

# Green materials in less time: accelerate discovery with machine learning

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Model **sparse** datasets

Exploit **property-property** relationships

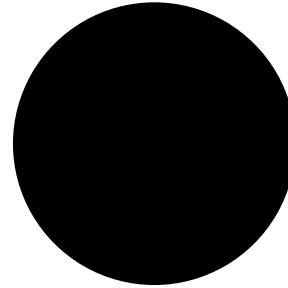
Merge data, computer simulations, and physical laws

Exploit **uncertainties** to deliver most robust predictions

Extract information from **noise** itself

# Black box machine learning for materials design

Composition



Properties

Defects



Fatigue



Strength



# Train the machine learning

Properties  
Composition  
Defects  
Fatigue  
Strength

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# Machine learning predicts material properties

Composition



Properties



Defects

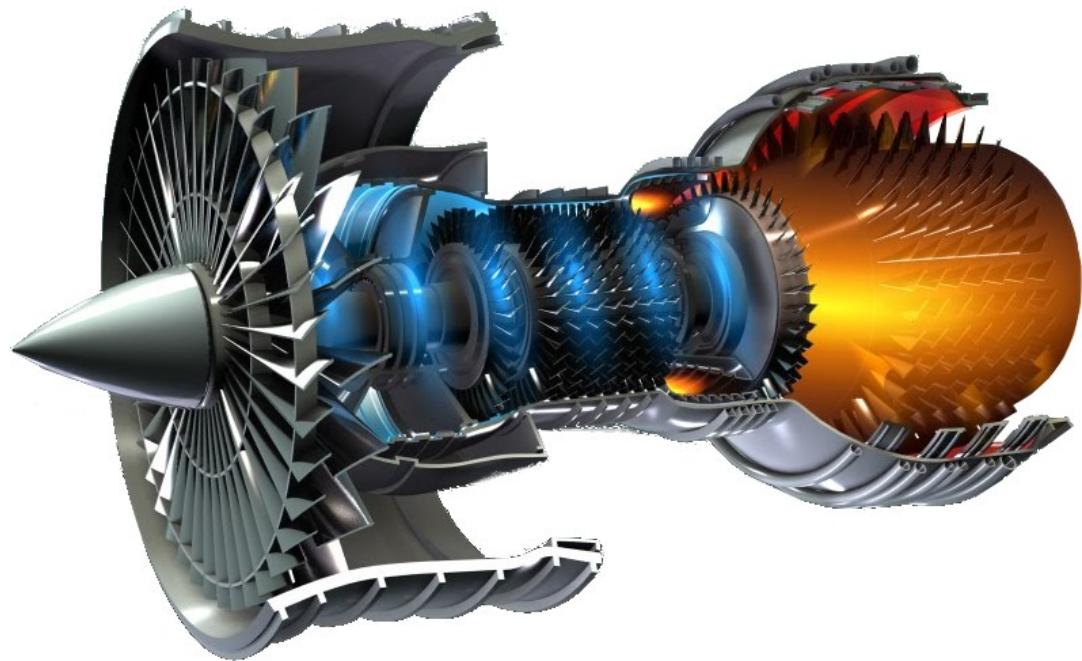


Fatigue

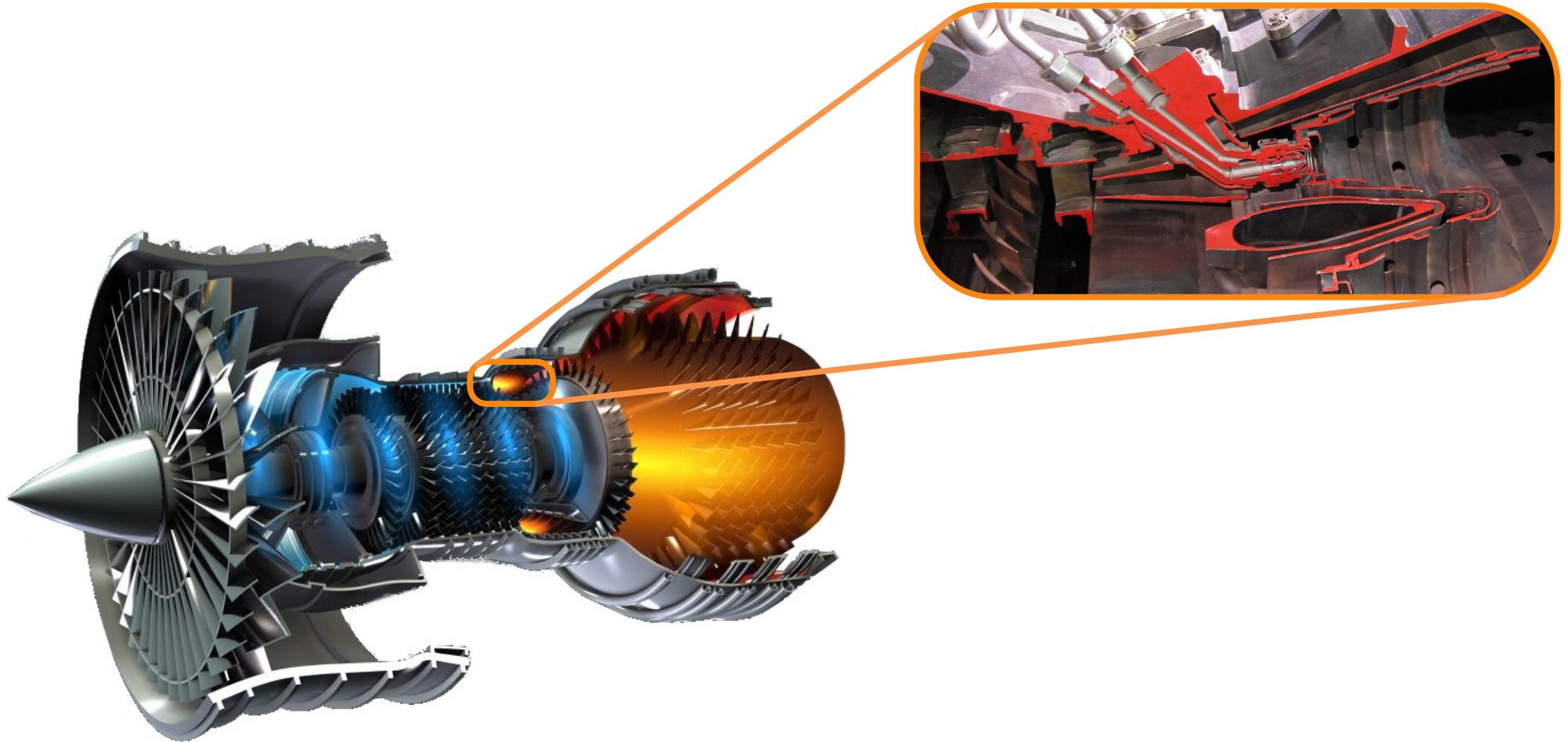


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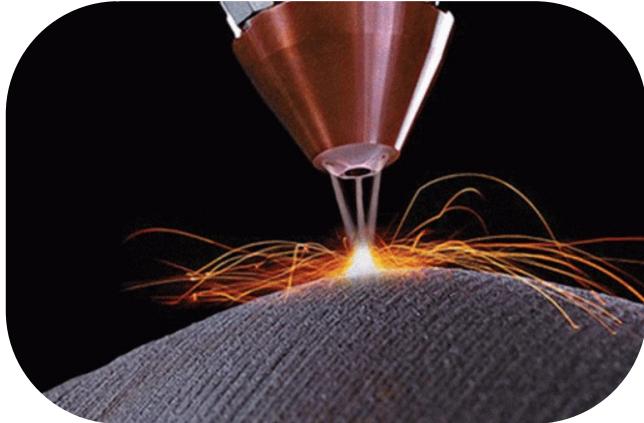
# Jet engine schematic



# Combustor in a jet engine



# Direct laser deposition



# Data available to model defect density

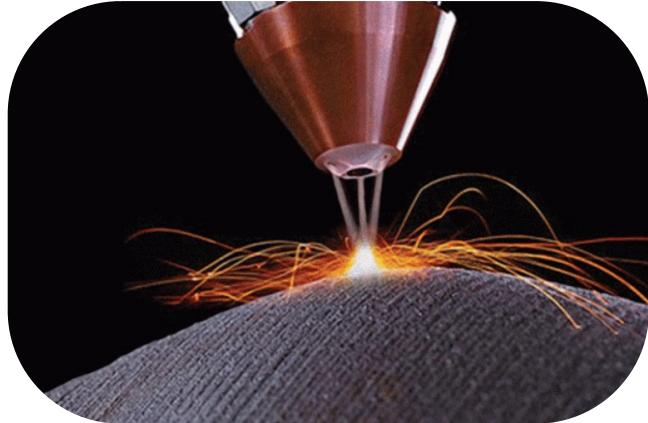


Composition and heat treatment space **30** dimensions

Requires **31** points to fit a hyperplane

Just **10** data entries available to model defect density

Ability for printing and welding are strongly correlated



Laser



Electricity

# First predict weldability



Use 1000 weldability entries to understand complex composition → weldability model

# Use weldability to predict defects formed



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10 defects entries capture the simple weldability → defect relationship

Two interpolations aid composition → defects extrapolation

# Use CALPHAD to predict strength

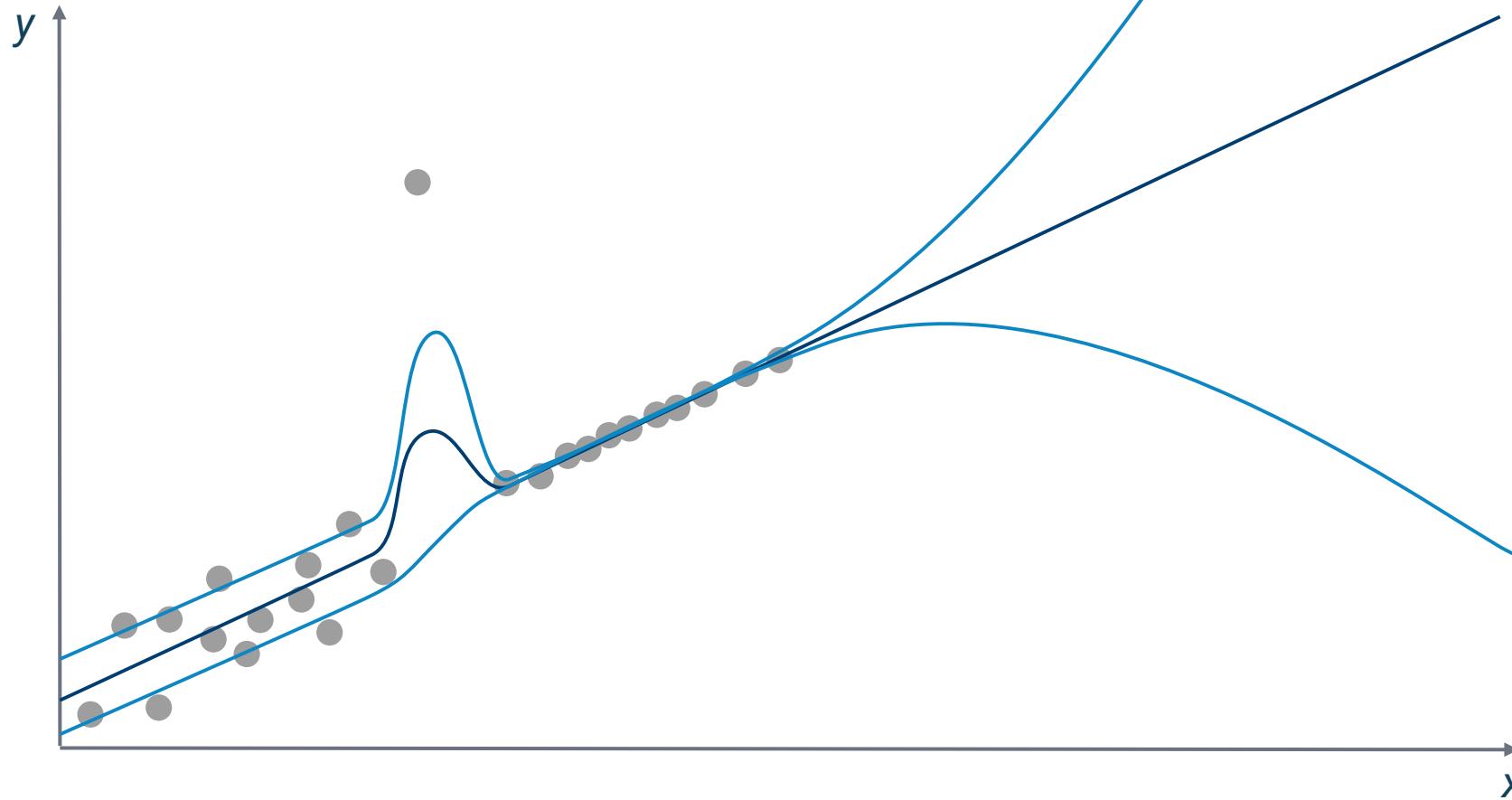


100,000 CALPHAD results to model complex composition → phase behavior

500 strength entries capture the phase behavior → strength relationship

Two interpolations aid the composition → strength extrapolation

# Uncertainty estimated by machine learning



# Target properties

Elemental cost	< 25 \$kg <sup>-1</sup>
Density	< 8500 kgm <sup>-3</sup>
$\gamma'$ content	< 25 wt%
Oxidation resistance	< 0.3 mgcm <sup>-2</sup>
Defects	< 0.15% defects
Phase stability	> 99.0 wt%
$\gamma'$ solvus	> 1000°C
Thermal resistance	> 0.04 KΩ <sup>-1</sup> m <sup>-3</sup>
Yield stress at 900°C	> 200 MPa
Tensile strength at 900°C	> 300 MPa
Tensile elongation at 700°C	> 8%
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Fatigue life at 500 MPa, 700°C	> 10 <sup>5</sup> cycles

# Composition and processing variables

Cr 19%



Co 4%



Mo 4.9%



W 1.2%



Zr 0.05%



Nb 3%



Al 2.9%



C 0.04%



B 0.01%



Ni



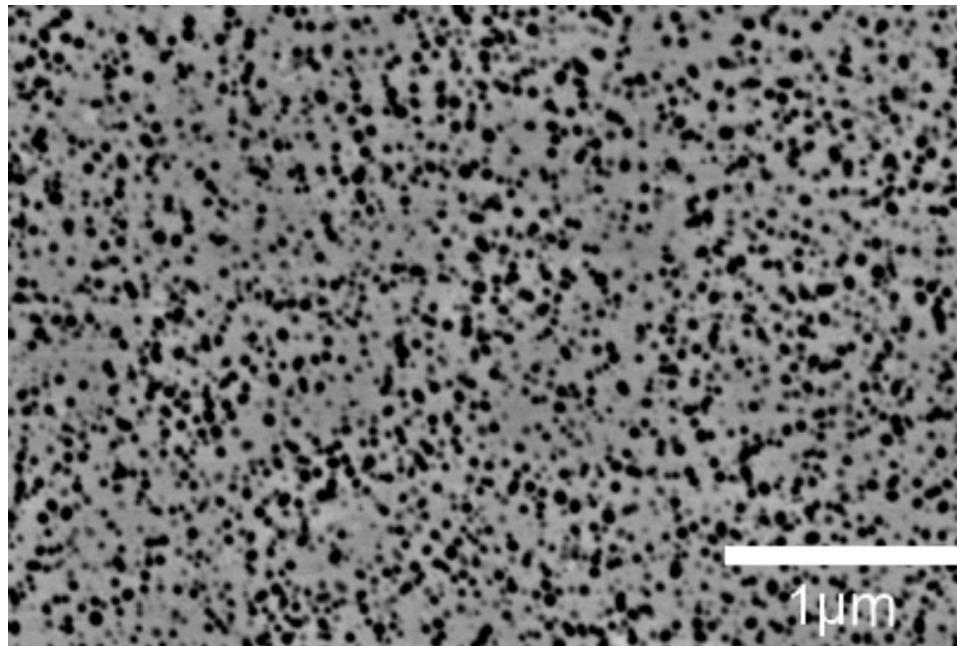
Expose 0.8



$T_{HT}$  1300°C



# Microstructure

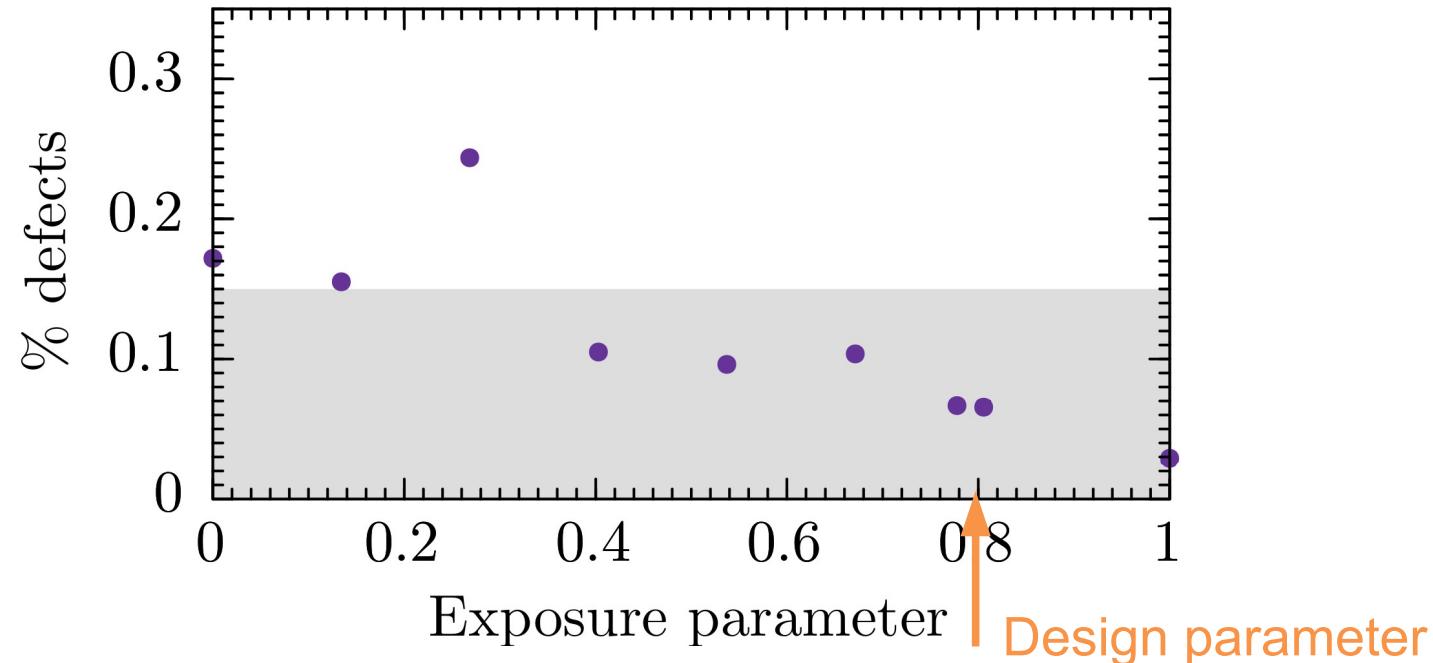


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# Testing the defect density



# Extract and exploit uncertainty to design concrete



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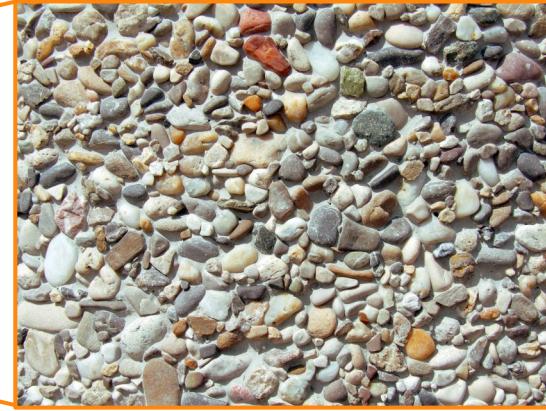
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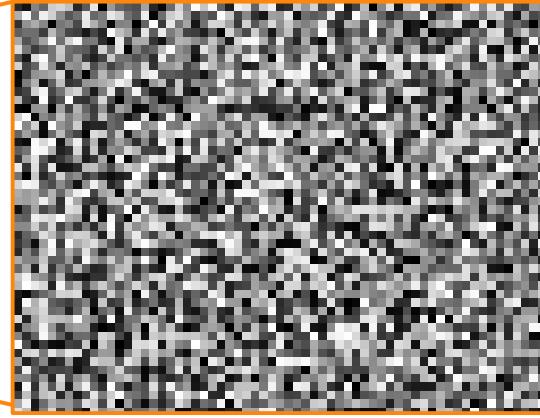
# Concrete in construction



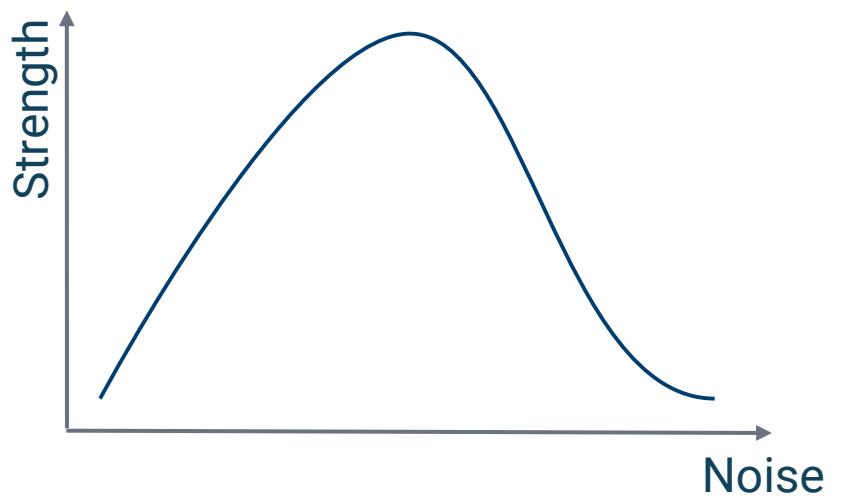
# Cement & aggregate look like noise



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# Strength is related to noise



# Mission



Design **environmentally friendly** concrete

# Mission



Design **environmentally friendly** concrete

**Experimentally validate** the concrete

# Carbonation is the probe of noise



# Depth and uncertainty in carbonation

Depth  
↔  
Uncertainty



# Standard machine learning predicts expectation values



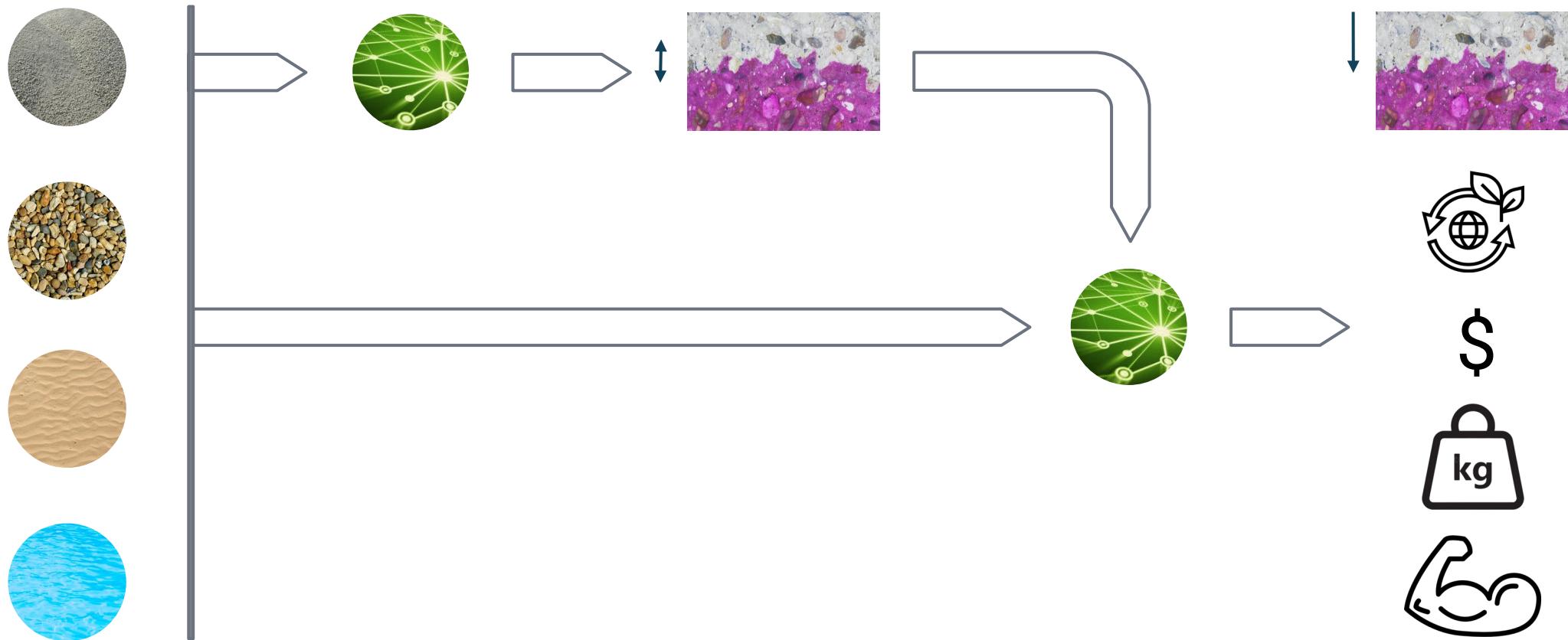
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# Exploit machine learning uncertainty estimates for robust designs



# Machine learning exploits uncertainty



# Concrete specification



✓ carbonation

< 2.34 mm day<sup>-1/2</sup>



⬇️ environmental impact

< 0.107 kg CO<sub>2</sub> e kg<sup>-1</sup>



✓ cost

< 0.028 £ kg<sup>-1</sup>



✓ density

< 2350 kg m<sup>-3</sup>



✓ strength

> 20 MPa

# Concrete design

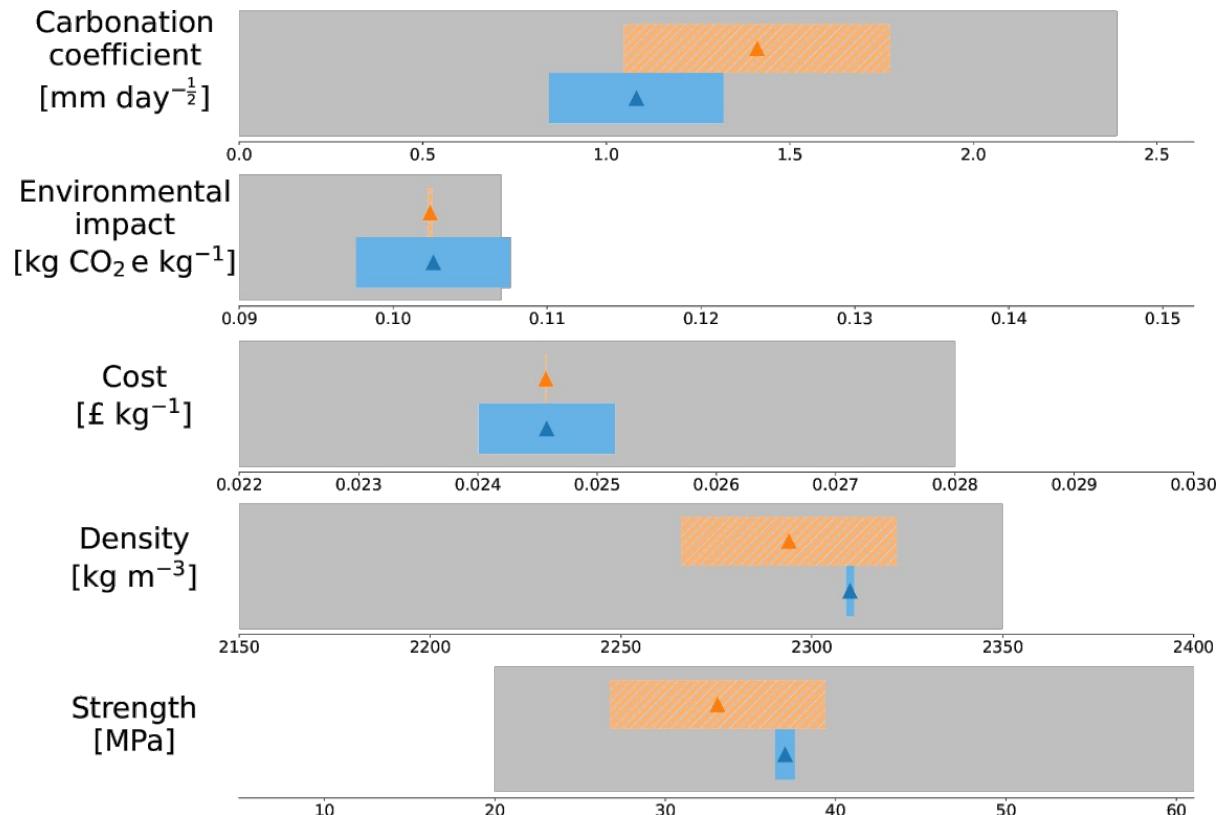


# Concrete manufacture



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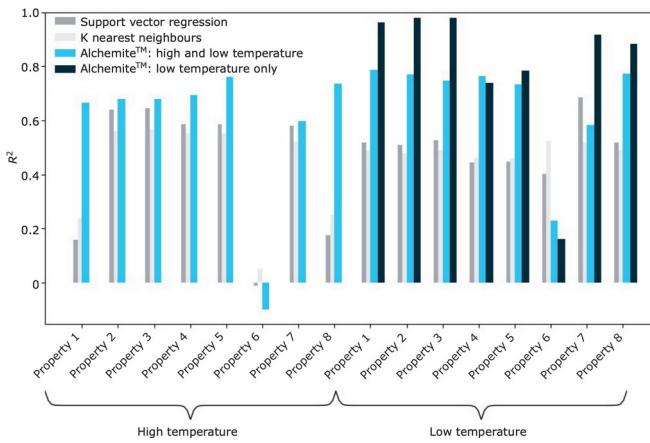
# Experimental validation of the proposed mixes



Model

Experiment

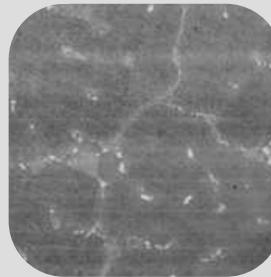
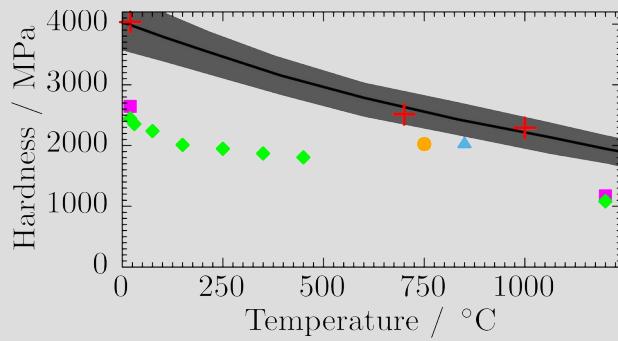
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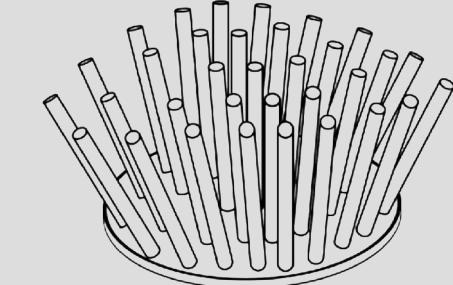
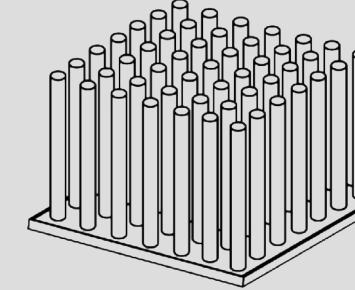
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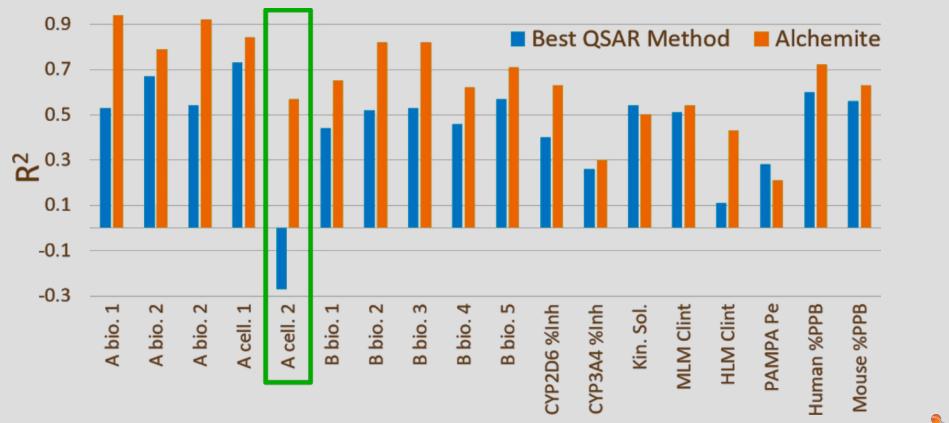


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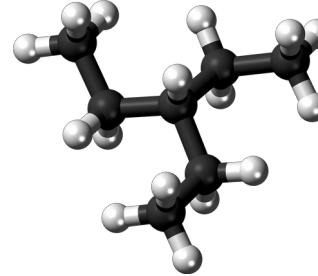


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Al1080 H18	51	124	5	120[23]
Al5083 wrought	117	191	14	300,190[4, 23]
Al5086 wrought	110	172	11	269,131[4, 23]
Al5454 wrought	102	149	14	124[23]
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INCONEL600	223	278	10	$\geq 550$ [23]





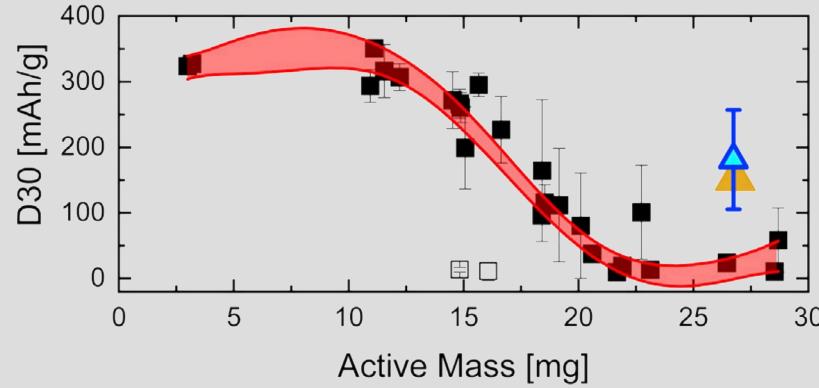
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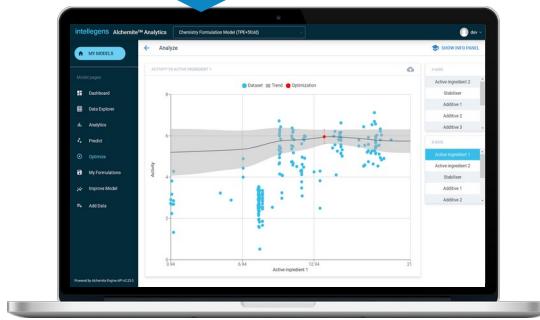


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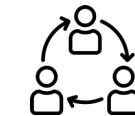
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