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Spatio-temporal detection of defects in SLM by using in-situ high-speed vision

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Processes and technologies

Powder Bed Fusion (PBF)

- Renishaw AM 250
- 250x250x300 mm³
- **AISI 316L, Maraging, CoCr, Al, Ti...**

Selective Laser Melting



- Prototype α version (β under development)
- 50x50x15 mm³
- **Materiali: Zn, Fe, AlSi12, AISI 316L, blends...**

SLM Prototype



- Arcam (A2)
- 200x200x180 mm³
- **Ti6Al4V**

Electron Beam Melting



Direct Energy Deposition (DED)

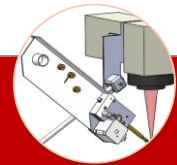
- 6 dof ABB Robot arms- Fiber laser source (IPG, 1kW – 3kW)
- Coaxial deposition head
- **AISI 316L, Inconel 625 & 718, Stellite 6 & 21**

Laser DED - powder



- PowerWeld workstation
- Source: Trumpf Nd:YAG
- Microlaser deposition
- **AISI 301, Al Si12**

Laser DED - wire



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Post-process and metrology equipment

- Kern EVO 5 axis CNC machining center
- GF Mikron5 axis machining



Post-processing machining

- X25 North Star Imaging
- X-ray computed micro-tomography



X-ray CT

- Alicona Infinite Focus
- Mahr Perthometer PGK



Surface topography and roughness

- Zeiss Prismo 5 Coordinate
- Mahr Surf CWM 100

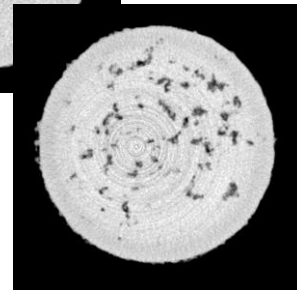
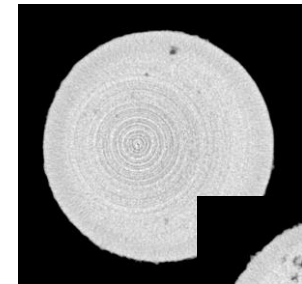


3D dimensional measurements

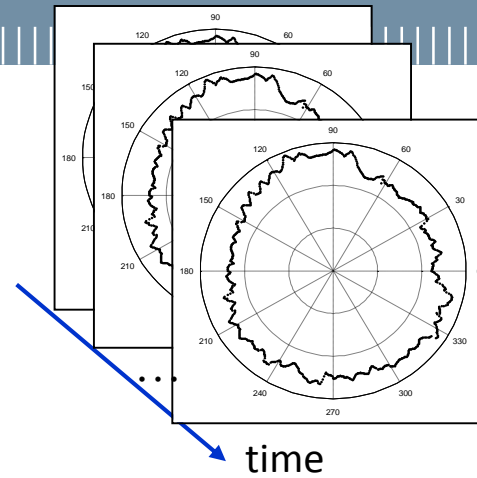
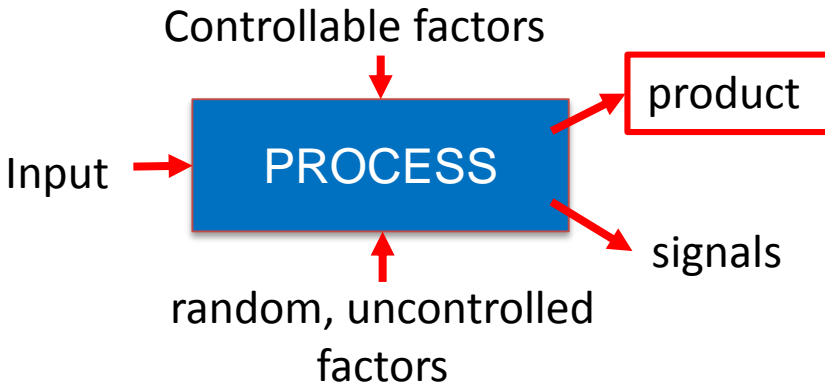


NSI x25 system

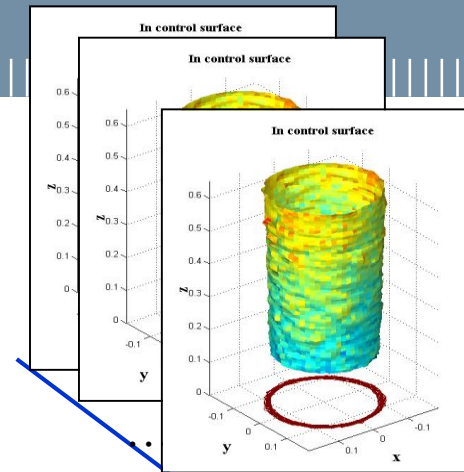
- Maximum Power: 160 kV/0W
- Nominal resolution < 1mm
- Max sample volume: 15 cm x 20 cm x 70 cm
- Max weight: 11 Kg
- Detector: 149 mm x 119 mm



Statistical monitoring of PRODUCT and PROCESS data

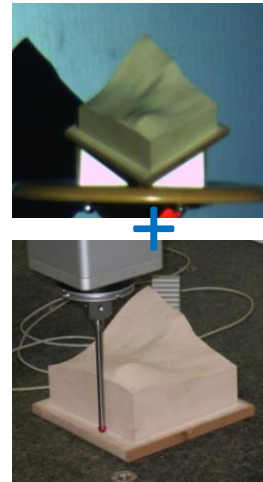


Profile monitoring

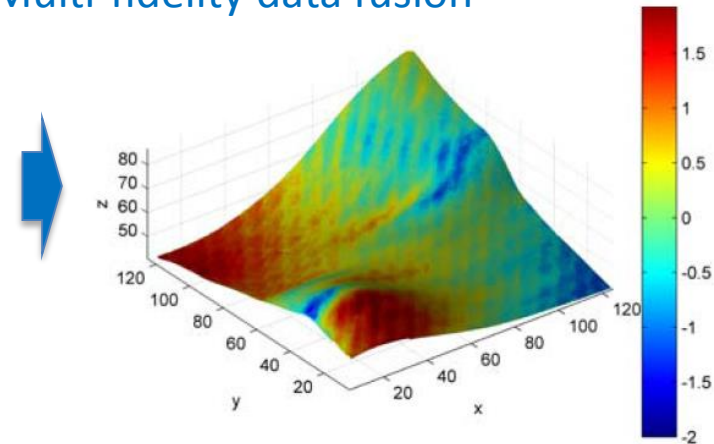


Surface monitoring

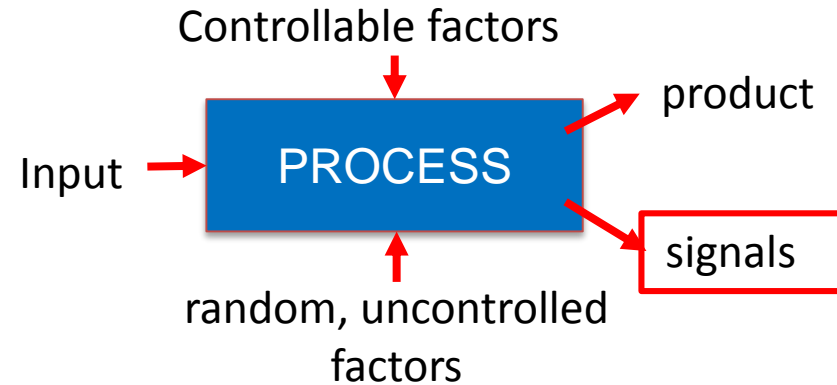
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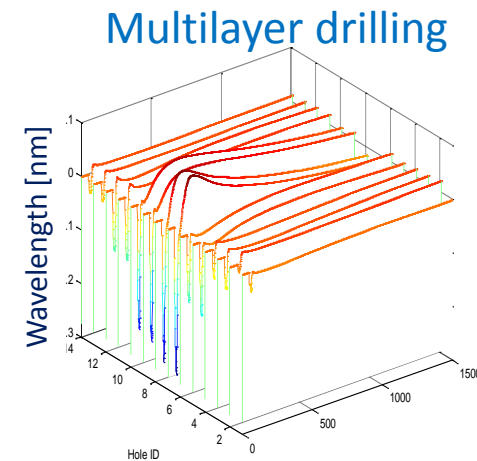
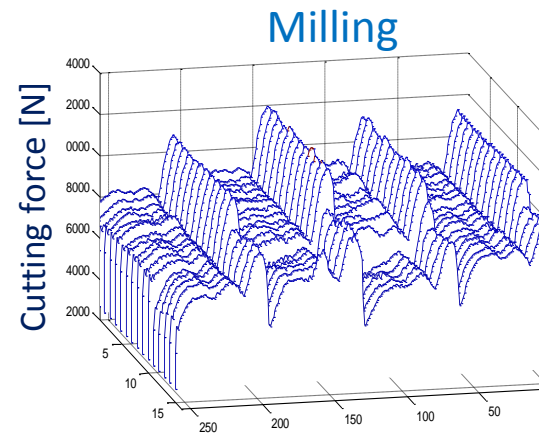
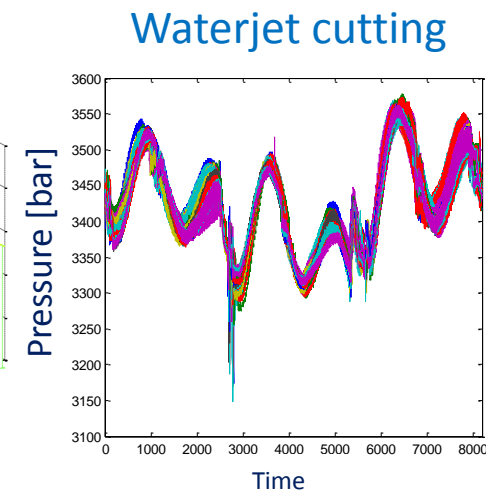
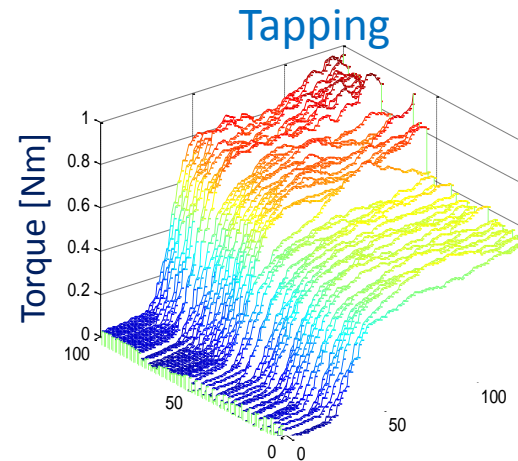
Multi-fidelity data fusion



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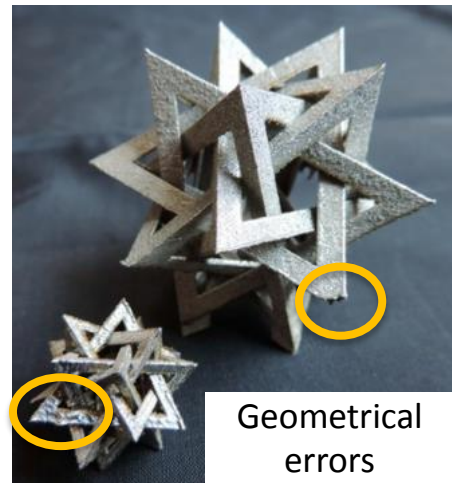


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Towards zero-defect in metal AM

Statistical process monitoring and data mining techniques applied to metal AM

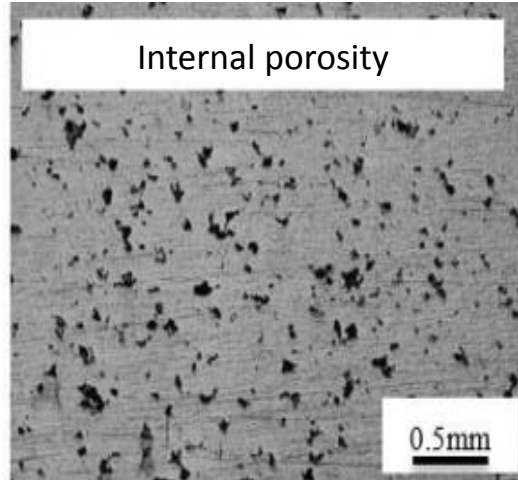


Cracking & delamination



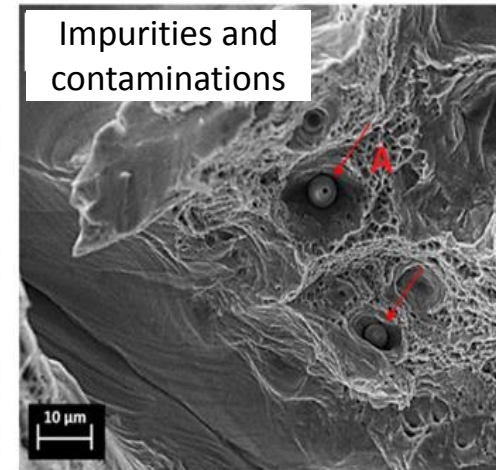
Zaeh and Lutzmann, 2010

Internal porosity



Gong, 2013

Impurities and contaminations



Casati et al., 2016

Goal:

- Quickly detect the onset of defects during the process via in-situ sensing

Challenges:

- Automated alarm rules when there is no time to learn
- Identification of *WHEN* and *WHERE* the defect has originated within the part
- Processing and analysis of large amounts of high frequency data streams

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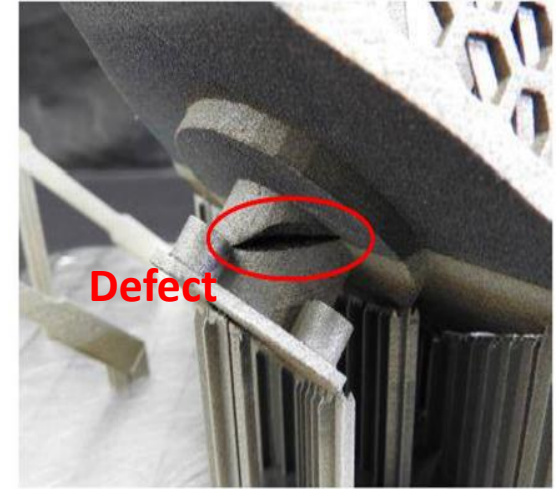
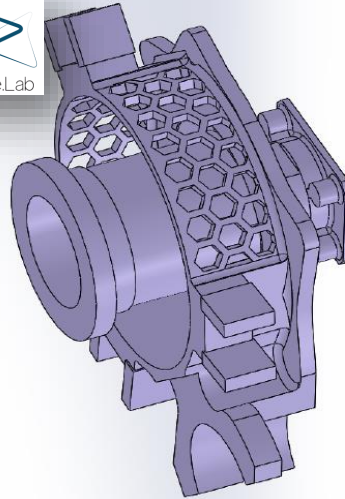
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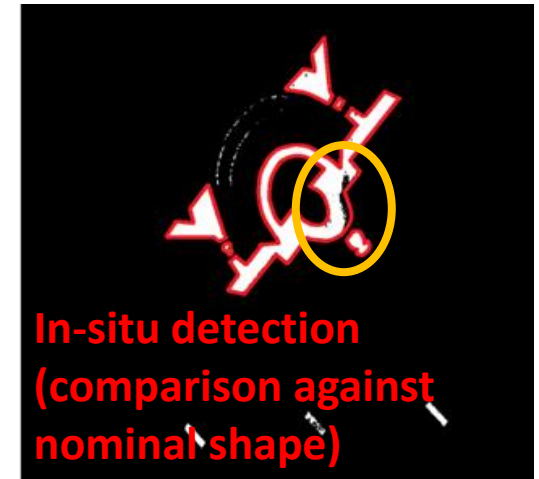
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Example of application to complex aerospace part



Defect

Original image



In-situ detection
(comparison against nominal shape)

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Typology and sources of defects in PBF

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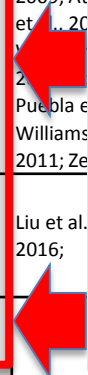
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Local geometrical defects may be caused by non-optimal process parameters in critical features and/or non optimal supporting strategies
Hot-spot (local over-heating) detection and localization methods



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Feedstock material (powder)		Liu et al., 2015; Van Elsen, 2007; Das, 2003		Das, 2003	Seyda et al., 2012		Das, 2003; Niu and Chang, 1999; Huang et al., 2016

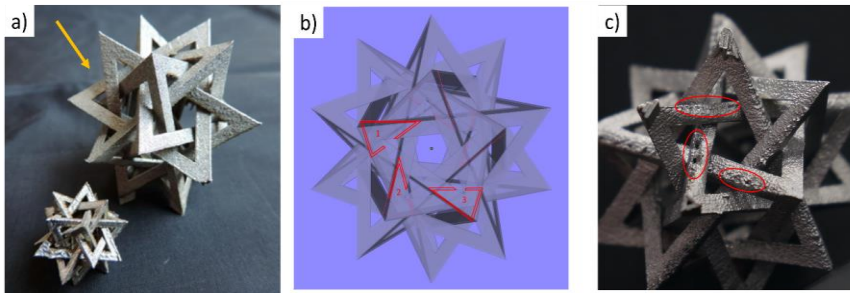
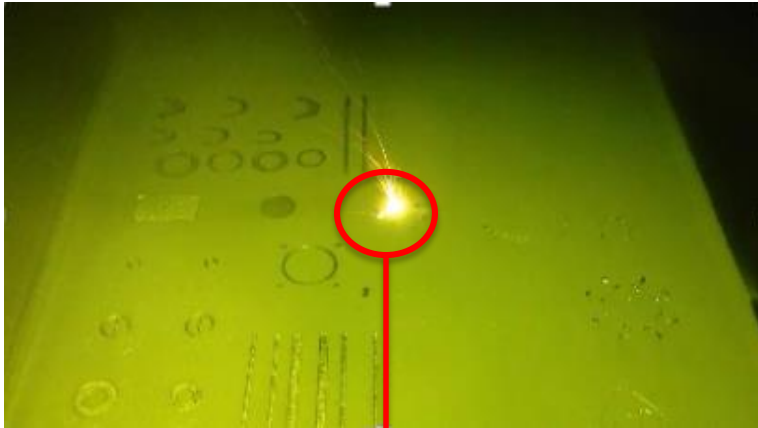
Study of spatter behaviour produced by the laser/material interaction, which are related to process stability and local defects



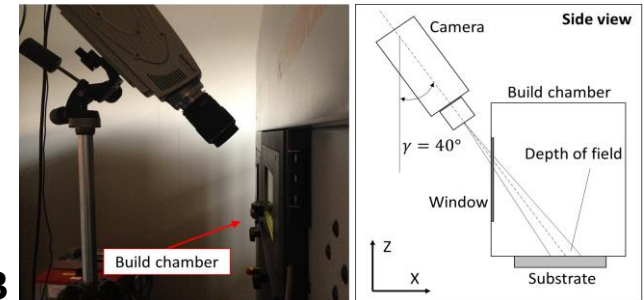
Hot-spot detection and localization in SLM

Case study

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



High-speed image acquisition
(off-axis)
Olympus i-speed 3

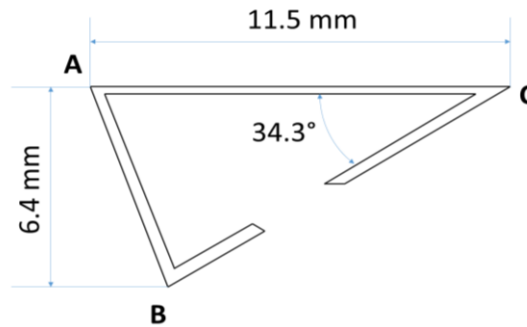
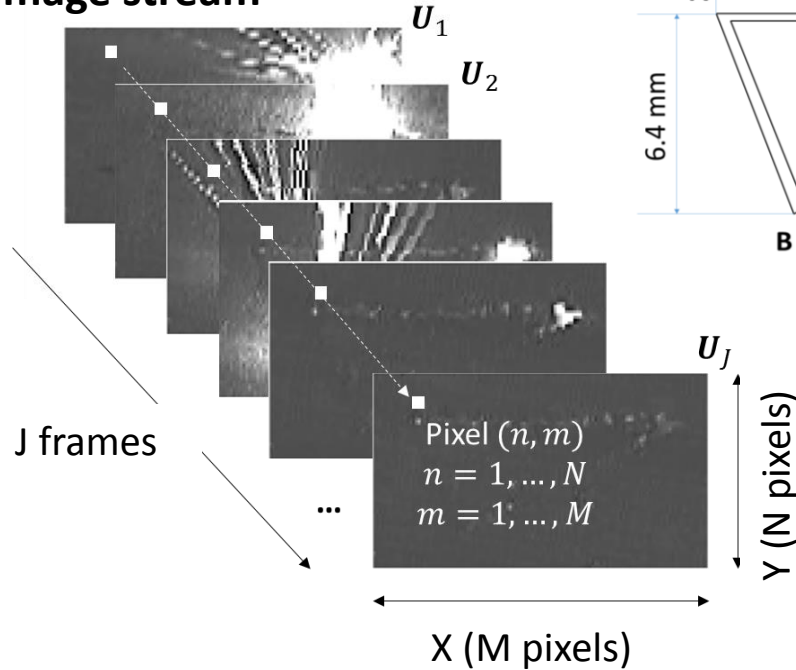


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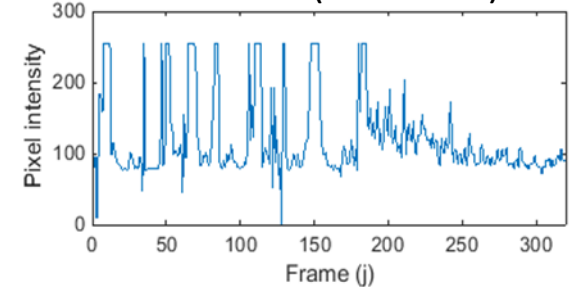
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Proposed approach

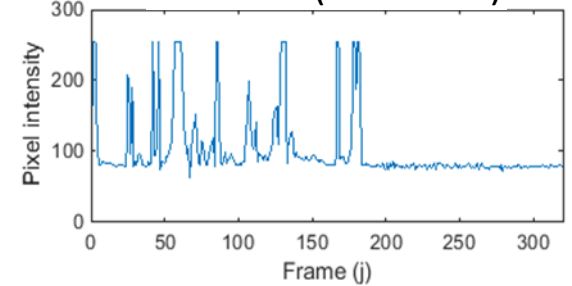
Image stream



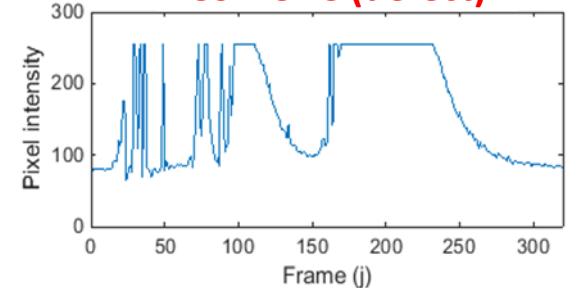
Corner A (no defect)



Corner B (no defect)



Corner C (defect)



350 frames of size 121×71
Intensity profiles over time
(8bpp – scale: 0-255)

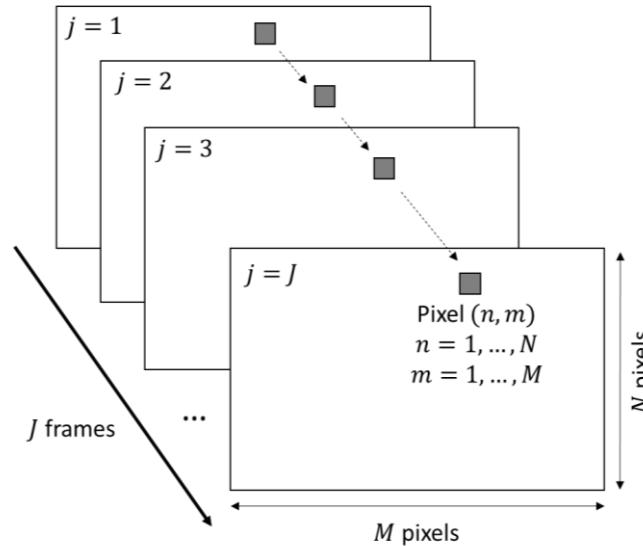
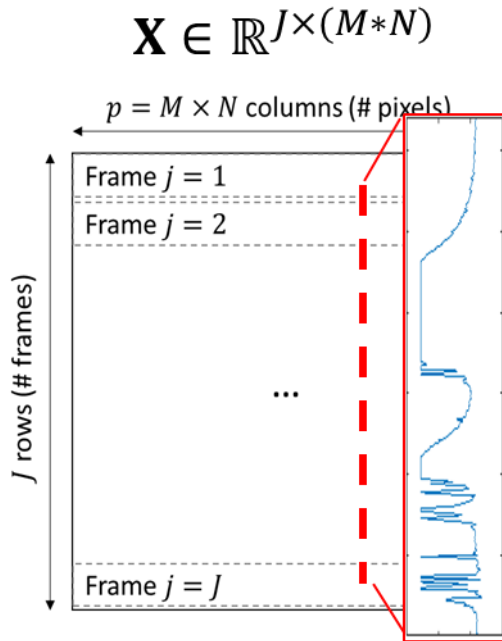
HOT-SPOT

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Image stream processing

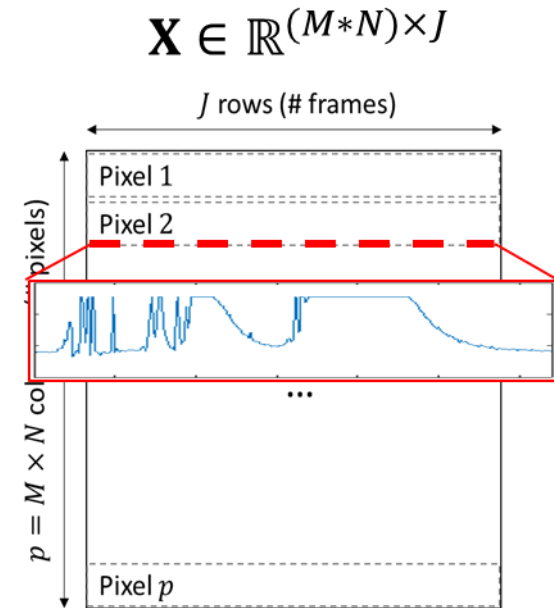
Temporal PCA (S-mode)



$$\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^{J \times M \times N}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \{\mathbf{U}_1, \mathbf{U}_2, \dots, \mathbf{U}_J\}$$

Spatial PCA (T-mode)

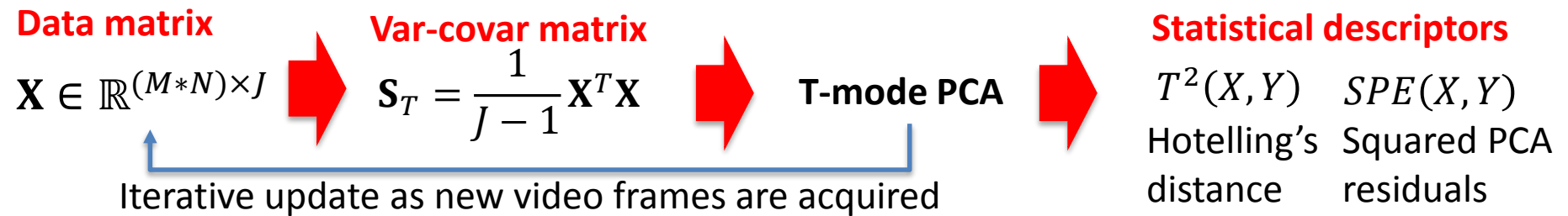


- Principal Component Analysis (PCA) applied to image data
- No segmentation or edge detection operation needed

Geospatial statistics & atmospheric science

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Data matrix

$$\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{(M*N) \times J}$$



Var-covar matrix

$$\mathbf{S}_T = \frac{1}{J-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{W} \mathbf{X}$$



Spatio-Temporal PCA
ST-PCA



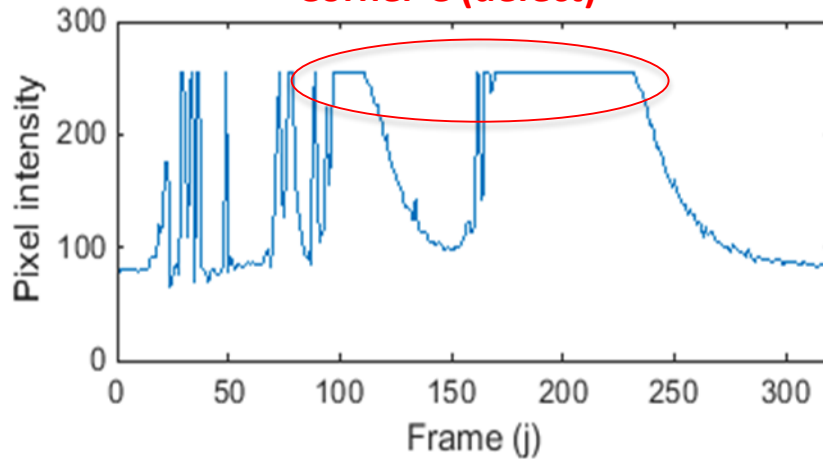
Statistical descriptors

$T^2(X, Y)$ $SPE(X, Y)$
Hotelling's Squared PCA
distance residuals

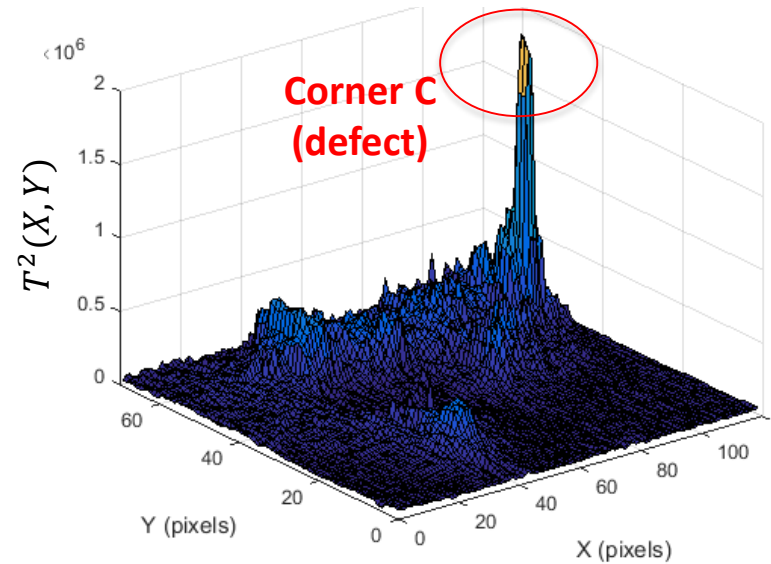
Iterative update as new video frames are acquired

Temporal correlation (pixel intensity profile)

Corner C (defect)



Spatial mapping (statistical descriptor)



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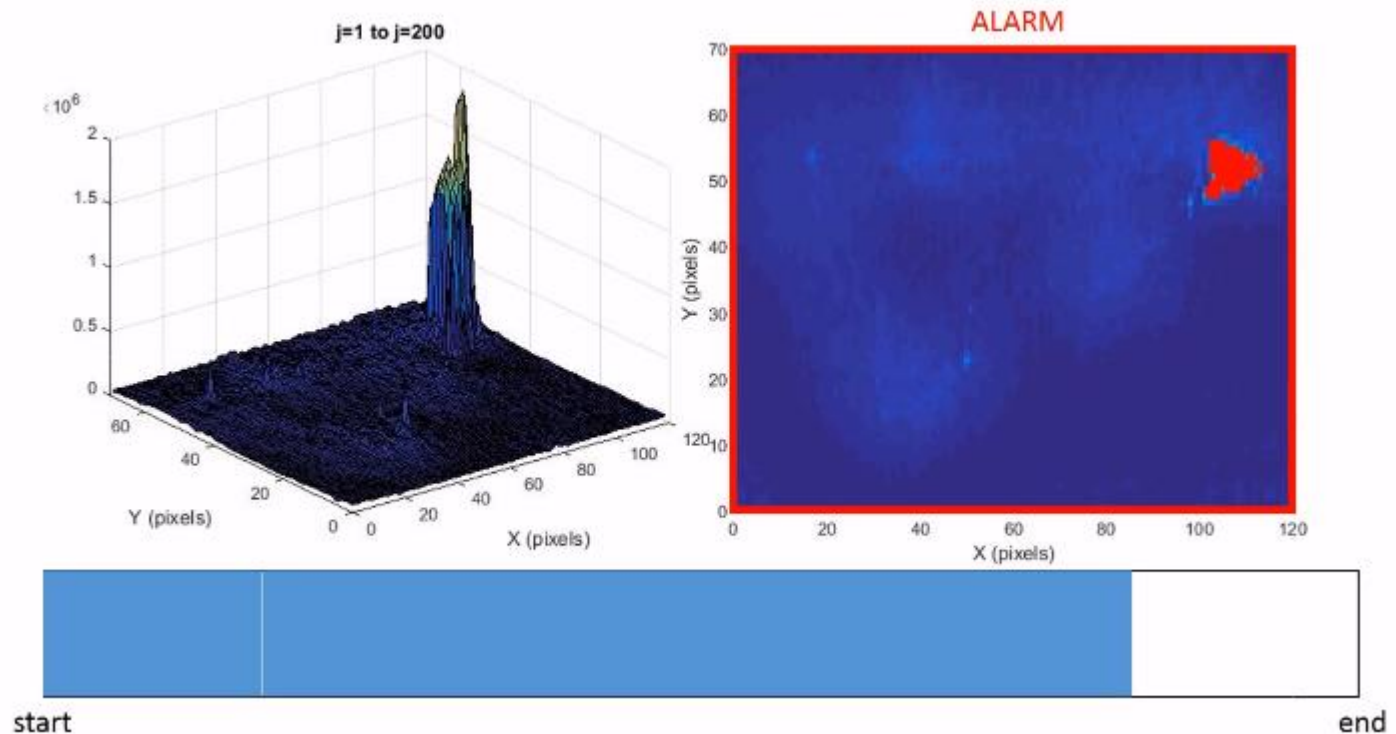
Spatial clustering-based alarm rule (*Hastie et al., 2009; Tibshirani et al., 2001*)

- 1 cluster: **no hot-spot, process in-control**
- 2 clusters (or >2): **hot-spot detected, process out-of-control (alarm)**

Example of results

*Iterative update every
20 frames (0.067s)*

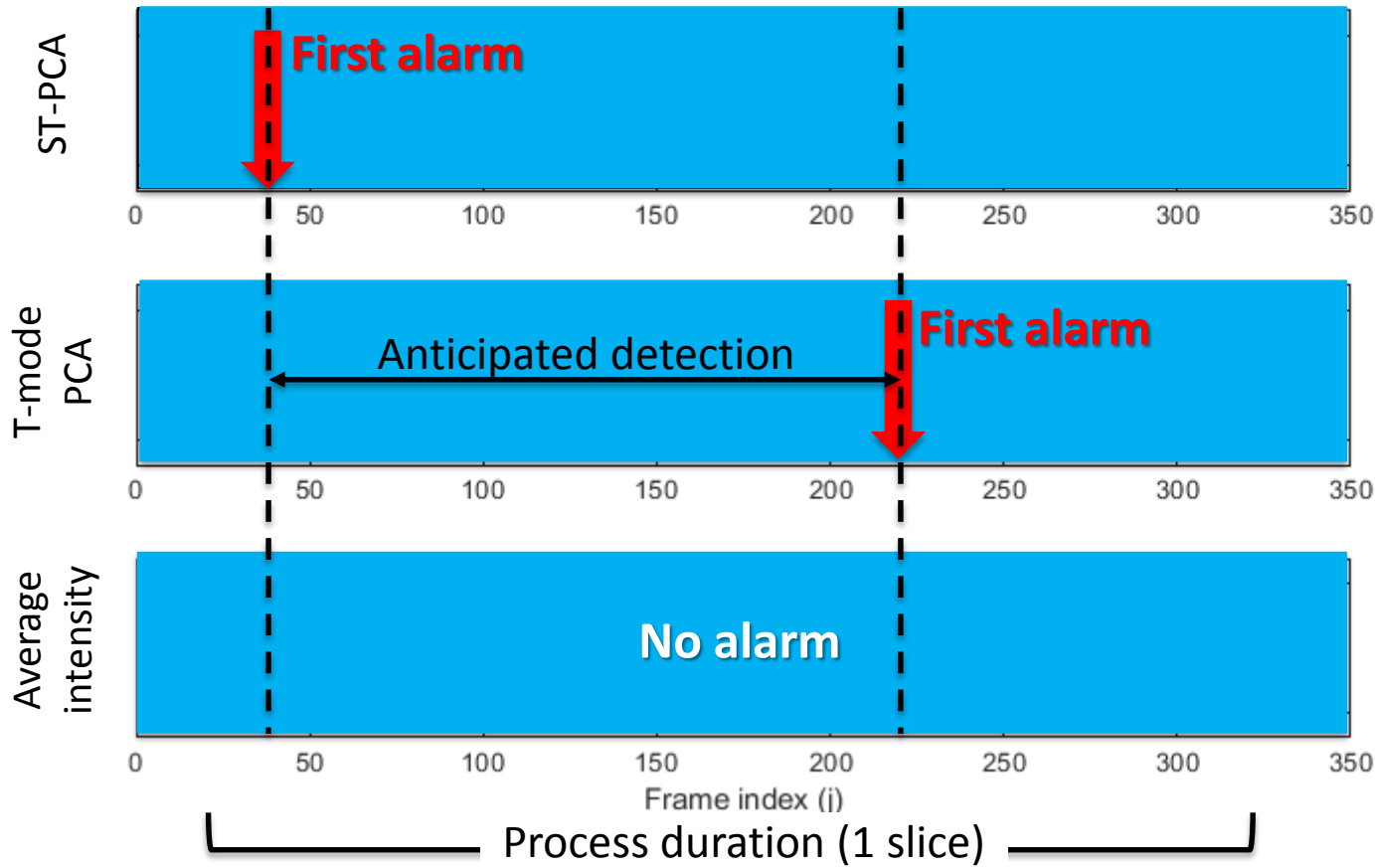
*Red area indicates
the signalled cluster
(alarm)*



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Proposed approach

Benefits against competitor methods



Proposed approach
(Grasso and Colosimo, 2017, JQT – under review)

Competitors from previous study
(Grasso et al., 2016, ASME Transactions)

Spatter behaviour analysis for process monitoring in SLM

Repossini et al. 2017, *Spatter behaviour in Selective Laser Melting as process signature for in-situ monitoring*, Additive Manufacturing (under review)

Spatters generated by the laser/material interaction could be suitable *process signatures* for SLM process monitoring?

- “droplet spatters” and “powder spatters” (Liu et al., 2011; Khairallah et al., 2016)
- OOC spatter behaviour may produce inclusions & powder bed inhomogeneity (Gong, 2013)
- *Lack of studies on correlation between spatter behaviour and SLM process quality*

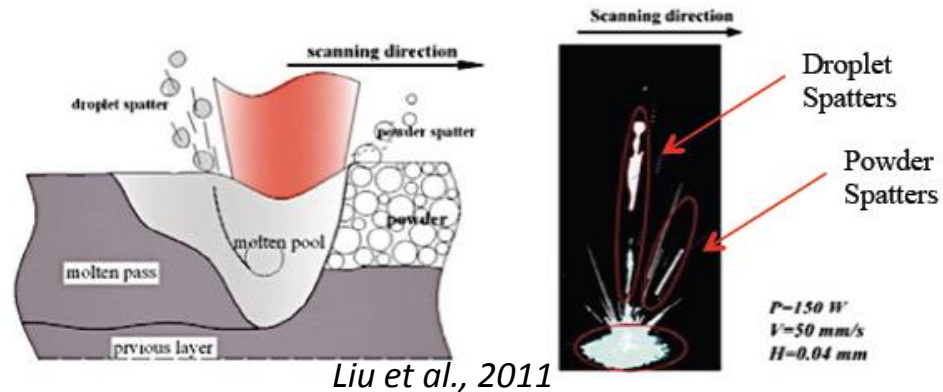
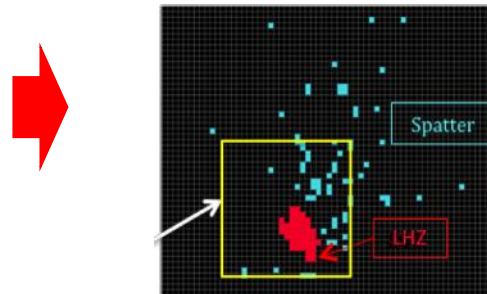


Image processing approach

High-speed image acquisition (1000 Hz)



Image segmentation and classification between laser heated zone (LHZ) and spatters



Estimation of statistical descriptors of spatter behaviour (average area, spatial spread, number,...)

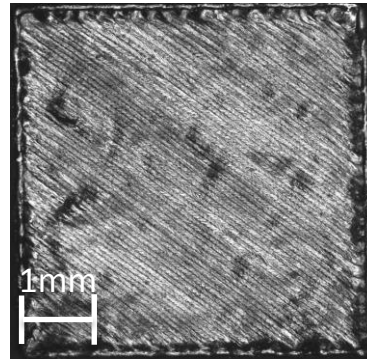
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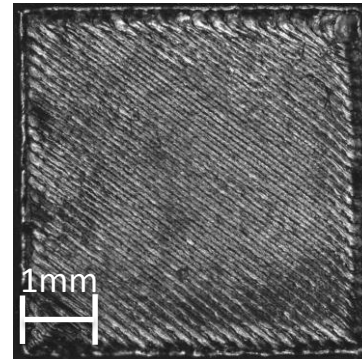
Study of spatter behaviour under different *energy density* conditions (maraging steel)

Top surface of produced specimens
(5 x 5 x 10 mm)

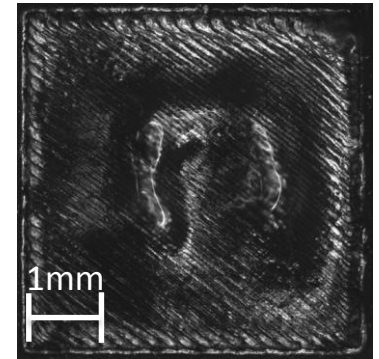
Low energy density
(40 kJ/cm³)



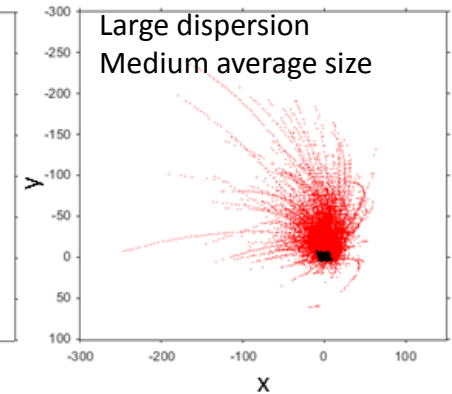
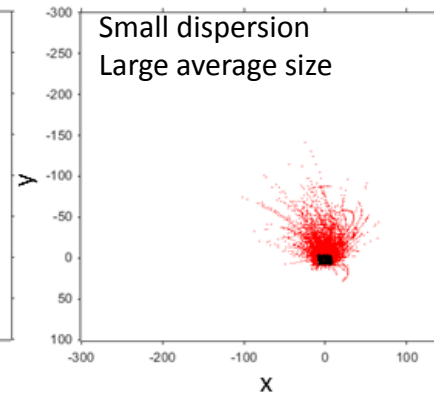
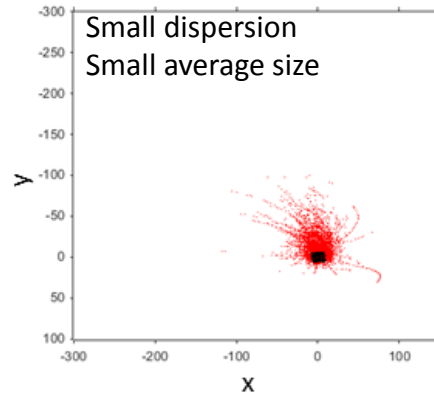
Normal energy density
(80 kJ/cm³)



High energy density
(120 kJ/cm³)



Centroids of spatters
(red) and laser heated zone
(black)



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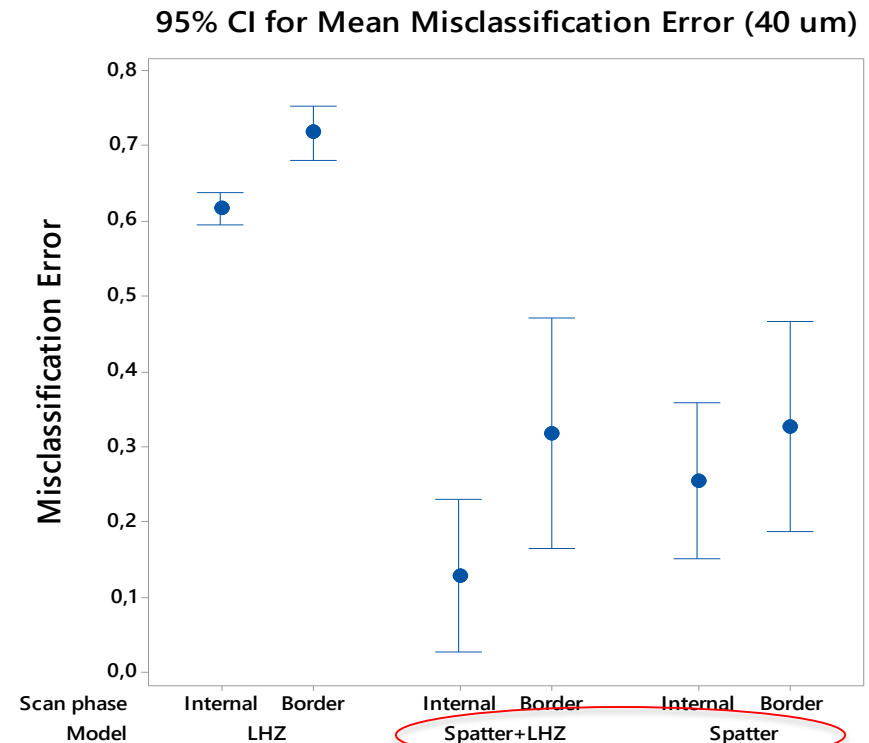
Classification of energy density conditions via logistic regression

Three classification models were compared:

1. Only LHZ area (benchmark)
2. LHZ + spatters
3. Only spatters

Results:

- Inclusion of spatter-related descriptors **enhances the classification** performances with respect to including only laser heated zone area
- Spatter behaviour can be used as a **proxy of process stability** (to be further investigated in future studies)



Challenges and next steps

Challenges and barriers to face

- ***Computational feasibility:***

Breadboard implementation on real-time platform needed to improve the computational efficiency (possibility of monitoring larger areas);

- ***Integration & synchronization*** of image acquisition system with machine controller

- ***Big data stream management*** for continuous process monitoring

Next steps

Study of **multi-sensor data fusion** methods to enhance process monitoring performances

- co-axial + off-axis sensing (process monitoring at multiple levels)
- Evaluation of novel in-situ sensing solutions

Thanks for your attention



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