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Machine Learning for Digital Twins in Virtual Materials Design

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Ingredients of a Digital Twin





Showcase 1: Machine Learning for optimizing polymer membranes Motivation

- Machine Learning for functional dependencies (objective functions) which cannot be quantified easily
- Correlate process parameters and the resulting membrane characteristics Invert to elicit the optimal process parameters for the intended membrane properties



Showcase 1: Machine Learning for optimizing polymer membranes

- What if the optimal targets are unknown? (process parameters → unknown_topology_characteristics)
- What if manual labeling is prohibitively expensive?



Showcase 2: Machine Learning for Mg-Corrosion Motivation

- Feature selection:
 - to enable surrogate models (by improving the signal/noise ratio)
 - to drive experimental design choices

 Data-driven dimensionality reduction: using Machine Learning as an intermediate stage to bootstrap analytical understanding





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Showcase 2: Machine Learning for Mg-Corrosion



Showcase 3: Synthetic data in electron microscopy **Motivation**

- Use case: Machine Learning to solve the shine-through effect in FIB data of nanoporous materials
- Use case:

Machine Learning to correct original data (FIB slice allocation)



Hierarchical nanoporous gold

Showcase 3: Synthetic data in electron microscopy Results



Machine learning for automatic segmentation

(if sufficient quantities of data are available)

In case of insufficient data to train the Machine Learning model: construct our own synthetic data in 2 steps: virtual microstructures \rightarrow MC simulations \rightarrow synthetic data usable for supervised learning

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Showcase 3: Synthetic data in electron microscopy Results: Improved segmentation, Correcting original data



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Showcase 4: Neural Architecture Search: the "Surgeon" Motivation

- Machine Learning models have a large number of hyperparameters (learning rate, activation function, gd optimizer, batch size, topology choices, etc.)
- Finding the best combination for a given problem is infeasible (combinatorial explosion)
- Network choices have to reflect a deep understanding about the problem domain that is not necessarily present (CNN vs. FFNN, LSTM vs. Transformers, best type of autoencoder, etc.)



 L_1

 L_0

Showcase 4: Neural Architecture Search: the "Surgeon"



Modification choices can also e.g. uphold physical constraints (e.g. Navier-Stokes, PINN alternative); optimize runtime constraints (#weights)

Take-Home Message

- Digital Twin: a toolkit rather than a monolithic sibling
- The role(s) of Machine Learning for Digital Twins in VMD
 - Bridging the gaps between the digital twin components
 - (In some cases) Building understanding, transfer learning for optimizing data acquisition
 - (In rare cases)
 Surrogate models