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Machine Learning Hits the Lab: Experiment Planning with Bayesian (Co-)Pilots

Chemistry and materials science regularly involve decision-making tasks of varying complexity, ranging from selecting which material to synthesize and test, over choosing reaction conditions, to setting instrument parameters. These problems are often high-dimensional and nonlinear, suggesting they could benefit from machine learning (ML).

■ In this talk, I will discuss some of our recent efforts to integrate Bayesian ML tools into experimental laboratory workflows. A particular focus will be on addressing data limitations by enhancing ML with expert knowledge to improve decision making. Using examples from synthetic chemistry and conjugated organic materials discovery, the talk will highlight the opportunities and challenges in ML to support labbased decisions.

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