

Automatic Product Measurement and Recording

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***“..any sufficiently advanced technology is
indistinguishable from magic.” Arthur C. Clark***

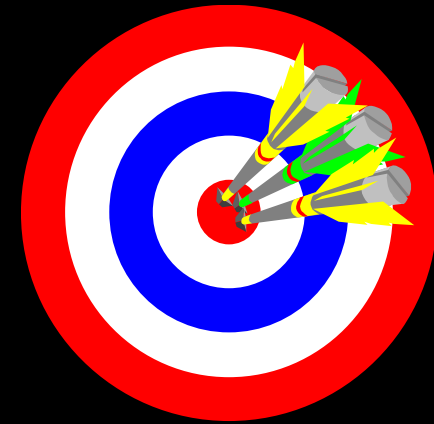
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Requirement: to provide image analysis technology to facilitate automatic measurement.

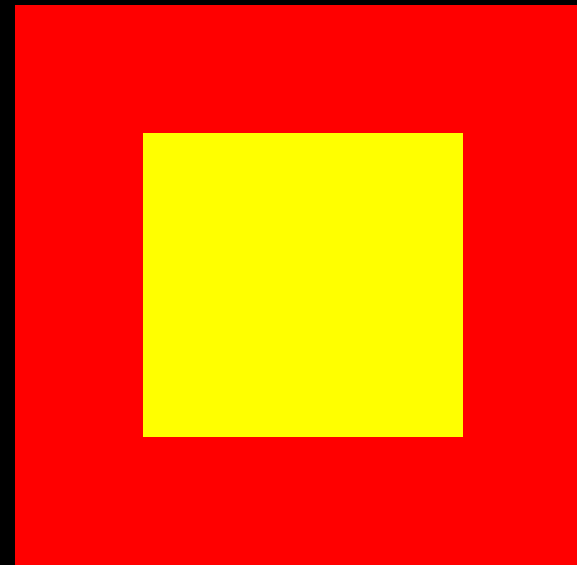
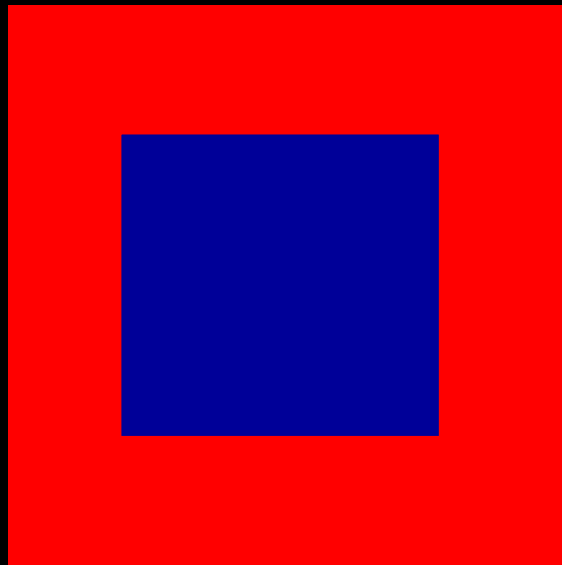
Generation of an ALARM when measured size does not conform to a pre-set threshold.

Why Image Analysis?

- ◆ A visual record of all Buses
- ◆ Improved Precision
- ◆ Accuracy in recording
- ◆ Reproducibility of Results
- ◆ Higher Throughput than Manual Methods (up to 10 meters a second / PC)



◆ SAME SIZE???



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A Word About Our Eyes

- ◆ Eyes are very good contrast adjusters, but not good for distinguishing subtle variations in color
- ◆ Eyes can discern about 30 continuous levels of gray or color in a field of view (CCTV cameras have 256 levels)
- ◆ Eyes cannot accurately reproduce measurements

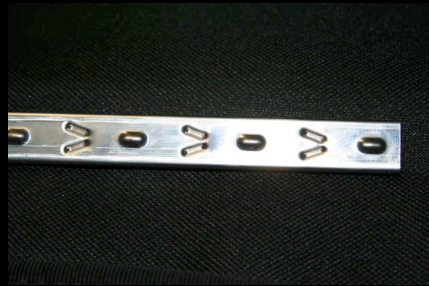
Why do Image Analysis?

- ! Improved Precision / Accuracy in Measurements
- ! Reproducibility of Results
- ! Higher Throughput than Manual Methods
- ! Better Definition of Contrasting Areas
- ! More Measurements / Faster
- ! Real Time Link to Databases

BUS:

- Size
- Colour
- Shape
- Texture

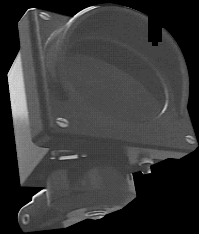
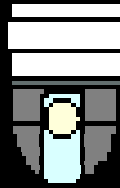
Electronic Imaging Fundamentals



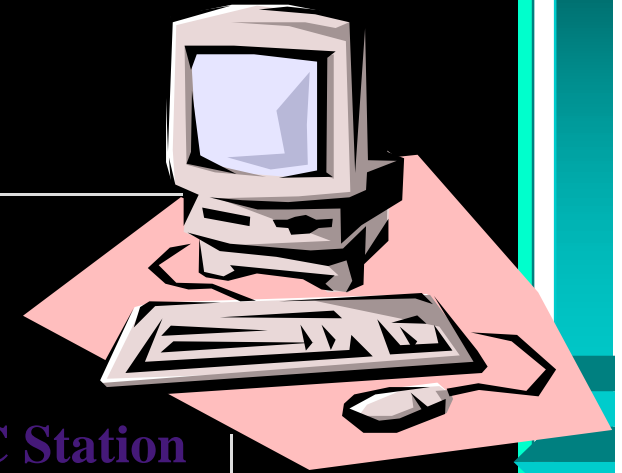
Acquire
Process
Identify
Analyze
Report
Alarm



◆ Camera (CCTV / Web
Cam / IP / etc. CAMERAS



◆ Frame Grabber



◆ PC Station

◆ X-Ray for
welding



◆ IA
Software

◆ IA SYSTEM

◆ Real Time Measurement & Recording

using Image Analysis by I-Cube

Real Time Width Monitoring



◆ Side Camera



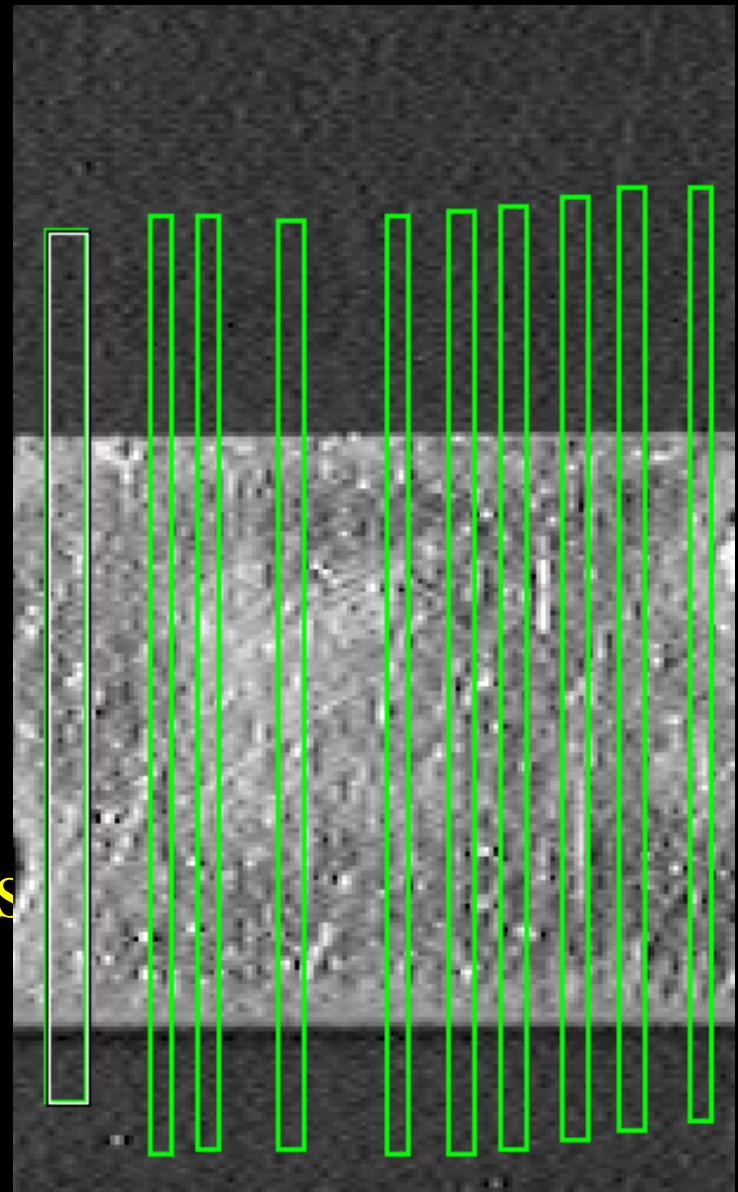
◆ Top Camera

Images are recorded and retained

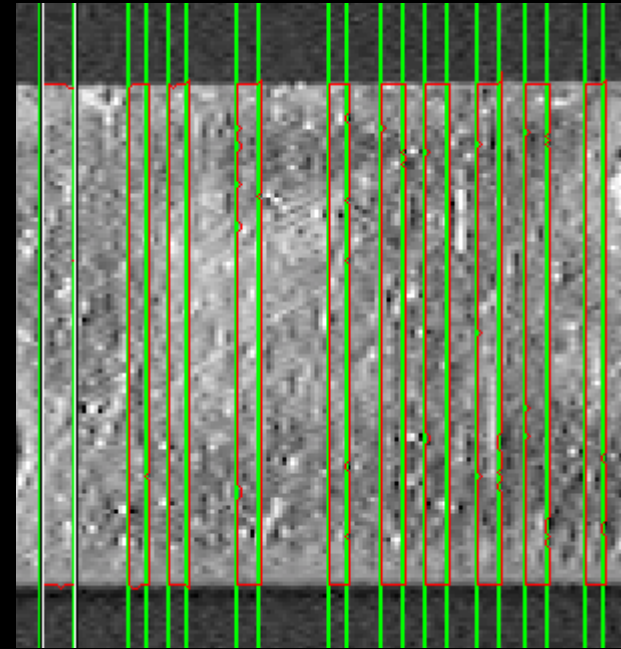
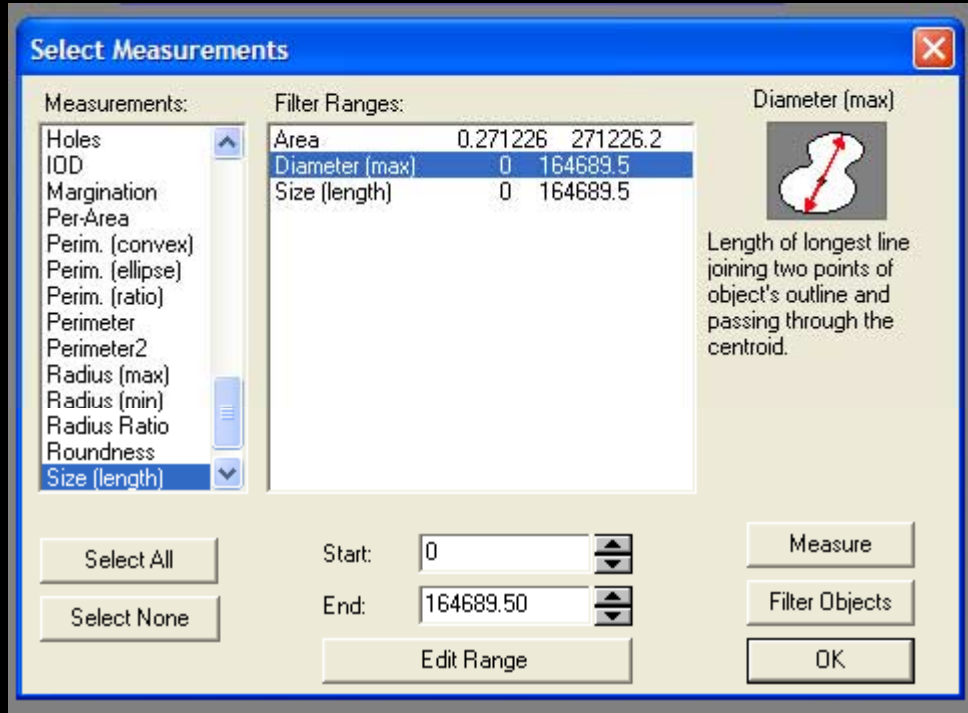
Images are analyzed
for specific
measurements:



◆ Multiple
width
measurements
per image



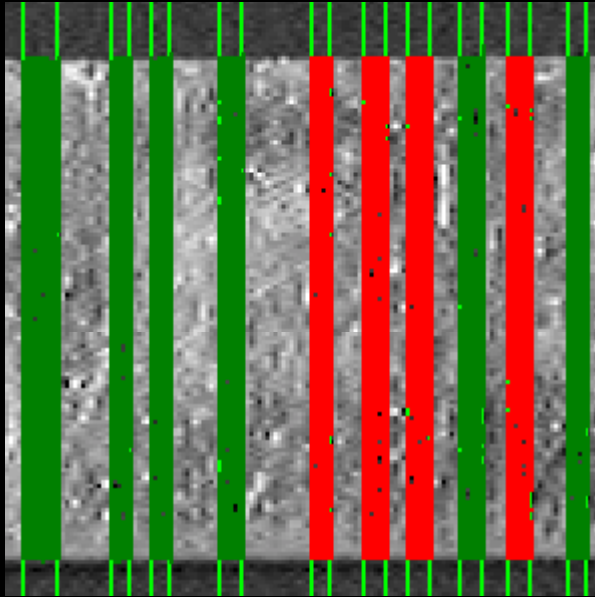
Measurement – How the system works



◆ Selected measurement

◆ Diameter measured in RED

Width or thickness Measurements – How the system works



Measurement Data

File

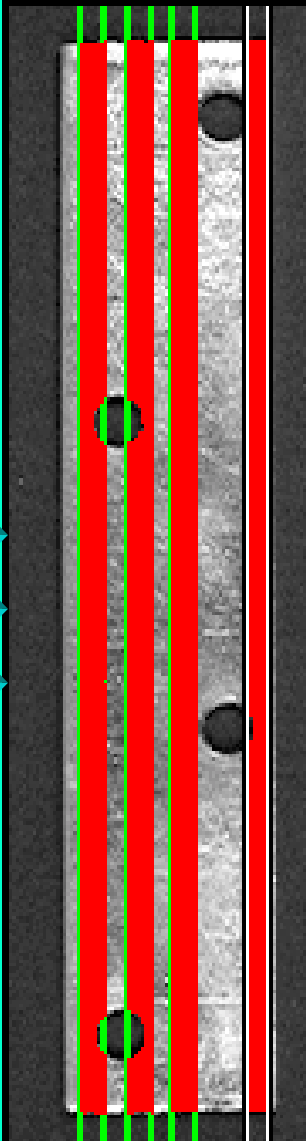
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Locate the object. Scroll to the object.

Obj.#	Diameter (max)	Size (length)
123	4.9546776	4.9548340
131	4.8810992	4.9159546
132	4.8827872	4.8773804
133	4.8778753	4.8774414
134	4.8399458	4.8772812
135	4.8786430	4.8773193
136	4.8399458	4.8385925
137	4.8424215	4.8385620
138	4.8387070	4.8385773
139	4.8424215	4.8386841

- ◆ Zoomed in to illustrate accuracy
- ◆ 75 pixels per mm for width

Length Measurement – How the system works



Measurement Data

File

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Obj.#	Diameter (max)	Size (length)
19	24.583534	24.618713
20	24.579967	24.618778
21	24.541626	24.579853
22	24.541168	24.541138

◆ The holes illustrate possible damage, which can be detected.

Hole determination

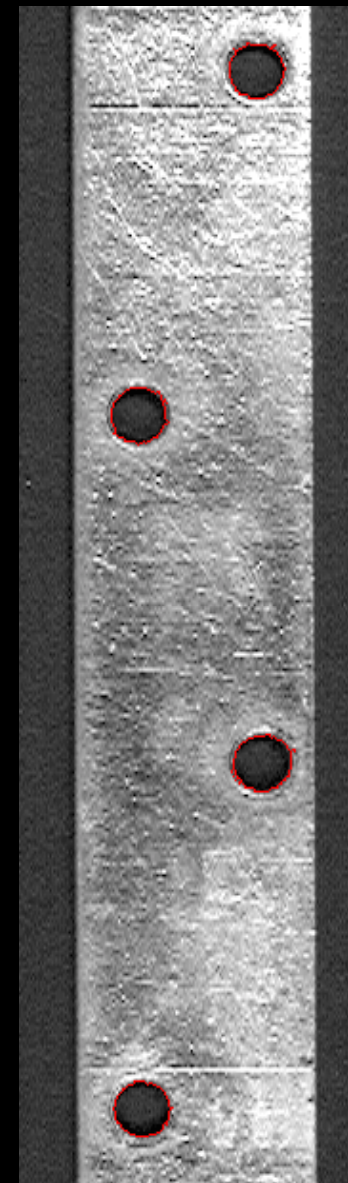
Measurement Data

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Obj.#	Area	Diameter (max)	Radius (max)	Radius (min)	Holes	Perimeter
11	1.0098823	1.2465073	.65621668	.51385444	7	3.8057106
93	1.0563309	1.2560867	.63466752	.53015810	5	3.8010883
278	1.1147662	1.2867274	.69485217	.53642243	3	4.0513721
366	1.0443442	1.2005851	.61433381	.50639474	2	3.6368053



◆ Holes measurement

Reporting Data

- ◆ SMS
- ◆ E-Mail
- ◆ Audio Alarm
- ◆ Visual Alarm
- ◆ Stopping Machine
- ◆ Other as required



Measurement Data

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Summary

Supply a product measurement and recording system consisting of:

- Cameras (1 camera per task)
- Image frame grabber card
- IA Software
- Digital recoding
- Software to output the data or shift, invoice, etc.
- Alarm IF measurement exceeds set threshold
- Ability to SMS / E-Mail / update web site with data

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