

SPECTRAL IMAGING IN THE FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY

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LLA Instruments

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25 YEARS

founded in 1993
in Technology Park Adlershof BERLIN
spin-off German Academy of Sciences
30 employees

Proven High Technology

harsh industrial environments
worldwide installations
1999: 700 KUSTAx.xMPL
2011: 500 KUSTAx.x.MSI
trusted OEM partner

MADE IN GERMANY

In-house

Research & Development
Design & Engineering
Manufacturing

Optics, Electronics, Mechanics
Applications and Software

FOCUS

High-speed technology for
real-time analysis and sorting

Developer & manufacturer

NIR & UV-VIS spectrometers
hyperspectral imaging cameras



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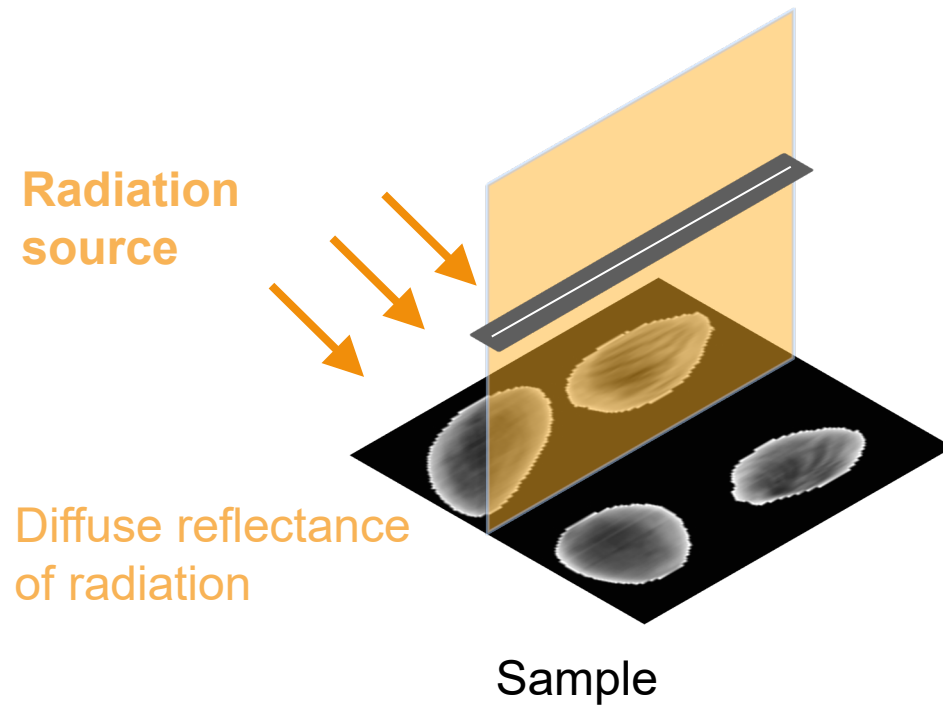
NIR: monitoring of chemical composition

VIS: monitoring of dye-specific colour information



LLA Instruments:
push-broom type of
spectral imaging cameras

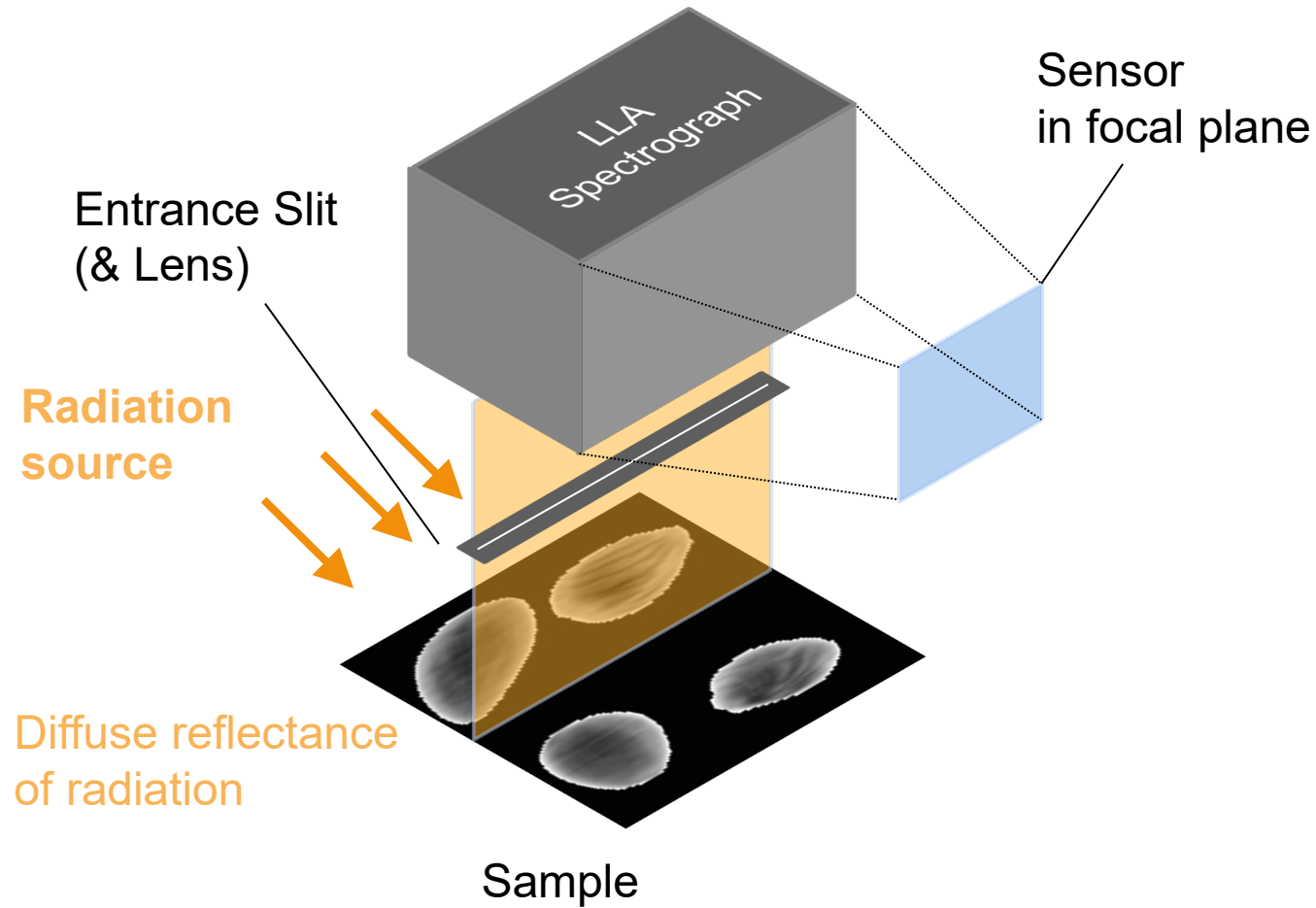
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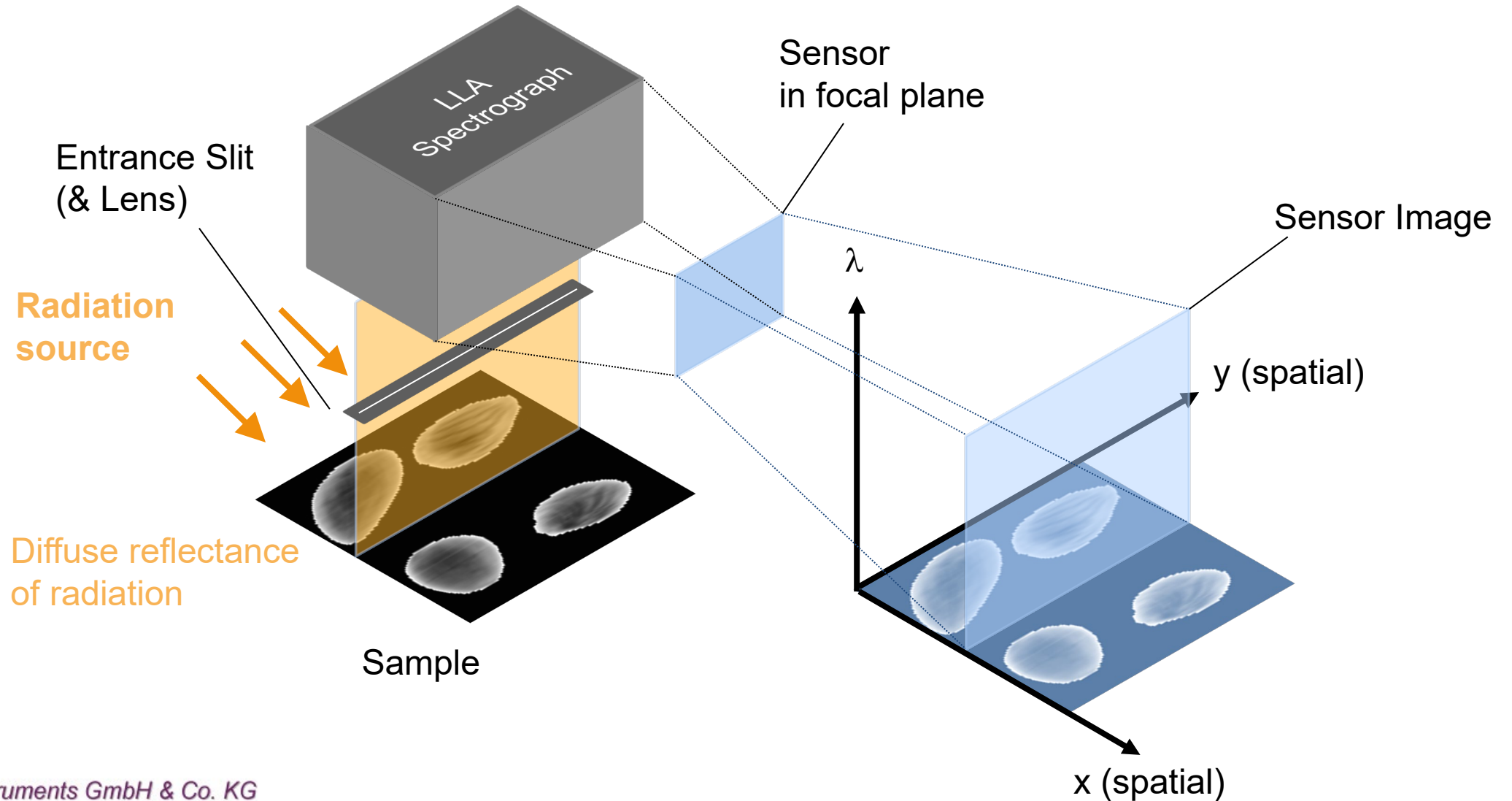
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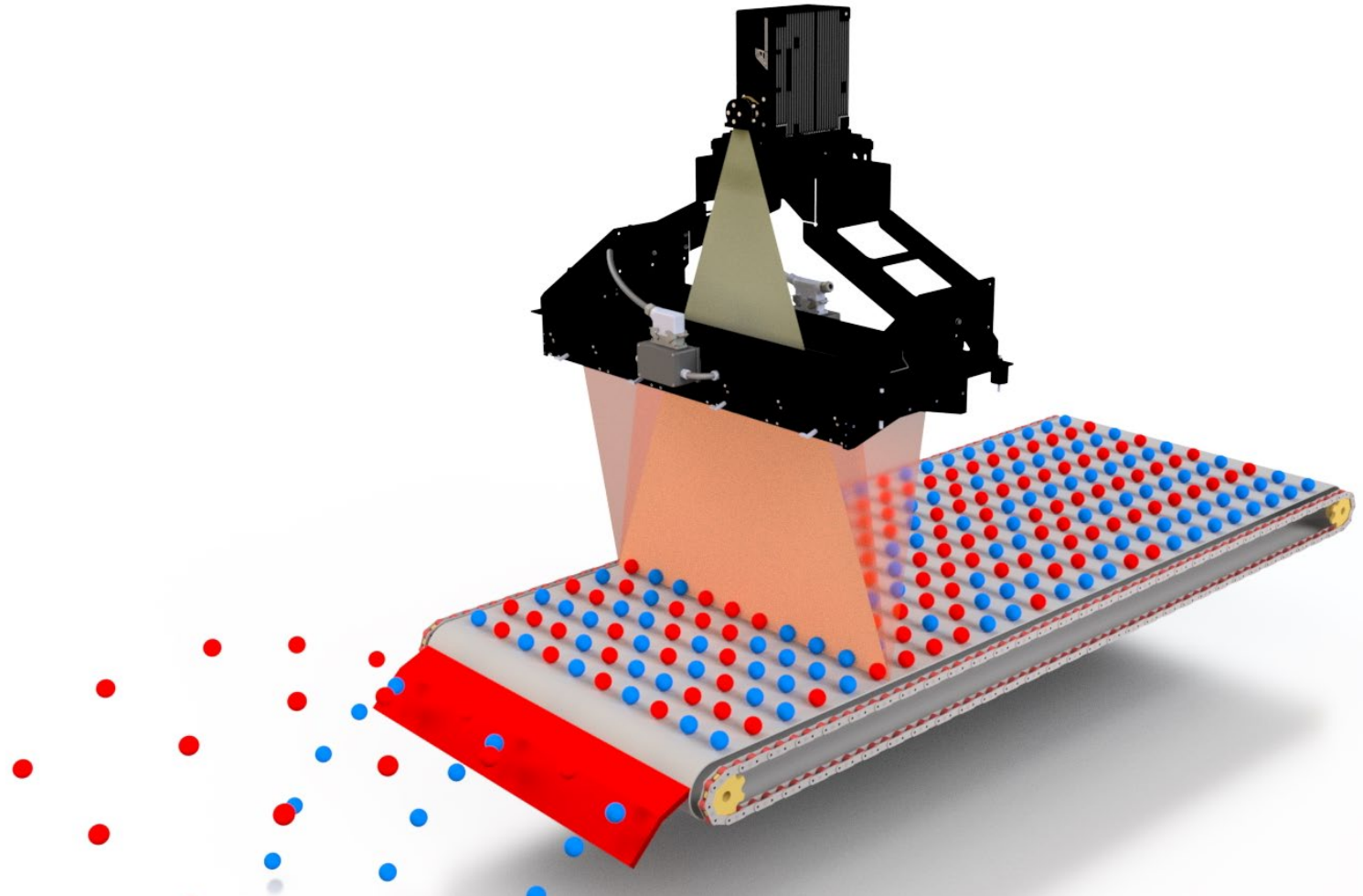
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3-D Spectral Image



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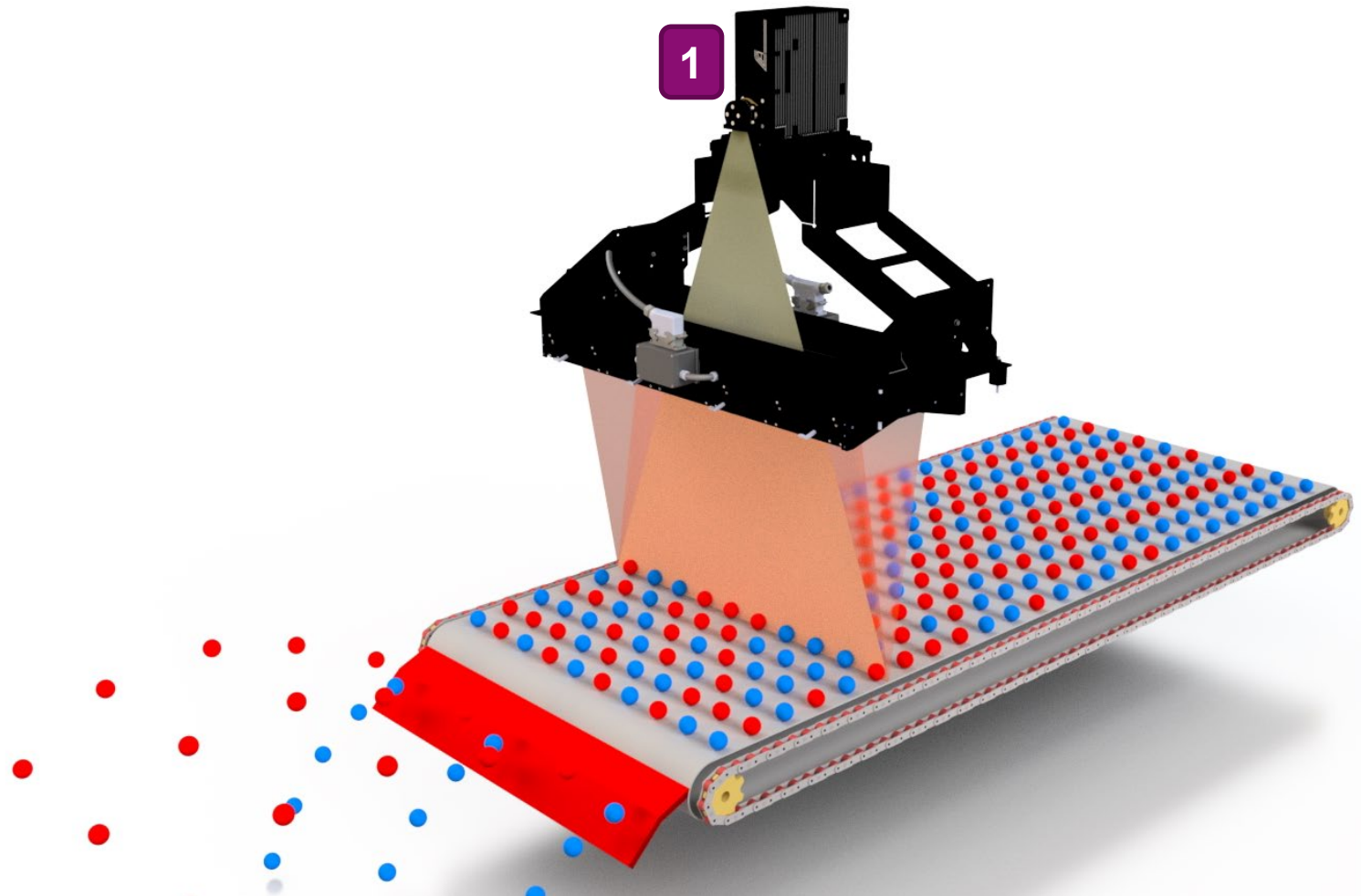


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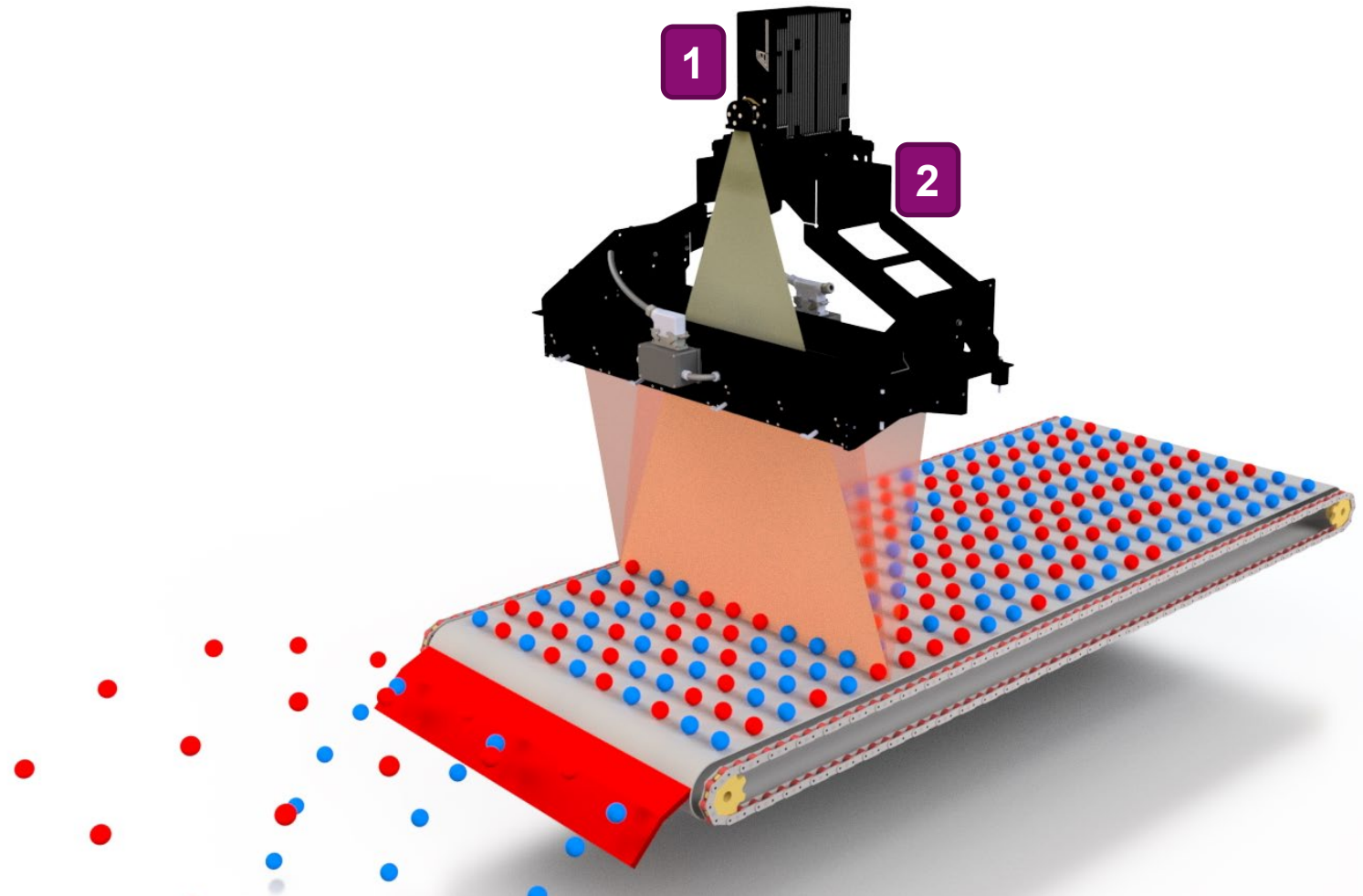
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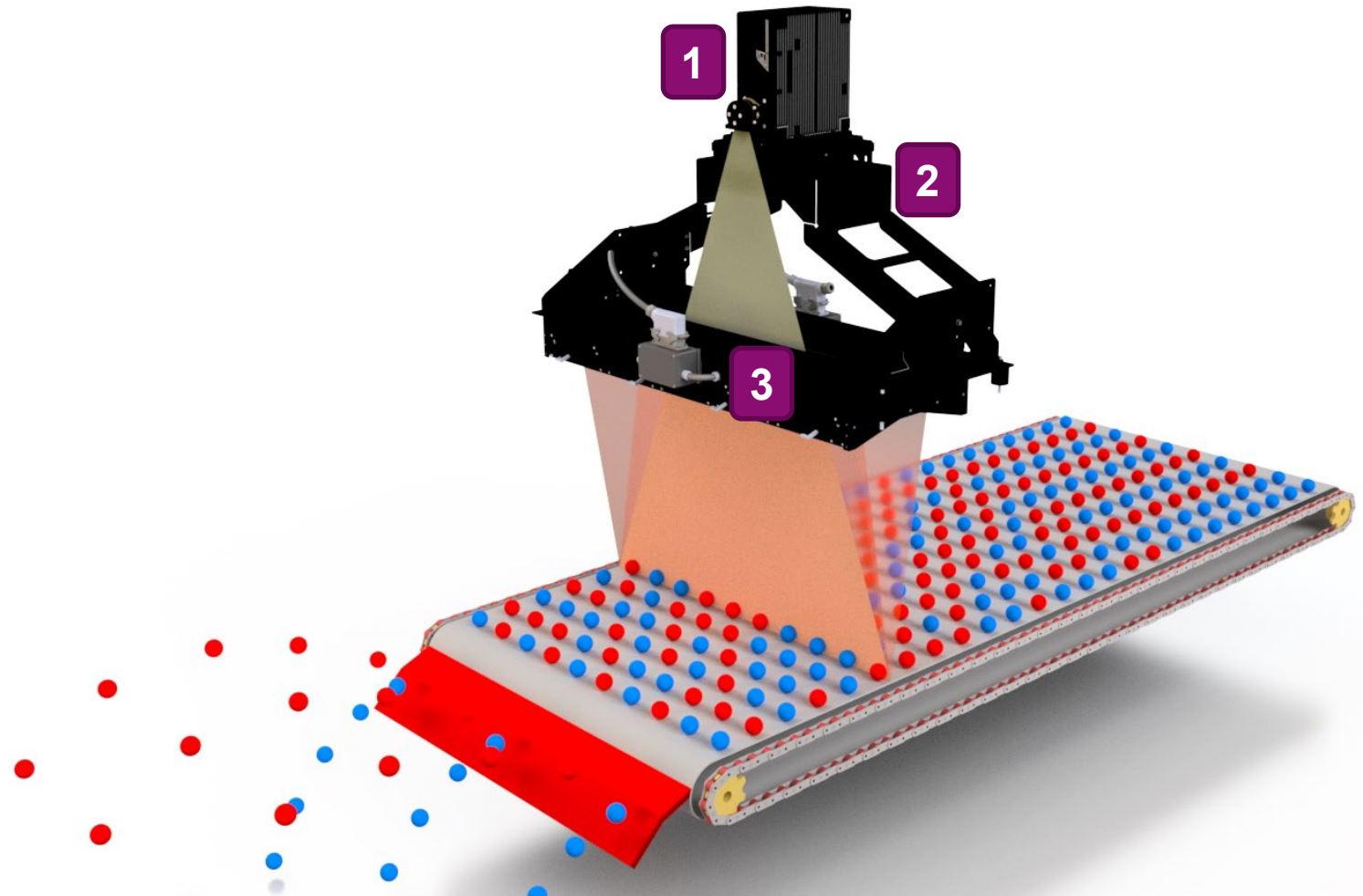
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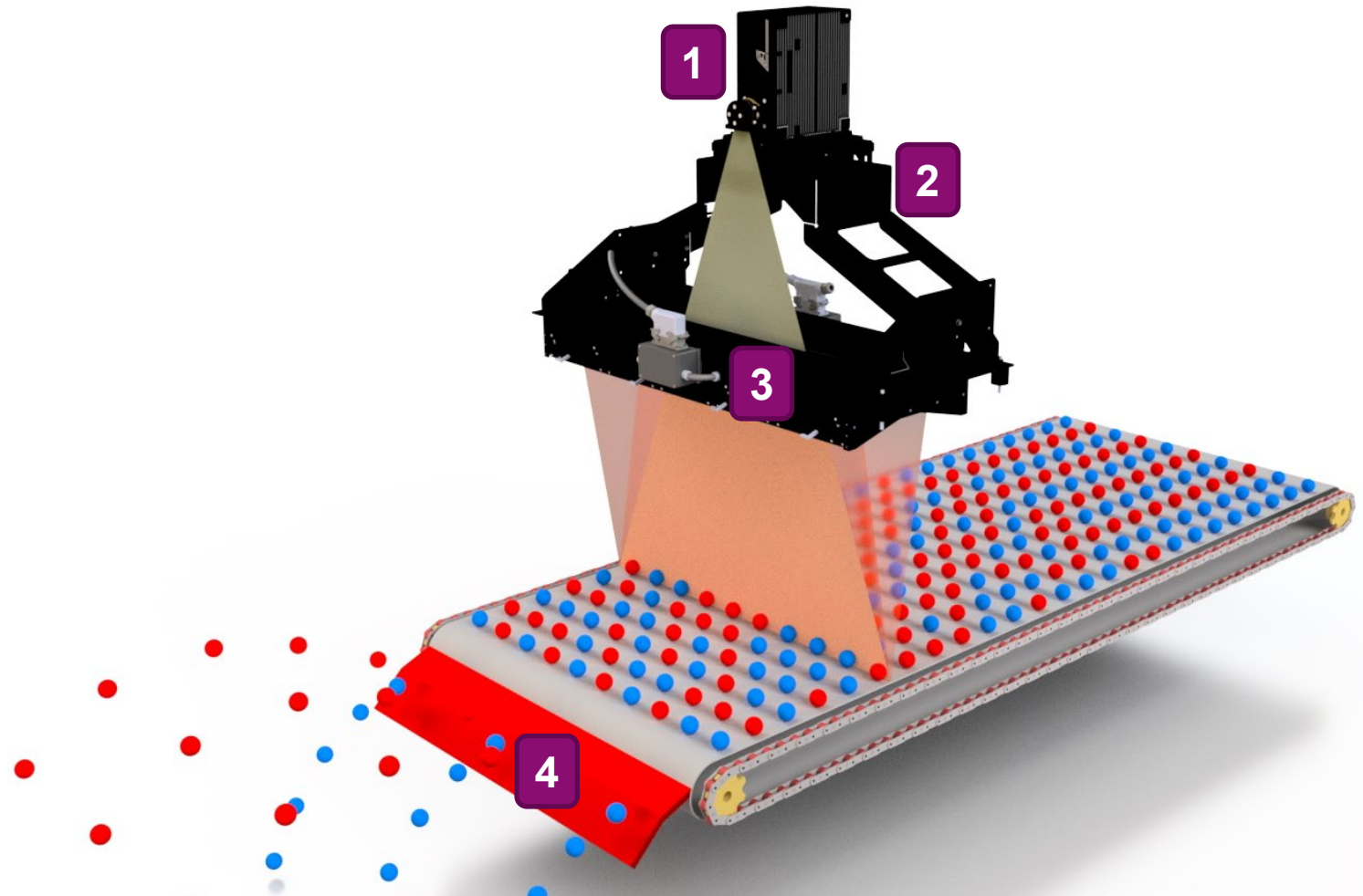
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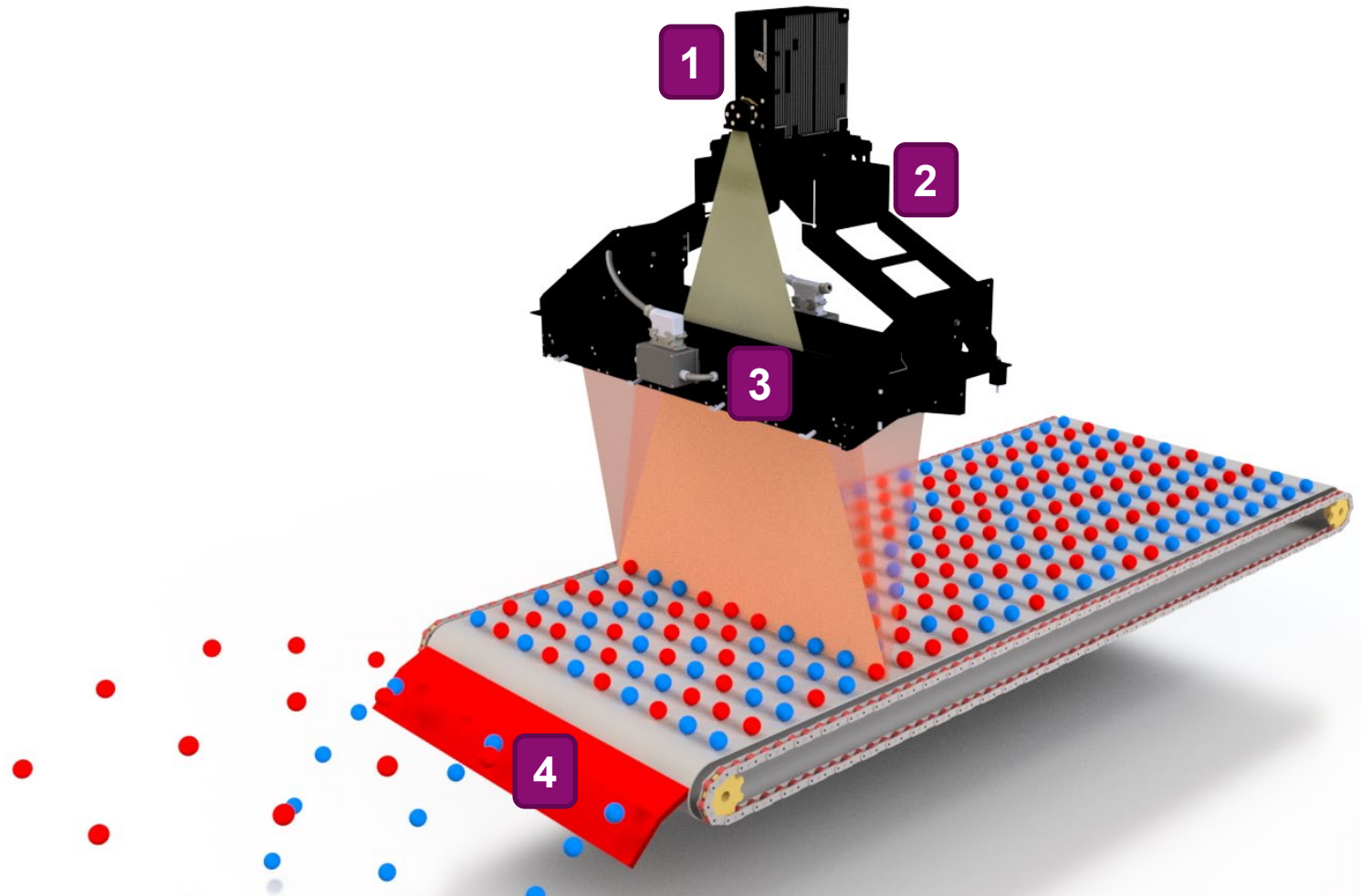
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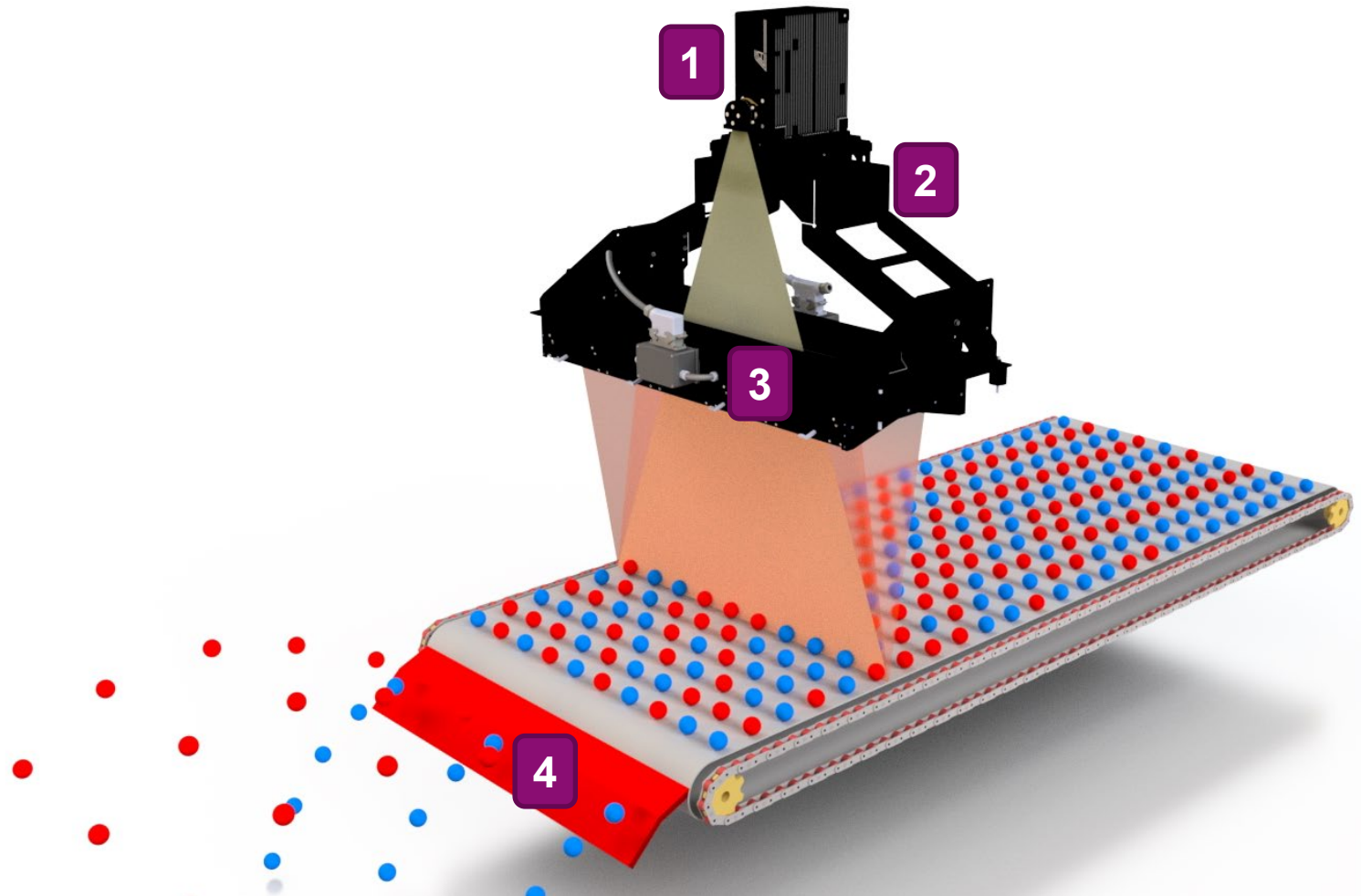
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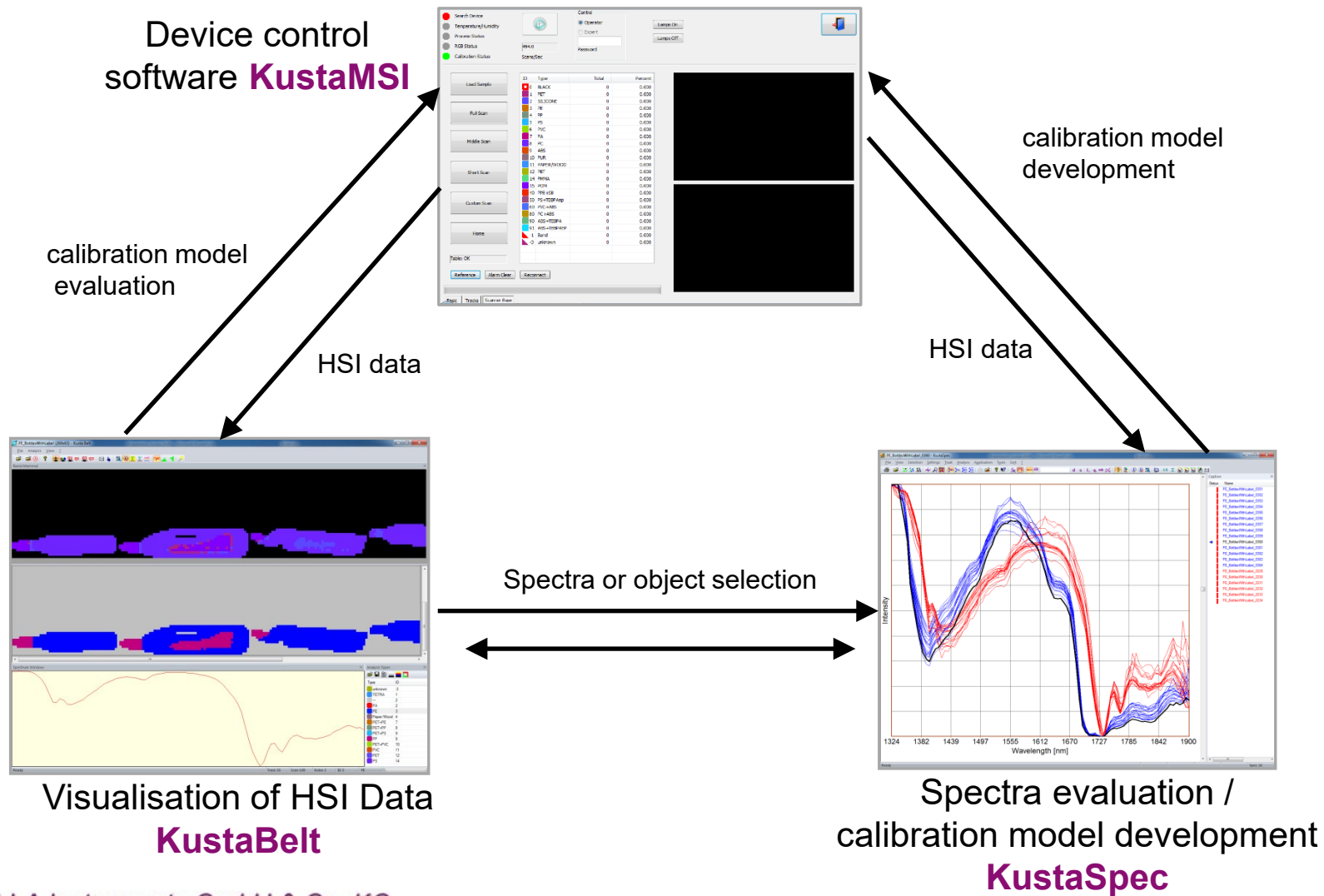
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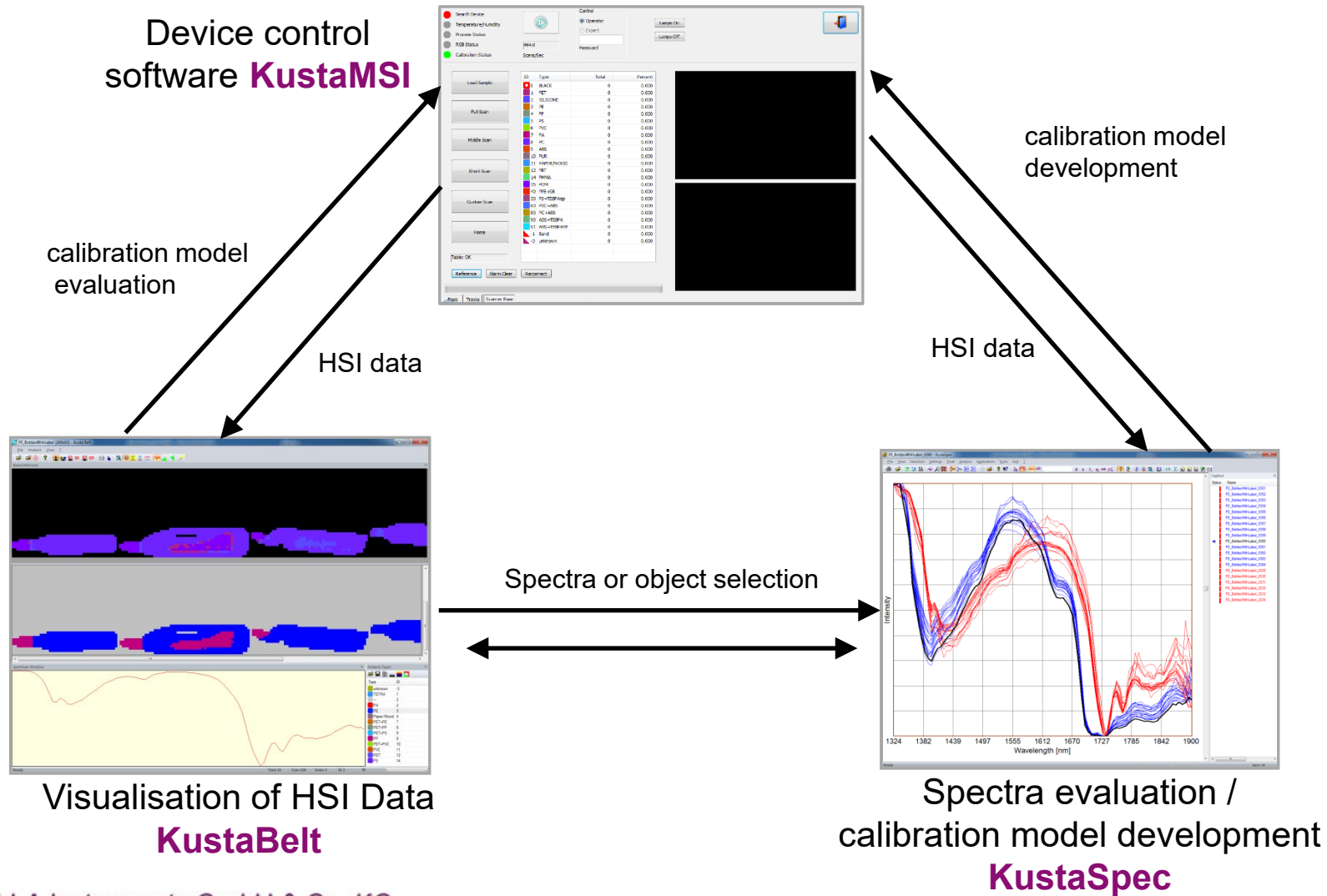
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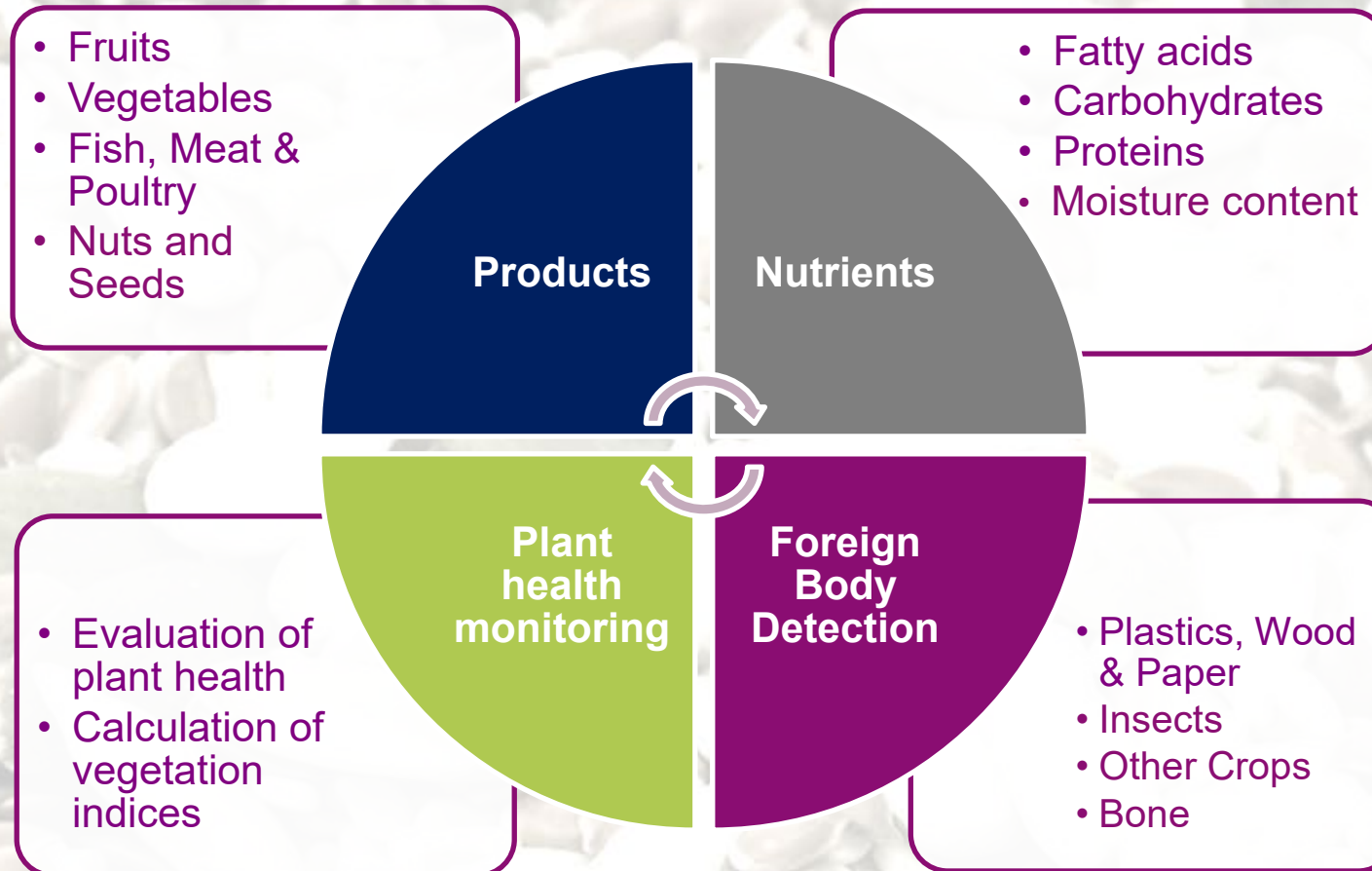
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AI model development

GEN*i*CAM

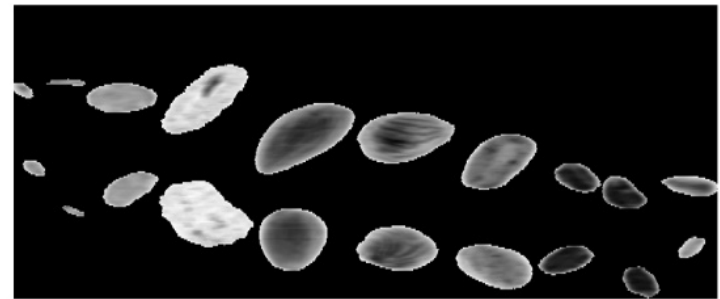
Food Sorting and Monitoring



Products: Content Verification in Products

Example: Cereals

Greyscale Image

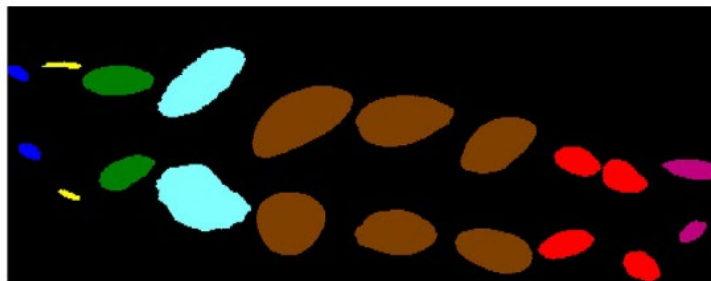


Example: Cereals

Monitoring of cereal batch composition

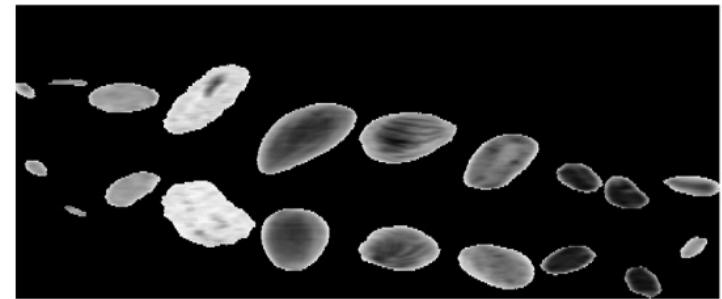
Monitoring of ingredient quality according to nutrient

Classification result
qualitative model



- Cornflakes
- Oatmeal
- Coconut flakes
- Linseeds
- Nuts
- Raisins
- Sunflower seeds

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Example: Chicken

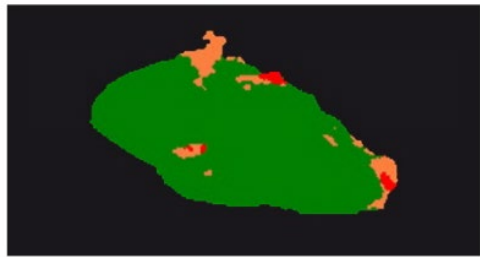
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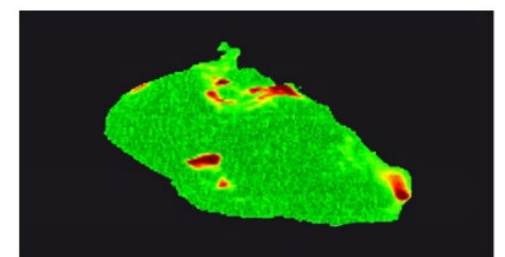
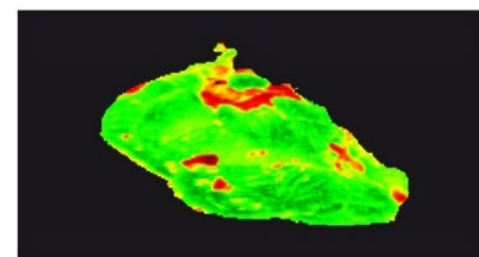
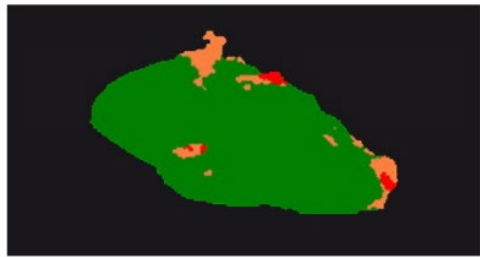


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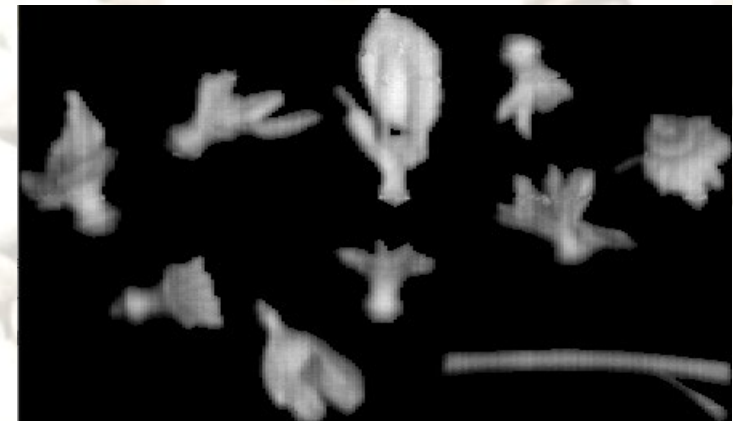
Water Content
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Fat Content
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FB Detection: Herbs for the Pharmaceutical Industry

Example: Incoming goods inspection

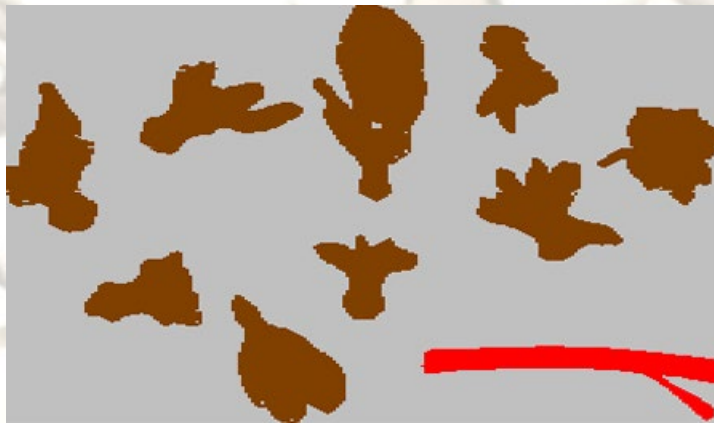
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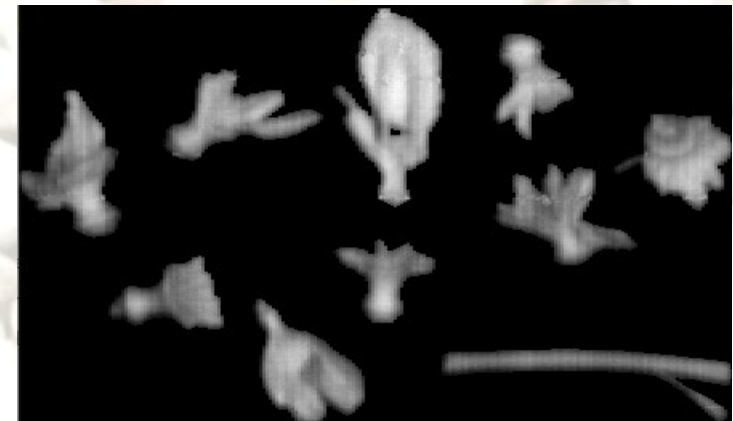
Monitoring of batch composition for seed vessels of herbs

Classification result
qualitative model



Caption: ■ Seed Vessel ■ Stem

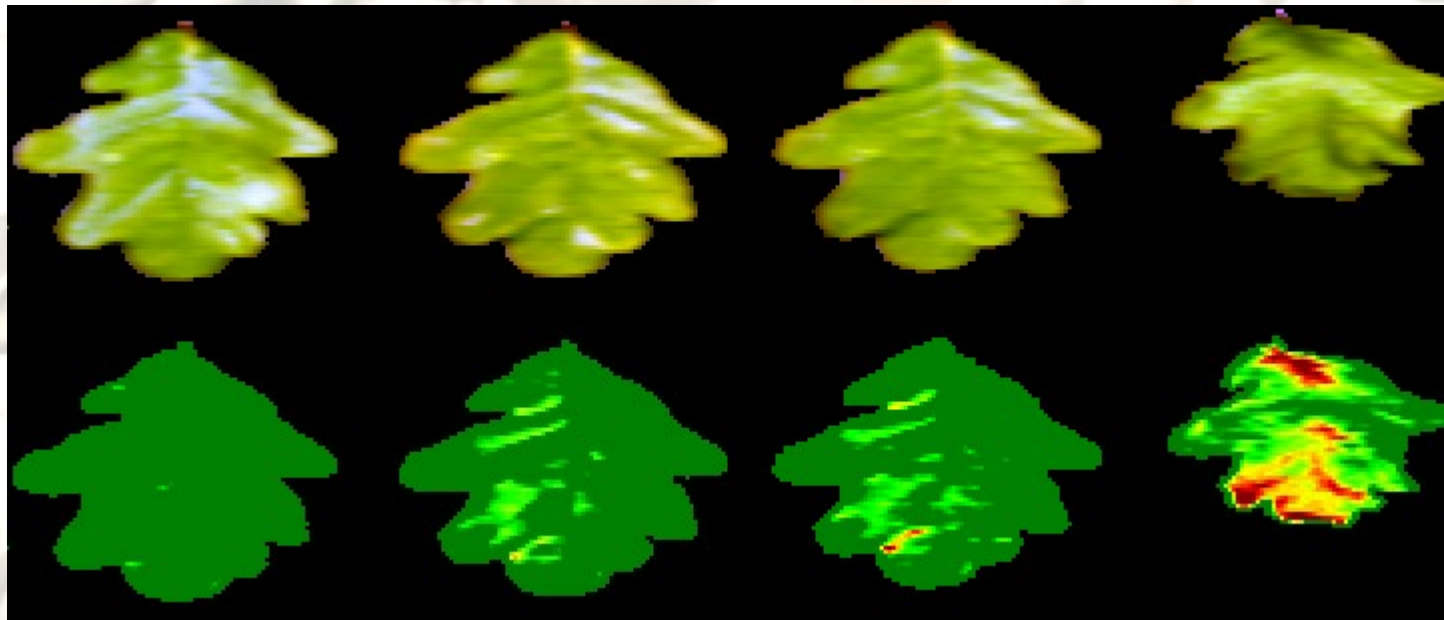
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Plant Health Monitoring

Visualisation of Vegetation Index for Farming

Example: "Aging" of Leaf



Time

t = 0

t = 3 h


t = 7 h


t = 24 h

RGB values

Simple Ratio (SR) Index

Legend:

 $2 < SR < 8$

 $SR > 11$

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