Topological Data Analysis on Materials Science

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Background : Shape of Data

Data-driven science studies potential values of big and complicated data for machine learning and AI



develop mathematical theory for shape of data

Idea : Shape of Data

Input data



resolution of data

- fattening point data
- changing resolution for multiscale analysis
- characterization using birth & death of holes



(ref. Edelsbrunner, Mucke)

New math: Persistent homology



Persistent homology of digital image



Characterize grayscale/spatial persistent holes in images

Edelsbrunner & Mücke '94

X4

X5

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X2

 X_1

Alpha filtration

- $X = \{x_i \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid i = 1, \dots, n\}$: point cloud
- $\mathbf{R}^m = \bigcup_i V_i$: Voronoi decomp.
- $\cup_i B_i(r) = \cup_i (B_i(r) \cap V_i)$
- Alpha shape $\mathcal{A}(X, r)$: dual of $\{B_i(r) \cap V_i \mid i = 1, ..., n\}$ (simplicial complex)

• Nerve theorem: $\cup_i B_i(r) \simeq \mathcal{A}(X, r)$

• $\mathcal{A}(X, r) \subset \mathcal{A}(X, s)$ for r < s

easy to analyze by computers

filtration: changing resolution

Edelsbrunner, Letscher, Zomorodian, Carlsson, de Silva



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Atomic configurations of silica (SiO2)



Hierarchical Structural Analysis of Silica Glass with Nakamura, Hirata, Escolar, Matsue, Nishiura PNAS (2016) CREST TDA, SIP

MD and PD₁







Inverse Analysis



Glass contains curves in PD

- Curves express geometric constraints (orders) of atomic configurations
- Inverse analysis reveals hierarchical ring structures
- PD multi-scale analysis characterizes inter-tetrahedral O-O orders (curve Co)
- Useful tool for structural analysis

Y.H., et al. PNAS (2016)

Curves and constrains



0-0-0 structures (MRO)



- * O-O-O ring constrains are discovered
- necessary to study both distance and angle distributions simultaneously (conventional methods cannot detect)