

RESEARCH PROJECT

A Data-driven Early Warning for Battery Thermal Runaway

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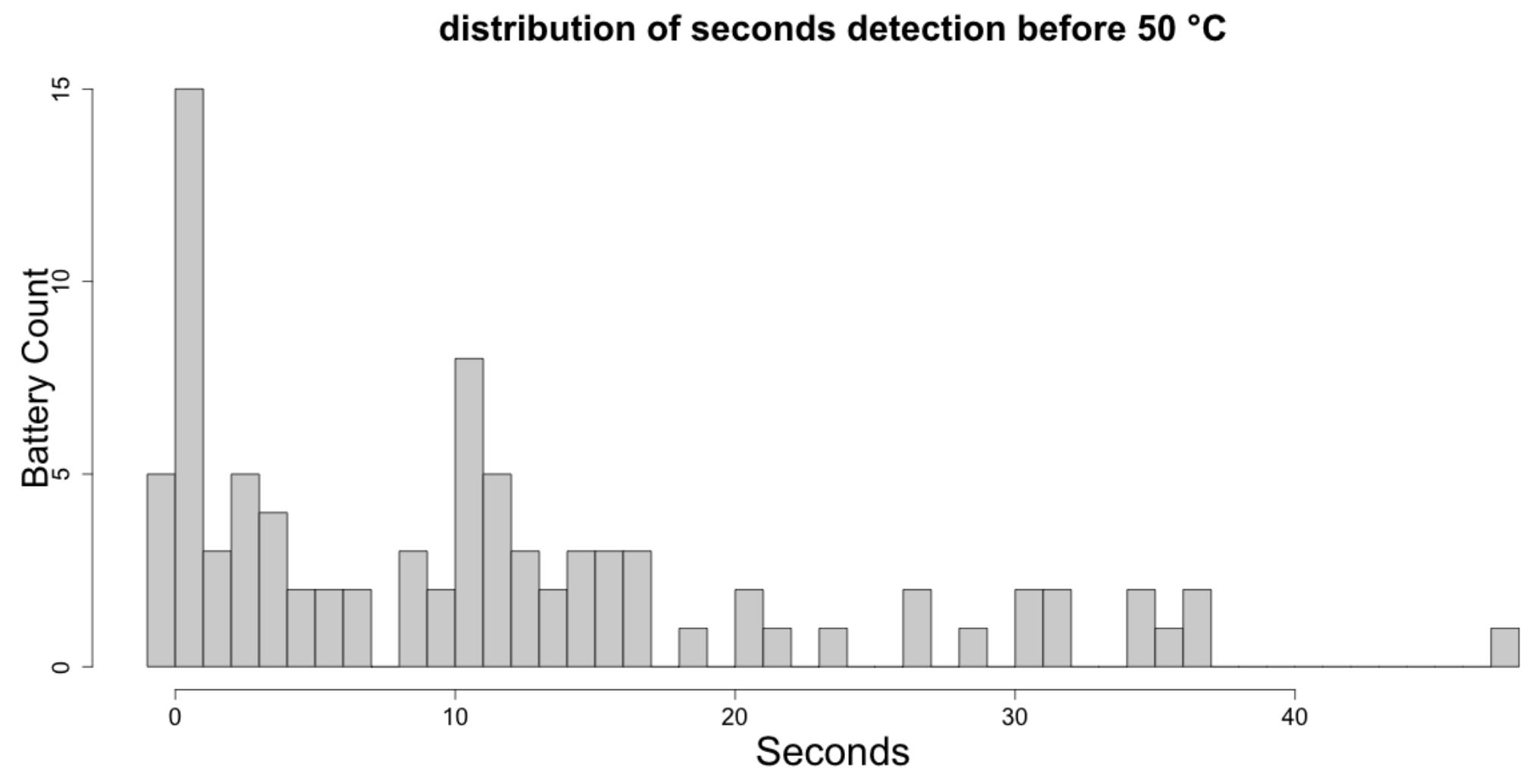
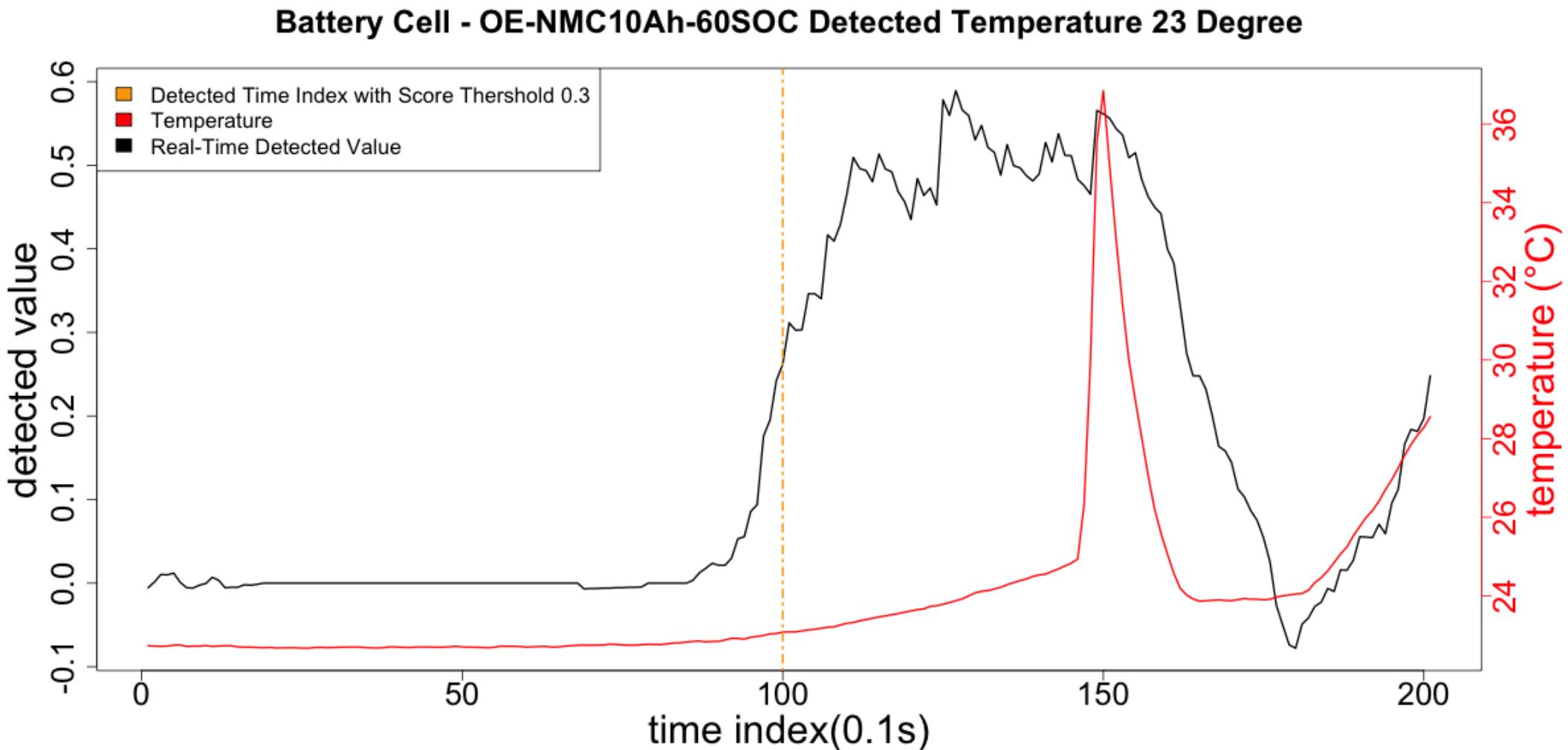
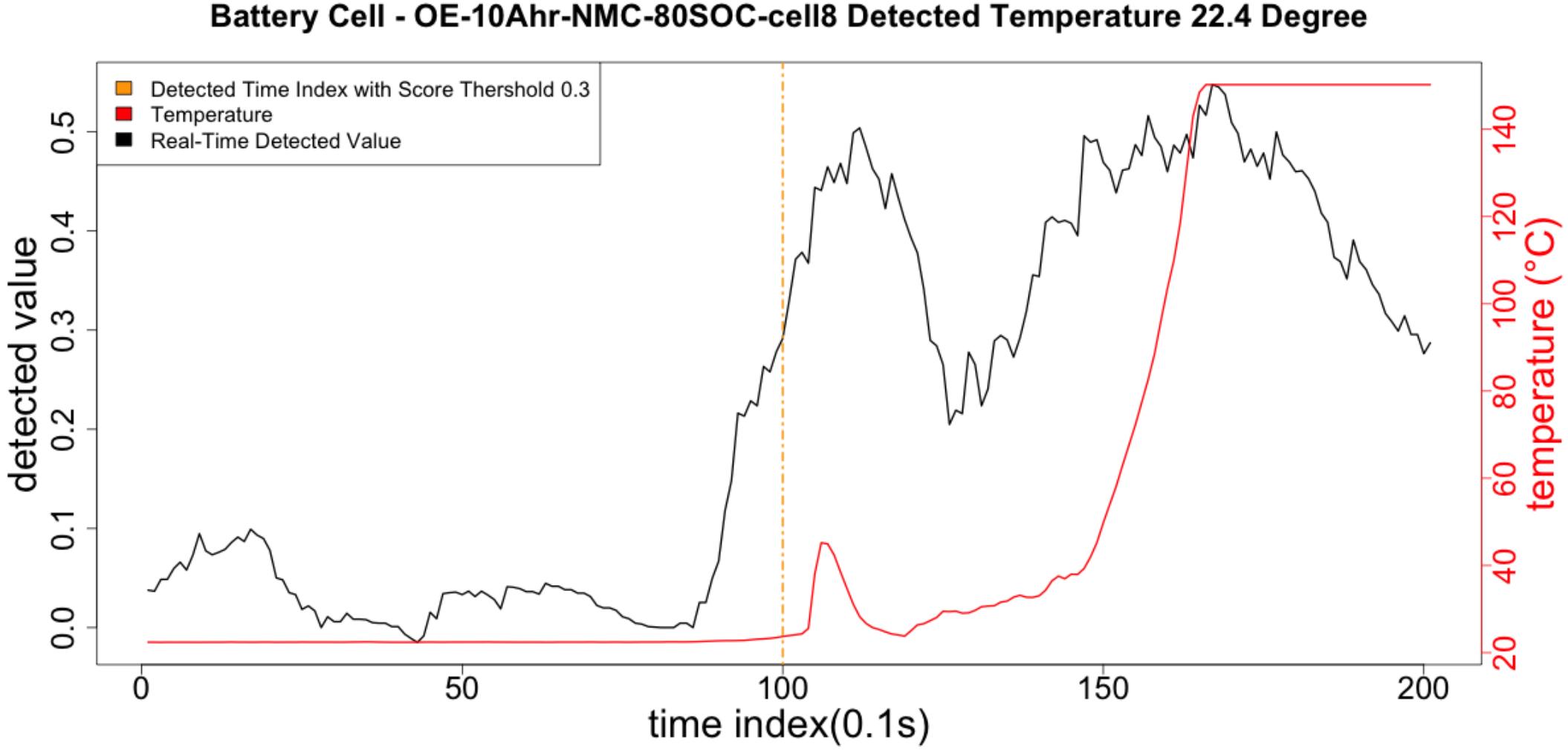
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Project & Data Description

- We aim to develop data-driven methods useful for real-time detection of thermal runaway event in lithium-ion batteries subjected to external stressors and shocks.
- We adapt a slope-based procedure for change point (abrupt shift) detection¹ to the online update procedure.
- We extend the procedure to multiple-dimensional time-series via PCA on running windows.
- We have obtained data from companies² and university labs³ to aid the research and test our methodology.
- Our method demonstrates strong robustness and efficiency in both real data and simulations.

Results for Real Data



References & Acknowledgement

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¹Boulton et.al., "A new method for detecting abrupt shifts in time series", F1000Research, 2019.

²Eaton Corporation PLC.

³Lin et al., "Mechanically induced thermal runaway dataset on Li-ion batteries," Data in Brief, vol. 55, Art. no. 110609, 2024

Methodology

Slope-Based Abrupt Shift Detection Algorithm

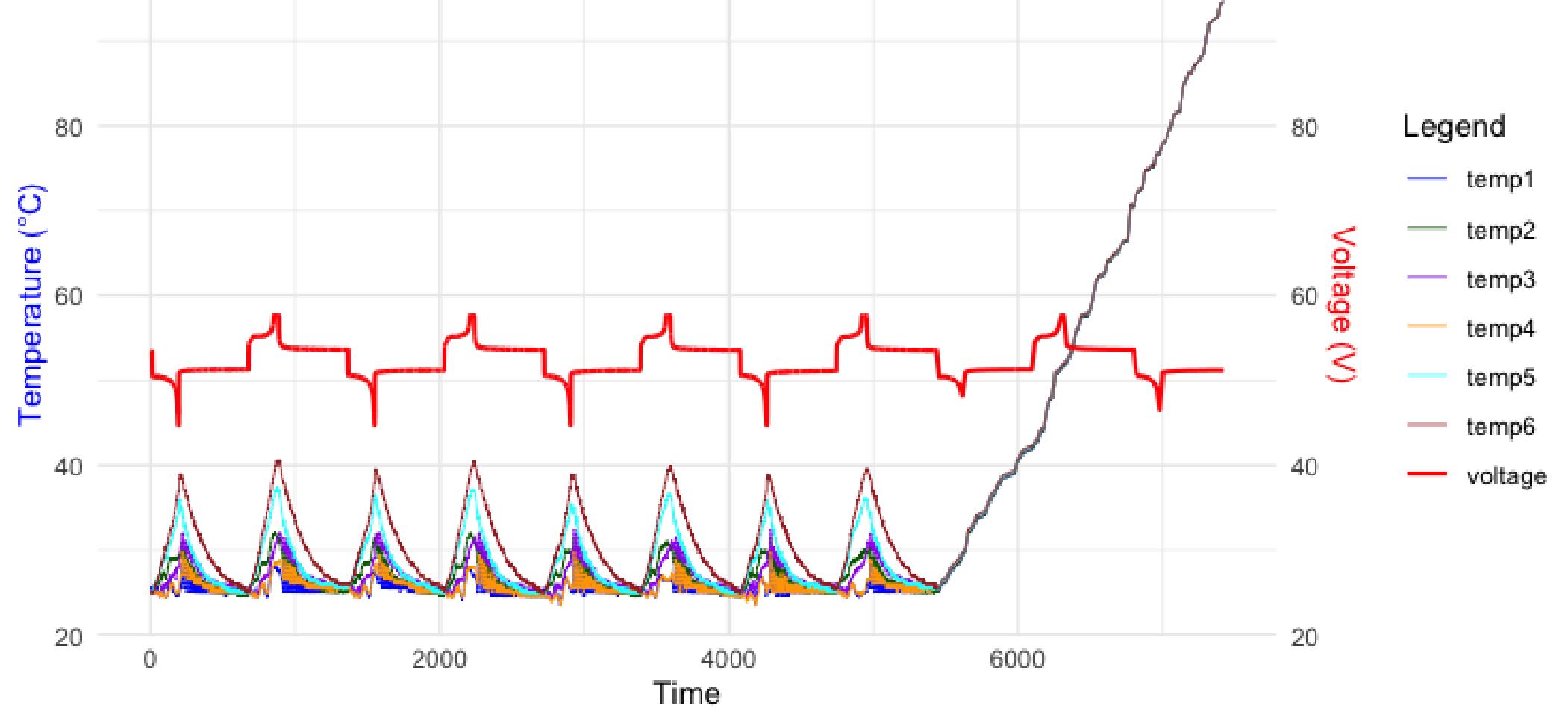
1. Input: Univariate Time Series $T_s = (X_1, \dots, X_s)$.
2. For Window Sizes $w_{len} = w_l, w_{l+1}, \dots, w_u$:
 - a. Segment series into windows of length w_{len} .
 - b. Compute the slope in each window.
3. Detection:
 - a. If a slope exceeds the global mean by $3 \times \text{MAD}$, mark the window as significant.
 - b. An observation's detection score = proportion of times it appears in significant windows.
4. Real-time update:

Update the latest slope and detection score as new data arrives.
5. Multivariate Extension:

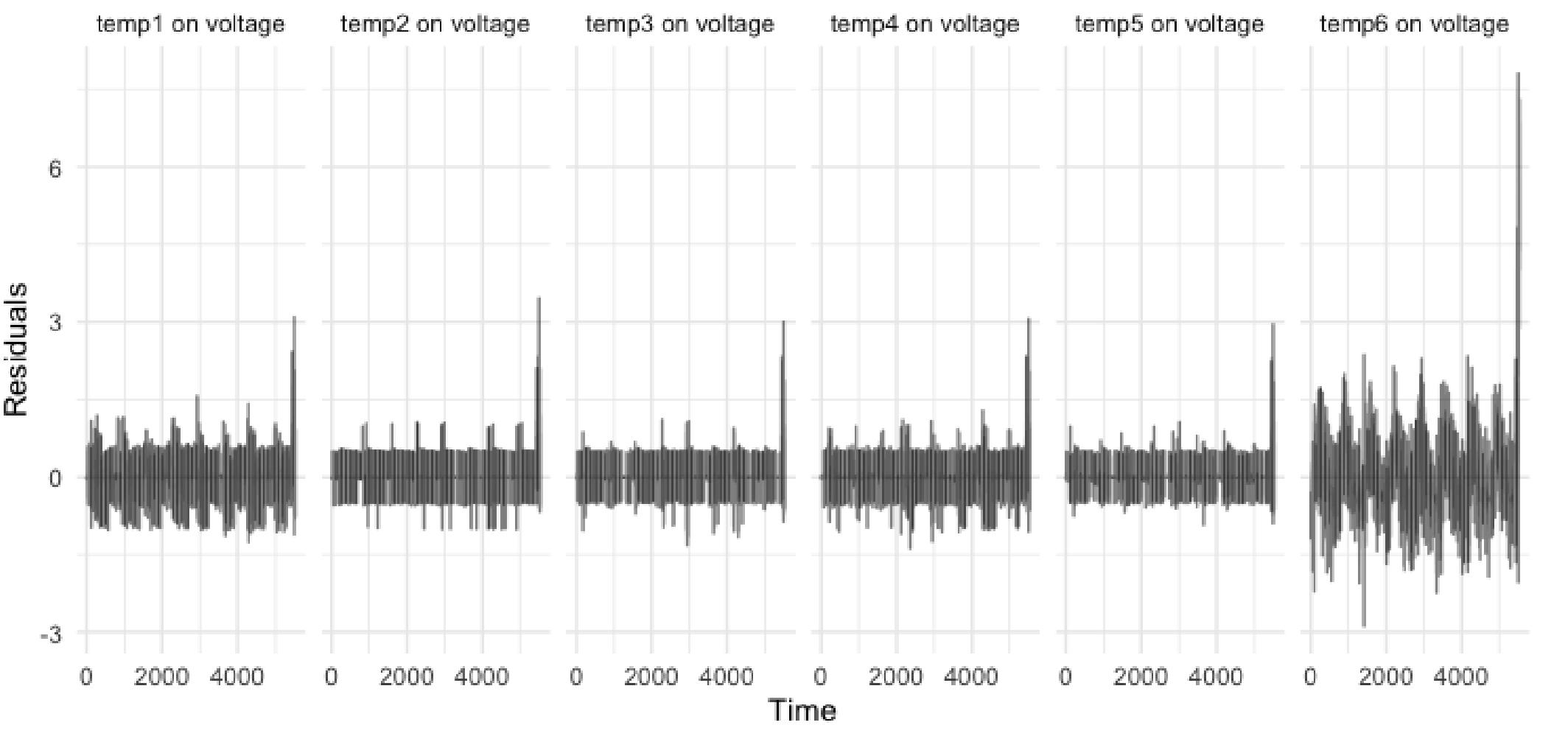
Apply ARIMAX to control dependence on other associated time series, apply PCA on the sliding window of the residuals; use leading singular value as an anomaly indicator.

Results on Simulated Data

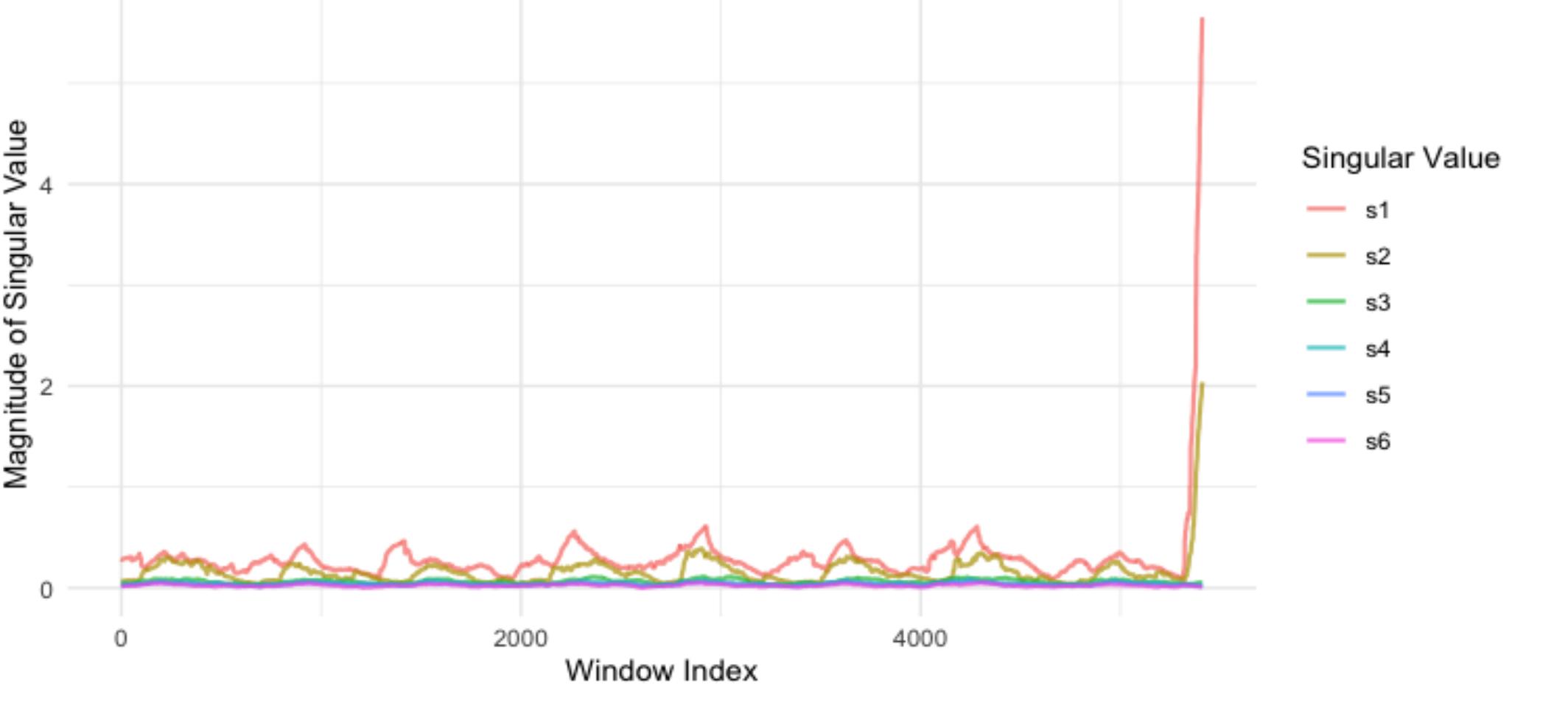
Temperature and voltage for six cells in a module under simulated Thermal Runaway



Residuals from ARIMAX model of each temperature cell on voltage



Singular Values from ARIMAX Residuals with window size 125



Real-time Singular value based slope scores for Thermal Runaway detection

