

Data-Efficient Reliability Assessment Using Machine Learning: Application to Lifetime Estimation of Power Electronic Modules

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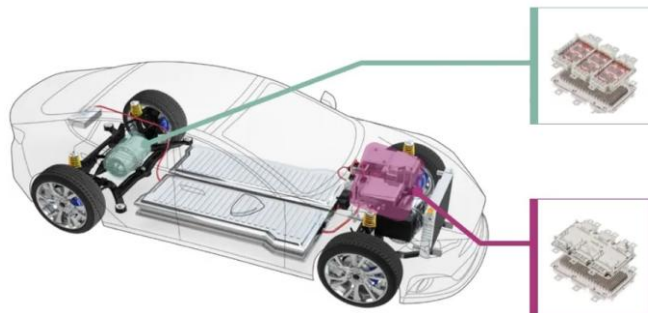
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Global context

- Urgency of changing the energy production landscape given the current **climate conditions**
- Effort towards **electrification** throughout legislations and production strategies:
 - LOM (No. 2019-1428 of December 24, 2019)
 - Fit for 55 package

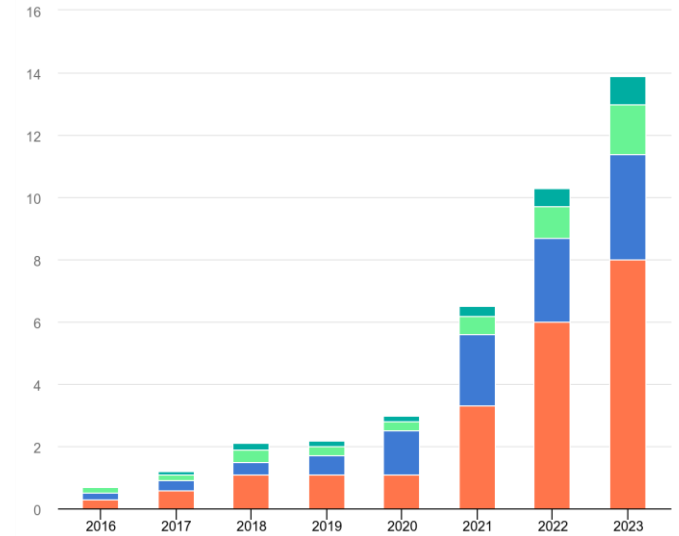


Power modules in transportation systems (Infineon 2024)

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Electric vehicles' sales growth from 2016 to 2023 (IEA 2023)

- **Power electronic modules** sit at the core of this electrification, namely in transportation:
 - Energy conversion
 - Modulation

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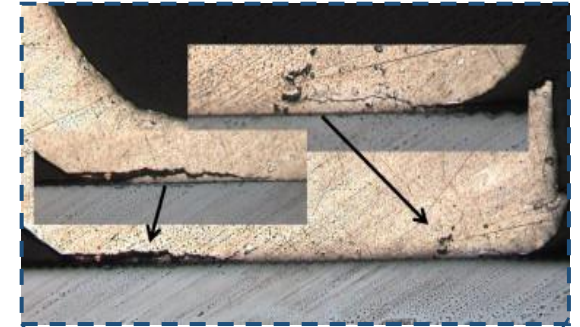
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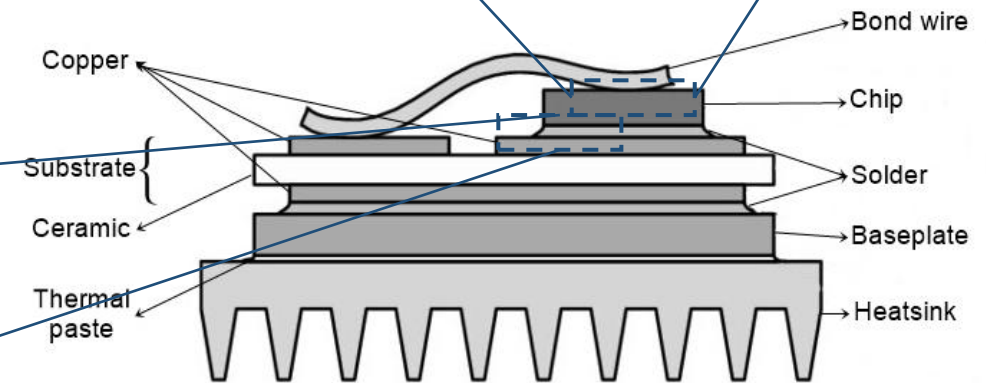
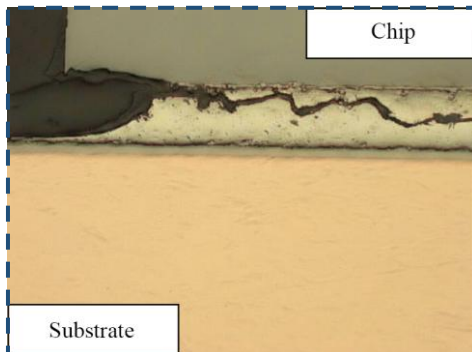
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- Degradation at critical locations
 - Solder fatigue
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Degradation of the bond wire (Schilling 2012)



Degradation at the solder layer (Deplanque 2006)



Architecture of a power electronic module (Buttay 2007)

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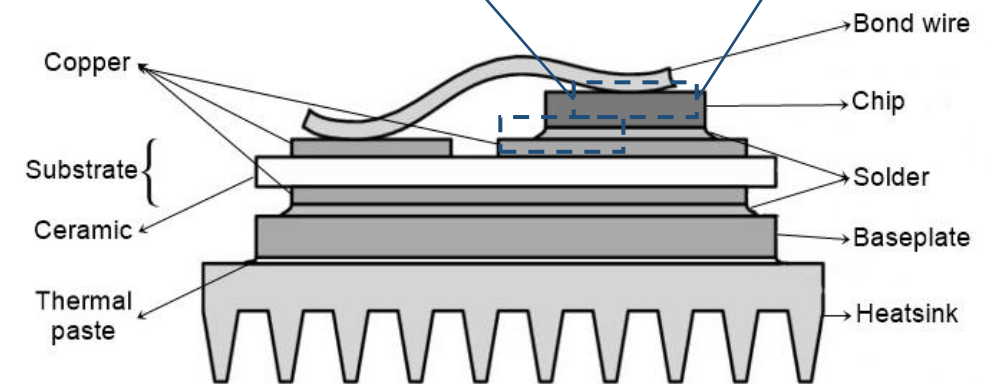
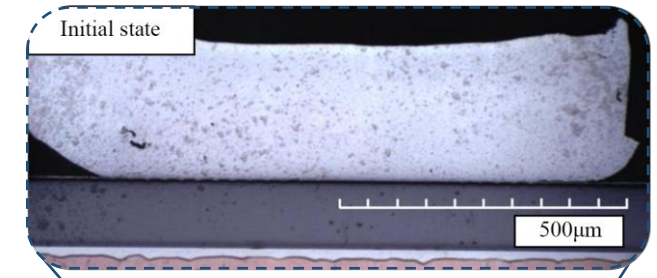
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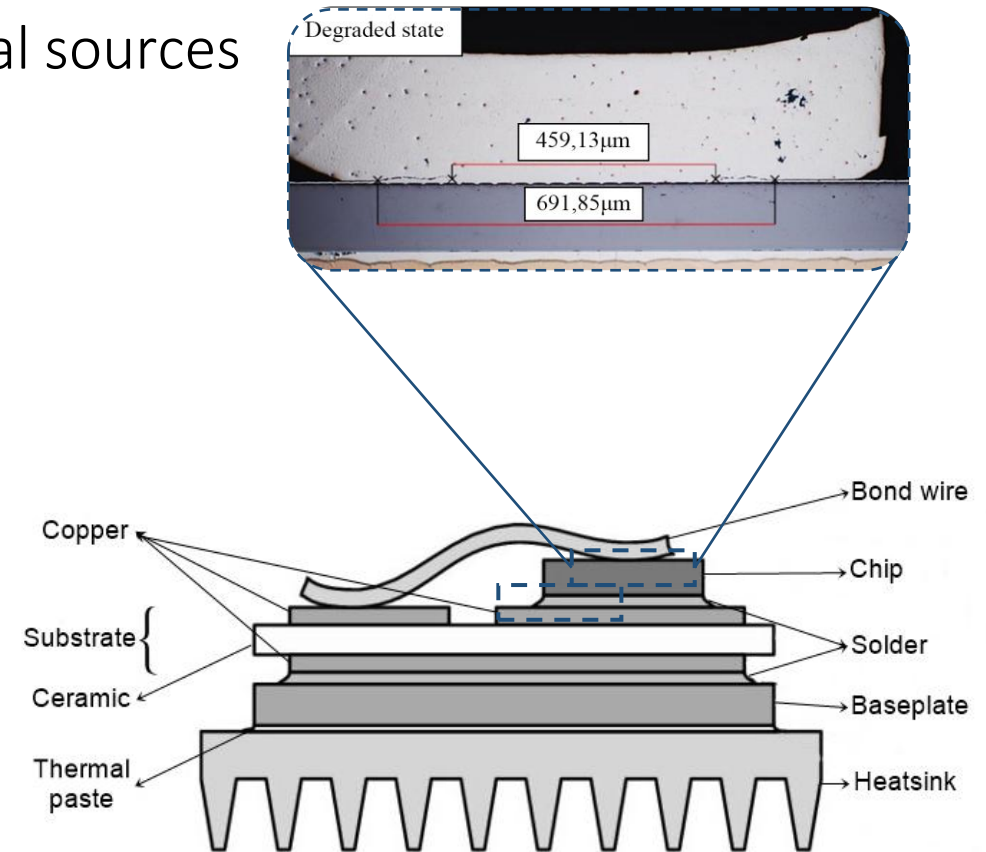
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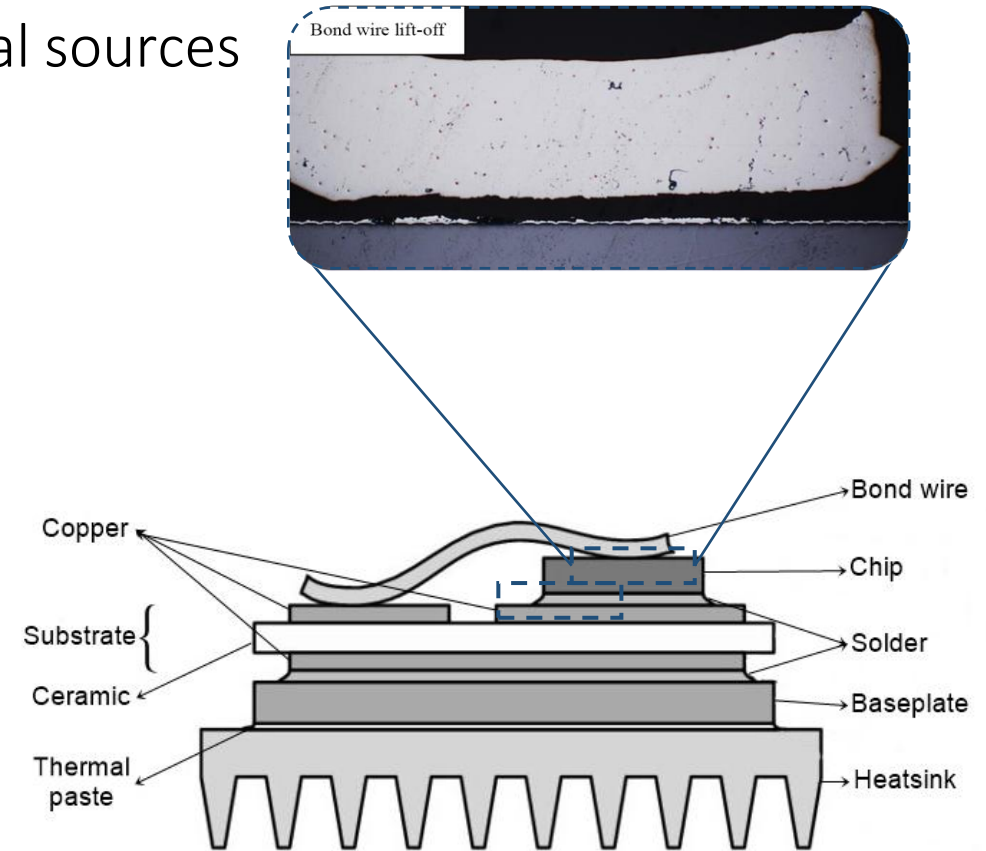
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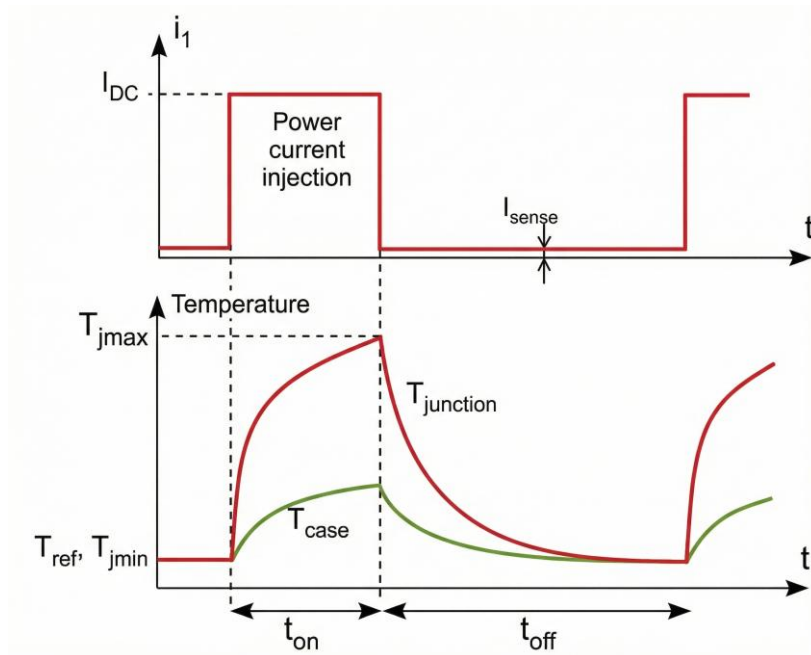
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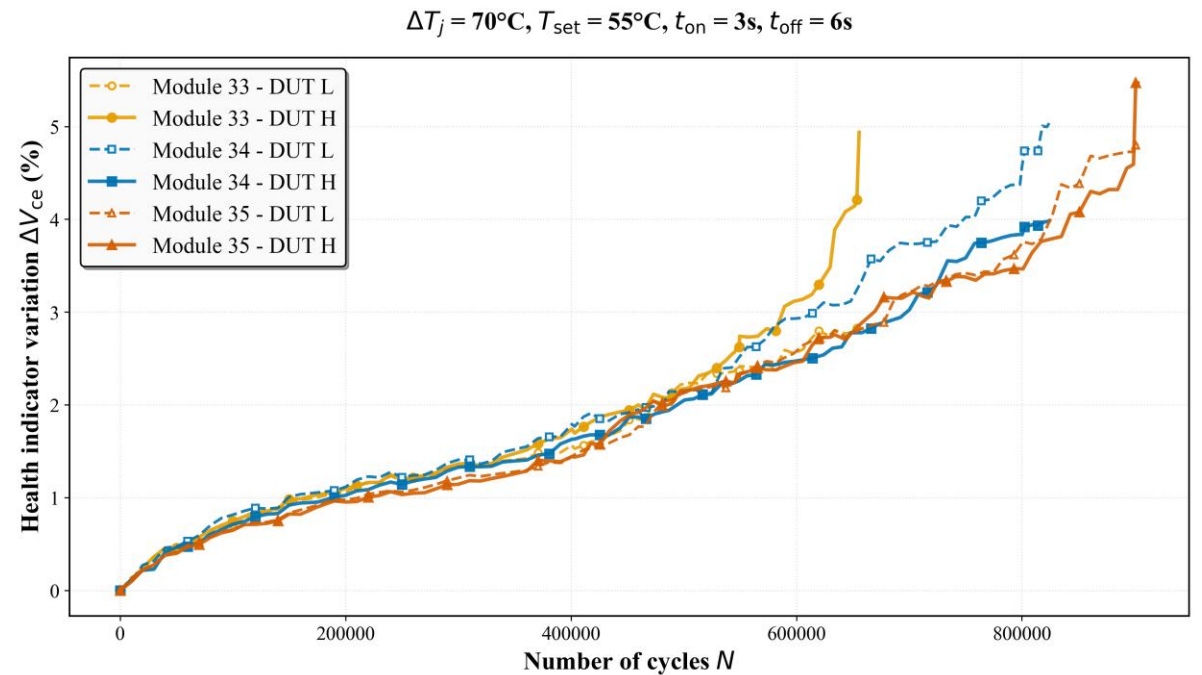
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- Lifetime is studied experimentally through repeated loading and health monitoring
- Loading is **amplified** compared to real-life conditions to **accelerate failure** and observe lifetime within a reasonable window



Profile of a single loading cycle (Dornic 2019)



Evolution of ΔV_{ce} as a health indicator during cycling tests (Dornic 2019)

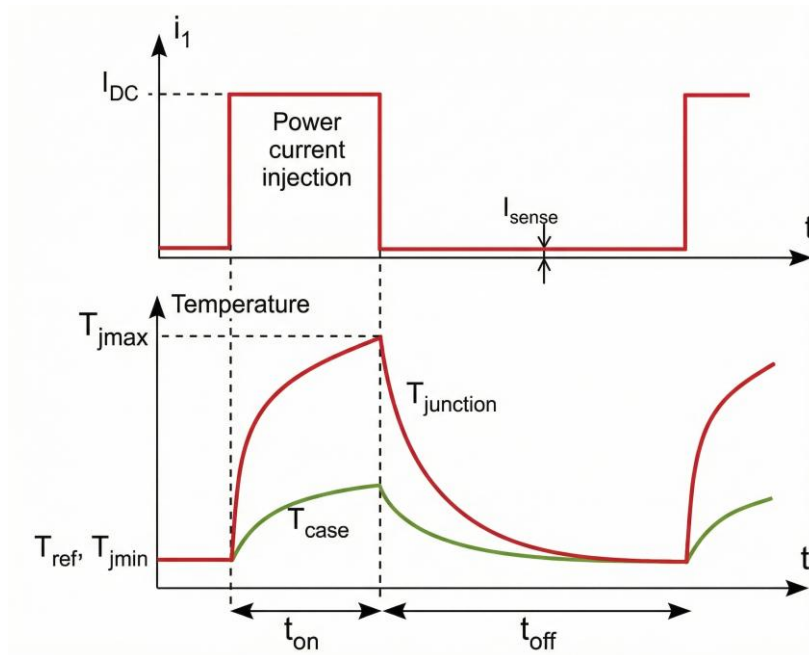
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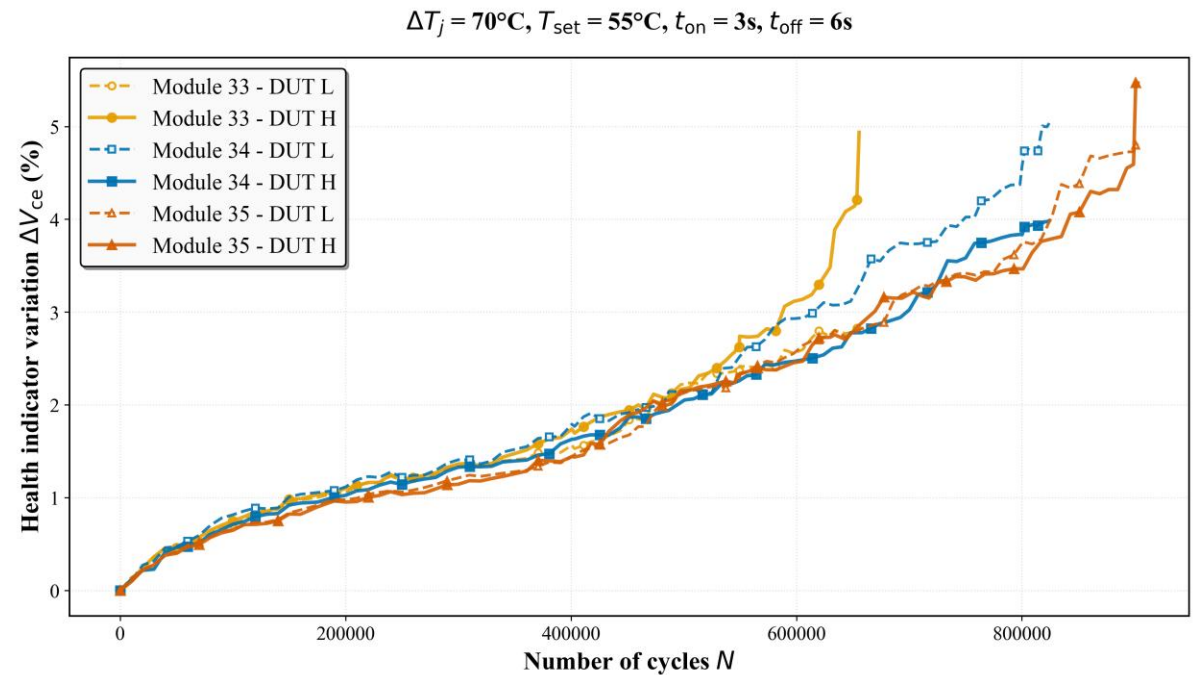
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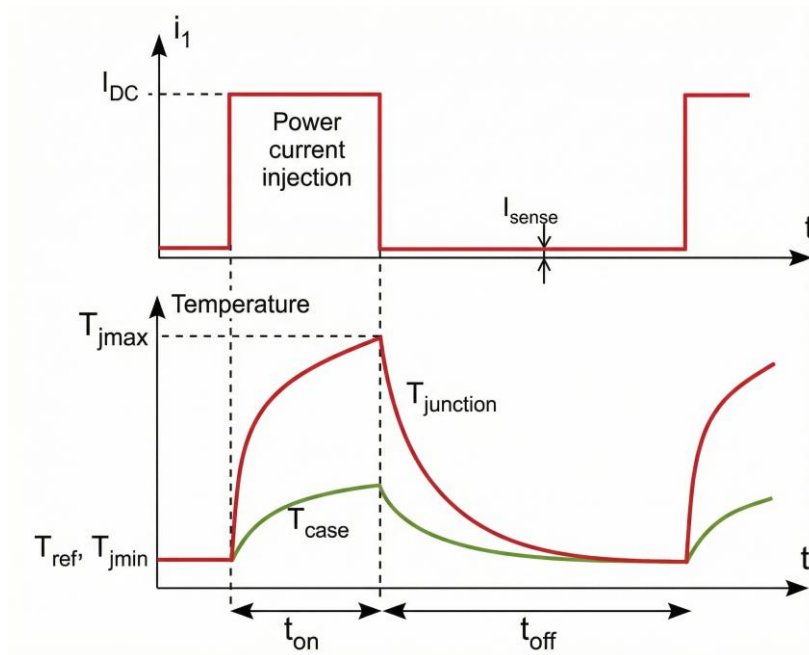
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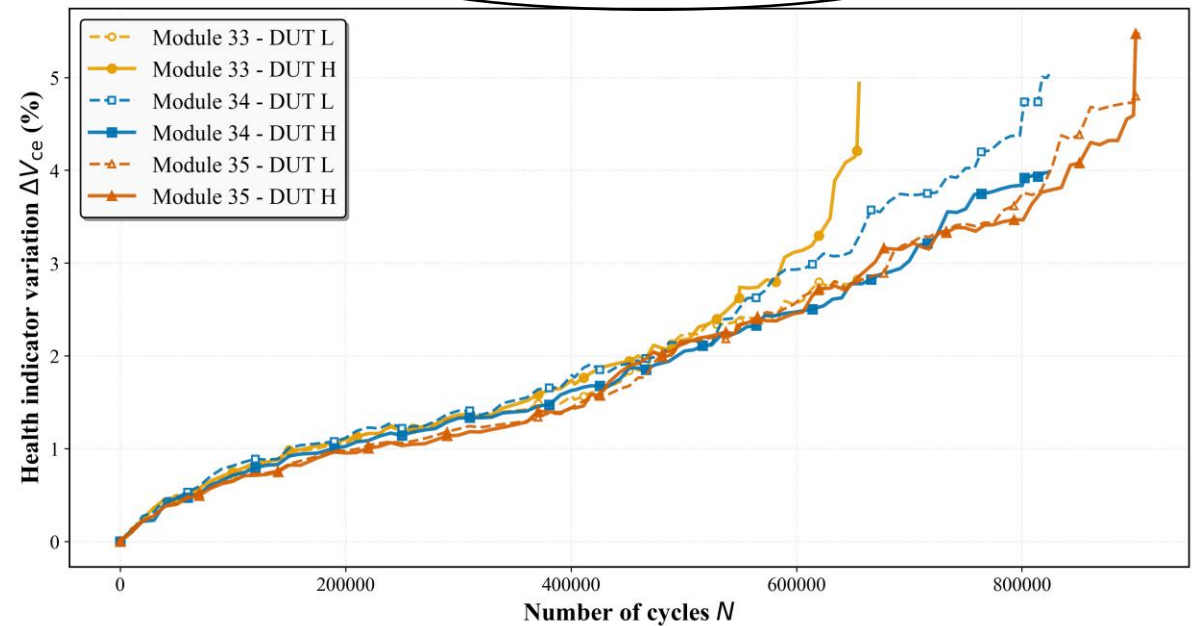
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$\Delta T_j = 70^\circ\text{C}$, $T_{set} = 55^\circ\text{C}$, $t_{on} = 3\text{s}$, $t_{off} = 6\text{s}$ Loading conditions



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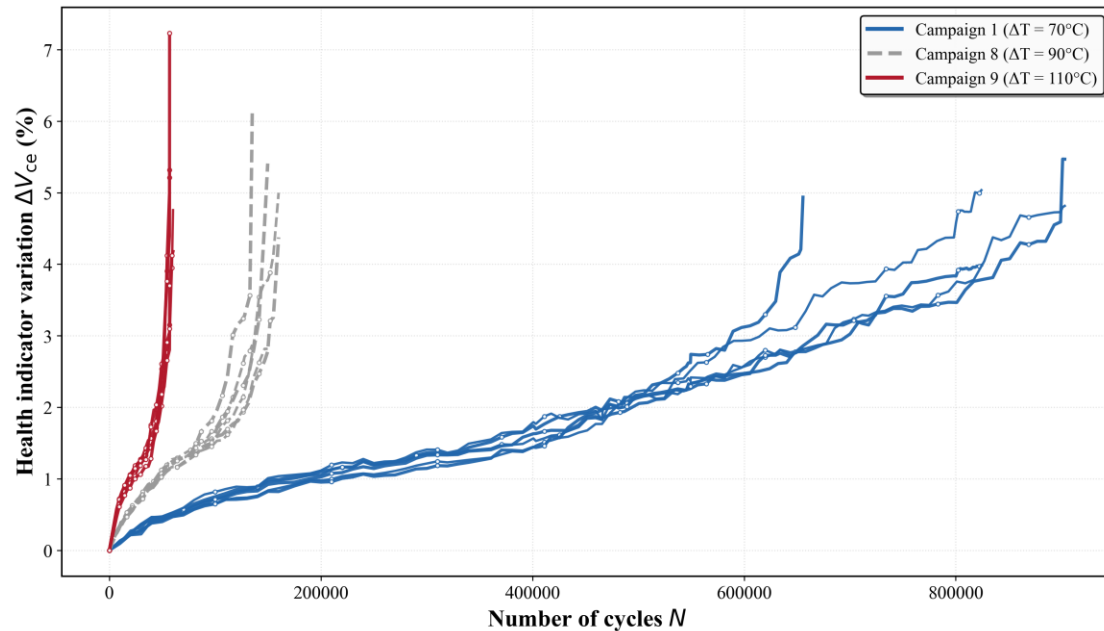
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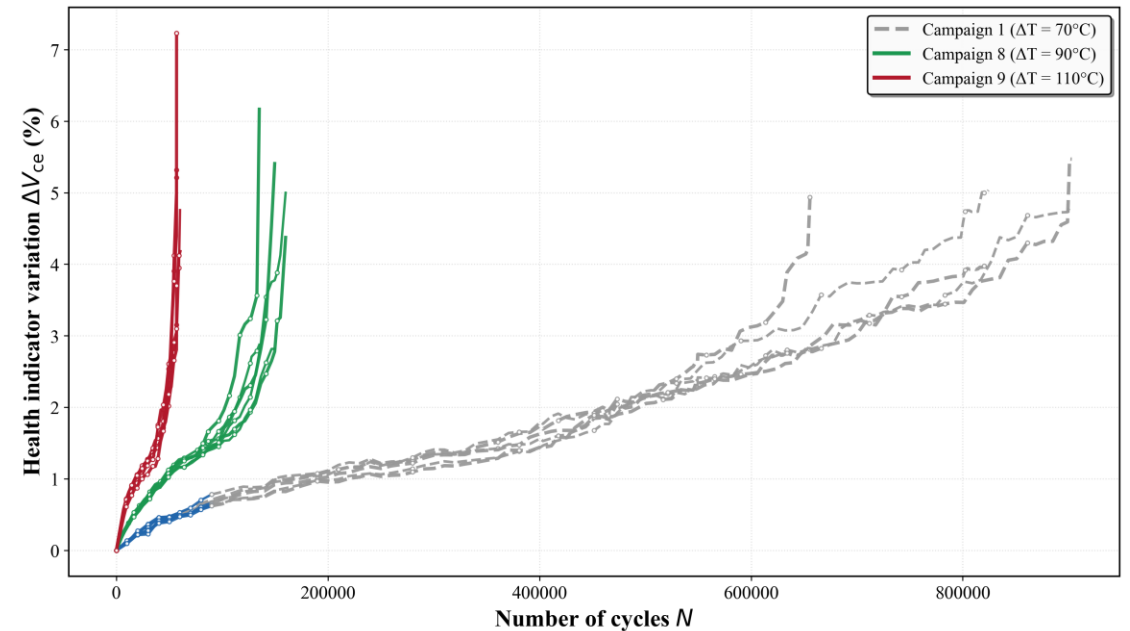
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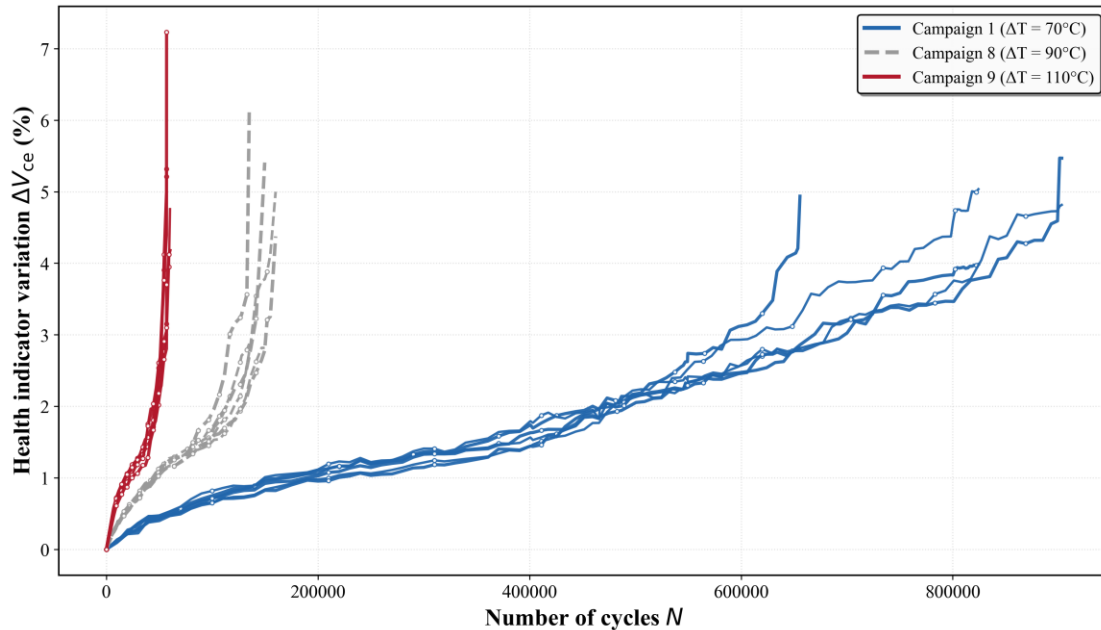
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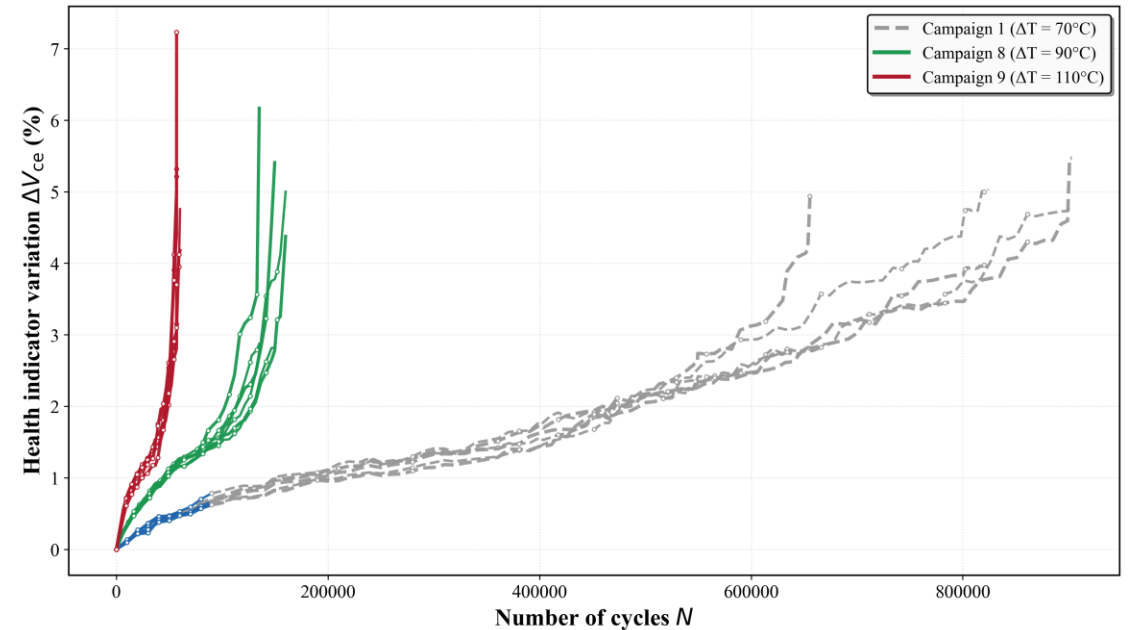
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Addresses the problem of computational speed and out-of-distribution predictions



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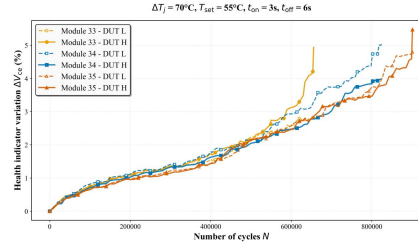
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Experimental data (Dornic 2019)

V_{ce} with respect to cycles N



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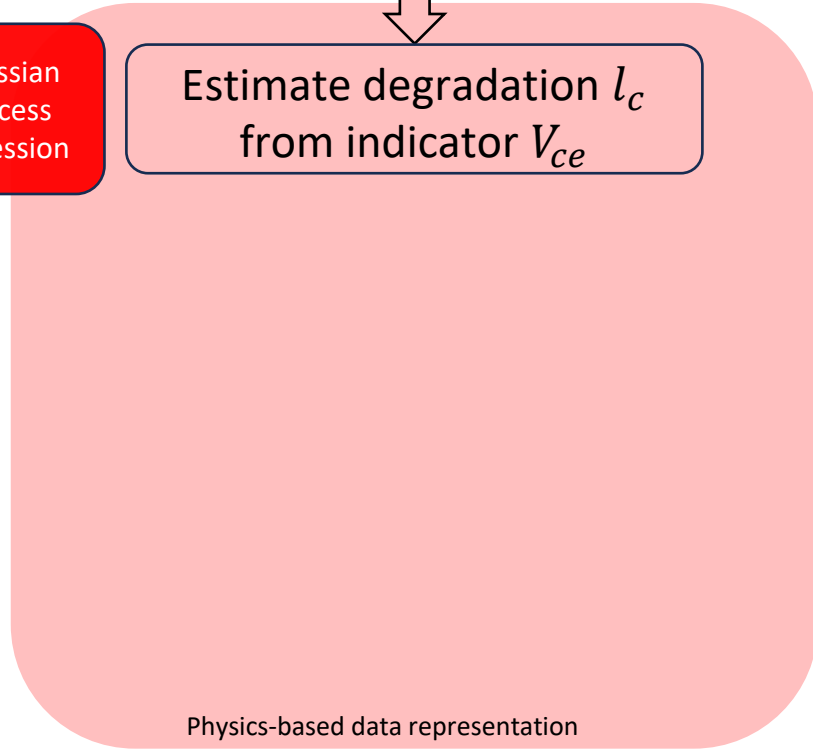
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Gaussian process regression

Estimate degradation l_c from indicator V_{ce}

Analytical (Tims 1999)
Simulation-based (Nazar 2023)

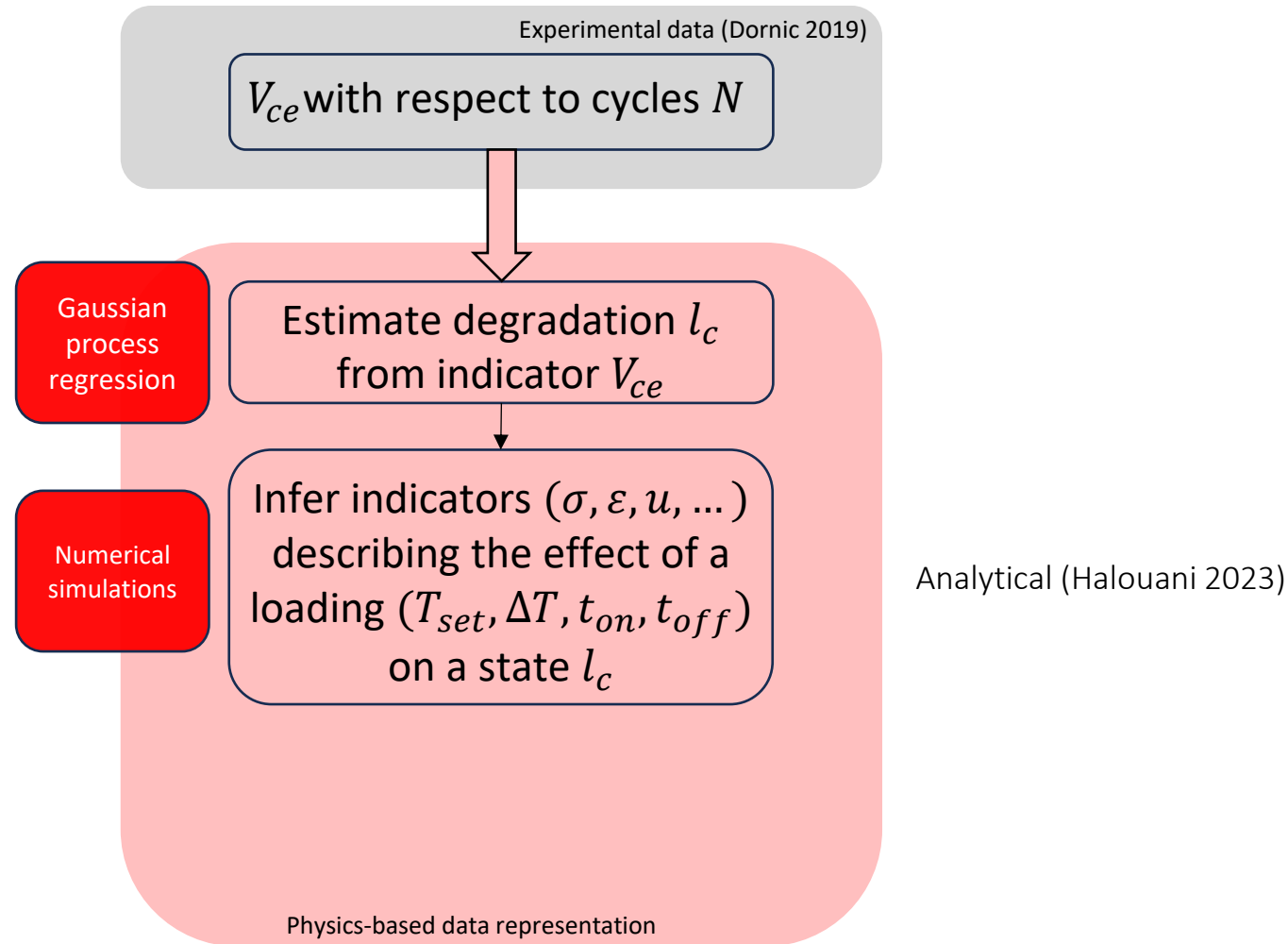


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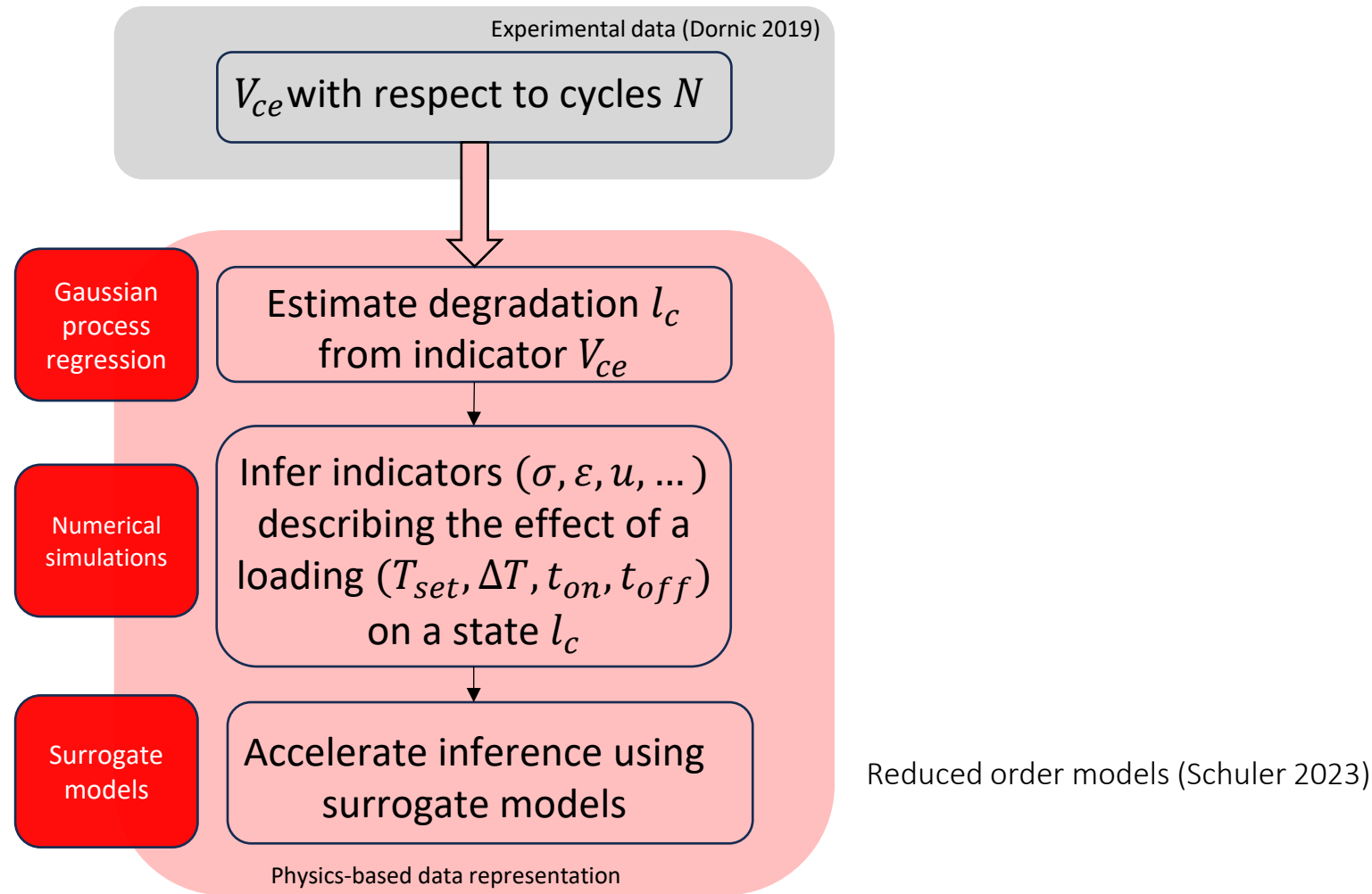


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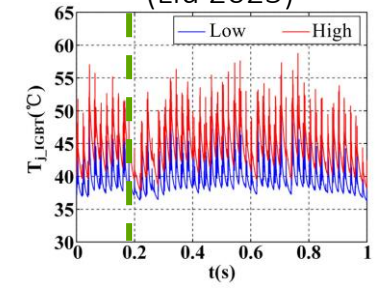
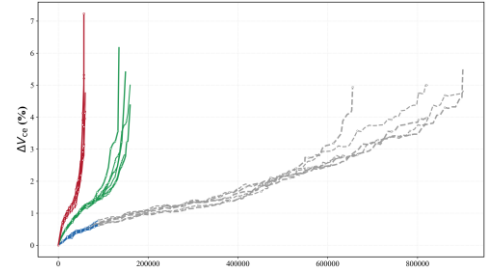
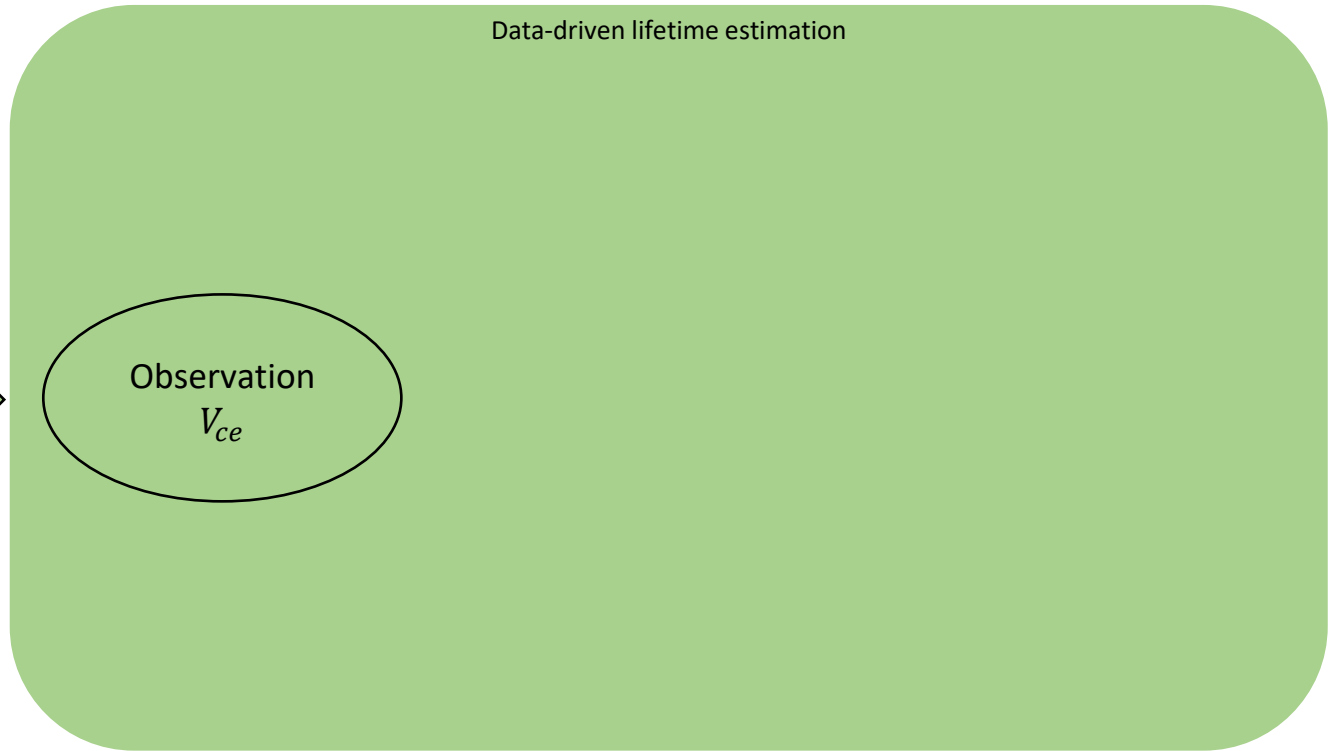
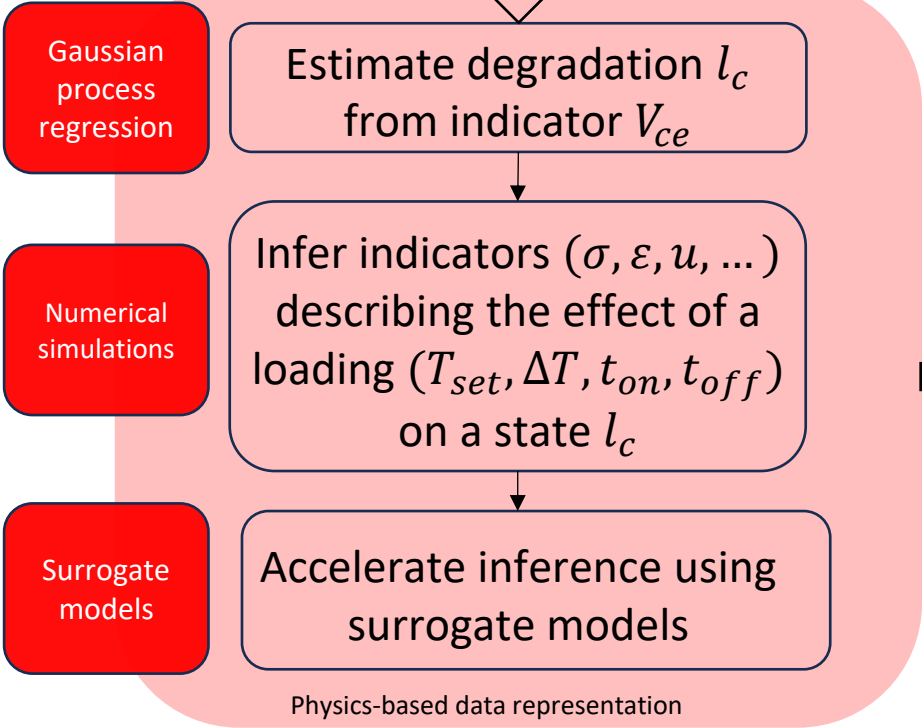
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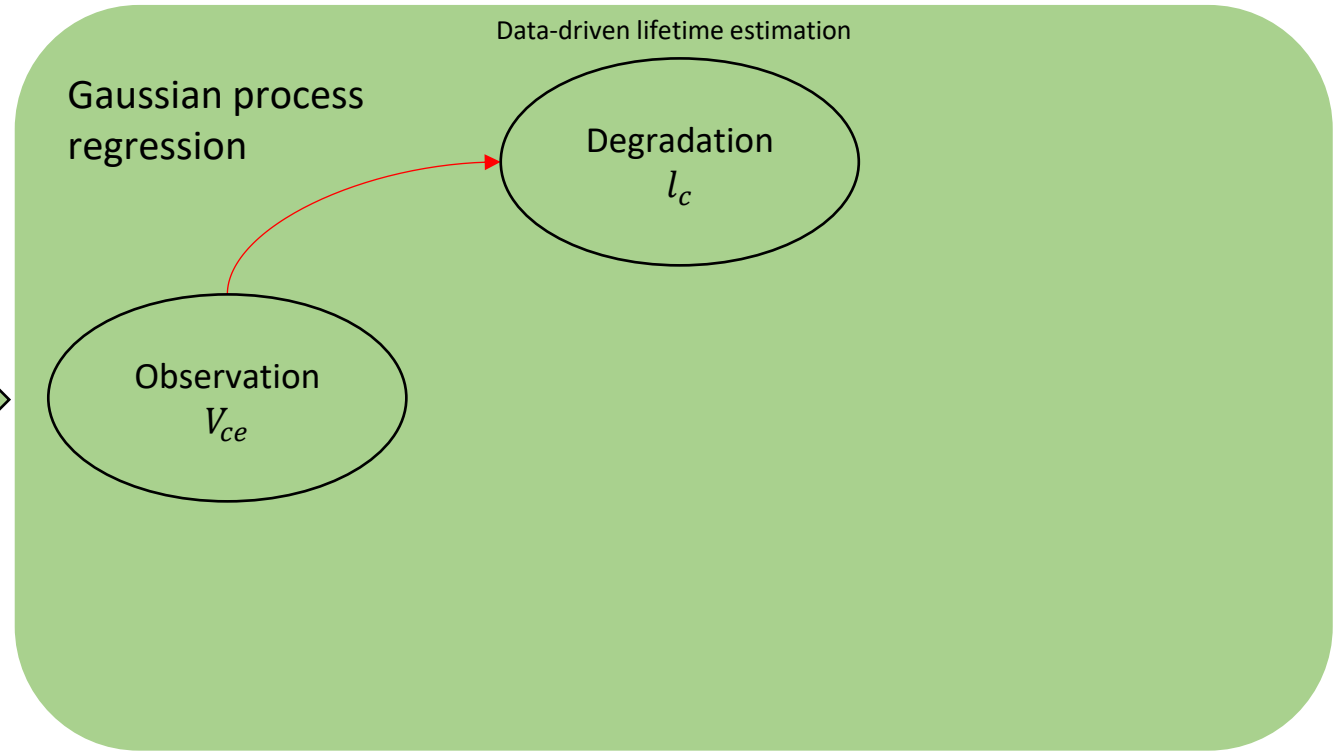
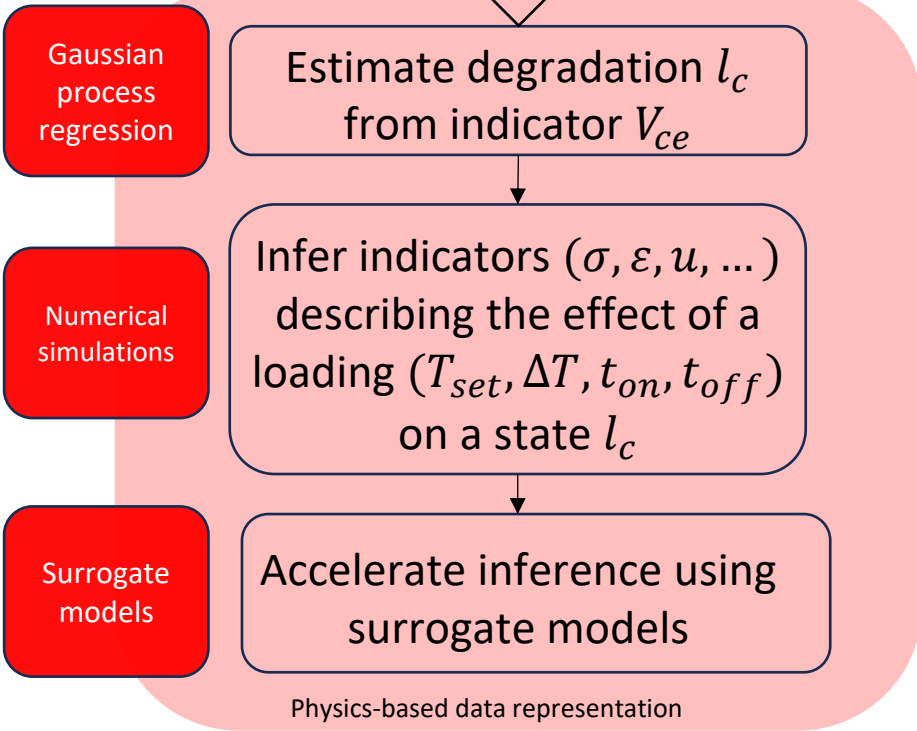
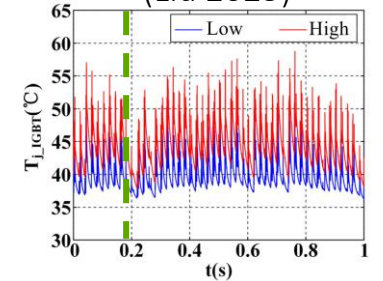
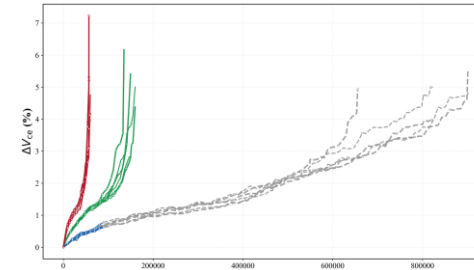
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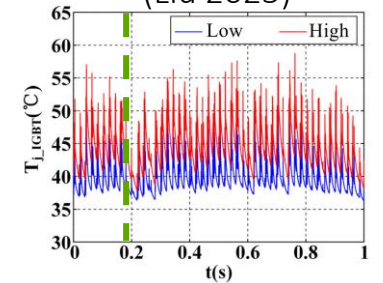
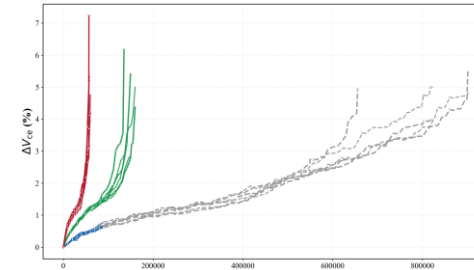
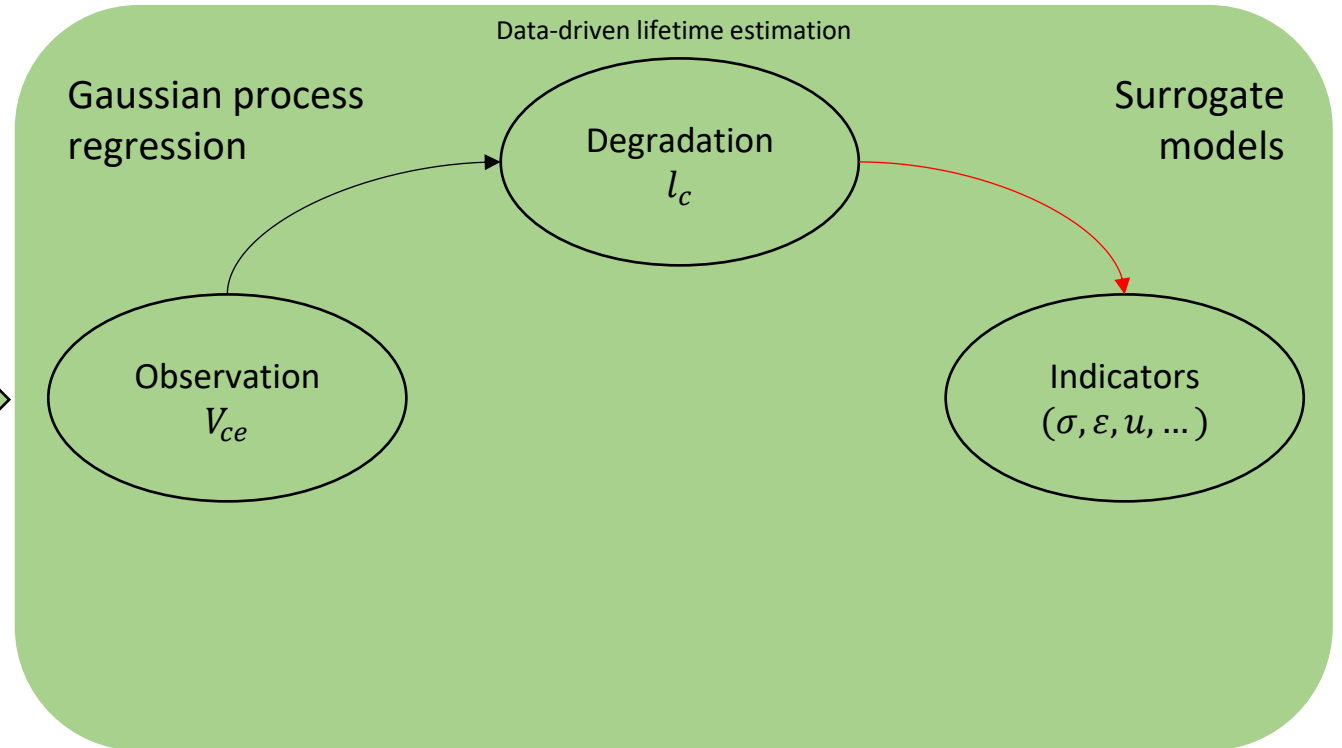
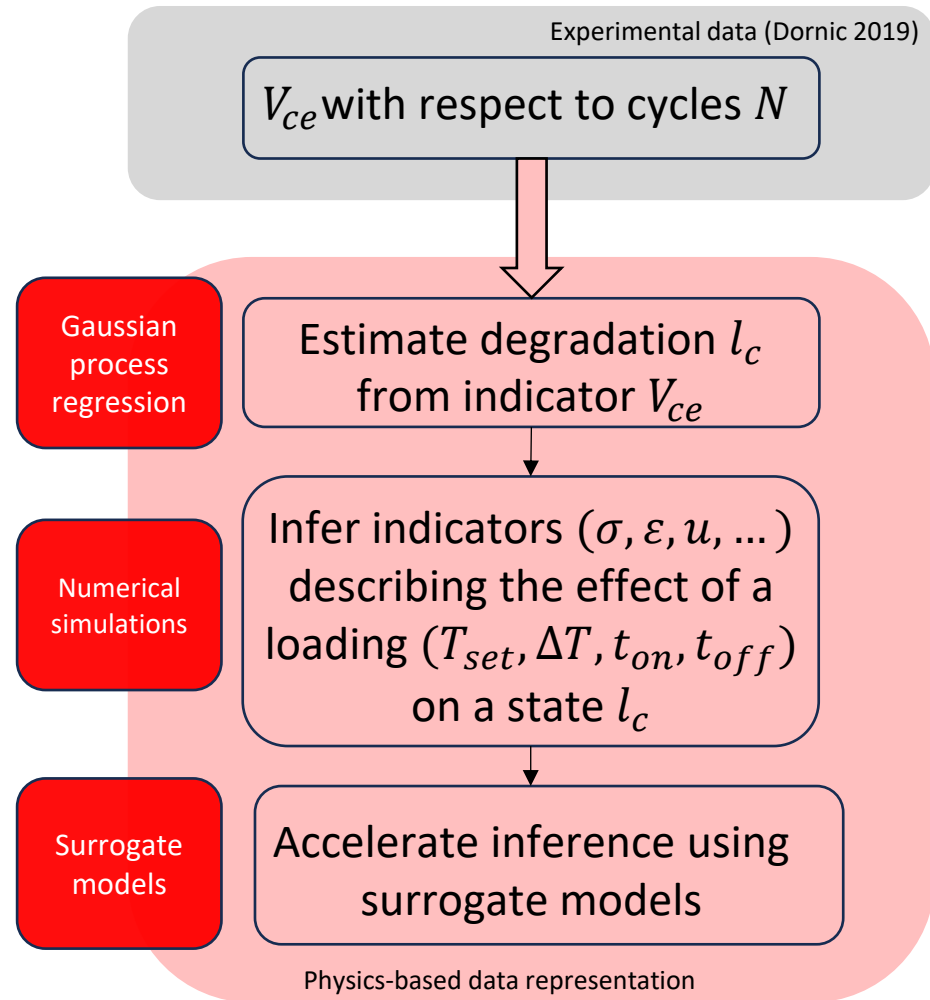


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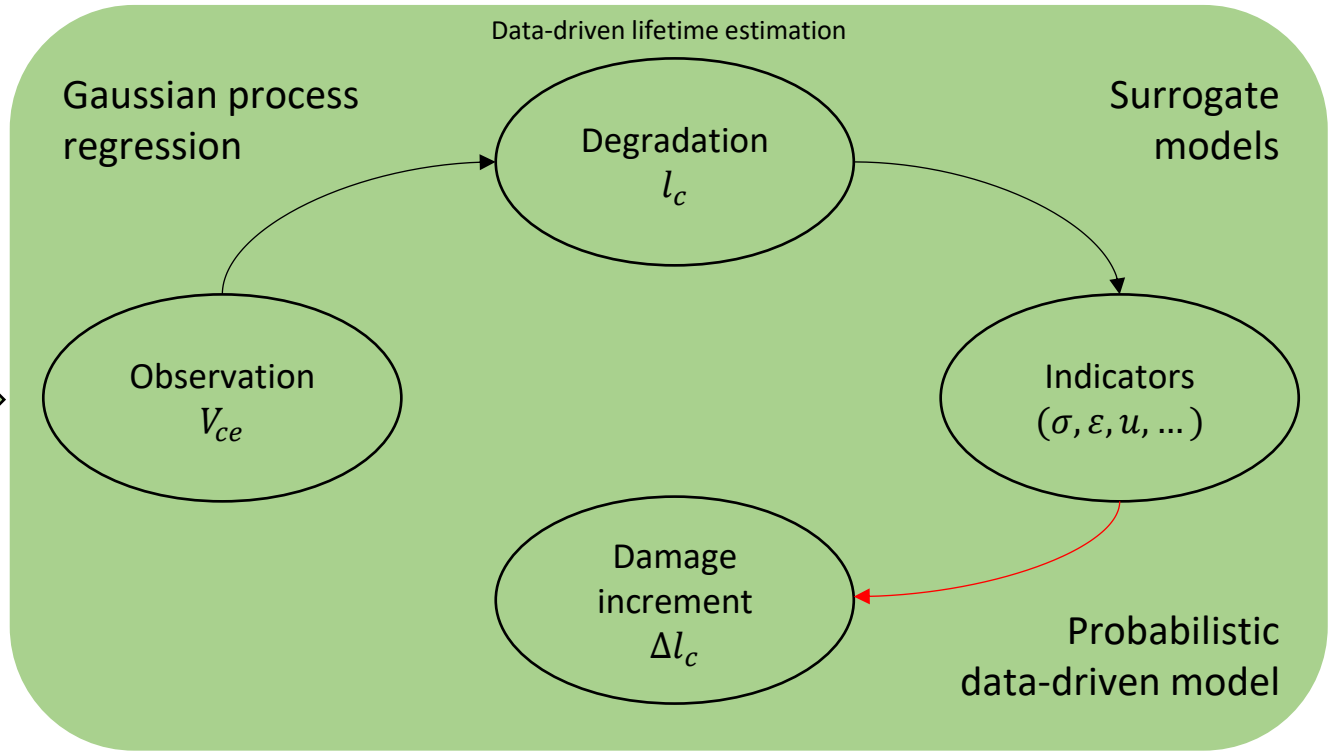
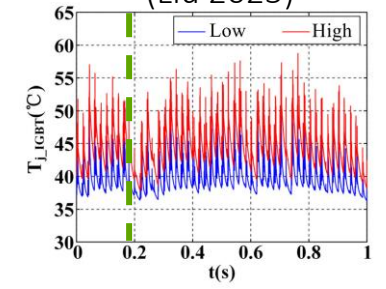
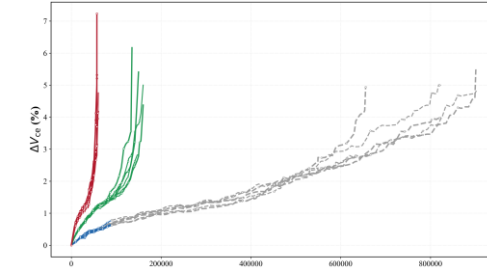
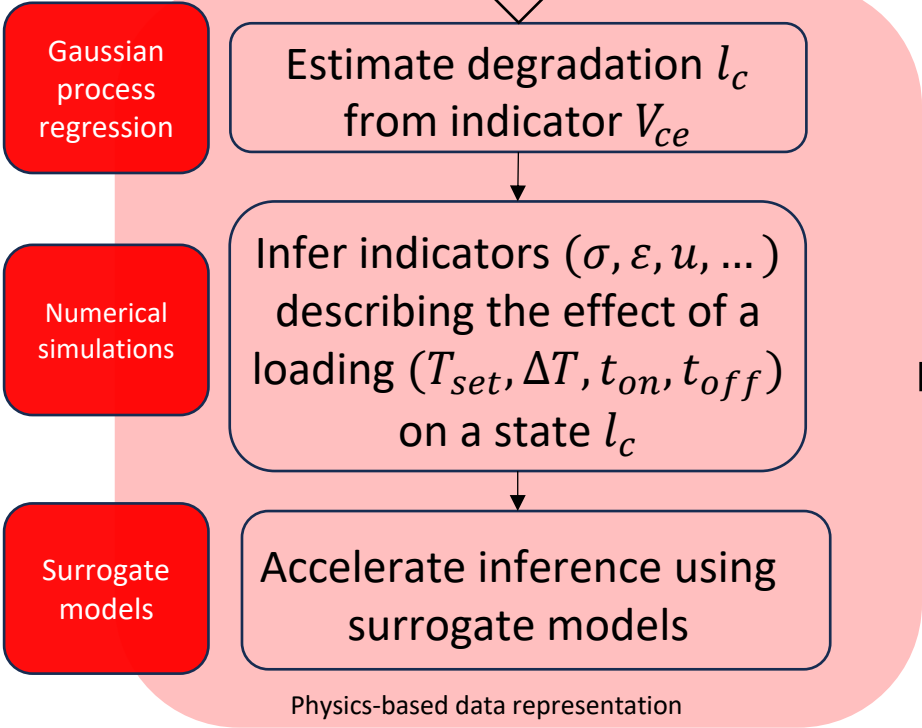
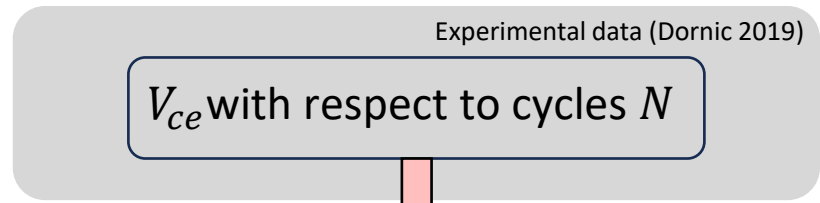
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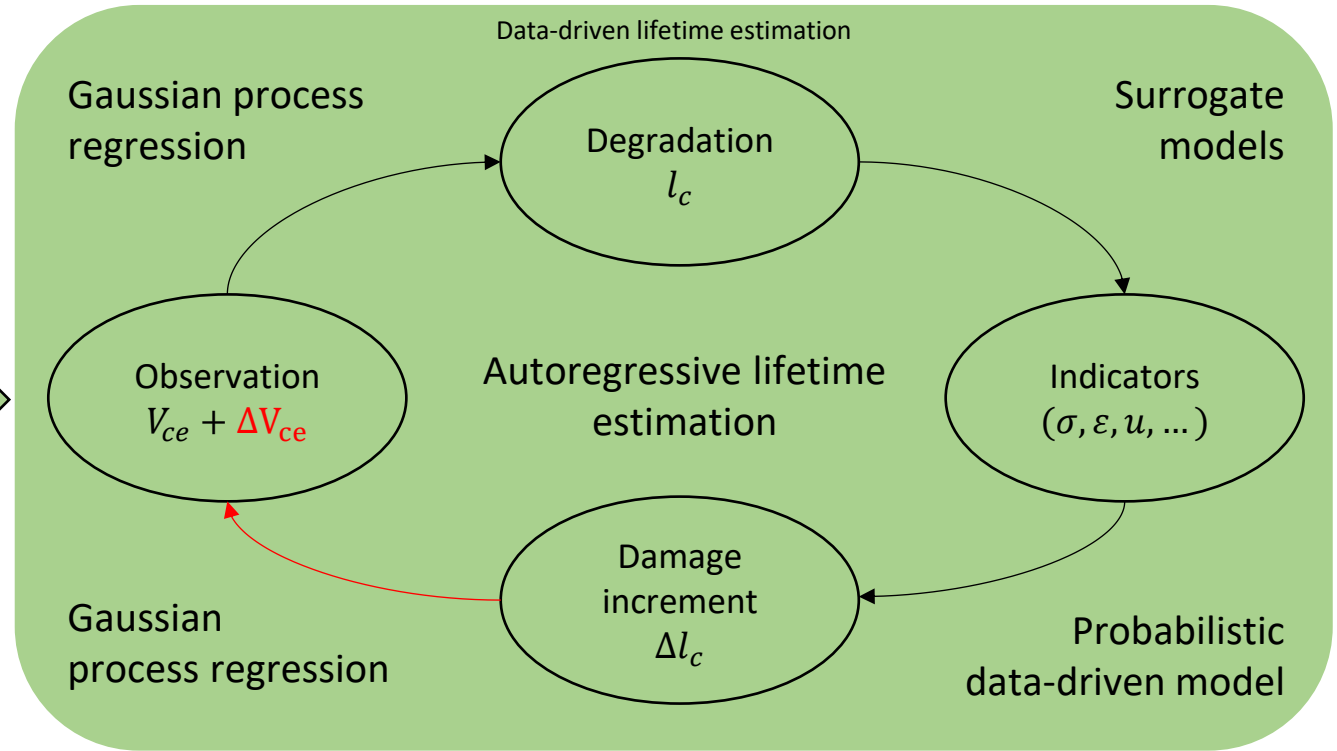
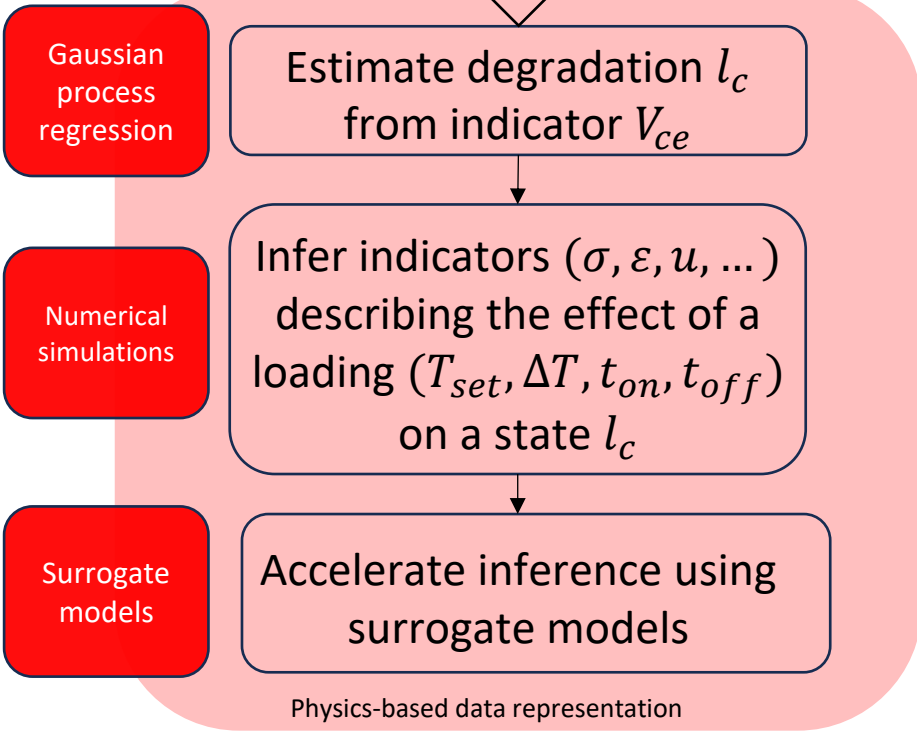
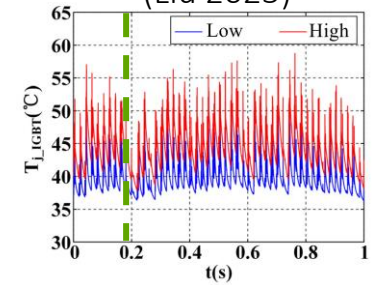
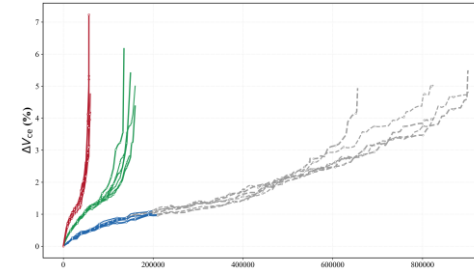


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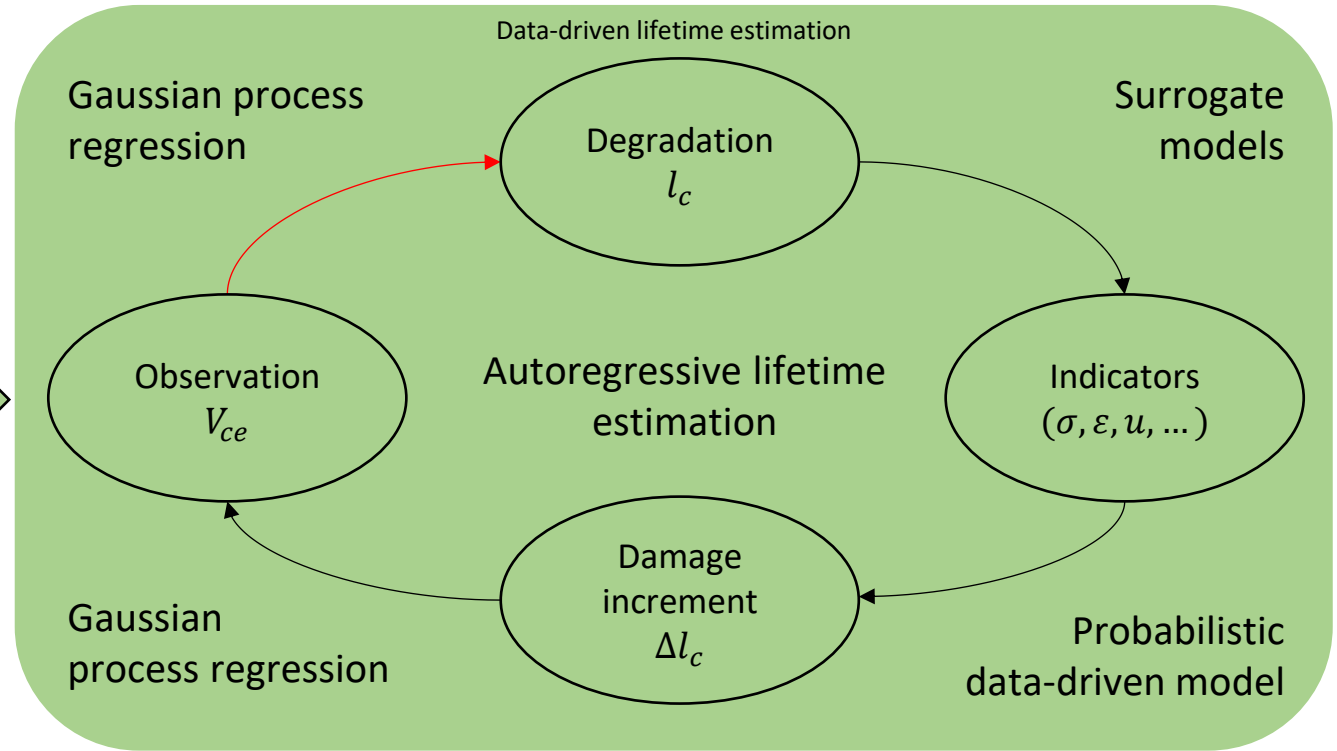
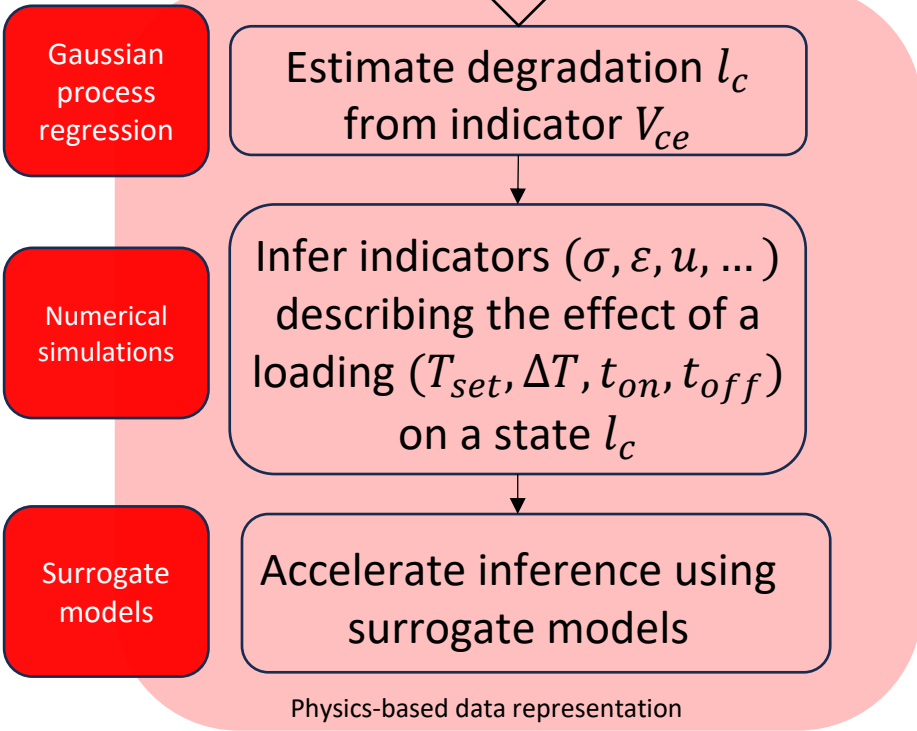
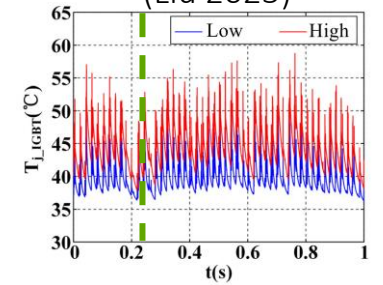
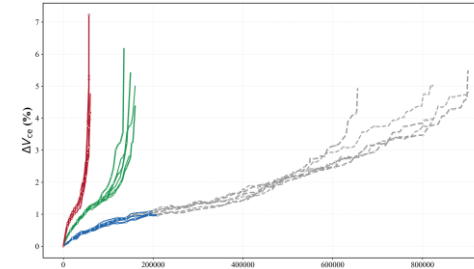


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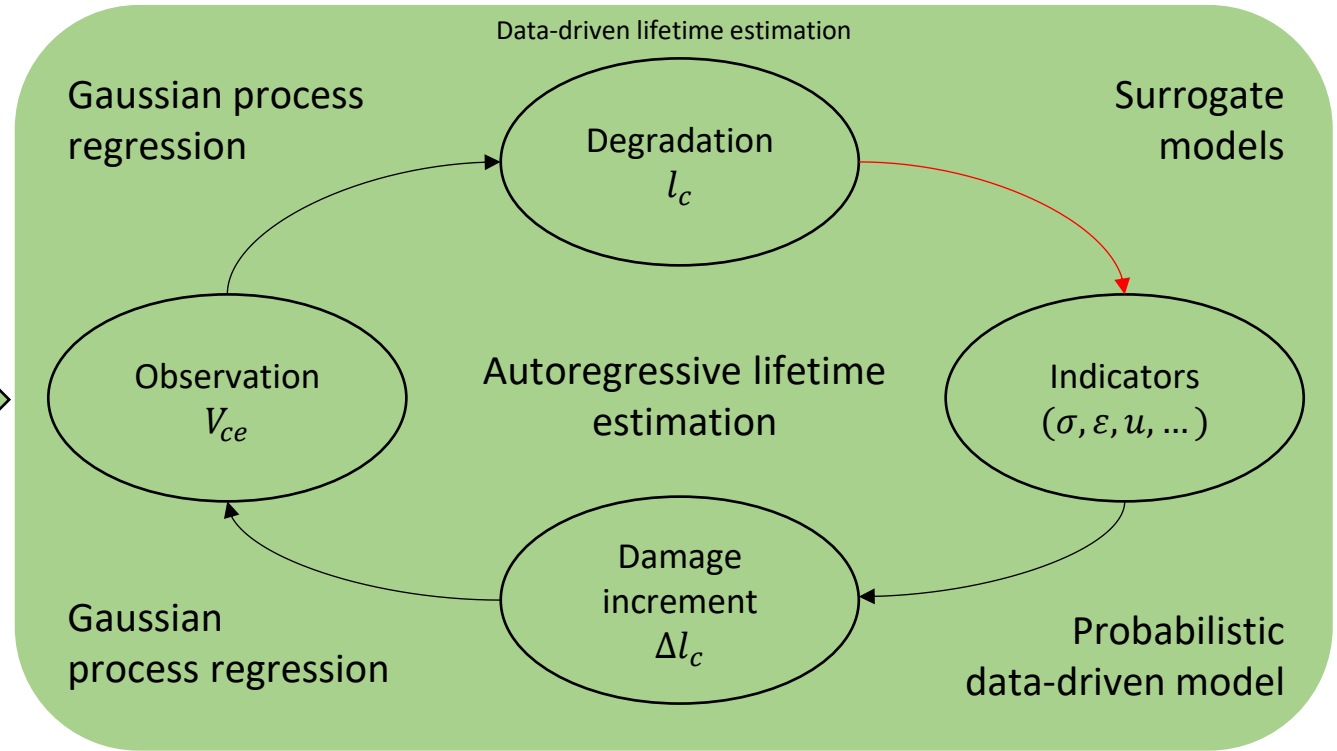
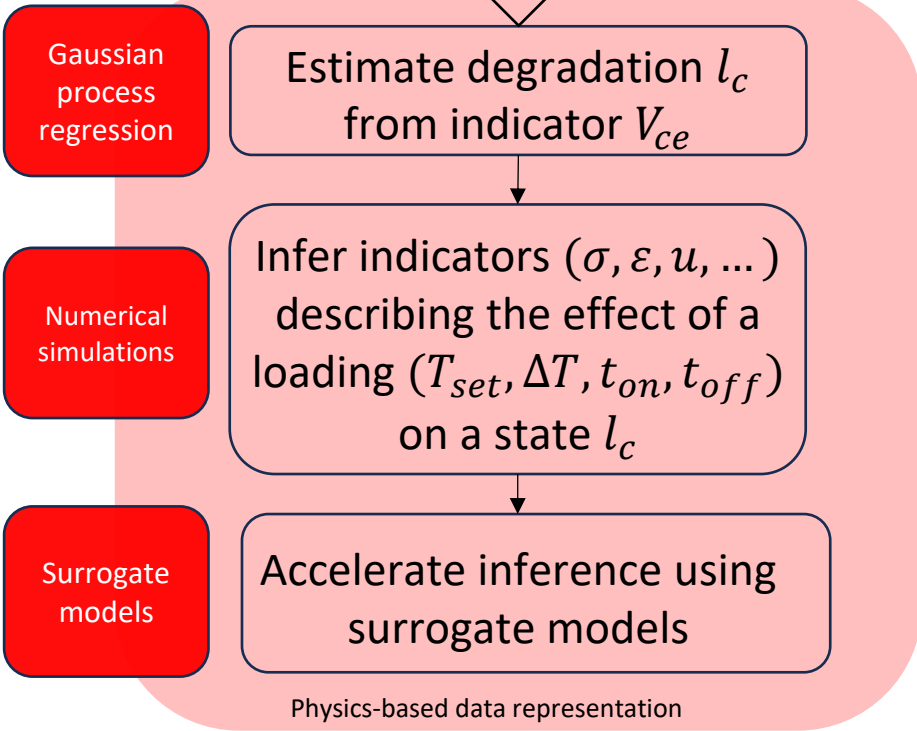
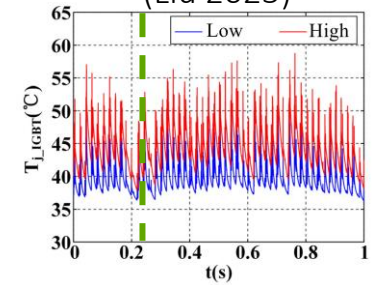
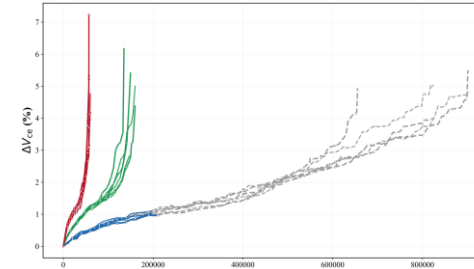


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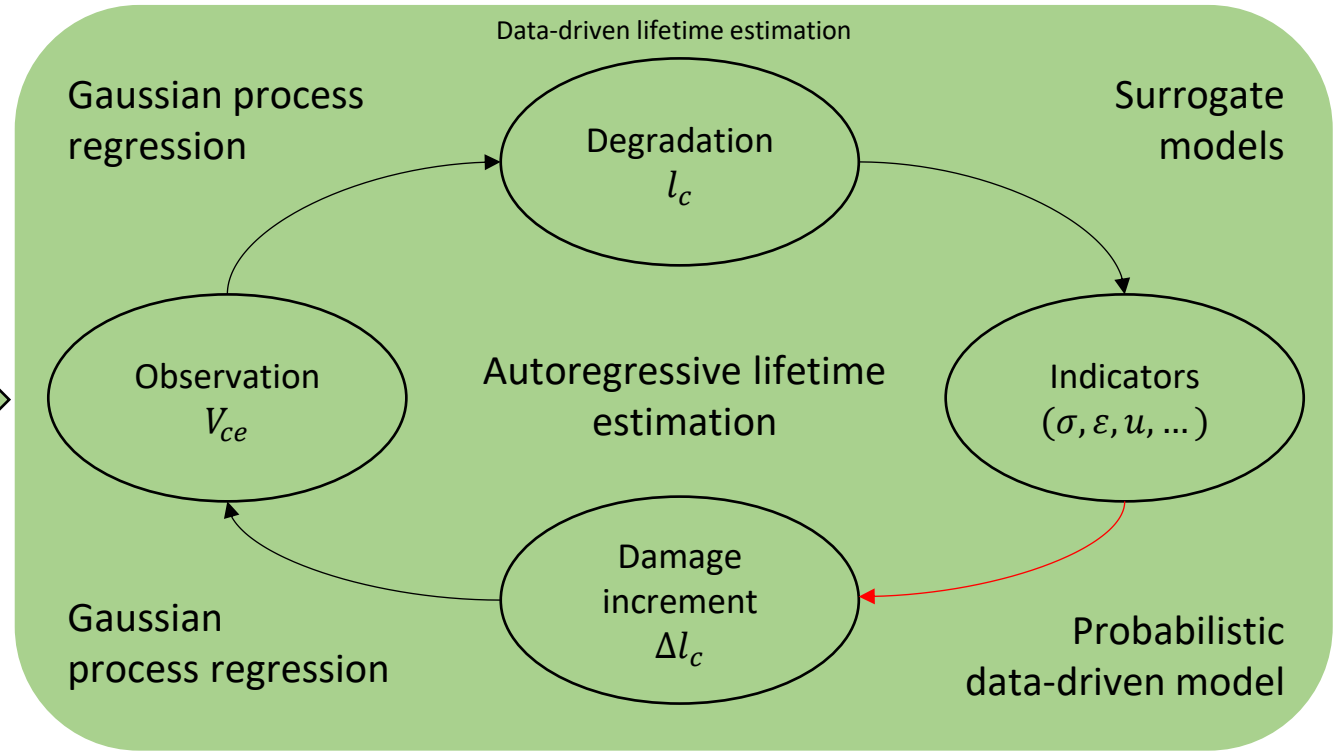
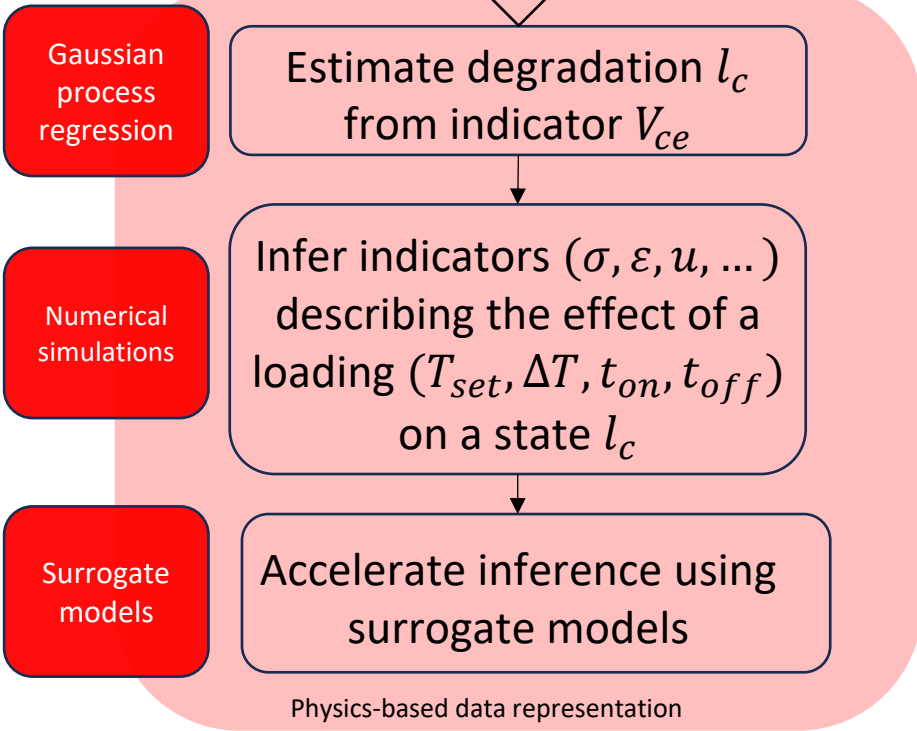
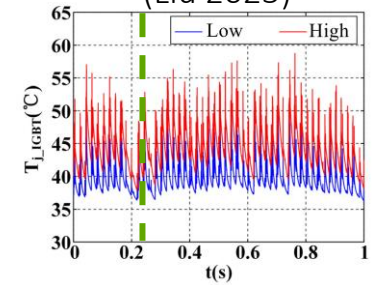
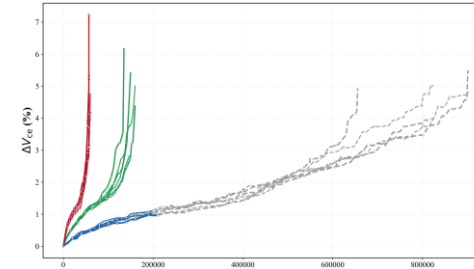


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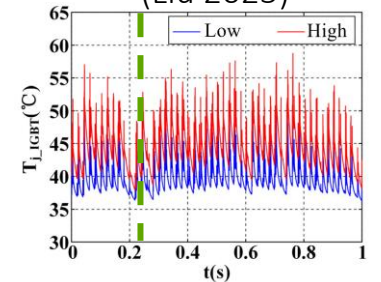
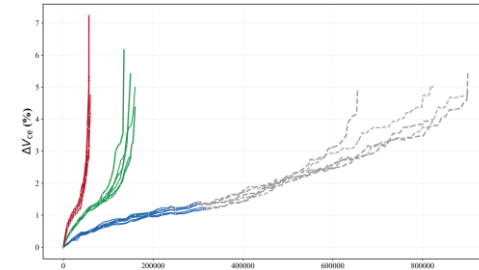
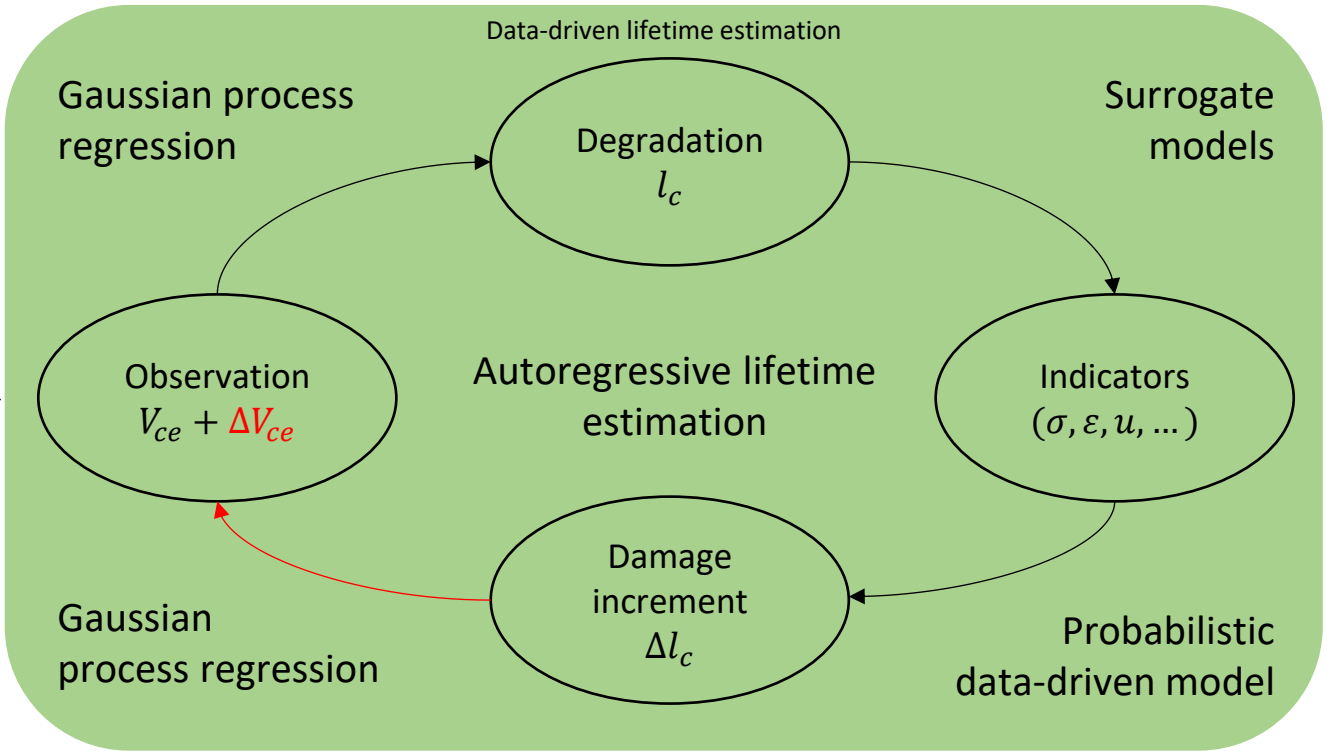
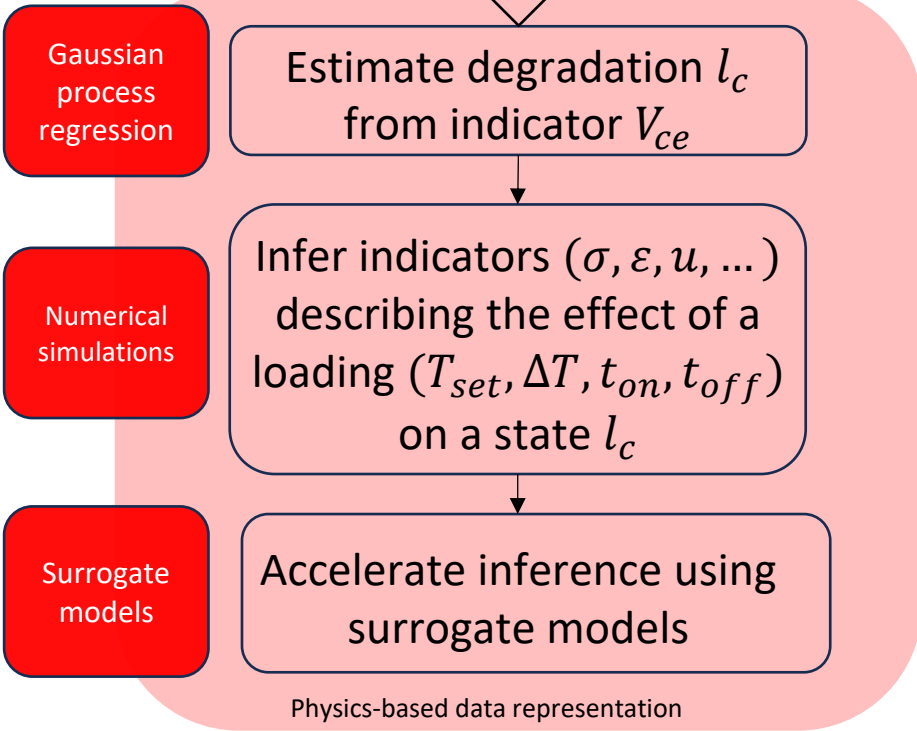


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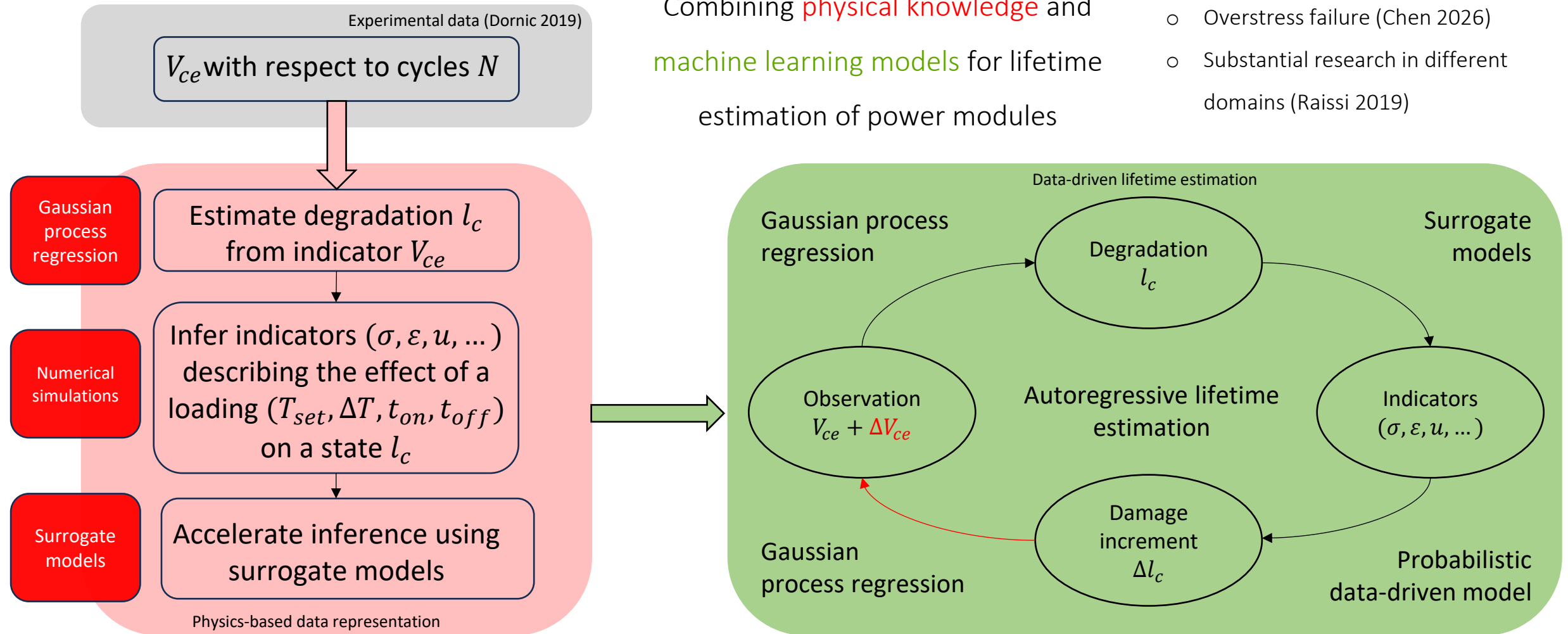
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Combining **physical knowledge** and **machine learning models** for lifetime estimation of power modules

- Overstress failure (Chen 2026)
- Substantial research in different domains (Raissi 2019)



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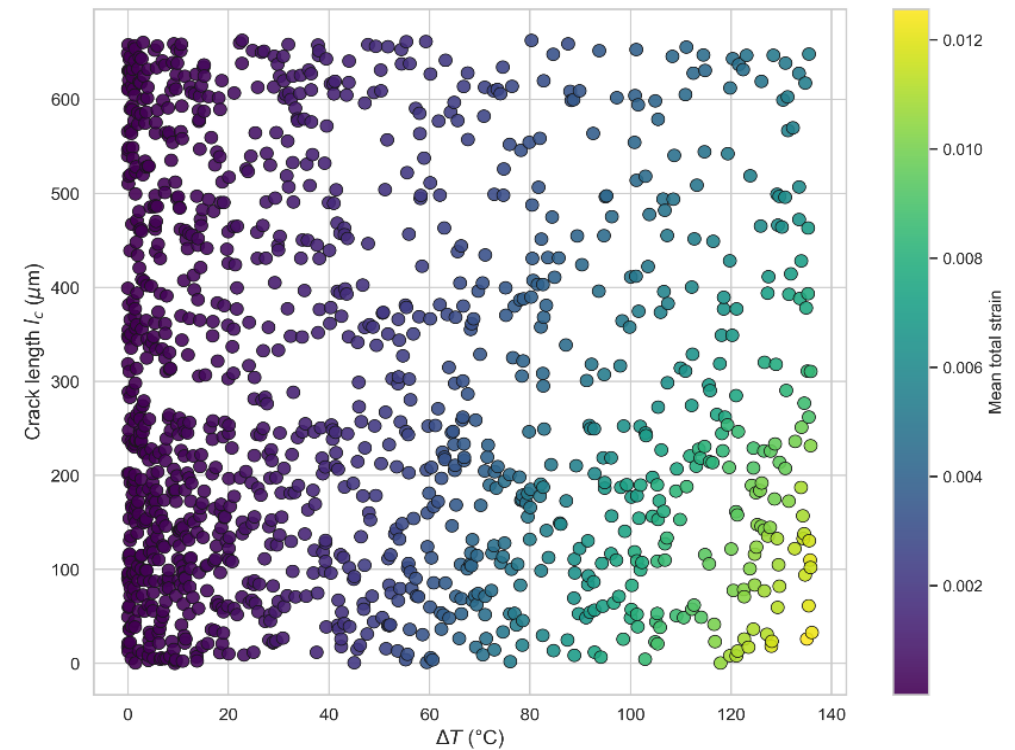
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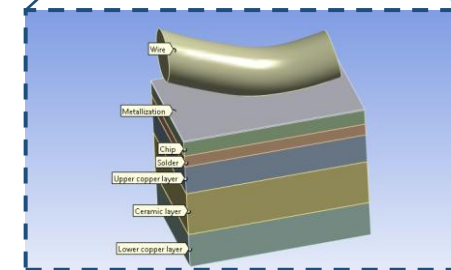
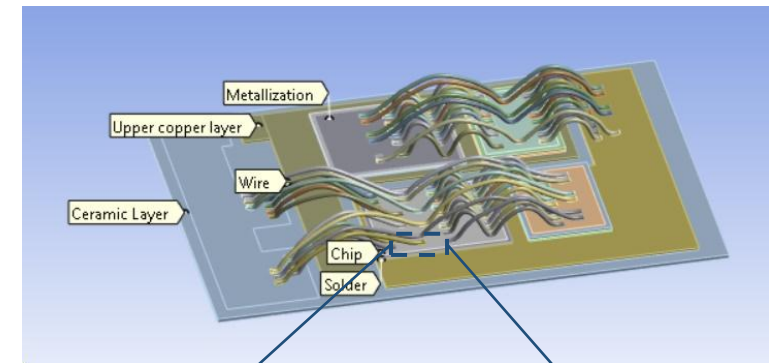
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 - Load $C = \{\Delta T, t_{on}, t_{off}, T_{set}\}$
 - Response $M = \{\sigma, \epsilon, u, \dots\}$
- Established via numerical simulations
- M and l_c are mutually dependent:
 - Requires geometric adaptation

Full geometric model of the power module (Schuler 2023)



Simplified geometric model

Geometric model

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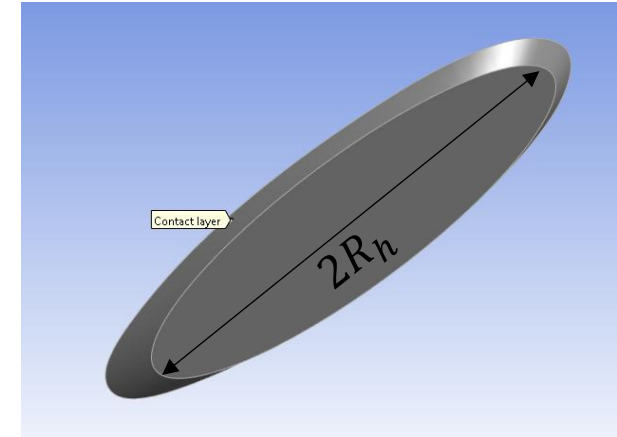
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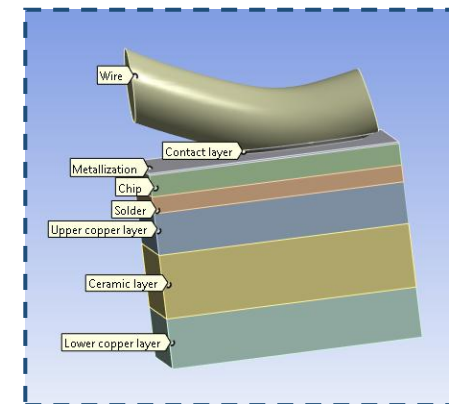
Active learning

GPR damage model

- Contact layer:
 - Concentric bases with equal eccentricity
 - Fixed upper face
 - Lower surface adjusted according to state l_c
 - $2R_h + l_c =$ Initial contact length
- Quasi-planar crack propagation
- Symmetric with respect to the contact's center



Frustum-shaped contact layer



Integrating degradation effect

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- Given arbitrary state l_c and loading C , calculate $M = \{\sigma, \varepsilon, u, \dots\}$
 - Nodal + Elemental + Global quantities
- Strong thermo-electrical + Weak thermo-mechanical coupling

- Adjust the contact layer according to l_c
- Set initial and boundary conditions (T_{set} , ground reference, fixed support, cooler...)
- Apply loading current I for a duration t_{on} such that $T_{max} - T_{set} = \Delta T$
- Stop the current during the cooling phase t_{off}
- Retrieve relevant mechanical indicators

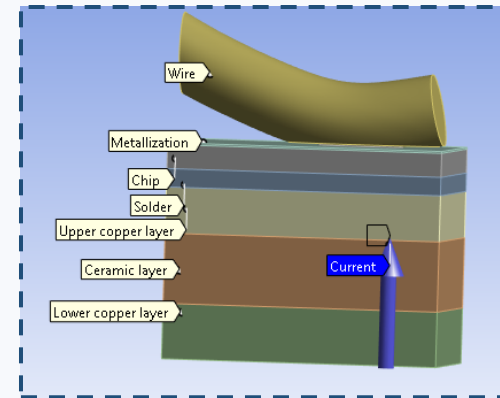
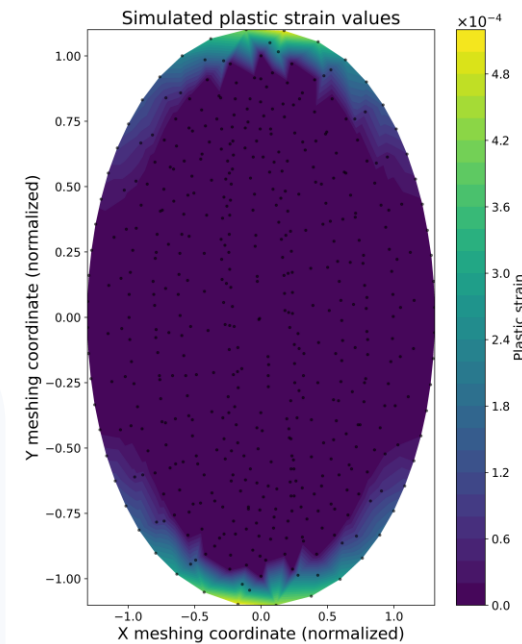


Illustration of loading through current injection



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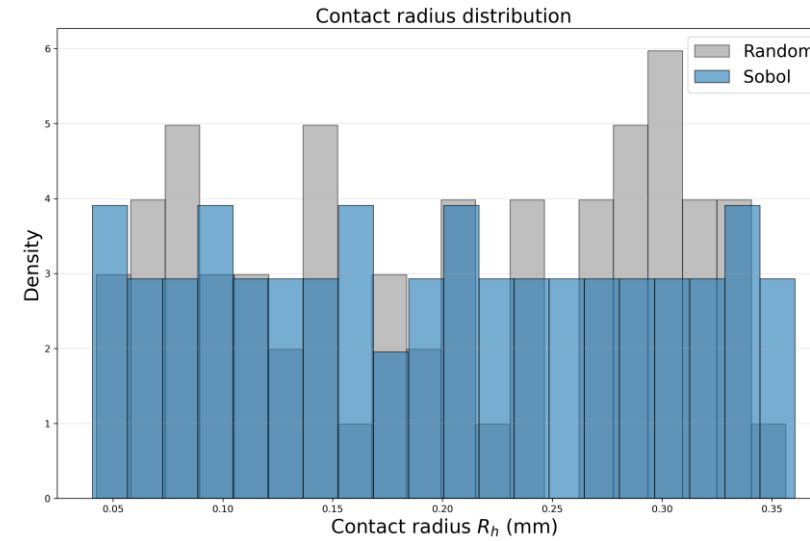
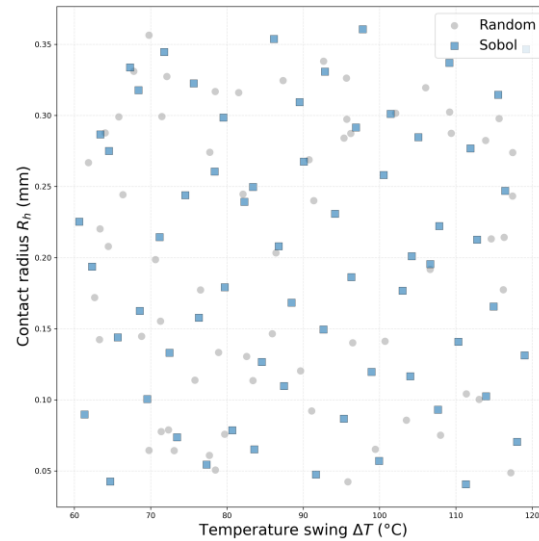
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Input space coverage using Sobol sequence vs. random uniform sampling

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- 1024 total simulations
- 15-30 minutes/simulation

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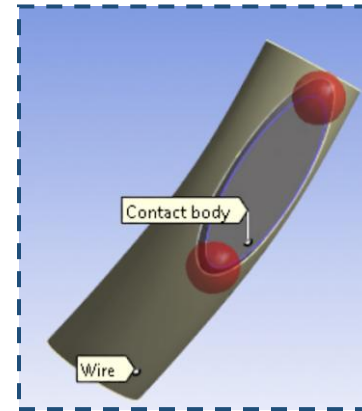
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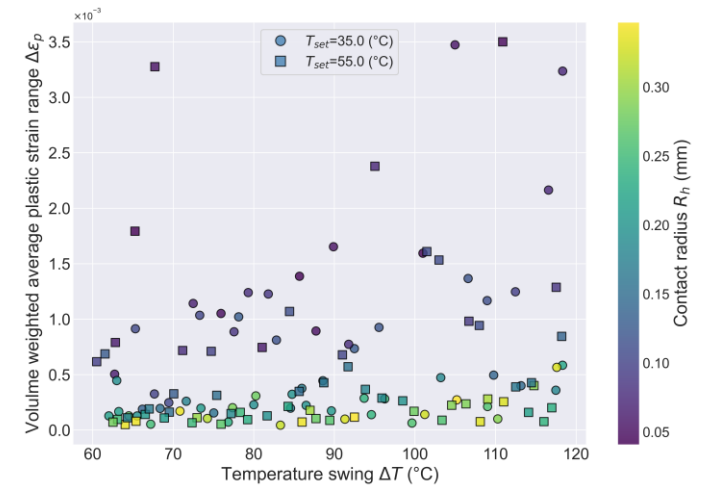
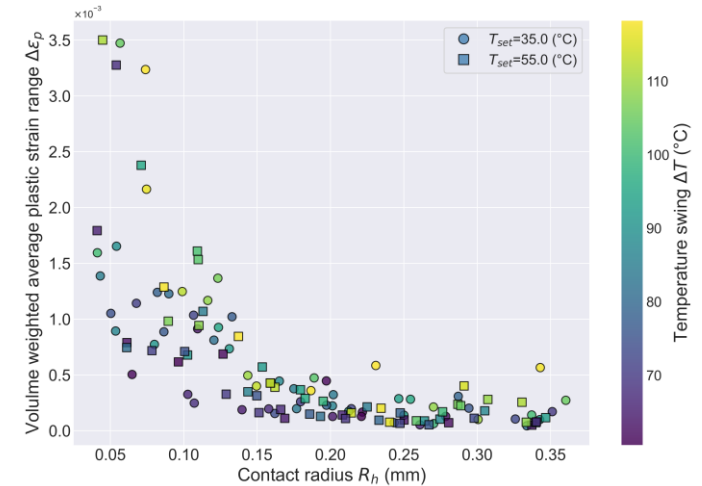
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- Volume-weighted average (VWA) plastic strain range measured near the crack tips as an indicator of degradation
 - **Averaging radius** calculated according to the Grid Convergence Index (GCI)
- High impact of crack length on plastic strain
 - **⇒ Importance of degradation modeling**
- Results consistent with the literature
 - Plastic strain increases with ΔT and l_c



Averaging sphere for VWA calculation



VWA plastic strain range w.r.t simulation parameters (First 128 samples of the Sobol sequence)

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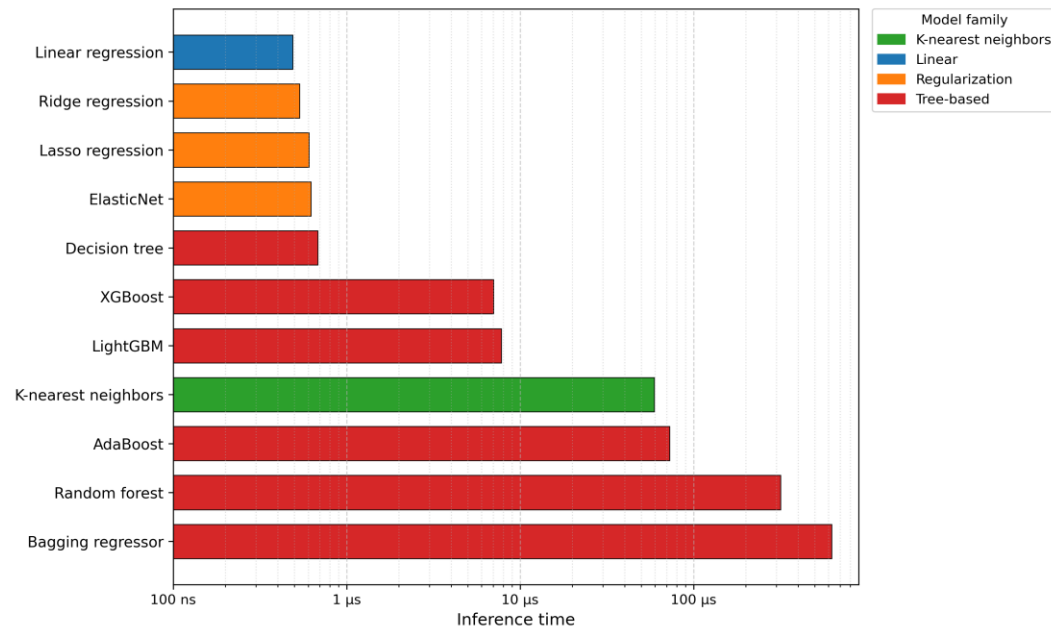
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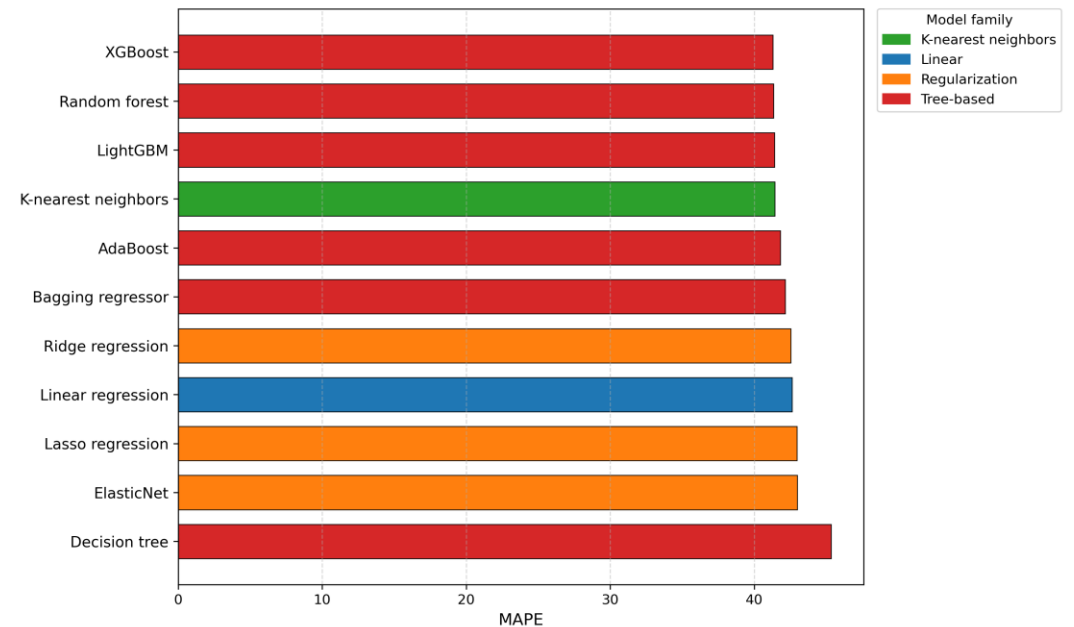
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Model comparison: MAPE



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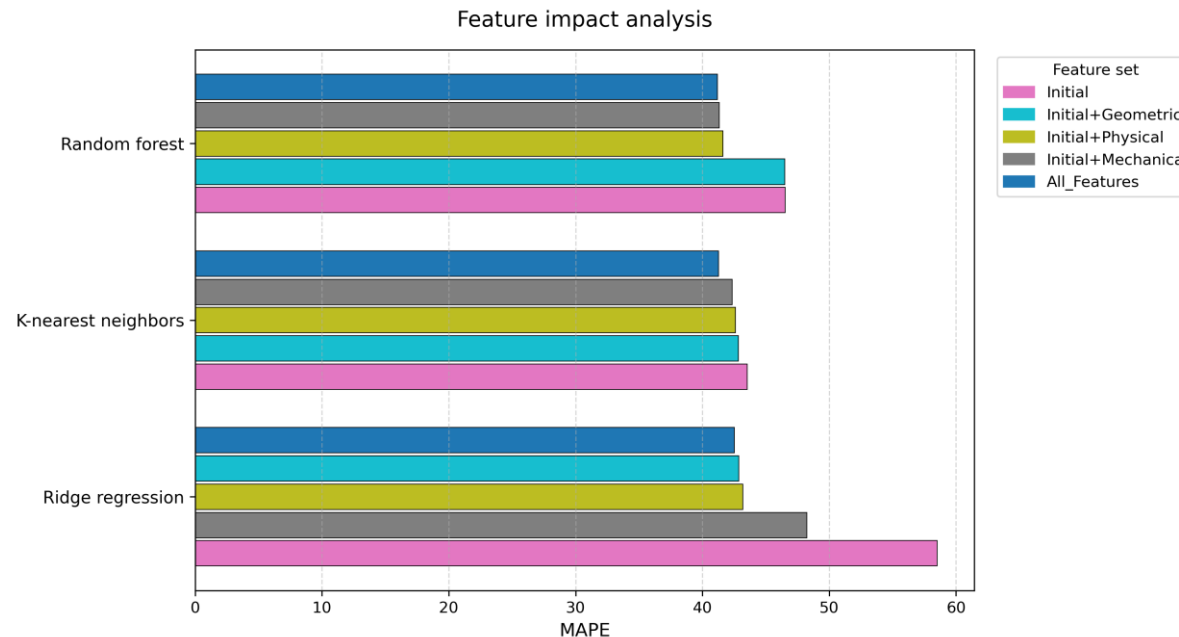
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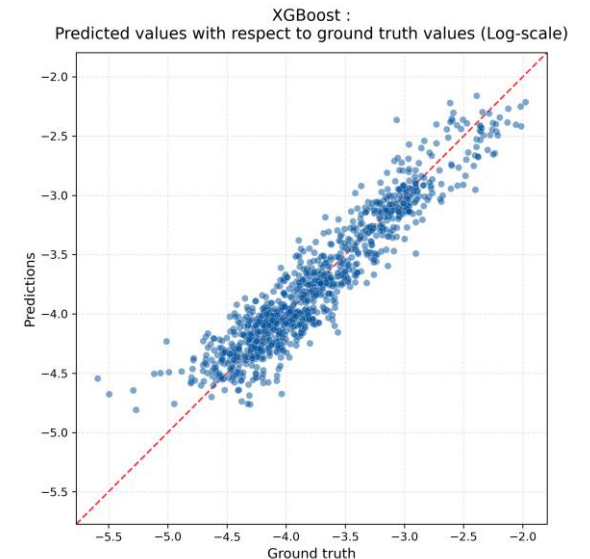
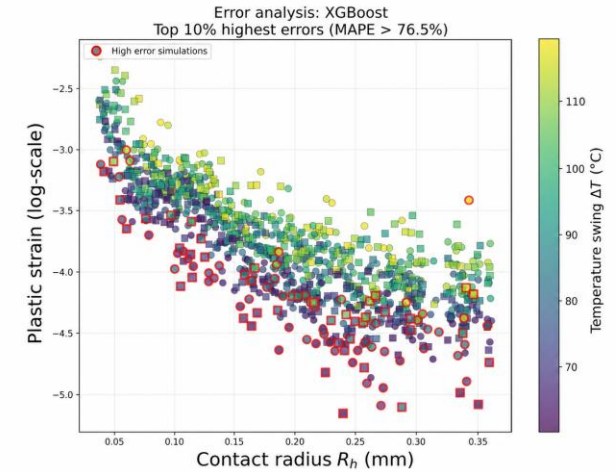
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- High MAPE values are mostly attributed
 - Boundary values: chosen beyond the training and test conditions $\Delta T \in [70^{\circ}C, 110^{\circ}C]$ in our dataset
 - Outliers caused by diverging simulations $R_h \in [0.26, 0.32]mm$ due meshing inadequacy
 - Low and variable data scale ($10^{-5} - 10^{-3}$)
 - Smoothing due to VWA
- Error effect mitigated in kernel-based methods, provided low residual variance



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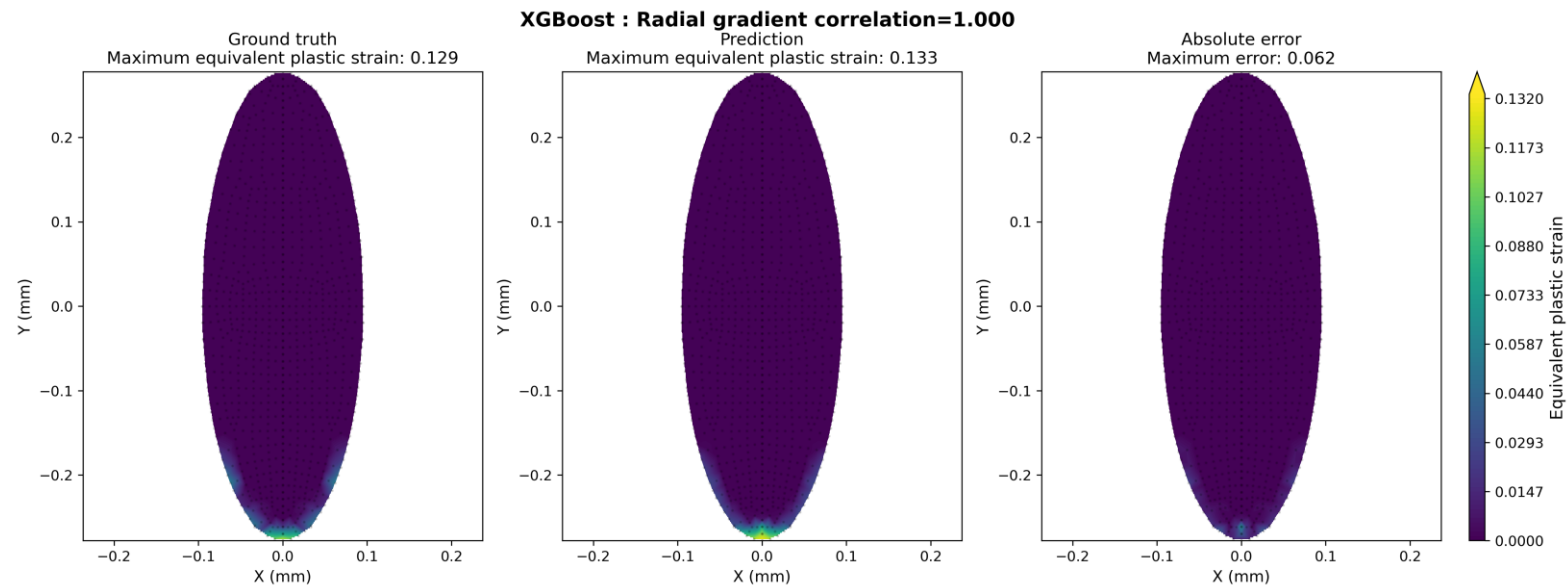
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- Spatial distribution predictions showcase surrogate models' capability of reproducing the physical phenomenon: **peak plastic** strain near the **contact tip**
- **Asymmetric** distribution due to the **wire's** asymmetric **geometry**



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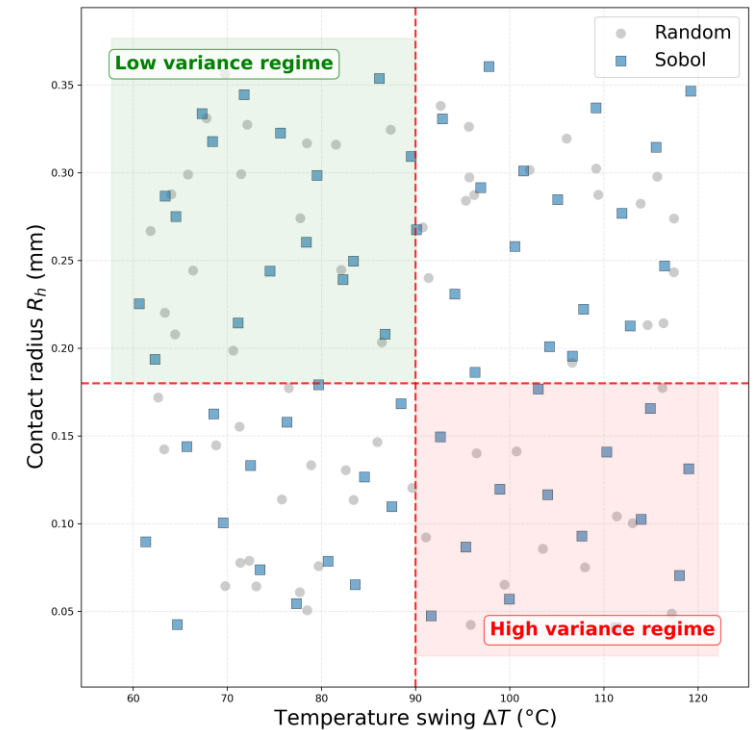
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- Sobol sampling ensures uniform **input** space coverage **without prior knowledge** of the output
- Treats all regions of the parameter space with equal weight
- **Suboptimal** when the underlying input-output relationship is non-uniform
- Improvement potential through **sequential knowledge integration**



Equal weight distribution using the Sobol sequence despite semantic differences

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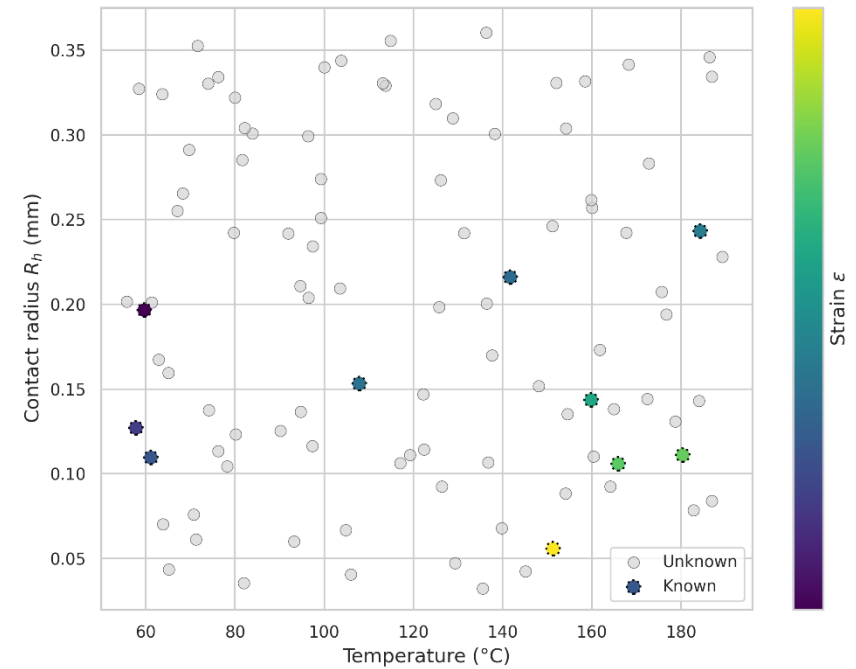
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1. Choose an **ensemble** of highly **uncorrelated** surrogate models (exp: RF, KNN, Ridge)
2. Select **simulations** to provide **initial** insight (burn-in)
3. Identify **all candidate simulations** to be conducted
4. Fit the ensemble on the burn-in set
5. Forward pass of all candidate scenarios (cheap)
6. Measure the **variance** of the ensemble's prediction $\sigma_{ensemble}^2$ for each candidate simulation



Sampling using active learning (illustrative example)

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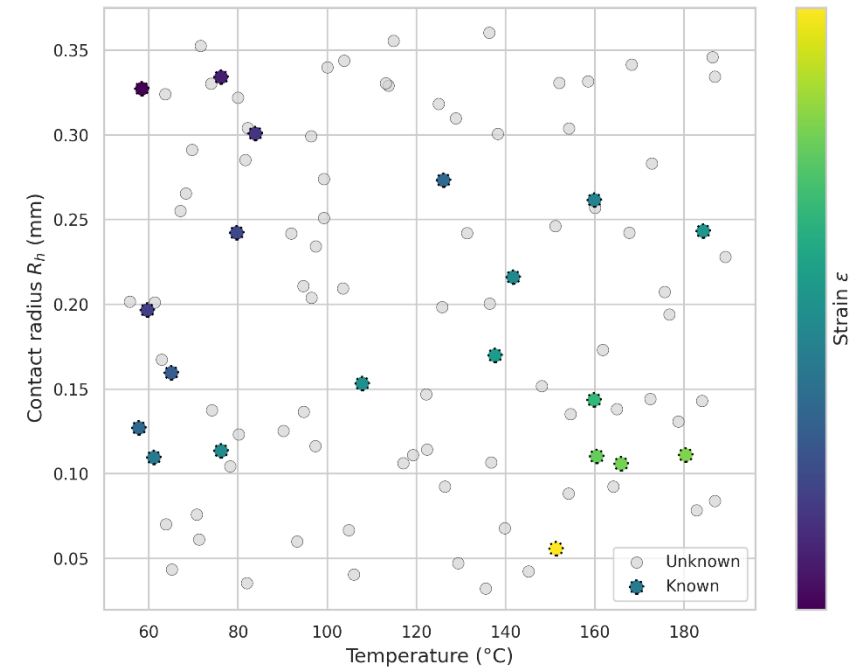
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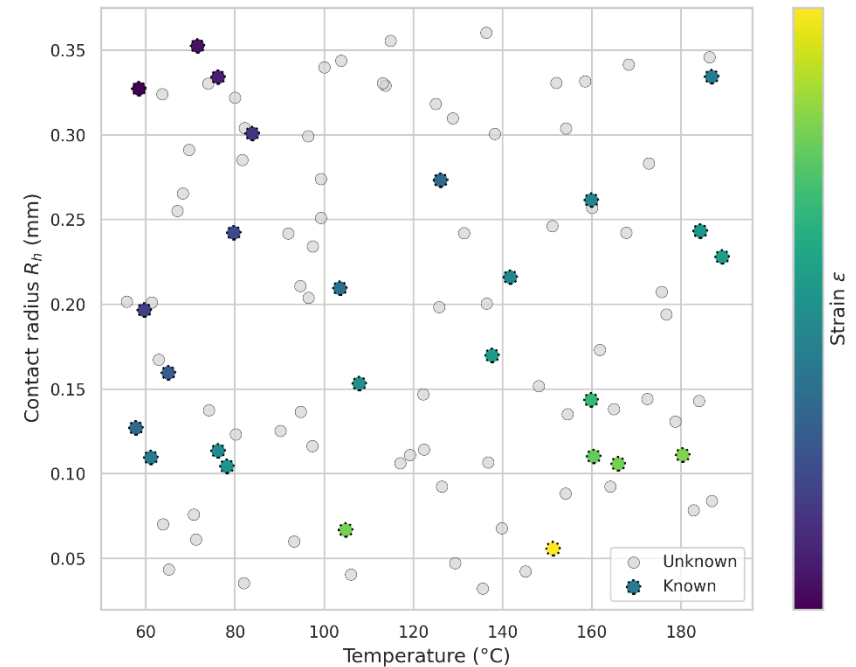
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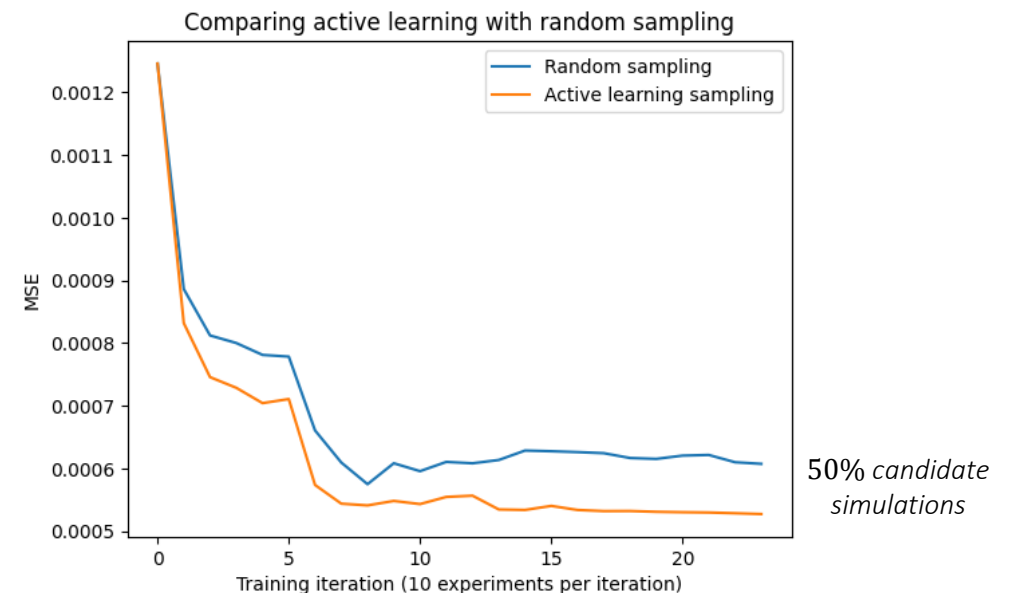
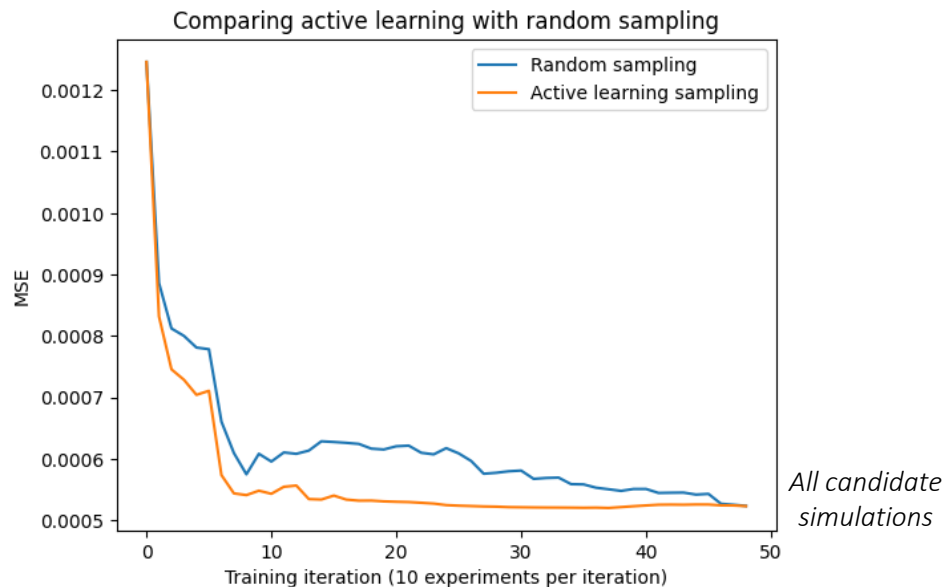
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Active learning vs. random uniform sampling:

Active learning converges **faster** when exhausting all simulations, and to a **lower error** when a simulation budget is imposed

- 50 burn-in simulations
- 500 total candidates
- 10 simulations per acquisition step



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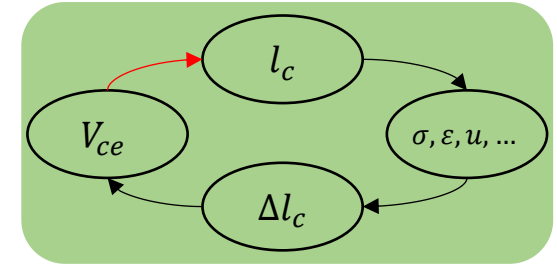
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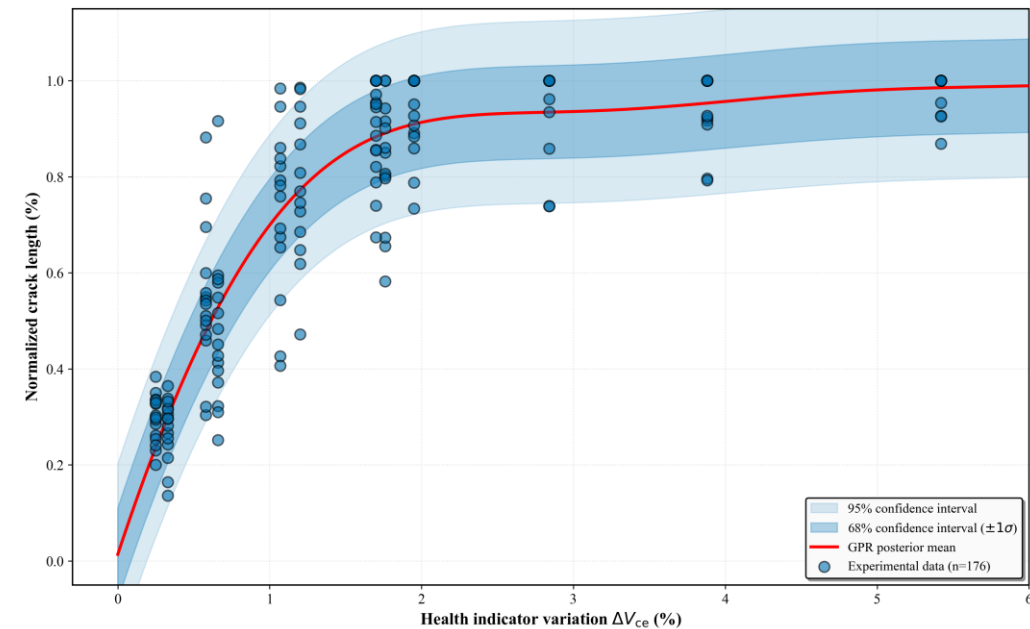
- Destructive data (Dornic 2019) is used to fit a gaussian process regression model
- Assumptions:

- Degradation l_c can fully be determined from V_{ce}
- $l_c \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu(V_{ce}), \sigma(V_{ce})^2)$

- Design choice:
 - Probabilistic model due to high data variance and sparsity
 - Non-parametric adaptation



Gaussian process regression: estimating degradation (l_c) from health indicator (ΔV_{ce})



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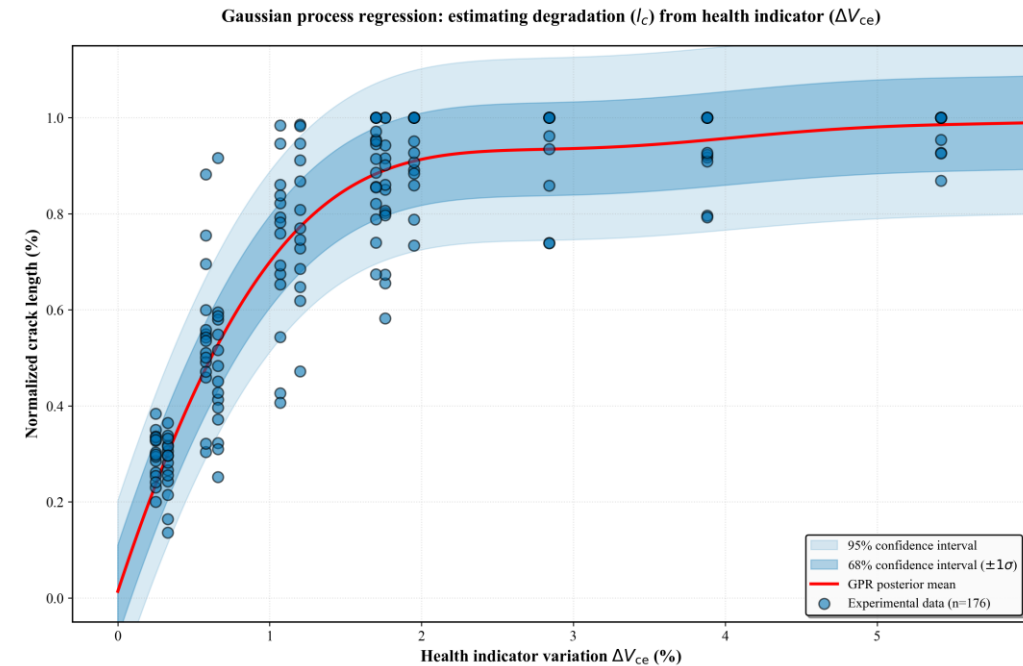
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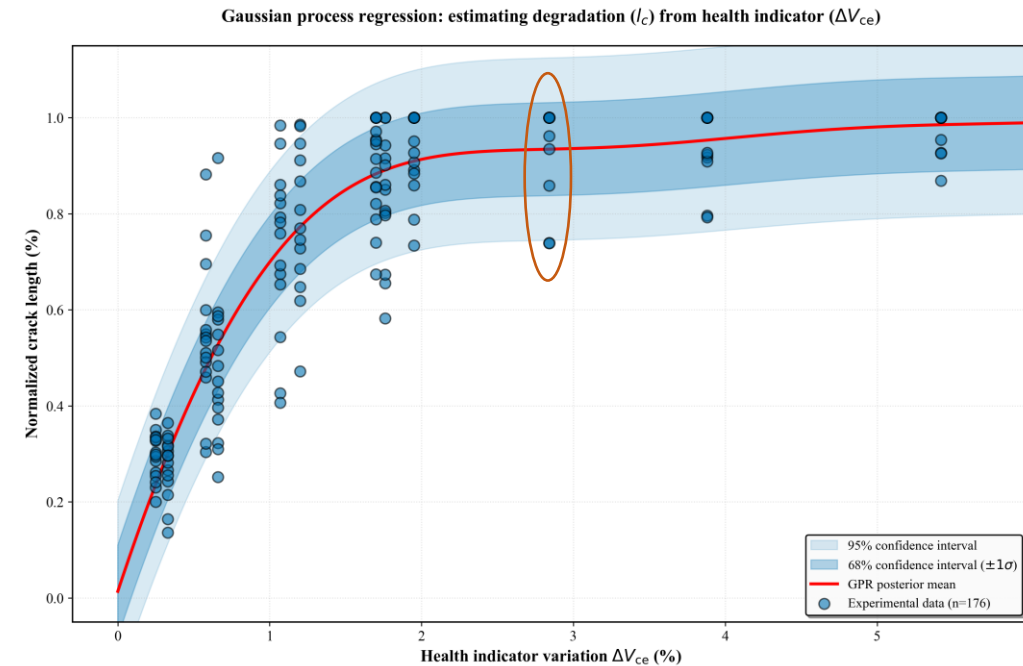
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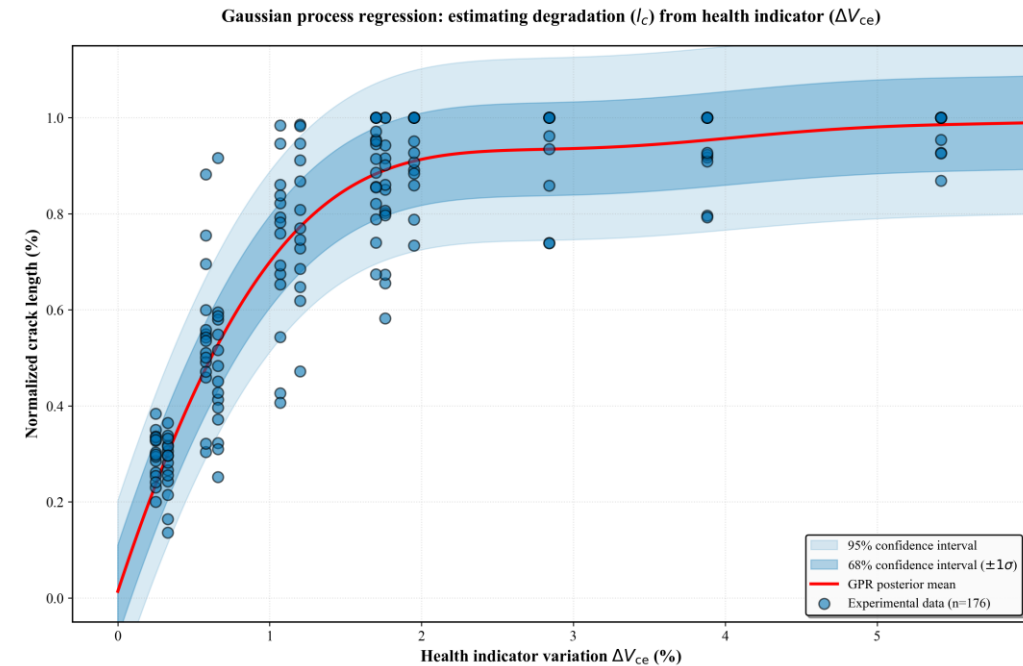
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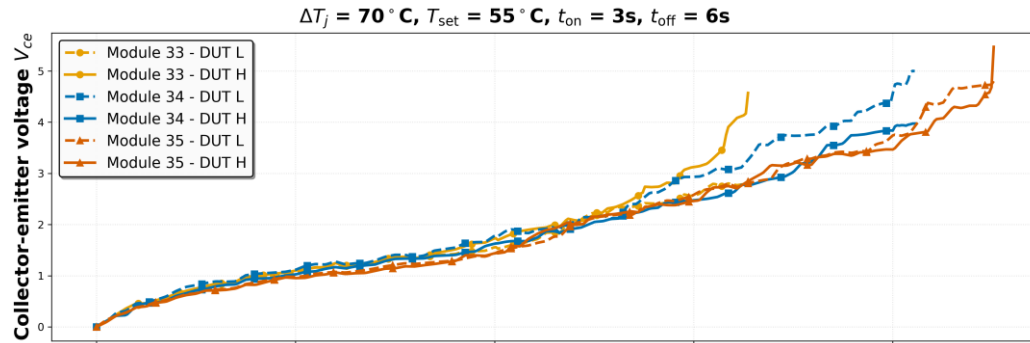
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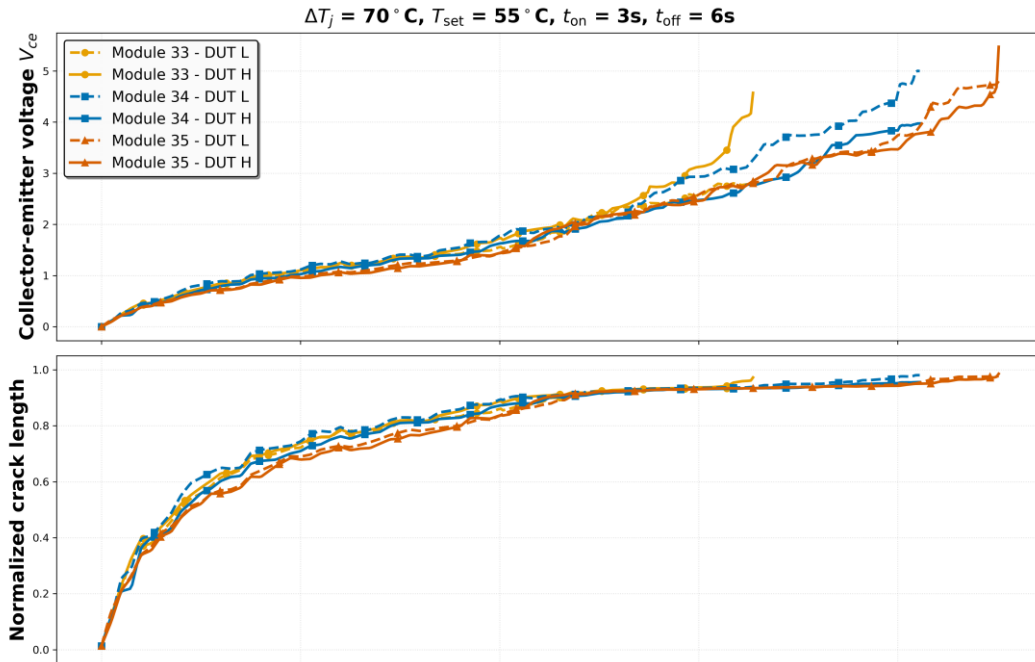
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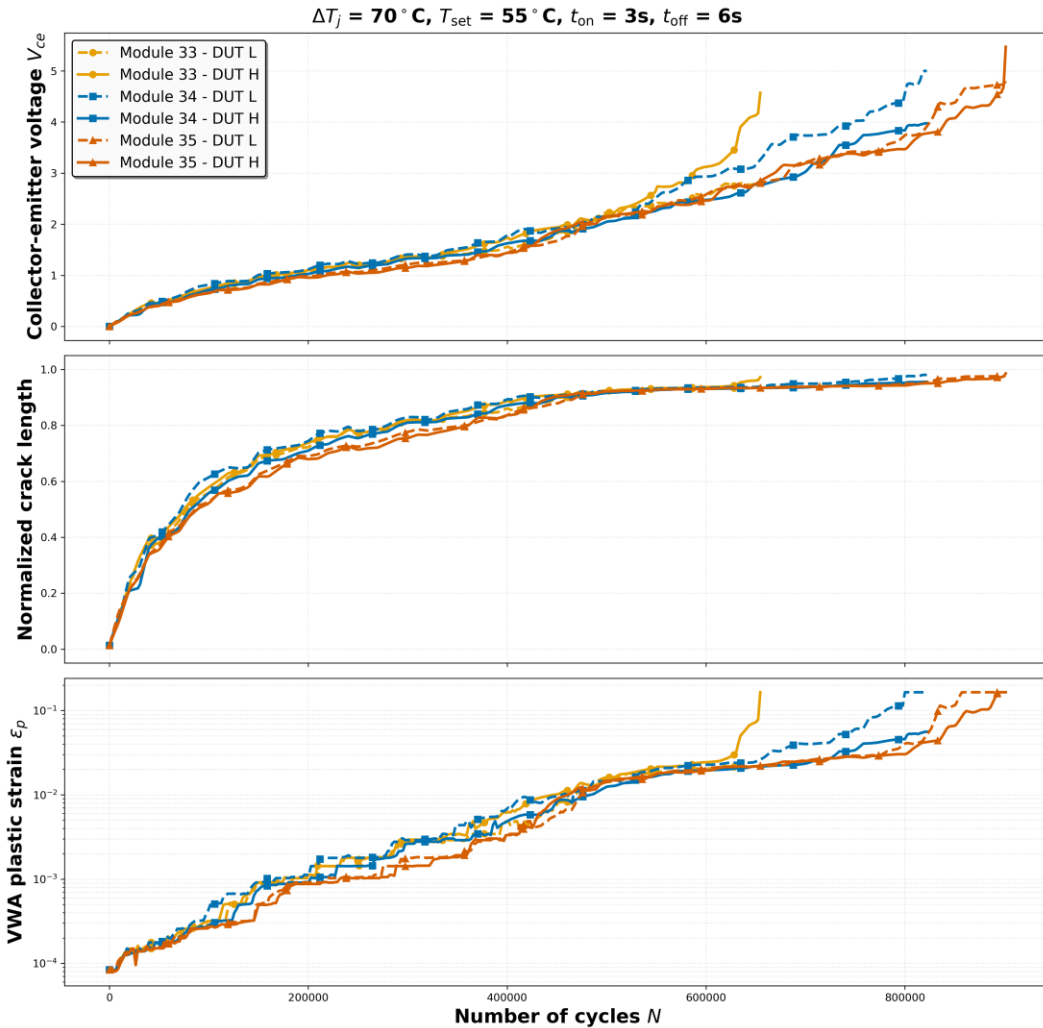
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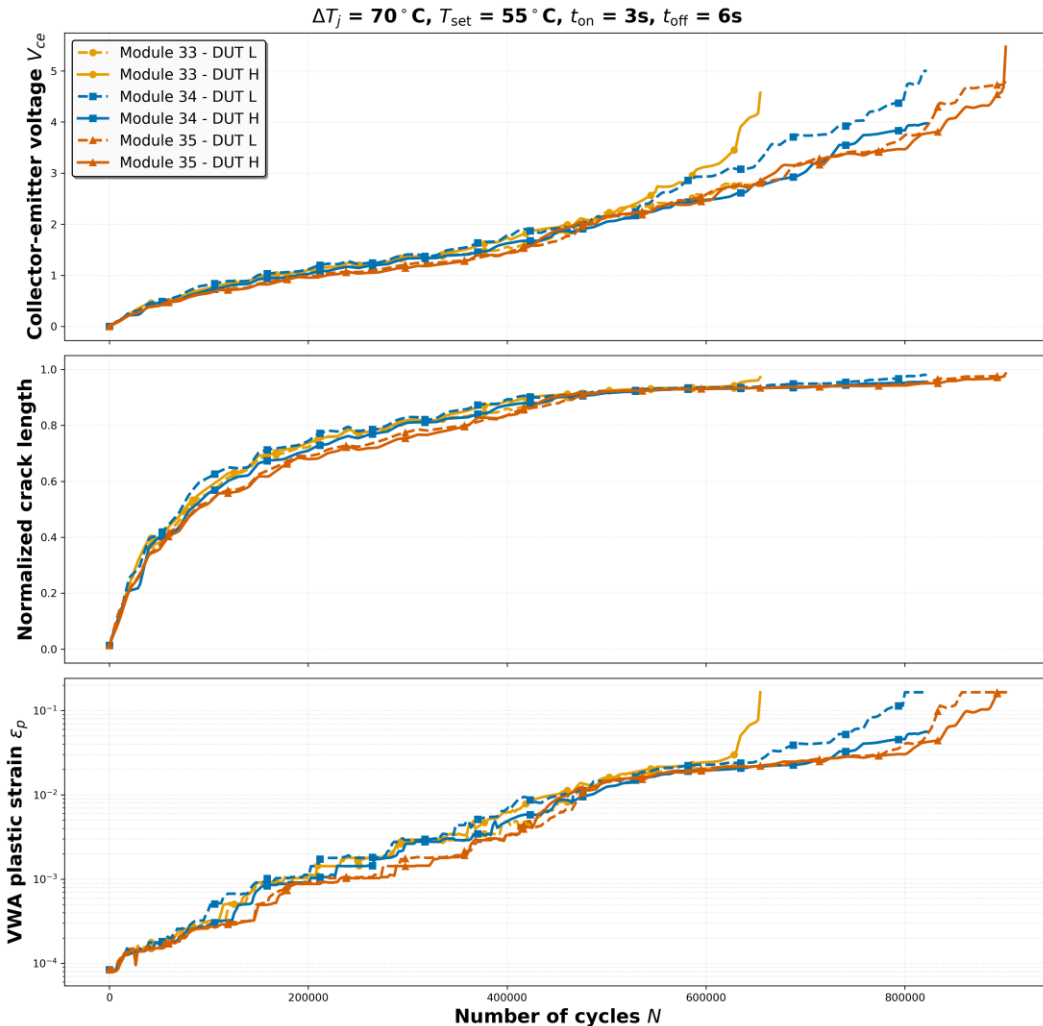
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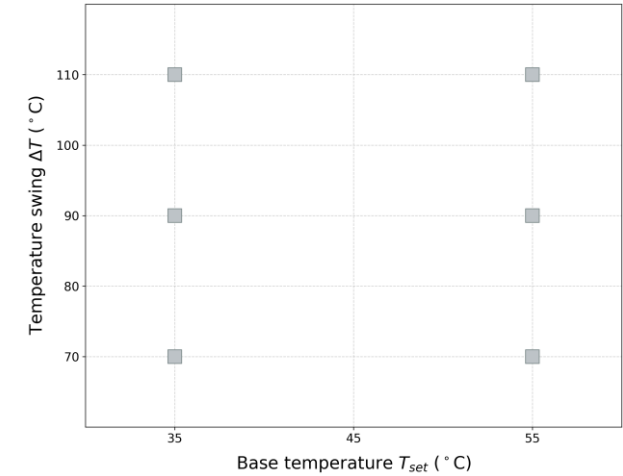
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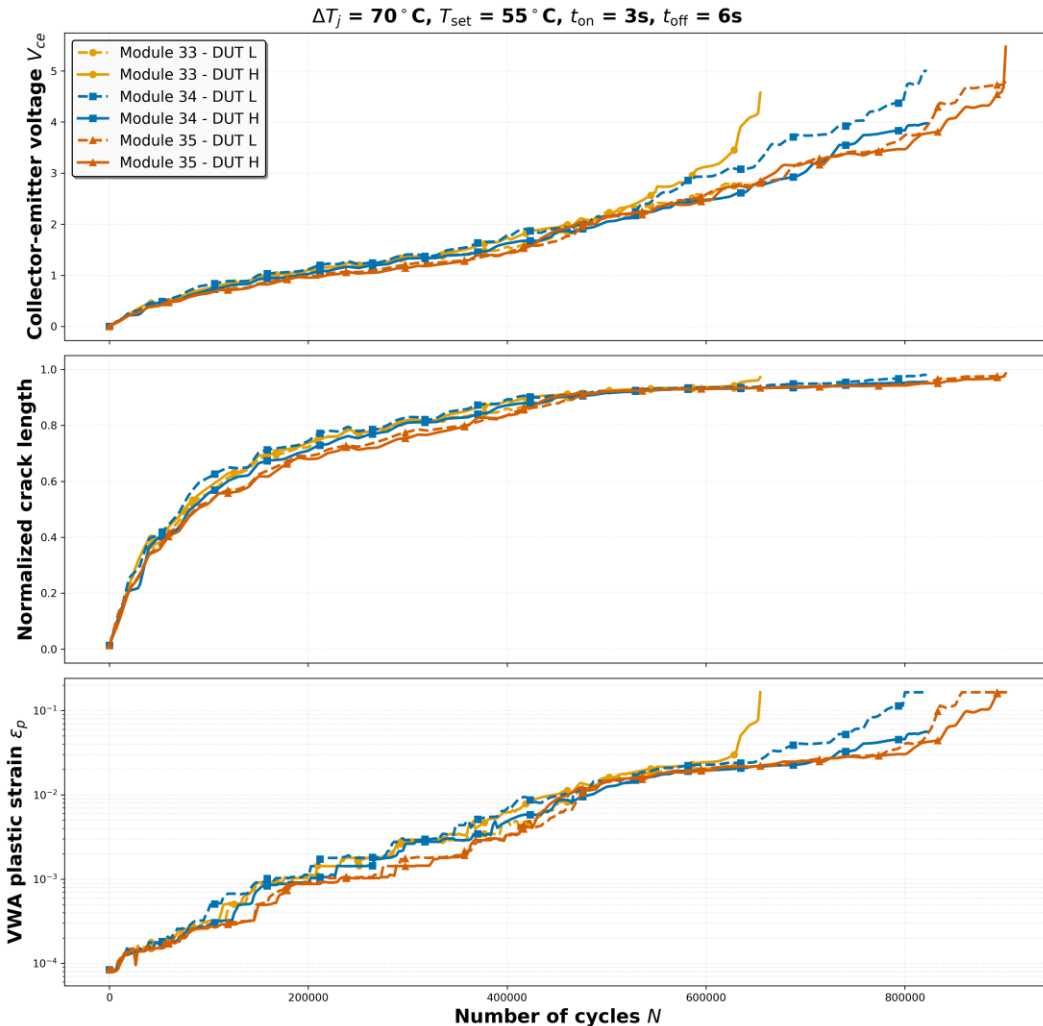


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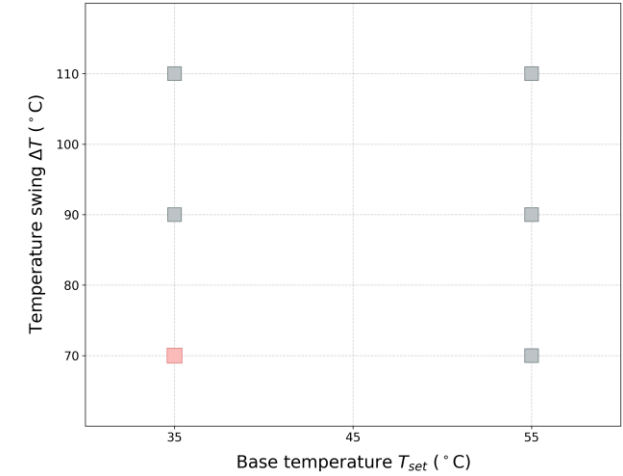
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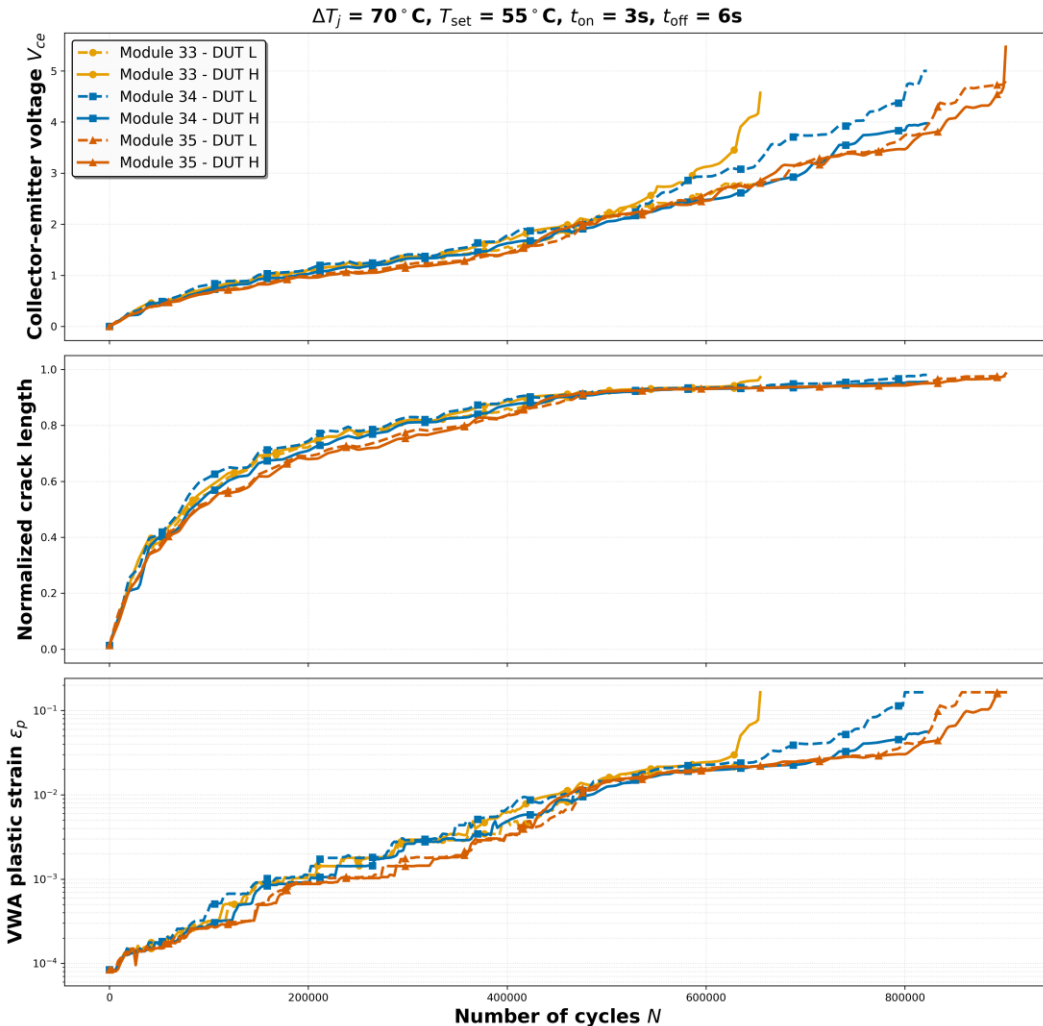


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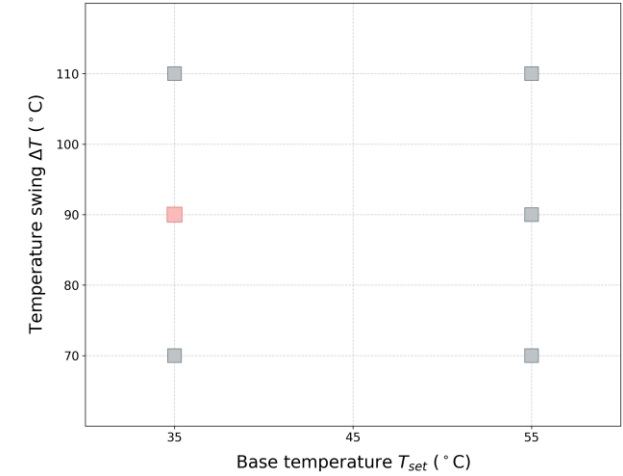
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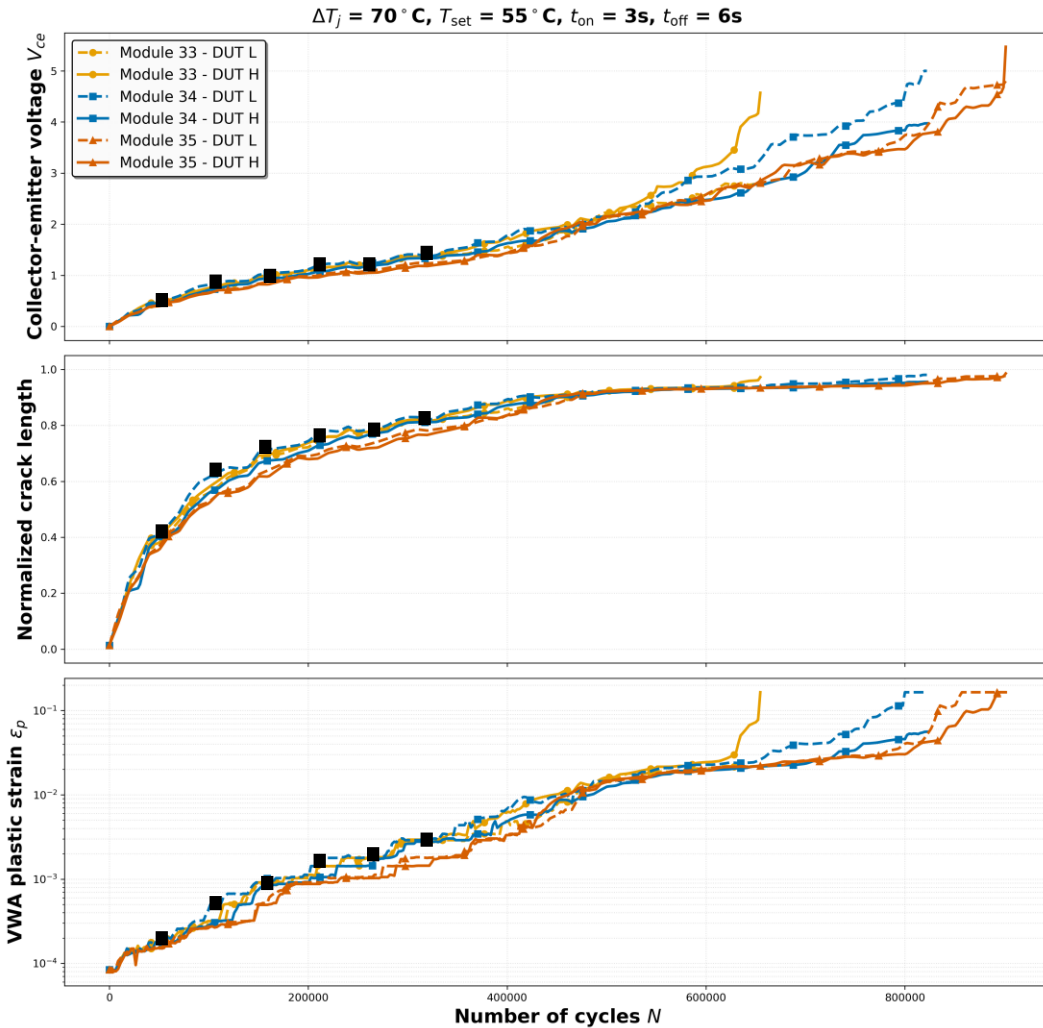
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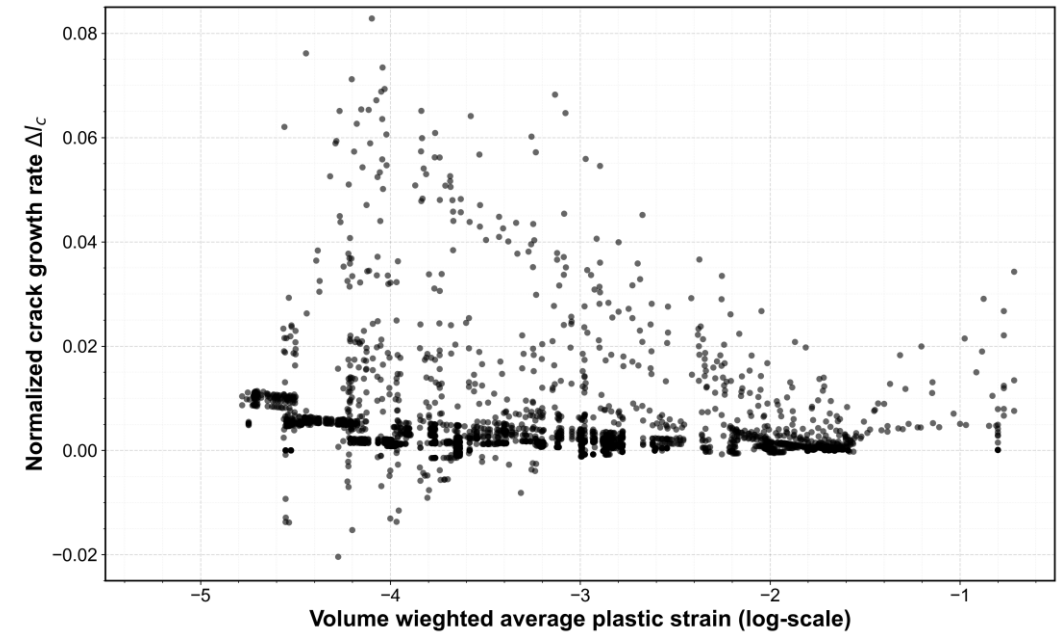
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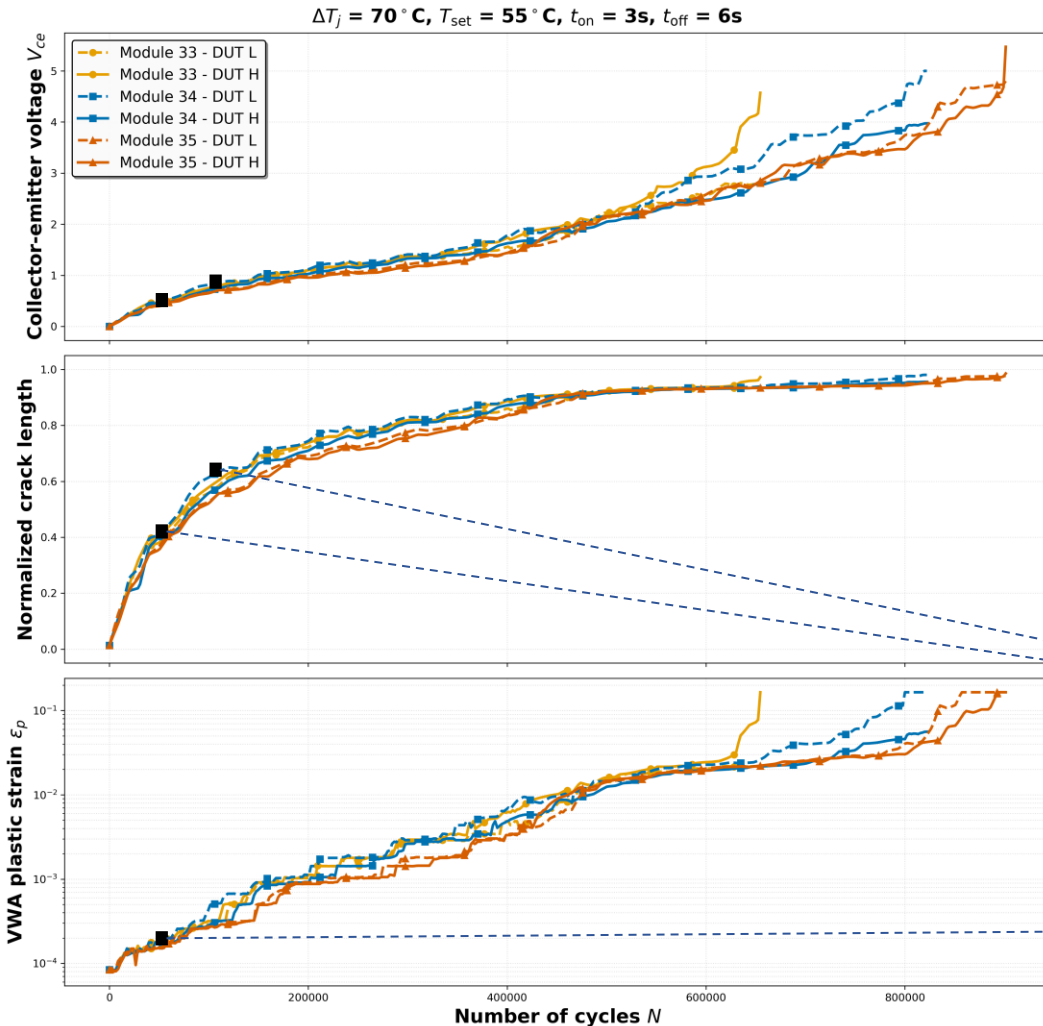
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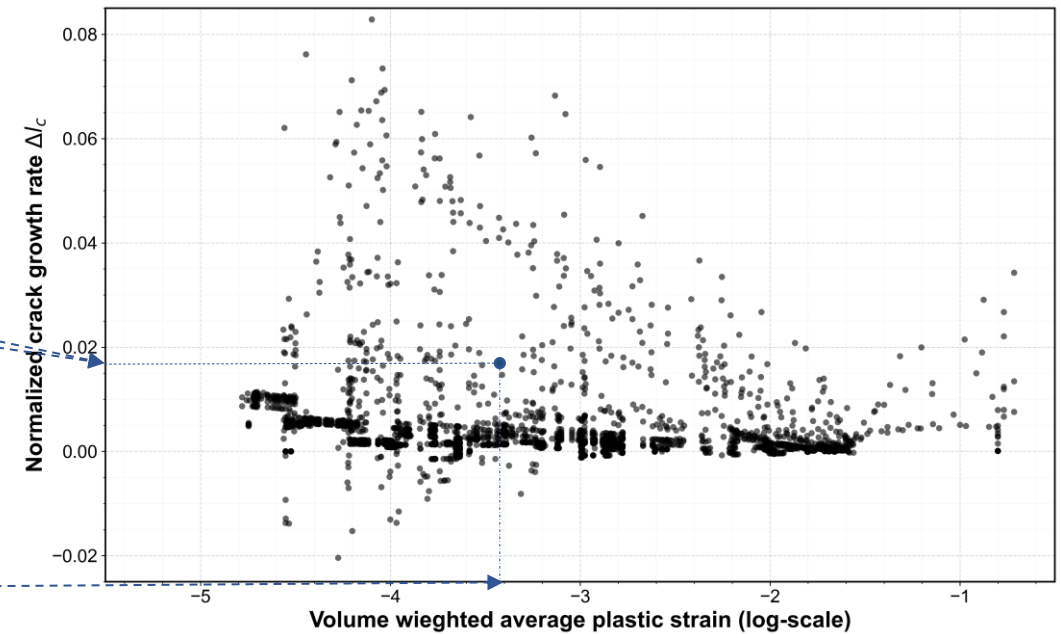
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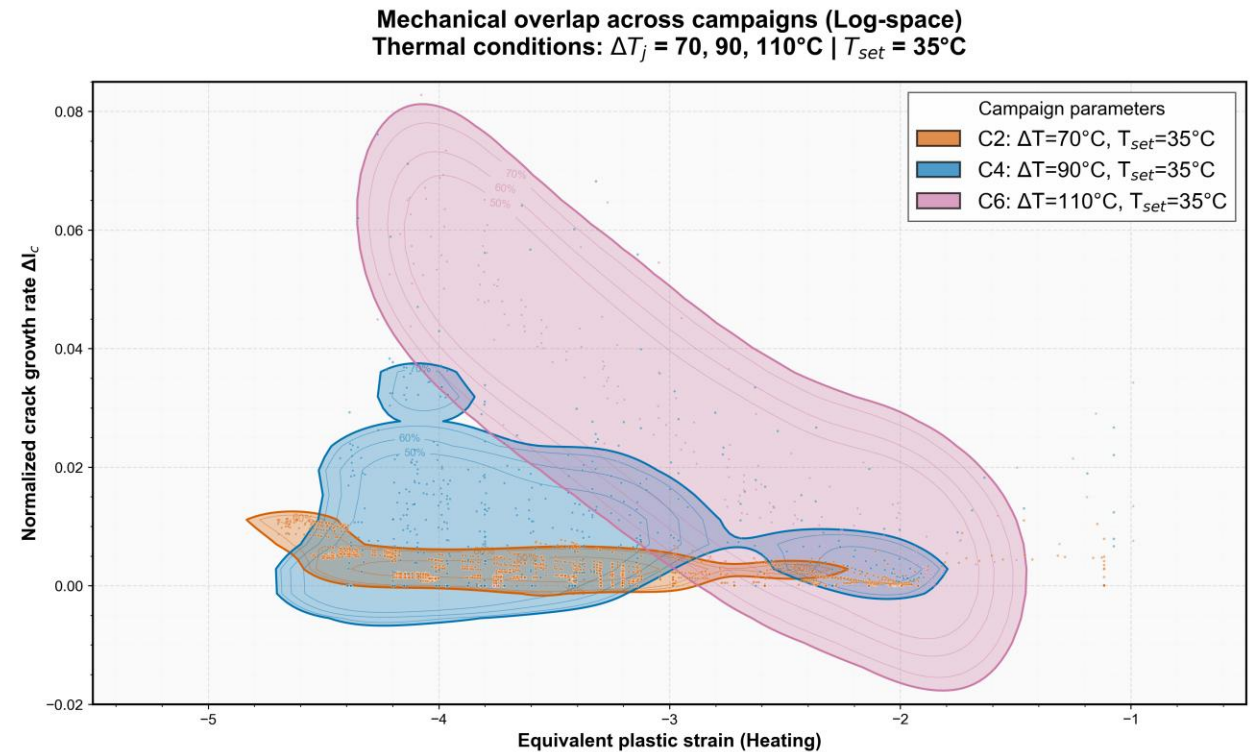
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- The dense increment-based representation creates and **overlap** between experiments conducted at **different conditions**
⇒ **physical foundation** for interpolation and extrapolation through mechanical overlap



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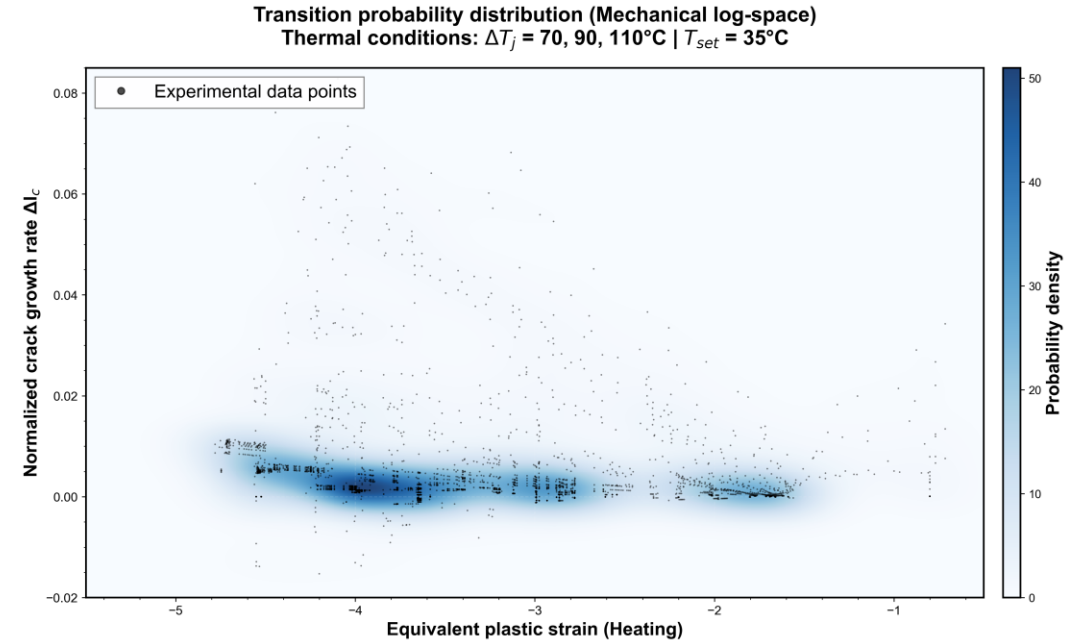
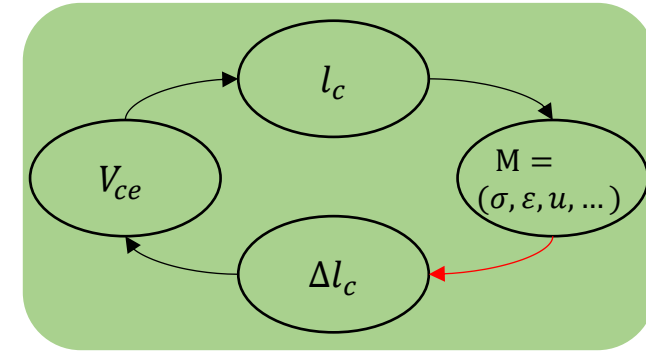
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 $P(M, \Delta l_c)$



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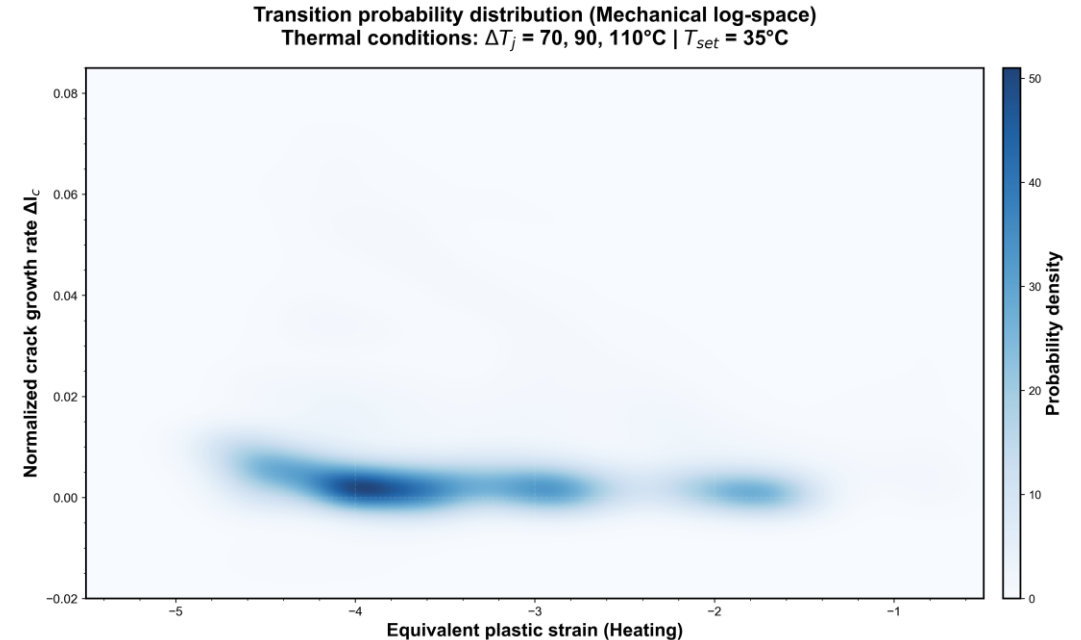
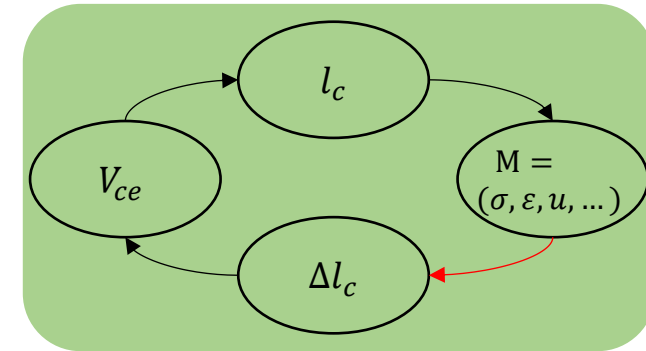
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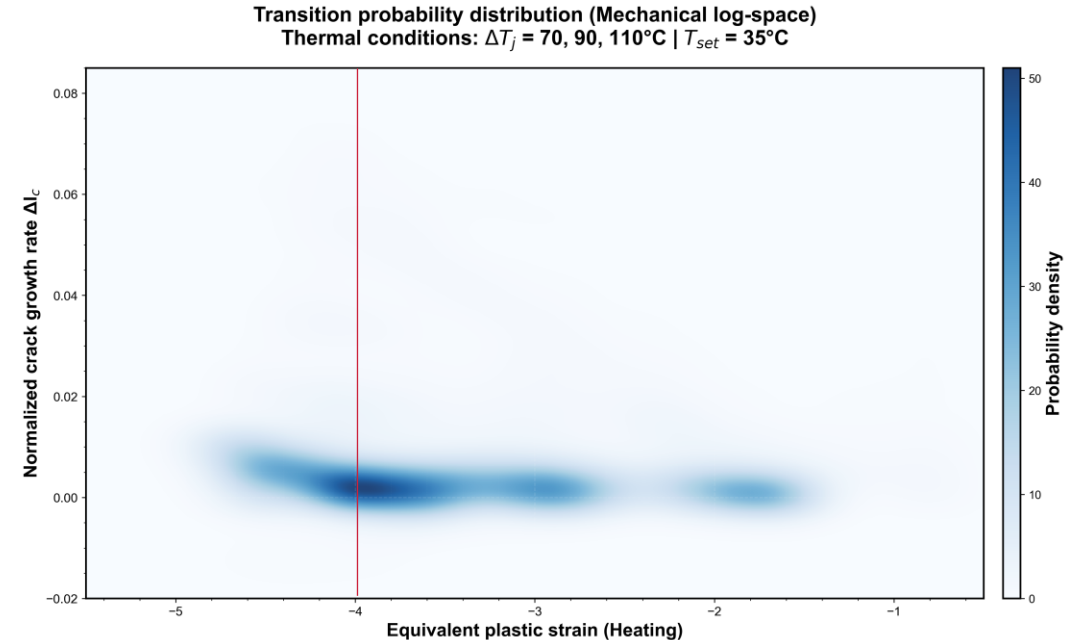
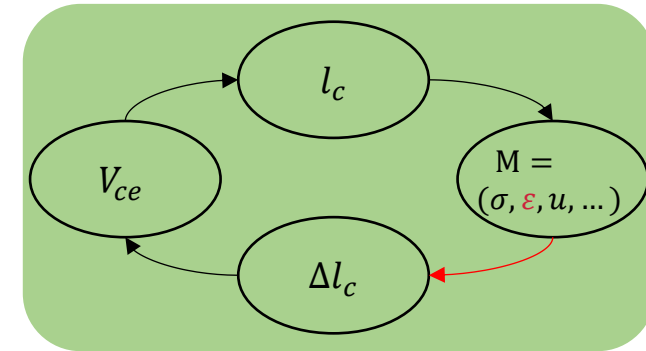
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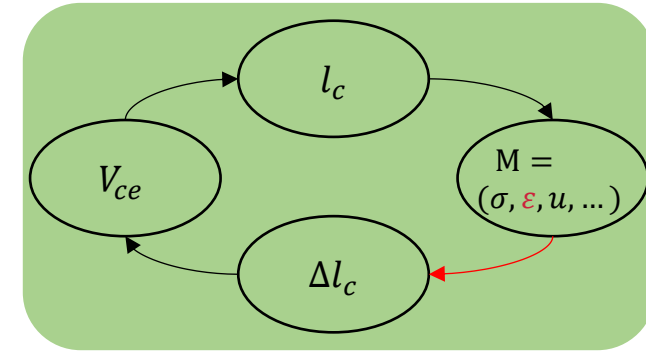
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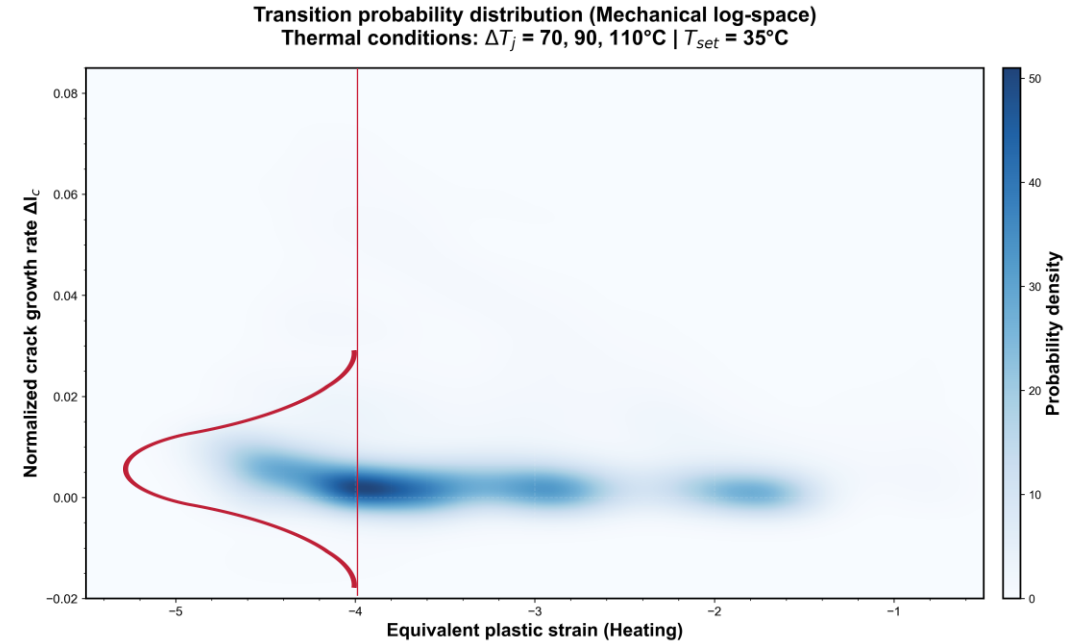
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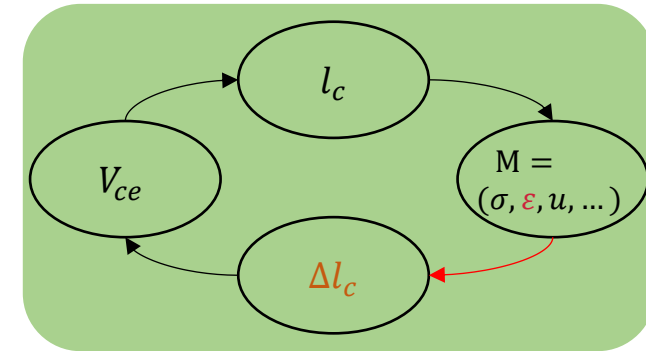
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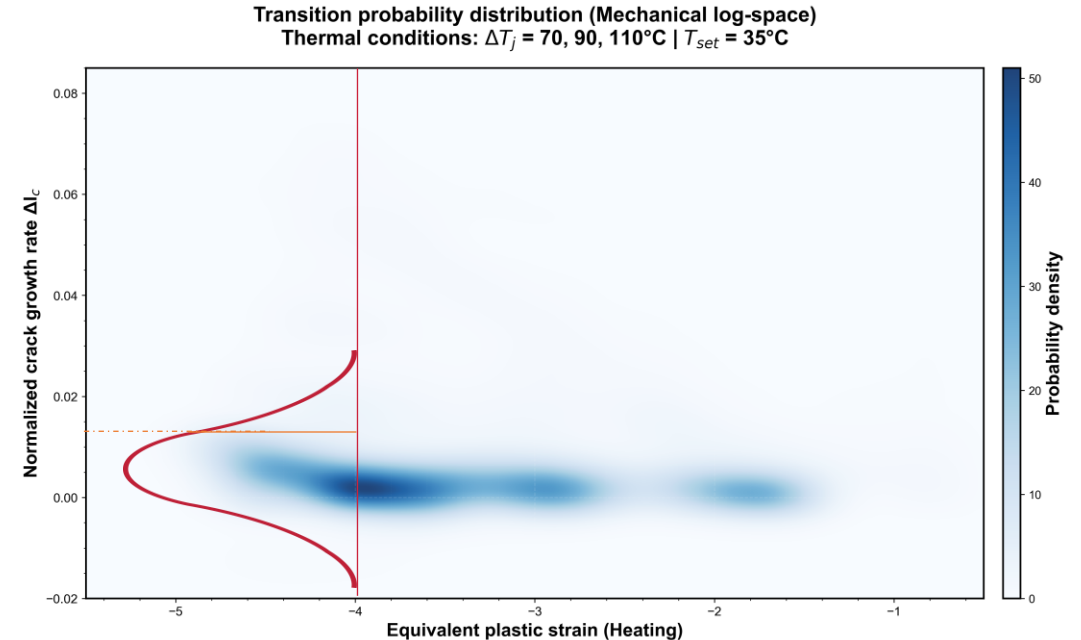
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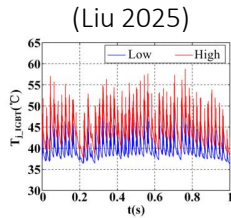
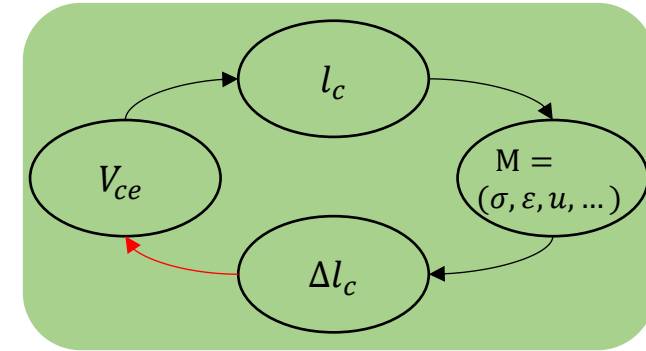
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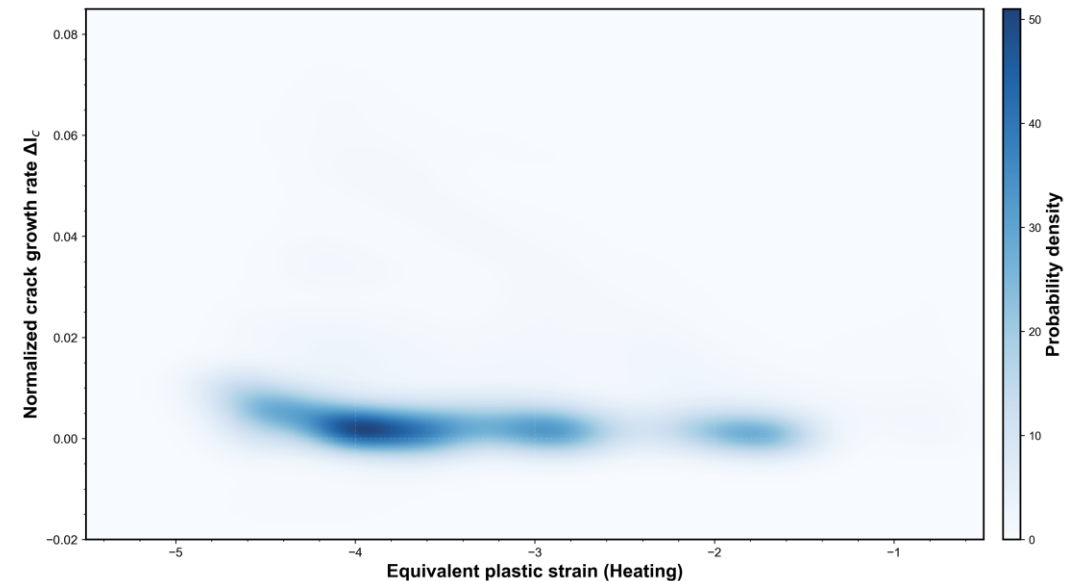
Results

BEDTime

- **Increments** represent **transitions** from consecutive states \Rightarrow **Markov chain**-based degradation model
- Given a set of mechanical indicators M , infer the corresponding degradation Δl_c
- Use Gibbs to sample a candidate crack growth increment from the conditional probability $\Delta l_c \sim P(. | M)$



Transition probability distribution (Mechanical log-space)
Thermal conditions: $\Delta T_j = 70, 90, 110^\circ\text{C}$ | $T_{set} = 35^\circ\text{C}$



Intuition

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BEDTime

- Validated via emulation of **in-distribution** and **out-of-distribution** scenarios ensuring reliability across varying experimental conditions
- Model initialization using a **10-observation historical** window
- Higher-order Markov Chains** implemented to capture complex degradation dynamics and momentum.
- 100 Monte-Carlo iterations** per prediction to generate 90% confidence intervals.

Campaign	$T_{set} (^{\circ}C)$	$\Delta T (^{\circ}C)$	$t_{on} (s)$	$t_{off} (s)$
1	55	70	3	6
2	35	70	3	6
4	35	90	3	6
6	35	110	3	6
8	55	90	3	6
9	55	110	3	6

Cycling test campaigns (6 runs per campaign)

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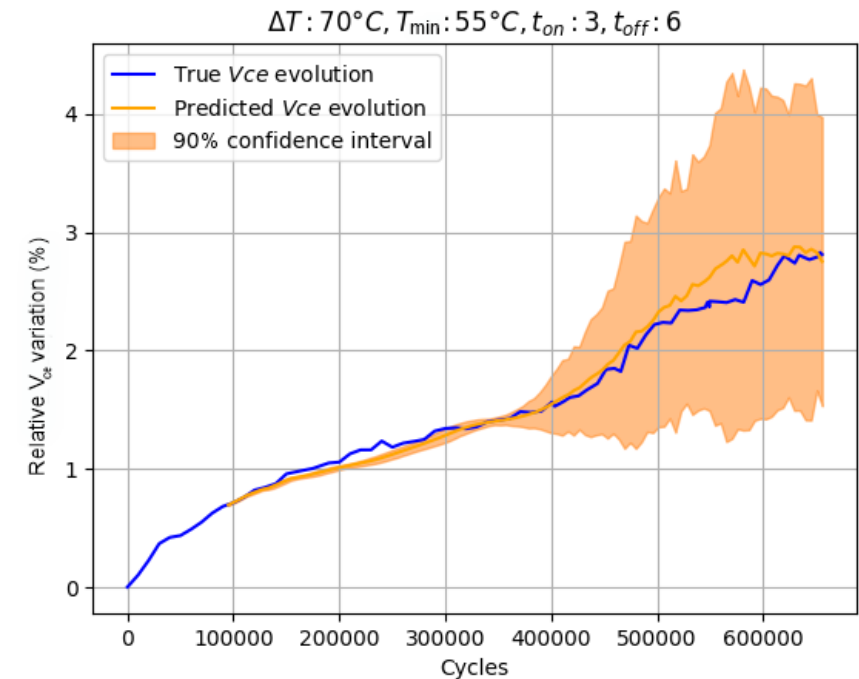
Results

BEDTime

- In-distribution prediction:
 - Low KDE bandwidth due to the existence of in-distribution data
 - Tight confidence interval until reaching a high variance regime prior to failure
 - Coverage metrics indicate plausible predictions

Test ΔT (°C)	Train ΔT (°C)	Coverage @90	Strict coverage @90	Bandwidth
70	{70,90,110}	0,702	0,637	0,01
90	{70,90,110}	0,802	0,802	0,01
110	{70,90,110}	0,509	0,509	0,01

In-distribution prediction results



In-distribution predictions of a cycling test with a 90% confidence interval

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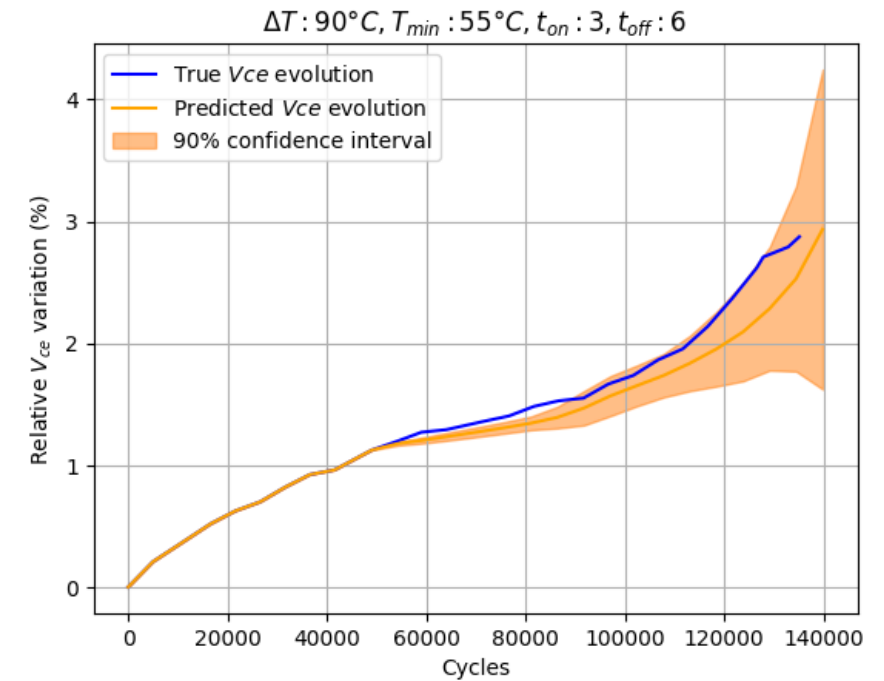
Results

BEDTime

- Out-of-distribution predictions (interpolation):
 - Low KDE bandwidth due to data proximity
 - Tight confidence interval indicating low variance in the Monte-Carlo simulations
 - Coverage metrics are lower than in-distribution predictions but remain plausible

Test ΔT ($^{\circ}C$)	Train ΔT ($^{\circ}C$)	Coverage @90	Strict coverage @90	Bandwidth
90	{70,110}	0,574	0,574	0,008

Out-of-distribution prediction results: interpolation



Out-of-distribution predictions of a cycling test with a 90% confidence interval (interpolation)

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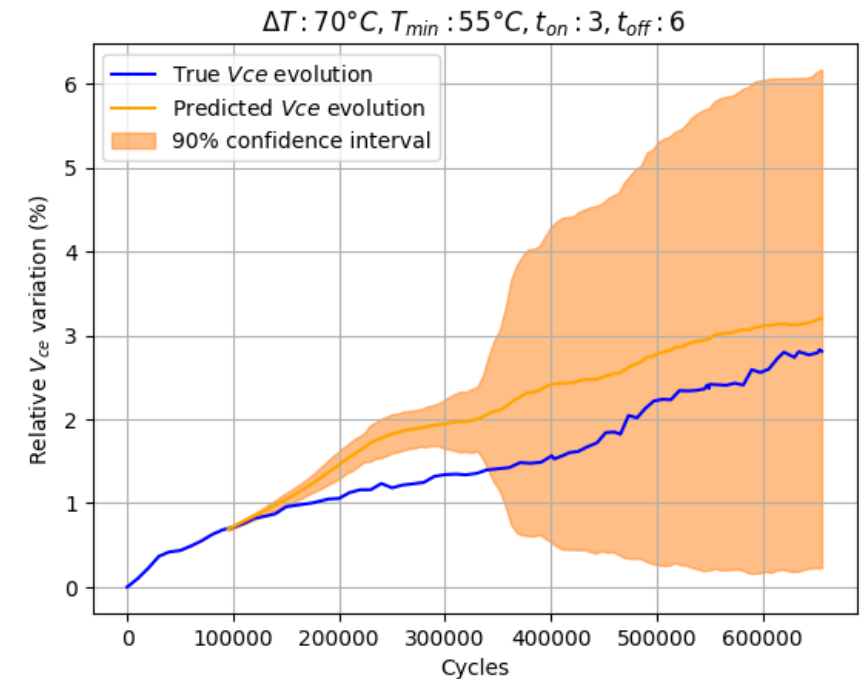
Results

BEDTime

- Out-of-distribution predictions (extrapolation):
 - High KDE bandwidth due to significant ΔT mismatch
 - Large confidence intervals indicating high uncertainty
 - Pessimistic predictions due to higher temperature train data
 - Coverage metrics affected by confidence interval width

Test ΔT (°C)	Train ΔT (°C)	Coverage @90	Strict coverage @90	Bandwidth
70	{90,110}	0,615	0,563	0,19

Out-of-distribution prediction results: extrapolation



Out-of-distribution predictions of a cycling test with a 90% confidence interval (extrapolation)

Intuition

Sampling

Evaluation

Results

BEDTime

- Combining **physics-based representation** with **state-transition** modeling enables effective **information sharing** across different cycling conditions
- The framework demonstrates **high in-distribution prediction** and **robust** performance in the **interpolation** task

Task	Test ΔT ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	Train ΔT ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	Coverage @90	Strict coverage @90	Bandwidth
In-distribution	70	{70,90,110}	0,702	0,637	0,01
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Interpolation	90	{70,110}	0,574	0,574	0,008
Extrapolation	70	{90,110}	0,615	0,563	0,19

Prediction results across different tasks using the Markov chain-based lifetime estimation model

Intuition

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Results

BEDTime

- While **divergence** increases in the extrapolation task, the model approximates the global trend and identifies the high variance regime
- Prediction **uncertainty** is seen through the expansion of the **confidence interval**, usually near module failure
- Potential for extension to **variable loading profiles** and broader experimental validation

Task	Test ΔT ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	Train ΔT ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	Coverage @90	Strict coverage @90	Bandwidth
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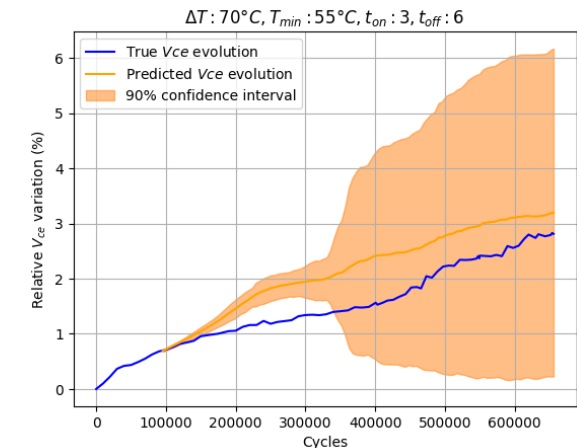
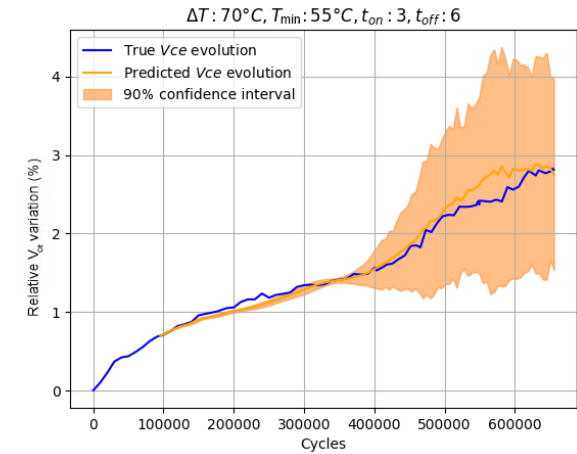
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Results

BEDTime

- Adding **meaningful cycling test data** (Similar to the test data) yields substantial **accuracy** and **uncertainty gains** (extrapolation vs in-distribution predictions)
- Meaningful runs are **costly** and **difficult to conduct**

⇒ Partially conduct a costly run and exploit the information provided by the test



Comparison of predicting a run in the in-distribution (top) and out-of-distribution cases (bottom)

Task	Test ΔT (°C)	Train ΔT (°C)	Coverage @90	Strict coverage @90	Bandwidth
In-distribution	70	{70,90,110}	0,702	0,637	0,01
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Prediction results highlighting the effect of adding in-distribution samples

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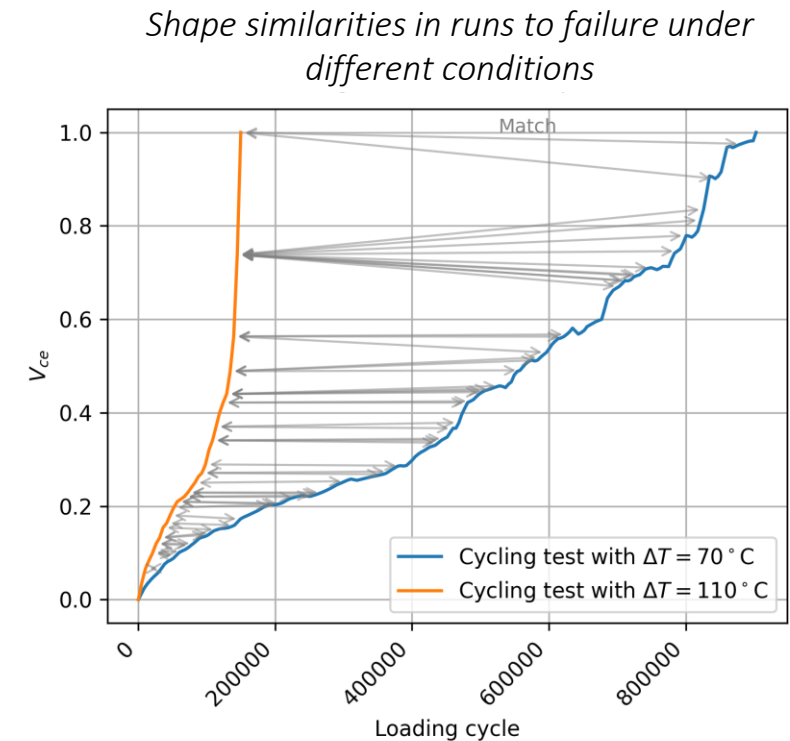
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Results

BEDTime

- Runs to failure on different conditions share **mutual information** present in the degradation curve
- Health indicator curves share the **same characteristic shape** of steady evolution followed by a sharp increase signaling failure
- Warping effect seen in health indicator data, as **high temperature loading** causes early failure (compression) compared to **slower low temperature tests** (stretching)



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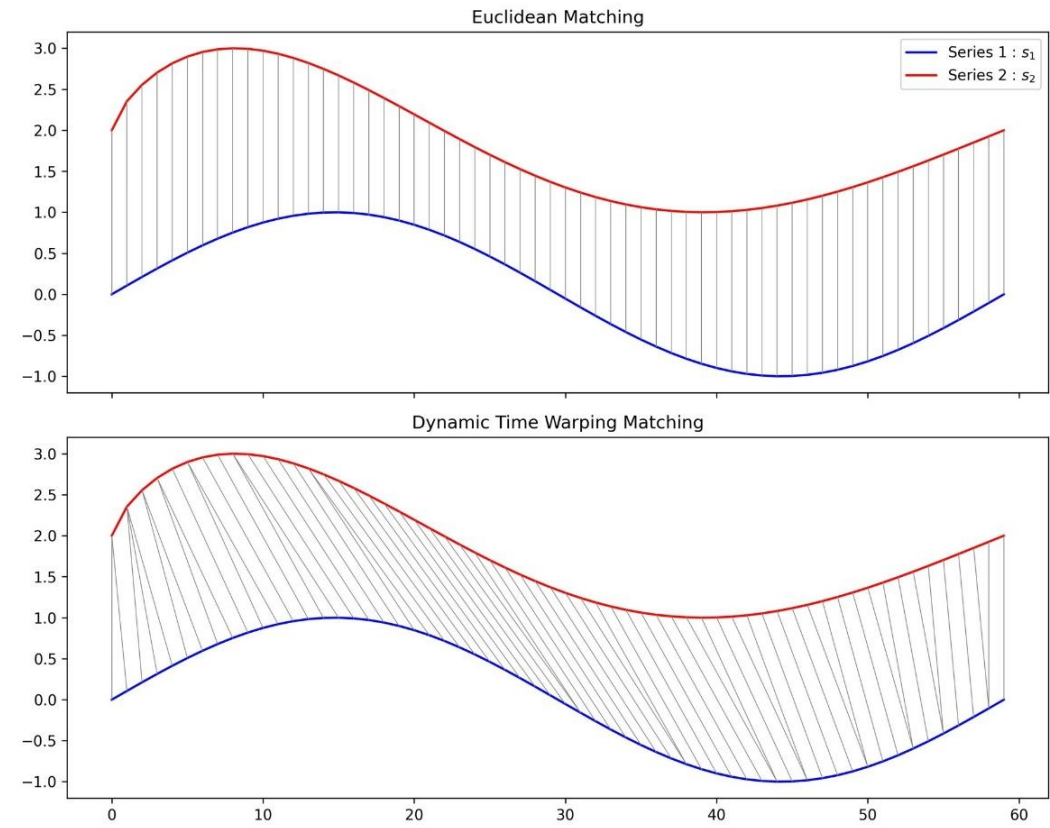
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BEDTime

- Dynamic warping (DTW): a time series matching algorithm **robust to time warping** (compression and stretching)
- DTW aligns peaks and troughs appropriately despite temporal offset (shortcomings of Euclidean matching)



Robustness of DTW-base alignment in the presence of temporal distortion

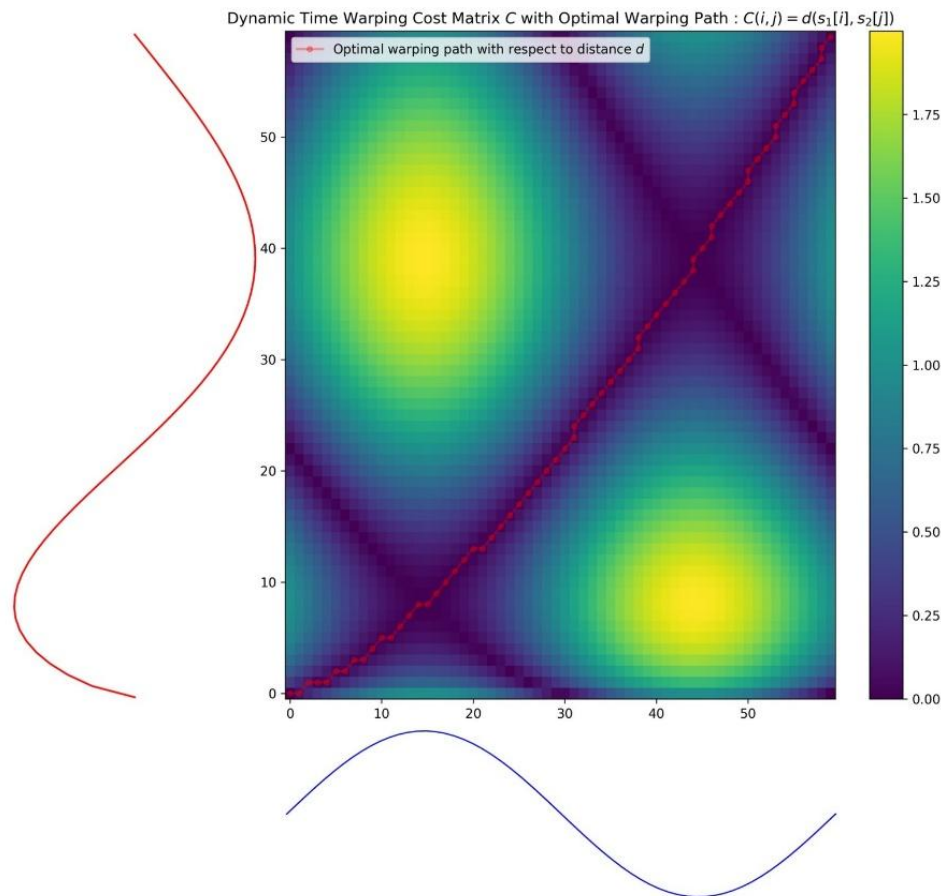
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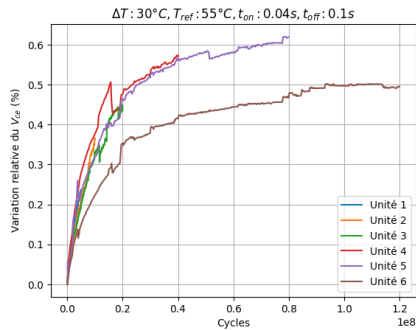
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- DTW defines a cost matrix \mathcal{C} using the signal values and a distance measure:
$$\mathcal{C}[i, j] = d(s_1[i], s_2[j])$$
- Matching is determined through the **warping path**: path of the lowest cost in the matrix \mathcal{C} calculated using dynamic programming
- Holds information on the **relative speed** between both signals

Intuition

- Partial observation of the signal \Leftrightarrow Partial observation of the cost matrix

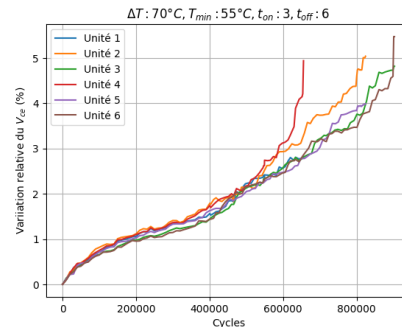
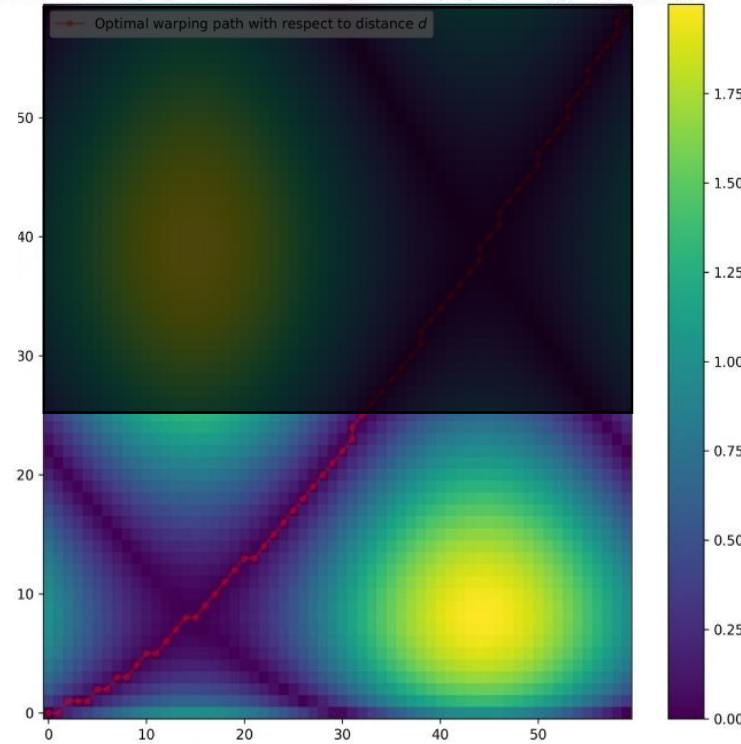


Partial run to failure (Target) to be completed based on a reference run

Sampling

Evaluation

Dynamic Time Warping Cost Matrix C with Optimal Warping Path : $C(i,j) = d(s_1[i], s_2[j])$



Complete run to failure (Reference)

Results

BEDTime

- Forecasting the warping path in the hidden area \Rightarrow Blindfolded Exploration using Dynamic time warping \Rightarrow Use time series models (backbone) trained on relevant warping data (\neq zero-shot) to forecast the partial warping in the future (ARIMA, Chronos, WaveNet, etc...)

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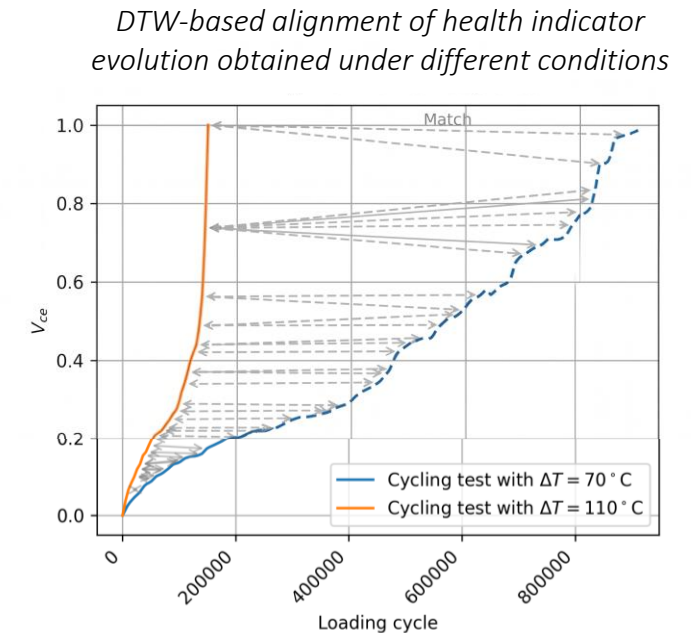
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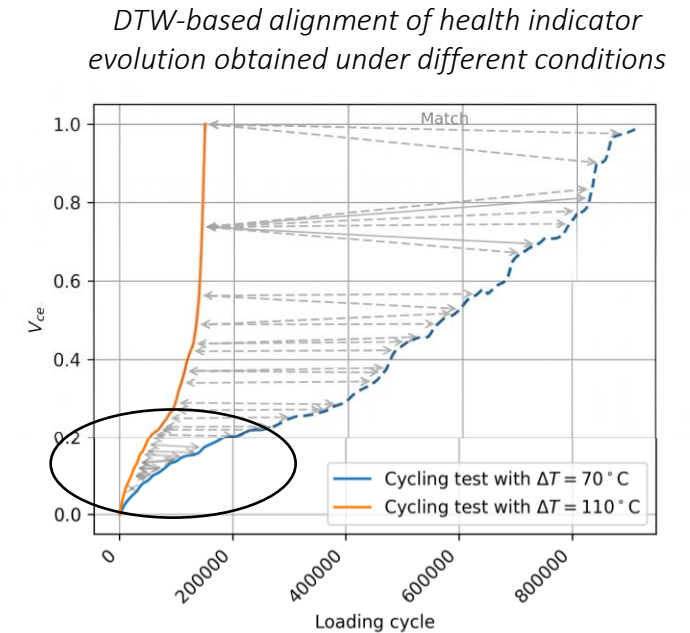
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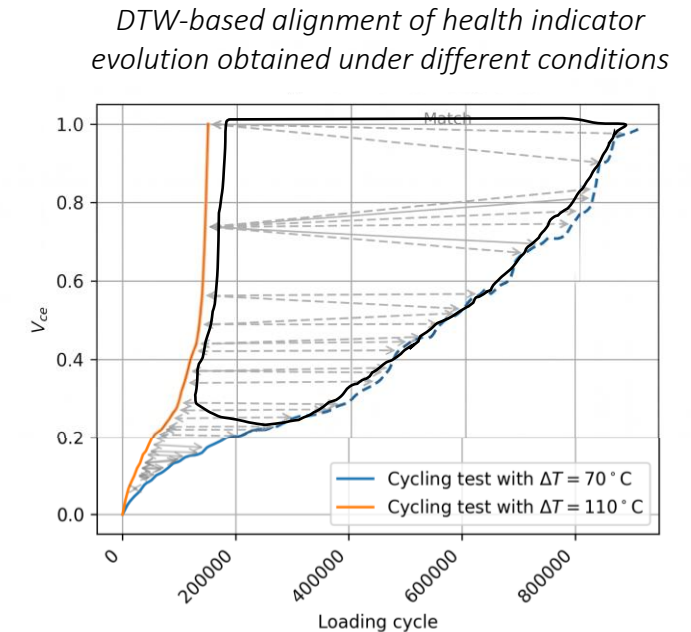
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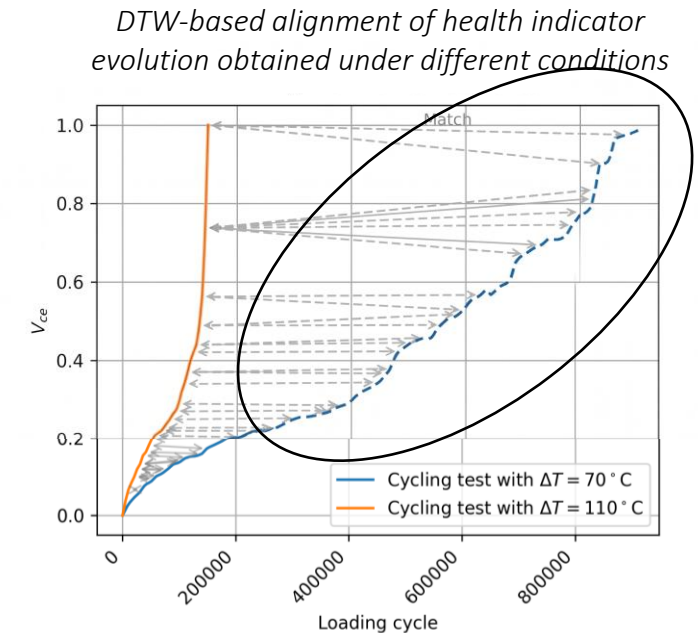
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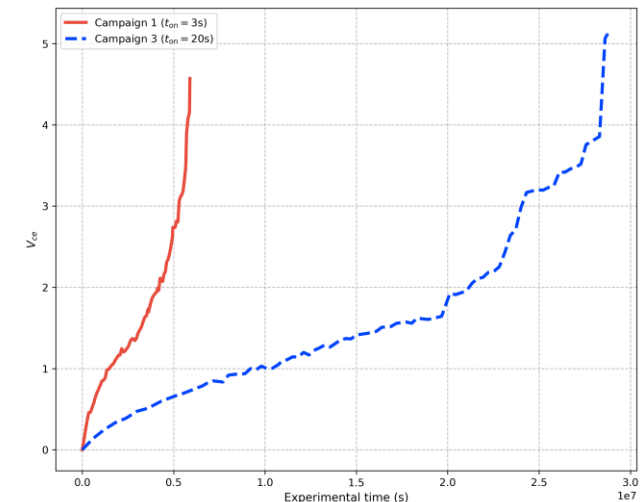
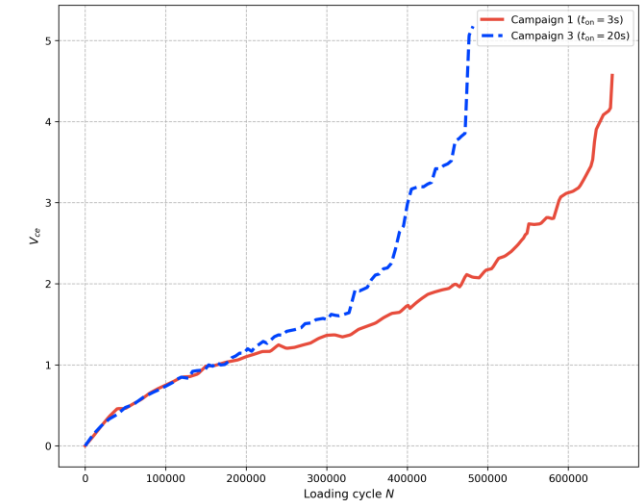
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- Application: Predicting a **slow target** run obtained under loading time $t_{on} = 20s$ (campaign 3) using a **fast reference** run having $t_{on} = 3s$ (campaign 1).
- Cycling using **shorter loading durations** yields **faster** end-of-life, despite the **harsher** (yet **slower**) campaign reaches failure in fewer cycles.



Experimental time computation of the slow target (blue) and fast reference (red)

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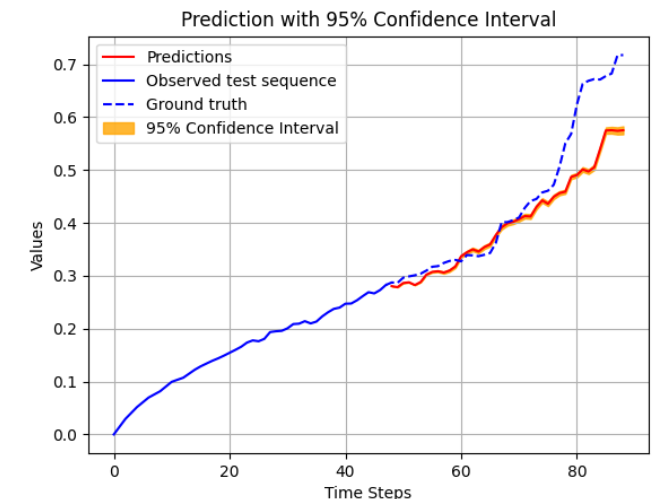
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- Using BEDTime with a **WaveNet** backbone, we run predictions with the fast run-to-failure as a reference and the **initial 50%** of the slow run as a target to extrapolate.
- BEDTime accurately extrapolates the **slow run to failure** when using a **faster reference**.
- Despite slight mismatches and errors of the confidence interval, the **overall trend and magnitude** of the lifetime evolution is captured.
- Computationally, halting **campaign 3's run** at 50% would give a **time gain ≈ 87 days**, admitting BEDTime's errors



Prediction results of a slow run to failure using BEDTime and a fast reference

Main contributions

Takeaways

Future work

- Integrated **degradation-aware simulation** framework: Developed a novel modeling and automation pipeline that enables **estimation of a module's mechanical response** under loading while accounting for an arbitrary degradation state.
- **Surrogate modeling**: Performed an exhaustive benchmarking of machine learning surrogates as high-speed alternatives to numerical methods, thus enabling **fast physics-informed feature engineering**

Main contributions

Takeaways

Future work

- **Probabilistic lifetime estimation**: Developed a probabilistic model for power module reliability validated against both interpolation and extrapolation tasks, demonstrating **predictive power in challenging reliability assessment** scenarios.
- **Few-shot time series prediction**: End-to-end deployment of a few-shot time series prediction framework. This handles data characterized by time-warping effects, enabling **forecasting even with limited historical datasets**.

Main contributions

Takeaways

Future work

- **Data and simulation scarcity:** The lack of open-source datasets and simulation environments remains a primary bottleneck. The development of robust, ML-based solutions is currently constrained by the nature of proprietary industrial data.
- **Need for standardized benchmarking:** Notable absence of community-wide consensus on benchmarks. Without standardized tests and metrics, performing an objective comparative analysis of model performance remains a significant challenge.
- **Data-centric experimental design:** To fully leverage the power of data-driven approaches, experimental protocols should be designed with data requirements in mind, prioritizing feature diversity, sampling consistency, and metadata richness.

Main contributions

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Future work

- **Physics-informed surrogates** based on non-linear material models: Incorporate viscoplastic material models in simulations, accounting for **rate-dependent plasticity** and developing physics-informed surrogates according to Anand's equations.
- **Physics-informed neural networks**: Exploit the physics-based data representation and relevant physical laws to **harness neural networks' predictive power** despite the low-data regime

Main contributions

Takeaways

Future work

- **Custom BEDTime backbone** development: Design a specialized architecture for warping signals:
 - Leverage large-scale warping datasets for pretraining to improve zero-shot and few-shot generalization (Chronos)
 - Integrate specialized architectures to model transition probability signals (WaveNet)
- **Active learning validation**: Conduct extensive experimental validation of the proposed active learning framework to quantify the reduction in required simulations and experimental time to reach a target accuracy.

Thank you for your attention

Appendix

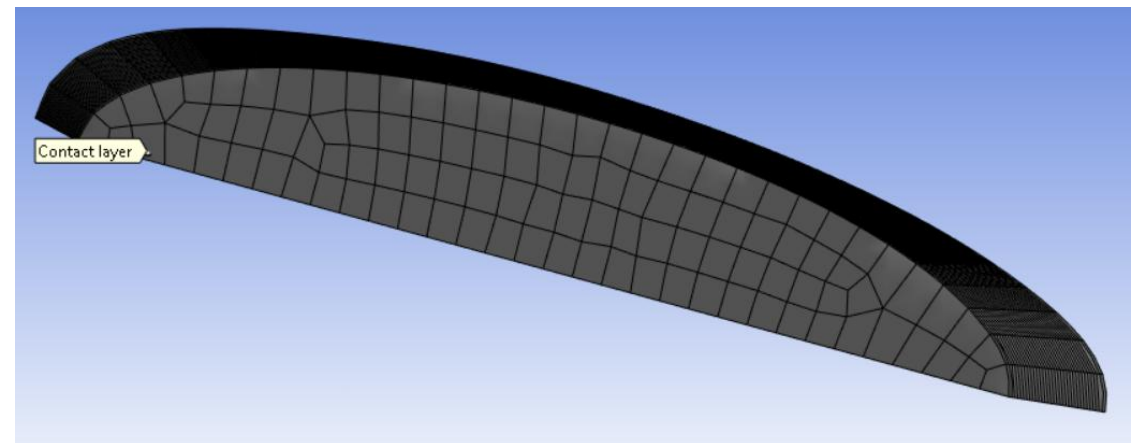
- The method assumes that the discrete solution of a finite element model $f(h)$ approaches a theoretical exact solution f_{exact} as the grid spacing h approaches zero.
- This relationship is expressed through a Taylor series expansion of the discrete solution: $f(h) \approx f_{exact} + C_{FEM} \cdot h^{P_{FEM}} + \mathcal{O}(h^{P_{FEM}+1})$
 - C_{FEM} : a constant dependent on the specific problem being solved.
 - term P_{FEM} represents the order of convergence, which dictates how quickly the error reduces as the mesh is refined.
- To solve for these unknowns, the analysis requires solutions from three distinct mesh settings: fine (h_1), medium (h_2), and coarse (h_3).

Appendix

- A constant refinement ratio $R_{GCI} = \frac{h_3}{h_2} = \frac{h_2}{h_1}$ must be maintained across these three settings to ensure mathematical consistency.
- By using the solutions $f(h_1), f(h_2), f(h_3)$ from these three meshes the actual order of convergence P_{GCI} is calculated as follows:
$$P_{GCI} = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{f(h_3)-f(h_2)}{f(h_2)-f(h_1)}\right)}{\ln(R_{GCI})}$$
- The GCI method utilizes Richardson Extrapolation to estimate the theoretical exact mechanical values that would be achieved with an infinitely fine mesh.
- The GCI value itself provides a confidence interval for the fine grid solution, indicating how much further the solution might change with even more refinement.

Appendix

- GCI is calculated using the relative error between the fine and medium grids ϵ_{21} and a safety factor F_S set to 1,25
$$GCI_{12} = \frac{F_S \cdot |\epsilon_{21}|}{R_{GCI}^{P_{GCI}-1}}$$
- Meshes were defined by the number of divisions n_D and an averaging radius r_{wva} , rather than direct element size h , necessitating an additional verification step for refinement consistency.
- Convergence behavior varied significantly across different physical quantities (e.g., equivalent plastic strain vs. strain energy).



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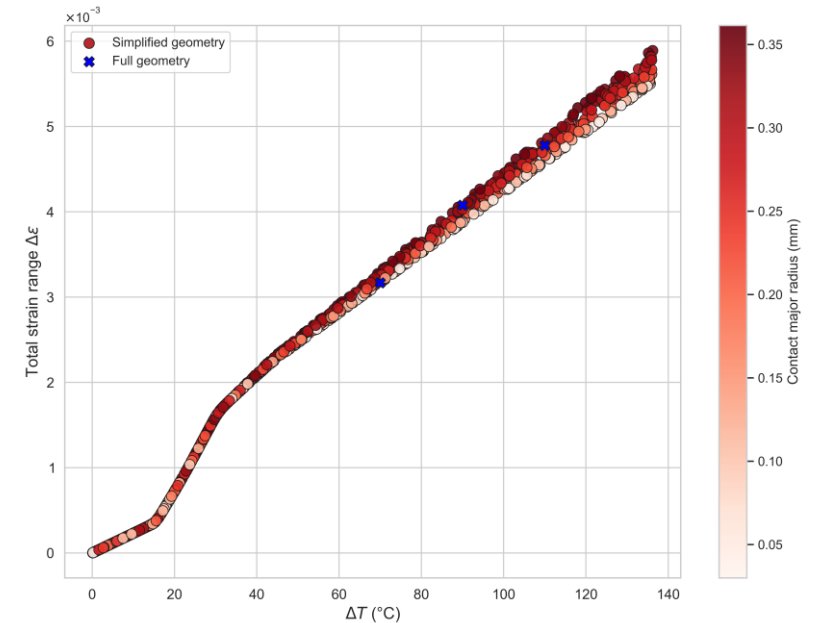
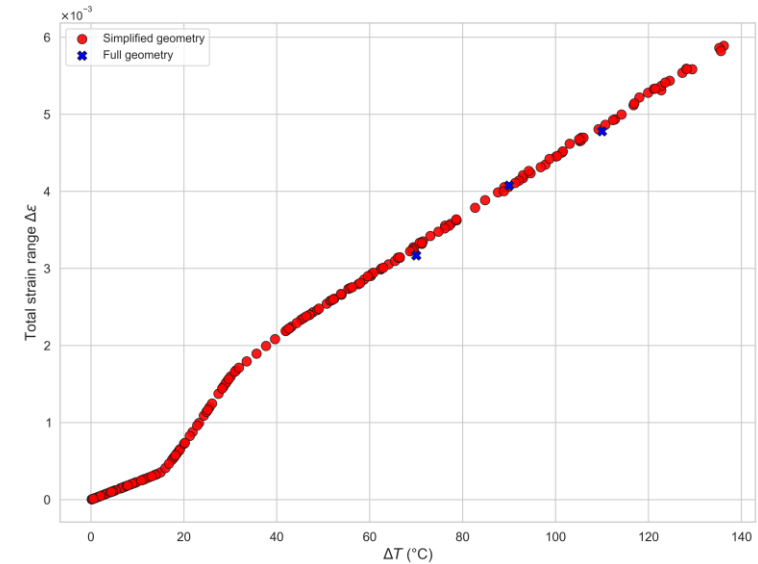
- Large radii: Caused undesirable smoothing, making the solution insensitive to refinement.
- Small radii: Led to statistical instability due to insufficient element counts within the averaging volume.
- **Optimization Goal: Targeted a GCI < 5% and an order of convergence $P_{GCI} \approx 1 - 2$**
- Final Mesh Triplet: $n_D = [16, 20, 32]$ (Coarse, Medium, Fine).
- Averaging Radius: $r_{wva} = 0.6 \times R_h$
- Achieved Metrics (for Equivalent Plastic Strain):
 - Average Refinement Ratio (ARR): 1.513 (with 9.3% deviation).
 - GCI: 3.935%
 - Order of Convergence P_{GCI} : 0.63.
 - Selection Rationale: This configuration offered the most robust compromise across all primary variables of interest for quantifying degradation.

Appendix

	Quantity	Radius_Factor	f_fine	f_medium	f_coarse	n_fine_zone	n_medium_zone	n_coarse_zone	p	f_exact	gci_fine	asymptotic_ratio	r21	r32	r_diff_percent	r_consistent
0	Stress_Eqv	0.40	2.7801e+07	2.7765e+07	2.8262e+07	36	16	4	7.04	2.7808e+07	0.029	-0.4930	1.310	1.587	19.1	False
1	Stress_Eqv	0.45	2.7868e+07	2.7899e+07	2.8295e+07	42	19	5	7.13	2.7863e+07	0.025	0.5101	1.303	1.560	18.0	False
2	Stress_Eqv	0.50	2.7797e+07	2.7979e+07	2.8303e+07	74	23	7	1.47	2.7562e+07	1.054	0.9948	1.476	1.487	0.7	True
3	Stress_Eqv	0.55	2.7305e+07	2.8056e+07	2.8281e+07	101	27	9	-2.99	2.8333e+07	-4.706	0.8978	1.552	1.442	7.4	True
4	Stress_Eqv	0.60	2.7504e+07	2.8137e+07	2.8281e+07	119	30	10	-3.57	2.8289e+07	-3.569	0.8501	1.583	1.442	9.3	True
5	Stress_Eqv	0.65	2.7632e+07	2.7984e+07	2.8247e+07	139	34	18	-0.84	2.8713e+07	-4.887	0.9038	1.599	1.236	25.6	False
6	Stress_Eqv	0.70	2.7740e+07	2.8008e+07	2.8285e+07	159	38	24	0.10	2.2486e+07	23.675	1.0156	1.611	1.166	32.1	False
7	Stress_Eqv	0.75	2.7834e+07	2.8081e+07	2.8342e+07	194	54	33	0.18	2.4704e+07	14.056	1.0221	1.532	1.178	26.1	False
8	Stress_Eqv	0.80	2.7910e+07	2.8102e+07	2.8363e+07	219	76	41	1.10	2.7506e+07	1.811	1.0810	1.423	1.228	14.7	True
9	Stress_Eqv	0.85	2.7873e+07	2.8188e+07	2.8394e+07	268	90	46	-1.44	2.8645e+07	-3.461	0.9070	1.439	1.251	14.0	True
10	Stress_Eqv	0.90	2.7827e+07	2.8250e+07	2.8386e+07	311	103	54	-3.85	2.8385e+07	-2.510	0.7533	1.445	1.240	15.3	False
11	Stress_Eqv	0.95	2.7866e+07	2.8299e+07	2.8377e+07	346	113	57	-5.66	2.8359e+07	-2.210	0.6735	1.452	1.256	14.5	True
12	Stress_Eqv	1.00	2.7933e+07	2.8271e+07	2.8385e+07	399	124	64	-3.50	2.8387e+07	-2.031	0.7533	1.476	1.247	16.9	False
13	PI_Strain_Eqv	0.40	1.8973e-02	1.6733e-02	1.4846e-02	36	16	4	-0.46	-4.9988e-05	-125.329	1.0477	1.310	1.587	19.1	False
14	PI_Strain_Eqv	0.45	1.8567e-02	1.6437e-02	1.4043e-02	42	19	5	0.32	4.2310e-02	159.844	0.9698	1.303	1.560	18.0	False
15	PI_Strain_Eqv	0.50	1.8203e-02	1.5968e-02	1.4133e-02	74	23	7	-0.50	5.5861e-03	-86.640	1.0018	1.476	1.487	0.7	True
16	PI_Strain_Eqv	0.55	1.5753e-02	1.5697e-02	1.4468e-02	101	27	9	7.65	1.5755e-02	0.016	1.3182	1.552	1.442	7.4	True
17	PI_Strain_Eqv	0.60	1.4736e-02	1.4581e-02	1.4379e-02	119	30	10	0.63	1.5200e-02	3.935	1.0290	1.583	1.442	9.3	True
18	PI_Strain_Eqv	0.65	1.4286e-02	1.3994e-02	1.3595e-02	139	34	18	0.89	1.4851e-02	4.947	1.1128	1.599	1.236	25.6	False
19	PI_Strain_Eqv	0.70	1.3454e-02	1.3472e-02	1.2632e-02	159	38	24	11.65	1.3454e-02	0.001	-5.6648	1.611	1.166	32.1	False
20	PI_Strain_Eqv	0.75	1.3341e-02	1.3569e-02	1.2093e-02	194	54	33	6.16	1.3323e-02	0.167	-2.1255	1.532	1.178	26.1	False
21	PI_Strain_Eqv	0.80	1.3194e-02	1.3196e-02	1.1098e-02	219	76	41	24.67	1.3194e-02	0.000	-5.7401	1.423	1.228	14.7	True
22	PI_Strain_Eqv	0.85	1.3529e-02	1.2473e-02	1.0477e-02	268	90	46	2.15	1.4416e-02	8.202	1.1566	1.439	1.251	14.0	True
23	PI_Strain_Eqv	0.90	1.2743e-02	1.1682e-02	1.0001e-02	311	103	54	1.56	1.4104e-02	13.352	1.1220	1.445	1.240	15.3	False
24	PI_Strain_Eqv	0.95	1.2152e-02	1.1147e-02	1.0003e-02	346	113	57	0.43	1.7959e-02	59.738	1.0303	1.452	1.256	14.5	True
25	PI_Strain_Eqv	1.00	1.1912e-02	1.1054e-02	9.7020e-03	399	124	64	1.47	1.3021e-02	11.634	1.1266	1.476	1.247	16.9	False

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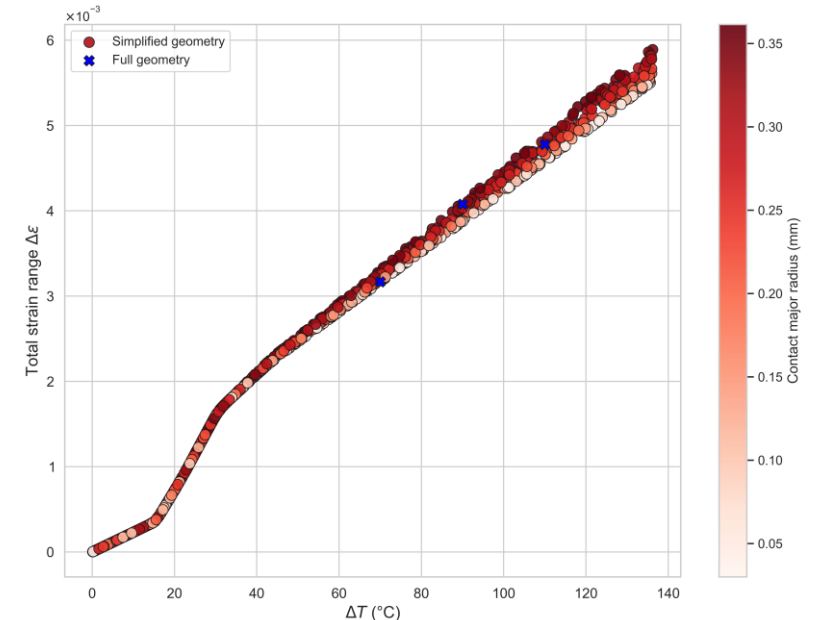
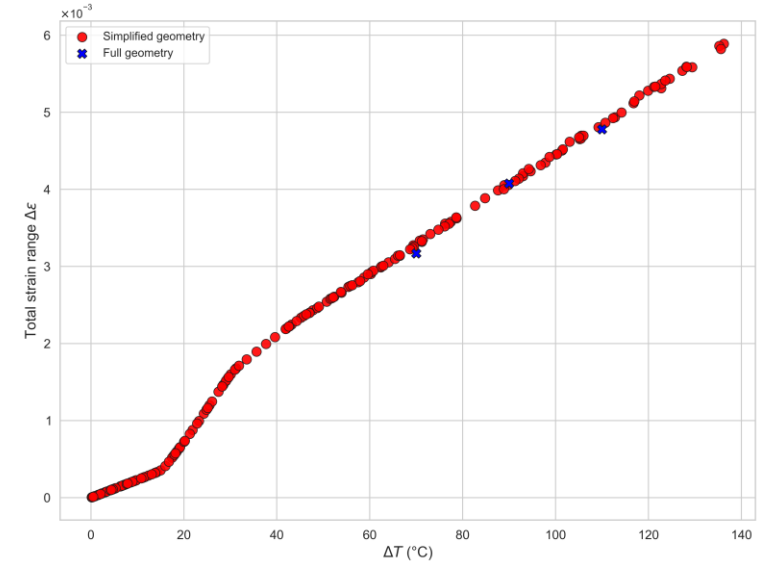
- Compared a dense point cloud from 1,000 simplified simulations against sparse reference data from healthy full-geometry models.
- Reference points aligned with the upper region of the simulation cloud (maximal contact length), confirming the model accurately reproduces healthy-state mechanics.
- Verified alignment by highlighting simulations with minimal crack length ($< 10\%$ degradation), showing a clear overlap between simplified and full-geometry models
- Employed the Maximum Mean Discrepancy (MMD) two-sample test to quantitatively determine if simplified and full-geometry datasets share the same underlying distribution.



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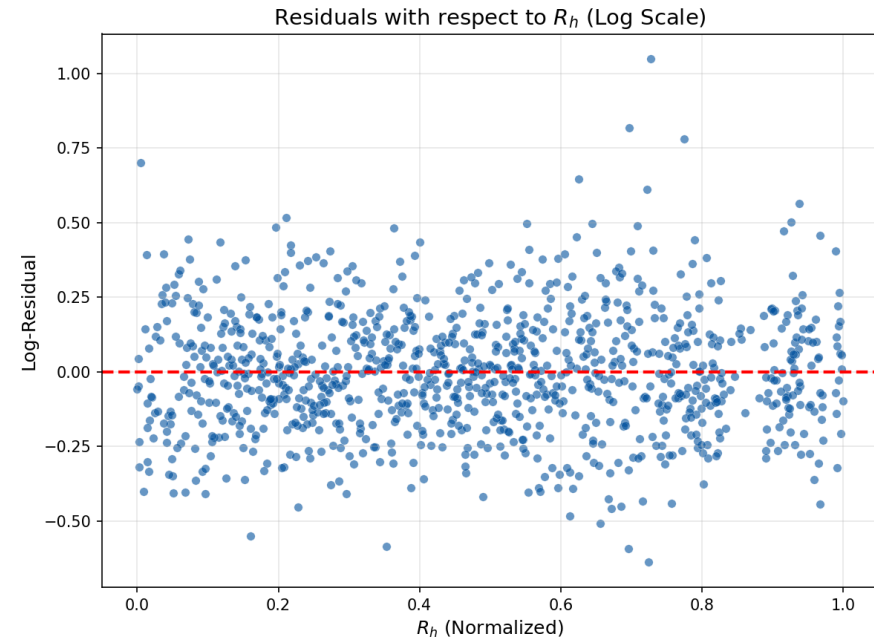
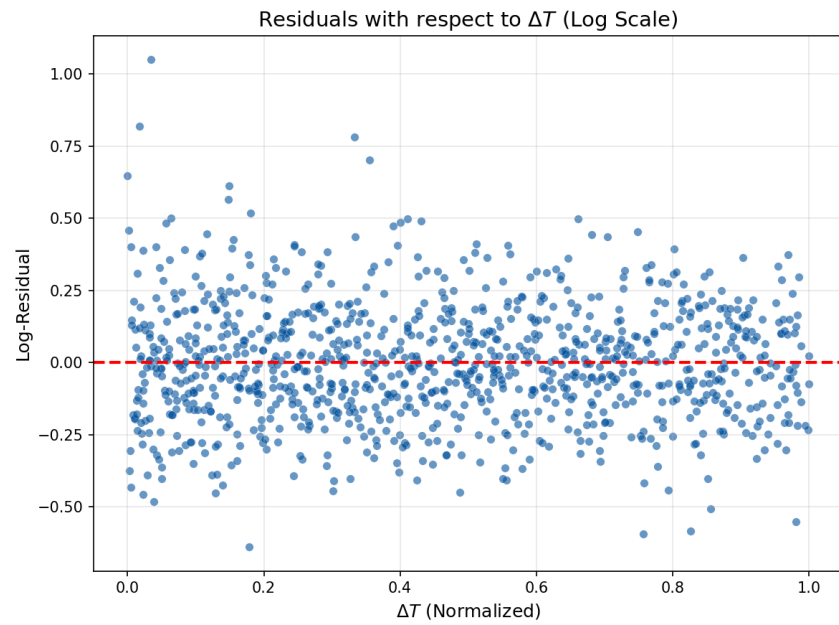
- MMD projects distributions into a Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space (RKHS) to measure dissimilarity as the distance between mean projections

- $$\widehat{\text{MMD}}^2(X, Y) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n k(x_i, x_j) - \frac{2}{nm} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m k(x_i, y_j) + \frac{1}{m^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^m k(y_i, y_j)$$



Max l_c allowed	Min l_c allowed	MMD^2	p-value
100%	75%	0.090	0.57
75%	50%	0.084	0.60
50%	25%	0.090	0.57
25%	0%	0.080	0.61

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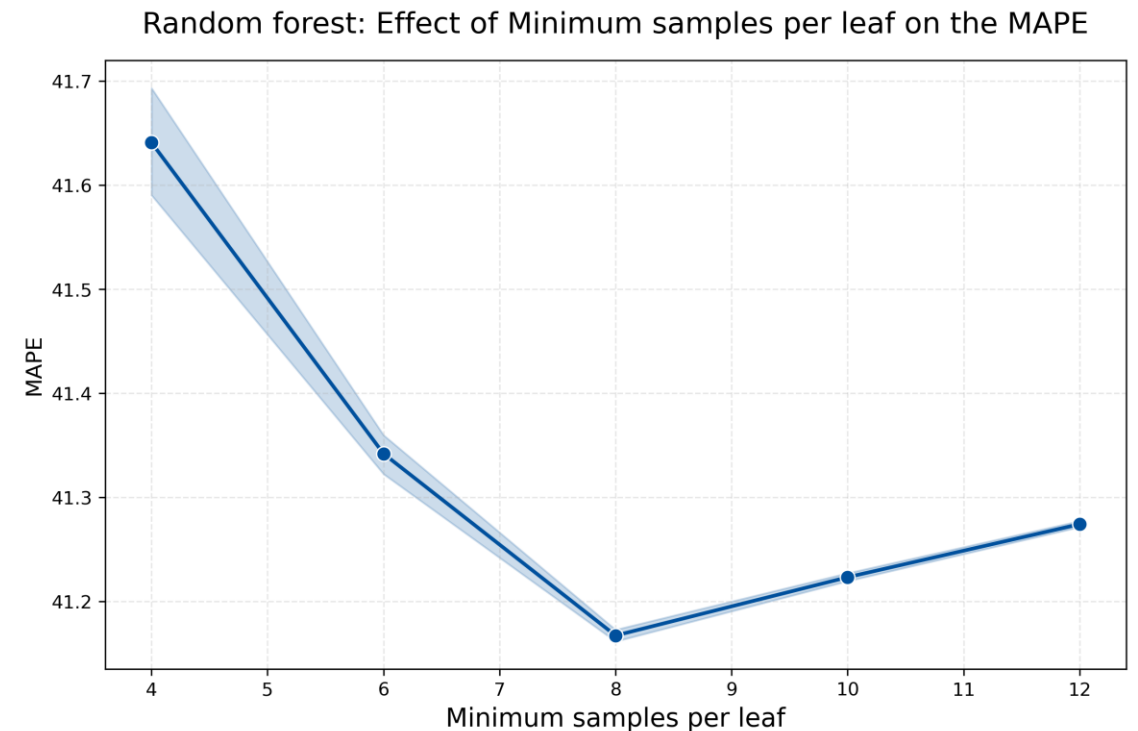
Minimal bias in the residuals and uniform variance distribution

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- Metallization layer and wire (Al) : Bilinear Kinematic Hardening :
 - Yield stress $\sigma = 29\text{MPa}$
 - Tangent modulus $E = 35.5\text{MPa}$
- Copper : Chaboche Kinematic Hardening : 2 modes :
 - $T = 20^\circ\text{C}$: $C1 = 54.041\text{MPa}$, $\gamma1 = 962$, $C2 = 721\text{MPa}$, $\gamma2 = 1.1$
 - $T = 50^\circ\text{C}$: $C1 = 52.880\text{MPa}$, $\gamma1 = 1000$, $C2 = 700\text{MPa}$, $\gamma2 = 1.1$
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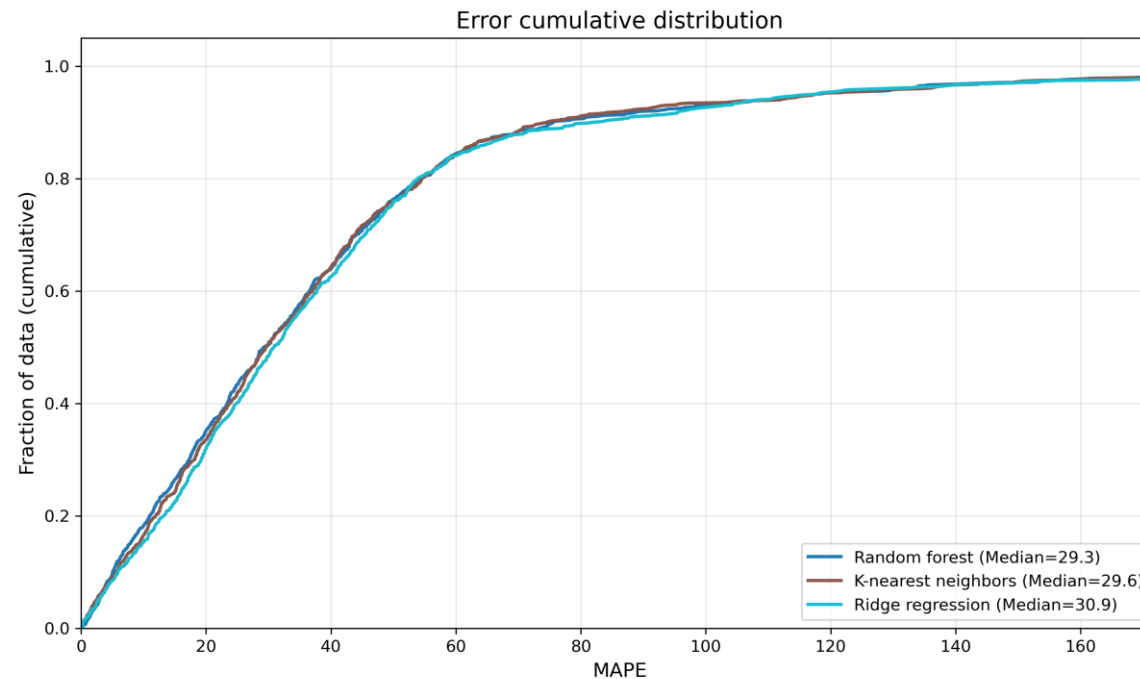
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- Hyperparameters estimated using grid search within nested cross validation:
 - Outer loop to calculate prediction metrics (5 folds) : In each iteration, one fold was held out as the test set to serve as unseen data, while the remaining four folds constituted the training set.
 - Inner loop to identify the optimal hyperparameters (5 folds) : Within the training set, a secondary 5- fold cross-validation was performed to identify the optimal hyperparameters within the predefined grid



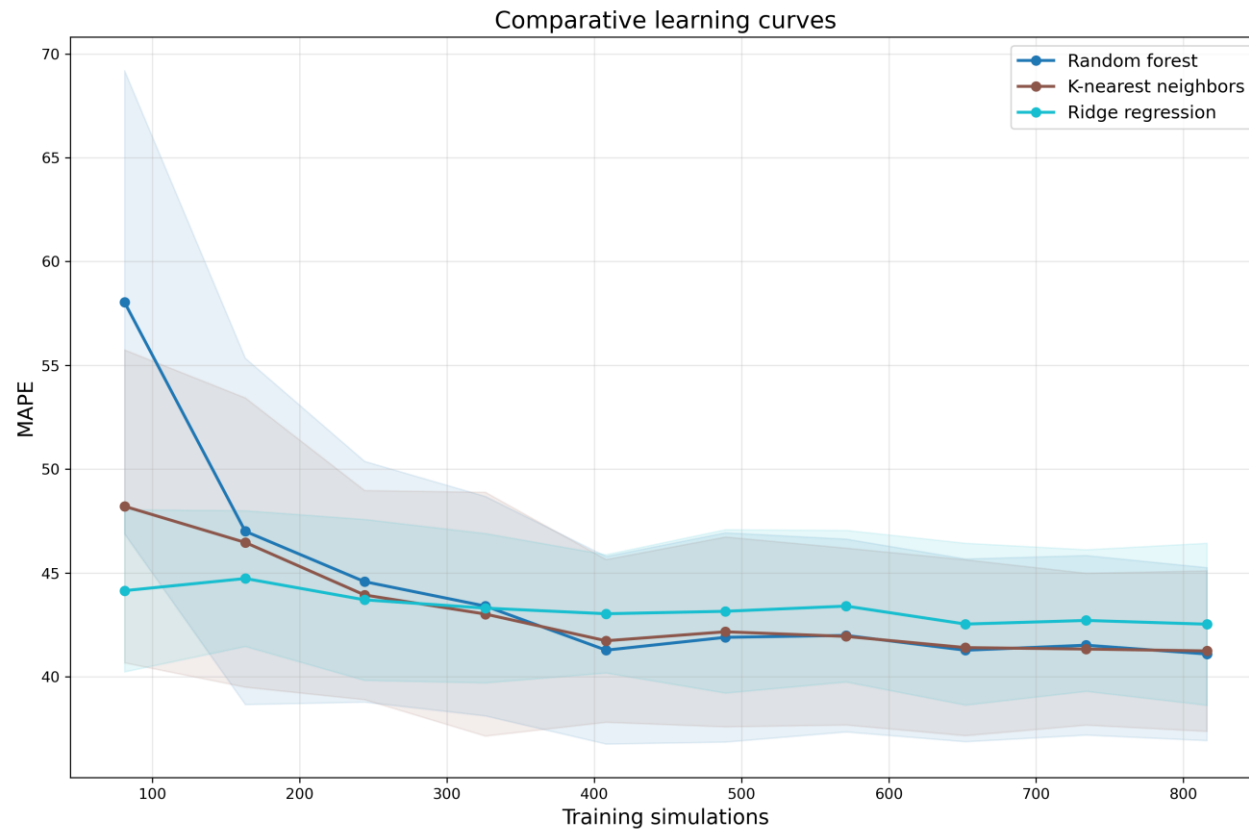
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- Skewness in MAPE observed in the cumulative distribution function of the errors.
- The curve rises steeply indicating a concentration of low errors, before flattening out due to the high-error tail.



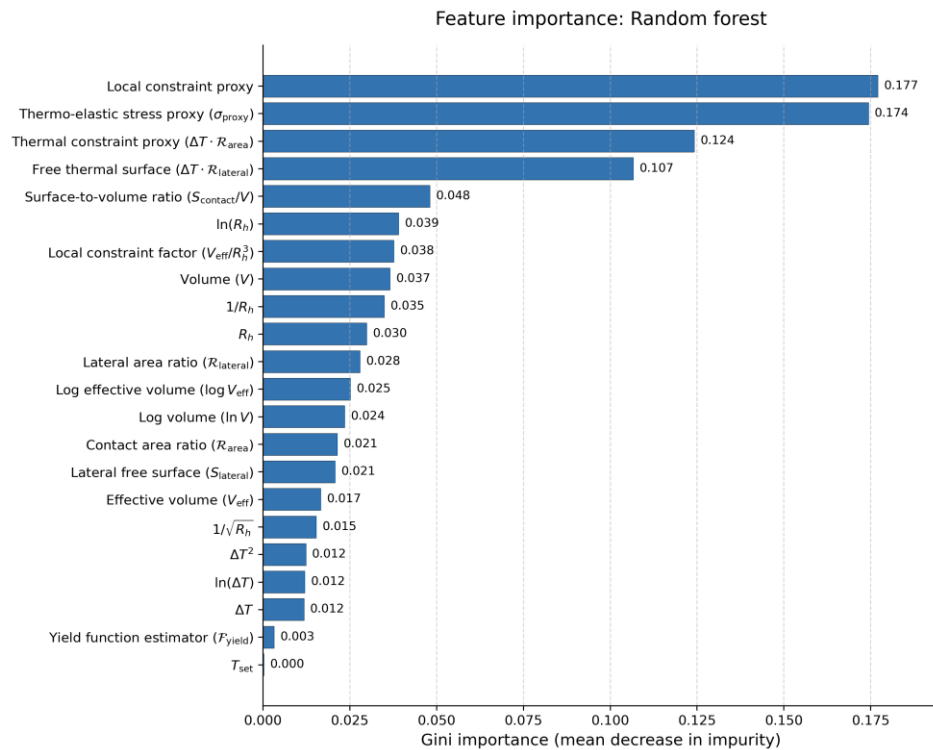
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- Learning curve showcasing saturation: adding more simulations would not substantially decrease the MAPE \Rightarrow Error not due to lack in data

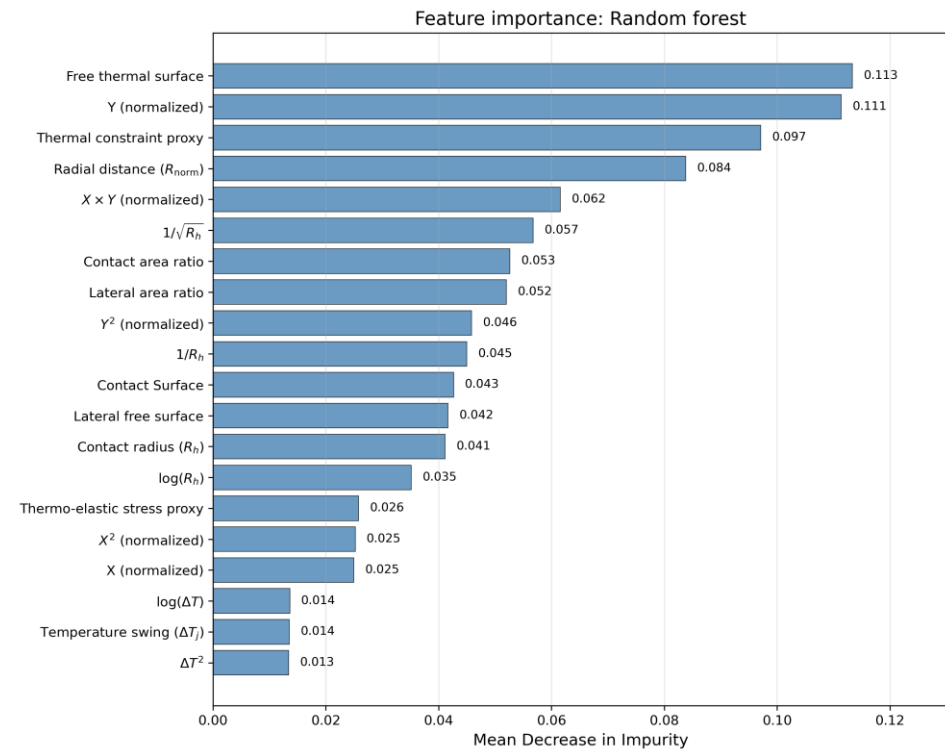


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- VWA predictions



- Spatial predictions



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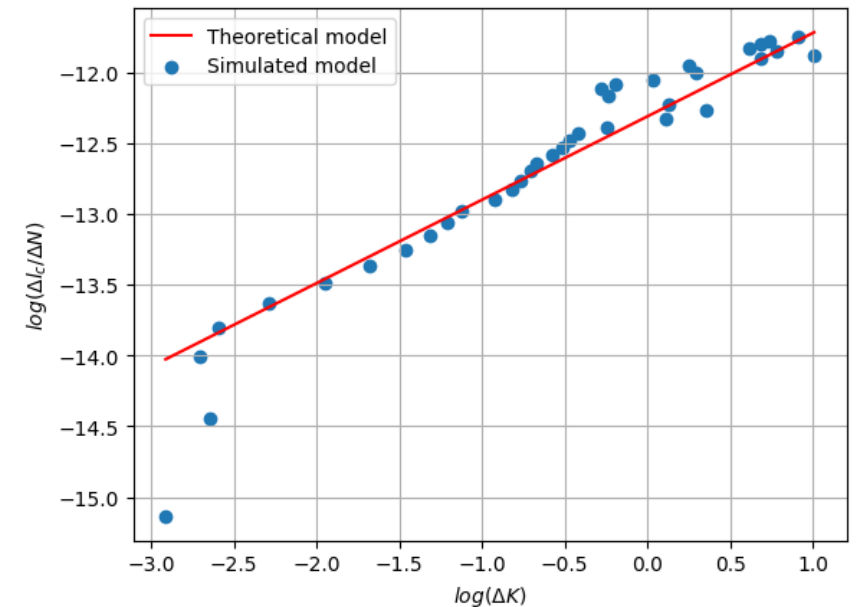
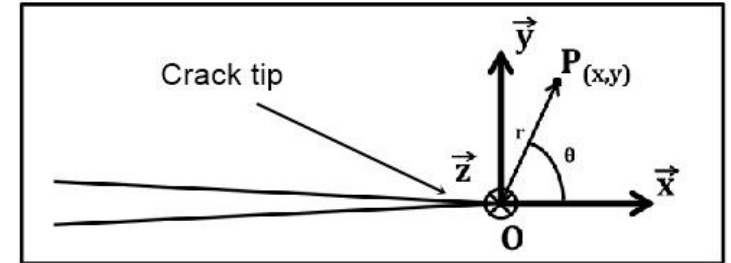
- Determination of Paris law's validity (Legacy simulations)

$$\sigma_{ij} = \frac{K}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} f_{ij}(r, \theta)$$

- $C = 4.499 \times 10^{-6}; m = 0.589$

- $\Delta K_1 = 0.075 \text{MPa m}^{\frac{1}{2}}; \Delta K_2 = 1.429 \text{MPa m}^{\frac{1}{2}}$

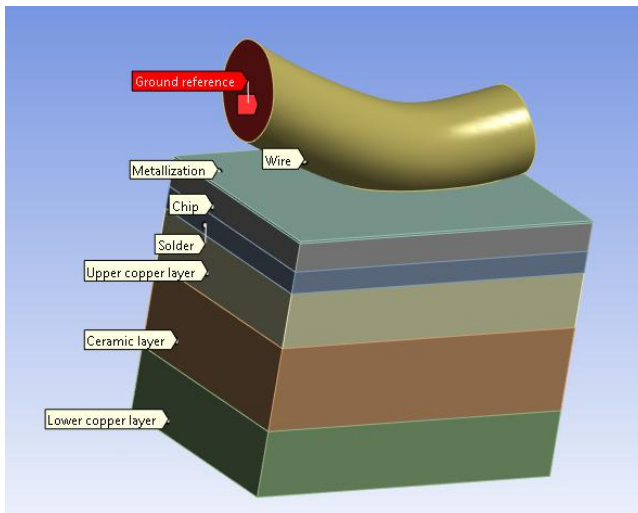
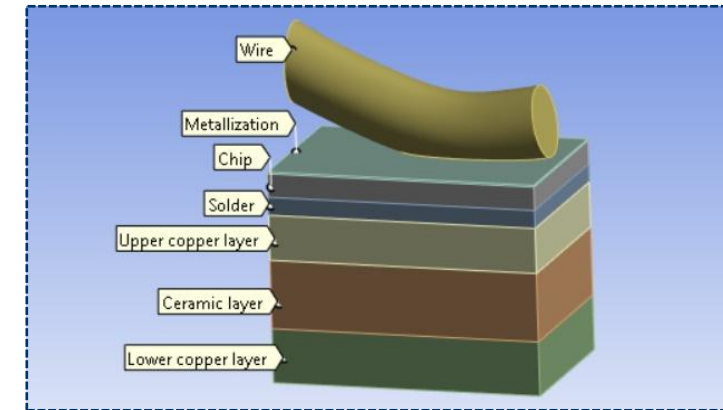
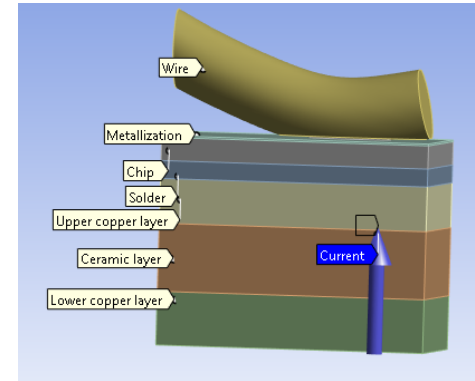
Specimen No.	C	m
Aluminium alloy (CAL combined)	2.44E^{-07}	3.06
CCT-SBL-AL-01	1.28E^{-06}	2.44
CCT-SBL-AL-02	1.10E^{-06}	2.52
Aluminium alloy (Constant R) – Major stress range test only	2.83E^{-08}	3.49



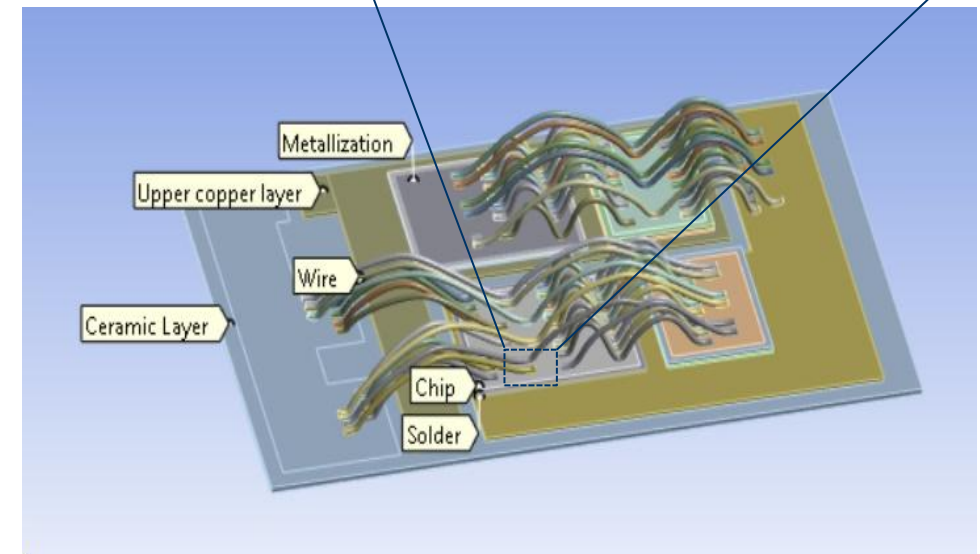
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A **voltage** $0V$ is imposed on the surface $\delta_W\Omega$ of the wire connecting the module to the rest of the circuit.

A **current** I is applied to the lower face of the upper copper layer Ω_{UCB} .

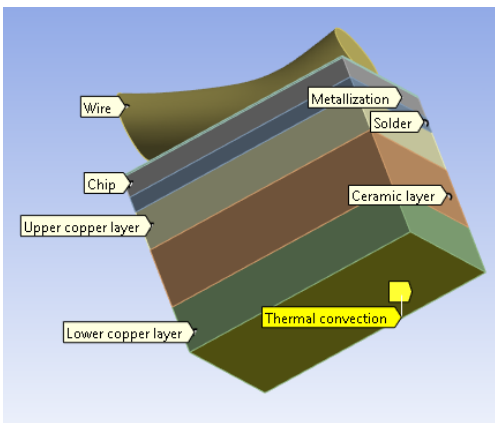
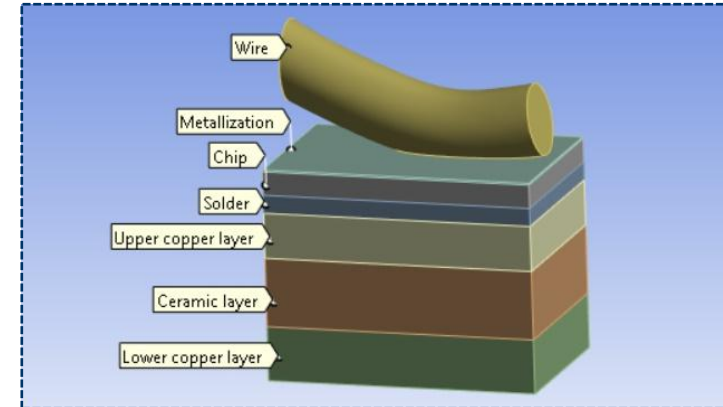


Physics	Electric
Unknowns	Potential V Current density \mathbf{j}
Equilibrium	$\text{div}(\mathbf{j}) = 0$
Constitutive law	$\mathbf{j} + \sigma(T) \cdot \mathbf{grad}(V) = \mathbf{0}$
Boundary conditions	$V = 0$ on $\delta_W\Omega$ $\mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{z} = \frac{I_{ref}}{S_{UCB}}$ on $\delta_{UCB}\Omega$

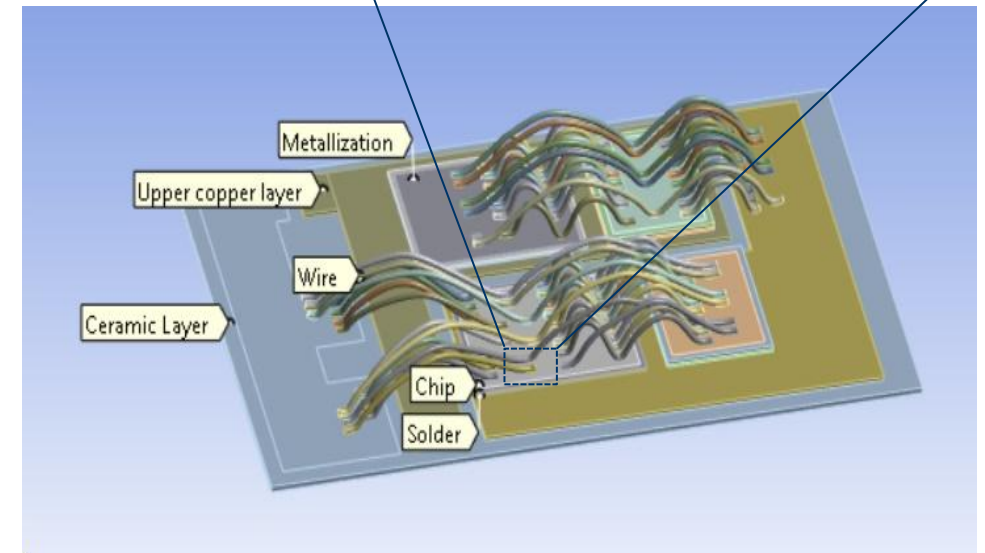


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Thermal boundary conditions on the bottom face of the lower copper layer $\delta_{LCB}\Omega$ to simulate cooling using a coefficient of thermal convection h and a cooling temperature $T_0 = 55\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.



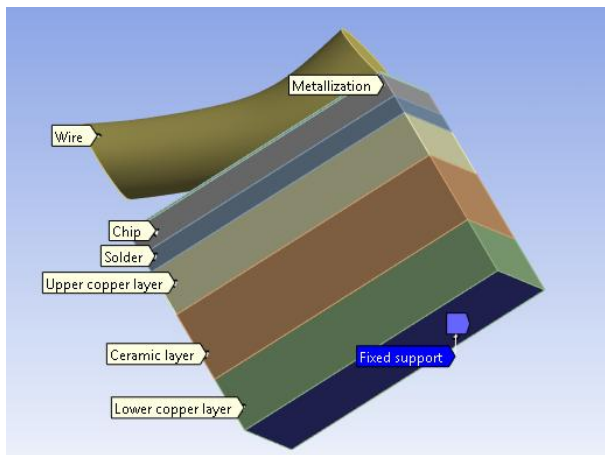
Physics	Thermal
Unknowns	Temperature T Heat flux q
Equilibrium	$-\text{div}(\mathbf{q}) + p_j = 0$ $p_j = \sigma(T)\ \mathbf{grad}(V)\ ^2$
Constitutive law	$\mathbf{q} + k \cdot \mathbf{grad}(T) = 0$
Boundary conditions	$T = T_0$ on $\delta_{LCB}\Omega$ $\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{z} + hT = 0$ on $\delta_{LCB}\Omega$



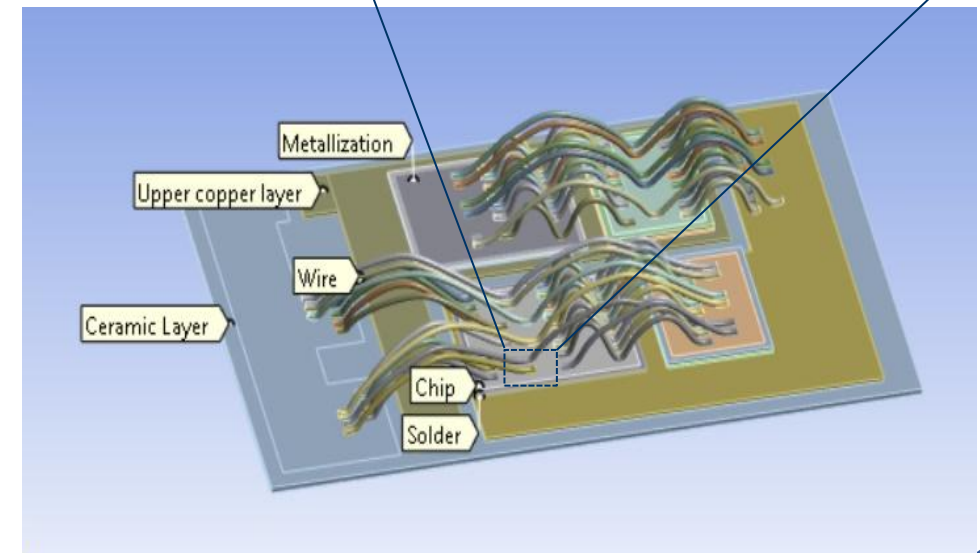
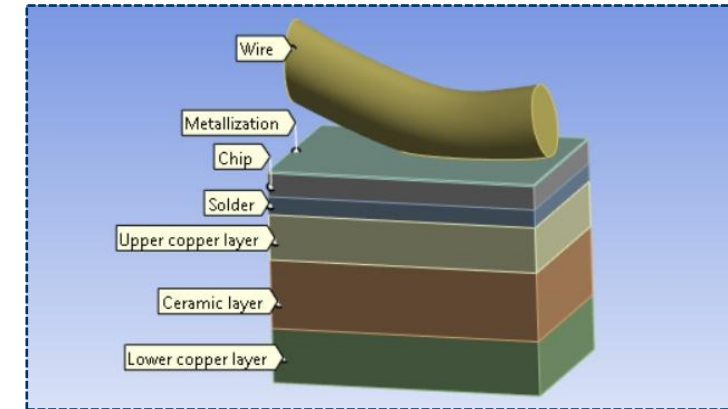
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A **Fixed support** boundary condition is imposed on the bottom face of the lower copper layer $\delta_{LCB}\Omega$ as the module's **basis** du module de puissance.

Plasticity is modeled in **copper** Ω_C and **aluminum** Ω_A using Chaboche kinematic hardening (Dong 2009) and bilinear kinematic hardening (Rajaguru 2014), respectively.

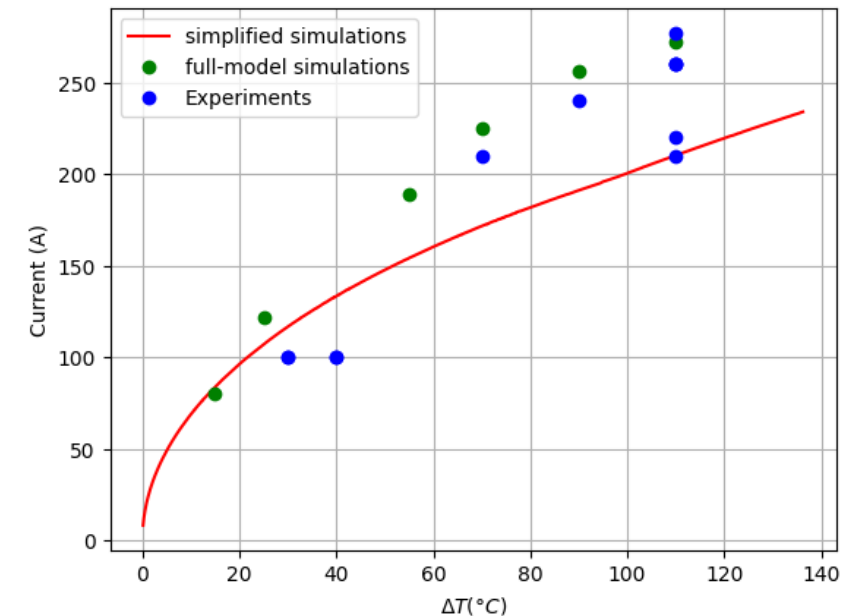


Physics	Mechanical
Unknowns	Displacement \underline{u} Stress $\underline{\sigma}$ Strain $\underline{\varepsilon}$
Equilibrium	$\text{div}(\underline{\sigma}) = 0$
Constitutive law	$\underline{\sigma} = \mathcal{K} : (\underline{\varepsilon}^e(\underline{u}))$ in Ω_L
	$\underline{\sigma} = f_A(\underline{\varepsilon})$ in Ω_A
	$\underline{\sigma} = f_C(\underline{\varepsilon})$ in Ω_C
Boundary conditions	$\underline{u} = \mathbf{0}$ on $\delta_{LCB}\Omega$
	$\underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{n} = \mathbf{0}$ on $\delta\Omega \setminus \delta_{LCB}\Omega$

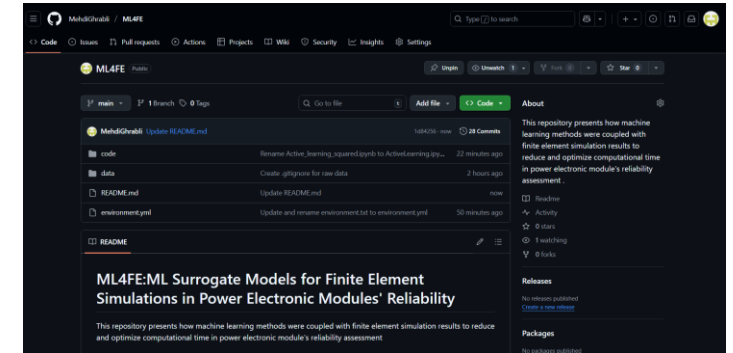


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- The simulation current I_{sim} was chosen to generate a predefined range of temperature variations ($[I_{sim}^{(1)}, I_{sim}^{(2)}] \Leftrightarrow [\Delta T^{(1)}, \Delta T^{(2)}]$). This approach ensures the resulting data effectively spans the necessary thermal conditions for training our surrogate models.
- Due to the model's reduced geometry, a direct current comparison is misleading. We established an equivalent full-model current $I_{eq} = \alpha I_{sim}$ by scaling simulation current with the geometric reduction factor α .
- On average, our equivalent current I_{eq} is slightly lower than reference values. This is an expected outcome attributed to two main factors:
 - **Boundary Conditions:** A higher cooling base temperature was used in our simulations, which requires less self-heating (and thus lower current) to achieve the same ΔT .
 - **Geometric range:** The model focuses exclusively on the primary hot-spot (wire-metallization contact), neglecting cooler peripheral regions. This concentrates heat, reducing the power required to reach the target temperature compared to a full model where heat dissipates over a larger area.



Appendix



User guide

The pipeline predicts iteratively the evolution of the health indicator V_{ce} . The prediction loop consists of 4 parts :

- Inferring damage l_c from indicator V_{ce} using Gaussian Process Regression, coded in file GP_code.py
- Estimate mechanical properties from temperature swing ΔT and current crack l_c in Generate_Features.py
- Estimate the damage evolution using Kernel Density Estimation, visualized in KDE_vis.ipynb and implemented in full pipeline code run_pipeline.py
- Evaluate the indicator value using the Gaussian Process Regression's mean.

In order to utilize this pipeline, the user can download this project and execute a command in a command prompt in the same directory as the downloaded project.

Example :

```
python run_pipeline.py --bwp 0.01 --confidence 90 --number_of_montecarlo_iterations 100
```

- Code + simulation data open-sourced via GitHub repositories

ML surrogate models:



github.com/MehdiGhrabli/ML4FE

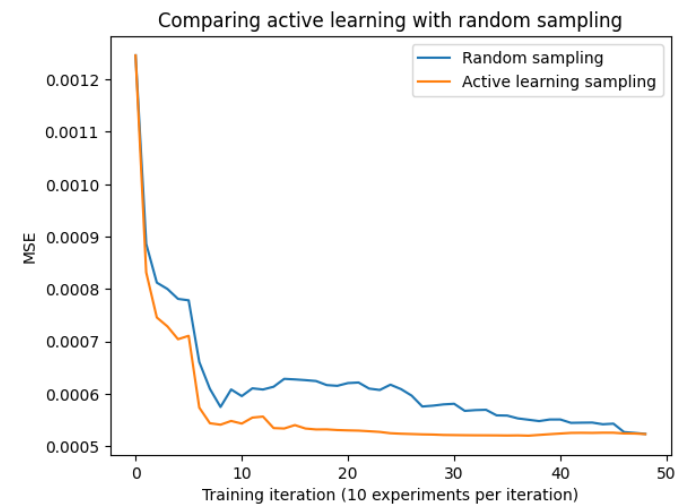
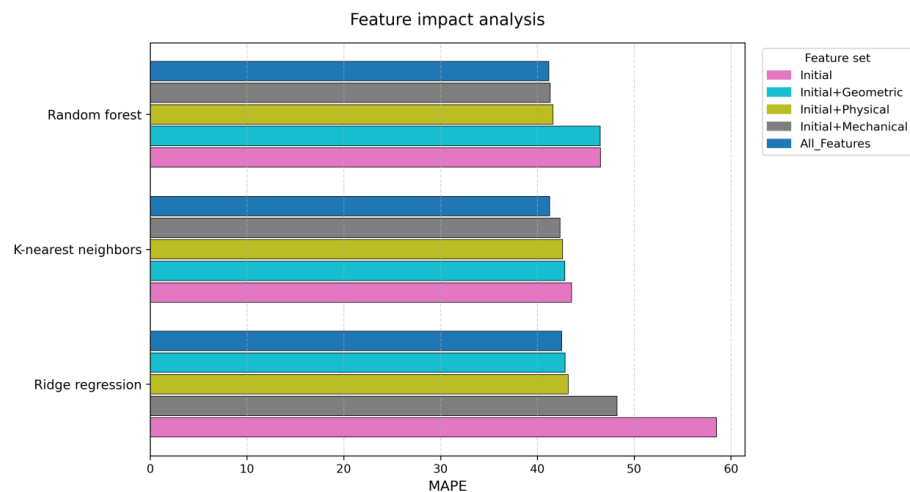
RUL estimation model:



github.com/MehdiGhrabli/PIMC4RUL

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- For efficient application of active learning, ensemble models should be competitive, otherwise aggregation would have a detrimental effect:
 - The best performing model is treated the same as the worst performing model
 - Active learning may converge to an error higher than the best performing model
 - Poor models contribute negatively and hinder sampling
- Further validation through cross validation (“coarse” error plots), computing costs, comparing schemes (Sobol, LHS, etc...), Hyperparameter study (optimization, effect, etc...)
- Active learning comes with a hidden cost of repeated forward calls



Appendix

Lifecycle reliability & maintenance strategies

Corrective maintenance

- Replace component only after failure
 - Maximizes lifetime
 - Costs due to unexpected downtime
 - Potential cascading effects leading to expensive system failure

Predictive maintenance

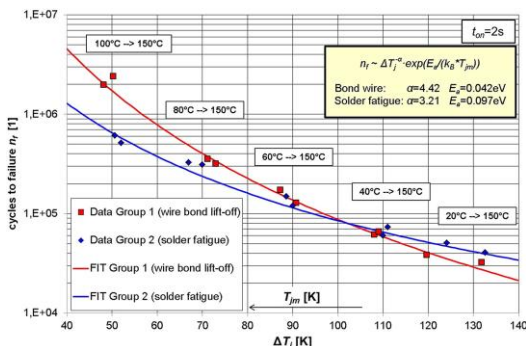
- Replace component directly before failure
 - Downtime planning
 - No cascading effects
 - Efficient
 - Requires accurate lifetime modeling

Preventive maintenance

- Replace component periodically prior to failure
 - Downtime planning
 - No cascading effects
 - Wasteful: inefficient workload and material exploitation

Empirical models

- Temperature based Coffin-Manson
 - $N_f = A(\Delta T)^B$
- Bayrer model
 - $N_f = K \times \Delta T^{\beta_1} \times e^{\frac{\beta_2}{T+273}} \times t_{on}^{\beta_3} \dots$
- Simple
- Poor out-of-distribution (OOD) prediction due to calibration issues



Physics-of-Failure

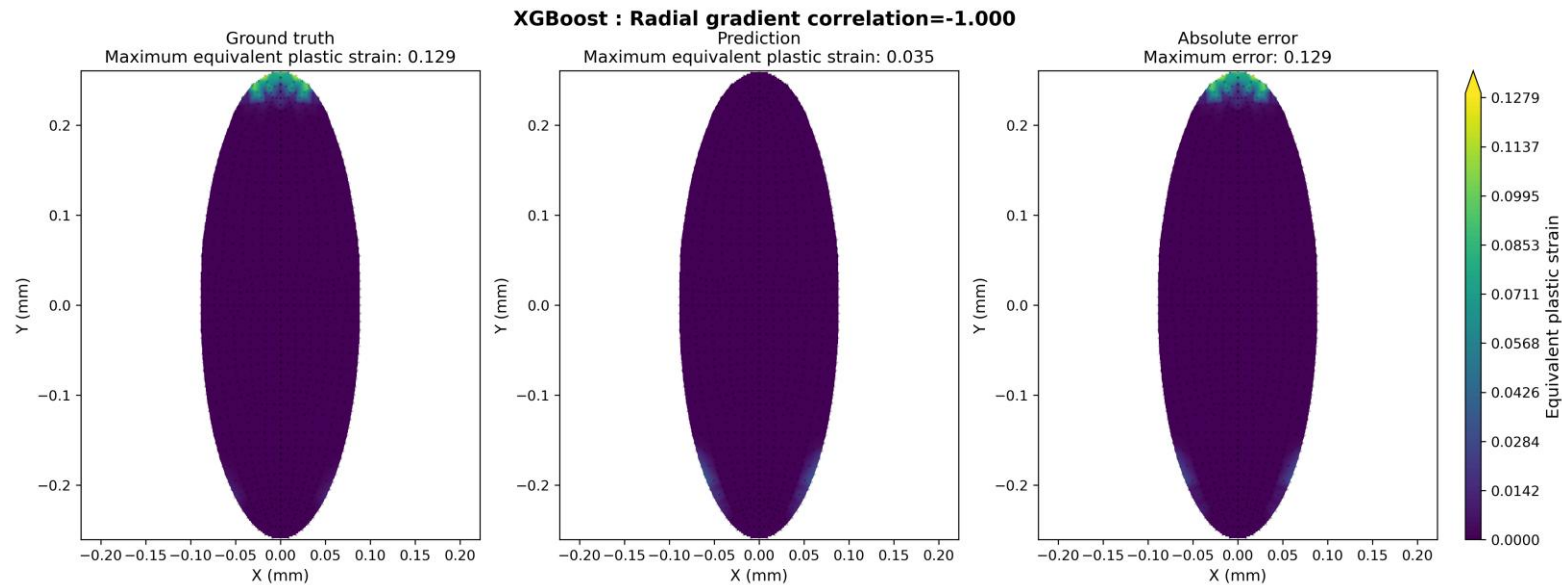
- Coffin-Manson
 - $\Delta \varepsilon = \frac{\sigma'_f}{E} (2N_f)^b + \varepsilon'_f (2N_f)^c$
 - Physics-informed
 - Static indicator measurement
- Paris' law
 - $\frac{da}{dN} = C(\Delta K)^m$
 - Dynamic
 - ΔK intractable
- Modified Paris' law
 - $\frac{da}{dN} = C(\Delta \varepsilon)^m$
 - $\Delta \varepsilon$ calculated through numerical simulations
 - Impractical (computational costs due to frequent updates)

Data-driven models

- Deep learning architectures
 - LSTMs + CNN
- Stochastic models
- Poor OOD predictions
- High data dependence
- PINNs
- Better convergence
- Limited to shape-based constraints
- Foundation models remain unexplored

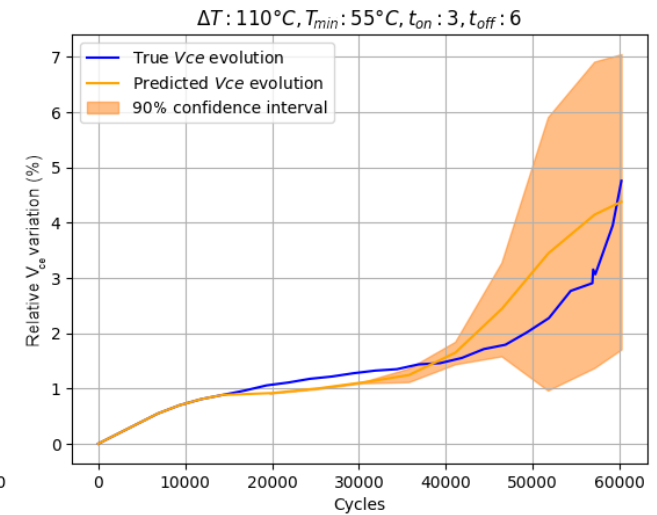
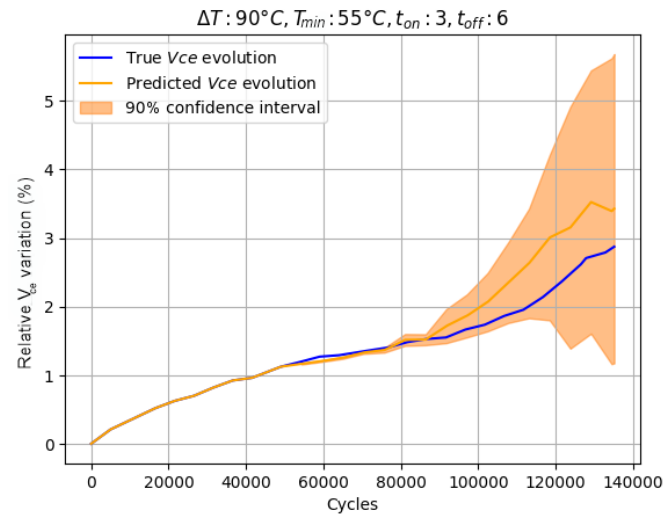
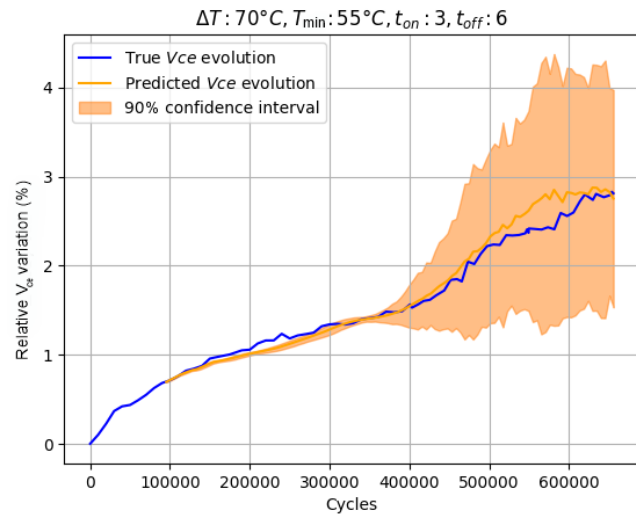
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- **Outlier behavior** reported in the simulation divergence region ($R_h \approx 0,26mm$) characterized by an **inversion** of the plastic strain's **distribution** around the center leading to an increase in prediction error.



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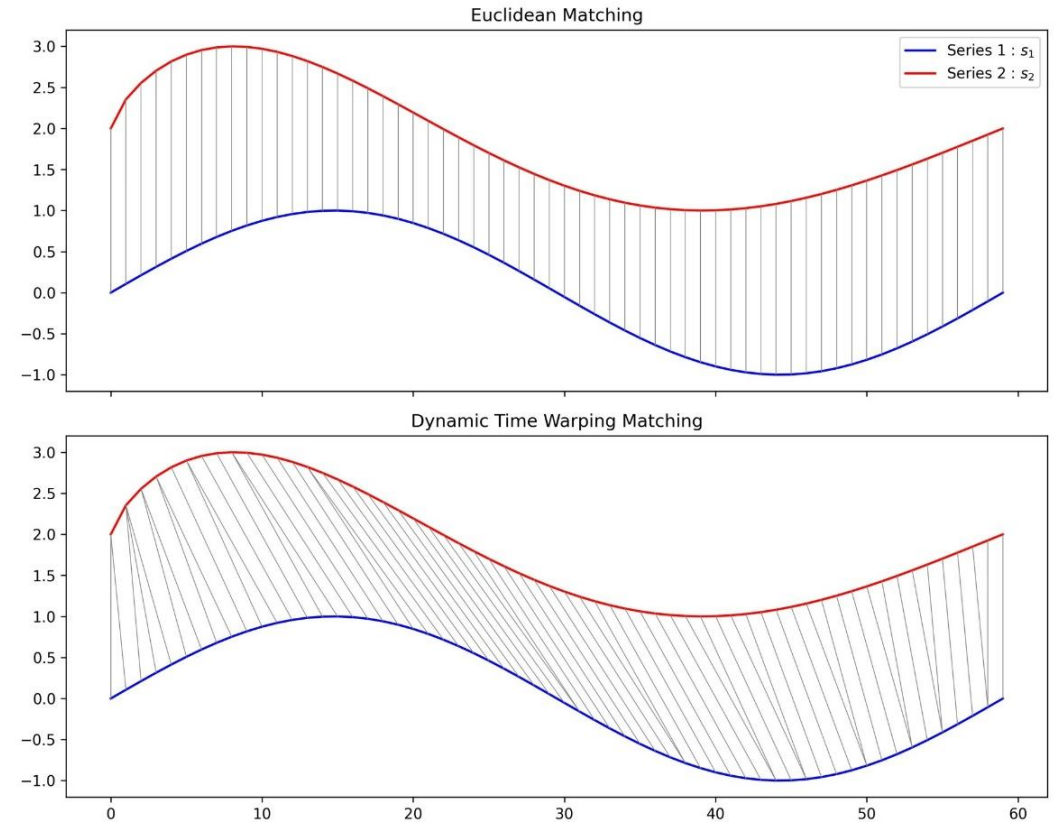
- In-distribution prediction results showcasing consistent behavior: tight confidence intervals across the life of the module until reaching a high variance regime near failure



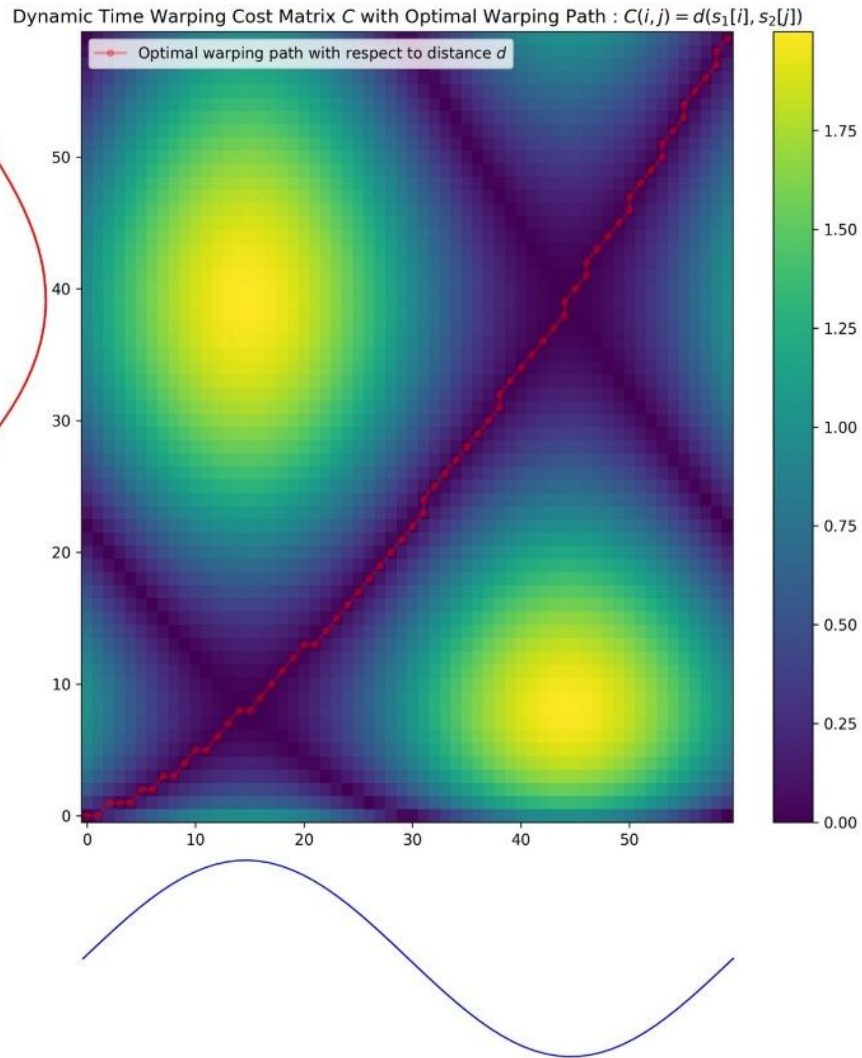
Test ΔT ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	Train ΔT ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	Coverage @90	Strict coverage @90	Bandwidth
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90	{70,90,110}	0,802	0,802	0,01
110	{70,90,110}	0,509	0,509	0,01

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- Dynamic warping (DTW): a time series matching algorithm robust to time warping (compression and stretching)
- DTW aligns peaks and troughs appropriately despite temporal offset (shortcomings of Euclidean matching)



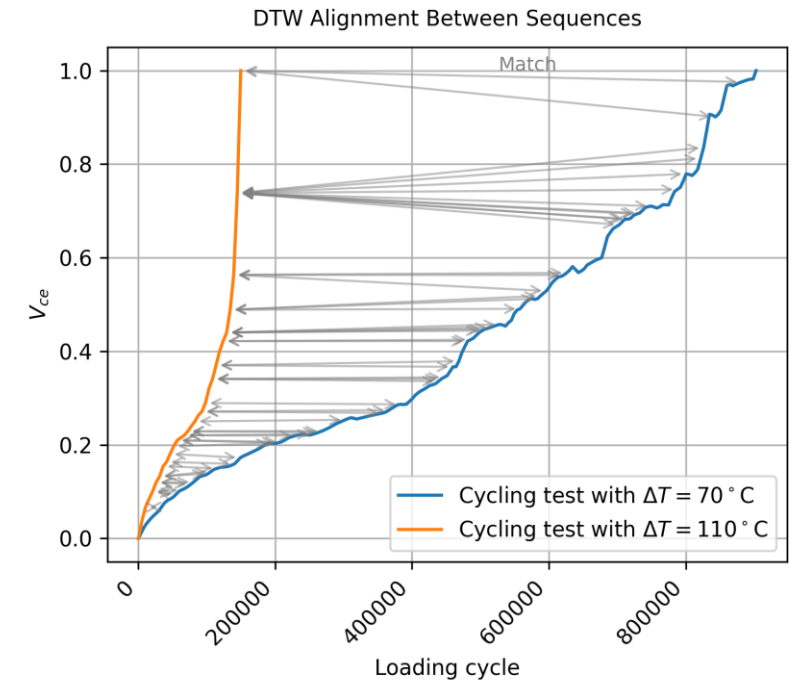
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- DTW defines a cost matrix \mathcal{C} using the signal values and a distance measure:
$$\mathcal{C}[i, j] = d(s_1[i], s_2[j])$$
- Matching is determined through the warping path: path of the lowest cost in the matrix \mathcal{C} calculated using dynamic programming
- Holds information on the relative speed between both signals

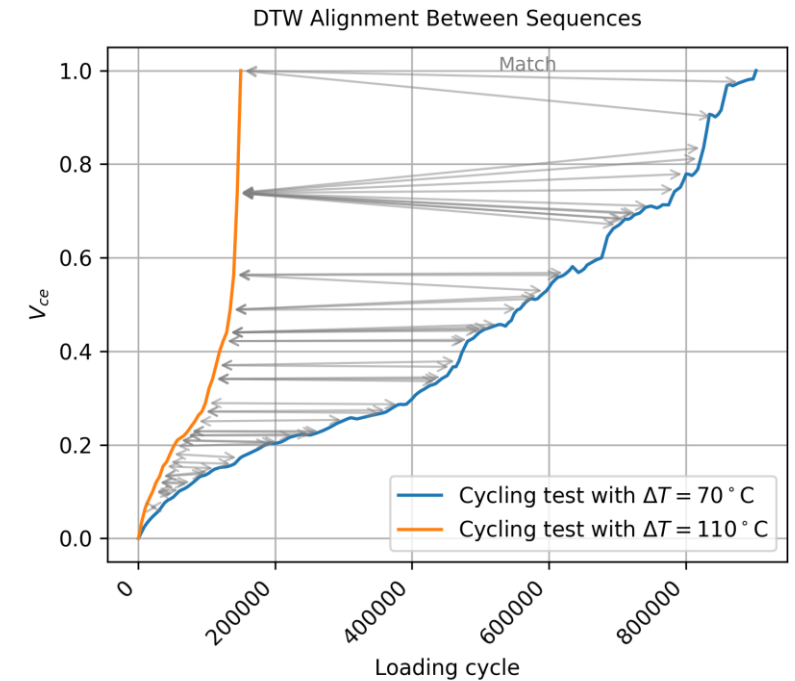
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- Warping effect seen in health indicator data as high temperature loading causes early failure (compression) compared to slower low temperature tests (stretching)
- Health indicator curves share the same characteristic shape of steady evolution followed by a sharp increase signaling failure



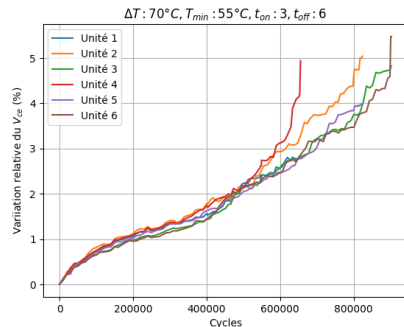
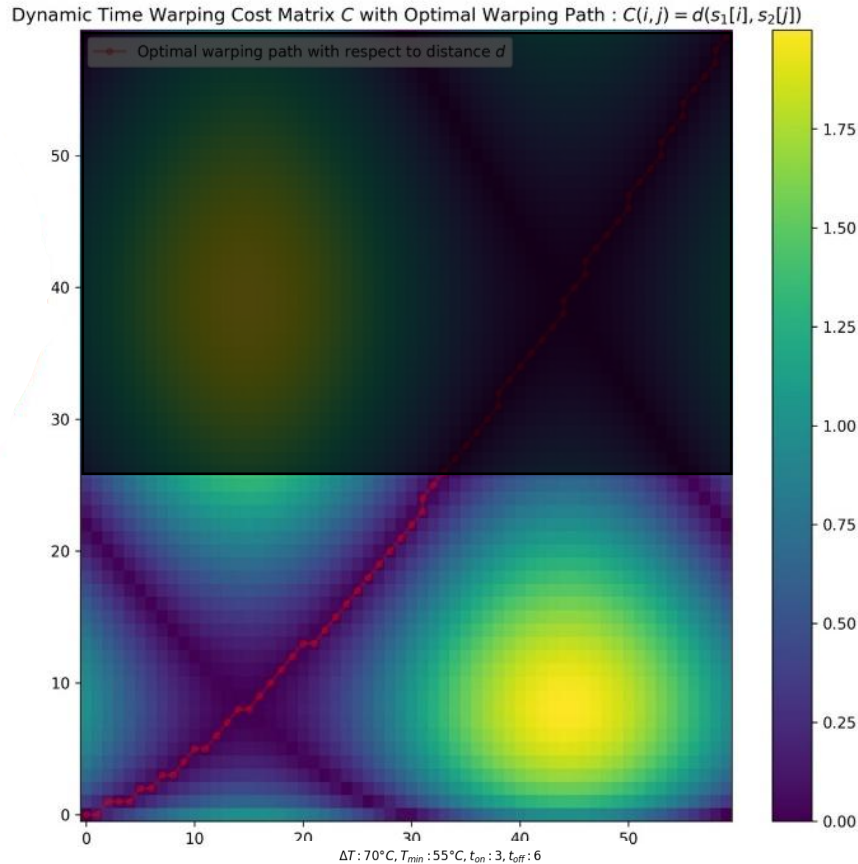
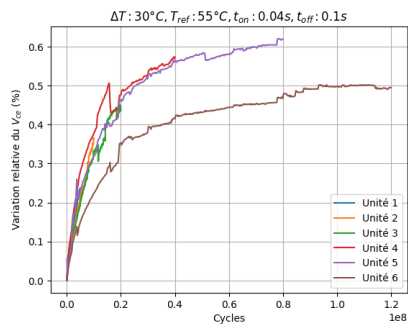
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- Use dynamic time warping to compute the relative speed between a fast reference (High ΔT , low t_{on}) and a slow incomplete test (Low ΔT , high t_{on})
 - \Rightarrow Information represented in the warping path
- Forecast the warping path in the future using time series prediction models
- Use the predicted warping path and the reference signal to complete the slow test (“Dynamic Time Unwarping”)



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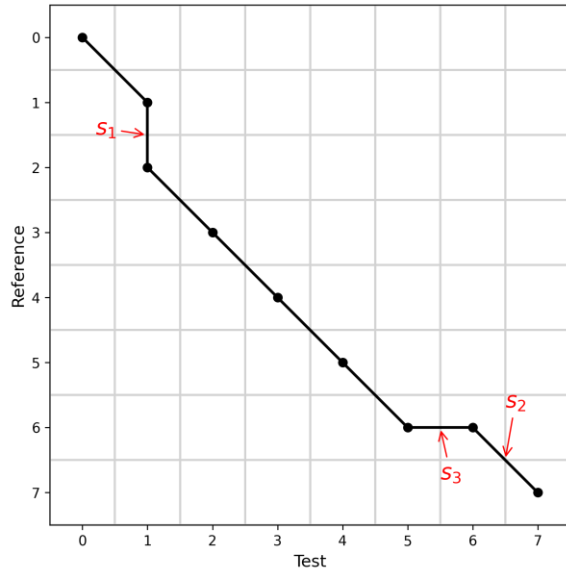
- Partial observation of the signal \Leftrightarrow Partial observation of the cost matrix



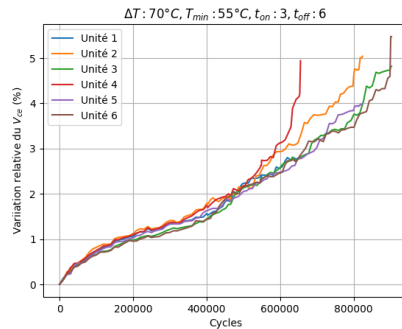
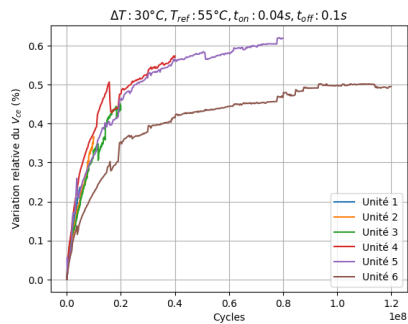
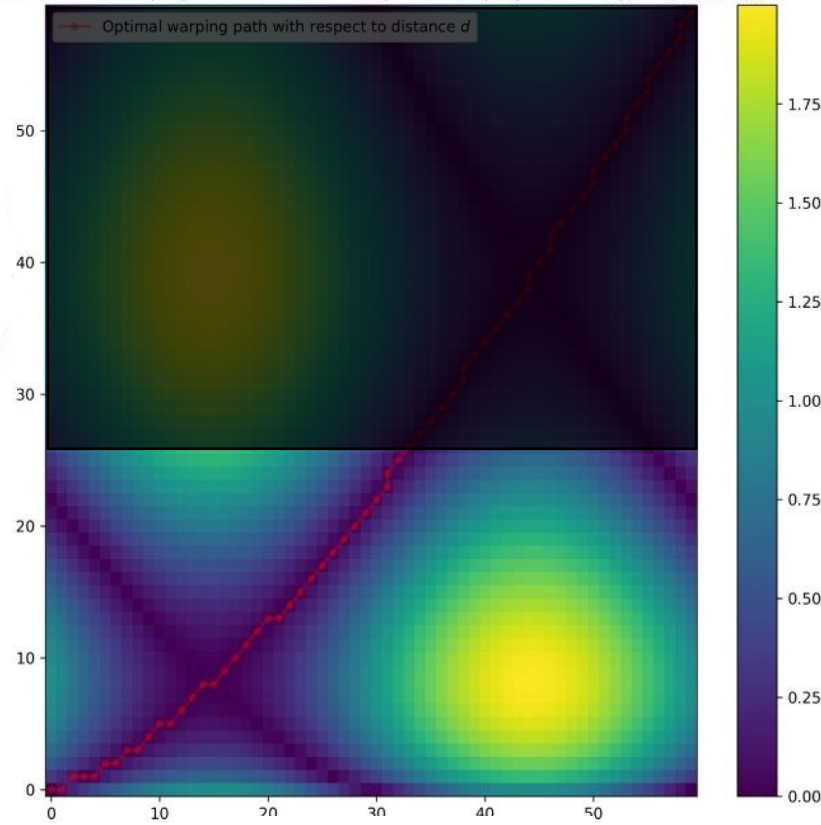
- Forecasting the warping path in the hidden area \Leftrightarrow Blindfolded Exploration using Dynamic **time** warping
- The warping path is a realization of a Random Walk (Time in-homogenous) with 3 states

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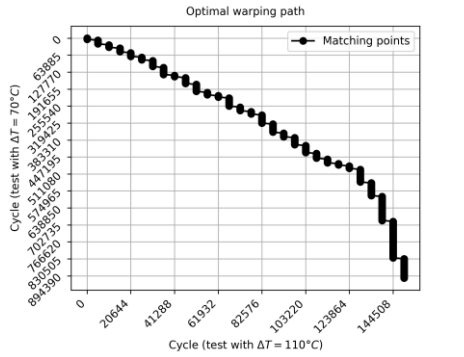
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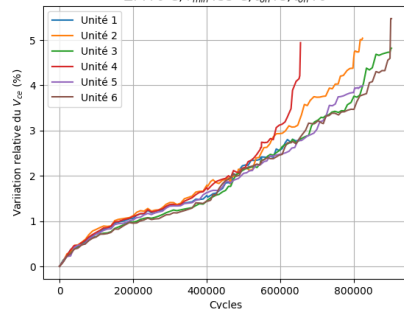
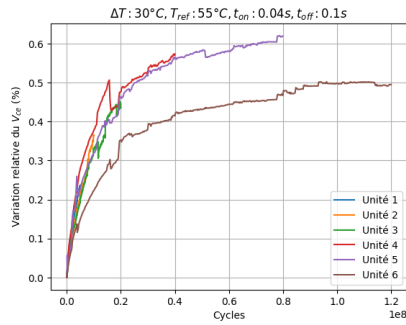
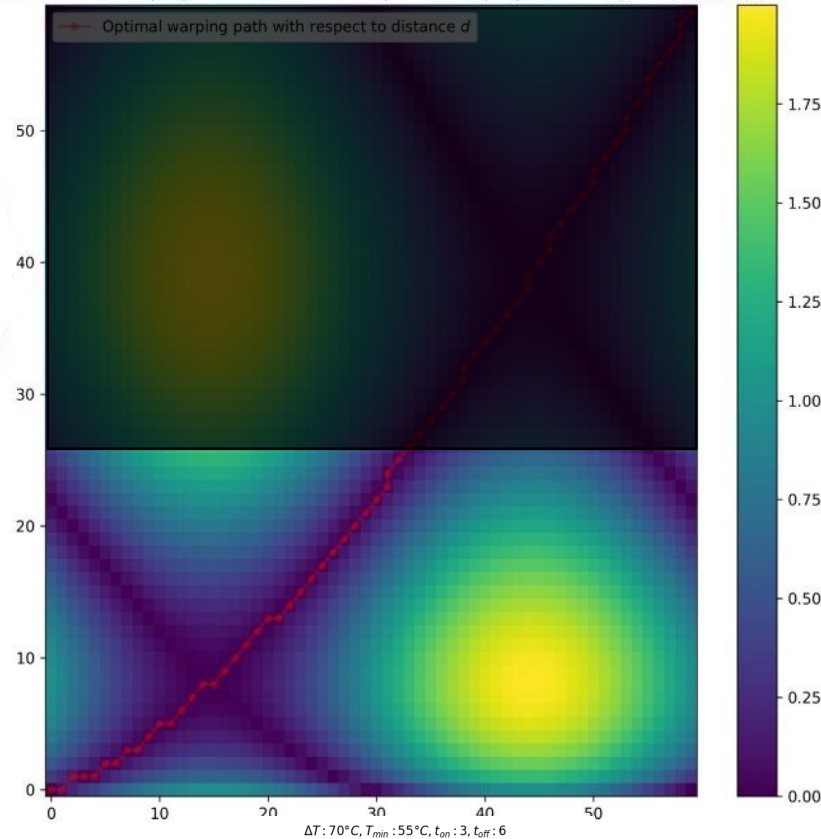
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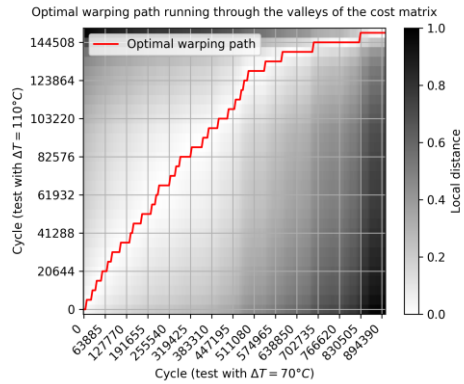
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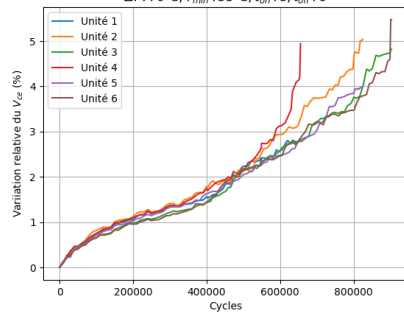
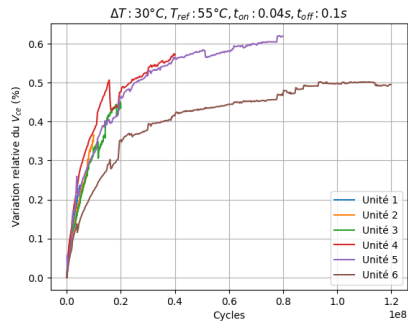
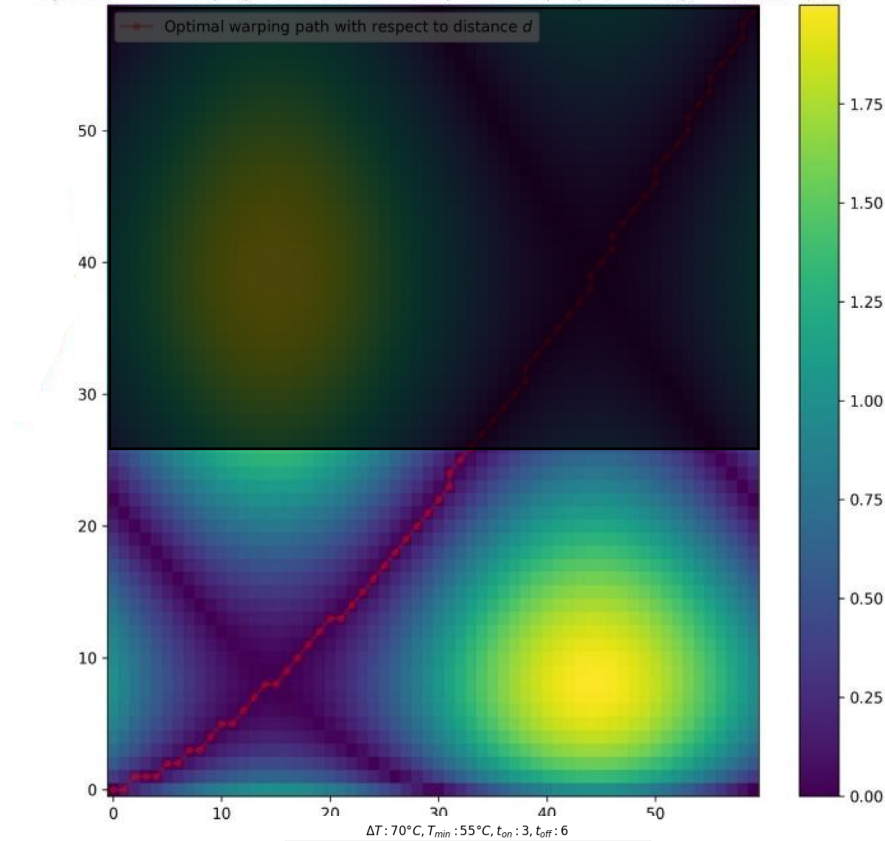
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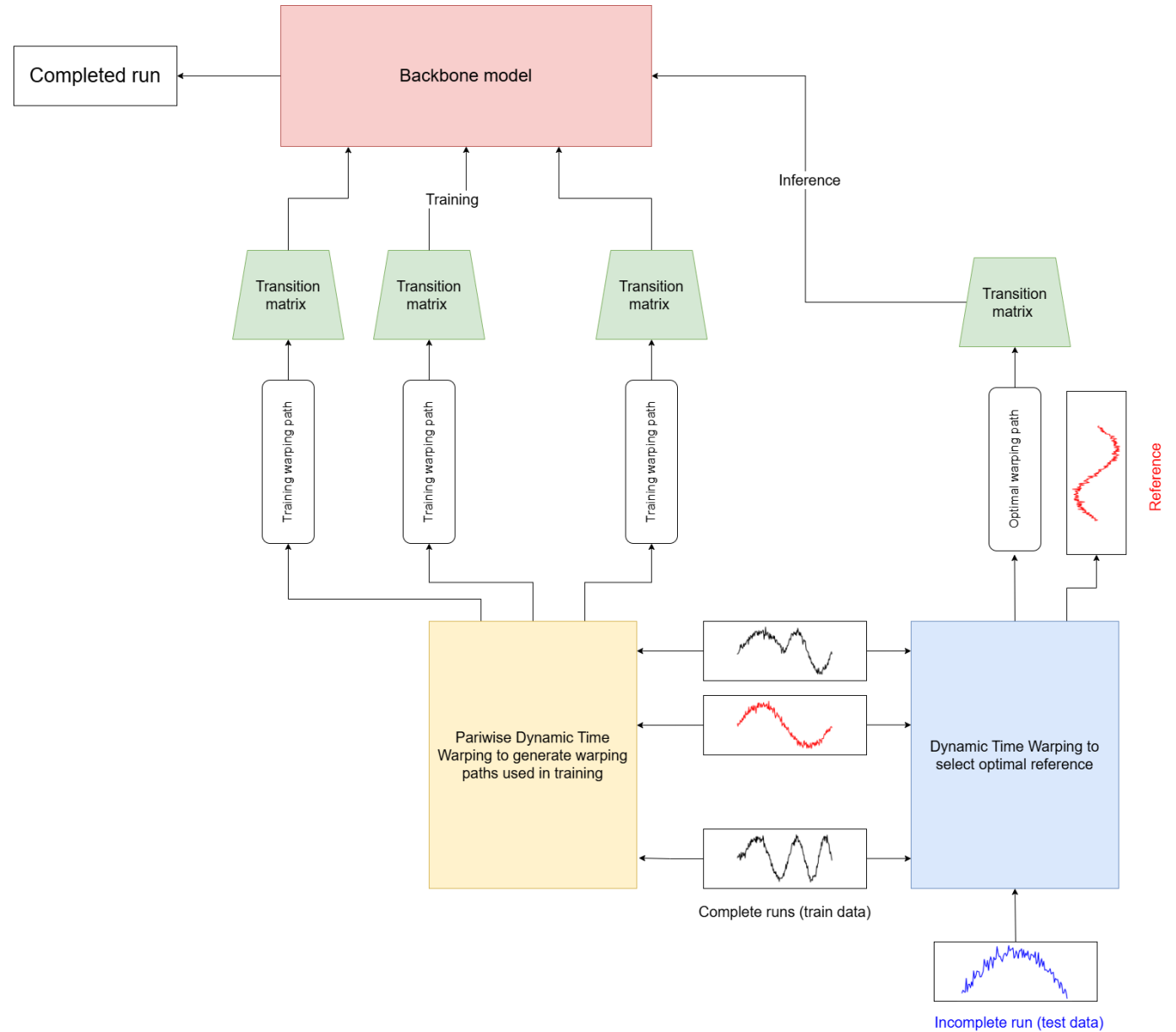
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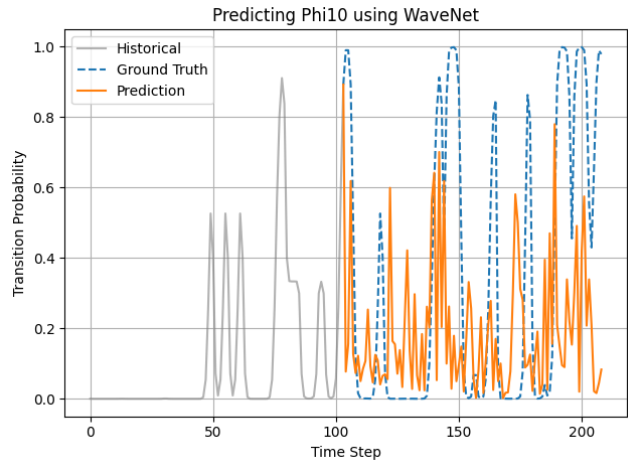
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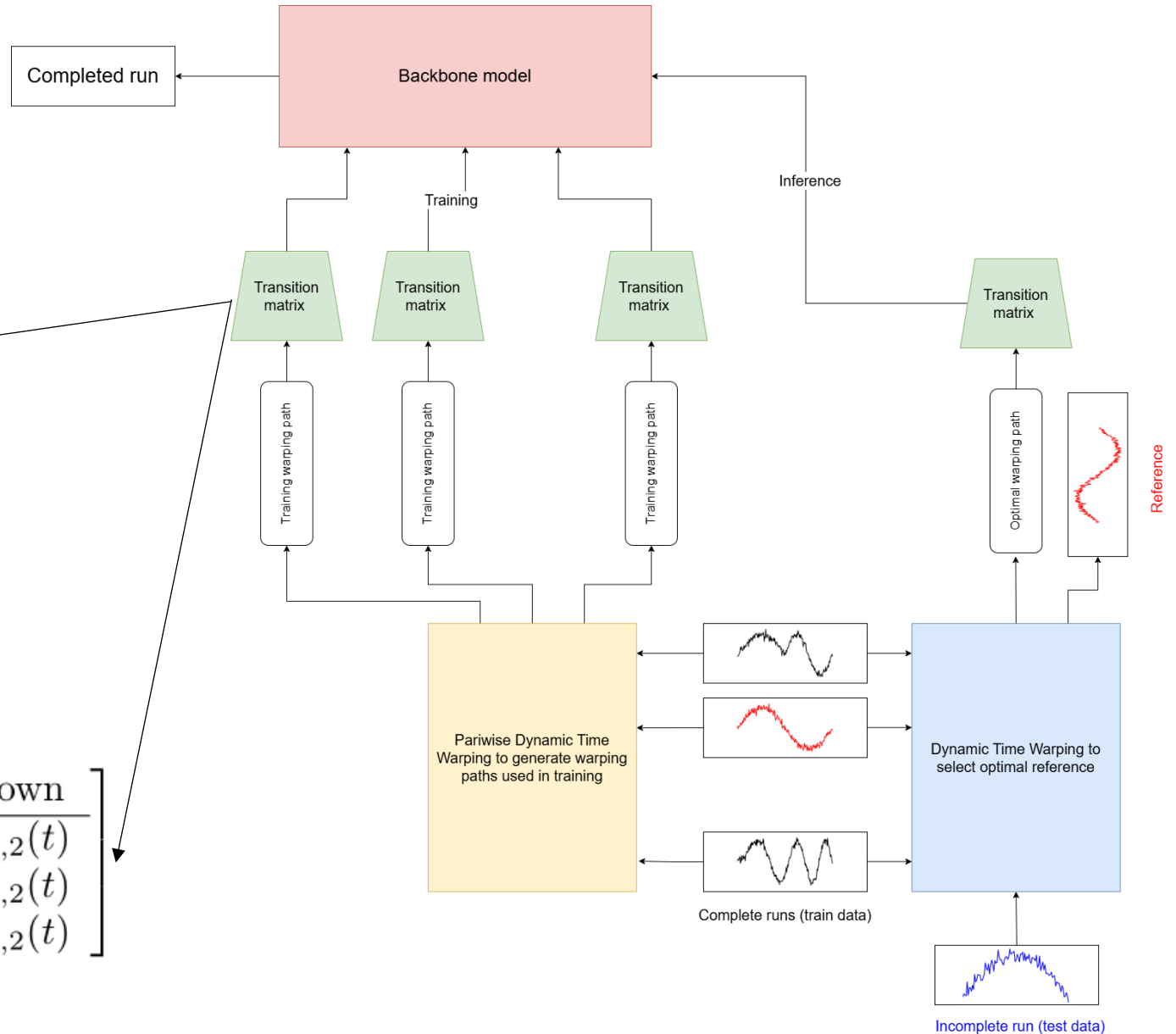
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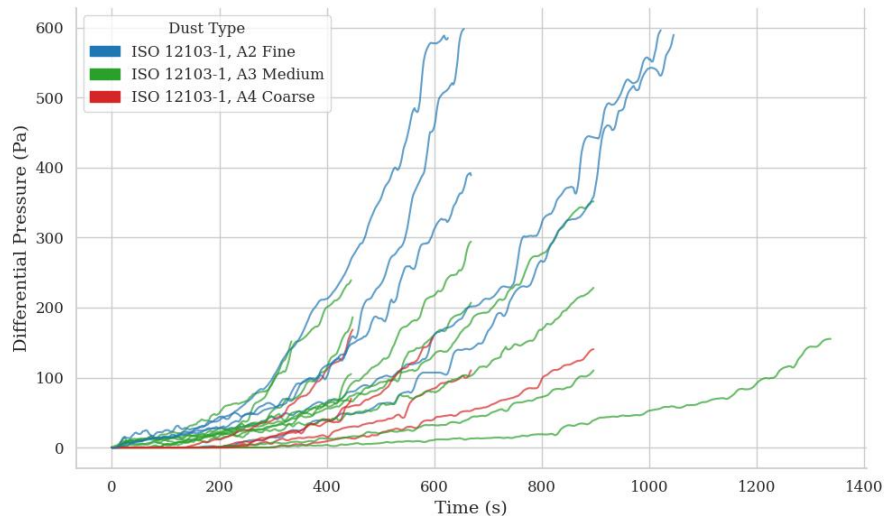
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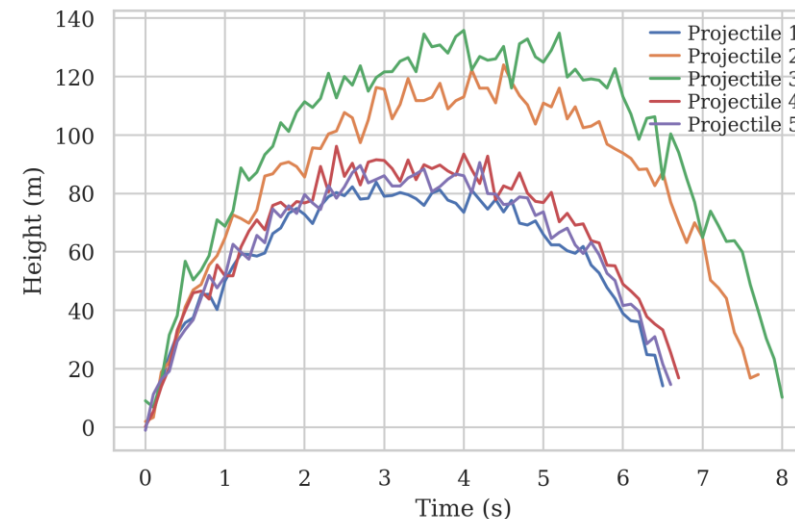
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Example of data showcasing warping effects

- Filter dataset representing the evolution of filter clogging through observation of differential pressure (Mauthe 2021) (50 total runs)

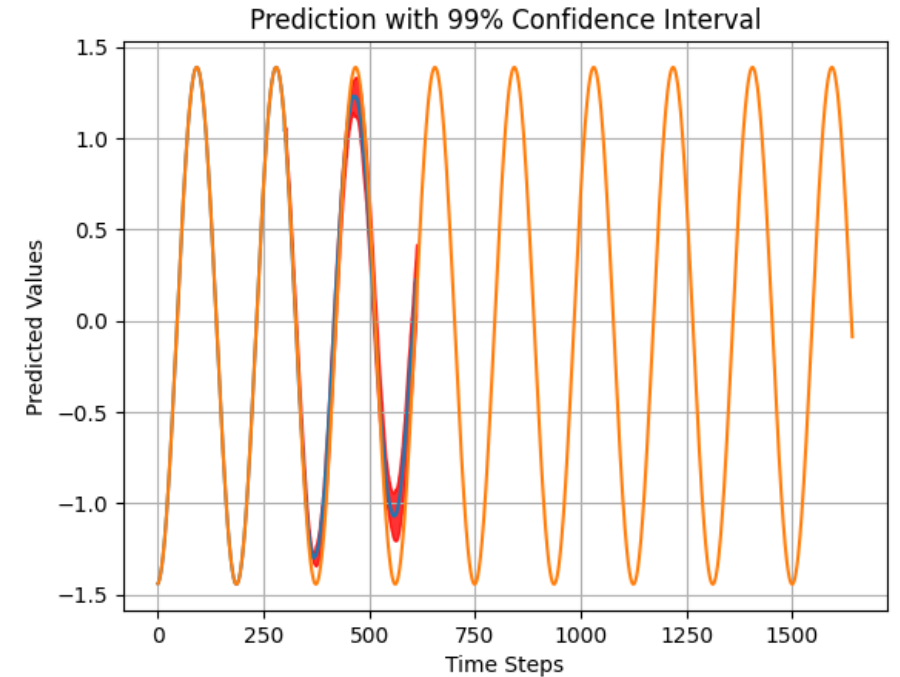


- Synthetic dataset (GDS Education Community of Practice, 2023) of 101 simulations representing the parabolic movement of launching different projectiles with different properties (mass, drag, etc...)



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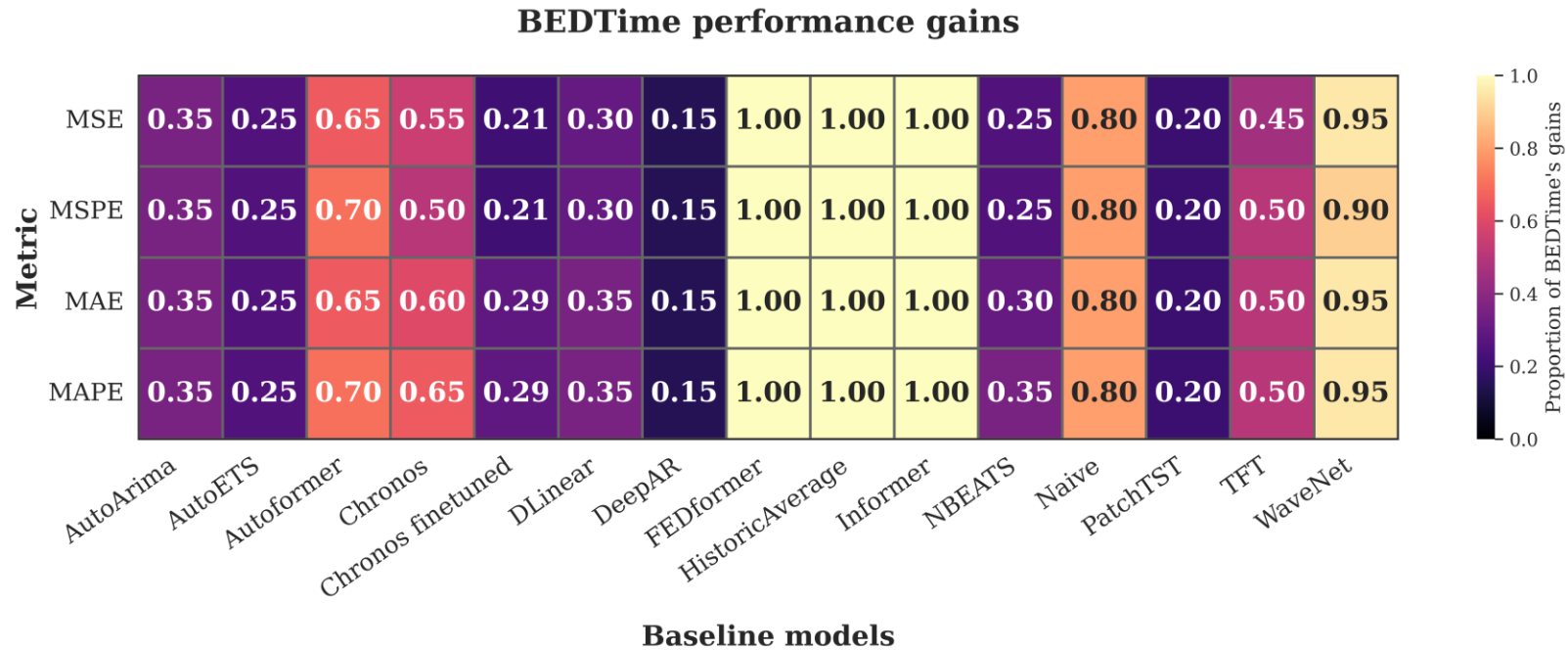
- Taking the mean across all samples gives an estimate of the expected value at each future time step.
- Samples may present relative shifts due to different warpings
⇒ the extremal values in the forecast tend to diminish in magnitude.
- This results from averaging with temporally shifted values near the extrema and this softening becomes more apparent when the prediction horizon is large and when the time series presents high fluctuation
- ⇒ Median-based aggregation (using DTW distance) is robust to extrema softening



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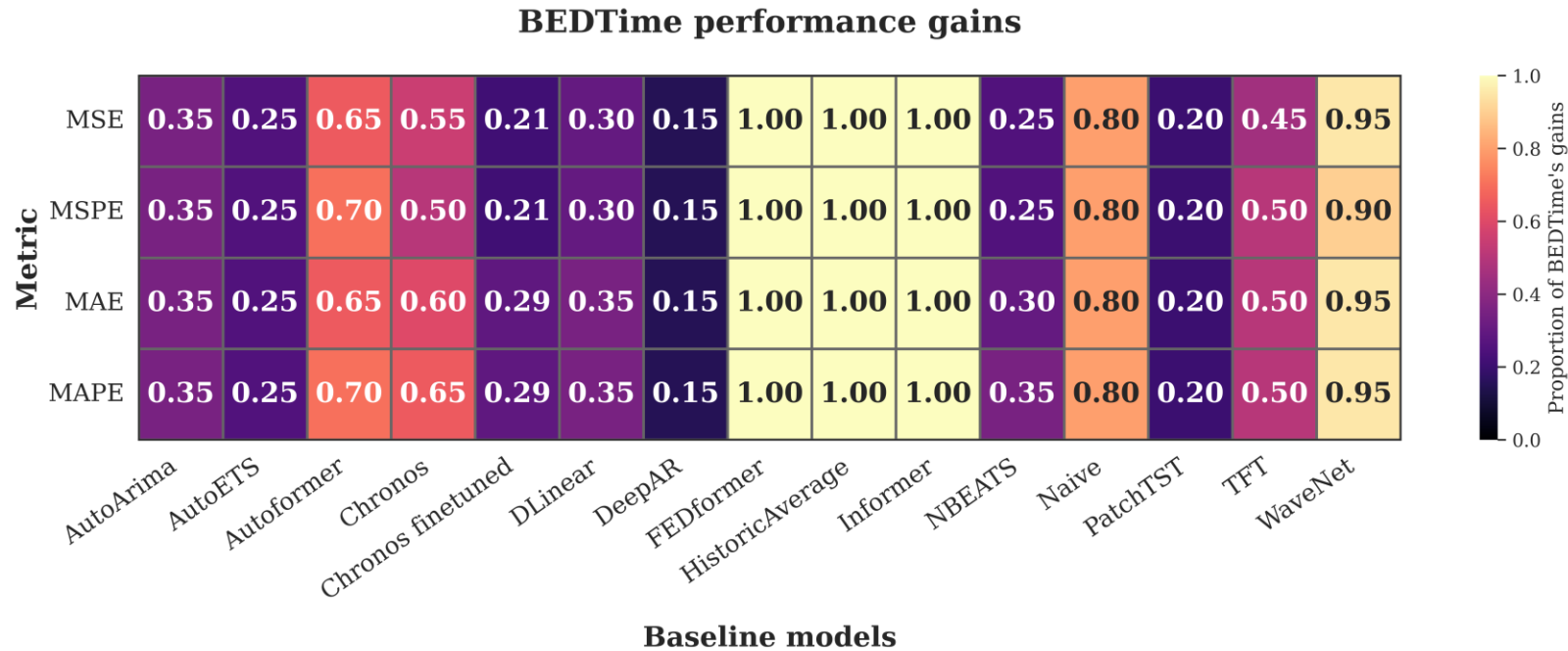
- The choice of the experimental setup was based on a trade-off between data quality, computational time, and applicability.
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- Using training sizes of 1 and 6 allows testing in one-shot and few-shot settings.
- A training size of 6 was used due to the scarcity of meaningful data, especially in the Filter dataset (only 6 runs where the differential pressure exceeds 500Pa).
- These choices were applied to all datasets to keep a consistent benchmark.
- The baseline models were chosen to cover a variety of solutions in time series forecasting.

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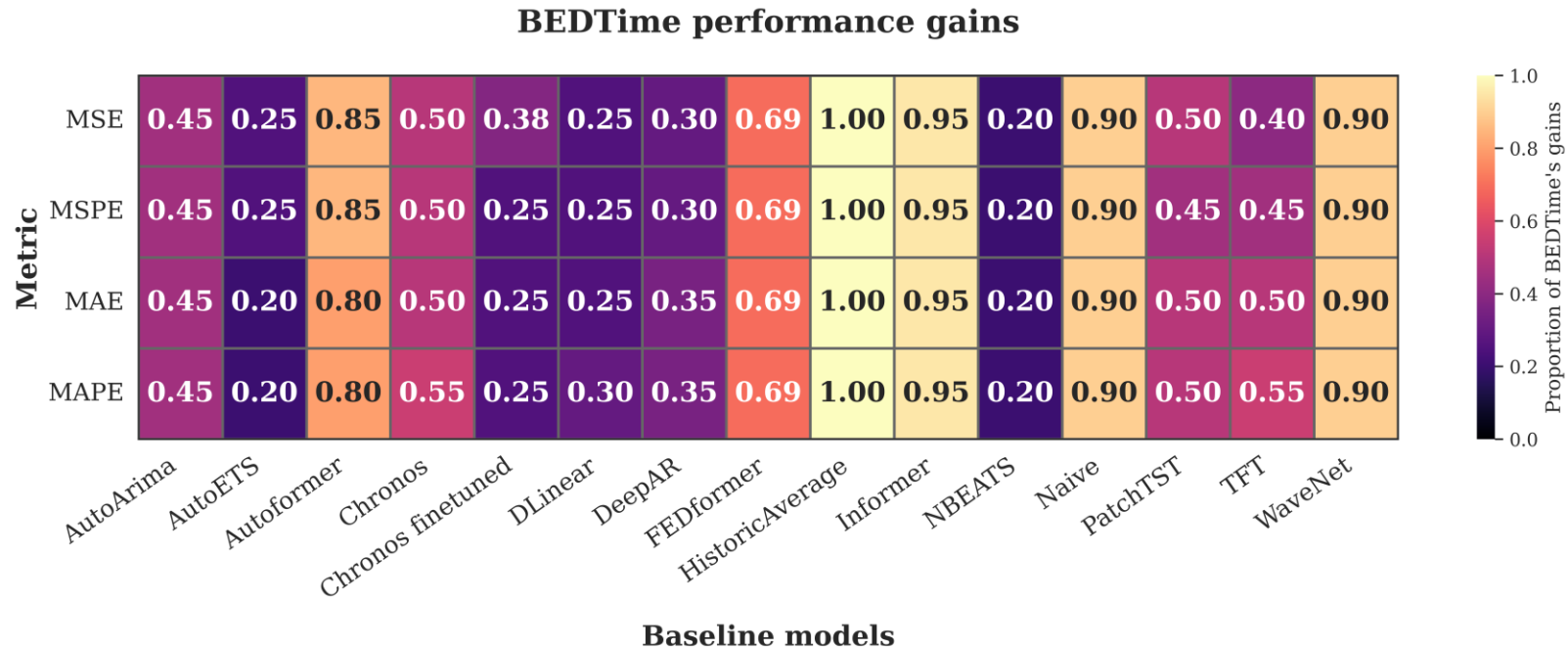
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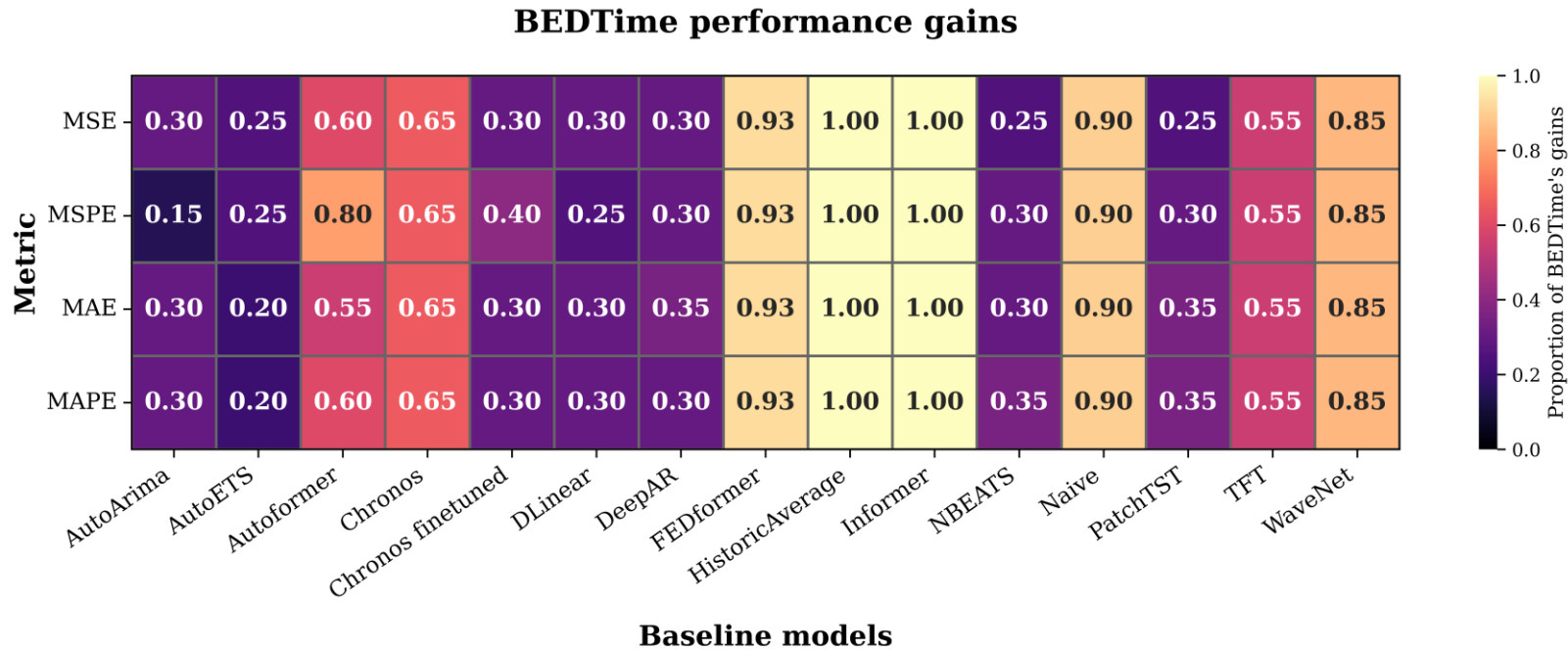
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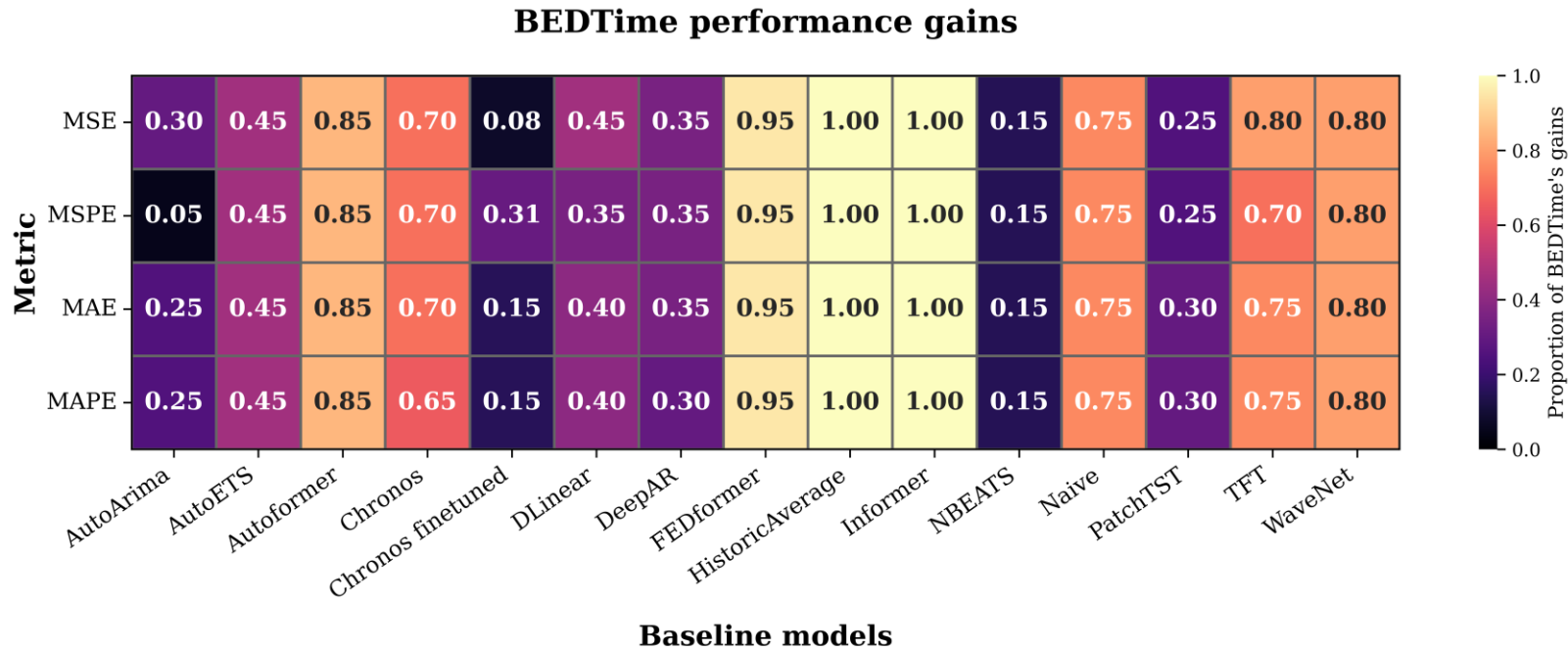
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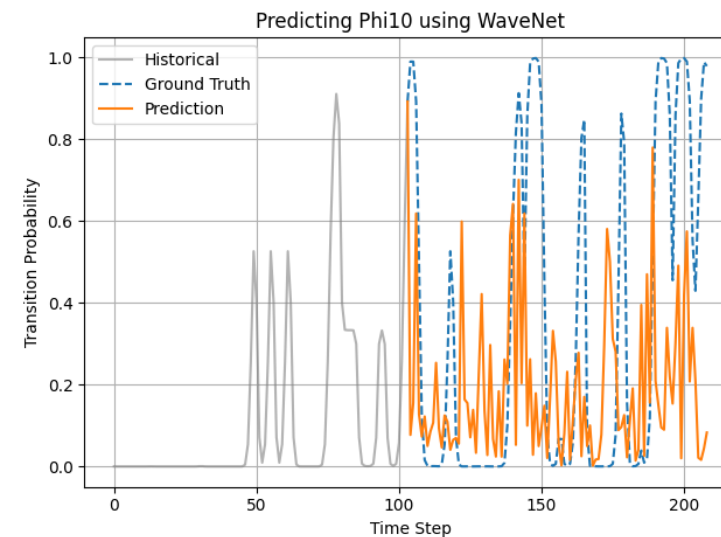
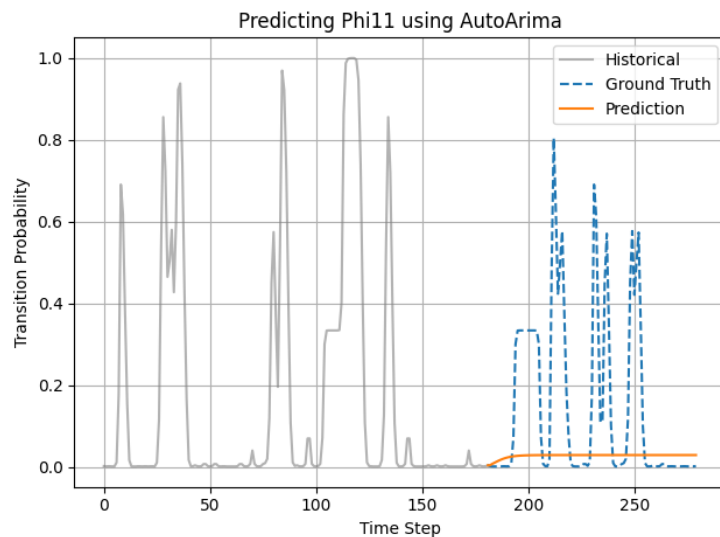
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- BEDTime relies on backbone models to forecast transition probabilities, and its performance is influenced by the backbone's ability to model temporal dynamics in this space.
- Transformer-based models such as Autoformer, FEDformer and Informer yields noticeable improvements when integrated into BEDTime: architectures are well-suited to capture long-range temporal dependencies
- Classical statistical models such as ARIMA and ETS, see their performance decrease when coupled with BEDTime. This suggests that the transition dynamics require a more complex modeling.
- A similar behavior is seen with deep learning models with lower complexity such as DLinear, DeepAR, and NBEATS.
- BEDTime exhibits particularly strong performance when combined with WaveNet: architecture uses dilated convolutions to model wave-like structures, resembling the oscillatory patterns seen in the transition probability graphs

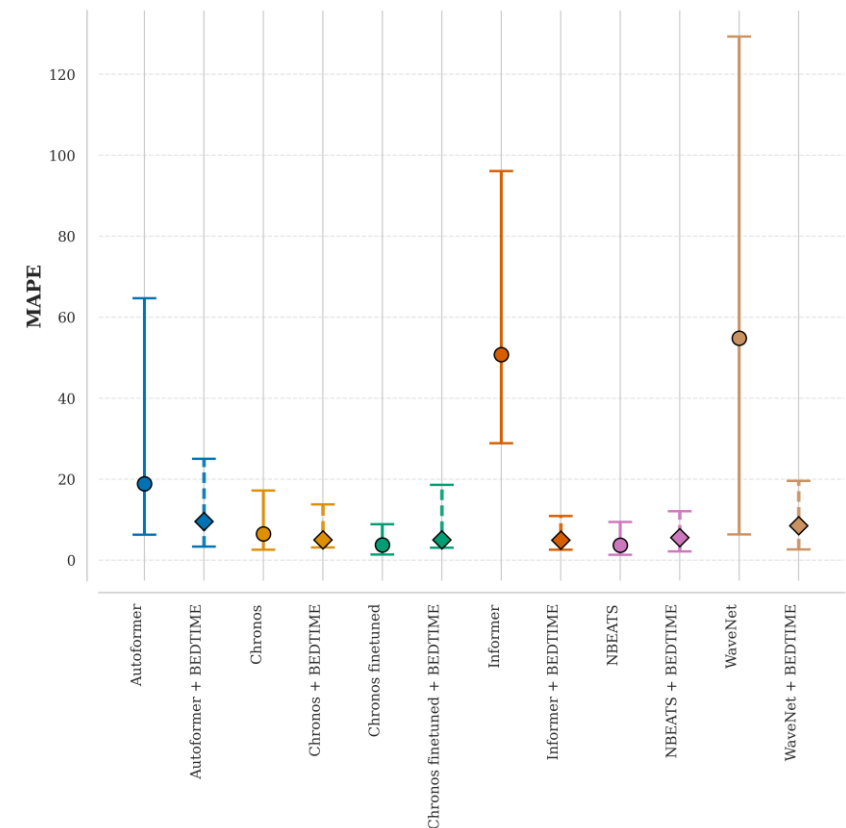


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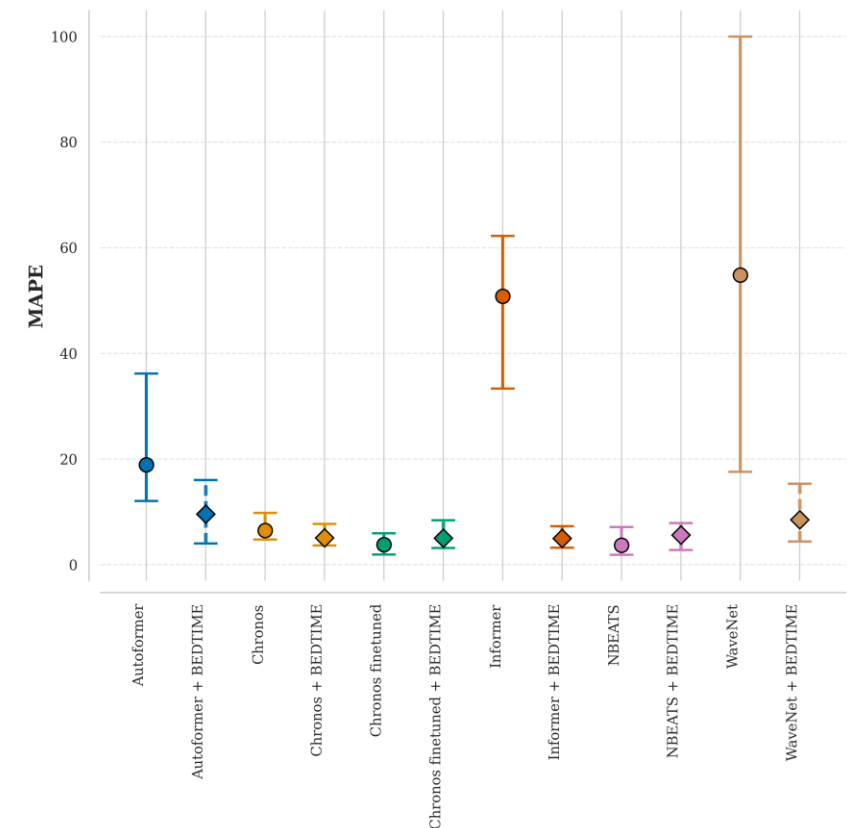


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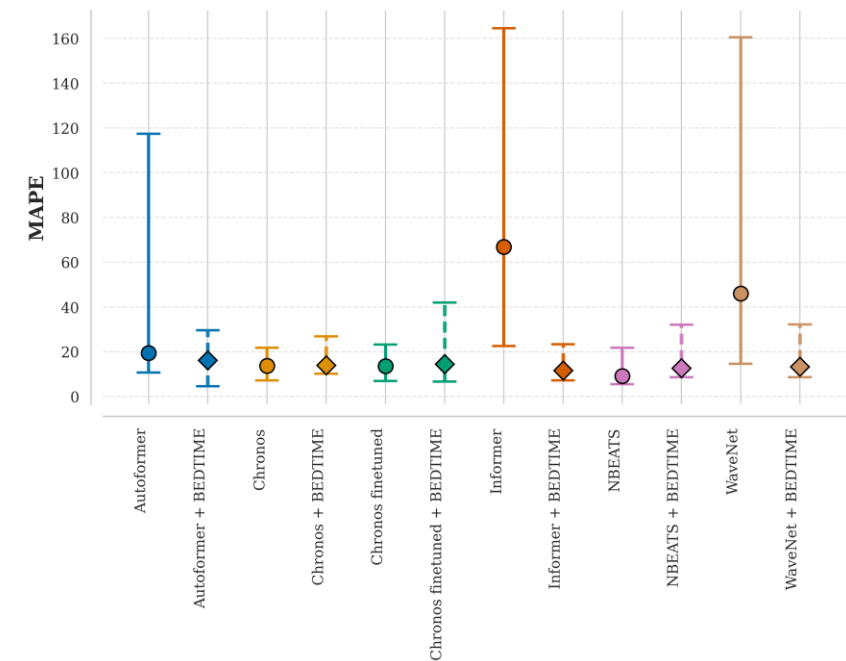


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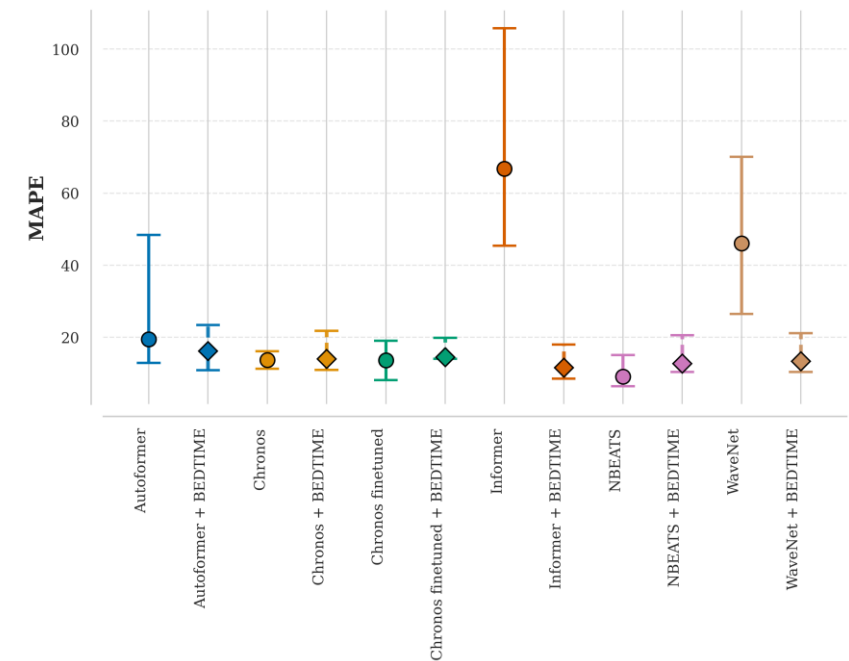


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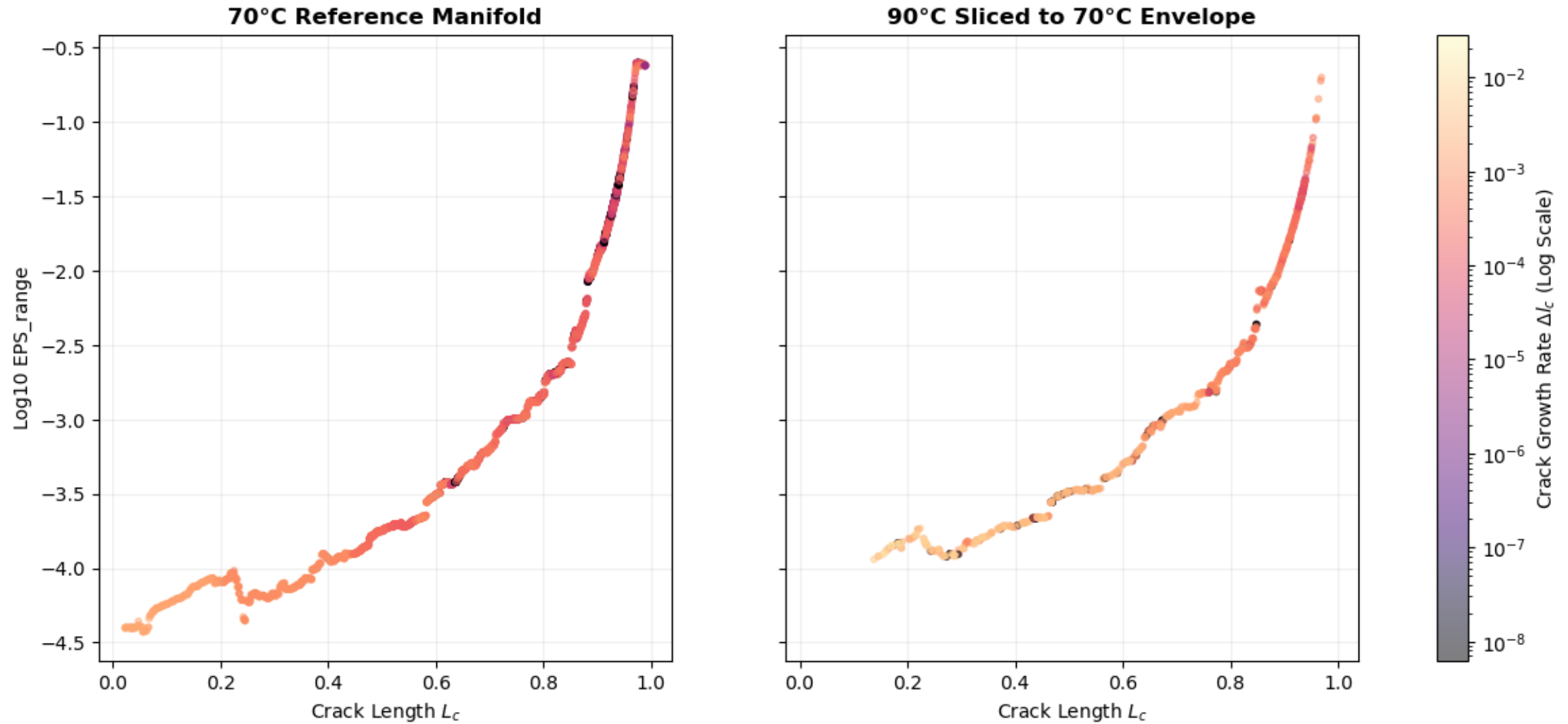
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