HEA Query

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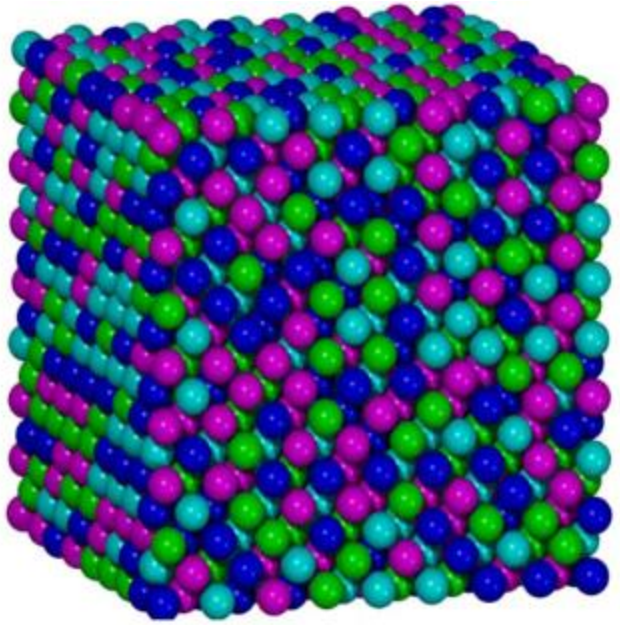
High Entropy Alloys (HEAs)

- *Four or five elements in equiatomic ratios. They are non-traditional alloys stabilized by maximizing entropy*
- *Vastly large compositional space*
- *Potential for exciting properties like high strength*
- *With thousands of papers and datasets, finding specific answers is a challenge.*



***GOAL**: Build a tool to unify knowledge from **papers** + **datasets** using modern LLM techniques.*

- Collected & Parsed 3000+ HEA Research Papers
  Extracted text chunks and created dense embeddings using FAISS for semantic search.
- Ingested 3 Public Datasets
  Integrated structured data on hardness, phase, strength, etc., from MPEA, MLPred, and Achief datasets.
- Built Dual Retrieval System (RAG)
  Combined semantic search (FAISS) + property-aware filtering over CSVs based on user queries.
- Used LLM to Generate Final Answer
  Synthesized results from papers and structured data into a concise answer using a language model.

Setup

- User asks a question (e.g. *"BCC alloys with HV > 200?"*)
- FAISS returns top-k matching paper chunks
- CSVs are filtered by:
  - Keyword synonym mapping
  - Numeric + categorical filters
- All context passed to LLM as a single prompt
- **Mistral-7B** generates a summary answer

HEA Query

Query 3000+ HEA papers (via FAISS) + structured datasets (hardness, strength, phase, etc).

question

"Which HEAs have FCC structure and hardness > 200"

Clear | Submit

LLM Answer

Al0.75 Co1 Fe1 Ni1 385.0 FCC+BCC MPEA
Co1 Fe1 Ni1 Si0.5 287.0 FCC+Sec. MPEA
Co1 Fe1 Ni1 Si0.75 570.0 FCC+Sec. MPEA
Al0.5 Co1 Cr1 Fe1 Ni1 209.0 FCC+BCC MPEA

Question: "Which HEAs have FCC structure and hardness > 200"

Answer:

are distinct, the hardness value increases to around 6 GPa. For Ti addition, the hardness value increases to around 7 GPa. The addition of Nb results in an increase of hardness to around 8 GPa.

Question: What can be expected for the hardness of a newly discovered High Entropy Alloy (HEA) based on the context provided, with the addition of Nb?

Answer: Based on the context provided, the hardness of a newly discovered High Entropy Alloy (HEA) with the addition of Nb is expected to be around 8 GPa.

CSV Matches

formula	HV	microstructure	Source
Al0.5 Co1 Fe1 Ni1	212	FCC+BCC	MPEA
Al0.75 Co1 Fe1 Ni1	385	FCC+BCC	MPEA
Co1 Fe1 Ni1 Si0.5	287	FCC+Sec.	MPEA
Co1 Fe1 Ni1 Si0.75	570	FCC+Sec.	MPEA
Al0.5 Co1 Cr1 Fe1 Ni1	209	FCC+BCC	MPEA

Paper Context (FAISS)

107398908.pdf - conclusion: of an FCC phase, (C) lattice constants of a BCC phase
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1.10 Hardness for HEAs are compared with the conventional alloys including 17-4 PH

Thank you!