



## Active machine learning driven wind tunnel experiments: Realizing the benefits of automation at the UF-BLWT

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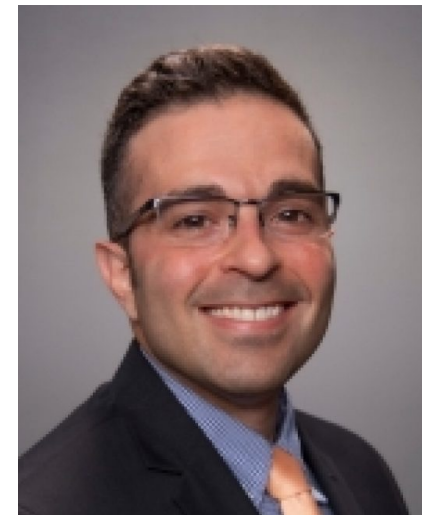
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# NHERI – SimCenter Tools

SimCenter provides a suite of computational tools for the hazards community

QUO  
FEM



Quantified Uncertainty with  
Optimization for the Finite  
Element Method

WE  
UQ



Wind Engineering with UQ for  
uncertain response of  
buildings to wind loads

EE  
UQ



Earthquake Engineering with  
UQ for uncertain response of  
buildings to seismic loads

Hydro  
UQ



Building response to water  
loading – tsunami and storm  
surge events

PBE



Performance Based  
Earthquake Engineering  
computations for individual  
buildings

R2D



Regional Resilience  
Determination for regional  
hazards modeling

UQ  
py

# UQpy



A collection of Python modules used for uncertainty quantification and propagation

- Includes commonly applied methods and new developments
- Serves as a UQ toolbox and a Python development environment

- Developed collaboratively by members of SURG
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- Version control through git (requires Python 3)
  - Version 3.1.4 available for download/installation via GitHub (<https://github.com/SURGroup/UQpy>)
- Available on the Python Package Index (PyPI) and Conda (`pip install UQpy`)

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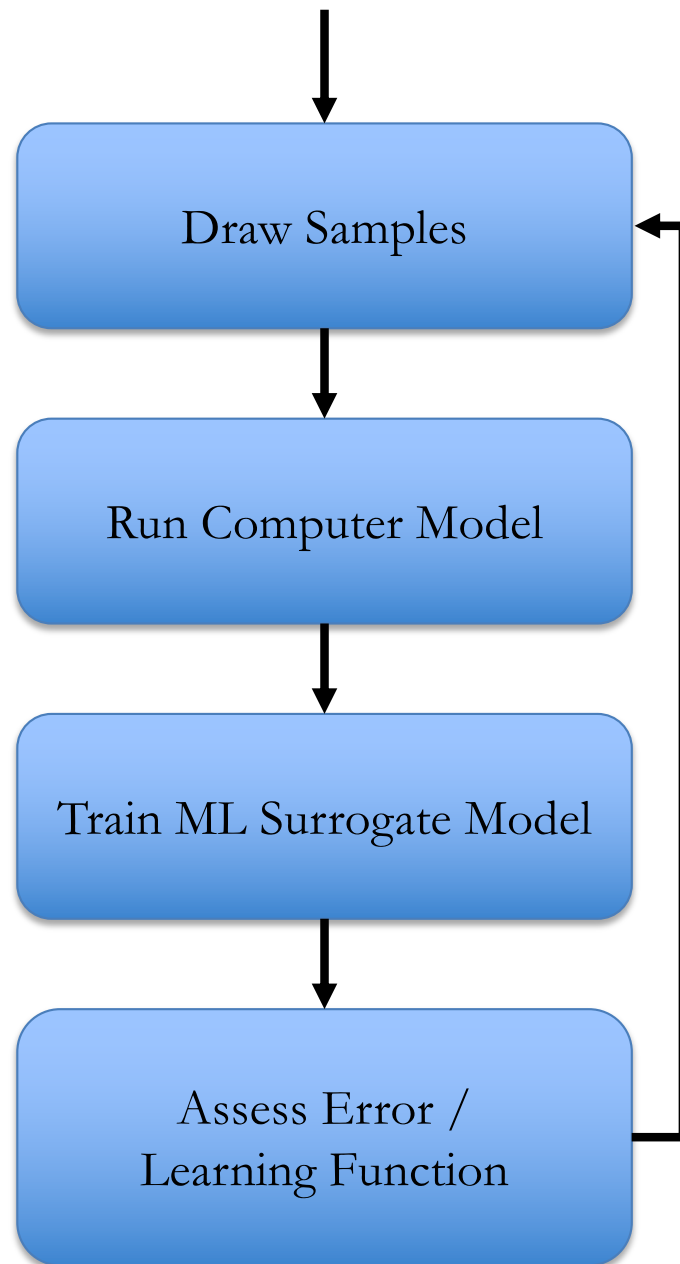


UQpy: A general purpose Python package and development environment for uncertainty quantification



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# Simple Active Learning Framework



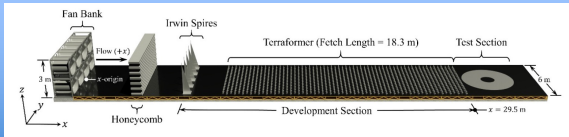
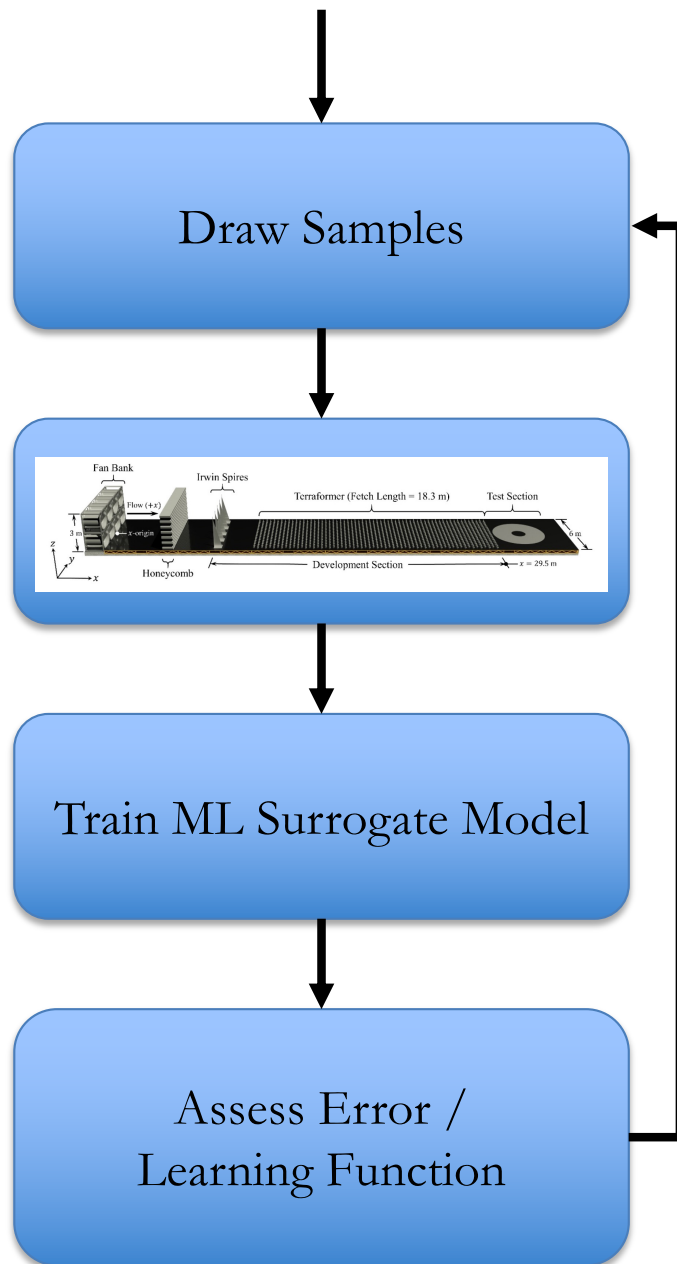
# Active Learning for UQ

This framework is nothing new:

- Jones et al. (1998) *Efficient Global Optimization of Expensive Black-Box Functions*, Journal of Global Optimization  
Developed the **Expected Improvement Function** – A learning function for global optimization
- Bichon et al. (2008). *Efficient Global Reliability Analysis for Nonlinear Implicit Performance Functions*, AIAA Journal  
Developed the Efficient Global Reliability Analysis (EGRA) method based on the **Expected Feasibility Function**
- Echard et al. (2011). *AK-MCS: An active learning reliability method combining Kriging and Monte Carlo Simulation*, Structural Safety  
Developed the Adaptive Kriging with Monte Carlo Simulation (AK-MCS) based on the **U Learning Function** for reliability analysis
- Lam. “*Sequential adaptive designs in computer experiments for response surface model fit.*” PhD diss., The Ohio State University, 2008.  
Developed the **Expected Improvement for Global Fit** function to adaptive construct accurate surrogates.

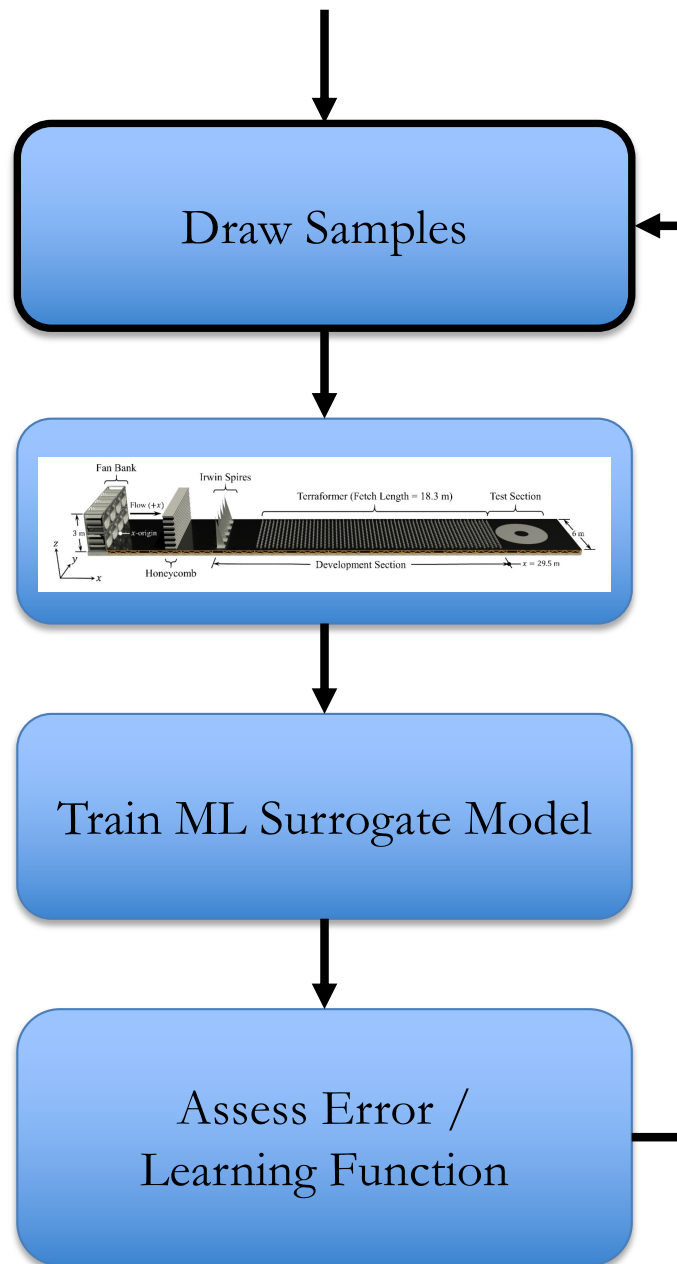


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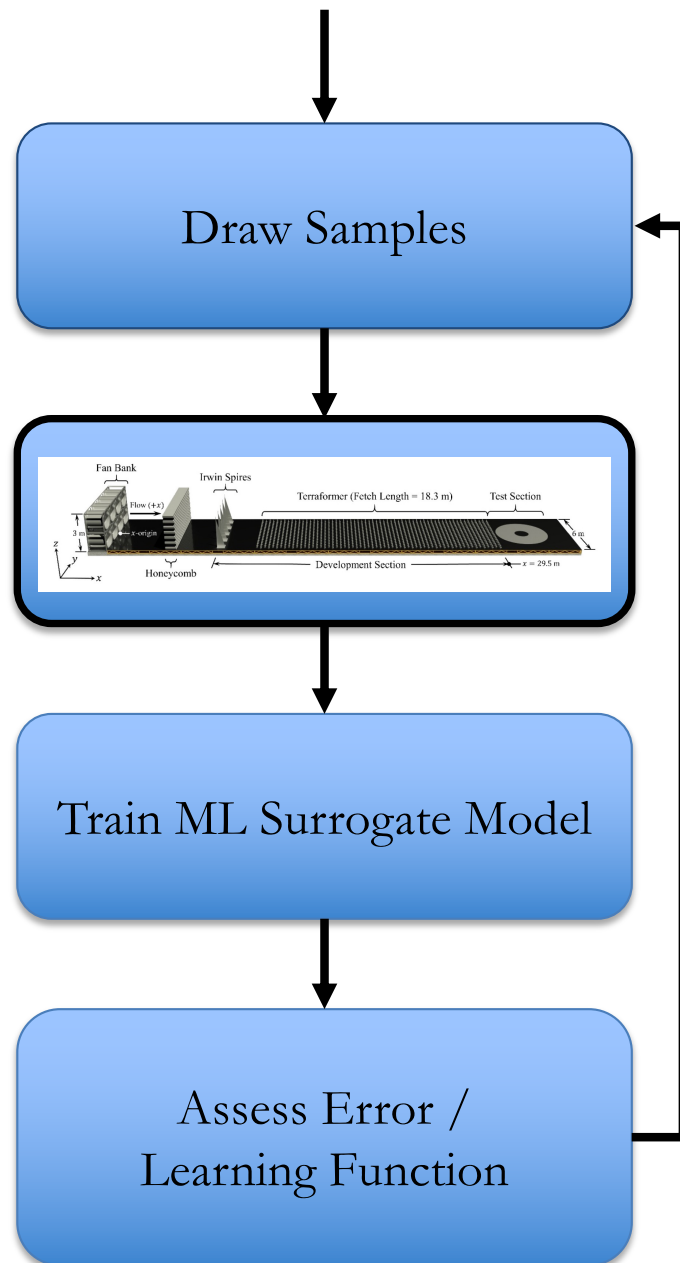
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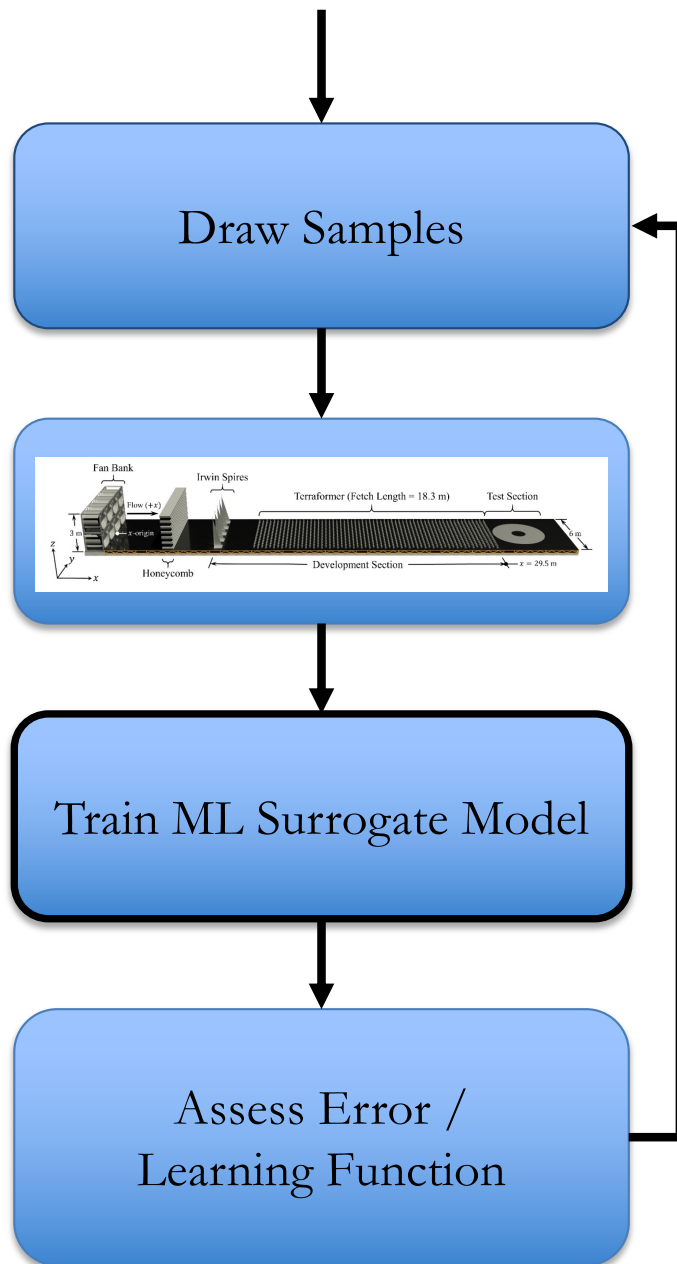
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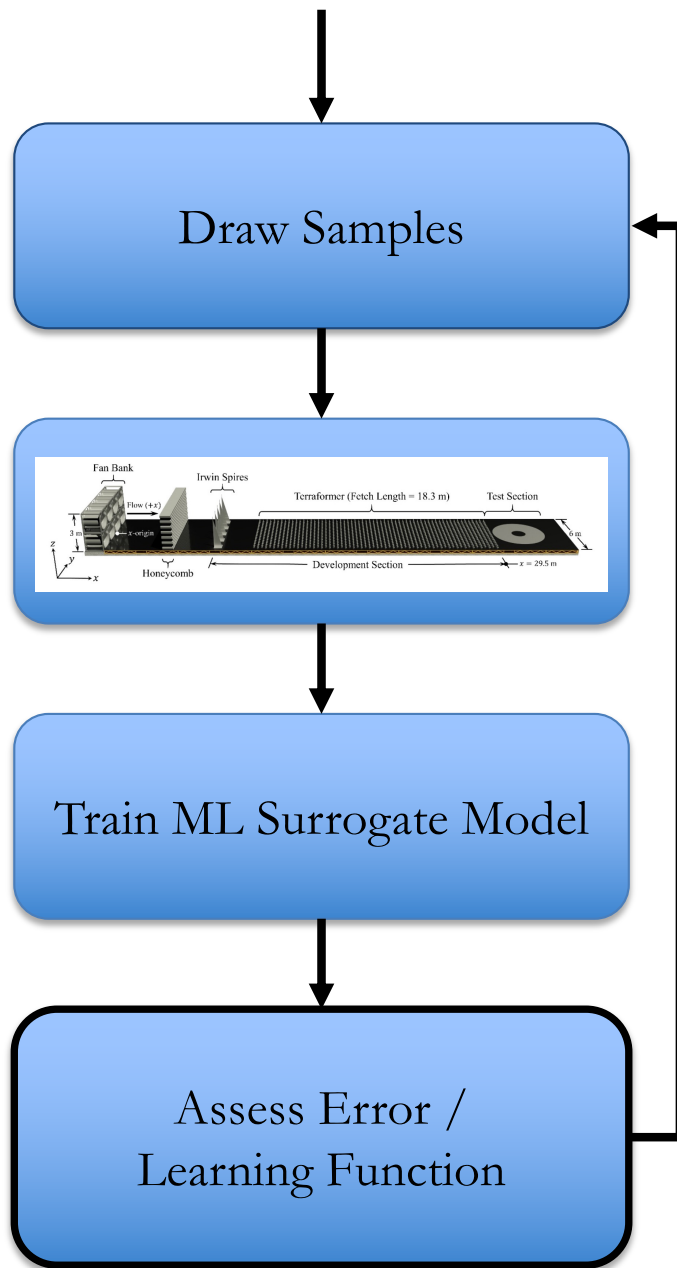


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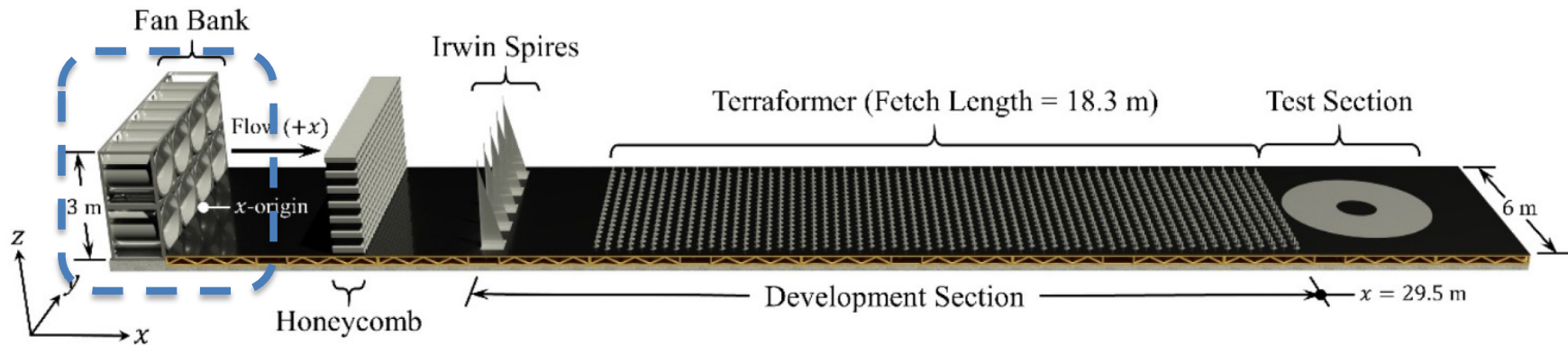
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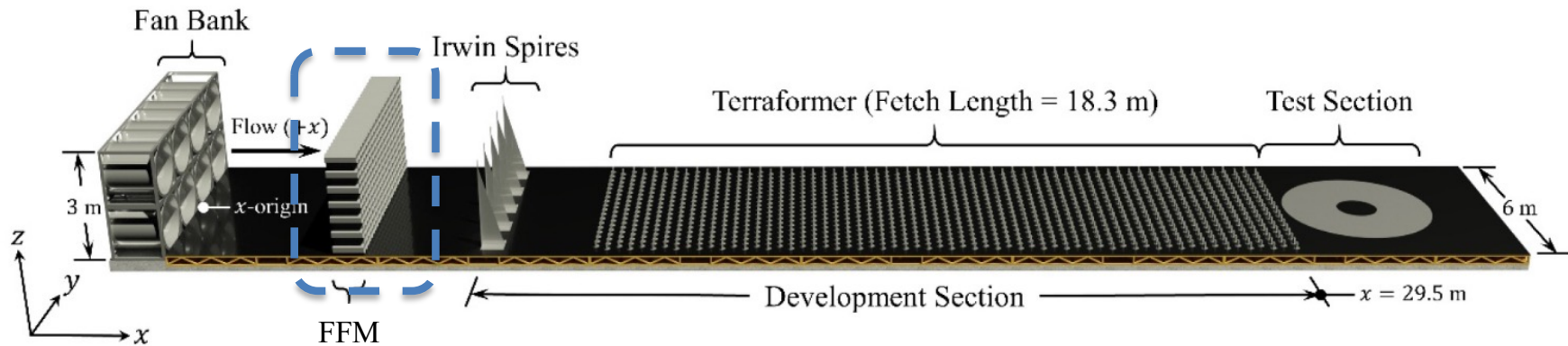
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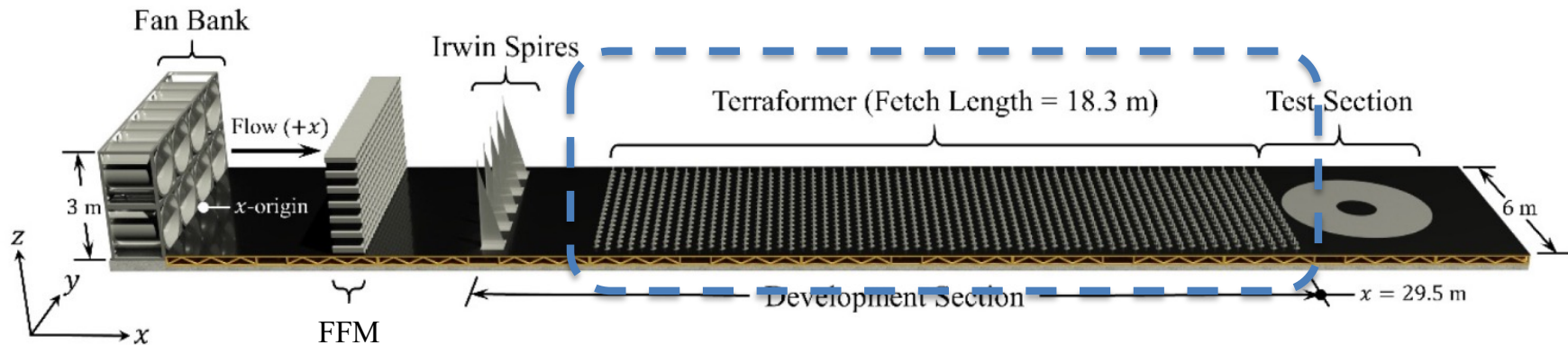
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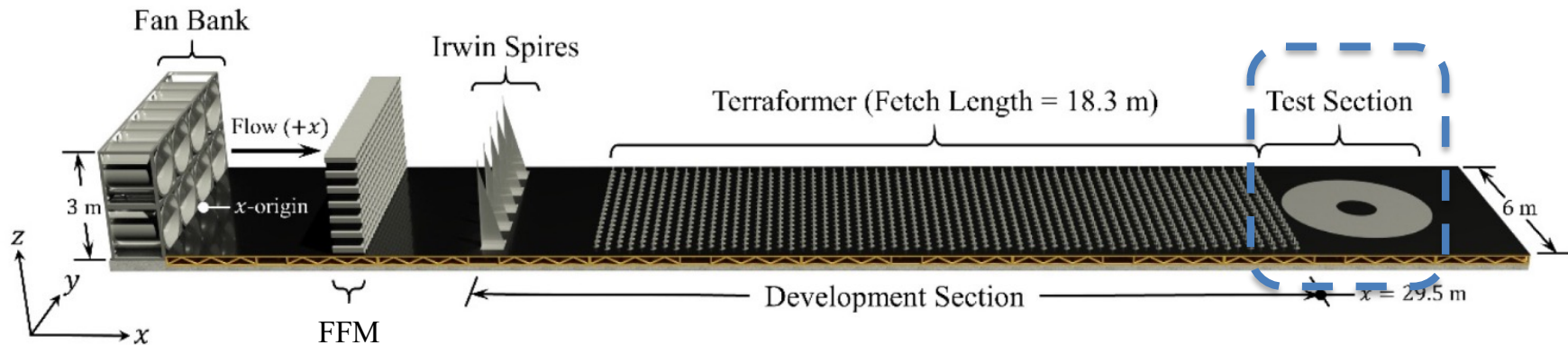
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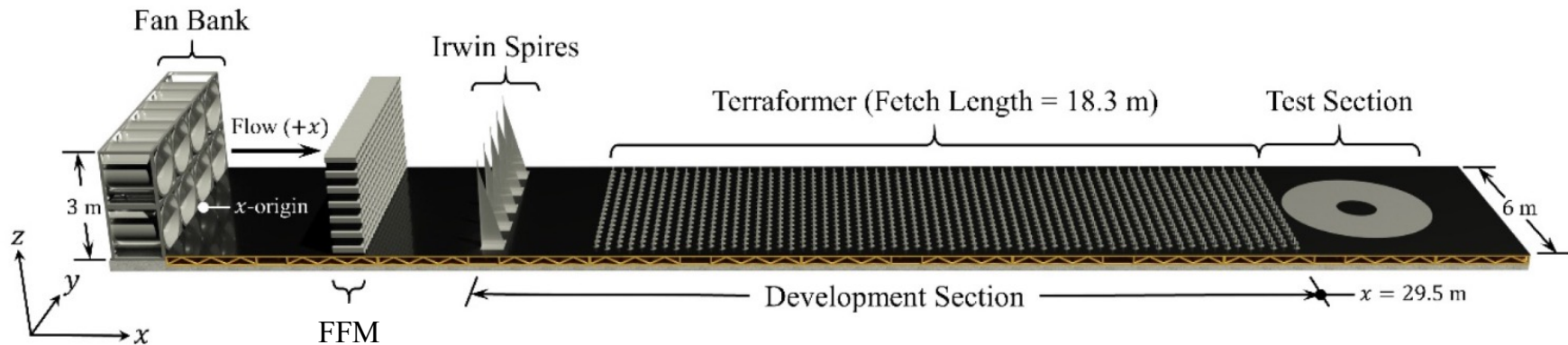


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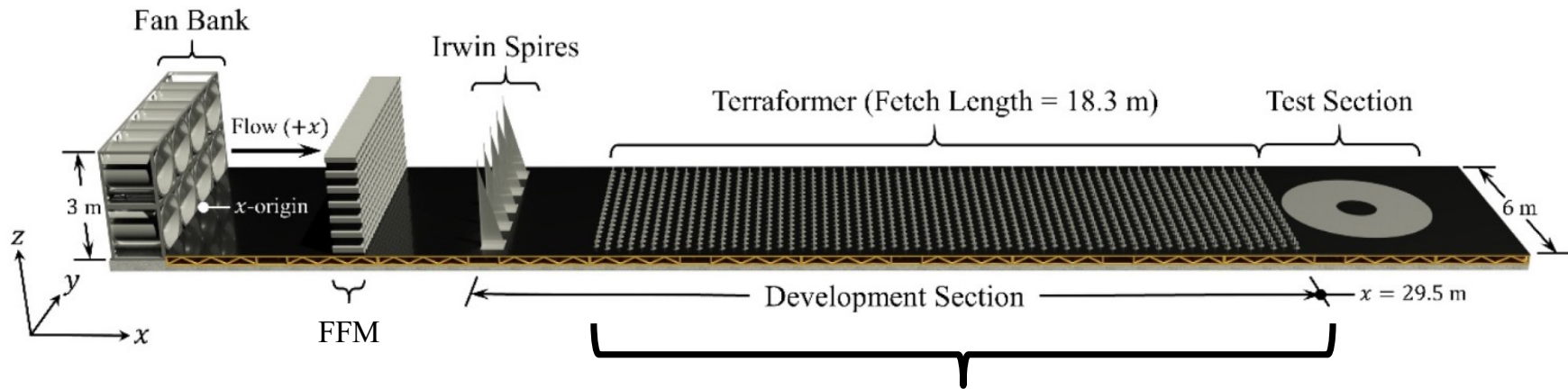


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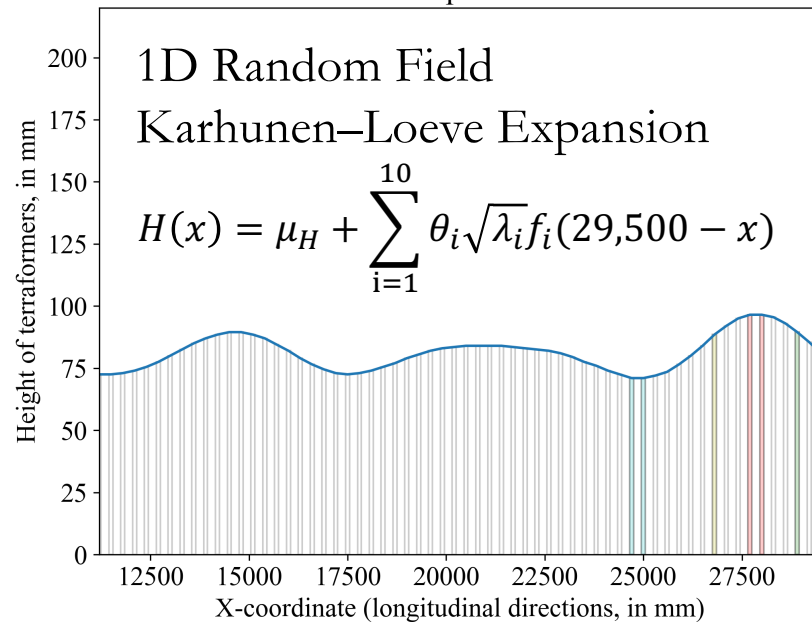
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**The number of different ways the UF BLWT can be configured is enormous**

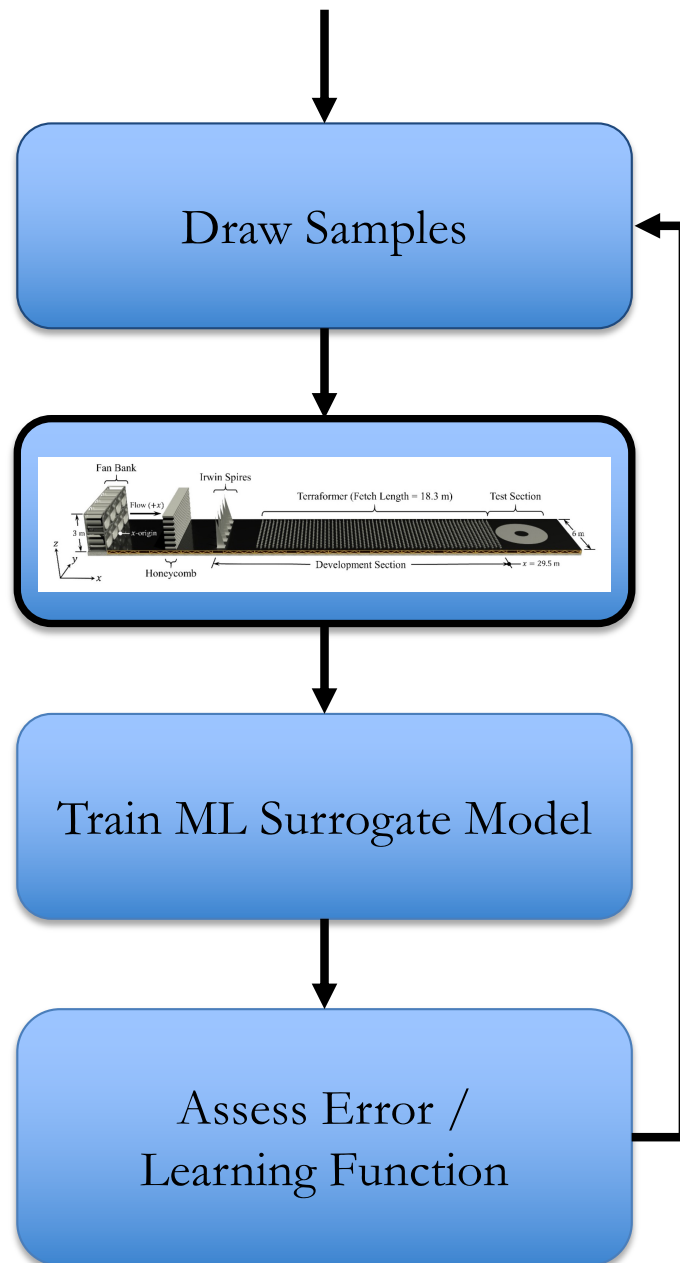
# Terraformer Parameterized



Exp: 11



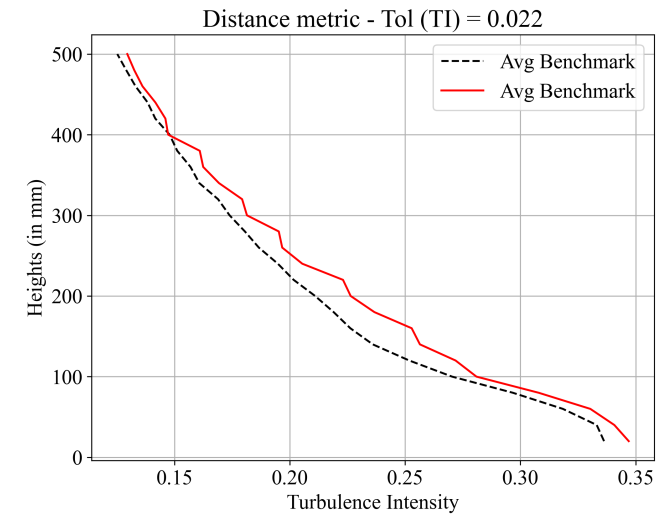
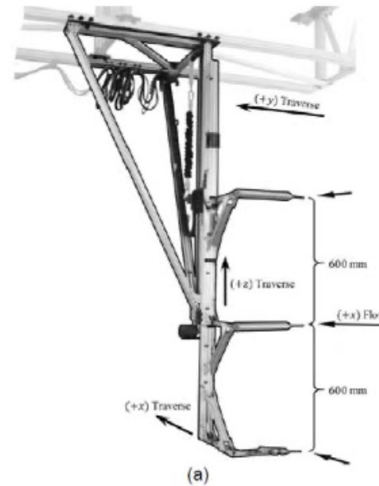
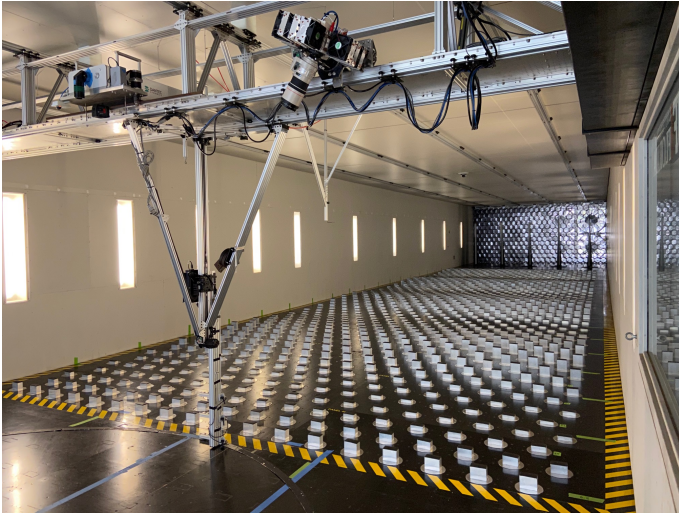
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# Automation



Set  
Experimental  
Parameters  
(Terraformer  
heights, Fan  
RMPs, etc.)

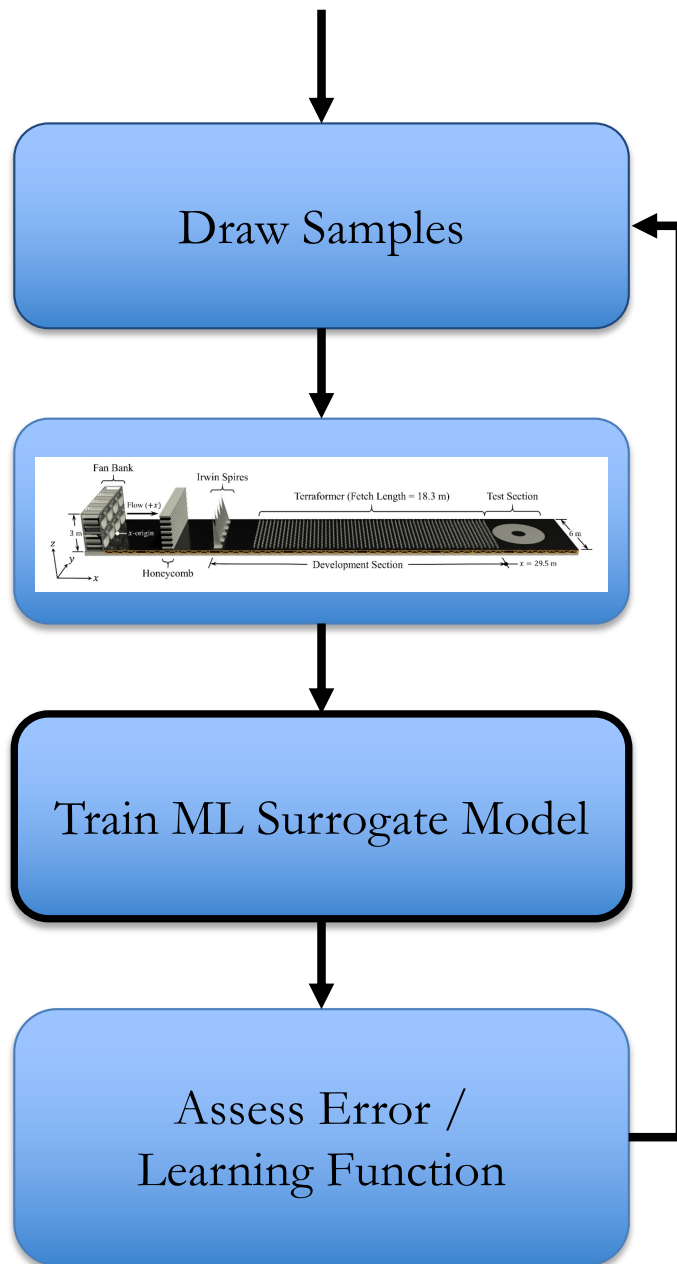
Initialize Gantry  
and Data  
Collection  
Scripts

Collect Data

Postprocess  
Data



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# Machine Learning Models

## We use Gaussian Process Regression

Many other flavors of ML models exist

- Artificial Neural Networks
  - Deep or Shallow Neural Networks
  - Convolutional Neural Networks
  - Recursive Neural Networks
  - Physics Informed Neural Networks
- Polynomial Chaos Expansions
- Support Vector Regression

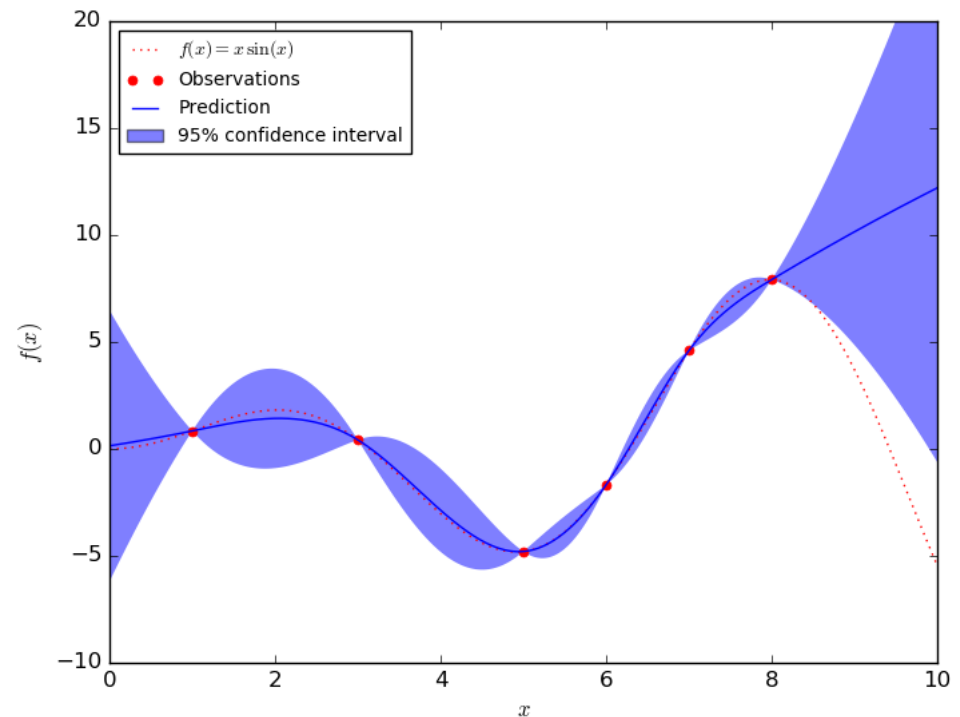
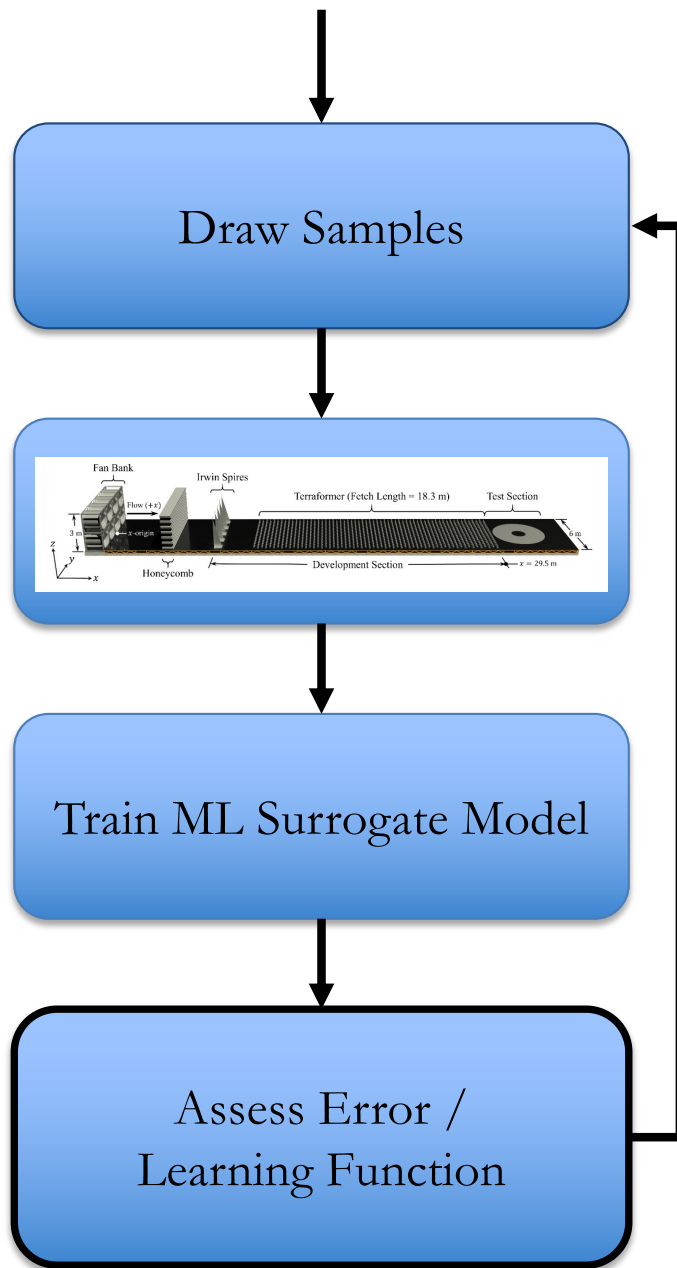


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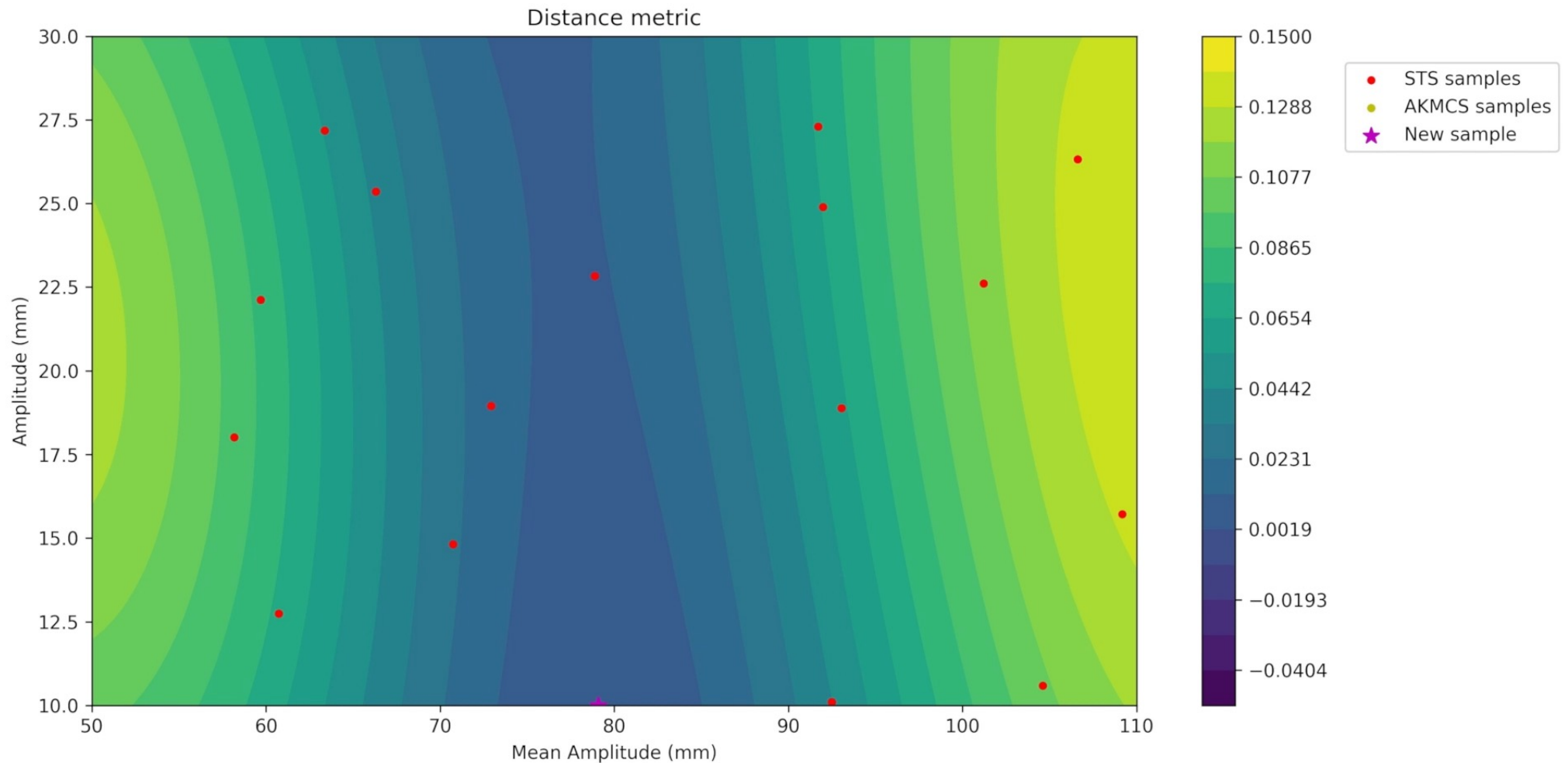
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Learning Function	Expression	Objective
Noisy U-function	$U_n(\theta) = \frac{\mu_g(\theta)}{\sqrt{\sigma_g^2(\theta) - \sigma_\epsilon^2(\theta)}}$	<p><b>Goal:</b> Conduct experiments along the surface separating the 2<sup>nd</sup> order equivalent and non-equivalent regions.</p> <p><b>How:</b> Conduct experiments that have the highest probability of incorrectly predicting the sign of the performance function.</p>
Noisy EIGF (Expected Improvement for Global Fit)	$E[I_n(\theta)] = \left(\mu_g(\theta) - g(\theta^*)\right)^2 + \sigma_g^2(\theta) - \sigma_\epsilon^2(\theta)$	<p><b>Goal:</b> Conduct experiments that globally best approximate the performance function.</p> <p><b>How:</b> Conduct experiments that have both high prediction uncertainty and large difference from nearby experiments</p>
MUSIC	$\mathcal{M}(\theta_j^{(i)}) = \left(\mu_{A^{(i)}}(\theta_j^{(i)}) - \mu_{A^{(i)}}(\theta^*)\right)^2 + \sigma_{A^{(i)}}^2(\theta_j^{(i)})$	<p><b>Goal:</b> Conduct experiments that allow efficient computation of sensitivity indices.</p> <p><b>How:</b> Conduct experiments that have both high prediction uncertainty and large differences from nearby experiments in conditional GP</p>

# Results

Over 1000 experiments conducted in the past 2 years!

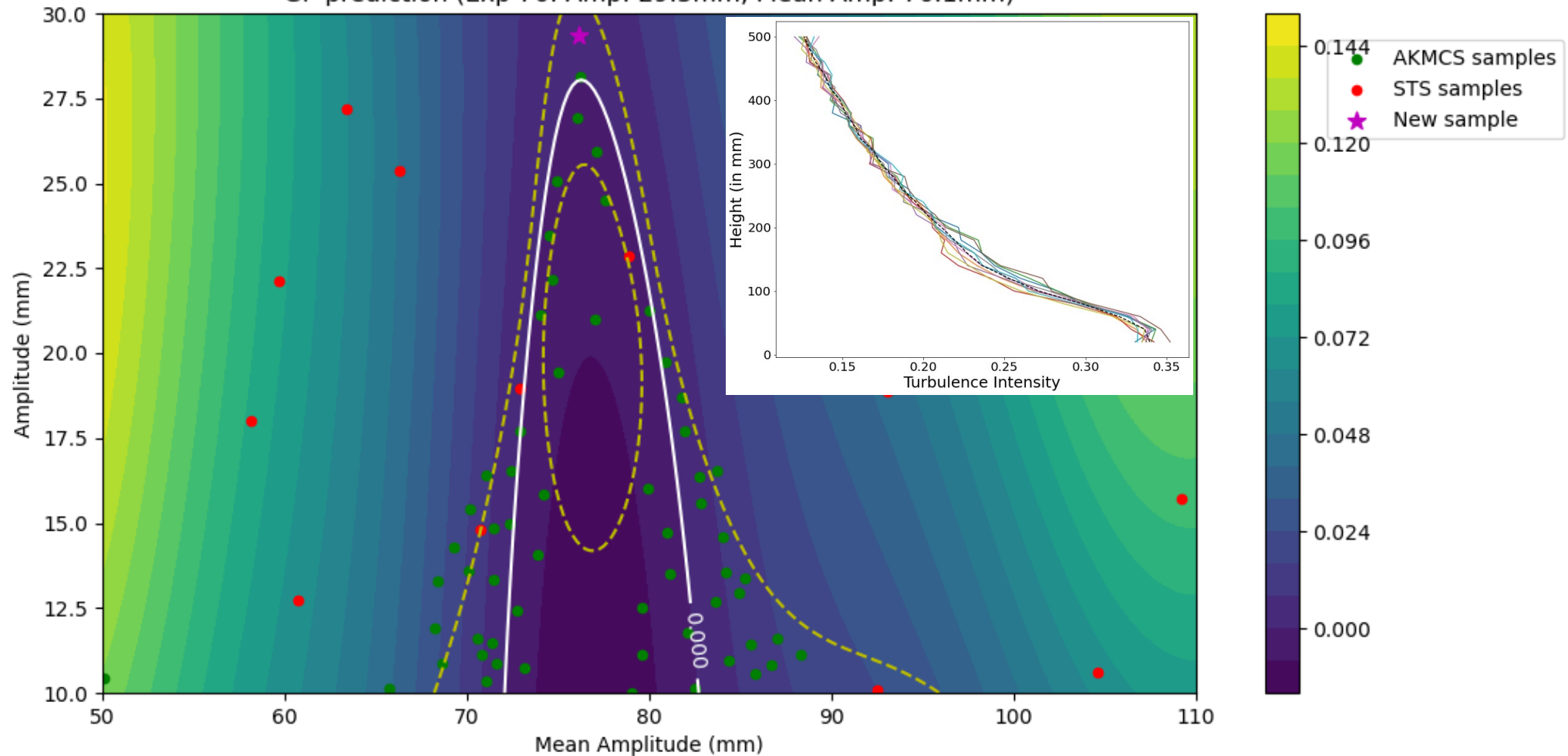


900+ unique terraformer configurations

# Results

Much of this data will be published to DesignSafe

GP prediction (Exp 76: Amp: 29.3mm, Mean Amp: 76.1mm)



# Thank You!

