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# Autoencoder Forest for Anomaly Detection from IoT Time Series

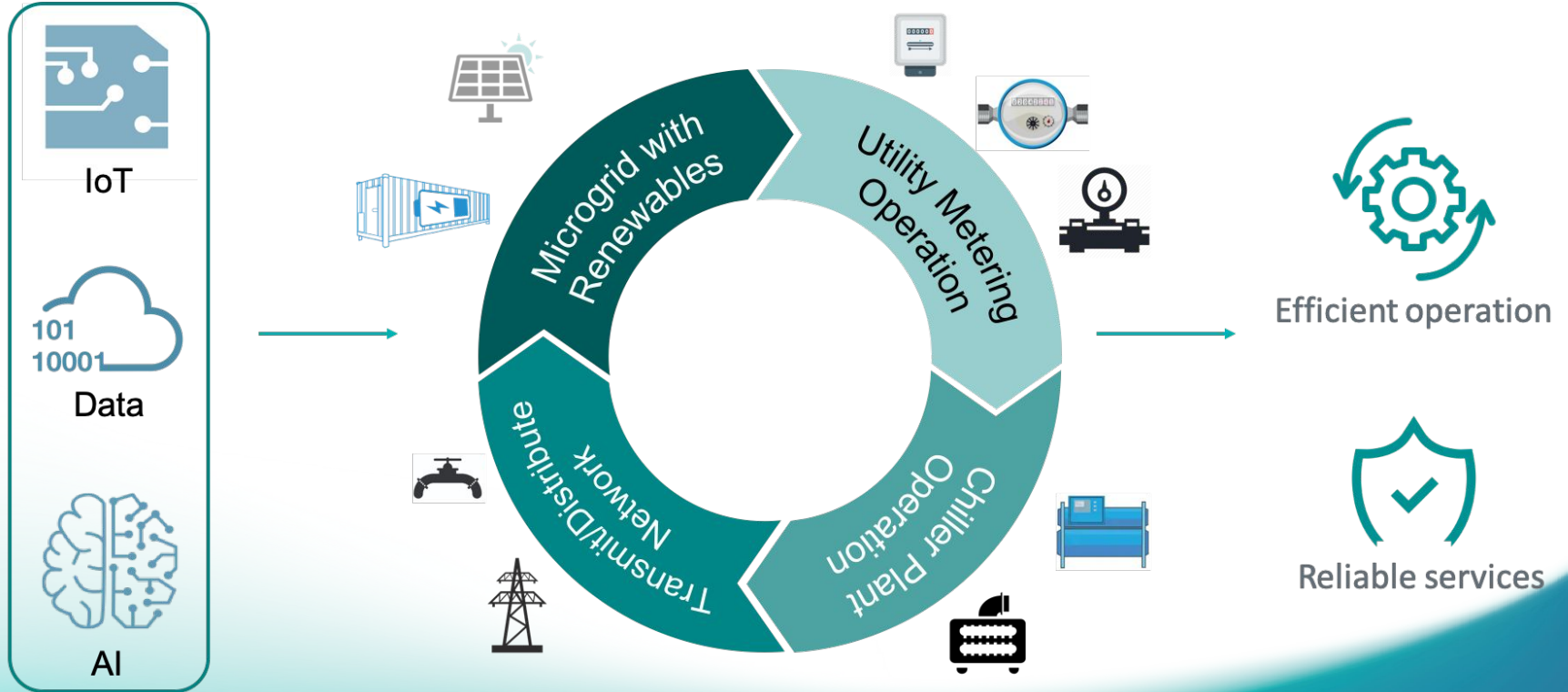
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# Agenda

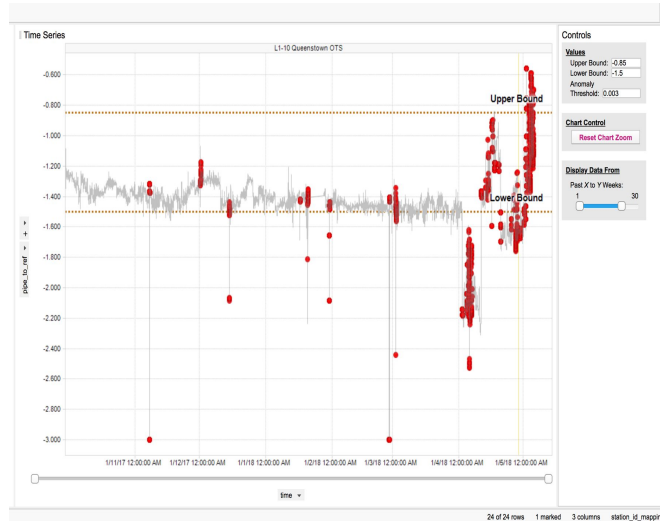
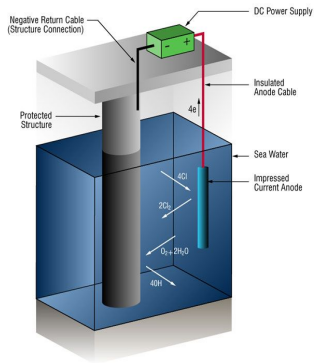
- Condition monitoring & anomaly detection
- Autoencoder for anomaly detection
- Autoencoder Forest
- End-to-end workflow
- Experiment results

# Conditional monitoring & Anomaly Detection

# Condition monitoring



# Time-series anomaly detection

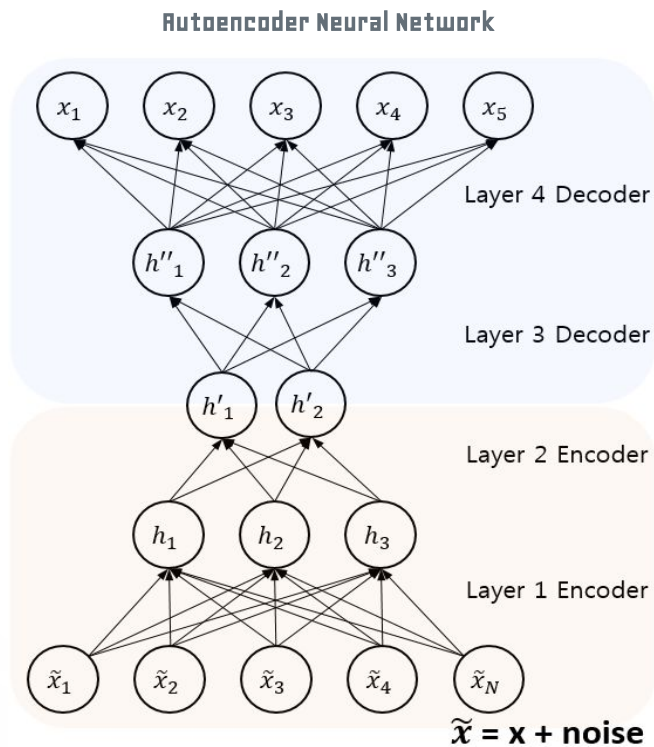


- Manual monitoring
  - Huge human effort
  - Boring task with low quality
- Rule-based method
  - Cannot differentiate different environment
  - Cannot adapt to different condition of the equipment
- Data-driven method
  - Model the common behavior of the equipment

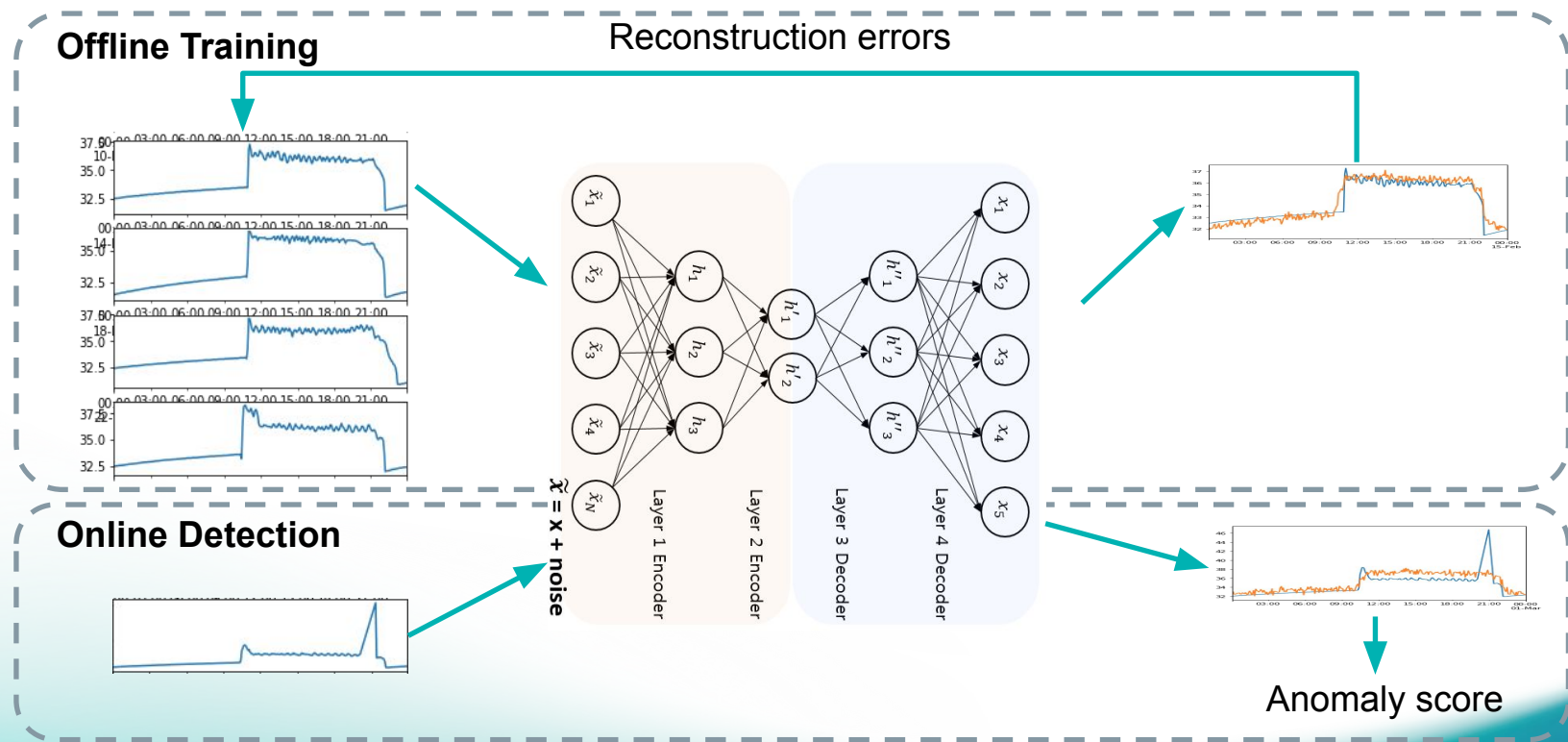
# Autoencoder for Anomaly Detection

# Autoencoder

- What is autoencoder
  - A encoder-decoder type of neural network architecture that is used for self-learning from unlabeled data
- The idea of autoencoder
  - Learn how to compress data into a concise representation to allow for the reconstruction with minimum error
- Different variants of autoencoder
  - Variational Autoencoder
  - LSTM Autoencoder
  - Etc.



# Autoencoder for anomaly detection

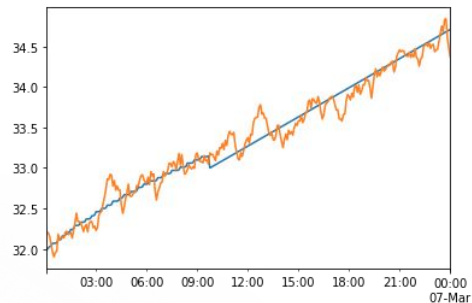
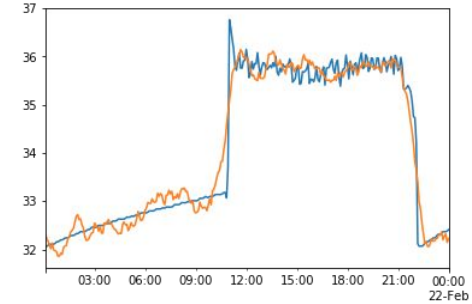




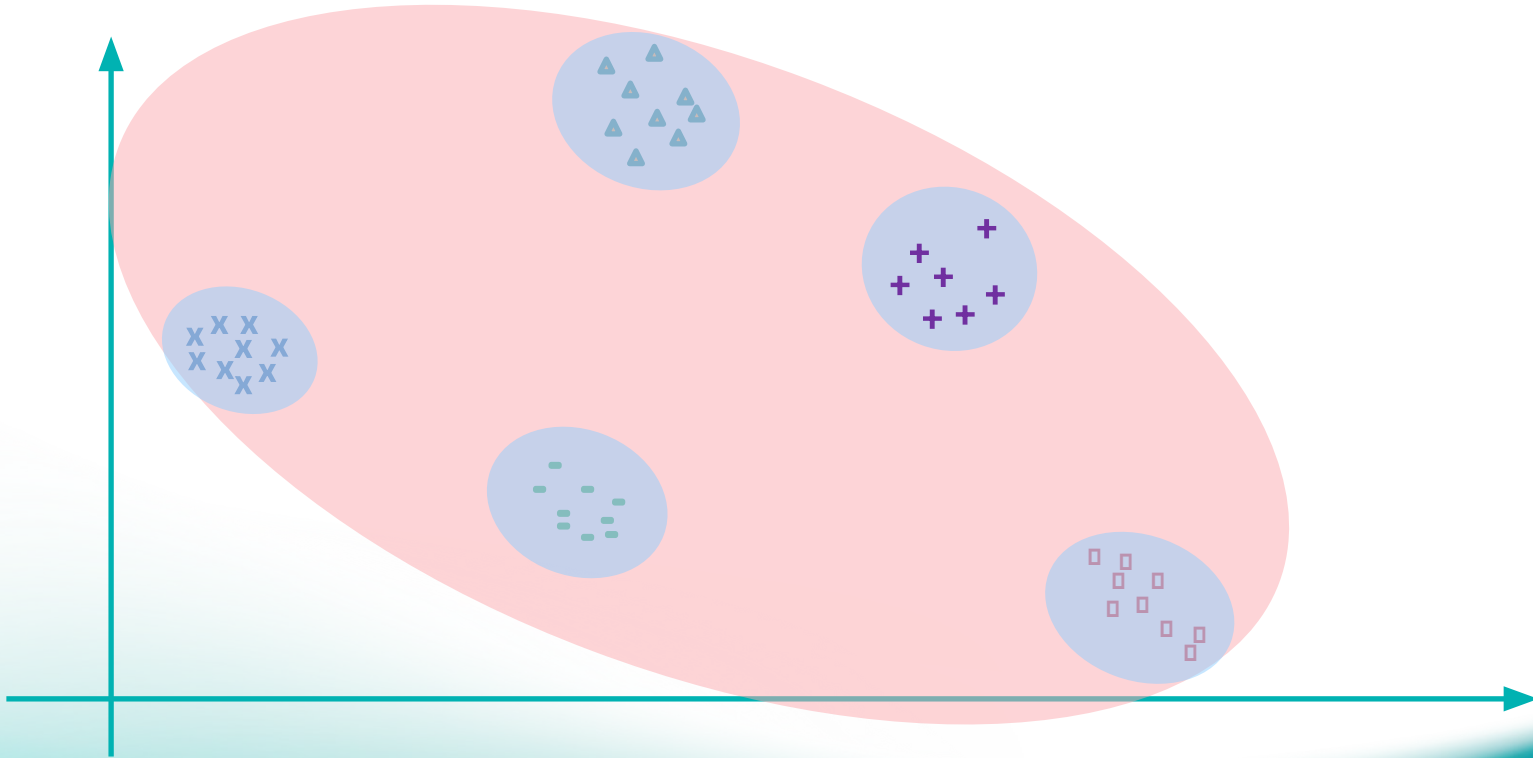
# Autoencoder Forest

# A key challenge of autoencoder

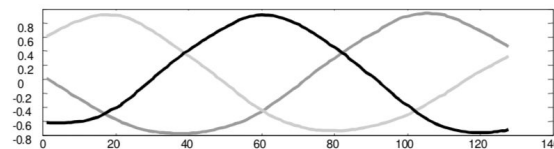
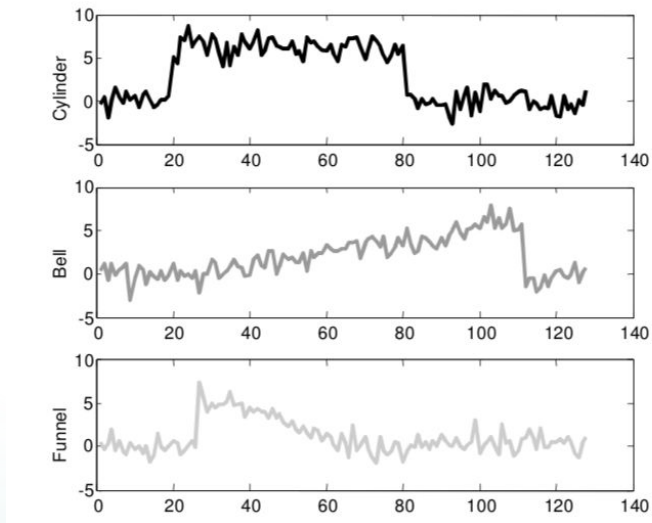
## Single Autoencoder



# The idea of autoencoder forest



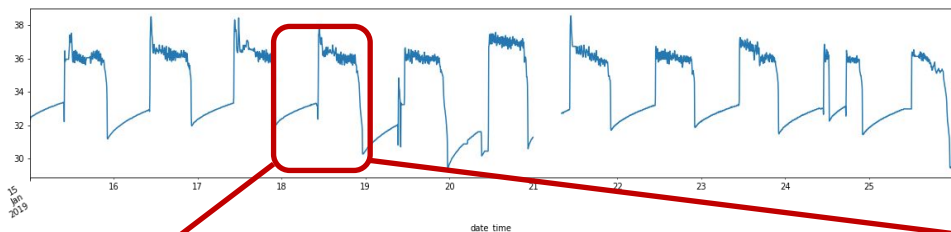
# Clustering subsequence is meaningless



**Figure 9.** The three final centers found by subsequence clustering using the sliding window approach. The cluster centers appear to be sine waves, even though the data itself is not particularly spectral in nature. Note that with each random restart of the clustering algorithm, the phase of the resulting “sine waves” changes in an arbitrary and unpredictable way.

[1]. Eamonn Keogh, Jessica Lin, Clustering of Time Series Subsequences is Meaningless: Implications for Previous and Future Research

# Autoencoder forest based on time



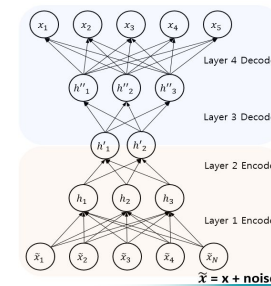
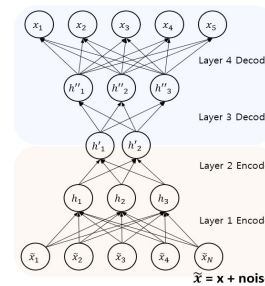
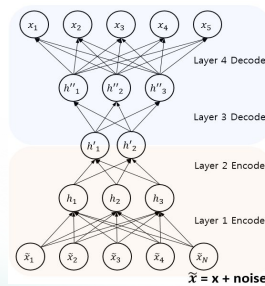
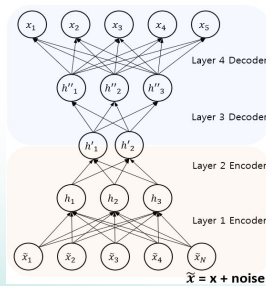
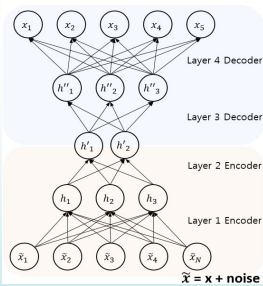
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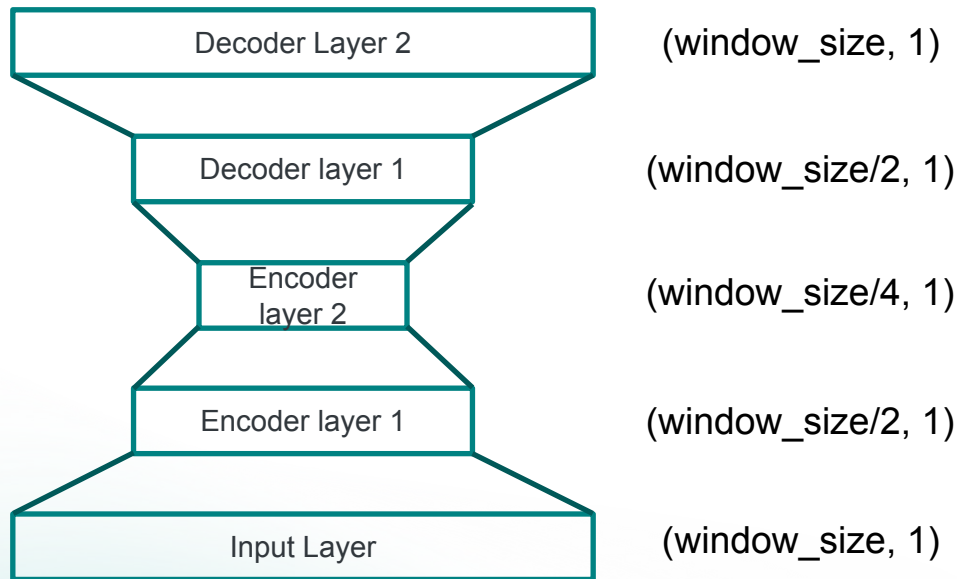
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# Training autoencoder forest

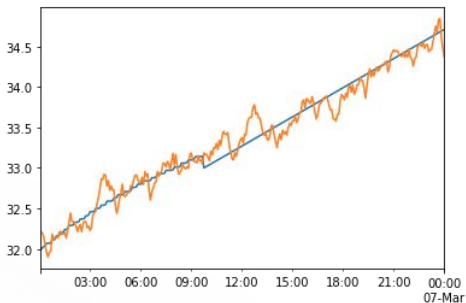
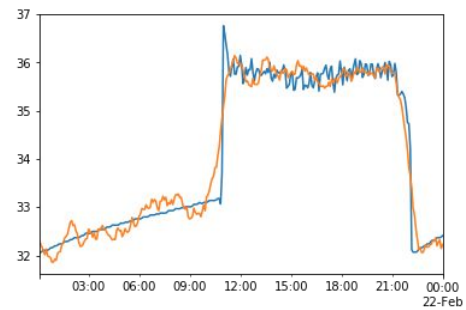


- Structure is fixed for every autoencoder. (try to make it as generic as possible)
- Each autoencoder within forest is independent. So the training is naturally parallelizable
- Using early stopping mechanism, the training of individual autoencoder can be stopped at similar accuracy.

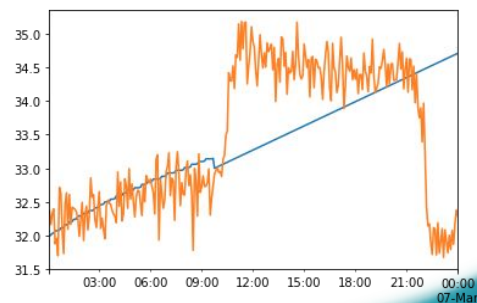
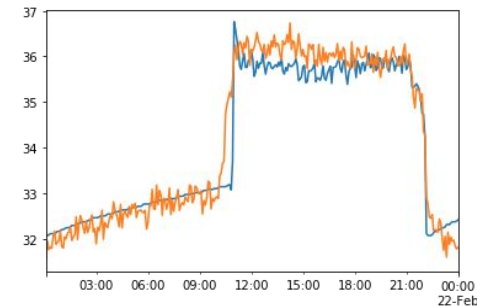
# Autoencoder Forest



## Single Autoencoder



## Autoencoder Forest



# End-to-end Workflow



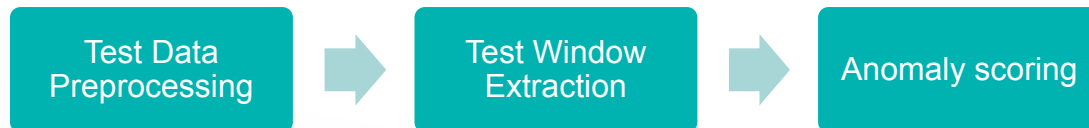
# Automatic end-to-end workflow



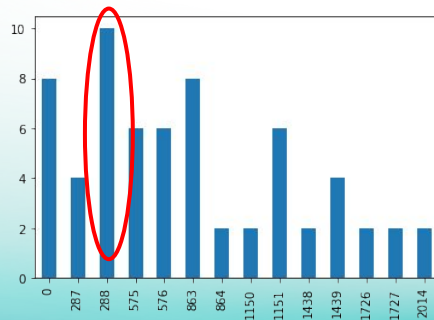
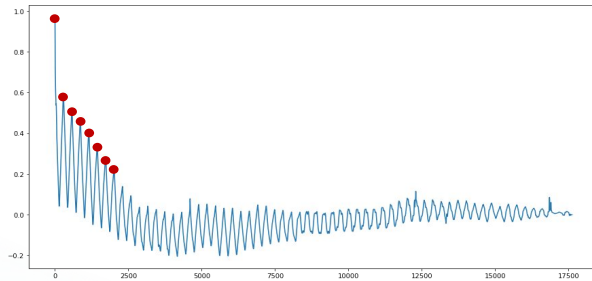
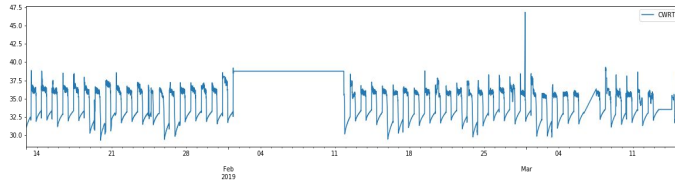
Training



Anomaly detection



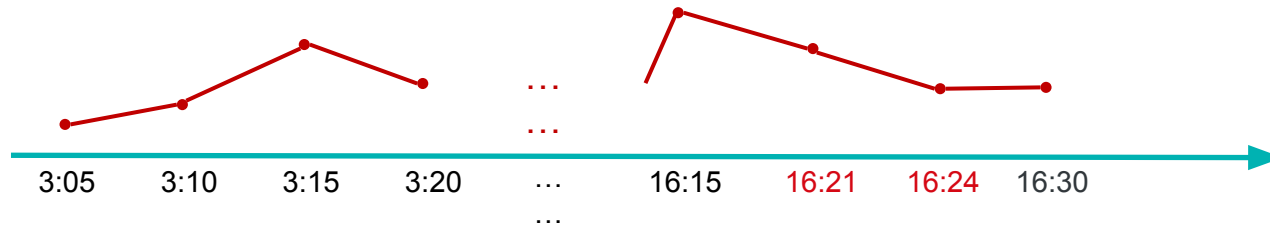
# Periodic pattern analysis



- Automatic determine the repeating period in time series
  - Calculate autocorrelations of different lags
  - Find the strong local maximum of autocorrelation
  - Calculate the interval of any two local maximum
  - Find the mode of intervals

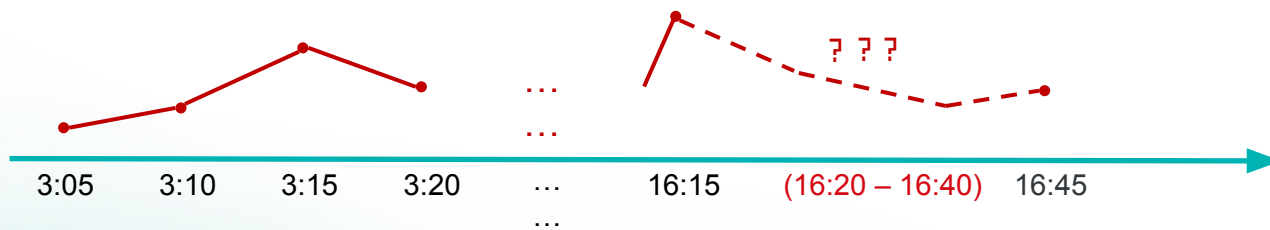
# Missing data handling

## Misalignment



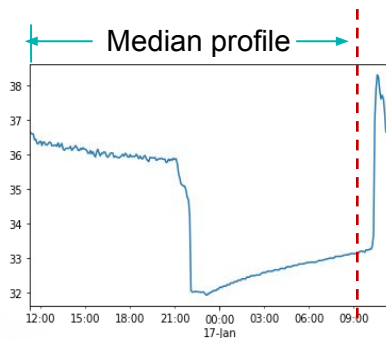
- No need to impute

## Missing

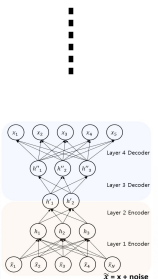
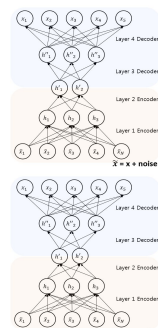


- If missing gap is small, impute with neighbouring points;
- If missing gap is large, impute with the same time of other periods;

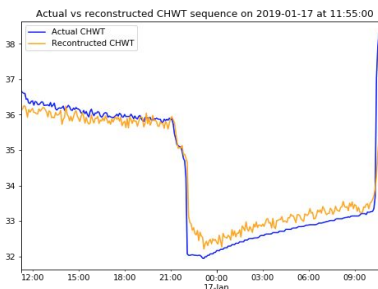
# Anomaly scoring



Extract the sequence window end at time  $t$



Learned  
autoencoder forest



Corresponding  
autoencoder reconstruct  
the sequence window at  
time  $t$

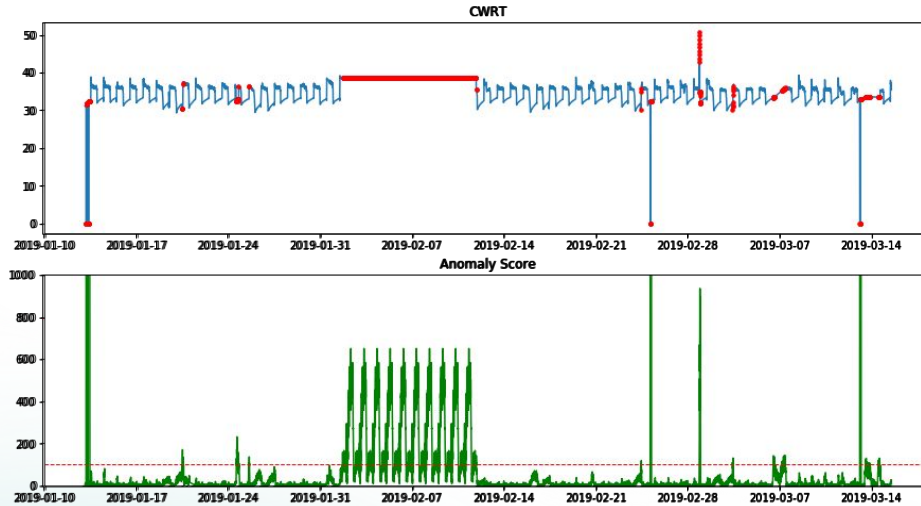


$$\text{Score} = \sum_{k=1}^K (Y_k - \check{Y}_k)^2$$

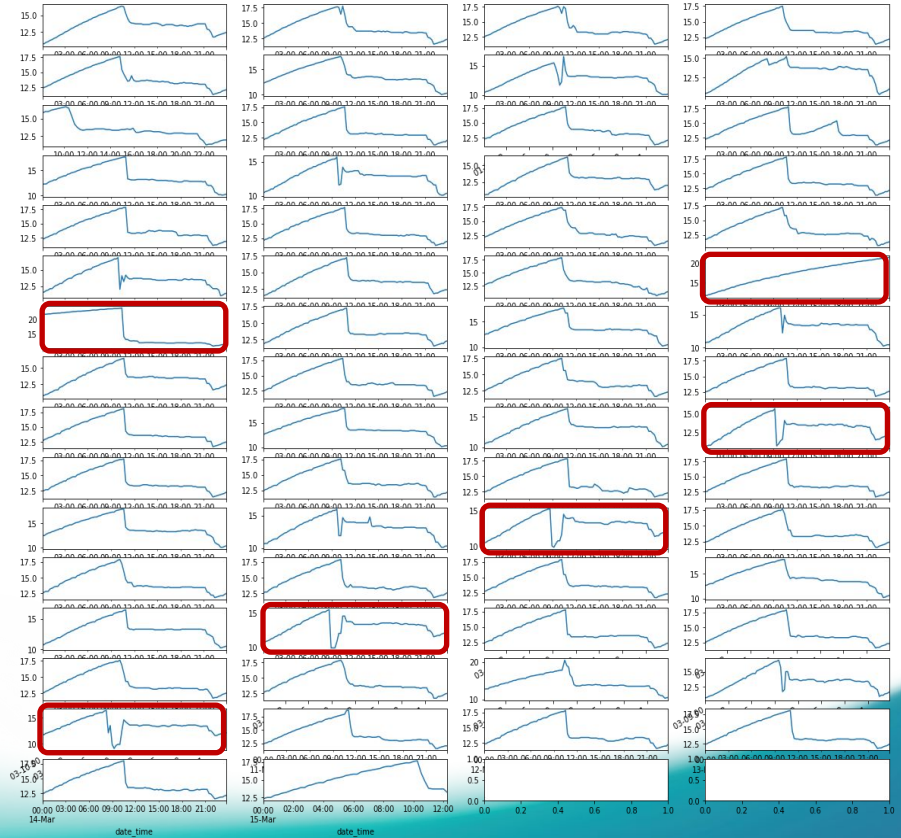
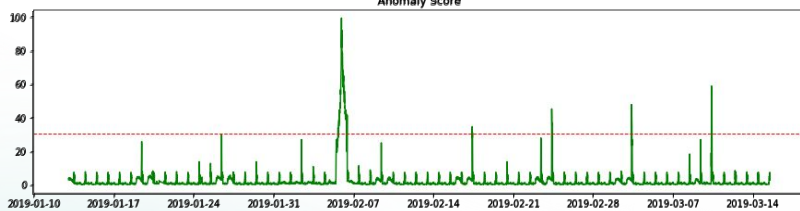
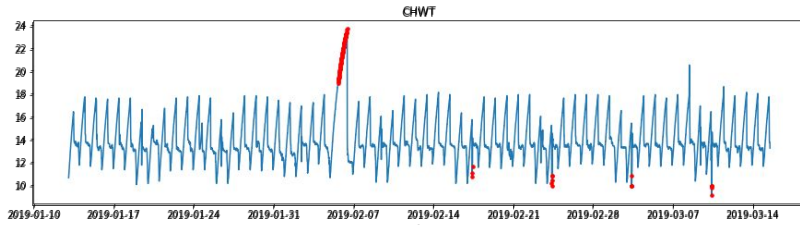
Compute  
reconstruction error  
as anomaly score

# Experiment Results

# Cooling tower – return water temperature



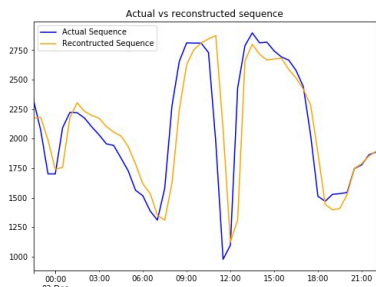
# Chiller – chilled water return temperature



# Smart meter – half hour consumption

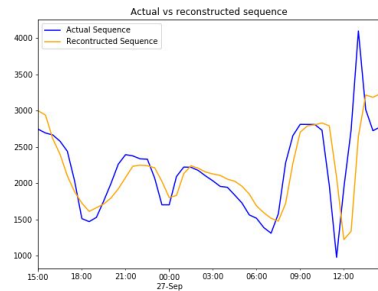


## Normal data

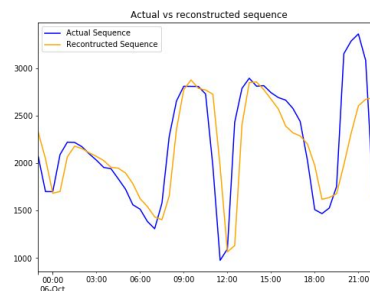


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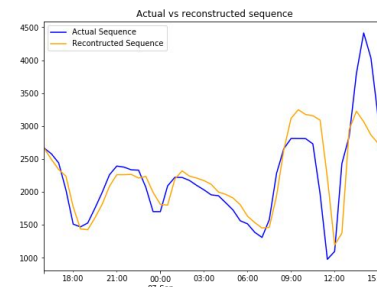
## Top 3 Detected Anomaly



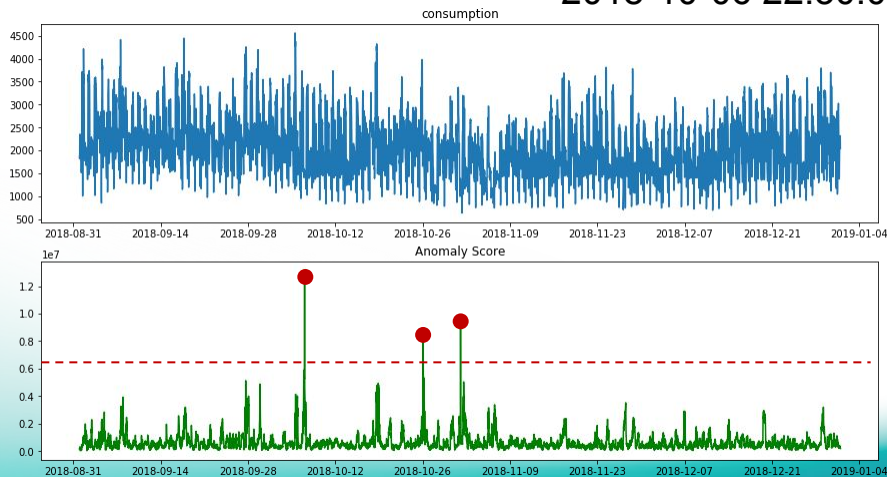
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