



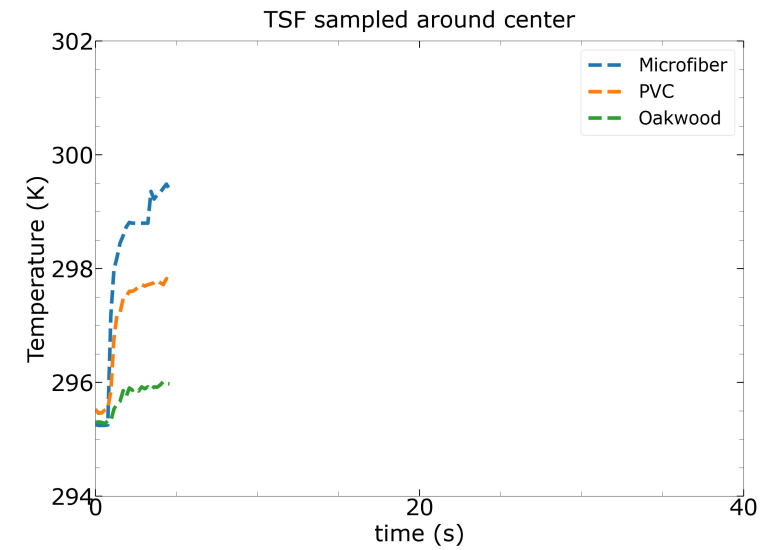
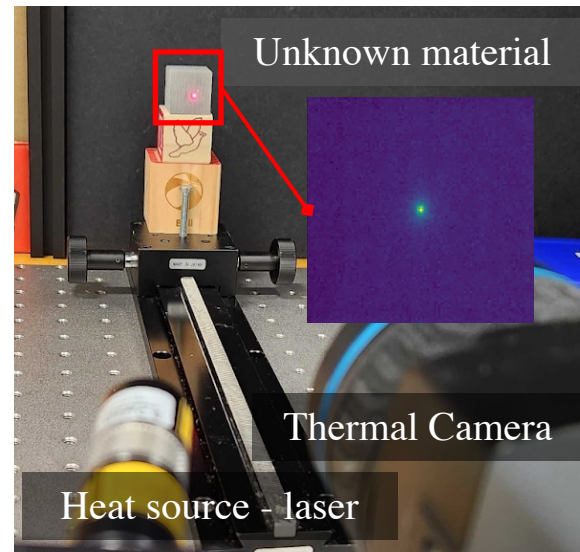
Thermal Spread Functions (TSF): Physics-Guided Material Classification

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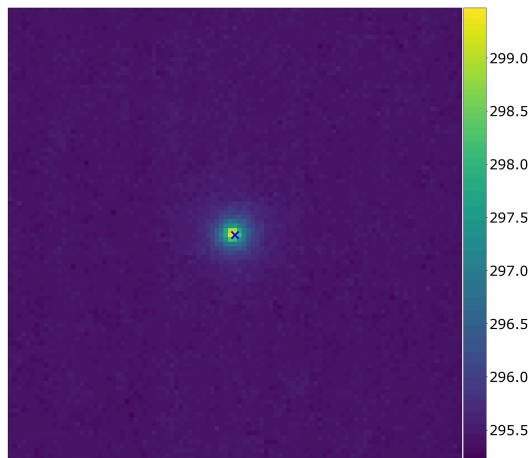
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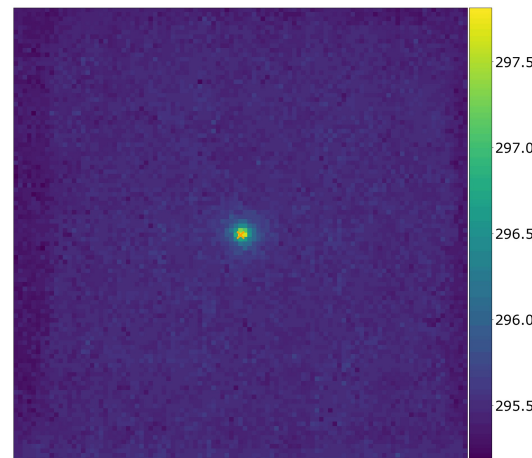
Heating & Cooling - Unique Plots!



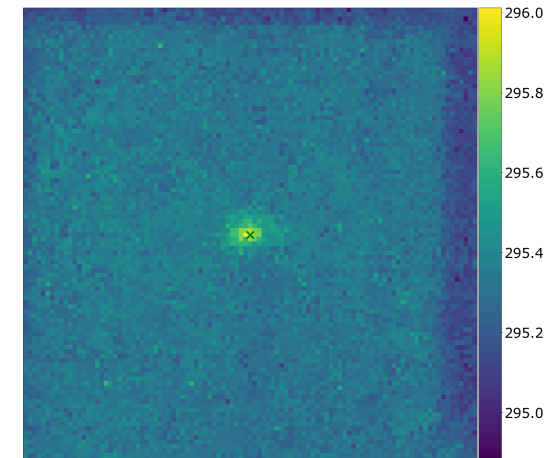
Microfiber



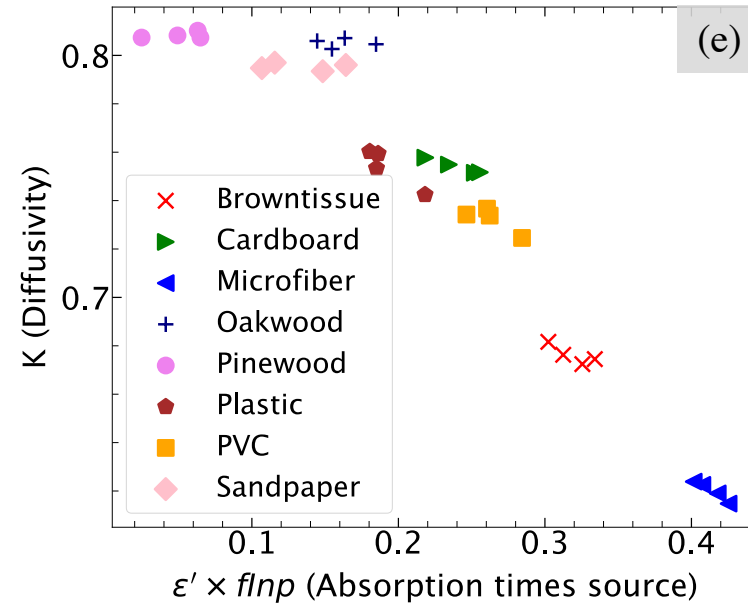
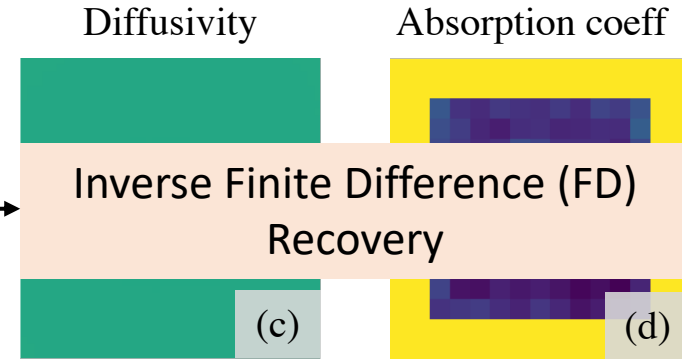
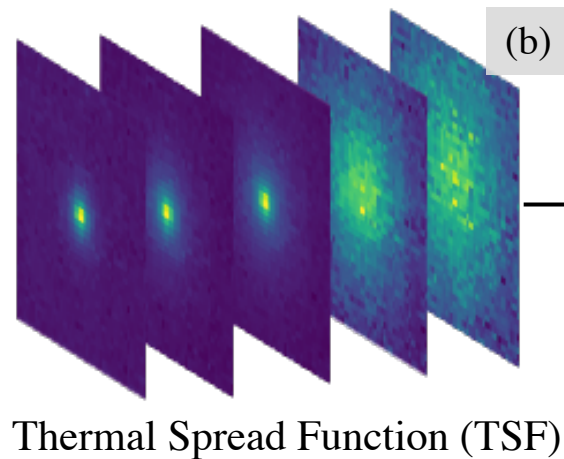
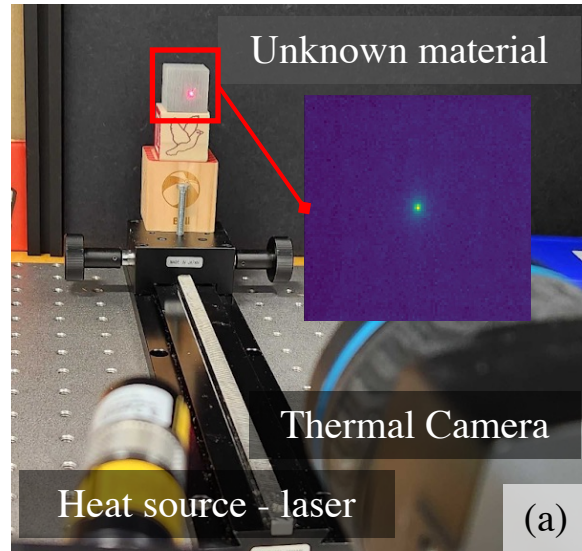
PVC



Oakwood



Thermal Spread Functions



Material Classification - Current practices

BRDF and Color/NIR based Classification
Require large labeled datasets, Not robust enough

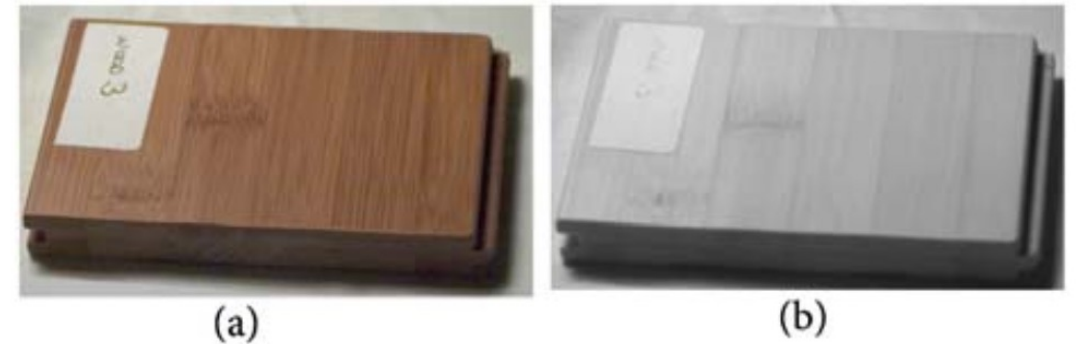


Figure 1: A typical photograph from a wood sample in the a) visible b) NIR part of the spectrum. The colorant is transparent to the NIR and intrinsic texture is observed.

Current practices

Spectral Imaging

Only surface nature of material identified

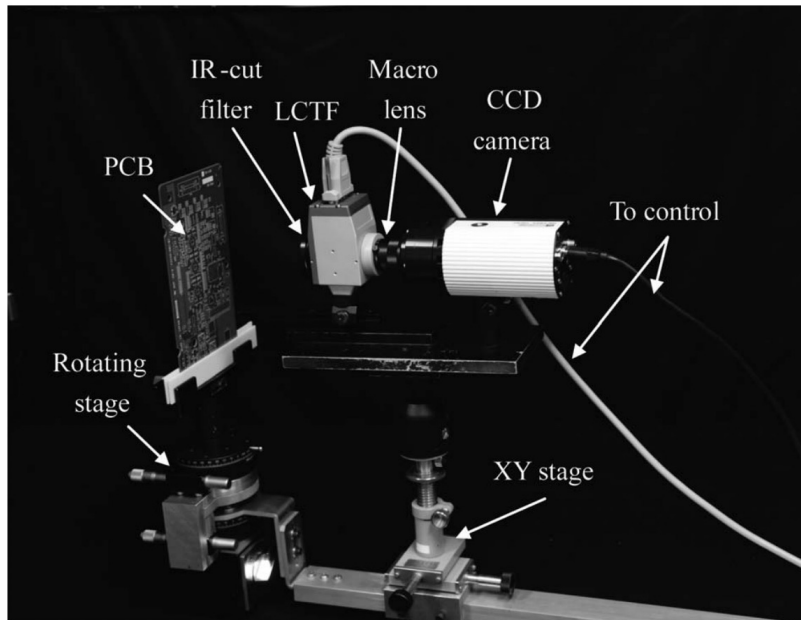


Fig. 1 The proposed spectral imaging system.

Ibrahim, Abdelhameed F., Shoji Tominaga, and Takahiko Horiuchi. "Spectral imaging method for material classification and inspection of printed circuit boards." *Optical Engineering* 49.5 (2010): 057201.

Haptic Sensing

Invasive - can change the scene

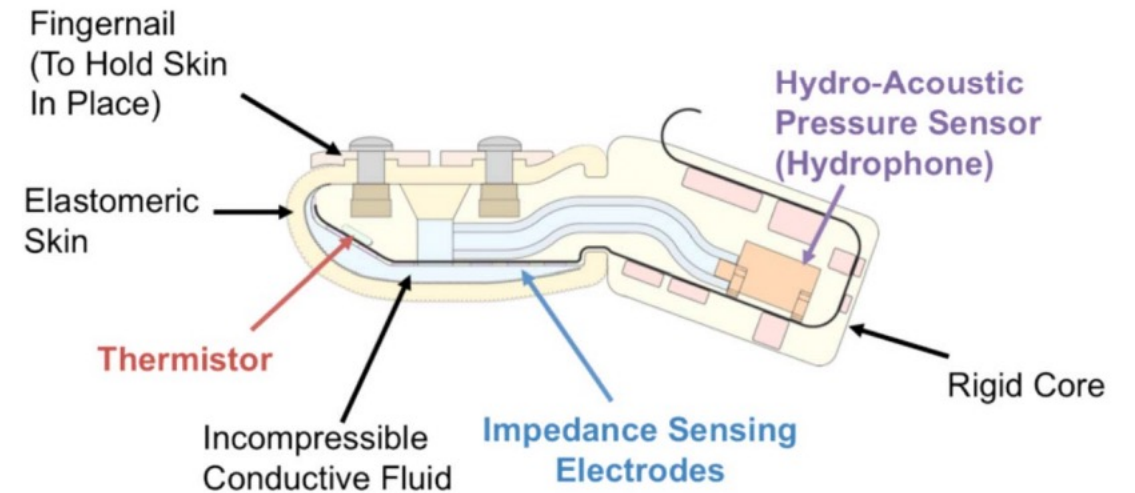
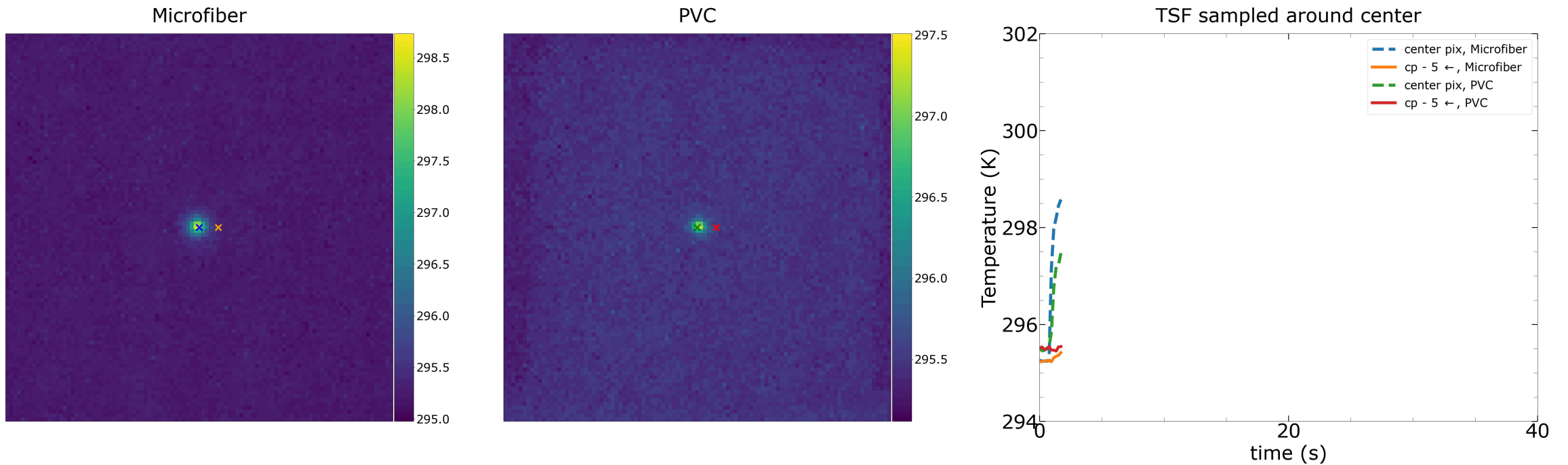


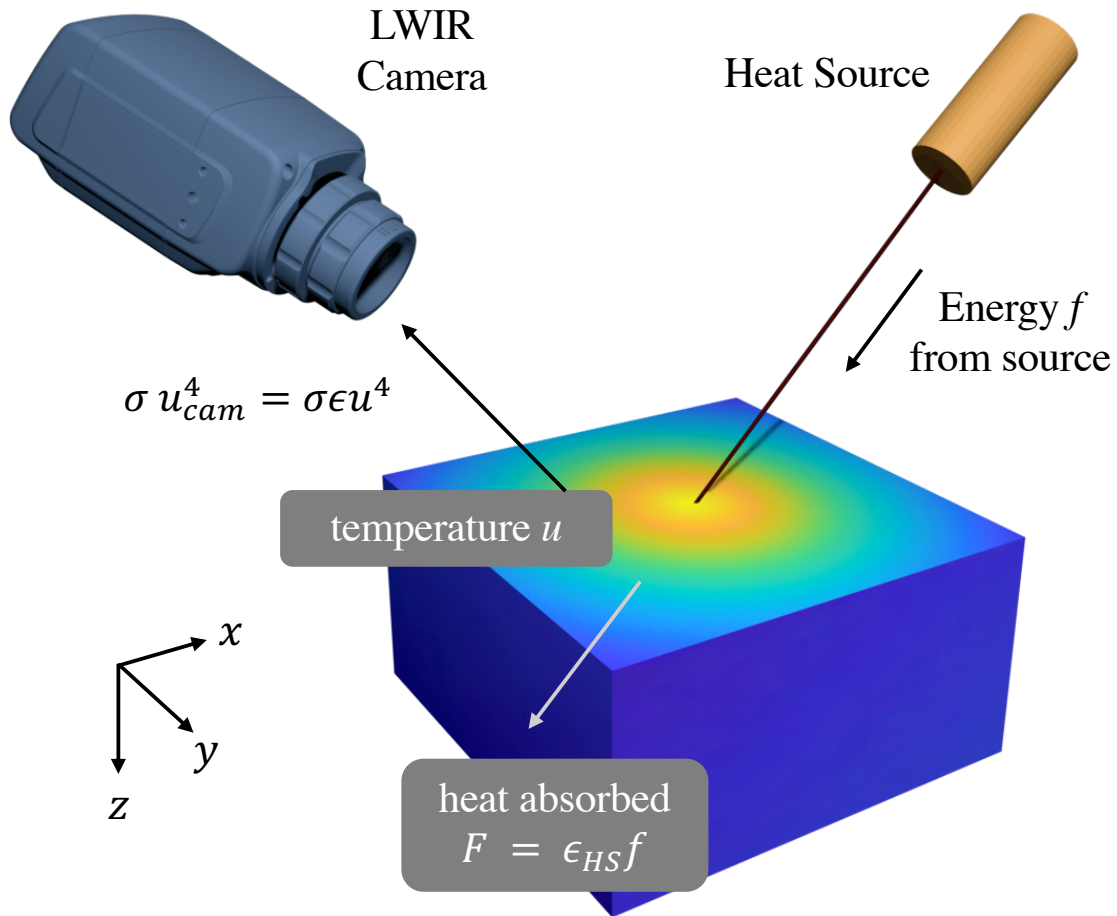
Fig. 1. Cross Section View of BioTAC Fingertip Tactile Sensor

Kerr, Emmett, T. Martin McGinnity, and Sonya Coleman. "Material classification based on thermal properties—A robot and human evaluation." *2013 IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Biomimetics (ROBIO)*. IEEE, 2013.

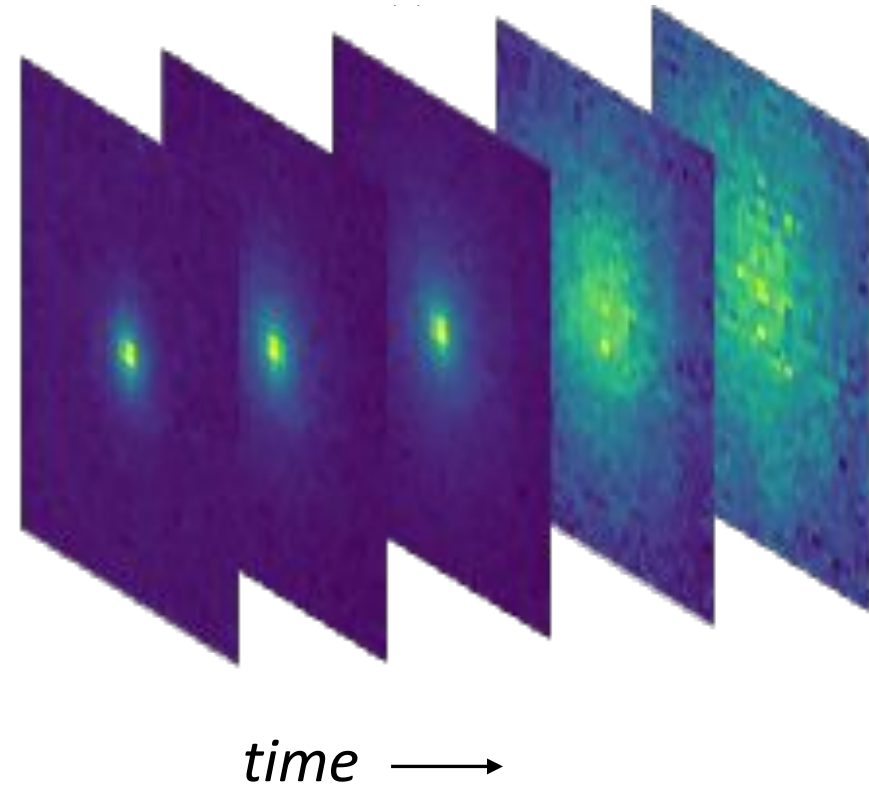
How are we solving it?



Thermal Spread Functions

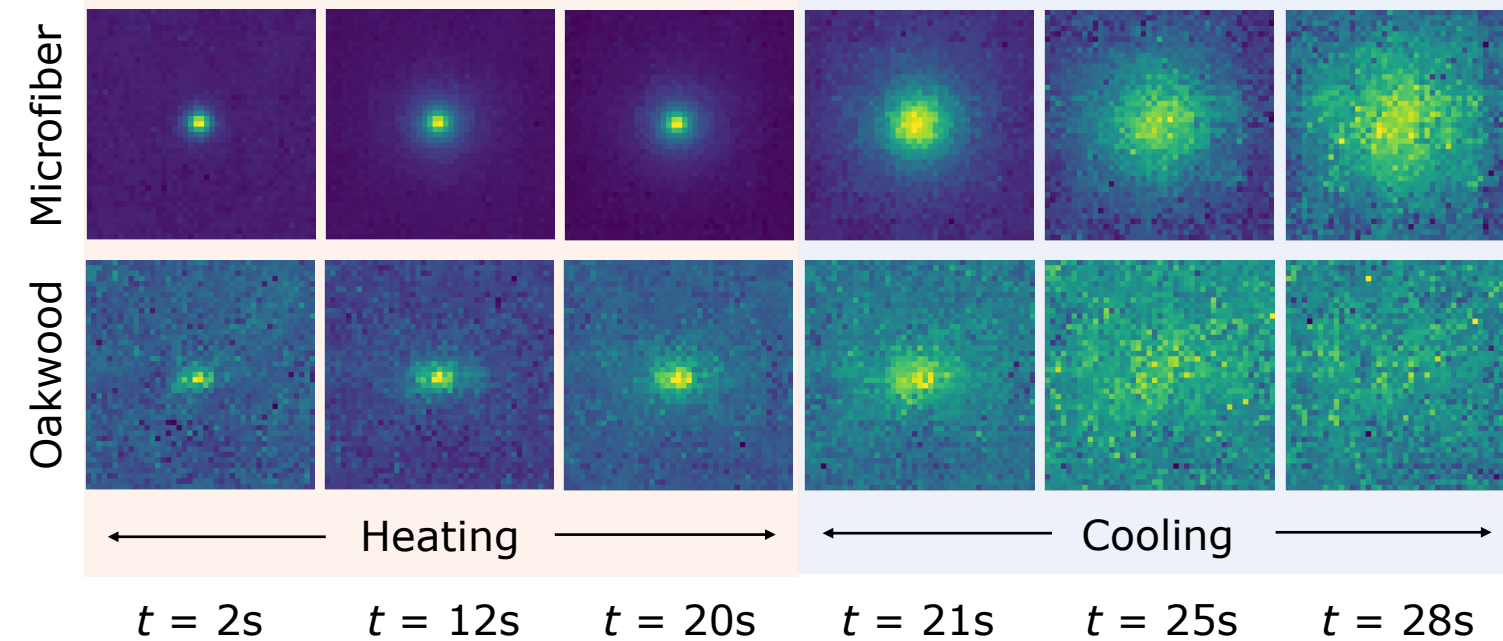


Stack of thermal images showing the transients

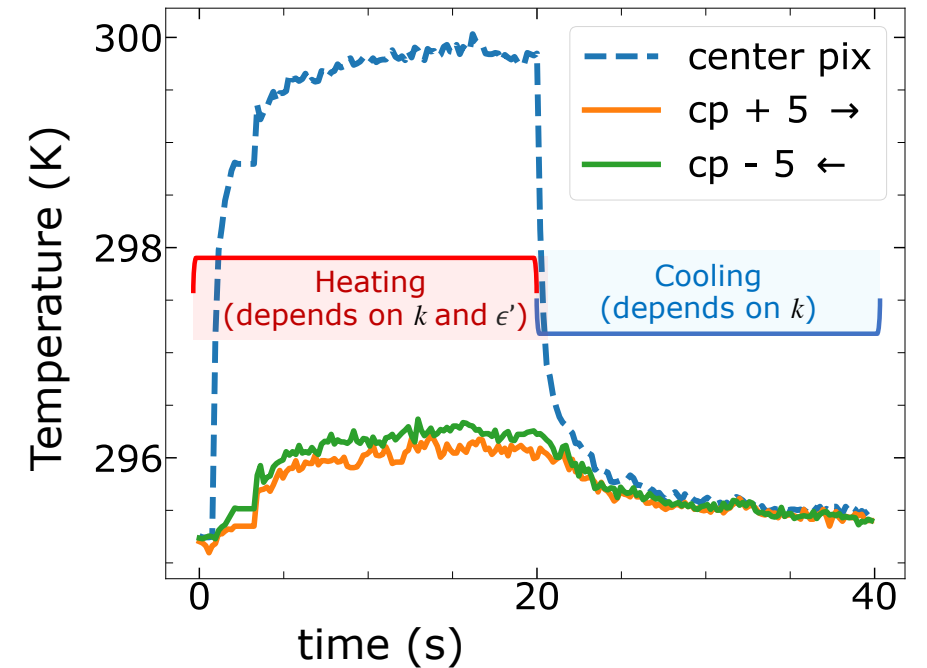


Thermal Spread Functions

(a) Thermal Spread Functions: (top) Microfiber (bottom) Oakwood



(b) TSF (microfiber) sampled near center



How does it work?

Heat Equation with external heat source

$$u_t = k \cdot u_{xx} + \epsilon' \cdot f$$

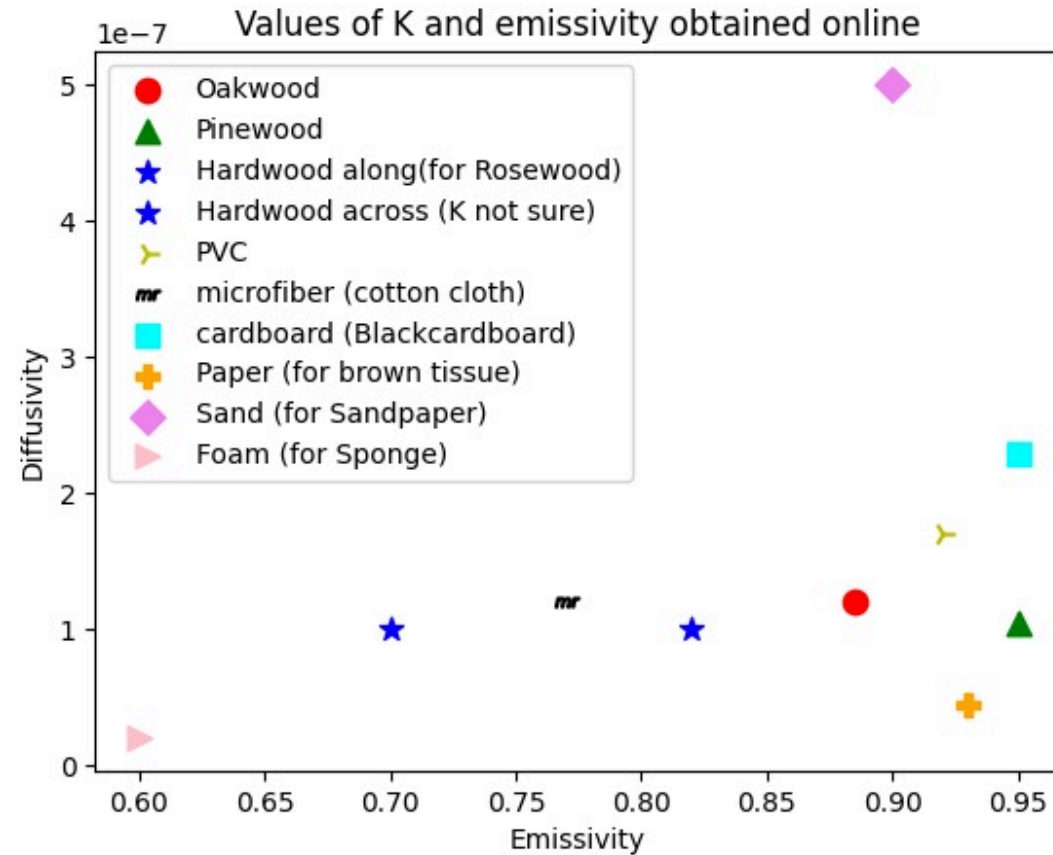
Diffusivity

Absorption/Emission coefficient

External Heat Source

Notations: $u_t = \frac{\partial u_C}{\partial t}$, $u_{xx} = \frac{\partial^2 u_C}{\partial x^2}$

Real values of diffusivity and emissivity



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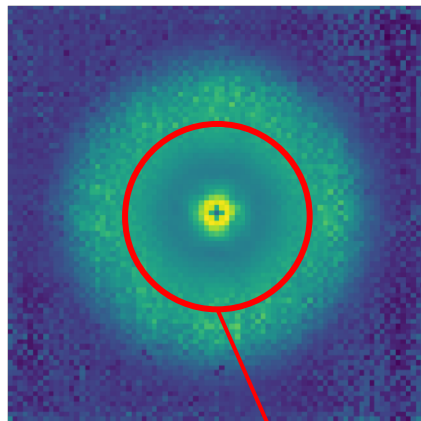
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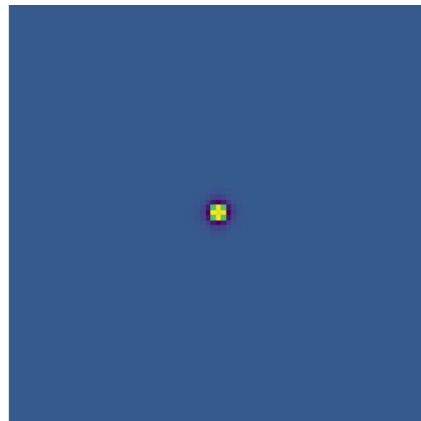
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Image Based 2D Analysis

Diffusivity k



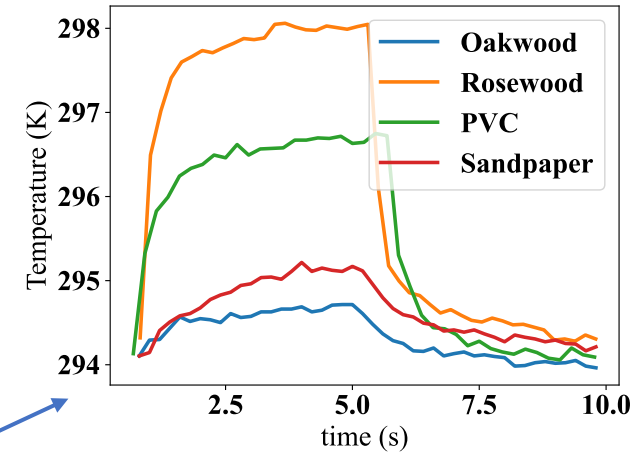
Absorption ϵ'



Non uniformities

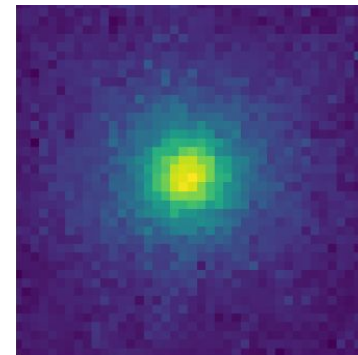
$$* \Delta u_{xyz} = u_{xx} + u_{yy} + u_{zz}$$

Take time derivative of these curves

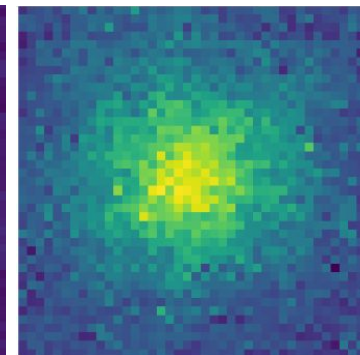


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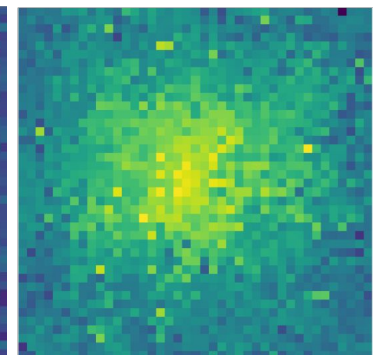
$t = 21s$



$t = 24s$

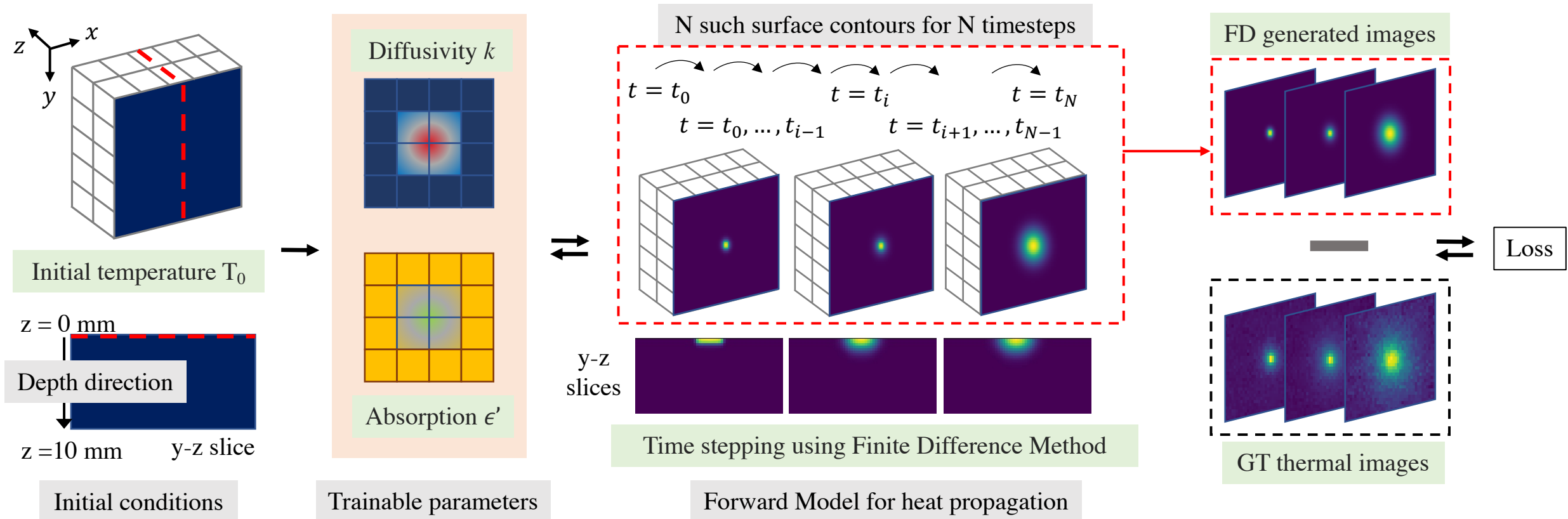


$t = 27s$



Take spatial 2D Laplacians of images

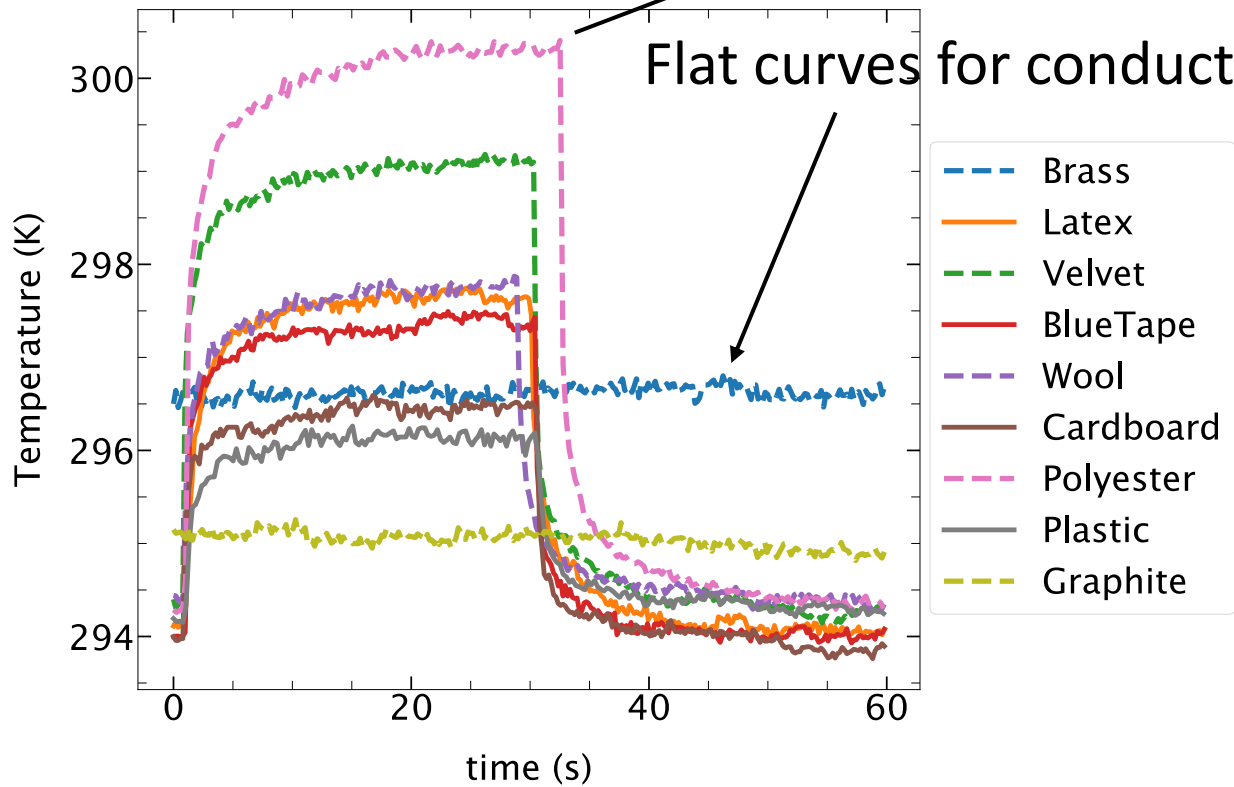
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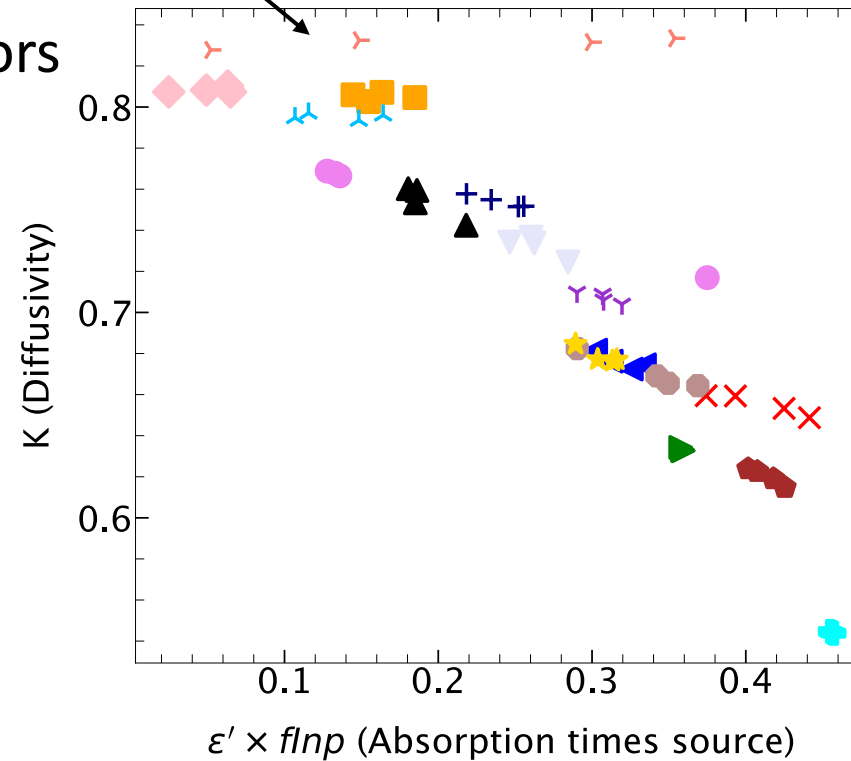
Differentiable Finite Differences (FD) Method for Inverse Heat Problem

Classification and failure cases

(a) TSFs for some materials Inverse FD Recovery



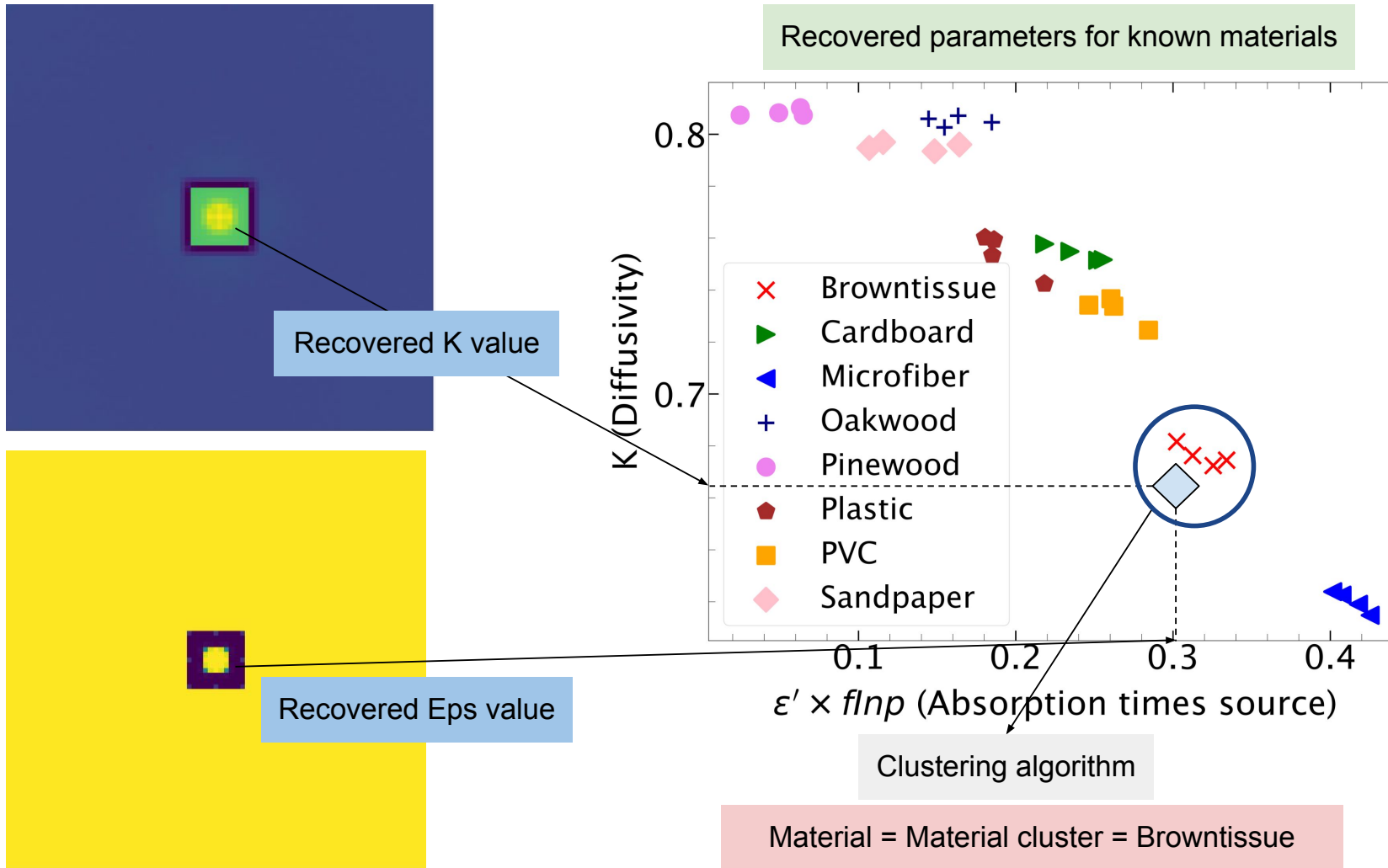
(b) Diffusivity vs Source term at center



- ✕ Blackcardboard
- ▶ BlueTape
- ▶ Browntissue
- + Cardboard
- Latex
- ◆ Microfiber
- Oakwood
- ◇ Pinewood
- ▲ Plastic
- ⊕ Polyester
- ▽ PVC
- ⋈ Rosewood
- ⋈ Sandpaper
- ⋈ Sponge
- Velvet
- ★ Wool

TSF plotted at center pixel for nine materials

Classification



Classification Results



(a) Some of the materials used for experiments

BlueTape	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cardboard	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PVC	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pinewood	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plastic	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Polyester	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wool	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
microfiber	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blackcard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Browntiss	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Latex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0
Oakwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0
Rosewood	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Sandpaper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1
Velvet	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Sponge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
	BlueTape	Cardboard	PVC	Pinewood	Plastic	Polyester	Wool	microfiber	Blackcard	Browntiss	Latex	Oakwood	Rosewood	Sandpaper	Velvet	Sponge

(b) Confusion Matrix for classification on non-metals

Classification Results

Features	SVC	nuSVC	RF	MLP
2	68.8%	76.6%	82.8%	76.6%
18	65.6%	82.8%	84.4%	81.2%
50	64.0%	85.9%	84.4%	85.9%

(a) Comparing accuracies of different classifiers

BlueTape	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cardboard	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PVC	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pinewood	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plastic	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Polyester	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wool	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
microfiber	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blackcard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Browntiss	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Latex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0
Oakwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0
Rosewood	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Sandpaper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1
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Conclusion



- The main contributions of our work are:
 - Observing the Thermal Spread Functions (TSFs) and deriving initial temperature independent thermal factors to uniquely characterize a material
 - Use of Finite Differences (FD) Method to solve the inverse heat problem for recovering parameters related to diffusion, absorption and emission
 - Non-invasively recovering these properties and using them to classify materials