

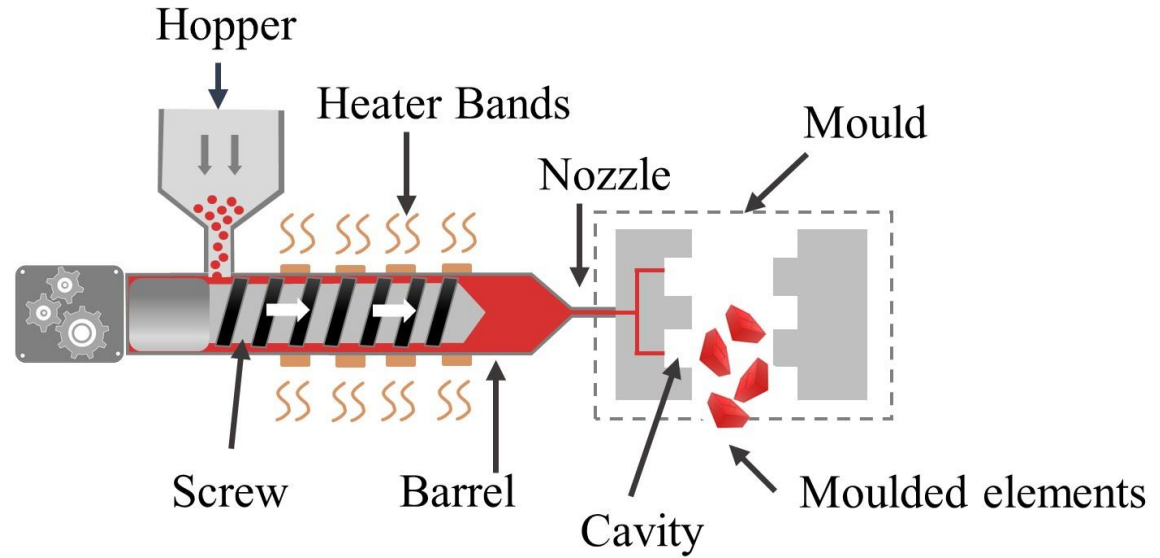


Innovation
in Operations

*Indirect measure of
change in raw material*



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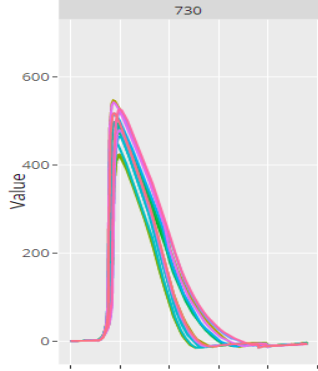
Injection Moulding

- and data collection

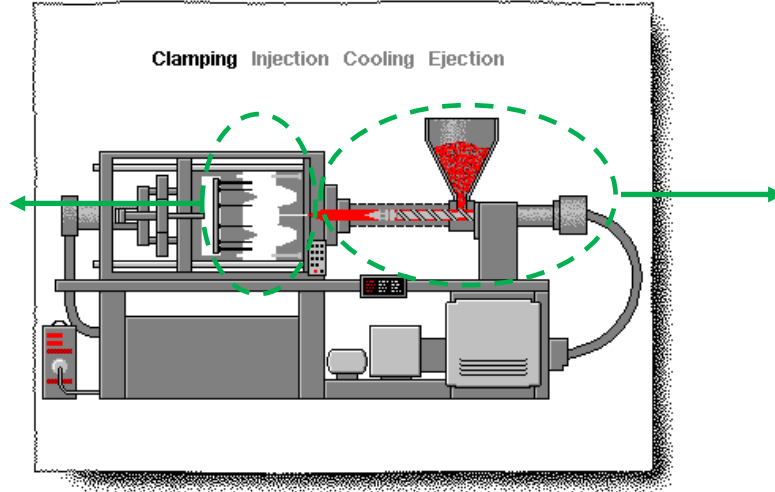
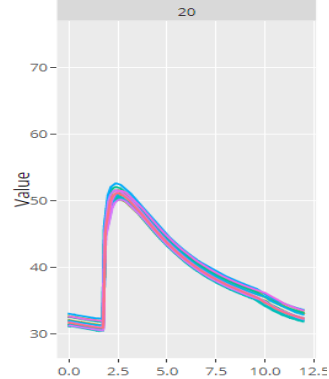
Injection moulding data

Cavity Profiles

Cavity Pressure - P1



Cavity Temperature - T1

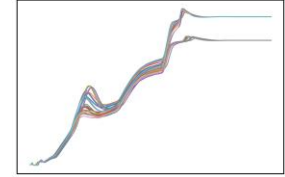


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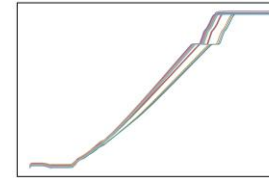
Machine Profiles



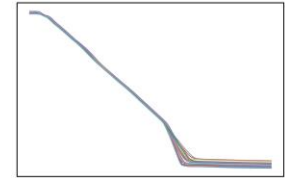
(a) Dosing pressure



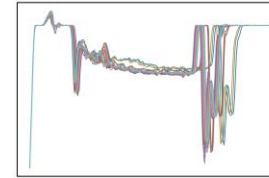
(b) Injection pressure



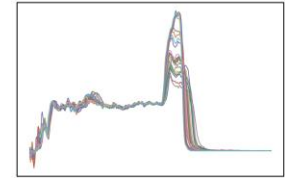
(c) Dosing screw position



(d) Injection screw position



(e) Dosing speed



(f) Injection speed

Process data

Measure:

- Peak
- Difference
- Average

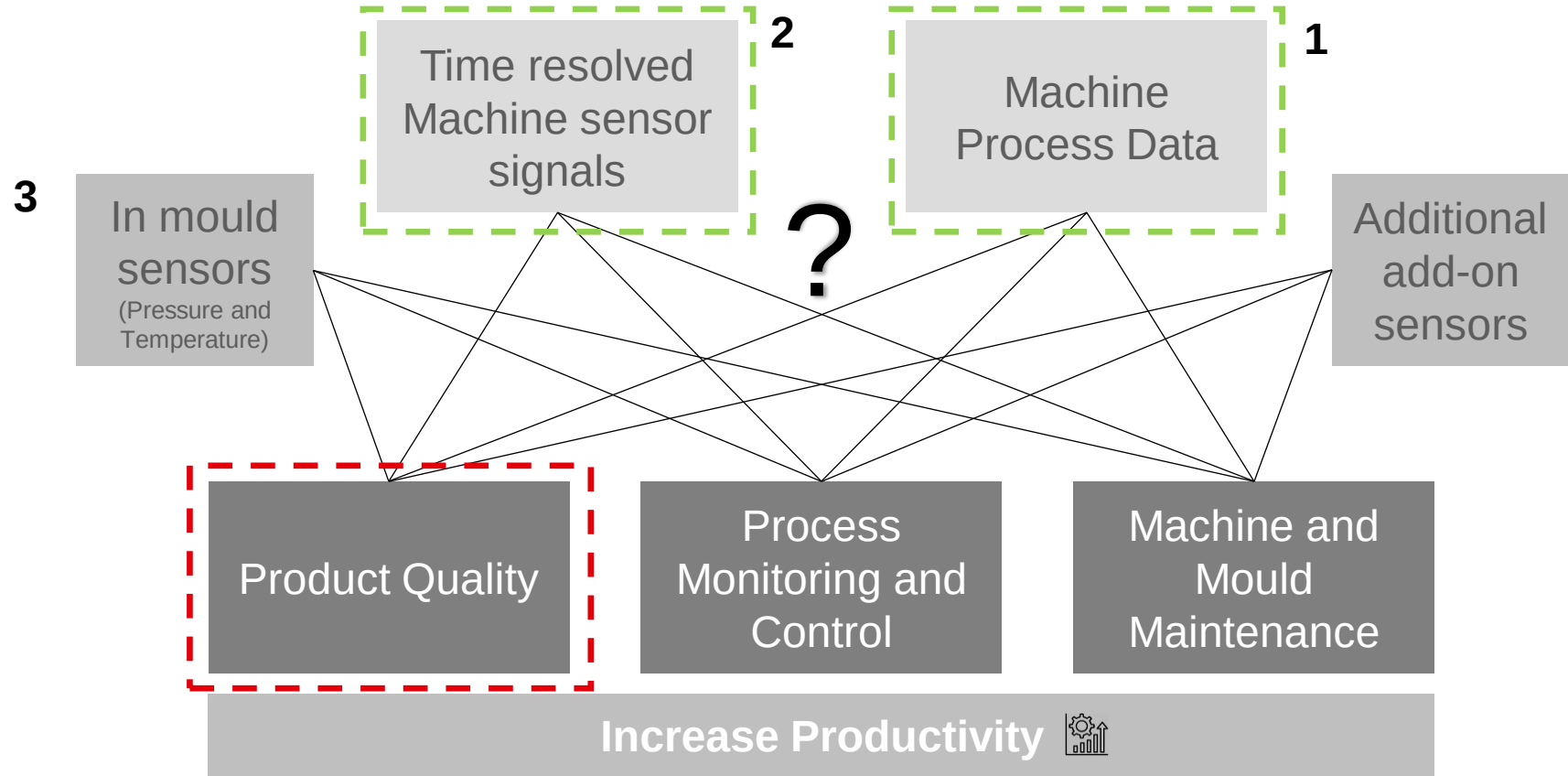
Parameter:

- Pressure
- Temperature
- Time
- Distance

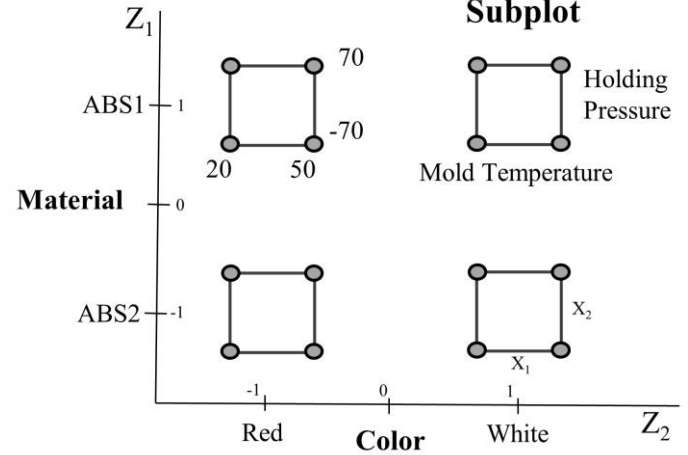
Example:

- Holding press
- Barrel temp
- Injection time
- Cushion

Best use of data from Injection Moulding



Whole plot

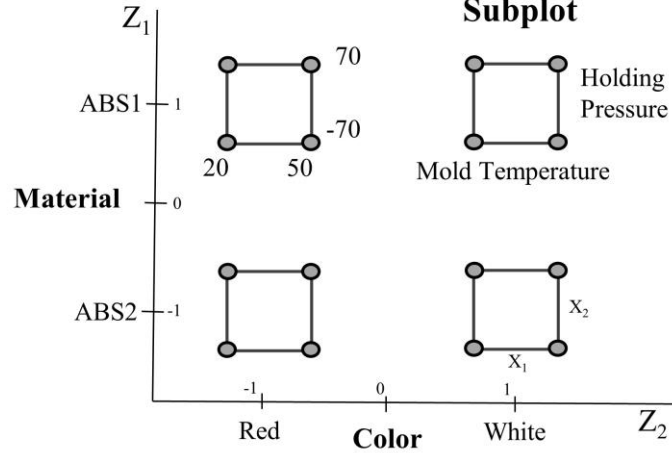


Experimental setup

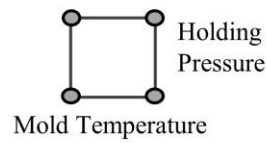
How to obtain data and overcome challenges with small data sets

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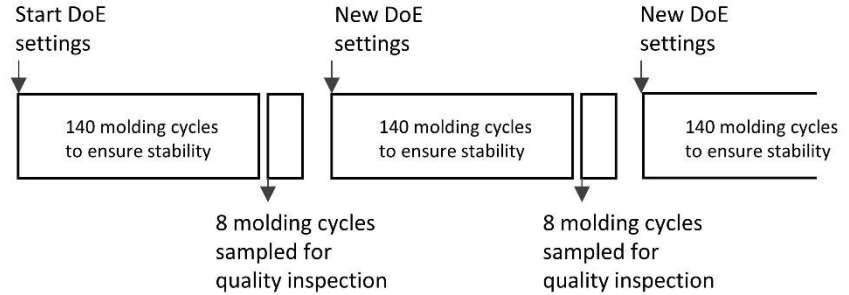
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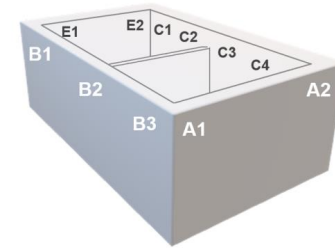
Subplot



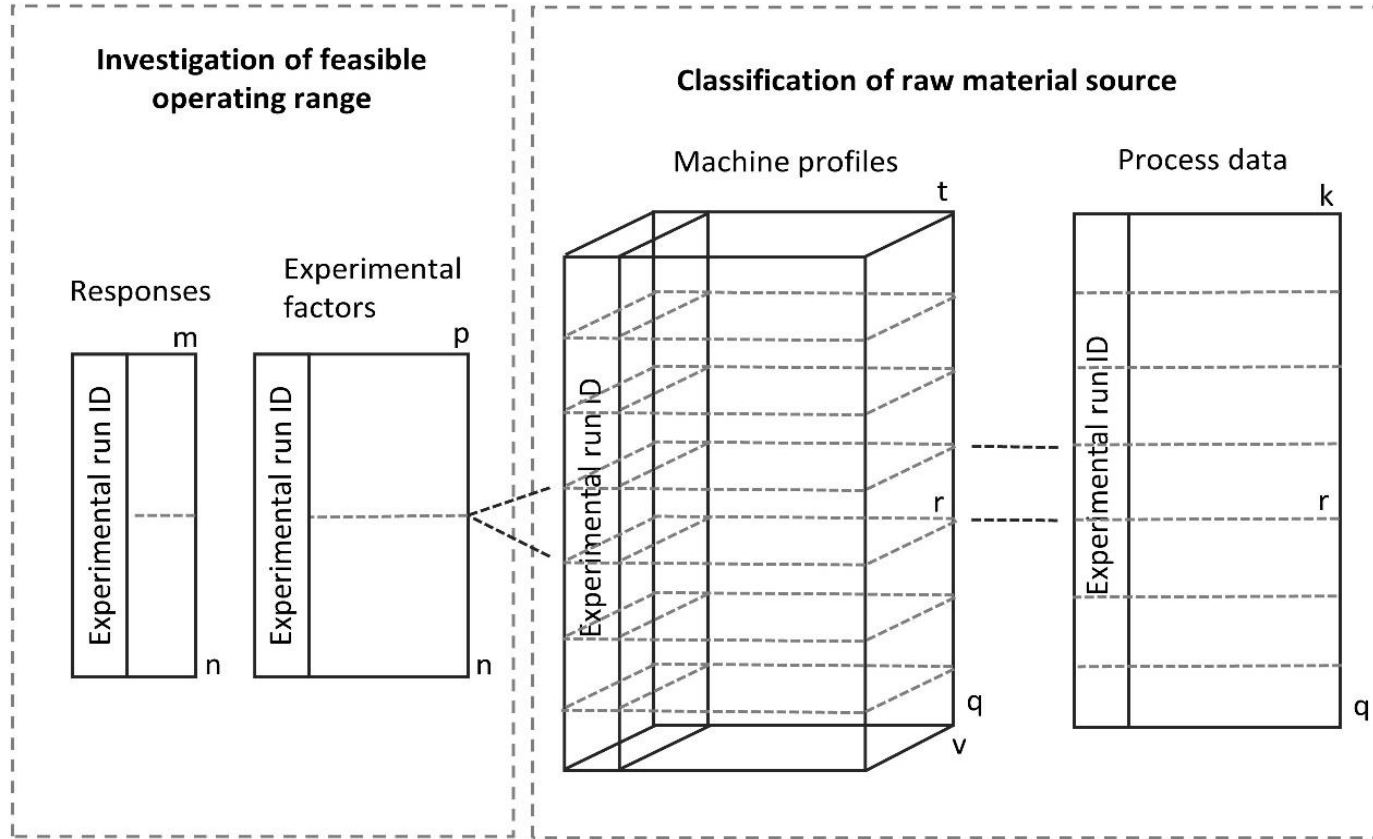
The design used is a replicated split plot design in the form of $2 \times 2^2 \times 2^2$ resulting in 32 test runs



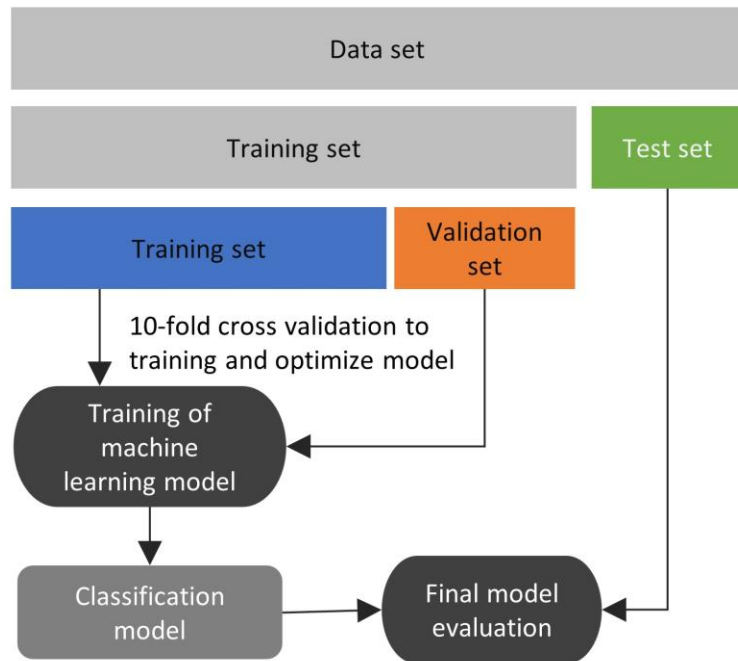
Shape of the molded element and measuring points



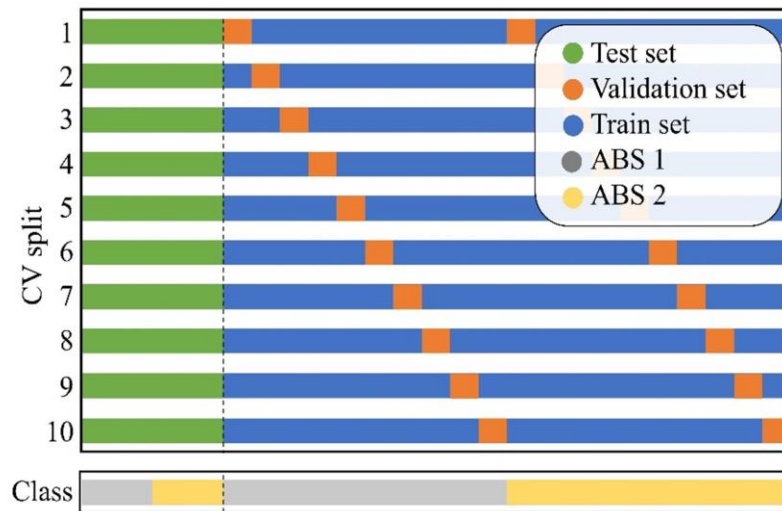
Structure of data used



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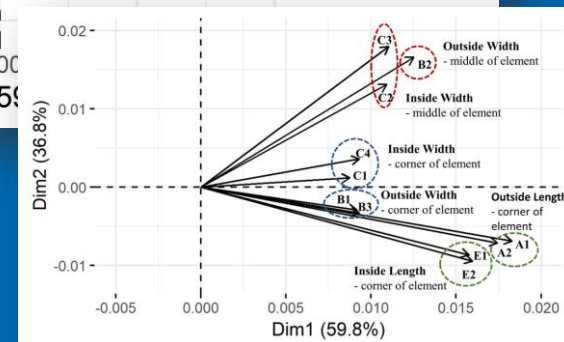
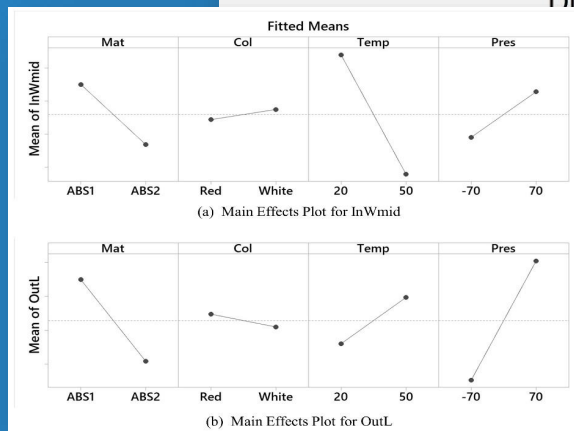
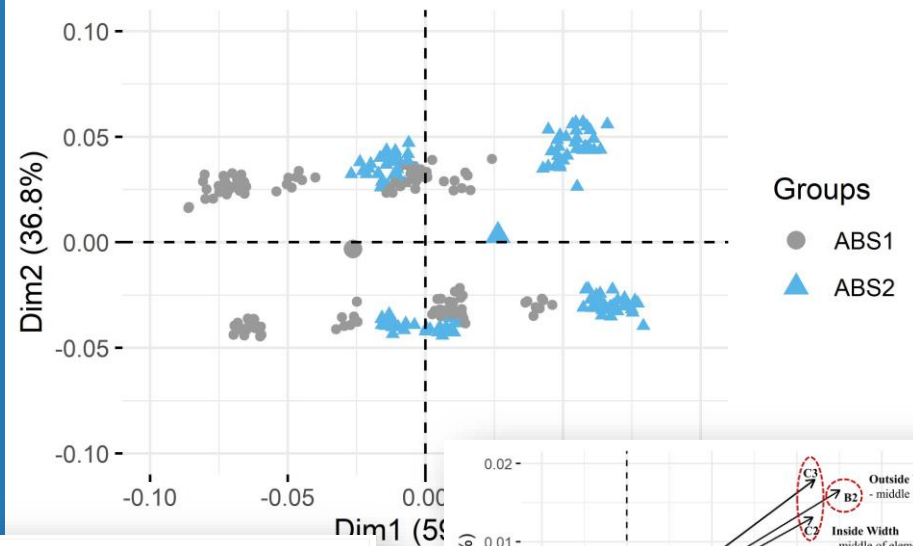


(a) Overall data flow in model training, validation and evaluation

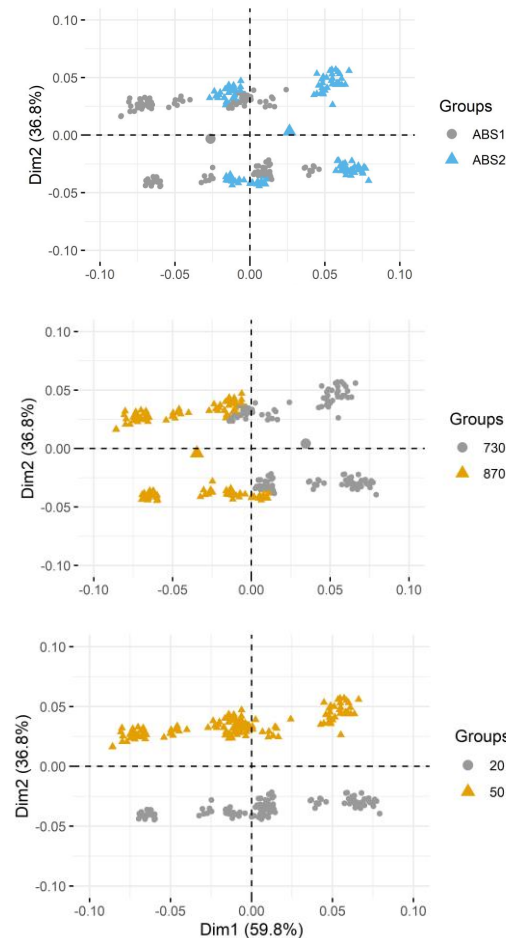
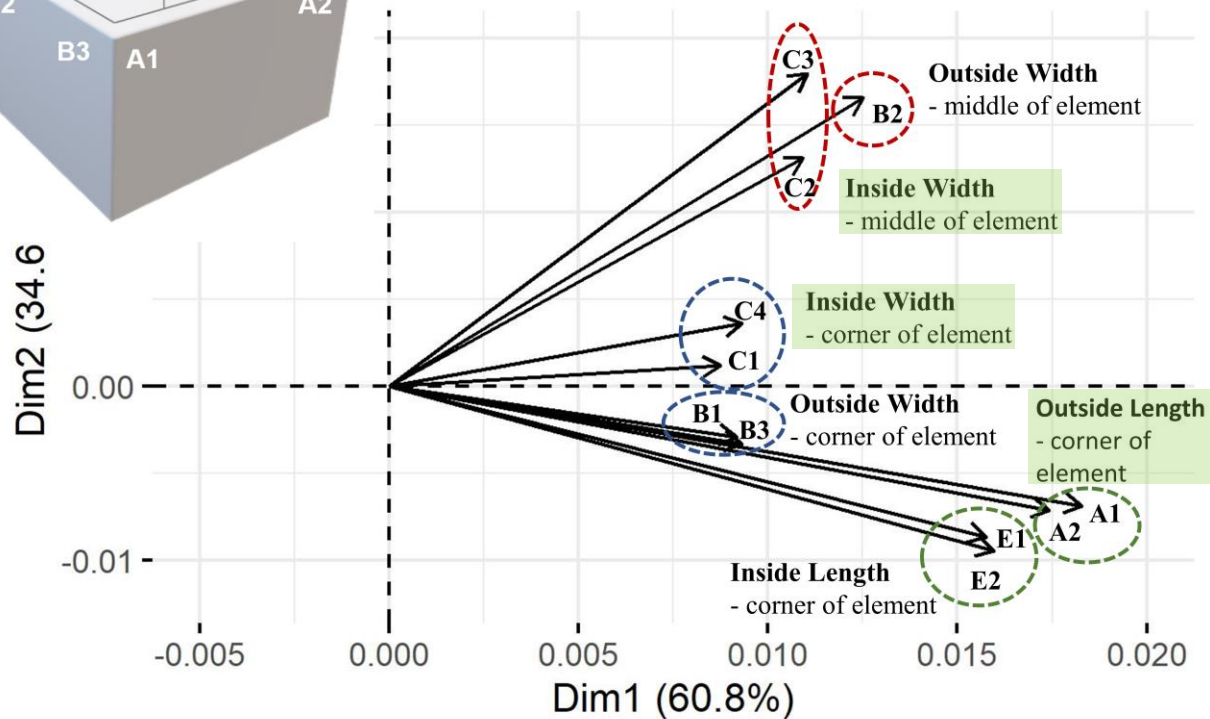
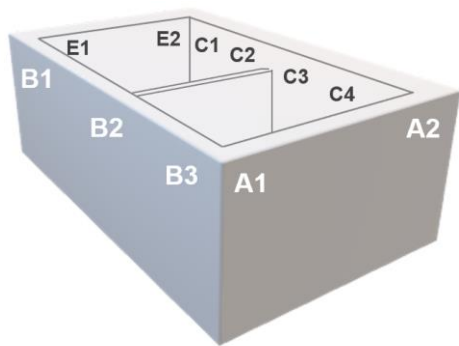


(b) Illustration of stratified splitting in test and validation

Results and reflections



PCA exploration of responses

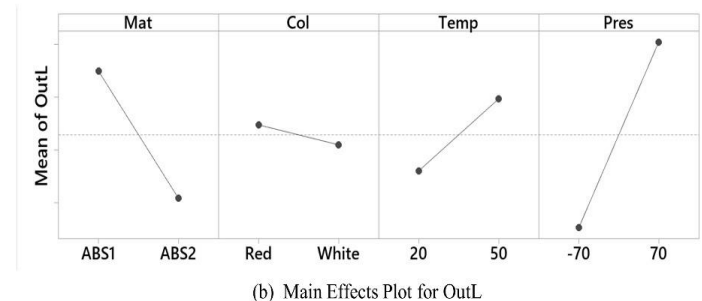
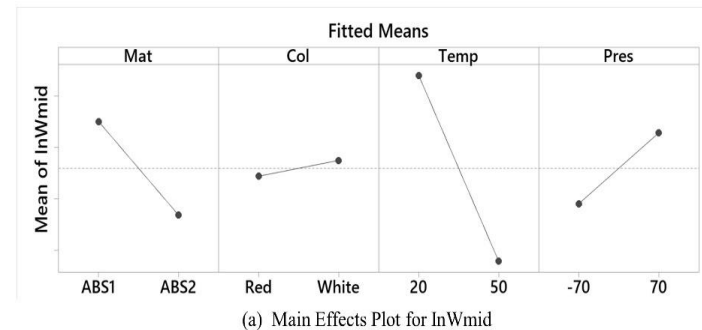


PCA created in R using the prcomp function and [factoextra](#) package for visualizations.

Evaluation of responses

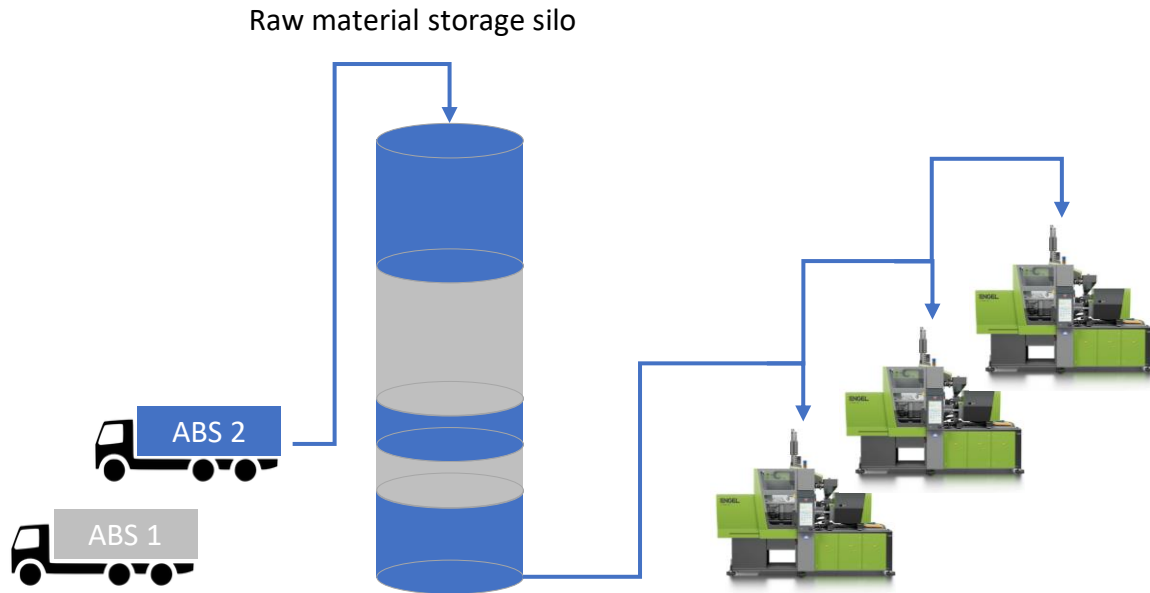
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Source	DF	Adj SS	Adj MS	F-Value	P-Value
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Col	1	0,00008	0,00008	2,73	0,174
Mat*Col	1	0,00001	0,00001	0,48	0,526
WP Error	4	0,00011	0,00003	3,81	0,022
Temp	1	0,01041	0,01041	1435,97	0
Pres	1	0,00151	0,00151	208,88	0
Mat*Temp	1	0,00003	0,00003	4,1	0,059
Mat*Pres	1	0,00000	0,00000	0,25	0,623
Col*Temp	1	0,00002	0,00002	2,21	0,155
Col*Pres	1	0,00000	0,00000	0,07	0,795
Temp*Pres	1	0,00007	0,00007	10,02	0,006
SP Error	17	0,00012	0,00001		
Total	31				

OutL			
Adj SS	Adj MS	F-Value	P-Value
0,00462	0,00462	70,94	0,001
0,00011	0,00011	1,73	0,258
0,00001	0,00001	0,1	0,768
0,00026	0,00007	13,35	0
0,00148	0,00148	303,64	0
0,00985	0,00985	2018,48	0
0,00000	0,00000	0	0,962
0,00001	0,00001	1,64	0,217
0,00001	0,00001	1,57	0,228
0,00000	0,00000	0,04	0,844
0,00001	0,00001	1,03	0,325
0,00008	0,00001		



Raw material flow

- source of raw material is unknown at the injection moulding machine

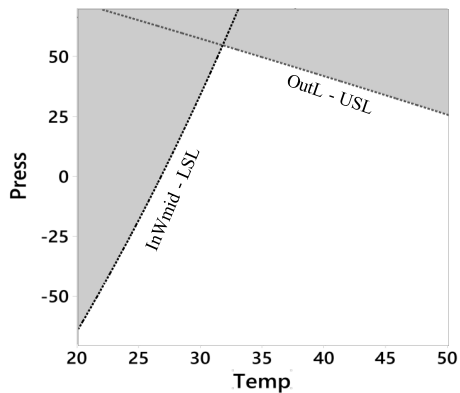


Potential solutions:

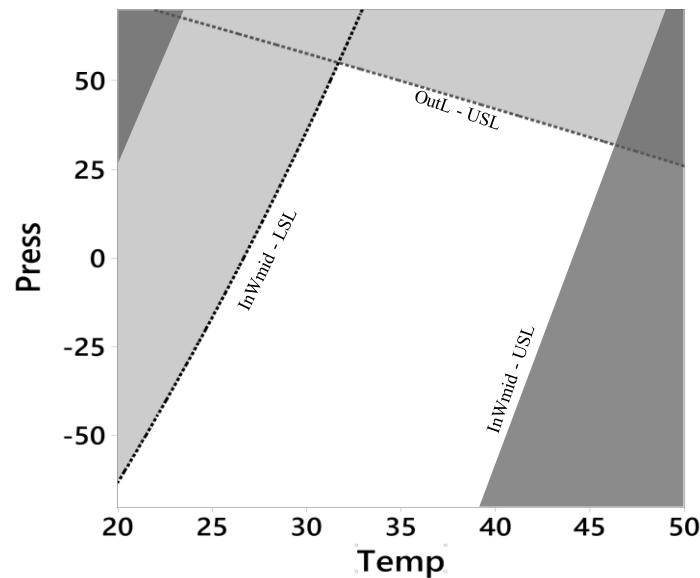
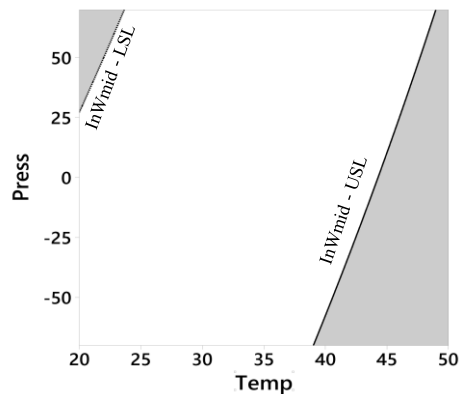
- Change material storage and handling system to achieve traceability.
- Use NIR/IR at the machine or central placed in the feeding system to detect change in material (might also be possible to monitor variations over time).
- Extract information of material variation from machine in-built sensors.

Operating window

(a) ABS1



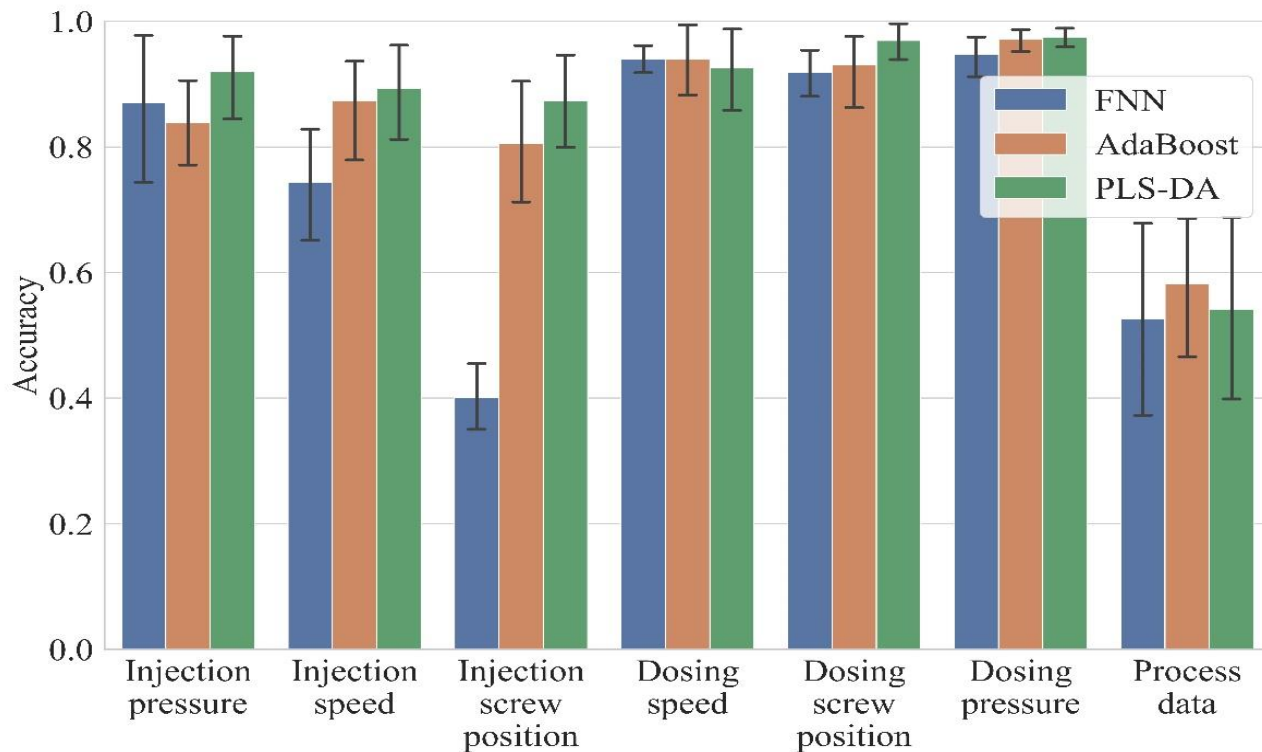
(b) ABS2



(c) ABS1 and ABS2 contour lines overlaid in same contour plot

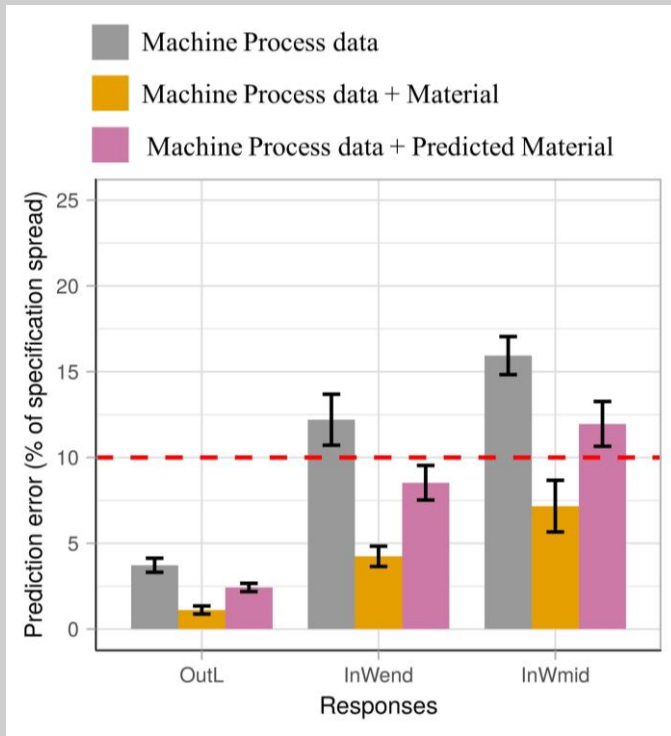
Material classification

ABS from vendor 1 or 2?

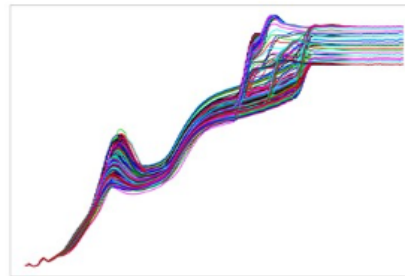
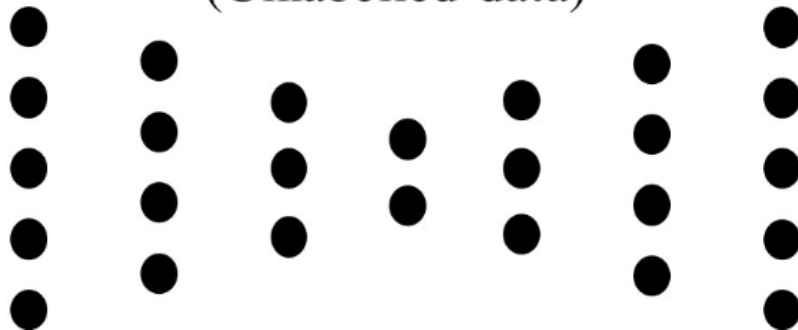
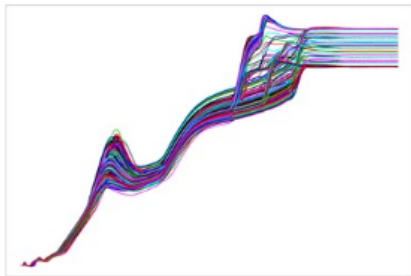


Prediction of element quality

-using the classification of material as input



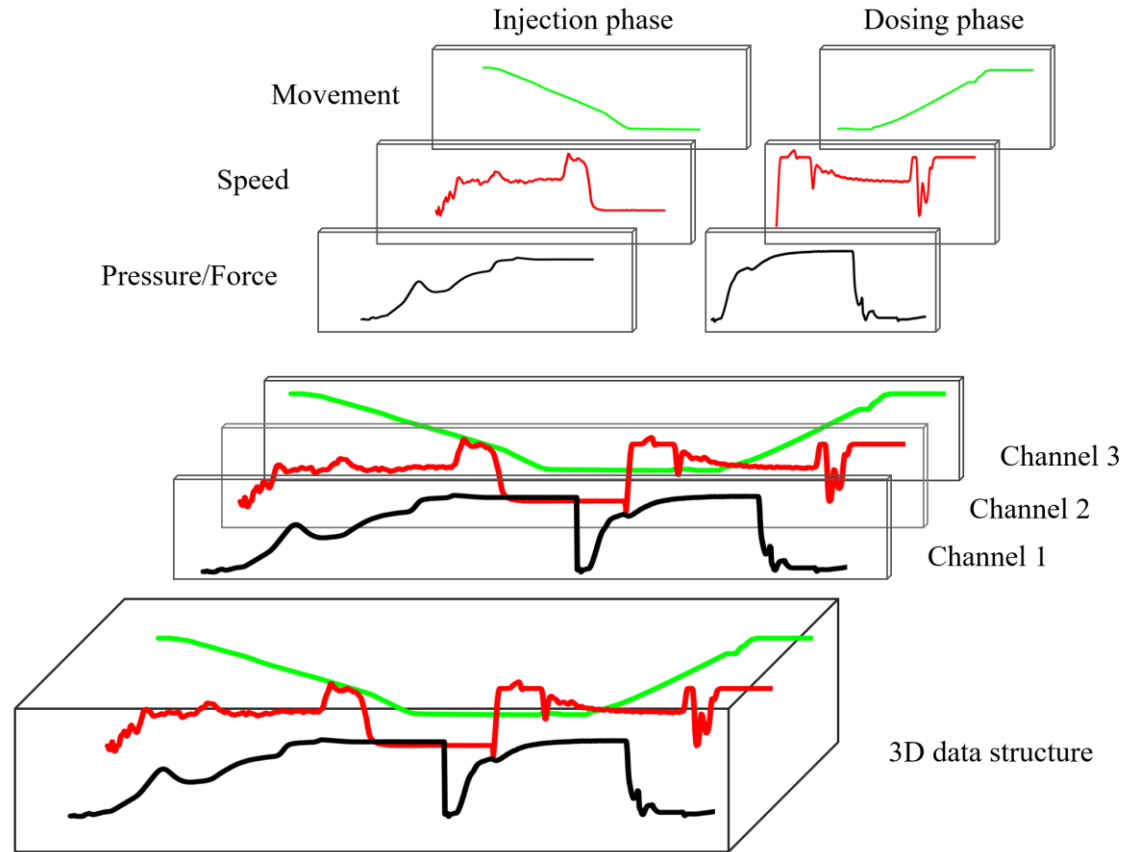
Autoencoder Training (Unlabelled data)



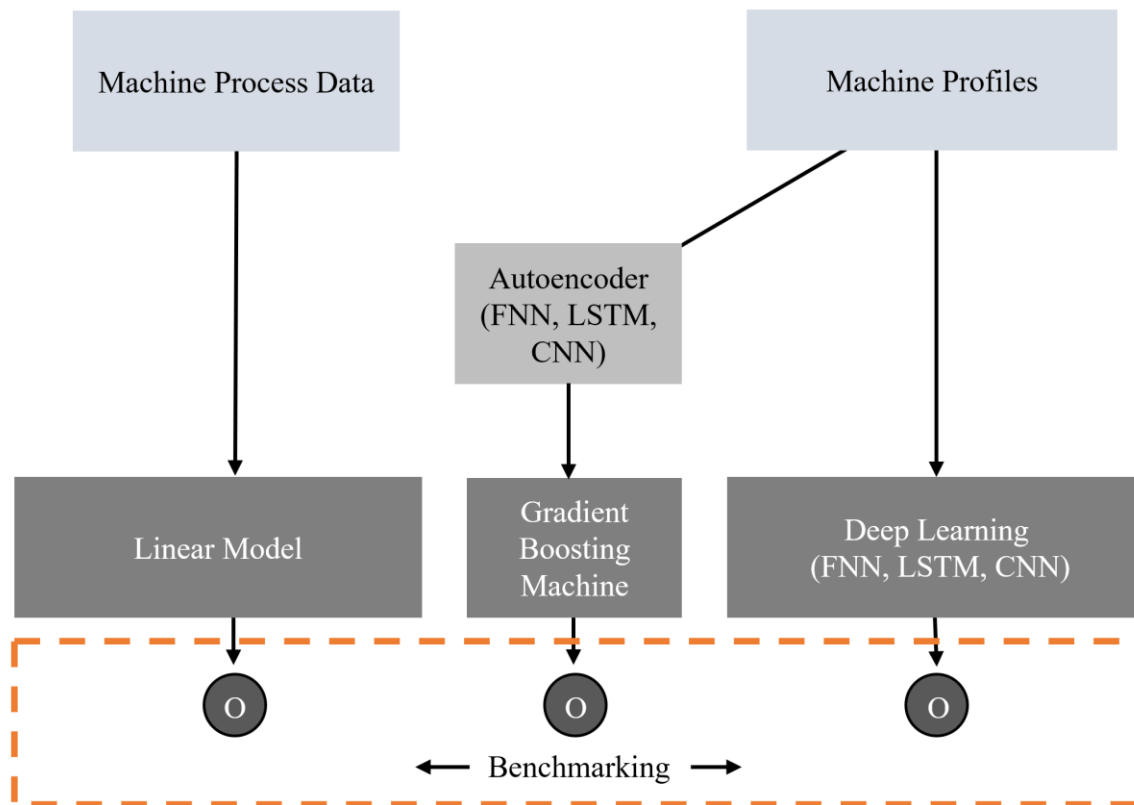
Prediction of element dimensions

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Utilizing profile data

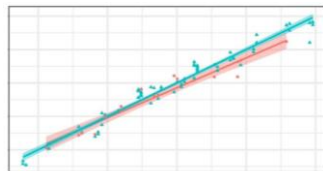
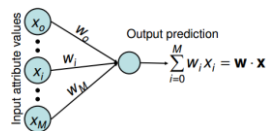
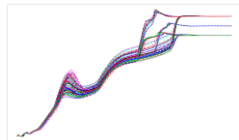


Modeling overview



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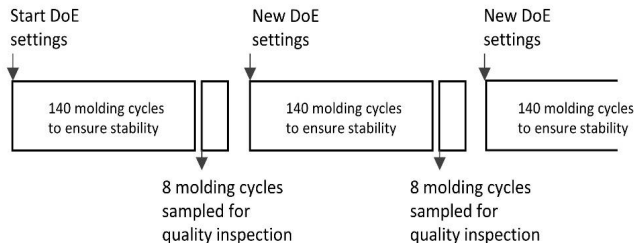
Supervised learning



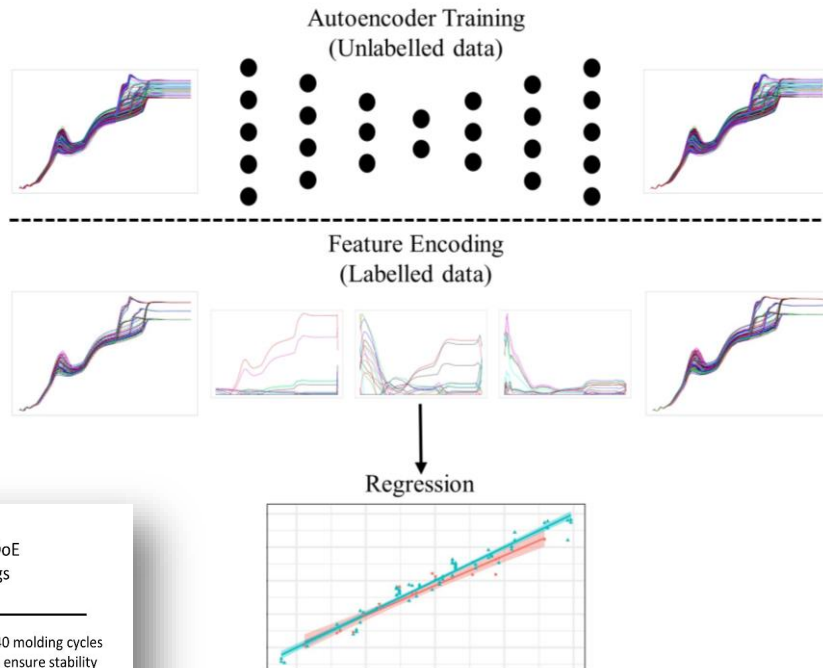
Limitation:

Only 32 samples to be used for training and validation.

When using Deep Learning to estimate the many parameters (it is unusual to have more than 32 samples to estimate)

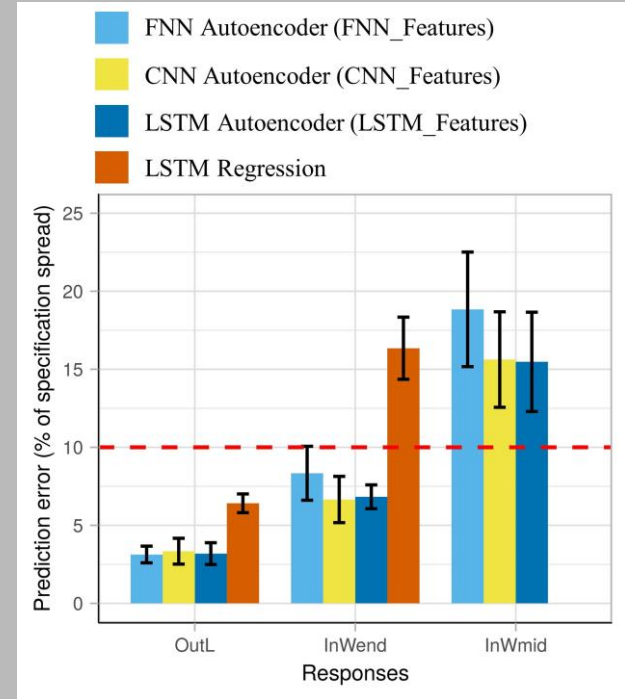
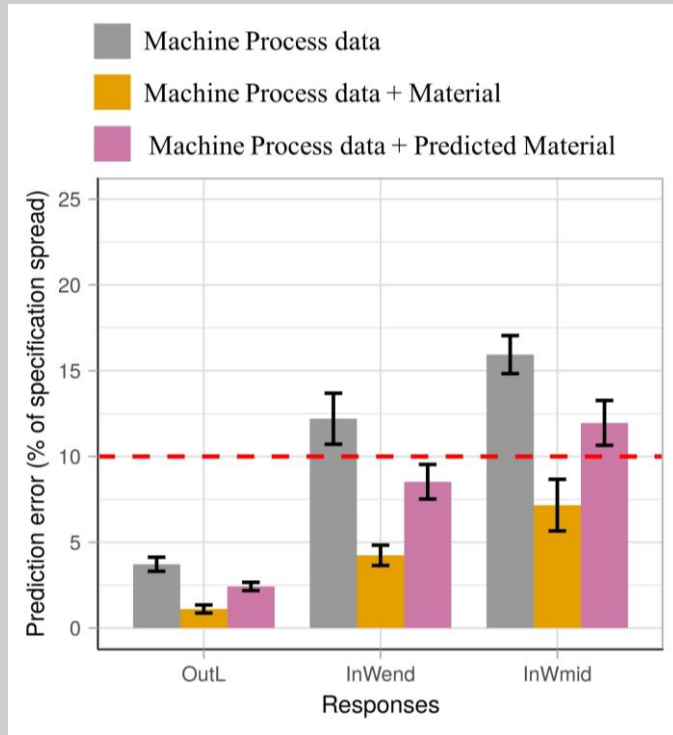


Unsupervised learning



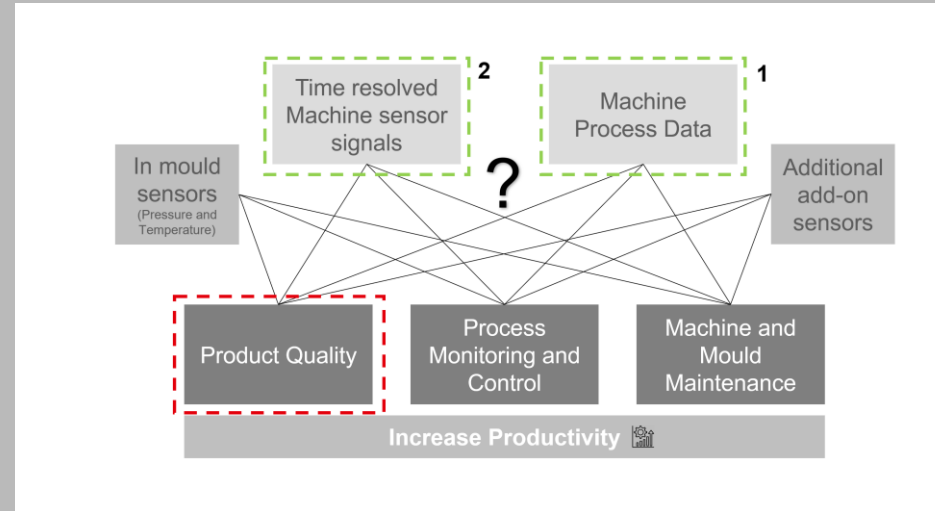
Deep Learning models

-using Machine profiles in different combinations



Reflections

- Process variables can be used as indirect measures of e.g. raw material variations.
- The readily available engineered process variables can bring you a long way.
- Consider the whole “cost of data utilization chain”, that include: connection, data collection, data storage, analytics and action/reaction.
- Using autoencoders (using unlabelled data) and pre-trained networks can help overcome obstacle with low number of labelled data.



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