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Synthetic threat injection using digital twin informed augmentation

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Trusted and Trust-In AI systems

In high consequence environments, Trust between operators and AI becomes critical

Trusted systems should be:

- Resilient
- Robust
- Adaptable
- Ergonomic



Detectron 2 Object Detection

Facebook object detection API

Facilitates training collections of object detection models with pre-initialized weights

We trained 6 candidate models on our COCO formatted dataset

Model hyperparameters and training schedule were **NOT** optimized

Data separated into a 90/10 train/test split, after stratifying to minimize class imbalances

Dataset

These whole vehicle scans collected on a Multi-Energy Portal

Hand annotations for 2 classes:

- Target A (Simple geometry SMT)
- Target B (Complex geometry SMT)

Model Name	Model Family	Model Outputs
R50-FPN-1x	Faster RCNN	Class, Score, Box
R50-FPN-3x	Faster RCNN	Class, Score, Box
R101-FPN-3x	Faster RCNN	Class, Score, Box
RN-R50-1x	RetinaNet	Class, Score, Box
RN-R50-3x	RetinaNet	Class, Score, Box
R_101_FPN_3x	Mask RCNN	Class, Score, Box, Mask



Threat Image Projection (TIP)

Using conventional published approaches (Rogers et al., 2016)
Hand cropped threats, injected following Beers law
TIPs are constrained to the cargo area

Simple experiment:

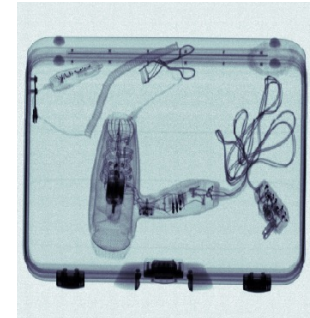
Train the collection of models without TIP images

Train the collection of models with 100% increased observations per class using TIP.

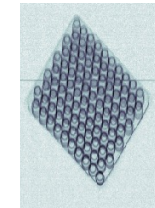
Hypothesis:

Models should not significantly improve in this case, but we would hope they would have increased extensibility.

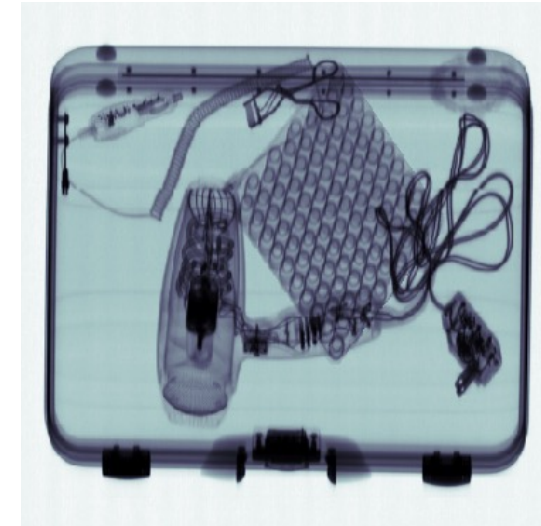
Several



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Many



Synthetic injection impact on model training

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R101-FPN-3x	0.79	0.94	0.77	0.87
RN-R50-1x	0.72	0.90	0.67	0.79
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Take away:

- We never tested on TIP images
- Models trained with additional TIP images should have more exposure to a wider array of contexts
- These models hyperparameters and training schedules were **NOT** optimized.
- The location of the TIP should affect its shape, but we did not take this into account.



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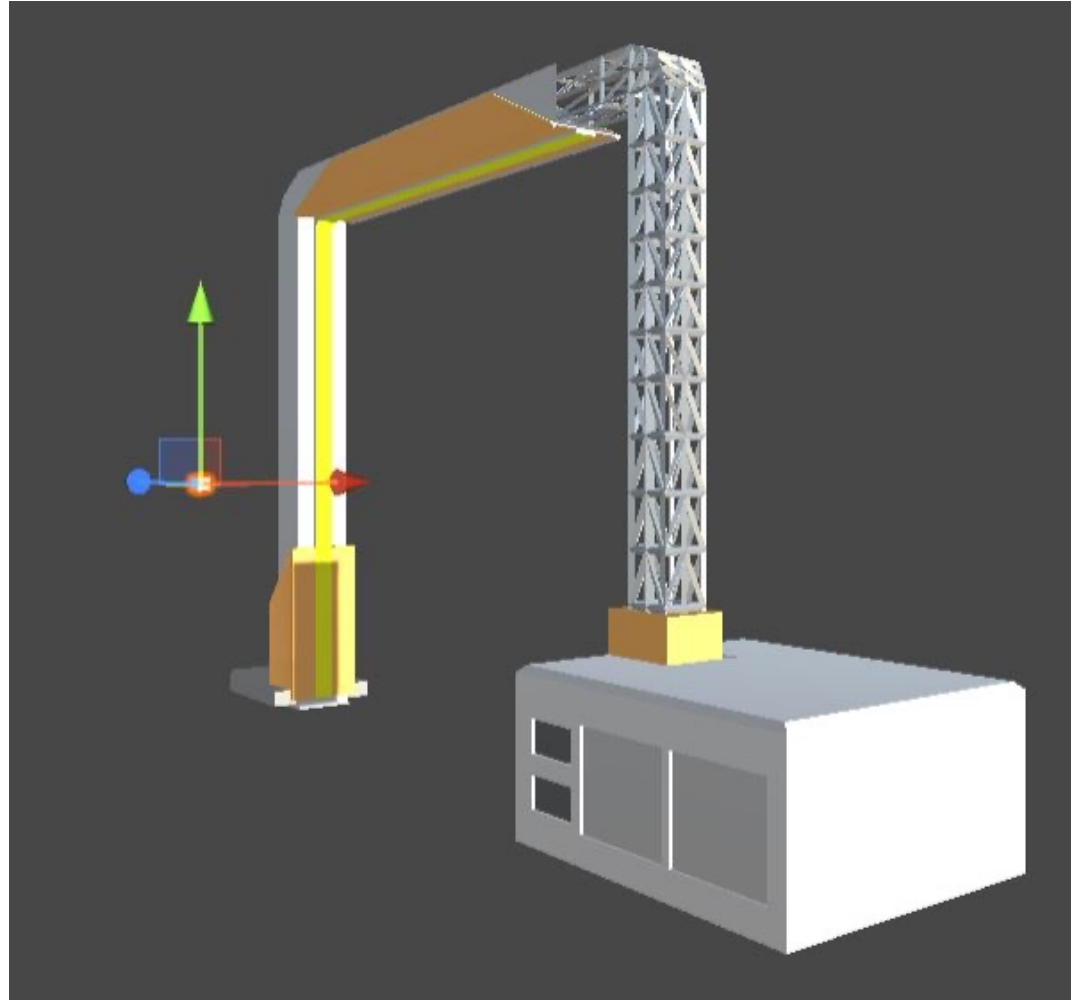
A digital twin for domain informed augmentation

Detector

- Geometry and projection

Query

- Speed (u, s)
- Materials ($a=ebc$)

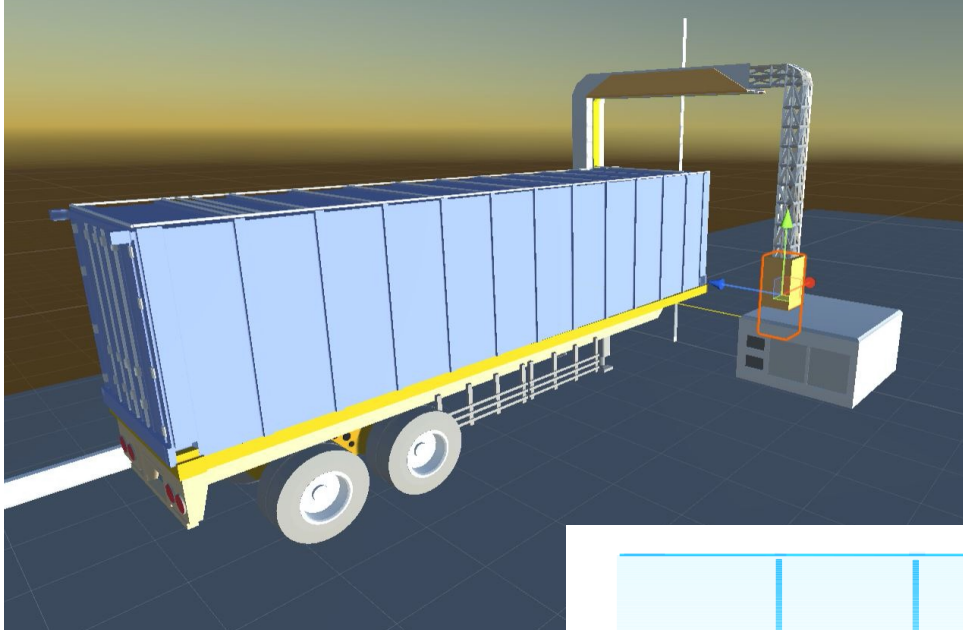


Fan Beam

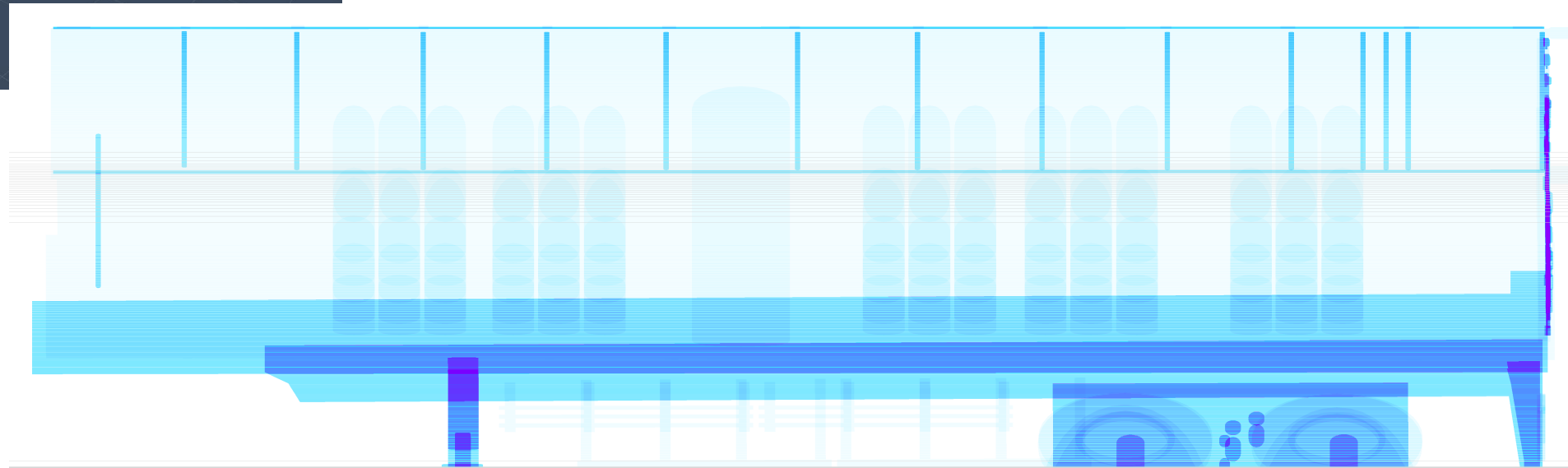
- Number of rays
- Angle increment
- Min and Max angle



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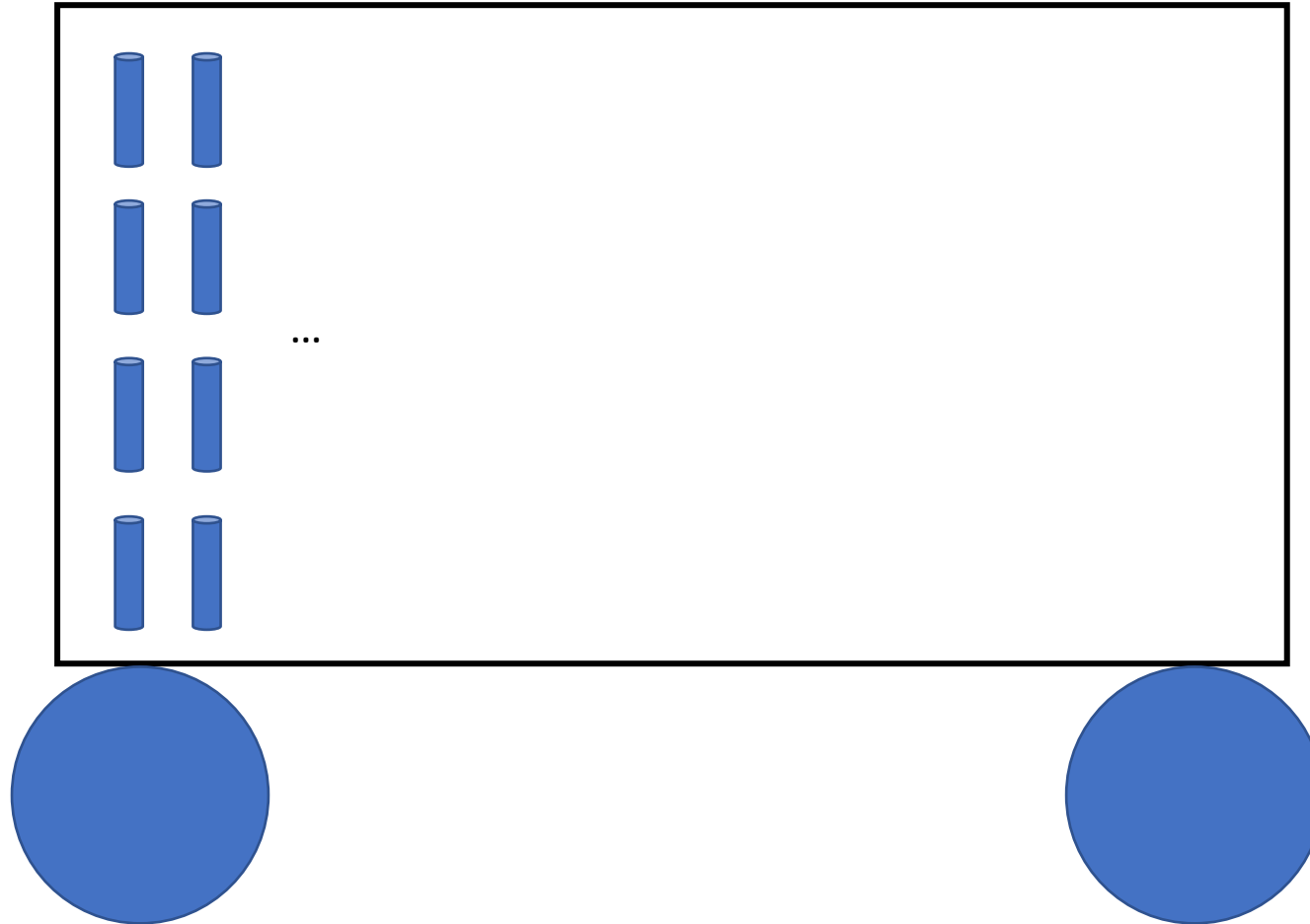


- Extensible system for visualization, testing and evaluation
- Simple representation of the physics, focusing on geometry
- Empirical alternative to closed form solutions, can recreate noisy data



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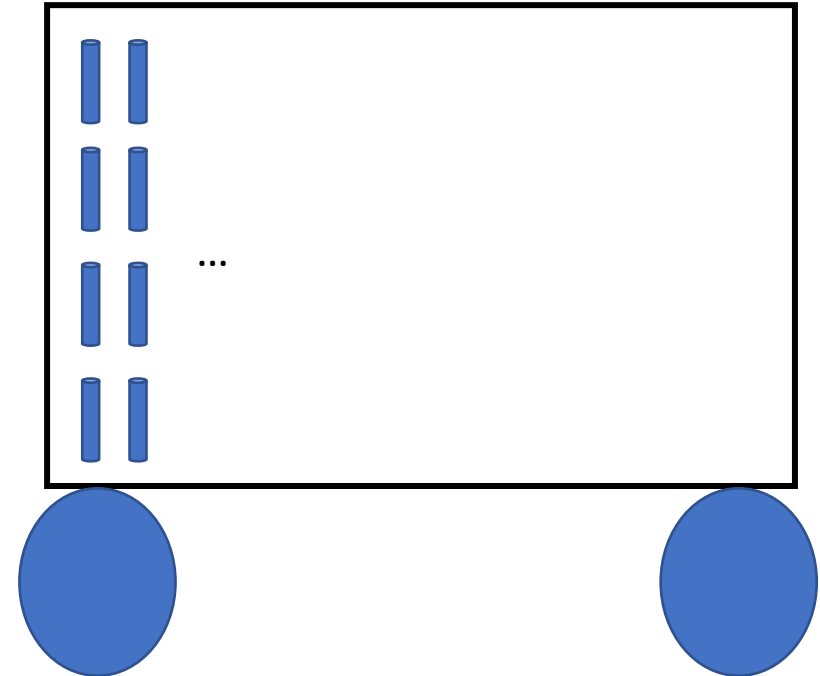
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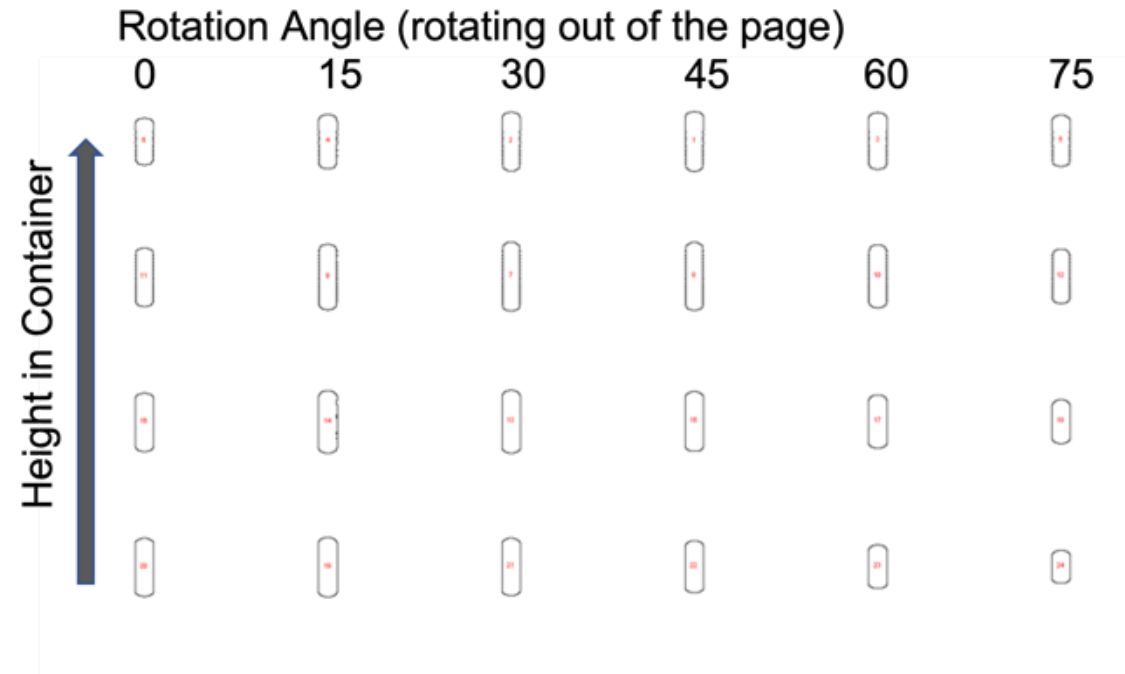
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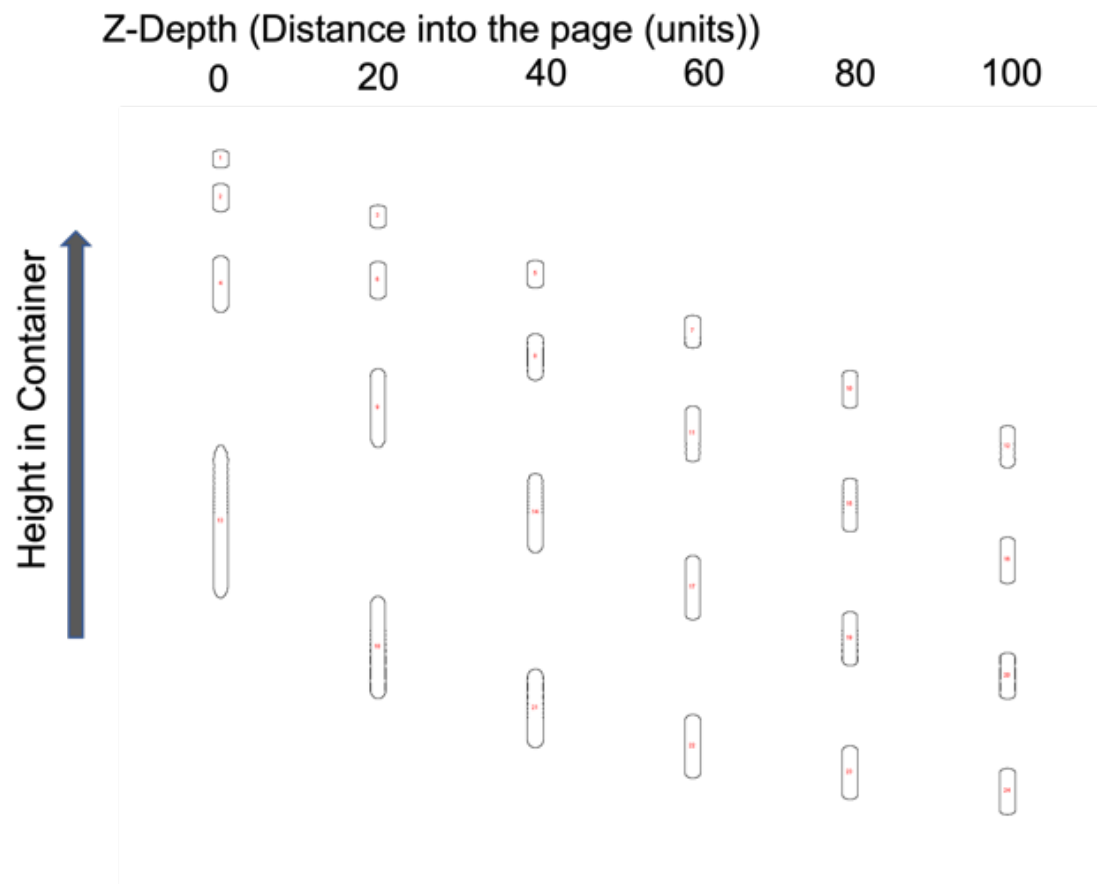
- Create an array of simple objects to scan in the digital twin
- Structure each column align a height gradient
- Manipulate each column to test either rotation or depth
- Measure the projected area of each object in the resulting scans



Sensor informed augmentations - rotation



Sensor informed augmentations - depth



Sensor informed augmentations

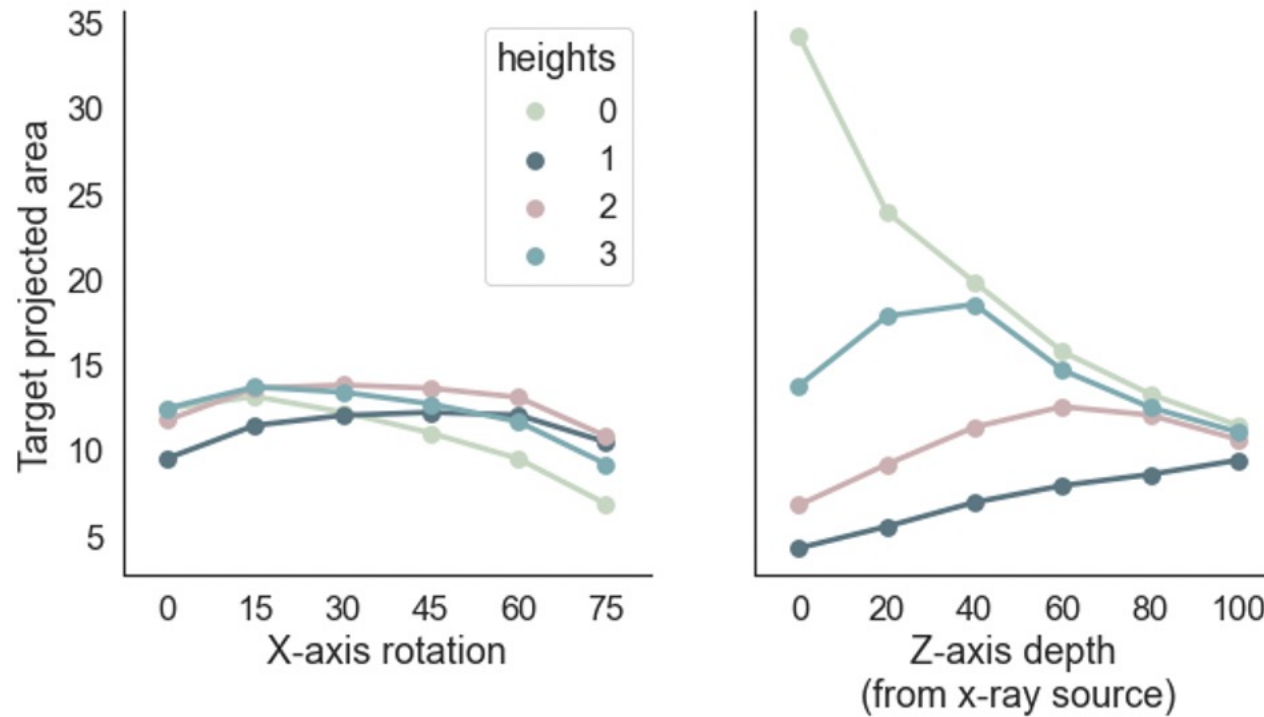


Figure 4. Projected area of the target objects as a function of rotation in the x-axis (left) and distance from the x-ray source (right).



Conclusions

Key Takeaways

- TIP can increase the generalizability of an object detection model, without too great an accuracy penalty
- More testing, and testing on context appropriate data, would address this more completely
- We proposed a simple solution to accommodate TIP augmentation based on sensor geometry
- Given a geometry, we can learn a function that maps a voxel location to a simple transform

