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A Machine Learning-Based Framework for Automatic and Interpretable Health and Usage Monitoring of Safety-Critical Air and Ground Vehicles

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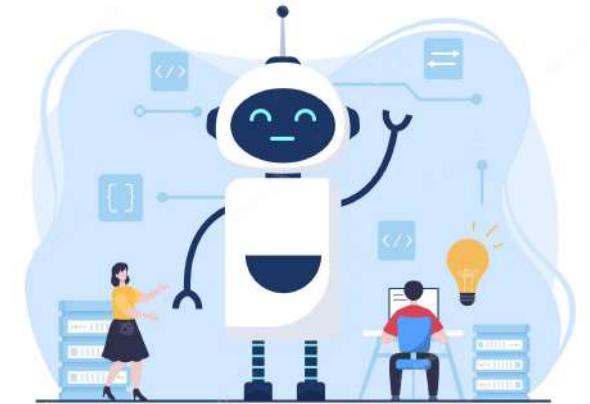


Mechanical and electronic advancements increase transportation system complexity

This limits the performance of traditional model-based approaches and poses a **challenge when considering active monitoring applications.**

Active and explainable data-driven monitoring systems are required

both to be **compliant with restrictive certification requirements and to provide additional knowledge** of the underlying processes.



Physics-based models

are interpretable, but show **limitations** when applied to dynamics of complex systems.^[1]

Machine learning-based approaches

are efficient and accurate, but their predictive process is **black-box.**^[2]



Main Contributions

Enhancing ITS diagnostics and user monitoring capabilities

by resorting to **advanced** and machine- and deep-learning techniques to perform real-time vehicles' active monitoring.

Improving black-box models interpretability

leveraging explainable AI techniques and engineering features that are related with the physics of the system.

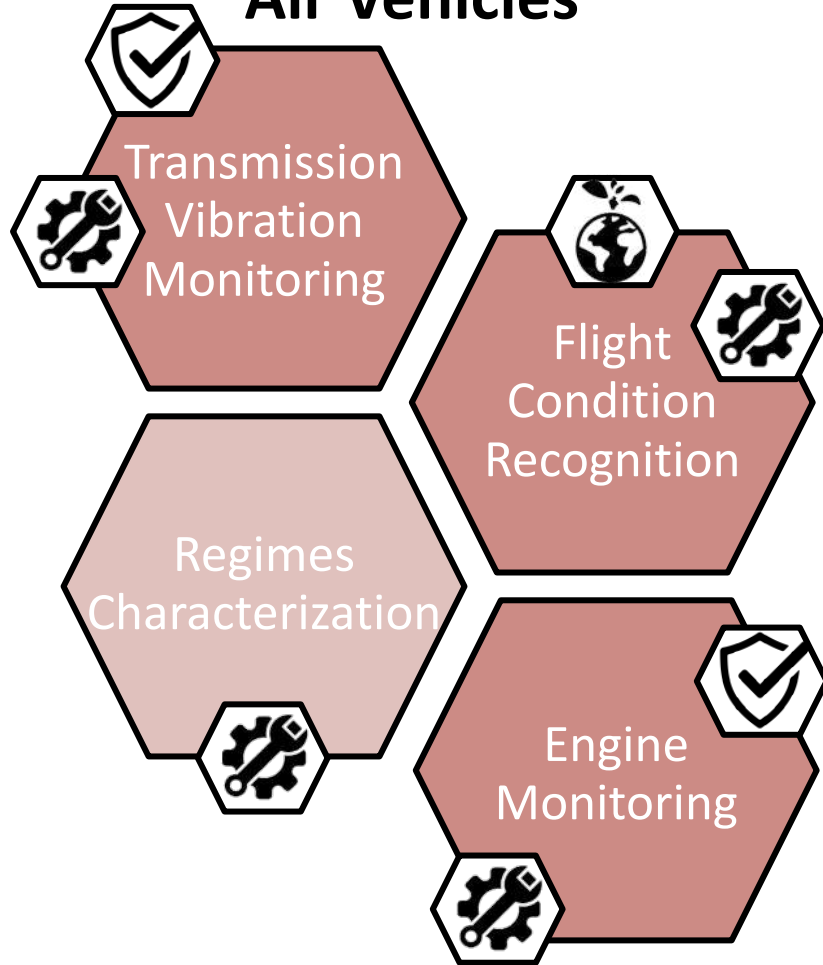
Promoting ITS functionalities by combining physics and machine-learning

proposing a **new methodology to combine physics-based and black-box models** to reconstruct a system behavior.

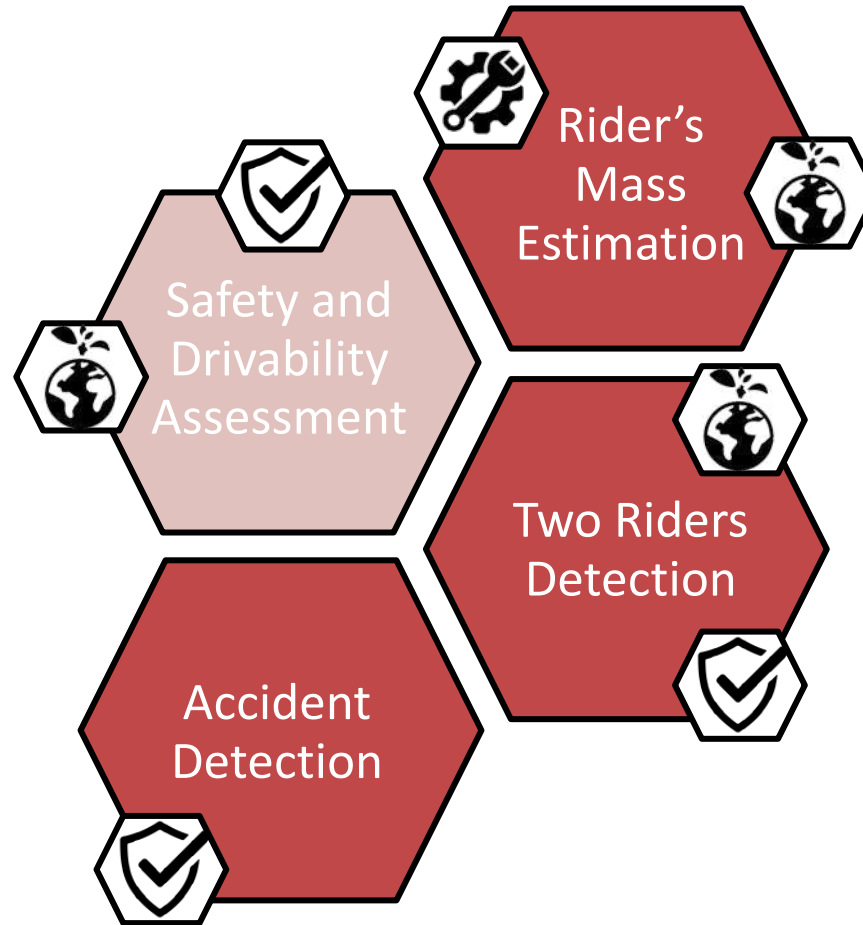


Objectives Matrix

Air Vehicles



Ground Vehicles



Enhanced ITS Features

- Active Safety Monitoring (Infrastructure icon)
- Eco-Driving (Infrastructure icon)
- Predictive Maintenance (Vehicle icon)

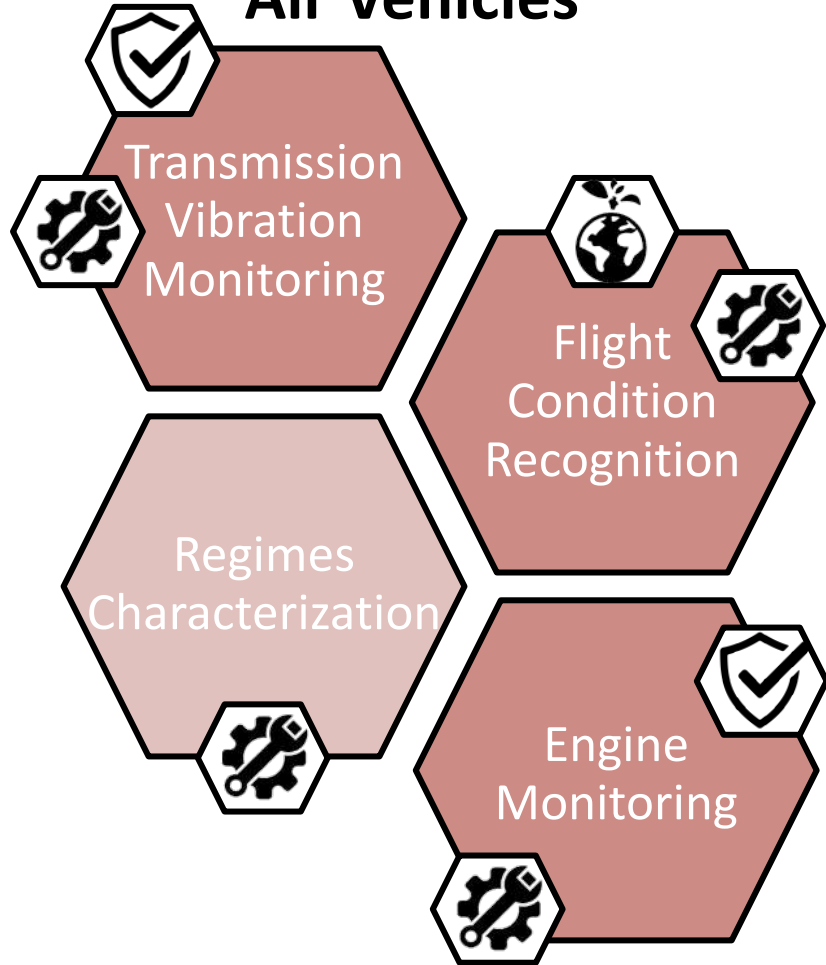
Targeted Agents

- User (Dark Red hexagon)
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- Infrastructure (Light Red hexagon)

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ITS Contributions for Air Vehicles




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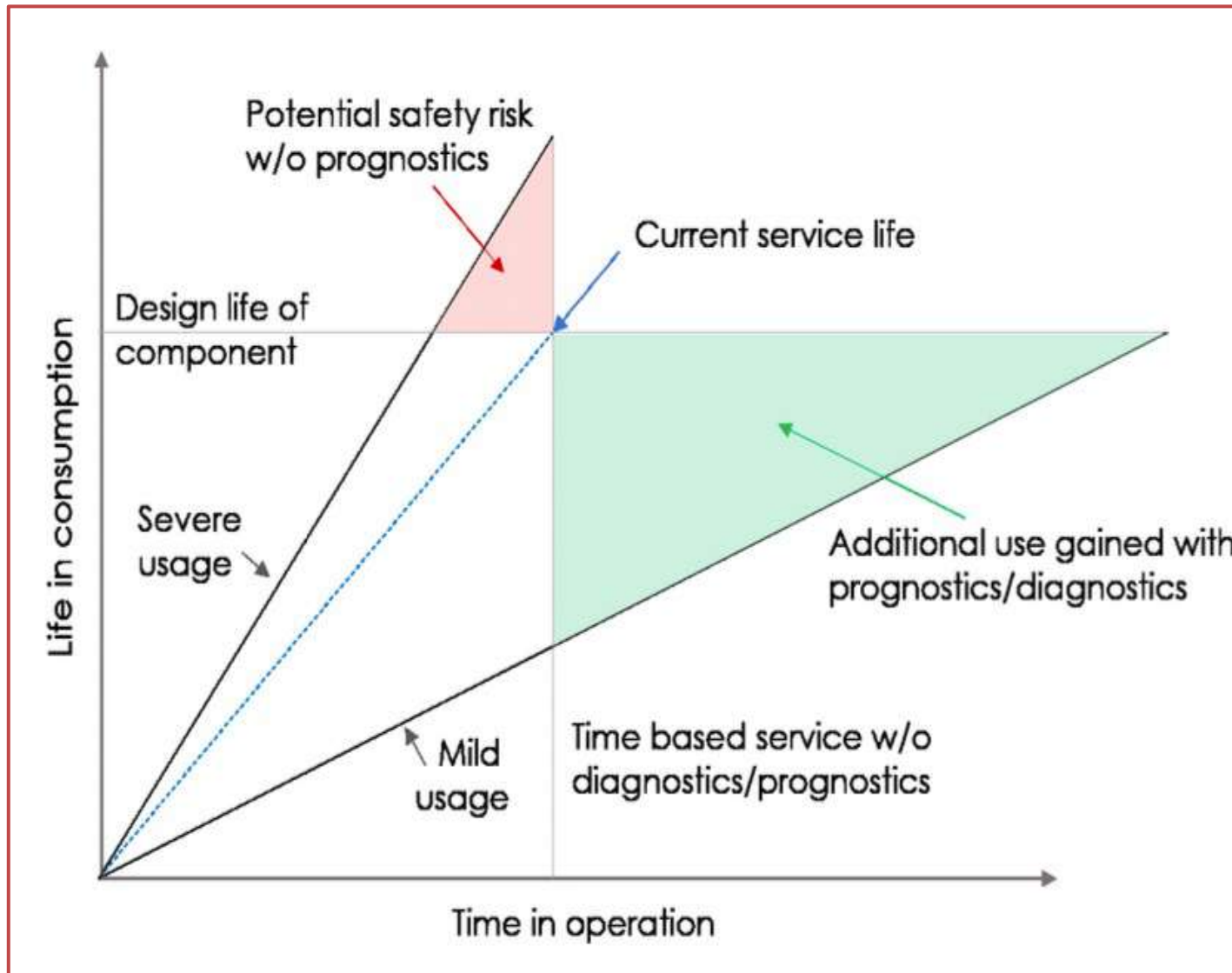
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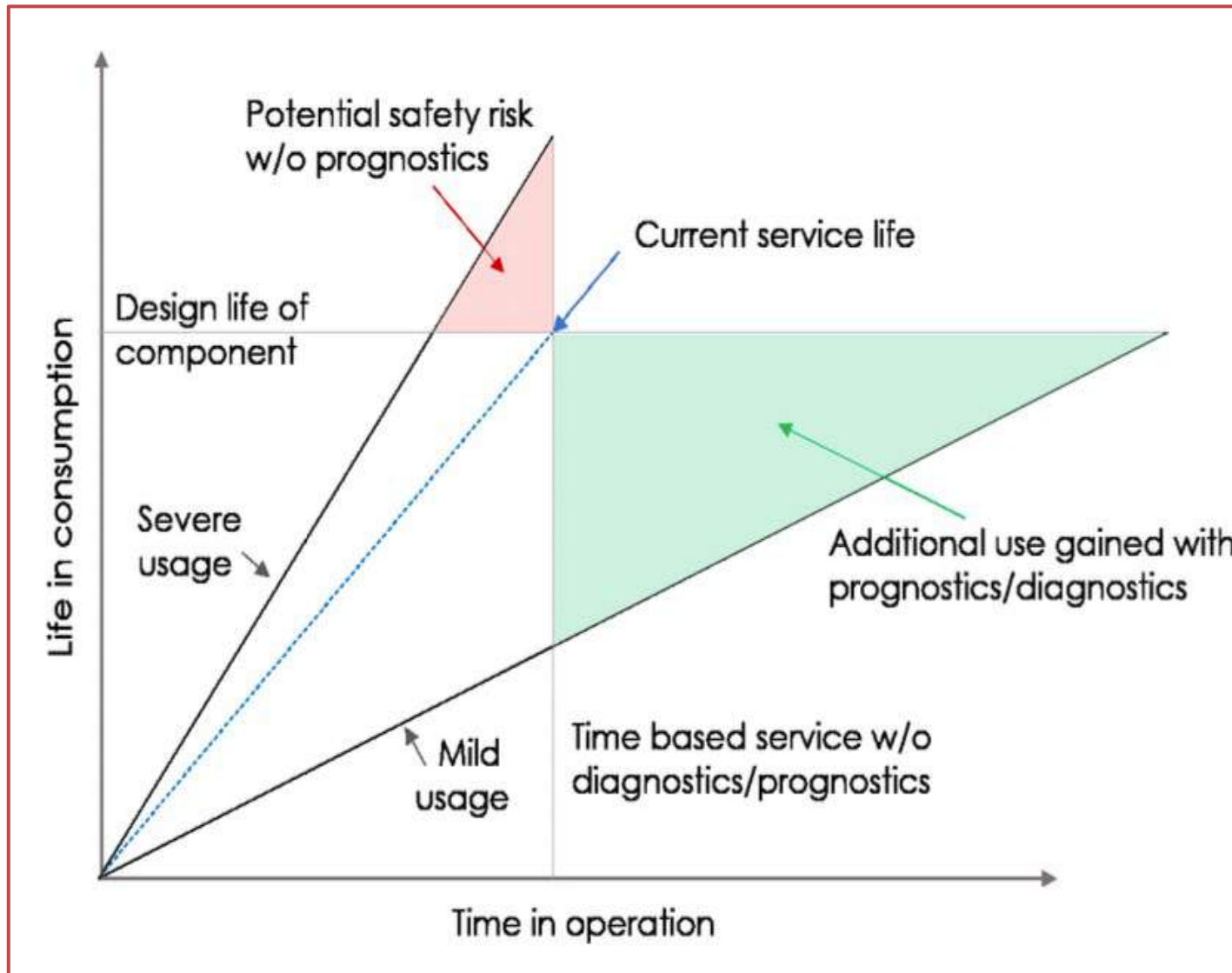
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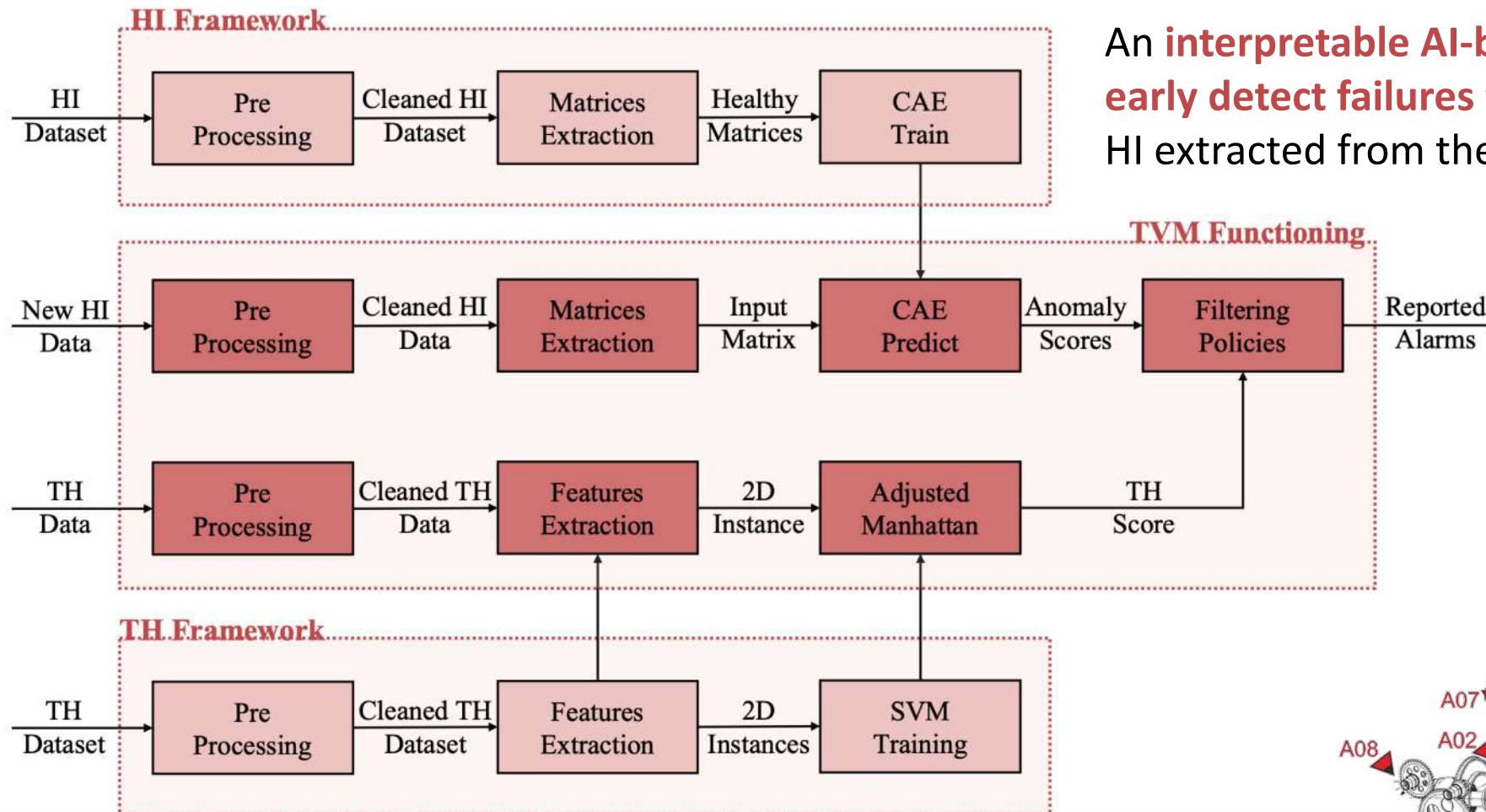
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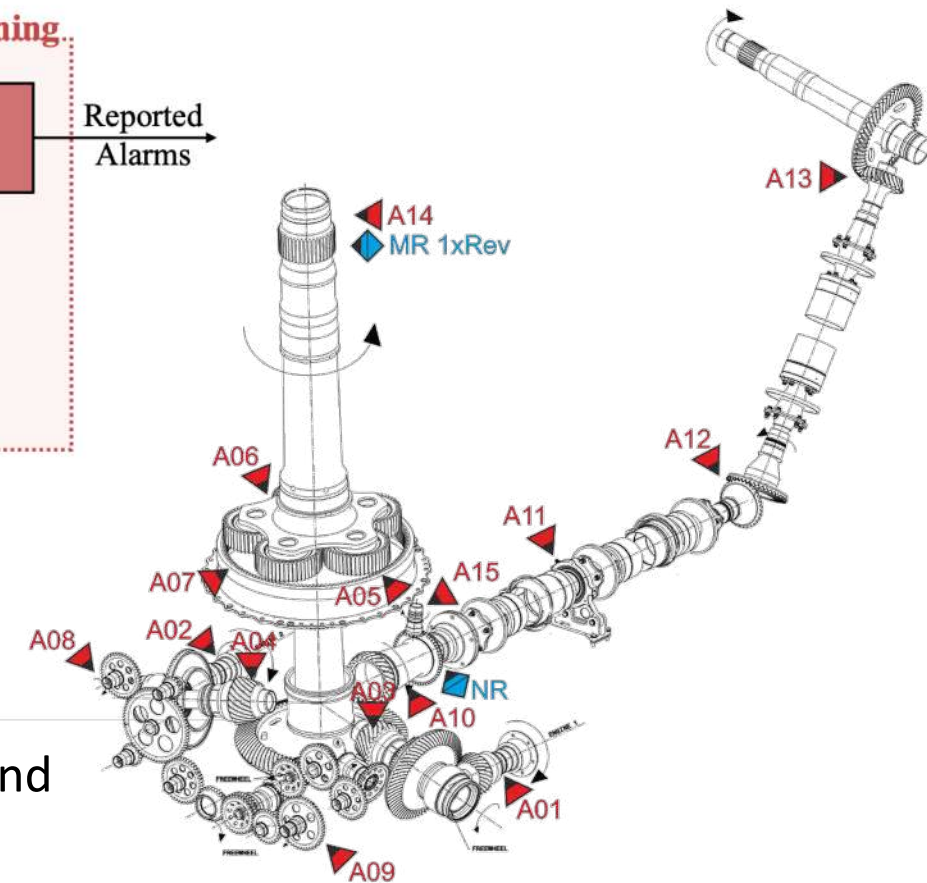
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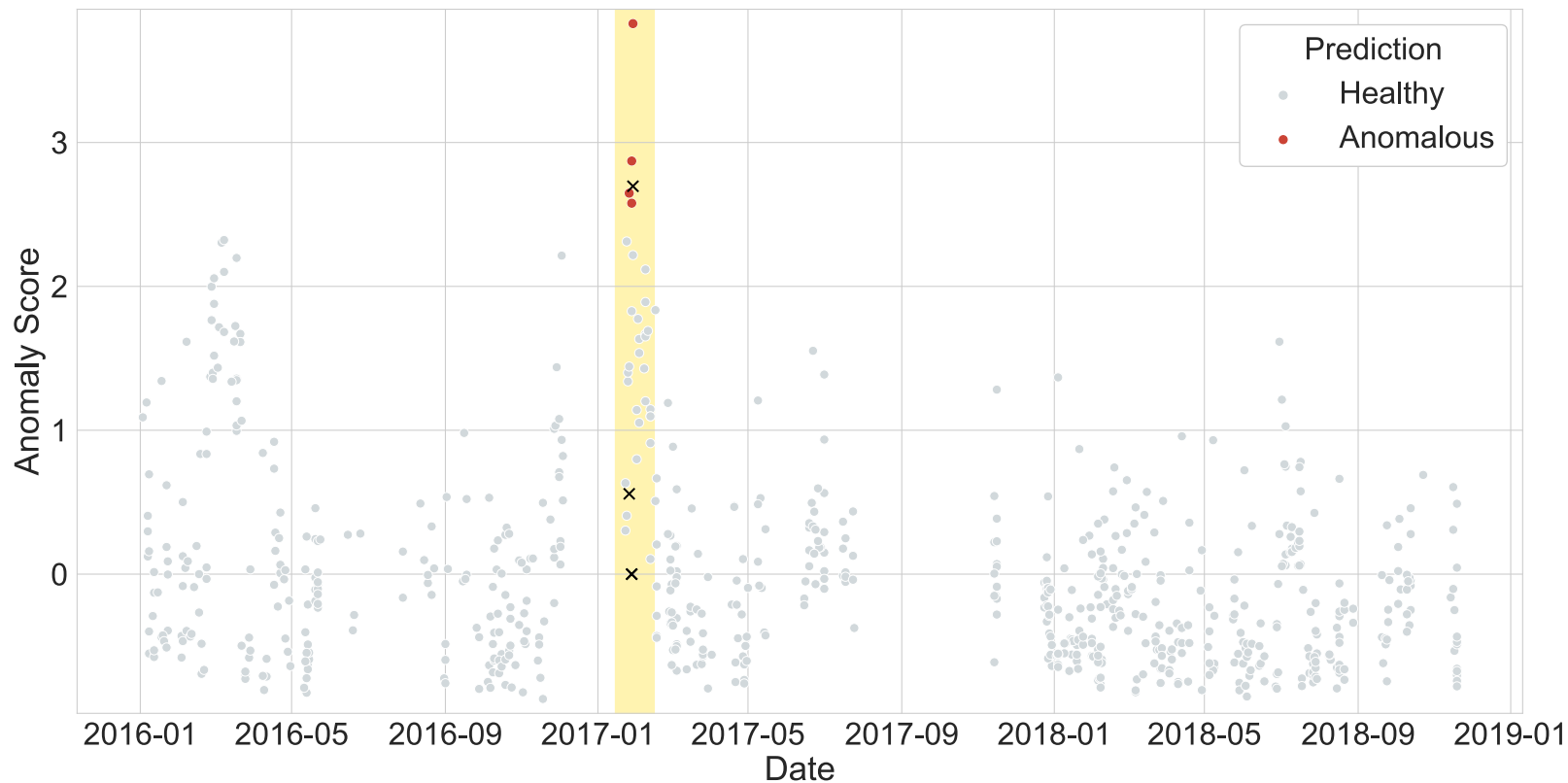


An **interpretable AI-based system** is produced to **early detect failures** for the 88 components from HI extracted from their vibrations during flight.

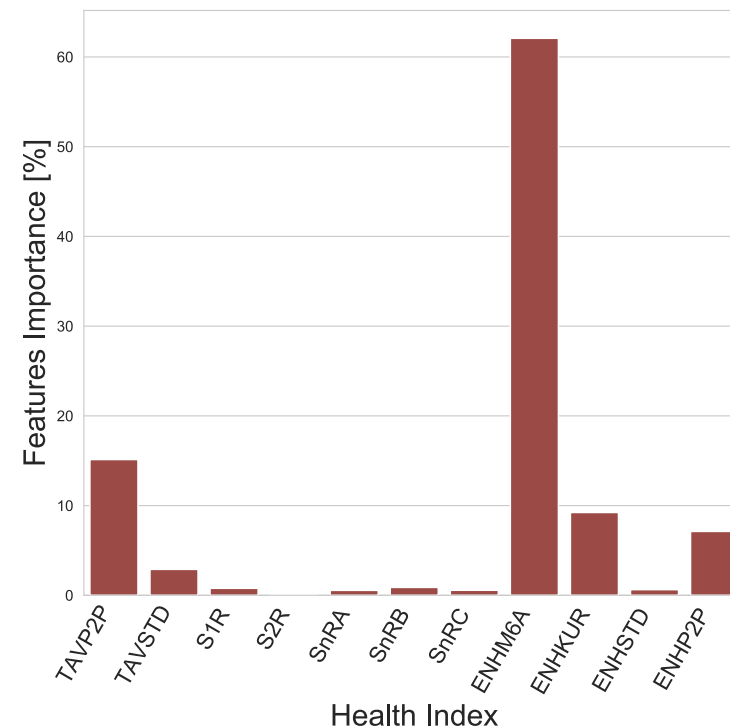


The system is based on **convolutional autoencoder**, **cepstral analysis** and **one-class support vector machines**.

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The **reconstruction error for each HI** is considered in anomalous instances to **infer the fault causes**.



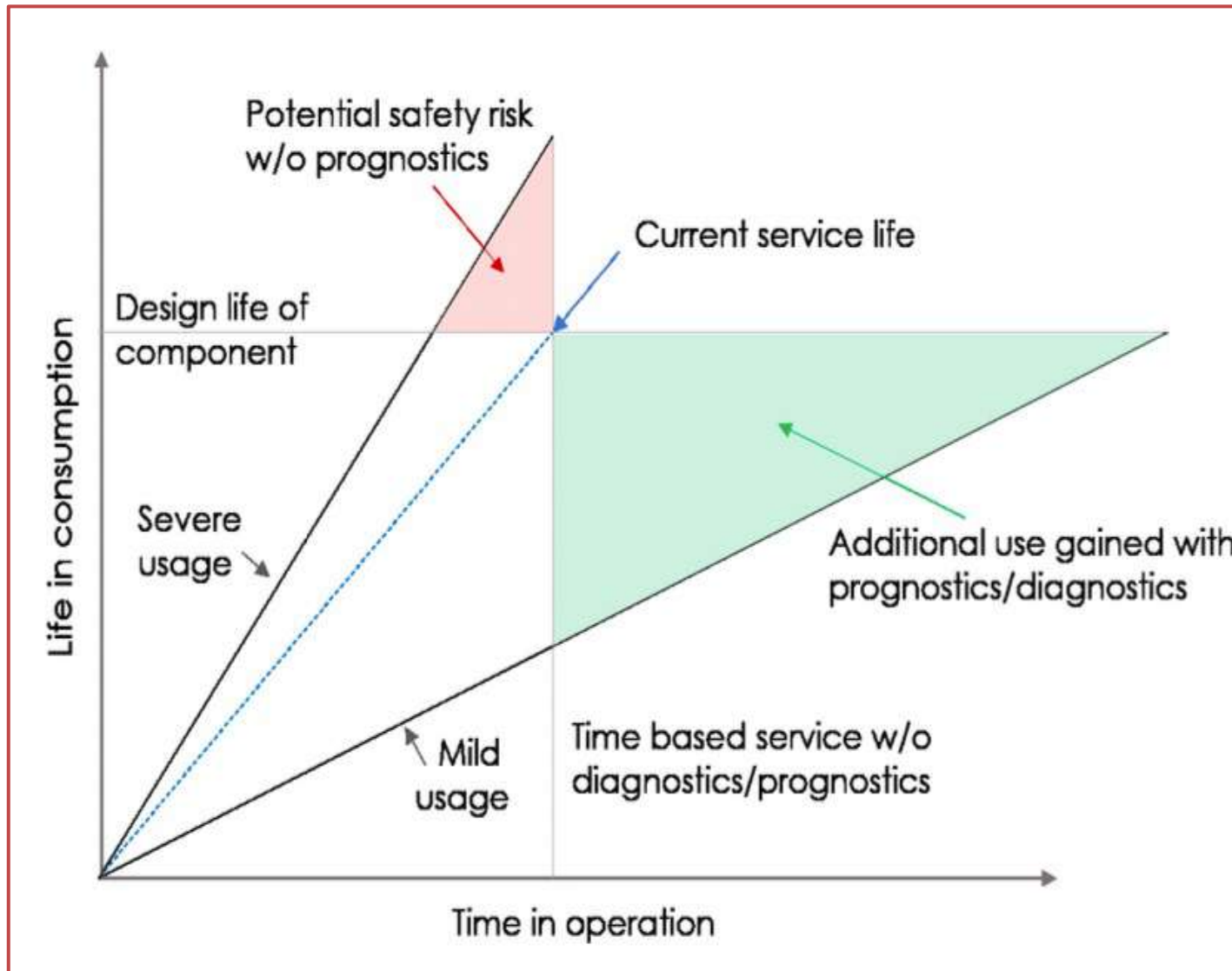
Helicopter	True Positives Rate		False Positive Rate		Predictive Capability	
	HI	HI+TH	HI	HI+TH	HI	HI+TH
1	100%	100%	0.02%	0.00%	3 Days	3 Days
2	100%	100%	0.03%	0.00%	2 Days	2 Days

21425025.0 (2021). «Method and system for the anomaly detection of the components of a helicopter's transmission».

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J. LEONI, M. Tanelli, A. Palman A New Comprehensive Monitoring and Diagnostic Approach for Early Detection of Mechanical Degradation in Helicopter Transmission Systems, Expert System With Applications, Elsevier, 2022.

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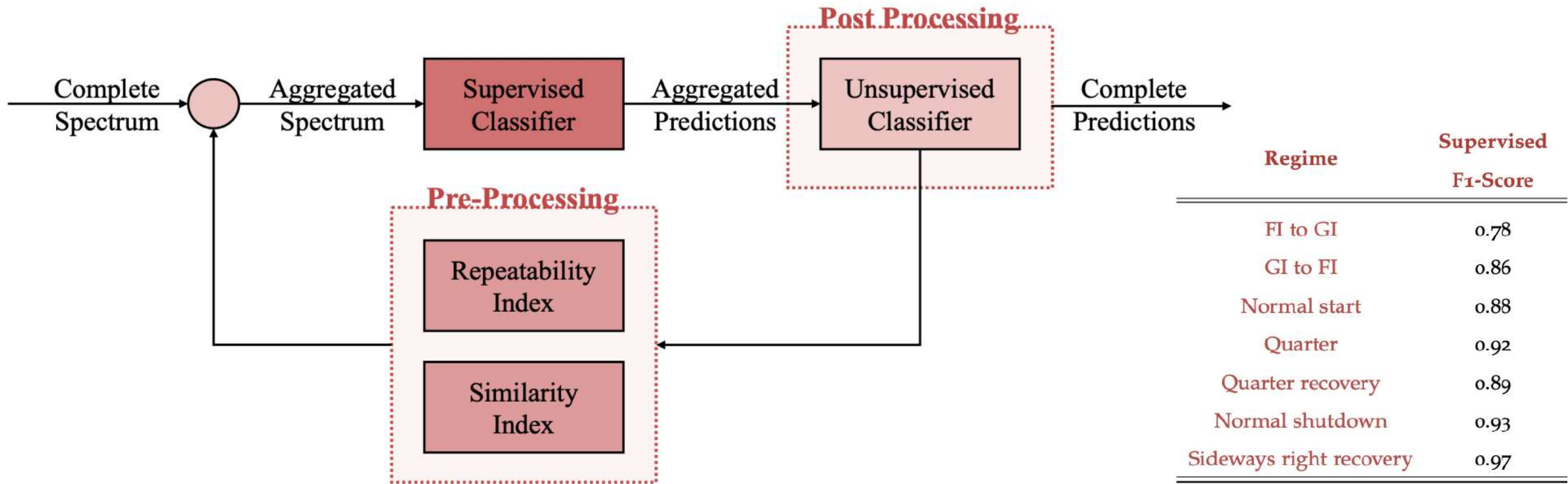
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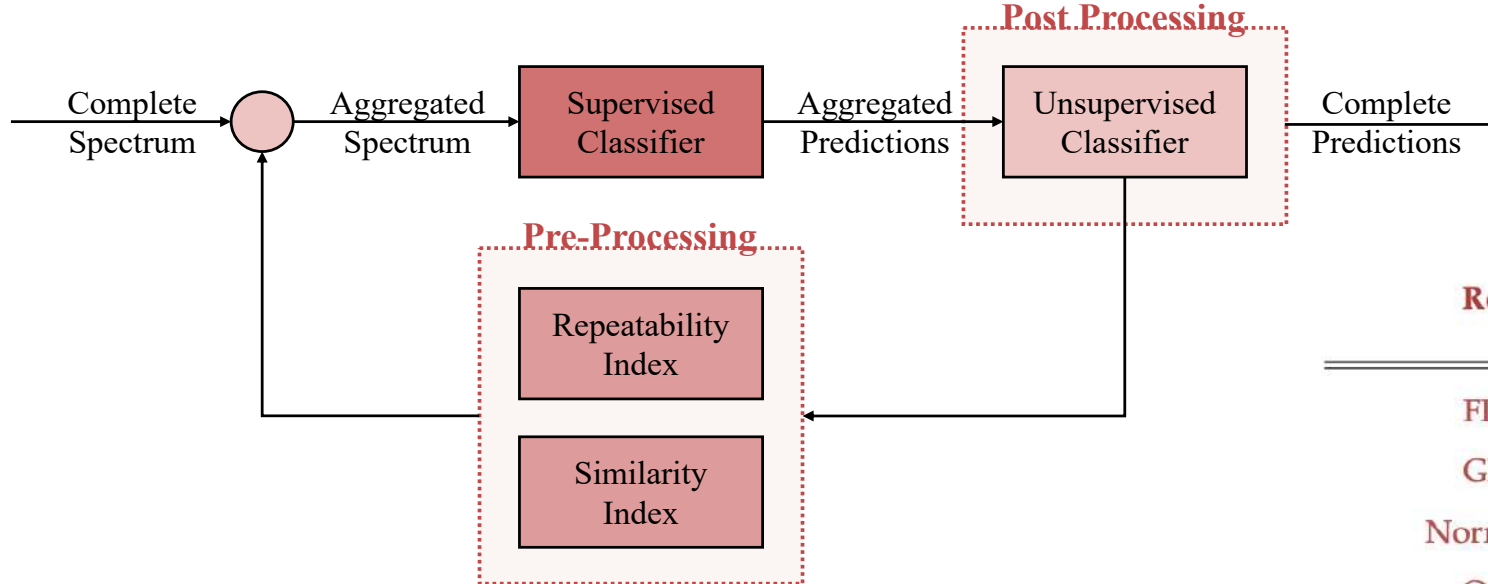
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Regime	Supervised F1-Score	Proposed Framework F1-Score	Support [#]
FI to GI	0.78	0.81	50
GI to FI	0.86	0.86	77
Normal start	0.88	0.92	97
Quarter	0.92	0.97	80
Quarter recovery	0.89	0.96	35
Normal shutdown	0.93	1.00	78
Sideways right recovery	0.97	0.97	107

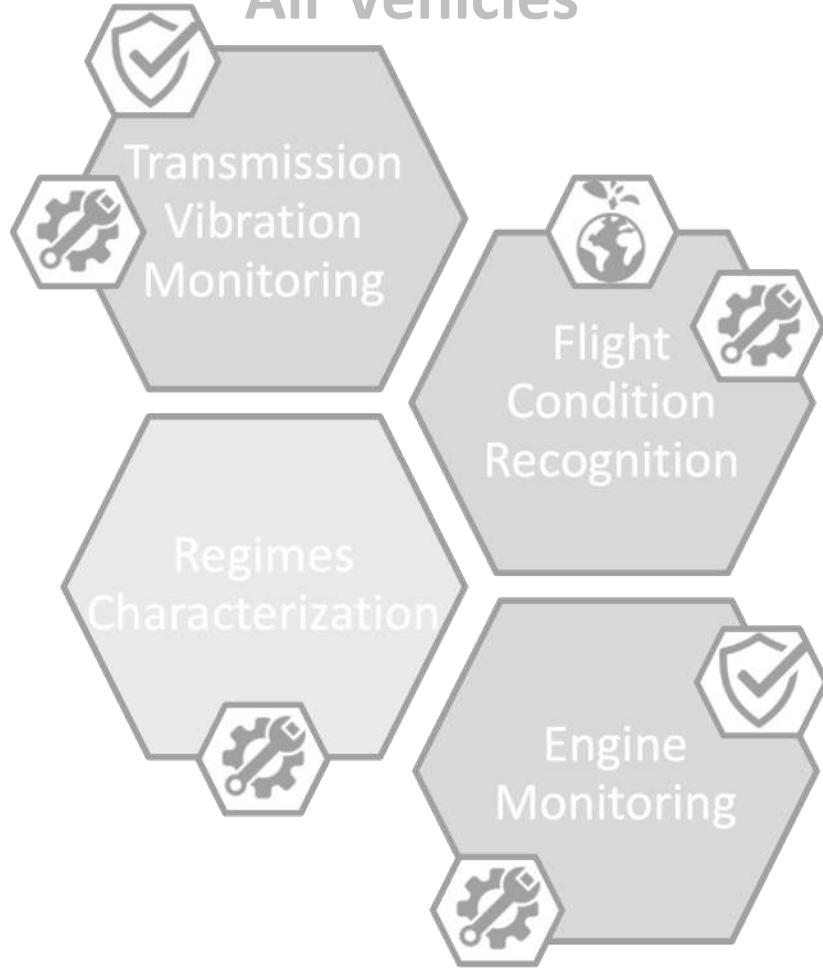
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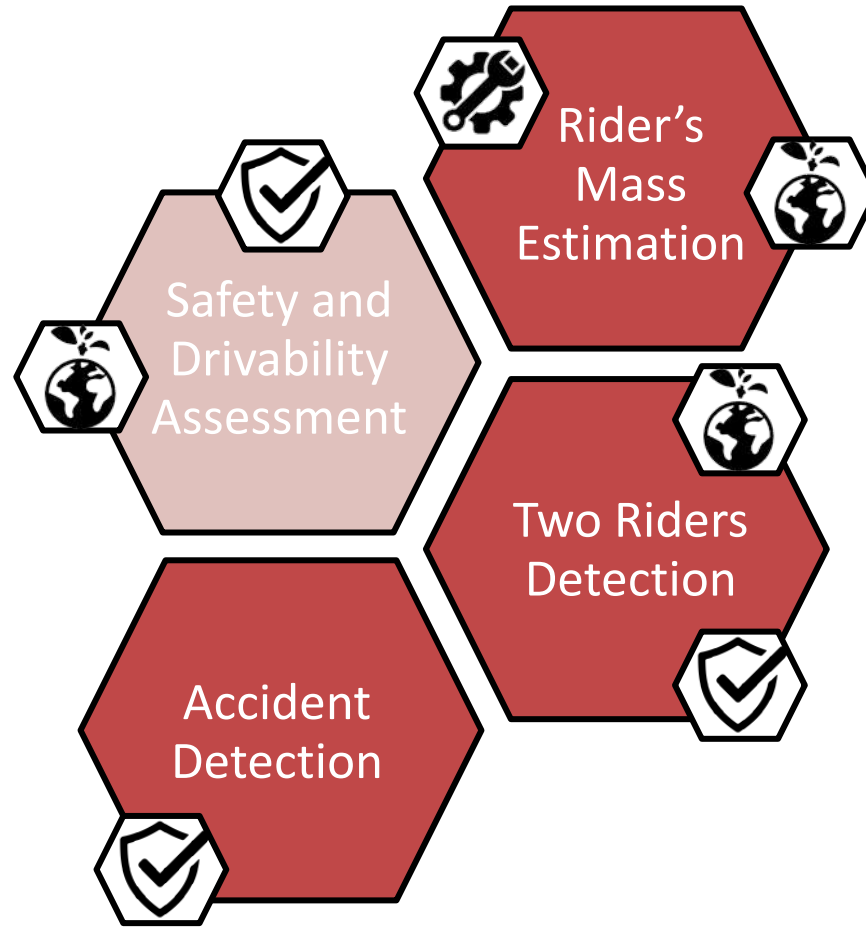
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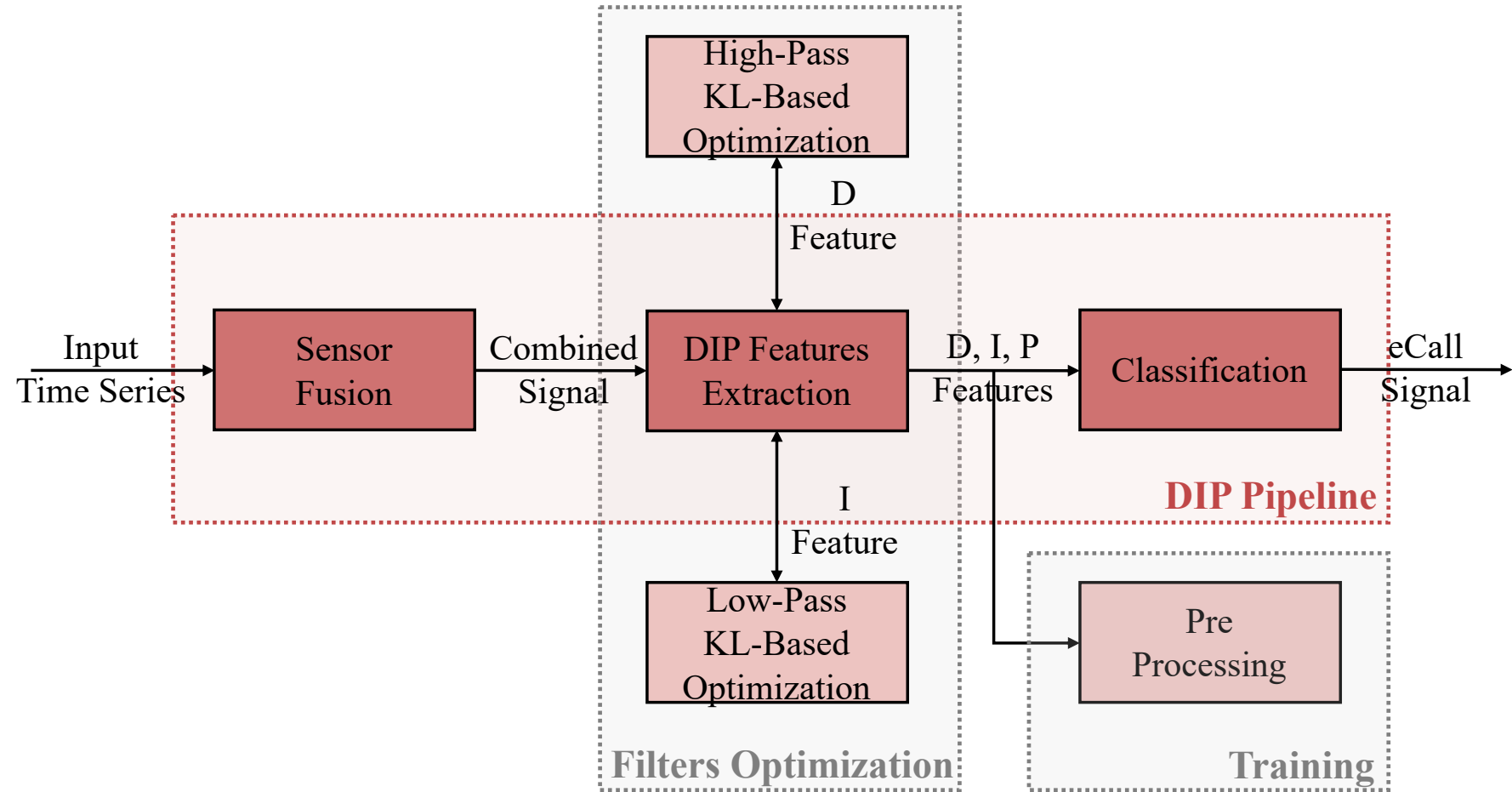
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Motorcycles Accident Detection

Motorcycles crashes are not easily recognizable by sensor measurements, since not necessarily related to a fall.^[6]

Approaches in the literature accurately recognize low frequency or high frequency events, but none of them is effective on both.^[7]

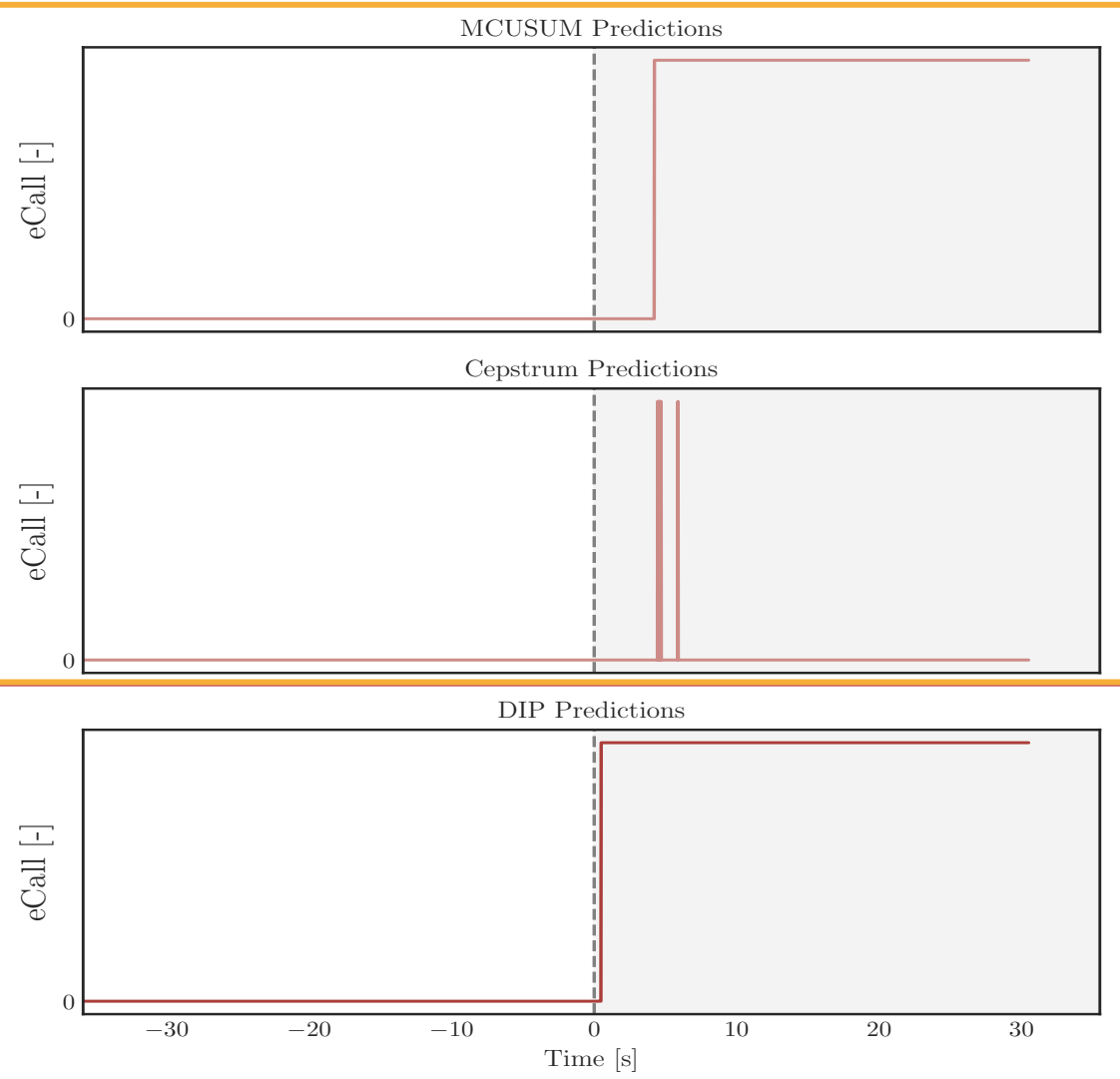
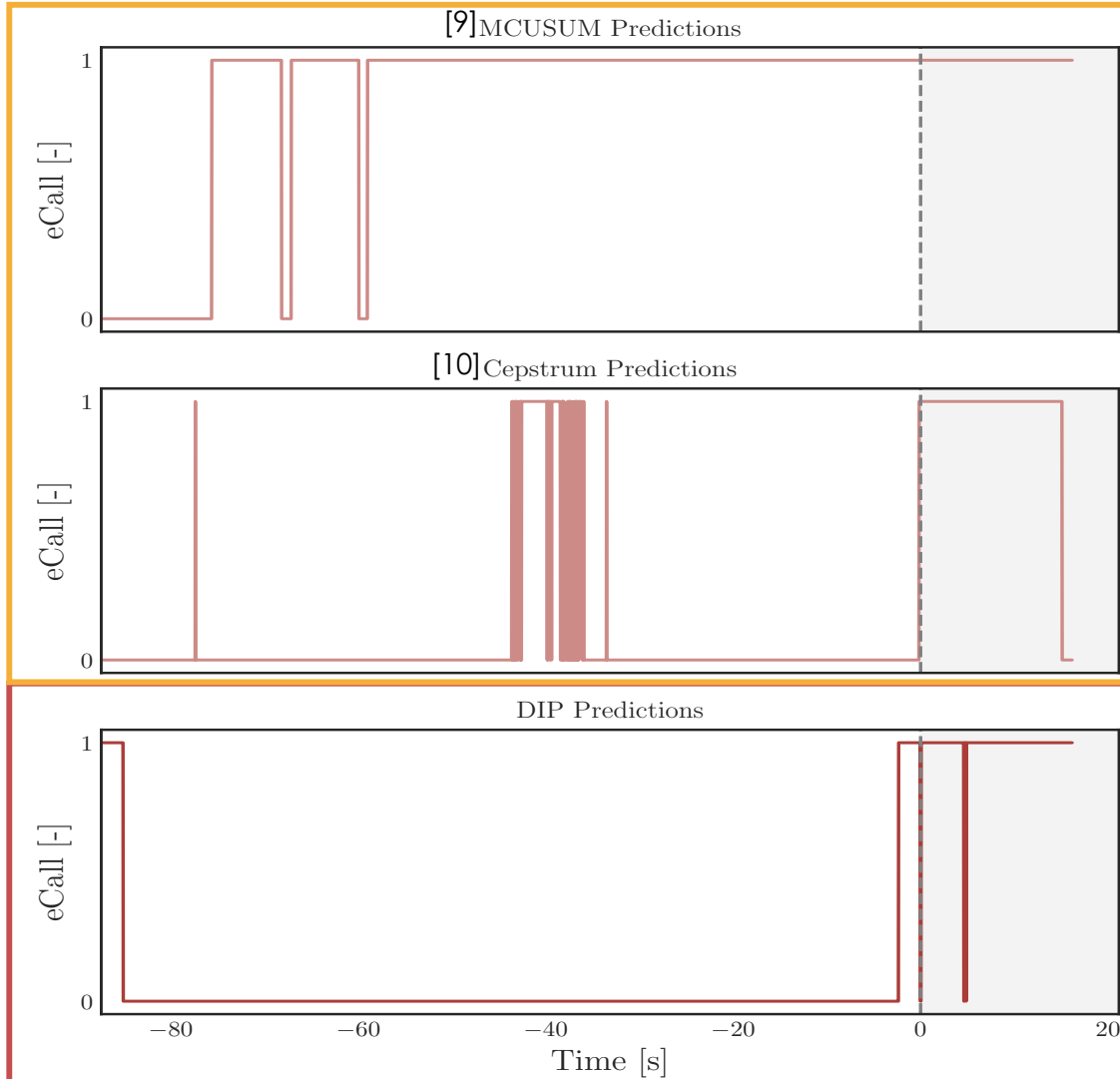
However, **to timely perform eCall** and provide medical support **such an algorithm is required.**^[8]



State of the Art Comparison

Out of plane accident

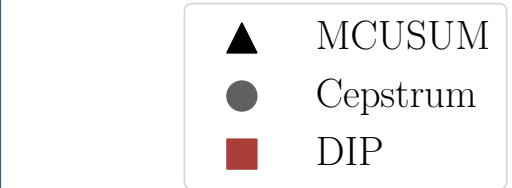
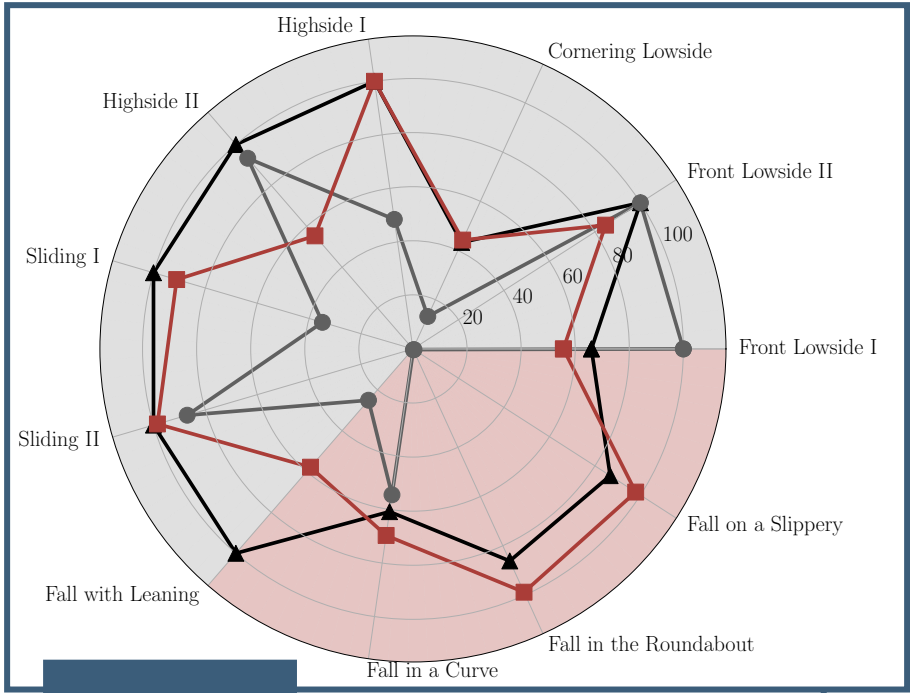
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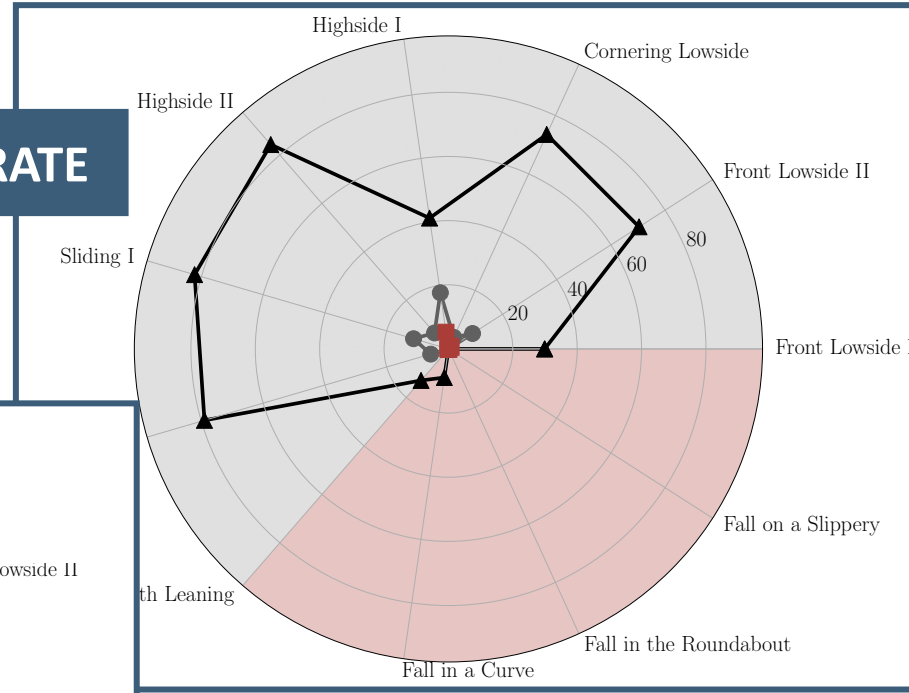
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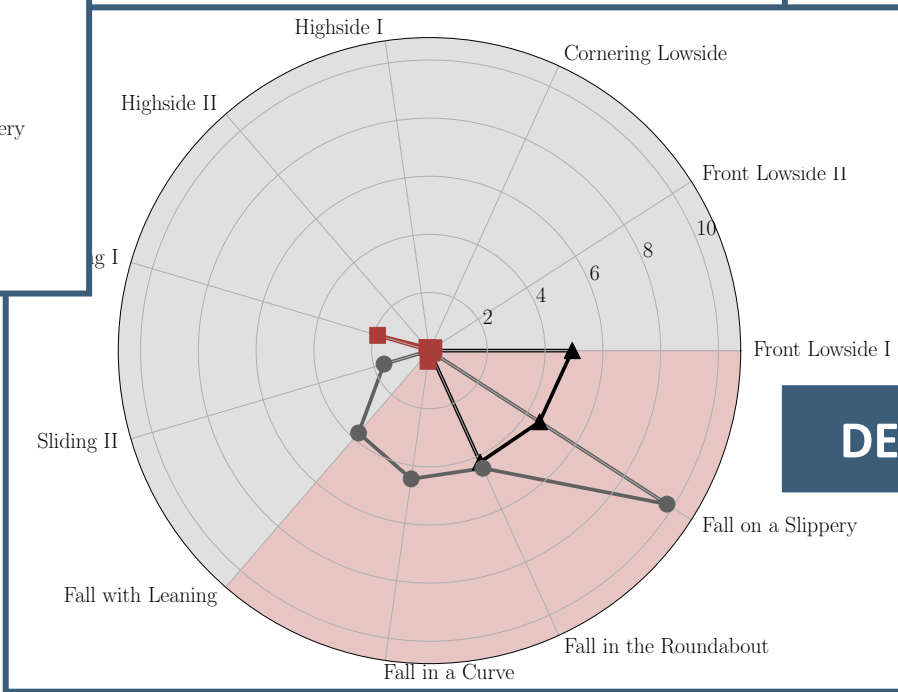
Literature Comparison



FP RATE



DELAY



J. LEONI, S. Gelmini, G. Panzani, M. Tanelli, M. S. Savaresi, Optimal Automatic eCall in Powered Two-Wheeler: A Dynamics-Based Approach, IEEE Transaction on intelligent transportation systems

Health and Usage Monitoring in eScooters

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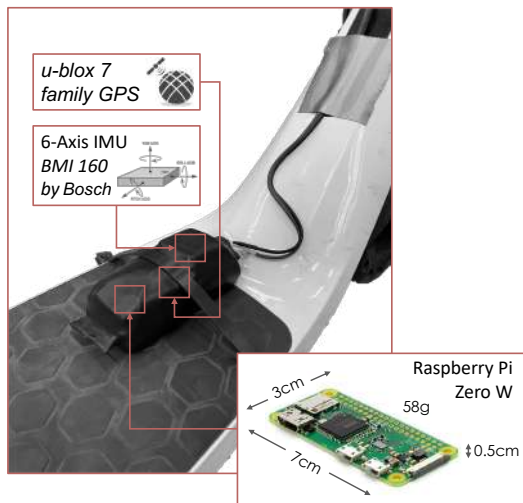
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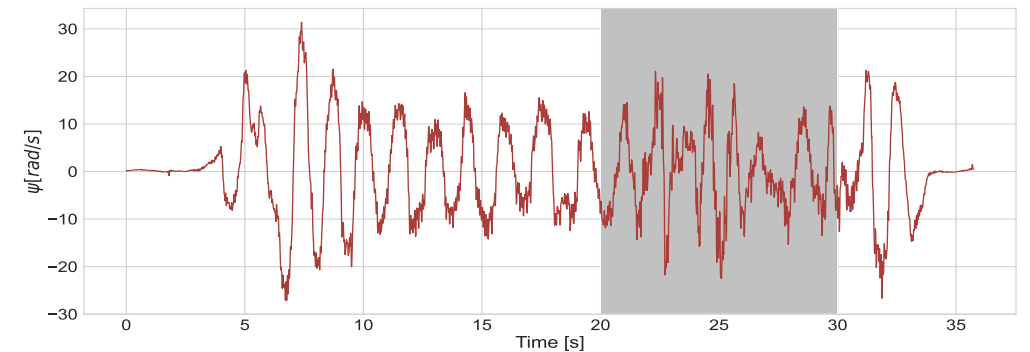
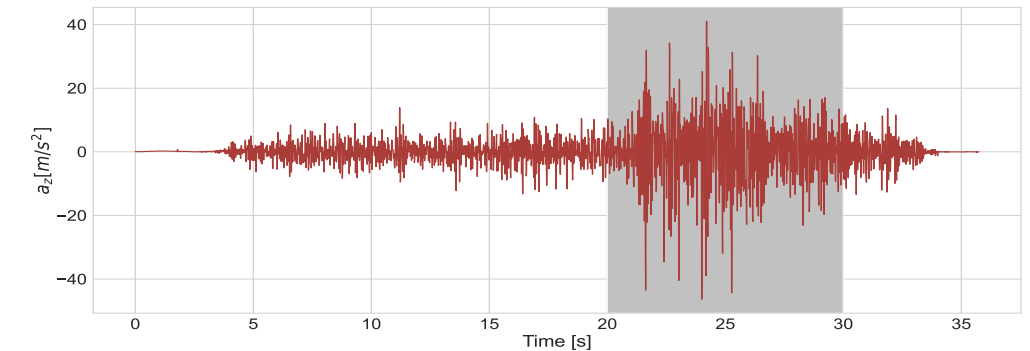
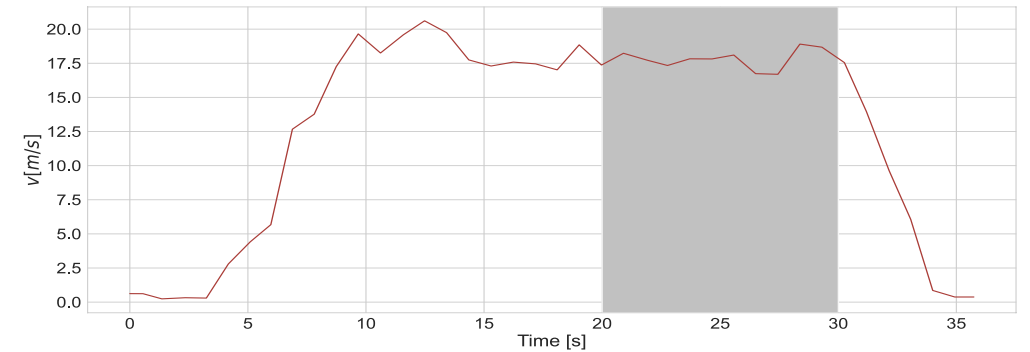
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Problem Statement



7 different eScooters, with different mechanical specifications have been **instrumented** and used by **two riders** travelling the same **200m road**. For each trial, the **10ms window** referred to the most exciting frame is extracted and $S_{\psi}(f)$ and $S_{A_z}(f)$ are computed.



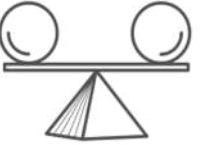
Comfort and Stability Assessment



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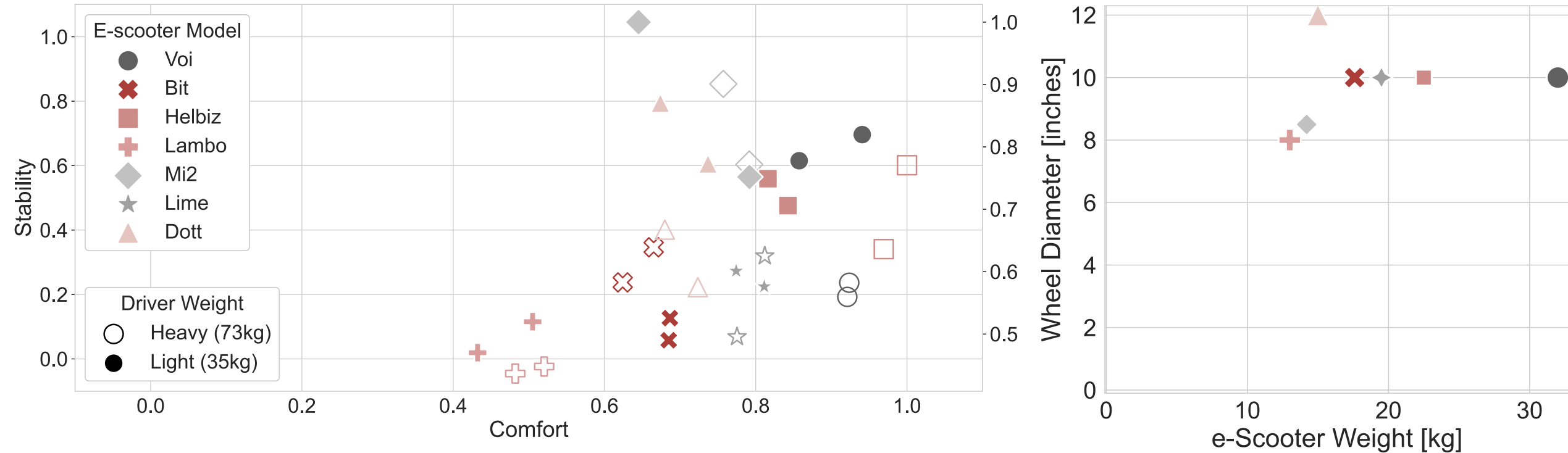
$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} (S_{A_z}(f_{n+1}) + S_{A_z}(f_n)) [f_{n+1} - f_n]$$



Stability

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J. LEONI, M. Tanelli, S.C Strada, M. S. Savaresi, Assessing e-scooters safety and drivability characteristics: a quantitative analysis, 10th IFAC Symposium: Advances In Automotive Control, 2022.

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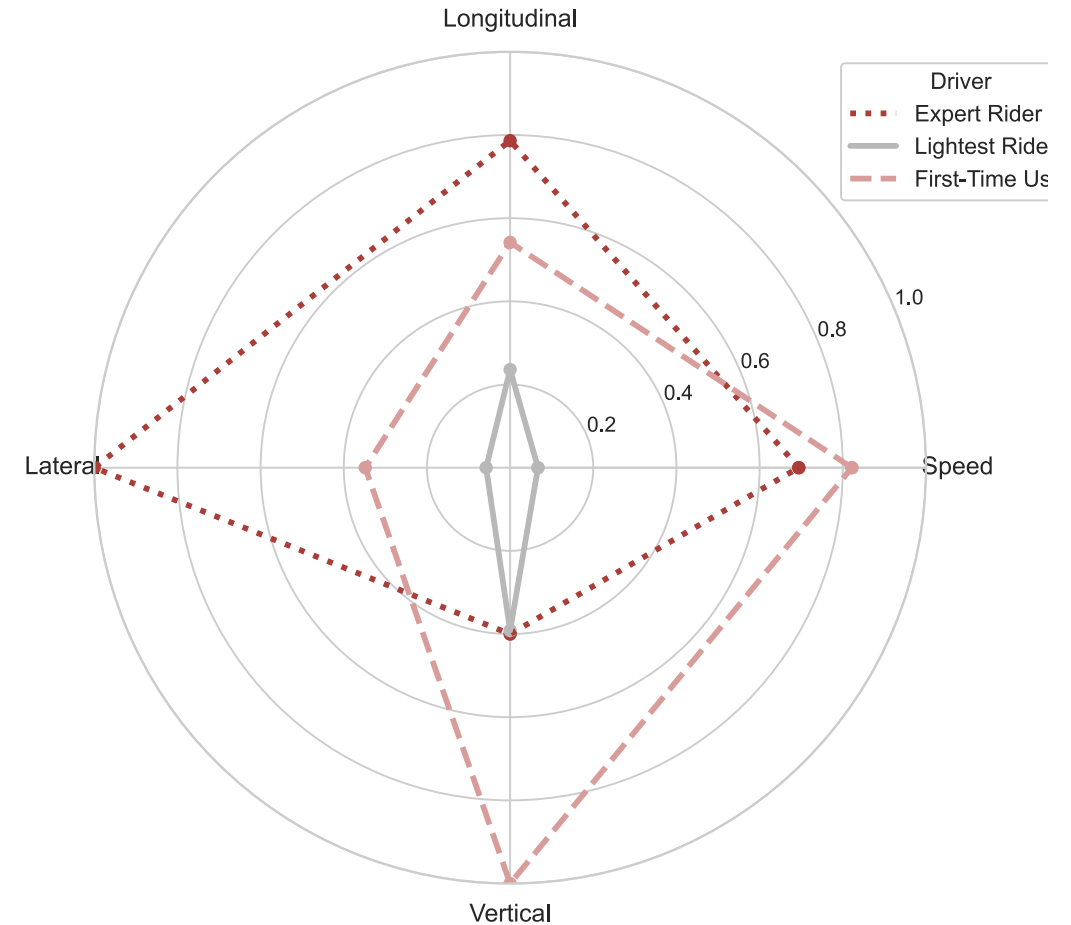
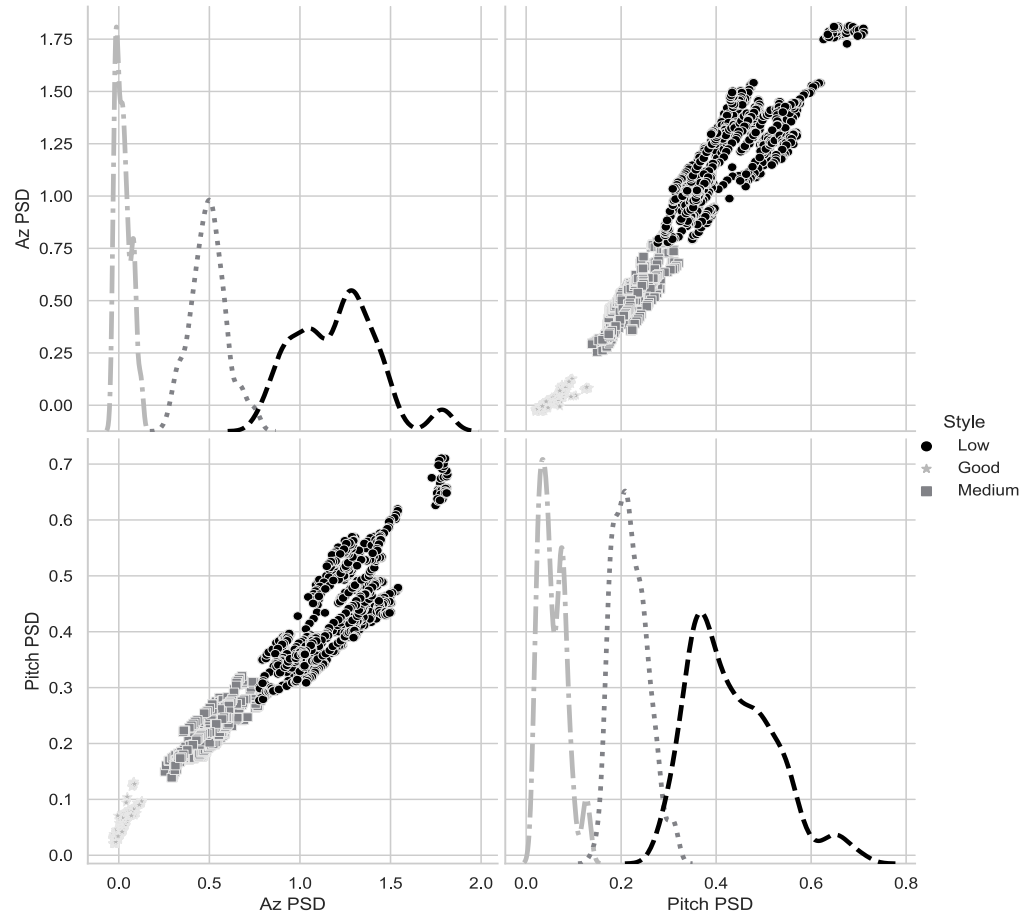
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Road Quality and Driving Style Estimation

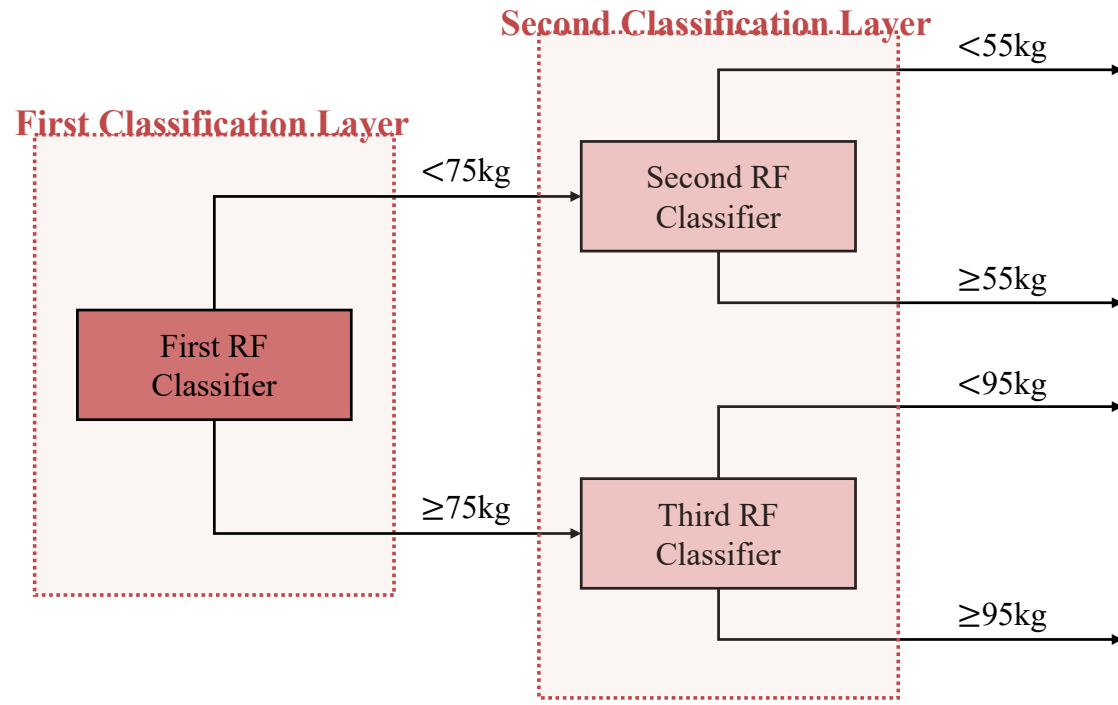
K-Means results for quality estimation, according to 70-30 hold-out validation reveal a 99.9% accuracy.

K-Means results for style estimation, provides results that are consistent with the reported riders' behavior.



J. LEONI, A. Lucchini, M. Tanelli, S. C. Strada, M. S. Savaresi, Safety-Oriented Methods Based on Road Profile and Driving Style Estimation in eScooter, IFAC WC 2023.

Rider Mass Estimation



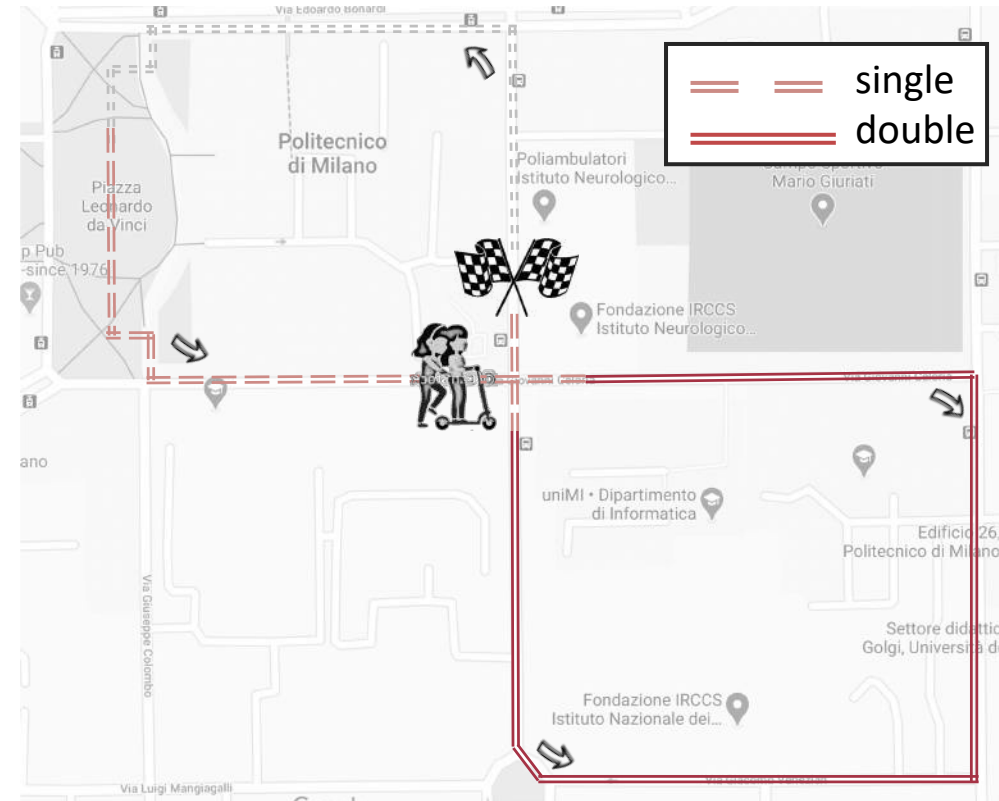
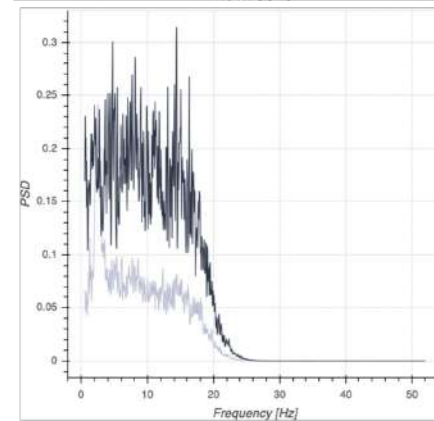
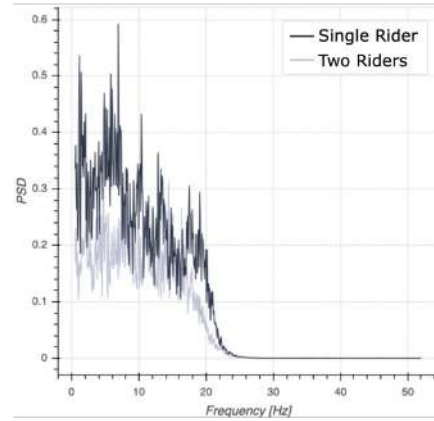
Trial ID	16 km/h reached	Onboard weight [kg]	F1-Score [%]		Support [#]
			1 st level	2 nd level	
C_JL	✓	35	100.00	96.59	181
C_SR	✓	52	97.70	100.00	234
C_LC		54	X	X	0
C_DR	✓	55	51.51	100.00	78
C_MB	✓	60	100.00	79.81	216
C_CM		65	X	X	0
C_MC	✓	70	91.81	100.00	148
C_AL	✓	73	100.00	100.00	167
C_DS	✓	76	99.32	100.00	204
C_GC	✓	78	100.00	75.44	102
C_RV	✓	78	100.00	74.72	84
C_AZ	✓	80	69.81	100.00	191
C_GS		80	X	X	0
C_FC	✓	82	100.00	84.10	220
C_AG	✓	85	87.90	48.44	101
C_SJ		87	X	X	0
C_GM	✓	93	100.00	98.82	152
C_MJ	✓	95	100.00	100.00	40
C_GD	✓	105	100.00	72.69	120
C_AJ	✓	108	100.00	82.42	135
C_GJ	✓	113	100.00	100.00	173
C_RJ	✓	113	100.00	90.87	94
C_DC	✓	115	100.00	100.00	113

The **hierarchical and modular classifier** combines 3 random forest predictors. The **first is composed of 2 trees of depth 3** and considers features referred to **vertical acceleration and pitch rate**;
The **second and third are composed of 5 trees of depth 3**. The second **also consider longitudinal acceleration** features.

J. LEONI, M. Tanelli, S.C Strada, M. S. Savaresi, Real time passenger mass estimation for improving e-scooters safety and sustainability, American Control Conference 2023.

Two-Passengers Detection

Trial ID	Onboard weight [kg]	Two Onboard Riders	w/o Mass F1-Score [%]	w Mass F1-Score [%]	Support [#]
C_JL	35		33.15	91.03	148
C_SR	52		96.29	99.98	450
C_LC	54		92.52	100.00	268
C_DR	55		100.00	100.00	256
C_MB	60		97.77	100.00	389
C_CM	65		100.00	100.00	332
C_MC	70		100.00	100.00	157
C_AL	73		31.03	92.23	143
C_DS	76		100.00	100.00	255
C_GC	78		100.00	100.00	198
C_RV	78		38.78	89.34	378
C_AZ	80		100.00	100.00	143
C_GS	80		95.35	88.94	203
C_FC	82		95.16	100.00	233
C_AG	85		100.00	97.35	190
C_SJ	87	✓	100.00	91.95	453
C_GM	93		100.00	100.00	249
C_MJ	95	✓	41.05	86.32	396
C_GD	105		100.00	100.00	218
C_AJ	108	✓	73.43	97.16	204
C_GJ	113	✓	59.22	98.56	285
C_RJ	113	✓	75.04	93.06	377
C_DC	115		100.00	97.51	215



Random forest classifier composed of 6 trees with depth . Including mass estimate in the detection pipeline increases the F1-Score from 95.52% to 99.18%.

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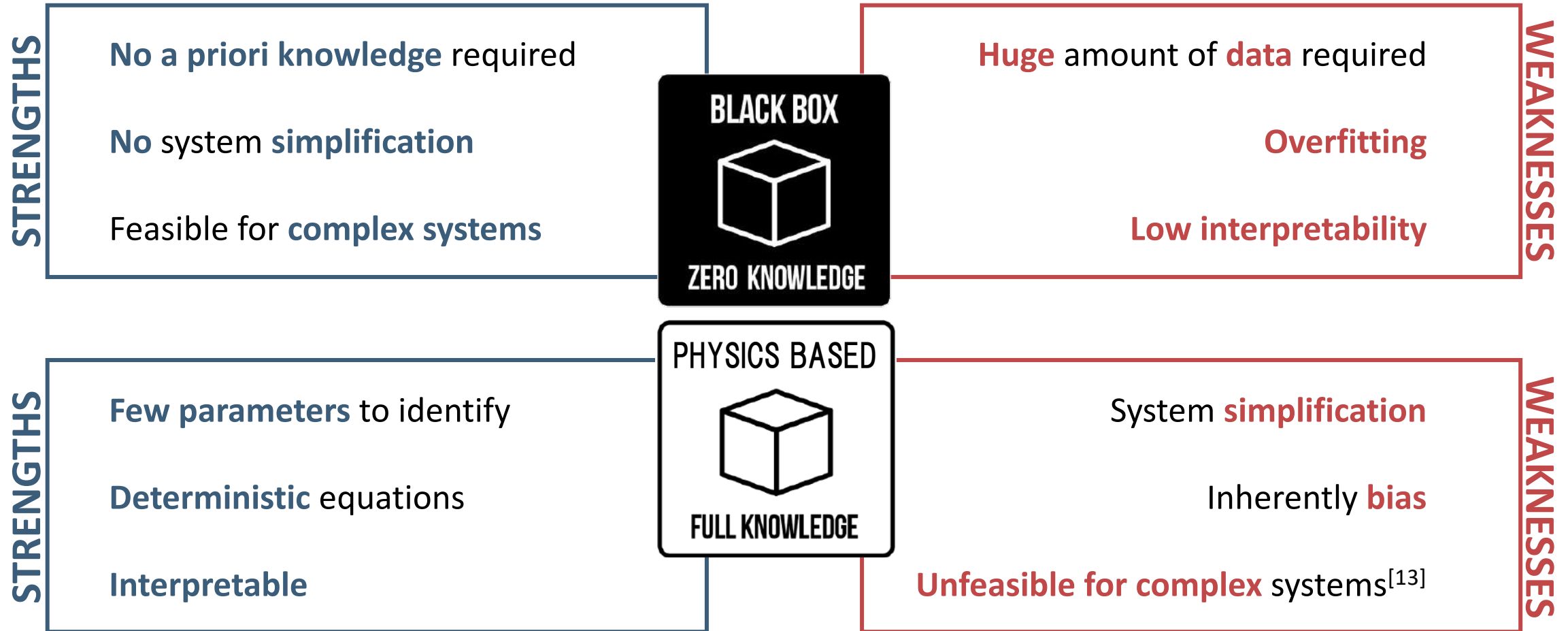
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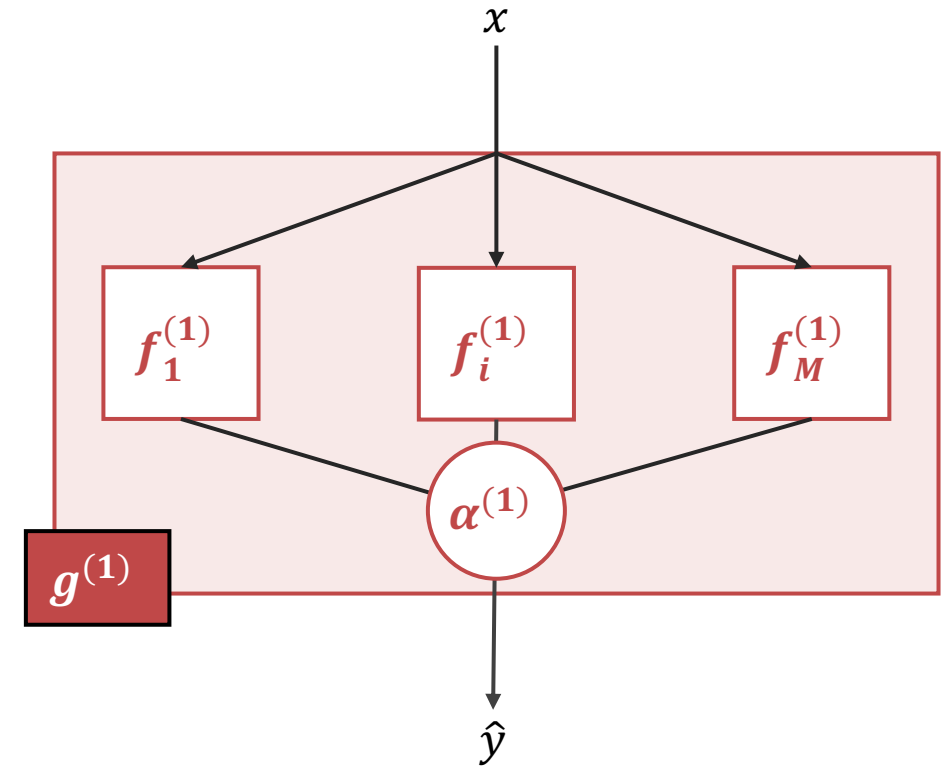
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Physics-Based VS Black-Box Approaches



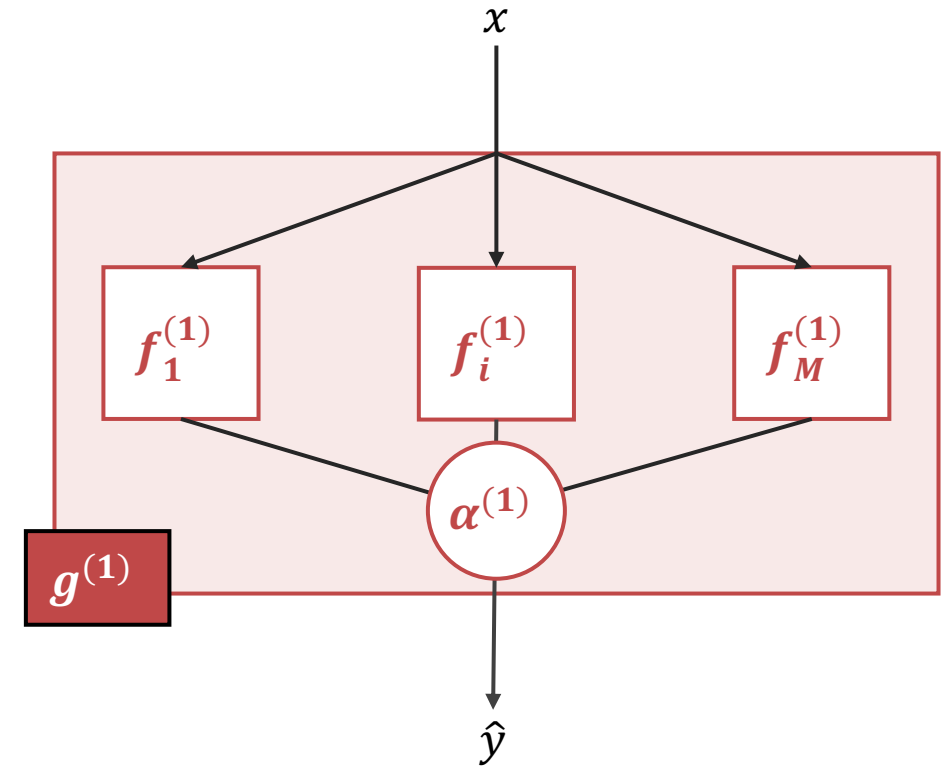
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$$J(x, y) = \sum_{t=1}^T \left\| y(t) - \sum_{i=1}^M \alpha_i(t) f_i(t, x(t), \theta_i) \right\|^2 + \lambda \sum_{t=1}^T \|\alpha(t)\|_1$$

TO ENSURE CORRECTNESS OF PREDICTIONS TO ENHANCE SPARSITY

$$s. t. 0 \leq \alpha_i(t) \leq 1 \quad \forall t = 1, \dots, T \text{ and } i = 1, \dots, M; \sum_{i=1}^M \alpha_i(t) = 1 \quad \forall t = 1, \dots, T$$

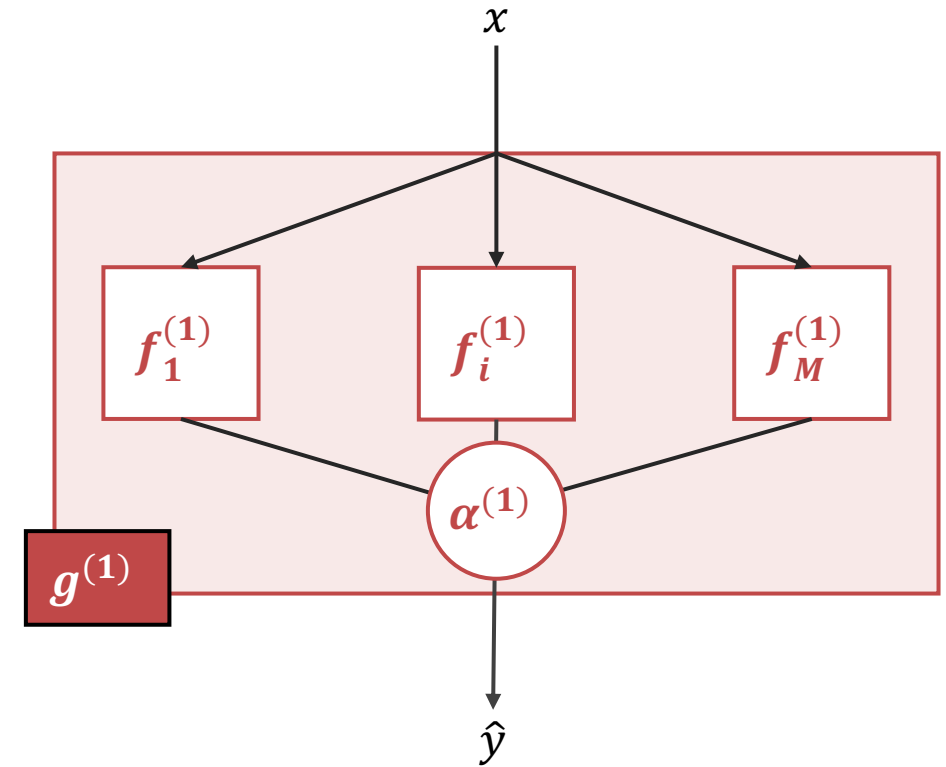
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MoE **scales to multiple models**.
The confidence estimate can be adjusted providing a guess for $\alpha_i(t)$, if a priori known.
Confidence results provides new insights into the system dynamics.



$$J(x, y) = \sum_{t=1}^T \left\| y(t) - \sum_{i=1}^M \alpha_i(t) f_i(t, x(t), \theta_i) \right\|^2 + \lambda \sum_{t=1}^T \|\alpha(t)\|_1$$

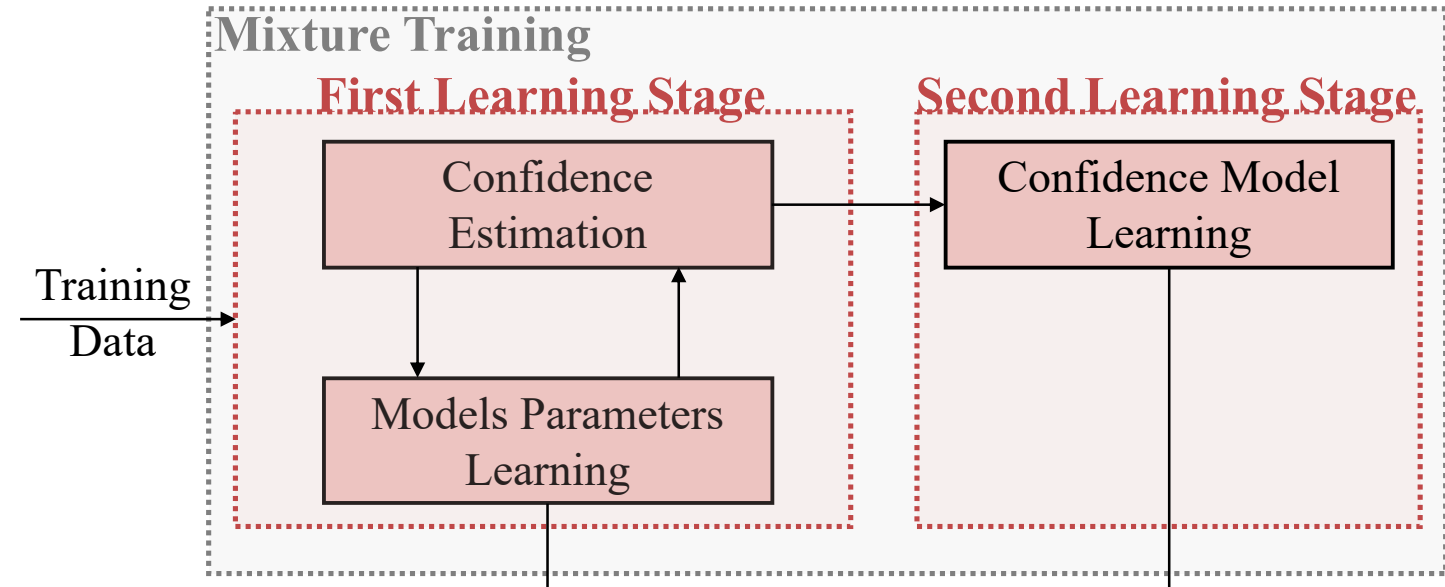
TO ENSURE CORRECTNESS OF PREDICTIONS TO ENHANCE SPARSITY

$$s. t. 0 \leq \alpha_i(t) \leq 1 \quad \forall t = 1, \dots, T \text{ and } i = 1, \dots, M; \sum_{i=1}^M \alpha_i(t) = 1 \quad \forall t = 1, \dots, T$$

Two-Stages Optimization Fashion

First Stage

According to an **alternate optimization approach, local models** are trained and **confidence** is estimated.



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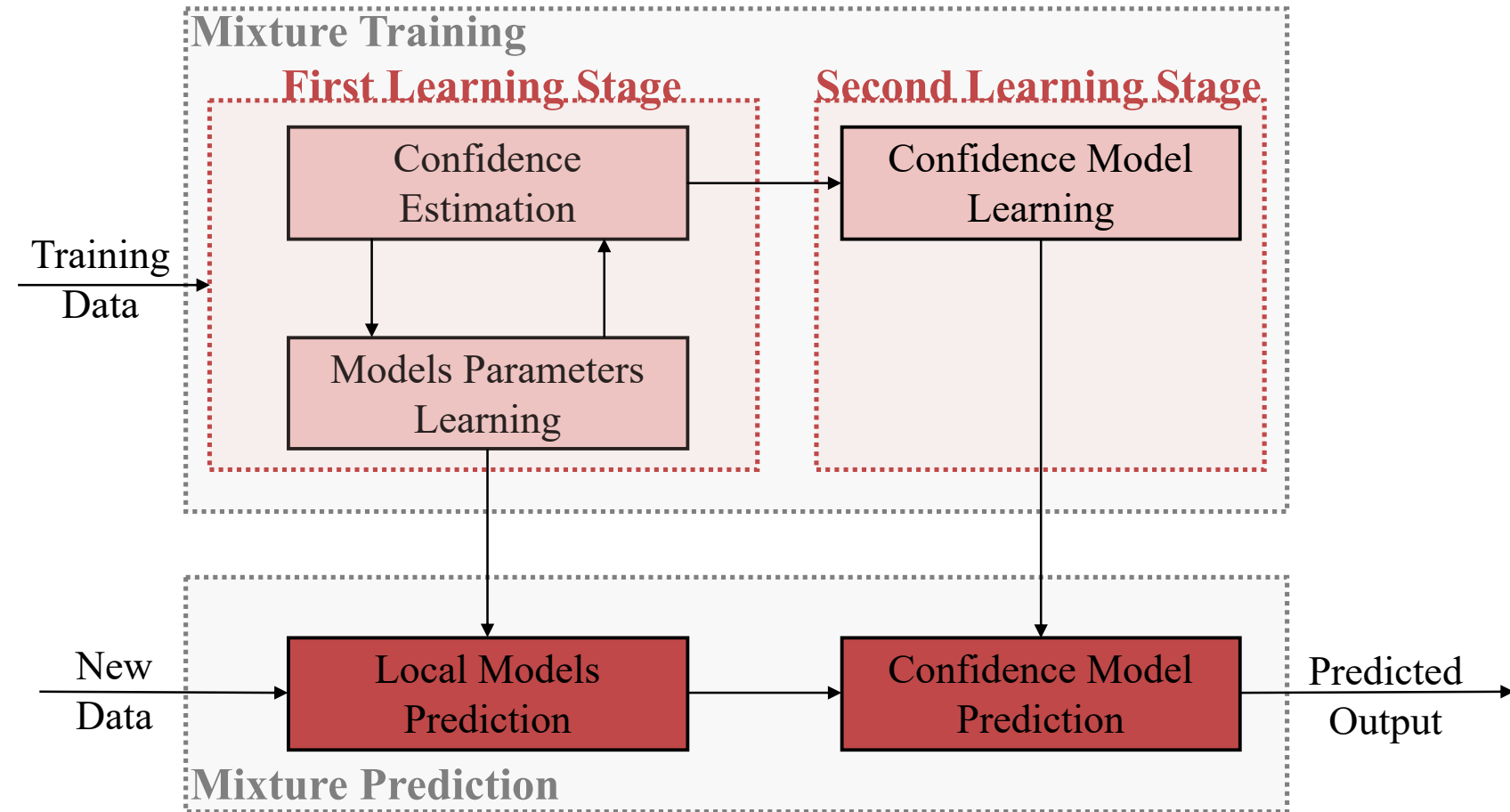
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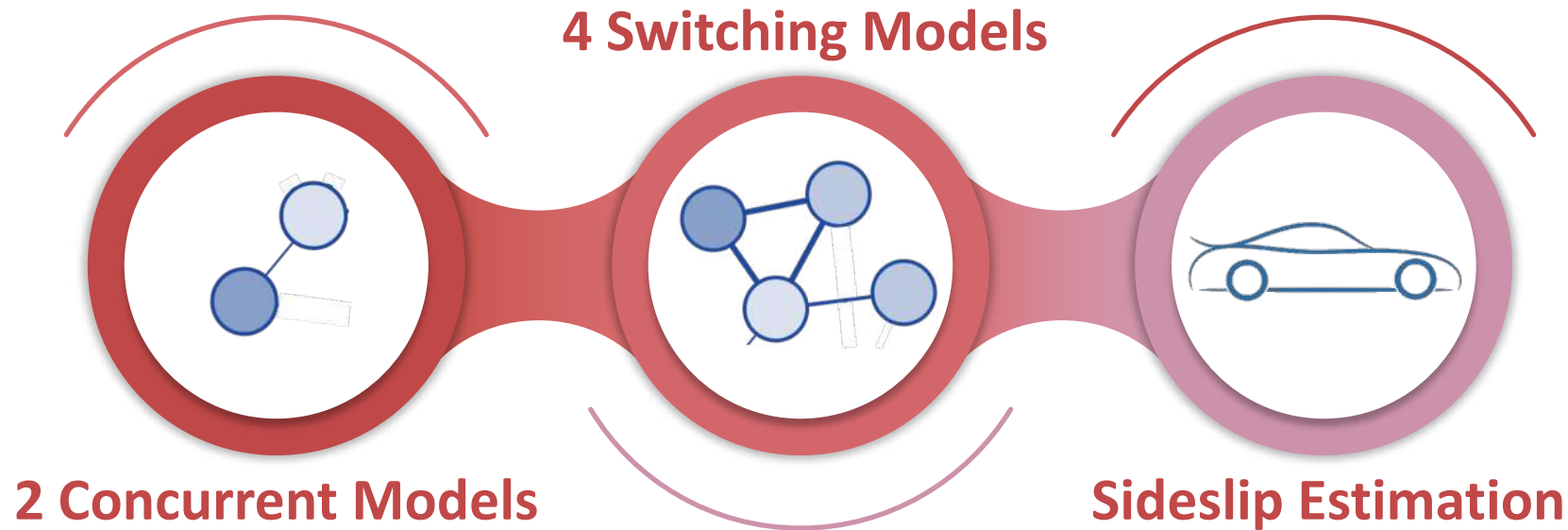
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Second Stage

Random forest model soft-partition the regressor space, and maps each condition to the respective confidence.



API-MoE Performance Evaluation



Key Performance Indicators

Mean Absolute Error (MAE)

$$MAE = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T |y(t) - \hat{y}|$$

Goodness of Fit (GoF)

$$GoF = 1 - \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T (y(t) - \hat{y}(t))^2}{\sum_{t=1}^T (y(t) - \bar{y}(t))^2}$$

Sideslip Estimation

Physics-Based Model^[18]

$$\dot{r} = -\phi_{11}\beta - \phi_{12}r/V_x + \phi_{13}\delta$$
$$\dot{\beta} = -\phi_{21}\beta/V_x - \phi_{22}r/V_x^2 + \phi_{23}\delta/V_x$$

β is the vehicle's mass [deg]

δ is the steering angle [deg]

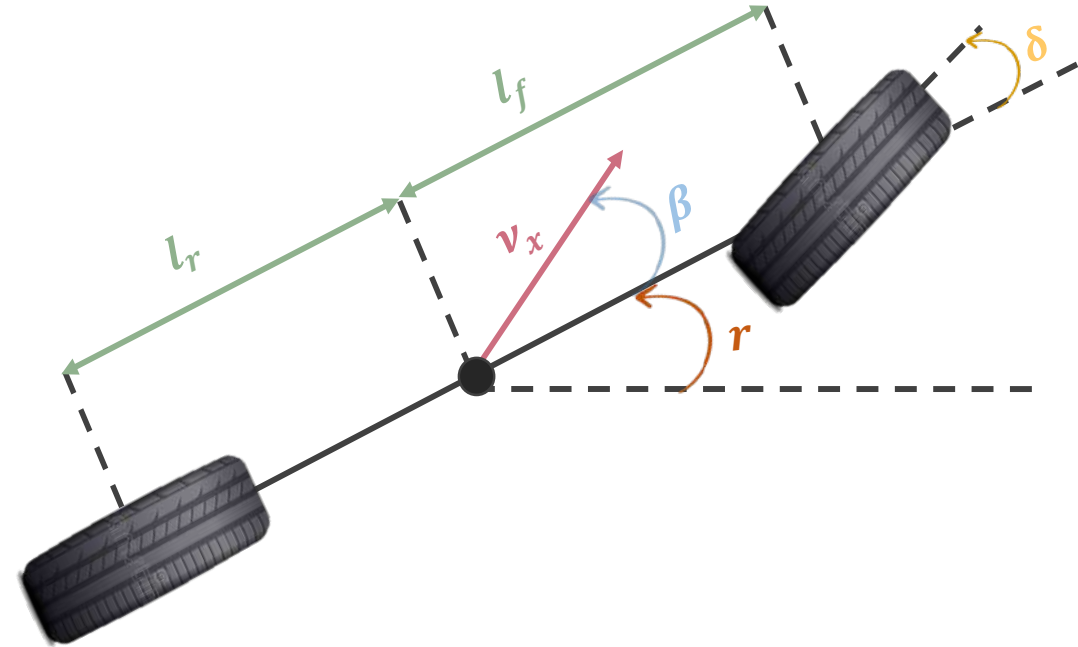
r is the yaw rate [deg/s]

V_x is the longitudinal speed [m/s]

The provided dataset collects **β recorded in both standard and extreme non-linear conditions**. Also, it includes trials performed in **winter and in summer**, which affects the stiffness.

3 API-MoE architectures have been compared, each one composed of 2 models.

In all cases, the input regressor is $x(t) = [V_x, \frac{r}{V_x}, r, \delta, a_x, a_y]$.



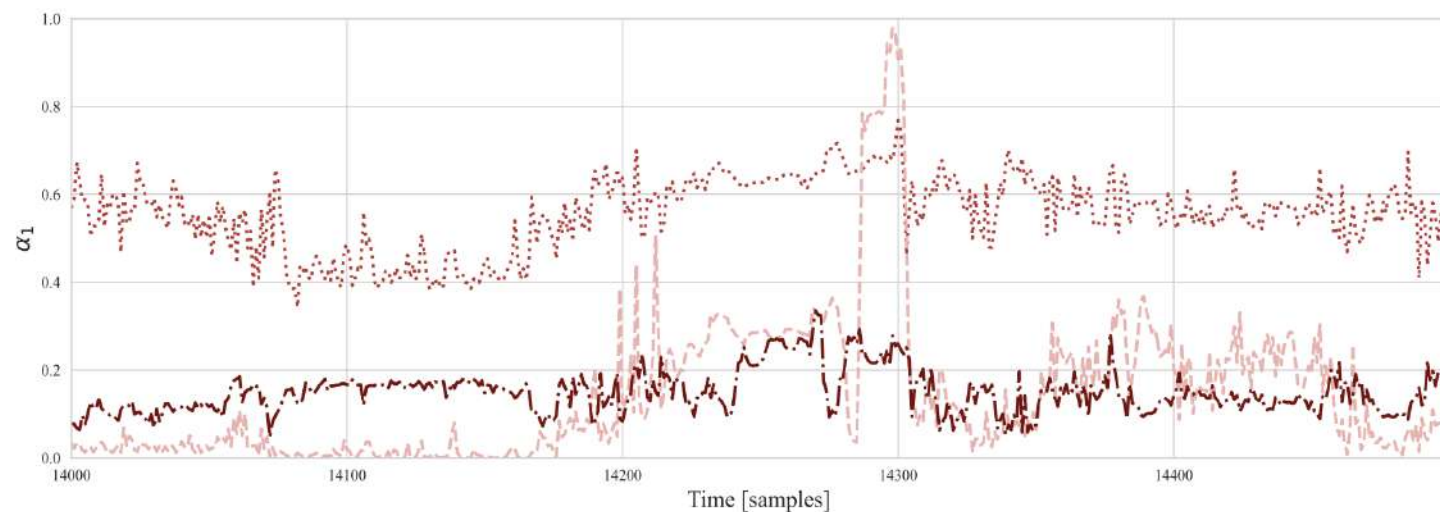
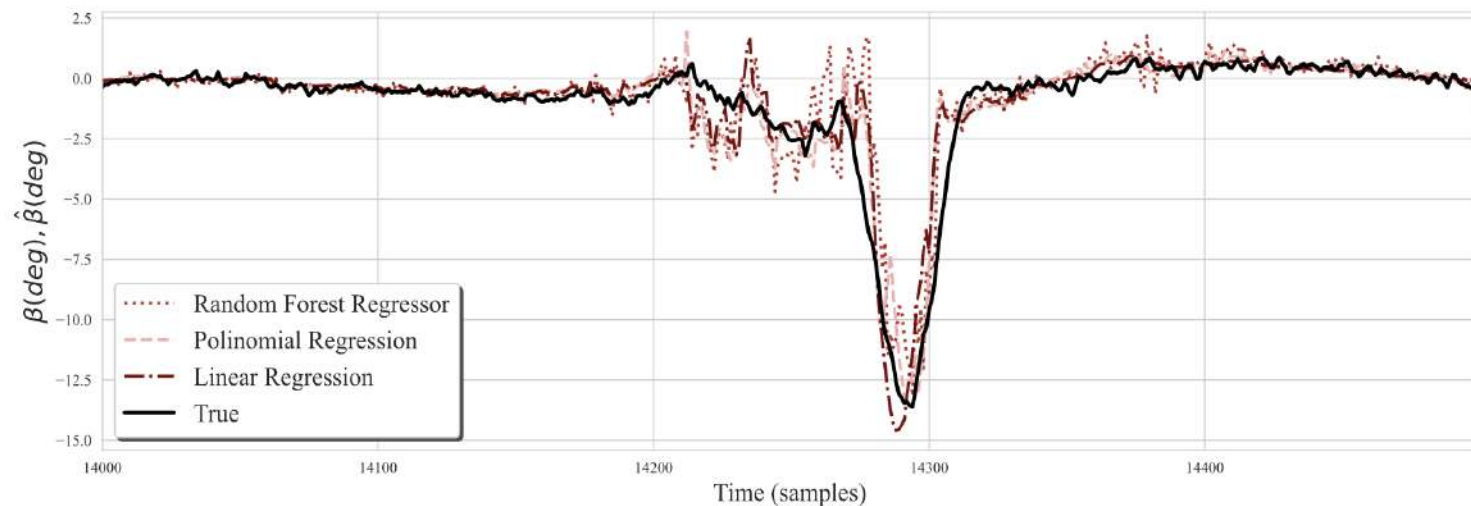
Physics-Based and
Physics-Based

Physics-Based and Polynomial
Regression

Physics-Based and
Random Forest

API-MoE Architectures Comparison

Parameters			MAE		
λ_θ	λ_ϕ	λ	Two Physics	Physics & Polynomial	Physics & RF
10	10^4	10^{-1}	1.713	2.037	2.127
			1.896	1.584	1.679
10^3	1		1.728	1.680	2.001
		10	1.773	2.092	1.952
		10^2	1.695	1.653	1.763
		10^3	1.680	1.904	2.001
		10^4	1.673	1.754	1.667
		10^5	1.590	1.823	1.763
		10^6	1.903	2.034	1.672
		10^2	10^4	10^{-11}	1.721
10^{-9}	1.668			2.087	1.633
10^{-3}	1.711			1.963	1.707
10	1.715			1.944	1.633
10^3	1.681			2.020	1.620
10^5	10^3			10^{-25}	1.587
		10^{-11}	1.573	1.688	1.833
		10^{-9}	1.578	1.852	1.659
		10^{-3}	1.587	1.936	1.688
		10	1.671	1.599	1.601
		10^3	1.610	1.630	1.654



API-MoE with **two physics-based** local experts provides the best results respect to **70-30 holdout validation**.

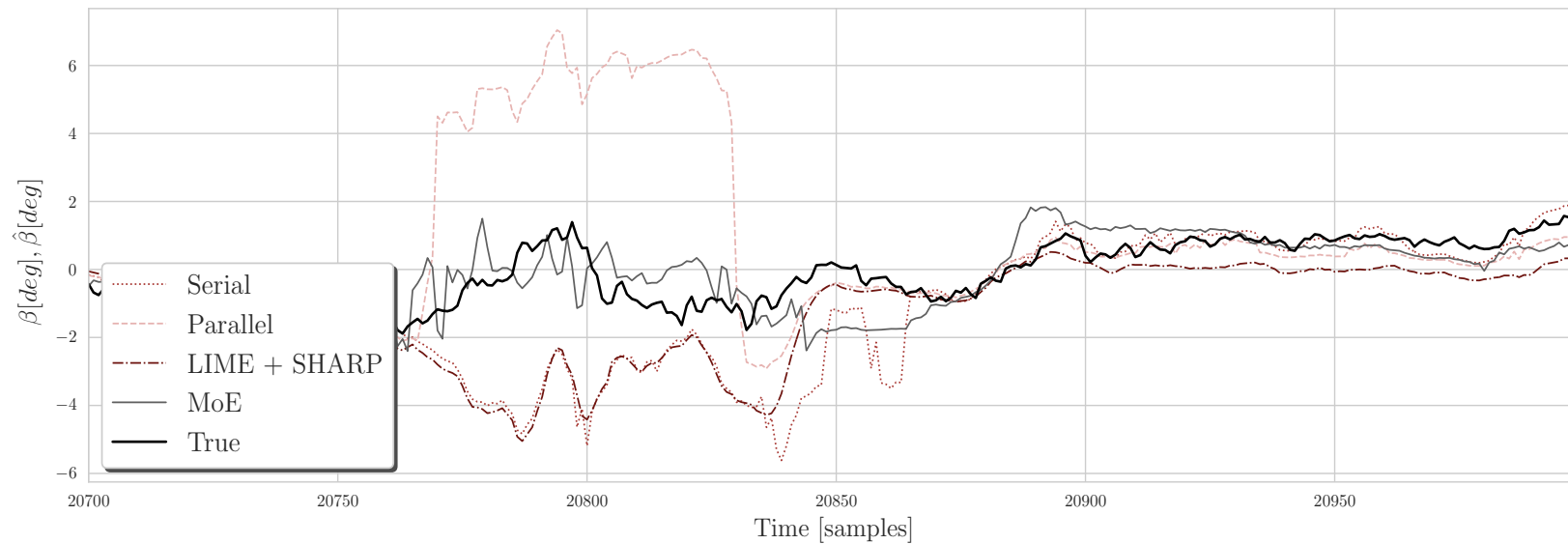
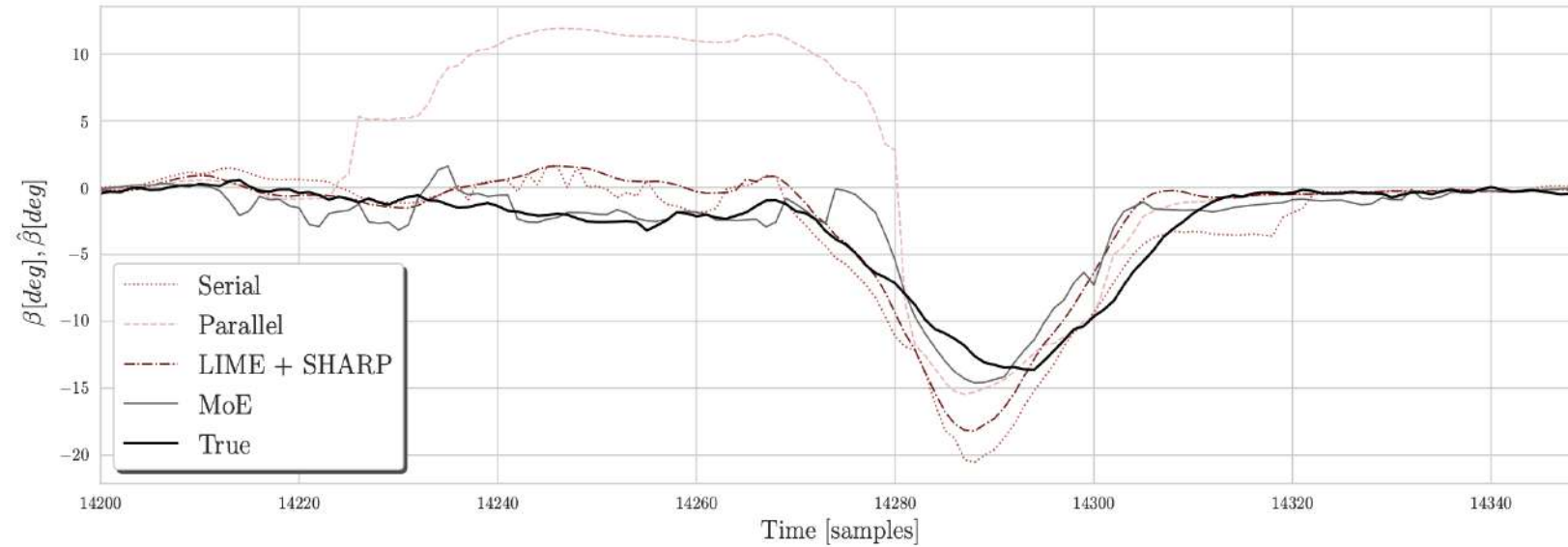
Literature Comparison

The **two physics-based API-MoE** performance have been **compared to the state-of-the-art** approaches.

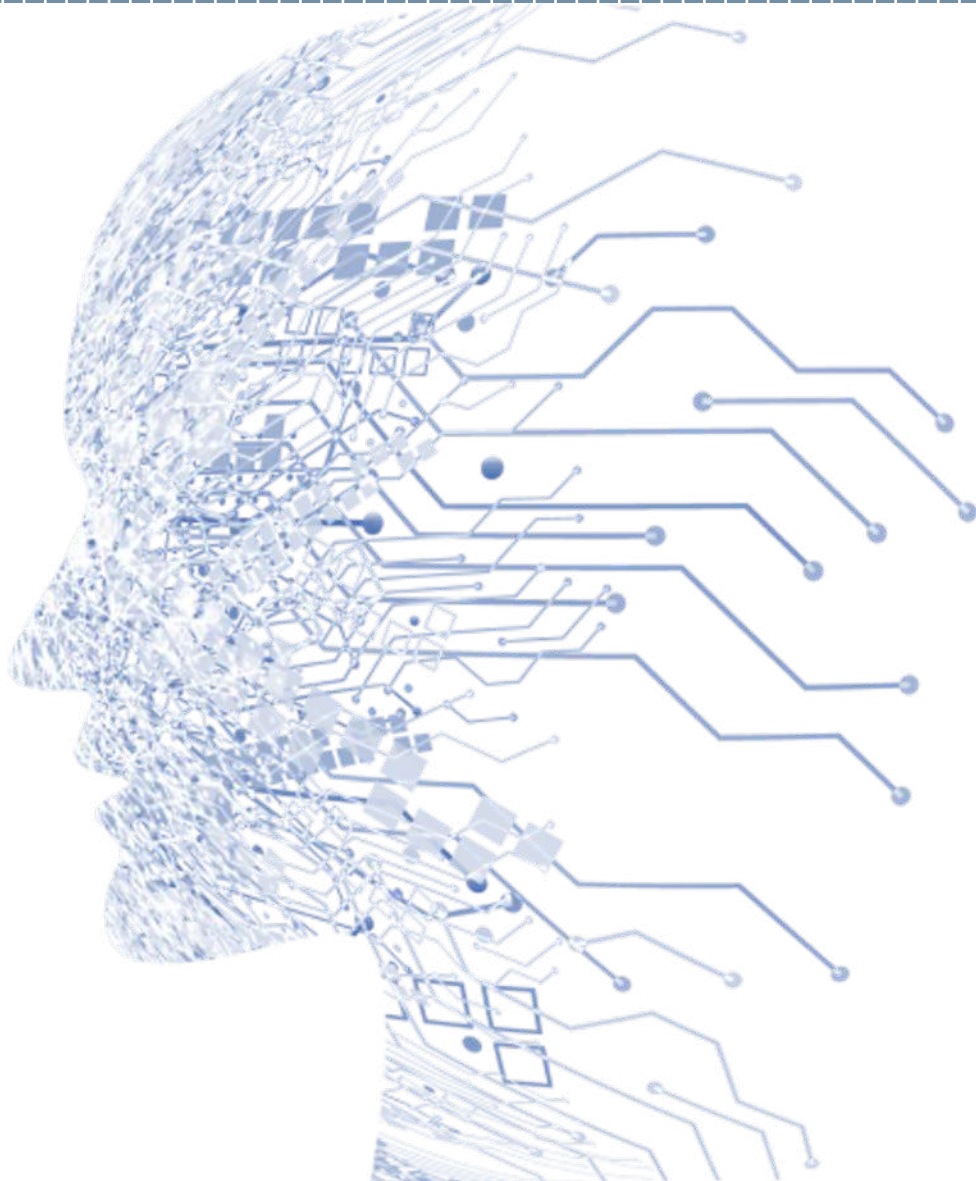
MoE Parameters

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda_{\theta} = 10^2 \\ \lambda_{\phi} = 10^5 \\ \lambda = 10^{-11} \\ \rho = 10^{-5} \end{array} \right.$$

Approach	MAE	GoF
Serial	1.622	0.803
Parallel	2.501	0.531
LIME+SHAP	2.358	0.587
API-MoE	1.573	0.815



Final Remarks



Enhancing ITS diagnostics and user monitoring capabilities

by resorting to **advanced** and machine- and deep-learning techniques to perform real-time vehicles' active monitoring.

Improving black-box models interpretability

leveraging explainable AI techniques and engineering features that are related with the physics of the system.

Promoting ITS functionalities by combining physics and machine-learning

proposing a **new methodology to combine physics-based and black-box models** to reconstruct a system behavior.

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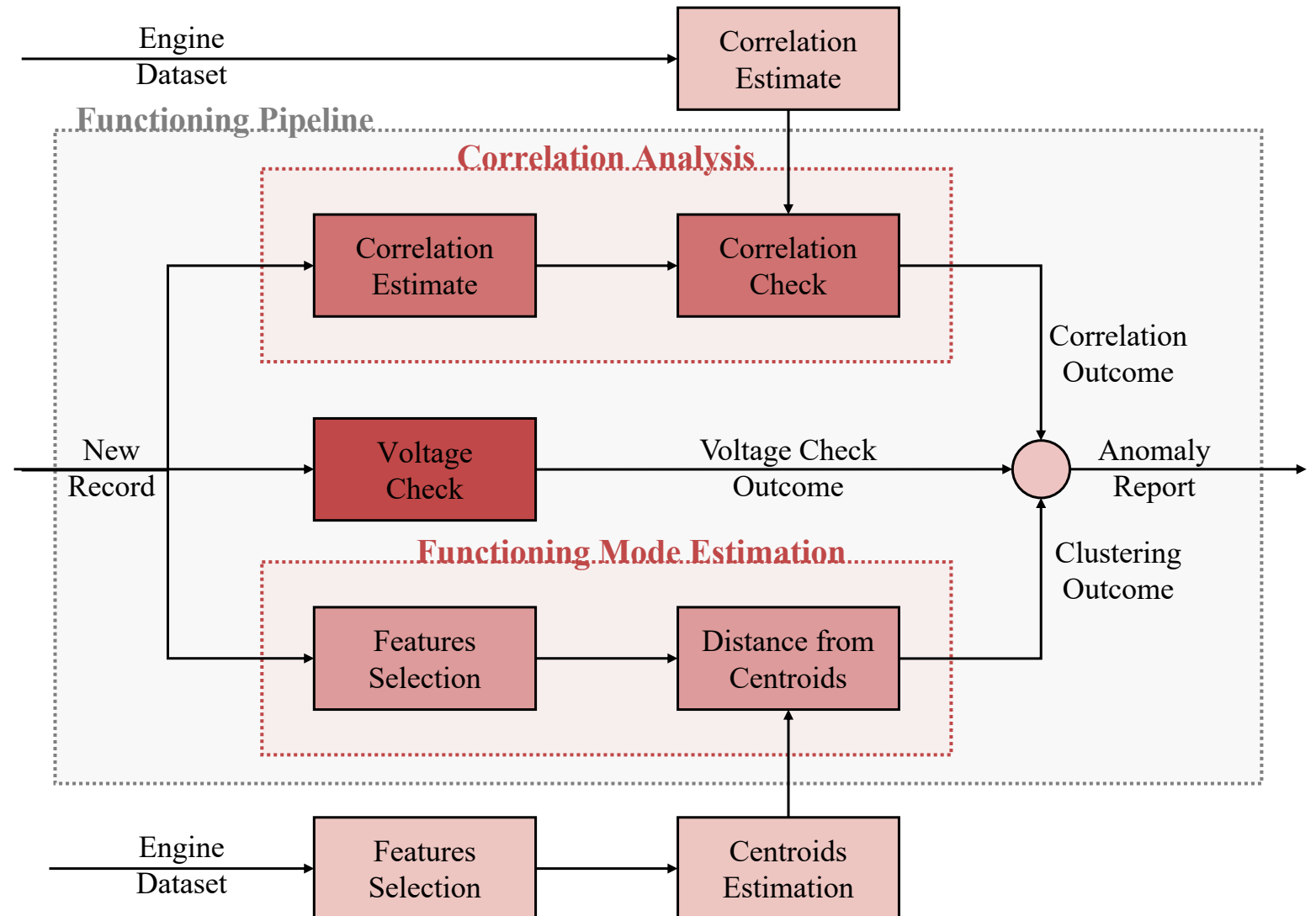
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Engine Monitoring

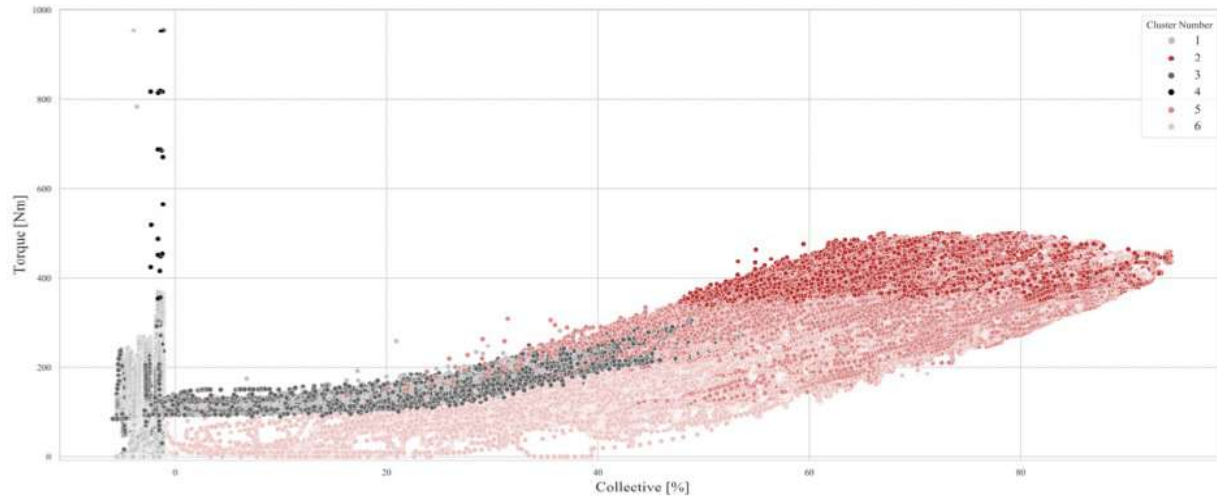
The engine is a **black box system** for LDH, as General Electric produces it.

However, an health monitoring system is required to **promptly recognize anomalous working conditions** and alert the pilot.

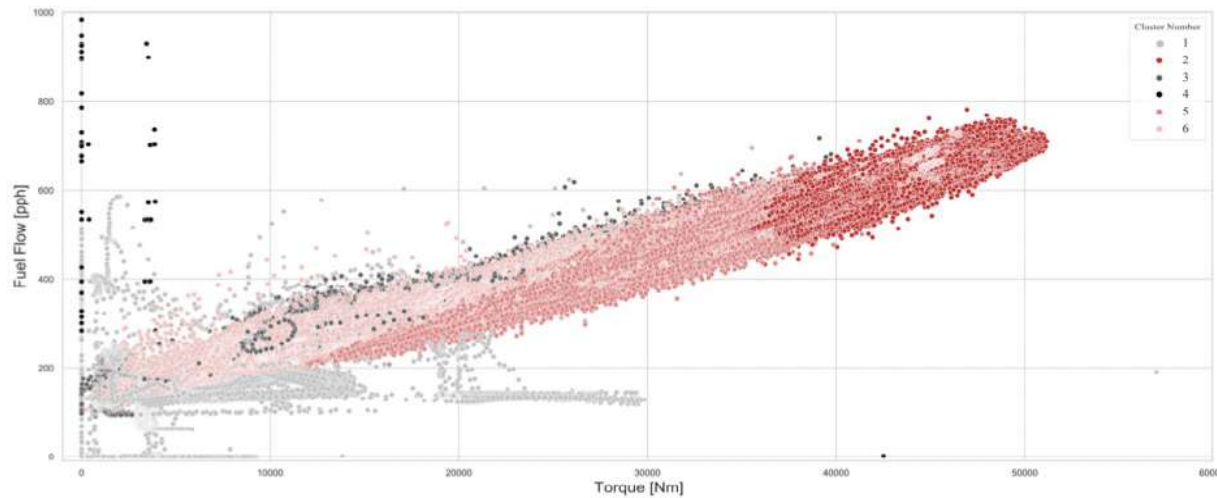
A system is designed to **characterize the healthy operating regions of the engine**. **Anomalous behaviours** correspond to instances **falling outside** the identified regions.



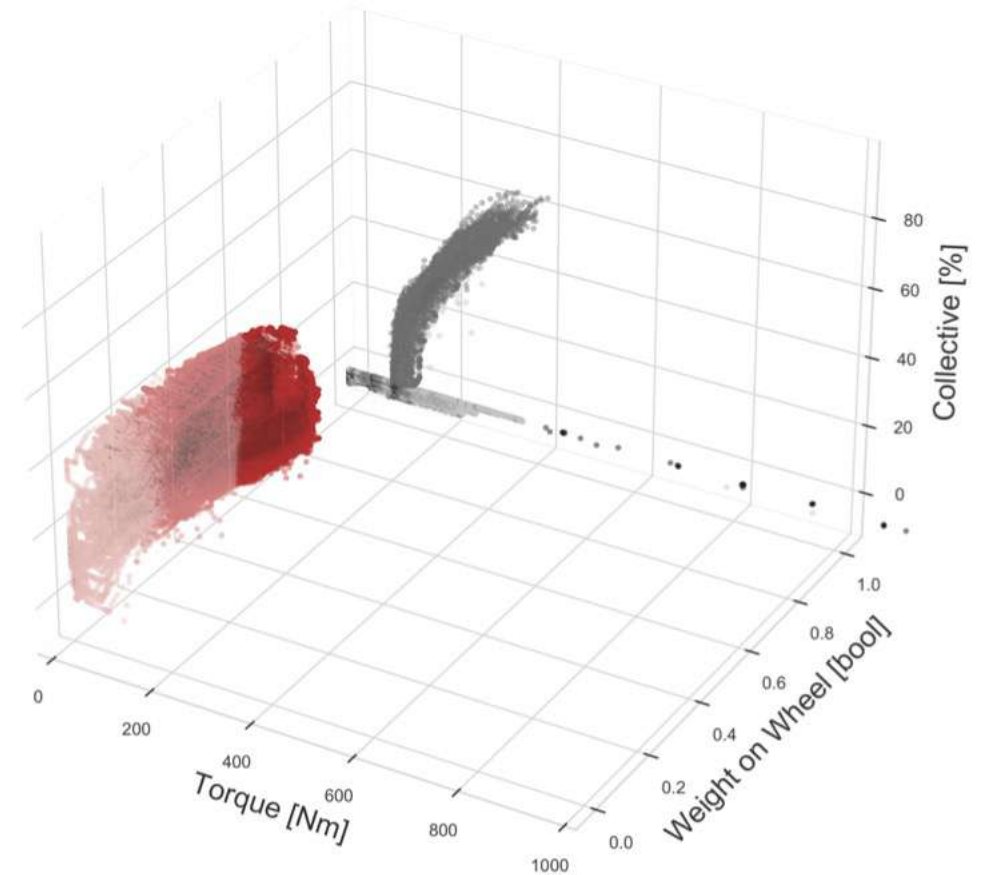
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(a) Torque vs Collective





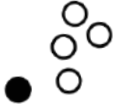
(b) Torque vs Fuel Flow

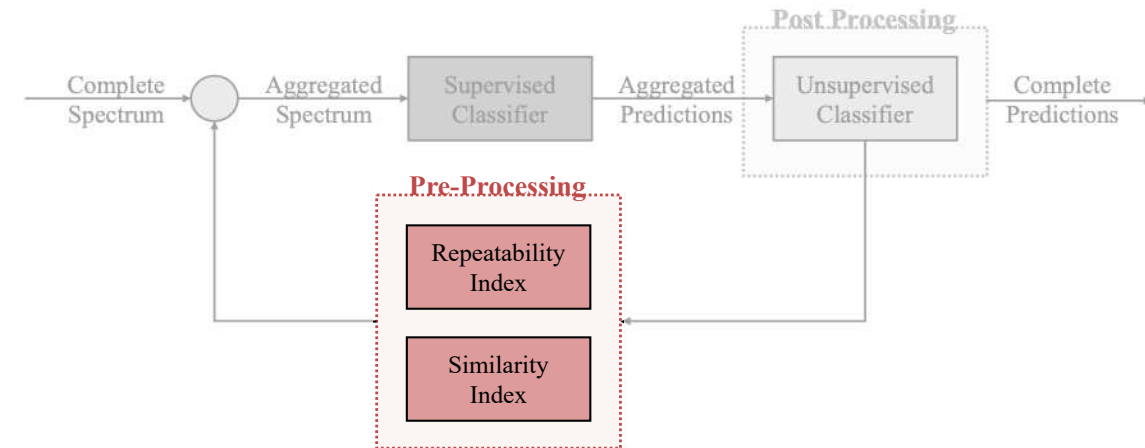


6 clusters are produced by Gaussian Mixture Models,
3 on ground and 3 in flight

Repeatability and Similarity Indexes

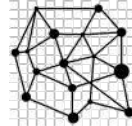

Repeatability index is based on three contributions:

1. **Duration**, to capture the spread in duration of different instances of the same regime; 
2. **Signals Trend**, to account for the differences in the pilot driving style or flight conditions; 
3. **Outliers**, to consider the number of instances that vary significantly from the mean ones. 



Both indexes relies on **functional data analysis**^[4] and **simplicial depth**^[5].

Similarity index is computed for each pair of regimes. It relies on the overlap between the distributions of the features considered by the supervised classifier extracted for the two regimes. Therefore:

1. First, the **median instance** is computed for the considered regime; 
2. Then, for the two medians of interest, the **supervised classifier features** are extracted, and their **distance** is computed. 

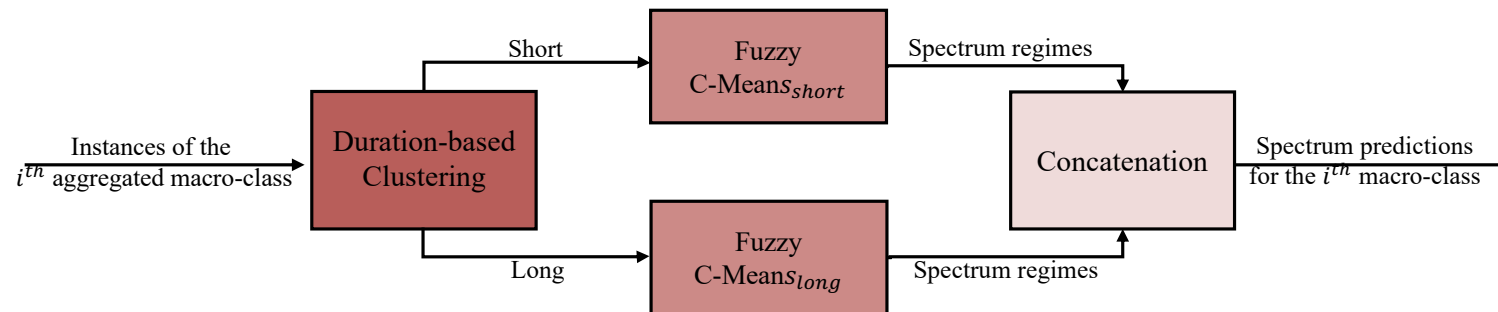
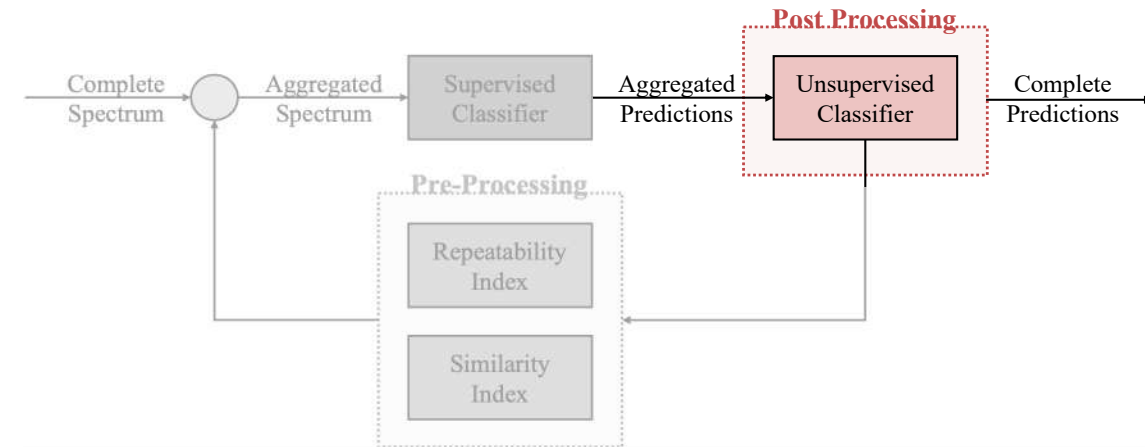
Unsupervised Regimes Recognition

Repeatability and similarity indexes lead to **two macro-categories**.

The **supervised classifier was retrained** to predict the new spectrum, in which these regimes are aggregated.

Then, **an unsupervised classifier is designed to disaggregate** each of the predicted macro-categories.

- **Functional data analysis** is resorted to retain temporal information and signals' dynamics;
- **A hierarchical structure** is designed to manage separately regimes of different duration;
- **Fuzzy C-Means** is leveraged to prevent the overreliance on the training labels.
- **Dimensionality reduction** is performed to provide interpretable clustering views to the domain expert.



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Proposed Solution

Let M be the **75% of samples** referred to the anomalous condition.

$\hat{\alpha}_j$ collects the M healthy samples of χ , considered to estimate the quantiles

$$X = [\chi_0, \chi_1, \dots, \chi_P]$$

$$\psi(k) = \frac{1}{P} \sum_{j=1}^P \frac{\chi_j(k) - p_{0.50}(\hat{\alpha}_j)}{p_{0.75}(\hat{\alpha}_j) - p_{0.25}(\hat{\alpha}_j)} - \mu(\hat{\alpha})$$

Sensors Fusion

μ is the derivative filter **gain**, equals to 100.

T is the **sampling period**.

f_D and f_I are the parameters to optimize.

$$D_{KL}(\tilde{D}_\alpha || \tilde{D}_\beta) = \sum_{k=1}^M \tilde{D}_\alpha(k) \log_2 \left(\frac{\tilde{D}_\alpha(k)}{\tilde{D}_\beta(k)} \right)$$

High Pass Filter Optimization

f_D

$$H_D(z) = \frac{2\mu\pi f_D(z-1)}{T\pi f_D(z+1) + (z-1)}$$

$$H_I(z) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{4\pi}{T} \frac{(z-1)}{(z+1)} f_I}$$

DIP Features Extraction

f_I

$$D_{KL}(\tilde{I}_\alpha || \tilde{I}_\beta) = \sum_{k=1}^M \tilde{I}_\alpha(k) \log_2 \left(\frac{\tilde{I}_\alpha(k)}{\tilde{I}_\beta(k)} \right)$$

Low Pass Filter Optimization

\tilde{D}_α and \tilde{D}_β collect M healthy and anomalous samples of D , respectively.

They are considered to estimate D_{KL} .

The **optimal D** maximizes D_{KL} .

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Tree Classifier

Prediction

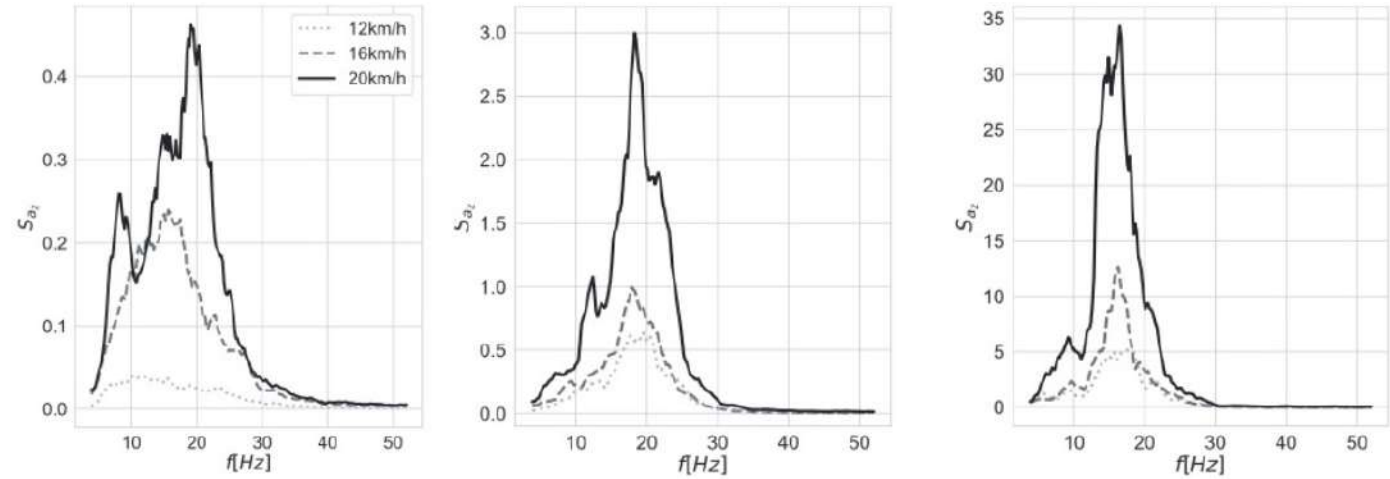
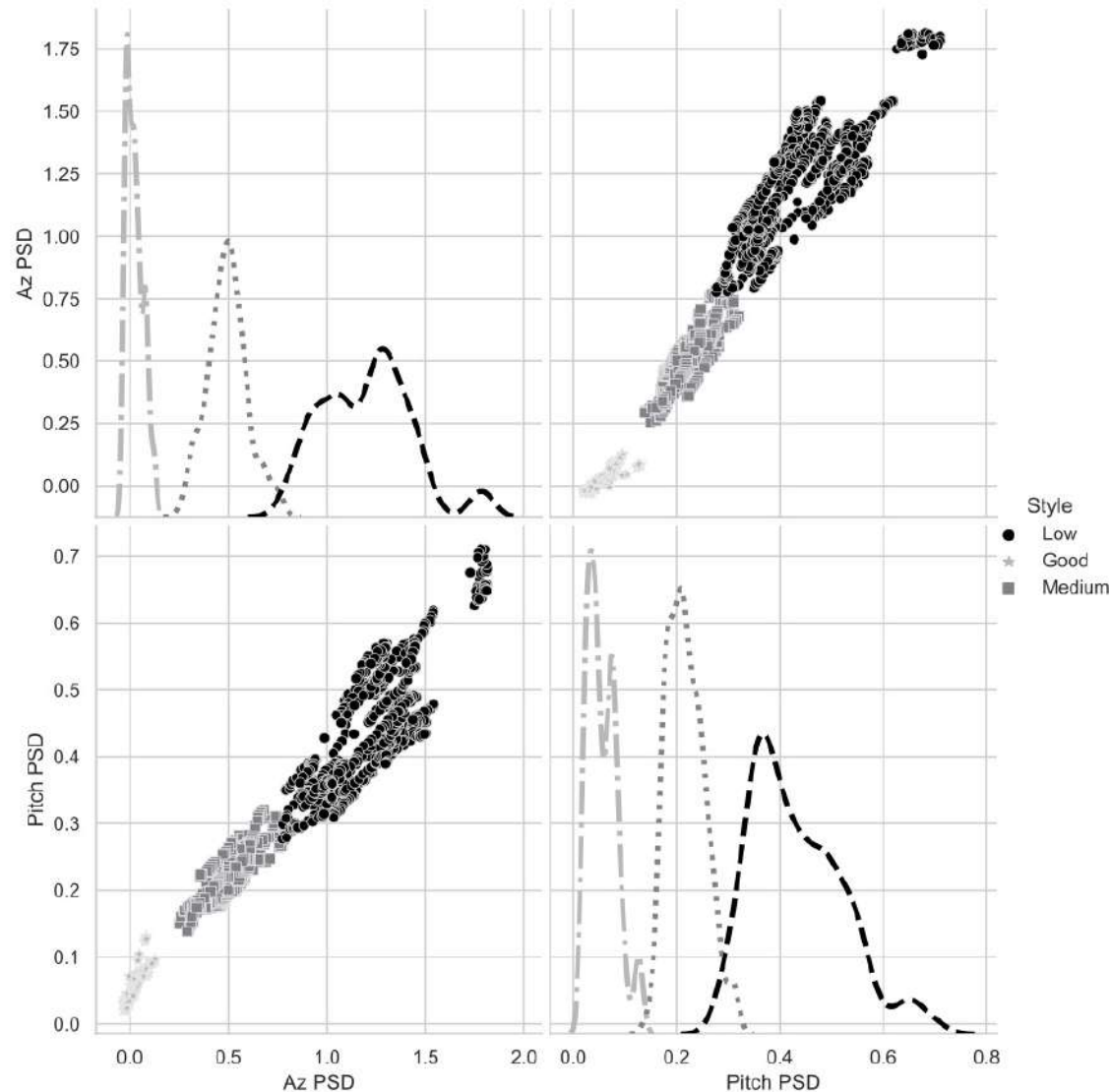
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eCall

Road Quality Estimation



K-Means results according to 70-30 hold-out validation.
 The algorithm considers vertical acceleration and pitch PSD area.

Quality	ϕ [%]	ρ [%]	Φ [%]	σ [#]
Good	100.0	100.0	100.0	467
Medium	99.9	99.9	99.9	536
Bad	99.9	99.9	99.9	993
Macro Average	99.9	99.9	99.9	
Micro Average	99.9	99.9	99.9	

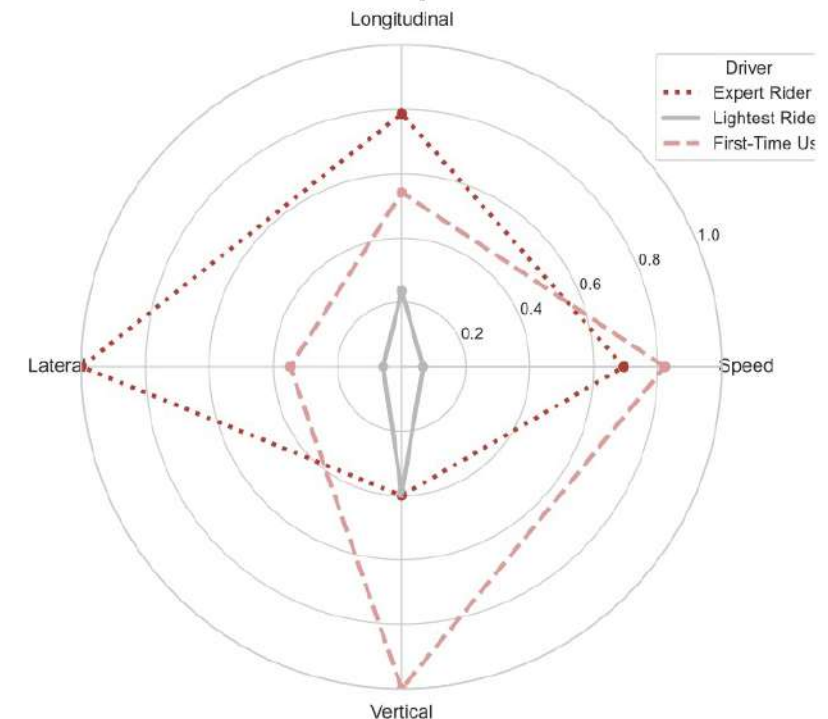
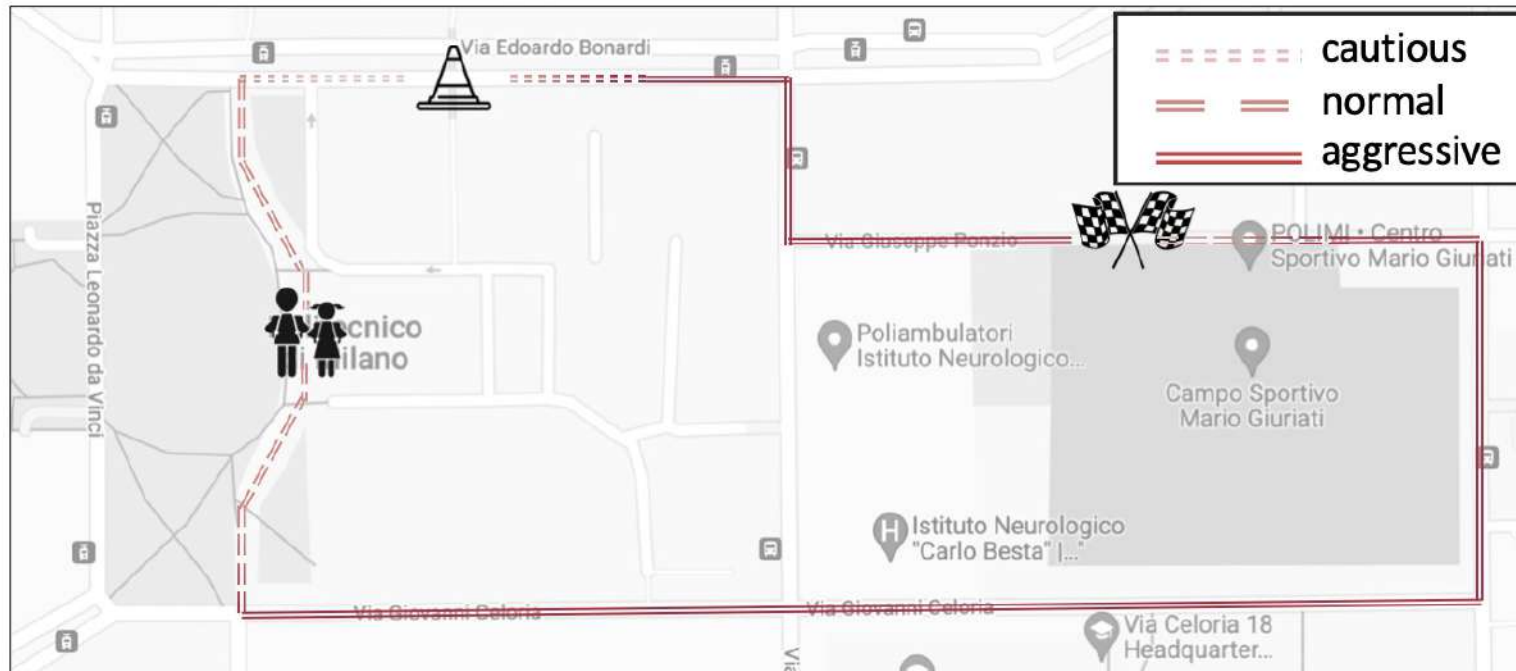
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Driving Style Assessment

Trial ID	Rider Weight [kg]	First Time User	Cautious [%]	Normal [%]	Aggressive [%]	Samples [#]
C_JL	35	○	4.4	39.1	56.5	283
C_SR	52	●	100.0	0.0	0.0	533
C_AZ	80	○	0.0	16.2	83.8	260

Online and whole-trip predictions have been produced relying on the output of a K-Means classifier.

The algorithm is trained on vertical, longitudinal and lateral PSD area, and on vehicle speed.



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First Stage

Input: $\{\alpha_i^0(t)\}_{t=1}^T, i = 1, \dots, M; \{\theta_i^0\}_{i=1}^M; \{\bar{z}^0(t)\}_{t=1}^T; \{\bar{u}^0(t)\}_{t=1}^T; \lambda; \lambda_\phi; \lambda_\theta; \rho$

for $j = 0, \dots$ do

for $k = 0, \dots$ do

$$\theta_i^{k+1} \leftarrow \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta_i} \sum_{t=1}^T \left\| \alpha_i^j(t) \hat{y}_i(t, x(t), \theta_i) - \alpha_i^j(t) \hat{y}_i(t, x(t), \theta_i^k) - \bar{z}^k(t) + \sum_{i=1}^M \alpha_i^j(t) \hat{y}_i(t, x(t), \theta_i^k) + \bar{u}^k(t) \right\|^2 + \lambda_\theta \eta_\theta, \quad \forall i$$

$$\bar{z}^{k+1}(t) \leftarrow \operatorname{argmin}_{\bar{z}} \sum_{t=1}^T \|y(t) - M\bar{z}(t)\|^2 + \frac{\rho}{2} \left\| \bar{z}(t) - \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M \alpha_i^j(t) \hat{y}_i(t, x(t), \theta_i^{k+1}) - \bar{u}^k(t) \right\|^2$$

$$\bar{u}^{k+1} \leftarrow \bar{u}^k + \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M \alpha_i^j(t) \hat{y}_i(t, x(t), \theta_i^{k+1}) - \bar{z}^{k+1}(t), \quad \forall i$$

until convergence

$$\theta_i^{j+1} \leftarrow \theta_i^{k+1}, \quad \forall i$$

for $t = 1, \dots$ do

for $h = 0, \dots$ do

$$\alpha(t)^{j+1} \leftarrow \operatorname{argmin}_{\alpha(t)} \left\| y(t) - \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M \alpha_i^j(t) \hat{y}_i(t, x(t), \theta_i^{j+1}) \right\|^2 + \lambda \eta + \lambda_\theta \eta_\theta + \lambda_\phi \eta_\phi$$

s. t. $0 \leq \alpha_i(t) \leq 1 \quad \forall i; \sum_{i=1}^M \alpha_i(t) = 1$

until convergence

until T

$$\alpha_i^{j+1} \leftarrow \alpha_i^{h+1}, \quad \forall t$$

until convergence

Output: $\{\theta_i^*\}_{i=1}^M; \{\alpha_i^*(t)\}_{t=1}^T, i = 1, \dots, M$

2 Concurrent Models

Let $y(t)$ be the output of a 2nd order autoregressive process excited by a PRBS input $u(t)$, with a superimposed white noise of $\sigma = 10^{-2}$.

$$y(t) = \sum_{i=1}^M \alpha_i(t) y_i(t) + \omega(t); \quad x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} y(t-2) \\ y(t-1) \\ u(t) \\ u(t-1) \end{bmatrix}$$

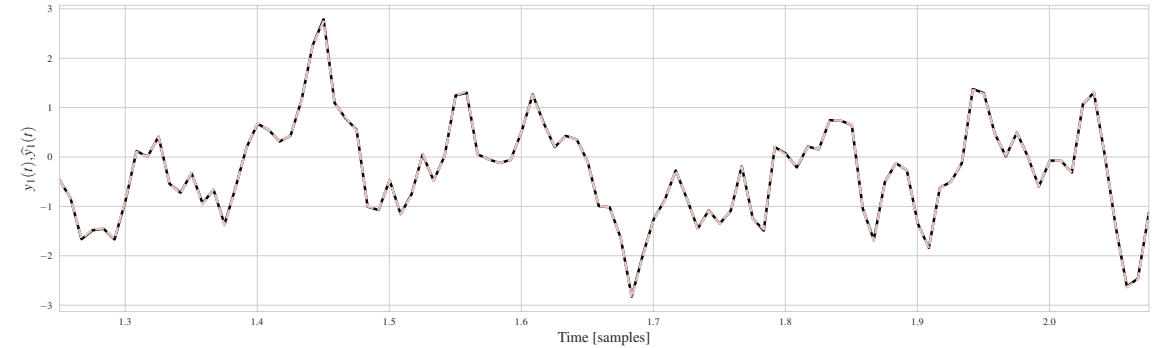
The process is composed of $M = 2$ concurrent local models defined by coefficients θ .

Each local model can be computed as:

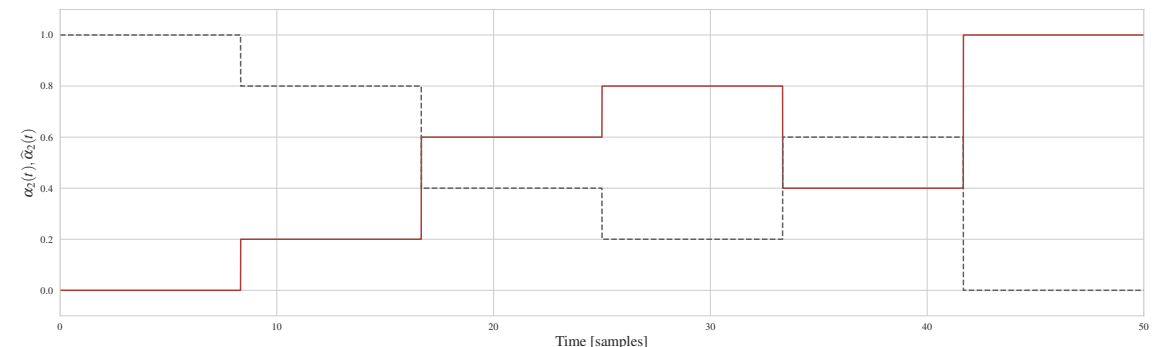
$$y_i(t) = \sum_{j=1}^2 \theta_{i,j} y(t-j) + \theta_{i,j+2} u(t-j)$$

ModelID(i)	$\theta_{i,1}$	$\theta_{i,2}$	$\theta_{i,3}$	$\theta_{i,4}$
1	0.50	-0.30	0.90	-0.80
2	0.10	0.40	-0.60	-0.50

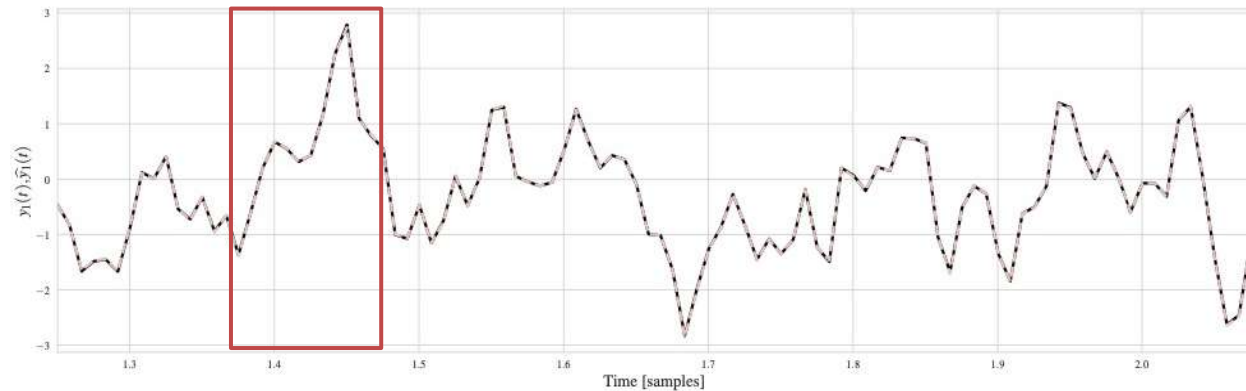
The process behavior has been simulated for 500 samples.



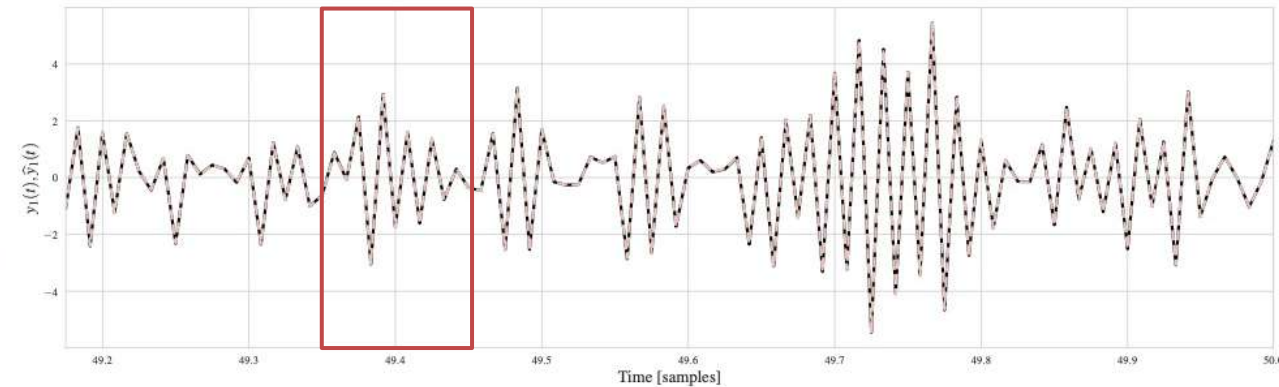
Also, the confidence of each model in generating the output has been defined.



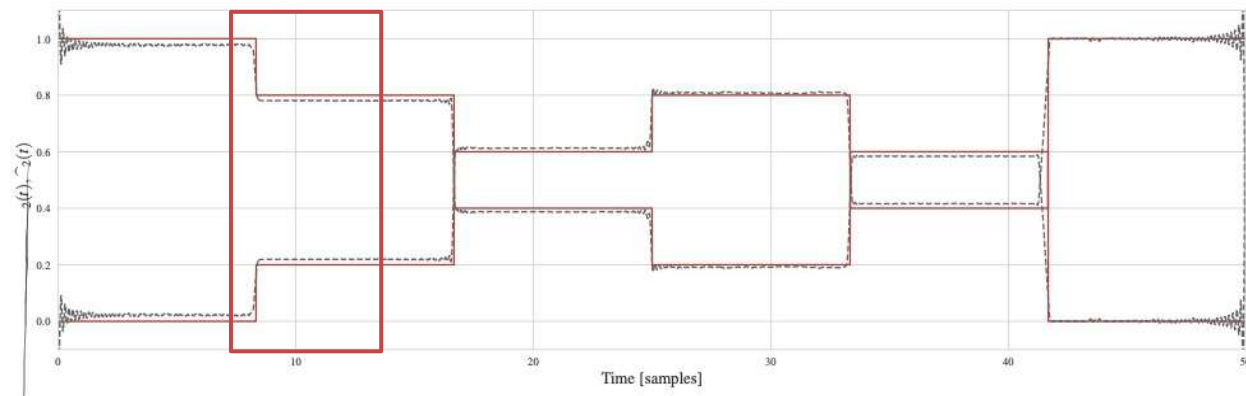
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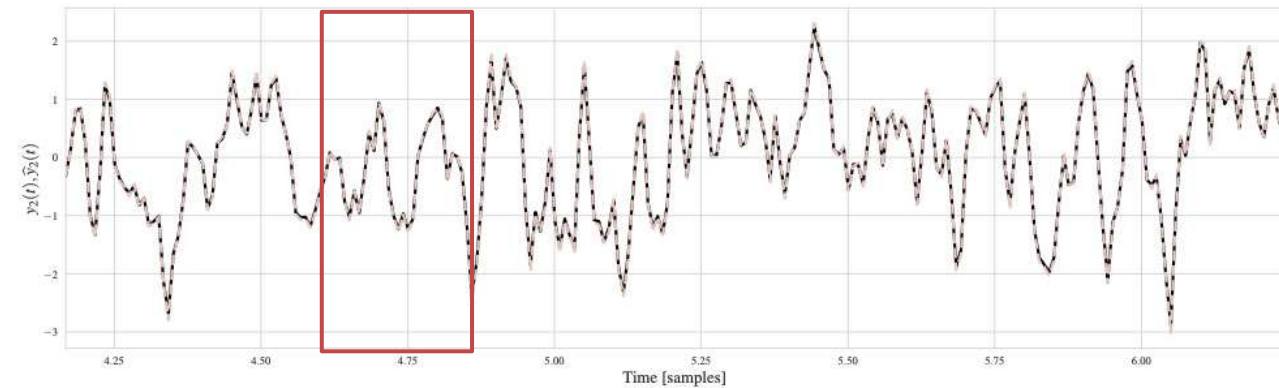
(a) Mixture output



(b) First model trend



(d) Estimated confidence



(c) Second model trend

MoE configuration: $\lambda_\theta = 5 \cdot 10^3, \lambda_\phi = 10^{-3}, \lambda = 10^0, \rho = 10^{-5}$

API-MoE perfectly learns the local models parameters and the confidence, assessing a **GoF of 0.995** and a **MAE of 0.041**.