

Machine Vision Enabled In-Process Quality Improvement in Smart Manufacturing

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Introduction

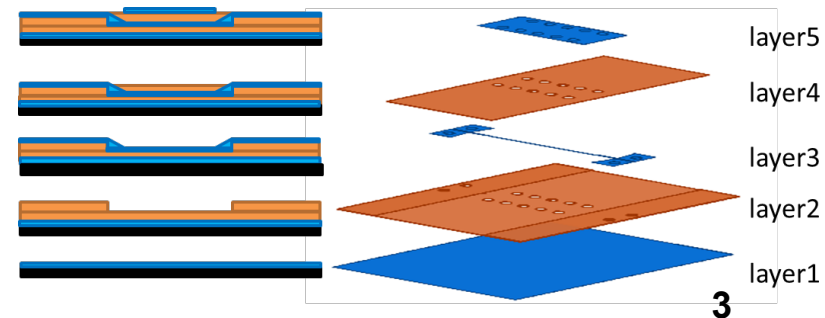
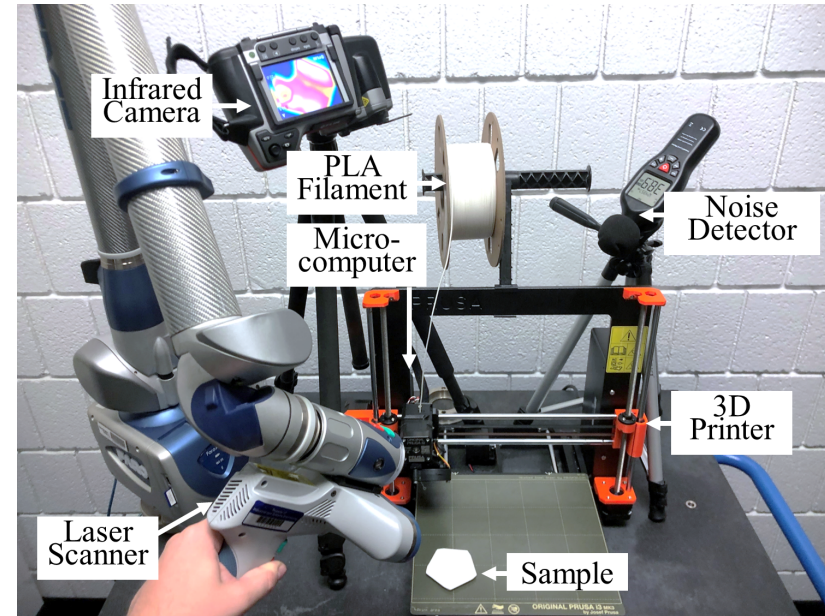
Machine Vision Enabled In Process Quality Improvements

- **Machine Vision (MV) has been widely used in smart manufacturing systems to monitor product quality and machine conditions**
- **Many R&D efforts have been done to improve the MV capabilities in terms of anomaly detection, defect detection, etc.**
- **Few efforts to integrate data from MV with other production data for quality and productivity improvements**
- **It is desirable to use MV as an essential tool to enable the “In-Process Quality Improvements (IPQI)” to achieve in-site process monitoring, root cause diagnosis, predictive control, and product defect prevention**

Machine Vision Enabled IPQI: Key Enabling Methodologies (examples)

- Effective algorithms in anomaly detection or feature extraction using machine vision data
- Modeling of heterogeneous data (images, video signals, 3D point cloud data, functional curve data, text data, etc.) to represent relationships between production process variables and product quality variables
- Modeling, prediction, and control of 3D profile propagation based on machine vision signals in Multistage Manufacturing Process (MMP)

3D Printing / Multilayer Additive Manufacturing



Outline

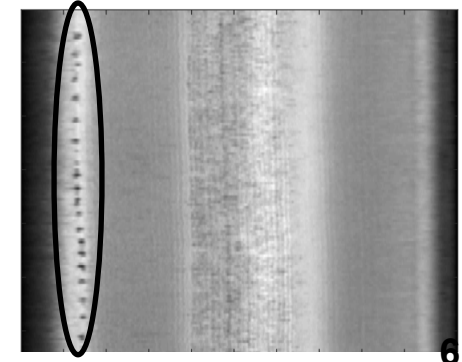
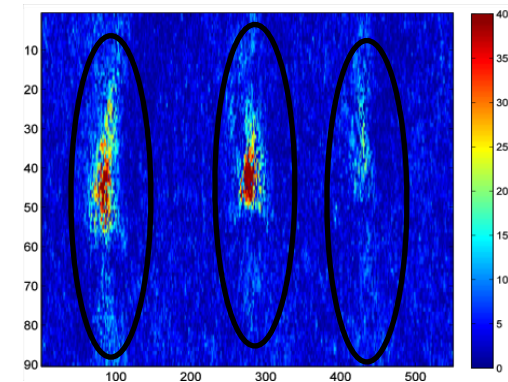
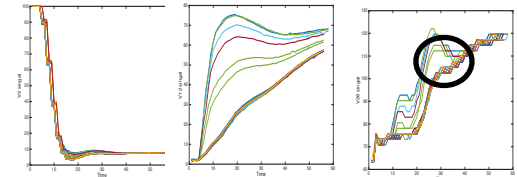
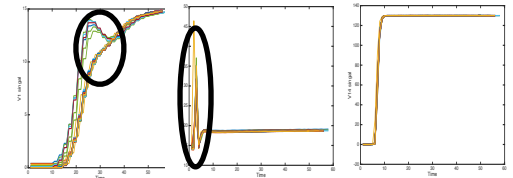
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**Sequential High-Dimensional Data Analysis
for Anomaly Detection and System Monitoring**

- Yan, H., Paynabar, K., Shi, J., 2017, “[Anomaly Detection in Images with Smooth Background Via Smooth-Sparse Decomposition](https://doi.org/10.1080/00401706.2015.1102764)”, *Technometrics*, Vol. 59, No. 1, pp102-114. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00401706.2015.1102764>
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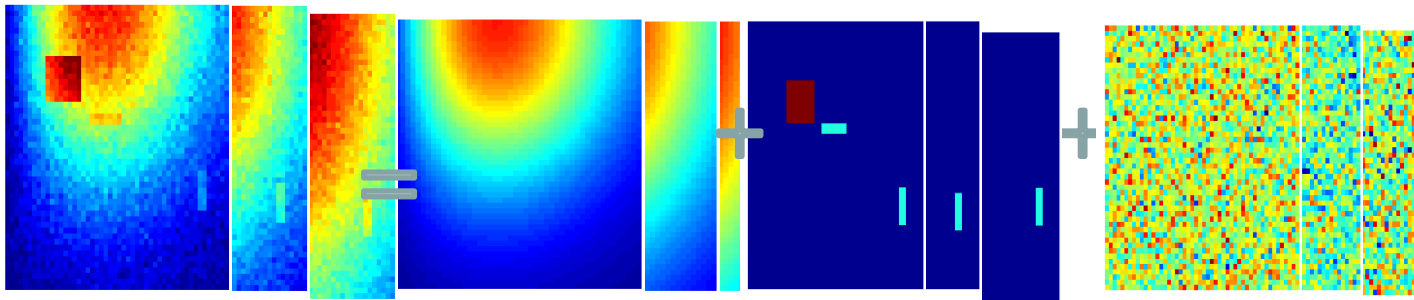
Common Characteristics and Challenges of High Dimensional (HD) Streaming Data

- High-dimensionality
- High velocity
- Complex spatio-temporal structure
- Unknown anomaly occurrence, location, and shape
- Goal: Unsupervised feature extraction from HD data
 - Labeling/quality measurement is expensive.
 - Process data is typically cheap.

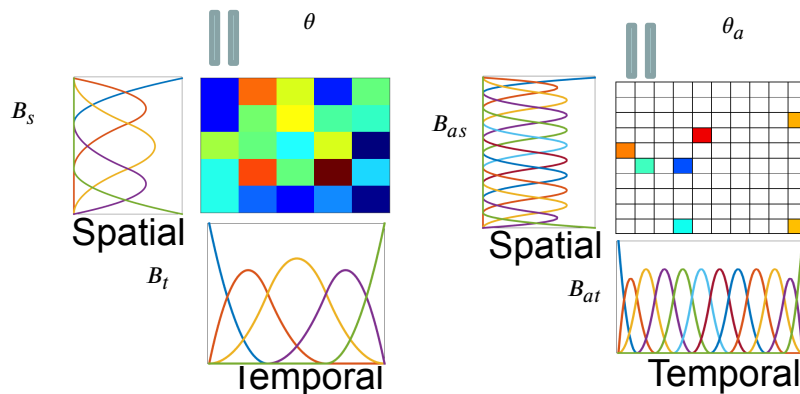


Anomaly Detection for High-dimensional Data

Profile Sequence = **Spatio-temporal + Mean** + **Anomaly** + **Noise**
 Smooth Sparse Small



$$y = \mu + a + e$$



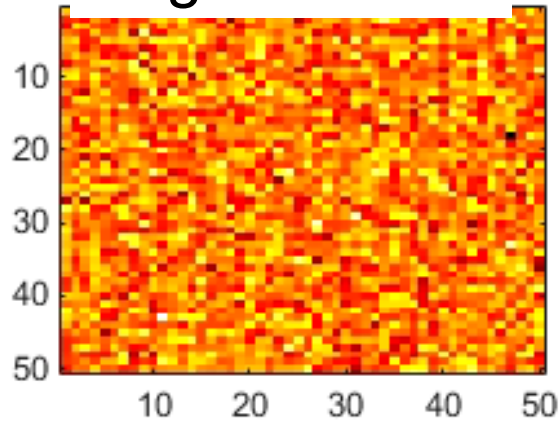
$$y = (B_s \otimes B_t)\theta + (B_{as} \otimes B_{at})\theta_a + e$$

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\theta, \theta_a} \lambda \theta' R \theta + \gamma \|\theta_a\|_1 + \|e\|^2, \text{ s.t. } y = (B_s \otimes B_t)\theta + (B_{as} \otimes B_{at})\theta_a + e$$

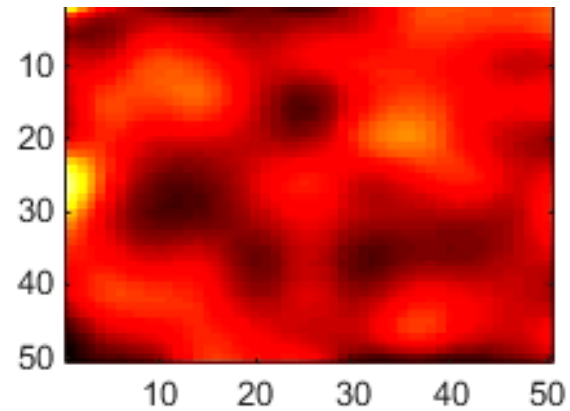
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**Simulation Results:
Anomaly Detection for Dynamic HD Streaming Data**

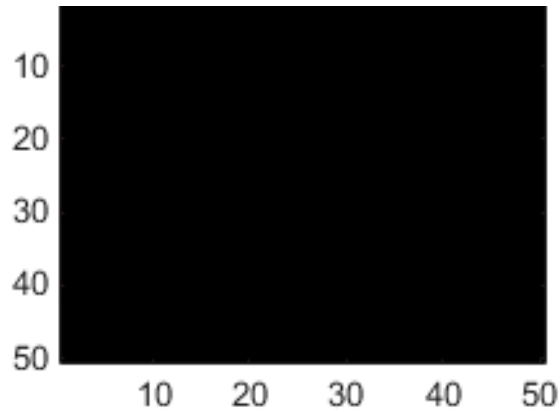
Original Profile



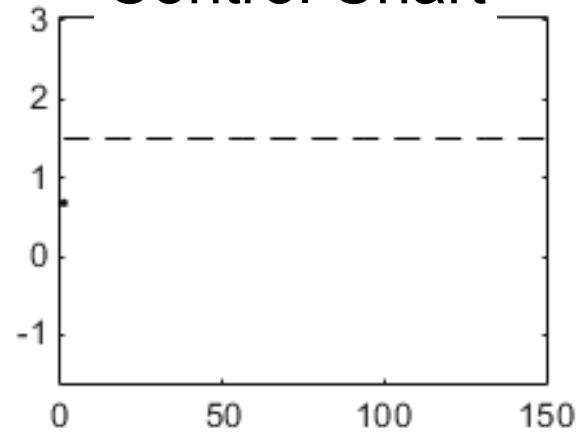
Mean Estimator



Detected Anomalies

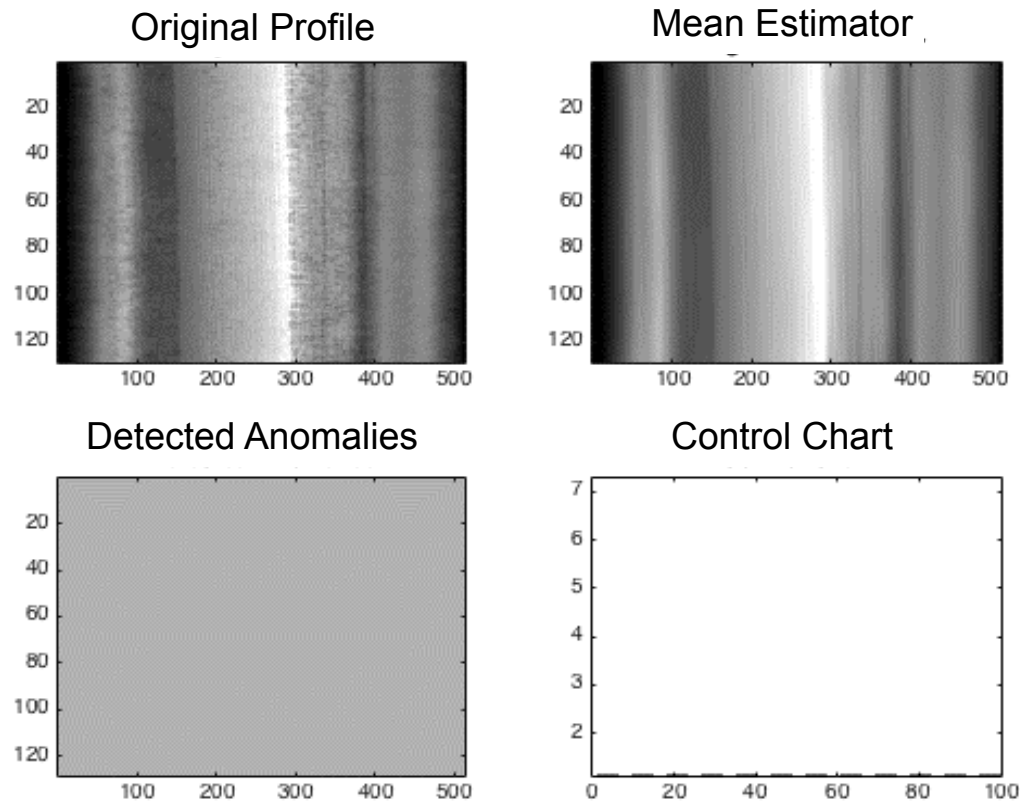


Control Chart



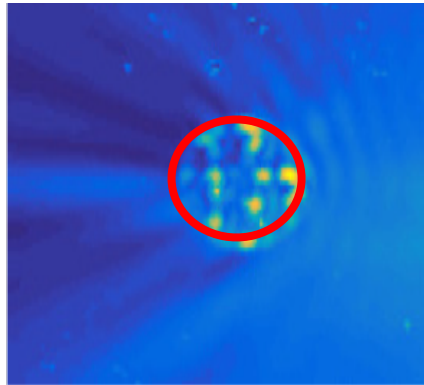
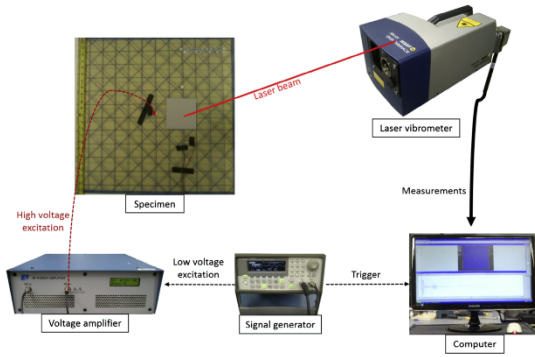
Case Study: Rolling Process Monitoring

- **Data Size:** 128×512 , with 100 samples
- **Background:** smooth in y direction
 - $B_x = I_x$,
 - B_y : B-spline base with 5 knots
- **Goal: Detect scattered surface anomaly:** $B_{ax} = I_{ax}$, $B_{ay} = I_{ay}$



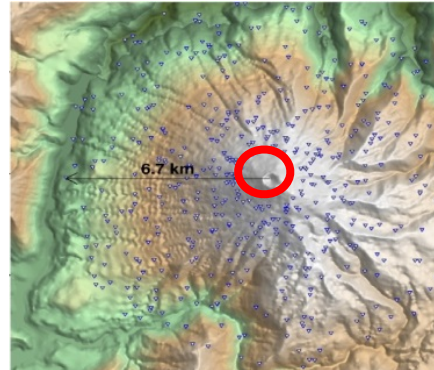
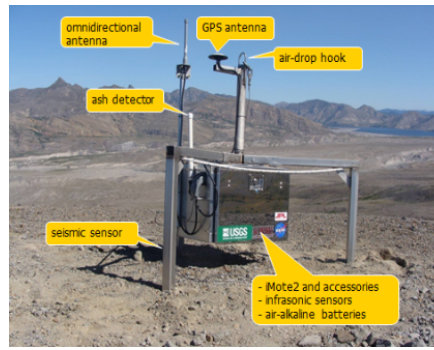
Adaptive sampling for anomaly detection

Point-based Inspection System



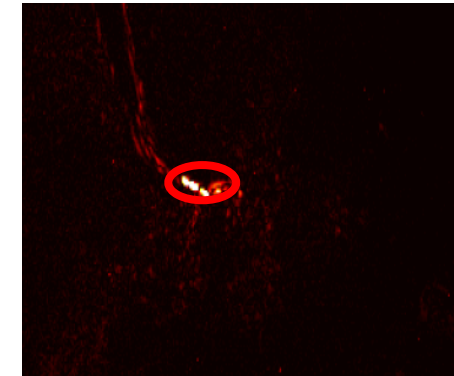
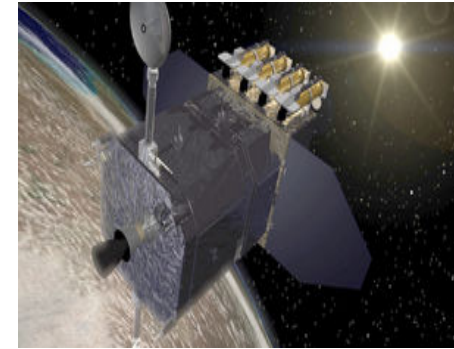
Low sampling frequency

Volcano detection



Low battery or bandwidth

Solar flare detection

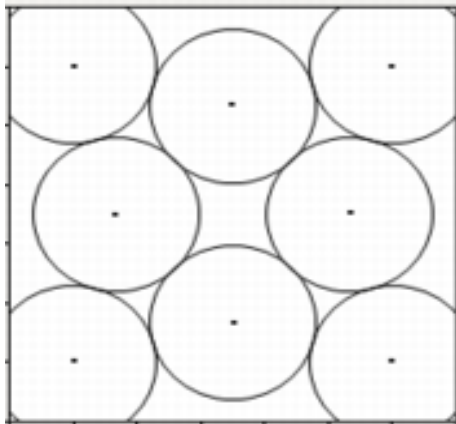


Low transmission and processing capability

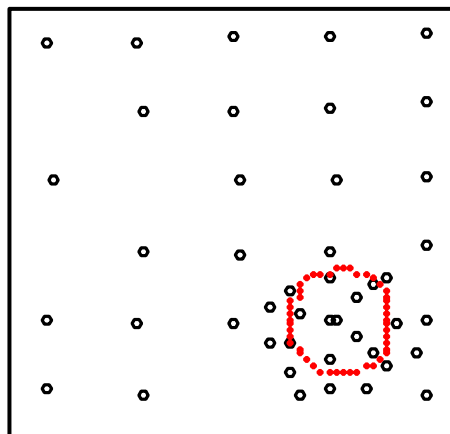
- Time-consuming for dense sampling
- Sparse anomaly: most points/sensors are irrelevant and only a subset is important.
- **Objective:** Adaptive sampling strategy to quickly locate and examine anomalies

Anomaly Detection Result (250 Points)

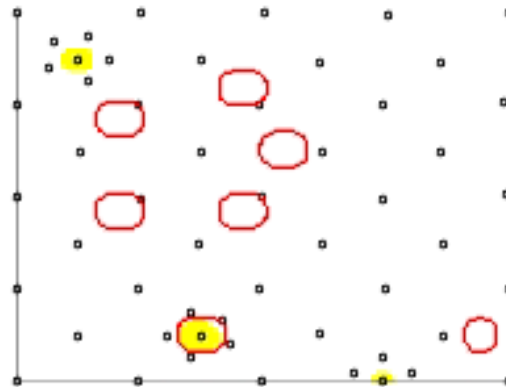
Space Filling
(Exploration)



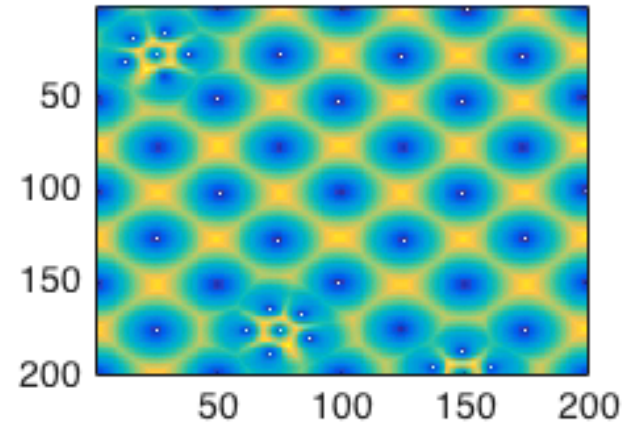
Focus Sampling
(Exploitation)



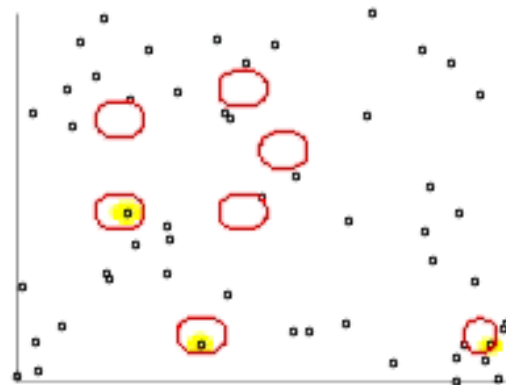
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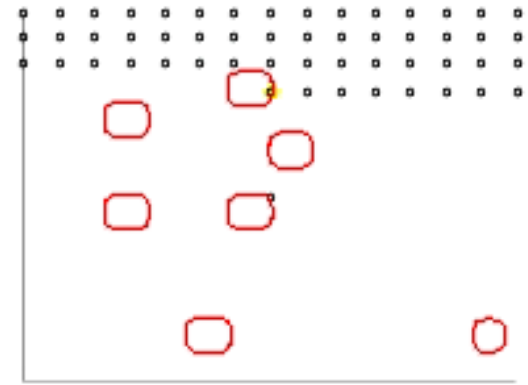
Proposed AKM²D criterion



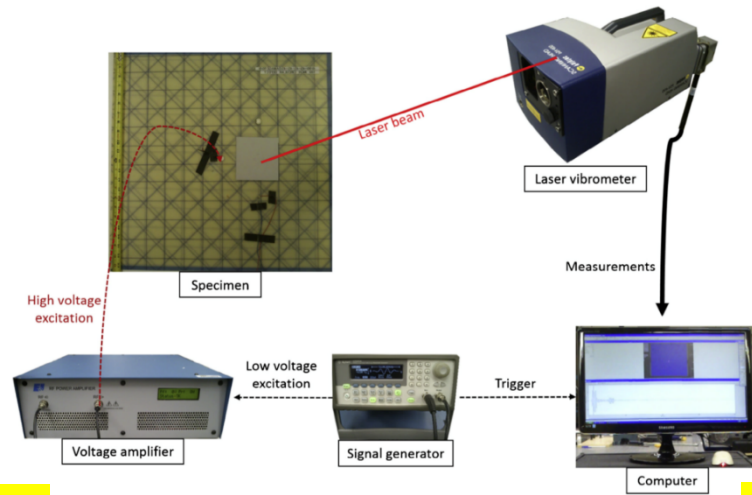
Benchmark 1: Random



Benchmark 2: Grid

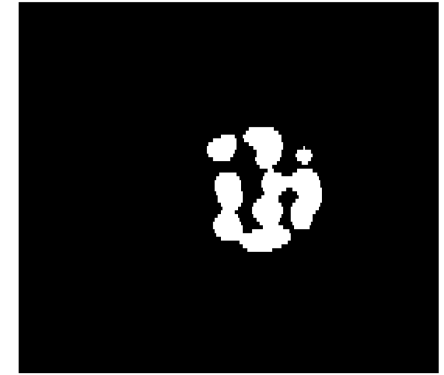
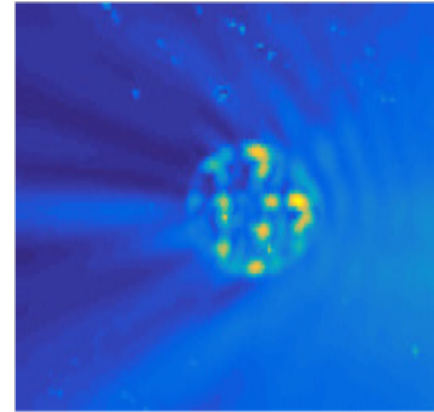
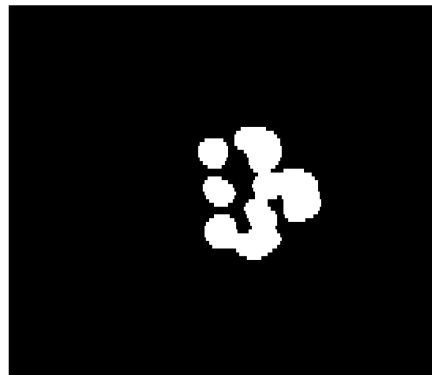
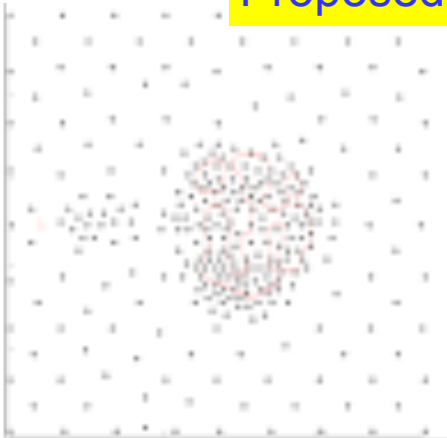


Real Case Study—Guided Wave Test



Proposed AKM²D

Full Sampling



of points

300

of points

27000

Measurement time

2mins

Measurement time

2 hours

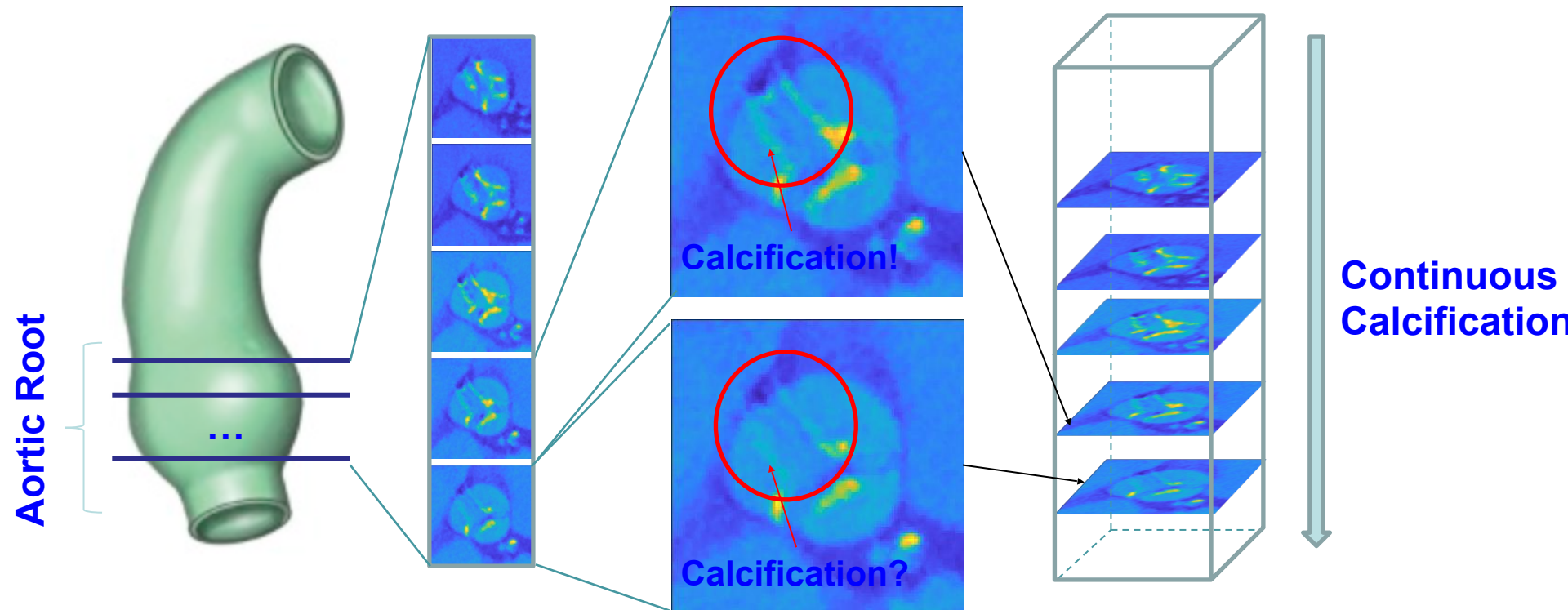
- Capable of detecting the anomaly with 1% of full sampled data
- Reduce measurement time from 2 hours to 2minutes for 1m² sample

Additive Tensor Decomposition (ATD)

Robust learning for tensor data

Motivating: Unsupervised pixel-wise calcification region extraction in CT image

CT scan of the aortic root

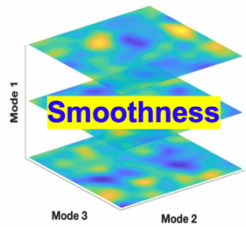


Calcification region sparse inside each slice but continuous across nearby slices

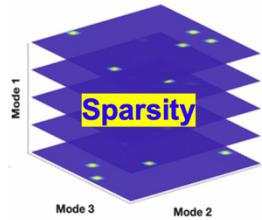
Additive Tensor Decomposition (ATD)

Robust tensor signal restoration by incorporating tensor structural priors

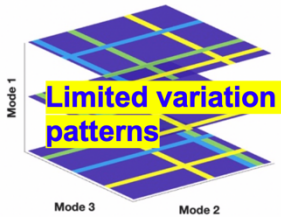
Tensor structural priors



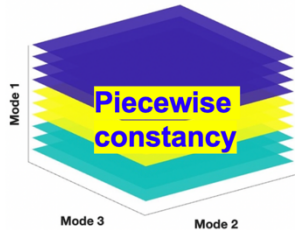
$$p(\mathcal{X}) = \sum_{s=1}^k \|\mathbf{D}_{d_s}^T \mathcal{X}_{(d_s)}\|_F^2$$



$$p(\mathcal{X}) = \sum_{l_1=1}^{l_1} \dots \sum_{l_k=1}^{l_k} \|\text{vec}(\mathcal{X}(l_1, \dots, l_k, :, \dots, :))\|_2$$

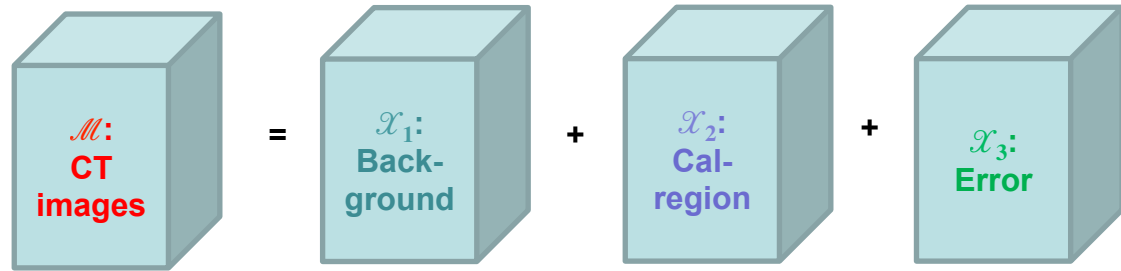


$$p(\mathcal{X}) = \sum_{l_q=1}^{l_q} \dots \sum_{l_{q+k}=1}^{l_{q+k}} \|\mathcal{X}(:, \dots, l_q, \dots, l_{q+k}, \dots, :)\|_{(l_1 \dots l_q) \times (l_{q+k+1} \dots l_n)}$$



$$p(\mathcal{X}) = \sum_{d_1=1}^{d_1} \dots \sum_{d_{k-1}=1}^{d_{k-1}} \sum_{l_p=1}^{l_p} \|\text{vec}(\mathcal{X}(l_1, \dots, l_{d_1}, \dots, l_{d_{k-1}}, \dots, l_{d_p}, \dots, :)) - \mathcal{X}(l_1, \dots, l_{d_1}, \dots, l_{d_{k-1}}, \dots, l_{d_p}, \dots, :)\|_2$$

Data: CT images of aortic root region



Background Smooth



$$\text{minimize}_{\mathcal{X}_1, \mathcal{X}_2, \mathcal{X}_3} \lambda_{1,1} \left(\|\mathbf{D}_1 \mathcal{X}_{1(2)}\|_F^2 + \|\mathbf{D}_1 \mathcal{X}_{1(3)}\|_F^2 \right)$$

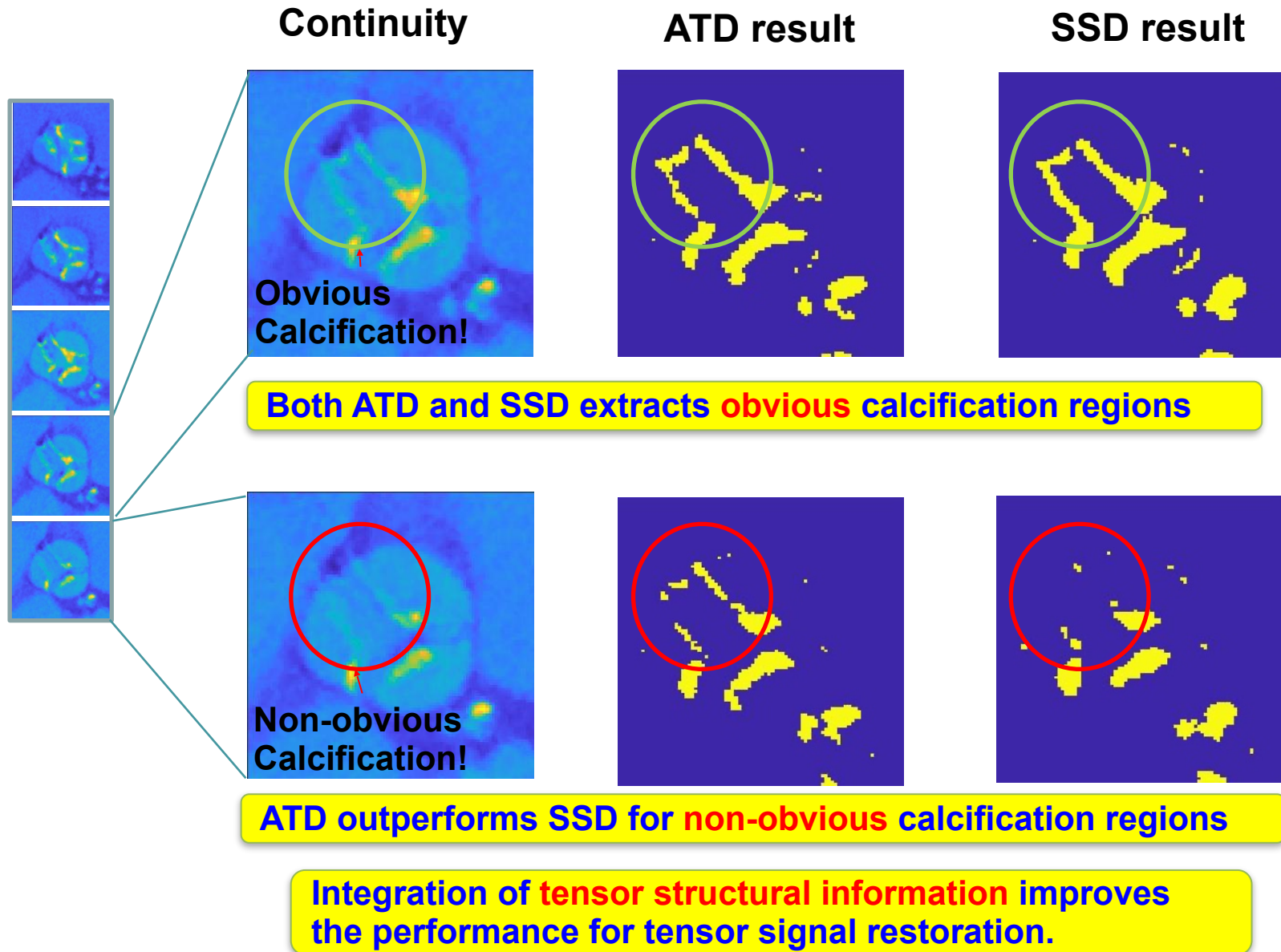
$$+ \lambda_{2,1} \|\mathbf{D}_1 \mathcal{X}_{2(1)}\|_F^2 + \lambda_{2,2} \|\text{vec}(\mathcal{X}_2)\|_1 + \lambda_{3,1} \|\mathcal{X}_3\|_2^2$$

Calcium continuous across slices Calcium sparse inside each slice

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Error small

Generalize the robust learning methods to tensor data.

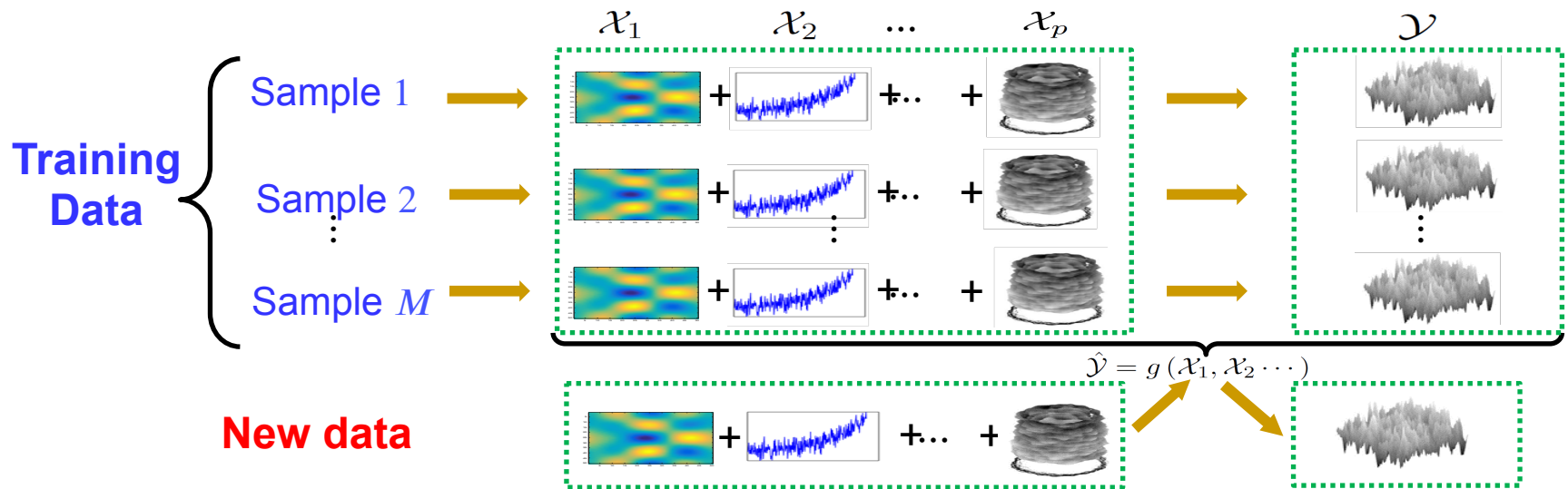
Results Calcification Region Extraction



Multiple Tensor-on-Tensor Regression Model for Multistage Manufacturing Processes (MMP)

- Reisi Gahrooei, M., Yan, H., Paynabar, K., Shi, J., 2020, "[Multiple Tensor on Tensor Regression: An approach for modeling processes with heterogeneous sources of data](#)", *Technometrics*, 63(2), 147-159.
- Miao, H., Wang, A., Chang, Z, and Shi, J. (2021), "[Structural Tensor-on-Tensor Regression with Interaction Effects and Its Application to A Hot Rolling Process](#)", *Journal of Quality Technology*, Vol. 54, Issue 5, p. 547-56

Multiple Tensor-on-Tensor Regression
To estimate an HD output given a set of HD inputs



Model:

$$\mathcal{Y} = \sum_{j=1}^p \langle \mathcal{X}_j, \mathcal{B}_j \rangle_{l_j} + \mathcal{E}$$

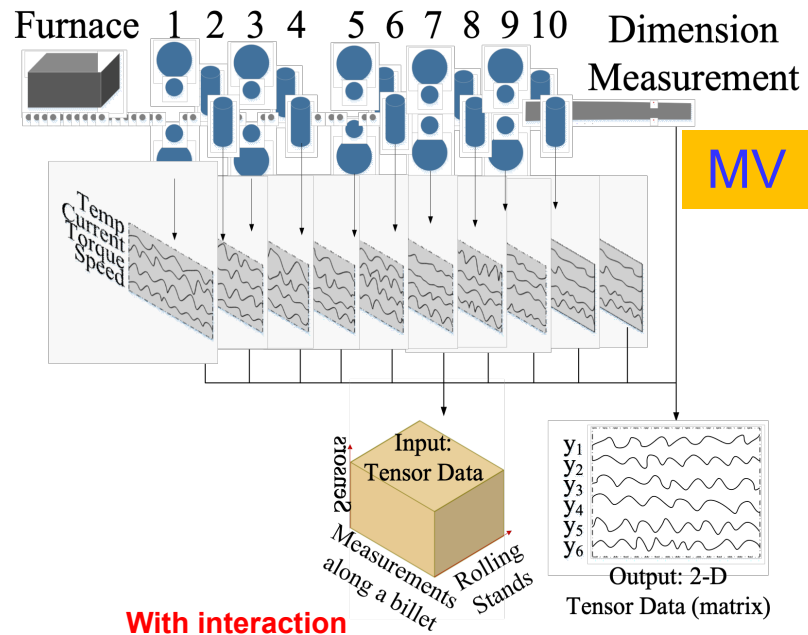
$$\mathcal{B}_j = \mathcal{C}_j \times_1 U_{j1} \times_2 \cdots \times_{l_j} U_{jl_j} \times_{l_j+1} V_1 \times \cdots \times_{l_j+d} V_d$$

$$V_k^T V_k = I_{\tilde{Q}_k} \quad U_{ji}^T U_{ji} = I_{\tilde{P}_{ji}}$$

Objective:

$$\arg \min_{\mathcal{C}_j, V, U} \left\| \mathcal{Y} - \sum_{j=1}^p \langle \mathcal{X}_j, \mathcal{C}_j \times_1 U_{j1} \times_2 \cdots \times_{l_j} U_{jl_j} \times_{l_j+1} V_1 \times \cdots \times_{l_j+d} V_d \rangle_{l_j} \right\|_F^2$$

Tensor-on-Tensor regression with Interaction effects Models with Application to a Hot Rolling Process



Model:

$$Y = X_1 * B_1 + X_2 * B_2 + (X_1 \circ X_2) * B_{[1,2]} + \mathcal{E}$$

Challenges:

Interaction effects

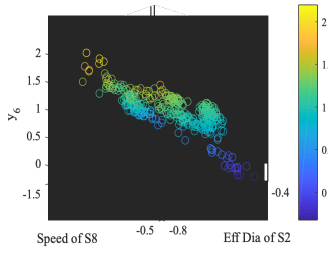
Curse of dimensionality

$B_{[1,2]} \in \mathbb{R}^{K_1 \times M_1 \times K_2 \times M_2 \times D}$ is a five-order tensor.

Complex structures

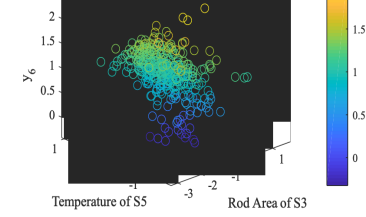
It is difficult to capture the structure of a high dimensional tensor.

With interaction



3D scatter plot among speed of stand 8, effective diameter of stand 2 and quality y_6

No interaction



3D scatter plot among rod area of stand 3, temp of stand 5 and quality y_6

	OLSI	PLSI	CP_TOTI	Tucker_MTOTI	STOTI
MSPE	0.0976 (0.0397)	4.18e-04 (5.14e-05)	7.10e-04 (6.28e-05)	7.50e-04 (1.15e-04)	2.87e-04 (3.28e-05)

Image-Based Feedback Control Using Tensor Analysis

Motivation for Image-based Control

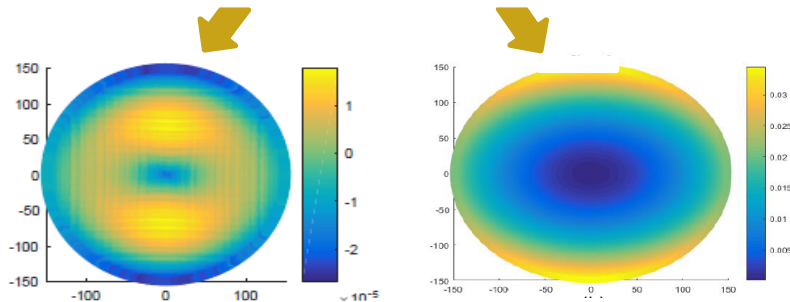
- The product quality measures are sequential images or videos.
- Adjustment of process control variables will impact product quality.

Stage position L_i ,
lens height h_i, \dots

Stage position L_j ,
lens height h_j, \dots



Lithography Machine



A set of control variables \Rightarrow
Minimize overlay output

Cutting Depth D_i ,
Speed v_i

Cutting Depth D_j ,
Speed v_j



Machining process



A set of control variables \Rightarrow
Minimize the deviations from nominal

Objective and Challenges

Objective:

Develop an optimal control framework for streaming image outputs by adjusting the input variables.

Challenges

- ① High-dimensionality: How to avoid overfitting?
- ② Spatial and temporal correlation structure: How to exploit?
- ③ Non-i.i.d Noise: How to model?

Methodology:

Tensor-based time series modeling and control

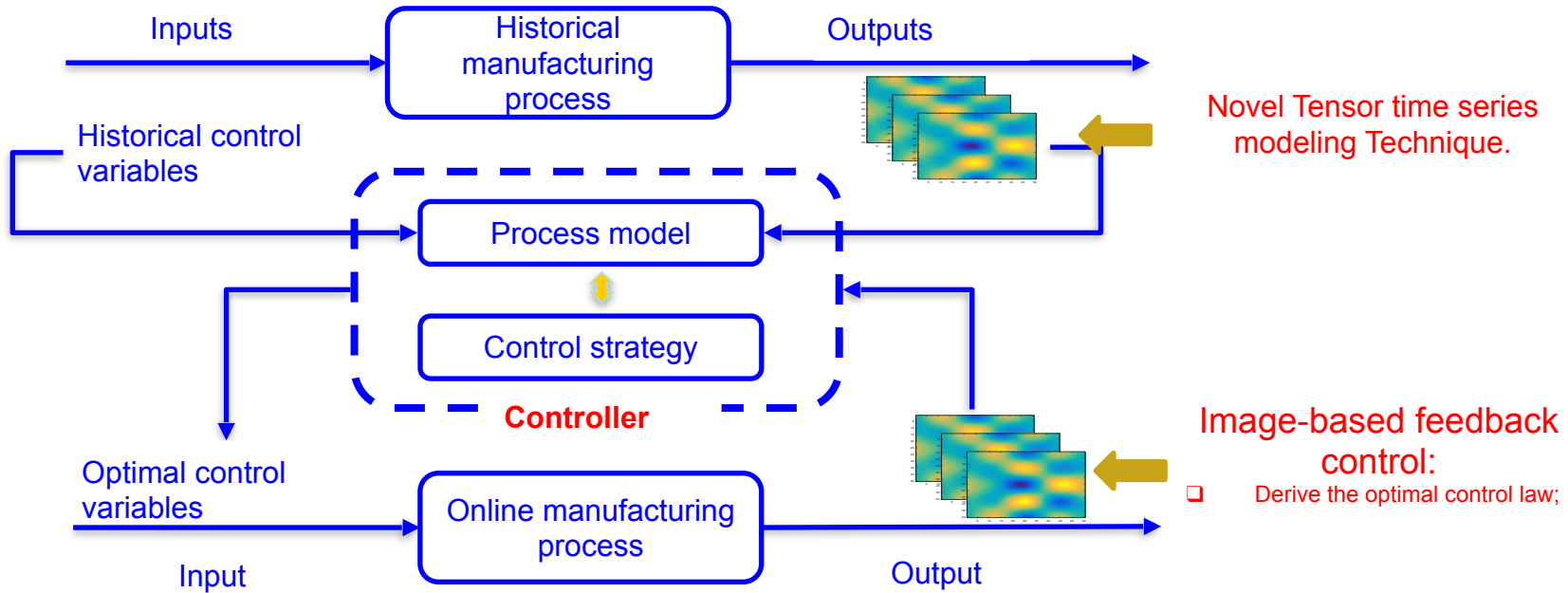


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Overview of Image-based Control



Process model:

$$y_t = \sum_{j=1}^p y_{t-j} * A_j + \sum_{n=1}^l x_{t-n} * B_n + \delta E_t$$

High dimensional coefficients

Current and previous image output

Control variables

Non-i.i.d Noise

How to learn

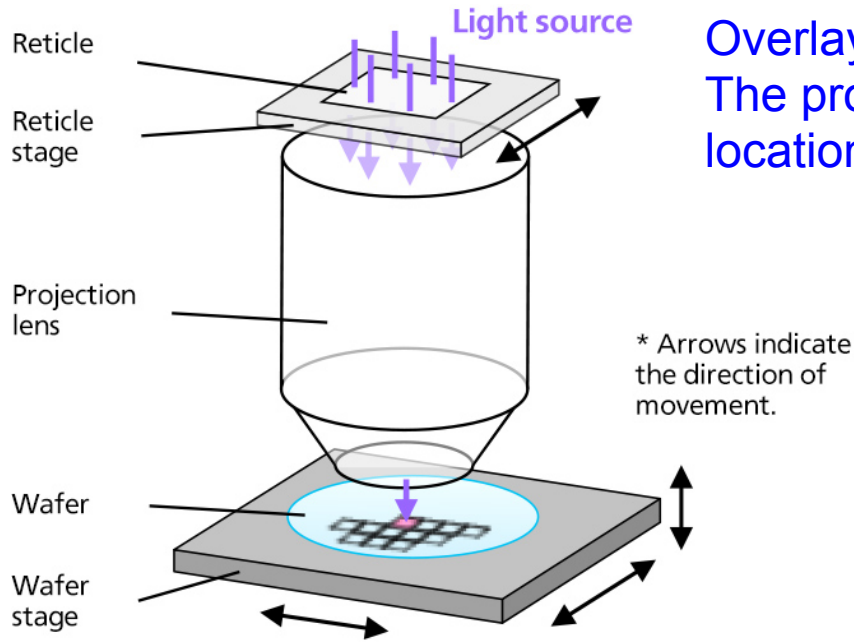
- 1) A and B ?
- 2) The correlation structure of δE ?

Control Objective function:

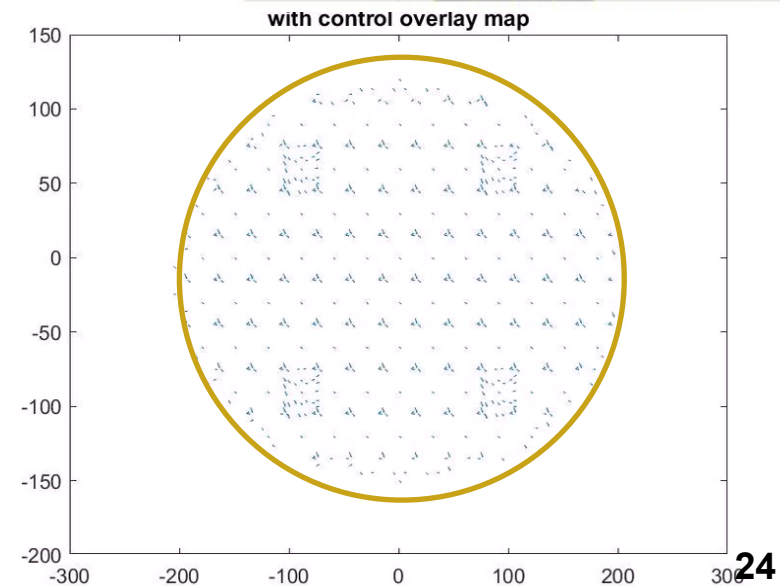
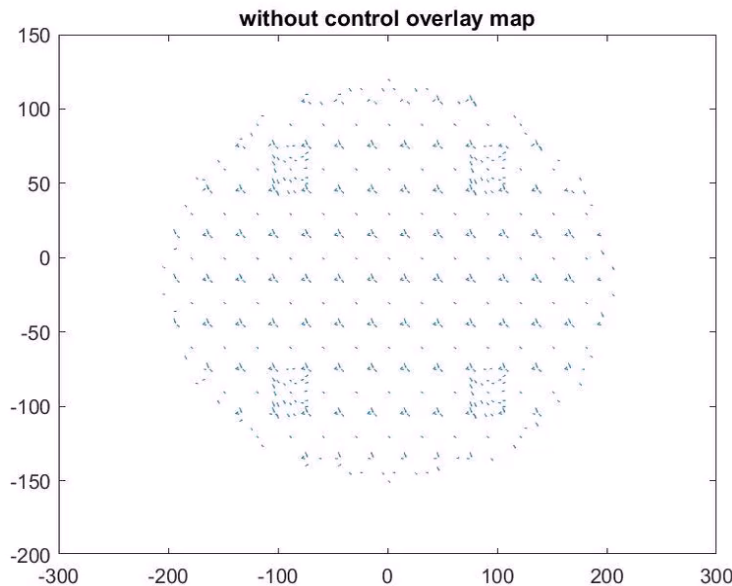
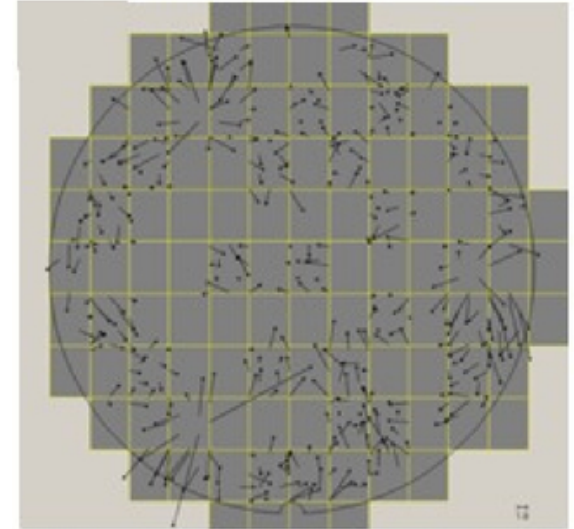
$$\text{Min}_{x_t} E \left(\hat{y}_{t+1|t}(x_t) - T \right)^2$$

closed-form solution for control law $vec(x_t)$

Case Study: The photolithography process



Overlay vector: The alignment error between (i) The projected pattern. (ii) The desired projected location on the wafer.

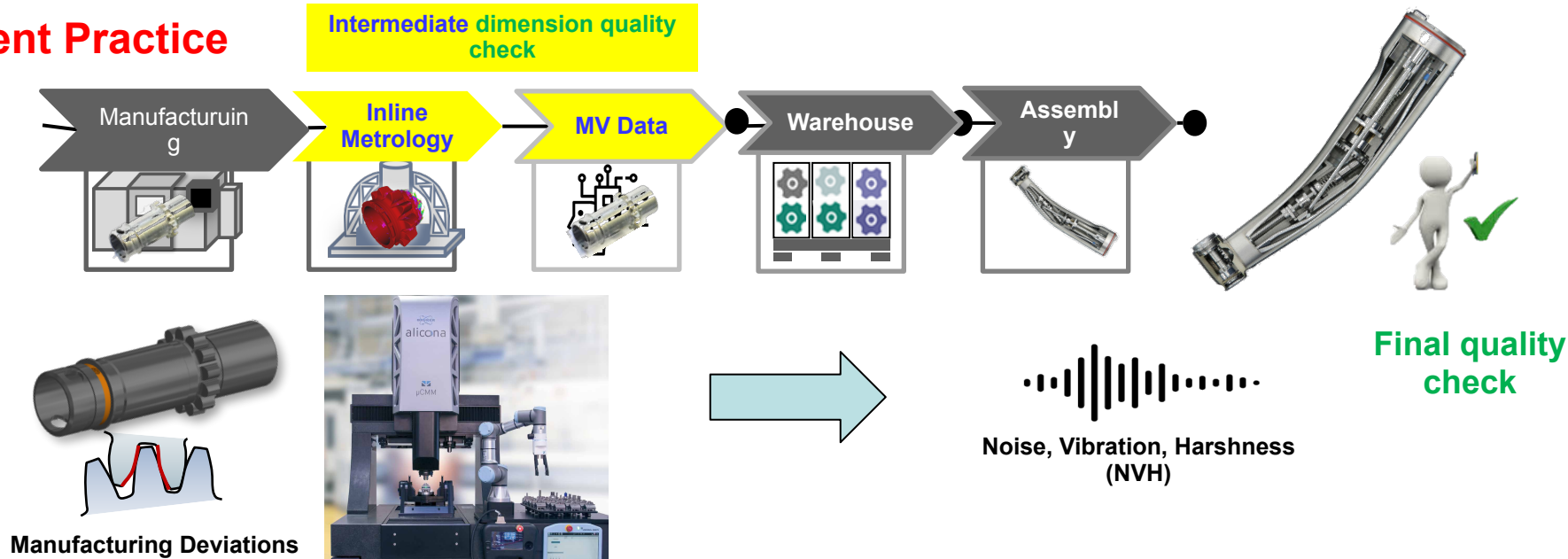


In-situ Product Quality Prediction based on 3D Point Cloud Data

Biehler, M., Yan, H., & Shi, J. (2022) "[ANTLER: Bayesian Nonlinear Tensor Learning and Modeler for Unstructured, Varying-Size Point Cloud Data](#)," in *IEEE Transactions on Automation Science and Engineering*, doi: 10.1109/TASE.2022.3230563.

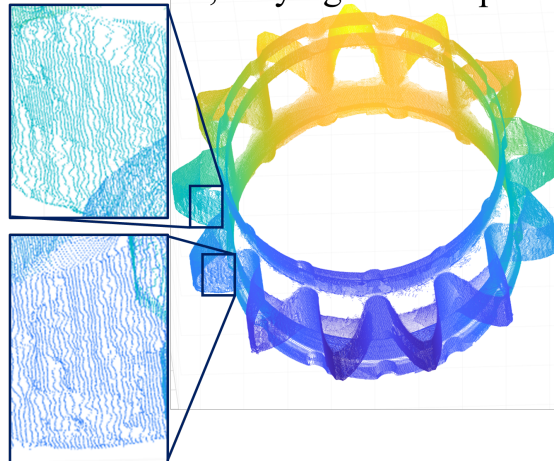
Motivating Example – Medical Engineering

Current Practice



Input

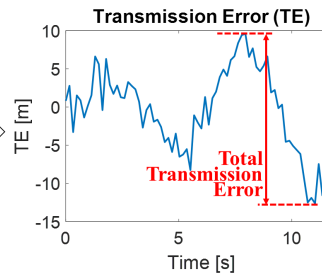
Unstructured, varying-size 3D point cloud data



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Output

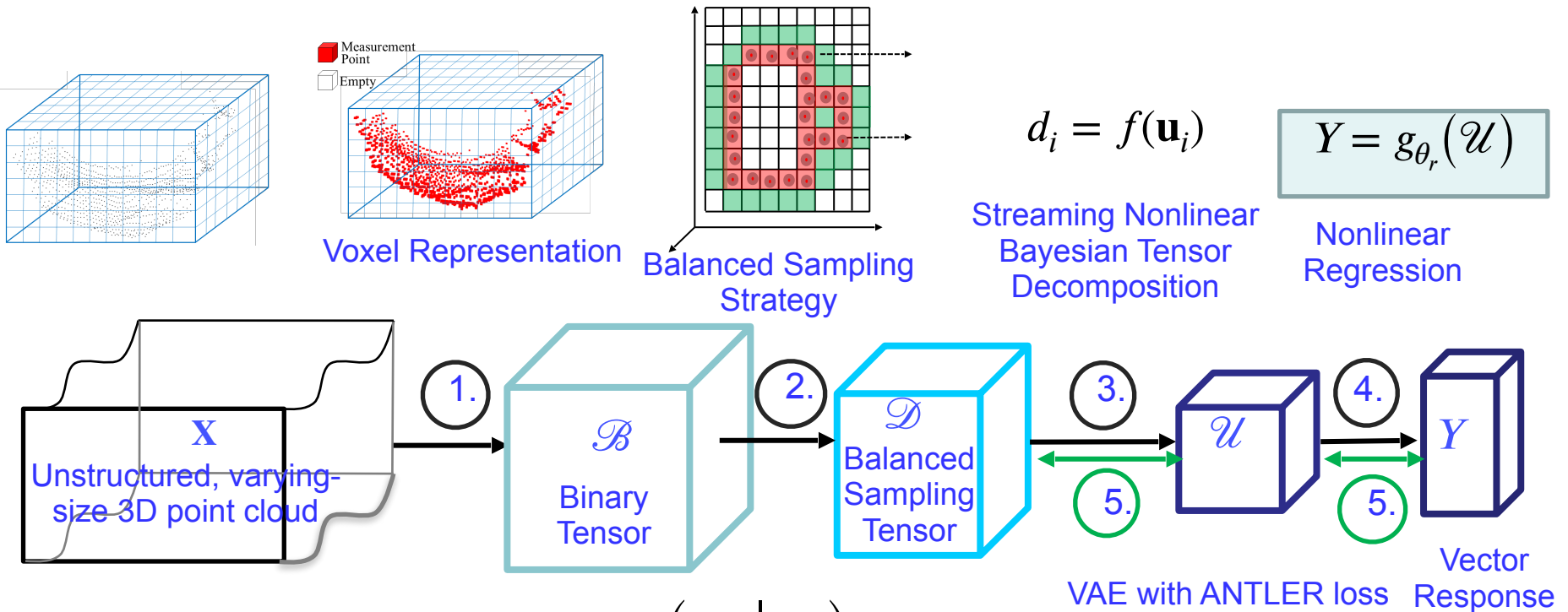
Scalar response



In situ MV-based Quality Prediction

Objective: Model a scalar response as a function of an unstructured, varying-size 3D point cloud

ANTLER Methodology – An Overview

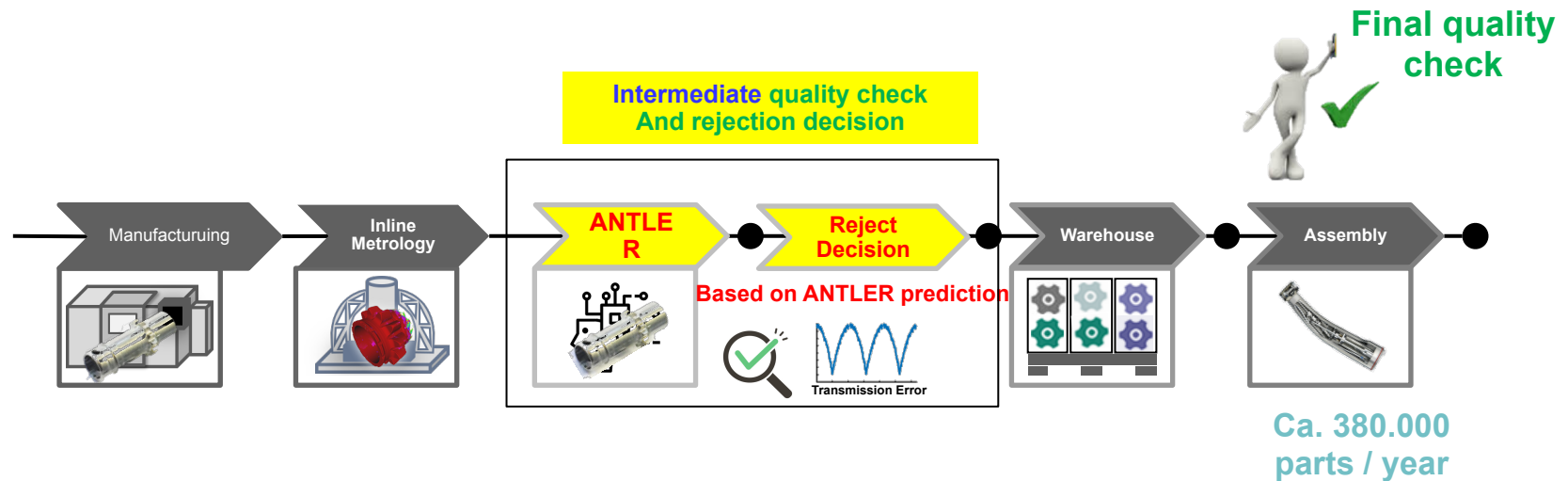


$$\mathcal{L}_{\phi, \theta, \theta_r}(\mathcal{D}, Y) = \sum_{\mathcal{D}_i \in \mathcal{D}} \log \frac{1}{S} \sum_{j=1}^S \frac{p_{\theta}(\mathcal{D}_i | \mathbf{z}_{(j)})}{q_{\phi}(\mathbf{z}_{(j)} | \mathcal{D}_i)} + \lambda_1 D_{KL} \left(q_{\phi}(\mathbf{z} | \mathcal{D}_i) \parallel p(\mathbf{z}) \right)$$

$$+ \lambda_2 \left\| \mu_{\mathbf{z}} - \mu_{\mathcal{U}_{SNBTD}} \right\|^2 + \lambda_3 \left\| g_{\theta_r}(\mu_{\mathbf{z}}) - Y \right\|^2$$

- Utilize **high expressivity** of VAE and **fast inference time**
- Leverage performance of **SNBTD** on **small sample sizes**
- Simultaneously optimize regression and low dimensional representation

ANTLER – Industry Implementation and Impact



- Introduced intermediate quality check based on ANTLER prediction results:
 - Decision rule:
 - Accept if predicted transmission error < Engineering Tolerance
- Since implementation (February 2022):
 - **Reduction of total scrap cost by 61%**

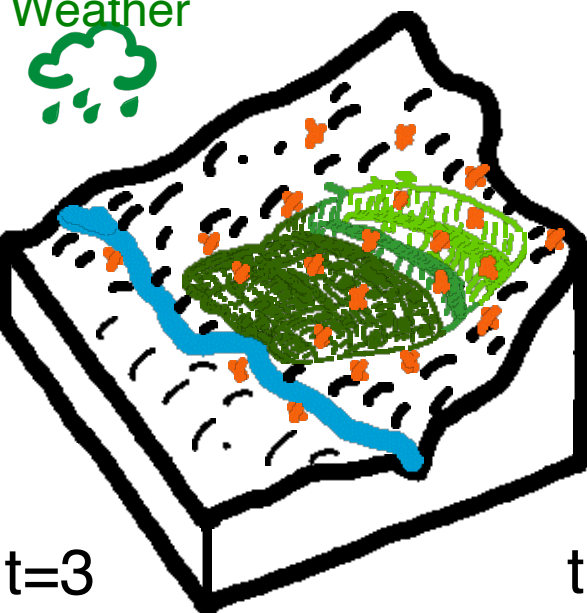
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Motivation: dynamically evolving 3D shapes are common

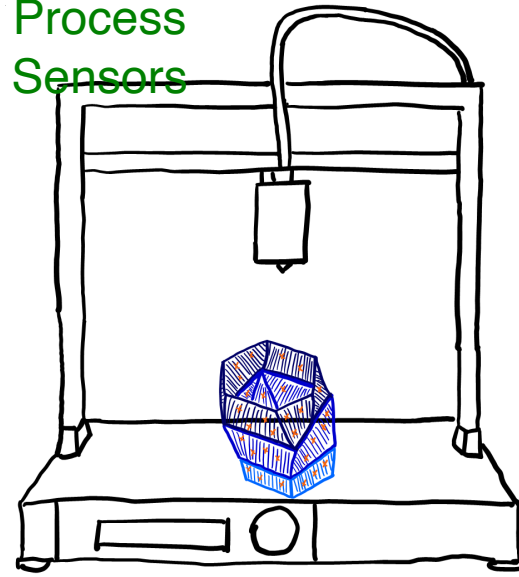
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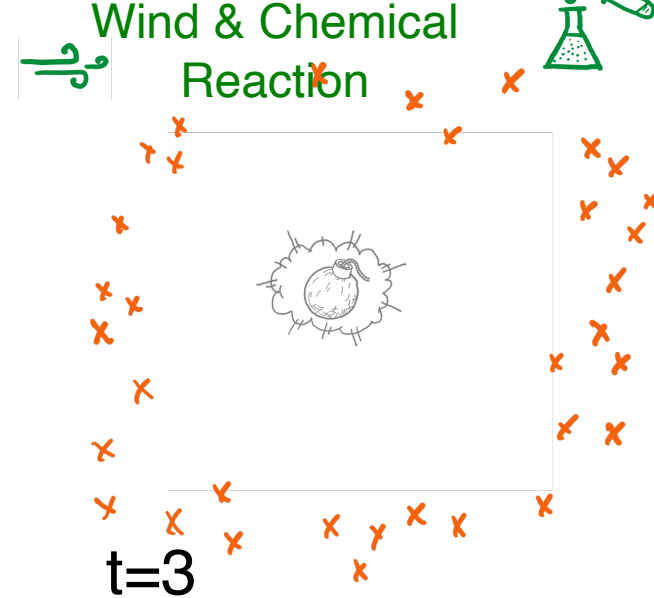
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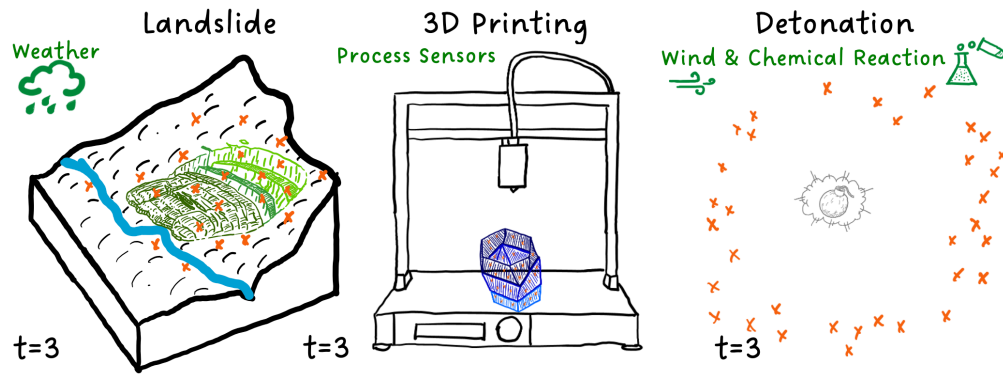
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Wind & Chemical
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X Unstructured Measurement Points

Objective: Modeling of dynamically evolving 3D shapes according to temporal propagation and heterogenous inputs



Common Data Characteristics:

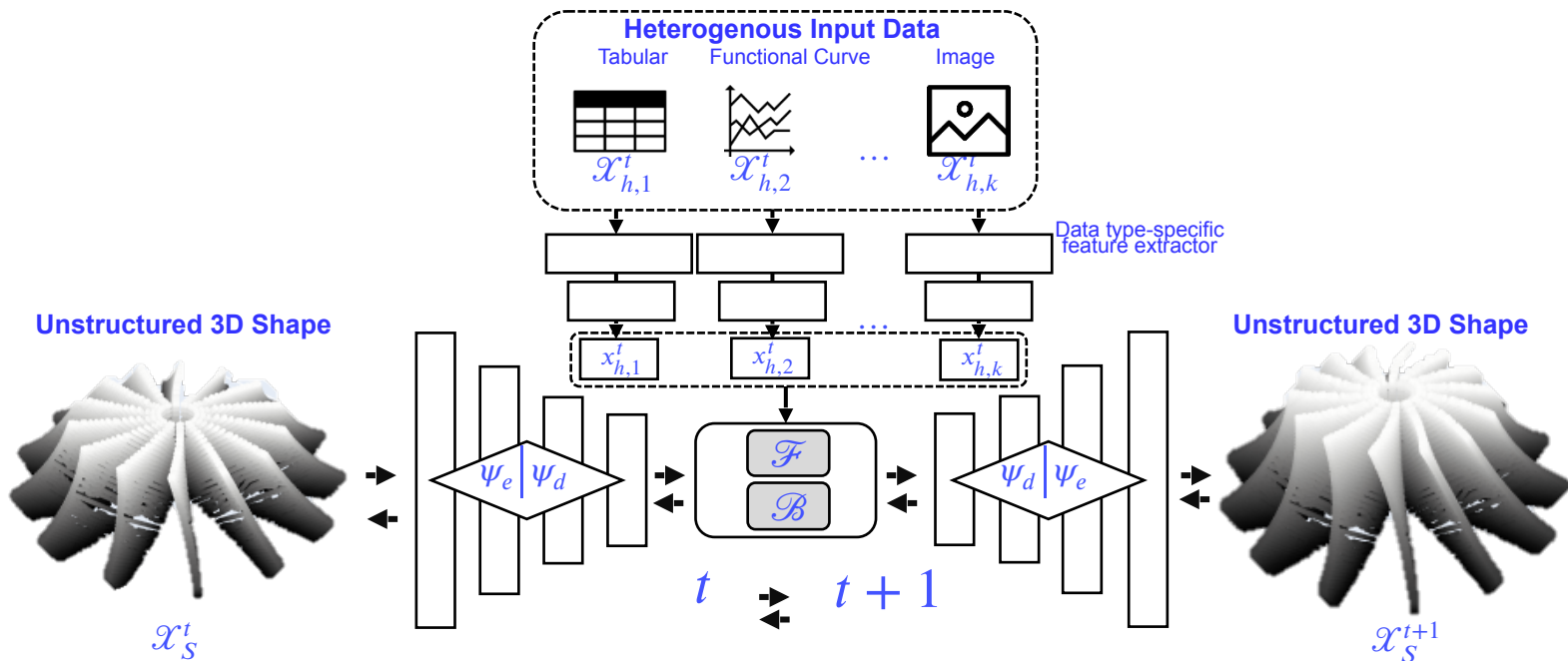
- Dynamically, nonlinear, temporally evolving 3D shape profiles
- 3D shapes are represented by unstructured 3D point clouds
- 3D shape profiles are spatially affected by heterogeneous input data
- Backward predictions are also relevant: Root Cause Analysis

Challenges

1. Evolving 3D shapes exhibit complex spatio-temporal structure: How to model?
2. Forward and backward predictions: How to exploit and combine?
3. Unstructured data structure of 3D point clouds: How to process?
4. Heterogeneous input data: How to fuse with temporal model?

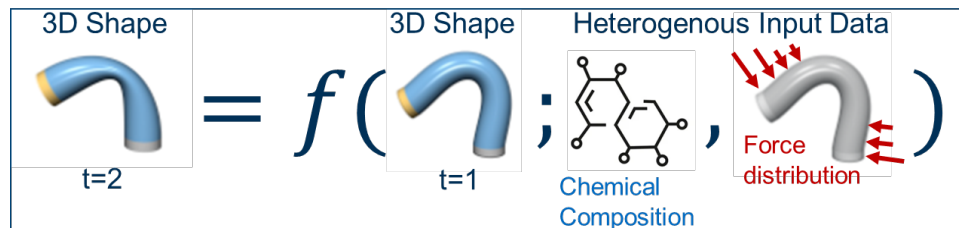
Proposed DETONATE Methodology

- Problem setup using Koopman Operator Theory
- Latent Encoding via 3D Autoencoder
- Forward and Backward Dynamics
- Consistent Dynamics
- Heterogenous Input Data Sources
- Unified DETONATE framework



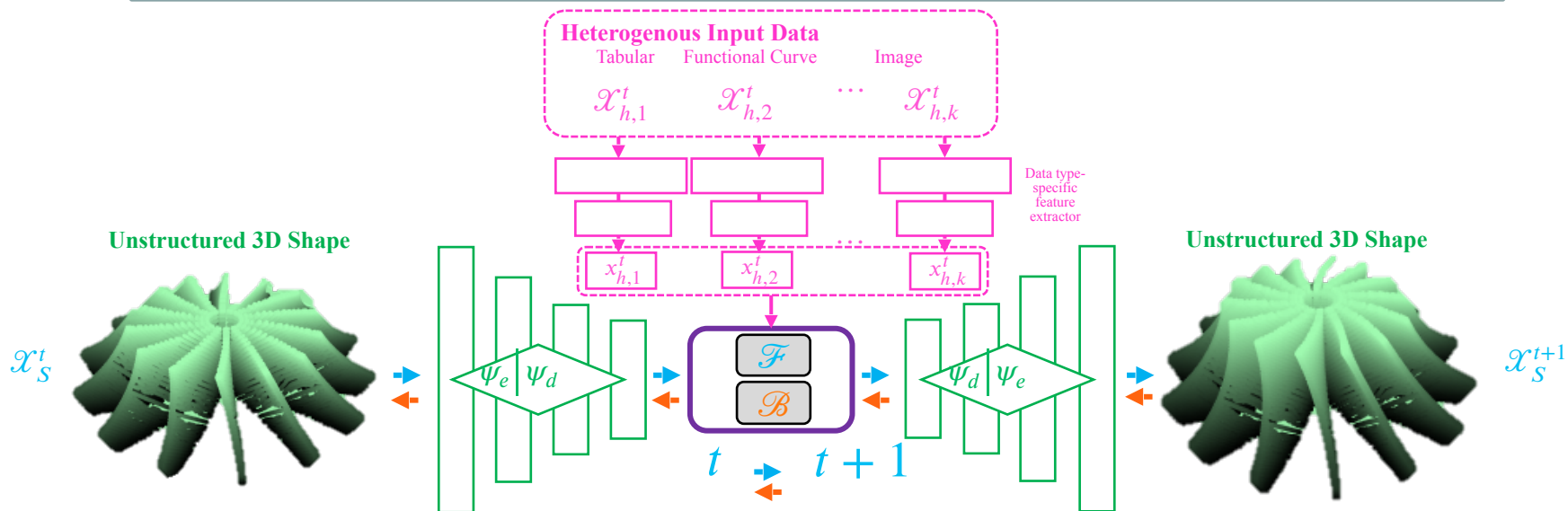
Unified DETONATE Framework

- **Goal:** $\mathcal{X}_S^{t+1} = f(\mathcal{X}_S^t, \mathcal{X}_{h,j}^t)$



- **Unified DETONATE Loss:**

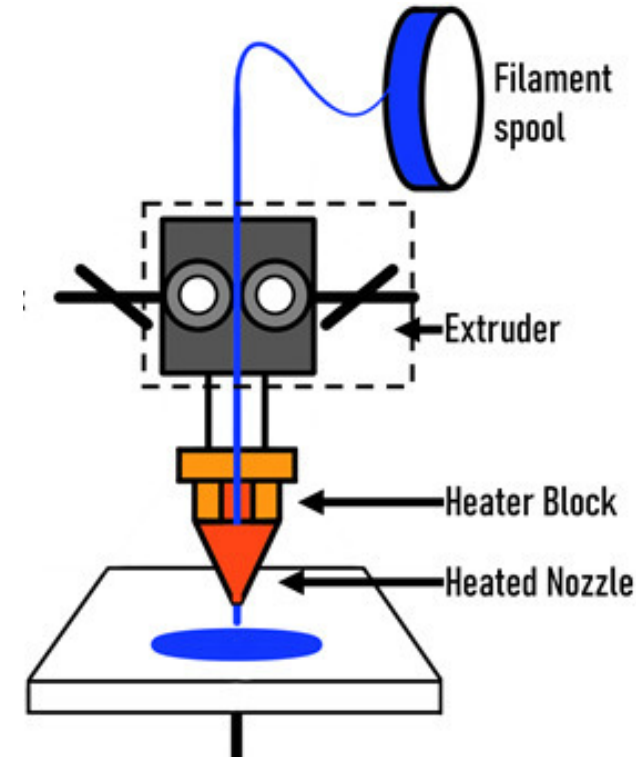
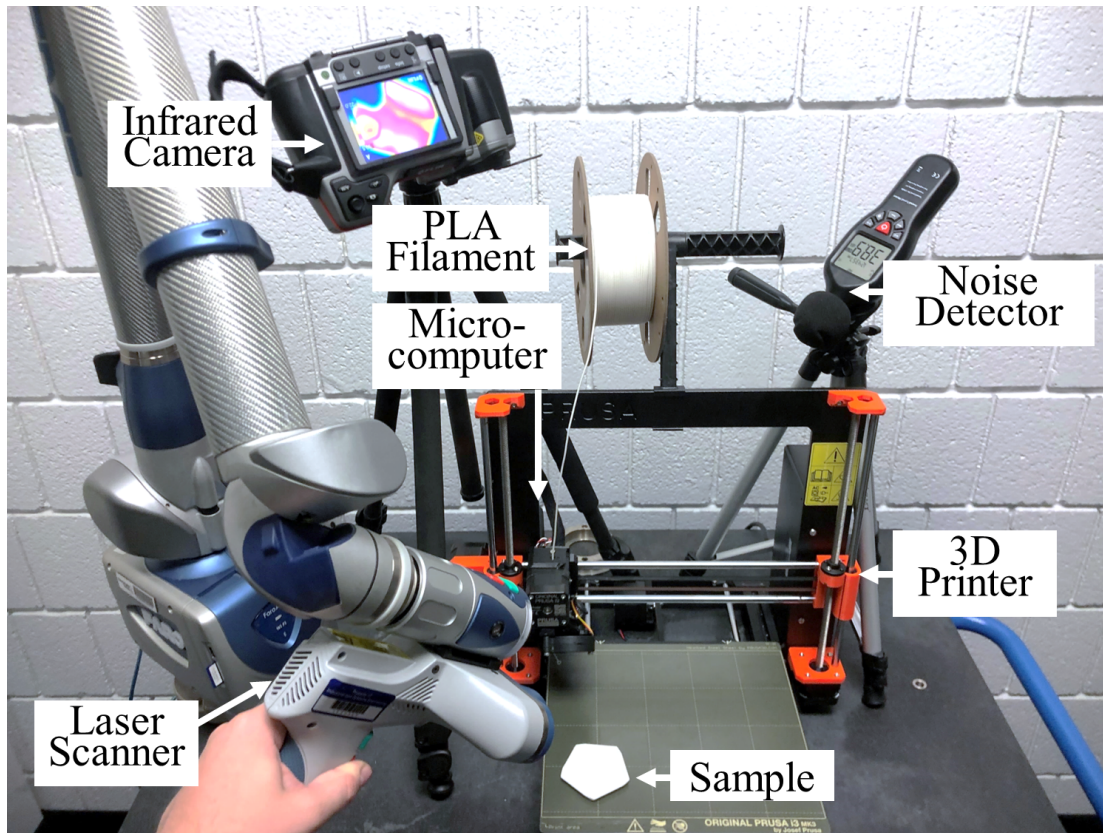
$$\mathcal{L}_{DETONATE} = \mathcal{L}_{rec} + \lambda_1 \cdot \mathcal{L}_{fwd} + \lambda_2 \cdot \mathcal{L}_{bwd} + \lambda_3 \cdot \mathcal{L}_{con} + \lambda_4 \cdot \mathcal{L}_h$$



Utilize a unified Optimization Framework to combine all components to improve predictive performance

Case Study – 3D Printing Experiments

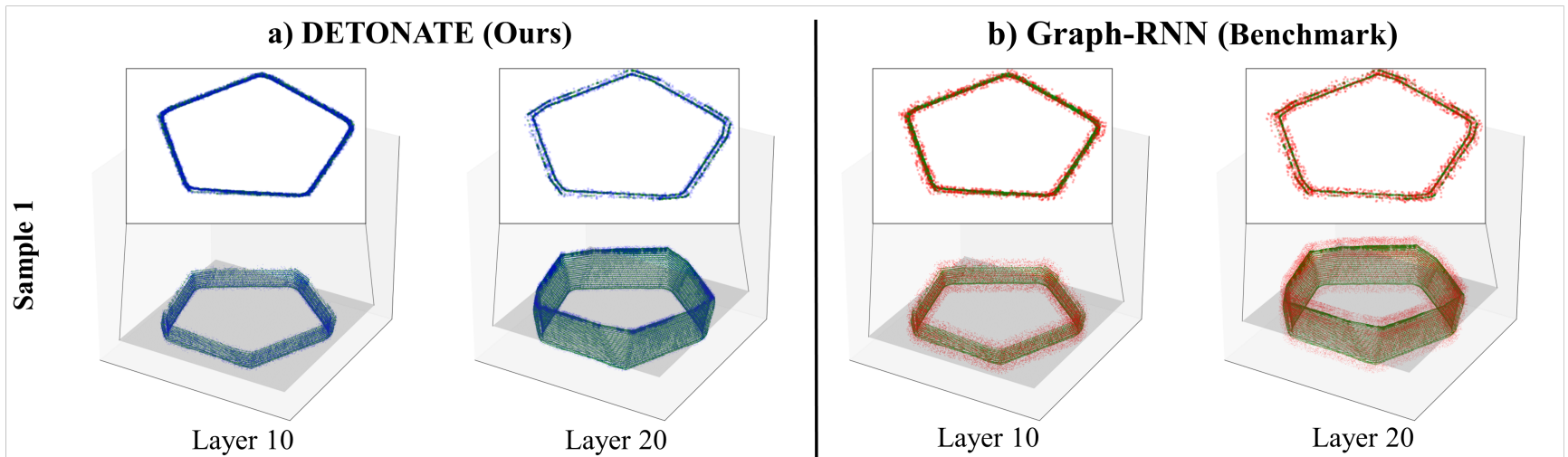
- 3D printing of PLA specimen via Fused Filament Fabrication (FFF)



- Prusa MK3S FDM printer
- Infrared Camera FLIR T360
- Laser Scanner FARO Quantum ScanArm
- Microcomputer to log nozzle and print bed temperature
- Noise detector

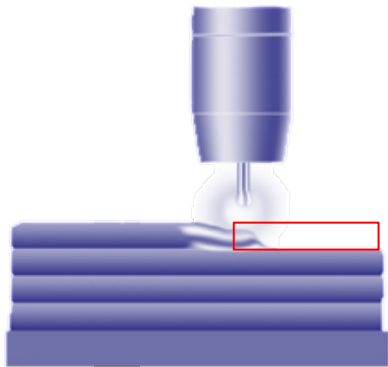
Case Study – 3D Printing - Results

- Temporally evolving 3D point cloud profiles:
 - Up- or down-sampled to a fixed-point number of $N_p = 60,000$
 - If more precision is required: Our ANTLER work on varying-size, unstructured point clouds can be adapted
- Prediction Results

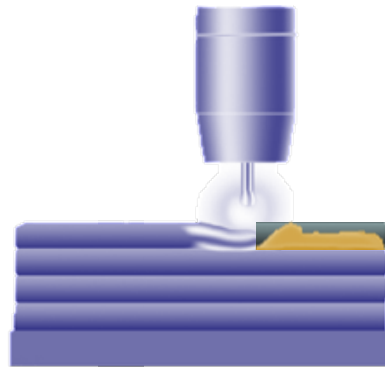


- DETONATE enables next generation of In-Process Quality Improvement (IPQI) methodologies
- **Compensation and Control: Concept**
 - Adjust process variables to achieve desired 3D shape

Multistage
Manufacturing Process

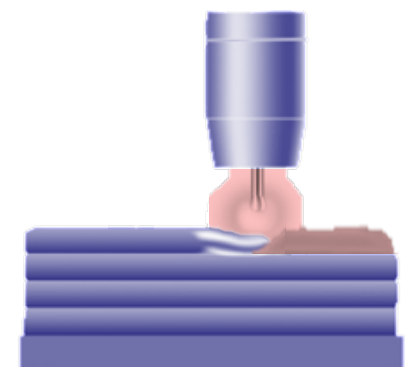


Desired Shape



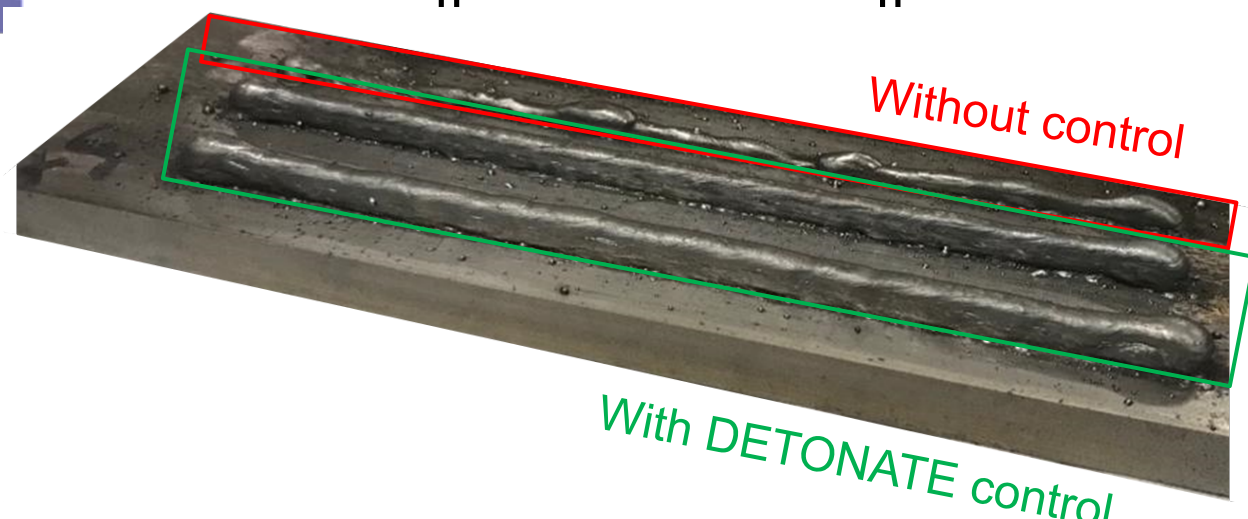
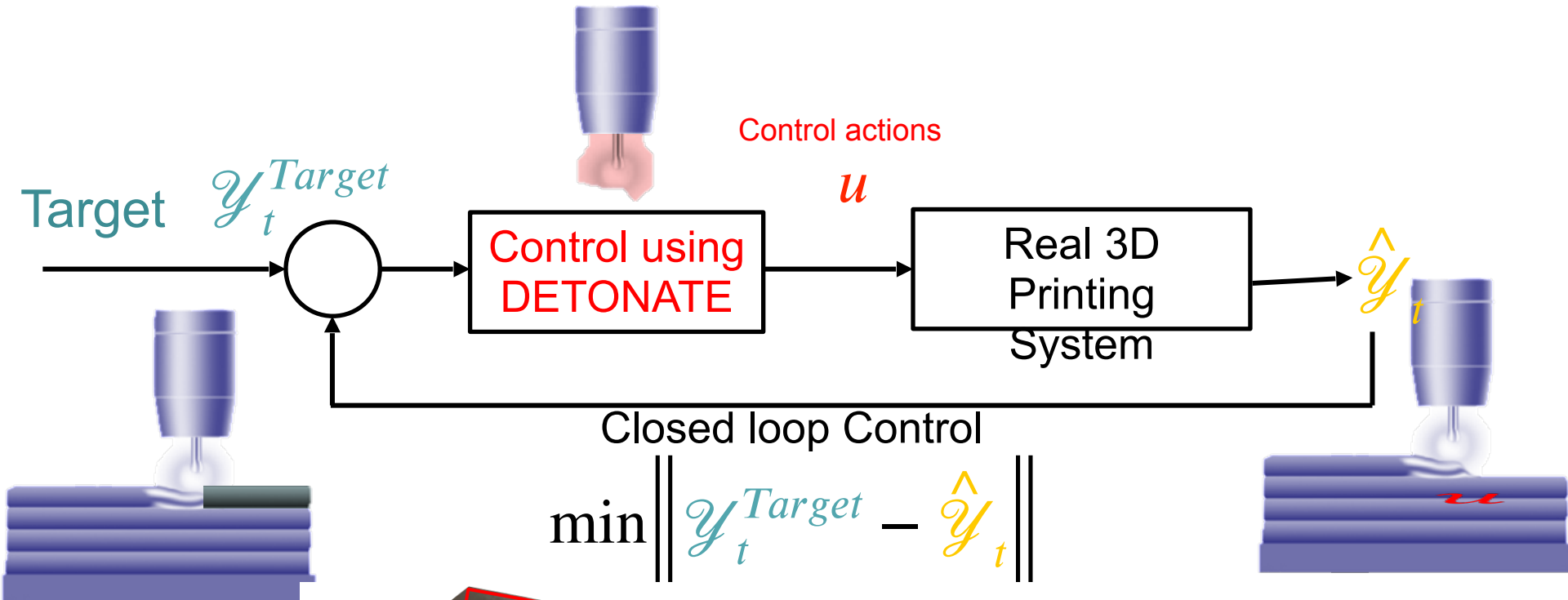
Adjust
control
variables

Dimensional
Compensation Control



Predicted shape (DETONATE):
Distorted due to process variation

DETONATE Model-based Dimensional Compensation Control - Concepts and Experimental Results



Summary

- Machine Vision has been widely used in smart manufacturing to measure product quality and process/machine conditions, which enables the IPQI.
- Machine Learning and Data fusion are key components of R&D, which requires multidisciplinary efforts from engineering, statistics, machine learning, and control.
- Machine Vision enabled IPQI has been generated significant economic impacts in numerous manufacturing systems, and much more work needs to be done in this important area.
- Close collaborations between industry and academia are essential to move forward of machine vision enabled IPQI.

Thank you!

