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The Role of Data in Conventional Energy for a Green future

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Research Interest:

- High efficient combustion and clean utilization of **fossil fuel**
- **High fidelity numerical modeling** of reactive multiphase flow
- **Intelligent** power generation of coal-fired power station
- Smart energy production with **low carbon**



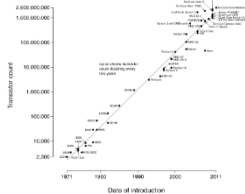
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The Way We Describe the World

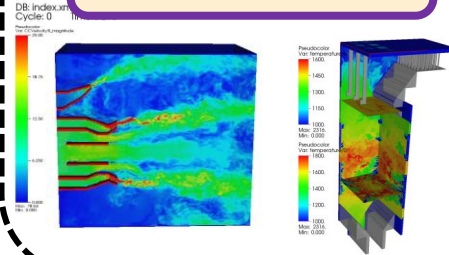
Fidelity

Moore's Law

Microprocessor Transistor Counts 1971-2011 & Moore's Law



Modeling

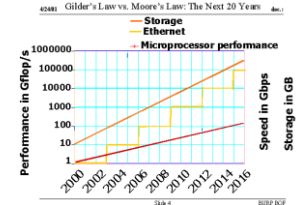


Laws

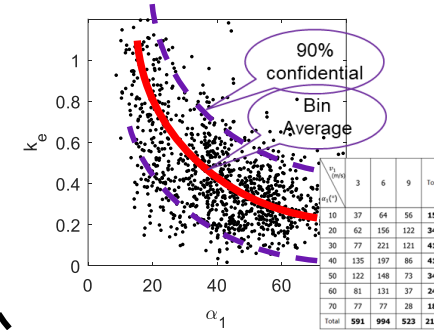
The first/second law of thermodynamics

Data

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Gilder's Law



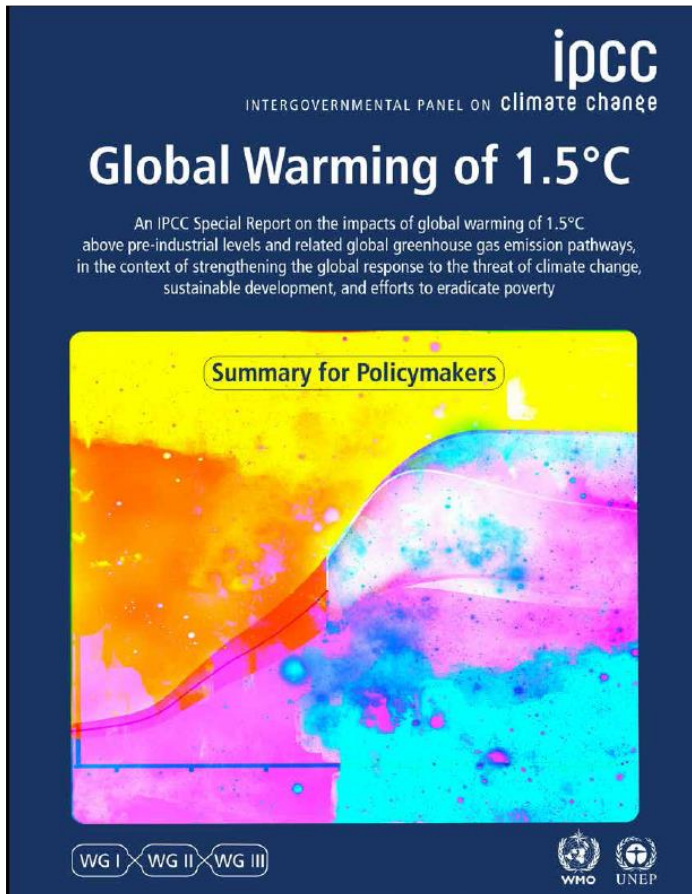
Especially in energy?

How we make the role of data in the future?

Cost

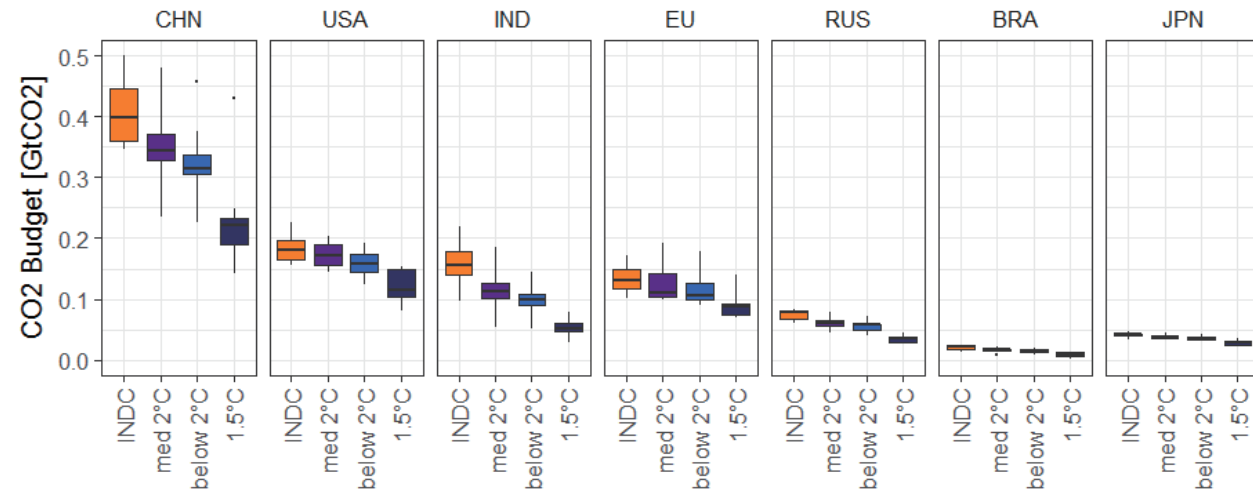
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Energy in future



1.5 °C : CO₂ emission declined by **45% in 2030** comparing 2010; **Zero** CO2 emission **by 2050**

2.0 °C : CO₂ emission declined by **25% in 2030** comparing 2010; **Zero** CO2 emission **by 2070**



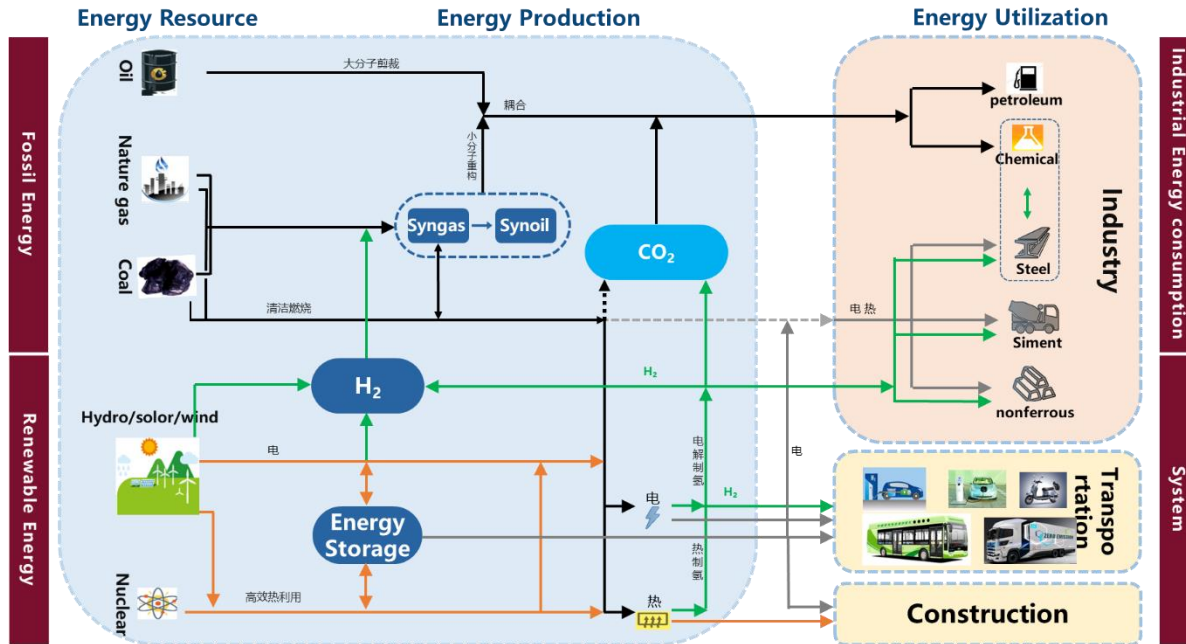
China's dual carbon goals:

- Bring carbon emissions to peak before **2030**
- Achieve carbon neutrality in **2060**

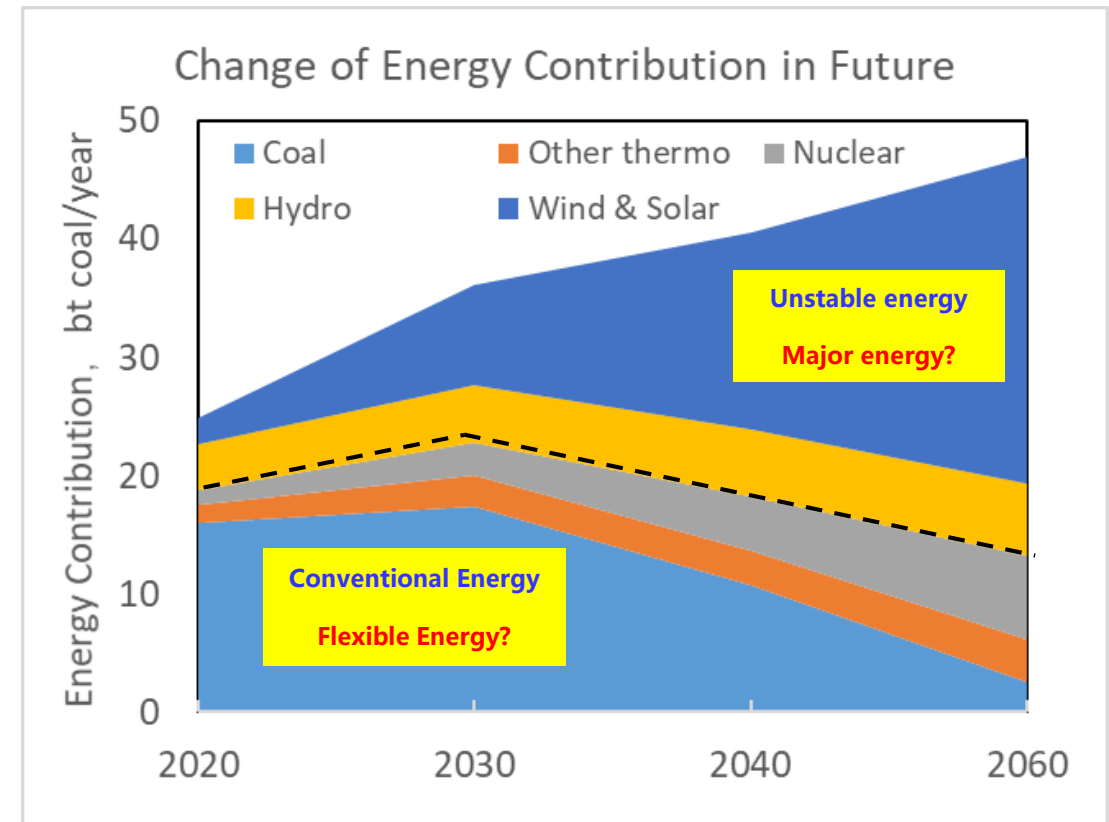


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Multi-energy integration technology system of “four mainlines and four platforms”^[1] from Chinese Academy of Science



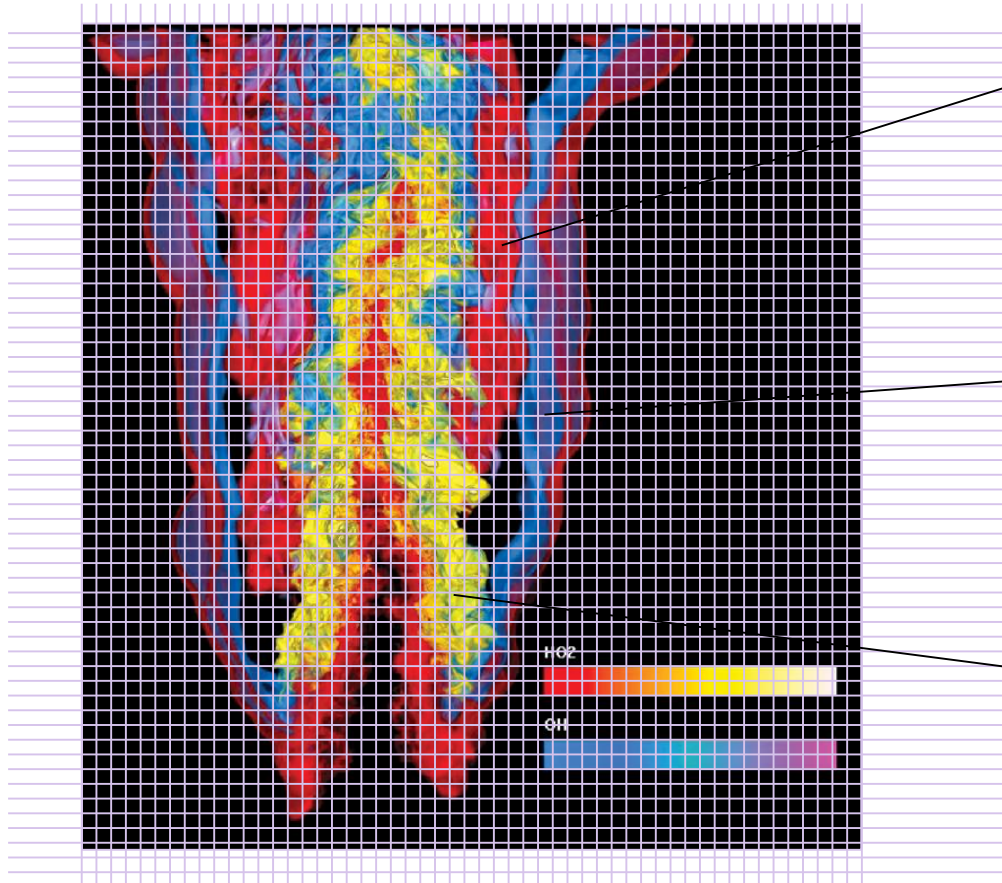
In ten years: How to improve the efficiency and flexibility of conventional energy?

Long term: How we find a way to combine the complex energy system?

[1] http://cn.chinagate.cn/news/2022-06/02/content_78250526.htm

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Numerical Modeling with high fidelity



Discretization of transport equations:
Momentum, Energy, Species.....

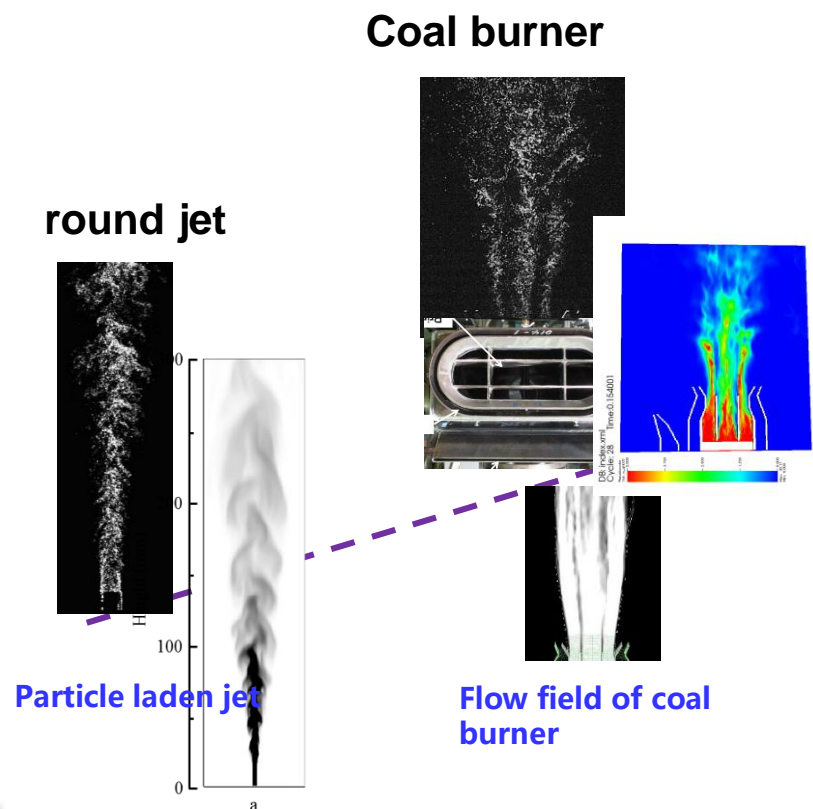
High fidelity need finer mesh size and shorter time steps, thus **sharp increase** of computation cost.

High fidelity means more information and **more data**.

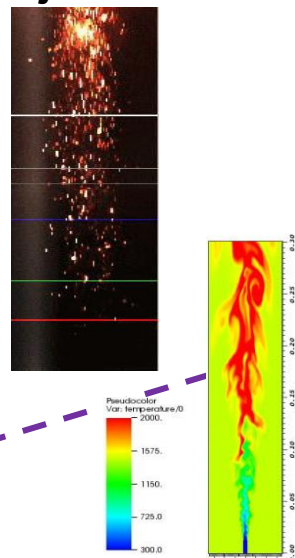
Instantaneous radicals profile in a flame

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Coal jet flame

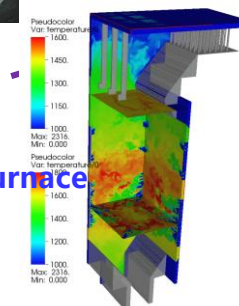


5kW Hencken burner

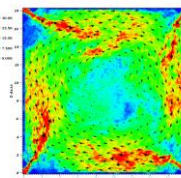
Coal fire boiler



**13MW
Oxy-fuel furnace**



**660MWSCC
tower shape
boiler**



**Scale
Up**

High fidelity model results in more data.....



- [1] Kailong Xu, Yuxin Wu, Haoshu Shen, et al. Fuel, 2017. 194: p. 297–305.
- [2] Haoshu Shen, Yuxin Wu, Kailong Xu, et al. Fuel, 2018. 216: p. 475–483.



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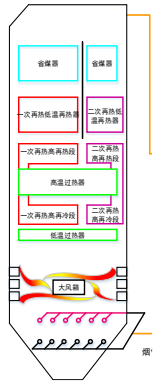
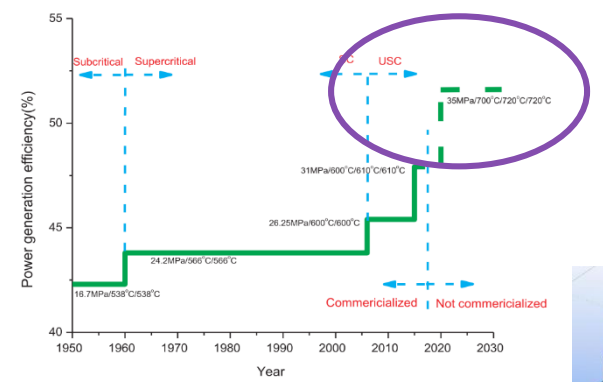
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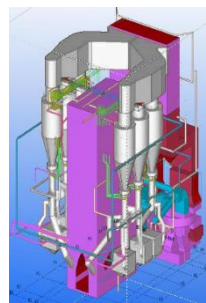
● The state-of-art of coal-fired power units in China^[1]



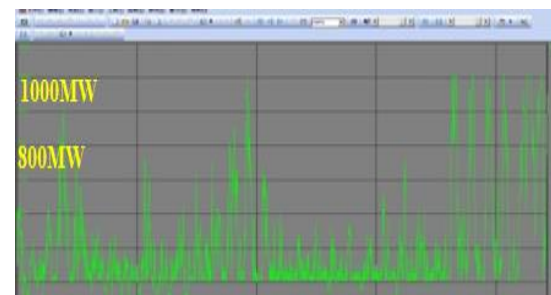
660MW USCC-PC boiler in Suqian, 2019

31MPa
600 /620/620 °C

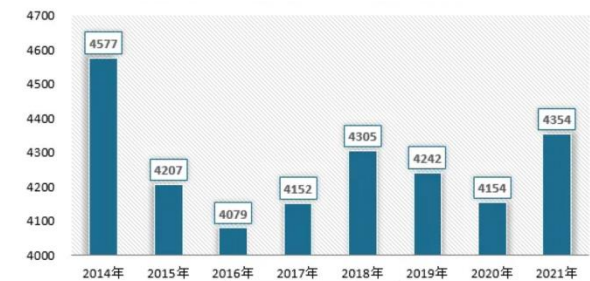
25.4/4.45MPa
571/569 °C



600MW SCC-CFB boiler in BaiMa, 2013



Load change of a coal power plant



Operating hours of thermal power

High efficiency—— higher parameters with precise control

Complex goals——energy safety, low carbon and emission, high fuel cost.....

Flexibility —— To be fitful for the grid and future energy system



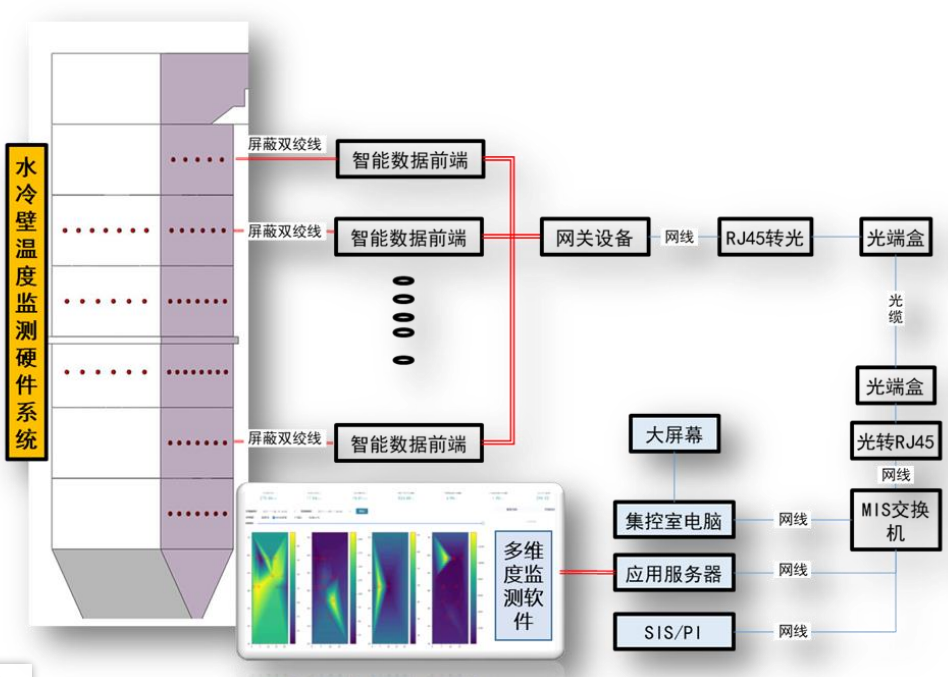
[1] Fan H, Zhang Z, Dong J, et al. Thermal Science and Engineering Progress, 2018,5:364-371.time



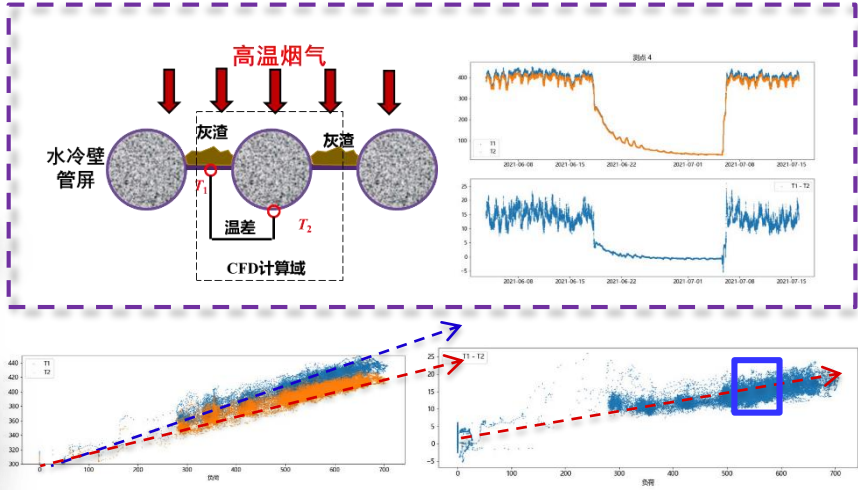
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Monitoring heating surface safety online

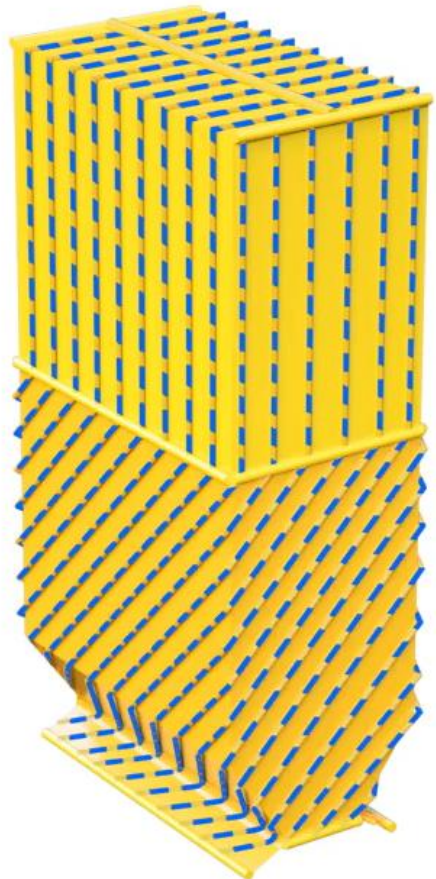
- Thousands of pipes running under high temperature ($\sim 650^{\circ}\text{C}$) and high pressure($\sim 35\text{ MPa}$).
- Pipe damage lead to abnormal shutdown.
- **Lacking the data to judge the crisis points.**



Data collection system



Challenge: how to identify the reason for uncertainties?
A model analysis based on historical data was developed.

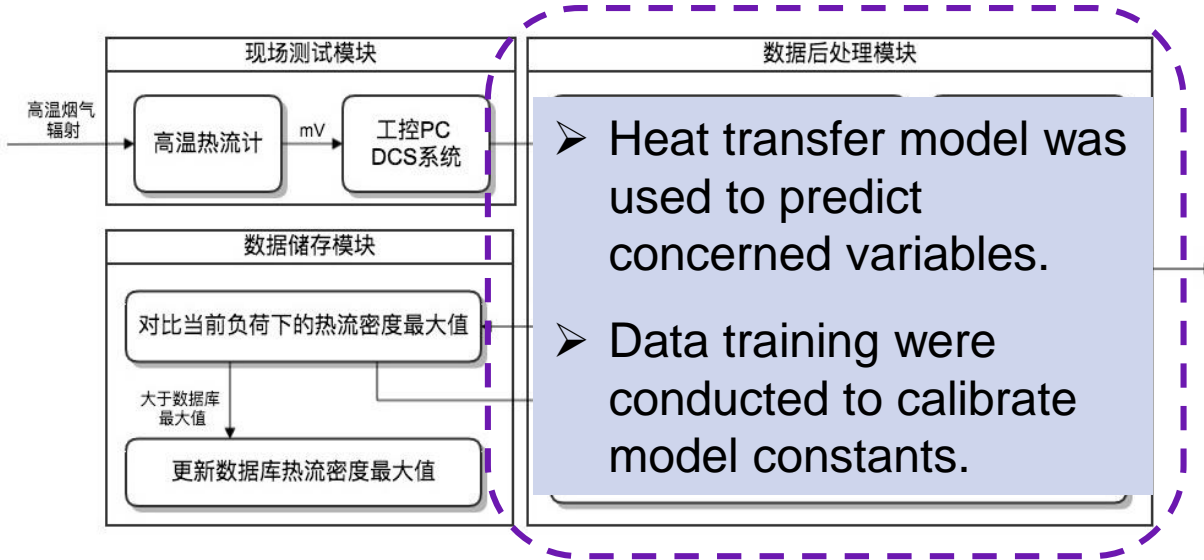


Spirally wound water wall



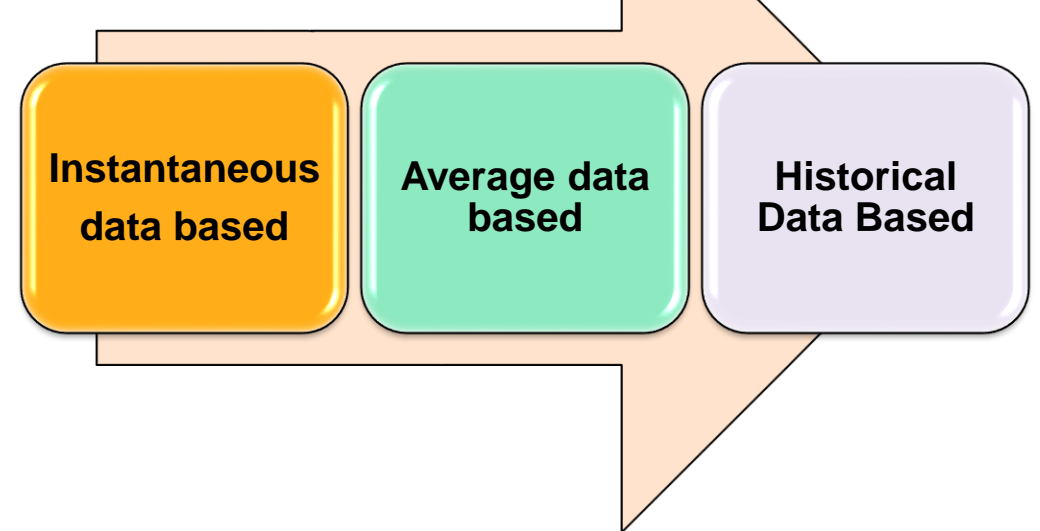
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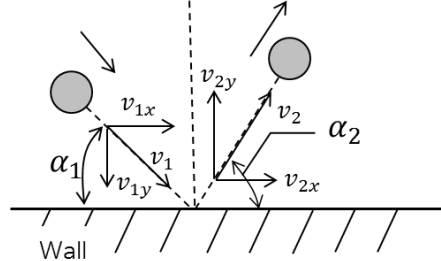
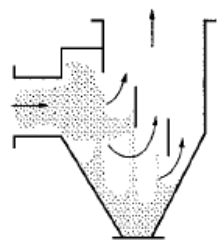
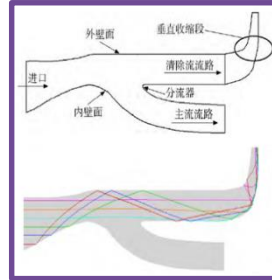
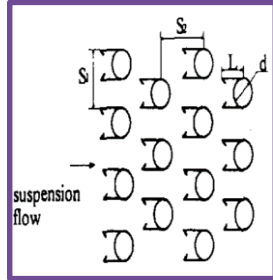
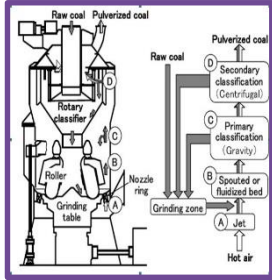
Evolution of modeling for special cases.....



A bridge is desired between empirical models and data science.

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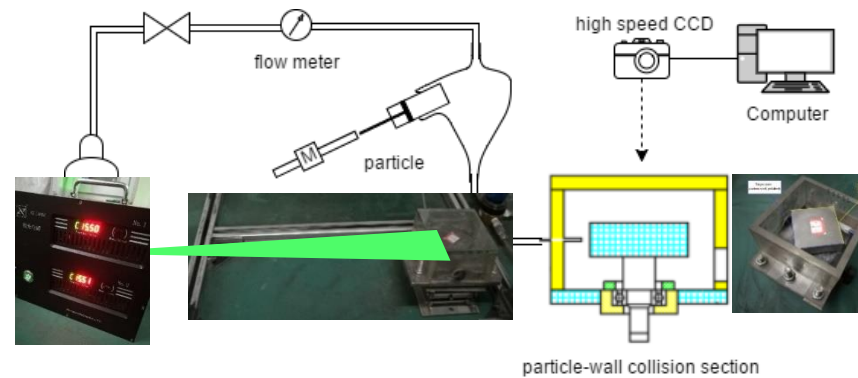
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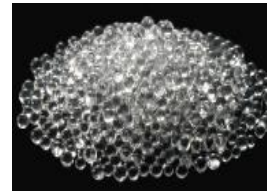
Particle impacting on wall is important for particle separation and dispersion.

- Fundamental experimental investigations on particle-wall impactions were conducted
- A sliced laser was introduced to provide light source and reduce 3-d impact disturbance
- Different non-spherical particles were considered

The key parameters: **Impact velocity, impact angle, particle diameter, wall roughness, particle material, particle sphericity**



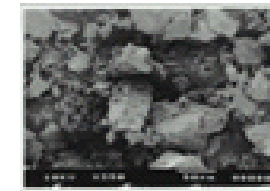
- 4200 fps
- ~100 μ s
- 5 W laser slice



glass beads



glass powder



coal

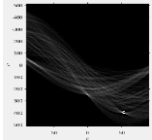


biomass

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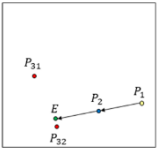
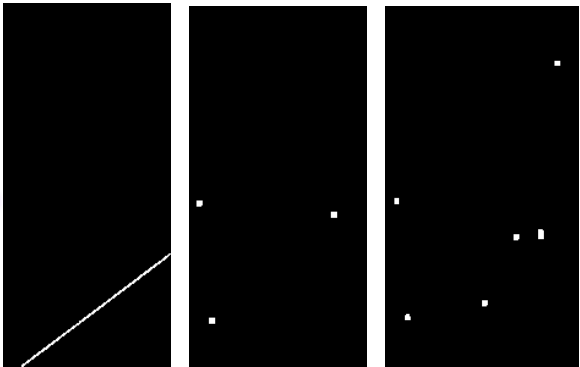
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Image sequence



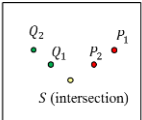
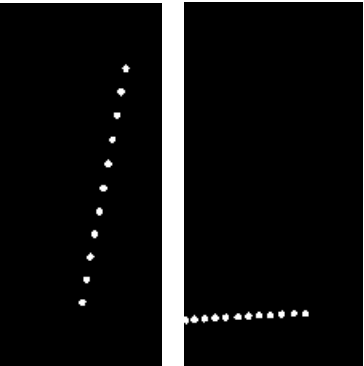
Hough transform for wall

Wall and particle identification



$$|P_3E| \leq 20\%|P_2P_1|$$
$$\langle P_1P_2, P_2P_3 \rangle < 10^\circ$$

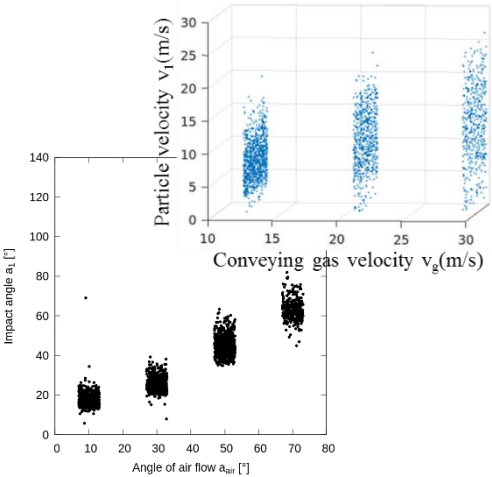
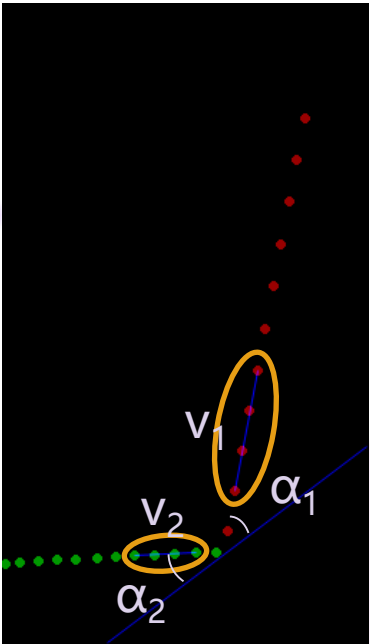
Particle trajectory



S is near the wall

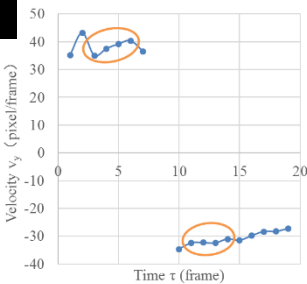
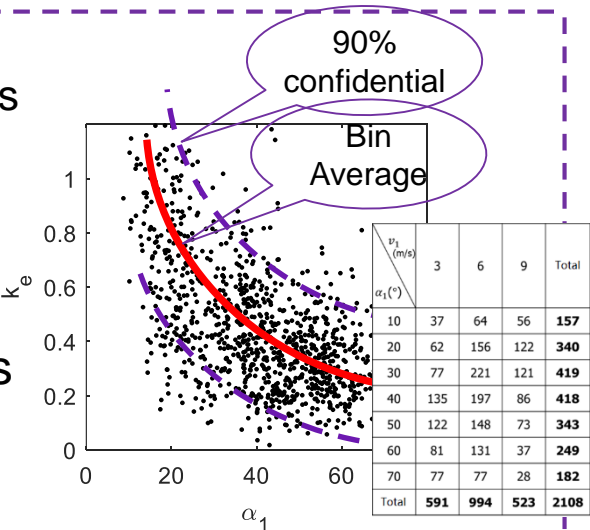
$$\frac{|SP_2|}{|P_1P_2|} + \frac{|SQ_1|}{|Q_1Q_2|} \approx \tau_{Q_1} - \tau_{P_2}$$

Final lines



Actual impacting velocities were determined through image identification

restitution coefficients Vs impacting angle



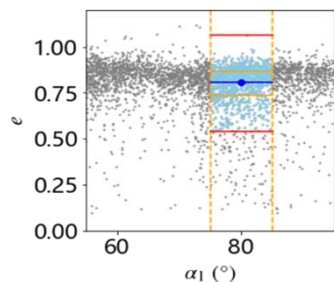
The average velocities were adopted to calculate the particle restitution coefficient and friction coefficient



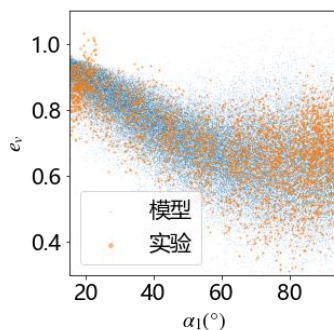
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Modeling



Box plot: with 3% of data were removed, a decrease of 16% uncertainties was achieved.



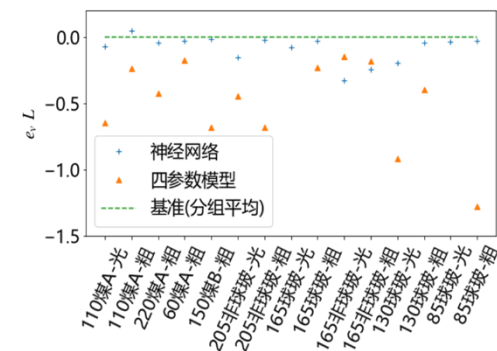
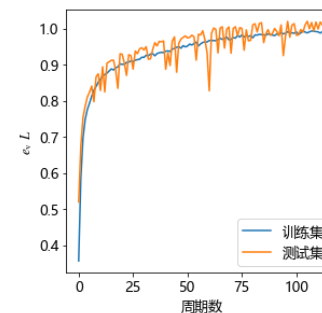
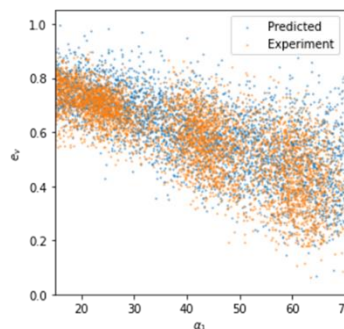
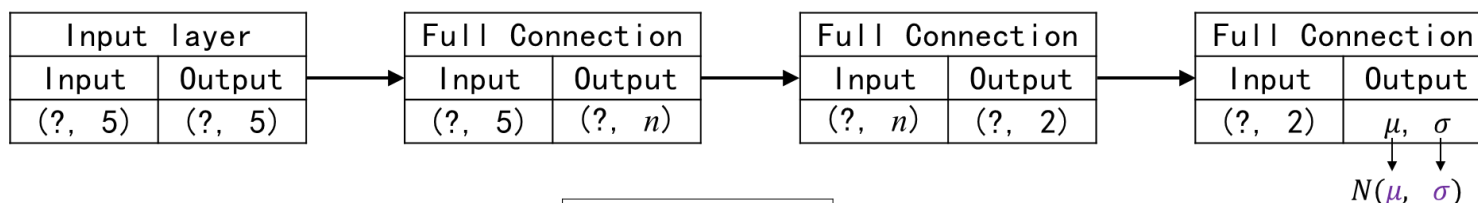
A traditional model with four parameters ($e_m, \Delta e_m, f_m, \Delta \gamma$) based on PDF function

$$\gamma = -\delta(\alpha_1 - \beta) \quad (\alpha_1 < \beta)$$

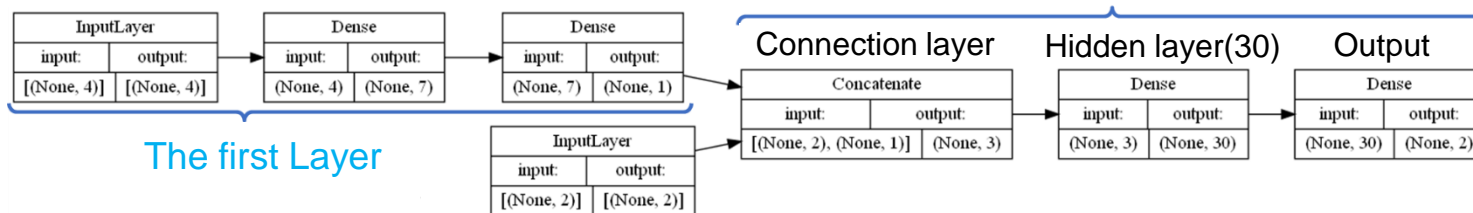
$$\gamma = 0 \quad (\alpha_1 > \beta) \quad \gamma \sim N(0, \Delta \gamma^2)$$

$$\delta = \left(\frac{e_{v, \text{modal}}}{e_{v, \text{data}}} - 1 \right)^2 + (\alpha_{2, \text{modal}} - \alpha_{2, \text{data}})^2$$

Neural network



Properties Hidden layer Property neural

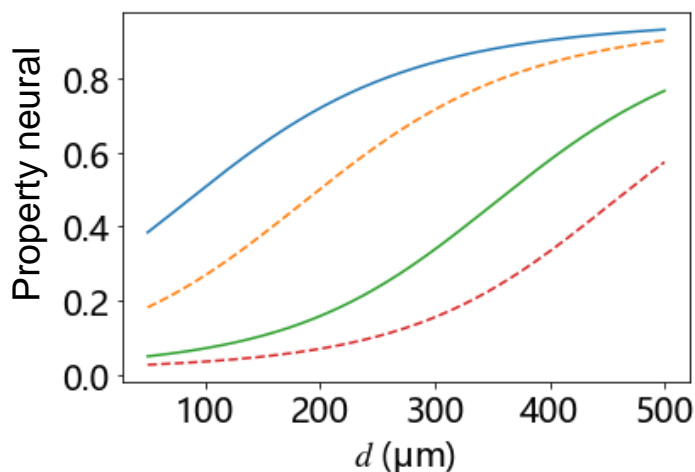
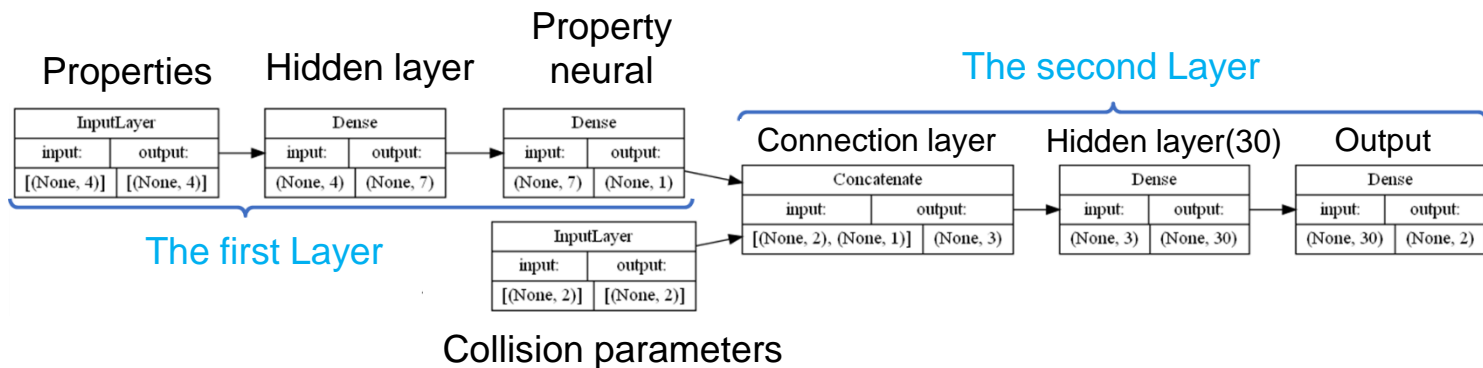


Collision parameters



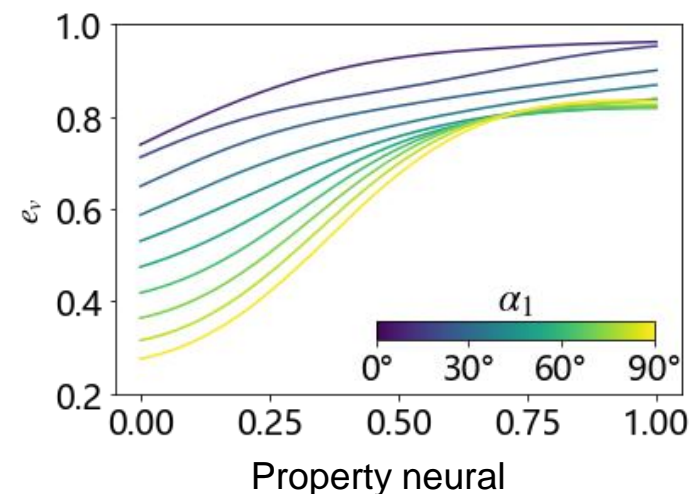
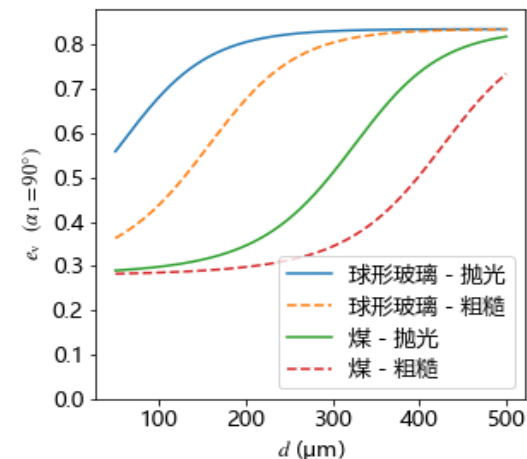
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A two layer neural network is used to help understand physics.

The property neural output helps identify the dominant parameters (particle size).



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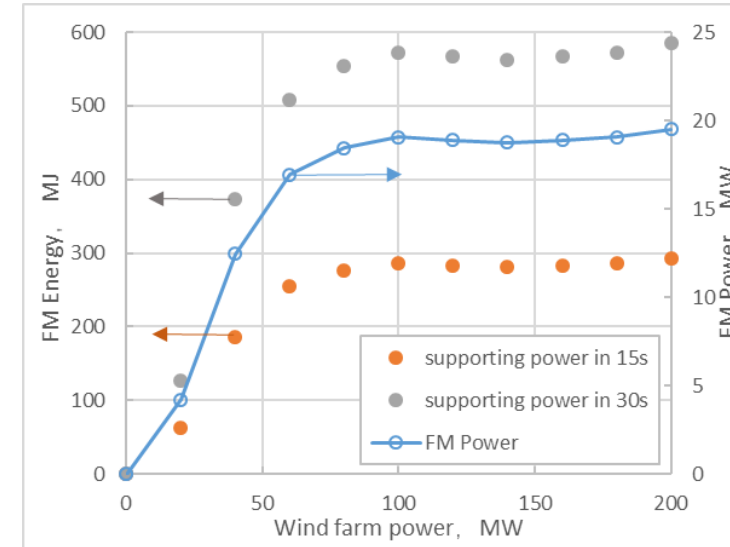
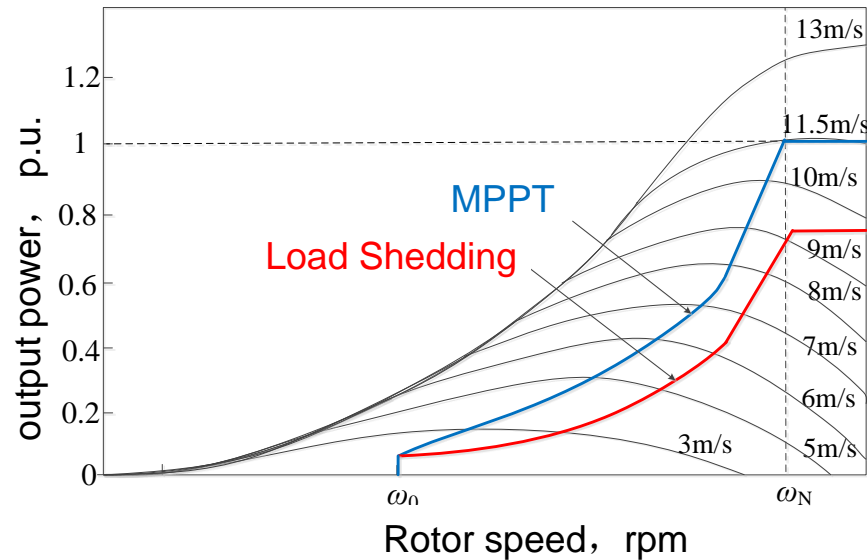
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Wind energy for flexible grid

Conventional coal firing power plants: fitful for peak regulation, the response time is larger than 30 s. The conventional energy is hard to provide abilities of frequency regulation in short time.

Is it possible for wind energy to contribute to frequency regulation?



The theoretical analysis based on a wind farm's operating data show there is a great potential for a wind farm to reserve power to fulfill the energy required for frequency regulation.



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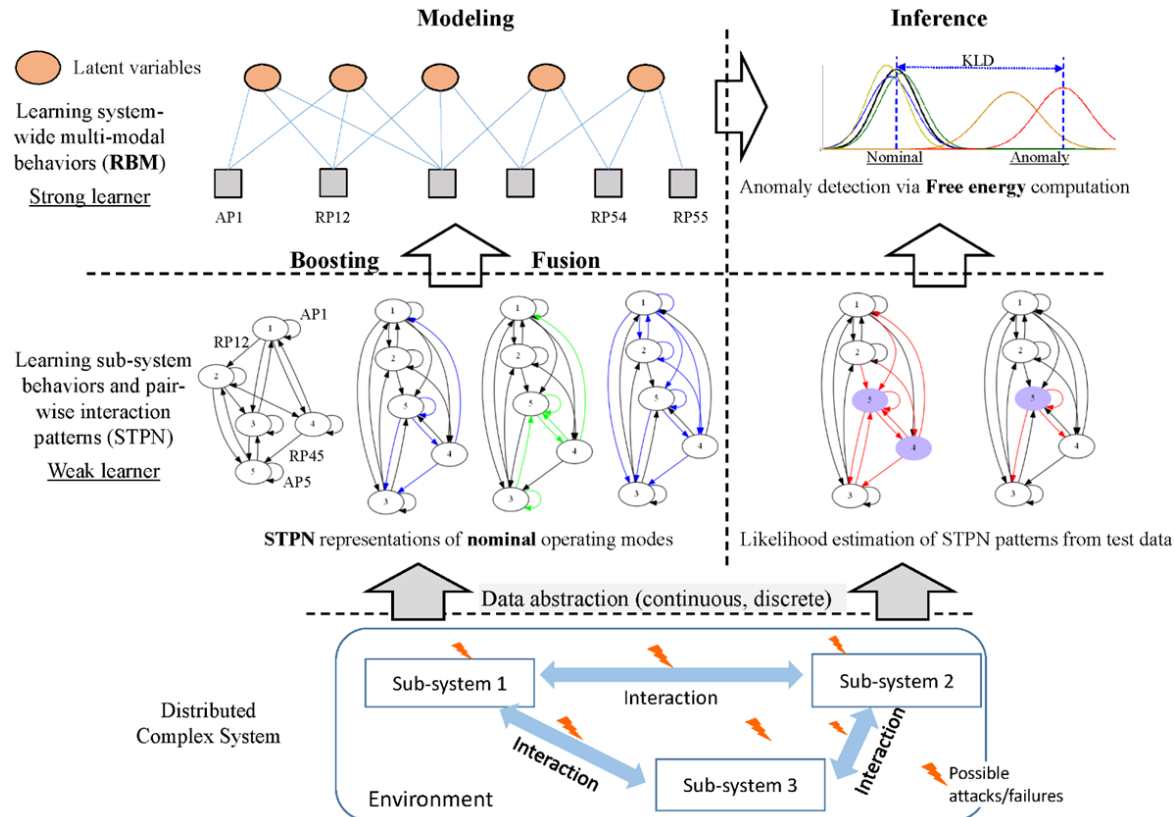
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Anomaly detection for renewable energy systems

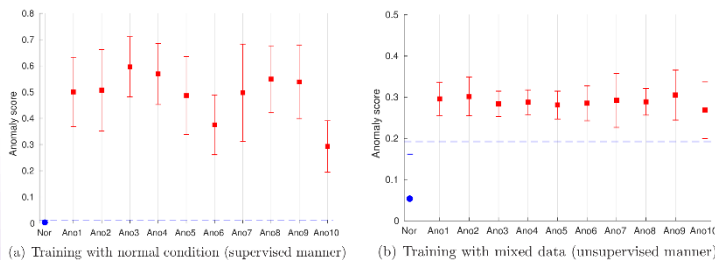
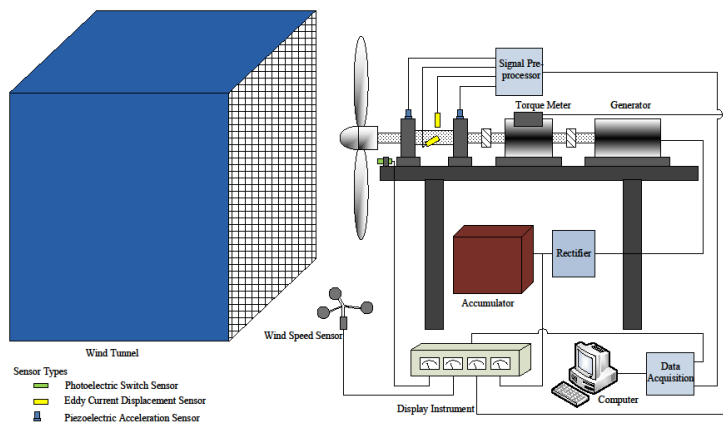
- Learning of APs & RPs, computing causality with inference based metric, and normalization
- Boosting of multiple STPNs, i.e., fusion of multiple nominal modes
- Unsupervised learning of system-wide characteristics
- Anomaly detection via computing probability of occurrence of the current state.



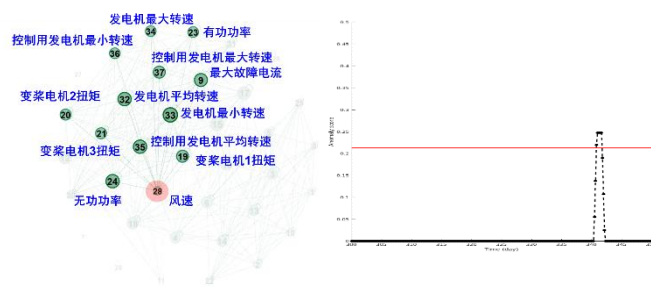
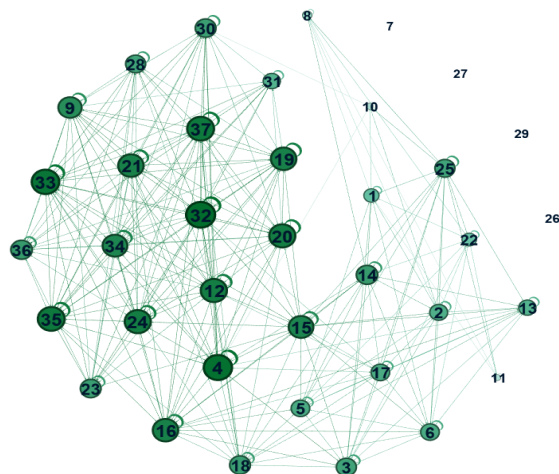
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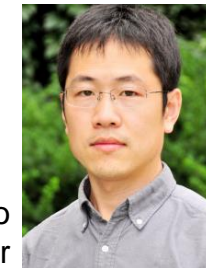
Experimental study



Field Data



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Both experimental data and field data were used to test the anomaly detection frame work.

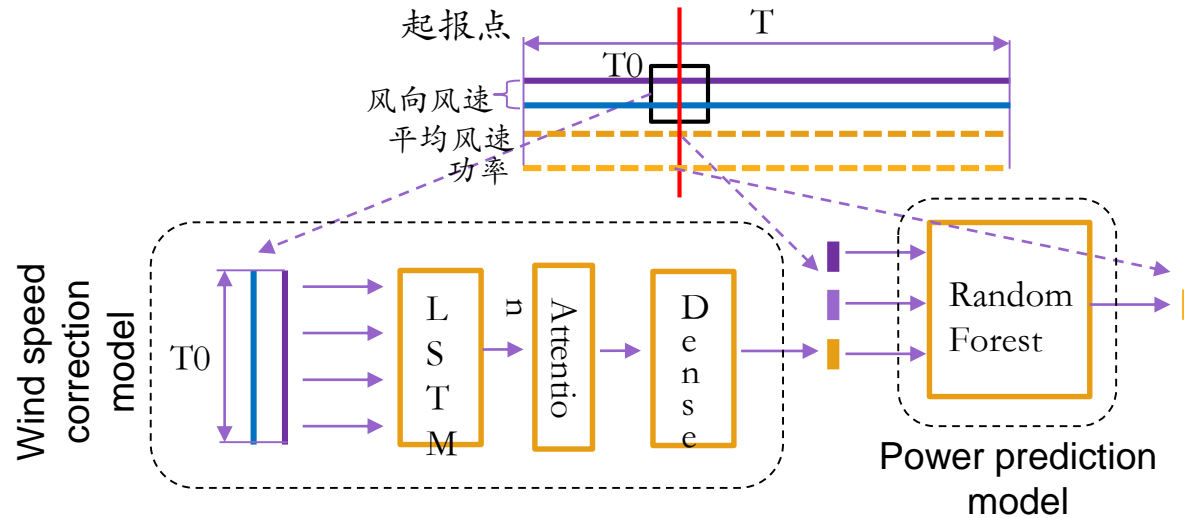
The supervised manner and unsupervised manner works well for anomaly detection.

Causal discover visualization could be achieved through the model on SCADA data.

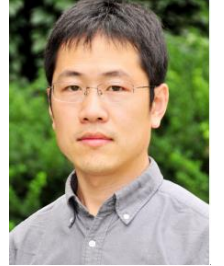


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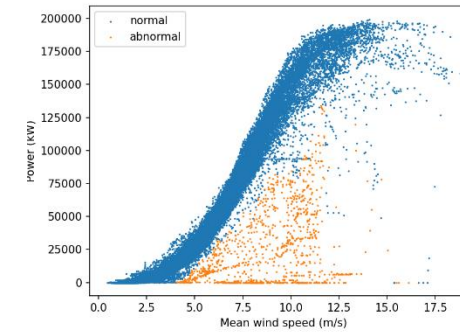
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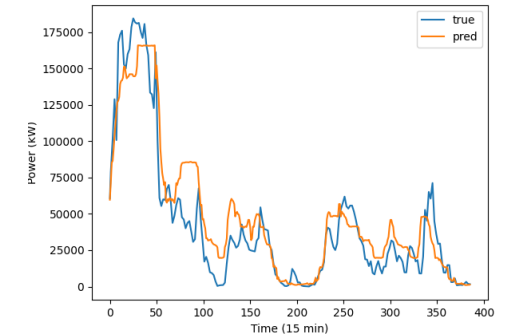
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Data washing



Prediction

The model combined wind speed correction and weather forecast

A wind power forecasting model was proposed considering the weather forecast and **wind speed correlation** model.

Data washing and wind speed correction can both improve the prediction results.



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Conclusions

- Data driven based methods will play more and more important roles in the complex energy systems.
- A bridge is need for traditional modeling and data science for higher efficiency and stronger performance. Historical data is also considering in the traditional modeling work.
- it's important to get the essential data for good prediction either in a coal power plant or a wind farm. The combination of conventional energy and wind farms can help construction of a flexible grid.
- Some progress of AI research on wind energy at Tsinghua has been reported.

Thanks for your attention !

