

# Close the Gap Between Design and Production: Predict Cycle Time by AI/ML

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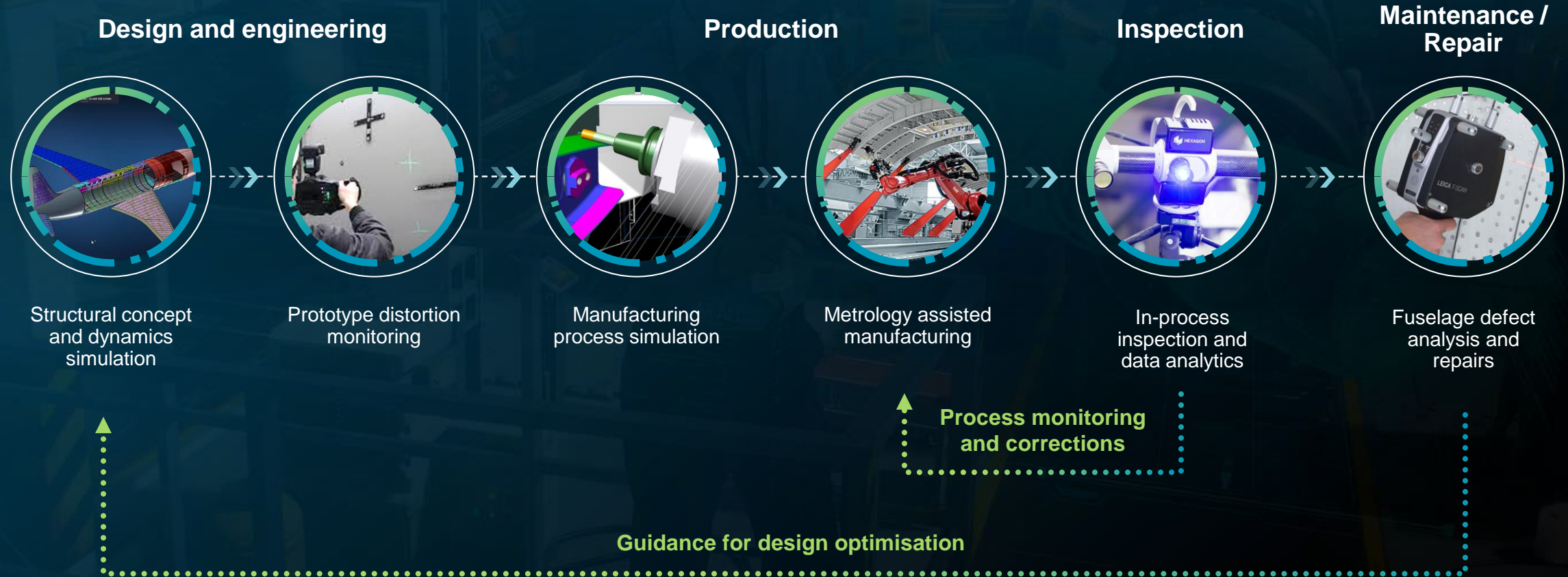
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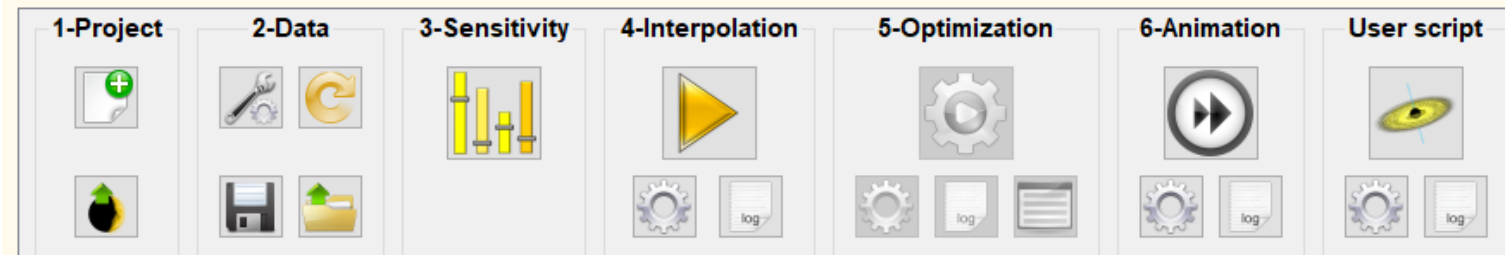
# Hexagon: Putting Data to Work from Concept to Operation

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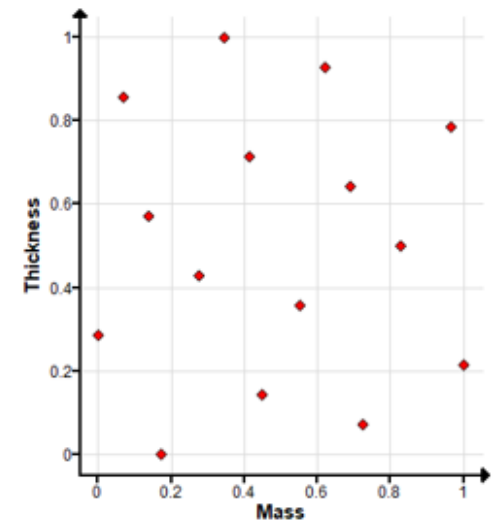
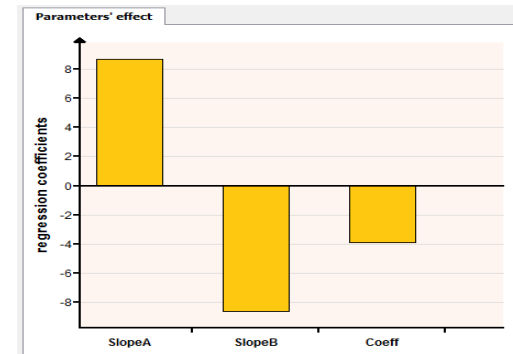


# ODYSSEE Machine Learning

File Export Tools Preferences Help



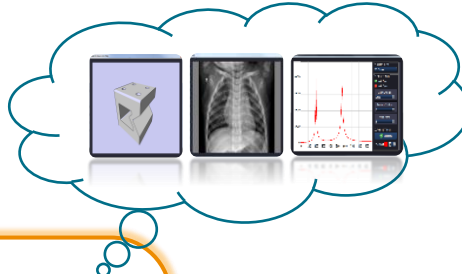
- From available analysis, test results or measurements, predict responses for further data points
- ODYSSEE delivers the response in seconds
- Predict results values, curves and animations
- Improve parameters of manufacturing processes
- Input: csv files
- Can use images or step files instead of parameters
- Easy-to-use GUI
- Scripting possible
- Create and improve DOE
- Plot tool for correlation, PCA, heat map, etc.
- Optimization



# Image and Step File Based Machine Learning

*Use of Past Experience to Predict New Outcomes*

## 1 Learning Phase



Images, 3D files,  
Curves data, Signals, etc.  
**Inputs / Features (X)**

Outcomes, Time-Dependent Responses  
etc...

**Associated Results (Y)**



## 2 Predictions

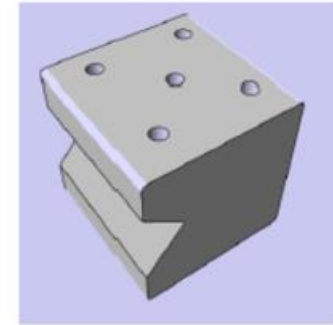
**New** Images, 3D files,  
Curves data, Signals,  
etc.

Predicted data  
in **real time**

# Predict Machining Time from Geometry, Material and Surface Roughness

**CNC QUOTE** allows to predict a machining time using an existing learning database composed of :

- 3D models (File(step) type) where **Complex indicators** ( $\lambda$ ) are calculated automatically
- **Material** tag (Tags type)
- **Tapped holes number** estimation per 3D part analyzed
- **percent (%)** of 3D part with a surface roughness **Ra $\leq$ 0.8**
- **percent (%)** of 3D part with a surface roughness **Ra at 1.6**
- **percent (%)** of 3D part with a great accuracy machining (**small tolerance**)
- And the **associated machining time**.



Tapped holes number

0 1 2 3 4 5 10 ... 15 20 25 30

Materials

Alu2017  
S235  
2024T351  
Titane

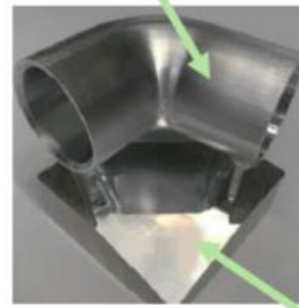
% Ra  $\leq$ 0.8

0  
25  
50  
75  
100

% Ra 1.6

0  
25  
50  
75  
100

25% Rough effect = Ra 1.6



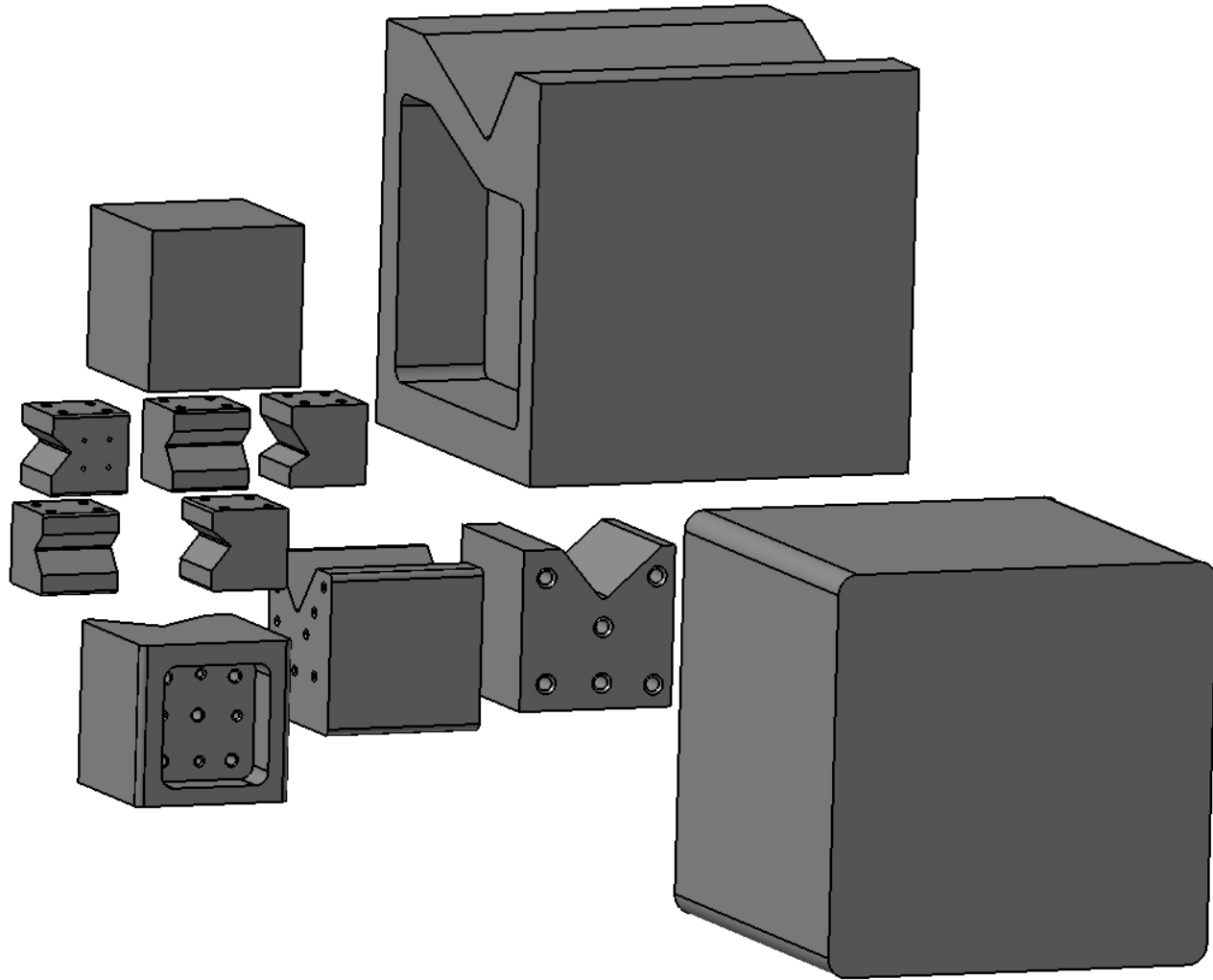
% Great accuracy machining

0  
25  
50  
75  
100



75% high precision machining

# Predict Machining Time from Geometry, Material and Surface Roughness



Some of the geometries,  
available as 3d step files

# Predict Machining Time from Geometry, Material and Surface Roughness

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**CUSTOMIZATION CONFIGURATION**

**Documentation**

Select a help document Use this feature

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**Define (X)**

X database name: Descriptive variables ✎

Define input types and names to load in X:

Name	Type	Settings	
Step	File (STEP) ▾	⚙️	⊖
Materials	Tags ▾	⚙️	⊖
Hole tapped number	Values ▾		⊖
%part with Ra0.8	Values ▾		⊖
%part with Ra1.6	Values ▾		⊖
% part Very high precision machining	Values ▾		⊖

**Define (Y)**

Y database name: Results ✎

Define input types and names to load in Y:

**A-Eye\_Manager**

**File (Step) type configuration setting**

Extract indicators from this type of file using a Quasar script

Custom ... ▾

Select the Quasar/Python script that will be executed during file selection:

... ImportCAD.qsr

Enter the output filename defined in the Quasar script (see saveCsv() function):

dataTemp.csv

Define the names for the extracted indicators:

Column name	Column number range	
Edgeloop number	1	⬆️ ⊖
Envelope Surface	1	⬆️ ⊖
Complexity index	1	⬆️ ⊖

+

Apply

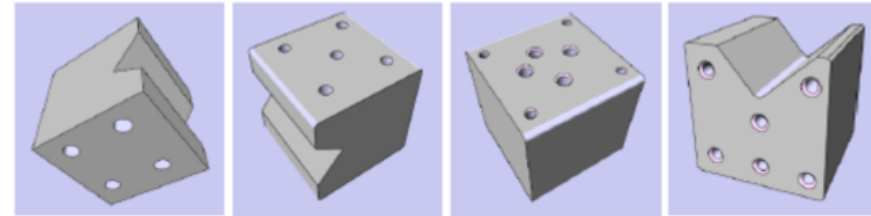
Define a customization:

- Define the parameter format as files, images (not in this case), tags, or values
- Define how to interpret the step file



# Predict Machining Time from Geometry, Material and Surface Roughness

47 cases in database



CASE	Step	Materials	Number of Tapped Holes	%part wth Ra0.8	%part wth Ra1.6	%part very high precision machining	Machining time (r
<input type="checkbox"/> CASE 1. case1	3D	AlloyAlu2024T351_430MPa	4	70	10	10	2.21
<input type="checkbox"/> CASE 2. case2	3D	SteelS235_360MPa	6	20	80	20	1.99
<input type="checkbox"/> CASE 3. case3	3D	Alu2027_225MPa	1	20	20	90	3.63
<input type="checkbox"/> CASE 4. case4	3D	AlloyAlu2024T351_430MPa	5	30	40	30	4.99
<input type="checkbox"/> CASE 5. case5	3D	SteelS235_360MPa	7	80	20	20	5.69
<input type="checkbox"/> CASE 6. case6	3D	SteelS235_360MPa	6	10	60	90	6.57
<input type="checkbox"/> CASE 7. case7	3D	SteelS235_360MPa	10	50	50	40	5.33
<input type="checkbox"/> CASE 8. case8	3D	Alu2027_225MPa	9	80	10	60	3.51
<input type="checkbox"/> CASE 9. case9	3D	AlloyAlu2024T351_430MPa	1	0	40	20	4.16

X

Y

**Note:** The X database is constituted of: 3D file, material tag, number of tapped holes, % part at Ra0.8, % part at Ra1.6, % part at high precision machining.

# Predict Machining Time from Geometry, Material and Surface Roughness

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Project Settings Help

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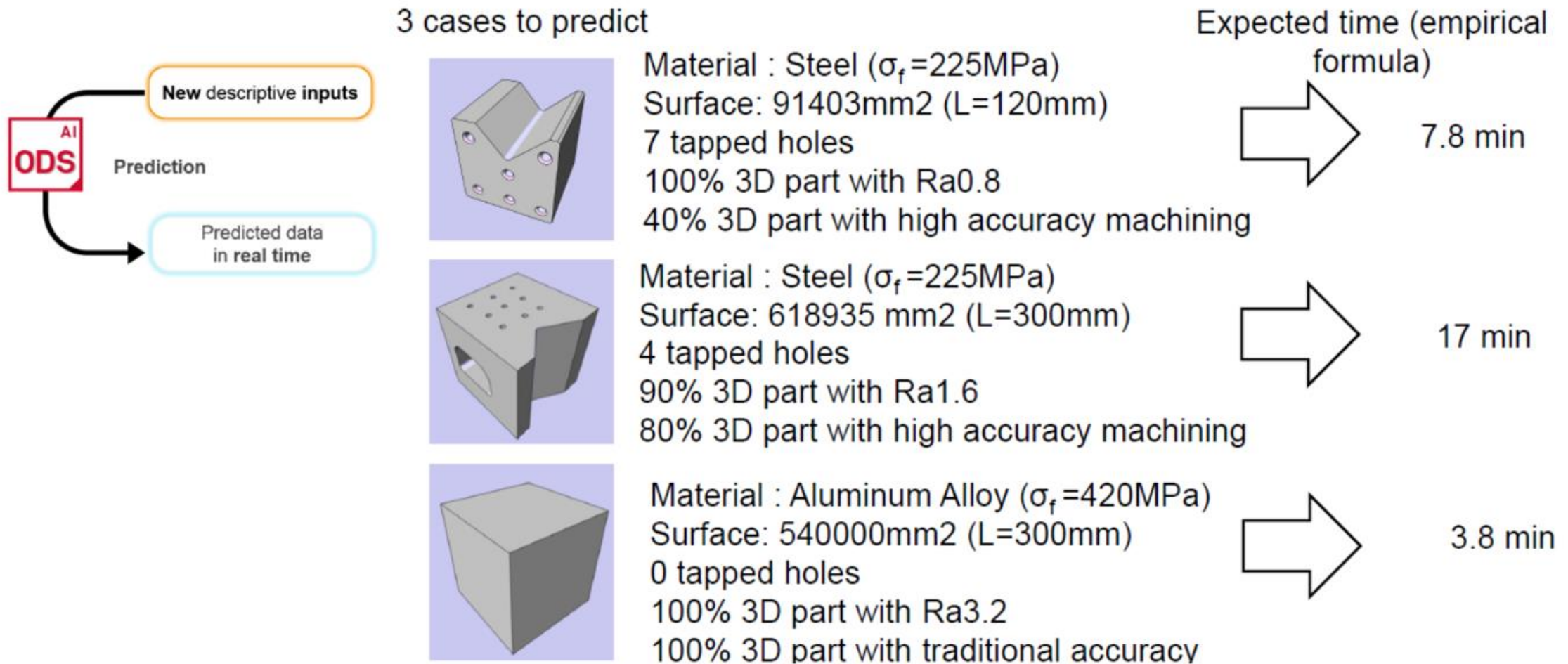
Learning Prediction Base Viewer

Name	Edgeloop number	Envelope Surface	Complexity index	Materials:Alu2027_225MPa	Materials:SteelS235_360MPa	Materials:AlloyAlu2024T351_43C	Number of Tapped Holes	%part with Ra0.8	%part with Ra1.6	%part very high precision machining	Machining time (minutes)
case1	34	23500	0.293	0	0	1	4	70	10	10	2.21
case2	38	23300	0.295	0	1	0	6	20	80	20	1.99
case3	39	24700	0.537	1	0	0	1	20	20	90	3.63
case4	38	22700	0.596	0	0	1	5	30	40	30	4.99
case5	59	26200	0.508	0	1	0	7	80	20	20	5.69
case6	44	22700	0.586	0	1	0	6	10	60	90	6.57
case7	89	27000	0.436	0	1	0	10	50	50	40	5.33
case8	98	25000	0.712	1	0	0	9	80	10	60	3.51
case9	18	84900	0.744	0	0	1	1	0	40	20	4.16
case11	68	95300	0.444	0	1	0	8	0	100	70	14.84
case12	42	93300	0.518	1	0	0	3	80	0	30	4.44
case13	50	92100	0.687	1	0	0	0	60	10	50	2.1
case14	68	97500	0.529	0	0	1	6	0	100	30	8.34
case15	60	93900	0.79	0	1	0	3	10	80	0	6.2
case16	90	86100	0.655	0	1	0	8	10	40	20	6.13
case17	96	95800	0.665	1	0	0	4	20	80	10	3.01
case18	14	89200	0.824	0	1	0	1	30	30	70	4.08
case19	78	112000	0.762	1	0	0	7	60	20	0	4.27
case20	78	93700	0.626	0	1	0	10	20	60	10	7.53

Export database Import database Delete selected case(s) Define rules Display mode

Odyssee transforms step files, images and tags to a matrix

# Predict Machining Time from Geometry, Material and Surface Roughness



# Predict Machining Time from Geometry, Material and Surface Roughness

Information

Calculation time :  
0 minute(s) and 0 second(s)  
Total in Milliseconds: 146 ms

Ok

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Learning Prediction Base Viewer

DESCRIPTIVE VARIABLES

Names	Step	Materials	Number of Tapped Holes	%part wth Ra0.8	%part wth Ra1.6	part very high precision machini	RESULTS
Use a file to fill names	Select step files	Select tags	Select values	Select values	Select values	Select values	Machining time (minutes)
	Steel_7holes_100_ra8e-1_0_ra16e-1_40	SteelS235_360MPa	7	100	0	40	5.69

Reset

5.69 minutes

Prediction

vs 7.8 min

# Predict Machining Time from Geometry, Material and Surface Roughness

Information

Calculation time :  
0 minute(s) and 0 second(s)  
Total in Milliseconds: 145 ms

Ok

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Project Settings Help

Learning Prediction Base Viewer

DESCRIPTIVE VARIABLES

Names	Step	Materials	Number of Tapped Holes	%part with Ra0.8	%part with Ra1.6	part very high precision machining	RESULTS
Use a file to fill names	Select step files	Select tags	Select values	Select values	Select values	Select values	Machining time (minutes)
↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
-	Steel_4holes_0_ra8e-1_90_ra16e-1_80	SteelS235_360MPa	4	0	90	80	14.84

Reset

14.84 minutes

Prediction

vs 17 min

# Predict Machining Time from Geometry, Material and Surface Roughness

Information

Calculation time :  
0 minute(s) and 0 second(s)  
Total in Milliseconds: 145 ms

Ok

Project Settings Help

Learning Prediction Base Viewer

DESCRIPTIVE VARIABLES

Names	Step	Materials	Number of Tapped Holes	%part with Ra0.8	%part with Ra1.6	part very high precision machining	RESULTS
Use a file to fill names	Select step files	Select tags	Select values	Select values	Select values	Select values	Machining time (minutes)
	AlloyAlu_0holes_0_ra8c-1_0_ra16c-1_0	AlloyAlu2024T351_430MPa	0	0	0	0	4.56

Reset

4.56 minutes

Prediction

vs 3.8 min

# Real-Time Product Quality Inspection

Classify „valid“ or „defect“



Example of valid parts:



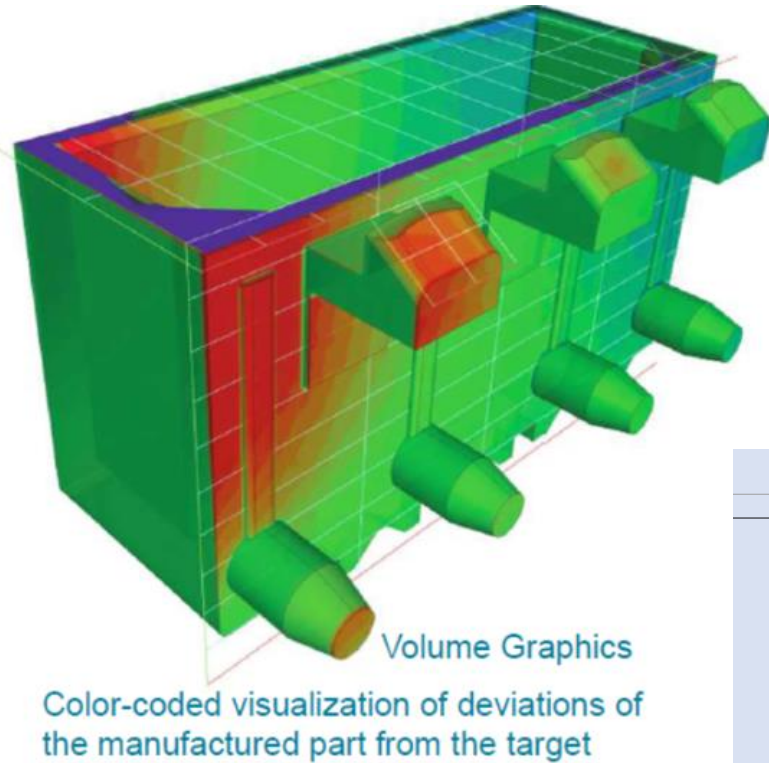
Example of defect parts:



A screenshot of a software interface for real-time product quality inspection. The interface is divided into two main sections: "Learning" and "Base Viewer". The "Learning" section has a "Names" field with a user icon and a "Use a file to fill names" button. The "Base Viewer" section has a "RESULTS" table with a "Results" button and a "Select image files" button. A central image of a part is shown, and a white arrow points from the "Select image files" button to the part image. Below the part image, a red arrow points to a "Defect" label in the "RESULTS" table. A blue arrow points from the defect parts in the previous image to the "Select image files" button.

The state result is displayed

# Optimize Manufacturing Process: Minimize Deviations in Injection Molding

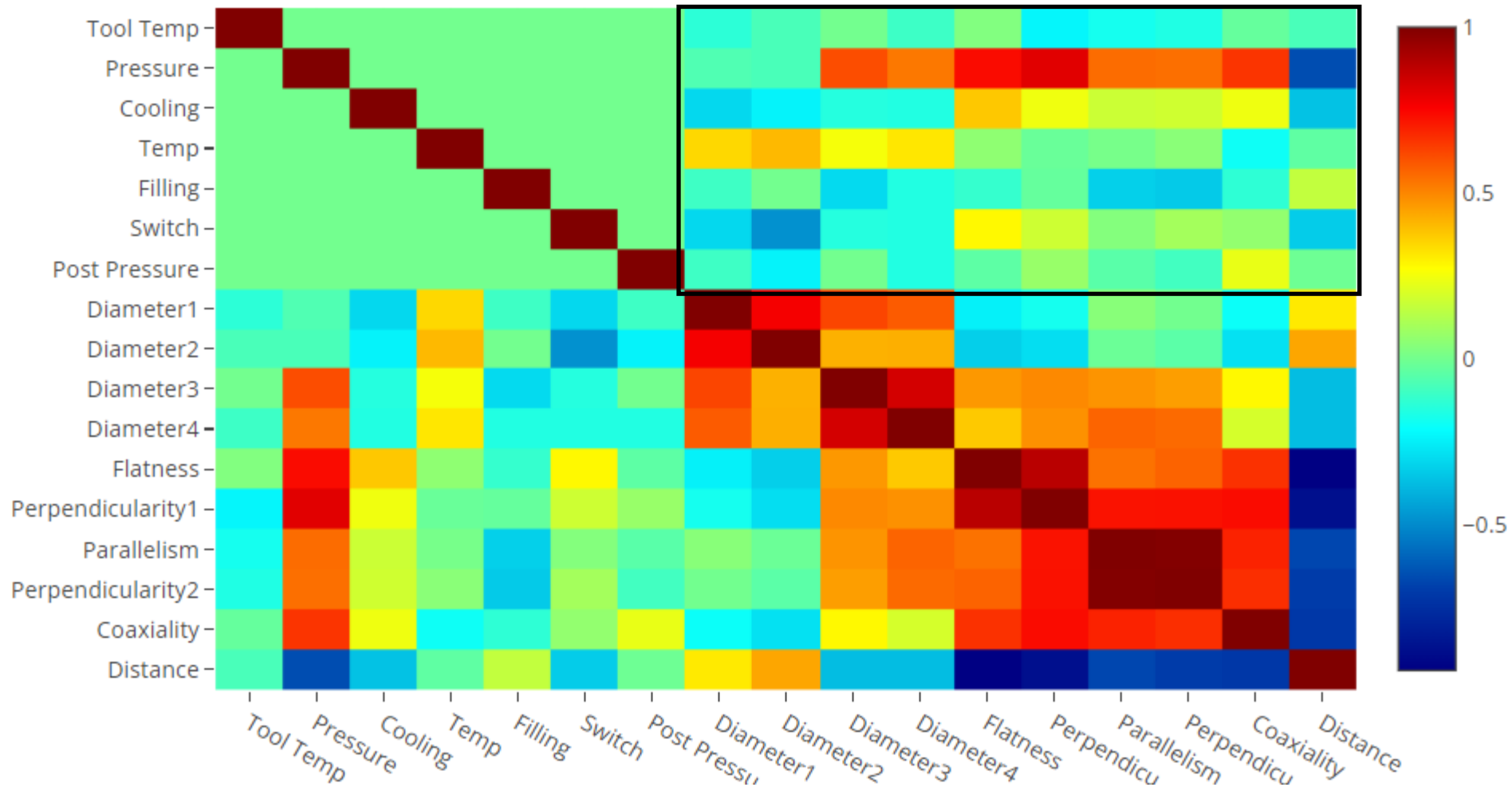


Find optimum values of the process parameters (blue) to reach optimum measurement results (green). Ideally, these parameters are later used in the injection molding process and then get comparable measurement results.

Variable 1: Tool Temp °C	Variable 2: Pressure Normiert	Variable 3: Cooling s	Variable 4: Temp °C	Variable 5: Filling s	Variable 6: Switch %	Variable 7: Post Pressure Normiert	Dim 1 Diameter 5.00	Dim 2 Diameter 5.00	Dim 3 Diameter 5.00	Dim 4 Diameter 3.00	Dim 5 Flatness 0.00	Dim 6 Perpendicularity 0.00	Dim 7 Parallelism 0.00	Dim 8 Perpendicularity 0.00	Dim 9 Coaxiality 0.00	Dim 10 Distance 68.00
20	-1	15	230	0.3	96	-1	4.90	4.90	4.90	2.89	0.12	0.05	0.54	0.26	1.94	67.80
20	-1	25	230	0.7	100	1	4.88	4.88	4.88	2.88	0.44	0.52	0.39	0.19	4.28	67.15
20	1	15	270	0.3	100	1	4.90	4.89	4.92	2.90	0.59	0.93	0.90	0.45	3.93	66.86
20	1	25	270	0.7	96	-1	4.90	4.90	4.91	2.90	0.60	0.90	0.78	0.38	2.85	67.02
60	-1	15	270	0.7	96	1	4.90	4.90	4.90	2.89	0.07	0.08	0.32	0.15	1.08	67.72
60	-1	25	270	0.3	100	-1	4.89	4.89	4.90	2.89	0.60	0.46	0.81	0.45	2.30	66.74
60	1	15	230	0.7	100	-1	4.89	4.89	4.90	2.89	0.49	0.55	0.44	0.24	3.80	67.13
60	1	25	230	0.3	96	1	4.89	4.89	4.91	2.89	0.60	0.72	0.79	0.38	7.00	66.91
20	-1	20	230	0.5	98	0	4.88	4.88	4.88	2.88	0.18	0.27	0.22	0.12	0.30	67.66
60	-1	20	230	0.5	98	0	4.90	4.89	4.90	2.89	0.16	0.05	0.18	0.08	0.78	67.60
20	1	20	230	0.5	98	0	4.90	4.89	4.92	2.90	0.59	0.93	0.90	0.45	3.93	66.86
60	1	20	230	0.5	98	0	4.89	4.89	4.91	2.89	0.56	0.63	0.62	0.30	3.01	67.06
20	-1	20	270	0.5	98	0	4.91	4.90	4.91	2.89	0.14	0.11	0.36	0.18	0.94	67.81
60	-1	20	270	0.5	98	0	4.90	4.89	4.90	2.89	0.36	0.08	0.15	0.08	1.36	67.36
20	1	20	270	0.5	98	0	4.89	4.89	4.90	2.89	0.49	0.55	0.44	0.24	3.80	67.13
60	1	20	270	0.5	98	0	4.89	4.89	4.91	2.89	0.52	0.54	0.42	0.23	2.06	67.19
40	0	20	230	0.5	98	0	4.90	4.89	4.91	2.89	0.47	0.39	0.22	0.11	1.66	67.38
40	0	20	270	0.5	98	0	4.90	4.90	4.91	2.89	0.45	0.34	0.16	0.08	1.43	67.45
40	-1	20	250	0.5	98	0	4.90	4.90	4.90	2.89	0.12	0.04	0.38	0.19	1.03	67.80
40	1	20	250	0.5	98	0	4.90	4.89	4.91	2.89	0.60	0.84	0.83	0.40	6.89	66.92
20	0	20	250	0.5	98	0	4.90	4.90	4.91	2.89	0.52	0.55	0.32	0.16	2.05	67.34
60	0	20	250	0.5	98	0	4.89	4.89	4.90	2.89	0.42	0.26	0.20	0.11	1.69	67.35
40	0	20	250	0.5	98	0	4.90	4.90	4.90	2.89	0.12	0.05	0.54	0.26	1.94	67.80



# Optimize Manufacturing Process: Correlation Plot



Influence of the parameters on the results. Tool temp, filling, switch and post pressure have a low correlation with most results.

1: 100% correlated

0: not correlated

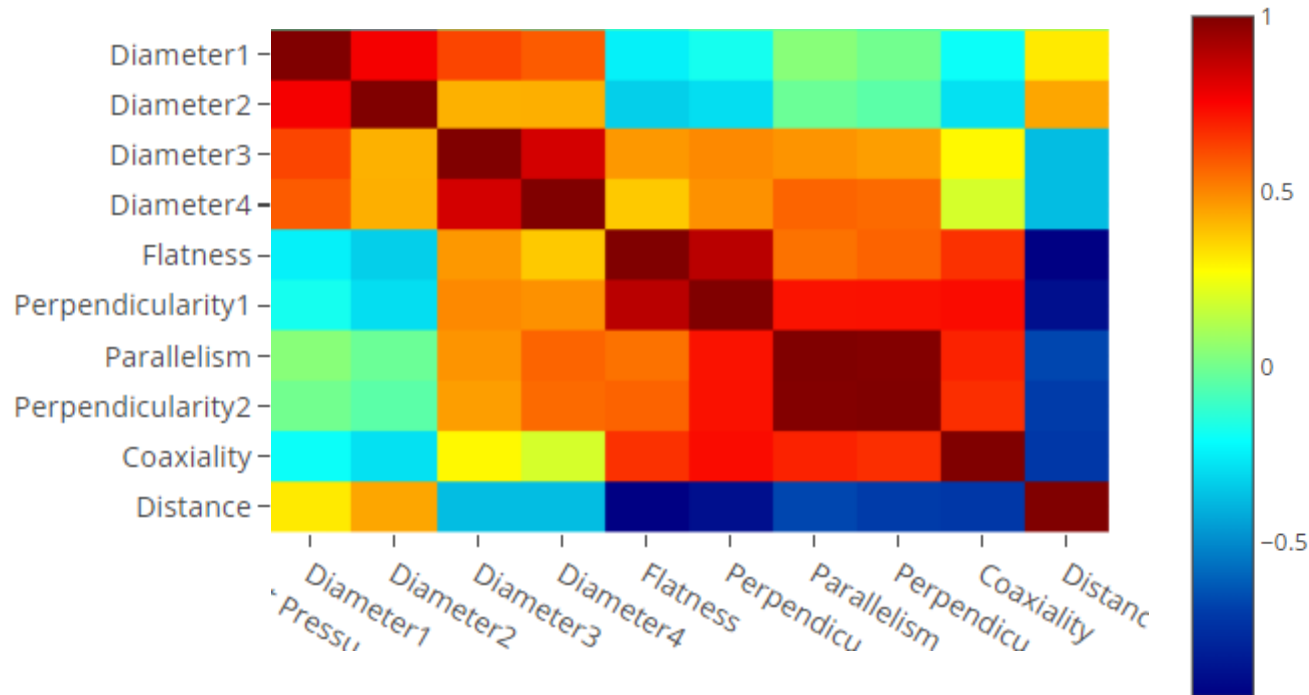
-1: 100% negative correlation

# Optimize Manufacturing Process: Optimization – Objective

Try to get close to the target values; or maximize / minimize values. Both methods perform very similar.

Dim 1	Dim 2	Dim 3	Dim 4	Dim 5	Dim 6	Dim 7	Dim 8	Dim 9	Dim 10
Diameter	Diameter	Diameter	Diameter	Flatness	Perpendicularity	Parallelism	Perpendicularity	Coaxiality	Distance
5.00	5.00	5.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	68.00

max. max. max. max. min. min. min. min. min. max.



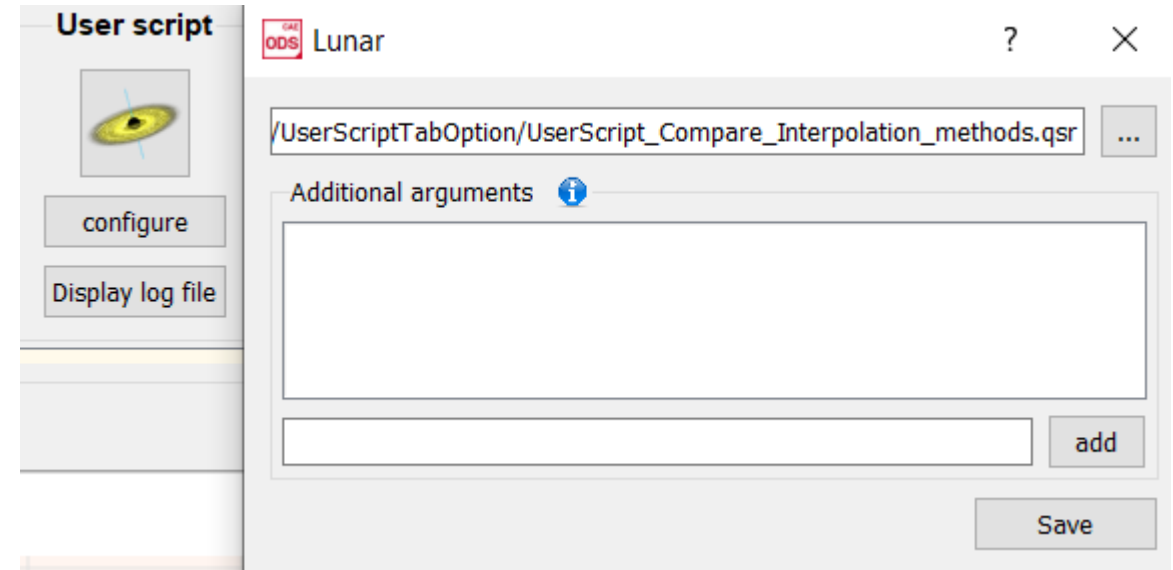
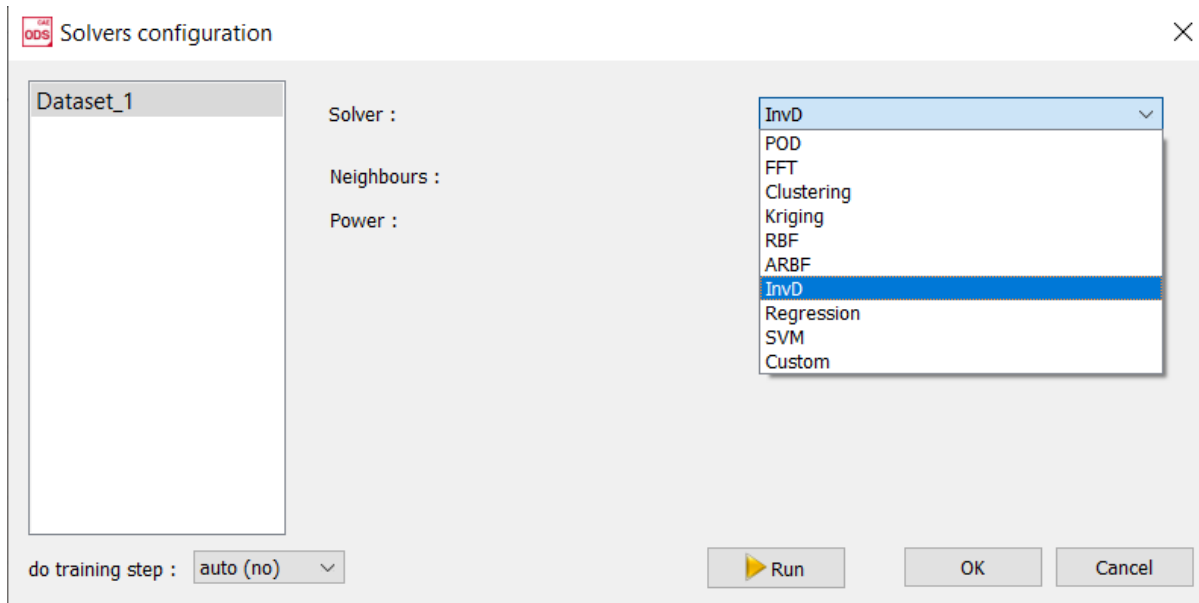
Tradeoff:  
Flatness, Perpendicularity, Parallelism, Coaxiality increase with Diameter 3 and 4 (go in the same direction)  
But Flatness, Perpendicularity, Parallelism, Coaxiality should be minimized, while Diameter 3 and 4 should be maximized

# Optimize Manufacturing Process: Find the Best Interpolation Method

Omitted some data points (7, 23) from the learning base and predicted them

A script runs all methods automatically and finds the one with the best accuracy. Here:

```
The best method found for Dataset_1 CLUSTER_1 is:  
InvD 3neighbours power=1.5, with a L2norm= 0.154009.
```



# Optimize Manufacturing Process: Reduce Parameters

Pressure	Cooling	Temp
-1	15	230
-1	25	230
1	15	270
1	25	270
-1	15	270
-1	25	270
1	15	230
1	25	230
-1	20	230
-1	20	230
1	20	230
1	20	230
-1	20	270
-1	20	270
1	20	270
1	20	270
0	20	230
0	20	270
-1	20	250
1	20	250
0	20	250
0	20	250
0	20	250



Pressure	Cooling	Temp												
-1	15	230	4.9	4.9	4.9	2.89	0.12	0.05	0.54	0.26	1.94	67.8		
-1	25	230	4.88	4.88	4.88	2.88	0.44	0.52	0.39	0.19	4.28	67.15		
1	15	270	4.9	4.89	4.92	2.9	0.59	0.93	0.9	0.45	3.93	66.86		
1	25	270	4.9	4.9	4.91	2.9	0.6	0.9	0.78	0.38	2.85	67.02		
-1	15	270	4.9	4.9	4.9	2.89	0.07	0.08	0.32	0.15	1.08	67.72		
-1	25	270	4.89	4.89	4.9	2.89	0.6	0.46	0.81	0.45	2.3	66.74		
1	15	230	4.89	4.89	4.9	2.89	0.49	0.55	0.44	0.24	3.8	67.13		
1	25	230	4.89	4.89	4.91	2.89	0.6	0.72	0.79	0.38	7	66.91		
-1	20	230	4.89	4.885	4.89	2.885	0.17	0.16	0.2	0.1	0.54	67.63		
1	20	230	4.895	4.89	4.915	2.895	0.575	0.78	0.76	0.375	3.47	66.96		
-1	20	270	4.905	4.895	4.905	2.89	0.25	0.095	0.255	0.13	1.15	67.585		
1	20	270	4.89	4.89	4.905	2.89	0.505	0.545	0.43	0.235	2.93	67.16		
0	20	230	4.9	4.89	4.91	2.89	0.47	0.39	0.22	0.11	1.66	67.38		
0	20	270	4.9	4.9	4.91	2.89	0.45	0.34	0.16	0.08	1.43	67.45		
-1	20	250	4.9	4.9	4.9	2.89	0.12	0.04	0.38	0.19	1.03	67.8		
1	20	250	4.9	4.89	4.91	2.89	0.6	0.84	0.83	0.4	6.89	66.92		
0	20	250	4.896667	4.896667	4.903333	2.89	0.353333	0.286667	0.353333	0.176667	1.893333	67.49667		

Kept only the 3 parameters with the highest influence.

Then there are duplicate parameter sets with different results for same parameter combination. These results are averaged.

# Optimize Manufacturing Process: Optimization Setup

Optimization options

1 - Configure parameters | 2 - Define optimization problem | 3 - Configure optimizer

**Configure parameters**

Select starting point : center of DOE

Select and configure parameters :

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name	Start	min	max	Type	Variation	reset all
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pressure	0	-1	1	Integer	0.002	reset
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cooling	20	15	25	Real	0.01	reset
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Temp	250	230	270	Real	0.04	reset

Optimization options

1 - Configure parameters | 2 - Define optimization problem | 3 - Configure optimizer

Automatic configuration |  Personal user script

**Objectives**

- Dataset\_1
  - target
  - target
  - target
  - target
  - target
  - target
  - target
  - target
  - target

**Dataset\_1**

target name : target

weight effect : 1

Select target type : maximize value

maximize Yn(t)

at cursor position : 9

Optimization options

1 - Configure parameters | 2 - Define optimization problem | 3 - Configure optimizer

**Configure optimizer**

Optimization algorithm : Local + Constraints+MultiObj (NLPJOB)

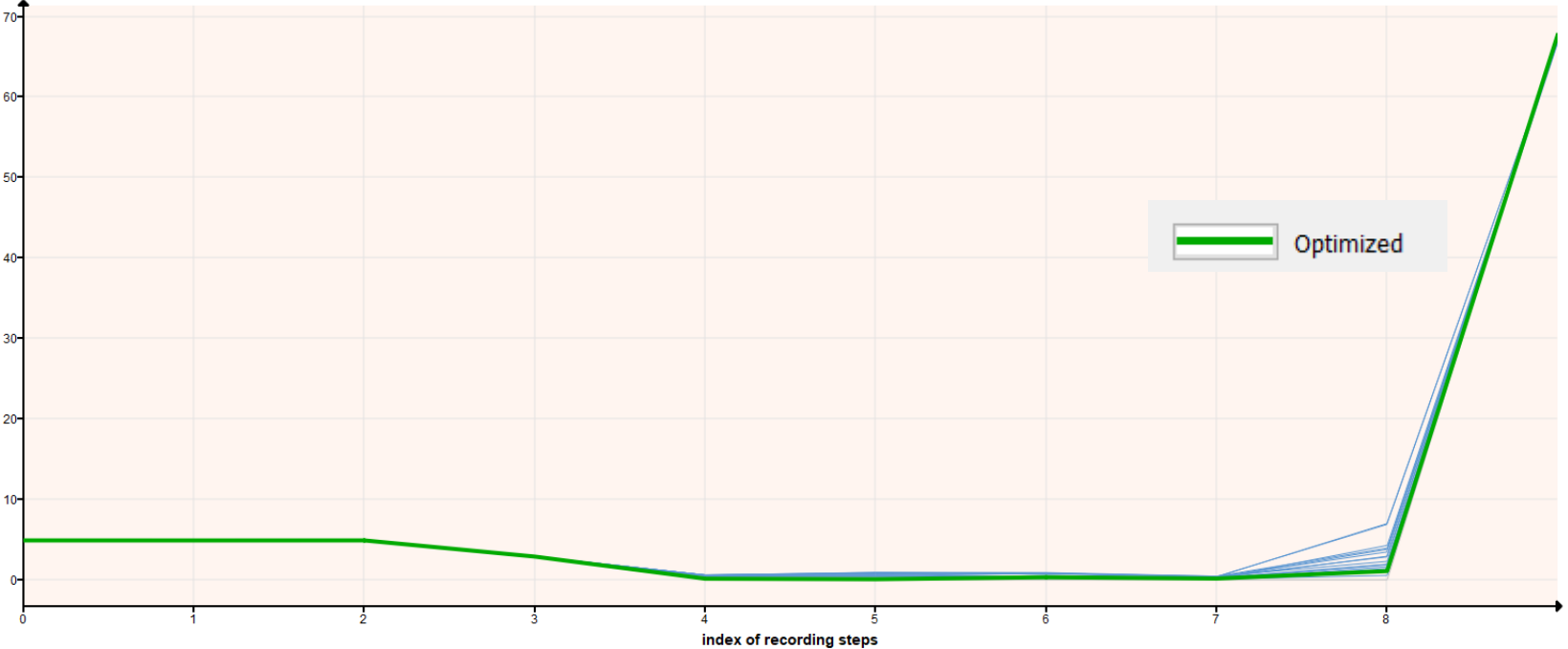
Minimize : weighted sum of objectives

Number of iterations : 99

Max Number of call : 999

Stop criterion : 0.0000000001

# Optimize Manufacturing Process: Optimization Result



Optimized parameters

Pressure: -1  
Cooling: 15  
Temp: 255

(For the other parameters, maybe use an average value)

Target #1	5	5	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	68
Odyssee	4.90147	4.89853	4.90147	2.89	0.139338	0.07137	0.320426	0.157158	1.08431	67.7063

**Questions?**