

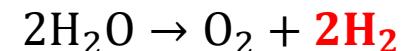
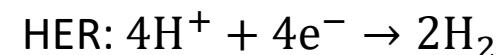
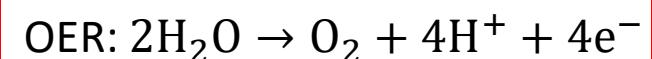
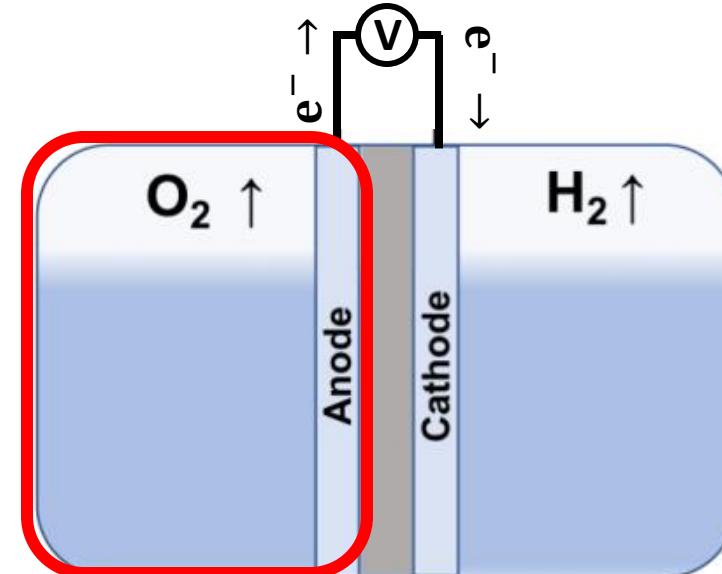
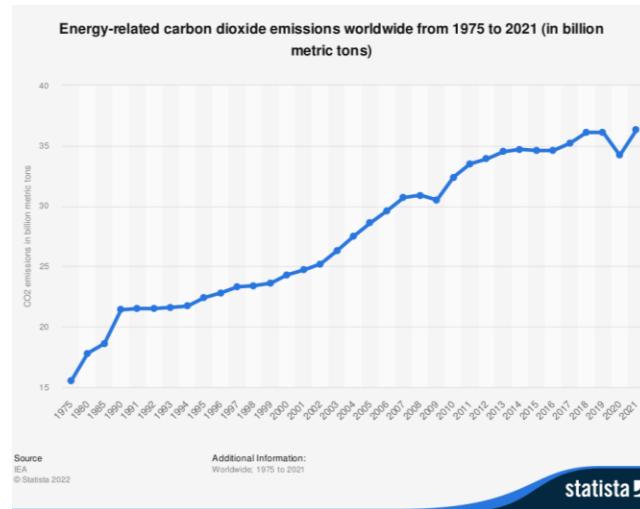
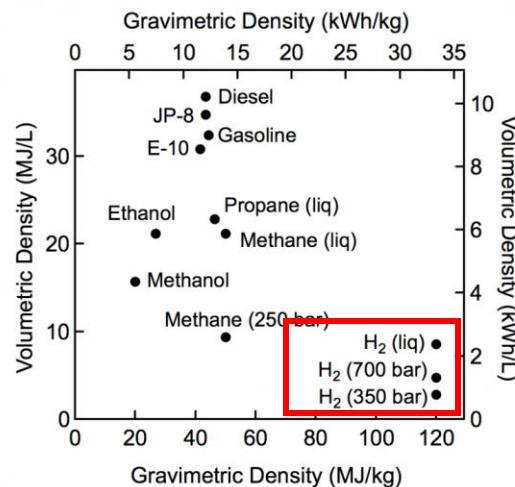
# Machine learning assisted screening of oxide catalysts for OER

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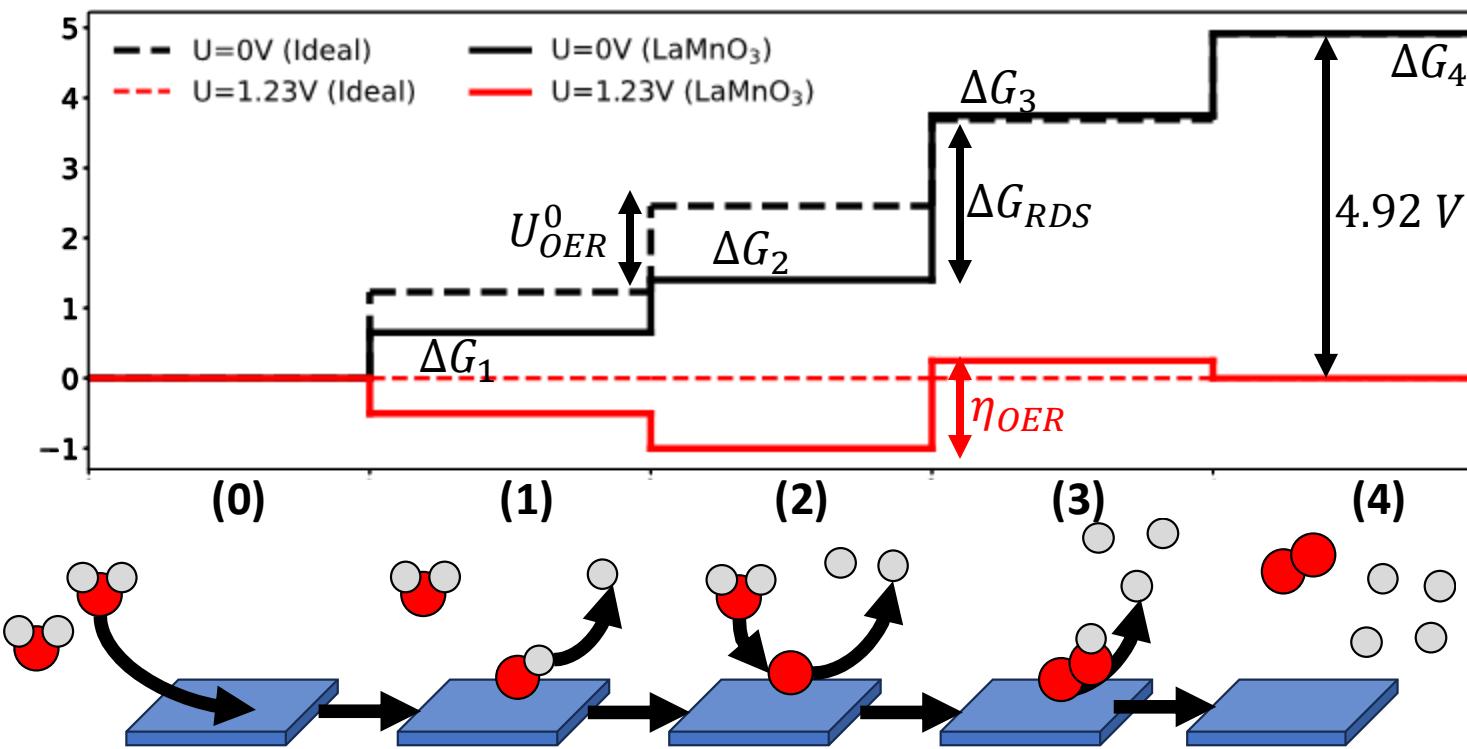


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# Oxygen evolution reaction and overpotential

Man, I. C., Su, H.-Y., Calle-Vallejo, F., Hansen, H. A., Martínez, J. I., Inoglu, N. G., Kitchin, J., Jaramillo, T. F., Nørskov, J. K., & Rossmeisl, J. (2011). *ChemCatChem*, 3(7), 1159–1165. <https://doi.org/10.1002/cctc.201000397>



$$U_{OER}^0 = 1.23 \text{ V vs SHE},$$
$$4U_{OER}^0 = 4.92 \text{ V}$$

$$\Delta G_1 = E_{\text{HO}^*} + \frac{1}{2}\mu_{\text{H}_2} - \mu_{\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(l)}} - E^* + \Delta ZPE - T\Delta S^o$$

$$\Delta G_2 = E_{\text{O}^*} + \mu_{\text{H}_2} - \mu_{\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(l)}} - E^* + \Delta ZPE - T\Delta S^o$$

$$\Delta G_3 = E_{\text{OOH}^*} + \frac{3}{2}\mu_{\text{H}_2} - 2\mu_{\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(l)}} - E^* + \Delta ZPE - T\Delta S^o$$

$$\Delta G_4 = 2\mu_{\text{H}_2} - 2\mu_{\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(l)}}$$

$$\mu_{\text{H}_2} = \mu_{\text{H}^+} + \mu_{e^-}$$

$$\mu_{\text{H}^+} = \frac{1}{2}G_{\text{H}_2(g)} - k_B T p \text{H} \ln(10)$$

$$\mu_{e^-} = -eU$$

$$\mu_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = G_{\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(l)}}$$

$$\Delta G_{RDS} = \max(\Delta G_1, \Delta G_2 - \Delta G_1, \Delta G_3 - \Delta G_2, \Delta G_4 - \Delta G_3, )$$

$$\text{Overpotential: } \eta_{OER} = \Delta G_{RDS} - U_{OER}^0$$

# The Open catalyst project 2022

## Open Catalyst 2022 (OC22) Dataset

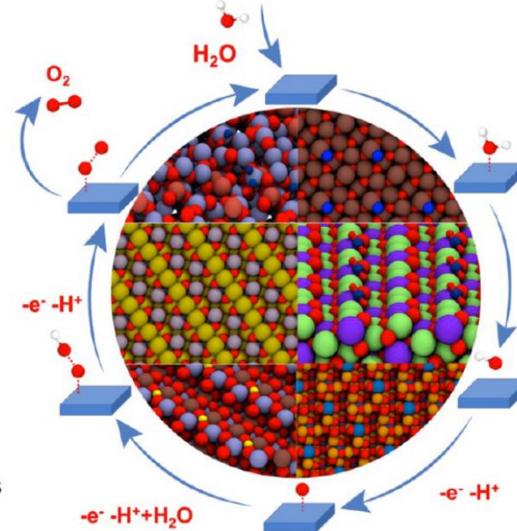
### Contains:

Adsorbate coverage  
O, H, N, C,  
OH, OOH,  
 $H_2O$ , CO,  $O_2$

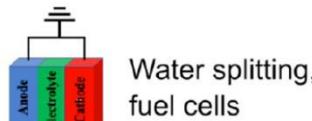
Spin polarization

Vacancy defects

Binary oxides



### Applications:



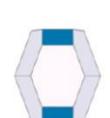
Water splitting,  
fuel cells



Batteries

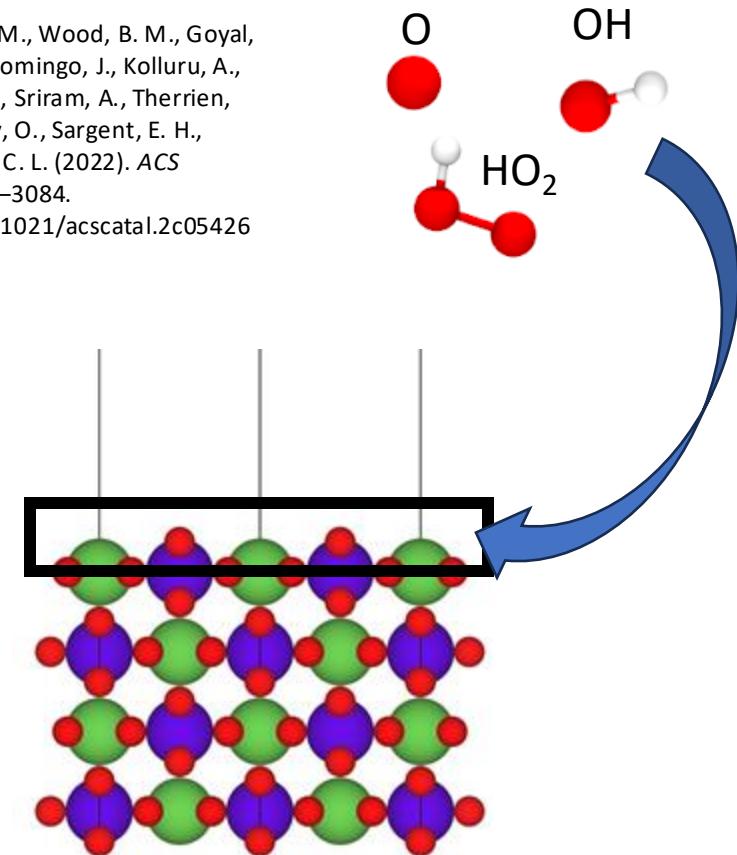


$H_2$   
production



Equilibrium  
nanoparticle  
shape

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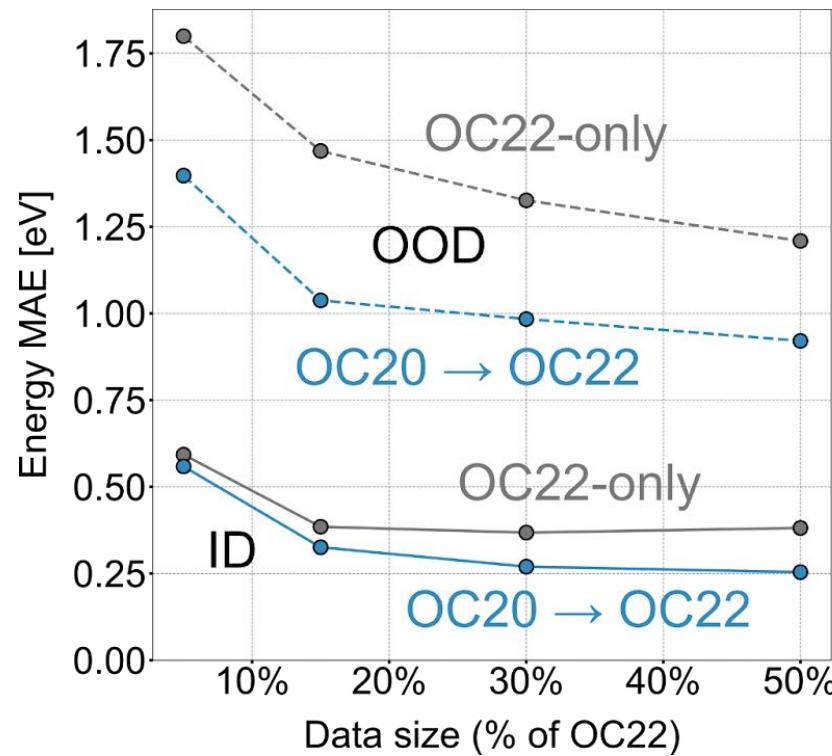


 Meta AI  
Fundamental AI  
Research (FAIR)



# ML metric and performance

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- Model: GemNet-OC
- OC20 models finetuned with OC22 data
- Structure to energy and forces (S2EF) model
- Energy MAE: 0.260 eV (in domain), 0.943 eV (out of domain)
- Average prediction time: **5 seconds per prediction**

# Database scope for comprehensive set

	OC22 framework	Database so far	Complete database
Bare slab	19,142	49,018	240,000
Adsorbed slab (O*, OH*, OOH*)	43,189	1,763,134	7,000,000
Facet scope	max(hkl)=3 (rand)	max(hkl)=1 (all)	
Total	62,331	1,812,152	7,240,000

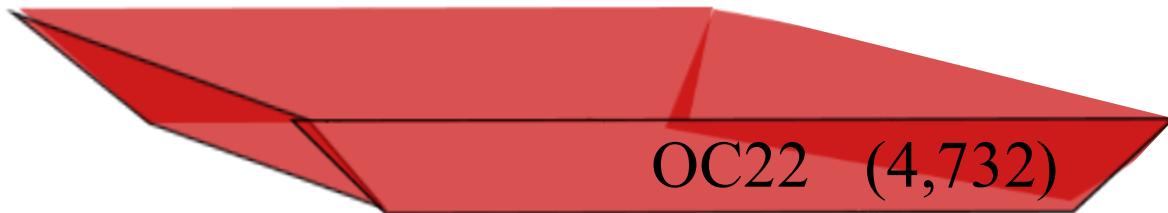
- **Purpose of OC22 dataset:** Ensemble of *randomly* chosen slabs/adsorbates/coverages/and sites used for training ML models
- **Purpose of current database:** Provided *comprehensive* ensemble of all slabs and sites for single molecule adsorption for analysis and screening

# Application 1: High-throughput screening

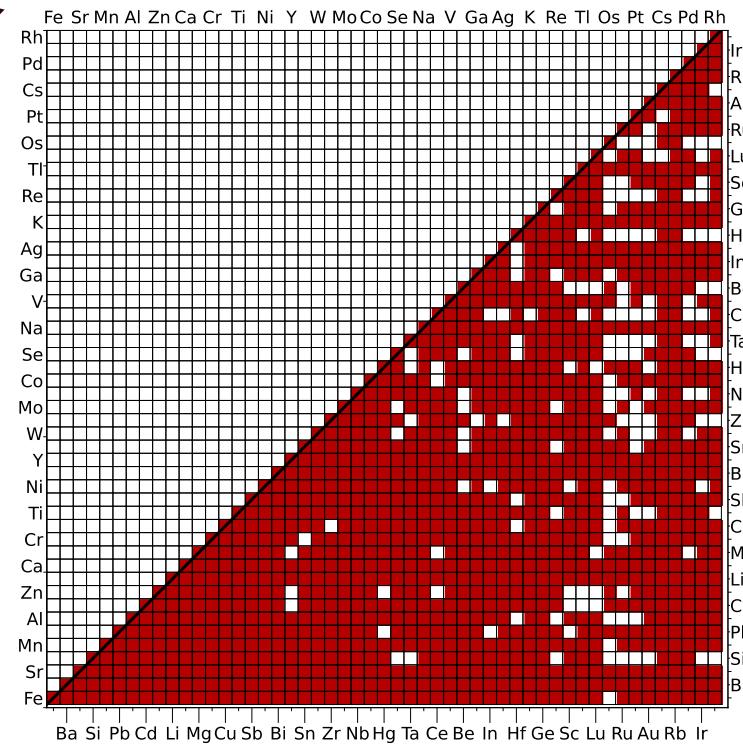
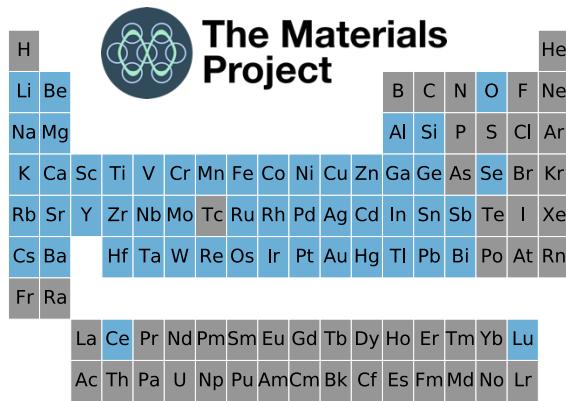


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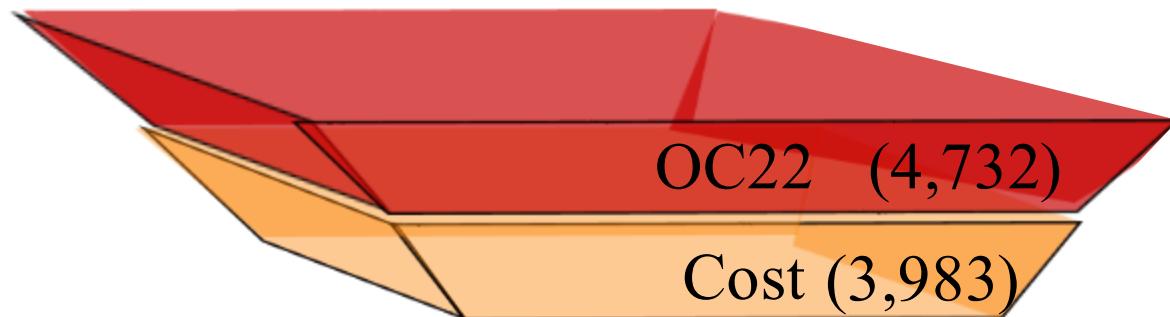
# OC22 dataset



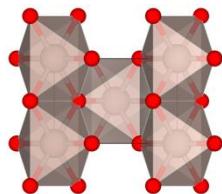
- Top 5 lowest  $E_{\text{hull}}$
- Max # of atoms in bulk: 150
- 1720 bulks with U-values
- Unary bulks: 318
- Binary bulks: 4,414
- Total bulks: 4,732



# Material cost



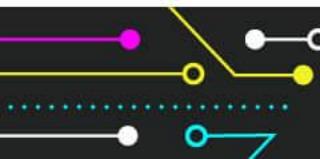
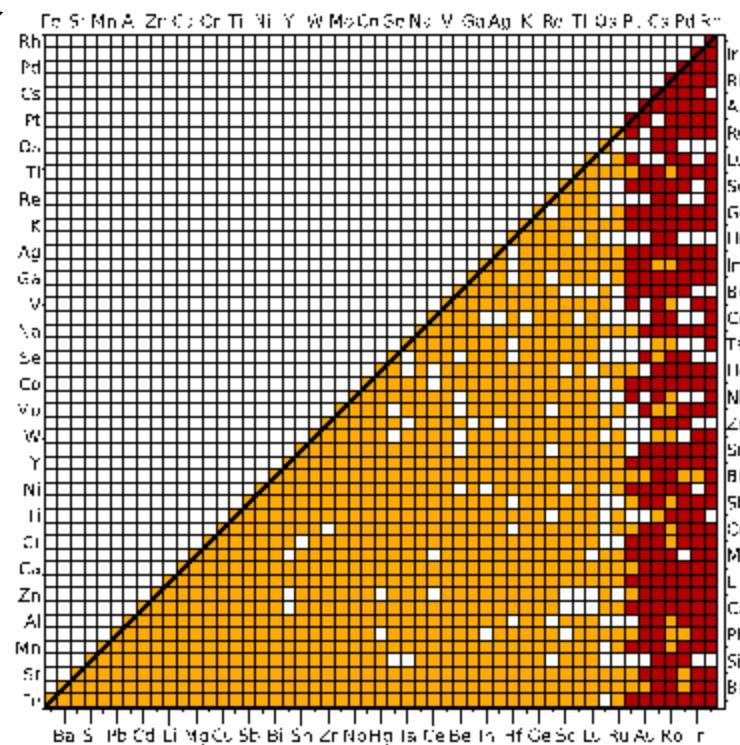
Cost < \$18,315/kg



RuO<sub>2</sub>

\$18,315/kg

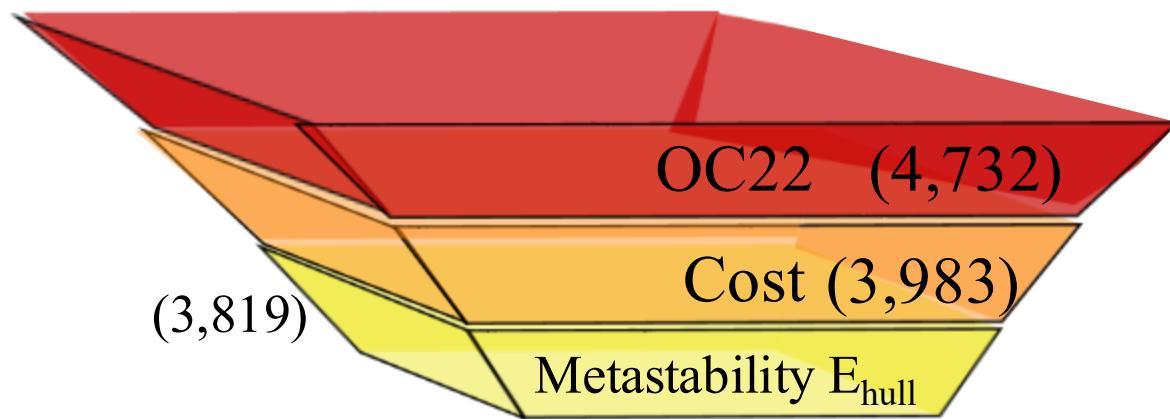
Ru: \$24,113/kg



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# Metastability



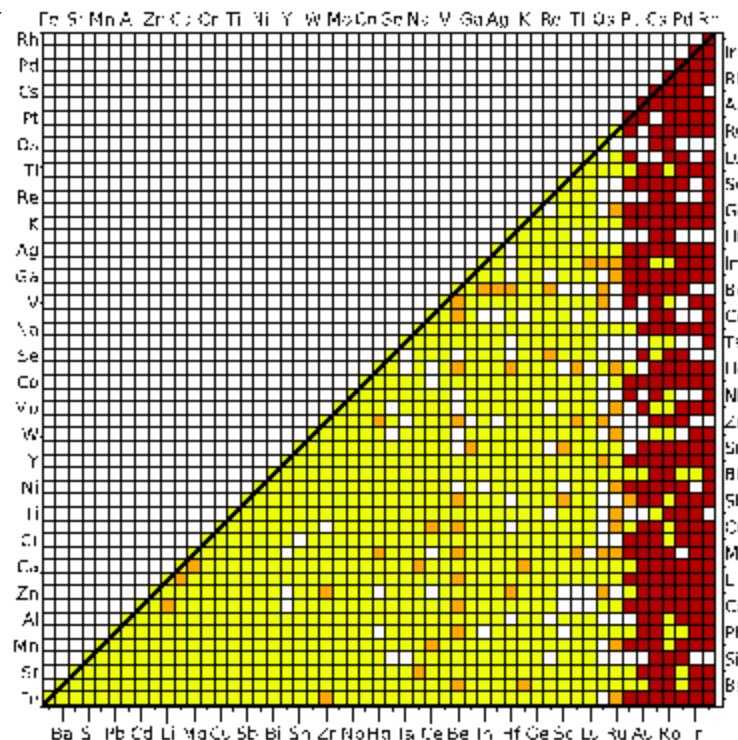
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Metastability limits:

$E_{\text{hull}} < 0.2 \text{ eV}$

## $E_{\text{hull}}$ from Materials Project:

Jain, A., Ong, S. P., Hautier, G., Chen, W., Richards, W. D., Dacek, S., Cholia, S., Gunter, D., Skinner, D., Ceder, G., & Persson, K. A. (2013). *APL Materials*, 1(1), 011002 1. <https://doi.org/10.1063/1.4812323>



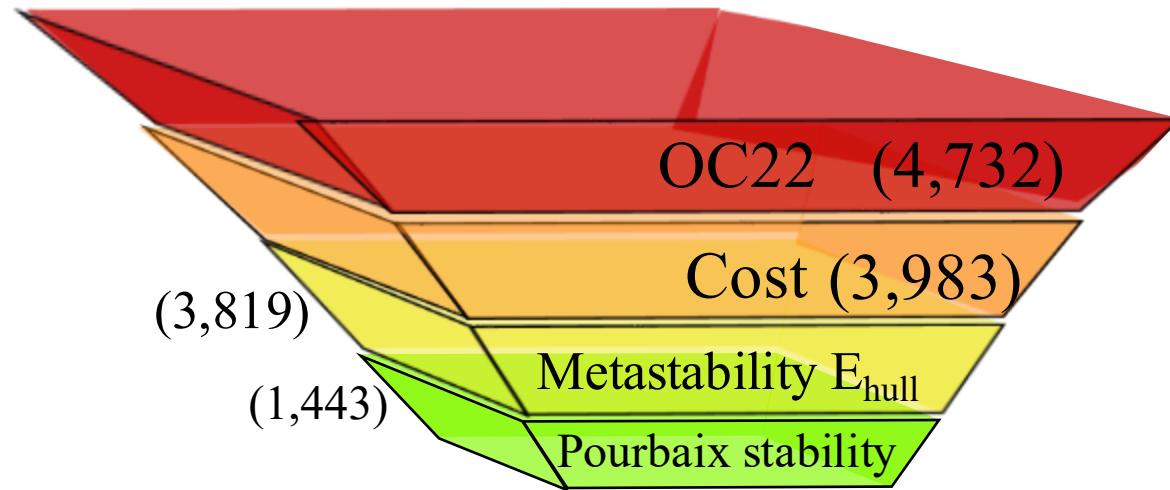
# Pourbaix stability

Singh, A. K., Zhou, L., Shinde, A., Suram, S. K., Montoya, J. H., Winston, D., Gregoire, J. M., & Persson, K. A. (2017). *Chemistry of Materials*, 29(23), 10159–10167. <https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.chemmater.7b03980>

surface passivation

$$\Delta G_{PBX} < 0.5 \text{ eV}$$

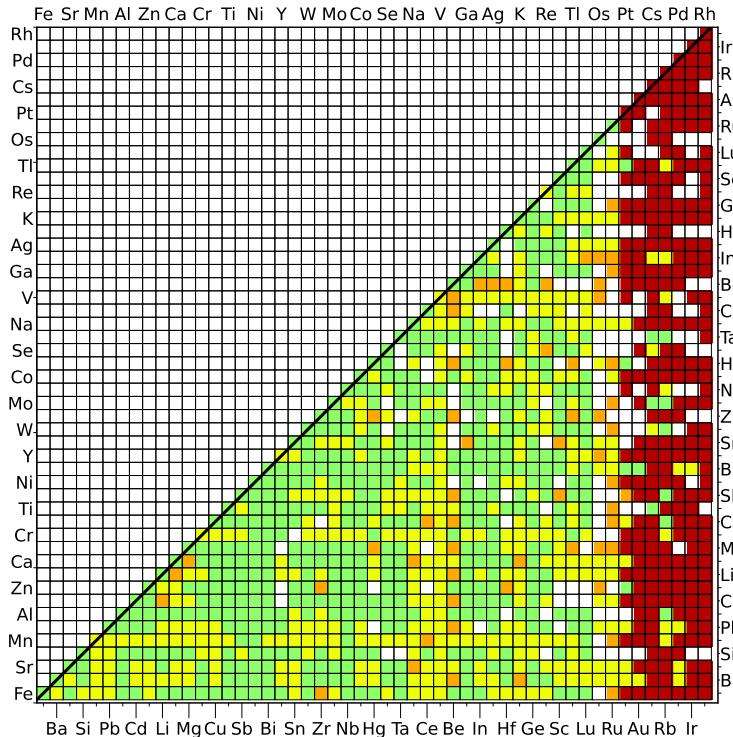
$$\text{metastability } \Delta G_{PBX} < 0.2 \text{ eV}$$



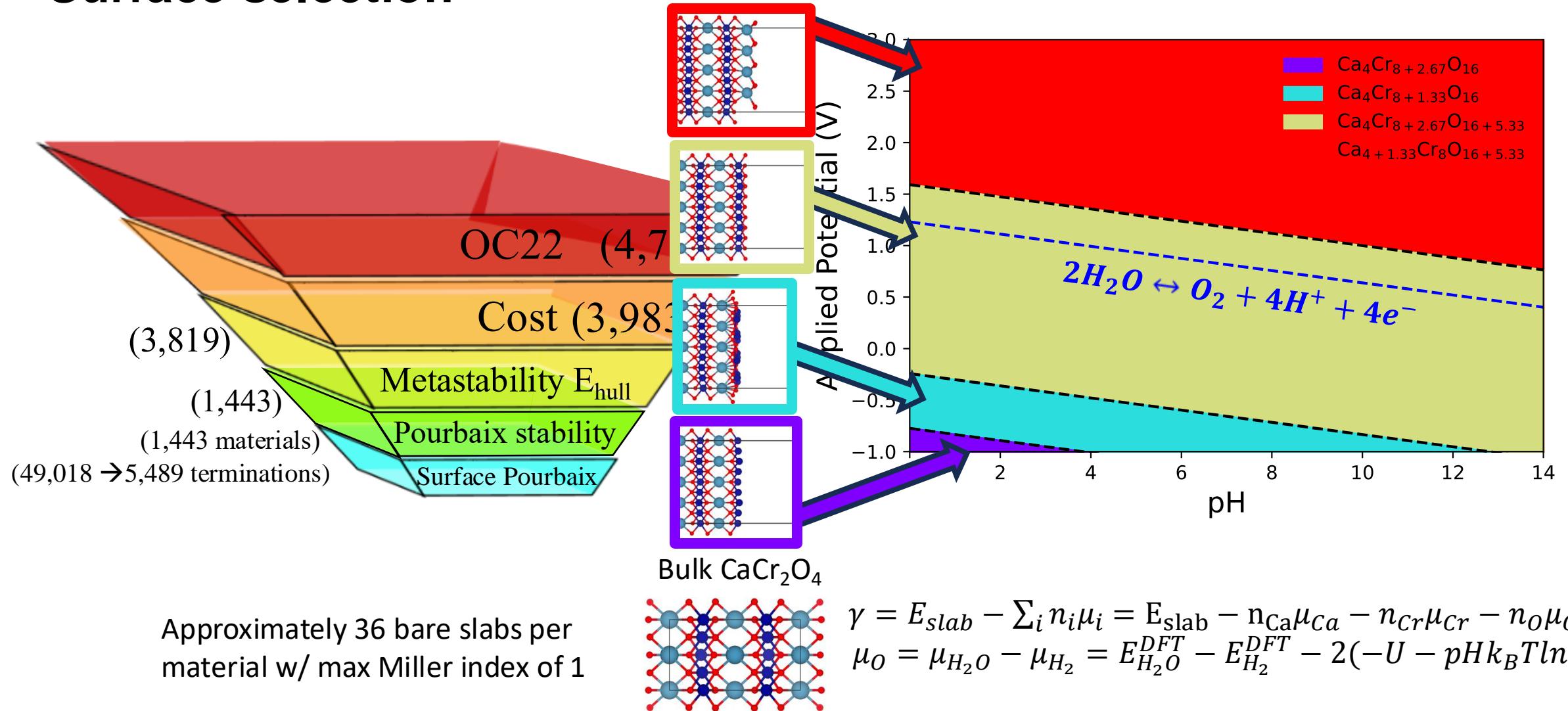
$$\Delta G_{PBX} \begin{cases} (\text{pH} = 0, U = 1.23 \text{ V, or}) \\ (\text{pH} = 14, U = 0.404 \text{ V}) \end{cases} < 0.5 \text{ eV}$$

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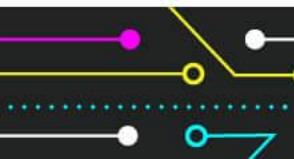
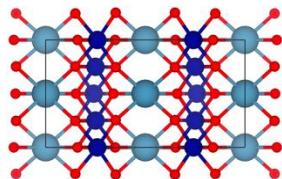
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# Surface selection



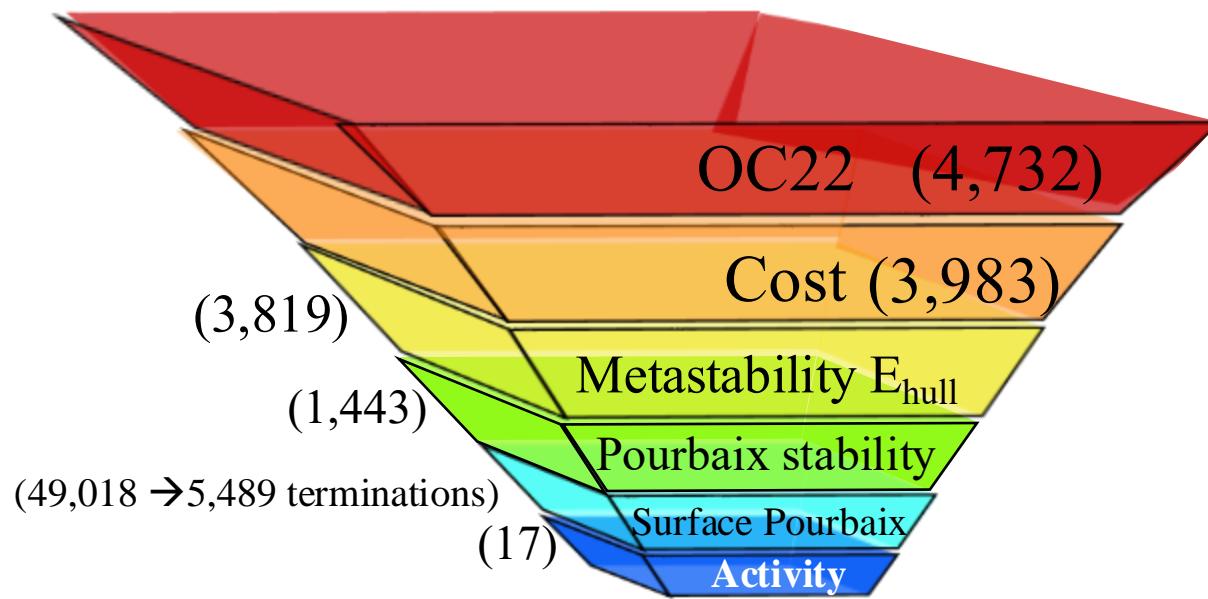
Approximately 36 bare slabs per material w/ max Miller index of 1



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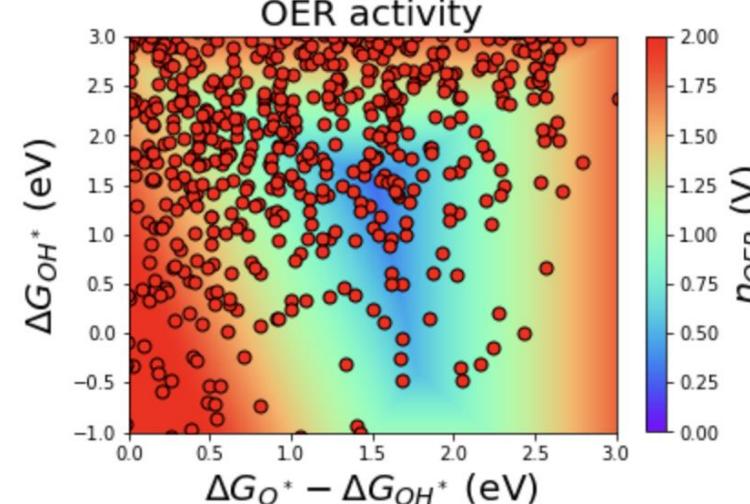
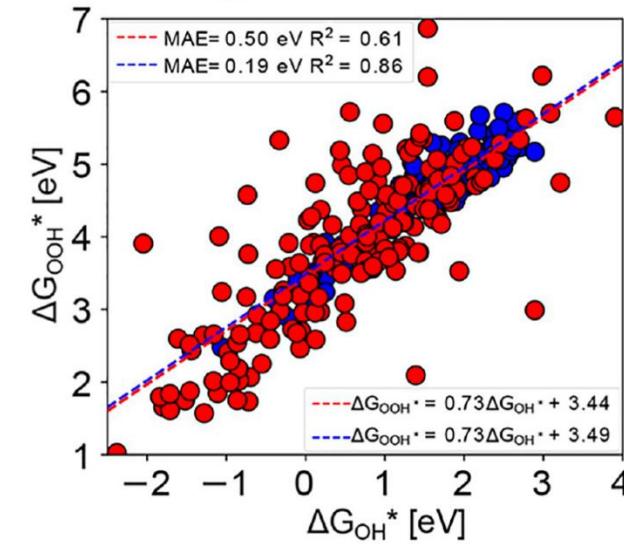
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# Overpotential / activity

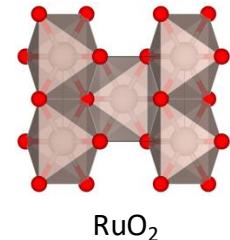


w/ at least 3 facets exhibiting  
 $\eta_{\text{OER}} \leq \eta_{\text{OER}}^{\text{RuO}_2} = 0.5 \pm 0.25 \text{ eV}$

B. ● Gunasooriya and Nørskov  
● OC22



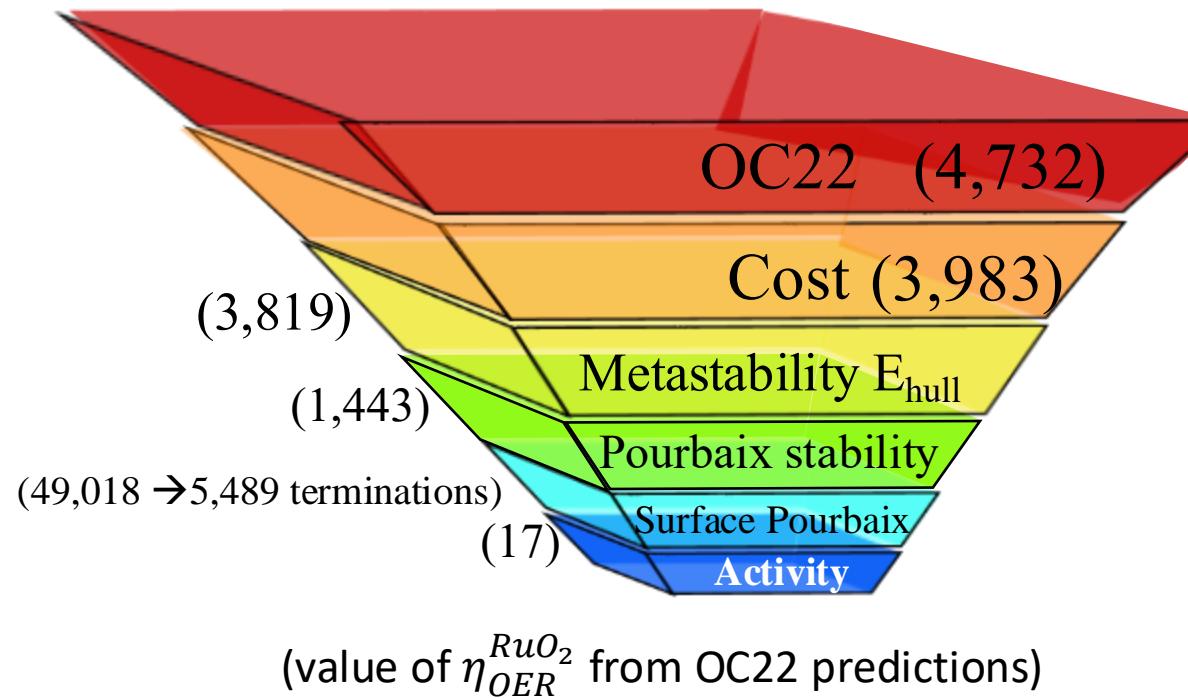
$\eta_{\text{OER}}^{\text{practical}} \sim 0.4 \text{ V to } 0.3 \text{ V}$



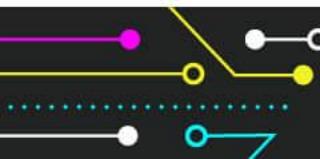
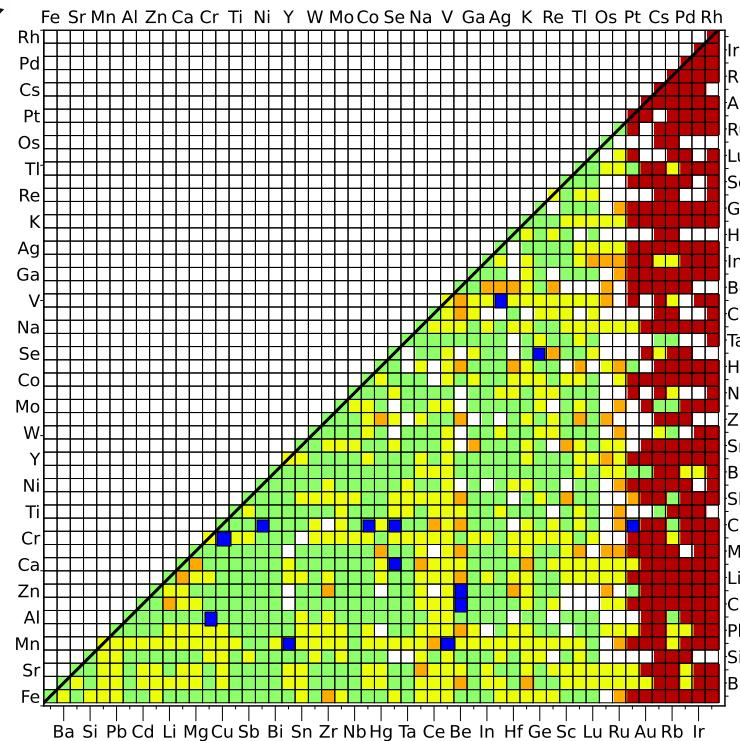
\$18,315/kg  
 $\eta_{\text{exp}} = 0.25 - 0.5 \text{ V}$   
 $\eta_{\text{DFT}} = 0.50 \text{ V}$

$\eta_{\text{OER}}$  predicted with OC22

# Overpotential / activity



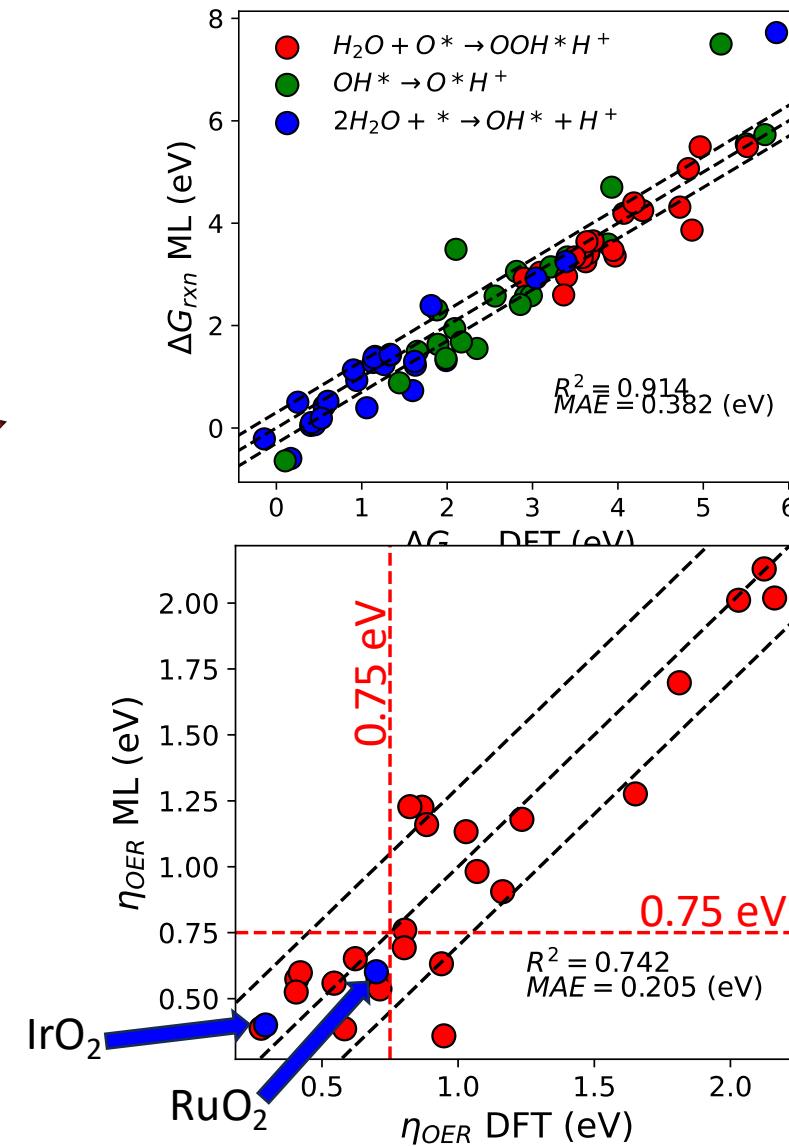
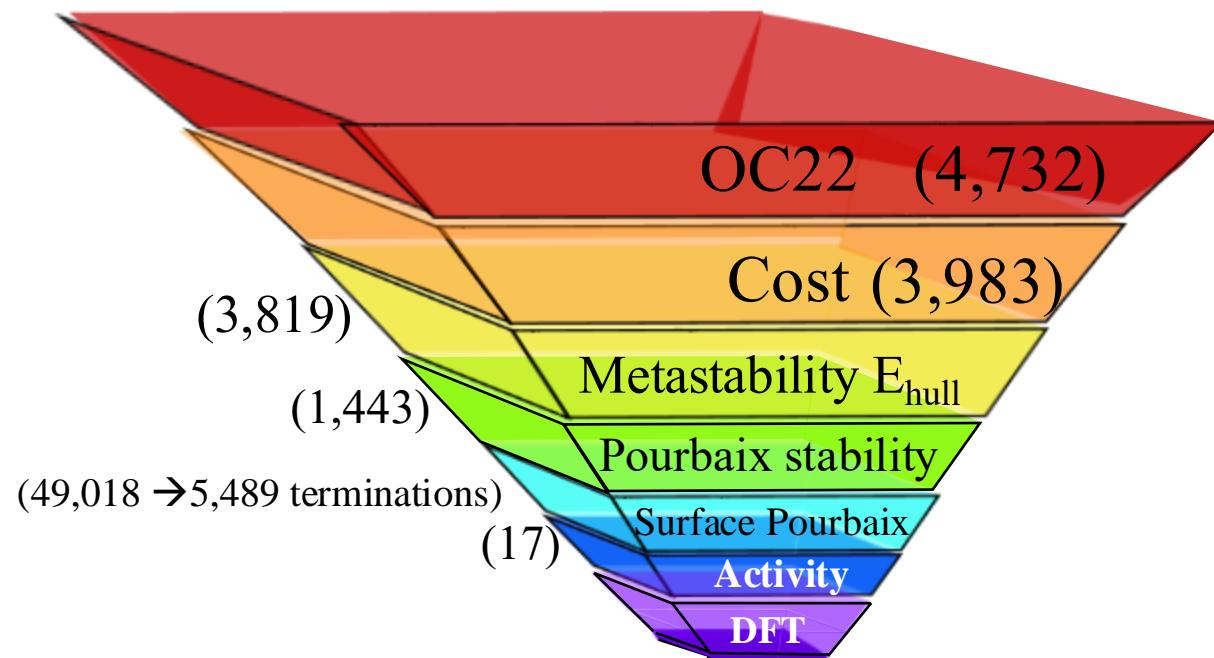
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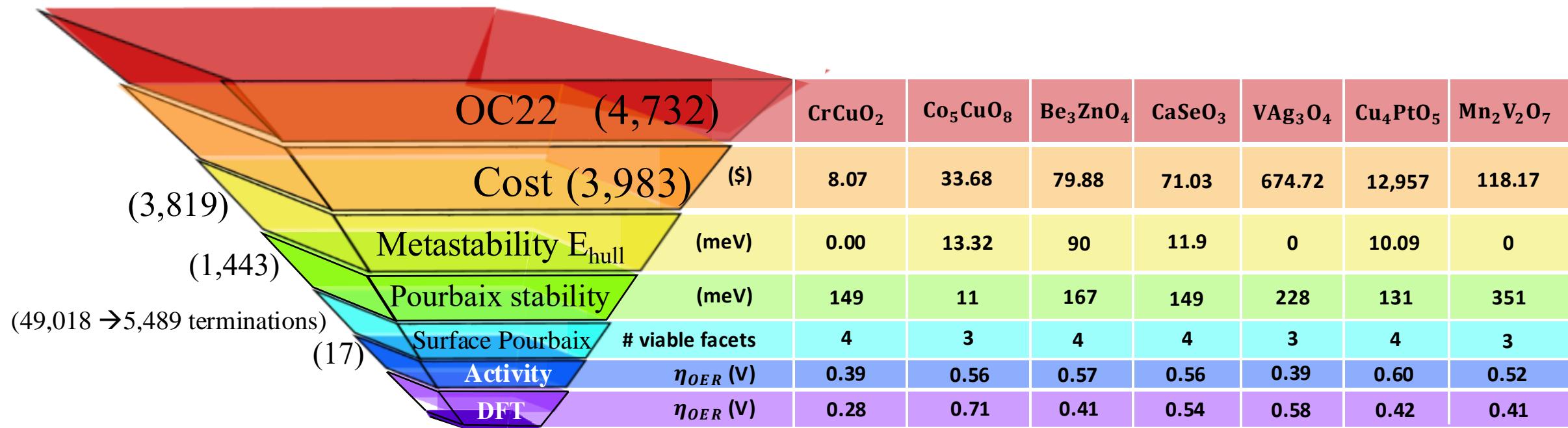
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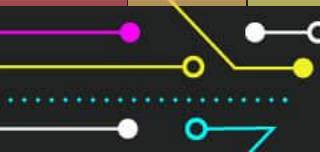
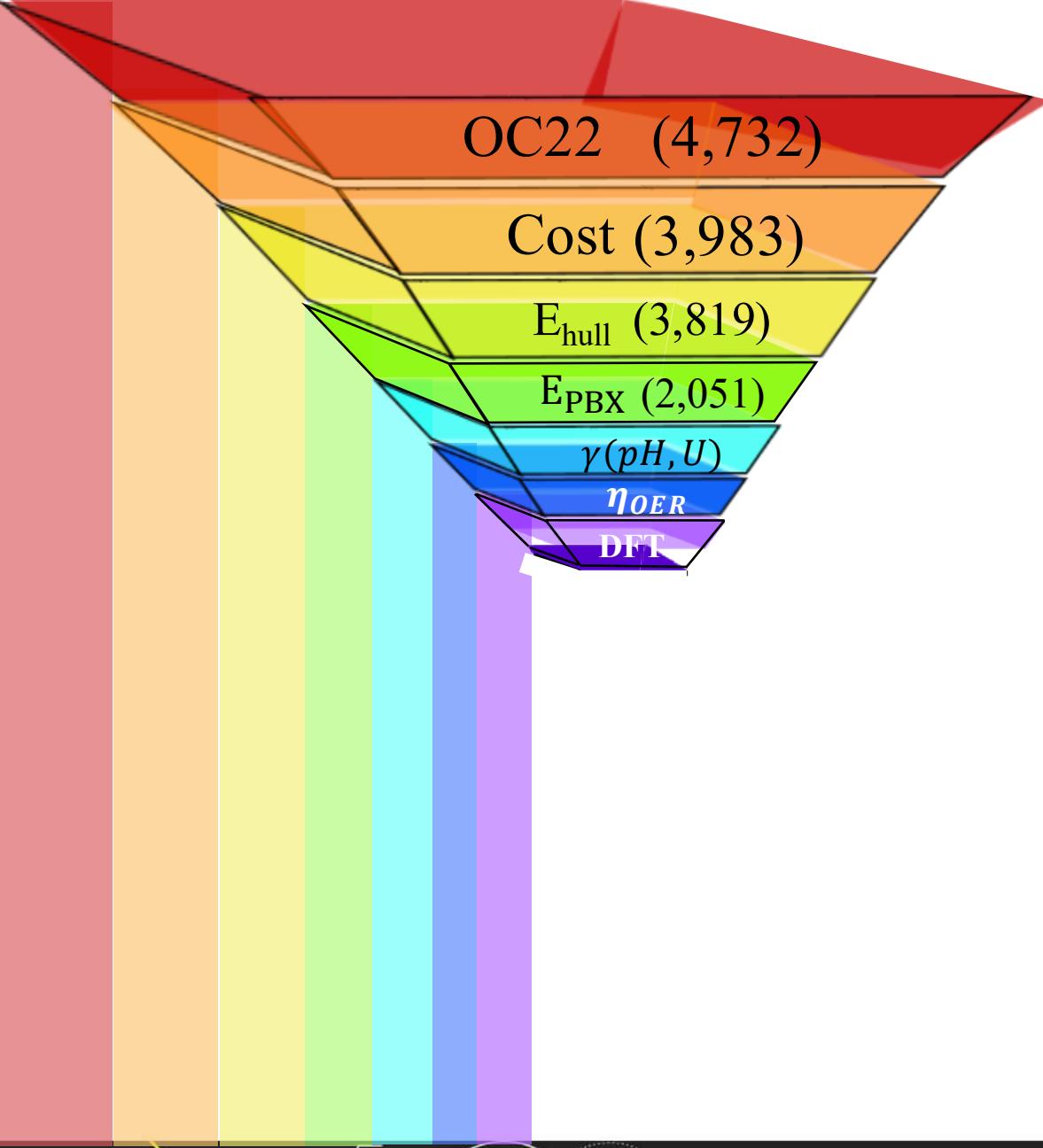
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# DFT validation



# Candidates





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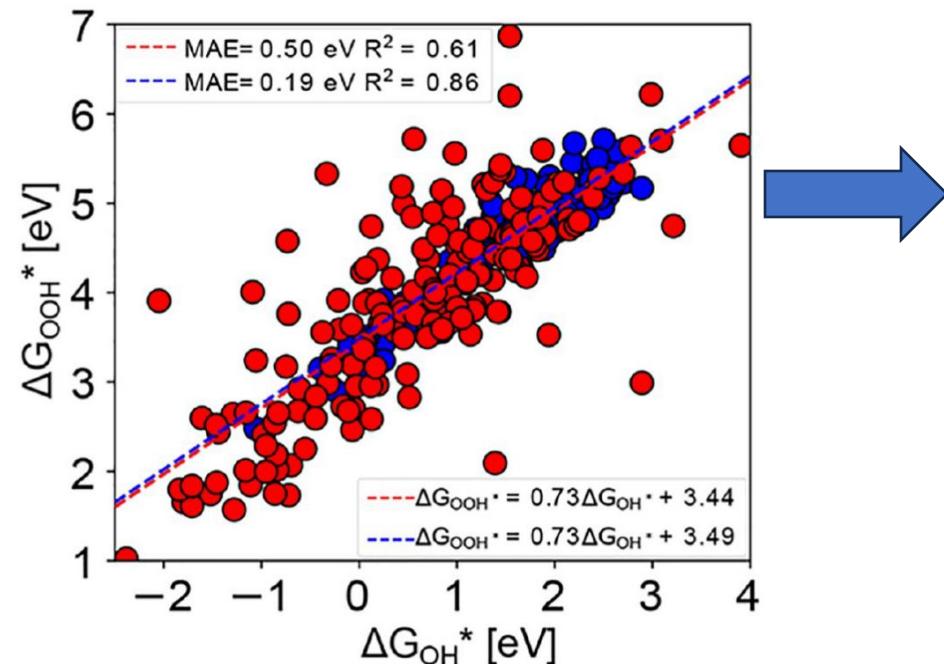
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## Application 2: Overcoming the overpotential wall



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# The Sabatier limit

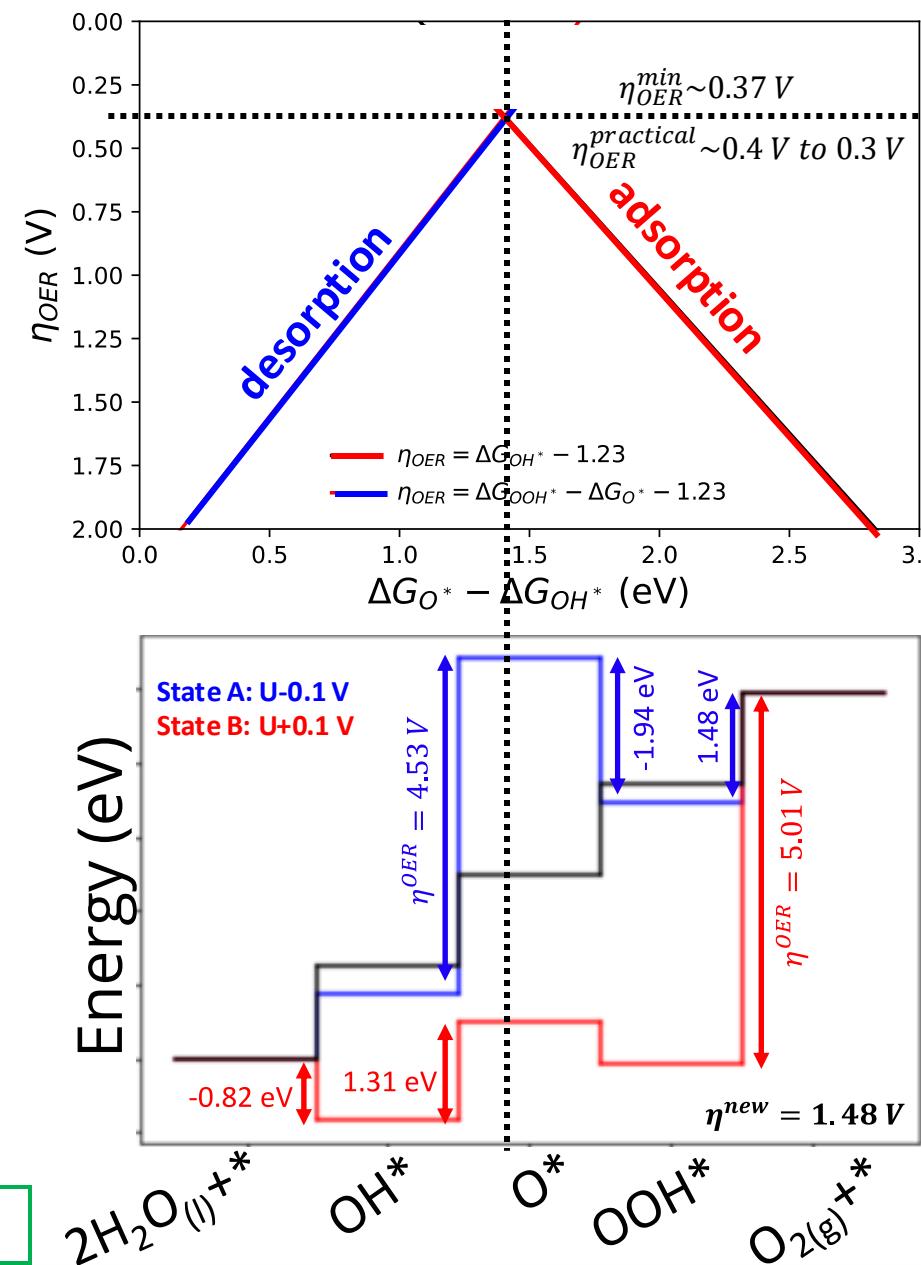


$$\Delta G_{OOH}^* \sim 0.73\Delta G_{OH}^* + 3.44$$

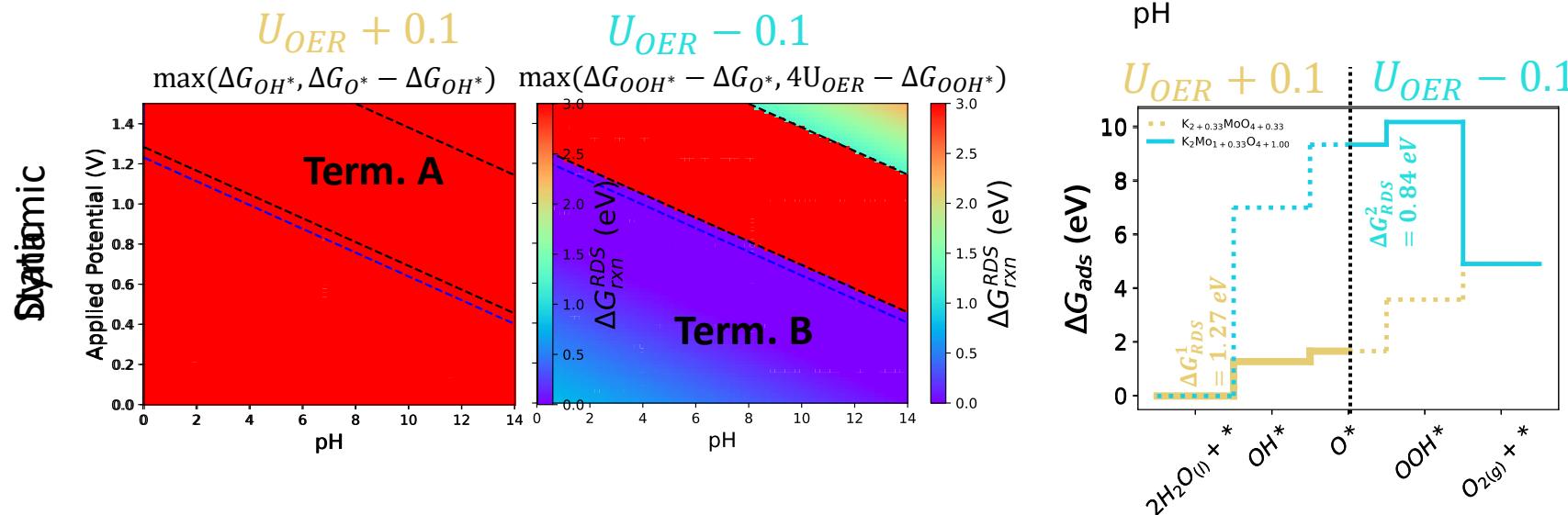
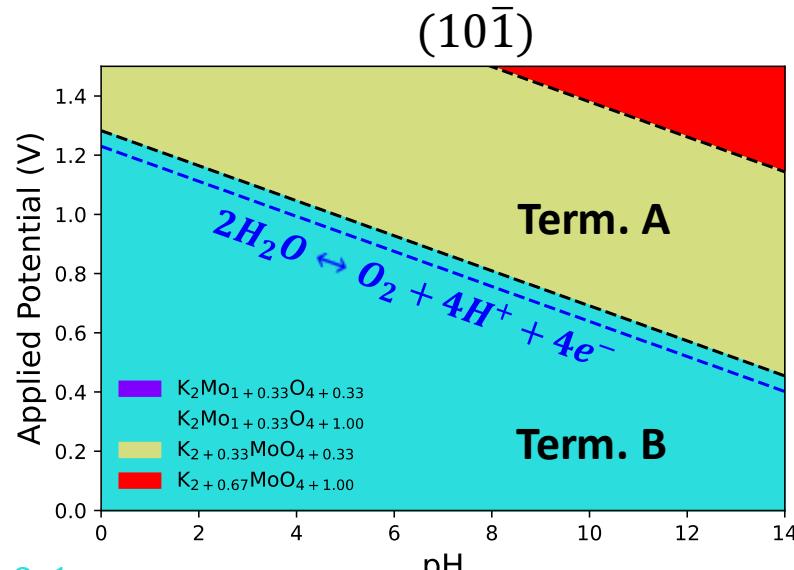
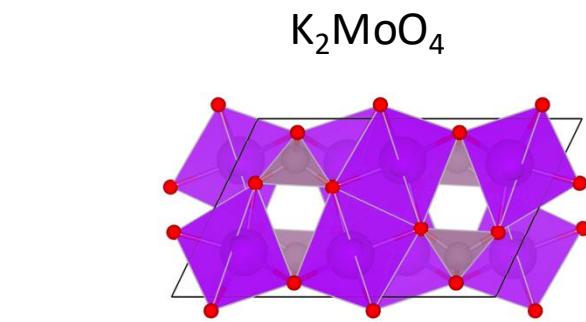
$$\Delta G_O^* \sim \Delta G_{OH}^* + 1.87$$

Solutions:

- Identify materials that do not follow conventional scaling (e.g. molecular catalysts or SACs)
- Create new reaction pathways with **dynamic catalysis**



# Dynamic catalysis

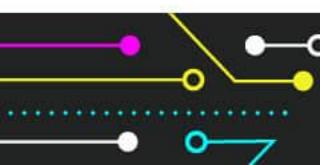


Is the transition line between termination A and B coinciding with the OER equilibrium potential ( $\pm 0.1$ )?

Does dynamic switching between terminations result in a lower overpotential than the static case?

New overpotential:

$$\eta_{OER}^{dynamic} = \max(\Delta G_{RDS}^1, \Delta G_{RDS}^2) - 1.23 = 0.04\text{ V}$$

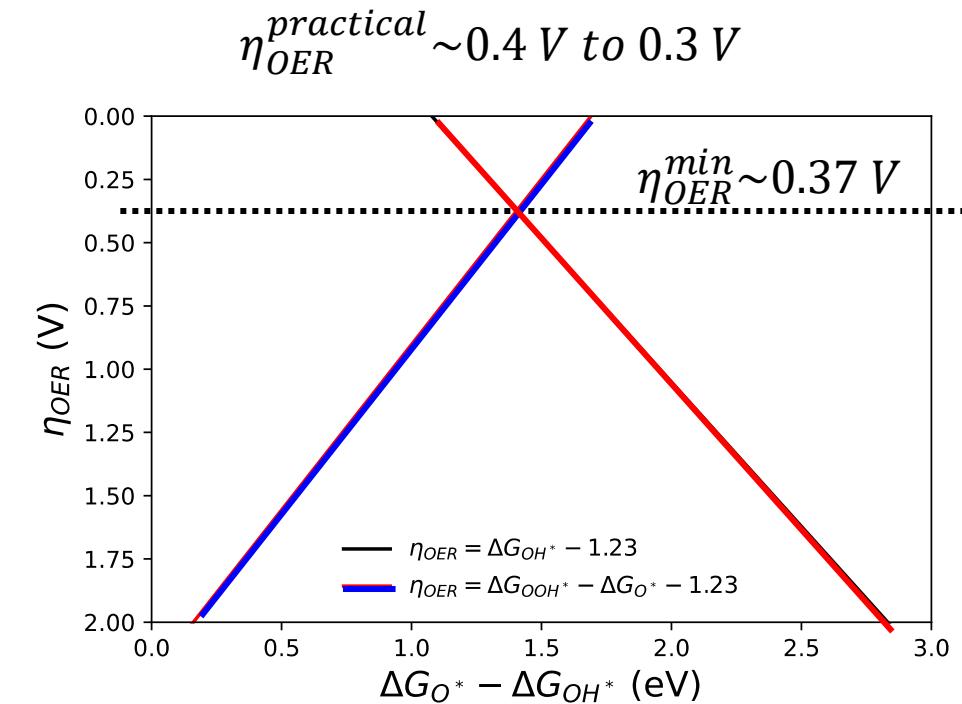


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# Candidates

material	Static $\eta_{OER}$ (V)	Dynamic $\eta_{OER}$ (V)	(hkl)
CaGe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	6.86	0.30	(011)
Zn <sub>2</sub> SiO <sub>4</sub>	6.16	0.074	(001)
K <sub>2</sub> MoO <sub>4</sub>	5.79	0.05	(10̄1)
KV <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	4.98	0.023	(101)



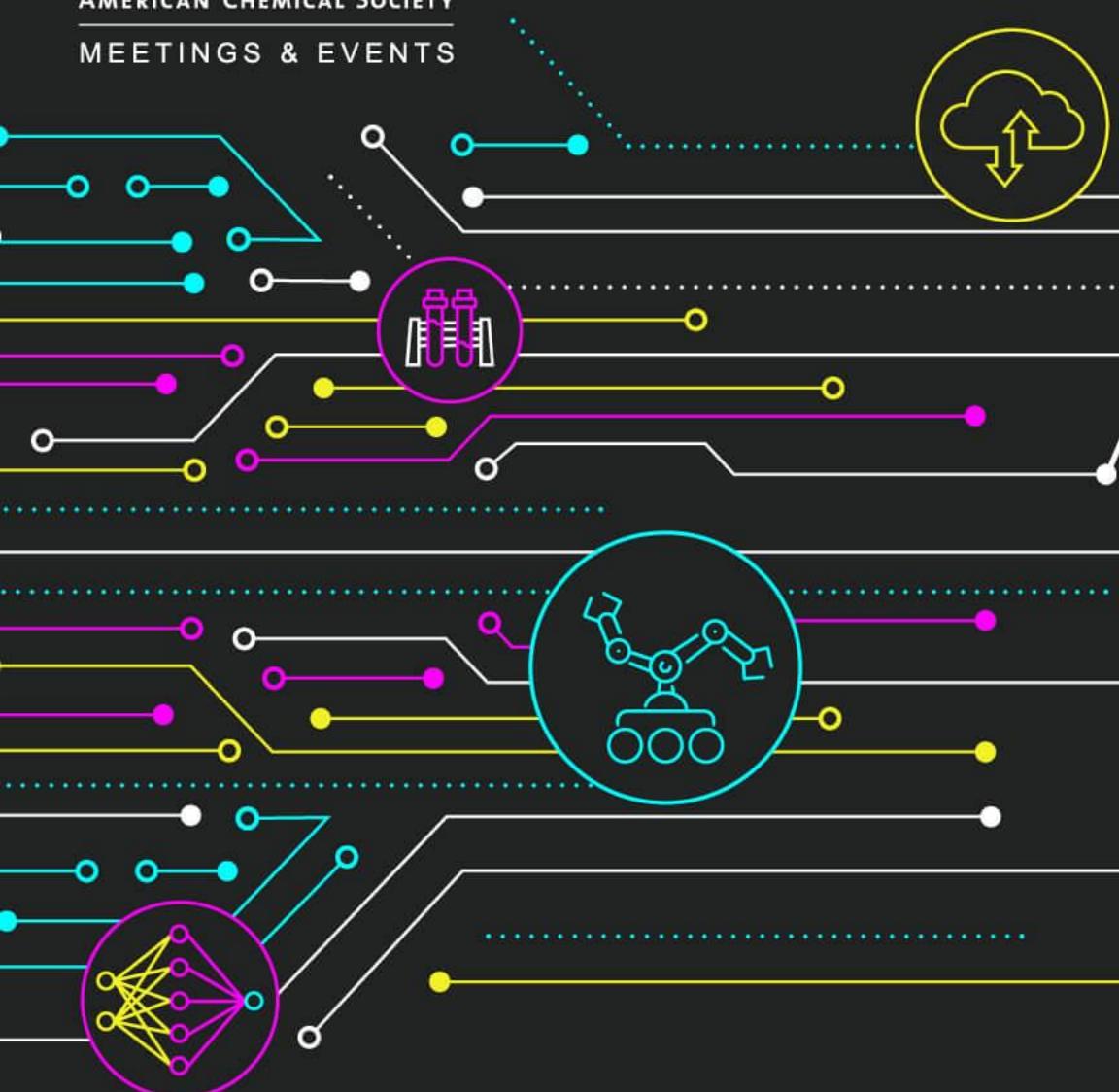
# Summary

- Constructed a database of ML (OC22) predictions of total energy of surfaces and OER intermediates for all *in domain* materials considered in OC22.
- Implemented high-throughput screening framework to identify 17 materials with competitive overpotential and cheaper material cost relative to  $IrO_2$  and  $RuO_2$
- Developed a framework for identifying 4 materials that can possibly exceed the Sabatier Limit via dynamic catalysis.



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