



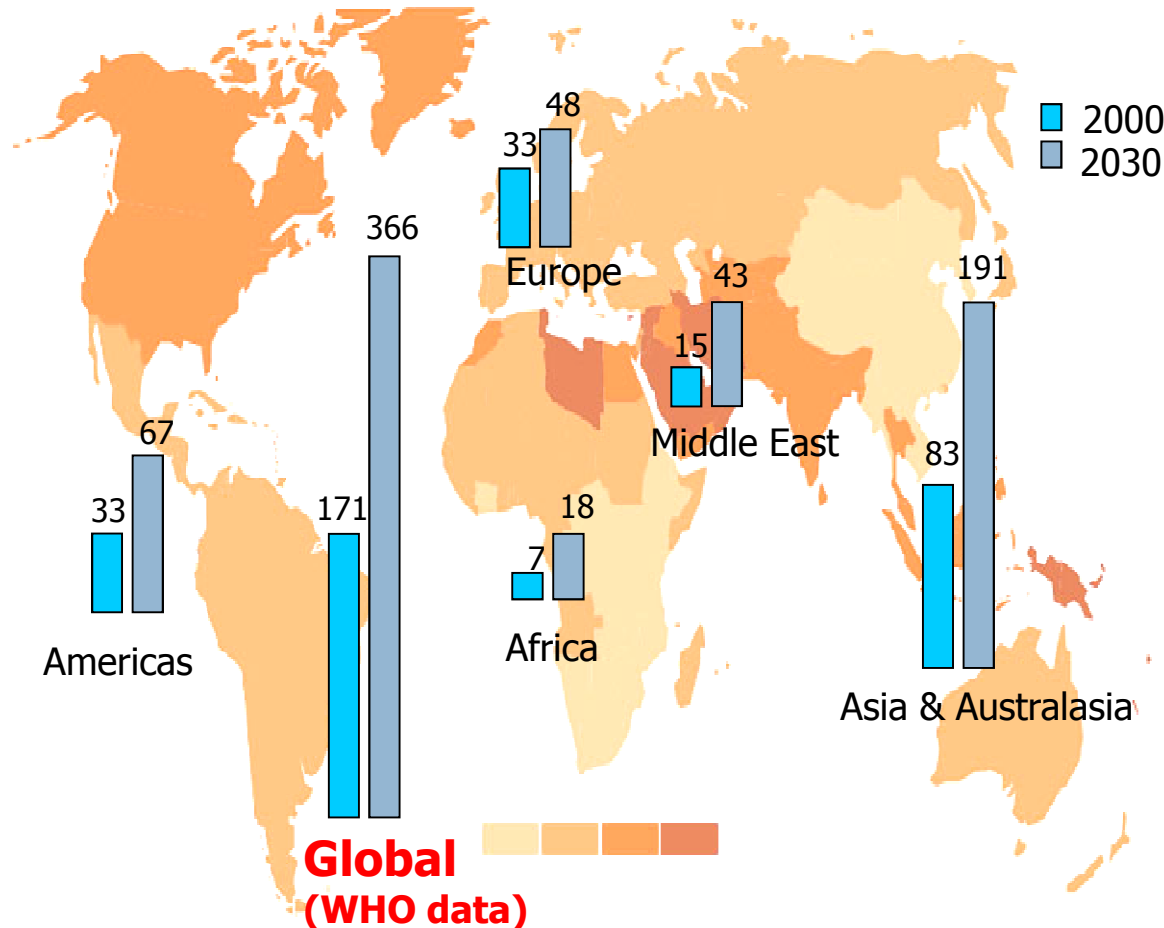
“Making a Glucose Sensor Smarter for Managing Diabetes: Where We Are And Where to Go”

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Where we are (Giovanni Sparacino)

Diabetes: a socio-health emergency of the 3rd millennium



Nearly **200 million people** (3 million in Italy) are estimated to be **presently** affected by **diabetes** (**50% undiagnosed**)

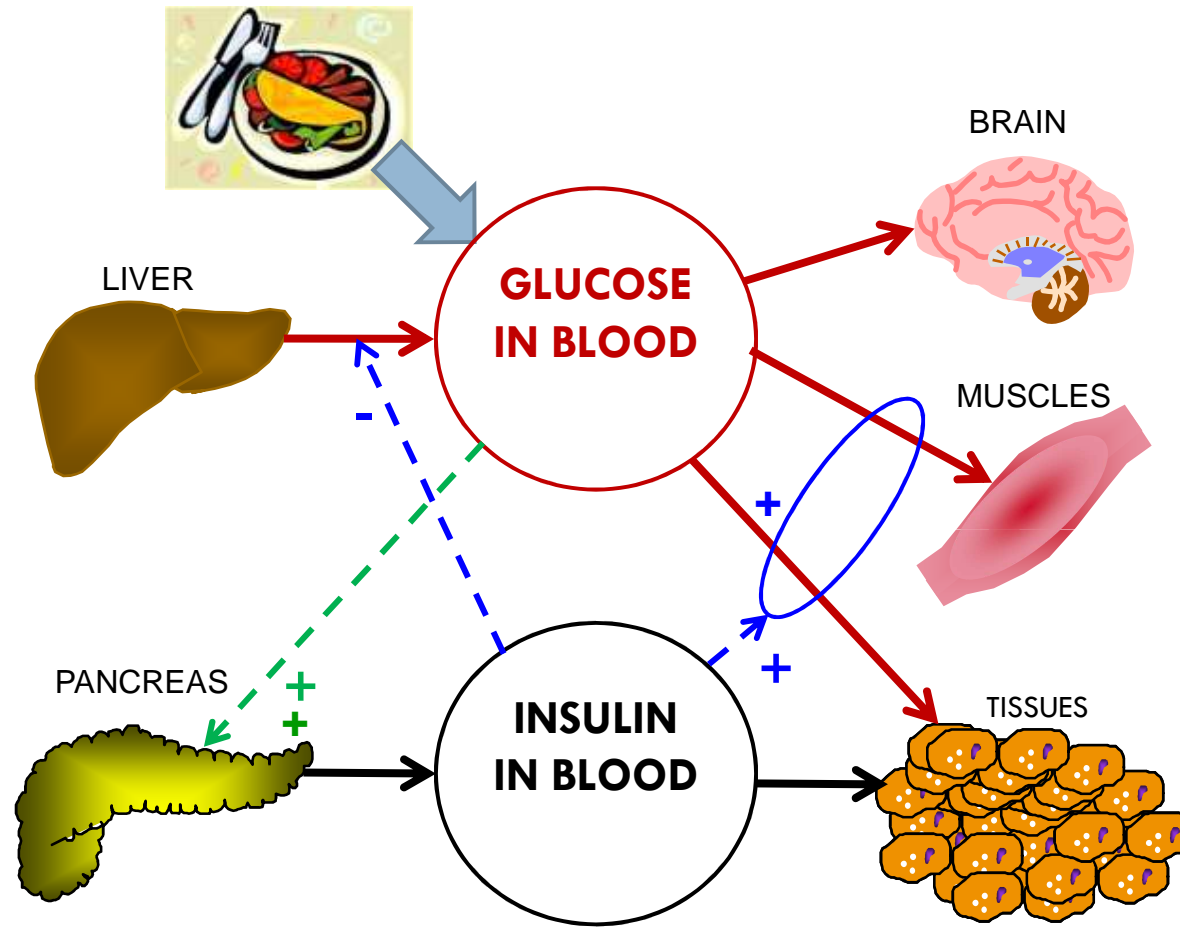
Due to aging populations, sedentary lifestyles and increasing obesity there is the prospective of approaching **400 million cases in 2030**

4 million deaths per year

Cost of diabetes is around **10%** of the budget of national health systems in western countries (in 2011, **Italy** spent **10 billion Euros**)

Impact of innovative methodologies/technologies (including sensors) for diabetes monitoring and treatment can be **extremely high**, with a potential market of **several billions of Euros**.

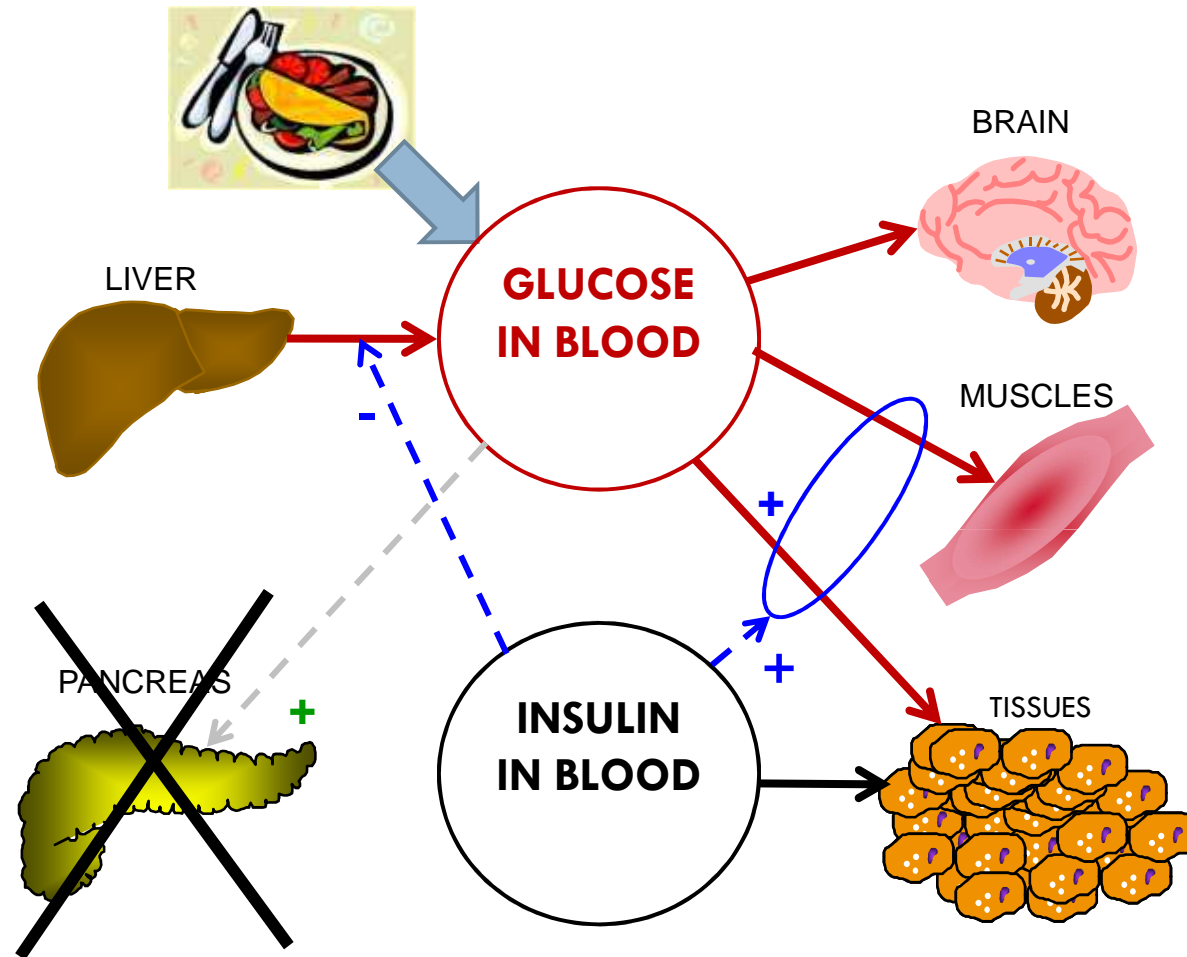
Glucose regulation in healthy subjects



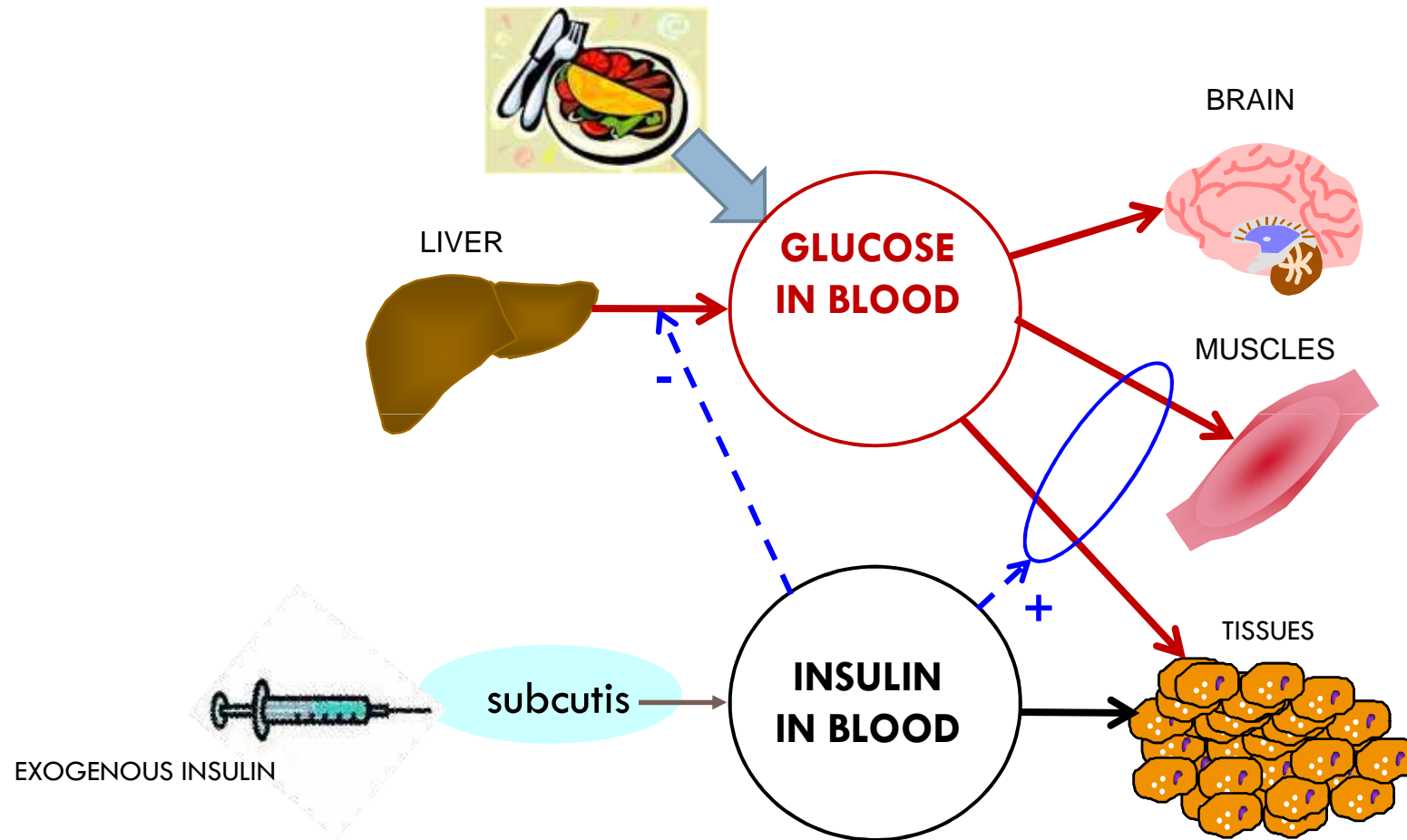
Physiology behaves as a **negative feedback control system**

In diabetics, problems in both **insulin secretion** and **insulin action** occur (type 2 diabetes) or the pancreas does not secrete insulin (type 1 diabetes)

Type 1 Diabetes (T1D)



T1D conventional therapy



Tuning of T1D conventional therapy

Glucose “fingerstick” blood measurement
(typically before meal)




*Doses and Times
of Insulin Injections*


**EMPIRICAL
TABLES
(personalized*)**






Carbohydrate Counting

valori riferiti all'alimento crudo e non condito

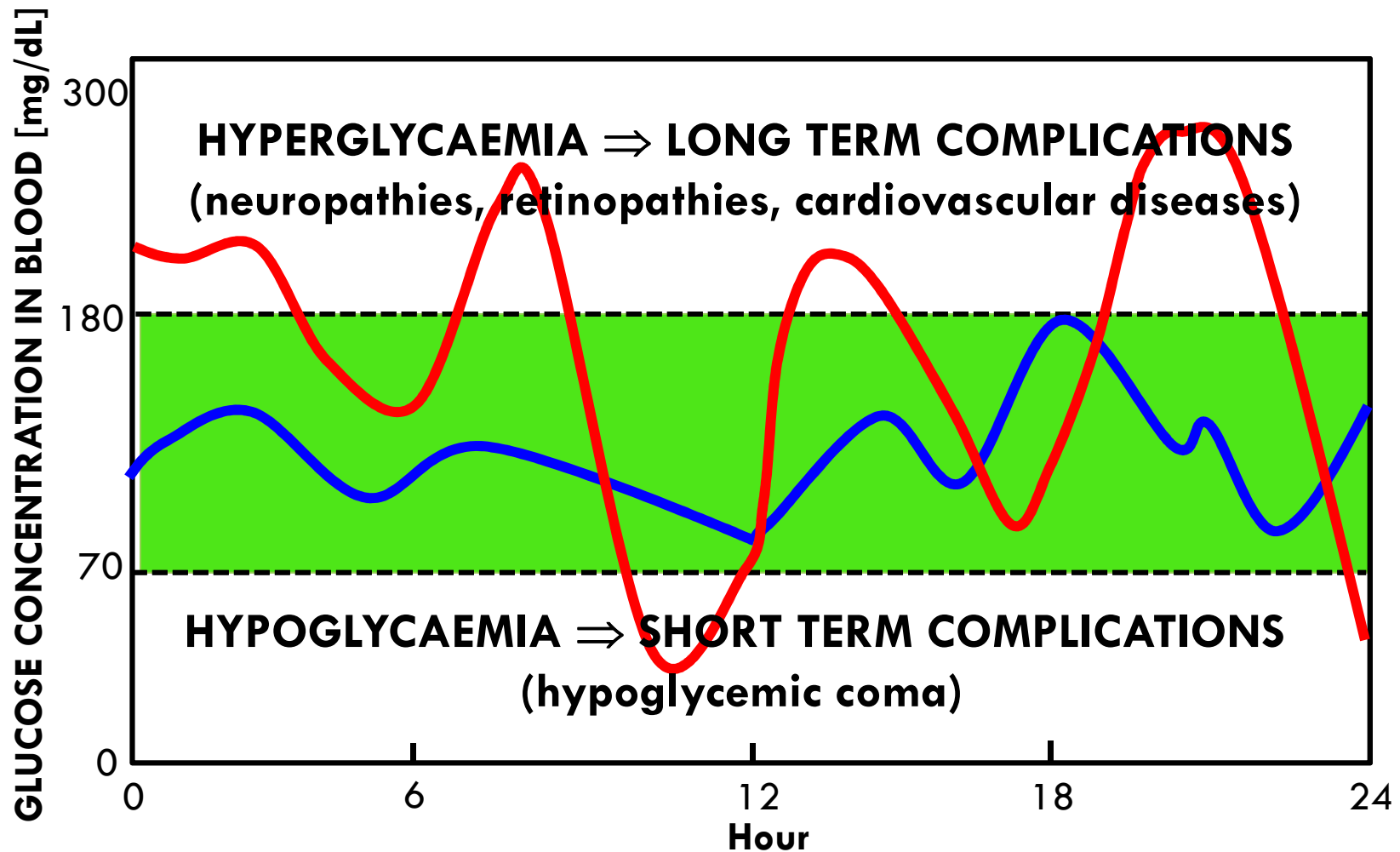
Gnocchi al pomodoro	
	
PESO GR 150	
CARBIDRATI GR 79	

Pizza	
	
PESO GR 150	
CARBIDRATI GR 79	

Crostata di marmellata		
		
PESO GR 50	PESO GR 100	PESO GR 150
CARBIDRATI GR 36	CARBIDRATI GR 72	CARBIDRATI GR 108

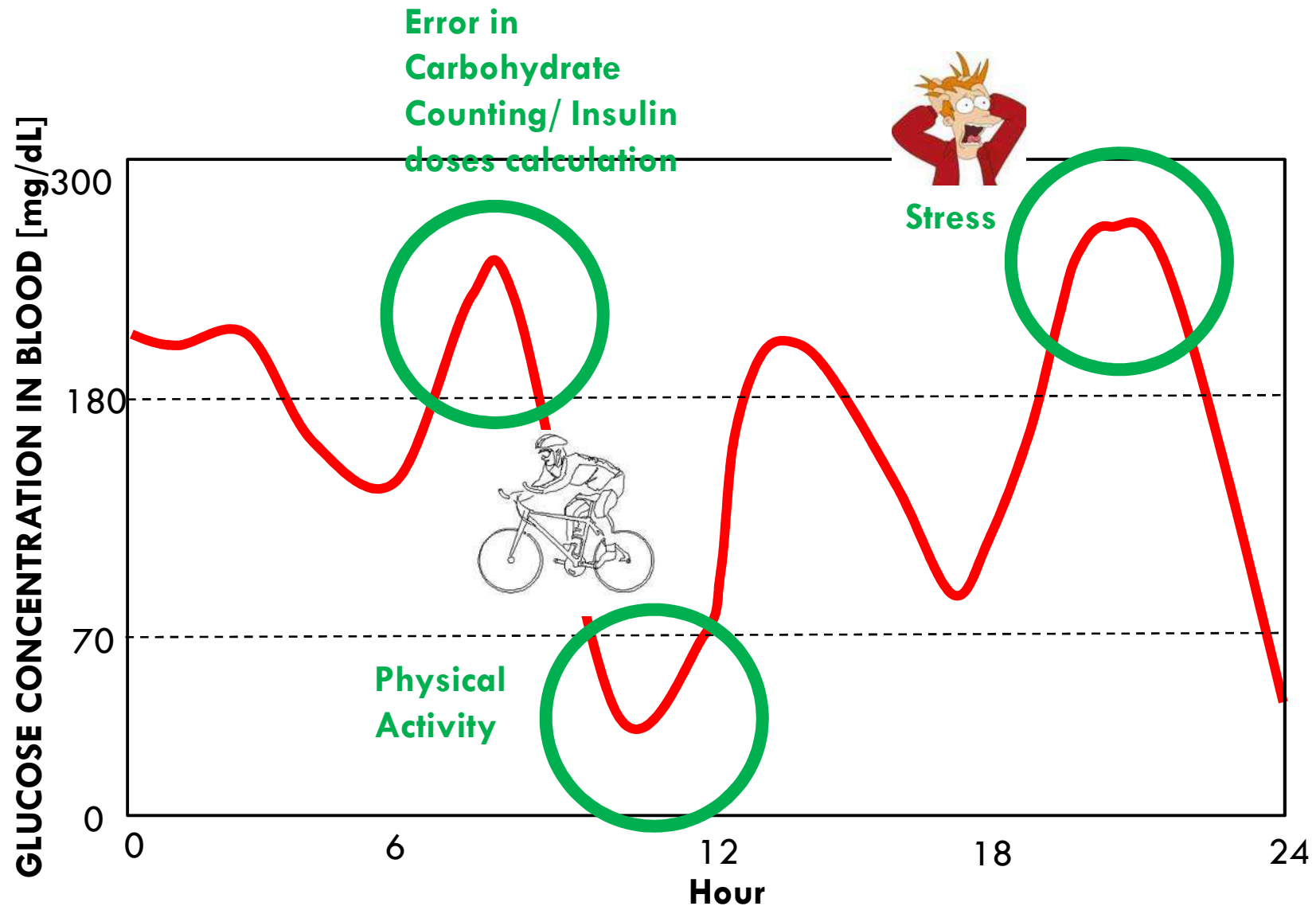
*Individual therapeutic plan is revised by the physician during periodical visits (every 2-4 months)

Conventional diabetes therapy is often far from optimality

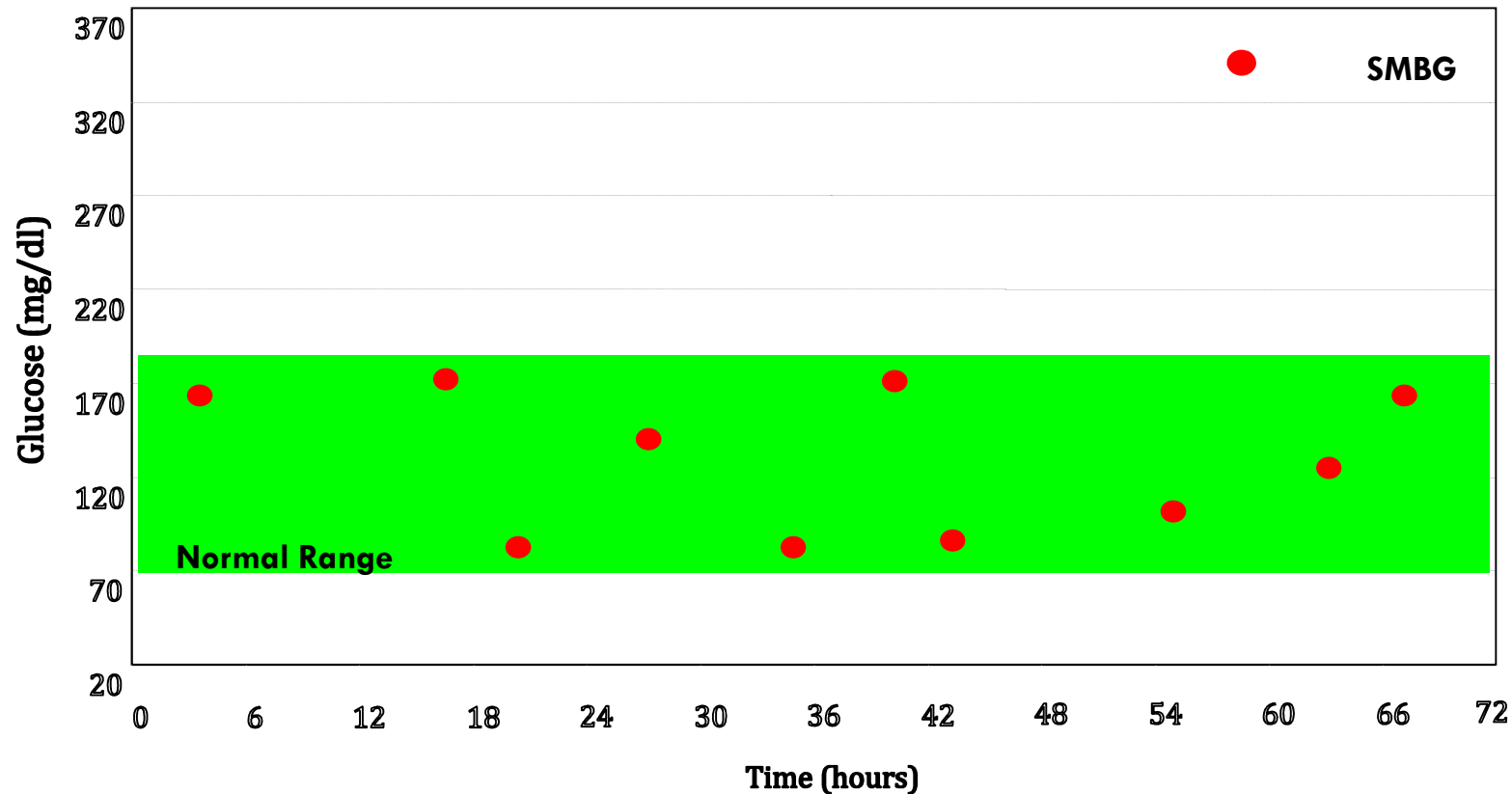


Difficulty in maintaining euglycaemia

LARGE INTER-INDIVIDUAL AND INTRA-INDIVIDUAL VARIABILITY



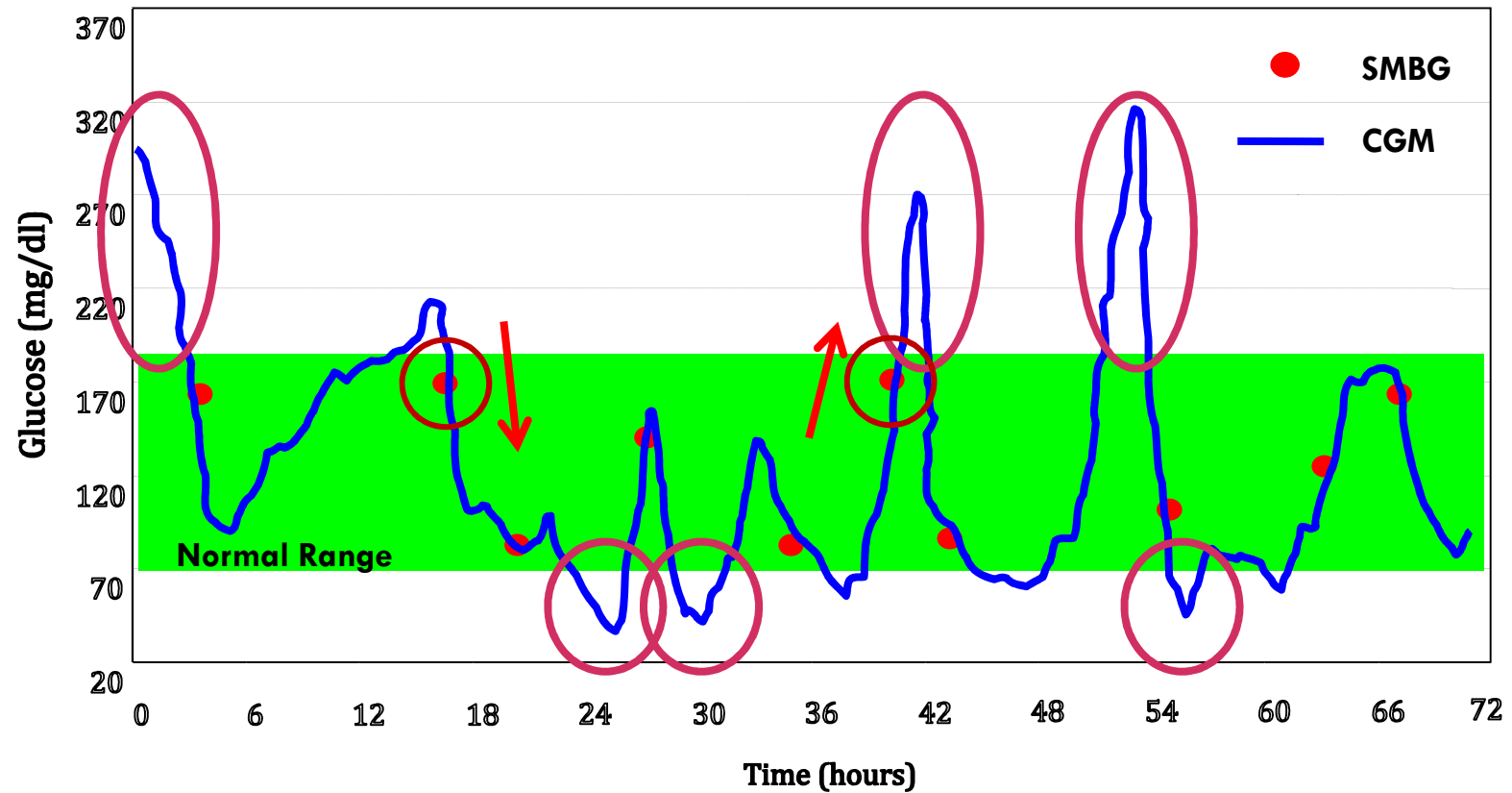
The crux of the matter: decisions drawn on the basis of Self Monitoring Blood Glucose



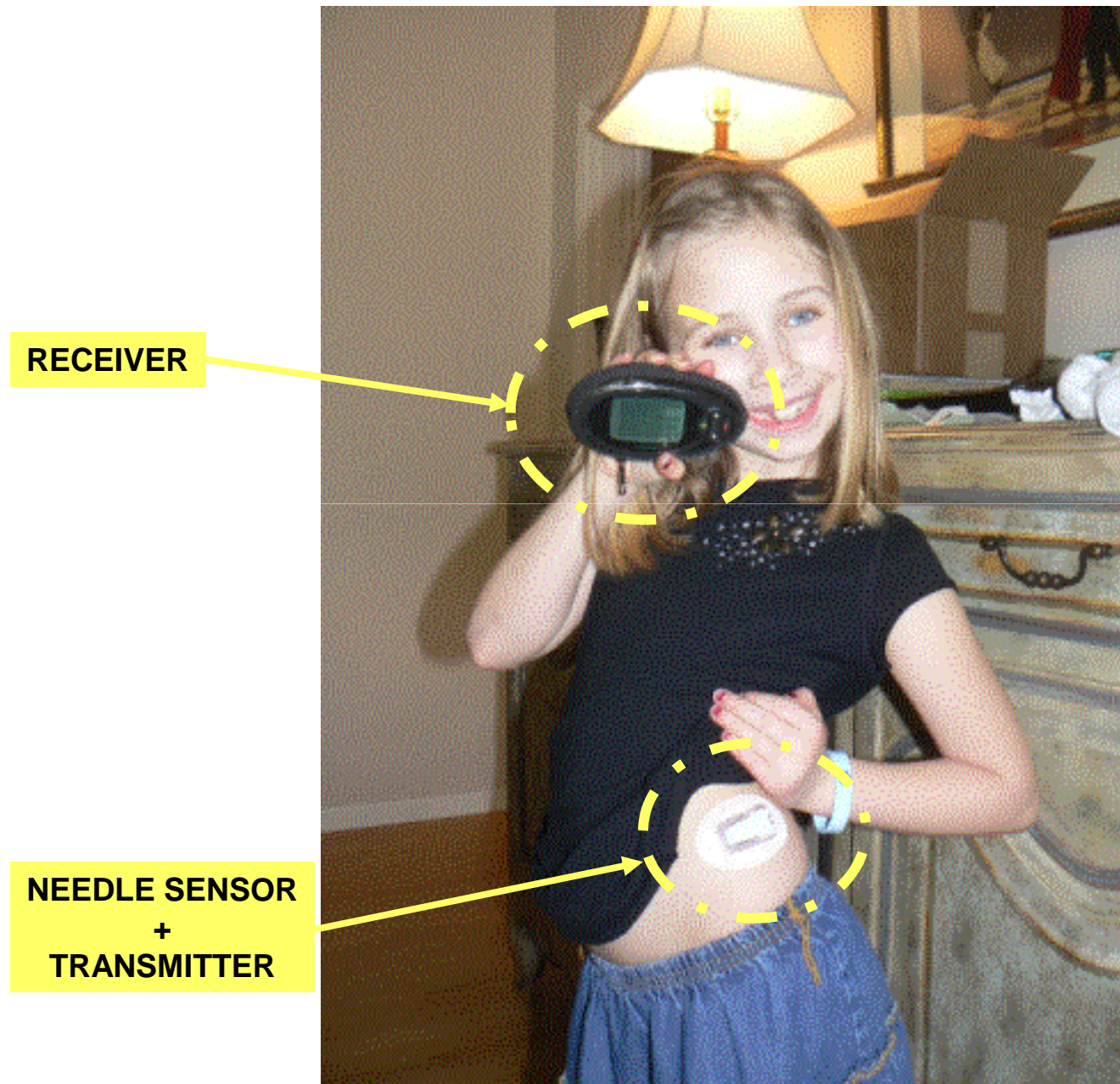
SMBG is **sparse**: usually performed **3-4 times a day** \Rightarrow the feedback control loop is almost always open ...

**Sensors for
Continuous Glucose Monitoring
(> 2000)**

Comparison: SMBG vs CGM

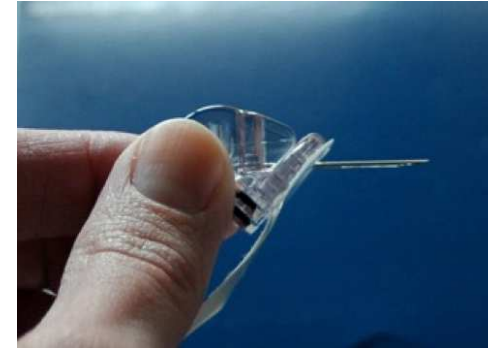


External look of a CGM sensor



Components of a CGM sensor

Needle sensor



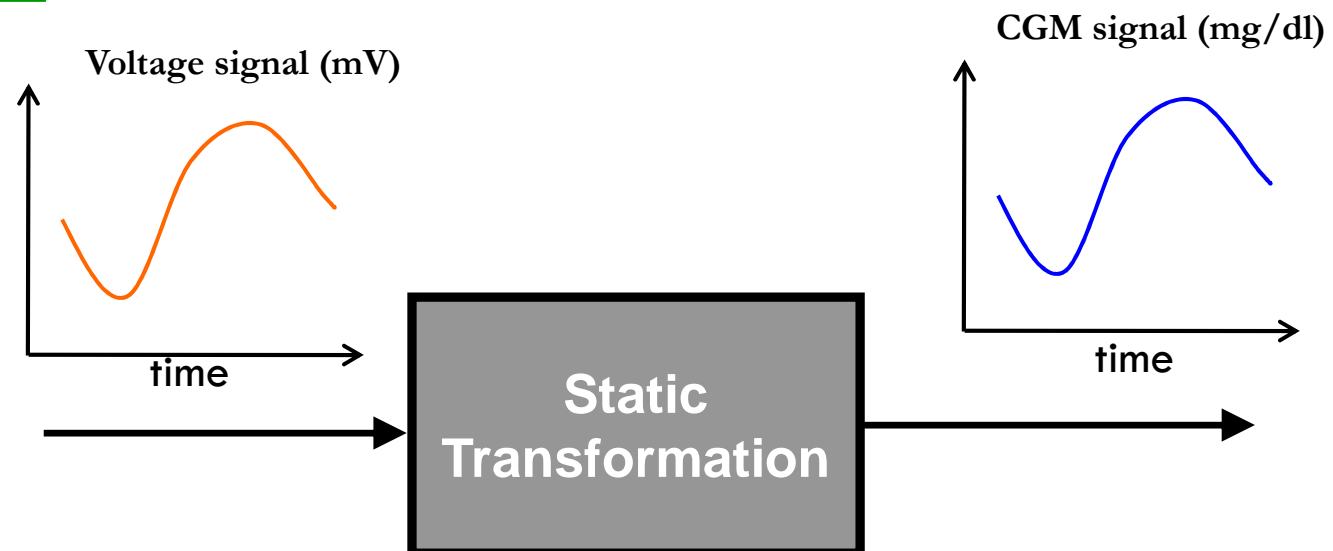
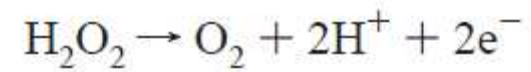
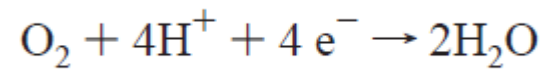
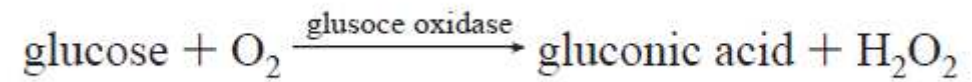
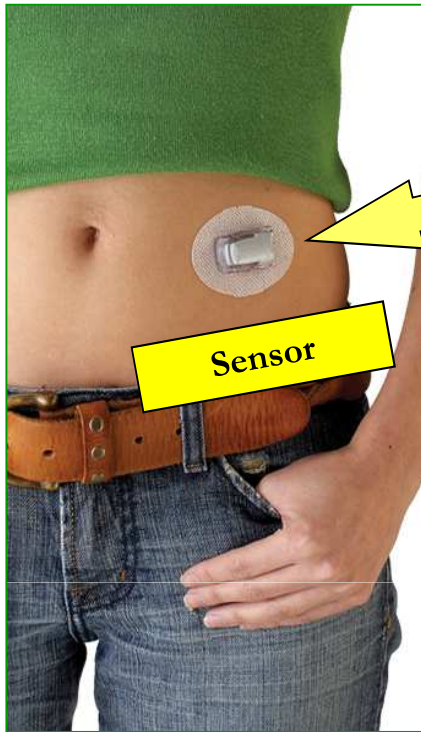
Transmitter (containing a data process unit), hosting the needle sensor, applied on the abdomen or on the arm



Receiver (visualize data)



The transduction process

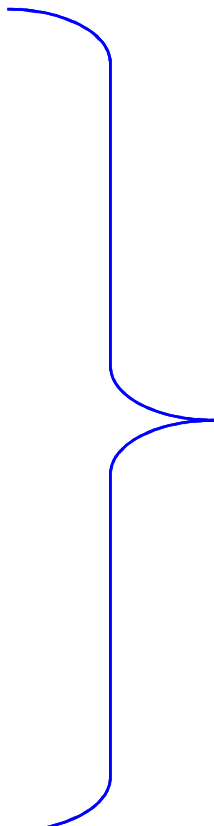


Features of today's CGM sensors

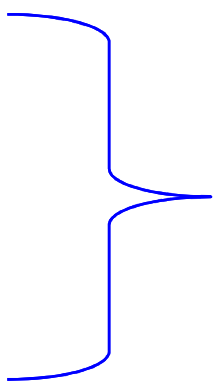
- **Minimally invasive** (limited pain)
- **Real-time readings**
- Sampling period: **from 1 to 5 minutes** (depending on the device)
- Several days of consecutive monitoring (**up to 7-10 days**)

CGM manufacturers active in the market

- **Medtronic** (Nortridge, MA)
 - CGMS (1999)
 - Guardian RT (2005)
 - iPro (2012)
- **Abbott** (Alameda, CA)
 - FreeStyle Navigator (2008)
- **Dexcom** (San Diego, CA)
 - Seven (2007)
 - Seven Plus (2009)
 - G4 Platinum (2012)
- **Roche** (Mannheim, Germany)
 - SCGM 1 (2014?)
- **Menarini Diagnostics** (Firenze)
 - Glucoday (2002)



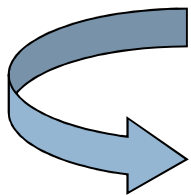
**Implantable needle
sensors (everyday
use)**



**Microdialysis probes
with sensor (clinical
use)**

Where We Are:
Proposed CGM Applications
(Off - line, more clinically established)

Retrospective Analysis



Empirical tables for insulin administrations can be personalized and more finely tuned by the physician

Glycaemic variability (a risk factor for diabetes complications) can be quantitatively assessed (dozens of indices available) and therapy revised accordingly

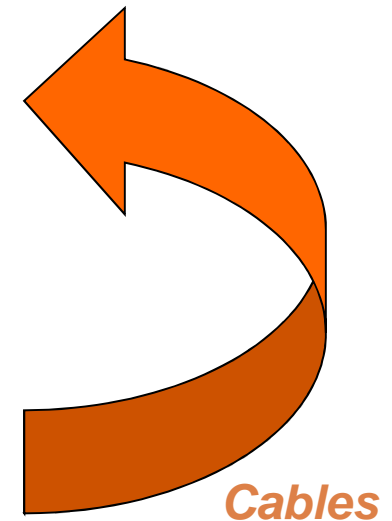
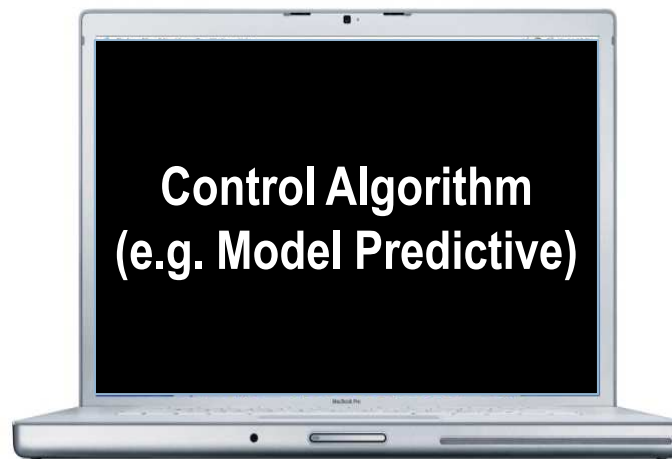
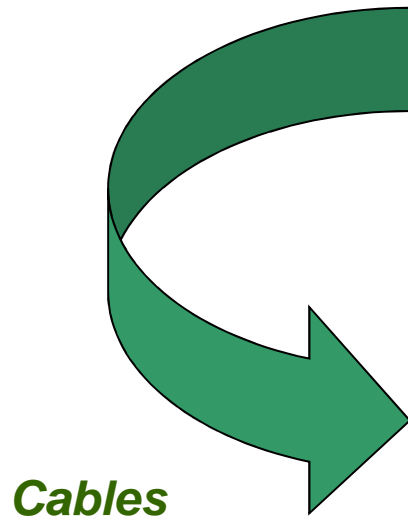
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Proposed CGM Applications
(On - line, piooneristic)

Artificial Pancreas (2008 layout)

Continuous
Glucose
Monitoring
sensor



Continuous
Subcutaneous
Insulin Infusion
(CSII) pump

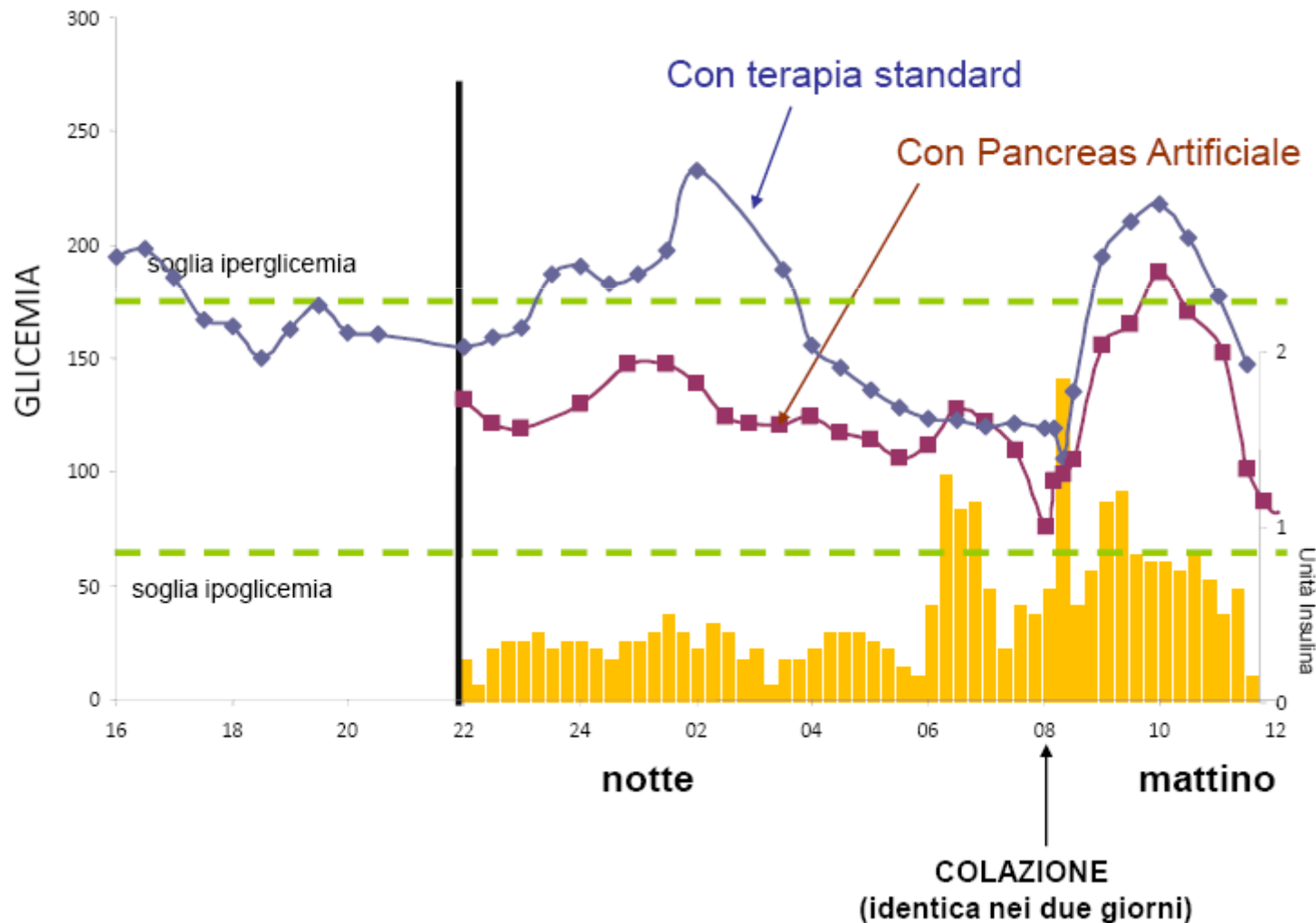


First Trial in the Hospital (Padova, 2008)



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Results



Artificial Pancreas (2011 layout)

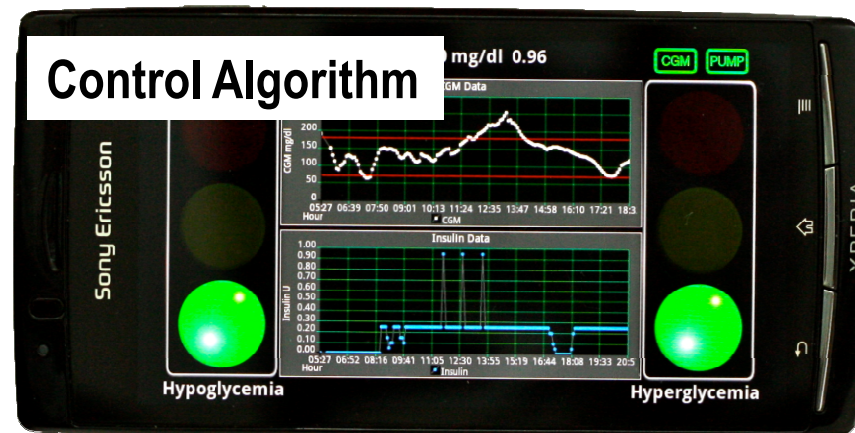
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Wireless



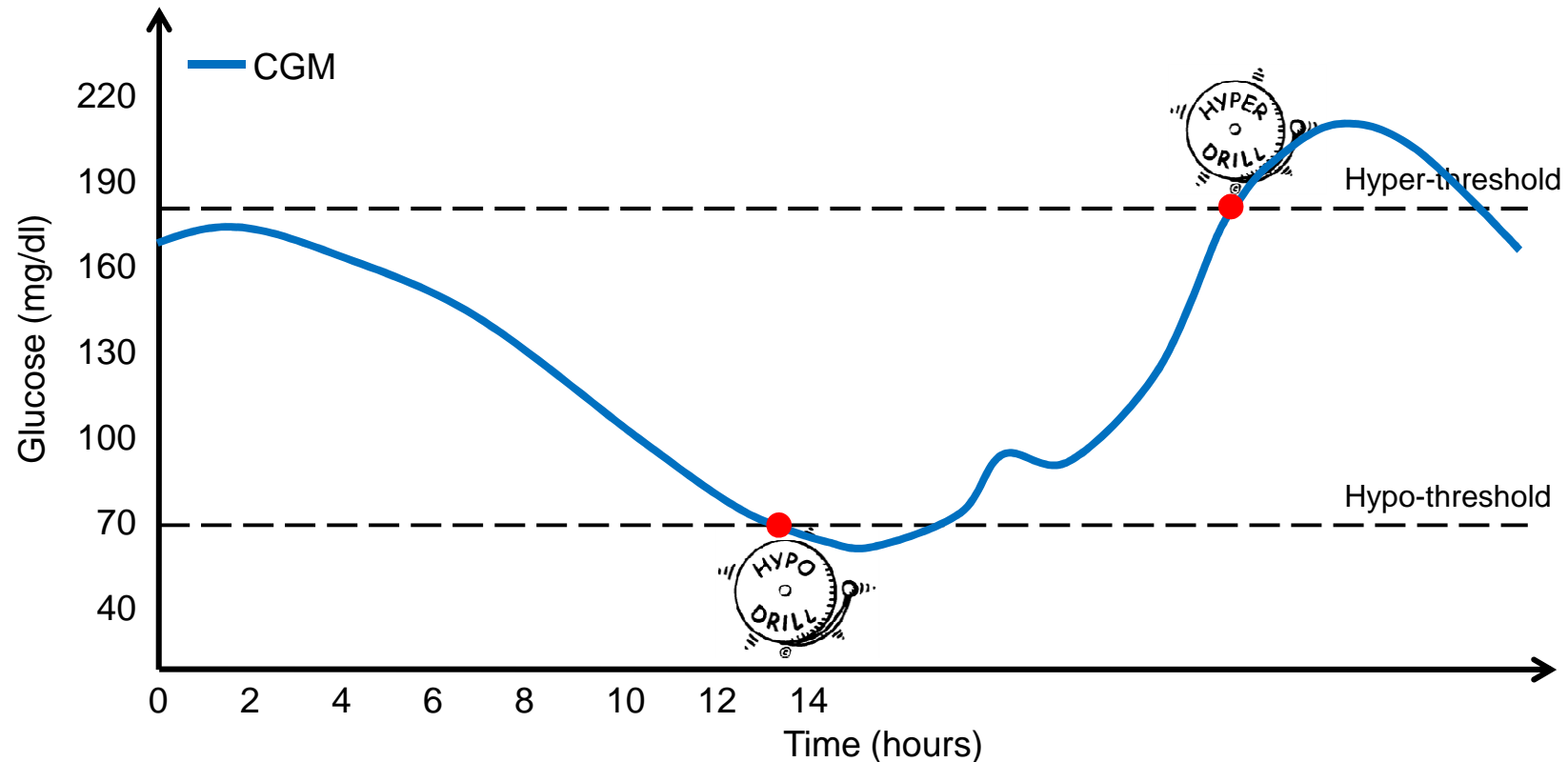
Wireless

Toward an AP@ home: study in hotel... (Padova, 2011)



Real-time hypo/hyperglycemic alerts

CGM sensors embed **VISUAL / ACOUSTIC ALARMS** which alert the patient (in real-time) when hypo/hyperglycemic threshold are reached



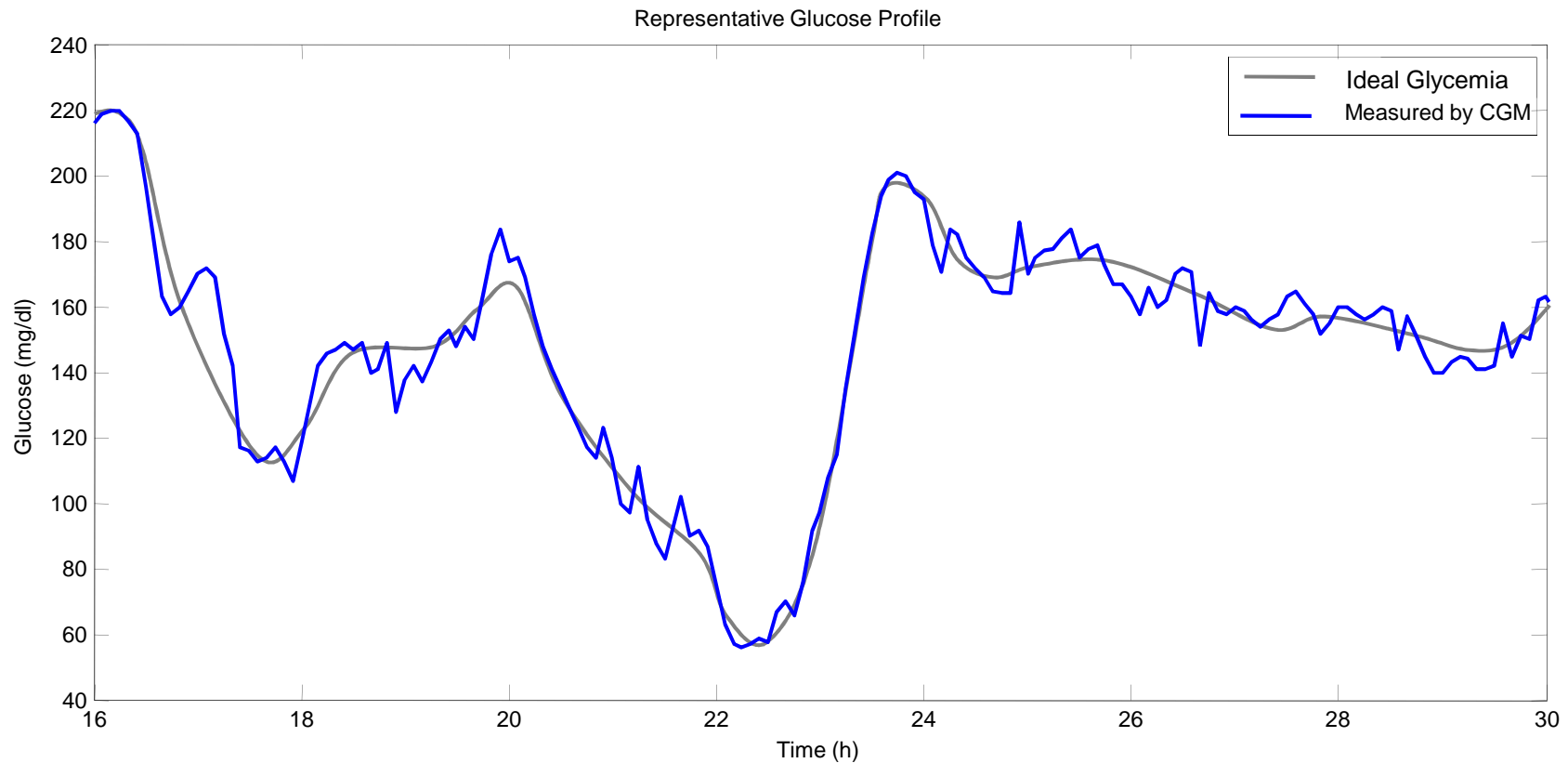
Where We Are: (Selection of) Open Problems

Garbage IN, Garbage OUT

In order to drive the AP and generate alerts properly, it is fundamental to have a “good” CGM signal

- limited bias
- small uncertainty

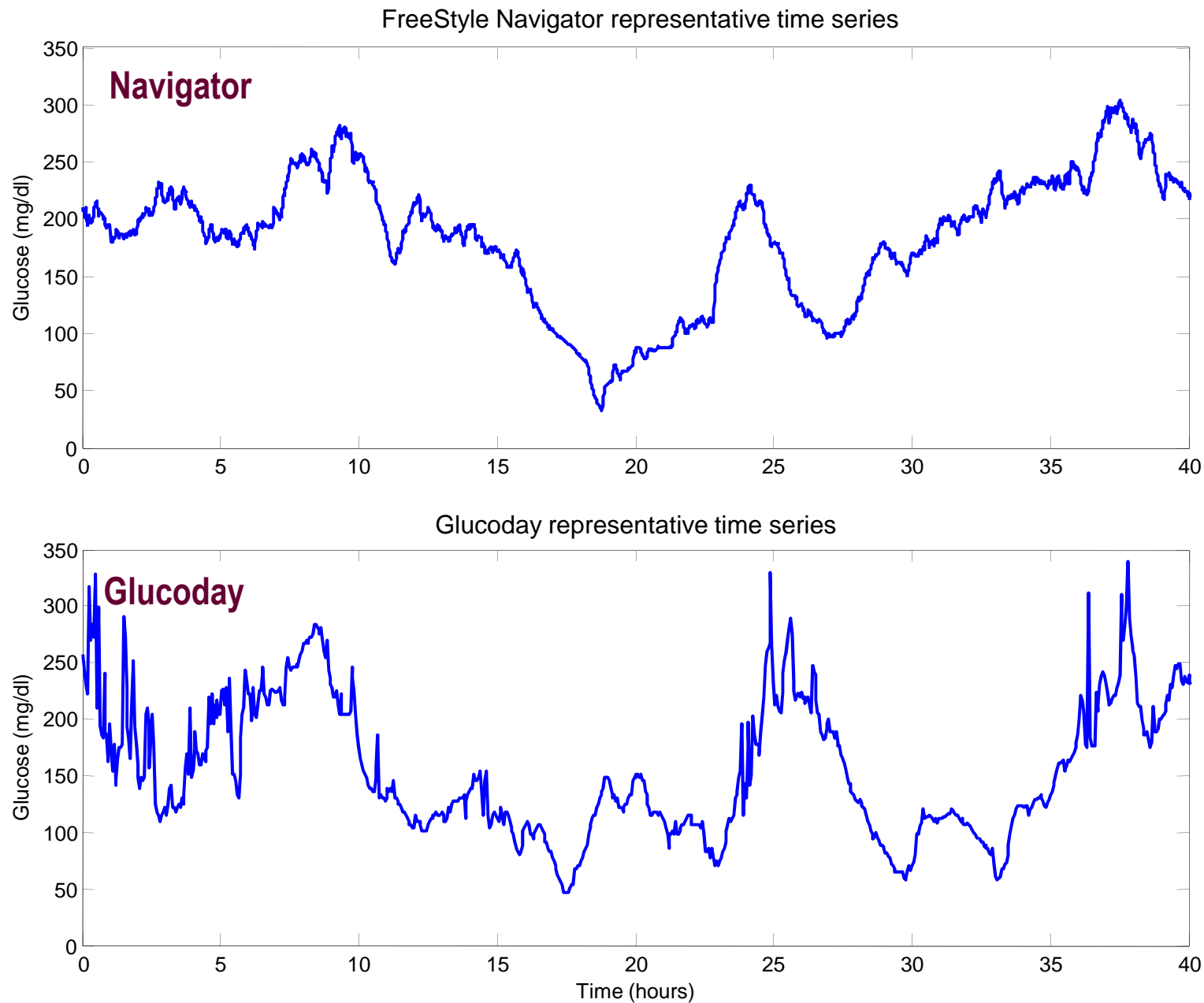
Open Issue #1: Precision



Glucose concentration readings are **uncertain**

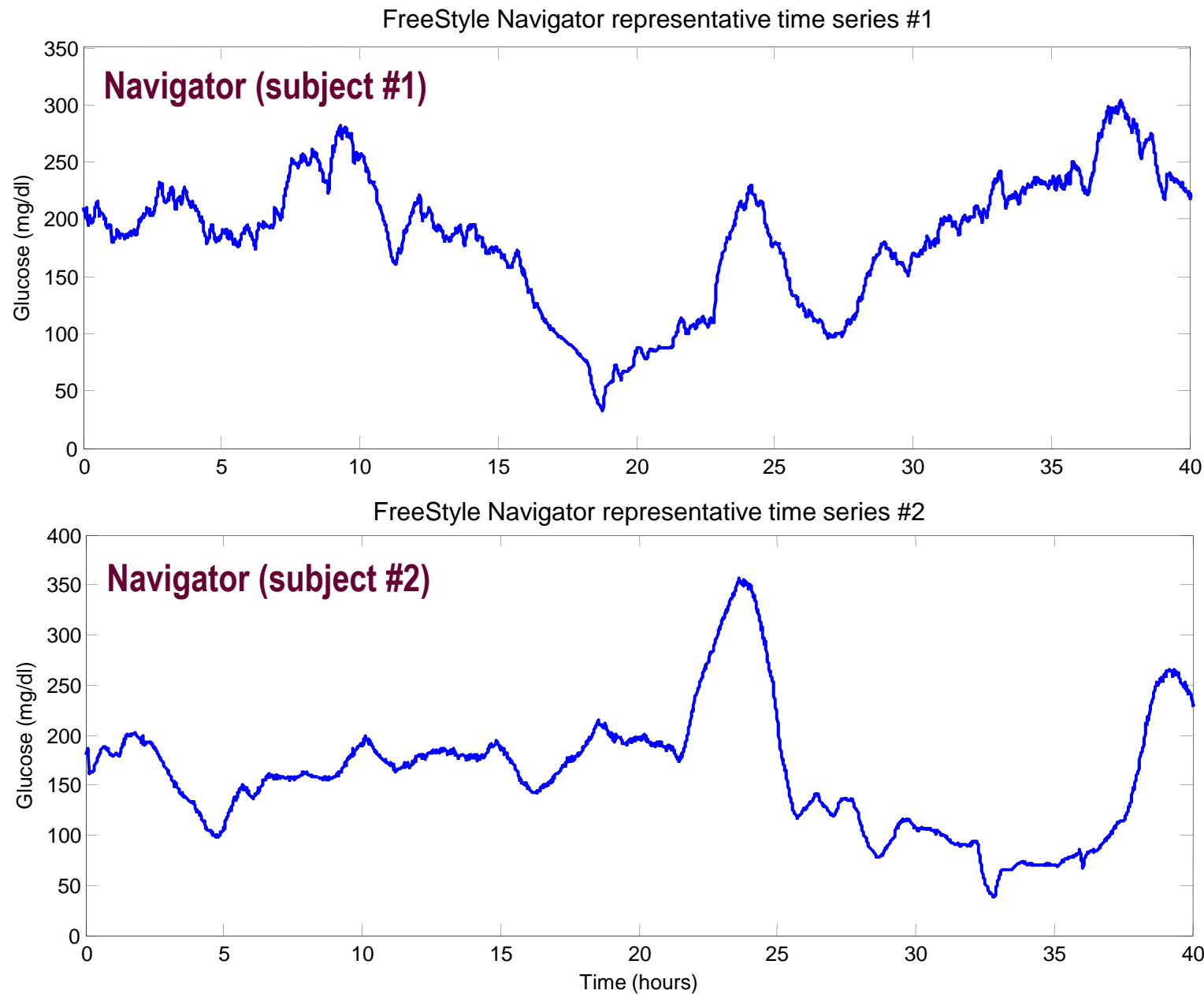
Denoising must be tackled with in **real-time**

Sensor-to-sensor SNR variability



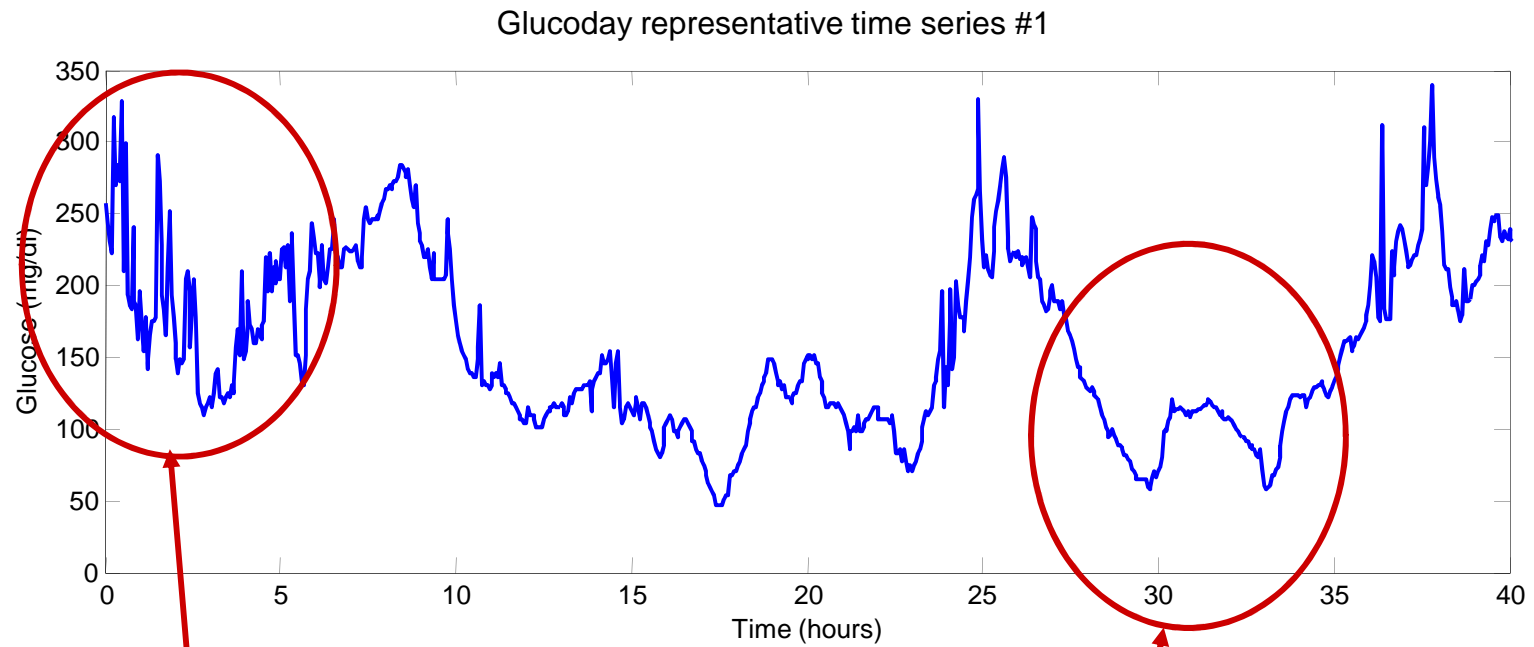
*SNR in the
Glucoday
time-series
seems
worse than
in the
Navigator
time-series*

Inter-individual SNR variability



*SNR in
Navigator #1
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than in
Navigator #2*

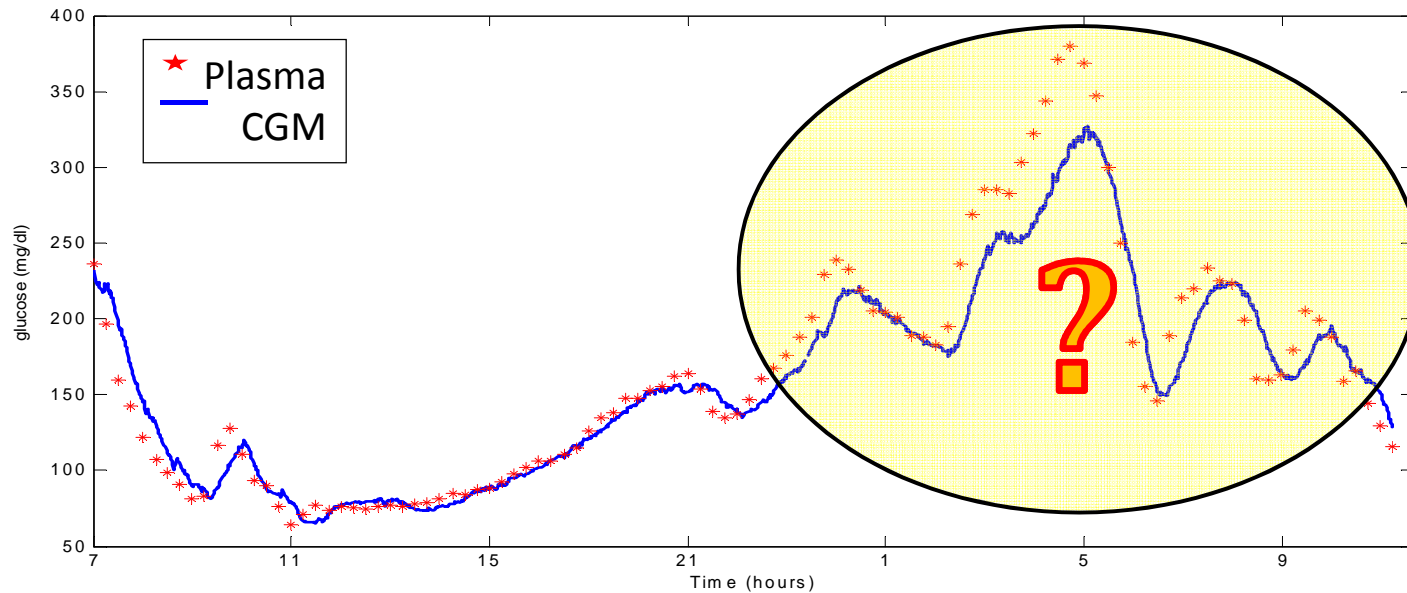
Intra-individual SNR variability



“very low” SNR

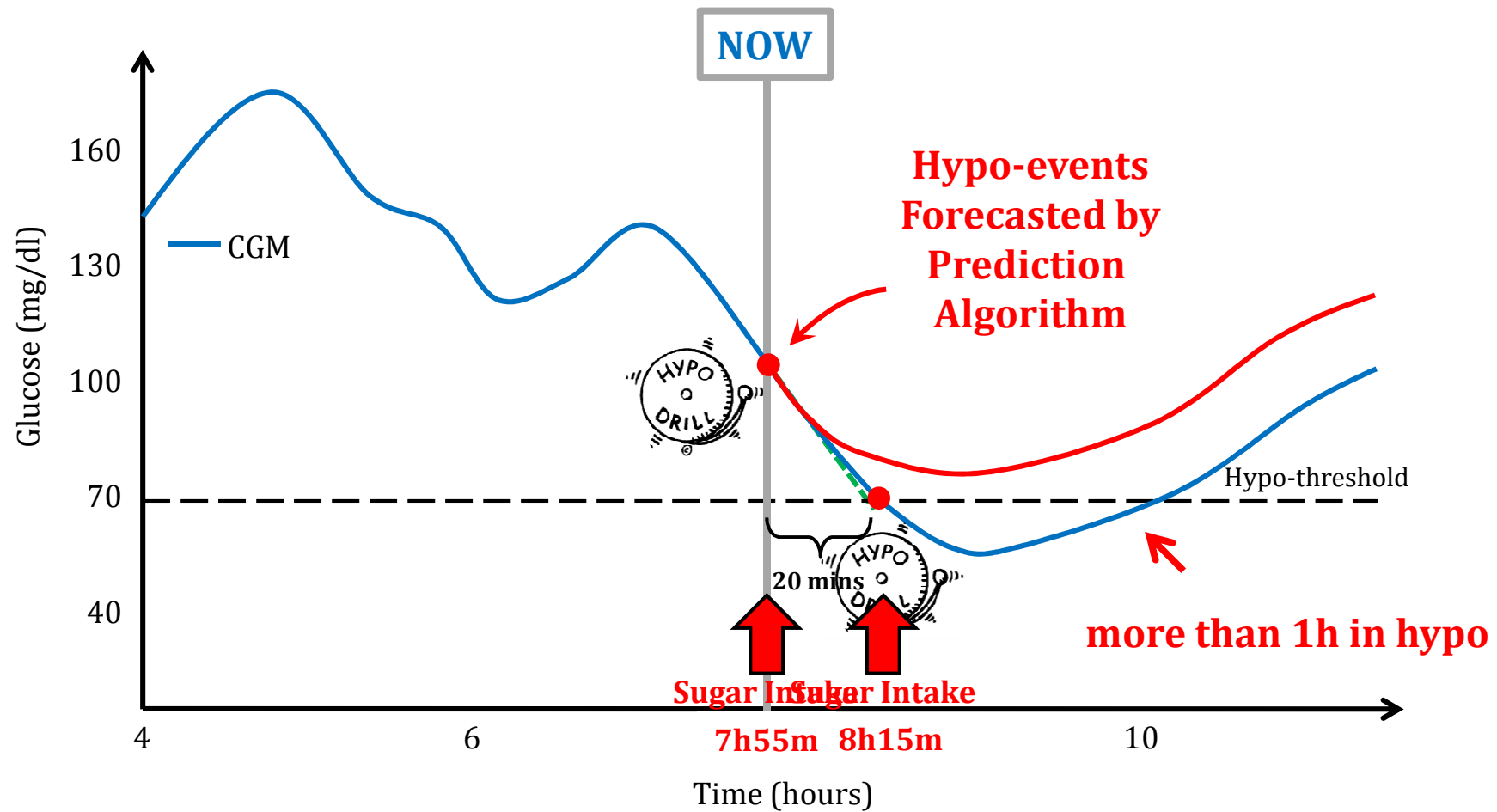
“better” SNR

Open Issue #2: Accuracy

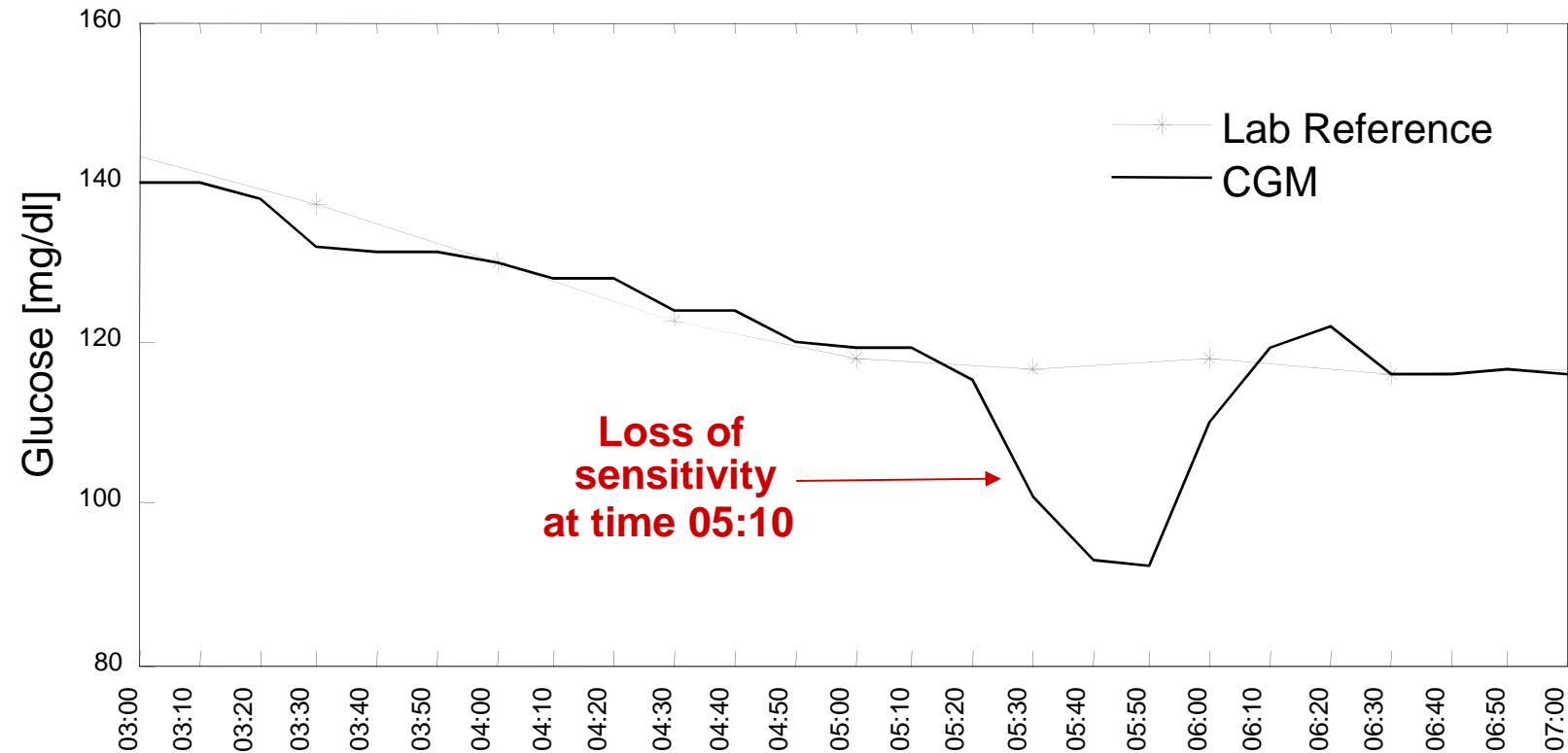


Calibration may **deteriorate** during the monitoring because undesirable interactions between the sensor surface and the biological medium

Open Issue #3: Preventing better than simply detecting hypo/hyper-events



Open Issue #4: Fault Detection



Other open issues (non algorithmical)

- easiness of implantation
- discomfort
- miniaturization

- rejection of the sensor by the body
- in-vivo calibration & stabilization time
- long-term stability

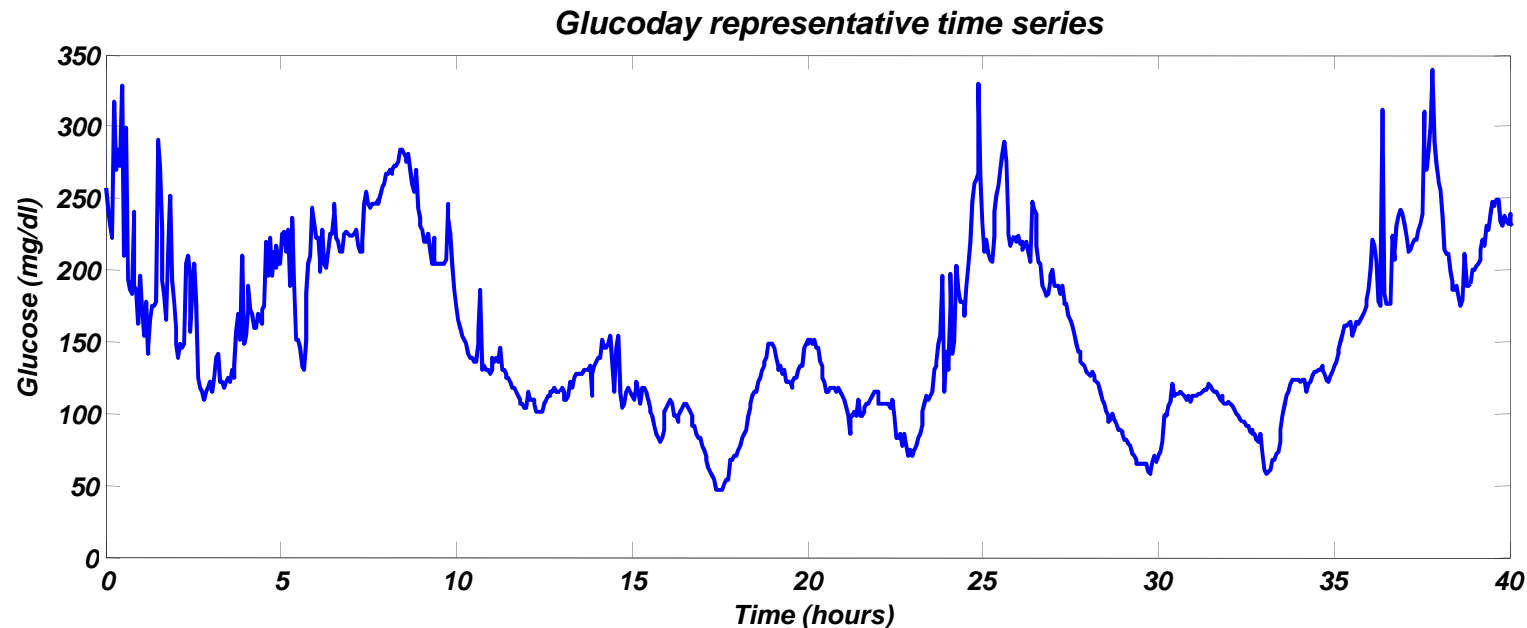
- power source/battery consumption

- ...

Where to go:
“Algorithmically Smart” Sensor
(Andrea Facchinetti)

Denoising of CGM time series

Denoising: the problem



- ***CGM time series are noisy***
- ***The signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) varies from sensor to sensor, from individual to individual, and within the same monitoring***
- ***Consequences: alerts generated on the bases of CGM data can be false, impossible to perform an efficient/accurate real-time prediction, etc.***
- ***Solution → Real-time filtering of CGM data (denoising) to reduce the amplitude to noise overlapped to true glycemia***

Denoising: state of the art

Most of CGM devices embedded real-time filters with fixed parameters, e.g. FIR filter of order M

$$\hat{u}(t) = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^M w(i)} (w(1)y(t) + w(2)y(t-1) + \dots + w(M)y(t-M+1)) \quad w(i) = \mu^i$$

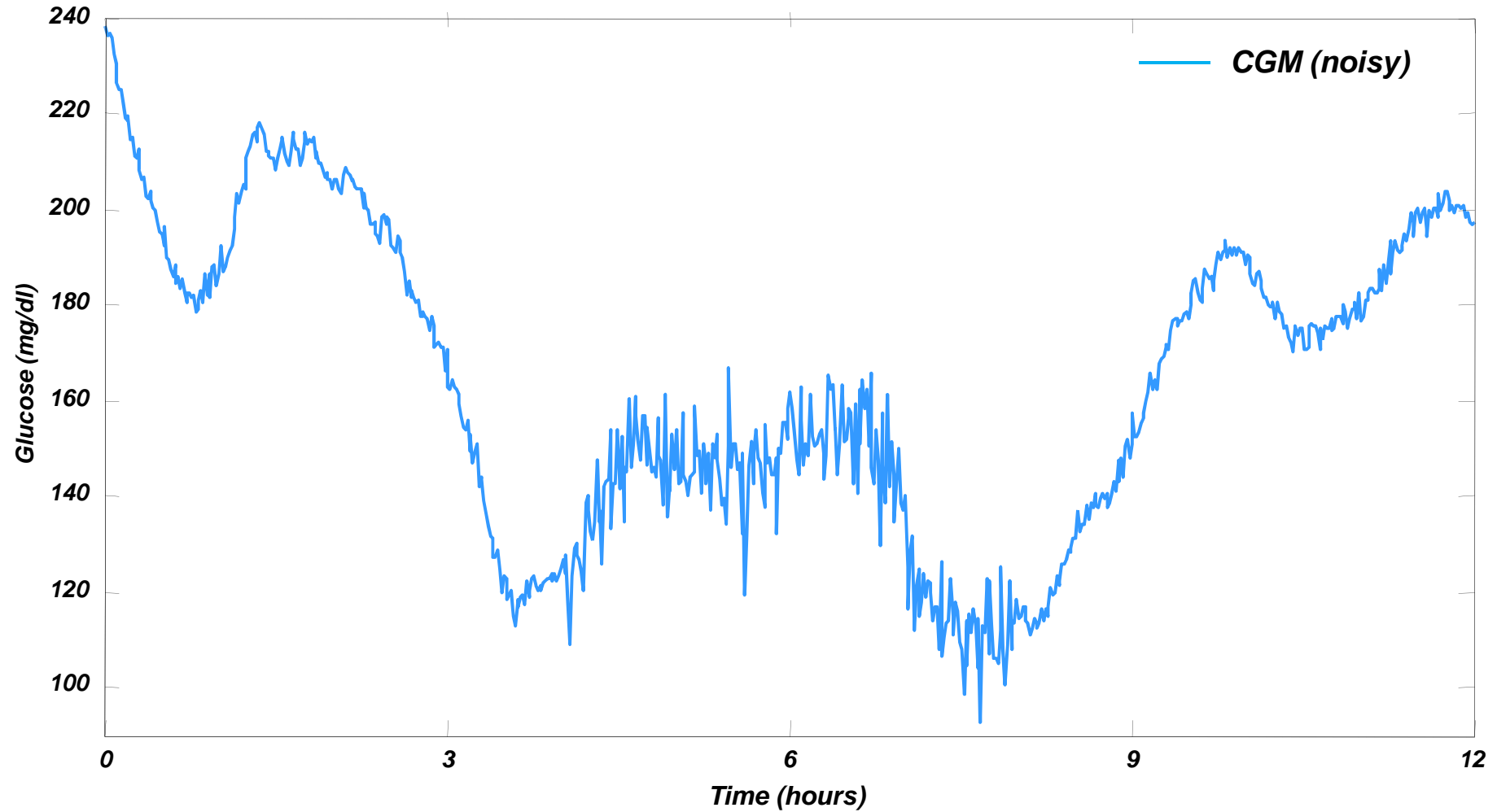
where $y(t)$ is the noisy CGM measurement given at discrete time t , $\hat{u}(t)$ is the output of the filter at time t , $w(1), \dots, w(M)$ are the parameters (weights) of the filter, and $0 < \mu \leq 1$.



Given the variability of the SNR, a filter with fixed structure and parameters, i.e. a "universal denoising filter", will be suboptimal.

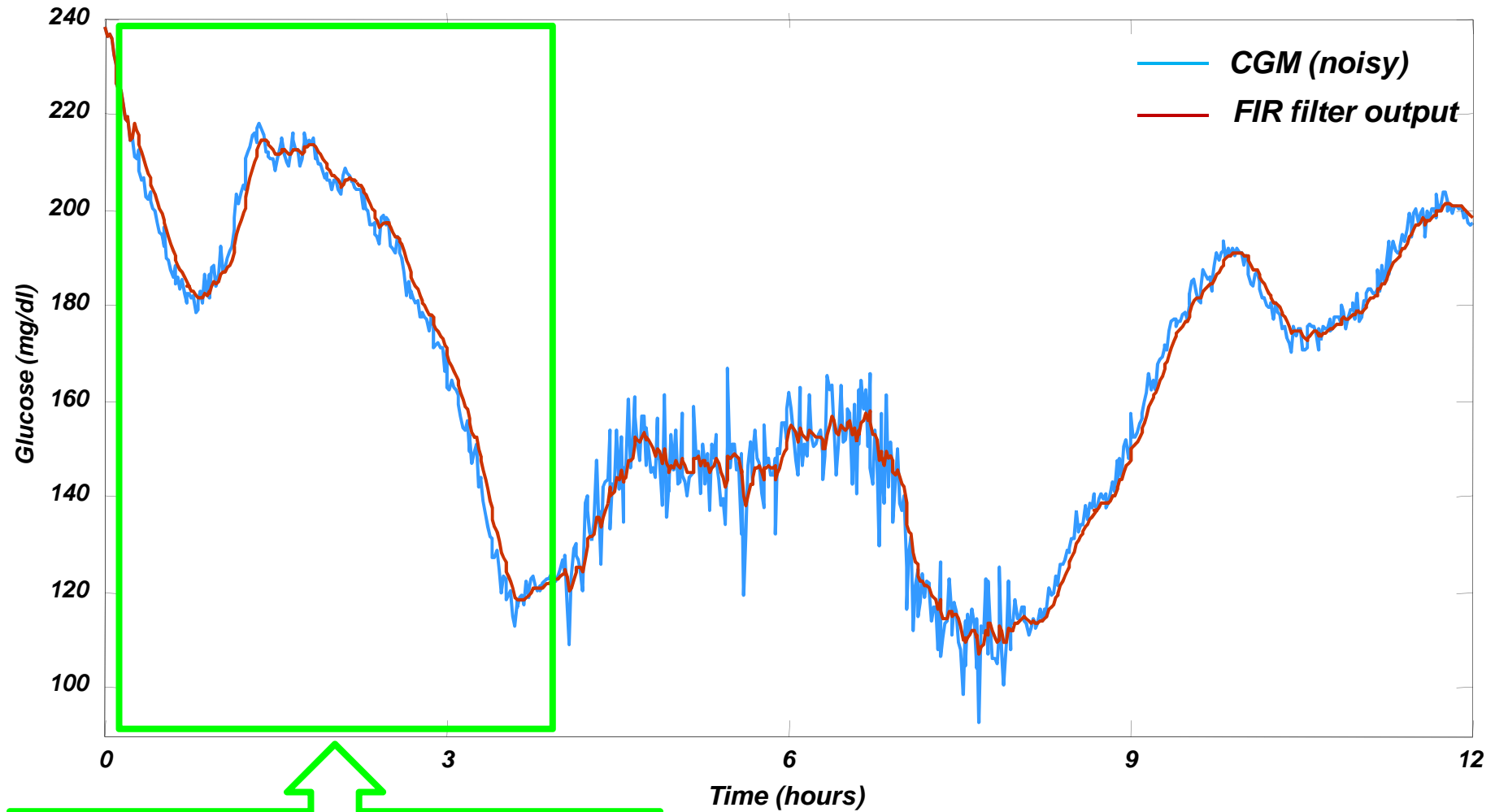
Denoising: application of FIR filter

Noisy vs FIR filtererred CGM data



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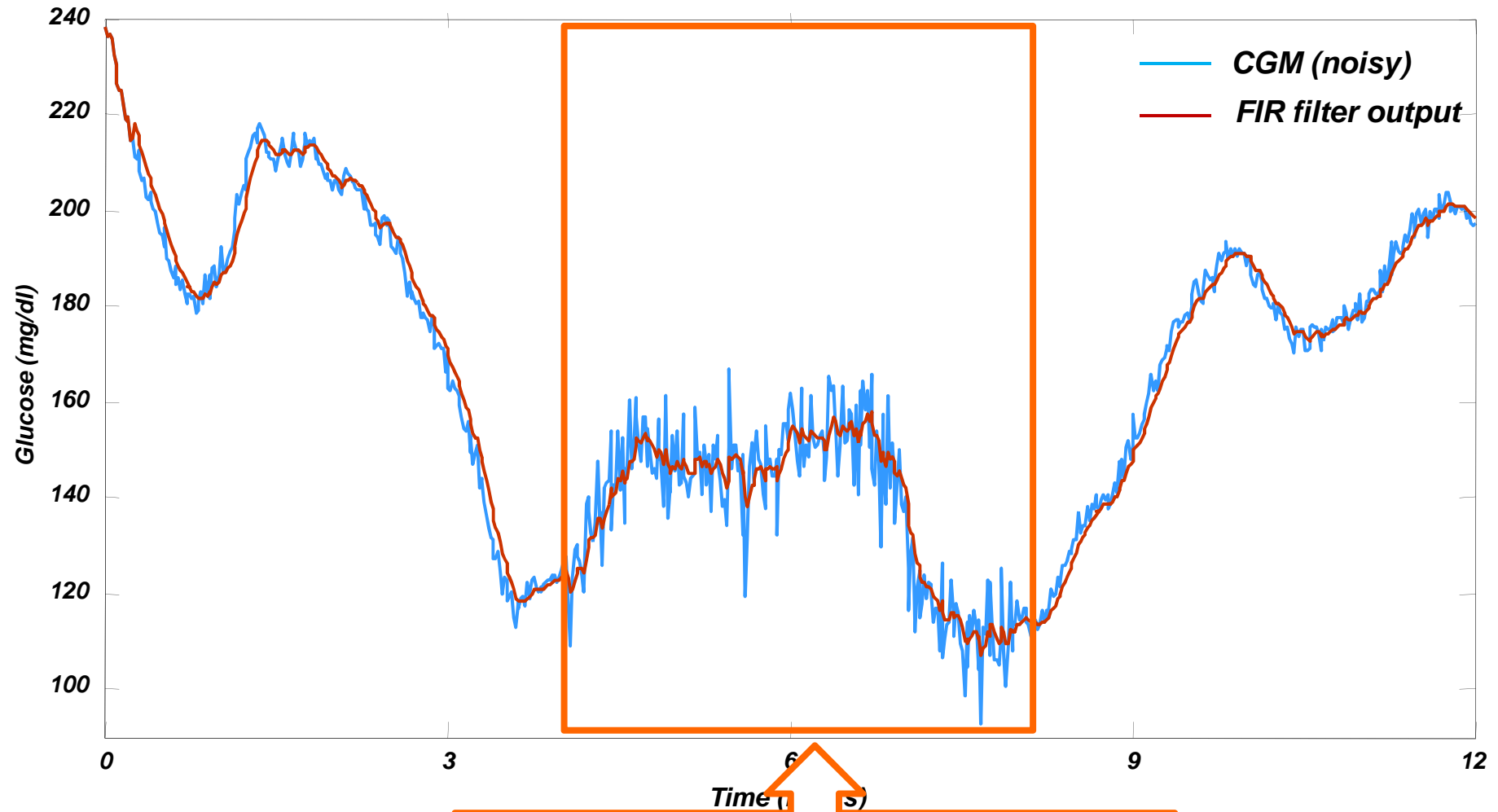
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$M=15, \mu=0.8 \rightarrow$ Optimal denoising

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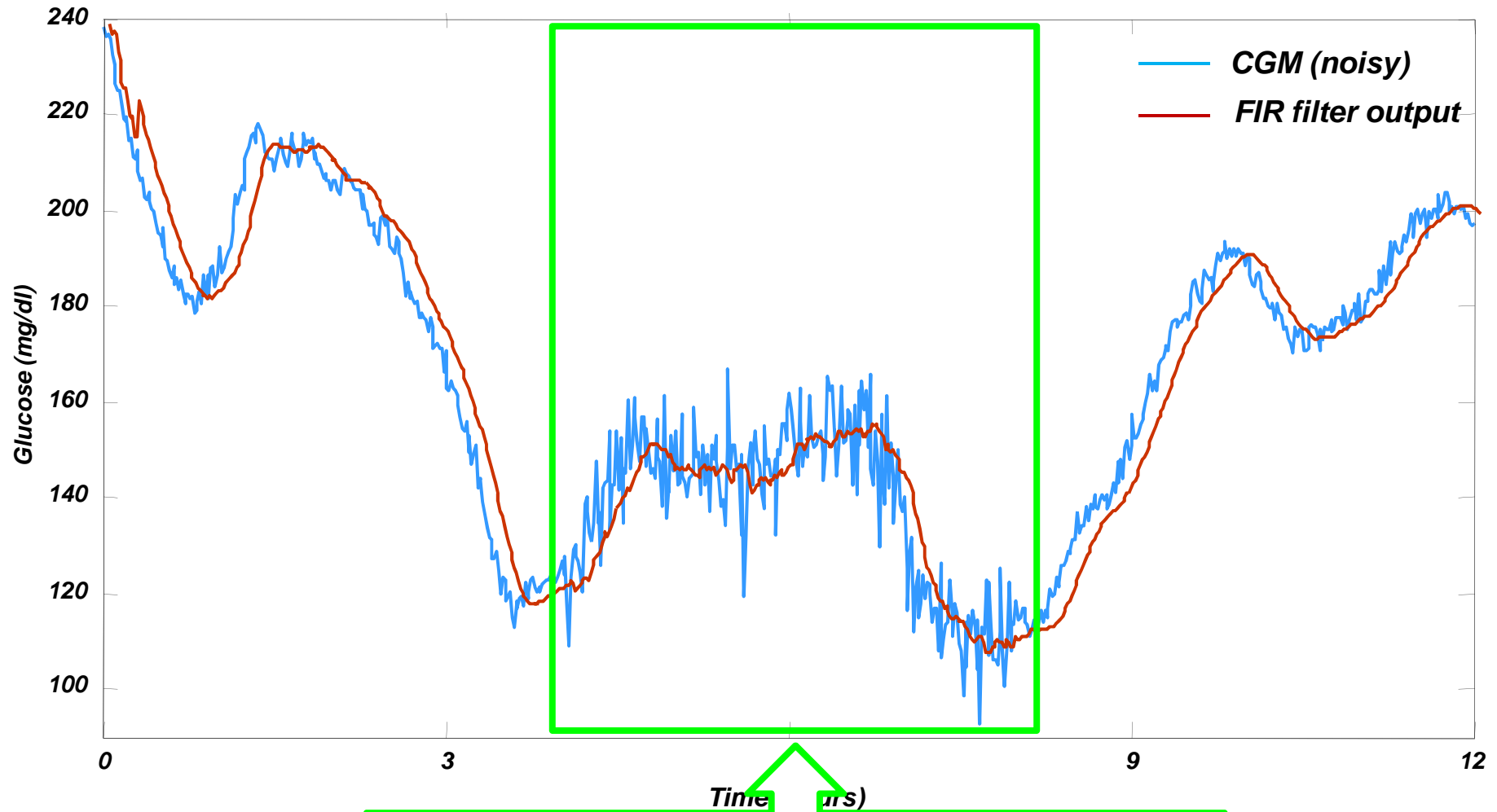
Noisy vs FIR filtererred CGM data



$M=15, \mu=0.8 \rightarrow$ When SNR changes, the filter performs suboptimally (spikes still present)

Denoising: application of FIR filter

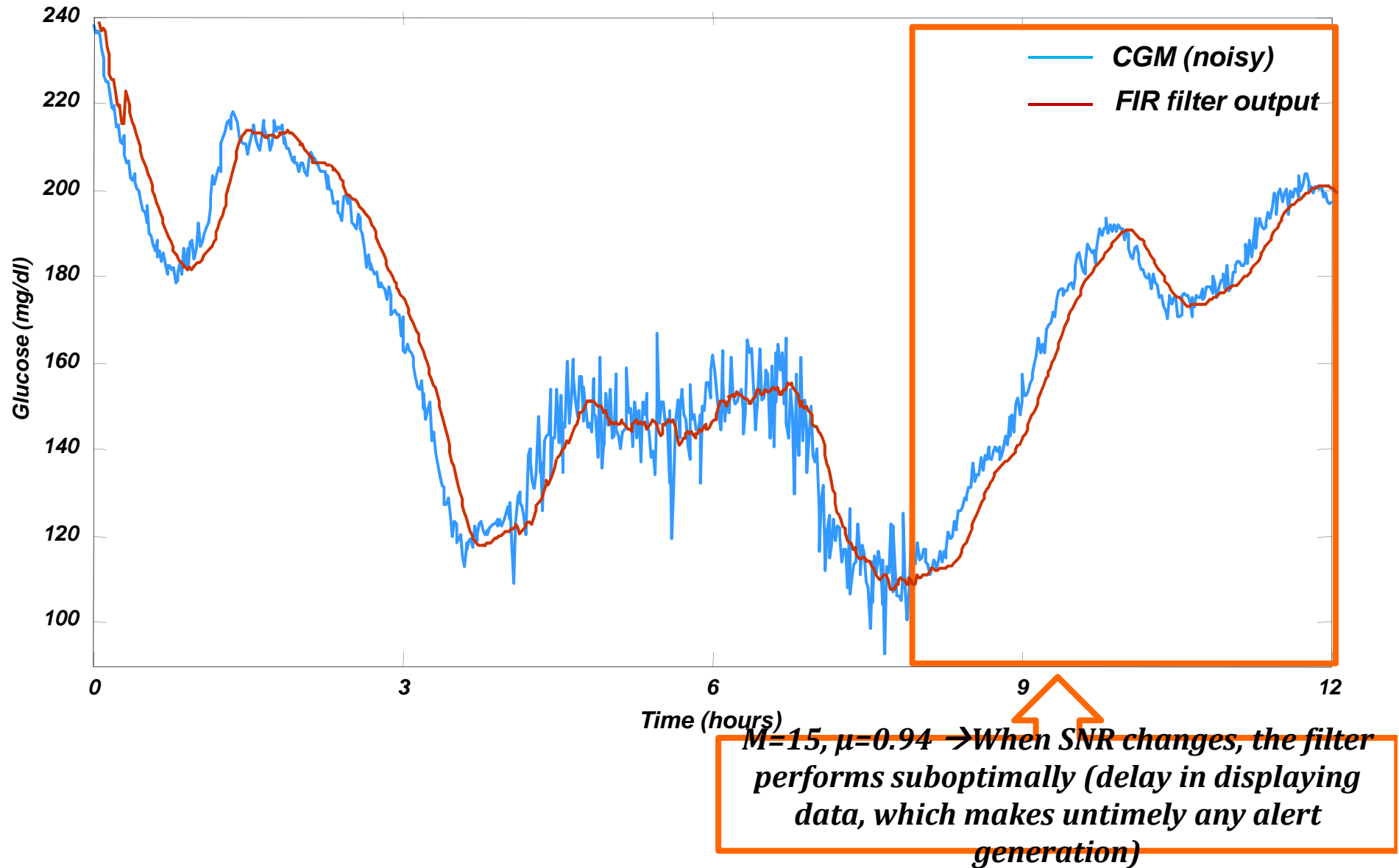
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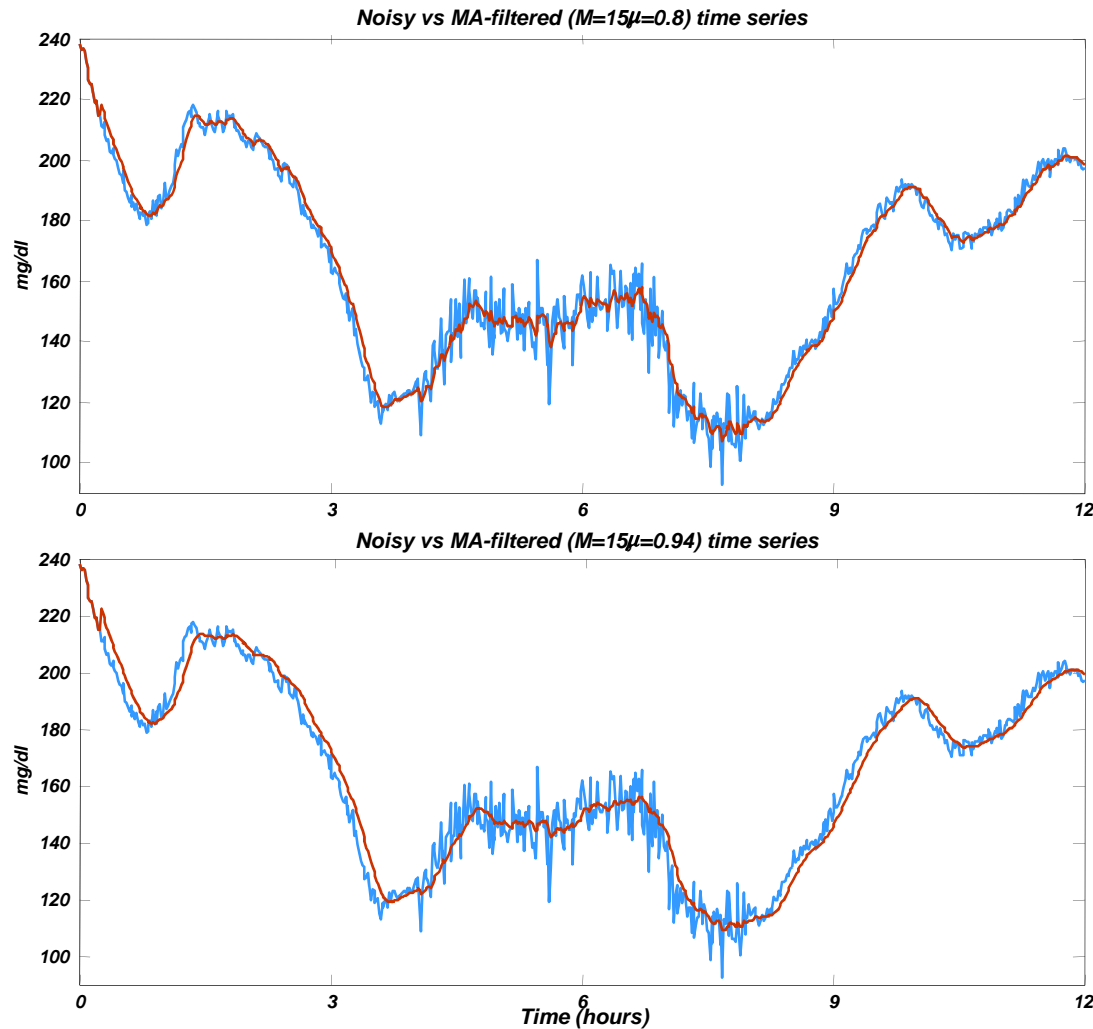
***$M=15, \mu=0.94 \rightarrow$ Optimal denoising
(parameters tuned on data with this SNR level)***

Denoising: application of FIR filter

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Some Comments

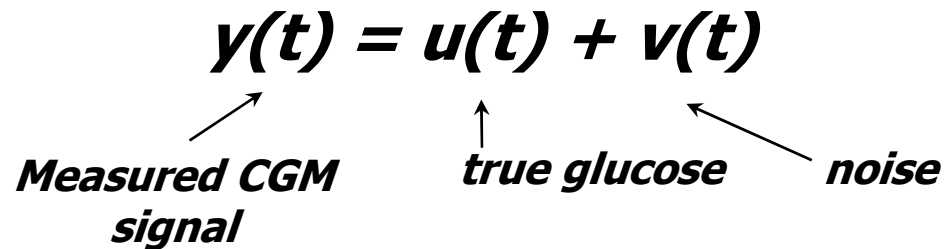


- ***Each time series should have its own M and μ***
- ***No statistically-based criteria available to fix M and μ***
- ***Suboptimal values of M and μ may cause under/oversmoothing***

***IDEA:** to develop a filter with simple structure but able to automatically adapt its parameters online, depending on how the SNR varies.*

The Problem

Given the measured noisy CGM value at time t , here called $y(t)$:

$$y(t) = u(t) + v(t)$$


***Measured CGM
signal*** ***true glucose*** ***noise***

We want to estimate $u(t)$, the glycemia "without noise"

The denoising approach

A *priori* knowledge exploited within the filter:

- **Model of the measured CGM signal:**

$$y(t) = u(t) + v(t)$$

Measured CGM signal true glucose noise

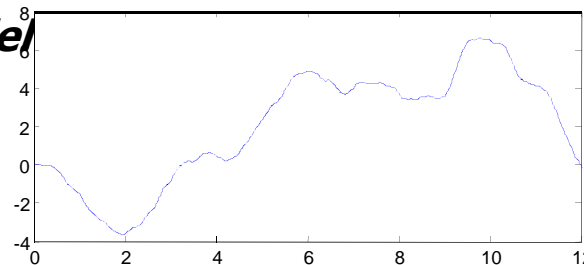
The noise process $v(t)$ is uncorrelated, with unknown variance σ^2

- **$u(t)$ is continuous, together with its first and second time derivatives**

Integrated random walk model

$$u(t+1) = 2u(t) - u(t-1) + w(t)$$

$$w(t) = N(0, \lambda^2)$$



The only unknown parameter of the model is λ^2 , which needs to be estimated from the data

The denoising approach

Model of the measured CGM signal $y(t) = u(t) + v(t)$ $v(t) = N(0, \sigma^2)$

Measured CGM signal \nearrow \uparrow *true glucose* \nwarrow *noise*

Model equation: $u(t+1) = 2u(t) - u(t-1) + w(t)$ $w(t) = N(0, \lambda^2)$

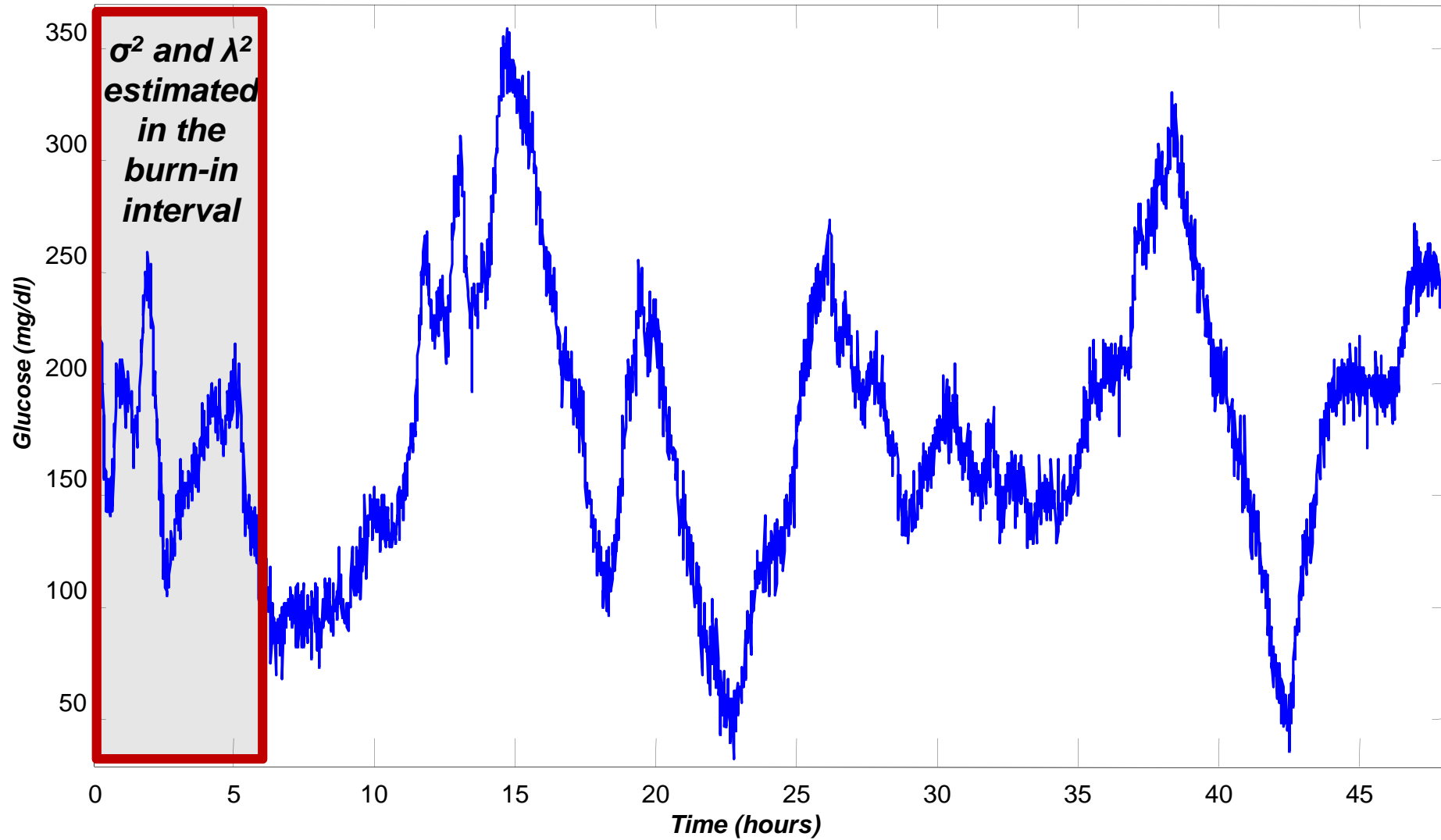
2-step (causal) implementation:

- 1. the determination of unknown parameters σ^2 and λ^2 is performed in a burn-in interval through a Bayesian smoothing approach based on maximum likelihood criterion***
- 2. the filtered glucose level $\hat{u}(t)$ is estimated via Kalman Filtering (recursive equations \rightarrow online implementations with low-cost hardware)***

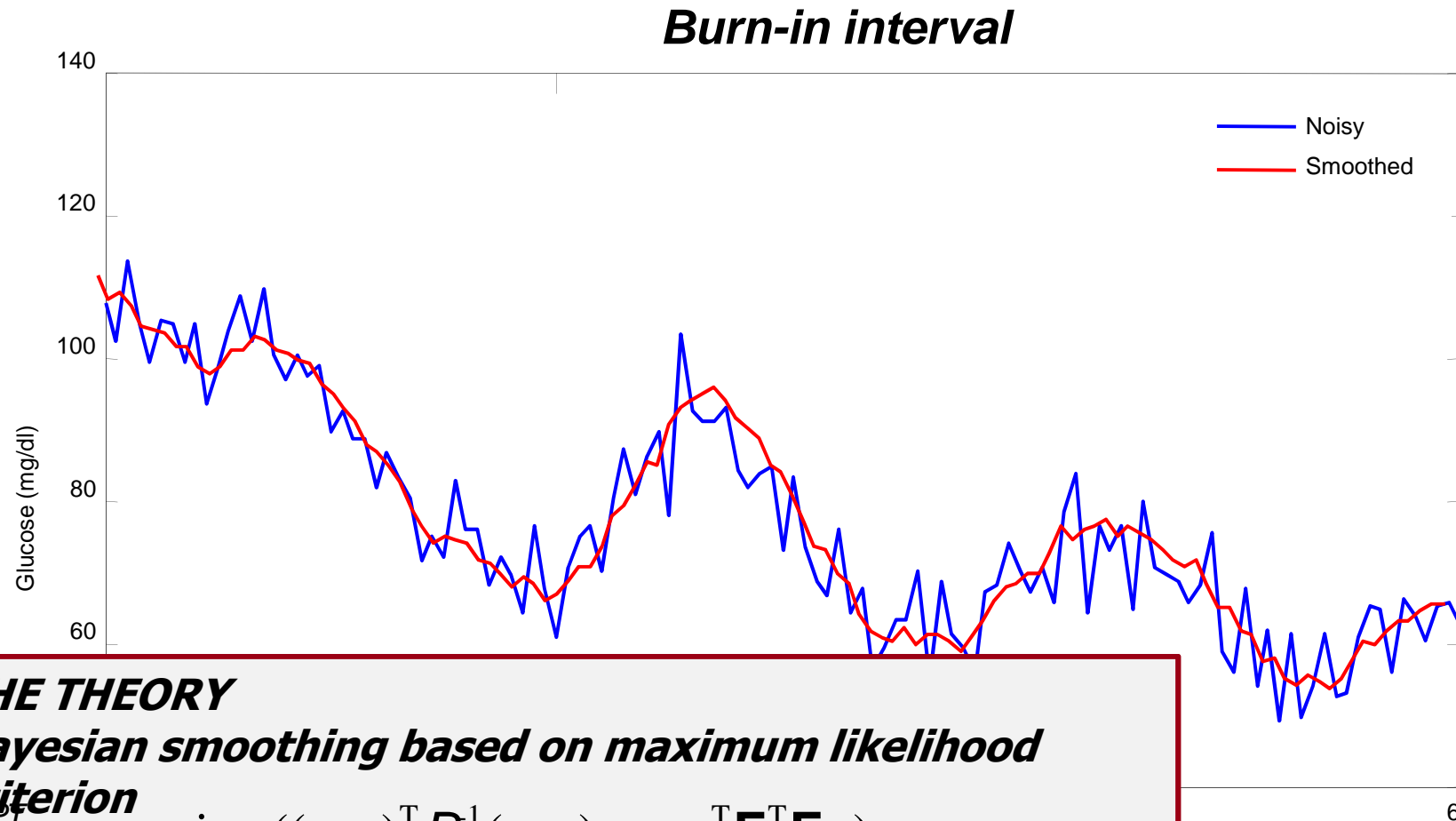
The denoising approach (overview)

Step 1

Representative CGM time series



Step 1: estimation of σ^2 and λ^2



THE THEORY

Bayesian smoothing based on maximum likelihood criterion

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}}^{ML} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{u}} ((\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{u})^T \mathbf{B}^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{u}) + \gamma \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{F} \mathbf{u})$$

→ The degree of regularization depends on the so-called regularization parameters $\gamma = \sigma^2 / \lambda^2$

Step 1: estimation of σ^2 and λ^2

How to set the regularization parameter

The expected value of the weighted residuals sum of squares is:

$$E[\text{WRSS}] = \sigma^2 \{ N - \text{trace}(B^{-1/2} (B^{-1} + \gamma F^T F)^{-1} B^{-1/2}) \}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{\sigma^2}{\lambda^2}$$

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γ^{OPT} is obtained by resolving:

$$\frac{\text{WRSS}(\gamma)}{N - \text{trace}(B^{-1/2} (B^{-1} + \gamma F^T F)^{-1} B^{-1/2})} = \gamma \frac{\text{WESS}(\gamma)}{\text{trace}(B^{-1/2} (B^{-1} + \gamma F^T F)^{-1} B^{-1/2})}$$

Once γ^{OPT} is evaluated, then both σ^2 and λ^2 can be obtained as:

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{\text{WRSS}(\gamma^{OPT})}{N - \text{trace}(B^{-1/2} (B^{-1} + \gamma^{OPT} F^T F)^{-1} B^{-1/2})}$$

$$\hat{\lambda}^2 = \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\gamma^{OPT}}$$

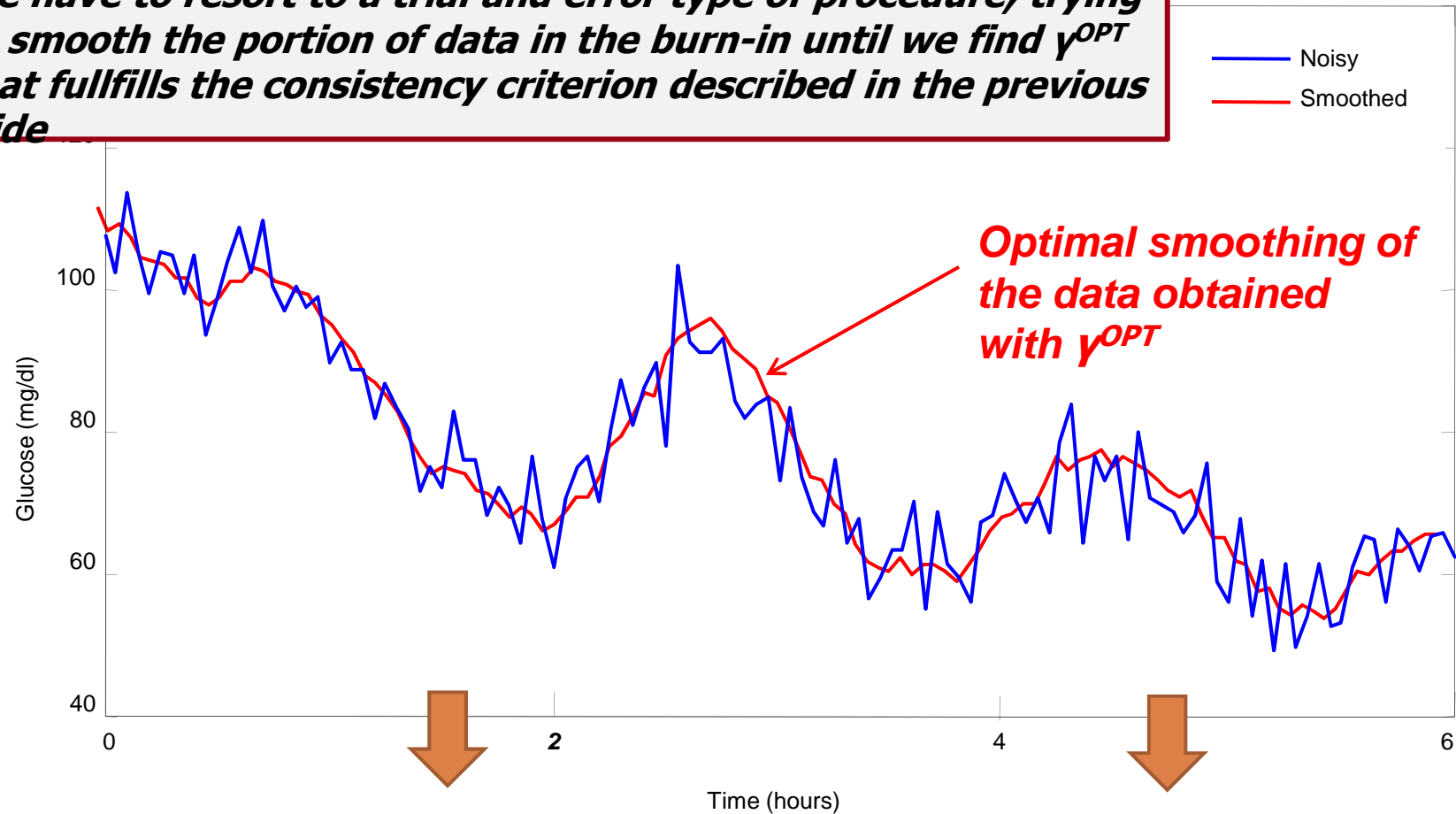
Sparacino et al. IEEE Trans Biomed Eng 1996
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Step 1: estimation of σ^2 and λ^2

THE PRACTICE

We have to resort to a trial and error type of procedure, trying to smooth the portion of data in the burn-in until we find γ^{OPT} that fullfills the consistency criterion described in the previous slide



$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{\text{WRSS}(\gamma^{OPT})}{N - \text{trace}(\mathbf{B}^{-1/2}(\mathbf{B}^{-1} + \gamma^{OPT}\mathbf{F}^T\mathbf{F})^{-1}\mathbf{B}^{-1/2})}$$

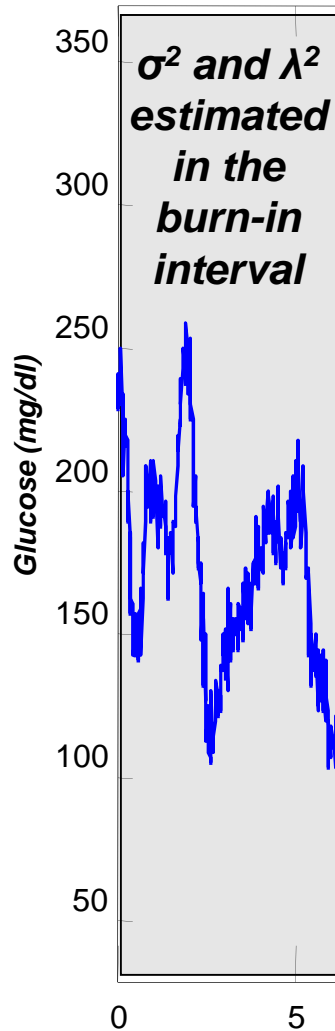
$$\hat{\lambda}^2 = \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\gamma^{OPT}}$$

The denoising approach (overview)

Step 1

Step 2

Representative CGM time series



Kalman filter with parameters estimated in the burn-in interval

Starting from the same a priori model we used in the Bayesian smoothing procedure:

$$u(t+1) = 2u(t) - u(t-1) + w(t)$$

$$w(t) = N(0, \lambda^2)$$

we derive a state-space model:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1(t+1) \\ x_2(t+1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} w(t)$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} + v(t)$$

$$w(t) = N(0, \lambda^2)$$

$$v(t) = N(0, \sigma^2)$$

in which:

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

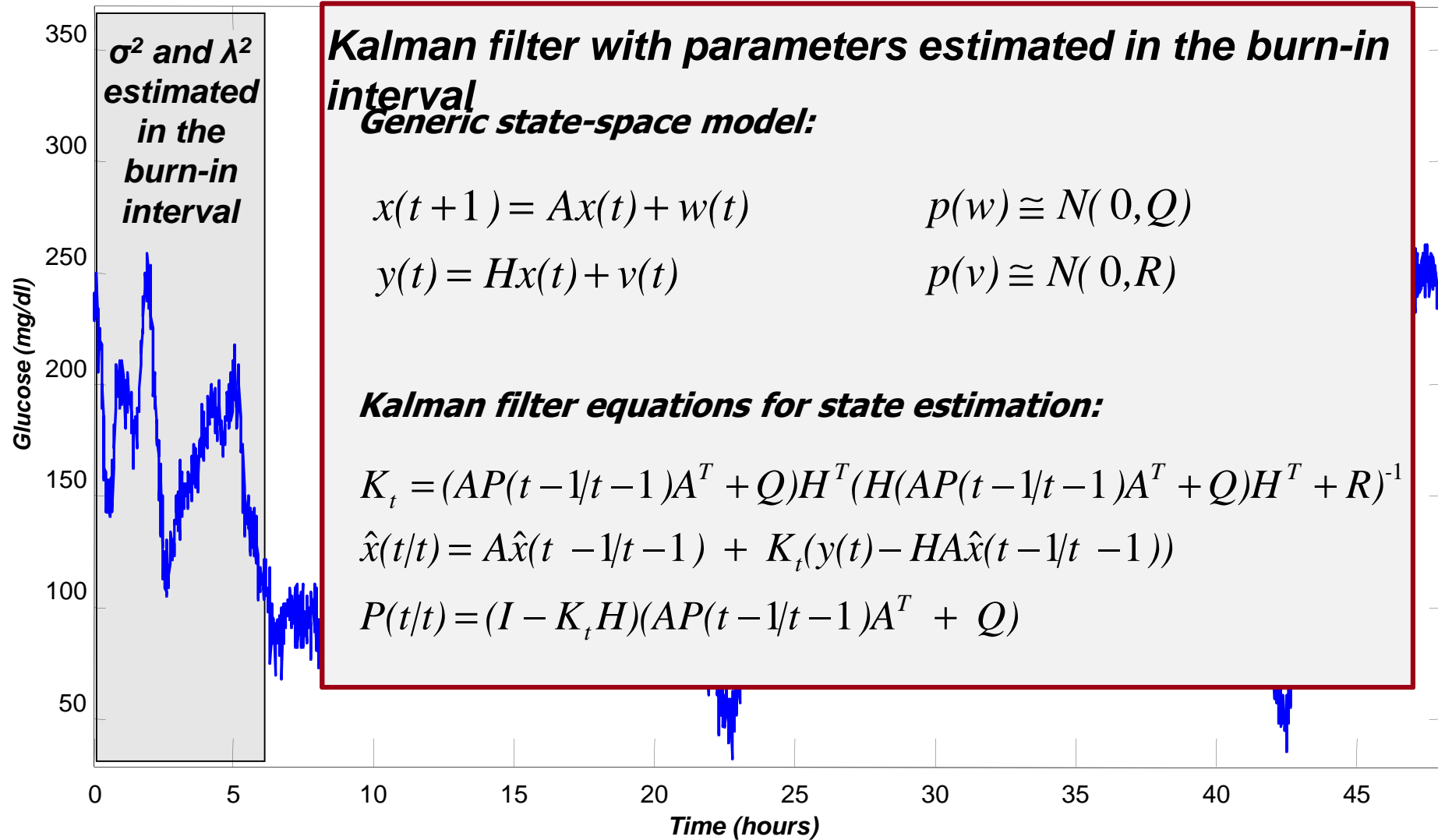
$$R = \sigma^2$$

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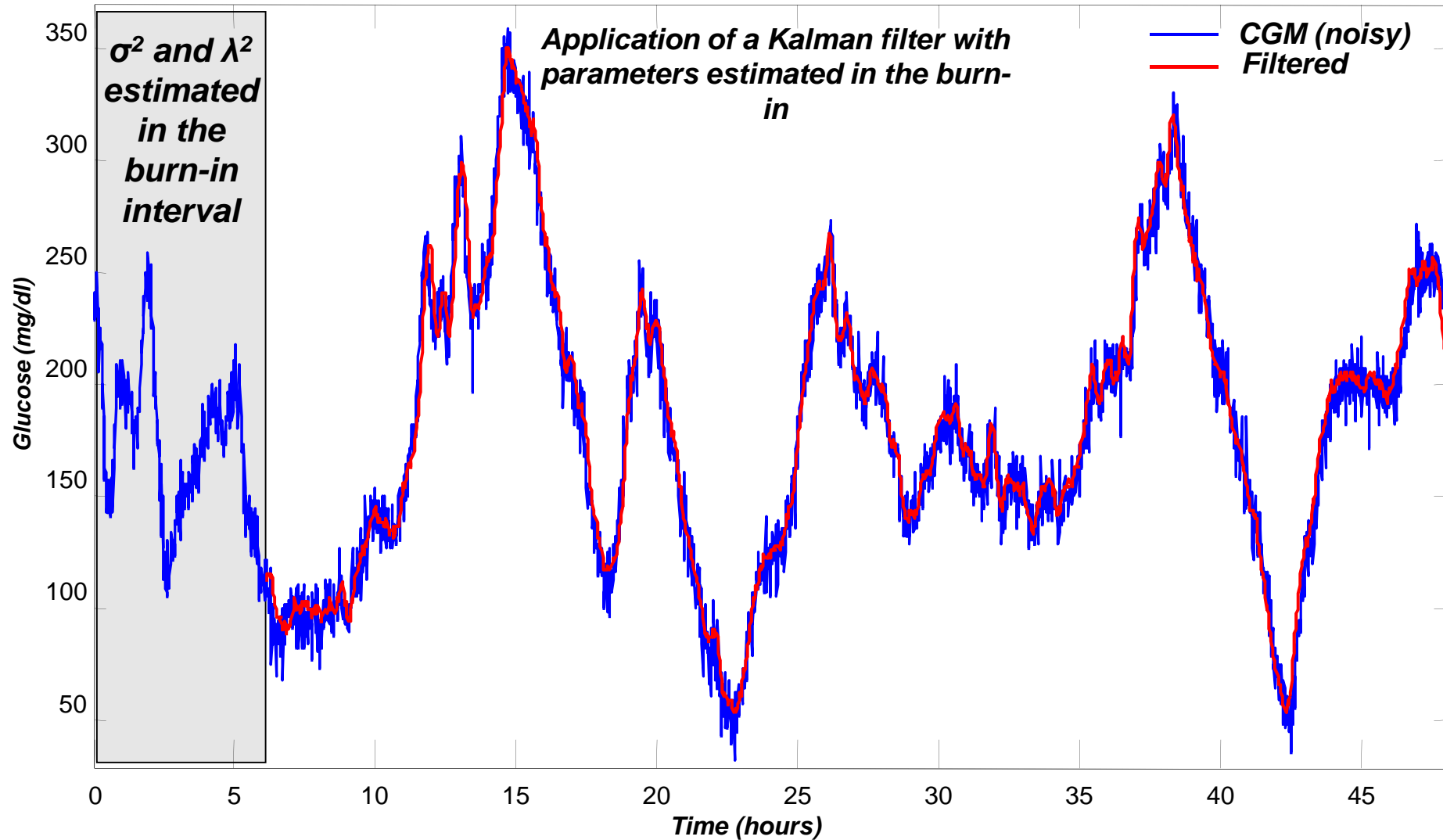


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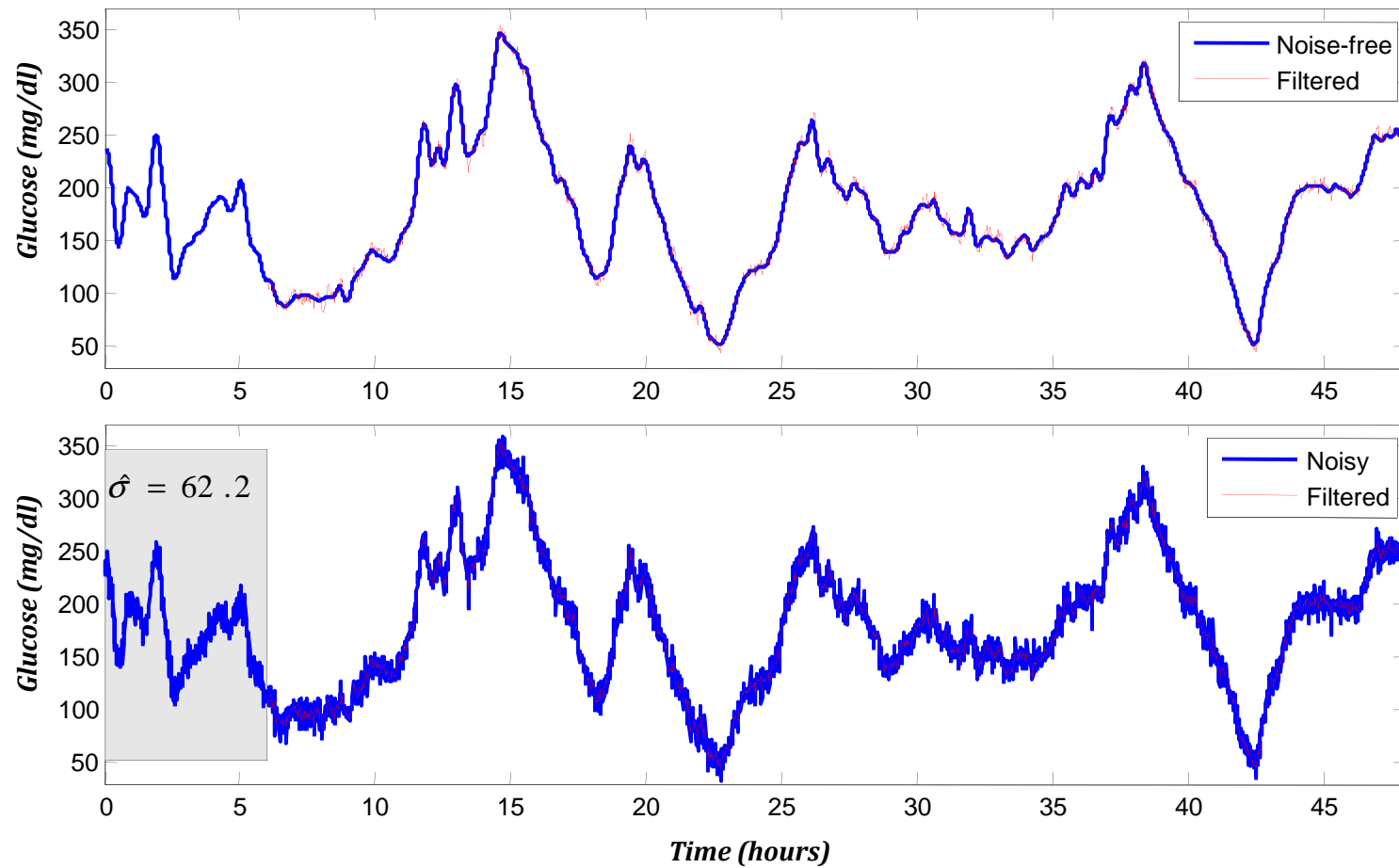
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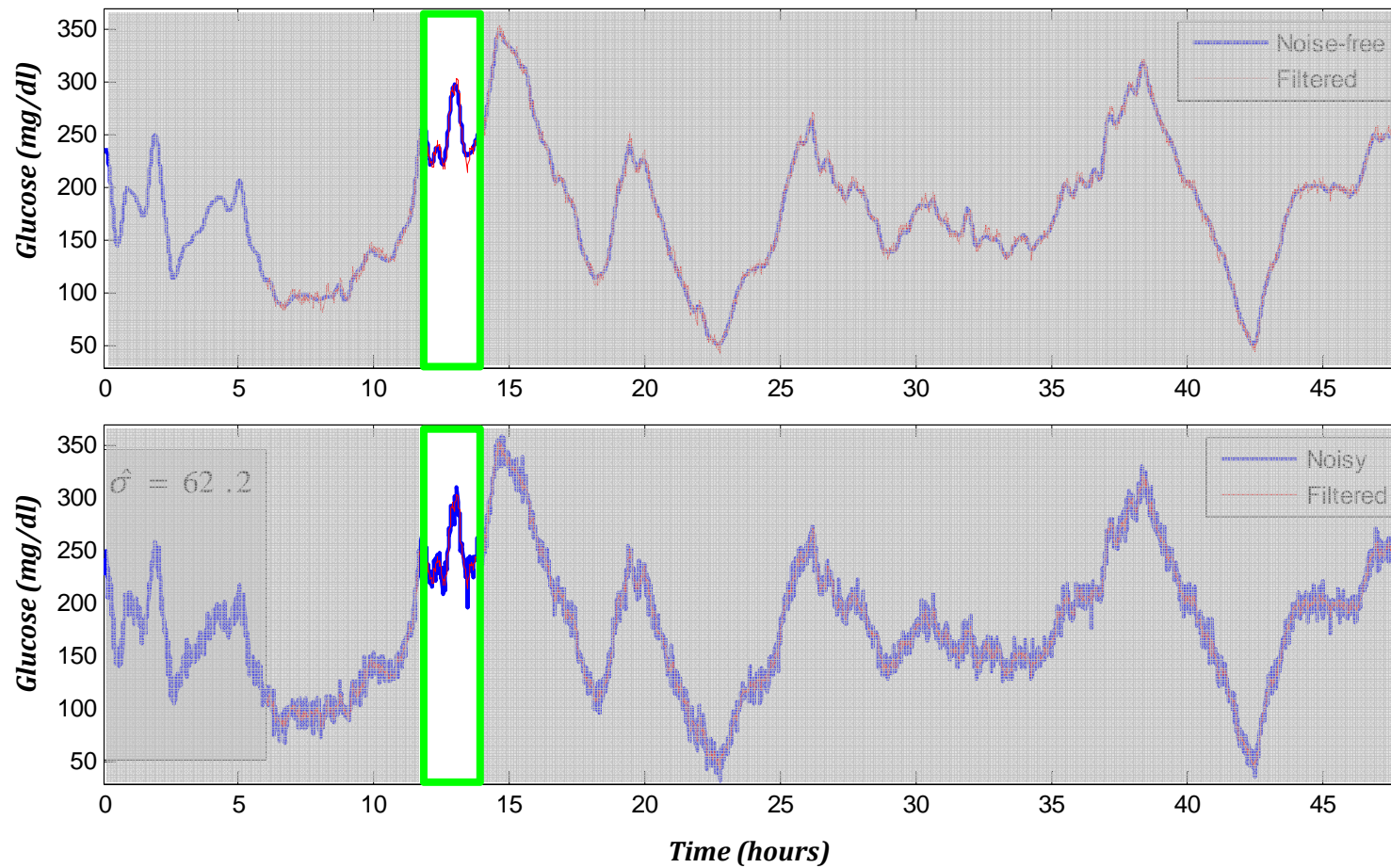
Dealing with inter-individual variability of th

Representative Simulated Subject with $\sigma^2=64\text{mg}^2/\text{dl}^2$



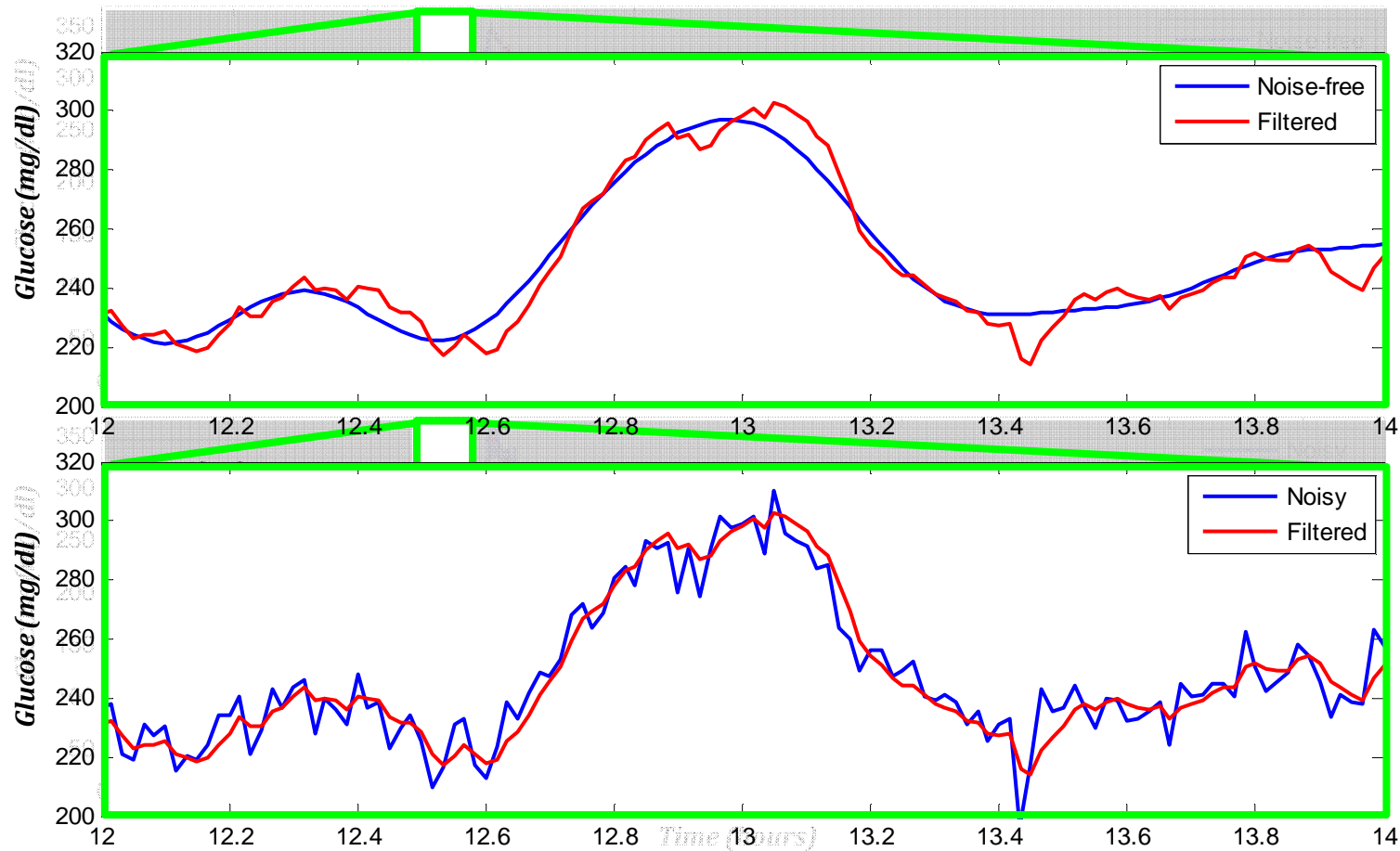
Application on a simulated dataset

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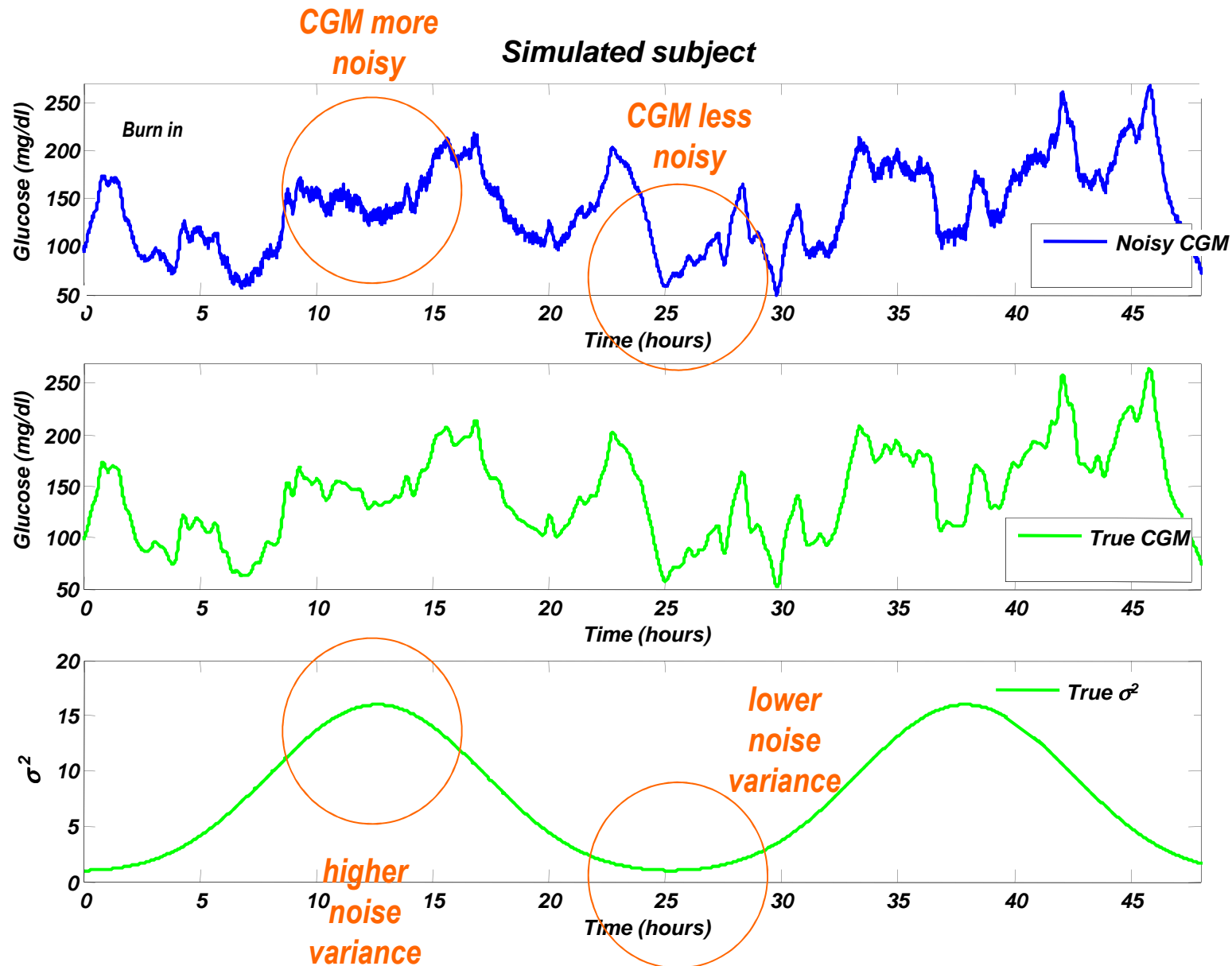


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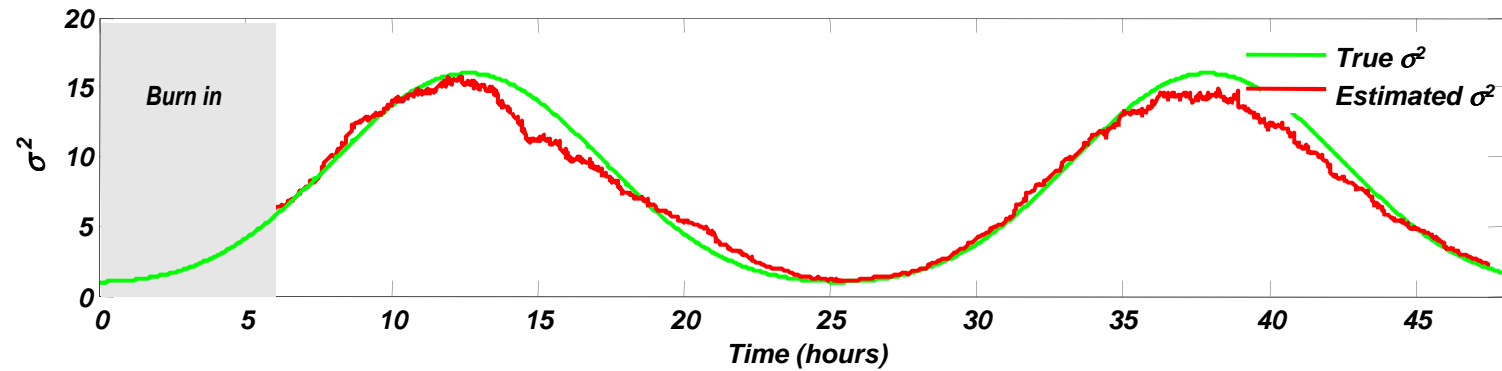
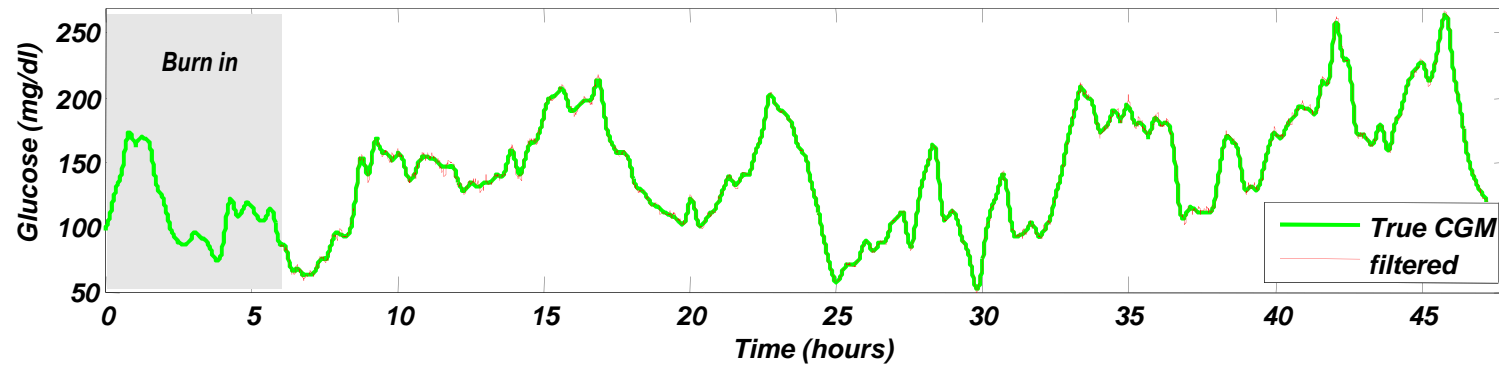
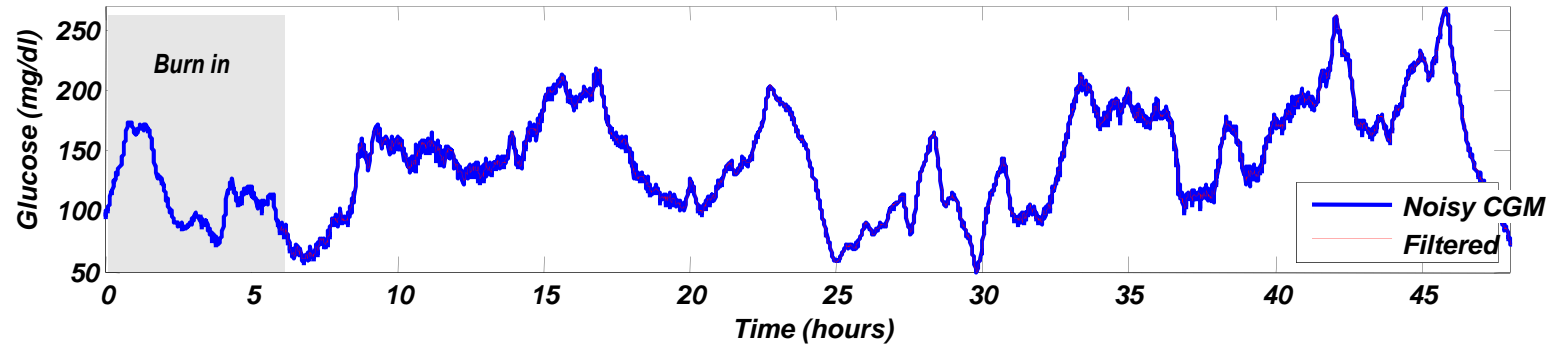


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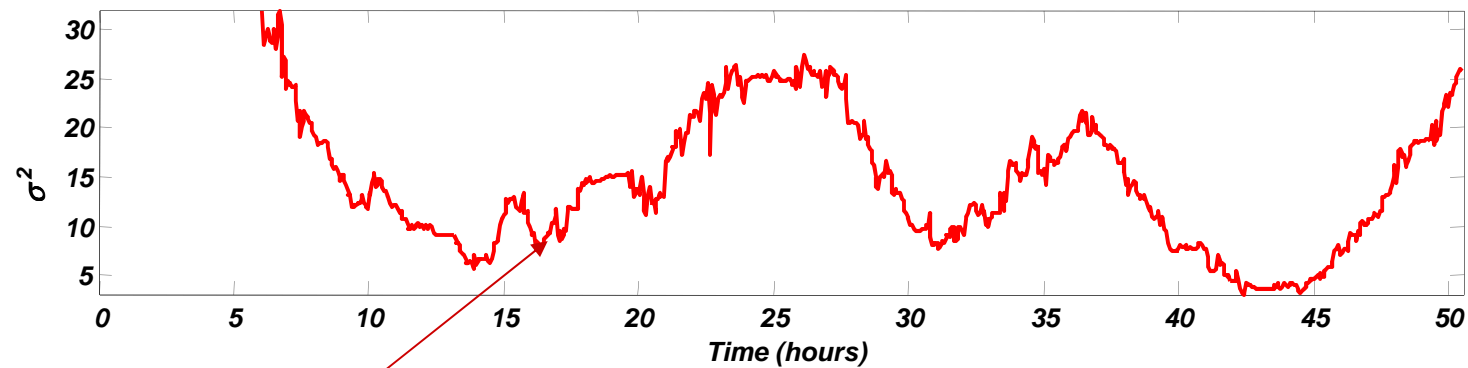
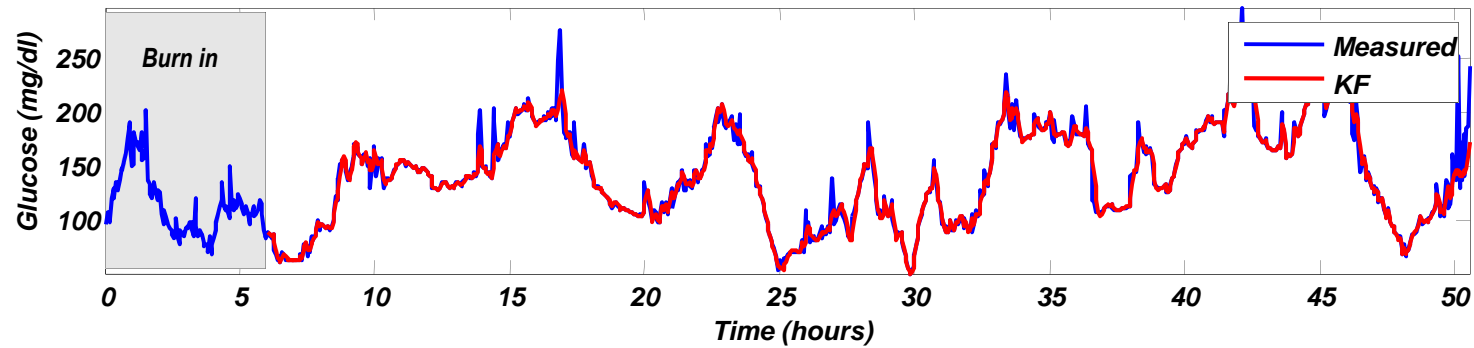
Results: Simulated Data

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Results: Real Data

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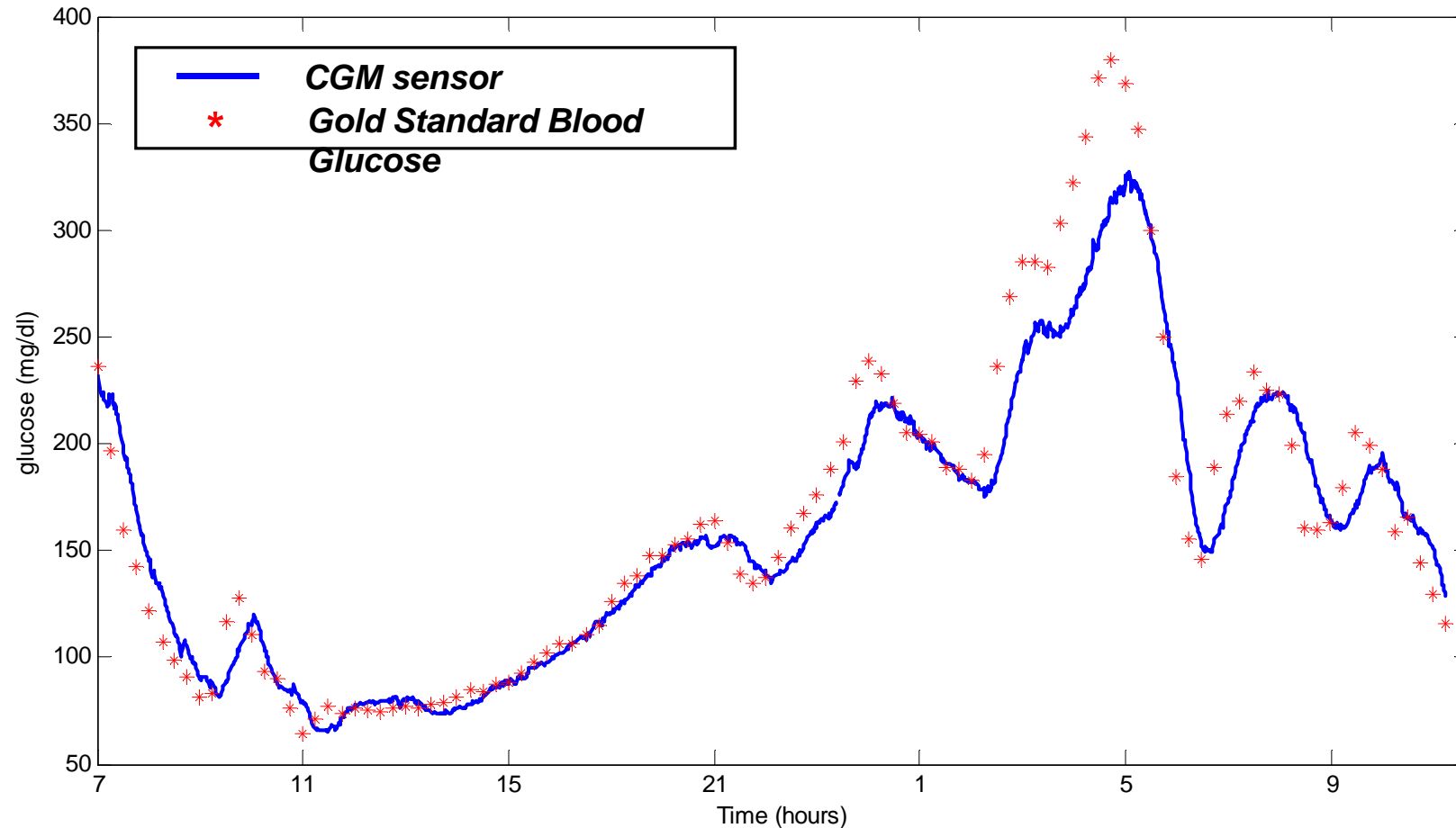


The estimated variance of the noise changes within the monitoring

(Re)-Calibration of CGM time series

Accuracy of CGM data

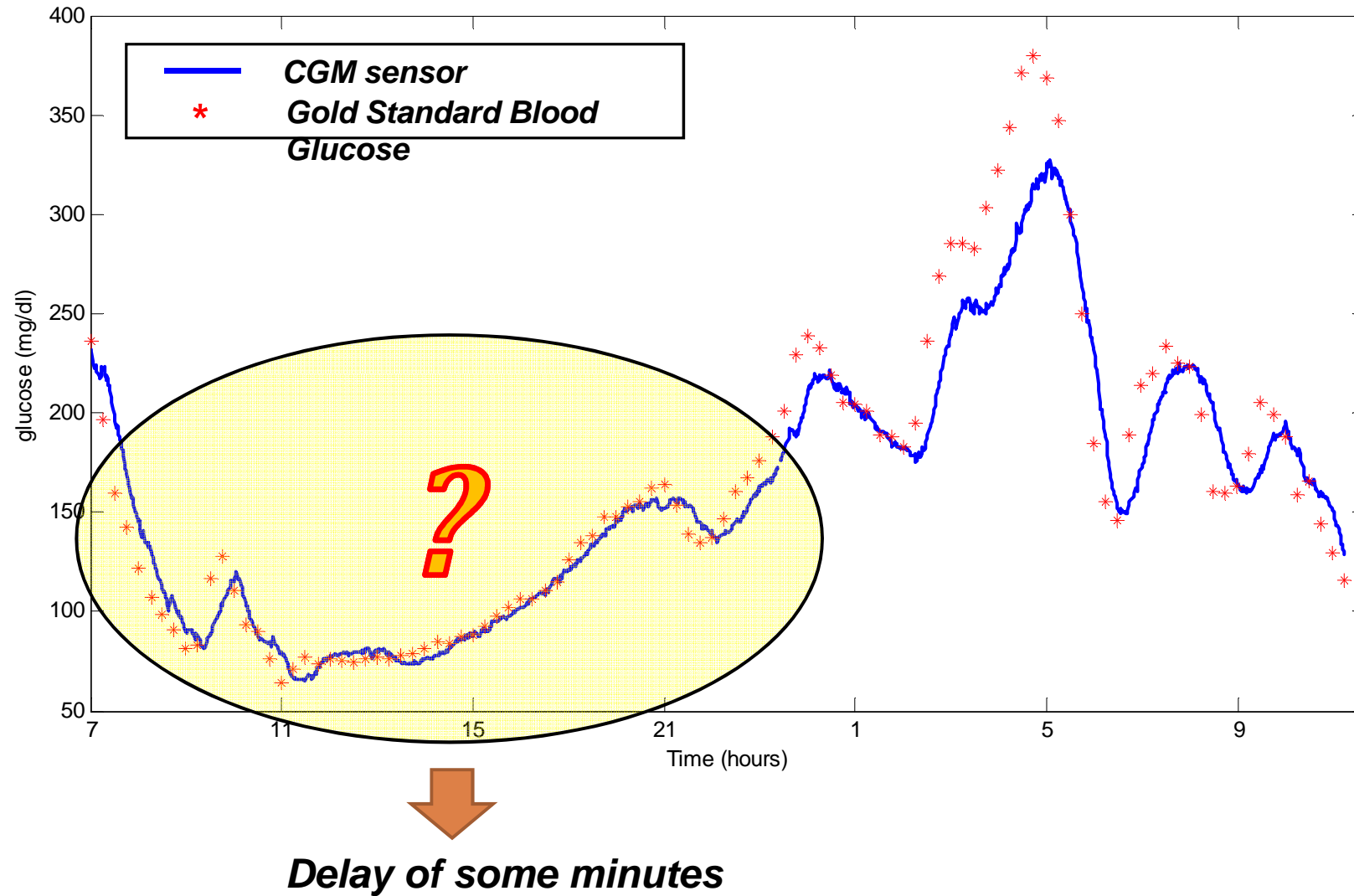
When comparing CGM data to gold standard blood glucose (BG) measurement collected in parallel, lack of accuracy of CGM sensor is visible



Lack of accuracy is:

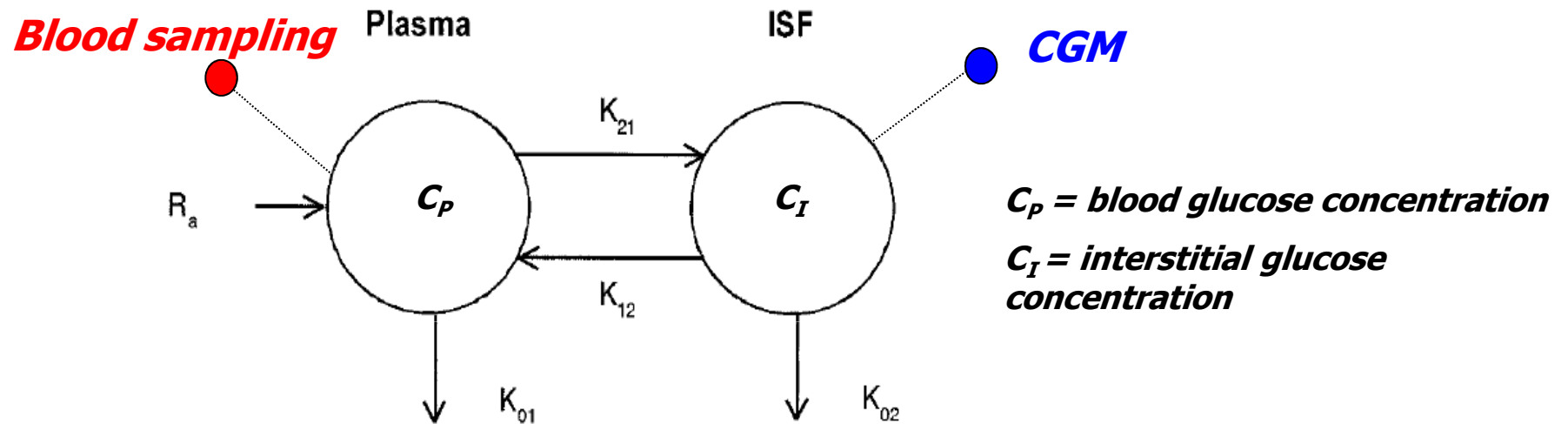
- ***due to time-varying behavior of the sensor that makes the initial calibration suboptimal***
- ***potentially threatening (missing alert, wrong information given in input to the***

First problem: delay in the measurements

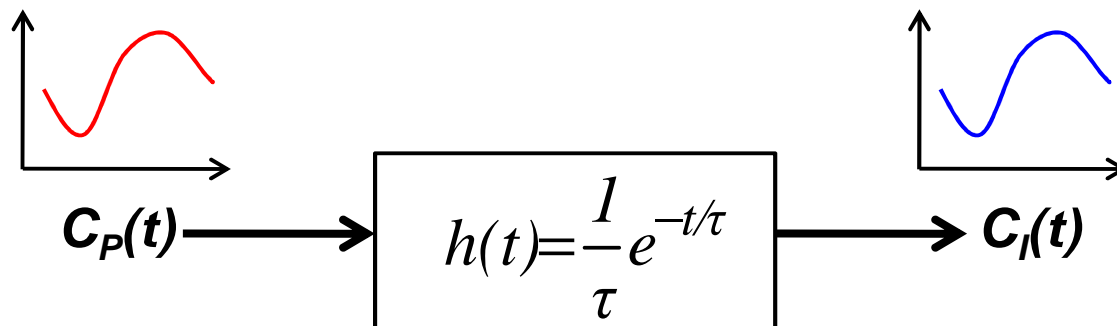


Blood to interstitial fluid glucose physiology

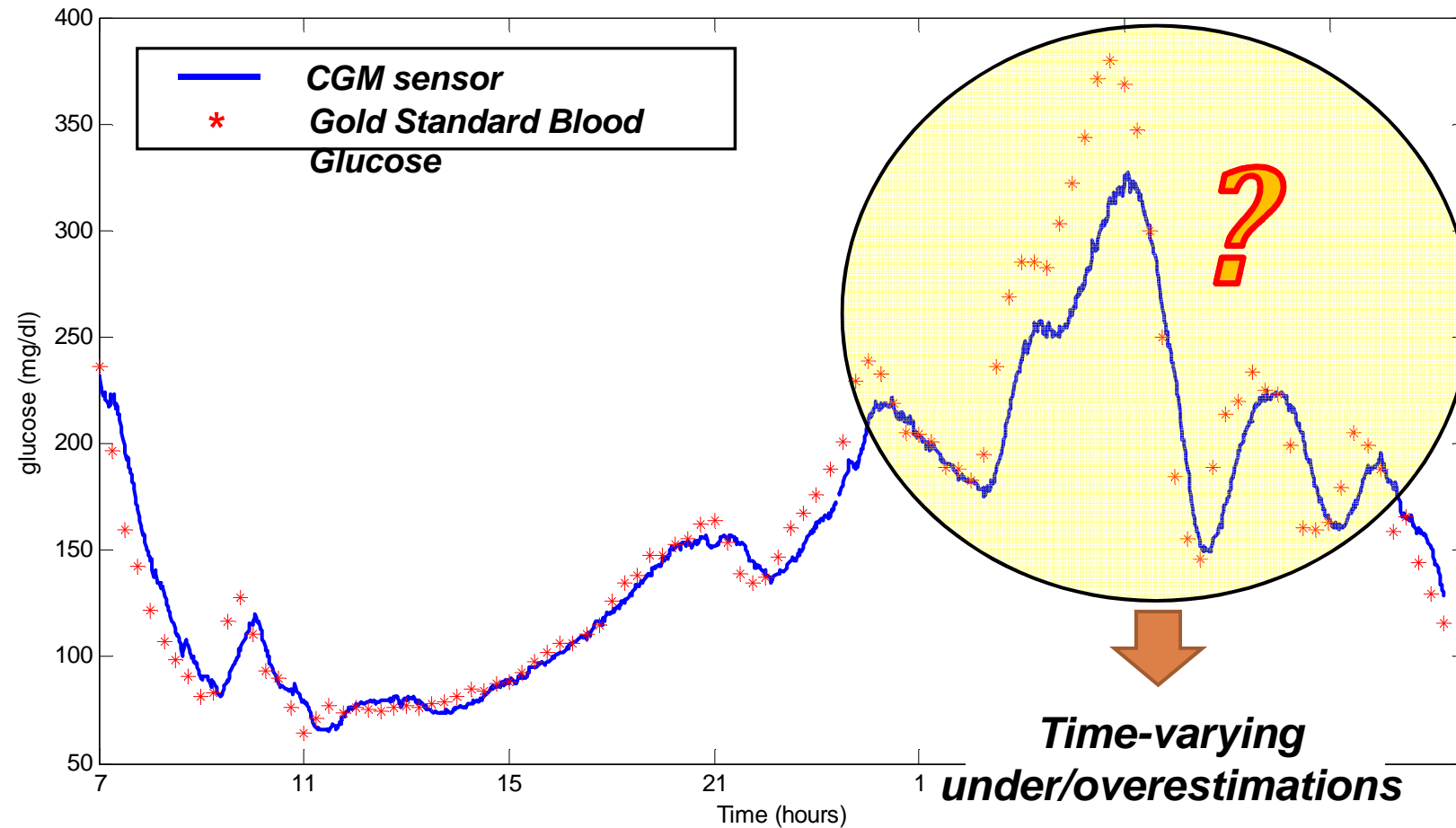
These two signals are measured in different sites → a dynamic system is present and we need to model it



The impulse response of the system is equivalent to the action of a low-pass filter

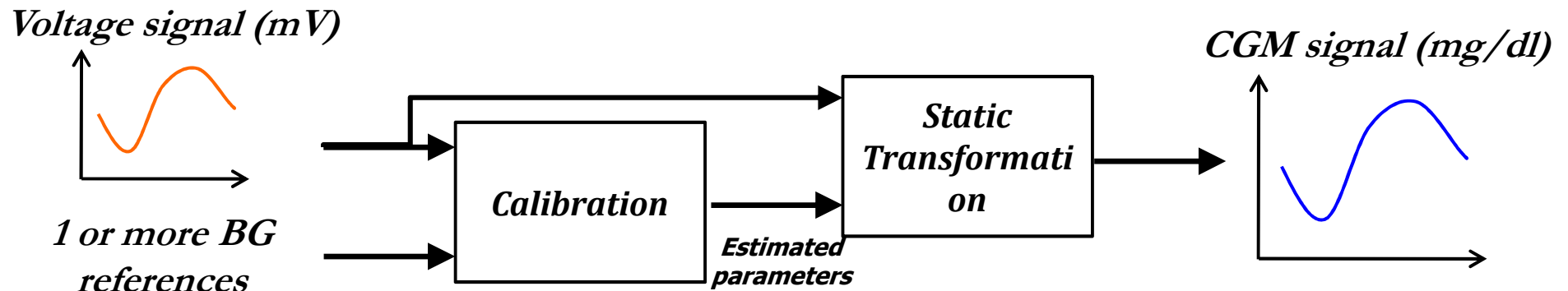


Second problem: under/overestimations



Calibration process

Calibration is the process of estimating the parameters of the static transformation that converts the electrical quantity to a glucose concentration level:



The most used static transformation is linear regression:

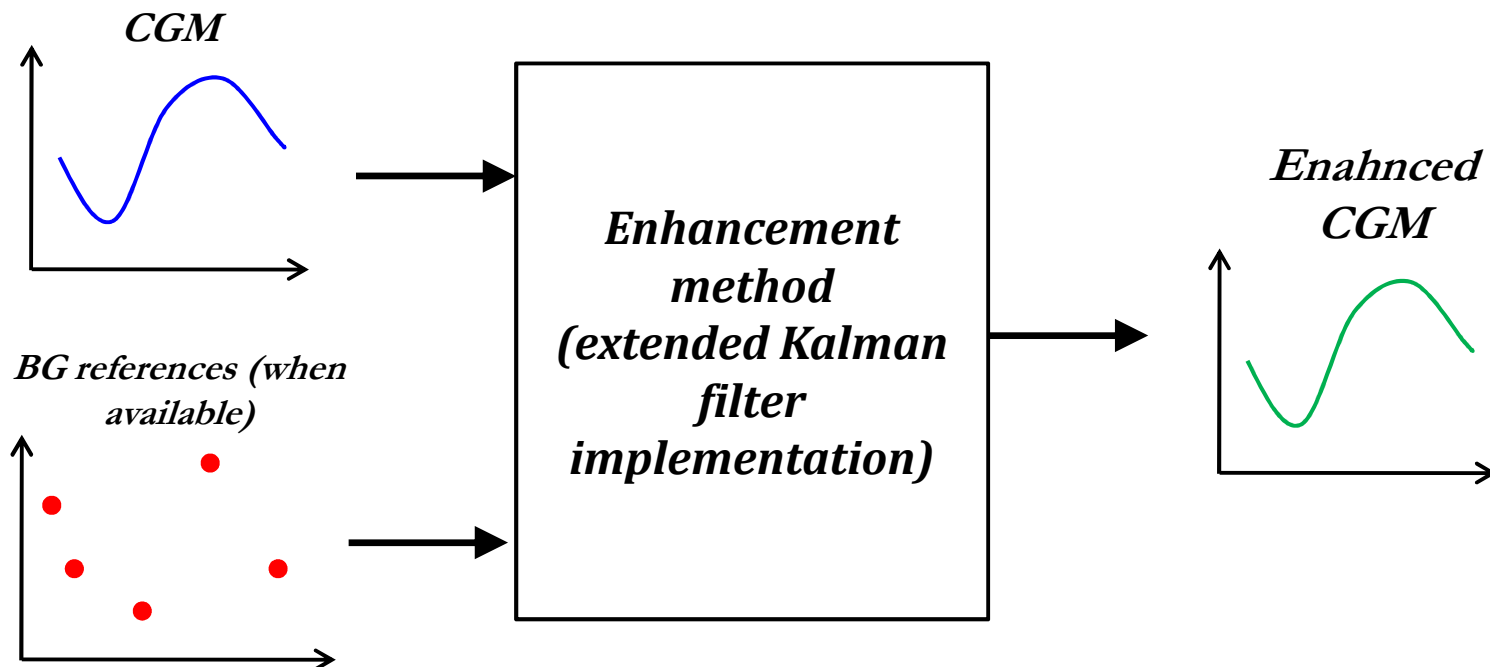
$$CGM(t) = a * current(t) + b$$

The parameter set (a,b) is estimated when at least 2 BG reference data are available

The enhancement method

IDEA: to develop an enhancement algorithm to recalibrate CGM data in real time in order to reduce discrepancies

HOW? Every time a BG data is available, calculate the discrepancy and compensate for it



Models of the variables

$x_1(t) = C_P(t) \rightarrow$ since the BG signal is regular, as already done in the denoising procedure, we can use an integrated random walk model:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1(t+1) \\ x_2(t+1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1(t) - x_2(t) + w_1(t) \\ x_1(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$x_3(t) = C_I(t) \rightarrow$ we can exploit the plasma-to-interstitial fluid kinetics model:

$$\dot{C}_I(t) = -\frac{1}{\tau(t)} C_I(t) + \frac{1}{\tau(t)} C_P(t) \quad \longrightarrow \quad x_3(t+1) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{\tau(t)}\right) x_3(t) + \frac{1}{\tau(t)} x_1(t)$$

$x_4(t) = \tau(t): \rightarrow$ no information is available, thus we employ a random walk model:

$$x_4(t+1) = x_4(t) + w_4(t)$$

Measurement equations

$$y_1(t) = a(t)C_I(t) + b(t) + v_1(t) \quad \leftarrow \text{CGM value}$$

$$y_2(t) = C_P(t) + v_2(t) \quad \leftarrow \text{BG value}$$

C_I and C_P already described, we set $x_5(t) = a(t)$ and $x_6(t) = b(t)$, and we assume for both a random walk model:

$$x_5(t+1) = x_5(t) + w_5(t)$$

$$x_6(t+1) = x_6(t) + w_6(t)$$

Obtaining:

$$y_1(t) = x_5(t)x_3(t) + x_6(t) + v_1(t)$$

$$y_2(t) = x_1(t) + v_2(t)$$

State space model

- $x_1(t) = C_p(t)$ (blood glucose)
 - $x_2(t) = \text{additional variable}$
 - $x_3(t) = C_i(t)$ (Interstitial glucose)
 - $x_4(t) = \tau(t)$
 - $x_5(t) = a(t)$
 - $x_6(t) = b(t)$
- ← Integrated random walk
- ← Differential equation from physiology
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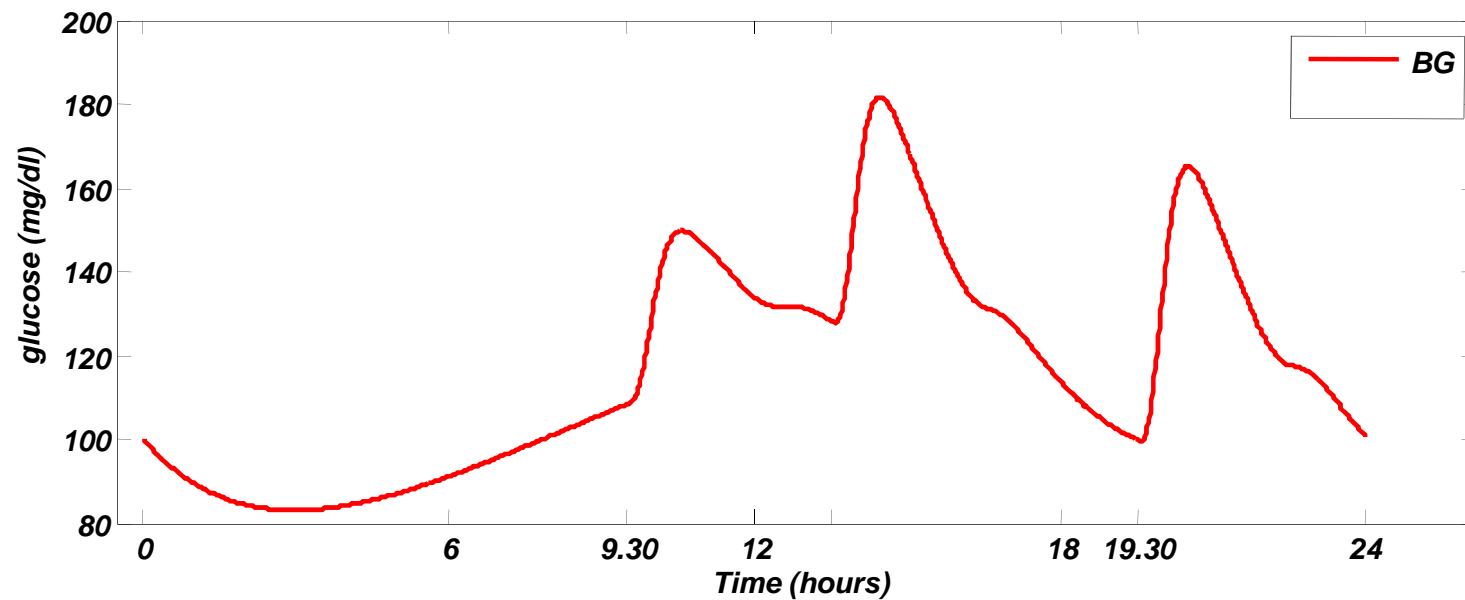
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Some equations are nonlinear in the variables
 \Rightarrow **Extended Kalman filter implementation**

A simulation study to assess the EKF method

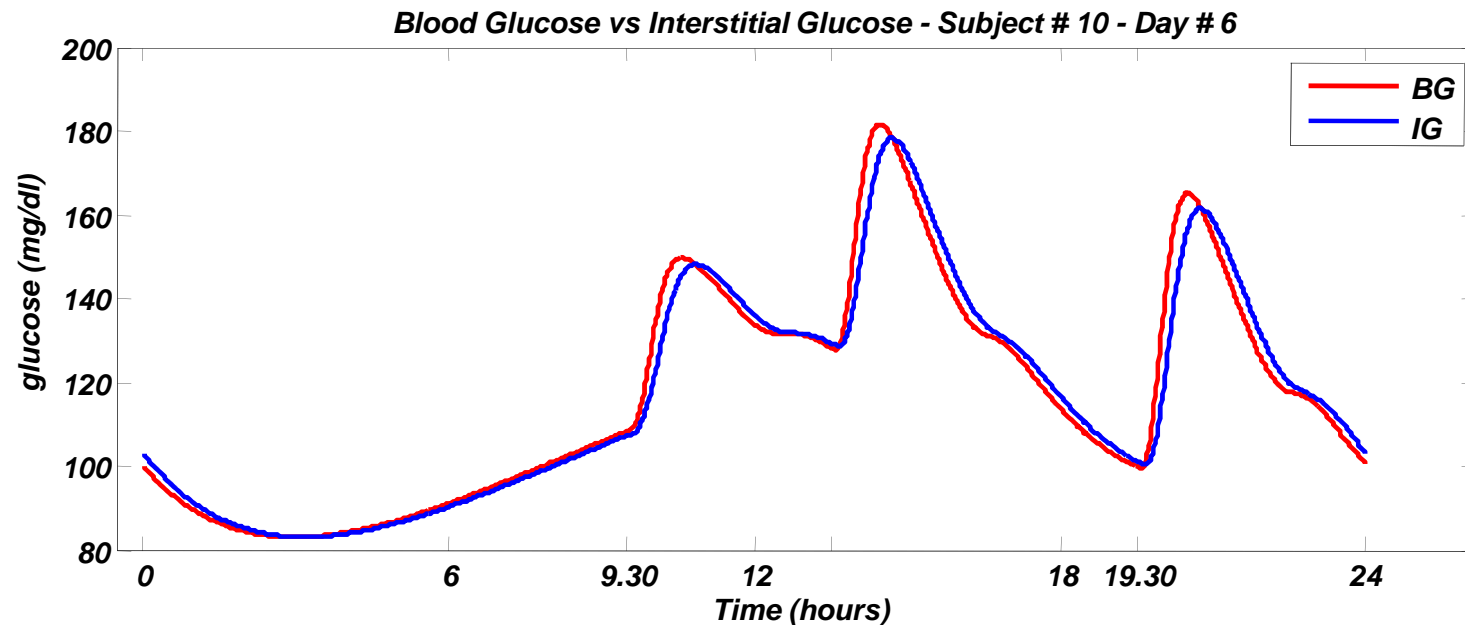
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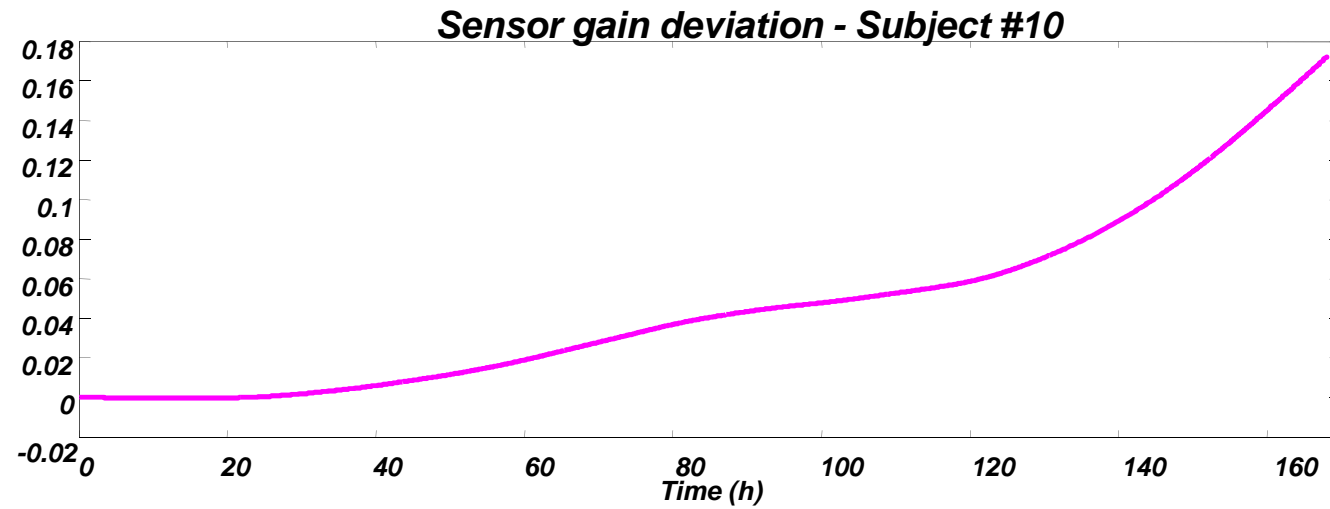
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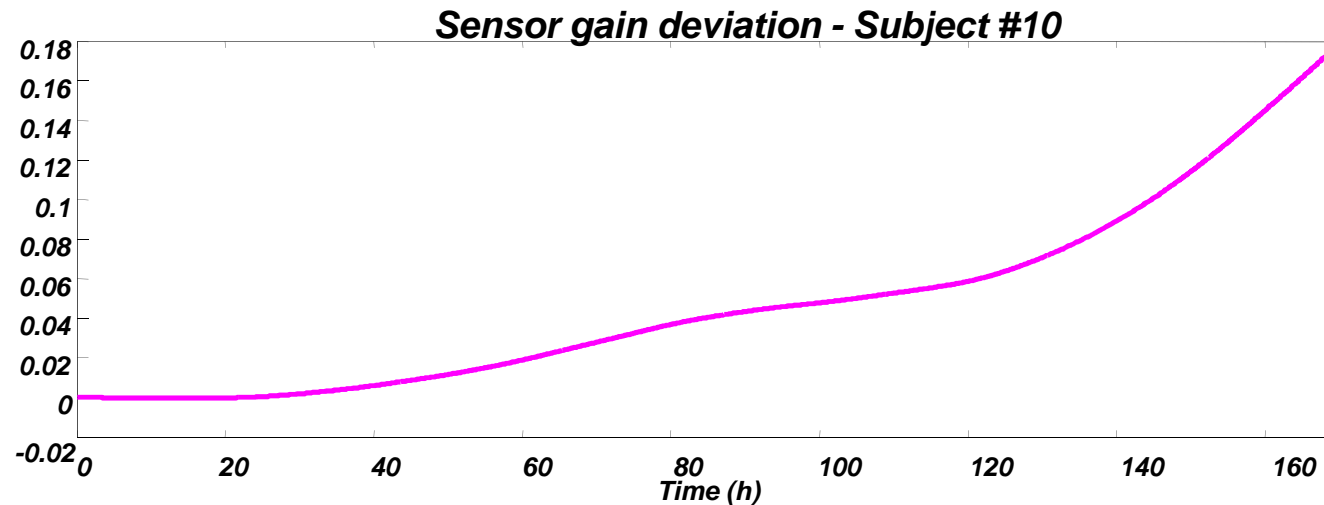
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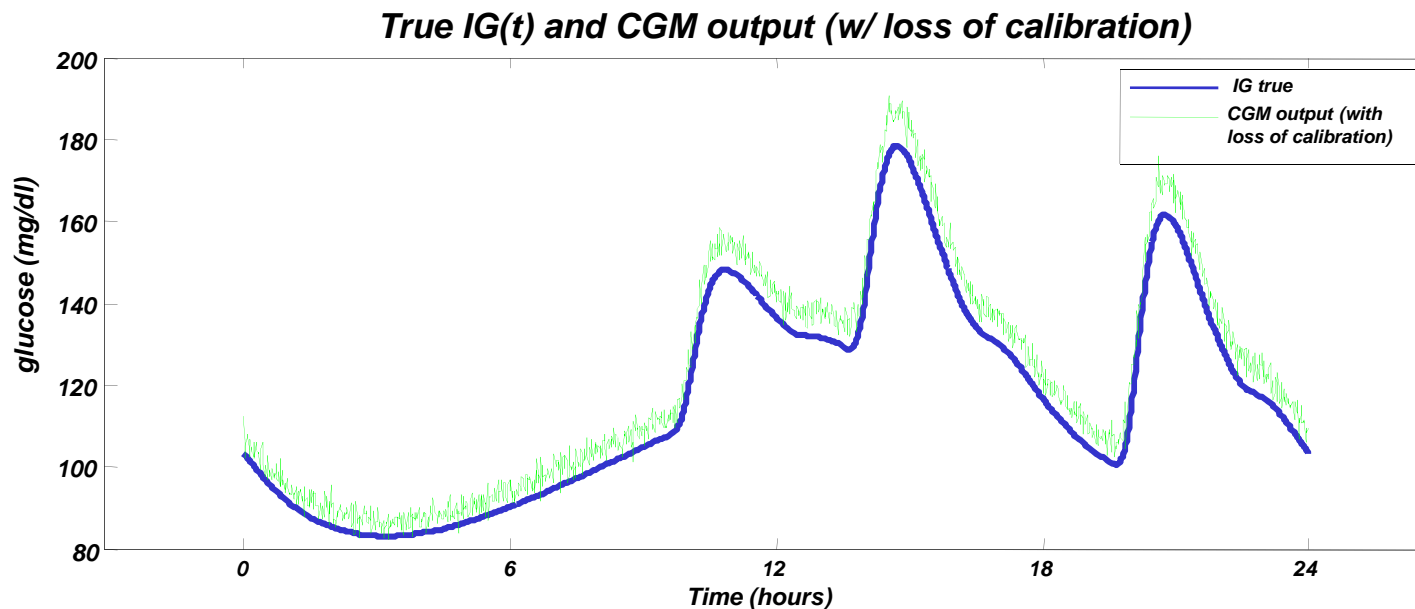
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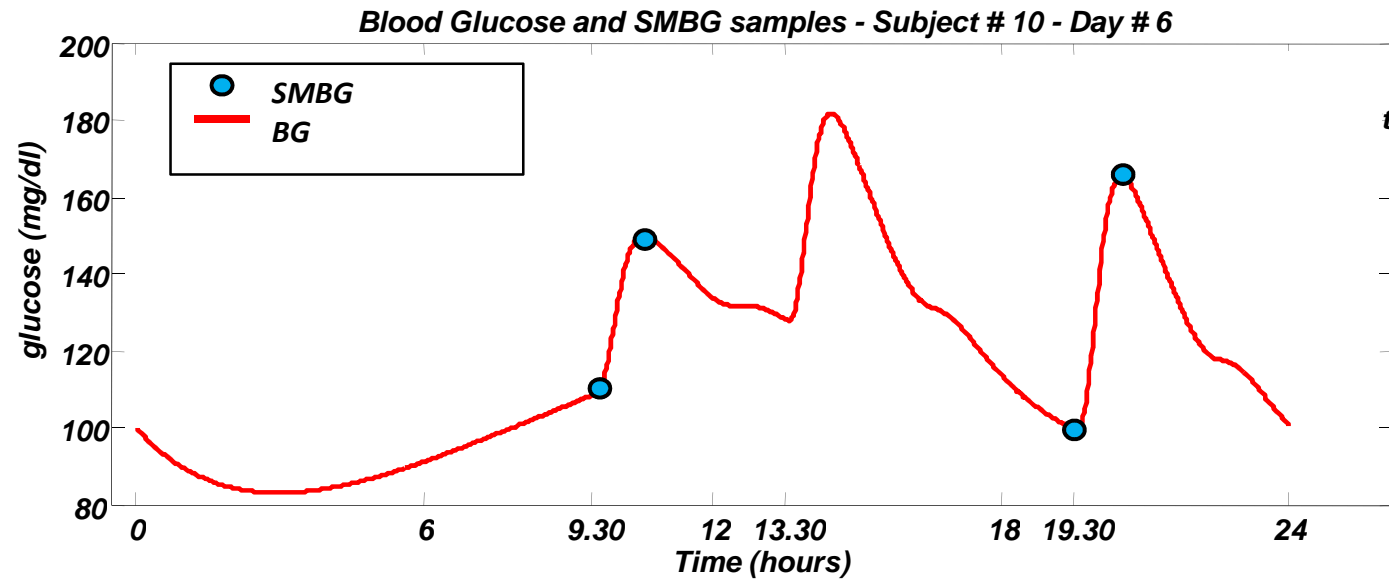
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and random noise is also added to CGM data

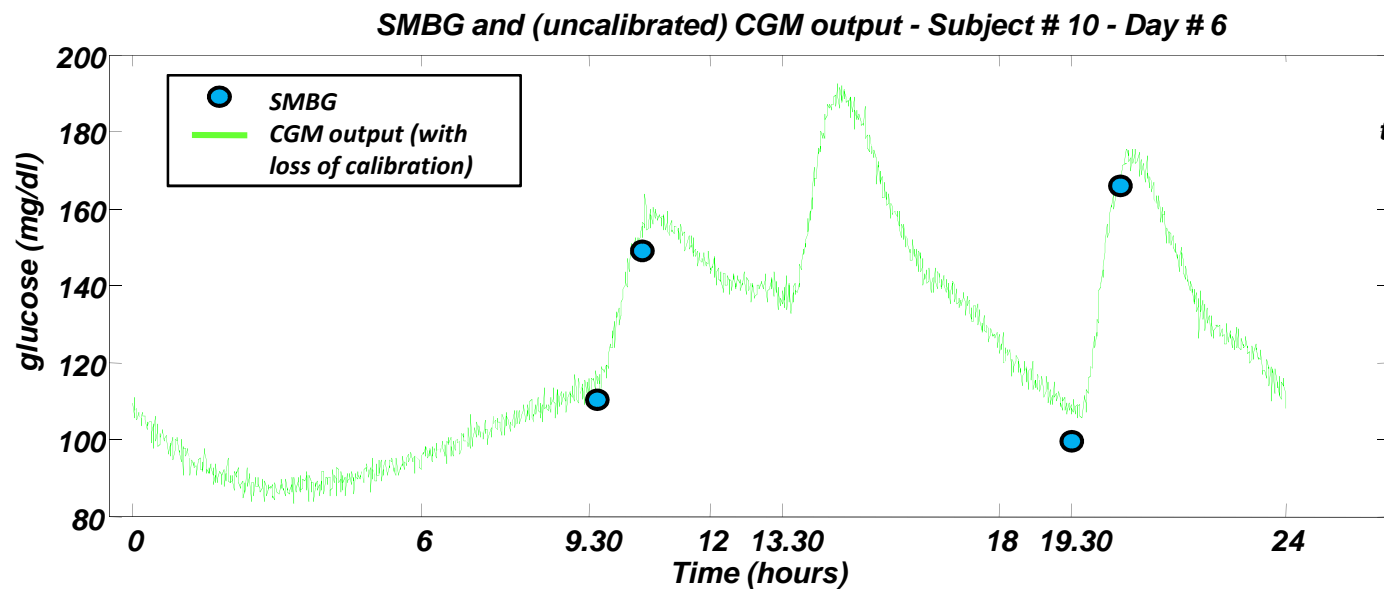


Step 5: 4 noisy BG samples per day are considered in order to simulate SM



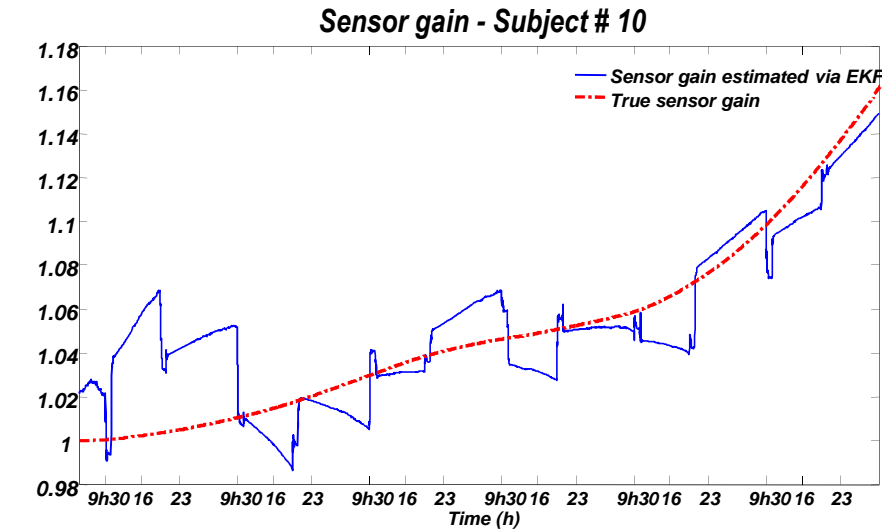
Step 6: Problem definition

Goal: from the uncalibrated CGM signal and 4 SMBG samples per day .



... the aim is to reconstruct the true $IG(t)$

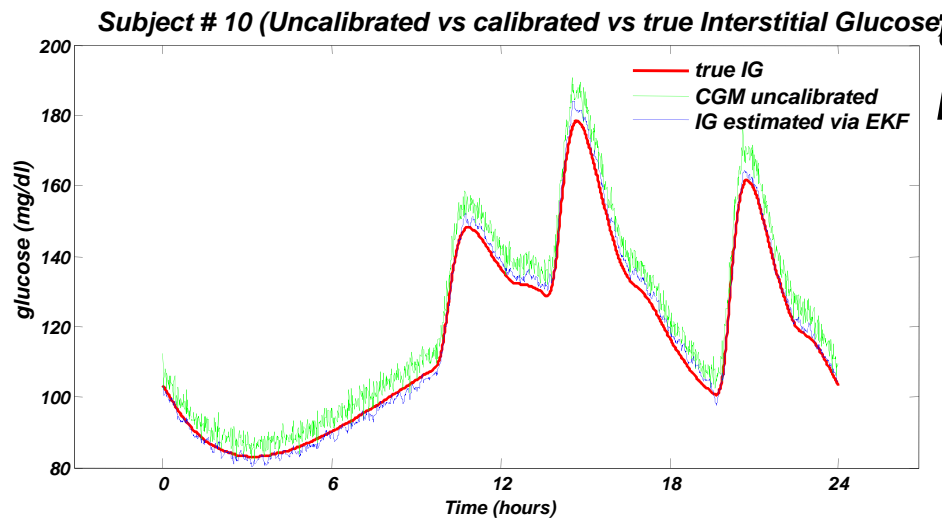
Results (in ideal conditions): reconstruction of Sensor Gain and IG by EKF



The algorithm (via EKF) is able:

- to correctly track **the trend** in the variations of the sensor gain;

- to provide an accurate **recalibrated profile IG(t)** (significantly improves the performance of standard methods)



Assumption: a perfect model of plasma-interstitium kinetics is available (exploited within the EKF)

Comments on the EKF method

- ***Good results in simulation***
- ***On real data, setting the values of unknown covariance matrices is not trivial***
- ***We developed an hybrid approach to overcome the problem***

A 4-step recalibration algorithm

When 2 suitable fingerstick measures (SMBGs) are available:

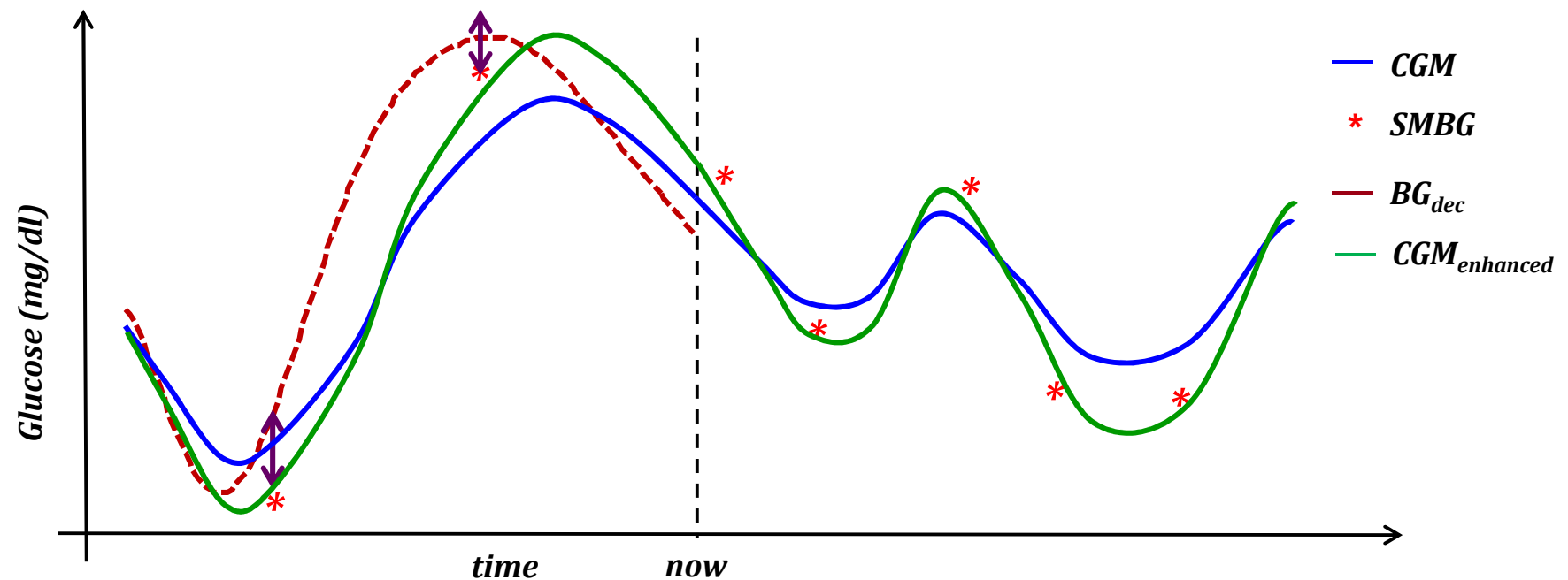
- 1) Selection of a portion of CGM*
- 2) Reconstruction of BG concentration (BG_{dec}) via nonparametric deconvolution using a 2-compartment model of BG-to-IG kinetics*

- 3) Estimation of regression parameters of the static transformation:*

$$SMBG(t) = a \, BG_{dec}(t) + b$$

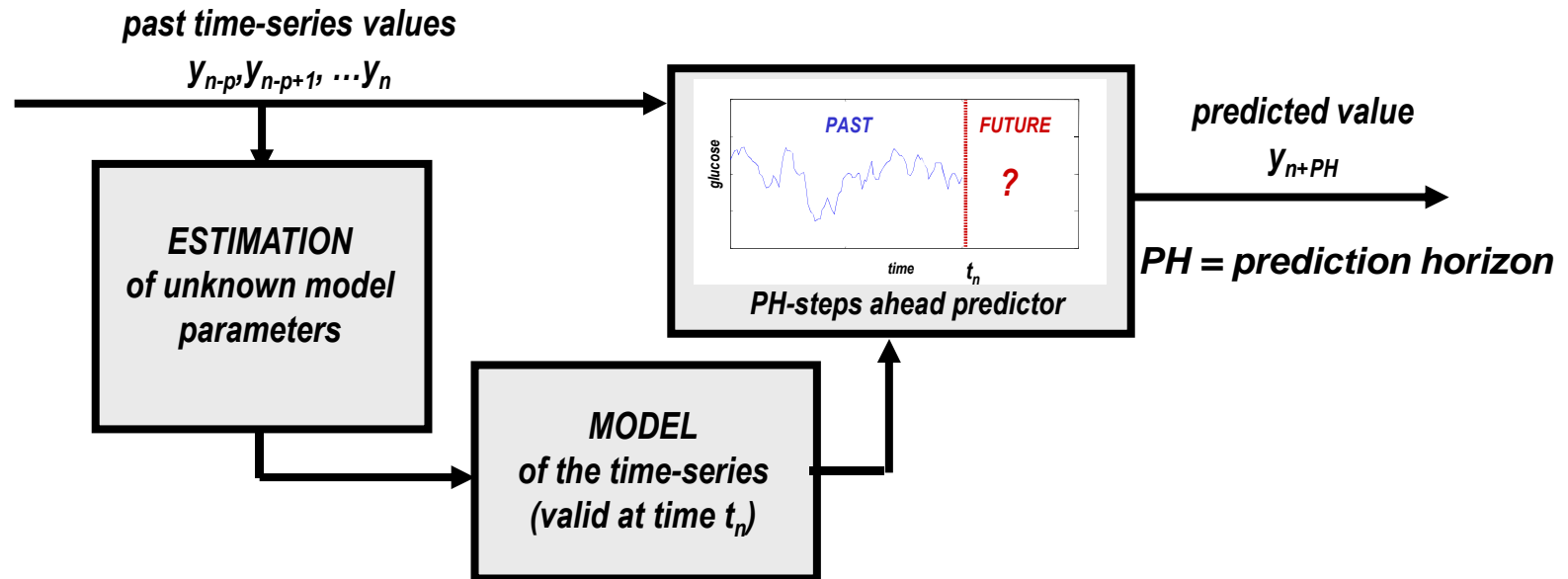
- 4) Application of the regressor:*

$$CGM_{enhanced}(t) = a \, CGM(t) + b$$



Glucose Prediction from CGM data

Prediction Algorithms



Time-varying modeling approach: at any new t , model parameters describing past CGM data are re-adjusted:

model (structure + parameter values) describes the time-series
“locally”

⇒ model **complexity** kept **modest**, i.e. a few parameters

⇒ model identification fast enough to allow **real-time use**

The simplest prediction model

The **simplest model**, a 1st order polynomial:

$$u(t_i) = mt_i + q$$

At each sampling time t_i :

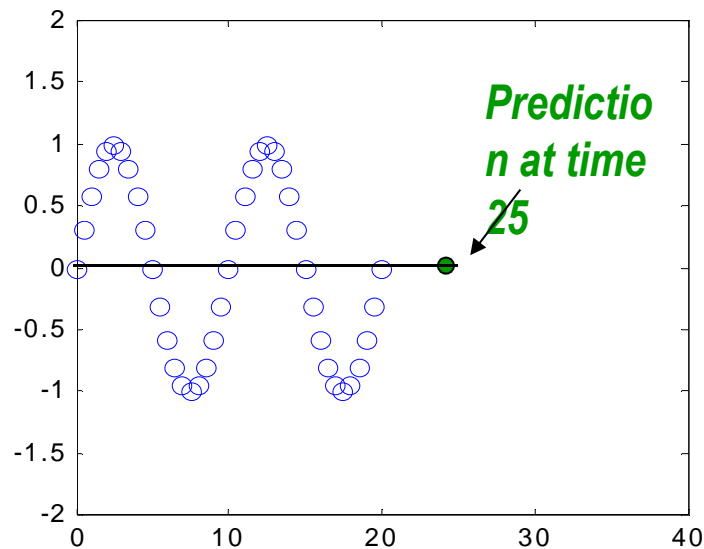
- 1) a new pair of model parameters (m , q) are identified by **fitting** by **weighted linear least squares** the past signal samples at times t_i , t_{i-1} , t_{i-2} ,
- 2) the model is used to **predict** glucose level at time $t_i + PH$, where PH is a tuneable prediction horizon. PH was **30** and **45** minutes.

Key: how past data are weighted in model fitting

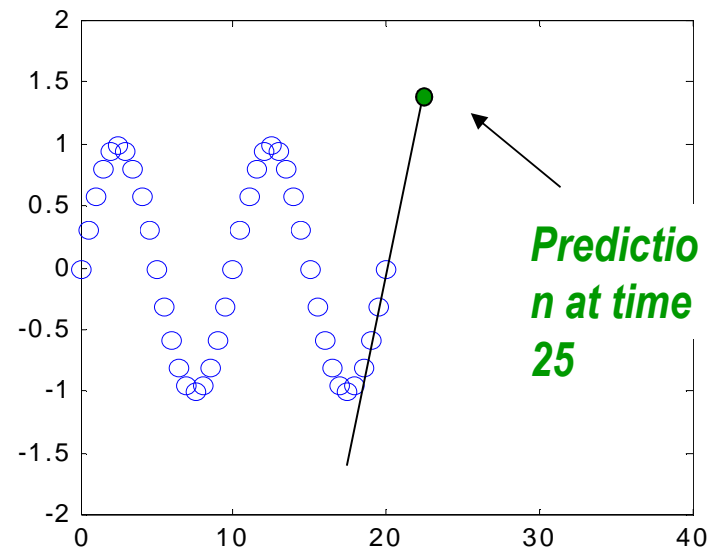
The problem of data weights

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EXAMPLE

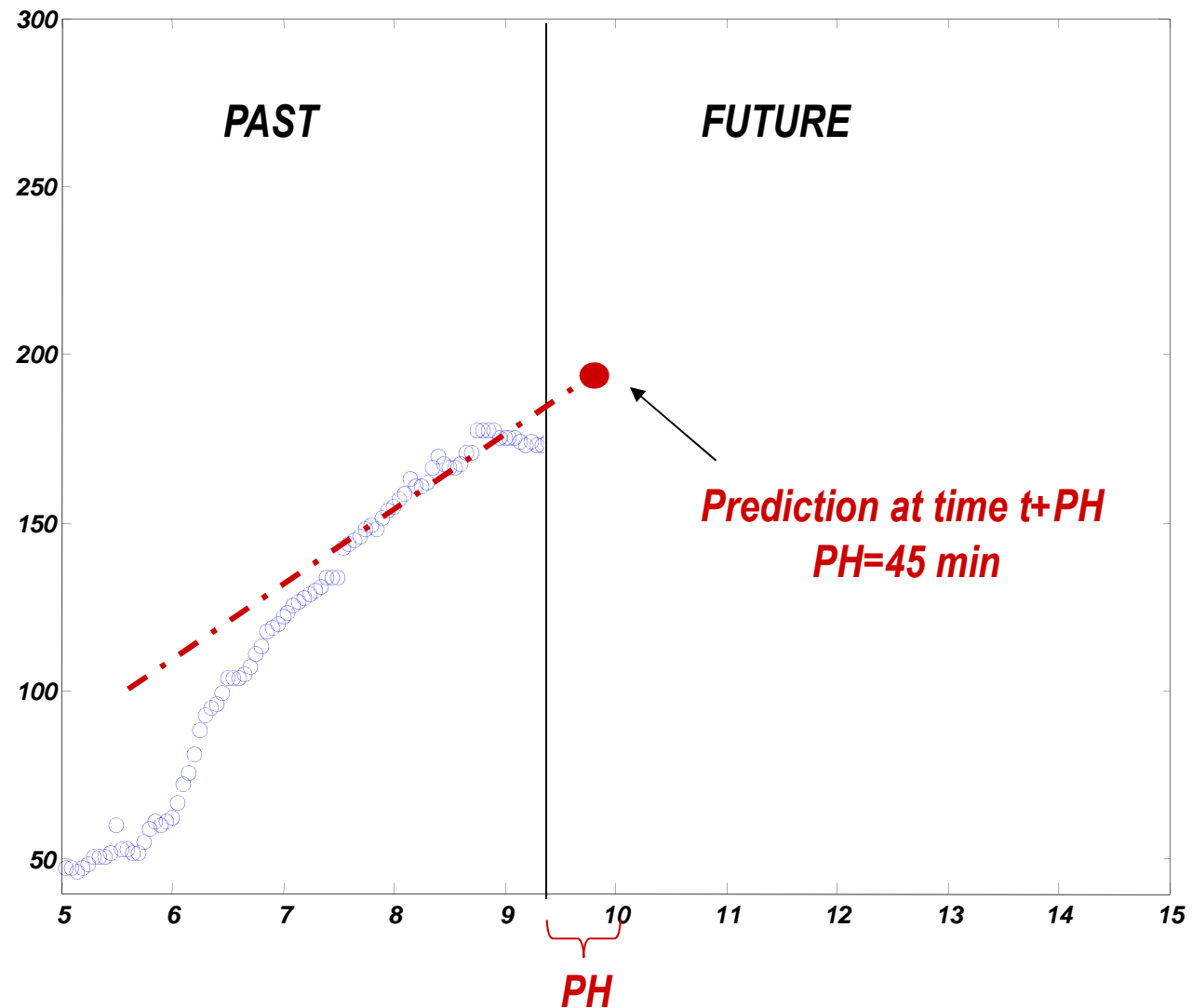


*All past data
have same weight*



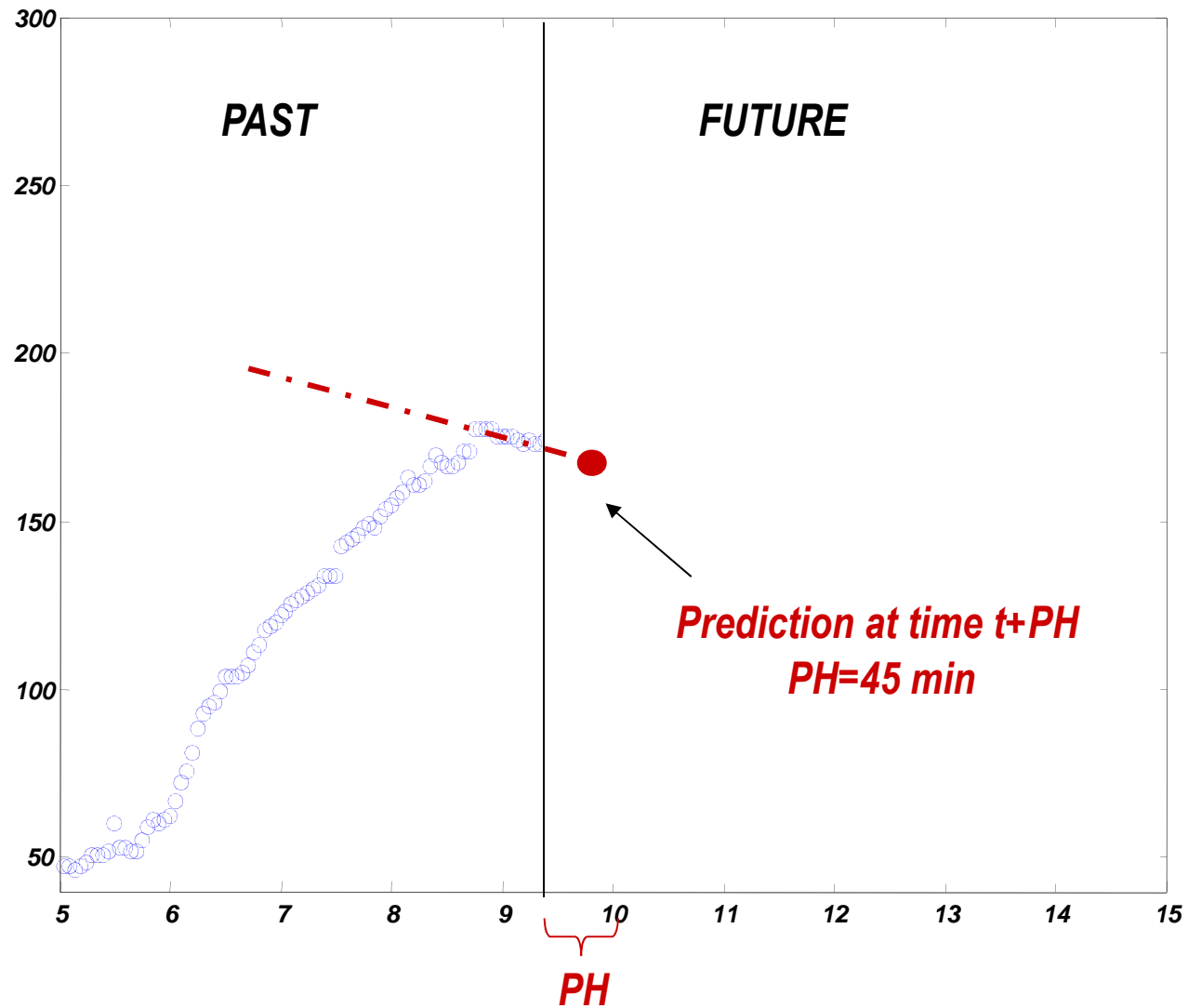
*The older the sample, the lower
the weight (→forgetting factor)*

μ “large” (0.95)



Difficult to track changes in the trend \Rightarrow the predicted profile will result consistently delayed

μ “small” (0.2)



Easier to track changes in the trend, but higher sensitivity to noise \Rightarrow irregular prediction profile

Literature prediction strategies

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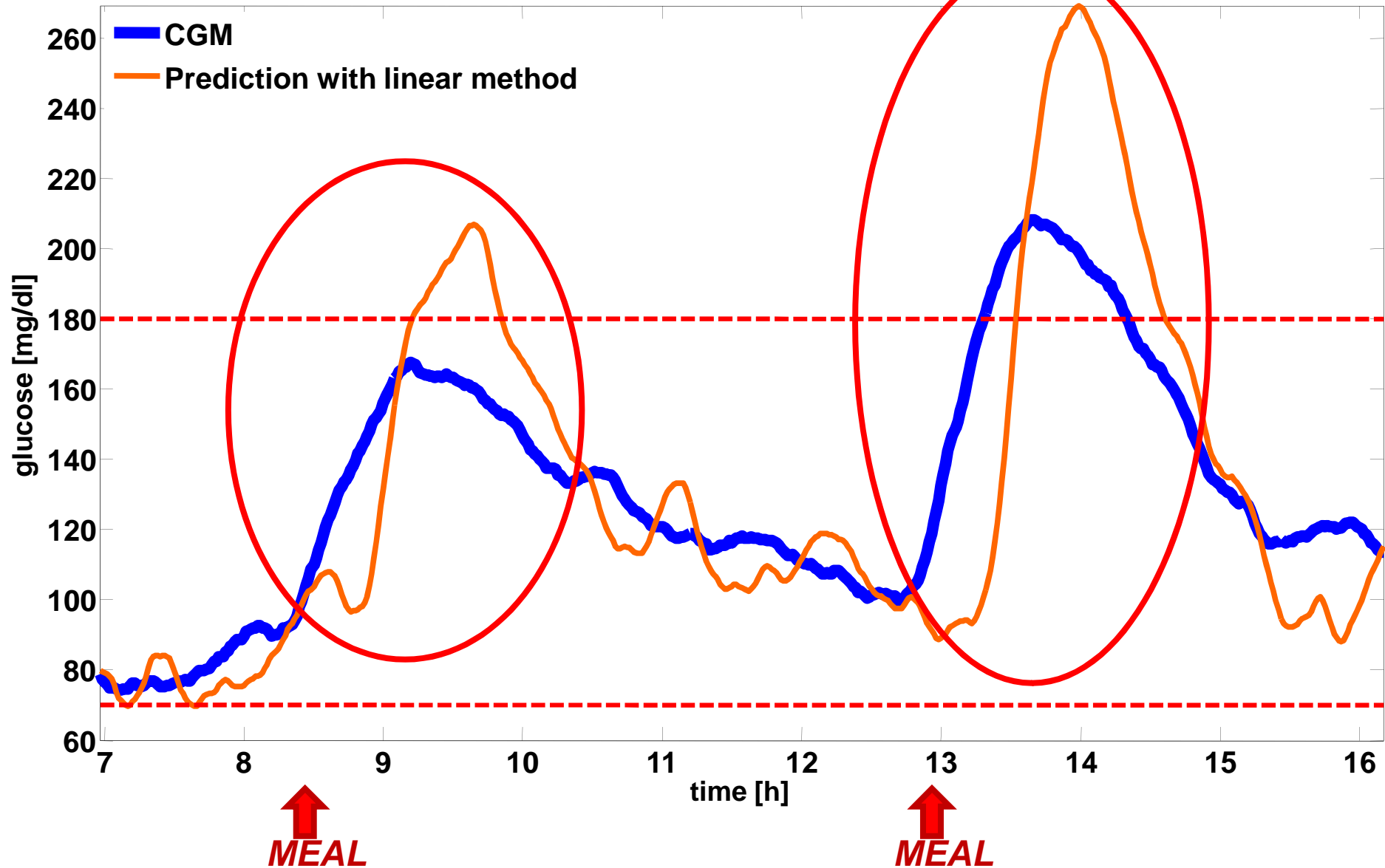
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Literature prediction strategies

Prediction strategies based on CGM past history only are not able to perform a satisfactory glucose prediction in correspondance of meals/insulin injections



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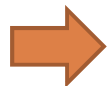
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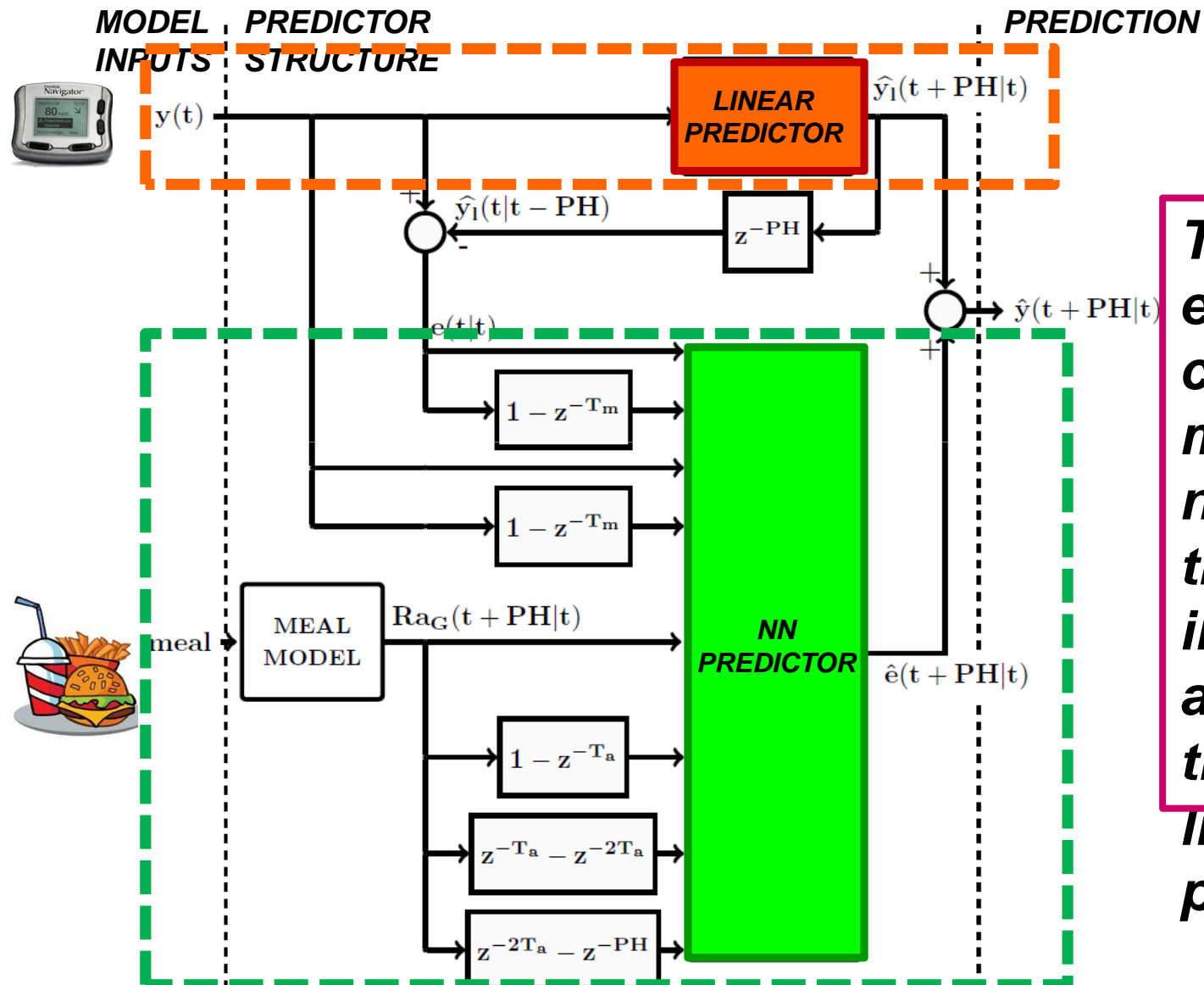
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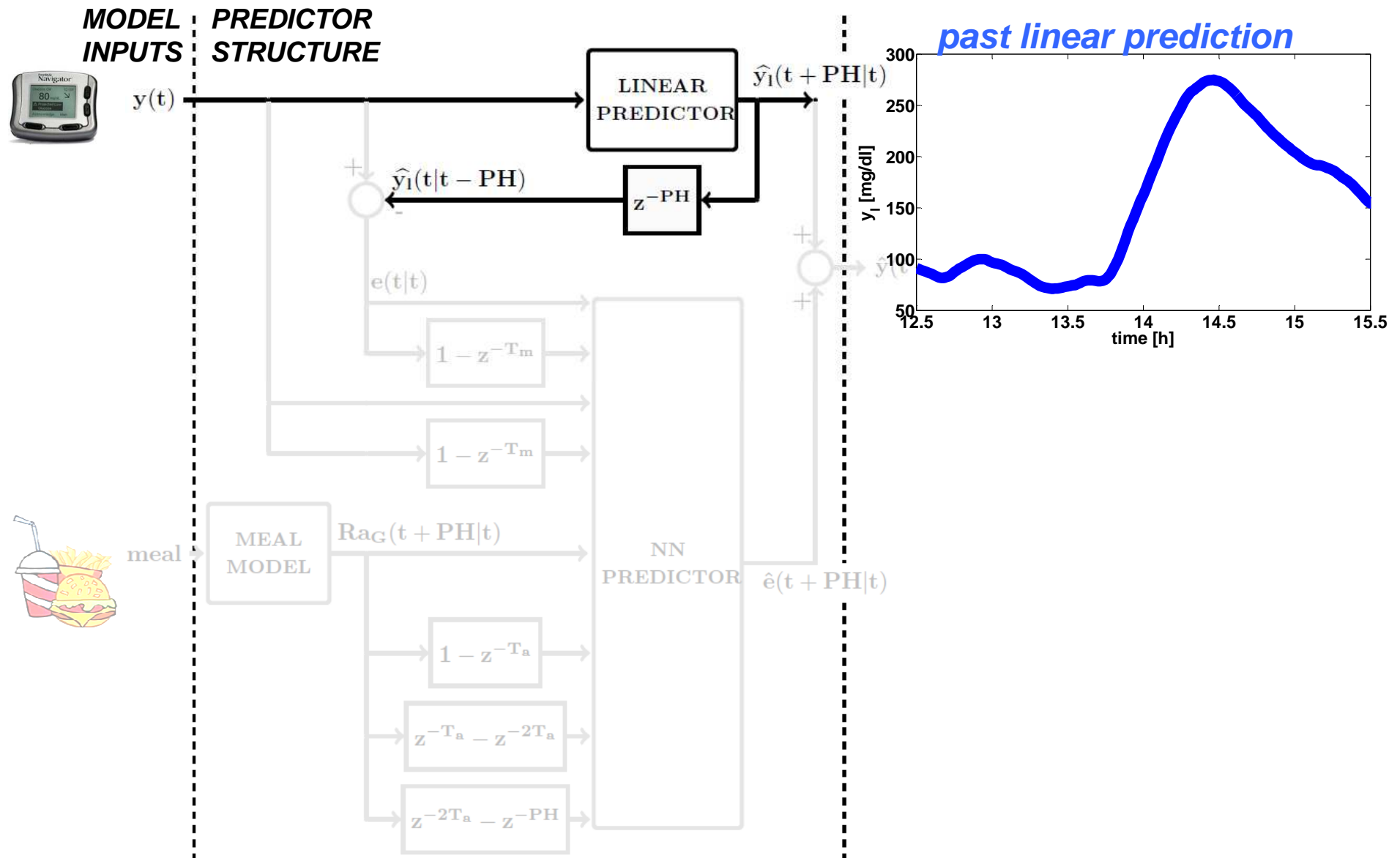
Neural networks allow dealing/incorporating inputs coming from different

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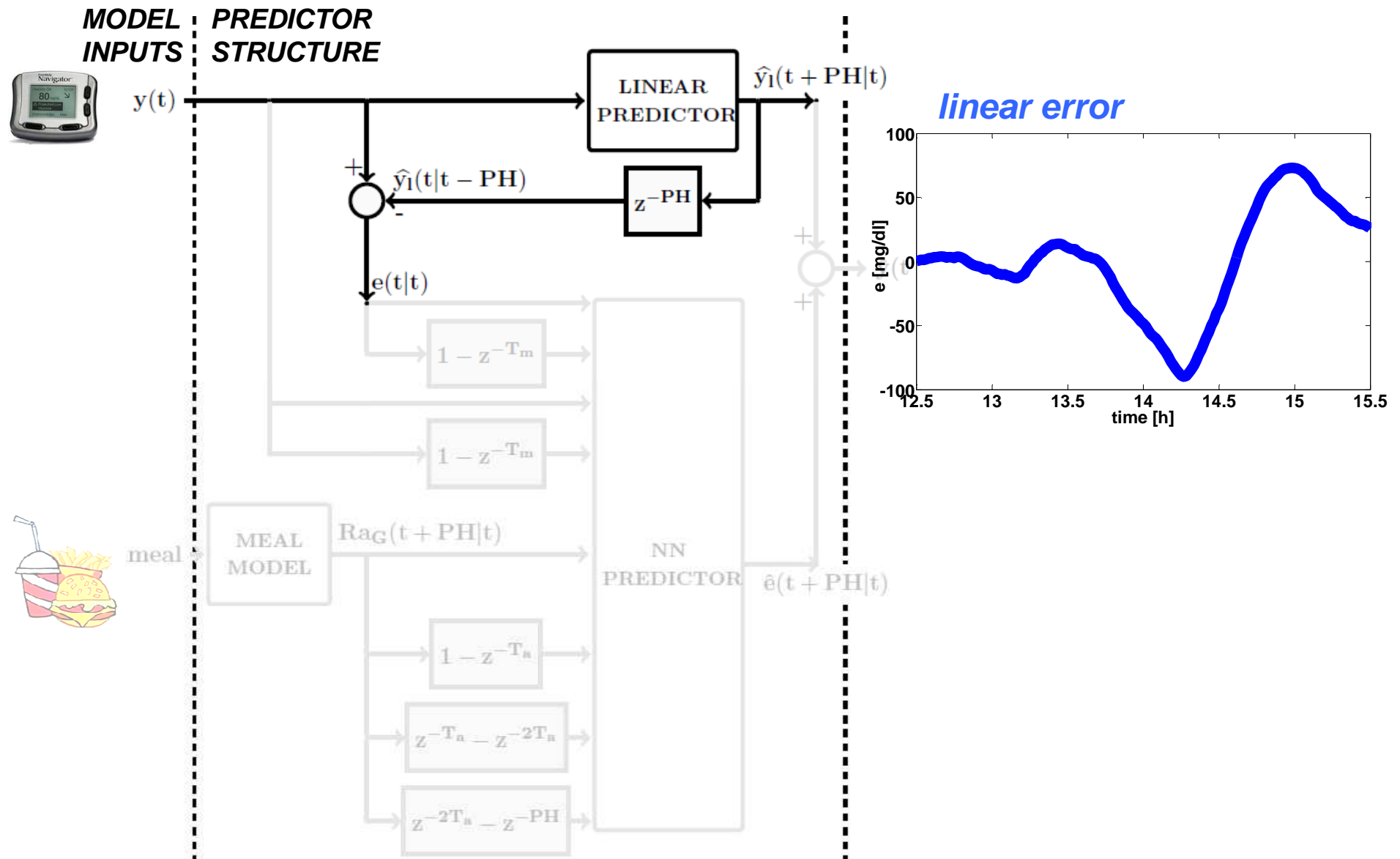


To better exploit NN capability of modeling nonlinearities, the NN works in parallel with a time-varying linear predictor

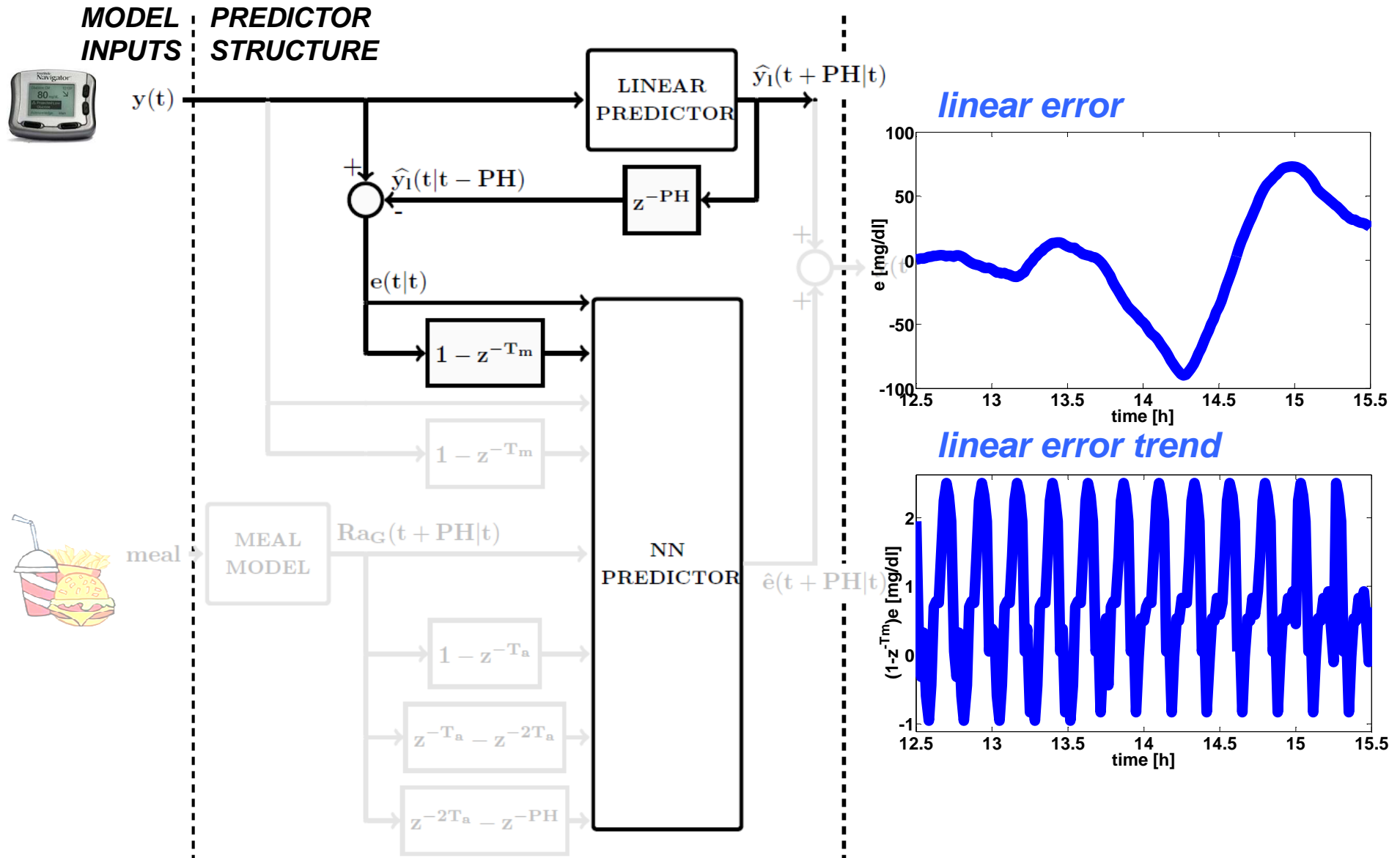
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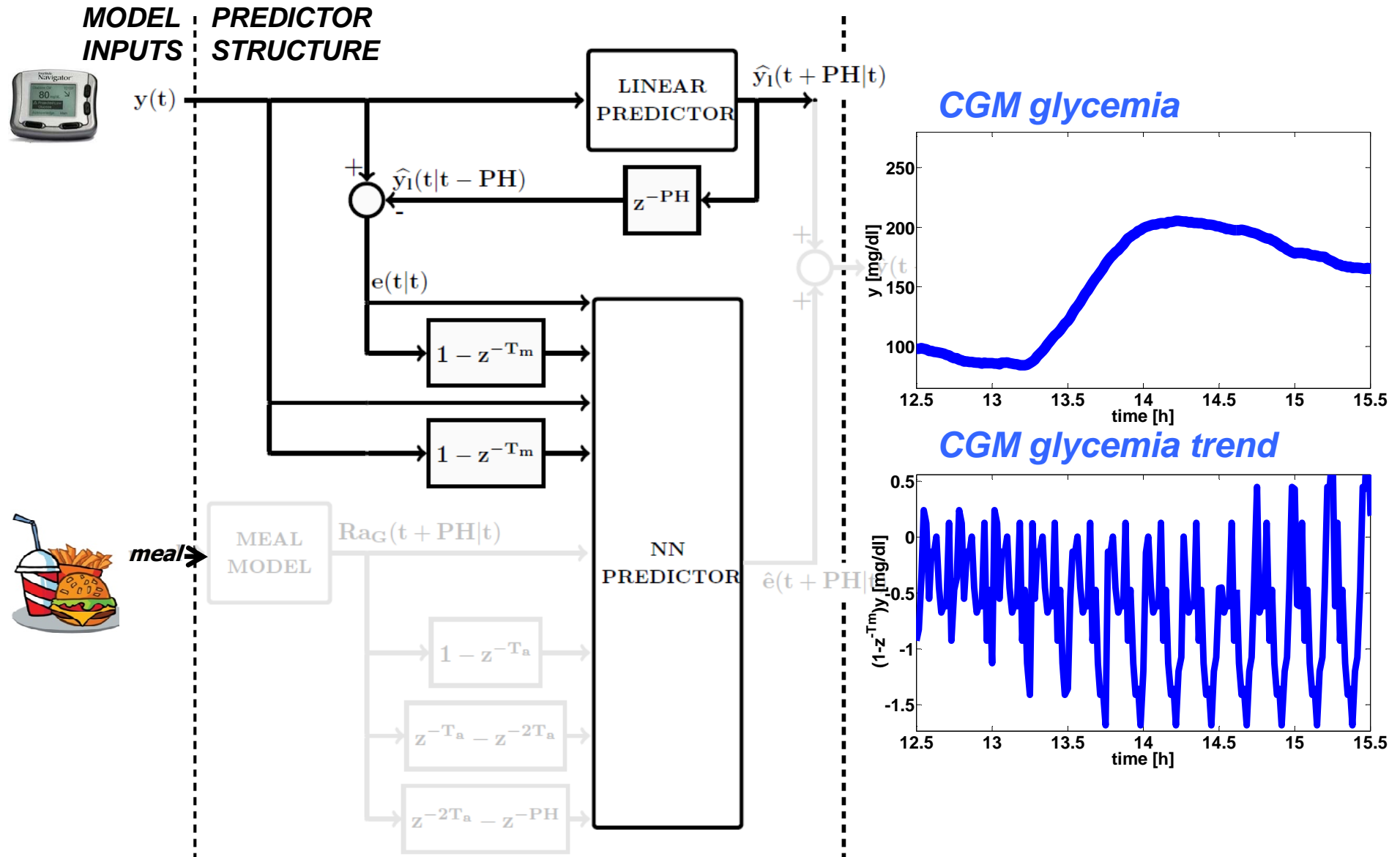
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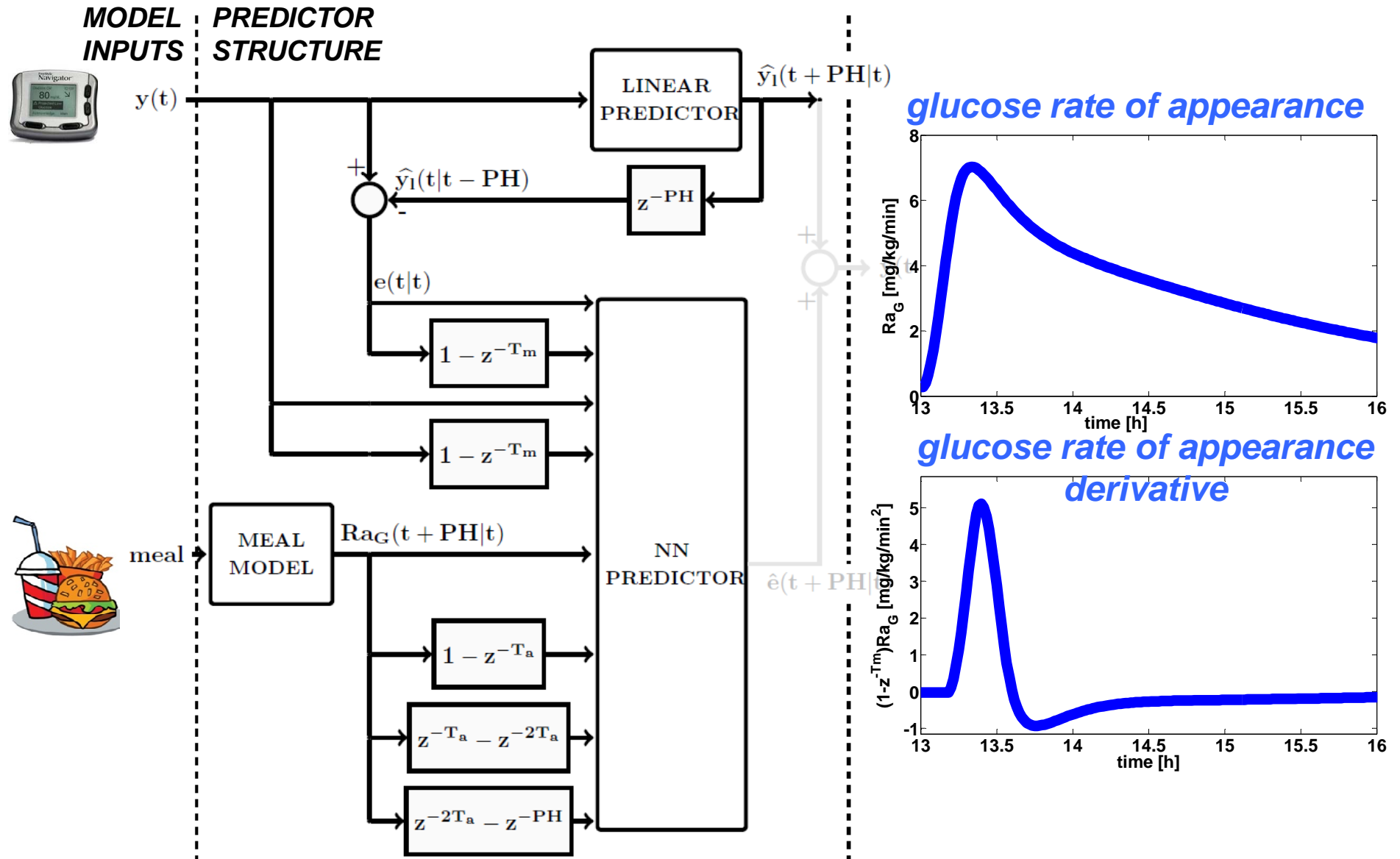
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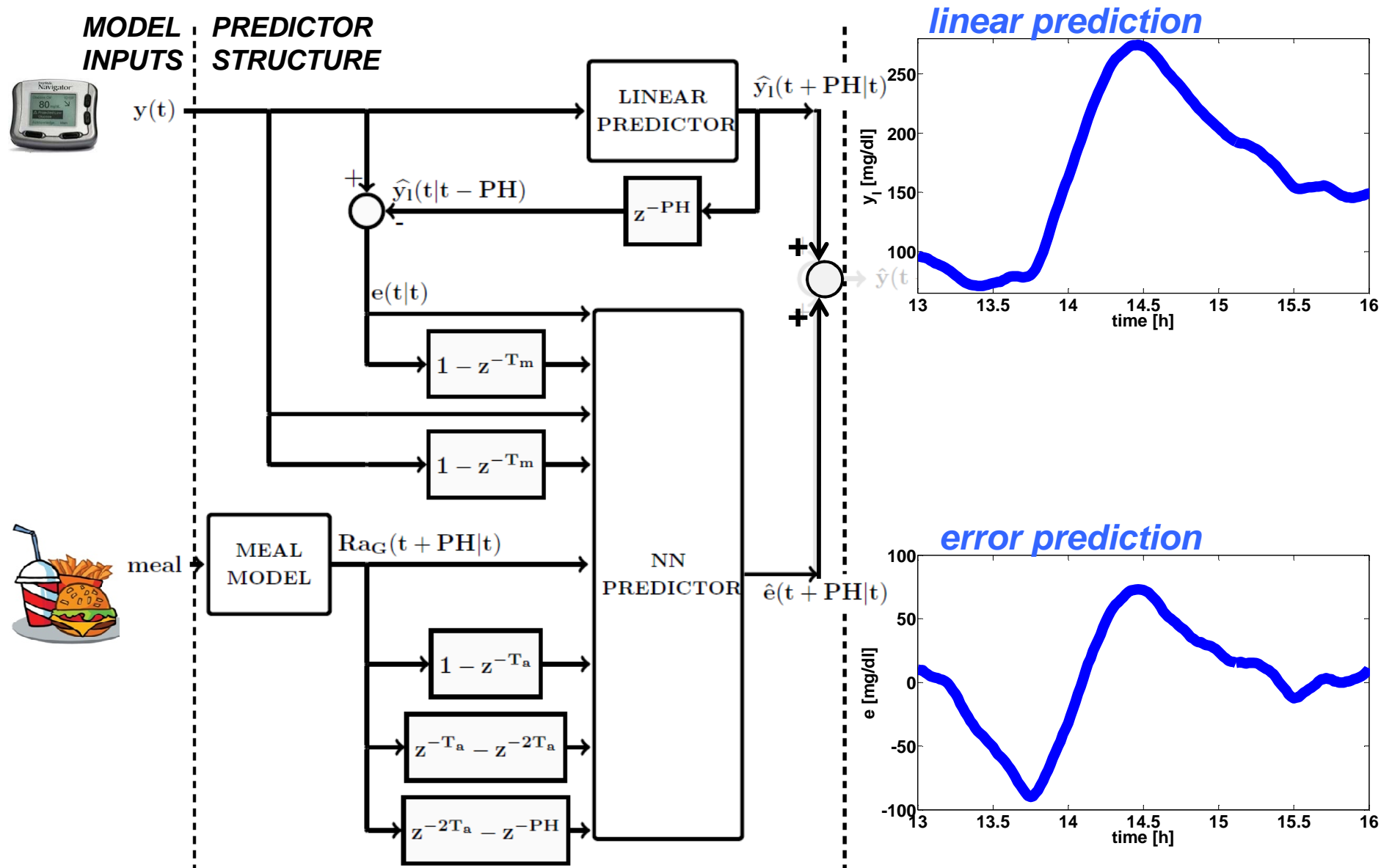
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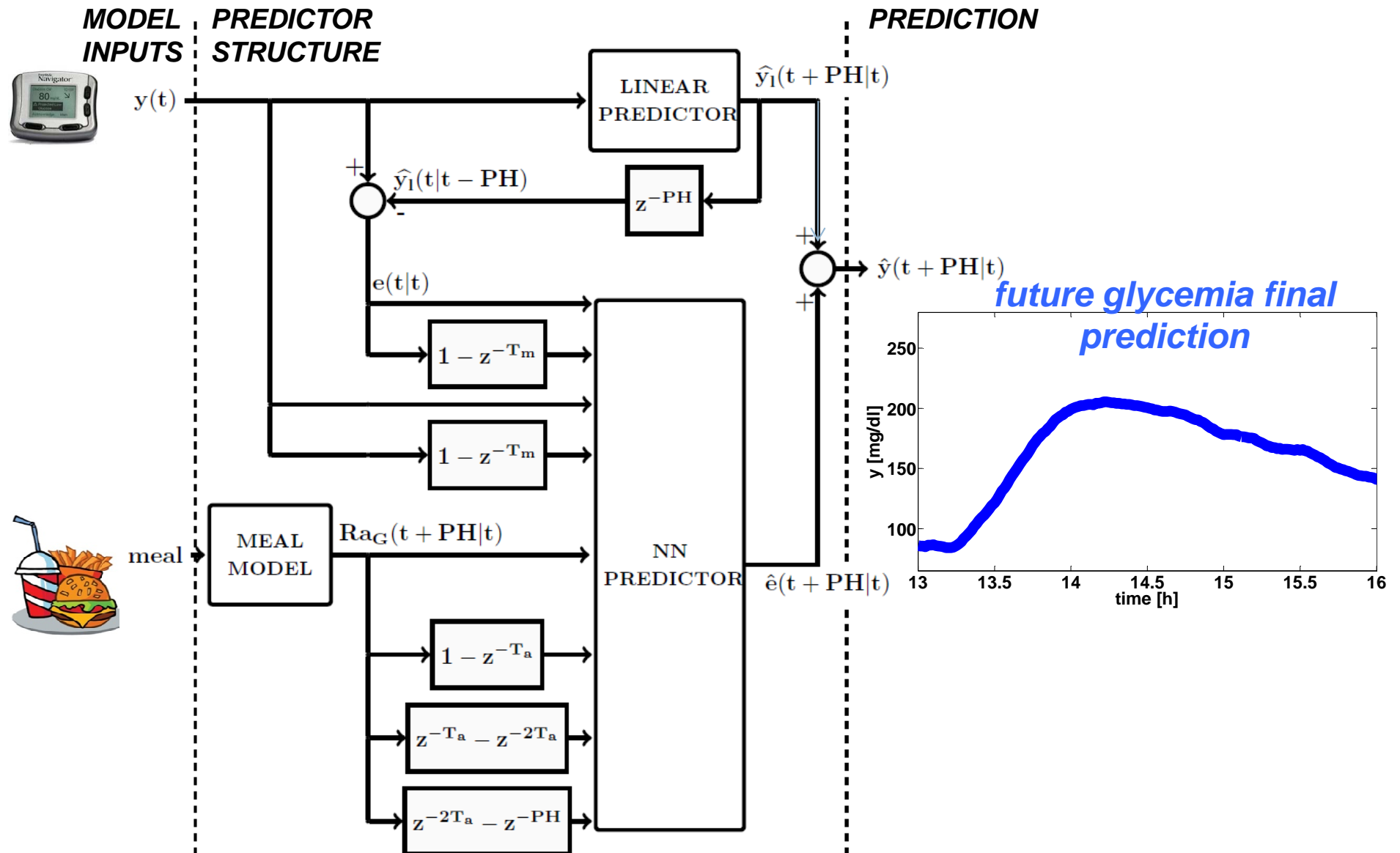
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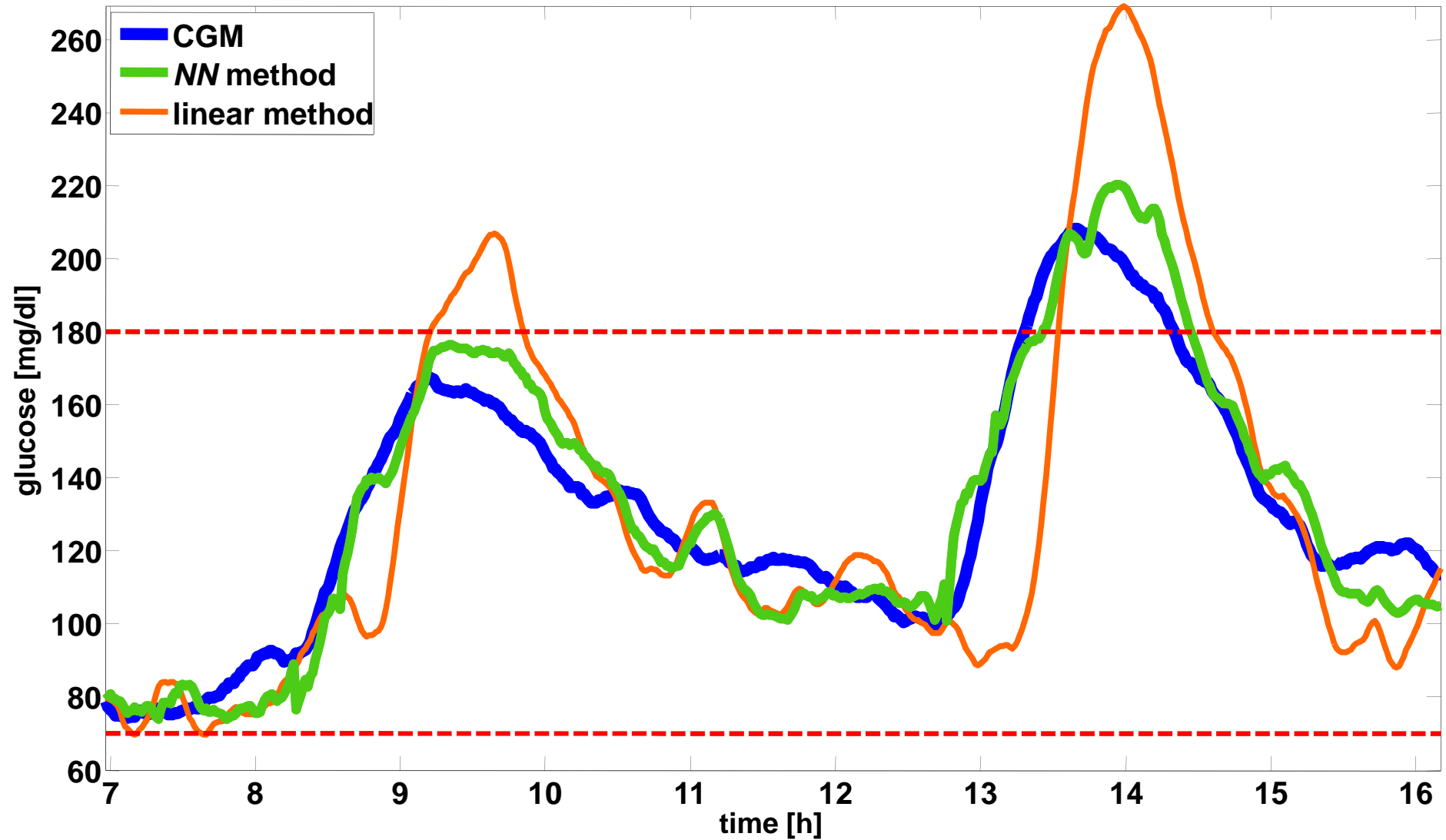
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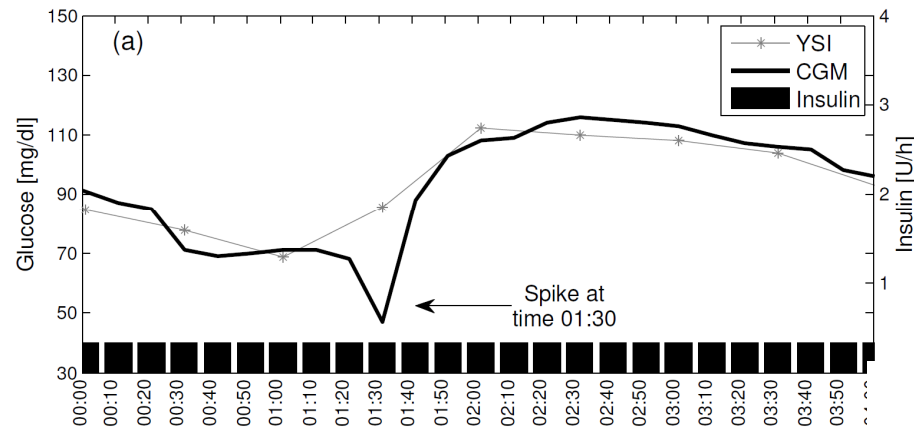


Representative dataset



Detection of Failures of the
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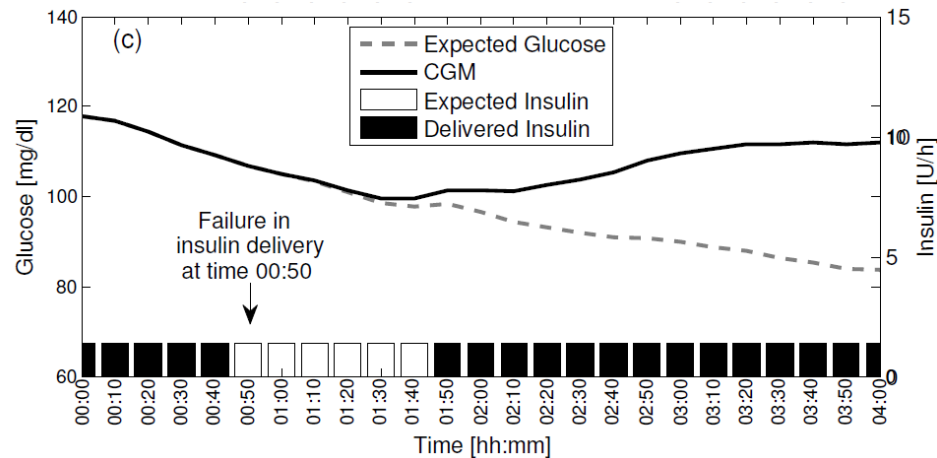
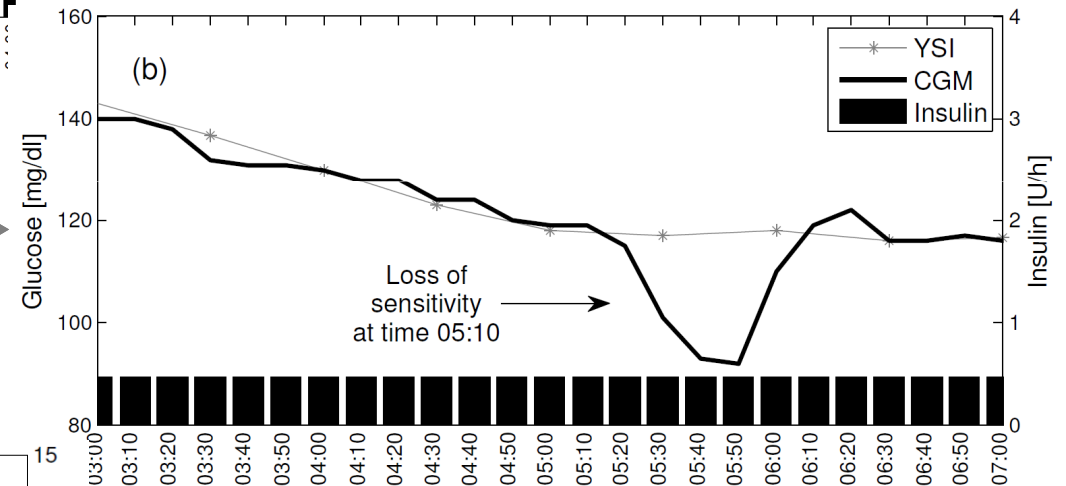
CGM-Pump Failures



← *Spikes*

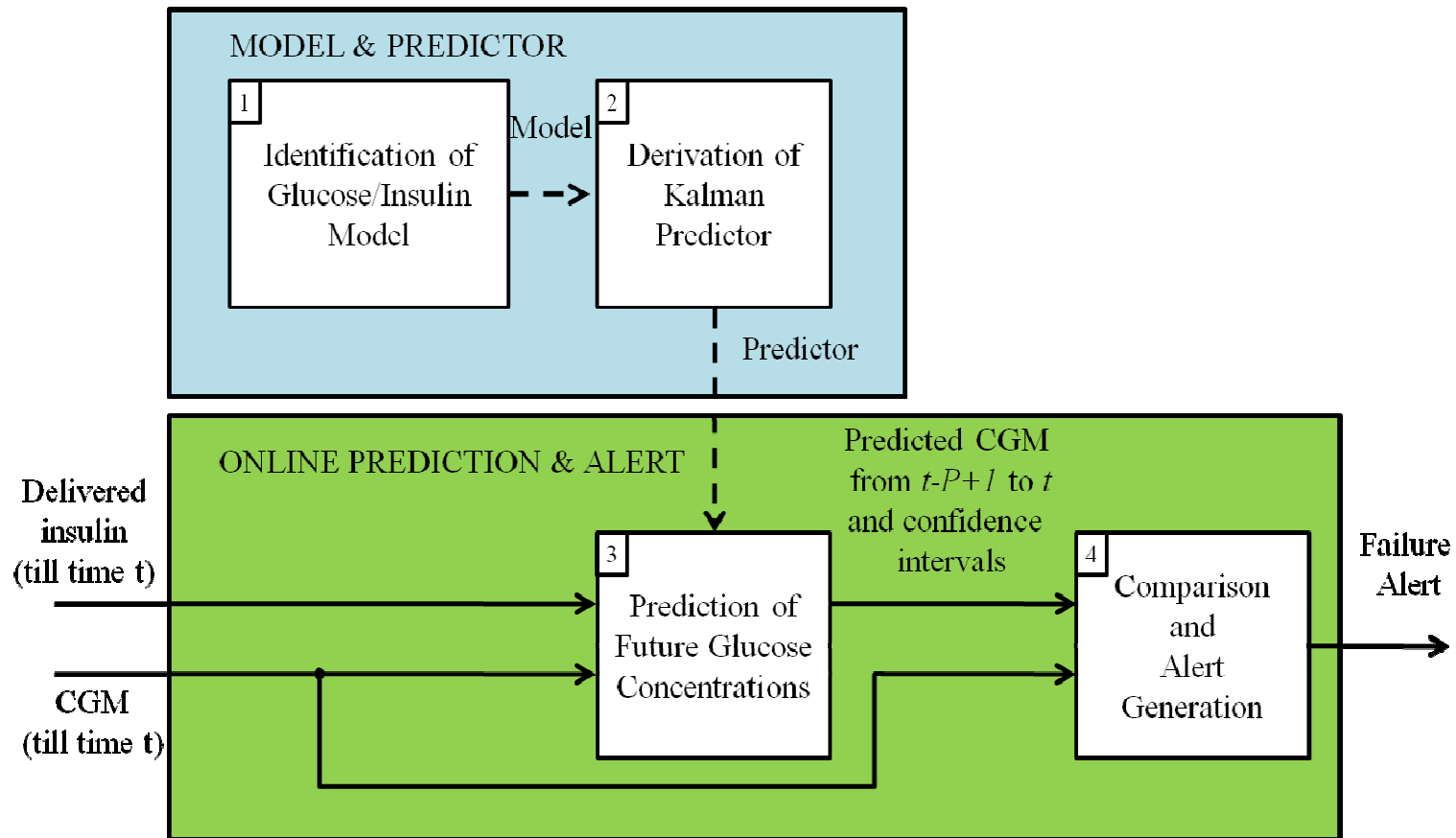
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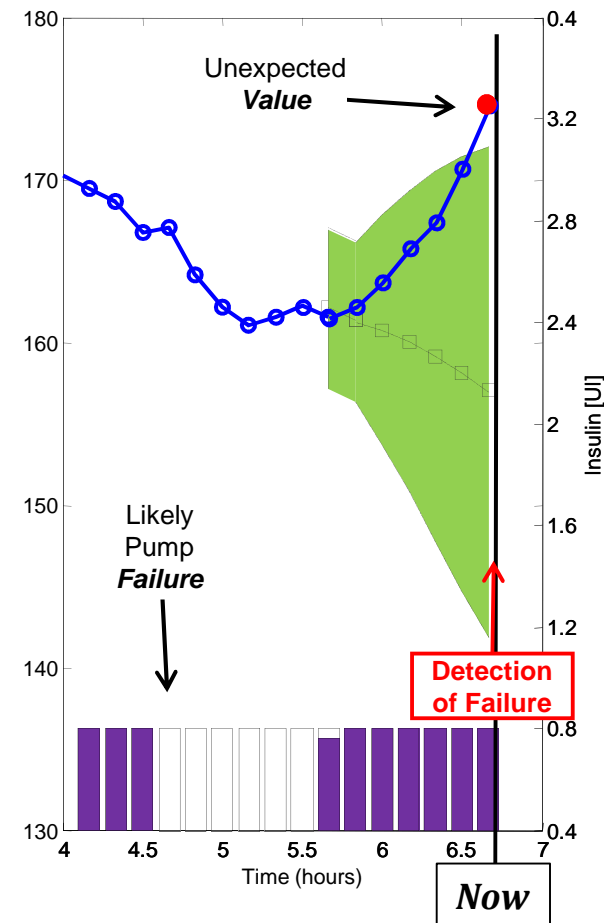
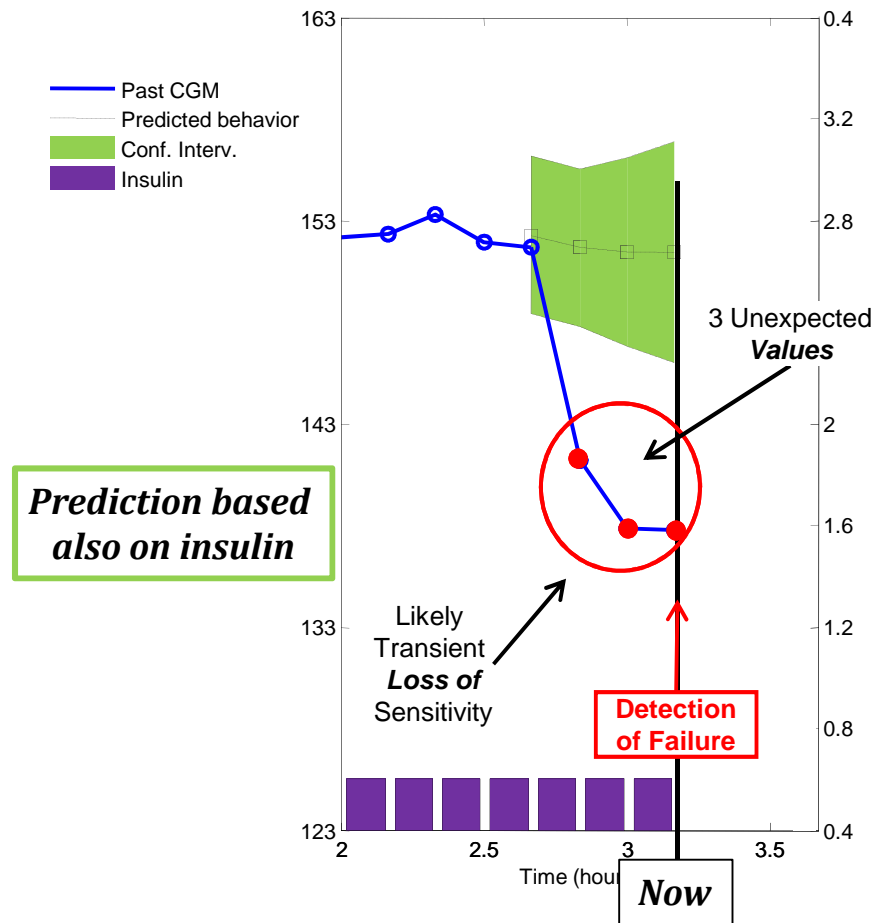


← *Pump
Occlusion*

The Failure Detection System

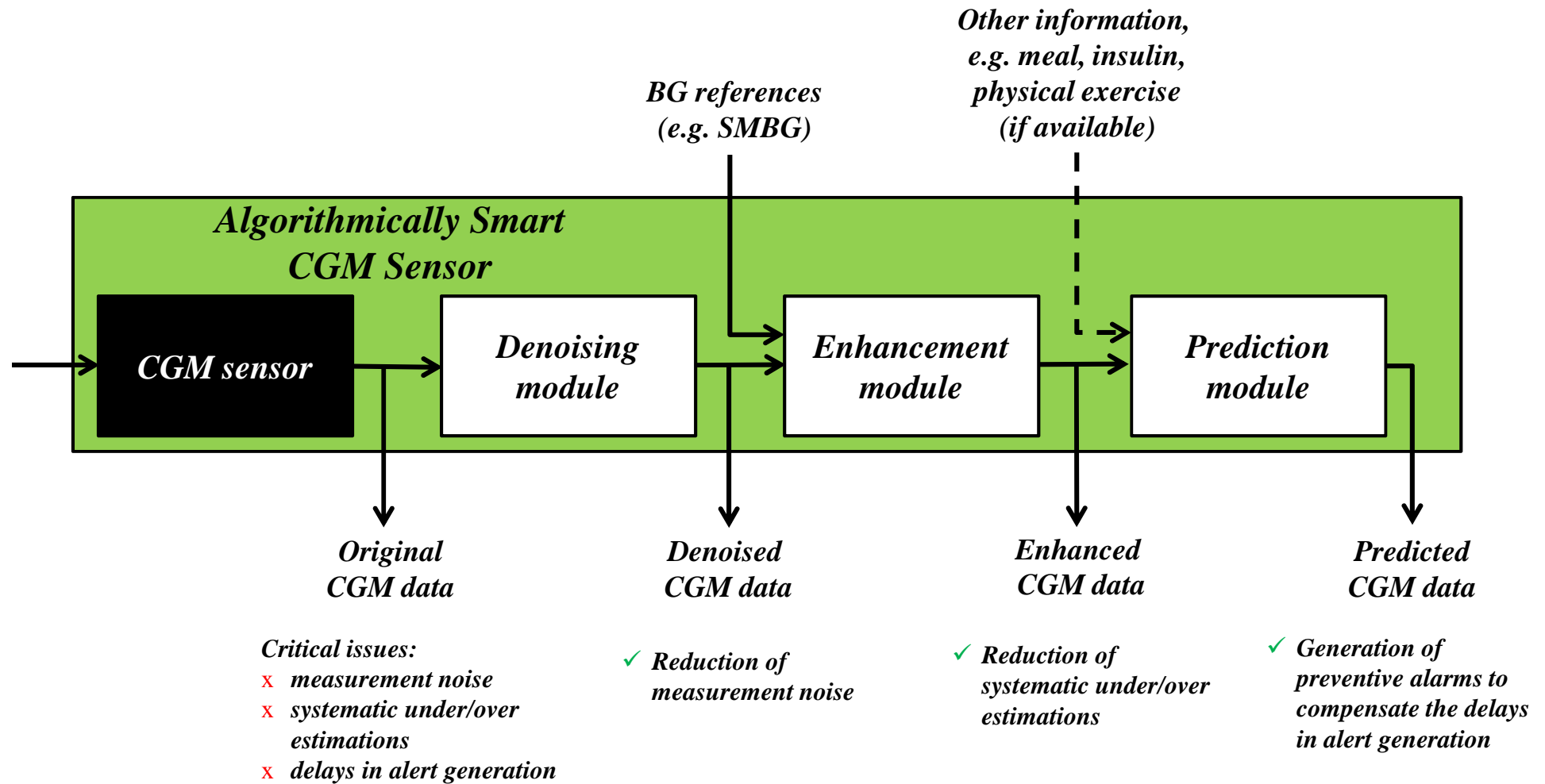


Two examples of failures



The smart sensor

“Smart” CGM Sensor Architecture

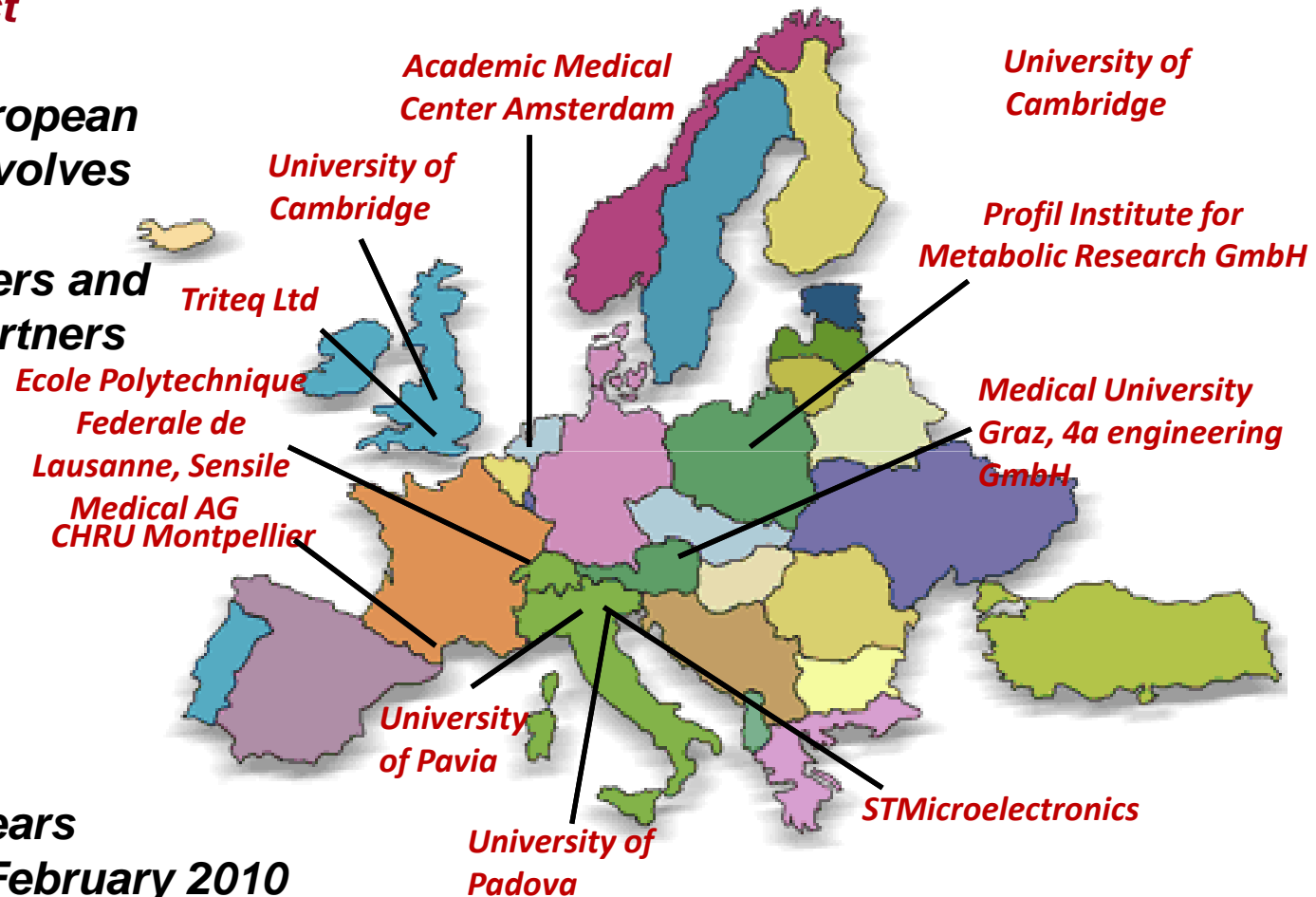


Bringing the Artificial Pancreas @ Home

FP7-EU Project

**A 10.5 M€ European project that involves
6 universities
2 clinical centers and
4 industrial partners**

**Duration: 4 years
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Real-Time Improvement of Continuous Glucose Monitoring Accuracy

The smart sensor concept

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with a system for real-time generation of alerts when the measured glucose value crosses hypoglycemic (e.g., 70 mg/dL) or hyperglycemic (e.g., 180 mg/dL) thresholds (7). Another possible use is within systems that combine a CGM and a continuous subcutaneous insulin infusion pump in a single unit: the so-called con-

RESULTS—The denoising module improves the smoothness of the CGM time series by an average of ~57%, the enhancement module reduces the mean absolute relative difference from 15.1 to 10.3%, increases by 12.6% the pairs of values falling in the A-zone of the Clarke error grid, and finally, the prediction module forecasts hypo- and hyperglycemic events an average of 14 min ahead of time.

Final Remarks

(Giovanni Sparacino)

Technology Transfer

Data:

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Estratto da Pagi

L'INTROITO SARÀ DI 180 MILA EURO

Il Bo vende i suoi studi a San Diego

Farà fruttare la ricerca sul monitoraggio dei pazienti diabetici

Il Bo si butta sul mercato internazionale e punta a far fruttare la ricerca che viene svolta dentro le mura dell'Università. E' stato siglato un patto tra Padova e San Diego attraverso cui l'ateneo monetizzerà gli studi di Ingegneria medica realizzati nell'ultimo anno: Padova ha inventato un nuovo metodo per monitorare i pazienti diabetici.

Per l'ateneo il contratto di opzione e le eventuali cessioni dei brevetti alla DexCom comporteranno un introito minimo di almeno 180 mila euro. Gli inventori sono i professori Claudio Cobelli, Giovanni Sparacino e l'ingegner Andrea Facchinetti, che ope-

rano nel gruppo di ricerca del dipartimento di Ingegneria dell'Informazione.

I brevetti riguardano il monitoraggio del glucosio, la prevenzione dell'ipoglicemia e un sensore dell'insulina. La decisione di aprirsi nuovamente al mercato internazionale è stata assunta ieri pomeriggio nel corso della seduta del consiglio di amministrazione: sono state approvate una sfilza di delibere prima della pausa estiva.

Il consiglio di amministrazione ha deciso di aumentare l'offerta formativa post lauream per l'anno accademico 2012-2013. Saranno attivati, infatti, settanta corsi di Ma-

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Il cda ha anche aderito al Progetto Venetonight 2012 per la promozione della Ricerca. Nell'occasione, come l'anno scorso, l'ateneo padovano aprirà le proprie porte per far conoscere alla città la propria attività in un settore vitale per l'economia come quello della ricerca.

Fabiana Pesci

Conclusions (1 of 2)

- Diabetes is a **socio-health emergency** of the 3rd millenium
- A better management of diabetes can have a great impact in **quality of life** of diabetic subjects and **economic costs** for national health systems
- (Minimally-invasive) **sensors for CGM** are key in several open-loop and closed-loop applications
- Several issues are **open** (patient's discomfort, biocompatibility, stability, duration, miniaturization, ...) and some of them concern **algorithms**

Conclusions (2 of 2)

- DEI developed several on-line algorithms for improving **reliability** and **usability** of CGM sensors
- Some of these algorithms raised the interest of one of the major CGM sensors **manufacturers** (DexCom Inc)
- Padova-DexCom collaboration is promising and will hopefully become a nice example of how academic research can meet industry needs without loosing **independency** and **scientific objectives**