

Explainable Machine Learning in Materials Mechanics

When the model itself becomes the source of knowledge instead of the data

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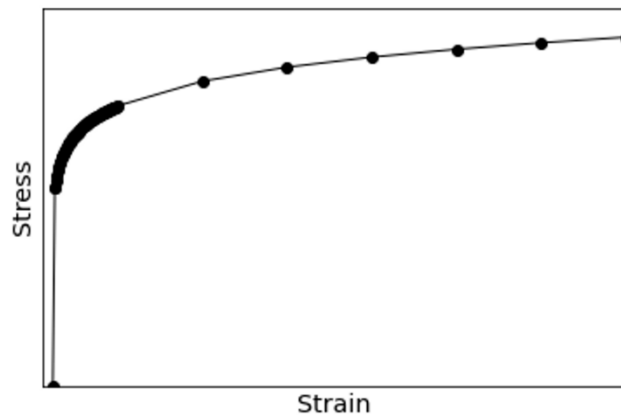




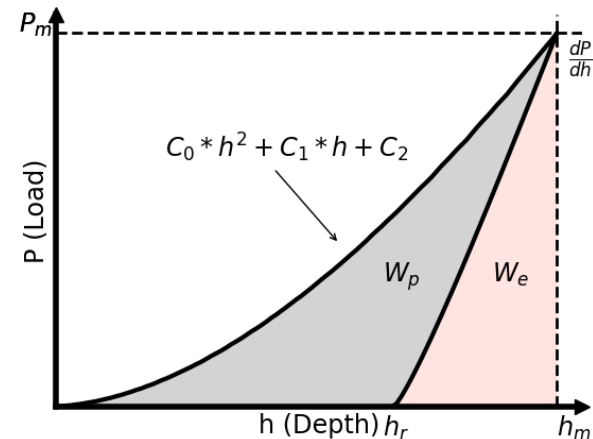
Examples



NANOINDENTATION THE ONE STOP SHOP FOR MATERIAL PROPERTIES?



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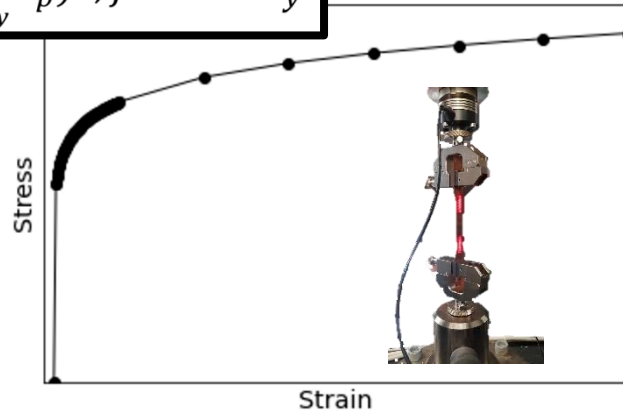


- Nearly non-destructive
- Rapid to perform
- No need for specialised sample geometry

Inverse-Problem

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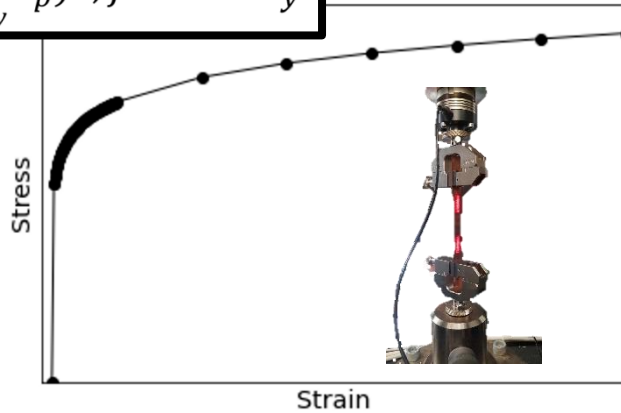
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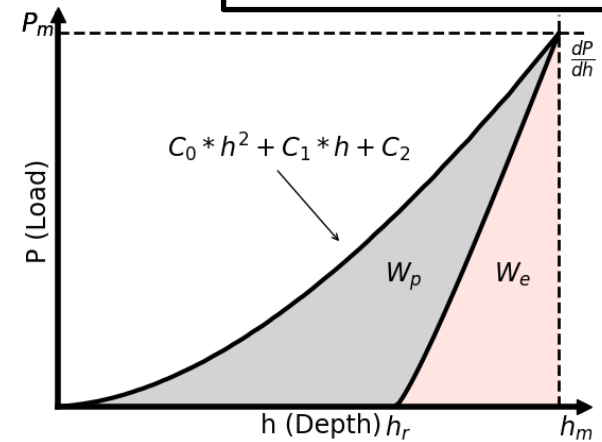
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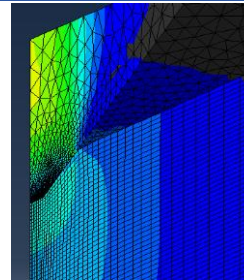
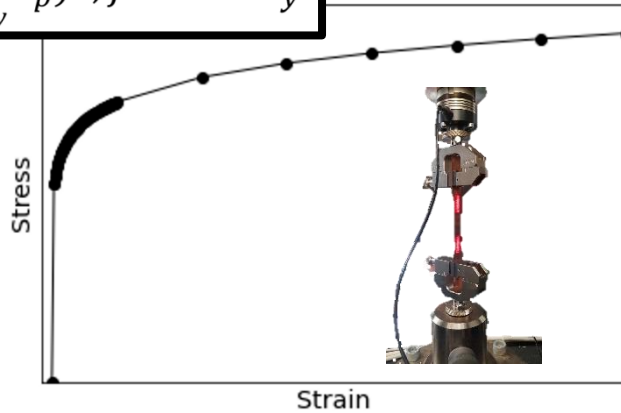
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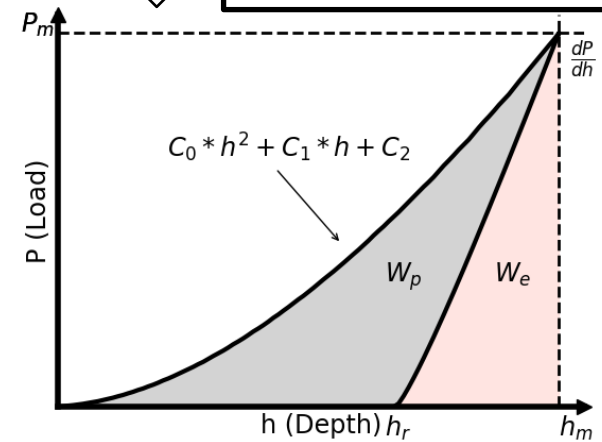
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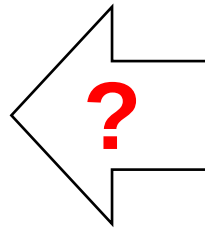
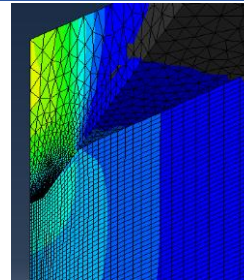
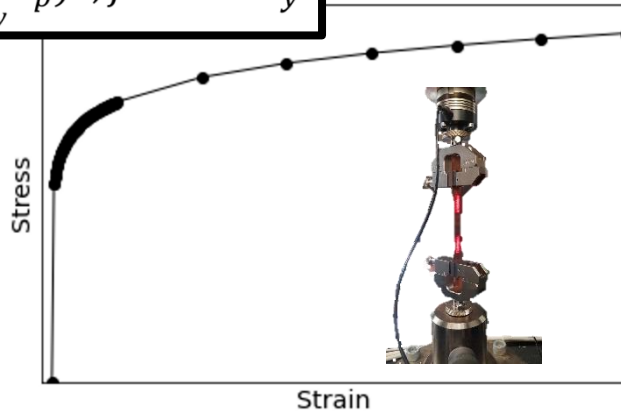
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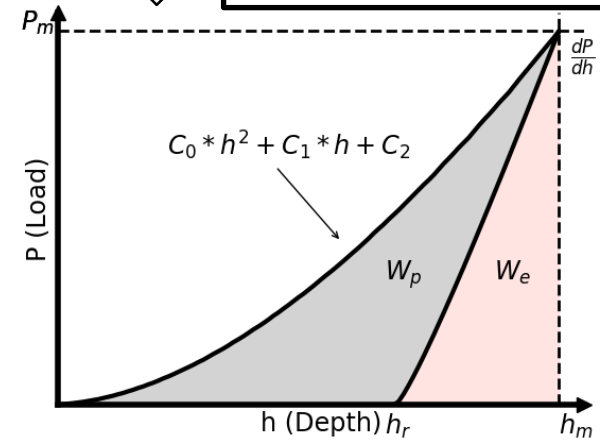
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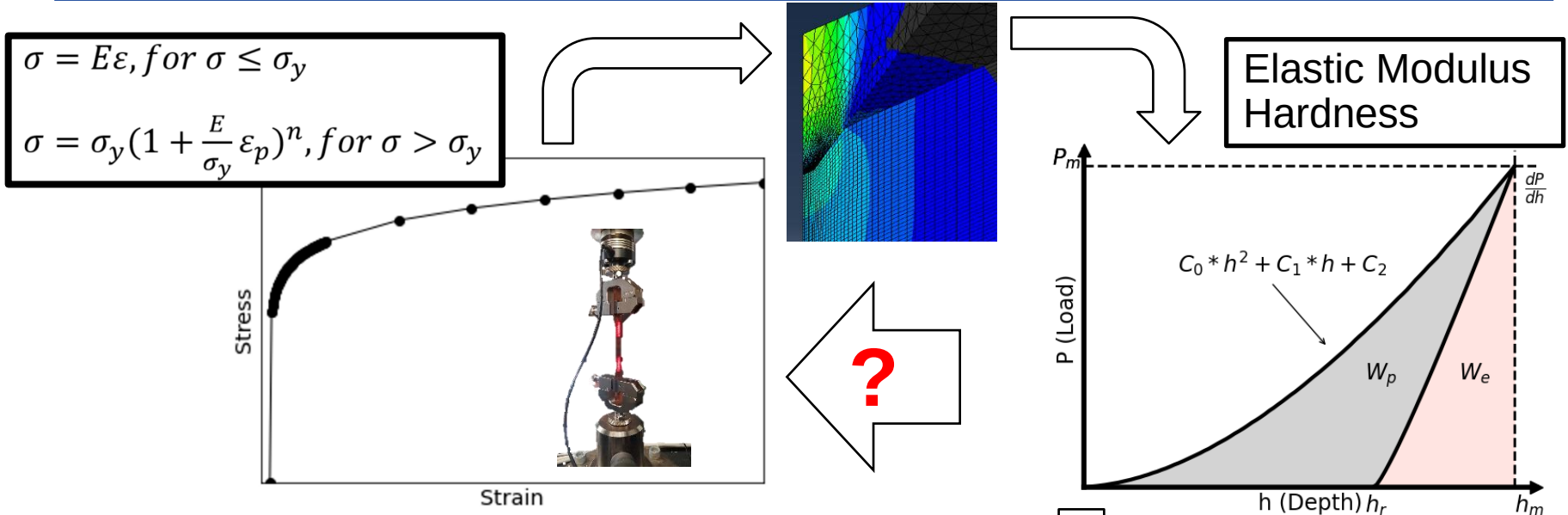
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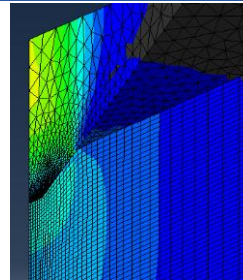
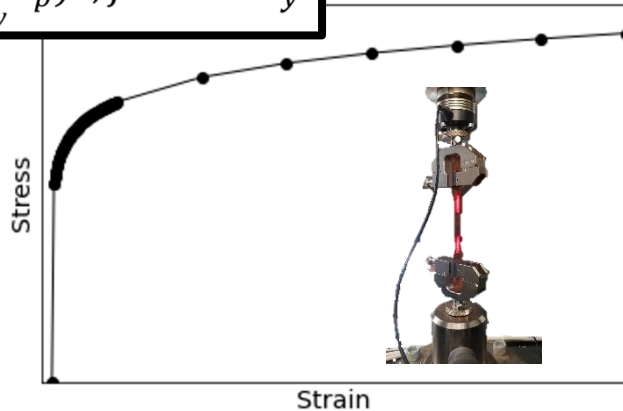
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- Optimisation algorithms
- Databases
- Machine Learning

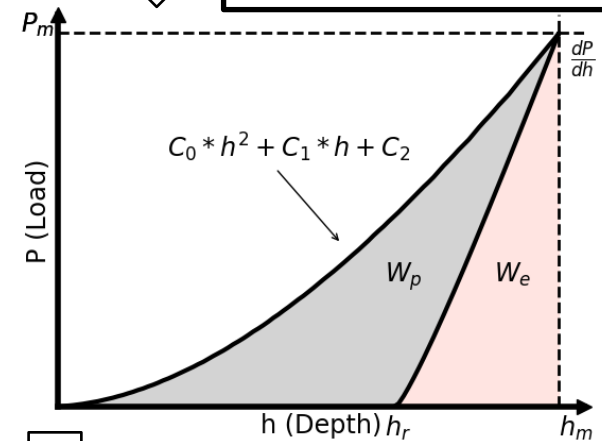
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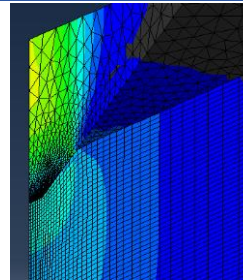
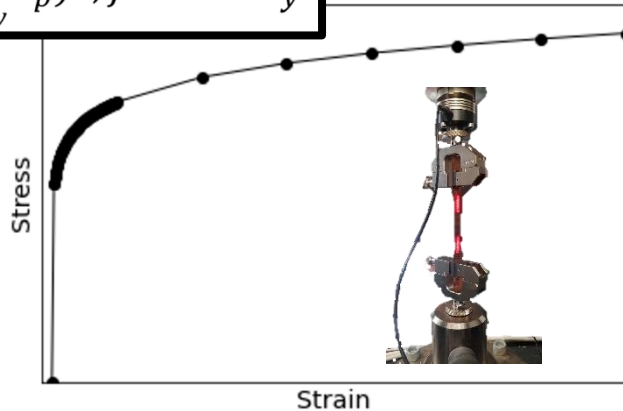
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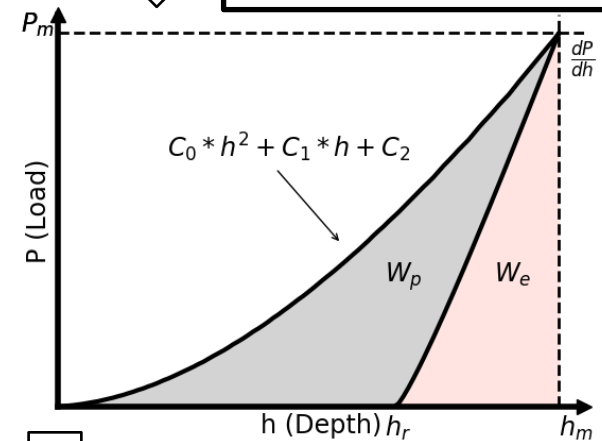
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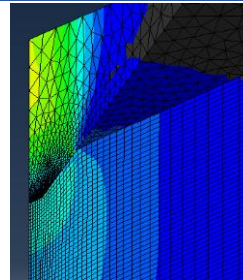
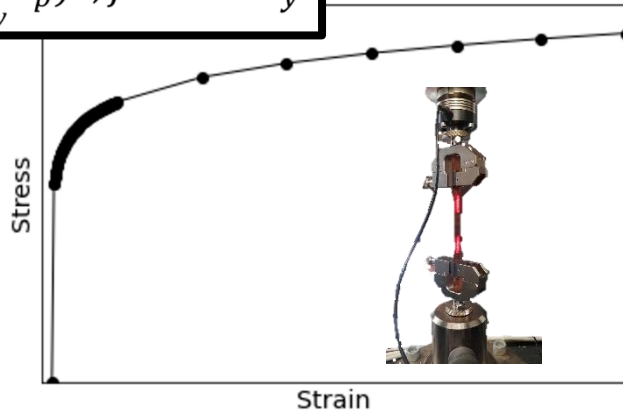
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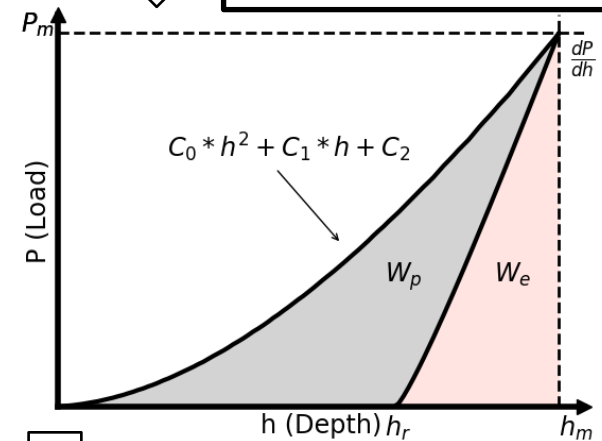
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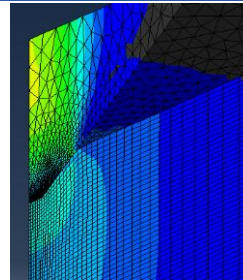
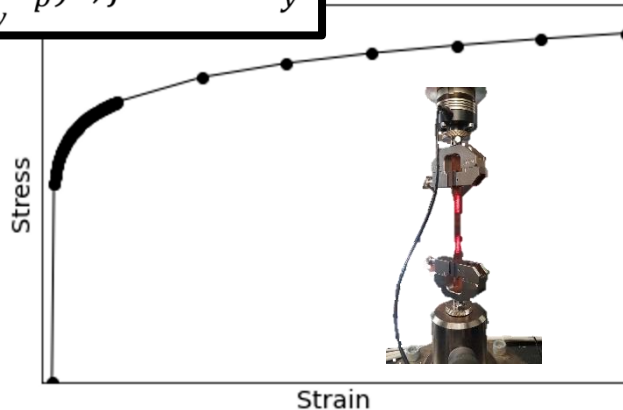
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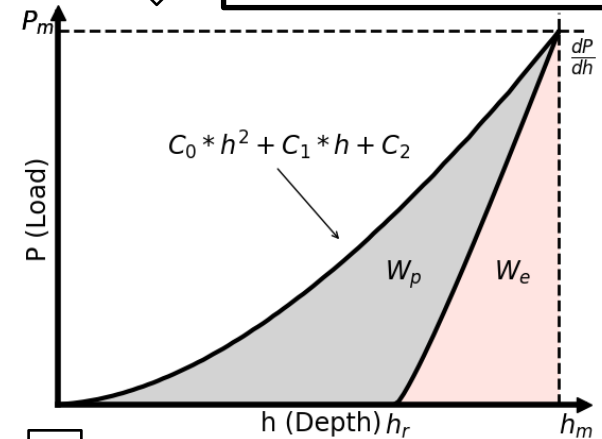
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Feature extraction:

- ✓ Unloading Slope
- ✓ Loading Curvature
- ✓ Plastic & Elastic Work
- ✓ Work Ratio
- ✓ Normalized Features

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Dimensional Analysis

- Construction of dimensionless universal functions by identifying base quantities & units.

$$P = P(h, E, \nu, E_i, \nu_i, \sigma_y, n)$$

e.g. fluid mechanics
Reynolds number

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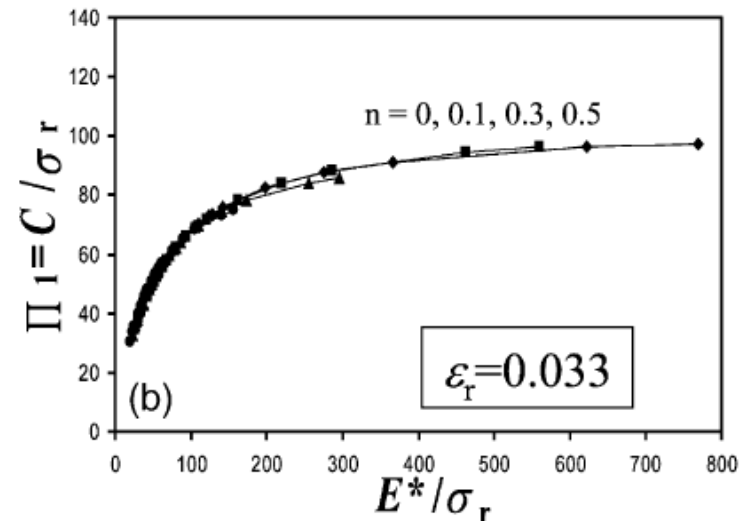
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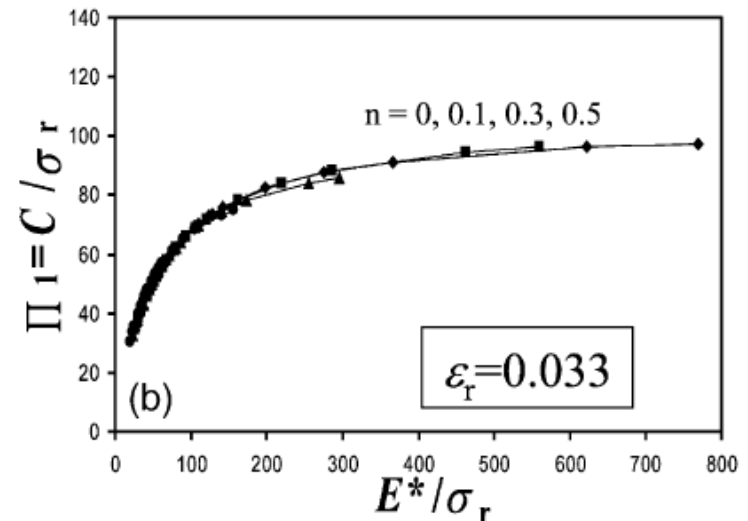
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Calibrated by FEM,
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**False
Mystical:**
Similar Input
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**Different parameter combinations can lead to
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Not only a Mathematical but also a Materials Scientific Problem!

Lack of trust in **BLACK BOX** models.

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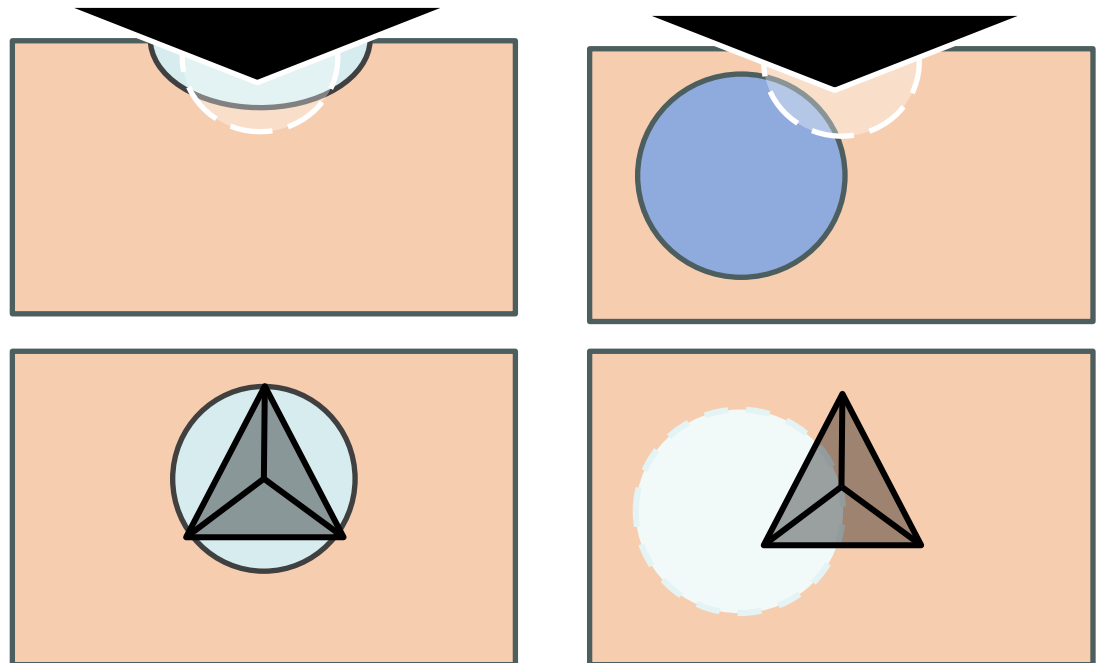
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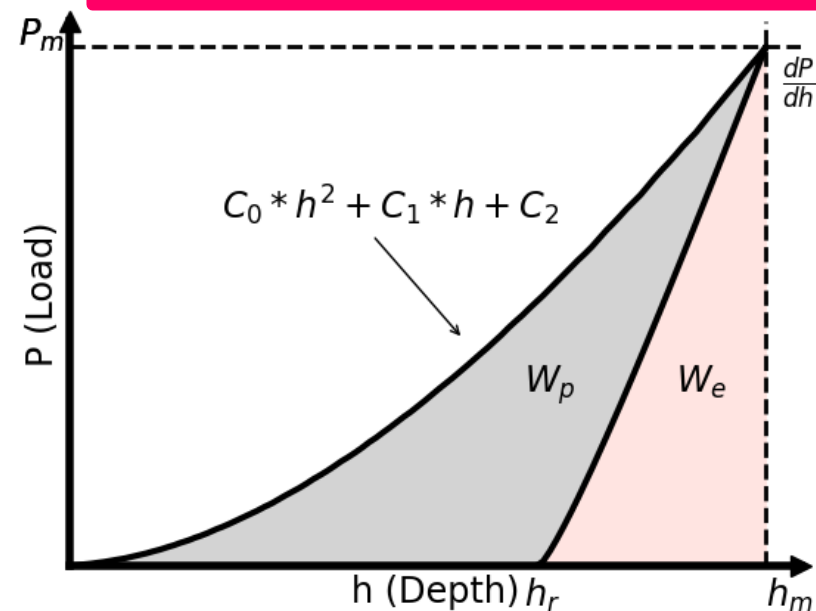
- Surroundings
- Sub-surface features



Research Question

What can we learn from the classification of indentation data?

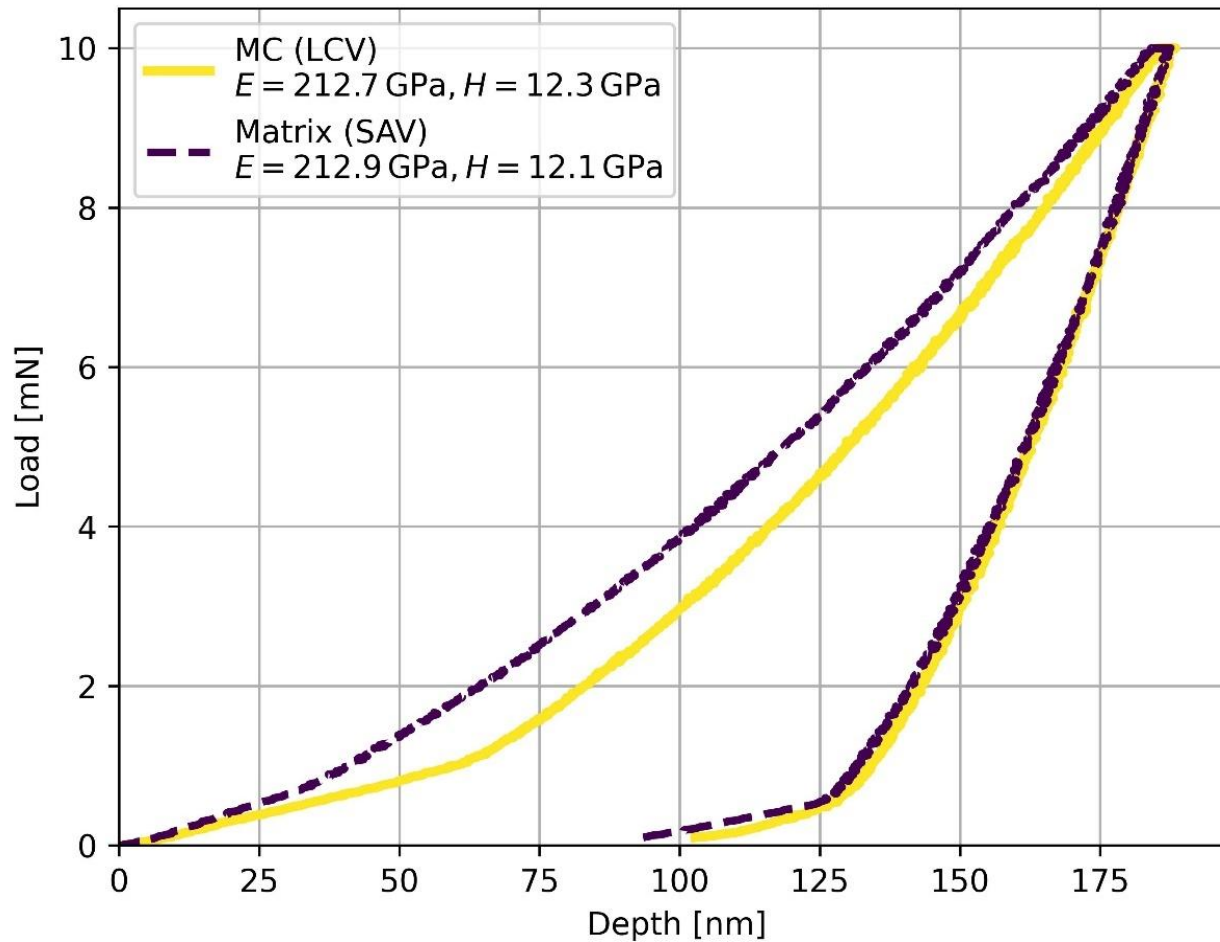
Are the usually chosen features good enough?



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$$H = \frac{P}{A} \left(\frac{A_i}{A} \right)$$

Why the complete curve?

How would you distinguish these indents?



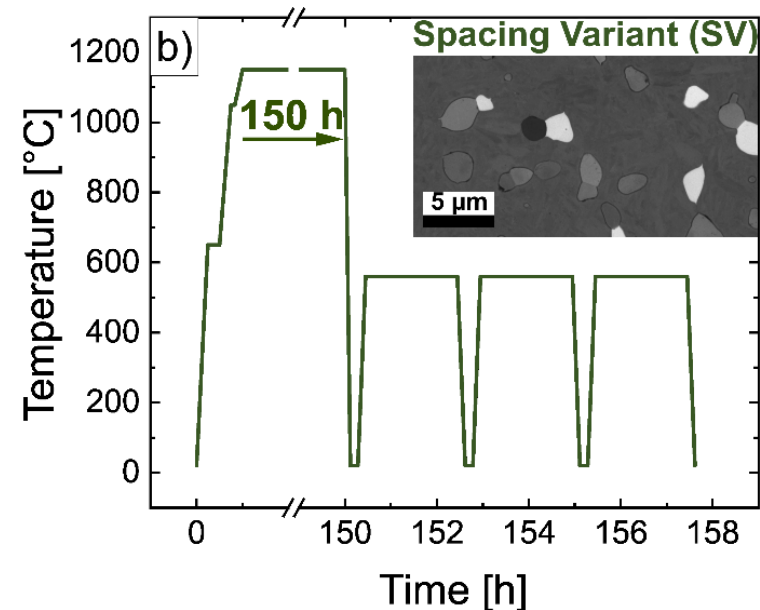
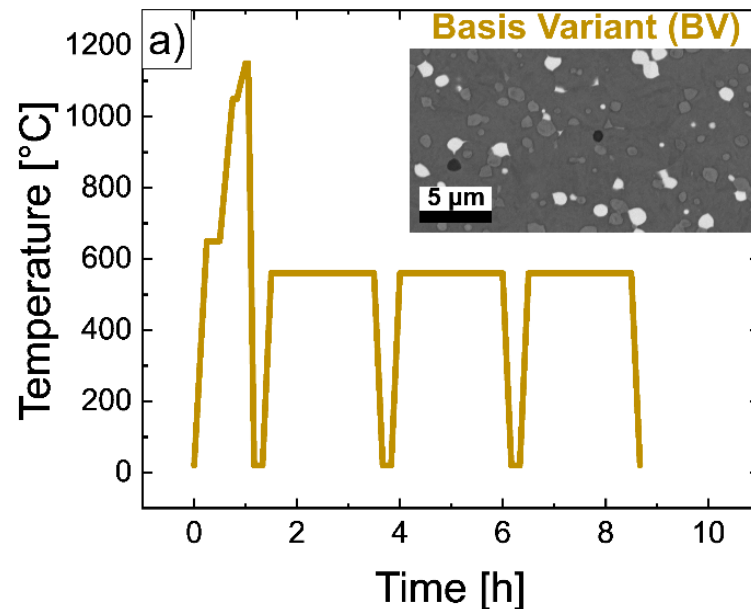
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- Basis Variant (BV)
- Spacing Variant (SV),
- Low Carbide Variant (LCV)
- Retained Austenite Variant (RAV)

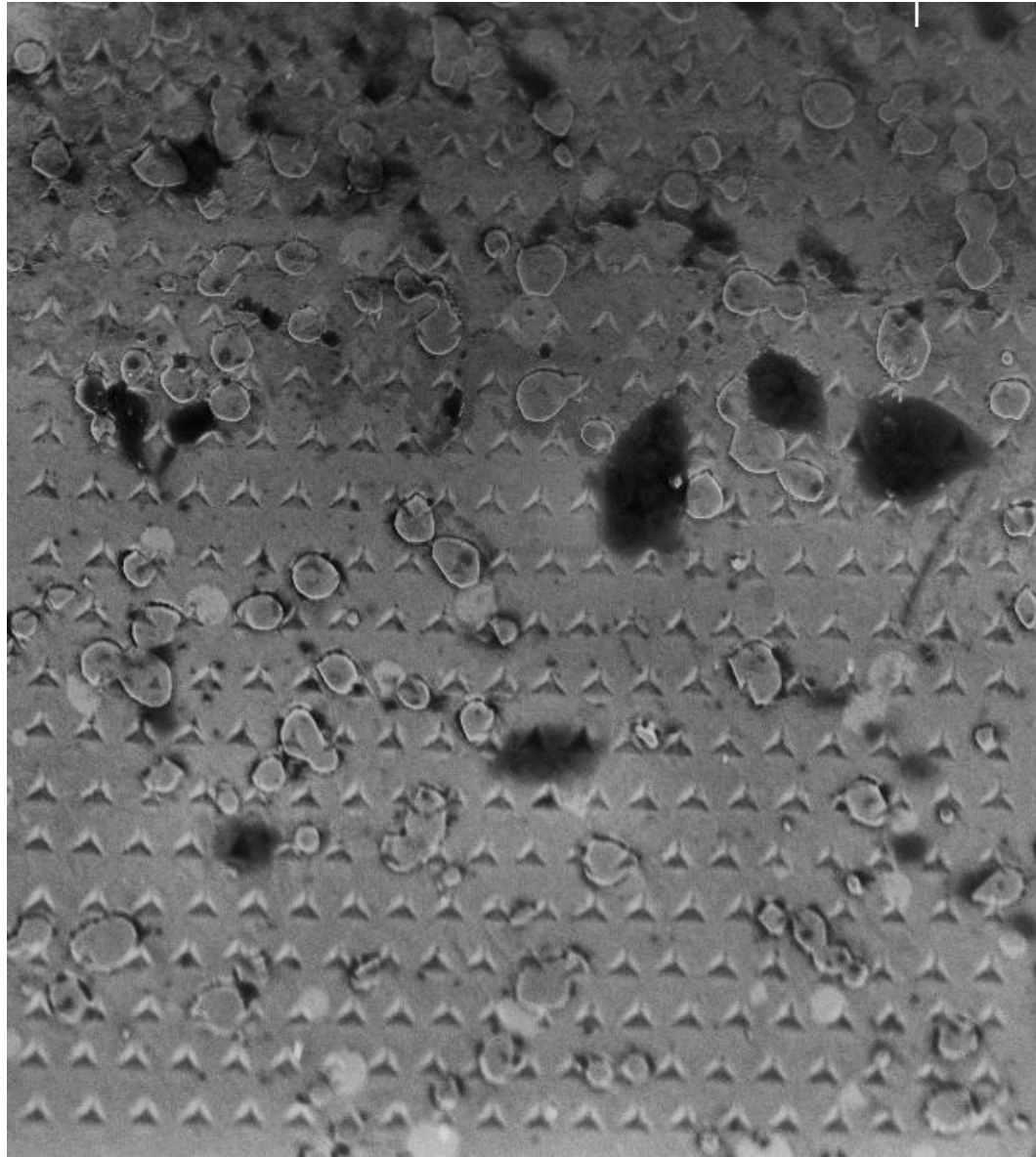
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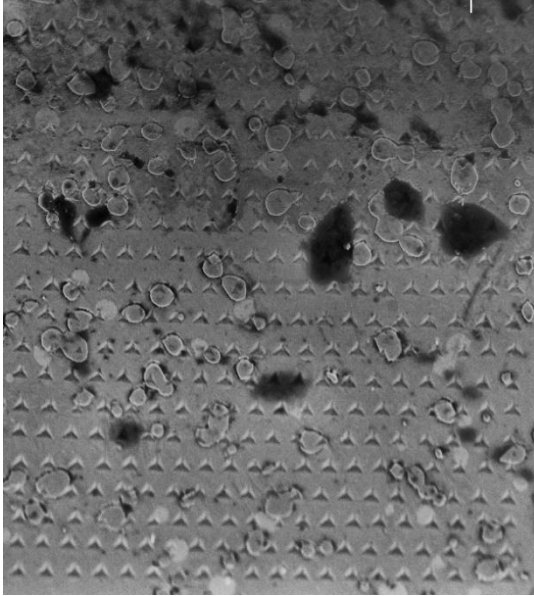
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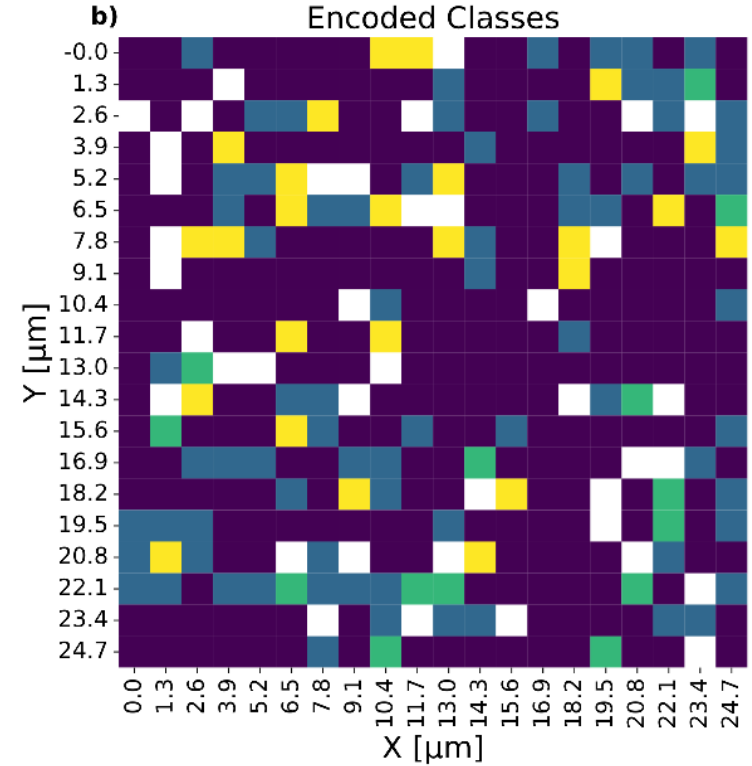


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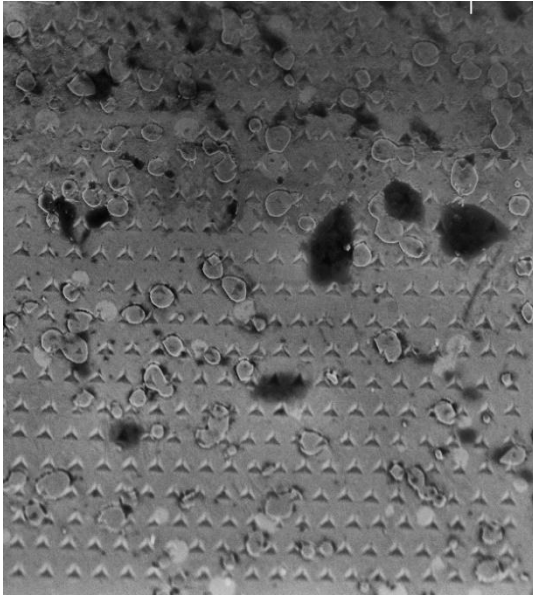
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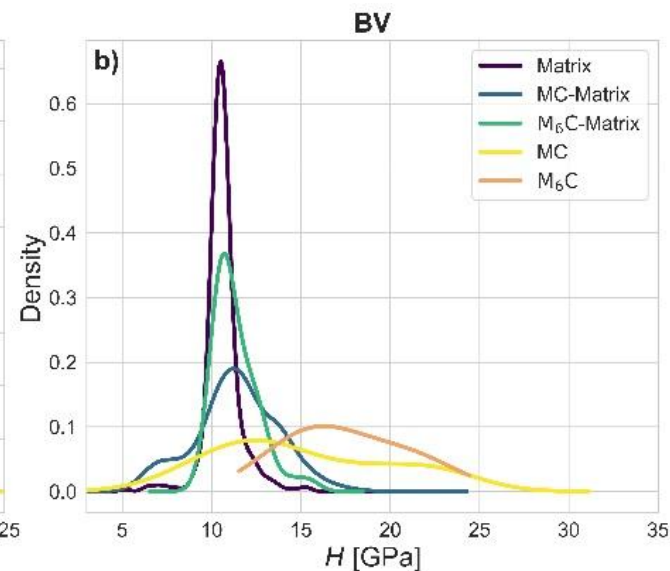
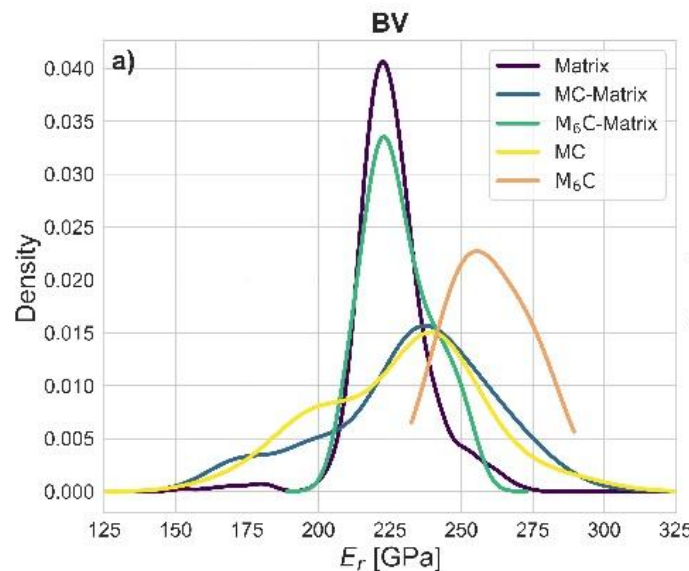
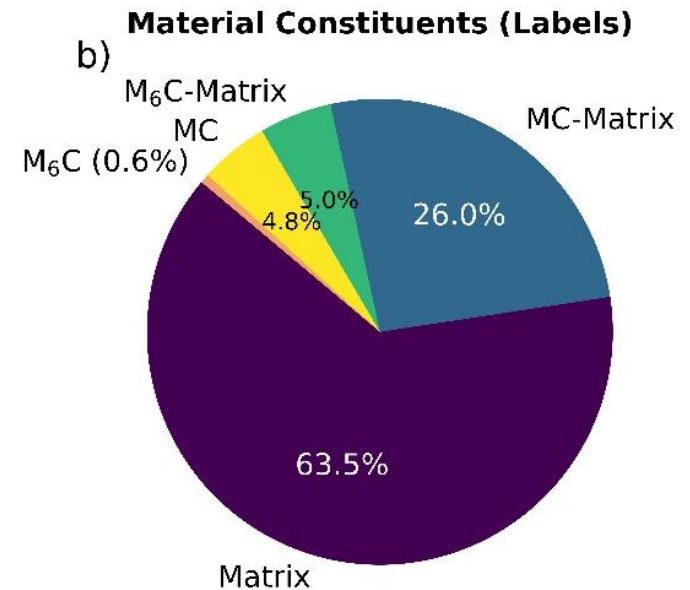
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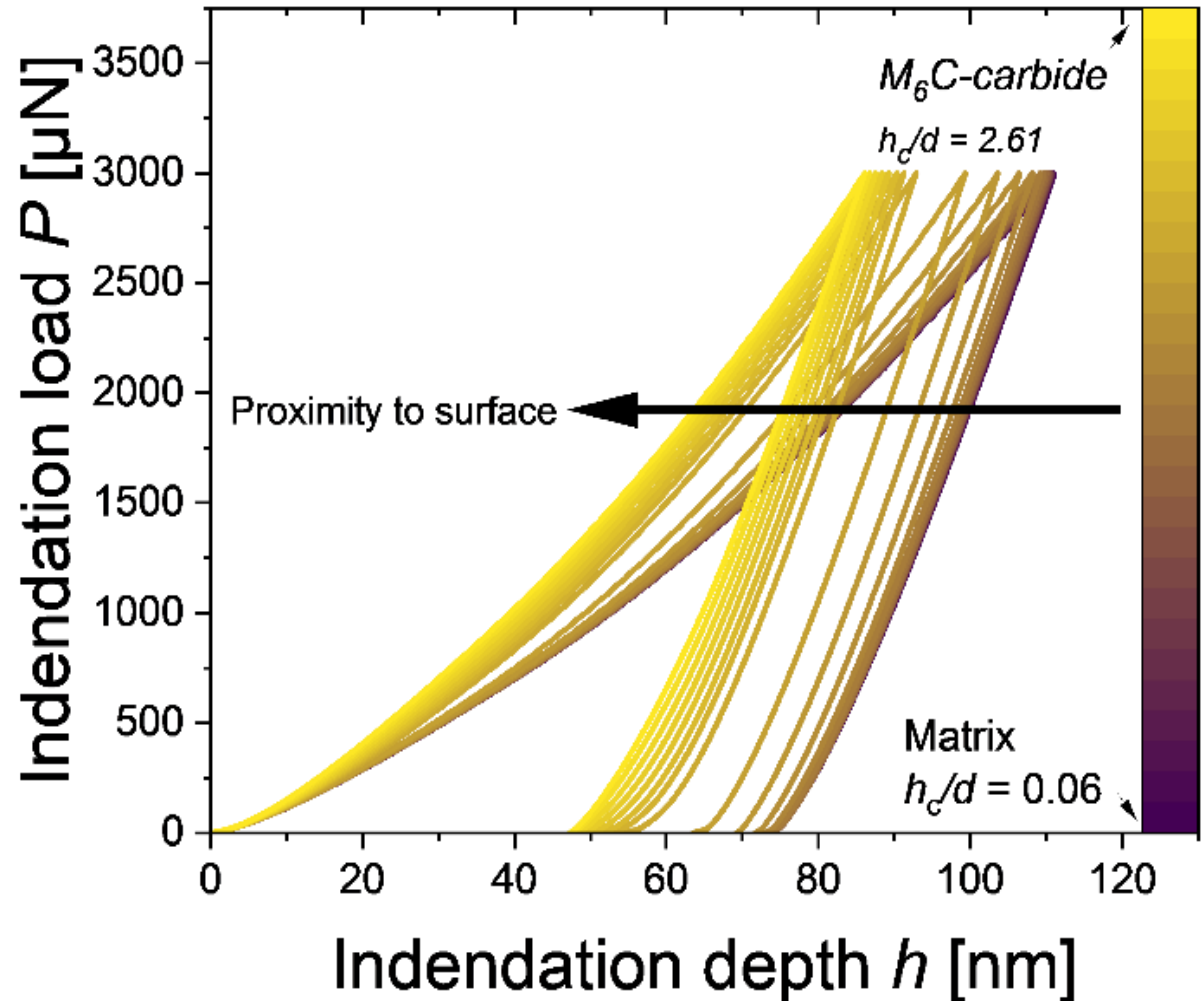
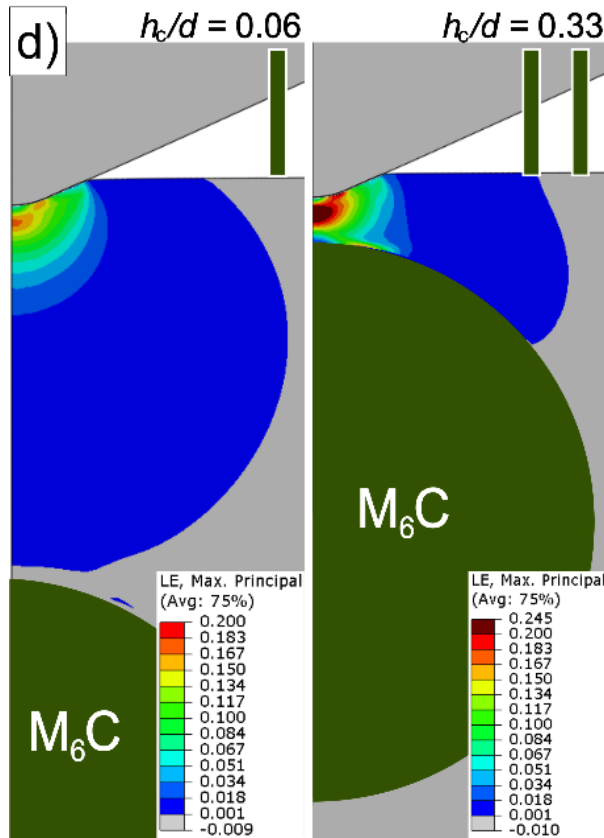


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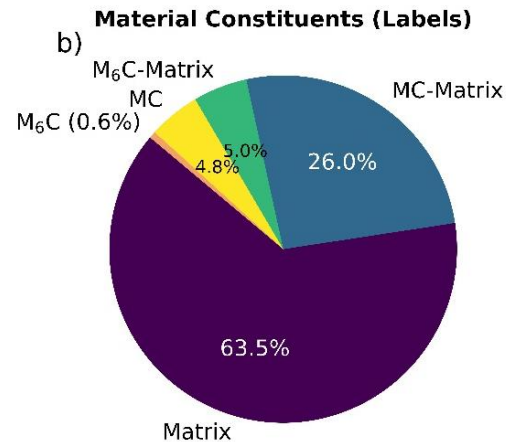
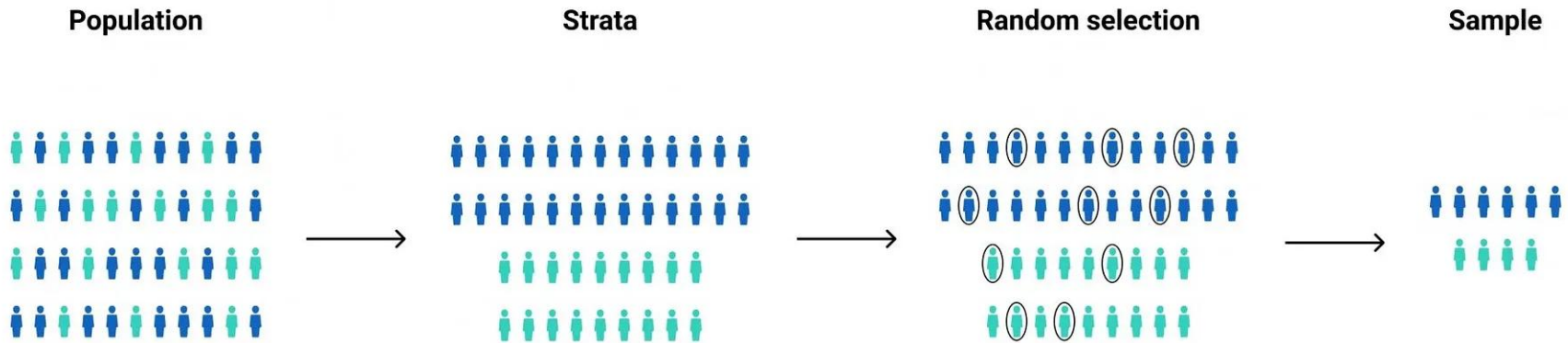
Kernel Density Estimation

Why Mixed Classes?



Model Selection & Hyperparameter Tuning

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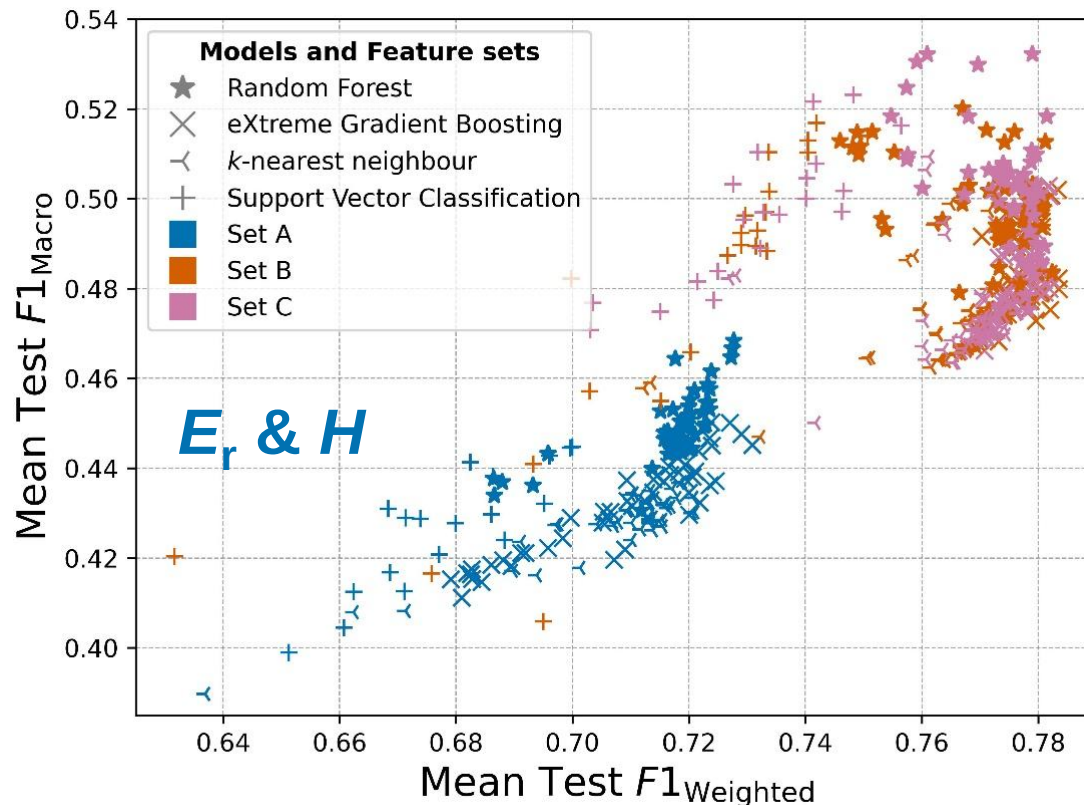


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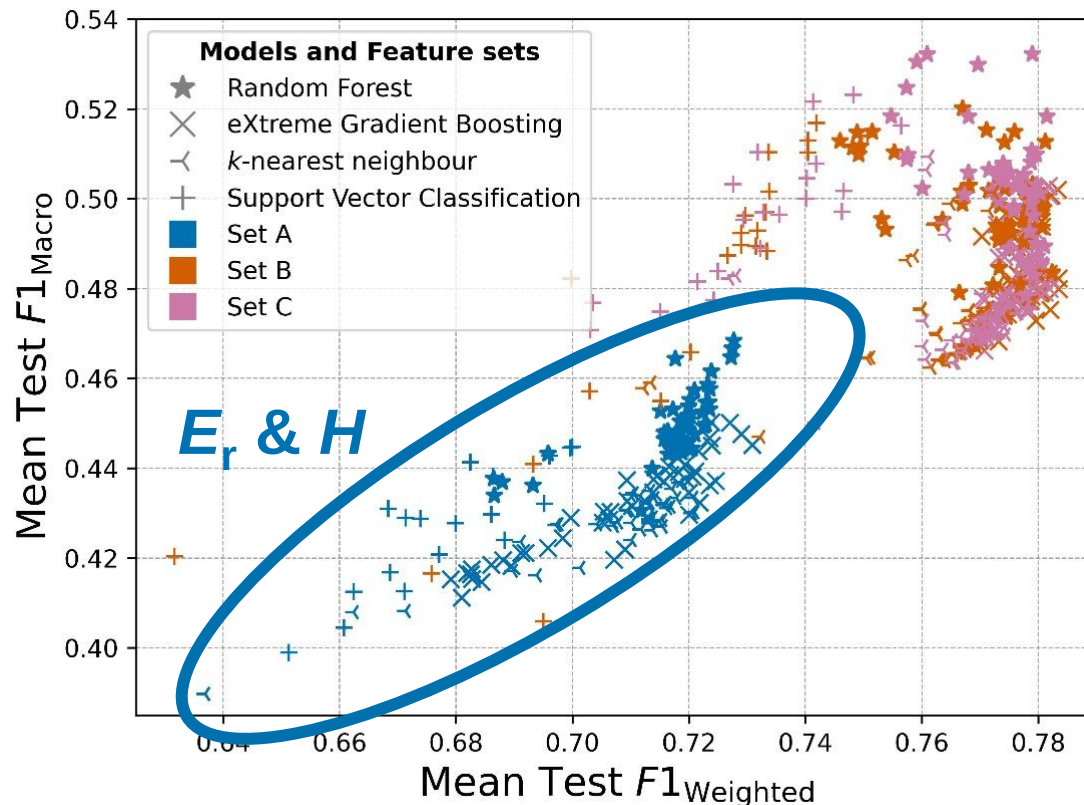


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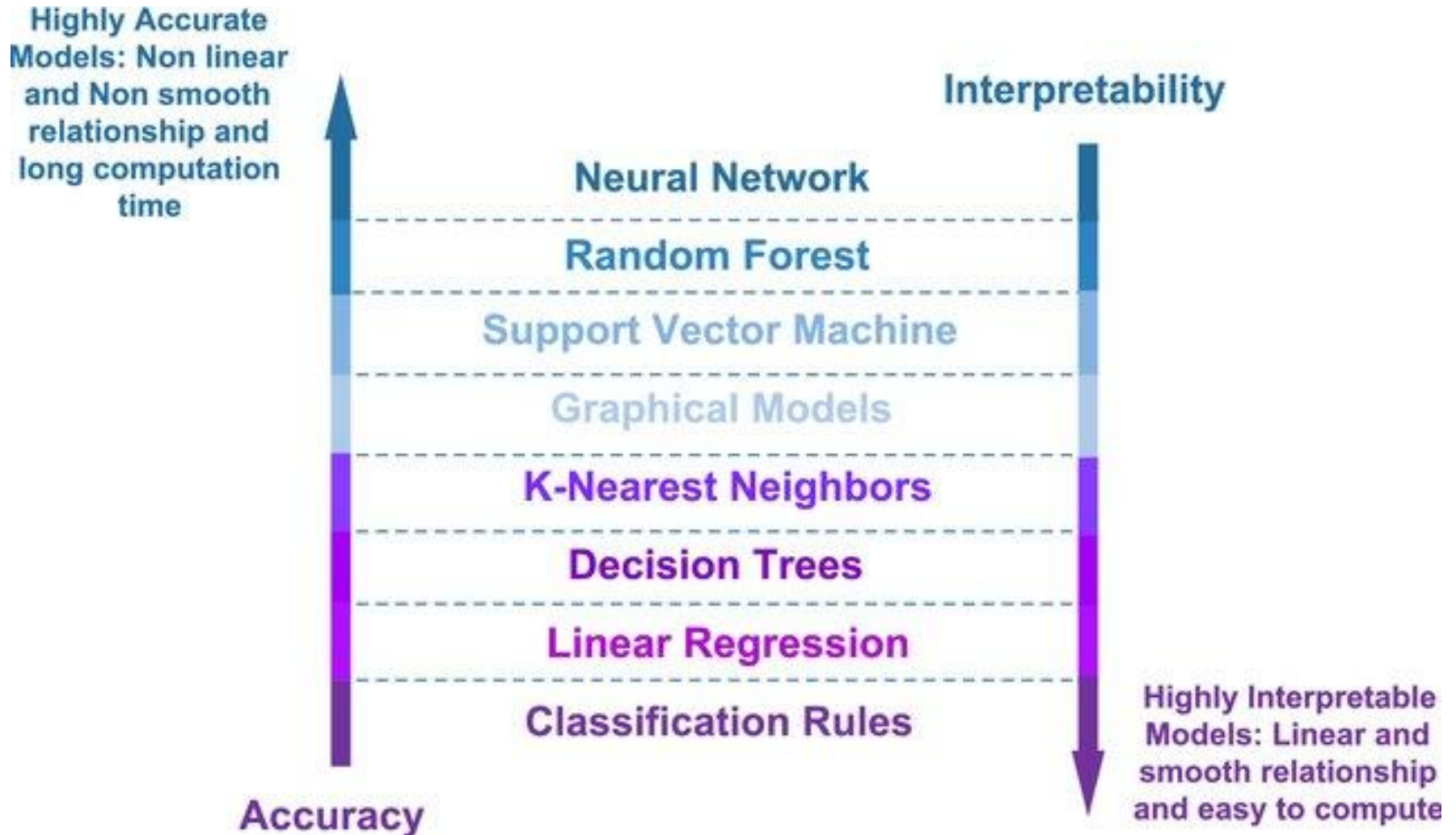
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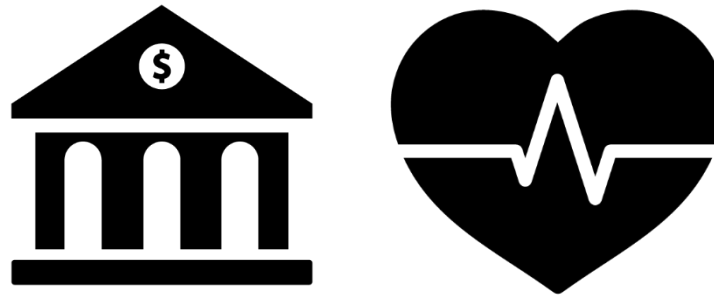


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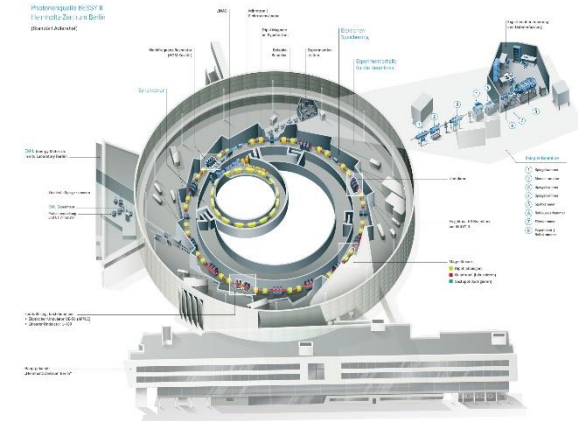
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Shapley Values



Work together in different sets at Beam time.

- Different experimental experience
- Different amount of samples in different combinations
- Every sample pays same amount of money → 5€

Fair way to split money per sample if we work together?

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Possible Sets								
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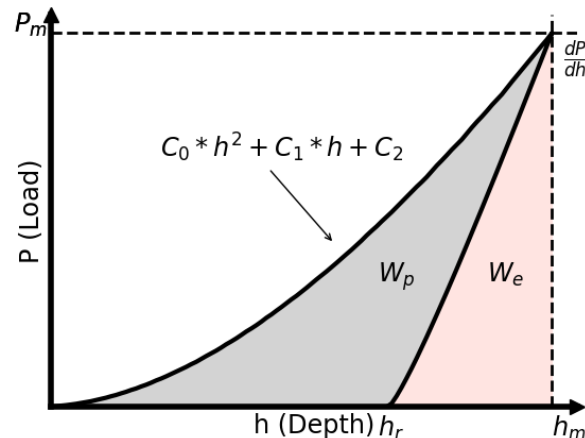
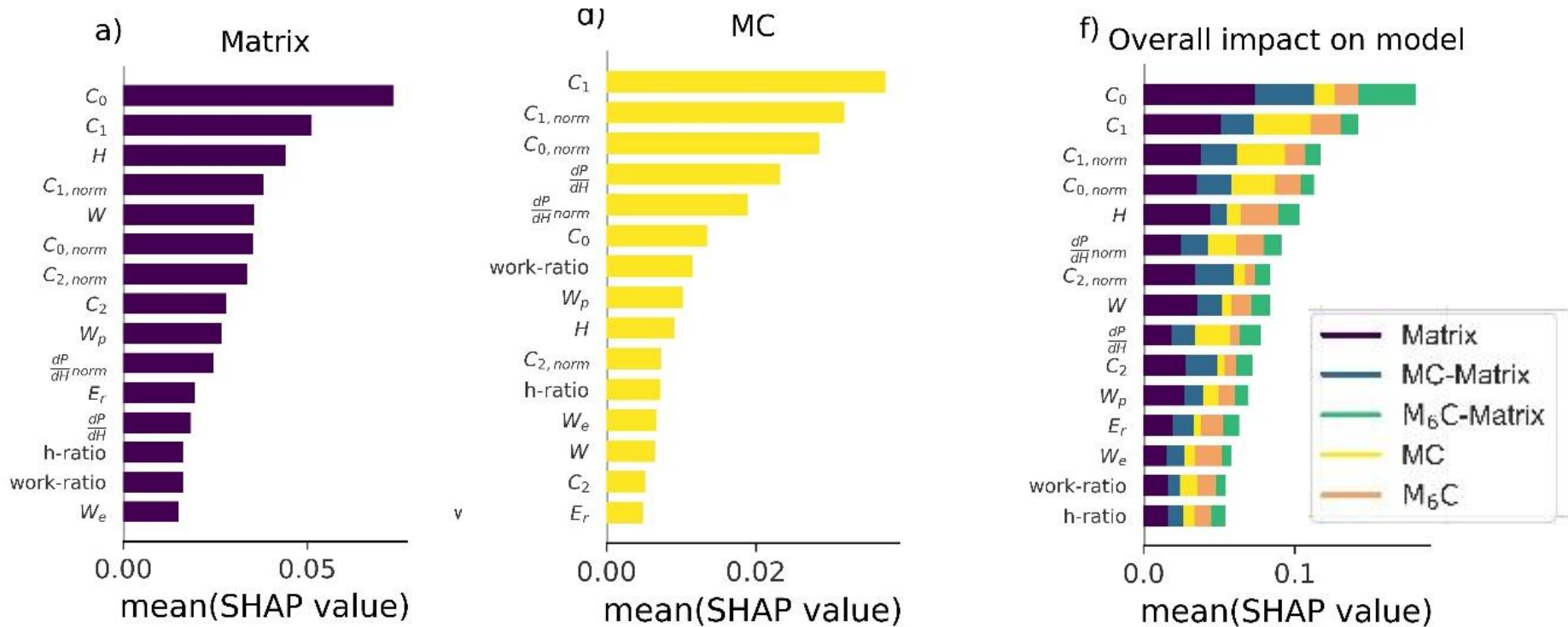
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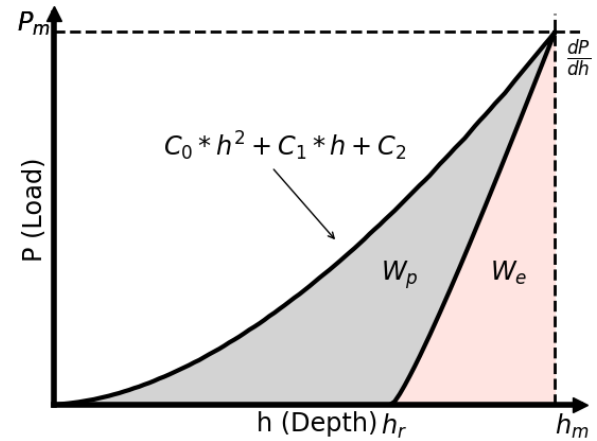
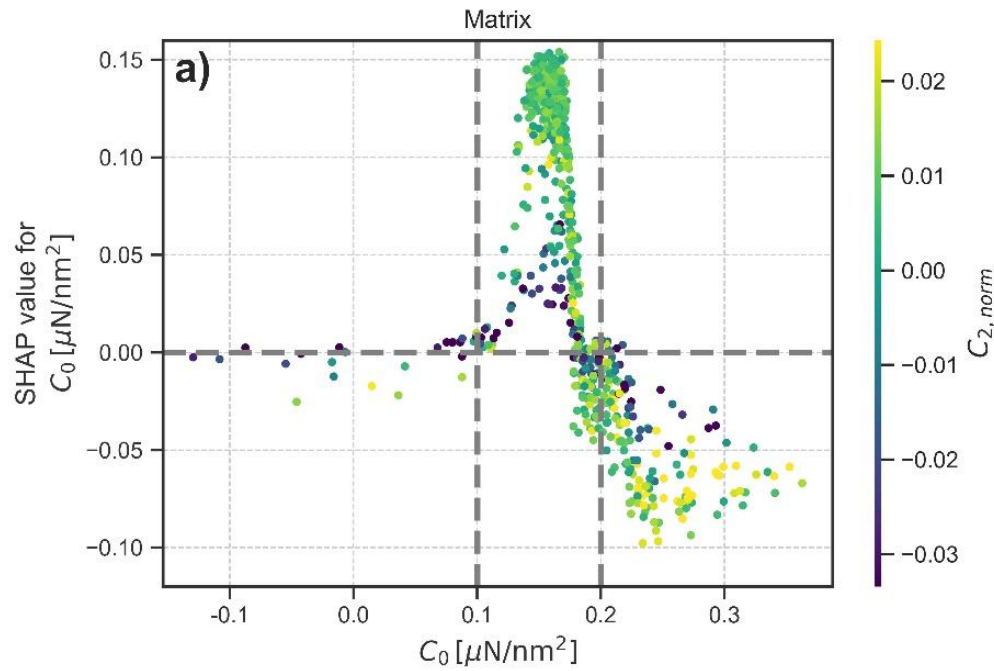
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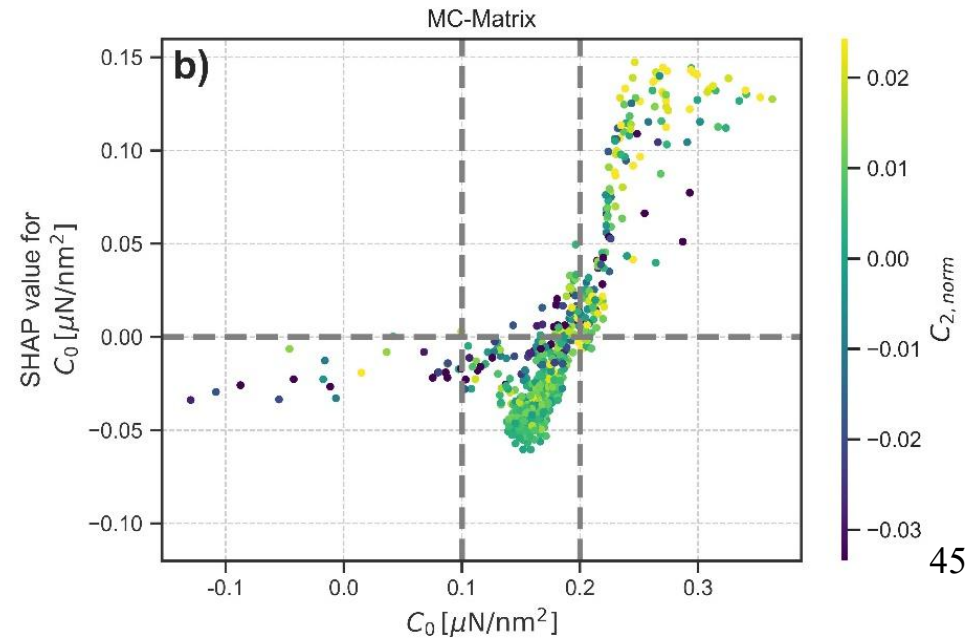
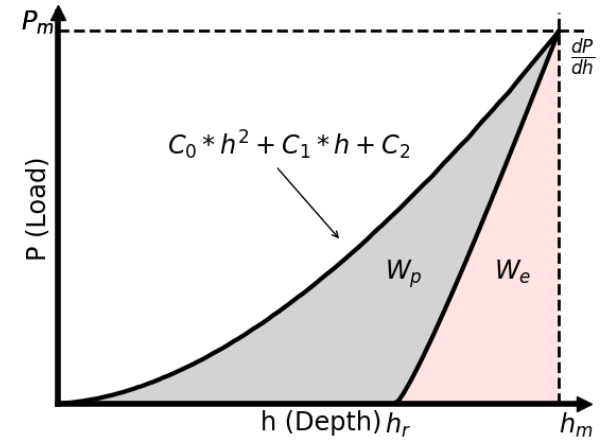
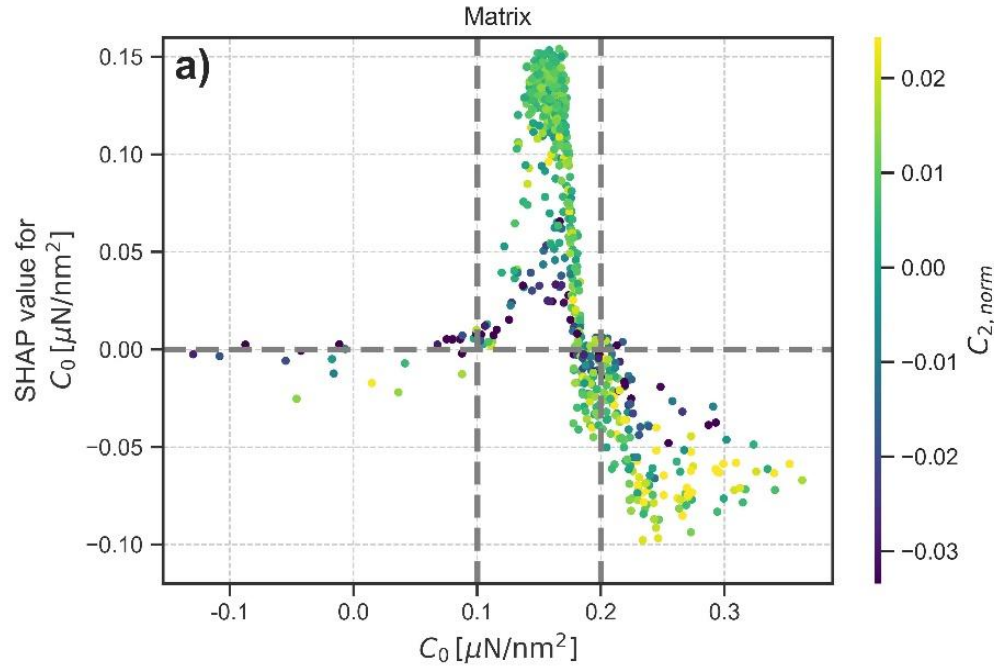
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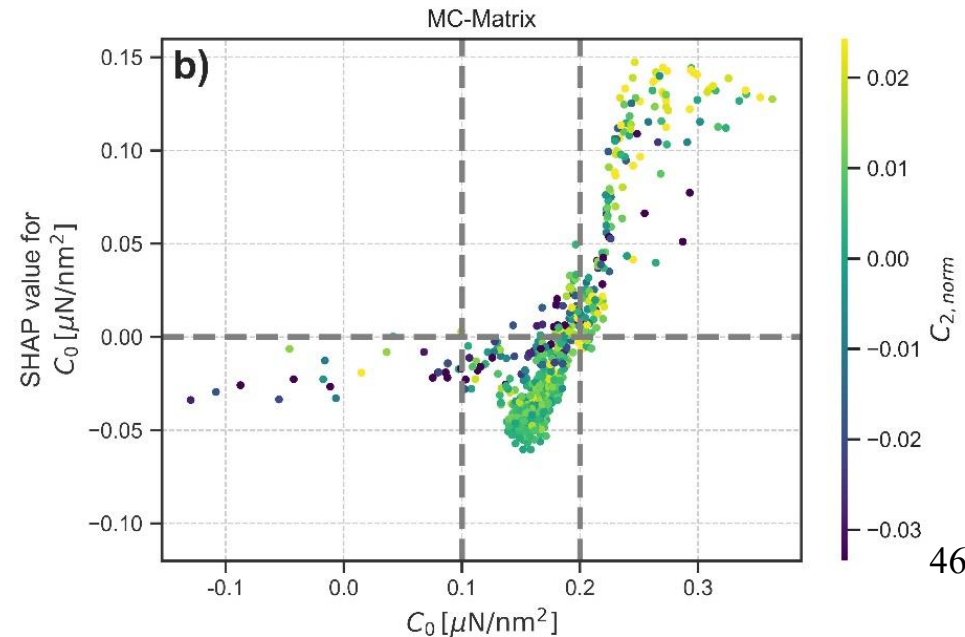
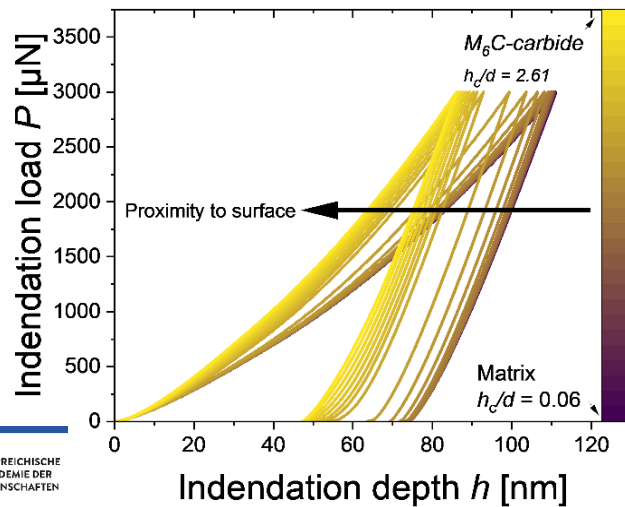
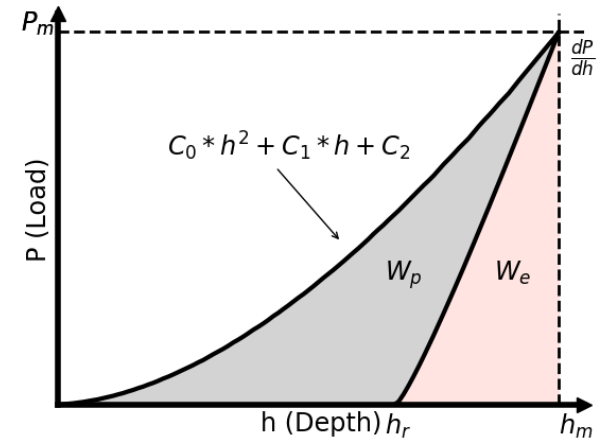
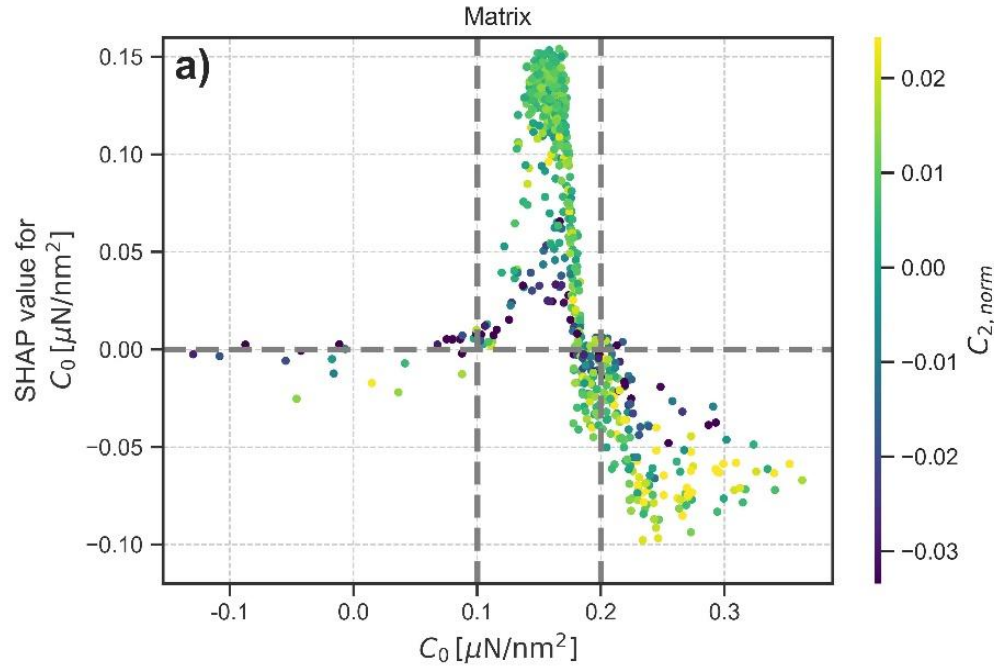
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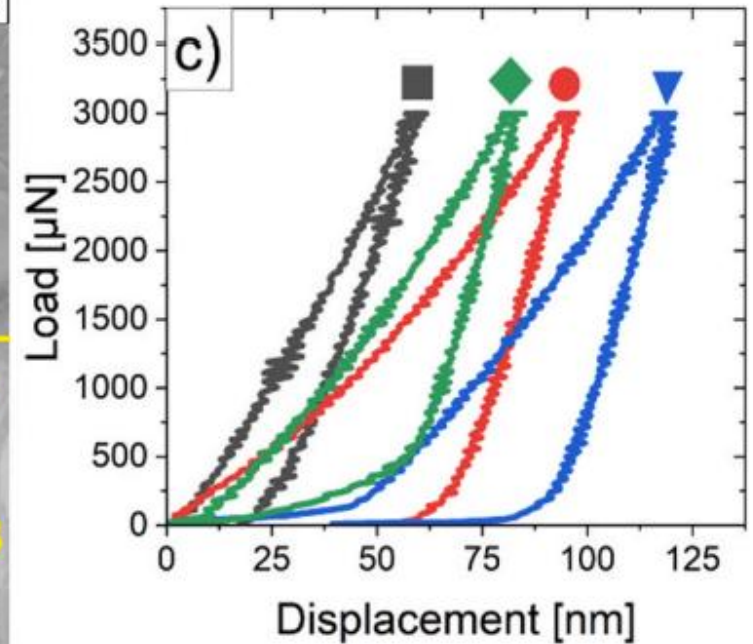
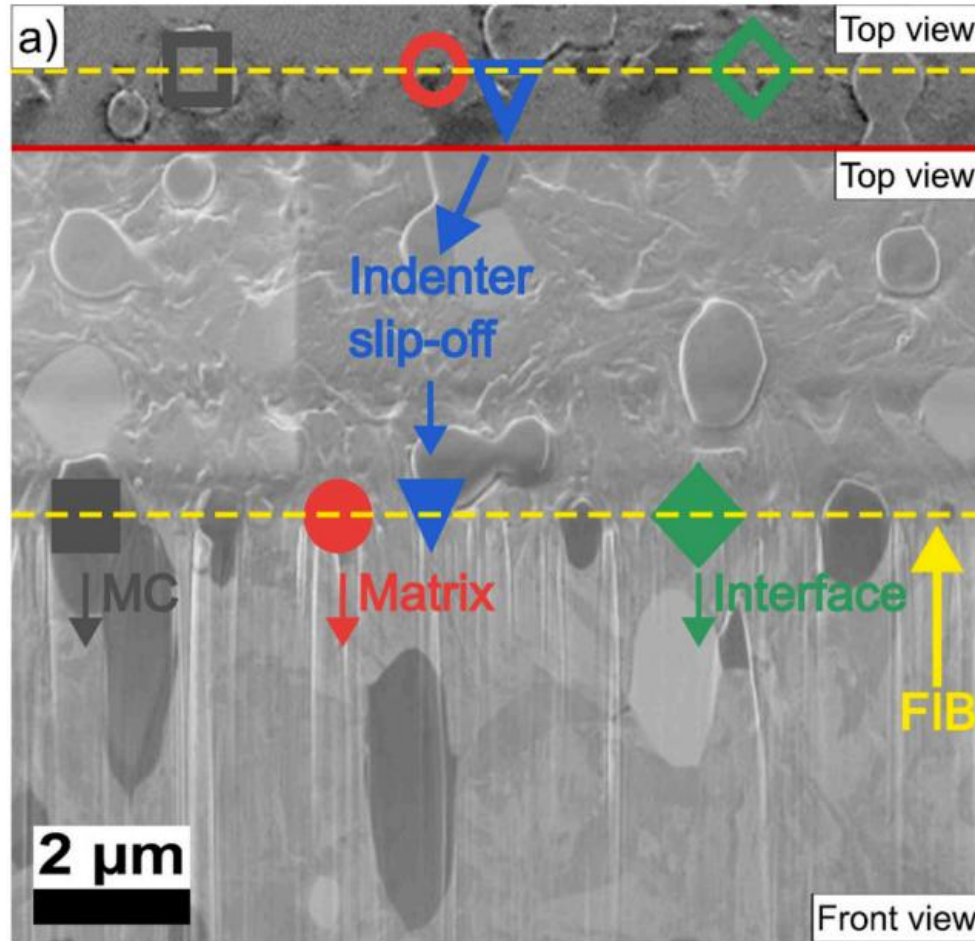
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a)

b)

15kV

X55

200µm

12 42 SEI

500 nm

r=170 nm

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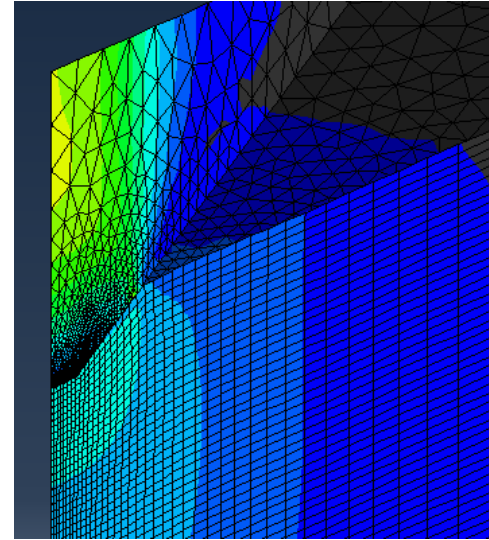
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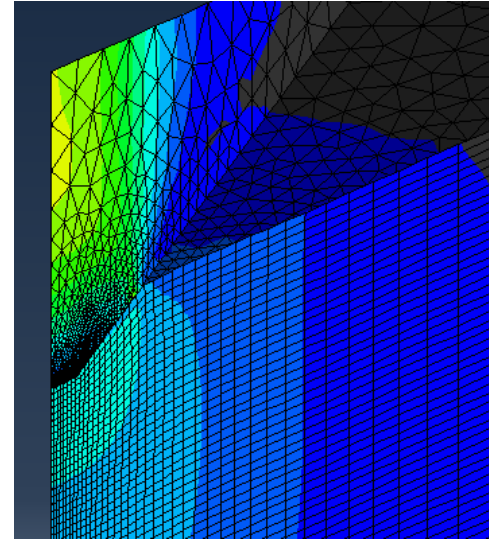
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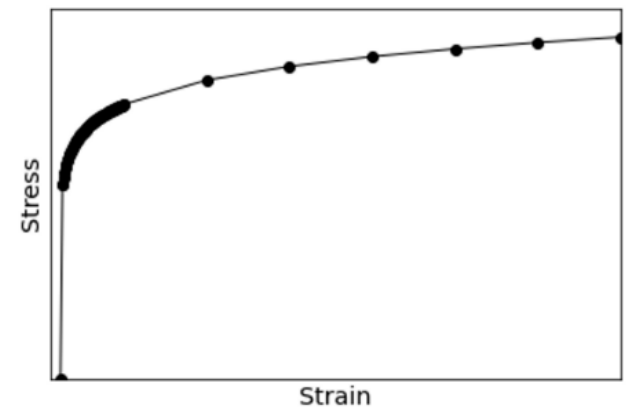
Similar Materials space as in Dao et al.

Avoiding the realm of Mystical Materials

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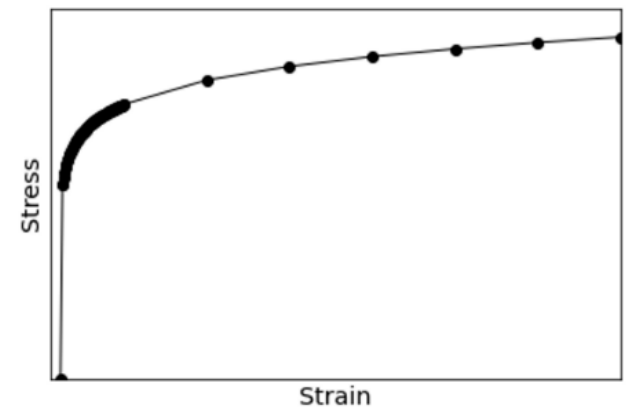
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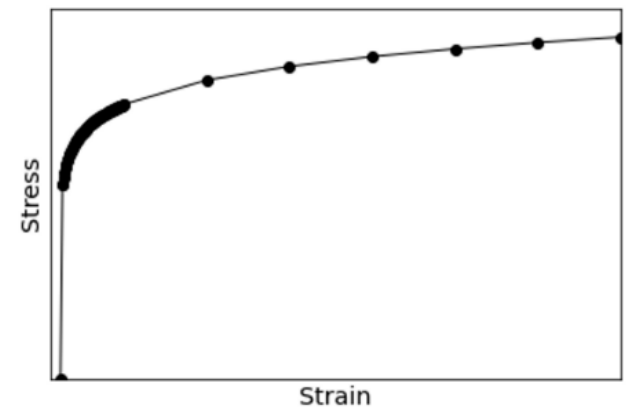
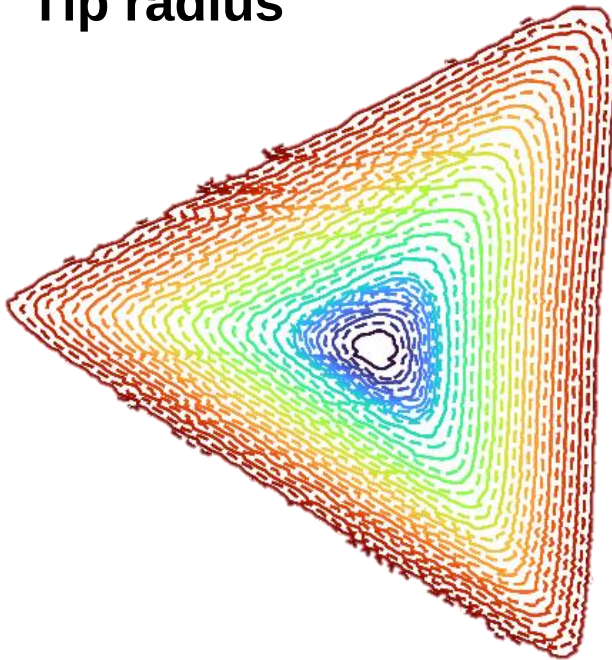
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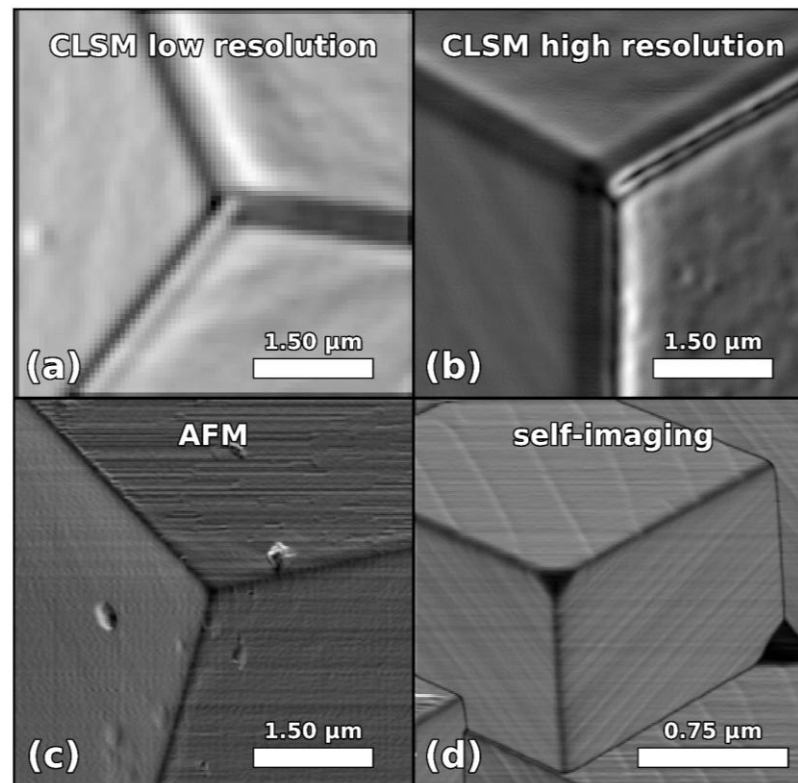
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Characterising tip

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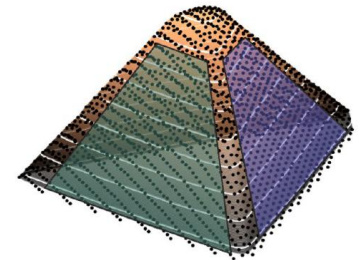
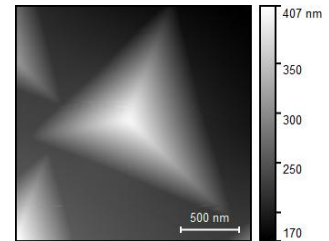
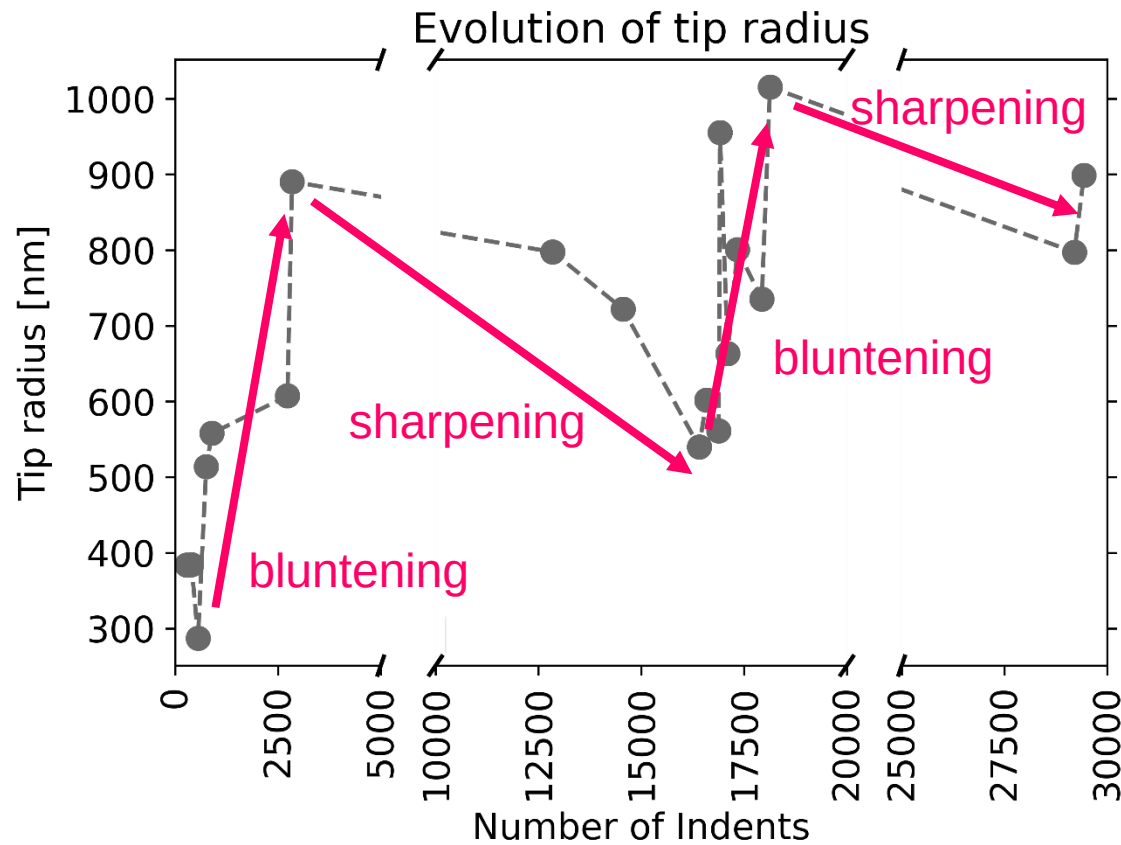


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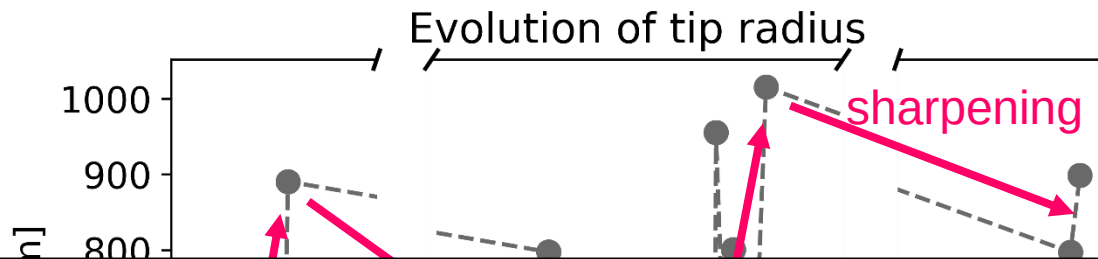
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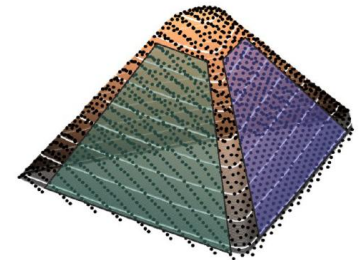
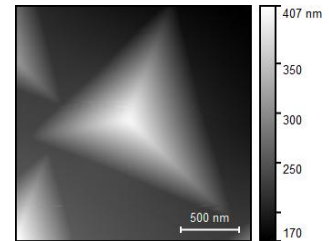
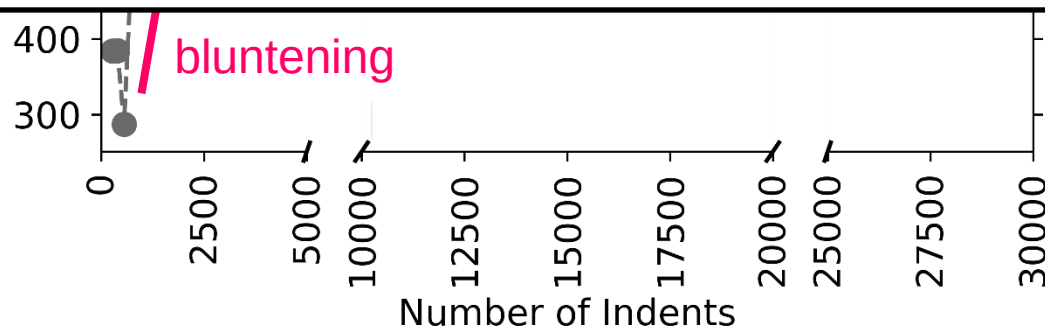
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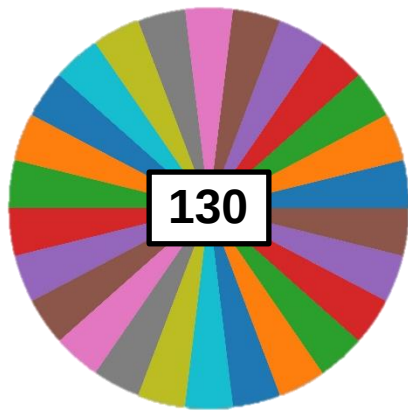
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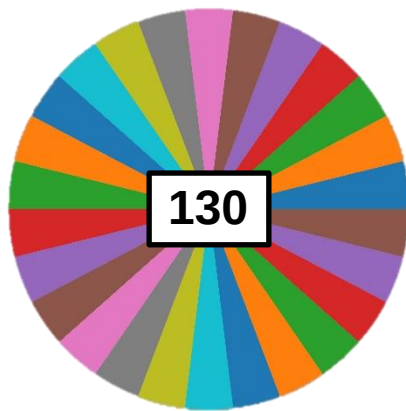
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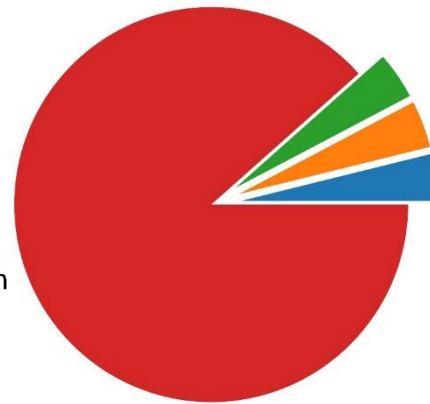
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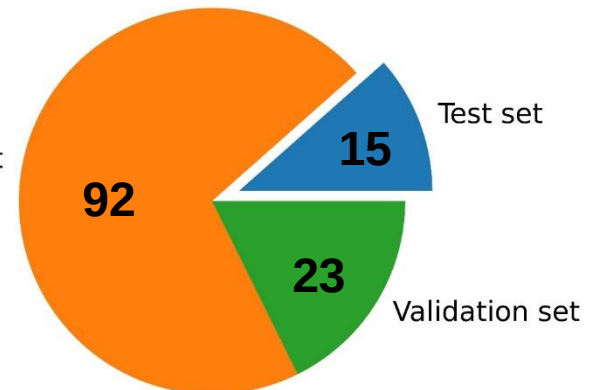
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15 curves test set – 5
same material & tip
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Training set



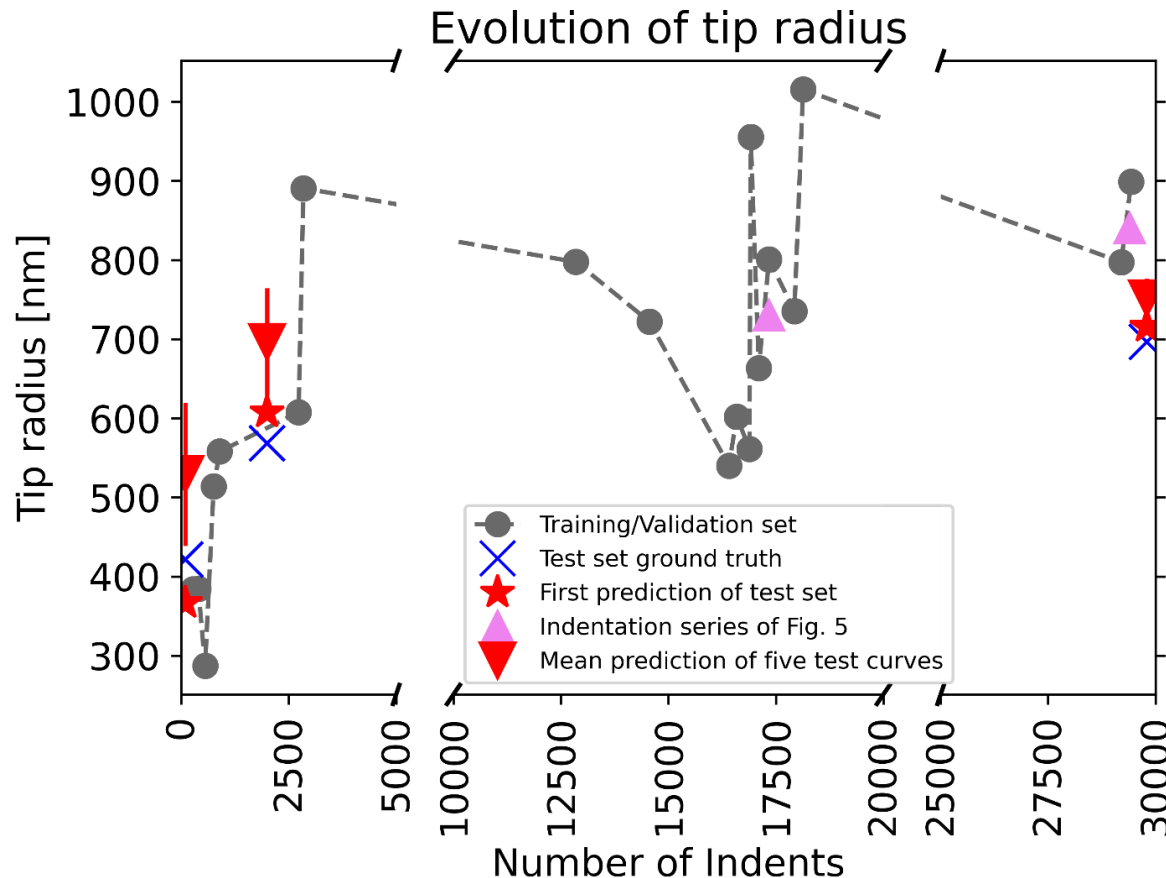
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Scrambled
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Results

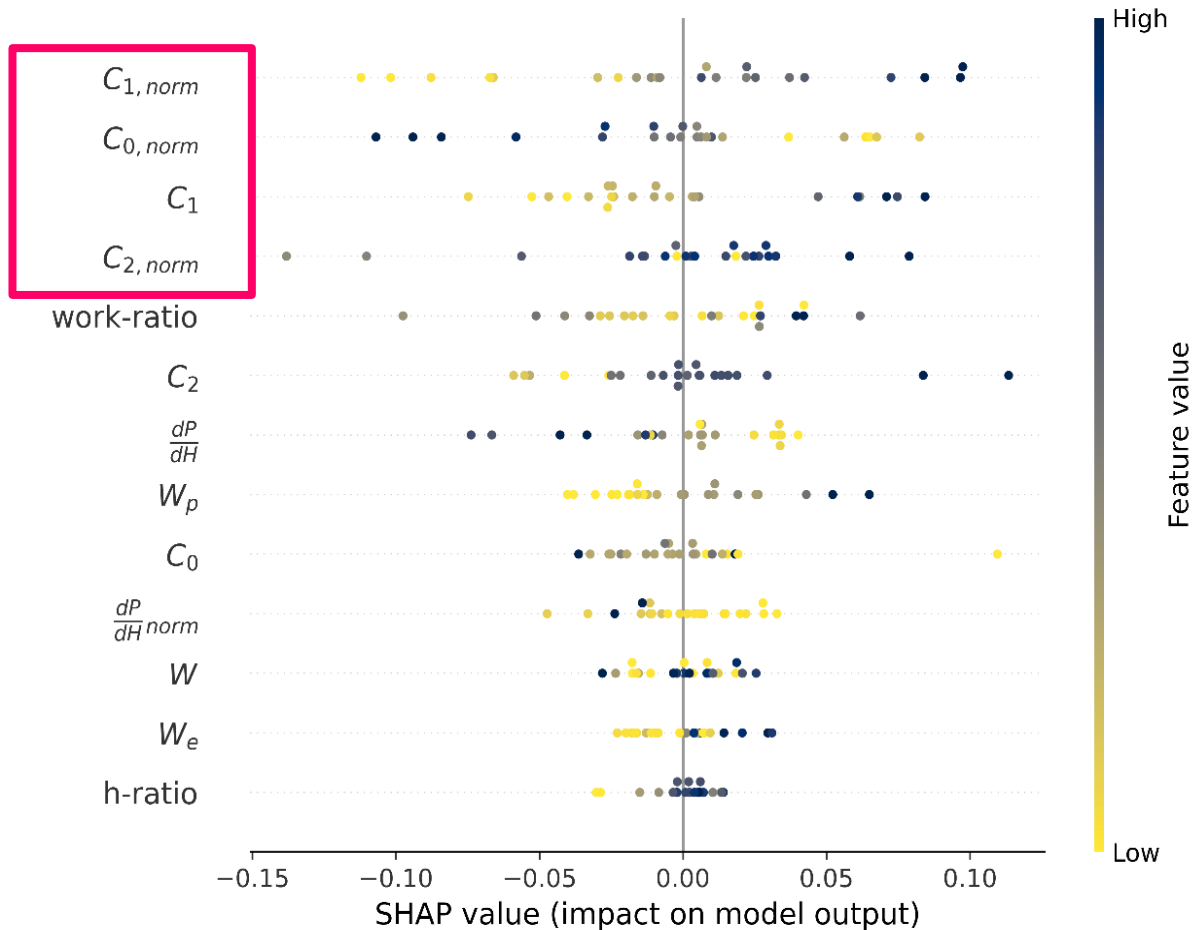
- Compare the experimental tip radii with ML



MAPE on 5-fold
cross validation
 12.4 ± 3.8 MAPE

MAPE on test set
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Interpretation - Results



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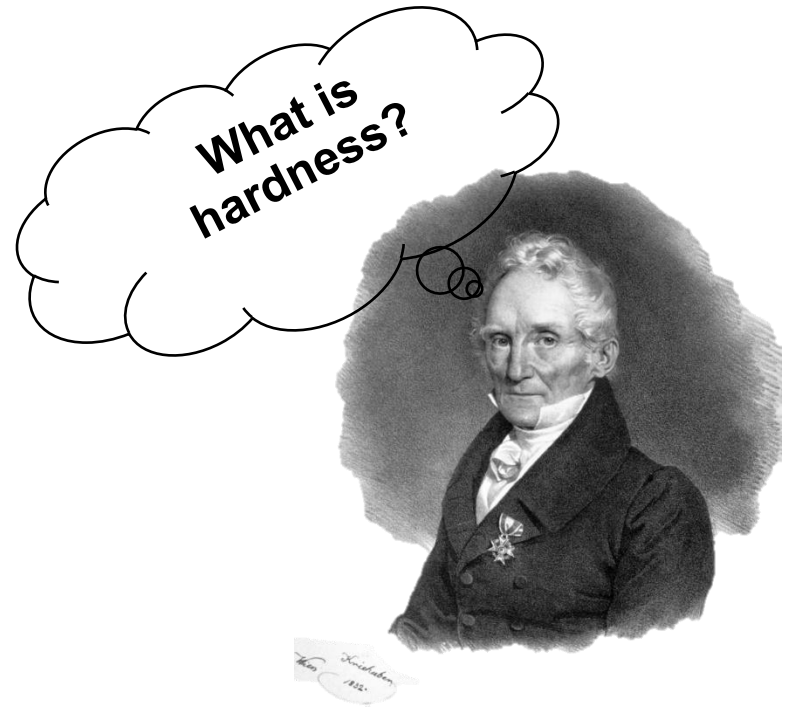
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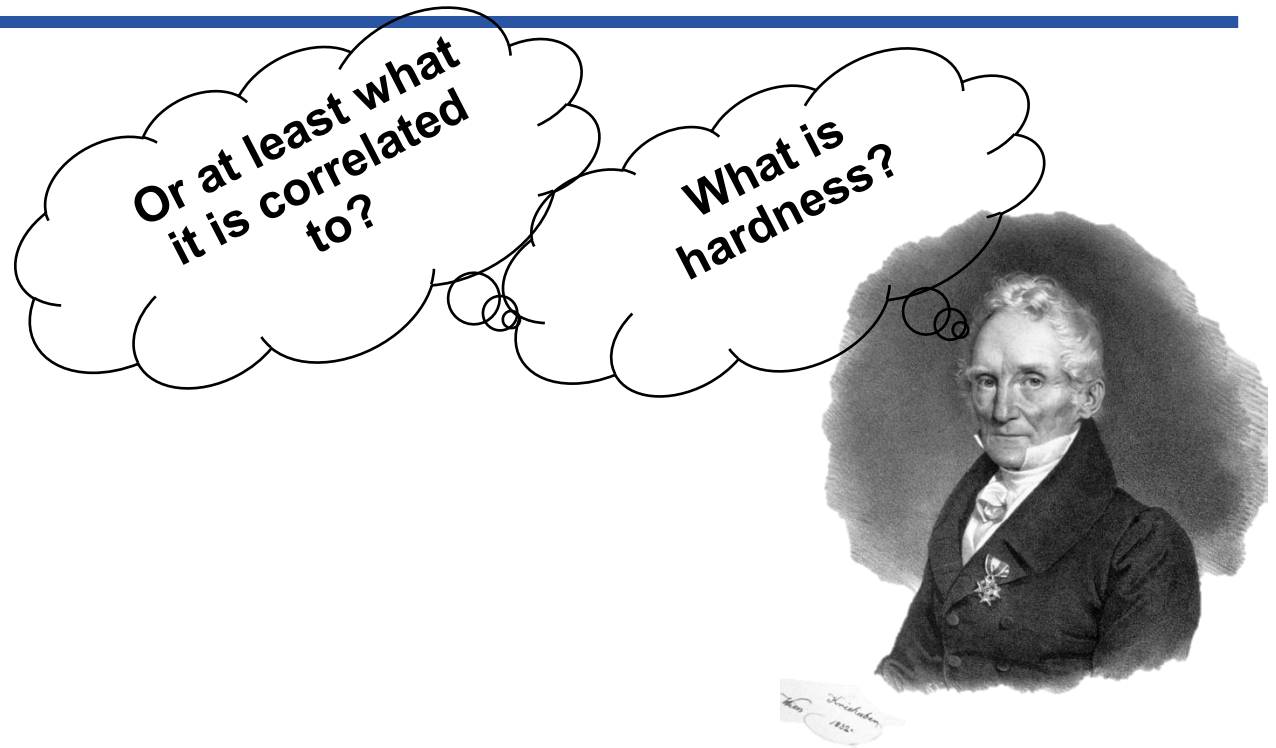
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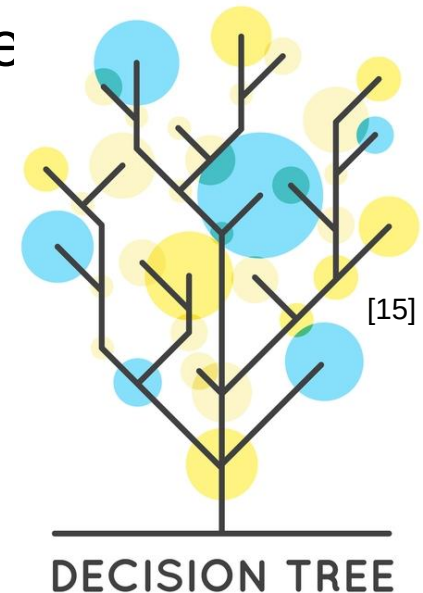
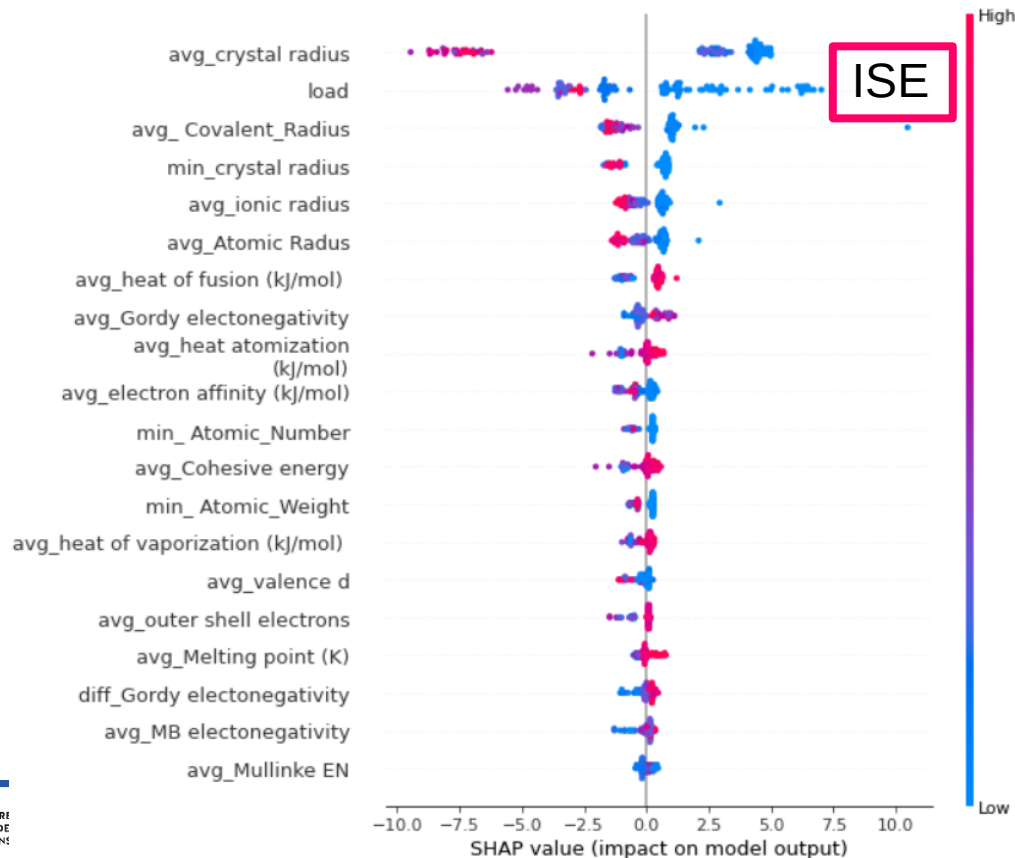
Combined datasets,
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141 features → 35 compositional
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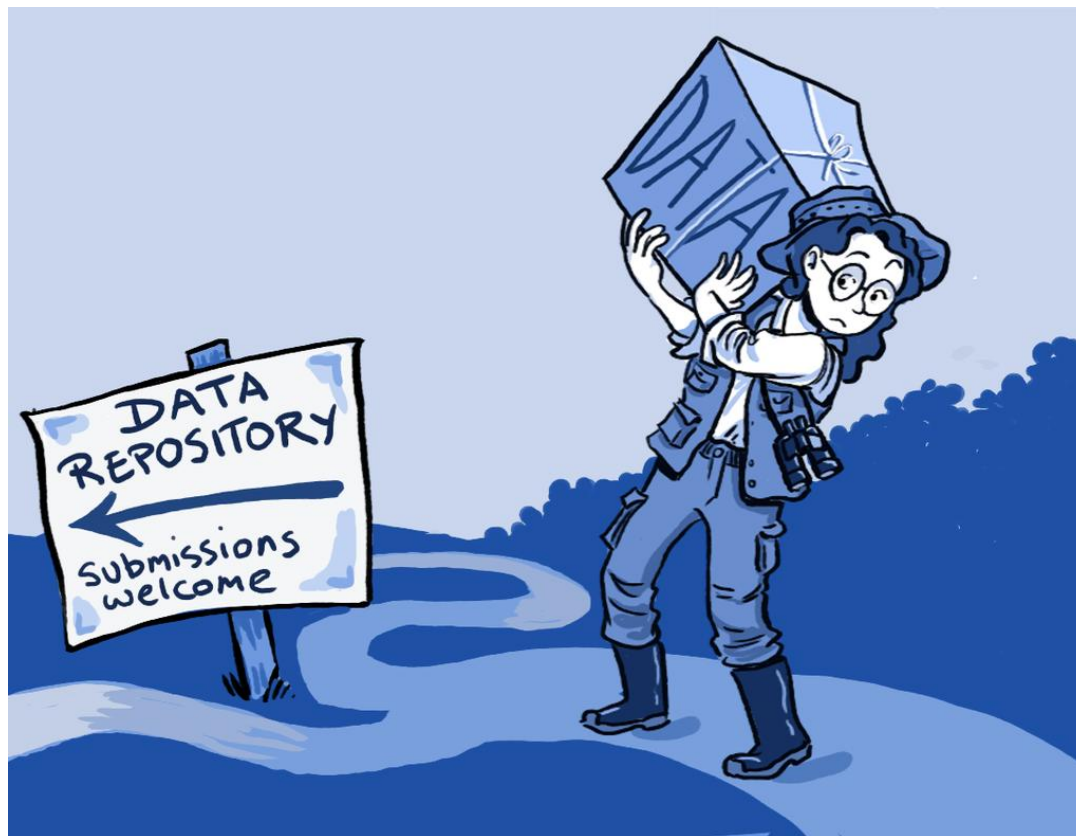
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