

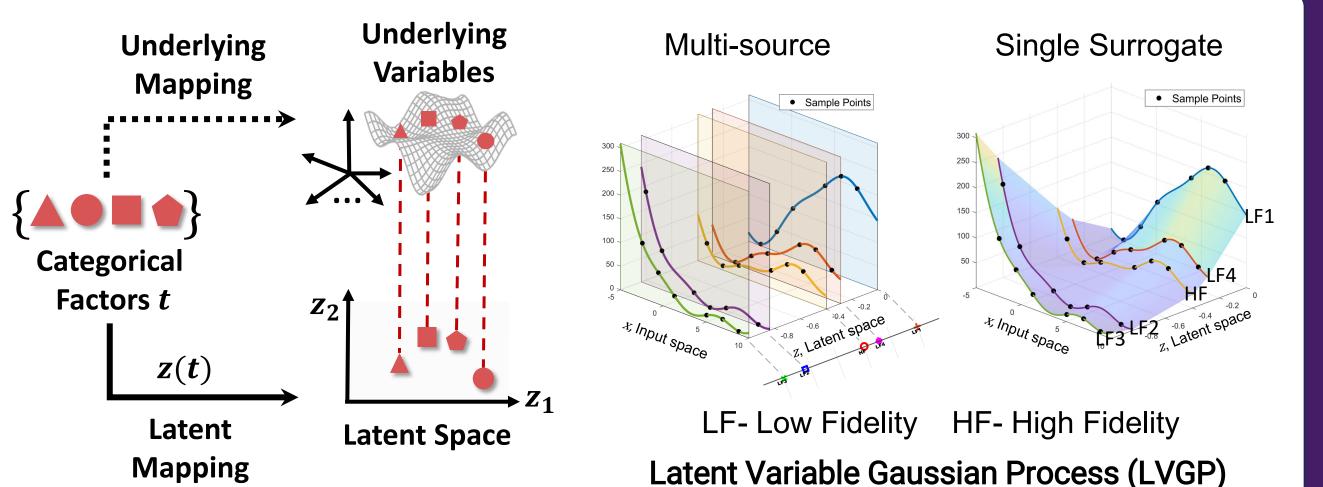
Integrated DEsign Automation Laboratory

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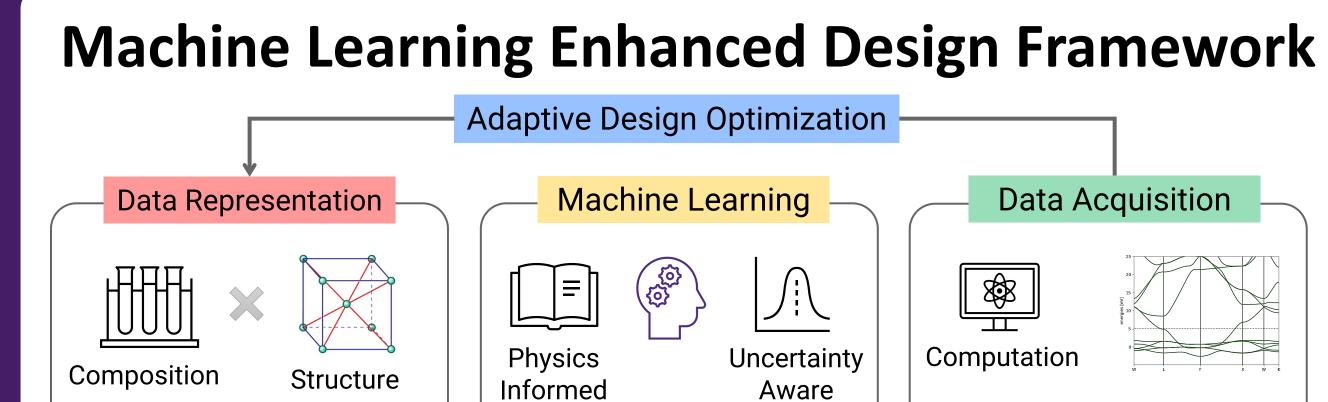
Research Mission

Develop computational and statistical techniques for engineering design, manufacturing and product realization

Mixed-Variable and Multi-Modal Data Fusion



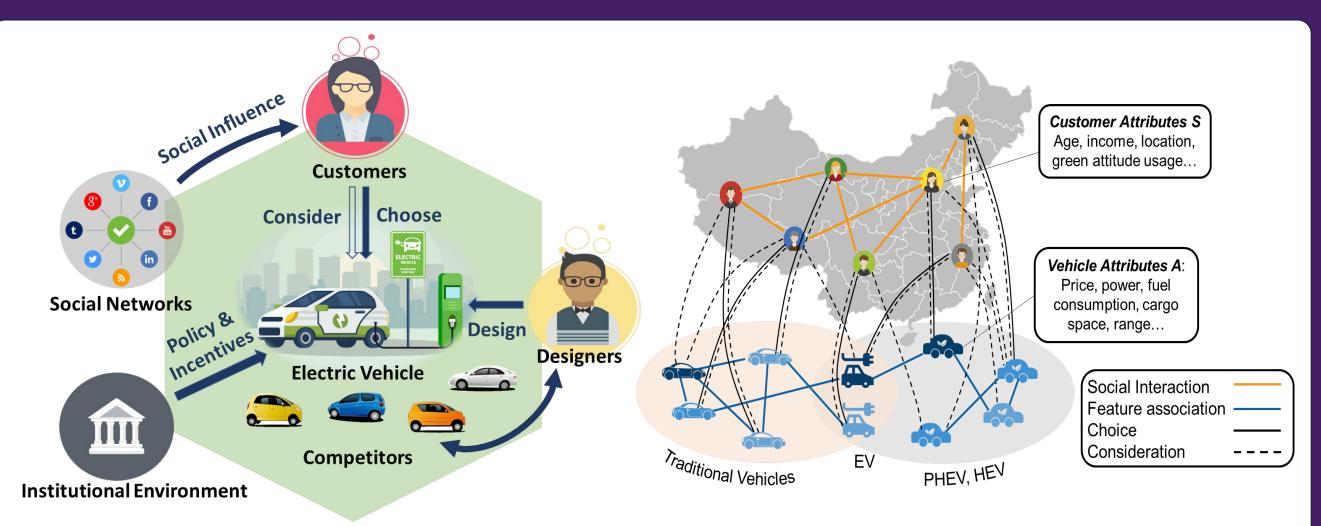
Al for Materials Discovery and Design



Latent Variable Gaussian Process (LVGP)

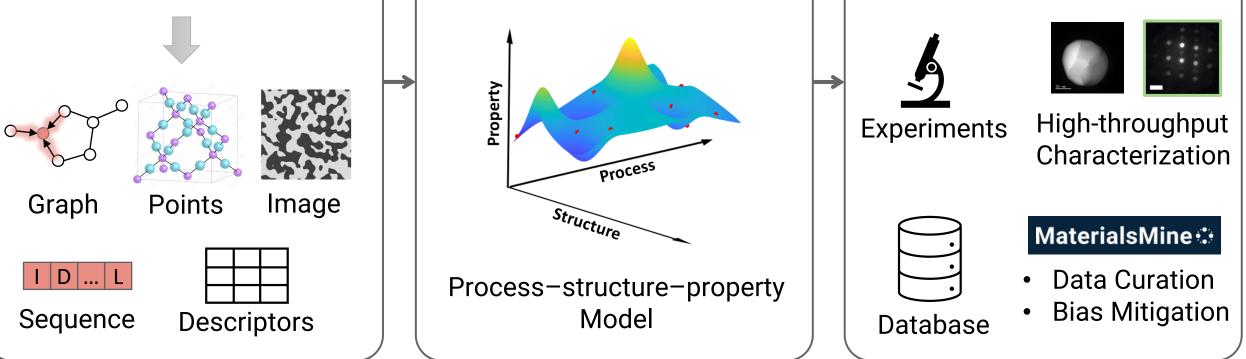
Learn correlations between various model fidelities or data modalities for uncertainty aware adaptive learning.

Modeling of Customer-Product Network

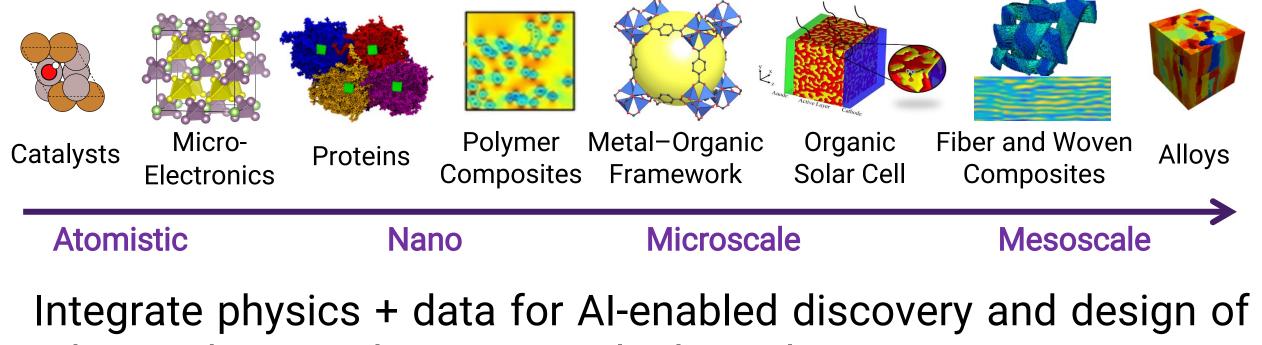


Understand the dynamics of product and customer interactions within a complex design ecosystem using network modeling.

Digital Twins with Uncertainty Quantification for Autonomous Manufacturing



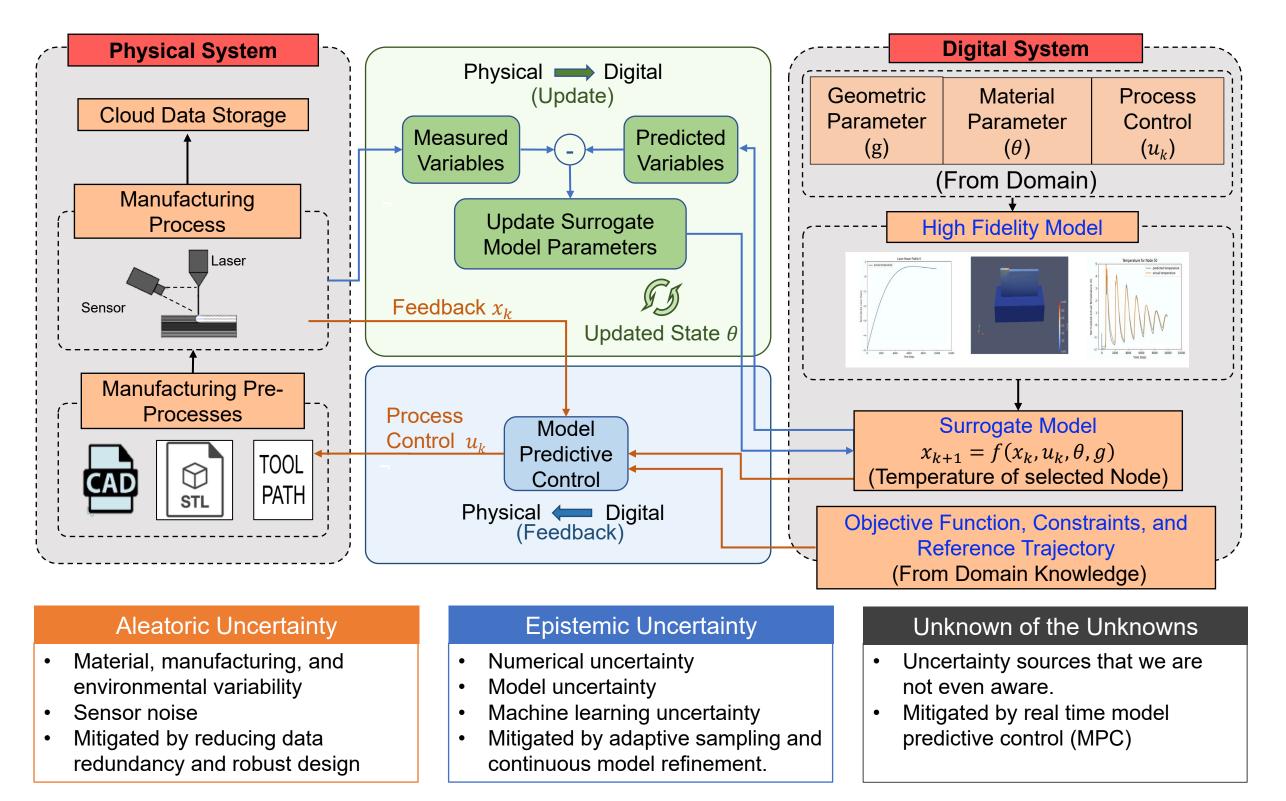
Design of Advanced Materials



advanced materials across multiple scales.

Design of Functional Materials and Structures

Data-Driven Heterogeneous Metamaterials Design

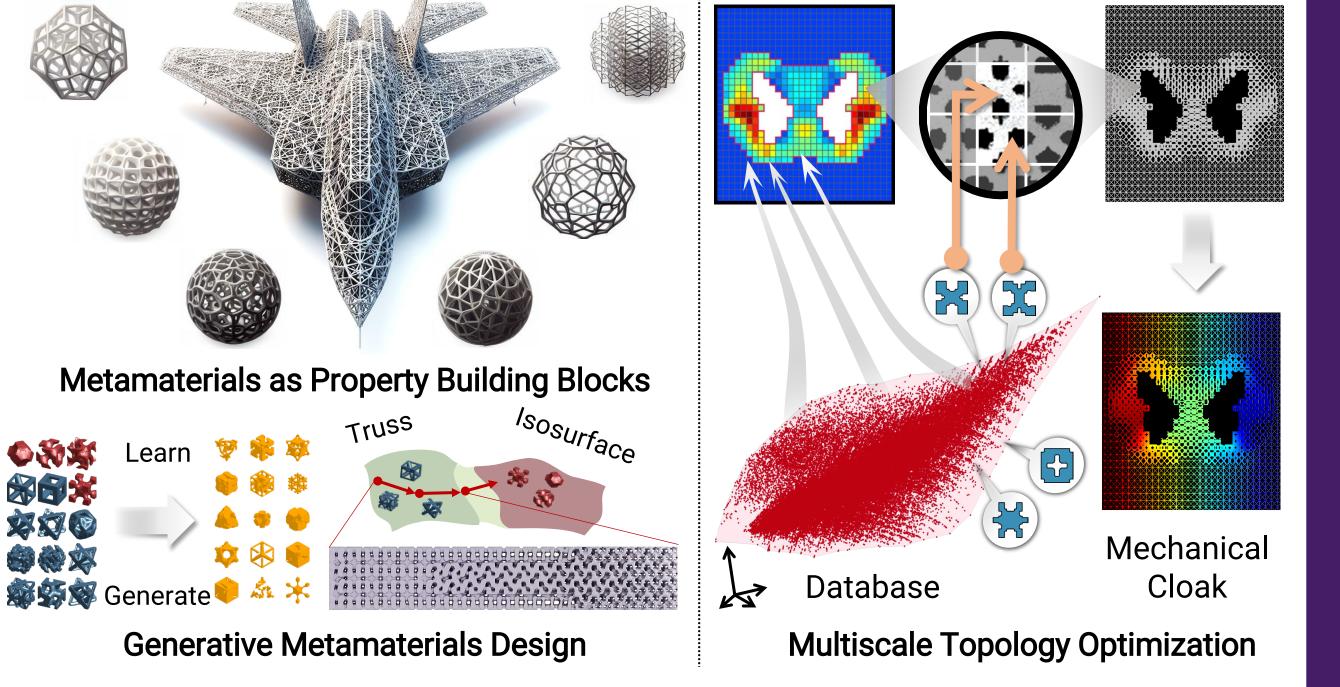


Achieve concurrent geometry, material, and process design using digital twins with "real time" uncertainty quantification and mitigation.

Representative Projects



- NSF-BRITE : AI-Enabled Discovery and Design of Programmable Material Systems
- NSF-FMSG: Learning Foundation Models for Manufacturing Design Automation

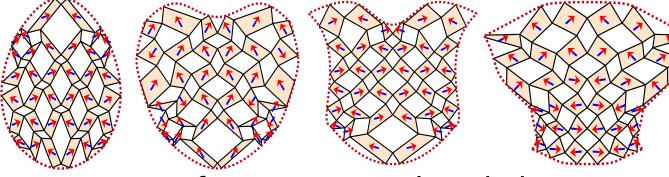


Design of Programmable Materials Systems

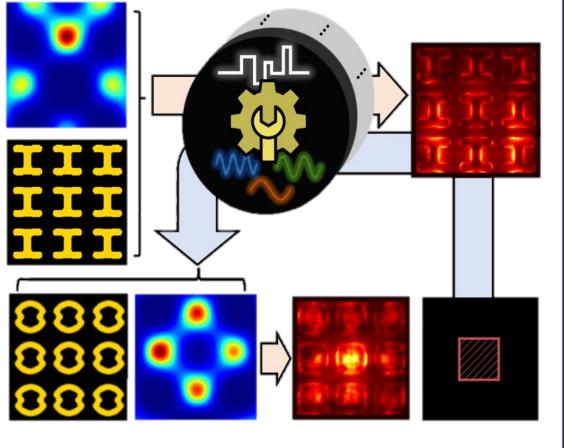
Shield Magnet

Kirigami with Magnetic-Responsive Deployment

Actuate



Design for Various Deployed Shapes



• NSF ERC: Hybrid Autonomous Manufacturing, Moving Evolution to Revolution

• ARL: The Center on High-throughput Materials Discovery for Extremes (HT-MAX)

• DOE-ReMADE: Development of Instruments and Techniques that Can Assess Tire

Life and Increase Remanufacturing of Commercial Vehicle Tires

Differentiable Design of Magnetic Kirigami



Establish a novel Acquire-Learn-Generate-Optimize (ALGO)

framework for co-design of materials, architectures and stimuli.