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Measuring Distortion Strength with Dewarping Diffusion Models in Anomaly Detection

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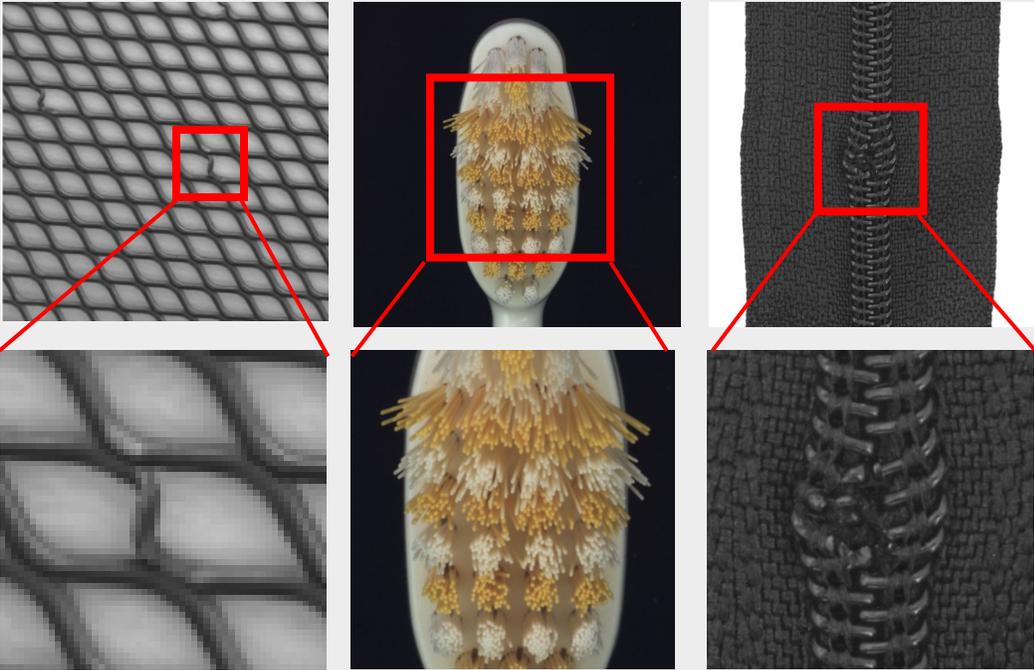
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Background: Anomaly Detection

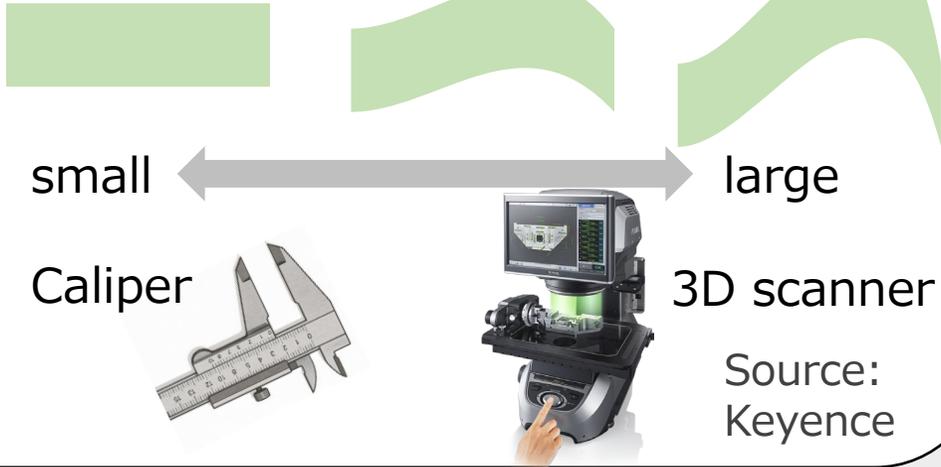
A process for detecting defects in the production lines

Examples of physical distorted defects

Local distortion caused by external force



Distorted strengths (degrees) are often measured to classify defects.



Background: Image-Based Anomaly Detection

Task

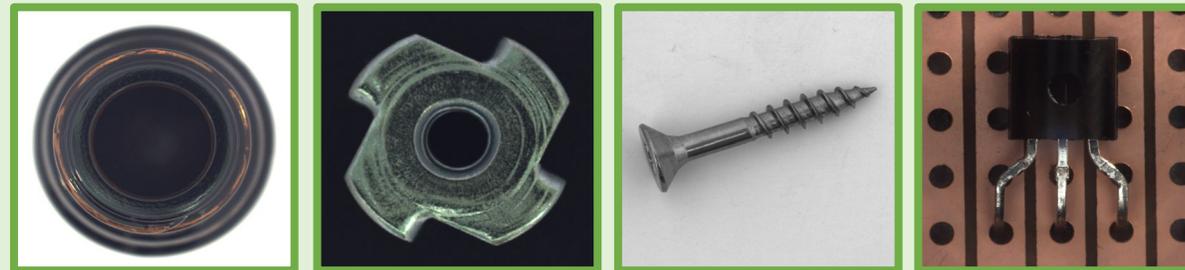
To automatically identify defect regions in product images

Constraints

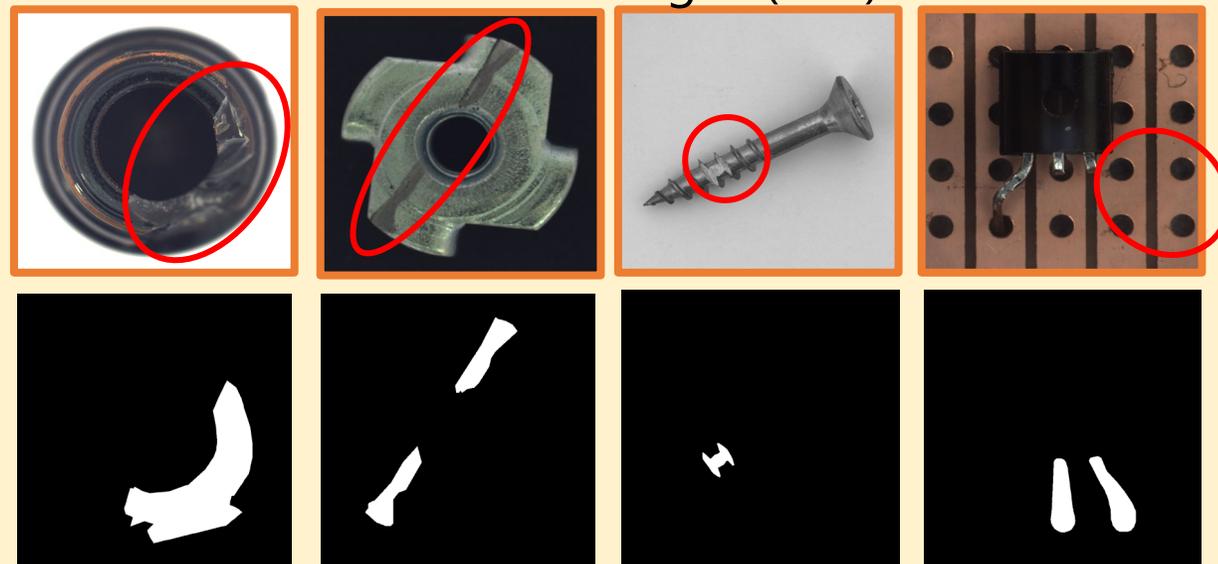
Only normal images are available at training time due to the limited number of defect images.

→ Need to construct anomaly detectors by training normal images.

Normal images (training)



Abnormal images (test)

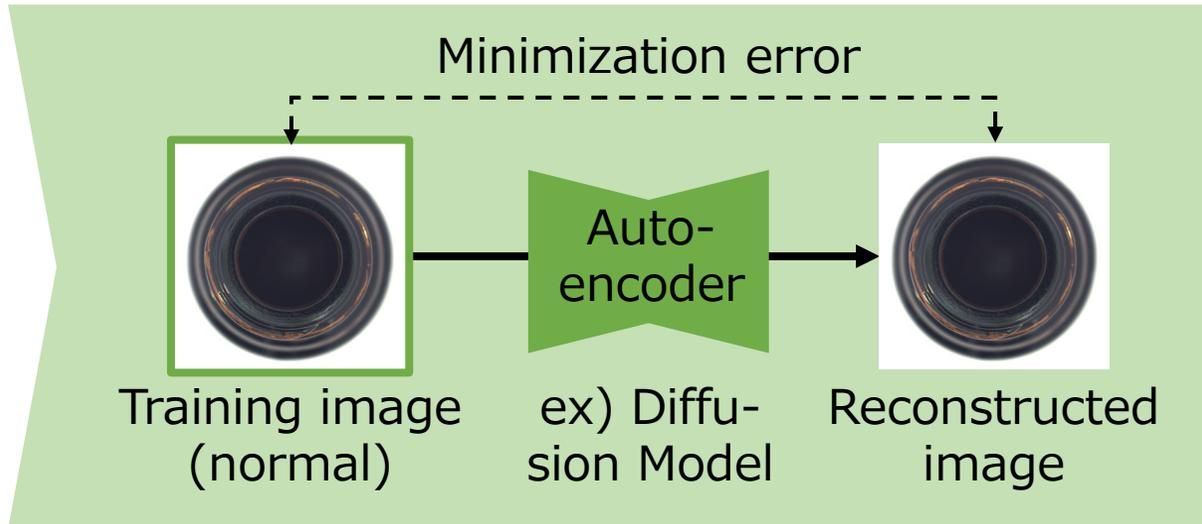


Reconstruction-Based Approaches

Based on an image autoencoder trained with normal images, defect regions are detected by local reconstruction error.

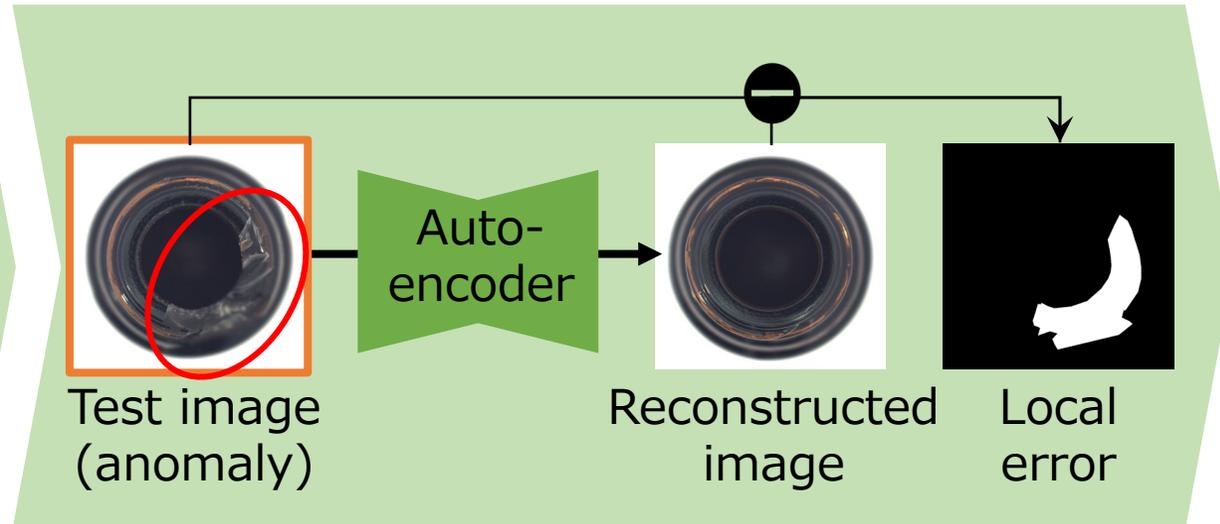
[e.g., V. Zavrtanik+, ICCV'21; H. Zhang+, arxiv'23]

Training



An image autoencoder is trained with only normal images.

Test

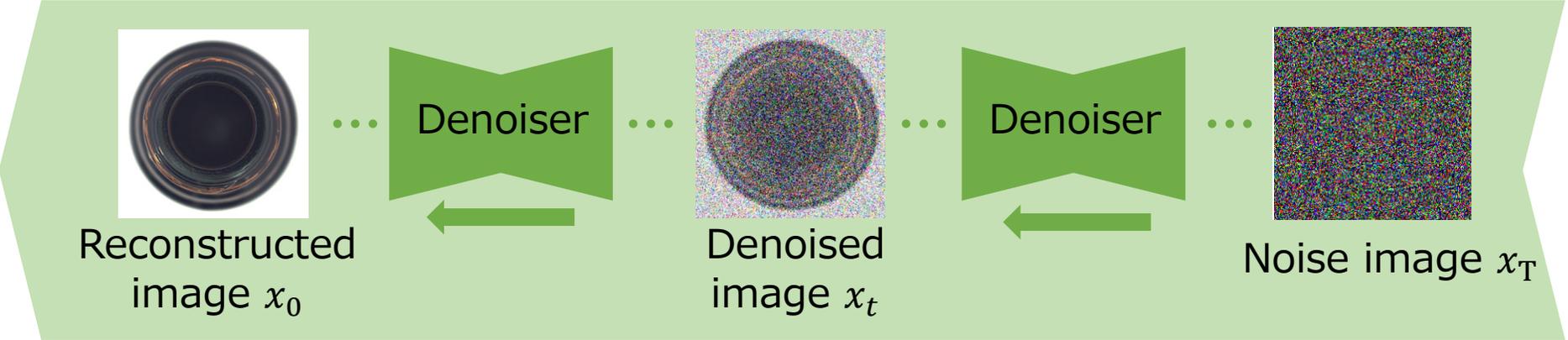
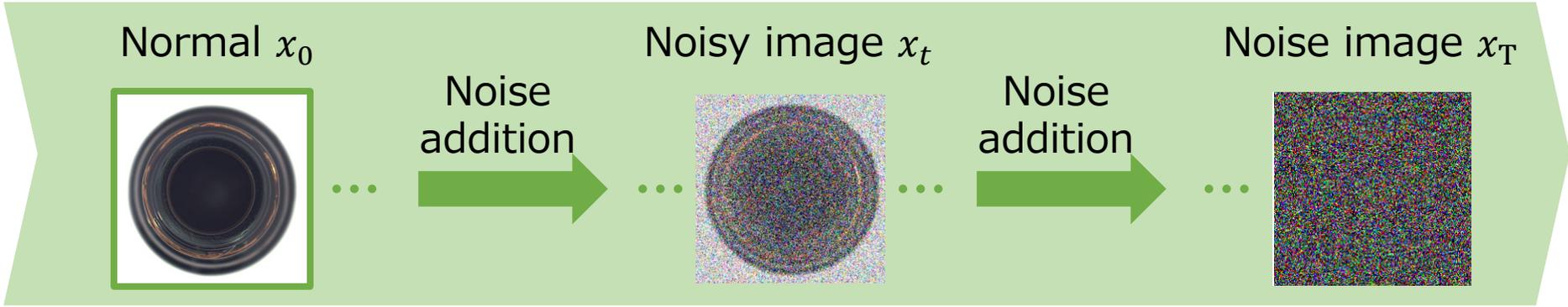


Under the hypothesis that reconstruction for unlearned defect region fails, local defect regions are identified.

Diffusion Models [J. Ho+, Neurips'20]

Generative models that mimic inverse diffusion process

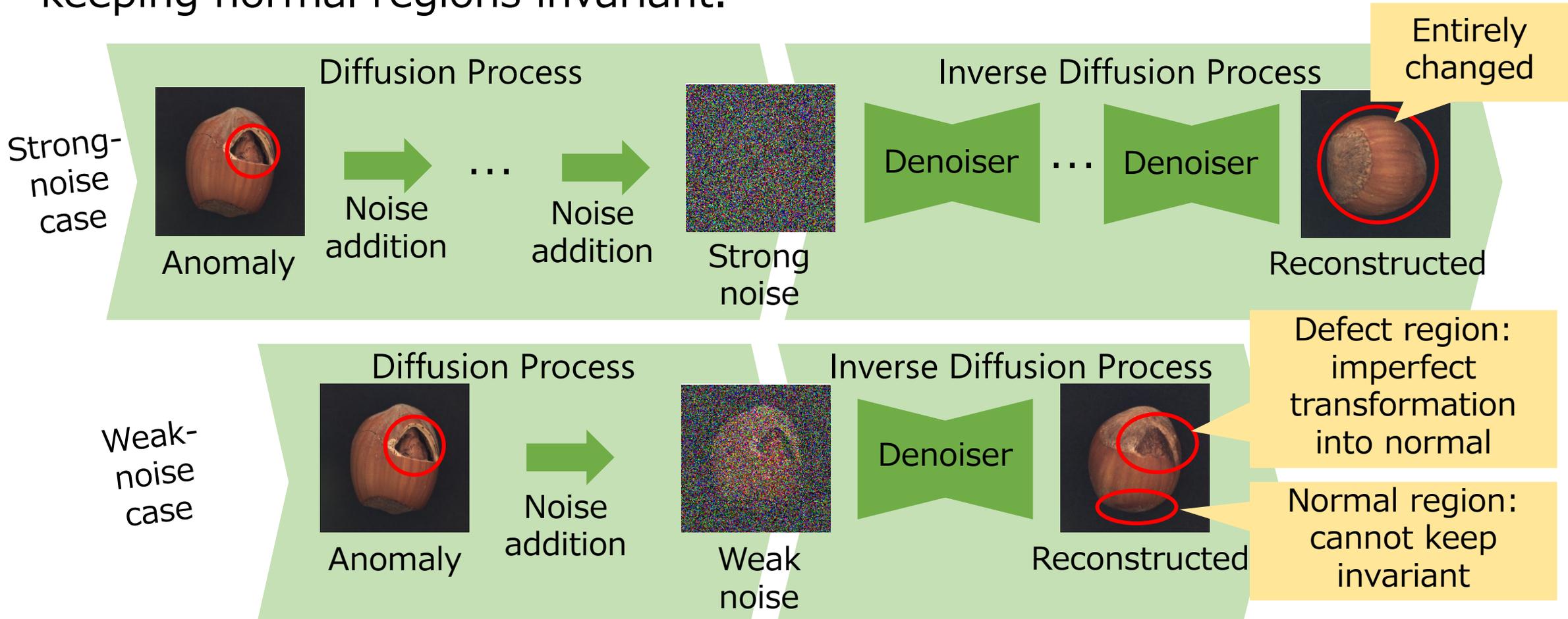
Diffusion process: incremental noise superposition



Inverse Diffusion Process: step-by-step denoising

Issues of Diffusion Model-Based Anomaly Detection

Sometimes struggles to change defect regions into normal ones with keeping normal regions invariant.

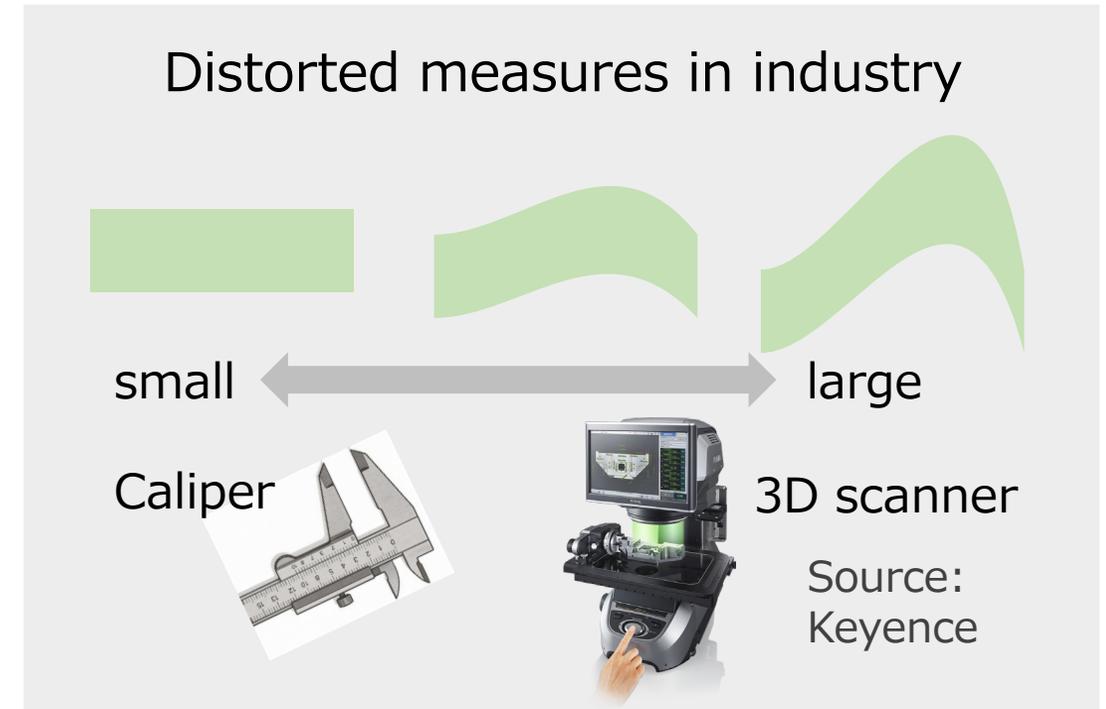
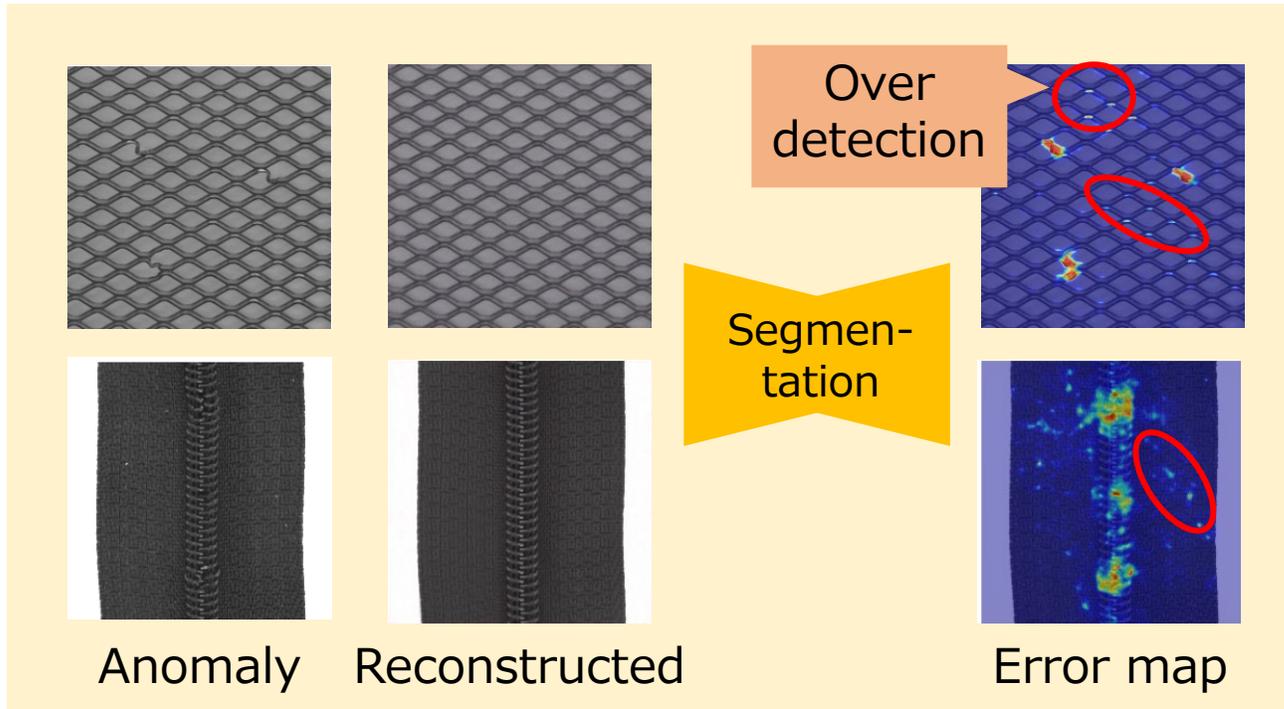


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Case of DiffuionAD [H. Zhang+, arxiv'23]

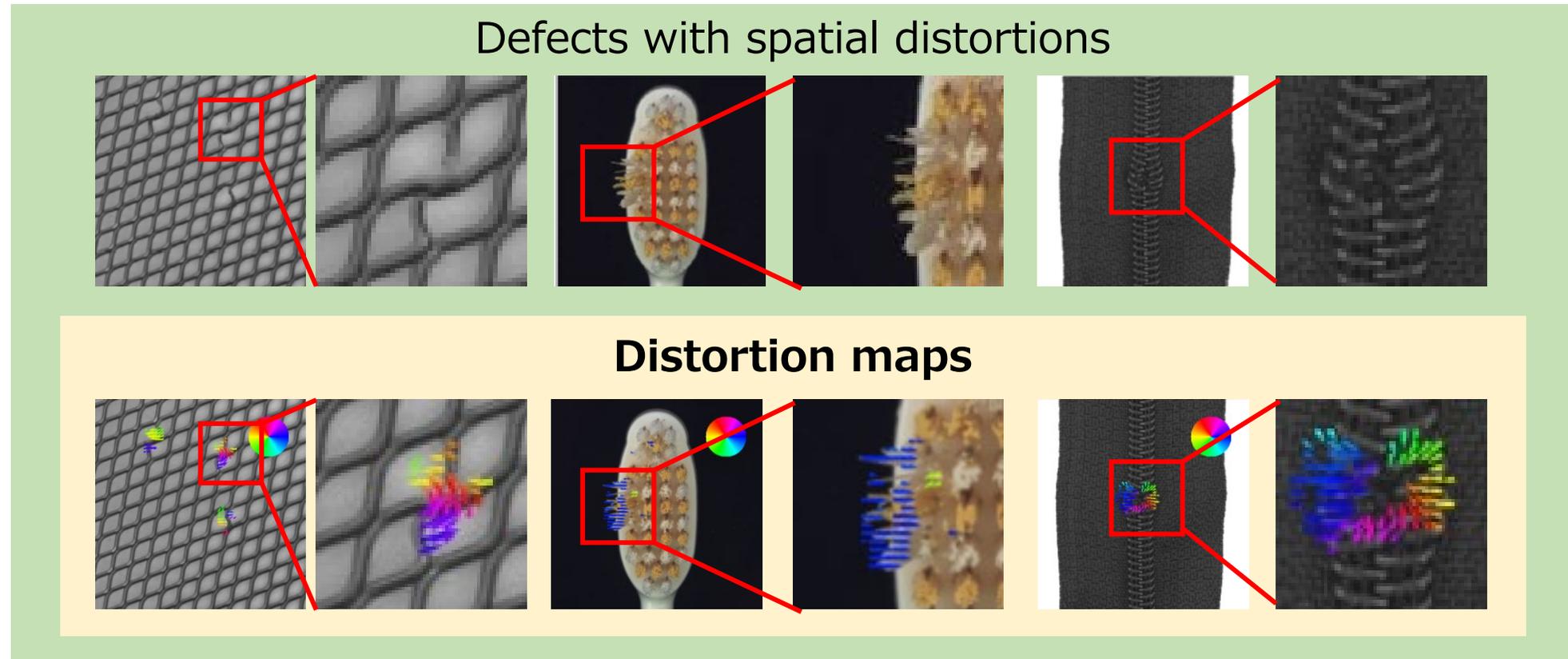
☹️ Tendency of over detection due to imperfect reconstruction

☹️ Unclear relationship from the distortion measures adopted in industry



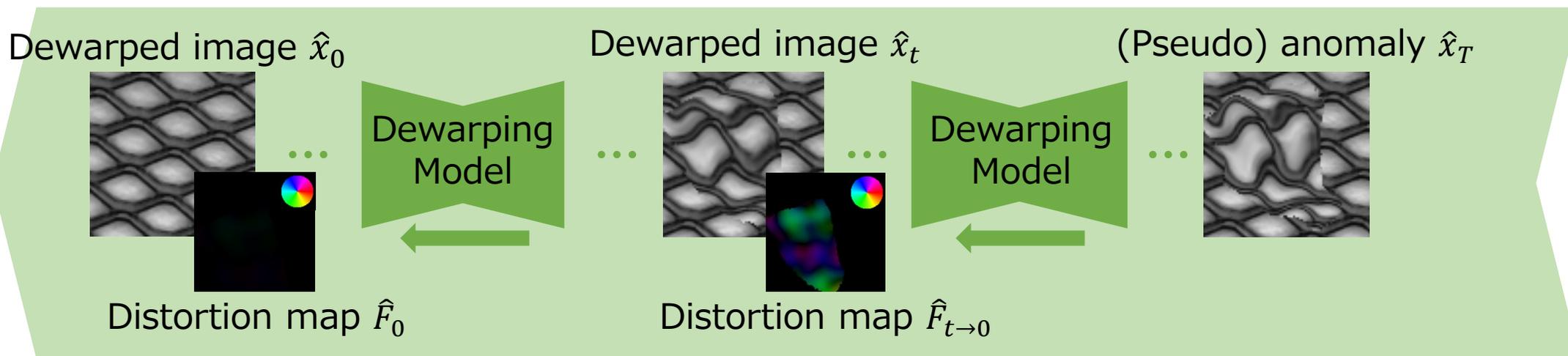
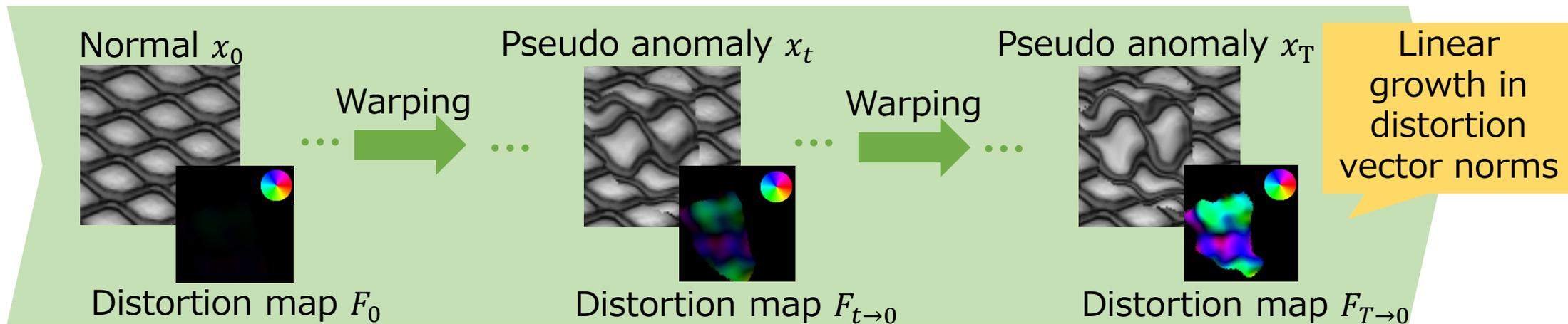
Aim of Our Research

- Approximately infers distortion strengths for anomaly samples
- No noise is added at test time



DiffuDewarp: Warping-Based Diffusion Model for Anomaly Detection

Diffusion Process: Step-by-step random warping mimicking spatial distortions

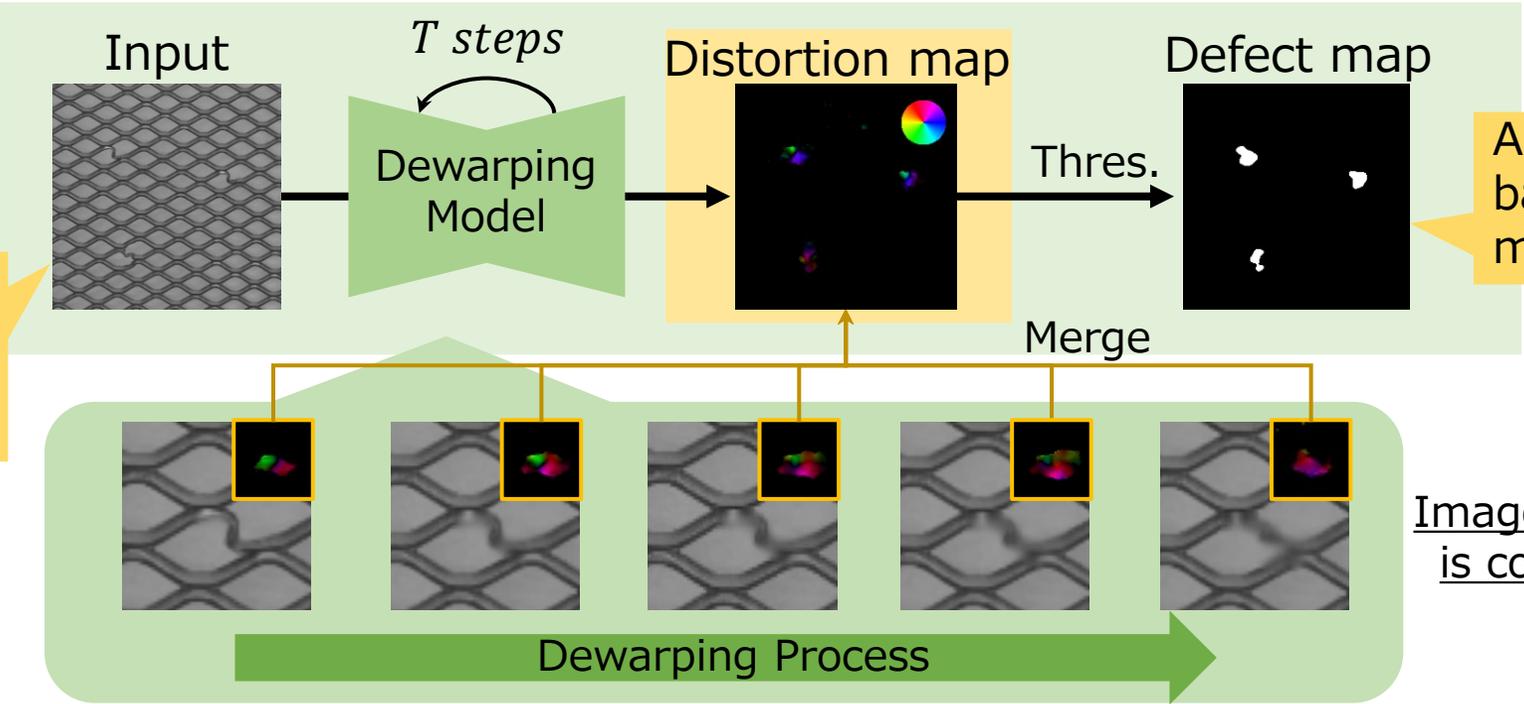


Inverse Diffusion Process: Step-by-step dewarping for time reversal

DiffuDewarp: Requiring No Noise at Test Time

Ours

Input image is directly fed into the model



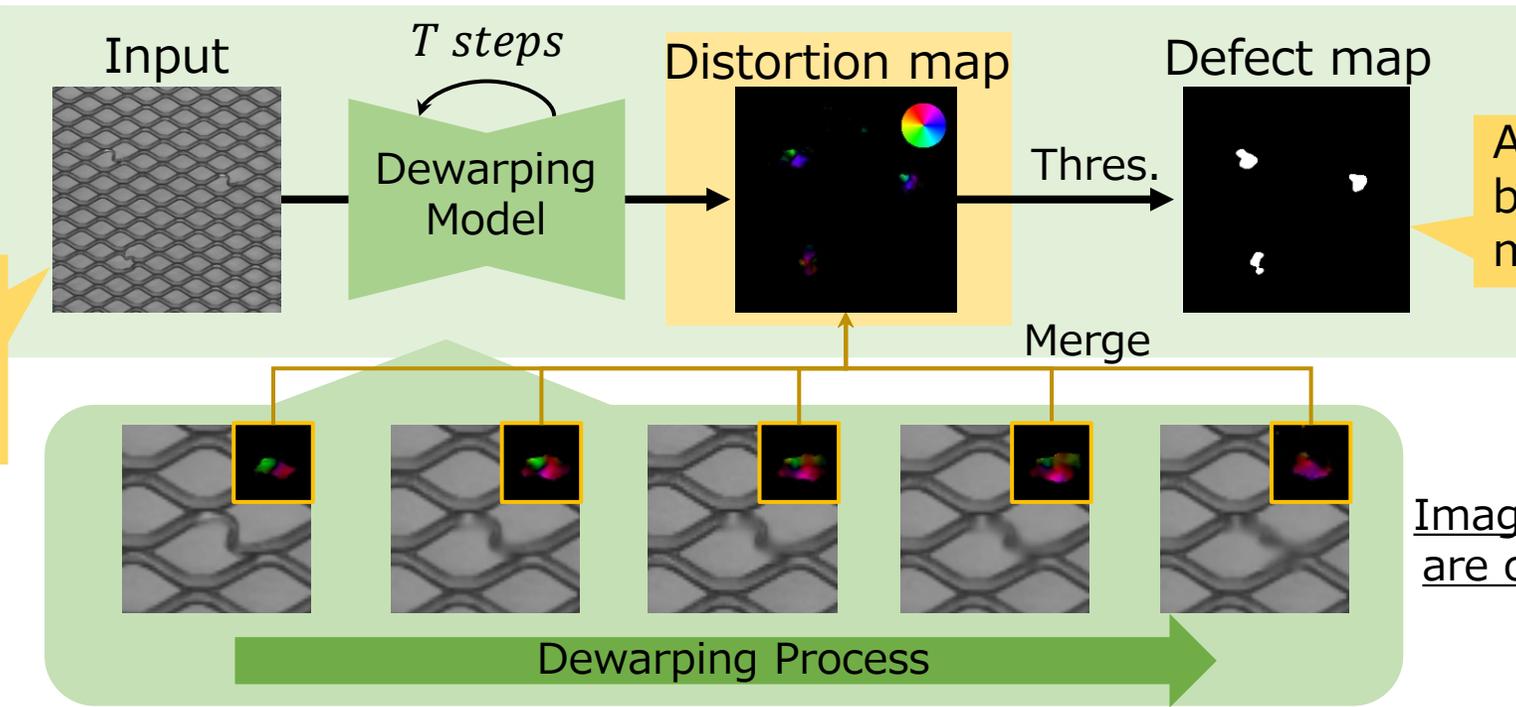
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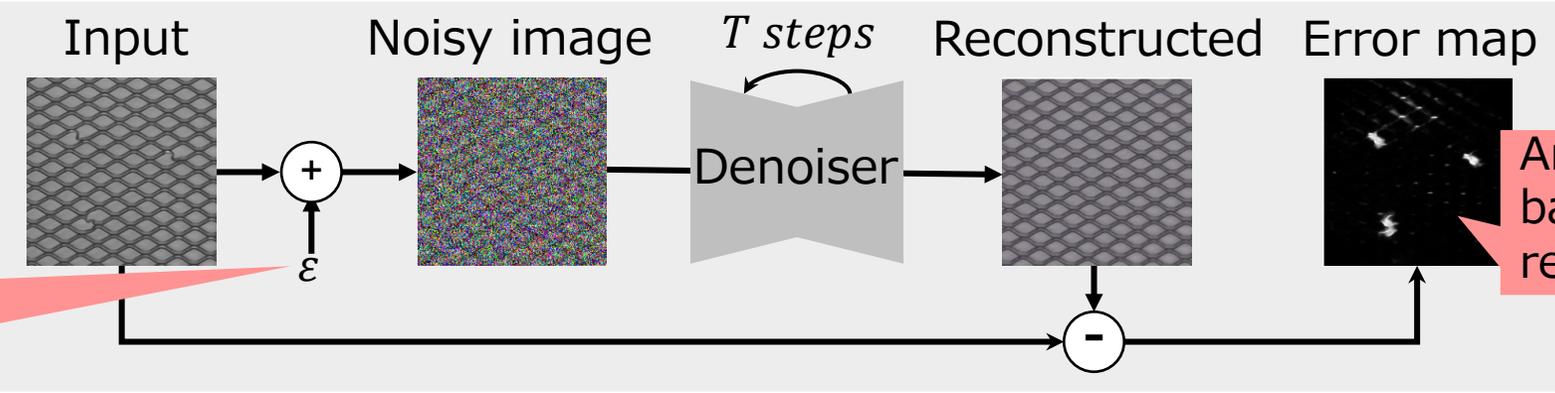


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Existing

Noises contaminate signals



Anomaly detection based on reconstruction error

Evaluation Settings

Dataset

MVTec AD [P. Bergmann+, CVPR2019]

Training set:

100-300 normal images / category

Test set:

~100 normal & defect images / category

Model constructions

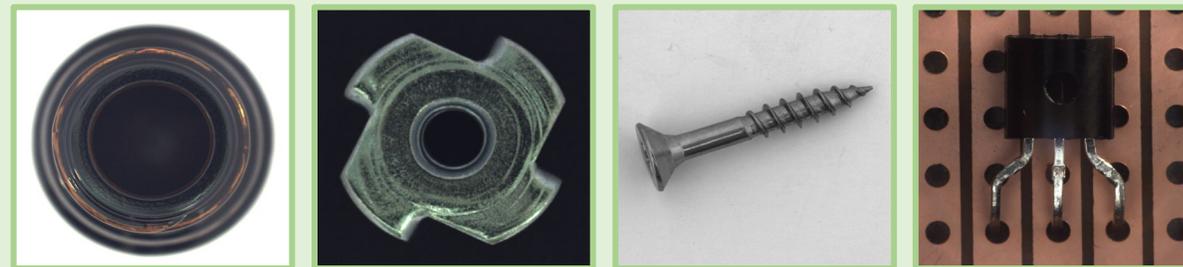
Constructed category-wise Diffusion Models with U-Net architecture

Metric

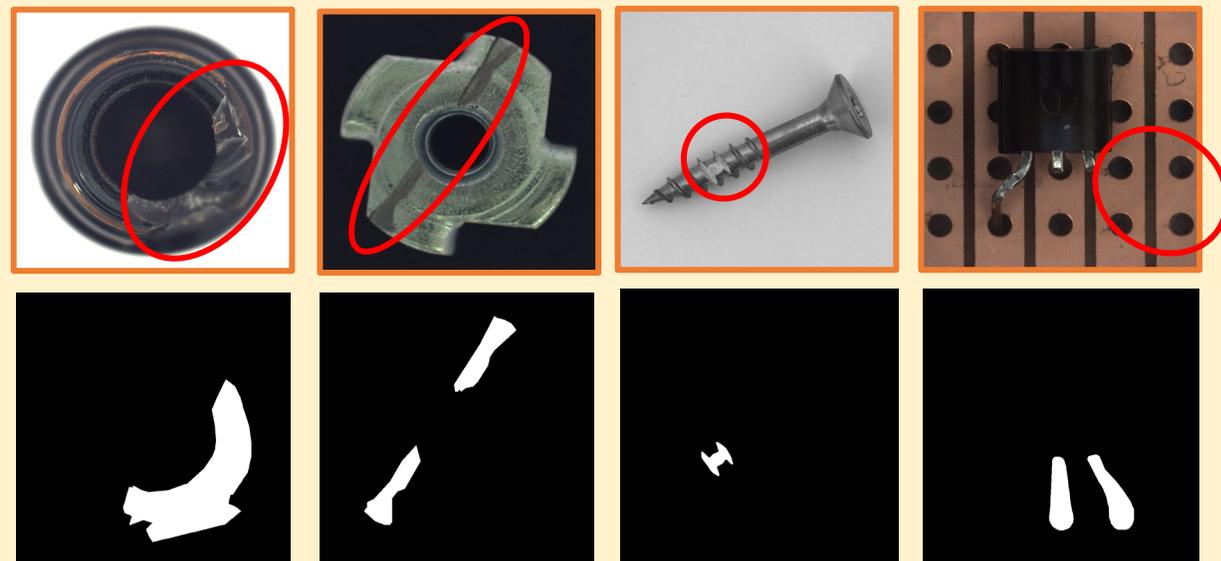
Pixel level AUROC

(Area under the ROC curve)

Training samples (normal)



Test samples (anomaly)



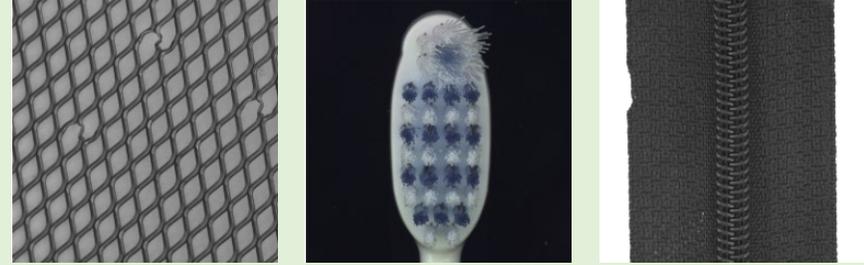
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Quantitative Results (AUROC[%] ↑)

Without a need of segmentation network, our DiffuDewarp outperforms DiffAD, TransFusion, DiffusionAD, AnomDiff, DDAD, and MDPS on average.

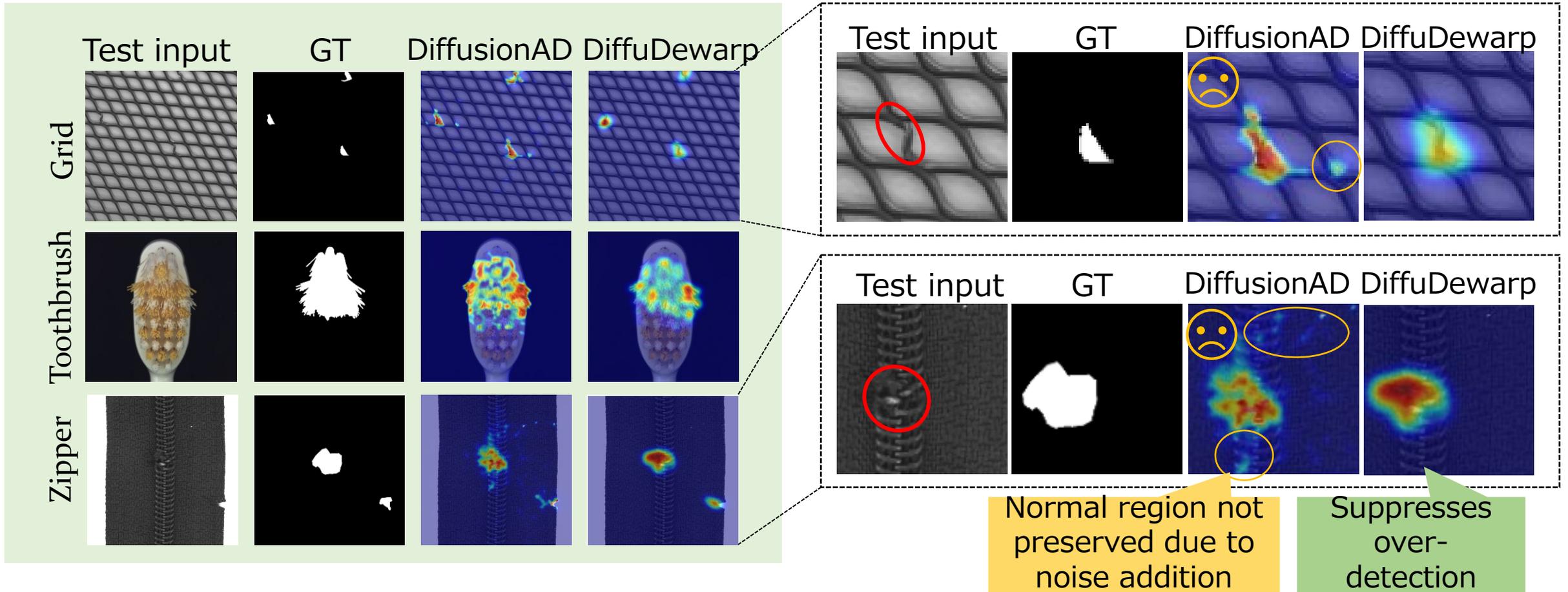
With segmentation network

Without segmentation network

	DiffAD Zhang+ ICCV'23	TransFusion Fucka+ ECCV'25	DiffusionAD Zhang+ arxiv'23	AnomDiff Lu+ ICCV'23	DDAD Mousakhan+ arxiv'23	MDPS Wu+ IJCAI'24	DiffuDewarp (ours)
Grid	99.7	99.4	99.7	99.1	99.4	99.4	99.4
Tooth brush	99.2	97.6	98.8	98.9	98.7	98.8	99.3
Zipper	99.0	98.5	99.2	97.6	98.2	98.5	99.4
Ave	99.3	98.5	99.2	98.5	98.8	98.9	99.4

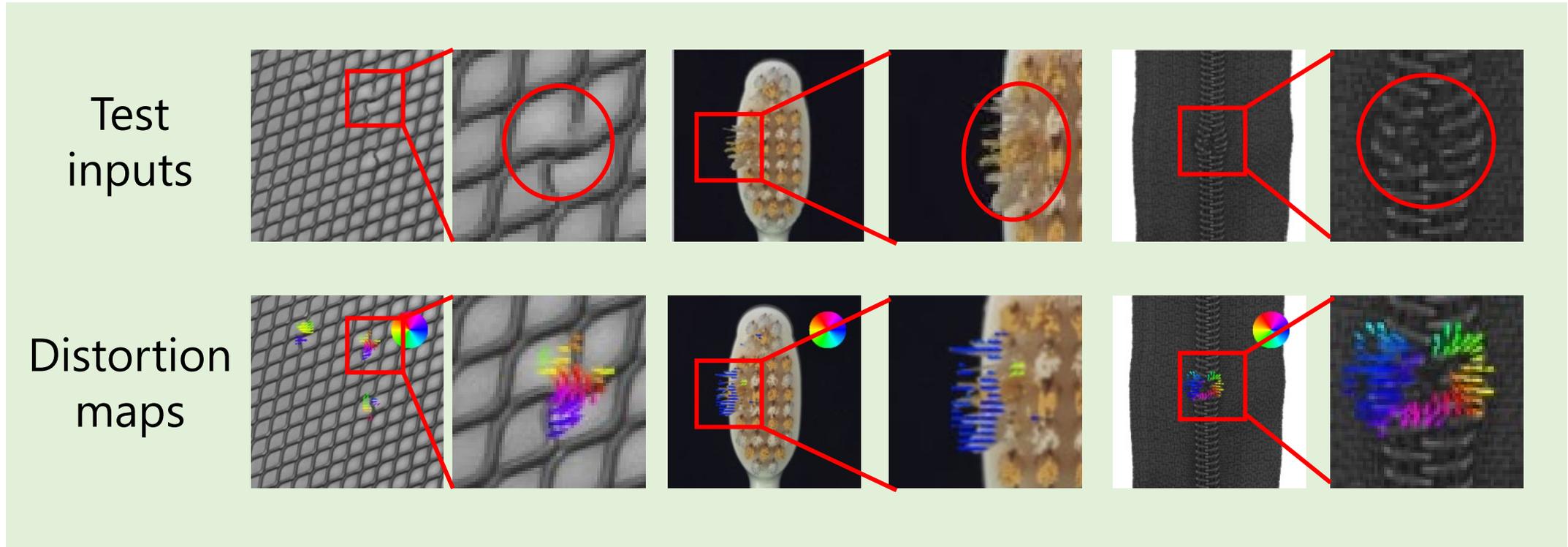
Qualitative Results (1/2)

Our DiffuDewarp well suppresses over-detection without a need of segmentation network, thanks to noise-free inference.



Qualitative Results (2/2)

DiffuDewarp computes distortion maps containing local displacement vectors.



Summary

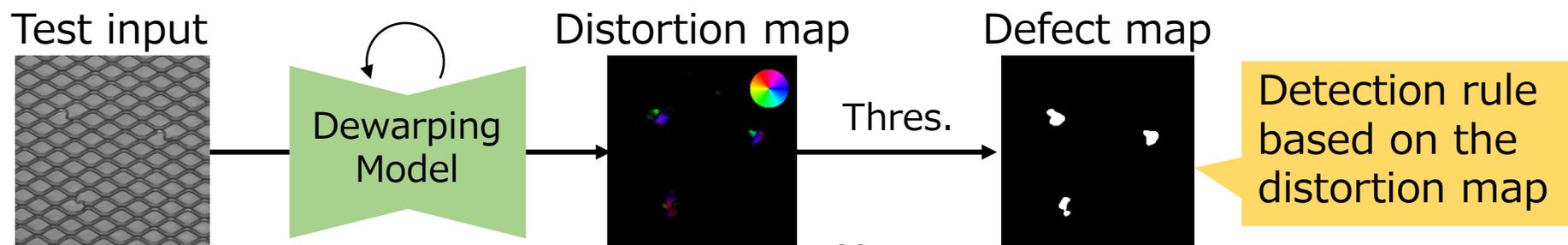
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Method **DiffuDewarp** based on local warping mimicking local spatial distortion

Results

- ✓ DiffuDewarp outperforms existing diffusion-based anomaly detectors.
- ✓ Computed distortion maps well approximate physical distortions.



Test input is directly fed into the model without noise addition.

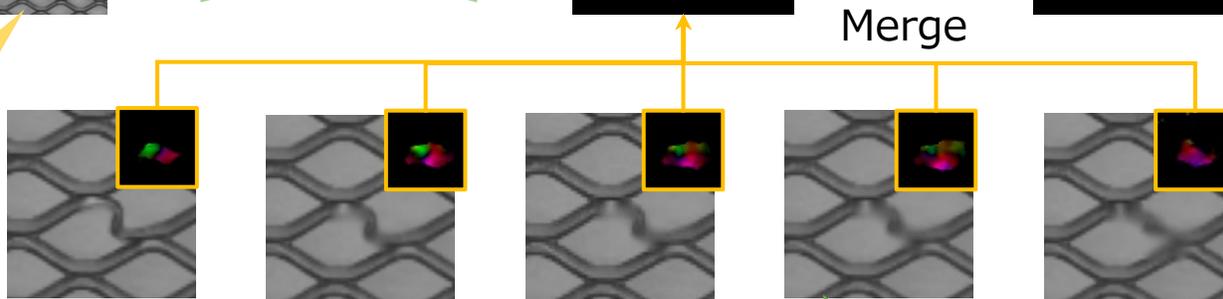


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