

# Normalizing Flows for Real-Time Unsupervised Anomaly Detection



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# Background: Panasonic Business

Deployments outside of a geo-fenced areas are not scalable without robust perception

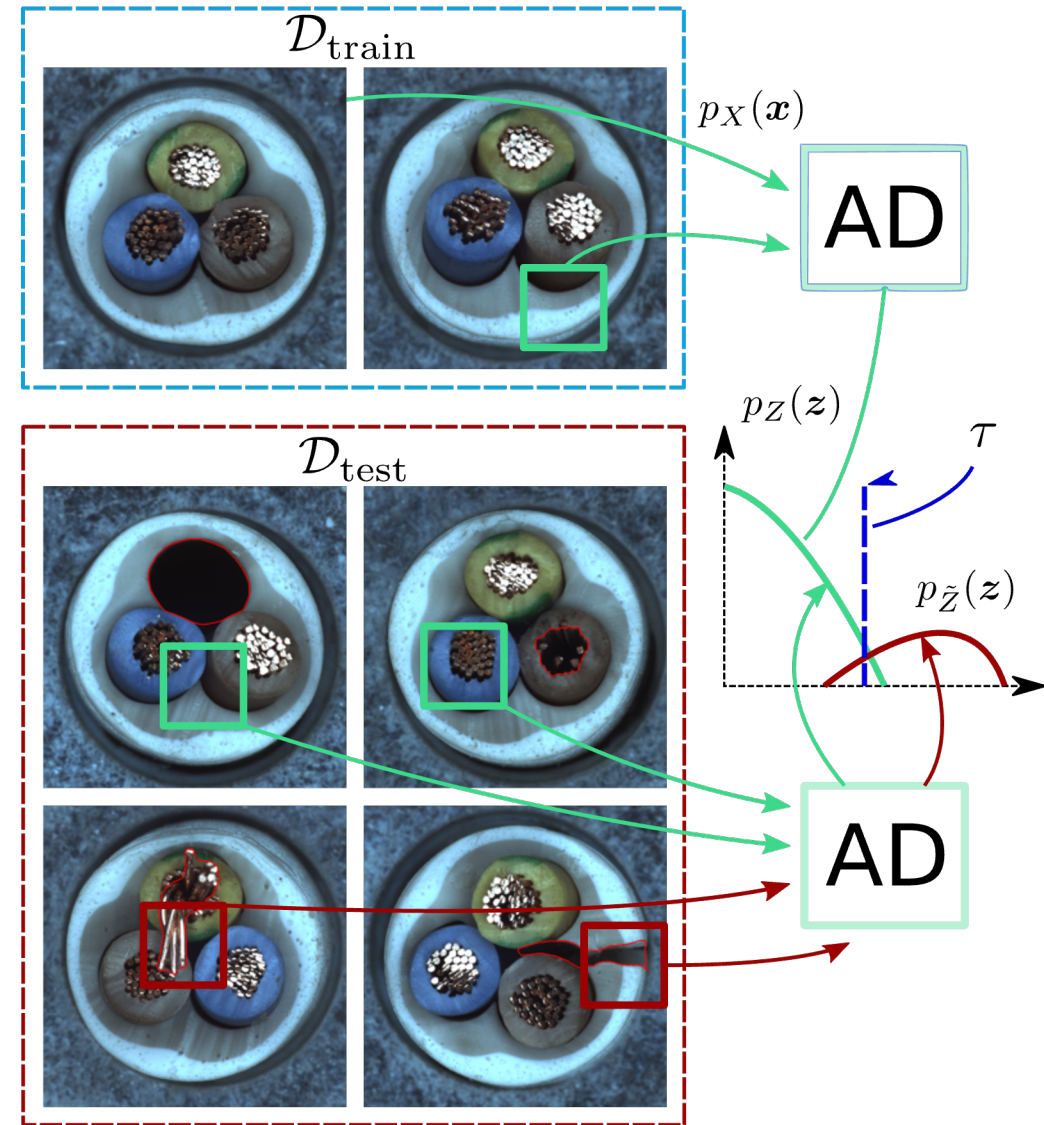


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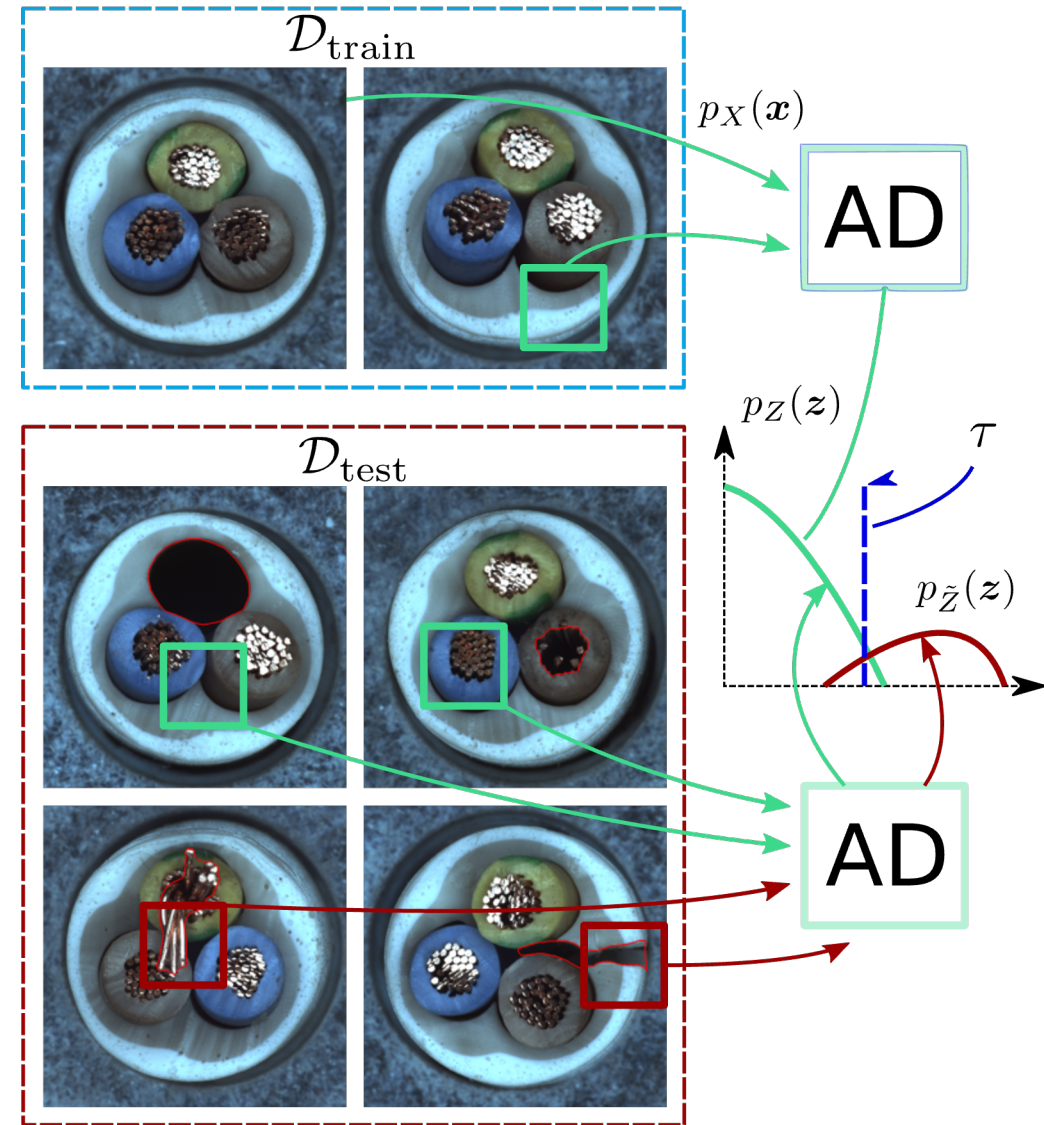
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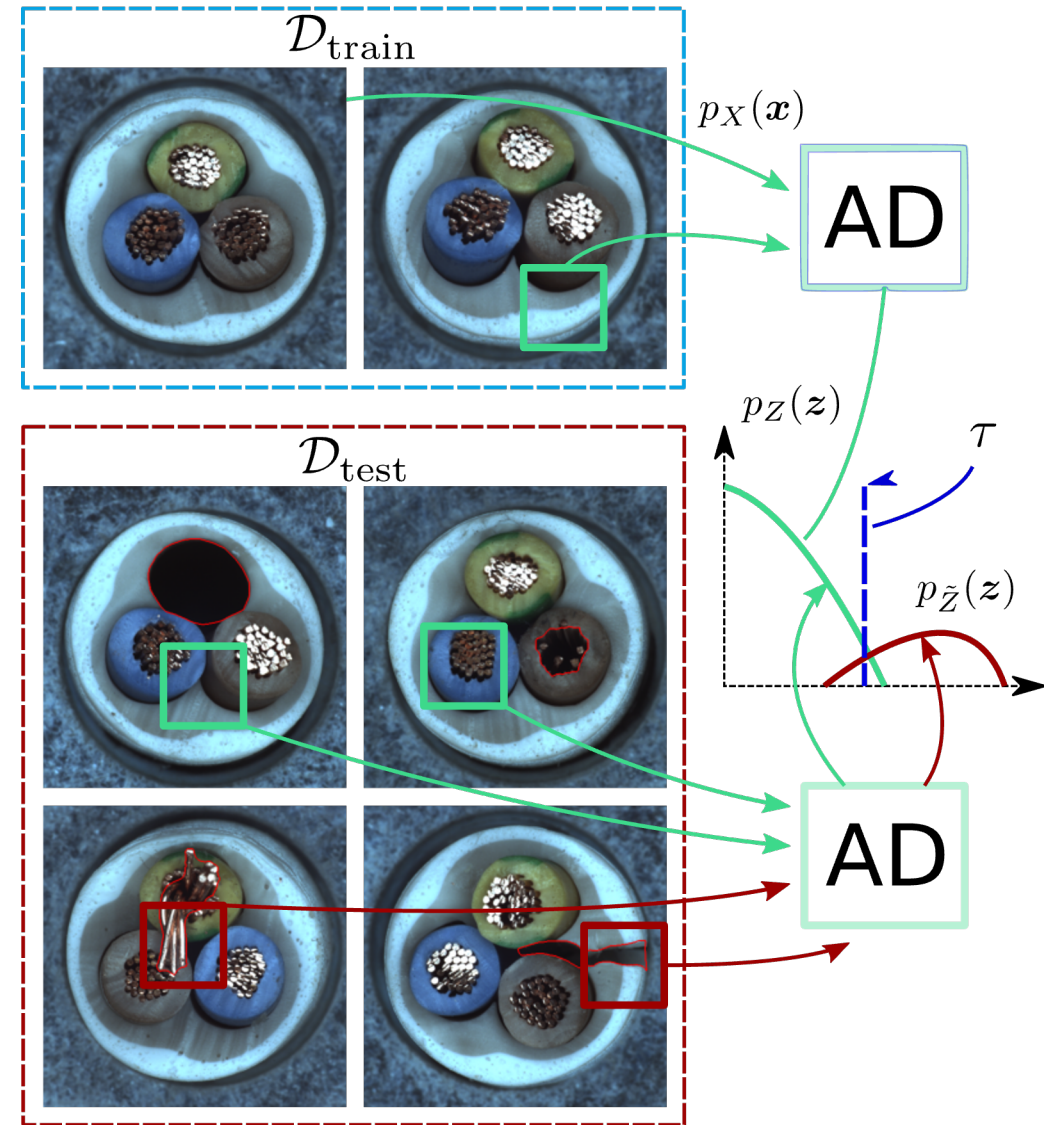
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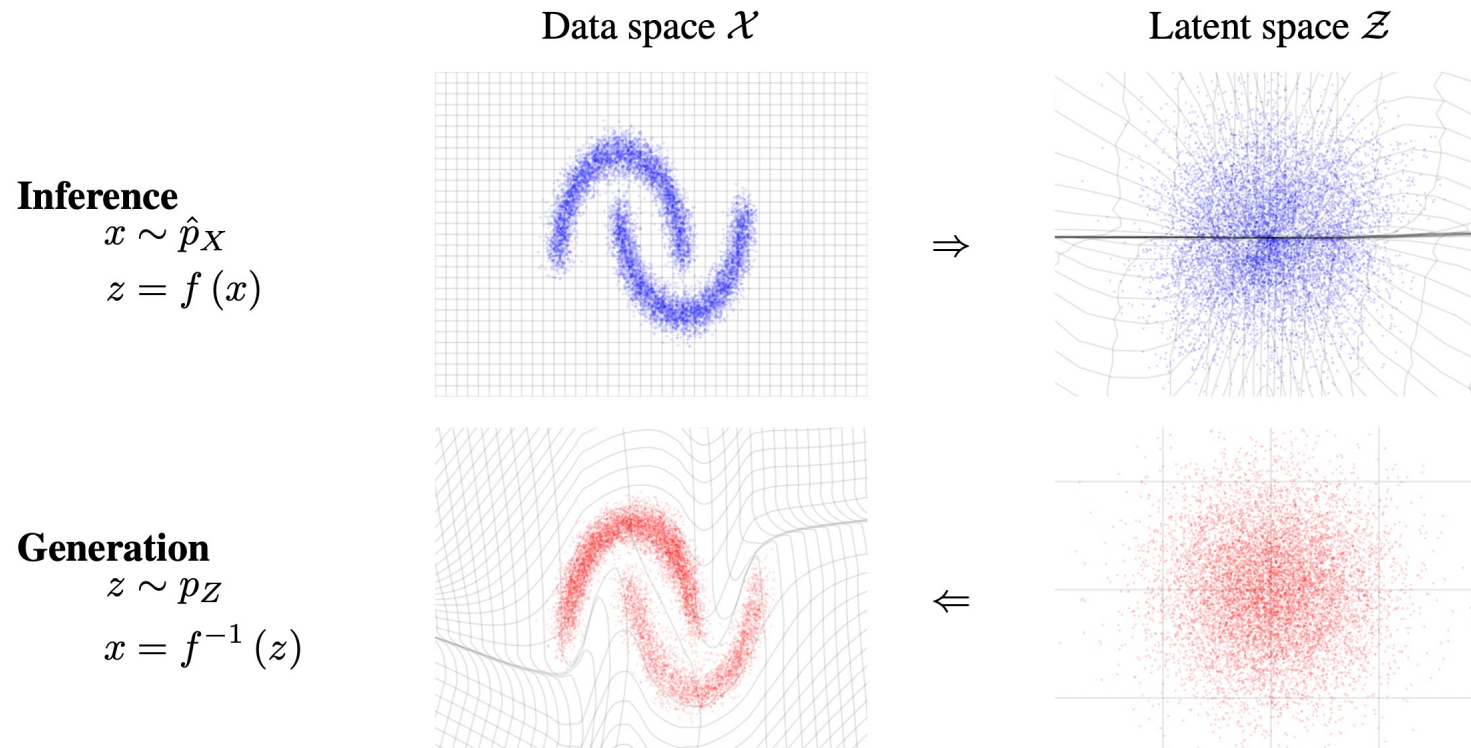
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- A more appealing approach is to **collect only unlabeled anomaly-free images** for a train dataset
- Then, any deviation from distribution of anomaly-free images can be classified as an anomaly
- Hence, the AD task can be reformulated as a task of **out-of-distribution detection** (OOD) with the objective to estimate data likelihoods



# Solution: Normalizing Flows for OOD

- Unlike others, normalizing flows can estimate the exact data likelihoods  $\hat{p}_X(x, \theta) \cong p_X(x)$
- A set of invertible layers convert an arbitrary density  $p_X(x)$  to a base distribution  $p_Z(z)$
- Then, the  $\log \hat{p}_X(x, \theta) = \log p_Z(z) + \sum_l \log |\det J_l|$ , where a sample  $z \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$  and a Jacobian determinants can be efficiently computed for certain layer architectures<sup>1</sup>



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# Our Work: Conditional Normalizing Flows for OOD

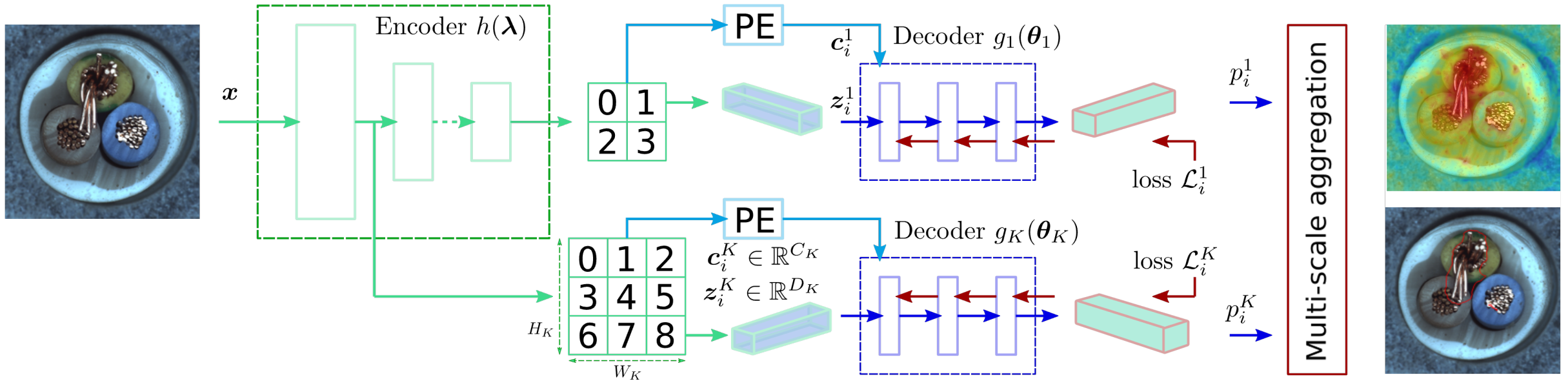
- In our recent CFLOW-AD paper<sup>1</sup>, [we propose to extend conventional flow models](#) by incorporating a conditional vector  $\mathbf{c}$  to encode spatial information into the model:
  - We are interested in anomaly segmentation task for perception systems
  - Our conditional vector contains sin/cos harmonics from a positional encoding<sup>2</sup>
  - It is concatenated with the intermediate outputs inside each flow's coupling layer
  - We [efficiently share flow parameters](#)  $\theta$  between feature map's spatial dimensions
- Finally, we train our conditional flow model  $\hat{p}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{c}, \theta)$  for AD (CFLOW-AD) using conventional maximum likelihood objective as:

$$L(\theta) = D_{KL}[p_X(\mathbf{x}) \parallel \hat{p}_X(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{c}, \theta)] \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N [\|\mathbf{z}_i\|_2^2/2 - \log|\det \mathbf{J}_i|] + \text{const}$$

## References:

- [1] Denis Gudovskiy et al. [CFLOW-AD: Real-Time Unsupervised AD with Localization via Conditional Flows](#). In WACV, 2022
- [2] Ashish Vaswani et al. [Attention Is All You Need](#). In Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems, 2017

# Our Work: CFLOW-AD Architecture



- Encoder is a conventional CNN/transformer feature extractor pretrained on natural images
- Multi-scale pyramid pooling extracts local and global features in the latent space
- Decoders are the flow models with the positional encoding (PE) conditional inputs
- We estimate a final anomaly score map by aggregating multi-scale likelihoods



# Experiments: MVTec and STC

- [MVTec](#) and [STC](#) are the datasets with factory defects and surveillance camera videos
- AUROC and AUPRO are popular threshold-agnostic metrics for AD

Table 1: Average AUROC and AUPRO on the MVTec dataset, %. Both the best detection and localization metrics are presented, if available. CFLOW-AD is with WideResNet-50 encoder.

Metric	AUROC		AUPRO
Model	Detection	Localization	
SVDD [5]	92.1	95.7	-
SPADE [1]	85.5	96.0	91.7
CutPaste [3]	97.1	96.0	-
PaDiM [2]	97.9	97.5	92.1
<b>CFLOW-AD (ours)</b>	<b>98.26</b>	<b>98.62</b>	<b>94.60</b>

Table 2: Average AUROC on the STC dataset, %. Both the best available detection and localization metrics are showed. CFLOW-AD is with WideResNet-50 encoder.

Metric	AUROC	
Model	Detection	Localization
CAVGA [4]	-	85.0
SPADE [1]	71.9	89.9
PaDiM [2]	-	91.2
<b>CFLOW-AD (ours)</b>	<b>72.63</b>	<b>94.48</b>

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- [2] Thomas Defard, Aleksandr Setkov, Angélique Loesch, and Romaric Audigier. PaDiM: a patch distribution modeling framework for anomaly detection and localization. In *ICPR Workshops*, 2021.
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- [4] Shashanka Venkataramanan, Kuan-Chuan Peng, Rajat Vikram Singh, and Abhijit Mahalanobis. Attention guided anomaly localization in images. In *ECCV*, 2020.
- [5] Jihun Yi and Sungho Yoon. Patch SVDD: Patch-level SVDD for anomaly detection and segmentation. In *ACCV*, 2020.

# CFLOW-AD is a Real-Time Model

- Previous methods have high complexity:
  - ✓ Pretrained encoder is fully-convolutional and fast
  - ❖ Post-processing is slow due to high memory consumption
- CFLOW-AD has significantly lower complexity:
  - ✓ Encoder and decoders are fully-convolutional
  - ✓ Memory requirements are a factor of 10× lower
  - ✓ Hence, inference speed is much higher on a GPU
  - ✓ Lightweight MobileNetV3L encoder has a minor drop in performance compared to WideResNet-50
- CFLOW-AD is suitable for AD on edge devices:
  - ✓ Less than 25MB model for MobileNetV3L
  - ✓ Inference speed is ~35 fps on 1080 GPU

Table 6. Complexity comparison in terms of inference speed (fps) and model size (MB). Inference speed for CFLOW-AD models from Table 3 is measured for  $(256 \times 256) / (512 \times 512)$  inputs.

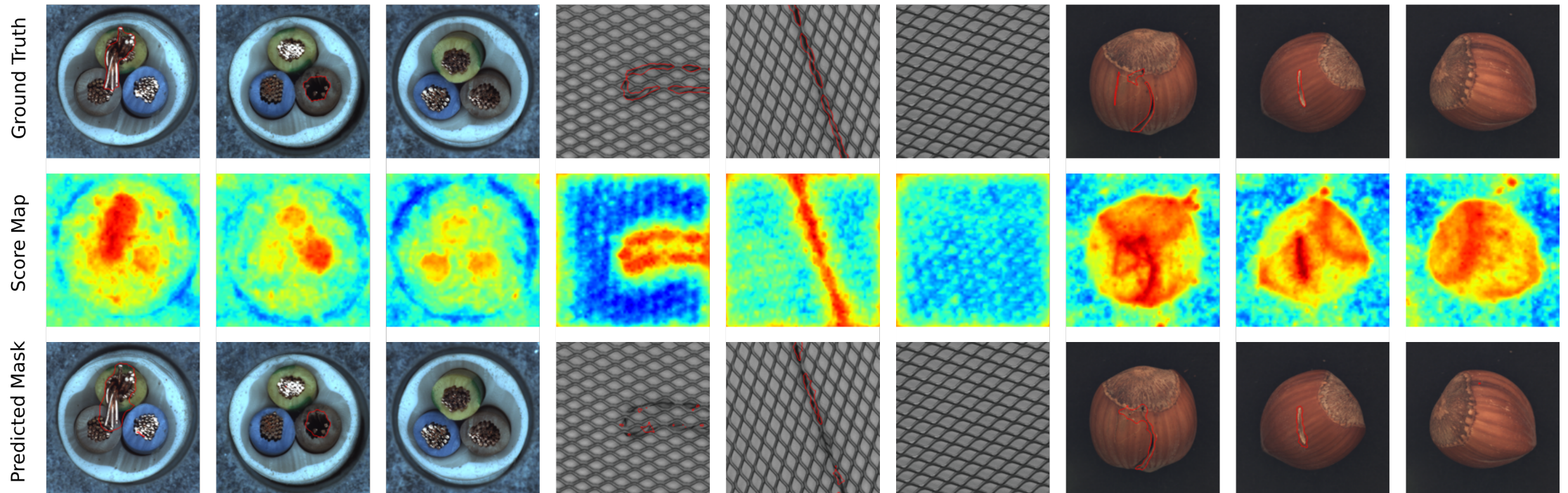
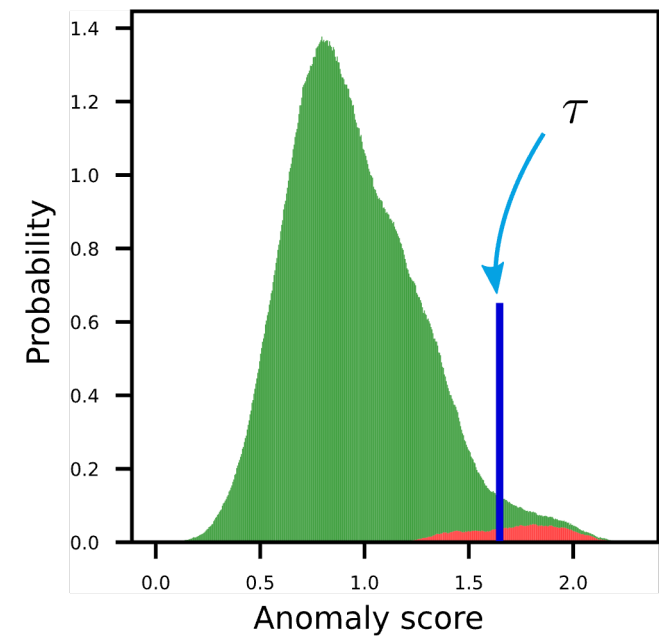
Complexity metric and Model	Inference speed, fps	Model size, MB	
		STC	MVTec
R18 encoder only	80 / 62	45	
PaDiM-R18 [2]	4.4	210	170
CFLOW-AD-R18	34 / 12	96	
WR50 encoder only	62 / 30	268	
SPADE-WR50 [1]	0.1	37,000	1,400
PaDiM-WR50 [2]	1.1	5,200	3,800
CFLOW-AD-WR50	27 / 9	947	
MNetV3 encoder only	82 / 61	12	
CFLOW-AD-MNetV3	35 / 12	25	

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# CFLOW-AD Qualitative Results

- Anomaly score distribution (right) proves successful OOD
- Ground truth masks (below) are from the MVTec test dataset
- Score maps are the aggregated CFLOW-AD anomaly scores
- Predicted masks are selected using the  $F_1$ -maximized threshold
- Positives and negatives are successfully detected by CFLOW-AD



# Conclusions

code to reproduce experiments:  
[github.com/gudovskiy/cflow-ad](https://github.com/gudovskiy/cflow-ad)



- ✓ Normalizing flow models work well for unsupervised AD
- ✓ Small tweaks such as in CFLOW-AD allow real-time processing while being SOTA
- ✓ Within a year, the [MVTEC-AD leaderboard](#) is switched to FLOW-based models

Rank	Model	Detection AUROC	Segmentation <sup>↑</sup> AUROC	Overall AUC	Extra Training Data	Paper	Code	Result	Year	Tags
1	<b>CFLOW-AD</b>	98.26	98.62		✓	<a href="#">CFLOW-AD: Real-Time Unsupervised Anomaly Detection with Localization via Conditional Normalizing Flows</a>			2021	
2	<b>Fastflow</b>	99.4	98.5		✓	<a href="#">FastFlow: Unsupervised Anomaly Detection and Localization via 2D Normalizing Flows</a>			2021	<a href="#">Transformer</a> <a href="#">ResNet</a>

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Questions?**



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