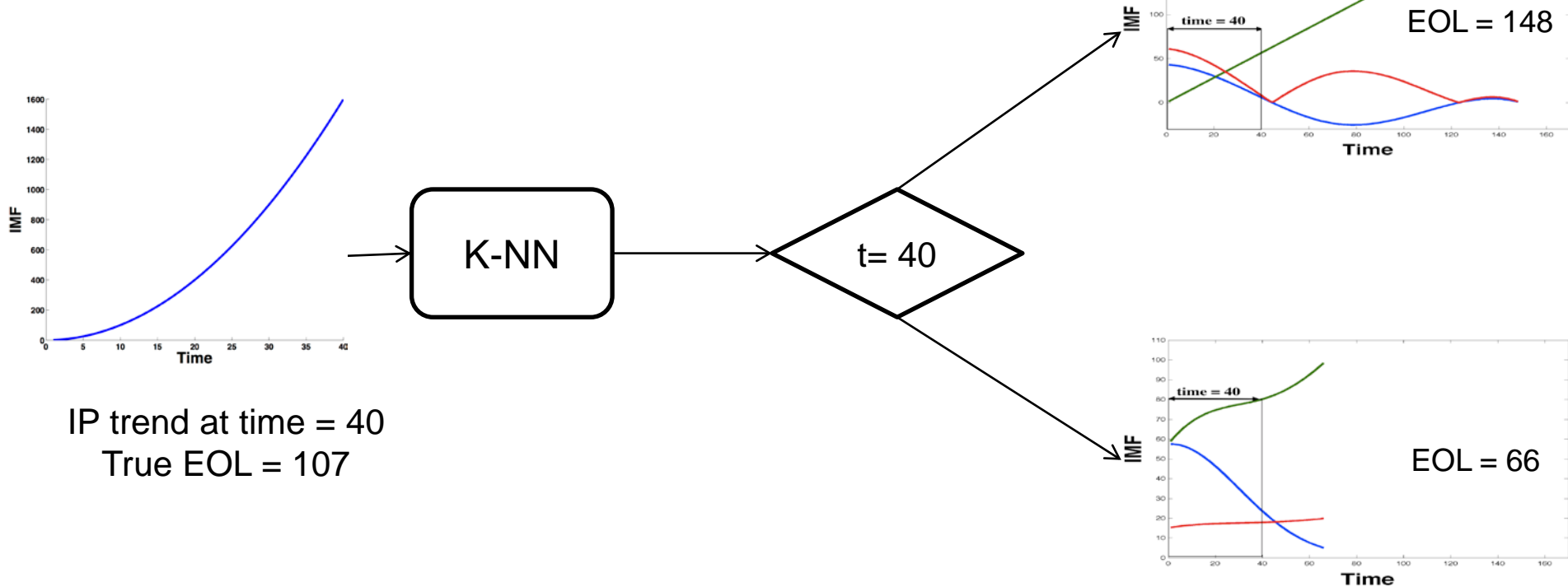


# The method



## Gaussian process regression (GPR)

- The classification error tends to be very high when new data, which the algorithm did not see before, emerge.



# The method

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## Gaussian process regression (GPR)

- To map from online samples  $\mathbf{x}$  to the most similar group of offline trends  $\mathbf{y}$  GPR is proposed.
- GPR defines the prior for output  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$  in form of distribution over functions specified by Gaussian process (GP) and Gaussian noise:

$$y = f(\mathbf{x}) + N(0, \sigma_n^2)$$

- GP function  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$  is specified by a mean function  $\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{x})$  and covariance function  $\mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$  collected for all possible pairs of the input vector  $\mathbf{x}$ .

# The method



## Gaussian process (GP)

- The posterior probability distribution can be written as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} y \\ y^* \end{bmatrix} \sim N \left( \begin{bmatrix} \mu \\ \mu^* \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} K & K^{*T} \\ K^* & K^{**} \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

- The best estimate for  $y^*$ , i.e. RUL, is the mean of this distribution

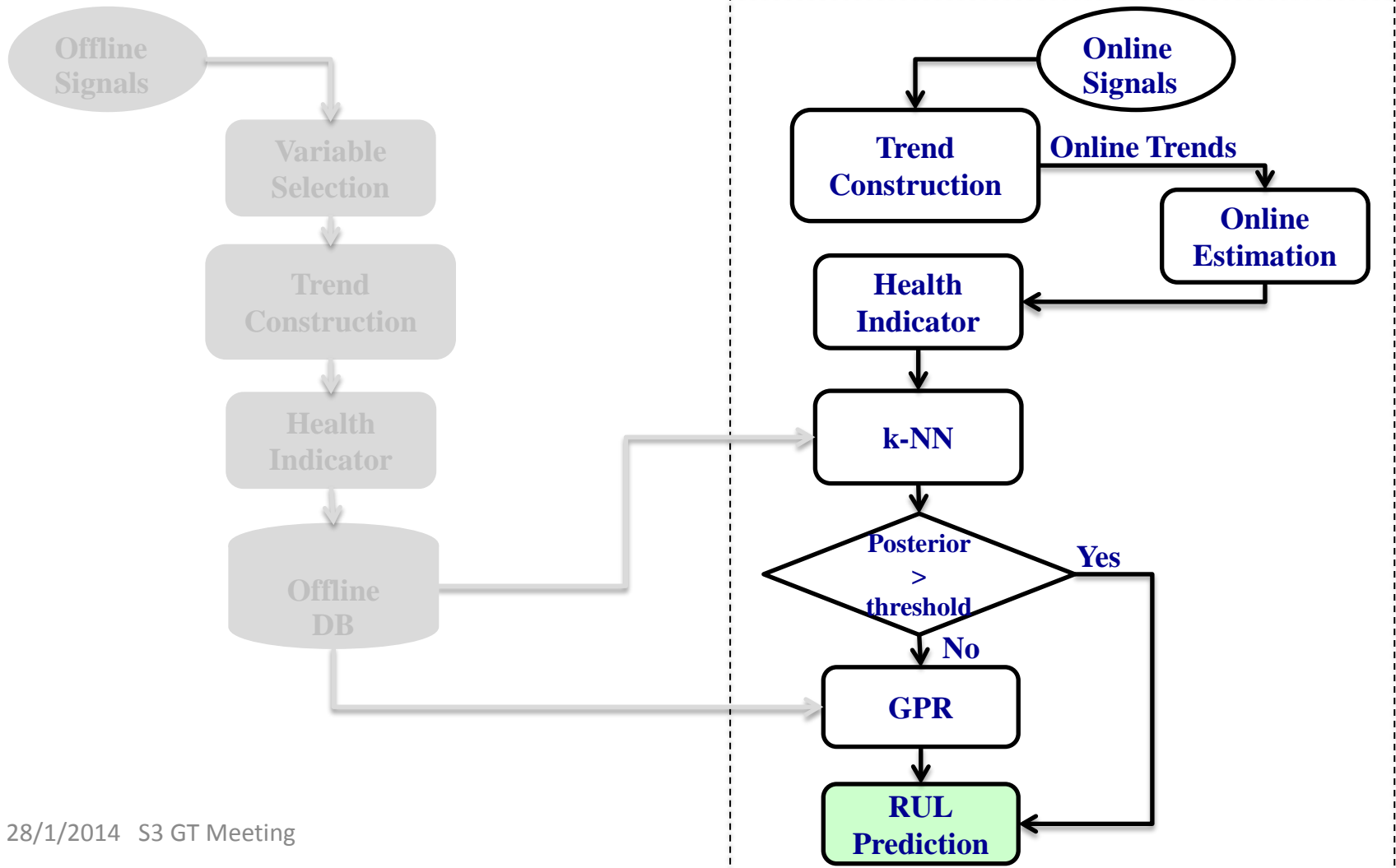
$$\bar{y}^* = \mu^* + K^* K^{-1} (y - \mu)$$

- The uncertainty in the estimate is represented in the variance.

$$\text{var}(y^*) = K^{**} - K^* K^{-1} K^{*T}$$

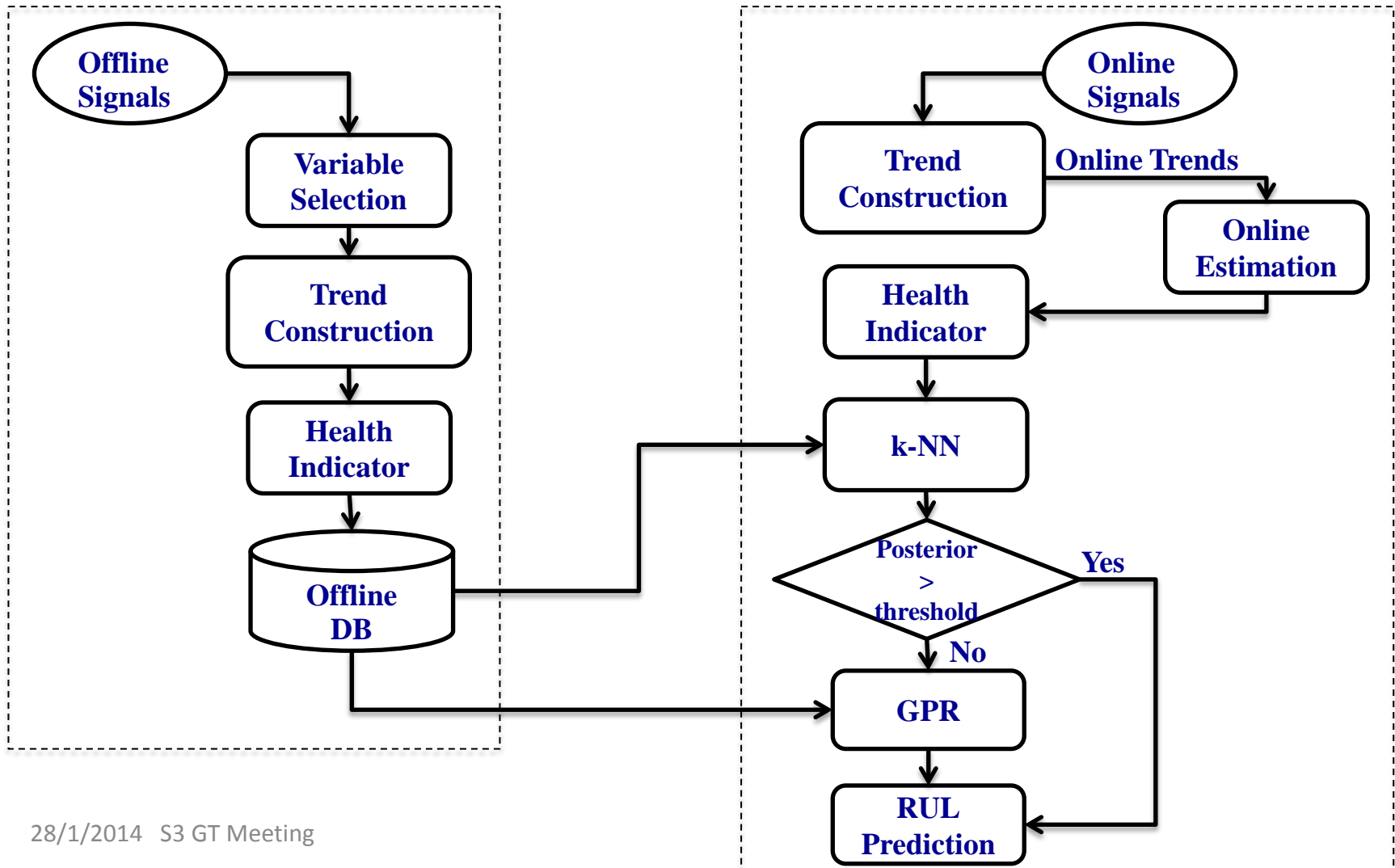
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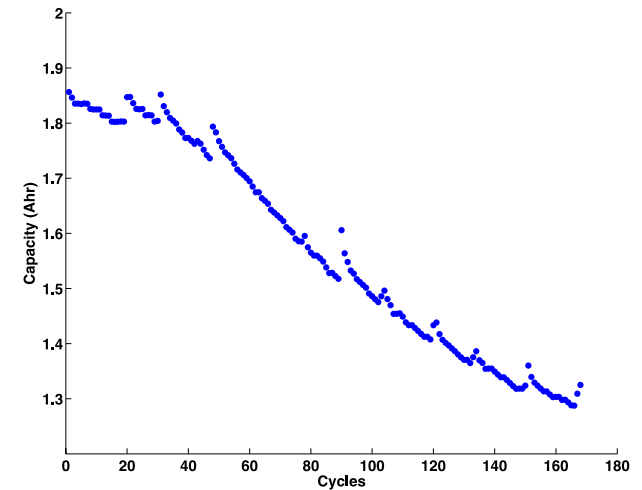
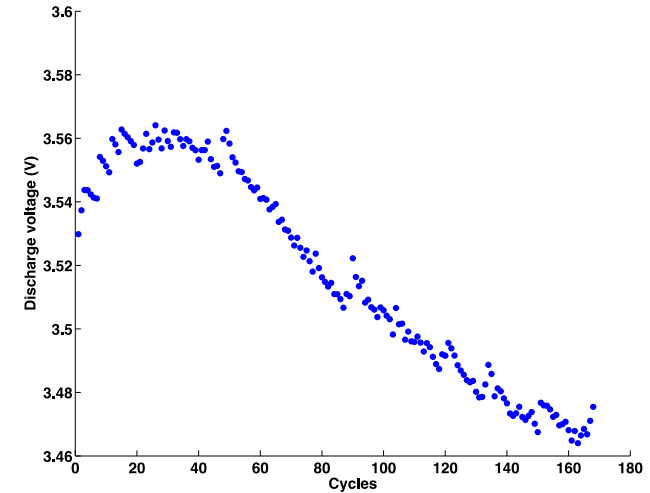


# Applications and results



## NASA batteries

- 34 datasets are used
- 11 signals are used in the experiment
  - 5 charging.
  - 6 discharging.
- Two interesting relations are selected
  - Discharging voltage
  - Capacity

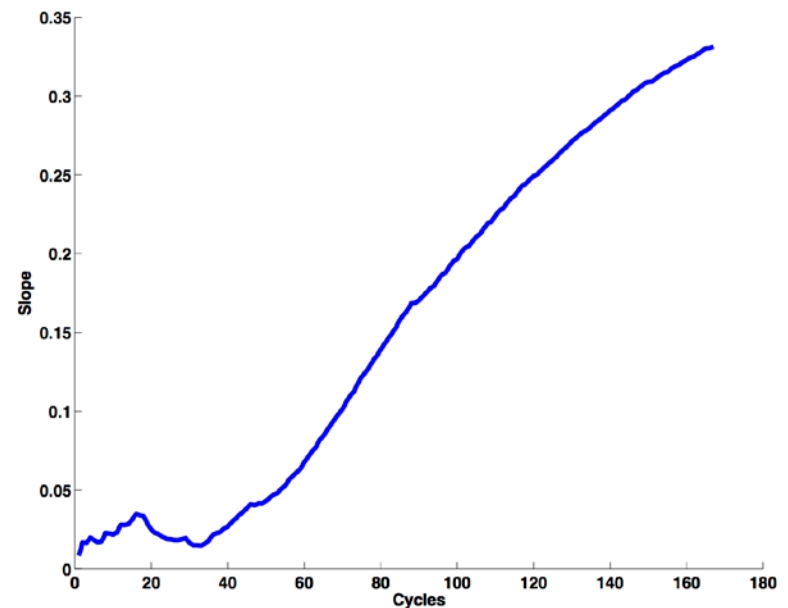
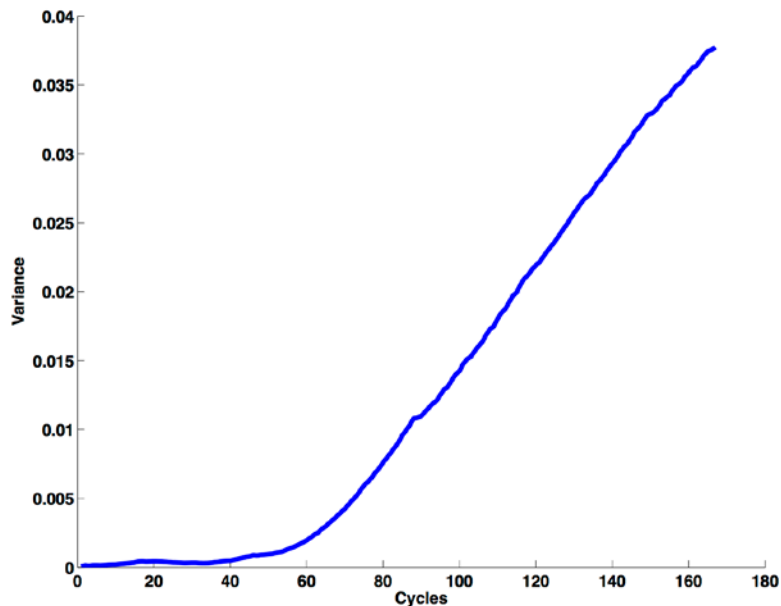


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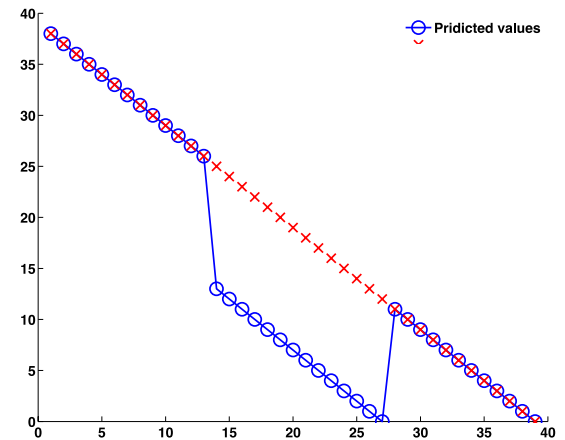
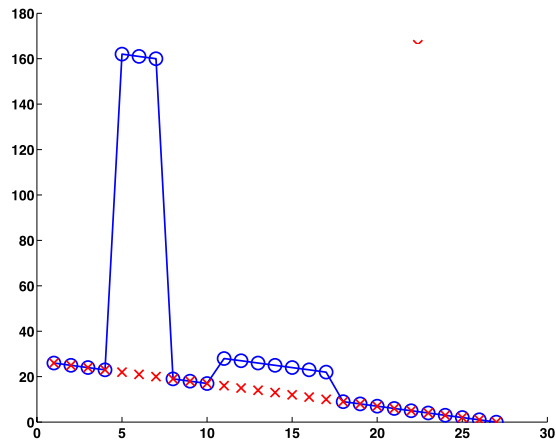
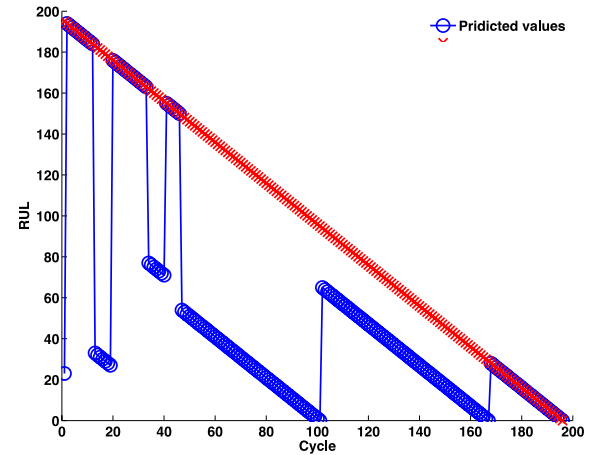
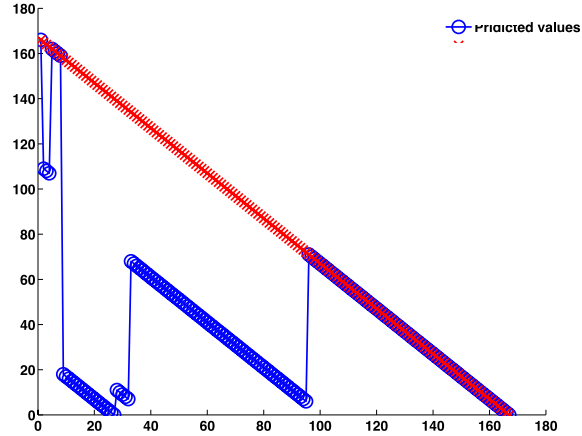
- Two health indicators correlated with the capacity
  - Variance
  - Slope



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- Three fold cross validation.
- Percentage error calculated.
- Three data sets were unique.

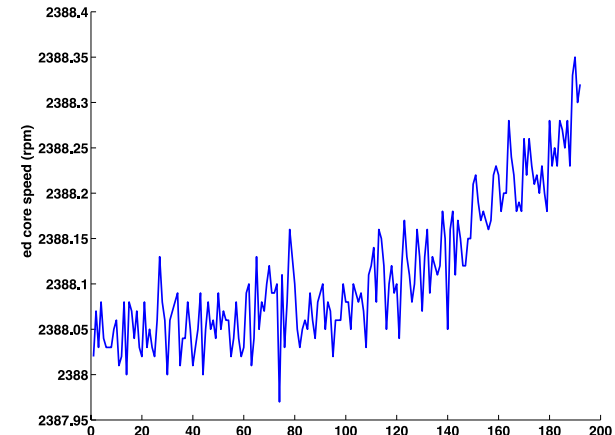
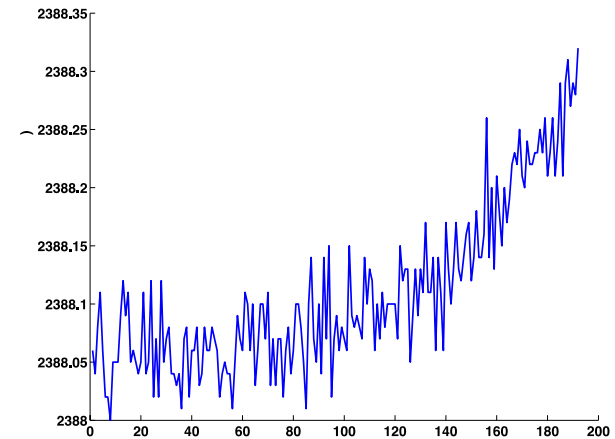
	Fold #1	Fold #2	Fold #3	Total error (Avg.)
Without unique data	27.11%	23.73%	18.01	22.94%
With unique data	38.75%	37.11%	36.89%	37.58%

# Applications and results



## NASA Turbofan engine data

- 2 datasets are used
  - 100 engine data for training
  - 100 engine data for testing
- 21 signals are used in the experiment
  - Total temperature at fan inlet
  - Pressure at fan inlet
  - Demanded fan speed ....
- Two interesting relations are selected
  - Physical core speed
  - Corrected core speed



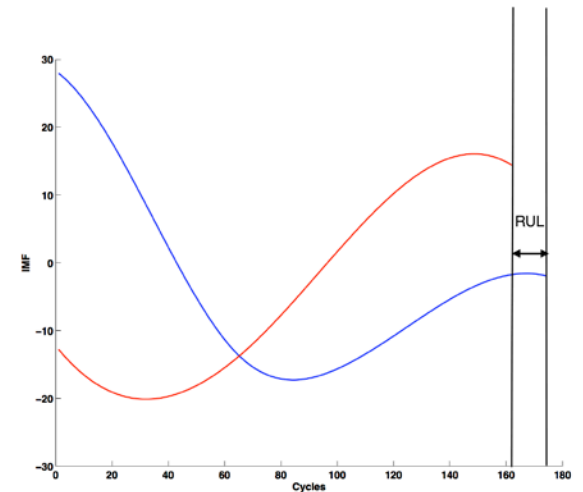
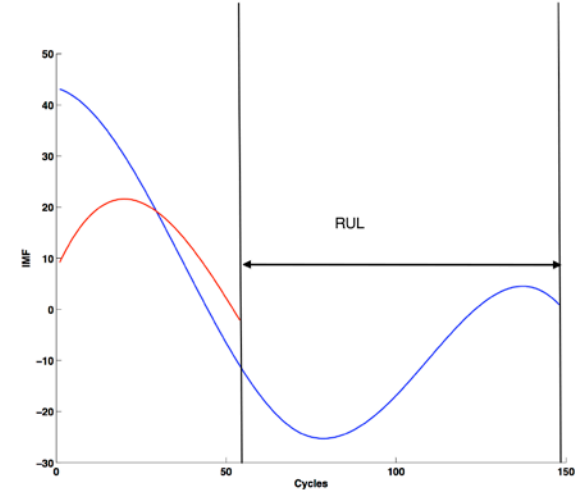
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## NASA turbofans

- All training data used for training and testing for test.
- Percentage error calculated.
- Only one prediction at the pre-specified critical time.

k-NN	GPR	Integrated
12.74%	11.48%	11.41%



# Conclusion & future work

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- A data-driven prognostic method for condition assessment and RUL prediction is proposed.
- The method can be identified as direct RUL Bayesian learning approach.
- The uncertainty about the measurements and the predictions represented by conditional probability.
- Two health indicators shown to be correlated with degradation mechanism.

# Conclusion & future work

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- Apply the method on data sets with variable operating conditions.
- Test the method after introducing maintenance interventions.
- Test the proposed method on new application.
- Explore other classification/regression models.



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# Questions?