



Real-time Condition-based Maintenance for  
Adaptive Aircraft Maintenance Planning

# AI for Condition-based Maintenance in Aviation

H2020 ReMAP Project

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# EU Vision

## ACARE

- By 2035 – the CBM philosophy will be accepted as a standard approach
  - For aircraft health monitoring & maintenance planning
- By 2050 - all new aircraft will be designed for CBM.





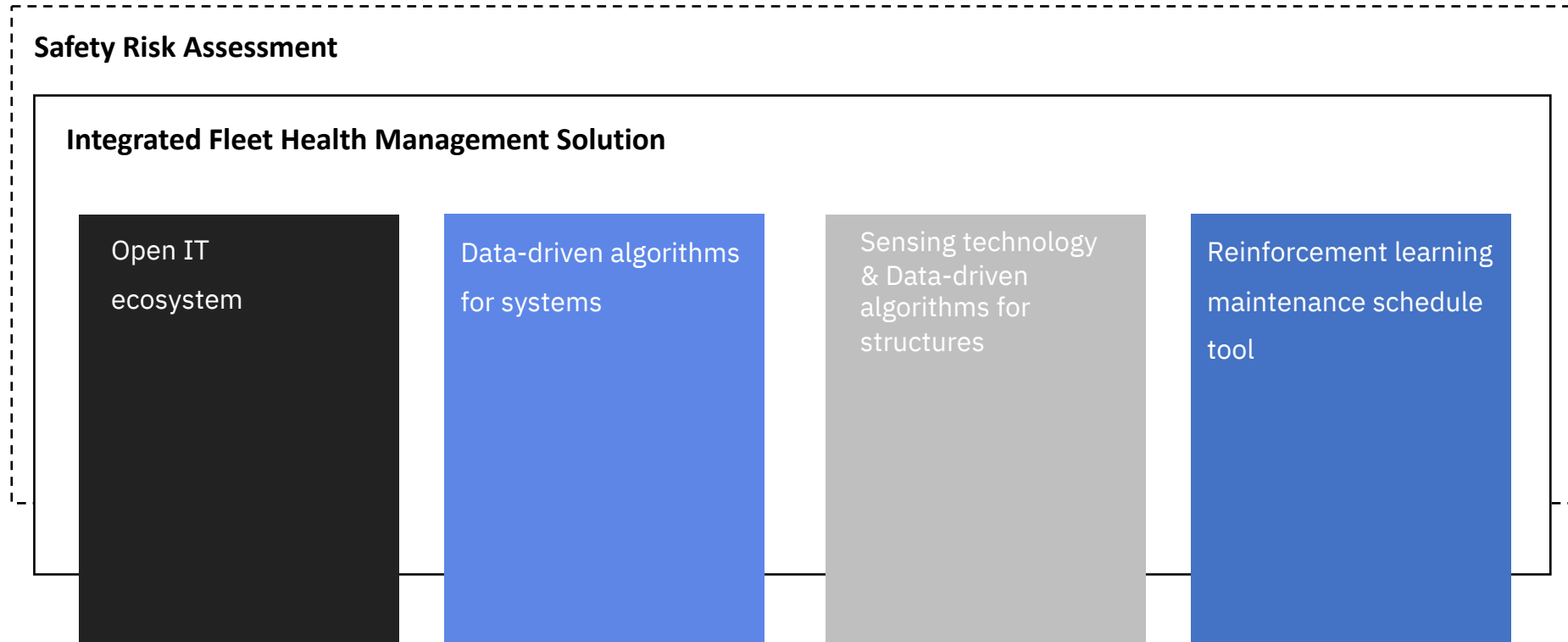
# ReMAP

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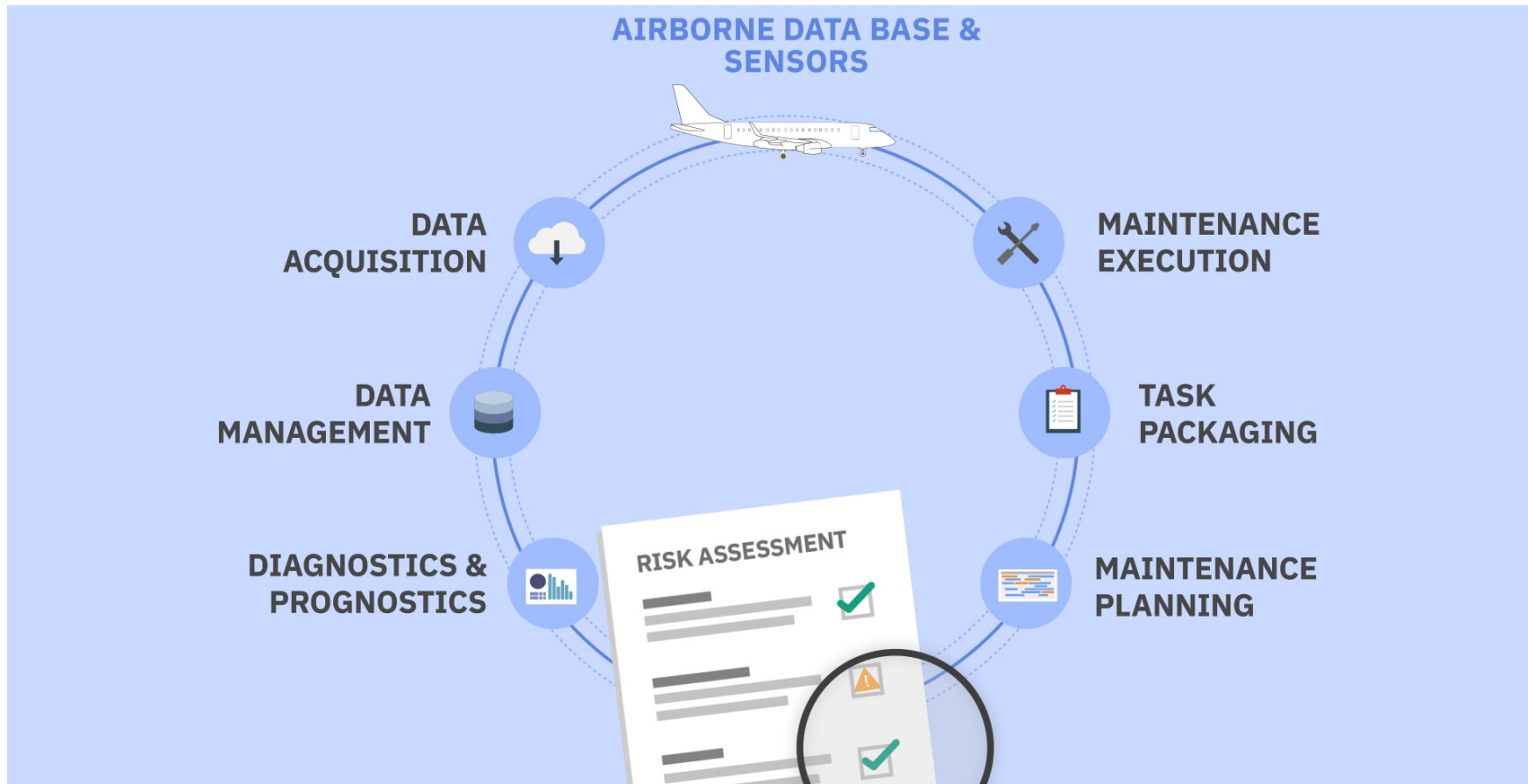
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Starting Date :	01/06/2018
Duration :	4 years
Action Type :	Research & Innovation (max TRL 5)
Budget :	6.8 million euros
Number of Partners :	13
Coordination :	Delft University of Technology (TU Delft)



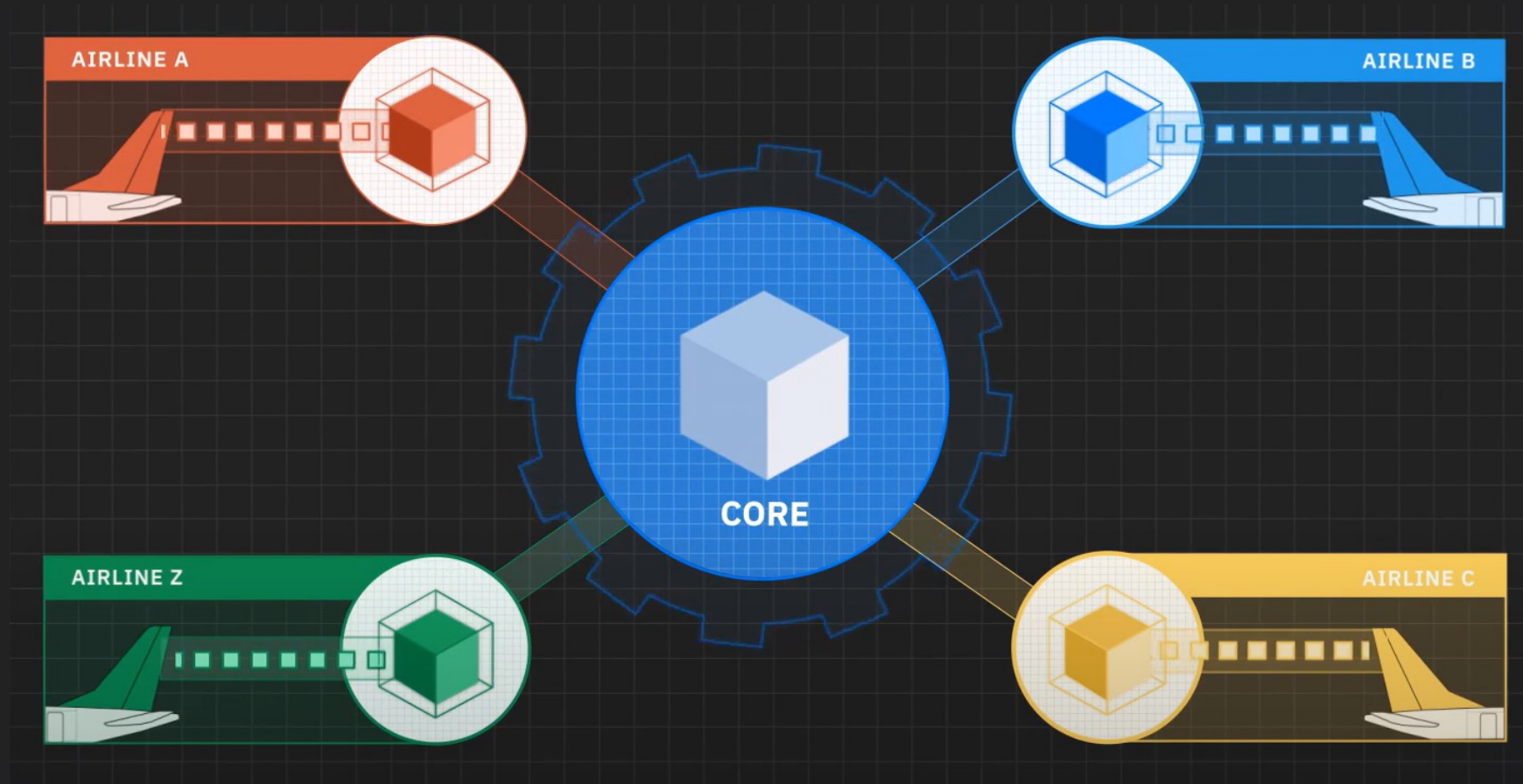
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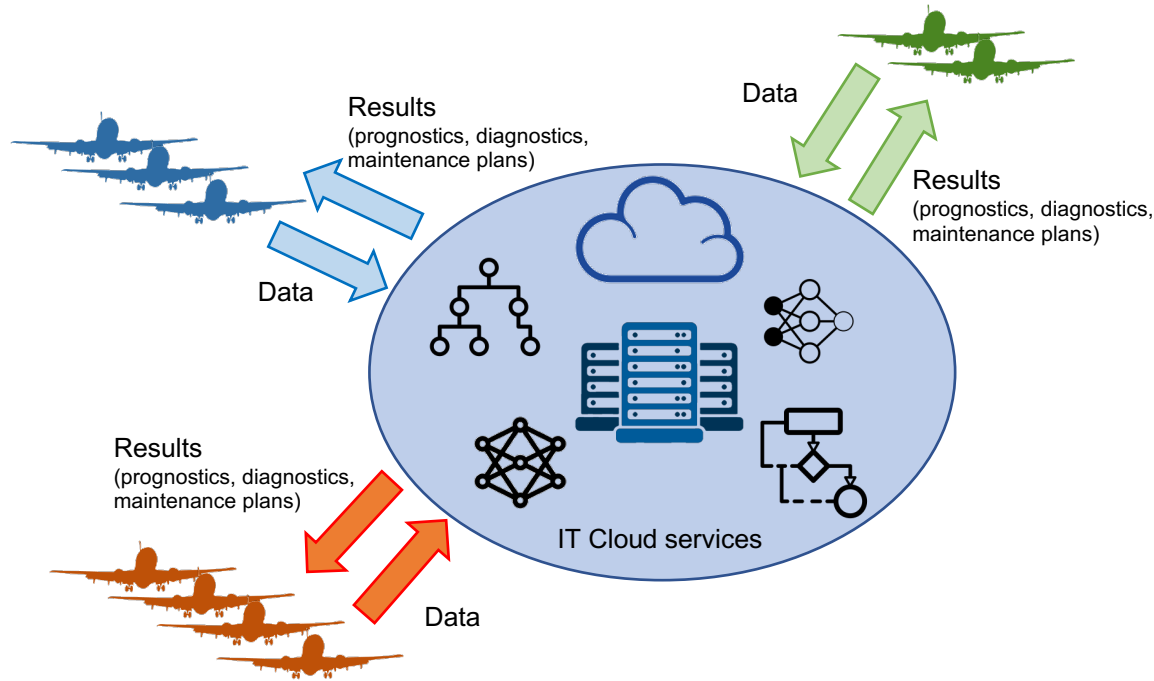


# Open IT Ecosystem



# First approach

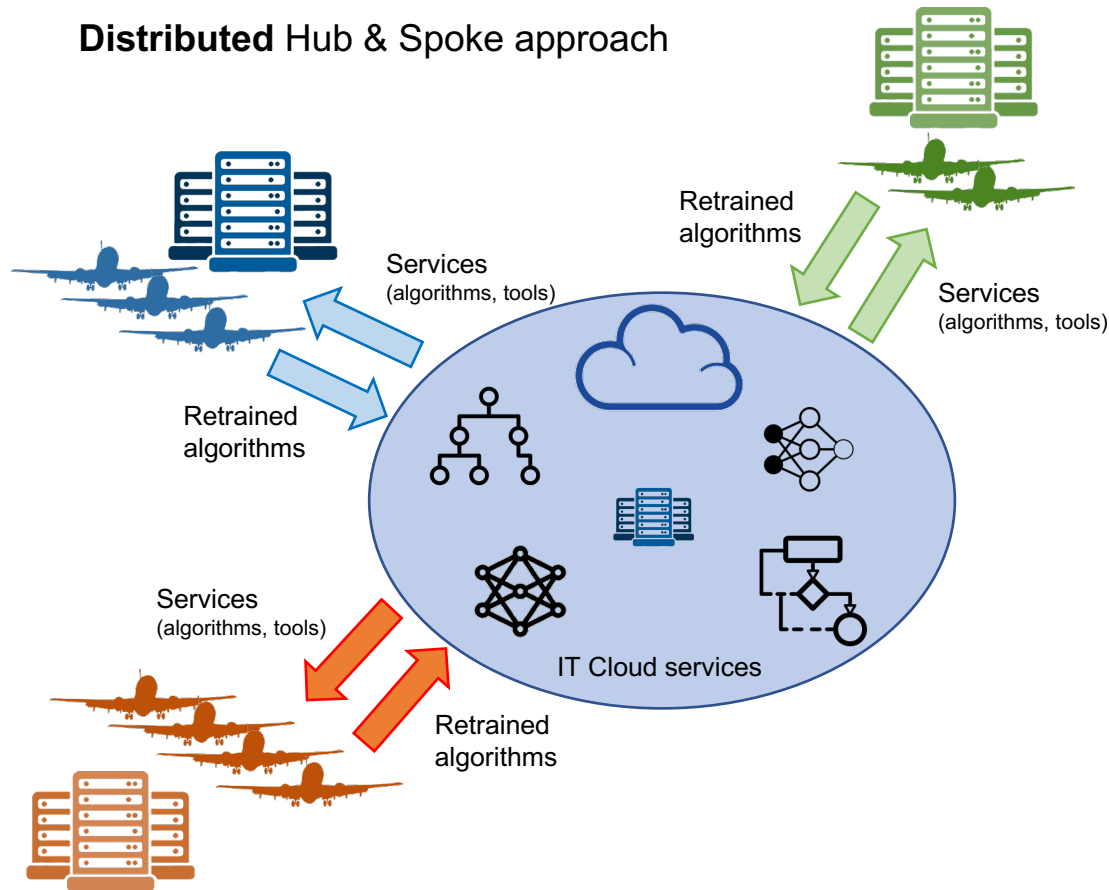
Hub & Spoke approach



We learned that

- Collaboration is key but...
- Airlines are reluctant to share their data
- Different airlines may require different levels of anonymization to be able to share data
- Data traceability challenges

# Implemented approach

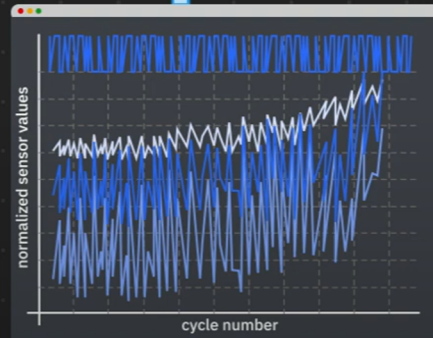
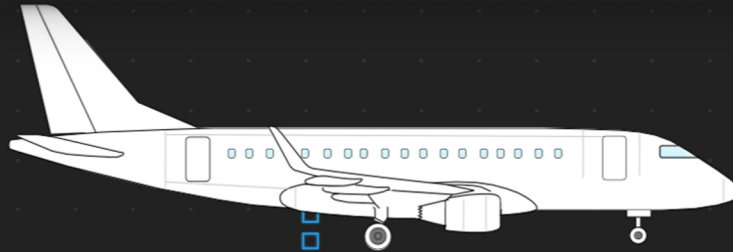


## Solution

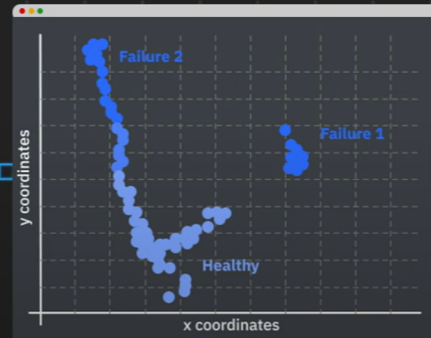
- Data belongs to operators (and never leaves the airline's IT systems)
- Distributed Parallel Learning based design
- Models and Algorithms belong to developers
- Open API and Public SDK available for developers
- Focus on security and audit
- Easily adaptable to different Machine Learning techniques



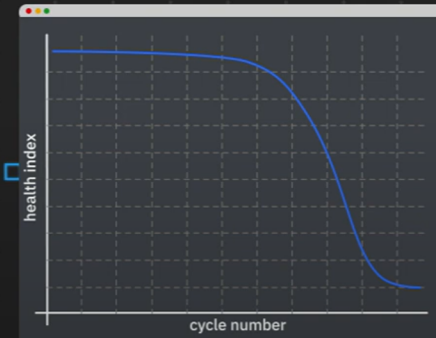
# PHM Challenge



TEST TIME SERIES

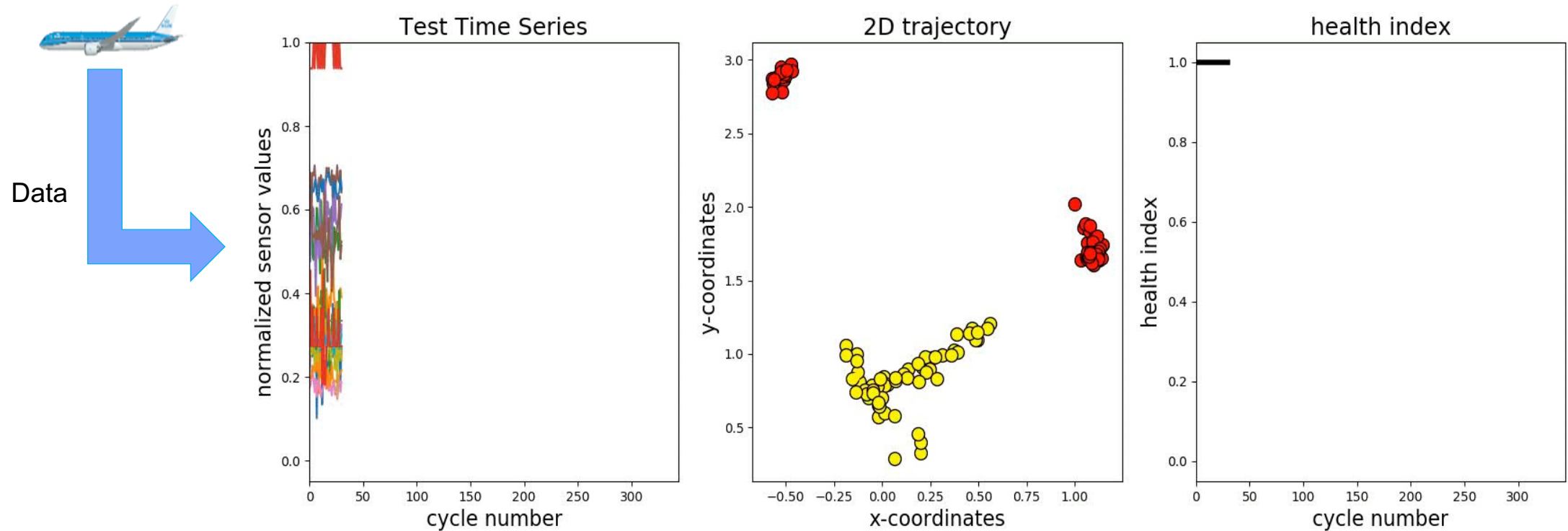


2D TRAJECTORY



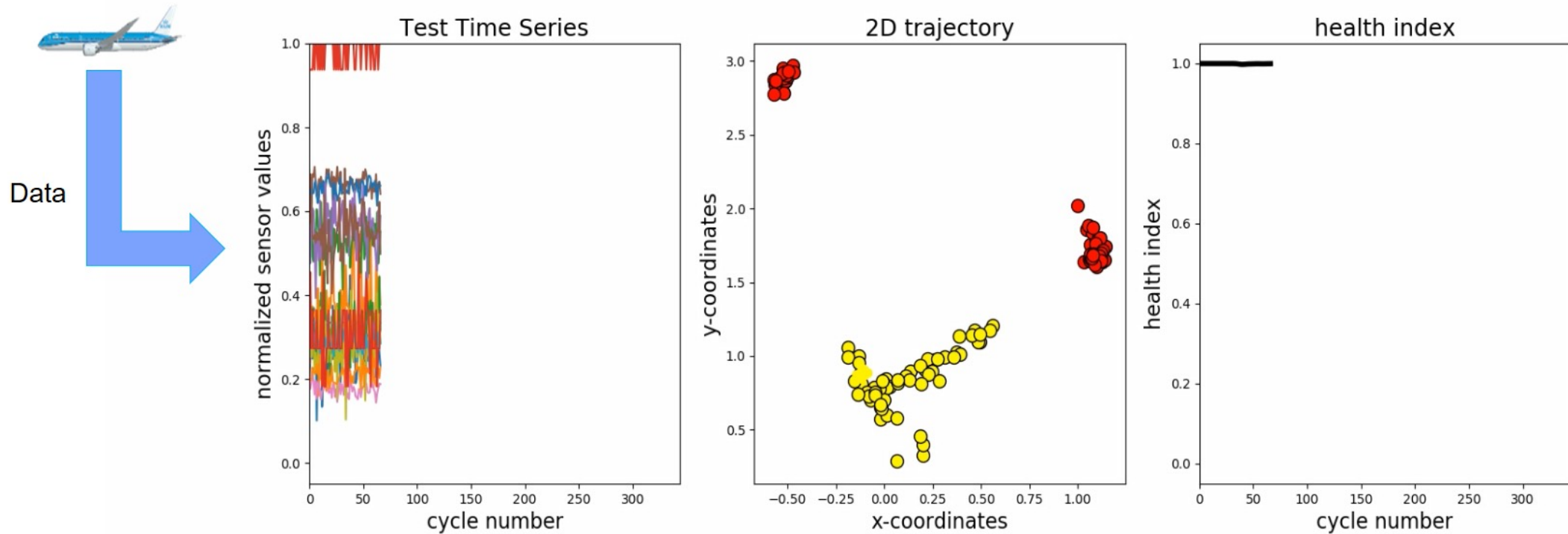
HEALTH INDEX

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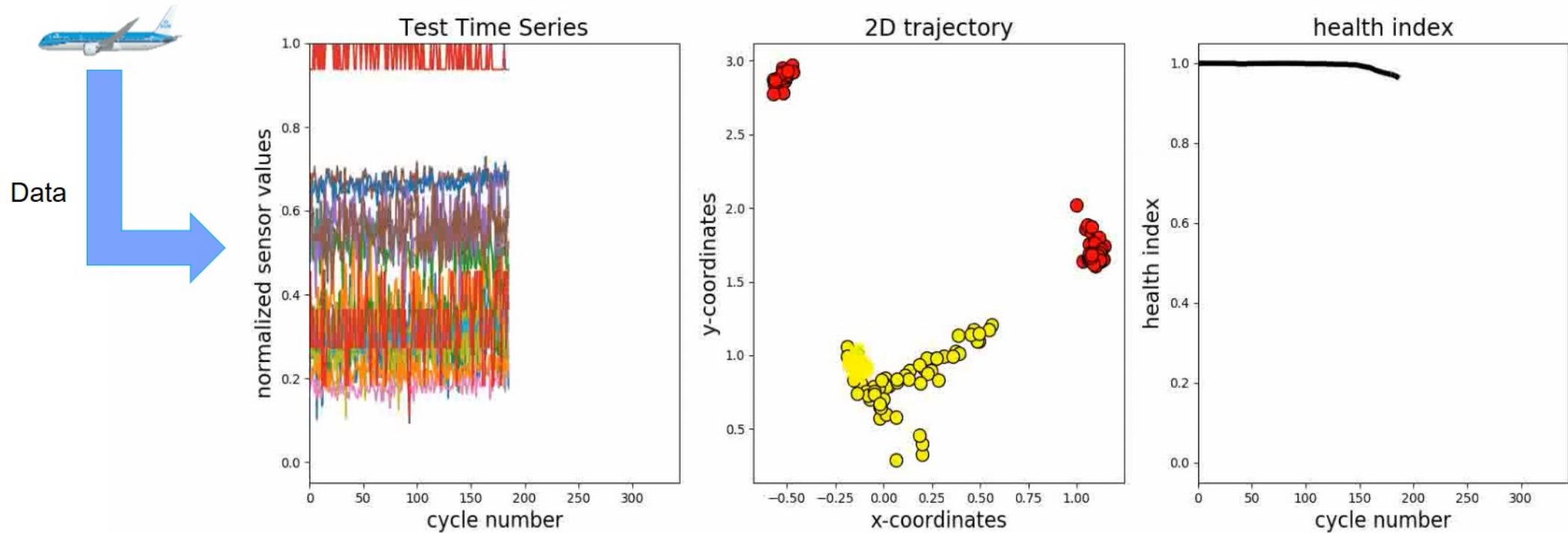
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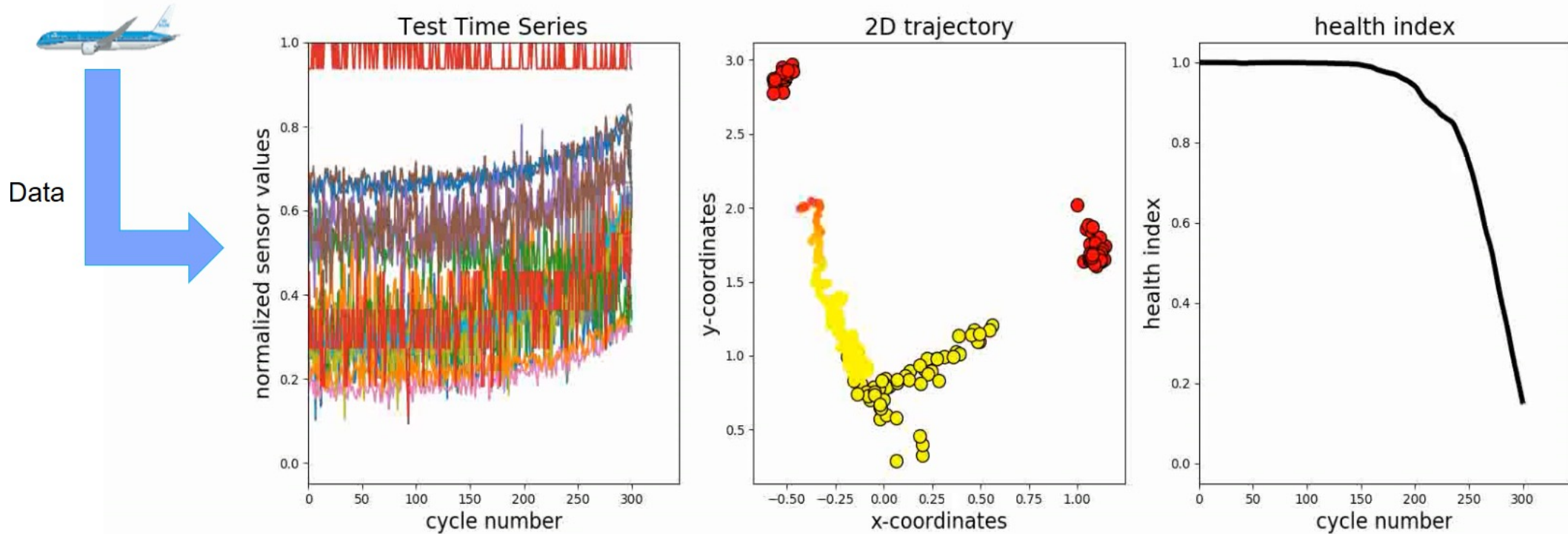
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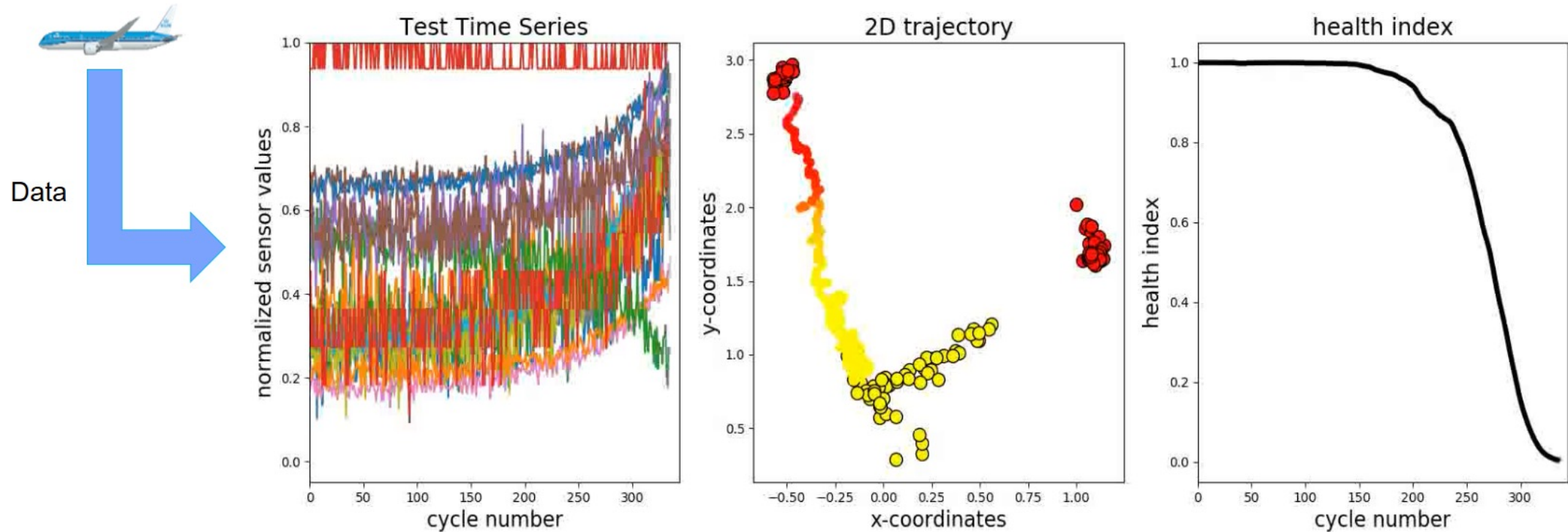
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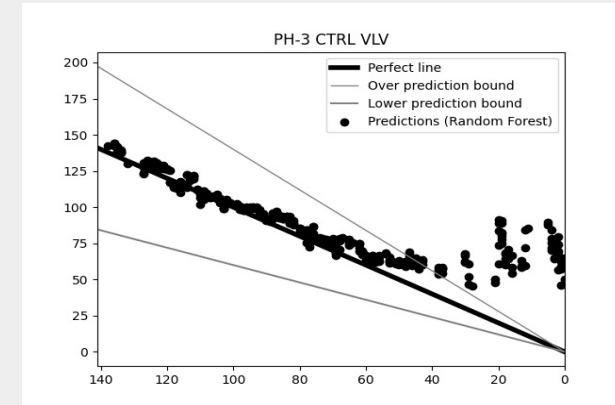
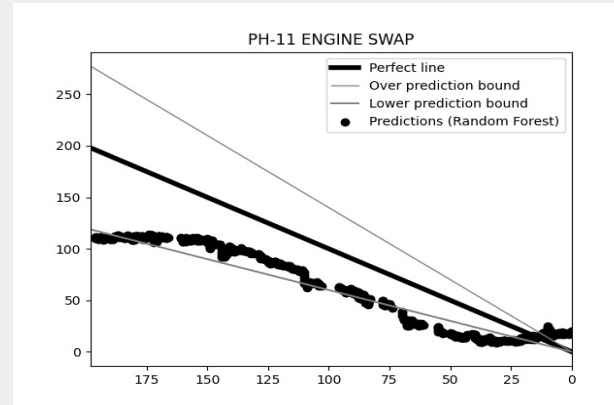
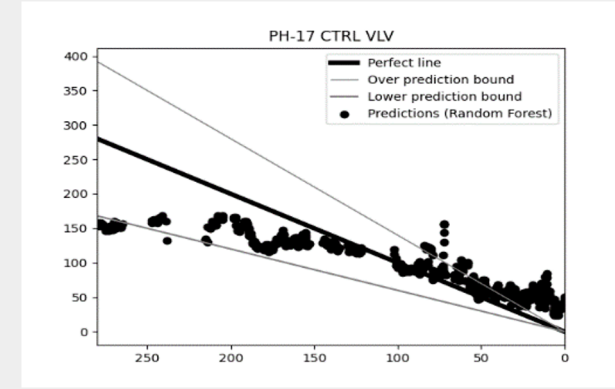
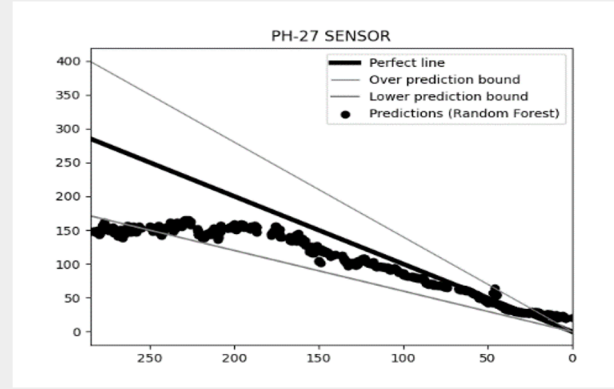
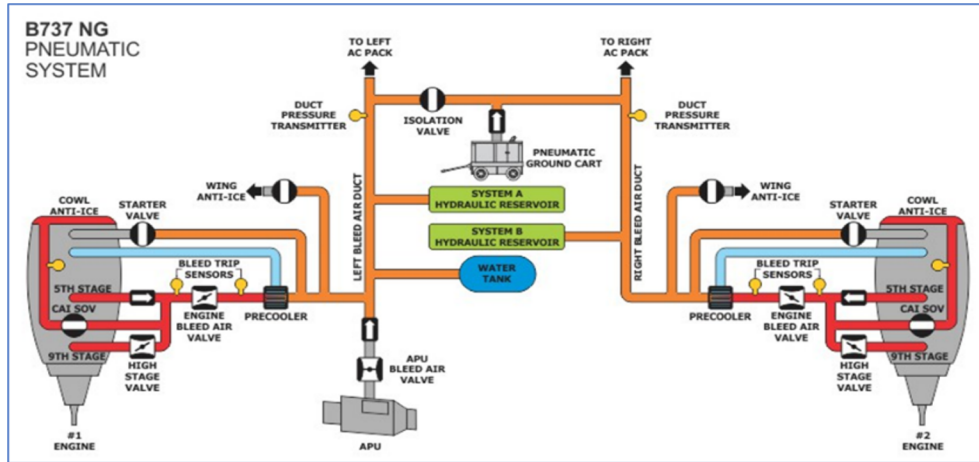


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# Approach 1 - TrajecNets

Dataset	Samples	Failure predicted	Accuracy	Cycles in advance
FD001-train-test	36	36	100%	44 ± 14.2
FD003-train-test	36	36	100%	69 ± 9.1
FD001-test	100	31	31%	49.8 ± 17.1
FD003-test	100	24	24%	71 ± 9.4

# Approach 2 – Random Forest

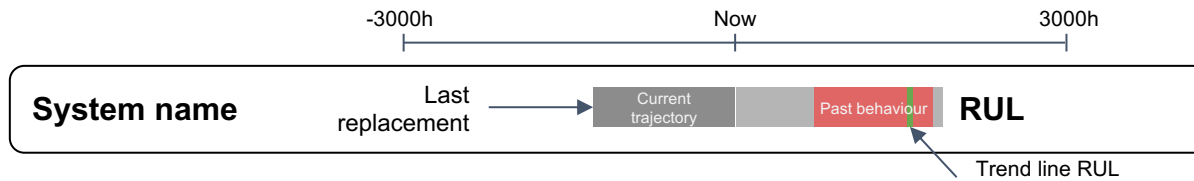


Average:  
Mean absolute error – 53.35 days

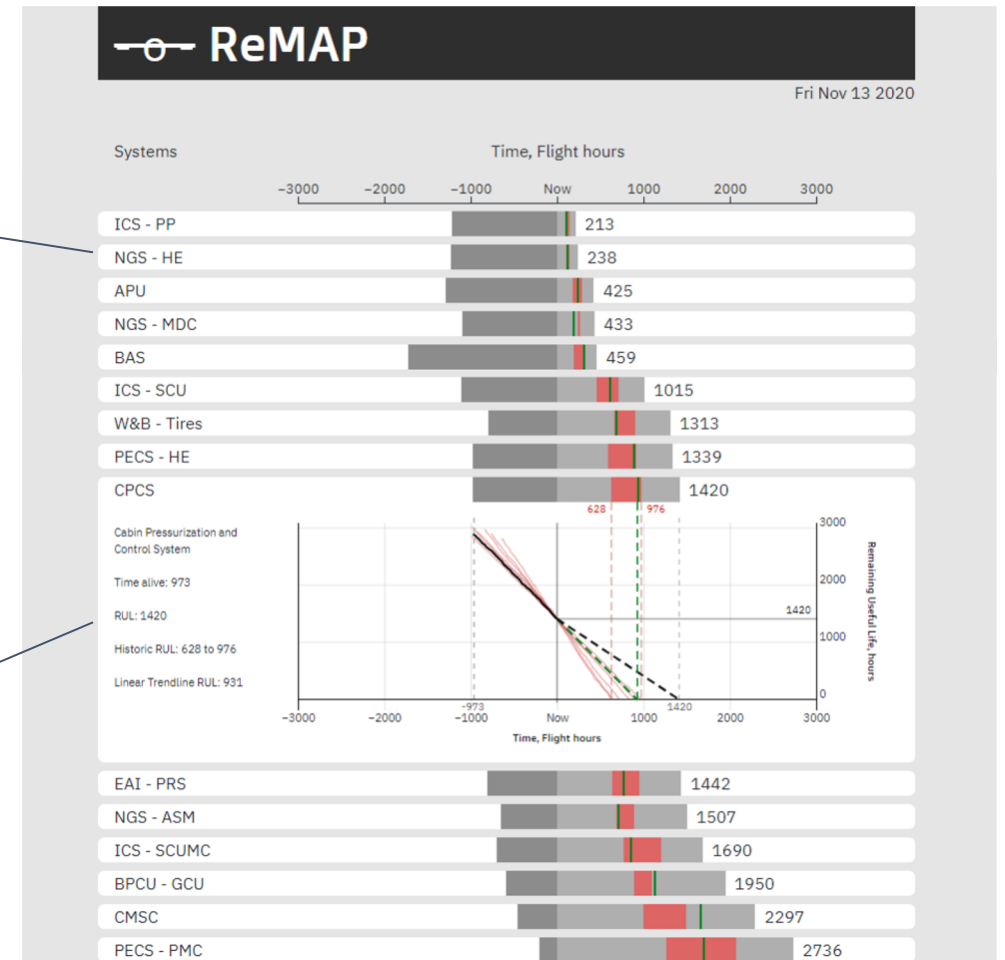
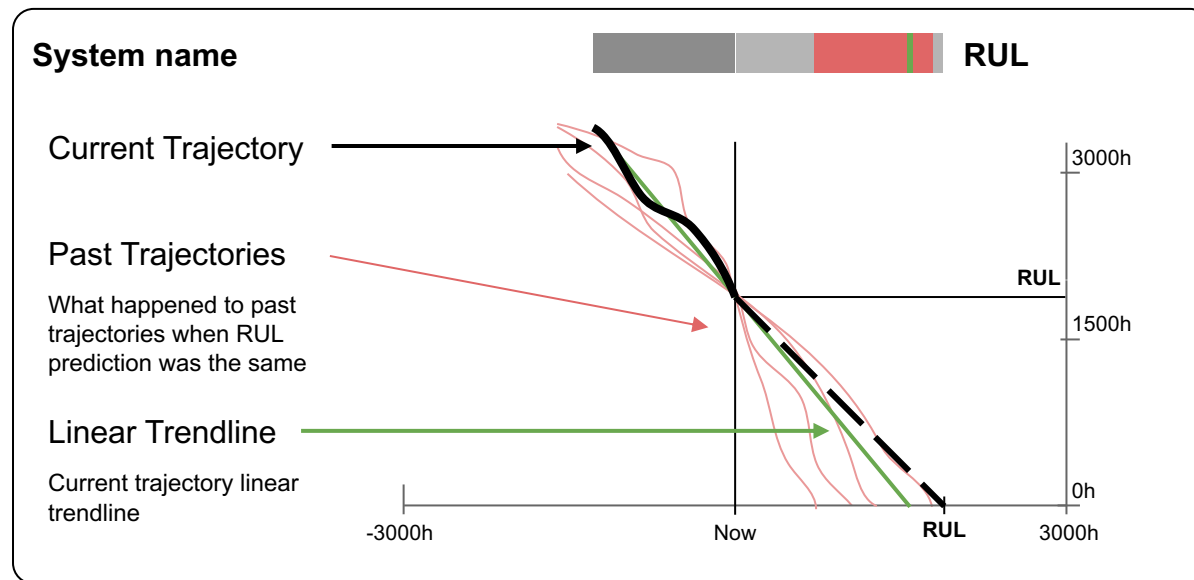


# Visualisation

Display Remaining Useful Life (RUL) per sub-system



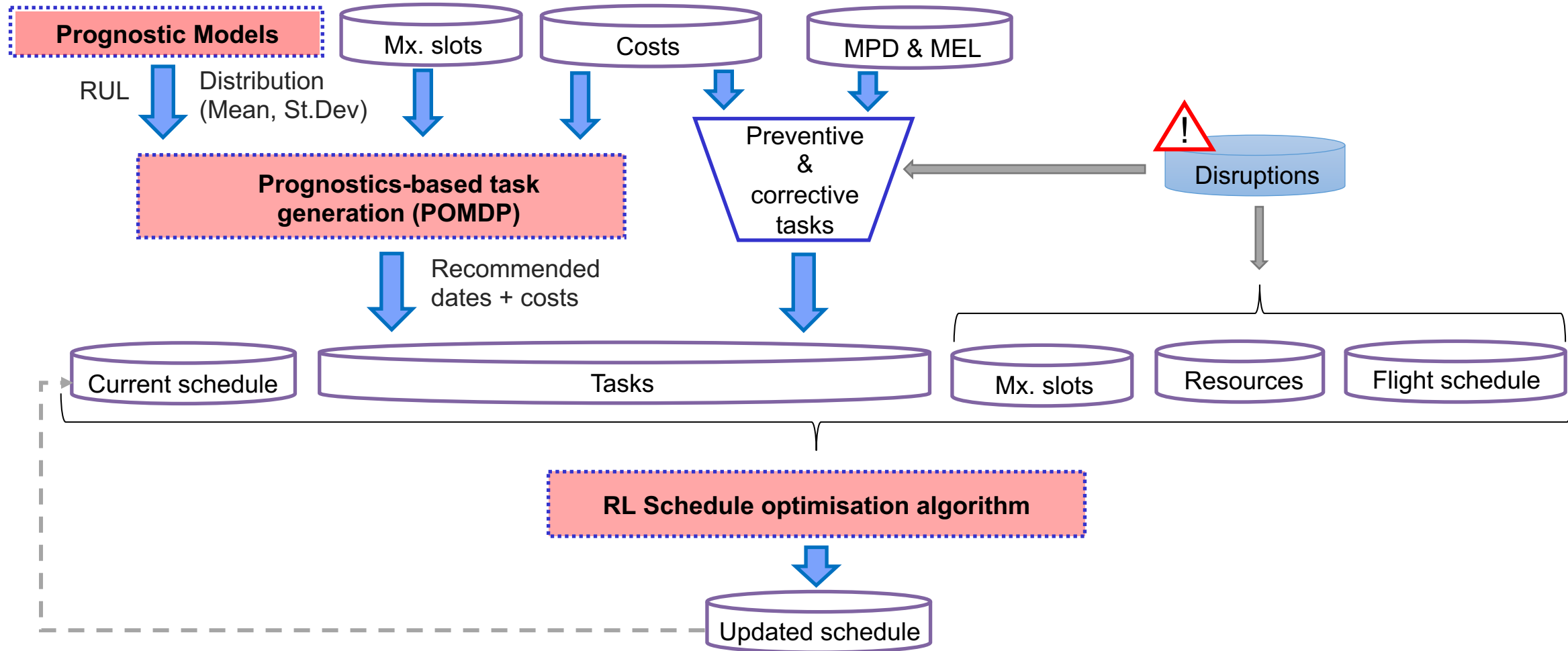
Display RUL behaviour over time for current and past trajectories



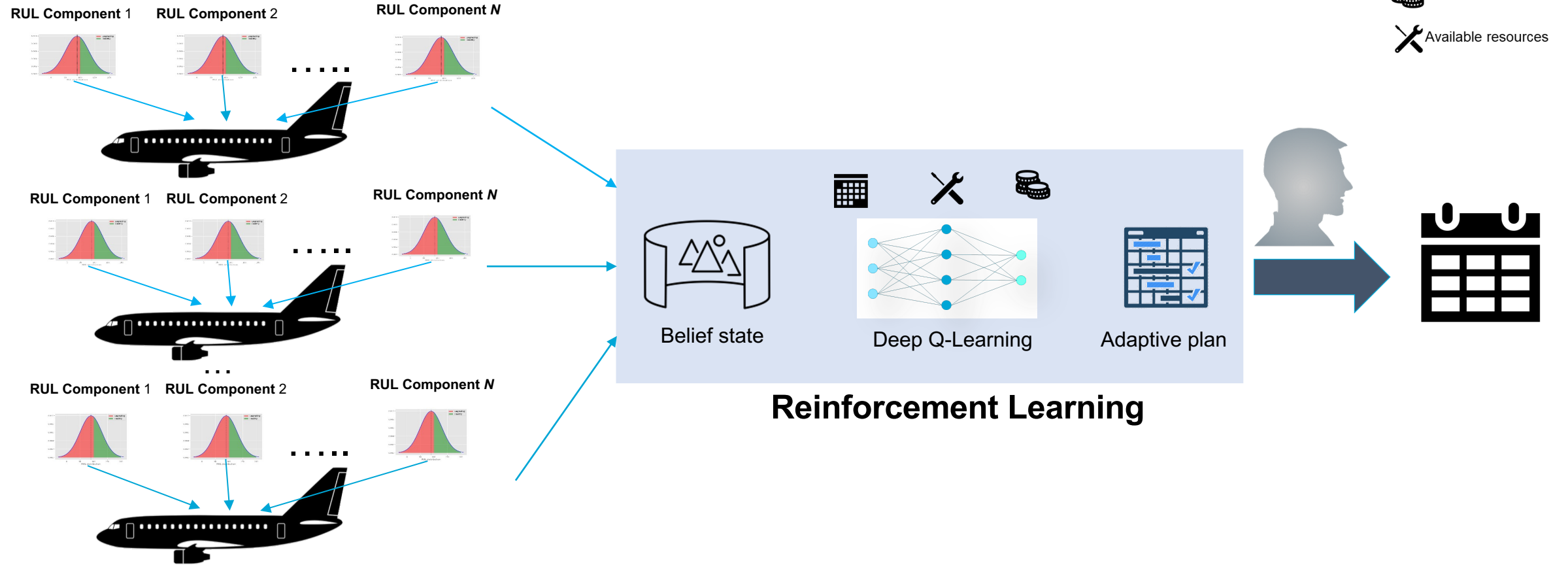
# Maintenance Planning



# Decision support approach

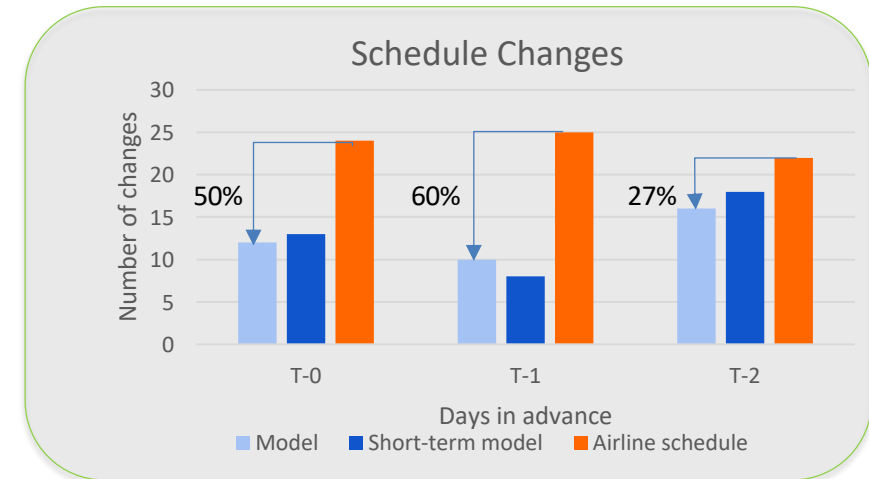
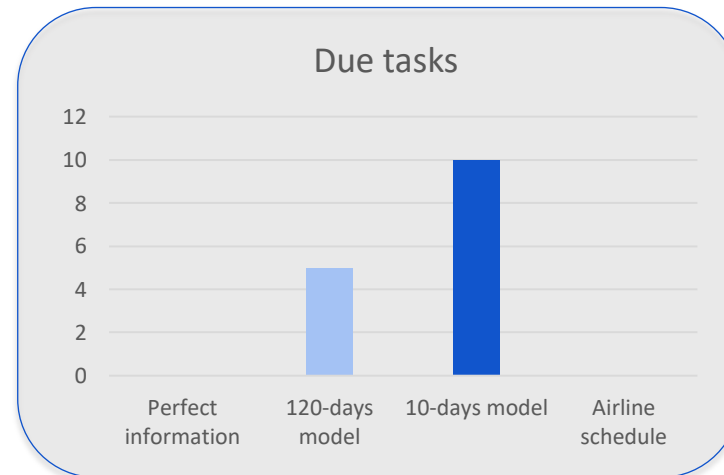
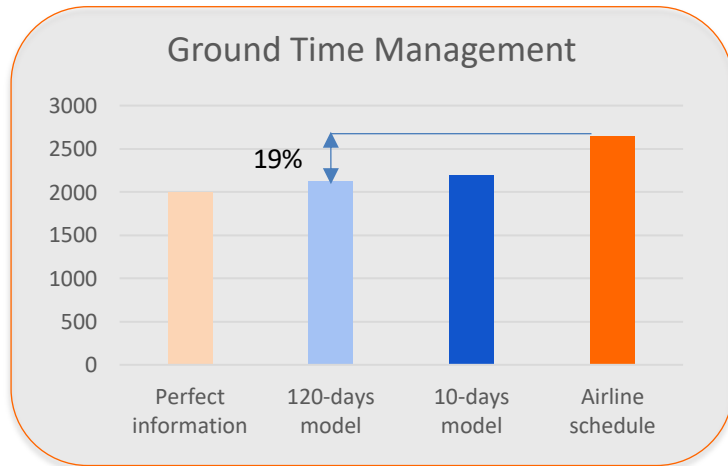


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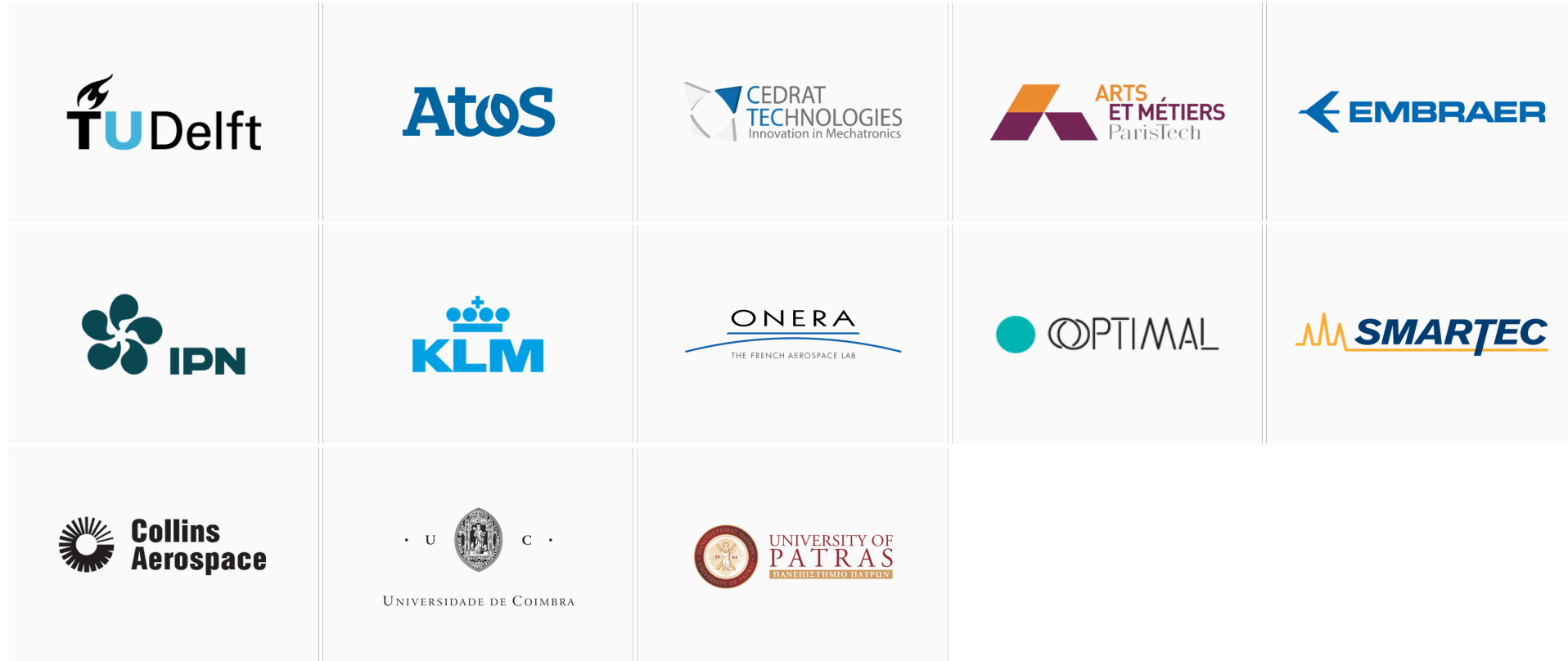


# Results (without prognostics)

- Ground time decreased by 19%  $\approx$  1 day/year
- Less than 50% of schedule changes in T-0 and T-1



# The consortium



# 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference for CBM in Aerospace



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