



HydroGEN: STCH Overview

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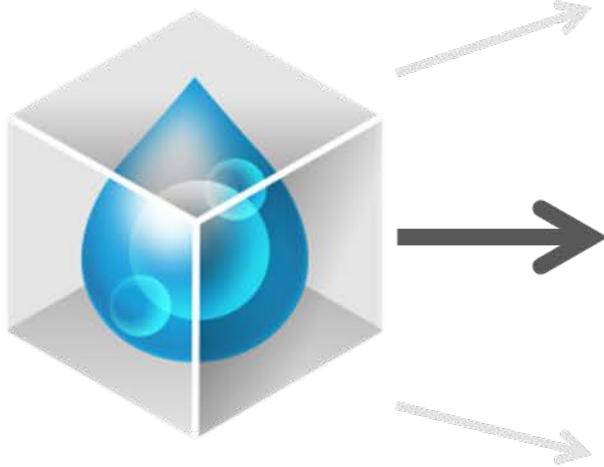


Advanced Water-Splitting Materials (AWSM)

AWSM Consortium 6 Core Labs:



Accelerating R&D of innovative materials critical to advanced water splitting technologies for clean, sustainable & low cost H₂ production, including:



Water



Production target
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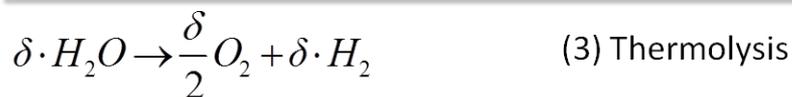
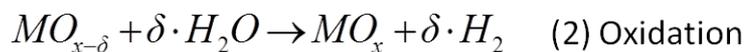
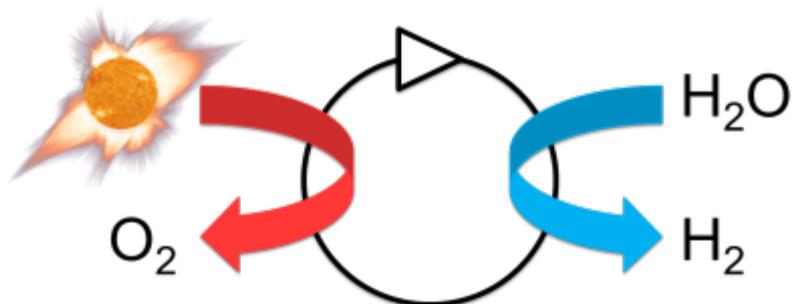


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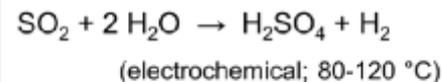
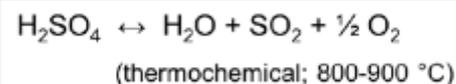
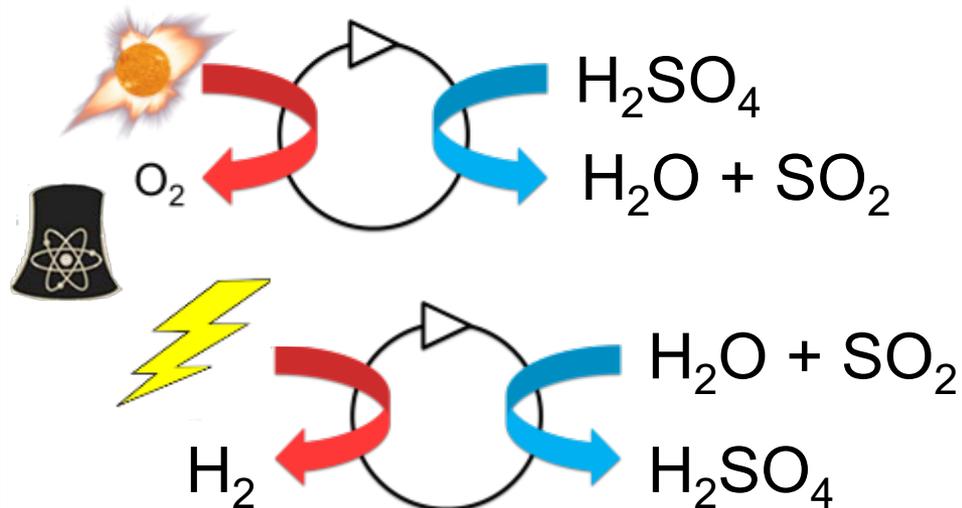
Thermochemical and Hybrid Water Splitting Technologies

Thermochemistry



- Metal cation is redox active element in two-step cycle.

TC + Electrochemistry



- Sulfur is redox active element in two-step cycle.

HydroGEN Consortium

- Thermodynamic tuning
- HER kinetic tuning
- Bulk & interface engineering
- Materials compatibility

Two-Step MO_x

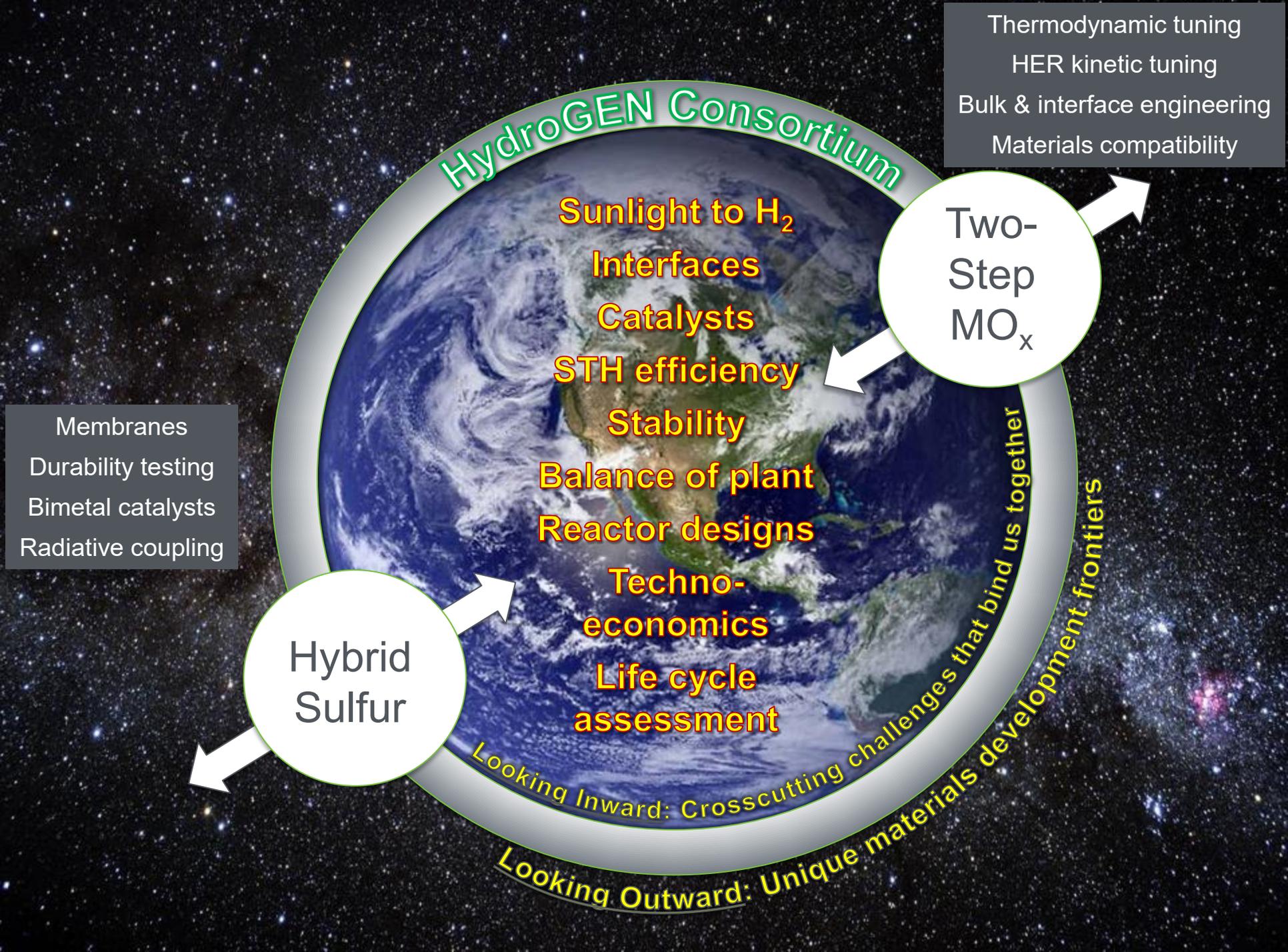
- Sunlight to H_2
- Interfaces
- Catalysts
- STH efficiency
- Stability
- Balance of plant
- Reactor designs
- Techno-economics
- Life cycle assessment

- Membranes
- Durability testing
- Bimetal catalysts
- Radiative coupling

Hybrid Sulfur

Looking Inward: Crosscutting challenges that bind us together

Looking Outward: Unique materials development frontiers





DOE

EMN

HydroGEN

Core labs
capability
nodes

Data Hub

FOA Proposal Process

- Proposal calls out capability nodes
- Awarded projects get access to nodes

<https://www.h2awsm.org/capabilities>



STCH: Solar Thermochemical & Hybrids

Barriers

- Cost
- Efficiency
- Durability

STCH Node Labs



Sandia
National
Laboratories



Support
through:



Personnel
Equipment
Expertise
Capability
Materials
Data

STCH Projects

Greenway Energy LLC

Engineering consultant in Aiken County,
South Carolina



Northwestern
University

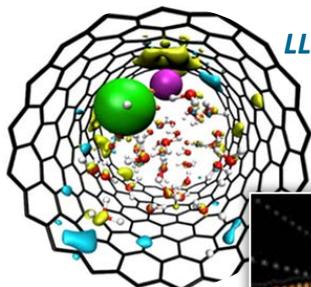


HydroGEN-AWSM Core Labs Nodes

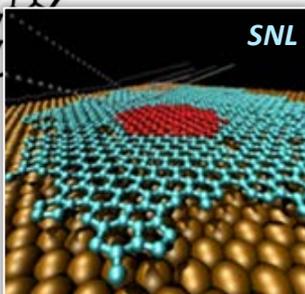
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Comprising more than 80 unique, world-class capabilities/expertise in:

Materials Theory/Computation

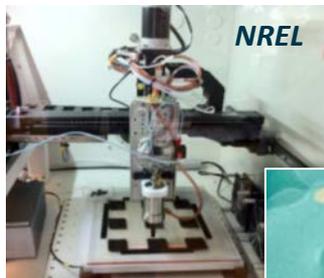


Bulk & interfacial models of aqueous electrolytes

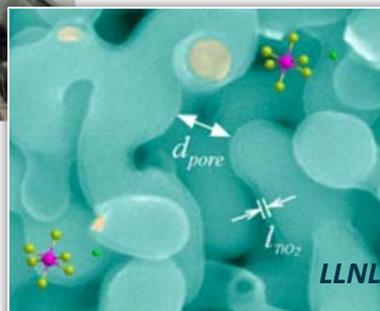


LAMMPS classic molecular dynamics modeling relevant to H_2O splitting

Advanced Materials Synthesis



High-throughput spray pyrolysis system for electrode fabrication

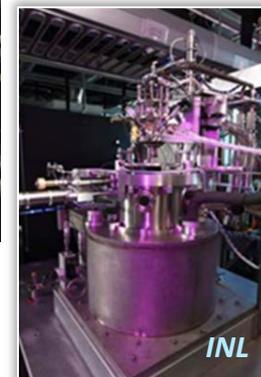


Conformal ultrathin TiO_2 ALD coating on bulk nanoporous gold

Characterization & Analytics



Stagnation flow reactor to evaluate kinetics of redox material at high-T



TAP reactor for extracting quantitative kinetic data

HydroGEN fosters cross-cutting innovation using theory-guided applied materials R&D to advance all emerging water-splitting pathways for hydrogen production



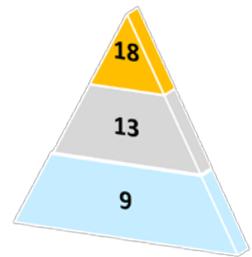
40 STCH Nodes Available in the Consortium

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Computation & Analysis

The collage includes various scientific data and images:

- SEM images of catalyst surfaces.
- Electrochemical plots showing electrolyte potential (V) and current density (stream line).
- A central diagram of a water-splitting cycle: $H_2O \rightarrow H_2 + \frac{1}{2}O_2$.
- Photocatalytic reaction schemes: $2H_2O \xrightarrow{h\nu} H_2 + O_2$.
- Energy band diagrams for photocatalysis.
- Photocatalytic reactor setups.
- Material synthesis and characterization diagrams.
- Evolved Gas Analysis (EGA) schematic.
- Absorption coefficient plot for $Mn_{0.2}Fe_{0.8}O$ showing $E_g = 2.30$ eV.



Analysis: 1 Computation: 6	Characterization: 5 Synthesis/Process: 6	Cat1
Analysis: 1 Computation: 5	Characterization: 3 Synthesis/Process: 4	Cat2
Analysis: 1 Computation: 4	Characterization: 4 Synthesis/Process: 0	Cat3

Synthesis & Characterization

- 11 nodes from 5 National Labs supporting 5 STCH projects.



5 Seedling Projects Awarded in FY2018

11 nodes from 5 National Labs supporting projects

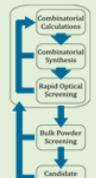
Approach

Accelerated Discovery of STCH Materials via High-Throughput Computational and Experimental Methods

PI, Ryan O'Hayre, Colorado School of Mines
Co-PI, Michael Sanders, Colorado School of Mines

Project Vision

Merging combinatorial synthesis methods with combinatorial theoretical calculations to rapidly discover new potential materials for use in two-step metal oxide cycles for STCH



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NODE	LAB	PI
First principles materials theory	NREL	S. Lany
(HTE) thin film combinatorial	NREL	A. Zakutayev
Laser heated SFR	SNL	A. McDaniel

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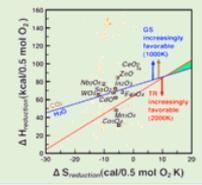
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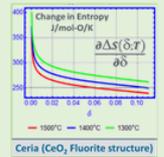
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Themes are *fundamental*:

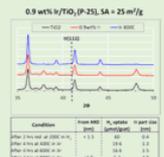
- Computational material science, machine learning, high throughput screening, accelerated discovery

High temperature reactor catalyst material development for low cost and efficient solar driven sulfur-based processes

PI, Claudio Corgnale, Greenway Energy
Co-PI, John Monnier, University of South Carolina

Project Vision

Develop new material catalyst using our demonstrated surface free energy and electrosess deposition technique, and integrate directly into a solar reactor-receiver



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NODE	LAB	PI
Engineering BOP of hi-temp systems	NREL	Z. Ma
Catalysts for harsh environments	INL	D. Ginosar
Flow sheet development and technoeconomic analysis	SRNL	M. Gorensenk



Leveraging HydroGEN Capabilities to Enable Project Success

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Computation:

- First Principles Materials Theory for Advanced Water Splitting Pathways (S.Lany, NREL)
 - Role of charged defects in generating configurational entropy
 - Comp. screen material thermodynamics
- Uncertainty Quantification in Computational Models of Physical Systems (B.Deusschere, SNL)
 - Bayesian statistical uncertainty quantification to assess impact of imperfect knowledge
- Mesoscale Kinetic Modeling of Water Splitting and Corrosion Processes (T.W.Heo, LLNL)
 - Model reaction kinetics and phase dynamics

Characterization:

- Development and Evaluation of Catalysts for Harsh Environments (D.Ginosar, INL)
 - Durability and performance @ hi T and low pH
- High-Temperature X-Ray Diffraction (HT-XRD) and Complementary Thermal Analysis (E.Coker, SNL)
 - *in operando* XRD, validate structure models
 - Thermal analysis, validate thermo models
- Virtually Accessible Laser Heated Stagnation Flow Reactor for Characterizing Redox Chemistry of Materials Under Extreme Conditions (A.McDaniel, SNL)
 - Measure reaction kinetics and quantify redox performance

Analysis:

- Engineering of Balance of Plant for High-Temperature Systems (Z.Ma, NREL)
 - Solar reactor design and CFD model-based performance analysis
- Techno-Economic Analysis of Hydrogen Production (G.Saur, NREL)
 - H2A analysis of production pathway
- Advanced Water-Splitting Materials Requirements Based on Flowsheet Development and Techno-Economic Analysis (M.Gorensek, SRNL)
 - Conceptual design of solar plant
 - Econ-finance analysis of solar plant

Synthesis:

- High-Throughput Experimental Thin Film Combinatorial Capabilities (A.Zakutayev, NREL)
 - Pulsed laser deposition of compositionally-varied oxide materials libraries
 - Chemical and physical analysis of oxide films
- Computational and Experimental Tools for Enhanced Thermochemical Hydrogen Production (D.Ginley, NREL)
 - Controlled material defect engineering for DFT validation and descriptor testing



Example node: SNL

Uncertainty Quantification in Computational Models

Accomplishment

Bayesian inference of thermodynamic model parameters

$$p(\lambda|d, \mathcal{M}) = \frac{p(d|\lambda, \mathcal{M})p(\lambda, \mathcal{M})}{p(d|\mathcal{M})}$$

Bayes' rule updates prior belief in parameter values (λ) with data (d), to obtain posterior belief in the parameter values

$$z = -\ln(\delta)$$

$$u = \frac{1}{2} \ln\left(\frac{P_{O_2, \text{amb}}}{P_{O_2}}\right)$$

$$\beta = \left(\frac{T_{\text{ref}}}{T}\right)$$

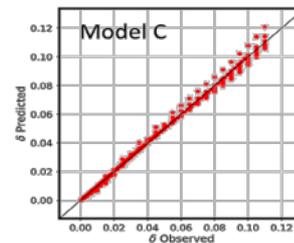
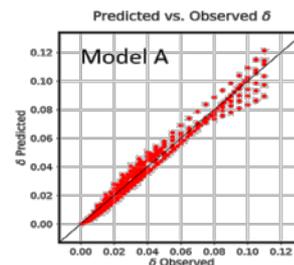
$$P_{O_2, \text{amb}} = 0.20946$$

$$T_{\text{ref}} = 1073.15$$

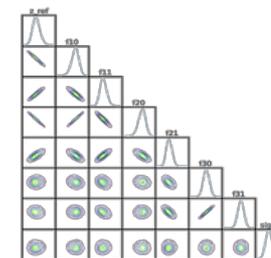
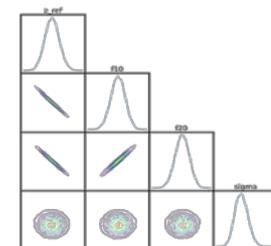
$$Z = \frac{z_{\text{ref}} + f_{10}(1-\beta) + f_{20}u + f_{30}u(1-\beta)}{1 + f_{11}(1-\beta) + f_{21}u + f_{31}u(1-\beta)}$$

Considered 4 models in transformed (P, T, δ) variables

Bayes Factor reveals model preference



Model C is strongly preferred because additional parameters allow better fit



Strong dependencies between some parameters

- Derive simplest possible model to fit O_2 chemical potential in solid.
 - Analytically extract material thermodynamics to solve inverse material design problem
- Uncertainty Quantification determines model parameters needed to predict thermodynamic behavior with specified uncertainty.
 - How accurate does the model have to be?
 - How does error propagation impact predictions?



Example node: NREL

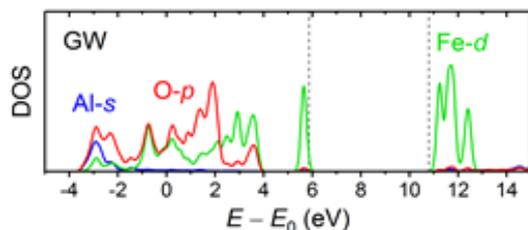
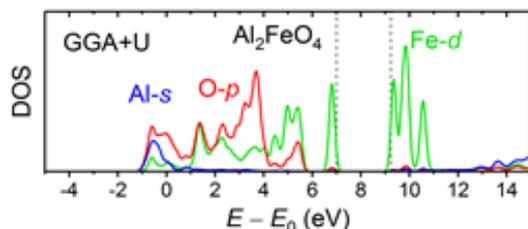
First Principles Materials Theory

Computational predictions (capabilities and expertise)

- Oxide thermochemistry
- Defect formation energies
- Defect equilibria
- Electronic structure

CU Boulder

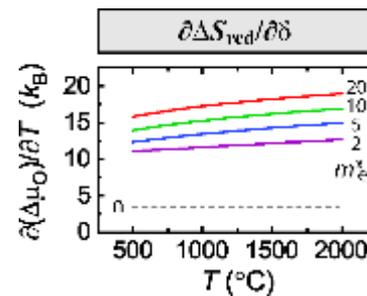
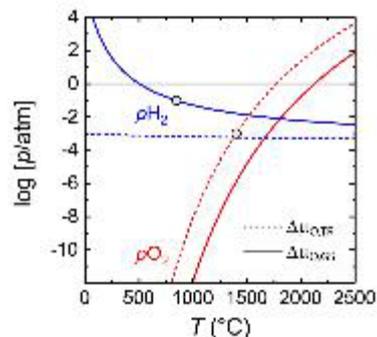
C. Musgrave, A. Holder, S. Millican



Electronic structure of hercynite in DFT and in band gap corrected GW

Basic design principles for STCH water splitting

- Optimal STCH activity by utilizing entropy due to charged defect formation

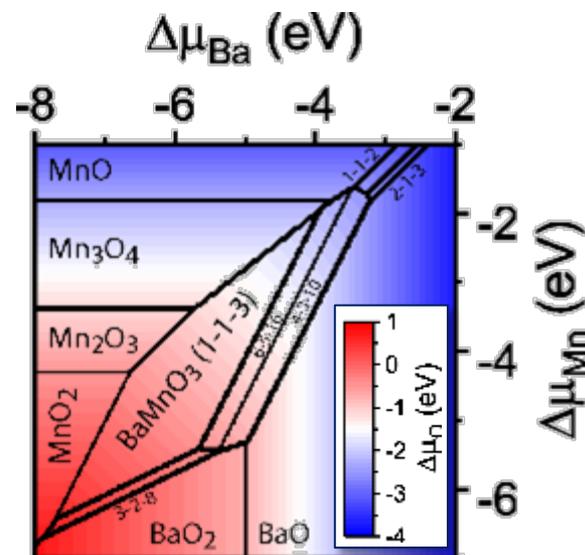


S. Lany, JCP **148**, 071101 (2018)

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Ba-Mn-O phase diagram in chemical potential space





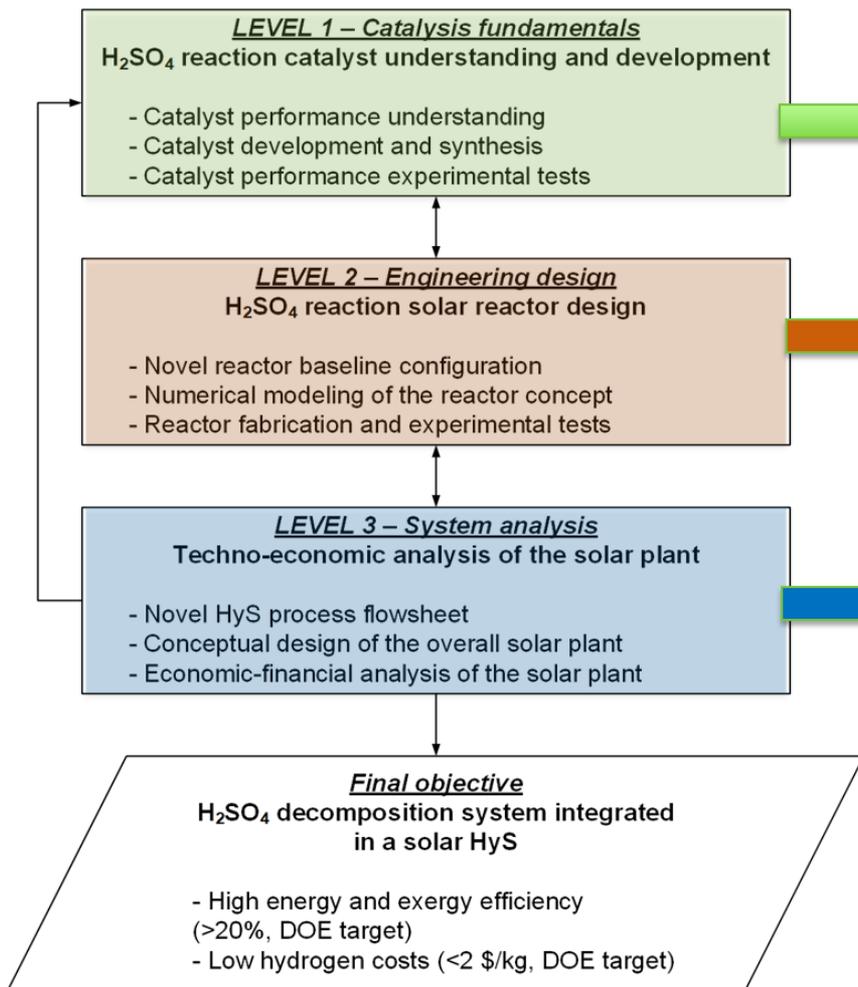
Case Study: High Temperature Reactor Catalyst Material Development for Low Cost and Efficient Solar Driven Sulfur-based Processes

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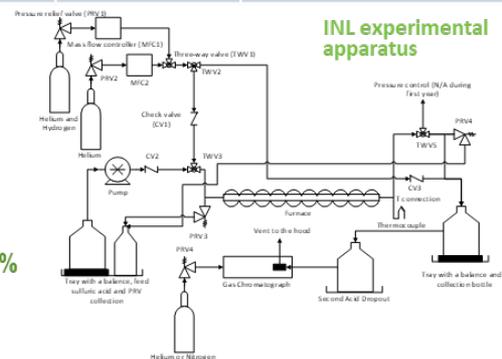
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Level 1 Action	Institution	Need for the AWSM
Catalyst development and synthesis	USC	- INL capability → run of H ₂ SO ₄ decomposition tests at the required T, P and concentration
Catalyst tests under realistic conditions	INL	
Level 2 Action	Institution	Need for the AWSM
Identification of novel solar reactor	GWE – NREL	- NREL has been critical to identify and optimize the novel direct solar reactor (concept being patented ROI filled)
Detailed model of the new reactor	GWE – USC	
Lab scale reactor demonstration	GWE – NREL	
Level 3 Action	Institution	Need for the AWSM
HyS Flowsheet	GWE – SRNL	- NREL capability → design of solar tower plants - SRNL capability → development of HyS process flowsheeting
Solar plant design	GWE – NREL	
Plant techno-economic analysis	GWE – SRNL - NREL	

INL test conditions

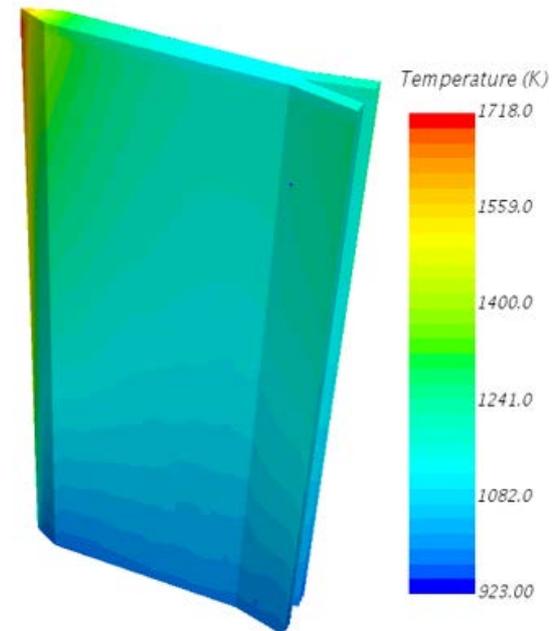
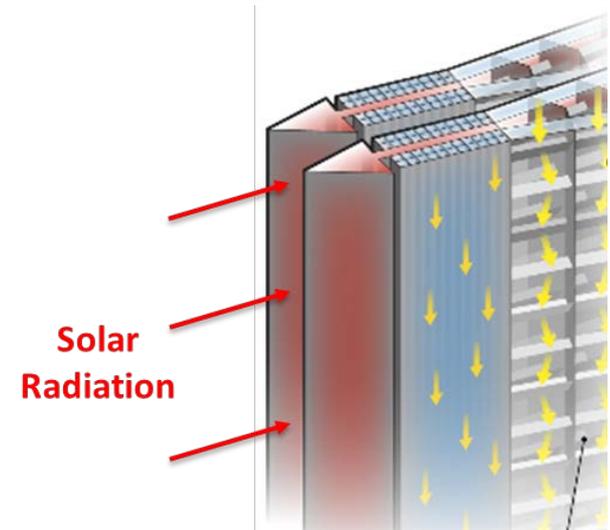
- T up to ≈ 1000 °C
- P up to tens of bar
- H₂SO₄ conc > 90 wt%





- Novel NREL solar cavity receiver design.
 - Direct solar irradiation of SiC receiver achieves higher operating temperature
 - Reduced volume and weight
 - No need for intermediate heat transfer fluid

- Completed preliminary large scale reactor design.
 - CFD model-based analysis
 - Verified effective heat transfer to H_2SO_4 gas
 - Predicted higher system efficiency





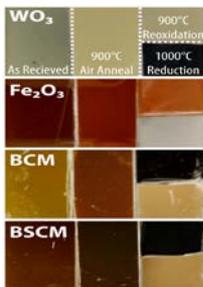
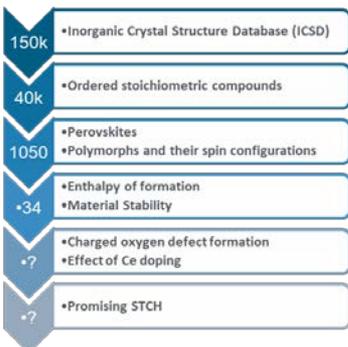
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Task 1: Computational

Stephan Lany

First Principles Materials Theory

- Computational resources (Peregrine)
- Expertise and guidance on research plan and execution
- Shared recent paper on charged vacancies
- Continued assistance to CSM computational team

The computational resources and expertise provided have been of the utmost importance. This was especially true in the early phase of the project.

Task 2: Combinatorial

Andriy Zakutayev

HTE Thin Film Combinatorial Capabilities

- Technical guidance on film deposition strategies
- Deposition of proof-of-concept and combinatorial library films
- Characterization of pre and post processed films
- Brought post-doc (Yun Xu) onboard to alleviate deposition bottleneck, greatly increasing the number of films available for early testing

The combinatorial film deposition capabilities are not available anywhere else and are integral to the screening plan for this project. Project success depends largely on this resource node.

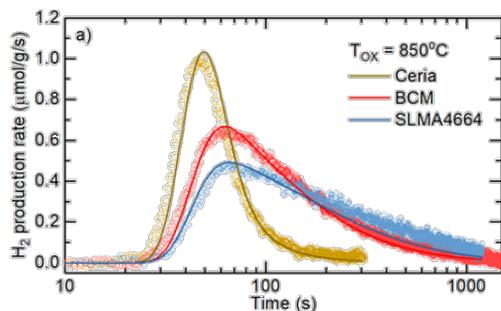
Task 3: Bulk Testing

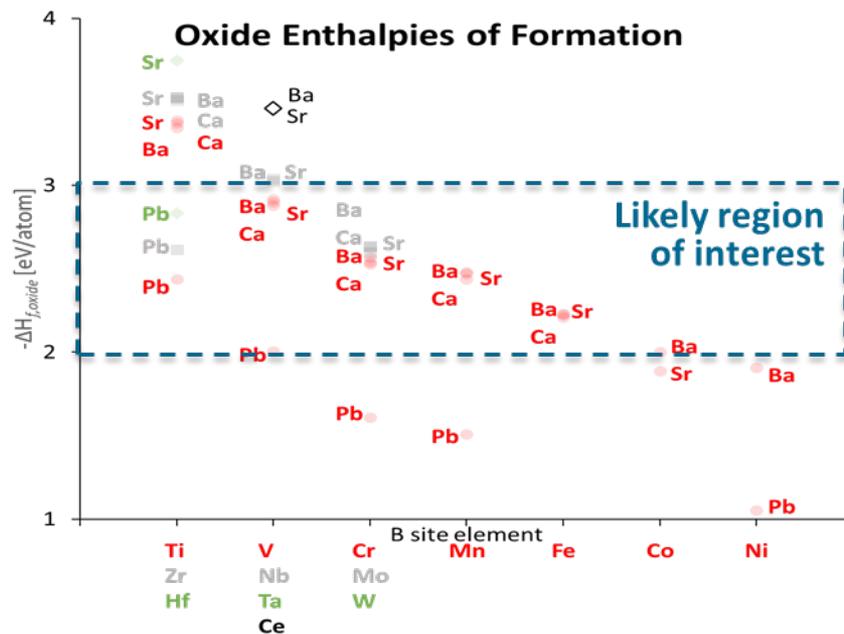
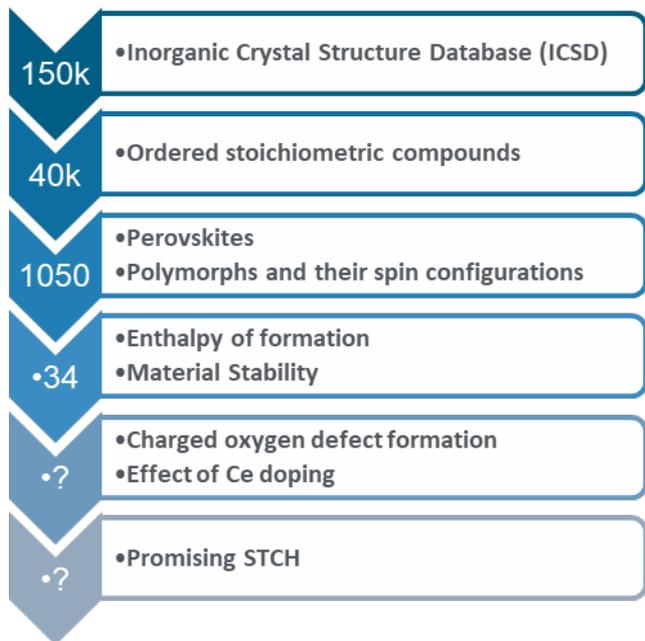
Anthony McDaniel

Laser Heated Stagnation Flow Reactor

- Discussions on durability testing of BCM and assisted with execution
- Assisted in SFR operation for testing of Compound X
- Main interface between group and pathway-specific Working Group

The SFR remains the best STCH test stand available and its continued access helps to not only verify new material performance but gives a reliable baseline for comparing to previously tested materials.





Searched prospective water splitting perovskite formulations from all possible A-B element pairs of interest.

- Selection criteria based on structural configuration, formation enthalpy, defect formation energy
- Used NREL computational resources or existing databases



Other Notable Accomplishments from Projects

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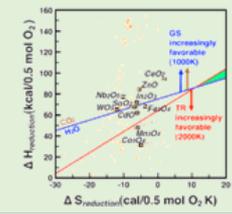
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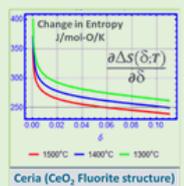
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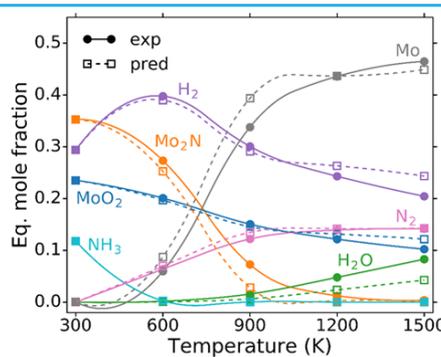
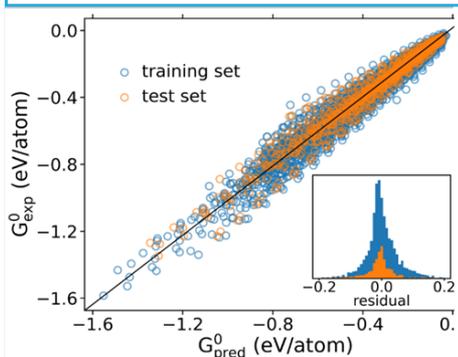
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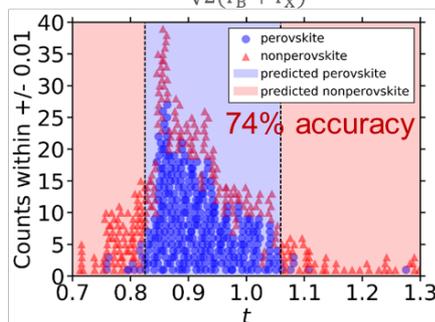
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- Machine learned model for predicting the Gibbs energy, $G(T)$, with errors ~ 0.05 eV/atom
- Model depends on composition and 0 K calculated structure (PBE)
- Enables high-throughput rxn engineering from *ab initio* thermodynamic screening
- Collaboration with NREL

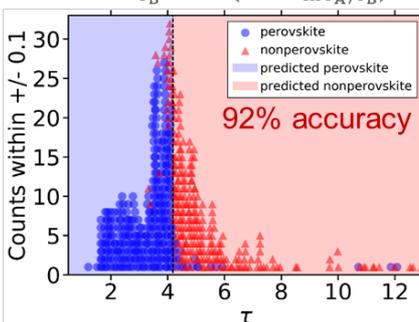
V. Goldschmidt 1926

$$t = \frac{r_A + r_X}{\sqrt{2}(r_B + r_X)}$$



Bartel *et al.* 2018²

$$\tau = \frac{r_X}{r_B} - n_A \left(n_A - \frac{r_A/r_B}{\ln r_A/r_B} \right)$$



- Machine learned model (τ) for improving upon Goldschmidt's t for predicting perovskite stability
- τ – 92% vs. t – 74% accuracy for 576 experimentally characterized compounds
- Used to as 1st step in material screening to reduce required DFT calculations

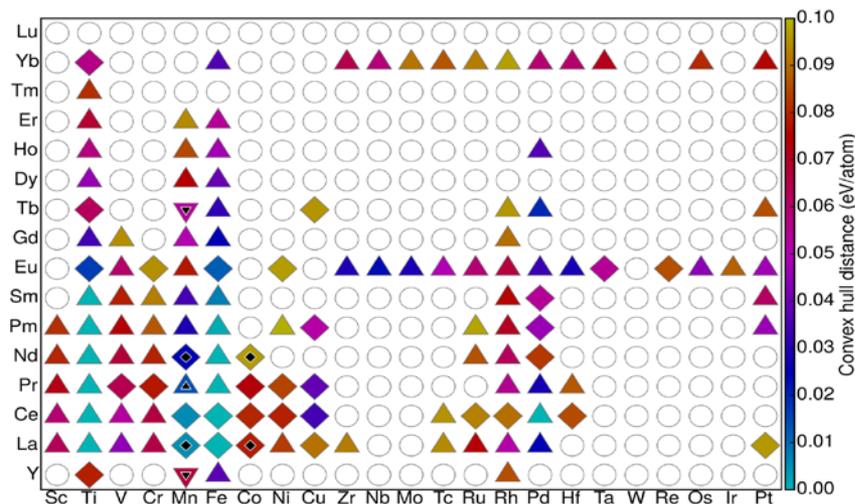
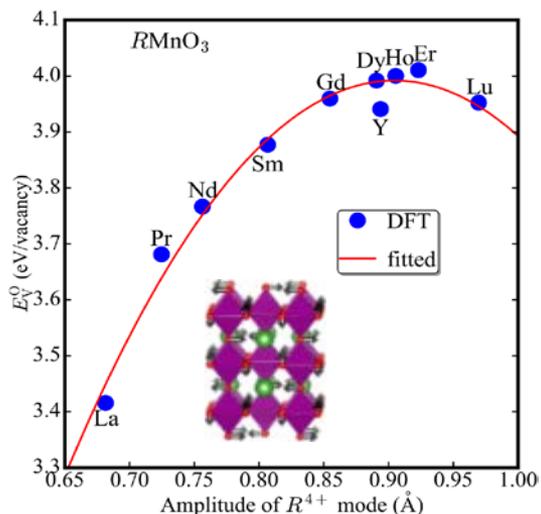
- Machine learned models trained on experimental data make application of theory faster and more reliable.



Transformative Materials for High-Efficiency Thermochemical Production of Solar Fuels

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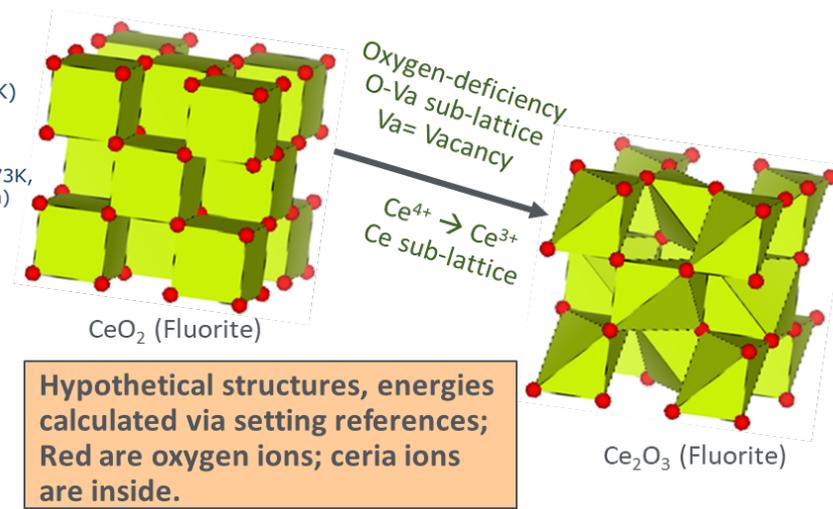
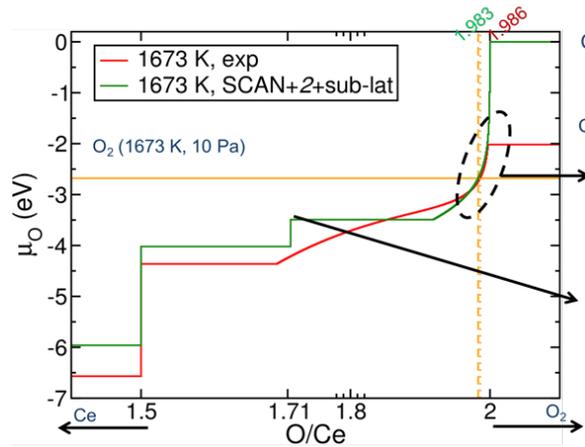
- Rare earth series ($RMnO_3$) oxygen vacancy formation energy.
 - Energy follows R^{4+} octahedral tilt amplitude quadratically
 - Can predict *and* engineer oxygen vacancy formation energy
- High throughput DFT screening of RAM_2O_6 double perovskites.
 - R=rare earth; A=alkaline earth; M=transition metal
- Large number of new stable compounds predicted.
 - Experimentally screening for redox activity



- Data in Open Quantum Mechanical Database (OQMD) used to assess new double perovskite materials.



Mixed Ionic Electronic Conducting Quaternary Perovskites: Materials by Design for Solar Thermochemical Hydrogen
PI, Ellen Stechel, Arizona State University



Gibbs energy of $CeO_{2-\delta}$ in fluorite (F) phase; oxygen chemical potential is the derivative wrt δ ; equilibrium determined by equating oxygen chemical potential to gas phase

$$G_{CeO_{2-\delta}}^F = y_{Ce^{4+}}y_O G_{Ce^{4+}:O}^0 + y_{Ce^{3+}}y_O G_{Ce^{3+}:O}^0 + y_{Ce^{4+}}y_{Va} G_{Ce^{4+}:Va}^0 + y_{Ce^{3+}}y_{Va} G_{Ce^{3+}:Va}^0 + RT (y_{Ce^{4+}} \ln y_{Ce^{4+}} + y_{Ce^{3+}} \ln y_{Ce^{3+}}) + 2RT (y_O \ln y_O + y_{Va} \ln y_{Va}) + G_{excess}^F$$

Configuration entropy: ideal solution behavior

$y =$ Site fraction

Correction term

All Energies determined with DFT (SCAN+U)

- Oxygen chemical potential in solid calculated directly using DFT method avoids computational cost associated with modeling entropy effects.



Engagement with 2B Team and Data Hub

Accomplishment

- Collaboration with 2B Team Benchmarking Project.
- Node feedback on questionnaire & draft test framework.
 - Defining: baseline materials sets, testing protocols
- All HydroGEN STCH node capabilities were assessed for AWS technology relevance and readiness level.
- STCH data metadata definitions in development.
- Large number of STCH datasets uploaded to hub.
 - Designing custom APIs to facilitate error-free, auto-uploading



Future Work

- Leverage HydroGEN Nodes at the labs to enable successful Go/No-Go of Phase 1 projects.
 - Validate computational approach and predictive power of theory
 - Demonstrate high-throughput experimental approach to oxide discovery
 - Demonstrate enhanced material performance that validates predictions
- Enable research in Phase 2 work for some projects and enable new seedling projects.
- Work with the 2B team and STCH working group to establish testing protocols and benchmarks.
- Utilize data hub for increased communication, collaboration, generalized learnings, and making digital data public.

Any proposed future work is subject to change based on funding levels



Summary

- Developing and validating tools for accelerated materials discovery are major seedling project themes.
 - Computational material science proving effective
 - Machine learned models make application of theory faster
 - DFT-CALPHAD model accurately predicts oxygen chemical potential in CeO_2
- Supporting 5 FOA projects with 11 nodes and 11 PIs.
 - DFT modeling, materials characterization, synthesis, analysis, design
 - Personnel exchange: PIs and graduate students visit the labs
 - Collaboration: Node PIs meet regularly with projects
- Working closely with the project participants to advance knowledge and utilize capabilities and the data hub.
- Future work will include continuing to enable the projects technical progress and develop & utilize lab core capabilities.

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