

Using Artificial Intelligence (AI) within COMSOL Multiphysics® to Create Machine Learning Tools

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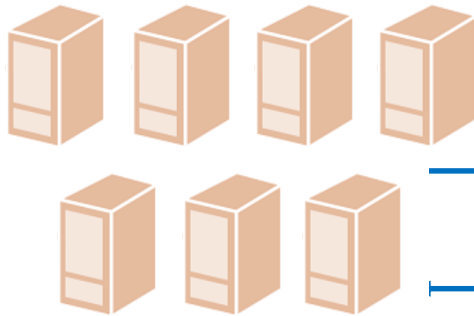
Before starting, who we are... www.simtec solution.fr

SIMTEC : Fundamentals

- French Numerical modelling consultancy
- Leader in France of the COMSOL Certified Consultants, key partner worldwide
- 9 members Eng.D. + Ph.D.
- Main partners:
 - big international companies
 - laboratories
- Involved in the Research projects like EU FP (SHARK, SisAI)/ PhD supervision



I. Background – Motivations – Objectives



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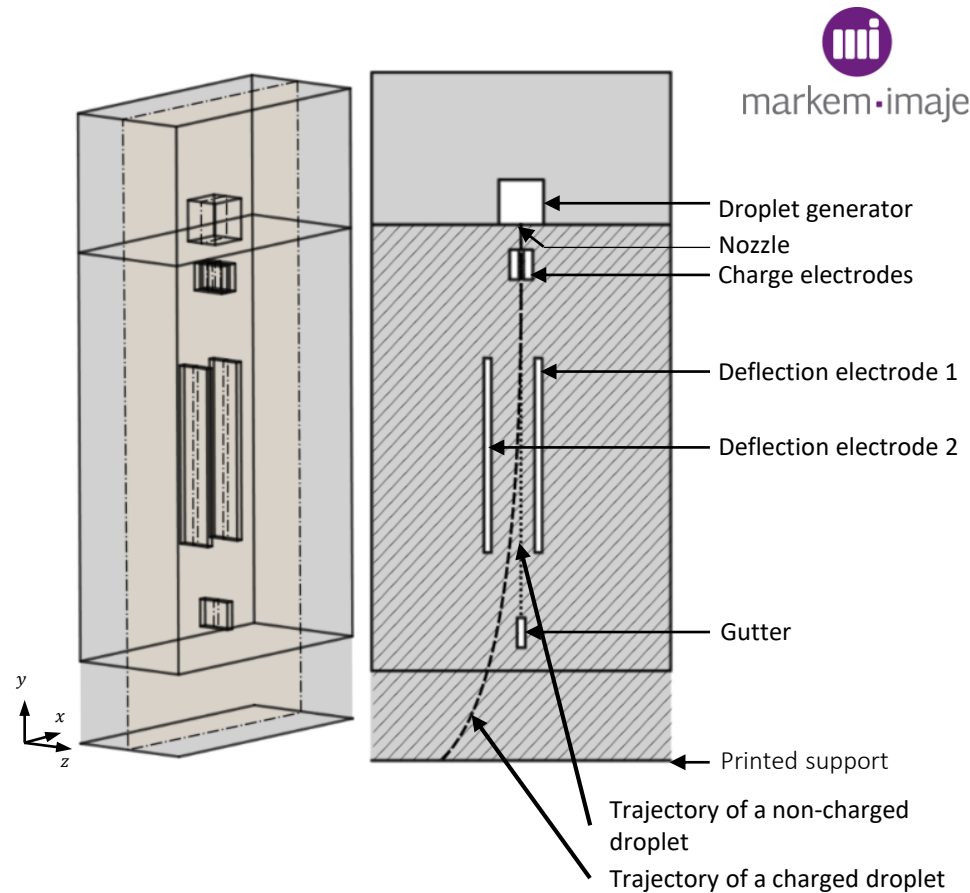
*Creation of dozen of
COMSOL model every
year*

Worldwide,

*A big boom in AI
assisted processes
(chatgpt, deepl...)*

I. Background – Motivations – Objectives

- Collaboration with MARKEM-IMAJE
- Continuous Inkjet printing (CIJ) : high speed printing for marking and coding
- How does CIJ work?
 - High speed emission of droplets (≈ 100 kHz at ≈ 20 m/s)
 - Charge of particular droplets (≈ 1 pC)
 - Deflection of charged droplets in an electric field (≈ 1 kV/mm)
 - Impact of charged droplets on the printed support
- Goal: maximizing printing quality
- Printing quality depends on:
 - Breakoff quality at generation
 - Deflection
 - Interactions during flight



Schematic representation of a print head

II. Modelling and Numerical Model

Tools

- Data treatments
- Training models

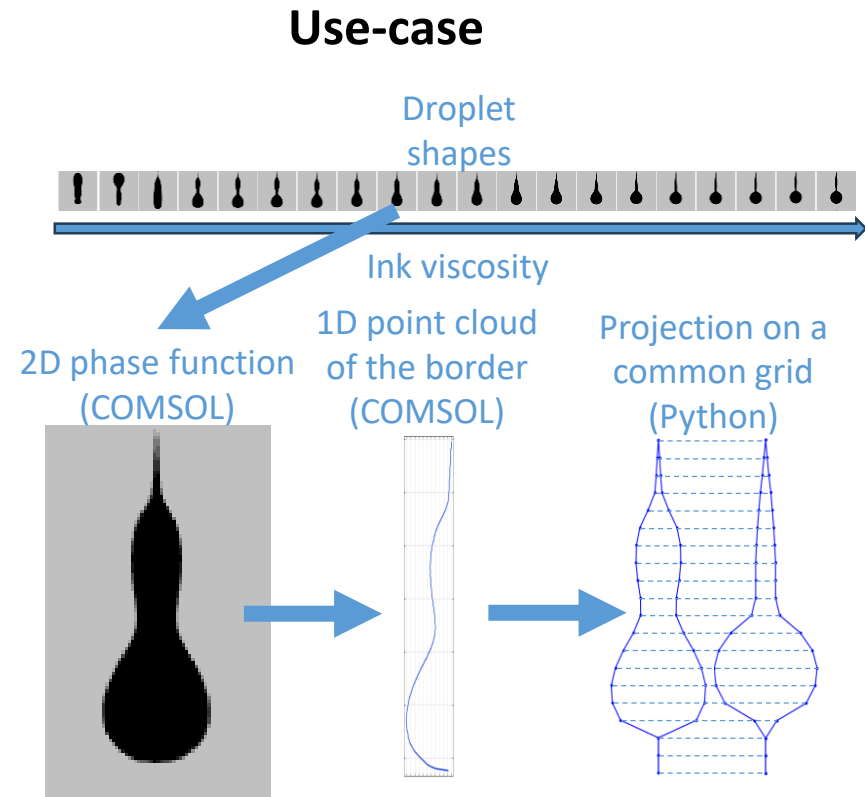
→ Data generation/collection



II. Modelling and Numerical Model

Collecting Data

1. Choose a set input values (design of experiment)
→ **Build the “input matrix” in the Python code**
2. Perform one simulation per input value (COMSOL)
3. For each simulation: export the output as a TXT file (COMSOL)
4. Project outputs into a common subspace (COMSOL or Python)
→ **Build the “output matrix” in the Python code**



II. Modelling and Numerical Model

Training a Model (Python)

1. Choose a mathematical model to express the viscosity according the radius of the droplet
2. Choose an optimization criterion to train the model
3. Regularization to avoid overfitting

Use-case

Linear model: $\hat{x}_\lambda(y) = \lambda_0 + \sum_i \lambda_i \cdot y_i$

Input prediction \nearrow $\hat{x}_\lambda(y)$ \uparrow Output

λ_0 \uparrow λ_i \uparrow y_i

Parameters of the mathematical model to optimize

Optimization criterion: minimization of the MSE

$$J(\lambda) = \sum_j [\hat{x}_\lambda(y^j) - x^j]^2 \quad \left. \vphantom{\sum_j} \right\} \text{To minimize}$$

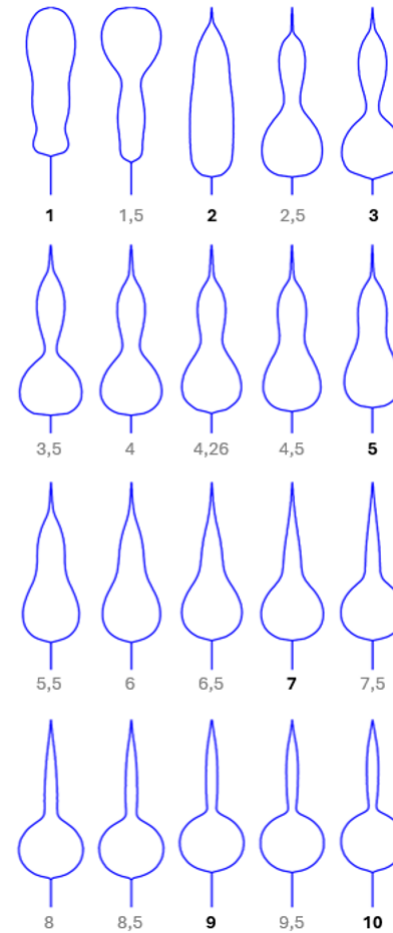
Regularization: LASSO

$$J(\lambda) = \sum_j [\hat{x}_\lambda(y^j) - x^j]^2 + \alpha \sum_i |\lambda_i|$$

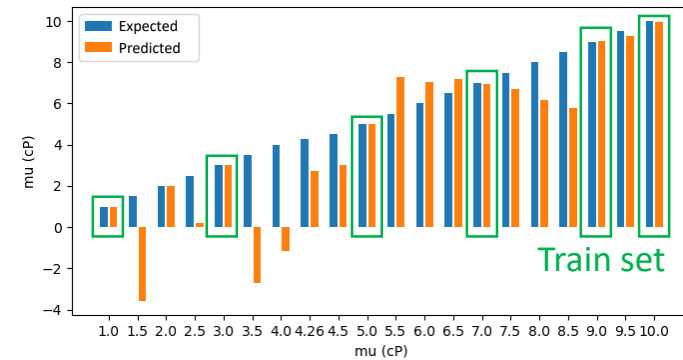
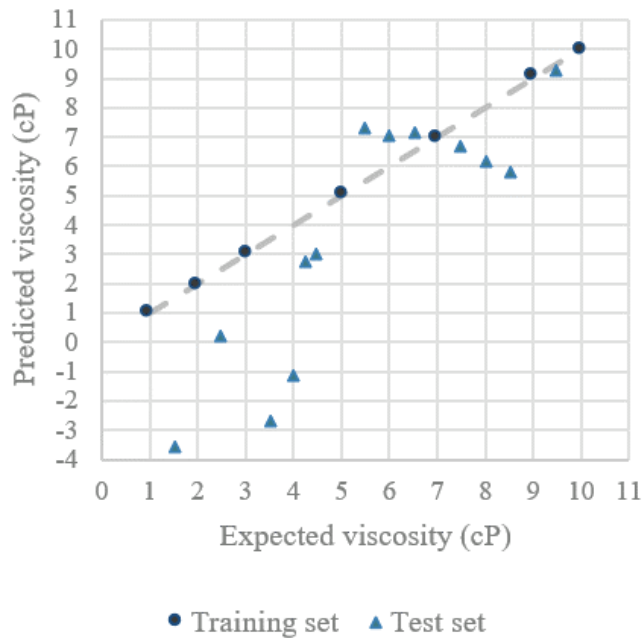
To choose appropriately to prevent overfitting \nearrow α

III. Main Results

Dataset: droplets shapes at break simulated for multiple values of viscosities (in cP)



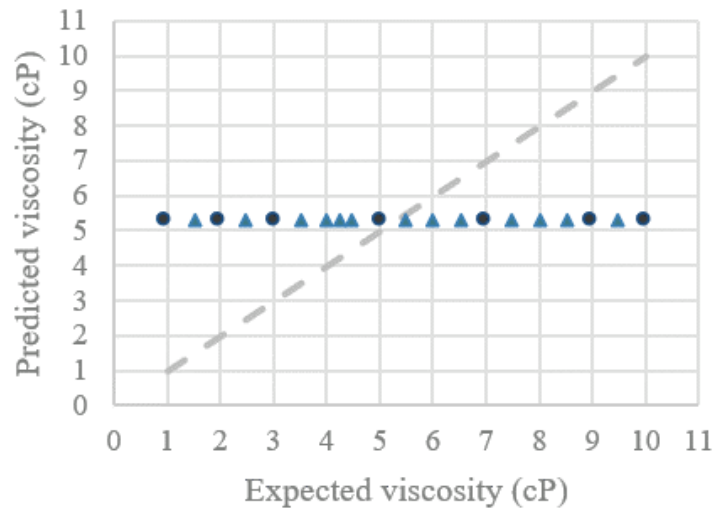
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- Good fit on *train set*
 - Bad predictions on *test set*
- ➔ **Overfitting X**

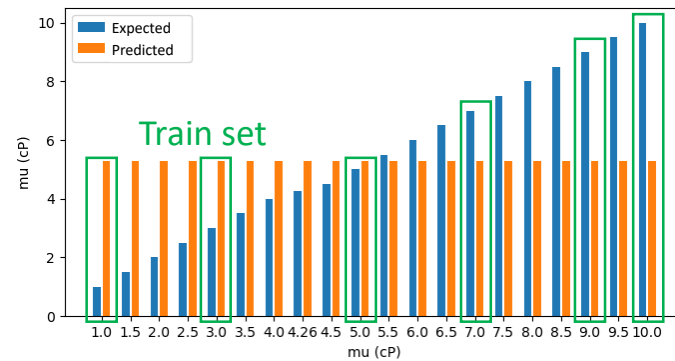
Figure 2. Performance of the model with a regularization coefficient $\alpha = 10^{-9}$.

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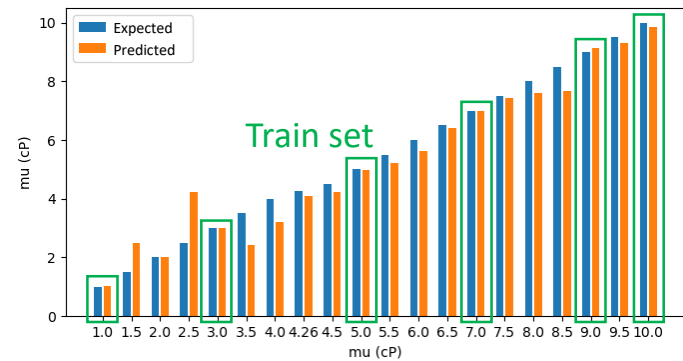
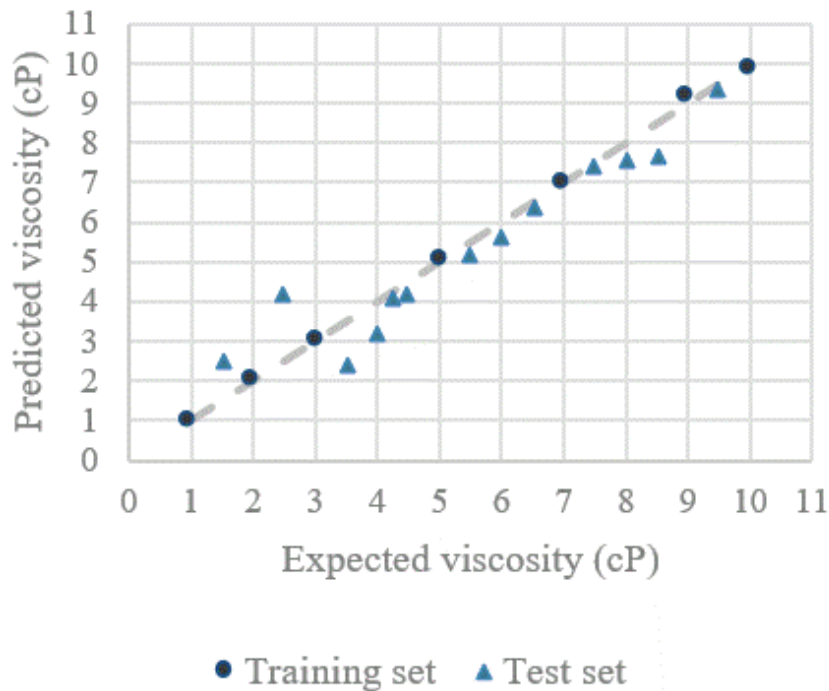
● Training set ▲ Test set

Figure 4. Performance of the model with a regularization coefficient $\alpha = 10^3$.



- Bad fit on *train set*
 - Bad predictions on *test set*
- ➔ **Underfitting X**

III. Main Results



- Good fit on *train set*
 - Good predictions on *test set*
- Good model ✓

Figure 3. Performance of the model with a regularization coefficient $\alpha = 10^{-1}$.

IV. Conclusions - Perspectives

- Interest of Machine Learning methods:
 - Minimize the simulation computational cost → Building **Surrogate Models**
 - Retrieve simulation inputs providing a given output → Solving **Inverse Problems**
 - What we have done:
 1. Extract inputs/outputs data from COMSOL
 2. Solve an inverse problem using Supervised Machine Learning tools in Python
 - Flexibility of COMSOL is of great help to do so 😊
- **Coupling COMSOL with Machine Learning tools is feasible!**

To finish...

Thank you!

Q&A?

Our question: Who would like to try on your models? 😊



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