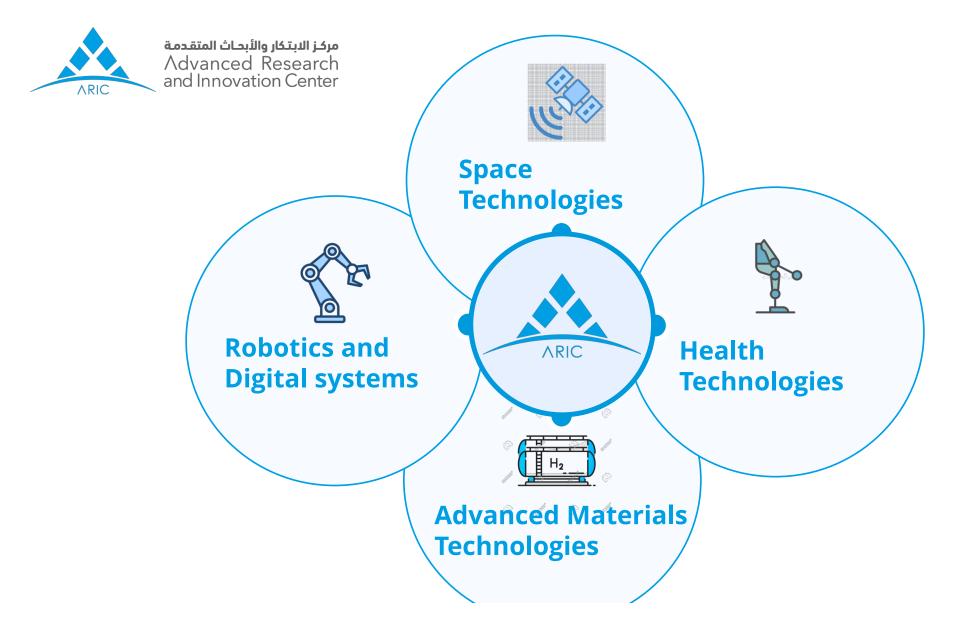




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### **Why Aerospace Needs Automation**

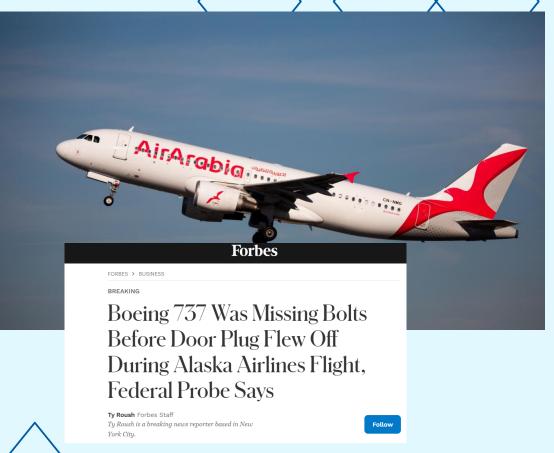
Every aircraft has **1M+ fasteners**, each requiring micron-level precision

#### Yet,

- Drilling and riveting tasks remain either manual or with preprogrammed automation
- Most inspection is still manual and slow

Global surge in air travel demand led to a pressure to deliver faster

• Only 10% of holes and fasteners are inspected



https://www.mckinsey.com/industries/aerospace-and-defense/our-insights/demand-for-efficient-airplanes-remains-an-interview-with-darren-hulst

#### **Automating Aerospace Manufacturing**

In collaboration with Strata, we have brought real automation to the floor on Airbus and Boeing production lines:

- We turn student prototypes to productiongrade systems
- On the **Boeing** production lines we have automated
  - Drilling
  - Deburring
  - Fastener hole coating
- We're now enabling robotic riveting with adaptive sensing on Airbus production lines







#### **Automating Aerospace MRO**

In collaboration with Sanad Aerotech, we are automating the servicing of **IAE V2500** and **Rolls-Royce Trent 700** engines to enhance precision, speed, and traceability.

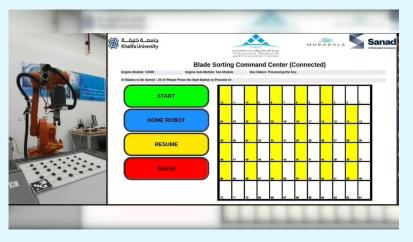
- Laser-based fan blade chord measurement
  - High-resolution, repeatable inspection replacing manual tools
- Automated dynamic blade sorting
  - Reduce vibrations and long term damage in the engine

**Estimated impact:** 

1M USD annual saving through reduced labor and logistics cost



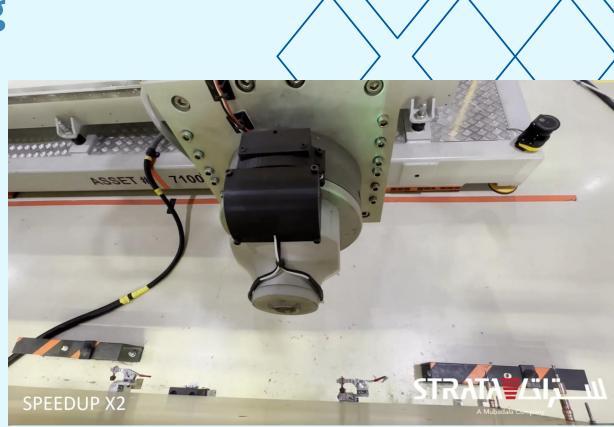




### **Open loop machining**

Unlike skilled human operators who react to sound, vibration, and tool behavior

- No feedback on chatter, clogging, or tool wear
- No correction if the hole is out of spec
- If something goes wrong, it's only caught after the part is finished





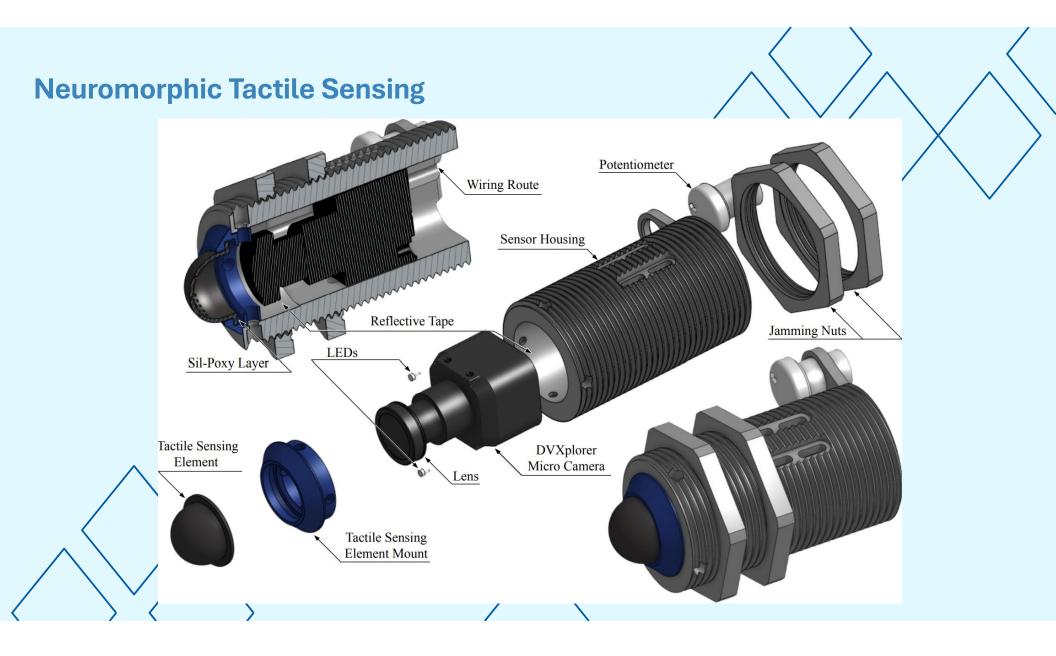
### Human tactile monitoring → Robotic neuromorphic tactile sensing



#### Tactile feedback to monitor



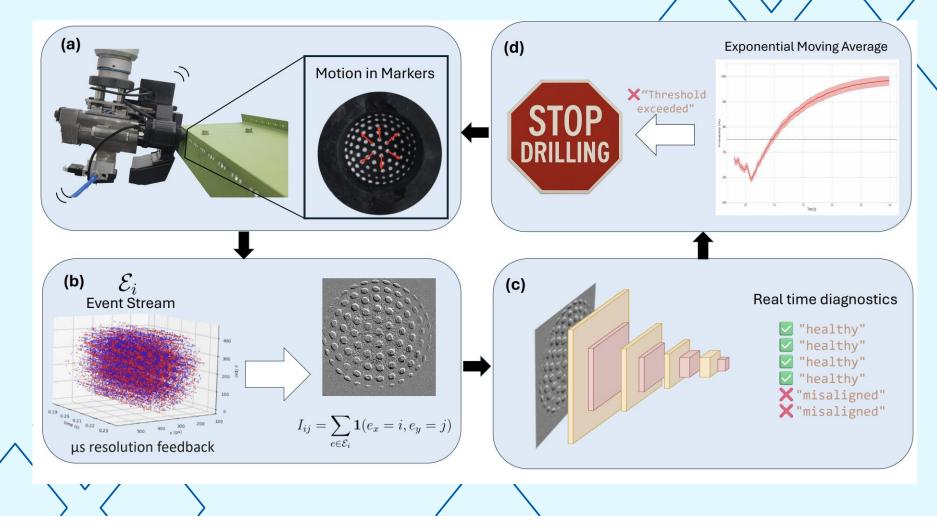
#### **Robotic Bioinspired Tactile feedback**



### Neuromorphic Tactile Sensing

	a)	Nominal Condit	tions	X-Axis Tilt +6°	X-Axis Tilt -6°	Y-Axis Tilt -4°	Higher Feed Rate	Lower Feed Rate	Reduced Drilling Torque	Deeper Right Countersink	Deeper Left Countersink
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	c)										
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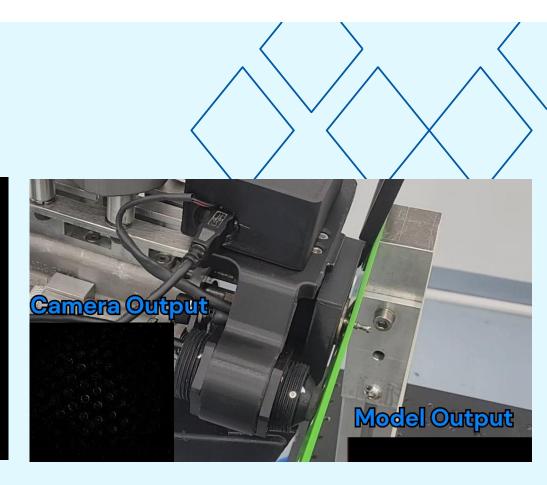


### **Video results**



#### **Camera Output**

Model Output



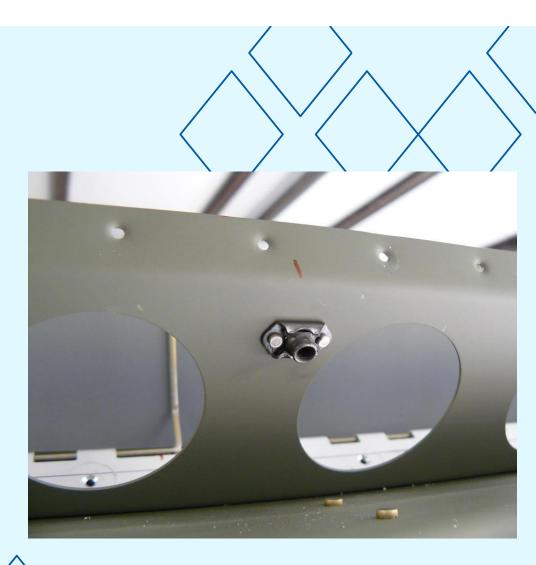
### Nominal drilling case

Faulty drilling case

### Nutplates in aerospace

In MRO and Production settings, fastener, rivet, and countersink holes, are currently being inspected manually **one-by-one.** There can be **1M+ holes** 

To meet global aircraft demand, some standards are to inspect only 10%-15% of holes



### Slow, manual inspection







Manual Inspection

**Robotic Inpsection** 

### **Fast, vision-based inspection**

We present a neuromorphic visionbased inspection of fastener and countersink holes

Using neuromorphic cameras allows us to perform high-speed, lowlatency, inspection without data overload

Our system is up to **10x faster** without compromising quality

More coverage, faster inspection

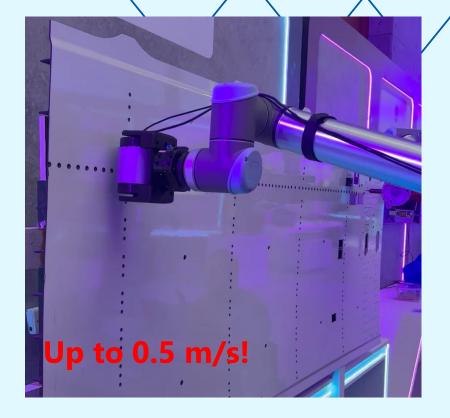




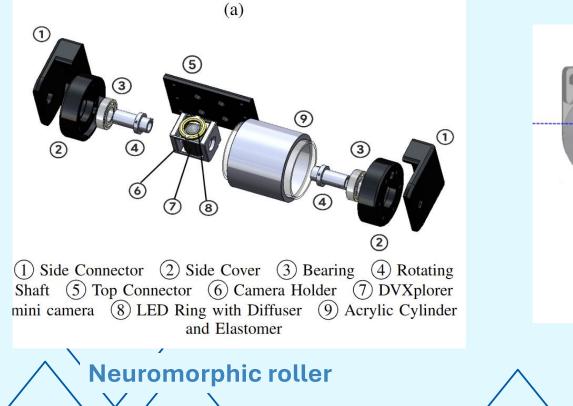
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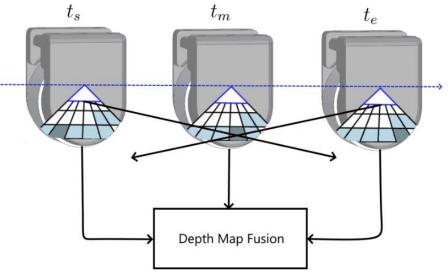
**Rivet flushness** is a leading cause of **nonconformance** in aerospace inspection. We are developing a **roller-based neuromorphic tactile sensor** that:

- Measures surface depth variations at up to
  0.5 m/s
- Covers large surfaces in a single pass
- Reconstructs 3D geometry with <50 µm resolution</li>



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Modified EMVS



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