Midlands Centre for Data-Driven Metrology

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Abstract

The Midlands Centre for Data-Driven Metrology (MCDDM) is a multi-site collaboration between the University of Nottingham, Loughborough University and Coventry University. The centre focuses on delivering industry-relevant research, training and implementation in metrology. Specifically, the industrial application of data-rich metrology is matched to UK manufacturing's future needs in digital manufacturing. The MCDDM will create a pipeline of trained engineers with industry relevant skills to ensure the UK is competitive in digital manufacturing. This goal will be achieved through the joint expertise of the three universities, providing direct industry support through short and medium-term projects, as well as a Centre for Doctoral Training providing long-term research into key topics, led by industrial partners.

Bio

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