# Accelerating Scientific Discovery in Catalysis with Artificial Intelligence

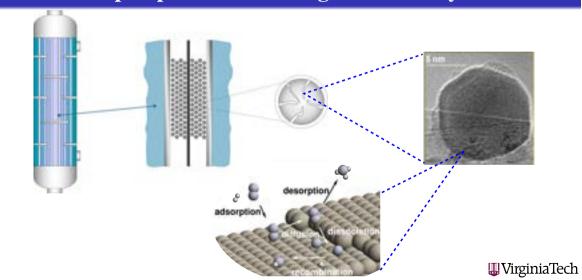
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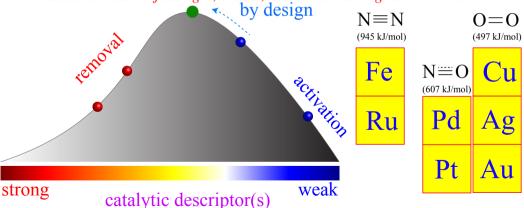
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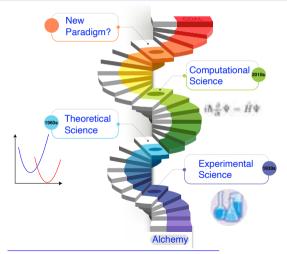
# A multiscale perspective in heterogeneous catalysis

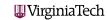


The Sabatier principle states that the interactions between the catalyst and key intermediates should be just right; that is, neither too strong nor too weak.

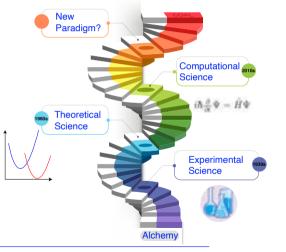


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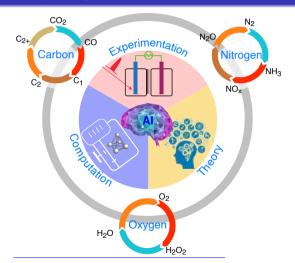


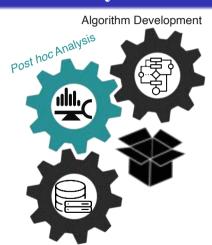
#### carbon neutrality by 2050





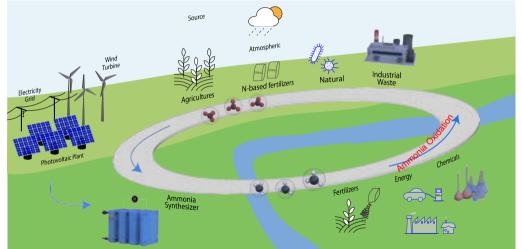
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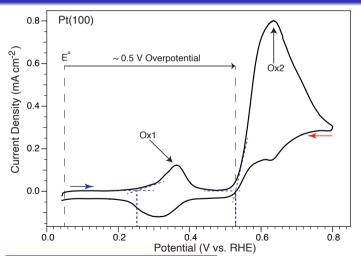
Feature Engineering

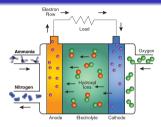
# Toward a sustainable nitrogen cycle through catalysis



Knowledge Discovery

# Cyclic voltammetry of NH<sub>3</sub> oxidation on Pt(100)





$$2NH_3 + 6OH^- \rightarrow N_2 + 6H_2O + 6e^-$$

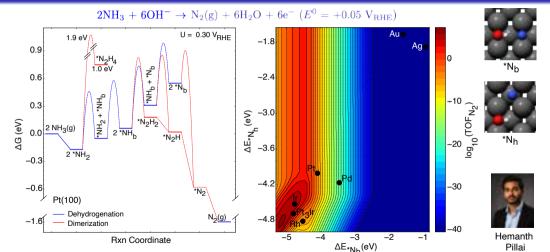
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$$\mathrm{NH_3} + 2^*\mathrm{H} + 2\mathrm{OH}^- \ \rightarrow ^*\mathrm{NH_3} + 2\mathrm{H_2O} + 2\mathrm{e}^- \ \mathrm{Exp.}$$
 onset potential: +0.25  $\mathrm{V_{RHF}}$ 

Surface deactivation: ~+0.6 V<sub>RHE</sub>

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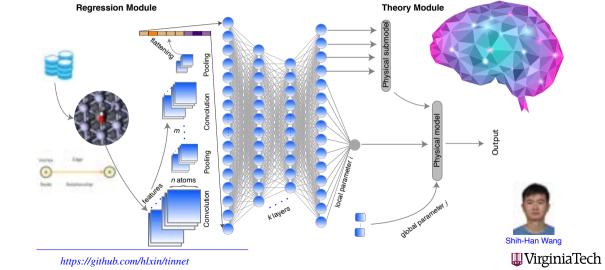
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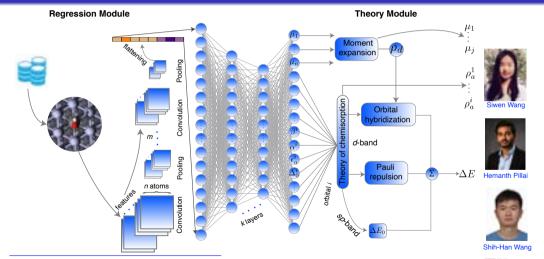
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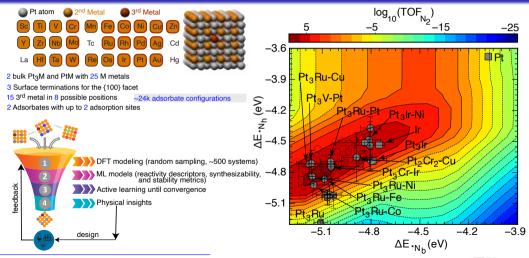
# **Developing a theory-infused neural network (TinNet)**

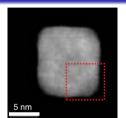


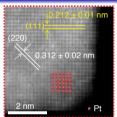
## A TinNet framework integrated with the d-band theory

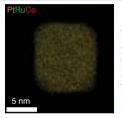


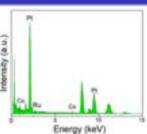
# Rapid screening of Ir-free, ternary Pt alloys for AOR

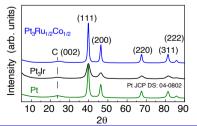


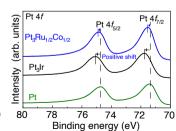












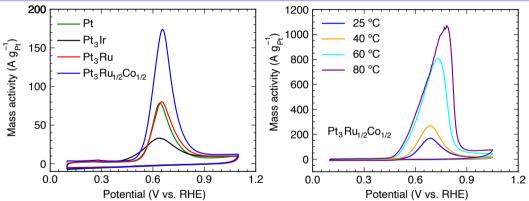




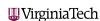
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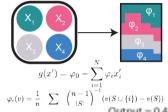
# Experimental validation of model-predicted ternary alloys



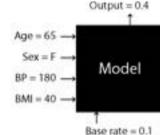
• Pt<sub>3</sub>Ru<sub>1/2</sub>Co<sub>1/2</sub> has the highest peak current density of 174.0 mA mg<sup>-1</sup> Pt, higher than pure Pt (78.6 mA mg<sup>-1</sup> Pt) and Pt<sub>3</sub>Ir.

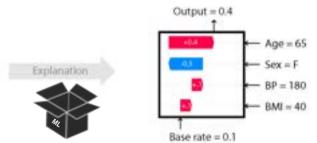


## **Opening the black box of machine learning models**



SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanations) explains the prediction of an instance by computing the contribution of each feature (Shapley value) to the prediction, rooted in cooperative game theory.

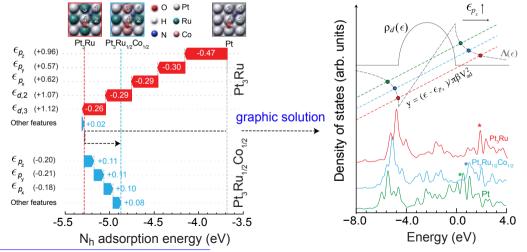




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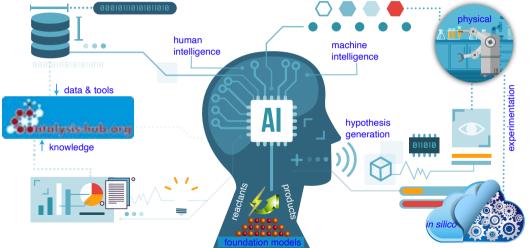
# SHAP analysis for deep insights into chemical bonding

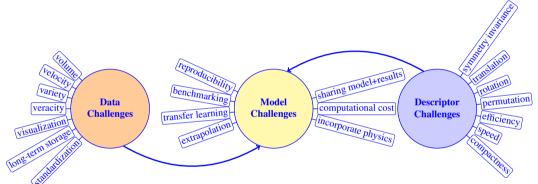


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# AI scientists in catalysis, a possibility or fantasy?





- Data: Data ecosystems that follows the FAIR principle.
- Descriptors: Hierarchical representations of systems.
- Models: Hybridizing deep learning with domain knowledge.

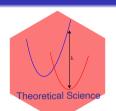
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#### **Conclusions**



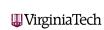












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