Accelerated Discovery of Materials for a Sustainable Future

Committee on Anticipatory Research for EPA's Research and Development Enterprise to Inform Future Environmental Protection: The Road Ahead Applying Data Science for Environment and Health Assessment

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Accelerated Discovery







1,000x faster ingestion

Deep Search

Make connections from unstructured data.

10–100x faster screening

AI-enriched Simulation

Get more value from less compute.

10x faster designs

Generative Models

Expand creativity in the molecular design process.



100x faster synthesis

Cloud-based AI-driven Autonomous Labs

End to end material synthesis.

Can we integrate sustainability into chemical and materials discovery?

A sustainable future of computing

Sustained growth of computing platforms is contingent on sustainable development of semiconductor technology

Can we build the computational tools, technologies, platforms, and workflows necessary to allow scientists to design more sustainable materials for our industry and for the world?

https://www.research.ibm.com/science/photoresist/ https://youtu.be/A0mvSAGMtoY

https://www.ibm.com/blogs/research/2021/02/accelerated-discovery-sustainable-pags/ https://www.research.ibm.com/5-in-5/photoresists/





Chemically Amplified Photoresists Enabling the past, present, and future



C. Grant Willson and J. Frechet The 2020 Charles Stark Draper Prize National Academy of Engineering

https://youtu.be/IWO1byfQctQ



Project Photoresist Summary



Knowledge Graph (P. Starr – IBM Zurich Lab)

6000 patents and articles

Knowledge Graph with 2.2M nodes and 38M edges

5000 structure dataset



Intelligent Simulation (E. Pyzer-Knapp – IBM UK Lab)

Simulation of relevant properties

QSAR models for environmental, health, and safety predictions

Structure-property dataset sufficient to train AI models





AI Candidate Generation (S. Takeda – IBM Tokyo Lab)

1000's of new candidates with targeted EHS properties produced by generative AI model

AI methods to intelligently screen and prioritize for *in silico* or experimental evaluation. Automated synthesis (T. Laino – IBM Zurich Lab)

AI retrosynthesis to identify optional reaction route

Forward reaction generation

Automated synthesis by robotic chemical reactor to produce and characterize desired product

Data visualization

Material structures and some sparse properties extracted via Deep Search.

Organize cations into families by chemical similarity and plot data set for visualization.



Data augmentation and AI candidate generation

Use simulation to populate important property values.

Use structure-property dataset to train generative AI model

AI model predicted several thousand new cation candidates

- known materials
- toxicity
- biodegradability
 - λ_{max}
- generated materials



Downselection

Expert-in-the Loop and AI tools were used to filter, refine, and prioritize candidates for *in silico* evaluation.

Reduced number of candidates for final review by human expert by 100x.

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Opportunities









Communities of Discovery

Open data and open tools

New platforms for collaboration while maintaining data privacy

Informatics

Open and quantitative methods to determine:

- Representativeness
- Class and family definitions
- Beyond structural similarity

AI

Rapid advances in AI models

- Explainable
- Safe
- Trustworthy

Impart super-human ability for scientists to discover

Autonomous Discovery

Automation

On-demand, distributed, remote synthesis

Standardization and Expansion

Characterization and Testing!

