

# ML for perception and navigation in robotics

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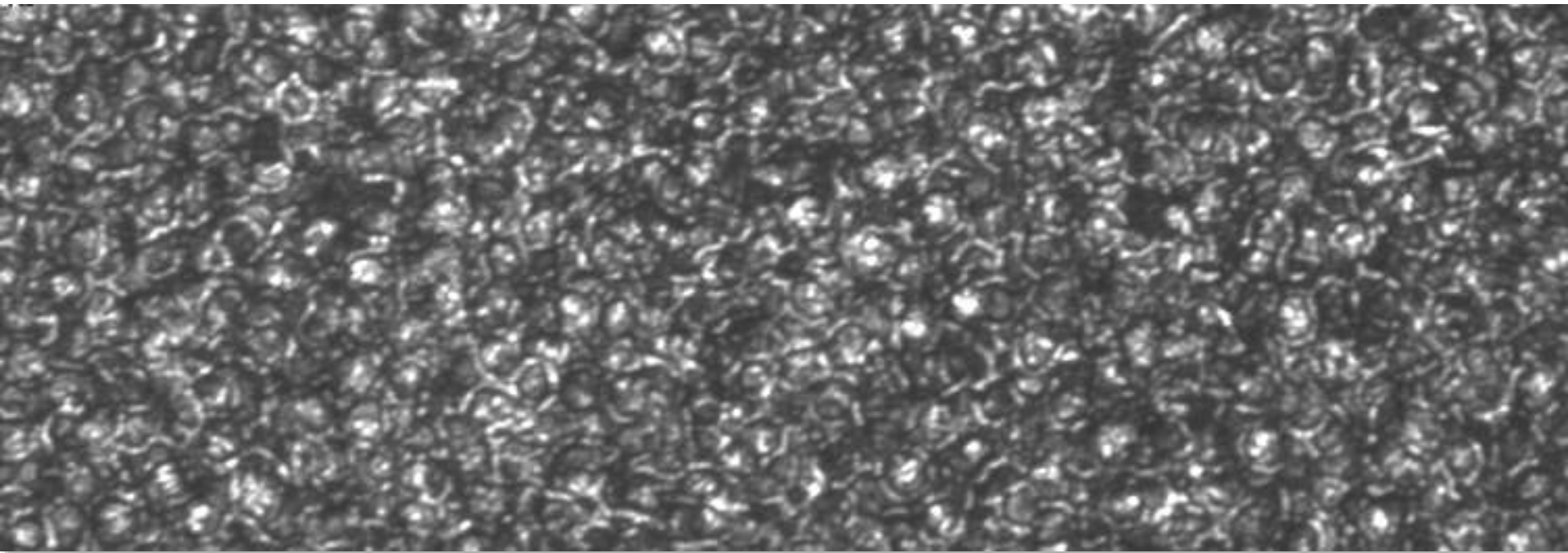
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# Outline

1. Vision-based roughness estimation of metal surfaces
2. Vision-based proximity Human-Drone Interaction
3. Augmented reality for microscopy applications

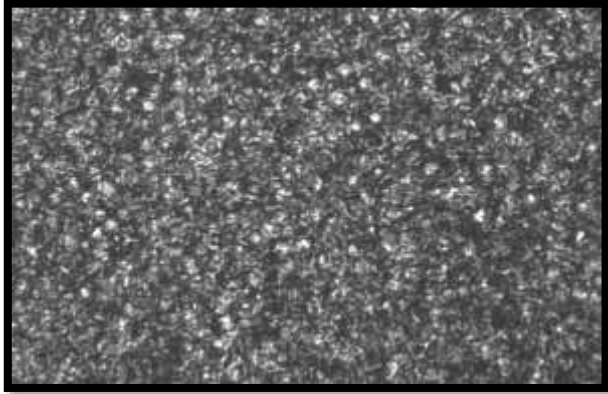


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# **1. VISION-BASED ROUGHNESS ESTIMATION OF METAL SURFACES**

# Visual measurement of surface roughness

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Image

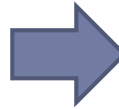


Image Processing Software

$R_a = 0.98 \pm 0.13 \mu\text{m}$

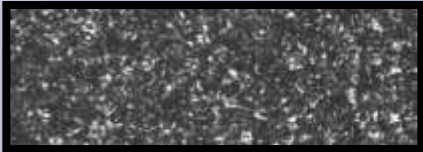
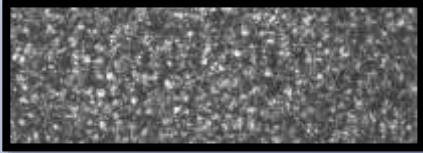



Results



# Machine Learning Approach (1)

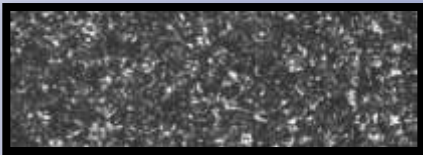
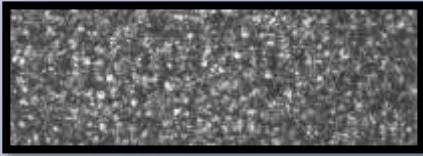
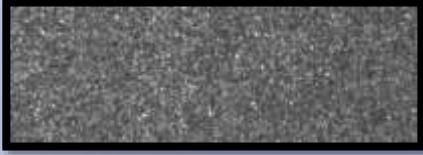


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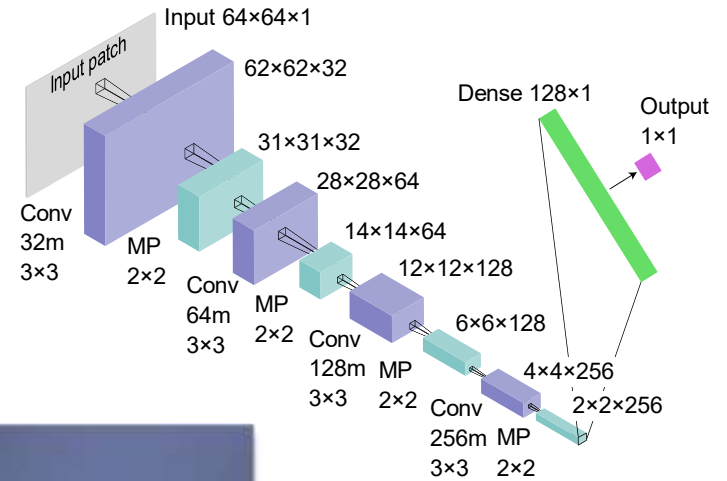
## Training set

Image	Known Ra
	2.09
	1.21
	0.64
	0.37
	0.17

# Machine Learning Approach (2)

## Training set

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	1.21
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# Machine Learning Approach (3)

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## Training set

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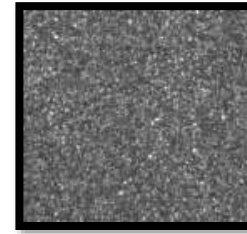
Regressor

# Machine Learning Approach (4)

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## Training set

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**New image input**



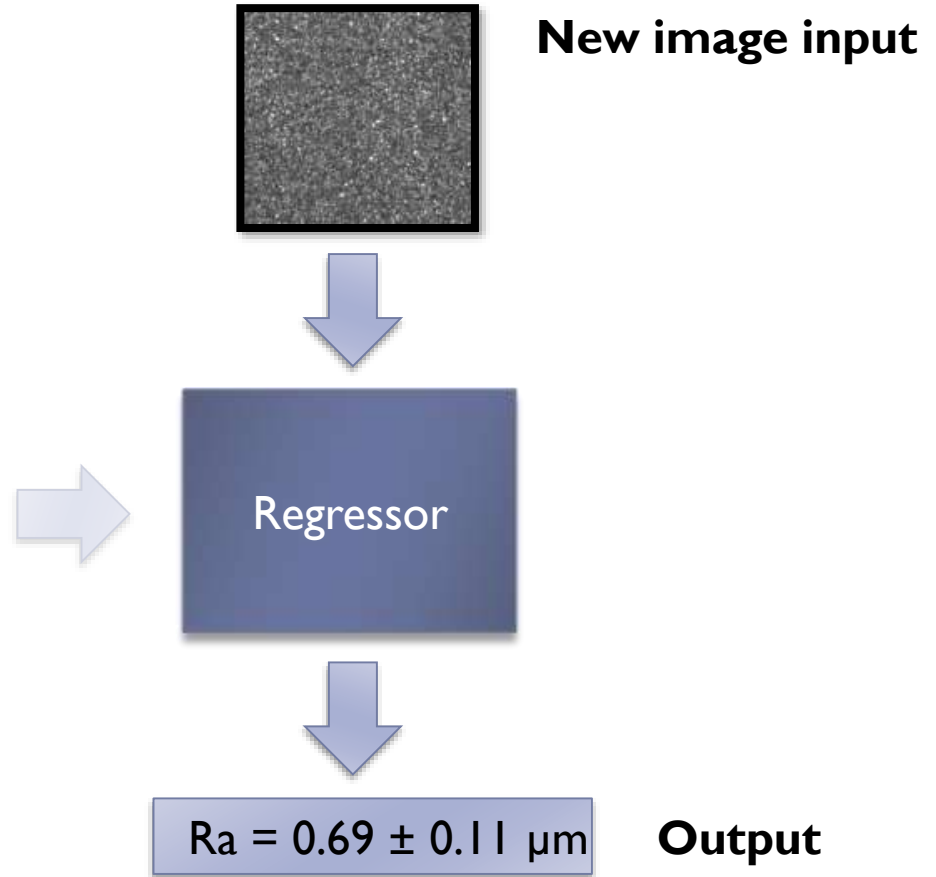


# Machine Learning Approach (5)

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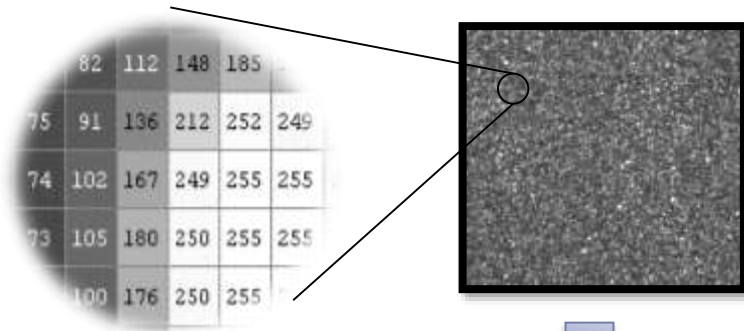
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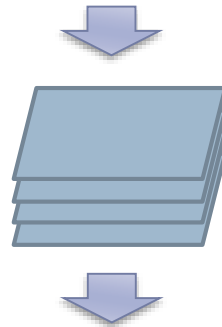
# Deep Neural Networks as Regressors

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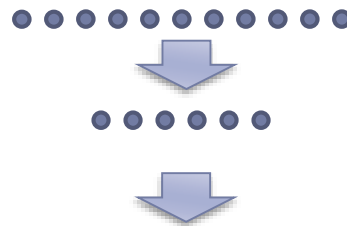
## Input layer

a grid of 64x64 neurons  
(raw image pixel intensities)



## Convolutional and Max-pooling layers

a standard lenet-like architecture  
for feature extraction



## Two fully-connected layers

as a regressor

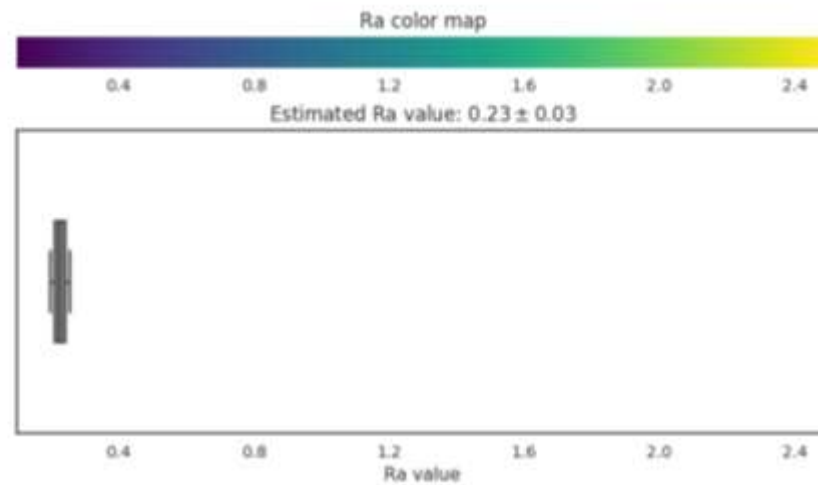
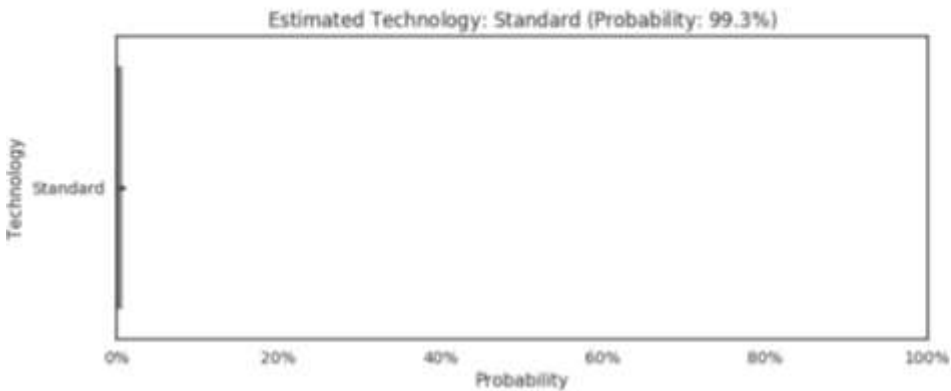
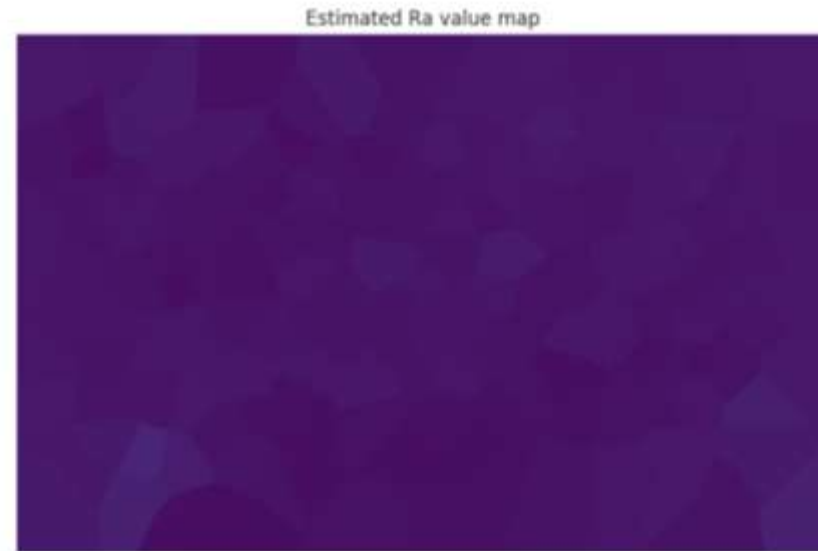
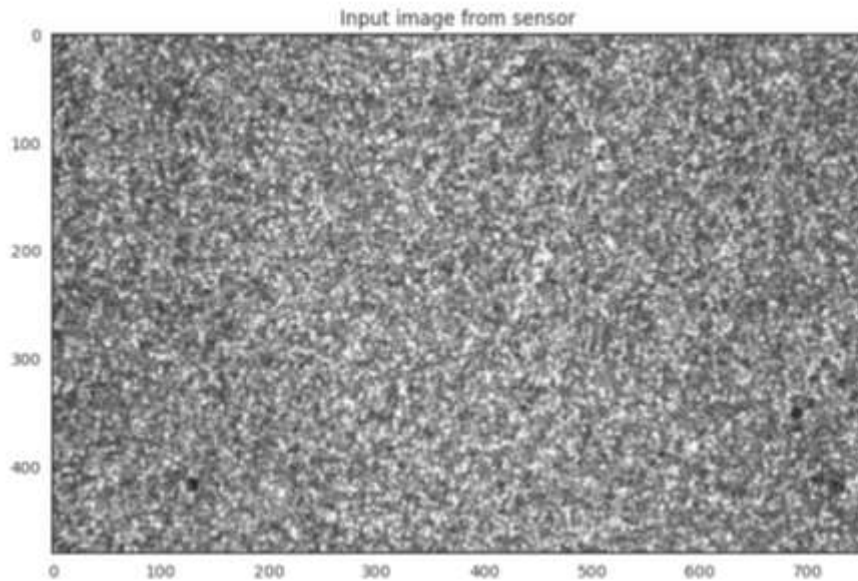


## One output neuron

activation representing  
the Ra value directly

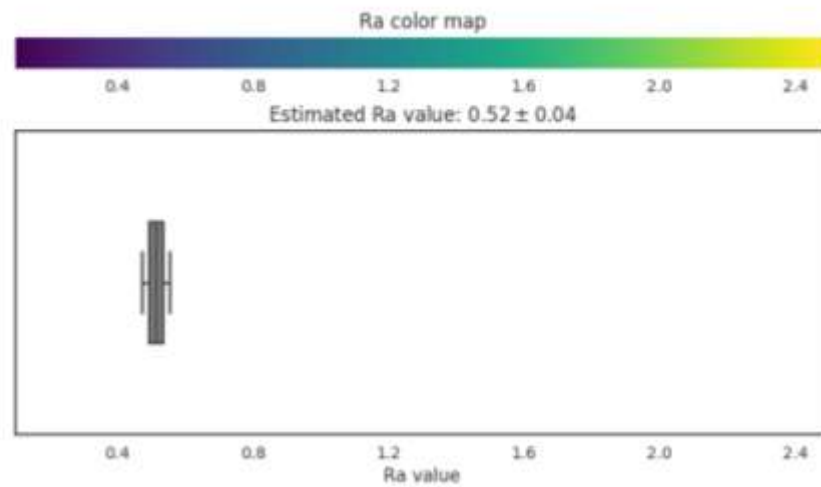
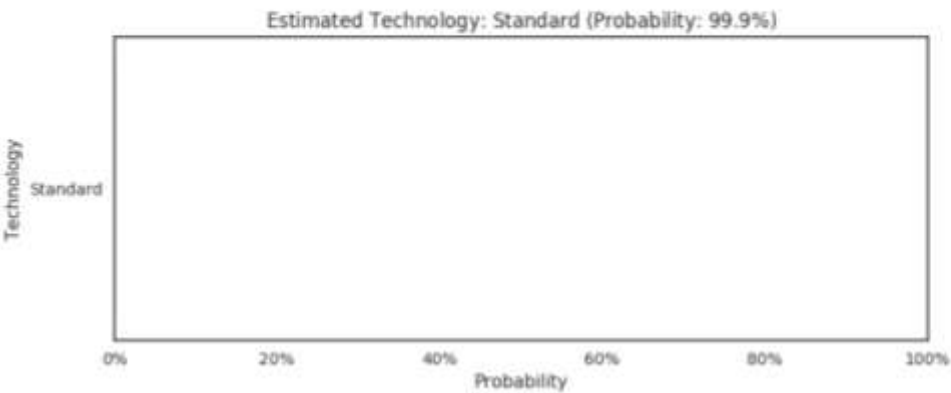
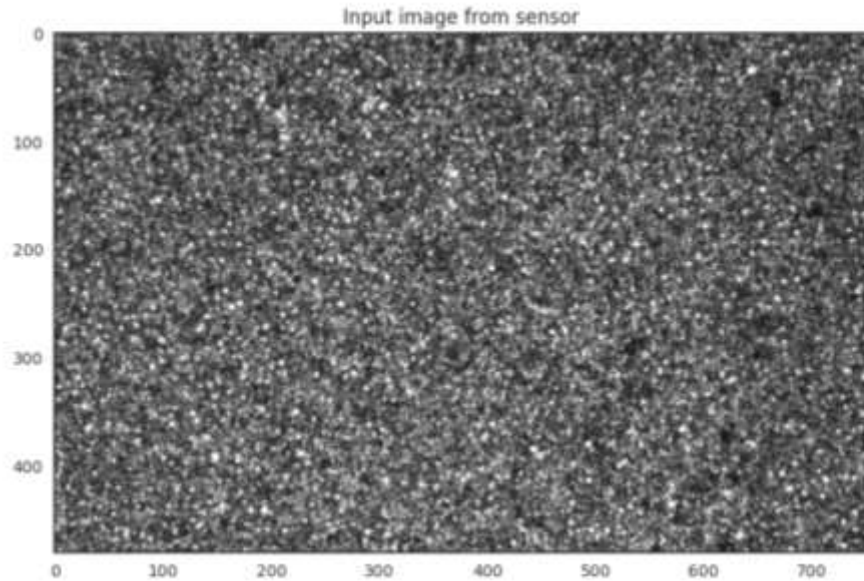
# Example results

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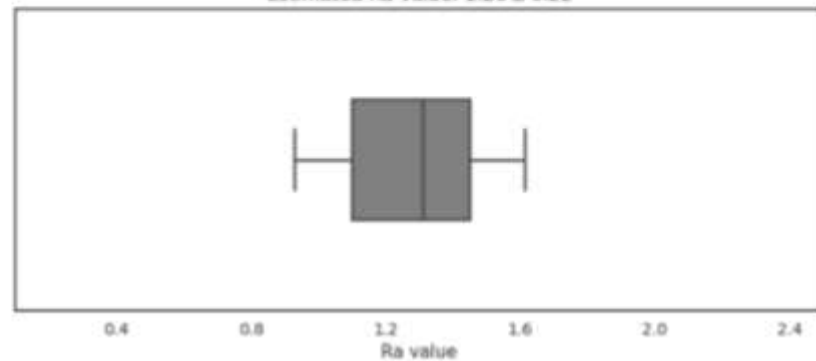
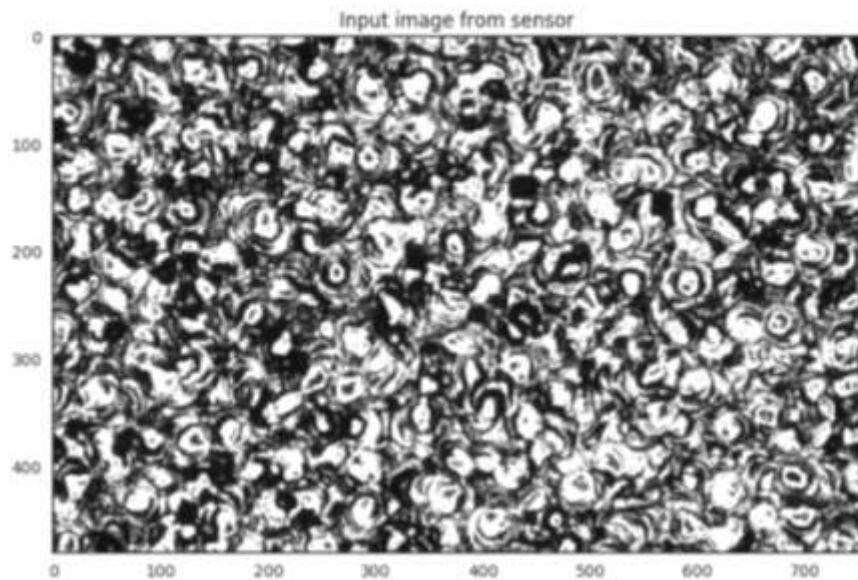


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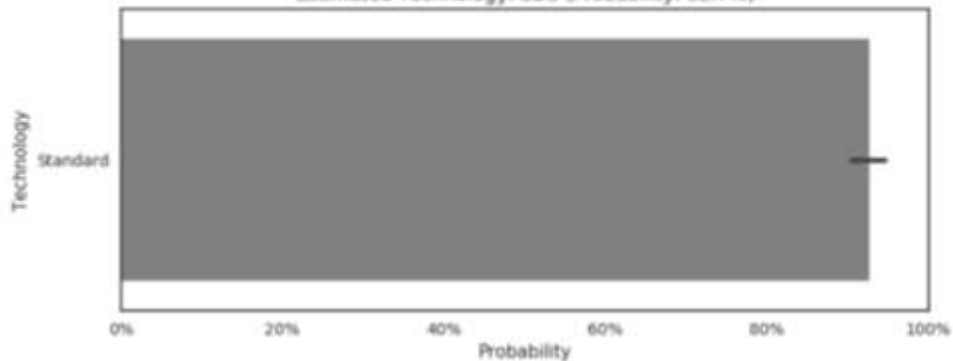
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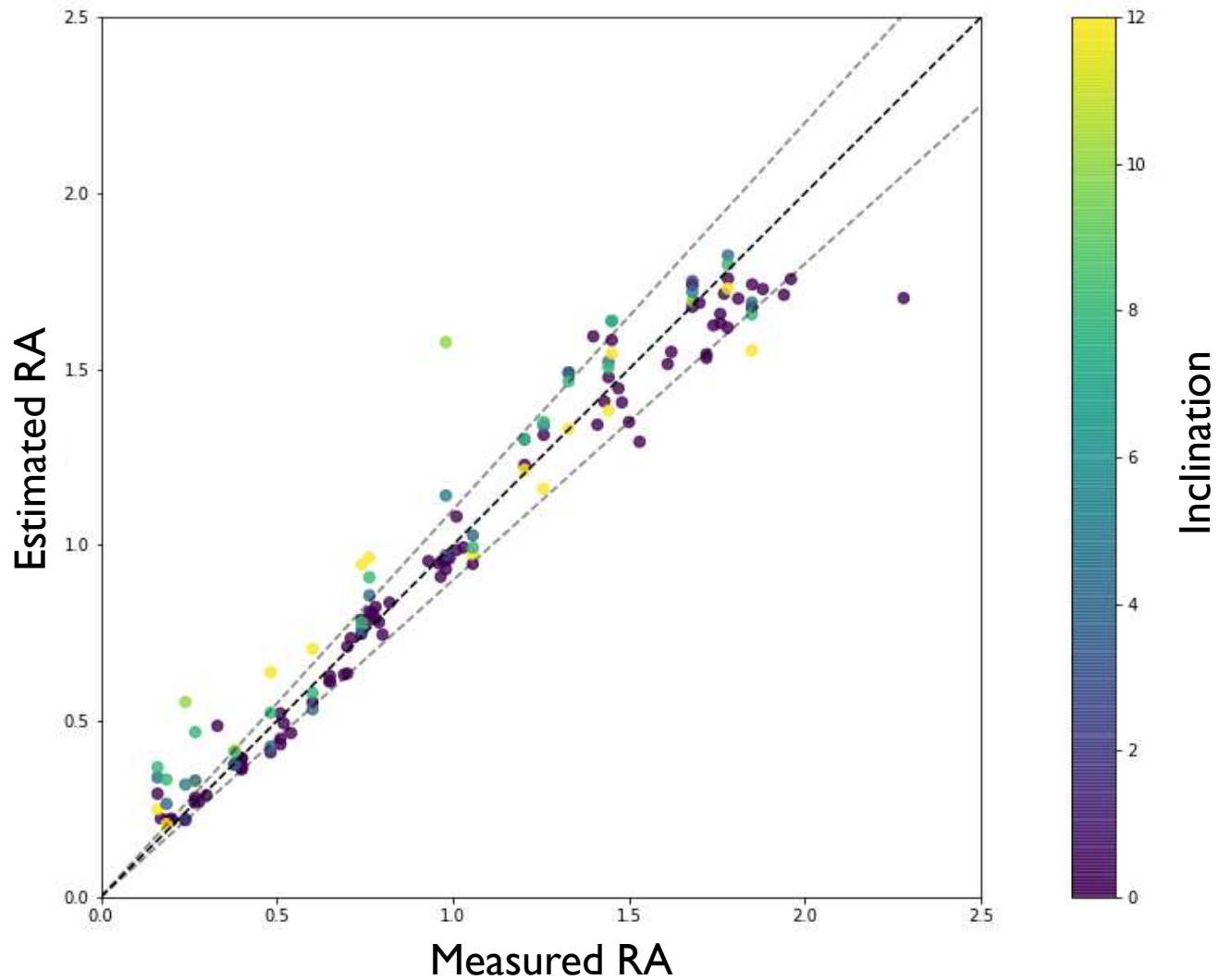


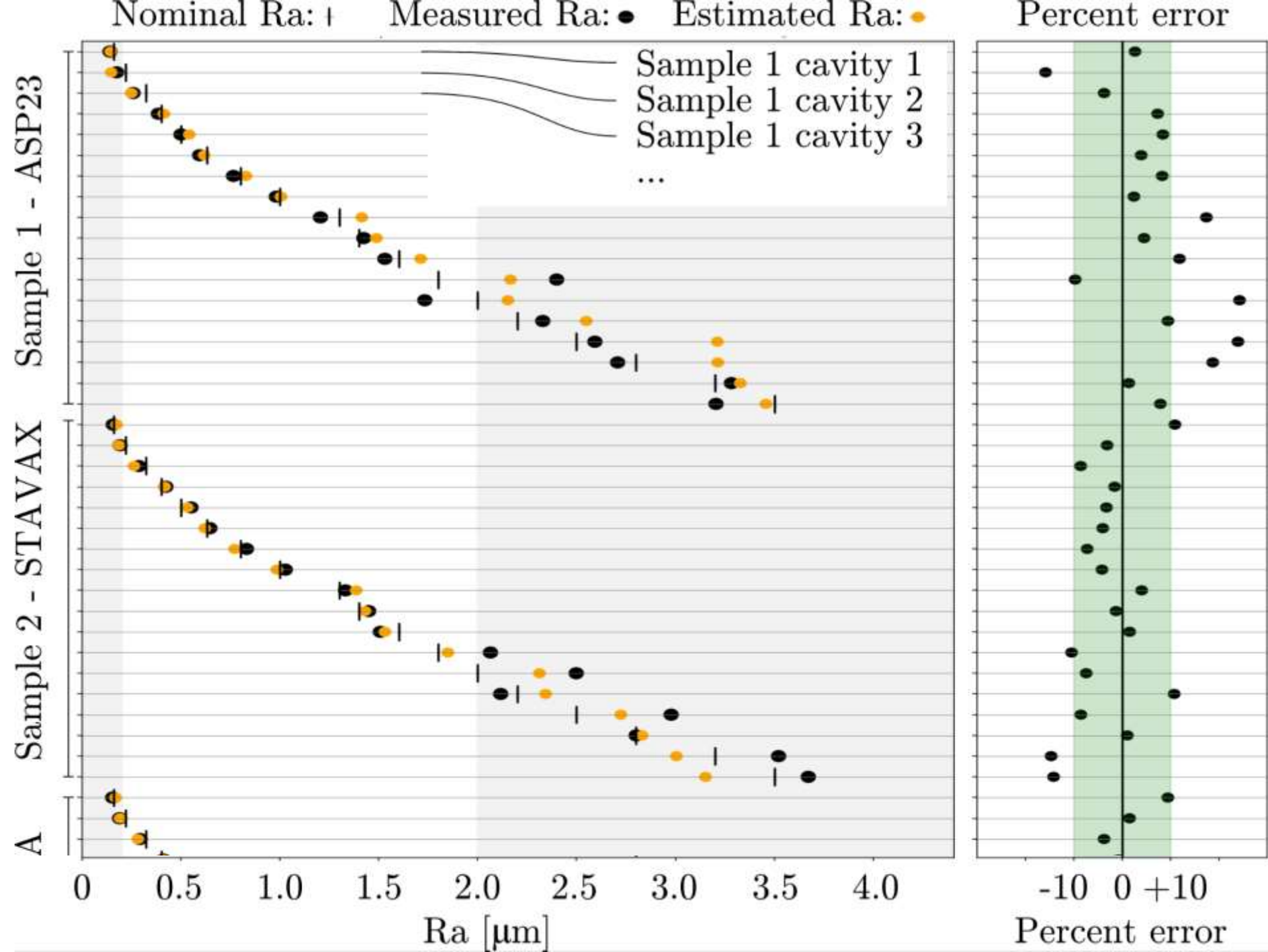
Estimated Technology: 3D5 (Probability: 92.7%)



# Cross validated results on cavities

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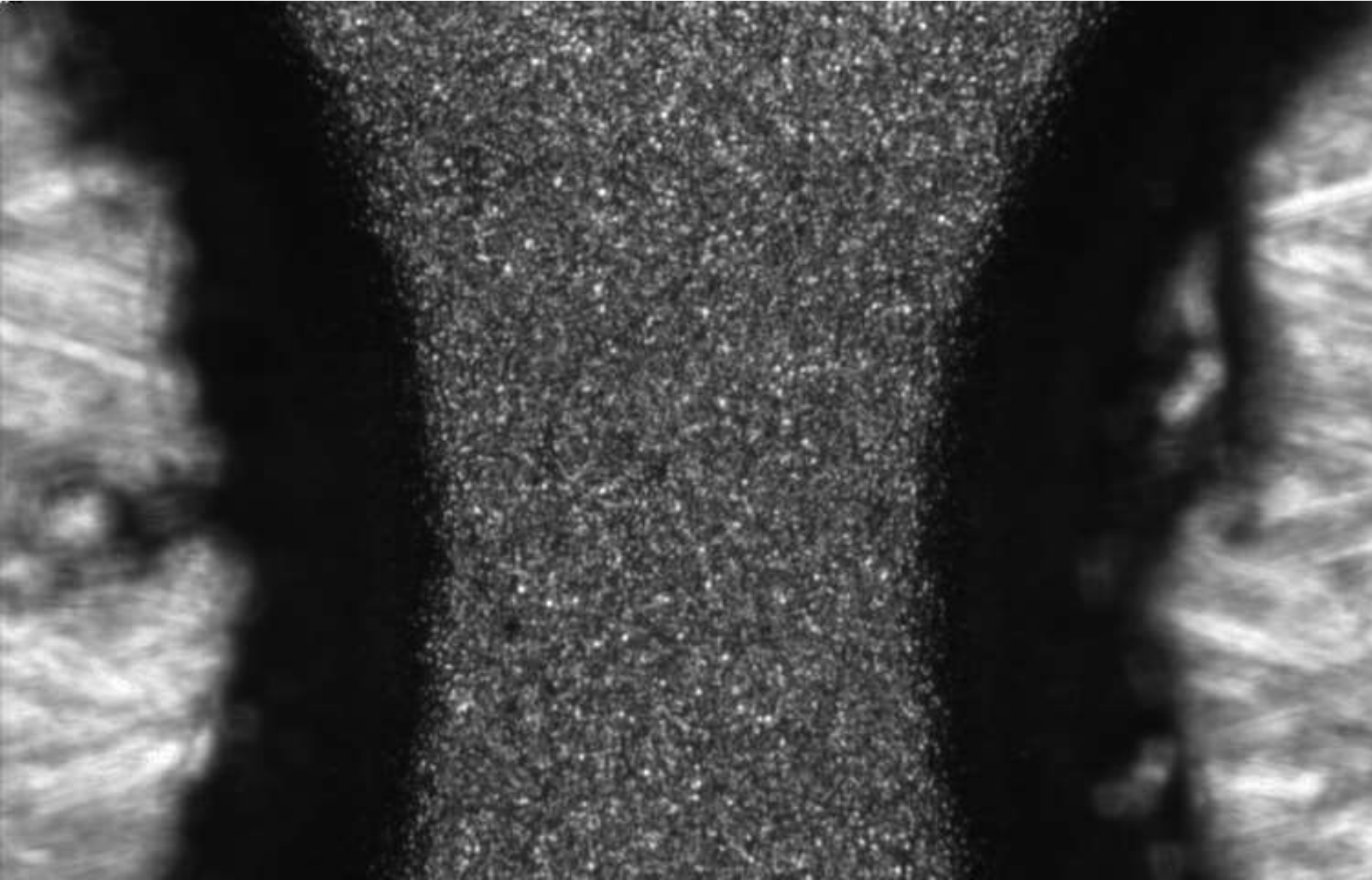
# Anomaly Detection Approaches

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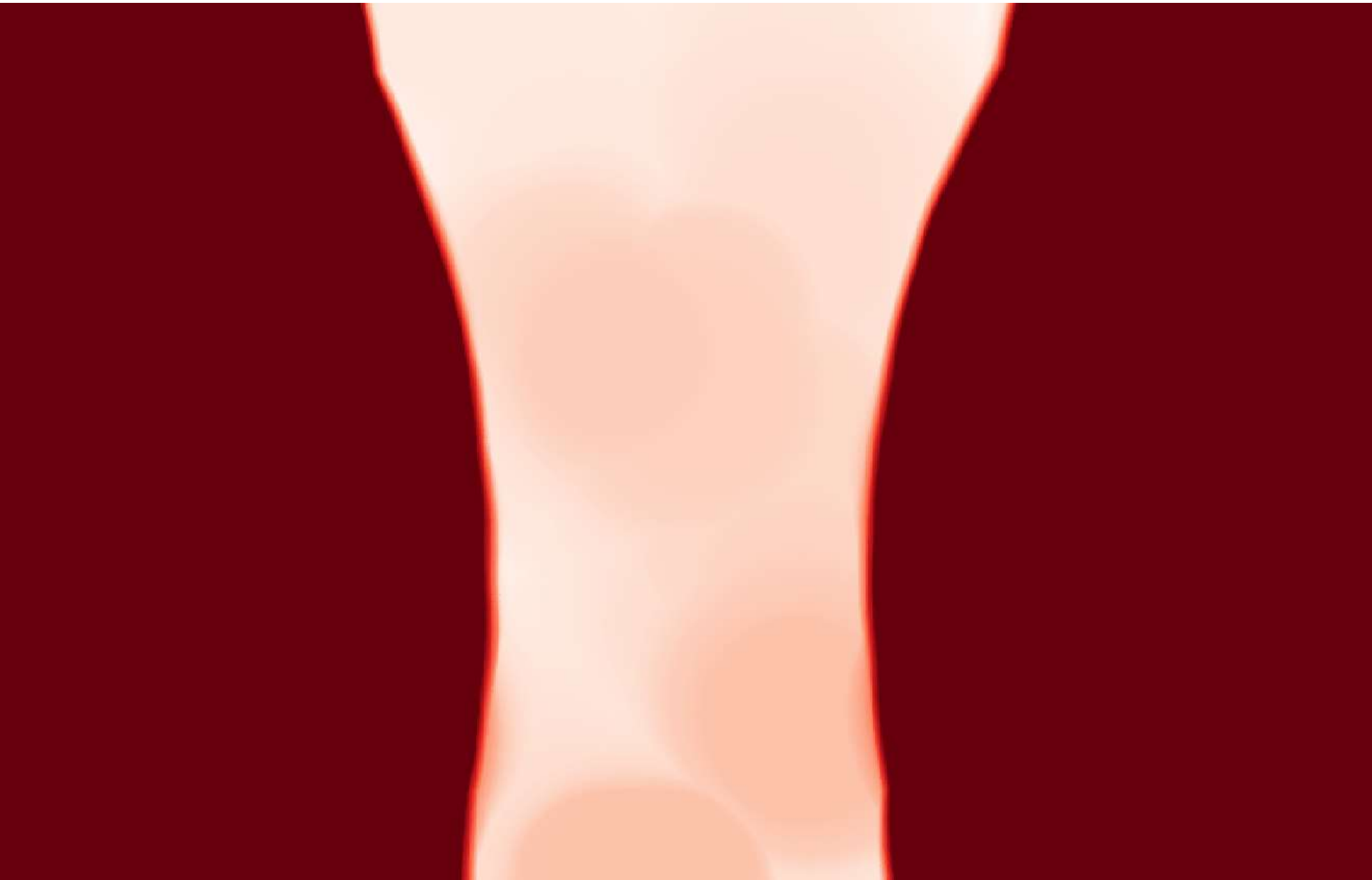
- ▶ Large defect-free datasets for various Ra
- ▶ No annotated data available for defects
- ▶ Wide variability of possible anomalies:
  - ▶ imaging issues (focus/illumination)
  - ▶ surface defects



Example input



# Anomaly map



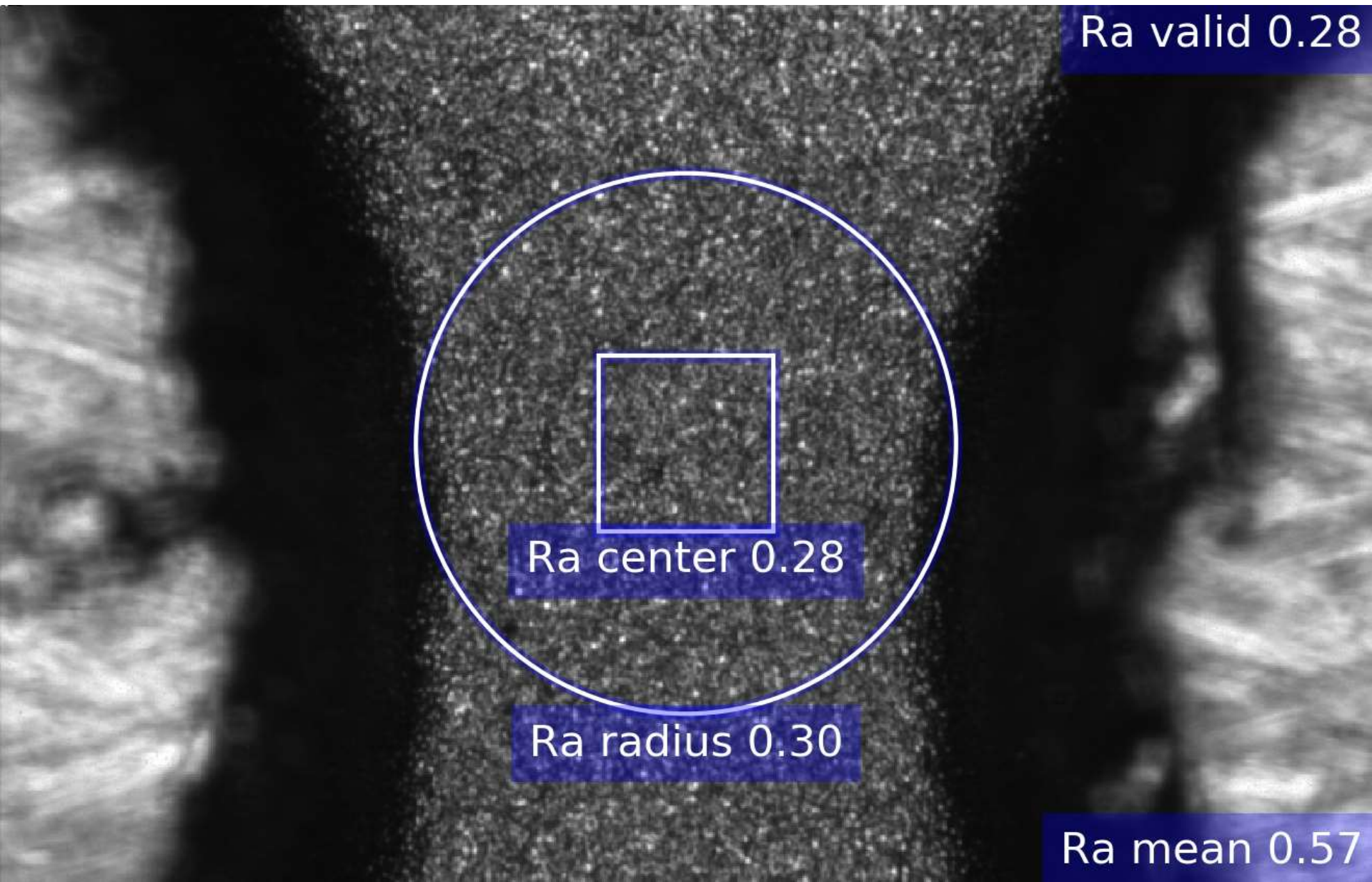
# Estimated Ra map



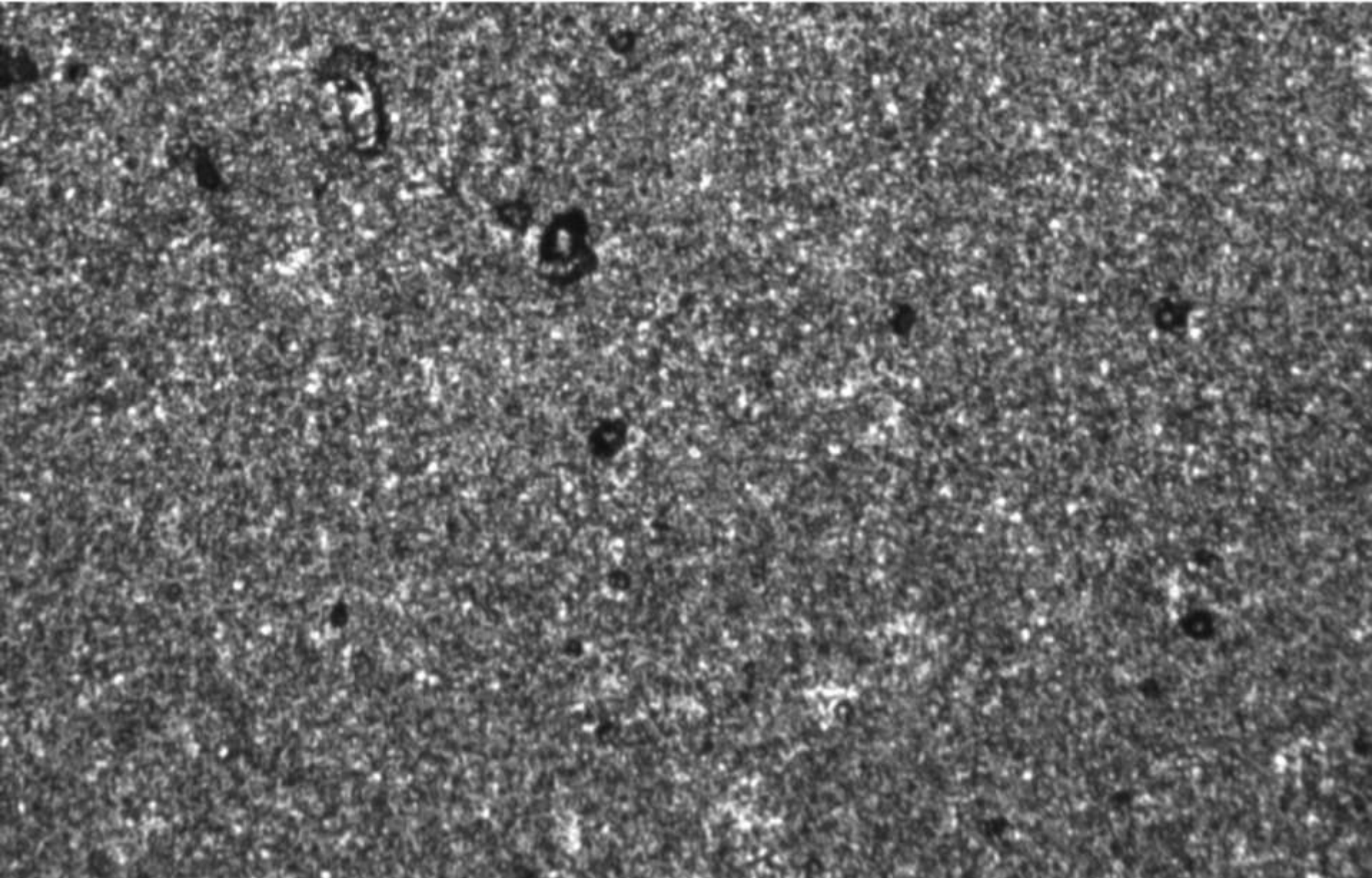
# Estimated Ra map in non-anomaly regions



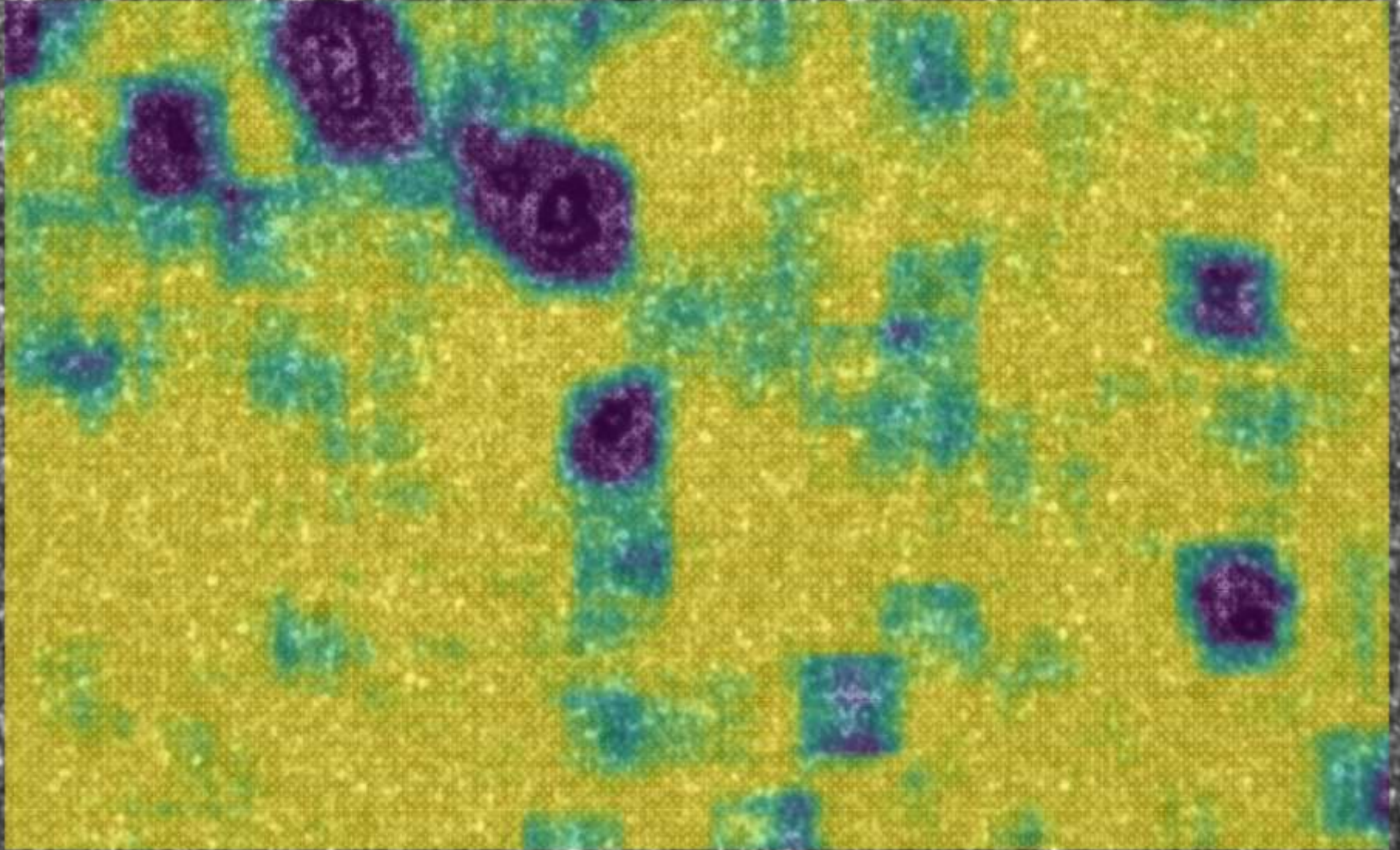
# Output, user-facing interface



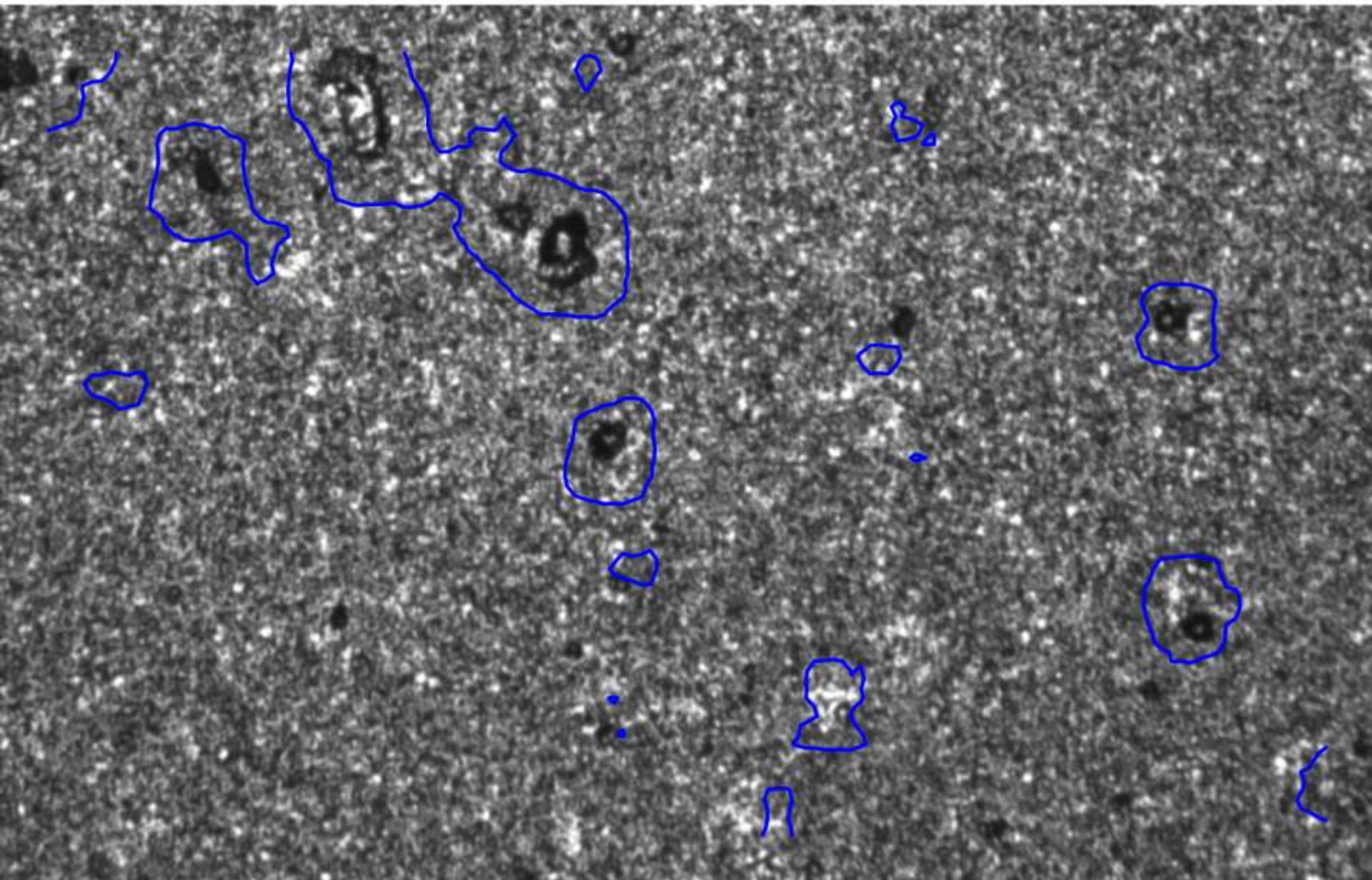
# Detection of localized defects



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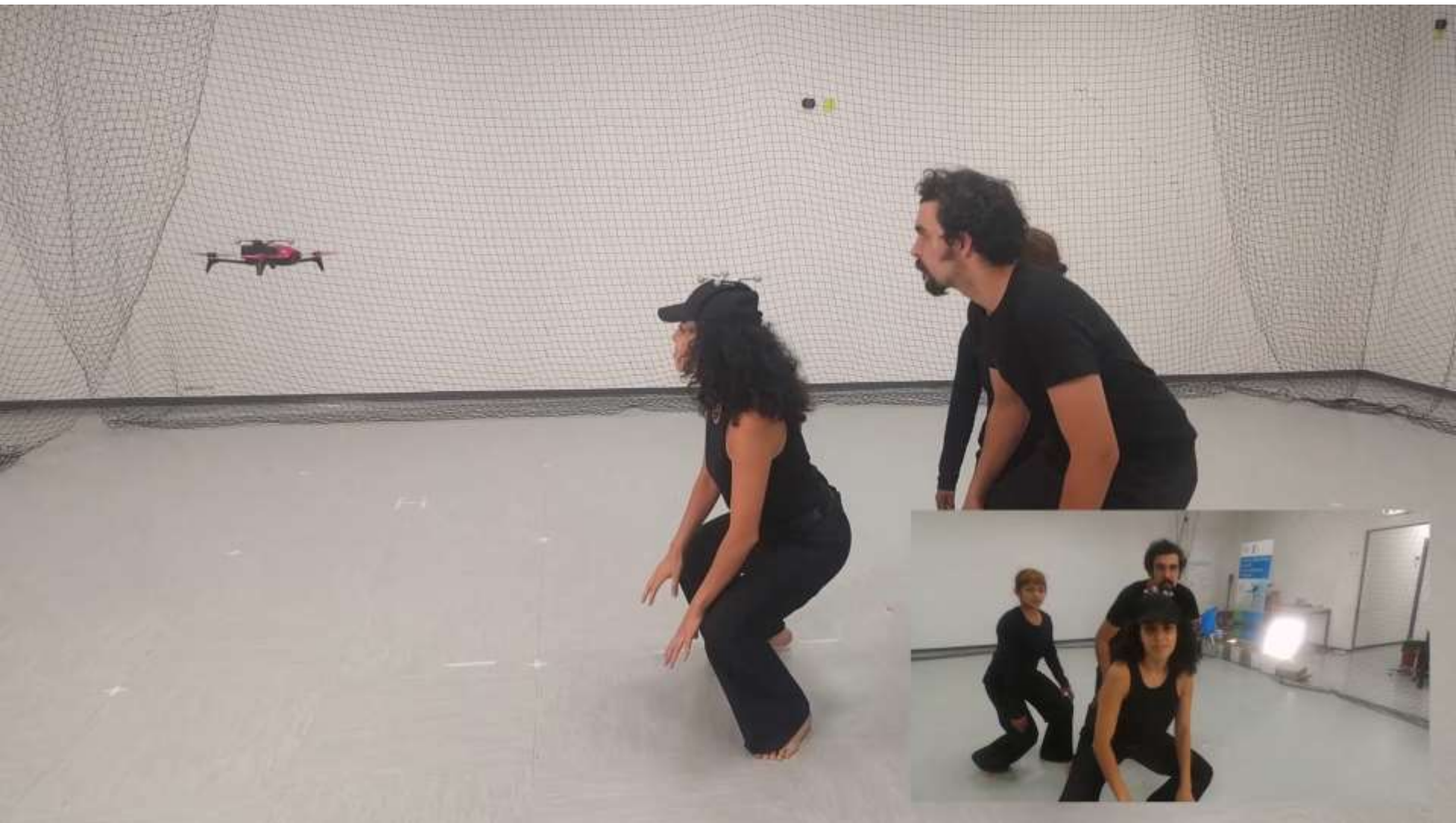


Videos, links, publications and code:

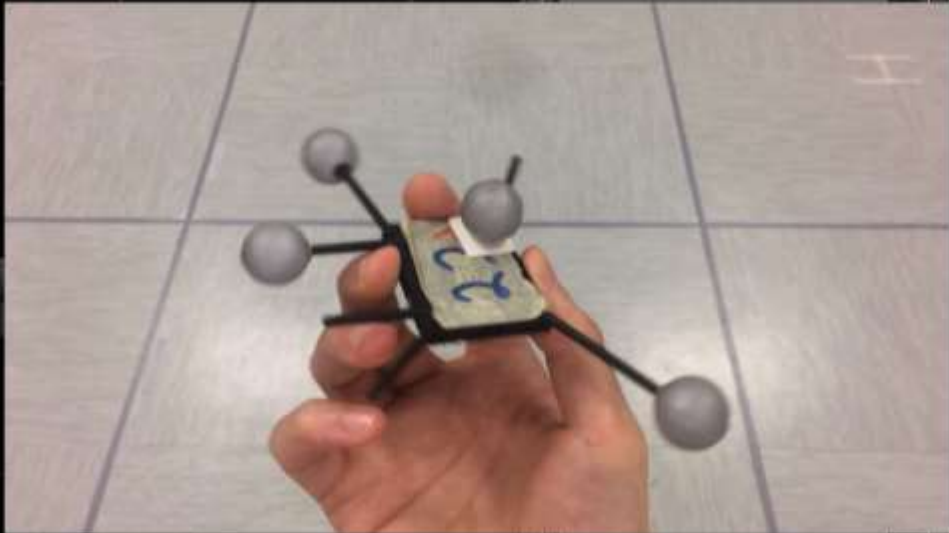
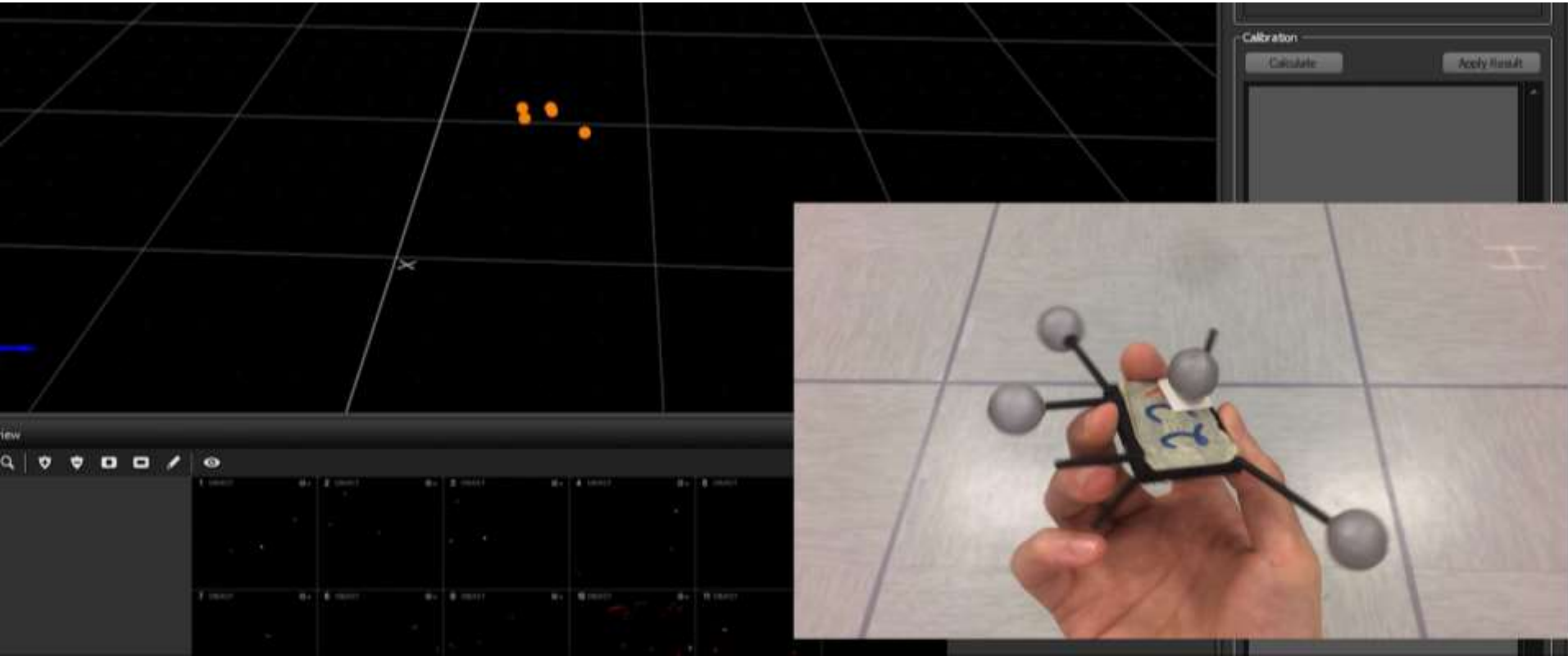
<https://github.com/idsia-robotics/proximity-quadrotor-learning>

## **2. VISION-BASED PROXIMITY HUMAN-ROBOT INTERACTION**

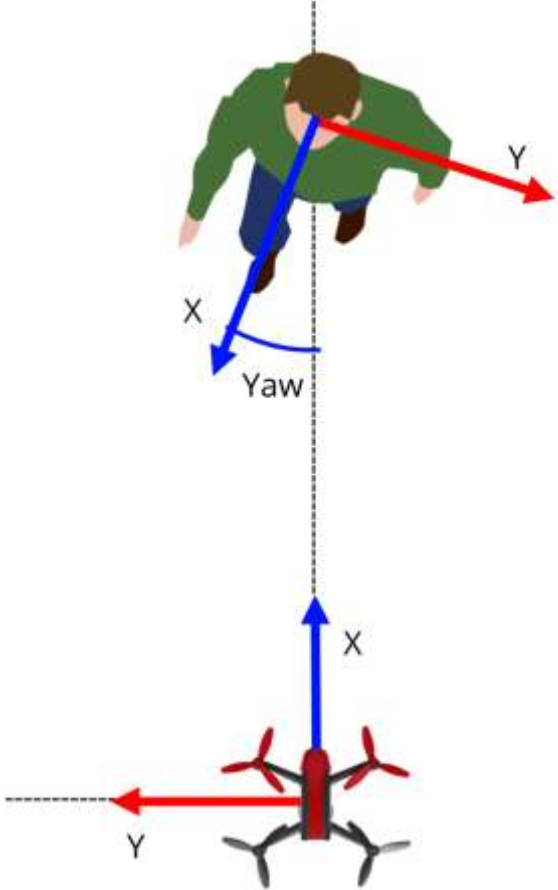
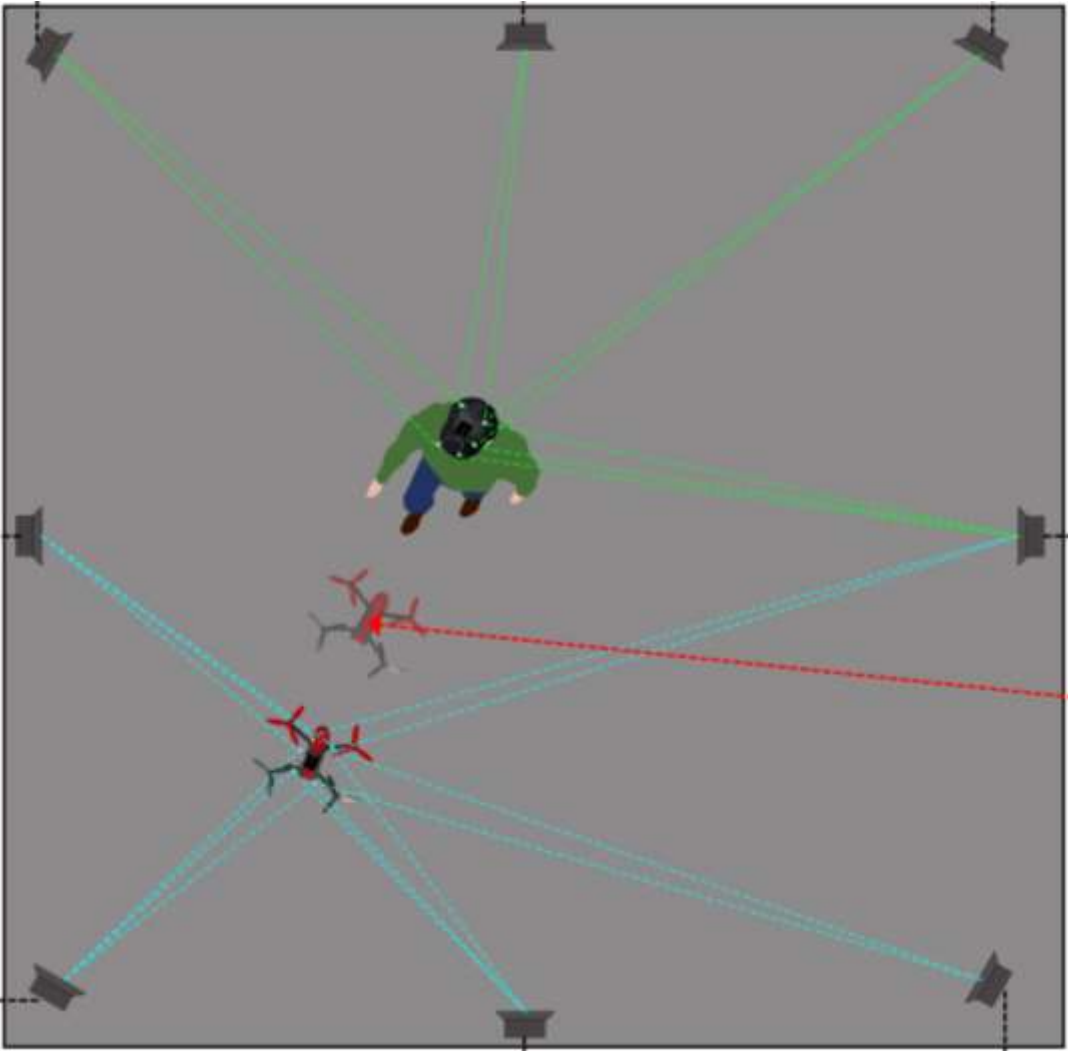
# Control a drone flying close to humans



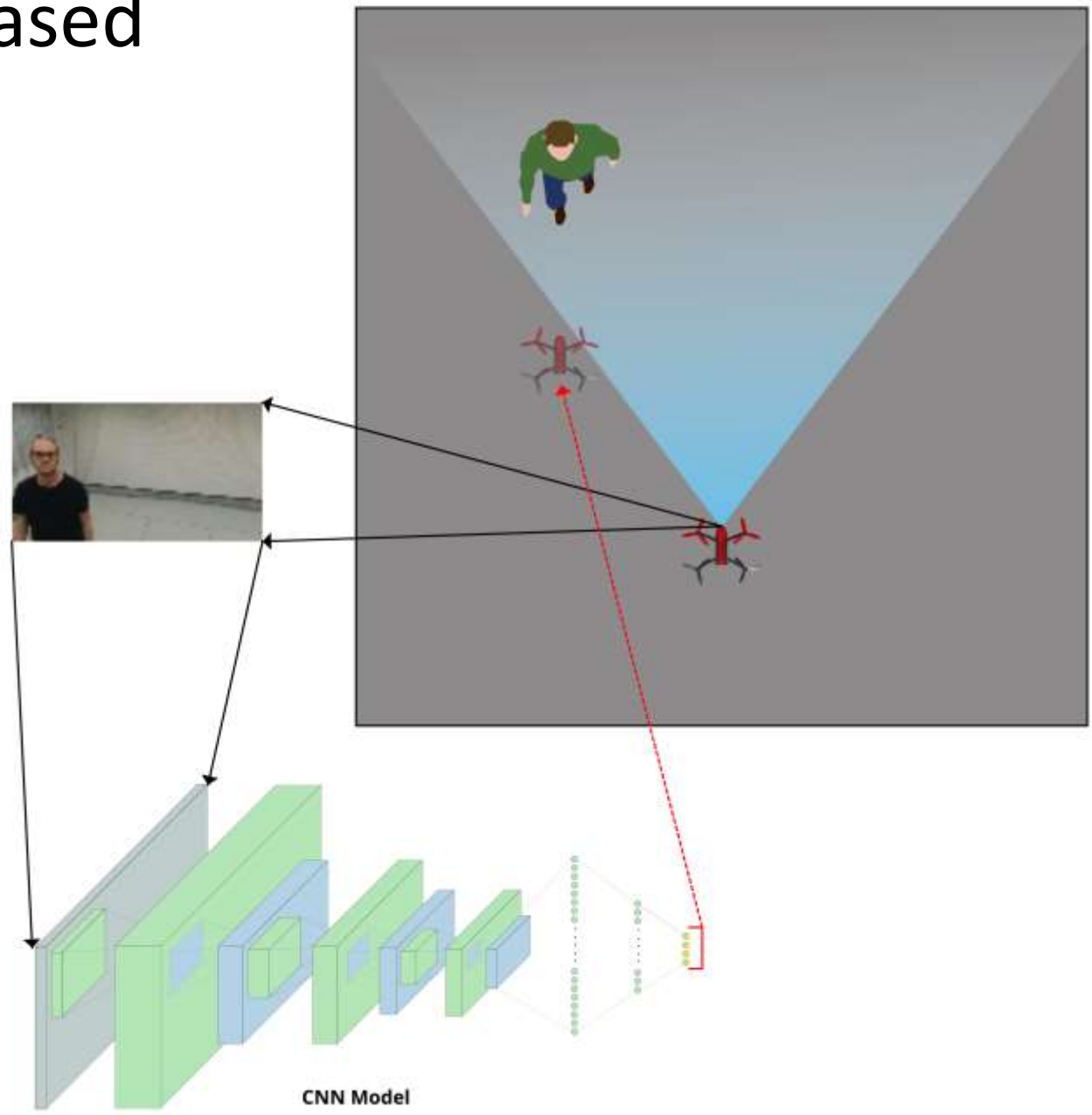
# Easy! (using motion tracking)



# Proximity control using motion tracking

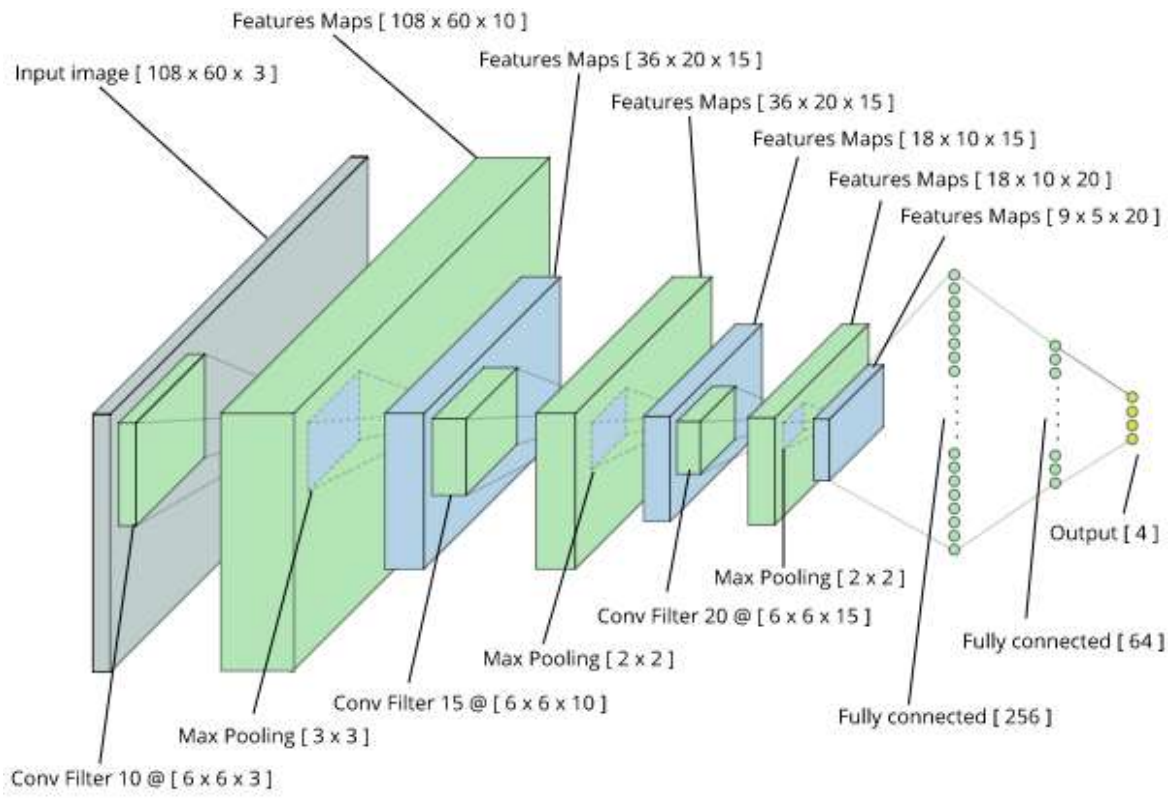


# Goal: vision-based control



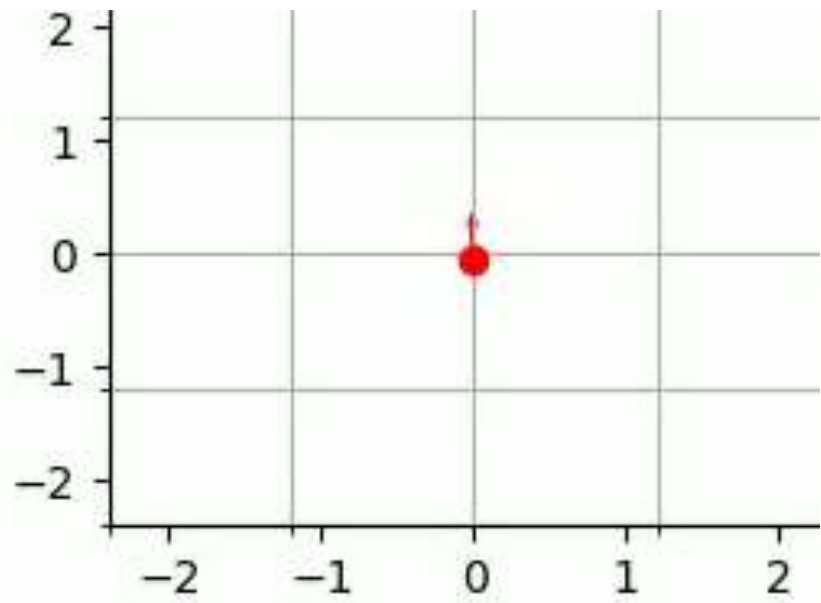
# A deep net for end-to-end visual control

Camera input

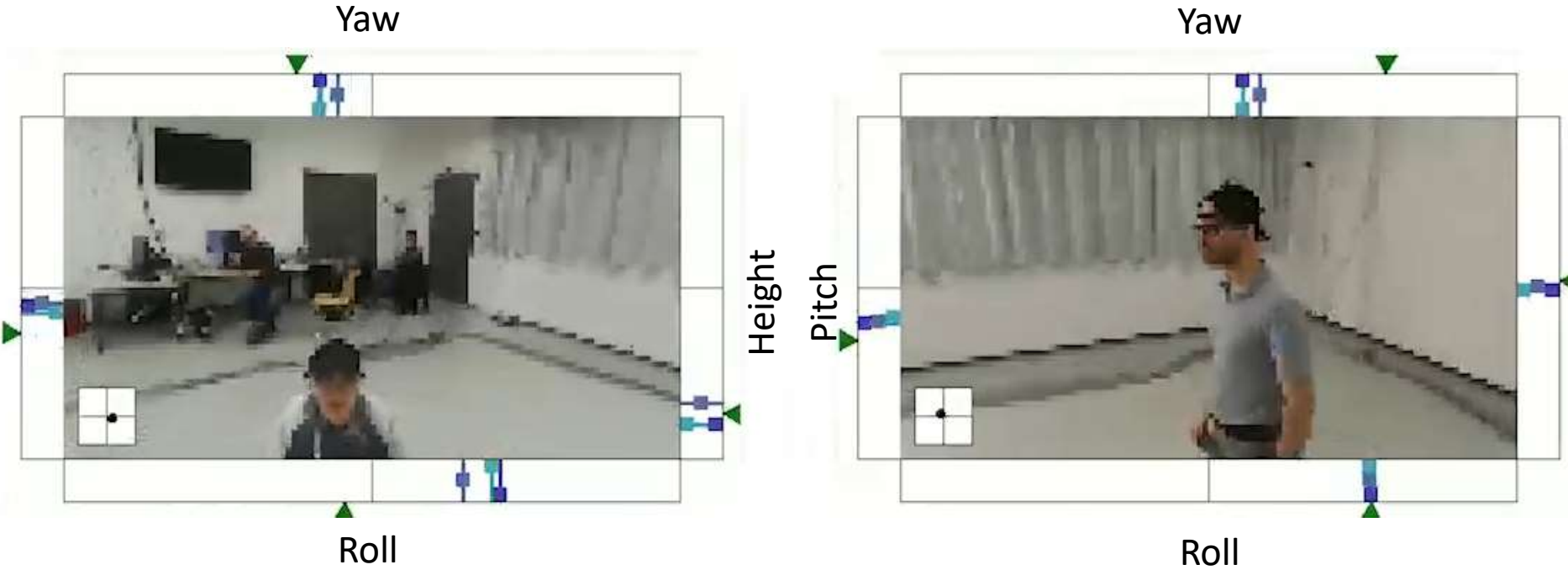


Pitch  
Roll  
Yaw vel  
Z vel

# Datasets



# Prediction performance



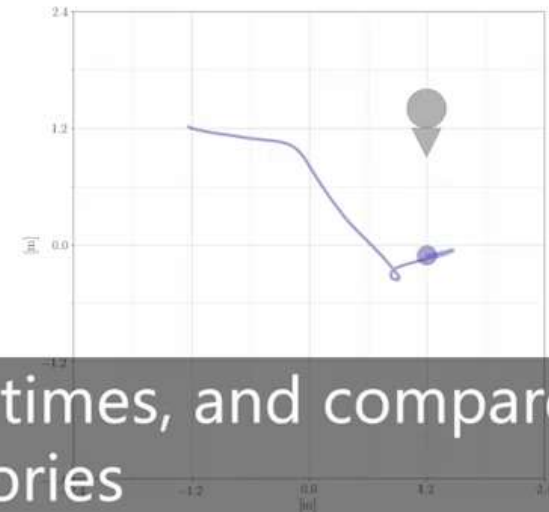
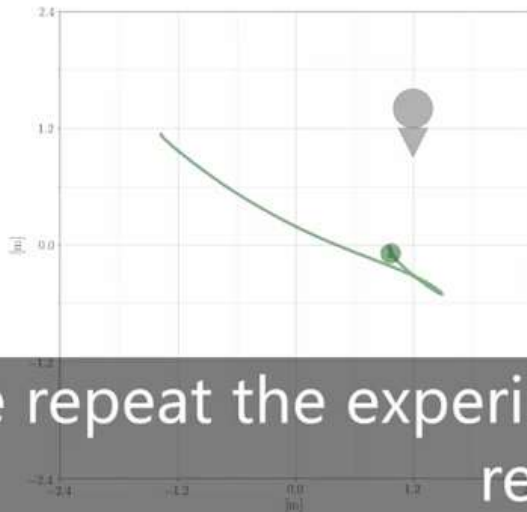
- ▲ ground truth control
- predicted values (by three different models)



# Comparison with ground truth control

ground truth control

vision-based control



We repeat the experiment multiple times, and compare the resulting trajectories

# Control performance and robustness



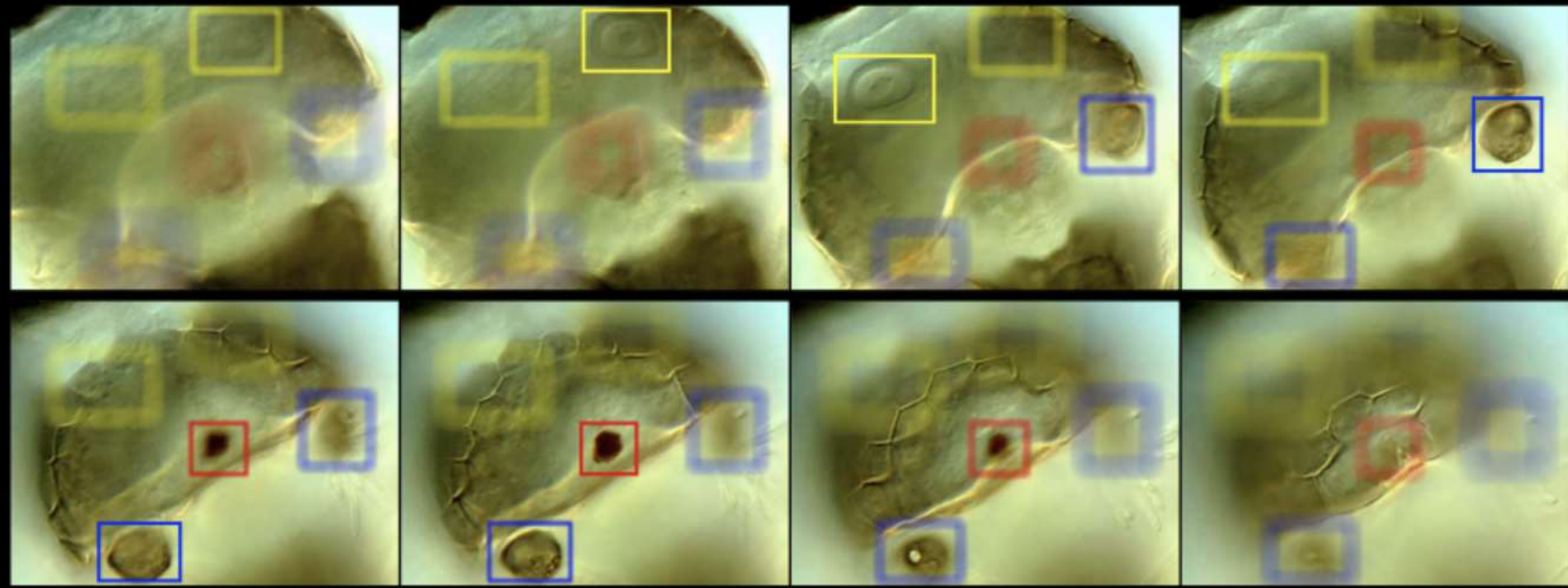
# Domain randomization for generalization



# Preliminary Results

- Trained without domain randomization
- Trained with domain randomization

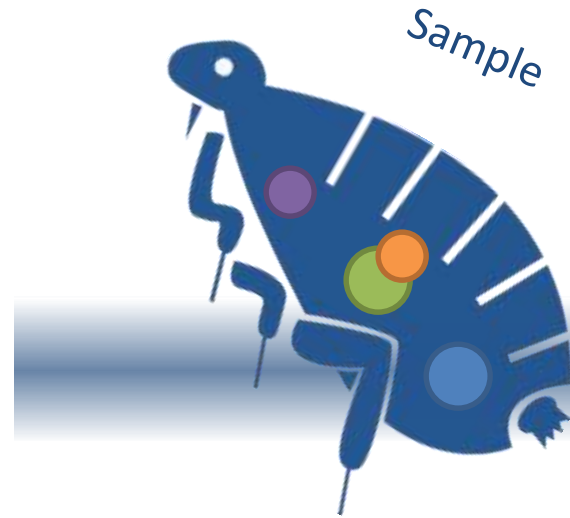


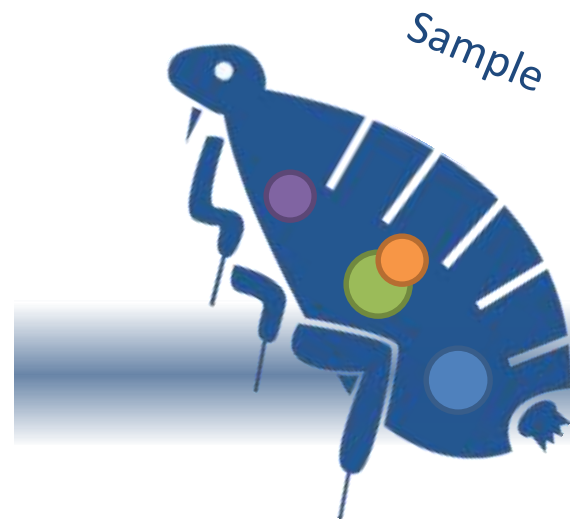


Videos, links, publications and code:  
<http://bit.ly/stackviz>

### **3. ARTIFICIAL DEFOCUS FOR DISPLAYING MARKERS IN MICROSCOPY Z-STACKS**

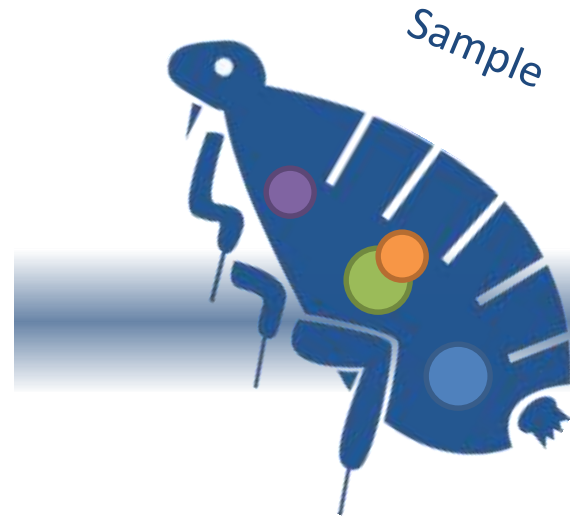
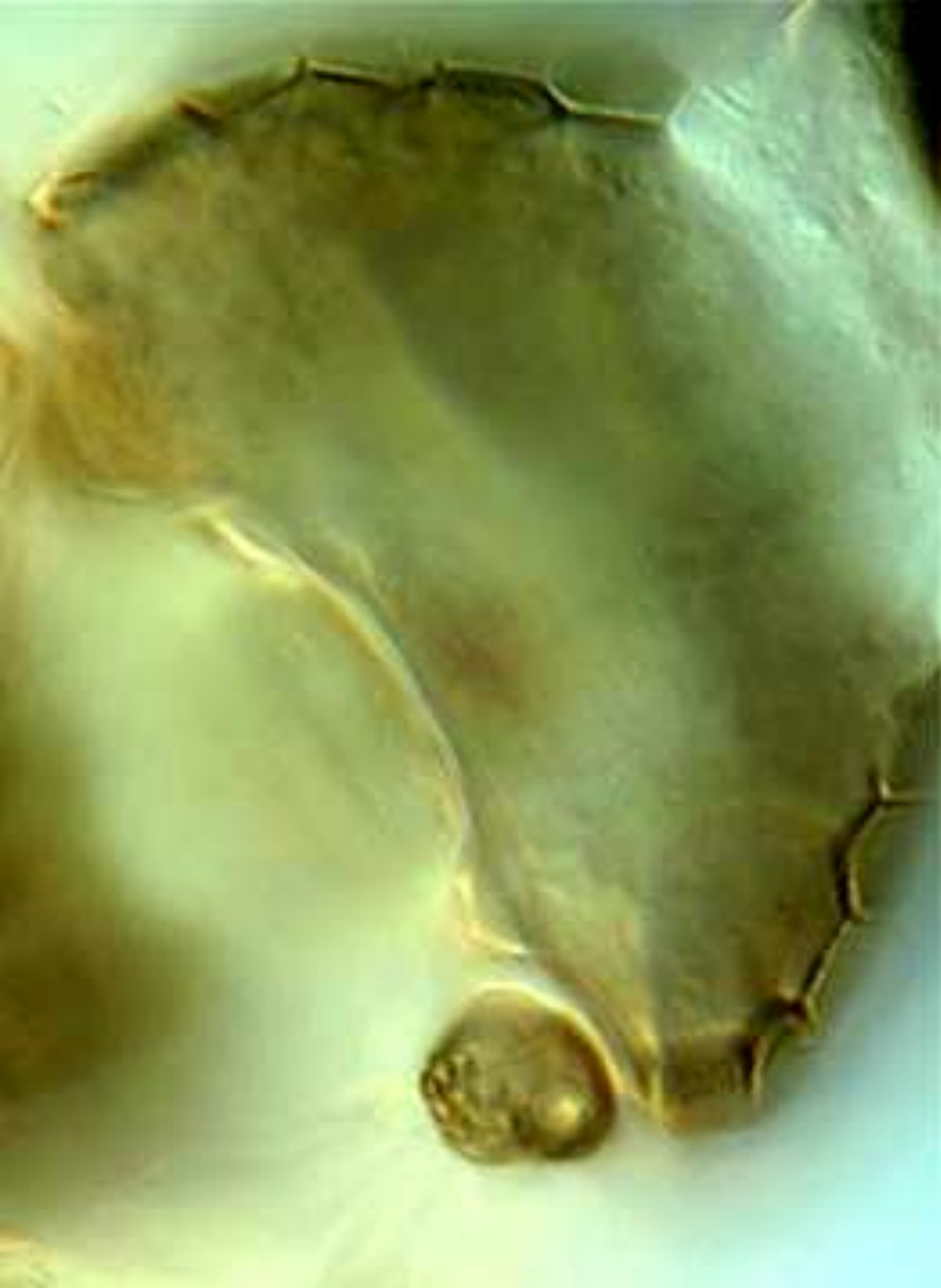
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out-of-focus  
**in-focus**  
out-of-focus  
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Objective

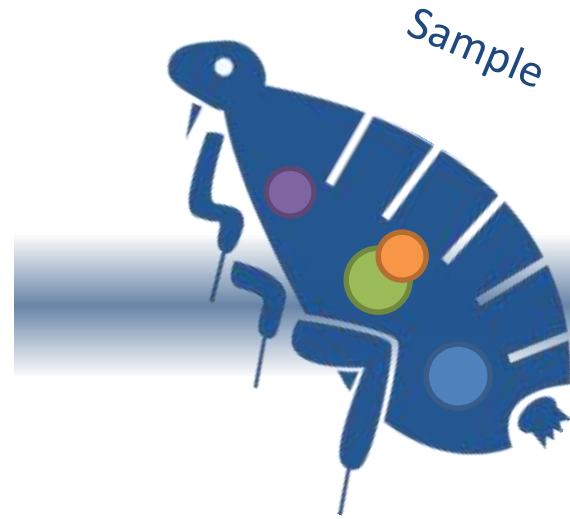
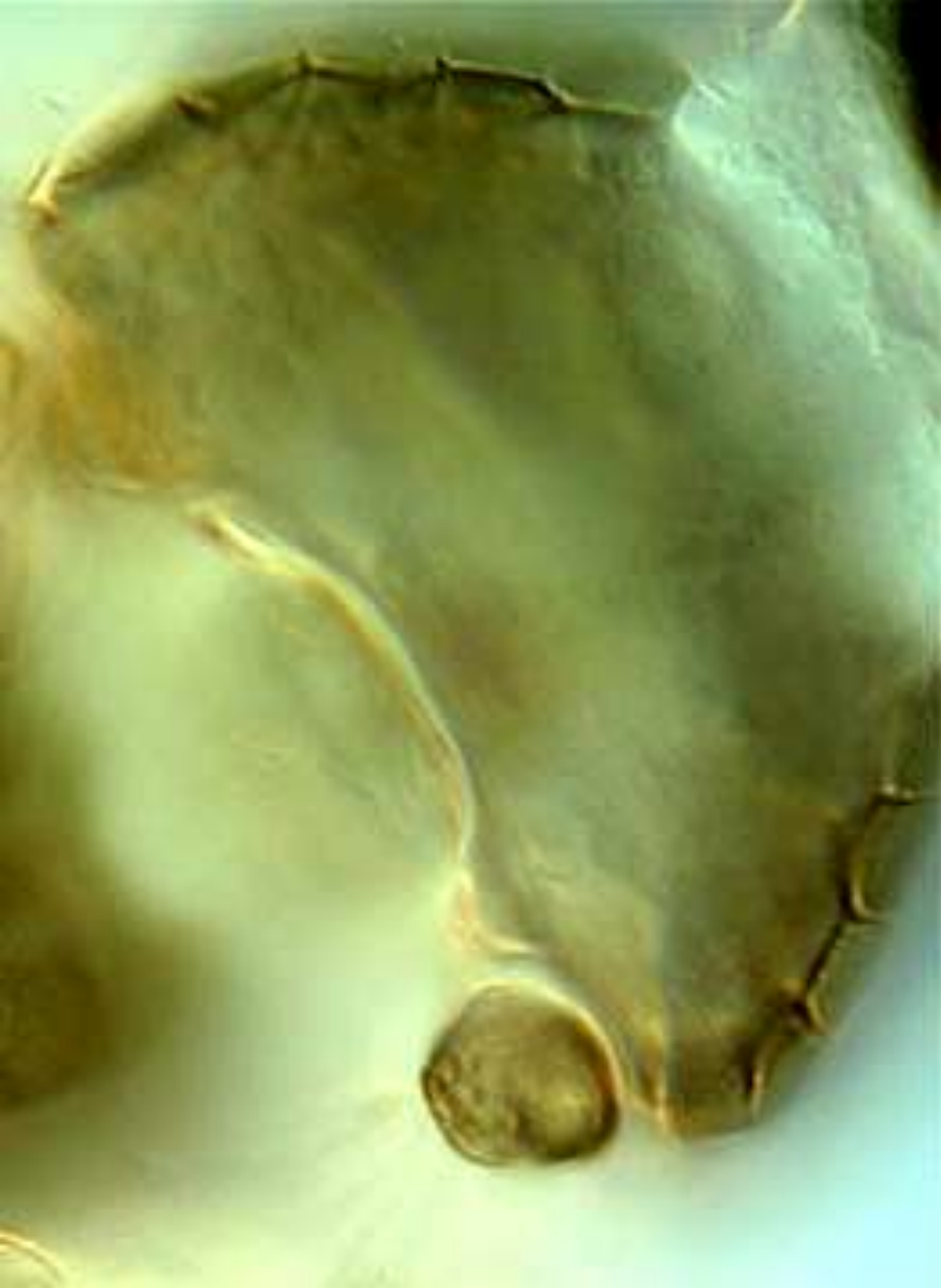


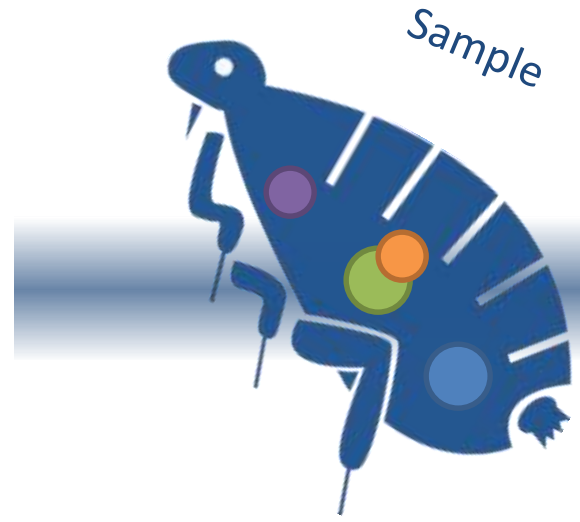
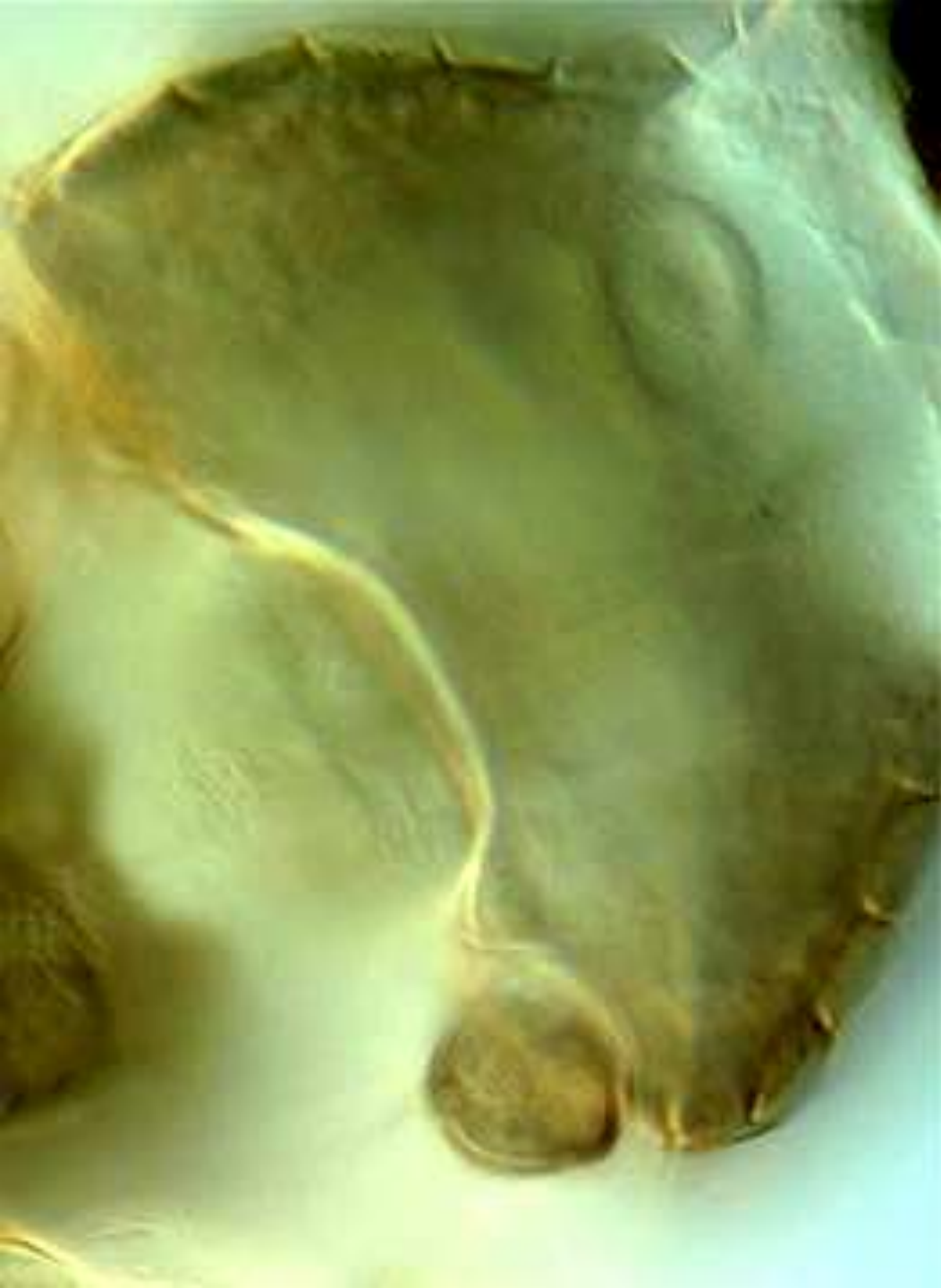


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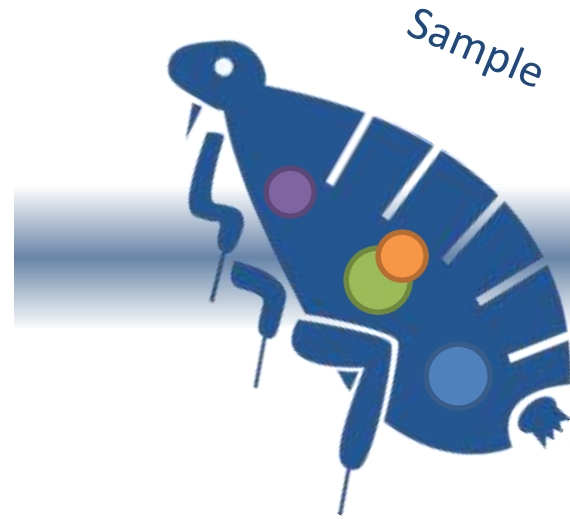
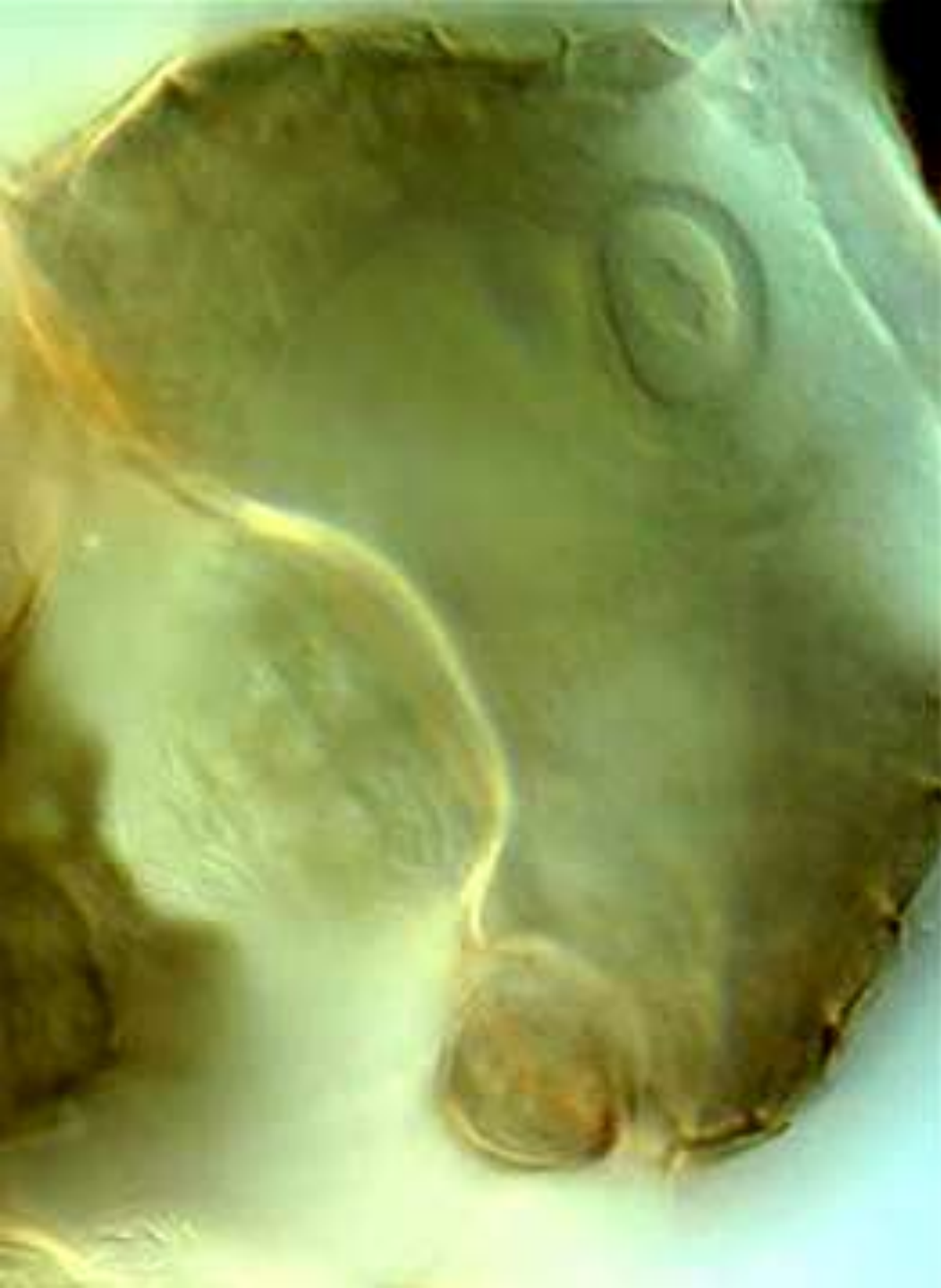






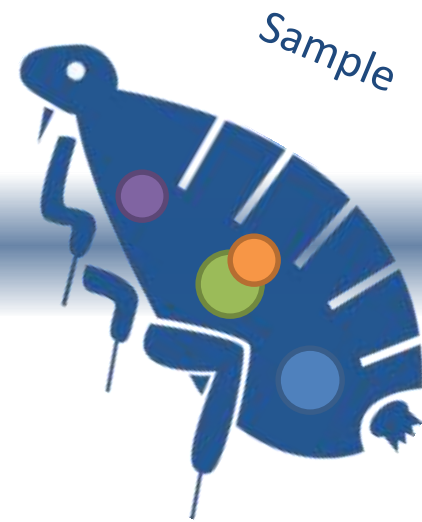
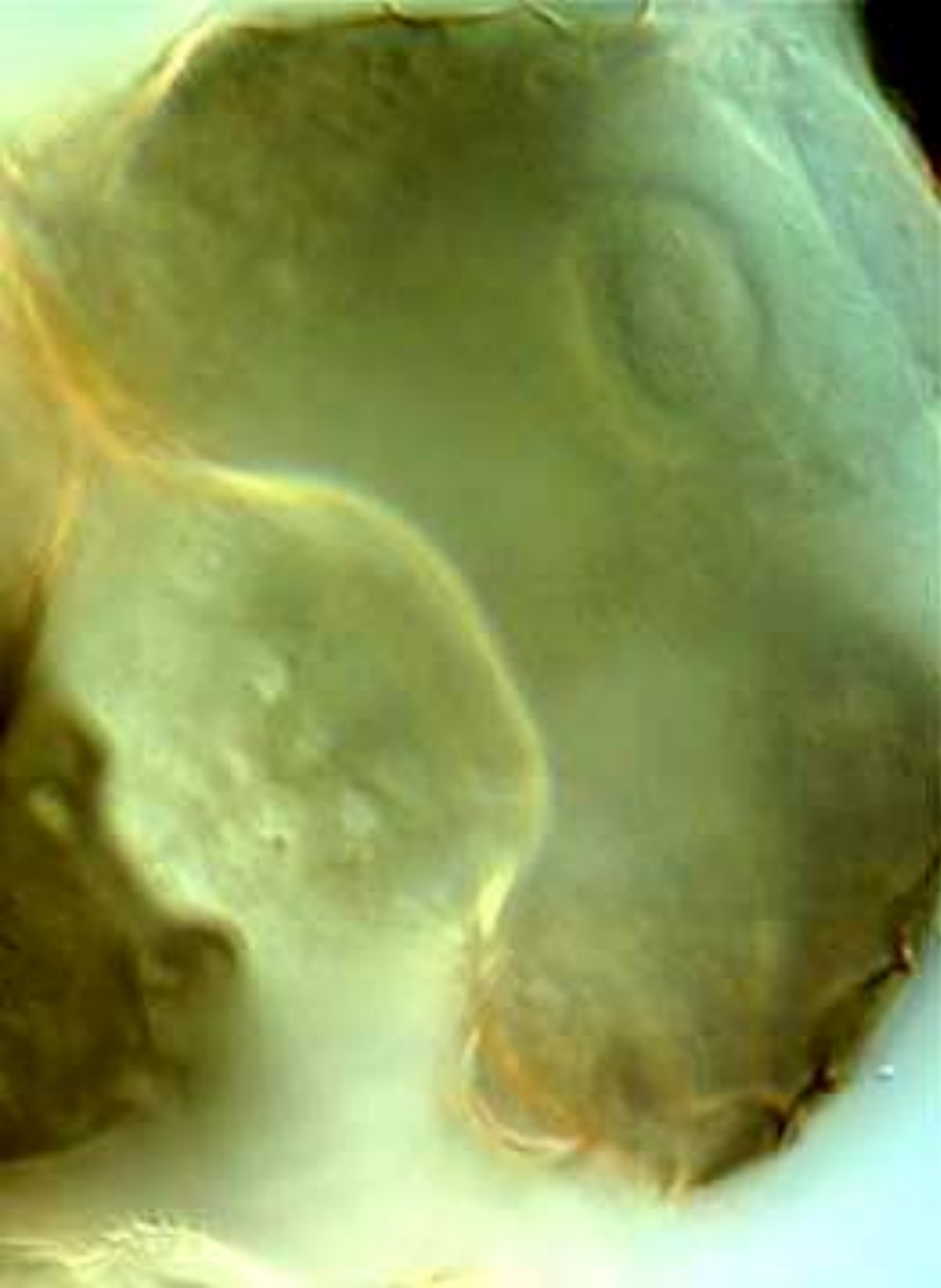
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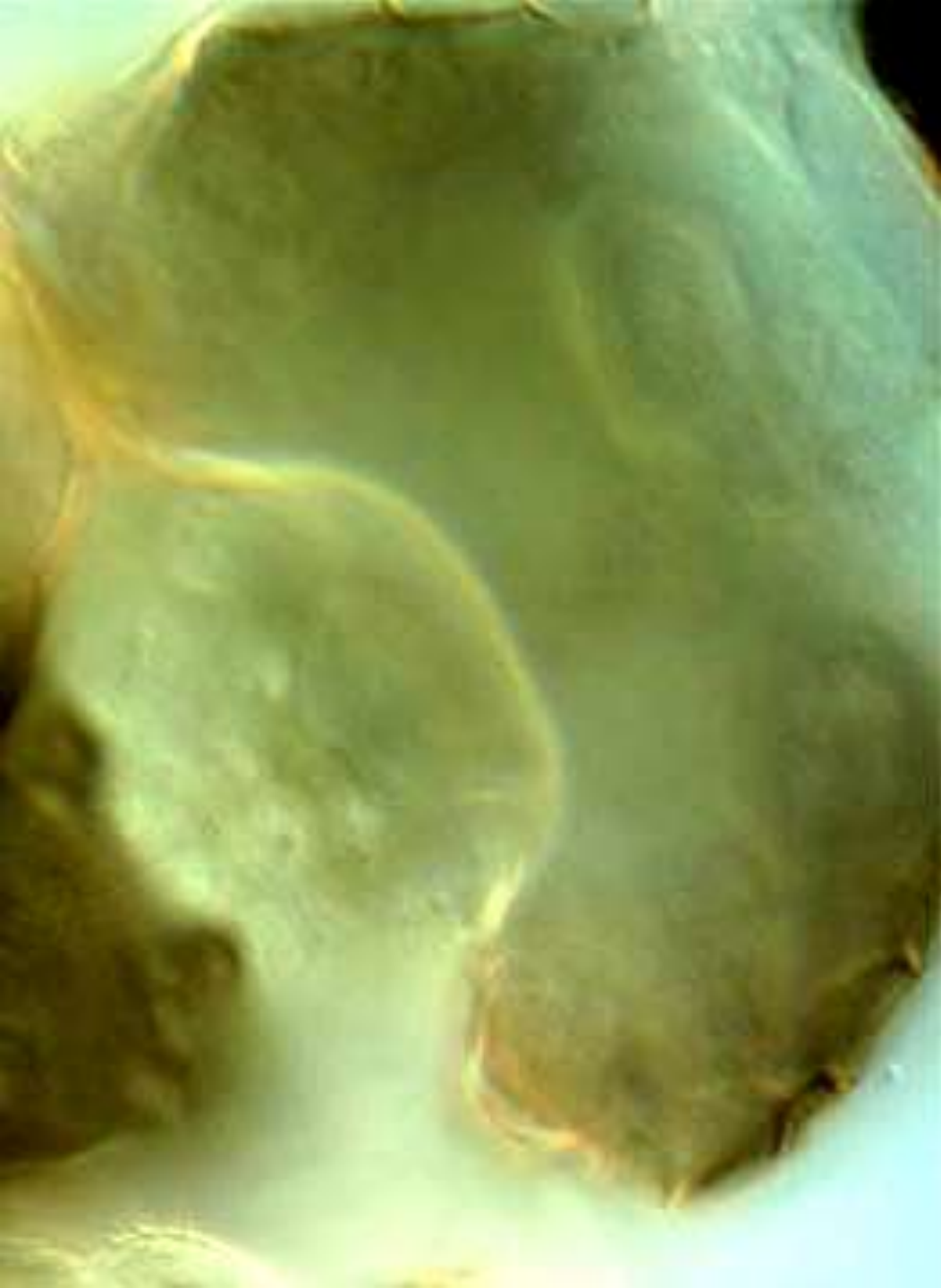




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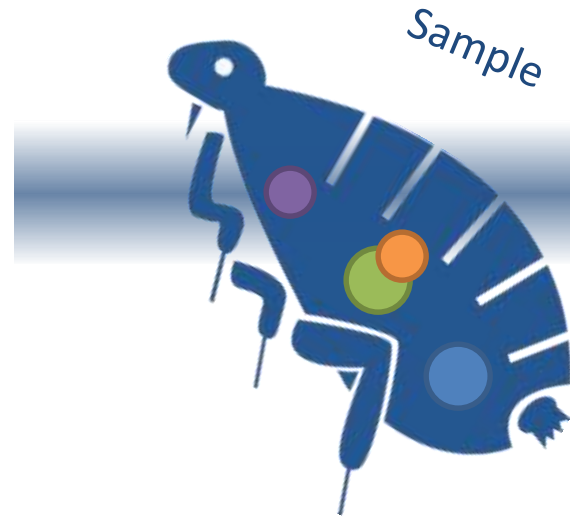






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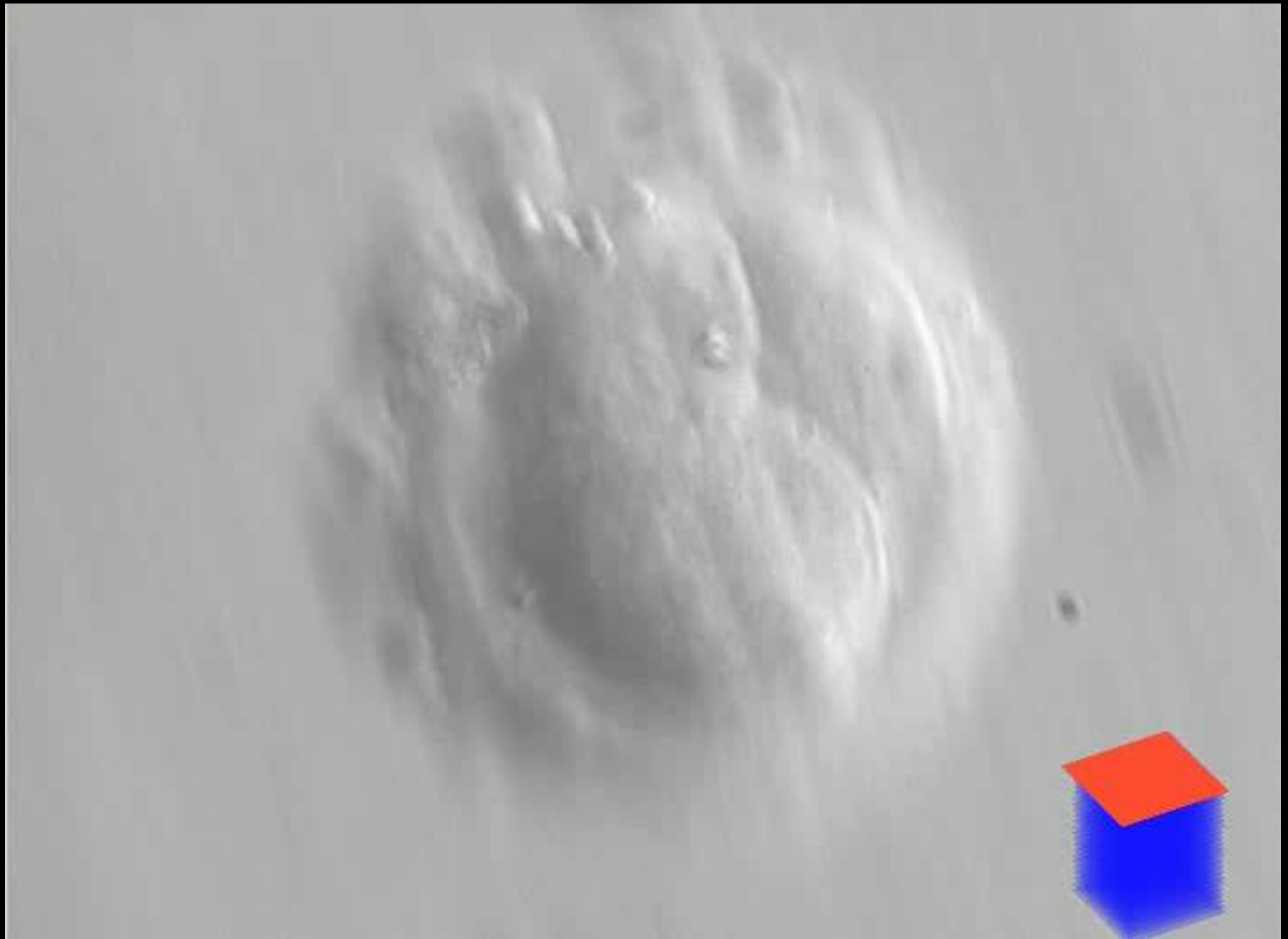


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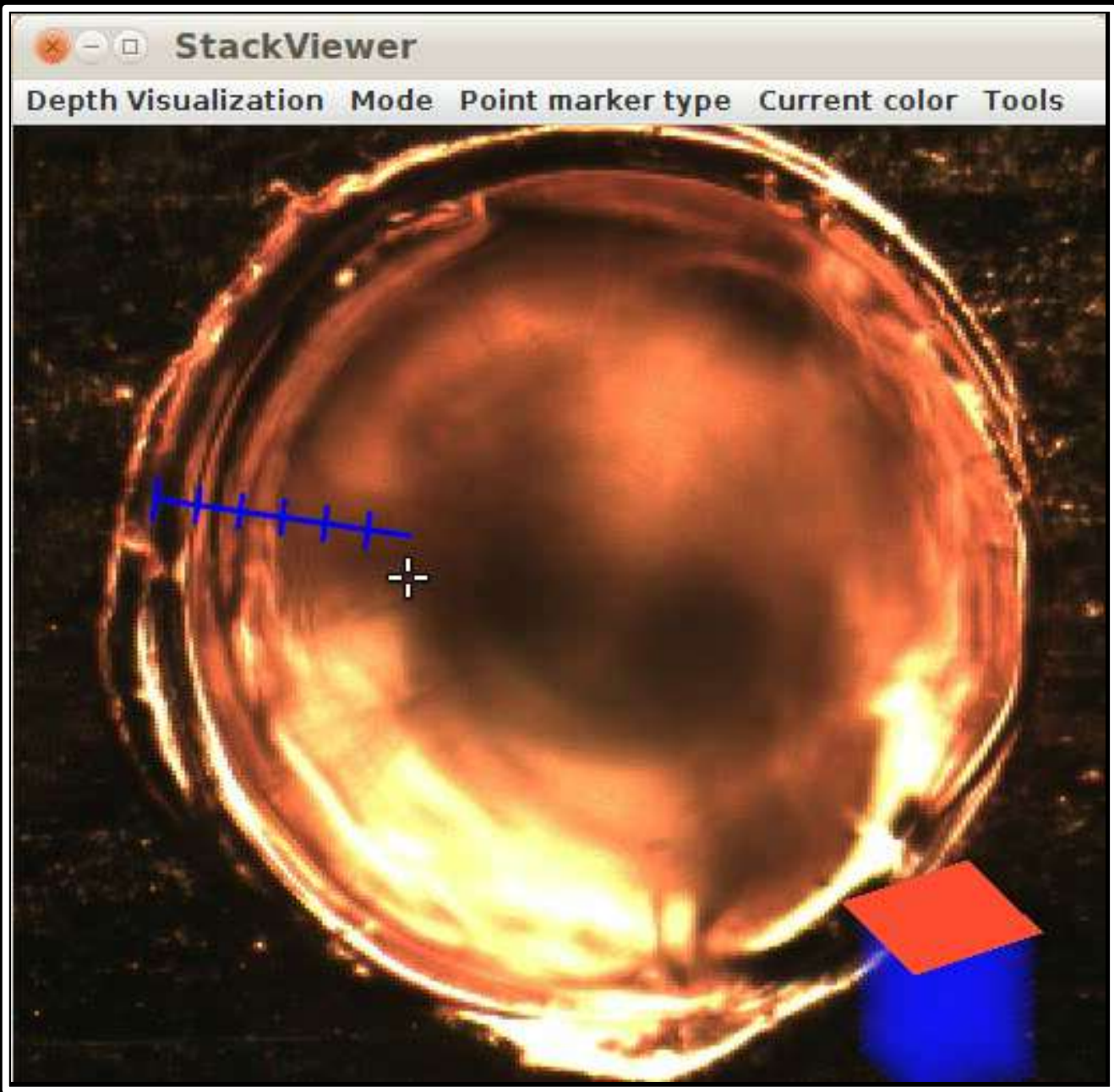


**Flea chest** – original image stack courtesy Daniel Stoupin – Used with permission



**Human embryo at 4-cell stage – validation and correction of automated segmentation**





# Summary



The talk covered three topics

1. Vision-based roughness estimation of metal surface
2. Vision-based proximity Human Robot Interaction
3. Augmented reality for microscopy applications

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