

Remaining Useful Life Prediction

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The Problem

- Predicting RUL
- It's Estimation/prediction
 - Physics based
 - Data driven
 - Hybrid
- Usage
 - Prognostics and health management (PHM)

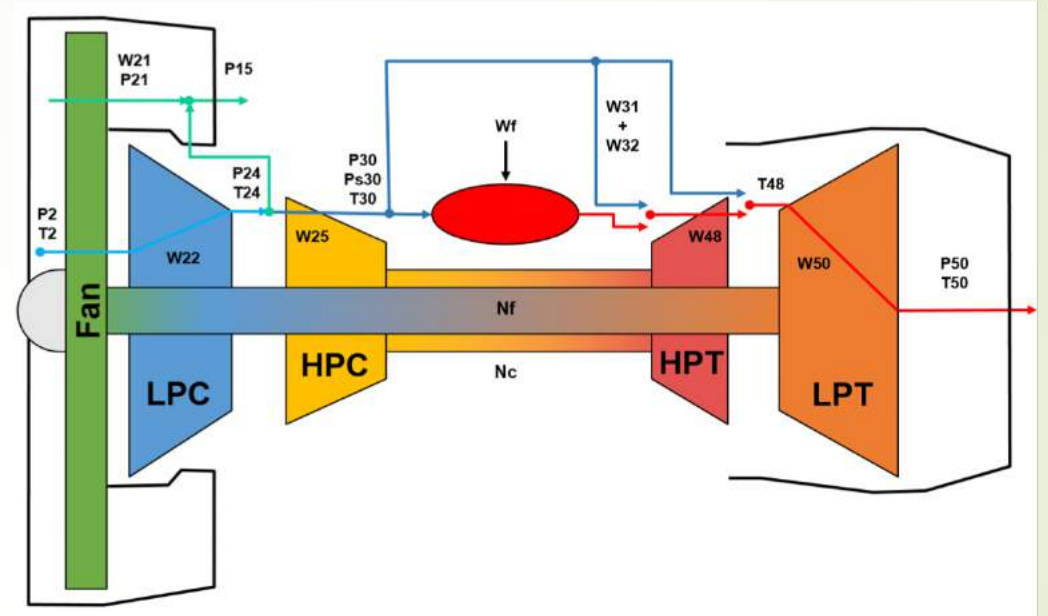


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Data Driven Model

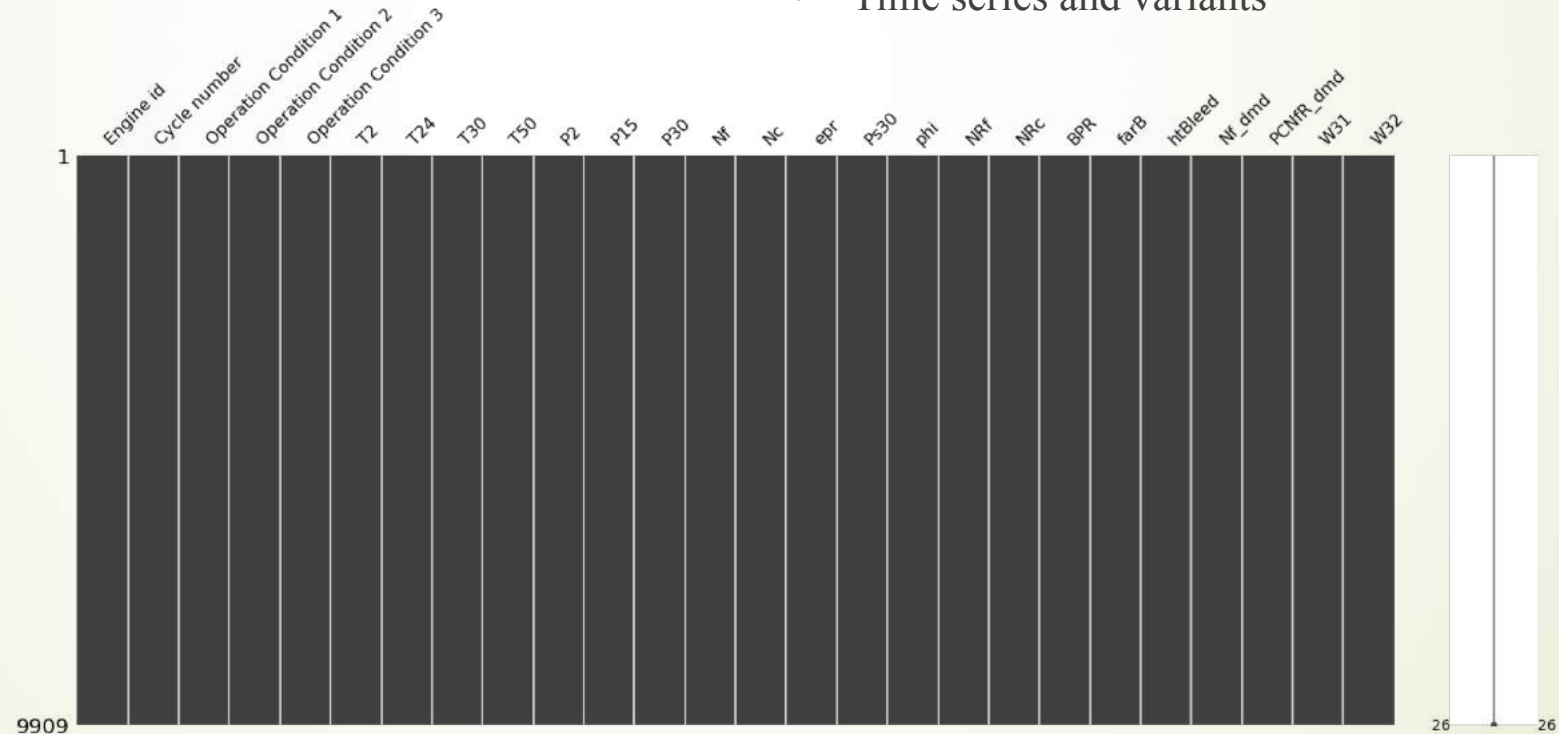
- Statistics based
 - Regression analysis
 - ARIMA (forecasting)
- Artificial Intelligence
 - Neural Networks
 - Random Forests

Dataset and Formulation

- NASA turbofan dataset
- Sensors, operation conditions and cycle
- Design Matrix with sensor information

Multiple ways to define target

- Using Health Index
- **Remaining cycles as regression**
- Classifying the number of cycles to bins
- Time series and variants



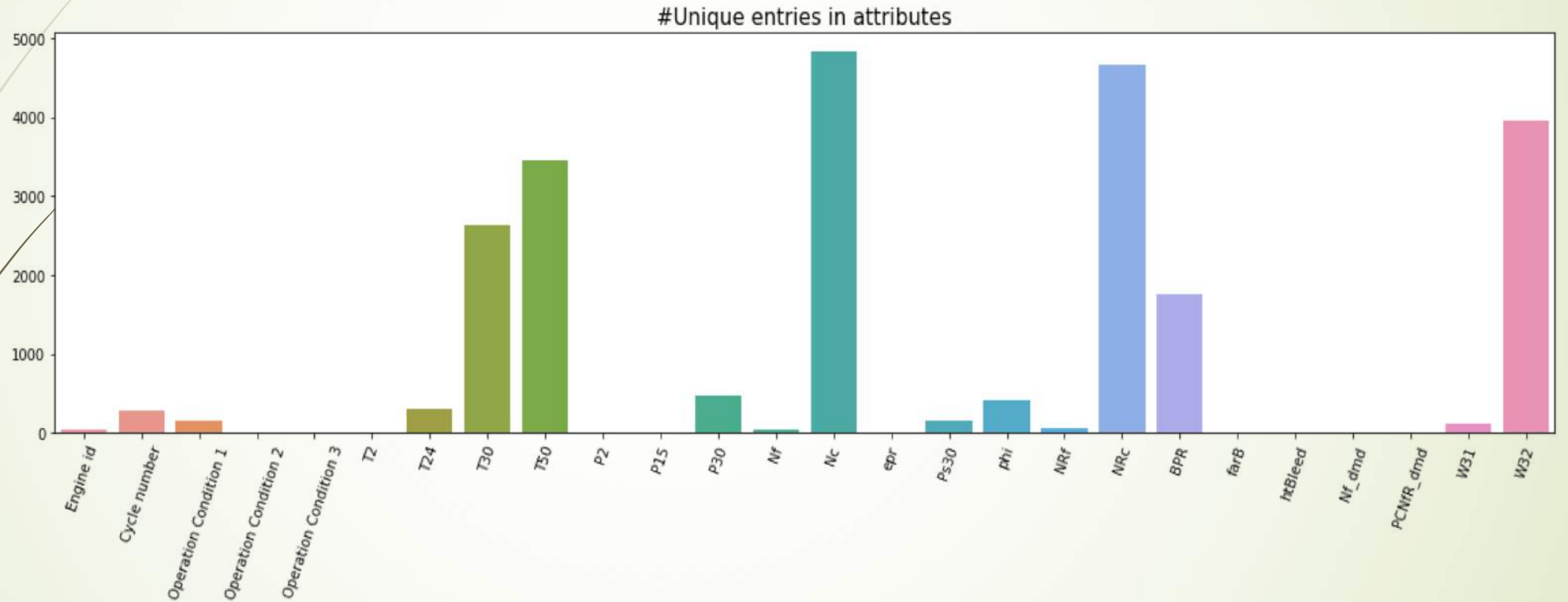
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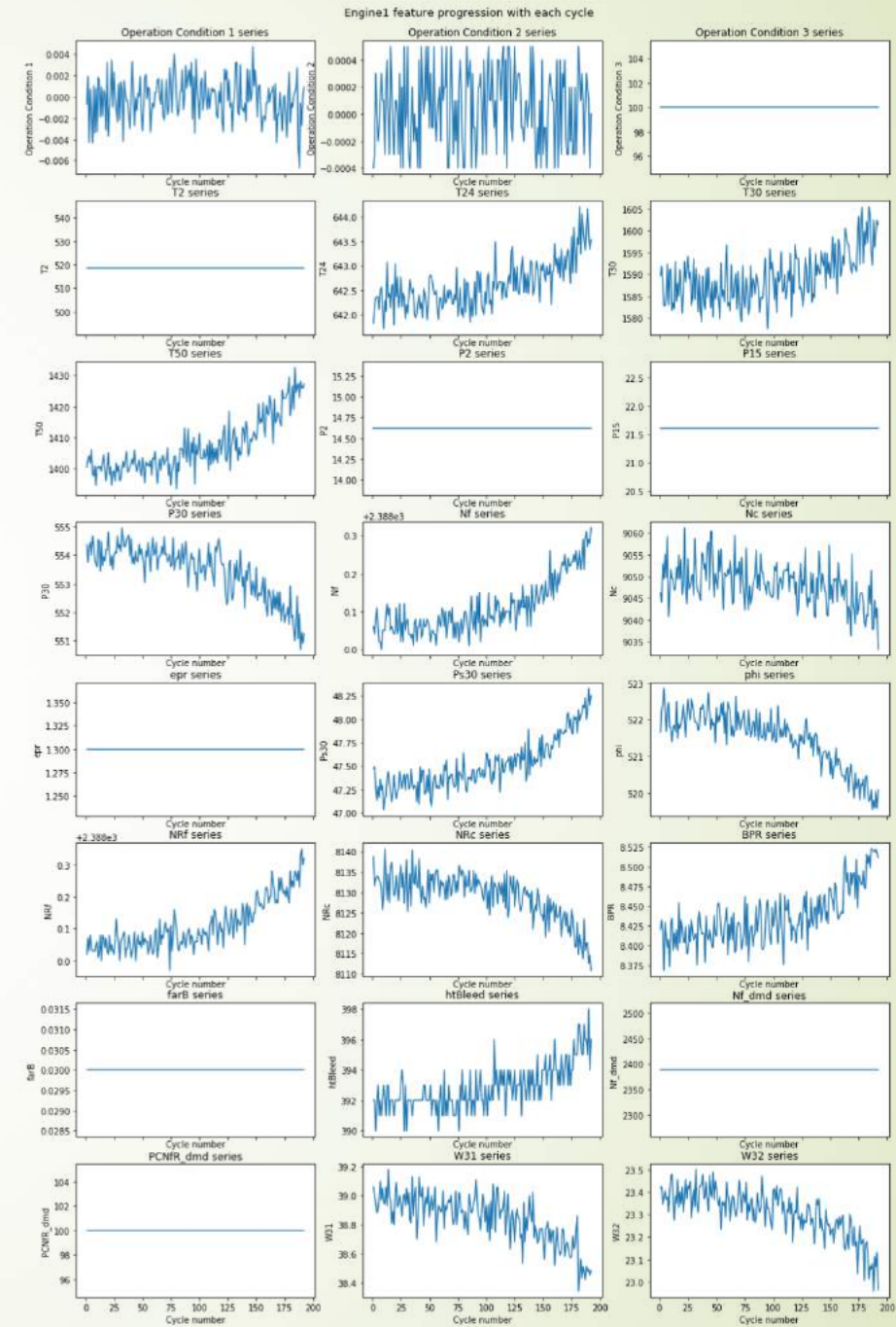
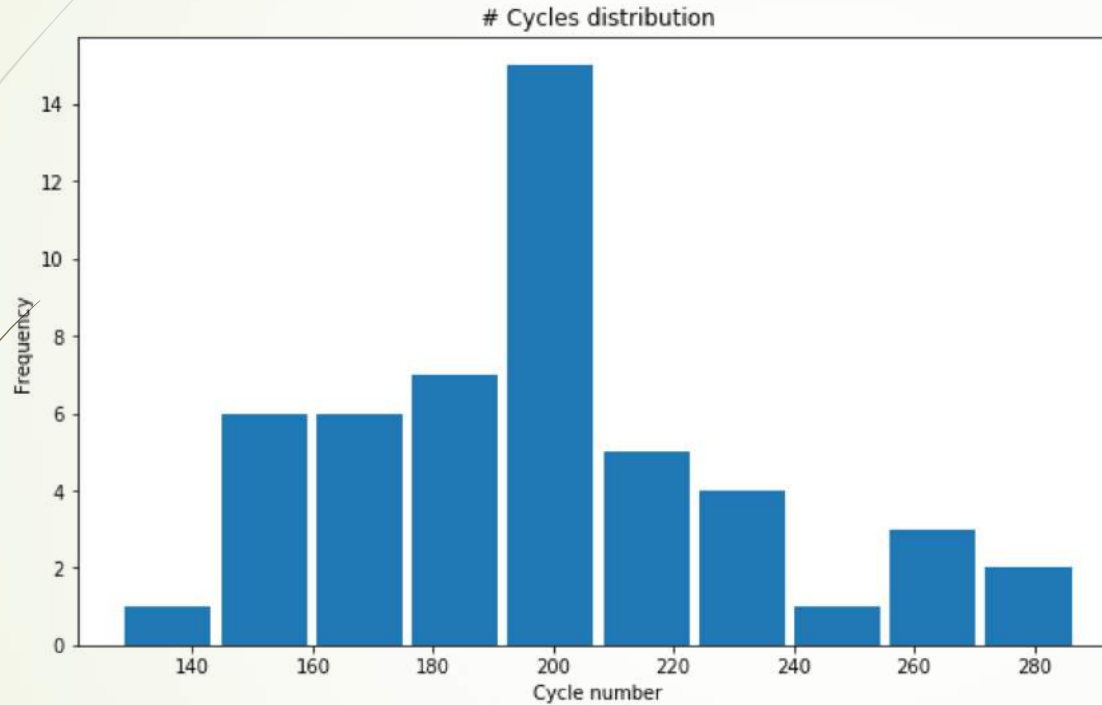
Proposed Method & Rationale

- Number of remaining useful cycles
- Designated target variable
- Difference between current cycle and max cycles from training
- Validation strategy
 - Random grouped
 - Last from group
- Cycle of interest is the last given from test
- RMSE, R-squared

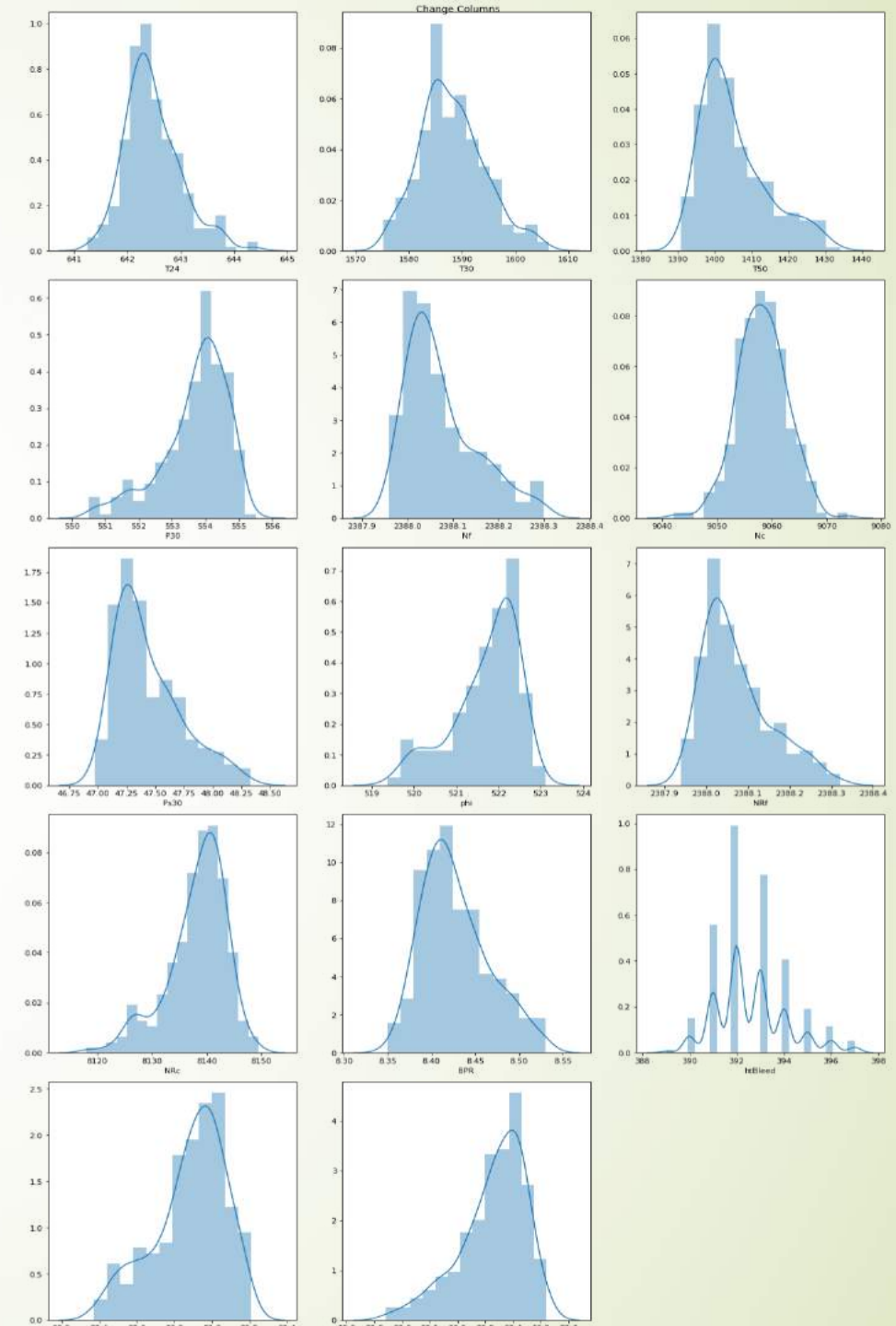
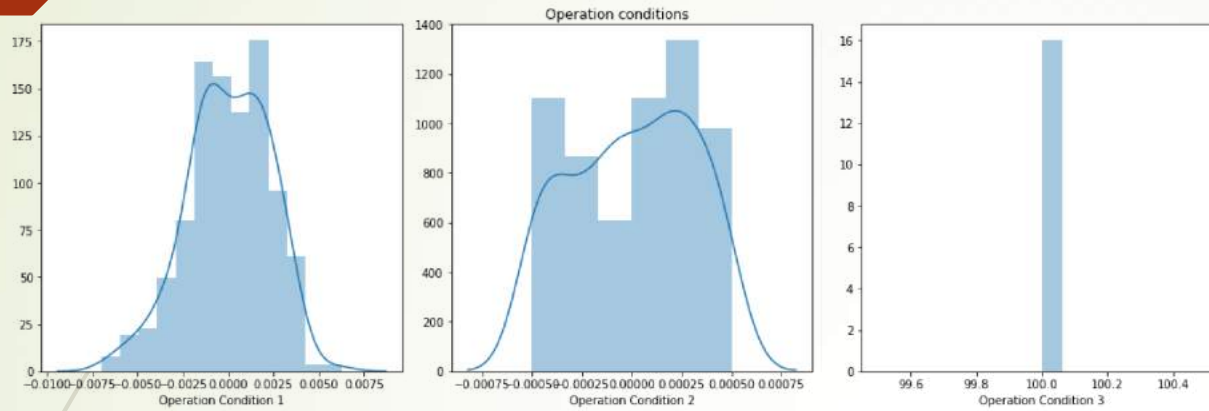
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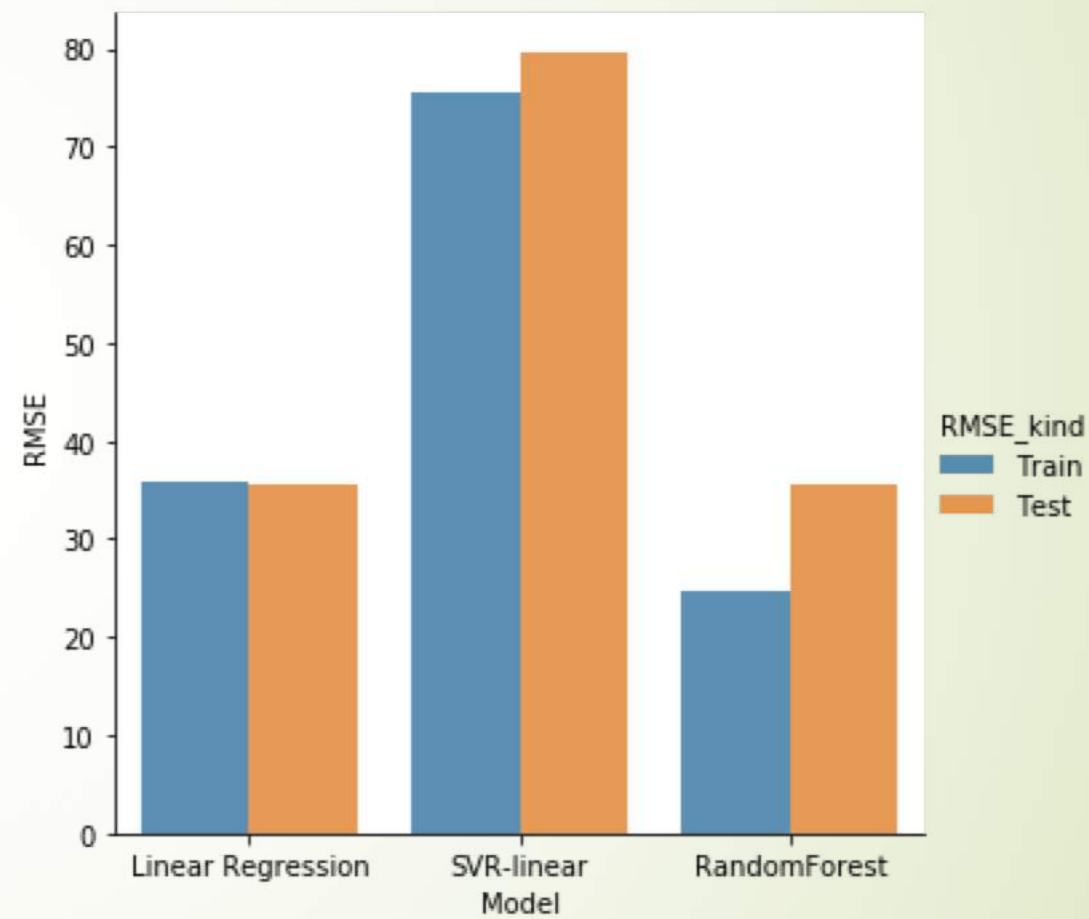


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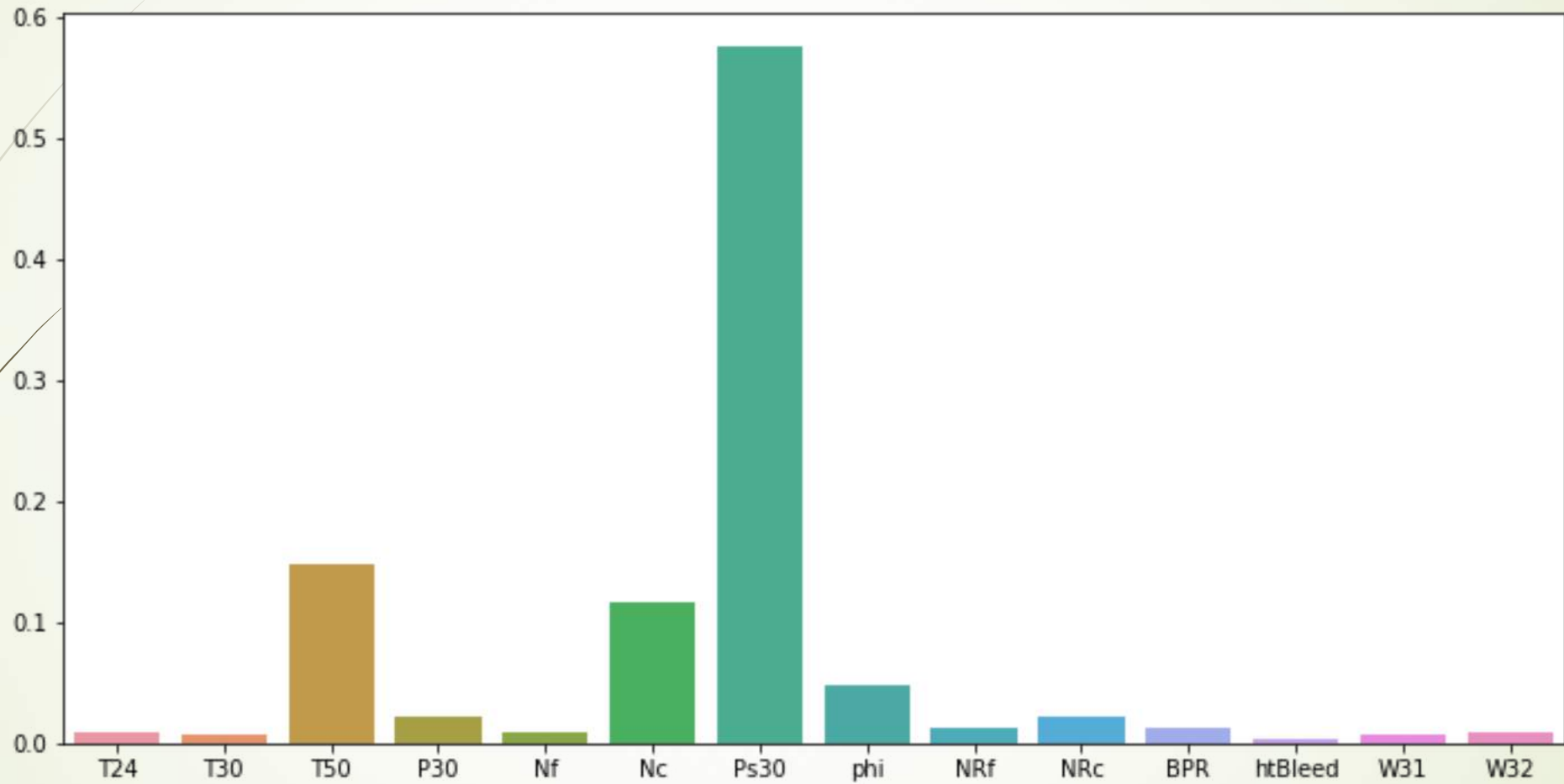


Model Development

- Preliminary models
- No preprocessing
- Some tuning on validation
- LinearRegression was best at around 35RMSE for both test and train

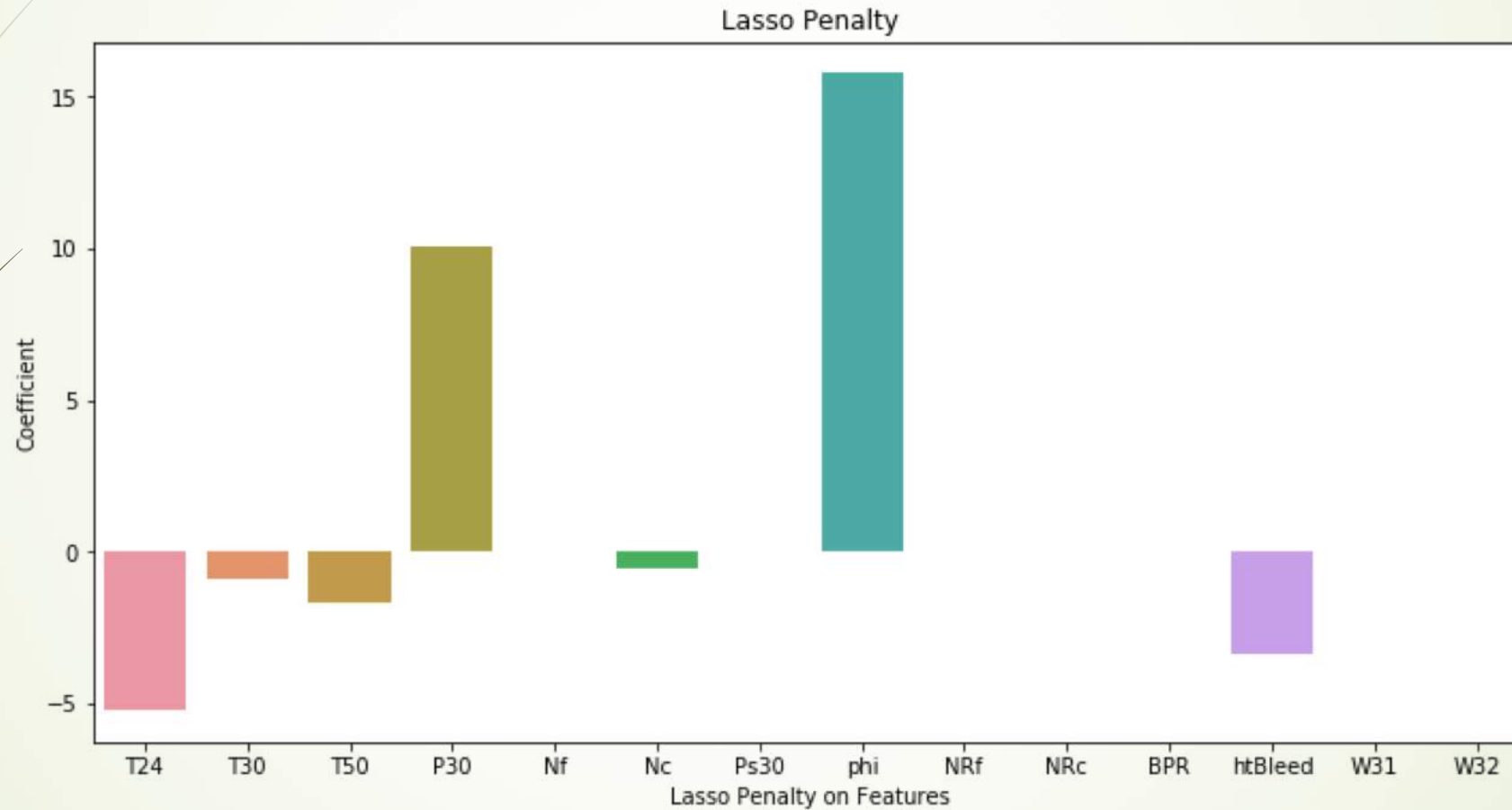


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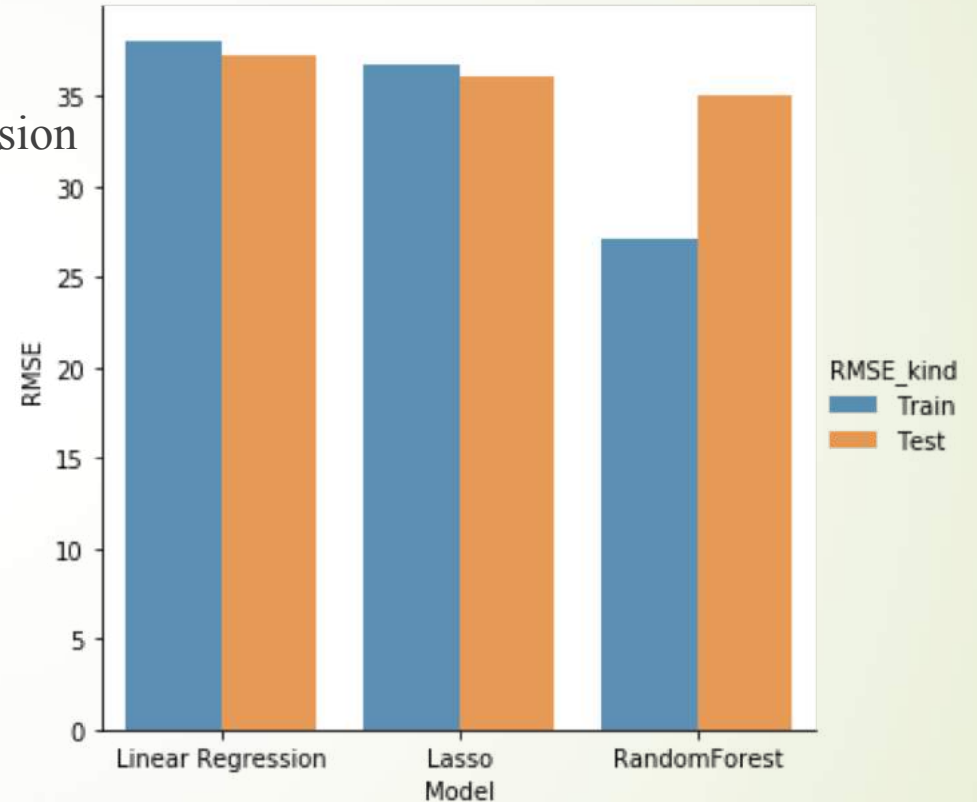
RandomForest Feature Importances

Model Development – Feature Selection



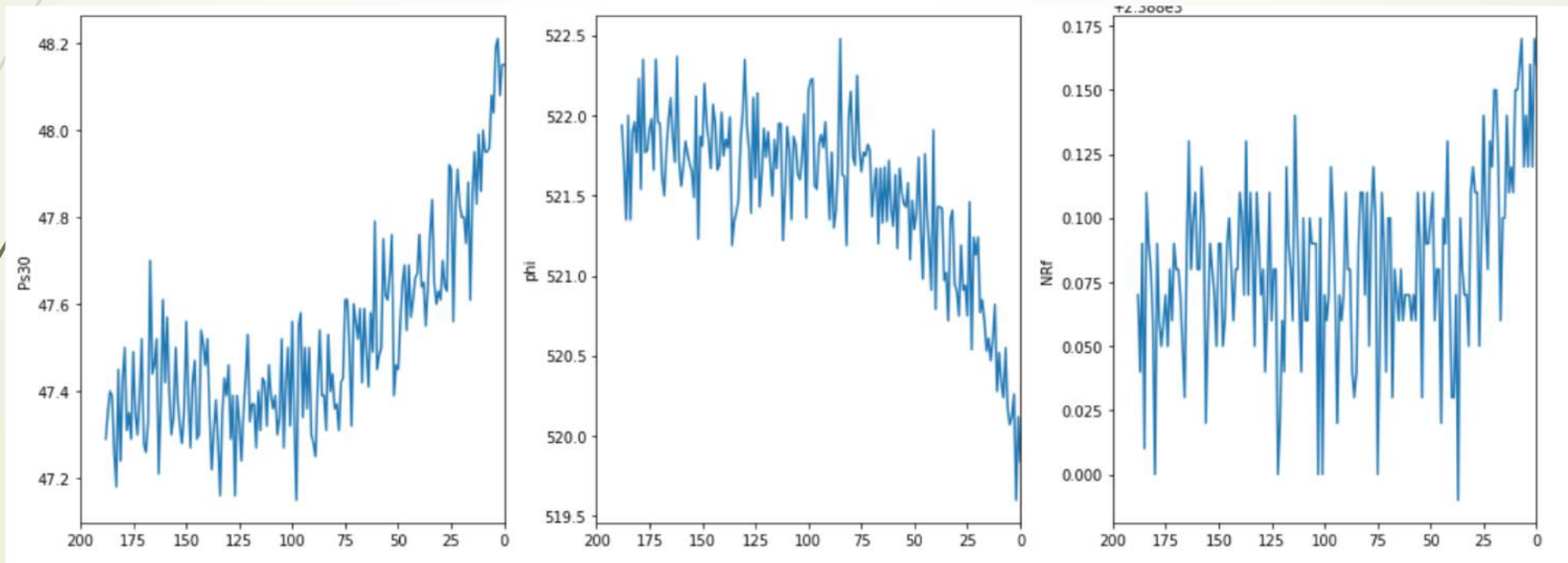
Model Development – Feature Selection

- Non-overlapping
- Backward elimination on linear regression
- Not a great result



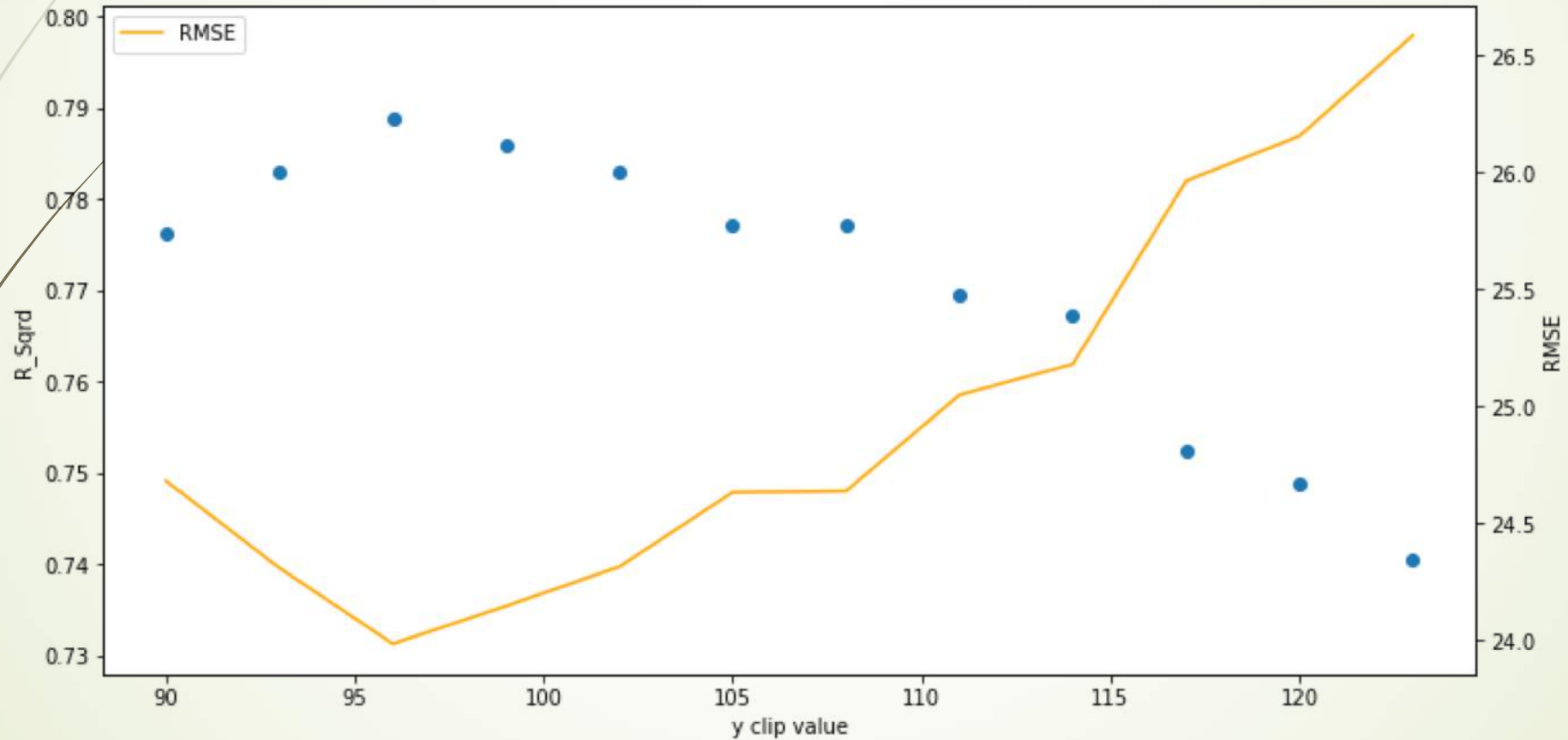
Alternate Feature Processing


- Revisit sensor vs cycle
- Pattern is valid for multiple engines
- Clipping might work




Clipping

- Set a threshold on cycles_to_failure
- A set of thresholds are tried to find the best one
- Random Forest had the best performance





Clipping - summary

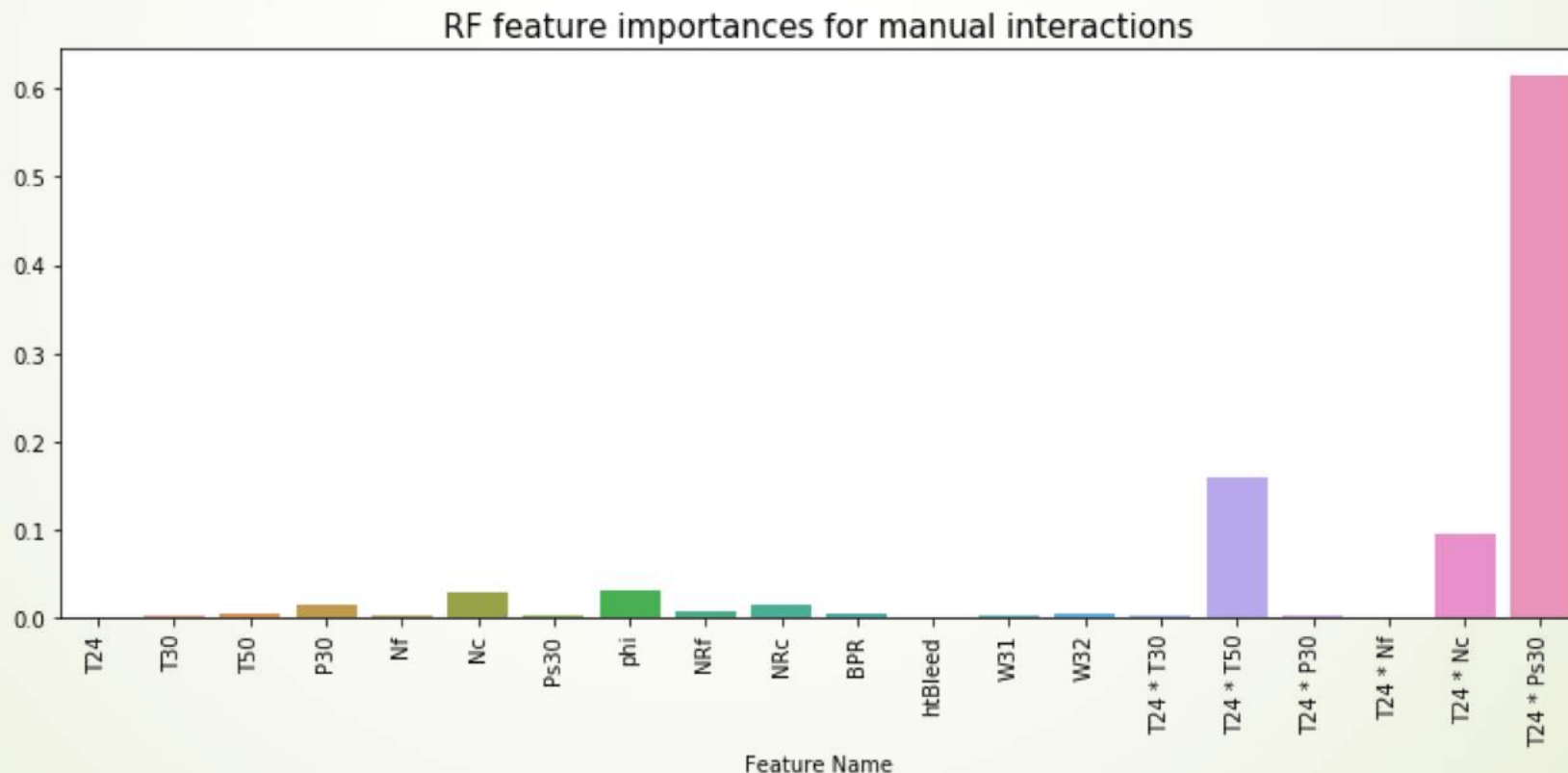
- Applied on svm and Random Forest
 - Thresholds applied on validation
 - Random Forest had best RMSE = 24.21 , R-squared = 78.47 balance on test while train was RMSE 23.9 and R-squared = 89.03
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Interactions

- Dataset is built explicitly based on the formula

“cycles_to_failure ~ 1 + T24 + T30 + T50 + P30 + Nf + Nc + Ps30 + phi + NRf + NRc + BPR + htBleed + W31 + W32 + T24 * T30 + T24 * T50 + T24 * P30 + T24 * Nf + T24 * Nc + T24 * Ps30”

- Verified some combinations by hand



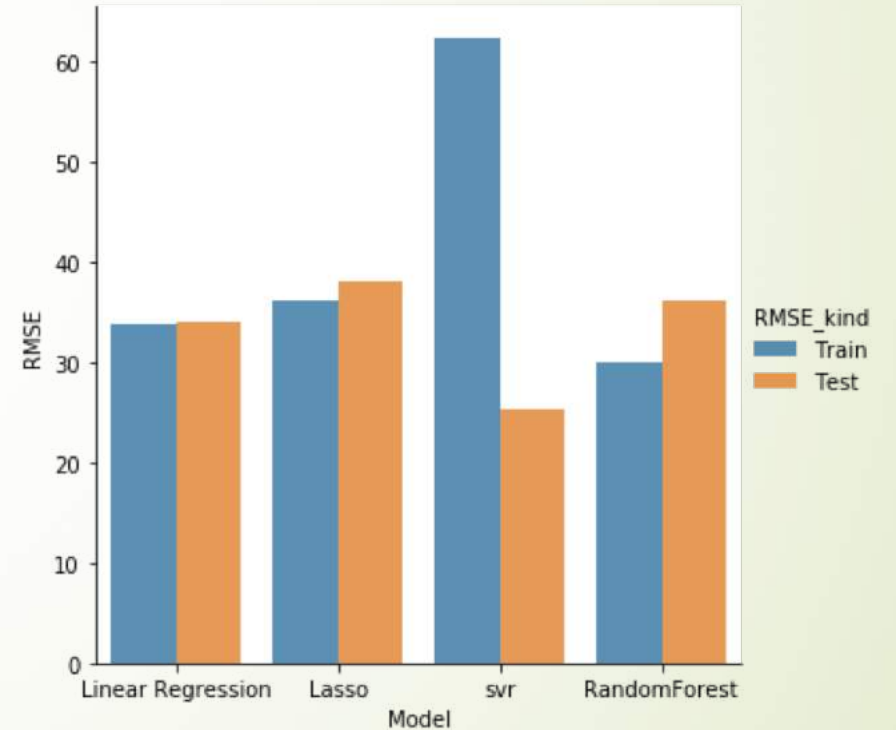
Interactions

- Results for below formula

"cycles_to_failure ~ 1 + T24 + T30 + T50 + P30 + Nf + Nc + Ps30 + phi + NRf + NRc + BPR + htBleed + W31 + W32 + T24 * T30 + T24 * T50 + T24 * P30 + T24 * Nf + T24 * Nc + T24 * Ps30"

- T24 is weighed less than it's Interactions
- They become too much too soon

Performance after Manual interactions with T24



Interactions – Polynomial Features

- A formula can only get you so far
"`cycles_to_failure ~ 1 + T24 + T30 + T50 + P30 + Nf + Nc + Ps30 + phi + NRf + NRc + BPR + htBleed + W31 + W32 + T24 * T30 + T24 * T50 + T24 * P30 + T24 * Nf + T24 * Nc + T24 * Ps30`"
- A degree 2 for the original features was tested
- To accommodate svr, features were scaled
- PCA to reduce dimensions to 31
- RF performed best at
30.96, 35.89 on train, test resp.
- SVR was overfitting at
12.08, 24.31 on train, test resp



Convolutional Neural Networks

- Convolution filter
- Activation
- Pooling
- Dense
- Simple but not very effective
- RMSE: 25.73

Model: "sequential_15"

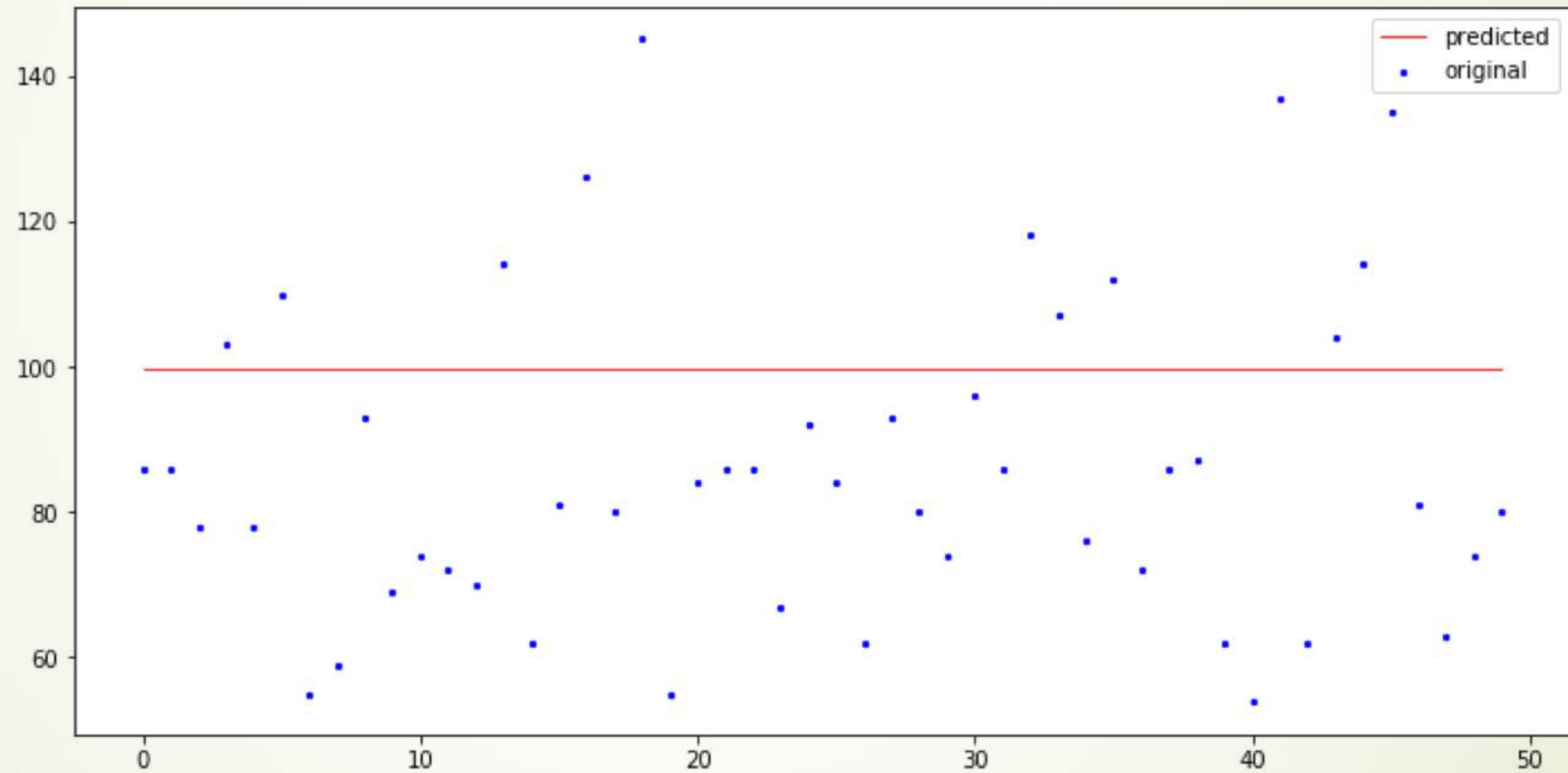
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conv1d_20 (Conv1D)	(None, 117, 16)	80
flatten_15 (Flatten)	(None, 1872)	0
dense_20 (Dense)	(None, 32)	59936
dense_21 (Dense)	(None, 1)	33

Total params: 60,049

Trainable params: 60,049

Non-trainable params: 0

Simple CNN 1 layer performance



Deeper CNN

- Multiple convolutional layers
- Different activation
- RMSE: 34.217

Model: "sequential_13"

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
conv1d_16 (Conv1D)	(None, 117, 16)	80
average_pooling1d (AveragePo	(None, 58, 16)	0
conv1d_17 (Conv1D)	(None, 58, 8)	136
leaky_re_lu (LeakyReLU)	(None, 58, 8)	0
flatten_13 (Flatten)	(None, 464)	0
dense_16 (Dense)	(None, 32)	14880
dense_17 (Dense)	(None, 1)	33

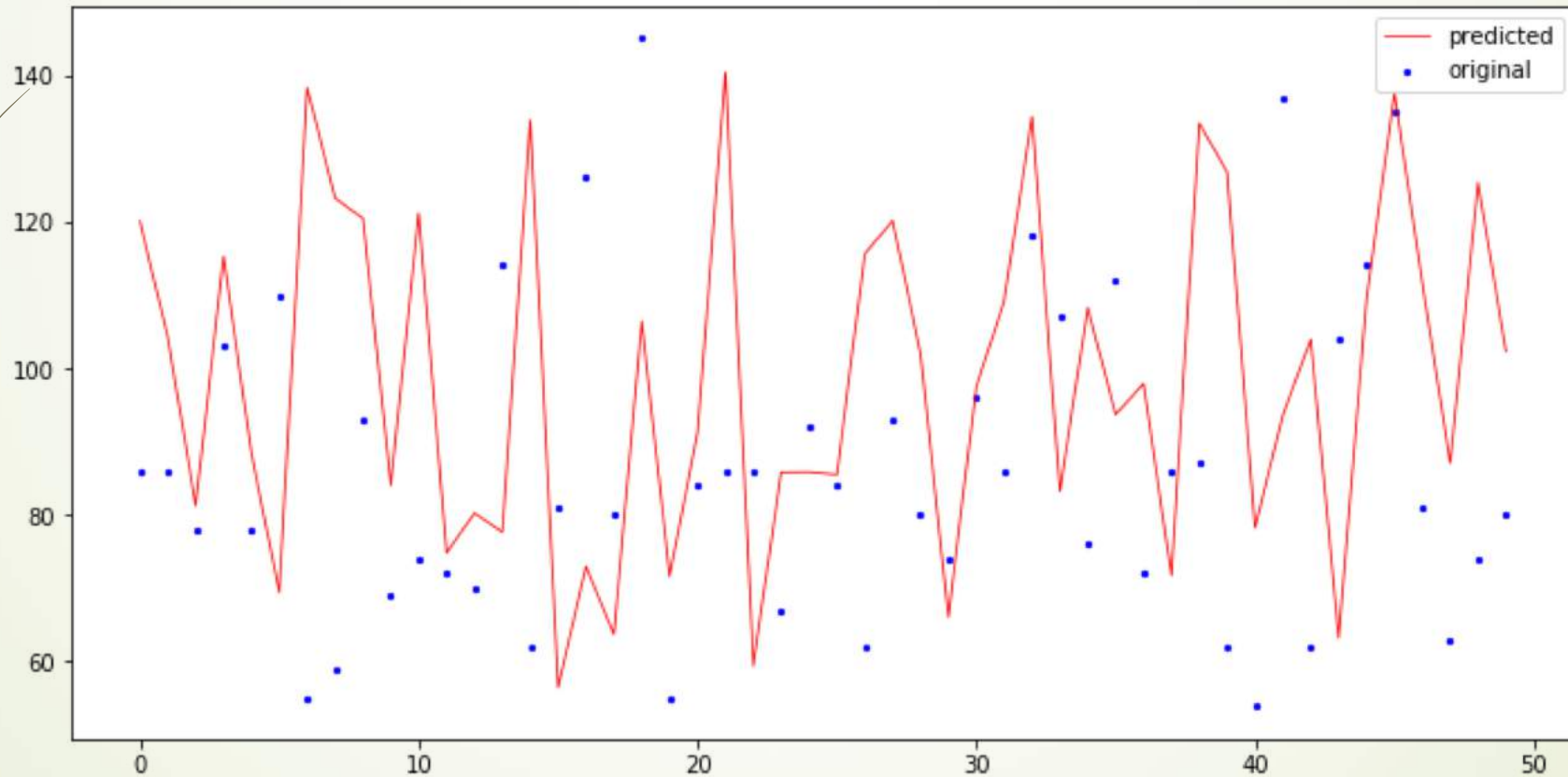
Total params: 15,129

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Deeper CNN - Performance

- More complex because of increased layers
- Still not good enough, takes too much time
- RMSE: 34.217





Conclusions

- Multiple models with variety of processing were tried
 - Best, Random Forest at around 24 test RMSE and R-squared 79%
 - Clipping worked
 - Too many features with polynomial features, more training required
 - Linear regression was consistent around 35-40% RMSE through out except after interactions
 - Couldn't get the best out of SVM
 - Deeper Networks can result in better performance(CNN)
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