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Case study 3: Leak detection in an industrial valve

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Problem statement and experimental setup

Leak Detection is used to determine **if**, and in some cases **where**, a leak has occurred in a system which contains liquids and/or gases (pipeline).

The primary purpose of **Leak Detection Systems (LDS)** is to help pipeline controllers to **detect** and, in certain cases, **localize** leaks. LDS provide alarms and display other related data to the pipeline controllers to assist decision-making.

Literature (both based on model-based approaches and data-driven approaches) is focused on leak detection for gas/oil transportation, and leak detection in urban water networks **where sensors could be placed optimally and in a large number.**

Problem statement and experimental setup

More specifically, in literature it is possible to find methods that:

- create a fluid-dynamics model of the pipeline, or
- use fuzzy systems, or
- use different statistical classifiers, or
- use transient wave reflection theory.

It is important to note that all these different methods have in common the idea of **dividing the pipeline in segments and place sensors in almost all of these segments.**

In this way, methods have different «**views**» of the pipeline and could understand its behaviour and perform **leak detection and localization** (with the latter needing pipeline segmentation).

Problem statement and experimental setup

However, it **is not** always possible divide the pipeline and place sensors optimally along the pipeline.

Considering **small industry or home** plumbing systems, it is very likely that sensors can **only** be placed on the **water supply connection valve**. Moreover, in order to reduce costs, the number of sensors is generally small.

In these contexts, **it is not possible** to define a mathematical model of the pipeline or use a data-driven method from the literature.

Moreover, the **impossibility** to perform a pipeline segmentation **make leak localization not possible**.

Problem statement and experimental setup

Case study objective: create a specific method that **only** use data from the sensors placed on the plumbing system valve in order to **detect a leak**.

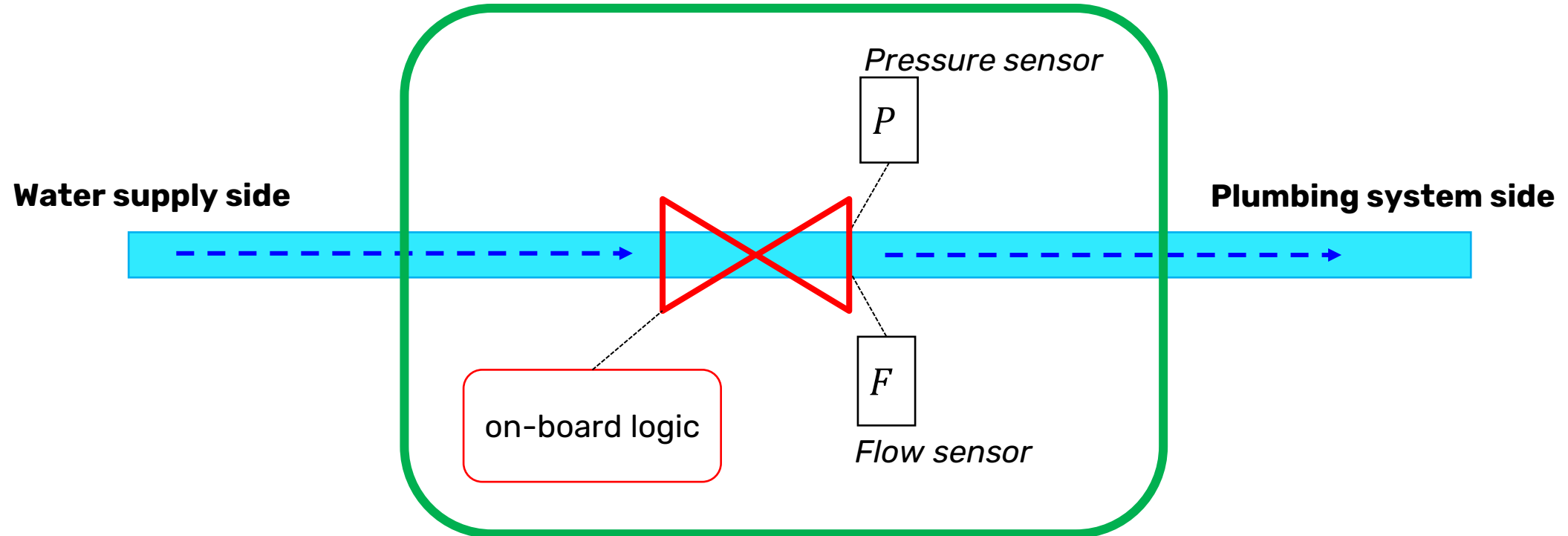
The detection algorithm will be implemented on the on-board logic of the valve.

Additional requirements

- The method must be usable on **different plumbing systems**.
 - A «**training**» session will have to be performed when the valve is installed.
 - Training step that needs **only leak-free data** is preferred.
- The method must be able to detect a leak even if the **plumbing system is in use** (e.g. the tap is turned on).

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It is possible to schematise the system valve as follows:

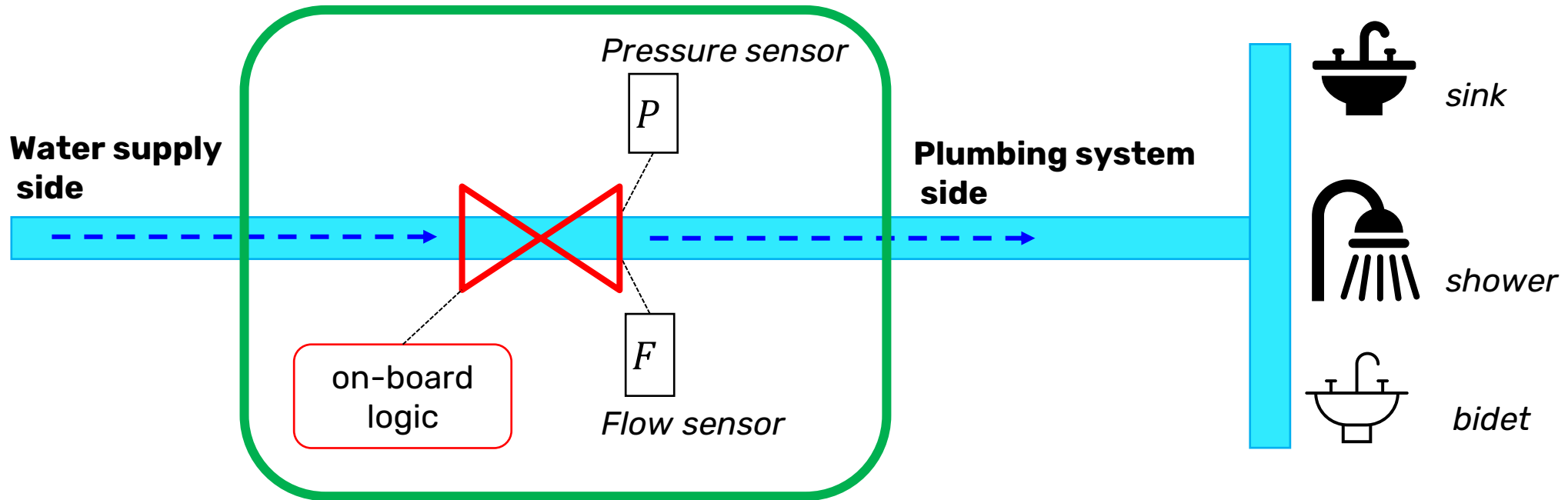


on-board logic: gathers data and runs leak detection algorithm

Smart-Valve

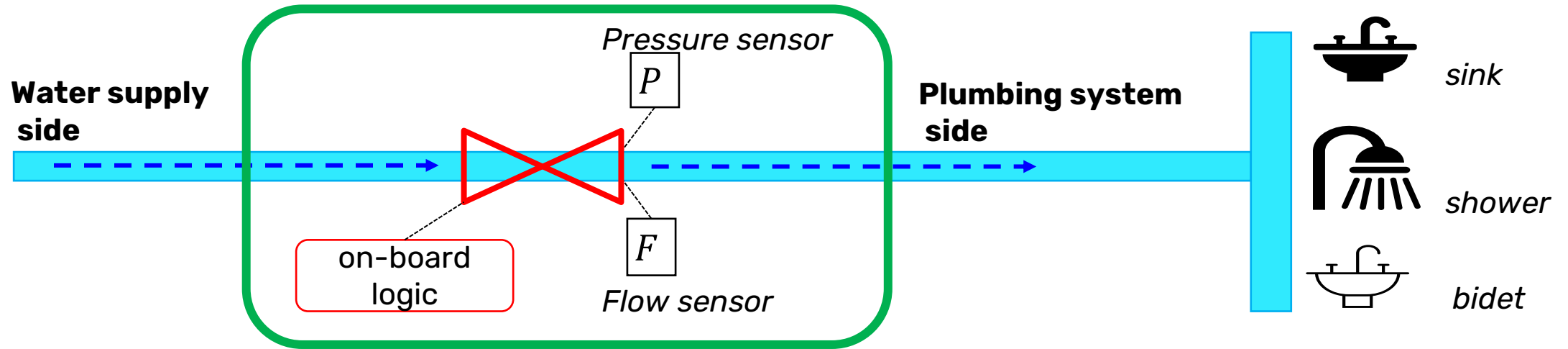
Problem statement and experimental setup

In order to simulate a **home use** of the plumbing system, **the experimental setup** also includes a sink, a bidet and a shower.



Practical note: To gather sensors data, in the development phase, a computer is connected to the on-board logic.

Problem statement and experimental setup



Practical consideration: a utility can be «open» or «closed», so the system can be in two different condition: «utility open» or «utility closed». The leak «exists» or «doesn't exist».

		UTILITY	
		OPEN	CLOSED
LEAK	EXISTS	1	2
	DOESN'T EXIST	3	4

The system can be in only one condition at time.

Problem statement and experimental setup

		UTILITY	
		OPEN	CLOSED
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Practical consideration: a «**depressurisation test**» to detect a leak **when utilities are closed** is already implemented and **it works well**.

So, when utilities are closed, it is also possible to use this test to perform a double check on the condition of the system.

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Recursive system identification - RLS

Since a mathematical model cannot be defined for this specific case study, it is possible to approach the problem with a **recursive black-box system identification method**.

More specifically, the **Adaptive Recursive Least Square** method has been chosen:

1. A model structure has been chosen so that there is a **fixed number of parameters** to estimate.

$$y(t) = \theta_1 y(t-2) + \theta_2 u(t-1) + e(t)$$

- $u(t) = P(t)$

- $y(t) = F(t)$

2. The parameters estimation is **initialised to zero**:

$$\hat{\theta}^0(t) = [\hat{\theta}_1 \quad \hat{\theta}_2]^T = [0 \quad 0]^T$$

considering N samples:

$$\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^N$$

3. When new data is measured, the estimation $\hat{\theta}(t)$ **is updated to fit with new data**.

Recursive system identification - RLS

The **adaptive RLS form 3** is used in this case study:

Adaptive RLS form 3 summary

- $\mu = 0.99$
- $d = 2$

- Basic recursion:
$$\underset{d \times 1}{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(t)} = \underset{d \times 1}{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(t-1)} + \underset{d \times d}{K(t)} \cdot \underset{d \times 1}{\varepsilon(t)}$$
- Definitions:
$$\underset{d \times 1}{K(t)} = \underset{d \times d}{P(t)} \underset{d \times 1}{\boldsymbol{\varphi}(t)} \quad \underset{1 \times 1}{\varepsilon(t)} = y(t) - \underset{1 \times d}{\boldsymbol{\varphi}(t)}^\top \underset{d \times 1}{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(t-1)}$$
- Auxiliary recursion:
$$\underset{d \times d}{P(t)} = \frac{1}{\underset{1 \times 1}{\mu}} [\underset{d \times d}{P(t-1)} - \underset{1 \times 1}{\beta(t-1)}^{-1} \cdot \underset{d \times d}{P(t-1)} \underset{d \times 1}{\boldsymbol{\varphi}(t)} \underset{d \times 1}{\boldsymbol{\varphi}(t)}^\top \underset{d \times d}{P(t-1)}]$$
$$\underset{1 \times 1}{\beta(t-1)} = \underset{1 \times 1}{\mu} + \underset{1 \times d}{\boldsymbol{\varphi}(t)}^\top \underset{d \times d}{P(t-1)} \underset{d \times 1}{\boldsymbol{\varphi}(t)}$$

- $\mu \rightarrow 1$: **low tracking speed, high precision** (small estimation variance)

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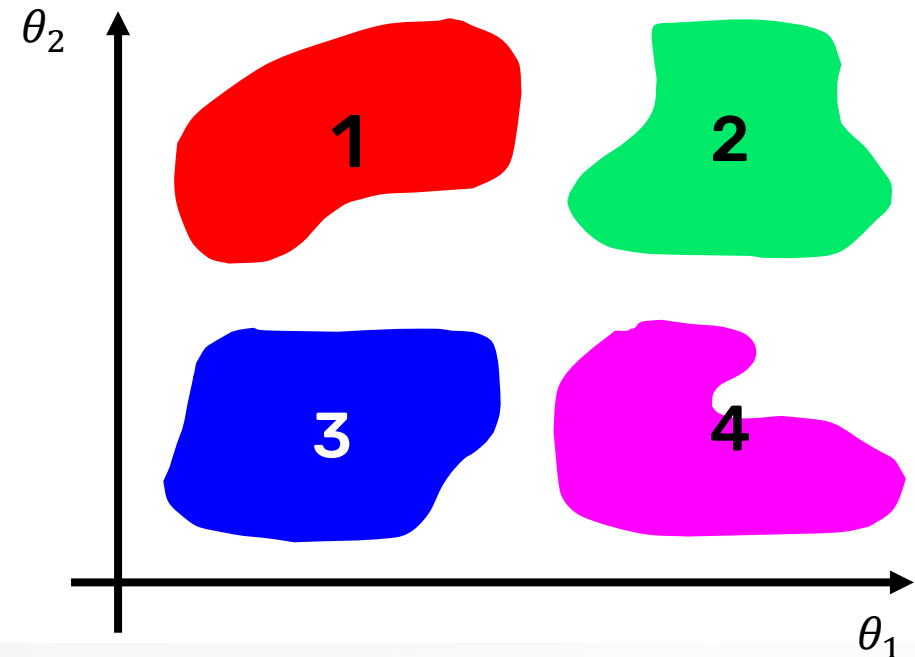


Leak/NO Leak Classification – Idea and Algorithm

Since **the system can be in only one condition at time**, some questions arise.

- Does each condition have a «**special**» **parameters configuration** that characterise it?
- Do parameters values lie in **separated regions** of the plane $\hat{\theta}_1(t), \hat{\theta}_2(t)$?

		UTILITY	
		CLOSED	OPEN
LEAK	DOESN'T EXIST	1	2
	EXIST	3	4



Leak/NO Leak Classification – Idea and Algorithm

The answer to these questions is yes, BUT

after an analysis on $\hat{\theta}_1(t)$ and $\hat{\theta}_2(t)$ it emerged that:

- Cases **1** and **3** can be classified with a simple check on the flow value.

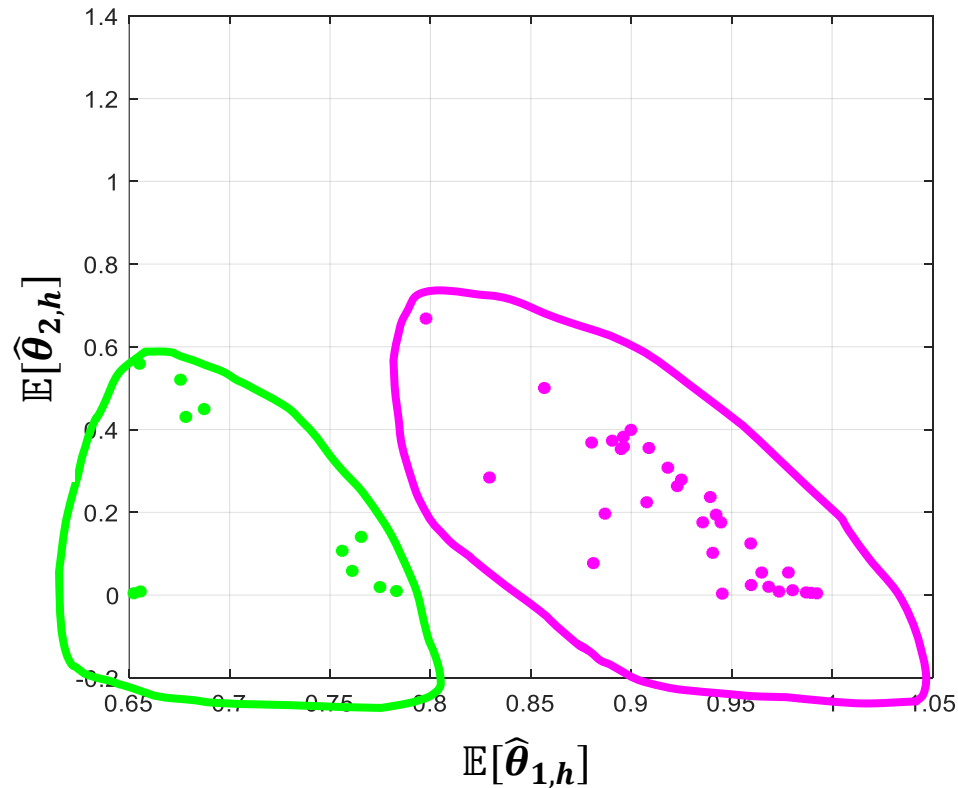
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- When utilities **are closed** the flow must be equal to zero $F = 0$. **If $F \neq 0 \Rightarrow leak$**
- For cases **2** and **4** (**utilities open**) the plane to consider **is not** $\hat{\theta}_1(t), \hat{\theta}_2(t)$ **but** $\mathbb{E}[\hat{\theta}_{1,h}], \mathbb{E}[\hat{\theta}_{2,h}]$ where $\hat{\theta}_{1,h}, \hat{\theta}_{2,h} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times N_w}$ are vectors that contain N_w estimates $\hat{\theta}_1(t)$ and $\hat{\theta}_2(t)$, respectively.
 - the attention is not on the values of the single estimate $\hat{\theta}(t)$ but on the «**history**» of the estimates, because **the difference between the two conditions (2 and 4)** only occurs **when considering the transient opening of utilities**.

Leak/NO Leak Classification – Idea and Algorithm

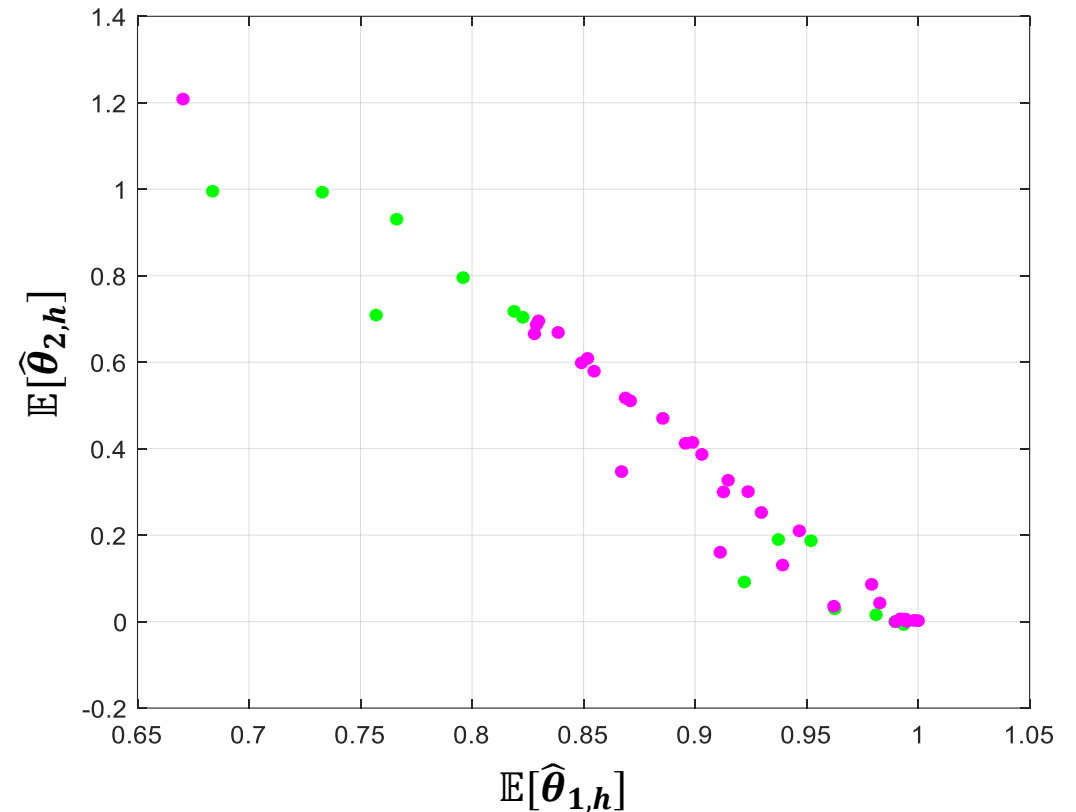
The difference between the two conditions (2 and 4) only occurs **when considering the transient opening of utilities.**

considering the transient



Two separated plane regions

Not considering the transient



Regions are not separated

But why $\mathbb{E}[\hat{\theta}_{1,h}]$, $\mathbb{E}[\hat{\theta}_{2,h}]$?

Leak/NO Leak Classification – Idea and Algorithm

If we consider $\hat{\theta}_1(t), \hat{\theta}_2(t)$ **instead of** $\mathbb{E}[\hat{\theta}_{1,h}], \mathbb{E}[\hat{\theta}_{2,h}]$ it is impossible to consider the opening transient because it takes several instants of time, not only one t .

So, it is necessary first to store different estimates $\hat{\theta}_1(t), \hat{\theta}_2(t)$, and then to calculate the means of the stored estimates.

In this way, one obtains a point in the plane defined by $\mathbb{E}[\hat{\theta}_{1,h}], \mathbb{E}[\hat{\theta}_{2,h}]$ that characterises the system condition.

This is an OFFLINE approach, because it needs a batch of N_w data to calculate

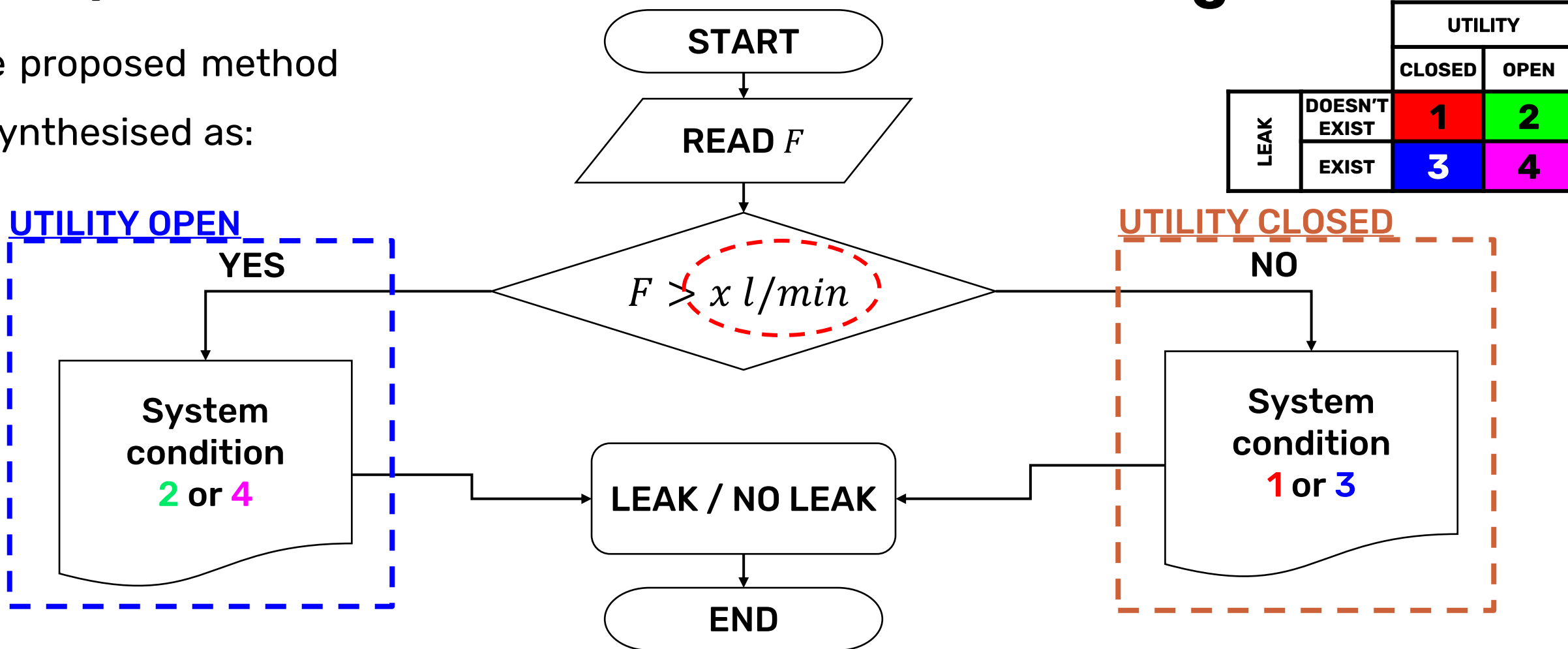
$\mathbb{E}[\hat{\theta}_{1,h}], \mathbb{E}[\hat{\theta}_{2,h}]$

N_w is a parameter of the method that has to be tuned.

It has to be such that $\hat{\theta}_{1,h}, \hat{\theta}_{2,h}$ contains the opening transient data.

Leak/NO Leak Classification – Idea and Algorithm

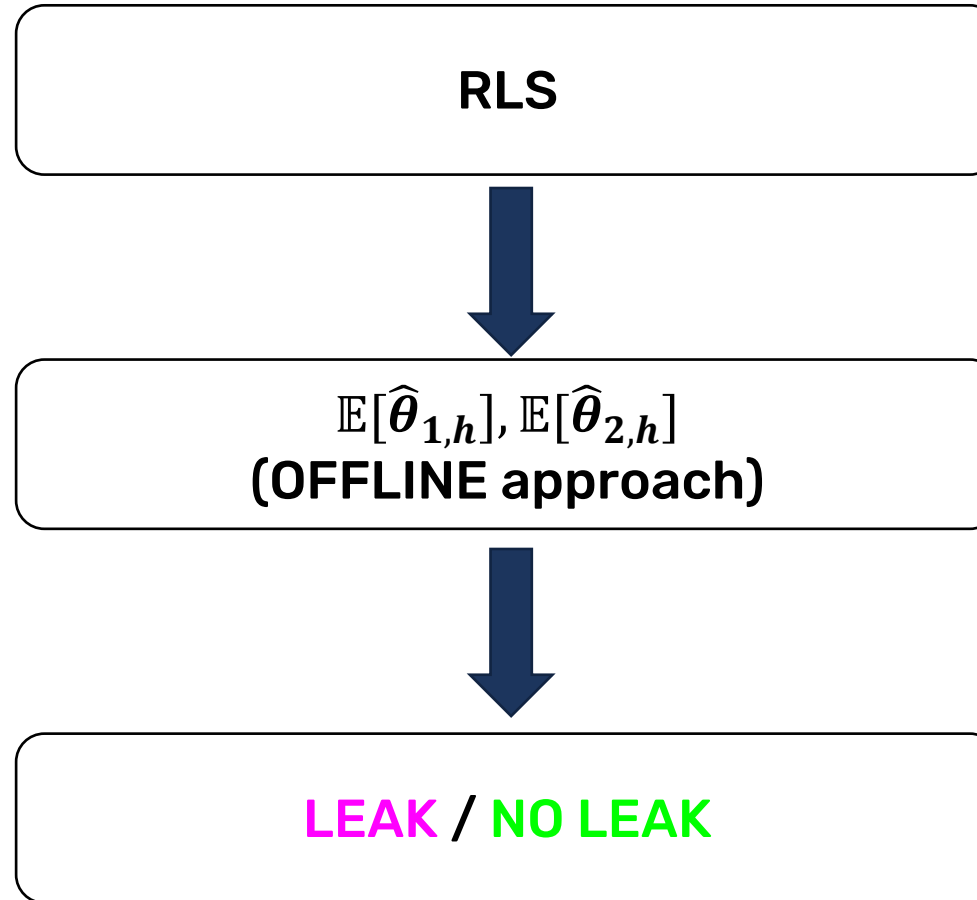
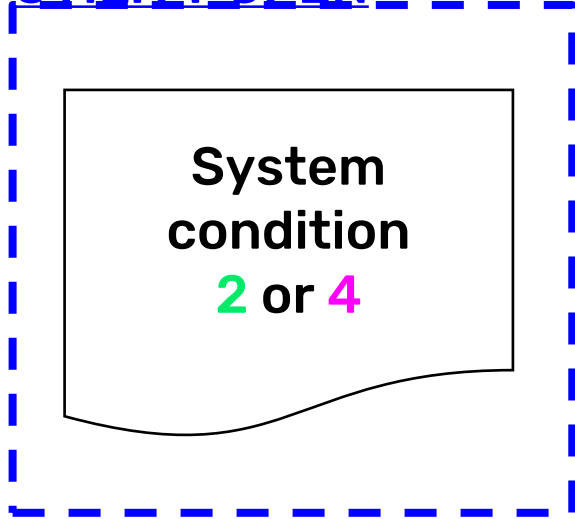
The proposed method
is synthesised as:



The threshold x is chosen with respect to a characterisation of the plumbing system.
It is the minimum flow that can come out of the utilities.

Leak/NO Leak Classification – Idea and Algorithm

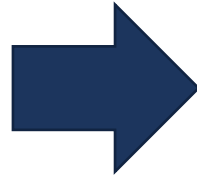
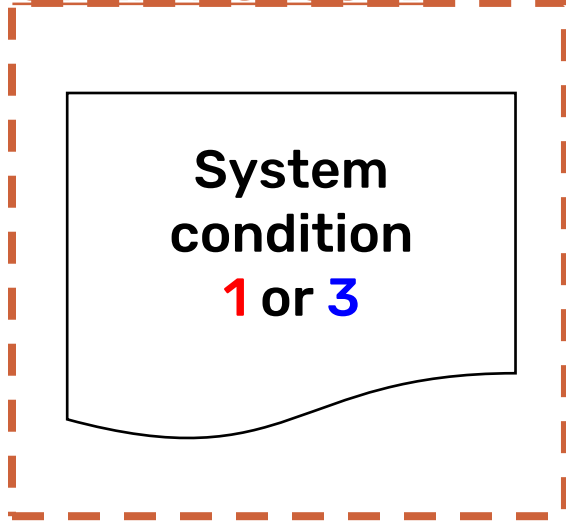
UTILITY_OPEN



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		CLOSED	OPEN
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Leak/NO Leak Classification – Idea and Algorithm

UTILITY CLOSED



if-then-else



YES

$F > 0 \text{ l/min}$

NO

LEAK

NO LEAK

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Leak/NO Leak Classification – Logistic Regression

Since cases **1** and **3** are treated with an if-then-else, this section (as the following ones) is focused only on cases **2** and **4**.

		UTILITY	
		CLOSED	OPEN
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Classification step is done with the **logistic regression method**.

- **Generic steps :**

1. (**TRAIN**) train a logistic regression model on known labeled leak/no leak data.
2. (**VALIDATION**) Validate the trained model with known labeled data (different from training data)

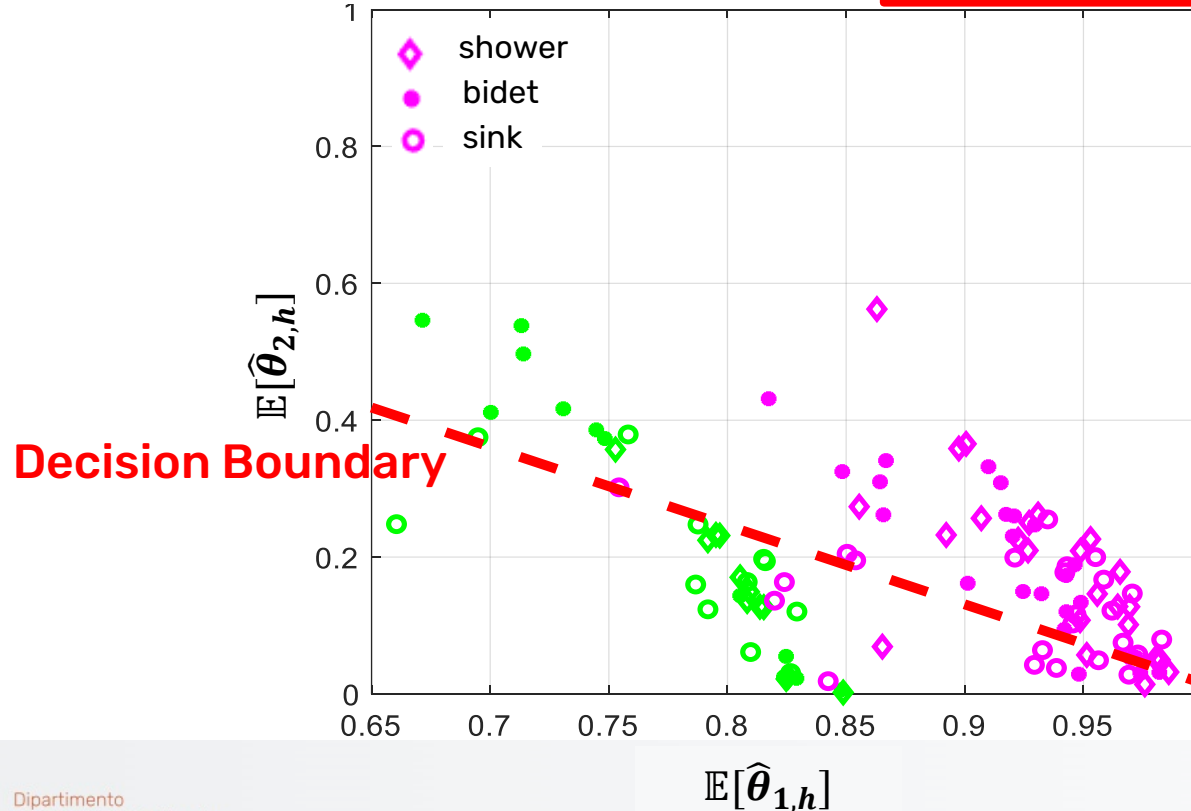
Train and Validation step need leak/no leak data, so it is necessary to be able to insert a test leak on the system.

The model will be used to classify new data

Leak/NO Leak Classification – Logistic Regression

Practical consideration: train a model using data from **only one utility** is «dangerous» because in this way only a very little portion of the system is considered and so certain behaviours can be omitted, compromising model accuracy.

Training data only from sink – **accuracy = 76.85%**

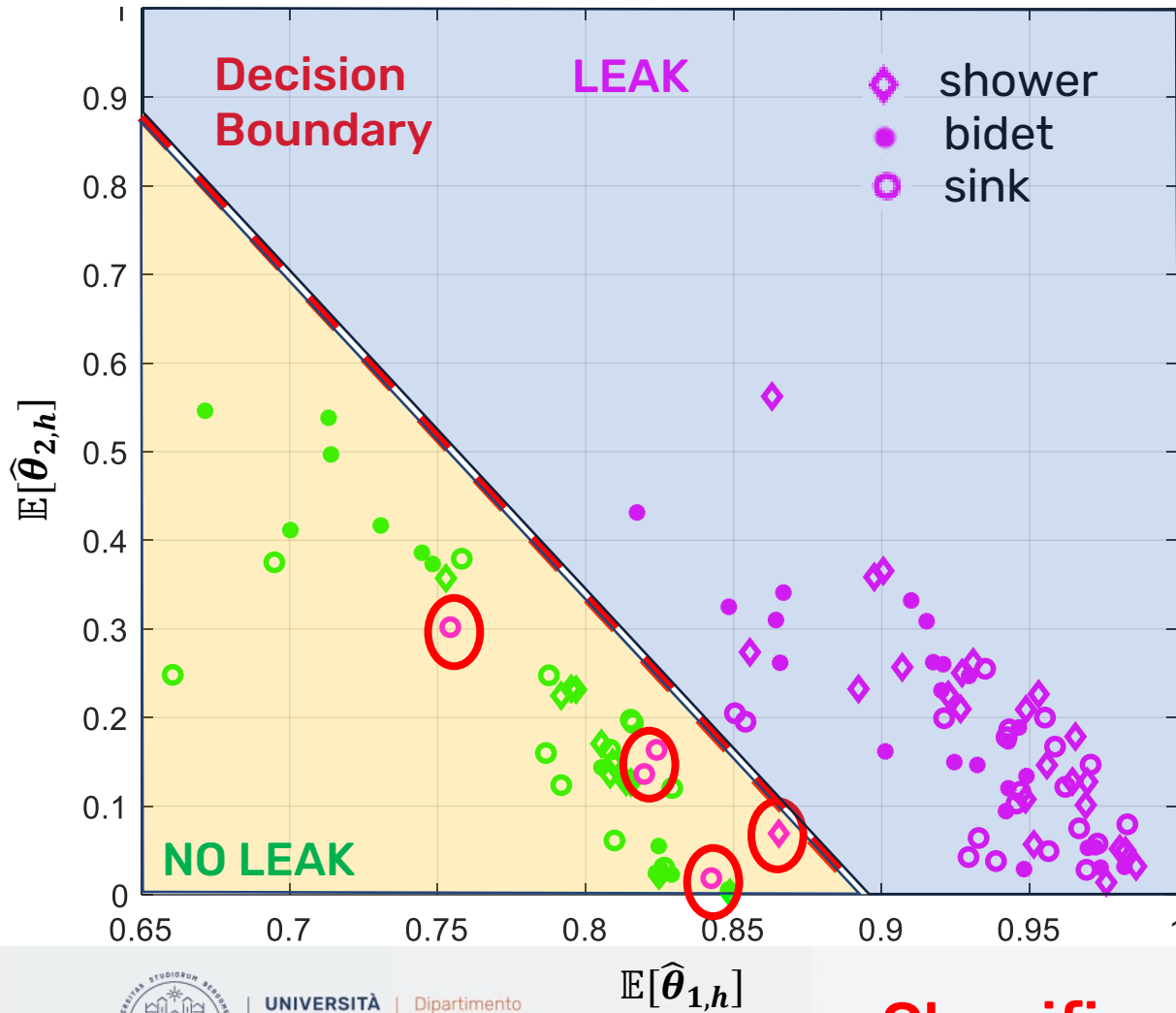


$$accuracy = \frac{\#correct}{\#total} * 100$$

Leak/NO Leak Classification – Logistic Regression

Obtained results

accuracy = 95.37%



- Training set:

- Open utility at 100%.

For all utility:

- 3 test no-leak
- 3 test 1.2 l/min leak
- 3 test 0.6 l/min leak

- $accuracy = 95.37\%$

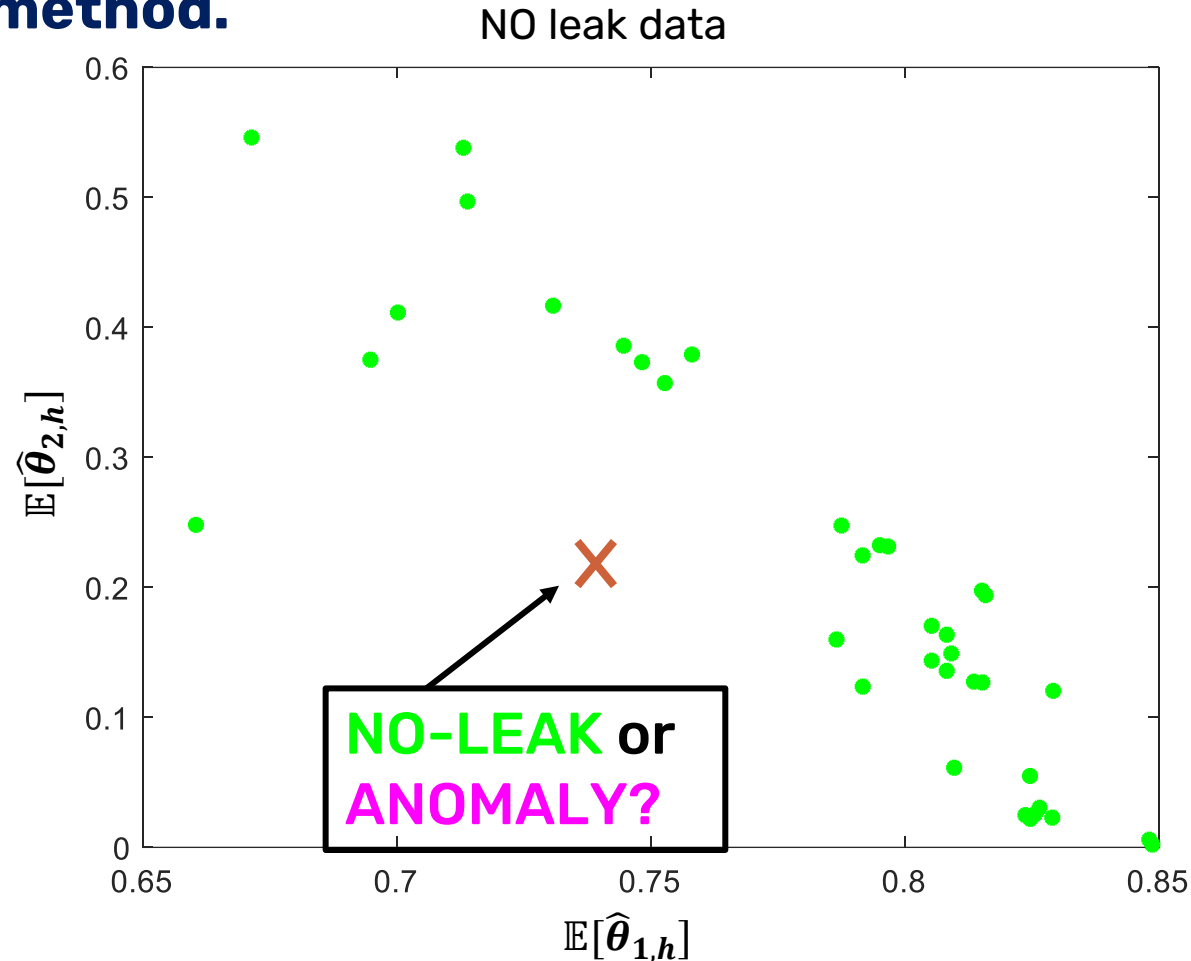
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Leak/NO Leak Classification – Anomaly Detection

An alternative approach for leak/no leak classification is an anomaly detection method.



Considering NO leak data, the plane

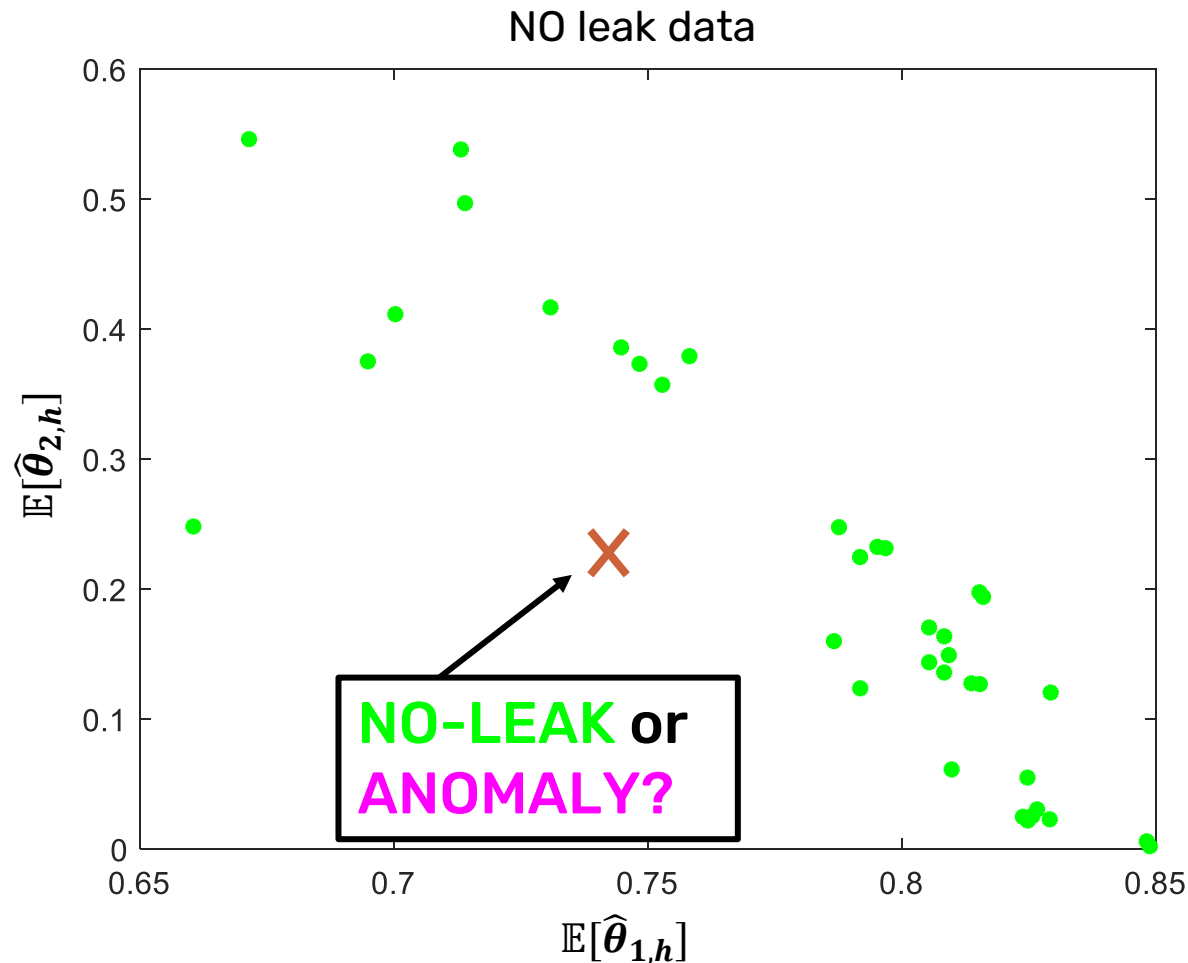
$E[\hat{\theta}_{1,h}], E[\hat{\theta}_{2,h}]$ is generated.

Consider now a new data and plot the corresponding point X in the plot.

$$X = (E[\hat{\theta}_{1,h}], E[\hat{\theta}_{2,h}])$$

It is not known if the new data is leak/NO leak (anomaly).

Leak/NO Leak Classification – Anomaly Detection



How can one tell if the point \times is an anomaly?

One can **fit a probability distribution on a set of training data** (e.g. NO leak data)

The new point \times has associated a probability $p(\times)$ that indicates the **probability to belong to the trained probability distribution**.

Setting a **probability threshold** ϵ :

$$\text{if } p(\times) < \epsilon \Rightarrow \text{ANOMALY}$$

Leak/NO Leak Classification – Anomaly Detection

The probability threshold ϵ represents the probability level **below which** the point **X** is **considered outside to the trained probability distribution**.

Typically, ϵ is a very small value of probability.

So, if $p(\text{X}) < \epsilon$ one can say that **X** has a very small probability to belong to the trained distribution.

To train a probability distribution it is necessary to make assumptions on the data distribution.

In this case study, it is assumed that data are **normally distributed**.

Leak/NO Leak Classification – Anomaly Detection

Trained probability distribution -> Multivariate Normal Distribution

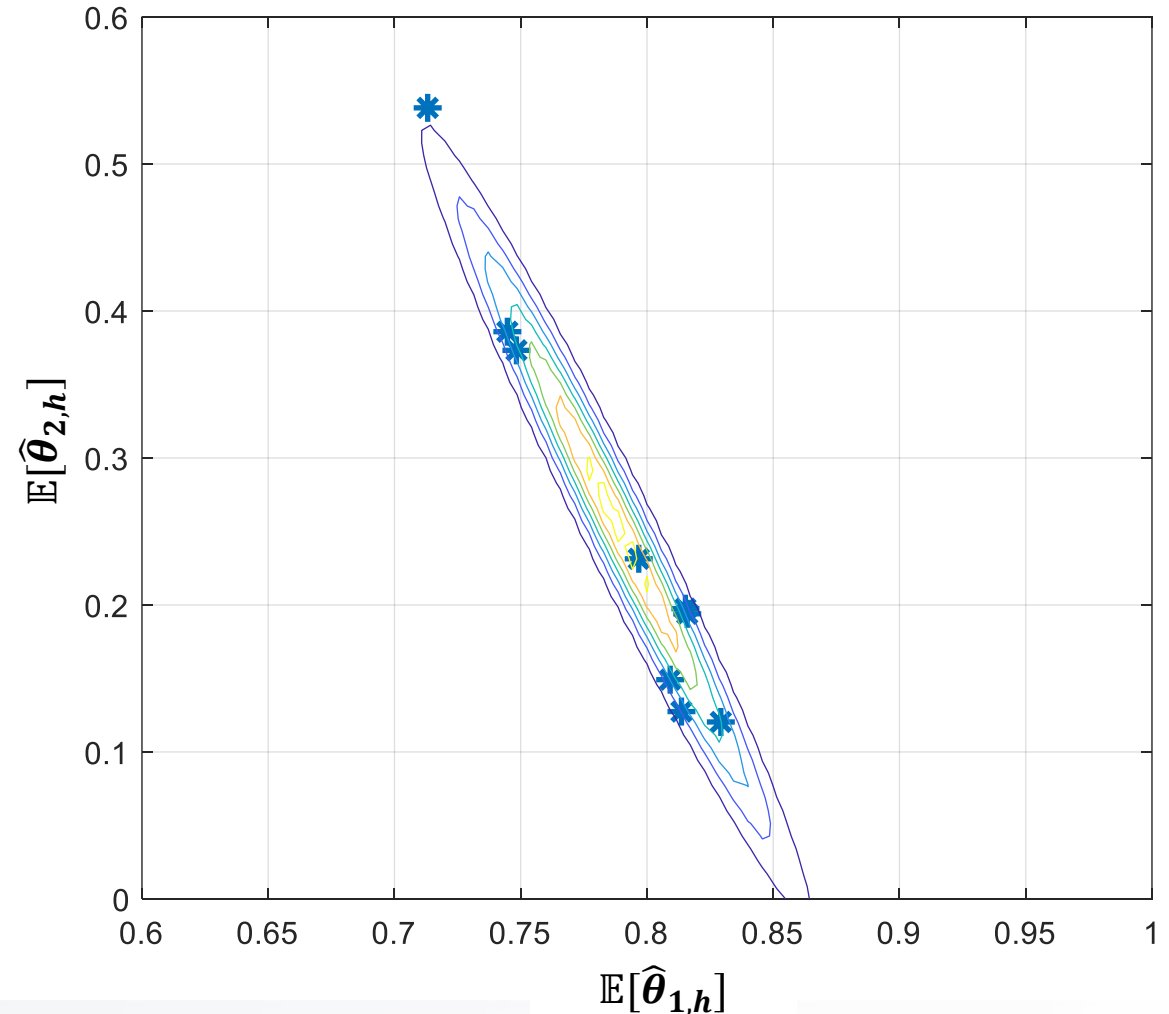
$$\mathbf{X} = (\mathbb{E}[\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{1,h}], \mathbb{E}[\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{2,h}])$$

The two features $\mathbb{E}[\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{1,h}], \mathbb{E}[\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{2,h}]$ **are not modelled separately** but a unique distribution is fitted. So:

$$p(\mathbb{E}[\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{1,h}], \mathbb{E}[\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{2,h}], \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$$

With

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} \in \mathbb{R}^2, \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$$



Leak/NO Leak Classification – Anomaly Detection

It is possible to synthesise the anomaly detection method as follows.

1. Gather no-leak data and get the corresponding point in the plane $\mathbb{E}[\hat{\theta}_{1,h}], \mathbb{E}[\hat{\theta}_{2,h}]$.
2. Fit a multivariate normal distribution on the gathered points
3. Choose a probability threshold ϵ
4. When a new data comes, derive the corresponding point \times on the plane $\mathbb{E}[\hat{\theta}_{1,h}], \mathbb{E}[\hat{\theta}_{2,h}]$
5. Compute $p(\times)$ and observe *if* $p(\times) < \epsilon \Rightarrow ANOMALY$

Practical consideration: training set consists of only no-leak data. It is not necessary to insert a leak in the plumbing system to gather training data.

Leak/NO Leak Classification – Anomaly Detection

Obtained results:

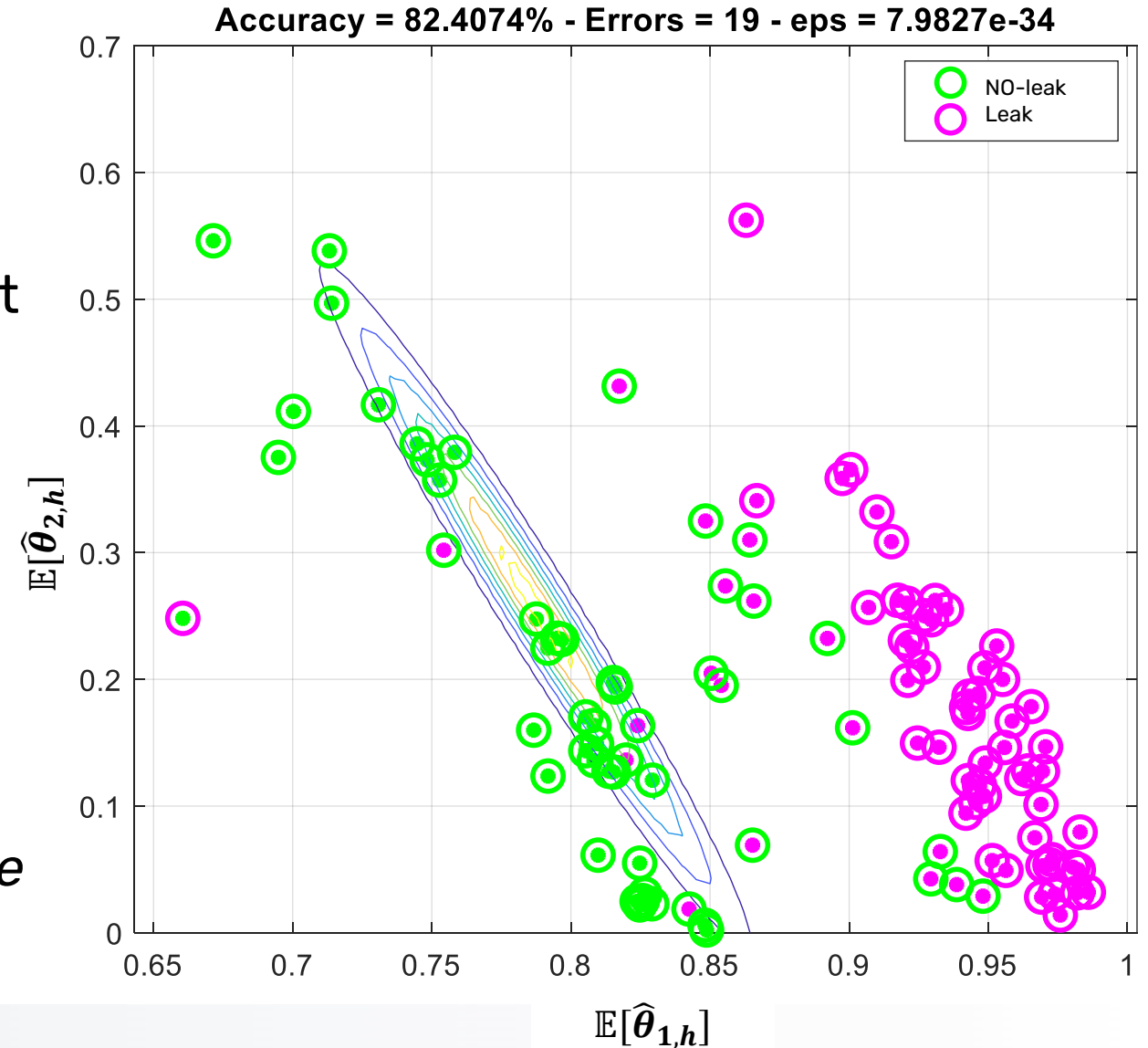
Training set:

- 9 points (**no-leak**, utilities open at 100%)

accuracy = 82.40%

Only few contour lines are plotted in figure.

The green and magenta dots are the true labels.



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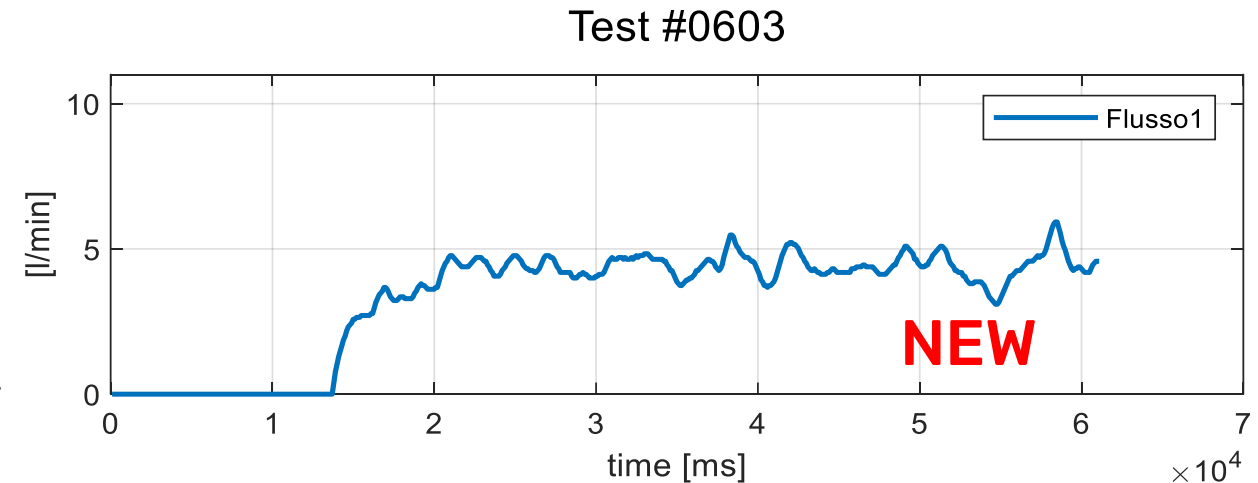
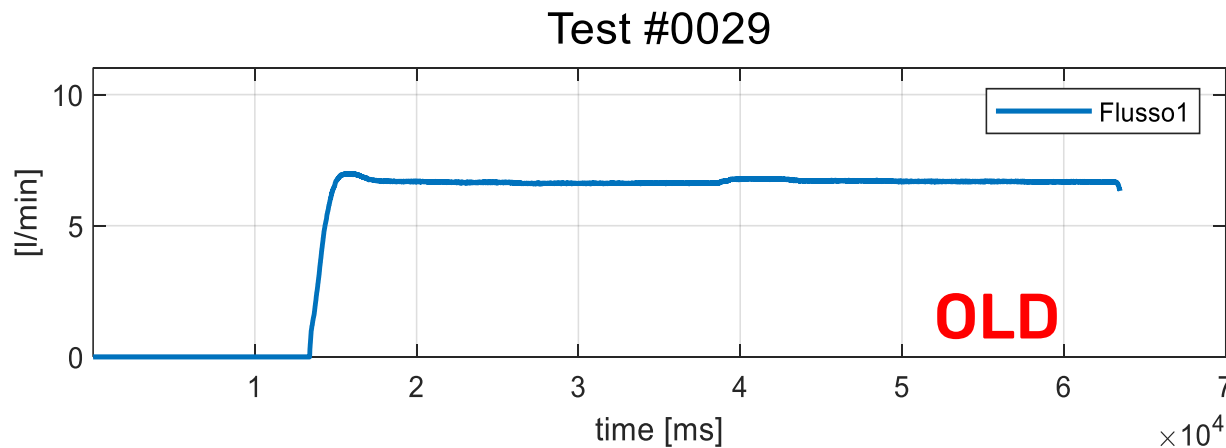


Leak/NO Leak Classification – New Prototype

Once both two methods presented before was developed, due to cost and valve construction reasons, **sensors have been changed**.

New sensors provide much more noisy measurements and their resolution is greater.

These characteristics affect the performance of both the presented methods.



Leak/NO Leak Classification – New Prototype

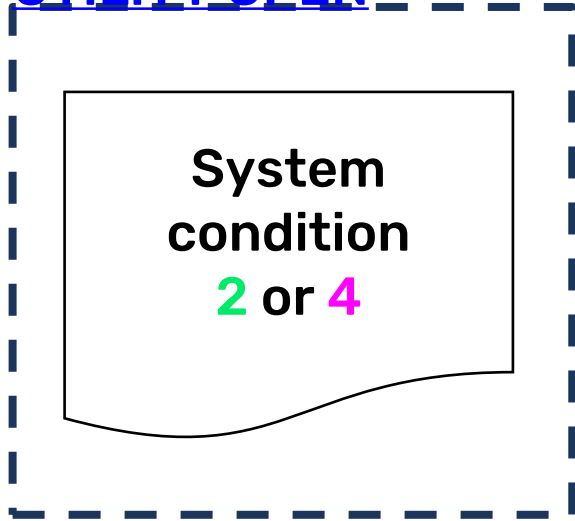
With the new prototype, the method that use **RLS + logistic regression** fails in the classification step.

So, only the method **RLS + Anomaly Detection** has been implemented on the valve's on-board logic.

The if-then-else logic for cases 1 and 3 remains the same.

Leak/NO Leak Classification – New Prototype

UTILITY OPEN



adaptive Recursive Least Squares
(RLS)

$\mathbb{E}[\hat{\theta}_{1,h}], \mathbb{E}[\hat{\theta}_{2,h}]$
(OFFLINE approach)

NO LEAK/LEAK

		UTILITY	
		CLOSED	OPEN
LEAK	DOESN'T EXIST	1	2
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Tuning parameters:

- Data window length N_w
- Forgetting factor RLS μ
- Anomaly threshold ϵ

**ANOMALY DETECTION with
MULTIVARIATE NORMAL DISTRIBUTION**

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ACCURACY – RLS+ANOMALY DETECTION

linea CORTA

True Class	Predicted Class	
	LEAK	NO - LEAK
LEAK	17	11
NO - LEAK	4	20

It was possible to validate the method on two different configurations of the test plumbing system:

- «linea CORTA»
- «linea LUNGA»

- 17 leak correctly detected
- 11 leak **not** detected (**falsi NO-leak**)
- 20 NO-leak correctly classified
- 4 NO-leak classified as leak (**false leak**)

52 total amount of test

71.15% correct

21.15% false NO – leak

7.7% false leak



Conclusion

ACCURACY – RLS+ANOMALY DETECTION

linea LUNGA

True Class	Predicted Class	
	LEAK	NO - LEAK
LEAK	7	5
NO - LEAK	0	12

It was possible to validate the method on two different configurations of the test plumbing system:

- «linea CORTA»
- «linea LUNGA»

- 7 leak correctly detected
- 5 leak **not** detected (**falsi NO-leak**)
- 12 NO-leak correctly classified
- 0 NO-leak classified as leak (**false leak**)

24 total amount of test

79.17% correct

20.83% false NO – leak



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