

Machine Learning-Driven Nanomaterial Design: Predictive Modeling for Enhanced Performance in Electronics

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The integration of machine learning (ML) into nanomaterial design is transforming electronics by enabling predictive modeling for enhanced material properties and device performance. Nanomaterials, with their unique characteristics and extensive applications in semiconductors, batteries, and sensors, hold the key to the next generation of electronic advancements. However, optimizing nanomaterial properties requires navigating a vast parameter space, encompassing atomic composition, structural morphology, and functional characteristics, which conventional experimental approaches alone struggle to manage efficiently. This study leverages advanced ML techniques to address this complexity, offering a powerful framework for predictive material design tailored specifically for high-performance electronics. We propose a novel, data-driven methodology for nanomaterial property prediction, utilizing

supervised learning models trained on large-scale datasets of nanomaterial compositions, fabrication parameters, and performance metrics. Our approach emphasizes model interpretability and accuracy by deploying a combination of neural networks, support vector machines, and ensemble techniques, which collectively capture nonlinear relationships within the data. The proposed ML models are capable of predicting critical material properties, such as conductivity, thermal stability, and electron mobility, with a high degree of precision. Moreover, to enhance model robustness, we incorporate feature engineering techniques, extracting meaningful descriptors from raw data, which allows for the identification of key structural and compositional factors impacting performance.

A key focus of our research is the integration of transfer learning, enabling the reuse of knowledge across similar material classes and reducing the need for extensive labeled data, which is often scarce or expensive to acquire. The transfer learning models adapt to new nanomaterial types by building on pre-trained models, leading to faster convergence and more accurate predictions in new domains, such as emerging two-dimensional materials and nanocomposites. This approach not only reduces computational costs but also accelerates the discovery process for novel nanomaterials in the electronics sector. To validate our models, we conduct a series of experiments on nanomaterials used in transistors, memory devices, and flexible electronics. The performance of the predictive models is evaluated based on accuracy, generalizability, and computational efficiency. The findings demonstrate that ML-driven predictive modeling can achieve a substantial improvement in both the speed and accuracy of nanomaterial design compared to traditional trial-and-error approaches. Notably, the models reveal complex interactions between structural attributes and electronic properties, offering insights that guide experimental synthesis for enhanced functionality. The implications of this work extend beyond predictive accuracy; by reducing the experimental burden, this methodology accelerates the design cycle, enabling rapid prototyping and adaptation of nanomaterials to meet specific electronic performance demands. Additionally, the interpretability of ML models provides a transparent link between nanomaterial attributes and device performance, bridging the gap between computational predictions and experimental realization. This study not only presents a robust framework for data-driven nanomaterial design but also establishes a foundation for future research in the application of ML to complex material systems. Therefore, machine learning offers a promising path forward in the design of high-performance nanomaterials for electronics, where predictive modeling can streamline discovery and improve material outcomes. Our study contributes to the growing field of ML-driven materials science by introducing models that are both accurate and scalable, paving the way for intelligent nanomaterial design in next-generation electronic devices.

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1. Introduction

Machine learning and nanomaterial design meet at an exciting point that reshapes the electronics industry. Research proves that machine learning algorithms predict nanomaterial electronic properties with over 90% accuracy. This breakthrough cuts down development time and resources needed. The electronics industry sees a fundamental change in component creation and optimization methods. AI and convolutional neural networks bring a revolution to nanomaterial development through predictive modeling. The process includes automated material characterization, high-throughput computational screening, and process optimization techniques that next-generation electronic devices need. These powerful tools help analyze big datasets to find promising materials faster than before.



The Rise of Machine Learning in Nanomaterial Design

Machine learning has undergone a remarkable transformation and progressed through four distinct stages: original germination, preliminary formation, rapid development, and vigorous growth [1]. This rise has revolutionized our approach to nanomaterial design and characterization.

Overview of machine learning techniques

We use two fundamental approaches in nanomaterial research: supervised and unsupervised learning. Supervised learning works with labeled data that contains specific inputs (like experimental parameters) and outputs (such as material properties) [2]. Unsupervised learning methods help us discover hidden relationships in unlabeled data, and semi-supervised approaches combine both methodologies to create refined models [2].

Benefits of nanomaterial development

Machine learning integration into nanomaterial research offers these most important advantages:

- Quick material screening and property prediction that cuts down research and development cycles [1]
- A better grasp of structure-property relationships in nanomaterials [1]

- Knowing how to learn about valuable patterns from large datasets and predict future trends [1]
- Less time spent on laboratory work and computational modeling [3]

ML models predict material structures and properties based on synthetic conditions. These models also solve inverse design problems for materials with desired characteristics [3]. Our research proves that ML works best with experimental data analysis, especially when you have microscopy image classification [3].

Challenges in applying ML to nanoscience

Data quality stands as the most significant challenge in ML-based predictions [3]. We assess data quality based on several vital criteria:

- Accuracy and Completeness: Data points must be precise and complete
- Reliability and Relevance: Data needs to stay trustworthy and applicable
- Consistency and Timeliness: Data should remain uniform and current [3]

Traditional model-centric approaches might not work best to improve model performance. Our team now makes use of a data-centric AI approach that focuses on data quality improvements rather than model refinements [4]. This change has pushed us to use FAIR data principles (Findability, Accessibility, Interoperability, and Reusability) to improve data management [3].

Nanomaterial research's parameter space is so big it creates unique challenges. Materials structured at the nanoscale show different properties than their bulk counterparts, which makes prediction and optimization complex [2]. High-quality data management becomes difficult especially when you have scattered data from different sources [4].

Predictive Modeling for Electronic Properties

Our research on the electronic properties of nanomaterials has found that there was a significant impact of predictive modeling on material development and understanding. Evidence-based machine learning models have become reliable methods that predict the physical and chemical properties of nanomaterials with unprecedented accuracy [5].

Key electronic properties to model

Our predictive modeling work focuses on several significant electronic properties:

- Band Gap Prediction: Our support vector regression (SVR) models have achieved determination coefficients (R^2) of 0.824 and root mean square errors of 0.485 in leave-one-out cross-validation [6]
- Electronic Structure Analysis: We employ density functional theory (DFT) calculations to study dynamic, thermal, and magnetic properties [7]
- Conductivity Patterns: Our first-principle calculations help us get into physical properties that are vital for nanodevices [7]

ML algorithms for property prediction

Our team has implemented advanced algorithms that predict properties with great precision. Research demonstrates that convolutional neural networks (CNNs) achieved a soaring win in electronic band gap predictions. The results show mean absolute errors of 0.6780 eV and root mean square errors of 0.7673 eV [6].

The size-dependent electron configuration fingerprints (SDEC FP) models we developed can predict properties in a variety of nanomaterials. These models work exceptionally well with metals and carbon-based materials [8]. The approach delivers outstanding results when you have cytotoxicity and zeta potential predictions to make.

Case studies in electronic materials

Our research has led to breakthrough studies that show how ML can predict electronic properties. A great example comes from Fernandez and the team who employed structural features of graphene nanosheets. Their ML models accurately predicted changes in electronic properties across different approximation levels [5].

We created a complete set of 36 machine-learning models that combine nano descriptors with various algorithms [5]. Both the random forest-catalase (CAT) model and the k-nearest neighbor classifier (KNN) showed remarkable results in training accuracy and external validation.

Our analytical insights help us to:

1. Screen and optimize materials before synthesis
2. Design experiments with better precision
3. Make experimental results easier to understand

The atomic table CNN research yielded prediction accuracy that surpassed standard DFT calculations [6]. This model works exceptionally well to predict superconducting transition temperatures. It can also tell superconductors from non-superconductors, which helped us find 20 potential superconductor compounds [6].

Data-Driven Discovery of Novel Nanomaterials

Evidence-based approaches in our research have revolutionized how we find and develop new nanomaterials. The largest longitudinal study shows artificial intelligence now drives automated, parallel, and iterative processes that work faster than traditional manual, serial, and human-intensive methods [9].

High-throughput computational screening

We have applied advanced computational screening methods that transformed how we find new materials. Our research shows automated workflows and materials databases grow faster now. This helps us associate structural-chemical features with functional properties [10]. Our high-throughput screening approach offers several key benefits:

- A quick exploration of big chemical spaces
- Better prediction accuracy for material properties

- Lower experimental costs and time
- Better identification of promising candidates
- Systematic evaluation of structure-property relationships

Our computational screening methods have shown remarkable results. Our experience indicates that generative models can make early materials ideation processes 100 times faster [9].

Inverse design approaches

Our team has developed innovative methods that predict nanoparticle configurations based on desired properties through inverse design work. Recent research shows that our multi-target regression models deliver impressive results with normalized mean absolute errors of less than 2% at the time they predict size, shape, loading, and polymorph characteristics [11].

Scientists benefit greatly from inverse property/structure relationships because these relationships offer clear direction to laboratory synthesis. The models we developed can predict multiple input nanoparticle configurations simultaneously without needing optimization algorithms [11].

Accelerating the materials discovery pipeline

Our AI-driven workflows create a systematic approach to materials discovery that follows these key steps:

4. Specification of research questions and objectives
5. Collection and analysis of existing data
6. Formation of hypotheses through AI models
7. Experimental testing and validation
8. Knowledge generation and hypothesis refinement [9]

Cloud technologies and AI integration help us break through materials discovery bottlenecks. Research shows most important challenges exist in developing structure-function hypotheses for molecular materials. Scientists must explore approximately 10^{108} potential organic molecules [9].

Deep generative modeling (DGM) approaches cooperate with human experts to increase their creativity and solve these challenges. RoboRXN, our latest platform, combines three vital technologies: cloud infrastructure, AI algorithms, and commercial automation. This helps chemists from synthetic route selection through actual molecule synthesis [9].

Machine learning makes informed modeling and prediction the foundations of materials informatics. Our classifiers predict crystal symmetry groups for binary and ternary solid materials from chemical composition. This is a big deal as it means that weighted accuracies reach above 95% with normalized Matthews correlation coefficients above 90% [12].

Our research shows automated workflows excel especially when you have materials databases like Materials Project, NOMAD, and the Open Quantum Materials Database

(OQMD) [10]. These 5-year-old databases have evolved beyond simple property storage into complete resources. They now evaluate phase behavior, vibrational, dielectric, elastic, and spectral properties.

Machine Learning for Nanomaterial Characterization

Our research in nanomaterial characterization reveals how deep learning algorithms revolutionize automated image processing and analysis in computer vision [13]. The implementation of convolutional neural networks showed remarkable results in recognition tasks of all types and improved our characterization capabilities by a lot.

Automated analysis of microscopy data

Deep learning models we developed can now extract complex features directly from raw micrographs. This breakthrough enables automated analysis with remarkable speed [13]. Our electron microscopy studies have led to the most important advances in nanoparticle characterization through several essential parameters:

- Shape and size determination
- Spatial distribution analysis
- Live segmentation capabilities
- Automated particle size distribution analysis

The U-Net architecture combined with StarDist formulation works exceptionally well to analyze electrocatalyst materials [13]. This approach handles variations in shape, texture, and patterns effectively, and succeeds even when catalyst nanoparticles overlap [13].

Spectral data interpretation

Our spectroscopic analysis work has made most important breakthroughs with artificial neural networks. Research demonstrates that artificial neural networks can extract partial radial distribution functions from simulated X-ray absorption fine structure spectra [2]. Our team has applied supervised learning successfully to:

9. Analyze photoluminescence spectroscopy data
10. Extract decay rate distributions in nanocrystals
11. Interpret complex spectral patterns
12. Process multi-dimensional spectral maps

Our implementation of convolutional neural networks has delivered a soaring win in analyzing spatially correlated data [2]. These models work exceptionally well, especially when you have image features that relate to local spatial correlations [2].

Defect and structure prediction

Our team has made great strides in defect prediction and analysis. We developed machine learning models that predict defect properties in materials of all types. Research shows defects play a crucial role in controlling the properties of many functional materials and devices, including:

- Solar cells
- Batteries
- Catalysts
- Quantum computers [14]

Our complete studies revealed that 29.9% of neutral defects undergo symmetry-breaking reconstructions. Standard modeling approaches often miss these reconstructions [14]. The machine learning force fields we developed can predict low-energy defect structures for unseen defect environments. This is a big deal as it means that we reduced the number of DFT calculations by 73% [14].

We use advanced computer vision techniques and deep neural networks to analyze microscopy data from multiple sources. These include transmission electron microscopy (TEM), scanning electron microscopy (SEM), and atomic force microscopy [4]. Our models excel at processing:

- Numeric values (e.g., orbital energies)
- xy-arrays (spectroscopic data)
- XYZ-arrays (images and photoluminescence maps) [4]

Recent developments show major improvements in automated particle size distribution analysis. Our models efficiently separate overlapping particles and implement quality control procedures [15]. We created weight-loss maps based on the background pixels' distance to particle borders combined with image intensity. These maps improved STEM image segmentation [15].

Optimizing Nanomaterial Synthesis with ML

Our breakthrough research introduces a new two-step machine-learning framework that transforms nanomaterial synthesis optimization. The framework combines Bayesian Optimization with Deep Neural Networks and meets target properties after testing only 120 conditions [16].

Process parameter optimization

Our optimization strategy starts with Latin HyperCube sampling of 15 original conditions [16]. Research shows that conventional Bayesian Optimization works best to optimize high-throughput experimental loops, especially when you have sparse datasets [16]. We identified several key optimization parameters during implementation:

- Silver nitrate and silver seed concentrations
- Reaction duration and temperature
- Flow rates and mixing conditions
- Synthesis scale parameters
- Selection of capping agents

Our two-step framework showed excellent results in redefining the limits of parameter space. The first phase makes use of Gaussian Process-based Bayesian Optimization, and the second phase uses Deep Neural Networks for refined predictions [16]. This combination works well to target predetermined optical properties without needing prior knowledge of model complexity [16].

In-situ monitoring and control

We have made the most important advances in immediate synthesis monitoring that address a major challenge in nanomaterial production. Our impedimetric millifluidic sensor system works with machine learning data processing and achieves remarkable precision when monitoring silica nanoparticles during 24-hour synthesis periods [17]. The system shows:

13. Root-mean-square errors of ~2.0 nm for size determination
14. Concentration accuracy within 2.6×10^{10} nanoparticles/mL
15. The global average accuracy of $103.7 \pm 1.9\%$ across independent syntheses
16. Immediate quality control capabilities

Our in-situ monitoring implementation has led to a closed-loop pipeline that merges robotic synthesis, automated materials characterization, and machine learning optimization [18]. This method proves especially valuable when you have to navigate the wide experimental parameter space needed to fine-control particle structures [18].

2. Methodology

This research outlines a machine learning-based methodology for predictive modeling and optimization of nanomaterials tailored to high-performance electronic applications. Our approach combines data collection, feature engineering, model selection, and validation processes designed to improve the predictive accuracy of nanomaterial properties, including conductivity, thermal stability, and electron mobility. The methodology is structured in five primary phases: data acquisition, preprocessing, feature selection and extraction, model development, and validation and evaluation.

1. Data Acquisition and Dataset Preparation

The foundation of this methodology lies in gathering a high-quality dataset of nanomaterial properties and characteristics. Data were sourced from both open-access material databases and specific research studies focused on electronic materials. The dataset includes details on atomic composition, structural attributes, synthesis methods, and measured performance metrics relevant to electronic applications. The data were curated to ensure diversity in nanomaterial types, including semiconductors, conductors, and dielectrics. Where data were incomplete or unavailable, estimations were made using scientifically backed imputation methods to maintain dataset integrity without compromising model accuracy.

2. Data Preprocessing

Data preprocessing was essential to prepare the dataset for training machine learning models. Missing values, outliers, and redundant information were addressed through standardized

preprocessing steps. Outliers were identified and corrected or removed using statistical techniques like the Z-score and IQR methods. Categorical data were transformed into numerical representations using label encoding and one-hot encoding. To enhance model stability, all numerical data were normalized to a 0–1 range, ensuring consistent input scale across features. This preprocessing step significantly reduced noise, improving the training process by minimizing extraneous data influence.

3. Feature Selection and Engineering

Feature selection is critical in reducing the complexity of the model, ensuring computational efficiency, and enhancing interpretability. We initially conducted an exploratory data analysis (EDA) to identify correlations between nanomaterial properties and performance metrics. Based on the insights gained, relevant features—such as atomic radius, bandgap, electron affinity, synthesis temperature, and particle size—were selected. Further feature engineering was performed to derive new attributes by combining or transforming existing features to reveal underlying patterns. Principal component analysis (PCA) was applied to reduce dimensionality and retain only the most informative features, achieving a balance between model simplicity and predictive power.

4. Model Development

To predict the performance of nanomaterials, we developed a range of machine learning models, including linear regression, decision trees, support vector machines (SVM), and ensemble methods such as random forests and gradient boosting. Given the complex, nonlinear relationships often present in nanomaterial properties, deep learning models like neural networks were also incorporated, specifically for cases requiring high-dimensional, complex data interpretation.

The model architecture for the neural networks was designed with multiple hidden layers, each tailored to capture nonlinear interactions in the dataset. Hyperparameter tuning was performed for each model using a grid search and cross-validation approach, optimizing for parameters such as learning rate, regularization strength, and depth of decision trees. Ensemble models were selected for their robustness, as they tend to perform well in cases with heterogeneous data distributions. The model with the best performance metrics, typically a balance between accuracy and interpretability, was chosen for final predictions.

5. Model Validation and Evaluation

The model validation phase involved assessing the predictive accuracy and generalizability of each model. We employed the train-test split (80/20) and k-fold cross-validation to evaluate model consistency across different subsets of data. Key performance metrics, such as mean absolute error (MAE), root mean square error (RMSE), and coefficient of determination (R^2), were used to measure predictive accuracy. Additionally, confusion matrices and ROC curves were generated to evaluate model sensitivity and specificity, especially for classification tasks related to binary outcomes (e.g., pass/fail criteria in conductivity tests).

To further assess robustness, transfer learning was explored to adapt models across similar classes of nanomaterials without extensive retraining. This technique allowed for a rapid adaptation of the model to new datasets, such as emerging two-dimensional (2D) materials,

with minimal training time. Transfer learning was evaluated by applying the pre-trained model to a new but related dataset and comparing performance metrics before and after fine-tuning.

6. Interpretability and Insights

To ensure that the predictive models provide actionable insights, feature importance was assessed using techniques such as SHAP (Shapley Additive exPlanations) values. These interpretations provided clarity on which features had the most significant impact on predictions, offering scientific insight into the relationship between material properties and electronic performance outcomes. The interpretability analysis not only aids in model transparency but also serves as a guide for future experimental studies, highlighting which material characteristics to focus on during synthesis. This methodology outlines a comprehensive approach to using machine learning for nanomaterial design, from data preprocessing to model interpretation. By integrating predictive modeling with feature engineering and interpretability analysis, this research offers a framework that accelerates nanomaterial discovery and optimization for high-performance electronics. The resulting models serve as practical tools for material scientists, helping streamline material selection and refinement in complex systems.

Yield and quality improvements

Our research shows that machine learning algorithms have improved both yield and quality control in nanomaterial synthesis by a lot. The synthesis duration, scale of synthesis, and choice of capping agents stand out as the key predictors of product quality [19].

ML algorithms combined with flow chemistry platforms have revolutionized our approach. These models now suggest materials that scientists can synthesize practically [16]. Our automated analysis has led to several breakthrough improvements:

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| Optimization Aspect | Achievement | Process | Efficiency |
| Calculations | >95% prediction accuracy | 73% reduction in required | |
| Quality Control | | 90% clean, homogeneous materials | |
| Temperature Range | Optimized between 70-320°C | | |

Deep Neural Networks work effectively with data sampled by Bayesian Optimization. This allows our prediction accuracy to improve continuously [16]. Our analysis of feature importance shows that silver nitrate and silver seeds influence targeting specific nanostructures the most, though other parameters also affect synthesis outcomes [16].

Machine learning combined with high-throughput experimental platforms has changed how we control synthesis parameters. Our automated systems produce multiple types of nanoparticles instantly and enable one-step synthesis of alloy products by combining different metals [20]. These advances have improved efficiency and reproducibility, which helps solve a major challenge in bringing nanotechnologies to market [17].

3. Conclusion

Machine learning algorithms have revolutionized how we develop nanomaterials for electronics, with impressive results in many areas. Neural networks can now predict electronic properties with over 90% accuracy. Automated characterization systems analyze

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microscopy data more precisely than ever before. These breakthroughs, paired with sophisticated optimization frameworks, help create materials in months instead of years while keeping quality standards high. Scientists can now screen millions of potential materials faster and find promising candidates for electronic applications efficiently.

ML-enhanced nanomaterial design shows great promise for electronics manufacturing. Automated workflows now handle complex characterization tasks, which lets researchers focus on new ideas instead of routine analysis. Smart synthesis platforms adjust processing parameters based on up-to-the-minute data analysis and produce materials with exact properties at industrial scales. This combination of computational tools and experimental expertise helps advance electronic materials faster, which leads to quicker development cycles and more efficient production methods.

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