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# Video-image data mining for zero-waste additive manufacturing



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**VISION 2023**



Politecnico di Milano (since 1863)  
Largest technical university in Italy  
(45 thousands students)



Full Professor - Co-founder of the **AddMe Lab**, **IC Labs** and **3D cell Lab**

Senior Editor- Department Editor:

**Progress in Additive Manufacturing- Additive Manufacturing Letters**  
**Infirms Journal of Data Science – IISE Transactions**  
**Journal of Quality Technology**

Member of the European Commission's platform **Manufuture** Member of the SC of the **Vanguard Initiative on 3D Printing** - Board Member of the CLC South - **EIT Manufacturing**, Council members of **ASQ**, **Infirms QSR** and **Enbis**

**2023 Awards:**

- **Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering**
- **2023 ASQ Brumbaugh Award**
- **2023 ENBIS Box Medal Award**

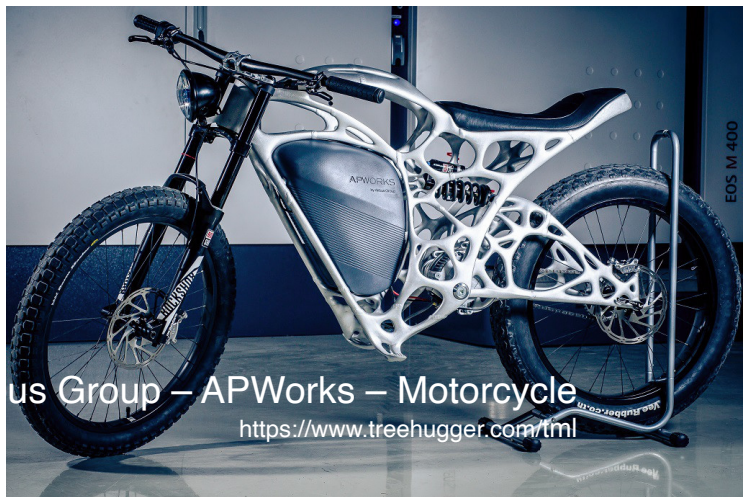
Included among the top 100 Italian woman scientists in **STEM** (<https://100esperte.it/>)

 **Manufacturing and Mech Eng (2023)**

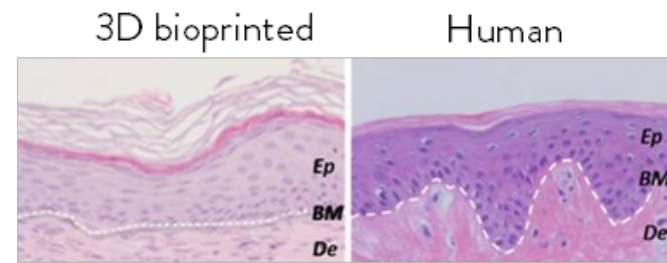
- **1st** in Italy
- **4th** in Europe
- **7th worldwide**

 **Engineering & Technology (2023)**

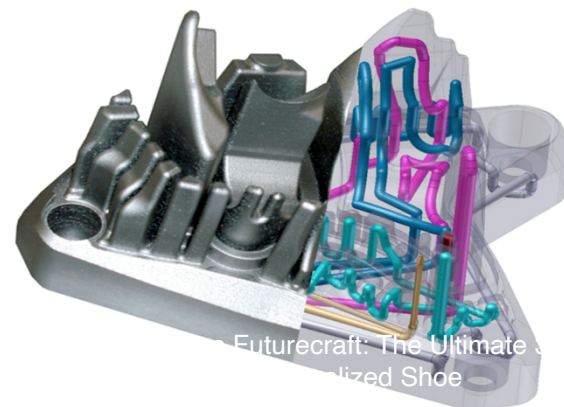
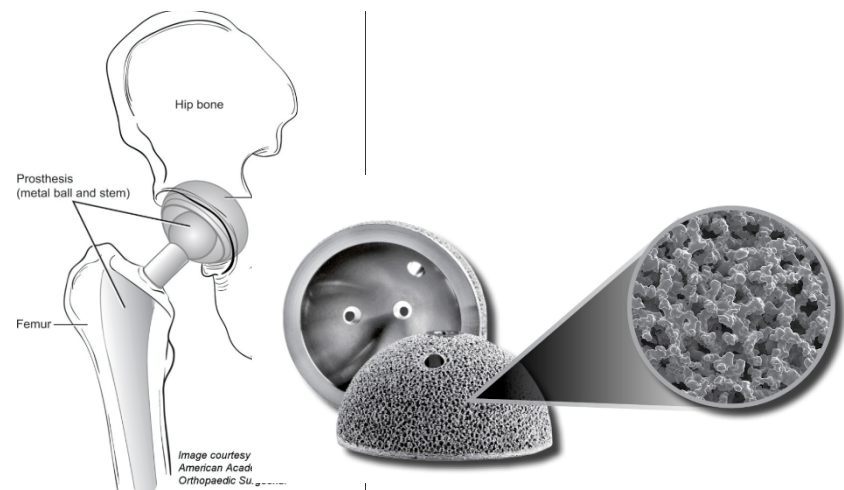
- **1st** in Italy
- **7th** in Europe
- **18th worldwide**



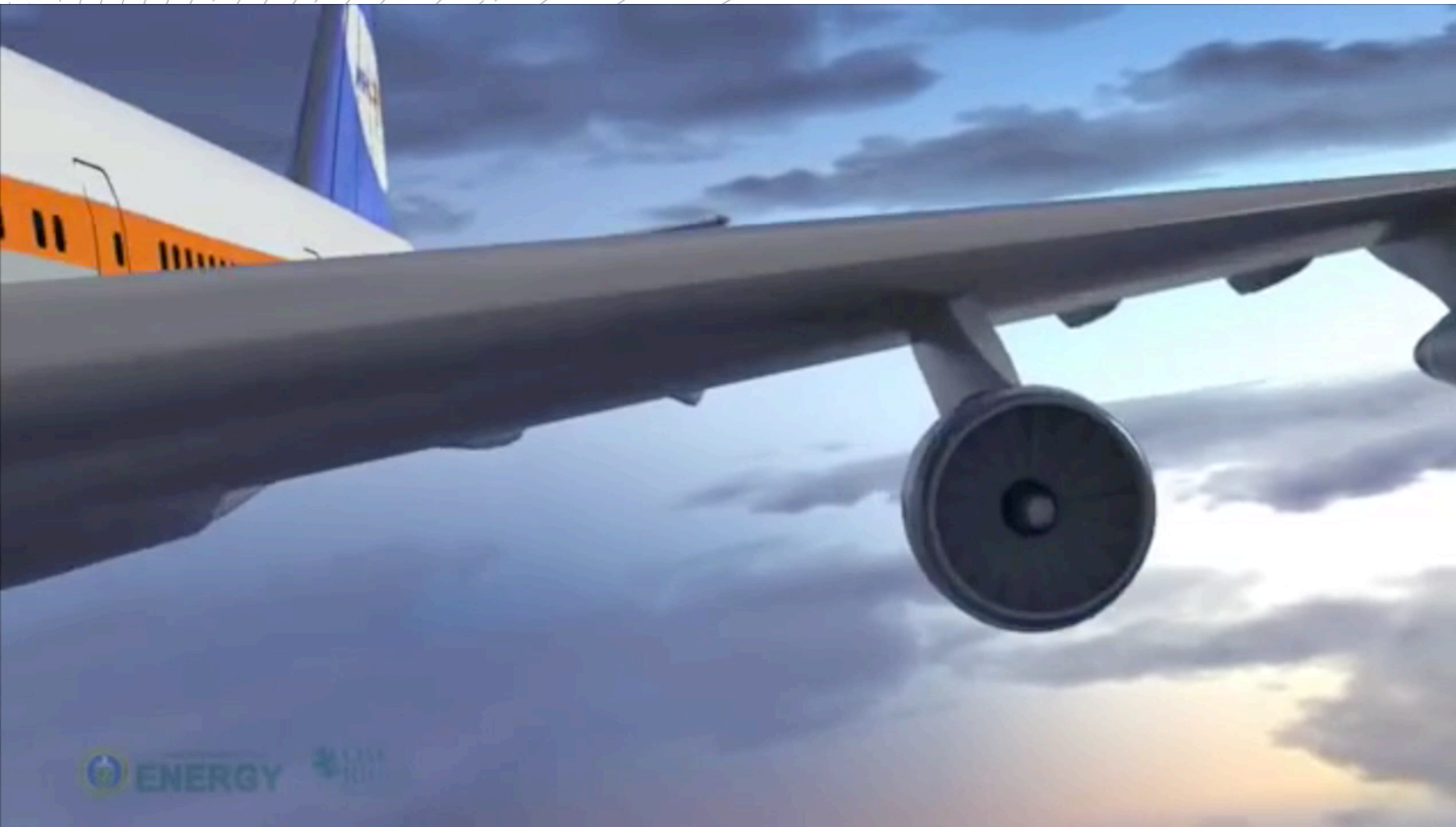
# What do they have in common?



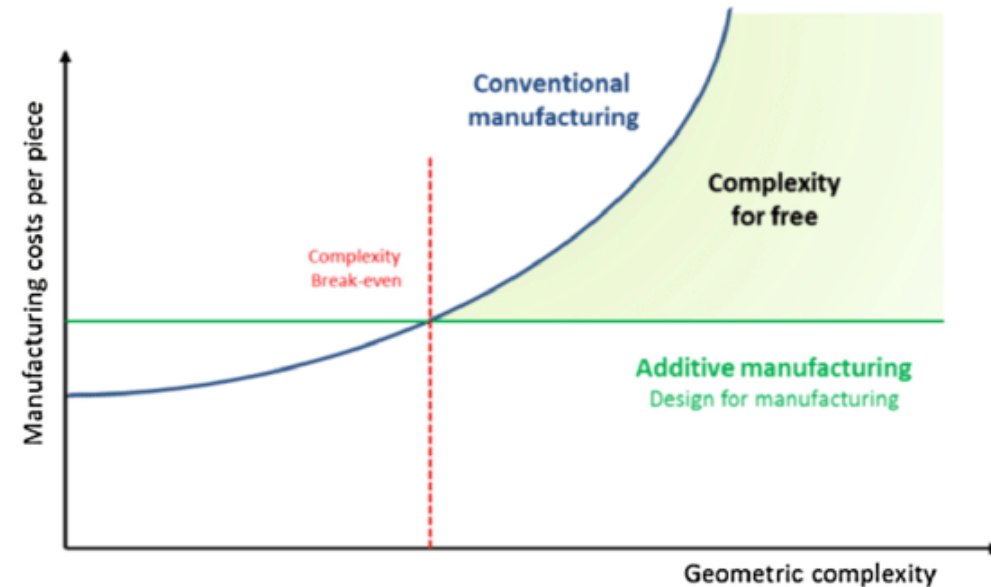
Bioprinted skin



# Additive Manufacturing - Complexity for free



An example of metal AM – power bed fusion via EBM



Additive manufacturing:  
“the process of **joining** materials to make parts from **3D model data**, usually **layer upon layer**, as opposed to subtractive and formative manufacturing methodologies.”

# AM & the green transition

## AEROSPACE



Satellites: Bracket

- Weight reduction: - 60 %
- Waste reduction: - 98 %
- Cost reduction: - 53 %



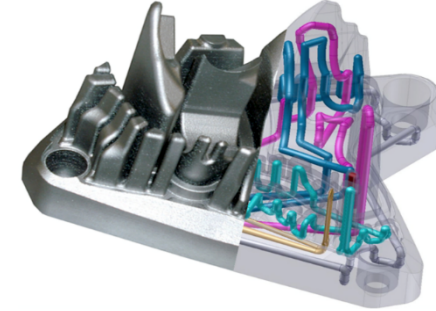
GE Fuel nozzle (Leap jet Engine)

- Reduce # components
- More durable (5X)
- 25% lighter (15% fuel savings)

## MACHINERY AND TOOLING

### Machinery and tooling

- Extended lifetime
- Reduce defects



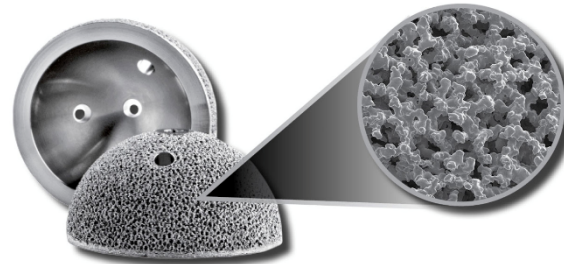
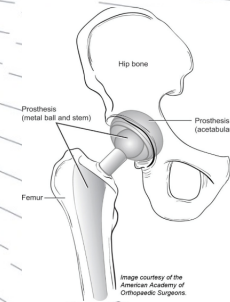
## CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

- Material savings



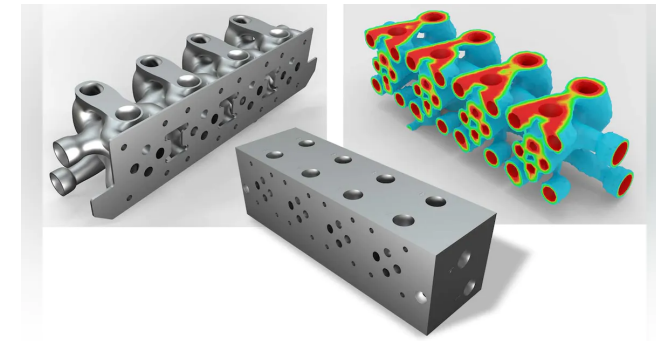
## BIOMEDICAL

- Customization



## OIL & GAS

- weight and performances



- Green performances
  - lightweight, energy-efficient, small number of components, material just where needed
- First-time-right/Zero-defect
- Circular (extend lifetime, repair, recycle)
- Produce when and where it is needed

# From 3D printing to bioprinting



## Doctors Transplant Ear of Human Cells, Made by 3-D Printer

3DBio Therapeutics, a biotech company in Queens, said it had for the first time used 3-D printing to make a body part with a patient's own cells.

Give this article 138



Alexa, the patient, before the surgery, left, and 30 days after the surgery. Dr. Arturo Bonilla, Microtia-Congenital Ear Institute

By Roni Caryn Rabin

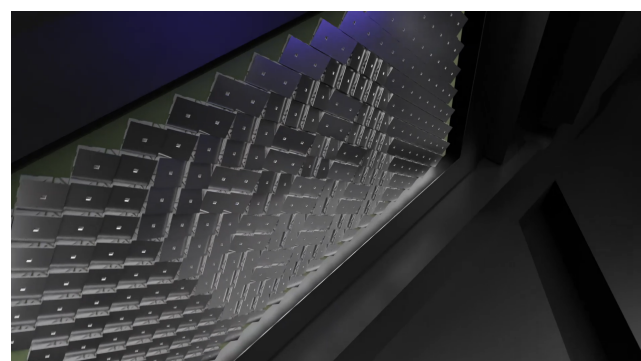
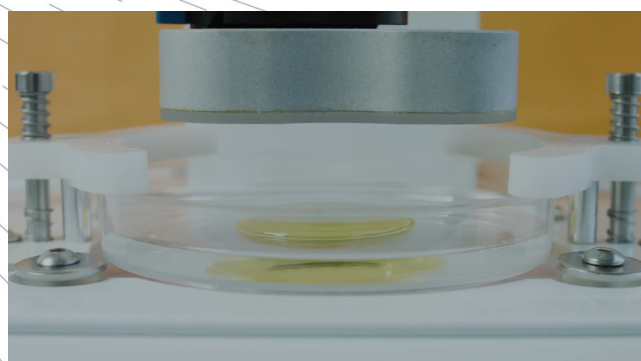
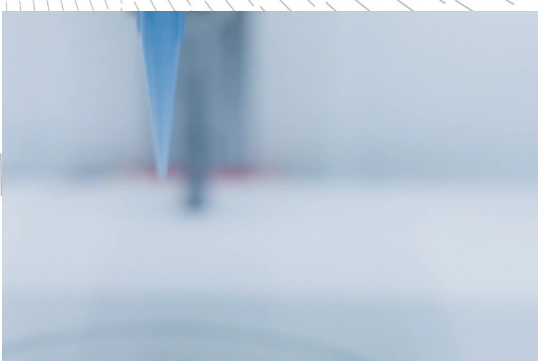
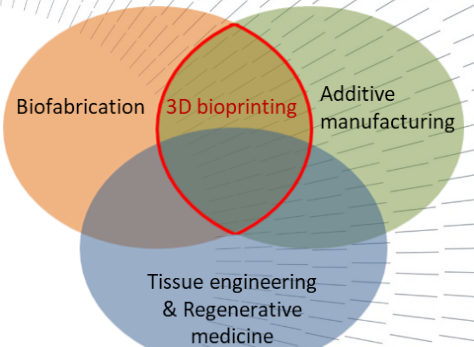
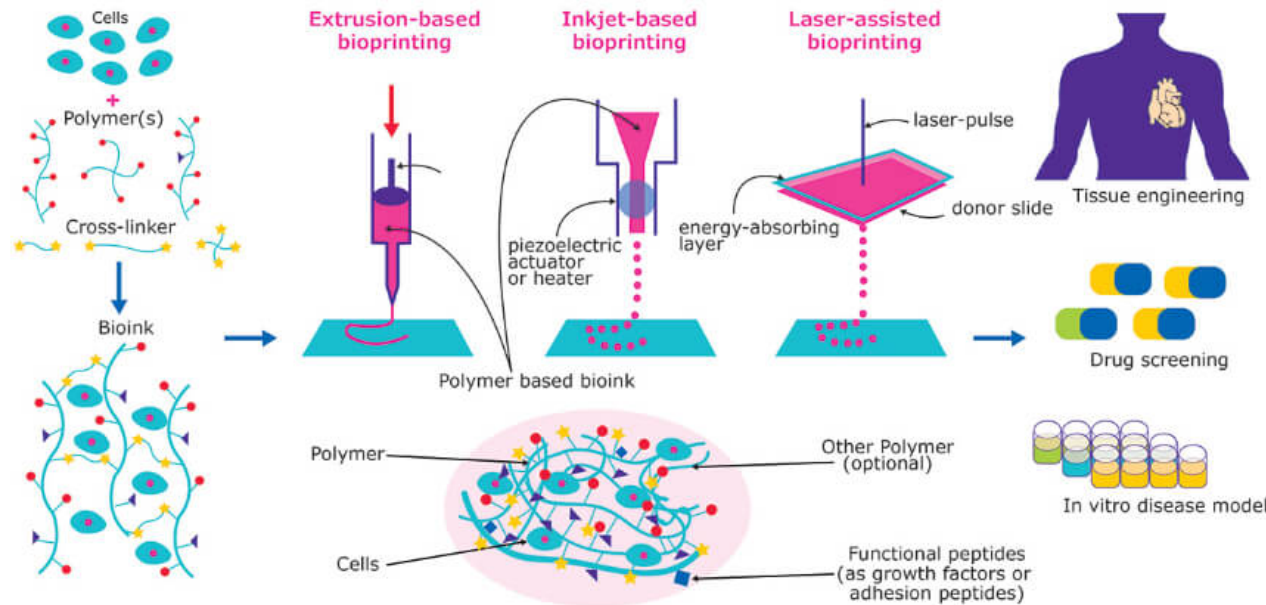
June 2, 2022

A 20-year-old woman who was born with a small and misshapen

Home / 3D printed brain organoids: Humanitas University and Politecnico di Milano together to research neuronal diseases

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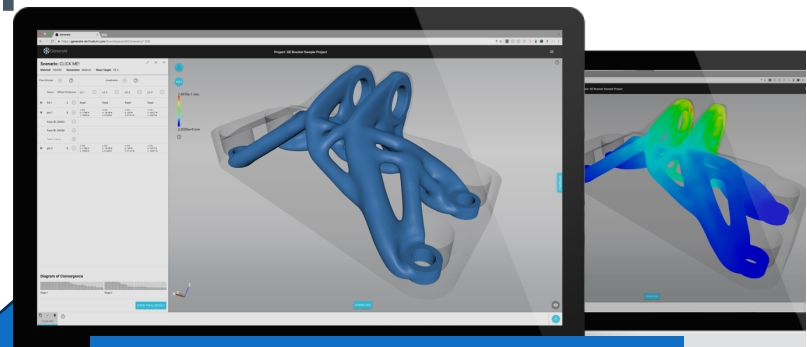
### 3D Bioprinting- Definition, Principle, Process, Types, Applications



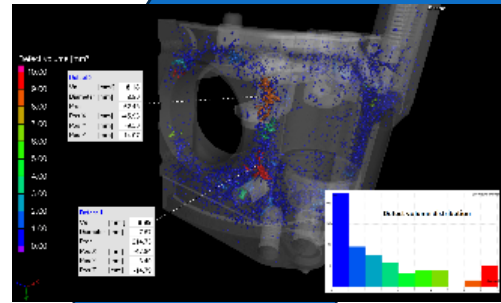
# Additive Manufacturing & digital transition



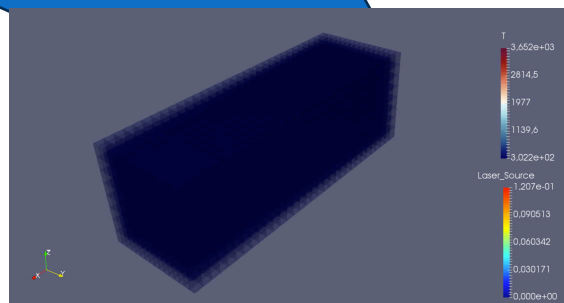
- From physical to digital
- Virtual process & product design (for customization)
- Smart process (real time monitoring and control)
- Digital twin
- IoT
- Cloud computing



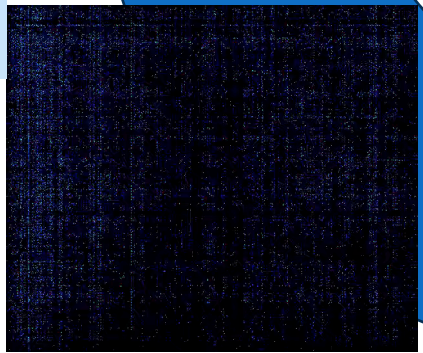
Product design and simulation



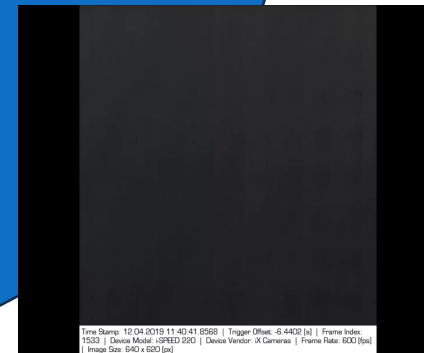
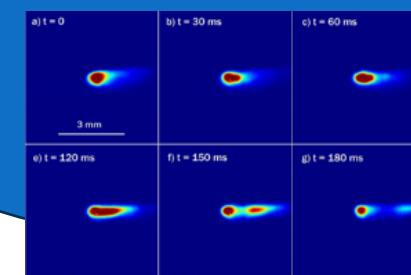
Qualification & testing



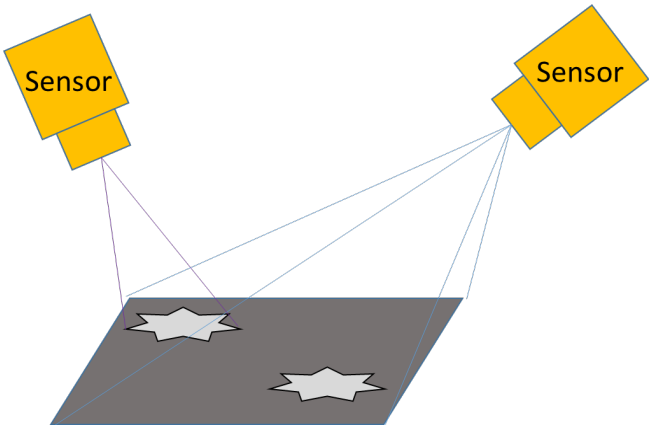
Process design and simulation



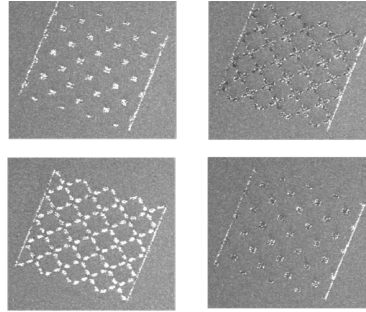
In-situ data mining



# Off-axis



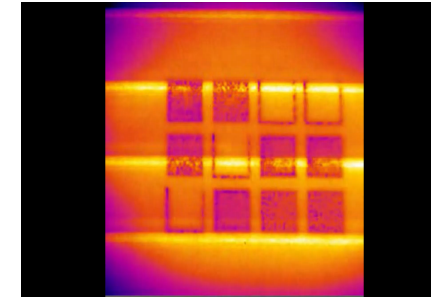
Powder bed images



Off-axis high speed video



Off-axis high speed IR video



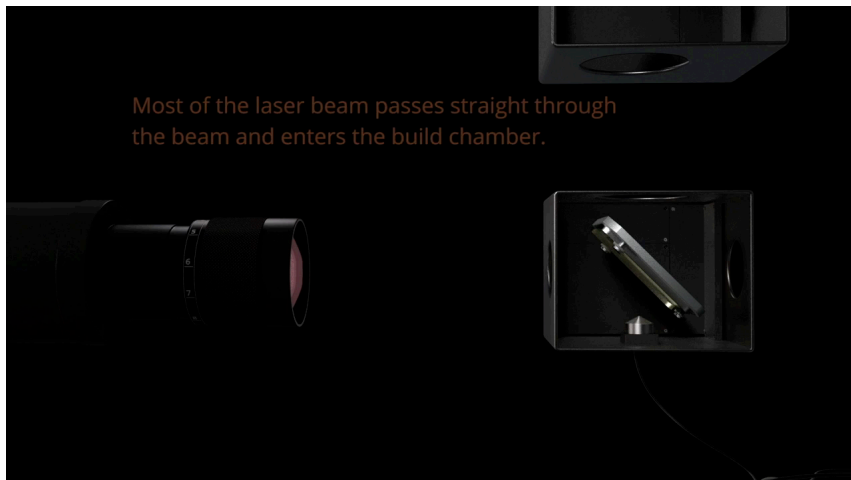
**5 - 10 Gbyte**

**5 – 10 Tbyte**

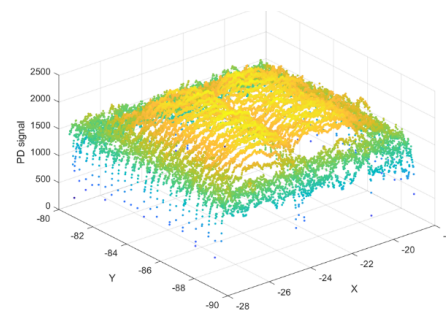
**50 – 100 Tbyte**

# Co-axial

Most of the laser beam passes straight through the beam and enters the build chamber.

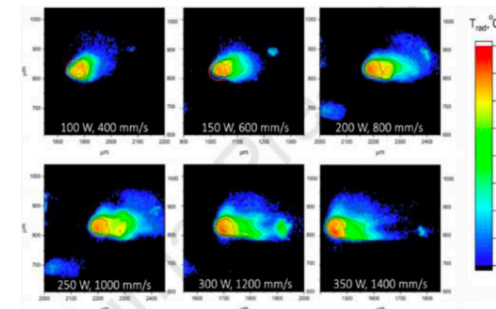


Co-axial photodiode



**10 – 30 Gbyte**

Co-axial meltpool



# PRODUCT





# The intelligent AM machine

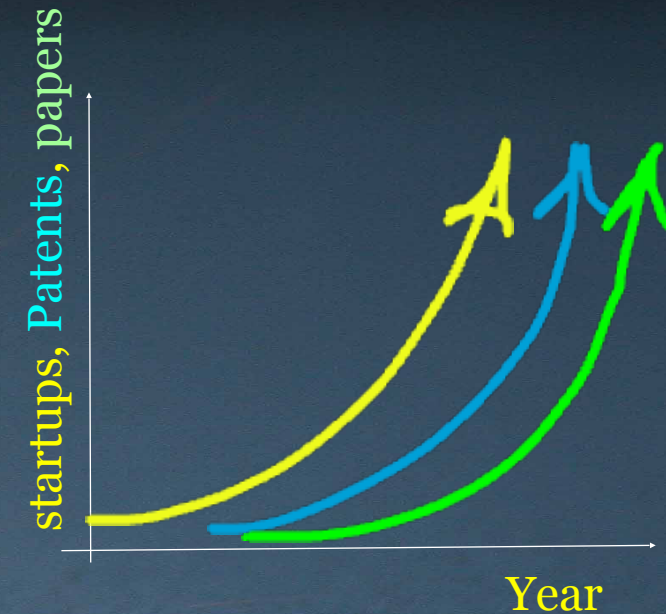
**“More 3D printers will have eyes (sensing) and brains (machine learning)”**

*(Additive Manufacturing trends in 2022\*)*

## In-situ process monitoring:

- First-time-right (& customized)
- Reduce wastes
- From monitoring to control
- Digital twins

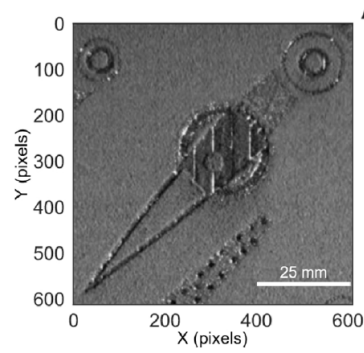
Multistream massive data



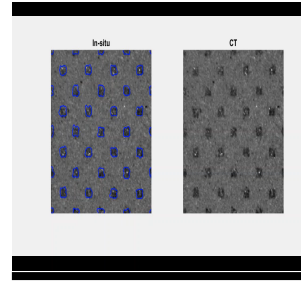
**From sensorized to intelligent AM systems**

# IN-SITU MONITORING IN AM: my agenda today

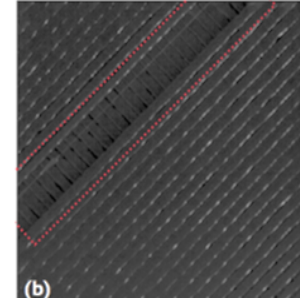
- IMAGES



Free forms

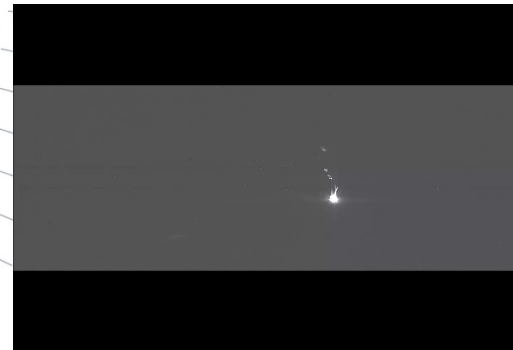


Lattice

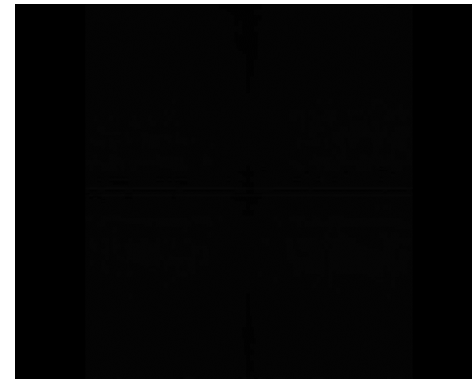


Textured surfaces

- VIDEO-IMAGES

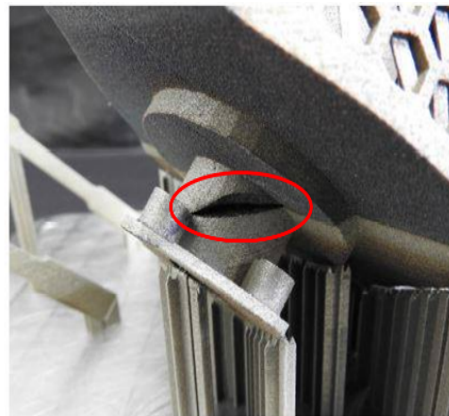
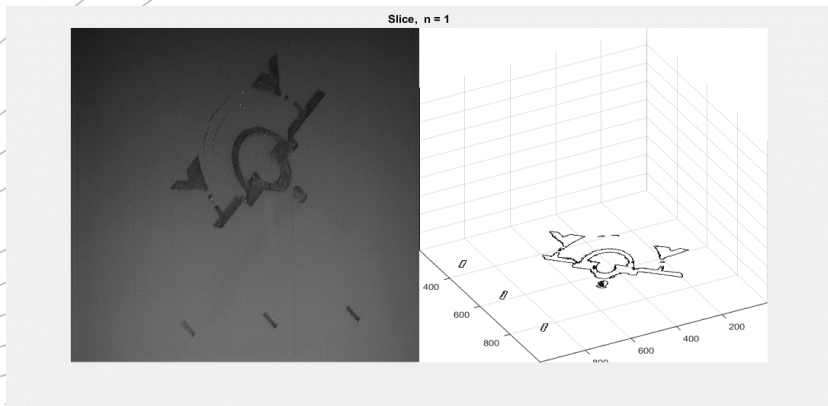
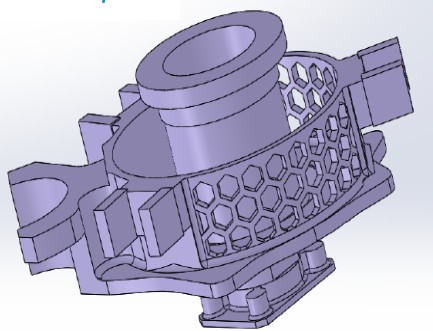


Hot-spots



spatters

# IMAGES: FREE-FORMS



Tested on an EOS M290 by using the powder bed imaging already available in the system.

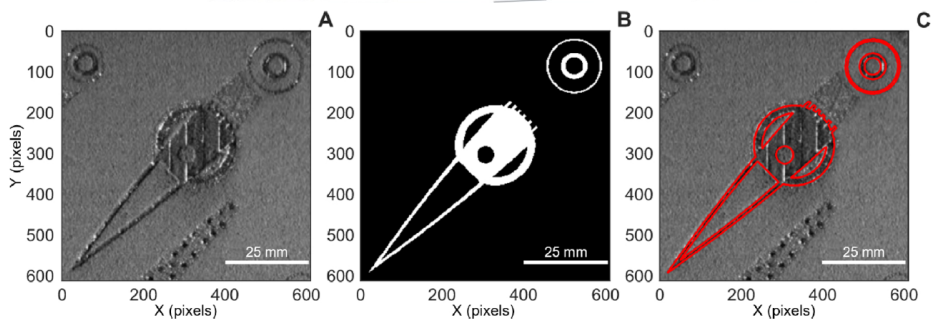
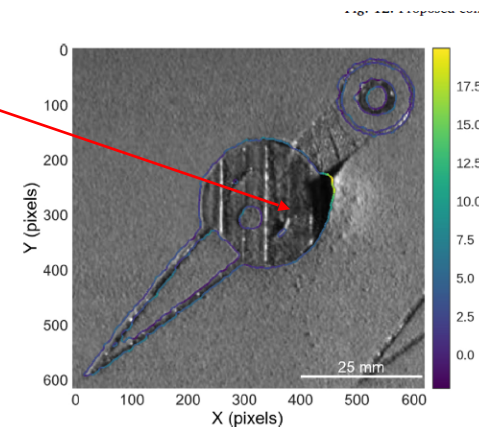
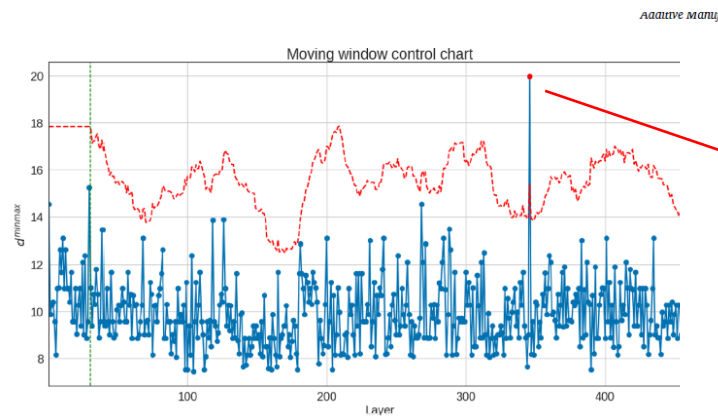


Fig. 5. Example of an acquired image (A) and its nominal mask (B), and the contour of the mask superimposed on the original image (C).



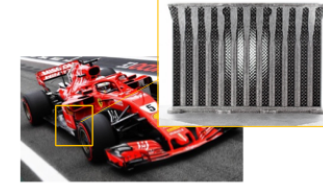
Mask-preprocessing - active contour - pixel intensity correction- Order statistic

# IMAGES: LATTICE STRUCTURE

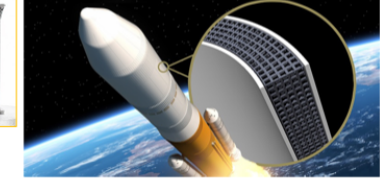
Main application: Aerospace, Aeronautic, Automotive and Defence sectors



Helicopter exhaust gas nozzle with integral cooling.  
(<https://altairnlighten.com>)



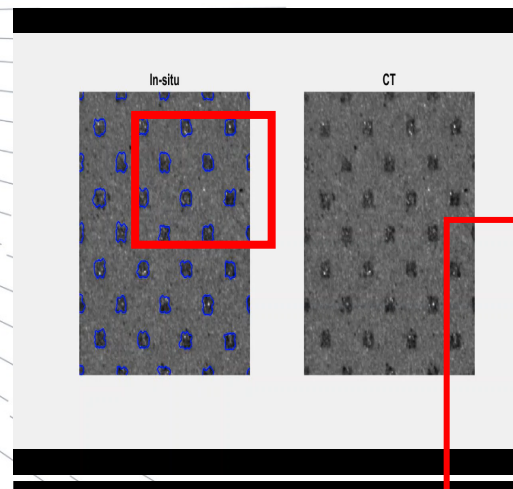
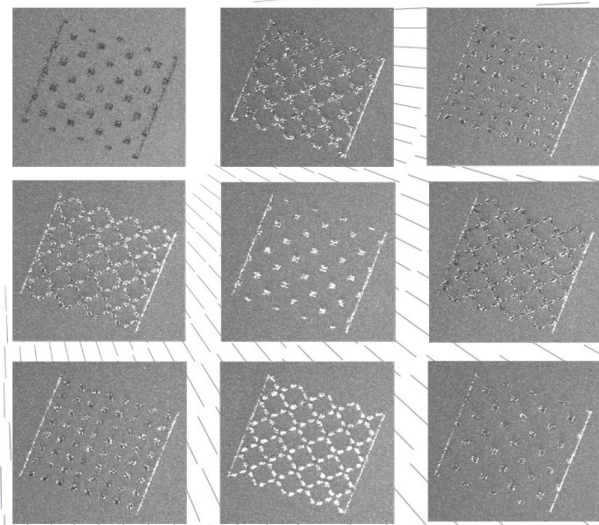
Lattice-filled turbo intercooler for racing car  
(<https://altairnlighten.com>)



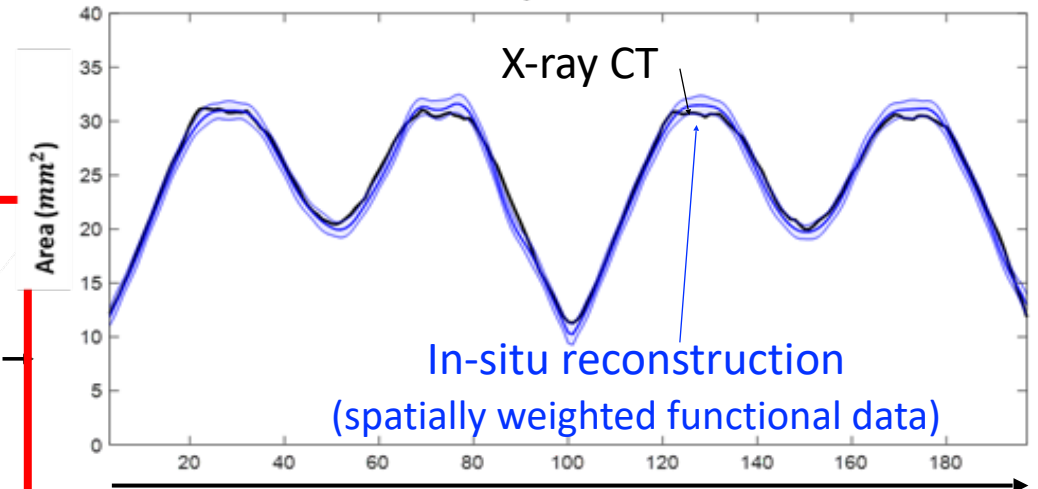
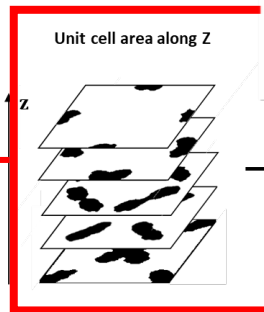
Vibration absorbers - sandwich panels filled with a lattice core.  
<https://powerandmotionworld.it/>



Hip implant with cavities for medicinal deposits  
(<https://www.fraunhofer.de/>)



40 mm



DEVIATION FROM THE NOMINAL SHAPE OF ONE CELL ALONG  $z$  (layer number)



95% Prediction Interval based on in-situ reconstruction



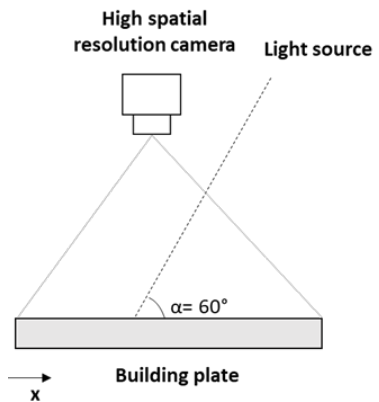
X-ray CT reference (as built)

IMAGE DATA MINING (ACTIVE CONTOUR)+WEIGHTED LINEAR MODELING

# IMAGES: OUR NEW PATENTED SOLUTION

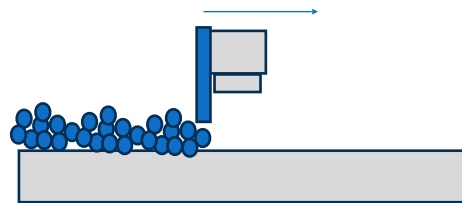
## The intelligent recoater

From external camera

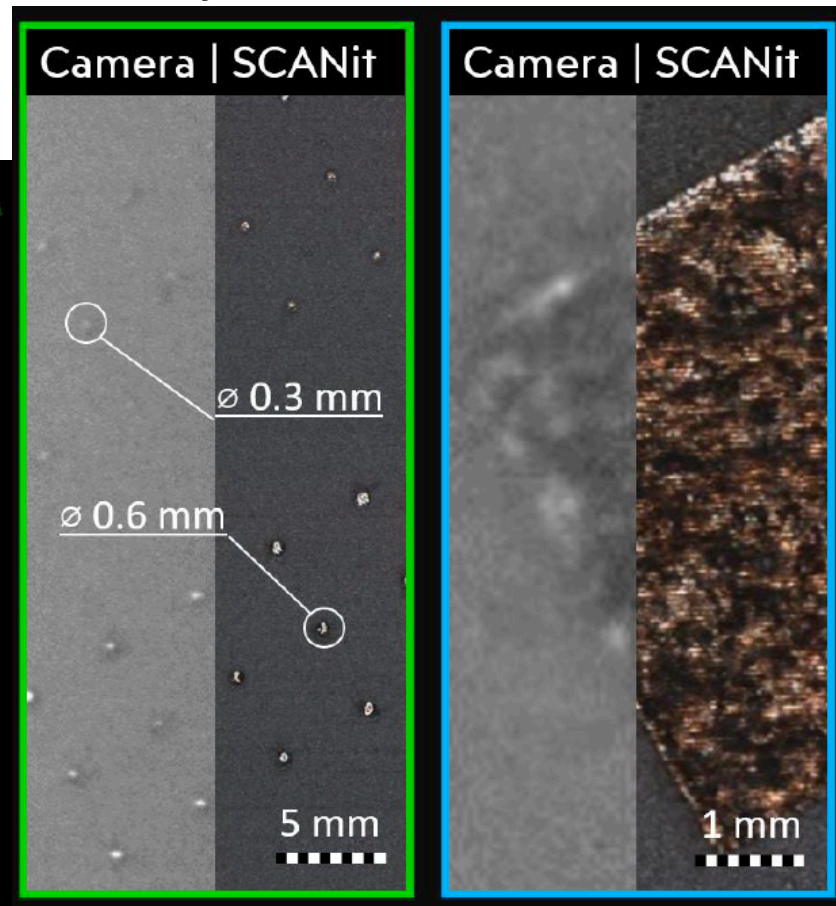
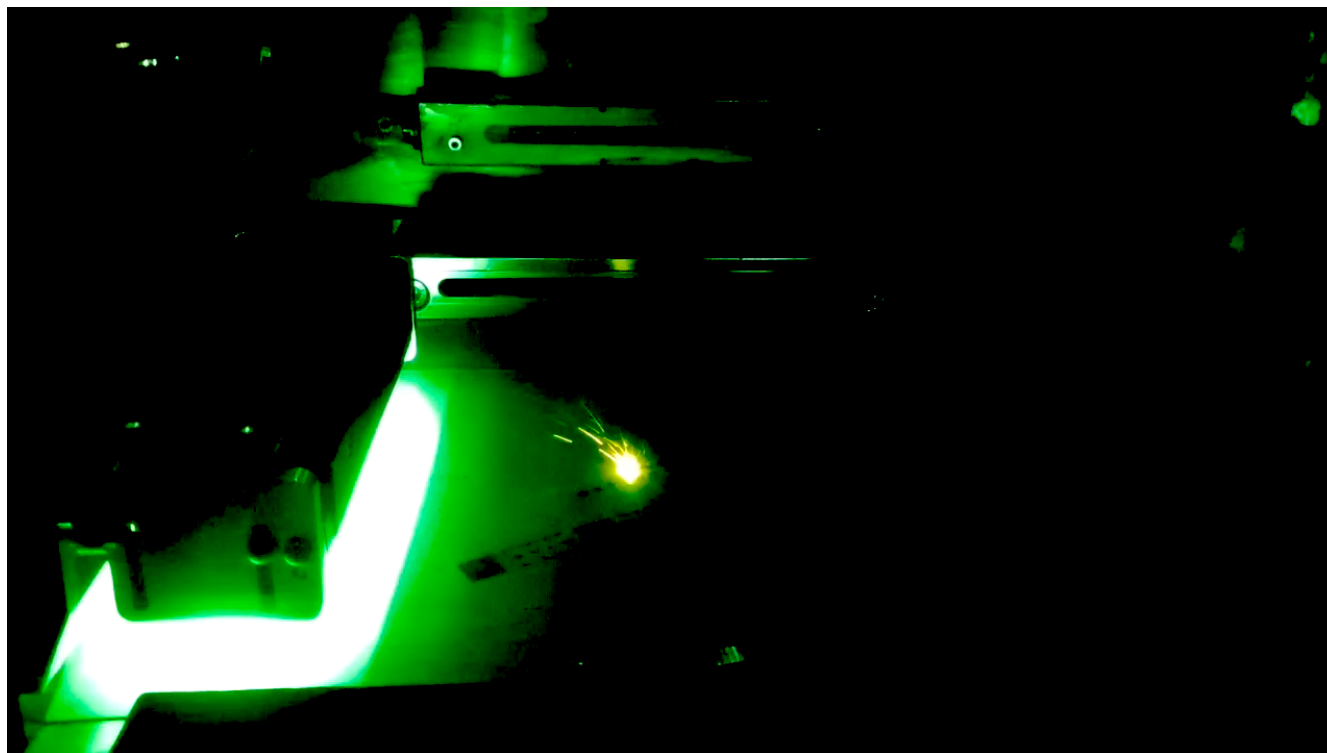


To our SCANIT: scanner on the recoater

Travelling with the recoater during powder spreading with internal lighting system



- High resolution (5x better than camera)
- On-board intelligence
- Insensitive to Illumination
- Easy to use



### SCANit

- 20  $\mu\text{m}/\text{px}$
- Integrated illumination
- Mono/Color

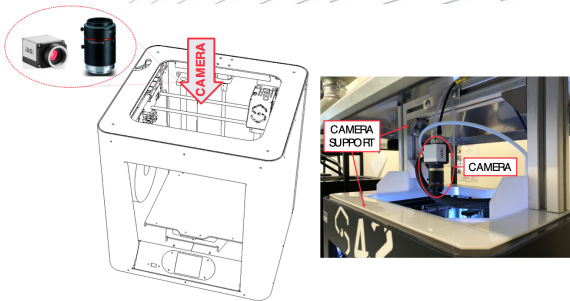
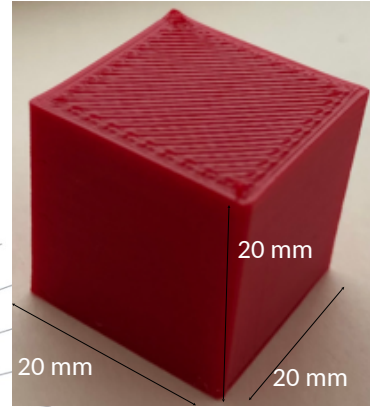
### EXTERNAL CAMERA

- 100  $\mu\text{m}/\text{px}$
- External illumination
- Mono

# IMAGES: TEXTURED SURFACES



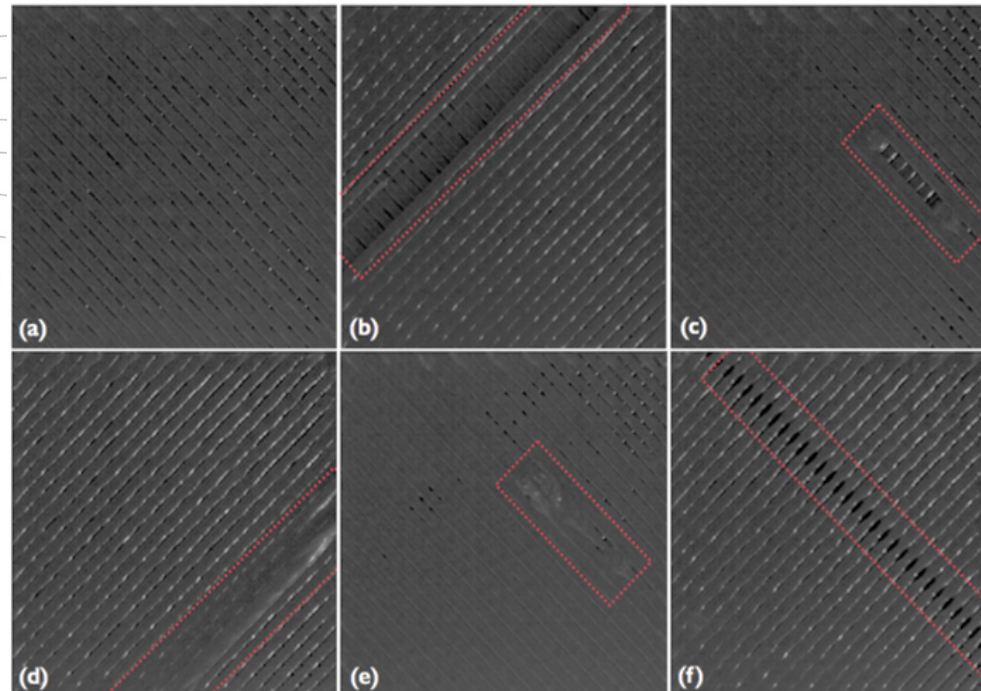
Sharebot 42  
Nozzle diameter = 0,4 mm



- 10.55 Mpix IDS UI-5490SE-C-HQ camera mounting a 25 mm lens
- Spatial resolution = 0,02 mm/pixel

Material: PLA  
 Filament diameter = 1,75 mm  
 Parallelepiped with 100% infill  
 Filament Temperature = 220 °C  
 Bed Temperature = 50 °C

- Textured images
- Image's contrast is changing layerwise-because of road rotation (at each layer)



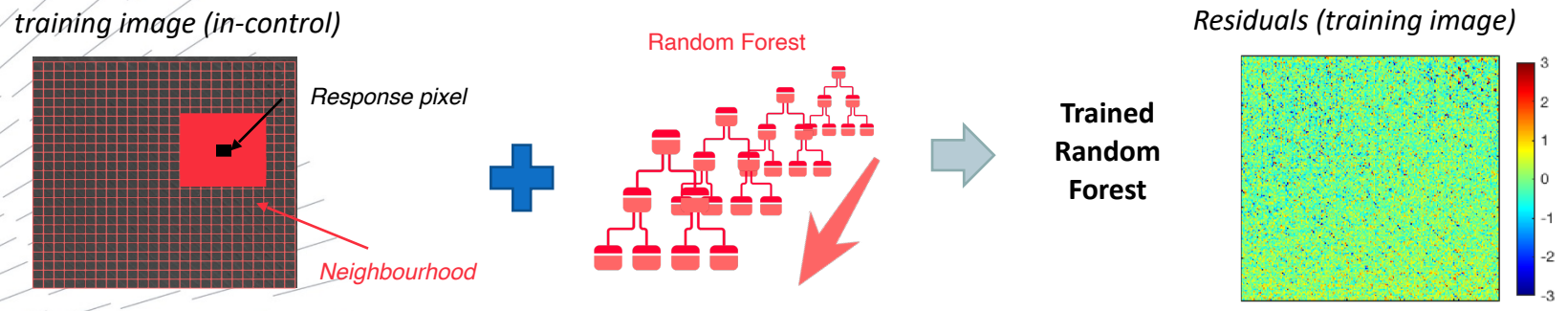
## Different defects typologies

- (a) In-control.
- (b) Under-extrusion of the track.
- (c) Partial under-extrusion of the track.
- (d) Over-extrusion of the track.
- (e) Partial over-extrusion of the track.
- (f) Under-extrusion between tracks.

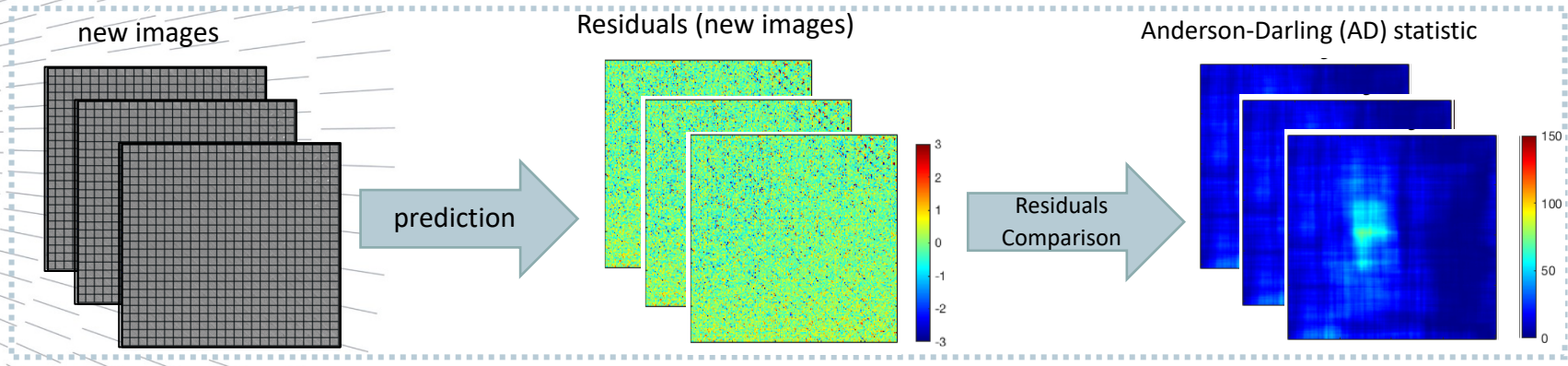
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Inspired by Bui & Apley Approach (2018)

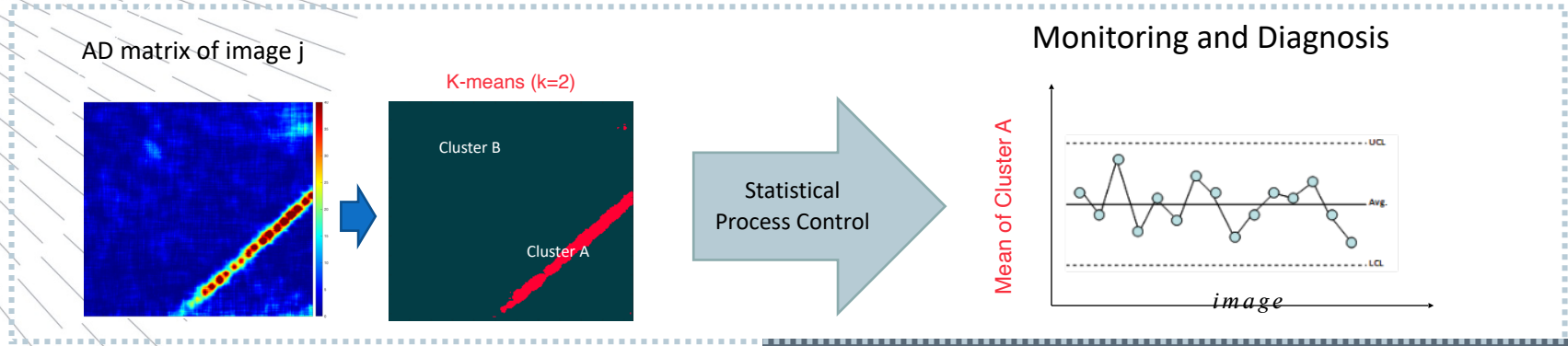
Step 1:  
**TEXTURE FILTERING**



Step 2:  
**LOCAL SPATIAL STATISTICS ESTIMATION**



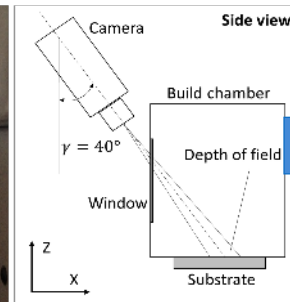
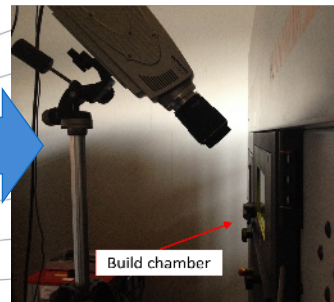
Step 3:  
**PROCESS MONITORING**



# VIDEOIMAGES: HOT-SPOT

Colosimo and Grasso (2018), *Journal of Quality Technology*  
Grasso et al. (2016), *Journal of Manufacturing Science and Engineering*

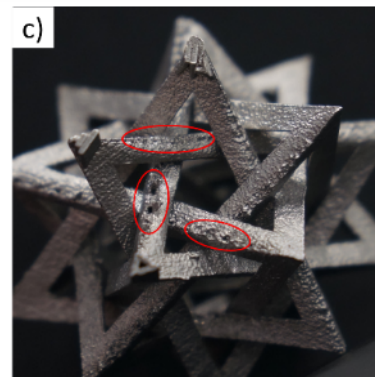
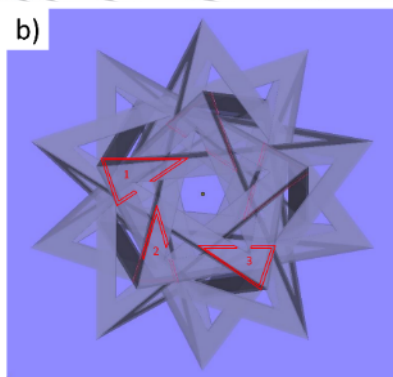
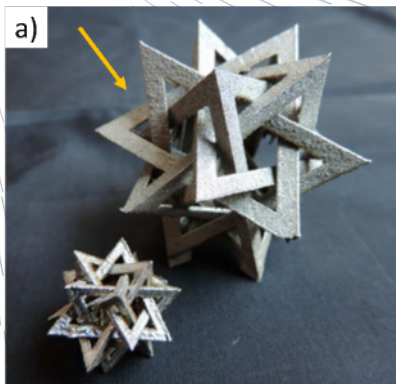
## Example of local over-heating in down-facing acute corners (AISI 316L steel)



High-speed image acquisition (300 fps)

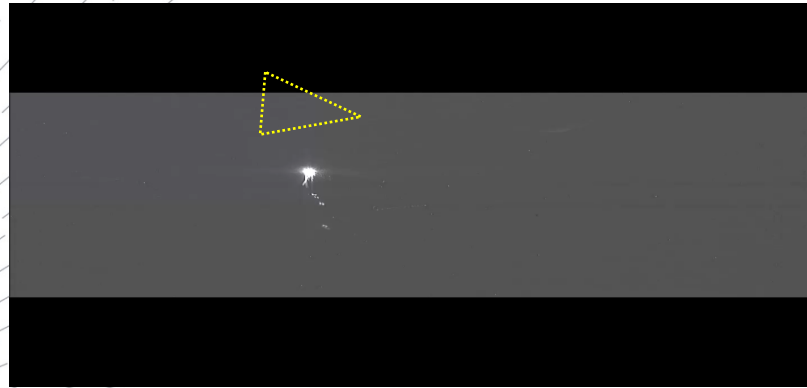
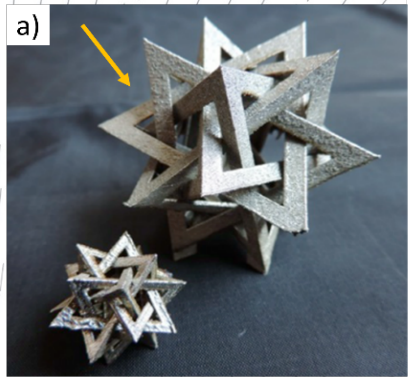


A hot-spot is a local over-heating caused by a diminished heat flux towards surrounding material

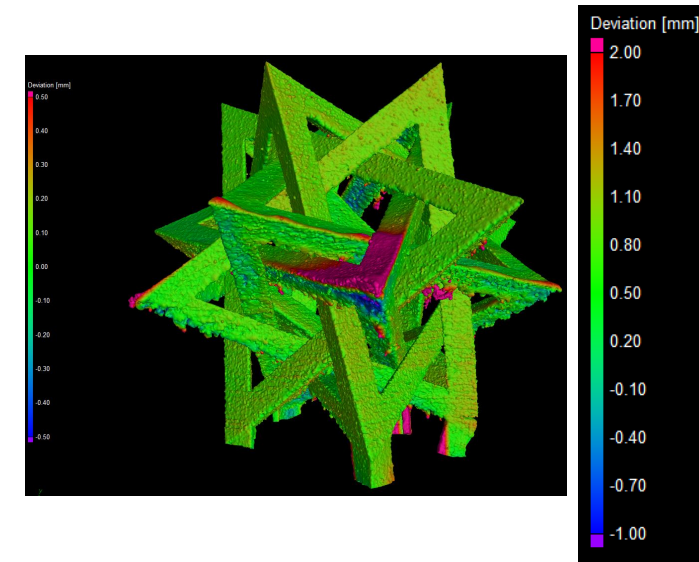




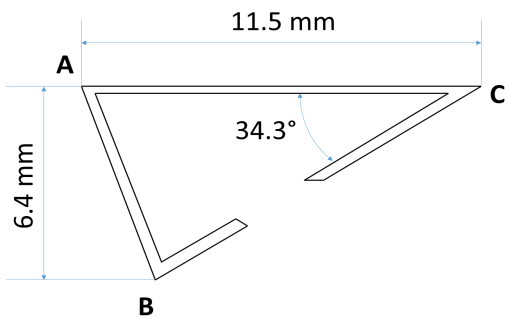
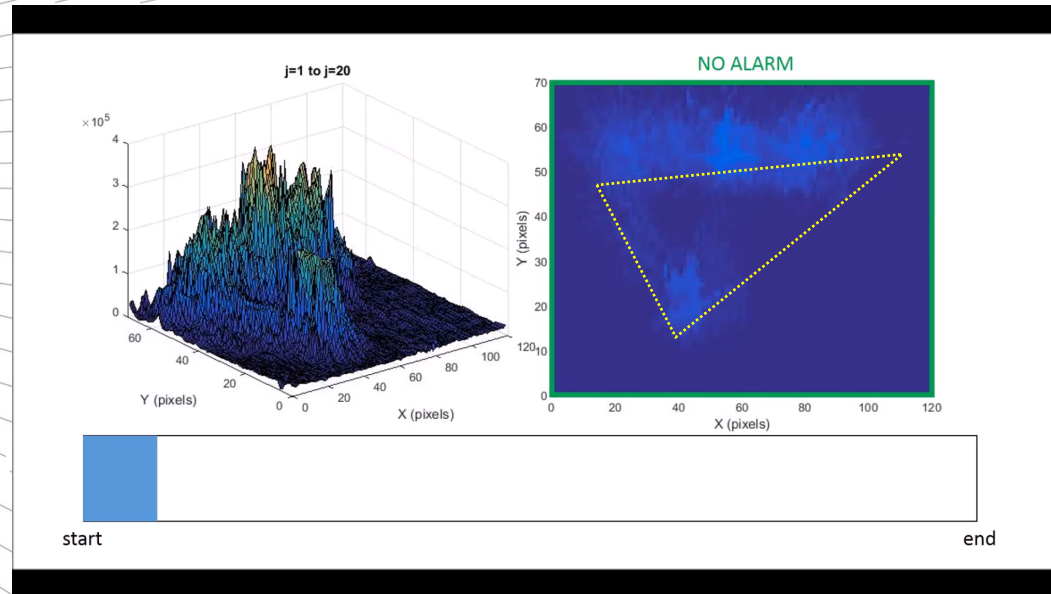
# VIDEOIMAGES: HOT-SPOT



## EX-SITU (XRAY CT)



300 fps, visible range, Renishaw AM250

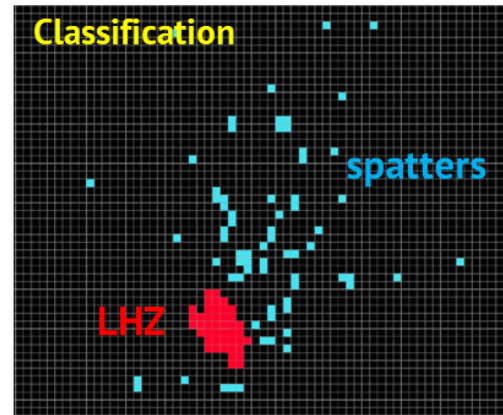
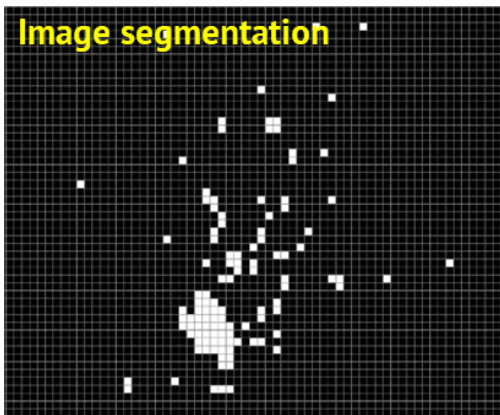


Spatially weighted PCA - Colosimo and Grasso, 2018 JQT **(data available!)**

Spatio-temporal statistical process monitoring - Yan, Grasso, Paynabar & Colosimo - IISE Trans, 2022

Fast detection via NN and SVM - Bugatti and Colosimo - Journal of Intelligent Manufacturing, 2022

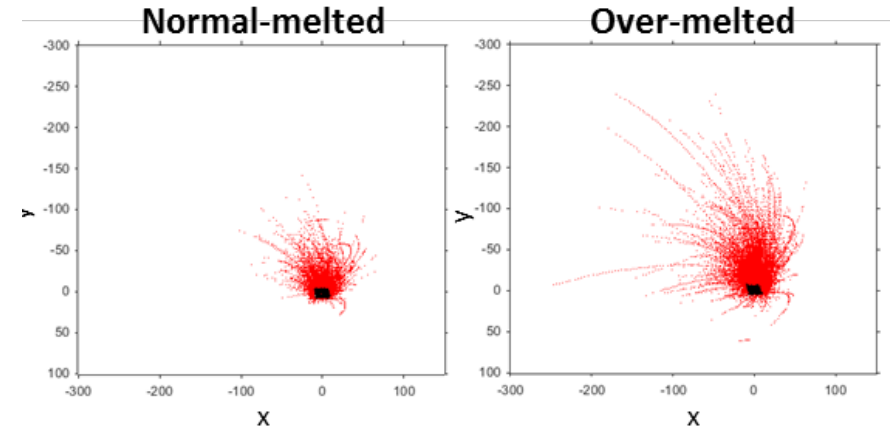
# VIDEOIMAGES: SPATTERS



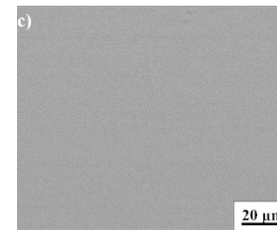
Repossini et al. (2017)

## Spatter signature & part quality

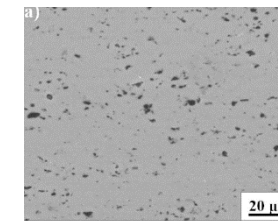
RED: spatters  
BLACK: Laser



Good quality of the final part (fully dense)



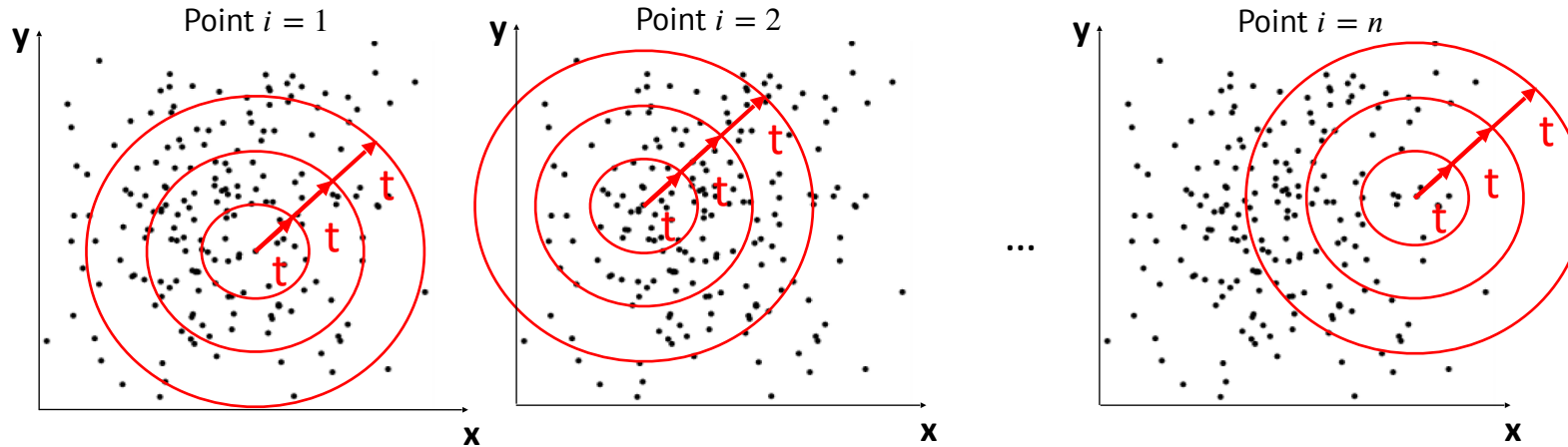
Bad quality of the final part (keyhole porosity)



Ripley 1977,  
Diggle et al. 2005

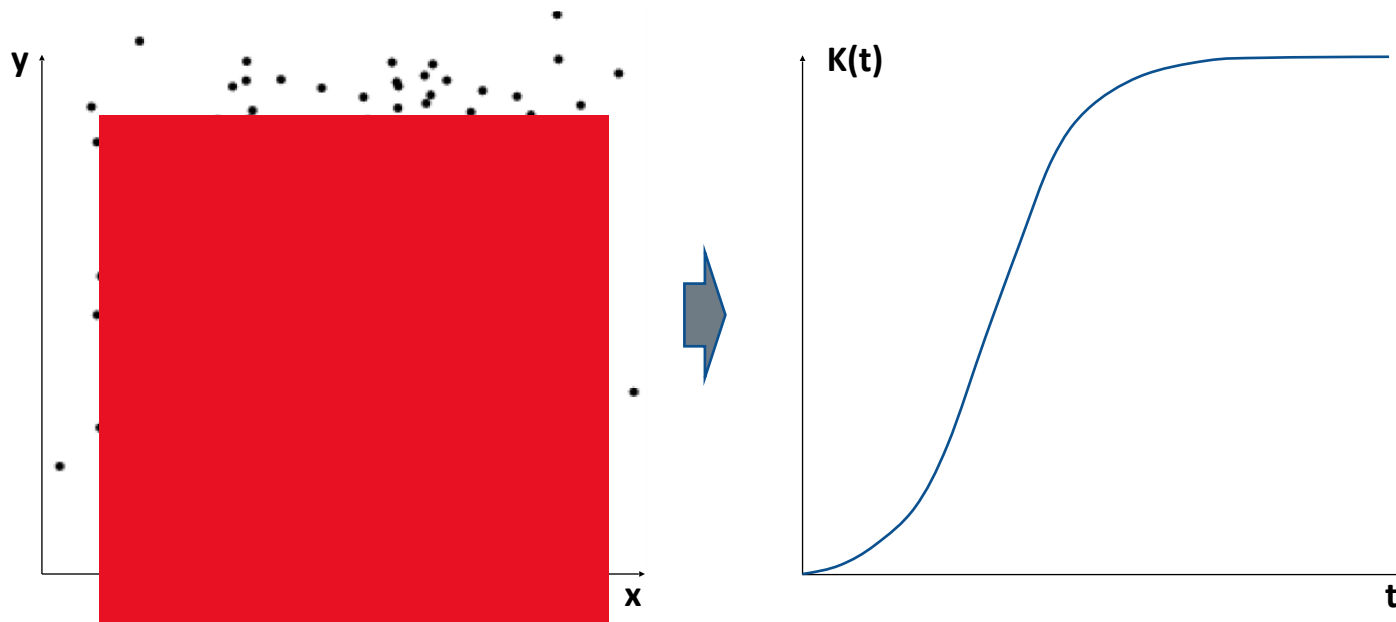
# VIDEOIMAGES: SPATTERS

## Modeling Spattering via K-functions



$$K(t) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \mathbb{E} \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{\#extra points within} \\ \text{distance } t \text{ of a} \\ \text{randomly chosen point} \end{array} \right)$$

$\lambda$  is the spatial density of points,  
i.e., the number of points per unit area.



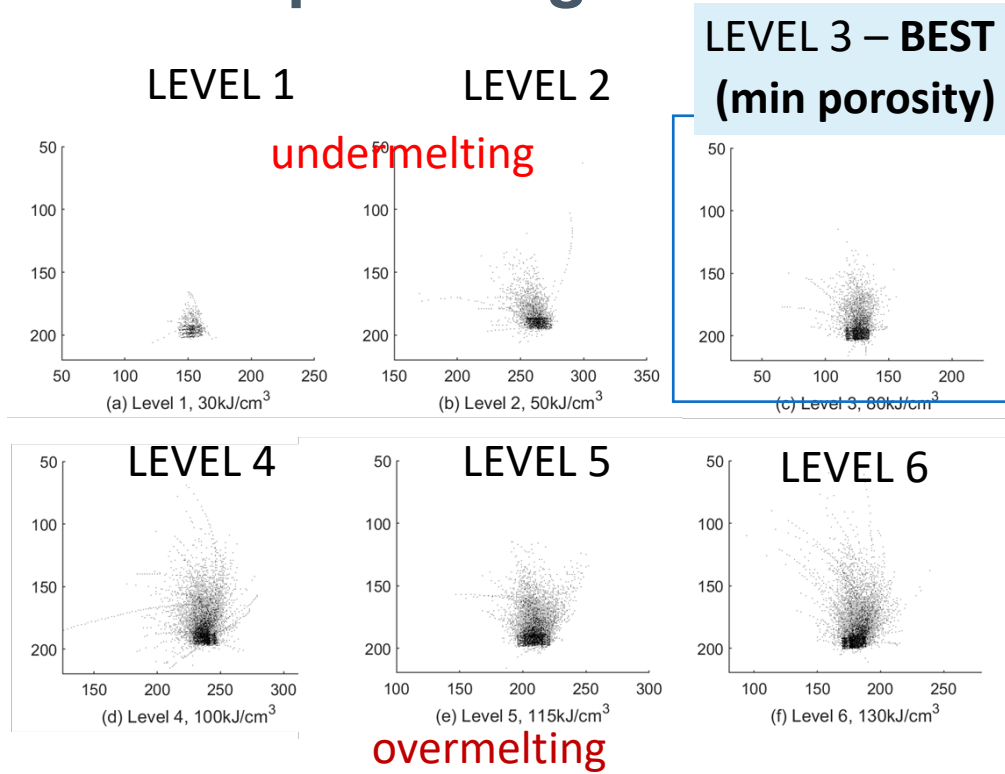
$$K(t) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{(x,y) \in U} \mathbb{I}(0 < d(x,y) \leq t)$$



$$K(t) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{(x,y) \in U} w(x,y) \mathbb{I}(0 < d(x,y) \leq t)$$

**Edge correction** (to cope with circles that may be not fully inside the domain U)

# Spatter signature



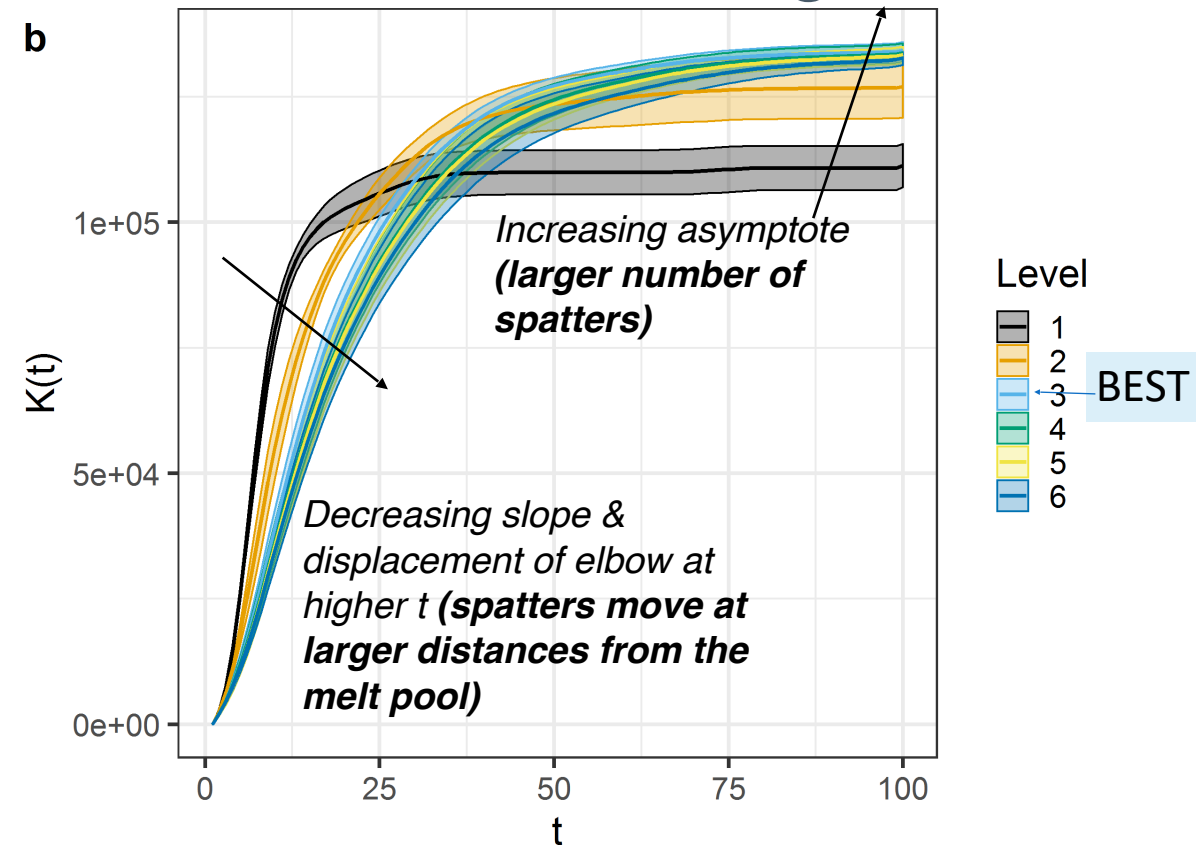
## K-function fitting

A parametric model for *non-decreasing* functions was applied in the form:

$$K(t) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \exp \left\{ \int_{t_0}^t W(u) du \right\}$$

with  $W(u) = \alpha f^T(t)$ , where  $f(t)$  was fitted by means of 3° degree B-spline basis (equispaced knots)

# K-function modelling



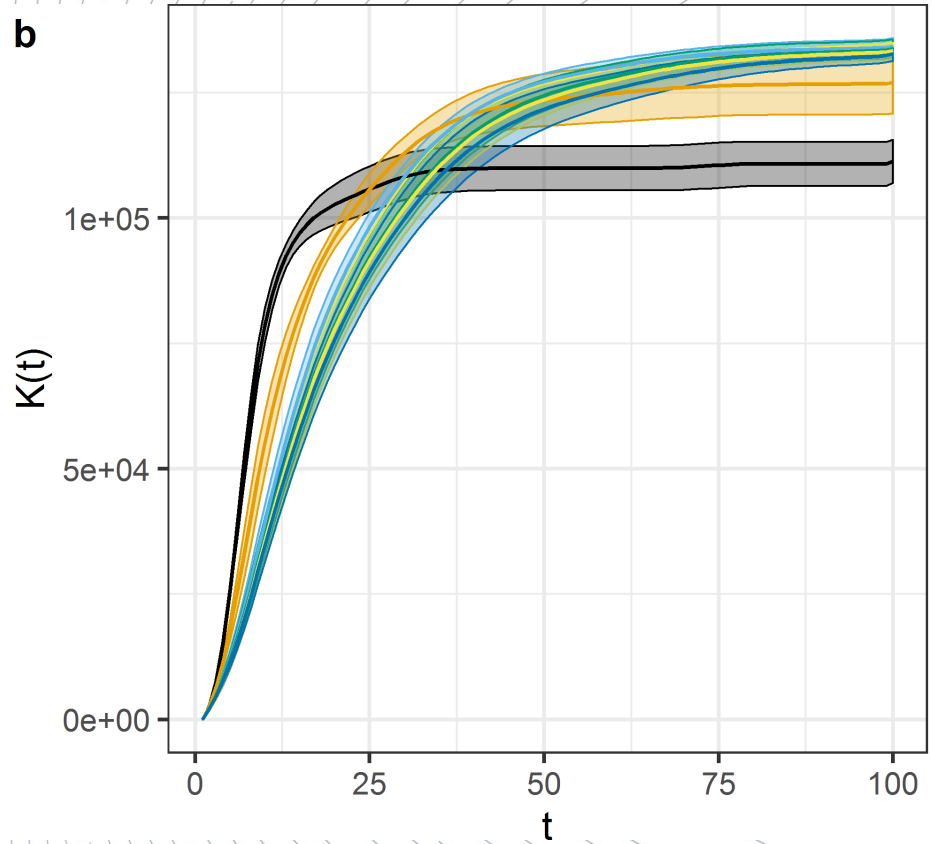
## Functional ANOVA (Ramsay, 2004)

$$\begin{cases} H_0: \mu_1(t) = \mu_2(t) = \dots = \mu_l(t), t \in T \\ H_1: \exists (i, j) : \mu_i(t) \neq \mu_j(t), t \in T \end{cases}$$

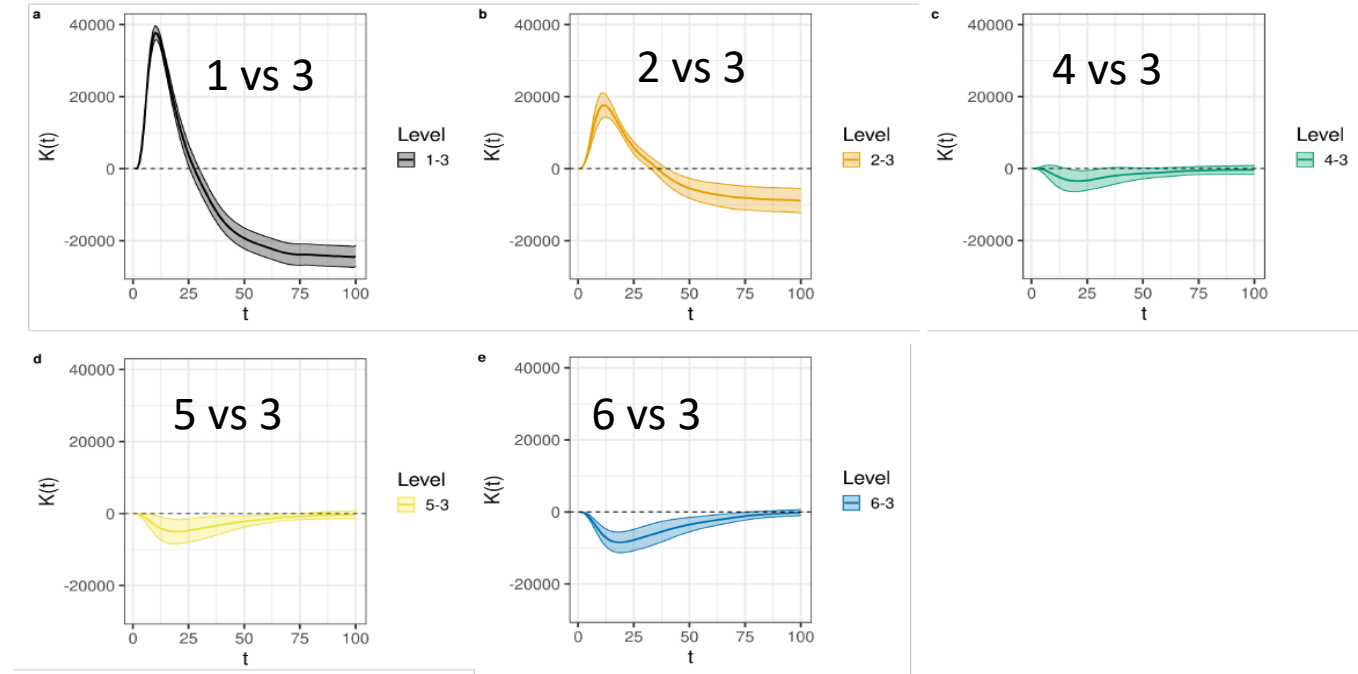
where  $\mu_1(t), \mu_2(t), \dots, \mu_l(t)$  are the **functional mean responses** (mean K-functions)

# Results

b



## Contrast plot of k-functions (level 3 as reference)



The spatial signature of spattering (via **k-functions**)  
to detect **all the departures** from the optimal condition

# CONCLUSIONS

The background features a central globe with a grid of latitude and longitude lines. A network of glowing blue and yellow nodes connected by thin lines is overlaid on the globe. Various icons are scattered throughout, including a bicycle, a car with a lightning bolt, a water drop, a sun, a recycling symbol, a wind turbine, a globe, a leaf, a person icon, and a bar chart. The overall color palette is dominated by light blues, greens, and yellows, creating a clean, high-tech aesthetic.

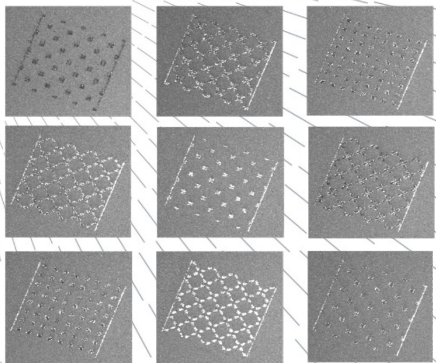
# BIG DATA MINING and the twin transition

## 1. Digital vs GREEN:

Sensing, data storage, computation and data modeling are energy consuming tasks

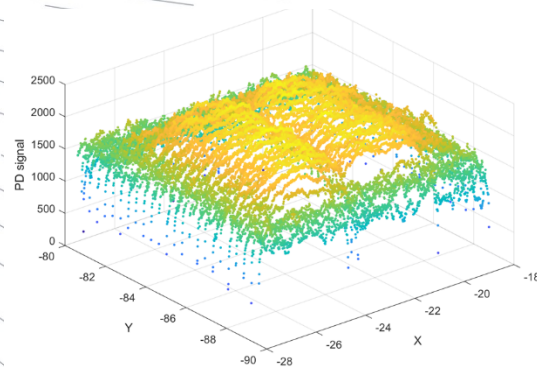
Example: data storage need for in-situ monitoring of a 24h build (2000 layers)

Layer Images



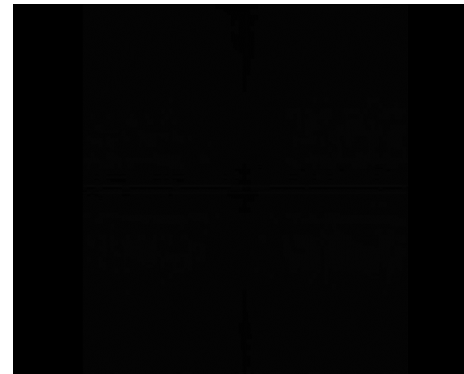
5 - 10 Gbyte

Co-axial photodiode



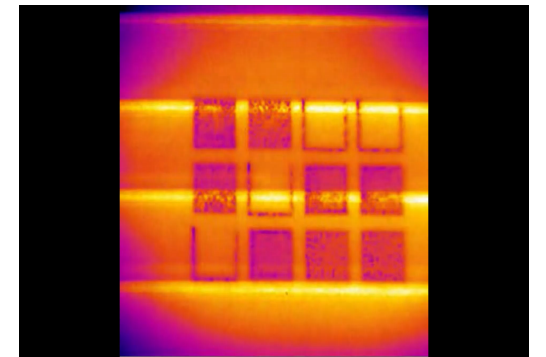
10 - 30 Gbyte

Off-axis high speed video (8 bit)



5 - 10 Tbyte

Off-axis high speed IR video



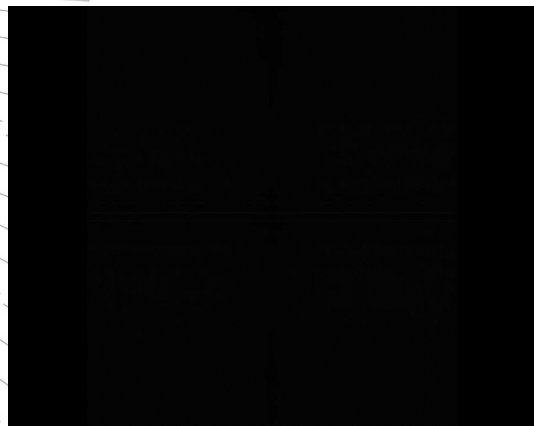
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# BIG DATA MINING and the twin transition

## 2. “BIG” DATA .... opportunity not the goal

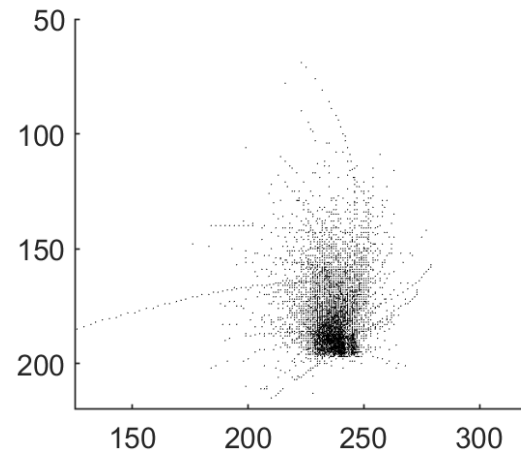
- Data reduction- Sensor and variate selection
- the simpler the better (Edge computing)
- Data fusion

High-speed video



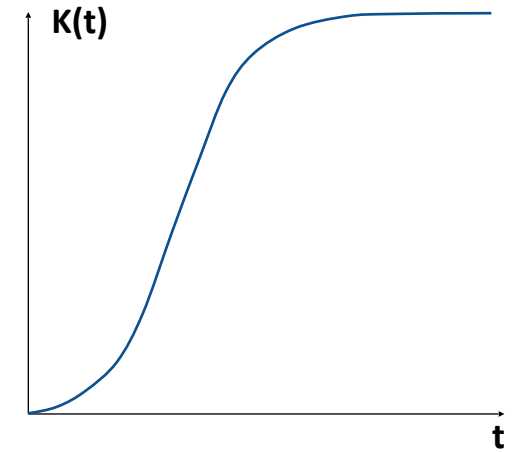
**3.12 Gbyte**

Spattering image from superimposed frames



**432 Mbyte**

K-function modeling



**<1 Mbyte**

(txt file with fitted function + estimated coefficients)

The spattering example



# BIG DATA MINING and the twin transition

## 3. DATA IS NOT INFORMATION, INFORMATION IS NOT KNOWLEDGE

- Embedded out-of-control rule
- Robustness
- Interpretability
- Physics-based data modeling (e.g., multifidelity)

Logo: esea, LEONARDO, PRIMA INDUSTRIE, AVIO, UNIVERSITÀ DEL SALENTO, FIMAV, POLITECNICO MILANO 1863

**iamSPACE: Italy for additive manufacturing in SPACE**

ESA benchmark center – on structural integrity and in-situ monitoring

Logo: Clean Sky, LEONARDO, POLITECNICO MILANO 1863, DIPARTIMENTO DI SCIENZE E TECNOLOGIE AEROSPAZIALI (DAER), SUPSI, PRIMA INDUSTRIE

Processes of AMATHO: SLM, EBM, DLD

Gearbox

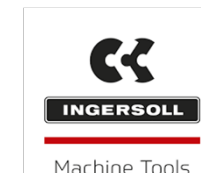
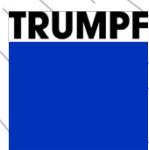
AMATHO - Additive Manufacturing Tiltrotor HO using - <https://www.amatho.org> H2020- CleanSky 2 -

Logo: POLITECNICO MILANO 1863, ASI (agenzia spaziale italiana)

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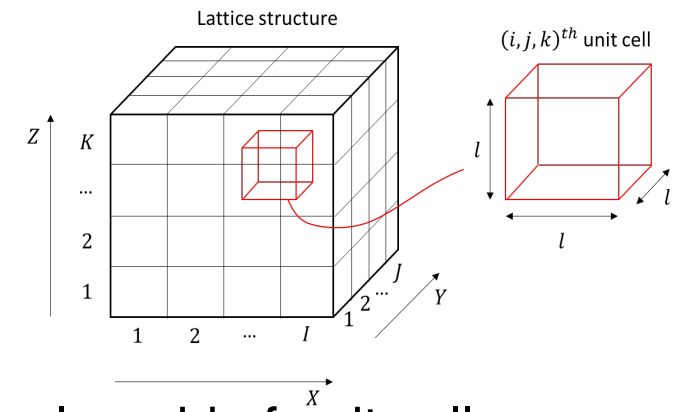
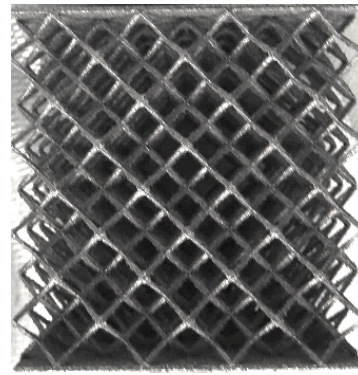
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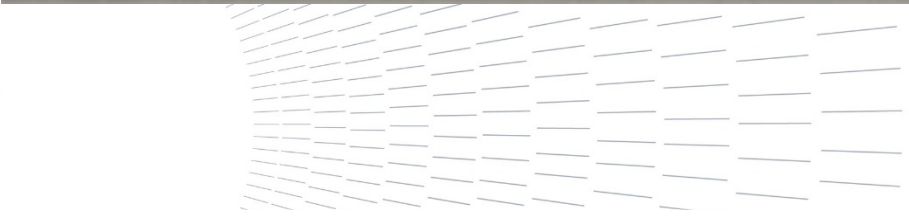
DIPARTIMENTO DI ECCELLENZA  
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**Additional slides**

# Product complexity: metamaterial or lattice structures



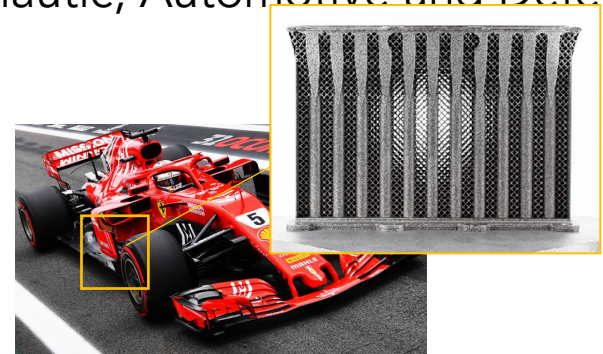
Lattice – a regular grid of unit cells



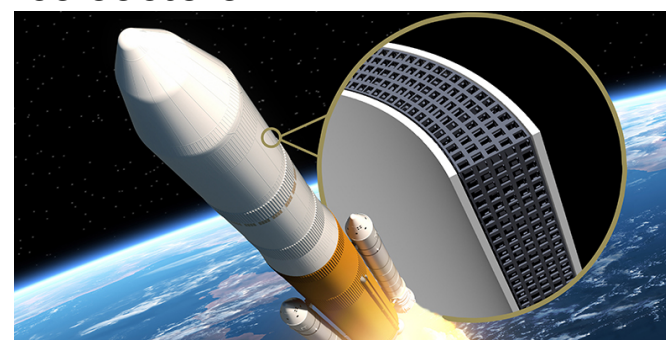
Main application: Aerospace, Aeronautic, Automotive and Defence sectors



Helicopter exhaust gas nozzle with integral cooling. (<https://altairenligheten.com>)



Lattice-filled turbo intercooler for racing car (<https://altairenligheten.com>)

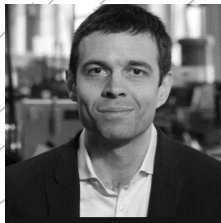


Vibration absorbers - sandwich panels filled with a lattice core. <https://powerandmotionworld.it/>



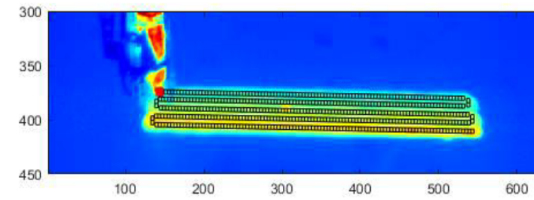
Hip implant with cavities for medicinal deposits (<https://www.fraunhofer.de/>)

# Ex3: Spatio-temporal modeling in thermal video imaging

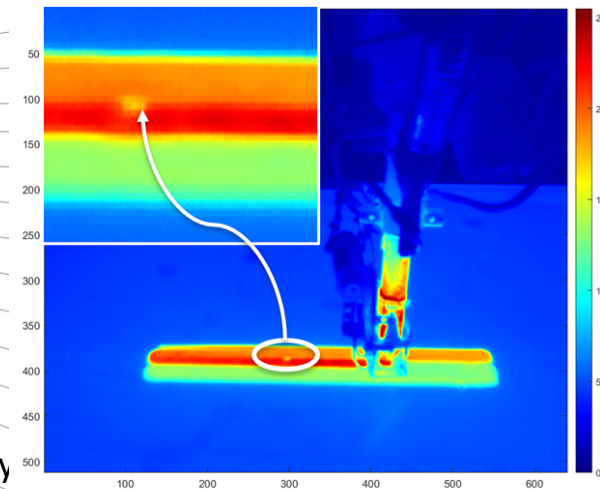
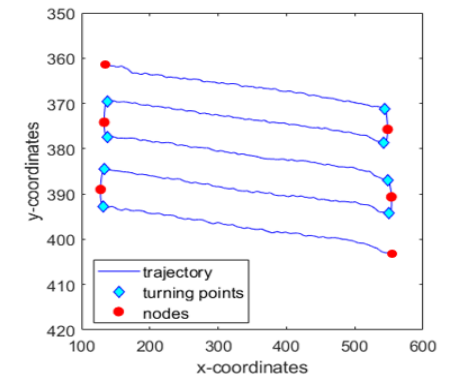


In collaboration with:  
John Anastasios Hart, Gregory Dreifus

Potential lack of material bonding  
(layer 3)



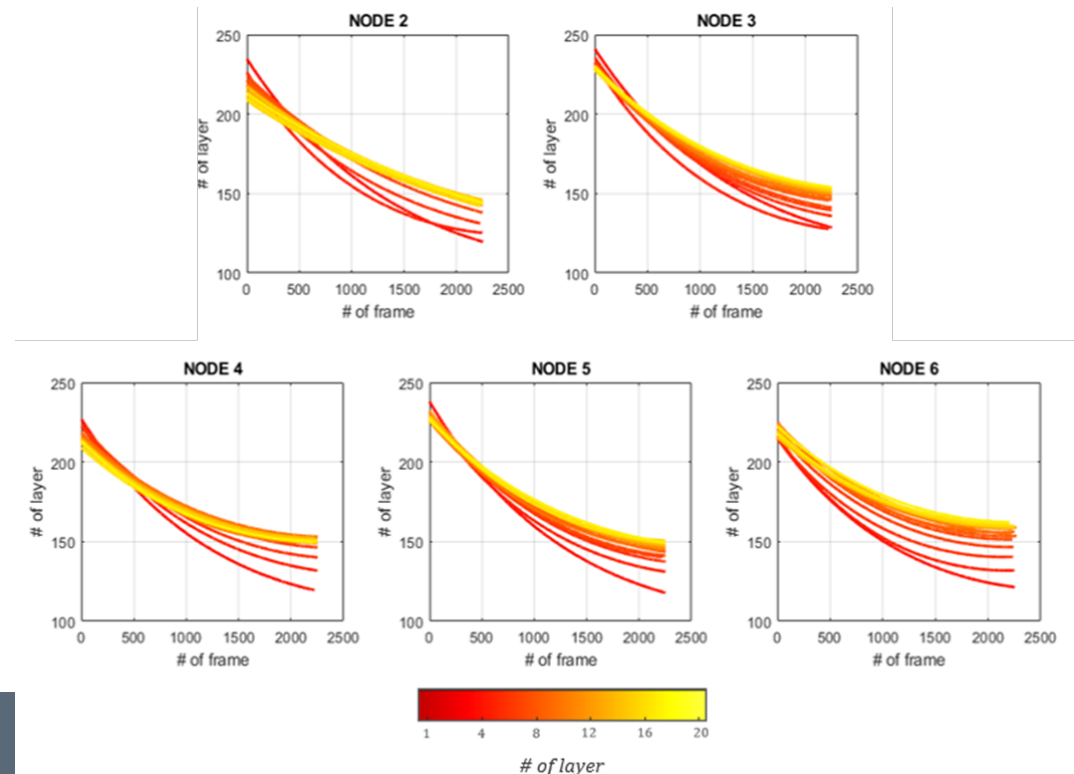
Spatial arrangement of temporal profiles  
(i.e., time series)



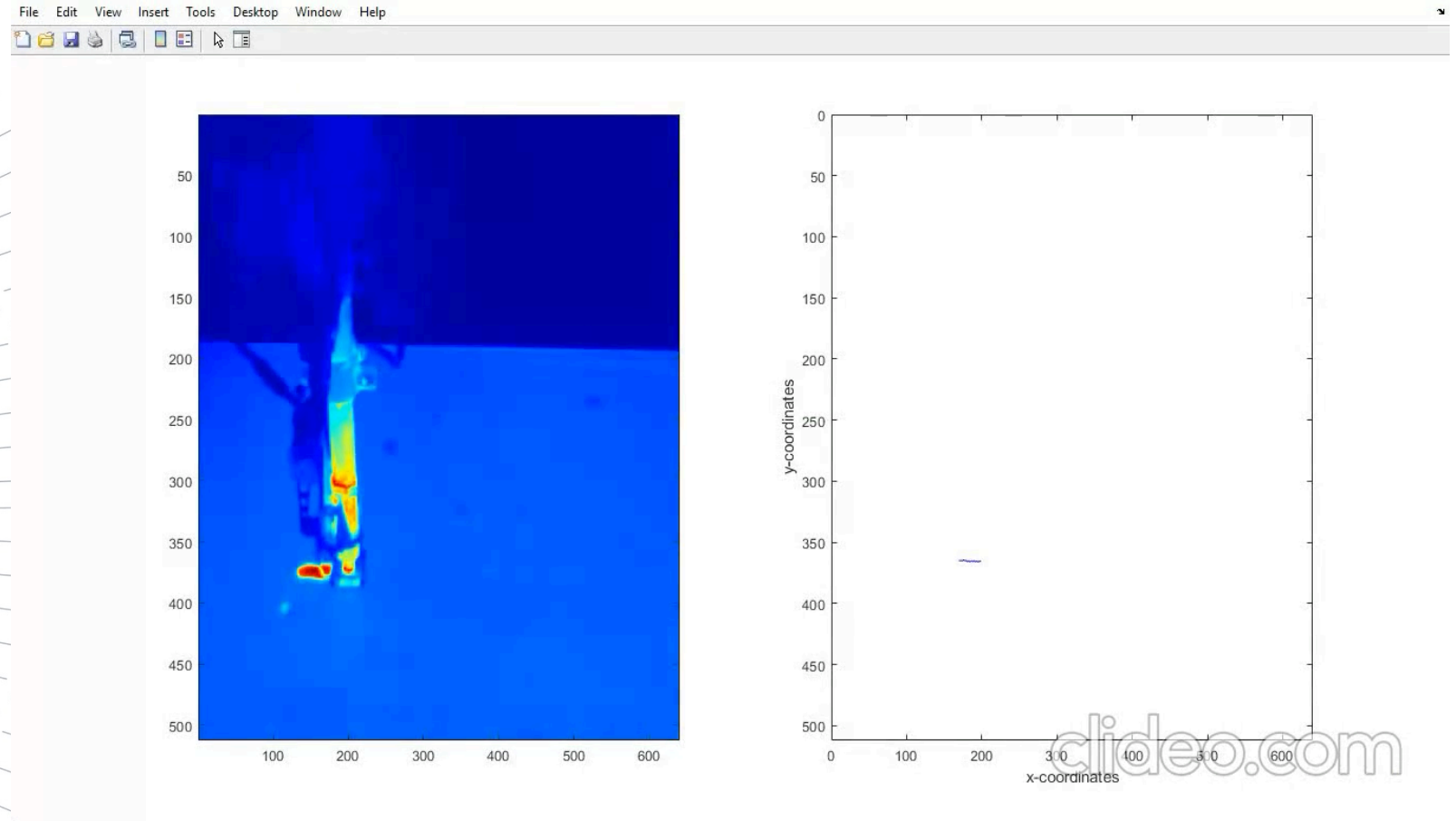
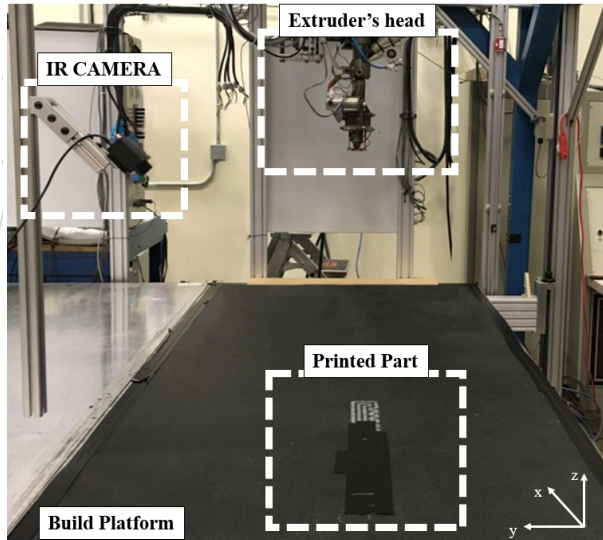
ABS +20% of carbon fibers; acquisition frequency  
Hz; temperature range: 20-250 °C

## OBJECTIVES:

- Thermal profiles (as a function of location and time)
- In-line Cold/hot spot detections



# In-situ thermal monitoring for Big Area Additive Manufacturing (BAAM)



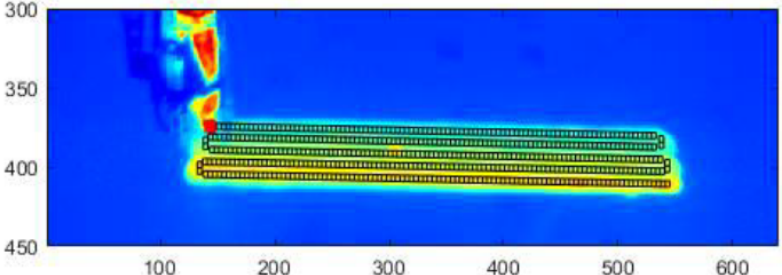
- Camera model: FLIR A35 (FLIR® Systems Inc)
- Acquisition frequency: 30 Hz;
- Temperature range: 20-250 °C
- Optics focal length: 25 mm
- Temperature accuracy: 5°C
- Spatial resolution: 3 mm/pixels

Collaboration among:

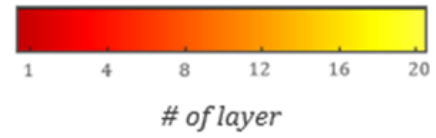
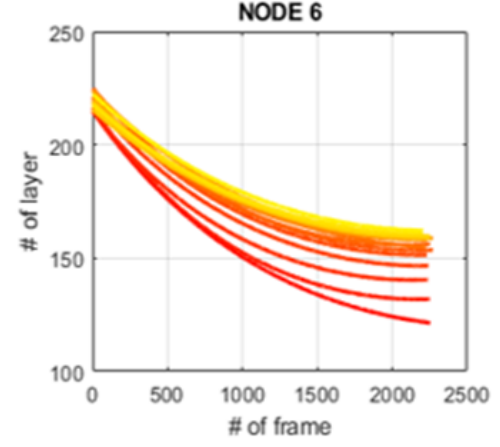
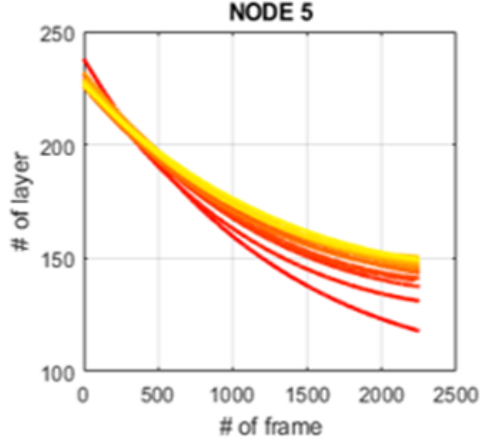
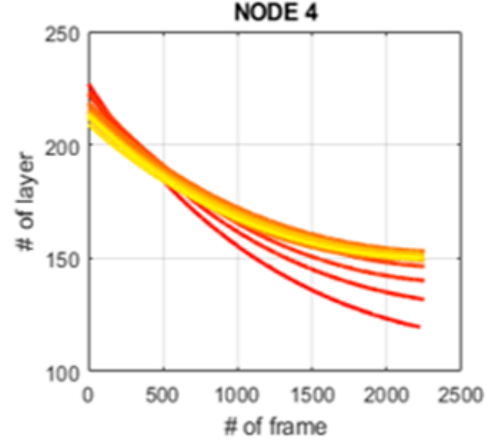
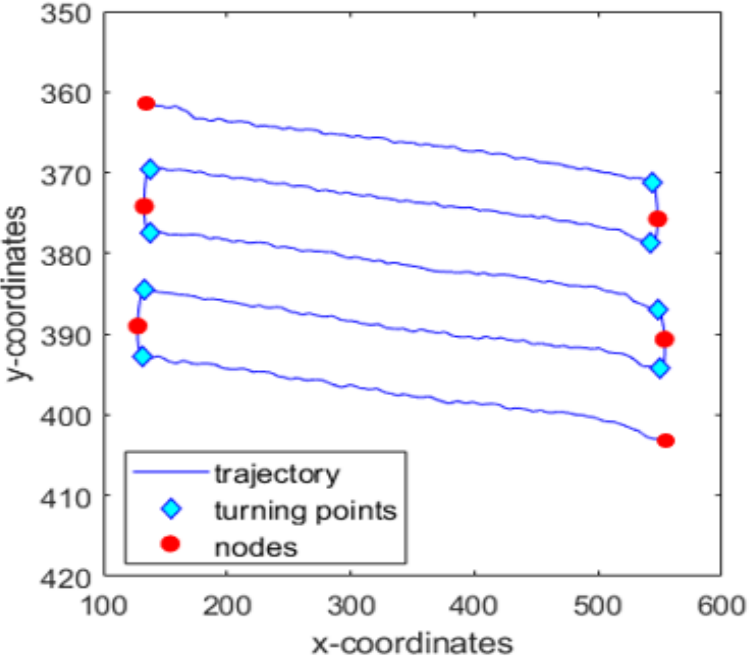
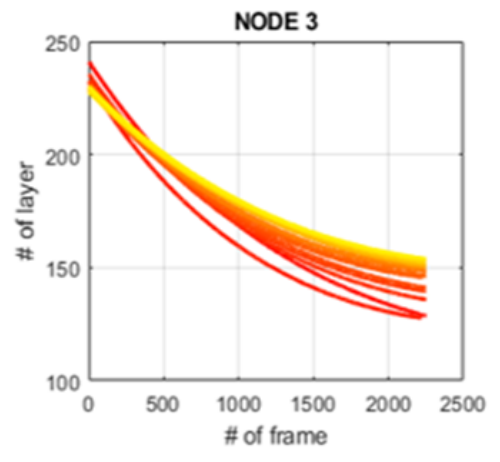
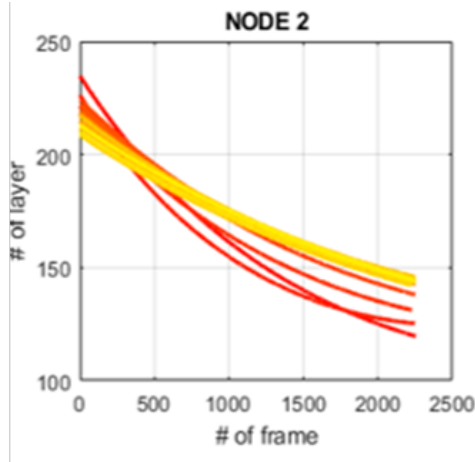


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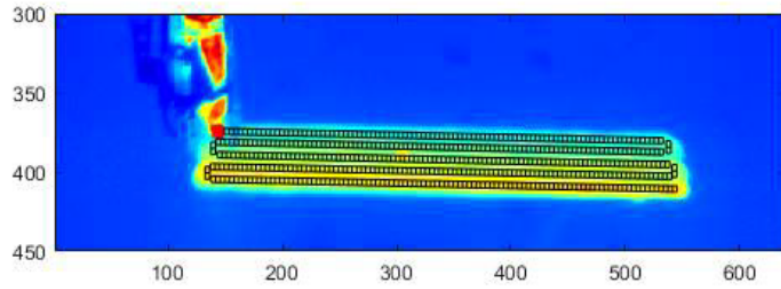
# Cooling profiles change as a function of the location



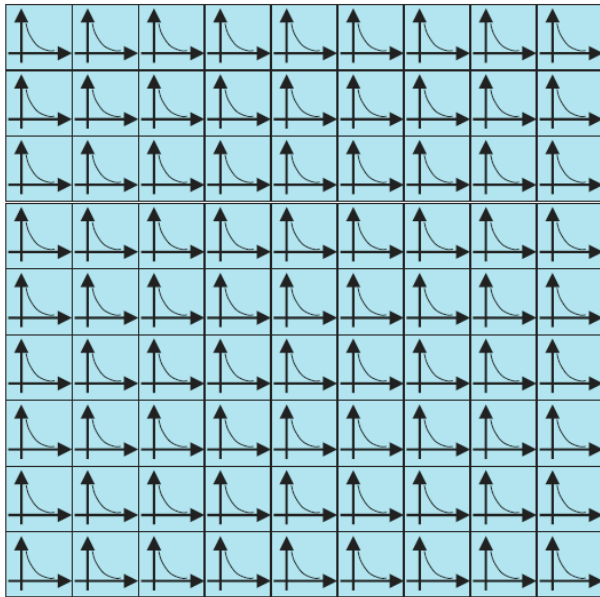
Spatial arrangement of temporal profiles (i.e., time series)



# Spatial-temporal indicator

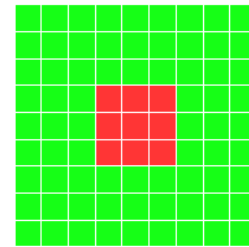


Spatial arrangement of temporal profiles

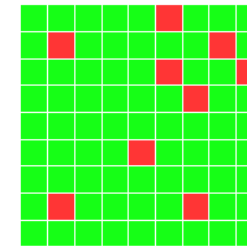


9x9 Matrix of Temperature profiles

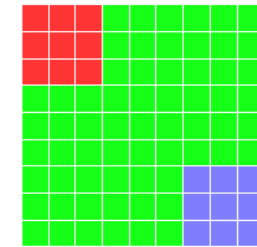
3 defective scenarios:



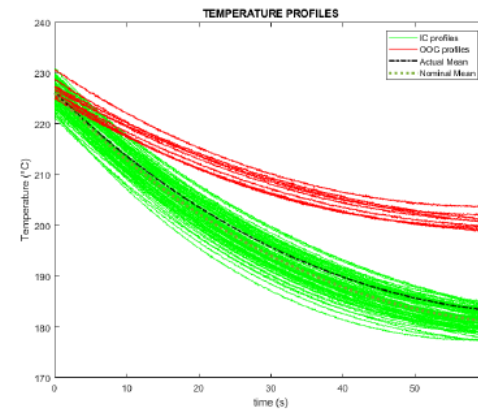
Single cluster



Sparse Defects

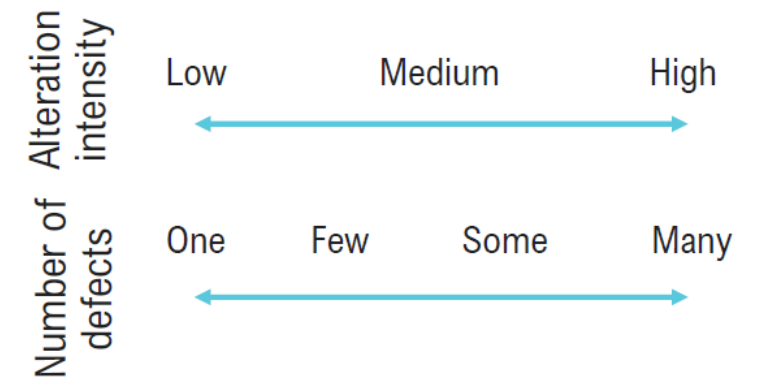


Two Clusters



Defect = alteration of cooling rate

## Sensitivity analysis





# Moran index (spatial association) for profiles similarities

Colosimo, Caltanissetta, Carraro, 2022

## Z index (Gao 2019)

Expresses deviation of a profile from average profile

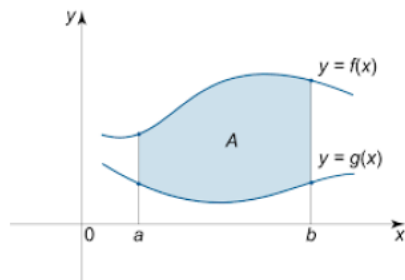
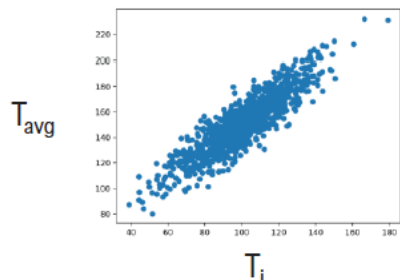
$$Z_i = \left[ \varphi \left( \text{CORT}(\vec{T}_i, \vec{T}_{avg}) \right) \right] * \left[ \text{area}(\vec{T}_i) - \text{area}(\vec{T}_{avg}) \right]$$

Deviation in terms of profile shape

Deviation in terms of magnitude

"CORT component"

"Area difference component"

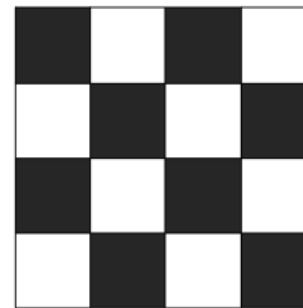


Similarity of profile pattern

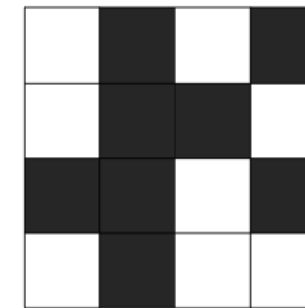
Similarity of profile location

## Local Moran's I (Anselin 1995)

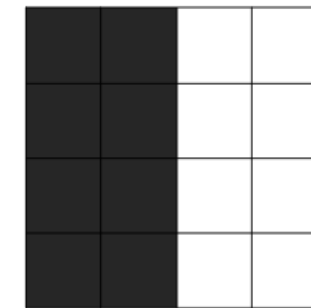
Expresses association between neighboring elements



Moran's I < 0



Moran's I ≈ 0



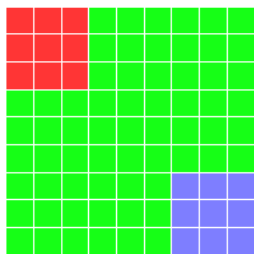
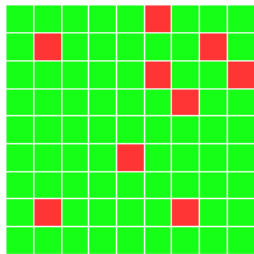
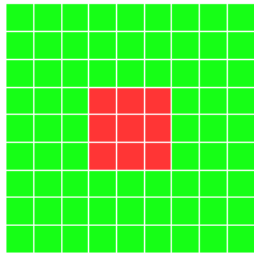
Moran's I > 0

### Inputs:

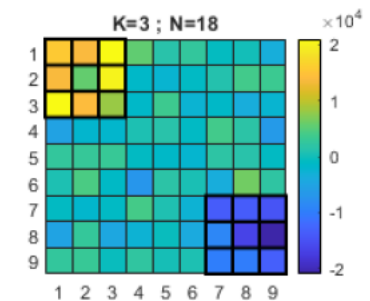
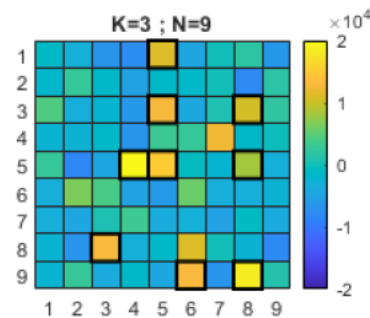
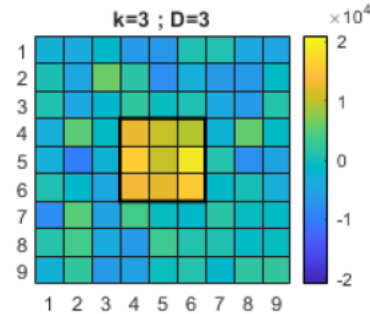
- Spatial coordinates of each cell
- Indicator of deviation from mean (**Z INDEX**)

# Monitoring Spatio-temporal profiles

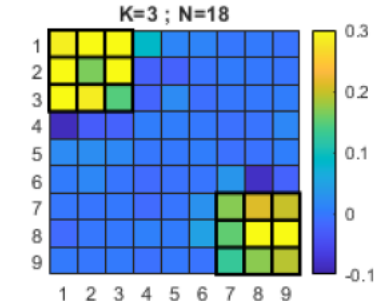
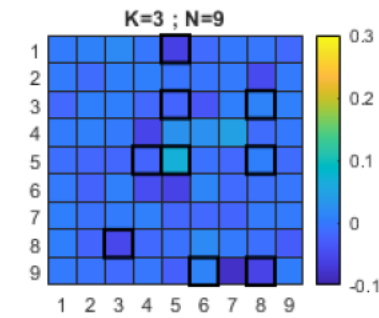
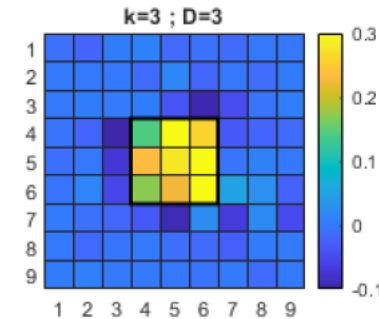
Scenario:



Z index



Local Moran's I



Both the metrics highlight defective profiles when they are clustered

Only the Z-index can detect randomly sparse anomalies of the cooling profiles

Moran index can clearly highlight clustered events on cooling profiles

# Control charting

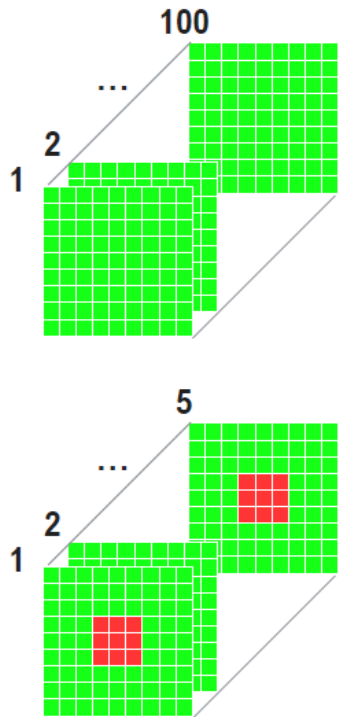
## Approach

- Global Moran's I  
*(mean of all Local Moran's I)*
- Mean Z index  
*(mean of all Z indexes)*

Build CC for global metrics  
on 100 IC matrices

Test CC performance on 5  
defective runs

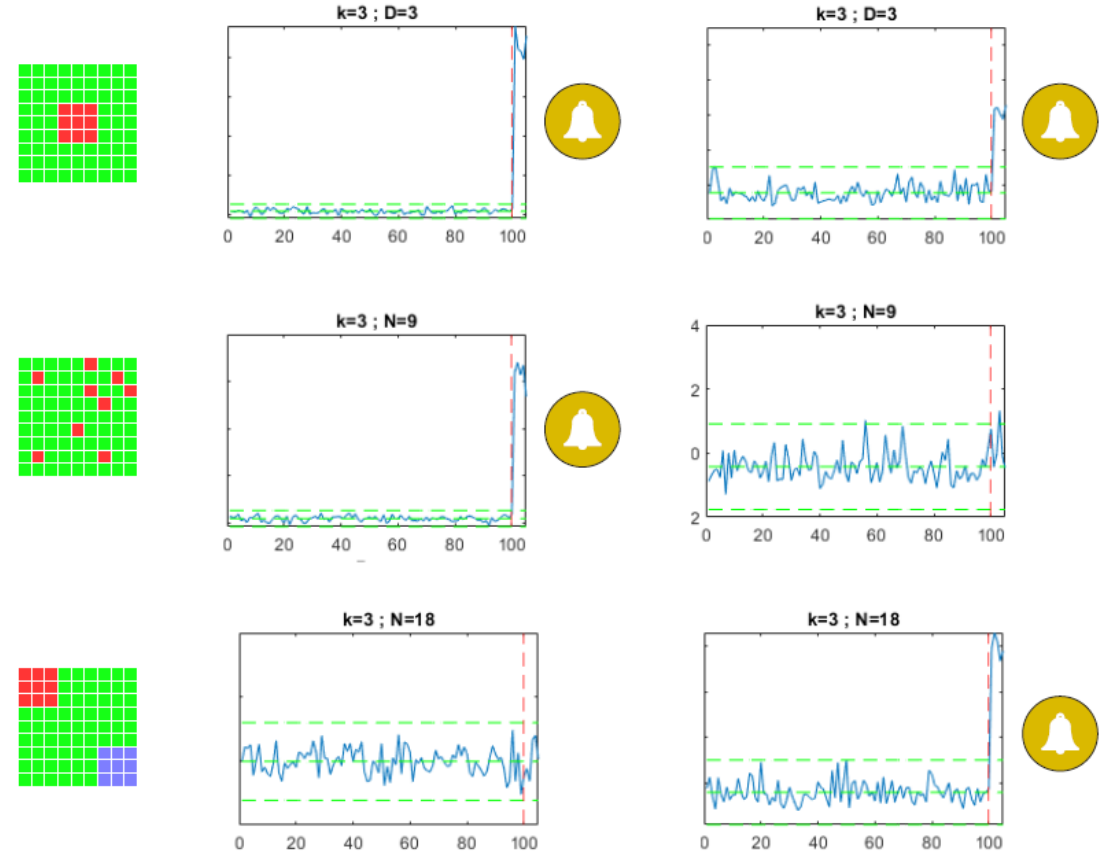
Global Metrics:



## Results

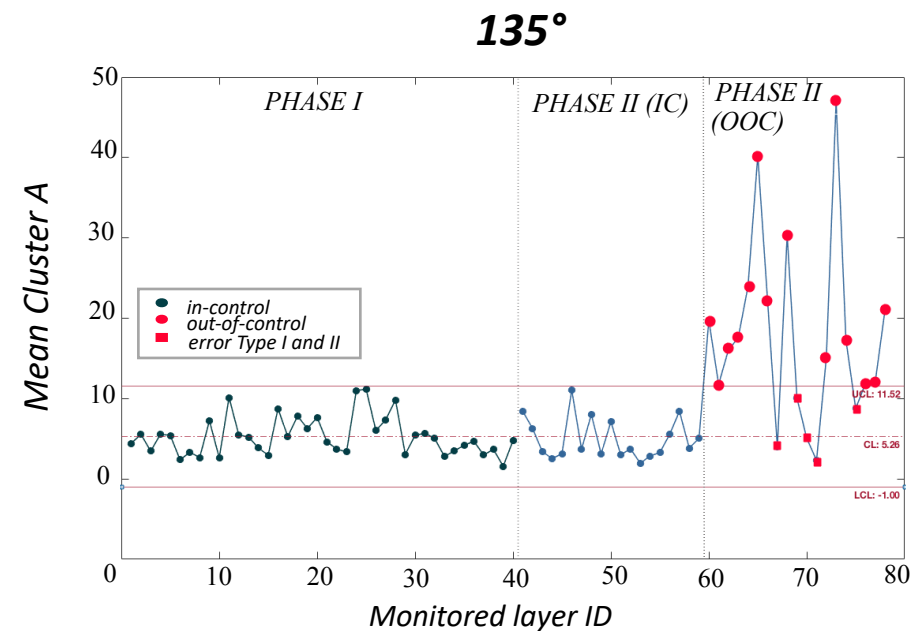
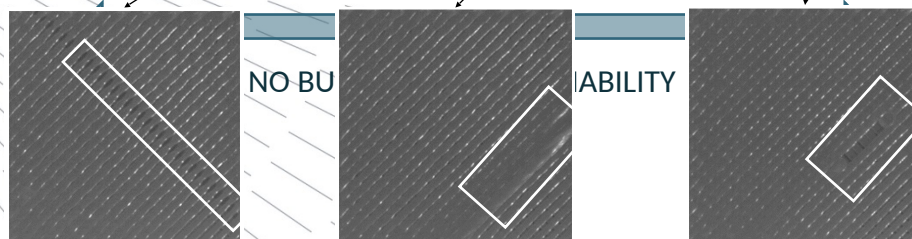
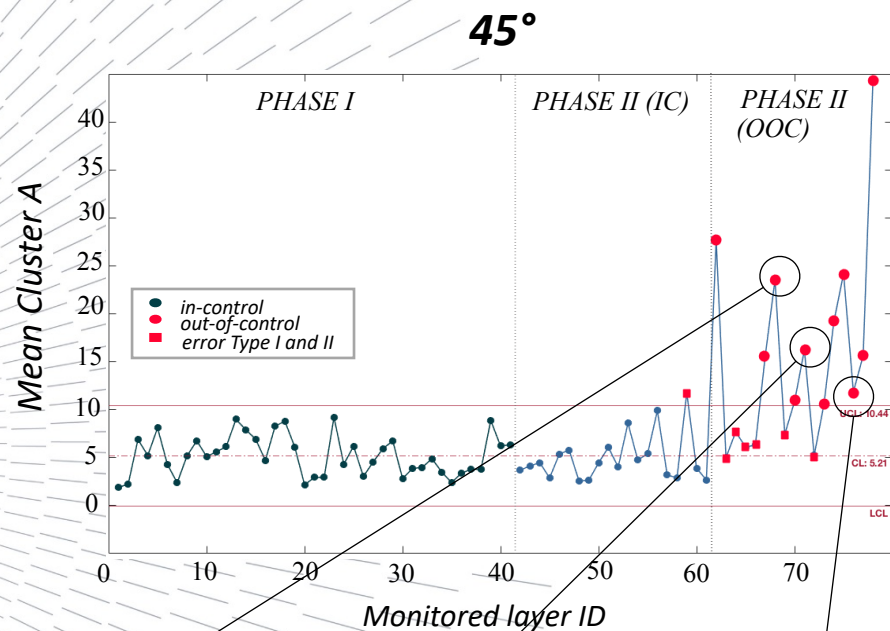
Mean Z index

Global Moran's I

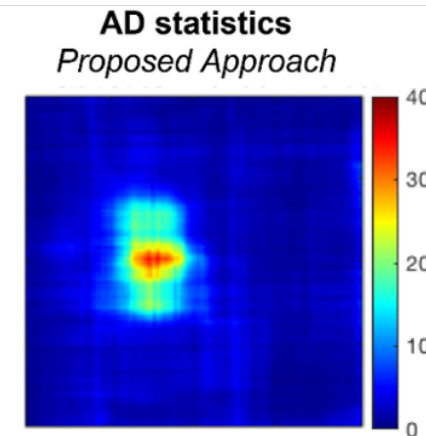
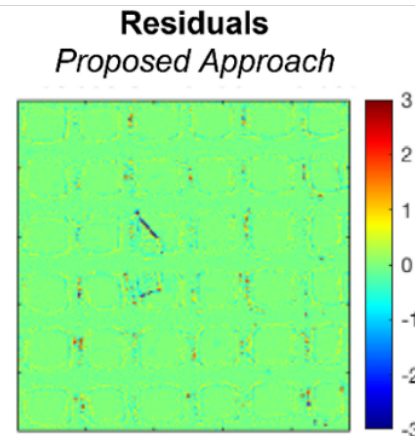
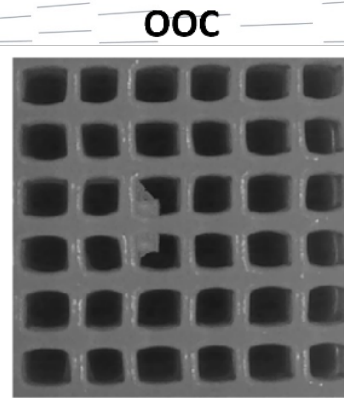
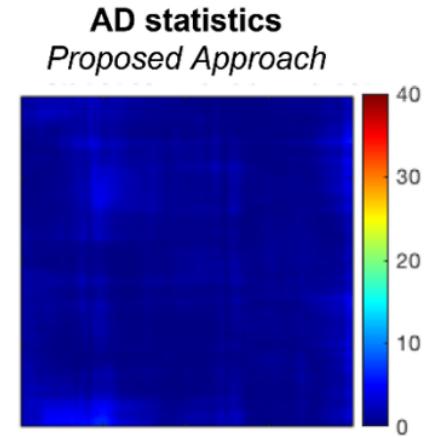
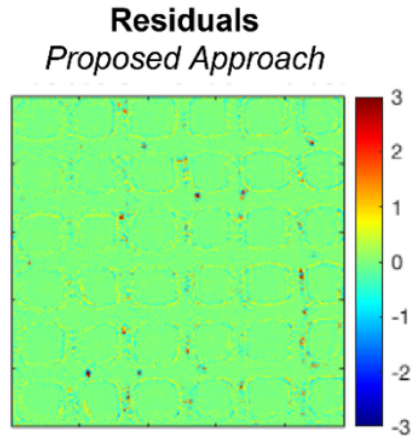
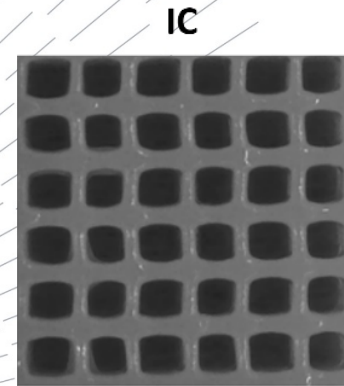


# Comparison between methodologies

## Monitoring stage: Proposed Approach



# Application of the procedure to lattice-like structures (bioprinting)



Examples of IC and OOC images for a lattice-like structure. Each rows reports the original image, the residual model and the AD matrix

# Spatially weighted PCA

