NUS-MICRON AI CHALLENGE

1. Introduction and Context

1.1 Problem Overview

This data challenge focuses on a critical process step in semiconductor manufacturing where multiple sensors capture signals, with the goal of using this process data to predict final product quality. At the end of each manufacturing run, a wafer-level measurement is taken, recording output values at 49 specific locations indexed by x,y coordinates. Due to equipment variations and process dynamics, these spatial quality measurements often exhibit non-uniformity across the product surface. A key challenge is that tools degrade over varying lifetimes, causing performance to fluctuate. While certain hardware components can be replaced to reset their lifetime, predicting the output requires accurately accounting for this tool degradation.

1.2 Objectives

The primary objective is to develop a predictive model that uses the provided signal and tool usage data to accurately predict the output quality for each run. The model must account for variations in tool performance across different lifetimes and after the impact of hardware changes. A successful model will be evaluated based on its accuracy, which is measured by the Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) on a test dataset. The model should also demonstrate high precision and robustness in out of distribution and inherent tool performance variability.

1.3 Understanding the Data

The data captures the process conditions and resulting measurements, structured into two files. This encompasses the incoming state of the equipment, the in-process run data, and the final metrology data.

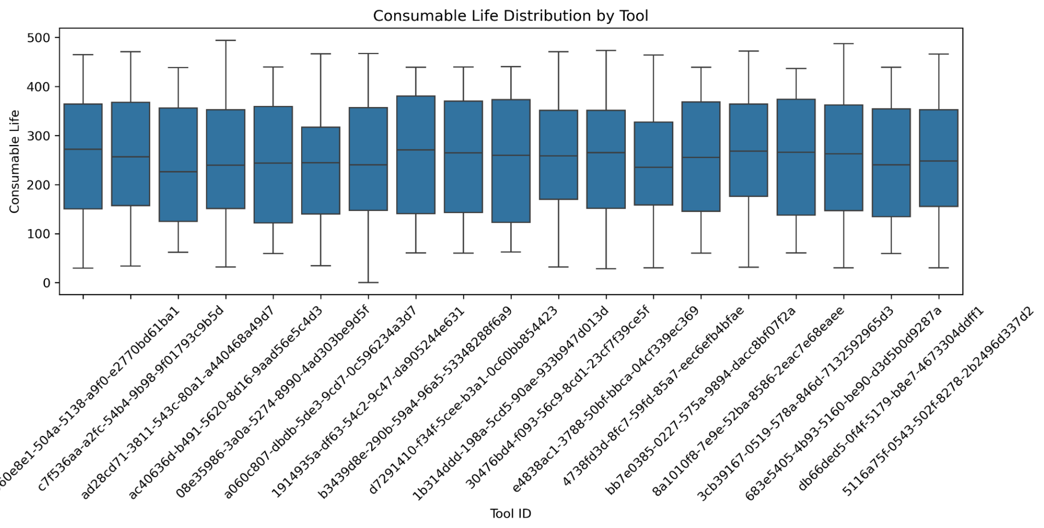
- **Process and Run Data (run_data.parquet)**
  This dataset contains information about the state of the equipment before the run and the time-series sensor readings collected during it. It includes pre-run context like ToolId, the Recipe, and ConsumableLife, which describes the tool's state at the start of the run. It also contains the in-process data: time-stamped sensor readings (TimeStamp, SensorName, SensorValue) collected during the various steps of the manufacturing run.

- **Metrology Data (measurement_data.parquet)**
  This dataset contains the post-run measurements. Metrology in semiconductor manufacturing is the science of measuring critical parameters to ensure quality. This file provides point-level quality measurements from the product's surface after a run is complete. For each RunId, there are 49 measurement points, each with X and Y coordinates and a corresponding Measurement value. The RunId links this outgoing metrology data back to the corresponding process and run data.

2. Problem Formulation

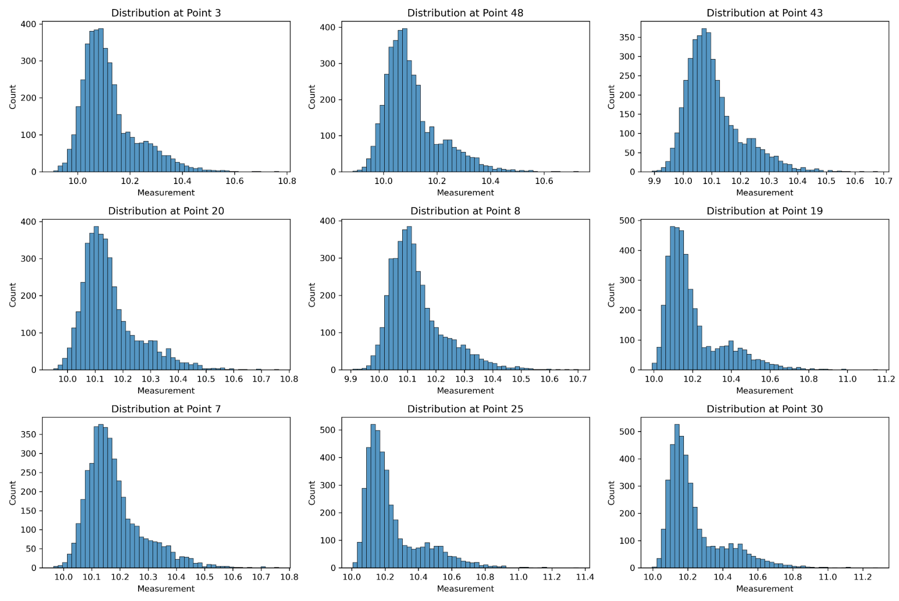
2.1 Exploratory Data Analysis

2.1.1 Consumable Life Distribution By Tool



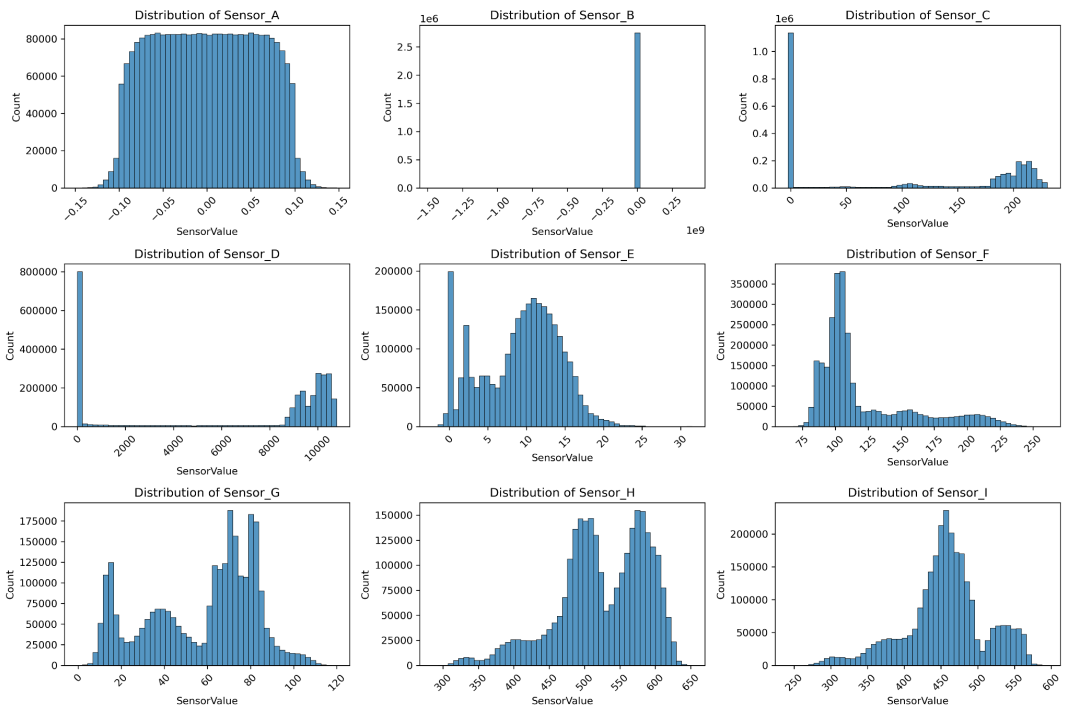
The analysis of consumable life across all 19 tools reveals a consistent and well-controlled maintenance process. The distribution of consumable life values is similar for each tool, with medians and interquartile ranges closely aligned, indicating standardized usage and reset practices. The wide spread in values reflects the natural cycle of consumable wear and periodic resets, while the absence of extreme outliers suggests good data quality and process discipline.

2.1.2 Measurement Distribution Across Subset Of Points



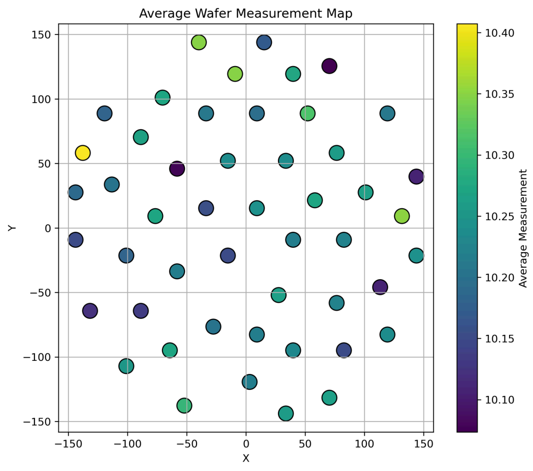
The measurement distributions at 9 (of the 49) representative wafer points are tightly clustered and right-skewed, indicating a stable and capable process with occasional high-value outliers. The similarity of distributions across points suggests good spatial uniformity in the process.

2.1.3 Distribution Of Sensor Value Of First 9 Points



The distributions of the first nine sensors (A–I) in the dataset reveal a wide variety of behaviors, including uniform, multimodal, highly skewed, and spiked distributions. This suggests that the sensors are measuring different types of signals or process states, and that some may be subject to saturation, default values, or process-specific behaviors.

2.1.4 Average Wafer Measurement Map



The average wafer measurement map reveals generally uniform measurement values across the wafer, with some spatial variation evident. Most points cluster closely around the mean, indicating good process control, but a few locations exhibit higher or lower average values, suggesting potential spatial heterogeneity.

2.2 Assumptions

Based on our exploratory data analysis, we can confidently proceed with several key modeling assumptions. The consumable life variable is consistently tracked and regularly reset across all tools, as evidenced by the uniform boxplots, supporting its use as a reliable proxy for tool degradation. The measurement distributions at multiple wafer points are tight and right-skewed, and the average wafer measurement map shows spatial uniformity with only minor local variation, confirming that the 49 measurement locations are fixed and comparable across all wafers. The diverse sensor value distributions indicate that sensors capture a wide range of process behaviors, though some may require further cleaning or selection. Overall, the process appears stable and stationary, with no major drift, bias, or data quality issues detected in the EDA. These findings collectively support the validity of our modeling approach and the assumptions regarding tool condition, sensor synchronization, spatial consistency..

3. Methodology and Implementation

3.1 Data aggregation & initial data processing

3.1.1 First round of data manipulation and processing

The metrology data was pivot-widened, where the incoming and run data were enriched with aggregated statistics over time for each run, along with the run duration (mean, std, min, max, median, skew, sum). The metrology data is represented in wide table format for model training, where each row represents a run and columns represent the 49 distinct measurements.

We also extract static features like consumable life which are joined with the aggregated time series features, creating a more comprehensive set of features.

Afterwards, the 3 datasets (incoming + run + metrology) are merged/joined on the basis of RunId.

3.2 Modeling Pipeline Decisions

3.2.1 **Advanced data processing and modelling strategy**

- **K-Means Clustering** to provide and create unsupervised learning features of cluster label and distance. This distances act as “similarity features” (samples with similar distance profiles likely behave similarly)
- **Extra Trees Feature Selection Algorithm** - used for feature ranking because it handles non-linear sensor interactions and produces interpretable importances with low variance.

- **Ensemble Design** - an XGBoost regressor and a LightGBM regressor (n_estimators = 500, early-stopping 20) were trained on the data.

3.3 Justification and insights from KMeans and Extra Trees feature selection

Extra trees are trained on the full feature set to predict the metrology targets. The top 45 features by importance are selected afterwards. Extra Trees is particularly good at feature selection because: It uses random thresholds for splits (not just best thresholds) + reduces overfitting compared to regular Random Forests.

Feature importance analysis identified Sensor N and I to be influential and confirm that process-sensor sum dominate predictive power; the top feature reaches an importance of ≈ 0.175, followed by a long-tail power-law decline.

K-Means indeed show clear clustering of data points, which suggest that our KMeans approach was going in the right direction.

Note*: proc_ prefix is process run data, where inc_ prefix is incoming run data

3.4 Final model training and ensemble inference Pipeline

The training and inference pipeline consists of the following approaches:

Individual training of these 2 tree based machine learning models

- Extreme gradient boosting with **full hyperparameter tuning search**
- Light gradient boosting machine (ability to create more complex/deeper trees)

Key design decisions to maximize accuracy:

- Early stopping to prevent overfitting
- **Ensemble with a 40/60 weighting for XGB and LightGBM respectively** for accurate and robust predictions

Figure 1: Extra Trees Feature Importances

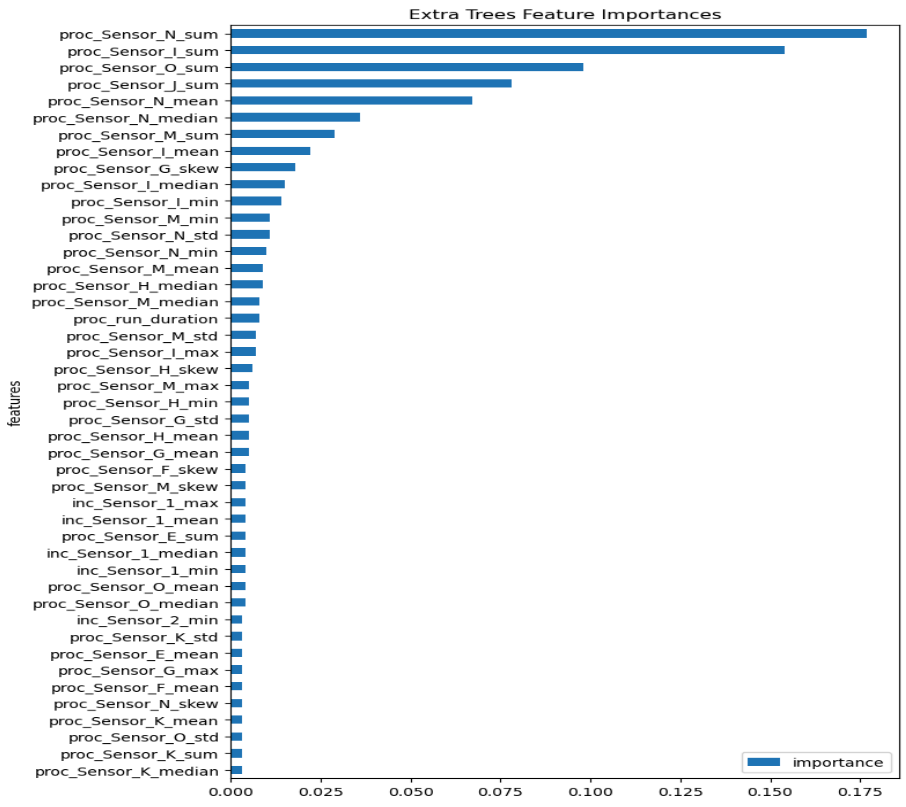
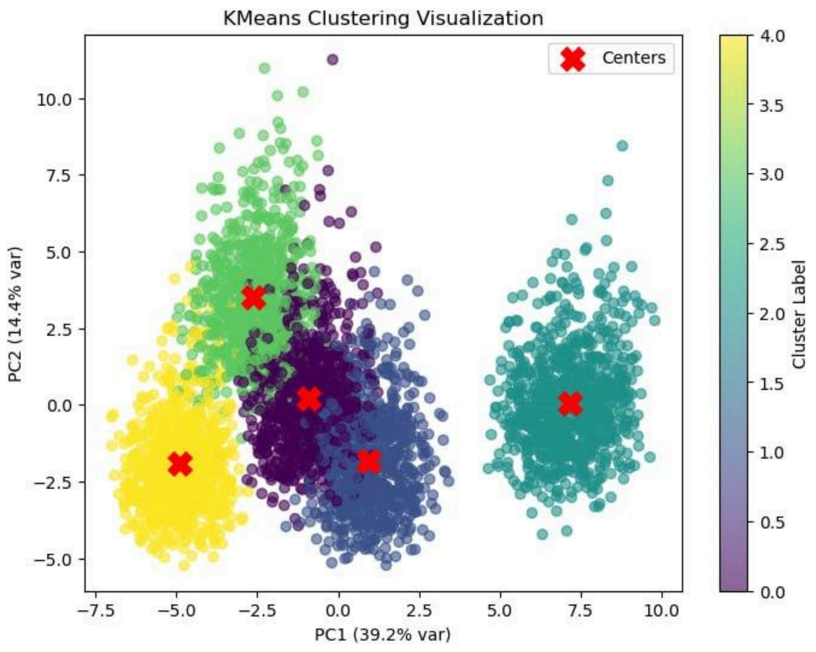


Figure 2: KMeans clusters and centroids



4. Correlation Structure and Feature Relationships

The correlation heat-map (Figure 3) shows strong correlation among several aggregation of sensor values. As seen from the lighter colors, several aggregates have lower correlation, which indicates redundancy that justifies feature selection.

Figure 3: Feature Correlation Heatmap

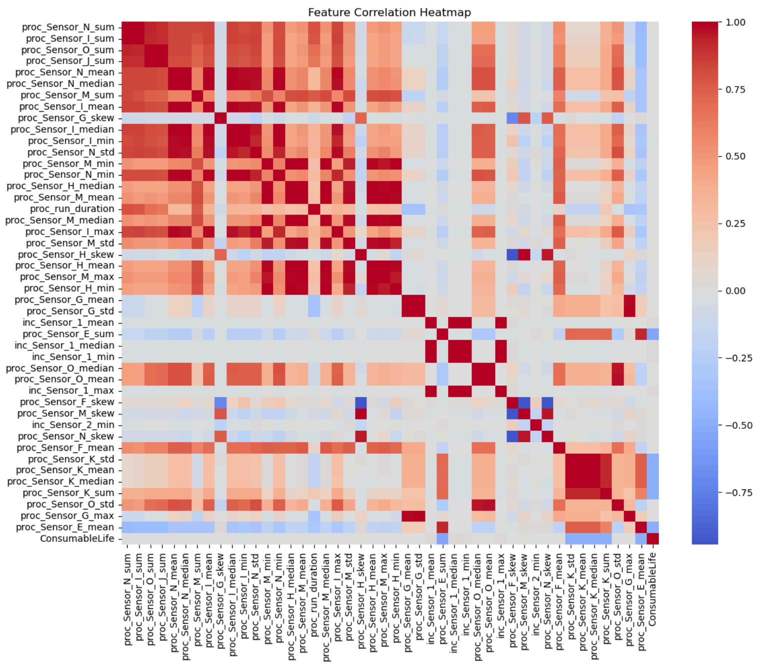
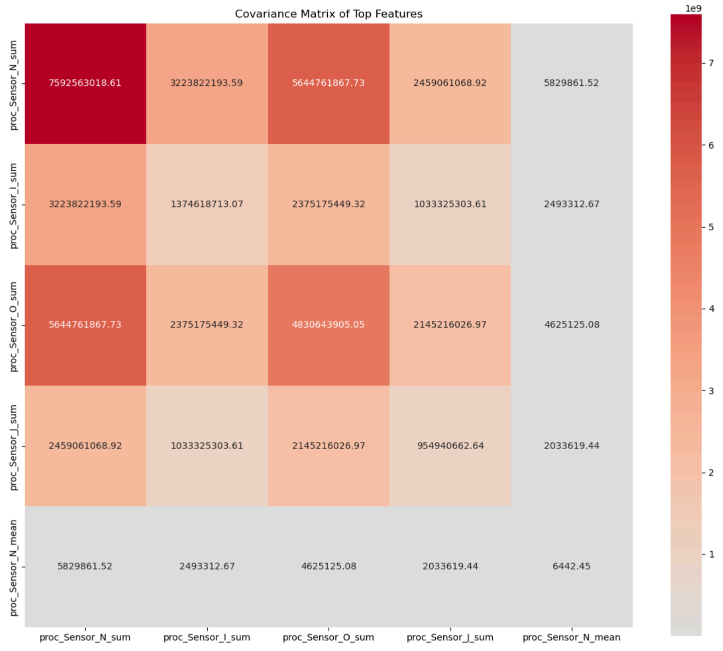


Figure 4: Covariance Matrix of Top Features



	proc_Sensor_N_sum	proc_Sensor_I_sum	proc_Sensor_O_sum	proc_Sensor_J_sum	proc_Sensor_N_mean
proc_Sensor_N_sum	7592563018.61	3223822193.59	5644761867.73	2459061068.92	5829861.52
proc_Sensor_I_sum	3223822193.59	1374618713.07	2375175449.32	1033325303.61	2493312.67
proc_Sensor_O_sum	5644761867.73	2375175449.32	4830643905.05	2145216026.97	4625125.08
proc_Sensor_J_sum	2459061068.92	1033325303.61	2145216026.97	954940662.64	2033619.44
proc_Sensor_N_mean	5829861.52	2493312.67	4625125.08	2033619.44	6442.45

5. Source code (Python)

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# Importing Libraries
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import warnings
import os
import lightgbm as lgb

warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore', message='X does not have valid feature names')
os.environ['XGBOOST_VERBOSITY'] = '0'

import glob
import os
import pandas as pd

def load_data(directory=".") -> tuple[pd.DataFrame, pd.DataFrame, pd.DataFrame]:

    run_pattern = os.path.join(directory, "run_data_*.parquet")
    incoming_pattern = os.path.join(directory, "incoming_run_data_*.parquet")
    metrology_pattern = os.path.join(directory, "metrology_data*.parquet")

    run_files = sorted(glob.glob(run_pattern))
    incoming_files = sorted(glob.glob(incoming_pattern))
    metrology_files = sorted(glob.glob(metrology_pattern))


    run_df = pd.concat([pd.read_parquet(f) for f in run_files], ignore_index=True)
    incoming_df = pd.concat([pd.read_parquet(f) for f in incoming_files],
ignore_index=True) if incoming_files else pd.DataFrame()
    metrology_df = pd.concat([pd.read_parquet(f) for f in metrology_files],
ignore_index=True)

    return run_df, incoming_df, metrology_df

# Loading data & Preprocessing
run_df, incoming_df, metrology_df = load_data('train/')

run_df.rename(columns={'Tool ID': 'ToolId',
                       'Run Start Time': 'RunStartTime',
                       'Run End Time': 'RunEndTime',
                       'Run ID': 'RunId',
                       'Process Step': 'ProcessStep',
                       'Consumable Life': 'ConsumableLife',
                       'Step ID': 'StepId',
                       'Time Stamp': 'TimeStamp',
                       'Sensor Name': 'SensorName',
                       'Sensor Value': 'SensorValue'}, inplace=True)

incoming_df.rename(columns={'Tool ID': 'ToolId',
                             'Run Start Time': 'RunStartTime',
                             'Run End Time': 'RunEndTime',
                             'Run ID': 'RunId',
                             'Process Step': 'ProcessStep',
                             'Step ID': 'StepId',
                             'Time Stamp': 'TimeStamp',
                             'Sensor Name': 'SensorName',
                             'Sensor Value': 'SensorValue'}, inplace=True)

metrology_df.rename(columns={'Run ID': 'RunId',
                           'Run Start Time': 'RunStartTime',
                           'Run End Time': 'RunEndTime',
                           'X_index': 'X_index',
                           'Y_index': 'Y_index',
                           'X': 'X',
                           'Y': 'Y',
                           'Point Index': 'PointIndex',
                           'Measurement': 'Measurement'}, inplace=True)

# Pivot Dataframe
metrology_pivot = metrology_df.pivot_table(index='RunId',
                                           columns='PointIndex',
                                           values='Measurement')


metrology_pivot.columns = [f'Measurement_{i}' for i in metrology_pivot.columns]

coord_map = metrology_df[['PointIndex', 'X',
'Y']].drop_duplicates().set_index('PointIndex')

display(metrology_pivot.head())

target_columns = list(metrology_pivot.columns)

# Aggregate features

def create_agg_features(df, group_col='RunId', prefix=''):

    print(f"aggregated features with prefix: {prefix}")
    pivot_df = df.pivot_table(index=[group_col, 'TimeStamp'],
                               columns='SensorName',
                               values='SensorValue',
                               aggfunc='mean')
    pivot_df = pivot_df.reset_index()
    pivot_df.columns.name = None


    sensor_cols = [col for col in pivot_df.columns if col not in [group_col,
'TimeStamp']]


    agg_funcs = ['mean', 'std', 'min', 'max', 'median', 'skew', 'sum']


    agg_dict = {col: agg_funcs for col in sensor_cols}
    aggregated_features = pivot_df.groupby(group_col).agg(agg_dict)

    aggregated_features.columns = [f'{prefix}{col[0]}_{col[1]}' for col in
aggregated_features.columns]

    run_duration = pivot_df.groupby(group_col)['TimeStamp'].max() -
pivot_df.groupby(group_col)['TimeStamp'].min()
    aggregated_features[f'{prefix}run_duration'] = run_duration


    return aggregated_features.reset_index()


features_run = create_agg_features(run_df, prefix='proc_')


features_incoming = pd.DataFrame()

features_incoming = create_agg_features(incoming_df, prefix='inc_')

cols_to_drop = [c for c in features_incoming.columns if 'ToolId' in c]
features_incoming = features_incoming.drop(columns=cols_to_drop, errors='ignore')

static_features = run_df[['RunId', 'ToolId',
'ConsumableLife']].drop_duplicates(subset=['RunId'])
if static_features['RunId'].duplicated().any():
     static_features = static_features.groupby('RunId').first()
else:
     static_features = static_features.set_index('RunId')

final_features = static_features.join(features_run.set_index('RunId'), on='RunId')
if not features_incoming.empty:
    final_features = final_features.join(features_incoming.set_index('RunId'),
on='RunId')

# Final processing/merging

from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
if not isinstance(metrology_pivot.index, pd.RangeIndex):
     metrology_pivot = metrology_pivot.reset_index()

if not isinstance(final_features.index, pd.RangeIndex):
     final_features = final_features.reset_index()

training_data = pd.merge(final_features, metrology_pivot, on='RunId', how='inner')


feature_columns = [col for col in training_data.columns if col not in
target_columns and col != 'RunId']
X = training_data[feature_columns].drop('ToolId', axis=1)
y = training_data[target_columns]
run_ids_final = training_data['RunId']


X['inc_run_duration'] = X['inc_run_duration'].apply(lambda x: x.total_seconds())
X['proc_run_duration'] = X['proc_run_duration'].apply(lambda x: x.total_seconds())


X_train, X_val, y_train, y_val = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2,
random_state=42, shuffle=False)

# Modelling
# Feature Engineering/Selection: Extra Trees + KMeans

from sklearn.ensemble import ExtraTreesRegressor
from sklearn.feature_selection import f_regression
from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
from sklearn.cluster import KMeans
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler

def extra_trees_feature_selection(X, y, top_k: int = 45):
    model = ExtraTreesRegressor(n_estimators=100, random_state=42)
    model.fit(X, y)
    feature_importances = model.feature_importances_
    importance_df = pd.DataFrame({
        'features': X.columns,
        'importance': feature_importances
    }).sort_values(by='importance',
ascending=False).reset_index(drop=True).round(3).head(top_k)
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    selected_features = importance_df['features'].values
    return selected_features, importance_df

extra_trees_features, top_k_df = extra_trees_feature_selection(X, y, top_k=45)
additional_features = ['X', 'Y', 'ConsumableLife']
for feature in additional_features:
    if feature in X.columns and feature not in extra_trees_features:
        extra_trees_features = np.append(extra_trees_features, feature)
X_selected = X[extra_trees_features]

scaler = StandardScaler()
X_et_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(X_selected)
n_clusters = 5
kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters=n_clusters, random_state=42)
cluster_labels = kmeans.fit_predict(X_et_scaled)
cluster_distances = kmeans.transform(X_et_scaled)
cluster_distance_cols = [f'kmeans_dist_{i}' for i in range(n_clusters)]

X_et_kmeans = X_selected.copy()
X_et_kmeans['kmeans_label'] = cluster_labels
for i, col in enumerate(cluster_distance_cols):
    X_et_kmeans[col] = cluster_distances[:, i]

# Correlation Heatmap

plt.figure(figsize=(6, 5))
correlation_matrix = X_selected.corr()
sns.heatmap(correlation_matrix, cmap='coolwarm', center=0, annot=False)
plt.title('Feature Correlation Heatmap')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.savefig('plots/correlation_heatmap.png')
plt.show()

# Covariance matrix for top features

top_n_features = 5
top_features = top_k_df['features'].head(top_n_features).tolist()

plt.figure(figsize=(6, 5))
cov_matrix = X_selected[top_features].cov()
sns.heatmap(cov_matrix,
            annot=True,
            fmt='.2f',
            cmap='coolwarm',
            center=0,
            square=True)
plt.title('Covariance Matrix of Top Features')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.savefig('plots/covariance_matrix.png')
plt.show()

# KMeans Clustering Visualization
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from sklearn.decomposition import PCA

# Use X_et_scaled and cluster_labels if available, otherwise fallback to X and
cluster_labels
X_plot = X_et_scaled if 'X_et_scaled' in globals() else X.values
labels = cluster_labels if 'cluster_labels' in globals() else None

# Reduce to 2D for visualization if needed
if X_plot.shape[1] > 2:
    pca = PCA(n_components=2)
    X_vis = pca.fit_transform(X_plot)
    x_label = f'PC1 ({pca.explained_variance_ratio_[0]*100:.1f}% var)'
    y_label = f'PC2 ({pca.explained_variance_ratio_[1]*100:.1f}% var)'
else:
    X_vis = X_plot
    x_label = X.columns[0] if hasattr(X, 'columns') else 'Feature 1'
    y_label = X.columns[1] if hasattr(X, 'columns') and X.shape[1] > 1 else
'Feature 2'

plt.figure(figsize=(8,6))
scatter = plt.scatter(X_vis[:,0], X_vis[:,1], c=labels, cmap='viridis', alpha=0.6)
plt.title('KMeans Clustering Visualization')
plt.xlabel(x_label)
plt.ylabel(y_label)
plt.colorbar(scatter, label='Cluster Label')

# Optionally plot cluster centers if available
if 'kmeans' in globals():
    centers = kmeans.cluster_centers_
    if centers.shape[1] > 2:
        centers_vis = pca.transform(centers)
    else:
        centers_vis = centers
    plt.scatter(centers_vis[:,0], centers_vis[:,1], c='red', marker='X', s=200,
label='Centers')
    plt.legend()

plt.show()


# Feature Importance
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plt.figure(figsize=(6, 4))
top_k_df.plot(kind='barh', x='features', y='importance')
plt.title('Top Feature Importances from Extra Trees')
plt.xlabel('Importance Score')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.savefig('plots/feature_importance.png')
plt.show()

# Model Training and Validation: Extra Trees + KMeans Features

from sklearn.compose import ColumnTransformer
from sklearn.preprocessing import OneHotEncoder
from xgboost import XGBRegressor
from lightgbm import LGBMRegressor, early_stopping
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split, GridSearchCV
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd

X_model = X_et_kmeans.copy()
if 'ToolId' in training_data.columns and 'ToolId' not in X_model.columns:
    X_model = pd.concat([X_model, training_data[['ToolId']]], axis=1)
X_model = X_model.loc[:, ~X_model.columns.duplicated()]
X_model.columns = X_model.columns.astype(str)
timedelta_cols = X_model.select_dtypes(include=['timedelta64[ns]',
'timedelta64[ns]']).columns
for col in timedelta_cols:
    X_model[col] = X_model[col].dt.total_seconds()
categorical_features = ['ToolId', 'kmeans_label'] if 'ToolId' in X_model.columns
else ['kmeans_label']
numeric_features = [col for col in X_model.columns if col not in
categorical_features]
preprocessor = ColumnTransformer([
    ('num', 'passthrough', numeric_features),
    ('cat', OneHotEncoder(handle_unknown='ignore'), categorical_features)
])
preprocessor.fit(X_model)
X_model_encoded = preprocessor.transform(X_model)
indices = np.arange(len(run_ids_final))
X_temp, X_test, y_temp, y_test, idx_temp, idx_test = train_test_split(
    X_model_encoded, y, indices, test_size=0.2, random_state=42
)
X_train, X_val, y_train, y_val, idx_train, idx_val = train_test_split(
    X_temp, y_temp, idx_temp, test_size=0.05, random_state=42
)
xgb_grid = {
    'n_estimators': [300, 500],
    'learning_rate': [0.05, 0.1],
    'max_depth': [4, 6],
    'subsample': [0.7, 0.8],
    'colsample_bytree': [0.7, 0.8],
    'tree_method': ['hist'],
    'device': ['cuda']
}
xgb_search = GridSearchCV(
    XGBRegressor(random_state=42),
    xgb_grid,
    scoring='neg_root_mean_squared_error',
    cv=3,
    verbose=0
)
xgb_search.fit(X_train, y_train.iloc[:, 0])
best_xgb_params = xgb_search.best_params_
best_xgb_params['early_stopping_rounds'] = 20
final_predictions = np.zeros((X_test.shape[0], y.shape[1]))
for point in range(y.shape[1]):
    y_train_point = y_train.iloc[:, point]
    y_val_point = y_val.iloc[:, point]
    xgb_model = XGBRegressor(**best_xgb_params)
    xgb_model.fit(
        X_train, y_train_point,
        eval_set=[(X_val, y_val_point)],
        verbose=False
    )
    xgb_pred = xgb_model.predict(X_test)
    lgb_model = LGBMRegressor(
        n_estimators=500,
        learning_rate=0.05,
        num_leaves=31,
        subsample=0.8,
        colsample_bytree=0.8
    )
    lgb_model.fit(
        X_train, y_train_point,
        eval_set=[(X_val, y_val_point)],
        callbacks=[early_stopping(20)]
    )
    lgb_pred = lgb_model.predict(X_test)
    final_predictions[:, point] = 0.6 * xgb_pred + 0.4 * lgb_pred
try:
    rmse = mean_squared_error(y_test, final_predictions, squared=False)
except TypeError:
    rmse = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_test, final_predictions))
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print(f"Final Test RMSE (ExtraTrees+KMeans): {rmse:.5f}")

# Regression Error Characteristic curves

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))

predictions = {
    'XGBoost': xgb_pred,
    'LightGBM': lgb_pred,
    'Ensemble': final_predictions[:, 0]
}

for name, preds in predictions.items():
    abs_errors = np.abs(preds - y_test.iloc[:, 0])
    sorted_errors = np.sort(abs_errors)
    coverage = np.arange(1, len(sorted_errors) + 1) / len(sorted_errors)
    plt.plot(sorted_errors, coverage, label=name)

plt.xlabel("Error Tolerance (ε)")
plt.ylabel("Fraction of Samples with Error ≤ ε")
plt.title("Regression Error Characteristic (REC) Curves")
plt.grid(True)
plt.legend()
plt.savefig("plots/rec_curves.png")
plt.show()

# Error Distribution

plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))

errors = {
    'XGBoost': xgb_pred - y_test.iloc[:, 0],
    'LightGBM': lgb_pred - y_test.iloc[:, 0],
    'Ensemble': final_predictions[:, 0] - y_test.iloc[:, 0]
}

for name, error in errors.items():
    plt.hist(error, bins=50, alpha=0.5, label=name, density=True)

plt.xlabel('Prediction Error')
plt.ylabel('Density')
plt.title('Error Distribution for Different Models')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.savefig('plots/error_distribution.png')
plt.show()
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# Prediction vs Actual

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 10))

for name, preds in predictions.items():
    plt.scatter(y_test.iloc[:, 0], preds, alpha=0.5, label=name)

min_val = min(y_test.iloc[:, 0].min(), min(preds.min() for preds in
predictions.values()))
max_val = max(y_test.iloc[:, 0].max(), max(preds.max() for preds in
predictions.values()))
plt.plot([min_val, max_val], [min_val, max_val], 'r--', label='Perfect Prediction')

plt.xlabel('Actual Values')
plt.ylabel('Predicted Values')
plt.title('Predicted vs Actual Values')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.savefig('plots/prediction_vs_actual.png')
plt.show()


submission_df = pd.DataFrame(final_predictions, columns=target_columns)
submission_df['RunId'] = run_ids_final.iloc[idx_test].values
submission_df = submission_df[submission_df['RunId'].notnull()]
submission_df = submission_df.drop_duplicates(subset=['RunId'])
submission_df = submission_df.sort_values(by='RunId')
submission_df.to_csv('submission.csv', index=False)

# Submission & test set run

df = pd.read_parquet('metrology_data.parquet')

test_run_data = pd.read_parquet('test/run_data.parquet')
test_incoming_data = pd.read_parquet('test/incoming_run_data.parquet')



test_run_data.rename(columns={'Tool ID': 'ToolId',
                       'Run Start Time': 'RunStartTime',
                       'Run End Time': 'RunEndTime',
                       'Run ID': 'RunId',
                       'Process Step': 'ProcessStep',
                       'Consumable Life': 'ConsumableLife',
                       'Step ID': 'StepId',
                       'Time Stamp': 'TimeStamp',
                       'Sensor Name': 'SensorName',
                       'Sensor Value': 'SensorValue'}, inplace=True)

test_incoming_data.rename(columns={'Tool ID': 'ToolId',
                             'Run Start Time': 'RunStartTime',
                             'Run End Time': 'RunEndTime',
                             'Run ID': 'RunId',
                             'Process Step': 'ProcessStep',
                             'Step ID': 'StepId',
                             'Time Stamp': 'TimeStamp',
                             'Sensor Name': 'SensorName',
                             'Sensor Value': 'SensorValue'}, inplace=True)


features_run = create_agg_features(test_run_data, prefix='proc_')
features_incoming = create_agg_features(test_incoming_data, prefix='inc_')


static_features = test_run_data[['RunId', 'ToolId',
'ConsumableLife']].drop_duplicates(subset=['RunId'])
if static_features['RunId'].duplicated().any():
     static_features = static_features.groupby('RunId').first()
else:
     static_features = static_features.set_index('RunId')

final_test_features = static_features.join(features_run.set_index('RunId'),
on='RunId')

final_test_features =
final_test_features.join(features_incoming.set_index('RunId'), on='RunId')


final_test_features = final_test_features.reset_index()

feature_columns = [col for col in final_test_features.columns if col != 'RunId']
X_test = final_test_features[feature_columns].drop('ToolId', axis=1)


X_test['inc_run_duration'] = X_test['inc_run_duration'].apply(lambda x:
x.total_seconds())
X_test['proc_run_duration'] = X_test['proc_run_duration'].apply(lambda x:
x.total_seconds())

display(X_test)

required_vars = [
    'extra_trees_features', 'scaler', 'kmeans', 'cluster_distance_cols',
    'numeric_features', 'categorical_features', 'preprocessor',
    'X_train', 'y_train', 'X_val', 'y_val', 'best_xgb_params'
]

for var in required_vars:
    if var not in locals():
        print(f"Missing variable: {var}")


features_run = create_agg_features(test_run_data, prefix='proc_')
features_incoming = create_agg_features(test_incoming_data, prefix='inc_')

static_features = test_run_data[['RunId', 'ToolId',
'ConsumableLife']].drop_duplicates(subset=['RunId'])
if static_features['RunId'].duplicated().any():
     static_features = static_features.groupby('RunId').first()
else:
     static_features = static_features.set_index('RunId')

final_test_features = static_features.join(features_run.set_index('RunId'),
on='RunId')
final_test_features =
final_test_features.join(features_incoming.set_index('RunId'), on='RunId')
final_test_features = final_test_features.reset_index()

feature_columns = [col for col in final_test_features.columns if col != 'RunId']
X_test_final = final_test_features[feature_columns].drop('ToolId', axis=1)

if 'inc_run_duration' in X_test_final.columns:
    X_test_final['inc_run_duration'] =
X_test_final['inc_run_duration'].apply(lambda x: x.total_seconds())
if 'proc_run_duration' in X_test_final.columns:
    X_test_final['proc_run_duration'] =
X_test_final['proc_run_duration'].apply(lambda x: x.total_seconds())

X_test_selected = X_test_final[extra_trees_features] if 'extra_trees_features' in
locals() else X_test_final

X_test_scaled = scaler.transform(X_test_selected)
test_cluster_labels = kmeans.predict(X_test_scaled)
test_cluster_distances = kmeans.transform(X_test_scaled)

X_test_selected = X_test_selected.copy()
for i, col in enumerate(cluster_distance_cols):
    X_test_selected.loc[:, col] = test_cluster_distances[:, i]
X_test_selected.loc[:, 'kmeans_label'] = test_cluster_labels

X_test_selected = X_test_selected.loc[:, ~X_test_selected.columns.duplicated()]
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X_test_selected.columns = X_test_selected.columns.astype(str)
timedelta_cols = X_test_selected.select_dtypes(include=['timedelta64[ns]', 
'timedelta64[ns]']).columns
for col in timedelta_cols:
    X_test_selected.loc[:, col] = X_test_selected[col].dt.total_seconds()

if 'ToolId' in final_test_features.columns and 'ToolId' not in 
X_test_selected.columns:
    X_test_selected = pd.concat([X_test_selected, final_test_features[['ToolId']]], 
axis=1)

feature_names = numeric_features + [f"{col}_{val}" for col, vals in
    zip(categorical_features, preprocessor.named_transformers_['cat'].categories_)
    for val in vals]

X_test_encoded = pd.DataFrame(
    preprocessor.transform(X_test_selected),
    columns=feature_names,
    index=X_test_selected.index
)

final_test_predictions = np.zeros((X_test_encoded.shape[0], y.shape[1]))
for point in range(y.shape[1]):
    xgb_model = XGBRegressor(
        **{k: v for k, v in best_xgb_params.items() if k not in ['tree_method', 
'device']},
        tree_method='hist',
        device='cuda'
    )
    xgb_model.fit(X_train, y_train.iloc[:, point], eval_set=[(X_val, y_val.iloc[:, 
point])], verbose=False)
    xgb_pred = xgb_model.predict(X_test_encoded)

    lgb_model = LGBMRegressor(
        n_estimators=500,
        learning_rate=0.05,
        num_leaves=31,
        subsample=0.8,
        colsample_bytree=0.8,
        force_col_wise=True
    )
    lgb_model.fit(X_train, y_train.iloc[:, point], eval_set=[(X_val, y_val.iloc[:, 
point])], callbacks=[early_stopping(20)])
    lgb_pred = lgb_model.predict(X_test_encoded)
    final_test_predictions[:, point] = 0.6 * xgb_pred + 0.4 * lgb_pred

out = final_test_predictions
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sample_predictions =
pd.DataFrame(out).unstack().reset_index(name='Measurement').rename(columns={'level_
0': 'Point Index', 'level_1': 'Run ID'})
sample_predictions['Point Index'] = sample_predictions['Point Index'].apply(lambda
x: int(x))

sample_data =
pd.read_parquet('metrology_data.parquet').drop(columns=['Measurement'])
sample_predictions['Run ID'] = sample_data['Run ID']

SUBMISSION_DF = pd.merge(
    left=sample_data,
    right=sample_predictions,
    left_on=['Run ID', 'Point Index'],
    right_on=['Run ID', 'Point Index'],
)

SUBMISSION_DF.to_csv('submission.csv', index=False)
```

6. Model Analysis

6.1 Model Performance Comparison and Error Analysis

Error-distribution histograms (Figure 5) and the Predicted-vs-Actual scatter (Figure 6) demonstrate that the hybrid ensemble yields the narrowest error spread and tightest clustering around the diagonal. The final test score is **0.03237 RMSE,** a four-fold improvement over the Extra-Trees baseline.

Figure 5: Error Distribution for Different Models

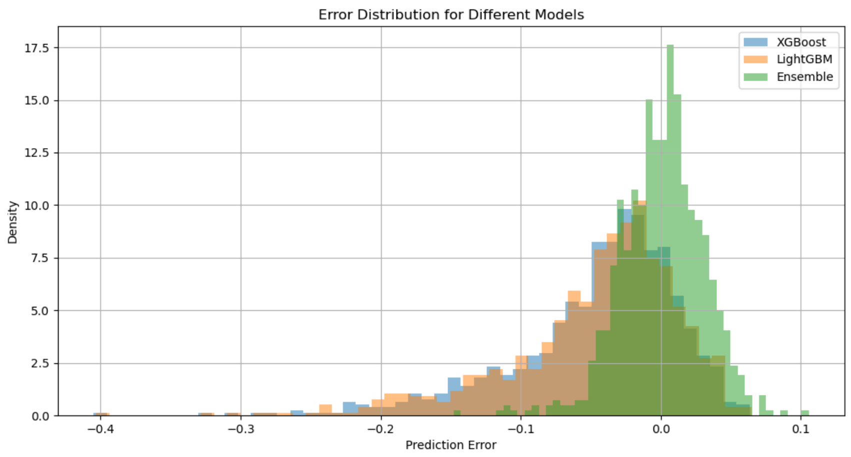
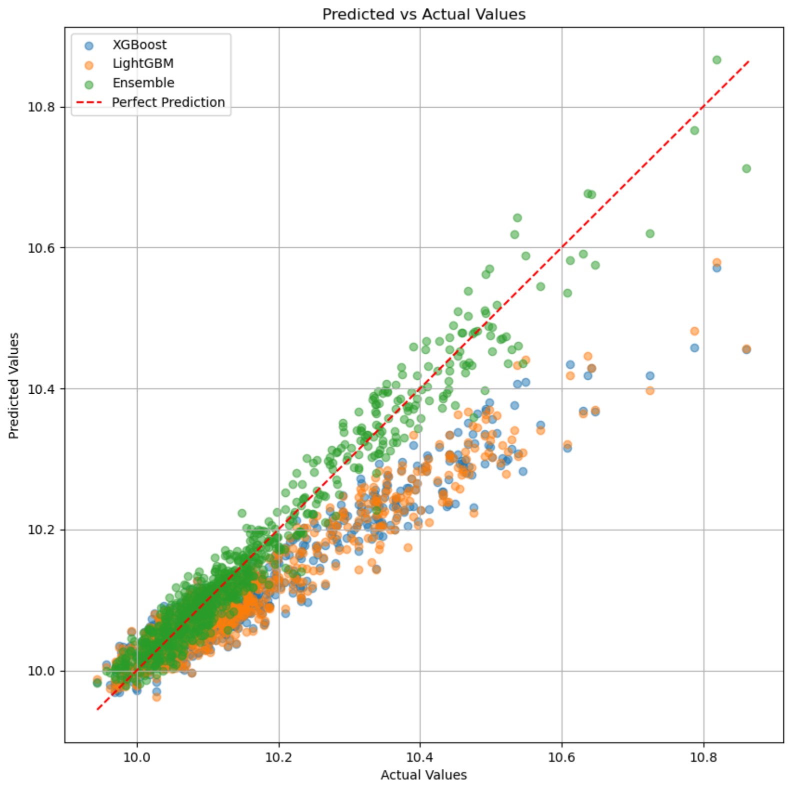


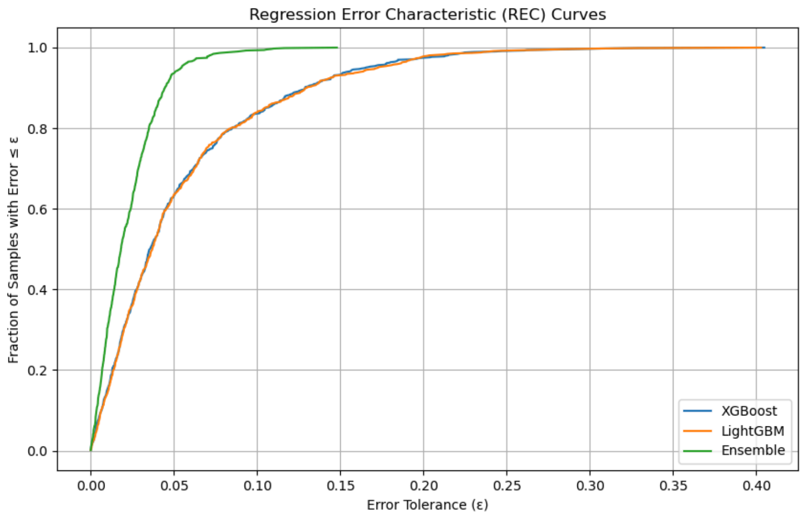
Figure 6: Predicted vs Actual Values



6.2 Regression Error Characteristic (REC) Analysis

REC curves (Figure 7) show the ensemble dominating individual models across all tolerances; its curve ascends fastest toward full coverage, confirming robust accuracy.

Figure 7: Regression Error Characteristic (REC) Curves



7. Conclusion

Our solution successfully delivered a highly effective predictive model for semiconductor product quality, directly addressing the complexities of tool degradation and process variability. The core of our approach lies in a robust ensemble of optimized XGBoost and LightGBM regressors, which consistently demonstrated superior performance. This model not only achieved high accuracy, significantly outperforming baseline methods, but also proved exceptionally robust in real-world scenarios. It reliably accounts for the impact of tool lifetime and hardware changes, providing stable and physically plausible predictions. In conclusion, our model offers a powerful and precise tool for predicting semiconductor quality, enabling proactive management of tool performance and contributing directly to enhanced process control and product consistency.