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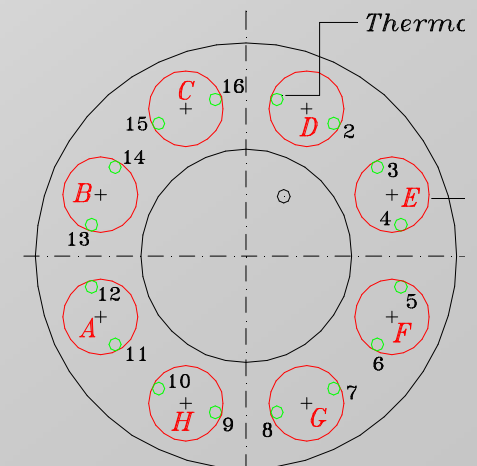
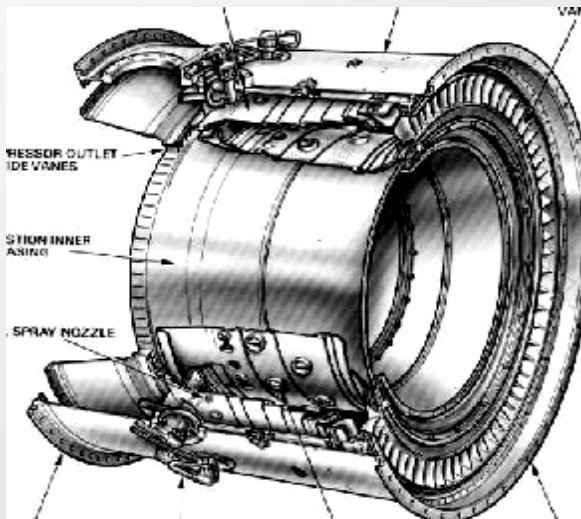
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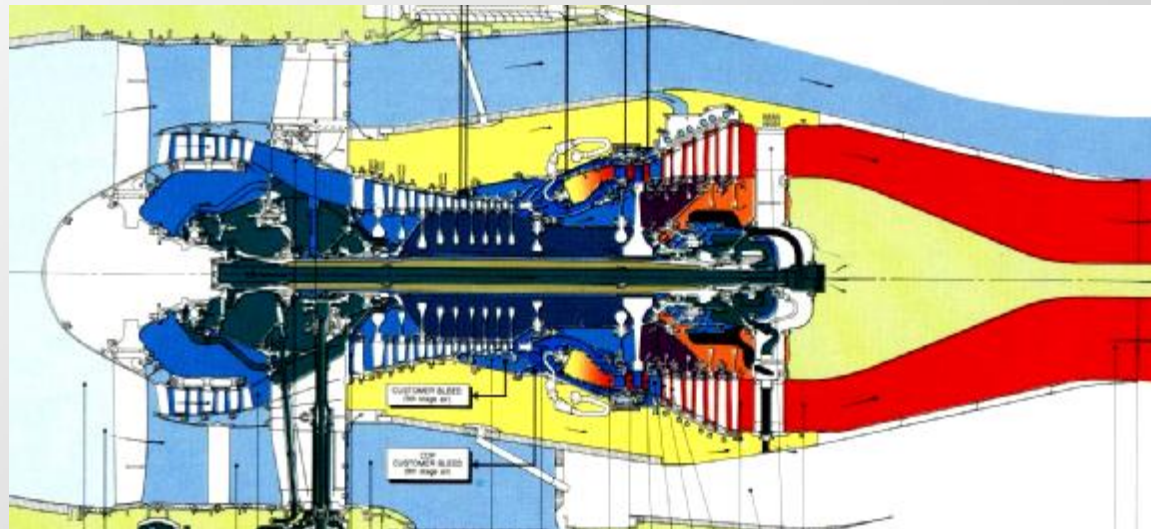
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## **OPR for the detection of** **faults disrupting peripheral distributions**

**Healthy Combustor**



**Faulty Combustor**



For example,  
a faulty combustor can  
may affect emission  
concentrations on a  
specific region of the plot

The goal is to detect the region of the plot that changes due to the  
presence of a combustor fault.



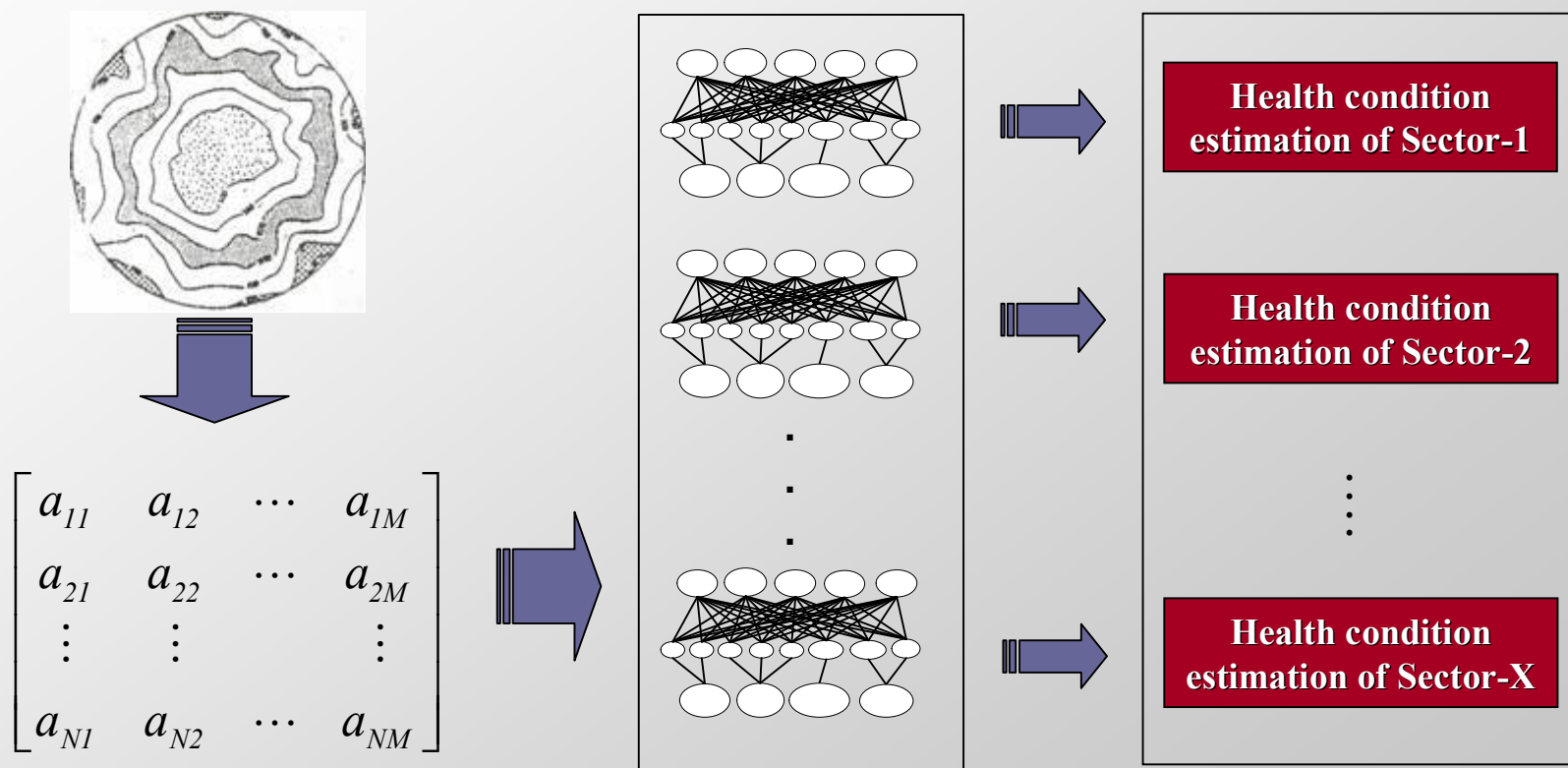
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## OPR for Fault Diagnosis and Condition Monitoring

Procedure based on Probabilistic Neural Networks (PNN) for the detection of specific faults on an engine through the analysis of emission concentration plots

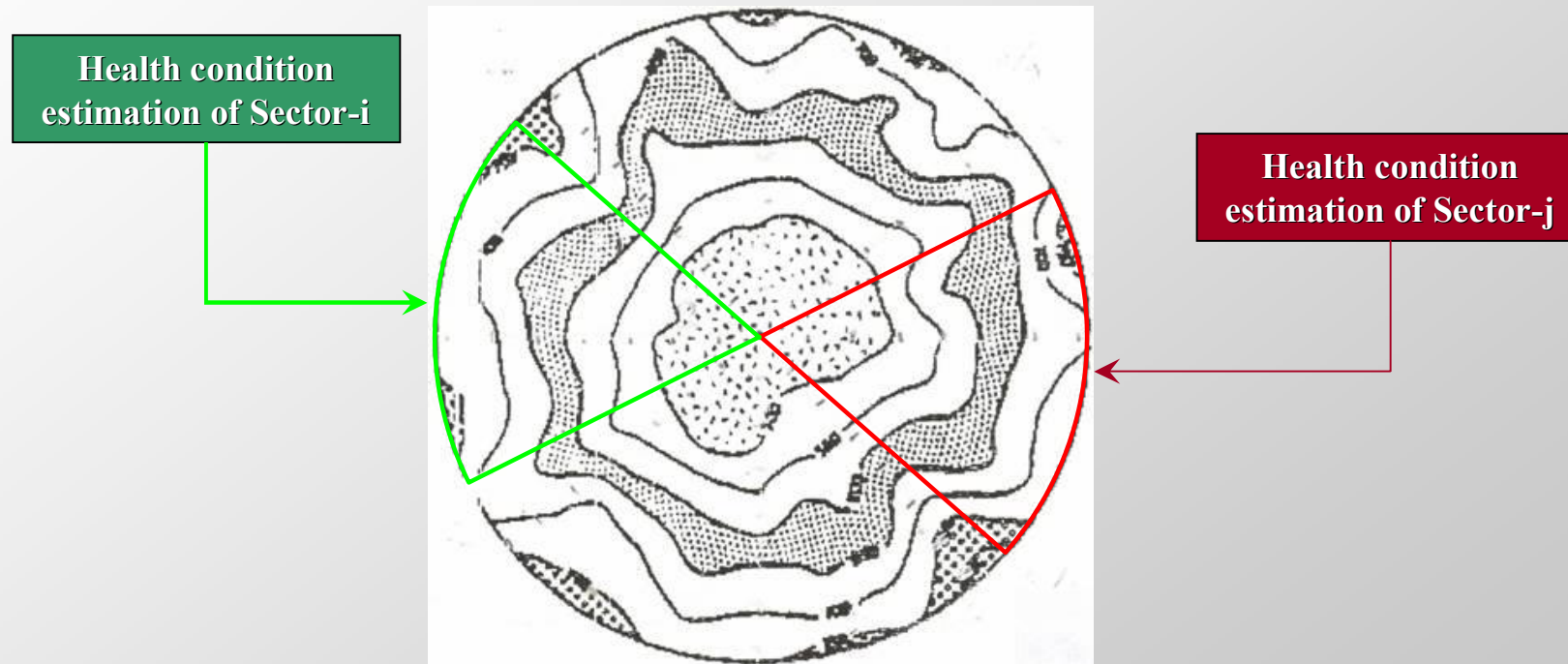






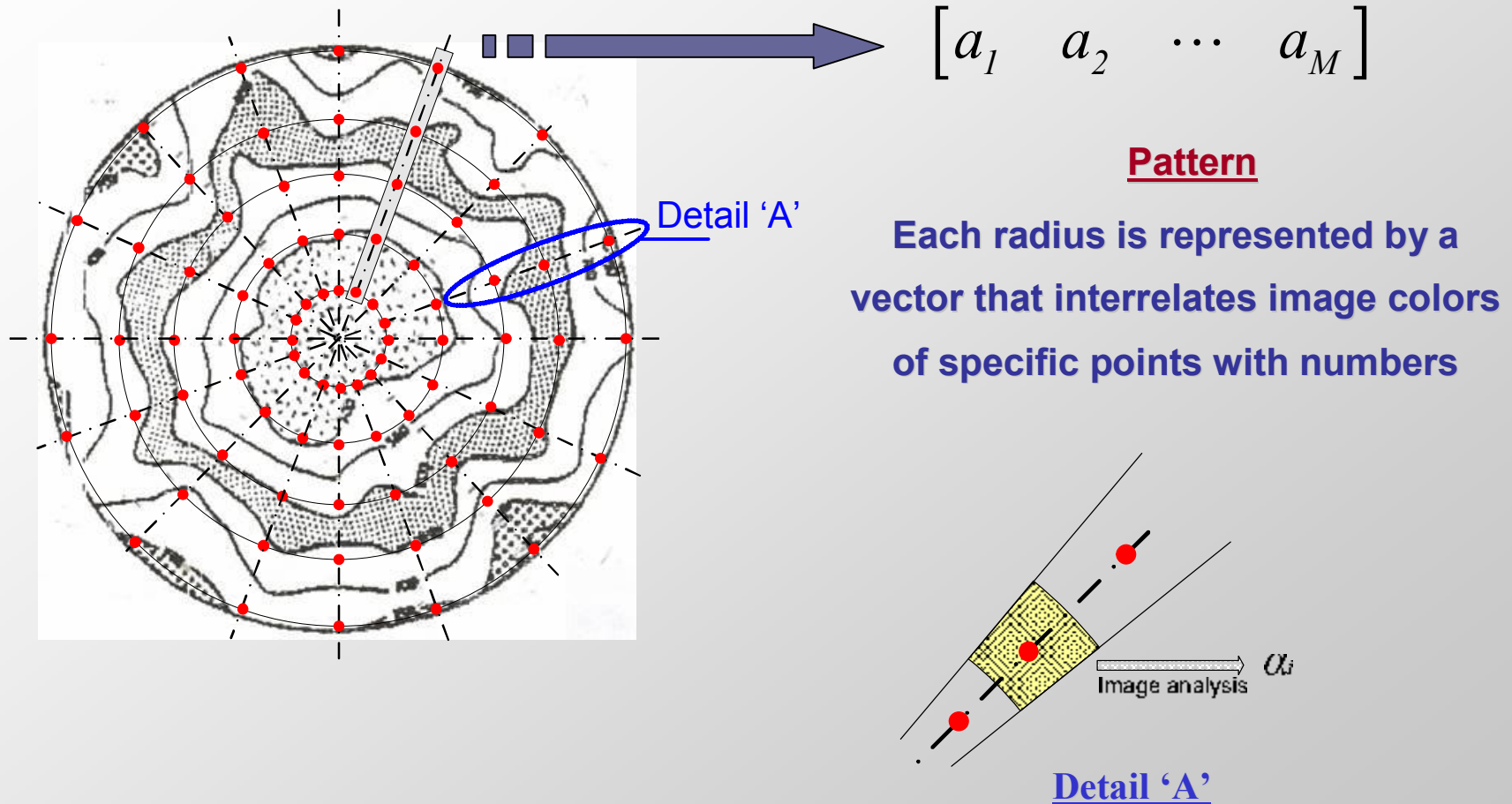
## **OPR for Fault Diagnosis and Condition Monitoring**

**The anomaly detection takes place in each sector individually**



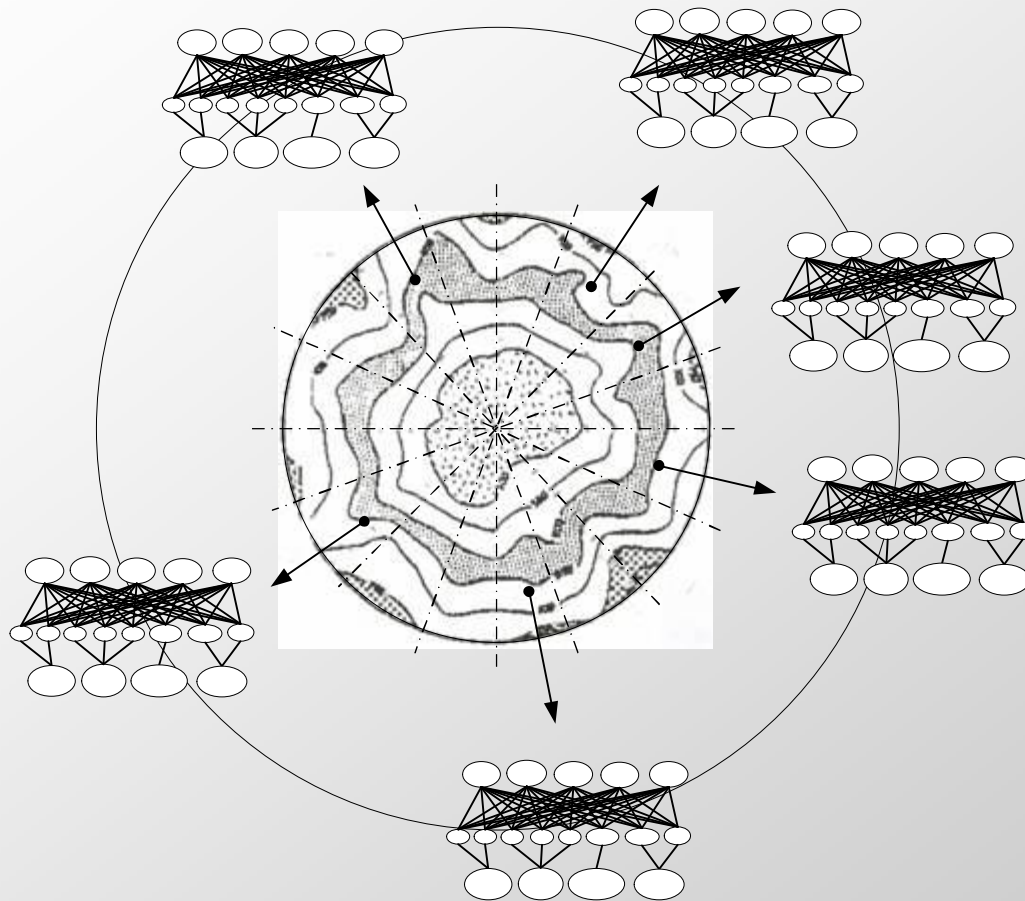


## Analysis of the emission concentration plots





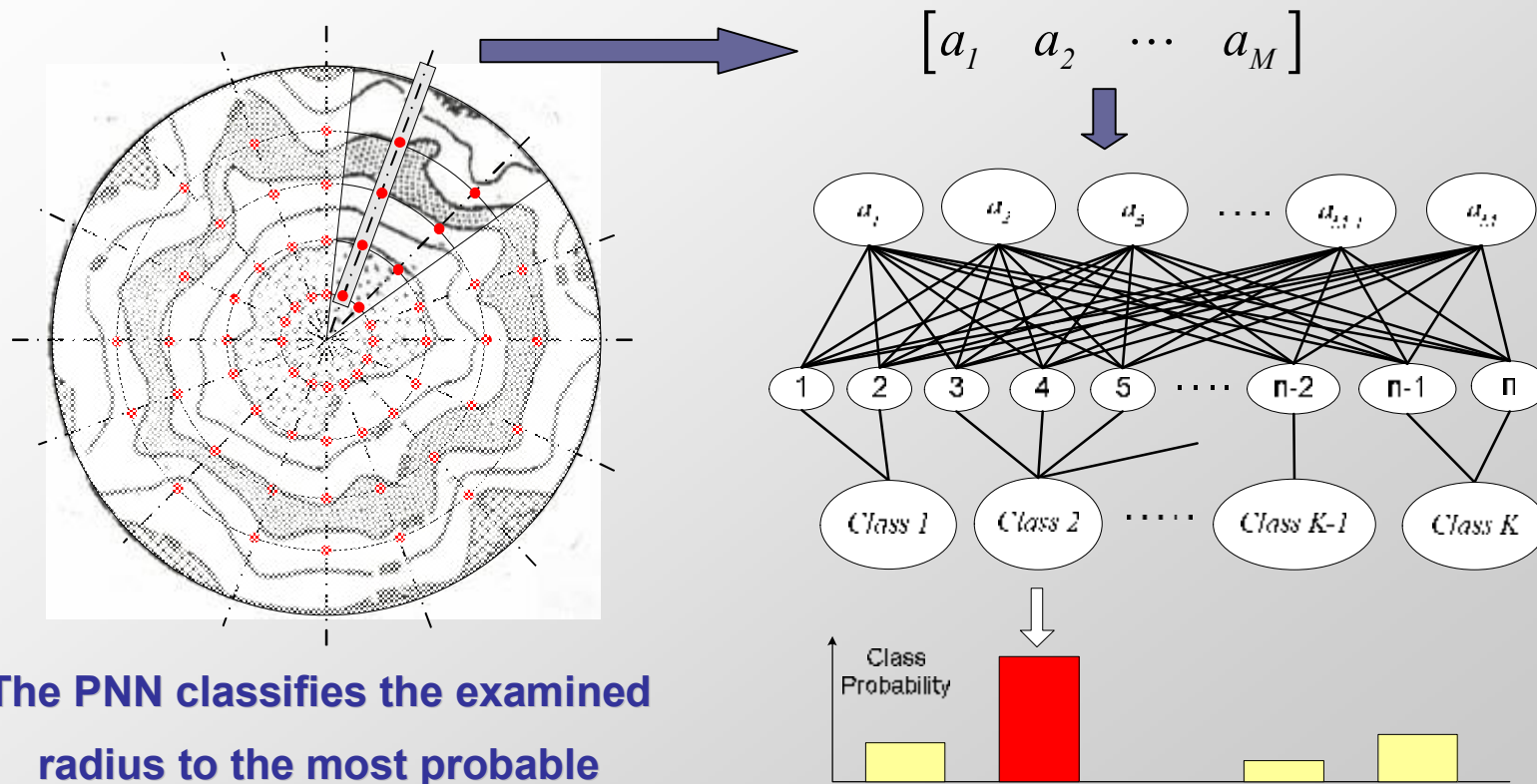
## The pattern recognition tool



**The plot is divided into  
sectors of interest,  
each one tied  
to one PNN**



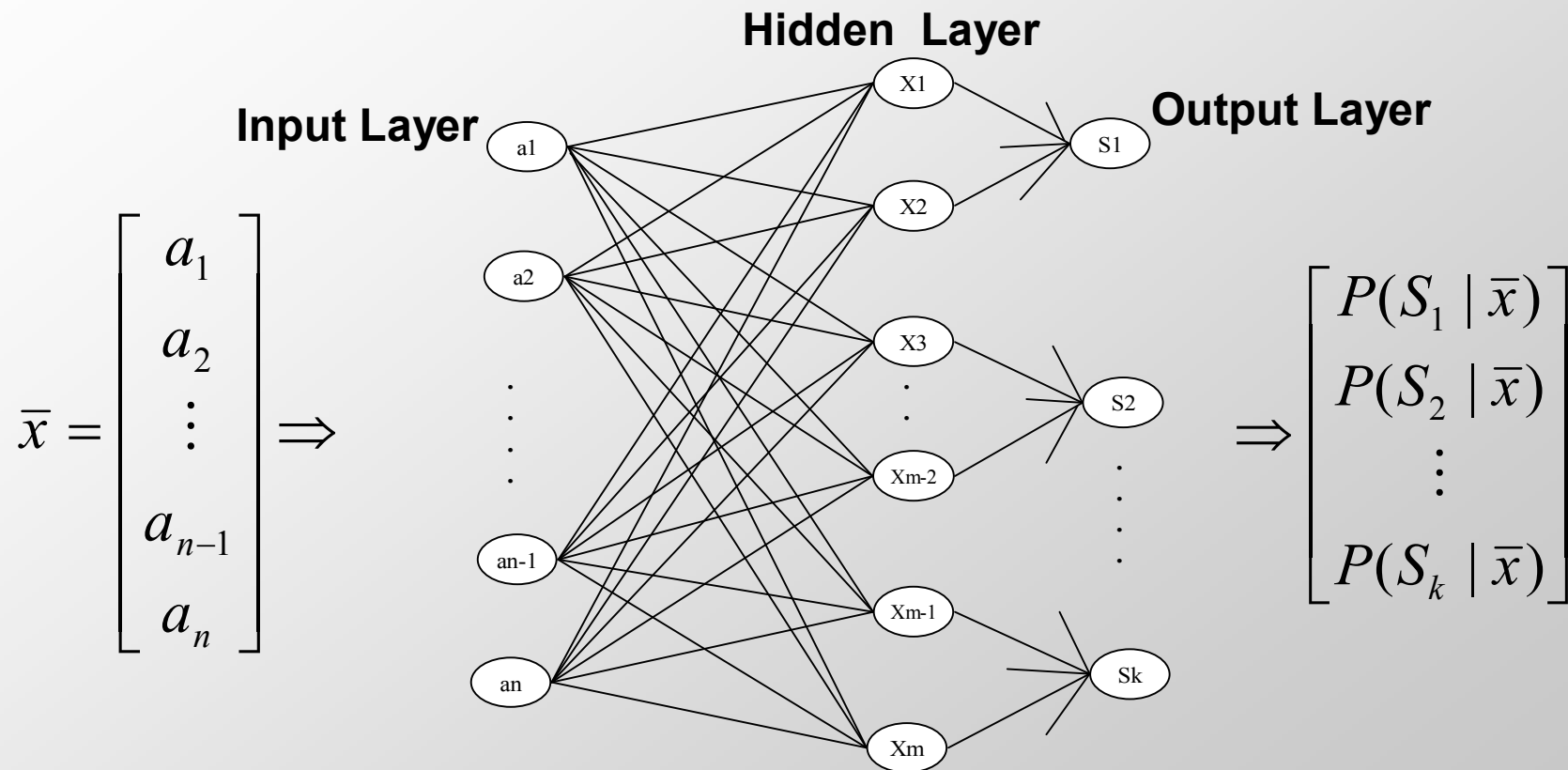
## Health Condition Estimation



The PNN classifies the examined radius to the most probable among possible health conditions



## Structure of PNN

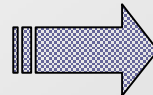




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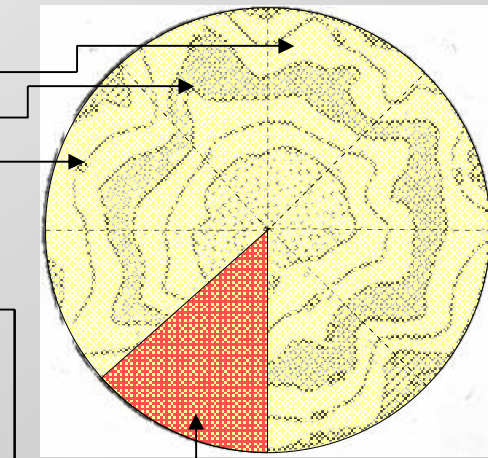
Estimated probabilities for  
each health condition and sector

Sector	Health Conditions			
	1st	2nd	...	M
1	83.64	10.16		1.10
2	95.67	0.54		2.22
3	93.13	1.24		4.65
.	.	.		.
.	.	.		.
.	.	.		.
j	8.00	91.10		0.90
.	.	.		.
.	.	.		.
N	99.99	0.00		0.01



Estimated health condition  
per sector

Sector	Health Condition
1	1st
2	1st
3	1st
.	.
.	.
.	.
j	2nd
.	.
.	.
N	1st



From the group of PNNs, the method allows a peripheral health  
condition estimation of the plot



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## Application of the method

**Concentration contour plots at several thrust levels  
of CO emission for the RB211 engines<sup>1</sup>**



**7%**



**30%**



**85%**

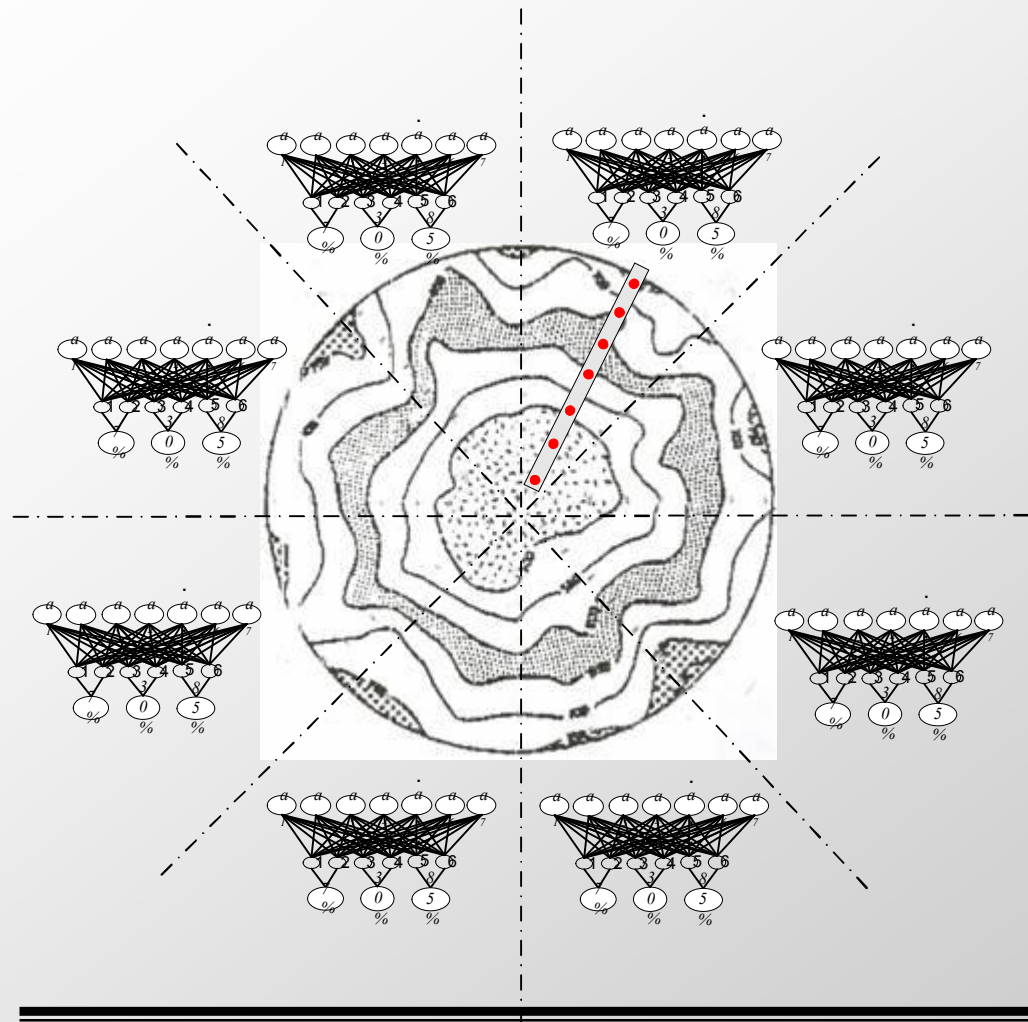
**The goal is to estimate the engine thrust level,  
circumferentially.**

<sup>1</sup>Plots taken from: 'Emissions variability and traversing on  
production RB211 engines', ASME paper, 83-GT-1411





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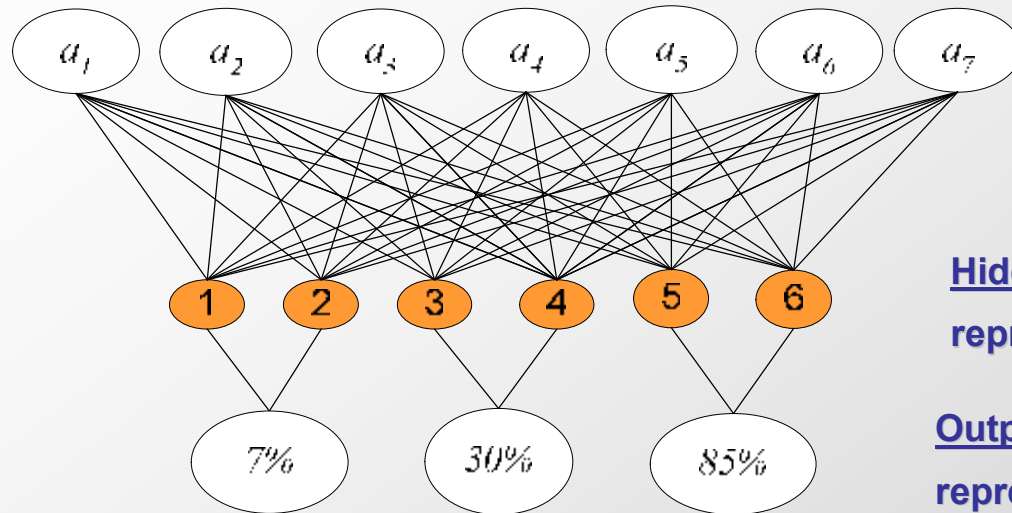


**Networks: 8 PNNs covering  
8 sectors of emission  
concentration plot**

**Pattern: Analysis of  
7 radial points**



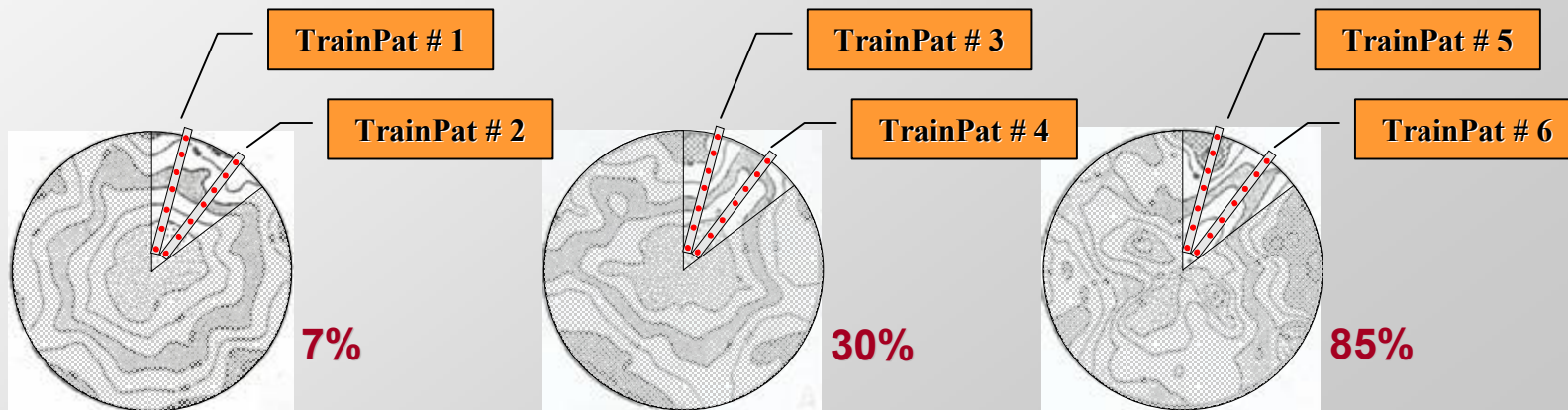
## Training the PNNs



Input Layer: 7 nodes  
representing the pattern vector

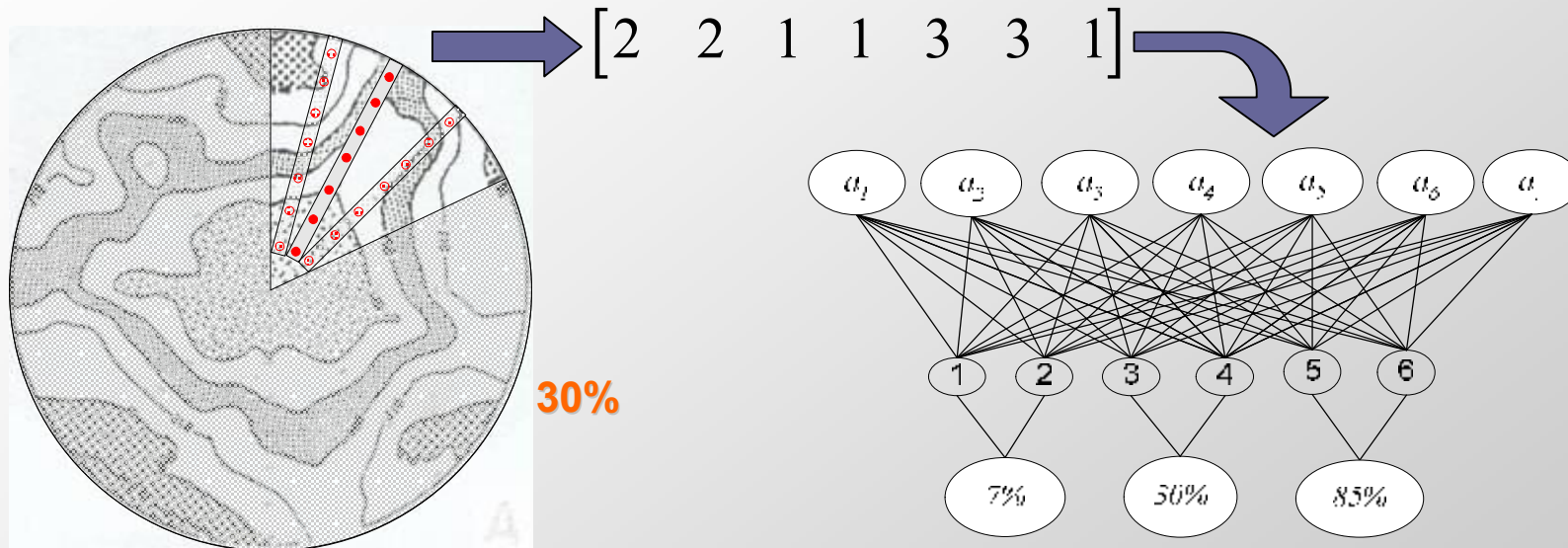
Hidden Layer: 6 nodes  
representing the training patterns

Output Layer: 3 nodes  
representing the considered thrust levels



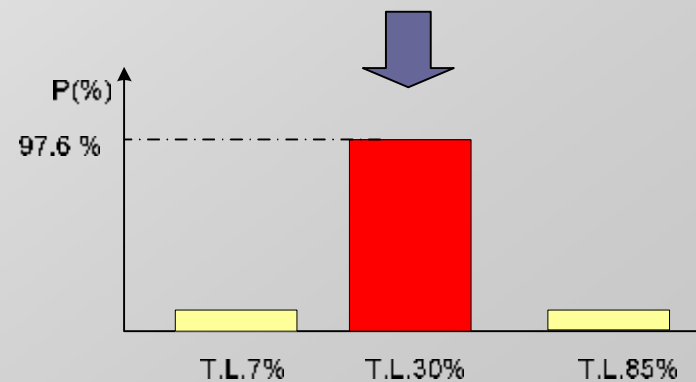


## Assessment of method effectiveness



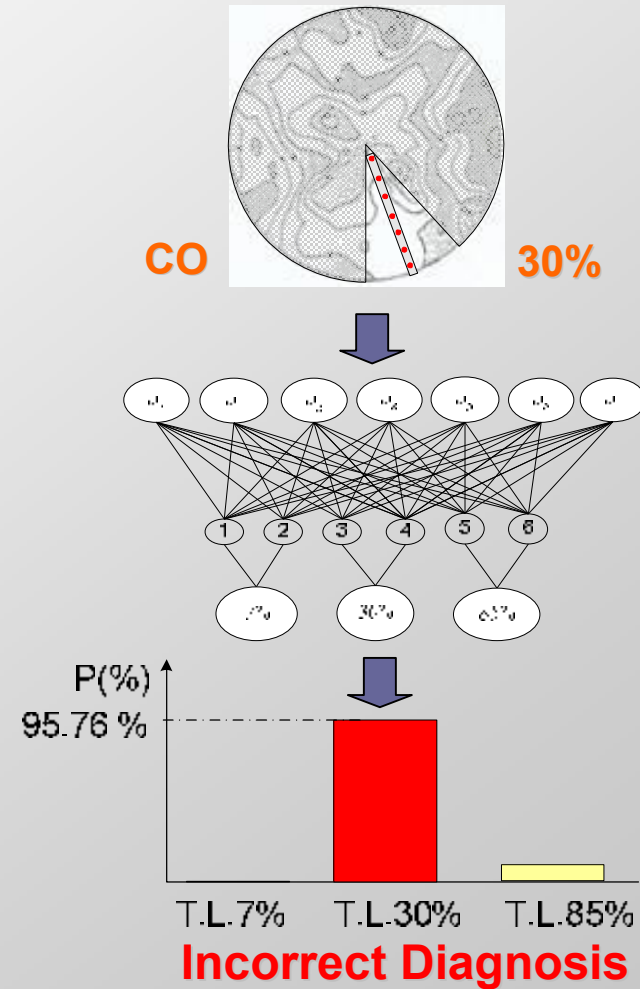
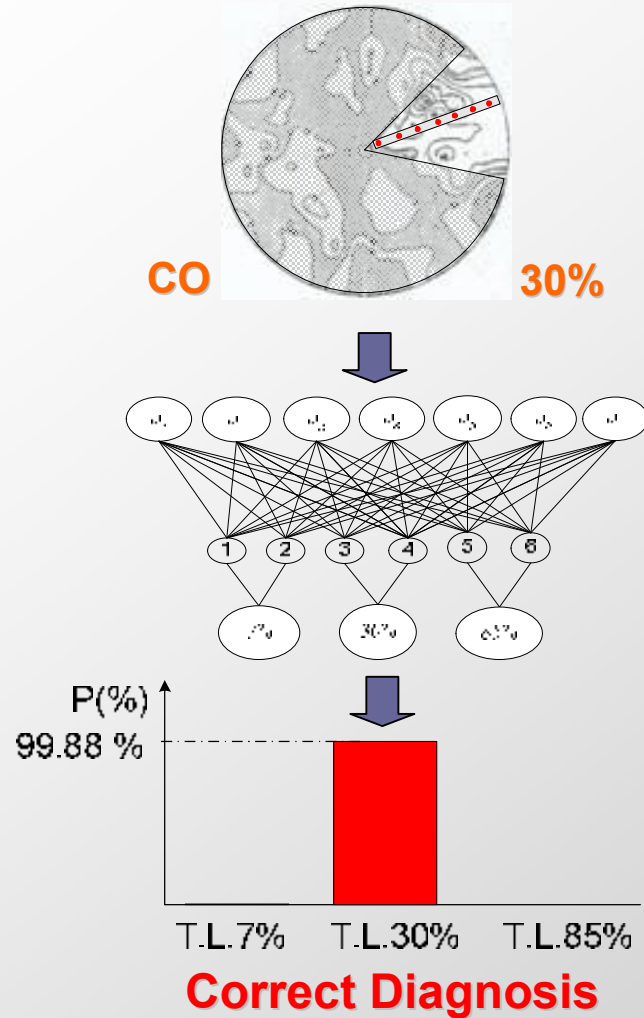
93% of not-trained examined patterns  
were classified correctly

100% of trained patterns were  
classified correctly



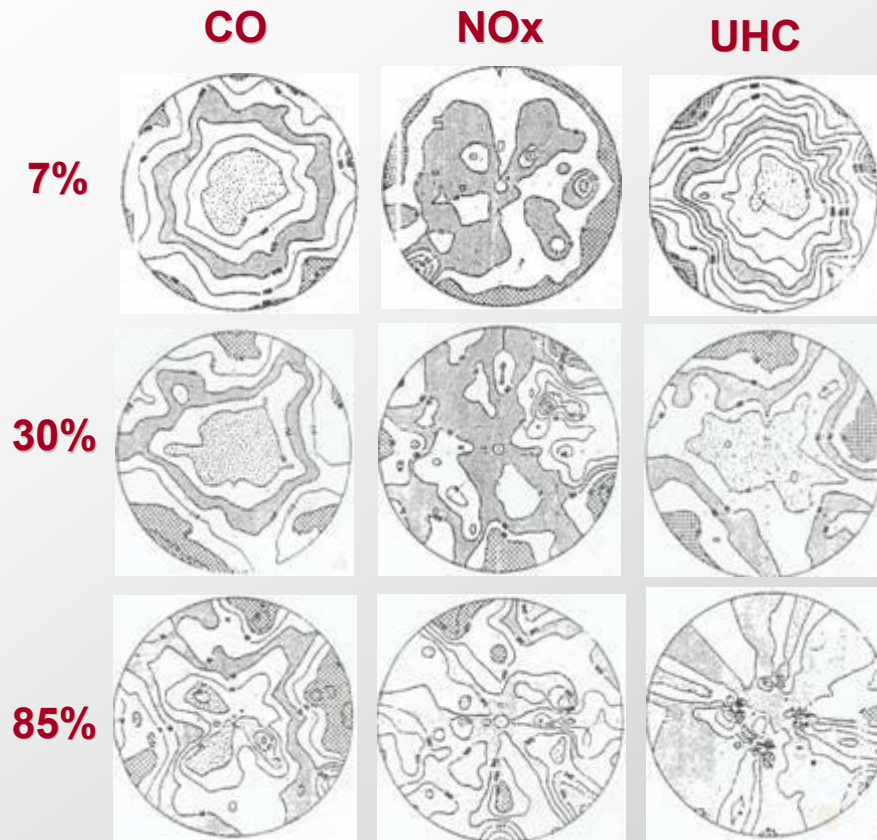


## **Assessment of method effectiveness**





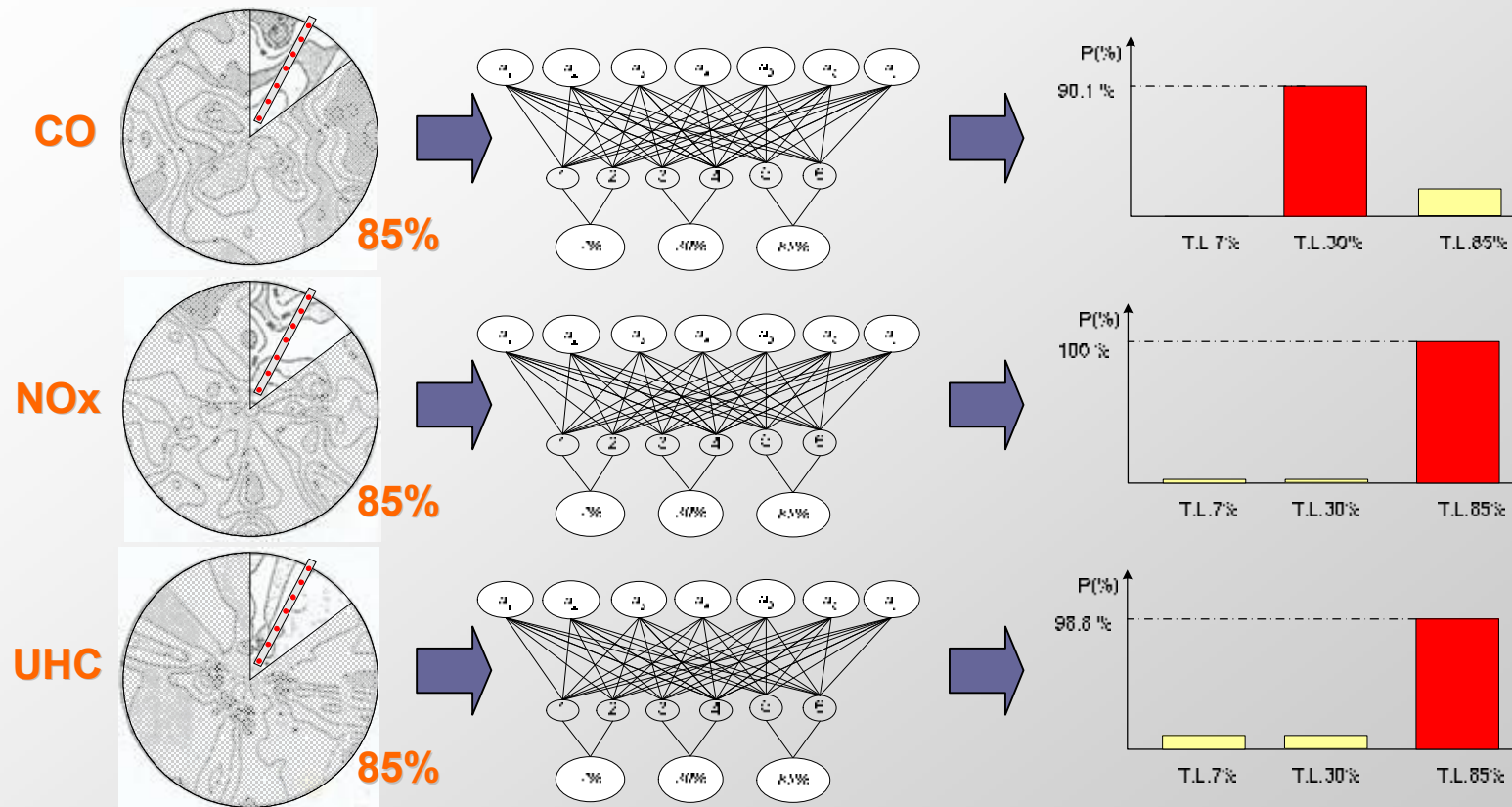
## Fusion of diagnostic conclusions based on individual species



Application of the  
method in other  
emission concentration  
plots, may improve  
diagnosis



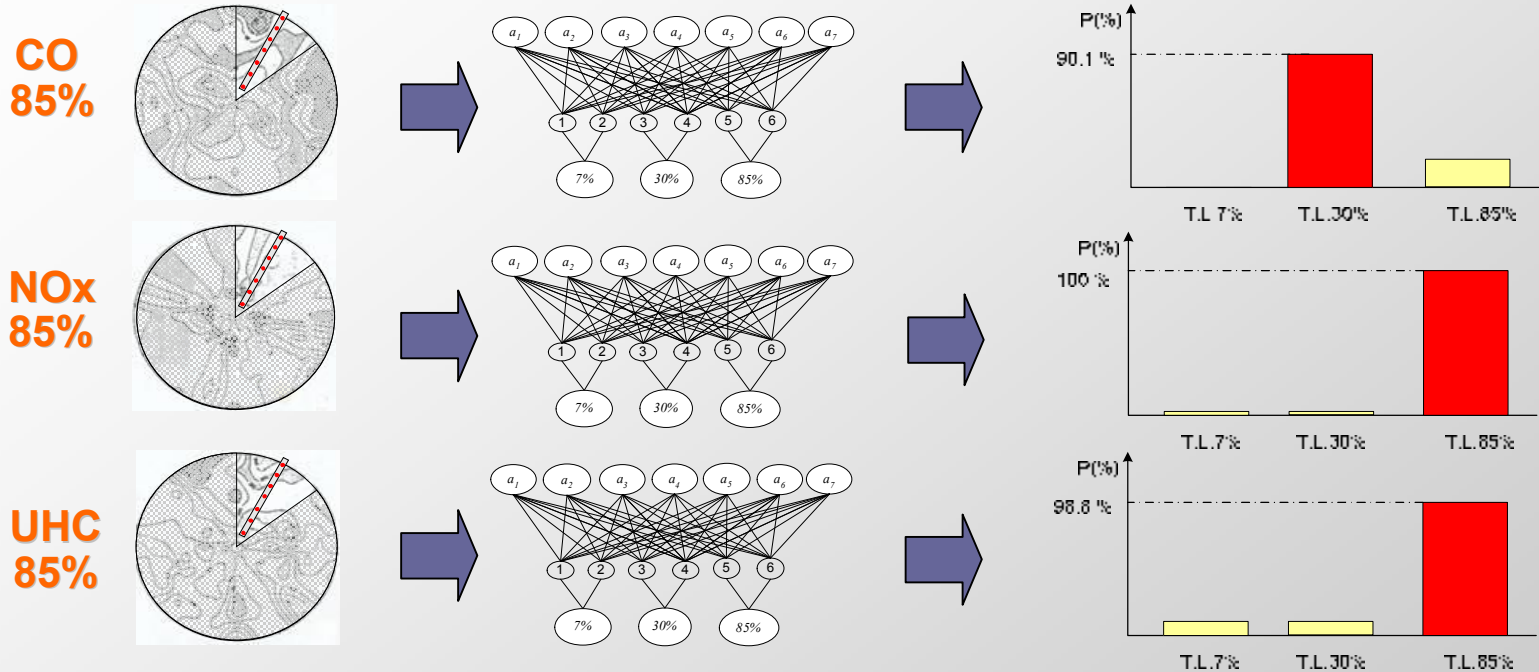
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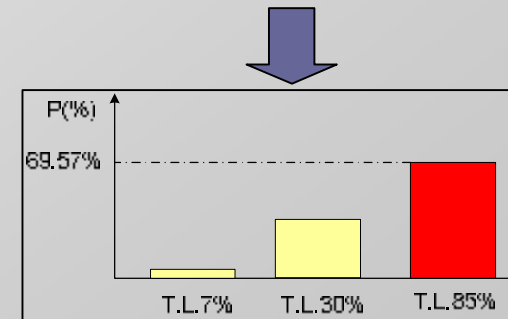
**A first possible approach: Averaging of estimated probabilities  
leads to a correct classification in all cases**



## Fusion of diagnostic conclusion



Fusion of diagnostics results  
by application of the method  
on different species led to a  
correct diagnosis





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## **Summary - Conclusions**

- **A method allowing fault diagnosis from emission concentration plots has been presented**
- **The method is based on pattern recognition through the use of a specific type of Artificial Neural Networks, the Probabilistic Neural Networks.**
- **A first application has shown that the presented method can be an efficient tool for the diagnosis of engine faults, once data is available.**