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Intelligent Sensor Systems for Nondestructive Testing regarding Product Life Cycle

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## Some facts and figures

### Sensor systems for monitoring along the entire Product Life Cycle

- Founded in 1998
- More than 100 full-time personnel
- Location Fürth, Würzburg, Deggendorf
- Budget:  
approx. 15 Mio. € (2016)
- Financing
  - > 75 % Contract research
  - < 25 % Basic funding



# Intelligent Sensor Systems for Nondestructive Testing

## Monitoring along Product Life Cycle

### ■ Development of system solutions for nondestructive

- Characterization (raw materials / materials)
- Definition of parameters (product development)
- Monitoring and control (production process)
- Quality control (product)
- Condition Monitoring (trade / operation)
- Sorting of materials (recycling)

### ■ Generation of sensor based metadata

Computed Tomography, Ultrasound, Optics, MRI  
Thermography, Electromagnetics, MicroWave

### ■ Intelligent crosslinking

INTRA Stage within a single stage of PLC or  
INTER Stage between different PLC stages

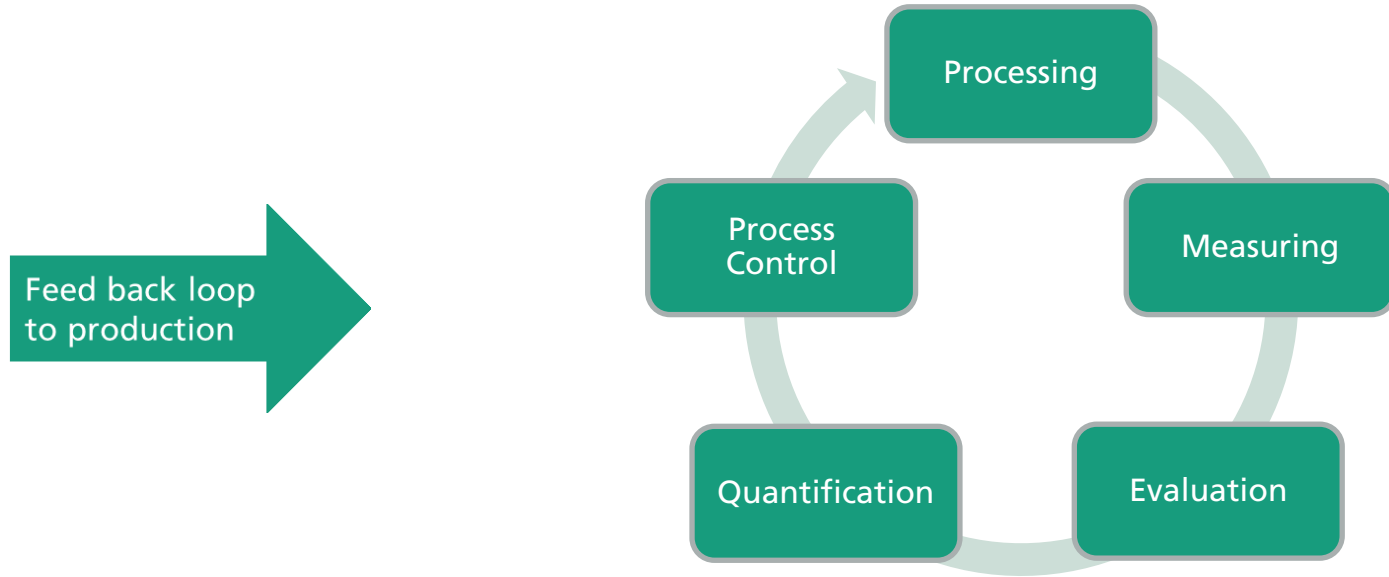
### ➔ Optimization

of reliability, cost effectiveness and sustainability  
of new materials and products



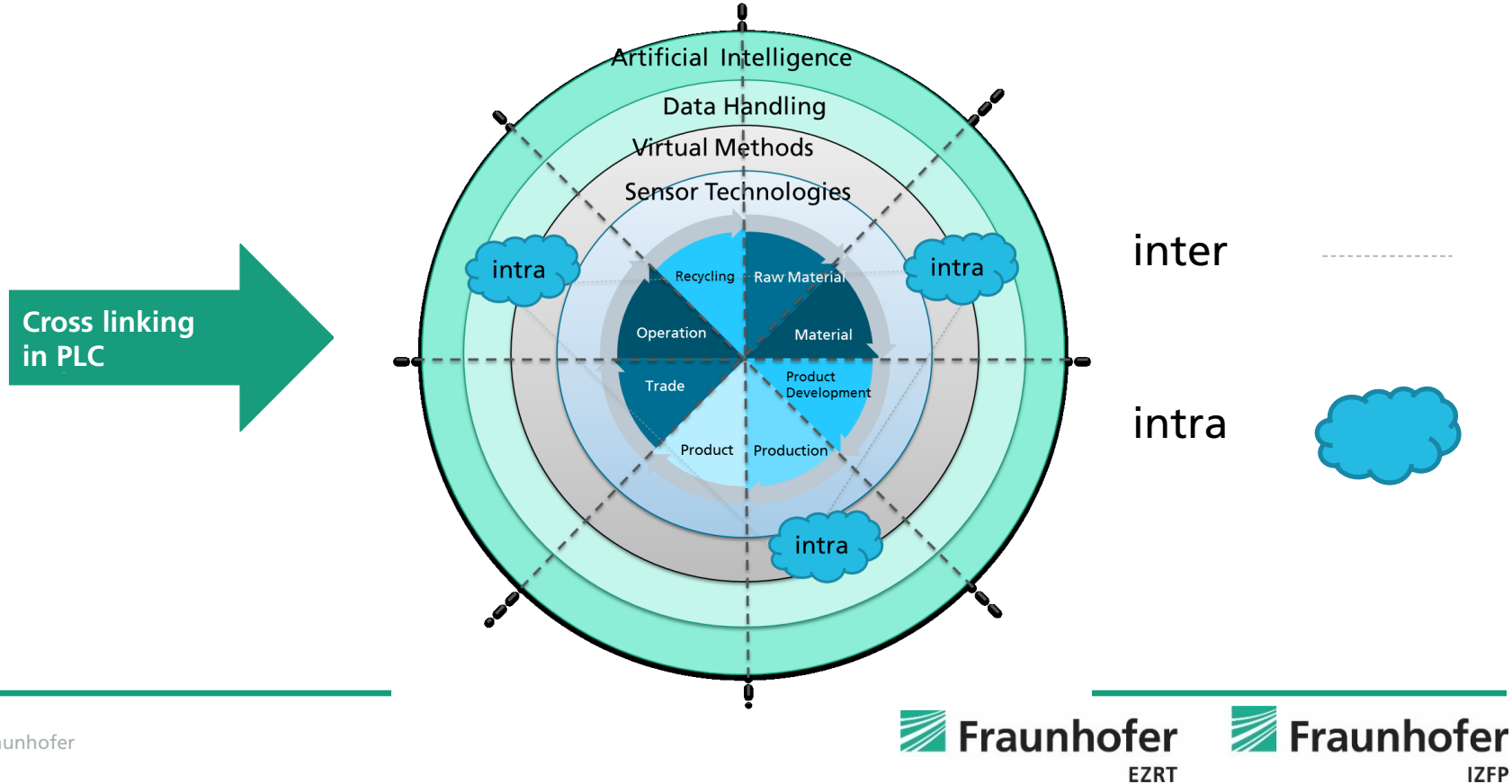
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## Nondestructive Process Control – Intra Stage Feed back loop



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## Nondestructive Process Control – Inter Stage Cross Linking



# Intelligent Sensor Systems for Nondestructive Testing

## Future Impact



- **Cognitive sensor systems** for process control along Product Life Cycle
  - Material near, intelligent sensor systems
  - Sensor near, intelligent data analysis
- **Holistic consideration** of data analysis along the complete PLC
- **Expanding the I4.0 Data space** by data and information about material modification (Smart Materials Data) by influence of
  - Machines (influence of casting, forming, cut-off or joining processes during manufacturing)
  - Humans (wearing by individual operation) or
  - Environment (temperature, humidity, aging, fatigue)

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## Smart Materials Data



Factory Data  
Logistic Data  
Cost Data  
Processing Data

# Intelligent Sensor Systems for Nondestructive Testing

## The “Black NDT Box”

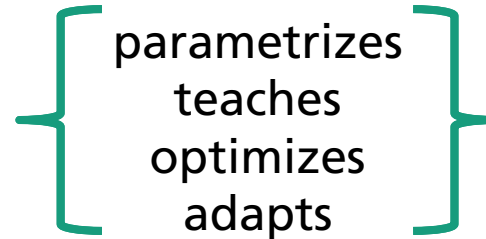
Intelligent NDT for Process Control – Monitoring along the PLC

Vision:



- For all components
- For all materials
- For all problems

The system



itself

# Intelligent Sensor Systems for Nondestructive Testing

## General Objectives

### Cognitive Sensor Systems

- refine classical NDT towards digitization, intelligent data analysis and process control
- generate
  - cognitive, auto adaptive sensor systems
  - predictive systems
  - hybrid sensor and actor systems
- support
  - intelligent data acquisition and
  - manipulation of characteristics and variables in PLC

**Sensor systems and machines decide independently,  
how, when and what they measure and monitor!**

# Intelligent Sensor Systems for Nondestructive Testing

## Intelligent Data Acquisition – Example CT

### Automated Parametrization (Orientation of Object)



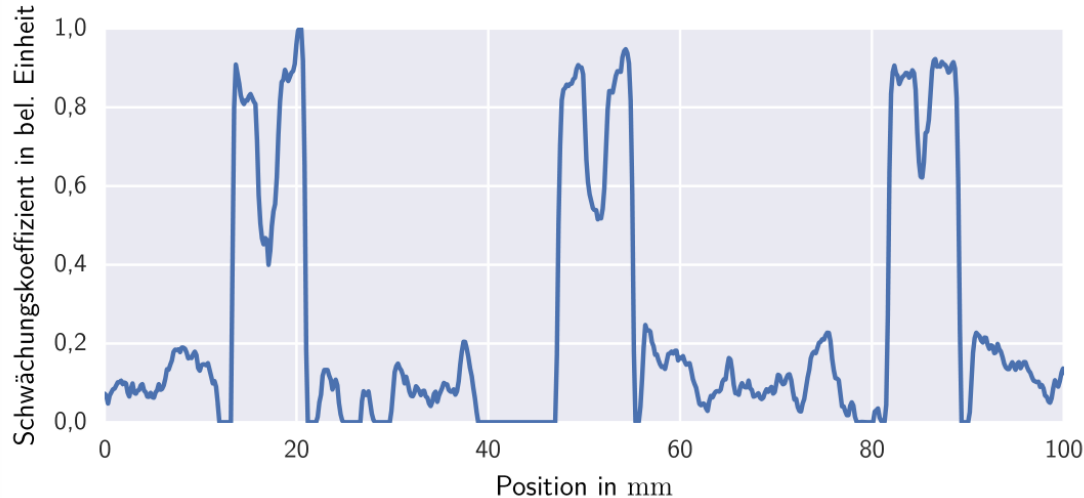
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## Intelligent Data Acquisition – Example CT

### Automated Parametrization (Orientation of Object)

Problem: How is the cornet best aligned for least artefacts?



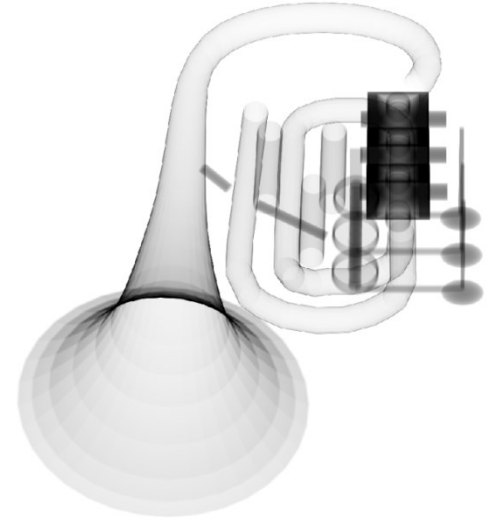
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## Intelligent Data Acquisition – Example CT

Automated Parametrization (Orientation of Object)

Original → Model → X-Ray Simulation



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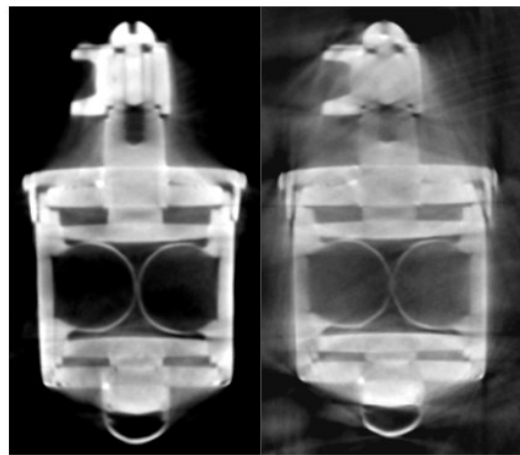
### Experimental Validation



45°



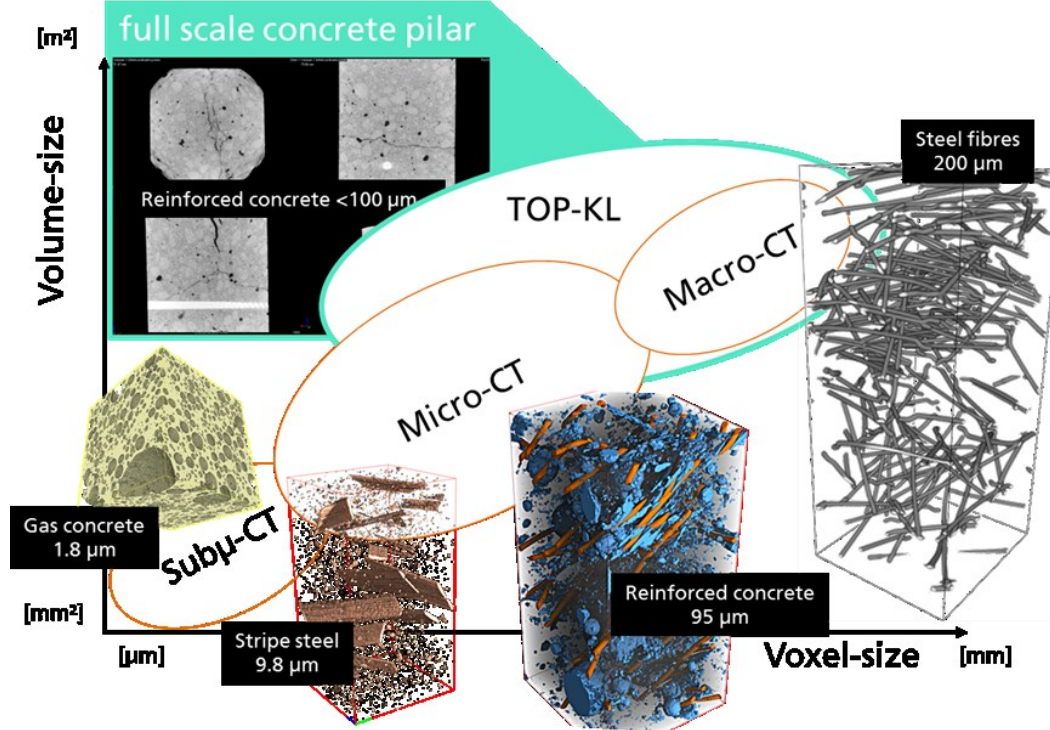
90°



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## Different scales of CT in civil engineering



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## Intelligent Data Acquisition – Dual Energy Radioscopy



Sorting, Identification and Evaluation of Raw Materials

### Detection of raw diamonds

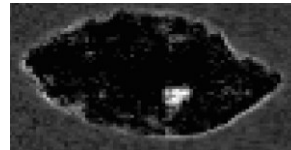
- Acquisition of two different X-ray images using different spectra, sorting with 1 m/s
- Separation of diamond (carbon) and rock (containing mostly calcium, silicon and aluminum) in these images



Low-energy image



high-energy image



carbon image



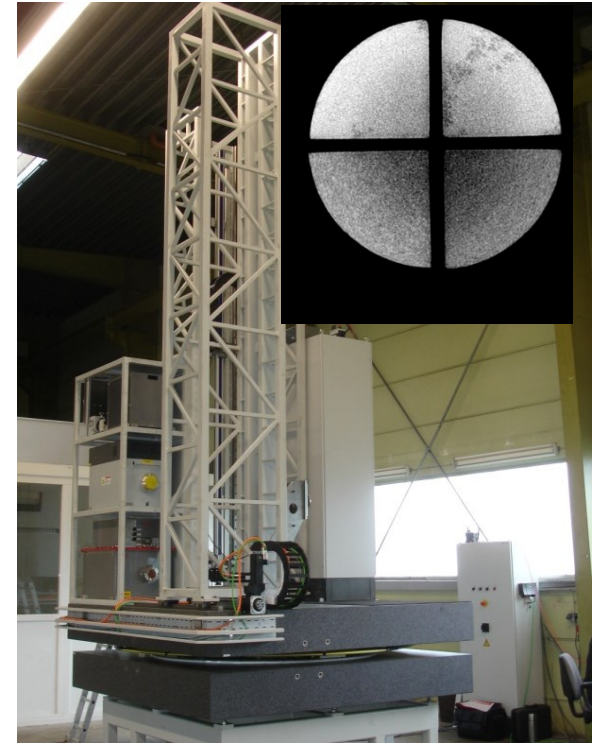
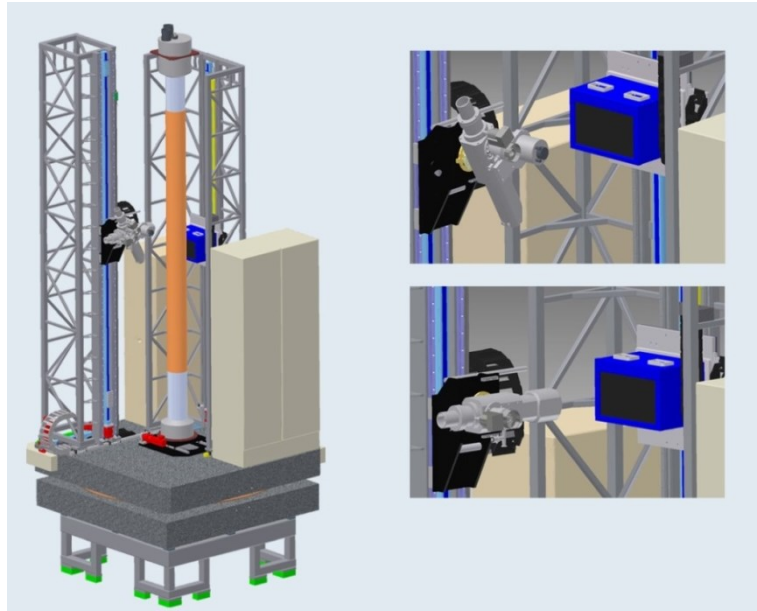
Kimberlite: 15-23 mm  
Diamond – Size: 6-7 mm

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## Intelligent Data Acquisition – Helical CT

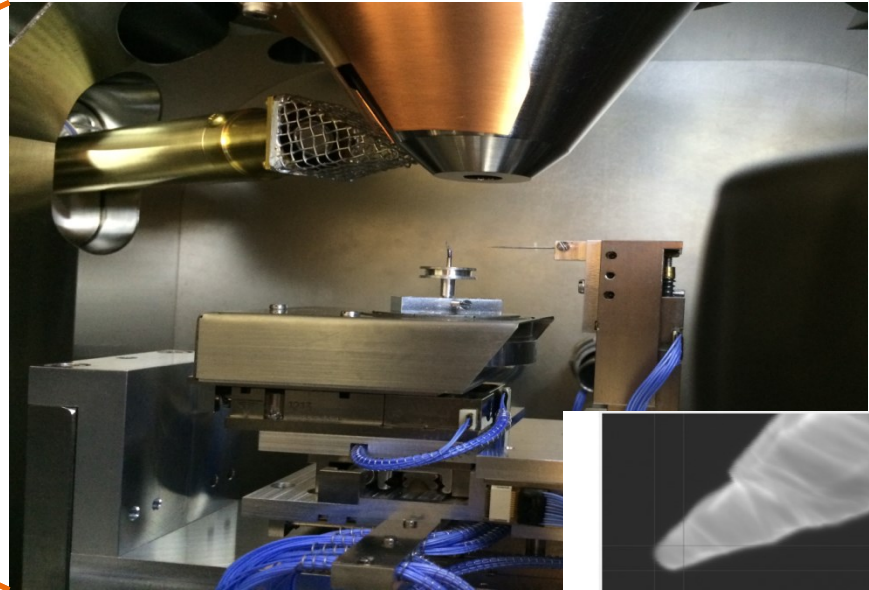
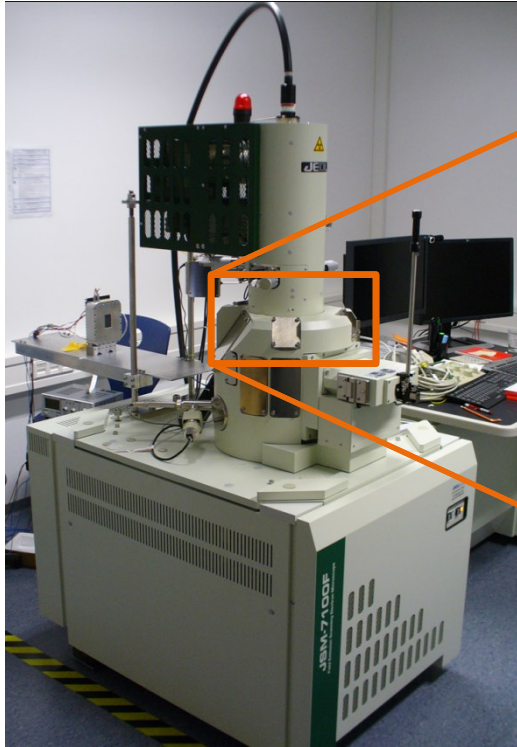
### Petroleum recovery by X-ray analysis

CT-Scanner for long drill cores up to 3 m and diameter 10 cm

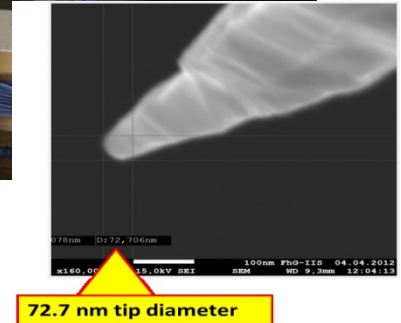


# Intelligent Sensor Systems for Nondestructive Test

## Intelligent Data Acquisition – Nano Computed Tomography



XRM II: Sample and X-ray source are inside of electron microscope



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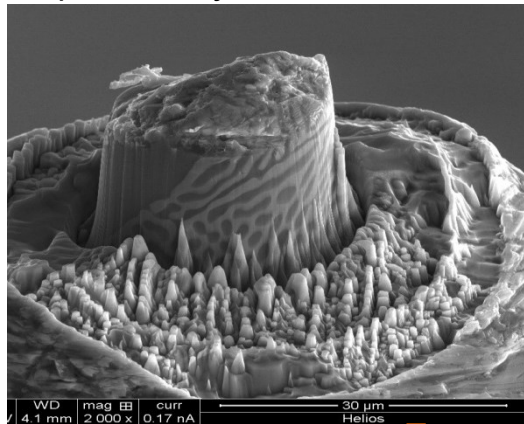
## Intelligent Data Acquisition – Nano Computed Tomography



### Material analysis by Nano-CT microscopy, XRM-II

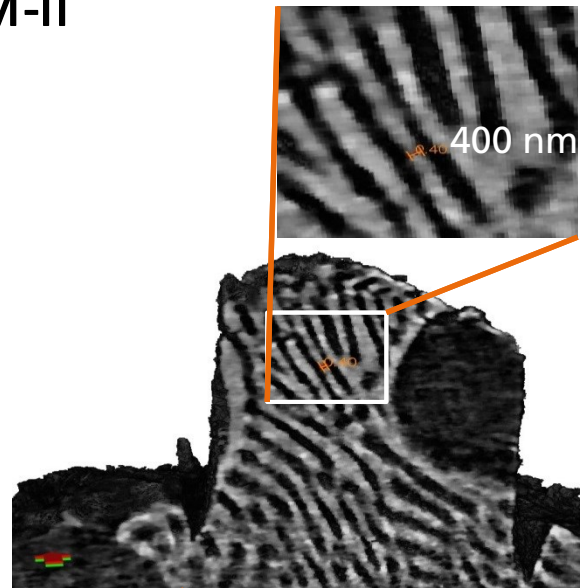
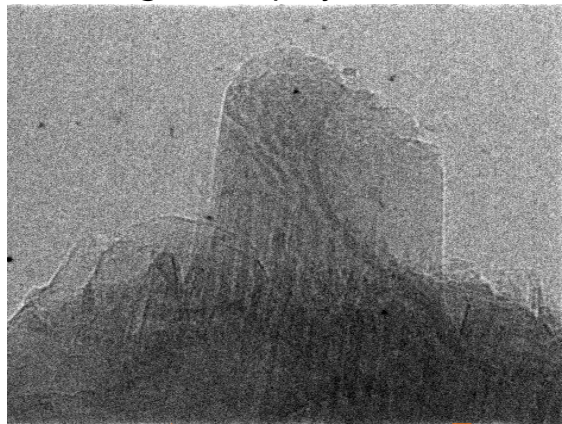
#### REM image

Preparation by focused ion beam



#### XRM II Nano image

Recording of 200 projections



Example of a 24  $\mu\text{m}$  AlCu29 alloy

3D reconstruction and visualization of microstructures (eutectic lamellas)

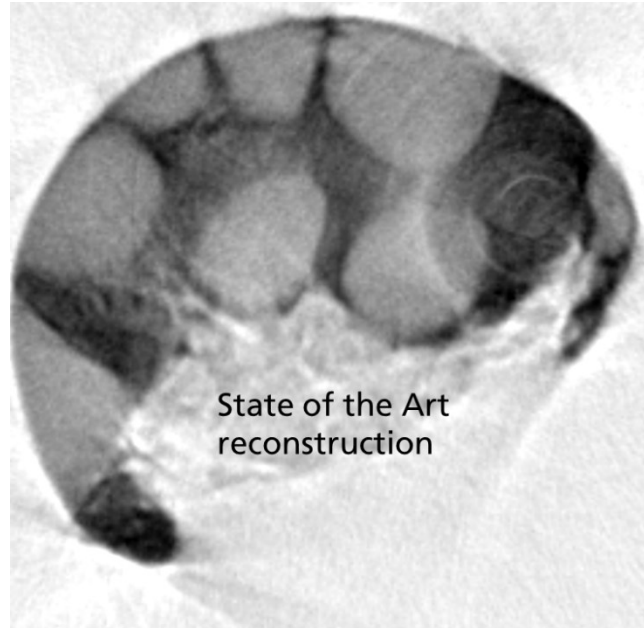
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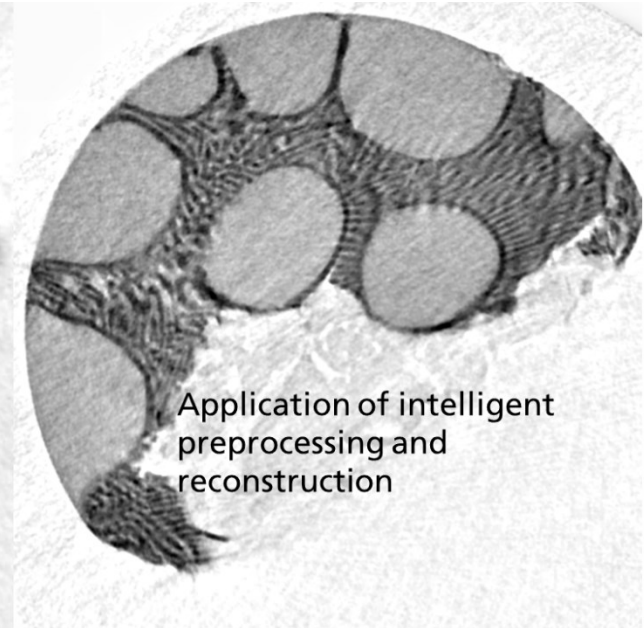


### Material analysis by Nano-CT microscopy, XRM-II

Data Preprocessing  
and intelligent  
reconstruction  
algorithms to enhance  
tomographic results



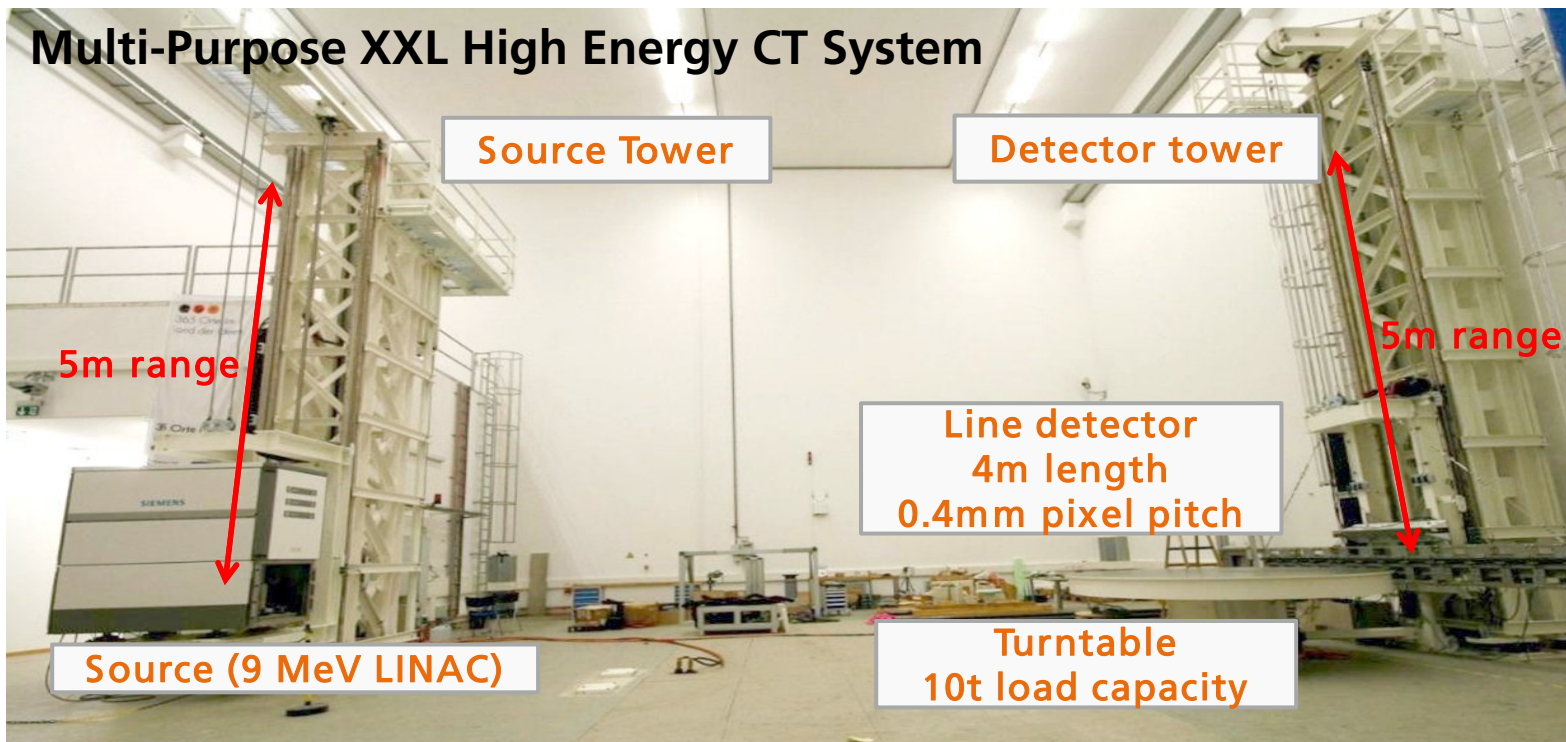
State of the Art  
reconstruction



Application of intelligent  
preprocessing and  
reconstruction

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## Intelligent Data Acquisition – Example XXL-CT



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## Intelligent Data Evaluation – Big Data

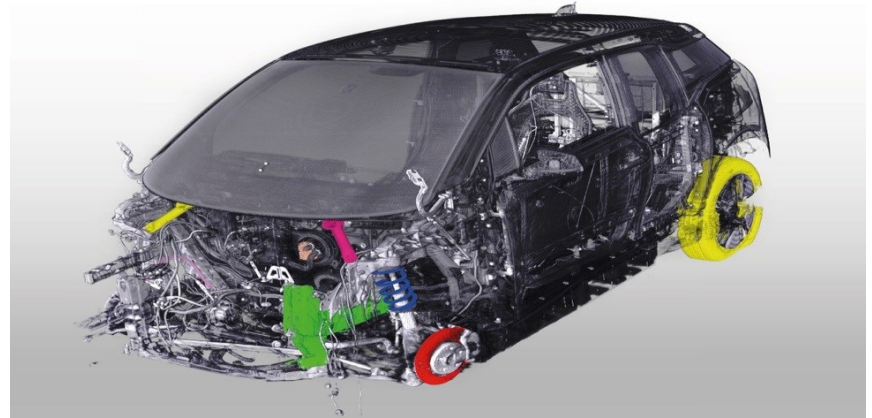


Optimization of parameters in process- and product development,  
definition of prototypes

Feature Extraction and Segmentation

XXL Computed tomography on  
crashed cars

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## HECTOR – High-Energy Computed Tomography Ring

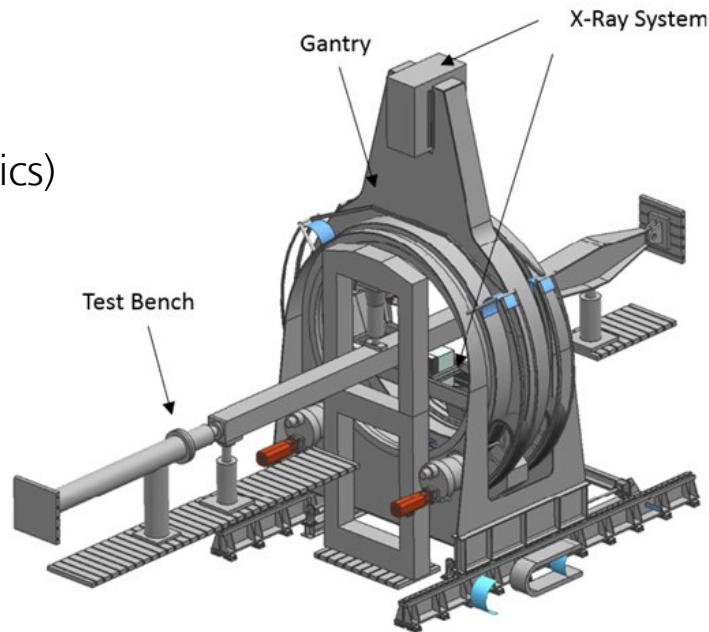


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## Intelligent Data Acquisition – Example XXL-CT

### Multi-Purpose XXL High Energy Gantry CT System

Gantry concept with the  
integrated load device  
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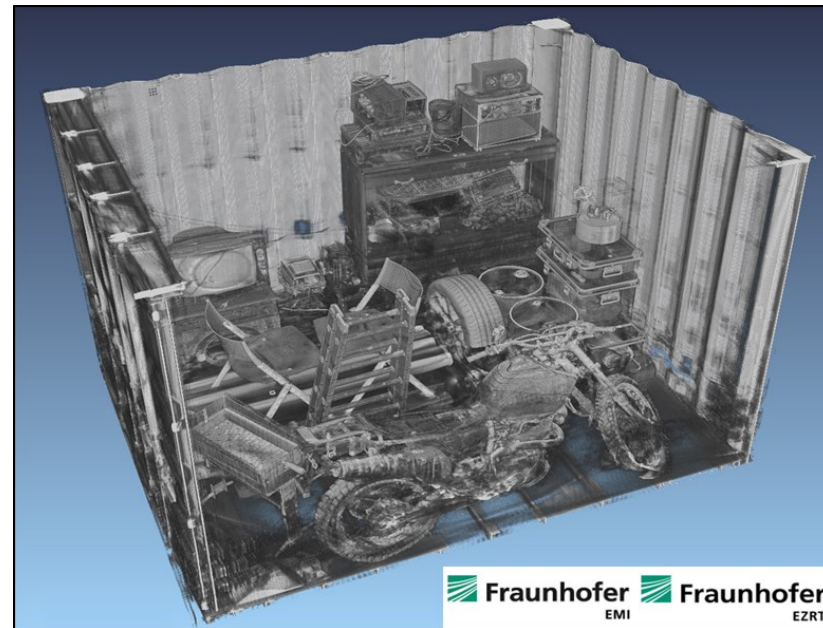


### 10" Sea freight container – 3D Scan

Feature Extraction and Segmentation

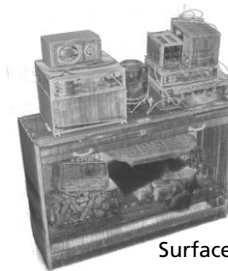
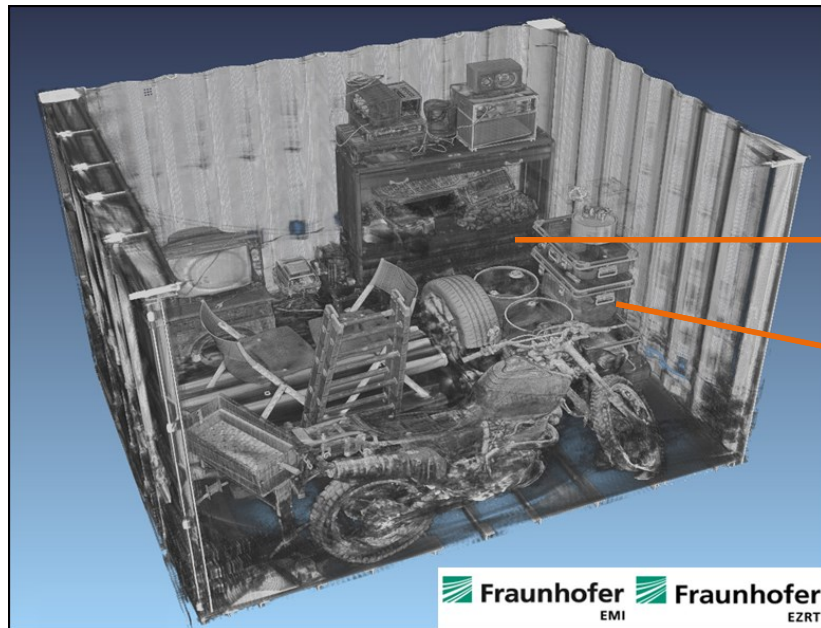
XXL Computed tomography on containers

- Intelligent digital unpacking
- Comparison with freight documents

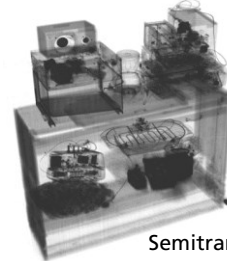


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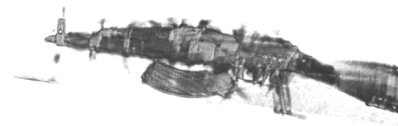


Surface-Rendering

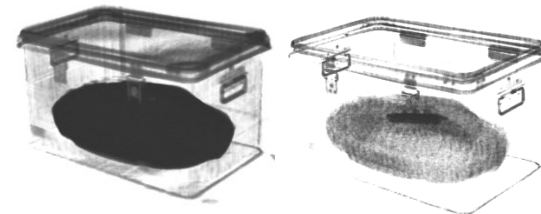


Semitransparent

Shot gun



Explosives



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## Intelligent Data Acquisition – Robot Based NDT



PRODUCTION

Tomosynthesis  
of a BMW i3  
lateral frame

Trajectory 30°  
64 Projections



Roboterbasierte XXL- $\mu$ -Computertomographie an Großbauteilen im Automobilbau, Holub, W.; et al; DGZfP Jahrestagung, Koblenz 2017

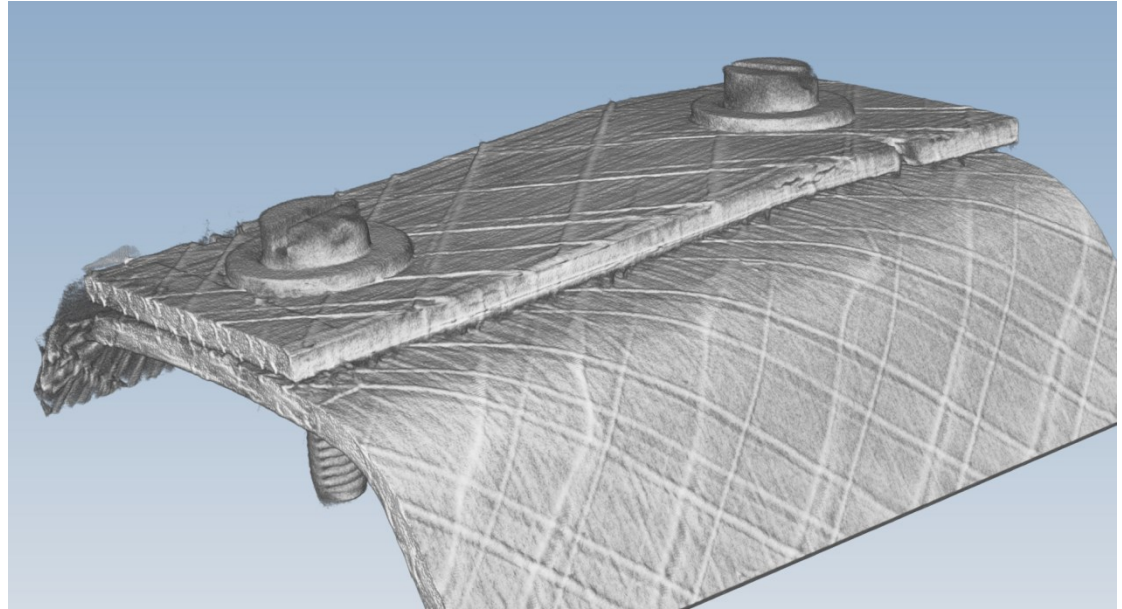


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## Intelligent Data Acquisition – Robot Based NDT



Laboratory  $\mu$ -CT  
reconstruction of a  
BMW i3 lateral frame  
Voxel size 45  $\mu$ m



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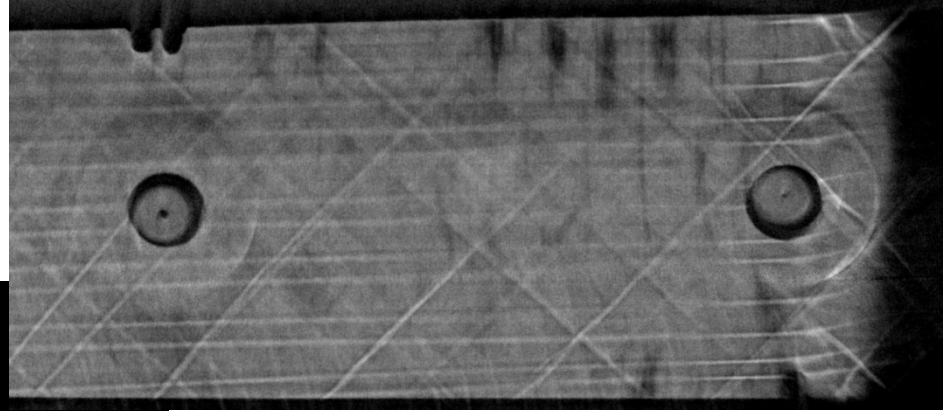
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## Intelligent Data Acquisition – Robot Based NDT



RoboCT results compared to  
laboratory  $\mu$ -CT

voxel size 45  $\mu$ m



upper: RoboCT  
left: Laboratory  $\mu$ -CT

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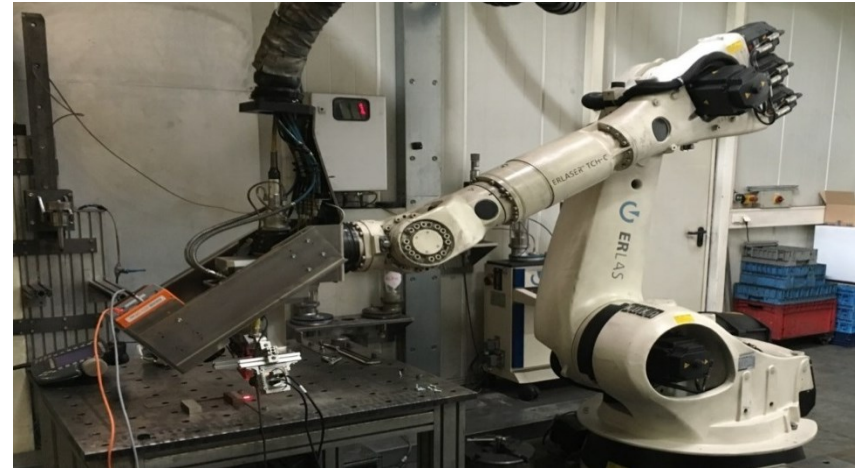
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## Intelligent Data Analytics – Multimodal Monitoring



In-situ defect detection and dimensional measurement for process control in additive manufacturing by thermal imaging and laser sheet triangulation

- Direct recording of layer quality
- Detection of defects
- In-situ error correction
- Flexibility allows adaption to further production processes



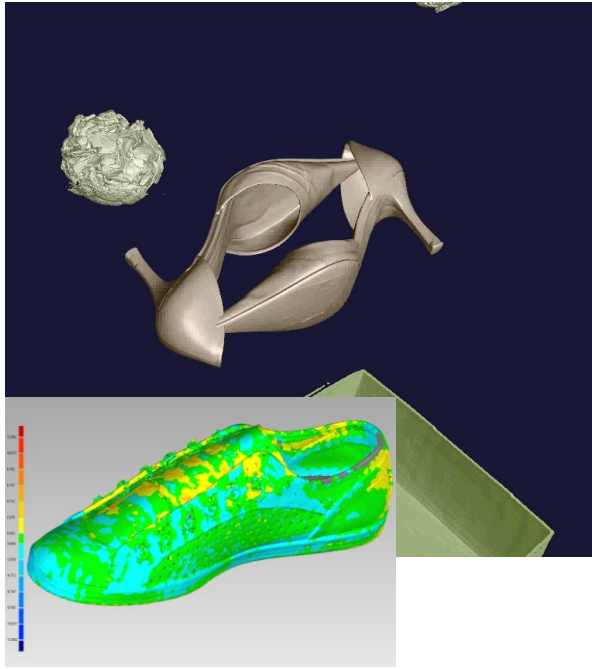
BFS Research Alliance „Next generation tools“

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## Intelligent Data Analytics – Data Fitting for e-commerce



### Automated Shoe Fitting in eCommerce Business



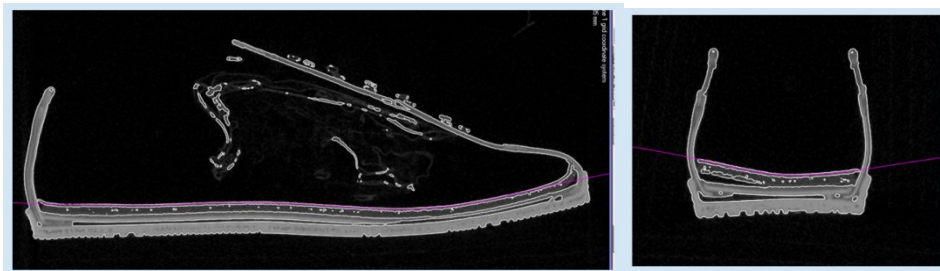
- Up to now huge monetary and ecological damage by high return rates in mail order selling because of bad fitting
- Application of intelligent CT for efficient extraction of inner shoe structure and shape
- Precise recommendation of shoe size by 3D modelling helps to reduce returns dramatically
- Expanding to further articles like clothing in preparation
- [www.mifitto.com](http://www.mifitto.com)

# Intelligent Sensor Systems for Nondestructive Testing

## Intelligent Data Analytics – Data Fitting for e-commerce



- Special Inline CT system
- Tomography of packaged shoes for size recommendation
- Up to 4000 shoes per day depending on season
- Automated data and contour extraction



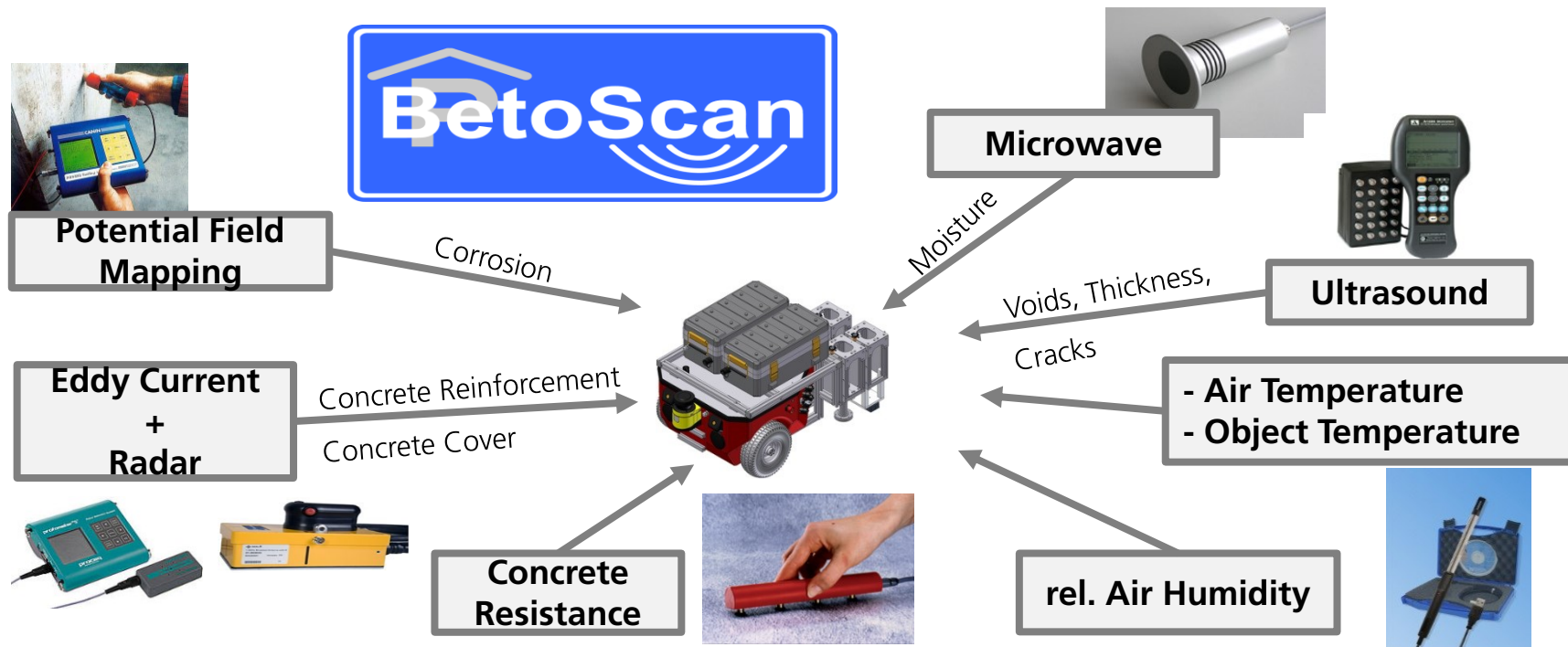
HeiDetect XS CT: Inline CT machine

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## Intelligent Data Analytics – Building Inspection and Monitoring



OPERATION



# Intelligent Sensor Systems for Nondestructive Testing

## Intelligent Data Analytics – Building Inspection and Monitoring



OPERATION

### LimaTest – nondestructive corrosion inspection for light poles

- Compact inspection system with EMAT sensors
- Fast data pre-processing
- Laptop for device control, data recording and visualization
- Automated storage of measured data and inspection sheet generation
- Integrated user and inspection profile management
- Manual mode or manipulator mode for motor-driven 360° scans



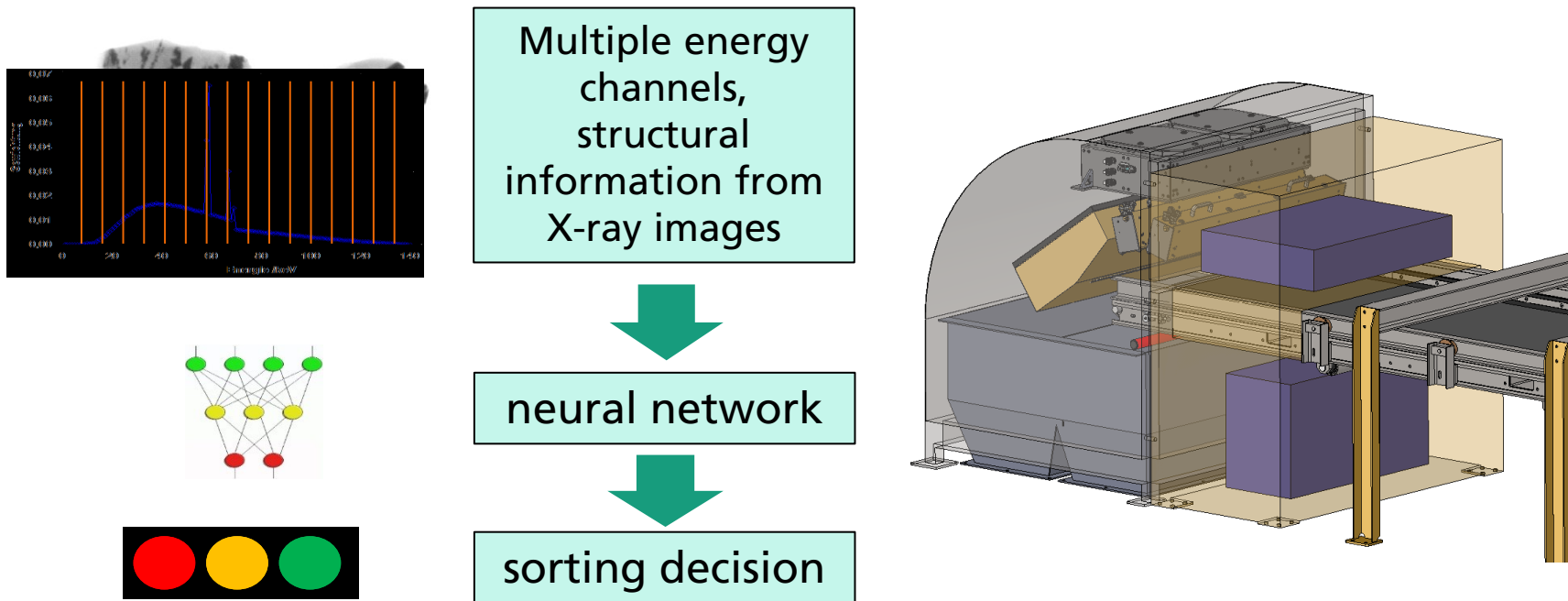
*LimaTest in manual mode*

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## Intelligent Data Analytics – Deep Learning



### Disassembling by intelligent material selective X-Ray Inspection



# Intelligent Sensor Systems for Nondestructive Testing

## Intelligent Data Analytics – Example Recycling



### Disassembling of electronics by material selective X-Ray Inspection

