

## Special Issue

# Novel Applications of Machine Learning and Bayesian Optimization

### Message from the Guest Editors

Machine learning and Bayesian optimization have found wide-ranging applications in applied sciences, revolutionizing the way in which we make data-driven decisions and find optimal solutions to complex problems. In the chemical and molecular sciences, machine learning has been used to power data-driven force-fields and to accelerate the discovery of novel materials. In applied biosciences, machine learning has been used to assist humans in image processing, disease diagnosis and predicting patient outcomes. In the environmental and Earth sciences, machine learning has been used to predict probabilities of earthquakes and automate the detection of litter. When data are expensive or scarce, Bayesian optimization has been used to design experiments, optimize parameters and explore trade-offs, and has a long history in engineering design. This Special Issue will publish high-quality, original research papers advancing the state of the art in the application of machine learning and/or Bayesian optimization.

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