AI and Materials



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MATERIAL MEASUREMENT LABORATORY

Materials Genome Initiative (MGI) 1.0



- Develop a Materials Innovation
 Infrastructure
- Achieve National goals in energy, security, and human welfare with advanced materials
- Equip the next generation materials workforce



From Use-Case





To an Ecosystem





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MGI Success

Facilitating Data Science

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- Standards
- Repositories
- Enabling Data Discovery
- Trust in models
 - Force fields
 - Phase field methods
- New Materials

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- Superalloys
- US Mint (Nickel)
- Directed Self-Assembly



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Materials Informatics Growth





MGI 2.0: Accelerate Progress

- MGI 1.0 provided a foundation for AI approaches
- Materials Design is full of opportunity
- Early Examples
 - Improve Materials Modeling: Force Fields
 - Classification of Microscopy Images
 - Efficient Phase Diagram Measurements
 - Enable New Materials Measurements: Strain Tensor



Improve Modeling: Force Field Determination

- Quality of materials simulation is dependent on quality of governing equations: force field, interatomic potentials
- Up to 50% of research time spent on validation, verification of force fields
- Use ML with multiple data sets

Better performance in original application: No new DFT calculations needed





Classification of Materials Microscopy Images





ML-derived and curated data sets

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B. DeCost, H. Jain, A. Rollett, and E. Holm *JOM (2016). doi:10.1007/s11837-016-2226-1*



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Efficient Phase Diagram Measurement

- High-Throughput and Autonomous Materials Science
- Enabling Framework for AI

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- Access to Materials Databases
- Access to Modeling Results and Programs
- Underpinning Scientific 'Rules'
- Provide AI control over Experimental Systems







A. Gilad Kusne and collaborators

Autonomous Phase Mapping (Fe-Ga-Pd)

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Strain Tensor Tomography



Strain tensor would be a ML-derived quantity

Matthew Connolly et al.



Closing Thoughts



- ML and AI are powerful tools to enhance materials science and engineering
- New measurement questions, e.g. what is the uncertainty in a ML derived quantity?
- Opportunities with convergence with advances in synthetic control and additive manufacturing
- Need to invest in internal capabilities and expertise

