# Artificial Neural Networks in Materials Science

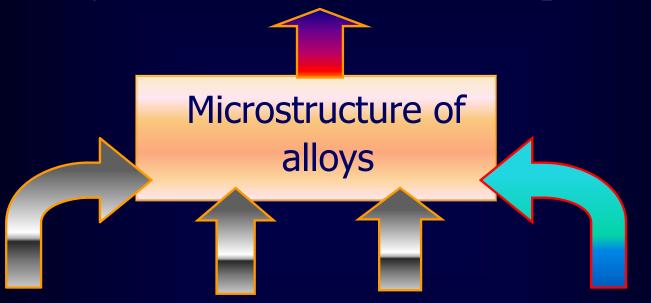
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#### Complex Materials System

Physical and Mechanical Properties



Mechanical Alloy contents: Treatment C, Si, Mn, S, P, Ni, Cr, Mo...

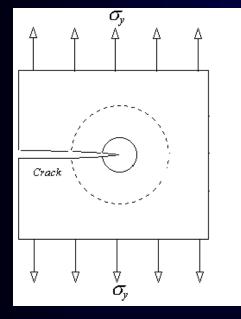
Solidification conditions

Heat treatment



# Charpy





Critical stress intensity



Corrosion



Fatigue Tensile





#### **Axioms**

- All properties can be measured.
- Measurements can be used in safe design.
- Measurements can be used in control.

#### Conclusions

- There are useful ways of expressing properties
- Limited models relating properties to independent variables
- No method for predicting properties in general



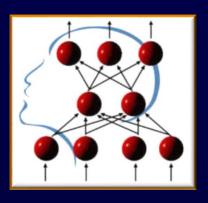
# Pickering linear equations (1978)

$$\sigma_{\rm Y} = 53.9 + 32.3 \rm{W_{Mn}} + 83.2 \rm{W_{si}} + 354.2 \rm{(W_{Nf})}^{0.5} + 17.4 \rm{(d_{\alpha})}^{-0.5}$$

$$\sigma_{\rm U} = 294.1 + 27.7 W_{\rm Mn} + 83.2 W_{\rm si} + 3.85 (\% pearlite) + 7.7 (d_a)^{-0.5}$$

 $\sigma_{\rm Y}$  is predicted yield strength in MPa and  $\sigma_{\rm U}$  is predicted ultimate tensile strength in MPa, WMn, WSi and WNf are the contents of manganese, silicon and free nitrogen in weight percent respectively, and d $\alpha$  is the ferrite grain size in millimeters.

# Contents Artificial Neural Networks (ANN)



- What
- Why
- When

- How
- Where

**ANN Model Demonstration** 

#### Materials Science Problems

- Grain refinement in Al-7Si alloy  $(3 \rightarrow 1)$
- Phase volume fraction in Ti 6Al 4V alloy  $(6 \rightarrow 2)$
- Mechanical Properties in Steels  $(10 \rightarrow 5)$
- Estimation of Nano fiber diameter

#### Objectives

- To investigate the suitability of neural networks to complex Materials Systems.
- To predict properties/microstructure at new instances.
- To examine the Effect of Individual Elements on output parameters keeping other elements unaltered.
- To validate the model predictions with experiments

# A Brief history

- Early stages
  - 1943 McCulloch-Pitts: Neuron as computing element
  - 1949 Hebb: Learning rule
  - 1958 Rosenblatt: Perceptron
  - 1960 Widrow-Hoff: Least mean square algorithm
- Recession
  - 1969 Minsky-Papert: Limitations perceptron model
- Revival
  - 1982 Hopfield: Recurrent network model
  - 1982 Kohonen: Self-organizing maps
  - 1986 Rumelhart et. al.: Backpropagation



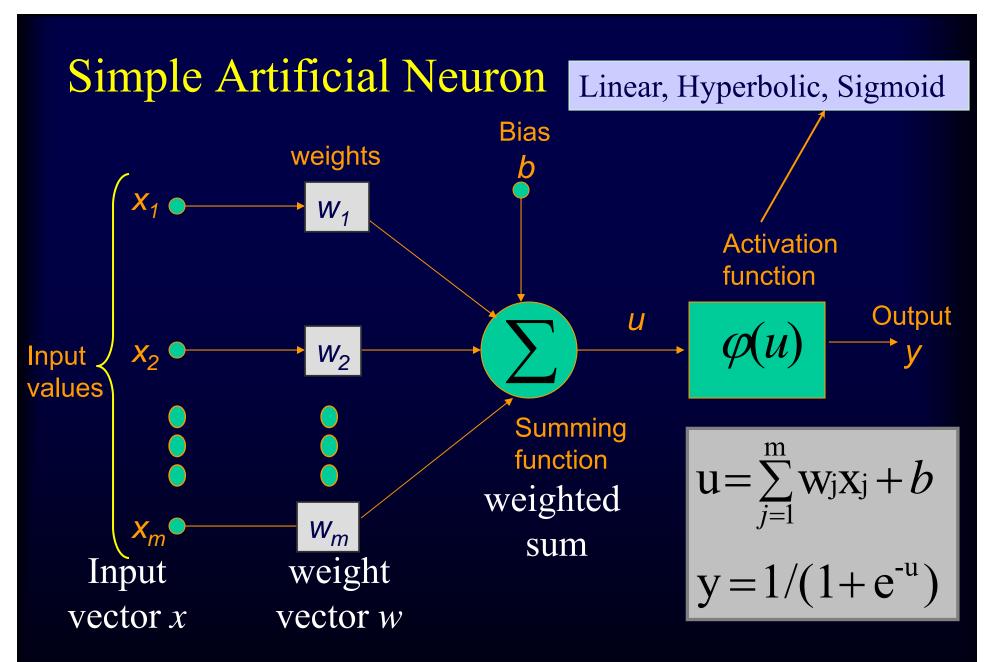
#### Where are ANN used?

- Recognizing and matching complicated, vague, or incomplete patterns
- Data is unreliable
- Problems with noisy data
  - Prediction
  - Classification
  - Data association
  - Data conceptualization
  - Filtering
  - Planning
  - \_ \*\*\*\* ..

#### Neural Networks: Lessons from human brain

Artificial Neural networks (ANN) are modeling system, which mimics the human brain.

- Knowledge is acquired by the process of learning
- Storing the knowledge (like brain).
- Generalizations capability of the situation based on the acquired Knowledge



The n-dimensional input vector x is mapped into variable y by means of the scalar product and a nonlinear function mapping



#### Feed Forward Neural Networks (FFNN)

- Neurons are arranged in layers.
- Each unit is linked only in the unit in next layer, no units are linked between the same layer, back to the previous layer or skipping a layer.

Computations can proceed uniformly from input to output units.

#### **Parameters**

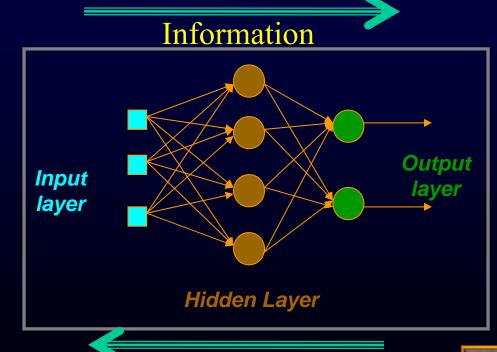
Learning Rate

Momentum Term

Hidden Layers

Hidden Neurons

Iterations



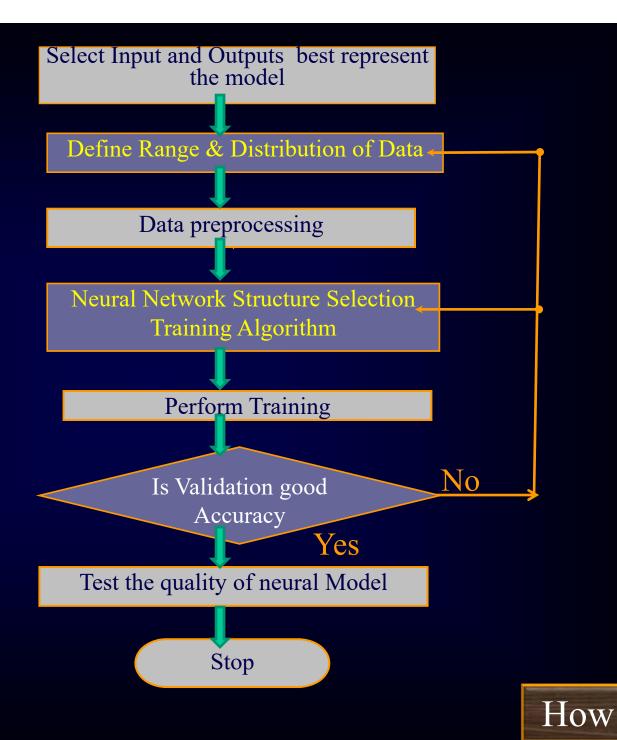
**Error Propagation** 

What

# ANN Model Flowchart

$$MSE = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=1}^{p} [y_j^d - y_j^o]^2$$

 $y^d$  is the desired response,  $y^o$  is the output response from the ANN, and p is the of patterns presented



#### How does a neural network learn?

- A neural network learns by determining the relation between the inputs and outputs.
- By calculating the relative importance of the inputs and outputs the system can determine such relationships.
- Through trial and error the system compares its results with the expert provided results in the data until it has reached an accuracy level defined by the user.
  - With each trial the weight assigned to the inputs is changed until the desired results are reached.

# Back propagation

- Desired output of the training examples
- Error = difference between actual & desired output
- Change weight relative to error size
- Calculate output layer error, then propagate back to previous layer
- Improved performance, very common!

#### Back Propagation Network

#### **Algorithm**

Step 1 : Initialize weights and offsets

Step 2 : Present Input and Desired Outputs

Step 3 : Calculate Actual Outputs

Step 4 : Adapt Weights

Step 5: Repeat by going to Step 2, Until Convergence

Training Phase & Testing Phase

- In the BPN, learning is performed as follows:
- 1. Randomly select a vector pair  $(\mathbf{x}_p, \mathbf{y}_p)$  from the training set and call it  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ .
- 2. Use x as input to the BPN and successively compute the outputs of all neurons in the network (bottom-up) until you get the network output o.
- 3. Compute the error  $\delta^{o}_{pk}$ , for the pattern p across all K output layer units by using the formula:

$$\delta_{pk}^o = (y_k - o_k) f'(net_k^o)$$

4. Compute the error  $\delta^h_{pj}$ , for all J hidden layer units by using the formula:

$$\delta_{pj}^{h} = f'(net_k^h) \sum_{k=1}^{K} \delta_{pk}^{o} w_{kj}$$

5. Update the connection-weight values to the hidden layer by using the following equation:

$$w_{ji}(t+1) = w_{ji}(t) + \eta \delta_{pj}^h x_i$$

6. Update the connection-weight values to the output layer by using the following equation:

$$W_{kj}(t+1) = W_{kj}(t) + \eta \delta_{pk}^{o} f(net_j^h)$$

Repeat steps 1 to 6 for all vector pairs in the training set; this is called a training **epoch**.

Run as many epochs as required to reduce the network error E to fall below a **threshold**  $\varepsilon$ :

$$E = \sum_{p=1}^{P} \sum_{k=1}^{K} (\delta_{pk}^{o})^{2}$$

The only thing that we need to know before we can start our network is the **derivative** of our sigmoid function, for example, f'(net<sub>k</sub>) for the output neurons:

$$f(\text{net}_k) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\text{net}_k}}$$

$$f'(\text{net}_k) = \frac{\partial f(\text{net}_k)}{\partial \text{net}_k} = o_k(1 - o_k)$$

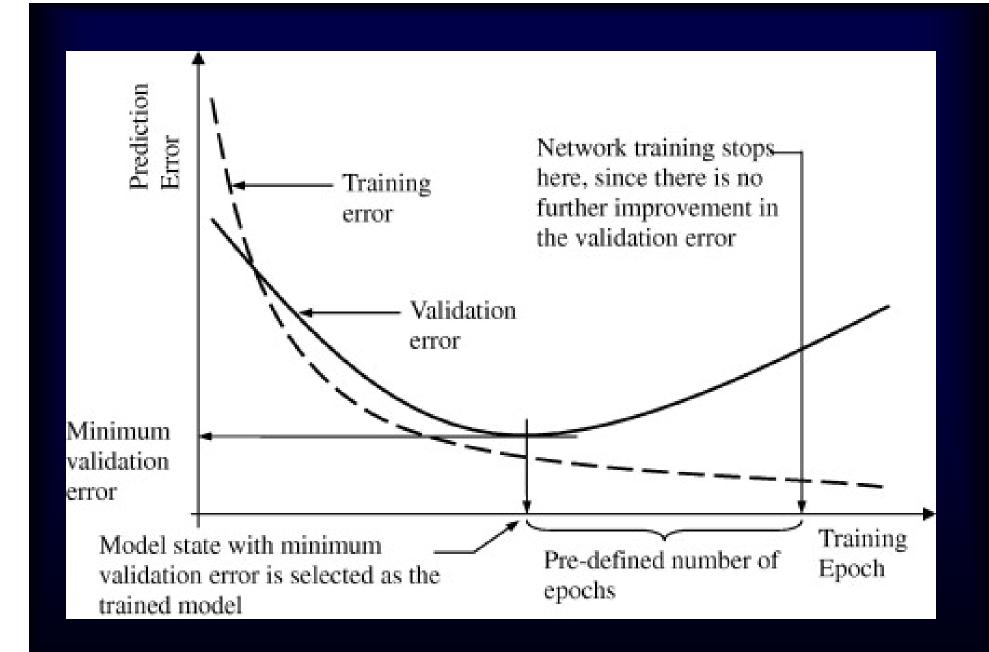
- •Now our BPN is ready to go!
- •If we choose the type and number of neurons in our network appropriately, after training the network should show the following behavior:
- If we input any of the training vectors, the network should yield the expected output vector (with some margin of error).
- If we input a vector that the network has never "seen" before, it should be able to generalize and yield a plausible output vector based on its knowledge about similar input vectors.

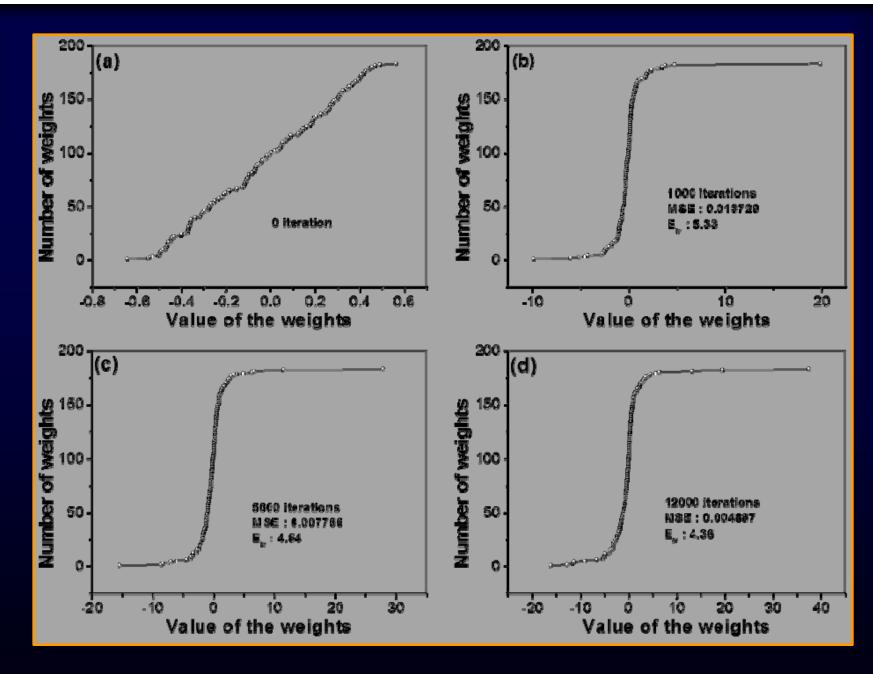
#### Criteria for model selection

$$RMSE = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{p} \sum_{i} (T_{ip} - O_{ip})^{2}$$

$$E_{\text{tr}}(y) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} |(T_i(y) - O_i(y))|$$

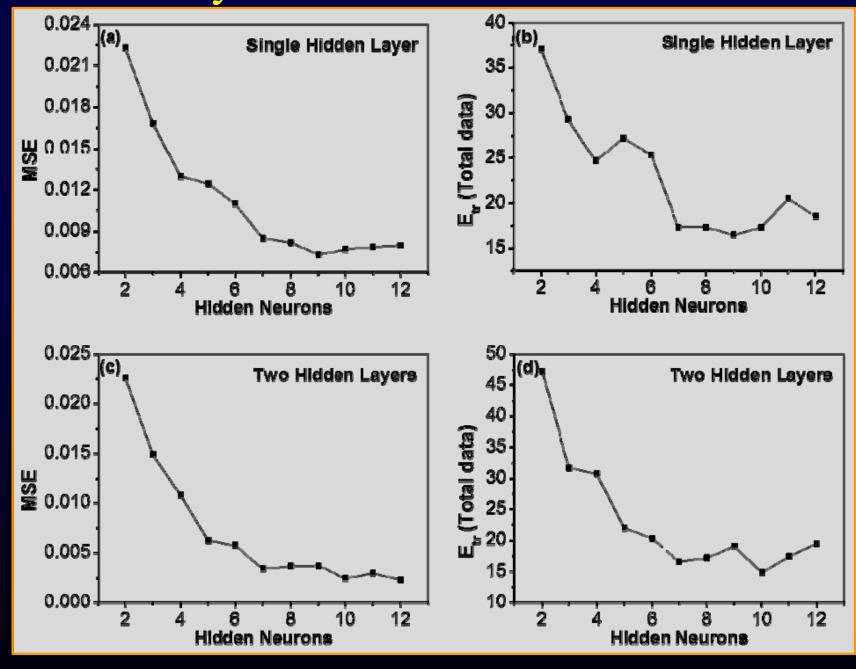
where Etr(y) = average error in prediction of training and testing data set for output parameter y, N = number of data sets, Ti(y) = targeted output, Oi(y) = output calculated.



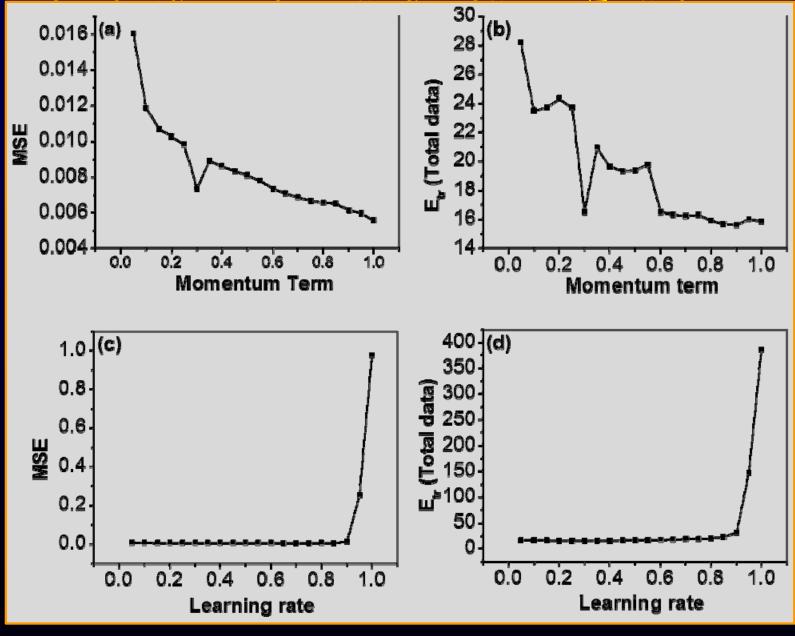


Variation of weights with varying iterations

#### Hidden layers



#### Momentum Term and Learning rate

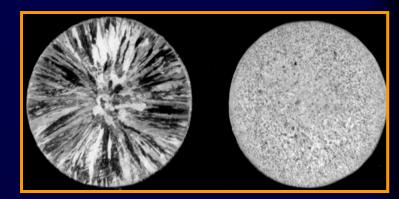


# MHAT ANN CAN DO?

Demonstration of Neural Network Model

# Example.1: Grain Refinement of Al-7Si Alloy

- □ Importance of Al-Si alloys
- □ Need of grain refinement



□ How to achieve grain refinement

#### Master alloys for Grain refinement of Al –7Si alloy

Binary Master Alloys

- A1 3B
- A1 3Ti

Ternary Master Alloys

- $\bullet$ Al 1Ti 3B
- $\bullet$ Al 3Ti 1B
- $\cdot$ Al 3Ti 3B
- $\bullet$ Al 3Ti 3B
- $\bullet$ Al 3Ti 3B

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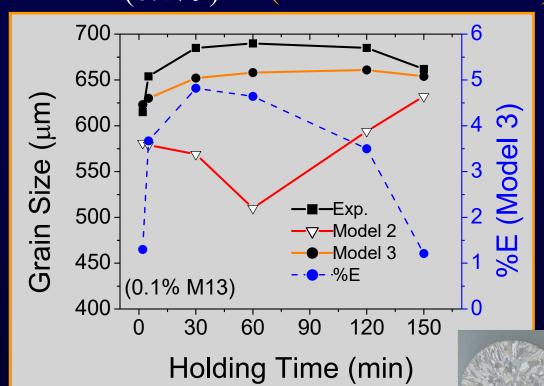
#### Example 1. Grain refinement of Aluminum and its alloys Al-5Ti-1B Master alloy Grain refiner Molten Aluminum Tundish Molten Al-5Ti-1B Master alloy Grain refiner **Aluminium** Aluminium Castings Al with grain Al without grain refiner refiner Al (Fine Equiaxed (Columnar Slabs grain) Grains) Mould Box Further Processing Applications of Aluminium Rolling Forging Extrusion **Packaging** Aerospace Electrical

#### Example 1. Statistics of Grain refinement data

System					
(Ťrain + Test) Sets		Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Standard Deviation
Binary Master alloy addition  (48 +12)	Ti (%)	0	0.10	0.021	0.03
	B (%)	0	0.10	0.021	0.03
	Time (min)	0	120.00	40.69	43.86
	GS (µm)	98	610.00	276.08	158.16
Ternary Master alloy addition (120 + 30)	Ti (%)	0	0.10	0.029	0.028
	B (%)	0	0.10	0.029	0.028
	Time (min)	0	120	42.27	43.74
	GS (µm)	68	610.00	186.74	116.24
Total data (binary + Ternary alloy) (168 +42)	Ti (%)	0	0.10	0.023	0.029
	B (%)	0	0.10	0.022	0.028
	Time (min)	0	120.00	36.18	43.06
	GS (µm)	68	610.00	266.54	185.55

#### Validation of ANN model predictions with Al-1Ti-3B alloy

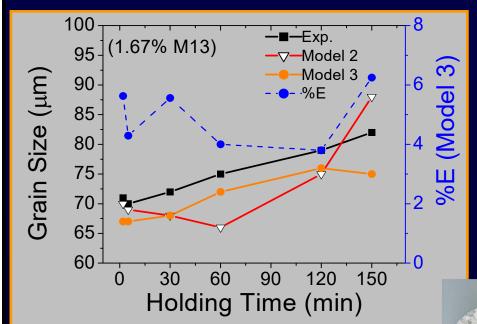
(0.1%) (B=0.003 & T=0.001)



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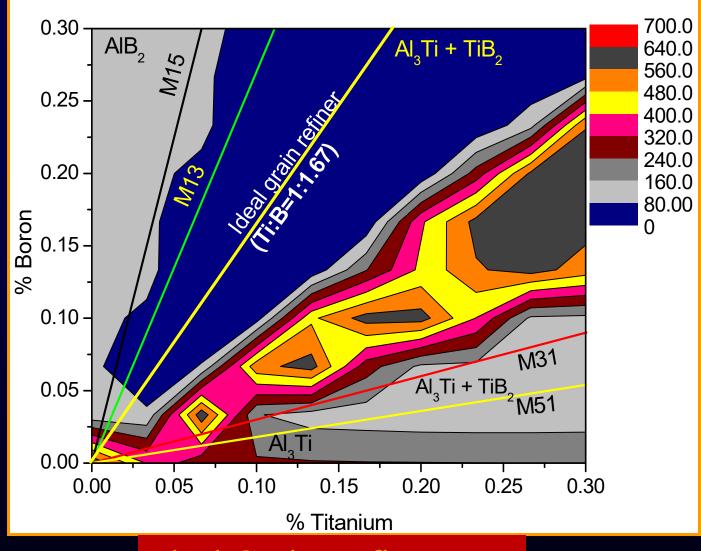
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# Validation of ANN model predictions with Al-1Ti-3B alloy 1.67% (B=0.05 & T=0.0167)





# Predicted Grain refinement map of Al-7Si alloy



Color band numbers indicates grain size in µm

#### Master Alloys

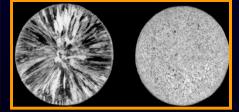
A1 - 1Ti - 3B (M13)

A1 - 3Ti - 1B (M31)

A1 - 3Ti - 3B (M33)

A1 - 1Ti - 5B (M15)

Al - 5Ti - 1B (M51)



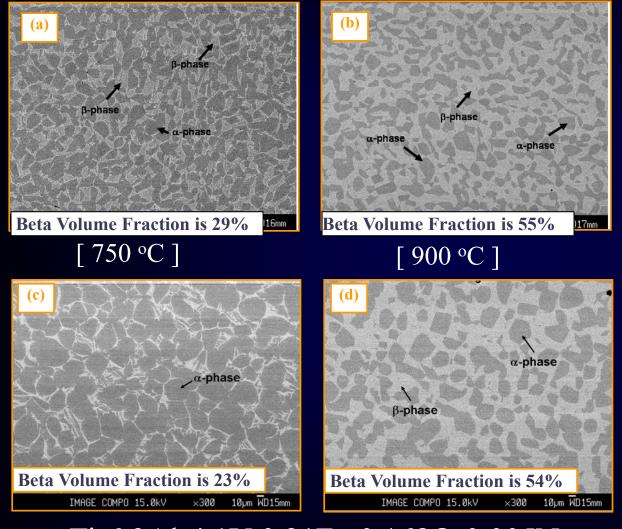
Ideal Grain Refiner

N.S. Reddy et al., Journal of Materials Performance, Vol 22, 2013

Where

#### Example 2.: Phase volume fraction in Ti-6Al-4V alloy

Ti-6.19Al-4.05V-0.19Fe-0.12O-0.01N



Volume fraction of  $\alpha$ - $\beta$  phases Ti ALLOY Alloy Heat contents: treatment Al, V, Fe,

O & N





# Application of Ti-6Al-4V alloy

F-22 Raptor



Guggenheim Museum















M2A3 Bradley

Tomahawk

Golf-head

# Ti-6Al-4V alloy as a Biomaterial

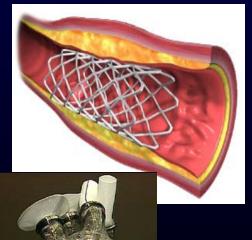


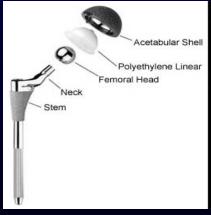














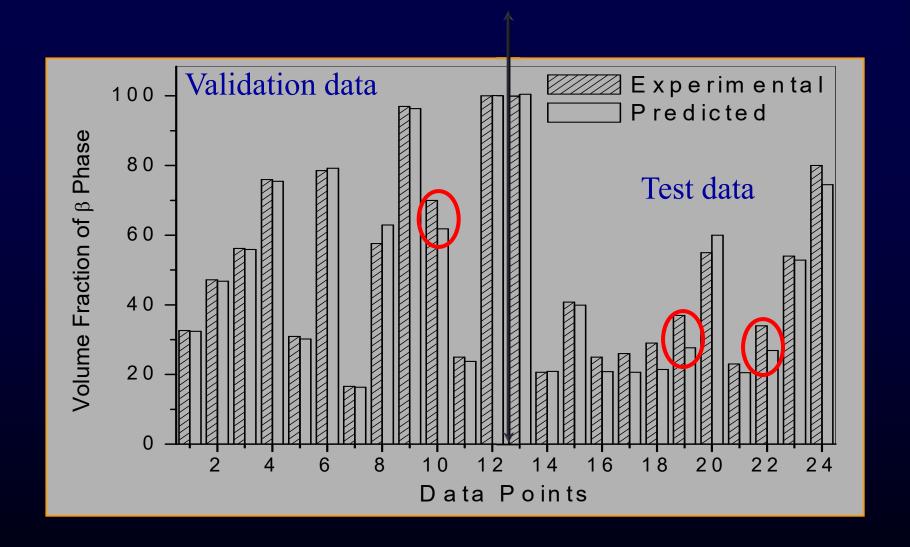


## Statistics of data used for modeling (Ti Alloys)

Experimental	Input and	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Standard
data	output				deviation
	Variables				
	Al (%)	5.72	7	6.244	0.071
	V (%)	1.5	5	3.948	0.071
99 Training +	Fe (%)	0.01	3.04	0.444	0.049
35 test data	O (%)	0.08	0.3	0.148	0.016
sets	N (%)	0.003	0.02	0.007	0.000
	Temperature				
	(°C)	600	1000.62	861	132.158
	α phase volume				
	fraction (%)	0	100	52.7	42.002
	β phase volume				
	fraction (%)	0	100	47.3	42.002

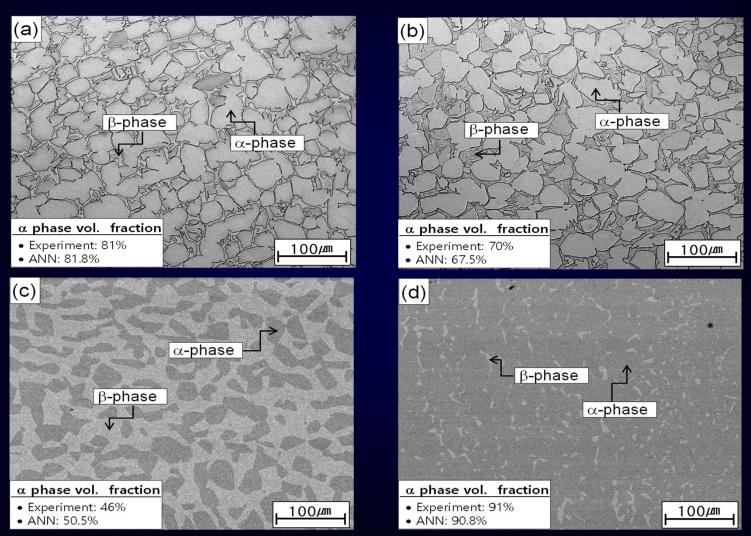
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#### Performance of ANN Model: Validation



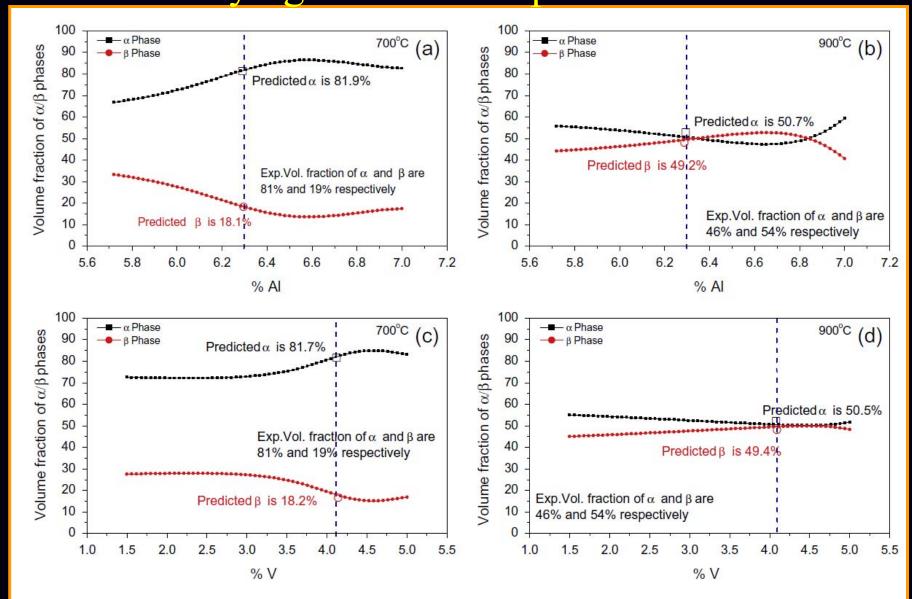


Ti-6.3Al-4.1V-0.21Fe-0.17-0.005N alloy quenched at (a) 700 °C, (b) 815 °C, (c) 900 °C, and (d) in Ti-6.85Al-1.6V-0.13Fe-0.17-0.001N quenched at 900 °C.

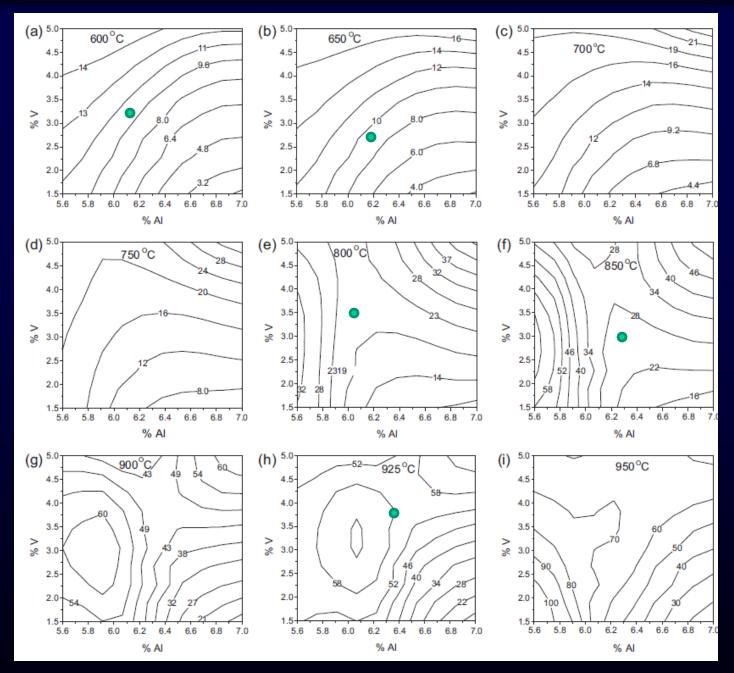


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#### Effect of alloying elements on phase volume fraction

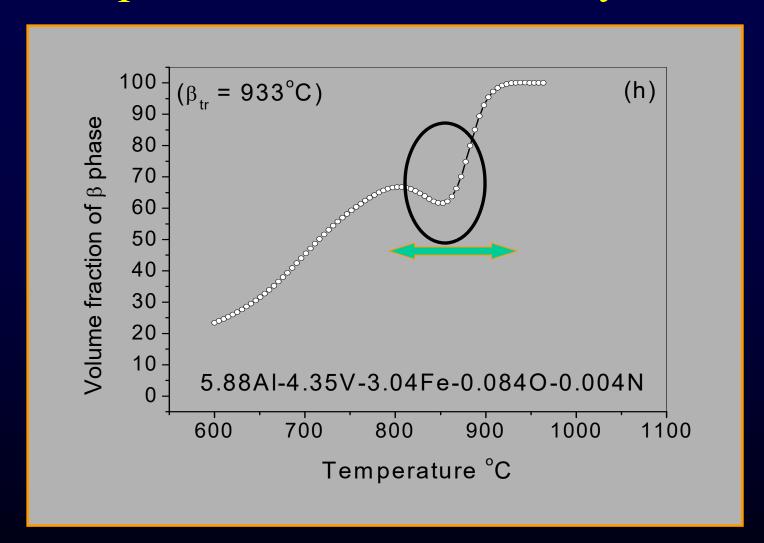


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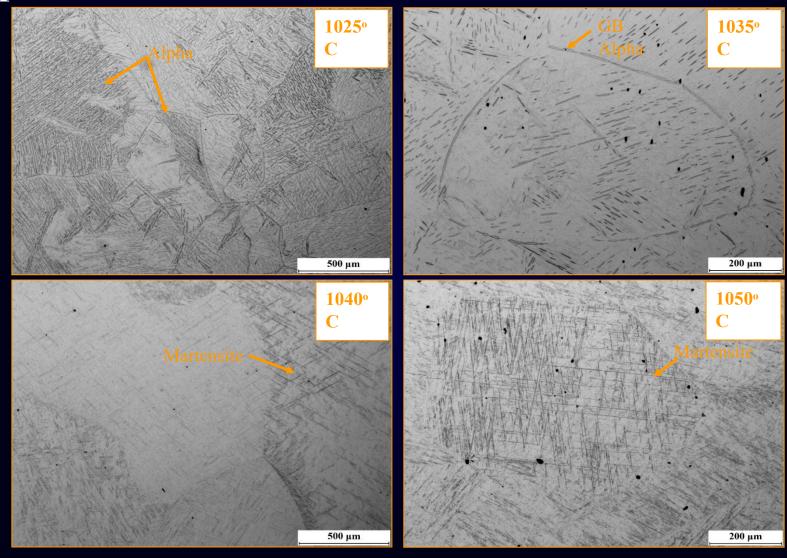


Volume Fraction of Beta map of Ti-Al- V at different temperatures

#### Unexpected Trend: Uncertainty

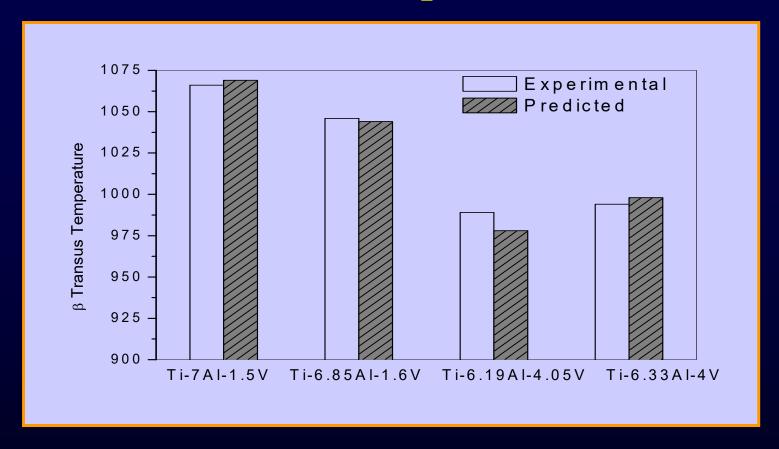


Estimation of beta transus temperature Experimental: 1040°C



>ANN Prediction: 1039.88°C; J Met Pro: 1076.77°C

## Validation of ANN model predictions



Comparison of predicted and measured beta-transus temperatures for single-phase-alpha, near-alpha, and alpha/beta titanium alloys.



#### Example 3.Low alloy steels data examples

N.S. Reddy et al. / Materials Science and Engineering A 508 (2009) 93-105

Appendix A. Low alloy steels used in modeling: chemical composition, heat treatment parameters (CR: cooling rate in  $^{\circ}$ C/s and TT: tempering temperature in  $^{\circ}$ C) and mechanical properties.

Sl. no.	С	Si	Mn	Р	Ni	Сг	Мо	Mn/S	CR	TT	YS	UTS	EL	RA	IS
1	0.32	0.23	1.28	0.028	0.85	0.46	0.16	38	38	580	934	1019	18.0	54.0	35
2	0.32	0.23	1.28	0.028	0.85	0.46	0.16	38	16	620	736	845	22.0	59.0	42
3	0.33	0.19	1.45	0.026	0.89	0.56	0.12	73	16	605	785	888	21.0	60.0	72
4	0.33	0.19	1.45	0.026	0.89	0.56	0.12	73	7	625	693	824	21.5	57.0	43
5	0.35	0.19	1.5	0.026	0.93	0.57	0.18	75	7	650	681	839	21.5	58.0	89
6	0.35	0.19	1.5	0.026	0.93	0.57	0.18	75	3	650	730	870	24.0	56.0	87
7	0.35	0.19	1.33	0.026	0.91	0.43	0.15	67	3	550	683	850	21.0	57.0	46
8	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	38	450	1163	1222	15.0	50.0	15
9	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	38	500	1069	1131	18.5	55.0	26
10	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	38	550	906	993	19.0	55.5	49
11	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	38	600	786	906	24.0	61.5	75
12	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	38	650	718	821	25.5	66.0	93
13	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	38	675	692	763	27.0	64.5	94
14	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	38	700	575	753	27.5	64.5	90
15	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	12	450	727	888	21.0	56.5	23
16	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	12	500	645	821	24.0	62.5	52
17	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	12	550	622	783	26.0	63.0	70
18	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	12	600	579	757	27.0	66.0	91
19	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	12	625	582	737	27.5	61.0	80
20	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	7	500	639	800	23.0	58.0	36
21	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	7	550	614	777	25.0	60.0	53
22	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	7	600	623	777	24.0	63.0	70
23	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	7	625	543	707	27.0	64.5	79
24	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	7	675	870	1008	14.0	46.5	93
25	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	3	400	683	850	21.0	57.0	19
26	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	3	500	661	829	23.0	57.5	47
27	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	3	575	620	772	24.0	60.0	74
28	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	3	600	588	754	25.0	61.5	61
29	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	3	625	558	713	27.0	64.5	75
30	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	3	675	750	903	18.5	52.0	82
31	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	3	700	667	835	22.0	56.5	20
32	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	118	400	941	1002	20.0	56.0	24
33	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	118	500	855	912	22.5	61.0	42
34	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	118	550	745	810	24.5	63.5	79
35	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	118	600	710	778	26.0	64.0	84
36	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	34	400	985	1078	17.0	52.5	21
37	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	34	500	813	920	21.0	61.0	45
38	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	34	550	742	853	24.0	63.0	55
39	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	34	600	663	800	25.0	9	
40	0.35	0.25	0.33	0.032	0.91	0.43	0.15	8	34	625	605	766	26.0	6	T 71

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#### The range of low alloy steels (EN100 steels)

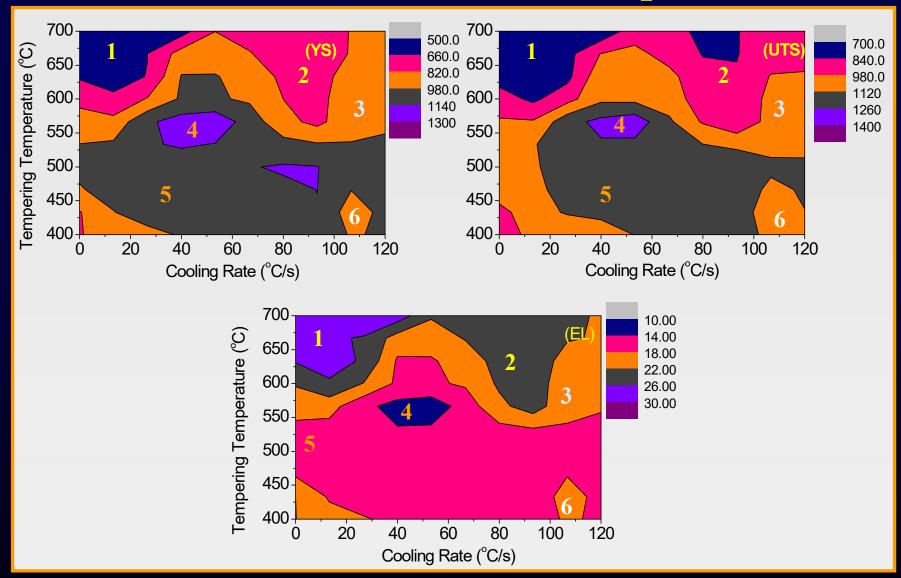
Composition (in wt.%)	Min.	Max.
C	0.32	0.44
Si	0.19	0.37
Mn	0.33	1.51
S	0.01	0.042
P	0.02	0.038
Ni	0.56	1.08
Cr	0.21	0.57
Mo	0.11	0.25

Heat treatment variables						
Cooling rate (°C/S)	C/S) 2.8 118					
Tempering Temperature (°C)	400	700				
Mechanical properties						
Y.S (MPa)	542	1194				
UTS (MPa)	707	1295				
% El	13	29				
% RA	31	67				
Impact Strength (J)	15	94				

YS: Yield strength, UTS: Ultimate tensile strength, %El: % Elongation, %RA: % Reduction in Area. Total data sets are 140 and 112 were used for training and 28 used for testing.



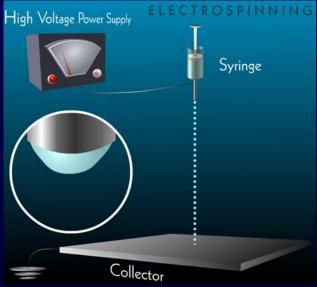
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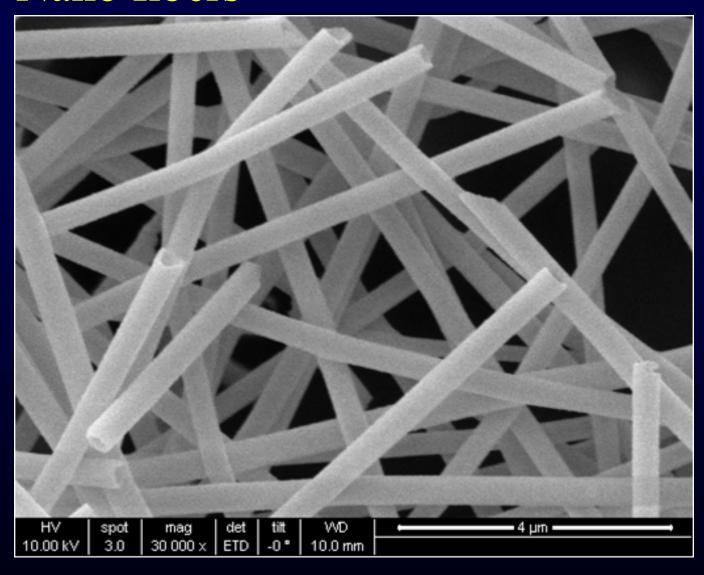
## Example 4: Electrospinning

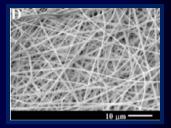


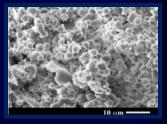




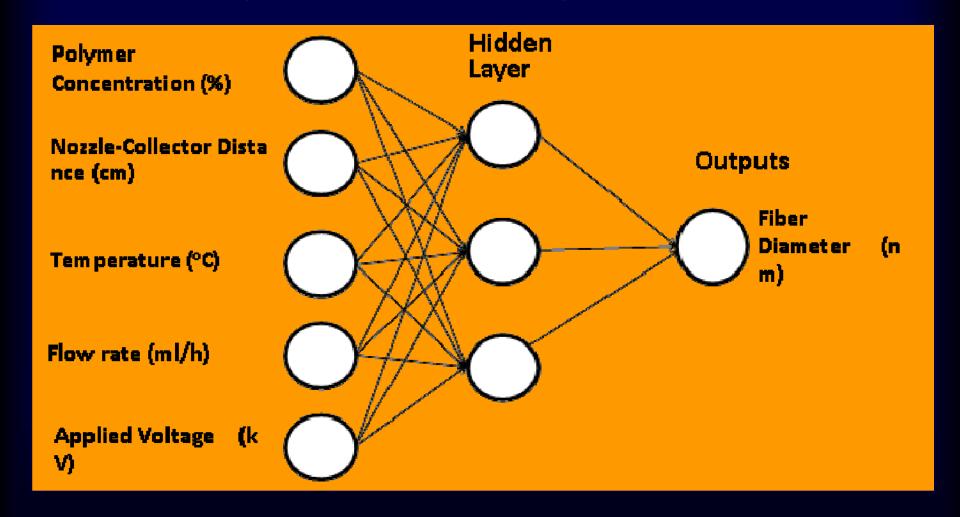
## Nano fibers





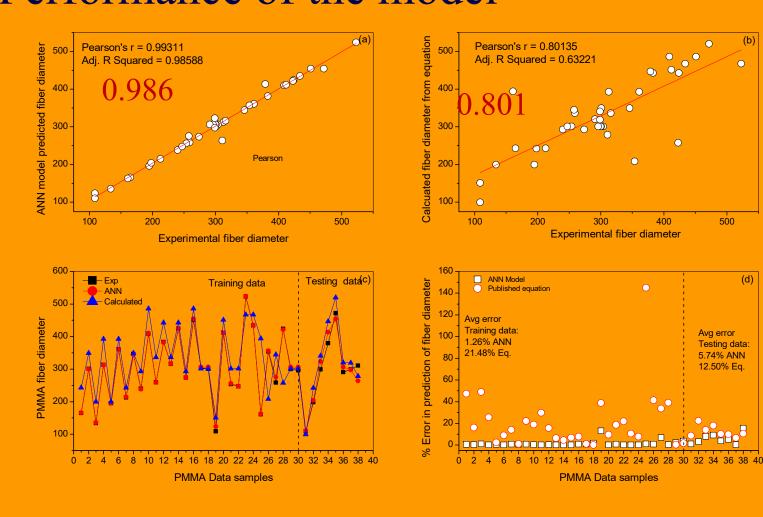


## Modeling Electrospinning



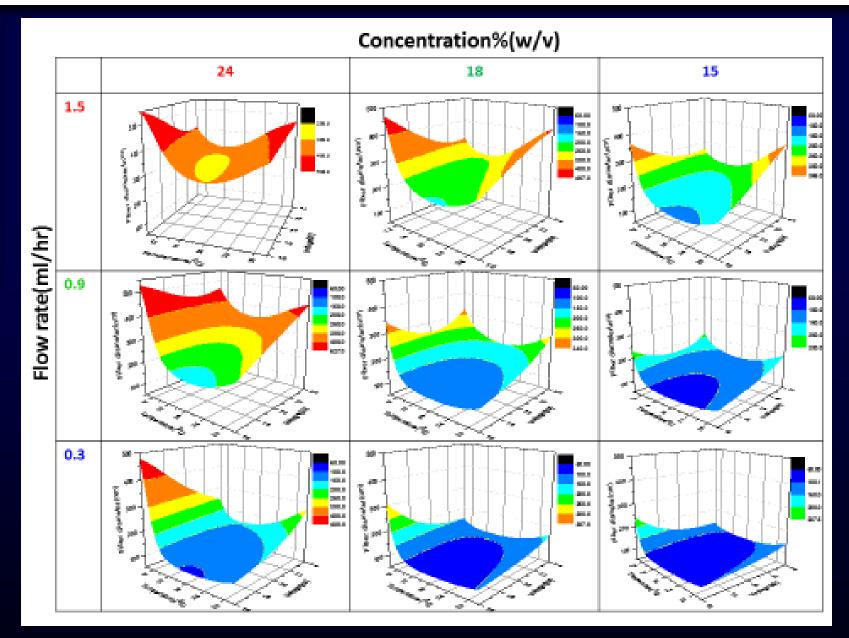
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#### Performance of the model



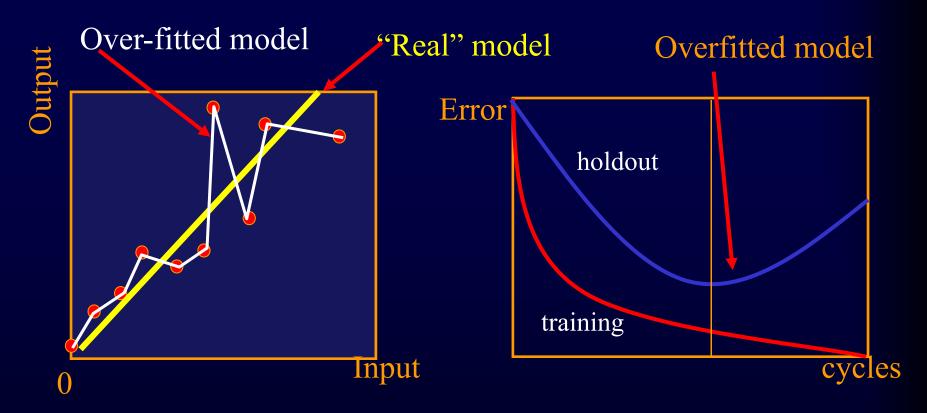
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## Disadvantages of ANN modeling



Difficult to design: There are no clear design rules

Hard or impossible to train: When to stop and Over training

Difficult to evaluate internal operation: It is difficult to find out

whether, and if so what tasks are performed by different parts of the net

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## Summary (broad)

- Ø Present model capability to map the complex nature of the metallurgical system has been demonstrated.
- Sensitivity Analysis can be used to examine the effects of input variables on the output parameters, which is incredibly difficult to do experimentally.
- Ø Developed model is able to map the relation between the output parameters though this information is not fed to the model.
- The present model helps in reducing the experiments required and there by saving a lot of money, material and manpower for designing the new alloys for desired properties

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