

Visualisations of semiconductor bandgaps dataset

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Here's my outline for a plotting function for the band gap plots:

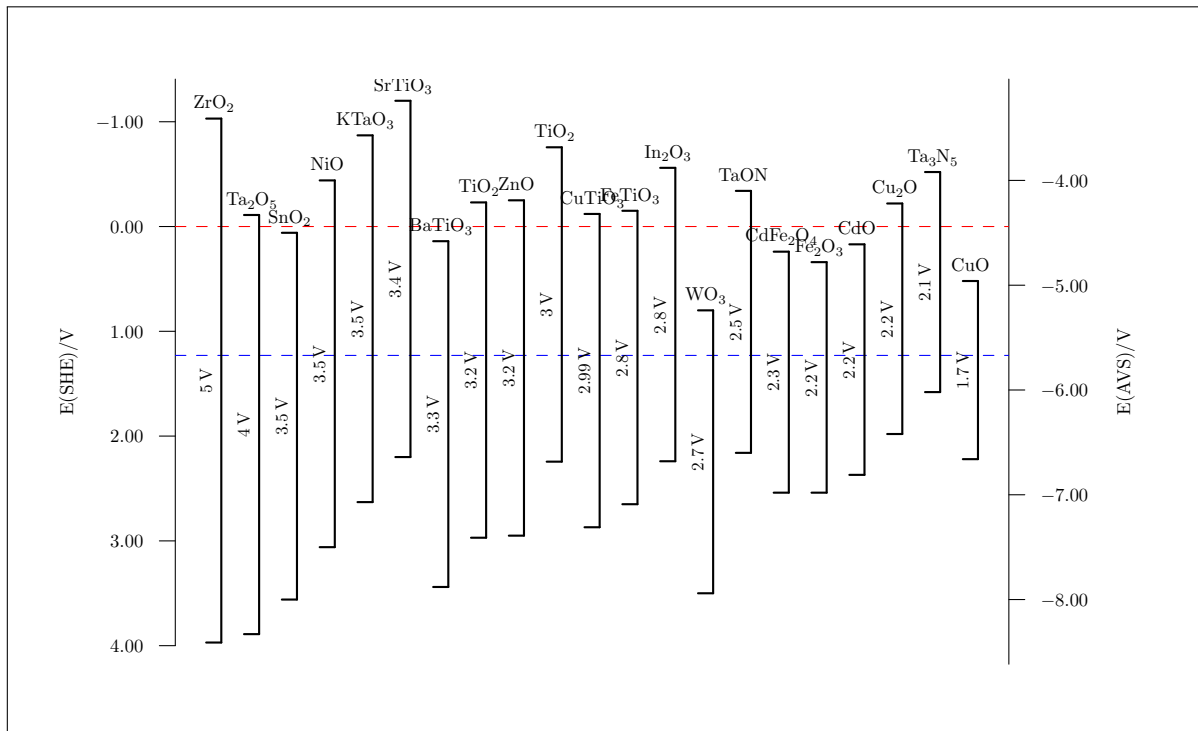
1. User calls the function and specifies i) which materials, ii) at which pH (for all of them), and iii) which secondary scale to use (here we should leverage our `refelectrodes` package).
2. Internally, the function should recalculate the CB and VB levels based on the supplied pH value, assuming the semiconductors follow Nernstian behaviour. I am not sure how to best handle non-Nernstian semiconductors in that case.
3. Finally, the plot needs to figure out the correct scaling and direction of the secondary scale. This turns out to be pretty easy with `sec.axis` in `ggplot2`, but slightly more cumbersome with the base plot package.

Not all of these points are implemented yet. In particular, a function that recalculates CB/VB levels based on pH assuming Nernstian behaviour has not been implemented yet. But other than that, the points above or mostly implemented in the base plot or `ggplot` plotting functions, which we will explore a little bit more below.

Band gaps plotted with the base plot package

For the R base plot package, this package implements the function `plot_bandgaps()`. The plot below can then be created with a single line of code, like this:

```
plot_bandgaps(bandgaps::semiconductors %>% filter(Nernstian == TRUE))
```



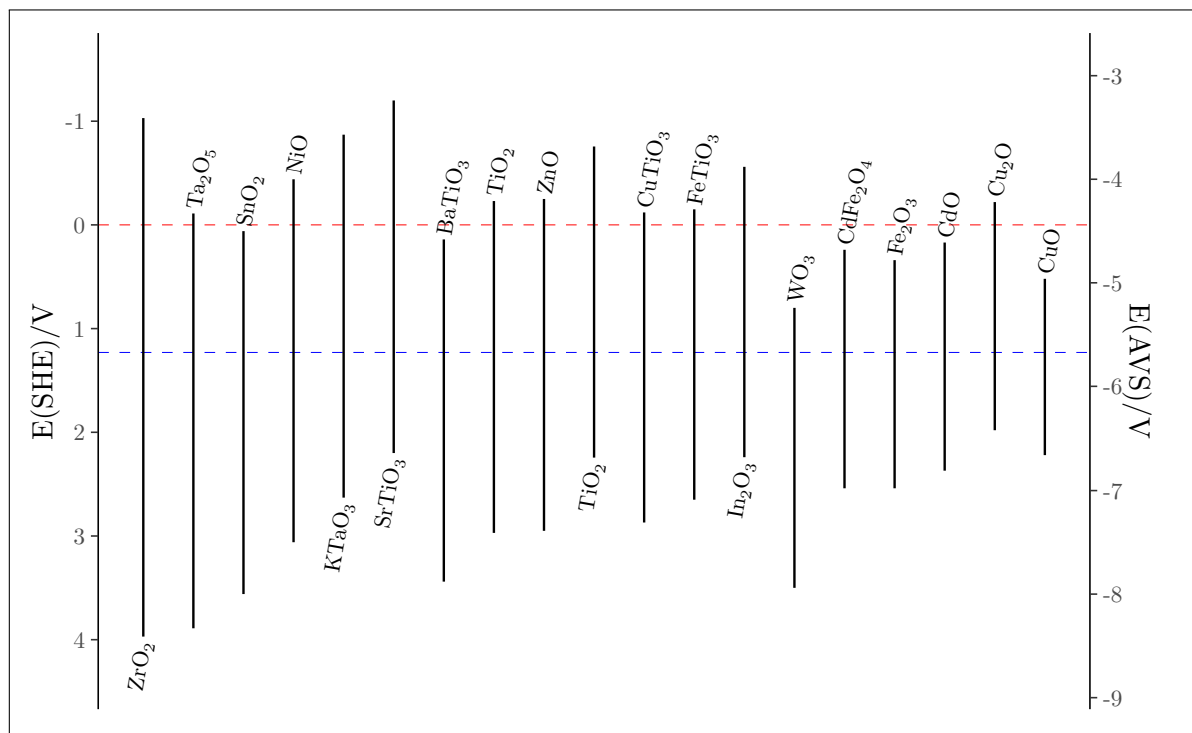
This works alright, with the plot size adapting fairly well to the number of included semiconductors, or to the absence of the secondary y -axis. The plot lacks a good way to handle placement and overlap of the labels, though.

Band gaps plotted with ggplot2

For expediency, since this is the first version of this vignette, I decided to represent the band gap with just a vertical line instead of the traditional horseshoe. (Could we define that as an object? Thus only needing to specify one edge and its length to draw it? Essentially creating a ggplot geom?)

With a rather small effort we managed to have the labels for the highest CB edges below the VB instead of above the CB (to avoid overcrowding the top part of the plot). I also experimented with `ggrepel` for the labels, but found that using `geom_text_repel()` made the labels repel each other but not the line intervals themselves.

So here's the band gaps dataset plotted using ggplot2:



And this code chunk was used to generate it (this should be functionalised!):

```
ggplot_materials <-
  bandgaps::semiconductors %>%
  # for recalculation of pH, only display Nernstian semiconductors
  filter(class == "oxide")
ggplot_materials <-
  ggplot_materials %>%
  # add column with x variable
  # NOTE: do this as the last step to avoid weird visual gaps
  # 0.4 is the x-value of the first line, stepsize 1.0
  mutate(x = seq(0.4, dim(ggplot_materials)[1], by = 1.0))
ggplot(data = ggplot_materials) +
  # water redox lines
  geom_hline(yintercept = 0.00, colour = "red", linetype = "dashed", size = 0.3) +
  geom_hline(yintercept = 1.23, colour = "blue", linetype = "dashed", size = 0.3) +
  # band gaps visualised as vertical lines
  geom_linerange(aes(x = x, ymin = CB, ymax = VB),
    size = 0.8) +
  # label each compound
  geom_text(aes(x = x,
    label = paste0("\\ch{" , formula, "}"),
    # can we put the label at VB if CB > than some value?
    # also add a constant space between CB/VB and label
    y = ifelse(CB > -0.5, CB - 0.05, VB + 0.05),
    # left-adjust labels at CB, and right-adjust labels at VB
    hjust = ifelse(CB > -0.5, 0, 1)),
    size = 3,
    vjust = 0.5,
    angle = 80) +
  # flip primary y-axis and create secondary AVS axis
  scale_y_continuous(
    name = "E(SHE)/V",
    # make sure each unit step is marked
    breaks = seq(-4, 6),
```

```

# expand() parameters are
# a multiplicative and an absolute expansion
# we add some space to make sure the labels of the largest Eg fits
expand = c(0, 0.65),
trans = "reverse",
sec.axis =
  # note the initial minus sign
  # which makes the AVS scale go positive up
  sec_axis(~ -. + refelectrodes::as.SHE(0, scale = "AVS"),
    name = "E(AVS)/V")) +
# a more suitable theme
theme_classic() +
# completely remove the x-axis
theme(axis.text.x = element_blank(),
  axis.title.x = element_blank(),
  axis.line.x = element_blank(),
  axis.ticks.x = element_blank())

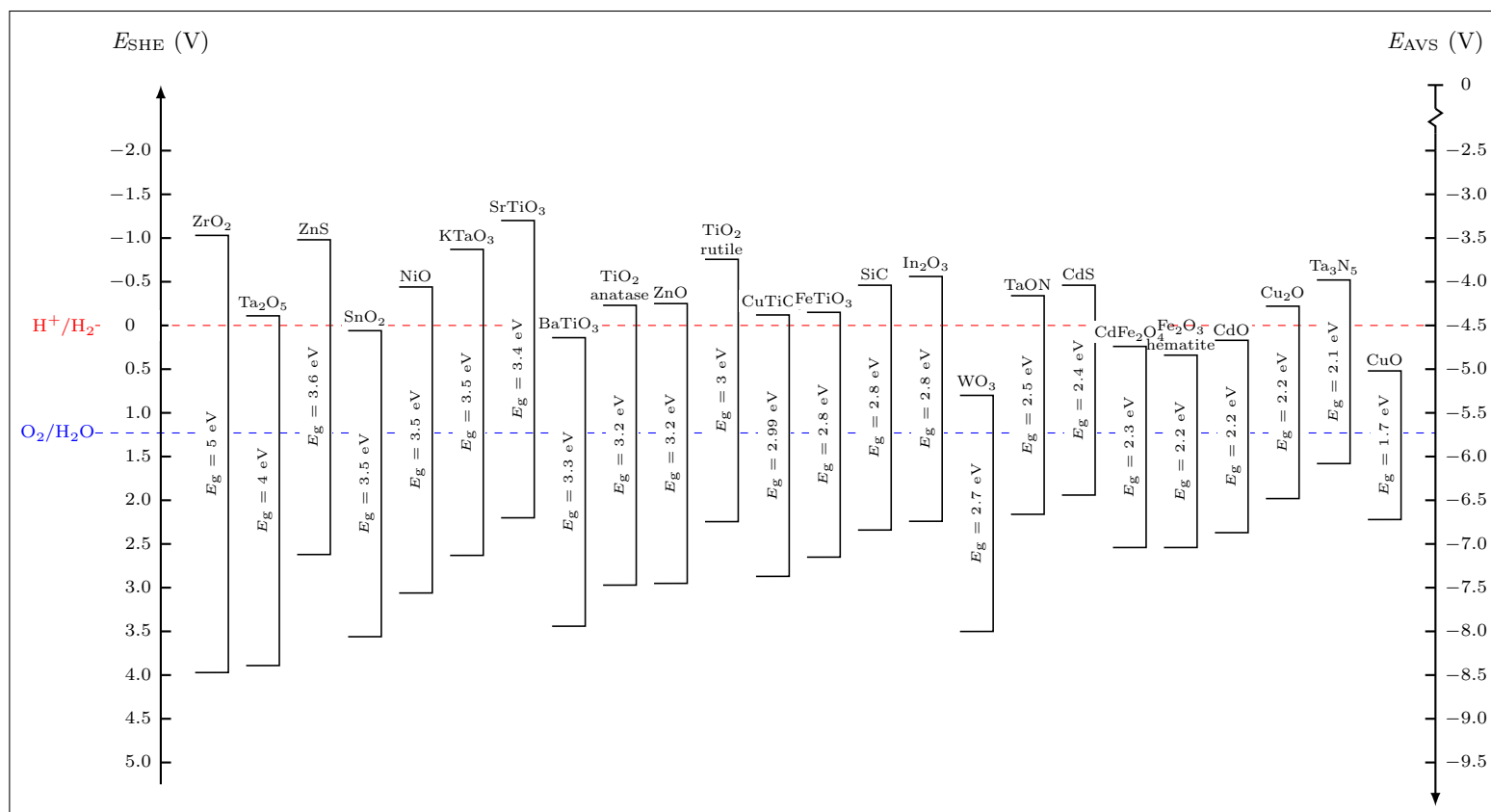
```

Band gaps plotted with TikZ

This is the original version of this plot and the dataset. In fact, this dataset started out as electrochemical potentials hard-coded in the TikZ code. But despite that lack of adaptability, the visual quality of the plot surpasses both the base plot and the ggplot above (perhaps not for much longer). In fact, a slightly modified version of this plot was published in Zhu [1] and Zhu [2, p. 397].

There is a lot of L^AT_EX and TikZ code behind this plot (have a look at the source file for this vignette if you like). Nonetheless, I have managed to make the code slightly more useful by integrating the dataset into the TikZ code using a fairly compact chunk of R code.

Still, the TikZ code is not really dynamic. For example, the primary and secondary y -axis scales are hard-coded in the TikZ code. For future development, I think it is more fruitful to work on the ggplot approach above rather than this TikZ approach.



References

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- [2] Jiefang Zhu. “Photocatalysts for Hydrogen Production”. In: *Advanced Materials For Clean Energy*. Ed. by Qiang Xu and Tetsuhiko Kobayashi. Taylor & Francis Group, 2015, pp. 391–419.

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- R version 4.0.3 (2020-10-10), x86_64-pc-linux-gnu
- Running under: Ubuntu 18.04.6 LTS
- Matrix products: default
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- LAPACK:
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- Base packages: base, datasets, graphics, grDevices, methods, stats, utils
- Other packages: bandgaps 0.1.0.9000, common 0.0.2, dplyr 1.0.7, ggplot2 3.3.5, knitr 1.33, refelectrodes 0.0.0.9000, tidyr 1.1.3, xtable 1.8-4
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