



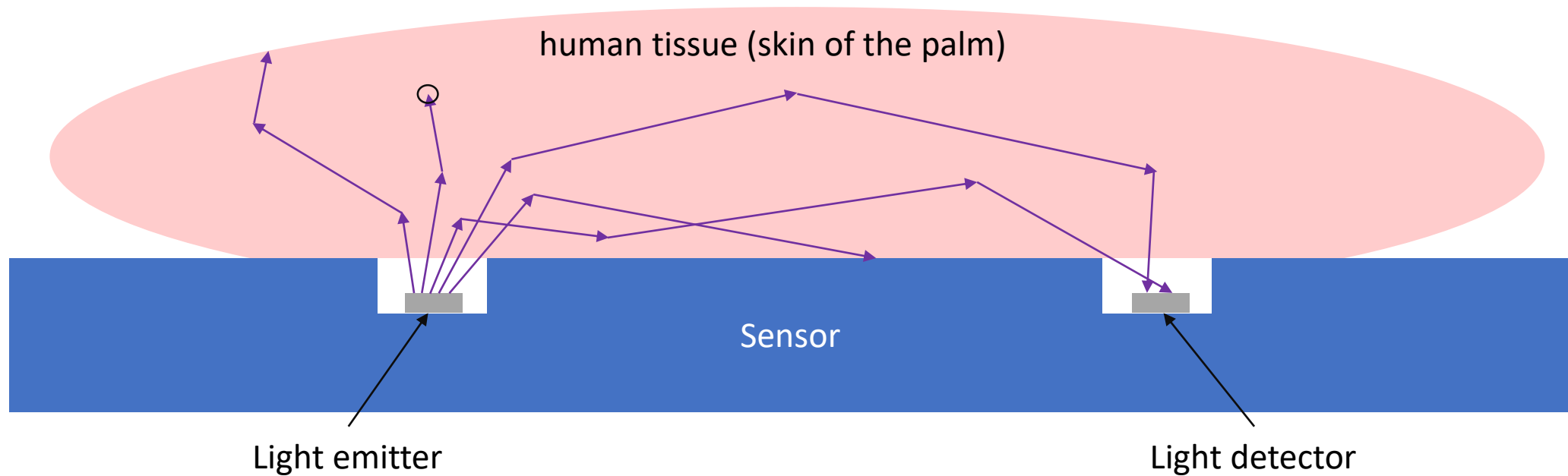
Utilizing Continuous Kernels for Processing  
Irregularly and Inconsistently Sampled Data  
With Position-Dependent Features

# What we do



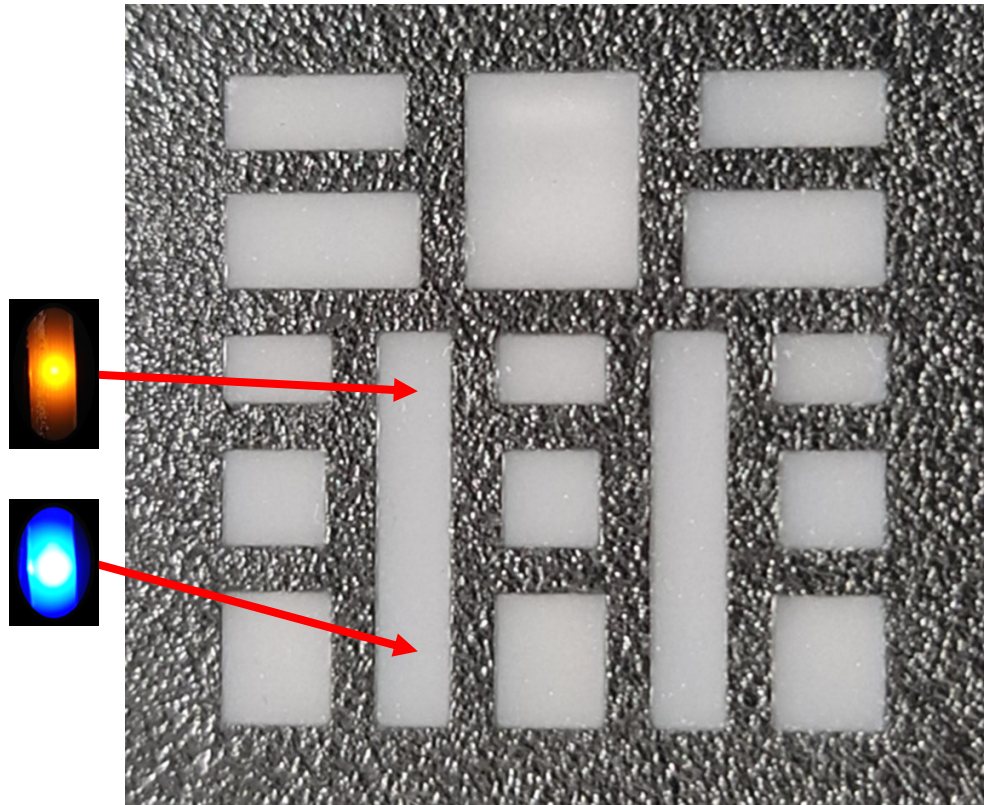
- Engineering and research for spectroscopy-based sensors
  - Development of sensors using multiple spatially resolved reflection spectroscopy
- Concentration of carotenoids in human skin

# How does MSRRS work



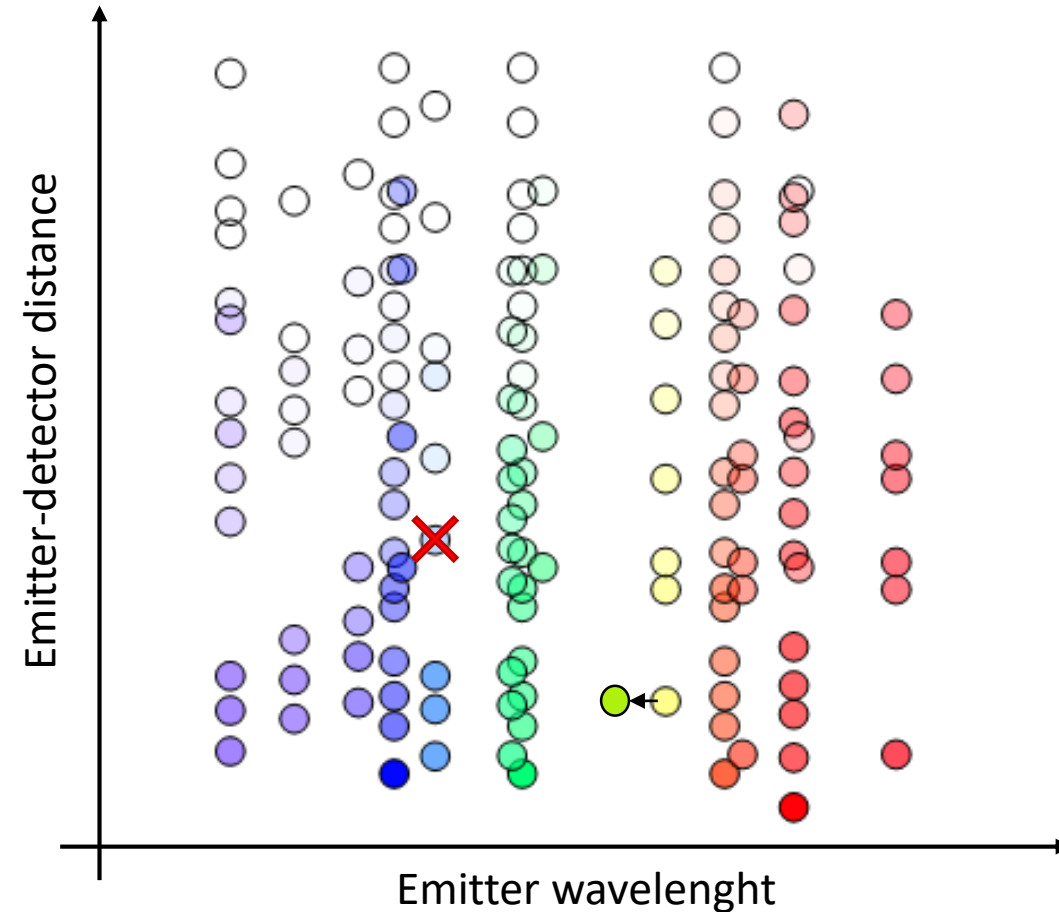
○ = absorbed photon

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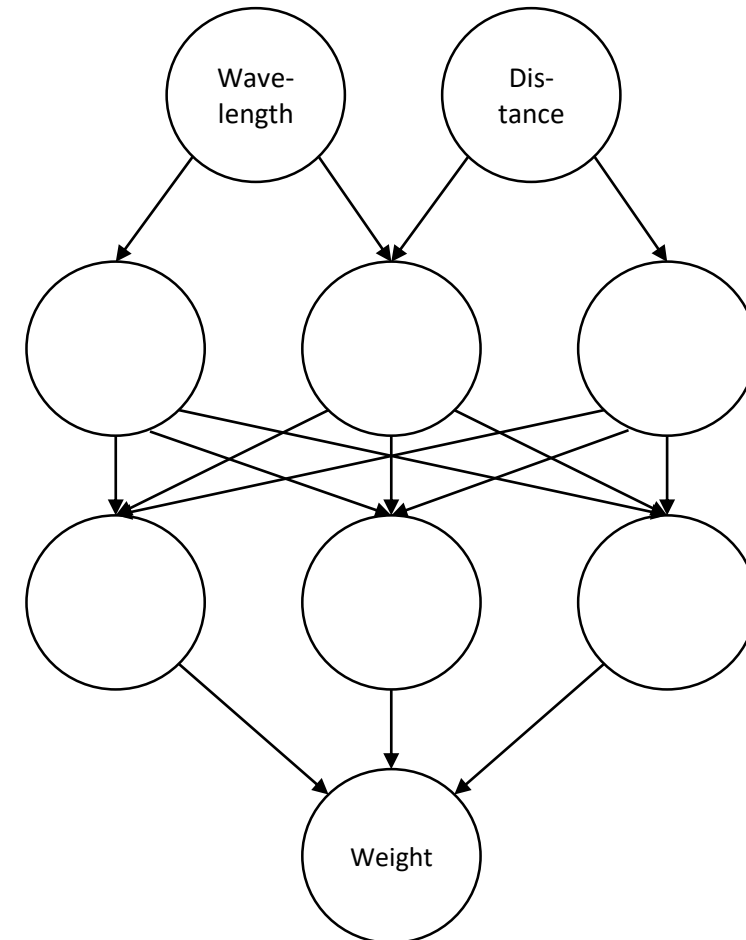
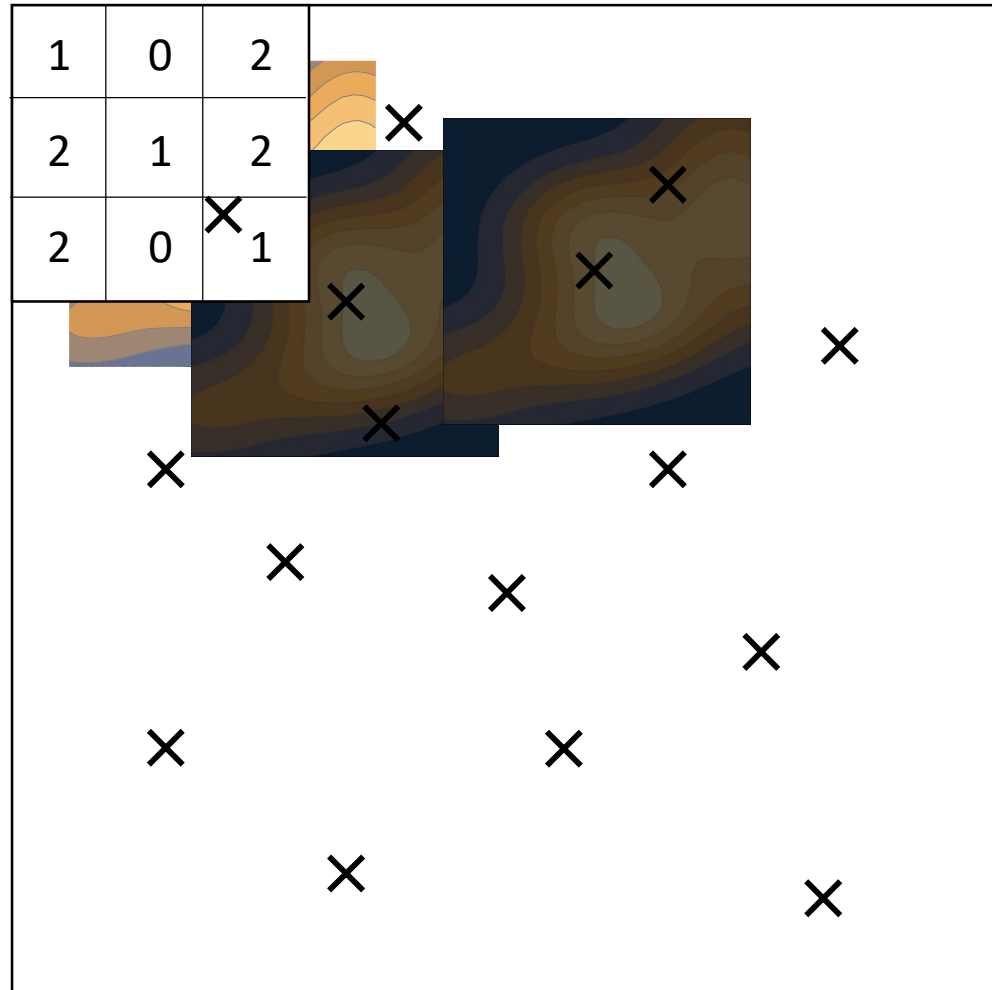
- Multiple emitters
    - Including different wavelengths
  - Multiple detectors
  - Each detector-emitter pair provides a data point
- Many different data points for different detector-emitter distances and wavelengths

# MSRRS data

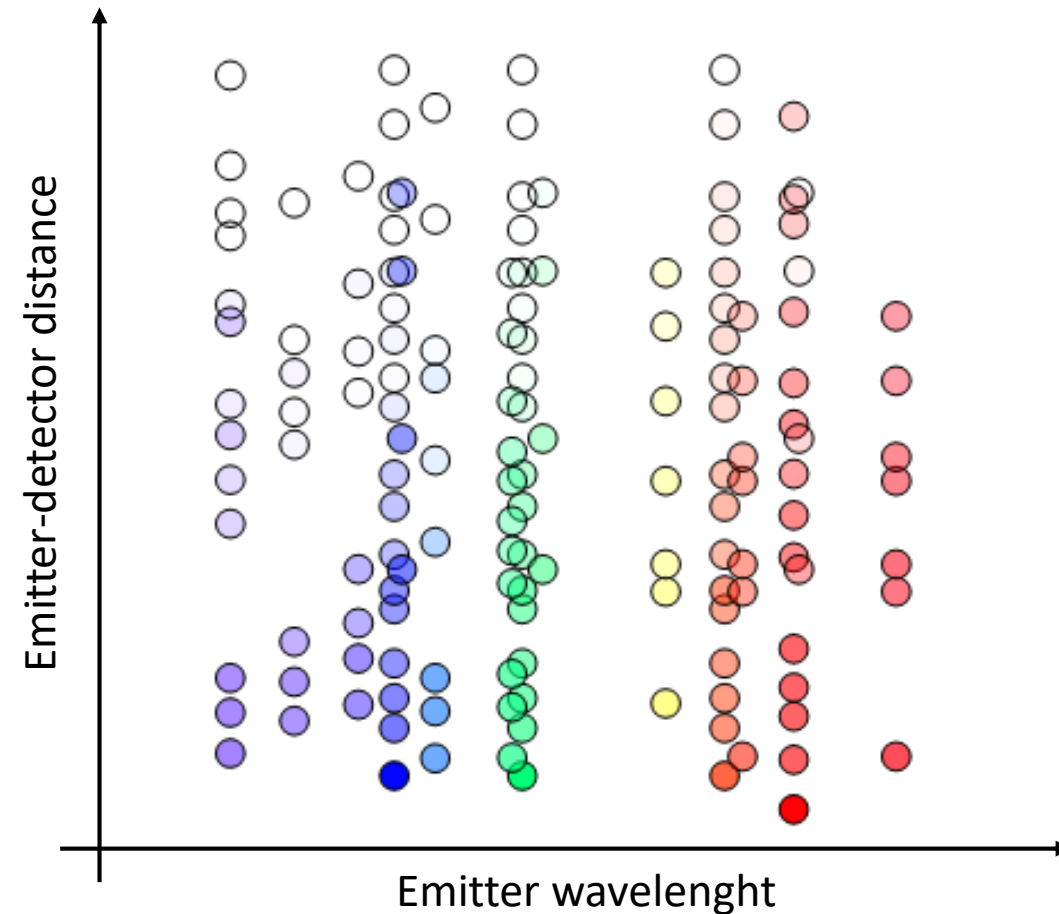


- Irregular data
  - Wavelength not sampled regularly
  - Distance not sampled regularly
- Inconsistent data
  - Production inaccuracy of emitters
  - Failing detectors or emitters
  - Changes between sensor revisions

# Continuous Kernels

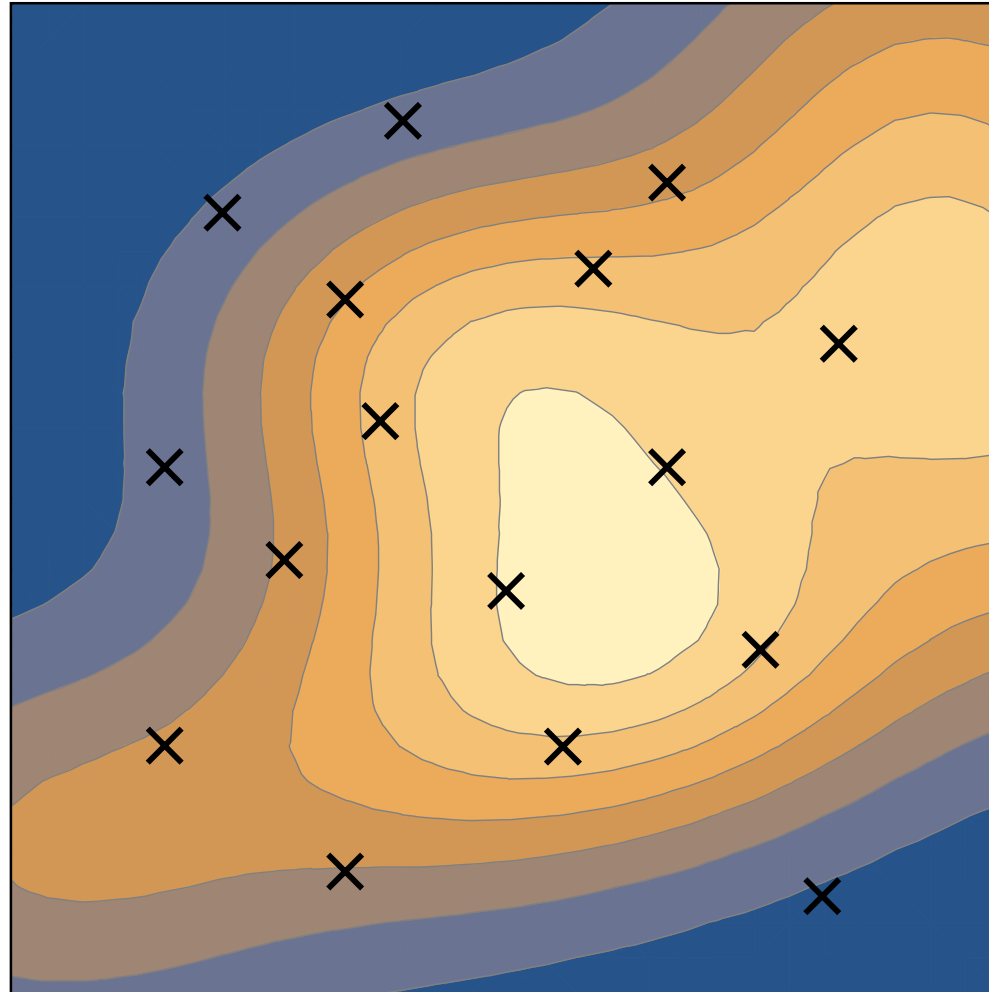


# Use of CNNs for MSRRS



- Data is NOT in shape of absorption curve
  - Distance and wavelength is as important as the value of the absorption
- Translational invariance of CNN with pooling is undesired

# Globally applied Continuous Kernel

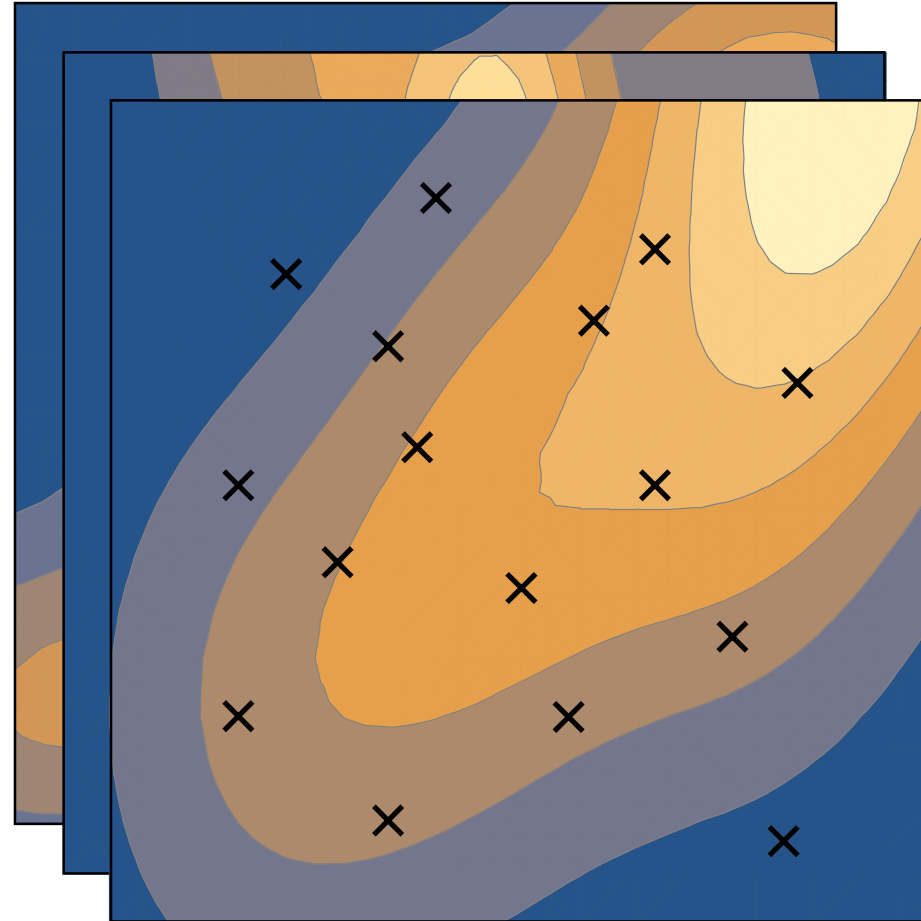


➔ Weighted sum\*

\* Point density must be considered

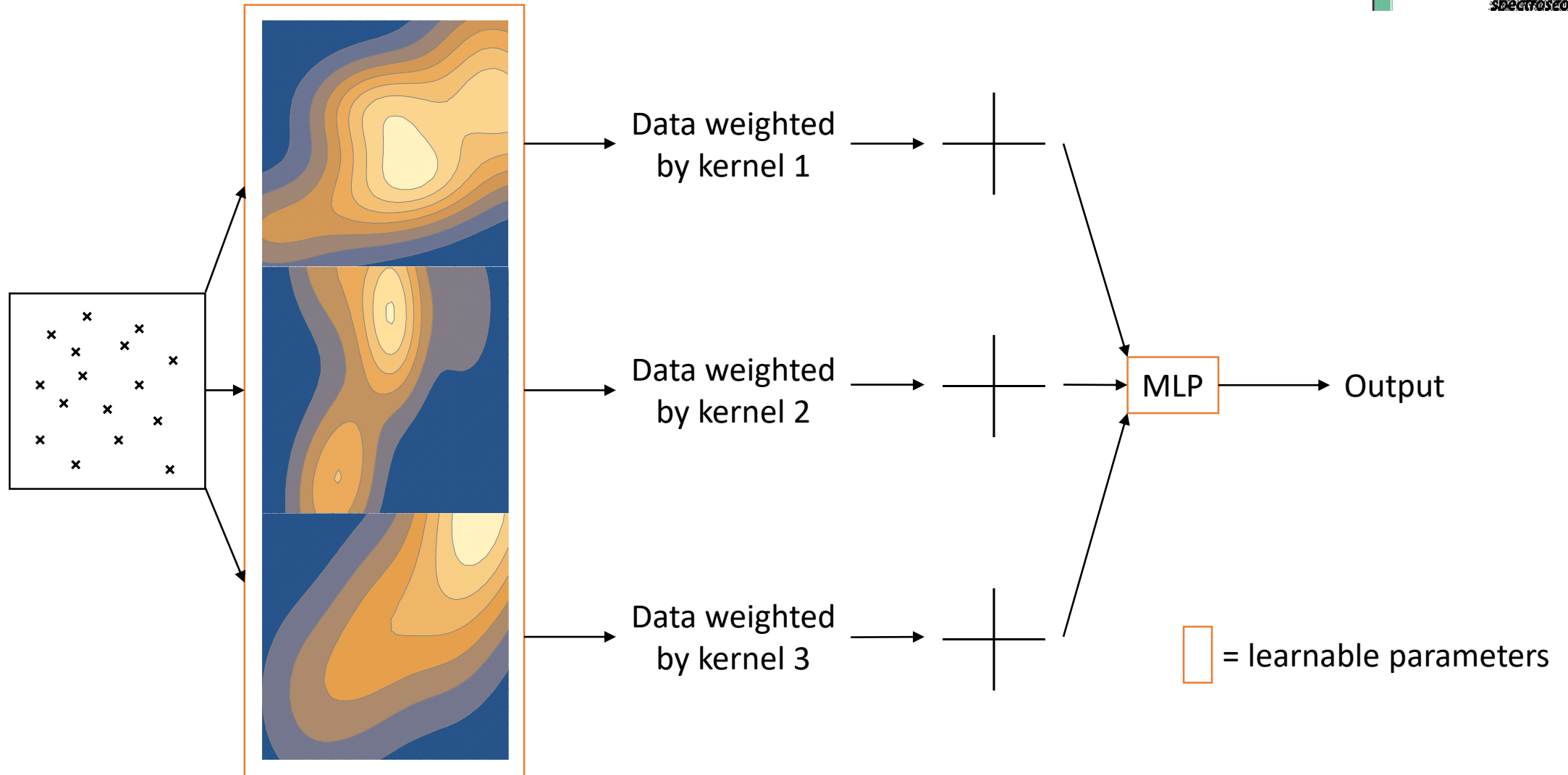


# Continuous Feature Layer

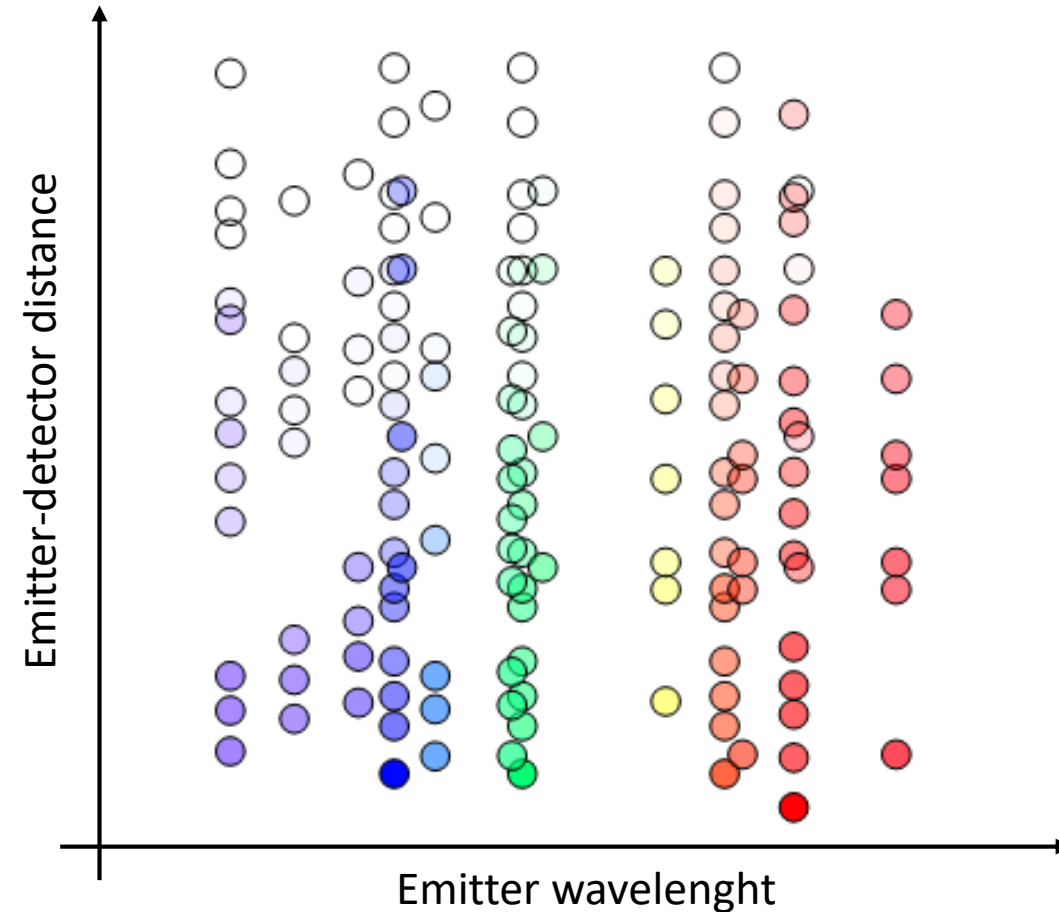


→ Fixed-size vector  
of weighted sums

# Continuous Feature Network

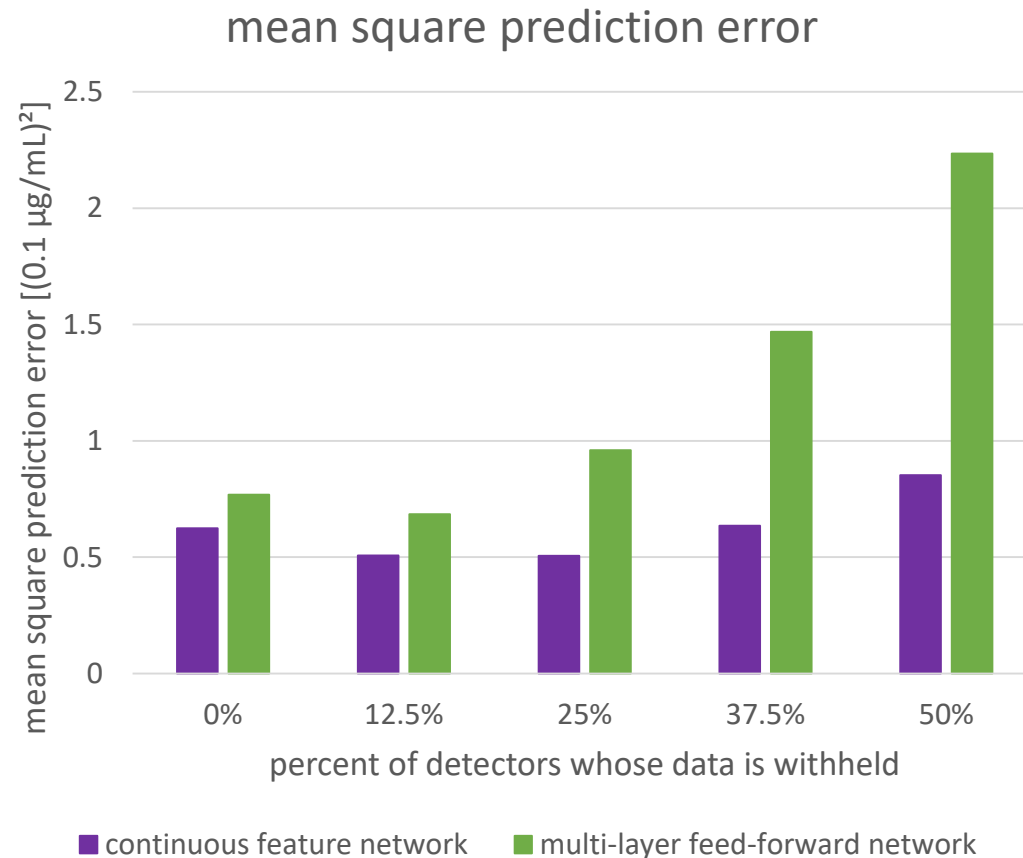


# Use-case scenario



- Prediction of carotenoid concentration in human skin
- Test for inconsistent data during inference by withholding data of random detectors
- Continuous feature network with 64 kernels
- Multi-layer feed-forward network of similar size as comparison

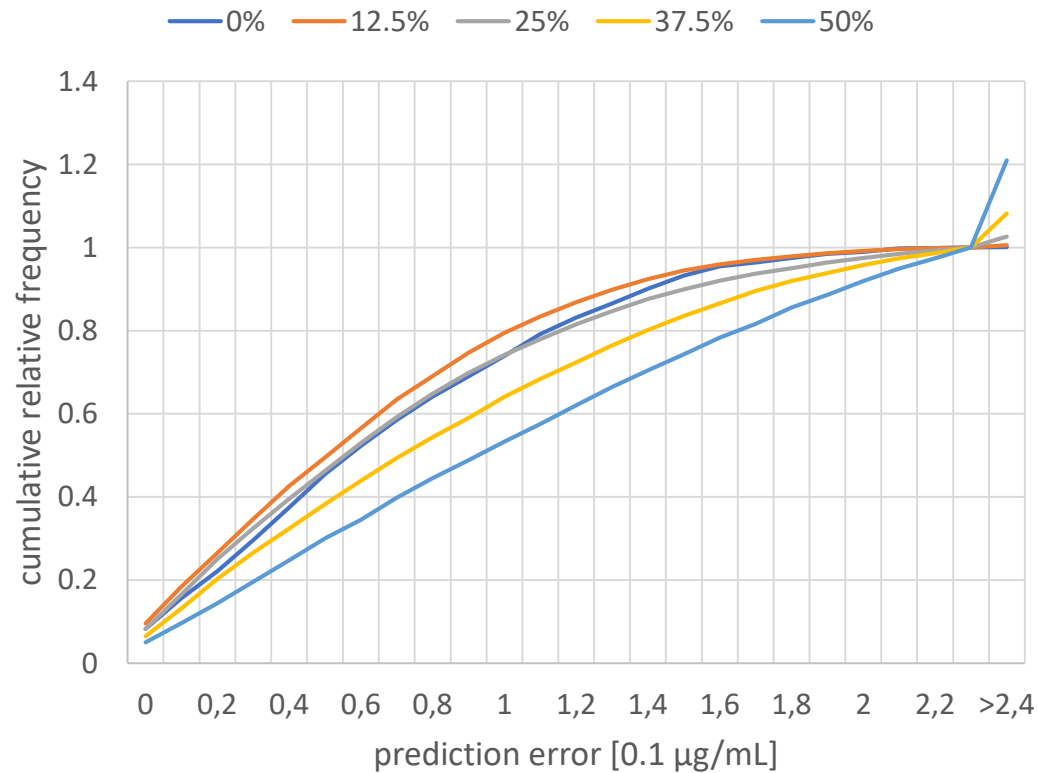
# Results



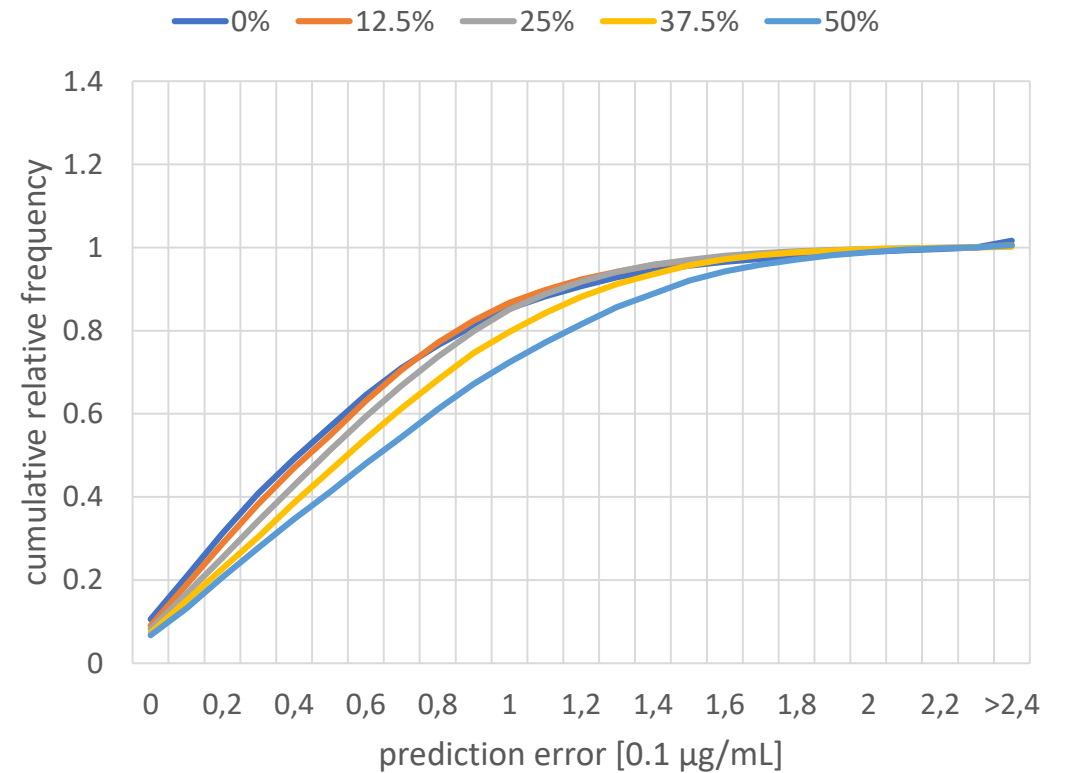
- Continuous feature network has consistently lower error
  - Capable of using measured emitter wavelength data
  - Optimized for type of data
- Continuous feature network is stable with less data
  - No error due to inaccurate data imputation
  - Capable of adapting to less available data during inference

# Stability against missing data

multi-layer feed-forward network



continuous feature network



# Conclusion

