



Opensource **MicroKinetic Modeling** Toolkit

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<https://github.com/VlachosGroup/openmkm>

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Motivation: Why use OpenMKM?

- OpenMKM is an open-source micro-kinetic modeling toolkit built in C++
- It automates the generation and simulation of the differential algebraic equations (DAE) that make up the MKM and performs sensitivity analysis (SA)
- No hand-calculations or programming is required to run OpenMKM
- Uses standardized input files (YAML) and (generates) output files (OUT, CSV) which are human-readable
- Inputs can be generated systematically using pMuTT¹ (also part of VLab)
- Uses state-of-the-art numerical libraries (Cantera², Sundials³, Boost C++⁴)
- Interfaces to Python (sensitivity analysis), RenView⁵ for Path Visualization

[1] <https://vlachosgroup.github.io/pMuTT/>

[3] <https://computing.llnl.gov/projects/sundials>

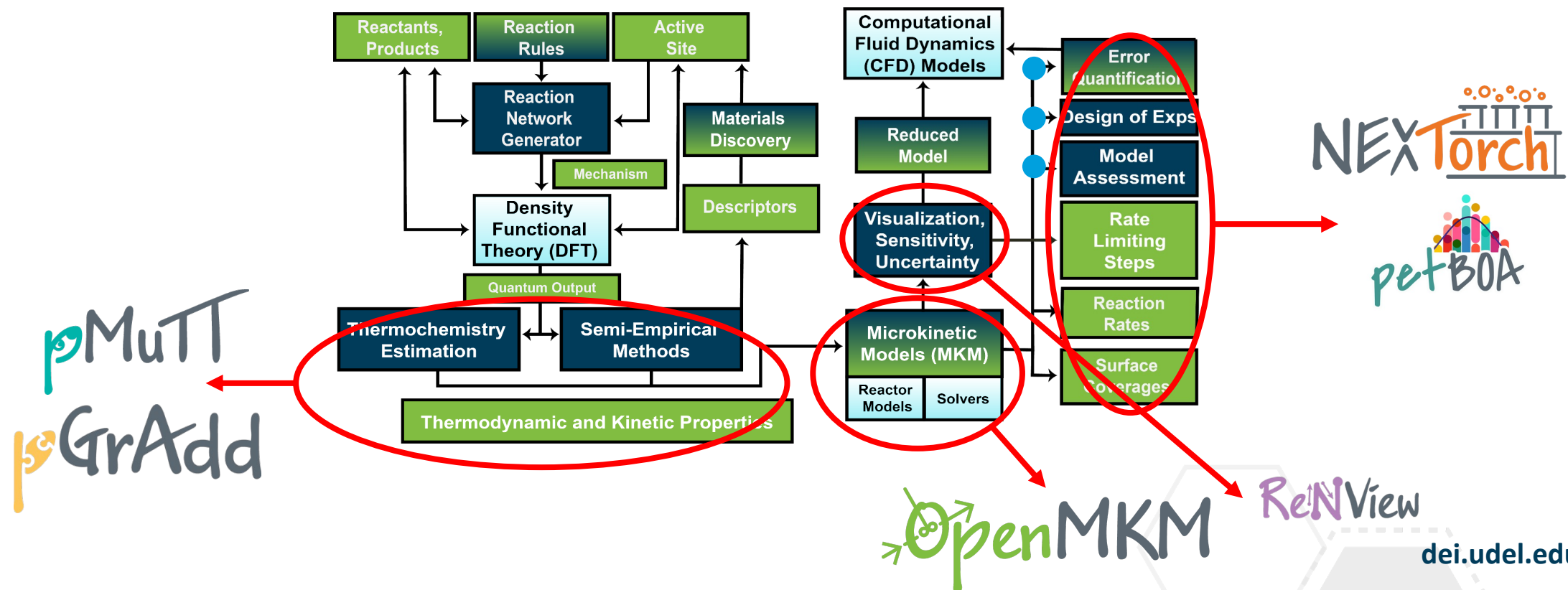
[5] <https://github.com/VlachosGroup/renview>

[2] <https://cantera.org>

[4] <https://www.boost.org/>

Where does OpenMKM fit in V-Lab?

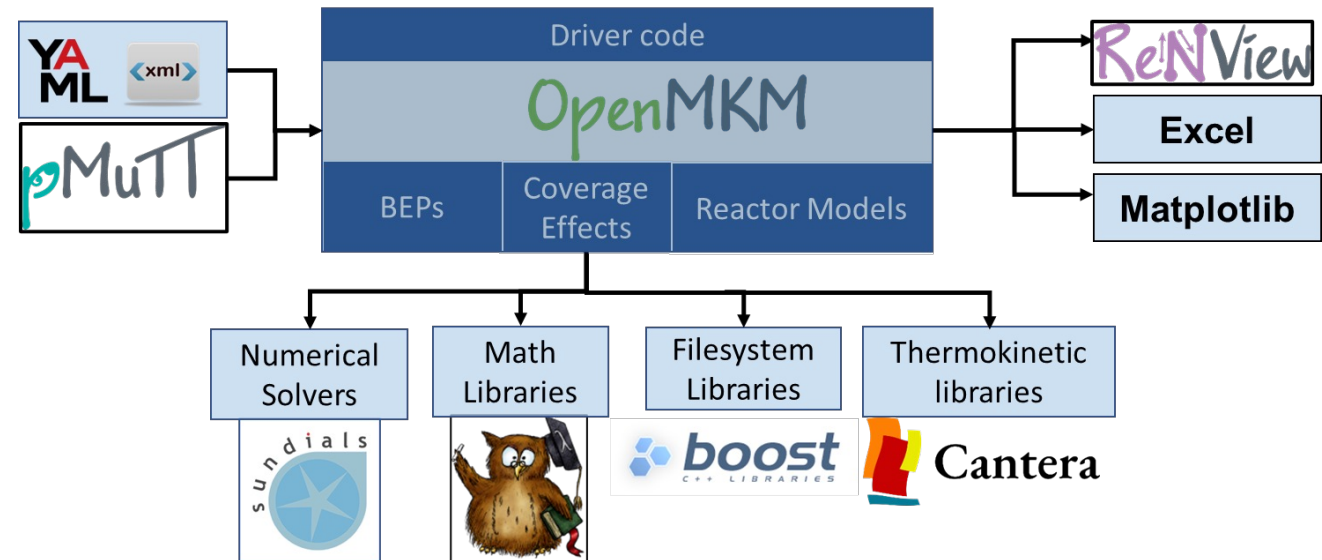
Bridge between atomic/meso scale data and macro-scale observables.



OpenMKM: Core Modules

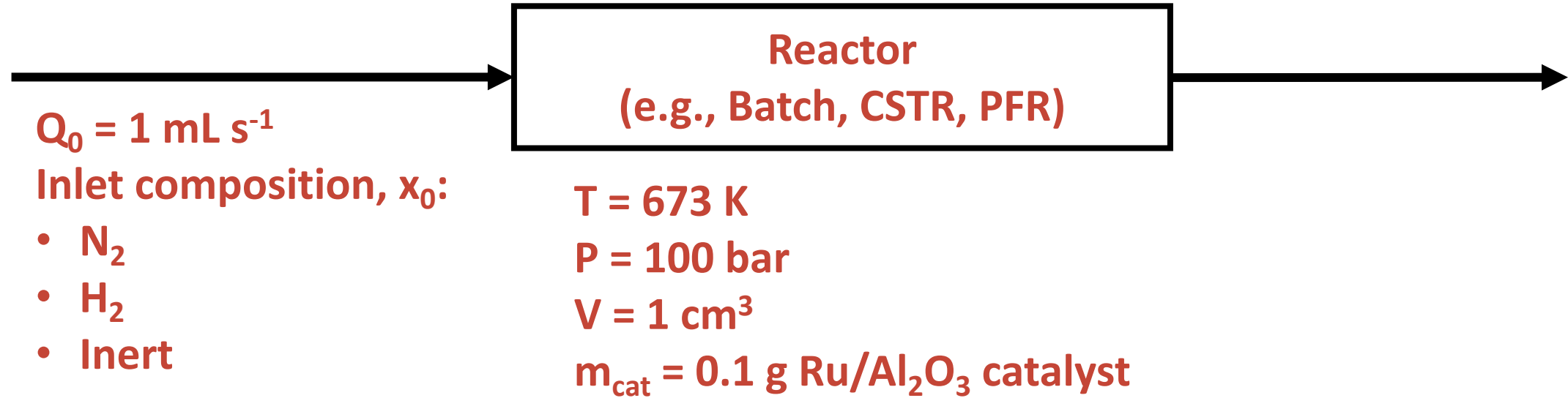
Uses state-of-the-art libraries for stability and robustness.

- OpenMKM's core modules are derived from:
 - The Cantera¹ library
 - Sundials² ODE/DAE solvers
 - Boost³ C++ libraries
- YAML Input files are generated easily using
 - The pMuTT⁴ library
 - Optionally also using YAML⁵ API



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- [5] <https://yaml.org/>

Microkinetic Model Inputs: Reactor Conditions



Legend

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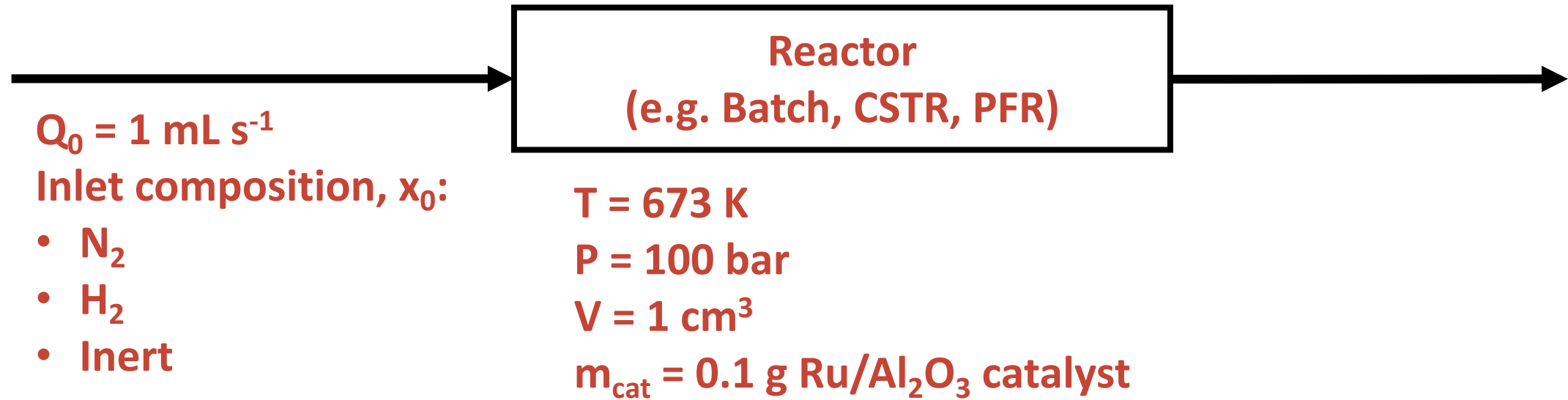
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Derived from DFT

i – Species i

j – Reaction j

Microkinetic Model Inputs: Elementary Steps



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Elementary reversible reactions:

■ Adsorption/Desorption

1. $\text{N}_2 + * \leftrightarrow \text{N}_2^*$
2. $\text{H}_2 + * \leftrightarrow 2\text{H}^*$
3. $\text{NH}_3 + * \leftrightarrow \text{NH}_3^*$

■ Surface Reactions

4. $\text{N}_2^* + * \leftrightarrow 2\text{N}^*$
5. $\text{N}^* + \text{H}^* \leftrightarrow \text{NH}^*$
6. $\text{NH}^* + \text{H}^* \leftrightarrow \text{NH}_2^*$
7. $\text{NH}_2^* + \text{H}^* \leftrightarrow \text{NH}_3^*$

Microkinetic Model Inputs: Mass Balance for N_2^*

$$\frac{d}{dt} [N_2^*] = \underbrace{k_1^{fwd} P_{N_2} [*] - k_1^{rev} [N_2^*]}_{\text{Adsorption}} - \underbrace{k_4^{fwd} [N_2^*] [*] + k_4^{rev} [N^*]^2}_{\text{Surface Reactions}}$$

Legend

Set by user

Calculated by MKM

Derived from DFT

i – Species i

j – Reaction j

Elementary reversible reactions:

■ Adsorption/Desorption



■ Surface Reactions



Microkinetic Model Inputs: Modified Arrhenius Rate Constant

$$\frac{d}{dt} [N_2^*] = k_1^{\text{fwd}} P_{N_2}[*] - k_1^{\text{rev}} [N_2^*] - k_4^{\text{fwd}} [N_2^*][*] + k_4^{\text{rev}} [N^*]^2$$

$$k_j^{\text{fwd}} = \underbrace{A'_j \left(\frac{\cancel{T}}{\cancel{T}_{\text{ref},j}} \right)^{\beta_j}}_{A_{\text{Arrhenius}}} \exp \left(-\frac{E_{A,j}}{RT} \right)$$

Legend

Set by user

Calculated by MKM

Derived from DFT

i – Species i

j – Reaction j

- Arrhenius equation when $\beta_i = 1$ and $T_{\text{ref},i} = 1 \text{ K}$

Microkinetic Model Inputs: Reverse Rate Constant

$$\frac{d}{dt} [N_2^*] = k_1^{\text{fwd}} P_{N_2}[*] - k_1^{\text{rev}} [N_2^*] - k_4^{\text{fwd}} [N_2^*][*] + k_4^{\text{rev}} [N^*]^2$$

$$k_j^{\text{fwd}} = A'_j \left(\frac{T}{T_{\text{ref},j}} \right)^{\beta_j} \exp \left(-\frac{E_{A,j}}{RT} \right) \xrightarrow{\text{By microscopic reversibility}} k_j^{\text{rev}} = \frac{k_j^{\text{fwd}}}{K_j^{\text{eq}}}$$

$$K_j^{\text{eq}} = \exp \left(-\frac{\Delta G_j}{RT} \right)$$

Legend

Set by user

Calculated by MKM

Derived from DFT

i – Species i

j – Reaction j

Microkinetic Model Inputs: Adsorption Preexponential

$$\frac{d}{dt} [N_2^*] = k_1^{\text{fwd}} P_{N_2}[*] - k_1^{\text{rev}} [N_2^*] - k_4^{\text{fwd}} [N_2^*][*] + k_4^{\text{rev}} [N^*]^2$$

$$k_{\text{ads},j}^{\text{fwd}} = A'_{\text{ads},j} \left(\frac{T}{T_{\text{ref},j}} \right)^{\beta_j} \exp \left(-\frac{E_{A,j}}{RT} \right)$$

By collision theory

$$A'_{\text{ads},j} = \frac{s_j}{(\sigma)^{n_{\text{surf}}}} \sqrt{\frac{RT}{2\pi M_i}}$$

Legend

Set by user

Calculated by MKM

Derived from DFT

i – Species i

j – Reaction j

Microkinetic Model Inputs: Surface Reaction Preexponential

$$\frac{d}{dt} [N_2^*] = k_1^{\text{fwd}} P_{N_2}[*] - k_1^{\text{rev}} [N_2^*] - k_4^{\text{fwd}} [N_2^*][*] + k_4^{\text{rev}} [N^*]^2$$

$$k_{\text{surf},j}^{\text{fwd}} = A'_{\text{surf},j} \left(\frac{T}{T_{\text{ref},j}} \right)^{\beta_j} \exp \left(-\frac{E_{A,j}}{RT} \right)$$

By transition-state theory

$$E_{A,j} = \Delta H_j^\ddagger$$

$$A'_{\text{surf},j} = \frac{k_B}{h} \frac{1}{(\sigma)^{n_{\text{surf}}-1}} \exp \left(\frac{\Delta S_j^\ddagger}{R} \right)$$

Legend

Set by user

Calculated by MKM

Derived from DFT

i – Species i

j – Reaction j

Microkinetic Modeling Input Summary

Set by user

- Reactor conditions
 - T , P , Q , V , x_{i0} , m_{cat}
- Elementary steps
 - Adsorption
 - Surface reactions
- Reaction parameters
 - s_j , σ , $T_{\text{ref},j}$, β_j

Calculated by MKM

- Surface coverages
- Gas-phase compositions
- Rates

Derived from DFT/GA

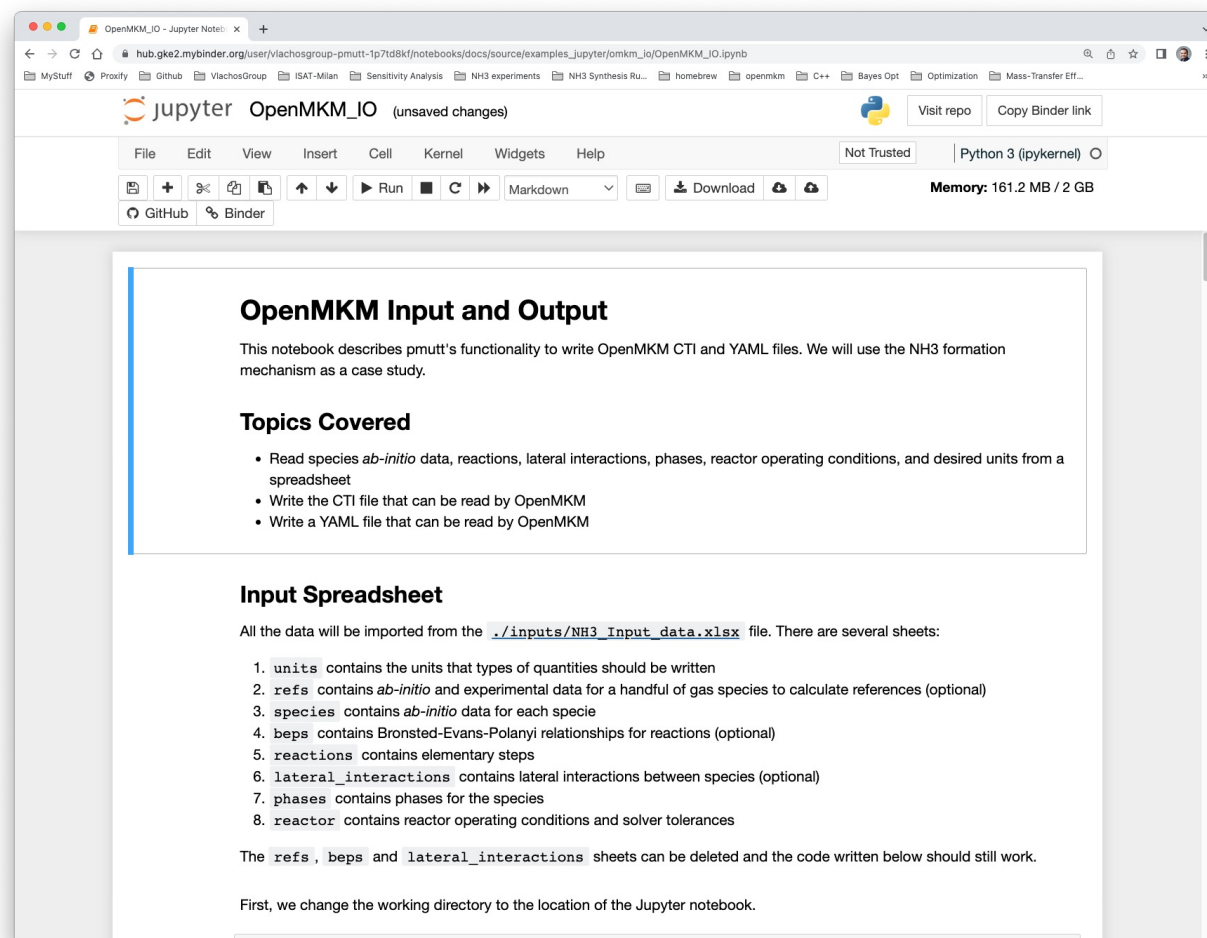
- Enthalpies (H) and entropies (S) of:
 - Reactants
 - Products
 - Intermediates
 - Transition states

How to make input files for OpenMKM?

- **YAML Input files are generated easily using pMuTT**
 - Detailed pMuTT¹ documentation to generate the input files.

YAML

pMuTT



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OpenMKM: Features Summary

Mechanisms

- Gas phase only
- Surface only
- Gas phase + multiple surfaces

Additional Features

- Support for BEP relations
- Coverage dependent enthalpies
- Parametric Studies
- Sensitivity Analysis
- Reaction Path Analysis
- Parameter Estimation

Supported Reactor Models

- Batch
- CSTR
- PFR
- PFR with T-profile

Temperature Modes

- Isothermal
- Adiabatic
- Heat transfer
- Temperature ramp (For TPD)
- Custom T-Profile (PFR 1-D only)

Demo 1: OpenMKM I/O

See Jupyter Notebook at:

[ACS-Workshop-Aug-2023/omkm_demo/omkm_io](#)

Demo 2: PFR-1D T-Profile

Ethane dehydrogenation MKM

See Example at: [ACS-Workshop-Aug-2023/omkm_demo/pfr1d_tprofile](https://www.acs.org/workshop/Aug-2023/omkm_demo/pfr1d_tprofile)

Demo 3: Sensitivity Analysis

Ethane dehydrogenation MKM

See Example at: [ACS-Workshop-Aug-2023/omkm demo/sa and rpa](https://www.acs.org/workshop/ACS-Workshop-Aug-2023/omkm_demo/sa_and_rpa)

Active Open-Source Development

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Multiple surface species in an elementary reaction #41 opened on May 14, 2020 by spbatchu	enhancement temporary-fix		2
Kc calculated at reactor outlet temperature and standard pressures of 1 bar for gaseous species #29 opened on May 12, 2020 by wittreggr	duplicate question		3
Formulas used to calculate kf #28 opened on May 12, 2020 by wittreggr	question		3
Values in the rates_ss.out file correspond to quantities at the outlet of the reactor #26 opened on May 12, 2020 by wittreggr	question		3
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rcrtr_state file density values of the gas phase #24 opened on May 12, 2020 by wittreggr			3
Clarify results for numerical PFR in the _ss.out #23 opened on May 12, 2020 by wittreggr			3

- Vlachos Group active on GitHub for OpenMKM software development.
- Users can report issues and provide feature requests.
- New features can be added.
- Bugs are typically fixed rapidly.

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