

## RESEARCH PROJECT

# A Data-driven Early Warning for Battery Thermal Runaway

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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) detection<sup>1</sup> to the online update procedure.
- We extend the procedure to multiple-dimensional time-series via PCA on running windows.
- We have obtained data from companies<sup>2</sup> and university labs<sup>3</sup> to aid the research and test our methodology.
- Our method demonstrates strong robustness and efficiency in both real data and simulations.

### Methodology

#### Slope-Based Abrupt Shift Detection Algorithm

**1. Input:** Univariate Time Series  $T_s = (X_1, \dots, X_s)$ .

**2. For Window Sizes**  $w_{len} = w_l, w_{l+1}, \dots, w_u$ :

- Segment series into windows of length  $w_{len}$ .
- Compute the slope in each window.

**3. Detection:**

- If a slope exceeds the global mean by  $3 \times \text{MAD}$ , mark the window as significant.
- An observation's detection score = proportion of times it appears in significant windows.

**4. Real-time update:**

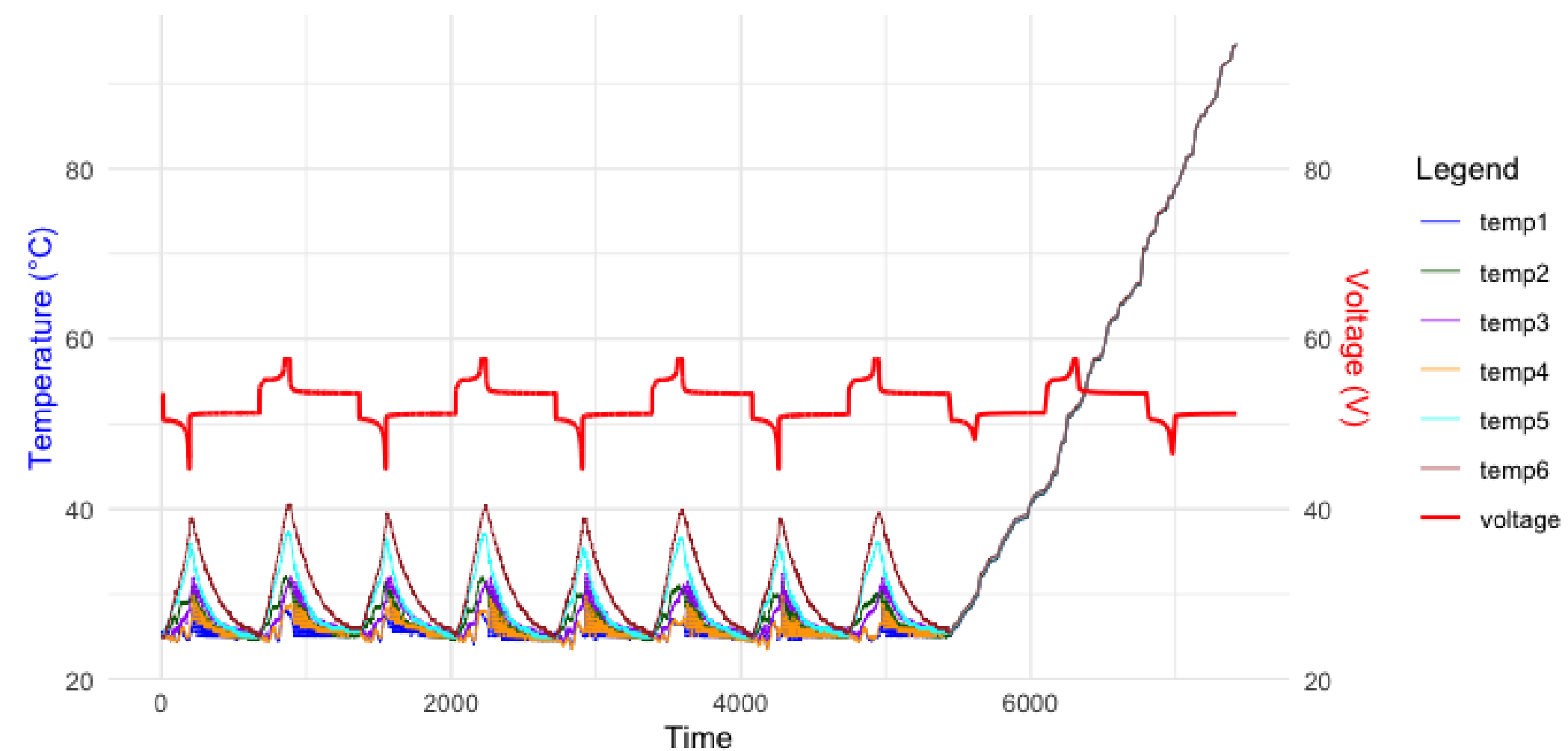
Update the latest slope and detection score as new data arrives.

**5. Multivariate Extension:**

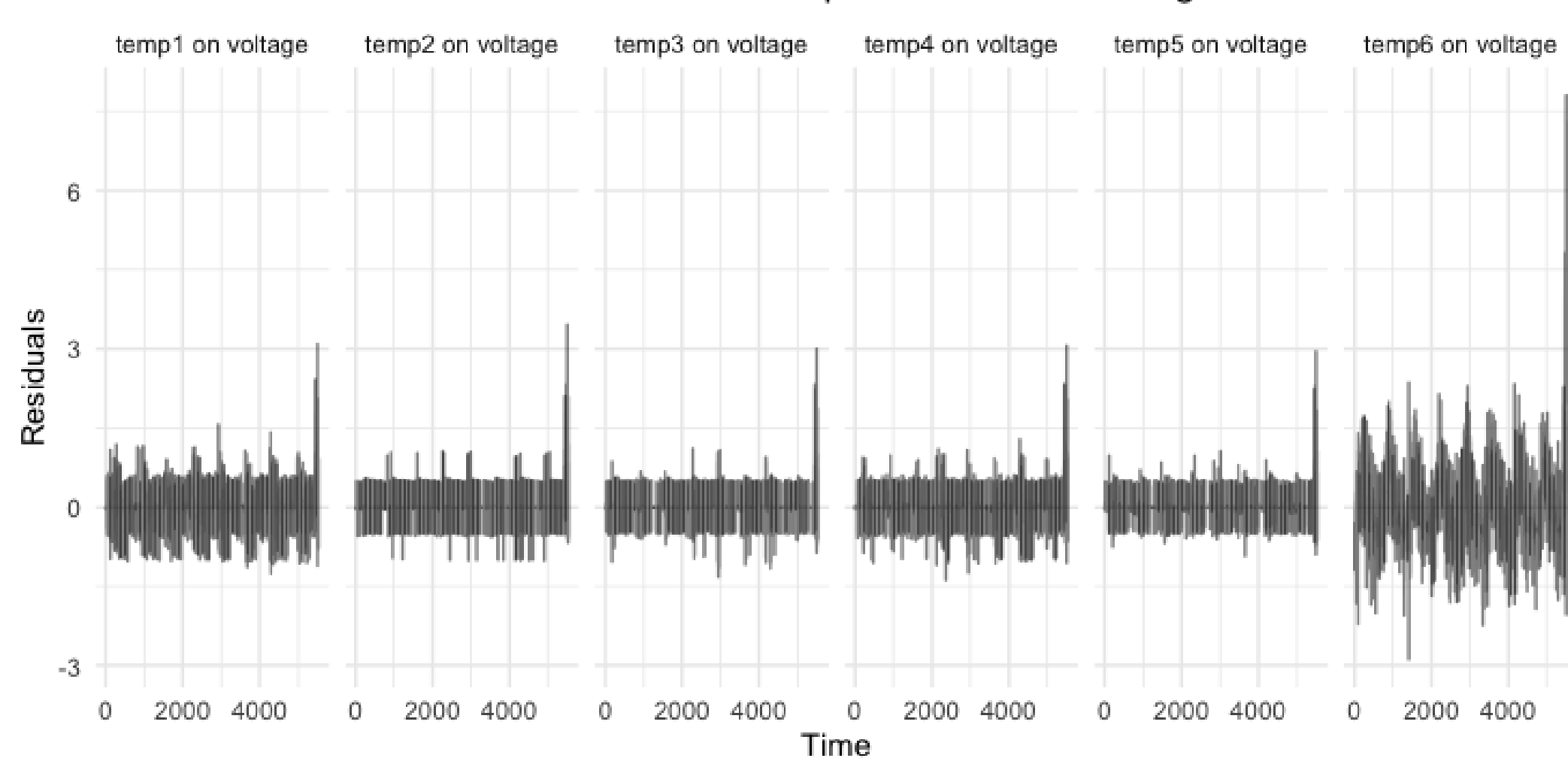
Apply ARIMAX to control dependence on other associated time series, apply PCA on the sliding window of the residuals; use leading singular value as an anomaly indicator.

### Results on Simulated Data

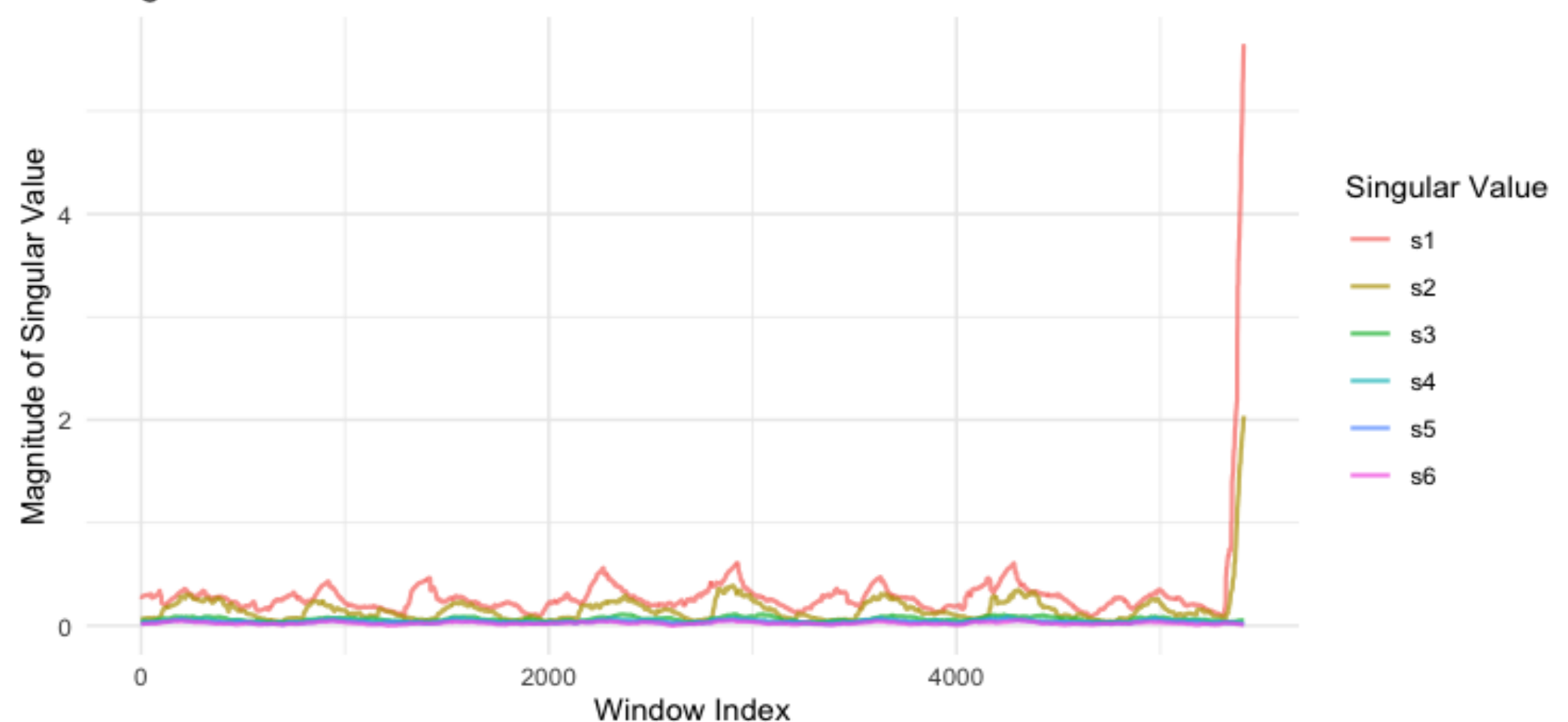
Temperature and voltage for six cells in a module under simulated Thermal Runaway



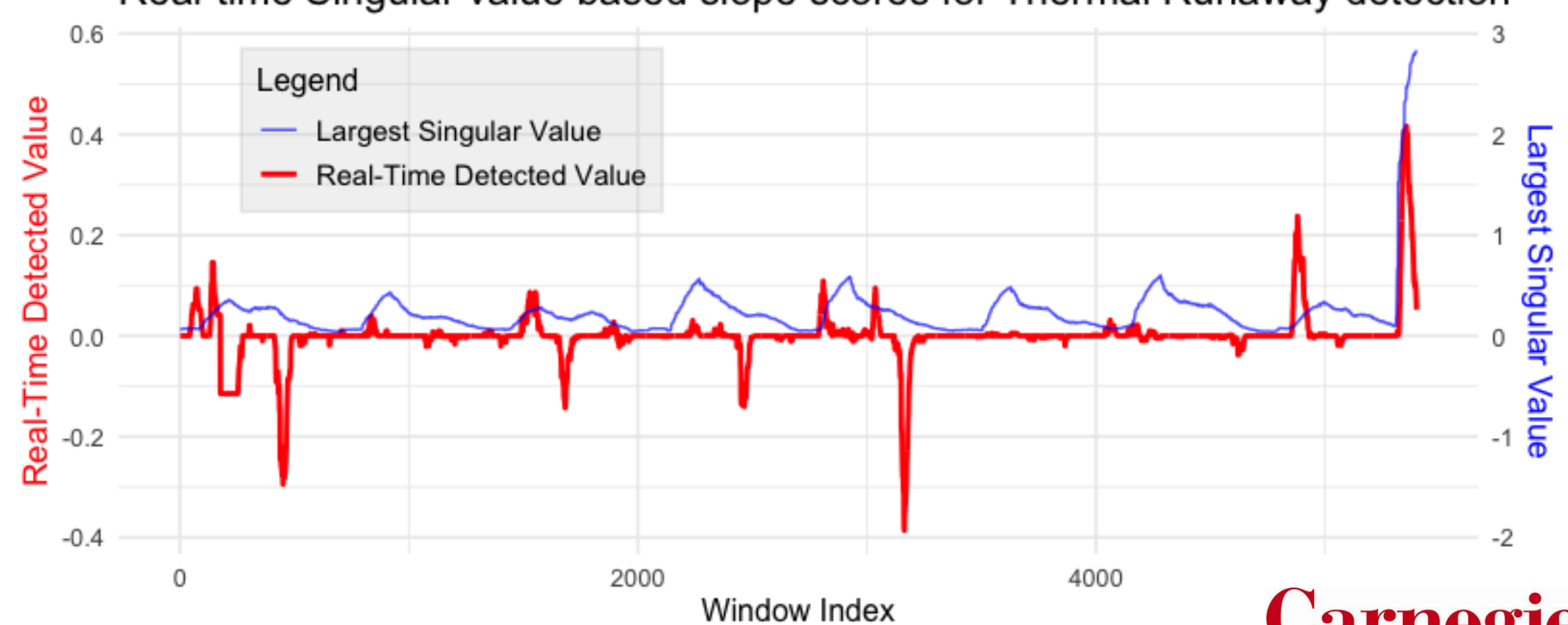
Residuals from ARIMAX model of each temperature cell on voltage



Singular Values from ARIMAX Residuals with window size 125

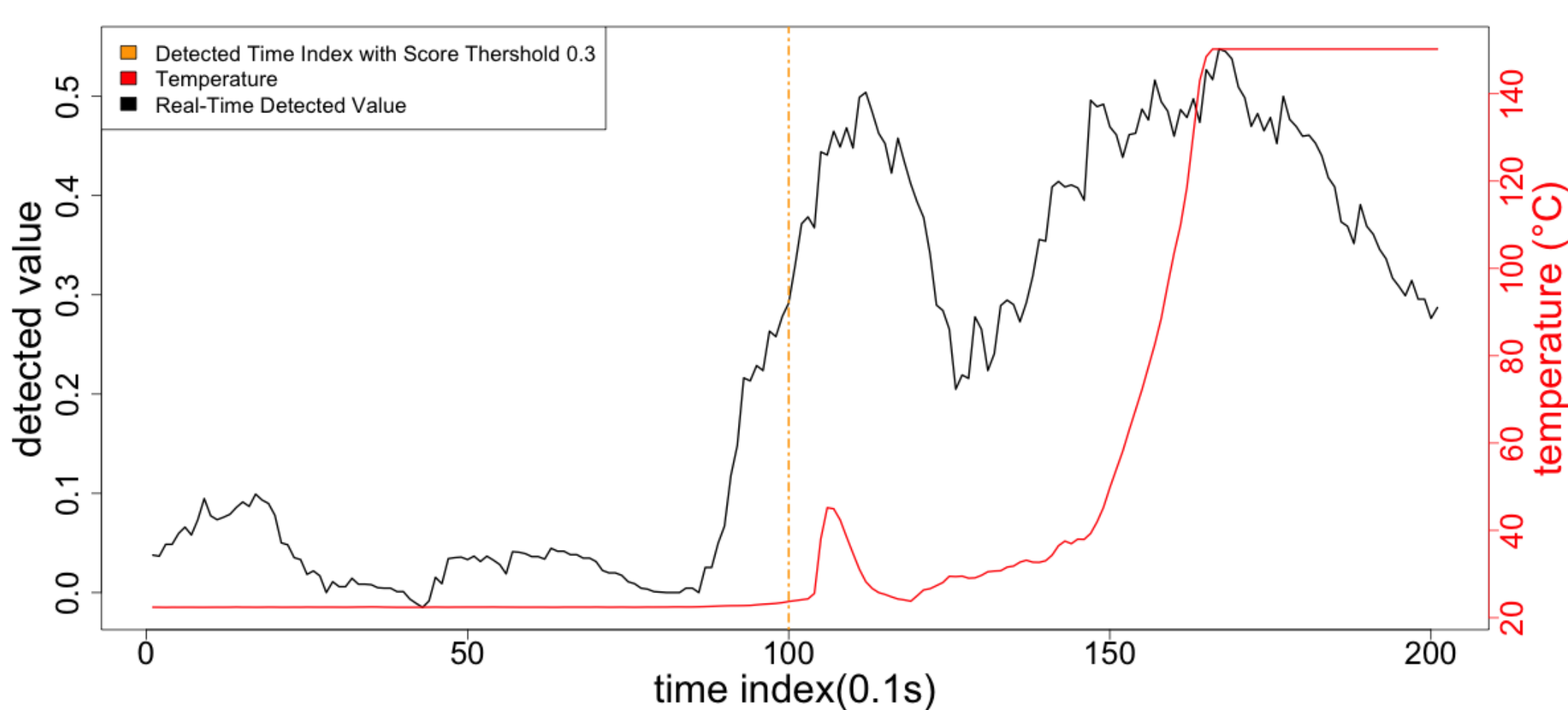


Real-time Singular value based slope scores for Thermal Runaway detection

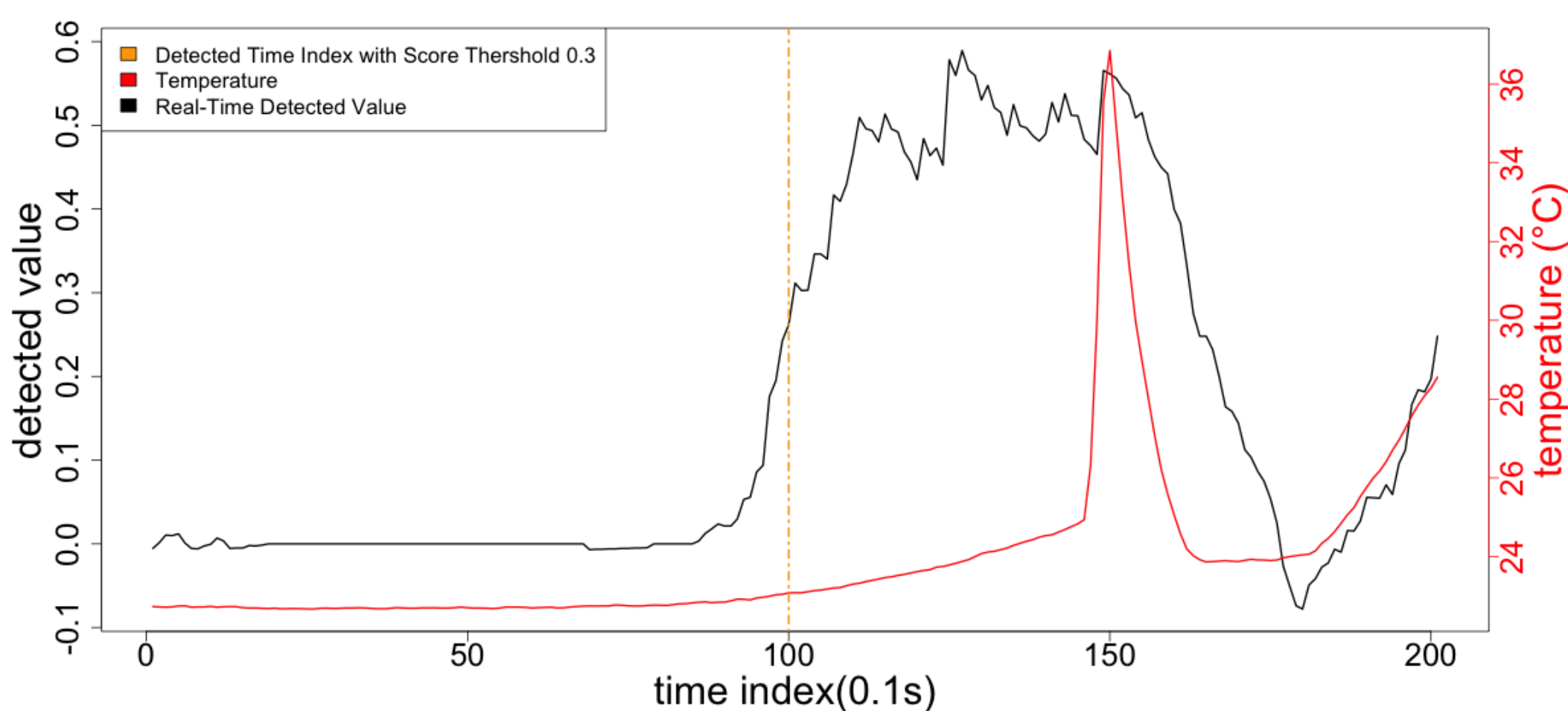


### Results for Real Data

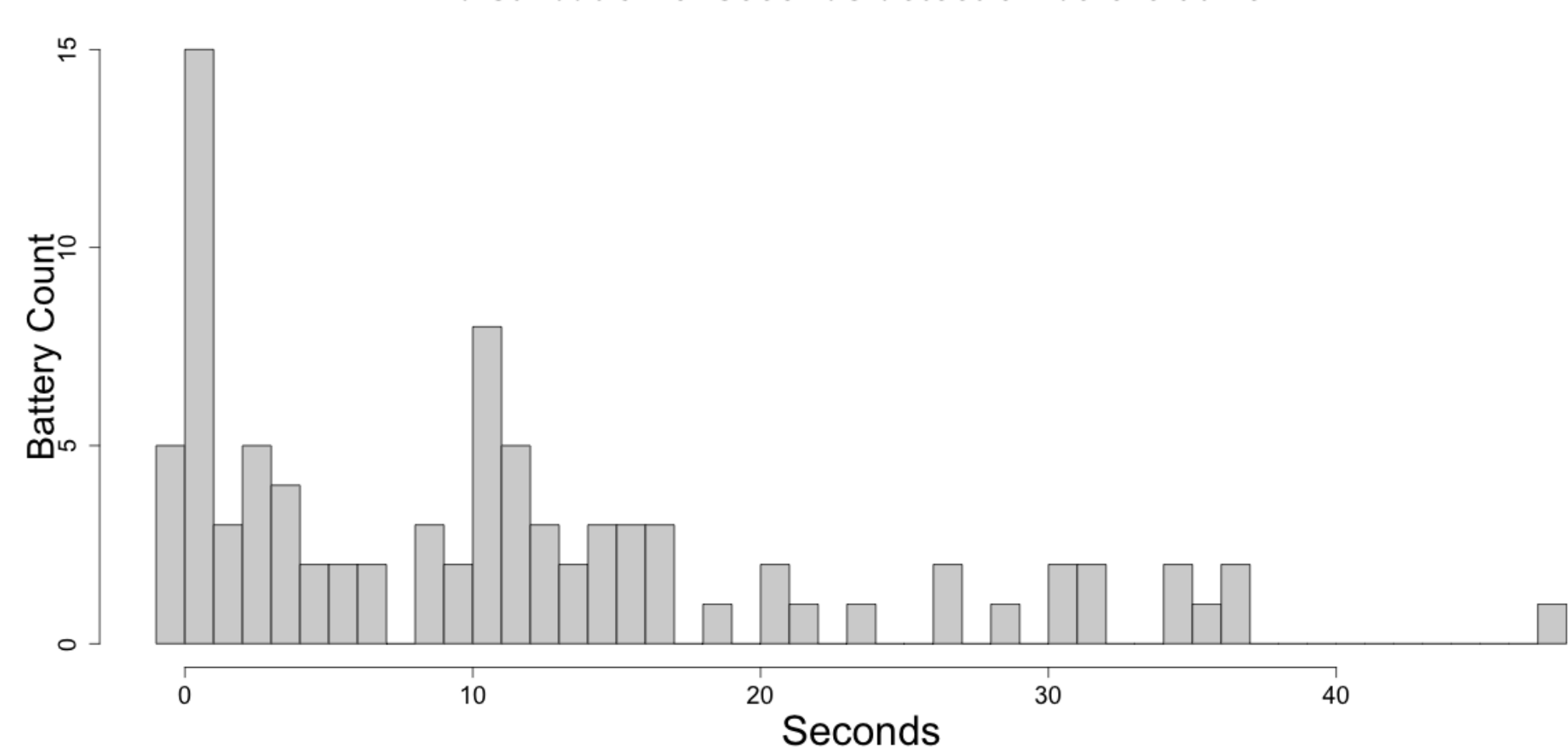
Battery Cell - OE-10Ahr-NMC-80SOC-cell8 Detected Temperature 22.4 Degree



Battery Cell - OE-NMC10Ah-60SOC Detected Temperature 23 Degree



distribution of seconds detection before 50 °C



### References & Acknowledgement

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

<sup>2</sup>Eaton Corporation PLC.

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