



Project VMAPanalytics – Furnace modelling

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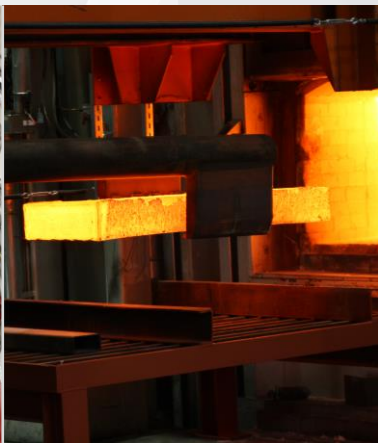
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Agenda

- Swerim in short
- VMAPanalytics project
- Furnace modelling approach
- Data modelling approach
- Conclusions

Swerim conducts needs-based industrial research and development concerning metals and their route from raw material to finished product.

Our vision is a fossil-free and circular industry.



Swerim in short

- Independent research institute
- Unique pilot, test and demonstration facilities (Customized experimental equipment)
- Customers from all over the world
- Long-term strategic partner
- Three research councils with industry representatives
- 190 employees
- Turnover approximately SEK 250 million



Long tradition – the oldest part established in 1921 (Metallografiska institutet) and MEFOS (1963)

VMAPanalytics - Project outline

Project partners

Prevas

 **gemit**
Solutions

 **SWERIM**

 **GRANGES**
INNOVATIVE ALUMINIUM ENGINEERING


Morgårdshammar
★ part of the DANIELI group

 **Fraunhofer**
SCAI


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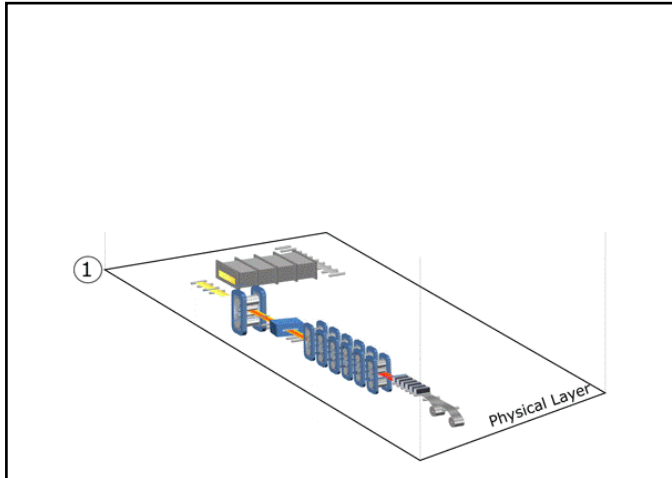
Industrial advisory board

TO 60
Jernkontoret

Supported by


Sveriges innovationsmyndighet

 **ITEA3**



- Improved product quality
- Process robustness
- Condition monitoring of the mill
- Visualization of the state of the process.

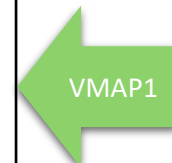
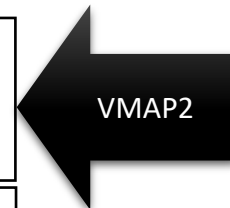
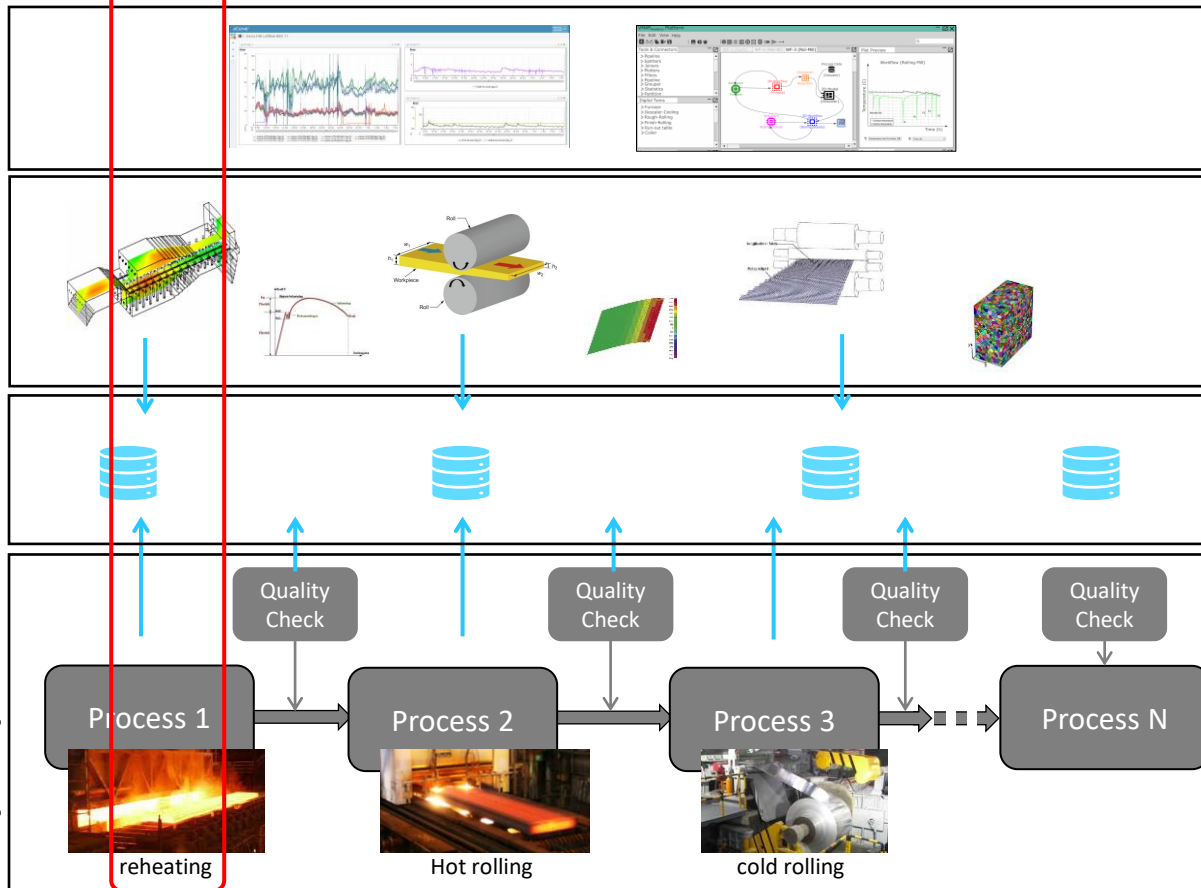
 **VMAP**

*<https://www.vmap.eu.com/vmap-release/>

VMAP Concept

Physical process
Data
Virtual process
Analytics

User case



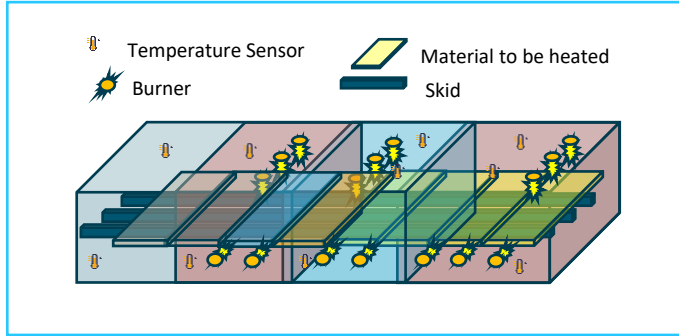
VMAP 1

- Standardized nomenclature
- Network of 40 companies (VMAP standards association)

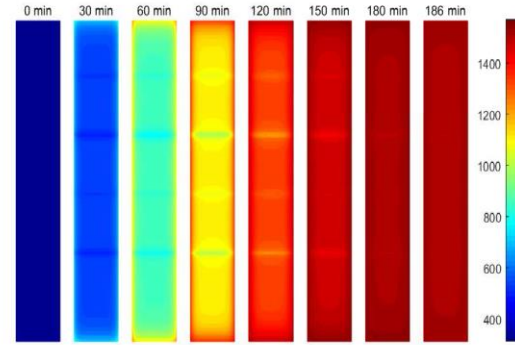


VMAP analytics – furnace model

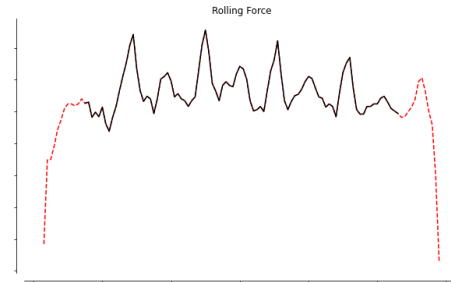
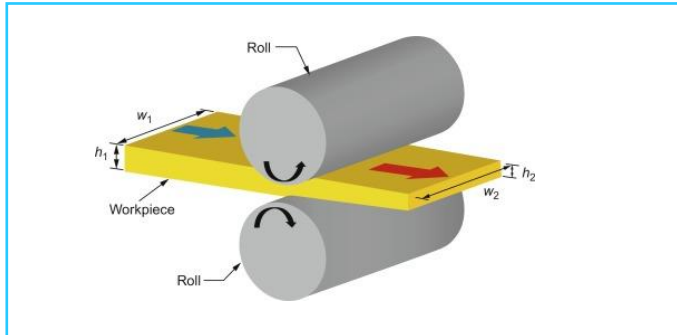
Walking beam reheating furnace



Isometric view of slab temperature evolution



Hot rolling



Modeling strategy

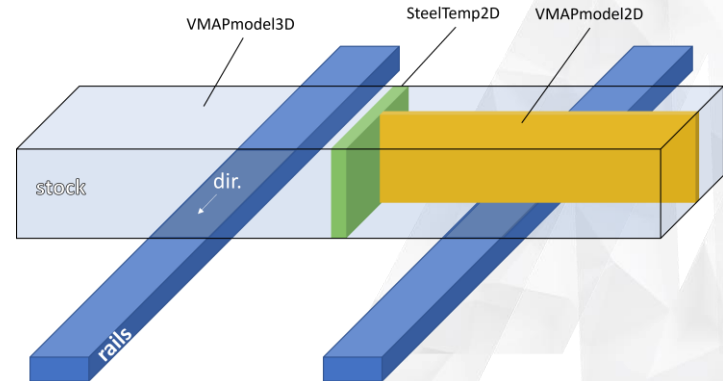
Resultant heat flux boundary conditions,
spatial distribution similar as in SteelTemp

- Radiative heating (view factor, combustion gas interaction)
- Convection
- Furnace & stock configuration

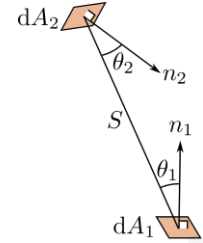
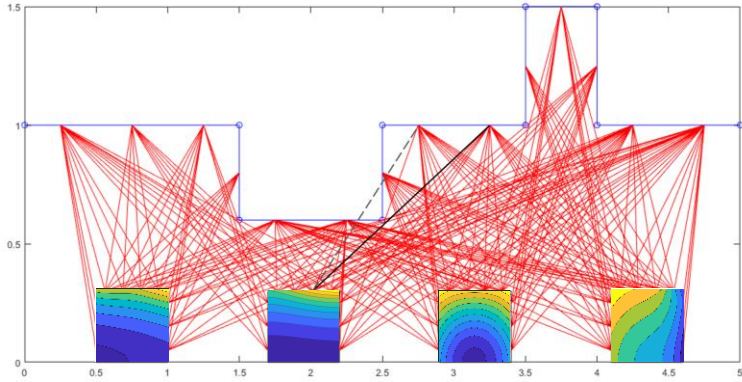
Iterative solution
Non-linear FEA

Heat conduction in stock

- Non-linear thermal problem
- Heat conduction through contact
- *Latent heat of transformation



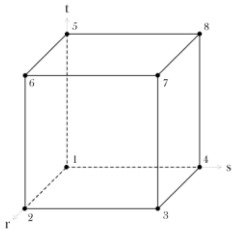
3D thermal FE-model



- ✓ Transient thermal FEA in 3D
- ✓ Includes view factor for radiative heating
- ✓ Includes walking beams for skid mark analysis
- ✓ Can be coupled to hot rolling simulation

Transient heat conduction

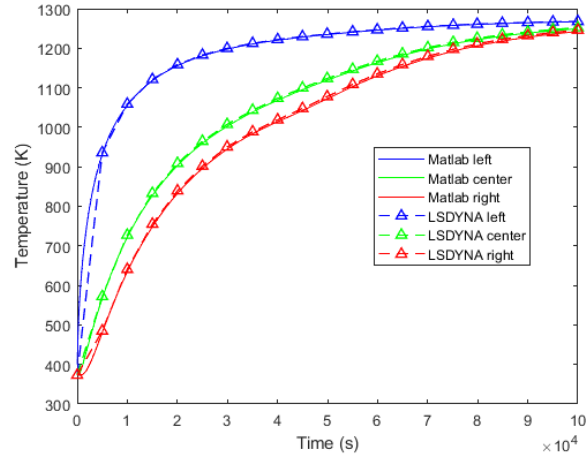
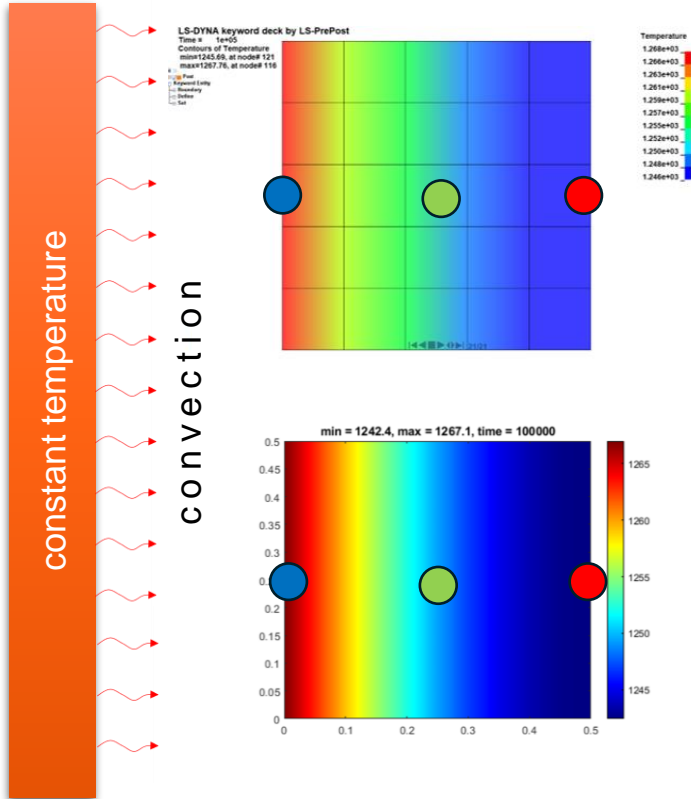
$$\rho c_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot (k \nabla T) = \dot{q}_v$$



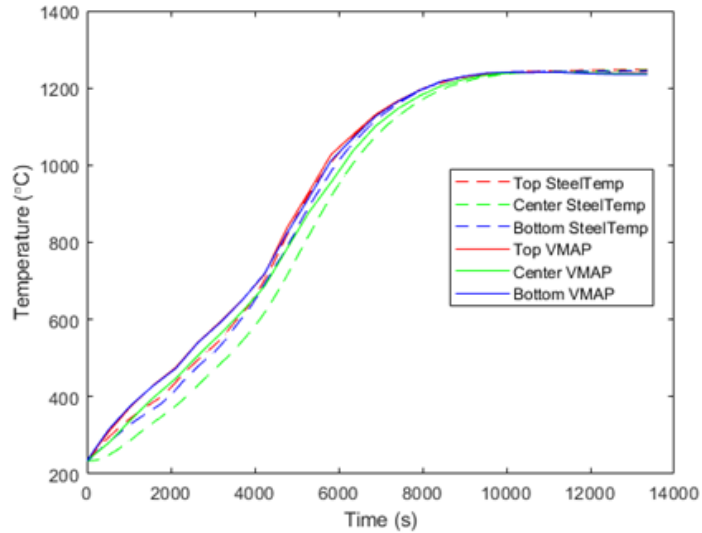
$$\mathbf{M} \frac{dT}{dt} + \mathbf{K}T = \mathbf{f}$$

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boundary conditions

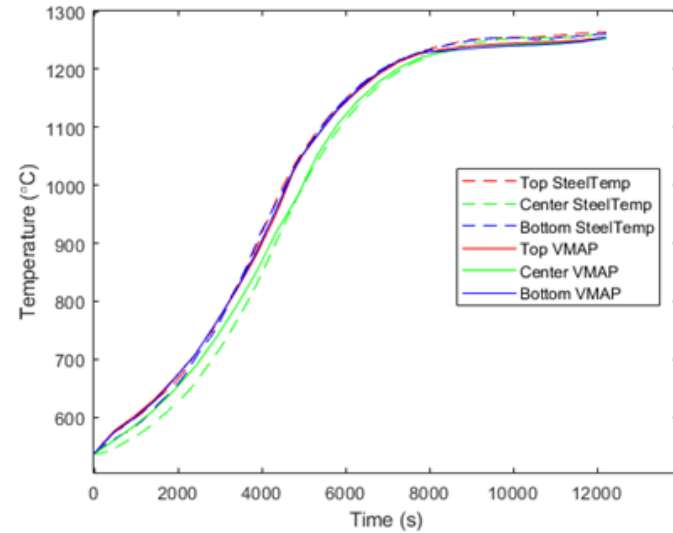
Benchmark with LS-Dyna



Comparison with FOCS data

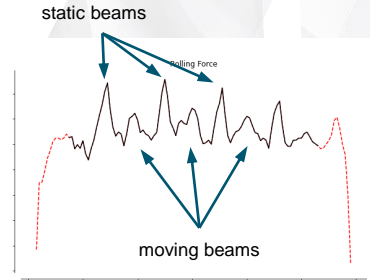
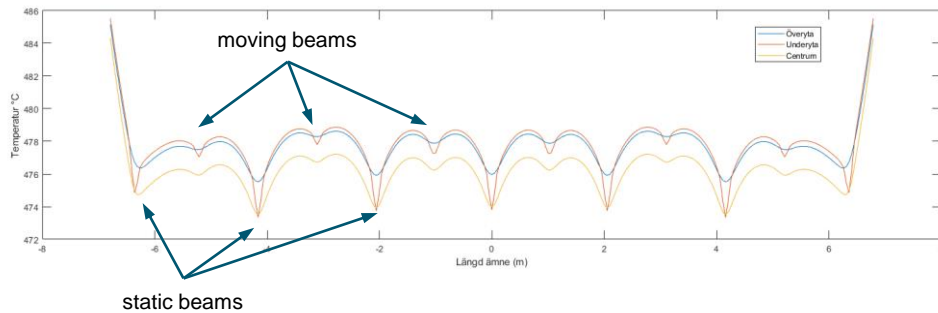
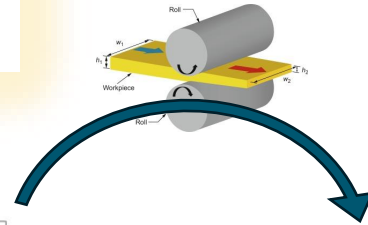
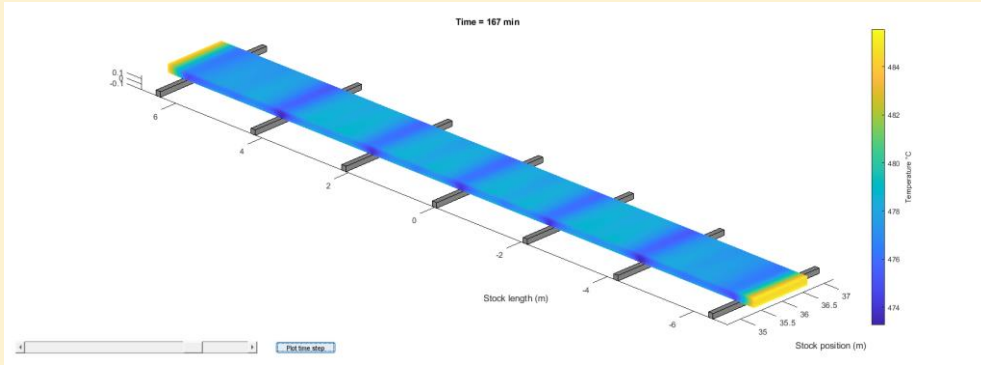


Charged at 234°C



Charged at 537°C

Simulation results – 3D



Data modelling approach

Find the best function in the family w.r.t. the performance metric

Some performance metric

$$\arg \min_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \|d(f(x), y)\|$$

A family of functions, e.g. functions of the form $f(x)=ax+b$

$$\arg \min_{f \in \hat{\mathcal{F}}} \|d(f(x), y)\|$$

$$\arg \min_{f \in \mathcal{F}} (f(x) - y)^2$$

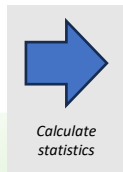
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From signal to model input variables

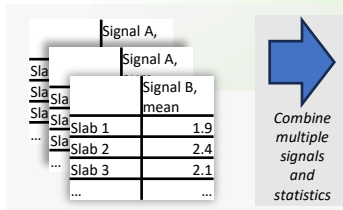
Time	Signal A
12:00	1.3
12:01	0.8
12:02	0.6
12:03	1.0
12:04	0.8
12:05	1.1
12:06	1.2
12:07	1.3
12:08	1.1
12:09	1.4
12:10	1.1
12:11	1.1
12:12	1.3
12:13	1.0
12:14	0.7
12:15	1.1
12:16	0.9



Relative time	Signal A Slab 1	Signal A Slab 2	Signal A Slab 3
00:01	1.3	1.0	1.3
00:02	0.8	0.8	1.1
00:03	0.6	1.1	1.4
00:04	1.0	1.2	1.1
00:05	1.1	1.3	1.1
00:06			1.3



	Signal A, mean
Slab 1	0.9
Slab 2	1.1
Slab 3	1.2
...	...

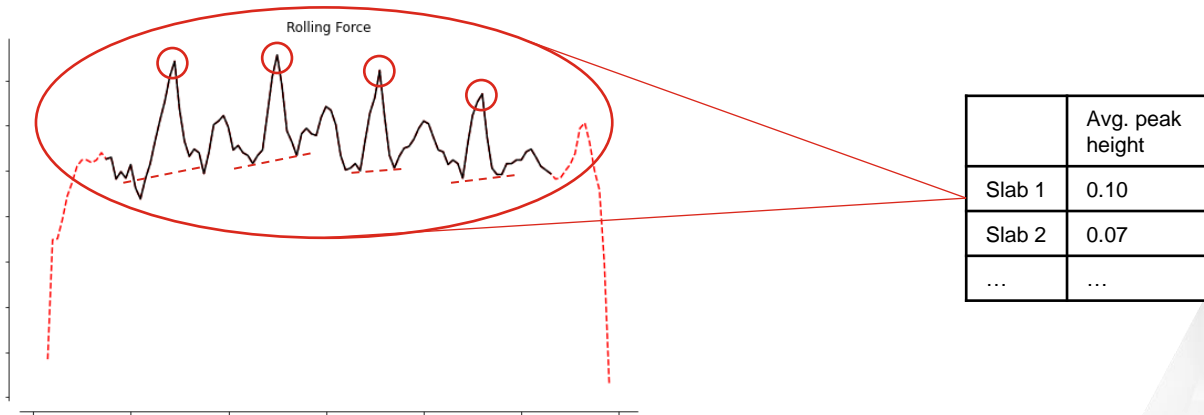


	Signal A, mean	Signal A, sum	Signal B, mean	...
Slab 1	0.9	3.7	1.9	...
Slab 2	1.1	5.4	2.4	...
Slab 3	1.2	7.3	2.1	...
...

dmlc
XGBoost



From signal to model target variable



Machine learning in practice

	Signal A, mean	Signal A, sum	Signal B, mean	...
Slab 1	0.9	3.7	1.9	...
Slab 2	1.1	5.4	2.4	...
Slab 3	1.2	7.3	2.1	...
...

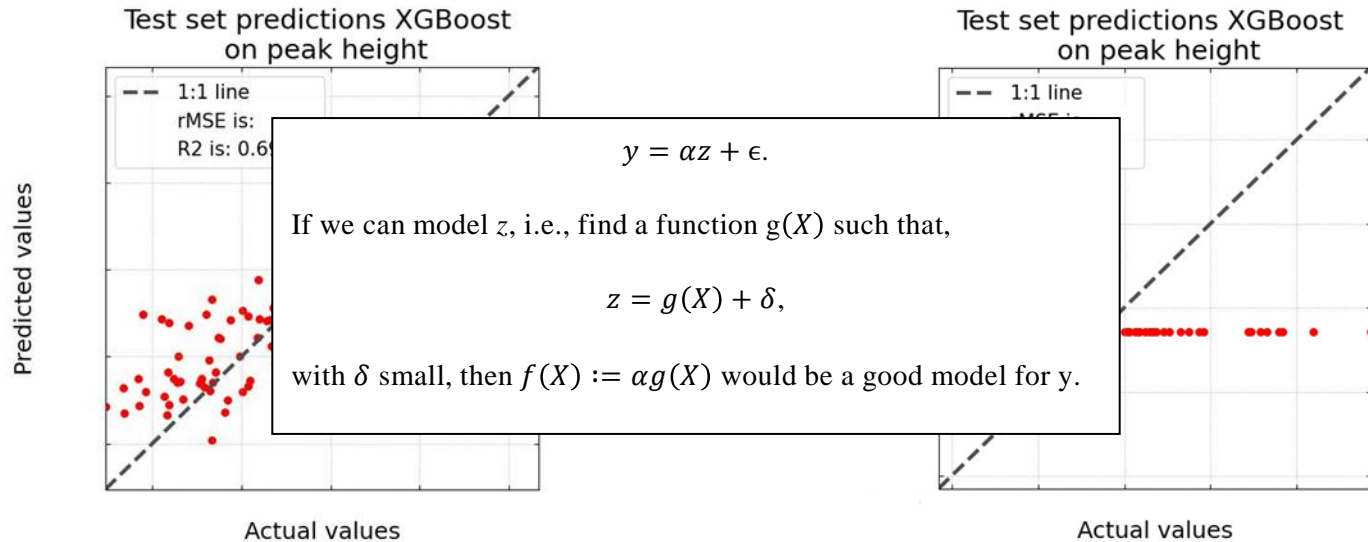
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XGBoost



	Avg. peak height
Slab 1	0.10
Slab 2	0.07
...	...

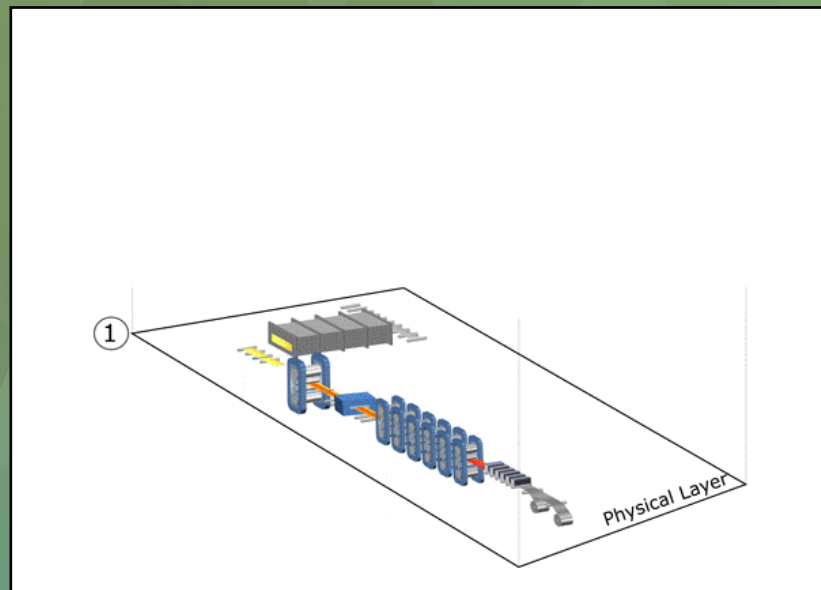
$$\arg \min_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \|d(f(x), y)\|$$

Mediator variable



Conclusions

- 3D model that predicts skid marks well
- Results can be transferred to next processing step, e.g. hot-rolling
- Data handling takes time
- Issues with AI models – opaque, extrapolation





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We create benefit for industry