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Machine Learning and Accelerators: Neural Network Based Modeling and Control at ASTA

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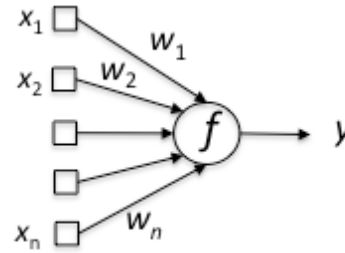
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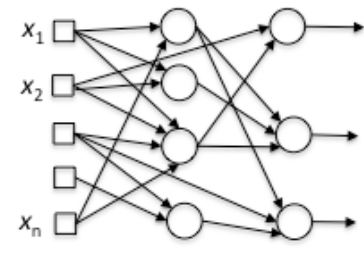
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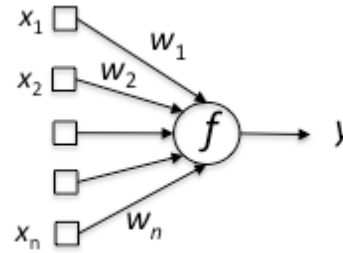
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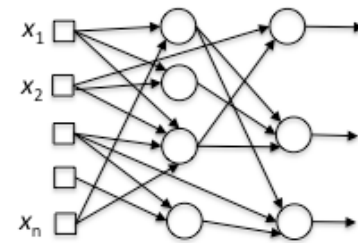
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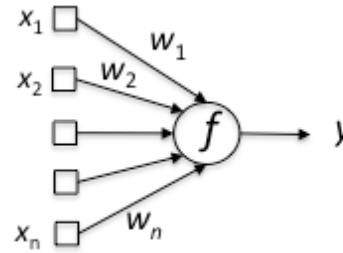
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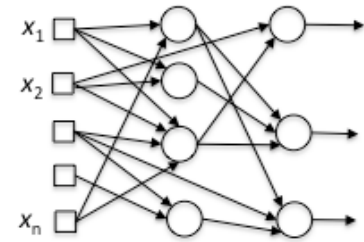
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- Poor generalization
- Computationally intensive to train
- Long, iterative design procedure
- Good design requires substantial expert knowledge



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Initial Studies at ASTA

- ❖ Start simple → NN temperature control of the RF gun

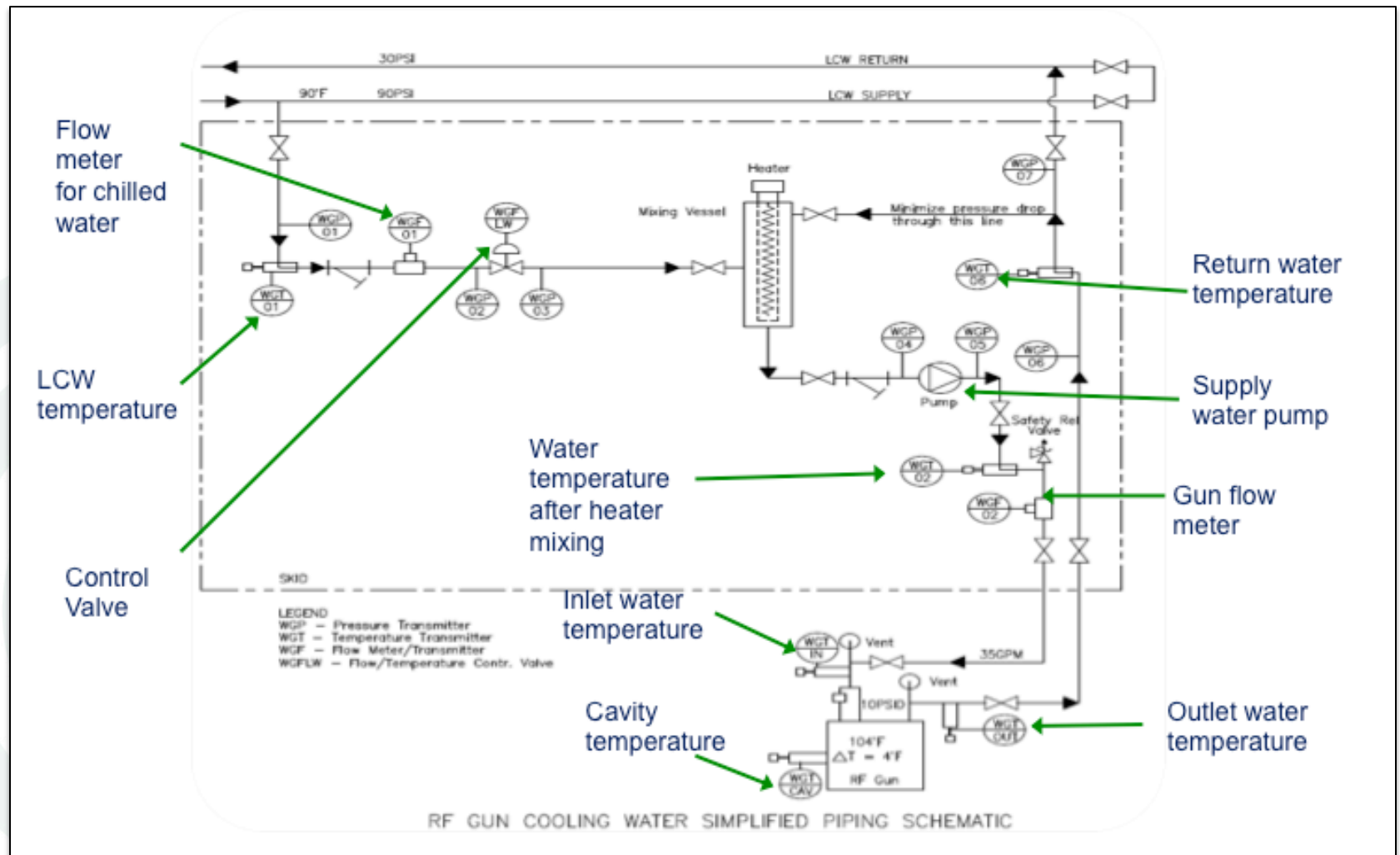


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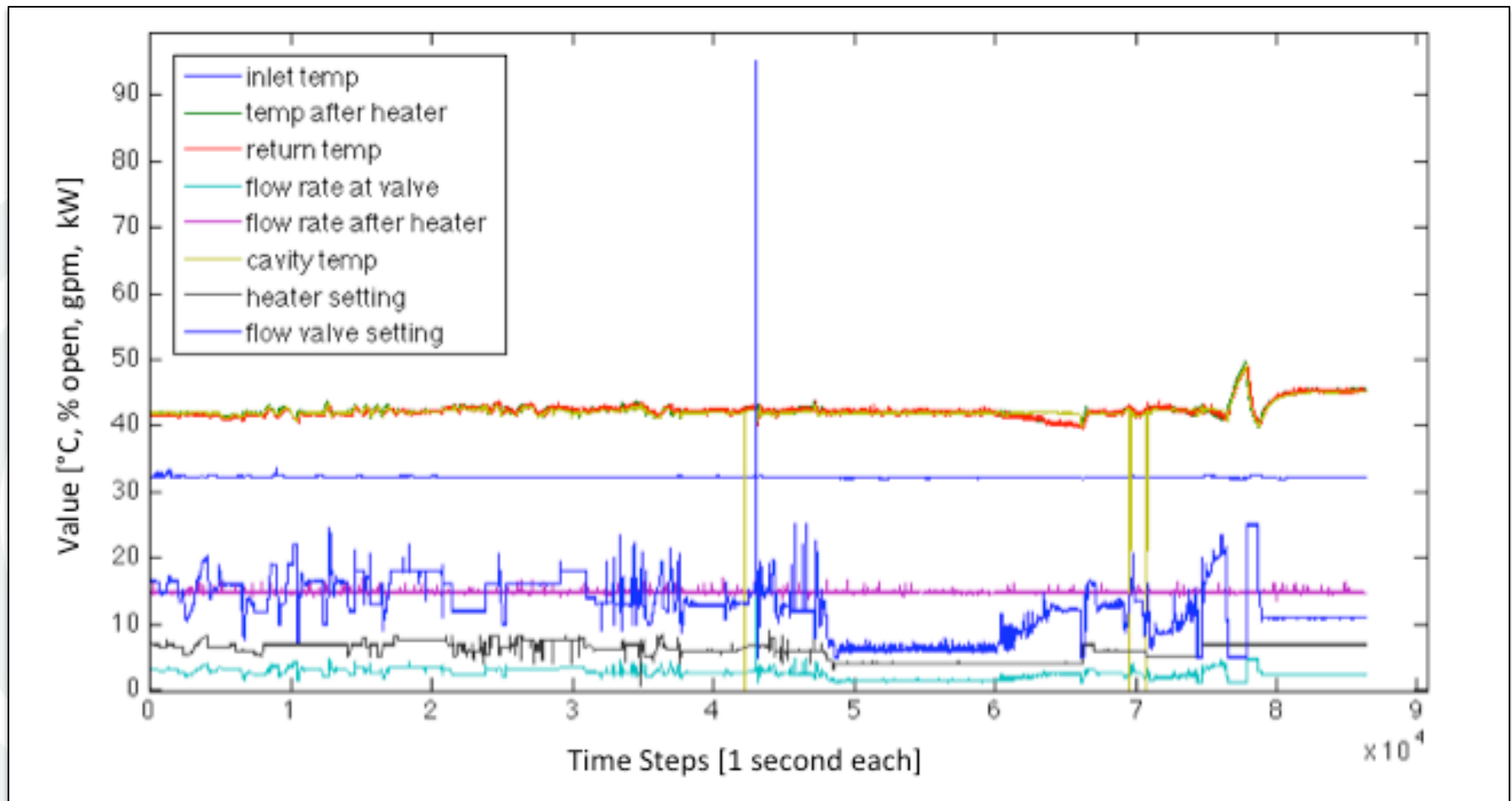
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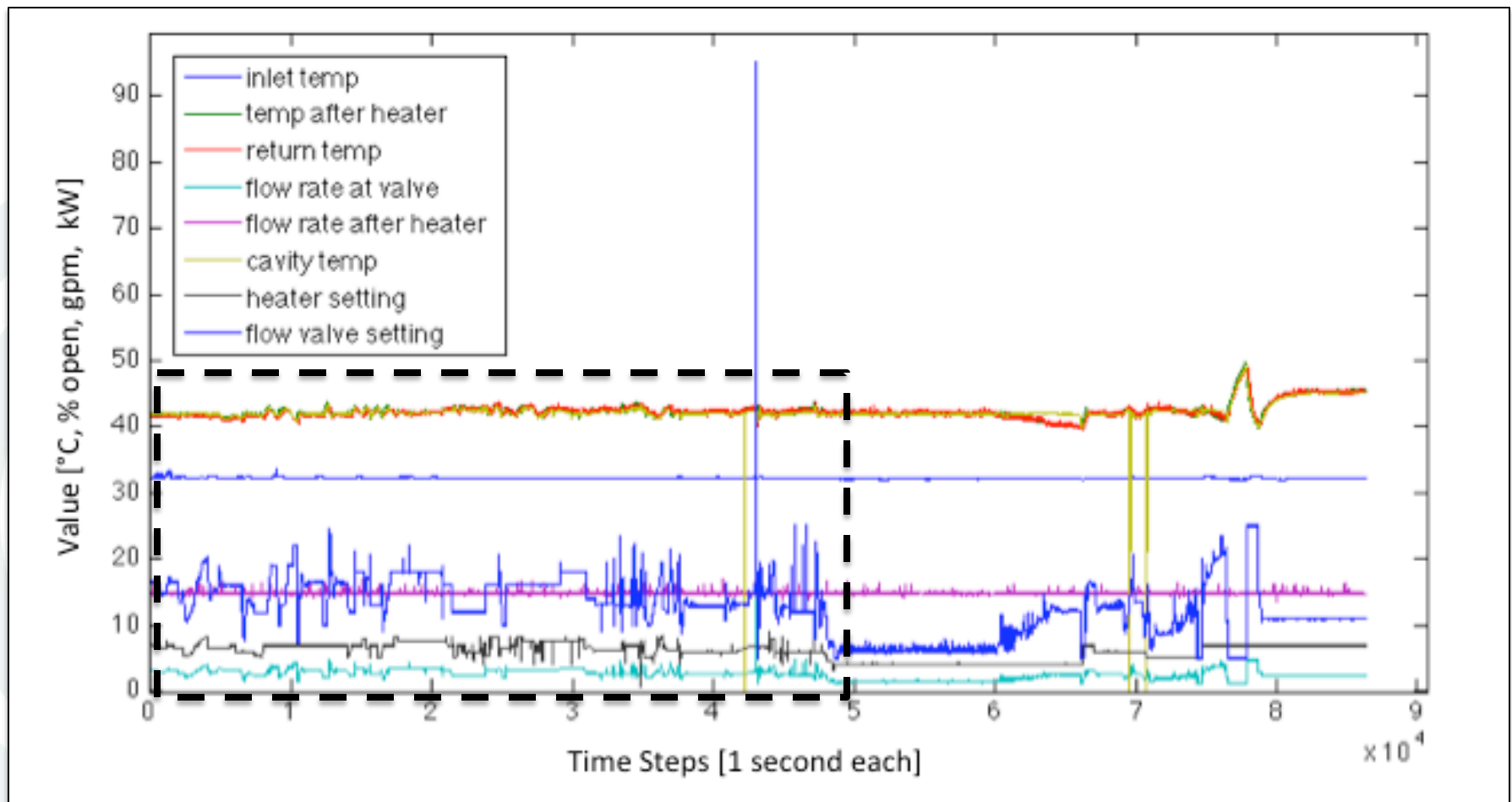
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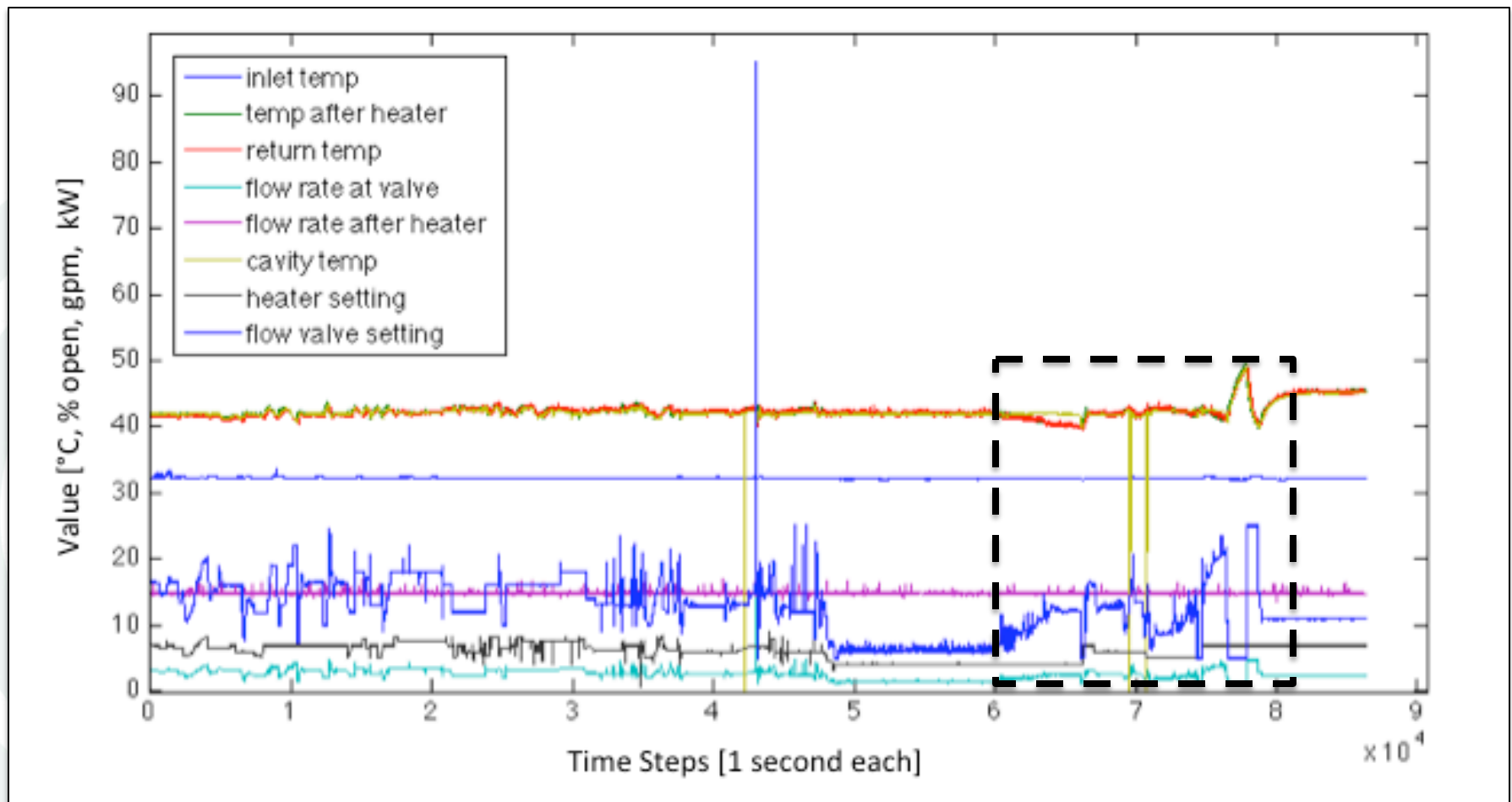
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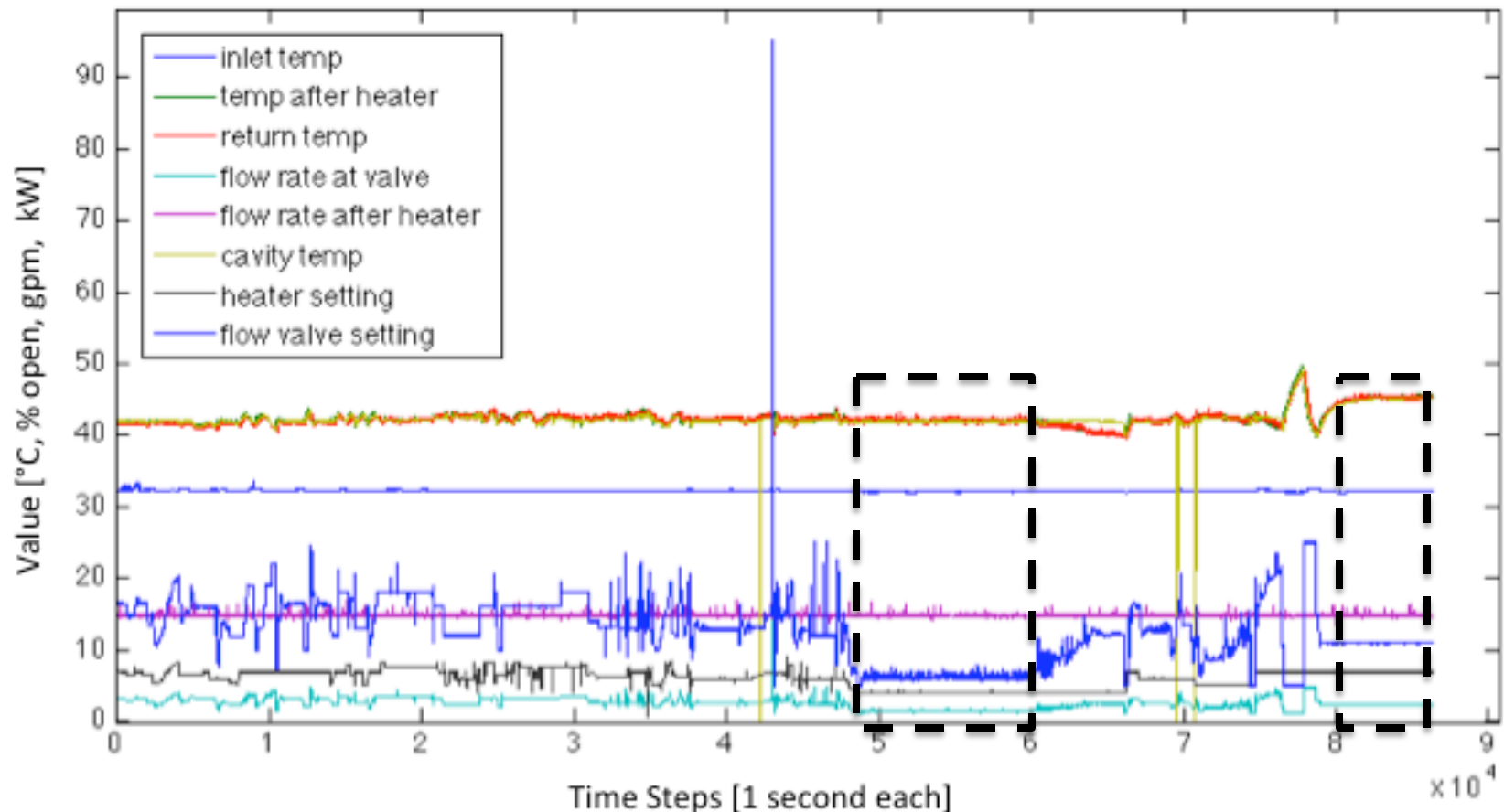
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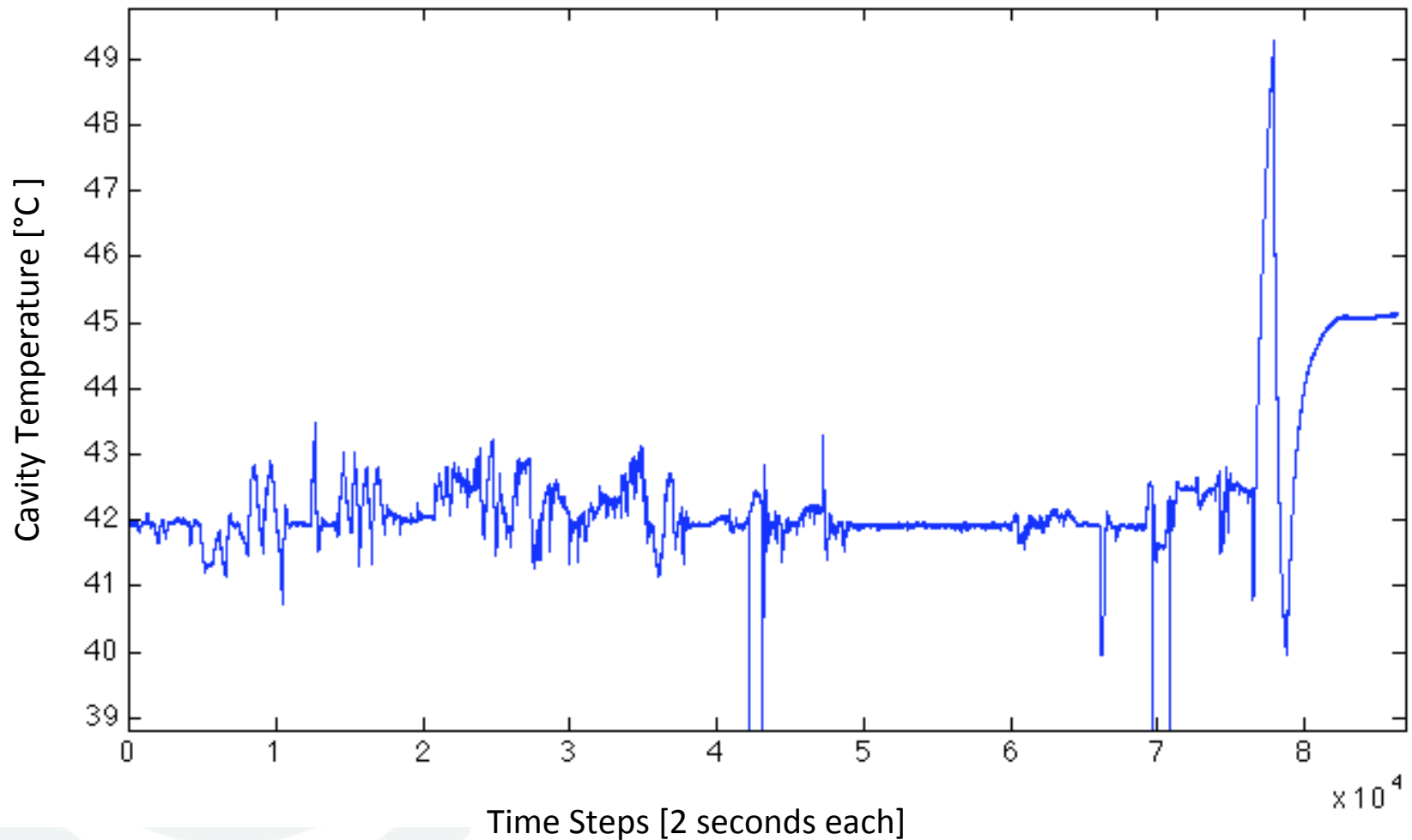


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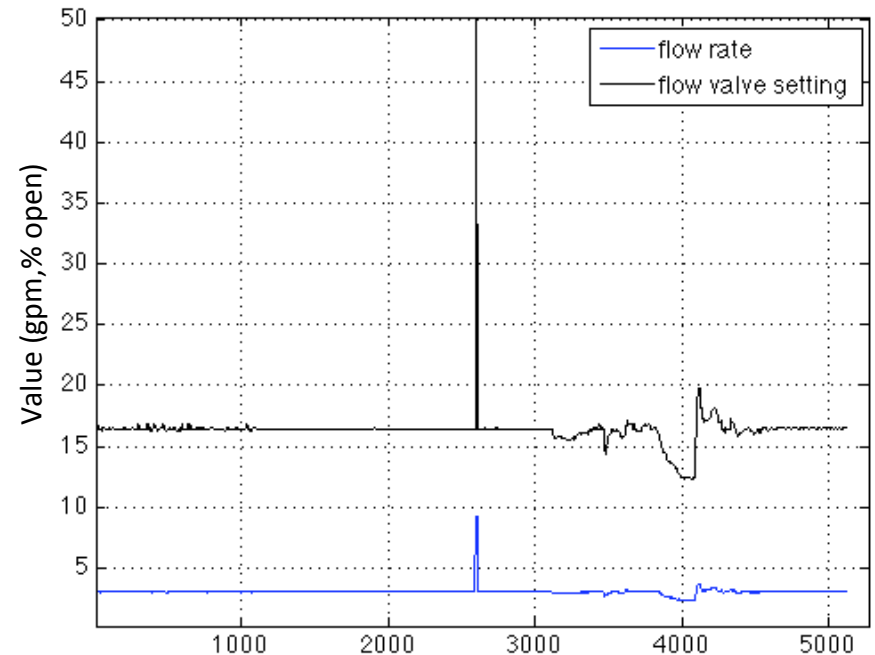
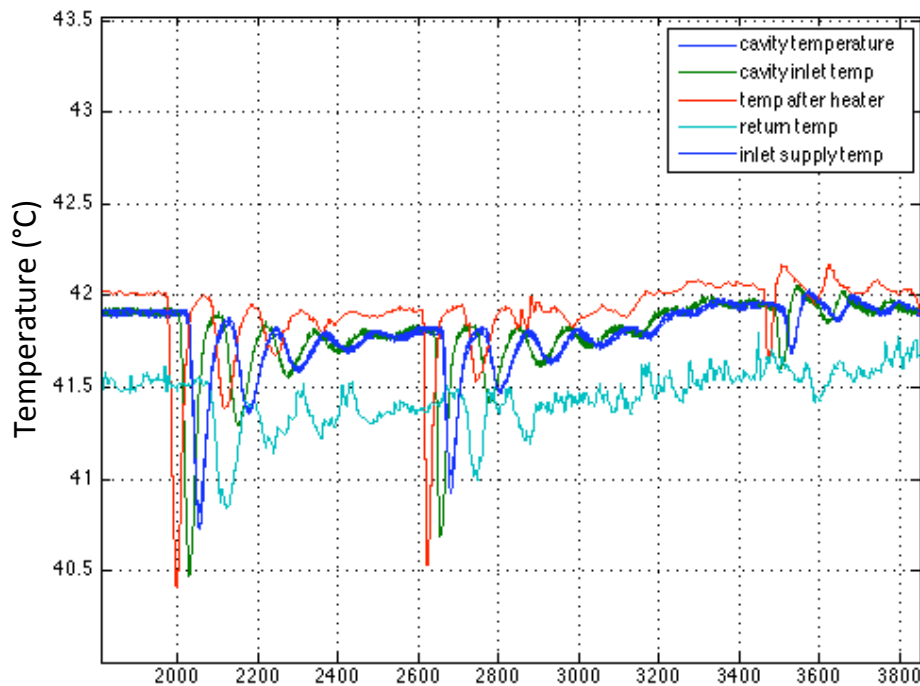
Closer View of Cavity Temperature



Model Design: Input Parameter Selection

- ❖ Choose parameters which make sense *a priori*
- ❖ Get rid of redundant parameters
- ❖ Where uncertain, investigate candidate models with 15-fold validation

Highly Correlated Parameters



Time Steps (1 second each)

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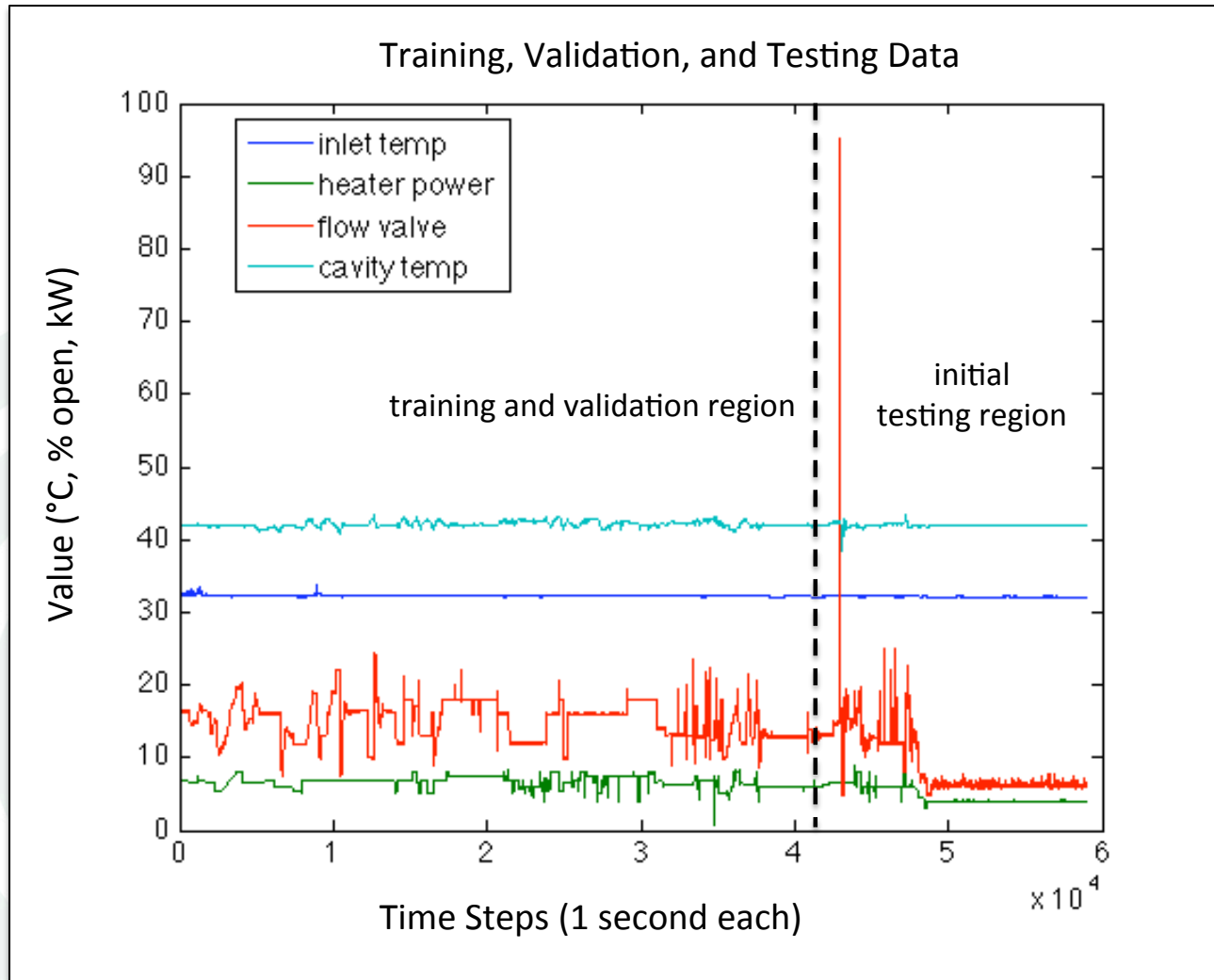
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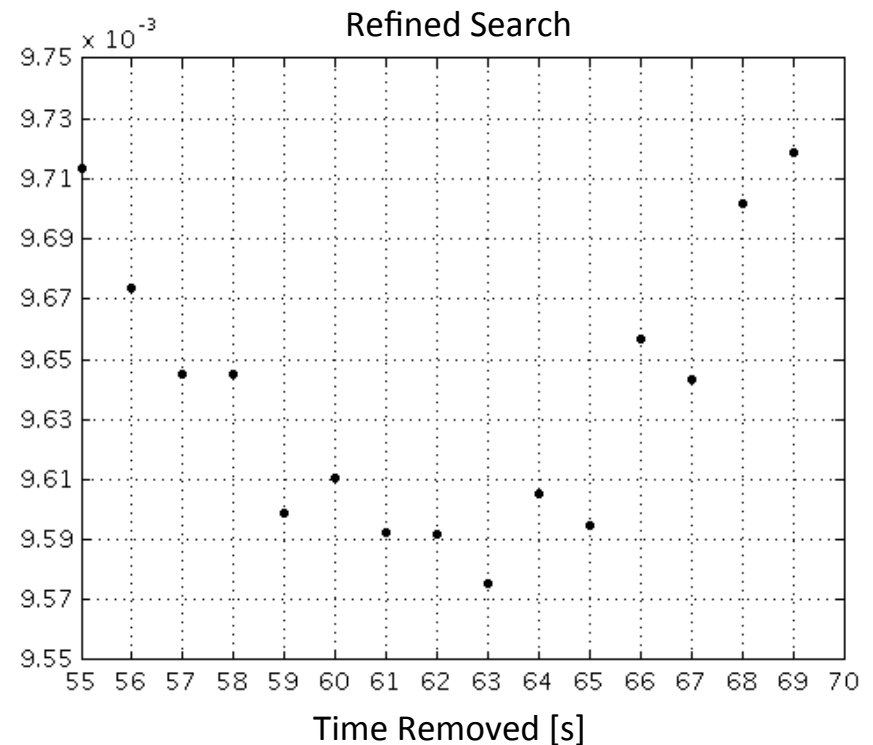
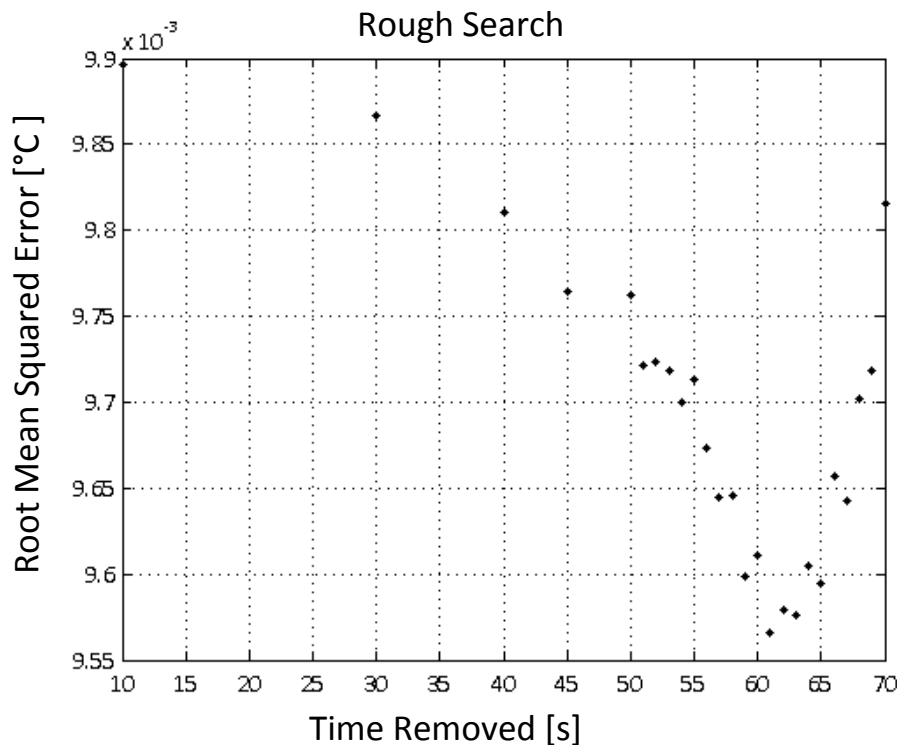
Initial Training, Validation, and Testing Data



With more challenging test data to follow

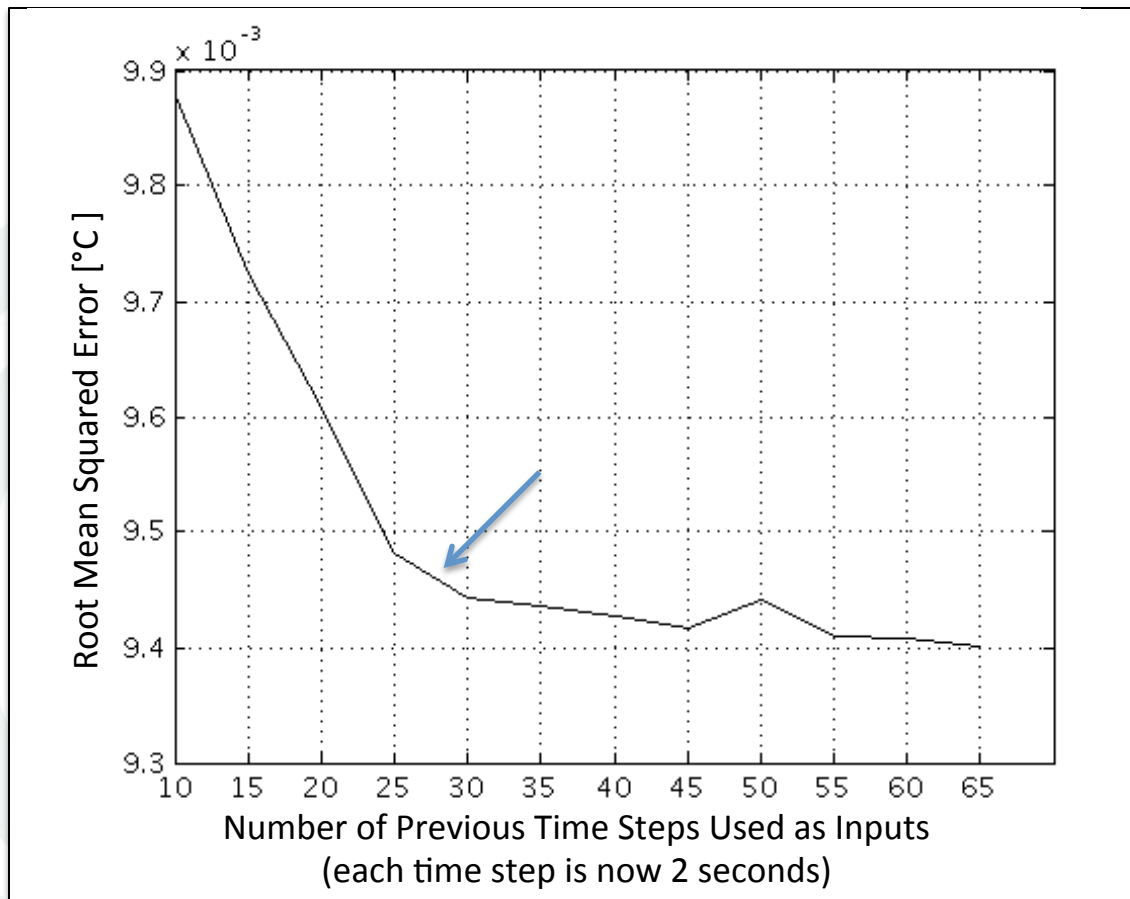
Model Design: Variable Dead-Time Removal

- ❖ Measurements supply a starting point → but the delays vary
- ❖ Empirical study with NN gives an optimal solution
- ❖ 25 candidates
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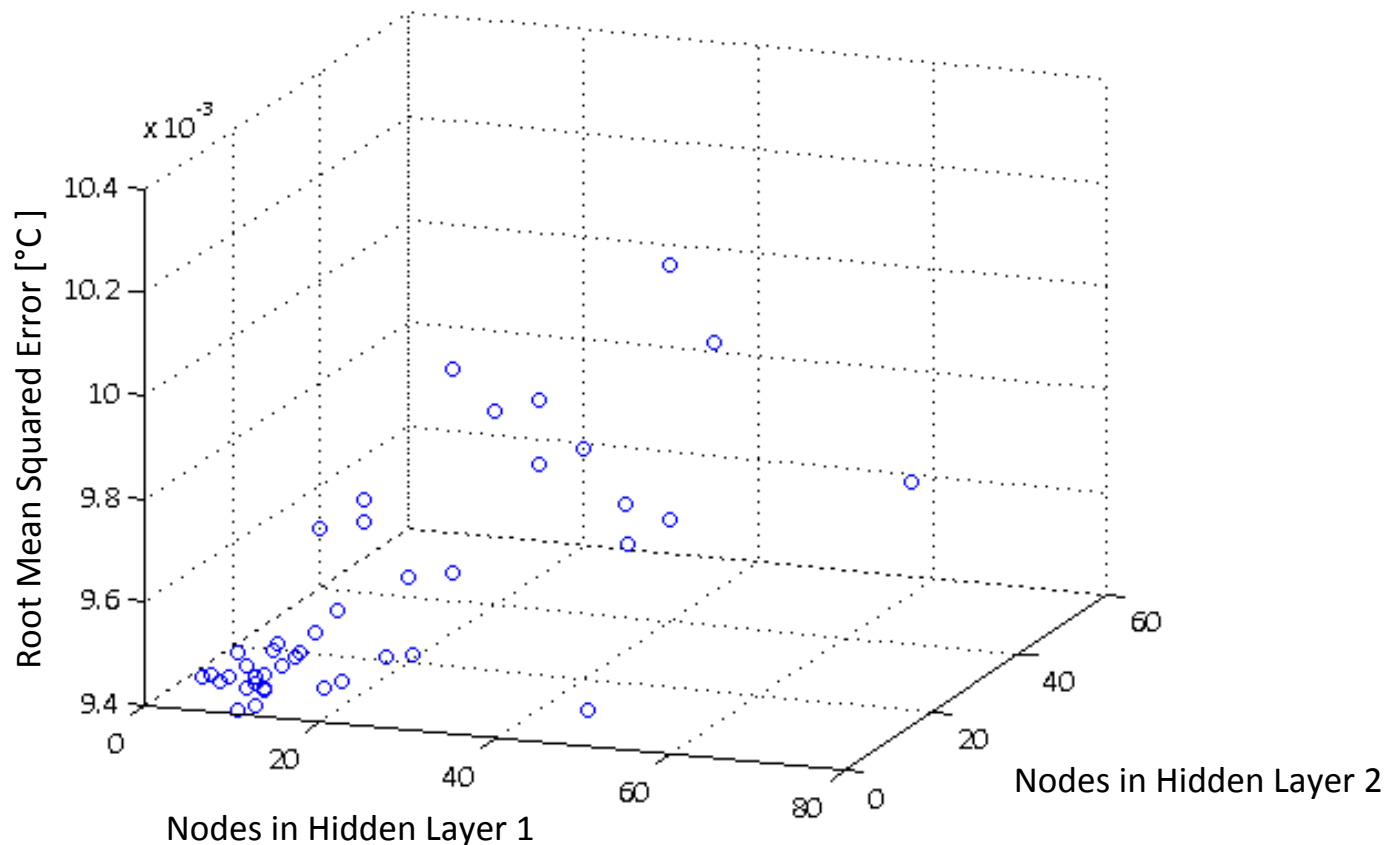
Model Design: Embedding Dimension

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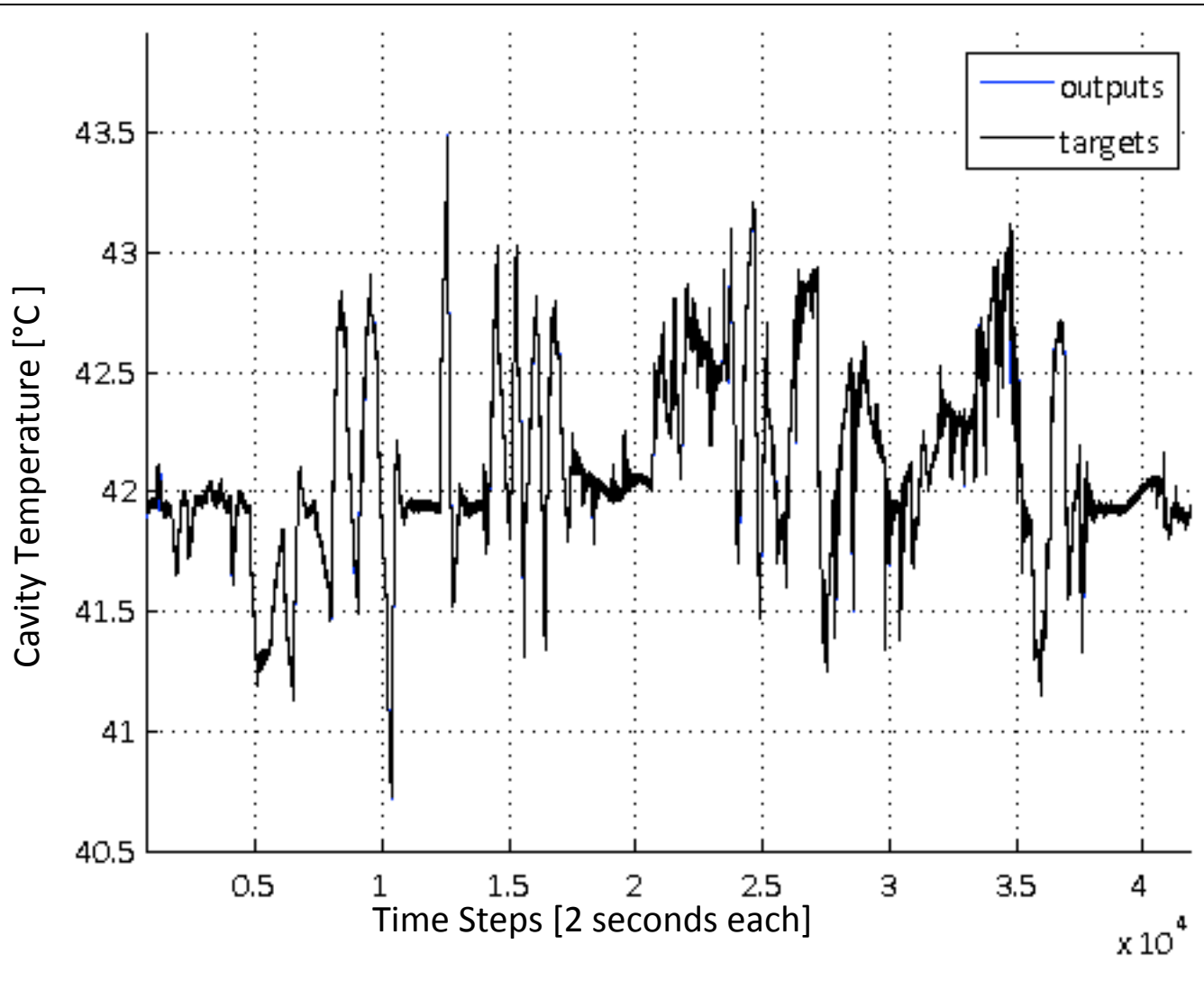


Number of Hidden Layers and Nodes

- ❖ 55 candidates for two-layer network
- ❖ 30 other candidates (not shown): recurrent, single-layer



Performance Over Training and Validation Set



0.0094 RMSE validation set

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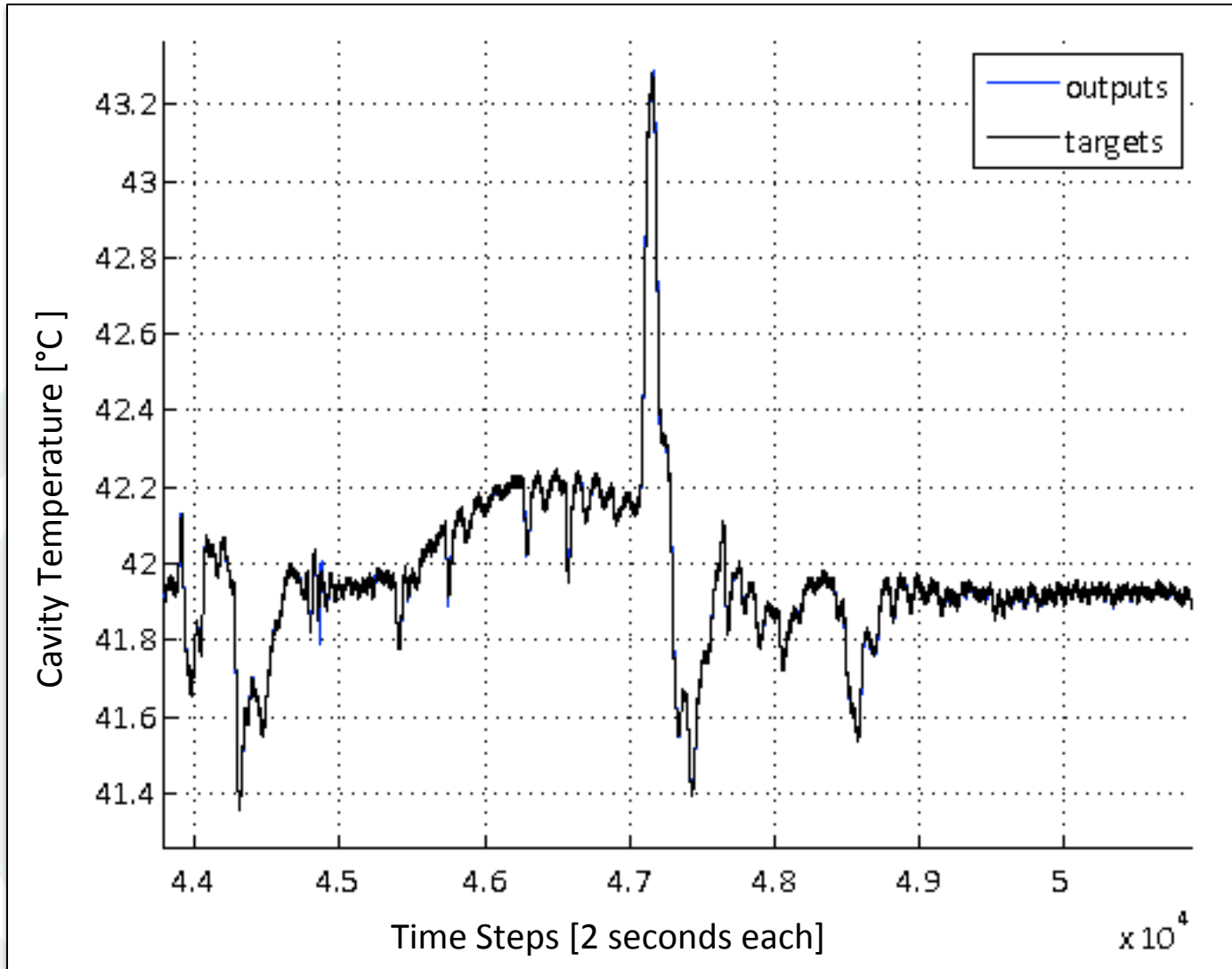
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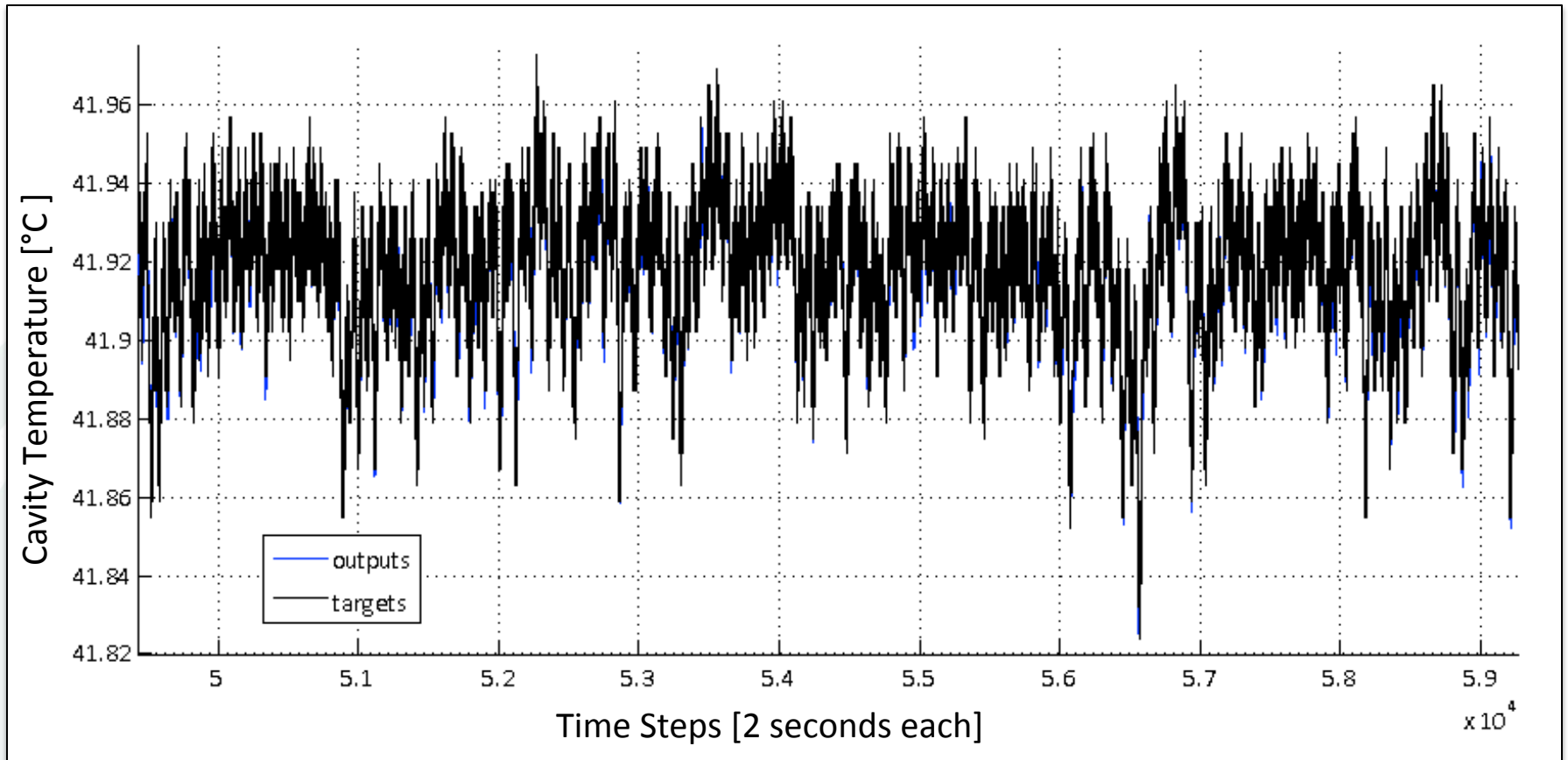
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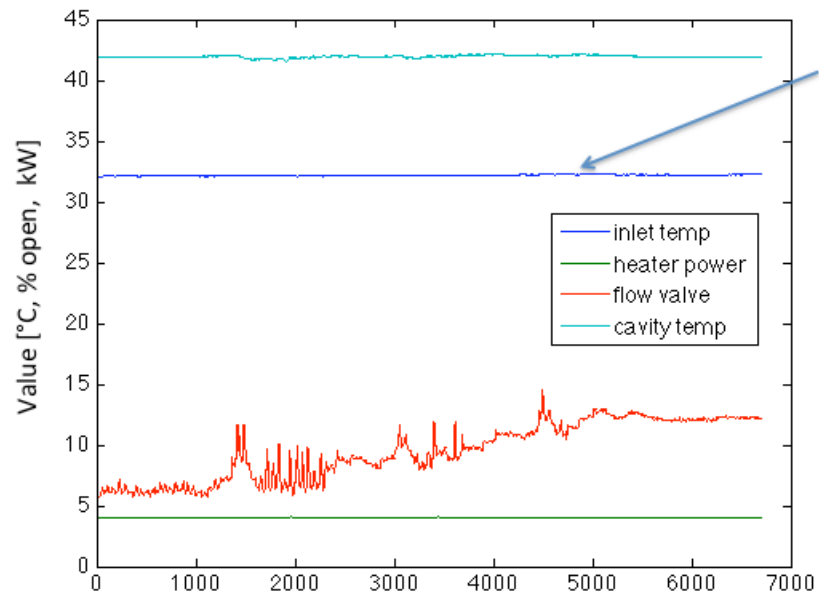
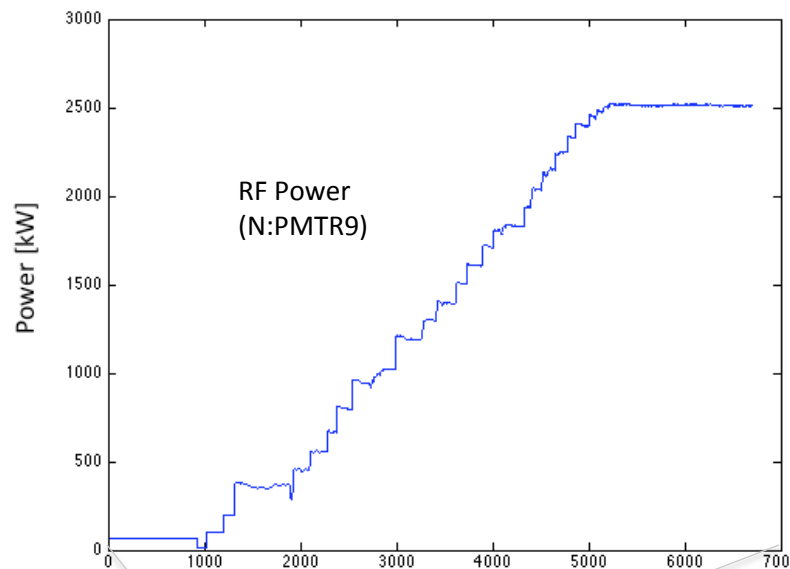
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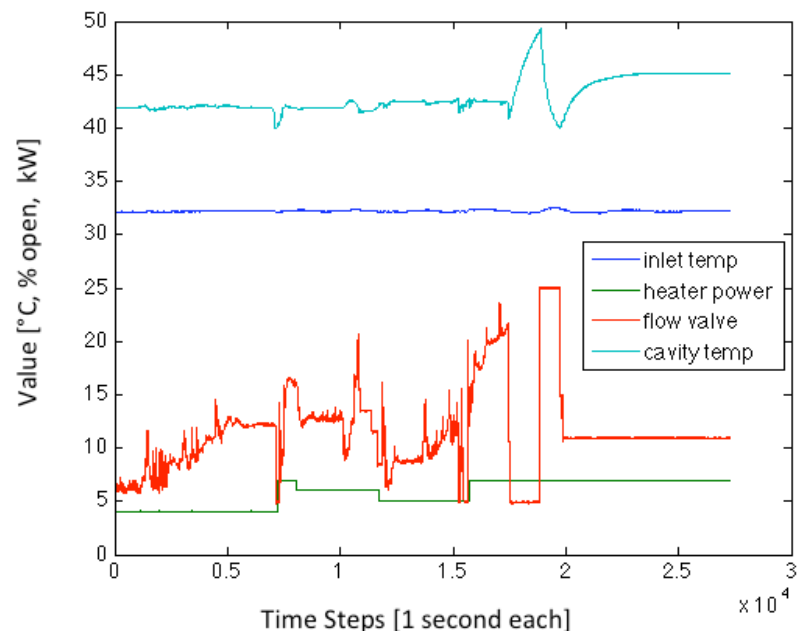
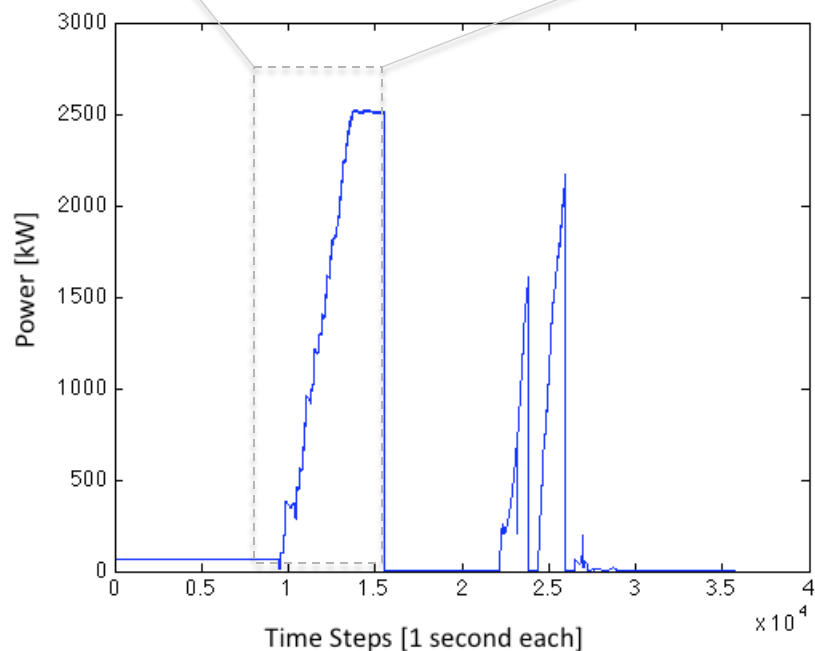


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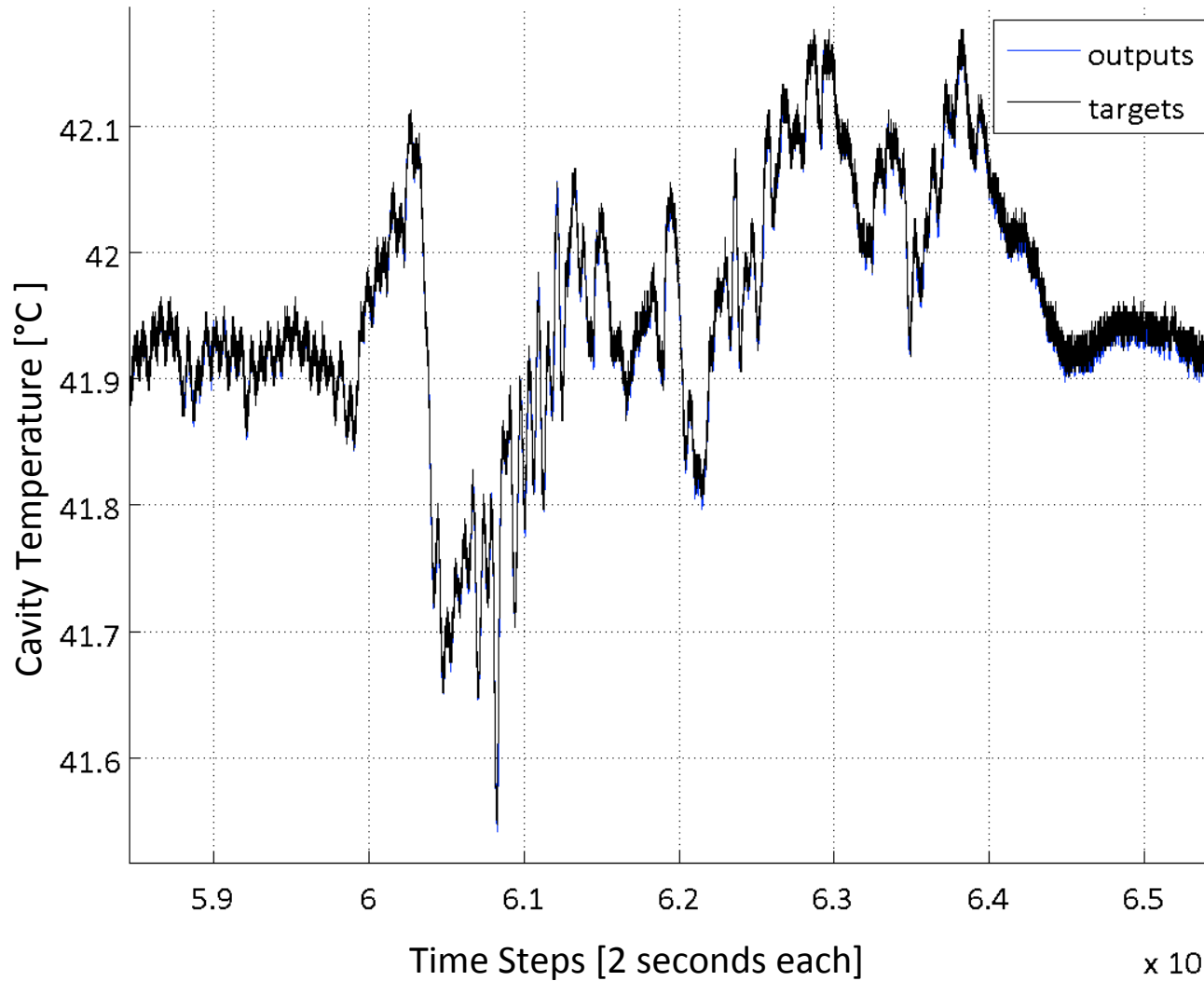
Testing Regions 3 and 4



Note: these LCW temp disturbances go up to $\sim 1^{\circ}\text{C}$, even though they look miniscule on this scale

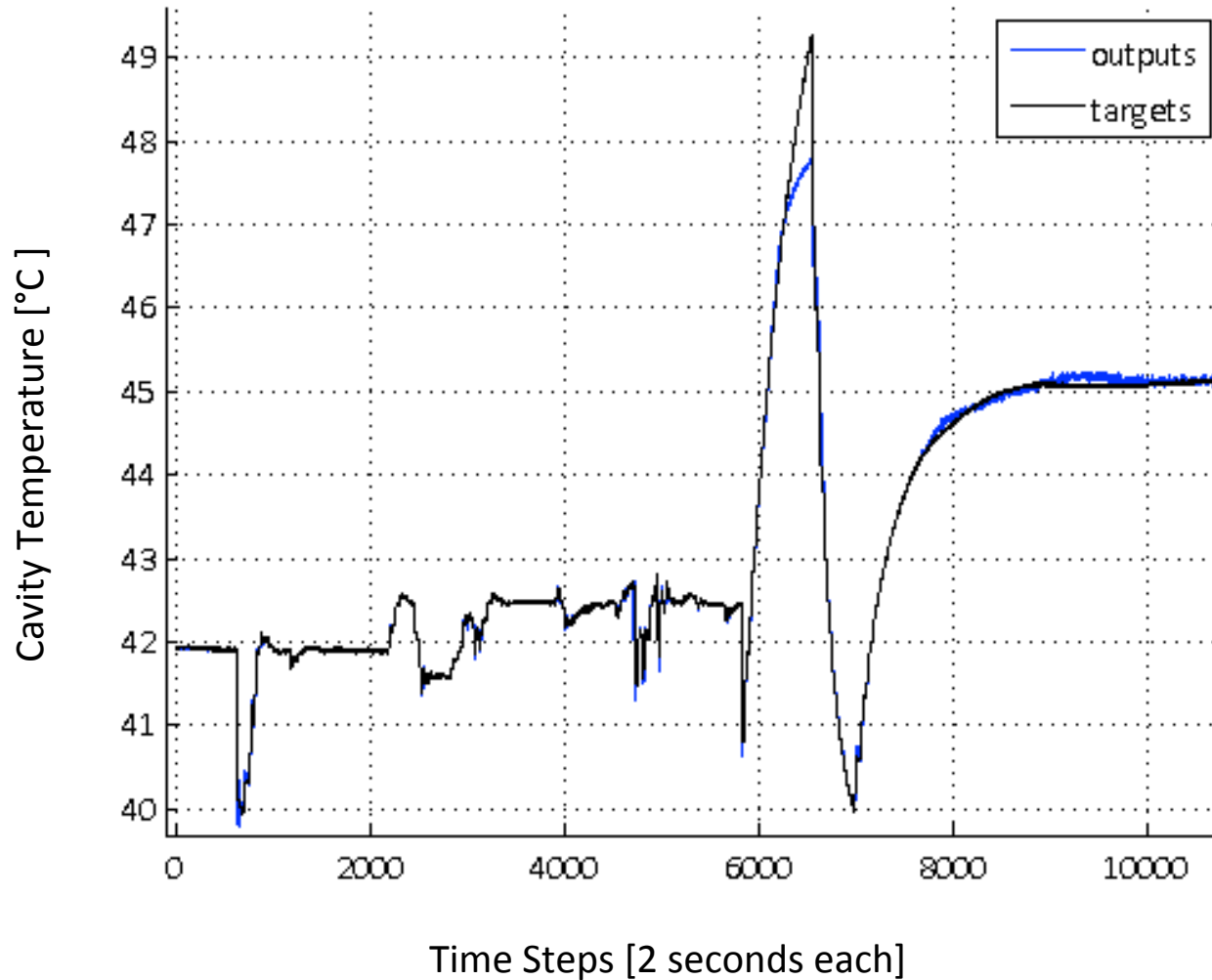


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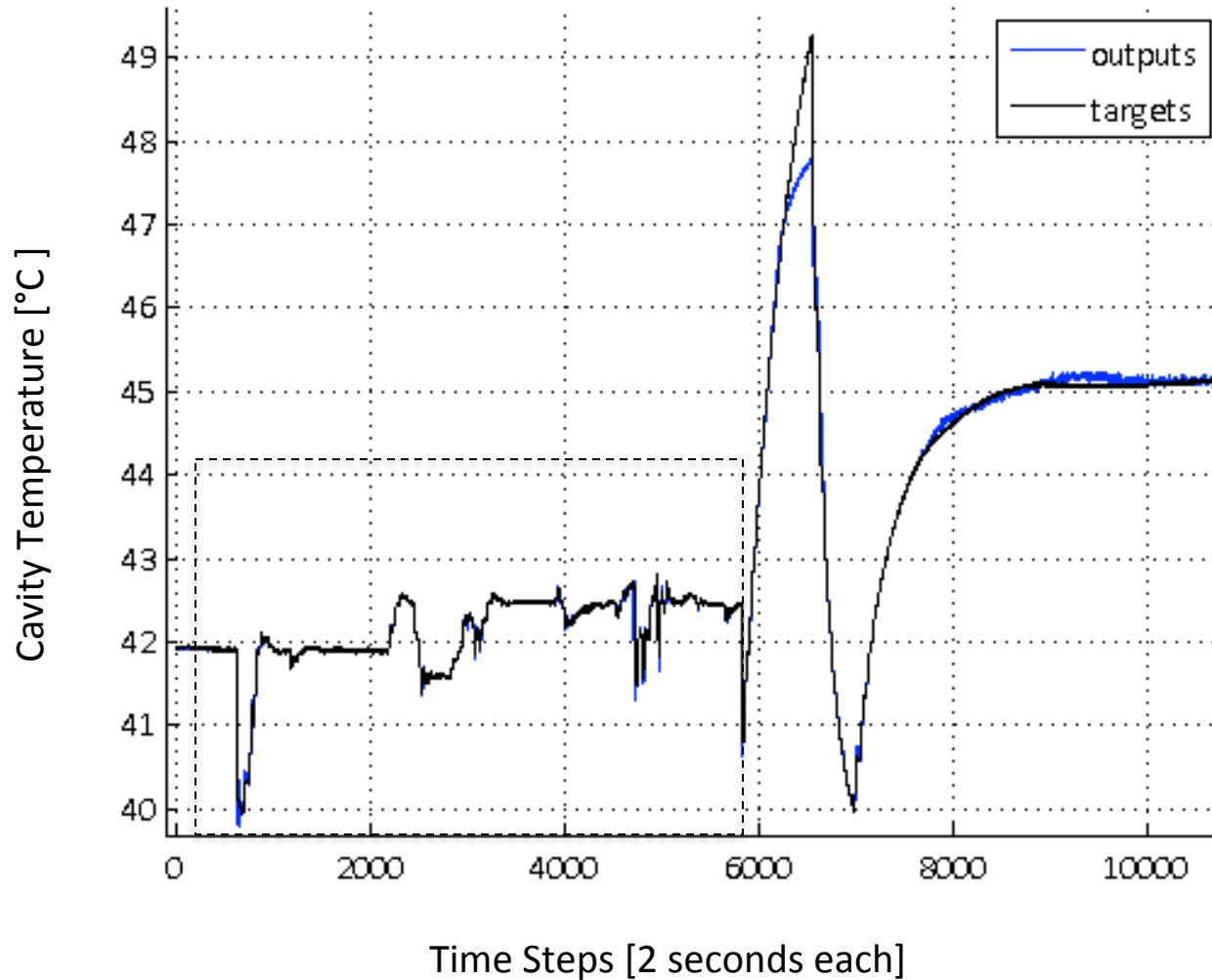
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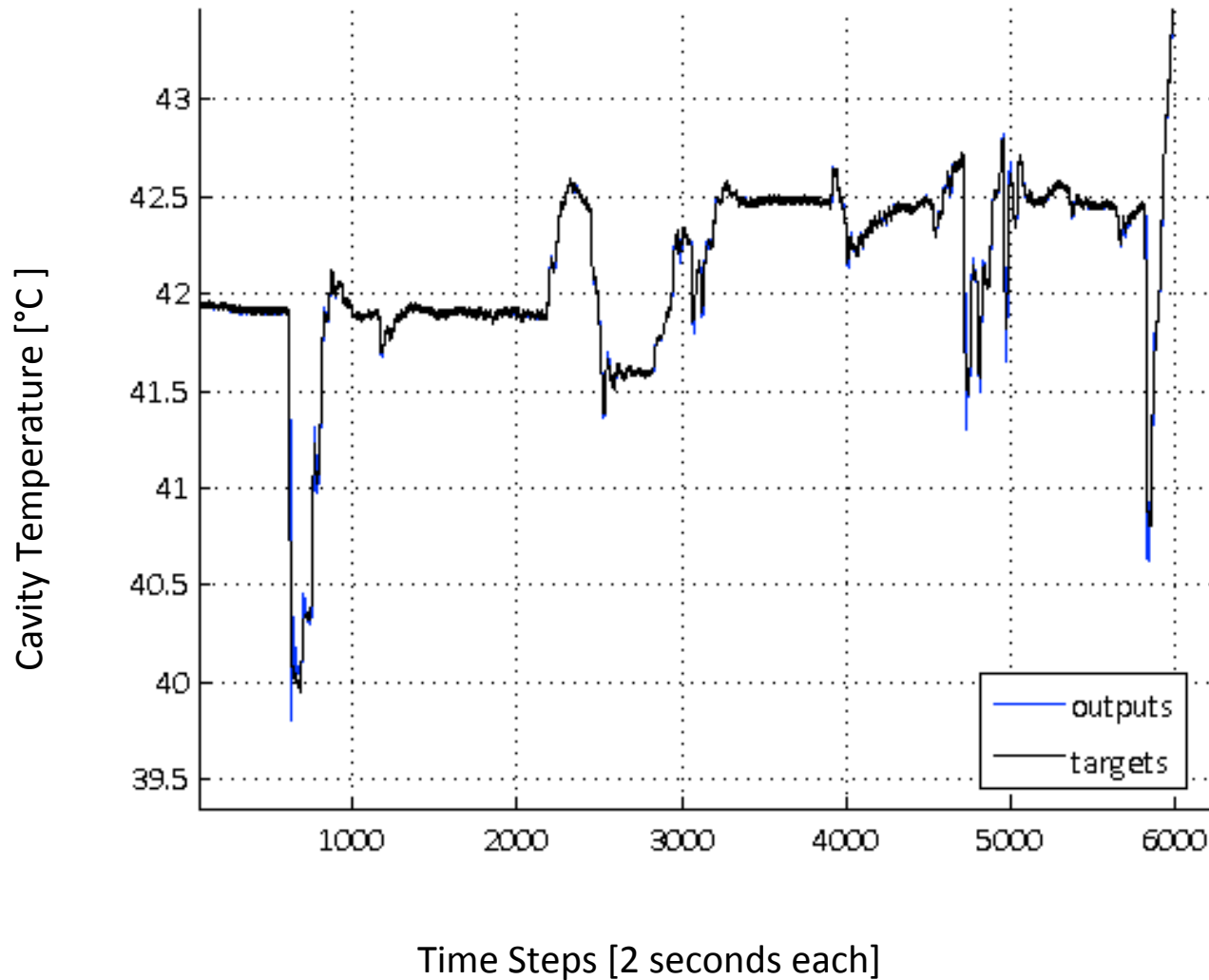
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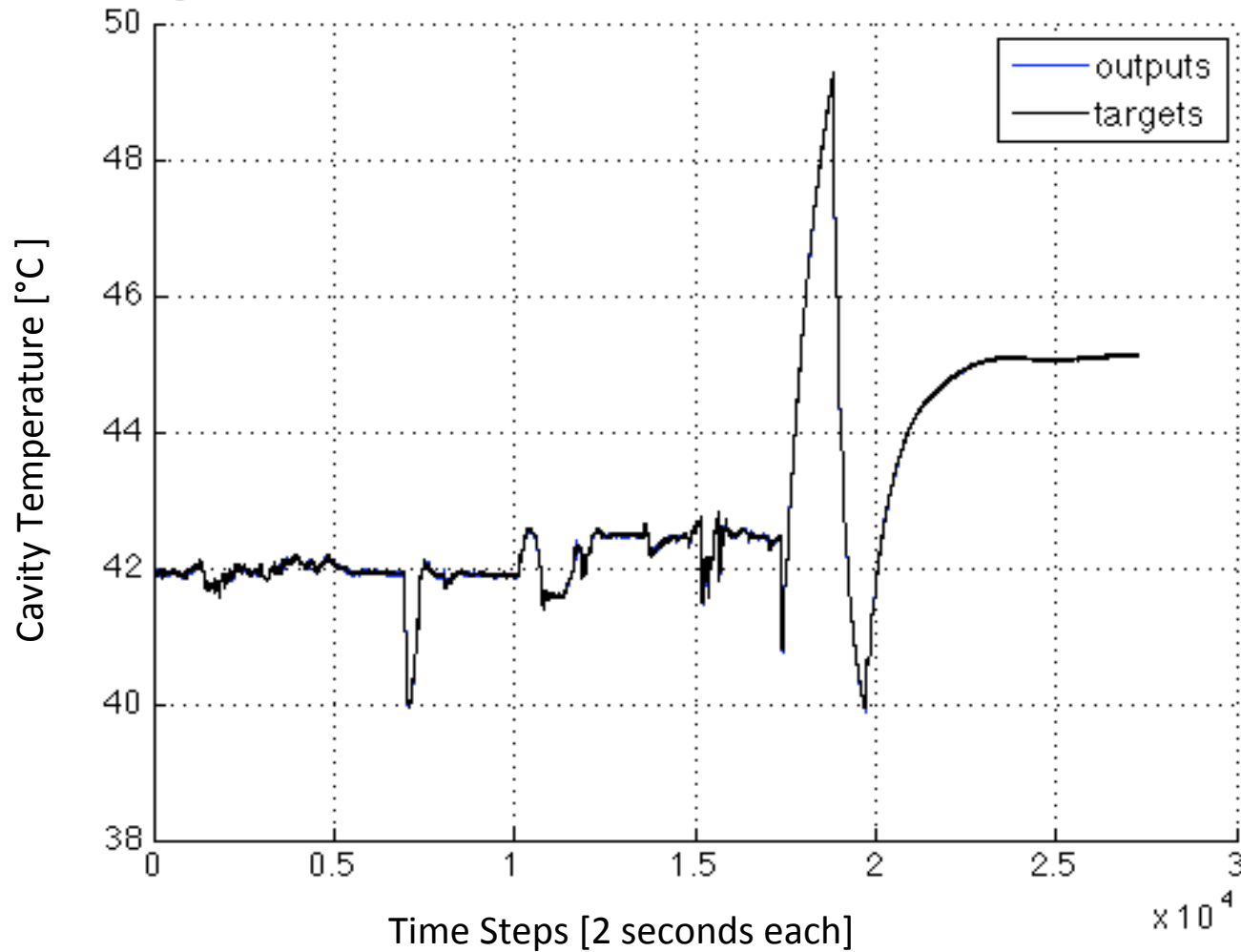


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 - ❖ Can switch models in control routines
 - ❖ Can adapt online for small adjustments
 - ❖ Many small models instead of one large, potentially problematic model



Current and Next Steps

- ❖ **Fully characterize model performance under challenging conditions**
 - If the model won't perform well, a model-based controller certainly won't
 - Need to test in real-time while doing I-O though ACNET
 - Need to test different updating schemes
 - Need to test regime-switching schemes
- ❖ **Improve implementation of control script in Matlab**
 - Real-time execution of NN, I-O with ACNET, optimization procedure, data preprocessing
 - Several computationally intensive processes
 - tested ACNET and NN I-O previously with a very limited direct inverse controller, but this did not involve any updating or optimization routines
- ❖ **Improve execution speed for Model Predictive Controller optimization**
 - Instantaneous linearization
 - Different algorithm
- ❖ **Simulations of controller performance**
- ❖ **Test controller output only**
- ❖ **Test controller operation in training regime**