



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 pMuTT<sup>1</sup> (also part of VLab)
- Uses state-of-the-art numerical libraries (Cantera<sup>2</sup>, Sundials<sup>3</sup>, Boost C++<sup>4</sup>)
- Interfaces to Python (sensitivity analysis), RenView<sup>5</sup> for Path Visualization

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

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

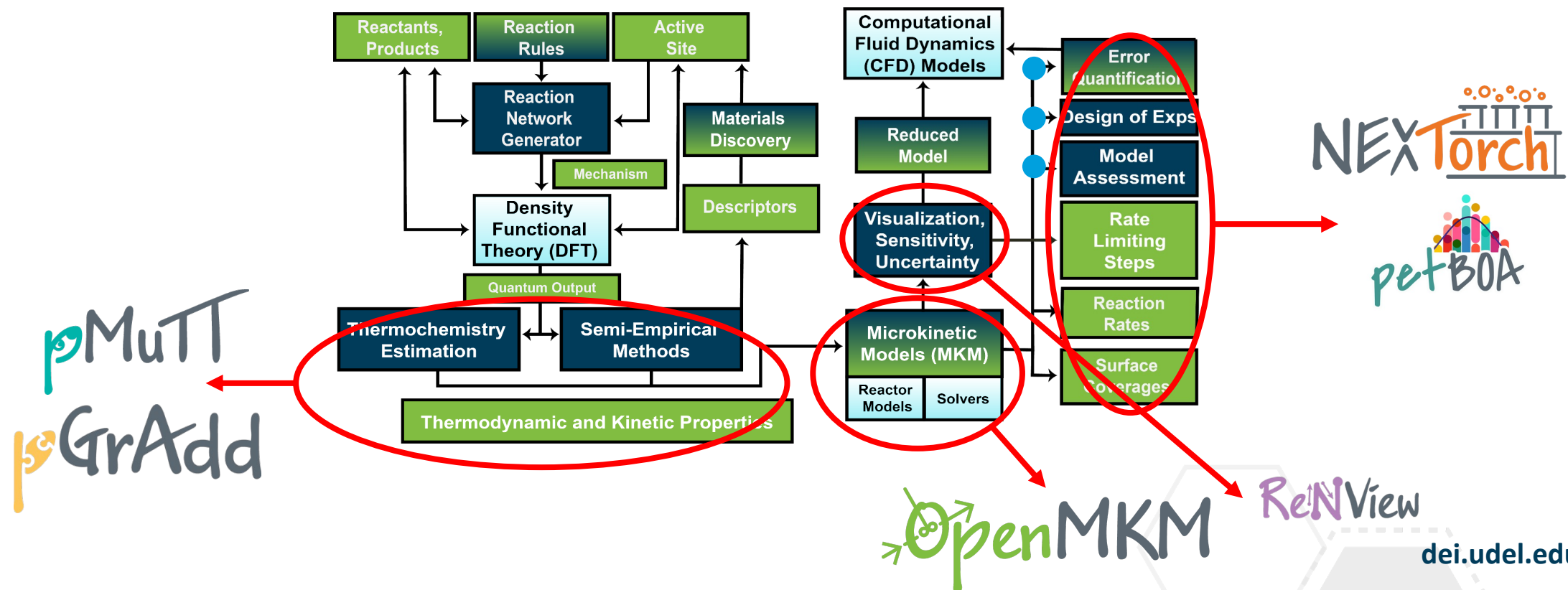
[5] <https://github.com/VlachosGroup/renview>

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

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

# Where does OpenMKM fit in V-Lab?

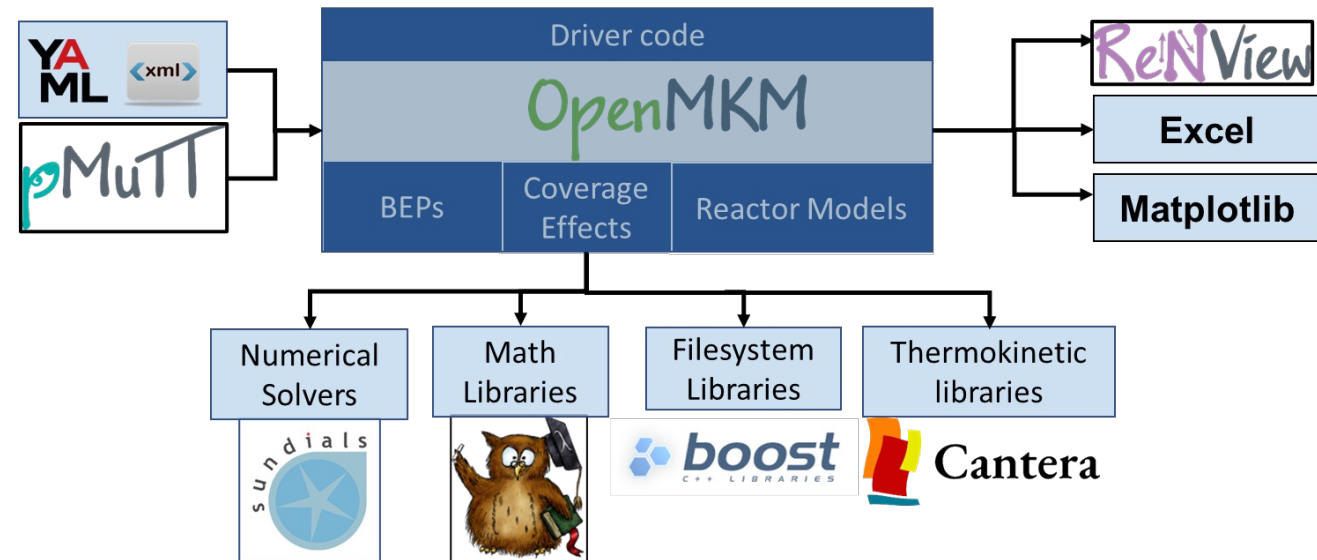
Bridge between atomic/meso scale data and macro-scale observables.



# OpenMKM: Core Modules

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

- OpenMKM's core modules are derived from:
  - The Cantera<sup>1</sup> library
  - Sundials<sup>2</sup> ODE/DAE solvers
  - Boost<sup>3</sup> C++ libraries
- YAML Input files are generated easily using
  - The pMuTT<sup>4</sup> library
  - Optionally also using YAML<sup>5</sup> API



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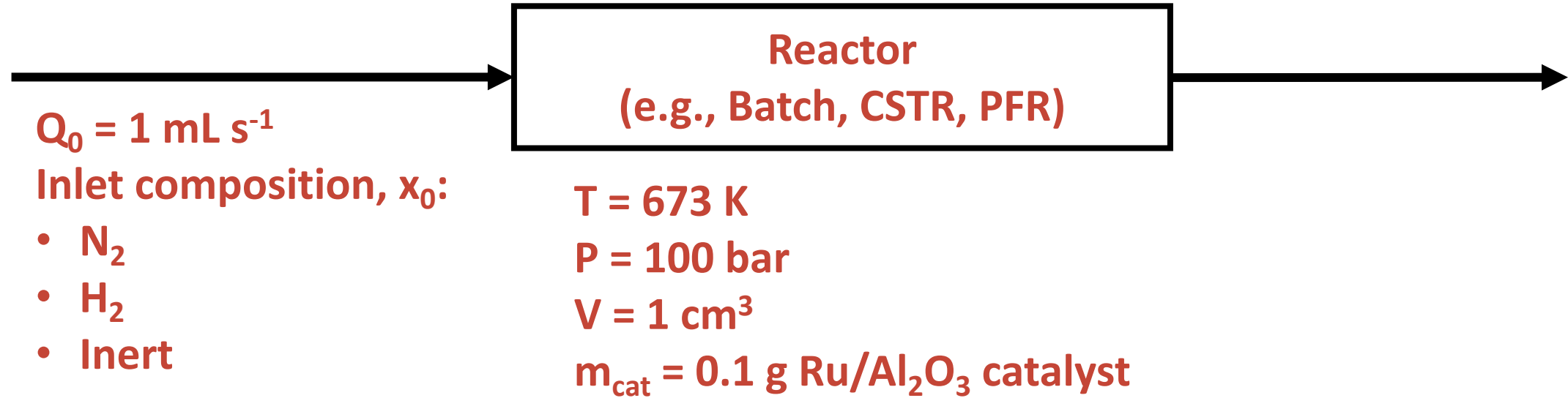
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[4] <https://vlachosgroup.github.io/pMuTT/>

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

# Microkinetic Model Inputs: Reactor Conditions



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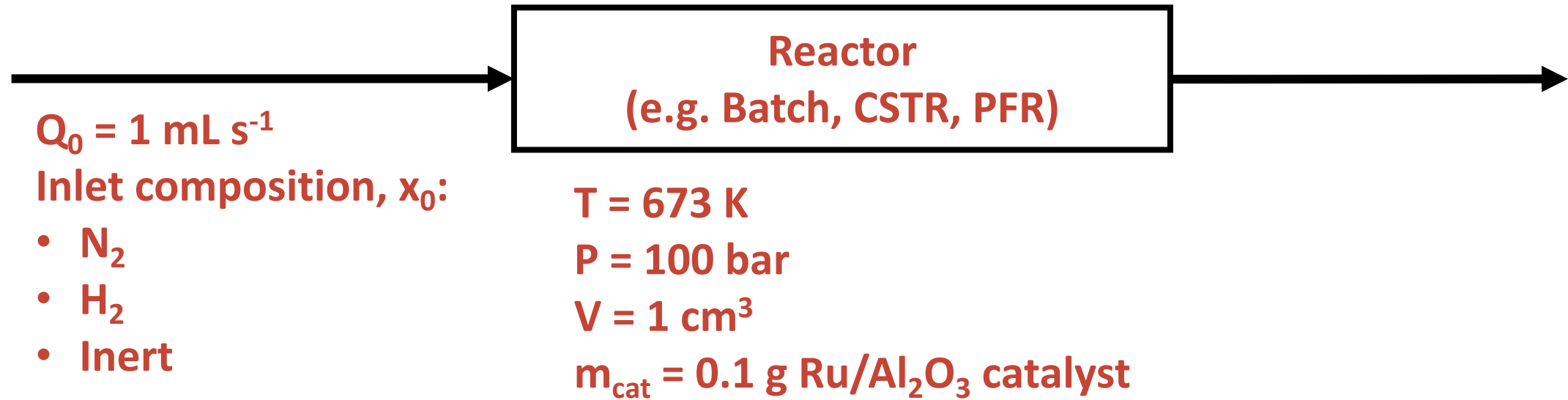
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Derived from DFT

i – Species i

j – Reaction j

# Microkinetic Model Inputs: Elementary Steps



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j – Reaction j

## 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

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# Microkinetic Modeling Input Summary

## Set by user

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

## Calculated by MKM

- Surface coverages
- Gas-phase compositions
- Rates

## Derived from DFT/GA

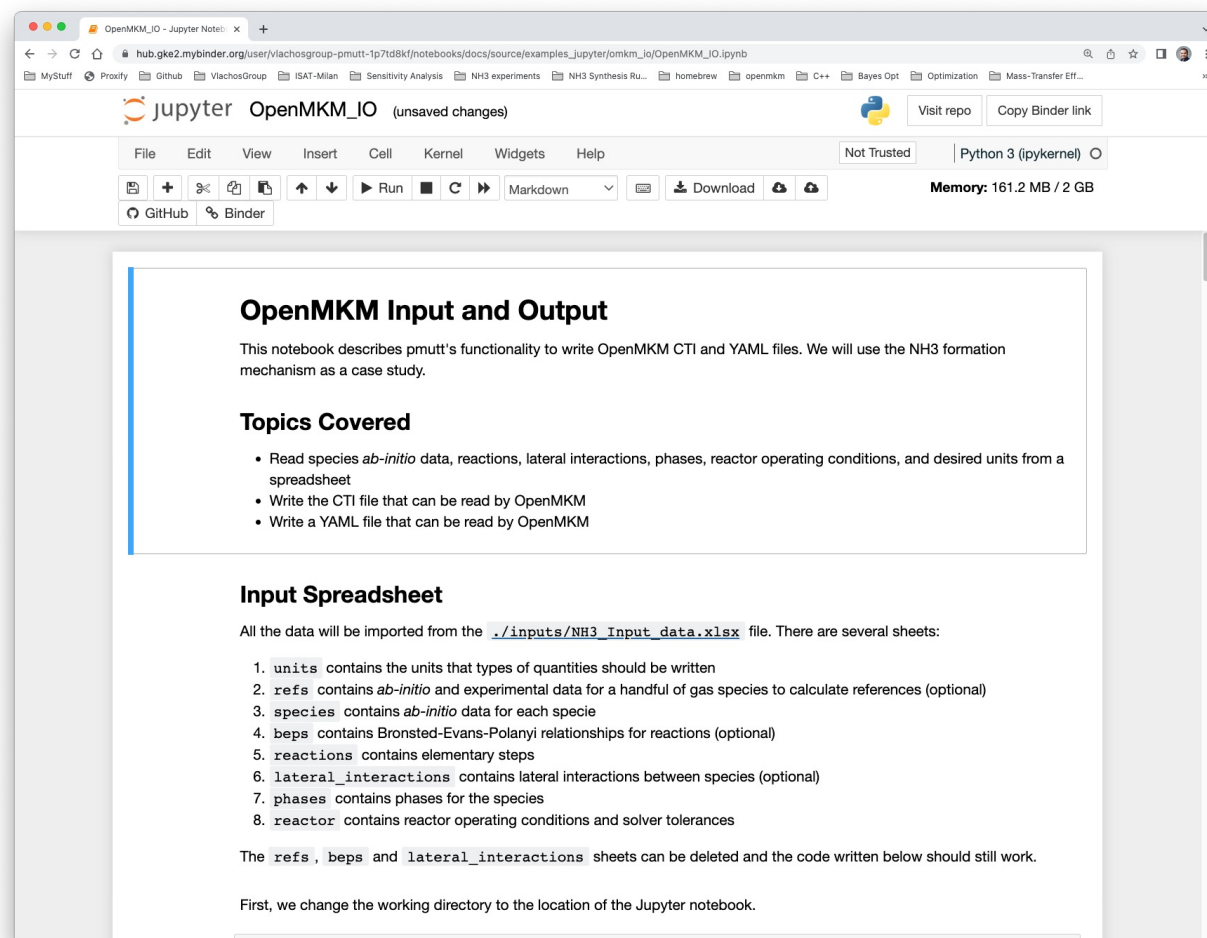
- Enthalpies ( $H$ ) and entropies ( $S$ ) of:
  - Reactants
  - Products
  - Intermediates
  - Transition states

# How to make input files for OpenMKM?

- **YAML Input files are generated easily using pMuTT**
  - Detailed pMuTT<sup>1</sup> 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:

# Demo 2: PFR-1D T-Profile

Ethane dehydrogenation MKM

See Example at:

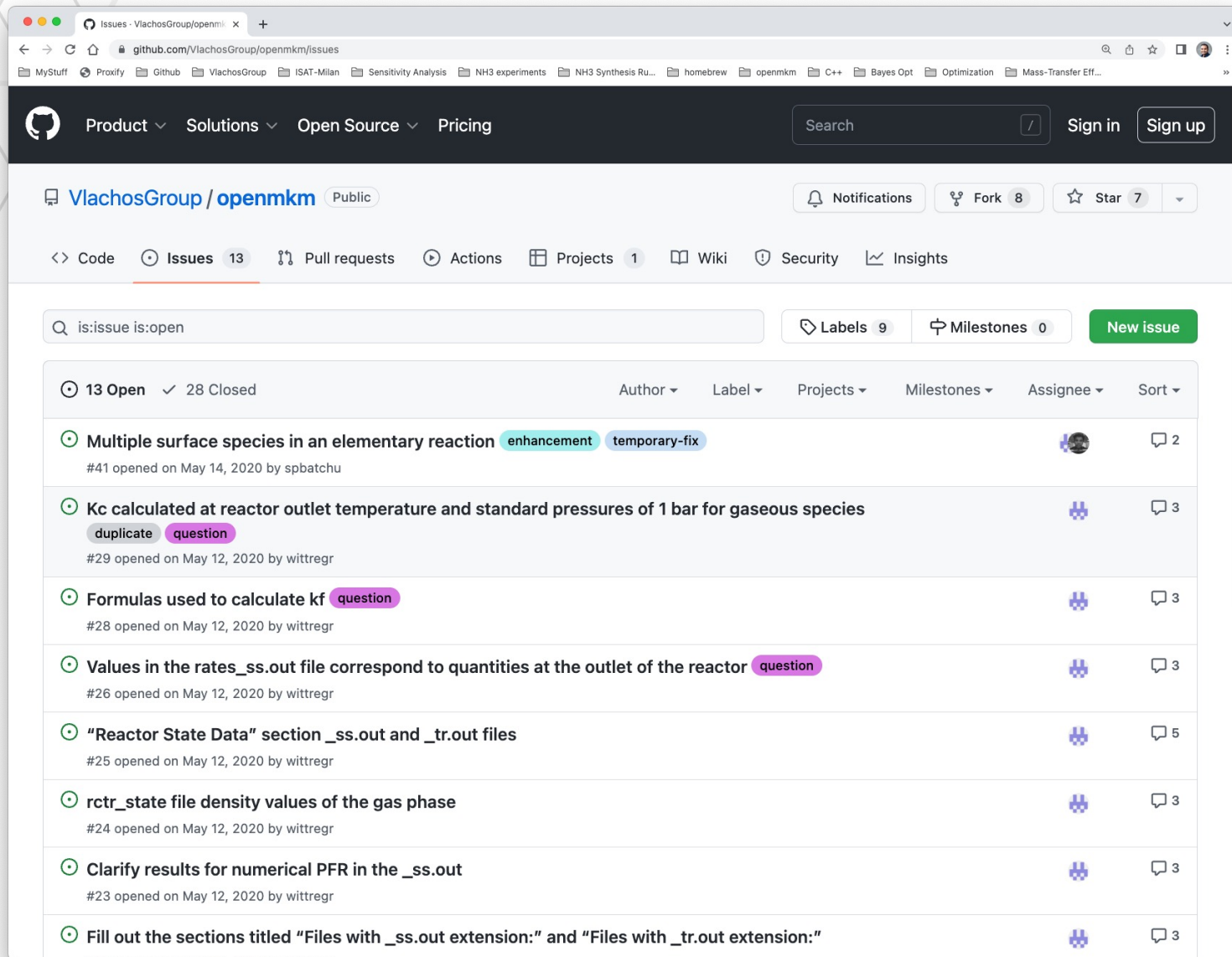


# Demo 3: Sensitivity Analysis

Ethane dehydrogenation MKM

See Example at:

# Active Open-Source Development



The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for VlachosGroup/openmkm. The repository is public and has 8 forks and 7 stars. The 'Issues' tab is selected, showing 13 open issues. The search bar contains 'is:issue is:open'. The issues list includes:

- Multiple surface species in an elementary reaction (enhancement, temporary-fix) - #41 opened on May 14, 2020 by spbatchu
- Kc calculated at reactor outlet temperature and standard pressures of 1 bar for gaseous species (duplicate, question) - #29 opened on May 12, 2020 by wittreggr
- Formulas used to calculate kf (question) - #28 opened on May 12, 2020 by wittreggr
- Values in the rates\_ss.out file correspond to quantities at the outlet of the reactor (question) - #26 opened on May 12, 2020 by wittreggr
- "Reactor State Data" section \_ss.out and \_tr.out files - #25 opened on May 12, 2020 by wittreggr
- rcrtr\_state file density values of the gas phase - #24 opened on May 12, 2020 by wittreggr
- Clarify results for numerical PFR in the \_ss.out - #23 opened on May 12, 2020 by wittreggr
- Fill out the sections titled "Files with \_ss.out extension:" and "Files with \_tr.out extension:" - #22 opened on May 12, 2020 by wittreggr

- 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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