

Day 5: Rewards and Decision Making for Automated Microscopy

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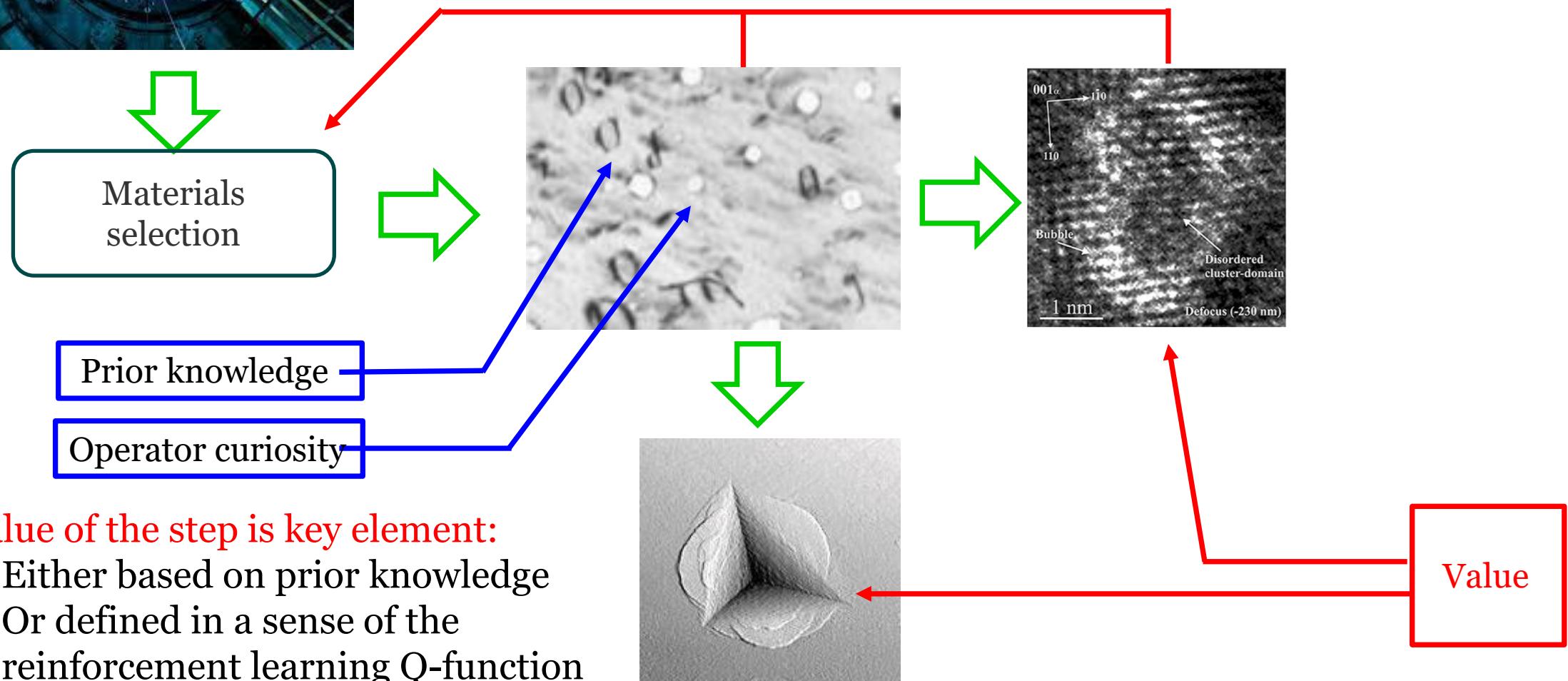
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Workflows for Nuclear Materials Design

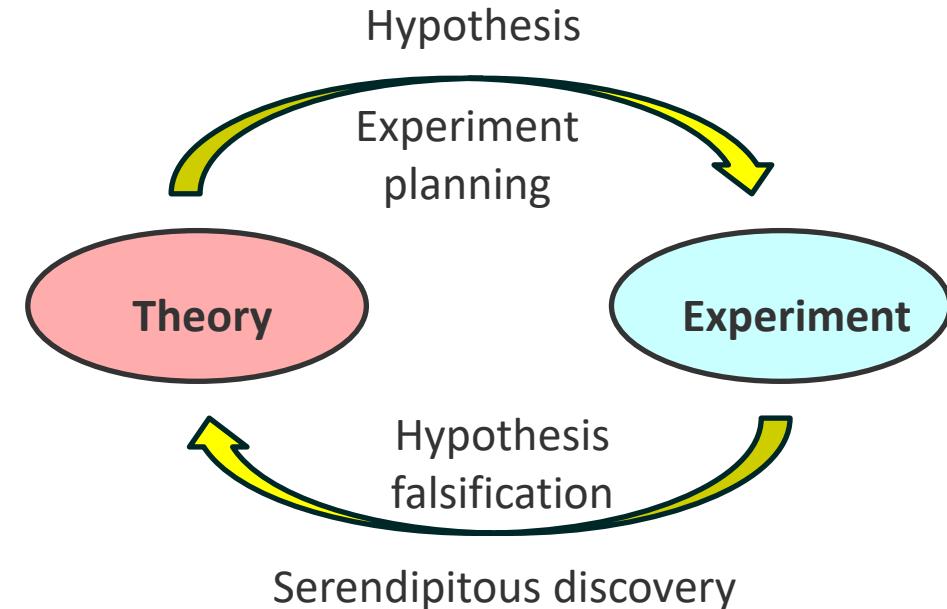
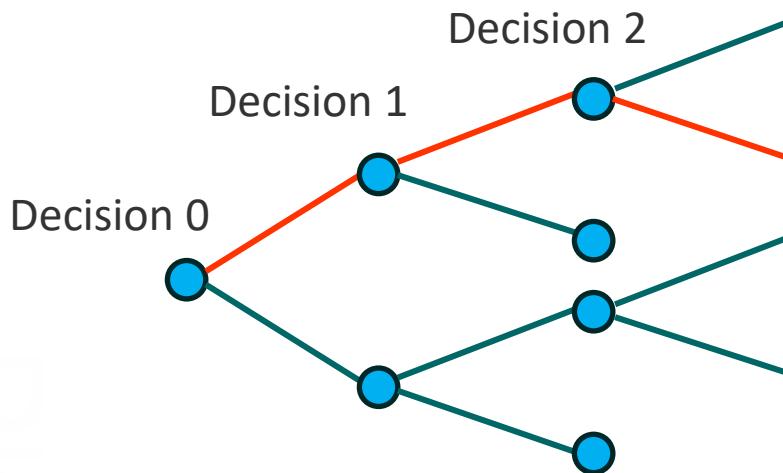


Traditional experiment:

1. Always based on workflows
2. Ideated, orchestrated, and implemented by humans
3. The “gain of value” during the workflow implementation is uncertain

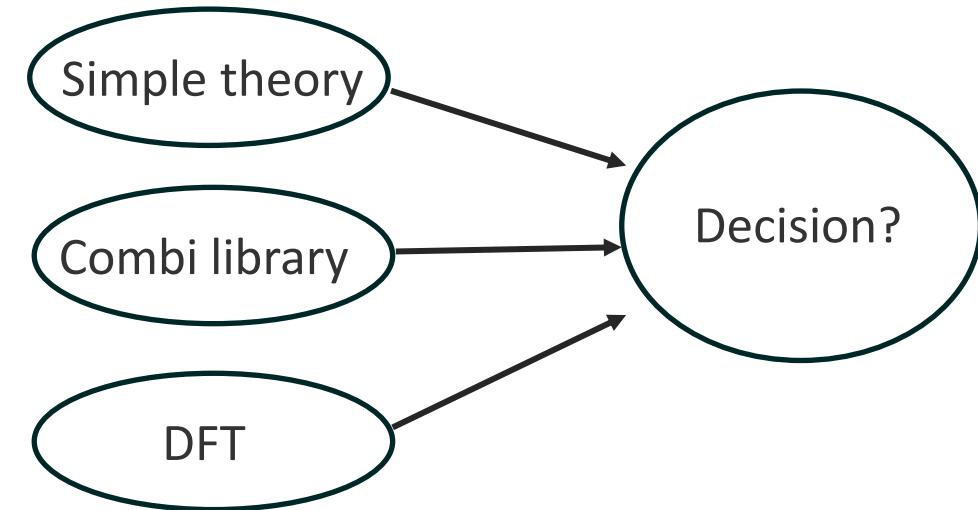
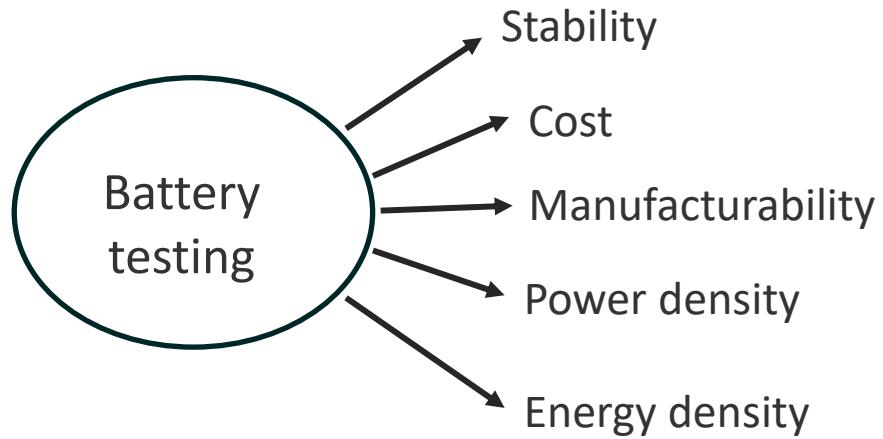


Decision science of workflows



- **Experiment is a combinatorial space of opportunities:**
 - Investing only in scaling of throughput is only a linear improvement
 - **Knowledge of physics often allows to reduce complexity: combinatorial to linear:**
 - Basic science pays off (with time)!
 - **Science is a cycle between theory-driven hypothesis generation and experiment:**
 - We need to accelerate all elements of the cycle
 - **Experimental and computational tool development:**
 - Currently constrained by human paradigm
- If the part of a workflow is automated, our autonomous decision-making ability should match the level of autonomy!

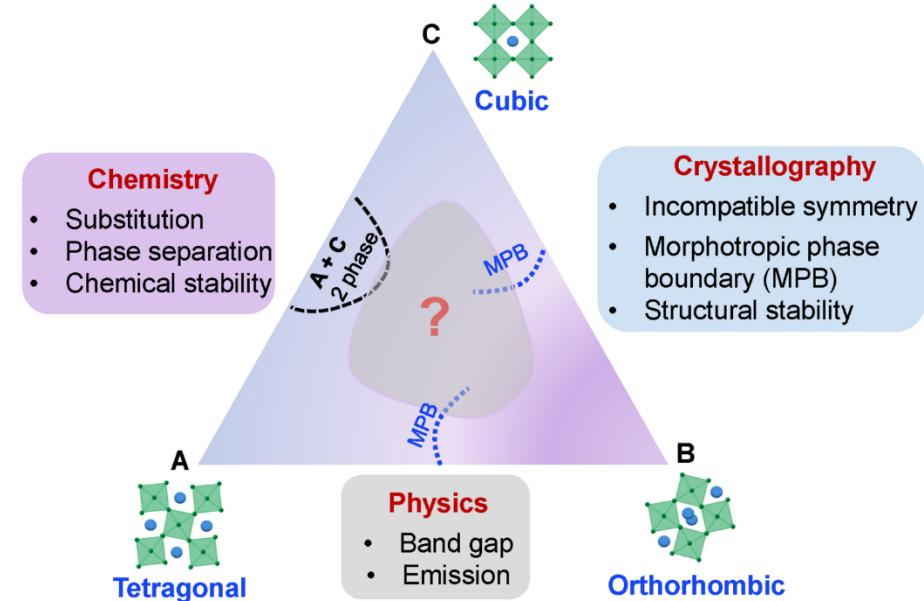
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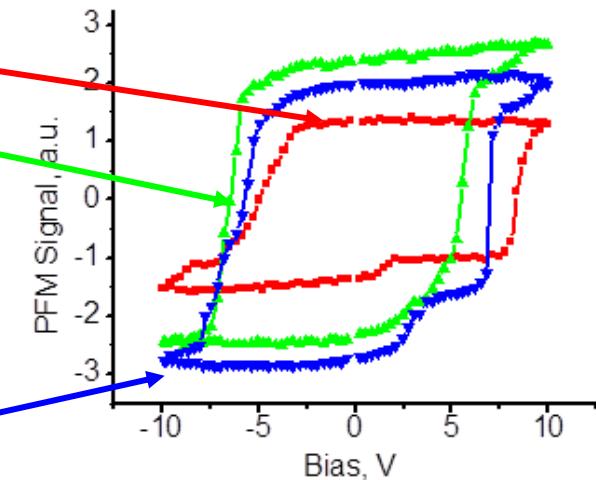
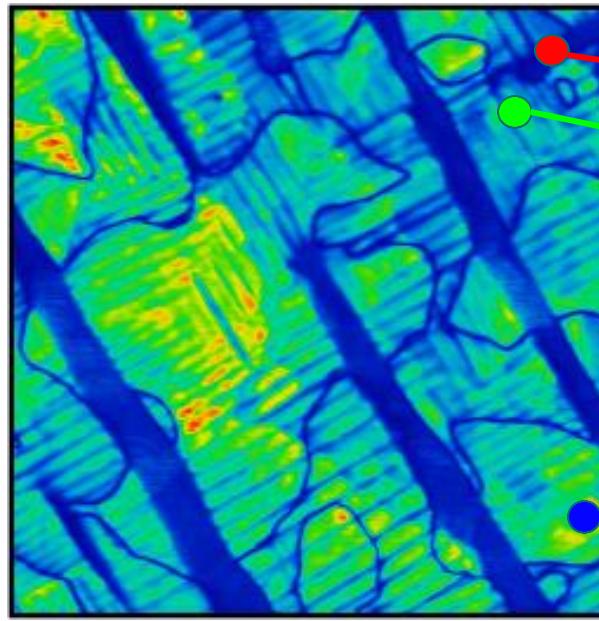
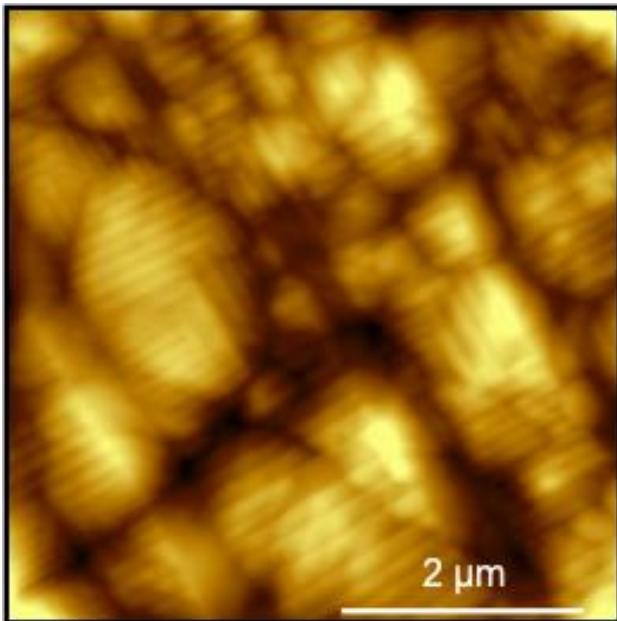
1. We need to balance multiple functionalities
2. Integrate multiple sources of data
3. Make decisions considering costs, latencies, physical inferential biases, and beliefs

Key consideration: reward function

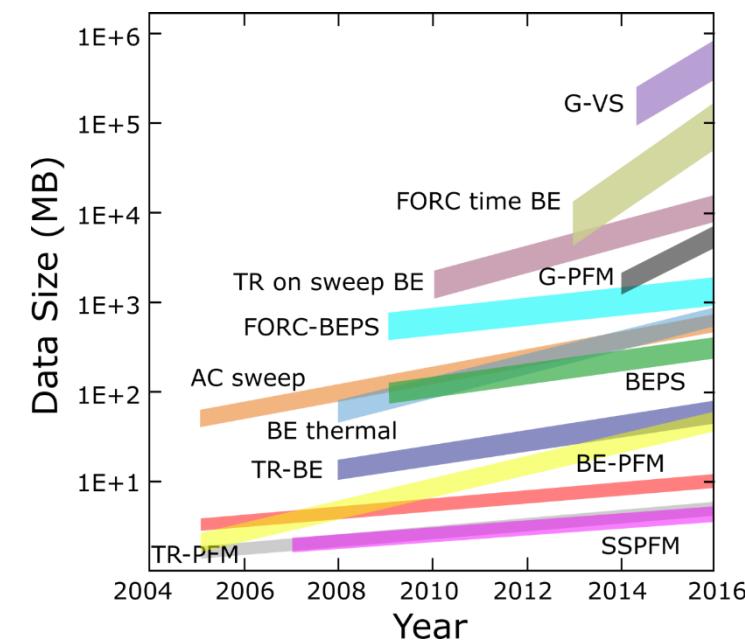
1. Pure physical discovery (symbolic laws)
2. Data-driven exploration
3. Materials optimization
4. ...



Decision Making in SPM



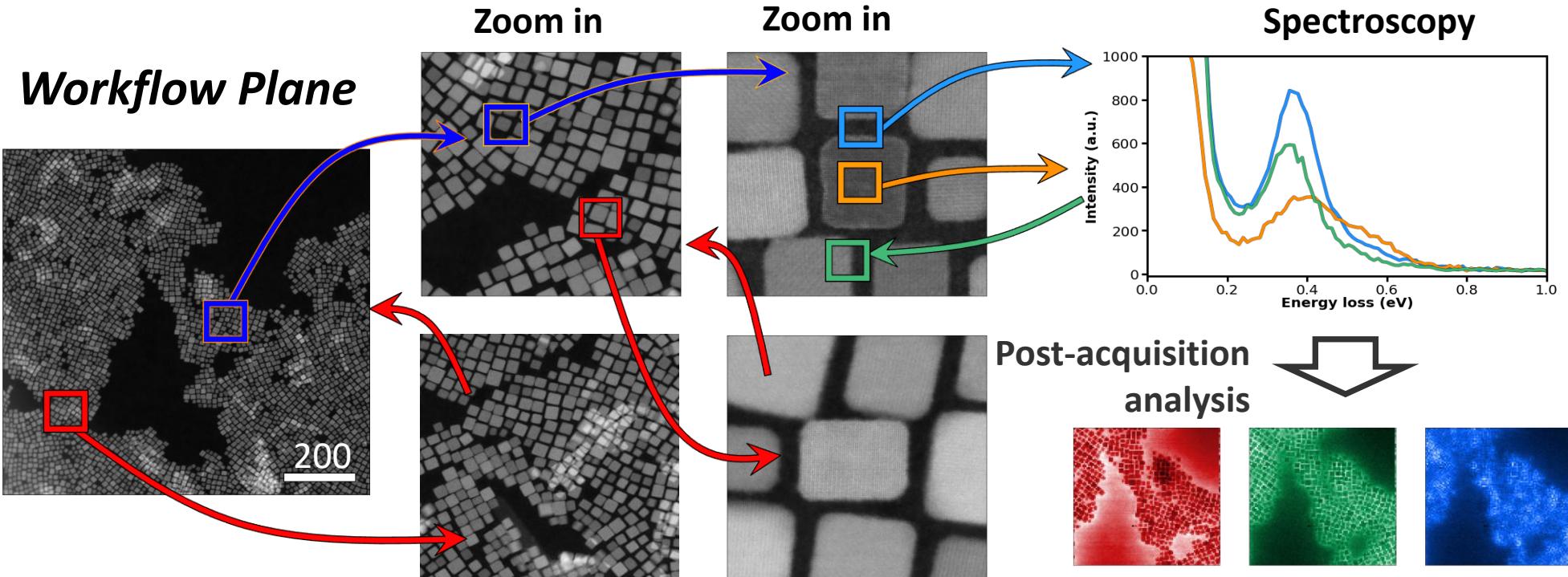
- Interesting functionalities are expected at the certain elements of domain structure
- We can guess some; we have to discover others
- **Experimental objectives → ML Rewards**
 - Microscope optimization
 - Properties of a priori known regions of interest
 - Discovery of regions with interesting properties
 - Physical theory falsification



Objective and Reward

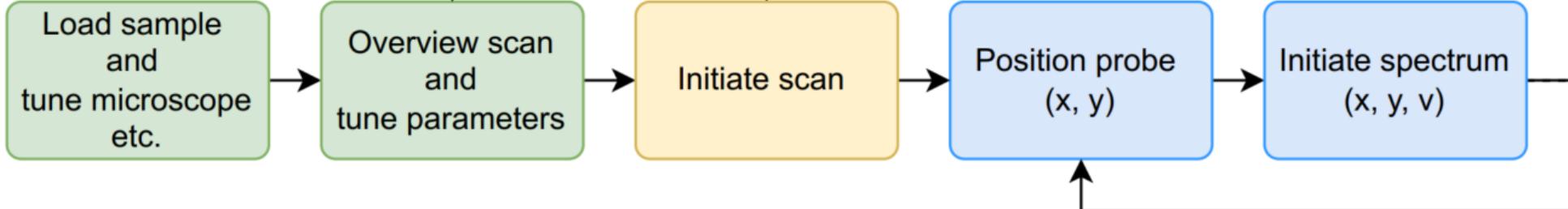
Workflows in STEM

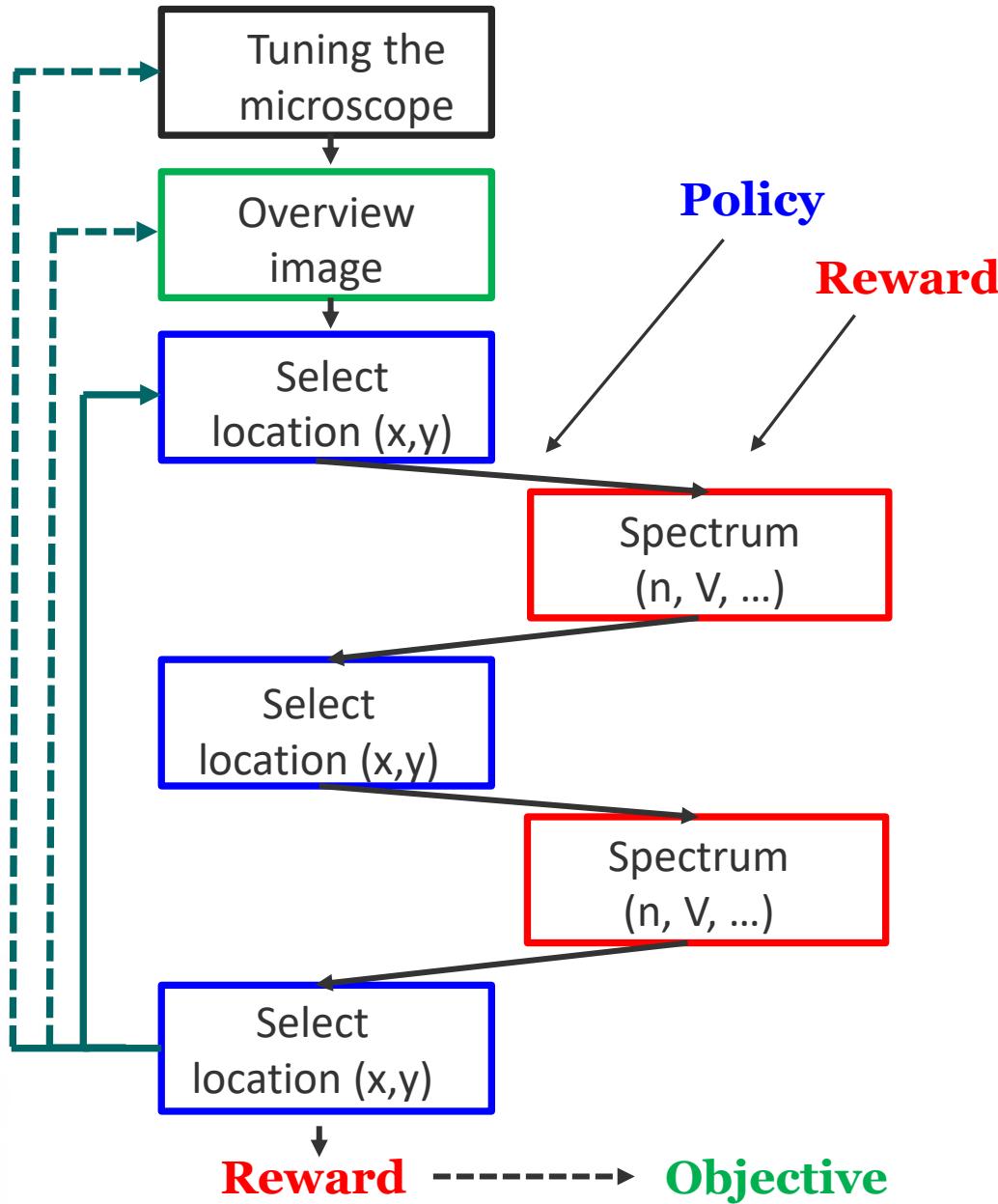
Prior Knowledge



Instrument Plane

Minimal instruction set control language





To implement the ML workflows, we start from emulating the human operations:

- Well defined and explainable commands
- Extensive domain expertise
- Potentially available data from experiments

Development of ML workflows can give rise to more complex imaging modalities

- Data volumes and dimensionalities above human level
- More complex modes of sampling
- “Guardian angel” modules

However, we always have to think about

- Reward function(s) for imaging problem
- Reward functions for materials problem
- Overall objective

Challenges for the Automated Experiment

Elements of realistic workflow design

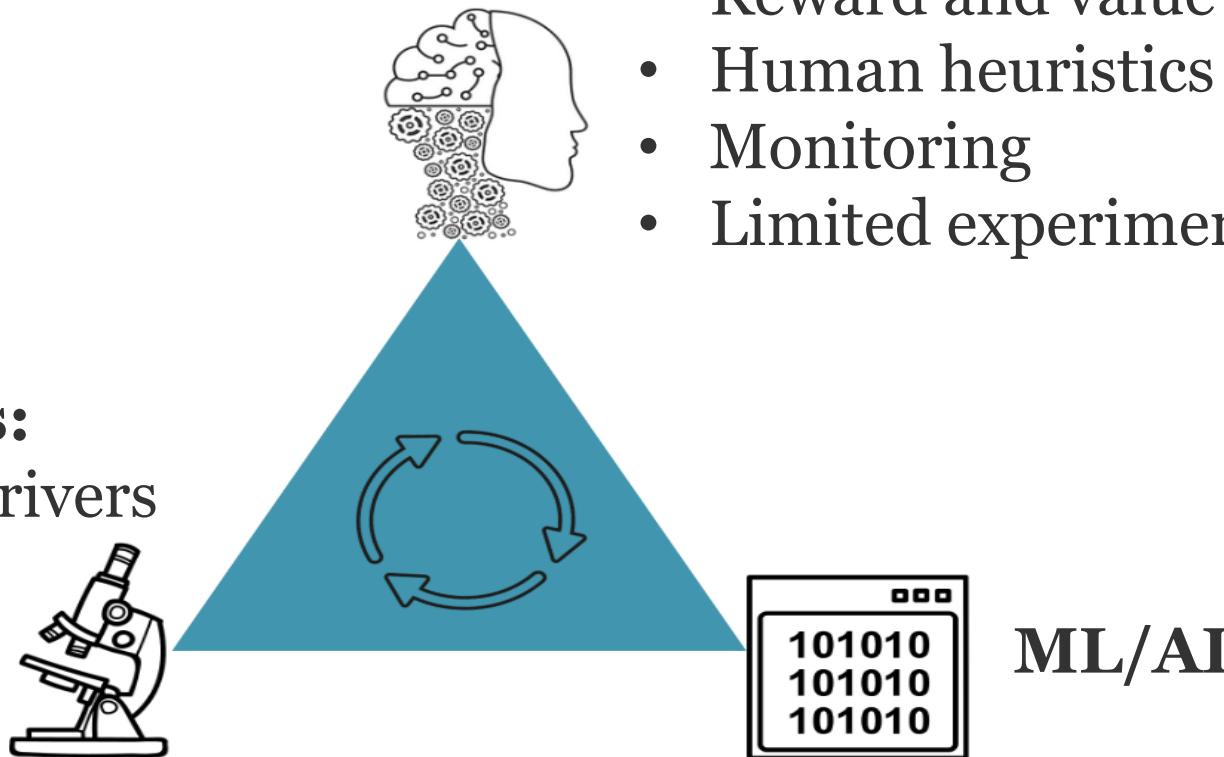
- Co-orchestration of multiple measurement modalities
- Building theory in the loop
- Integration between multiple domains

Workflow design:

- Reward and value functions
- Human heuristics
- Monitoring
- Limited experimental budget

Engineering controls:

- Instrument-specific drivers
- Hyperlanguage
- Python APIs



DigitalMicrograph

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Microscope System

200 kV
SCANNING, nP, Spot 7
Mag: x 115k CL: 91 mm

Microscope **Display**

Microscope System

200 kV
SCANNING, nP, Spot 7
Mag: x 115k CL: 91 mm

ADF
BF
B-Stop

EFTEM
EELS

Energy Loss: 0.0 eV
Hi-SNR aperture, 0.75 eV/Ch
GATAN

Tune GIF

Find ZLP AutoFocus

Calibration

Camera Monitor

Temperature 5.0 C
Health Status

Stage Tracker

Output

Output Image Browser Script Debugger
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Vertical Spacing
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Slit In Width 900.0 eV

Dispersion 0.75 eV/Ch
Mode Spectroscop
Aperture 5 mm

Drift Tube 0.0 eV
Wobble 0.0 eV

Technique Manager

STEM SI

Scan

Spot Focus Rotate

View Pixel Time (ps): 63.42 Search Prev

STEM Alignment

SI Acquisition

EELS BF-DF
2D Array Multi-Point
Line Scan Time Series

EF-CCD Camera

EELS

B=49.9 mrad Single Dual
HS+ HS HQ User

ZLP-lock Energy (eV): 0.0
View Exposure (s): 0.01 auto
Capture Frames: 10

Elemental Quantification

EELS Analysis

Zero-Loss Thickness Splice Deconvolve

ColorMix

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```
array_list, shape, dtype = array_server.get_eels()
array = np.array(array_list, dtype=dtype).reshape(shape)
plt.figure()
plt.plot(array)
# plt.ylim(0,1e6)
```

detect edges : do eels on those coordinates

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

def detect_bright_region(image):
    # Calculate the gradient in the X and Y directions
    gx = np.gradient(image, axis=1) # Gradient in X direction
```

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Workflows

Tools After capture tasks After upload tasks Destinations Application settings Task settings Hotkey settings Screenshots folder History... Image history... Debug Donate... Twitter... Discord... About...

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array_server.create_camera()
scale = int(2**14/image_size)
line_p = np.zeros([image_size, image_size, array.shape[0]])

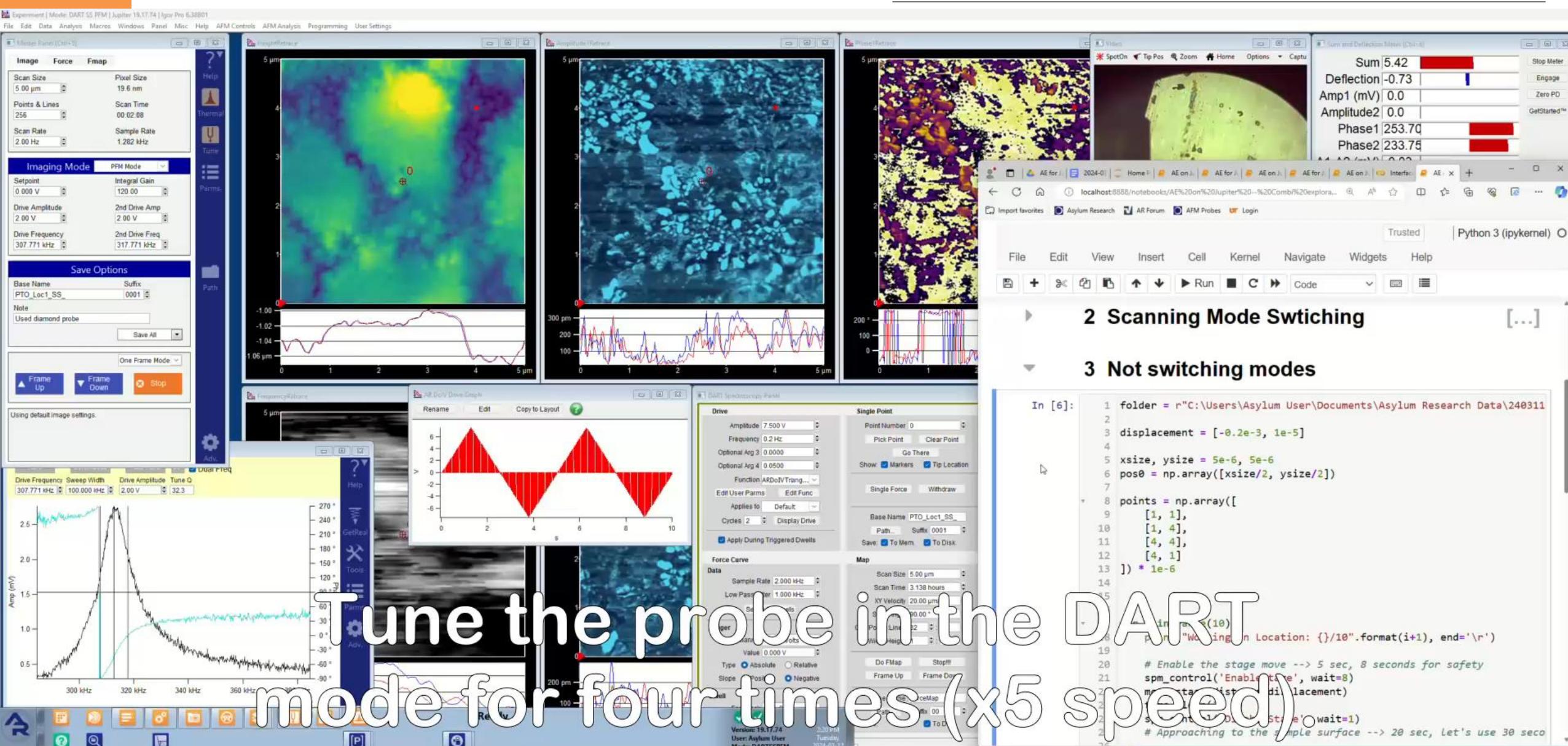
accepted = 0
for i, y in enumerate(range(image_size)):
    print("line scan ", y, )
    for j, x in enumerate(range(image_size)):
        if edges_detected[i,j]> threshold_eels: # condition to do eels
            accepted+=1
            array_server.set_beam_pos(x, y)
            array_server.acquire_camera()
            array_list, shape, dtype = array_server.get_eels()
            array = np.array(array_list, dtype=dtype).reshape(shape)
            #plt.plot(array)
            line_p[i,j] = array # summing eels to get bright field pixel value
            tstart = time.time()

print("accepted_points",accepted)
print("time taken in seconds", tstart - tend)

# get current position to do eels
#Activate camera
array_server.activate_camera()
array_list, shape, dtype = array_server.get_ds(80)
im_array = np.array(array_list, dtype=dtype).reshape(shape)
plt.figure()
plt.imshow(im_array, cmap="gray")
plt.show()
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Amplitude



Ferroelastic Walls



Uncertainty



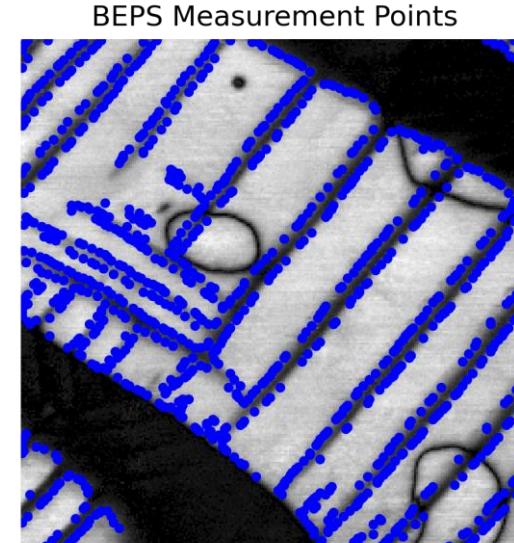
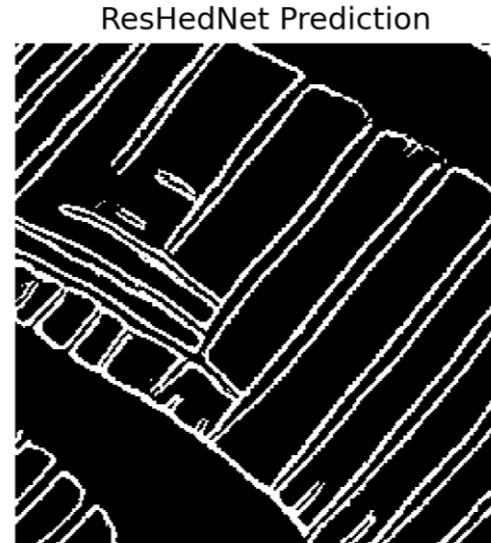
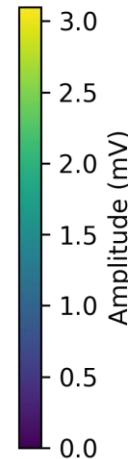
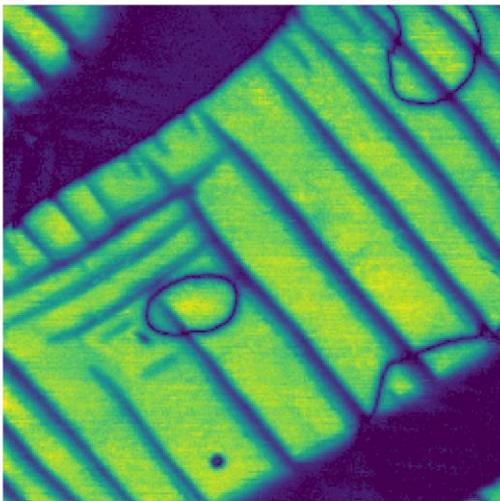
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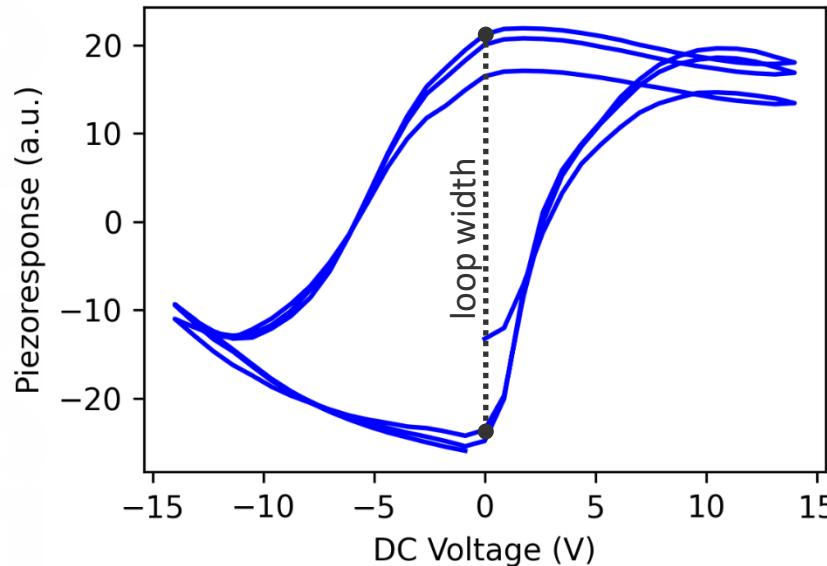
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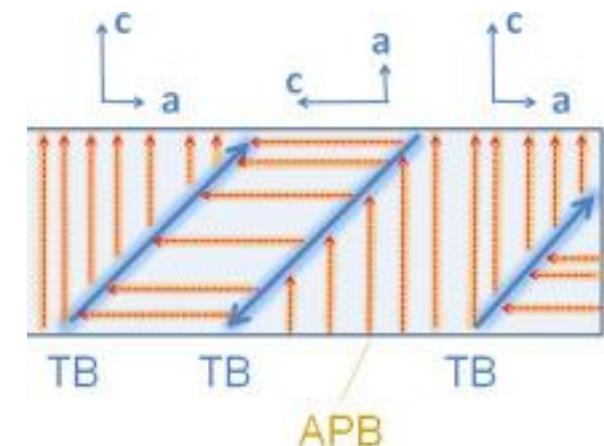
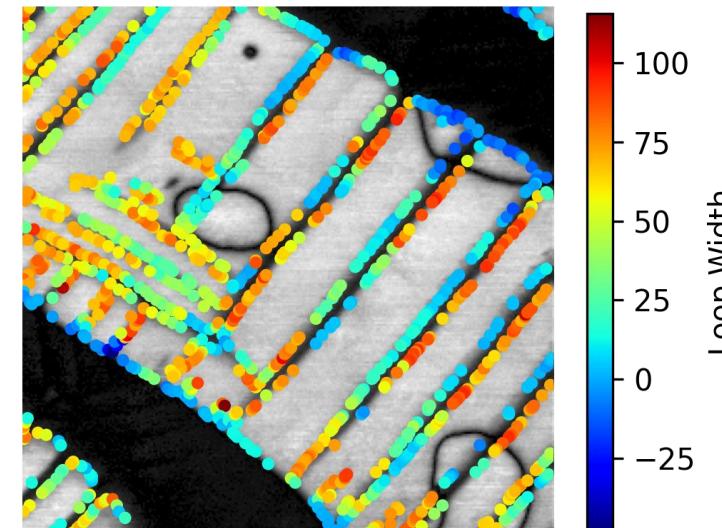
Mapping Activity of Domain Walls



Averaged loop over ferroelastic walls

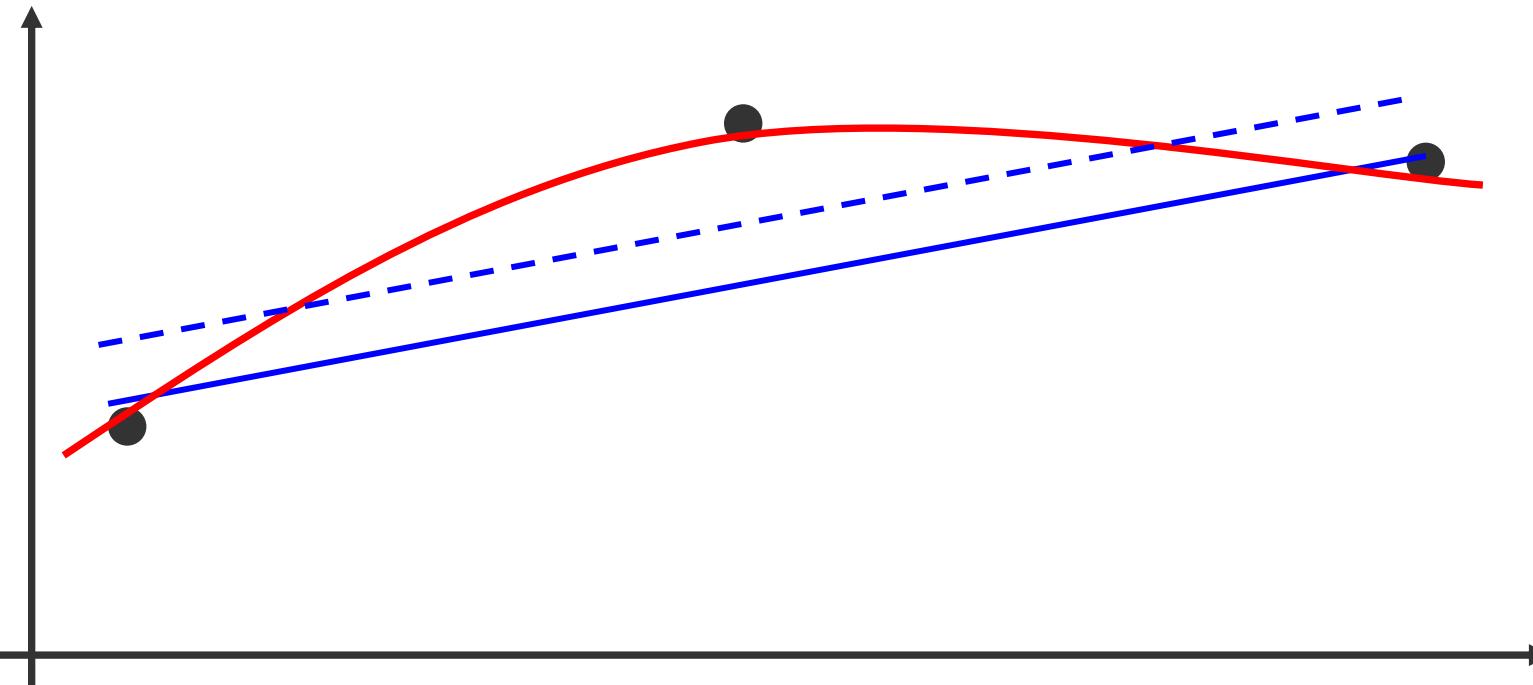


Loop height at ferroelastic walls

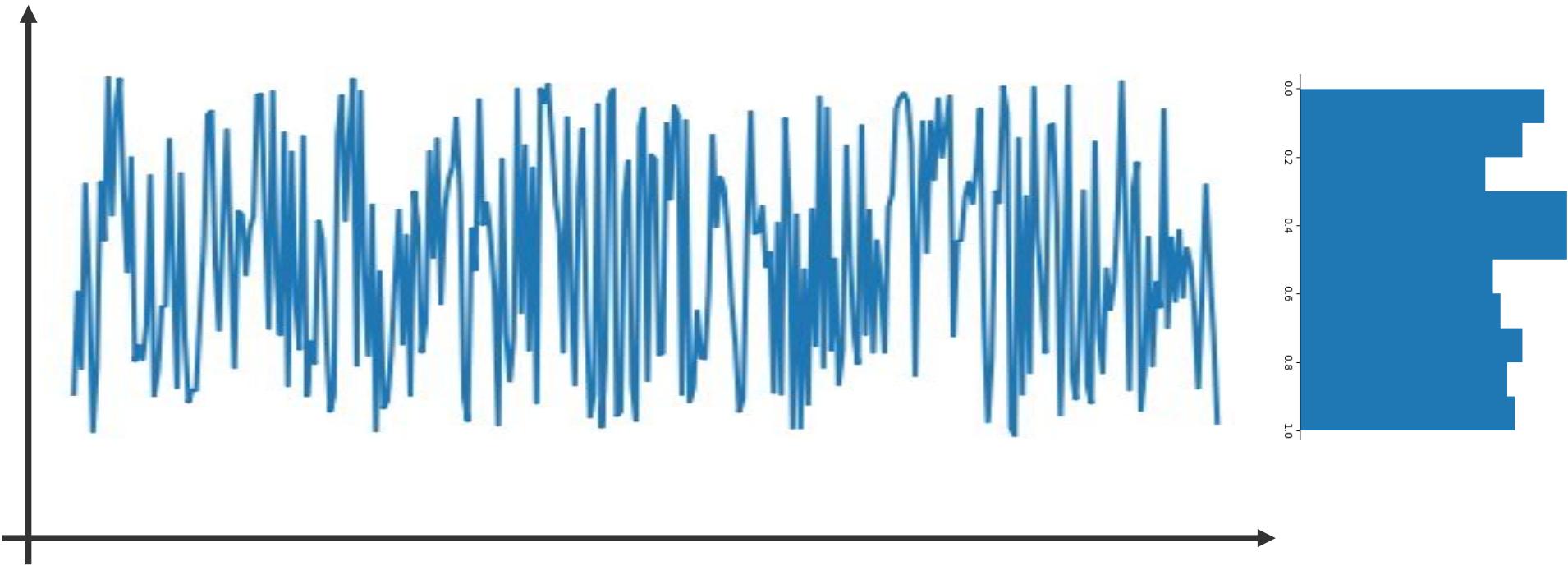


Gaussian Processes

What do we know if we do not know anything?



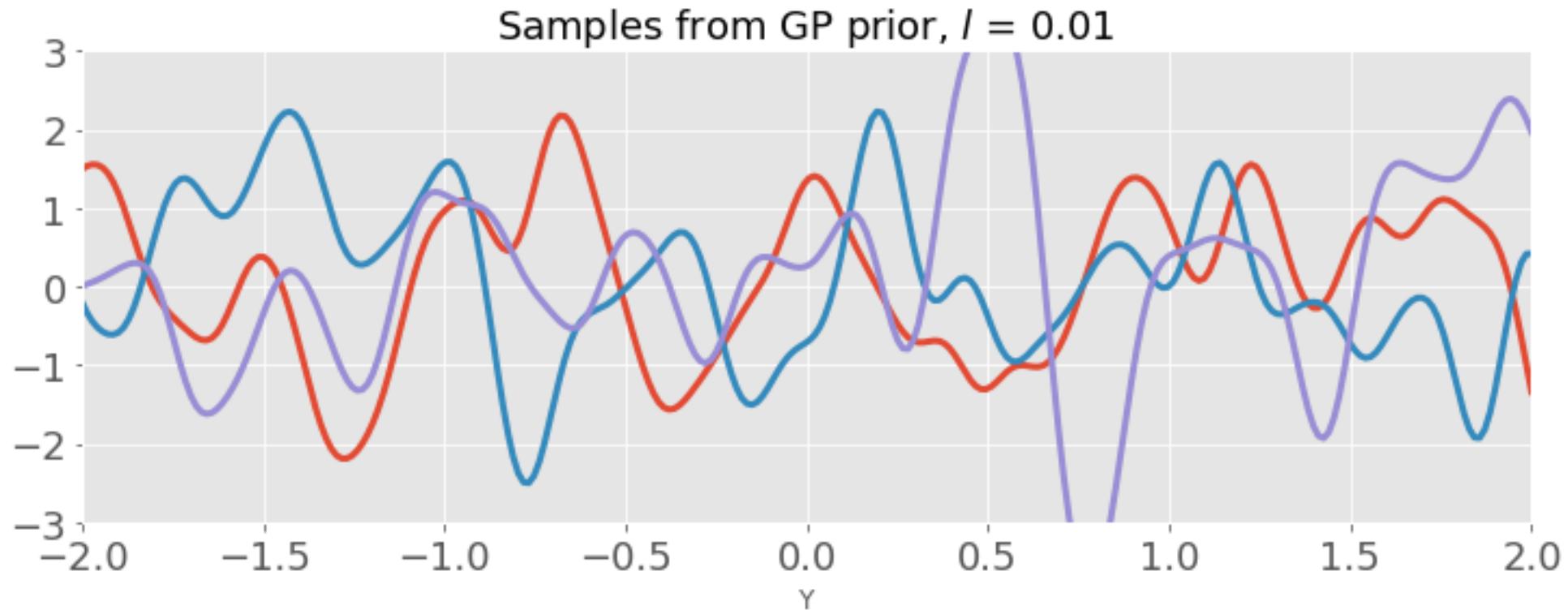
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Gaussian Process Regression

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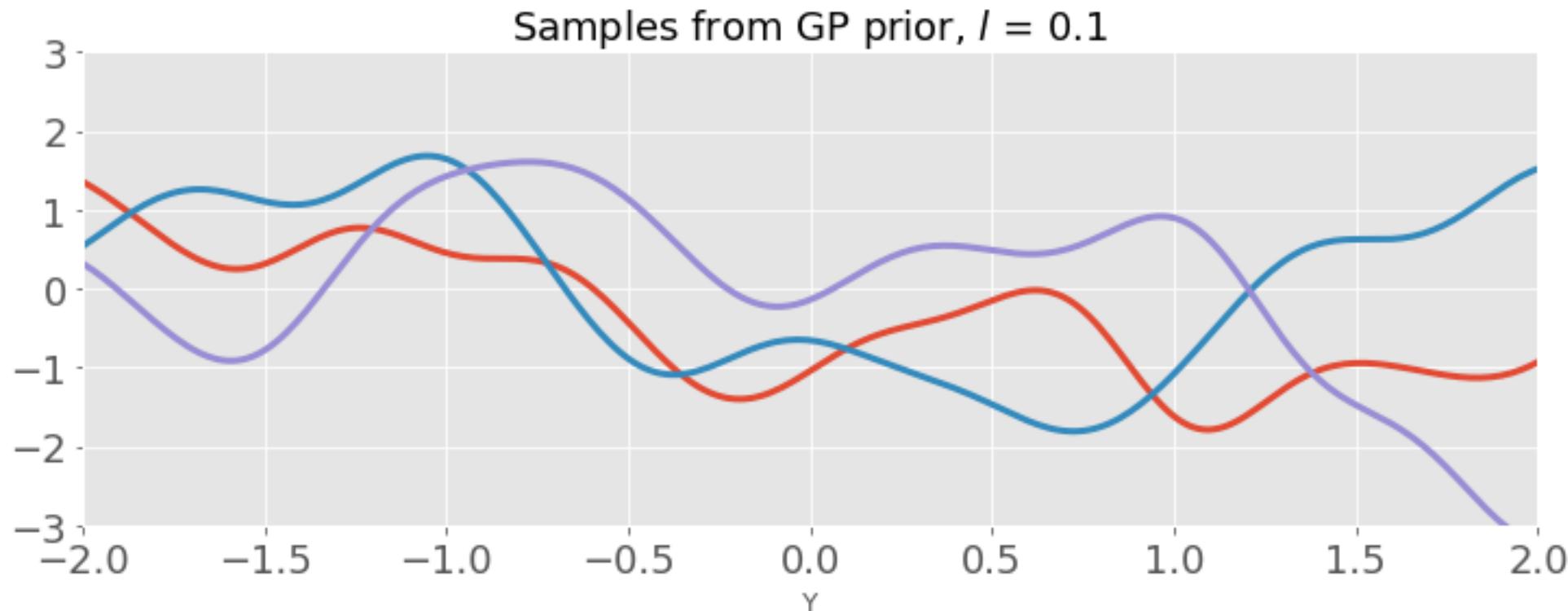
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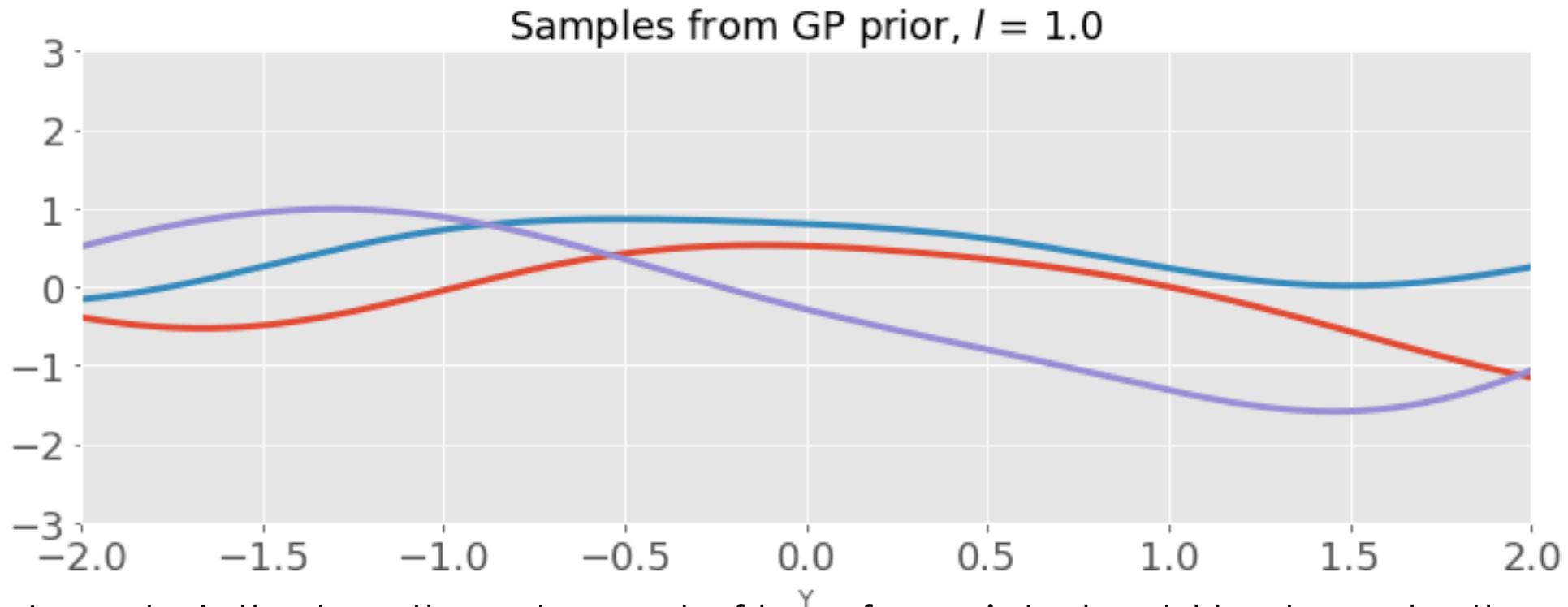
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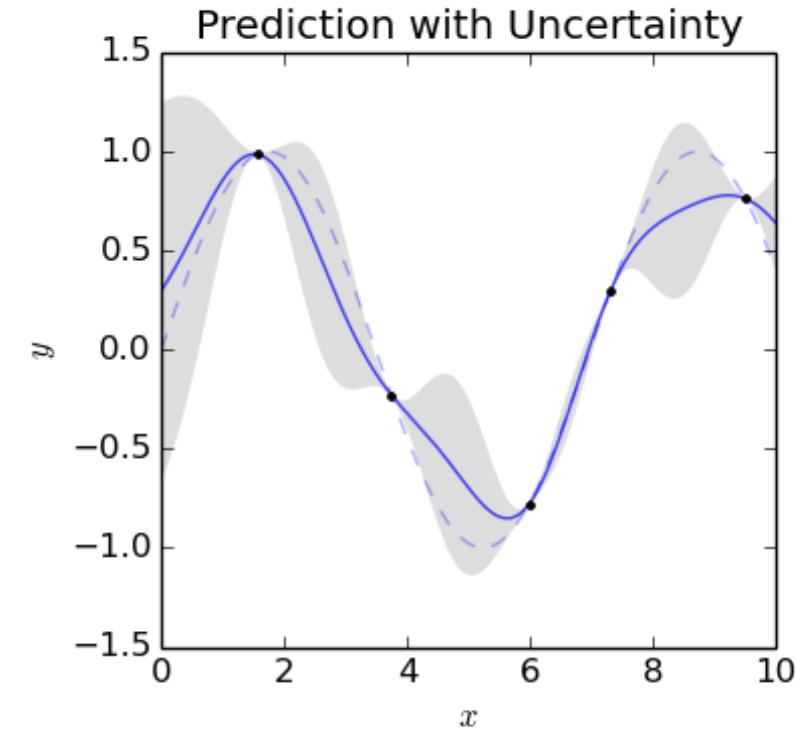
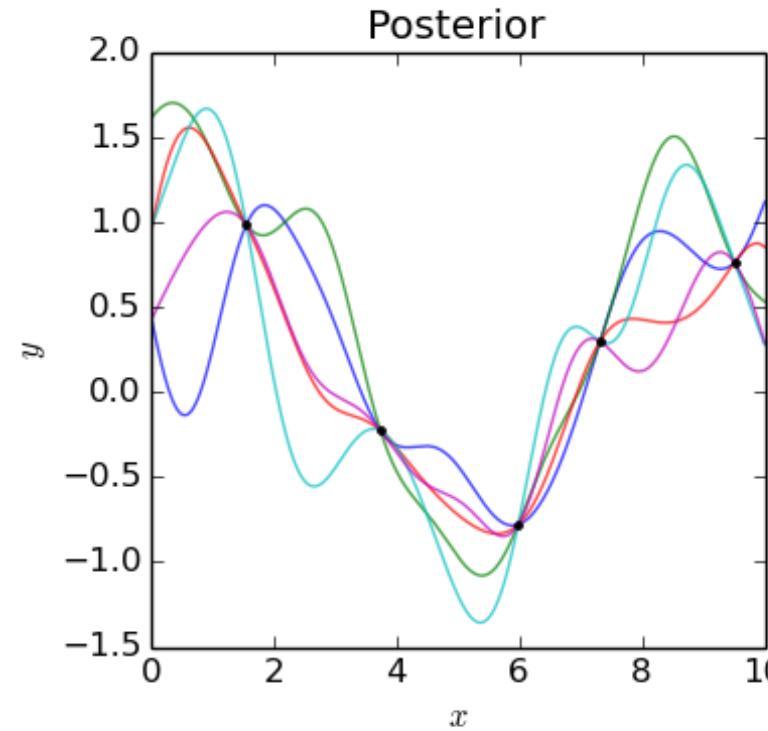
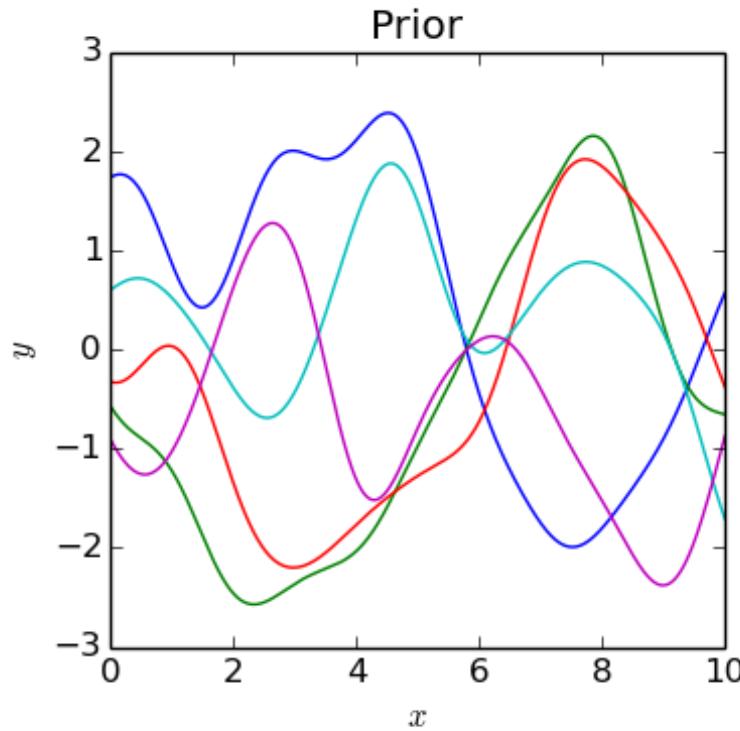
- Covariance matrix (kernel) determines what type of functions we will allow.

$$k(x, x') = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2l}(x - x')^2\right)$$



l controls the length scale – sort of how far points should be to make them independent of each other.

Gaussian Process Regression



Prior:

Data:

Posterior:

What can the function be before the measurement

Measurement

What can the function be after measurement

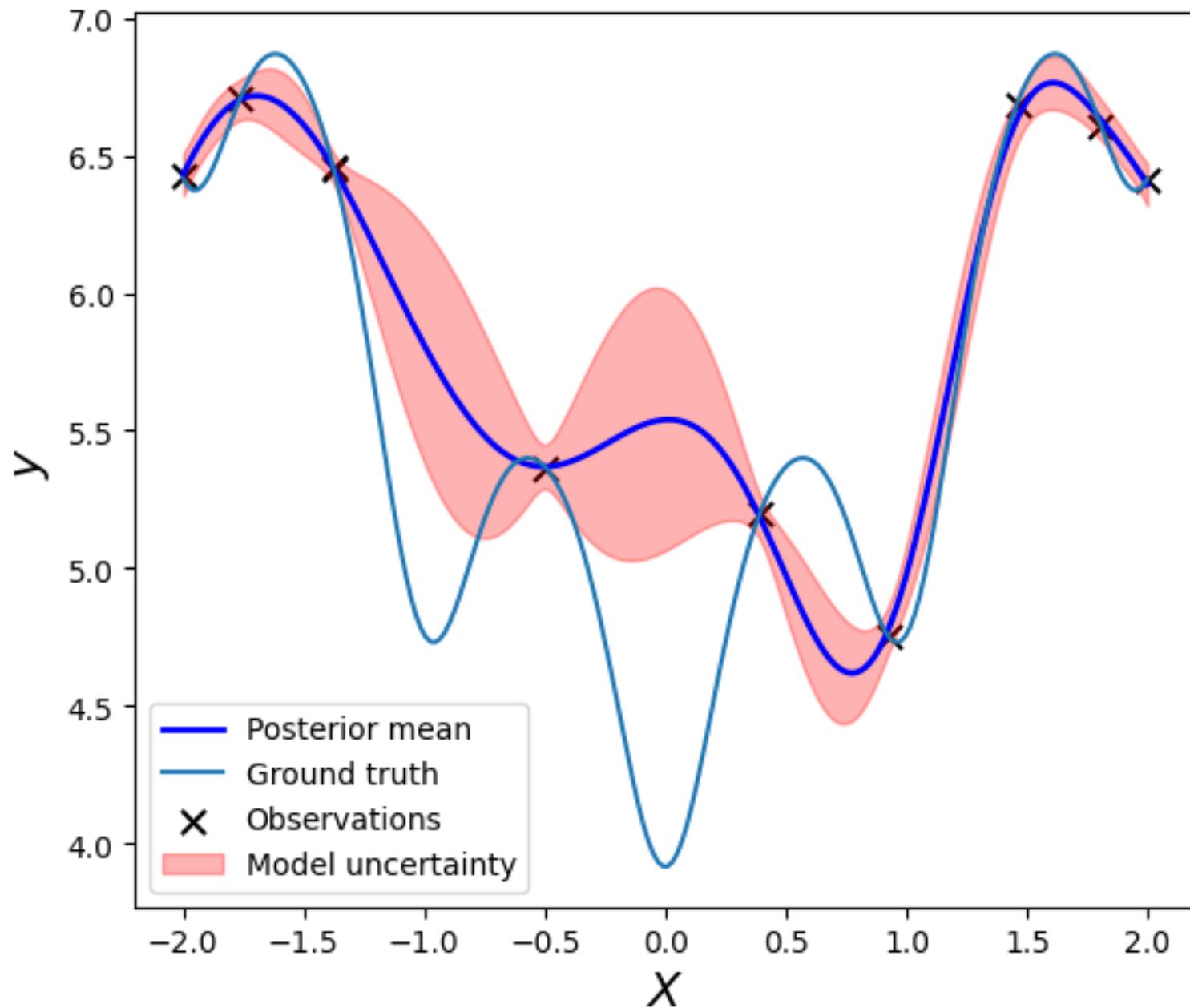
Policy:

How do we balance exploration and exploitation (acquisition function)

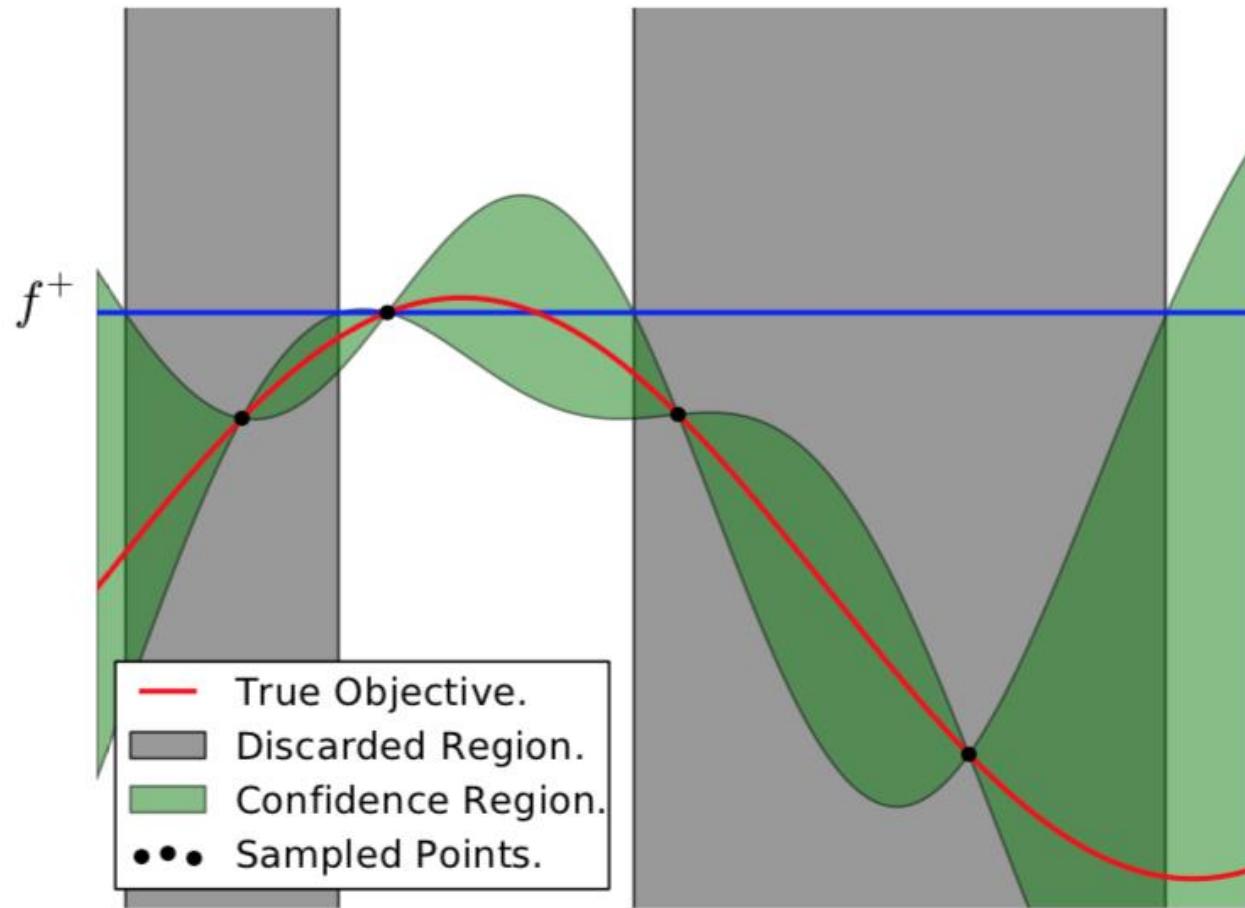
GP Vocabulary

- Gaussian Process
- Kernel and kernel parameters
- Kernel Priors
- Noise Priors
- Posteriors

Colab



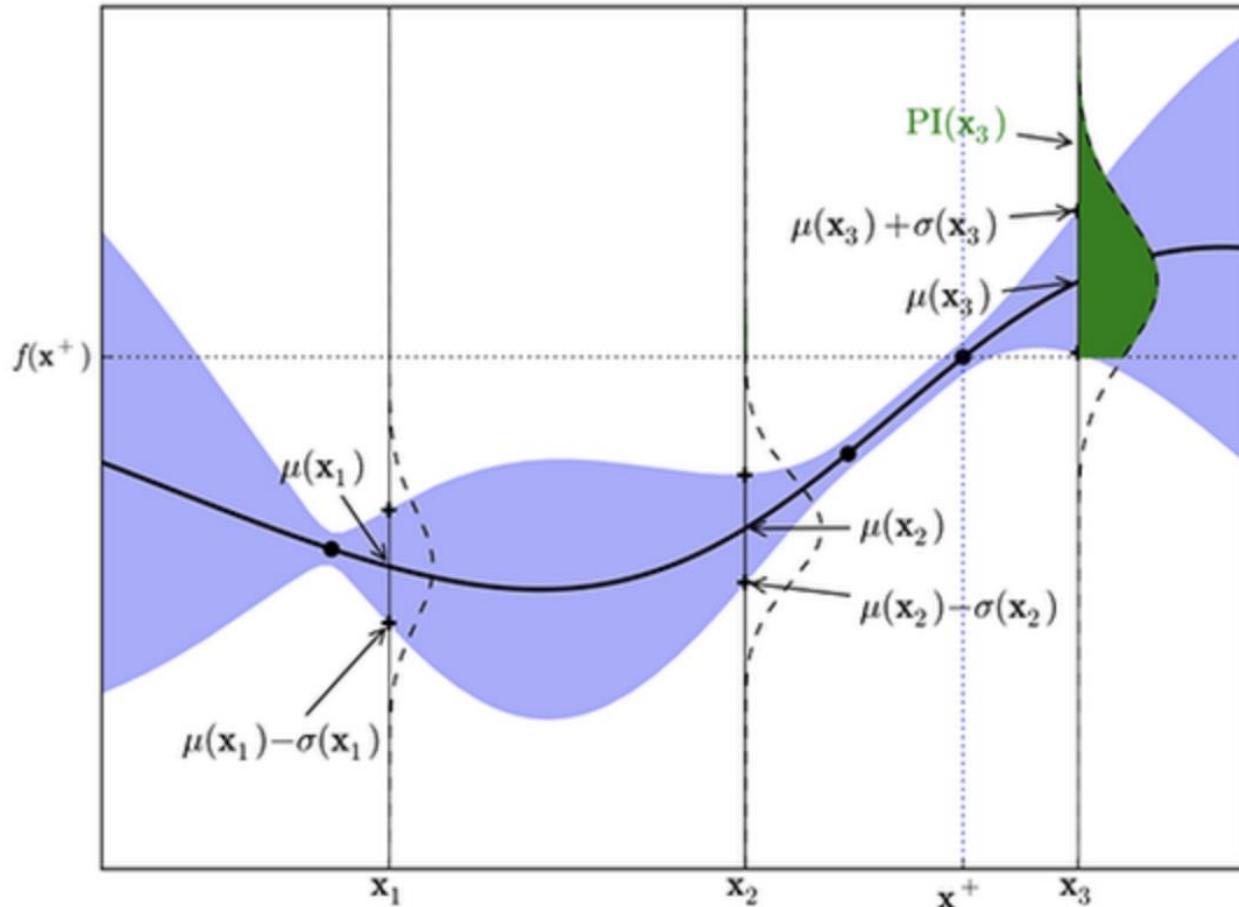
Bayesian Optimization



- We have some measurements in space X, and we want to maximize some property $f(X)$.
- How can we decide what point to measure next to best maximize f ?
- We need to balance the exploration of the space with exploitation of regions near we have already known

Acquisition Functions

Probability of Improvement Acquisition Function



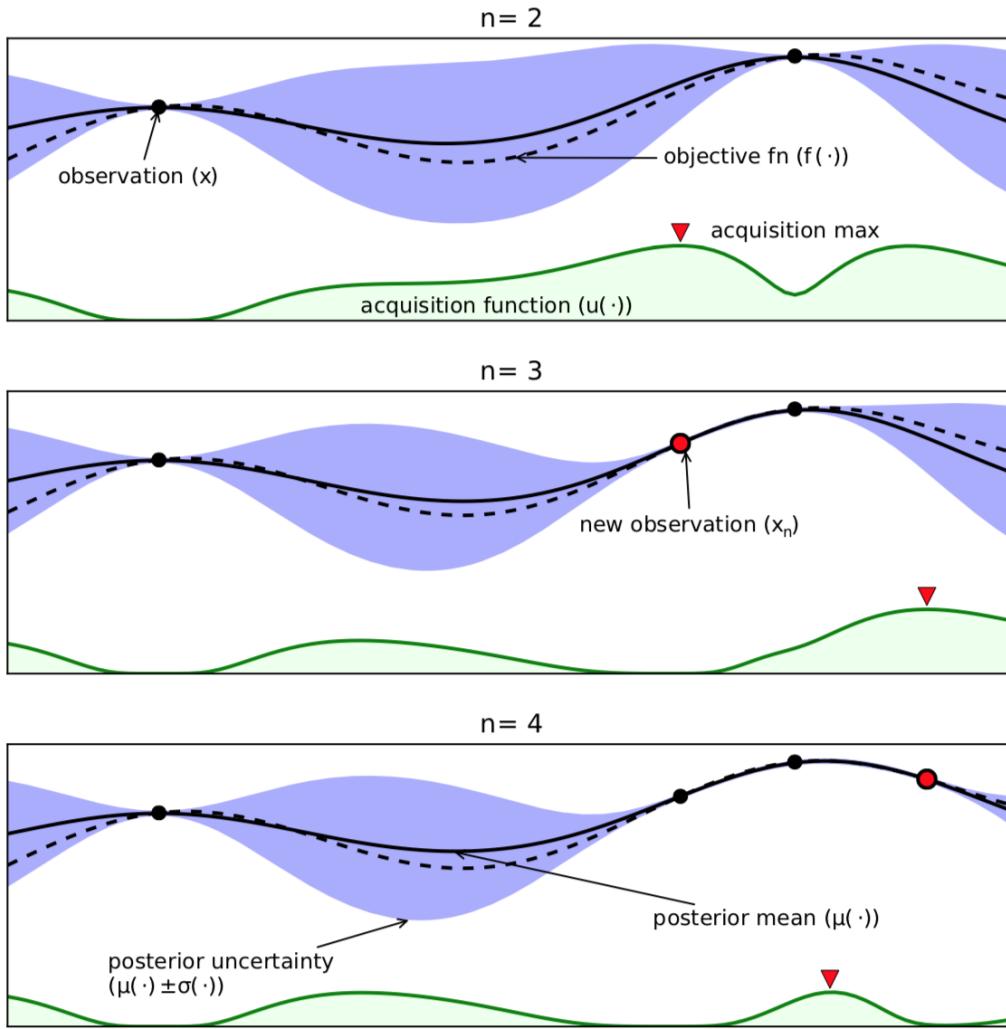
1. Upper confidence bound: simplest possible - just take the upper confidence bound from the prediction

2. Probability of Improvement: Integral from current functional maximum to upper limit of distribution as test point

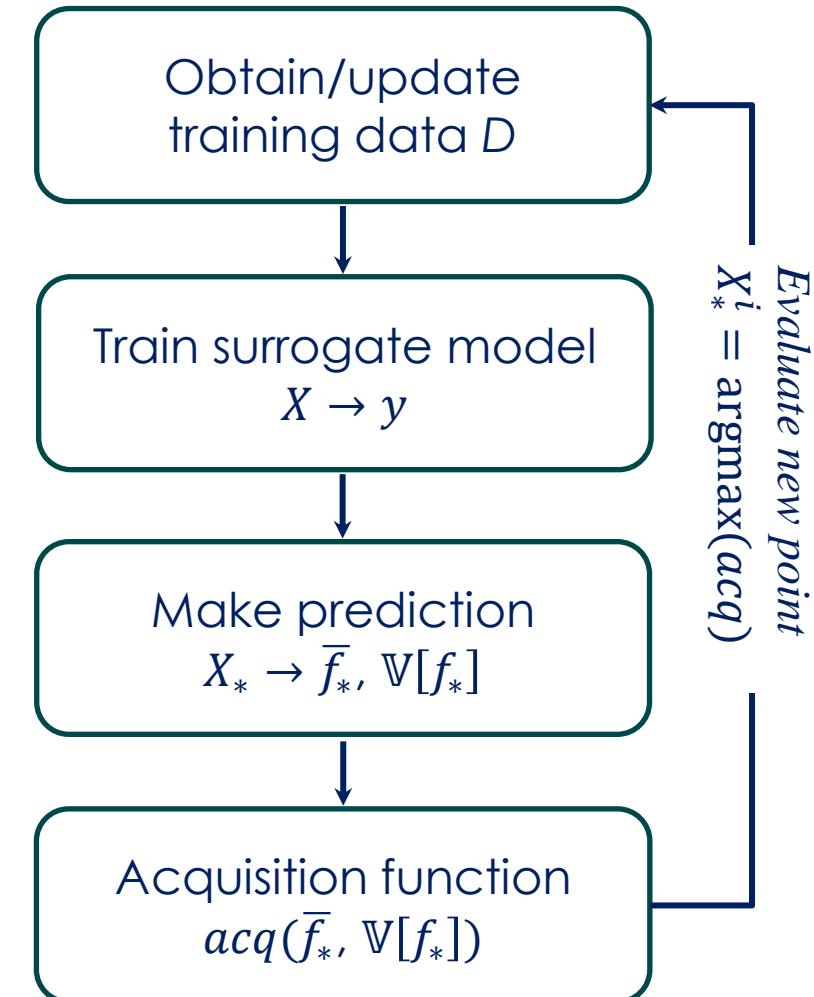
3. Expected Improvement: Instead of probability of improvement, we want to maximize the expected increase in the function value

4. There are (always) more...

The basics: Bayesian Optimization



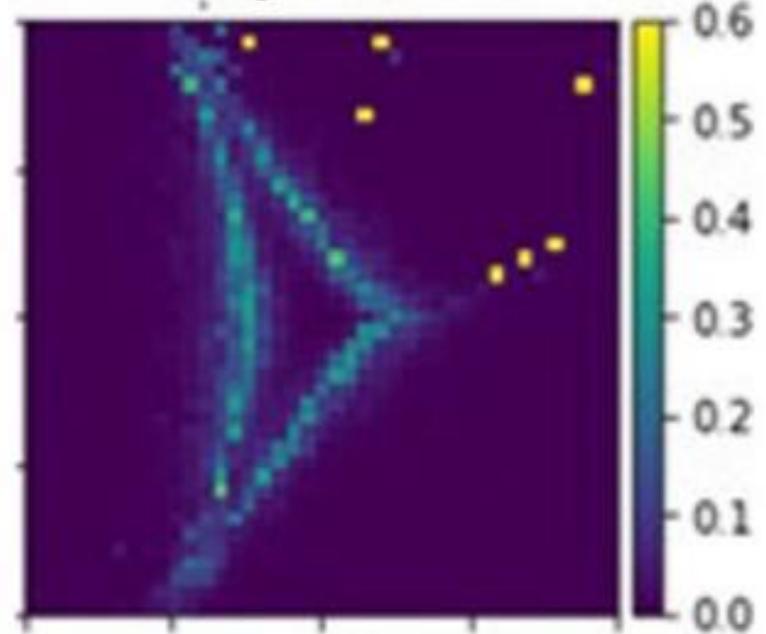
X, y : (sparse) Training data
 X_* : New (not yet evaluated) points



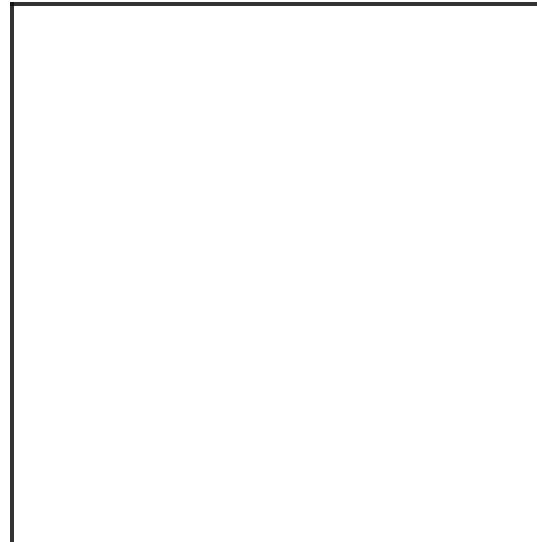
Bayesian Optimization for physical discovery

Discovering regions where heat capacity is maximized in NNN Ising model

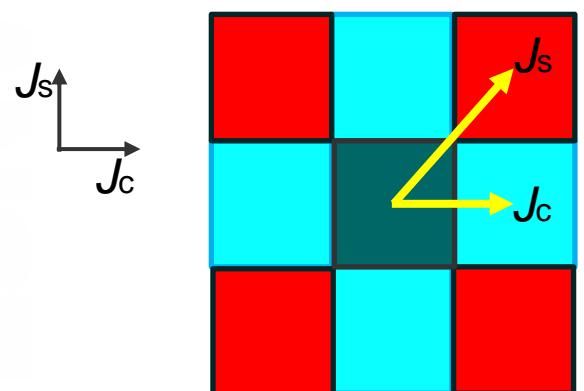
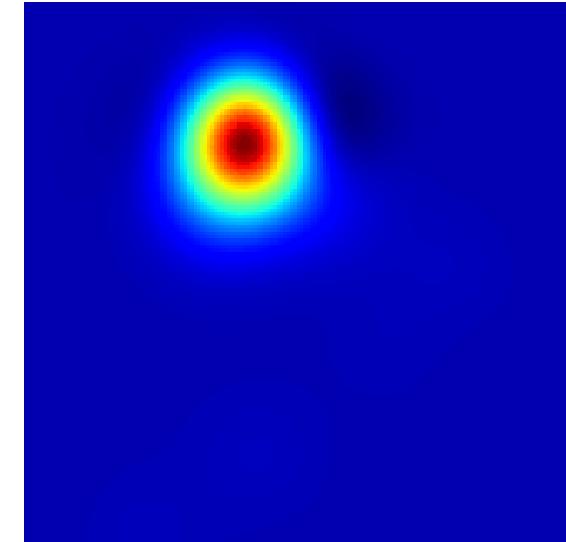
Full grid simulation



Explored points at step 0

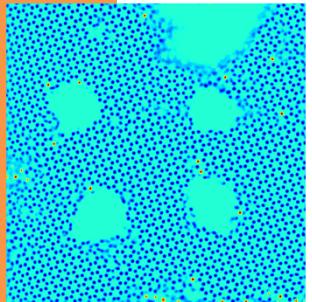


GP prediction at step 0

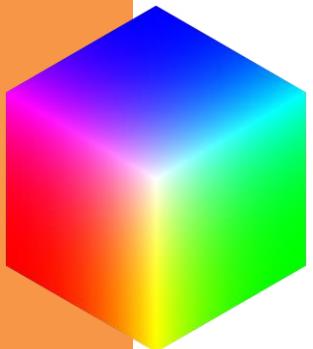


Going real time: automated experiment

SPM or STEM image



EELS or SPM datacube



- Sliding window/linear transform
- Keras DCNN
- rVAE (rotational invariance)
- rcVAE (plus classification)

Descriptor

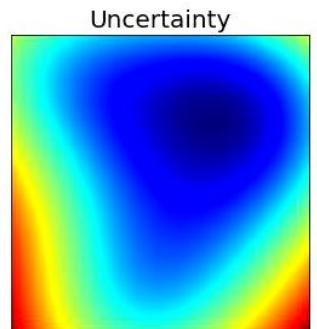
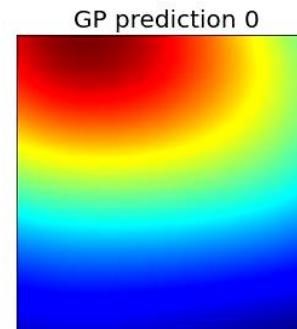
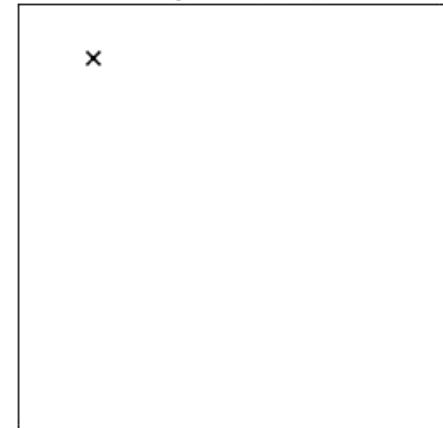
Gaussian processing

- Integrated intensity
- Keras DCNN
- Spec2im autoencoder
- (im,spec)2(spec,im)
- CycleGAN

GPim library
(M. Ziatdinov)

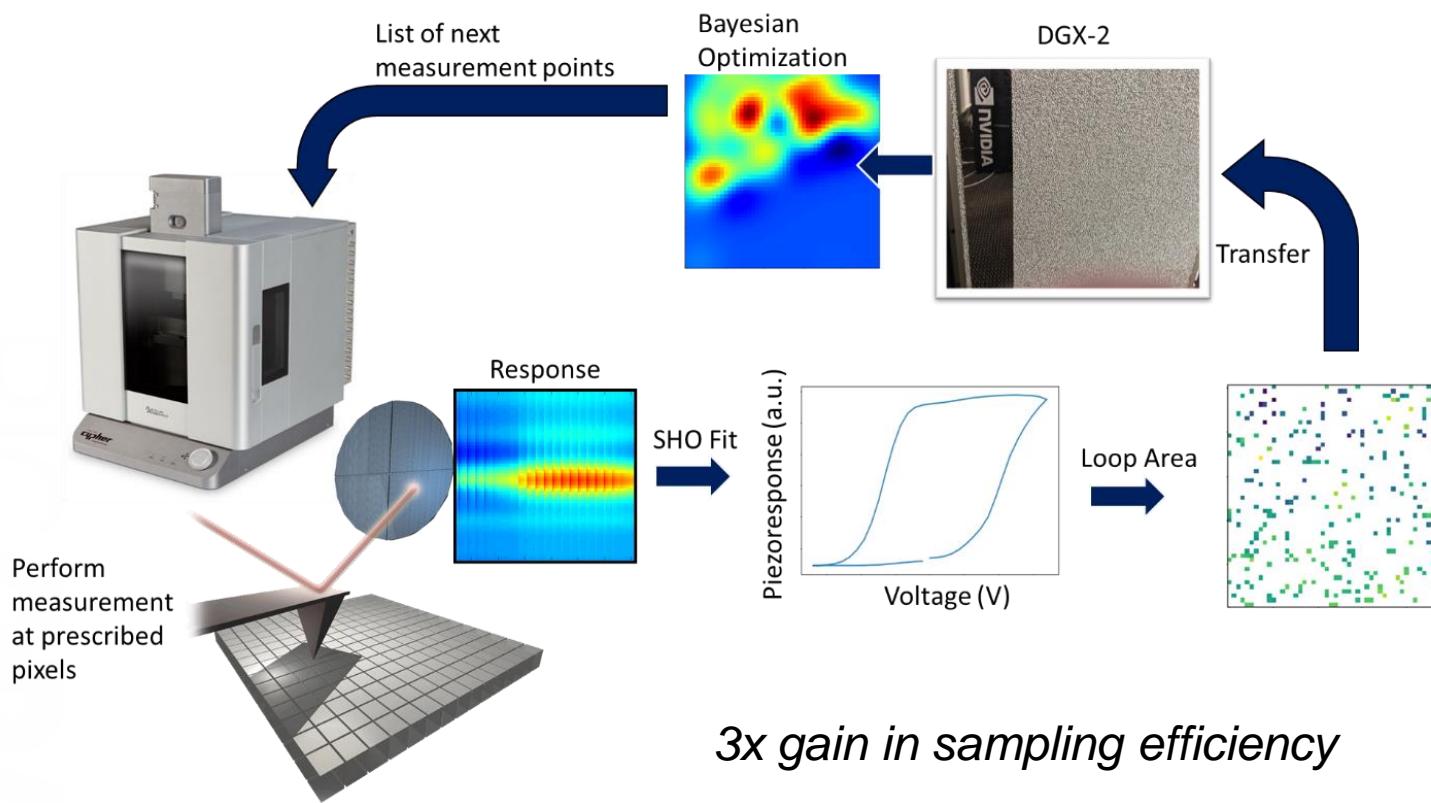
- Acquisition functions
- Pathfinder functions
- Kernel control

Input data

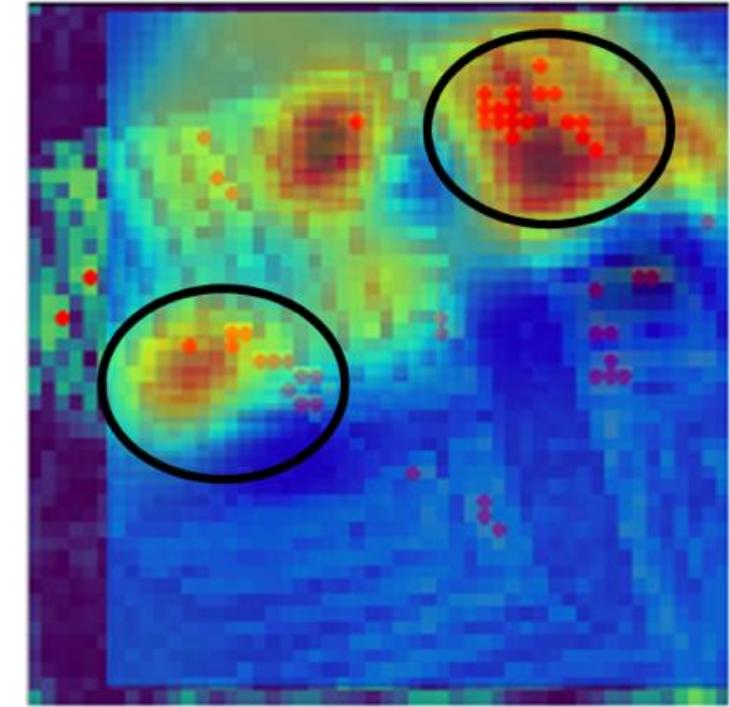


- AE based on structural analysis for STEM data
- AE based on spectral data in PFM
- AE based on DL for EELS data
- Feature of interest finding for mesoscopic images

BO for Self-Driving Microscopy



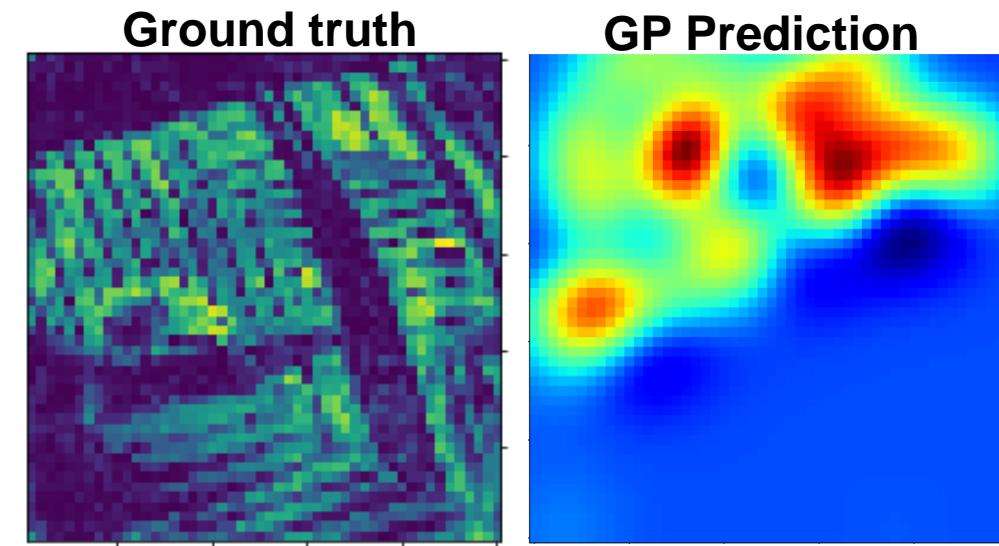
Comparison with “ground truth”



R. K. Vasudevan, K. Kelley, H. Funakubo, S. Jesse, S. V. Kalinin, M. Ziatdinov, **ACS Nano** (2021) <https://doi.org/10.1021/acsnano.oc10239>

Classical GP based BO

- Purely data-driven: limited advantage in high dimensional spaces
- Predicts scalar functions
- Typically used assuming equal cost of measurements
- And targeting fully automated process



Vasudevan et al, ACS Nano 2021

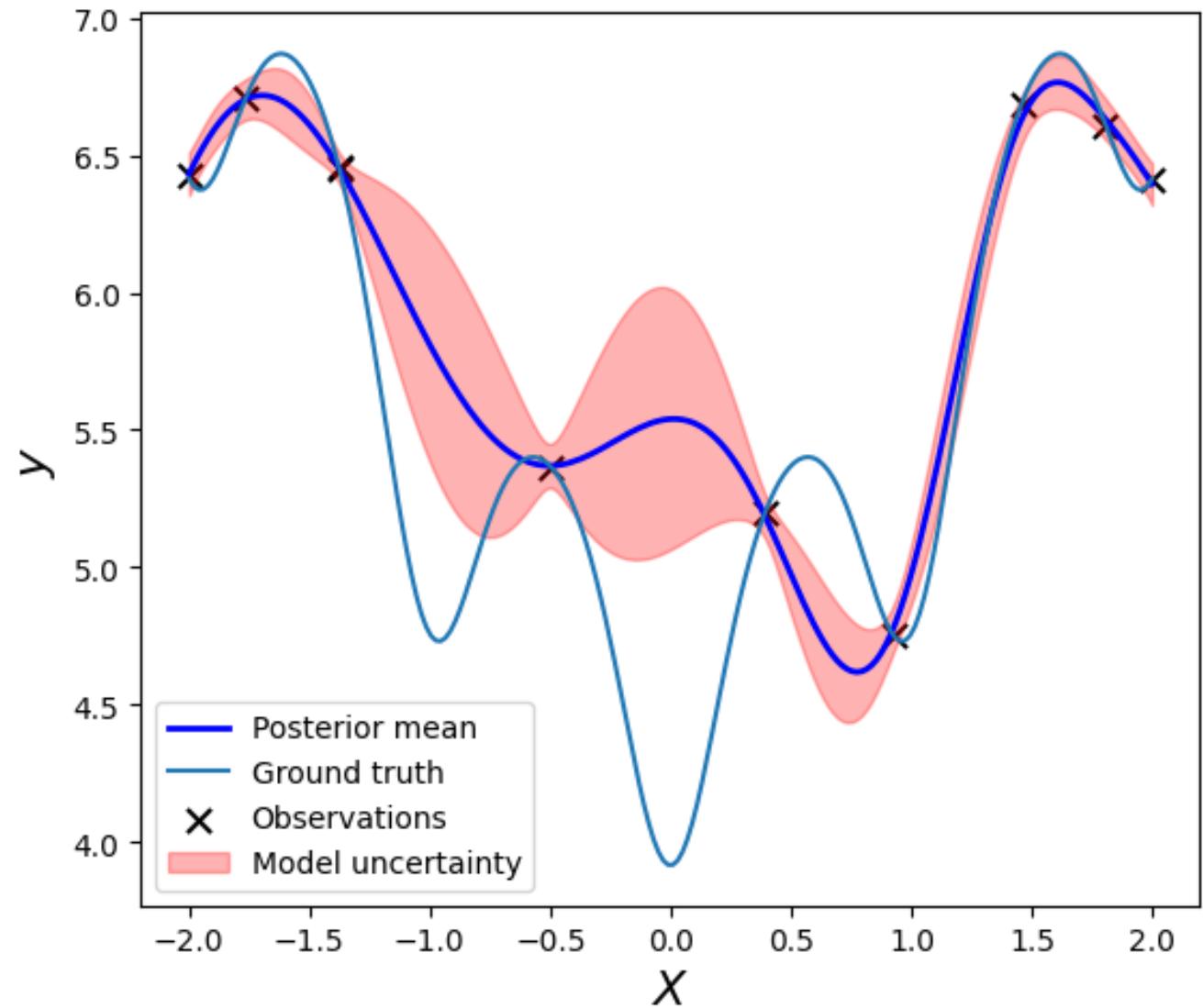
These assumptions rarely comport to real world scenarios

- We typically have ample (but partial) physical knowledge
- Multiple proxy signals
- Our observed data is very often high-dimensional (spectra, images)
- Cost and latencies of measurements is determined by physical equipment
- We can co-orchestrate measurements
- Humans are a part of the process (if process is slow)

Bayesian Inference

What have we learned from lecture 2

- Gaussian Process
- Kernel and kernel parameters
- Kernel Priors
- Noise Priors
- Posteriors
- Bayesian Optimization
- Bayesian Optimization based on Gaussian Process
- Acquisition Functions
- Cost-aware BO

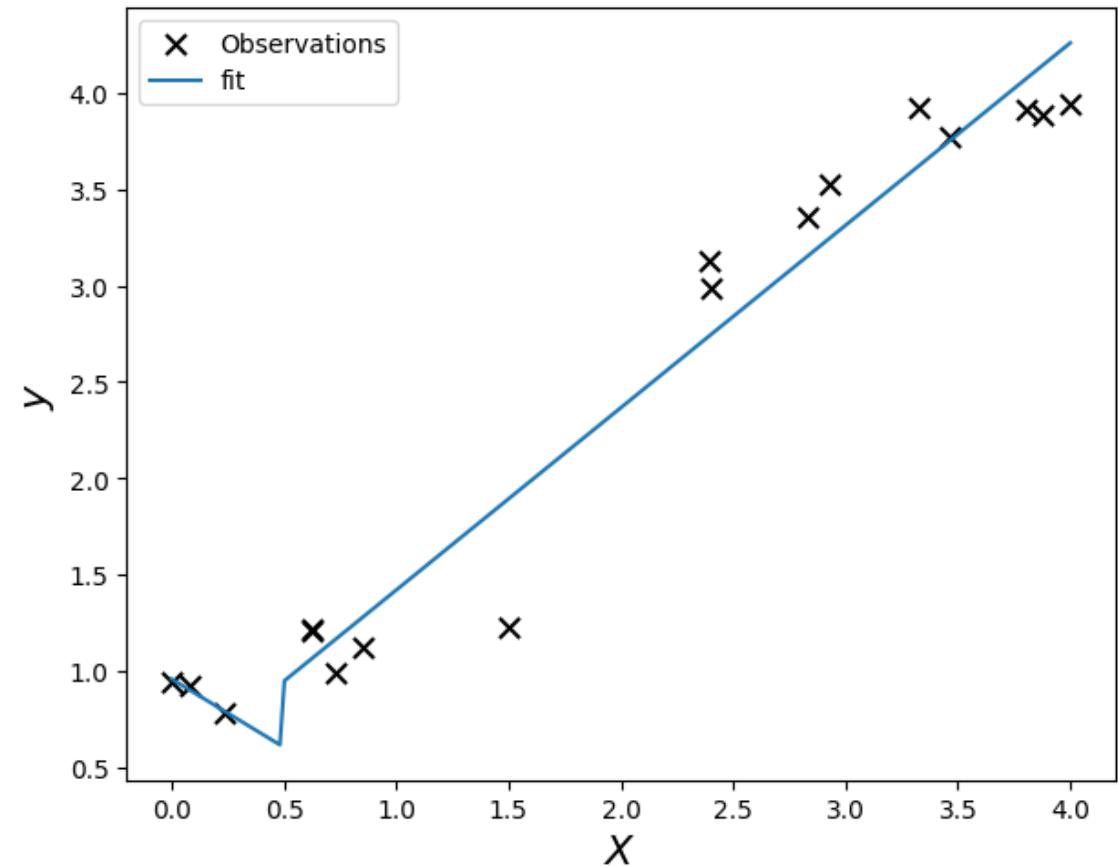
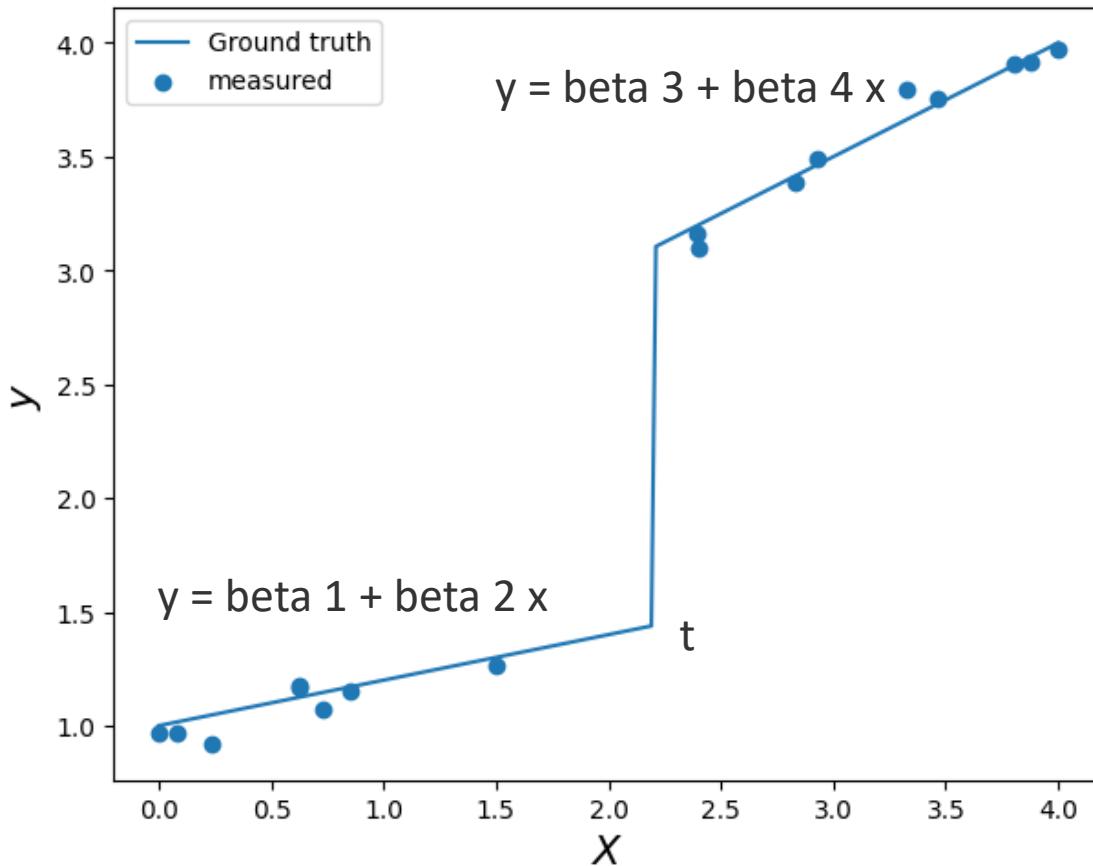


We can introduce noise in GP models

- Heteroscedastic GP: learn function and noise
- Measured Noise GP: measure function and noise
 - Needs model for noise prediction at unmeasured locations
- Noise in position in parameter space

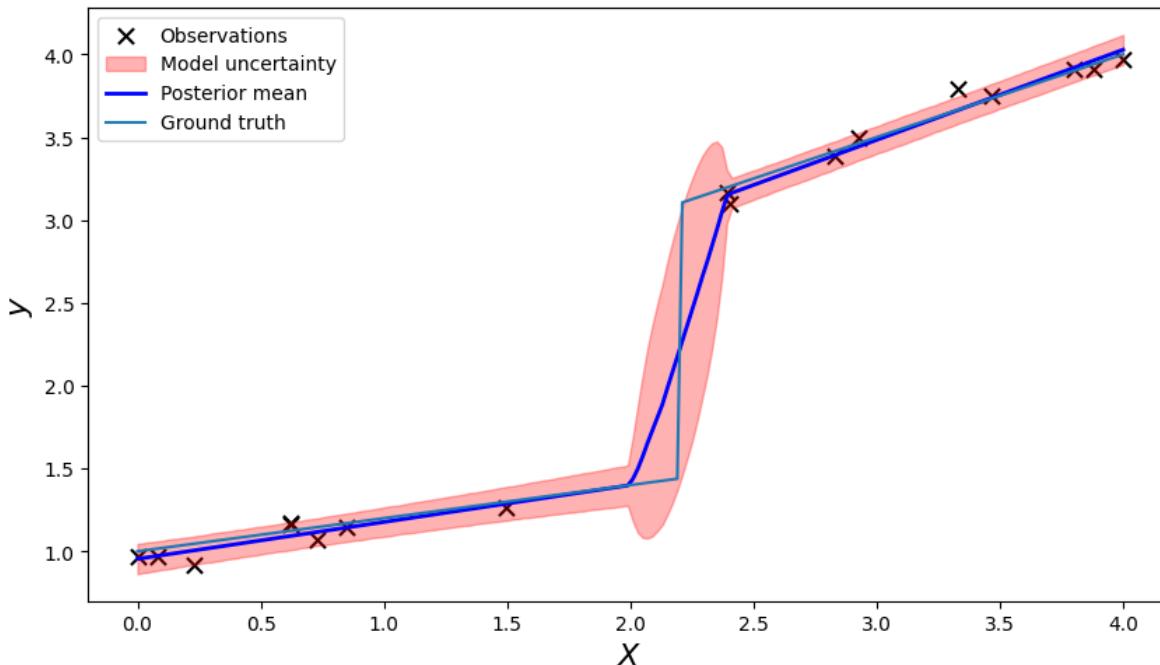
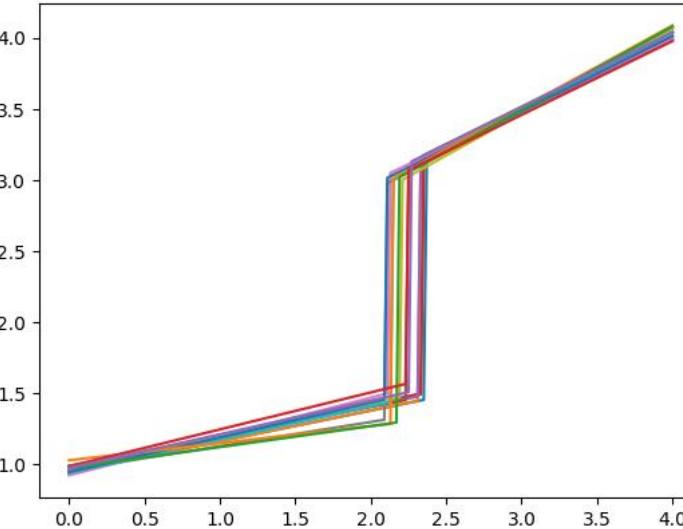
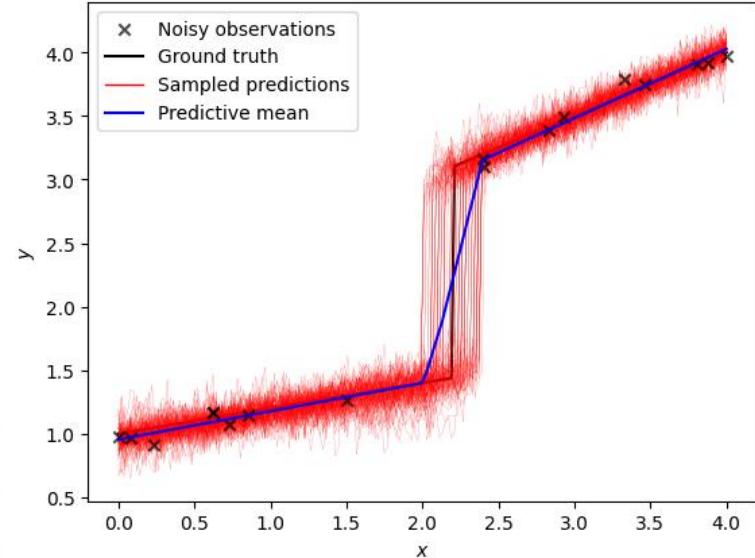
Need to balance priors based on extant knowledge;
do not treat these as optimization parameters

Least Square Fits can be a problem



- No way to incorporate prior knowledge
- Convergence to metastable minima
- No feedback when gradient descent gets stuck

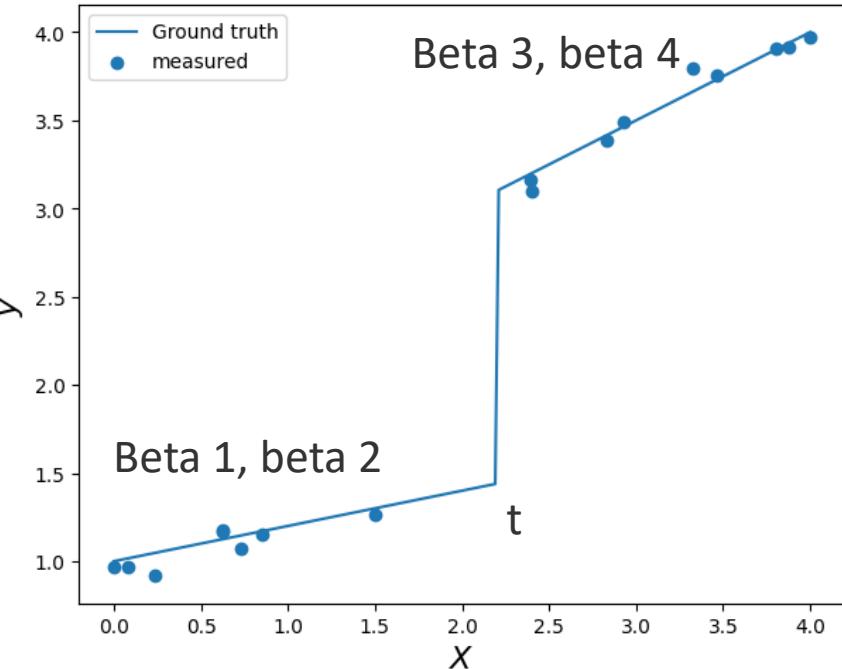
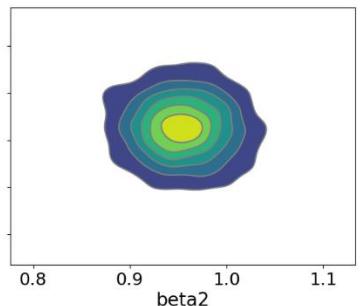
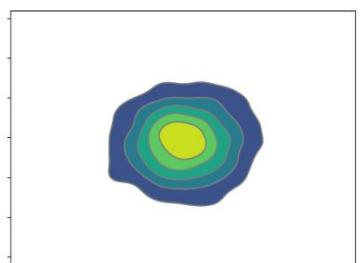
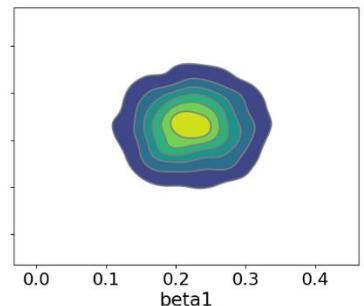
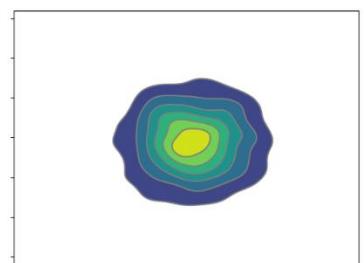
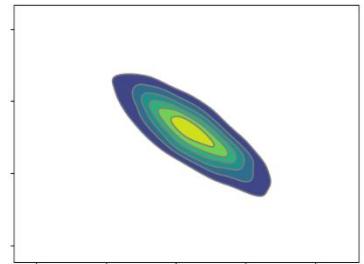
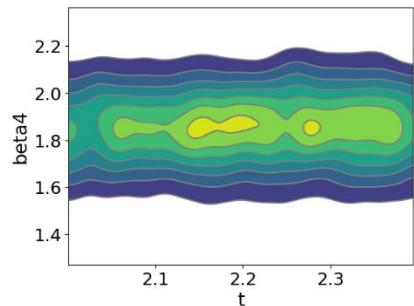
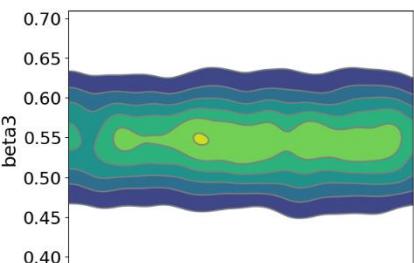
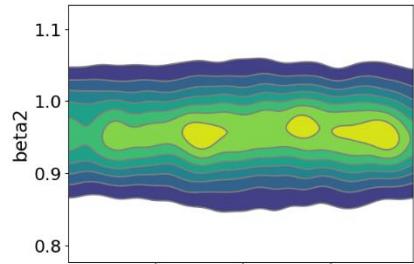
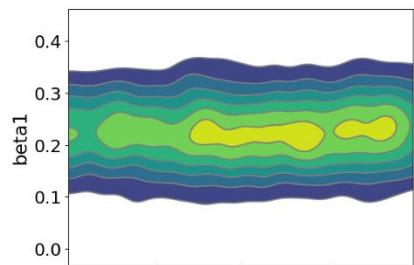
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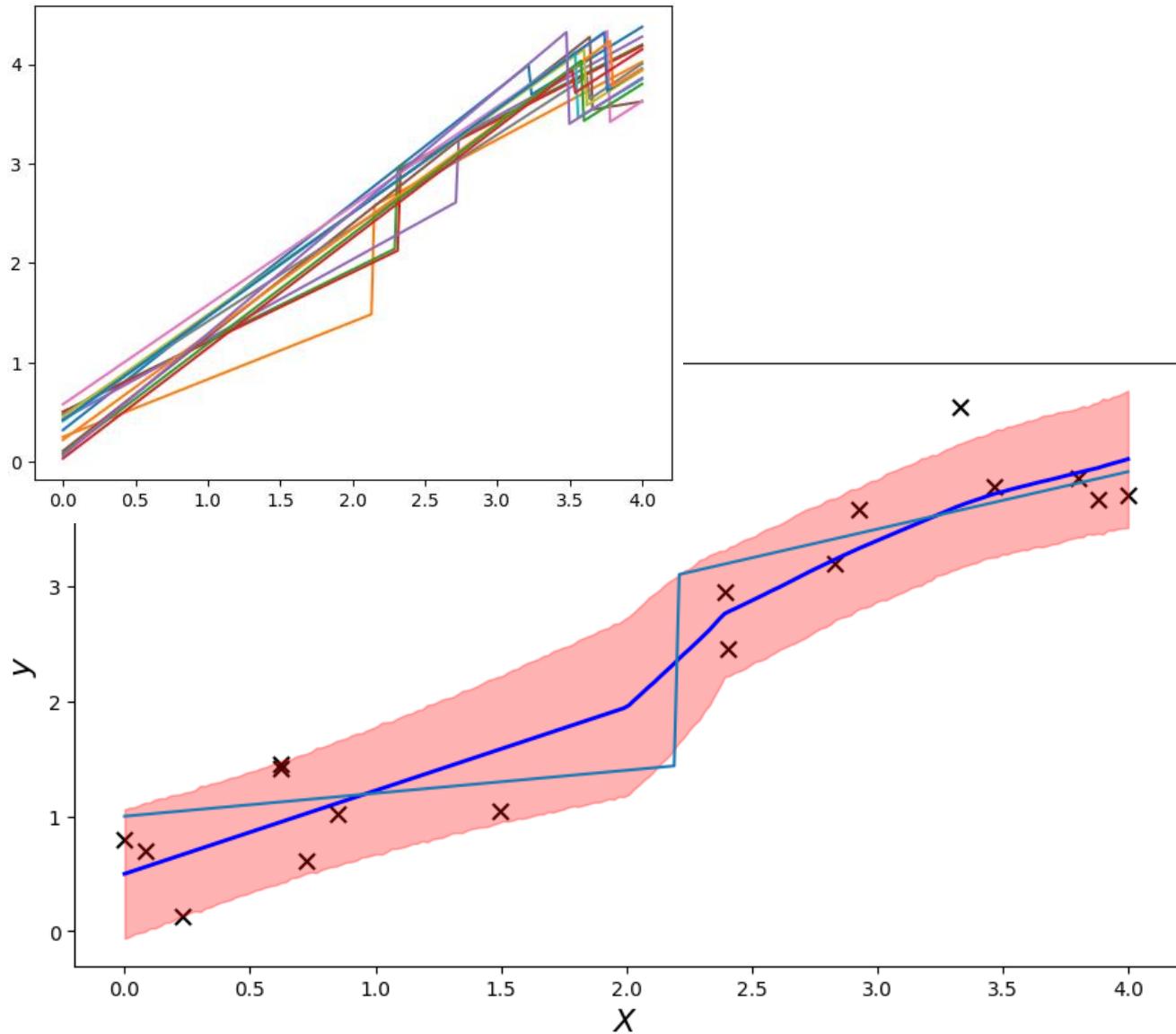
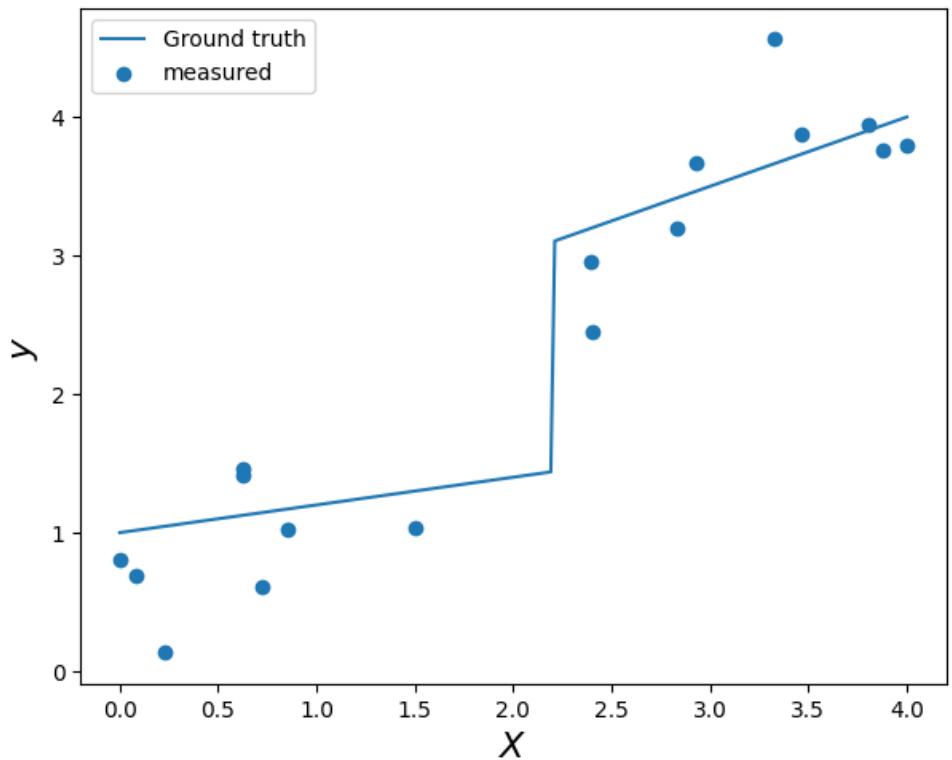
Bayesian inference:

- Priors on parameter values
- Sampling values or mean functions
- Predictive mean and uncertainty
- Posteriors on parameter values

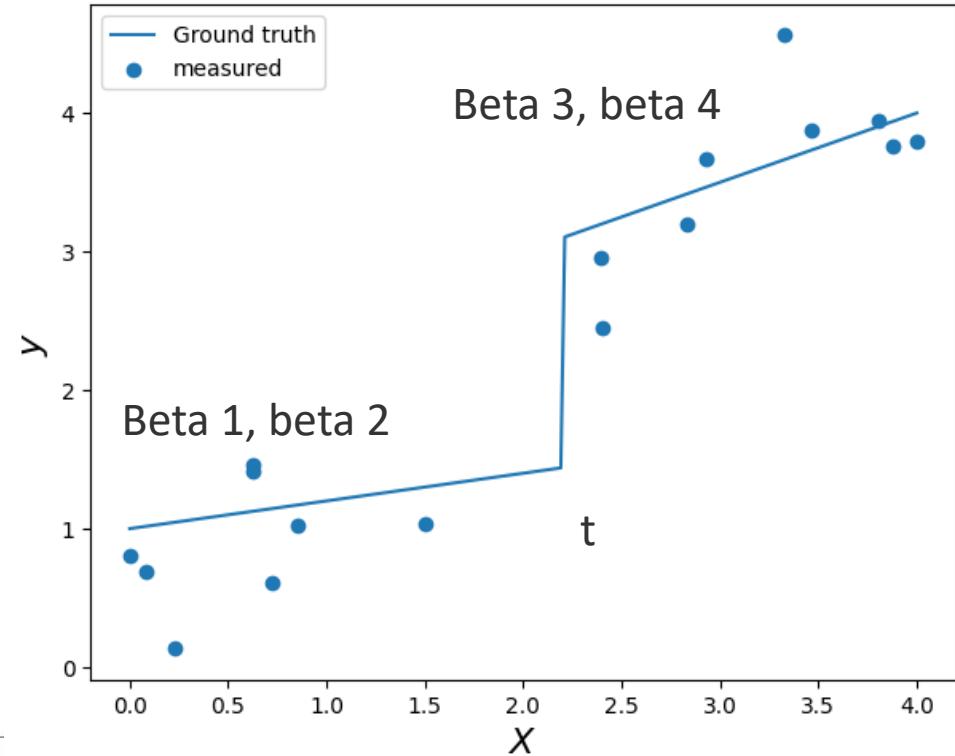
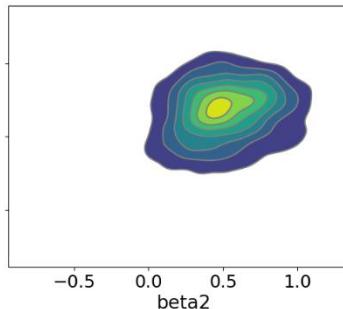
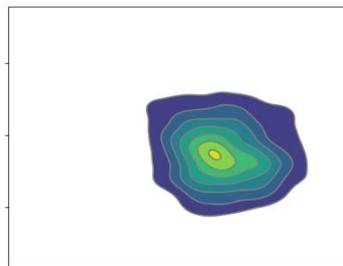
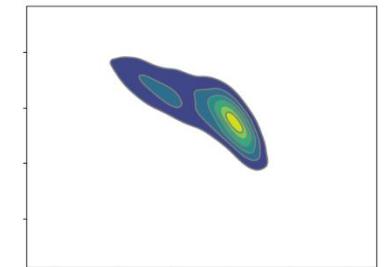
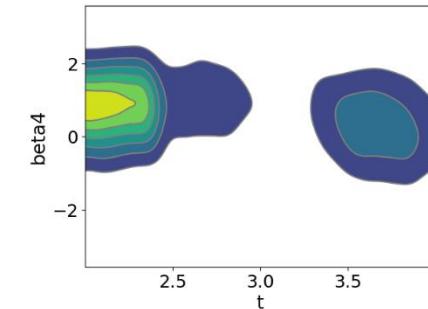
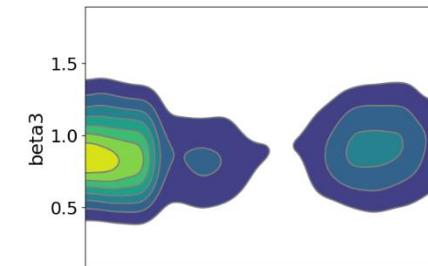
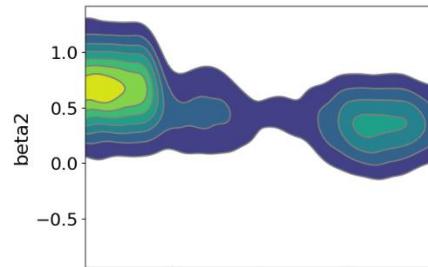
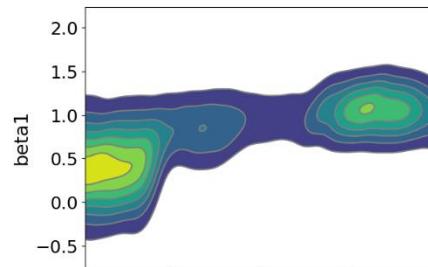
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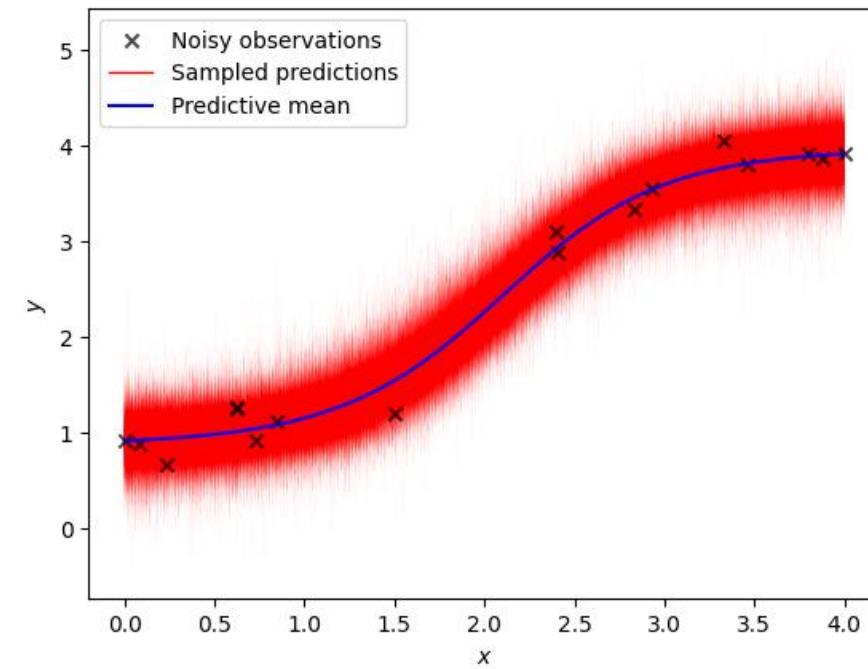
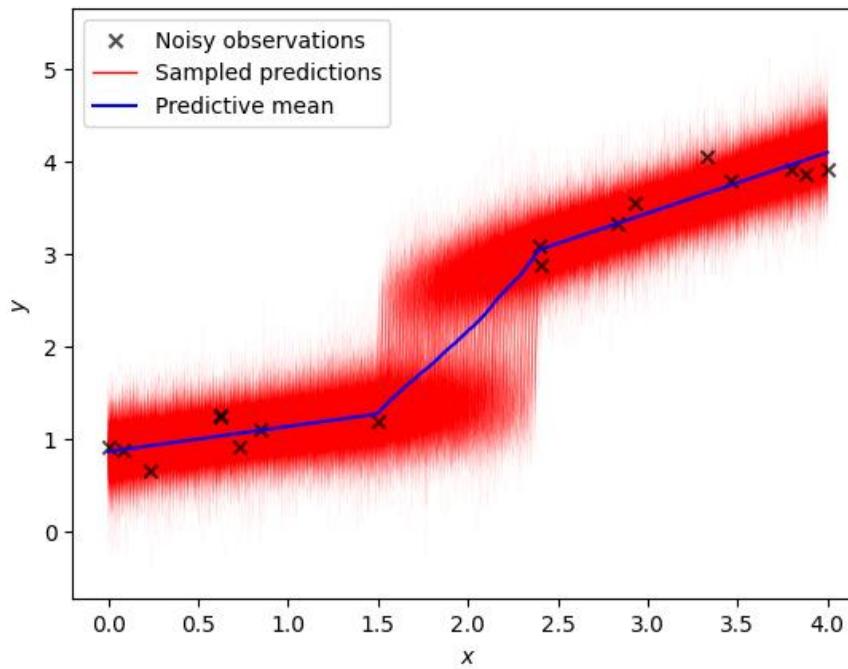
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Bayesian Inference



Comparison of models: WAIC



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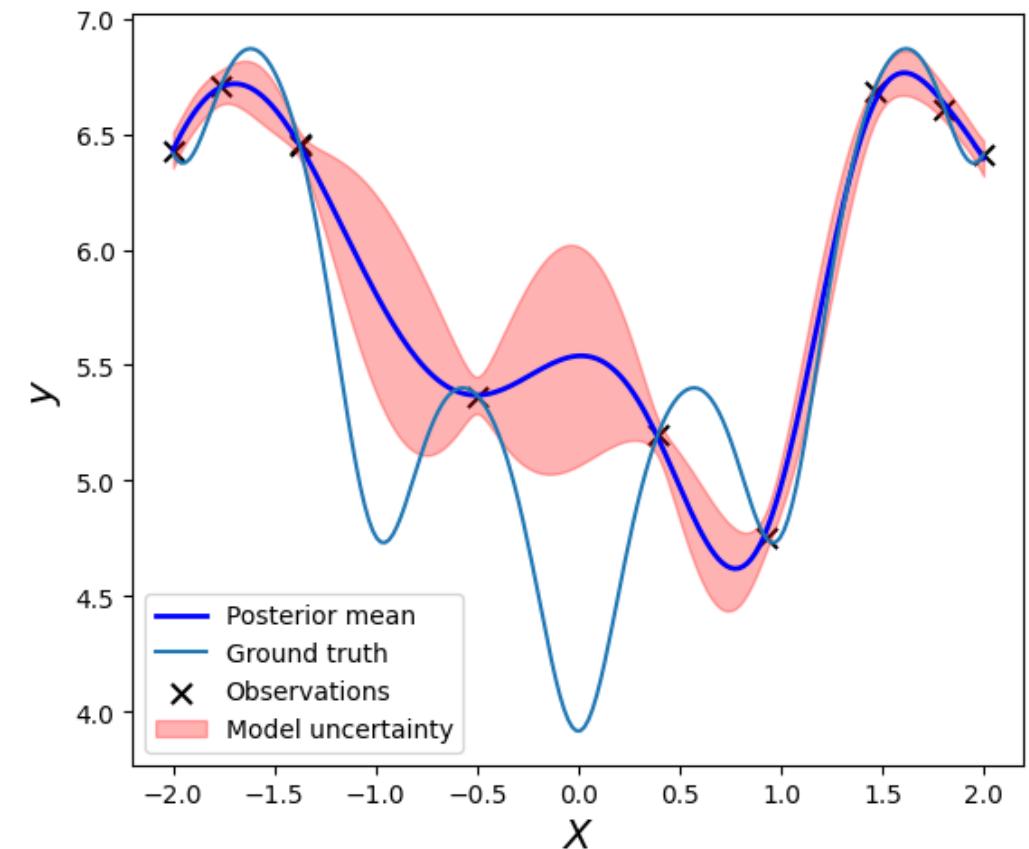
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Automated Experiment: ... as a scientist...

Bayesian optimization:

1. Works only in low-dimensional spaces
2. The correlations are defined by the kernel function (very limiting)
3. We do not use any knowledge about physics of the system
4. We do not use cheap information available during the experiment (proxies)

- Classical Bayesian Optimization is useful for microscope tuning and imaging optimization, but almost useless for exploration in image plane
- Limited to low D: we need Deep Kernel Learning for Structure-Property relationship discovery
- No physics priors: we need structured Gaussian Processes to learn physics



GP Augmented with Structural model

Define a probabilistic model:

$$\mathbf{y} \sim MVNormal(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{K})$$

$$K_{ij} = \sigma^2 \exp(0.5(x_i - x_j)^2 / l^2)$$

$$\sigma \sim LogNormal(0, s_1)$$

$$l \sim LogNormal(0, s_2)$$

- We substitute a constant GP prior mean function \mathbf{m} with a structured probabilistic model of the expected behavior.
- This probabilistic model reflects our prior knowledge about the system, but it does not have to be precise.
- The model parameters are inferred together with the kernel parameters via the Hamiltonian Monte Carlo.
- The fully Bayesian treatment of the model allows additional control over the optimization via the selection of priors for the model parameters.

Prediction on new data X_* :

$$\mathbf{f}_*^i \sim MVNormal\left(\mu_{\boldsymbol{\theta}^i}^{\text{post}}, \Sigma_{\boldsymbol{\theta}^i}^{\text{post}}\right)$$

replaced with

$$\mu_{\boldsymbol{\theta}^i}^{\text{post}} = \mathbf{m}(X_*) + \mathbf{K}(X_*, X | \boldsymbol{\theta}^i) \mathbf{K}(X, X | \boldsymbol{\theta}^i)^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{m}(X)) \rightarrow \mu_{\Omega^i}^{\text{post}} = \mathbf{m}(X_* | \phi^i) + \mathbf{K}(X_*, X | \boldsymbol{\theta}^i) \mathbf{K}(X, X | \boldsymbol{\theta}^i)^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{m}(X | \phi^i))$$

$$\Sigma_{\boldsymbol{\theta}^i}^{\text{post}} = \mathbf{K}(X_*, X_* | \boldsymbol{\theta}^i) - \mathbf{K}(X_*, X | \boldsymbol{\theta}^i) \mathbf{K}(X, X | \boldsymbol{\theta}^i)^{-1} \mathbf{K}(X, X_* | \boldsymbol{\theta}^i)$$

$\Omega^i = \{\phi^i, \boldsymbol{\theta}^i\}$ is a single HMC posterior sample with the kernel and prob model parameters

GP Augmented with Structural Model

Standard Gaussian process aims to discover function based on learned correlations (kernel)

Probabilistic model

$$m = y_0 - \sum_{n=1}^N L_n \quad (N=2)$$

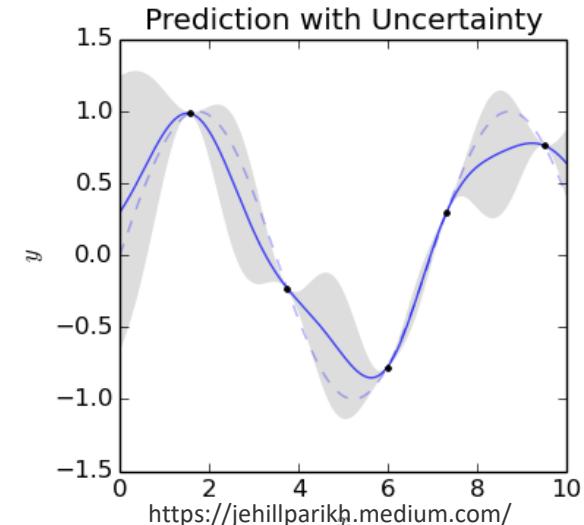
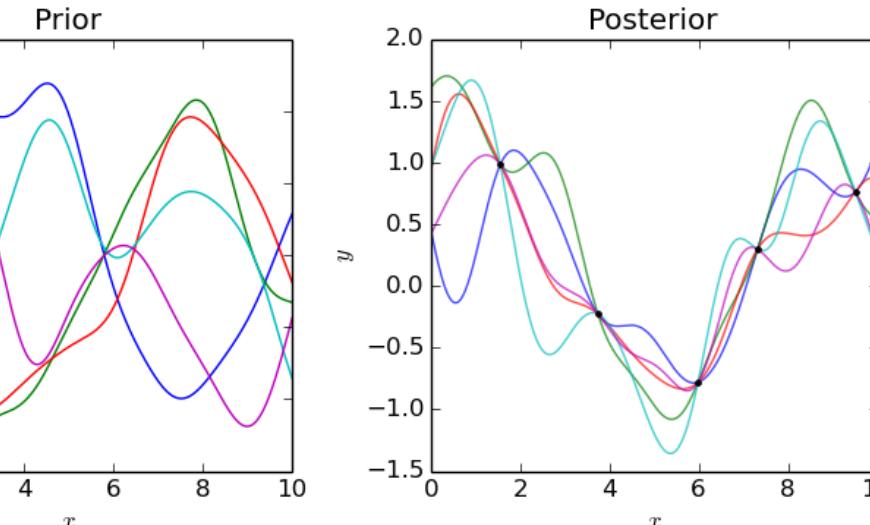
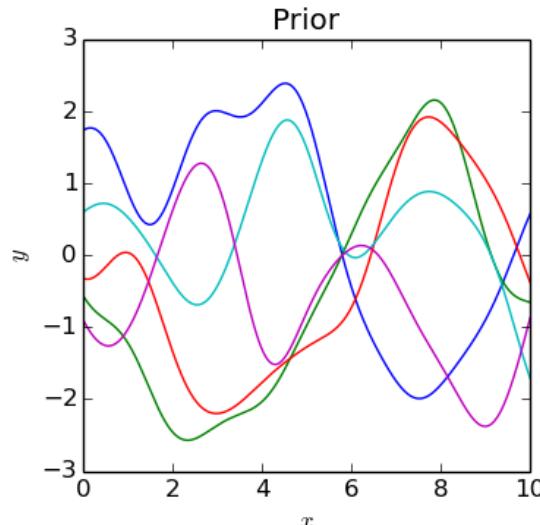
$$y_0 \sim Uniform(-10, 10)$$

$$L_n \sim \frac{A_n}{\sqrt{(x-x_n^0)^2+w_n^2}}$$

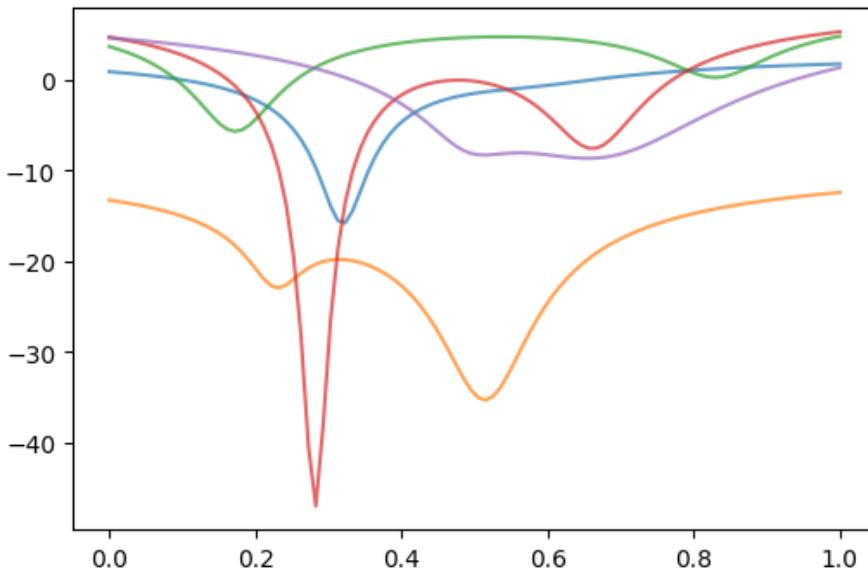
$$A_n \sim LogNormal(0, 1)$$

$$w_n \sim HalfNormal(.1)$$

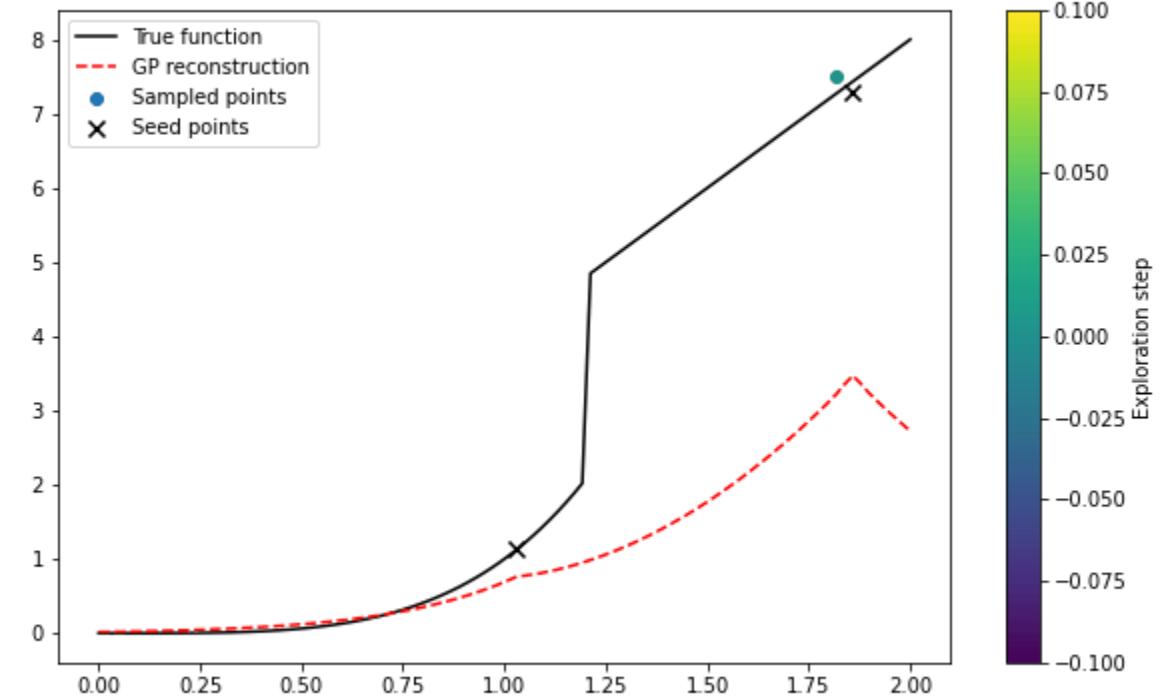
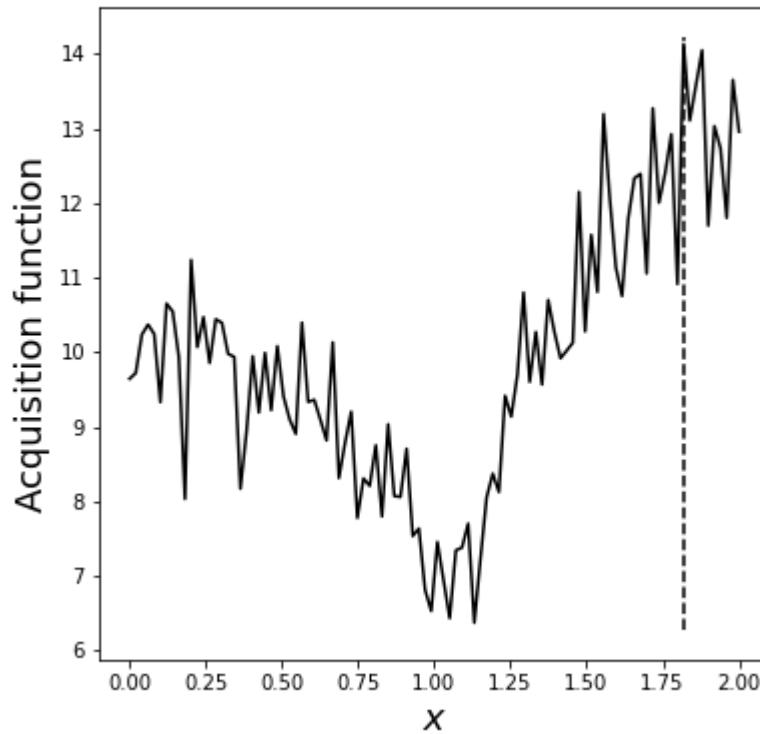
$$x_n^0 \sim Uniform(0, 1)$$



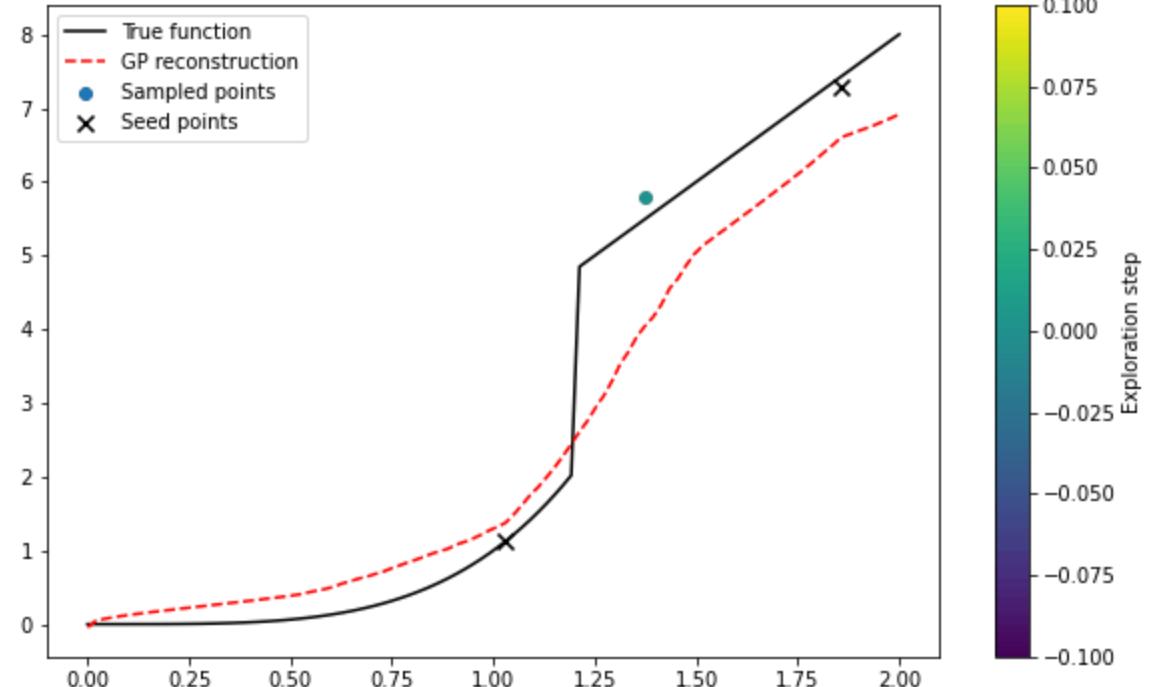
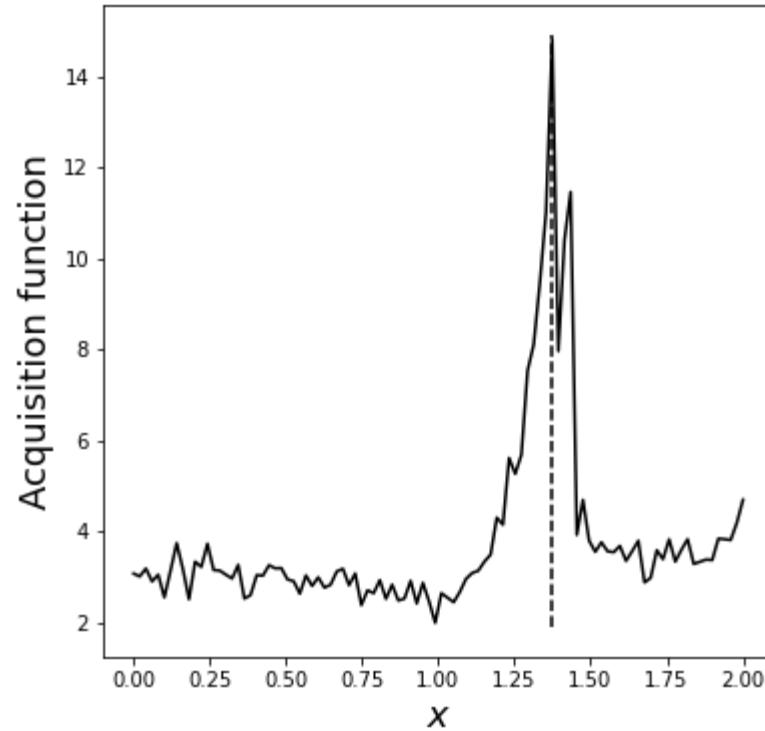
This model simply tells us that there are two minima in our data but does not assume to have any prior knowledge about their relative depth, width, or distance



Simple GP search



Structured GP search

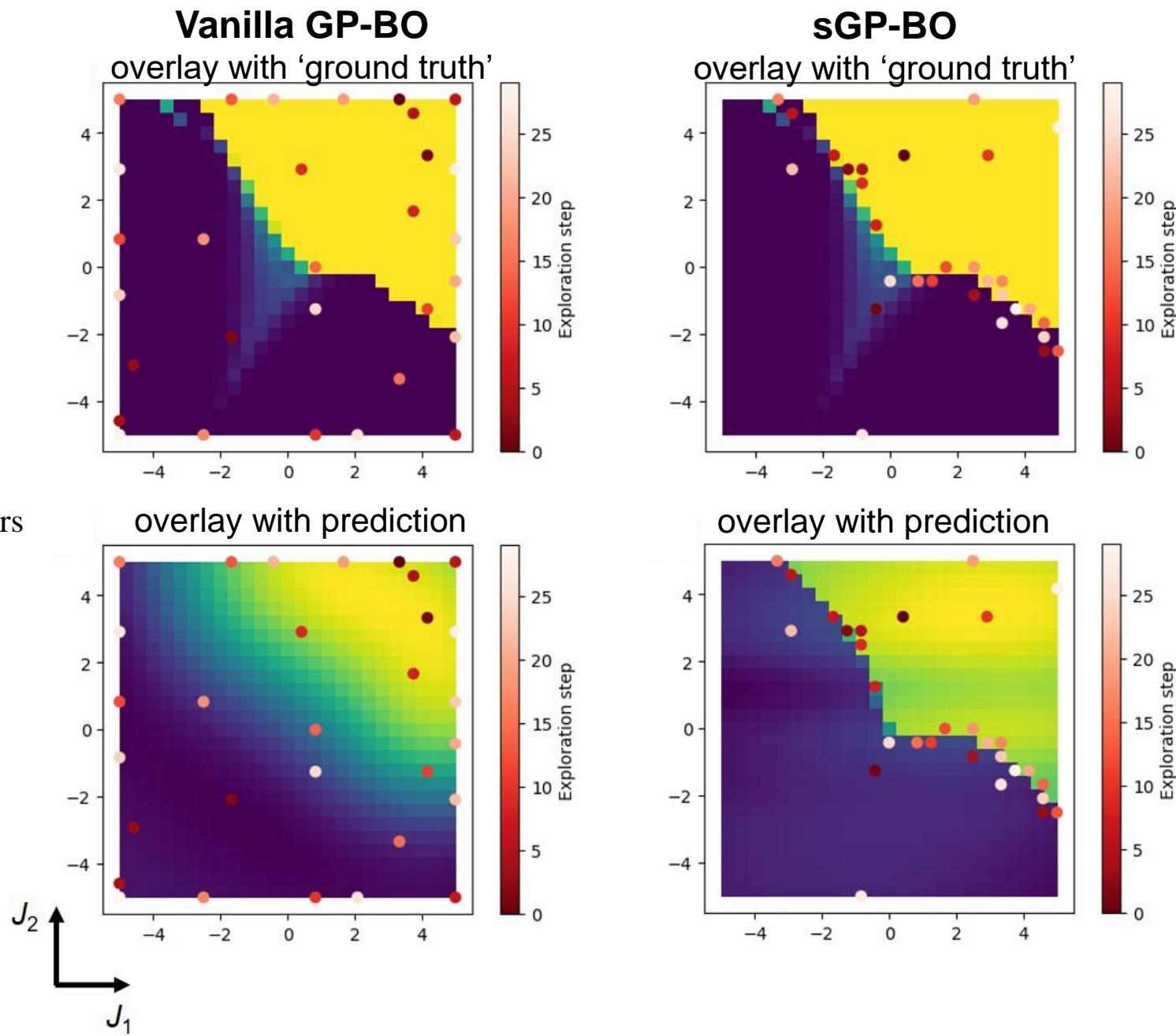


Application to Ising model

Probabilistic model

$$A/\tanh\left(\frac{f(J_1)+f(J_2)}{w}\right)$$

where $f(J)$ is a third-degree polynomial with normal priors on its parameters

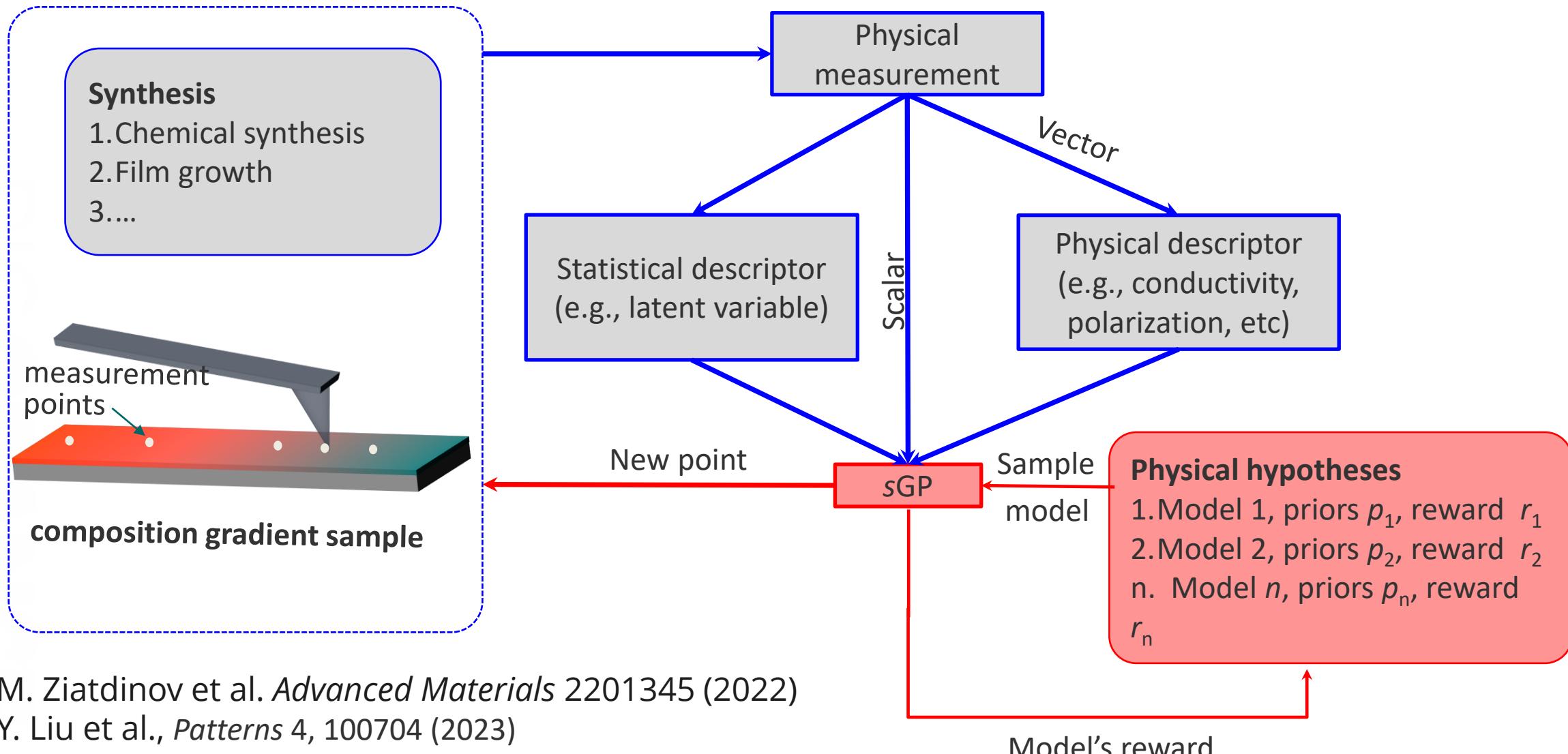


Colab

Hypothesis Active Learning

Co-navigation of experimental and hypothesis spaces

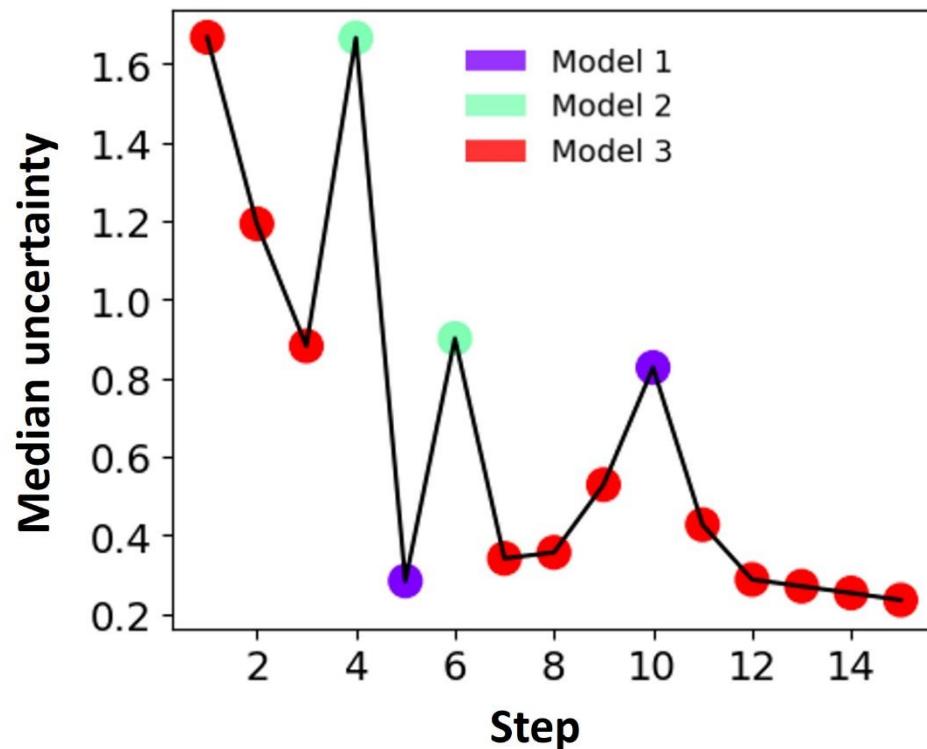
Goal: Learn (1) physical property distribution and (2) a correct model of system's behavior



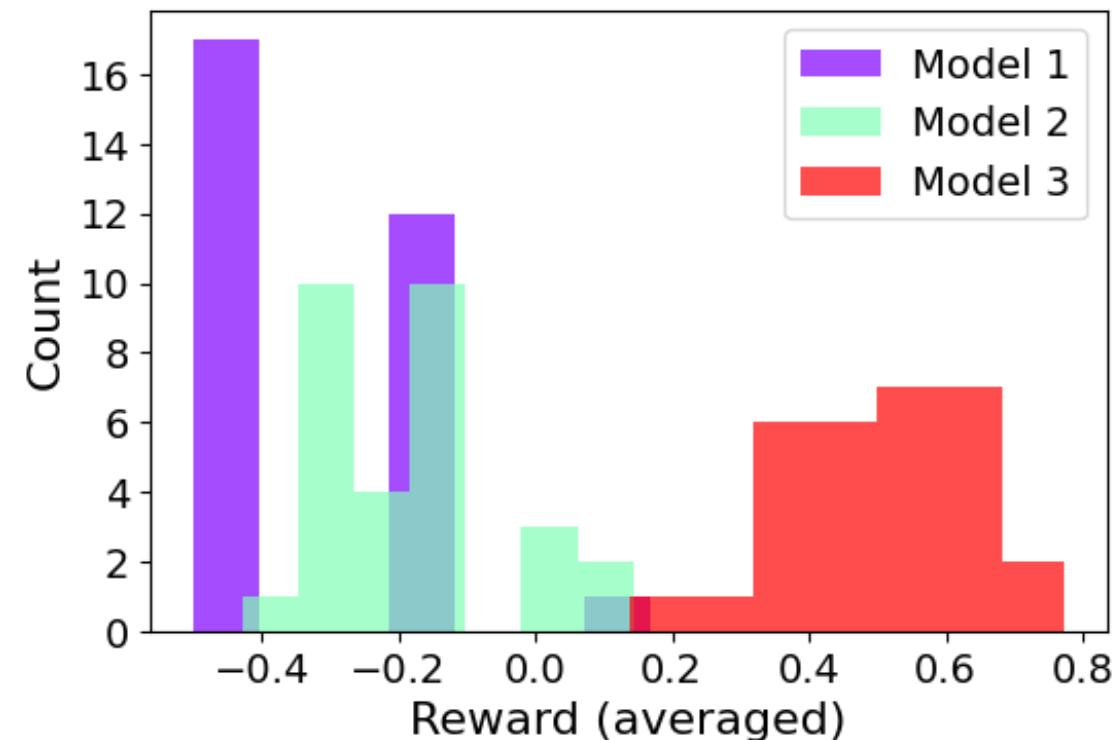
Hypothesis Learning: Synthetic data

Synthetic data represents a 1D discontinuous phase transition

Evolution of uncertainty for a single seed

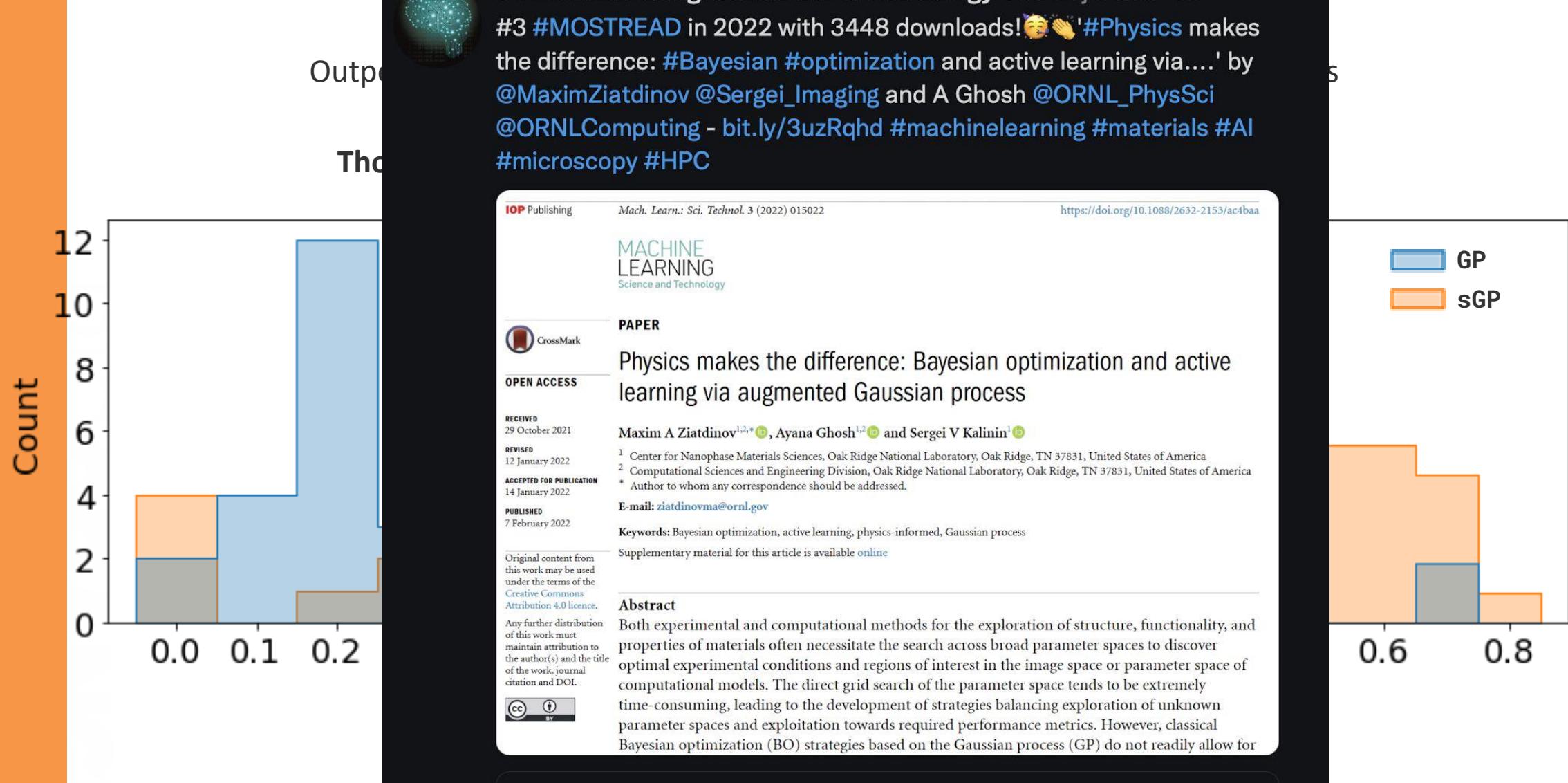


Results for 30 random seeds



The hypothesis learning learns a correct data distribution with a small number of sparse measurements while also identifying a correct model that describes the system's behavior

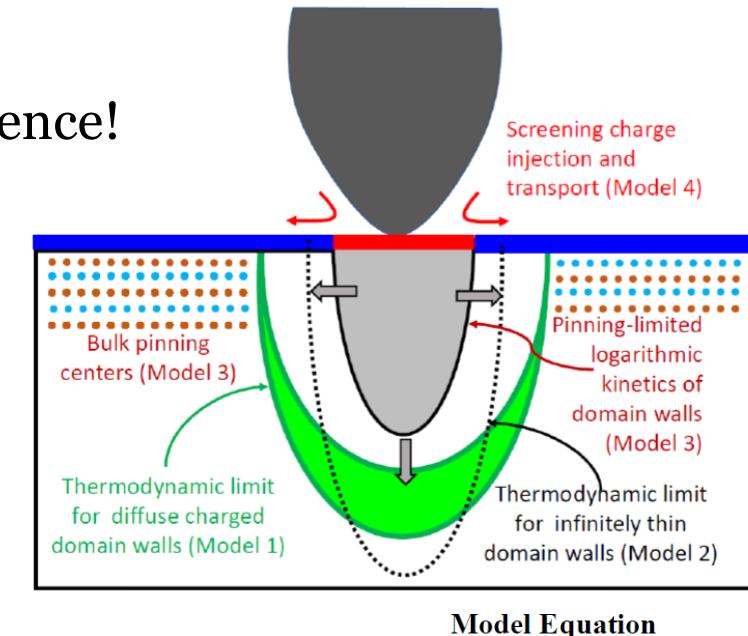
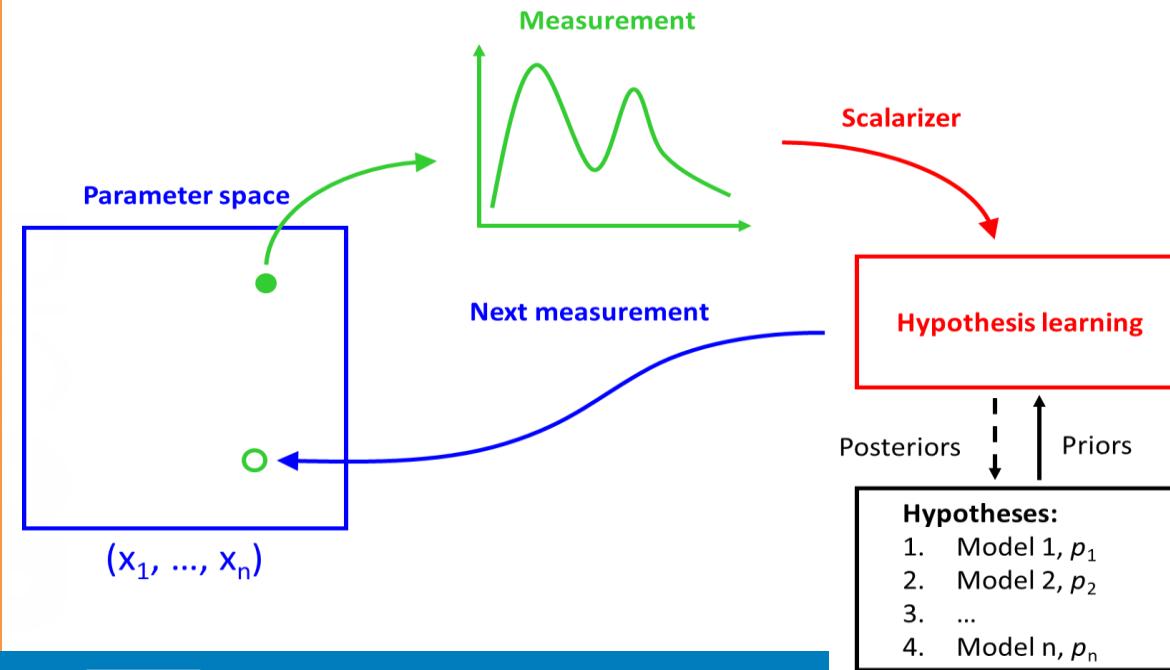
Outperforms GP on classical ML tasks



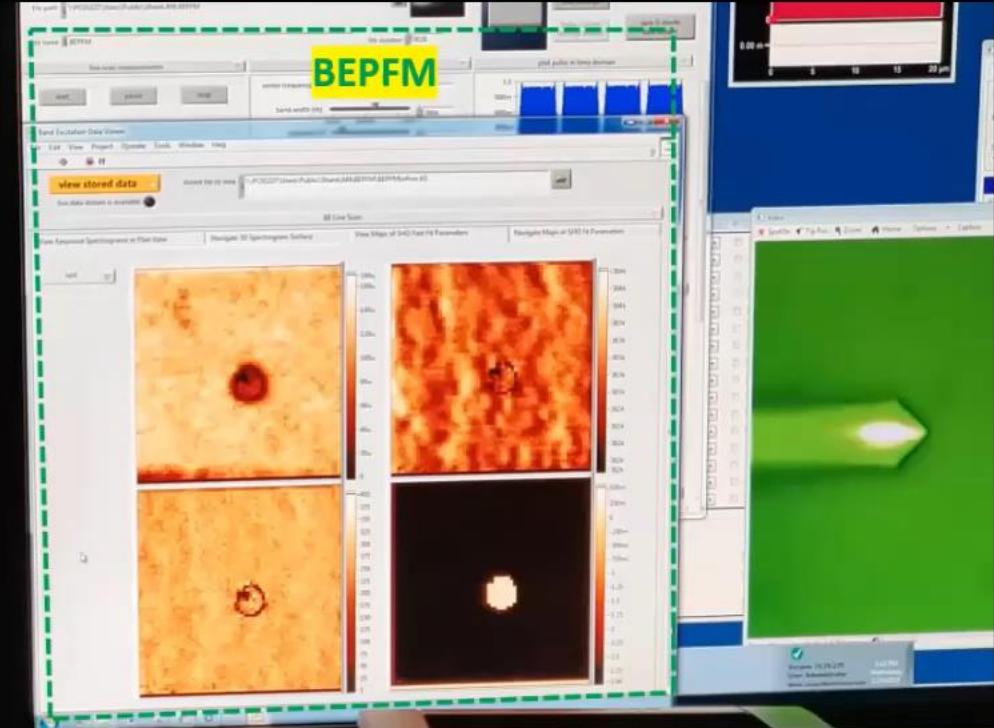
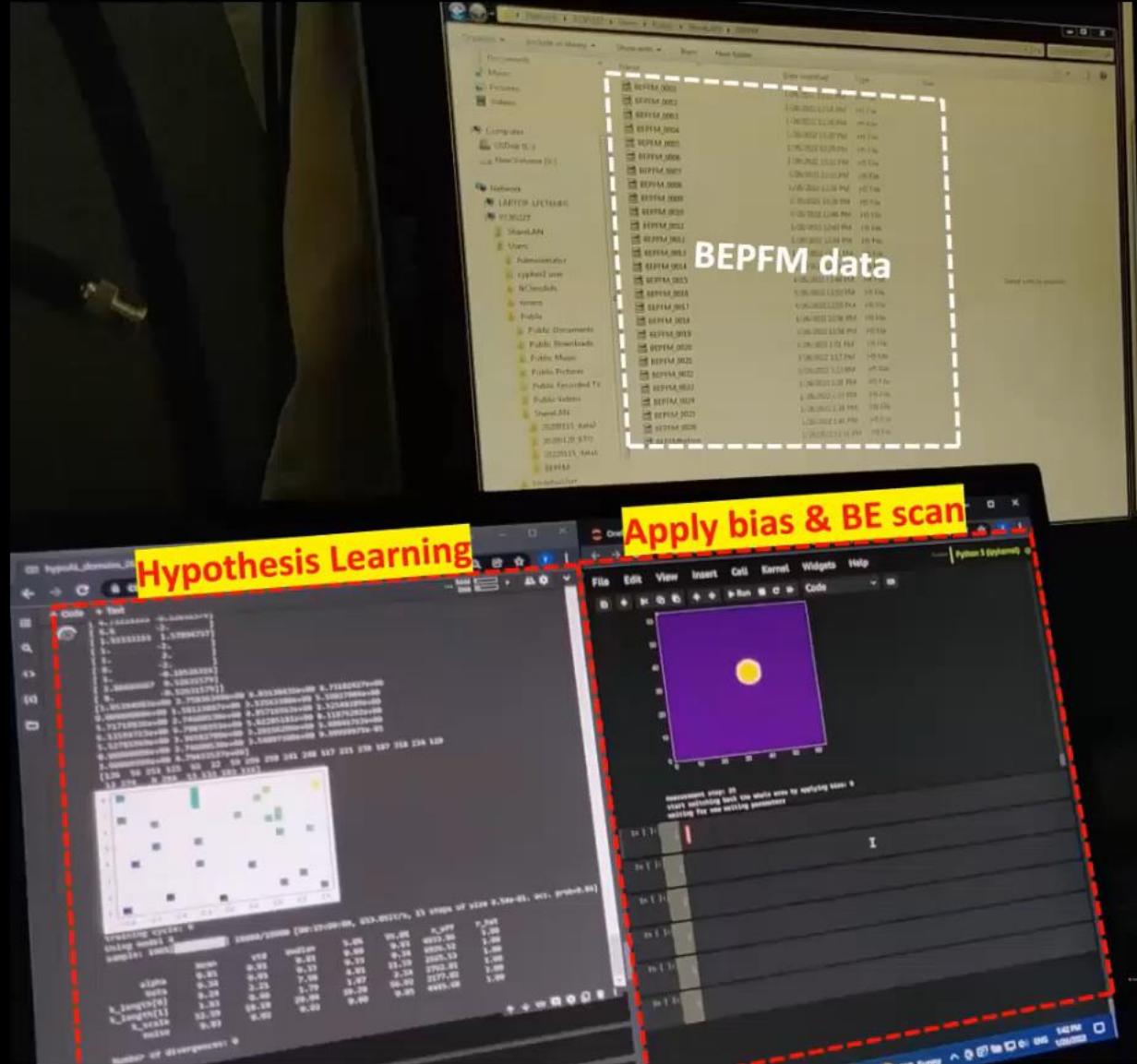
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Hypothesis Learning

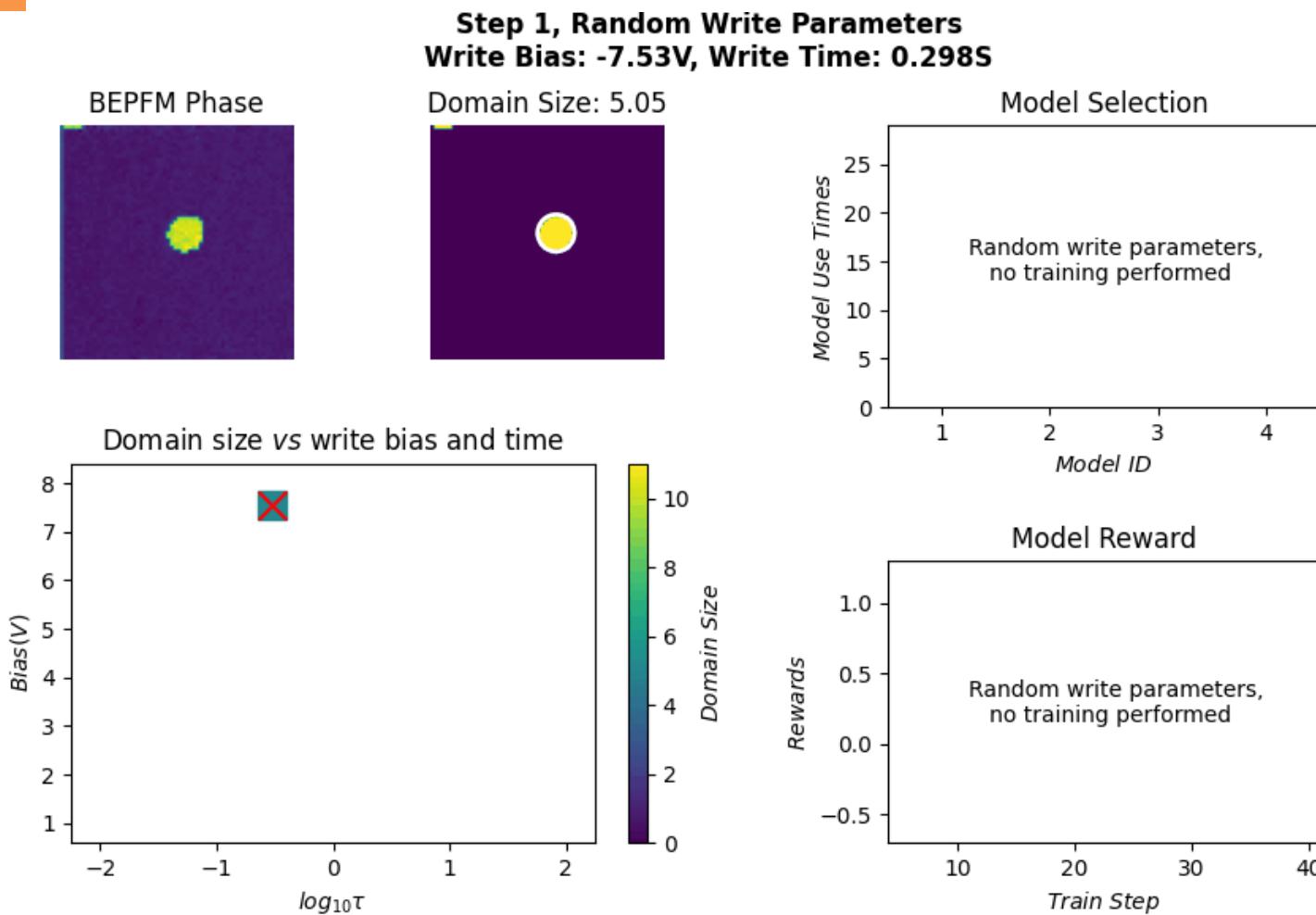
- Can ML algorithm think like a scientist?
- Yes – automated experiment can pursue hypothesis-driven science!



Model Equation	
Thermodynamic 1	Model I
	$r(V) = r_{cr} + r_0 \sqrt{\left(\frac{V}{V_c}\right)^{2/3} - 1}$
Thermodynamic 2	Model II
	$r(V) = r_{cr} + r_0 \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{V}{V_c}\right)^2 - 1}$
Wall pinning	Model III
	$r(V, t) = V^\alpha \log \tau$
Charge injection	Model IV
	$r(V, t) = V^\alpha \tau^\beta$



Hypothesis learning in action



- ML algorithm has 4 competing hypothesis on domain switching mechanisms
- These hypothesis represent full set of possibilities for this system
- The microscope chooses experimental parameters in such a way as to establish which hypothesis is correct fastest
- Important: the same approach can be implemented in synthesis and electrical characterization
- Machine learning meets hypothesis-driven scientific discovery!

Combinatorial Synthesis

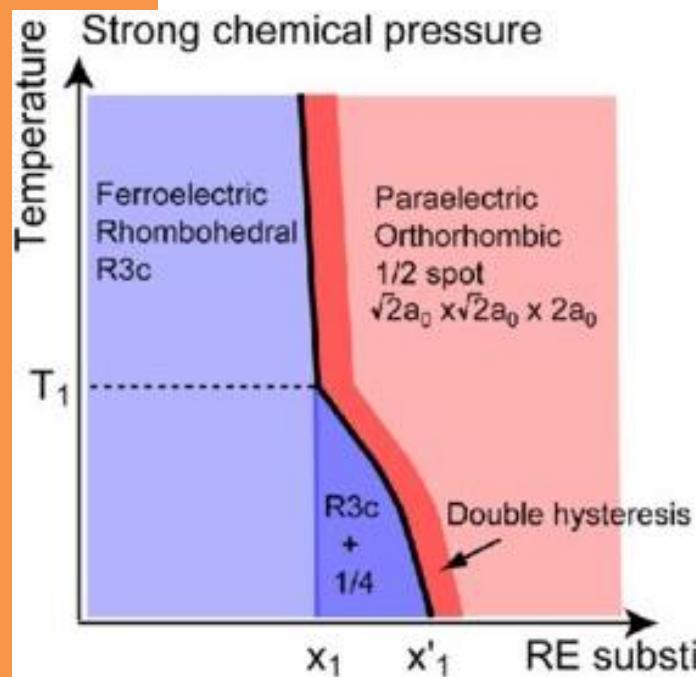
ADVANCED MATERIALS

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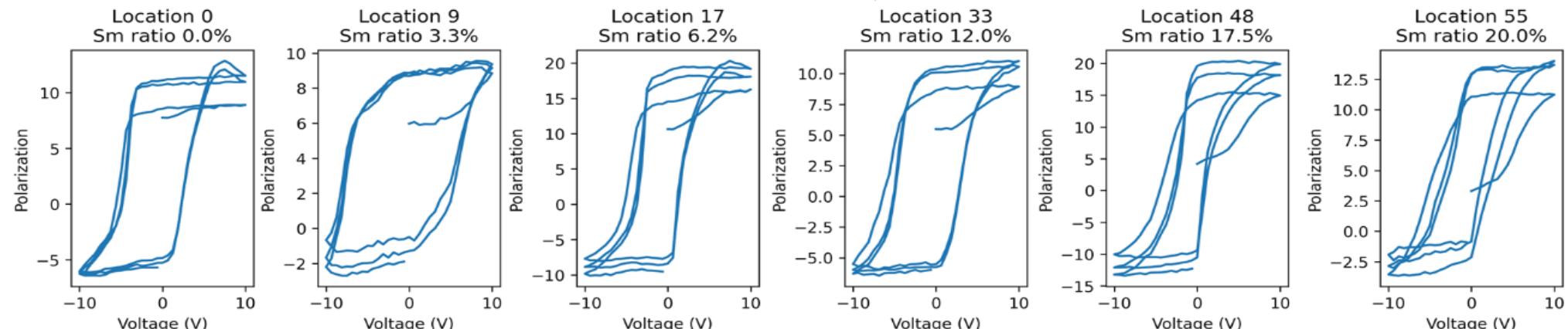
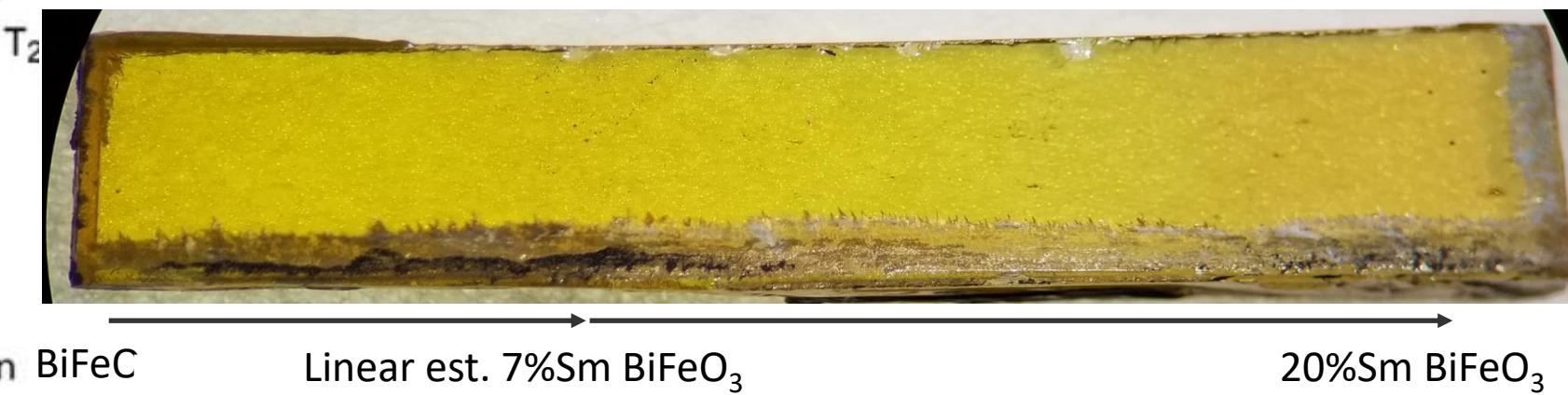
Hypothesis Learning in Automated Experiment: Application to Combinatorial Materials Libraries

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Phase diagram by N. Valanoor et al.



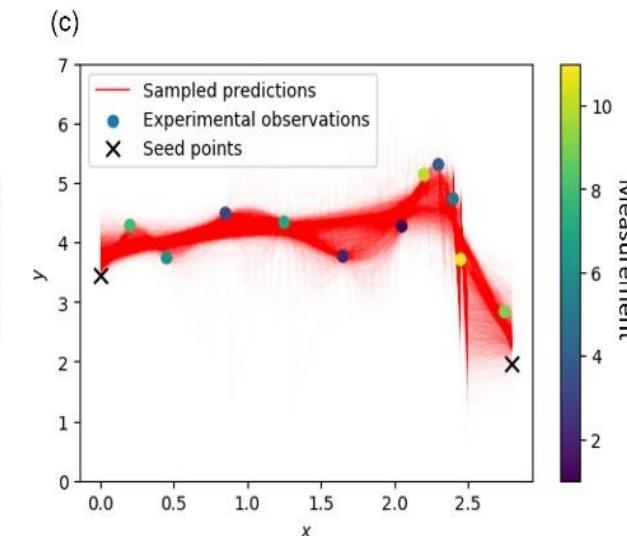
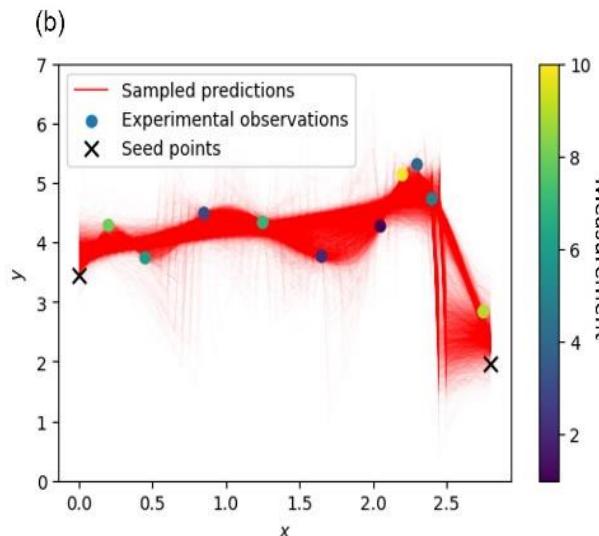
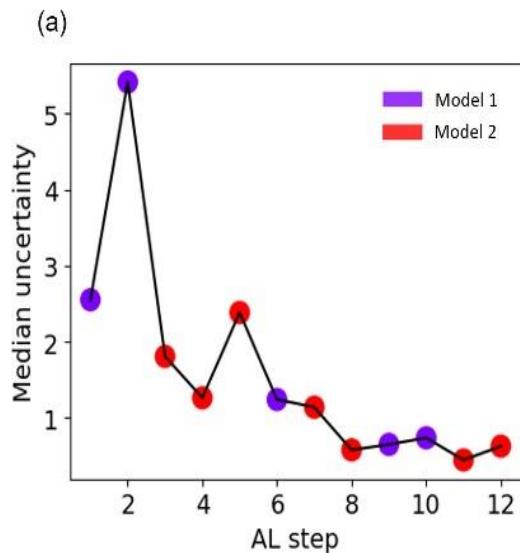
Hypothesis Selection for Ferroelectric

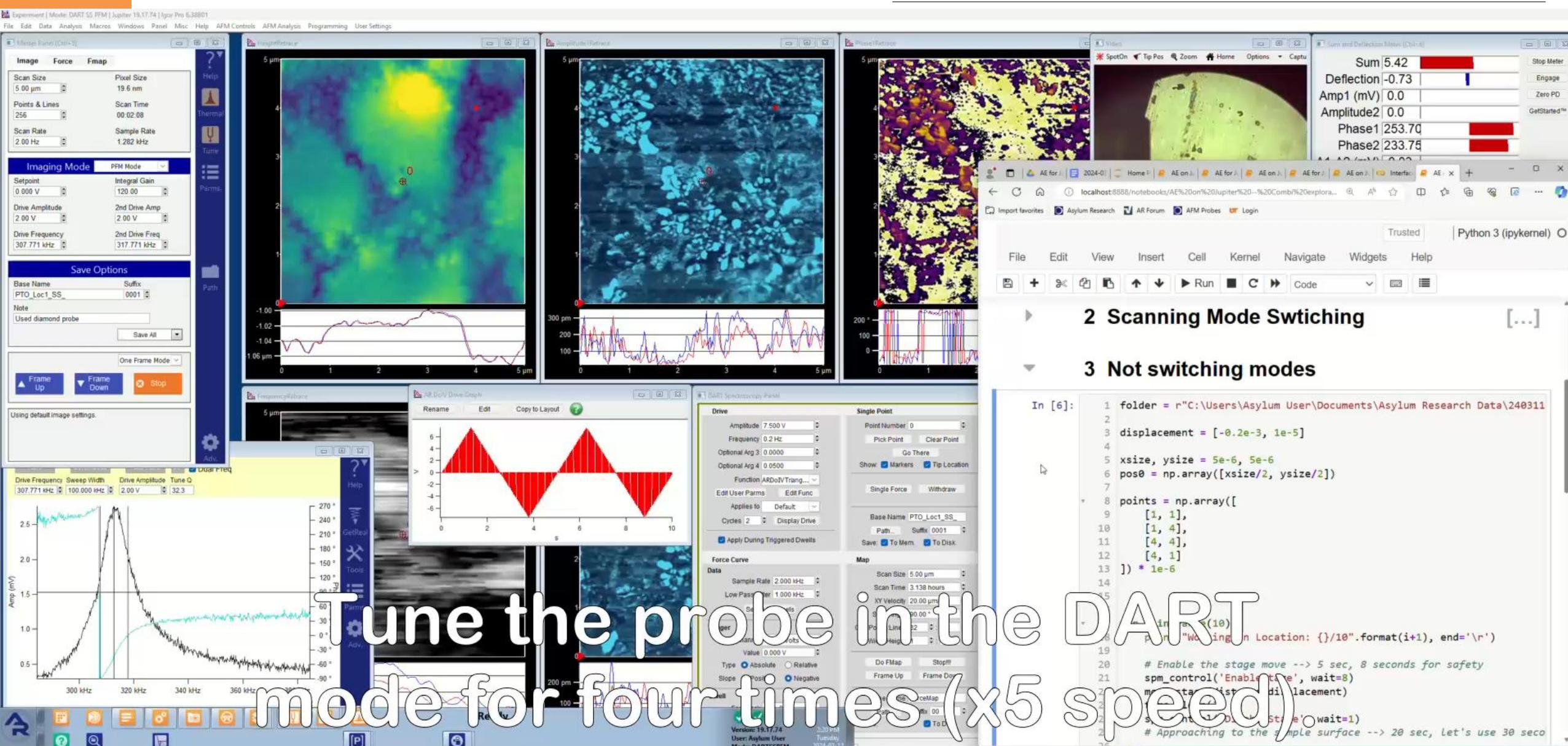
Model 1 (second order phase transition):

$$S = \begin{cases} S_0 \left(1 - \frac{x}{x_0}\right)^2 + C, & x \leq x_c, \\ C, & x > x_c \end{cases}$$

Model 2 (first order phase transition):

$$S = \begin{cases} S_0 \left(1 - \frac{x}{x_0}\right)^{\frac{5}{4}} + C_0, & x \leq x_c, \\ C_1, & x > x_c \end{cases}$$





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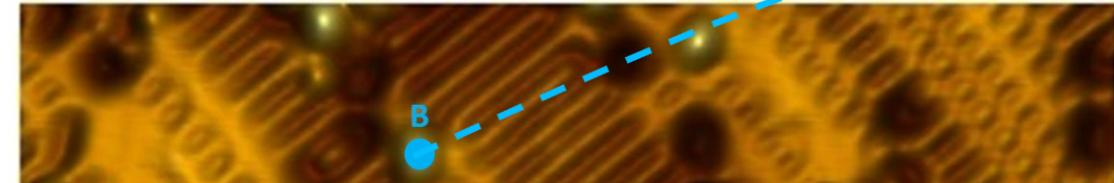
Deep Kernel Learning

Two modes of operations

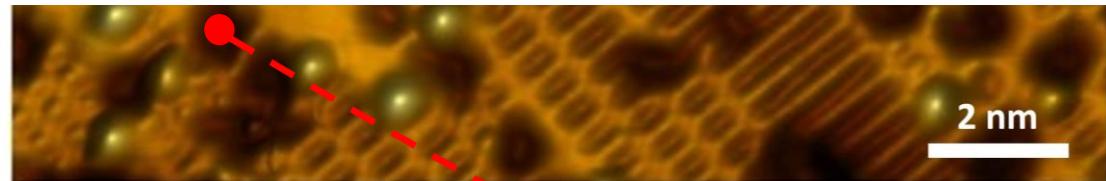
Structural imaging (**Cheap**)

Topography in STM, amplitude/phase in SPM, (HA)ADF-image in STEM, etc.

These are FAST measurements
(from seconds to minutes)



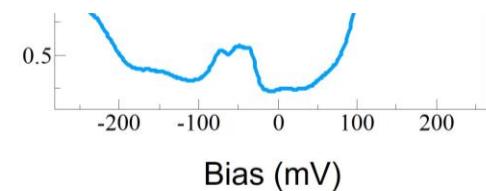
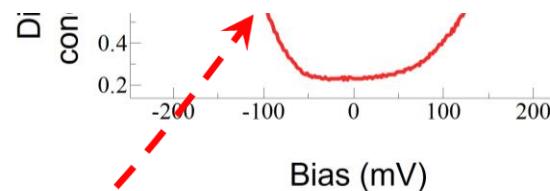
**Can we use structural information to guide functional measurements
and in the process learn structure-property relationships?**



Functional imaging (**Costly**)

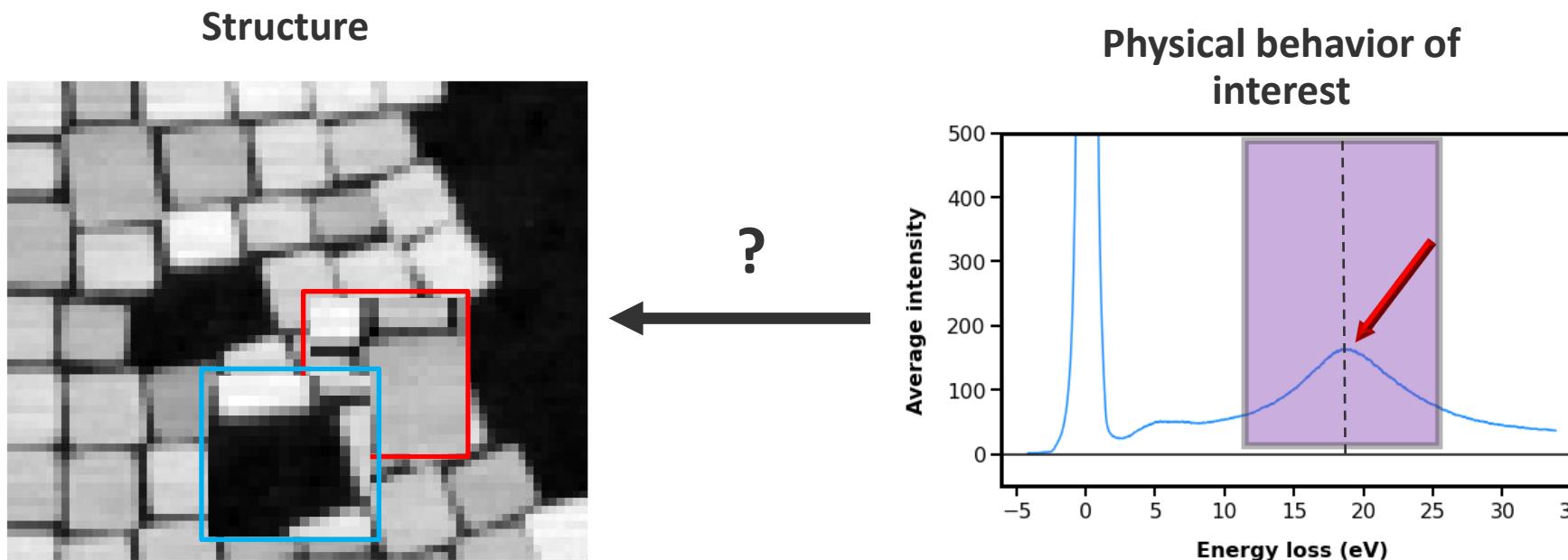
Scanning tunneling spectroscopy (STS), polarization loops in SPM, EELS in STEM, etc.

These are SLOW and/or DESTRUCTIVE measurements
(from minutes to days)



Physics discovery in active experiments

- Suppose we know what physical behavior/property we are interested in (superconductivity, ferroelectric switching, plasmonic modes, etc.)
- This behavior is encoded in spectra that we can measure everywhere in the sample (size of superconducting gap, polarization loop area, peak intensity, etc.)
- We want to identify (local) structural features where this behavior is maximized/minimized
- We want to achieve this with as few measurements as possible (**< 5% of the entire grid**)



Deep Kernel Learning: Step 1

Full image Image patches

A1

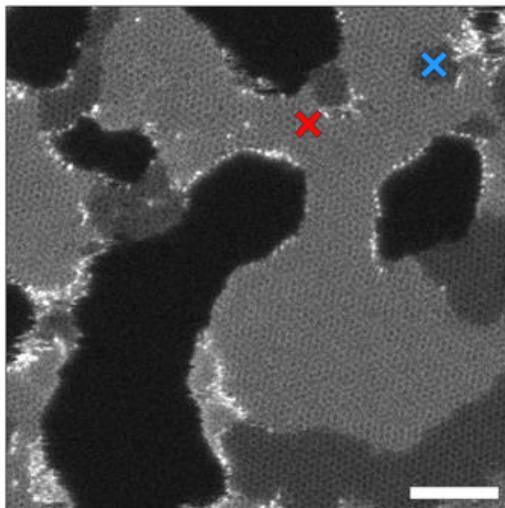
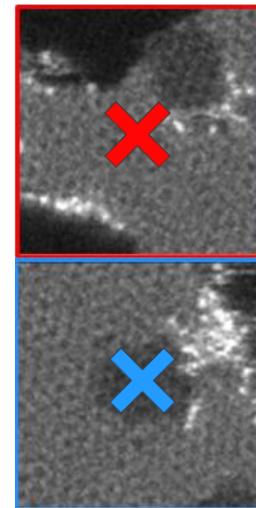
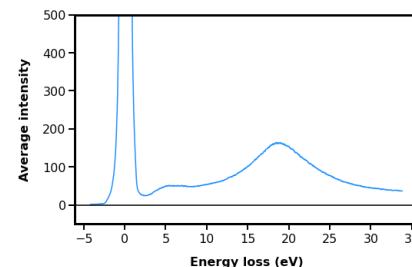


Image patches

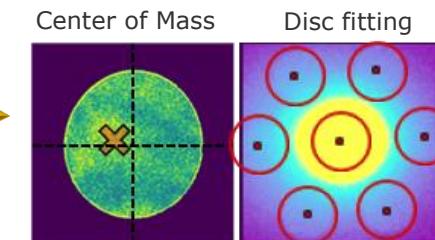
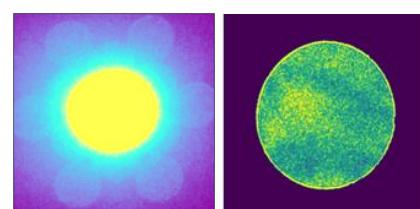
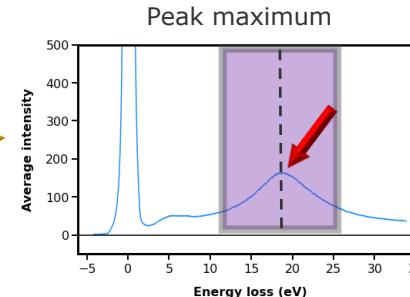


A2

Measurement (1D or 2D)



Scalar target



A1

Scan a large FOV & featurize it

A2

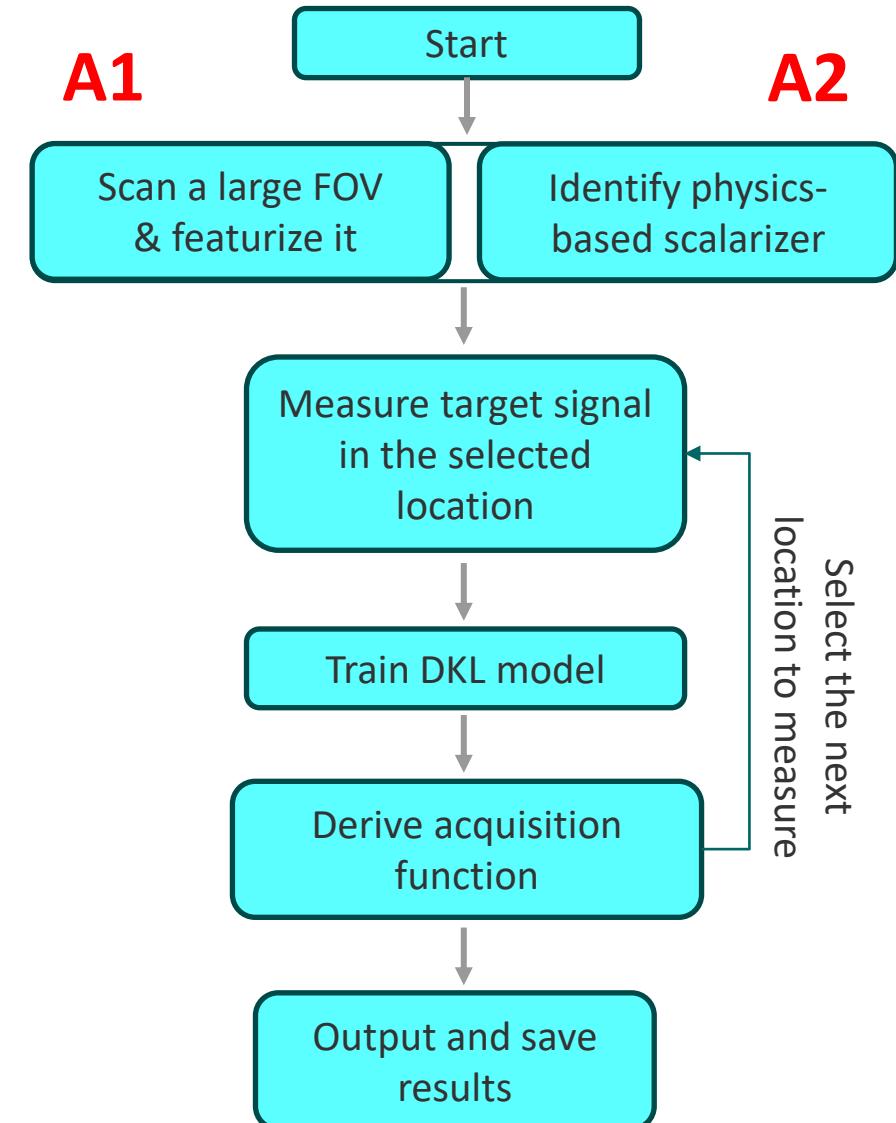
Identify physics-based scalarizer

Measure target signal in the selected location

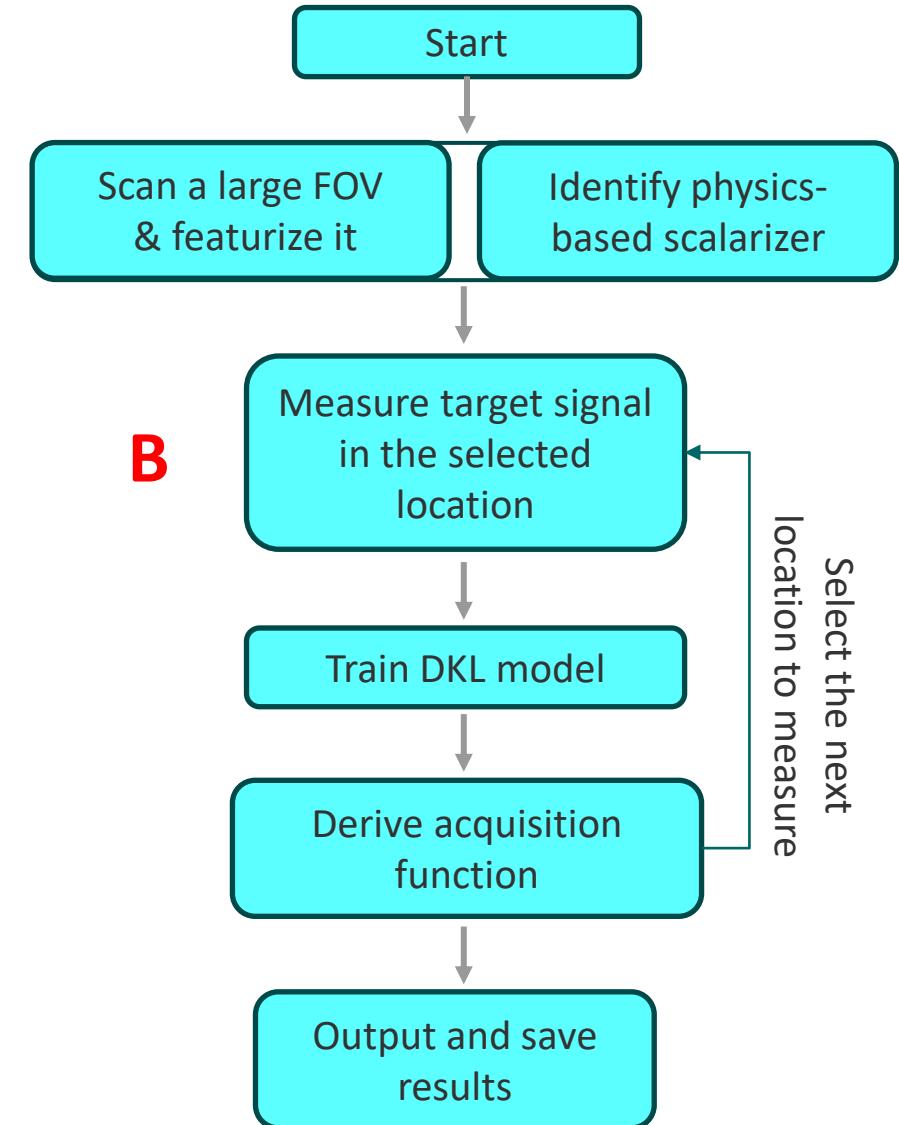
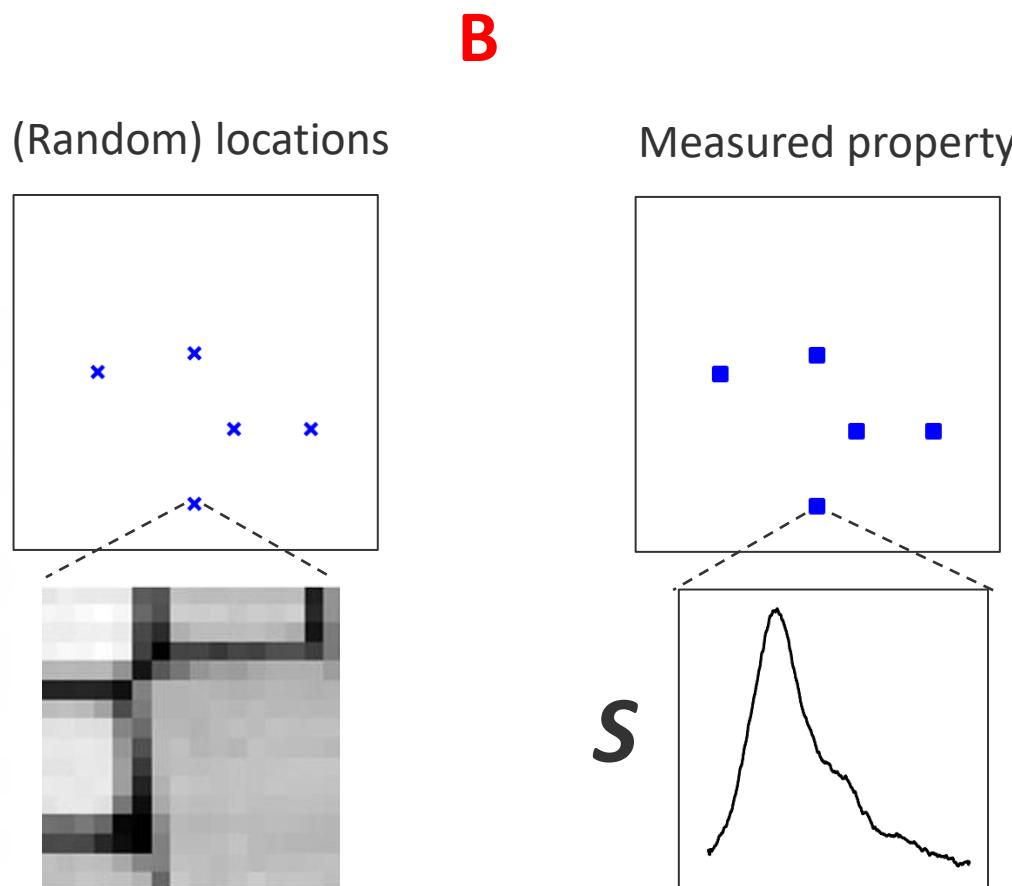
Train DKL model

Derive acquisition function

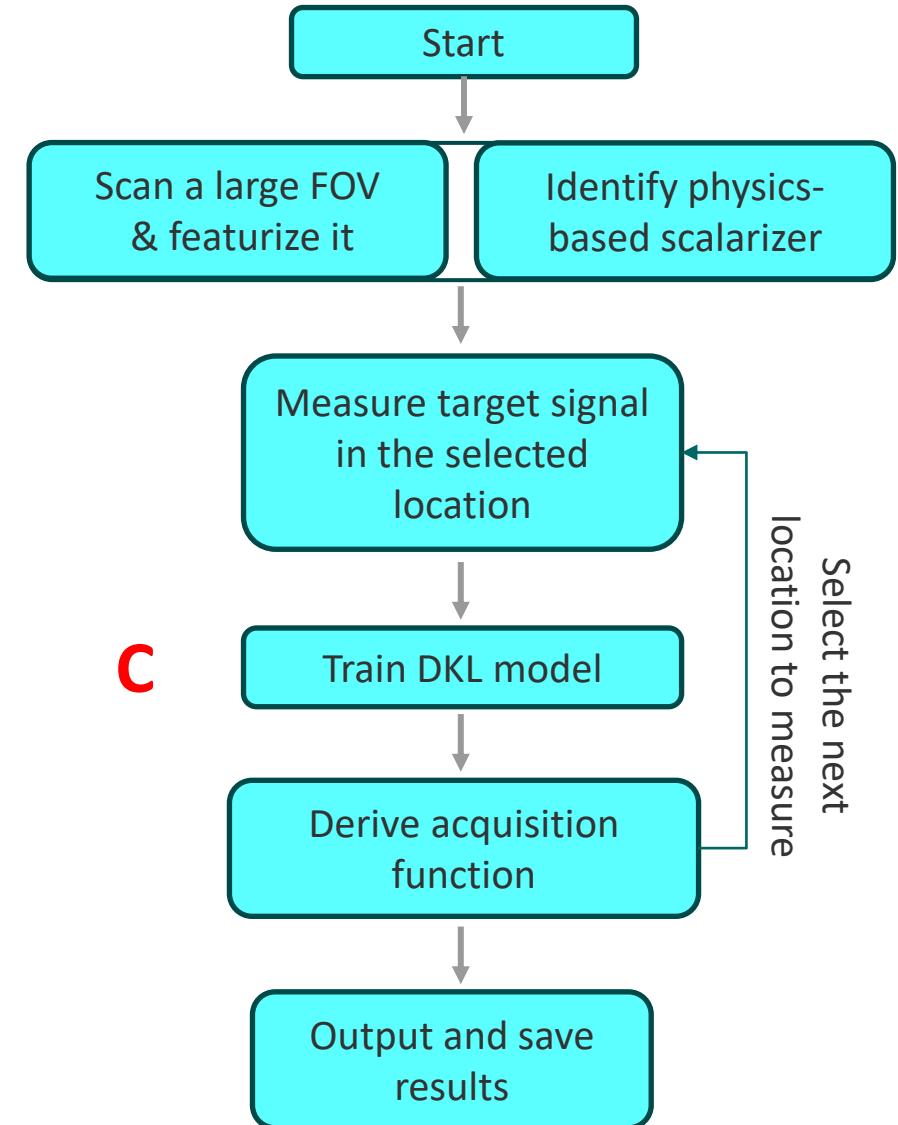
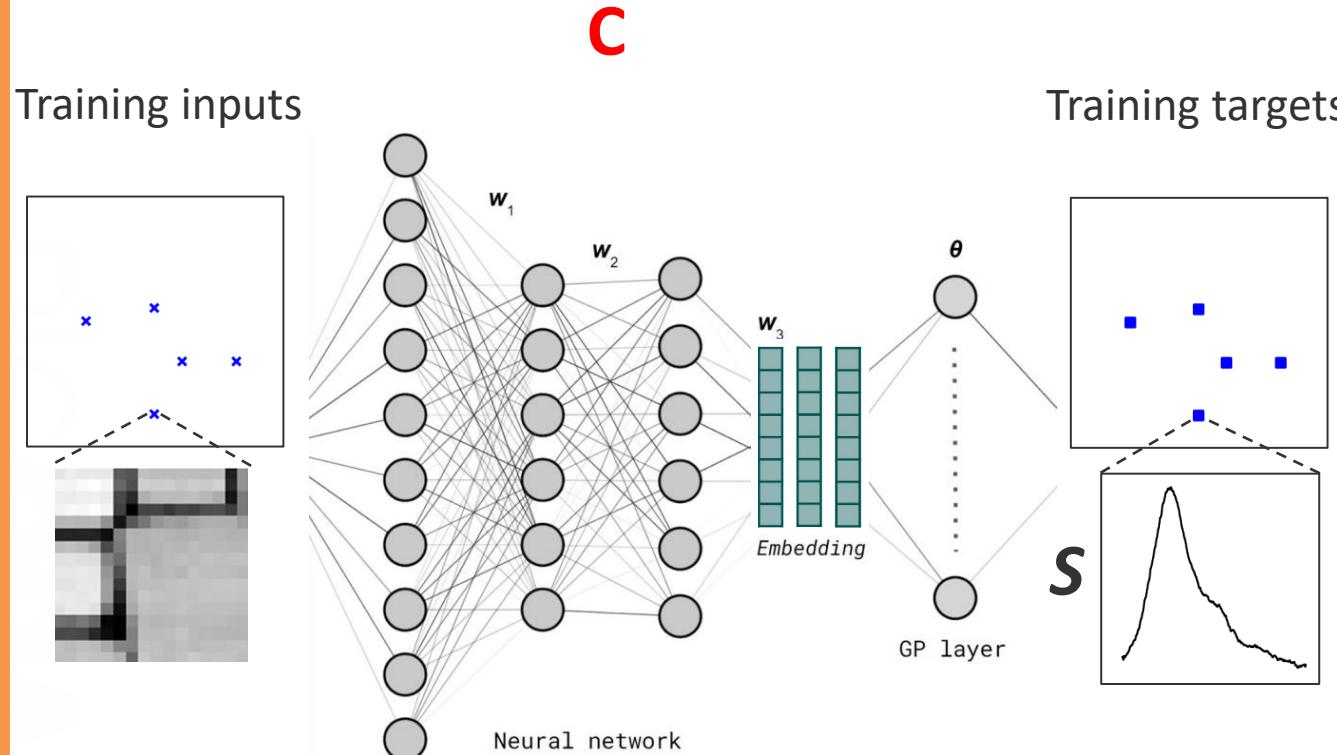
Output and save results



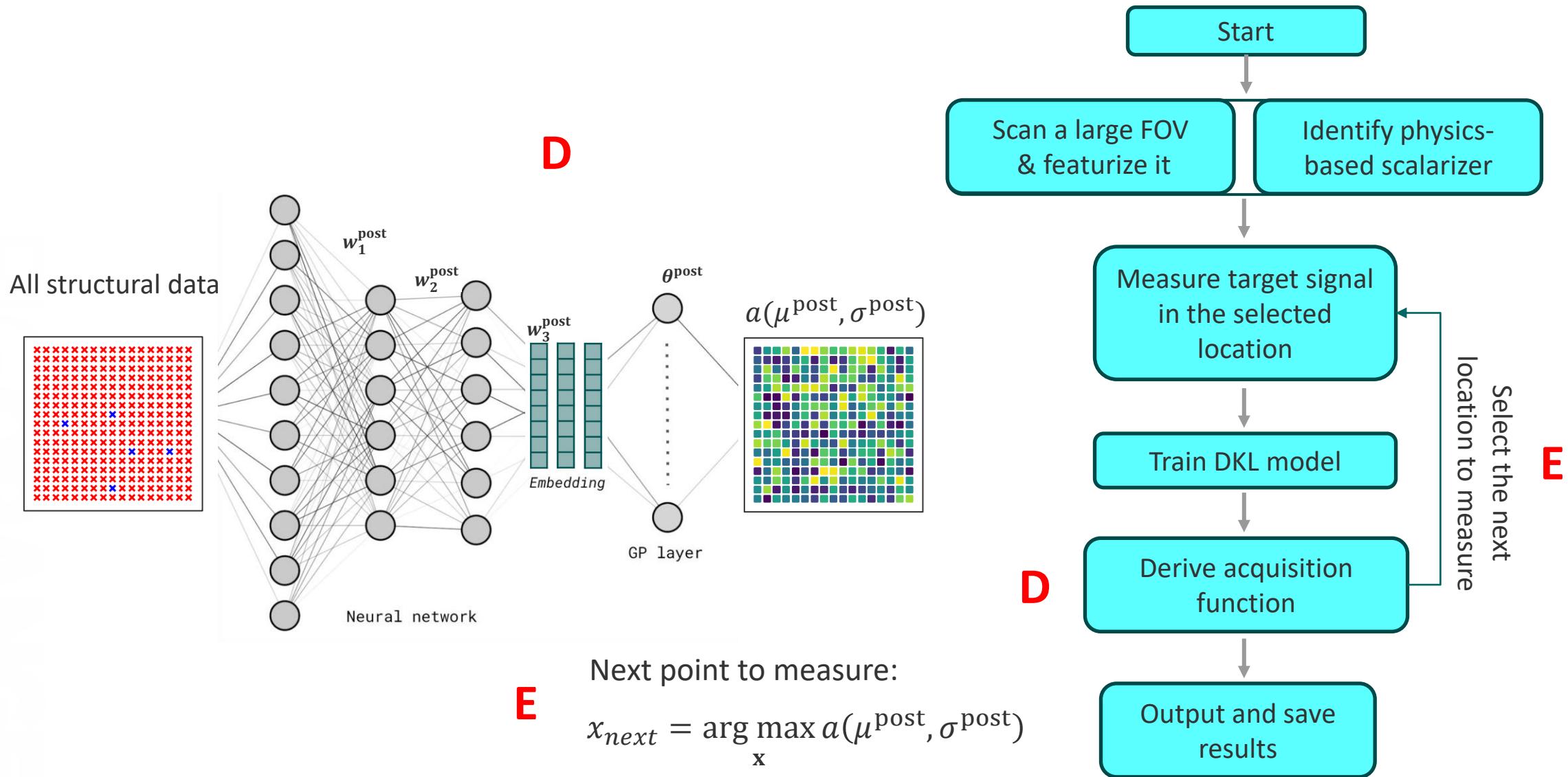
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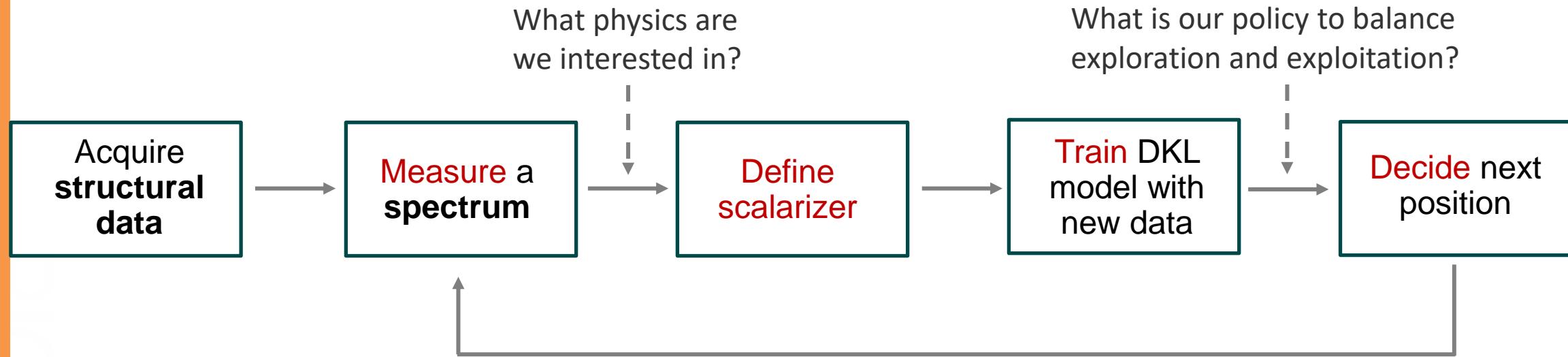
Deep Kernel Learning: Step 3



Deep Kernel Learning: Going Active



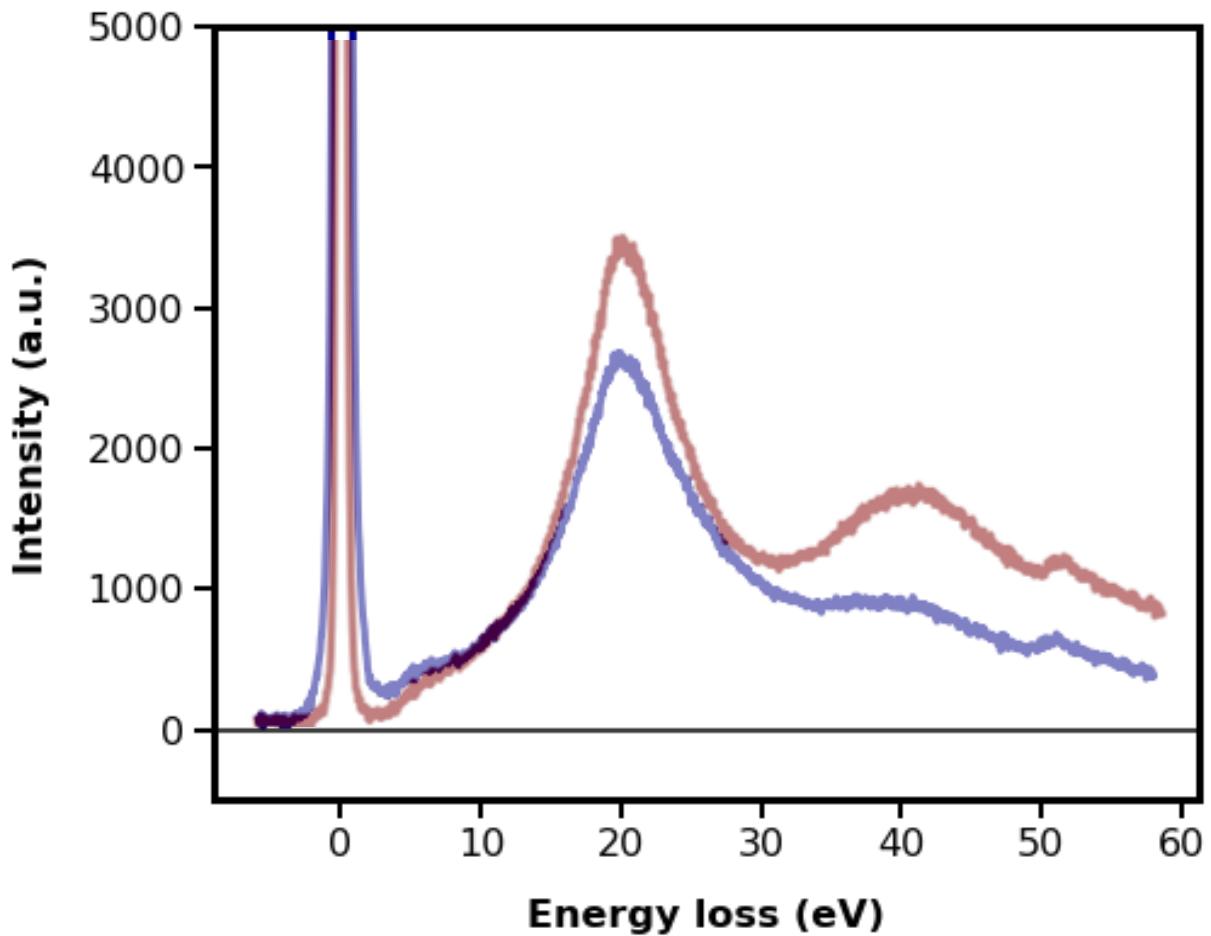
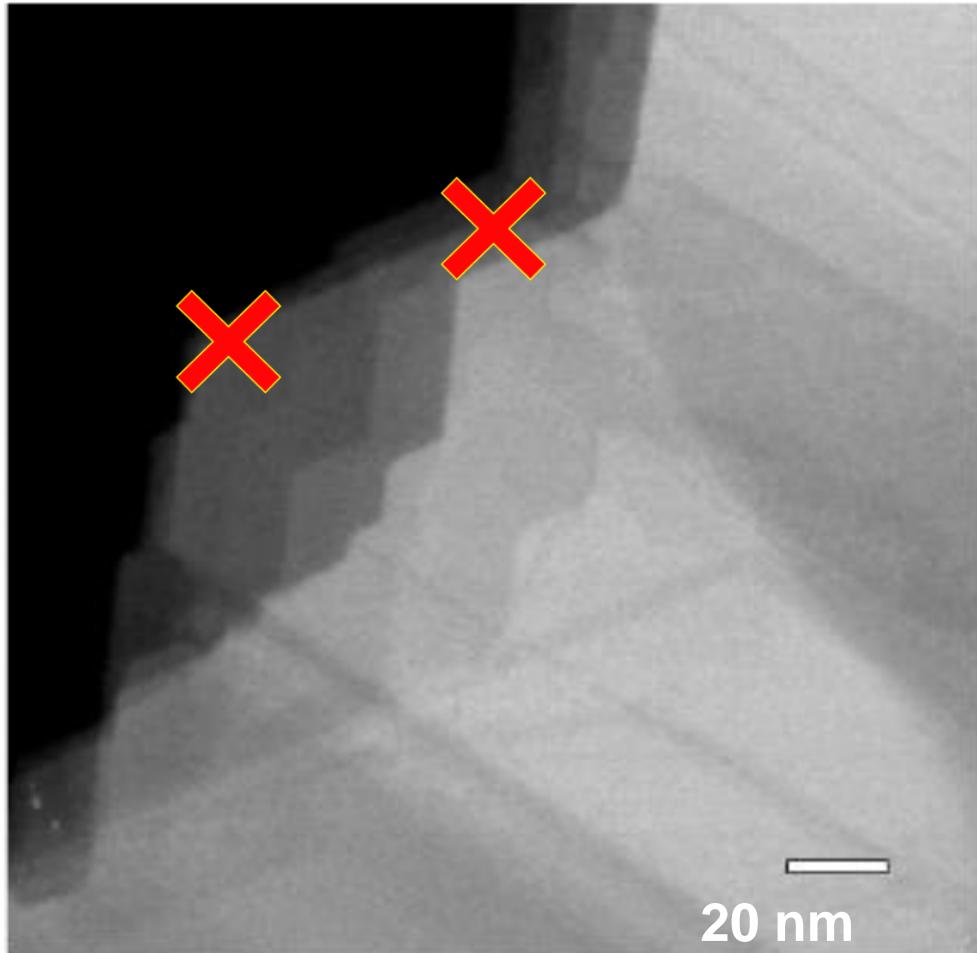
Deep Kernel Learning based BO



Key concepts:

- **Scalarizer:** (any) function that transforms spectrum into measure of interest. Can be integration over interval, parameters of a peak fit, ration of peaks, or more complex analysis
- **Experimental trace:** collection of image patches and associated spectra acquired during experiment. Note that we collect spectra, not only scalarizers

From Static to Active Learning

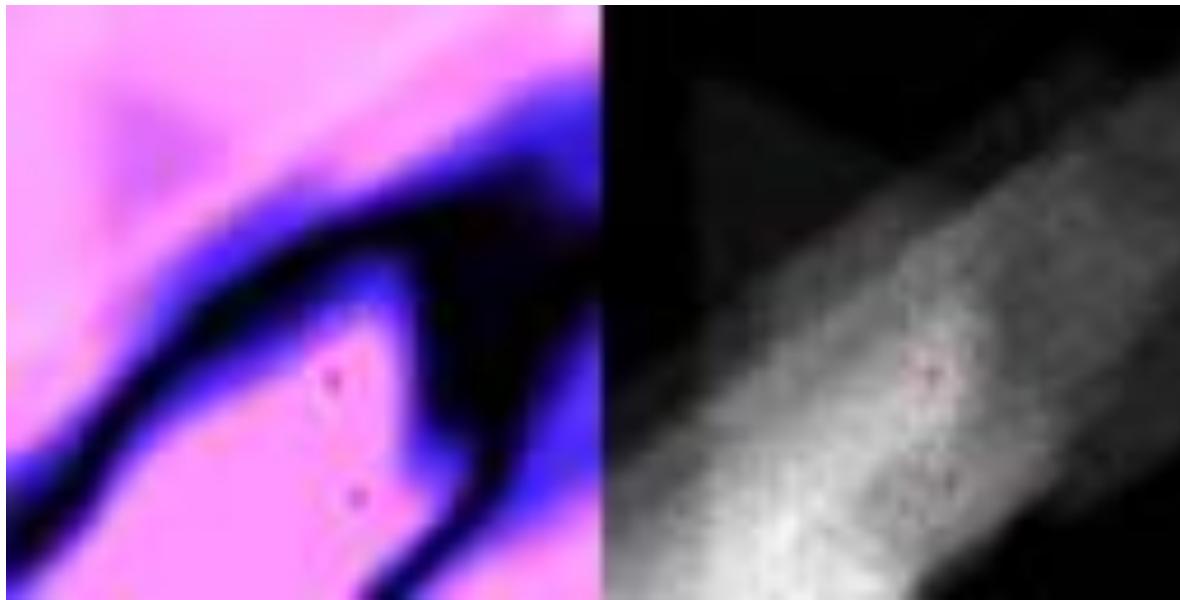


1. What if we have full access to structural information
2. And want to choose locations for (EELS, 4D STEM, CL, EDX) measurements
3. So as to **learn** relationship between structure and spectrum fastest
4. Or **discover** which microstructural elements give rise to specific **desired** spectral features?

Discovering Regions with Interesting Physics

- Discovering physics in a “new” material MnPS_3
- Curve fitting to help enforce physical processes

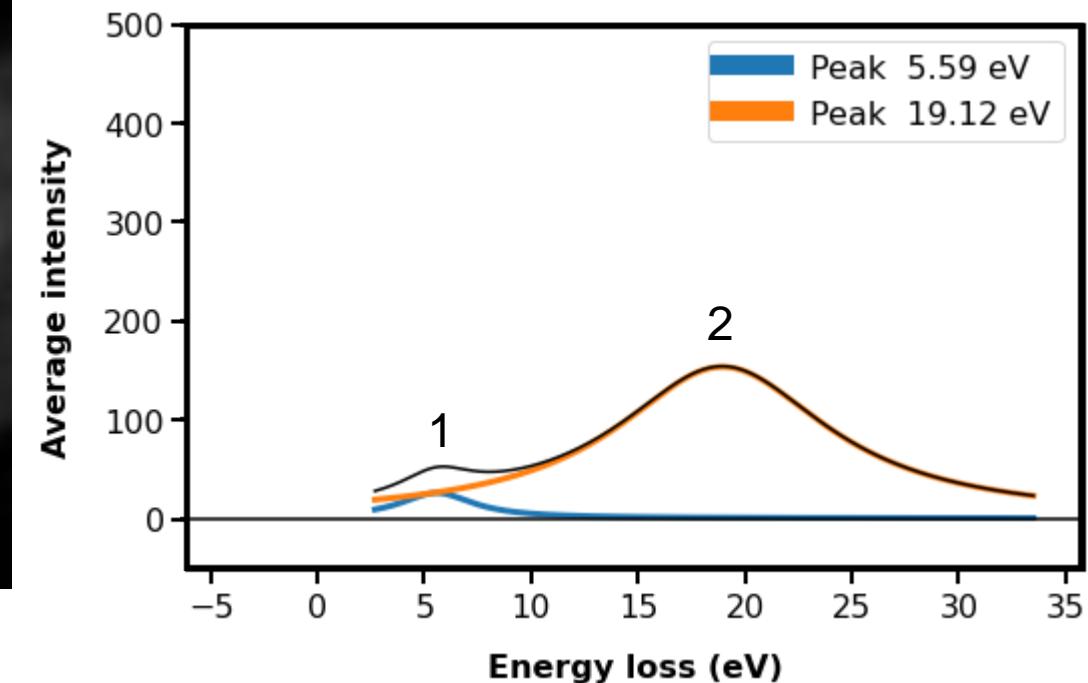
Acquisition
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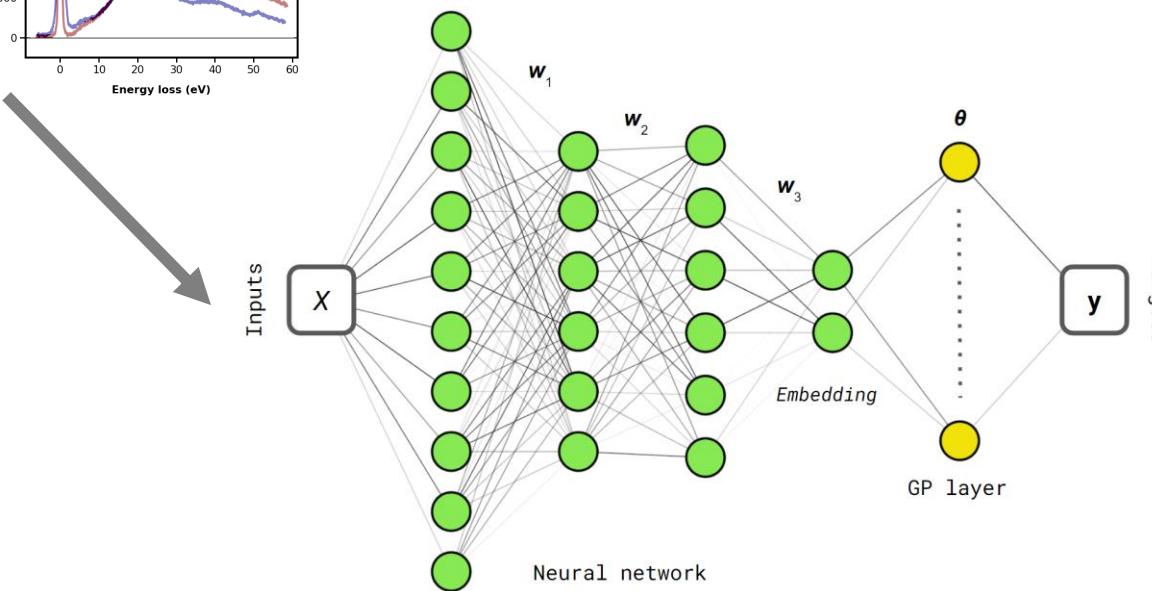
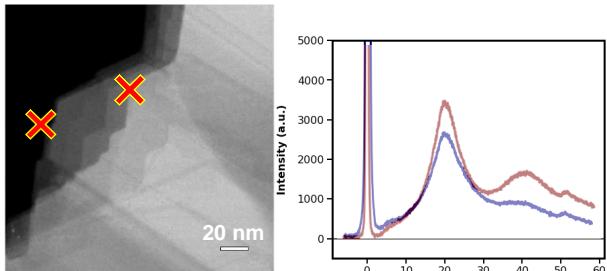
Physics search criteria:

$$\textit{Ratio} = \textit{Peak 1} / \textit{peak 2}$$



Deep Kernel Learning

Specify physics criteria



Acquire
structural data

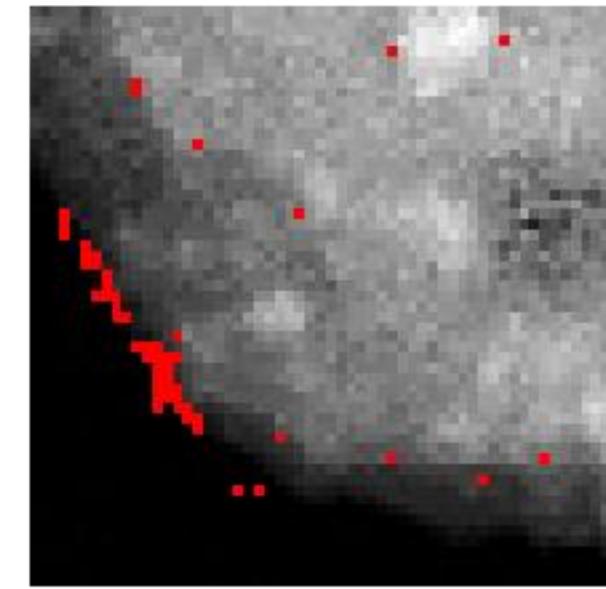
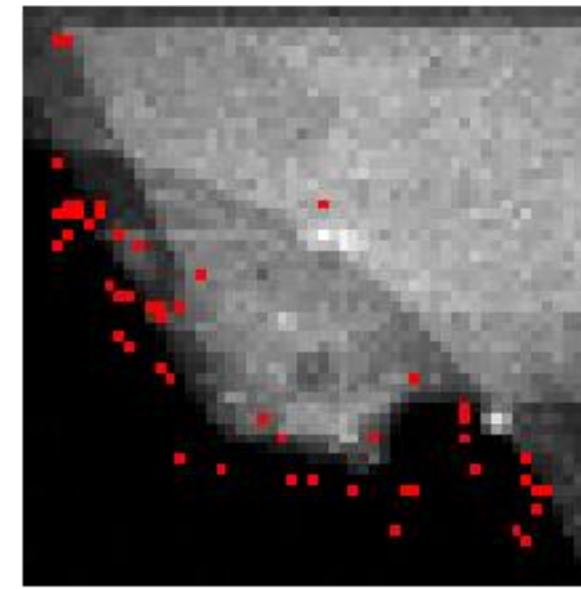
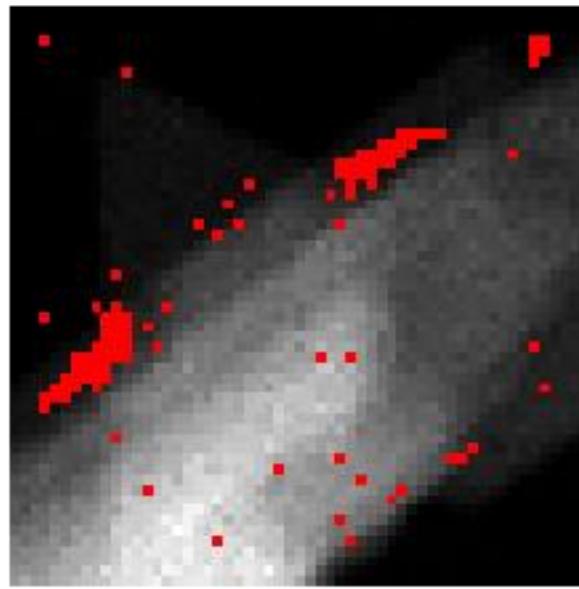
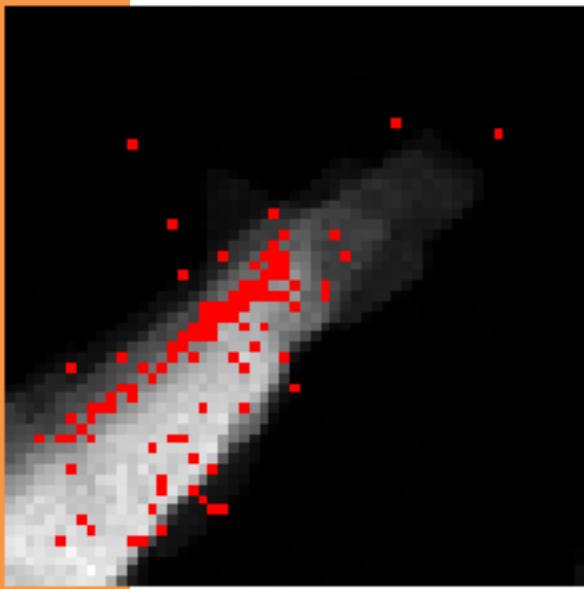
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Allows navigation of the system to search for physics

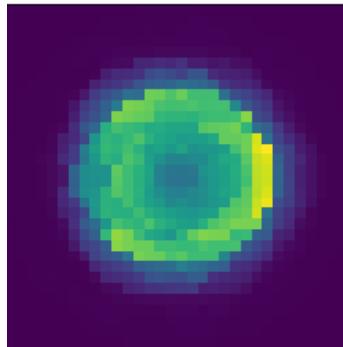
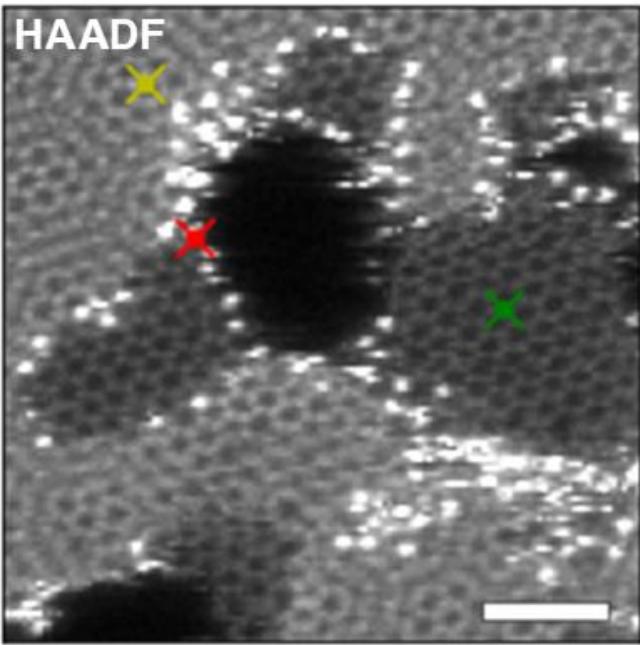
More Examples of Physics Discovery



Discovery pathway depends on the reward structure (scalarizer that defines signature of physics we want to discover)!

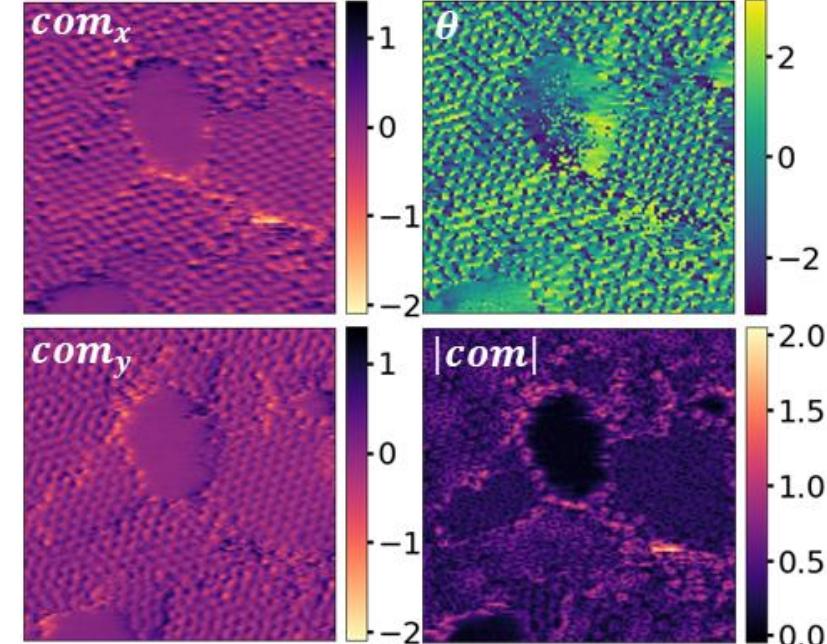
- Currently, we run 4D STEM measurements on a grid.
- What if we want to explore smarter workflows – where microscope chooses where to take 4D STEM measurements?
- **Direct:** We can do it for a priori known objects of interest
- **Inverse:** Or we can aim to discover objects which have predefined signatures of interest in 4D STEM data

4D STEM: Grid, Direct, and Inverse



Quantities to explore

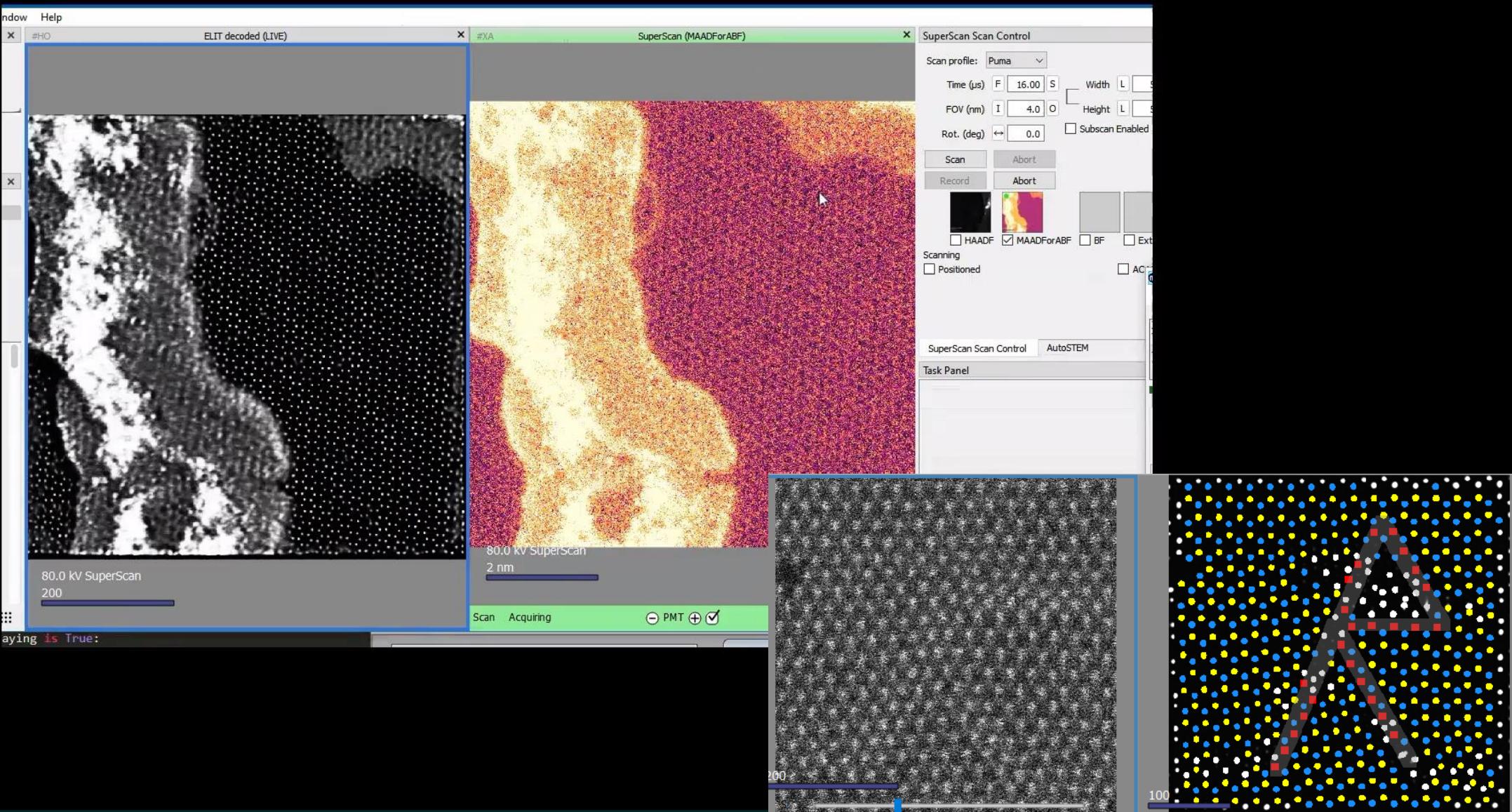
- Electric field
- Potential
- Charge density
- Strain



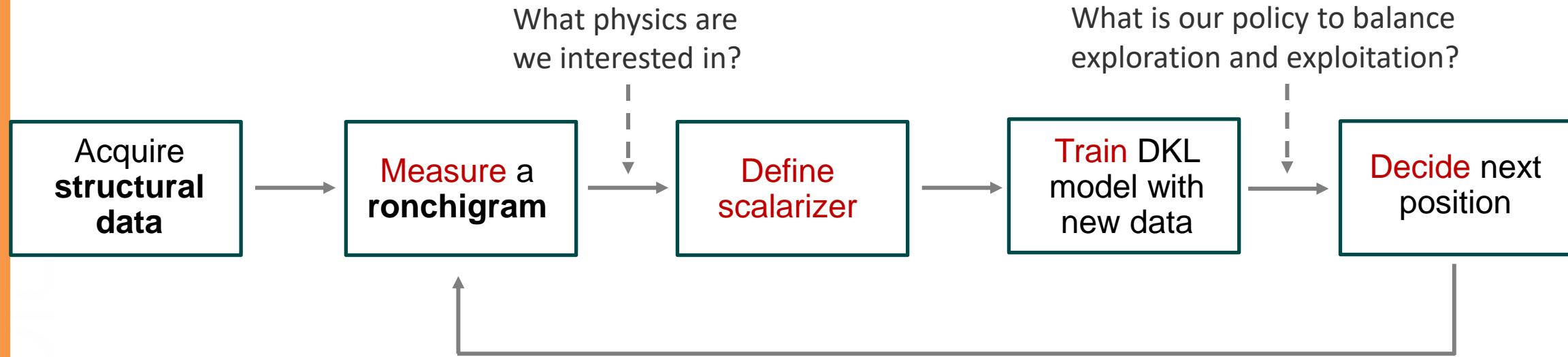
- What can we say about structure?
 - Interesting functionalities are expected at the certain structural elements
 - We can guess some; we have to discover others
 - Multiple goals while running experiment
-
- **Policy:** **what do we do depending on observation**
 - **Reward:** **what do we hope to achieve**
 - **Value:** **anticipated reward**

Direct experiment: ELIT (2021)

Implementation: Kevin Roccapriore, Ayana Ghosh, Sergei V. Kalinin & Maxim Ziatdinov

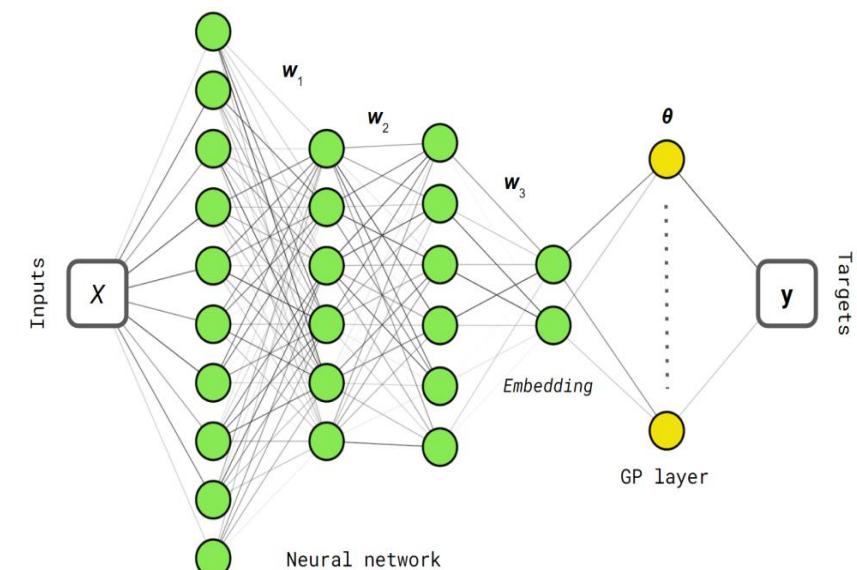


Inverse: Deep Kernel Learning based BO



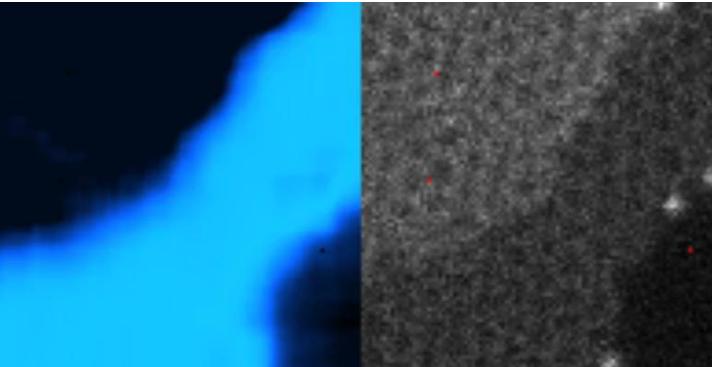
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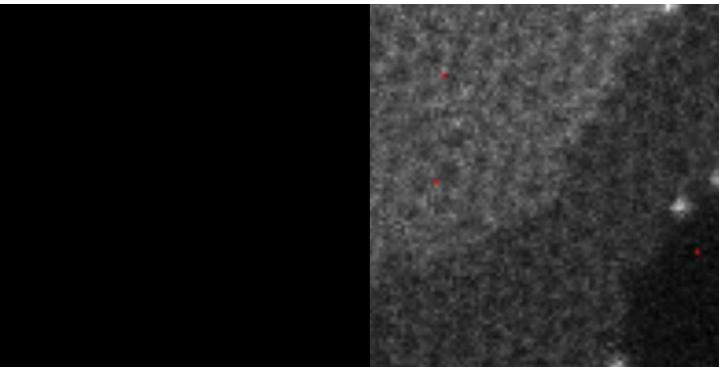


DKL on pre-acquired data

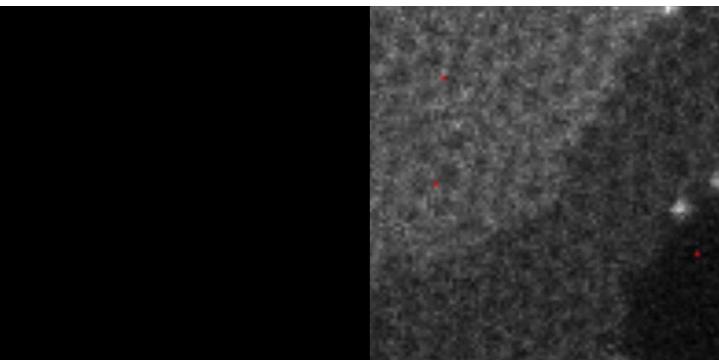
Acquisition function



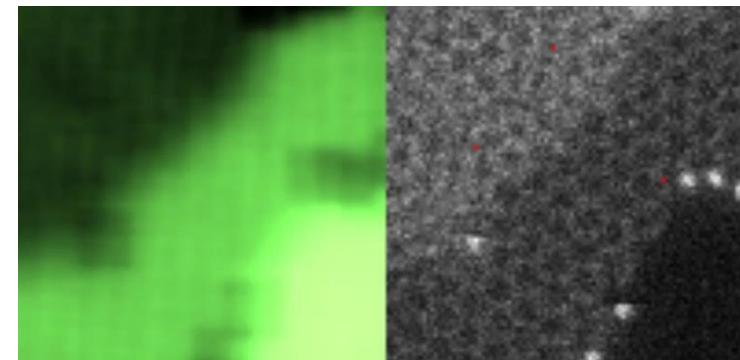
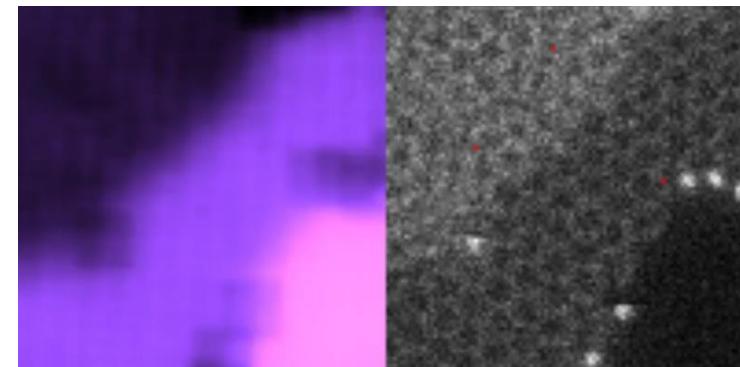
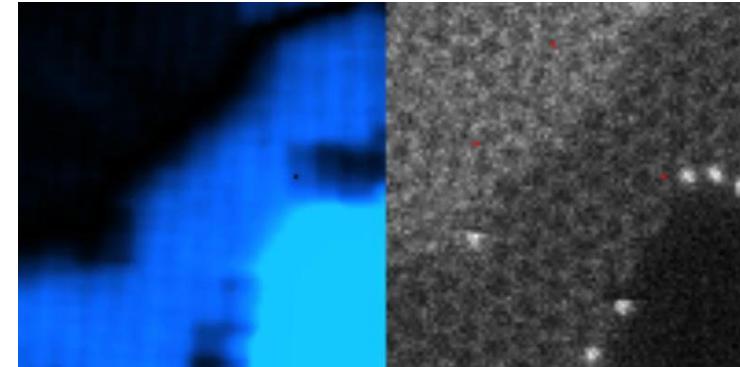
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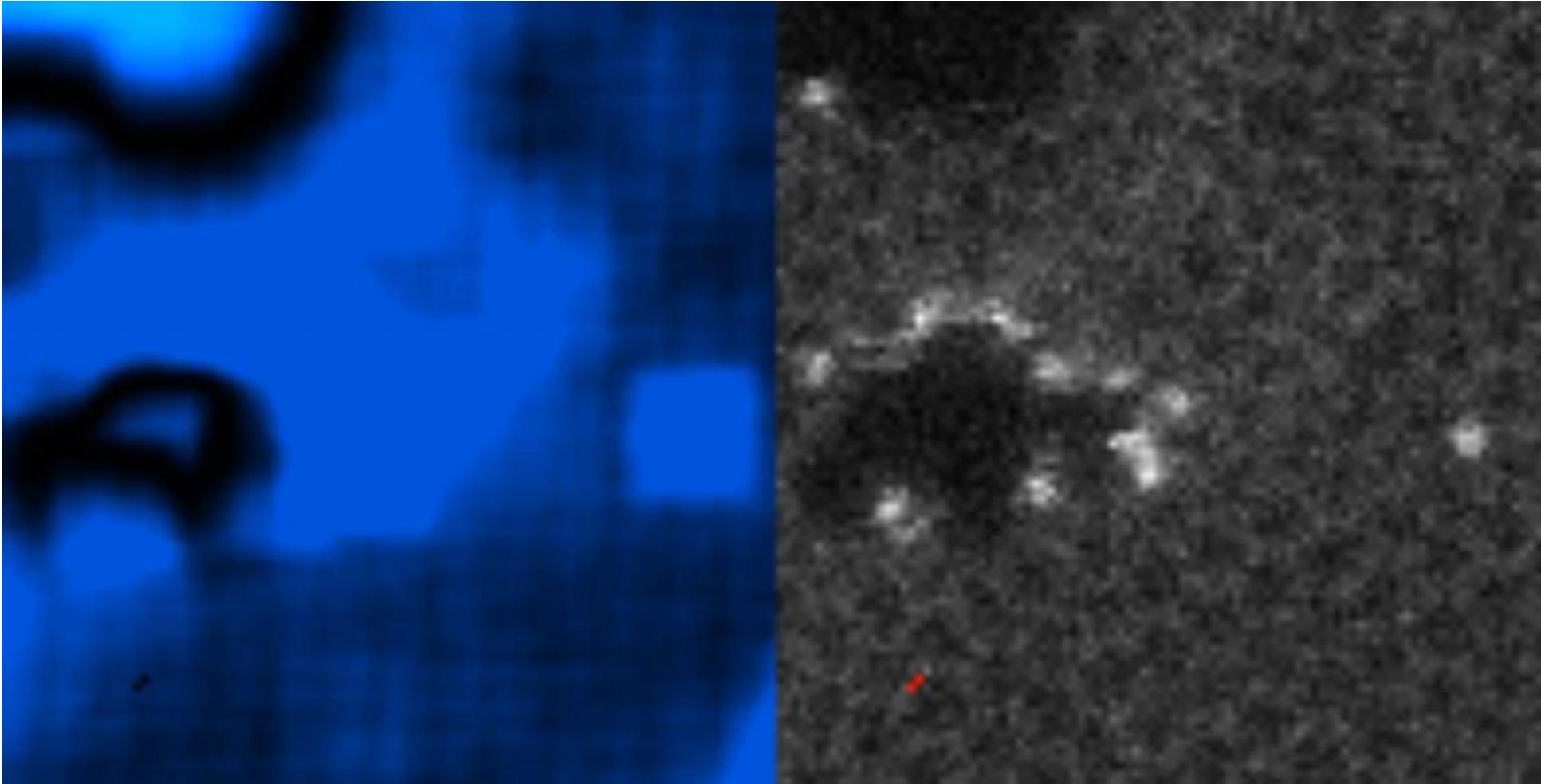
Uncertainty map



Scalarizer: CoM magnitude



DKL on Active Microscope

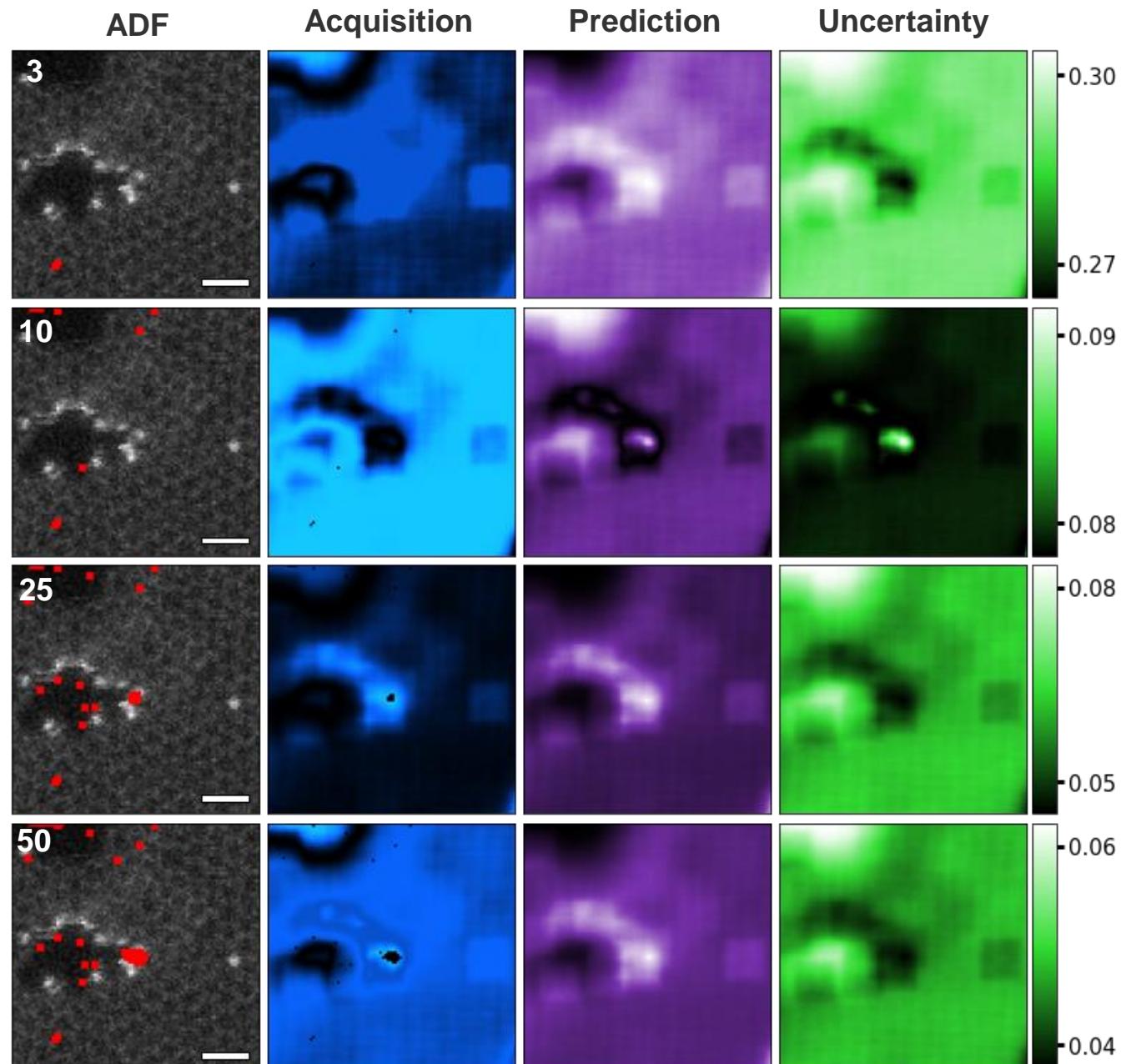


- Different **acquisition functions** can be used:
 - Expected Improvement (**EI**) (usually what was used)
 - Upper Confidence Bound (**UCB**), etc
- Usually based on some combination of **prediction** and **uncertainty**.

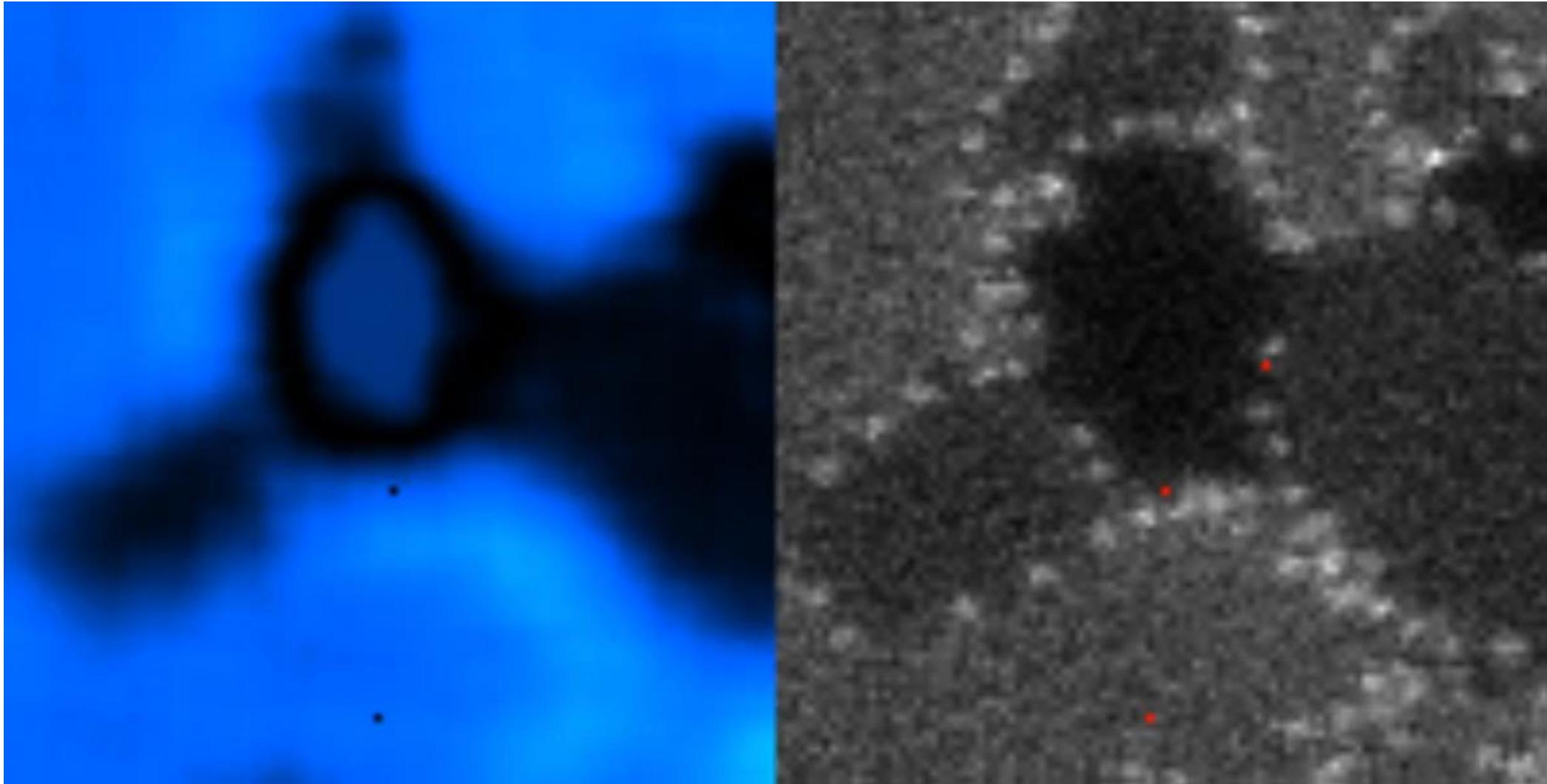
A closer look

Scalarizer: *CoM* magnitude

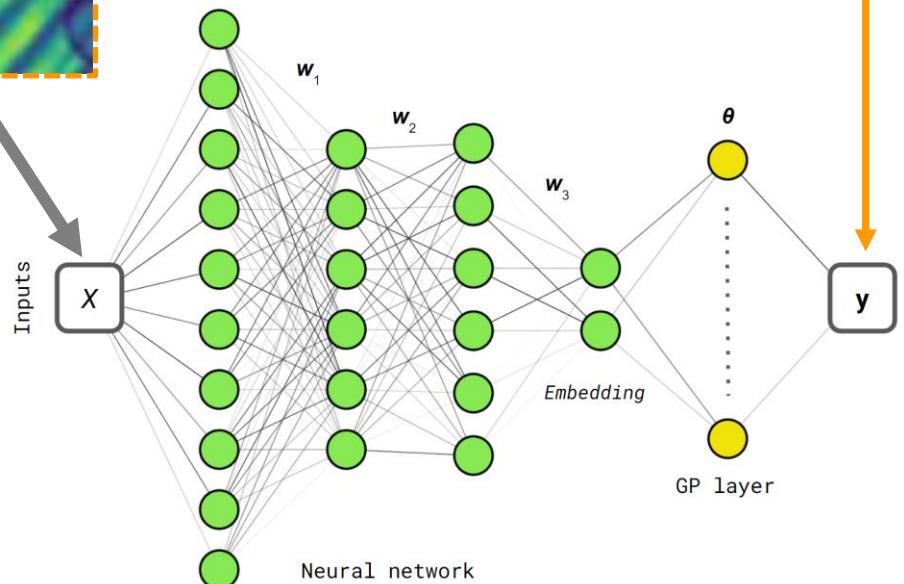
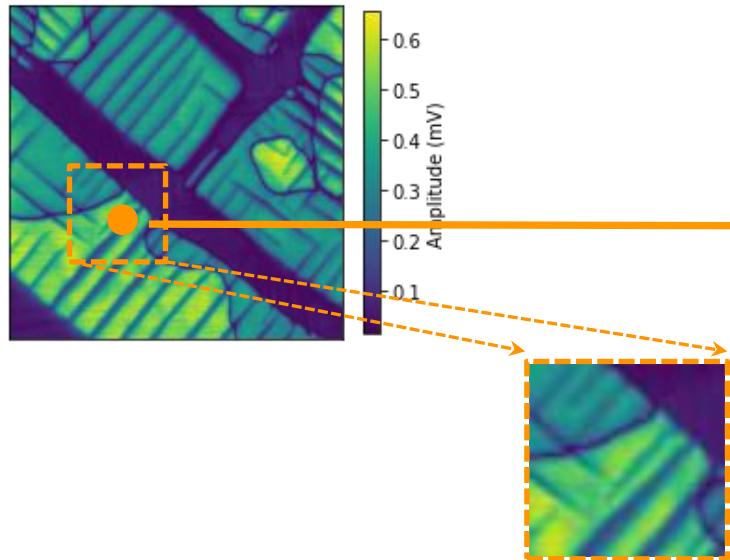
- High uncertainty @ start, but fairly quickly reduces
- Prediction actually doesn't drastically change throughout experiment
 - Structure-property relationship here is fairly rapidly learned
- Note the training can be halted after some criterion is met, making remainder of experiment go much quicker



Does it always work?



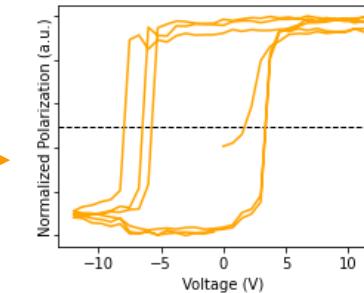
Deep Kernel Learning



- All patches are available in the beginning
- Spectra are made available sequentially
- We define what feature in spectrum are we interested in

Allows navigation of the system to search for physics

Specify physics criteria



Acquire structural data

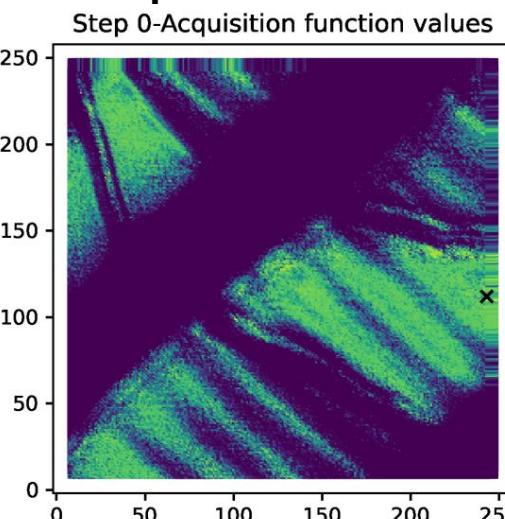
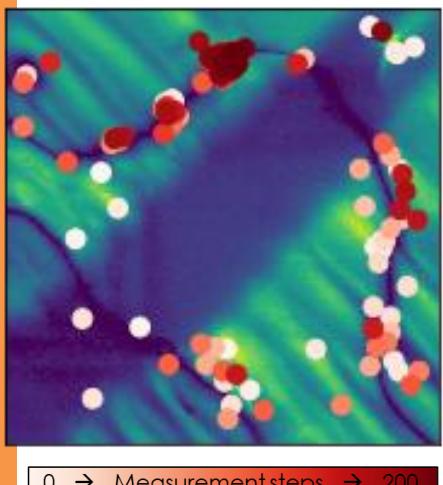
Measure a spectrum

Train DKL model with new data

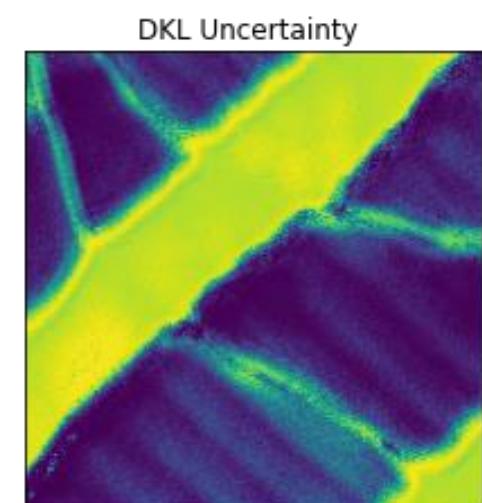
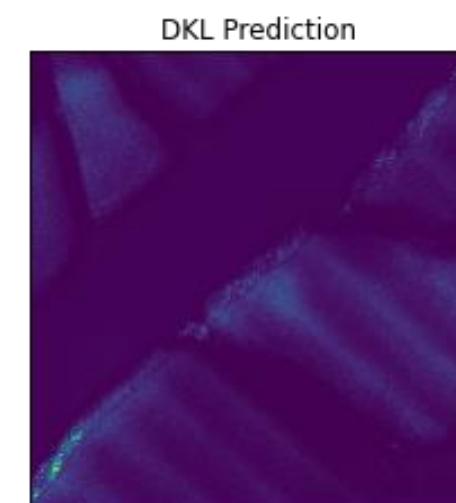
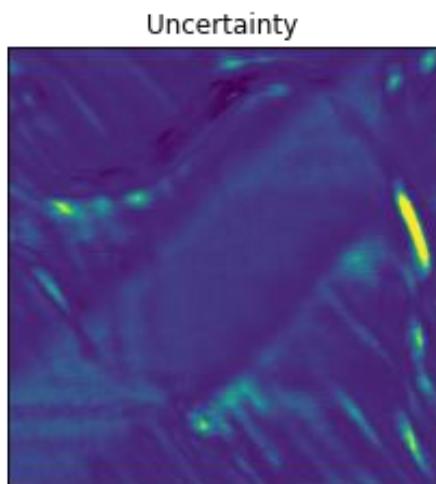
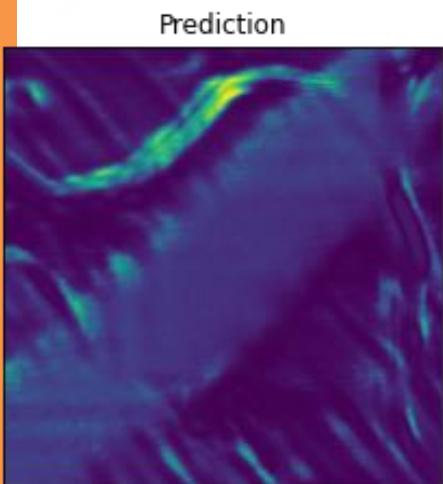
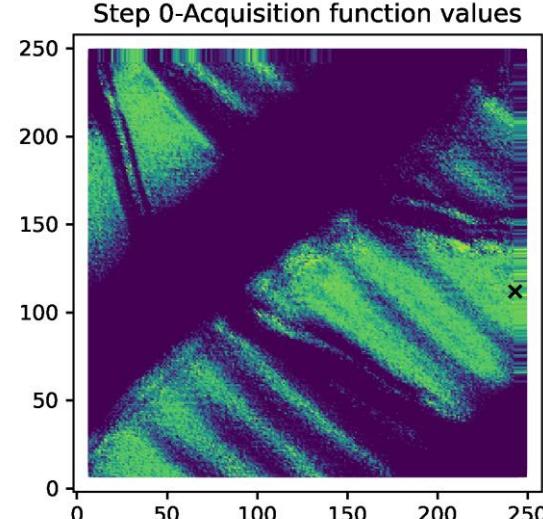
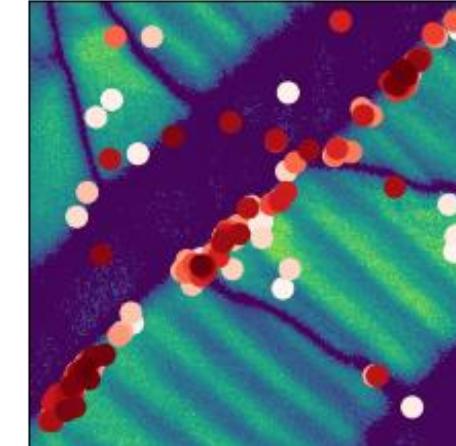
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Deep Kernel Learning SPM

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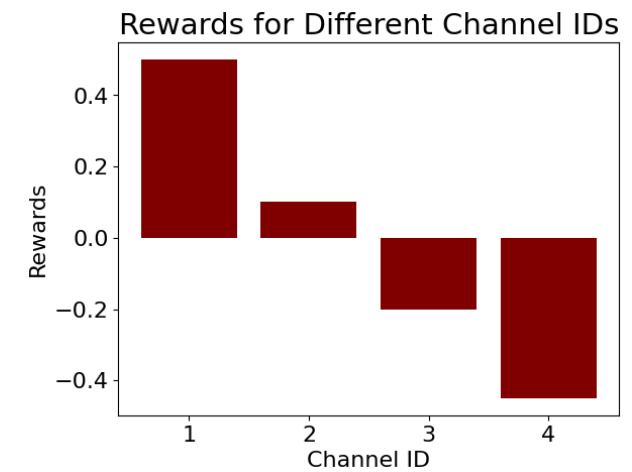
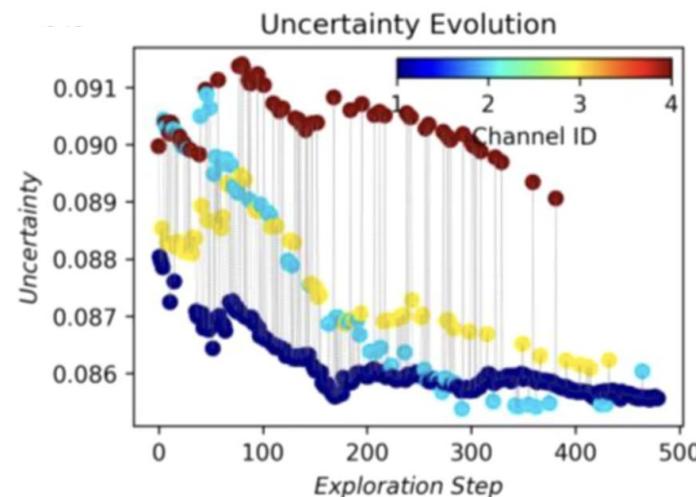
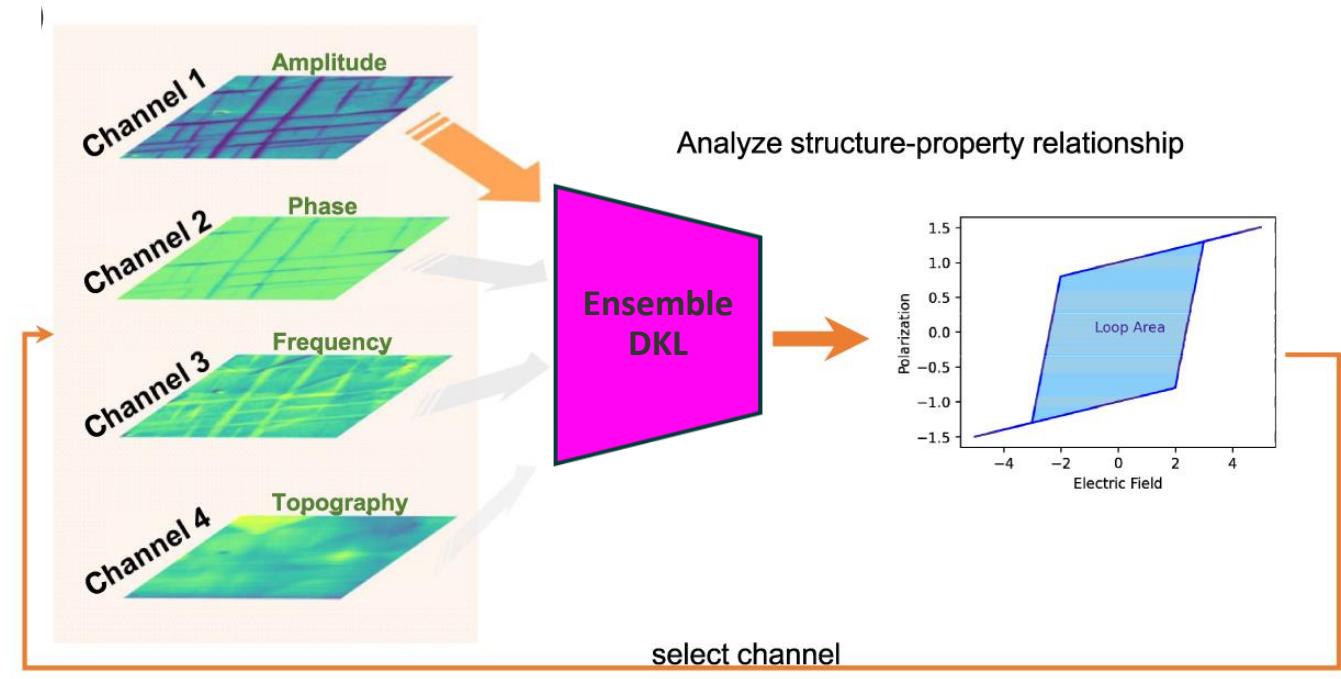
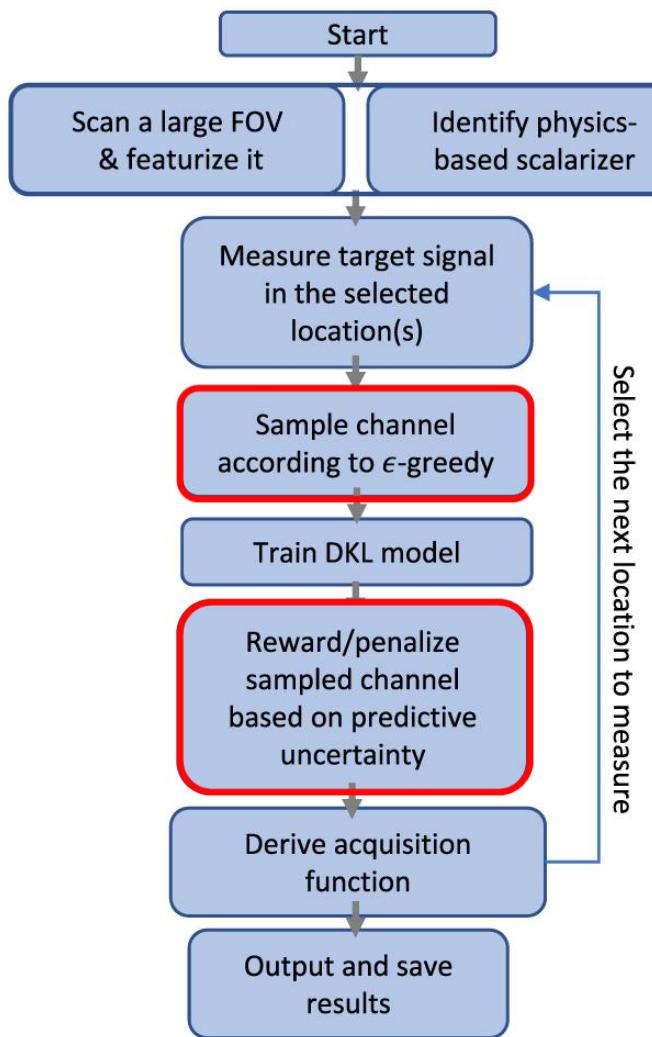


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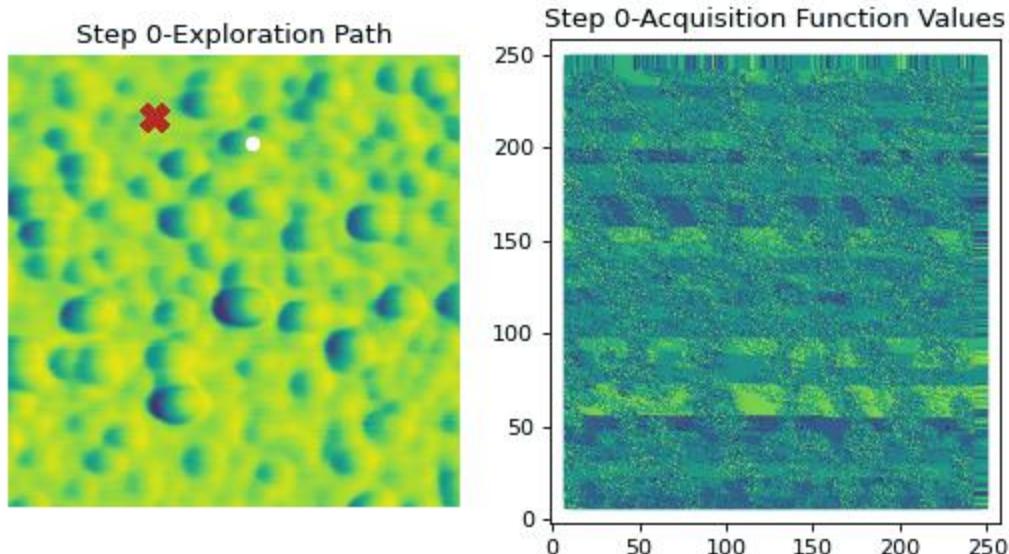
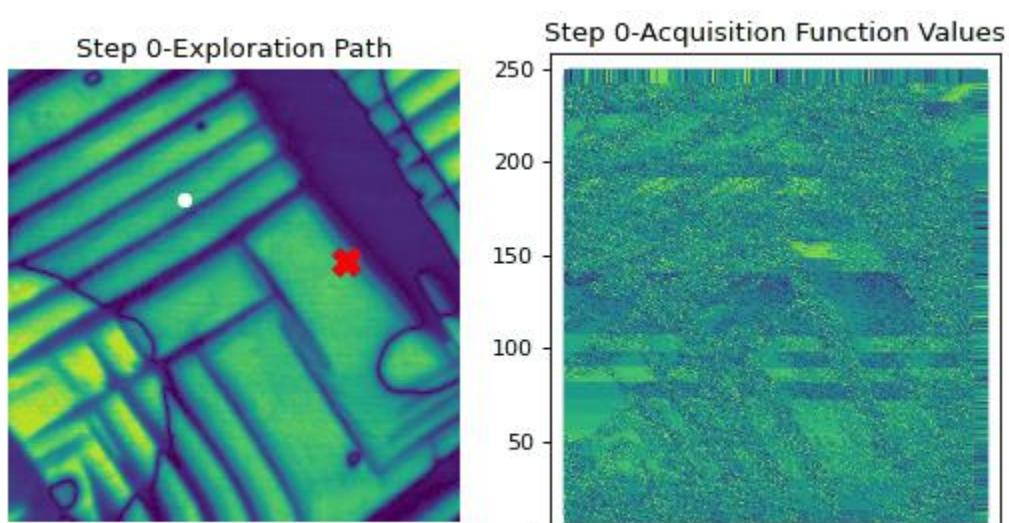
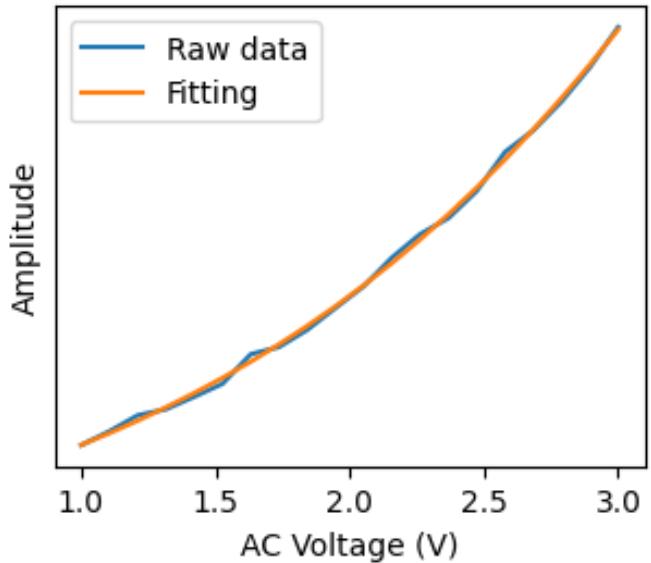


- Large loop opening corresponding 180° domain walls
- This behavior can be attributed to the large polarization mobility of 180° walls

DKL: Learning the best channel



Why human in the loop?



- 200-step automated experiment
- PFM amplitude was used as structure ima
- V_{AC} sweep curve at each location was fitte $y = Ax^3 + Bx^2 + Cx$
- A, B, C, and A/B were used as the target function to guide DKL- V_{AC} measurement.

The methodologies of classical ML (hyperparameter optimization, cross-validation) are rarely applicable for active learning!

- In conventional microscopy experiment, human runs everything directly – defines scan, positions the probe, defines measurement parameters.
- In AE SPM, the **policies** are defined before the experiment and do not change. Sometimes it works – but not always.
- How would we:
 - (a) explain the AE progression after the experiment and
 - (b) control it during the experiment ?

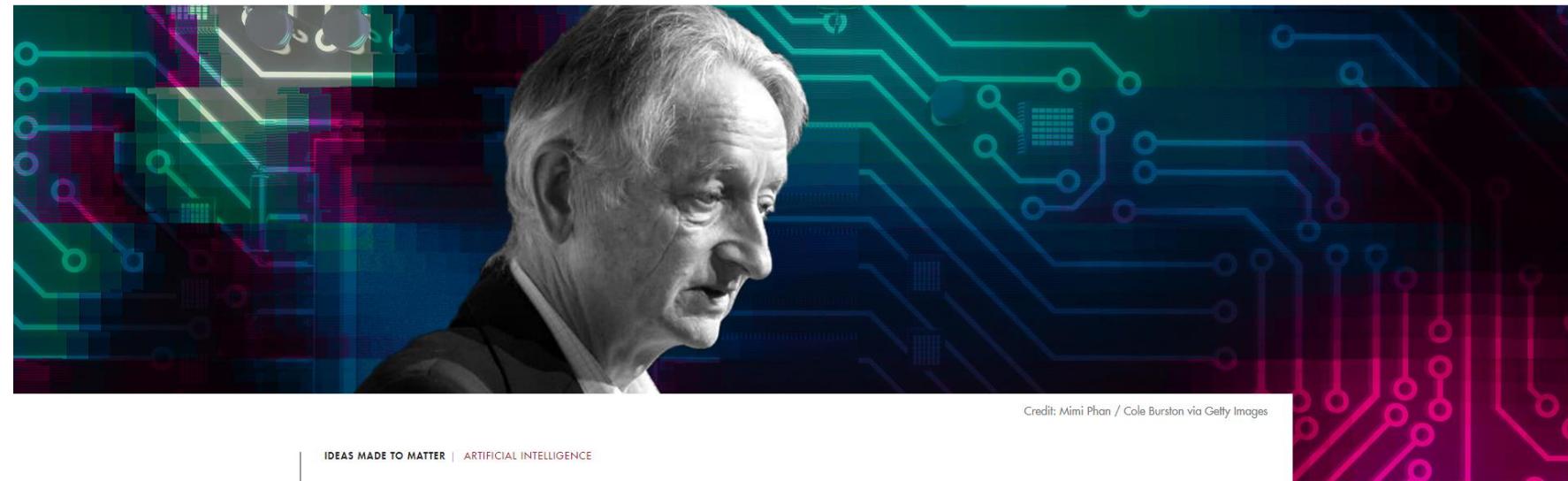
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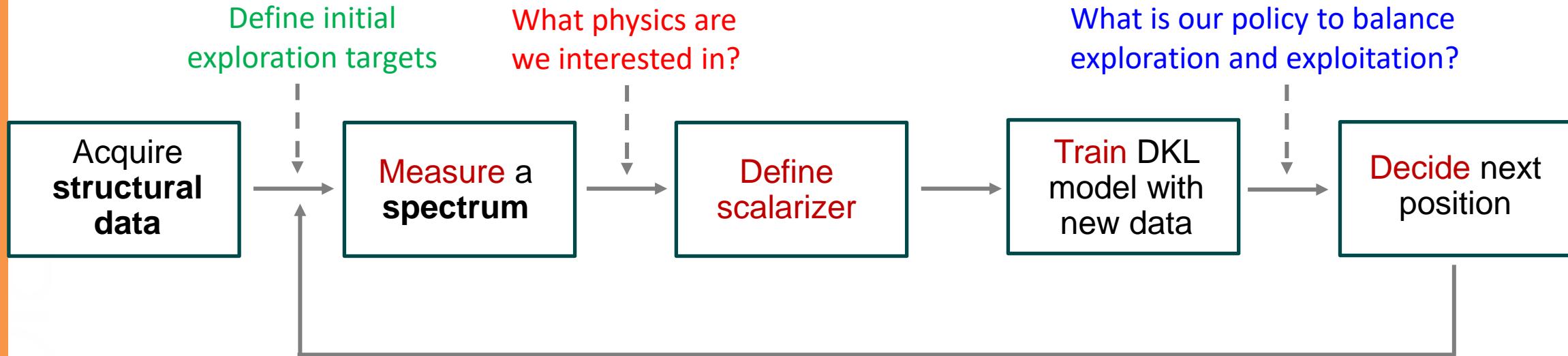
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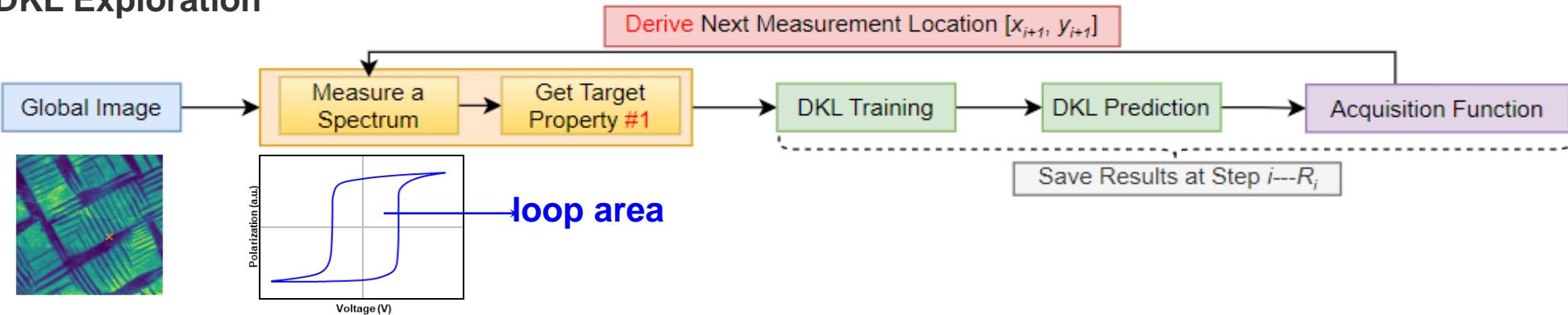


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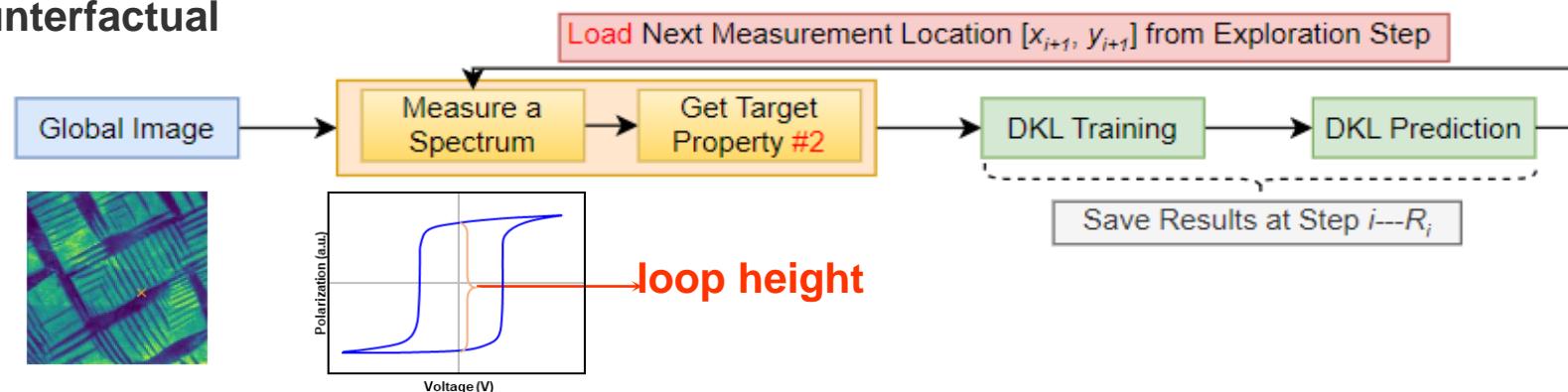
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Counterfactual scalarizers

DKL Exploration



DKL Counterfactual



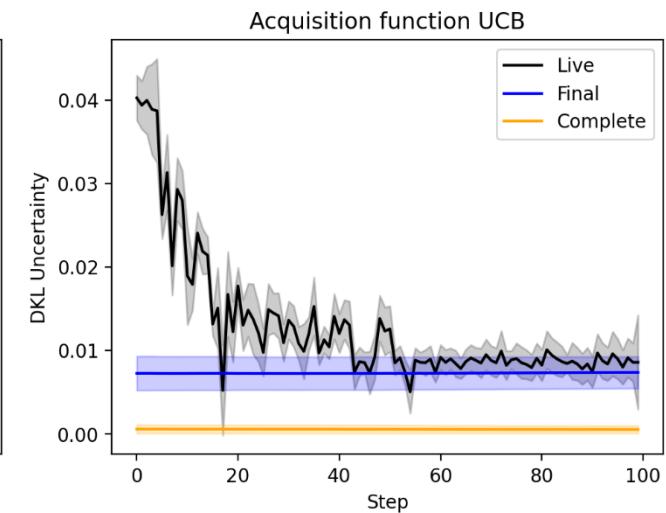
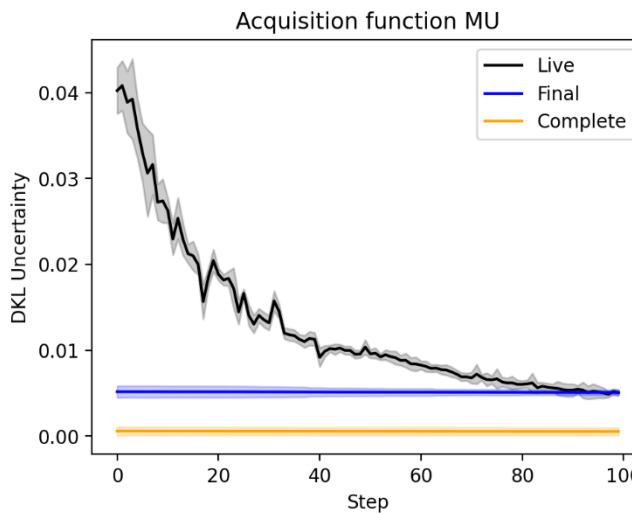
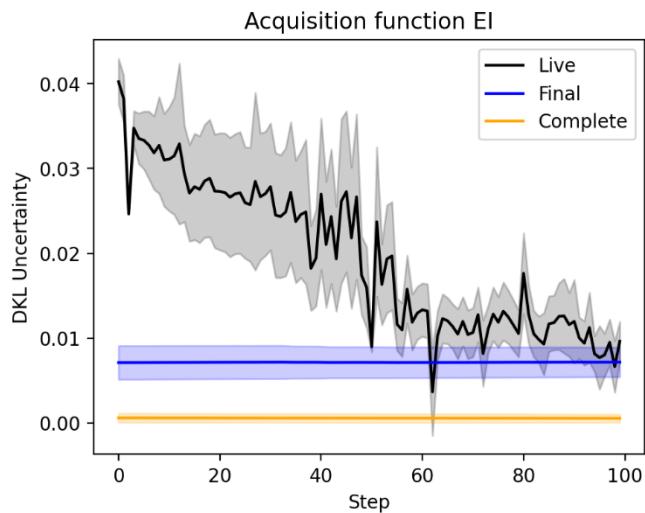
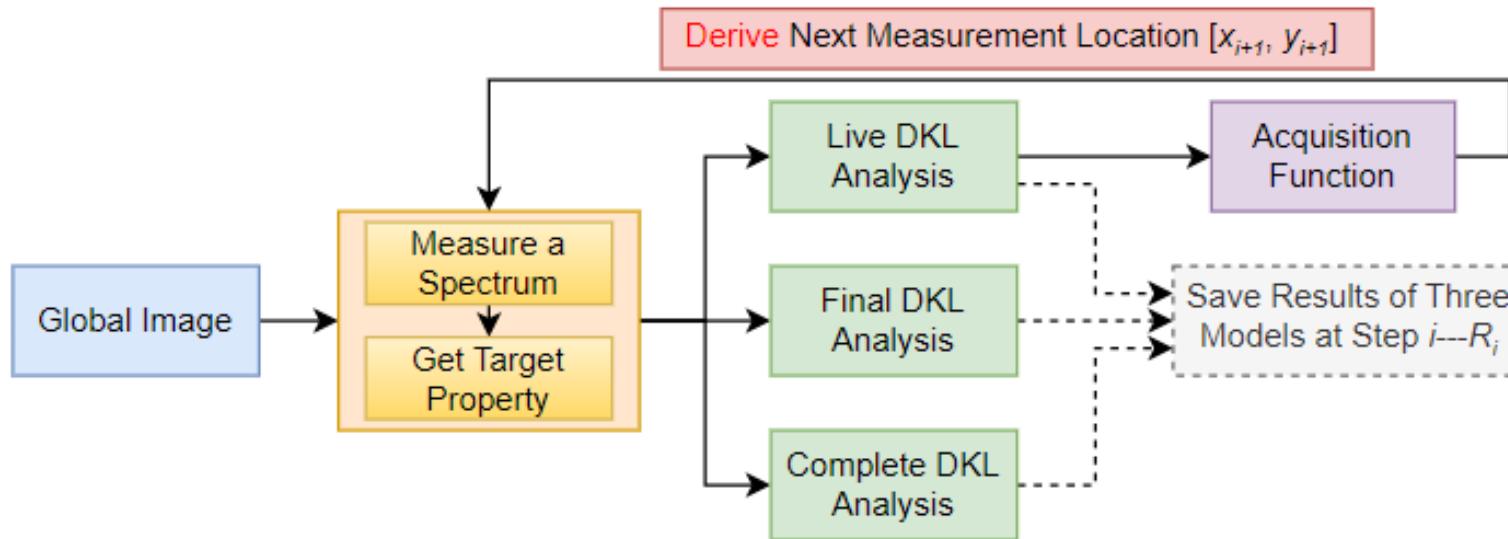
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1. Loop Area
2. Loop Height
3. Coercive Field
4. ...

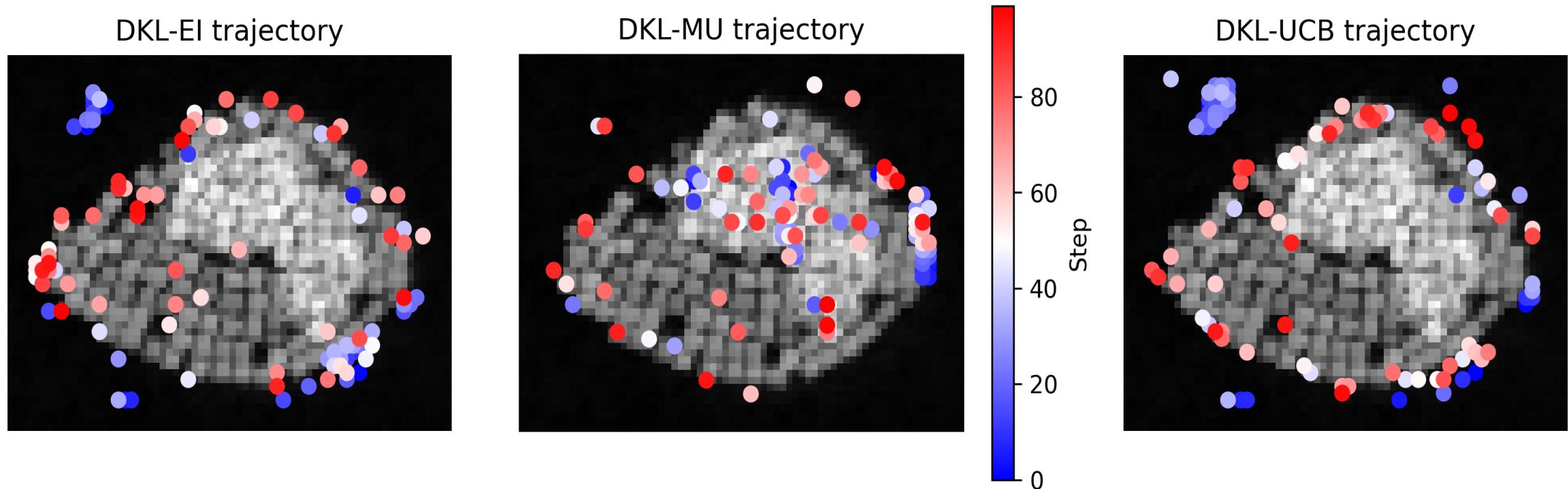
- We save the full experimental trace
- What if we follow the actual experimental path – but calculate alternative (counterfactual) scalarizers?

Explainable AE

- During the AE, model learns structure-property relationships.
- What if we retrace the experimental steps – using the fully trained model?

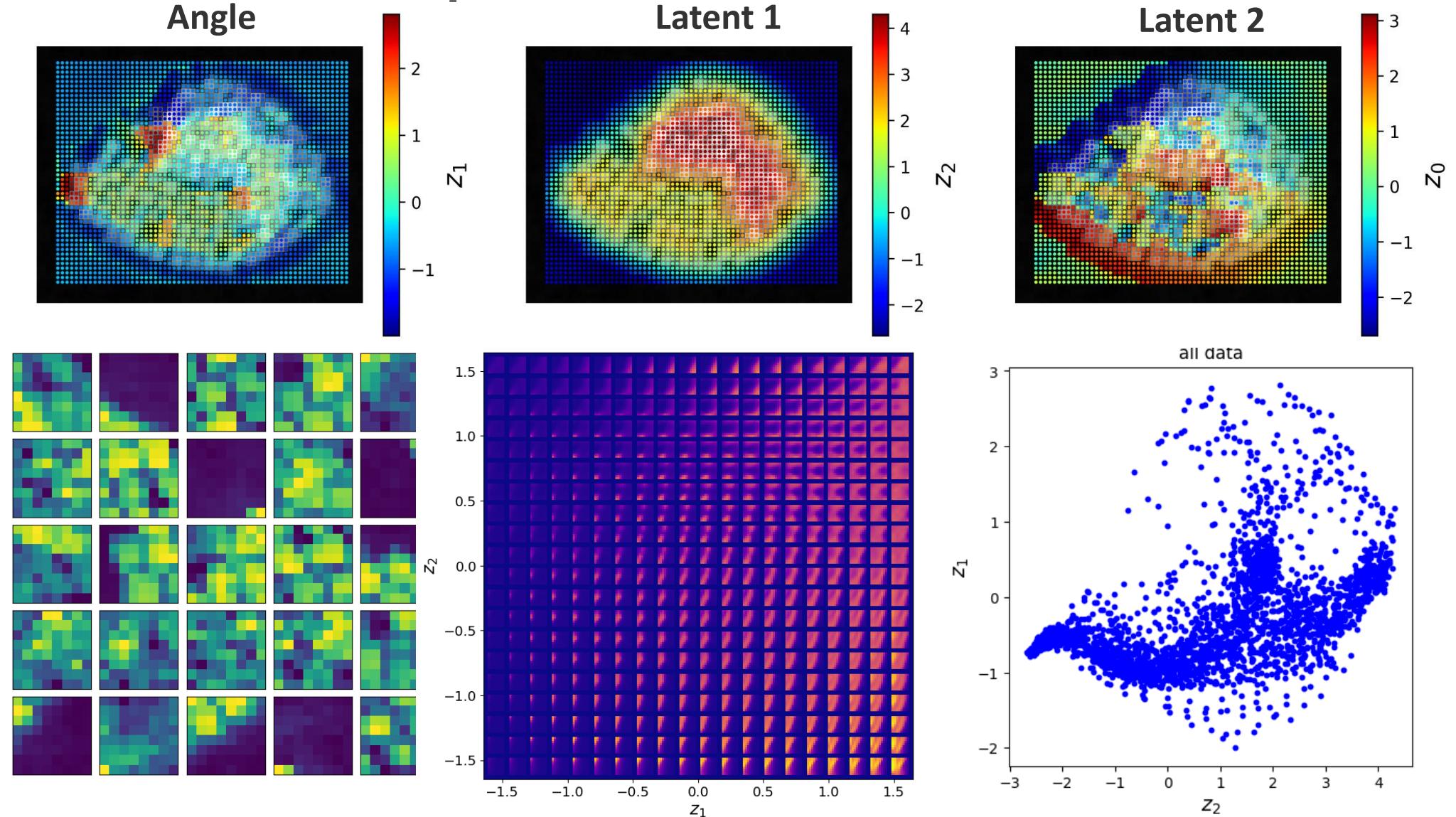


Monitoring the AE



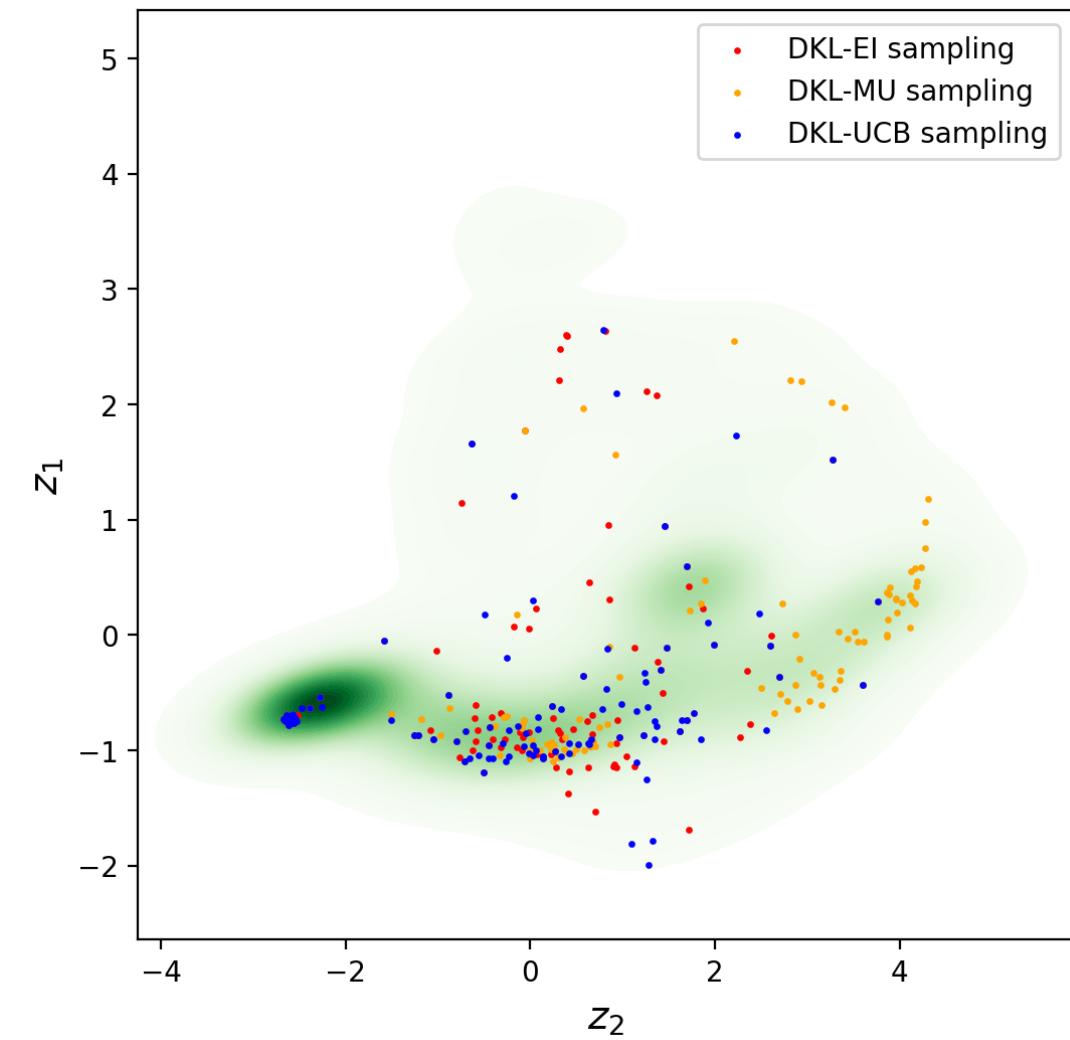
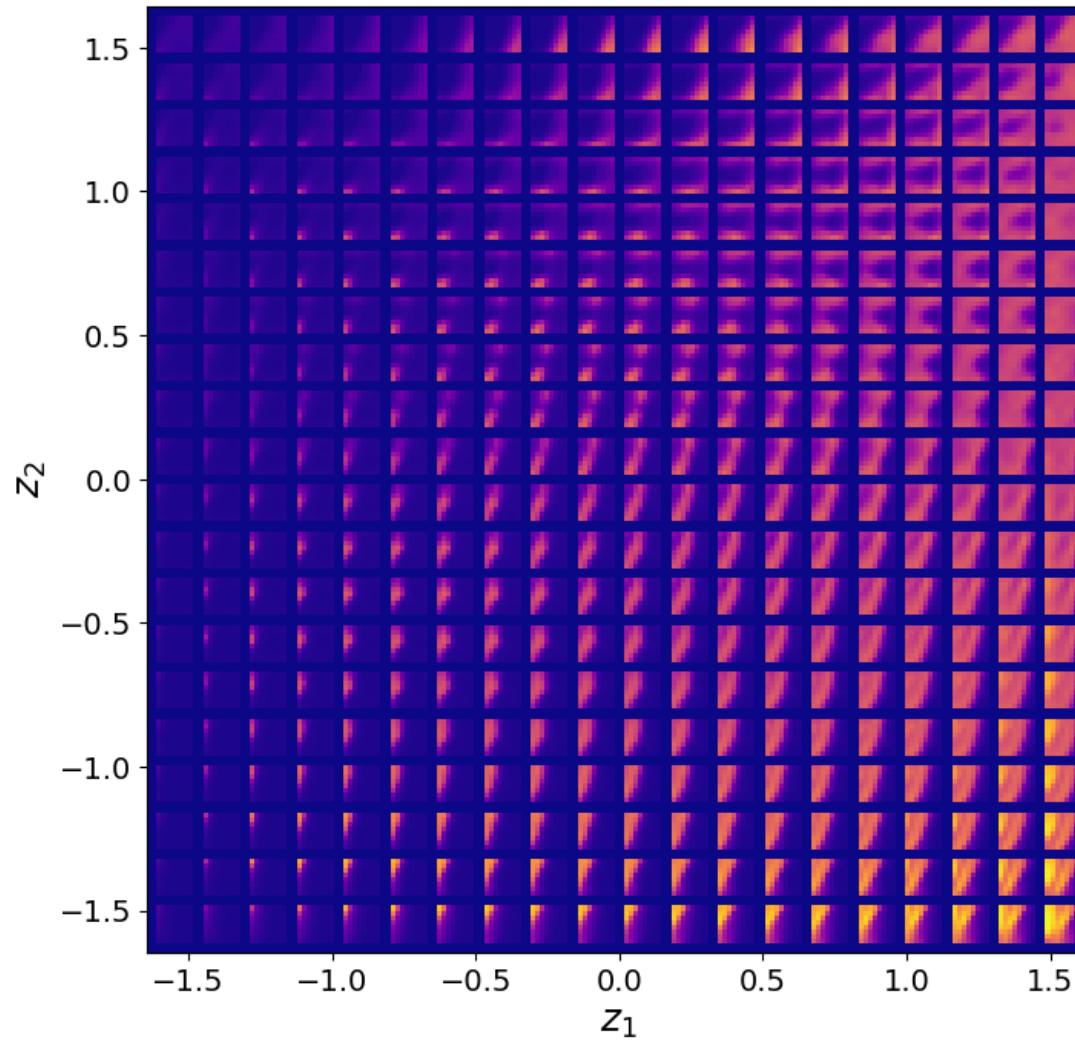
- Different acquisition functions (policies) give different experimental paths for AE
- Can we analyze what is special about points visited?

Global Feature Space

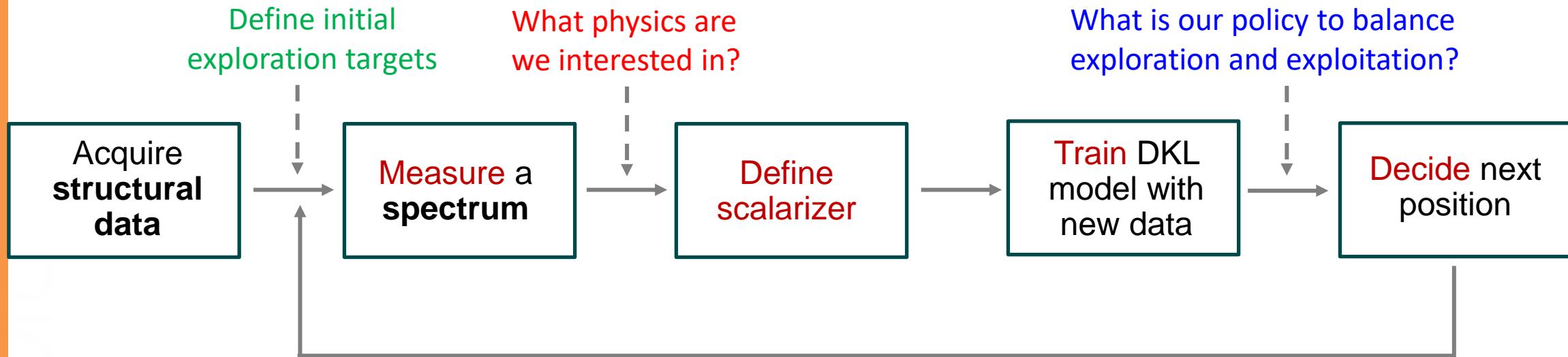


- Global feature space is available from the beginning of the experiment and is stationary
- Experimental trajectories can be visualized in the global feature space

VAE approach: full feature space



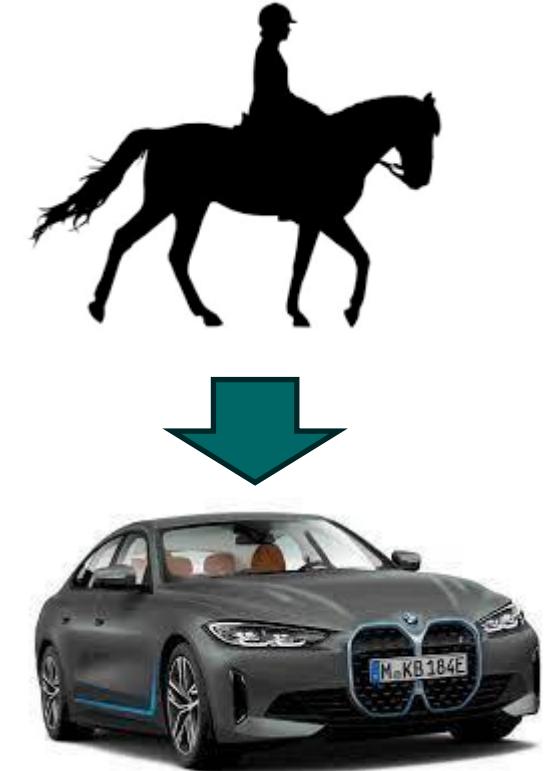
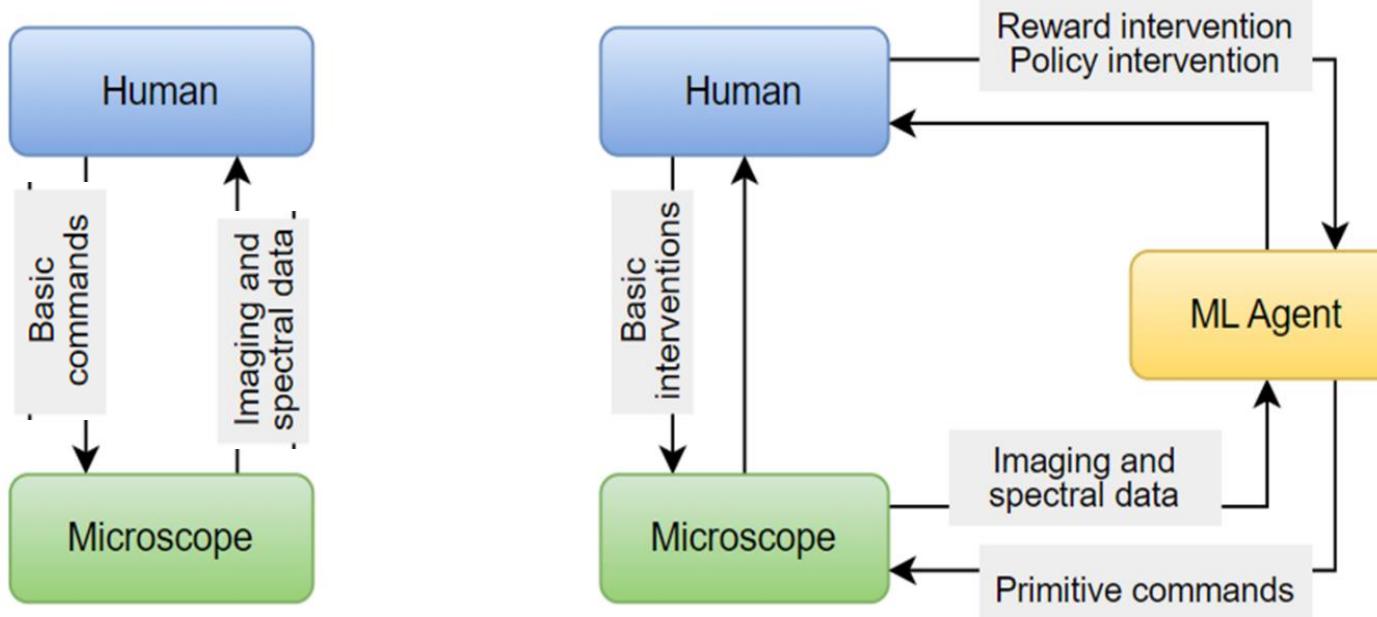
Bringing Human into the Loop



We can intervene on:

- **Policies** (acquisition functions): type and parameters
- **Scalarizers**: what physics are we interested in - type and parameters
- **Knowledge injection**: what microstructures are we interested in?
- **Cost and latencies**: trivial via acquisition functions

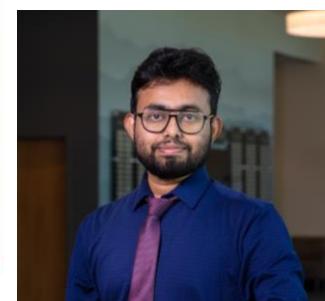
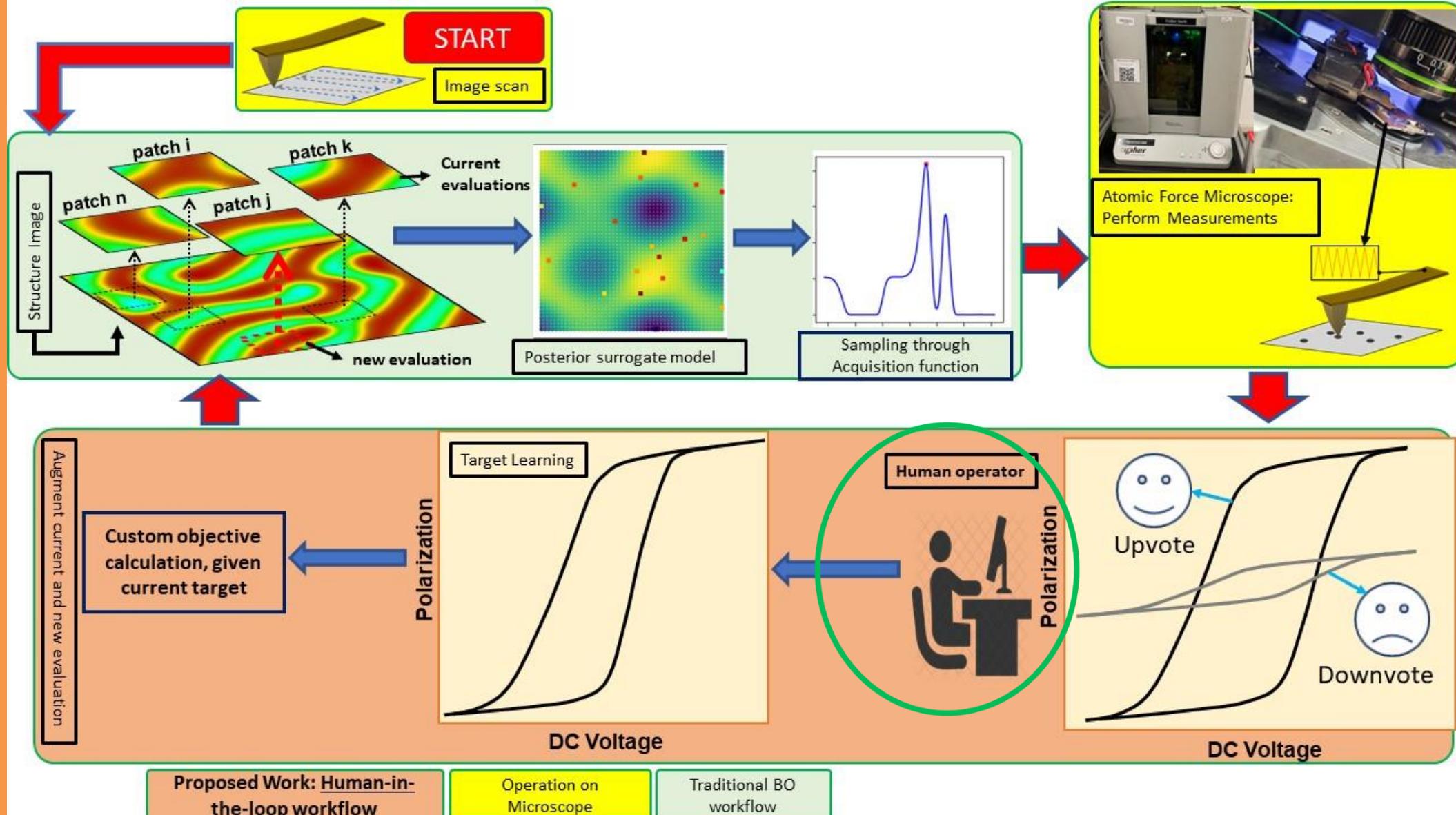
Human in the loop AE



We can intervene on:

- Policies (acquisition functions): type and parameters
- Scalarizers (physics descriptors): type and parameters
- Knowledge injection
- Direct operation

BOARS: Human (partially) in the loop



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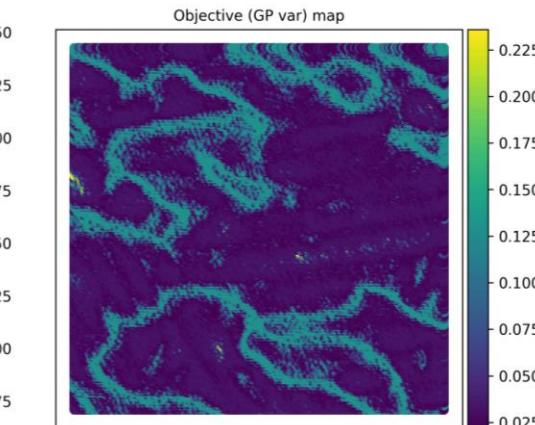
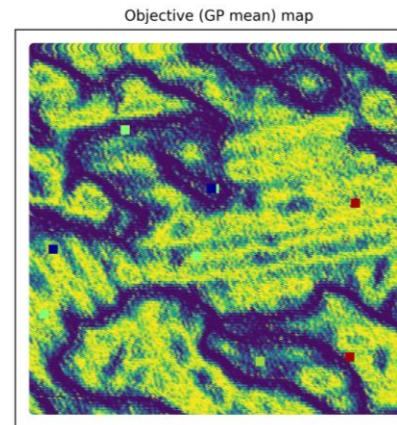
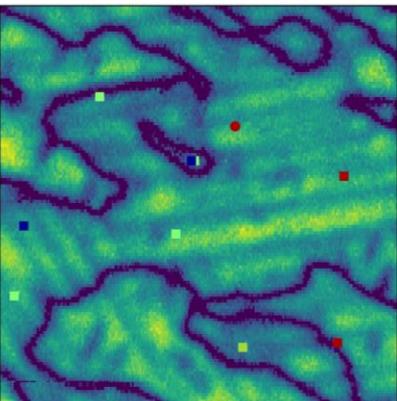
Bayesian optimized Active Recommender System (BOARS)

BOARS: Human partially in the loop

Human Assessment within loop

```
4     return ampdat_masked, points_measured
5
6 # set parameters
7 IV = np.copy(amp_masked)
8 points_measured = np.array(idx)
9 last_points_measured = np.array(points_measured)
10 vdc = vdc_vec
11
12 train_Y = torch.empty((num_start, 1))
13 pref = torch.empty((num_start, 1))
14 init_spec = torch.empty((num_start, spec_length))
15 # Define a sparse grid to store evaluated spectral locations
16 eval_spec_y = torch.zeros(img.shape[0],img.shape[0],spec_length)
17 #Evaluate initial training data
18 x = torch.empty((1,2))           I
19
20 # First generate target loop, based on initial training data
21 wcount_good= 0
22 target_func = torch.zeros(spec_length)
23
24 mask = np.isin(points_measured, last_points_measured, invert = True)
25 new_points_measured = points_measured[mask]
26 last_points_measured = np.append(last_points_measured, new_points_measured)
27
28 for i in range(0, num_start):
29
30     #####experiment start#####
31     time.sleep(0.1)
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An implementation to SPM



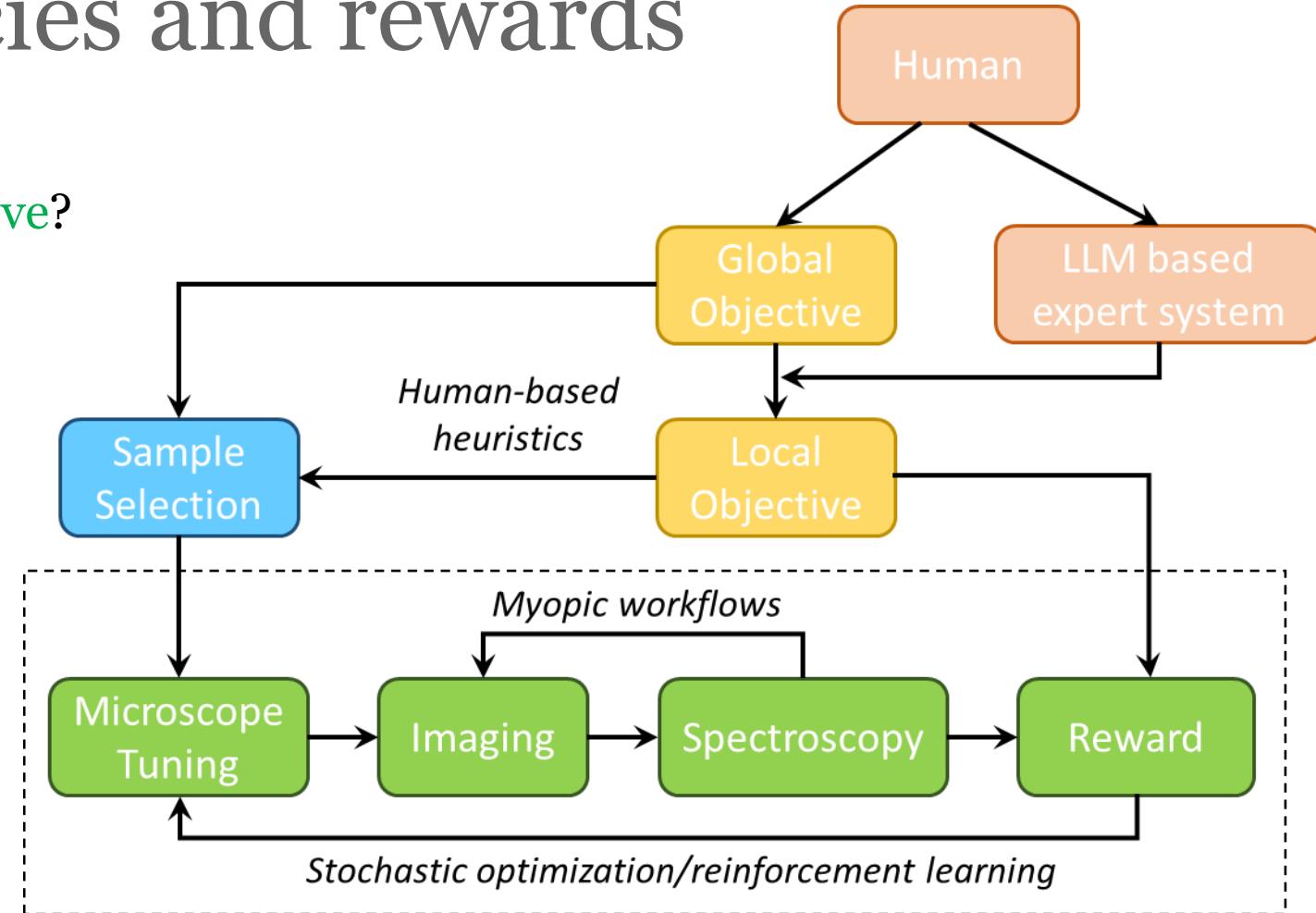
The dance of policies and rewards

Rewards and objectives:

- What is our (hierarchical) objective?
- Can we define reward(s)?

Inferential biases:

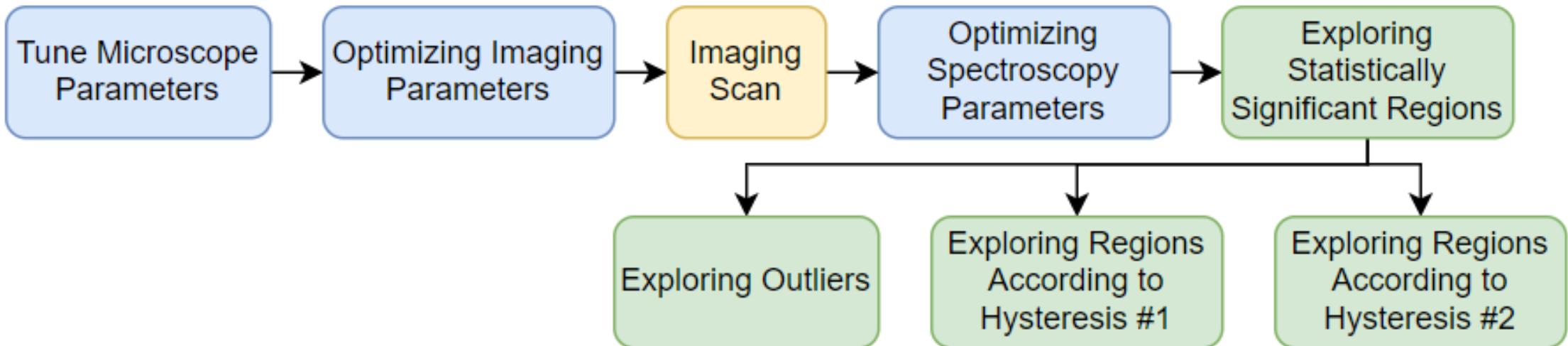
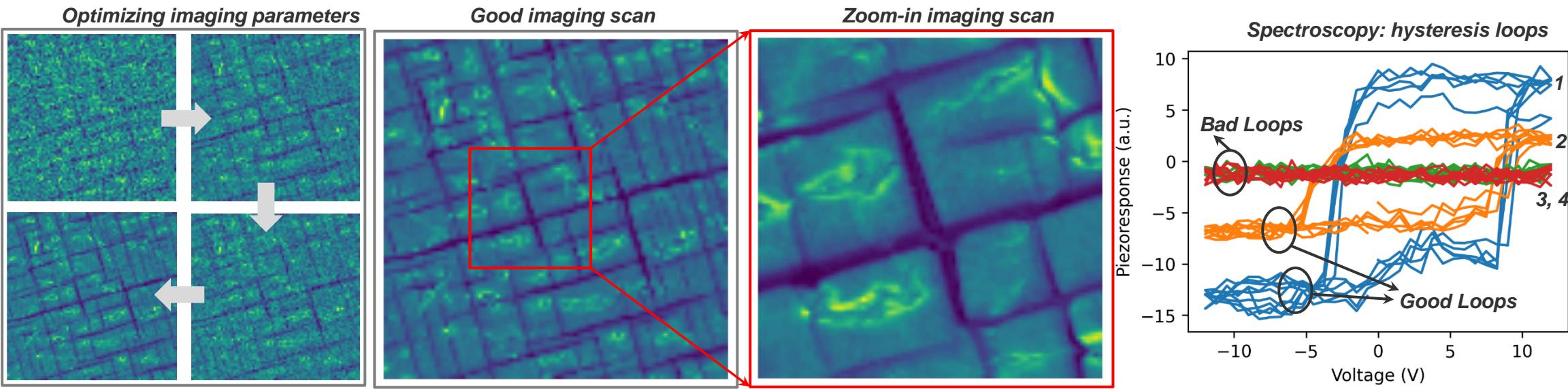
- What do we know before the experiment?
- What do we (hope to) learn after the experiment?



Experiment planning – policies and values

- How do we plan experiment in advance (policies or values based on rewards)?
- Can we ascribe value to certain steps?
- Do we change our policies during experiment?

Future: full workflow optimization



Characteristic	Definition	Availability
Global image	Initial structural data set available before DKL experiment. Used to create patches for DKL training	Before
DKL latents	The latent variables encoding the structural information in the patches	During**
Scalarizer function	Function defining what characteristic of spectrum guides Bayesian Optimization	Before*
Acquisition function	Function combining DKL prediction and uncertainty of the scalarizer function	Before*
Policy	Principle for selection of next path. Simplest policy is maximization of acquisition function, but can be more complex including epsilon-greedy or switch between multiple scalarizers or acquisition functions. Human in the loop intervention tunes some aspect of the policy	Before*
Experimental trace	Collection of patches (and their coordinates) and spectra derived during experiment. Trace and global image are the results of AE SPM.	During

Characteristic	Definition	Availability
Live DKL model	DKL model in the state corresponding to the n -th experimental step	During
Final DKL model	DKL model in the state corresponding to the end of the experiment	After
Complete DKL model	DKL model trained on the full data set (if available from grid measurements, etc).	
Regret analysis	The difference between predictions of live DKL model and final DKL model after the whole experiment (i.e., after 200 steps in this work)	During** and After
Learning curve	Change of the DKL uncertainty (mean and deviation), indicative of the predictability of the patch-scalarizer relationship	During
Counterfactual scalarizer	The availability of full spectral data as a part of experimental trace allows to estimate what the BO step would be if scalarizer were chosen to be different	During
Trajectory analysis	Real-time trajectory of the probe that can be represented in the global image plane	During
Feature discovery	Analysis of the latent variables and latent representations of image patches and spectra in the trace. Here, we realize only patch analysis but extension to spectra is straightforward.	After
Latent trajectory analysis	Analysis of the experimental trajectory in the latent space of the full collection of the image patches derived from the global image	During**