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Oxygen evolution reaction





OER:
$$2H_2O \rightarrow O_2 + 4H^+ + 4e^-$$

HER: $4H^+ + 4e^- \rightarrow 2H_2$
 $2H_2O \rightarrow O_2 + 2H_2$





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The Open Catalyst Project 2022



The Materials Project OH Li Be Ο C N O F N PSCL Na Mo K Ca Sc Ti V Cr Mn Fe Co Ni Cu Zn Ga Ge As Se Br Y Zr Nb Mo Tc Ru Rh Pd Ag Cd In Sn Sb Te I Xe Rb Sr HO_2 Hf Ta W Re Os Ir Pt Au Hg TI Pb Bi Po At Rn Cs Ba Fr Ra La Ce Pr Nd Pm Sm Eu Gd Tb Dy Ho Er Tm Yb Lu Ac Th Pa U Np Pu AmCm Bk Cf Es Fm Md No Lr



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Database scope



# Predictions		6,068,572
# Materials		4,119
# Slab predictions		191,902
Ave. # slabs per material		47
# Adsorption predictions		5,876,670
Max Mil	ler index	1
OH*	O *	OOH*
1,972,166	667,266	3,237,238

OC22 prediction dataset

All data available at UH Dataverse Repository under: Texas Data Repository https://doi.org/10.18738/T8/APJFTM



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High throughput screening





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OC22 Dataset





- Total bulks in OC22: 4,732
 - Top 5 lowest E_{hull}
 - Max # of atoms in bulk: 150
 - 1720 bulks with U-values
- Total bulks in this work: 4,119
 - Omit 609 due to unconverged forces or slab exceeding 200 atoms
 - Unary bulks: 296
 - Binary bulks: 3,823



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Pourbaix stability





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Pourbaix stability OC22 (4,119) Pourbaix stable (T, U, pH) surface 1,853 $\Delta G_{PBX}(pH = 1, U = 1.8 V, T = 80^{\circ}C) < 0.5 eV$ ΔG_{PBX} 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





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Surface stability





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Metastability





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Material cost



Cost < \$18,315/kg





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Final candidates



Formula	η _{0ER} (V)
MnBiO ₃	0.51
$Cu_3(SbO_3)_4$	0.37
AgSnO ₃	0.49
MnTlO ₃	0.2 (0.08)
CuMoO ₄	0.46



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Ti(WO)

trO2

TiFeSbO

.2

1.0 EB

Fe(SbO,)

CoSbO

Sn(WO)

Limitations of Pourbaix stability

Gunasooriya, G. T. K. K., & Nørskov, J. K. (2020). Analysis of Acid-Stable and Active Oxides for the Oxygen Evolution Reaction. ACS Energy Letters, 5(12), 3778-3787. https://doi.org/10.1021/acsenergylett.0c02030



Wang, Z., Zheng, Y. R., Chorkendorff, I., & Nørskov, J. K. (2020). Acid-Stable Oxides for Oxygen Electrocatalysis. ACS Energy Letters, 5(9), 2905-2908. https://doi.org/10.1021/acsenergylett.0c01625



2.0

2.5

3.0



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Nanoscale stabilization

Surface area to volume ratio increases as cell size decreases \rightarrow greater surface effects on material properties



The formation energy of the nanoparticle is the sum of the surface and bulk contributions:

$$G_f^{NP} = E_V(\mu_{O_2}, \Delta \mu_M) \left(\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3\right) + \bar{\gamma}(\mu_{O_2}, \Delta \mu_M)(4\pi r^2)$$



• r radius of particle (Å)



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Nanoparticles

Revised screening mechanism

OC22	Formula	η _{0ER} (V)
(4,119)	MnBiO ₃	0.51
Pourbaix stable (T. U. pH) 1853	$Cu_3(SbO_3)_4$	0.37
	AgSnO ₃	0.49
Stable surfaces on 1,539 mats.	MnTlO ₃	0.2 (0.08)
Wulff (I, U, pH) 11,918 surfs.	CuMoO ₄	0.46
Active 101 mats. n < 0.75 V 512 surfs	$BaMn_2O_3$	0.62
$\eta < 0.75$ V S12 surfs.	$Li(CuO)_2$	0.52
$E_{hull} < 0.1 eV$ 92	Mn_2BeO_4	0.32
Cost <	$ScMn_2O_4$	0.29 (0.33)
\$8,346 81	TiCu ₃ O ₄	0.38



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Conclusion

- We have created a database of ML predicted <u>TOTAL DFT</u> energies for bare and adsorbed surfaces of oxides for OER
- Doing so allows us to perform complex surface analysis that typically requires enormous amounts of DFT calculations:
 - Prediction of overpotential
 - Prediction of Wulff shapes
 - Prediction of nanoscale stability
- The available of such analysis without the need of DFT allows us to construct complex screening frameworks for identifying oxides for OER
- Identified 81 viable candidates for OER, with 40 additional candidates when considering nanoscale stabilization







Next time: Tuning activity and selectivity between chlorine and oxygen evolution over graphene supported single atom electrocatalysts

Thursday, October 31, 2024 3:30 PM PT – 3:48 PM PT San Diego Convention Center, Room 28B



Discrepancies in scaling relationships leads to variations in selectivity Selectivity



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Thank you!

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