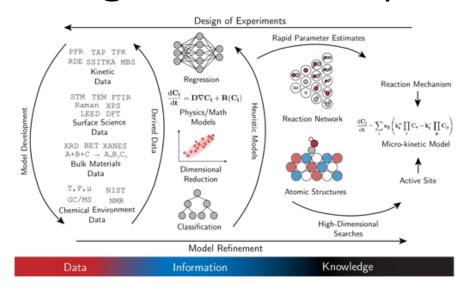
Catalysis Informatics: Utilizing machine learning and data science to extract knowledge from catalytic data



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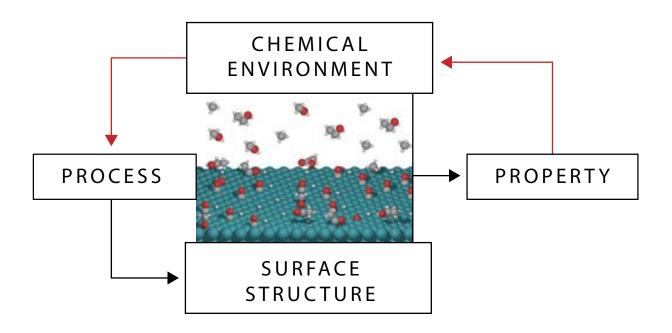


(Heterogeneous) catalysis is a unique problem where machine-learning methods have significant potential

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Catalysis informatics is a necessary sub-discipline



- Heterogeneous catalysis involves interaction of molecules + materials
 - Intersection of cheminformatics and materials informatics
- Process-Structure-Property paradigm fails for catalysis
 - Same material responds differently depending on environment
- Catalysis is a dynamic phenomenon
 - Catalysts alter their environment, which can induce structure changes

The goal of catalysis informatics is to convert data to "knowledge"

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}P(S_i)}{\mathrm{d}t} = \sum_{j} \left(A_{ji}P(S_j) - A_{ij}P(S_i)\right)$$
• CHEMICAL MASTER EQUATION
• Mechanism

KNOWLEDGE
• Regression
• Classification
• Dimensional Reduction
• Mathematical/Physical

INFORMATION
• Kinetic Testing
• Solid State
• Thermodynamic

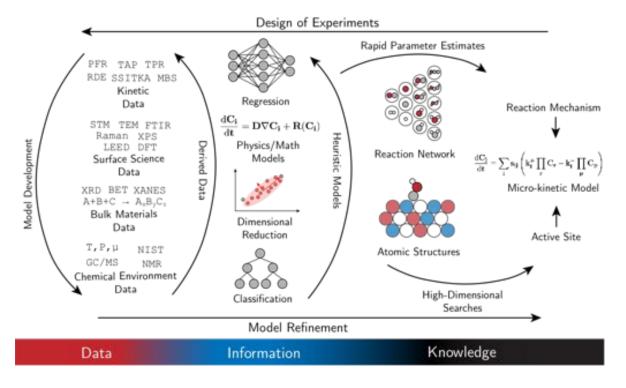
DATA

Chemical master equation= knowledge

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}C_j}{\mathrm{d}t} = \sum_{i} s_{ij} \left(\overbrace{k_i^+}^{\text{active site}} \prod_{r} C_r - k_i^- \prod_{p} C_p \right)$$
mechanism

- Active site(s)
- Reaction mechanism(s)
- Observable properties
 (rate, selectivity, reaction order, etc.) can be obtained from master eqn

Data/information/knowledge is a dynamic continuum



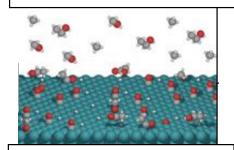
- Boundaries between data/info/knowledge are fuzzy
 - Derived data, TPR, etc.
- Knowledge extraction is a dynamic process
 - Design of experiments/calculations
 - Model refinement

Catalysis includes many diverse sources of data

- Chemical environment data (cheminformatics)
 - Chemical potentials, molecular structures, etc.
 - Essentially cheminformatics
- Reaction kinetics data
 - Reaction rates, selectivity, stability, etc.
 - Involves dynamic concentrations over time
- Surface science data
 - Oxidation state, adsorption energies, etc.
 - Must be surface-sensitive
- Bulk materials data (materials informatics)
 - Material stability, composition, process, etc.
 - Essentially materials informatics

Bulk gas concentration

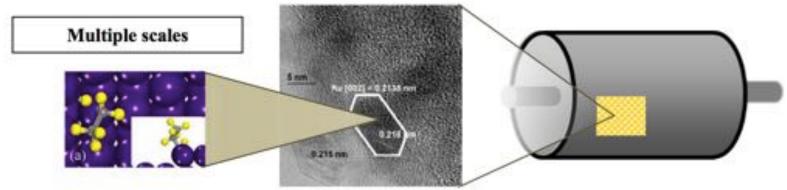
CHEMICAL ENVIRONMENT



SURFACE STRUCTURE

Bulk material structure

Catalysis data spans many scales and direct measurements are challenging



Micro-scale (surface science):

- DFT calculations
- XPS, UPS
- TPD, TPR
- Molecular beam
- SEM, TEM

Bridging the gap:

- In-situ/operando spectroscopy
- Transient kinetics
- Modulation-excitation spectroscopy

Catalysis informatics = multiscale modeling ++

- + diverse experimental data
- + statistical/ML models and heuristics

Macro-scale (reaction kinetics):

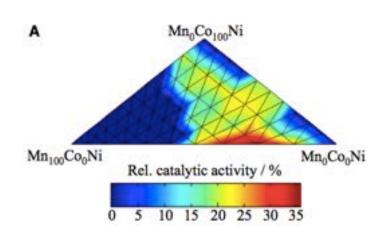
- Combinatorial testing
- Plug-flow/batch reactors
- 3-electrode cells
- Fluidized bed reactor

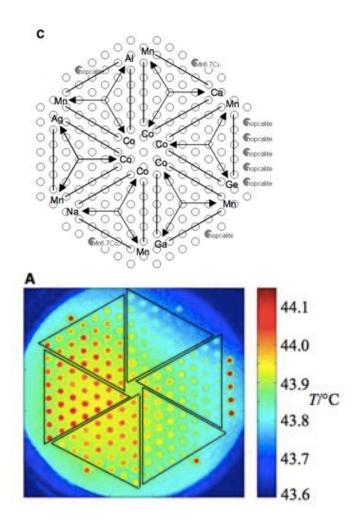
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Combinatorial testing provides a rich source of catalysis testing data

- Test 100 1000 catalyst compositions at a time
- Rapid route to testing effects of composition

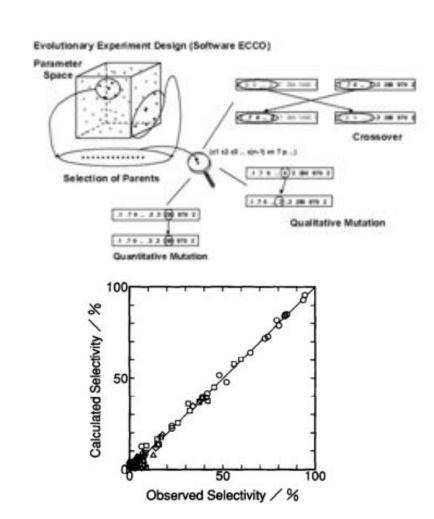




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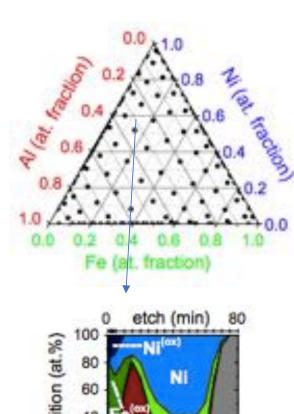
Early examples of machine-learning in catalysis from combinatorial data

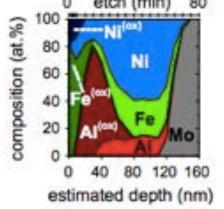
- Genetic algorithms accelerate searches
 - 5-component alloy → 150 million possibilities
 - 10,000 per day → 40 years of testing
- Supervised regression can seek trends in results
 - Neural networks commonly employed
 - Accuracy is reasonably good
 - Used as early as 1990's



... but combinatorial testing is rarely used in catalyst design

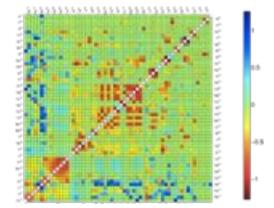
- False negatives are common
 - Surface concentration is not equal to bulk concentration
 - Surface defect structures and impurities can be important
 - Support effects may not be captured
- Transferability of models
 - Neural-net models may be biased by material class or experimental setup

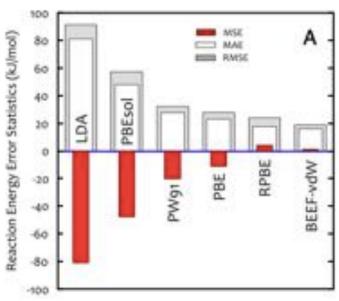




Atomic-scale high-throughput data is primarily provided by DFT

- DFT data advantages:
 - Fast vs. experiments
 - Systematic
 - Well-defined
 - Reasonably accurate
- DFT data disadvantages:
 - Slow on absolute scale (hr-day)
 - Many possible options
 - Need atomic structure
 - Not perfectly accurate



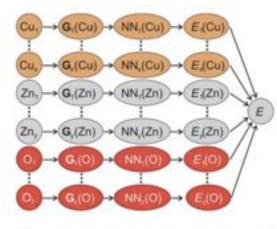


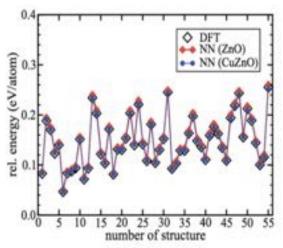
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Machine learning has been widely adopted by the DFT catalysis community

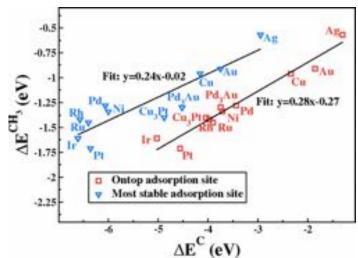
- Neural networks (and other ML models) can "learn" DFT results
 - Accuracy within <0.05 eV
 - Flexible for new and arbitrary systems (reacting interfaces!)
 - Orders of magnitude faster than DFT
- Some disadvantages:
 - Requires lots of training data (~10k)
 - Fails outside of training region
 - Not good for many-element (>~3) systems

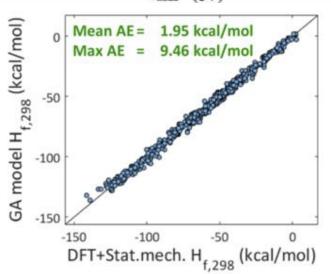




Simpler correlation models are also widely used to rapidly predict energies

- Many model types:
 - Linear scaling relations
 - Predict binding across materials
 - Coordination number scaling
 - Predict binding across surface structures
 - Group additivity
 - Predict binding across adsorbate types
- Advantages:
 - Much faster
 - Less training data
 - More physical insight
- Disadvantages:
 - Less flexible/transferrable
 - Less accurate
 - More knowledge needed

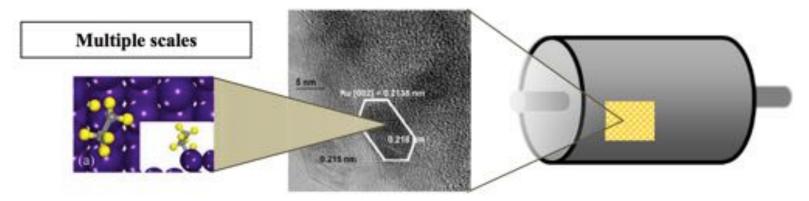




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There are many opportunities for machine learning in bridging the scale gap



Density functional theory

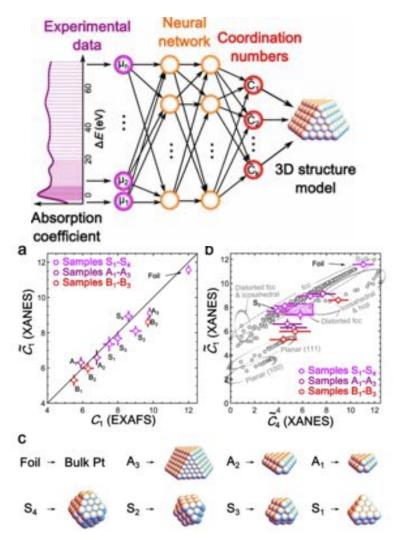
- Machine-learning forcefields
- Energy estimations
 - In-situ/operando spectroscopy
 - Transient kinetics
 - Modulation-excitation spectroscopy

Catalyst testing

- Combinatorial approaches
- Genetic algorithms

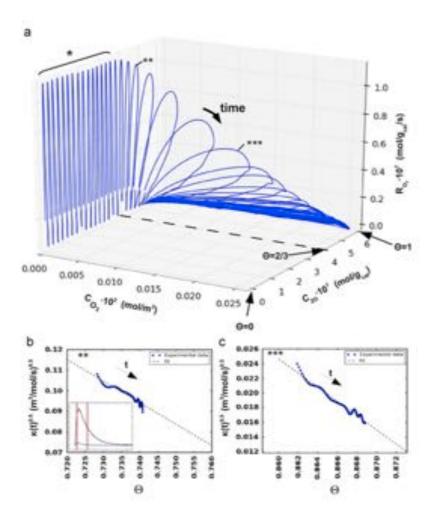
Opportunities for ML

Neural network analysis of in-situ XAFS data can determine particle shape



- Neural net trained to identify coordination number based on insitu XAFS spectra
- Coordination number of different particle types predicted from atomic models
- Comparison gives insight into particle shape

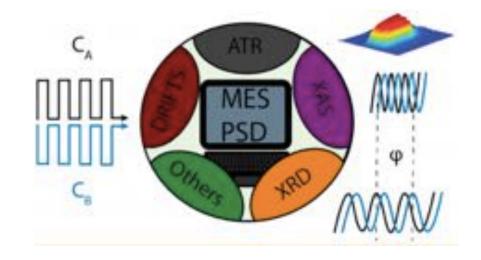
TAP pulses are a high-throughput measurement of rate/concentration

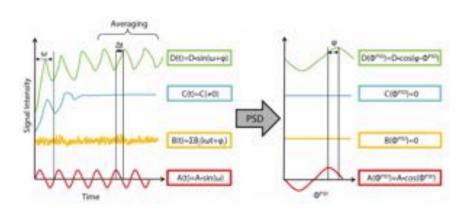


- Temporal analysis of product (TAP) is a surface science technique that operates on real catalysts
 - Similar to TPR
- Repeated TAP pulses sample different regions of rate/concentration space
- Complex data analysis needed to extract knowledge about mechanism

Modulation-excitation spectroscopy can provide rich insight after analysis

- Modulation-excitation combines in-situ experiments and transients
- Works with many spectroscopic techniques
- Provides insight into spectator/active surface species
- Complex data analysis required

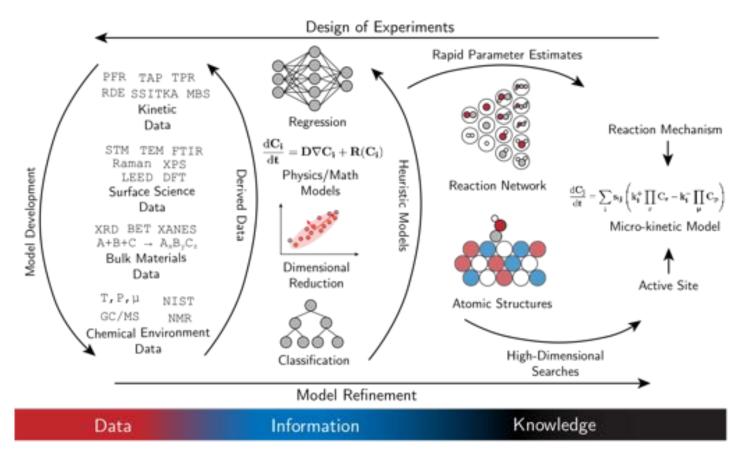




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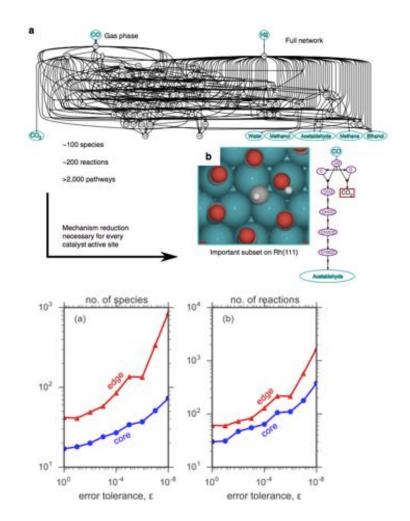
Constructing the master equation requires the active site(s) and reaction mechanism(s)



- Finding the reaction mechanism(s) and active site(s) are high-dimensional searches
 - Machine-learning can accelerate these searches!

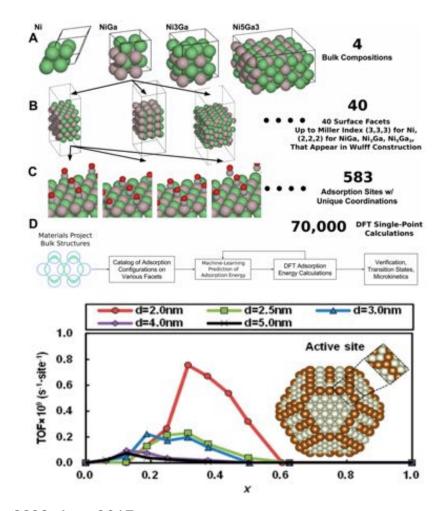
Reaction mechanism determination needs rapid parameter estimates

- Reaction network size increases combinatorically with molecule size
- Two strategies:
 - Global enumerate everything and reduce
 - Local start from reactants and include most important
- Both accelerated by "ML"
 - Global Iterative search + UQ
 - Local Group additivity



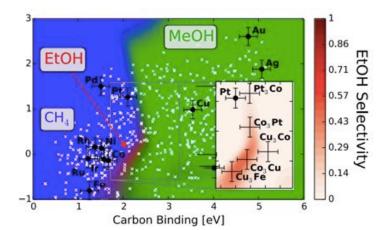
Machine-learning models enable exhaustive active-site searches

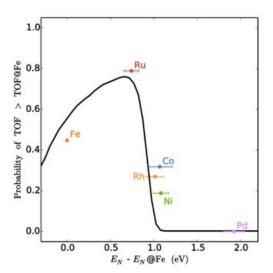
- Real catalysts have diverse range of active sites
 - Alloys -> varied compositions
 - Nanoparticles -> varied surface structures
 - Oxides/compounds -> vacancies/defects
- Coupling rapid energy estimates with nanoparticle models enables more robust active-site identification for realistic models



Volcano plots can integrate data across materials to generate predictions

- Knowledge of active site and mechanism:
 - explains catalytic activity/selectivity for a given material
 - enables prediction of activity/selectivity for new materials
- Volcano plots are informatics models
 - Integrate lots of data with regression model and kinetic models
 - Dimensional reduction for catalyst design
- Other opportunities for data science/ML:
 - Uncertainty quantification
 - Improved regression/descriptor selection



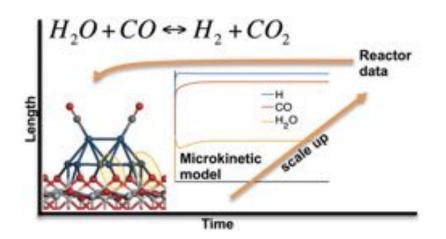


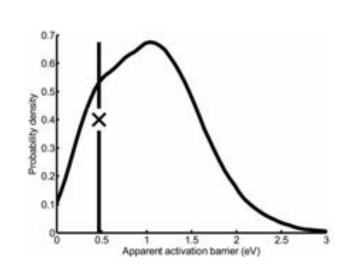
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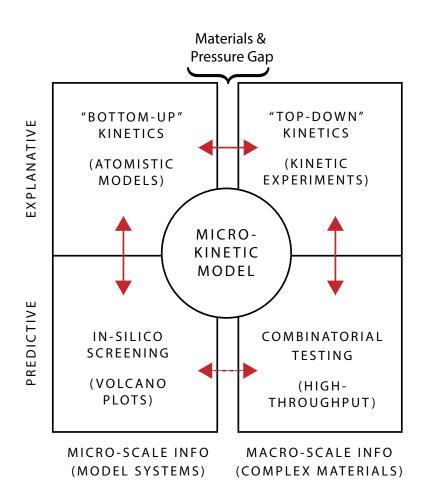
Machine-learning has primarily generated knowledge from computational data

- Natural starting point:
 - Systematic, widely available, similar skillsets needed
 - Illustration how ML can accelerate knowledge generation
- Next step: Integrate experiments!
 - Experimental data complements theory
 - Fusing both can lead to robust new knowledge





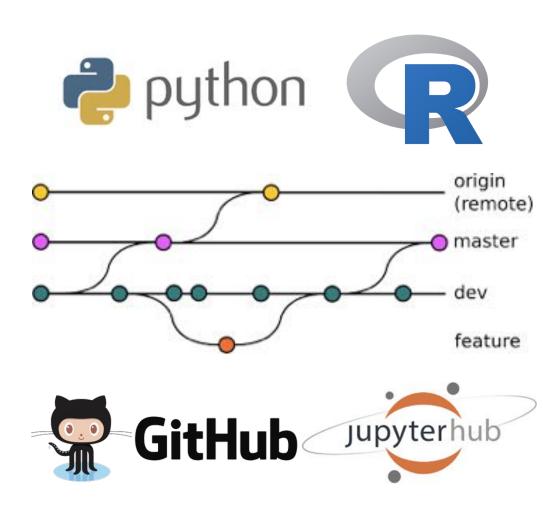
Catalysis "knowledge engines" seek to automate and integrate knowledge creation



- Catalysis "knowledge engines" were first proposed by Caruthers et. al. in 2004
 - Combine high-throughput experimentation with model fitting
- Recent advances improve feasibility
 - computational catalysis
 - machine learning
 - open-source development
 - data infrastructure
- Integrate information from disparate sources to obtain generalizable knowledge
 - Need more quantitative connections and uncertainty quantification!

Software implementations can enable development of "knowledge engines"

- Previously published approaches are not openly available
- Open-source tools and community effort can accelerate the field
 - Standard interfaces
 - Improved reproducibility
- Modern tools make this easy!



Catalysis is a unique problem where machine-learning methods have significant potential