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**Acceleration of alloy design and manufacturing via machine learning and automated design**

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For metal alloy design and additive manufacturing, the processes of design, modeling, and comprehensive control for desirable properties/behaviors are complex, expensive and slow, especially with a large number of input variables and interdependent variable correlations. We have developed an Artificial-Intelligence-powered workflow that integrates feature engineering, machine learning, adaptive design of experiments, and in-situ control for automating and accelerating the design, modeling, and control optimization process of metal alloy design and additive manufacturing. The framework was demonstrated by three projects: (1) Phase clustering and quantification from unannotated HRTEM image for materials design; (2) Physics-informed machine learning for composition-process-property design; and (3) Cross-machine knowledge transfer in metals additive manufacturing.

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