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# Computing Correlation Anomaly Scores using Stochastic Nearest Neighbors

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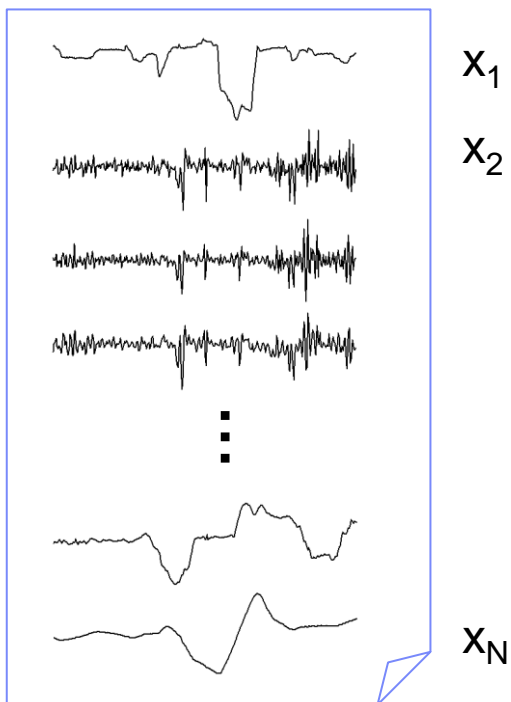
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## Problem statement

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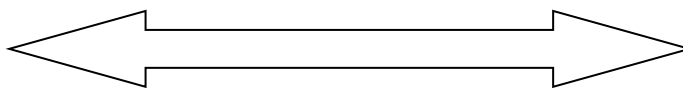
We address a task of *change analysis* between two data sets

data set A



Problem 1 (change detection):

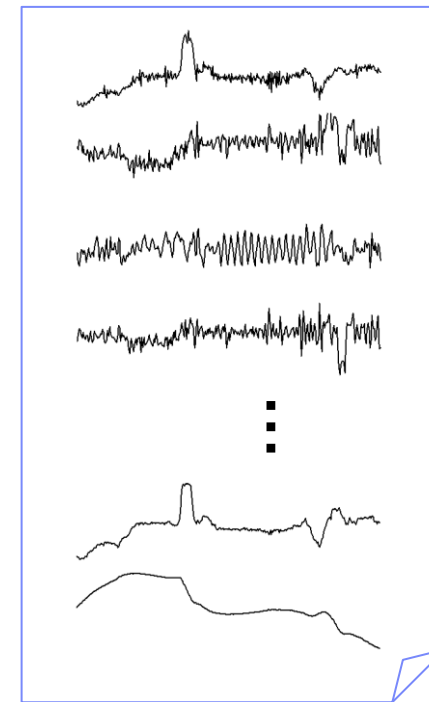
Tell whether A and B are different



Problem 2 (change *analysis*):

Given A and B, tell which variables are responsible for the difference between them

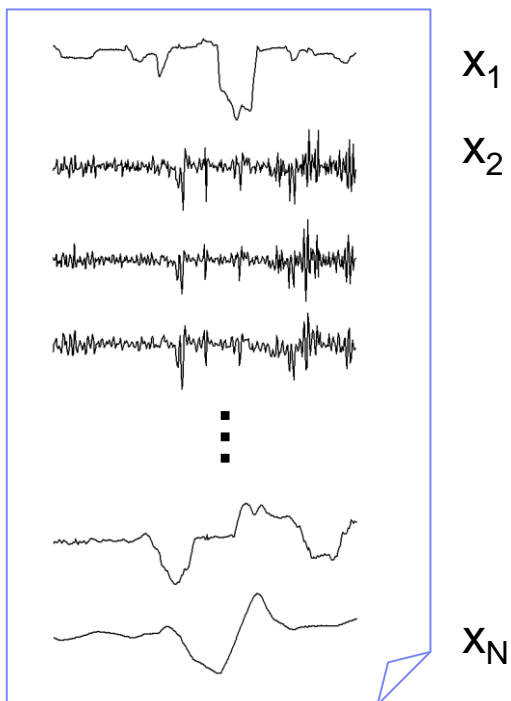
data set B



## Problem statement (2/2):

We assume sensor signals of highly correlated and dynamic natures

data set A



### Typical application

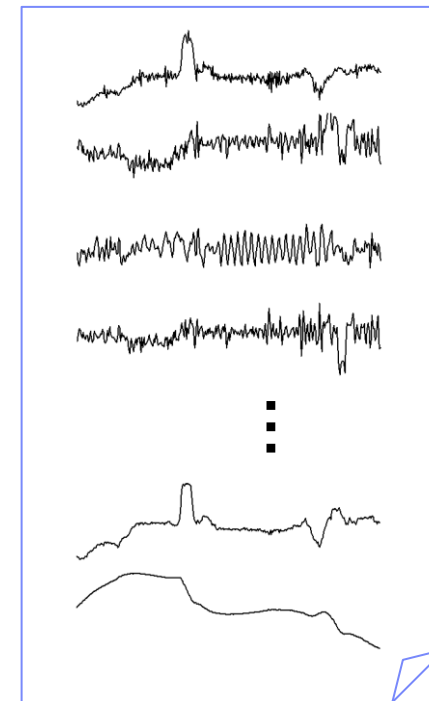
Sensor validation (to identify faulty sensors)



### Challenges in real data

- dependency between signals
- highly dynamic nature
- heterogeneities
- no supervised information

data set B

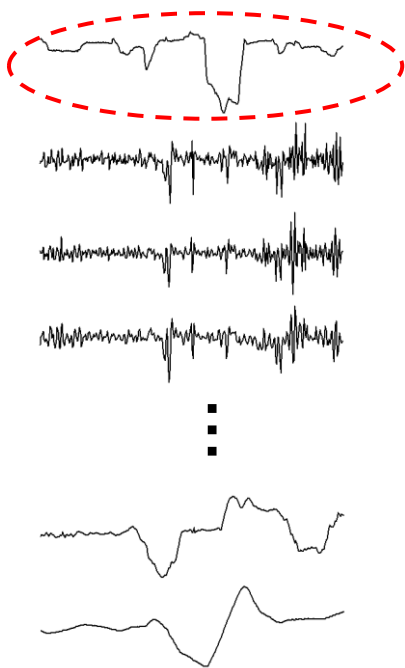
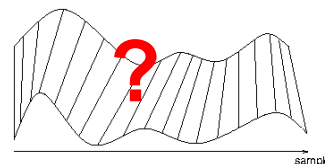


## Related work: Highly dynamic and correlated natures make the problem difficult

### Time-series alignment (or DTW)

[Berndt 94, Keogh 00, ...]

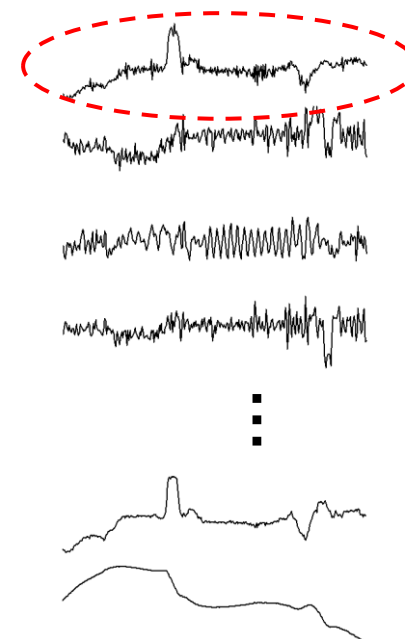
- hard to handle highly dynamic natures



### Two-sample test

[Friedman 79, Henze 88, Gretton 07, ...]

- capable of handling change detection
- but hard to do change analysis



### PCA-based approach

[Papadimitriou 05, Idé 05, ...]

- doesn't work since no stable latent structure in this case  
→ see Experiment

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## Neighborhood preservation principle

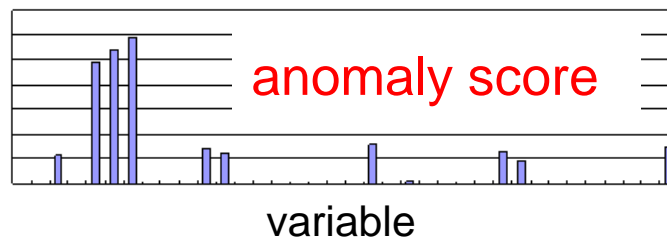
## Our goal: to compute the anomaly score of each signal

data set A

test data

$$\{\mathbf{x}^{(t)} \in \mathbb{R}^N\}$$

$t =$  (time index)



data set B

reference data

$$\{\bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(t)} \in \mathbb{R}^N\}$$

$t =$  (time index)

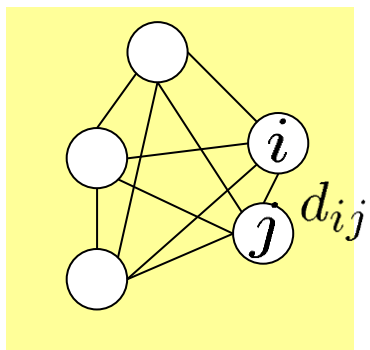


## Reducing the problem to graph comparison

data set A

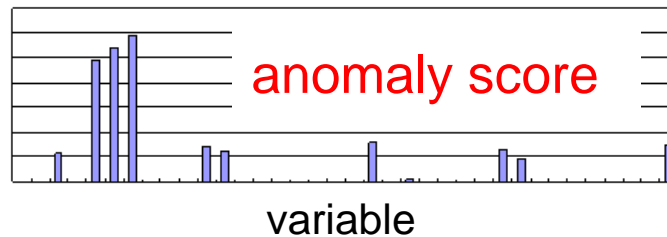
test data

dissimilarity graph



$$D \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$$

	$x_1$	$x_2$	..
$x_1$	0	0.2	..
$x_2$	0.2	0	..
..	..	..	..



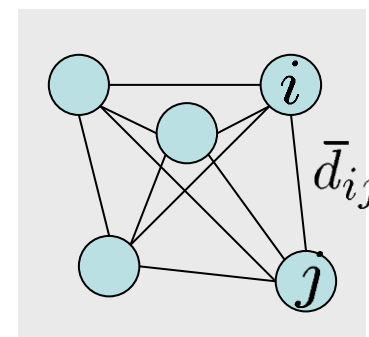
variable

Problem

**Which nodes are responsible for the difference between the two graphs?**

data set B

reference data



$$\bar{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$$

Simplest choice of dissimilarity:

$$d_{i,j} = -\log |a_{i,j}|$$

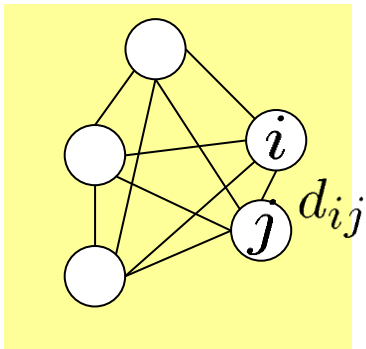
Correlation coefficient between the  $i$ - and  $j$ -th signals

## Key observation: Globally unstable, but locally stable

data set A

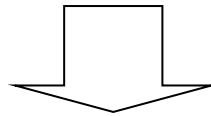
test data

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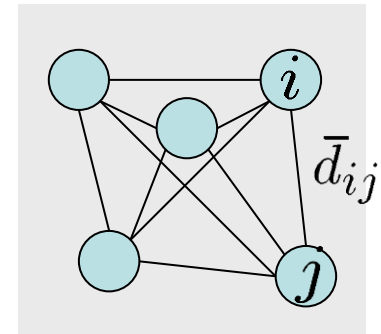
- **Global graph structure is unstable**
  - ▶ due to highly dynamic nature
- **Highly correlated pairs are relatively stable**
  - ▶ even under dynamic fluctuation



- ***Neighborhood Preservation Principle***
  - ▶ Under normal system operations, “*tightness*” of highly correlated pairs will be unchanged

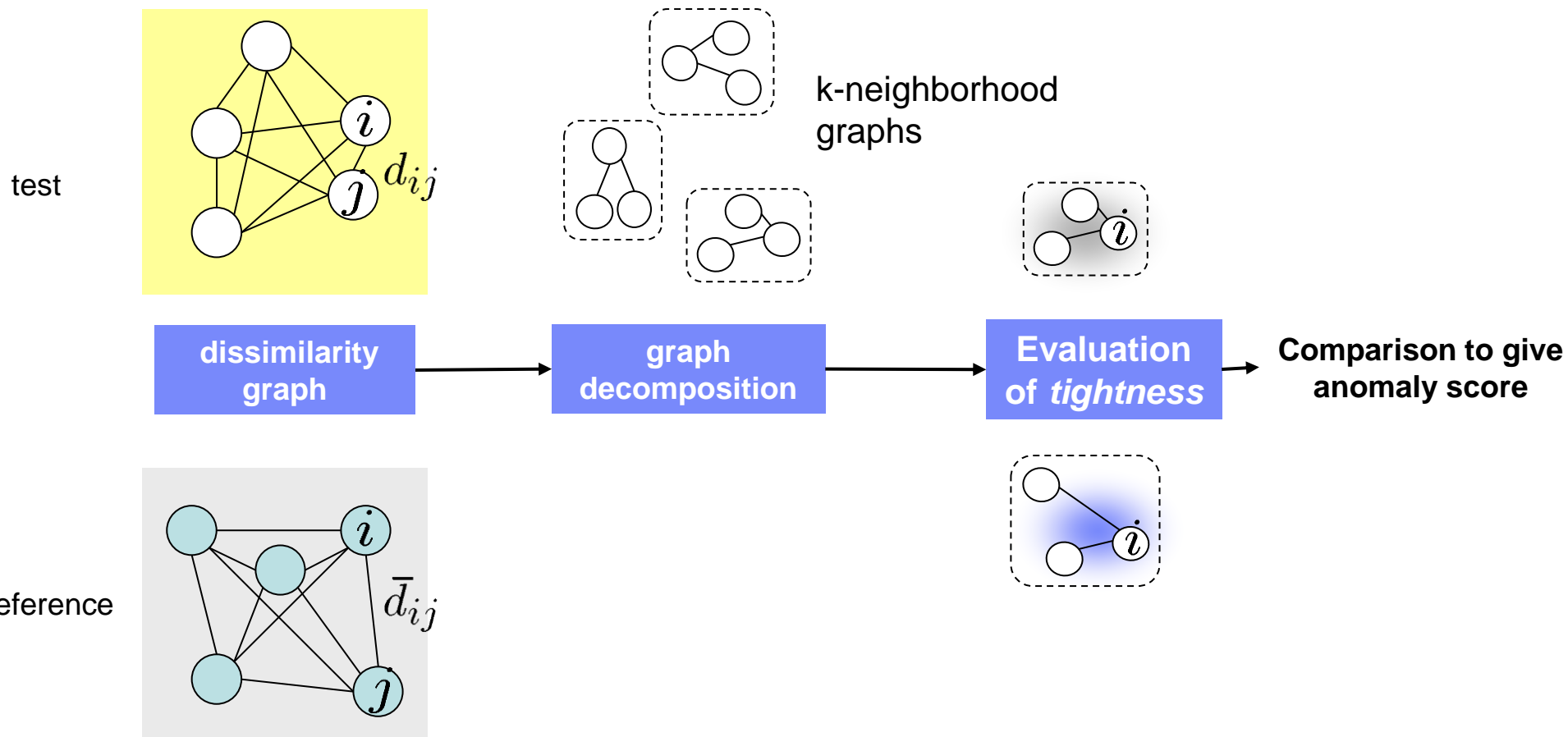
data set B

reference data



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## High level overview of our approach: We focus only on local structures of the graph



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## Stochastic nearest neighbors

## The tightness is defined as the sum of coupling probabilities $p(j|i)$

- Imagine that graph edges are not static but *stochastic*
- **The definition of tightness**

$$e_i(\mathcal{N}_i) \equiv \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} p(j|i)$$

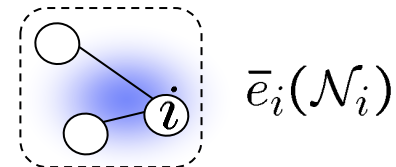
$p(j|i)$ : coupling probability of  $i$  to  $j$

$\mathcal{N}_i$ : set of neighboring nodes of  $i$



Evaluation  
of *tightness*

→ Comparison to give  
anomaly score



- The anomaly score (***E-score***) is naturally given by\*

$$E \equiv |e_i(\mathcal{N}_i) - \bar{e}_i(\mathcal{N}_i)|$$

\* In fact, the algorithm has been designed to be symmetric between the two data sets. For detail, see the paper.

## $p(j|i)$ is determined by utilizing a notion of stochastic neighborhood

$p(j|i)$  can be determined by solving the following problem:

→ c.f. Hinton-Roweis 03

*“For a given # of edges, minimize the average dissimilarity within the neighborhood graph”*

$$\min \langle d_i \rangle \quad \text{s.t.} \quad e^{H_i} = \text{const.}, \quad p(i|i) + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} p(j|i) = 1$$

Minimum average  
dissimilarity

Constant perplexity  
( $H_i$ : entropy)  
→ constant # of neighboring nodes

Normalization  
condition

### Solution:

$$p(j|i) = \frac{1}{Z_i} e^{-\frac{d_{ij}}{\sigma_i}} \quad \text{where} \quad Z_i \equiv 1 + \sum_{l \in \mathcal{N}_i} e^{-\frac{d_{il}}{\sigma_i}}$$

This amounts to “softening” neighborhood graphs.

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## Experimental result and summary

## E-score clearly pinpointed faulty automobile sensors, which were very hard to be detected by the human eye

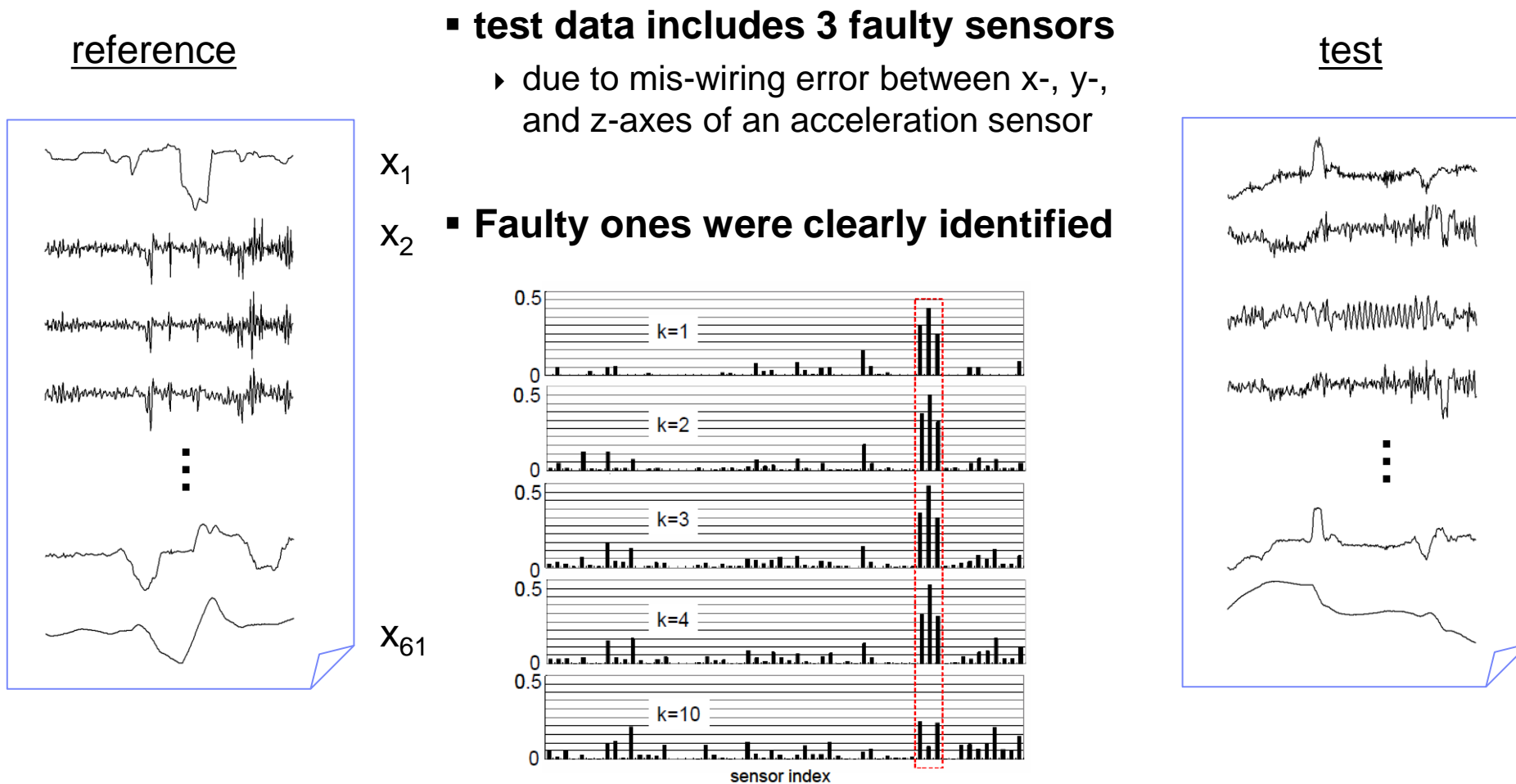


Figure 4. The  $k$ -dependence of the  $E$ -scores.



## Summary

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- **We formalize the task of change analysis**
- **We proposed the neighborhood preservation principle for change analysis**

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**Thanks !**