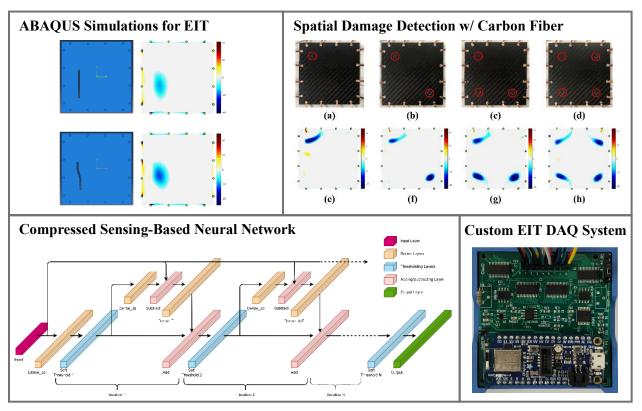
DEVELOPMENT OF ELECTRICAL IMPEDANCE TOMOGRAPHY DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEM AND DEEP LEARNING BASED RECONSTRUCTION ALGORITHMS FOR SPATIAL DAMAGE DETECTION



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Electrical impedance tomography (EIT) is a non-destructive, non-invasive, and non-radioactive imaging technique used for reconstructing the internal conductivity distribution of a sensing domain. Performing EIT often requires large, stationary benchtop equipment that can be expensive and impractical. Other researchers have attempted to make portable EIT systems, but they all rely on external computation for image reconstruction/data analysis. We have developed a low-cost, portable, and wireless EIT data acquisition (DAQ) system that is capable of independently performing image reconstructions on-board. Our system can also support a wide range of sensing materials such as electrically conductive UHMWPE, TPU, and carbon fiber reinforced polymers. Since EIT reconstruction algorithms can be extremely computationally intensive, we have also developed an alternative deep-learning algorithm that leverages the compressed-sensing (CS) technique to strategically train a neural network.

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