

AI ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN CHEMICAL FIELD – INNOVATION AND RISK EVALUATION

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INTRODUCTION

AI and ML instruments are widely introduced in many sciences and also in chemistry settings: the use can be from Predicting chemical properties, rational design of new molecules, automated systems planning, material design, retrosynthesis, spectroscopy technique, separation technique, chemoinformatics, proteomics, drugs research, chemistry learning and many other. Of interest to observe what is happening in various chemical discipline: opportunity and risks.

According how are chatbots transforming the oil and gas industry:

Abhishek Shanbhag November 8, 2021 “Oil and gas companies are exploring new ways to leverage AI to automate and digitize processes, increase productivity, and solve complex and straightforward engineering challenges”

Innovation Science

How AI Can Help Find New Minerals On Earth And Other Planets

By David Bressan, Senior Contributor. David Bressan is a geologist who covers curiosities about Earth.

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“Given the basic mineral composition of the Tecopa formation, the AI was able to predict the locations of exotic uranium-minerals (like rutherfordine, andersonite, schrockingerite, bayleyite

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, zippeite). The model located promising areas for critical rare earth element and lithium minerals, (including monazite, allanite and spodumene).”

Smart Automation in Metallurgy: How AI Is Revolutionizing the Metallurgical Industry

Richardson Cau 08-04-2025

Iconic Research and Engineering Journals

“The metallurgical industry has historically relied on heavy machinery, manual labor, and conventional process optimization techniques. With the advent of AI, the sector is undergoing an unprecedented transformation. This work explores the integration of AI-driven smart automation in metallurgy, examining its impact on efficiency, sustainability, and economic viability. AI algorithms enhance predictive maintenance, defect detection, and quality control, reducing material waste and operational downtime. ML models improve alloy composition prediction and process parameters, ensuring greater consistency and performance in metallurgical applications. The incorporation of AI-driven robotics minimizes human exposure to hazardous environments, increasing workplace safety.”

In the context of AI chatbots, a prompt is a user-provided instruction or question that guides the AI's response

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The chatbot algorithm learns the data from past conversations and understands the user intent. A prompt for an AI chatbot is a piece of text that serves as an instruction or question given to the AI to guide its response.

ML makes possible AI training

Chat bot can use both AI and ML tools, and they are conversational based.

Generative AI is revolutionizing chemistry by accelerating drug discovery, optimizing material design, and streamlining research processes. (design of new molecules, predicts properties, automated tasks and many other).

Versus the classic Browser the AI chat bot provide a unique response instead the browser provide different multiple response from various source (the user can verify the goodness of this website).

Today the most recent version of some famous chatbot can show about 88, 7% in scores of accuracy.

Review Clin Lab Med. 2023 Mar; doi: 10.1016/j.cll.2022.09.005.

Artificial Intelligence Applications in Clinical Chemistry Dustin R Bunch, Thomas Js Durant, Joseph W Rudolf

"AI applications are an area of active investigation in clinical chemistry. Many publications have demonstrated the promise of AI across all phases of testing including preanalytic, analytic, or postanalytic phases; this includes novel methods for detecting common specimen collection errors, predicting laboratory results and diagnoses, and enhancing autoverification workflows. Although AI applications pose many ethical and operational challenges, these technologies are expected to transform the practice of the clinical chemistry laboratory in the near future."

Dr Kevin Jablonka

"Incorrect answers with high conviction can lead to problems"

"This was particularly noticeable with questions on the interpretation of chemical structures, like as the prediction of NMR spectra". The models seemed to provide clear answers, even if they sometimes made fundamental errors. The human experts, hesitated more often and questioned their own conclusions. "This discrepancy is a decisive factor for the practical applicability of AI in chemistry," because: "A model that provides incorrect answers with high conviction can lead to problems in sensitive areas of the research."

Harnessing AI for Geosciences Education: A Deep Dive into ChatGPT's Impact

Subham Patra, T. Sumit Singha, Megh Kanvinde, Angana Mazumdar, and Swastika Kanjilal- Preprint

"The survey findings reveal that ChatGPT is gaining popularity among the geoscience students, with many using it as a quick information retrieval tool and for content generation tasks. Students expressed concerns about its level of accuracy, potential biases, and lack of awareness regarding its limitations. While ChatGPT offers benefits in terms of generating content and streamlining educational tasks, it cannot replace the essential role of human teachers in fostering the critical thinking and problem-solving skills."

Alan Johnson

22 novembre 2024

"In the rapidly evolving field of chemical regulatory compliance, AI has emerged as a kind of transformative force. For companies operating across multiple jurisdictions, navigating the labyrinth of the global regulations—each with its nuances, updates, and enforcement trends—is increasingly unmanageable without leveraging cutting-edge technology. AI has not only streamlined this complexity but has also unlocked new possibilities for a proactive compliance strategies."

Between Truth and Hallucinations: Evaluation of the Performance of Large Language Model-Based AI Plugins in Website Quality Analysis.

By Karol Król

Appl. Sci. 2025, <https://doi.org/10.3390/app15052292>

"The general conclusion is that using AI tools without considering their characteristics may lead to the propagation of the AI hallucinations in audit reports."

AI Ethics. 2024 May 27; doi: 10.1007/s43681-024-00493-8

The ethics of using artificial intelligence in scientific research: new guidance needed for a new tool

David B Resnik, Mohammad Hosseini

"AI systems can make systemic and random errors"

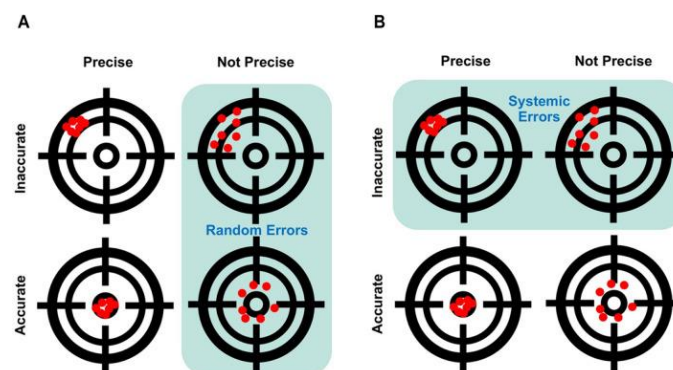


Fig n 1 Random errors vs systematic errors .From doi: 10.1007/s43681-024-00493-8

AI Soc. 2022 Nov 17:1–24.

Omission and commission errors underlying AI failures

Sasanka Sekhar Chanda, Debarag Narayan Banerjee

"AI systems can fail (a) if there are problems with its inputs comprising various representations of data, sensor hardware, et other and/or (b) if the processing logic is deficient in some way and/or (c) if the repertoire of actions available to the AI system is inadequate, in ex. if the output is inappropriate. These problems/deficiencies/inadequacies originate from two kinds of errors—commission and omission errors—in the design, development and deployment of an AI system. These errors are defined:

"Error of omission: not doing something that should have been done."

Science chatbots provide a unique way to interact with the complex scientific topics, giving users instant answers, guidance, and useful

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AI chatbot shows surprising talent for predicting chemical
properties and reactions

Researchers lightly tweak ChatGPT-like system to offer chemistry
insight.

By Davide Castelvocchi

“With only a little fine-tuning, a machine-learning system similar
to ChatGPT can become surprisingly adept at answering research
questions in chemistry field. When predicting the properties of the
molecules and materials or the yields of reactions, the general-
purpose system can match or beat the performance of more
specialized models while requiring a smaller amount of tweaking,
researchers write today in Nature Machine Intelligence.”

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Whit and observational point of view relevant literature related the
topic is reported.

All literature comes from scientific database

Various figures(1-2) helps in the general meaning

After this phases and experimental project is submitted to test an
famous AI chat -bot end reported the response to the questions.

After all this and final conclusion is provided to the researcher.

RESULTS

FROM LITERATURE

Kassem Hallal et al

“Molecular Formula: ChatGPT gave the DU values with 90%
correctness in trial one and 80% in trial two . The comparison
between the correct answers in both trials revealed only a 70%
match. Bard poorly answered this question with 20% correctness in
T-1 and 24% in T-2, but there was 83% match in correct answers
between both this trials.”(1)

Giacomo Rossetini et al

“AI chatbots’ accuracy

Overall, we found a statistically significant difference in accuracy
between the answers of the three chatbots ($p < 0.001$).”

“Although AI chatbots showed a promising accuracy in predicting
the correct answer in the Italian entrance university standardized
examination test, we encourage candidates to cautiously
incorporate this new technology to supplement their learning rather
than an primary resource.”

Related accuracy of some AI tools in entrance test in degree
course : “We encourage candidates to cautiously incorporate this
new technology to supplement their learning rather than a kind of
primary resource” (2)

J Chem Inf Model. 2025 Apr 22; doi: 10.1021/acs.jcim.4c02322

Augmented and Programmatically Optimized LLM Prompts
Reduce Chemical Hallucinations

Scott M Reed

“As LLMs and their training data grow in size, their capabilities
can seem limitless, they cannot be trained on data that does not
exist yet. The approach described takes an LLM incapable of a
specific molecular task and makes it substantially more capable
through augmented generation and prompt optimization.”(3)

Michele Salvagno et al

“AI chatbot and ChatGPT in particular appear to be useful tools in
the scientific writing, assisting researchers and scientists in
organizing material, generating an initial draft and/or in
proofreading. There is no publication in the field of critical care
medicine CCM prepared using this approach; this will be a
possibility in the next future. ChatGPT work should not be used as
a replacement for human judgment and the output should always
be reviewed by experts before being used in any critical decision-
making. Many ethical issues arise about using these tools, such as
the risk of plagiarism and inaccuracies, as well as a potential
imbalance in its accessibility between high- and low-income
countries, if the software becomes paying.”(4)

He S Yang et al

“Chatbots, which are rapidly evolving AI applications, hold
tremendous potential to improve medical education ME, provide
timely responses to clinical inquiries concerning laboratory tests,
assist in interpreting laboratory results, and facilitate
communication among patients, physicians, and laboratorians.
Users should be vigilant of existing chatbots' limitations, such as
misinformation, inconsistencies, and lack of human-like HL
reasoning abilities. To be effectively used in laboratory medicine,
chatbots must undergo extensive training on rigorously validated
medical knowledge and be thoroughly evaluated against standard
clinical practice.”(5)

JD Mendez

“This study highlights the need for training on responsible AI use
to address ongoing ethical concerns over the misuse of these
systems and to get ahead of future issues.”(6)

Tathagata Pradhan et al

“The Future of ChatGPT in Medicinal Chemistry MC envisions
AI-driven breakthroughs in drug discovery DD. Utilizing advanced
language models like ChatGPT, accelerates screening and
optimization of chemical compounds, predicting their interactions
and properties. This synergy of AI and Medicinal Chemistry MC
promises to revolutionize pharmaceutical research.”(7)

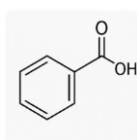
Ajay Vikram Singh et al

“Chemical risk assessment plays a pivotal role in safeguarding
public health PH and environmental safety ES by evaluating the
potential hazards and risks associated with chemical exposures. In
recent years, the convergence of AI, ML, and omics technologies
has revolutionized the field of chemical risk assessment CRA,
offering new insights into toxicity mechanisms, predictive
modeling, and risk management strategies.”(8)

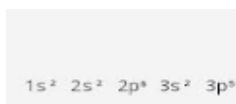
EXPERIMENTAL PART

Example of question submitted to a famous AI-CHAT BOT of free
access:

- What is the chemical formula of titanium dioxide ?
response provided : TiO_2
- What is the pH of an hydrochloric acid solution 0,1 molar?
Response pH=1
- What is the water solubility of calcium chloride at 20 degrees? Response received 74,5g/ 100 ml of water
- What is the pure water conductivity ? response around 0,055microsiemens per cm
- What is the boiling point of hexane ? response approximately 68,7 centigrades
- How many carbon atoms have glutaraldehyde ? 5 atoms (2 from the aldehyde group and 3 from three CH_2 groups)
- Write the first principle of thermodynamics : response $\Delta U = Q - L$ where ΔU is the internal energy variation of the system, Q = heat absorbed by the system and L = work done by the system to the environment
- Write the chemical structure of benzoic acid : response received

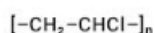


- What is the composition of medium carbon steel : response carbon content ranges from 0,30% to 0,60% by weight (Mn 0,60% - 1,65%, P < or = 0,040%, S < or = 0,050%, Iron 98-99%)
- Write the balanced reaction of sodium hydroxide plus sulfuric acid: response
- $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 + 2 \text{NaOH} \rightarrow \text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4 + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- The activated charcoal is a crystalline substance? Response no, it is amorphous
- How is the conductivity of copper? response $5,96 \times 10^7$ S/m siemens per meter at room temperature
- What is the electronic configuration of chlorine? At number 17



- What can be the nuclear radiation? Response : alpha, beta, gamma and neutron (added question : and the x-ray ? new response this are not nuclear radiation but a type of electromagnetic radiation generated outside the nucleus)
- How much oxygen can be released by an oxygen medical cylinders 3 liter volume at 200 atm : response 600 liter $P_1 \cdot V_1 = P_2 \cdot V_2$ Boyle law $200 \cdot 3 = 1 \cdot V_2$

Write the chemical structure formula of polyvinyl chloride :



- What is the crystalline status of diamond? Response Cubic (also known as isometric)
- What components are present in a MS GAS mass spectrophotometer? response GC component : carrier gas supply, injector GC column, oven (that maintain and control the temperature of the column), interface between GC and MS (Transfer line) , and MS component ion

source, mass analyzer ,detector, vacuum system, computer software.

- The UV ultraviolet radiation region what wavelengths include ? : response from 10 to 400 nanometers
- What type of chromatographic column there are ? response.
- Based on technique: GAS chromatography, capillary columns, packed columns, LC liquid chromatography

HPLC, ULTRA HPLC

Based on separation principle: reverse phase, normal phase, ion exchange, size exclusion, affinity column

Specialized column: chiral column, monolithic column, capillary electroforesis

- How is produced dynamite? It is an high explosive invented by A.Nobel in 1867 , it is made by safely stabilizing nitroglycerin , which is a very sensitive and powerful liquid explosive , by absorbing it into an inert material.(mixing nitroglycerin with Kieselguhr , a type of diatomaceous earth and stabilizes it).

The dynamite paste is packed into paraffin- coated paper tubes (about 20 cm x 3, 2 cm).

- What light is emitted by lithium when heated ? it emits light in the red region of the visible spectrum : the most prominent emission line is at 670,8nm which is a deep red color.(lithium salts produce a crimson or carmine - red flame in flame tests).
- How are produced borosilicate glasses? By melting and refining a mixture of raw materials at high temperature, followed by forming and annealing processes. It is known for its excellent thermal and chemical resistance and widely used in laboratory glassware (the raw materials used are : silica, boron oxide, soda,alumina,lime other oxides ; typical composition about 70-80 SiO_2 ,10-15% B_2O_3 , 2-3 % Al_2O_3 , less than 5% alkali and alkaline earth).
- What is the fractionated distillation process in petroleum products production? it is a crucial process used in the petroleum industry to separate crude oil into different components of fractions based on their boiling points .
- Each fraction corresponds to a group of hydrocarbons with similar molecular size and physical properties, to produce gasoline, diesel, kerosene , naphtha and lubricating oil.
- What principle is used in mass spectrometer? are used chemical physical principles to detect and analysis of molecules based on their mass-to -charge ratio (m/z): ionization to be manipulated by electric and magnetic fields ,mass to charge separation using electric or magnetic fields (to separate for the identification of different ions in a mixture). Detection measuring ions signal produced. Data interpretation.
- What is the fingerprinting zone in spectroscopy ? : it is a part of IR spectrum (about 1500 to 500 CM^{-1} that contain a complex set of absorption bands unique to individual molecules. This helps confirm the identity of a compound, even for isomer or compounds with similar structure.

These vibrations involve complex motion of the molecule entire framework and are highly sensitive to small changes in molecular structure. (in example ethanol and methanol may have similar -OH group stretches around 3300 cm⁻¹ but their fingerprint region will differ, allowing them to be distinguished.)

Describe the Rutherford experiment for the atom structure theory: The Rutherford experiment, also known as the gold foil experiment, was a groundbreaking experiment in atomic physics conducted in 1909 by Hans Geiger and Ernest Marsden under the supervision of Ernest Rutherford. This experiment led to a major revision of the atomic model.

A thin sheet of gold foil (only a few atoms thick) was bombarded with alpha particles (positively charged particles emitted from radioactive materials).

Around the foil, a fluorescent screen coated with zinc sulfide was placed to detect the scattering of the alpha particles. Tiny flashes of light would appear wherever an alpha particle struck the screen.

At the time, J.J. Thomson's "plum pudding model" was widely accepted. It suggested:

Atoms are made of a diffuse cloud of positive charge.

Electrons are embedded within this cloud, like raisins in pudding.

Prediction: Alpha particles should pass through the atom with minimal deflection, as the positive charge was thought to be spread out evenly.

Actual Observations

Most alpha particles passed straight through the foil with no deflection.

Some particles were deflected at small angles.

A few particles (about 1 in 8,000) were deflected back at large angles, even close to 180 degrees.

Rutherford concluded that:

Most of the atom is empty space, allowing most particles to pass through.

There is a dense, positively charged core (later called the nucleus) that repelled some alpha particles.

Electrons orbit this nucleus at a distance, like planets around the sun.

Write the Glifosate structure formula: result provided

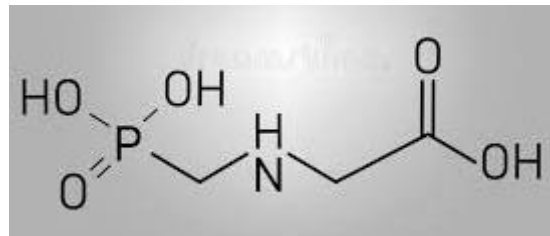
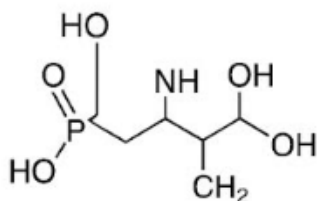


Fig n 2 the right Gifosate structure formula (There is a -COOH group on the right)

Results of the tests: on 28 question submitted (topic chemistry) to the chat – bot 27 was right and 1 not correct.

3, 57% of response was wrong (so 96,43% are to be considered right).

The wrong response was involved in the writing of an chemical structure formula.

DISCUSSION

Observing the international scientific literature it is possible to verify that there is a double face of the AI – CHAT BOT instruments in scientific discipline like chemistry: great efficacy in producing response to the various question submitted but also an profile of error and a % of mistake not irrelevant.

In our experiment about the all 28 question in chemistry field 27 was provided by the chat bot in right way

The n. 28 question to the chat- bot present a formula different form the right.

(This results come from using a free version of a famous chat bot available on web.)

Probably if a new test the question related chemical structure formula is a getar number more then 1 the possibility of error can increase).

These kinds of error are relevant because in chemistry the exact chemical formula is fundamental to predict reaction (functional groups and other chemical physical properties).

Of this the scientific community must to take in the right consideration to avoid also accidents in chemistry lab or during the syntesys or other chemical transformation or reaction.

Chemistry is not a scientific discipline based on absolute cernainty but based on the observation and on experimental process, study of the modesl and its transformation and to do this require high accuracy.

Other implication: since what level is ethical to use AI cat-bot to write university thesis and research?

And this use will produce in next years a more weak brain in students or researcher due to a reduction of the intellective efforts to reach the solutions managing the chemical problems?

CONCLUSION

In order to get the best results possible form a chat-bot it is necessary to verify the kind of version because not all version can provide equal level of accuracy in response (see the various provider and the free or professional provider).

Rules in the chat research to be efficacy: BE SPECIFIC, TO BE USED CLEAR INSTRUCTION, BREAK DOWN COMPLEX REQUEST, PROVIDE THE RIGHE CONTEXT, and MAKE FOLLOW UP QUESTION in order to better focus.

In the experiment submitted in this work the results of 3, 57% of error is a significative level to be taken in the right consideration.

Even if the majority of responce obtained can be useful for chemistry students or professionals it must to be take in consideration the risk of errors or hallucination or other problem linked to the actual status of the version used .(probably in future this accuracy will be improved) .

Other problem are : the capacity to submitt all the source used by the chat -bot: the database used can be obsolete) , the efficacy of the prompt choosed, insufficient time for trainind by the data available, contextual ambiguity problems , language model used, misinterpretation of the input , emerging topics

(Few data available at today), overconfidence, contestual gaps, overgeneralization, ethical implication.

The accuracy of the chat bot depends by the providers (not all are equal) .

Of interest to use the chat bot science focused. (chemistry)

As final consideration by the author : in chemistry field (but also in other discipline like toxicology or oncology and other linked) the AI chat bot used in this work even if of great utility not provide really high accurate responce to all chemistry question as request instead by this scientific dicispline.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: no

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