ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING IN MATERIALS SCIENCE

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This paper is an introduction to Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Material Science. The objective of Materials Science is to predict and control material properties by understanding the atomic, molecular, crystalline, and microscopic structures of engineering materials. This is achieved through the use of techniques such as theoretical modeling, simulations, and experiments. By gaining a deeper understanding of the underlying structures and properties of materials, scientists and engineers can design new materials with specific properties, improve existing materials, and develop new manufacturing methods. Artificial intelligence (AI) refers to the ability of artificial entities, typically computer systems to perform tasks that would ordinarily require human intelligence. This includes tasks such as understanding natural language, recognizing objects and patterns, making decisions, and learning from experience. AI can be achieved through a variety of techniques, including machine learning, neural networks, and expert systems. These techniques allow computers to learn from data and improve their performance over time, making them increasingly capable of completing complex tasks that were once thought to be the exclusive domain of humans. Machine learning (ML) is a branch of artificial intelligence that involves using a set of computer algorithms to create models that can learn from and make predictions or decisions without being explicitly programmed. These models are trained on a dataset, which contains examples of past data and situations, and the algorithm's objective is to find patterns and relationships in this data that can be used to make predictions or decisions about new, unseen data. There are different types of machine learning algorithms such as supervised learning, unsupervised learning and reinforcement learning. Each of these algorithms uses different techniques to learn from the data and create models, but the overall goal is to enable computers to learn and improve their performance over time. Future research on the application of AI in materials science is likely to have two main directions. The first direction will be the continued development of more advanced machine learning methods and their application to materials science problems. This will involve the use of techniques such as deep learning, reinforcement learning, and generative models, which have the potential to improve the accuracy and efficiency of materials prediction and optimization. The second direction will be focused on validating and verifying the usability of machine learning models in materials science. This will involve testing and evaluating the performance of these models on a variety of materials science problems, comparing their results to traditional methods, and identifying any limitations or challenges that need to be addressed. Additionally, researchers will work on making the models more robust, interpretable and explainable. This will include developing methods to better understand the underlying physical processes that govern material behavior, and developing strategies to effectively incorporate prior knowledge and physical constraints into machine learning models. Artificial intelligence and machine learning have been successfully applied to a wide range of problems, such as image and speech recognition, there

are unique challenges in applying these techniques to materials science. One of the main challenges is that materials science is a highly interdisciplinary field that involves a complex combination of physical and chemical properties, and understanding the underlying physics and chemistry is essential for developing accurate models. In addition, the vast number of materials and their properties can make it difficult to find enough data to train models, and the high dimensionality of the data can also make it challenging to find patterns and make predictions. Furthermore, the experimental process of material synthesis, characterization and testing is often time-consuming, expensive and complex, which makes it difficult to gather large amounts of data and also to validate the predictions made by the machine learning models. Despite these challenges, there has been increasing interest in using artificial intelligence and machine learning in materials science, particularly in the areas of materials discovery and design, where the goal is to find new materials with specific properties or to optimize the properties of existing materials. These approaches are being used to speed up the materials discovery process, to identify new materials that have properties that are difficult to measure experimentally and to improve the efficiency of materials characterization and testing. There are several techniques that have been helpful in extracting physically-meaningful insights, causal relationships, and design-centric knowledge from materials data. Some of these techniques include: Machine Learning-based Materials Property Prediction; Inverse Design; Data-Driven Discovery; Materials Genomics. Despite these advances, there are several challenges that the materials community faces in applying artificial intelligence and machine learning to materials science. These include the need for more accurate and detailed models of materials properties, the need for more data to train models, and the need for more robust methods for validating predictions. Additionally, there is a need for better integration of artificial intelligence and machine learning techniques with traditional experimental techniques in order to fully leverage the power of these technologies in materials science. In summary, artificial intelligence and machine learning have great potential to accelerate the materials discovery and design process, increase the efficiency of materials characterization and testing, and provide new insights into the properties of materials. However, more research is needed to address the challenges associated with applying these techniques to materials science and to fully realize this potential.

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