



Exploiting Self-Similarity For Change-Detection

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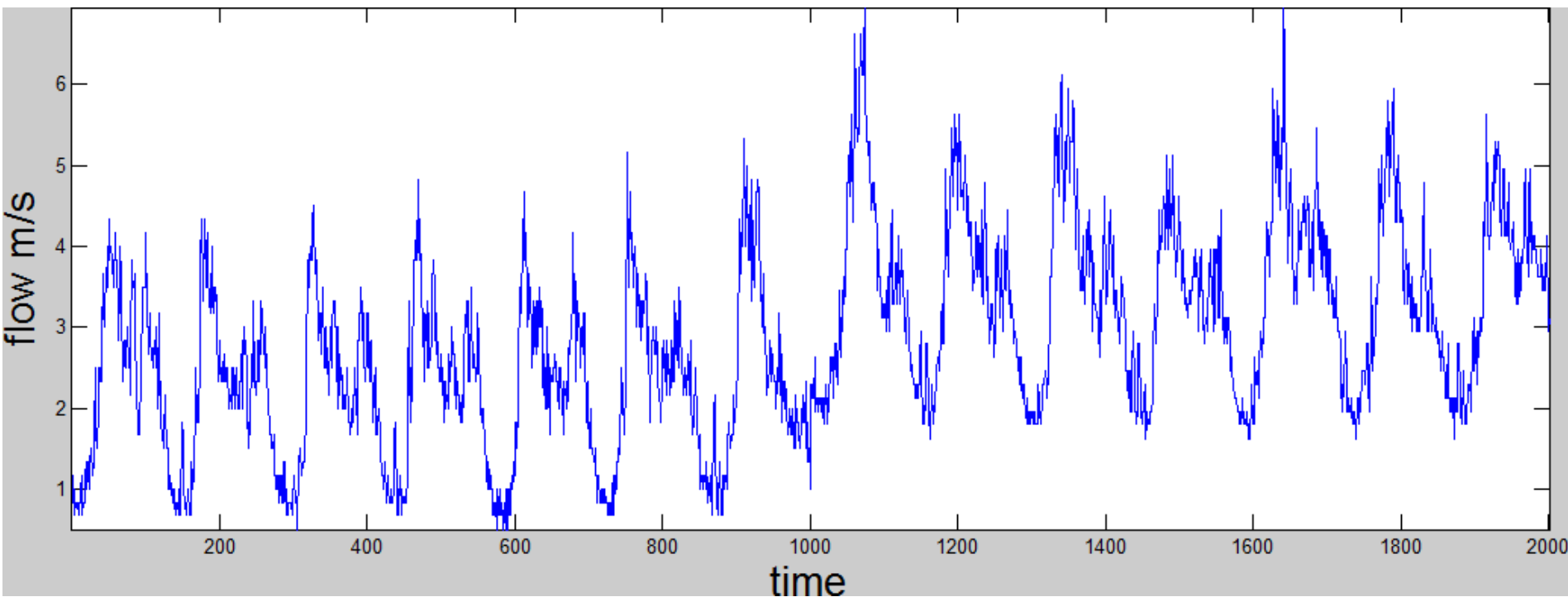
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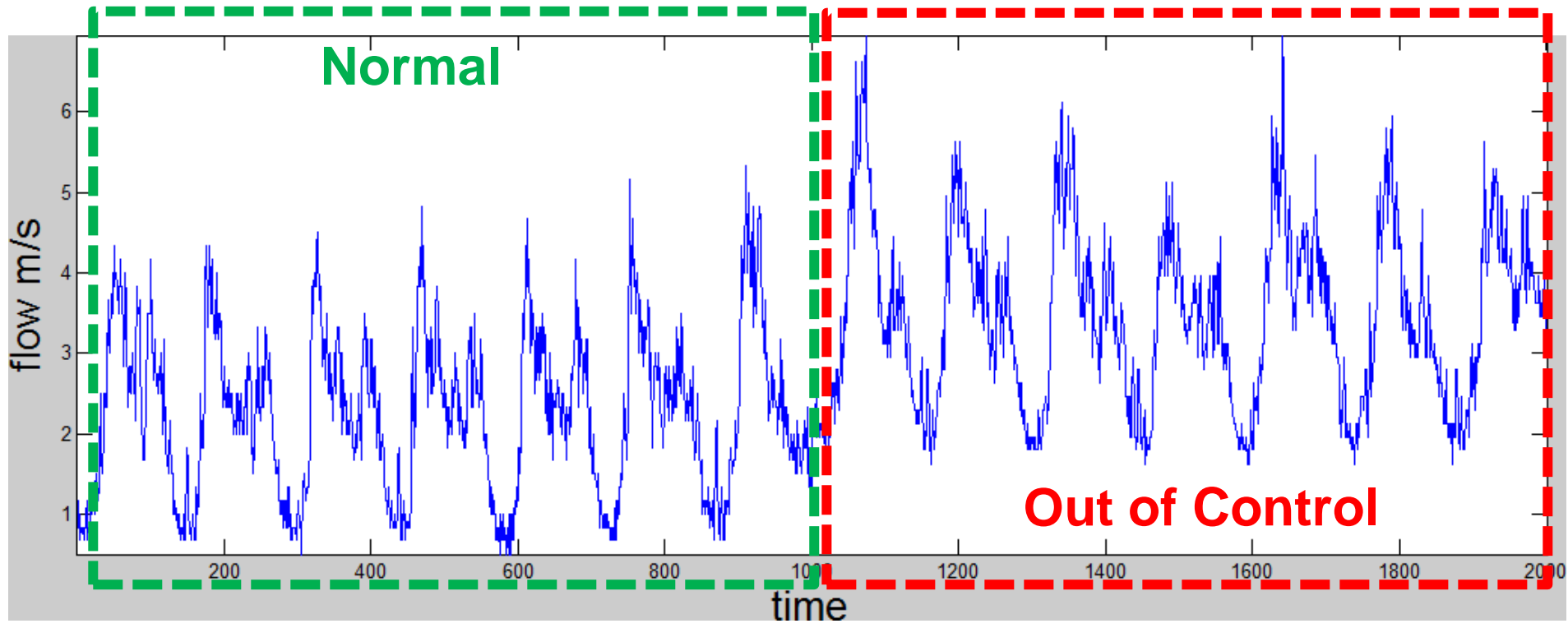
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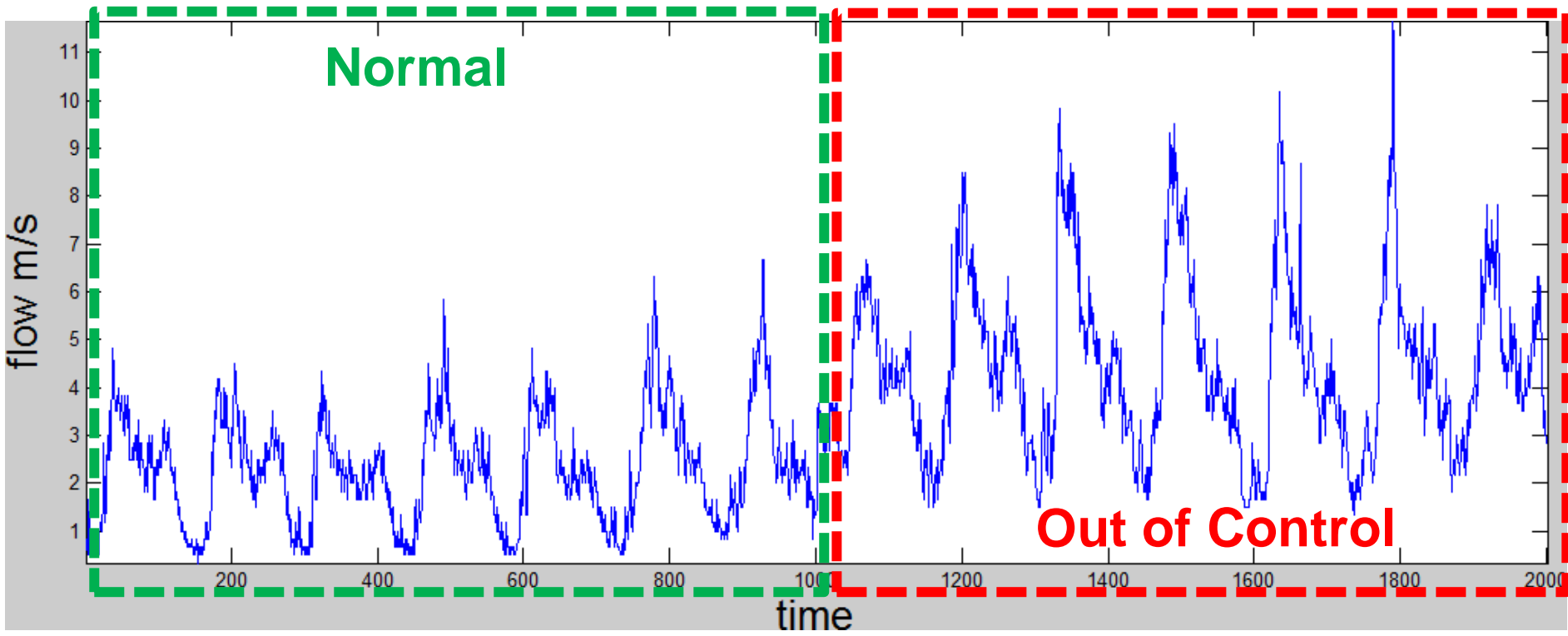
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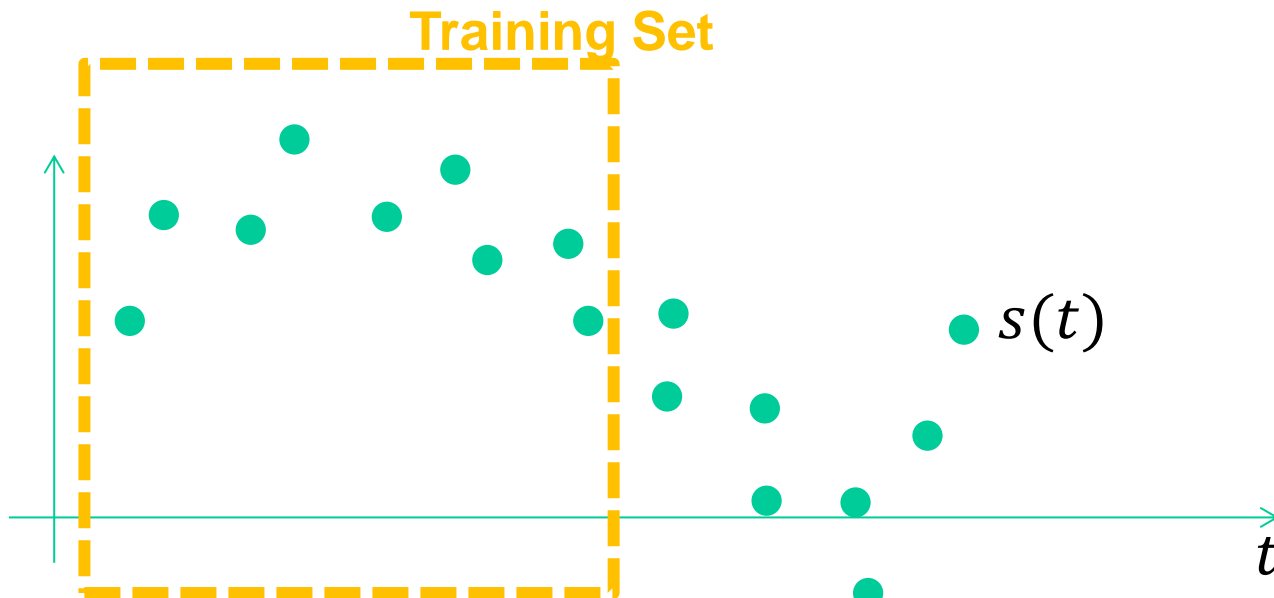
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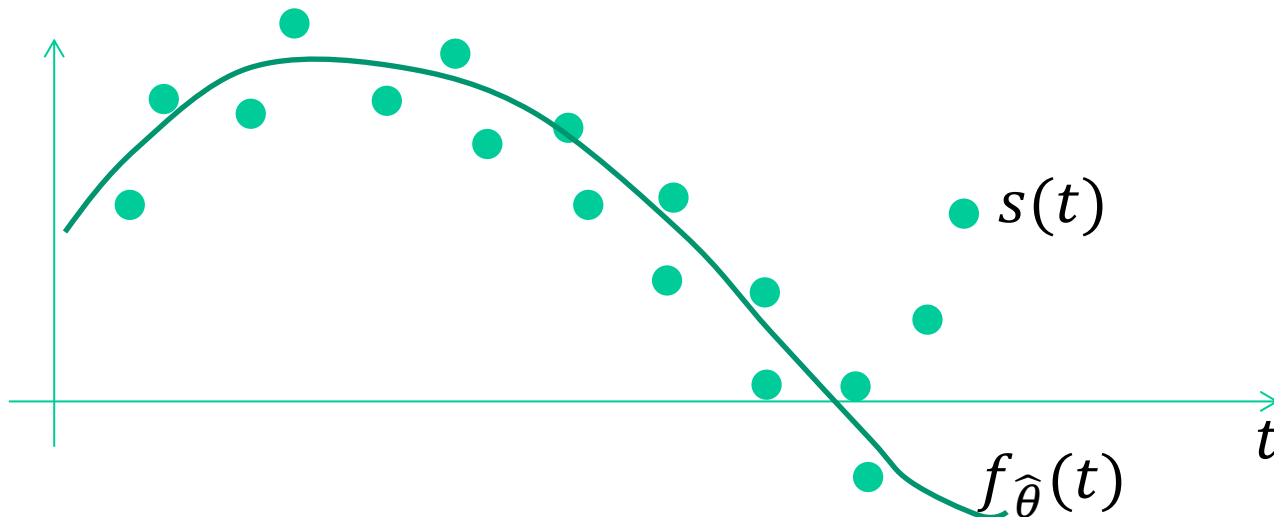
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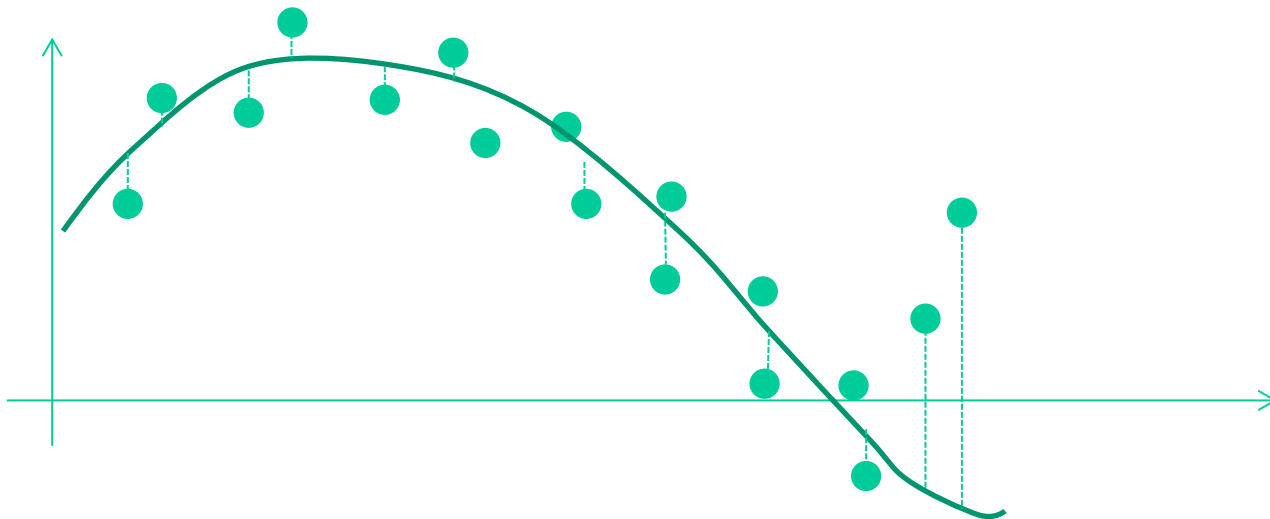
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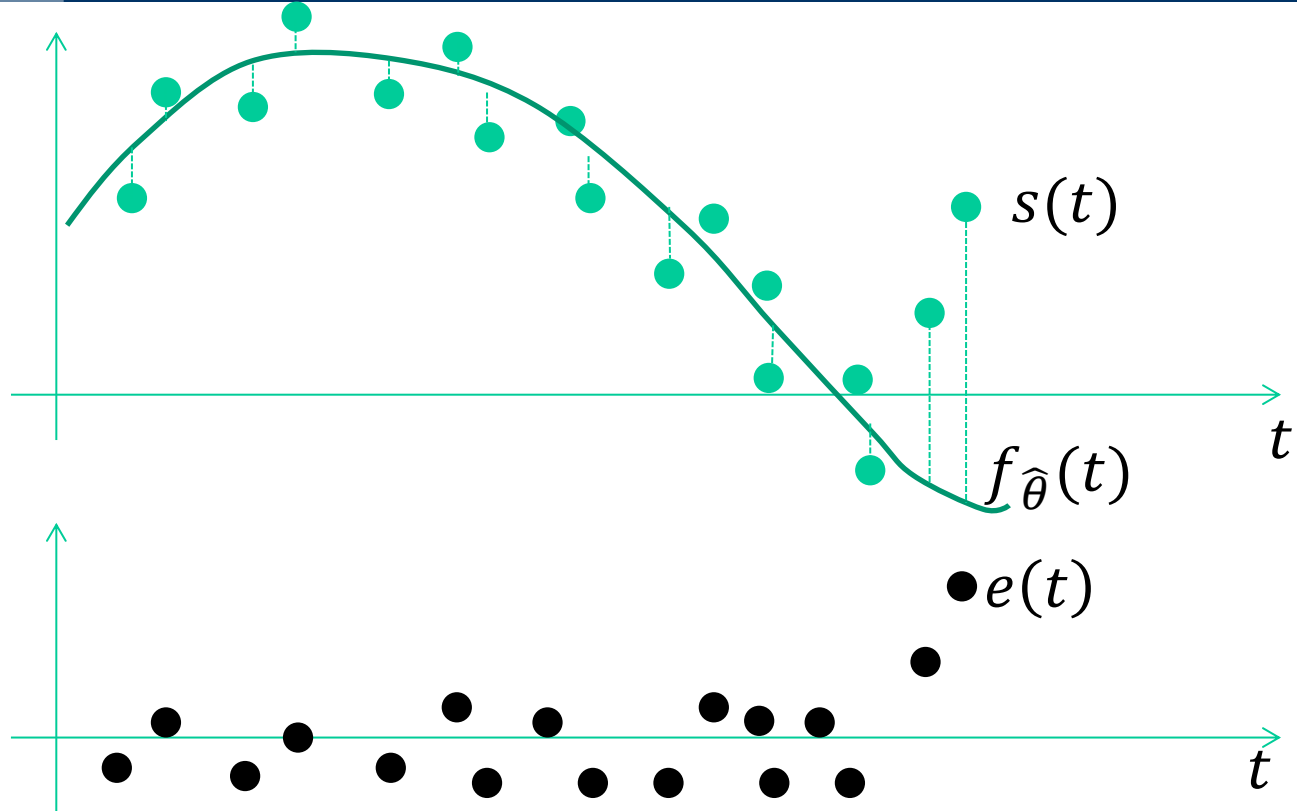
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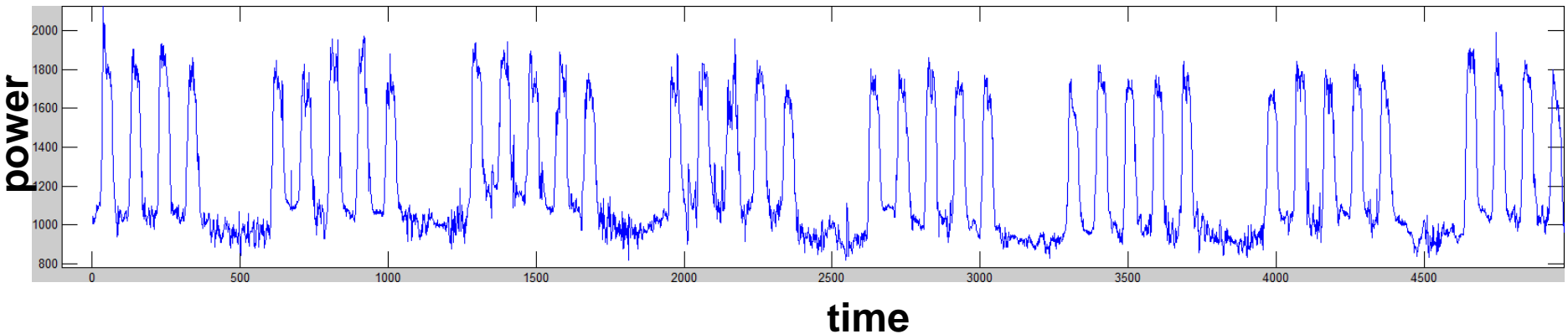


- Unfortunately, it is sometimes difficult to:
 - find good model family (i.e., f)
 - reliably fit this model (i.e., estimating $\hat{\theta}$)



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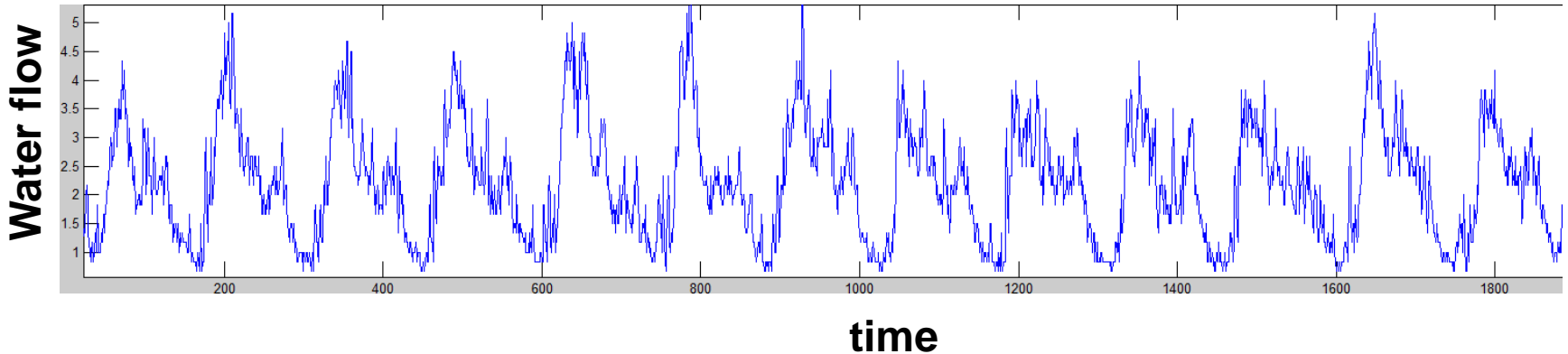
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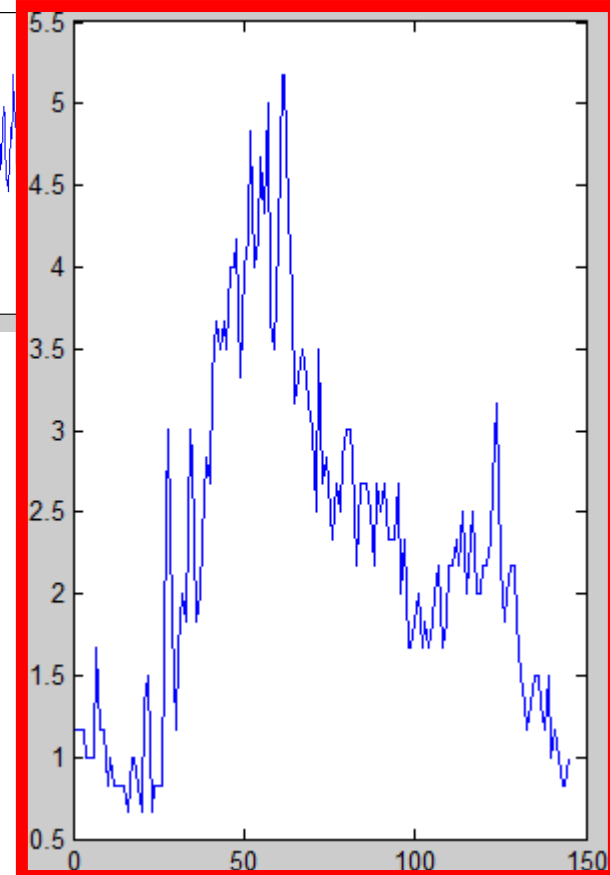
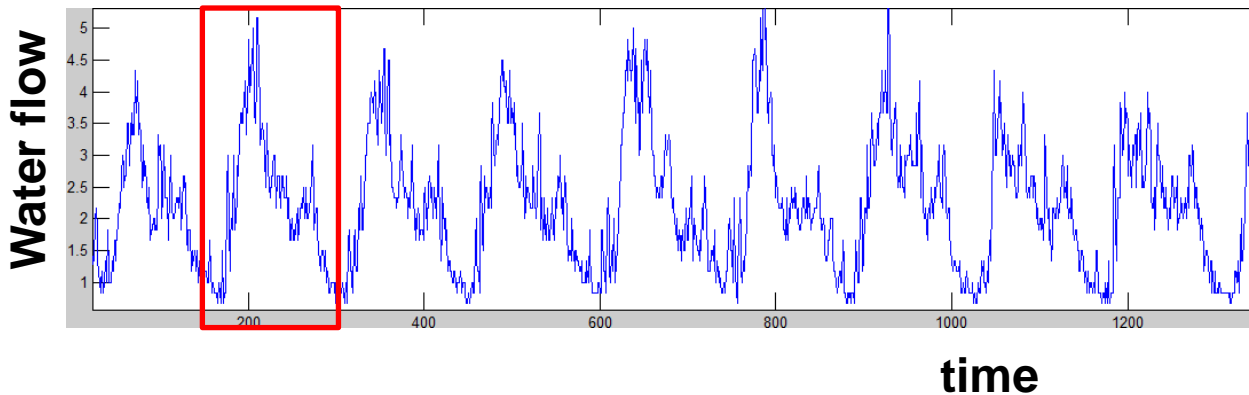
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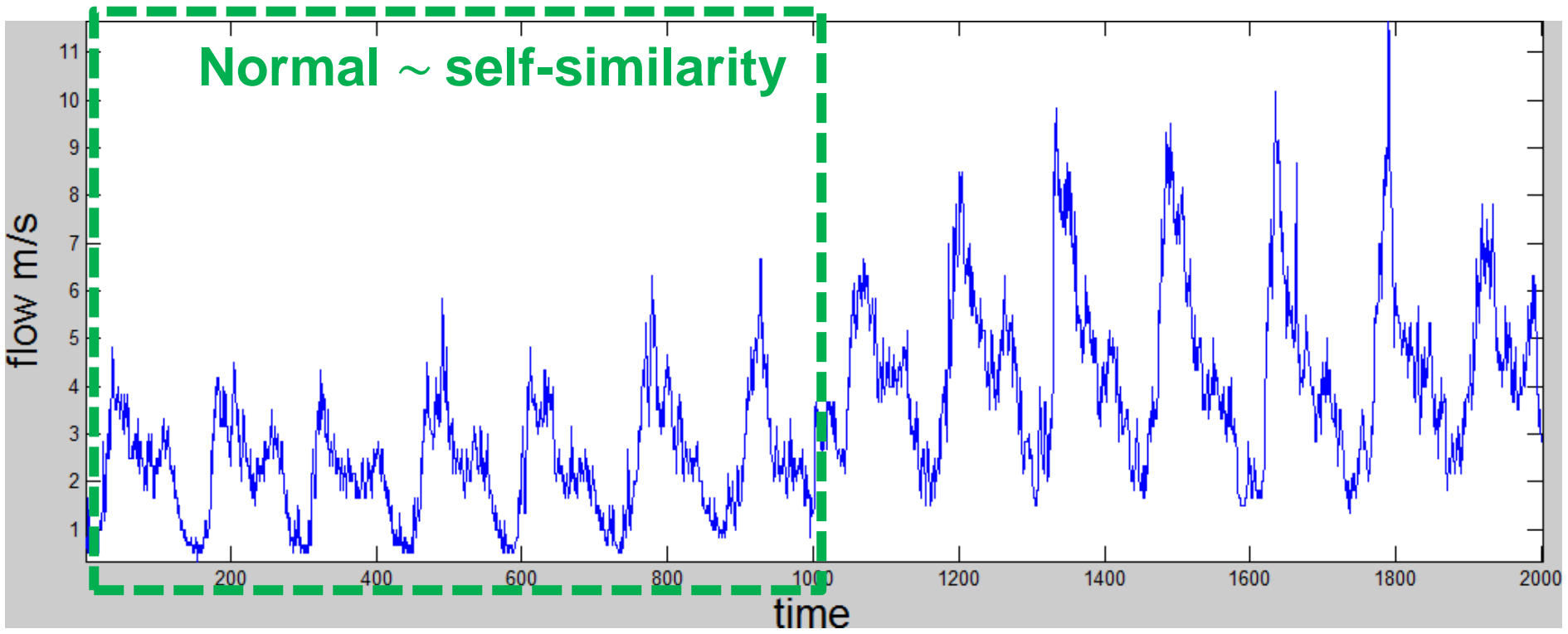


**In case of water consumption,
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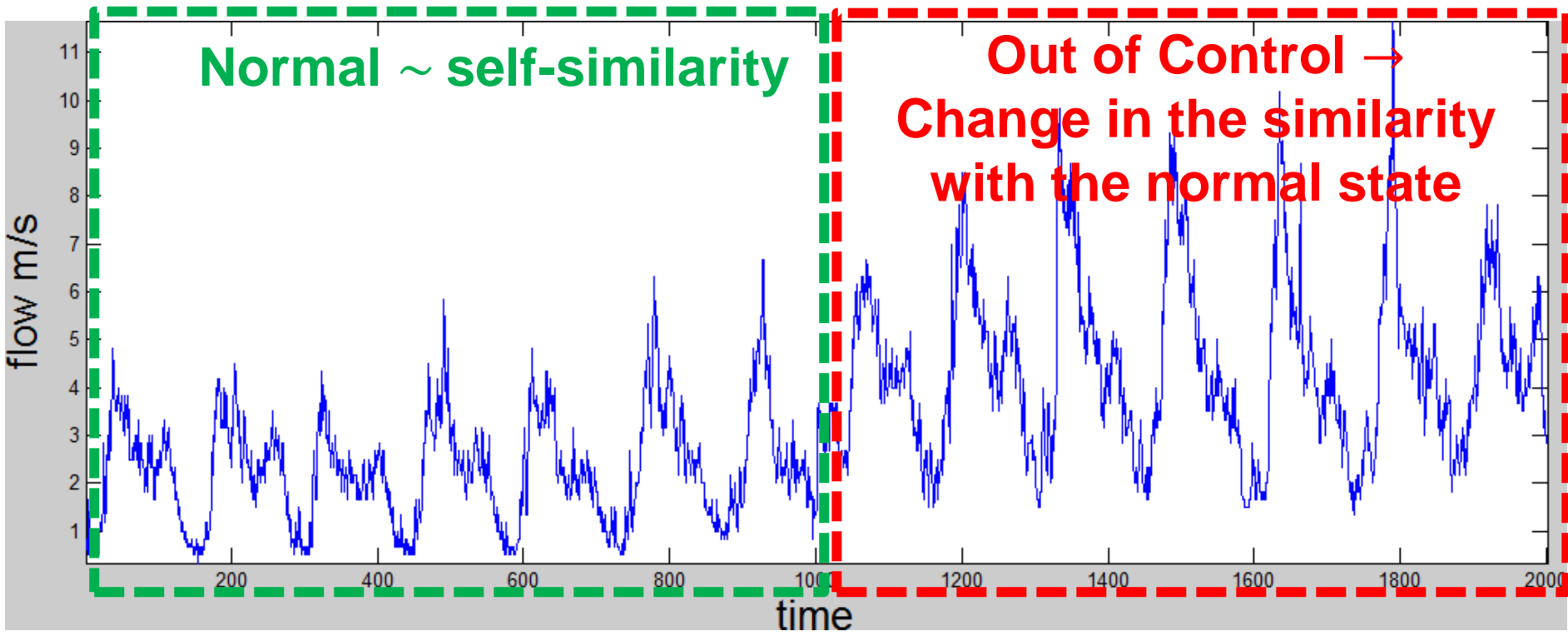
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- **Out of of control states** instead exhibit **patterns** that are instead **different** from the normal state.
 - **Degree of similarity with the normal state changes**





Our Contribution

- We present a Change Detection Test (CDT) to sequentially monitor time series that uses self-similarity to
 - Characterize normal state of the process
 - Detect any departure from normal condition



Outline

- Self similarity as a powerful prior
- Problem Formulation
- Proposed Solution
 - Change Indicator
 - Search Regions
 - The Algorithm
- Experiments
- Discussion and Conclusions



SELF SIMILARITY

A powerful prior in signal-image processing



Self similarity is a powerful prior

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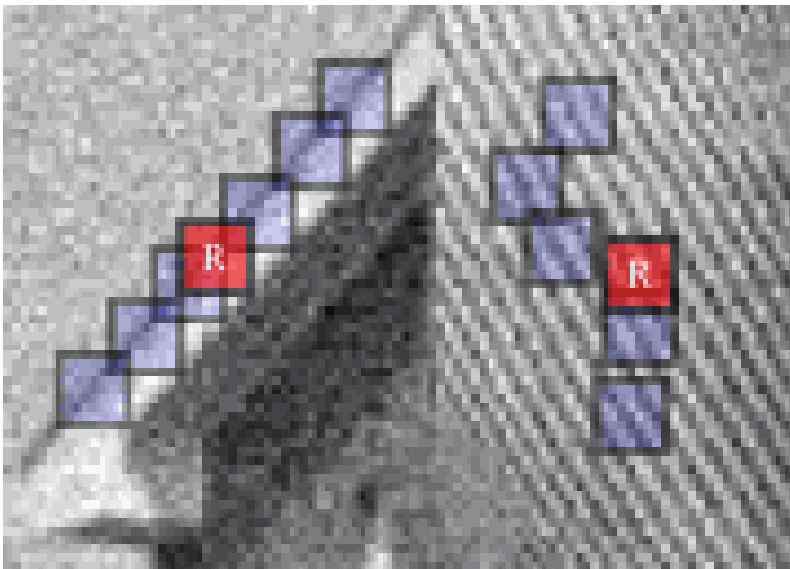


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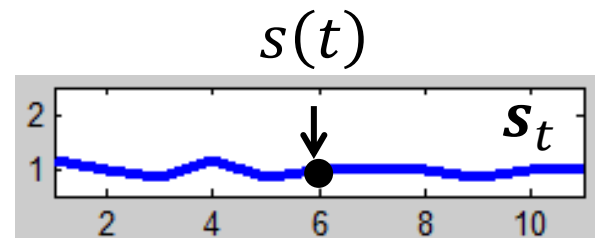
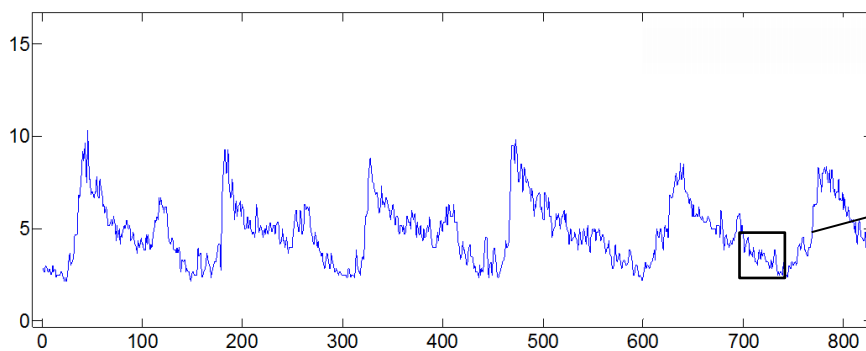
- Never used for discriminative purposes in a sequential detection task



Self similarity as a powerful prior

- Self-similarity is measured patch-wise
- We consider 1D datastreams $\{s(\tau), \tau = 1, \dots\}$, $s(\tau) \in \mathbb{R}$
- We define a patch centered at t having size ν as

$$\mathbf{s}_t = \{s(t - \nu), \dots, s(t), \dots, s(t + \nu)\}$$



- The distance between two patches is the ℓ_2 norm of their

difference
$$\|\mathbf{s}_t - \mathbf{s}_\tau\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=-\nu}^{\nu} (s(t+i) - s(\tau+i))^2}$$



PROBLEM FORMULATION



Problem Formulation

- Let us assume that a **process** S generates a **datastream** $\{s(\tau), \tau = 1, \dots\}$, $s(\tau) \in \mathbb{R}$
 - S has to exhibit self similarity in the normal state
- We say that there is a **change** at T^* if S **permanently shifts** from the **normal** state into an **out of control** state.
- We consider out of control states that **modifies self-similarity** of S
 - the **patches** from $\{s(\tau), \tau = 1, \dots, T^*\}$ are **not similar to patches** from $\{s(\tau), \tau = T^* + 1, \dots\}$.
- **Goal:** Given a *normal training sequence* TS , detect changes analyzing, in a sequential and online manner $\{s(\tau), \tau = L + 1, \dots\}$



PROPOSED SOLUTION

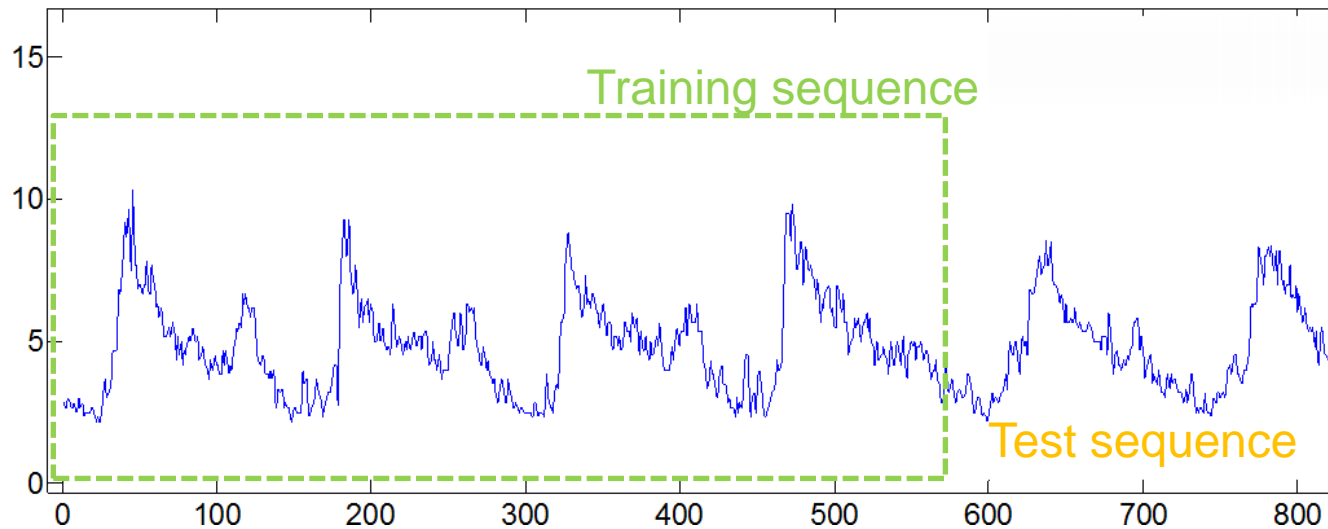
Exploiting self similarity for performing change-detection



The Proposed Solution

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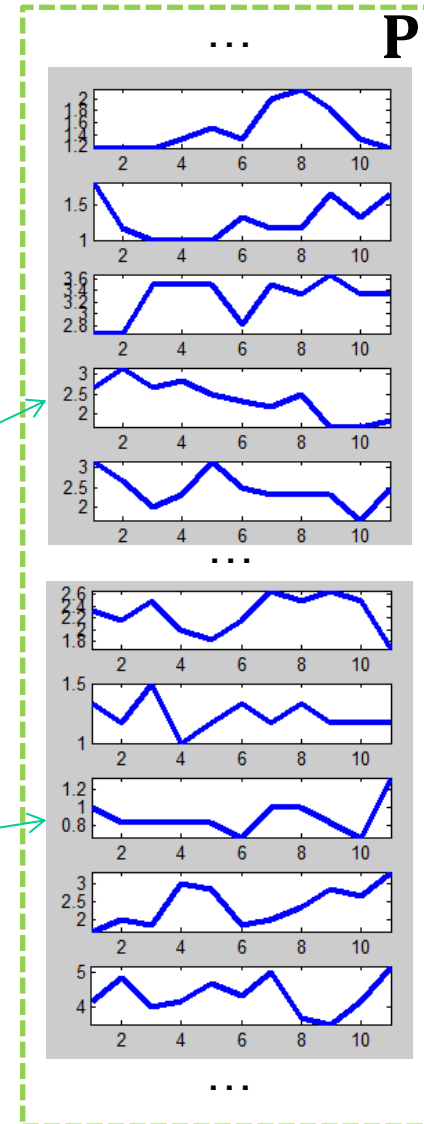
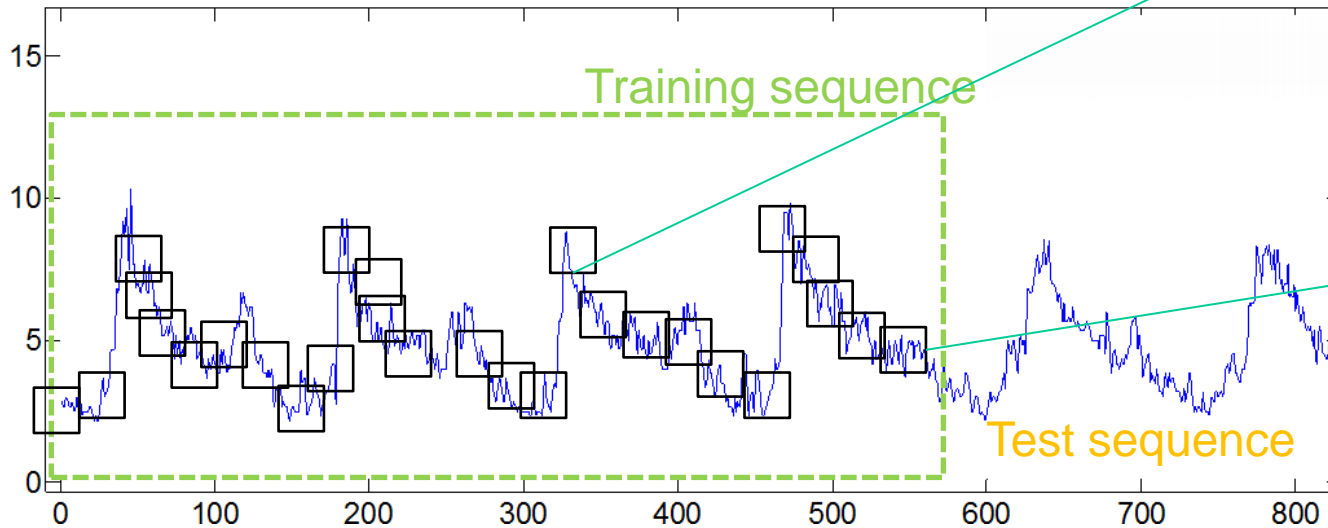




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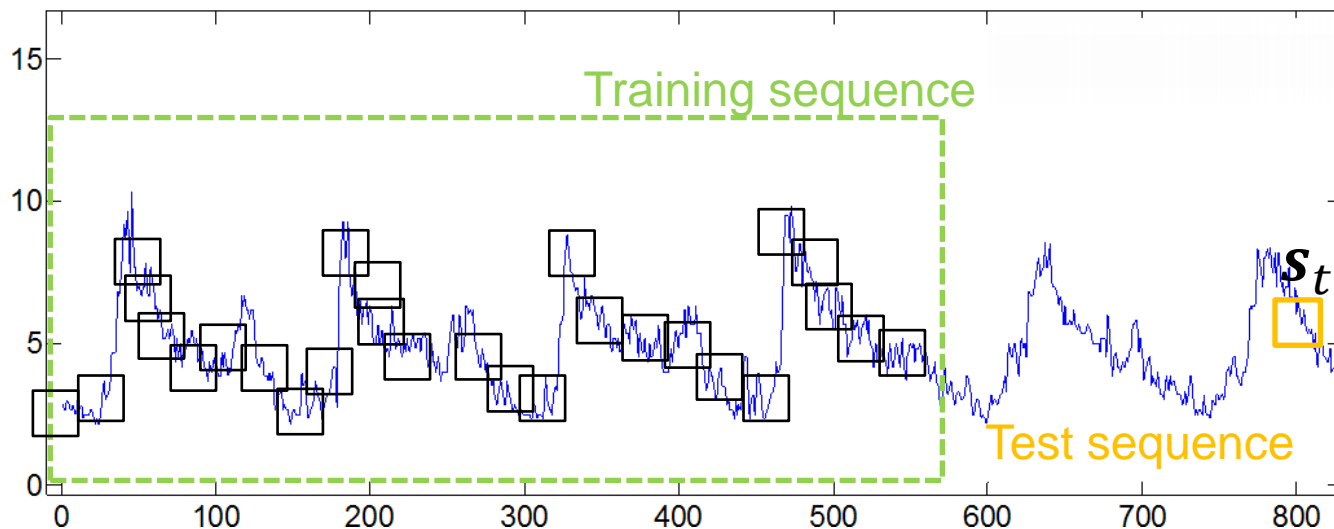
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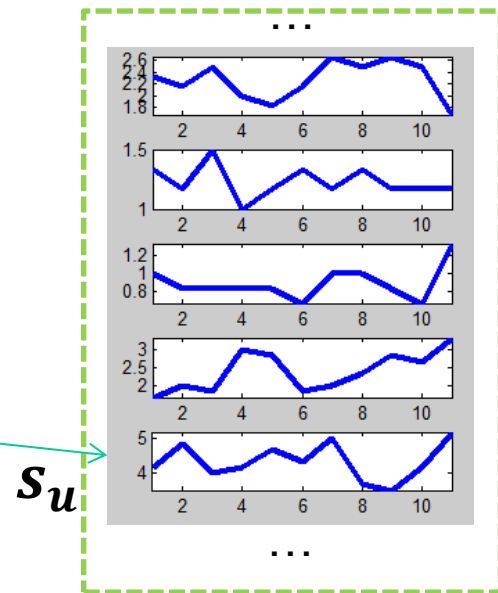
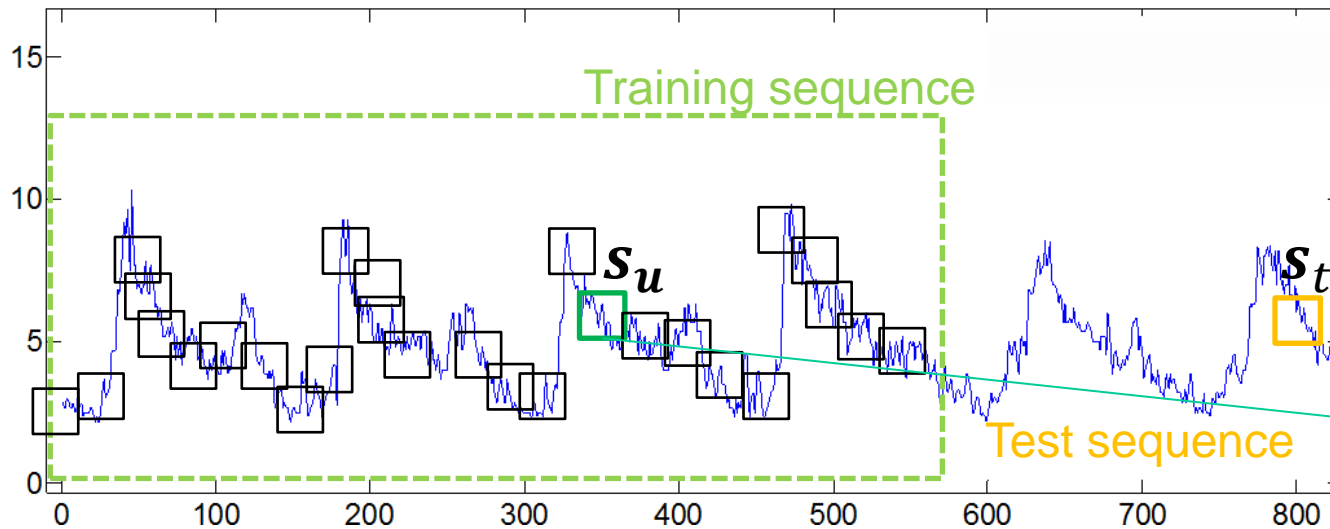
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The Change Indicator

- We need to construct a **change indicator** $x(t)$ to **quantitatively assess** our intuition
- We expect the change indicator $x(t)$ to satisfy
 - $\{x(t), t < T^*\}$ should be **i.i.d.** realizations of an **unknown random variable**
 - $\{x(t), t \geq T^*\}$ should come from a **different distribution**, not necessarily being i.i.d.
- Out of **control states** can be **detected** as **changes in the distribution of x**
 - We can use any statistical process control technique



The Change Indicator (cnt.)

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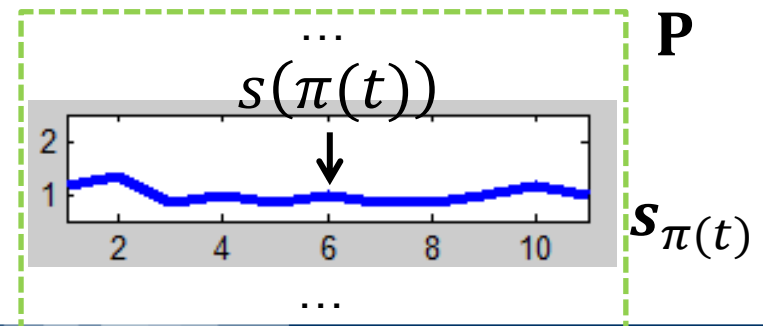
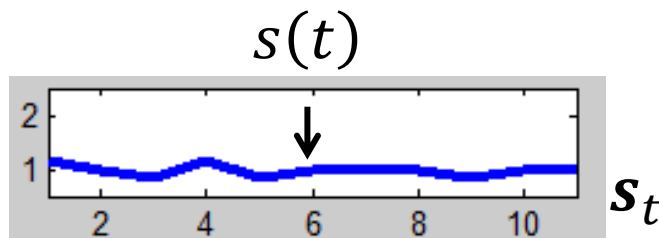
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In Ideal Conditions

- Assume perfect matches in normal conditions, i.e., s_t and $s_{\pi(t)}$ differ only because of noise
- Then, $\forall t < T^*$

$$x(t) = s(t) - s(\pi(\tau)) = \eta$$

i.i.d random variable and $E[\eta] = 0$

- While $\forall t > T^*$, we do not expect perfect matches: some bias appears in $x(t)$, namely $E[x(t)] \neq 0$
- In this case, it is possible to detect changes in $x(t)$ by means of any sequential CDT.



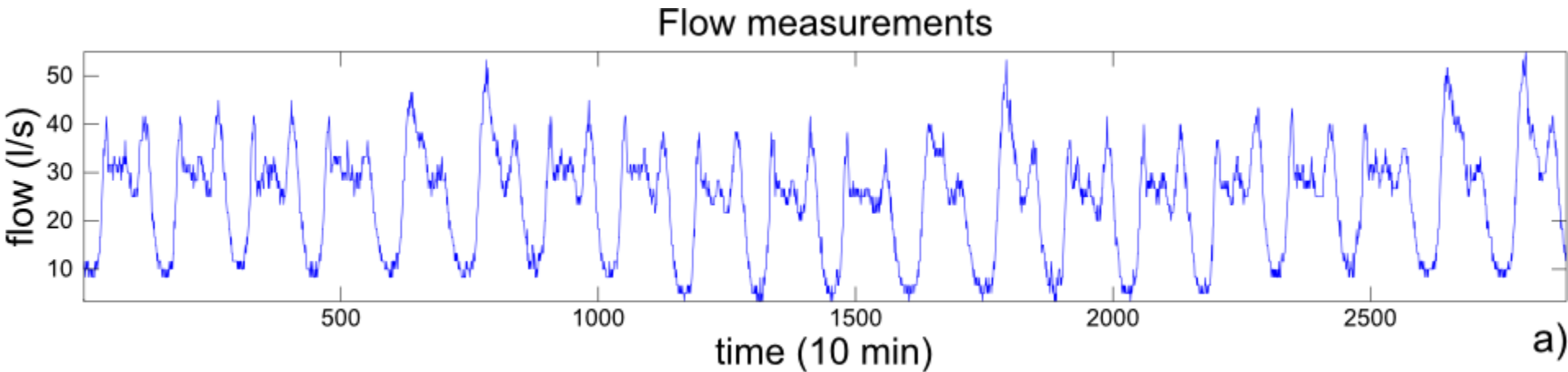
- In the real life, perfect matches are rare
 - Patches do not differ only because of noise
 - Noise affects also the association function $\pi(\cdot)$
- However, there is an **experimental evidence** that **patch similarity** well correlates with the **similarity between their central pixels**
 - This is the idea behind *Non Local Means filter* [Buades et al 2005], which introduced a well established paradigm in signal/image processing

[Buades et al 2005] A. Buades, B. Coll, and J. Morel, “A review of image denoising algorithms, with a new one,” *Multiscale Modeling Simulation*, vol. 4, no. 2, p. 490, 2005.



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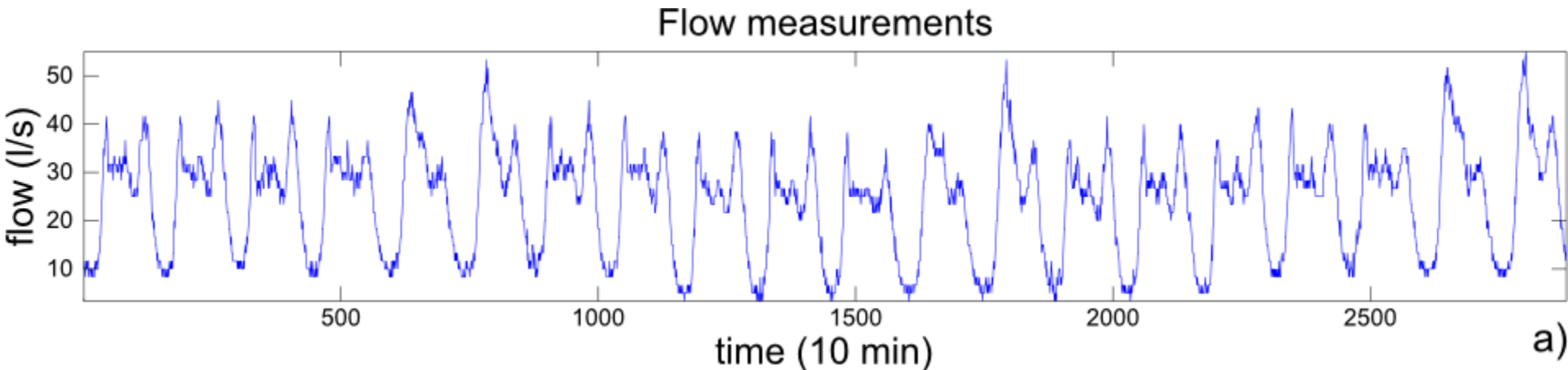
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- Search for similar patches should be constrained to the same time instants accross the periods
 - This determines what «out of control states» are
 - This improves computational complexity

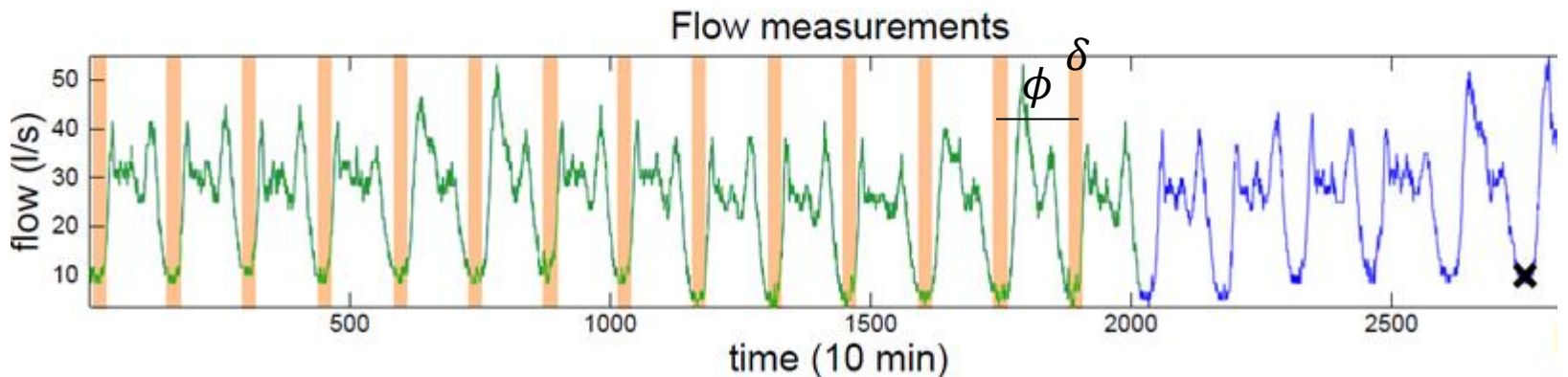
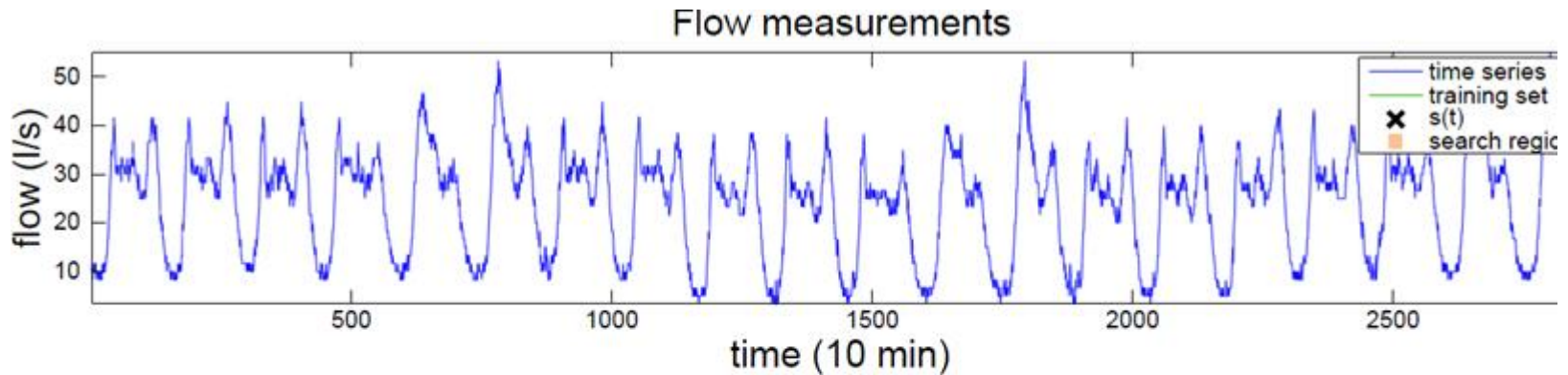


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- The function $\pi(\cdot)$ is thus defined

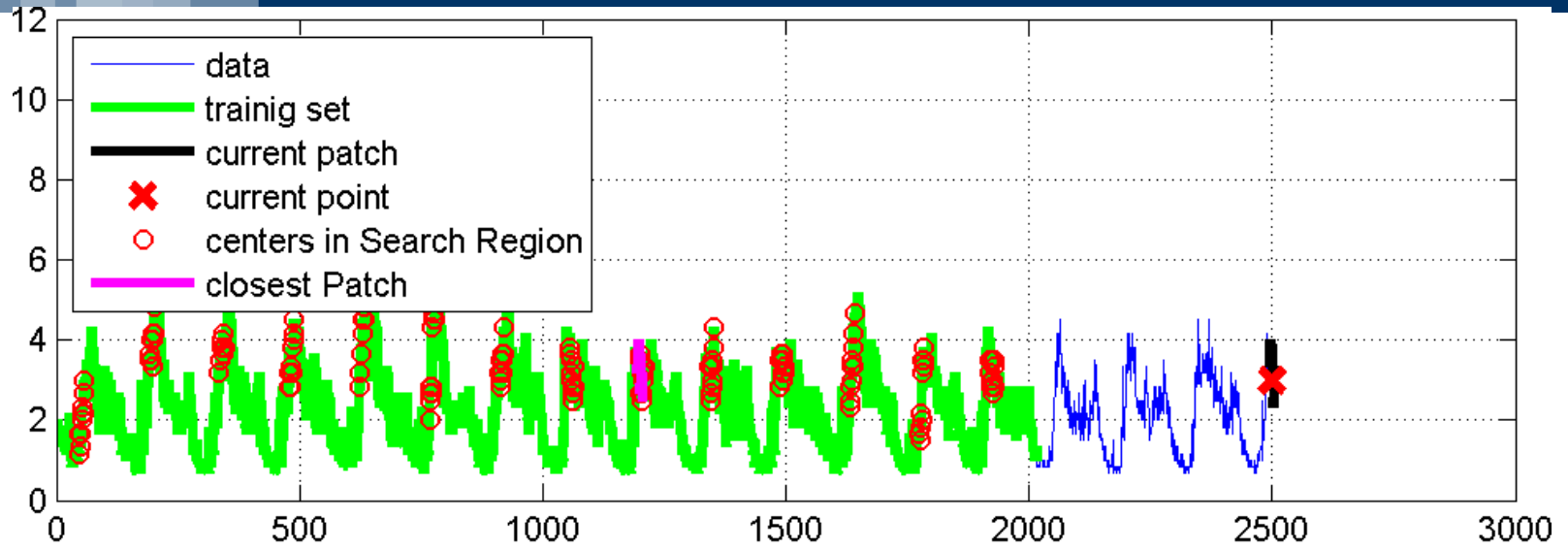
$$\pi(t) = \underset{\tau \in R_{\phi, t, \delta}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \| \mathbf{s}_t - \mathbf{s}_\tau \|_2$$

- Being, $R_{\phi, t, \delta} = \cup_i \{ \tau, \text{ s. t. } |t_0 + i\phi - \tau| < \delta \}$

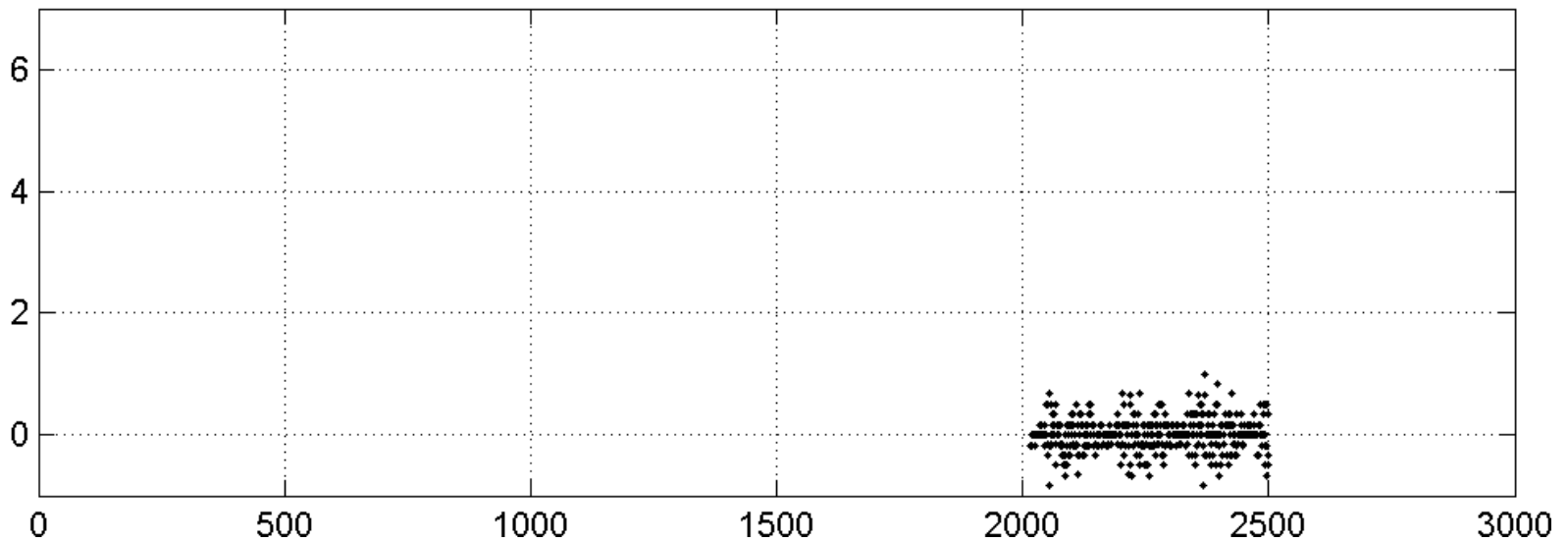




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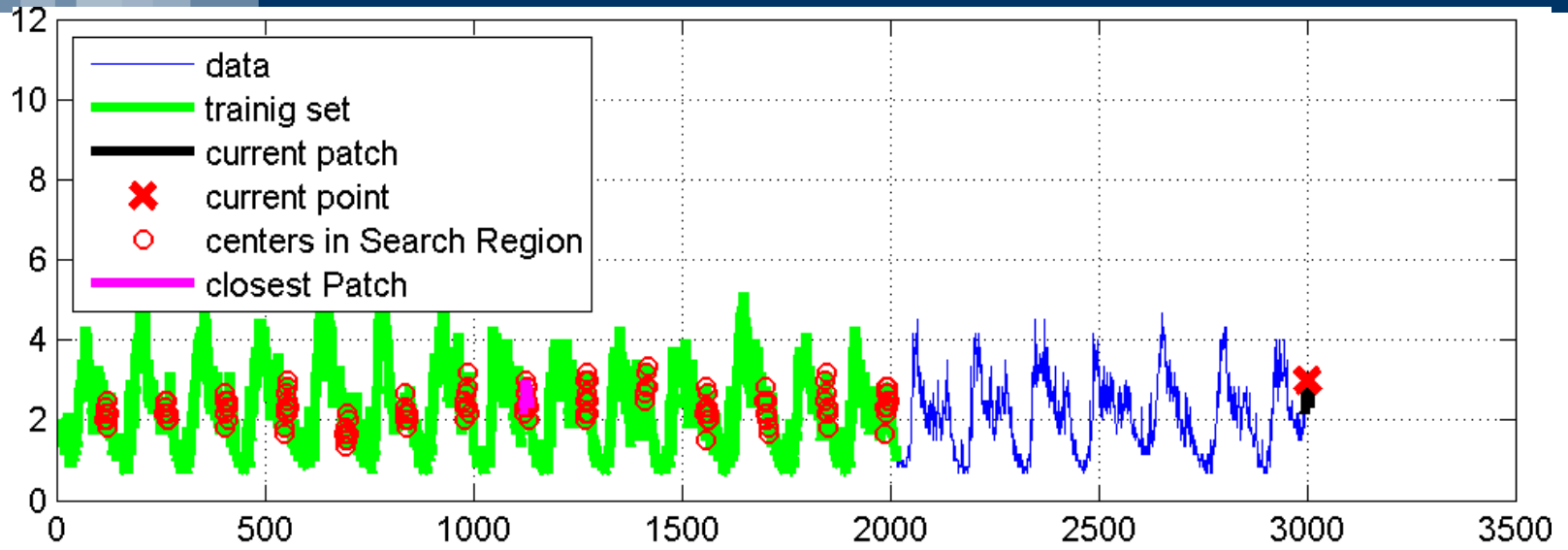


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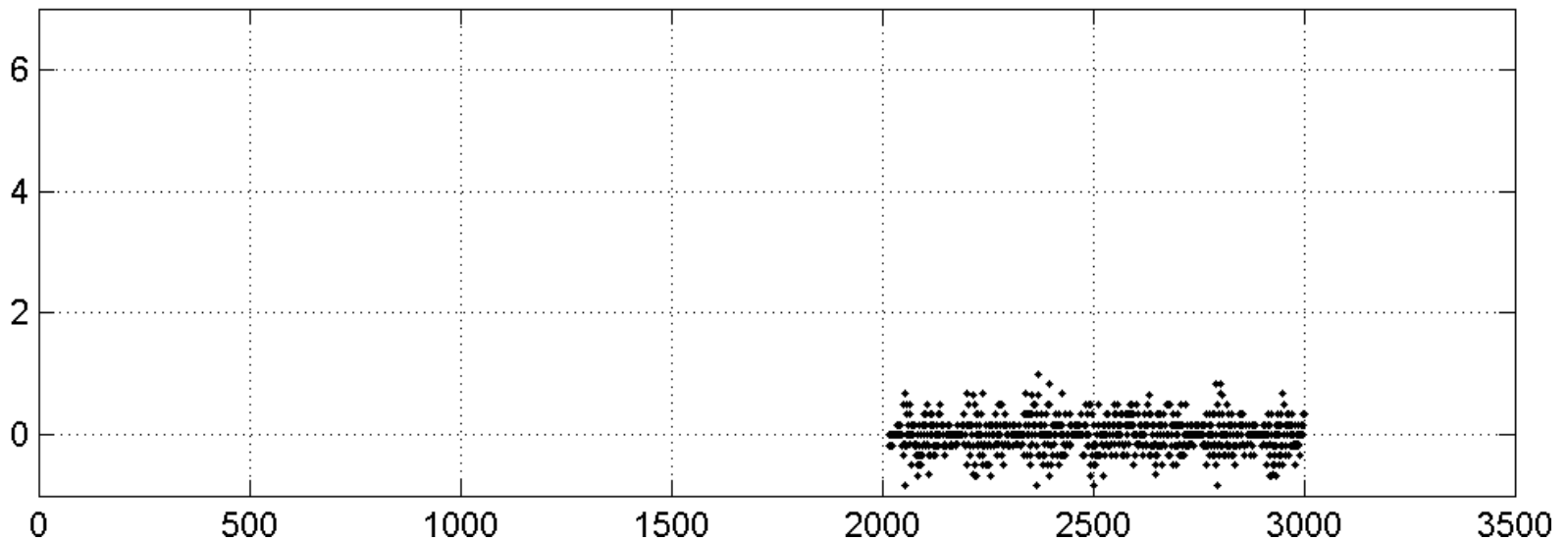




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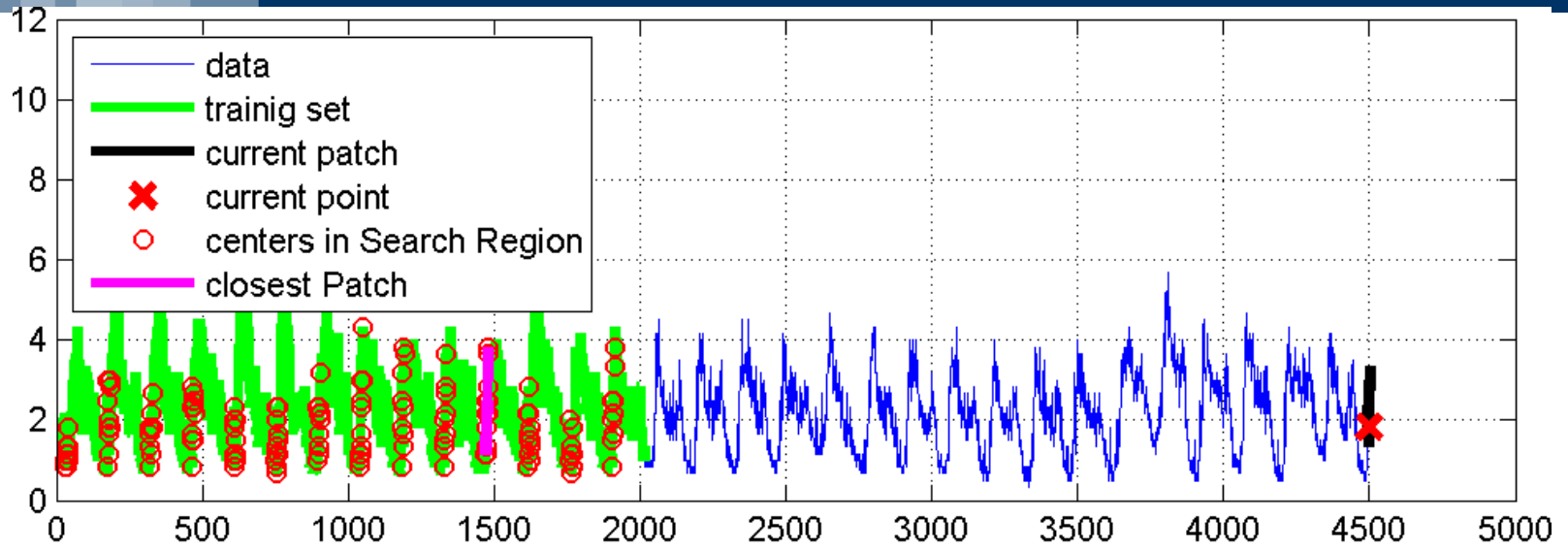


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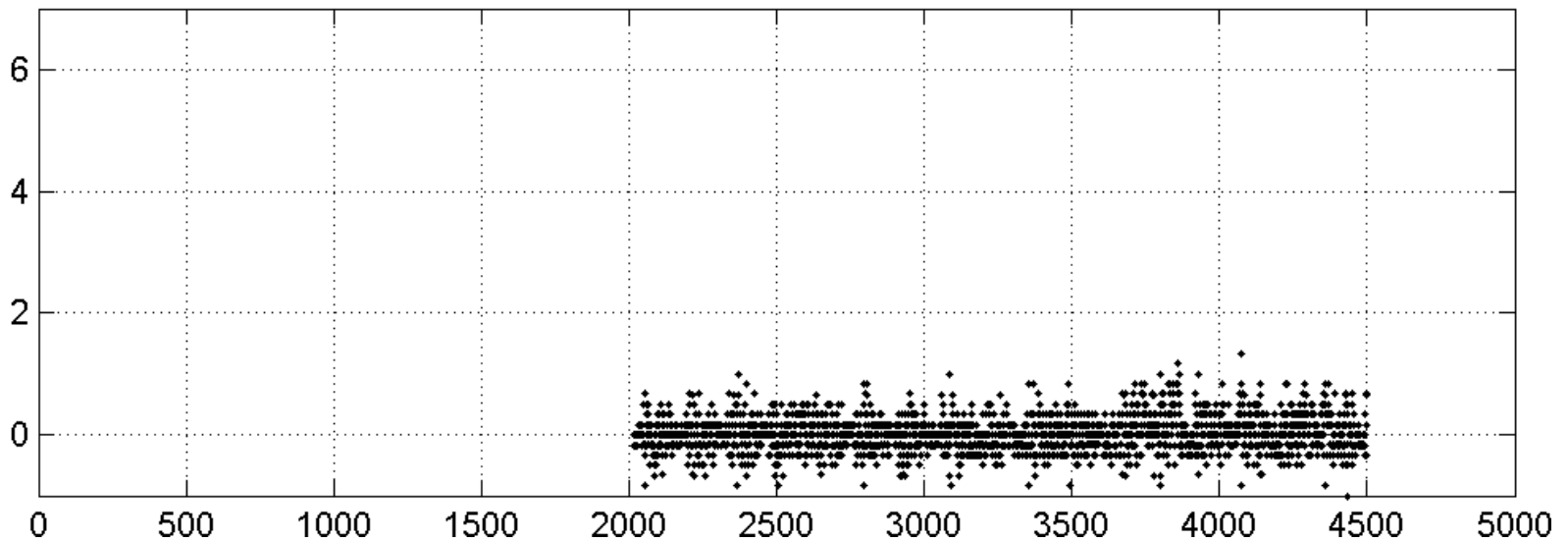




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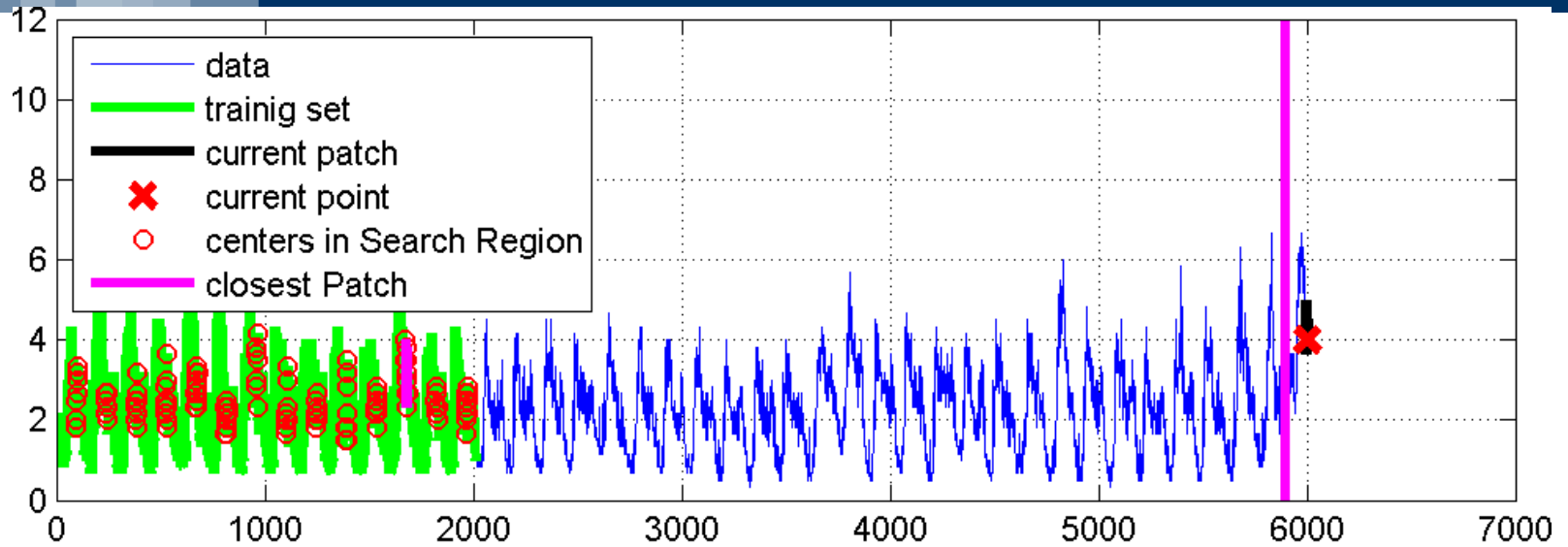


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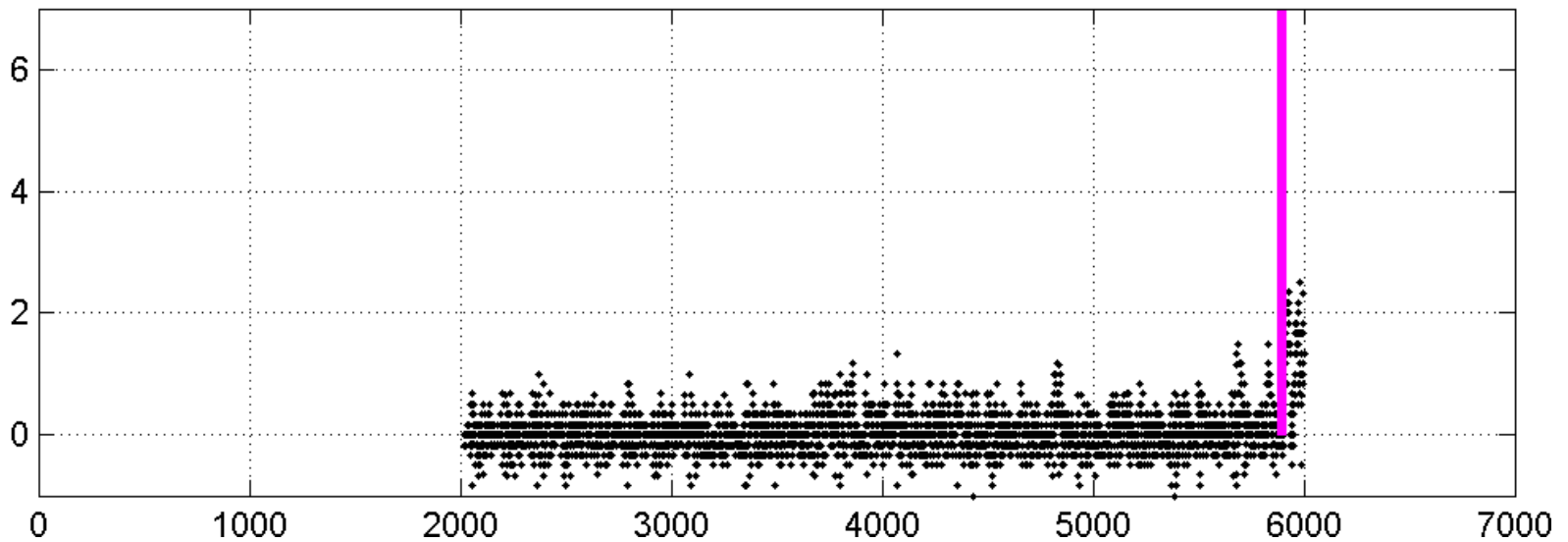




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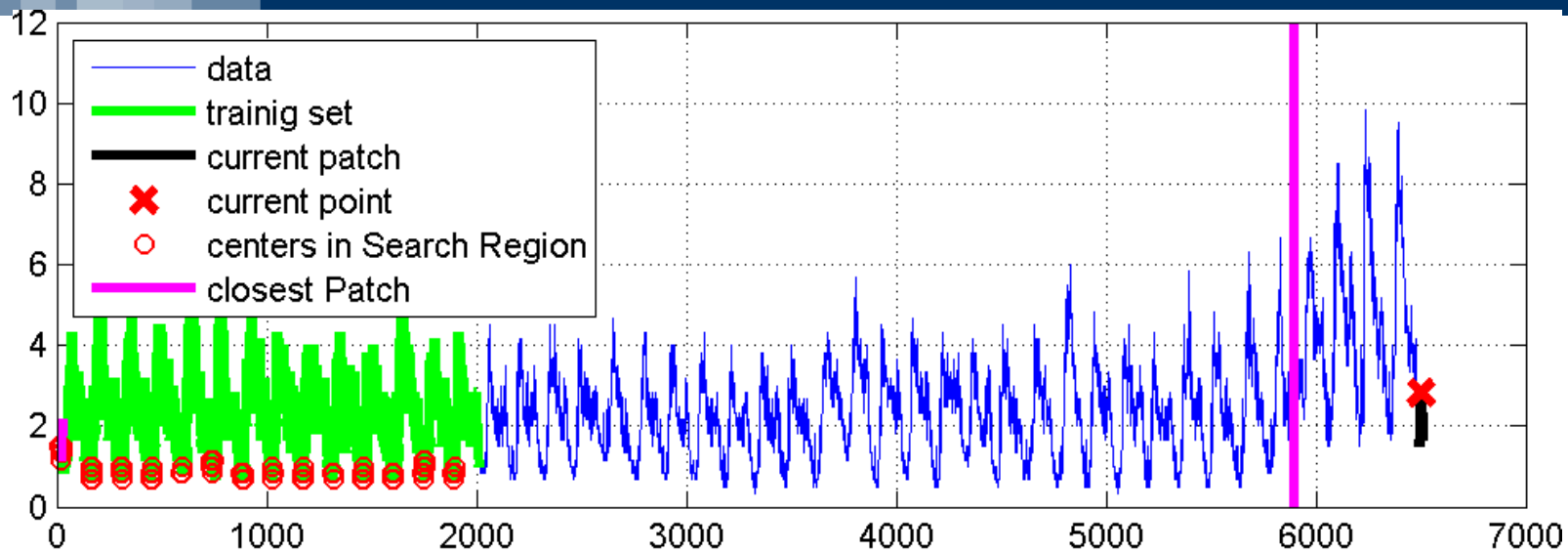


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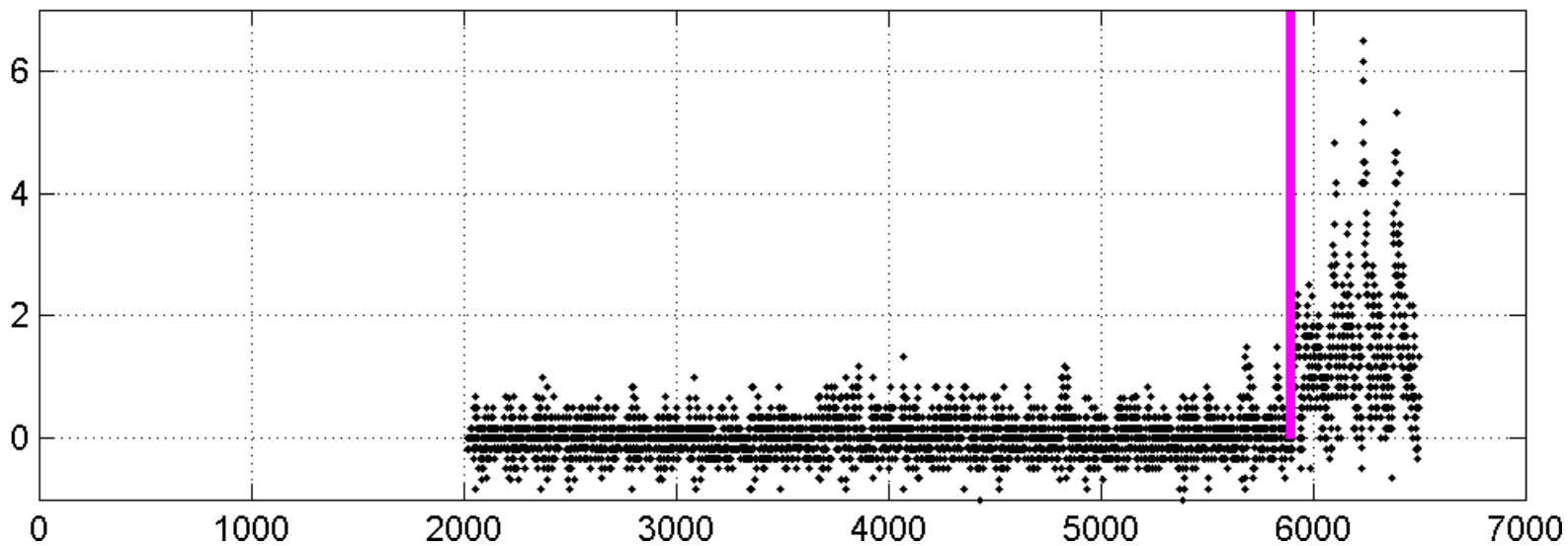




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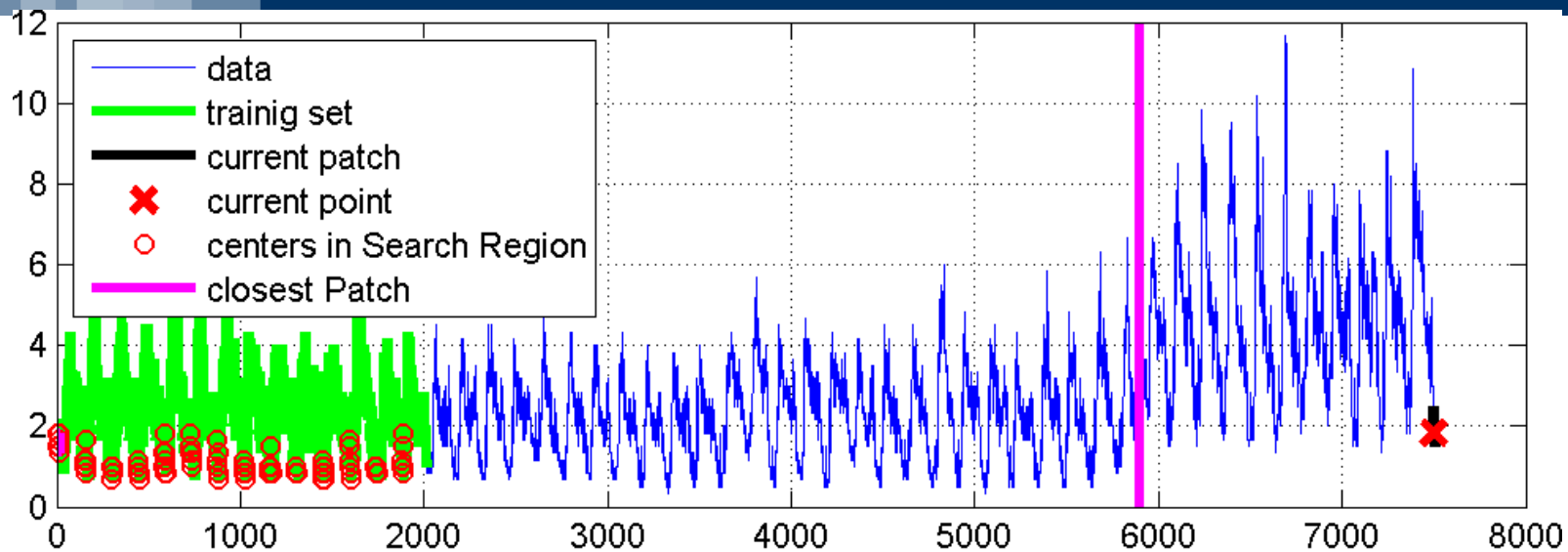


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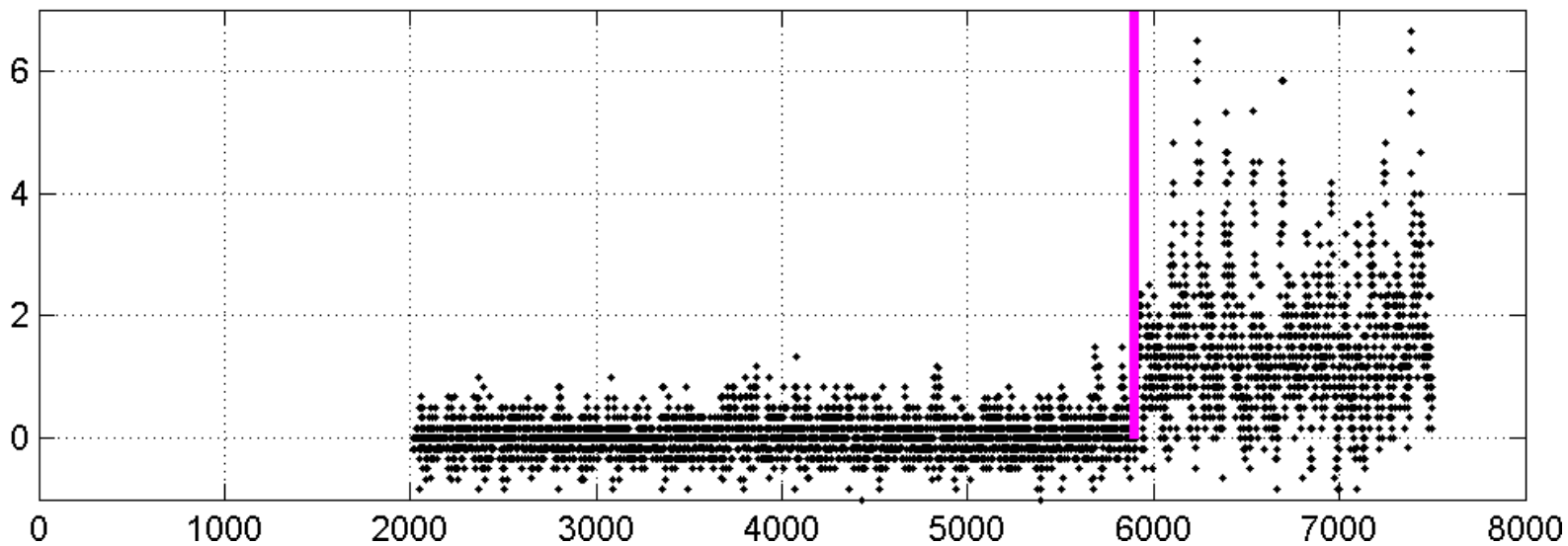




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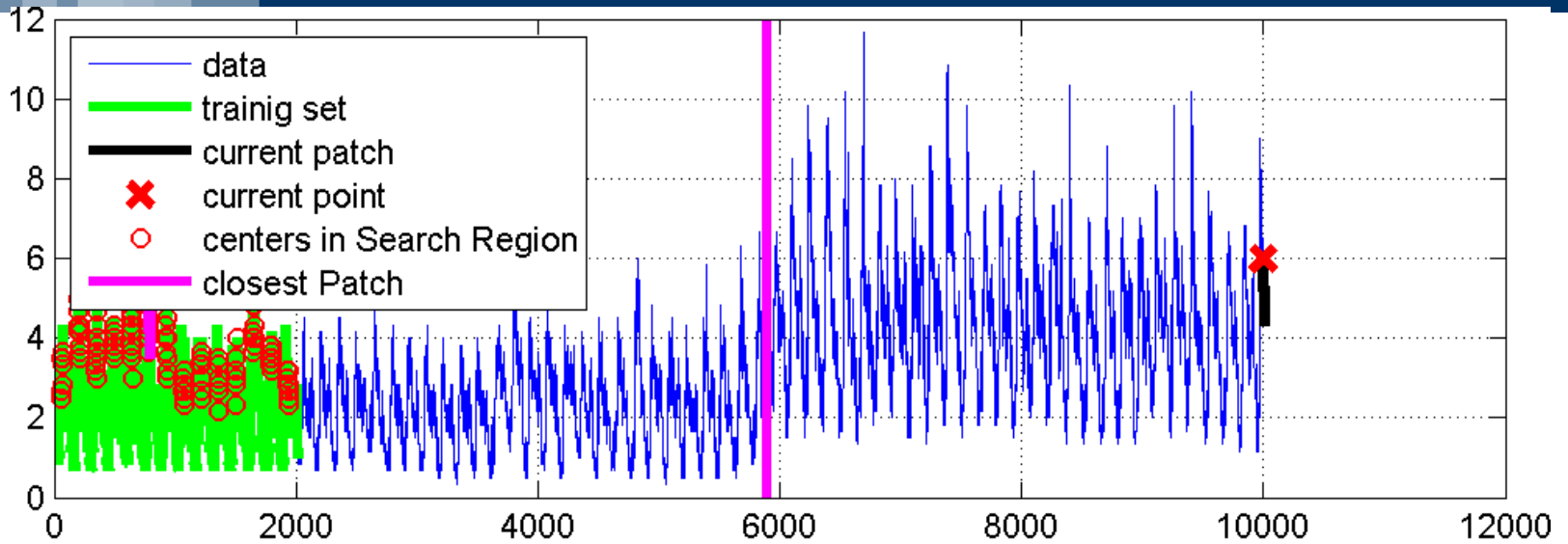


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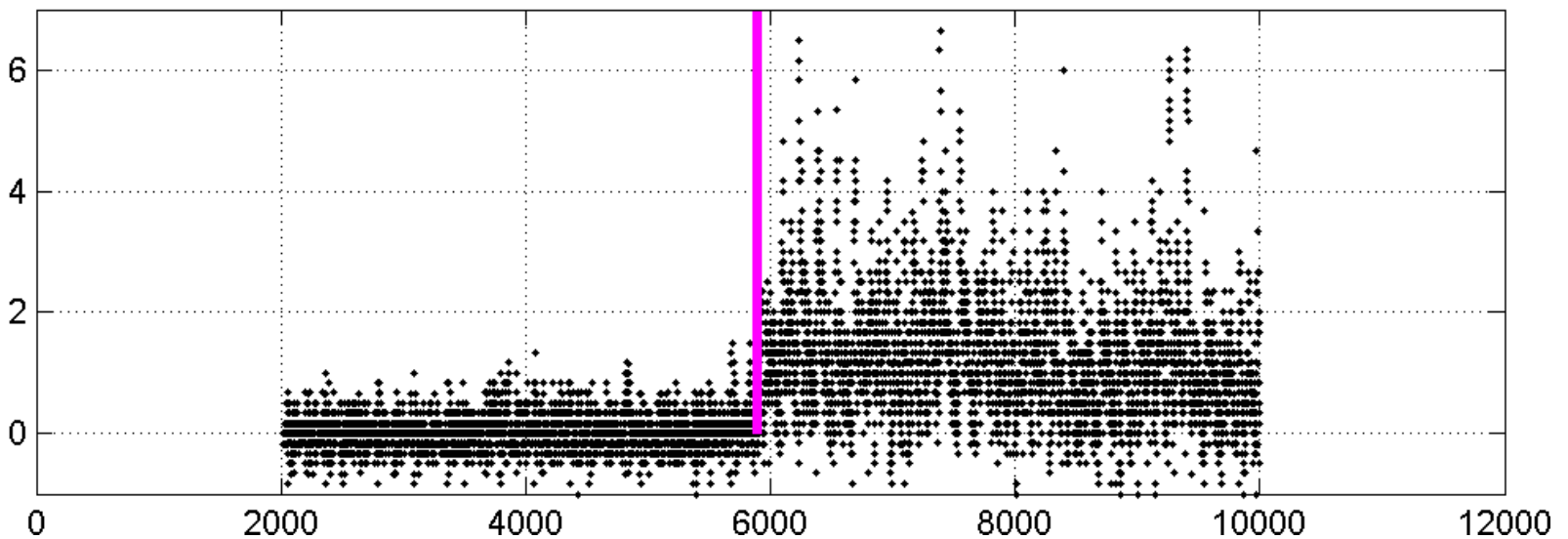




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The CDT on the change indicators

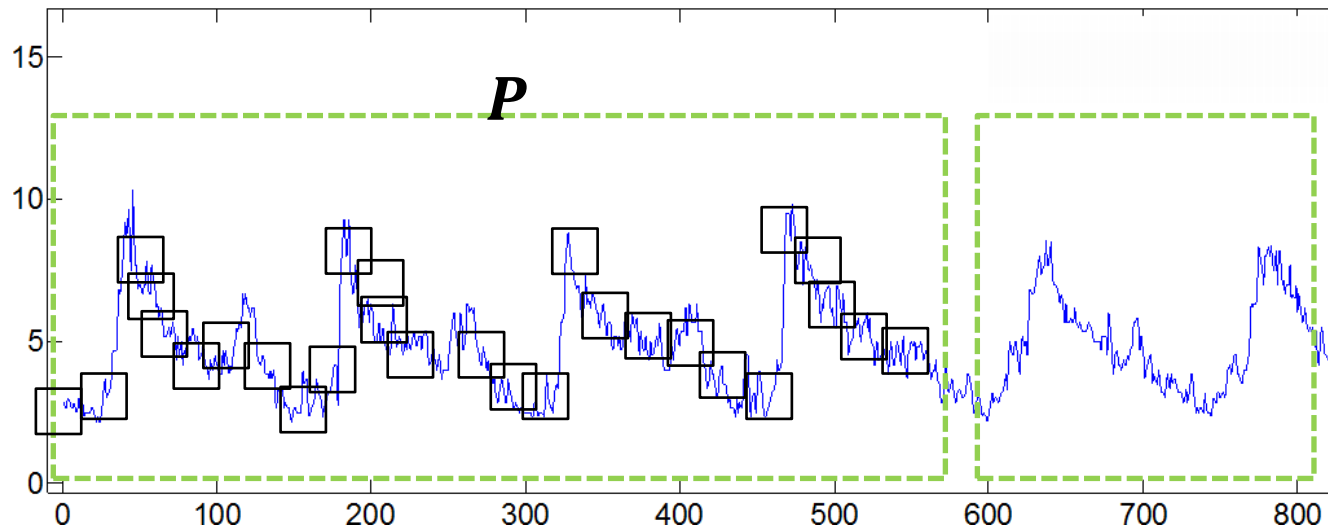
- A CDT can be used to detect online and sequentially, changes in the distribution of x .
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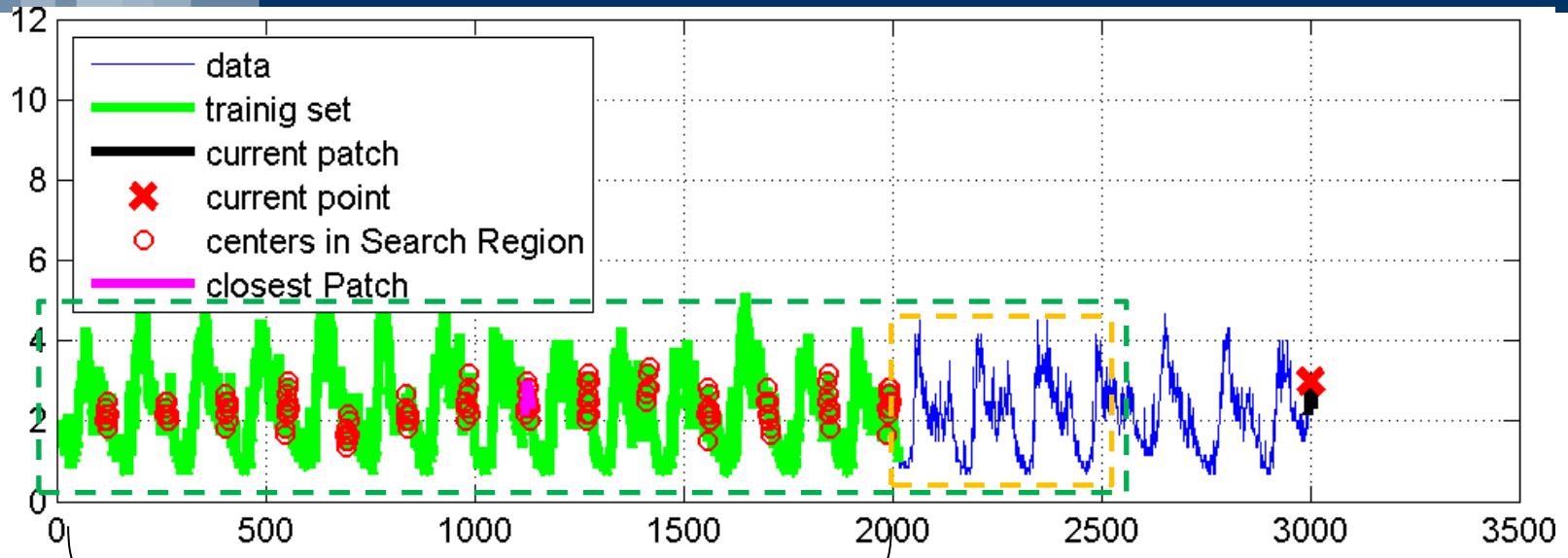
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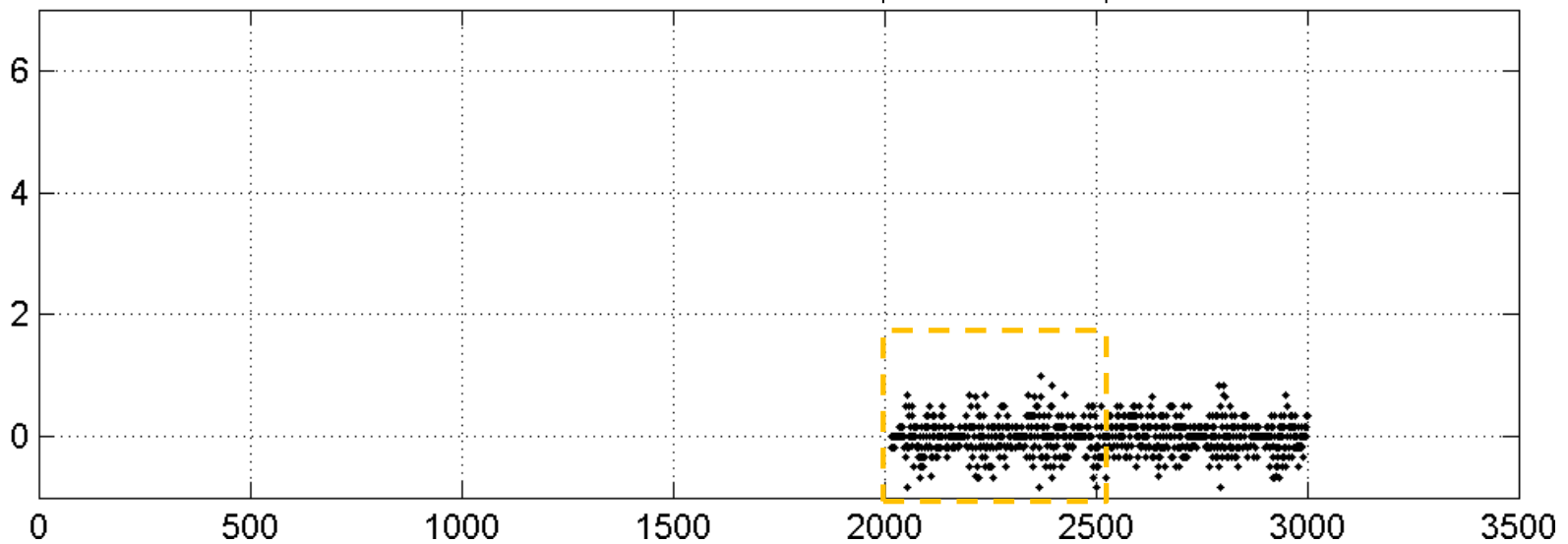


The CDT Training Set



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Training set for CDT





The Algorithm

Training Phase

Build the set of training patches \mathbf{P}

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1- input:  $\{s(\tau), \tau = 1, \dots, L\}, \nu, \delta, \phi, M$ 
2- define  $\mathbf{P}$  from  $TS = \{s(\tau), \tau = 1, \dots, M\}$  as in (3),
3- for ( $t = M + 1; t \leq L; t++$ ) do
4-     extract the patch  $s_t$  as in (1),
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8- configure the CDT on  $\{x(t), t = M + 1, \dots, L\}$ ,
9- wait for the next  $\nu$  samples,
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Run the CDT until a change is detected

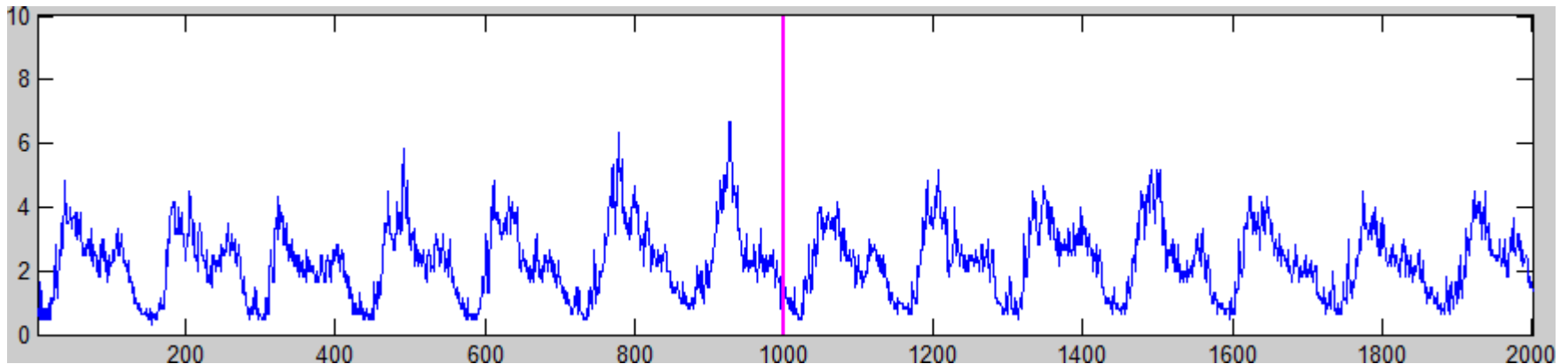


EXPERIMENTS



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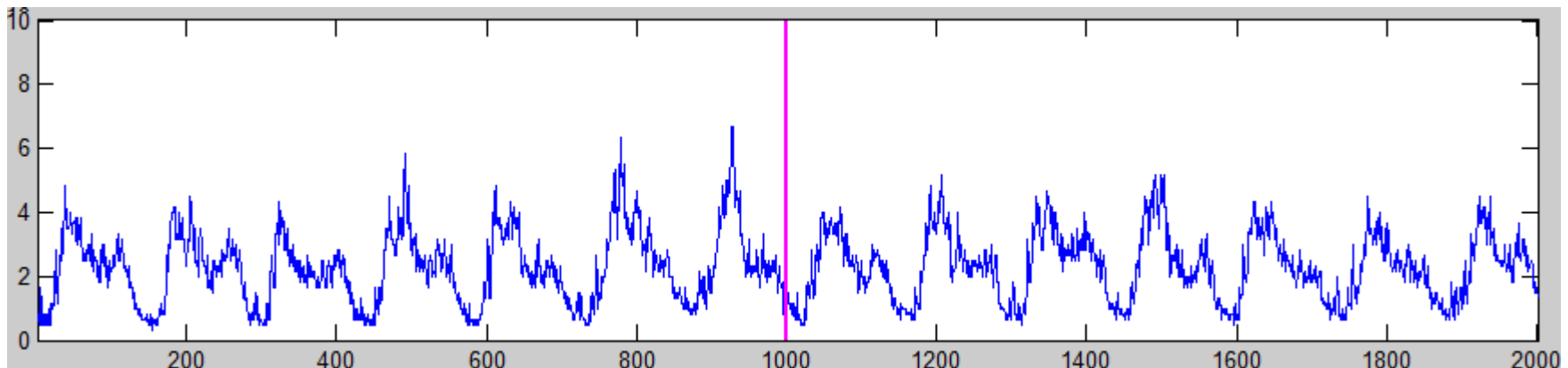
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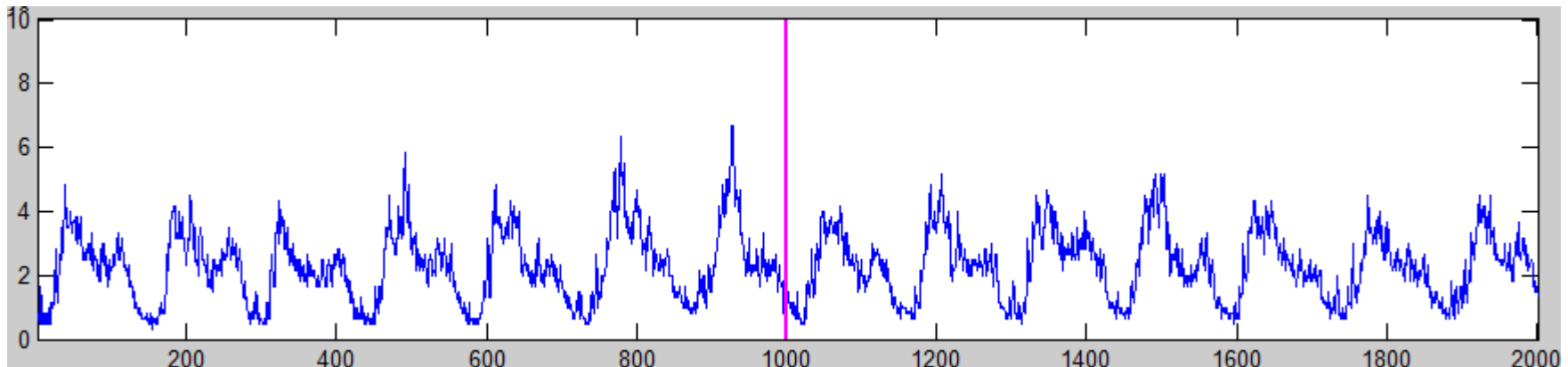
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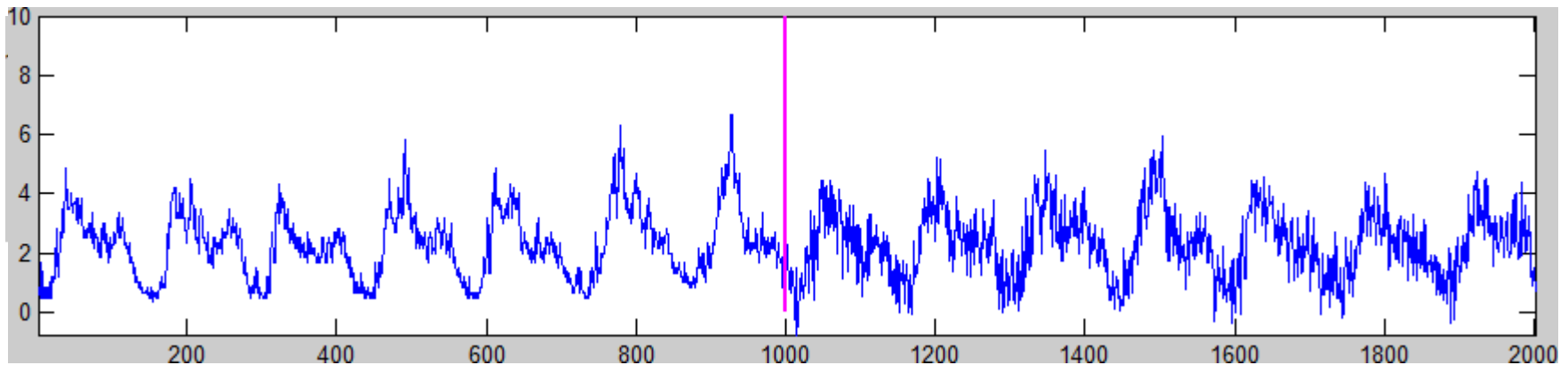
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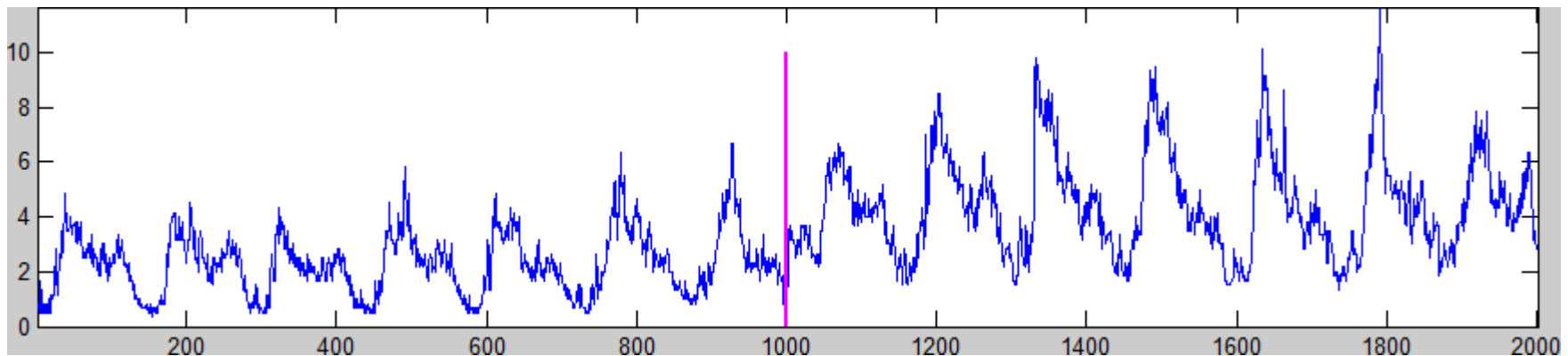
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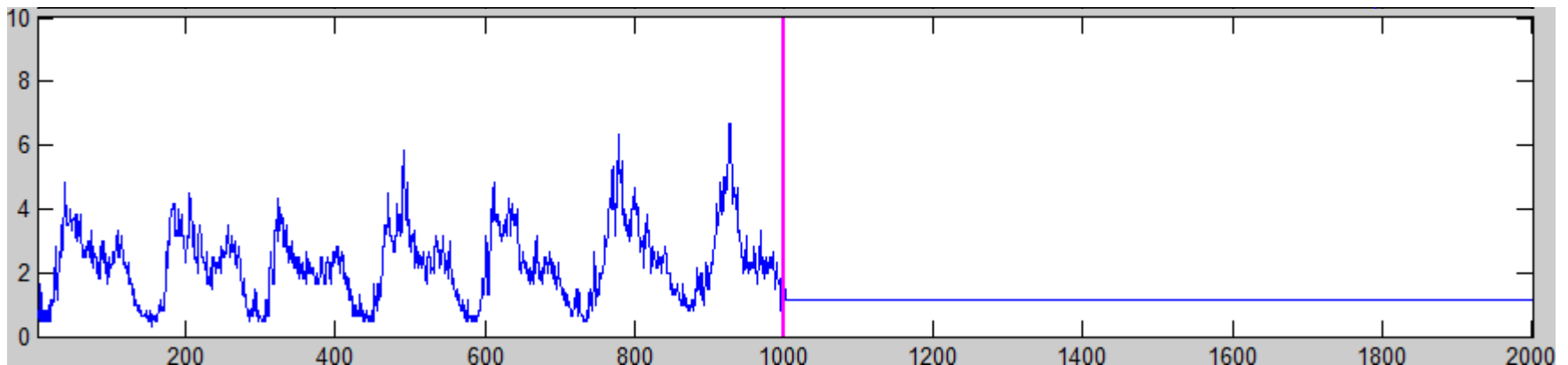
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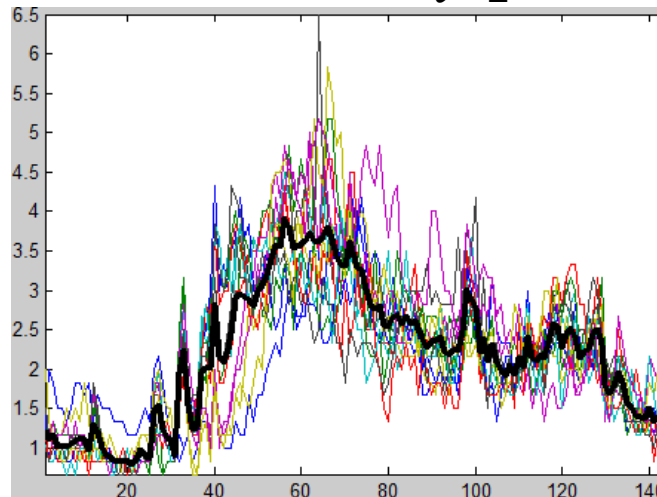
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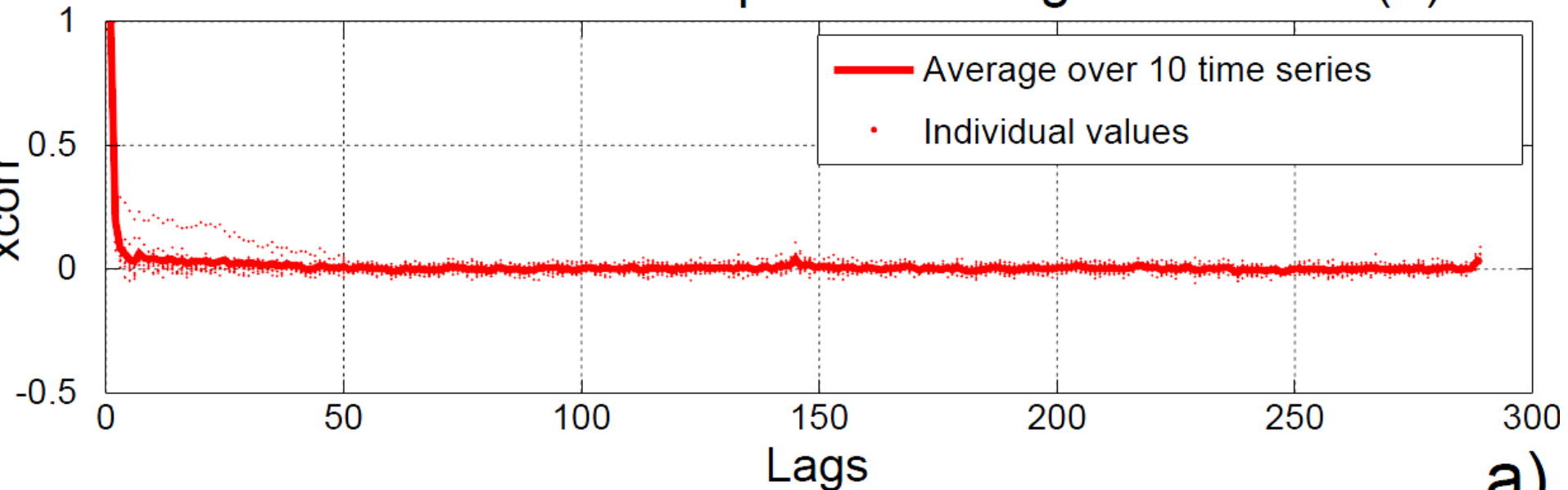
2 weeks of recordings used for building \mathbf{P} / model fitting / template estimation, 400 samples for CDT configuration



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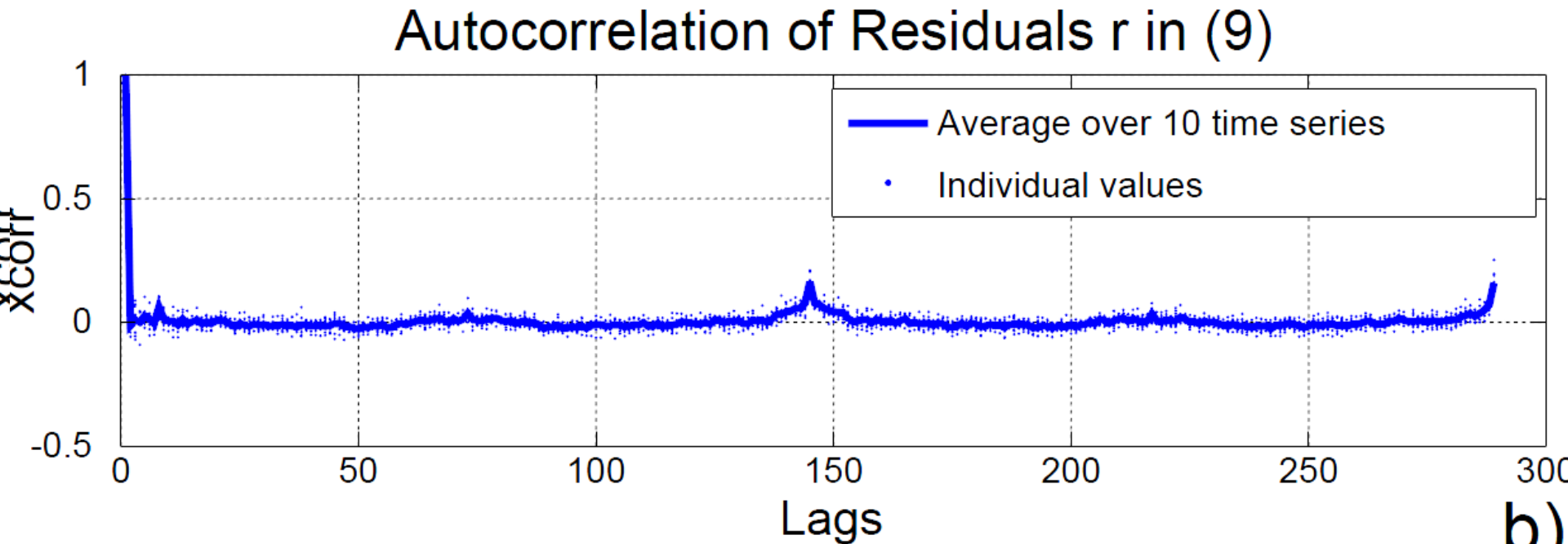


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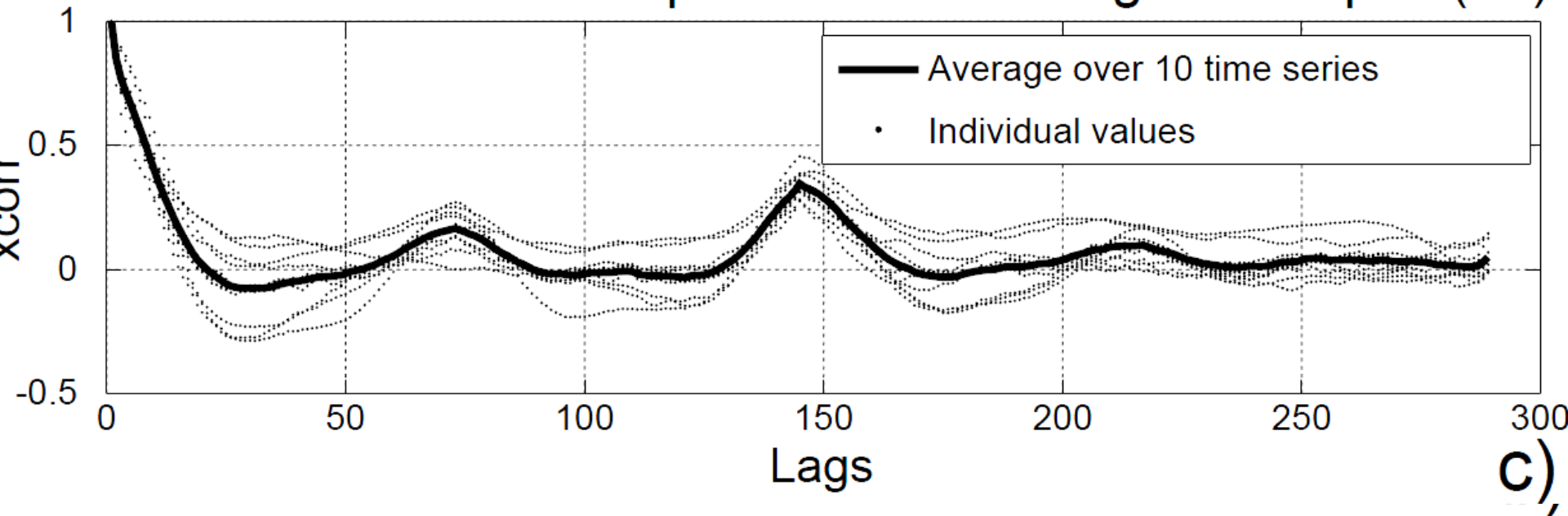




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Change Detection Performance

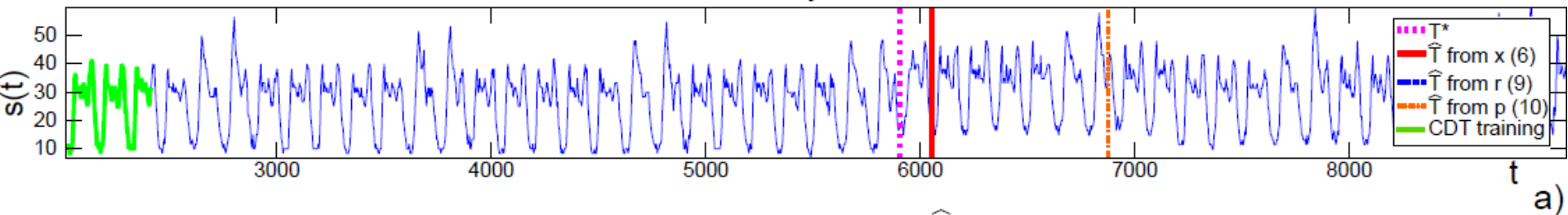
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	Self-Similarity based			Residuals-based			Template-based		
	FPR	FNR	DD	FPR	FNR	DD	FPR	FNR	DD
offset 0.5	0.1	0.0	156.4	0.0	0.0	1554.0	0.2	0.0	332.0
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sensor degradation 0.5	0.1	0.0	174.2	0.0	0.0	170.0	0.2	0.0	269.5
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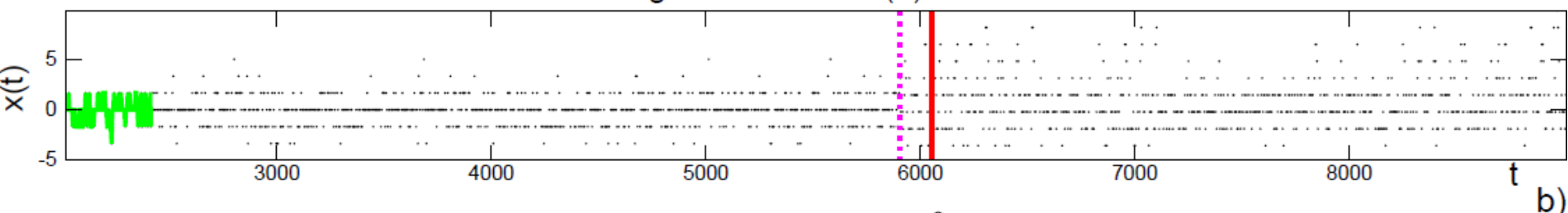


Offset of +50% the average flow value

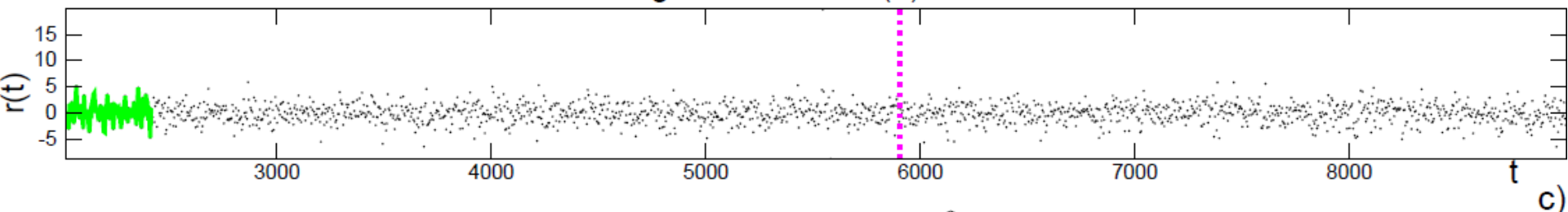
Time series affected by an offset at $T^* = 5904$



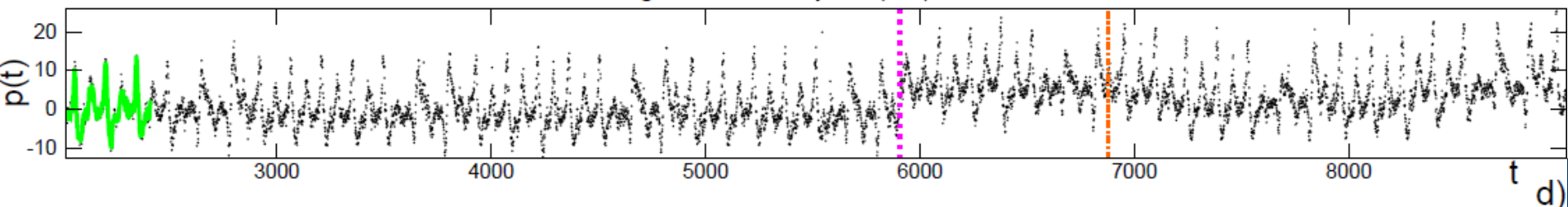
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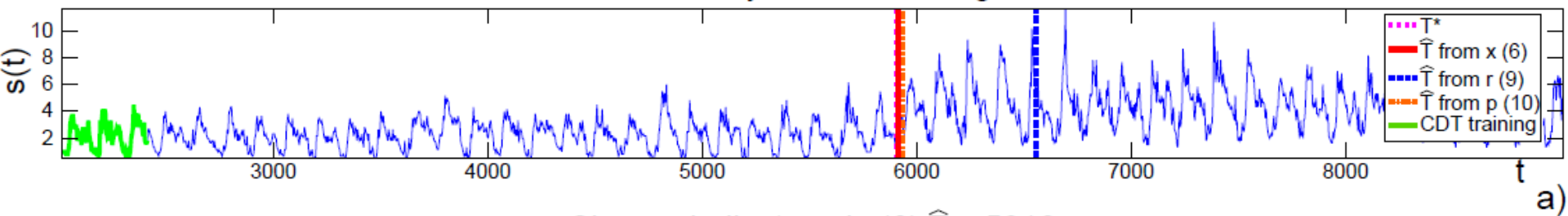
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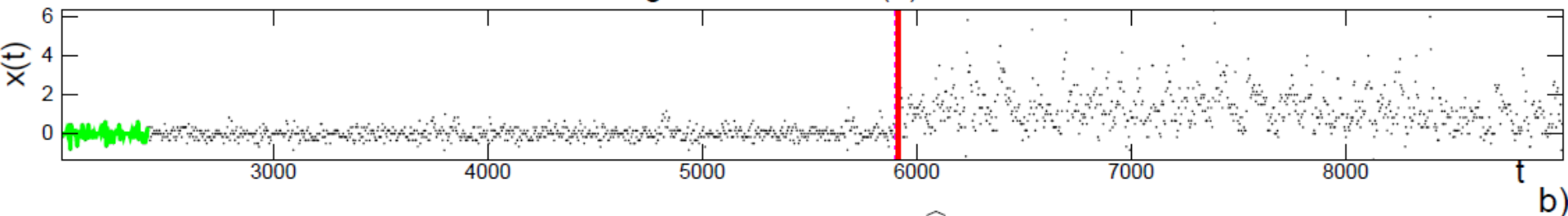


Source Change

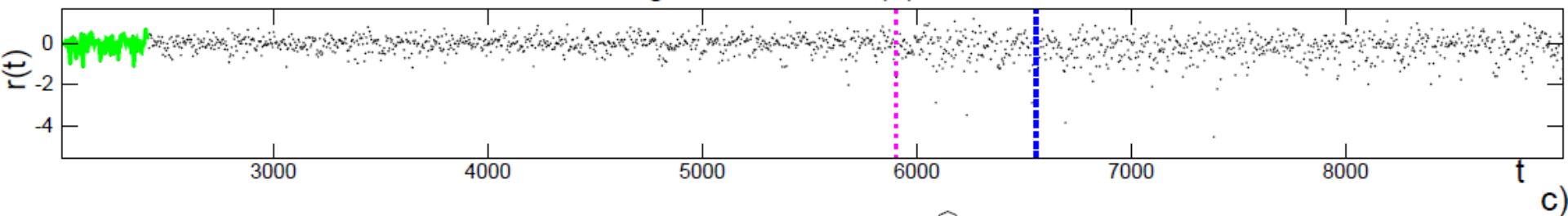
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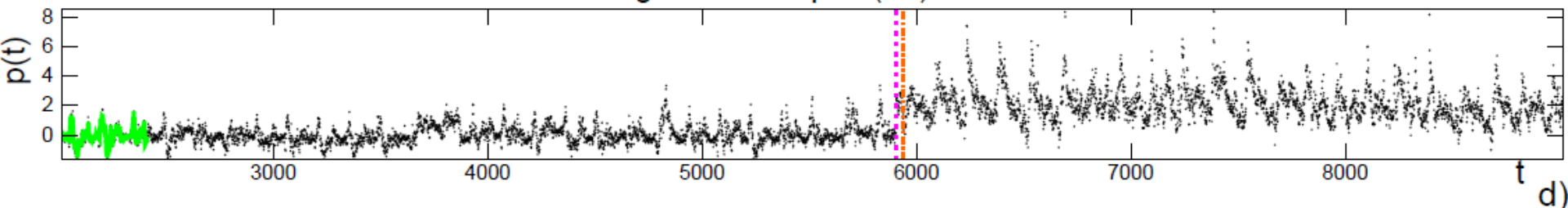
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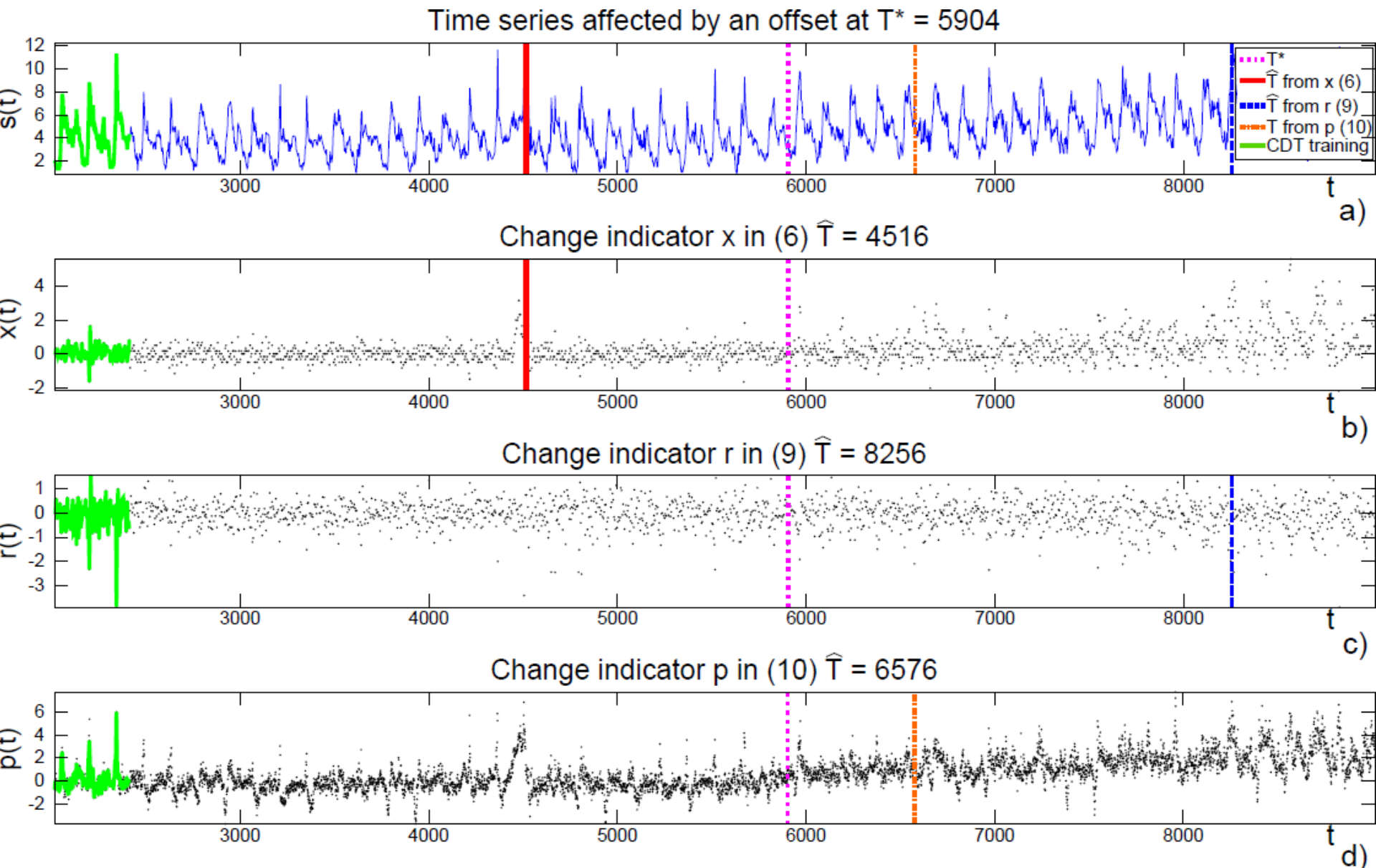


Change indicator p in (10) $\hat{T} = 5936$





Offset of +25% the mean flow (False Positive)





CONCLUDING REMARKS



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- Self similarity seems a promising approach for detecting changes in the structure of a self-similar datastream
 - Detection performance and autocorrelation show that x is very good at assessing self similarity
 - Detection performance indicates that x reliably reacts to changes
- Ongoing Works
 - Investigating different change indicators for assessing self similarity.
 - Exploiting self similarity in a collaborative manner (multichannel observations)
 - Self similarity when data are not periodic
 - Automatic criteria to identify the best patch size



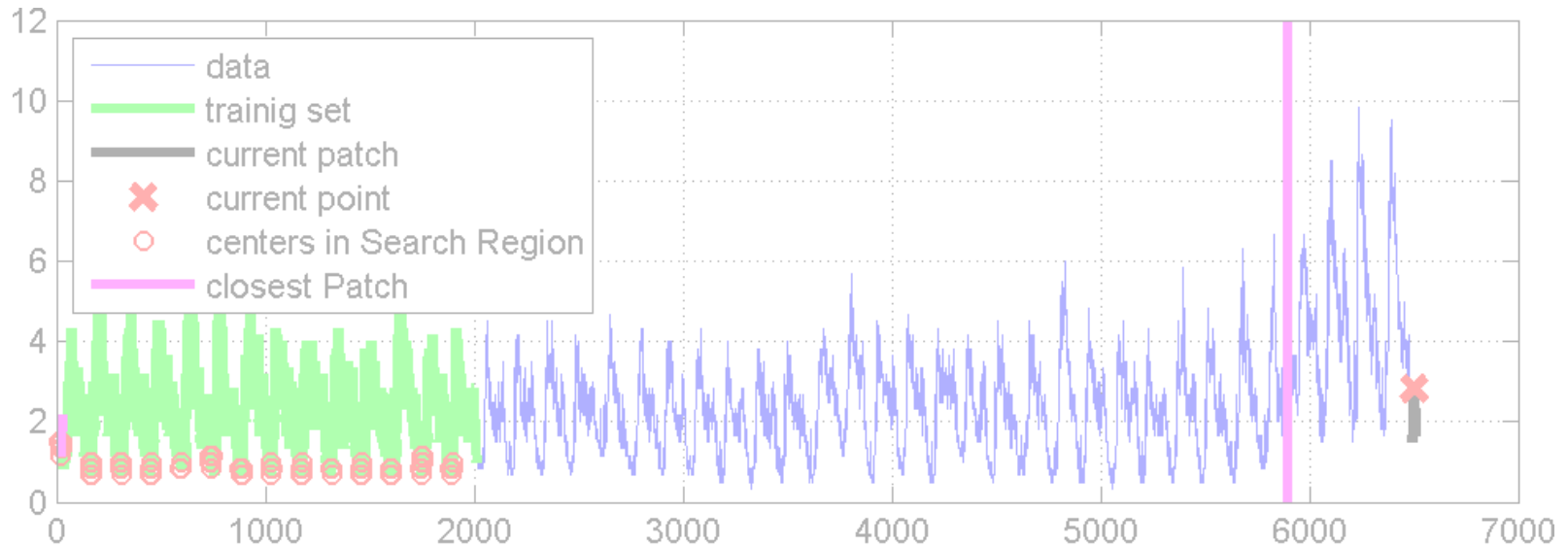
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Questions?



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