



**SETTING UP OF A  
PROBABILISTIC NEURAL NETWORK  
FOR SENSOR FAULT DETECTION  
INCLUDING  
OPERATION WITH COMPONENT FAULTS**

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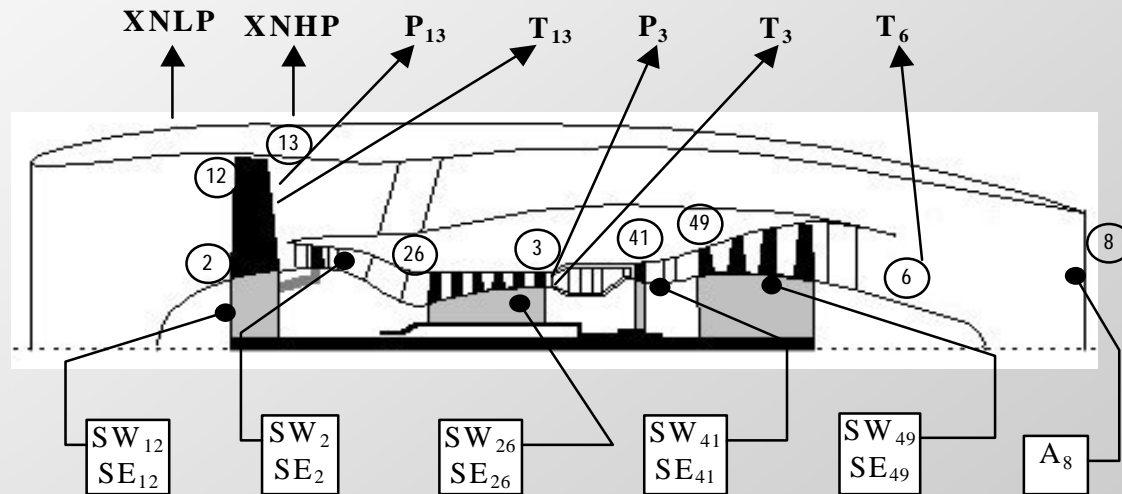
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## Definition of the Diagnostic Problem

Determine if the readings from a number of instruments are correct or not



High-by-Pass ratio, partially mixed, turbofan engine used as a test case



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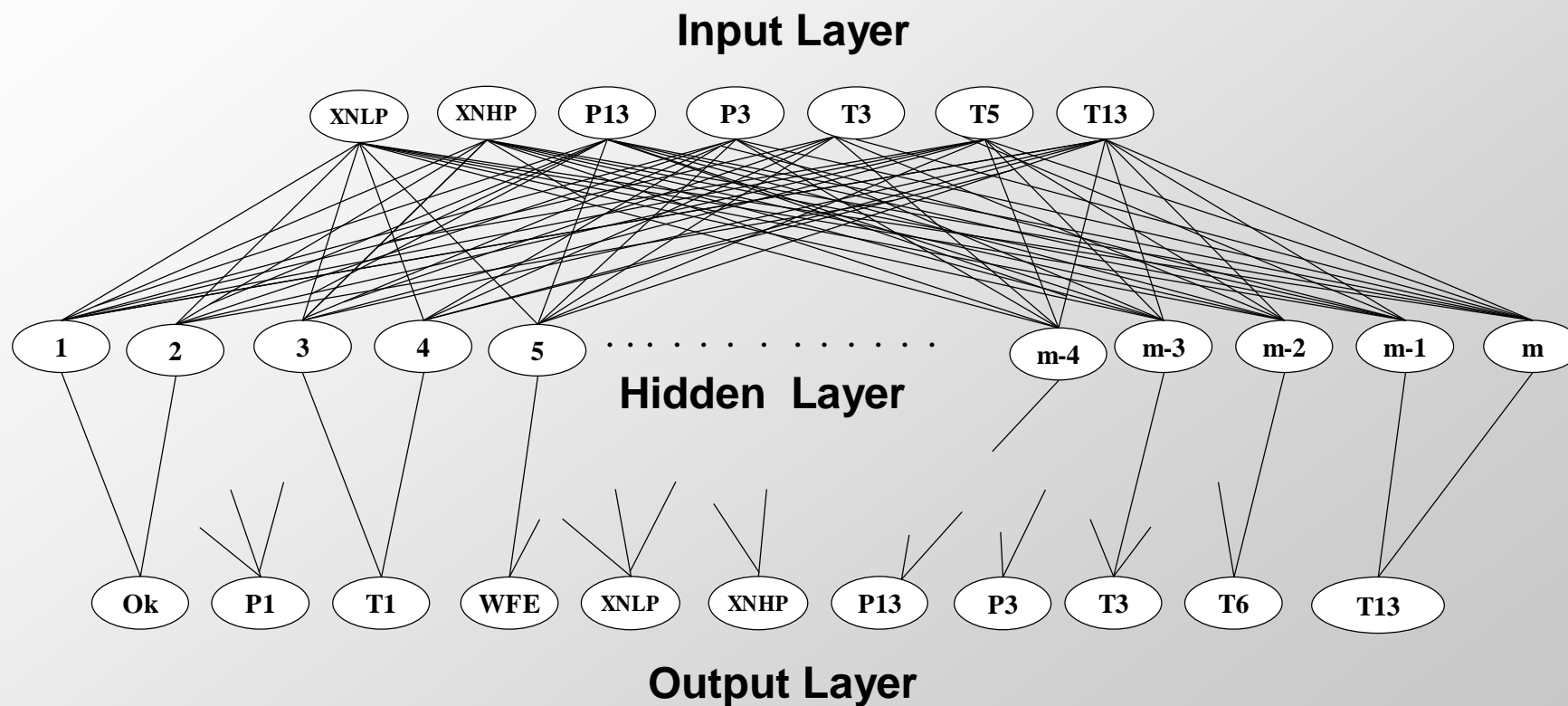
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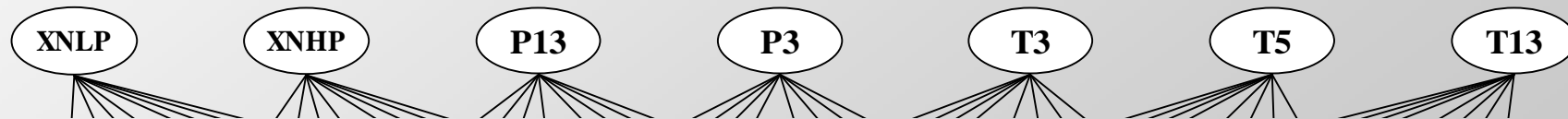
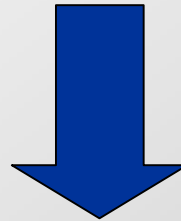
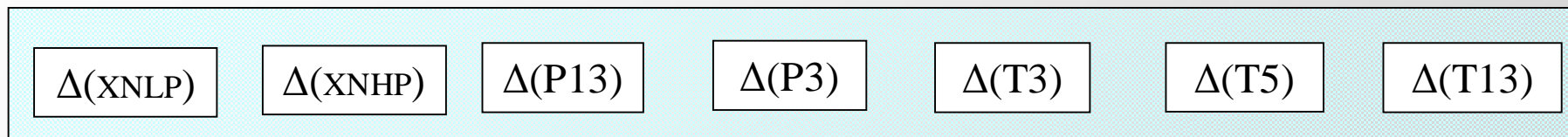


## Structure of the Probabilistic Neural Network



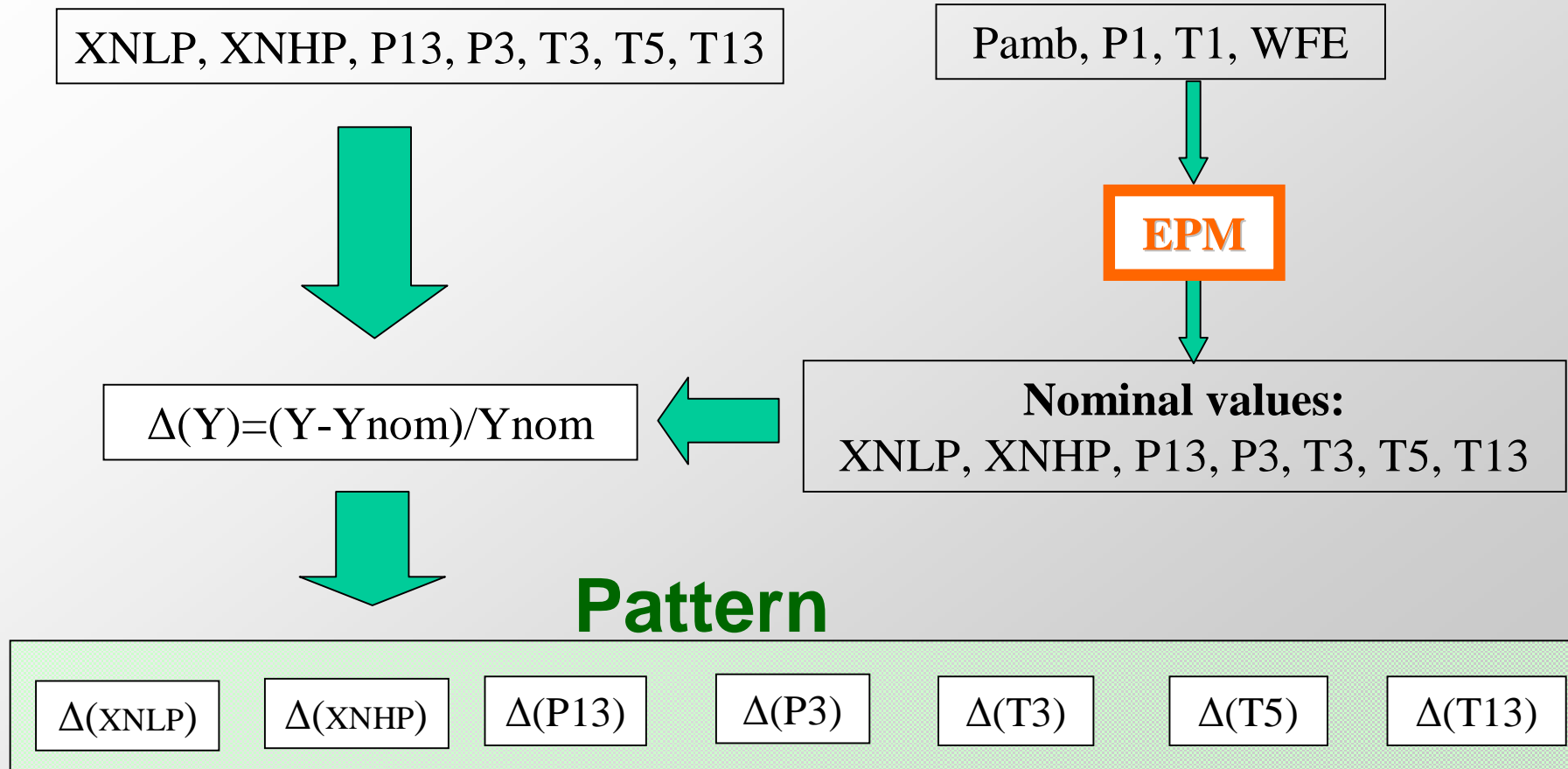


## Input layer: Deltas of the measurements





## Pattern Generation from Measurements







## Turbofan Engine Modeling

### ∅ Quantities defining the operating Conditions:

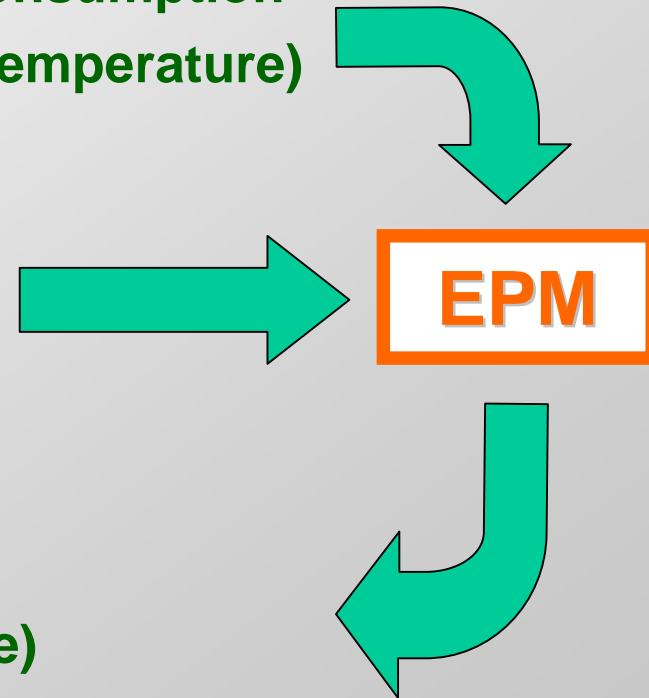
- § Ambient Pressure
- § Fuel consumption
- § Engine Inlet Conditions (pressure, temperature)

### ∅ Fault Parameters:

- § Flow factors along the engine
- § Efficiency factors along the engine
- § Exhaust area

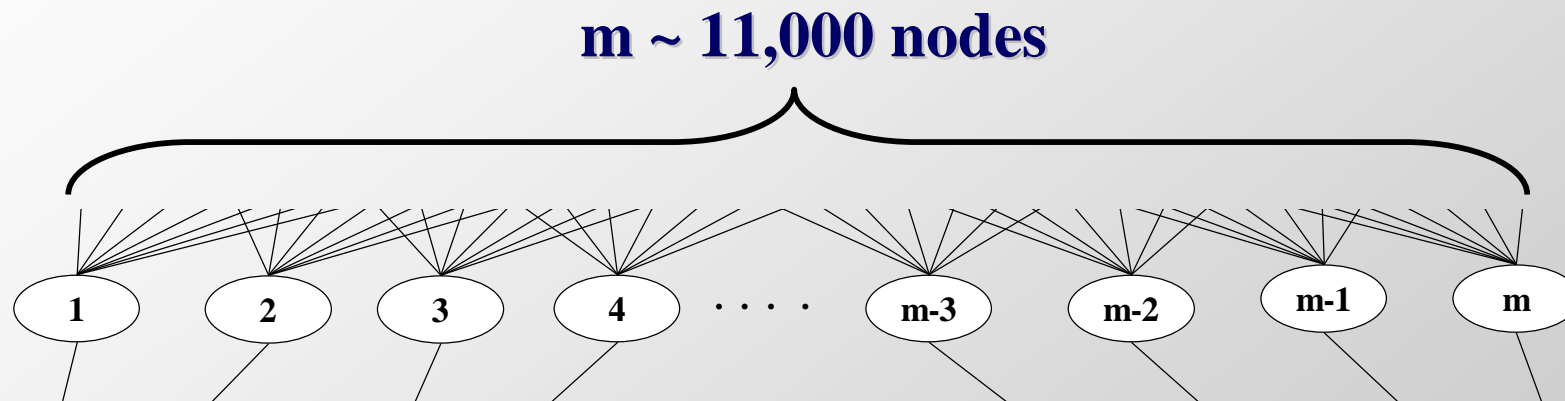
### ∅ Measured quantities:

- § Shafts' speed (low and high pressure)
- § Pressures and temperatures along the engine





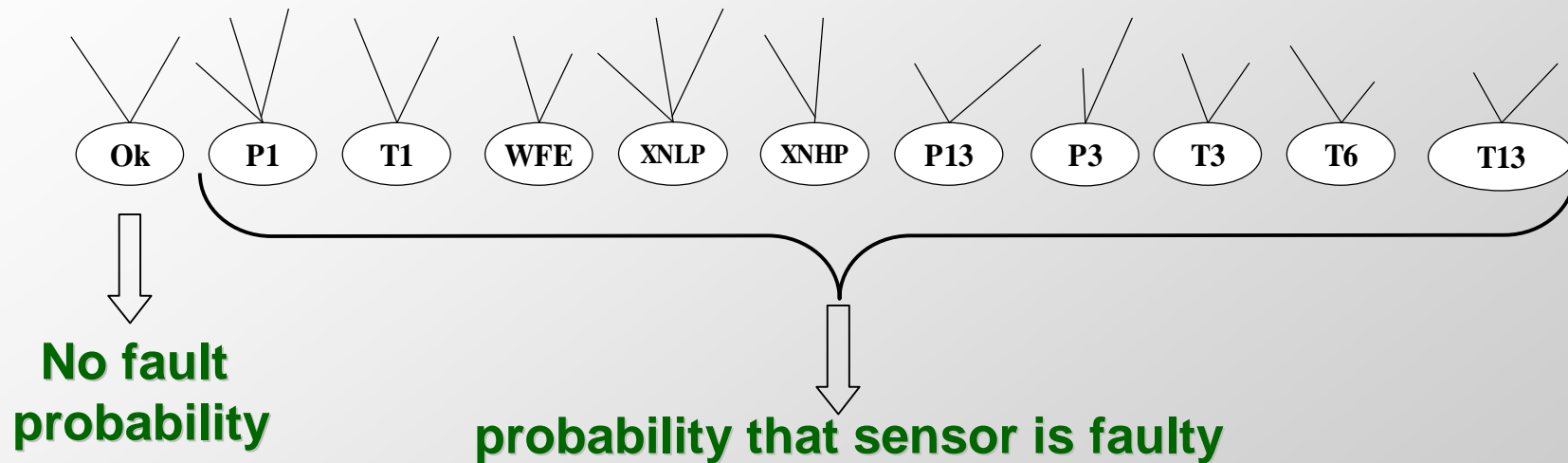
## Hidden layer: Training patterns



Each node: A Noise-free pattern produced by simulation



## Output layer: Considered classes



### Example

5.30%	2.20%	2.38%	68.30%	3.65%	4.56%	4.30%	1.58%	3.60%	2.90%	1.23%
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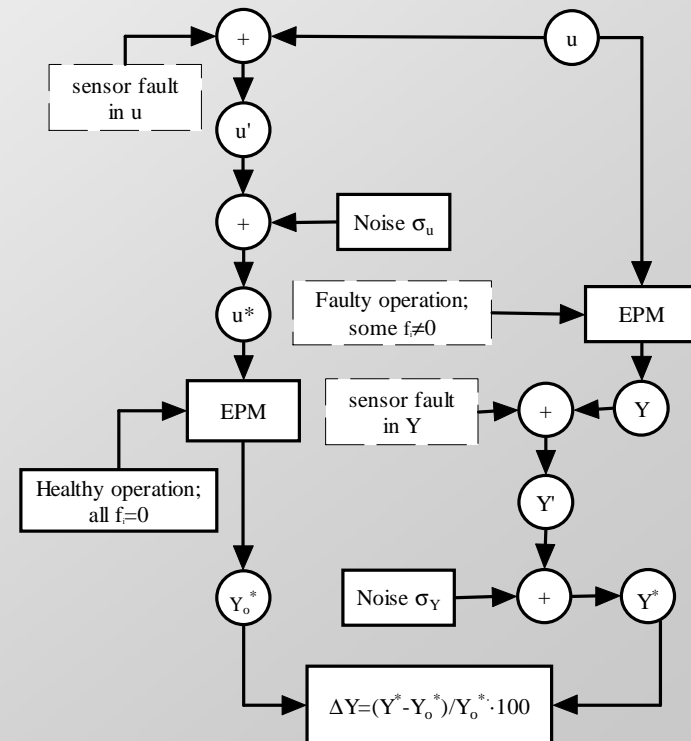
Fuel flow reading is faulty



## Materializing the Network

Generation of the patterns

Network once trained,  
then tested





## Aspects Examined to Assess Diagnostic Potential

§ Effect of Noise

§ Diagnosis at different Operating Conditions

§ Minimum detectable sensor biases

§ Multiple Sensor Faults detection

§ Simultaneous presence of Component Faults

§ Drifting Deterioration of Fault Parameters



## **Aspects Examined to Assess Diagnostic Potential**

**Have been considered for:**

**A. Patterns for training the network**

**B. Patterns for testing the network**



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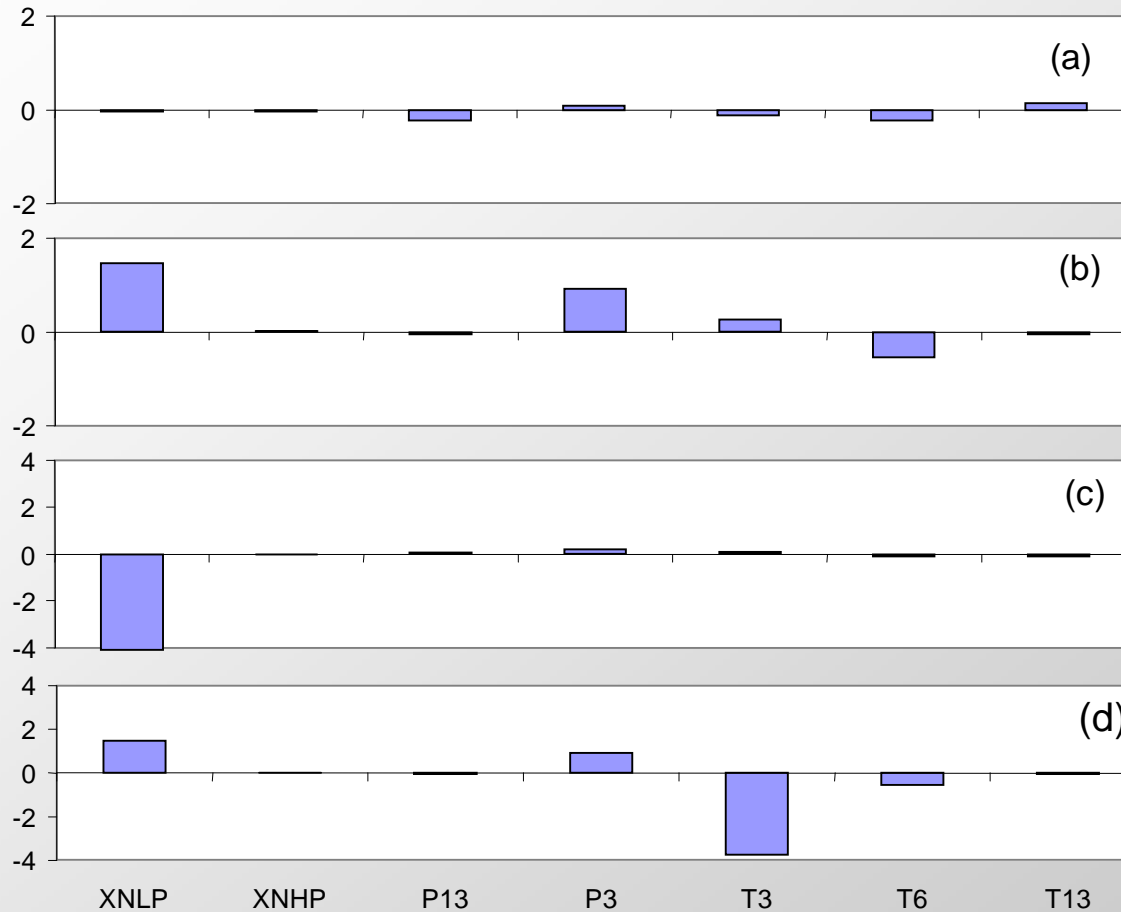
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## Examples of Test Patterns



Healthy engine,  
Healthy sensors

Faulty engine,  
Healthy sensors

Healthy engine,  
Faulty sensor (XNLP)

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## **PNN behavior in the presence of Noise**

**How the diagnostic ability is affected by the presence of noise?**

**Noise ‘blurs’ the diagnosis**

**A simple filtering procedure ‘narrows’ the region of ineffective diagnosis**



## Effect of Noise Level

### Noisy Data

-1					●	●				
-0.8		●	●		●	●	●			
-0.6		●	●			●		●		
-0.4		●	●	●		●		●	●	
-0.2	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●
0		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
0.2	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
0.4			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
0.6	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	
0.8	●		●		●	●	●			
1					●	●		●		●
$\Delta Y$	T1	P1	WFE	XNLP	XNHP	P13	P3	T3	T6	T13

### Filtered Data

-1										
-0.8										
-0.6							●			
-0.4			●	●	●	●				
-0.2		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
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● Not Diagnosed

□ Diagnosed



## **Diagnosis at different Operating Conditions**

**How the diagnostic ability is affected  
at different operating conditions?**

**Diagnostic ability unaffected for  
'neighboring' operating conditions**



## Effect of Operating Conditions

### Trained OP

-1										
-0.8										
-0.6							●			
-0.4			●	●	●	●				
-0.2		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
0	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
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## **Minimum detectable sensor biases**

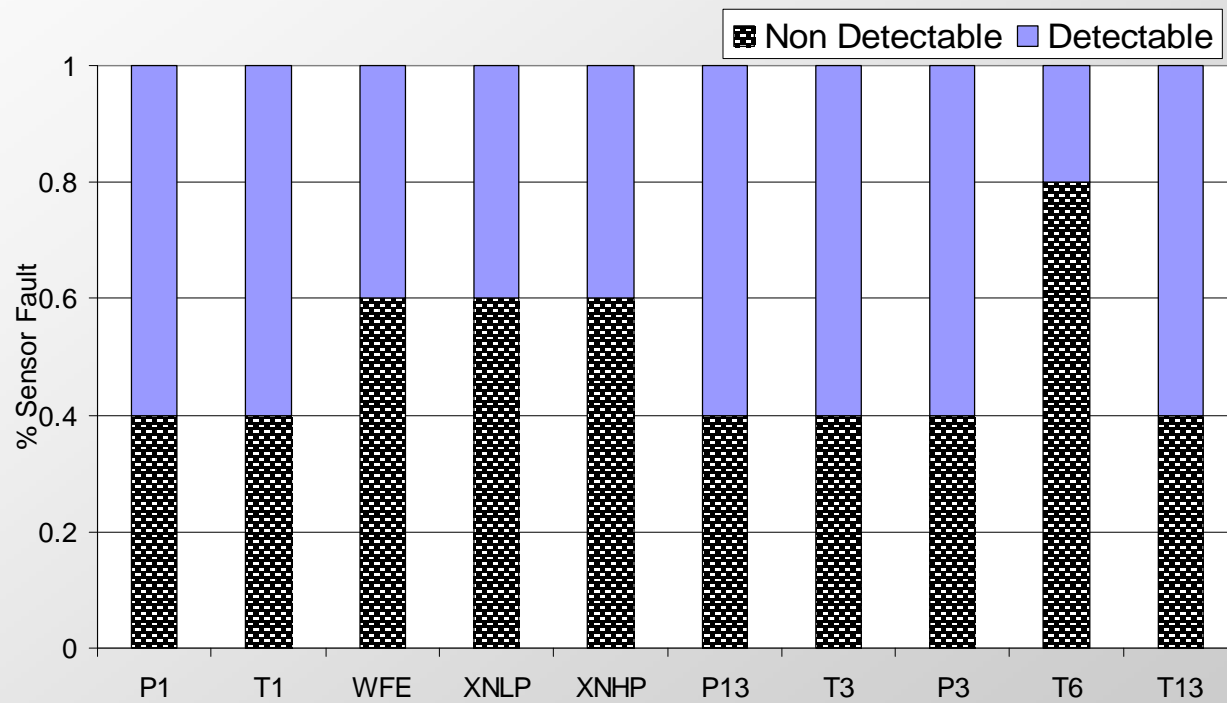
**Which are the minimum sensor biases  
that can be detected?**

**Biases greater than 0.4% - 0.8%  
are detected for all sensors**

**Bias Levels usually represent 2-4 times the considered  
noise levels**



## Minimum detectable sensor biases





## **Multiple Sensor Faults detection**

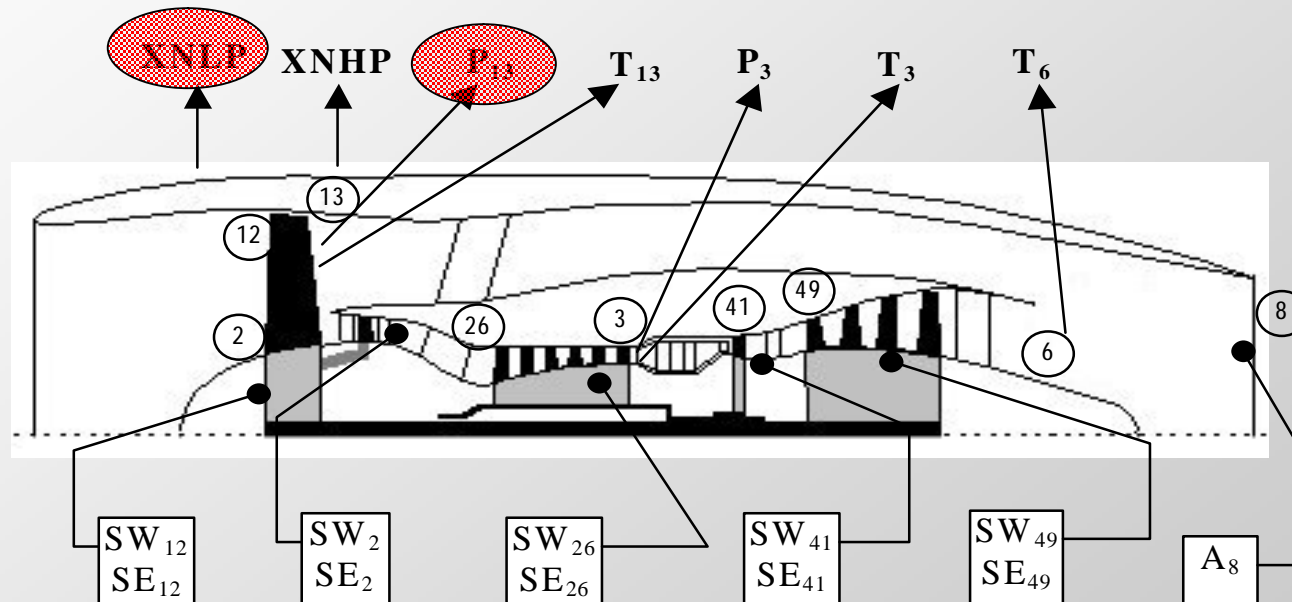
**How, possibly, multiple sensor faults can be detected?**

**Faults in up to three different sensors are  
detected efficiently**

**Sensors of measurements for condition monitoring**



## Multiple sensor faults

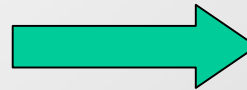
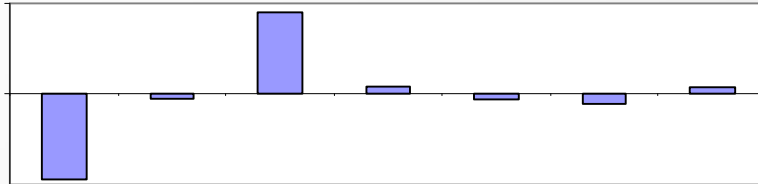






## Multiple sensor faults: Diagnostic procedure

### Initial Pattern

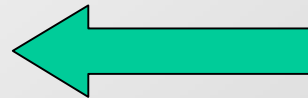
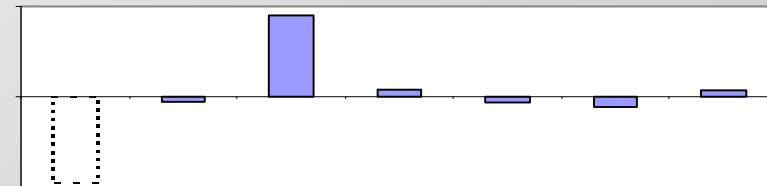


### Diagnosis

$P(XNLP) > 50\%$



### Modified Pattern

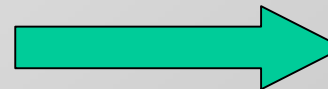
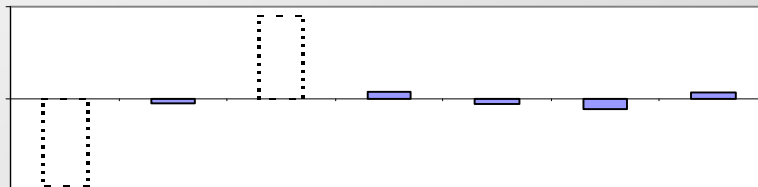


### Diagnosis

$P(P13) > 50\%$



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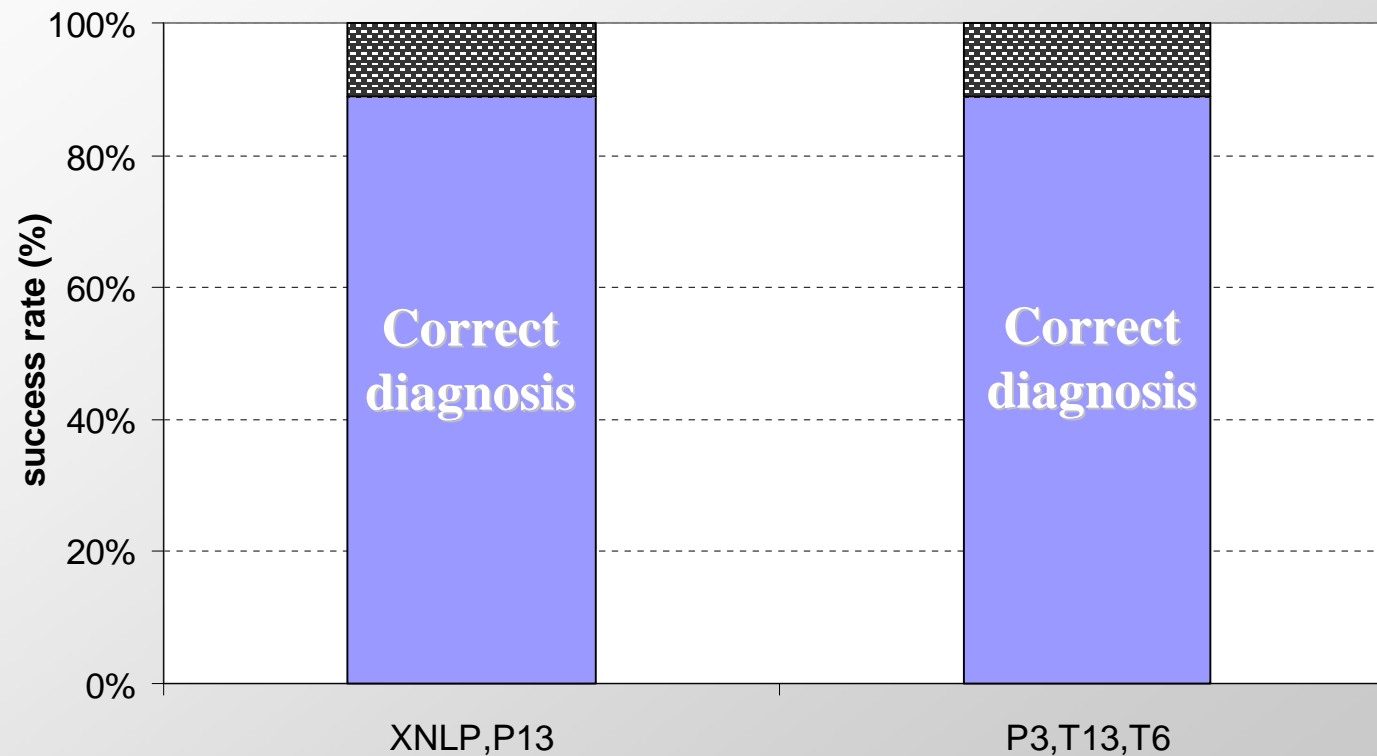
### Diagnosis

$P(Ok) > 50\%$



## Sample result

### Success rate for Multiple sensor faults





## Simultaneous presence of Component Faults

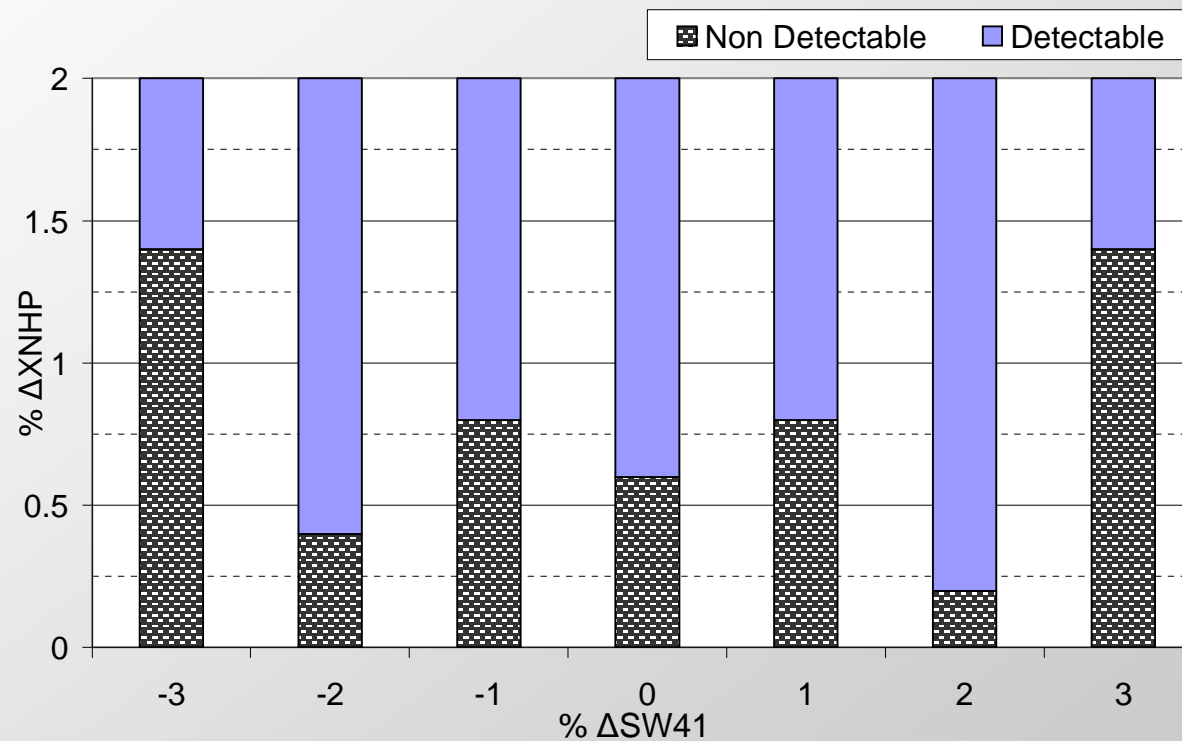
**How the diagnostic ability is affected  
at the simultaneous presence of Component Faults ?**

**Detectable biases are larger**

**Sensor Biases larger than  $\pm 1\%$  are detectable for usual  
component faults**



## Sensor fault detection in a faulty engine





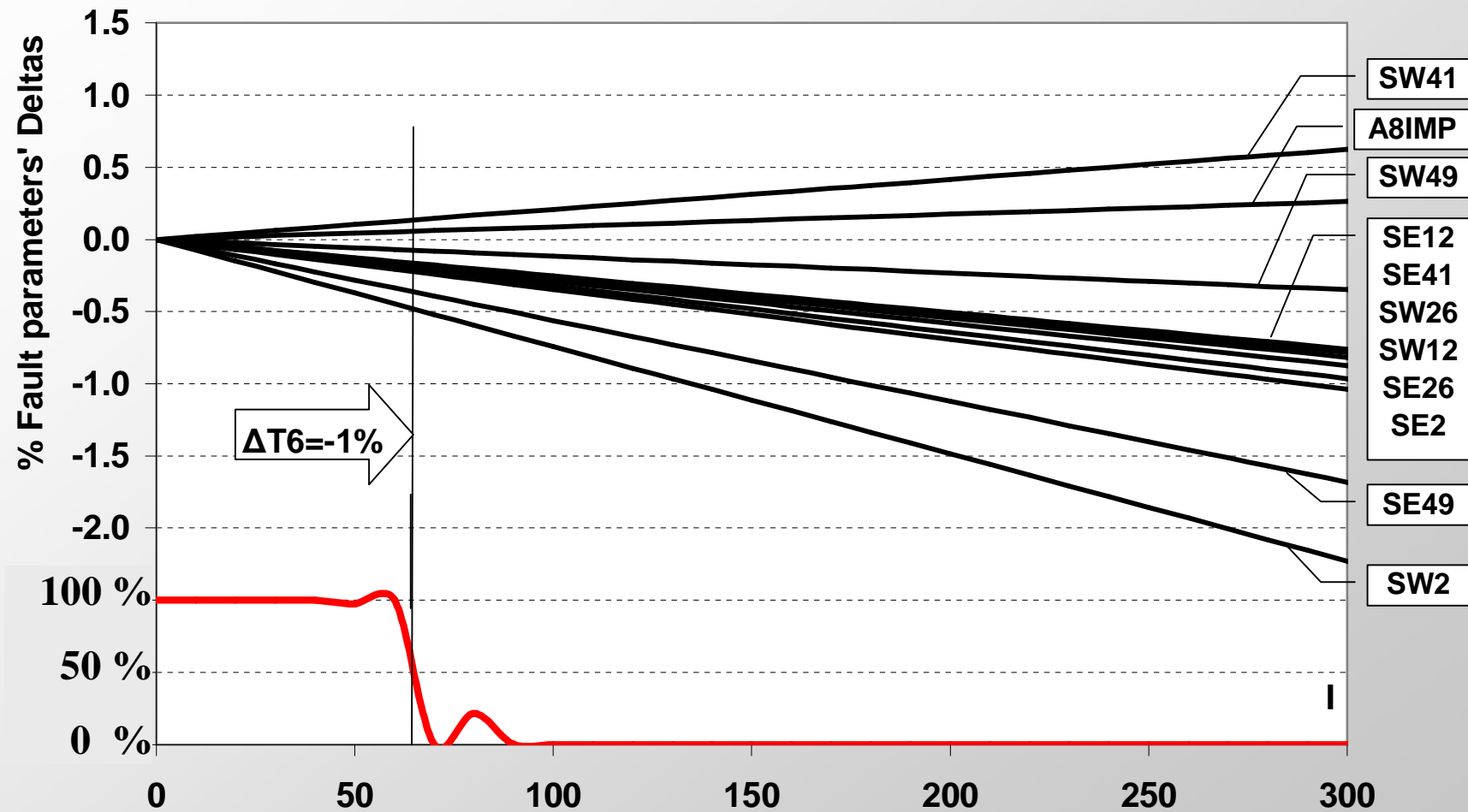
## Drifting Deterioration of Fault Parameters

**How the diagnostic ability is affected  
in a deteriorated engine?**

**The general trend is that  $\pm 1\%$  biases are detectable for  
deterioration levels of up to  $\pm 0.5\%$  fault parameters  
deviation**

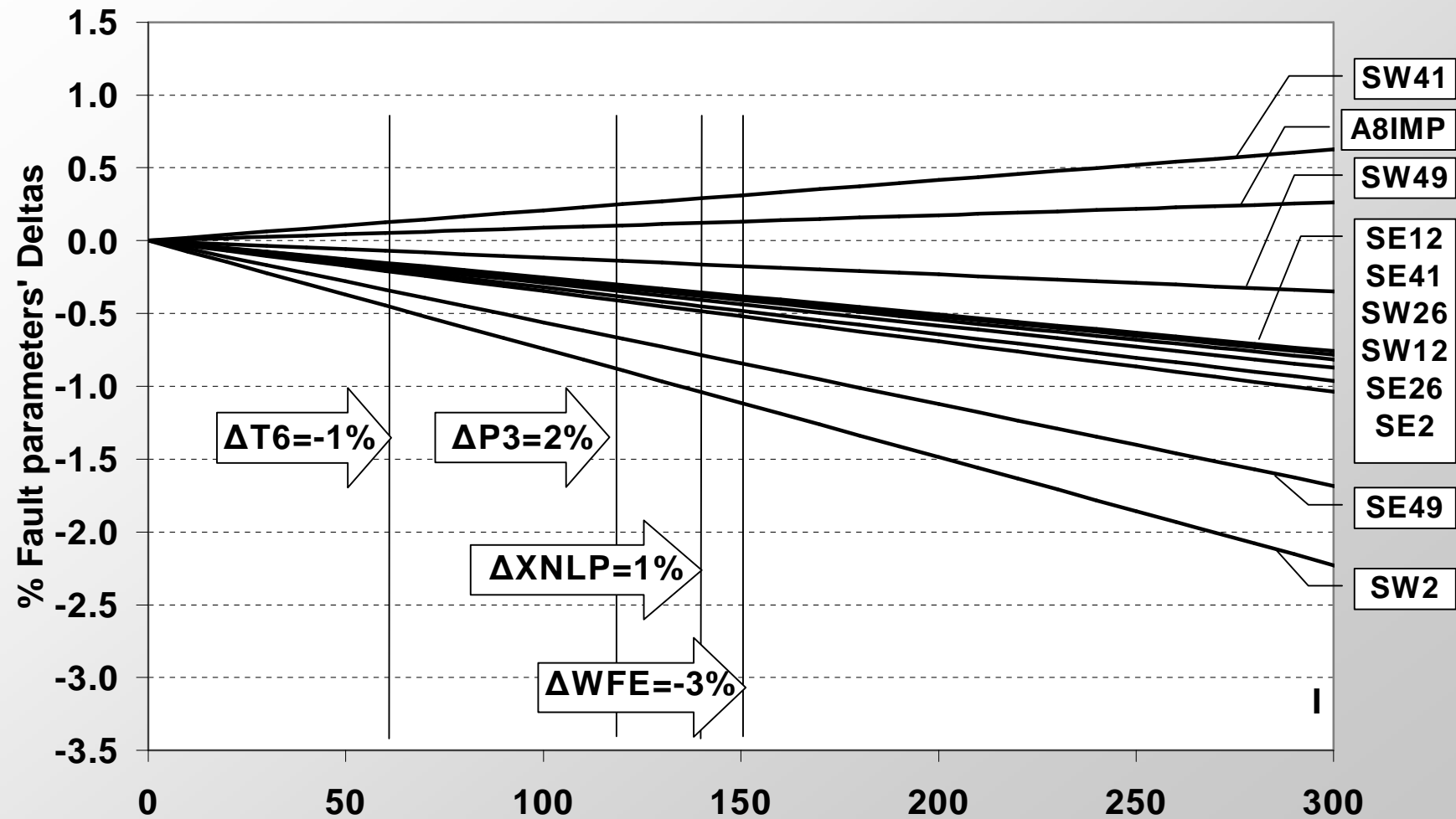


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## **Conclusions - Results**

- **Flexible and easy to built network**
- **Wide range of effective diagnosis**
- **Cases of Multiple sensor faults handled efficiently**
- **Robustness in the presence of component faults or deterioration**





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