



The potential of collecting and analyzing BIG DATA from production

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Active throughout Europe: Our locations

...one of Europe's
leading sugar
producers

with 18 production sites
(13 sugar factories)

3.300 employees

Production of 2-3 Mio t
sugar out of sugar
beets

Processing up to
6 t beets per minute

Supplied by 15.000
farmers



Sugar production

<http://www.nordicsugar.dk/kend-dit-sukker/fra-roe-til-krystal/>





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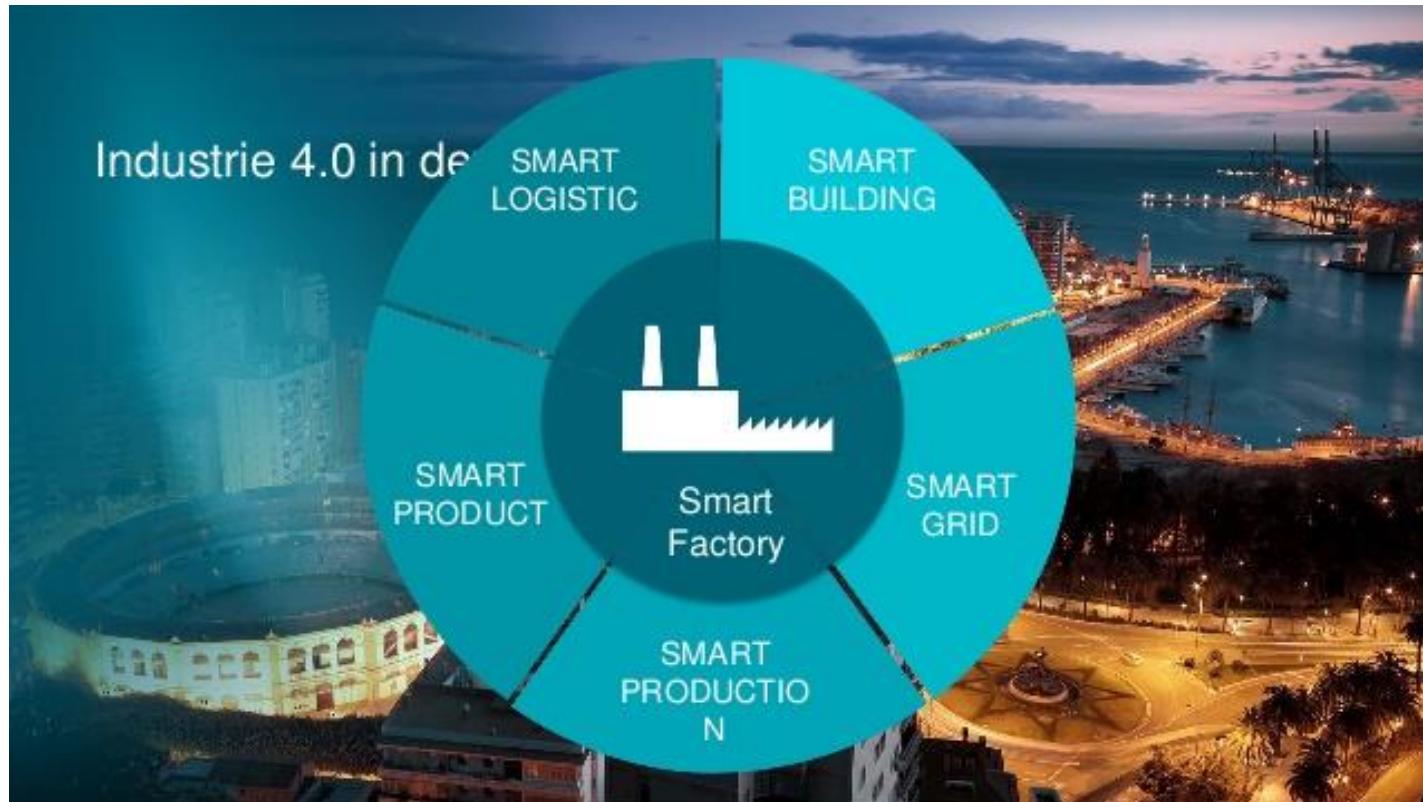
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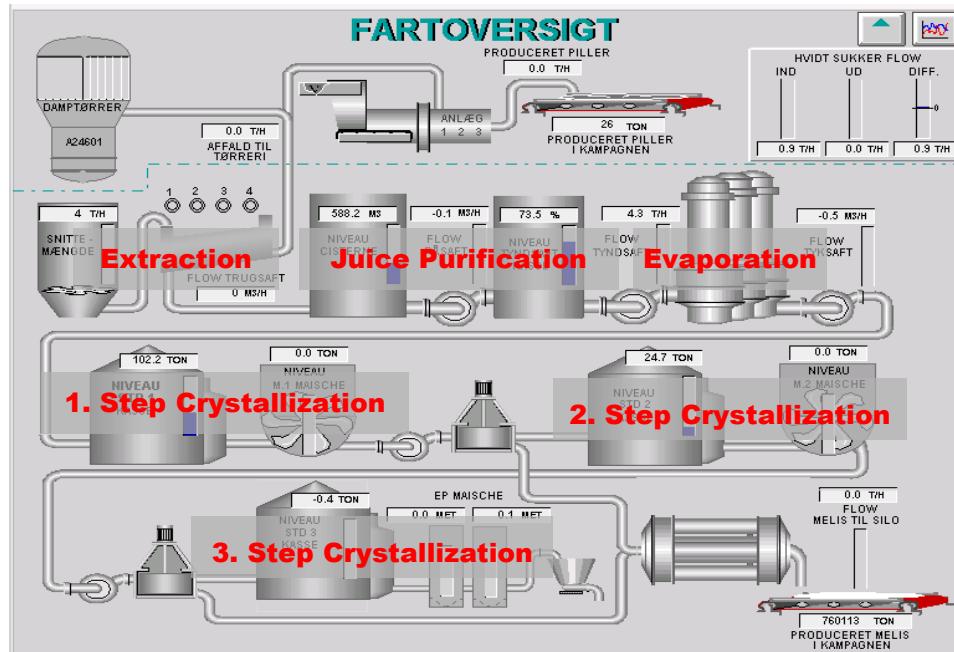
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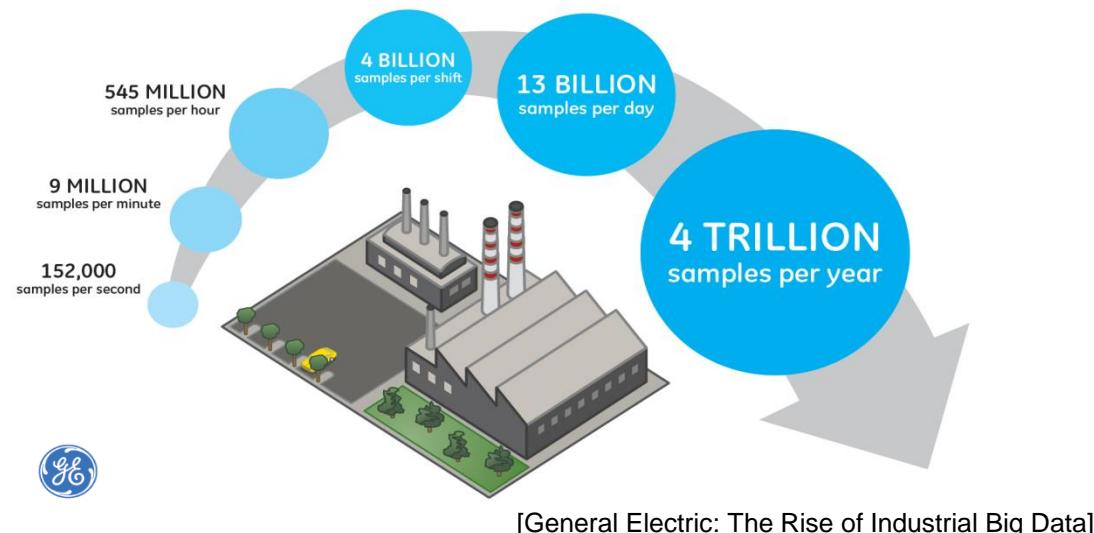
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- Existing links between Automation and Field devices:
 - Single loop controls
 - Local to one section of the factory
- Can we link different sections of the factory?



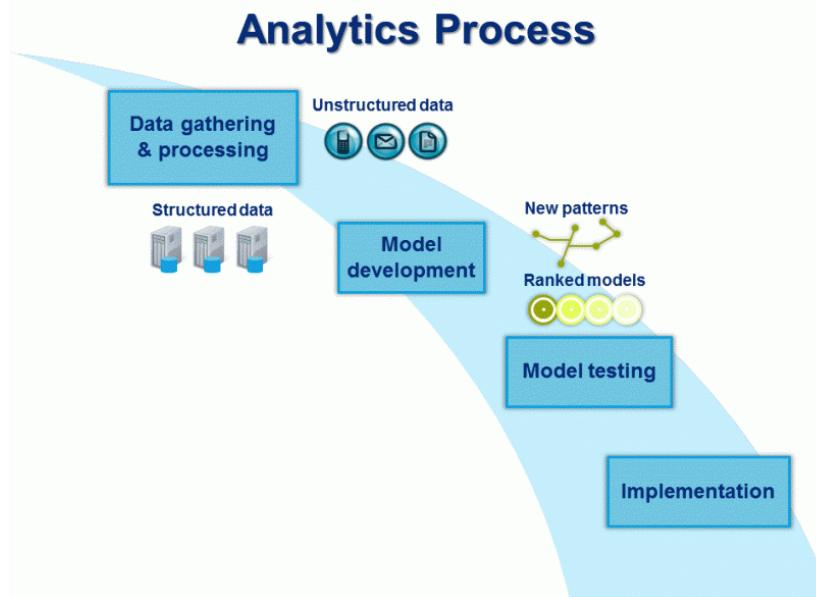
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Objective

- Optimize important process parameters
- Big data approach: Link related sections to optimize process

Case-study:

- Sugar quality parameter prediction

Tasks:

- Identifying variables affecting sugar quality parameter
- Predicting quality parameter
- Cross verification with lab samples
- Identifying potential causes and taking possible corrective actions



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Examples for quality parameters

- Size of the sugar crystal
- Color of the sugar crystal
- Ash content in sugar
- Insoluble residues



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Tool – KNIME (Konstanz Information Miner)

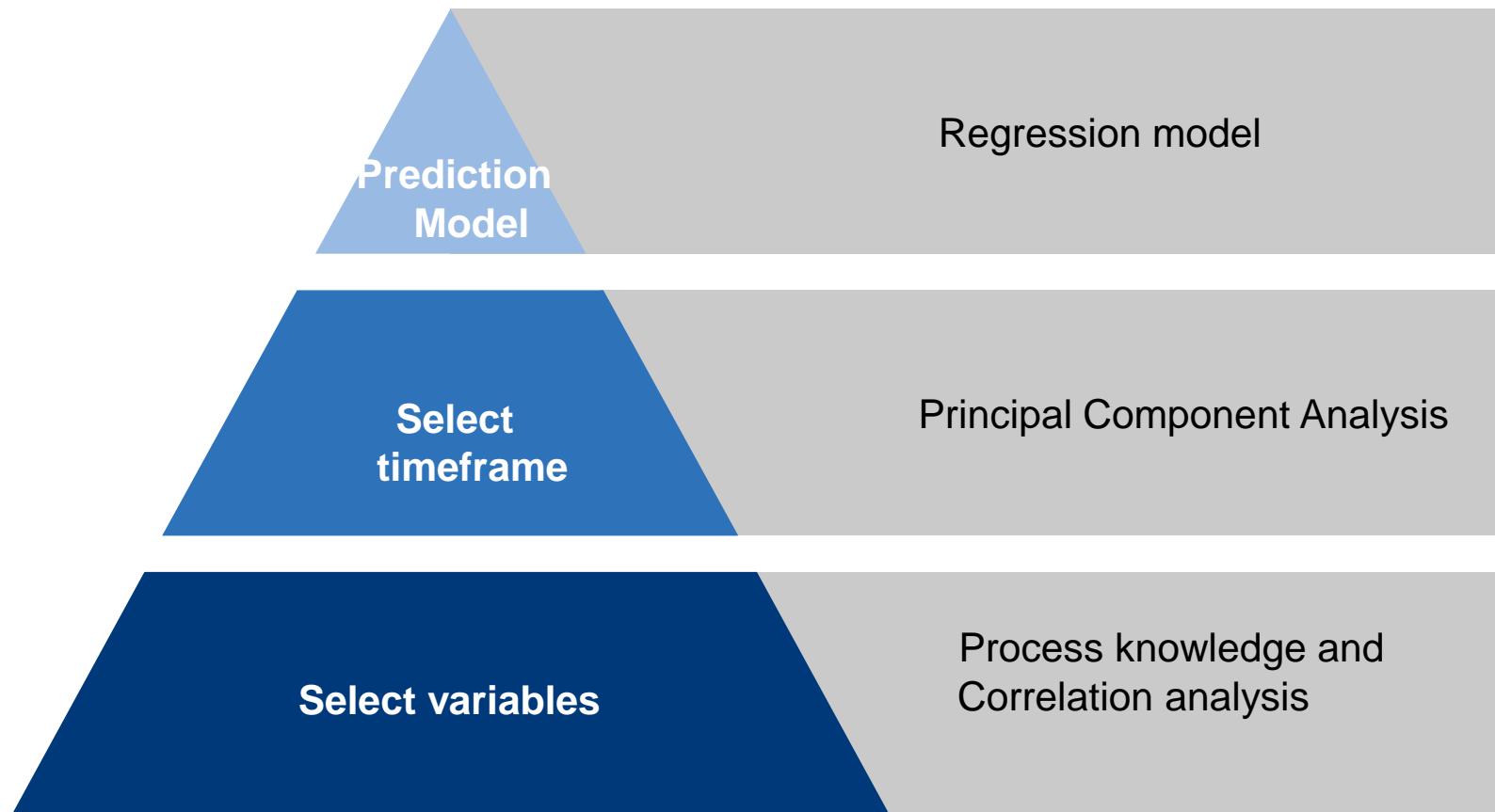
Reasons for choosing KNIME:

- It is a open source software
- KNIME can be used for data mining, analysis and manipulation
- Ability to operate on large datasets: scalability
- Scripting languages like R, Perl, Matlab can be used
- Written in JAVA, based on Eclipse SDK platform



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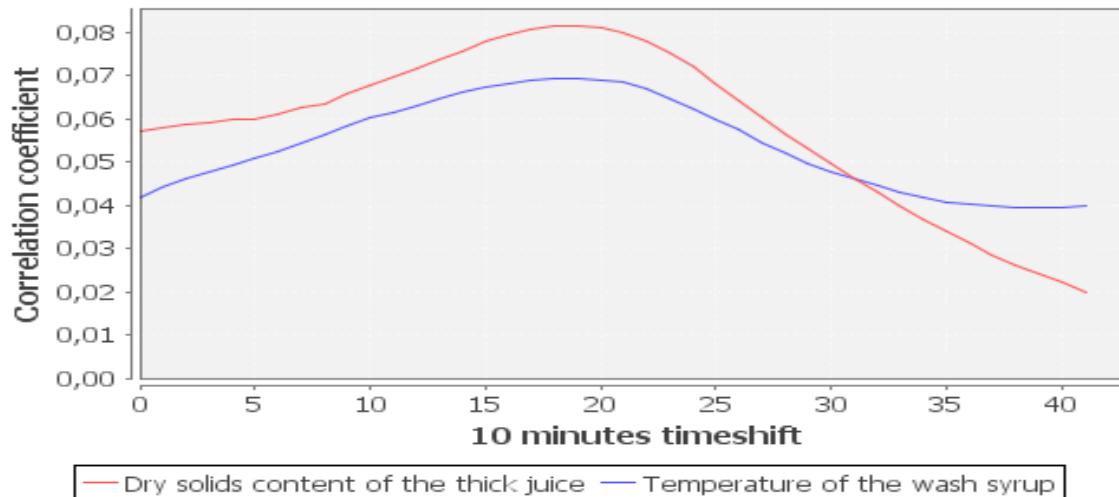
Selecting the process variables

Initial set of parameters:

- Based on process knowledge - 130 process variables

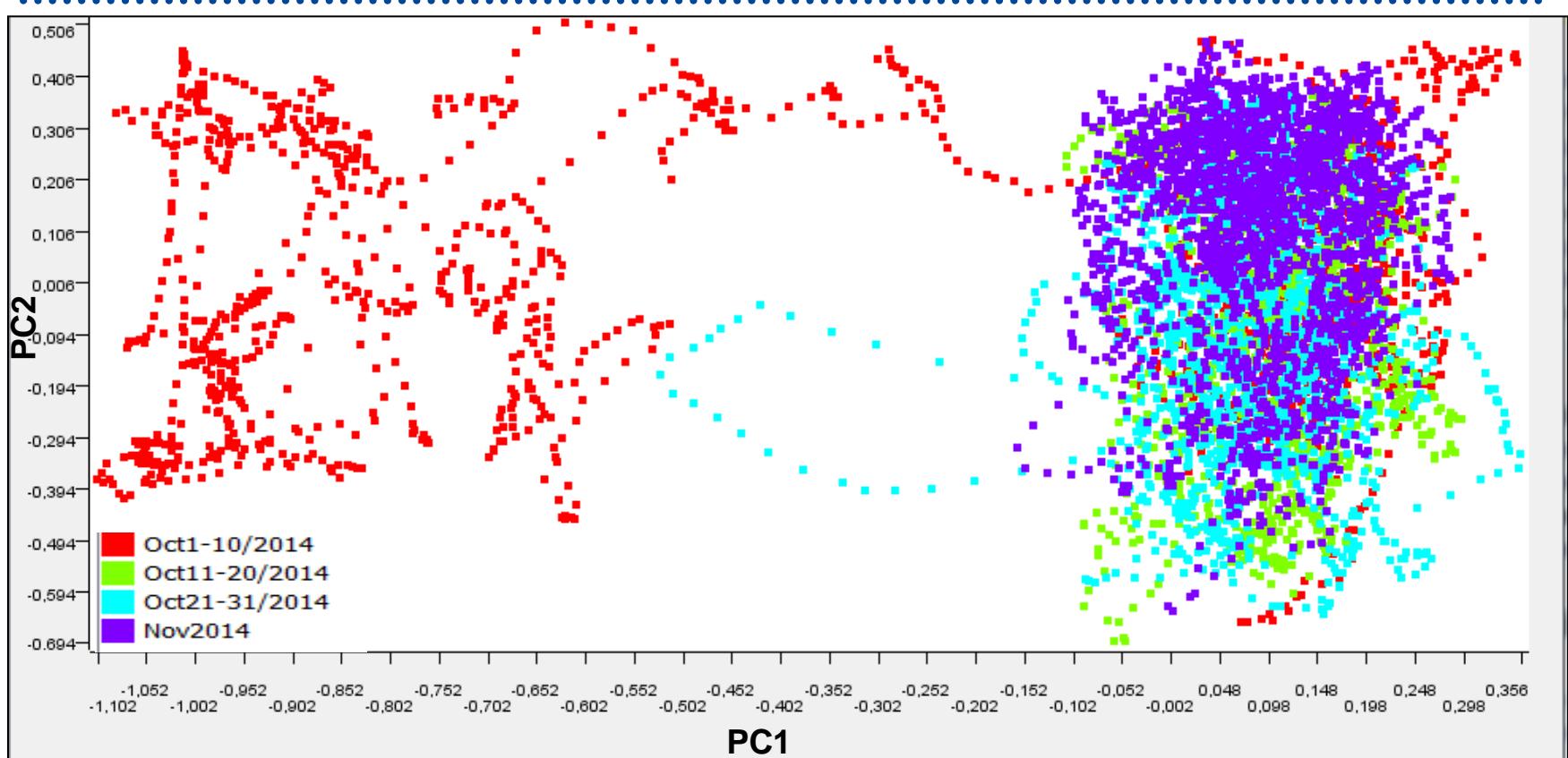
Further reductions:

1. Correlation between the parameters and the quality parameter was analyzed



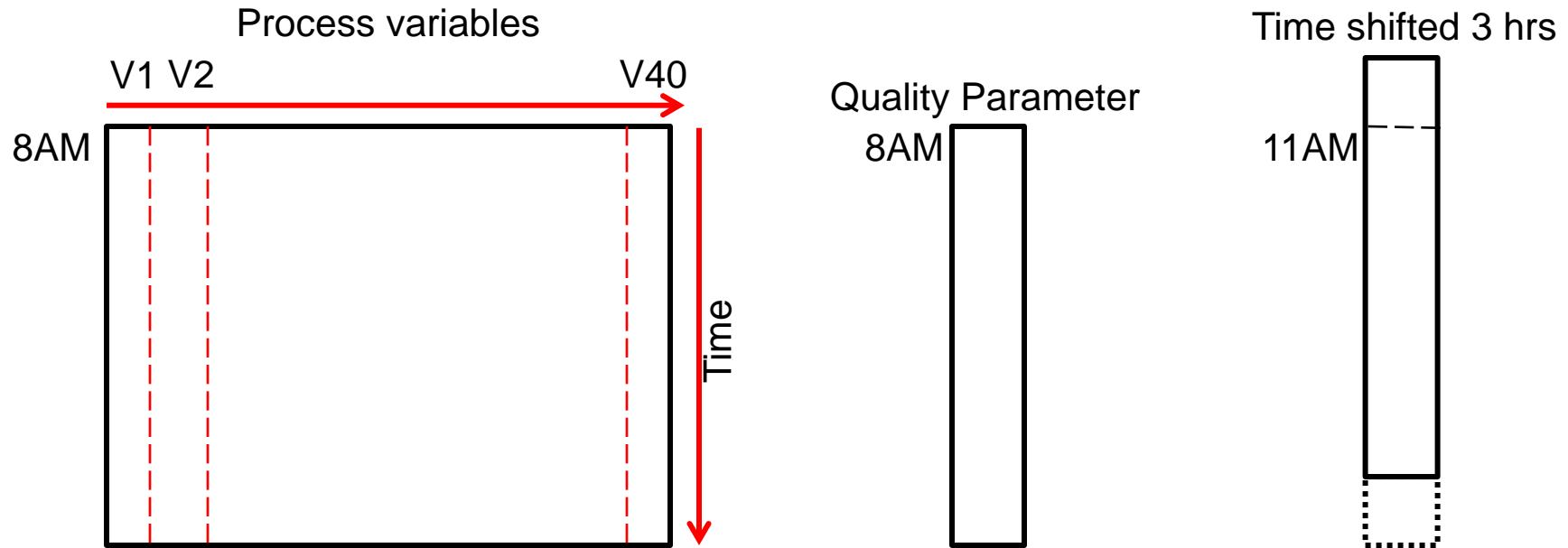
2. Parameters associated with the batch processes are neglected
3. 40 parameters instead of 130 parameters for modeling

Selecting time frame - PCA



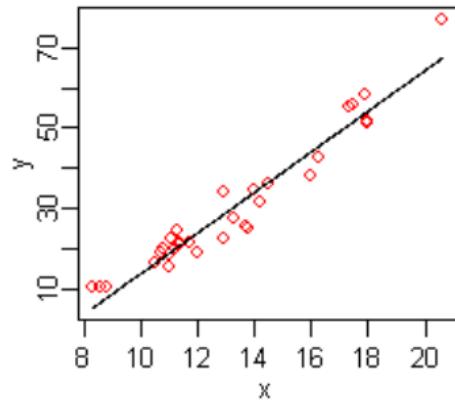
- Map all selected variables in two dimension
- Understand more about the data → time dependency

Prediction model

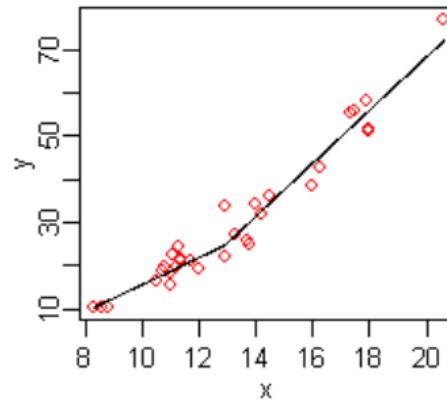


Prediction model

- Model is built using MARS (Multivariate Adaptive Regression Splines)
 - Flexible method
 - Extension of linear models
 - Nonlinearities and interactions between variables



Normal Regression

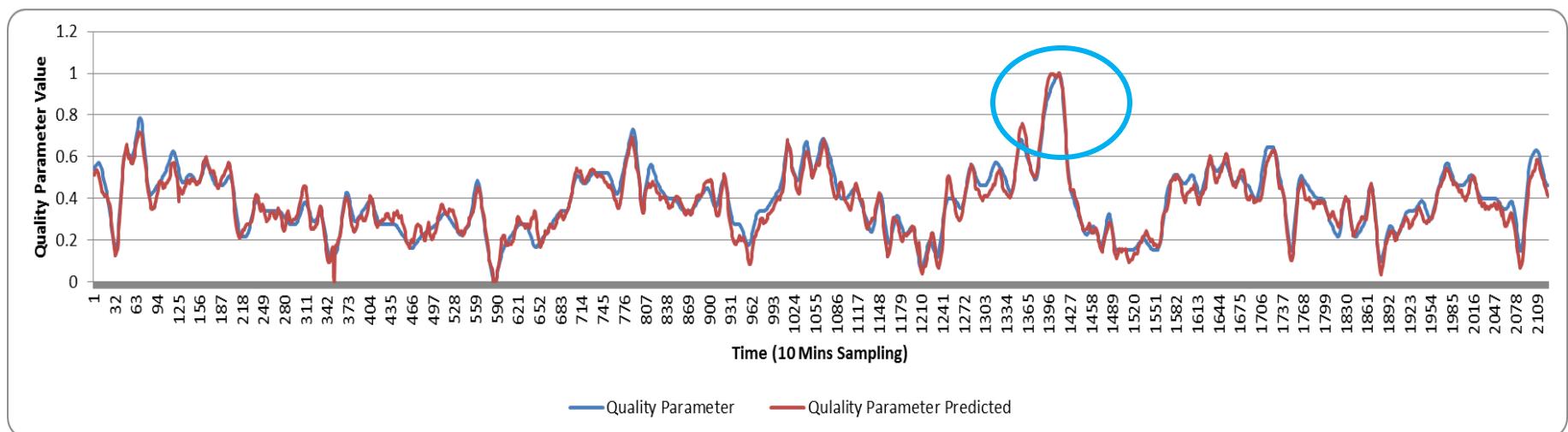


MARS

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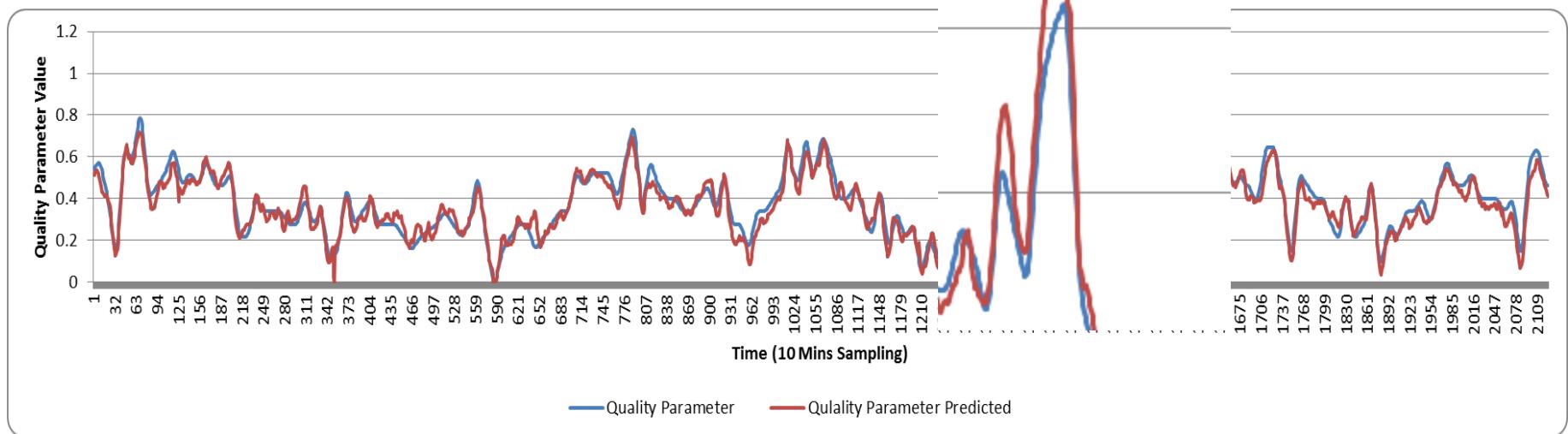
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- Prediction model identifies important parameters
- The model is built using these 10 parameters

Parameter	Nsubsets	RSS	GCV
Parameter 1	14	100.00	100.00
Parameter 2	14	100.00	100.00
Parameter 3	12	92.60	93.1
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Parameter 10	2	5.8	6.4

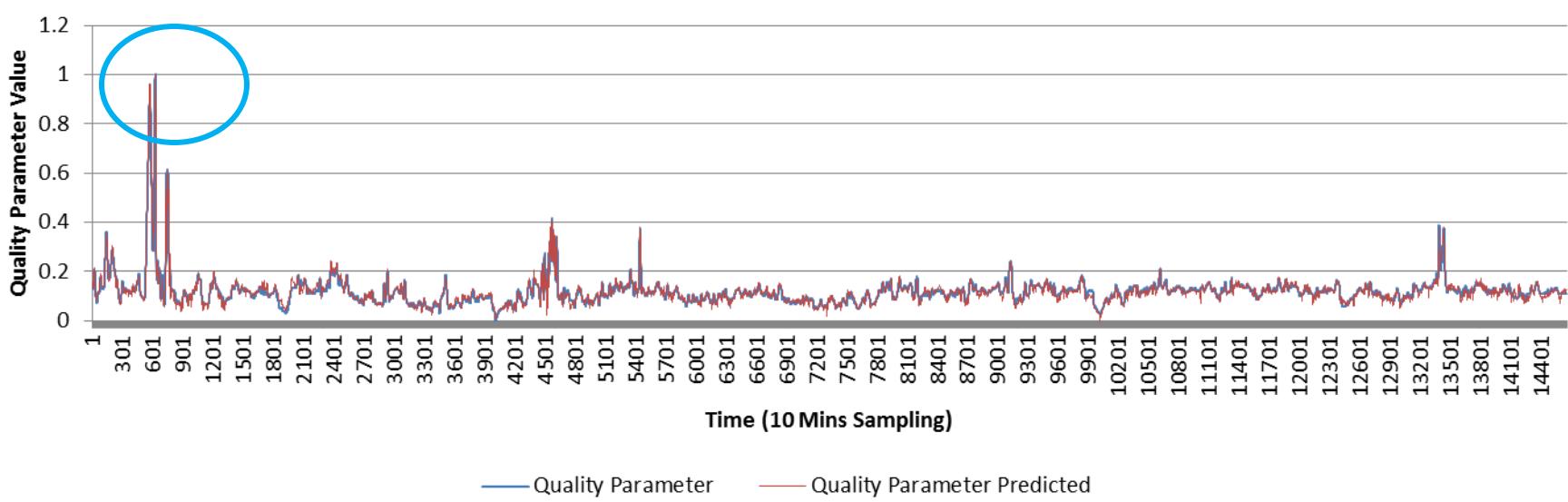
RSS – Residual Sum of Squares

GCV – Generalized Cross Validation

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Data Set 2:

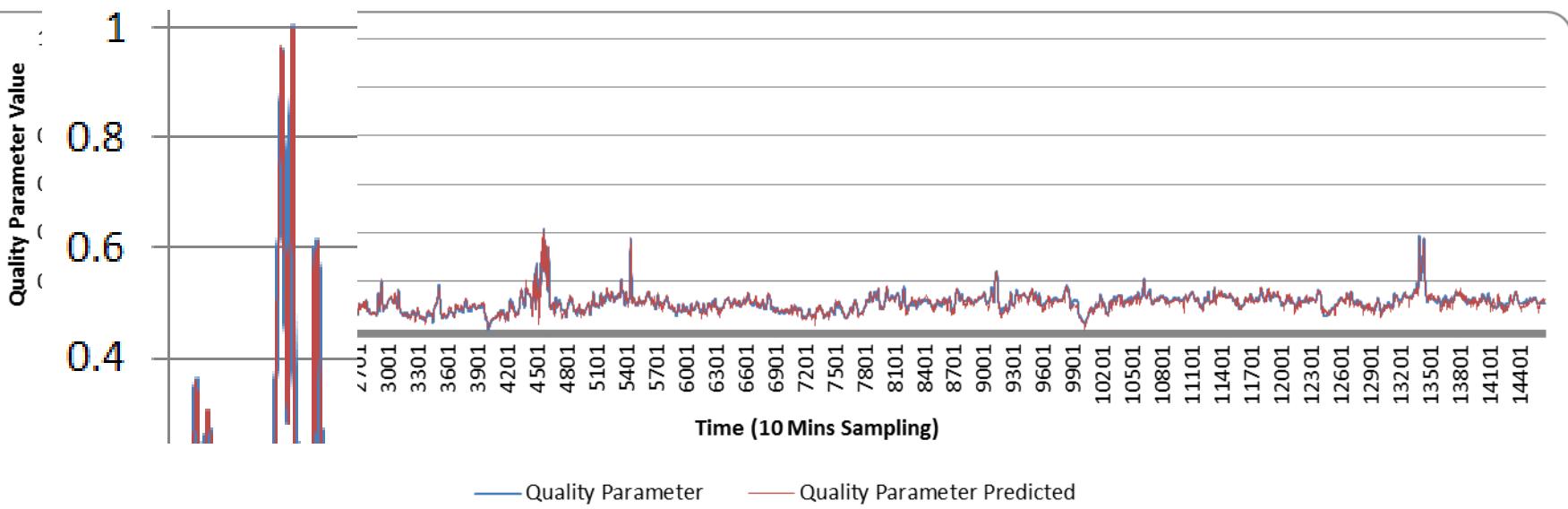
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Conclusion and outlook

- Prediction of Quality parameter is possible with error range of 3% (MAPE)
- Identify faulty instruments using operating ranges of instruments
- Cost savings by taking corrective action

Next steps:

- Online implementation
- Automatic identification of parameters causing bad sugar quality
- Compare results with other prediction approaches like Neural Network

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