

Toward Predictive Digital Twins

via component-based reduced-order models
and interpretable machine learning

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Predictive digital twins inform critical decision-making

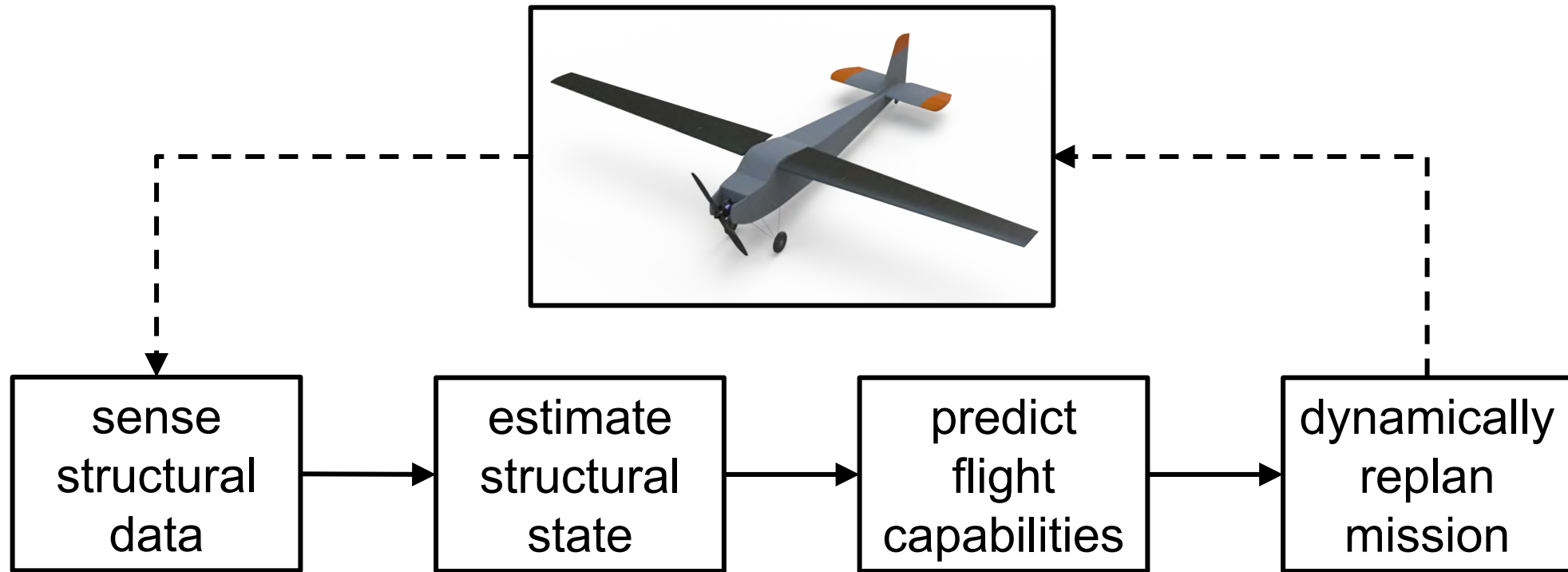
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Interpretable data-driven adaptation of scalable reduced-order models

3 Results

Enabling a self-aware UAV: progress and outlook

Motivation: Enabling a self-aware aircraft

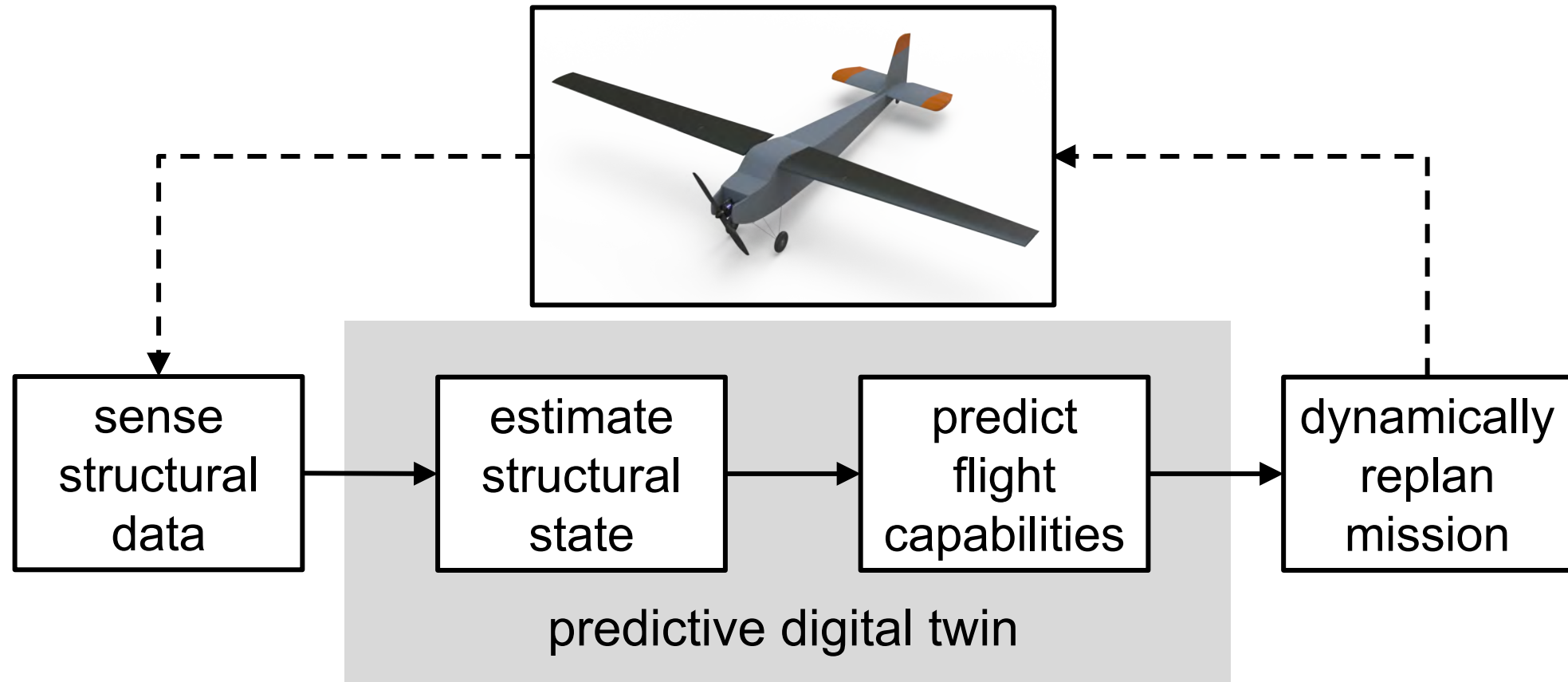


An aircraft that can **sense changes** in its own internal state, **and adapt accordingly**

Prior work has shown that this provides [Kordonowy 2011, Singh 2017]

- Increased survivability
- Increased utilization

Motivation: Enabling a self-aware aircraft



We create a **digital twin** that **adapts to the evolving structural health** of the UAV, providing **near real-time capability predictions** to enable **dynamic decision-making**.

Flight test vehicle



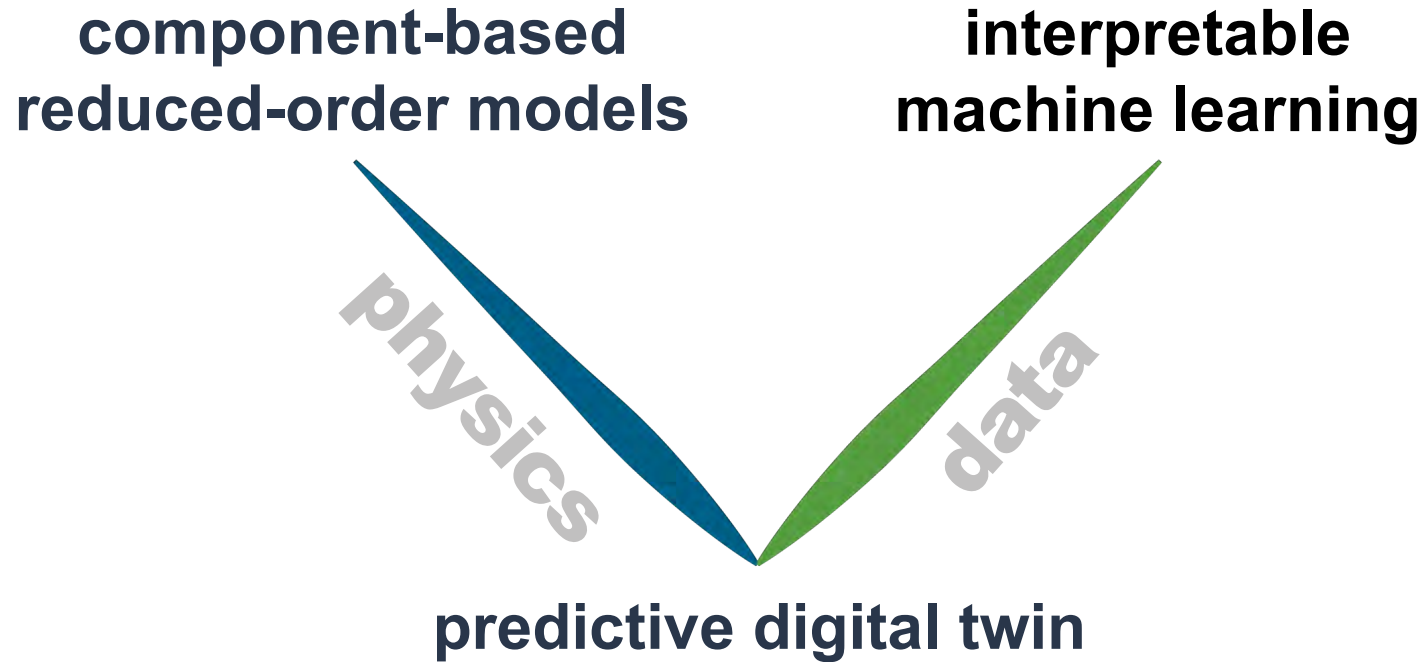
Customized 12ft Telemaster aircraft:

- Complex structure with multiple materials
- Custom wing sets: pristine & damaged
- Custom sensor suite



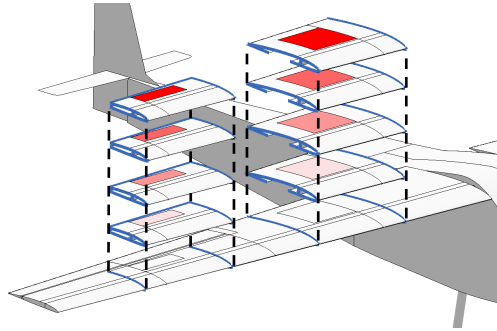
*One of the authors has a family member who is co-founder of Divinio. Purchase of the sensors for use in the research was reviewed and approved in compliance with all applicable MIT policies and procedures.

High-consequence decisions require digital twins that are **predictive • reliable • explainable**

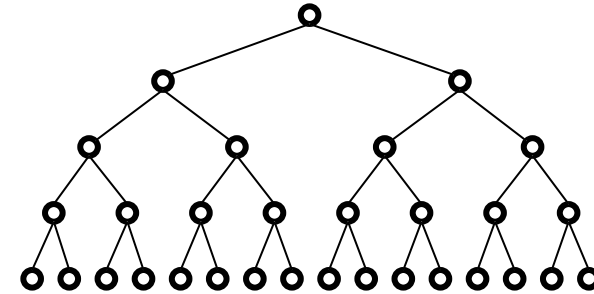


Our approach: data-driven adaptation of component-based reduced-order models

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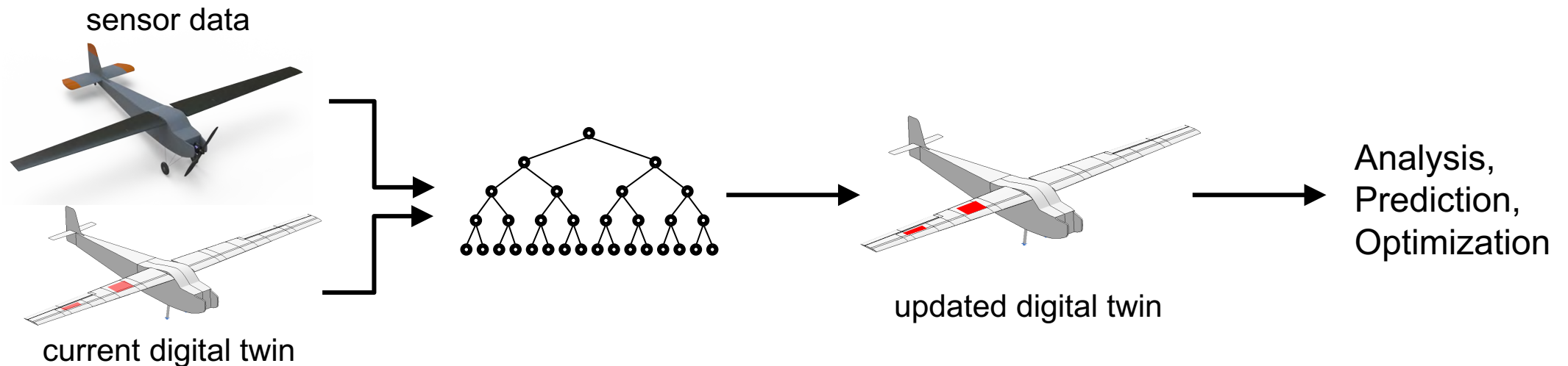


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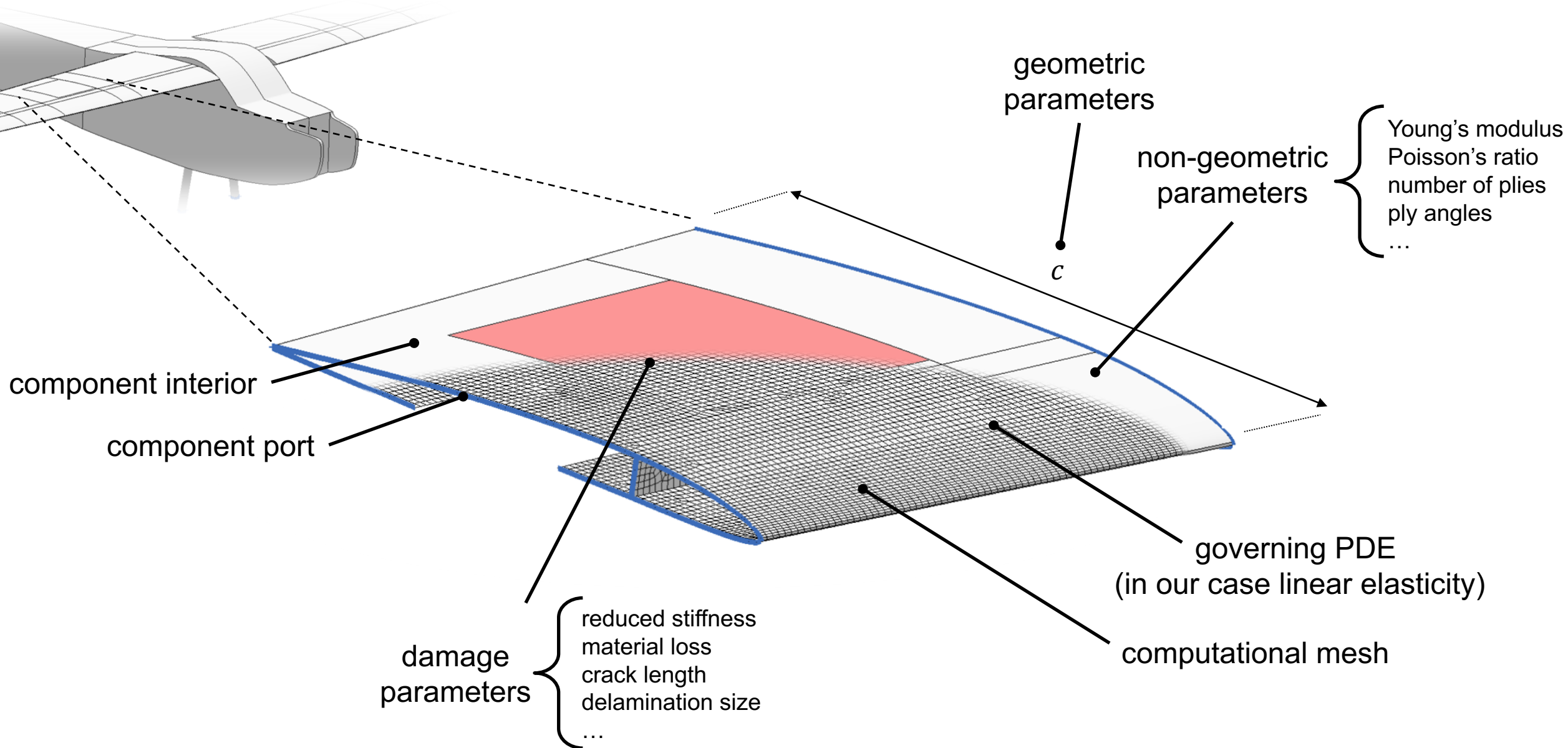
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Online:



Component-based reduced-order model library

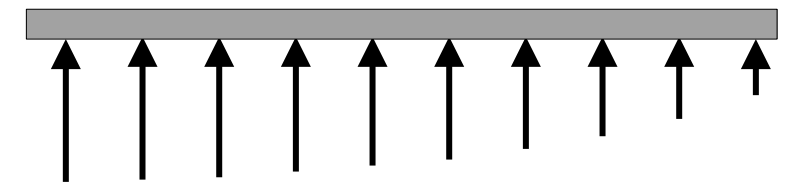
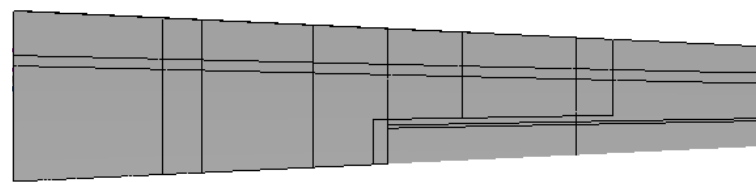
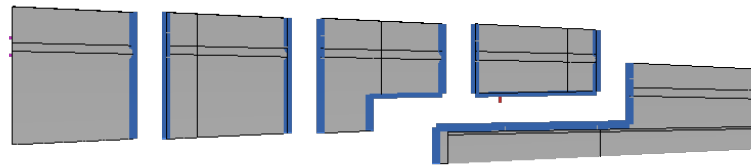
Example component: section of a wing



From components to systems

Instantiate and Assemble

Apply Loads



component parameters μ_c

+ assembly parameters μ_a

+ load parameters $\mu_l =$

system parameters

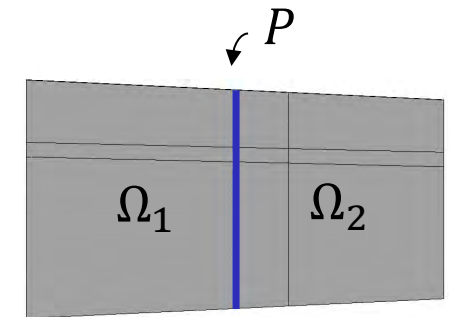
$$\mu = [\mu_c, \mu_a, \mu_l]$$

Solving a component-based model

Start with the usual finite element problem statement:

Find $u_h \in V_h$ such that $a(u_h, v; \mu) = f(v; \mu) \quad \forall v \in V_h$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{port DOFs} \longrightarrow \\
 \text{Interior DOFs} \begin{array}{l} \longrightarrow \\ \longrightarrow \end{array}
 \end{array}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 A_{P,P} & A_{P,\Omega_1} & A_{P,\Omega_2} \\
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 \begin{bmatrix}
 \mathbb{U} \\
 u_{\Omega_1} \\
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 \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix}
 f_P \\
 f_{\Omega_1} \\
 f_{\Omega_2}
 \end{bmatrix}$$



M port DOFs
N interior DOFs

Express interior DOFs in terms of port DOFs

$$A_{\Omega_i,\Omega_i} u_{\Omega_i} = f_{\Omega_i} - A_{P,\Omega_i}^T \mathbb{U} \longleftarrow \text{Solve on each component independently}$$

Substitute to get a system involving only port DOFs:

$$\mathbb{S}(\mu) \mathbb{U}(\mu) = \mathbb{F}(\mu)$$

Issue: Schur complement $\mathbb{S}(\mu)$ is large ($\mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{M}$), and expensive to compute

Model reduction strategy

Static-condensation reduced-basis-element (SCRBE) method:
[Huynh 2013]

i. Port Reduction:

Retain only the first m dominant modes at **component ports**

- ▶ Reduces the size of S :

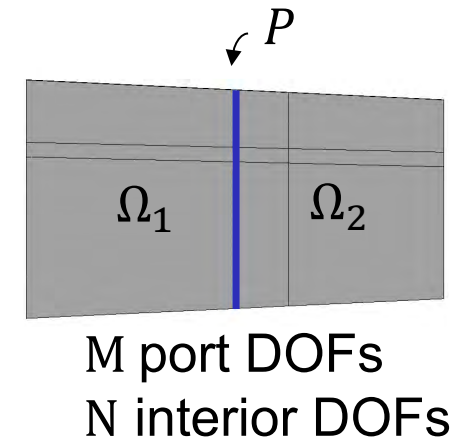
$$M \times M \longrightarrow m \times m$$

ii. Component Interior Reduction:

Replace the finite element space **inside each component** with a reduced basis (RB) space of dimension n

- ▶ Reduces the size of matrices required to compute entries of S :

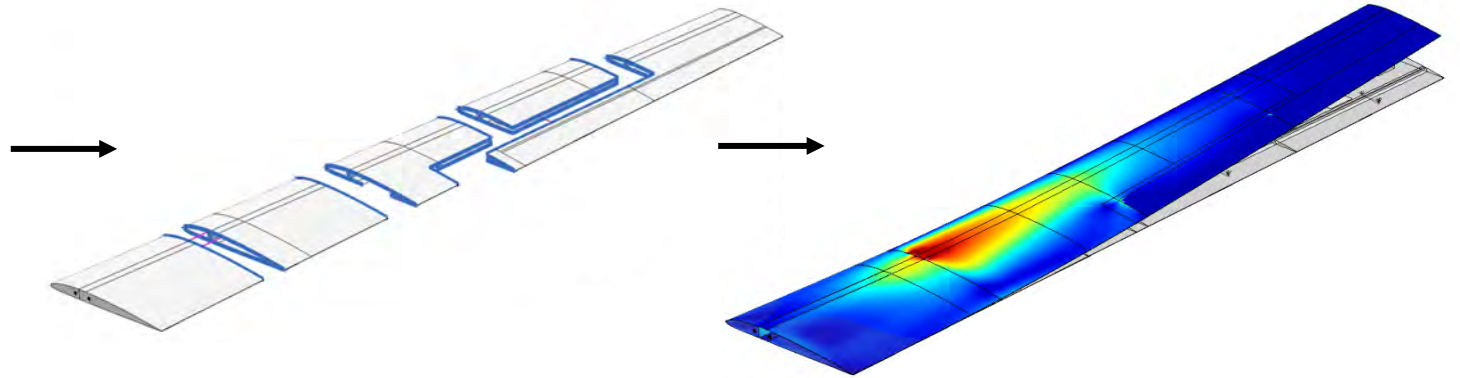
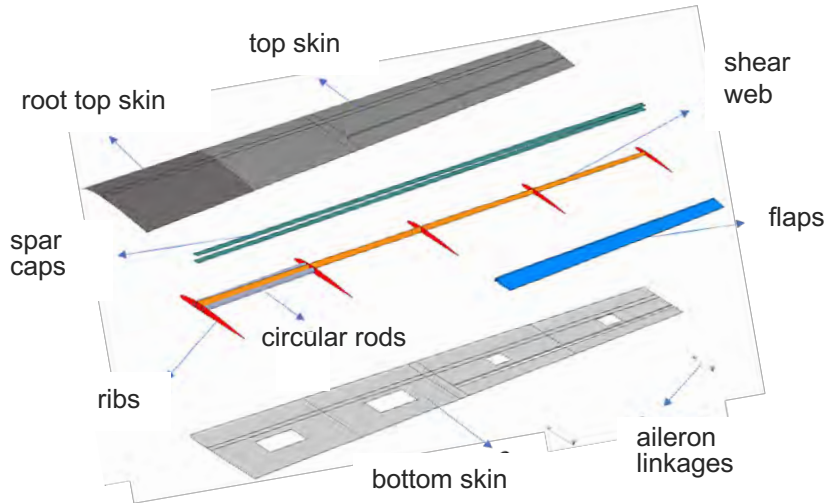
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How does SCRBE meet the demands of a digital twin?

1. Model training can be performed using only small groups of components
 - ▶ **Never have to solve full-system FE model**
 2. Component-wise RB admits a modest number of parameters per component
 - ▶ **System may have many spatially distributed parameters**
 3. Component instantiation and replacement offers more flexible parametrization
 - ▶ **Allows for expressive adaptation: changes to topology, meshes etc.**
- Cloud-based **parallel solvers**
 - Equipped with a posteriori **error indicators**
 - Extends to both **modal** and **dynamic** analysis [Vallaghé 2015]
 - Hybrid solver incorporates **local non-linearities**
 - Recourse to full **non-linear FEA** if required

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Performance:

FEA: 387,906 dof

55 seconds

SCRBE: 694 dof

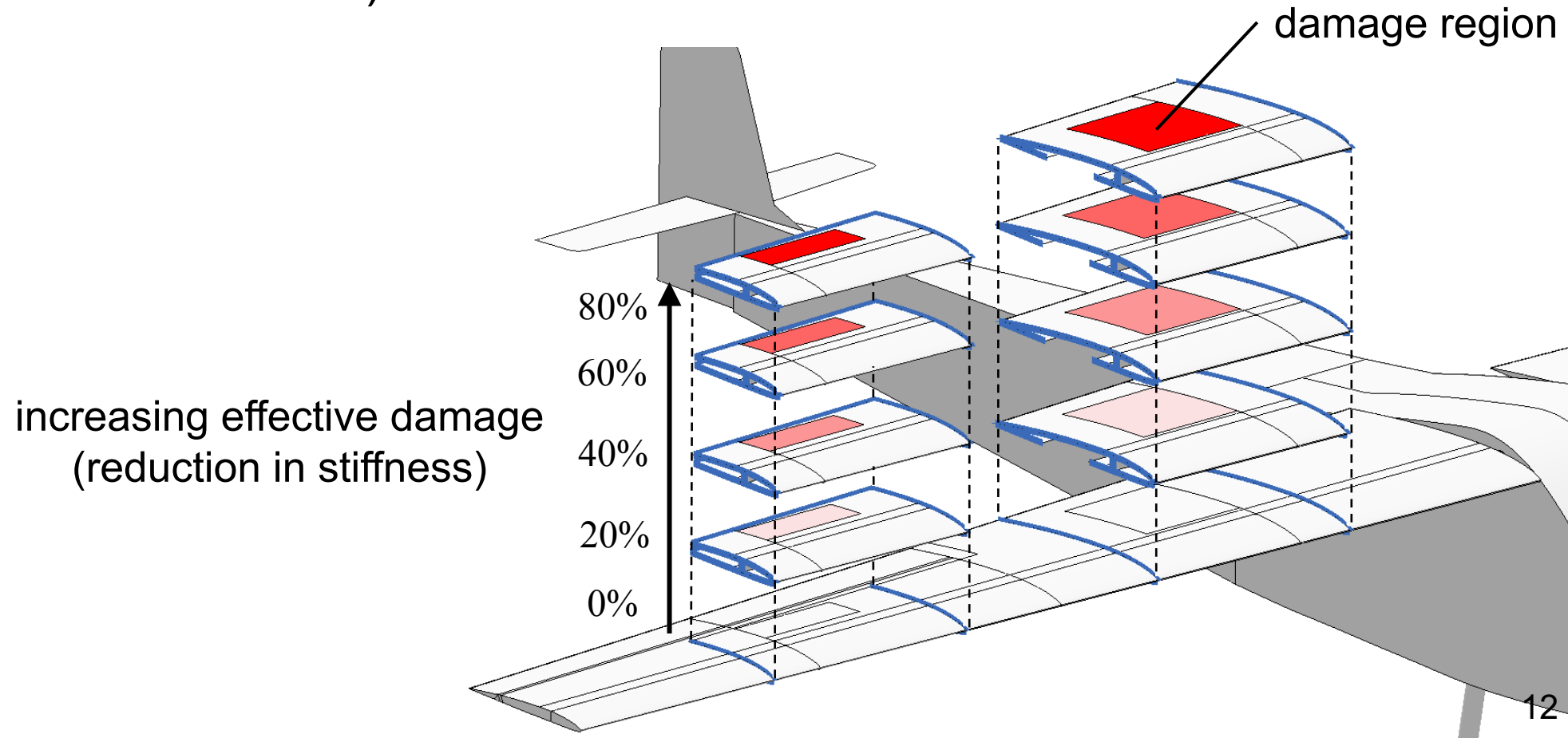
0.03 seconds

► **1000x speedup, solve in near real-time**

From component-based model to digital twin: Constructing a model library

Offline: Construct a library of damage states for each component

1. Create multiple copies of each component
2. Train components for parameter ranges of interest (local + interactions)

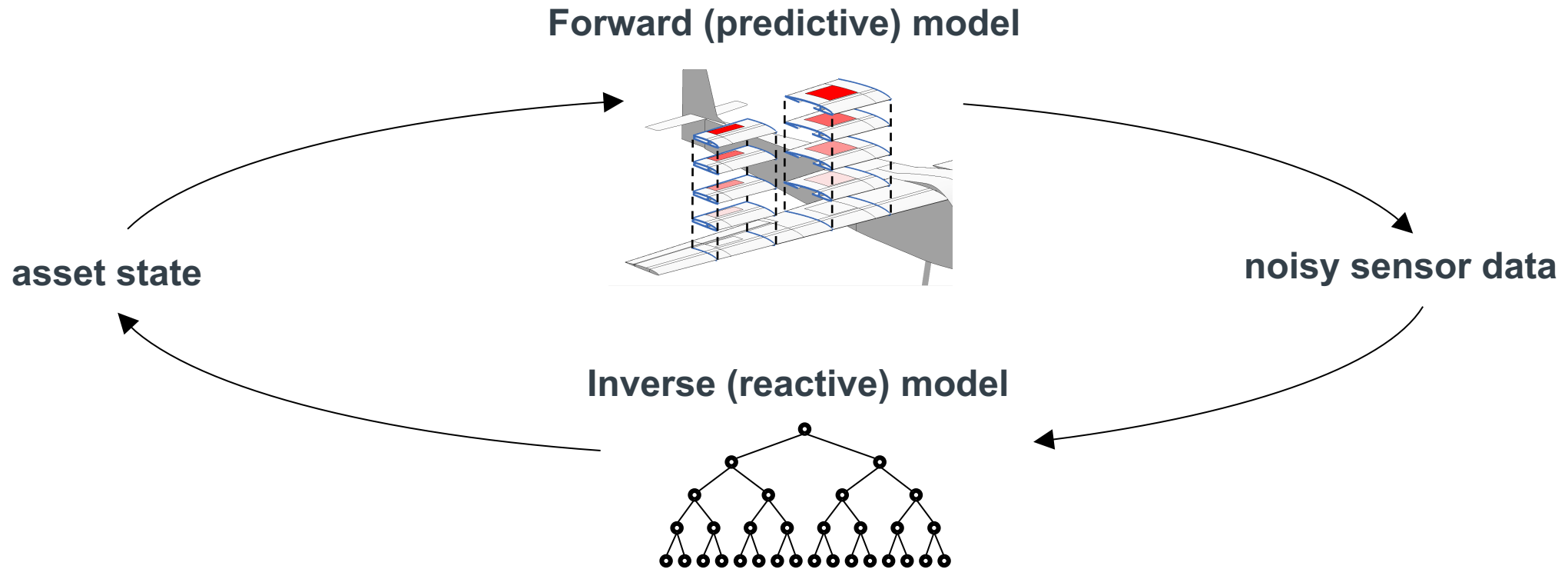


Interpretable machine learning

Onboard sensors inform which model is used in the digital twin

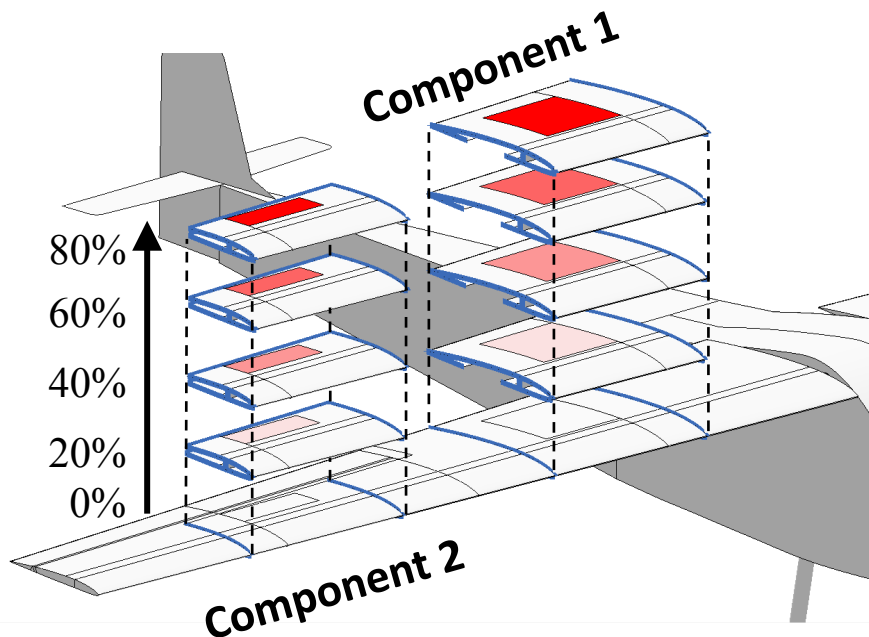
Data-driven digital twin:

Onboard sensors are used to select a reduced-order model from the library

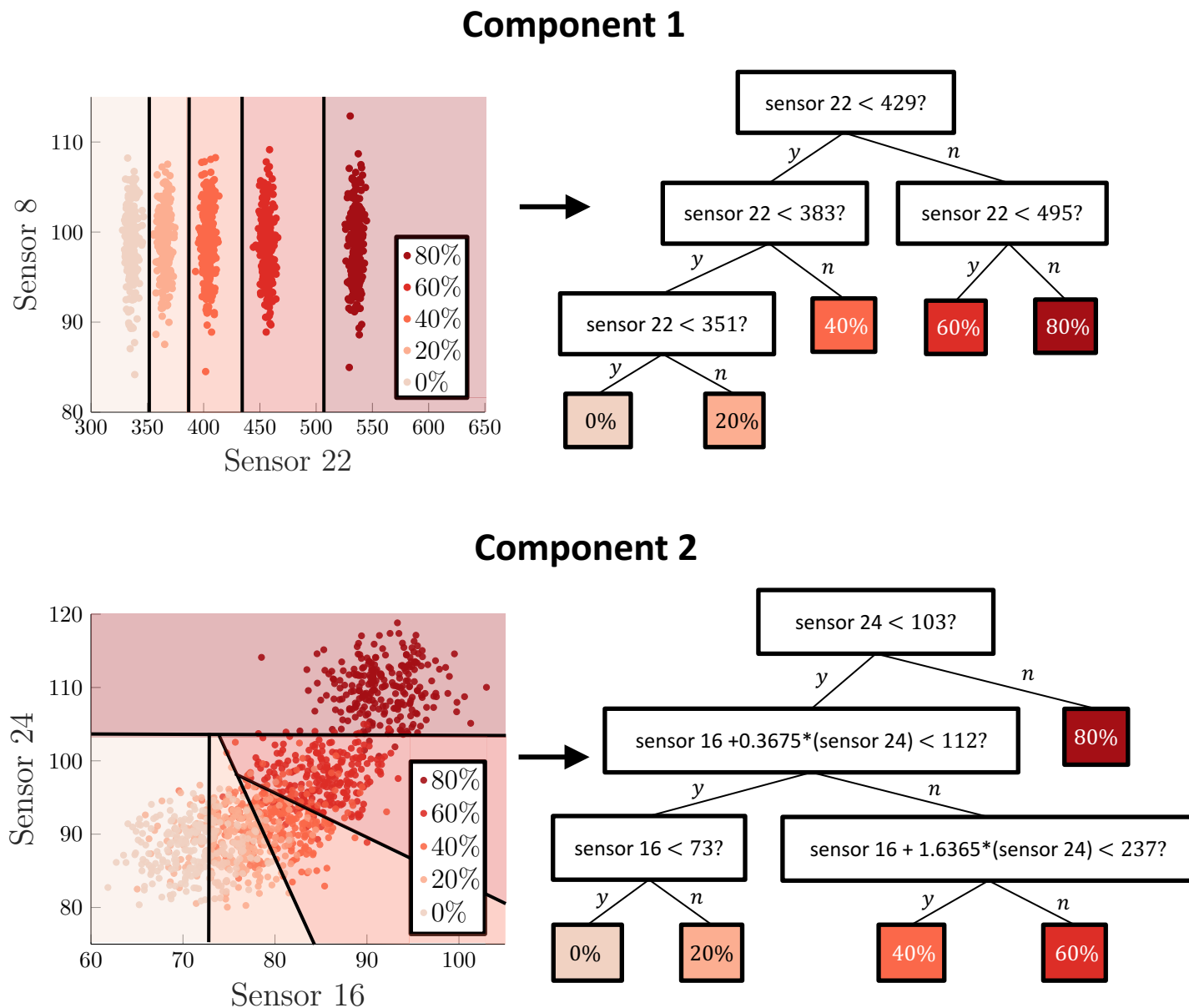


- Use **predictive models** to **generate training data**
- Use **machine learning** to train an **interpretable, explainable reactive model**

From component-based model to digital twin: Interpretable machine learning



- + Highly interpretable
- + Natural framework for sensor selection
- + Rapid online classification
- + As expressive as standard neural networks



From component-based model to digital twin: Interpretable machine learning

Goal: Find a partitioning of the space of possible sensor measurements, and assign to each partition the library model that best explains the measurements

Optimal Classification Trees [Bertsimas, 2019] uses mixed-integer optimization techniques to find a partition in the form of an optimal binary tree, T :

$$\min_T \quad R(T) + \alpha |T|$$

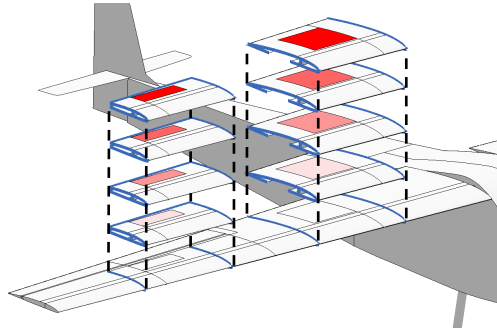
tradeoff parameter
↓

error on training data complexity of the tree

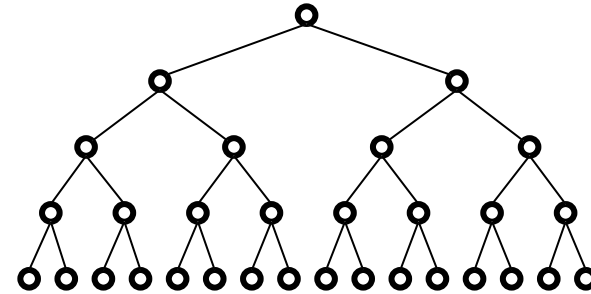
- + Globally optimal
- + Scalable
- + Naturally extends to hyperplane splits

Recall our approach: data-driven adaptation of component-based reduced-order models

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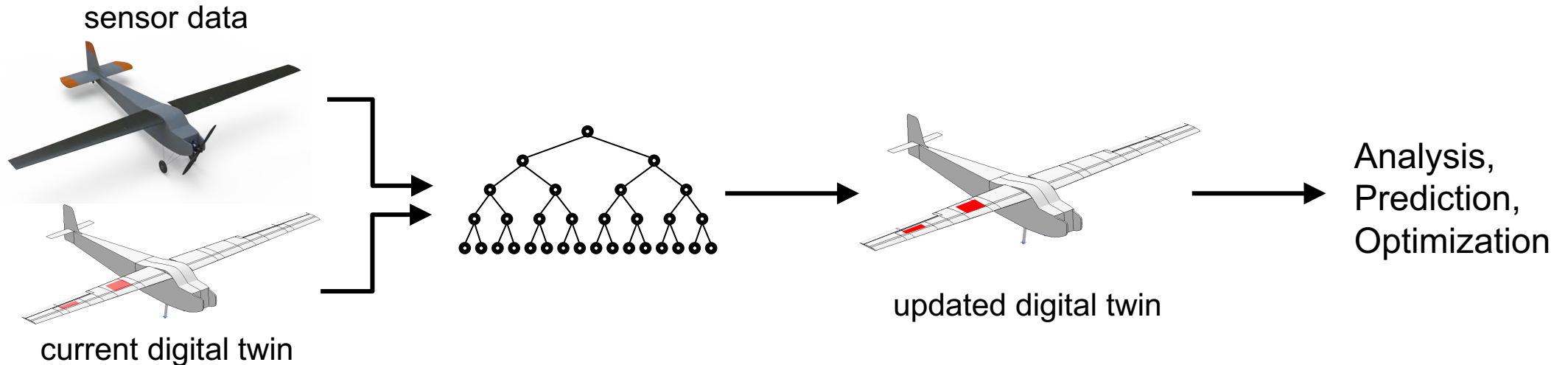


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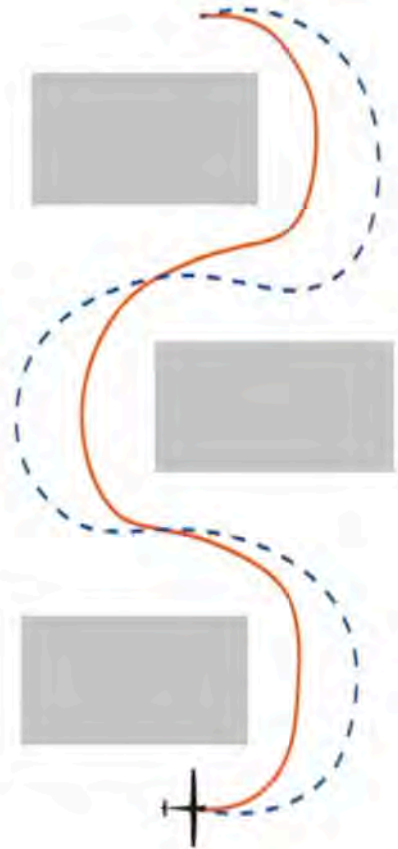
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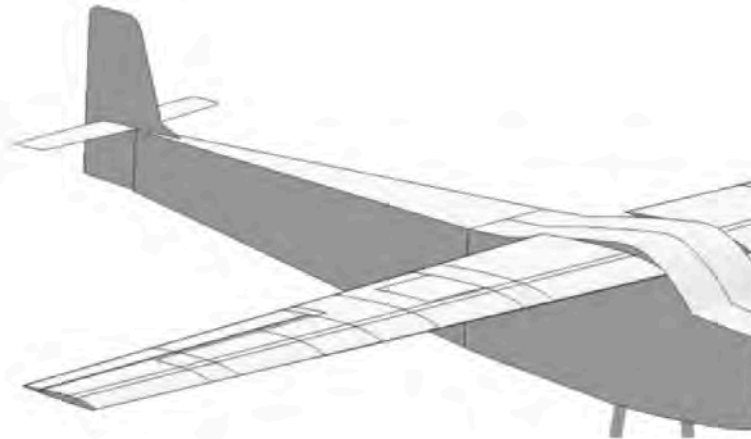
Flight of the UAV

- Aggressive flight path
- - - Conservative flight path



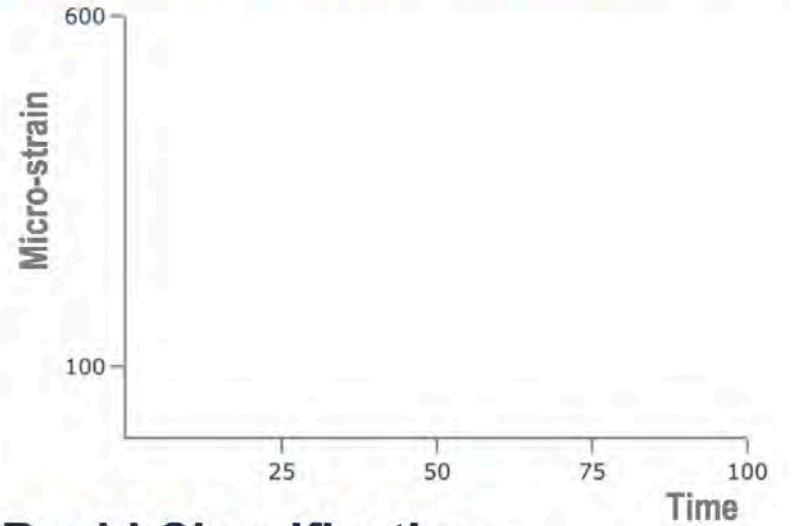
Health estimates

Less damage  More damage

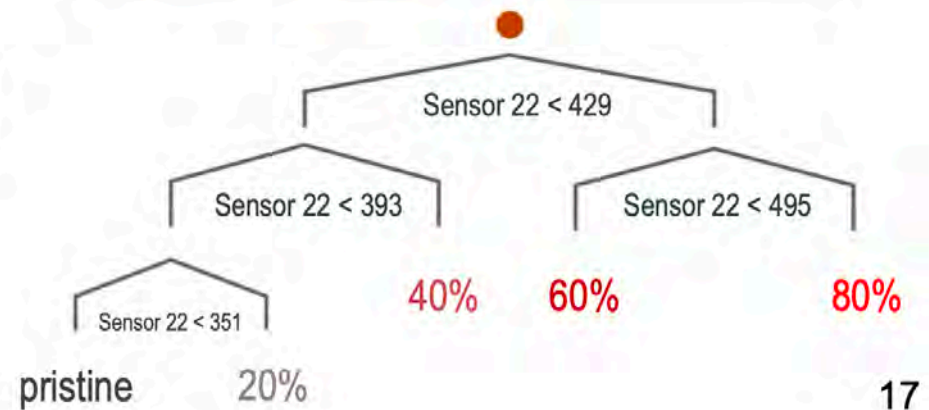


Strain Measurements

- Sensor 22
- ▲ Sensor 12
- Sensor 24

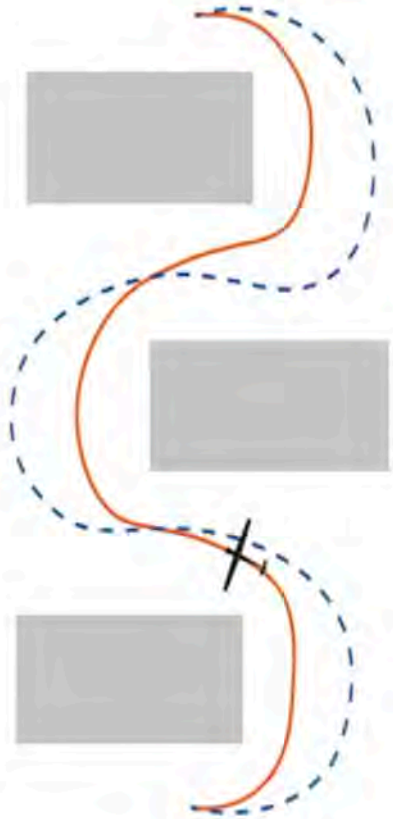


Rapid Classification



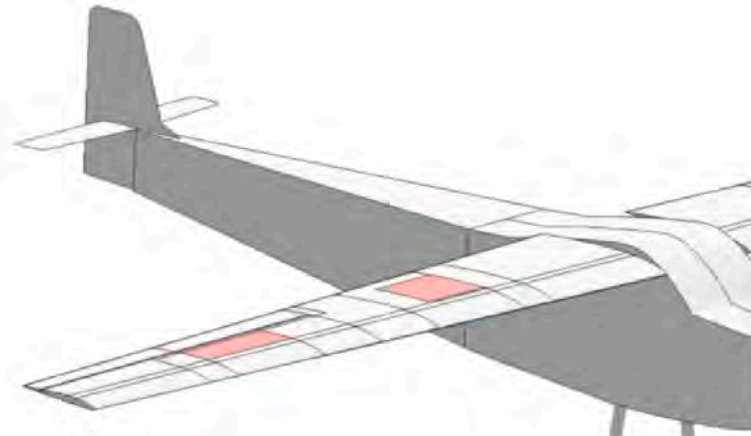
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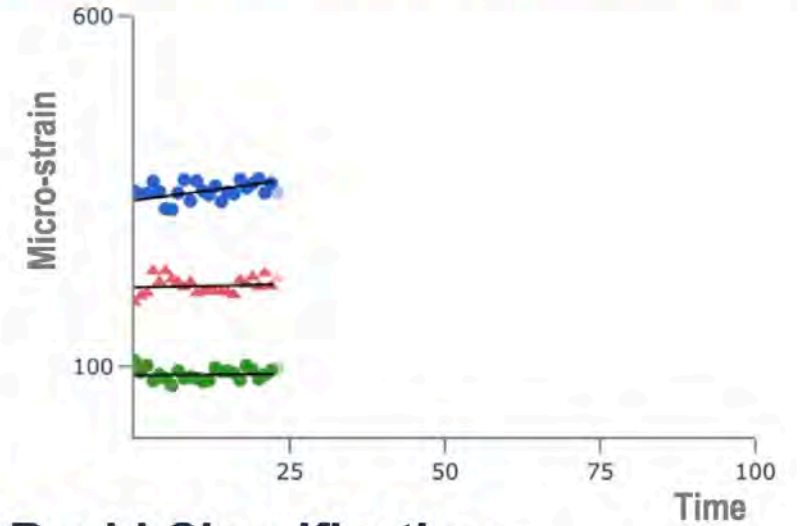
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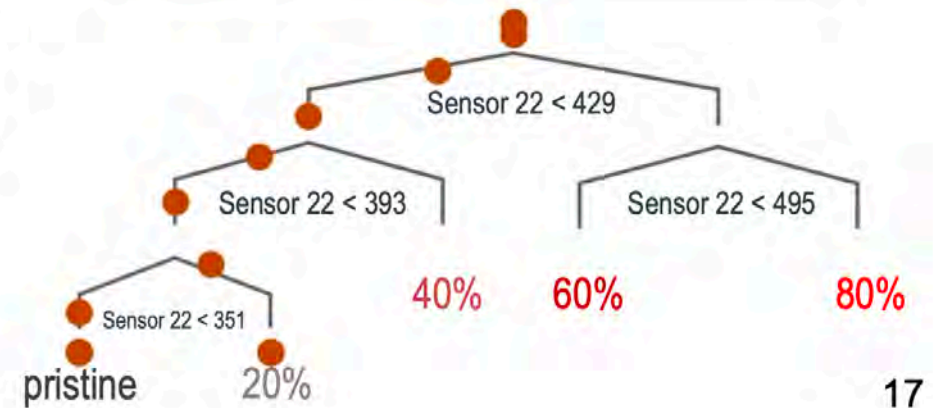


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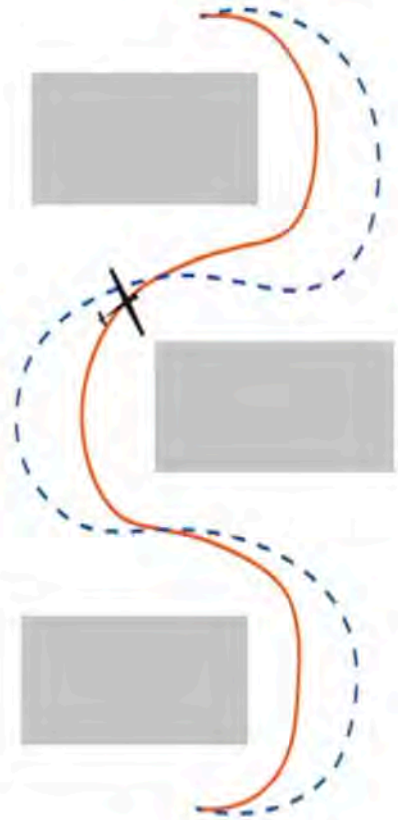


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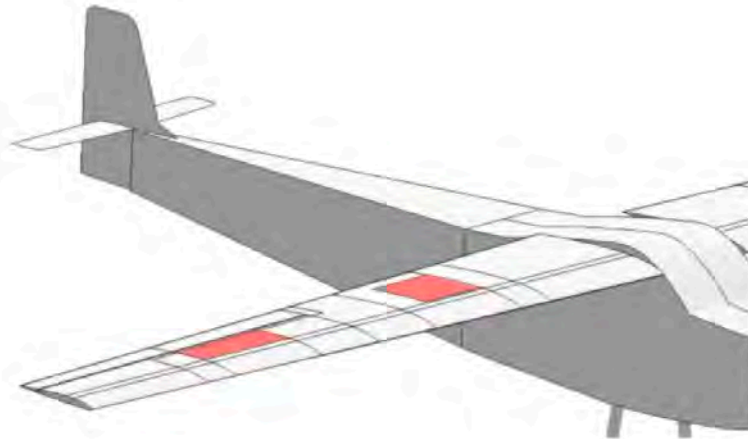
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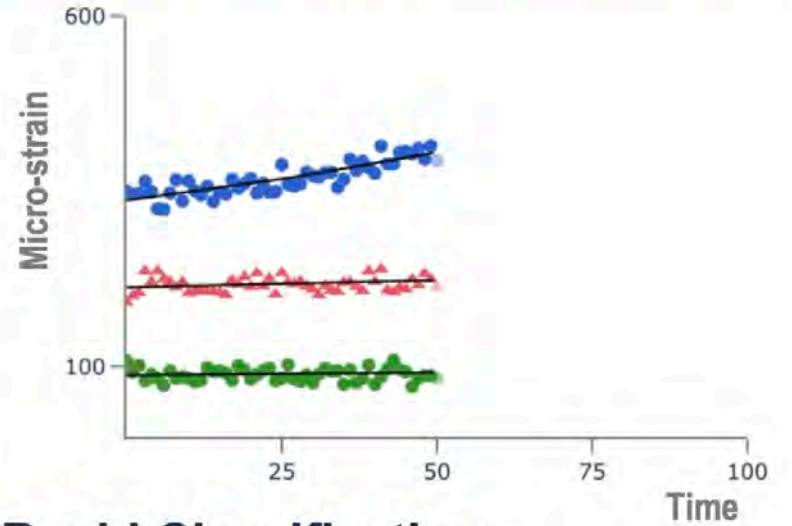
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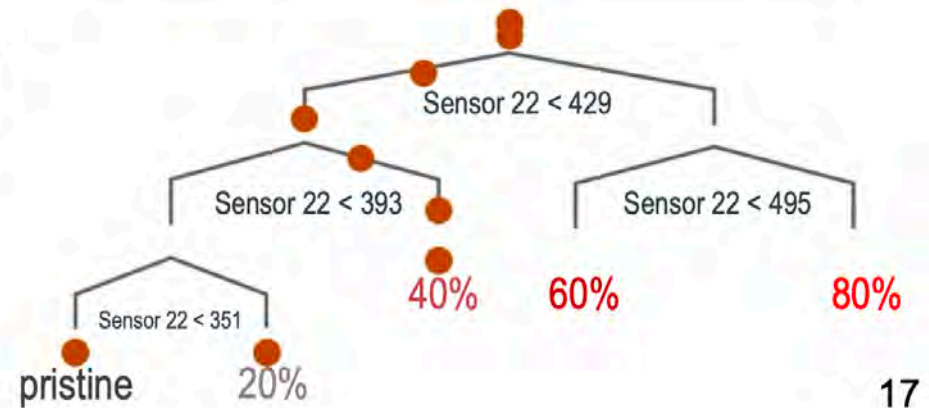


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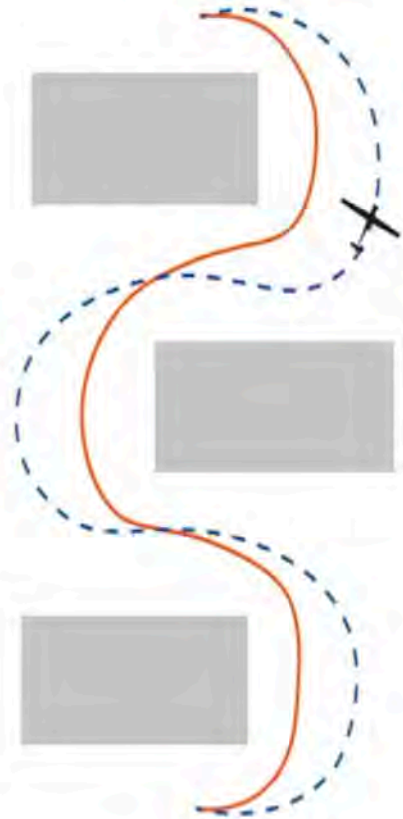


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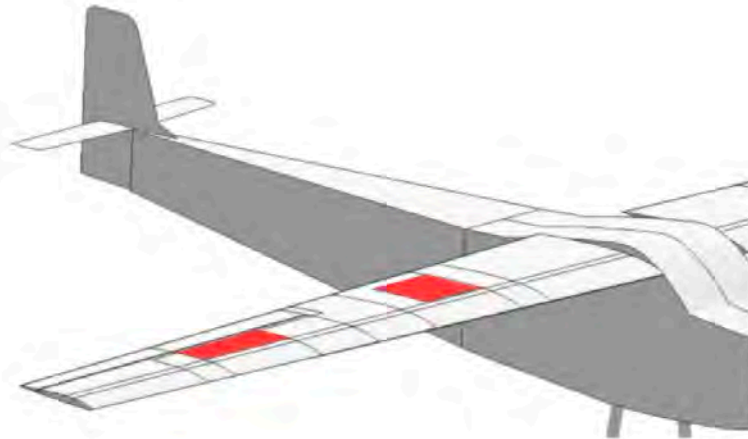
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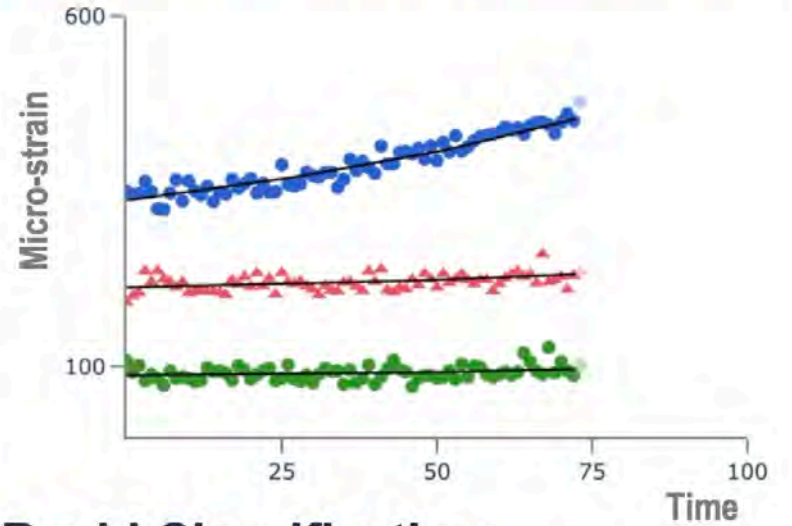
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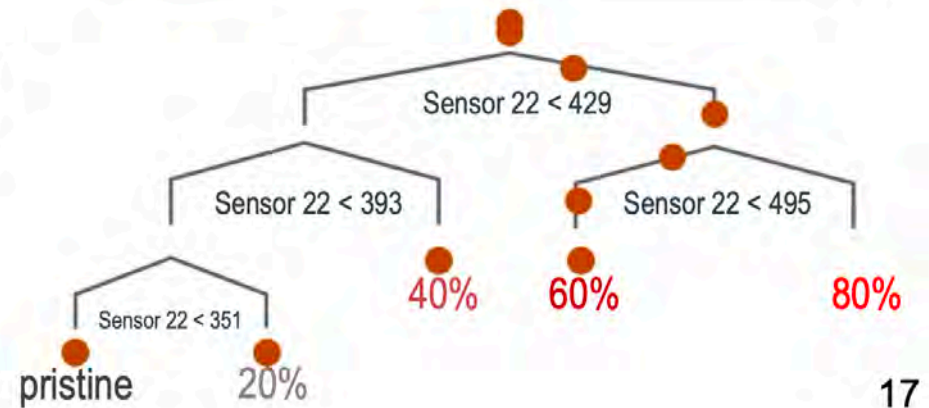


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Rapid Classification



Combining component-based reduced-order models and interpretable machine learning enables predictive digital twins

Future Work

- Test with experimental data
- Incorporate multimodal observations
- **Flight demonstration**

Open challenges

- Improving damage models
- Accounting for **model uncertainty and inadequacy**



High-consequence decisions require digital twins that are **predictive • reliable • explainable**

component-based
reduced-order models

interpretable
machine learning



predictive digital twin

For a project overview, slides, and the full paper, visit <https://kiwi.oden.utexas.edu/research/digital-twin>

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