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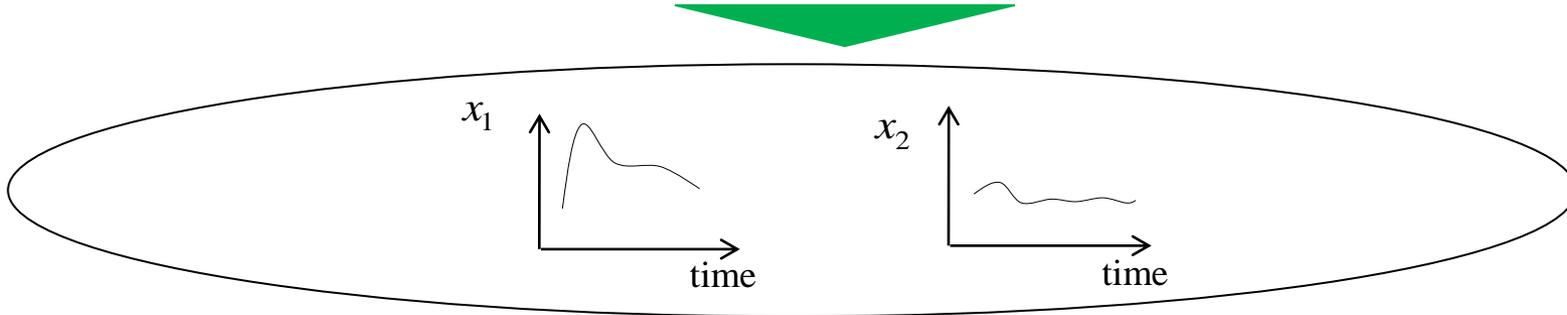
# Fault Prognostics

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# Prognostics and Health Management (PHM): what is it?

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**Detect**

Normal  
Condition

**WARNING**



**Diagnose**

Degradation  
Mode 1    Degradation  
Mode 2    Degradation  
Mode 3

**Predict**

Remaining  
Useful Life  
(RUL)



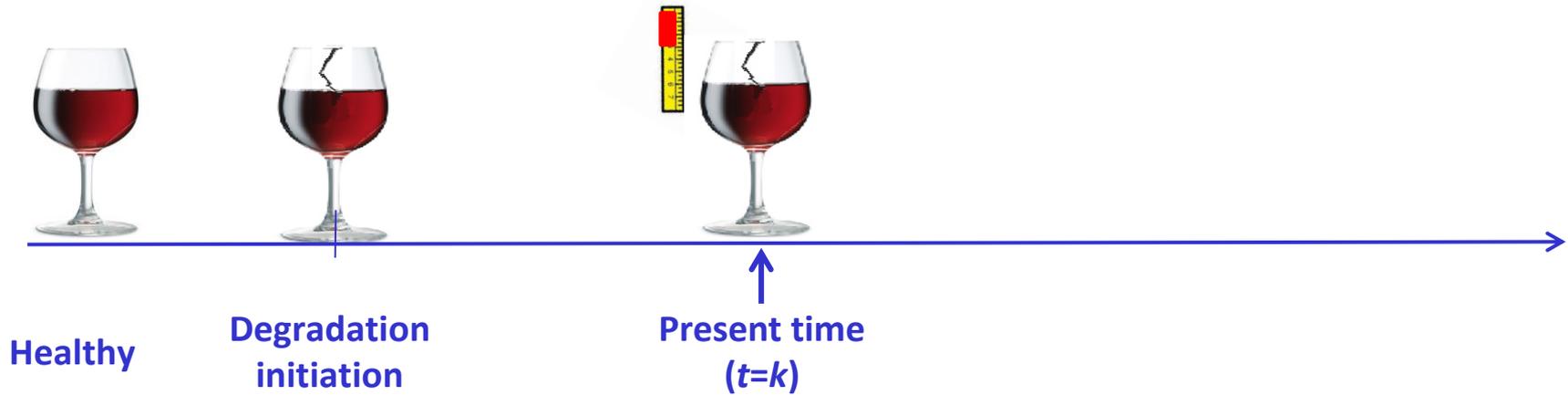
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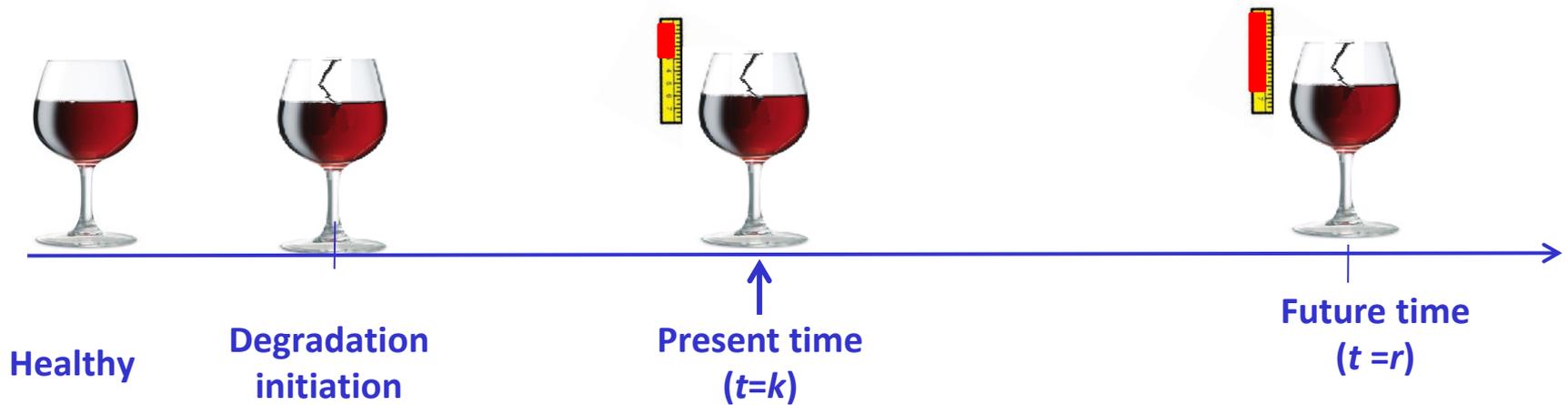


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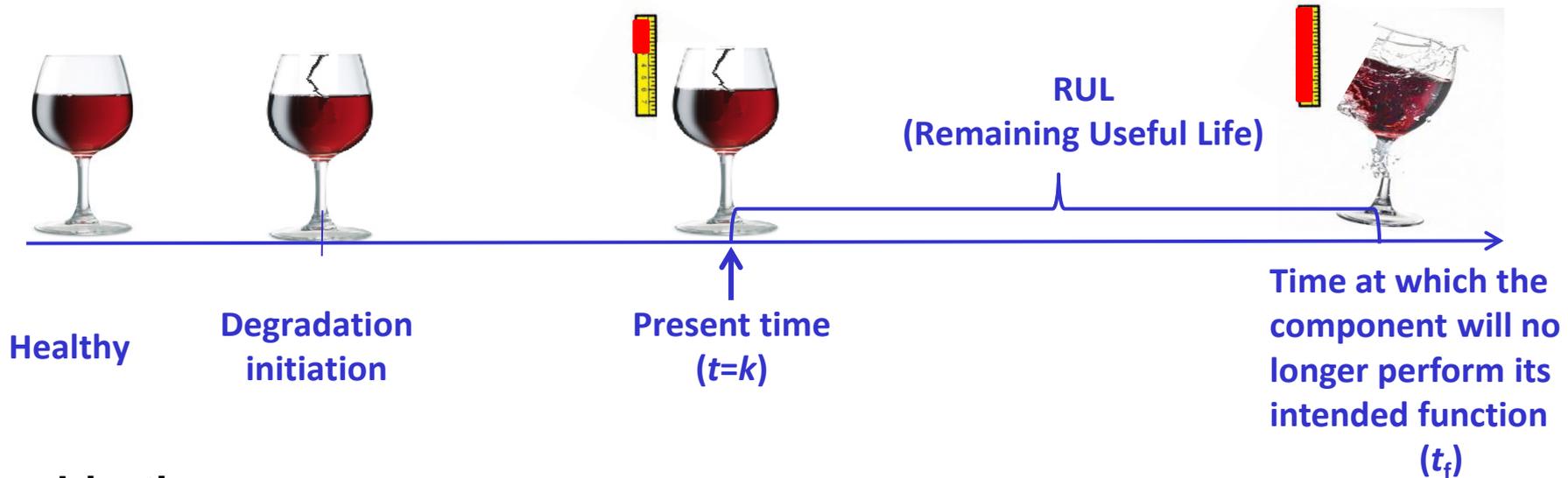


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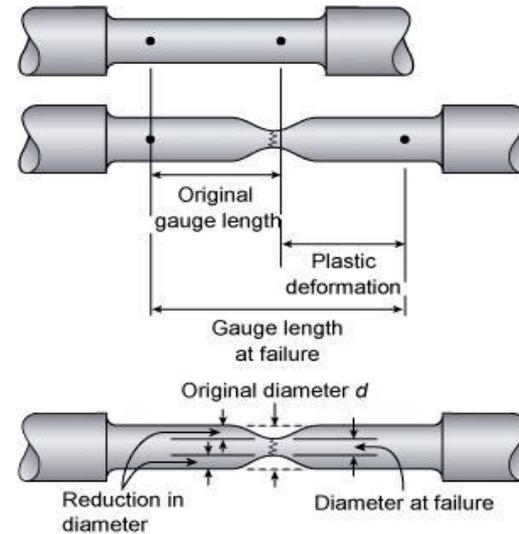
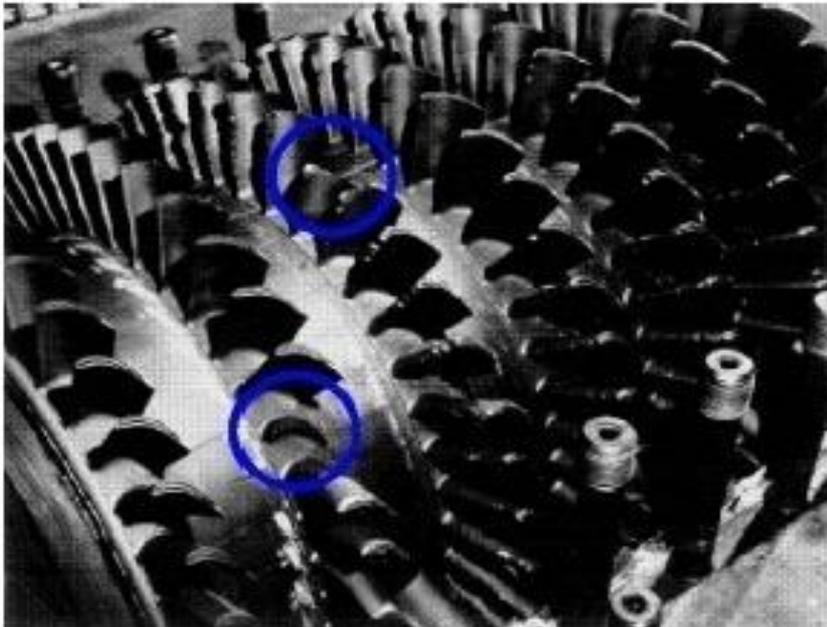
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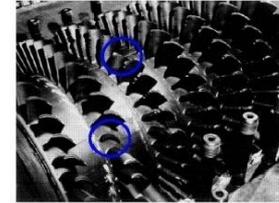
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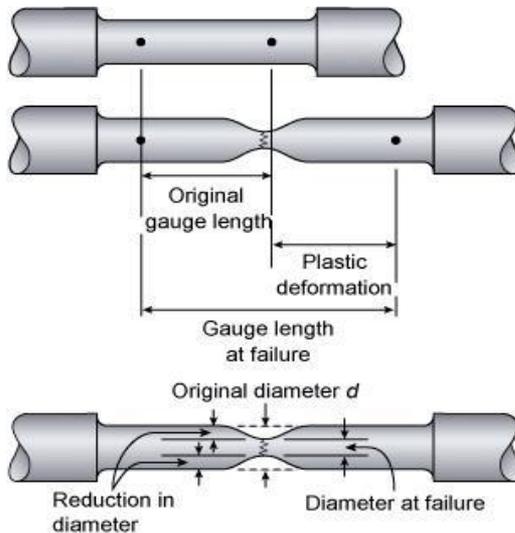


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**Degradation indicator:** blade elongation  $x(t) = \frac{\text{Length}(t) - \text{initial length}}{\text{initial length}}$

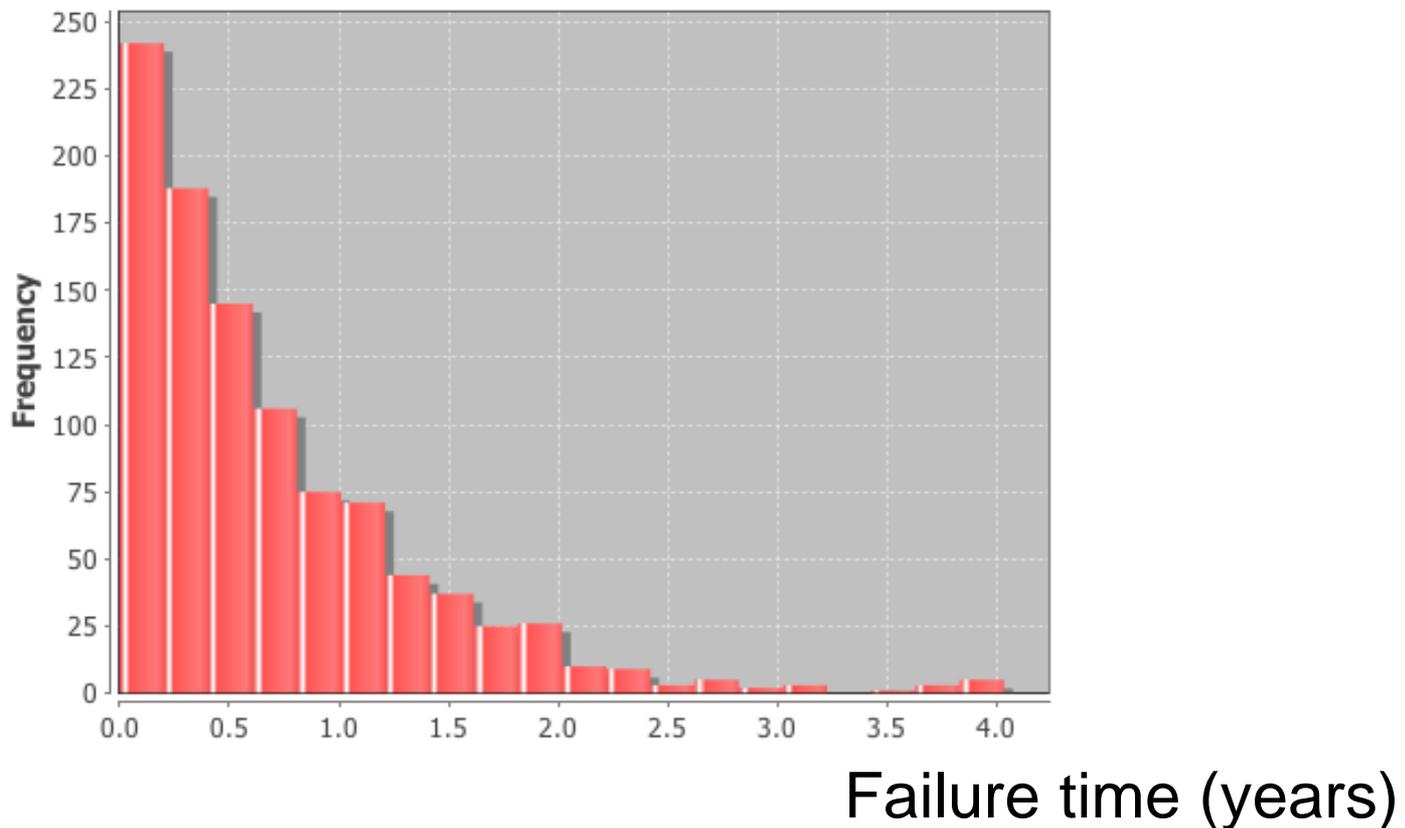


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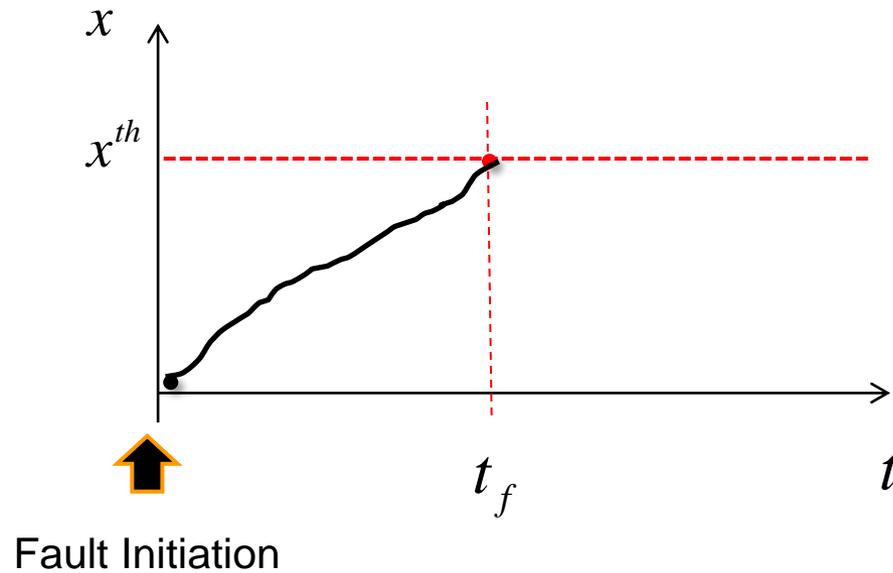
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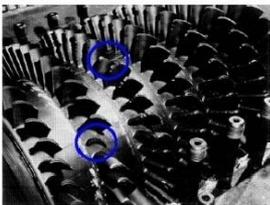
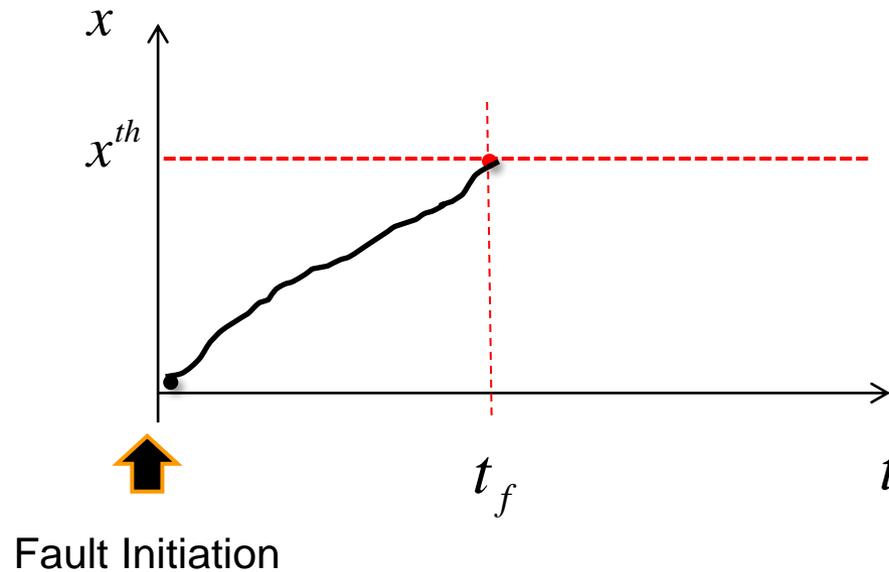
$$T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n$$



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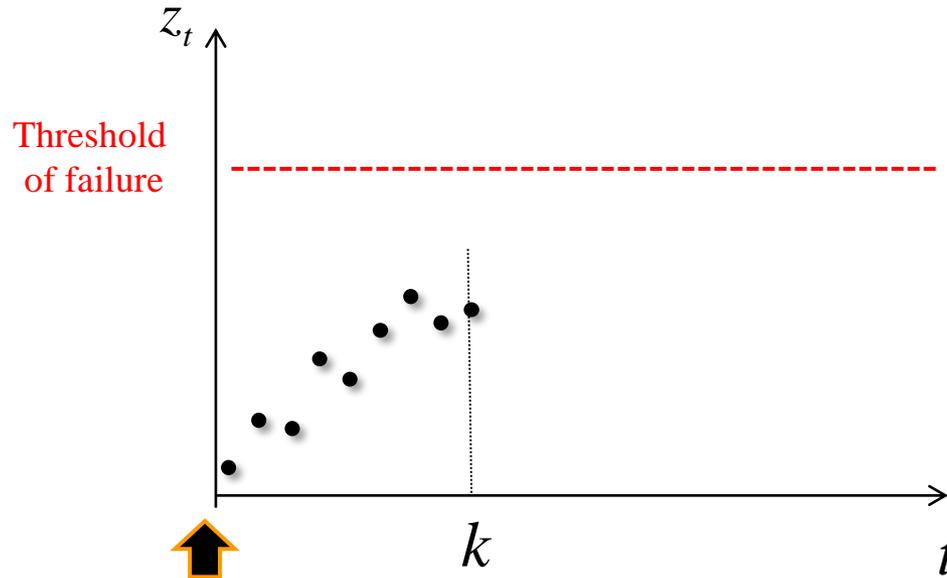


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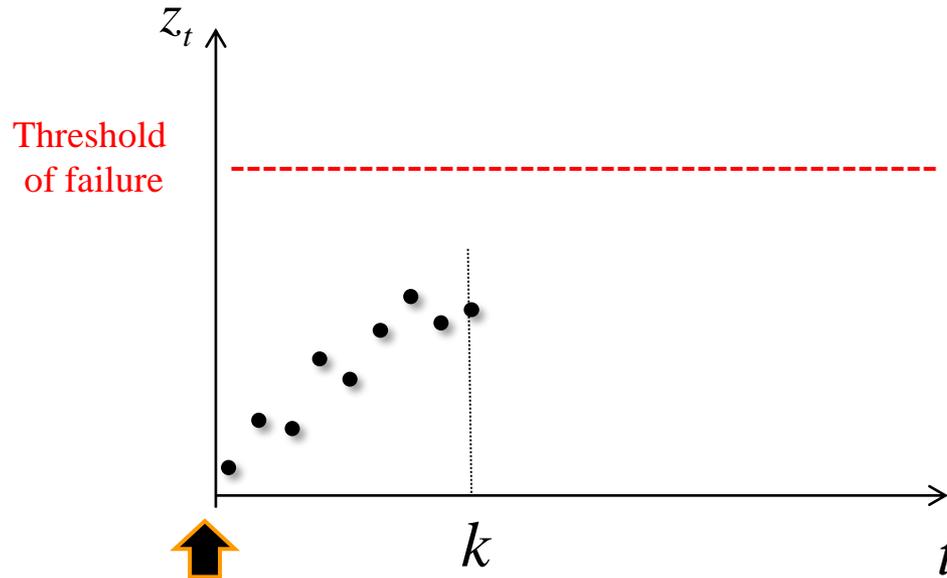
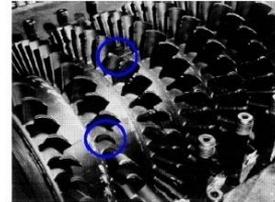
«A blade is discarded when the elongation,  $x$ , reaches 1.5%»

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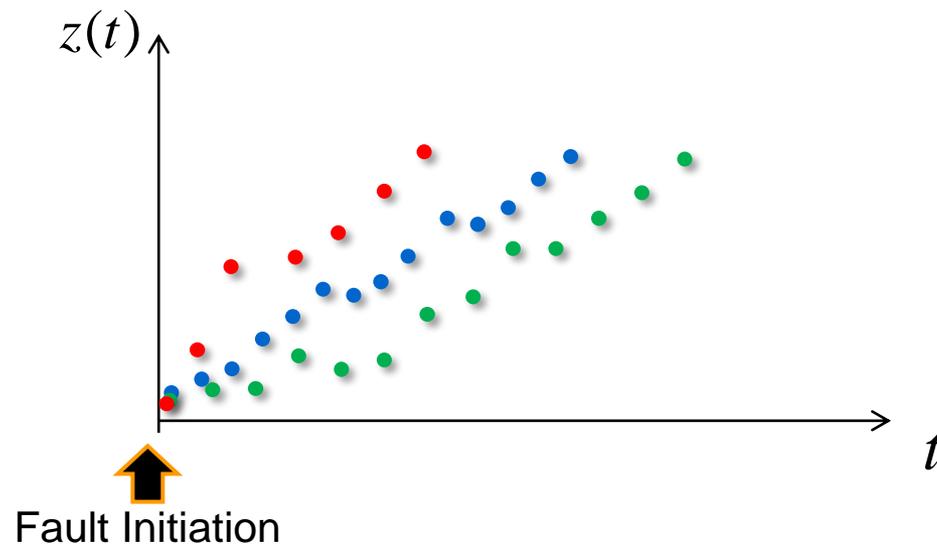


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**Elongation measurements = past evolution of the degradation indicator**



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$u_1 = T = \text{temperature}$

$u_2 = \theta_r = \text{rotational speed}$

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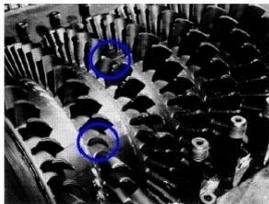
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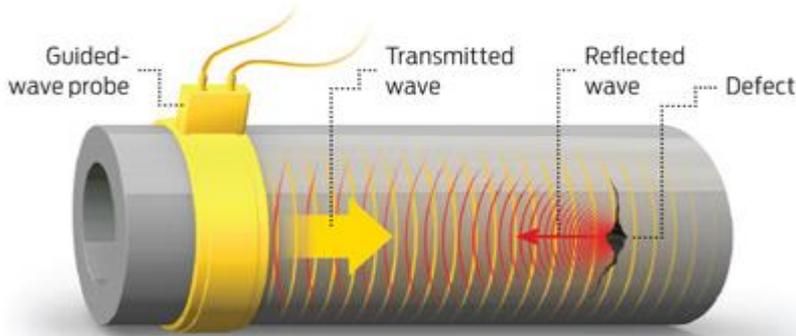


$$z = x + v$$
$$v \propto N(0, \sigma^2)$$

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$$z = h(x, v)$$

$$z_k = d \left[ 1 - \exp \left( \beta_0 + \beta_1 \ln \frac{x_k}{d - x_k} + v_k \right) \right]^{-1}$$



*Ultrasonic Monitoring (regularly used in the oil and gas industry)*

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## Norton law for creep growth

$x$  = blade elongation

$T$  = temperature

$\varphi = K\theta_r^2$  = applied stress

$\theta_r$  = rotational speed

$A, Q, n$  = equipment inherent parameters

} External/operational conditions

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = A \exp\left(-\frac{Q}{RT}\right) \varphi^n$$

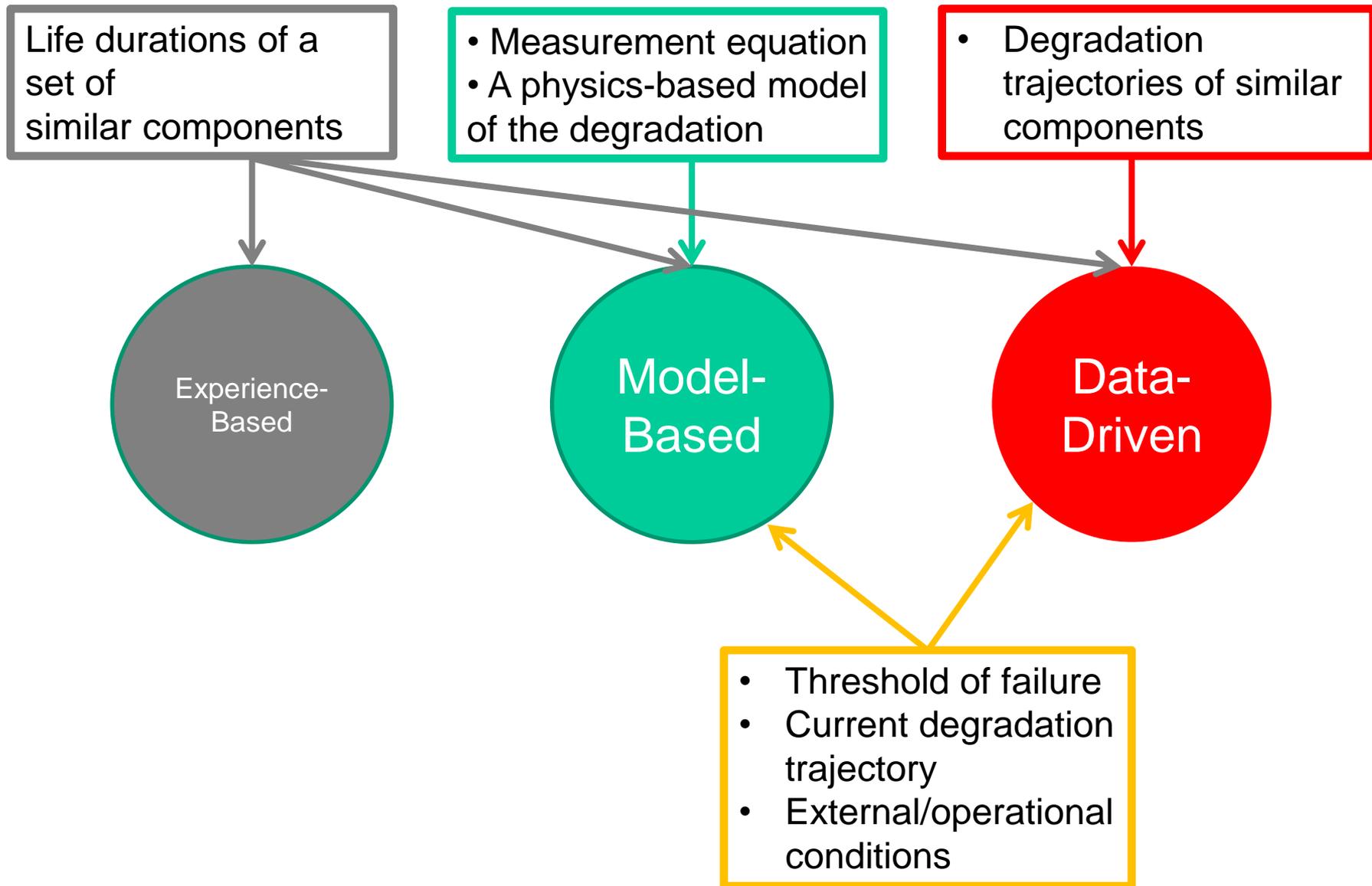
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# Prognostic approaches

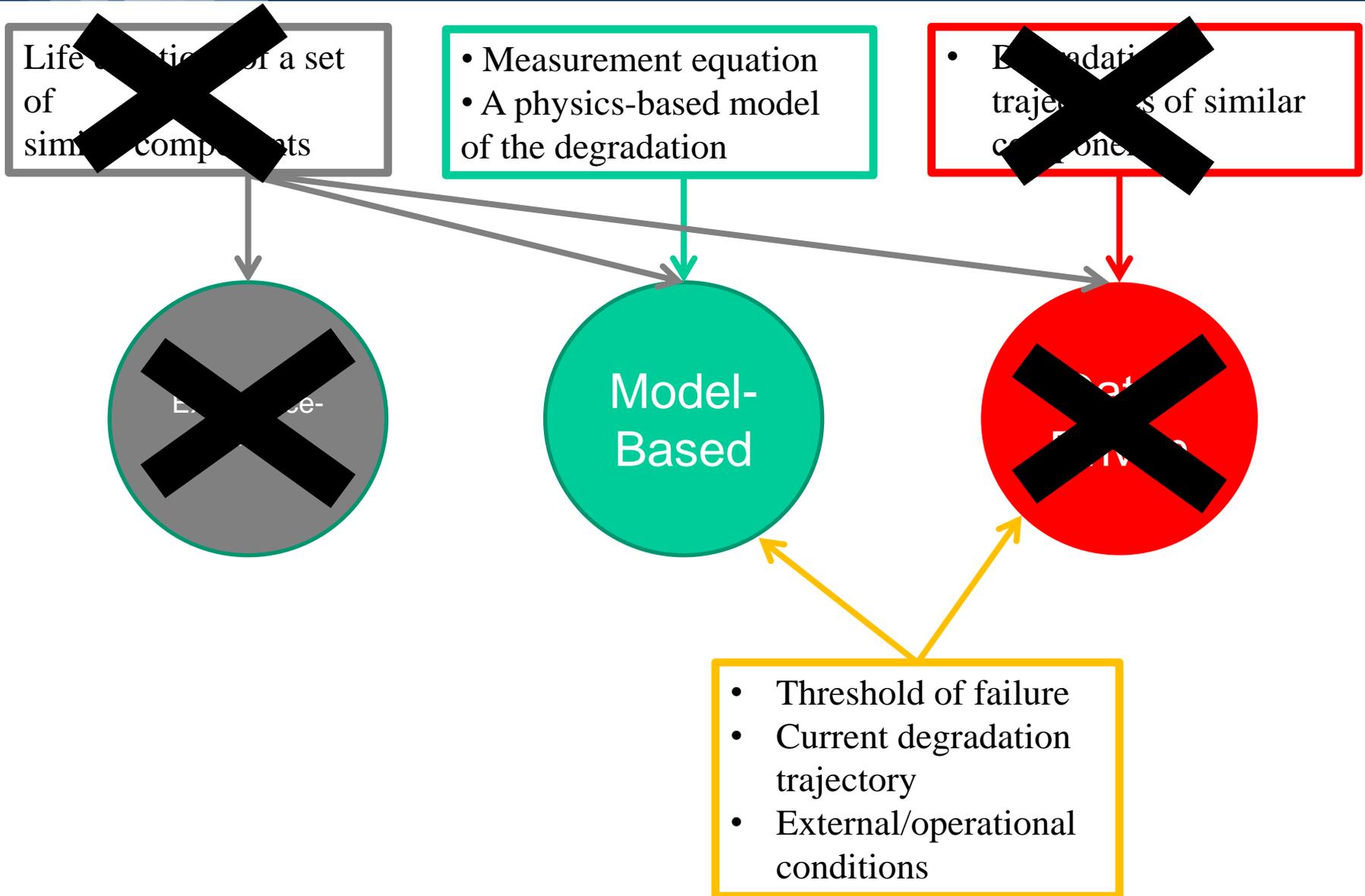




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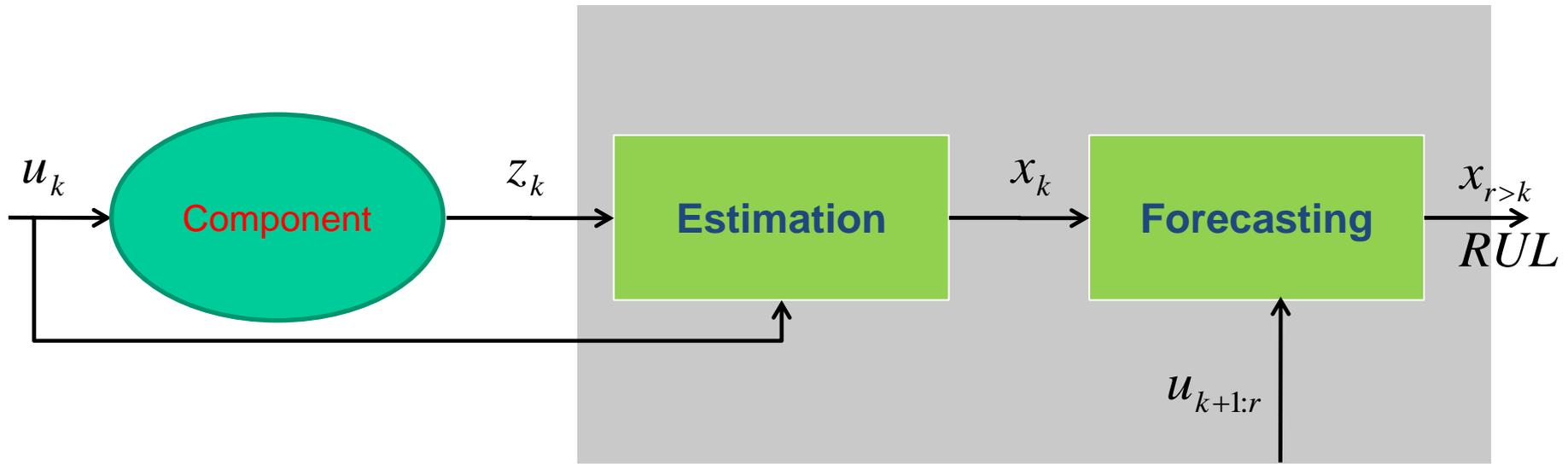


# Model-Based prognostics: information available





# Model-based prognostics: the methodology



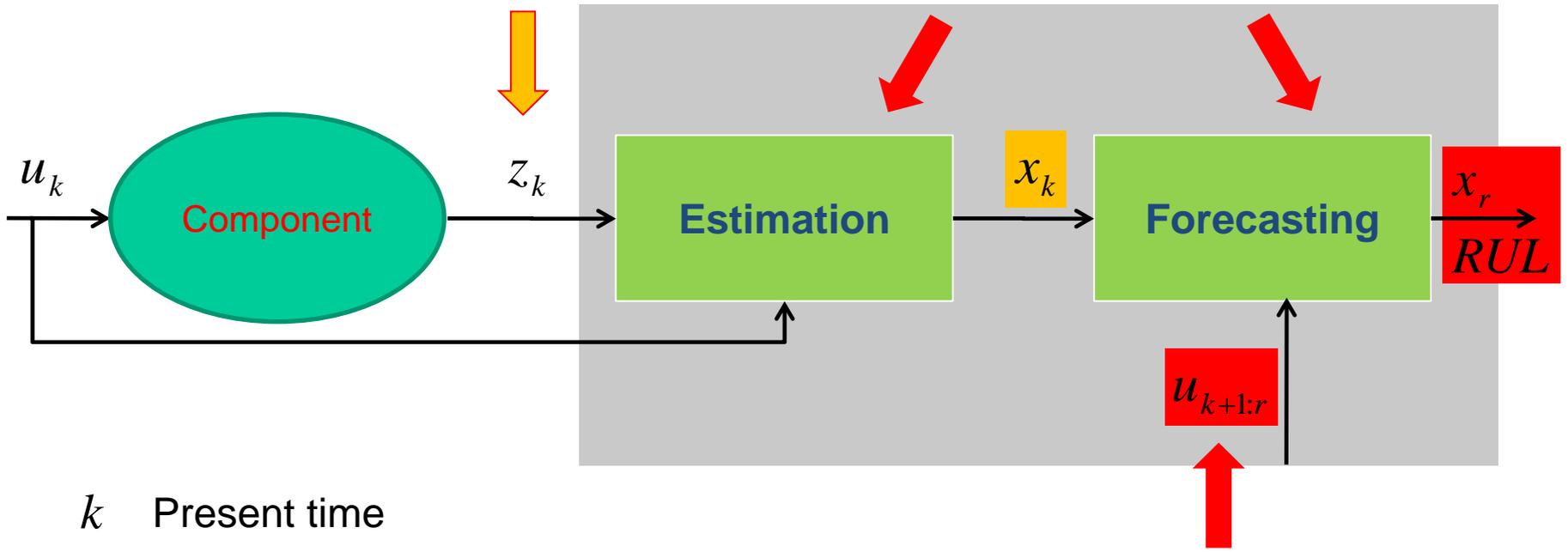
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# Main sources of uncertainty

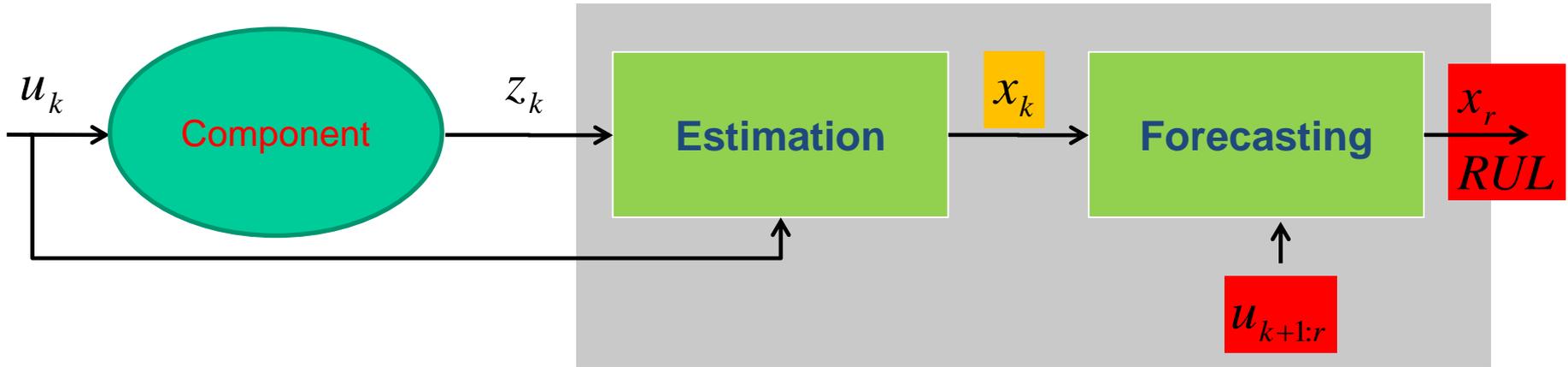
Noise on the observations  
(measurements)

Intrinsic randomness  
of the degradation process



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Future external/operating  
conditions  
are never exactly known



1. The filtering problem: to estimate the degradation state,  $x_k$ , at the present time
2. The forecasting problem:
  - to predict the degradation state,  $x_r$ , at a future time  $r$
  - to predict the component RUL



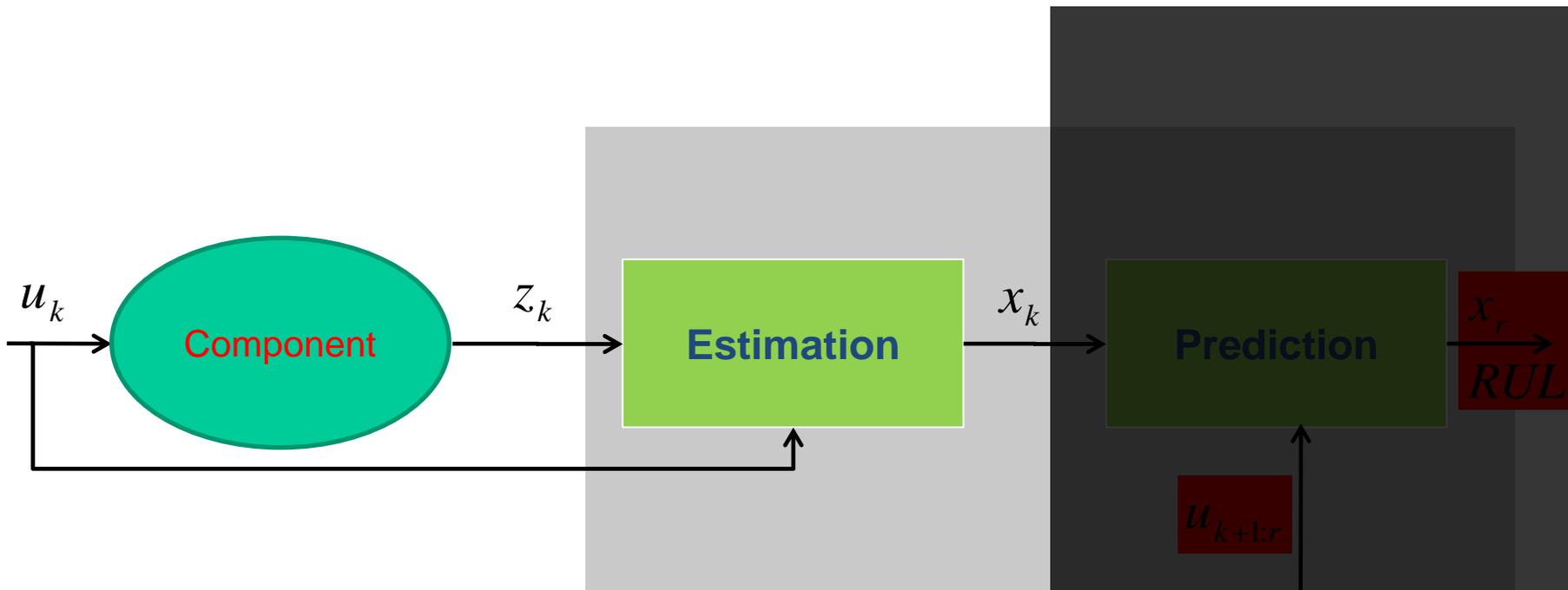
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- Model-based prognostics:
  - The filtering problem
  - The forecasting problem



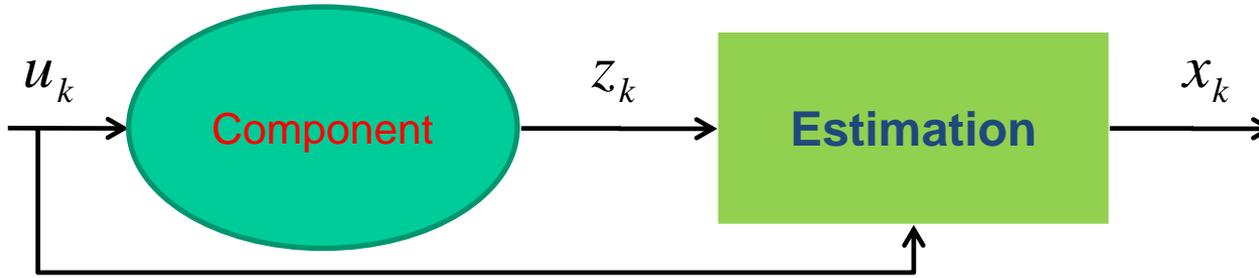
# The Filtering Problem



- $k$  Present time
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- $z$  Observations
- $x$  Degradation state



# Problem Setting



- **Physical model of the degradation process**

- $x$  = **hidden** degradation state
- $\omega$  = random **process noise**
- $f$  = physical model of the degradation process (non-linear dynamic law)
- $k$  = time step index

$$x_k = f_k(x_{k-1}, \omega_{k-1})$$

**Time-discrete, hidden Markov process**

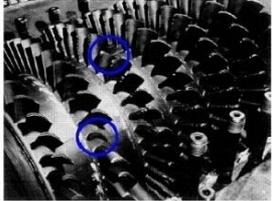
- **Measurement equation:**

- $v$  = random **measurement noise**
- $h$  = non-linear measurement equation

$$z_k = h(x_k, v_k)$$



# The filtering problem in practice (Physical model of the degradation process)



- $x$  = hidden degradation state (blade elongation)
- $T_0, \mathcal{G}_0$  = operating conditions
- $\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3$  = random process noises  $\omega_i \propto N(0, \sigma_i^2)$
- $A, K$  and  $n$  = constants related to the material properties

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = A \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{Q}{R \cdot (T_0 + \omega_1)}\right) \cdot \left(K \cdot (\mathcal{G}_0 + \omega_2)^2 + \omega_3\right)^n$$

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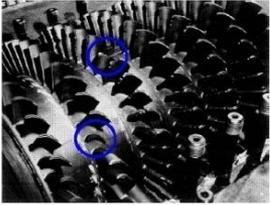


Discretization of the  
dynamics

$$x_k = x_{k-1} + A \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{Q}{R \cdot (T_0 + \omega_1)}\right) \cdot \left(K \cdot (\theta_0 + \omega_2)^2 + \omega_3\right)^n$$



# The filtering problem in practice (Measurement Equation)

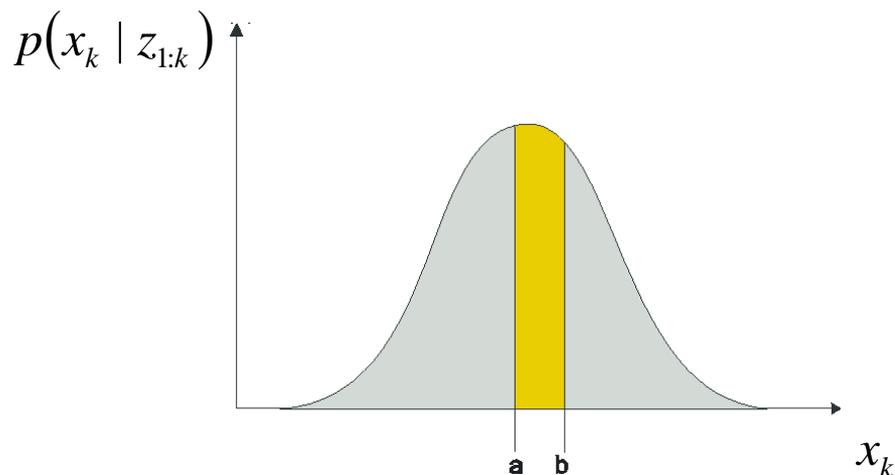


$$z_k = h(x_k, v_k) = x_k + v_k$$

- $z_k$  = degradation observation (measure of the creep elongation)
- $v_k$  = gaussian measurement noise



**OBJECTIVE:**  $p(x_k | z_{1:k})$



- Interpretation of the bayesian probability  $p(x_k | z_{1:k})$  ?
  - conditional on the background knowledge: the noisy measurements  $z_{1:k} = z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k$

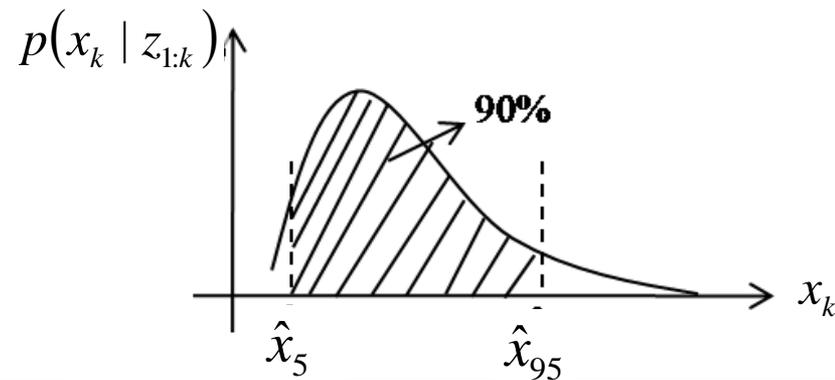


$$p(x_k | z_{1:k})$$



- state **mean** (estimate)  $\hat{x}_k = \int p(x_k | z_{1:k}) \cdot x_k dx_k$
- state **variance** (uncertainty)  $\hat{\sigma}_{x_k}^2 = \int (x_k - \hat{x}_k)^2 \cdot p(x_k | z_{1:k}) dx_k$

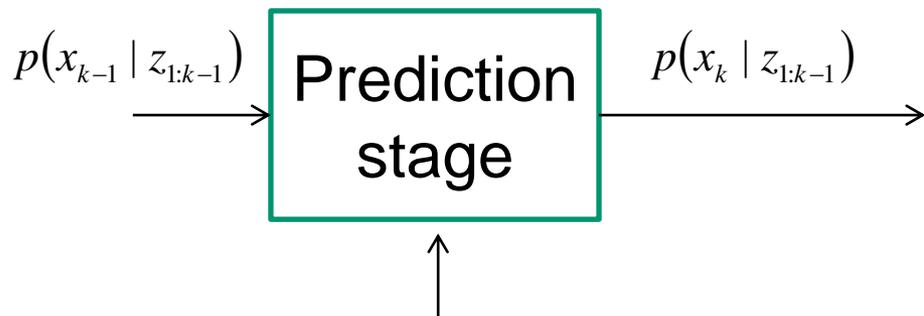
- state **percentiles**  $\hat{x}_5, \hat{x}_{95}$





## The sequential solution (I)

- Let us assume that we know  $p(x_{k-1} | z_{1:k-1})$  at time  $k-1$



$$x_k = f(x_{k-1}, \omega_{k-1})$$

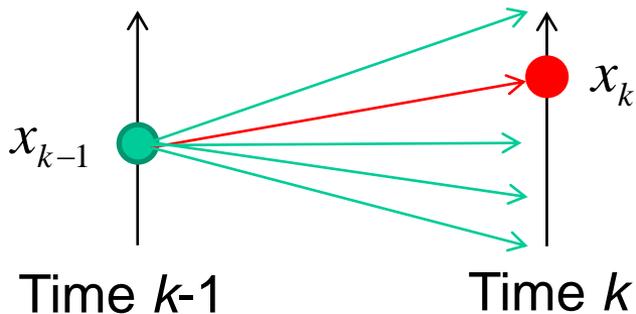


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$$p(X_{k-1} = \text{green circle AND } X_k = \text{red circle}) =$$

$$p(x_{k-1}, x_k | z_{k-1}) = p(x_{k-1} | z_{1:k-1}) p(x_k | x_{k-1})$$

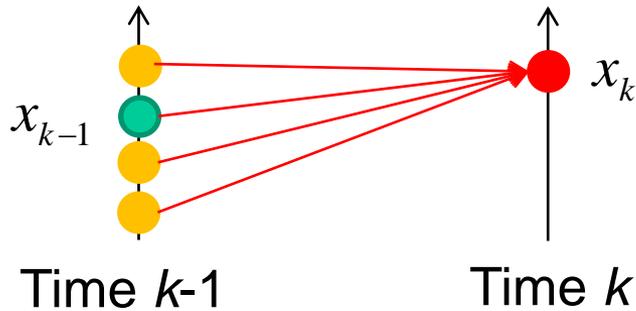


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- Prediction stage: **Chapman-Kolmogorov equation**



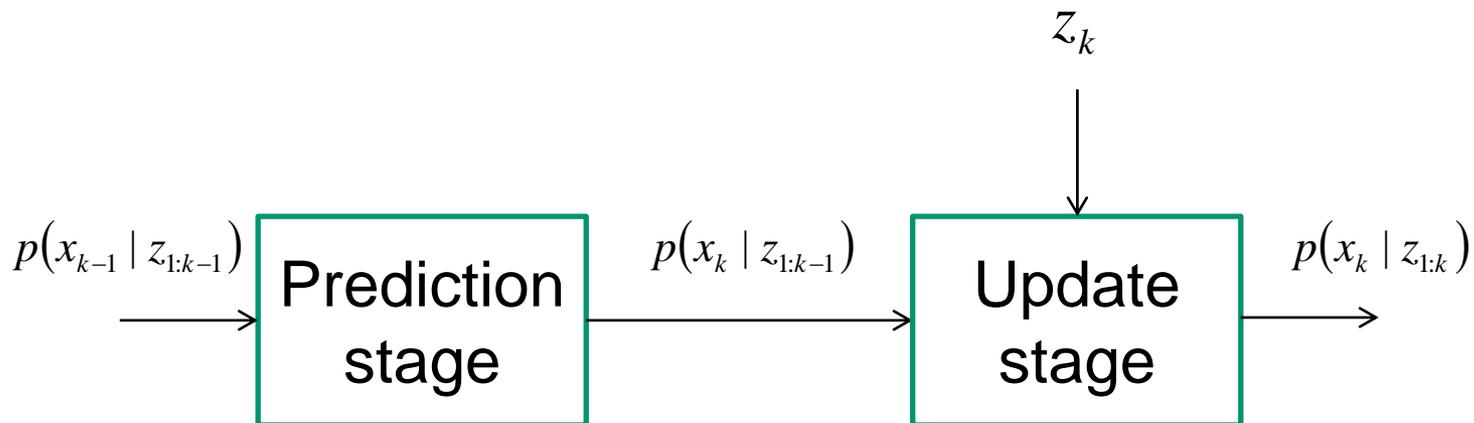
$$p(X_k = \bullet) = \sum_{\bullet} P(X_{k-1} = \bullet \text{ AND } X_k = \bullet)$$



$$p(x_k | z_{1:k-1}) = \int p(x_k | x_{k-1}) p(x_{k-1} | z_{1:k-1}) dx_{k-1}$$

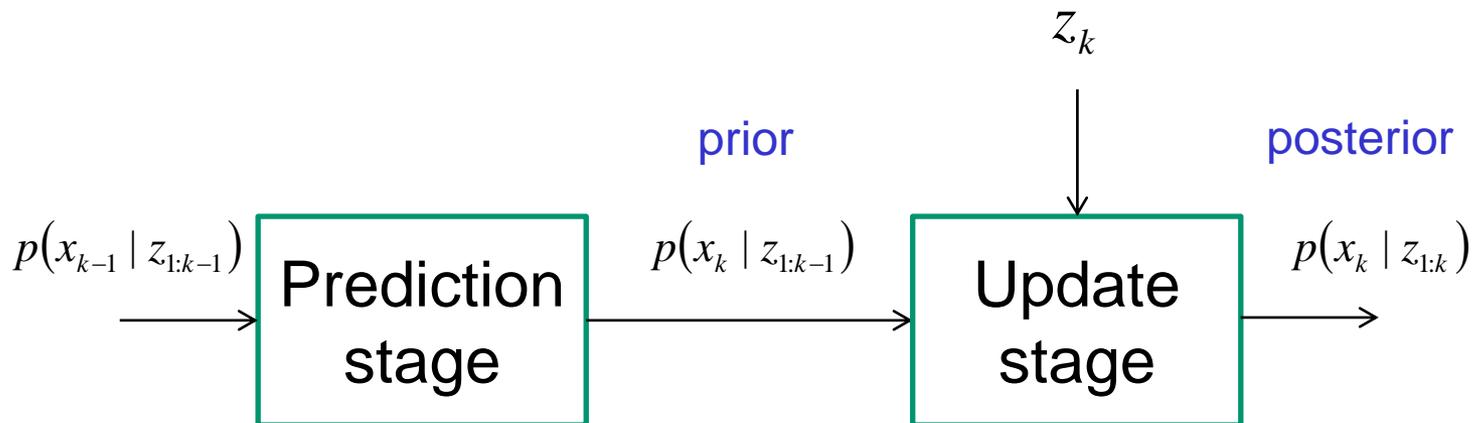


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- Update stage: **Bayes Rule**

$$p(x_k | z_{1:k}) = \frac{p(z_k | x_k)}{\text{const}} p(x_k | z_{1:k-1})$$

Labels in the diagram: 'posterior' points to the left side of the equation, 'Likelihood' points to the numerator, and 'prior' points to the right side.

From the normalization

$$\int p(x_k | z_{1:k}) dx_k = 1 \longrightarrow \text{const} = \int p(z_k | x_k) \cdot p(x_k | z_{1:k-1}) dx_k$$



# The sequential solution: What is difficult in practice?

- The integrals are difficult to solve analytically!

Chapman-Kolmogorov equation

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## Kalman Filter

Exact only for linear systems and additive Gaussian noises



## PARTICLE FILTERING

Numerical solution which, in the limit, tends to the exact posterior pdf:

$$p(x_k | z_{1:k})$$



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  - Detailed analytical approach to the problem
  - The pseudocode



# The intuitive representation:

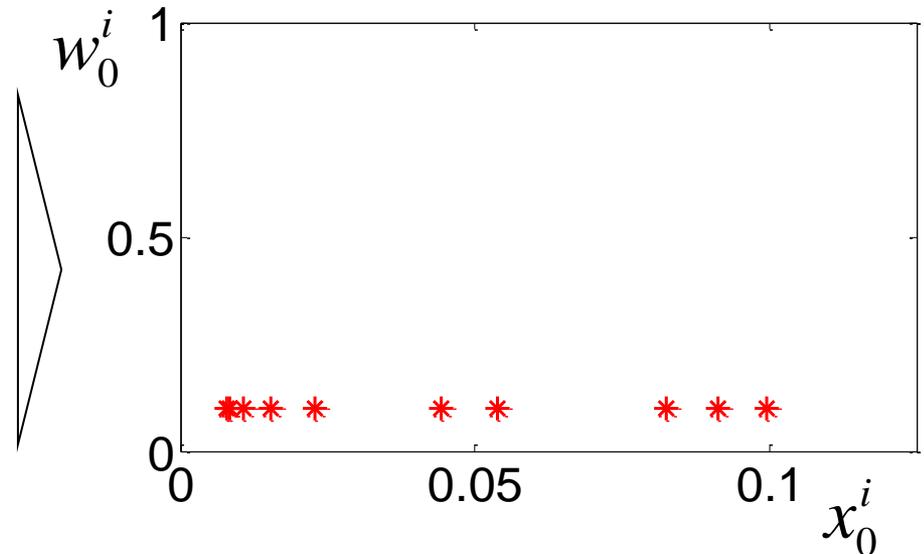
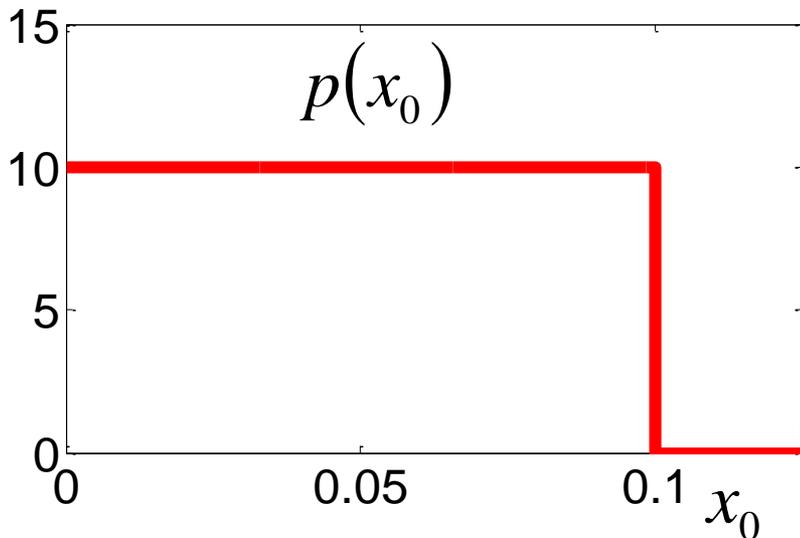
## 1. pdf approximation

- Time 0, we approximate  $p(x_0)$  in the form of a set of  $N_s$  random samples  $x_0^i$  with associated weights  $w_0^i = \frac{1}{N_s}$

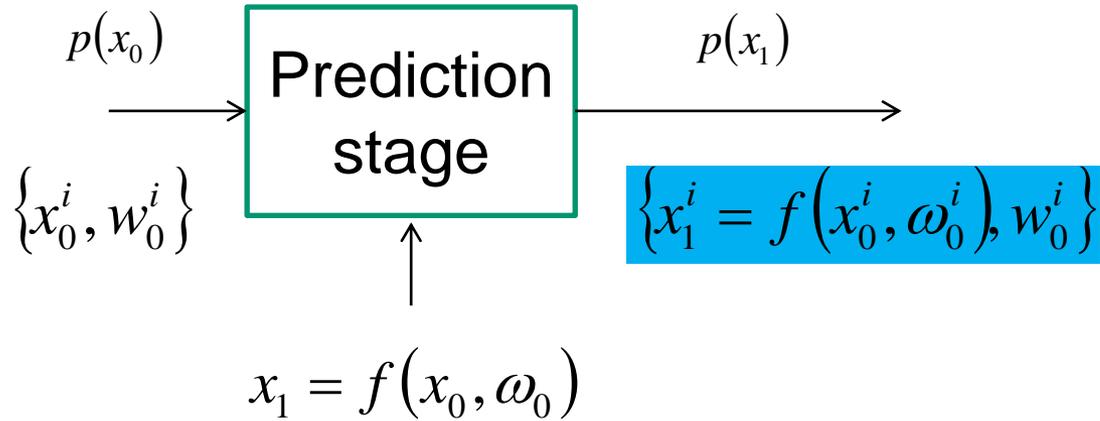


- $p(x_0)$  is approximated by a population of particles:  $\{x_0^i, w_0^i\}, i = 1, \dots, N_s$

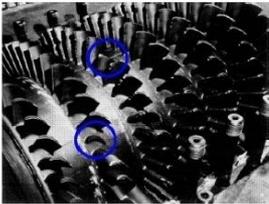
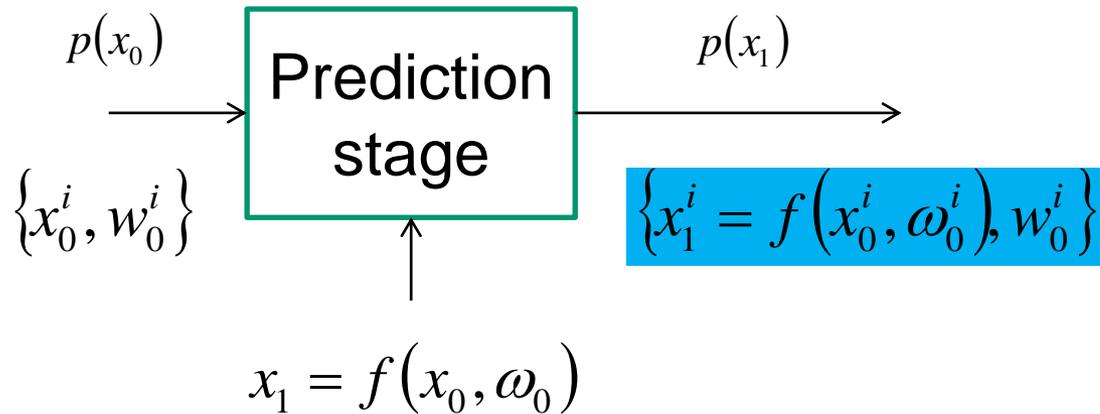
with: 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{N_s} w_0^i = 1$$



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## Prediction stage for particle $i$

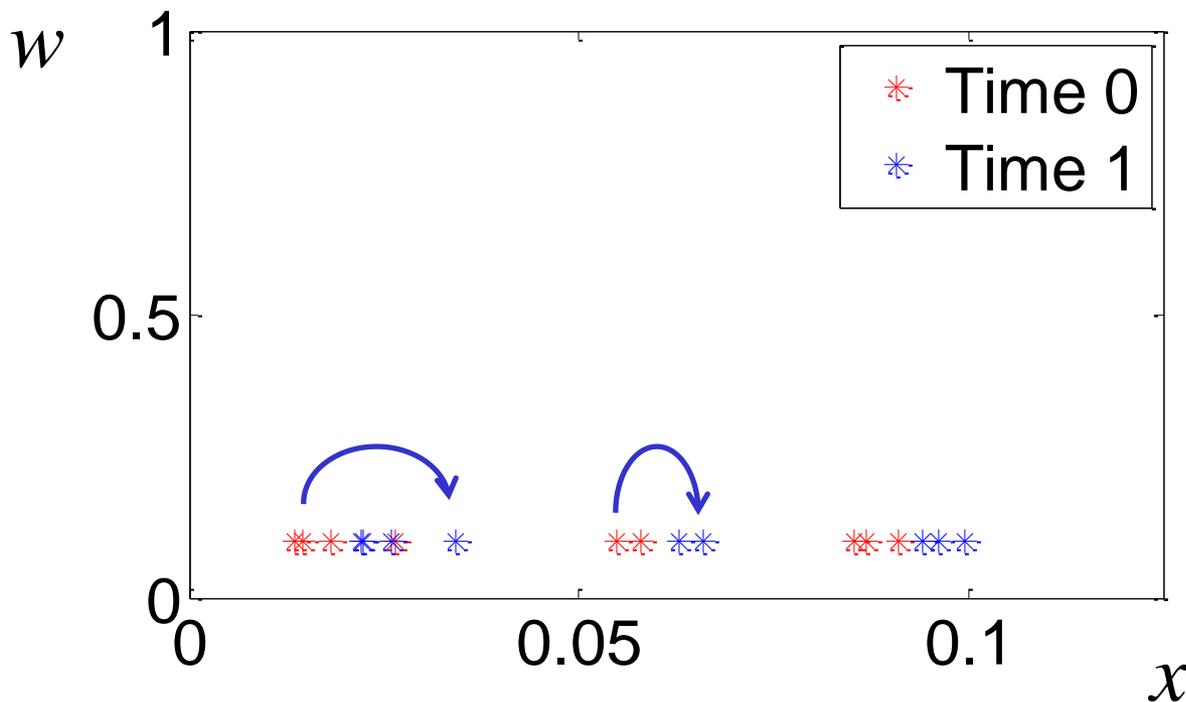
1. Sample a value of  $\omega_1^i, \omega_2^i, \omega_3^i$
2. Apply:

$$x_1^i = x_0^i + A \exp\left(-\frac{Q}{R(T_0 + \omega_1^i)}\right) \left(K(\theta_0 + \omega_2^i)^2 + \omega_3^i\right)^n$$



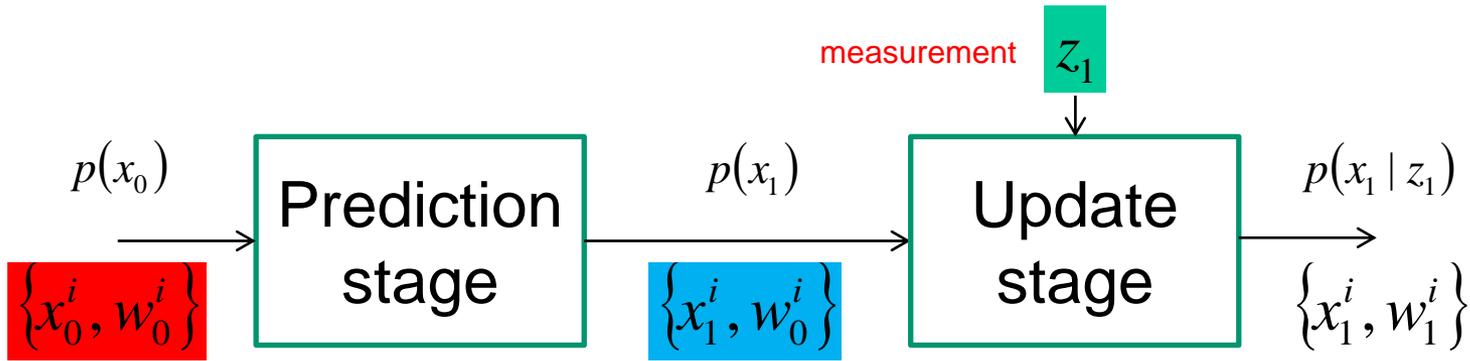
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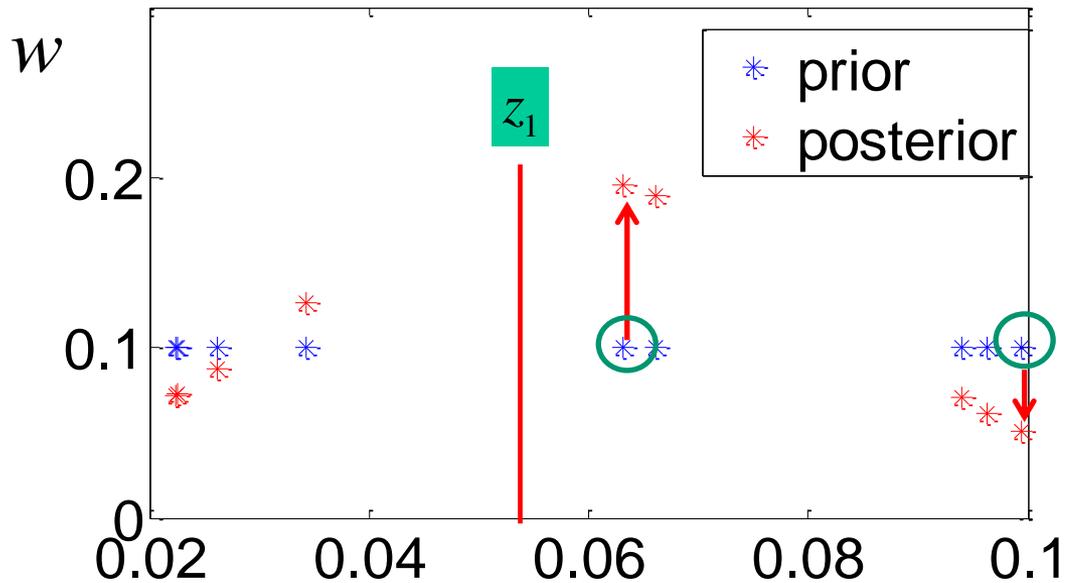
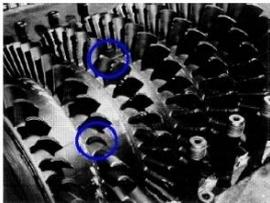




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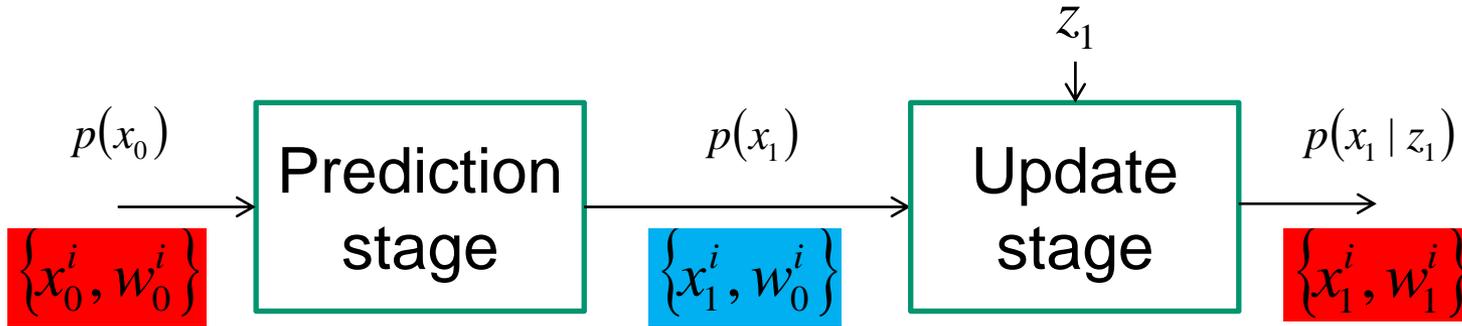


- Time 1: measure  $z_1 = 0.058$  becomes available  $\rightarrow$  particle weights' update

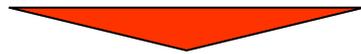




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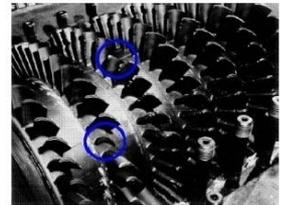
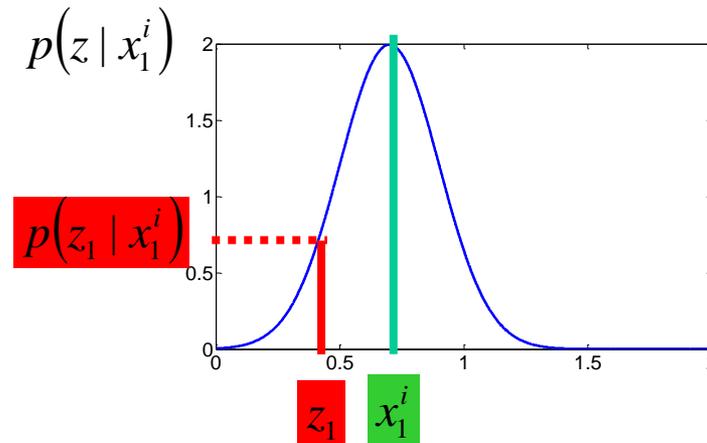


- Compute likelihood of the particles:  $p(z_1 | x_1^i)$

$$z = x_1^i + v$$

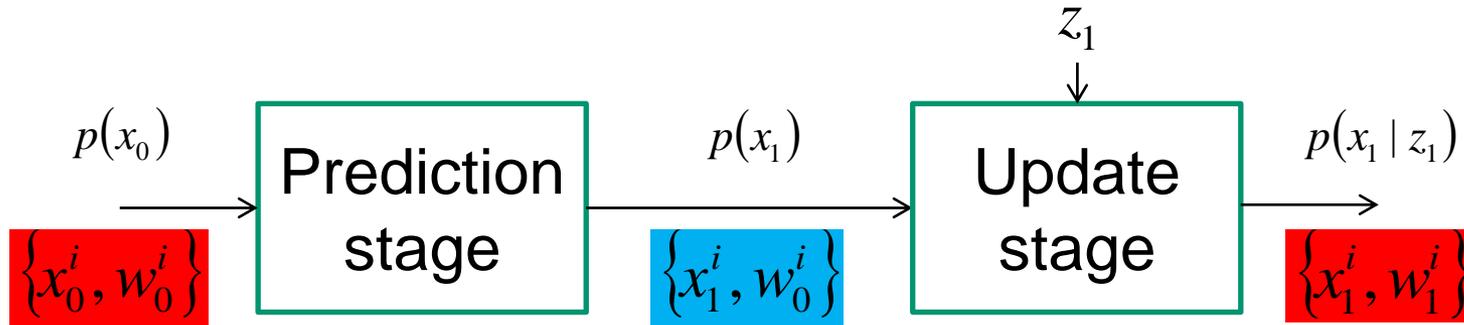
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$$z \propto N(x_1^i, \sigma^2)$$





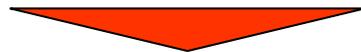
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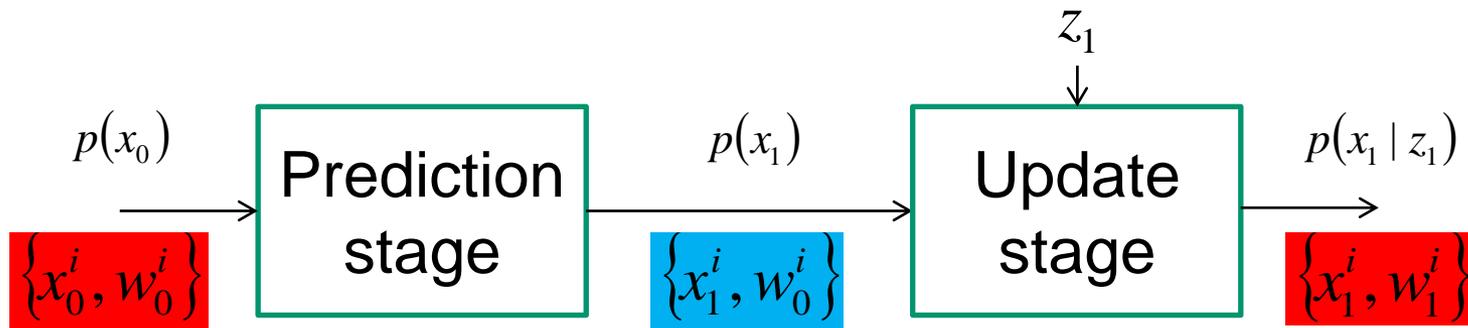
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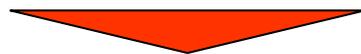
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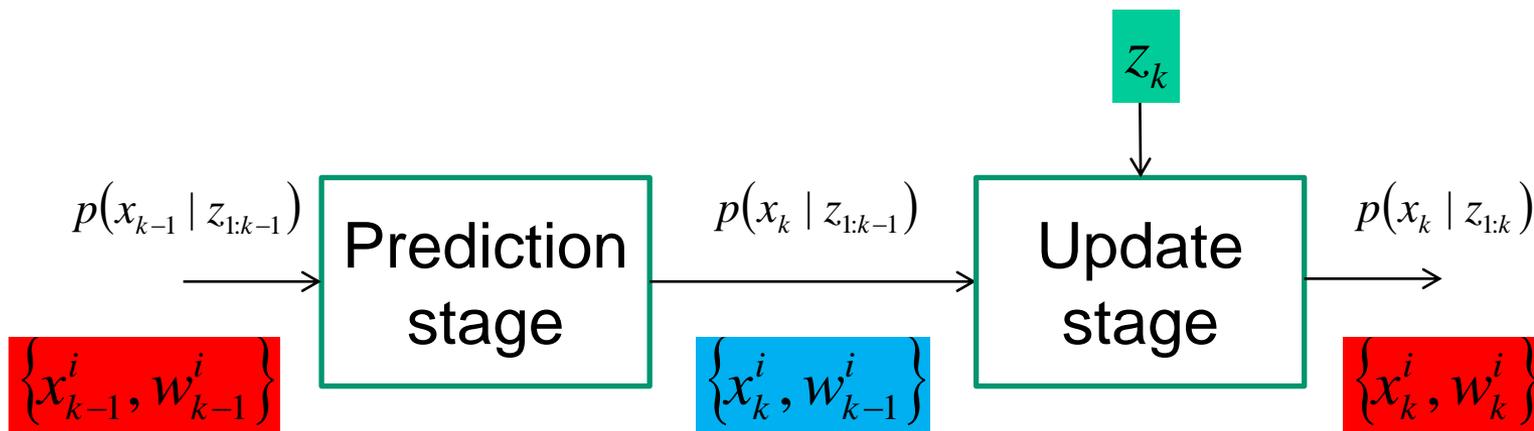


- $\tilde{w}_1^i = w_0^i \cdot p(z_1 | x_1^i)$    $w_1^i = \frac{\tilde{w}_1^i}{\sum_{i=1}^N \tilde{w}_1^i}$

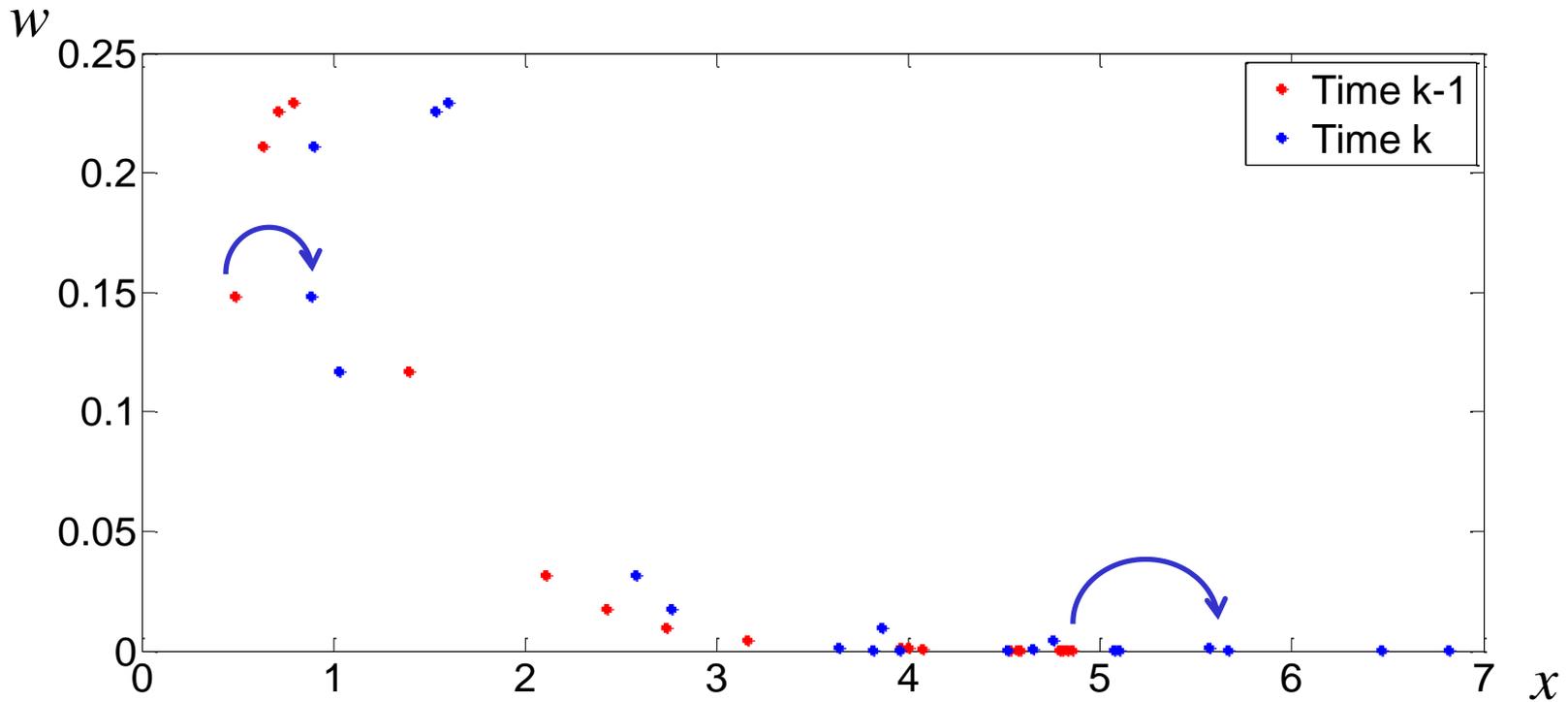
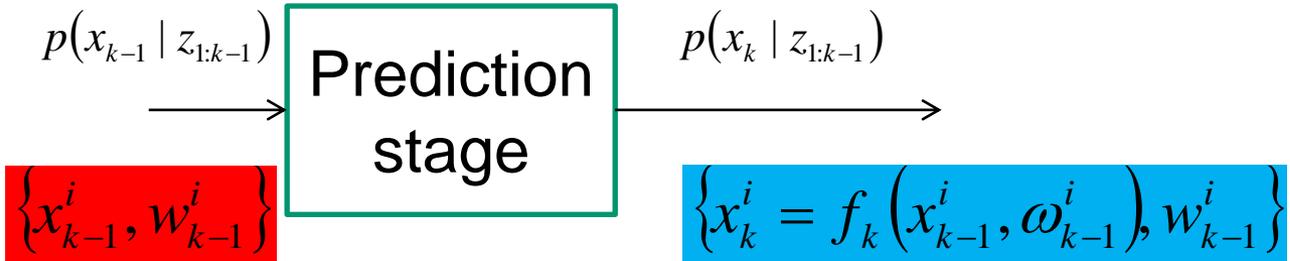


## The intuitive representation

- Repeat prediction and update stage each time a new measure becomes available

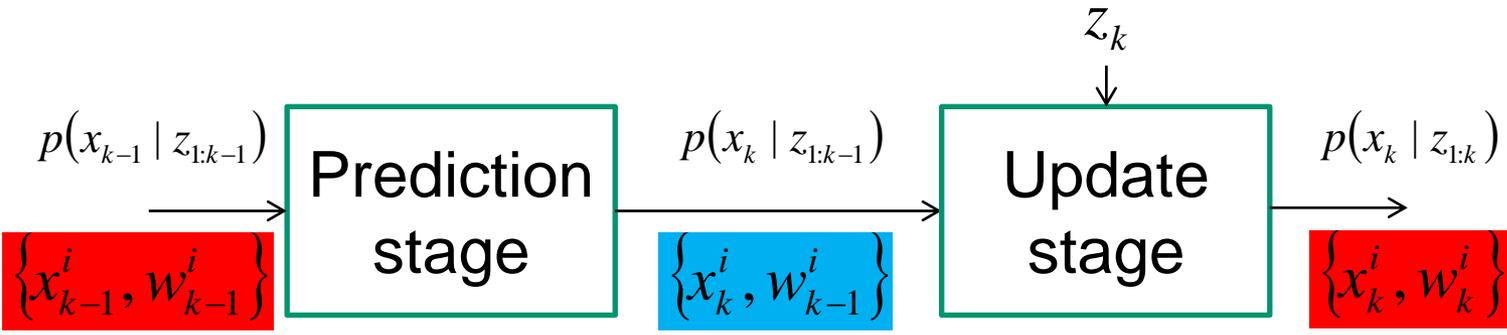


# The intuitive representation: prediction stage: Monte Carlo Simulation

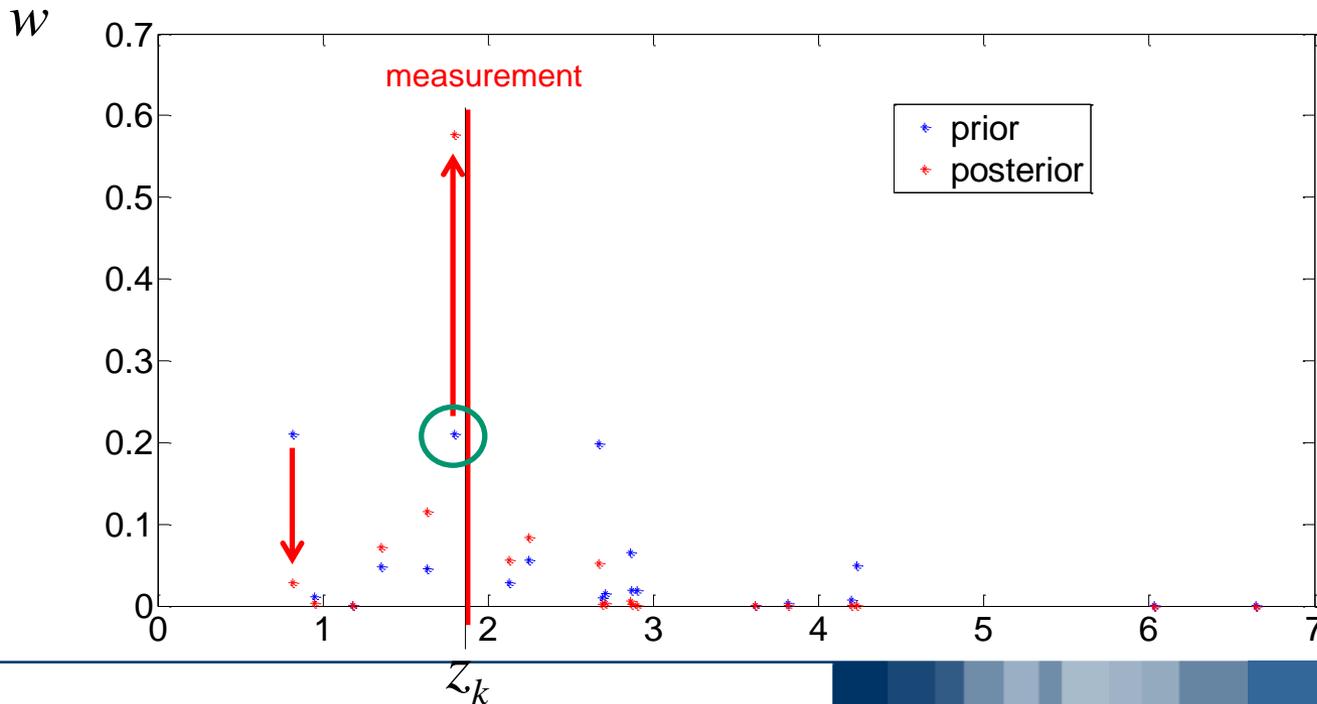




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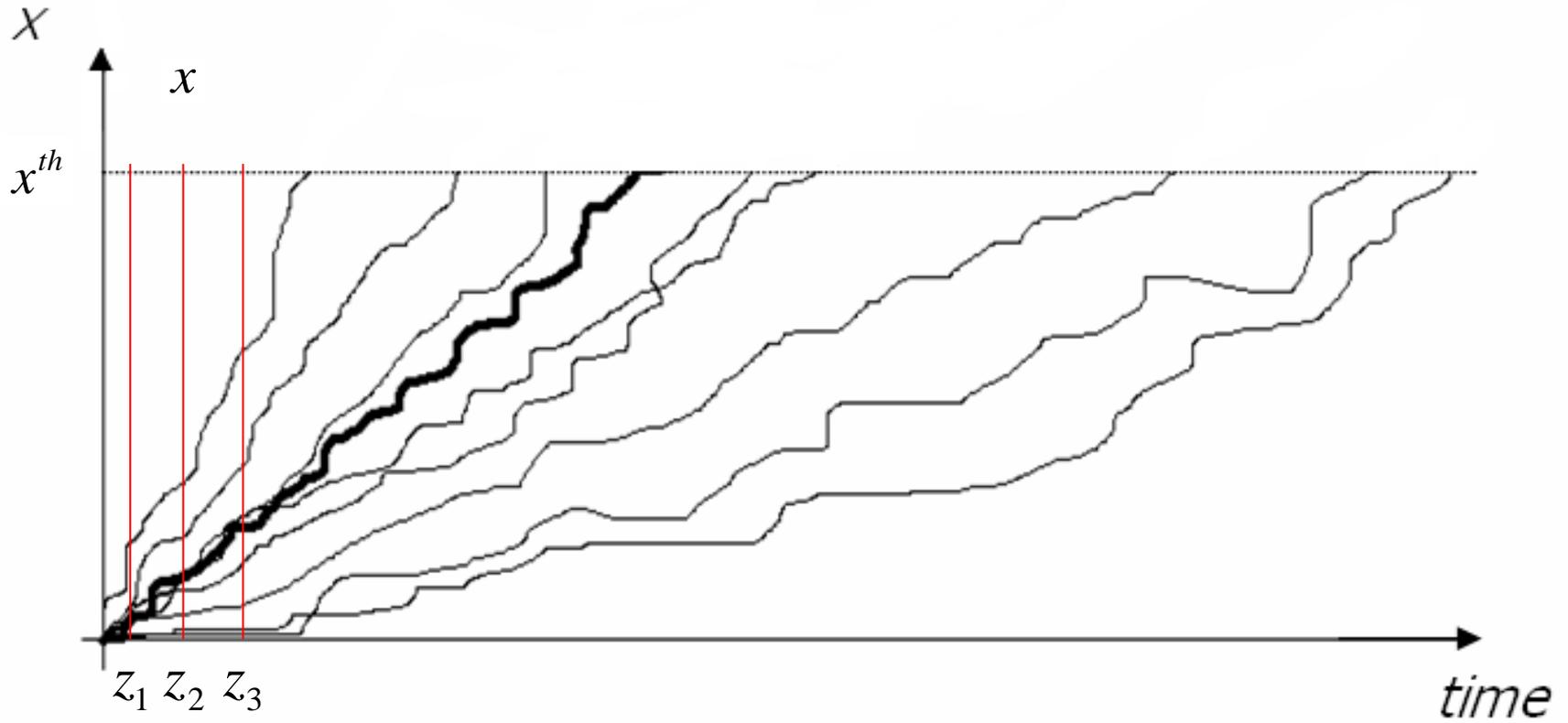


- Time  $k$ : measure  $z_k$  becomes available  $\rightarrow$  particle weight modification





# Example of Particle Trajectories





$$\{x_k^i, w_k^i\} \longleftrightarrow p(x_k | z_{1:k})$$



- degradation state **mean** (estimate)

$$\hat{x}_k = \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} w_k^i x_k^i$$

- degradation state **variance** (uncertainty)

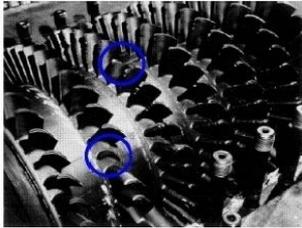
$$\hat{\sigma}_k^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} w_k^i (x_k^i - \hat{x}_k)^2$$



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# Degradation state estimate in practice



$$x_k = x_{k-1} + A \exp\left(-\frac{Q}{R(T_0 + \omega_1)}\right) \left(K(\theta_0 + \omega_2)^2\right)^n$$

Initial Condition: Time  $t=0 \rightarrow x_0 = 0$   
 Number of Particles:  $N_p = 1000$

Time	Elongation Measure
500	0.2411%

$n=6$

$A = 7.5e^{-3} \%/(\text{MPa}^n \cdot \text{day})$

$Q$ : Activation energy = 290000 J/mol

$R$ : Ideal gas constant = 8.31 J/(mol\*K)

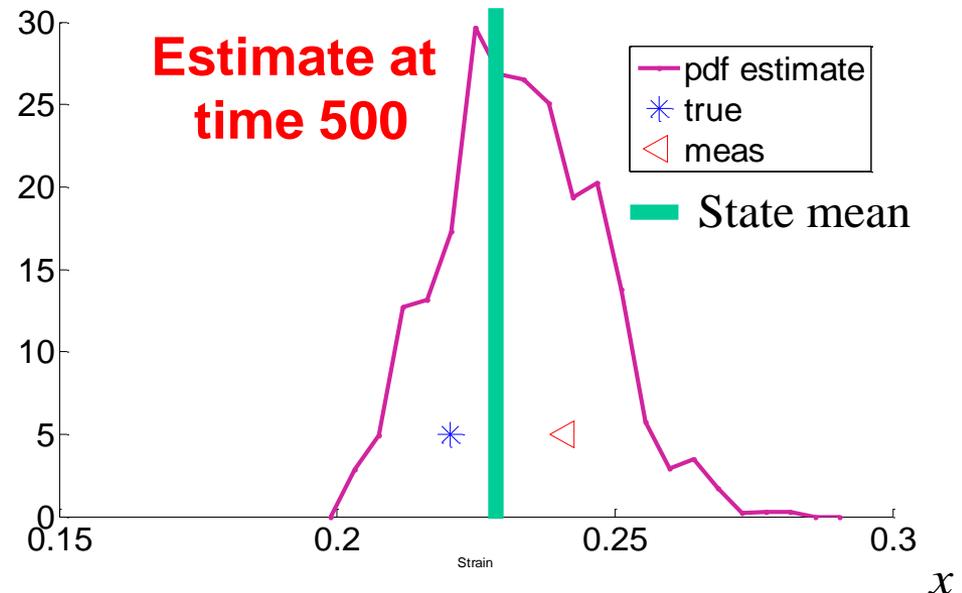
$K=0.0011 \text{ MPa}$

$T_0 = 1100 \text{ K}$

$\theta_0 = 3000 \text{ rpm}$

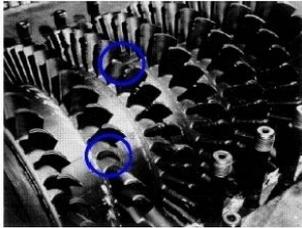
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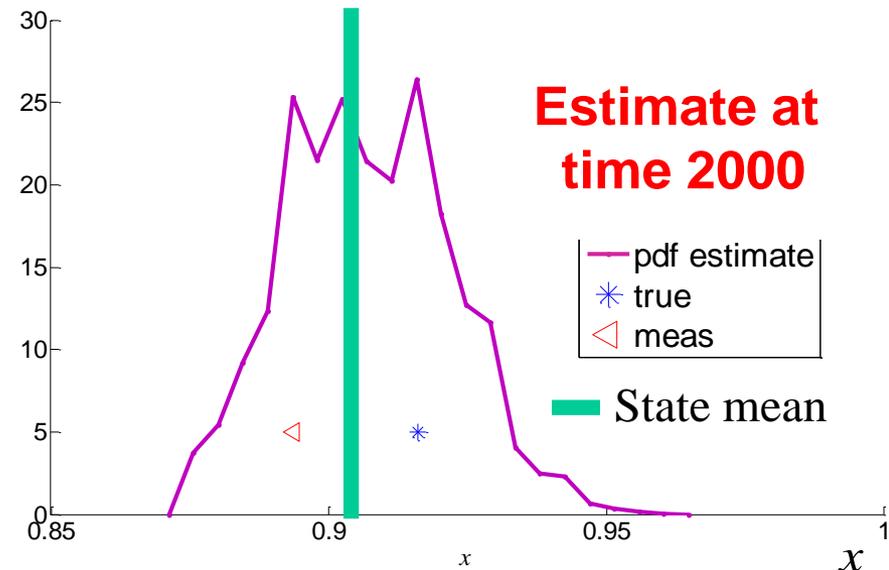
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**OBJECTIVE:**  $p(x_{0:k} | z_{1:k})$



**MAIN IDEA: IMPORTANCE SAMPLING**

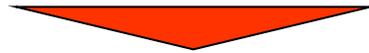
$$p(x_{0:k} | z_{1:k}) \approx \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} w_k^i \delta(x_{0:k} - x_{0:k}^i)$$



# Importance sampling

- Let  $p(x) \propto \pi(x)$  be a probability density function (pdf) difficult to sample from, with  $\pi(x)$  easy to evaluate
- Let  $q(x)$  be a proposal pdf easy to sample from:  $\{x^i\}_{i=1:N_s}$

Importance density



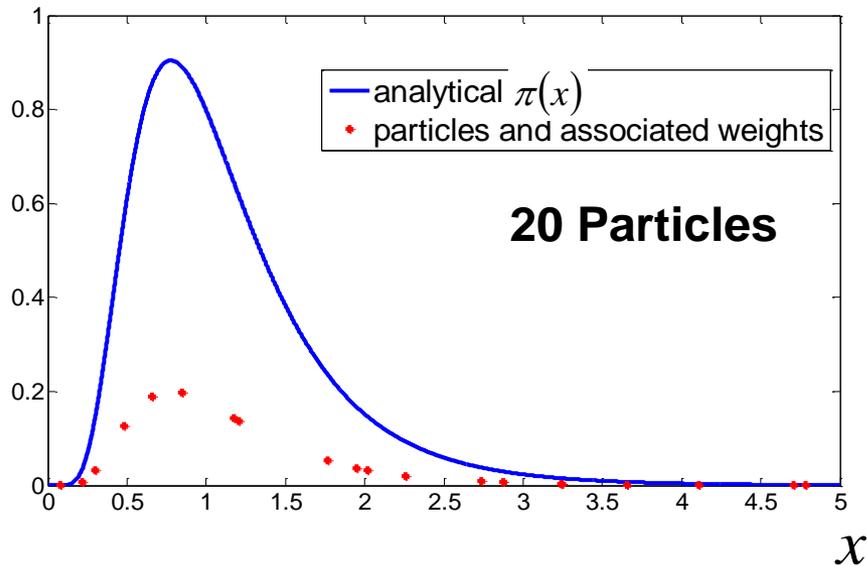
$$p(x) \approx \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} w^i \delta(x - x^i)$$

where:

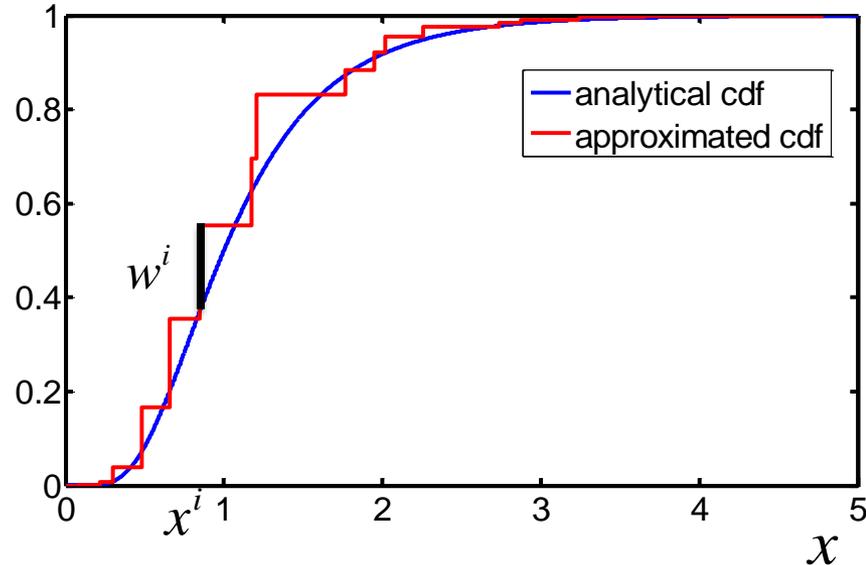
$$\tilde{w}^i = \frac{\pi(x^i)}{q(x^i)} \quad \rightarrow \quad w^i = \frac{\tilde{w}^i}{\sum_{i=1, N_s} \tilde{w}^i}$$



# Example: approximation of the pdf distribution



$$\int_{-\infty}^x p(\xi) d\xi$$

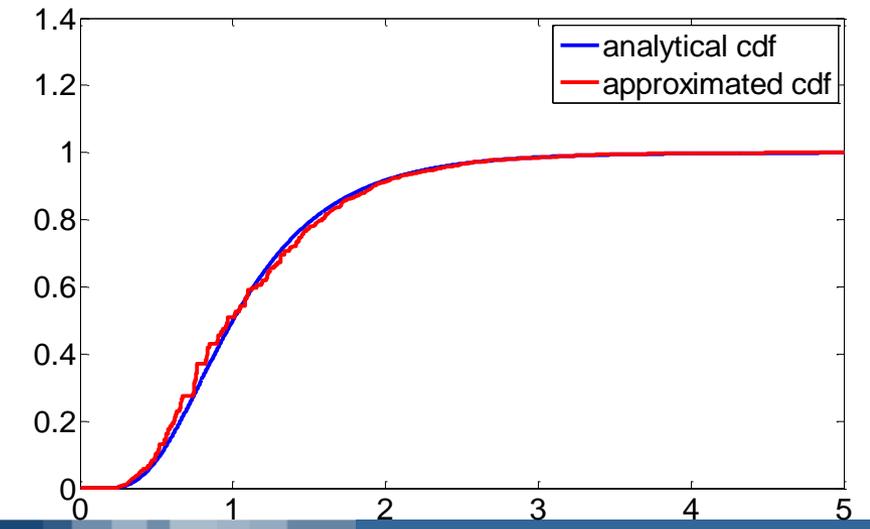
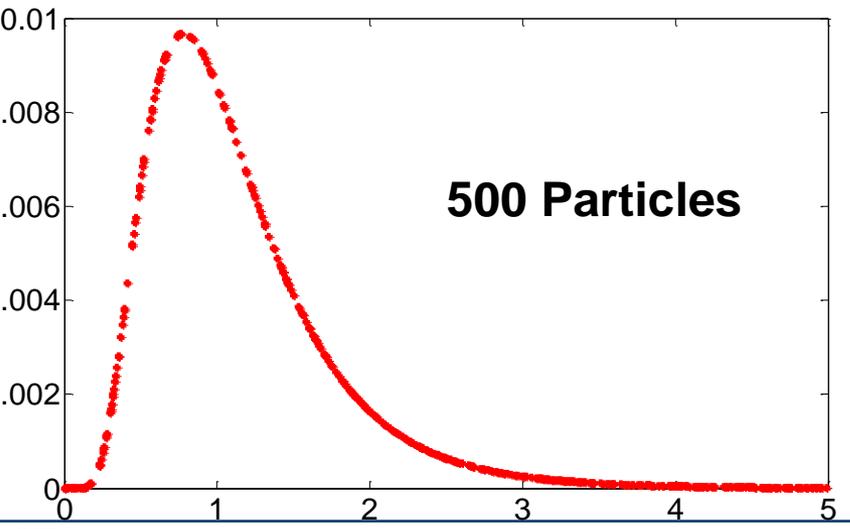
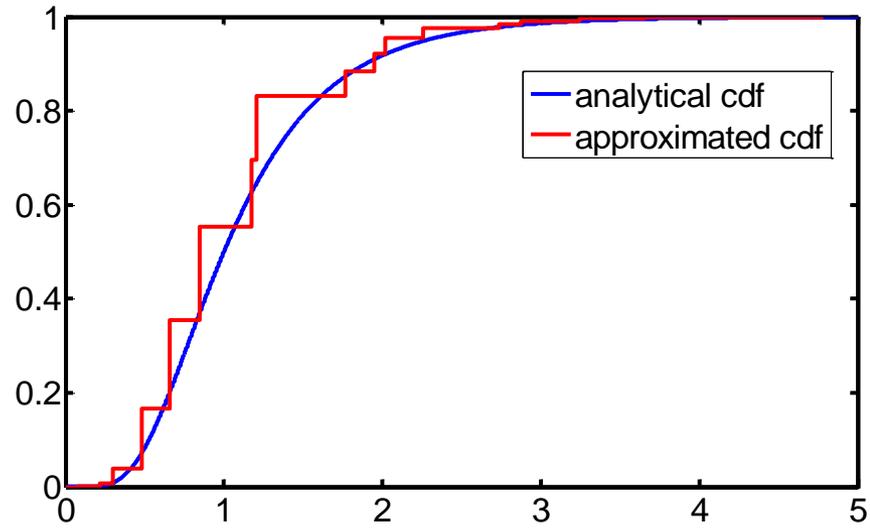
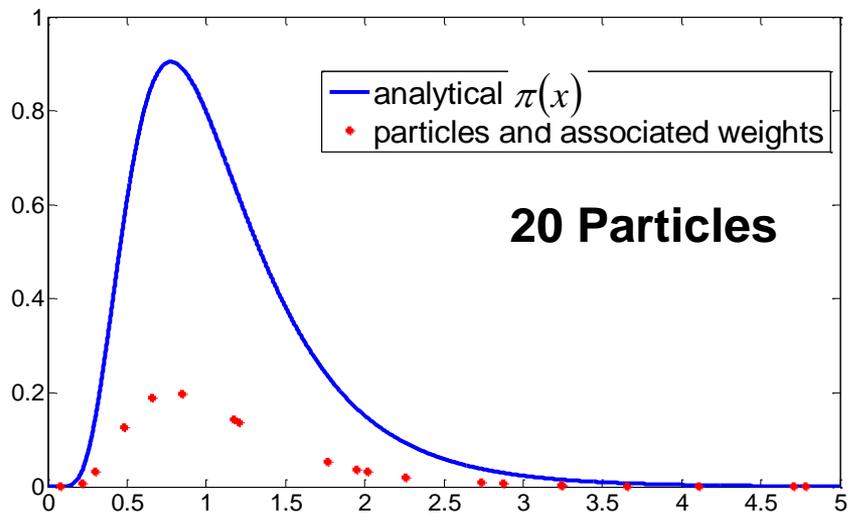


- Particles sampled from:  $q(x)=U[0,5]$
- Corresponding weight obtained from:

$$\tilde{w}^i = \frac{\pi(x^i)}{q(x^i)} = \frac{\pi(x^i)}{1/5}$$



# Example: approximation of the pdf distribution



$$p(x_{0:k} | z_{1:k}) \approx \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} w_k^i \delta(x_{0:k} - x_{0:k}^i)$$

**Arbitrarily chosen**



In practice:

- Sample  $N_s$  particles from  $q(x_{0:k} | z_{1:k})$
- Compute weights from:

$$w_k^i \propto \frac{p(x_{0:k}^i | z_{1:k})}{q(x_{0:k}^i | z_{1:k})}$$



# Sequential Importance Sampling

Arbitrarily chosen



$$q(x_{0:k} | z_{1:k}) = q(x_k | x_{0:k-1}, z_{1:k}) q(x_{0:k-1} | z_{1:k-1})$$



Known from  
previous time step

Sample at time  $k-1$ :  $x_0^i, x_1^i, \dots, x_{k-1}^i$



Sample at time  $k$ :  $x_0^i, x_1^i, \dots, x_{k-1}^i, x_k^i$



from  $q(x_k | x_{0:k-1}, z_{1:k})$

$$p(x_{0:k} | z_{1:k}) \approx \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} w_k^i \delta(x_{0:k} - x_{0:k}^i)$$

In practice:

- Sample  $N_s$  particles from  $q(x_{0:k} | z_{1:k}) = q(x_k | x_{0:k-1}, z_{1:k})q(x_{0:k-1} | z_{1:k-1})$
- Compute weights from:

$$w_k^i \propto \frac{p(x_{0:k}^i | z_{1:k})}{q(x_{0:k}^i | z_{1:k})} = \frac{\boxed{p(x_{0:k}^i | z_{1:k})} \text{ ?}}{q(x_k^i | x_{0:k-1}^i, z_{1:k})q(x_{0:k-1}^i | z_{1:k-1})}$$



## Recursive formula for $p(x_{0:k}^i | z_{1:k})$

$$p(x_{0:k} | z_{1:k}) = \frac{p(x_{0:k} | z_{1:k-1})p(z_k | x_{0:k}, z_{1:k-1})}{const}$$

- Bayes Rule



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(conditional probability formula)

$$P(A, B) = P(A | B)P(B)$$

$$p(x_k, x_{0:k-1} | z_{1:k-1}) = p(x_k | x_{0:k-1}, z_{1:k-1})p(x_{0:k-1} | z_{1:k-1})$$



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↓  
Rearrangement



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(Markov model)


$$p(x_{0:k} | z_{1:k}) \propto p(z_k | x_k)p(x_k | x_{k-1})p(x_{0:k-1} | z_{1:k-1})$$

# Weight updating equation – Sequential Importance Sampling (SIS)

- Where were we?

- SLIDE 62:

$$w_k^i \propto \frac{p(x_{0:k}^i | z_{1:k})}{q(x_{0:k}^i | z_{1:k})}$$

$$q(x_{0:k} | z_{1:k}) = q(x_k | x_{0:k-1}, z_{1:k}) q(x_{0:k-1} | z_{1:k-1})$$

- SLIDE 67:

$$p(x_{0:k} | z_{1:k}) \propto p(z_k | x_k) p(x_k | x_{k-1}) p(x_{0:k-1} | z_{1:k-1})$$



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# A possible choice for $q(x_k | x_{0:k-1}, z_{1:k})$

## MOST POPULAR CHOICE

$$q(x_k | x_{0:k-1}, z_{1:k}) = p(x_k | x_{k-1})$$

Easy! We know the Physical model of the degradation process

$$\tilde{w}_k^i = w_{k-1}^i \frac{p(z_k | x_k^i) p(x_k^i | x_{k-1}^i)}{q(x_k^i | x_{0:k-1}^i, z_k)} = w_{k-1}^i p(z_k | x_k^i)$$

Easy! We know the measurement equation

### Advantage:

- easy to implement (both sampling and evaluation of weights)

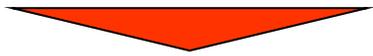
### Drawbacks:

- state-space explored without knowledge of observations
- degeneracy phenomenon



# SIS: degeneracy problem

Variance of the weights can only increase over time:  $w_k^i = w_{k-1}^i p(z_k | x_k^i)$



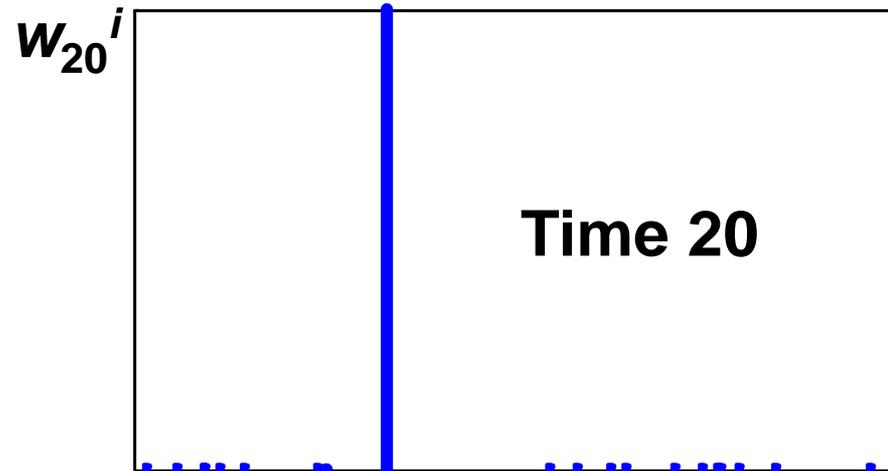
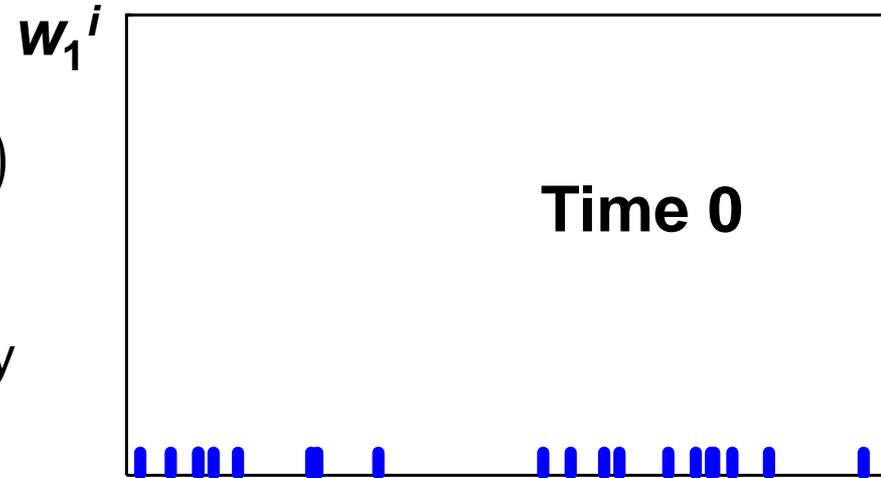
Weight distribution becomes progressively more skewed



Large effort in updating particles whose contribution to final estimate is almost 0



Resampling Algorithm



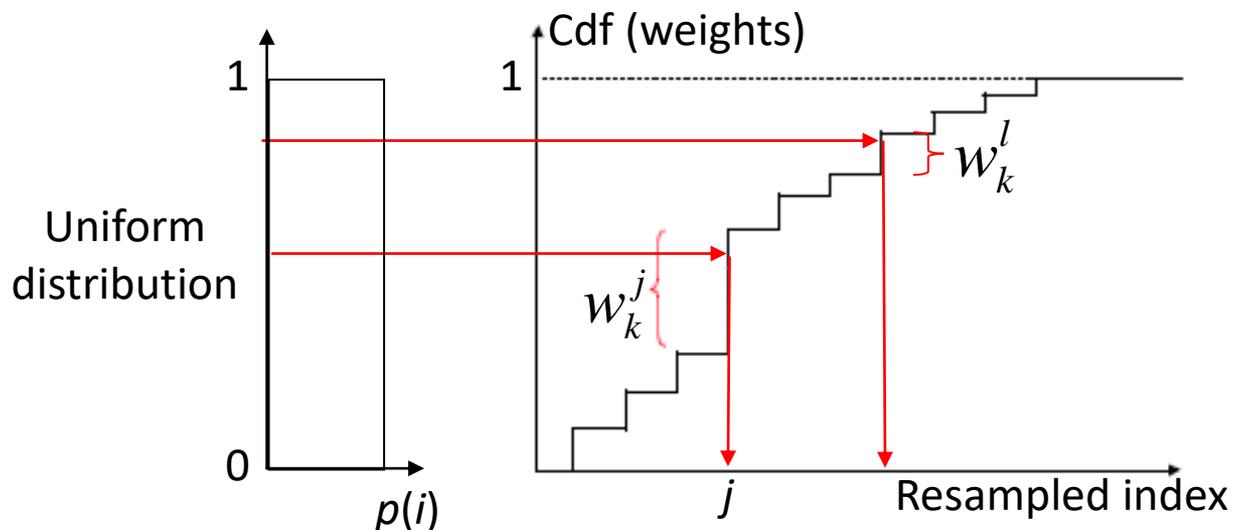


# Bootstrap resampling procedure

- Reduce number of samples with low weights and increase number of samples with large weights
- Set of unequally weighted samples  $\rightarrow$  set of equally weighted particles

$$\left\{ x_k^i, w_k^i \right\}_{i=1}^{N_s} \rightarrow \left\{ x_k^{j^*}, 1/N_s \right\}_{j=1}^{N_s}$$

## BOOTSTRAP RESAMPLING WITH REPLACEMENT



$$p(x_k^{j^*} = x_k^i) = w_k^i$$



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$$\left[ \left\{ x_k^i, w_k^i \right\}_{i=1}^{N_s} \right] = \text{SIR - PF} \left[ \left\{ x_{k-1}^i, w_{k-1}^i \right\}_{i=1}^{N_s}, z_k \right]$$

For  $i = 1: N_s$

- Sample:  $x_k^i$  using  $x_{k-1}^i$  and  $x_k = f_k(x_{k-1}, \omega_{k-1})$

- Assign the particles a weight:  $\tilde{w}_k^i = w_{k-1}^i p(z_k | x_k^i)$

End For

For  $i = 1: N_s$

- Normalize the weights:  $w_k^i = \tilde{w}_k^i / \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} \tilde{w}_k^i$

End For

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$$-\left[ \left\{ x_k^{j*}, w_k^{j*} = 1/N_s \right\}_{j=1}^{N_s} \right] = \text{RESAMPLE} \left[ \left\{ x_k^i, w_k^i \right\}_{i=1}^{N_s} \right]$$

- Bootstrap sample the system states (with replacement)
- Update the weights:  $w_k^{j*} = 1/N_s$

- Compute estimates of interest:

- Posterior mean: 
$$\hat{x}_k = \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} w_k^i x_k^i$$

- Posterior variance: 
$$\hat{\sigma}_k^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} w_k^i (x_k^i - \hat{x}_k)^2$$

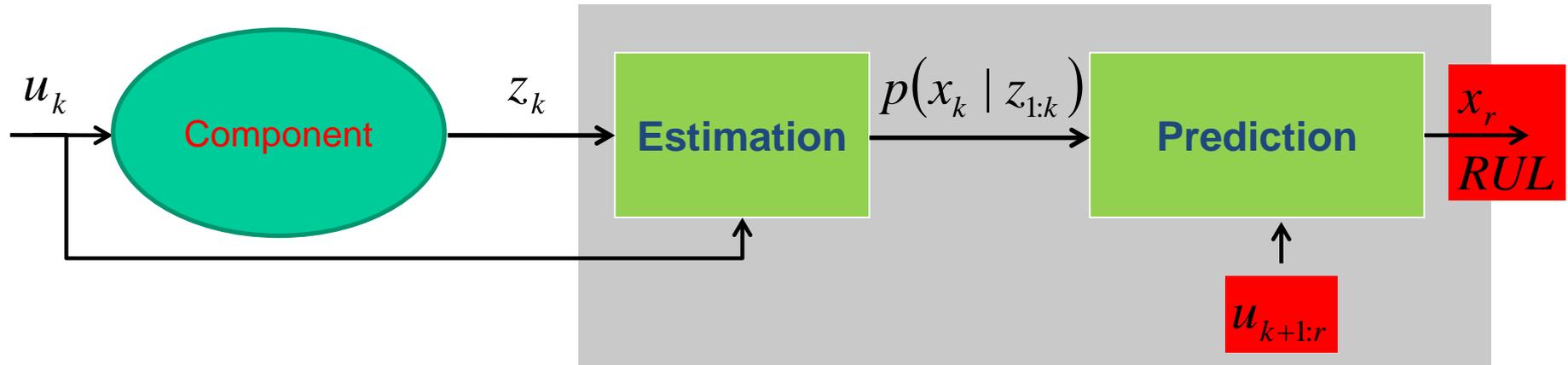
End SIR-PF



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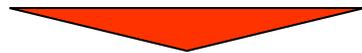


# The forecasting problem



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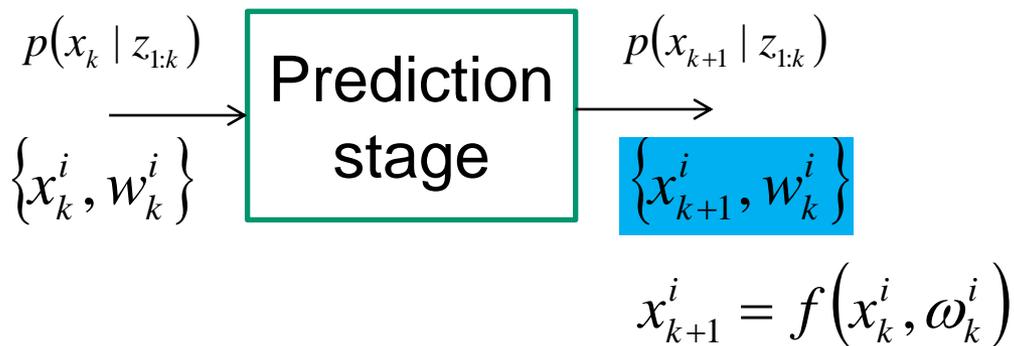
- Estimate of the pdf of the state at the current time (from PF):  $p(x_k | z_{1:k})$  in the form of  $\{x_k^i, w_k^i\}_{i=1}^{N_s}$
- future (random) distribution of the operational/external conditions:  $p_r(u_r, \omega_r)$
- physical model of the degradation process  $x_k = f_k(x_{k-1}, \omega_{k-1})$



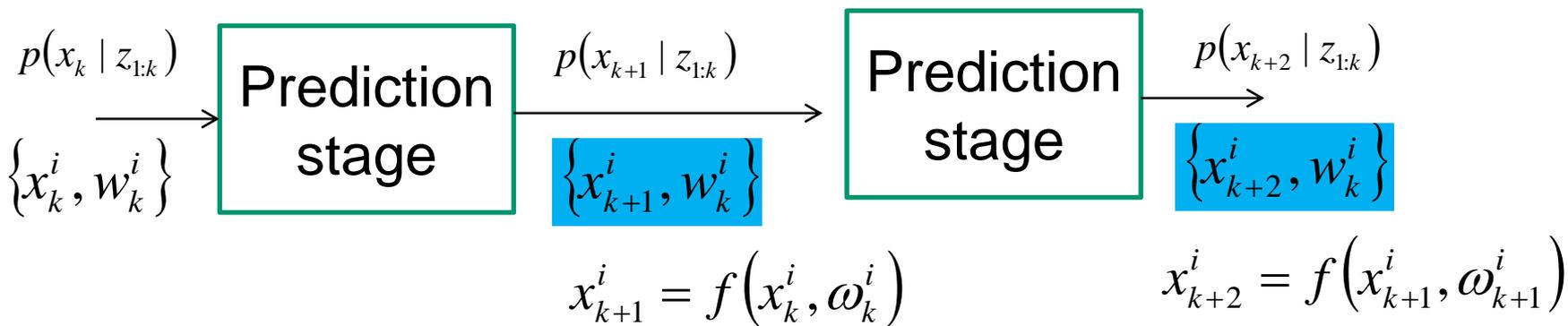
- Estimate  $p(x_r | z_{1:k})$
- Estimate RUL



- Prediction of the degradation state one time step ahead:

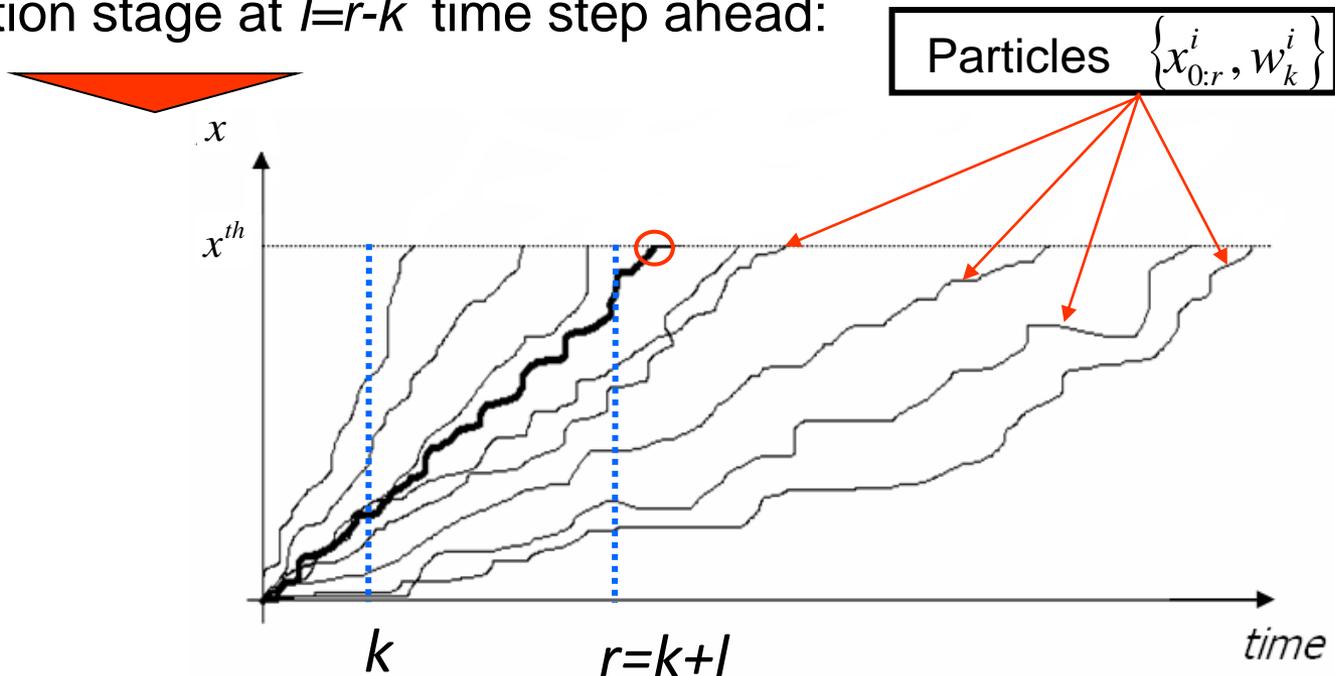


- Prediction of the degradation state 2 time steps ahead





- Prediction stage at  $l=r-k$  time step ahead:

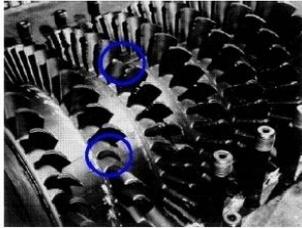


- RUL estimate

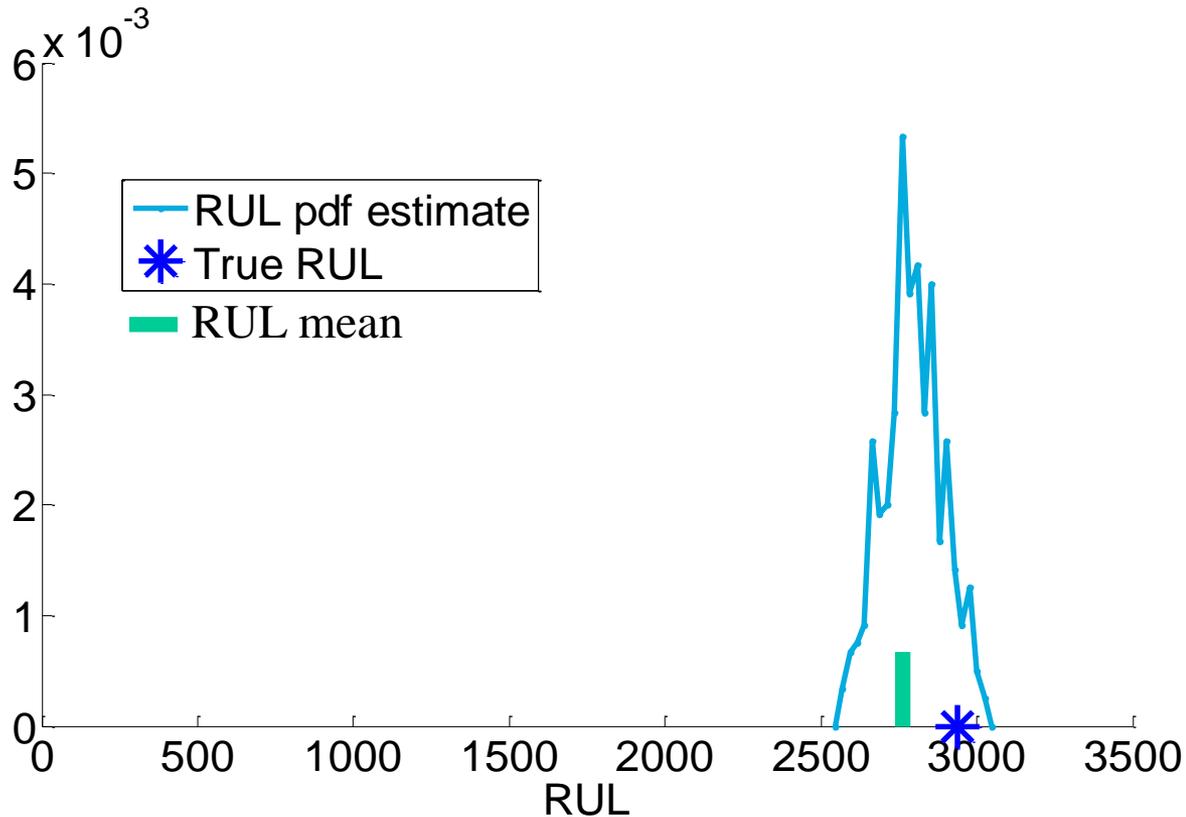
$$\hat{r}ul_k = \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} w_k^i rul_k^i$$



# RUL estimate in practice

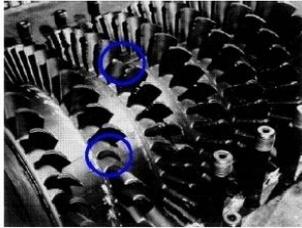


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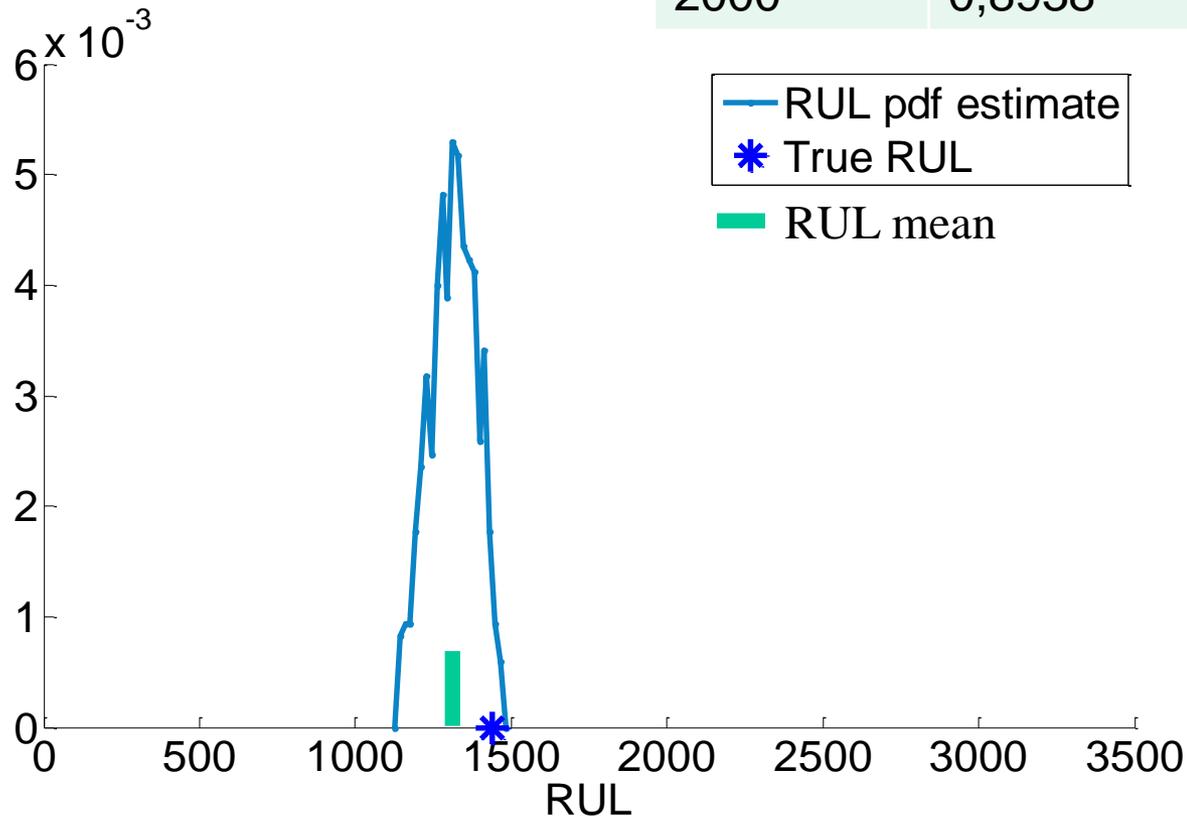




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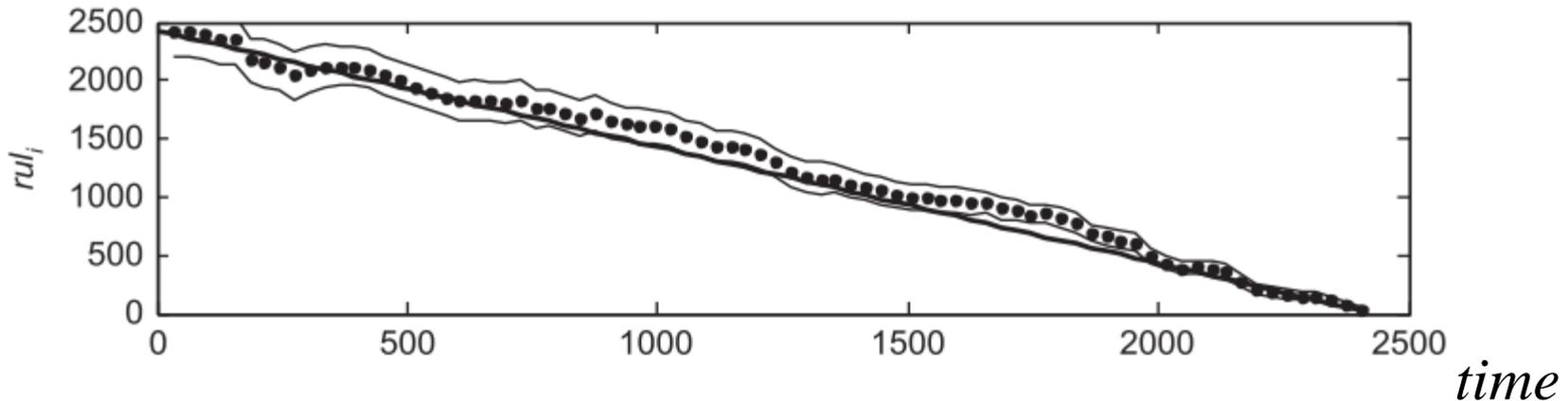
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# RUL estimate in practice: performance

- Another test case: one creep elongation measure every month



- Test over  $N_{tst} = 250$  different creep growth trajectories

- Mean Relative Absolute Error:

$$rMAE = \frac{1}{N_{tst}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{tst}} \left| \frac{rul_i - \hat{rul}_i}{rul_i} \right| = 0.150 \pm 0.009$$

- Coverage:

$$Cov = \frac{1}{N_{tst}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{tst}} c_i; \quad c_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } rul_i \in C_i^{68\%} \\ 0 & \text{if } rul_i \notin C_i^{68\%} \end{cases} \quad Cov = 0.663 \pm 0.018$$



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  - Prediction of the remaining useful life of batteries



## ○ Applications

- Maintenance planning
- Prediction of the remaining useful life of batteries



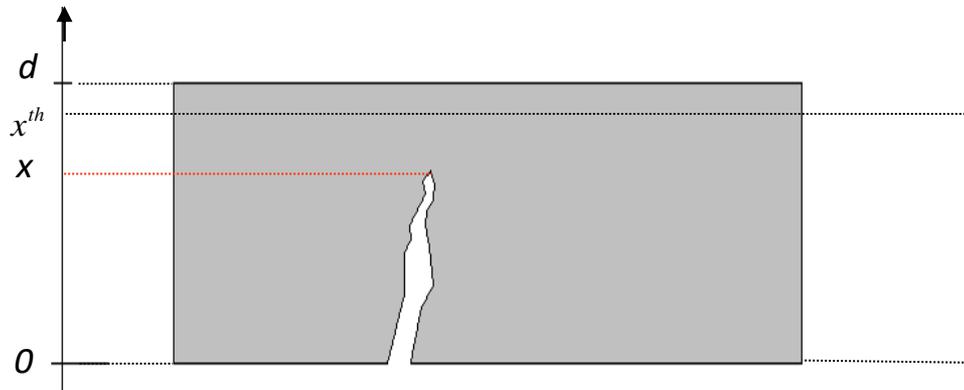
# The degrading component

**Component:** structure

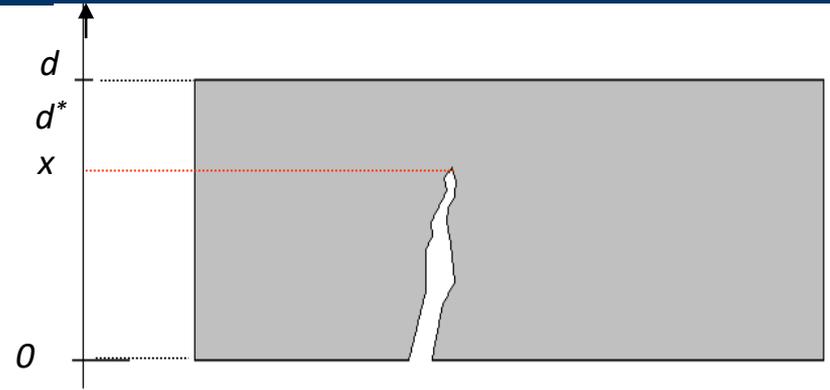
**Degradation mechanism:** crack propagation

**Degradation Indicator:** crack depth,  $x$  (not directly measurable)

**Threshold of failure:**  $x^{th}$



## Paris-Erdogan model



$$\frac{dx}{dN} = e^{\omega} C \left( \beta \sqrt{x} \right)^n \longrightarrow \text{Discretization of the dynamics} \longrightarrow x_k = x_{k-1} + e^{\omega_{k-1}} C \left( \beta \sqrt{x_{k-1}} \right)^n \Delta N$$

- $x$  = **hidden** degradation state (crack depth)
- $\omega$  = independent Gaussian **process noise**
- $N$  = load cycle  $\rightarrow$  time  $k$
- $C$ ,  $\beta$  and  $n$  = constants related to the material properties



# Measurement equation

$$z_k = d \left[ 1 - \exp \left( \beta_0 + \beta_1 \ln \frac{x_k}{d - x_k} + v_k \right) \right]^{-1}$$

**Logit model:** non-destructive ultrasonic inspections

- $z_k$  = degradation observation (vibration measurements)
- $v_k$  = independent non additive **measurement noise**
- $\beta_0, \beta_1$  = constants related to the material properties



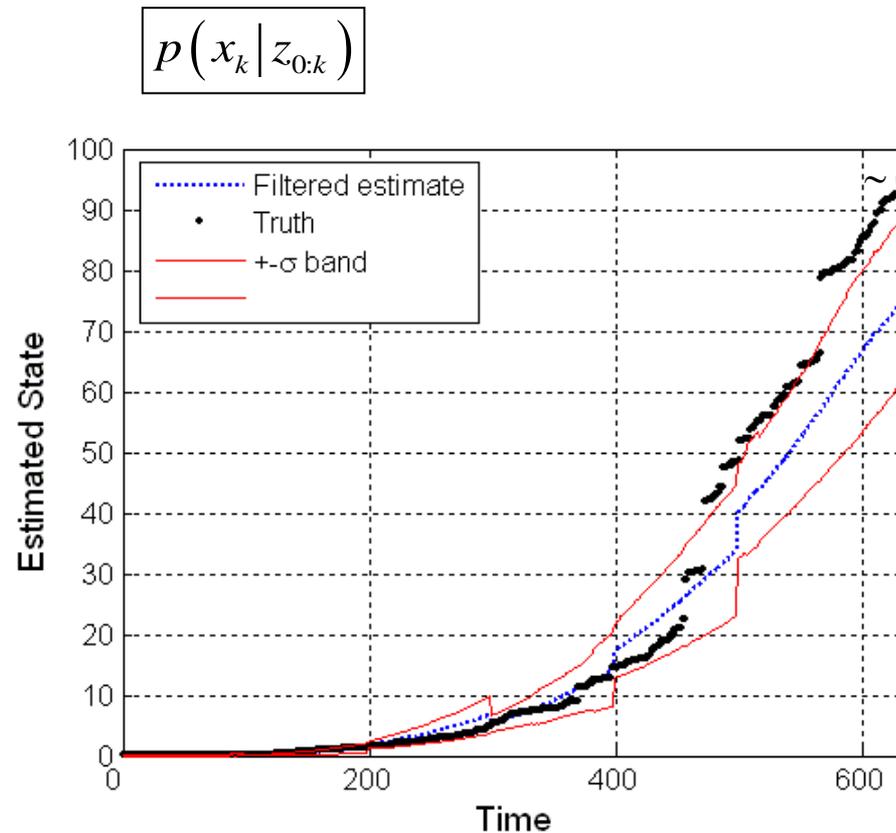
## Objectives

- Degradation state (crack depth) estimate at the present time
- RUL prediction
- Maintenance planning



# Crack growth evolution

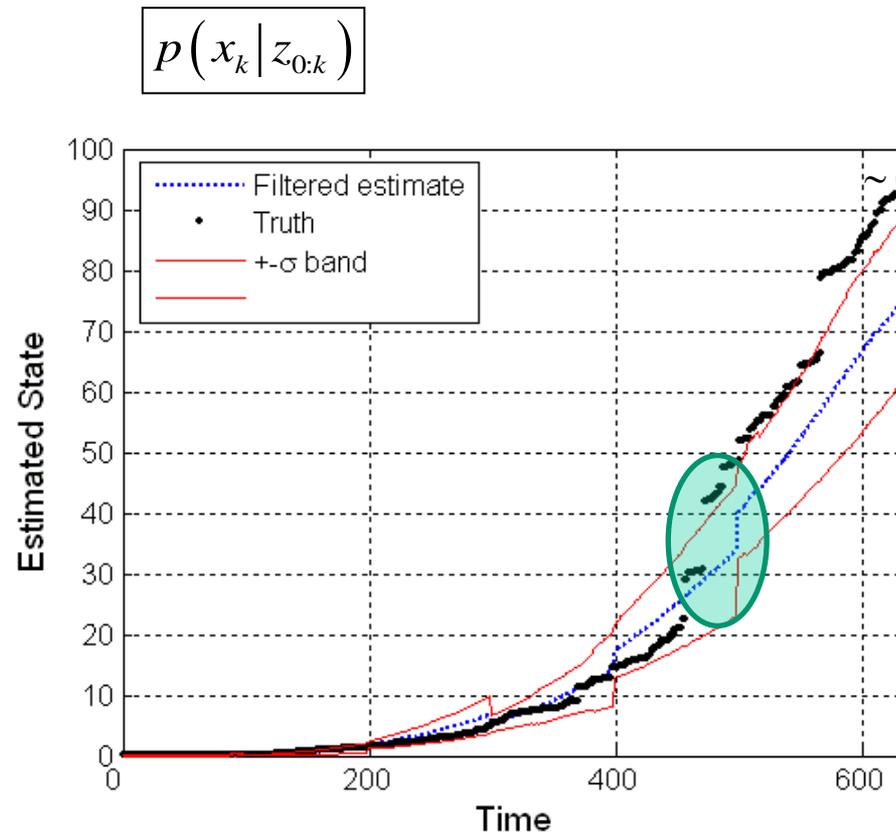
- 5 measurements at:  $k_1 = 100$ ;  $k_2 = 200$ ;  $k_3 = 300$ ;  $k_4 = 400$ ;  $k_5 = 500$
- 5000 particles





# Crack growth evolution

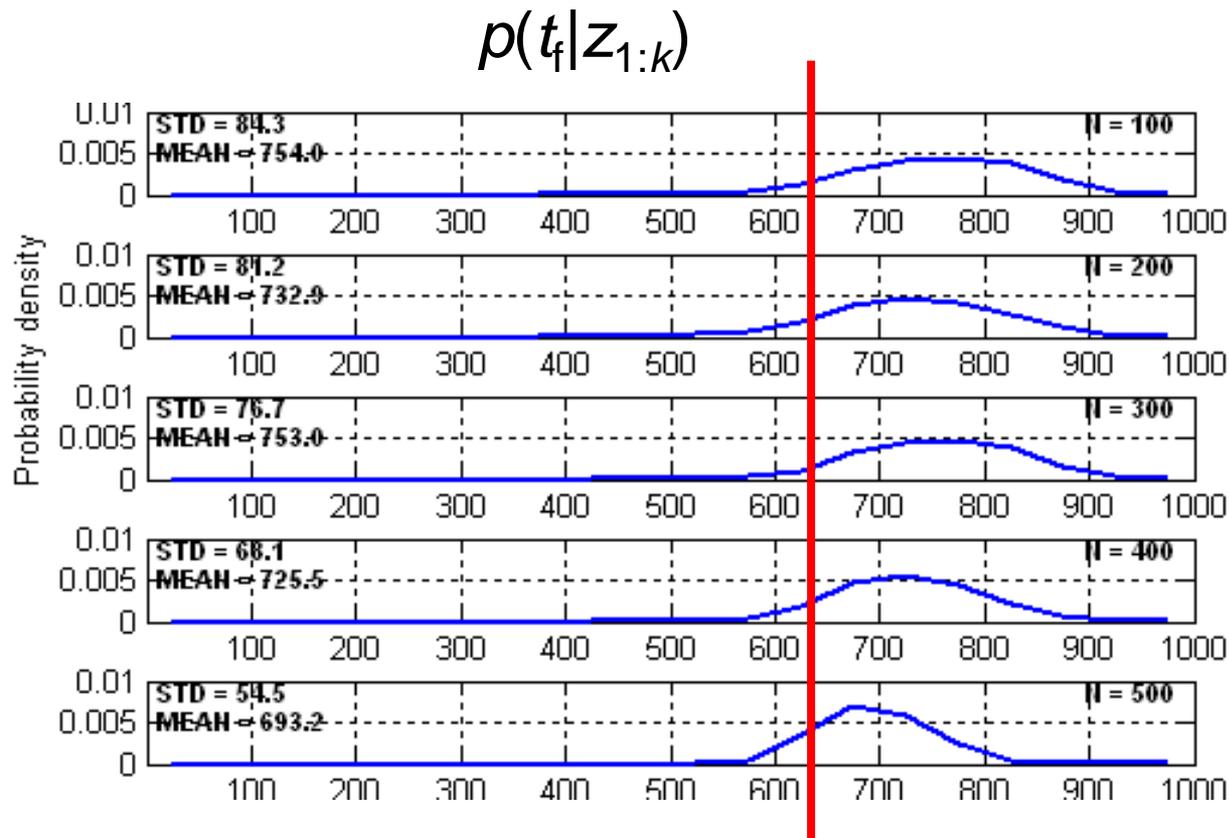
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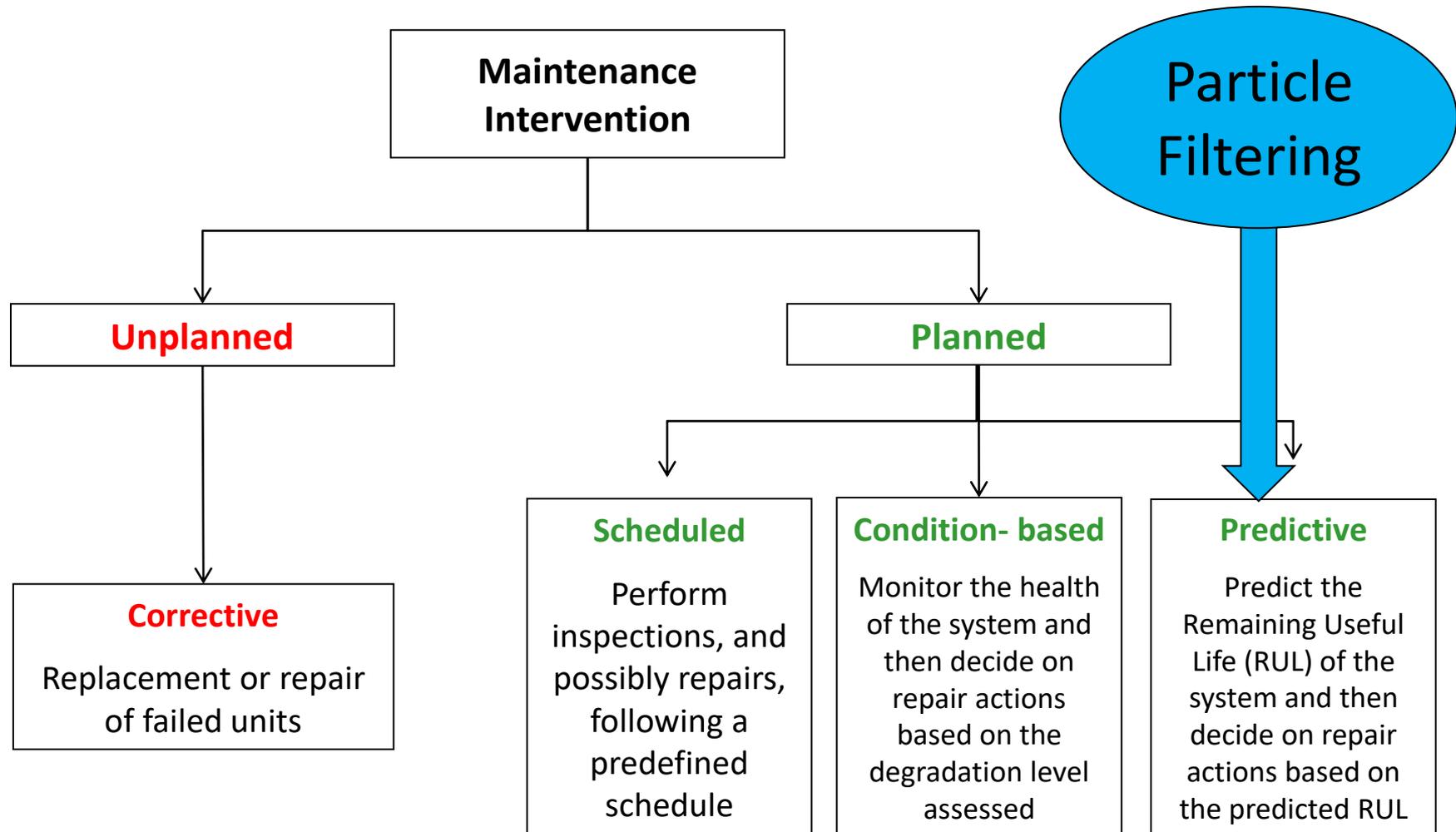
# RUL estimate

- 5 measurements at:  $k_1 = 100$ ;  $k_2 = 200$ ;  $k_3 = 300$ ;  $k_4 = 400$ ;  $k_5 = 500$
- 5000 particles
- *True failure time is 631*





# Maintenance: ultimate goal of PHM





## Predictive maintenance

- A cost model of literature<sup>[\*]</sup> is considered for the quantification of the costs driving the maintenance strategy
- **Hypotheses:**
  - **Inspection procedure:** periodic inspections are performed at given scheduled times. Results of the inspection are  $z_{1:k}$
  - **Maintenance actions:** either replacement upon failure (cost  $c_f$ ) or preventive replacement (cost  $c_p$ )
- **Decision-making policy:** at any time a decision can be made on whether to replace the component or to further extend its life, albeit assuming the risk of a possible failure

[\*] A.H. Christer, W. Wang, J.M. Sharp, A state space condition monitoring model for furnace erosion prediction and replacement, European Journal of Operational Research, Vol. 101, 1997, pp. 1-14



## Predictive maintenance planning

- Present time:  $k$
- Replacement time  $=k+l$
- Expected cost per unit time,  $C(k,l)$  (evaluated at the present time  $k$ , assuming that the component will be replaced at time  $k+l$ )

$$C(k,l) = f(c_p, c_f, P(RUL < l))$$

- $P(RUL < l)$   Particle filter!!

- Among all future time steps  $l$ , the best time to replacement  $l_{min}$  is the one which minimizes:

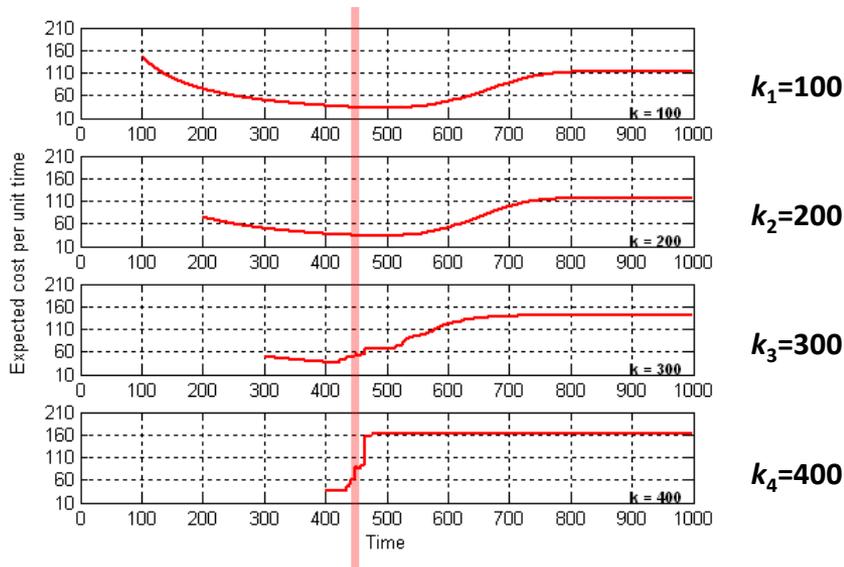
$$C(k,l) = f(c_p, c_f, P(RUL < l))$$



# Predictive maintenance: results

- Measurements at time steps:  $k_1 = 100$ ,  $k_2 = 200$ ,  $k_3 = 300$ ,  $k_4 = 400$
- Number of particles: 5000
- TRUE FAILURE TIME = 452

## Expected cost per unit time



Time step ( $k$ )	$K_{min}$
100	505
200	516
300	423
400	434



## ○ Applications

- Maintenance planning

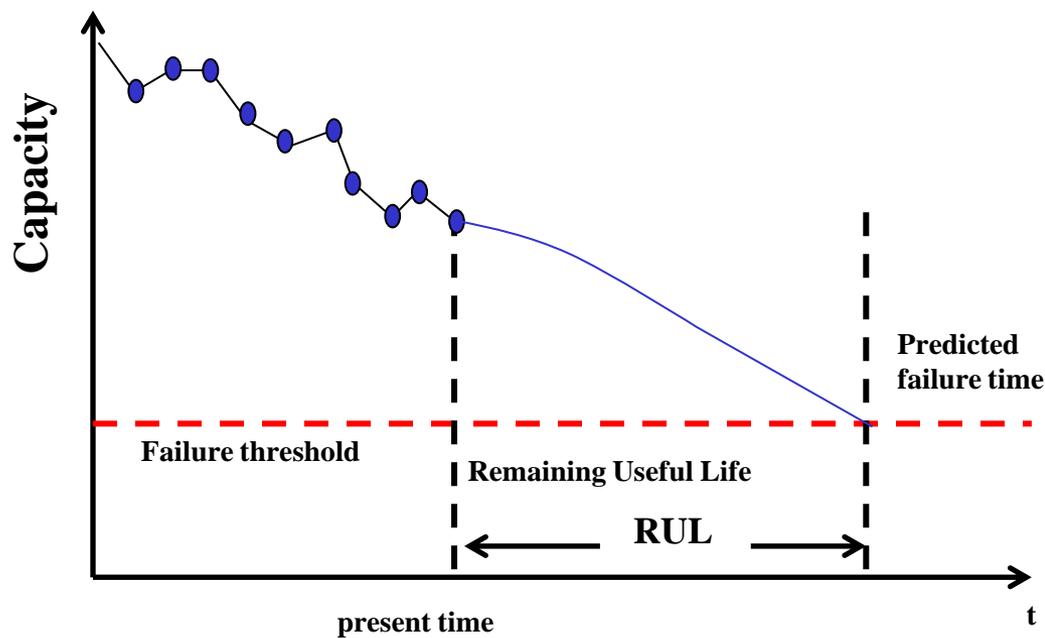
- Prediction of the remaining useful life of batteries



# Reference Case Study

Component: **Li-on Battery**

Objective: RUL prediction





# Relevance of Li-ion Battery



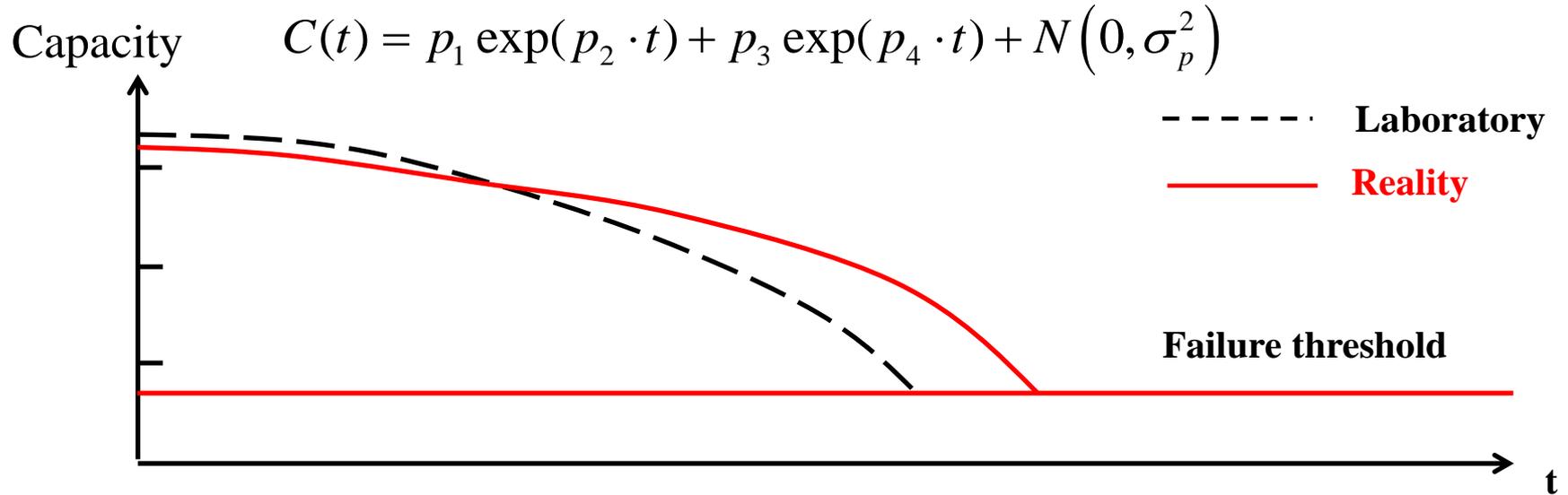
## Issues:

- Most common used energy supply device
- Related with many safety critical functions
- Potential risk: overheat, expand, fire, explosion





# Reference Case Study



## •Laboratory environment

$$p_1 = 0.88, p_2 = -0.001$$

$$p_3 = -0.04, p_4 = 0.36$$

## •Reality:

$$p_1 = ??$$

$$p_2 = ??$$

$$p_3 = ??$$

$$p_4 = ??$$

Unknown but fixed



## Particle Filtering and Kernel Smoothing

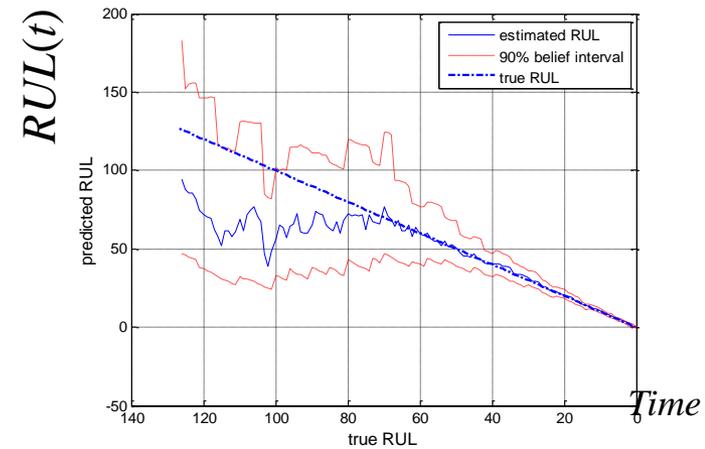
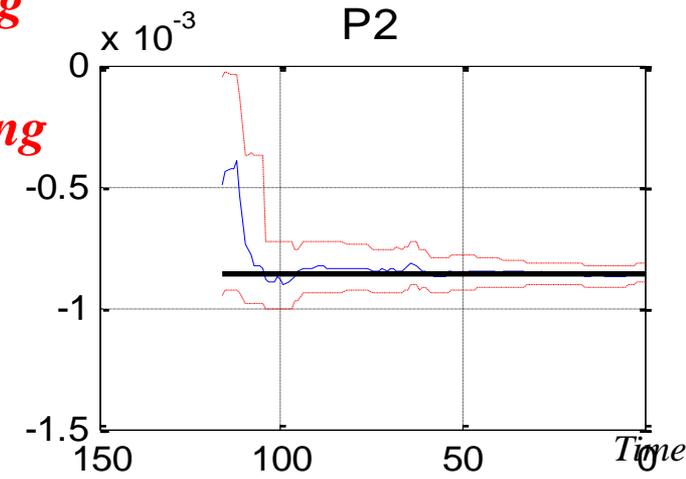
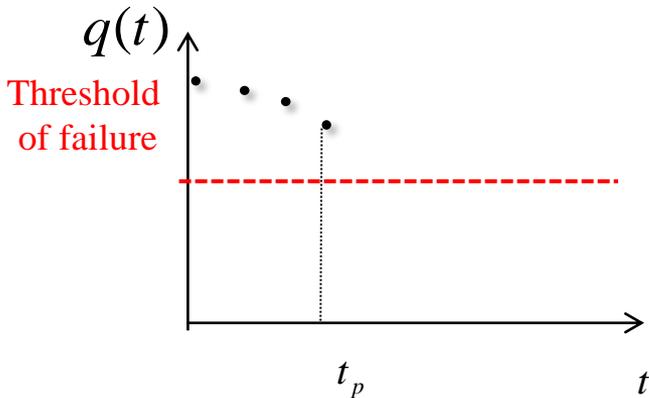
### Information available:

- A model of the degradation process;

$$q(t) = p_1 \exp(p_2 \cdot t) + p_3 \exp(p_4 \cdot t) + N(0, \sigma_p^2)$$

**unknown parameters  $p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4$ !!**

- Current degradation trajectory





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