

Generative Models for Sustainable Product Design

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Challenges/Needs:

- The lack of quantified indicators that trigger optimal design capabilities.
- The role of designers within a Social Manufacturing Framework results a bottleneck.

Solution:

- Generative Models to a design tool that provides furniture designs.
- Introduce the outcome of the design tool in a AR application to let the user explore the impact of the design in their environment.
- Introduce a DSS to provide recommendations in terms of costs and environmental impact of the design.

Benefit:

- Reduction of time and costs
- Sustainability assessment benchmarking







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Development Challenges:

- Huge amount of possible items to stablish classes.
- Lack of large datasets
- Definition of magnitudes of interest to evaluate designs or study their evolution.
- Manufacturability assessment



Encoded Information about design parameters







Gonzalez-Val et al. Generative Design for Social Manufacturing ECAI2020 (https://zenodo.org/record/4597558#.Yp2zy4XP2Uk)









Development Challenges:

- Large amount of designs
- Interaction among designers
- Impact of designers interaction in the design evolution









R. Angosto et al. A bio-inspired framework for the study of product design evolution within a Social Manufacturing environment (*To submit*)





Challenges/Needs:

- Countless amount of combinations of elements that can provide an optimal alloy for a given application
- Reduction of testing phase of candidate materials

Solution:

- Generative Models to provide materials candidates
- Introduce GM outcomes in a Reinforcement Learning framework using simulations to address expected material performance.

Benefit:

- Reduction of time and costs
- Sustainability assessment benchmarking
- Accessible knowledge







Development Challenges:

- Huge amount of possibilities (material screening)
- Large and well structured datasets
- Evaluation of material candidates



Gregores-Coto et al. The Use of generative models to speed up the Discovery of materials Computer Methods in Material Science 2023







Development Challenges:

• The is a huge impact of the manufacturing process in the material performance.







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Development Challenges:

- Indicators to evaluate the outcome of the generative model must be clearly identified in order to provide feedback to the design procedure.
- A sustainability assessment within the evaluation of a candidate material or product design in general is one of the more easy indicators to define.







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Development Challenges:

- Design constrains imposed by manufacturer
- In addition to LCA values that can be indicators of goodness of the design, remanufacturability might be defined as an additional indicator.
- Methods to quantify the remanufacturability.







Thank you for your attention!

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