

# Forecasting Perovskite Photovoltaic Device Performance. Predictive Machine Learning from **small** Scientific Datasets

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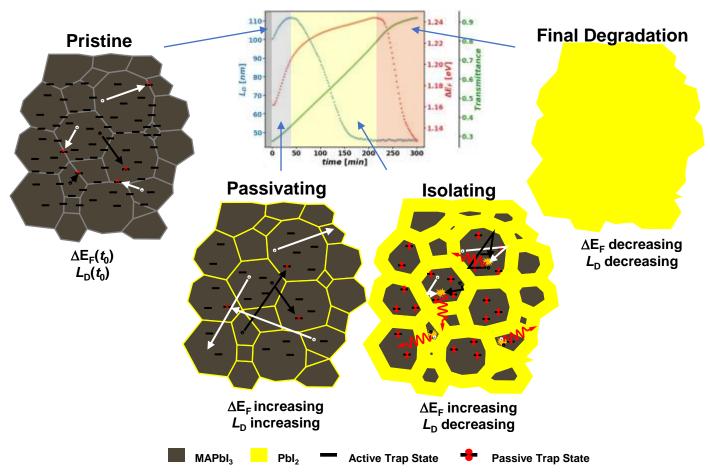




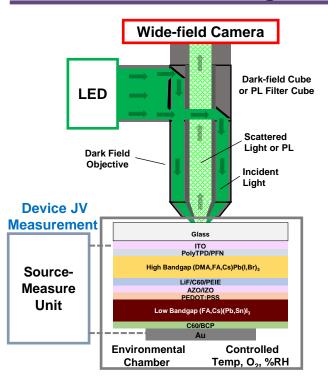


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## **Evolution of Optoelectronic Properties During Degradation**



# Forecasting Perovskite Photovoltaic Device Performance Using Dark-Field Imaging and Machine Learning



**Goal** Develop forecasting models for device PCE T80

That account for device-to-device variation

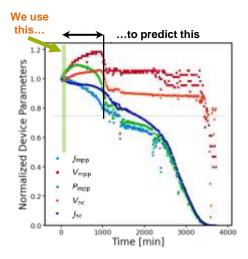
#### ML model inputs

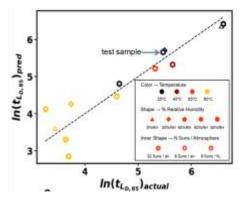
- time-series data of dark-field (DF) optical microscopy, summaries of wide-field photoluminescence (PL), current-voltage (JV) measurements
- all collected in-situ during degradation over a broad range of temperatures, relative humidity, oxygen, illumination intensity
- all early time features

Hierarchical ML learn inputs to forecasting model

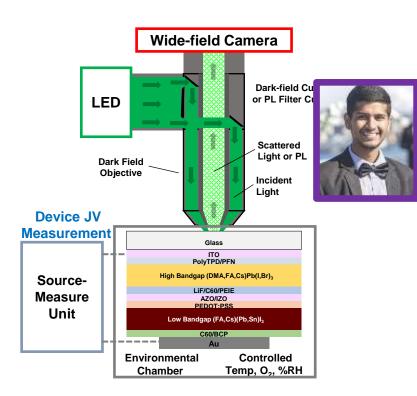
 E.g. absorber material and single-junction sub-cell degradation rates from unencapsulated devices

Validation with state-of-the art statistical methods





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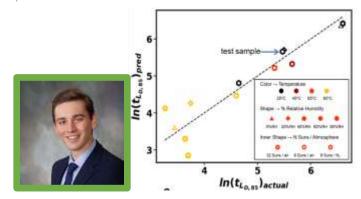
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#### Prediction modeling pipeline Small data $(n \sim 10 - 10^2)$ Goals: Target Variable, y Accuracy: Predictive model for y $(x_i, y_i)_{i=1,...n}$ Interpretability: Feature selection Uncertainty quantification: Conformal Prediction (CP) Restricting to linear regression due to Primary Feature small data construction, $F_0$ (Physically-relevant features Learn sparse (linear) predictive **Feature filtering** extracted from data anticipated by model f(x) for y (independent of y) the scientist to describe v) Feature selection Parameter estimation (training) LOO Cross-Validation Expansion of feature **Conformal Prediction** pool (non-linear Large feature pool transformations, time Confidence interval on each $(p \sim 10 - 10^3)$ differences, ...) predictied y = f(x)Independent on model, Reliable Prediction, $\hat{y}$ algorithm Physically derived (kinetic rates)

#### Challenges of small data

- Where experiment expensive: \$\$\$, time, human effort, expertise
- Statistics and computation must make up for data paucity
- Benefits some computations possible that are intractable for large data

#### Training + feature selection with small data

- 1. Algorithms Lasso, best-subset selection, OMP, knockoffs
- Prediction accuracy evaluation: Training errors, in-sample errors like AIC and BIC, and extra-sample test errors using leave-one-out cross validation.

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  - And only sparse models s features used out of p
  - Informational limit

$$n \propto s \log_2 p$$

Degrees of freedom (dof)[1]

**Example** 
$$n = 35$$
,  $p = 128 = 27$ 

- for s = 1:  $n/s\log_2 p = 5$  data points/dof
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  - Must filter features before training model
    - E.g remove redundant features
    - + transform features to conform with linearity
  - Can leverage independent experiments to construct physically inspired features

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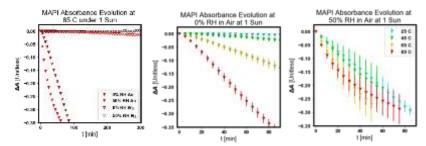
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## Physiochemical Inspired Feature: Kinetic Rate Equation for MAPbl<sub>3</sub> Degradation

The rate of disappearance of perovskite can be quantified from changes in the above bandgap absorbance using Beer's Law:

$$r = -\frac{1}{W}\frac{dN}{dt} = -\frac{\rho}{M \cdot log_{10}(e) \cdot \alpha_0} \frac{d\Delta A}{dt}$$

Absorbance of MAPbI<sub>3</sub> films measured in-situ over broad range of conditions (41 unique environmental conditions)

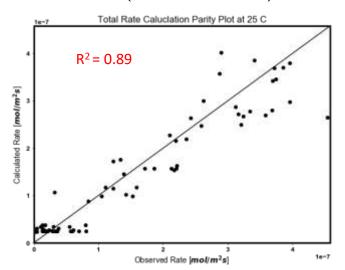


Degradation Conditions	25 °C with 1 Sun [mol/(m <sup>2</sup> ·s)]	85 °C with 1 Sun [mol/(m²·s)]		
Heat Only (0% O <sub>2</sub> , 0% RH)	less than 10 <sup>-10</sup>	less than 10 <sup>-10</sup>		
Humid N <sub>2</sub> (0% O <sub>2</sub> , 50% RH)	1 x 10 <sup>-9</sup>	3 x 10 <sup>-9</sup>		
Dry Air (21% O <sub>2</sub> , 0% RH)	4 x 10 <sup>-9</sup>	2 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>		
Humid Air (21% O <sub>2</sub> , 50% RH)	2 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	4 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>		

Degradation rate at 25 °C in humid air is ~2 orders of magnitude faster than the <u>sum</u> of all other processes.

Rate equation derived from hypothesized elementary steps of the reaction with an assumption of a rate determining step

$$r = -k \frac{P_{H_2O} P_{O_2} n}{\left(1 + K_2 P_{O_2} (1 + K_4 n)\right)^2}$$



T.D. Siegler, W.A. Dunlap-Shohl, Y. Meng, W.F. Kau, P.P. Sunkari, C.E. Tsai, Z.J. Armstrong & H.W. Hillhouse, "Water-Accelerated Photo-oxidation of CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub>Pbl<sub>3</sub> Perovskite: Mechanism, rate orders, and rate constants," **(2022)** 

# Small data challenges and benefits: algorithms

- Constraints from small data
  - Only *linear* models
  - And only sparse models s features used out of p
  - Informational limit  $n \propto s \log_2 p$
- Benefits
  - can exploit computational methods that are prohibitive for larger data (e.g. exhaustive search)
- ML Algorithms incorporating feature selection (Many!)
  - Lasso (I1 regularization) -- convex optimization
  - Orthogonal Matching Pursuit (OMP) -- greedy
  - Best subset selection -- exhaustive search over all feature sets of size s
  - Knock-offs (Lasso + control of False Discovery Rate)

# **Sparse Linear Models**

Most commonly-used sparse linear models use penalized versions of the ordinary least-squares (OLS) cost function.



OLS cost function, 
$$\mathcal{L}_{OLS} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left( y_i - \sum_{j=0}^{p} \beta_j X_j \right)^2$$

# $l_0$ (a.k.a <u>best-subset</u> regression)

$$\begin{split} \pmb{\beta}^* &= \min_{\pmb{\beta} = \{\beta_j: \ j=1,2,\dots,p\}} \mathcal{L}_{OLS} \\ \text{such that } \|\pmb{\beta}\|_0 &= \sum_{j=1}^p \mathbf{1} \left\{\beta_j \neq 0\right\} \leq m \end{split}$$

- Generates a sparse coefficient array, β\* corresponding to a feature subset with size, s that corresponds to the lowest error.
- Subset-size, *s* is the only tunable parameter and is easy to interpret.
- Fails to perform well when the noise levels are large [1][2].

Exhaustive search over all subsets

# $l_1$ (a.k.a <u>lasso</u> regression)

$$\begin{split} \boldsymbol{\beta}^* &= \min_{\boldsymbol{\beta} = \{\beta_j: \ j=1,2,...,p\}} \mathcal{L}_{OLS} + \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1} \| \boldsymbol{\beta} \|_1 \\ \text{where} & \quad \| \boldsymbol{\beta} \|_1 = \sum_{j=1}^p |\beta_j| \end{split}$$

- Generates a sparse coefficient array,
   β\*
- The coefficients of the selected features are "shriunk" such that the error is minimized [1]; Robust to high noise levels [1].
- Complex iterative hyper-parameter ( $\lambda_1$ ) tuning is needed to obtain a feature subset with the desired size,  $s^{[1]}$ ; Less sparse compared to  $l_0^{[2]}$ .

Automatic efficient search for all  $\lambda_1$ 

#### $l_0l_2$

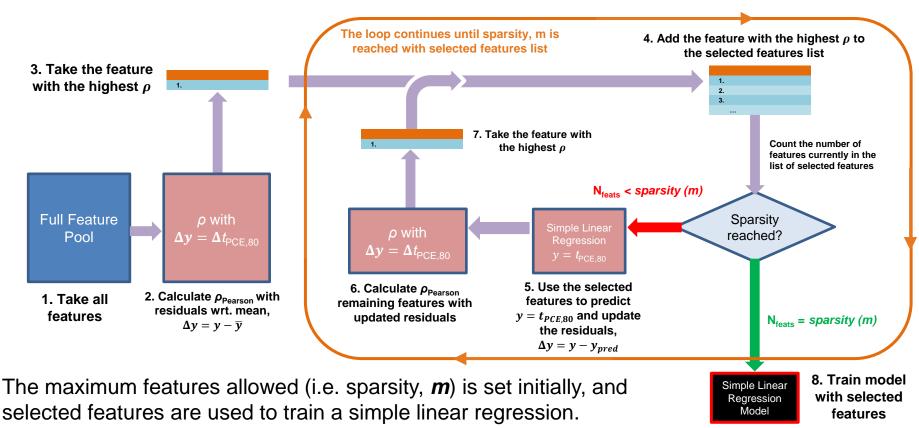
$$\begin{split} \boldsymbol{\beta}^* &= \min_{\boldsymbol{\beta} = \{\beta_j: j=1,2,\dots,p\}} \mathcal{L}_{OLS} + \lambda_2 \|\boldsymbol{\beta}\|_2 \\ \text{where} \quad \|\boldsymbol{\beta}\|_2 &= \sum_{i=1}^p \beta_j^2 \quad \text{such that } \|\boldsymbol{\beta}\|_0 \leq m \end{split}$$

- Same as l<sub>0</sub> with Ridge Regression
- The coefficients of the selected features are "shrinked" such that the error is minimized <sup>[2]</sup>; Robust to high noise levels <sup>[2]</sup> and preserves the sparsifying ability of the *l*<sub>0</sub> method <sup>[2]</sup>.
- Although setting s sets the resultant subset-size, tuning the hyperparameter (λ<sub>2</sub>) increases the runtimes.

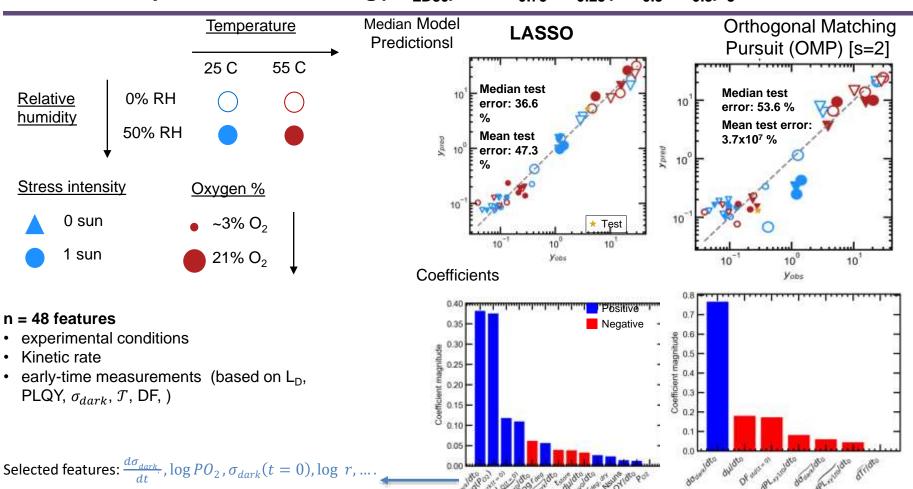
<sup>[1]</sup> Hastie T., Tibshirani R., Tibshirani R. J., (2017) Extended Comparisons of Best Subset Selection, Forward Stepwise Selection, and the Lasso, arXiv: 1707.08692v2.

# **Orthogonal Matching Pursuit (OMP)**

A Greedy algorithm, which selects features sequentially based on the correlations with the updated residuals.



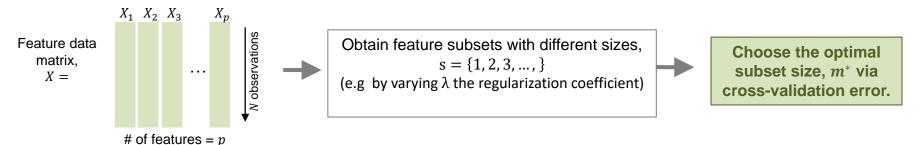
# Example: Prediction of $log(1/t_{LD80})$ in $FA_{0.75}Cs_{0.25}(Pb_{0.5}Sn_{0.5})I_3$ thin films



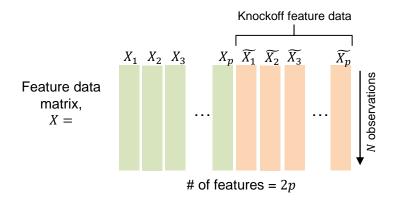
# **Knockoff Filter for the Sparse Linear Model**

• By incorporating the *knockoff+ filter* into the sparse linear model training, we can obtain feature subsets with *guaranteed false-discovery rates*.

#### <u>Traditional feature selection via a sparse linear model $(l_0, l_1, \text{ or } l_0 l_2)$ :</u>



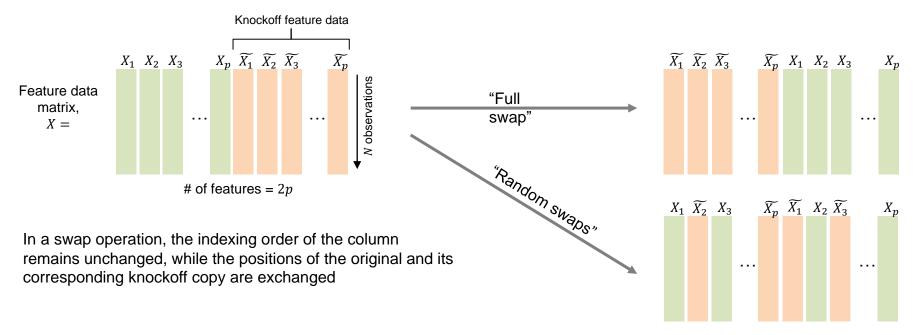
#### Feature selection via a sparse linear model (Lasso) augmented with a knockoffs+ filter:



First, what are these knockoffs feature data?

#### **Knockoff Feature Data**

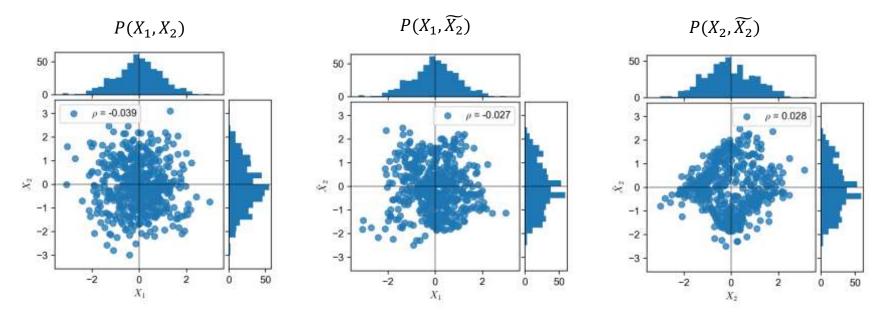
• Knockoff feature data are built without seeing the target variable data, y, such that the **joint distribution of the feature matrix doesn't change** with the swap operations as shown below [1].



Knockoff feature data columns act as control group for the predictors that behaves in the same way as the original null variables but, unlike them, <u>lack any potential correlation with the target variable.</u>

# **Knockoff Feature Data: Example**

Consider the feature matrix,  $X = \{X_1, X_2, \}$  as shown below where  $\rho(X_1, X_2) \sim 0$ .



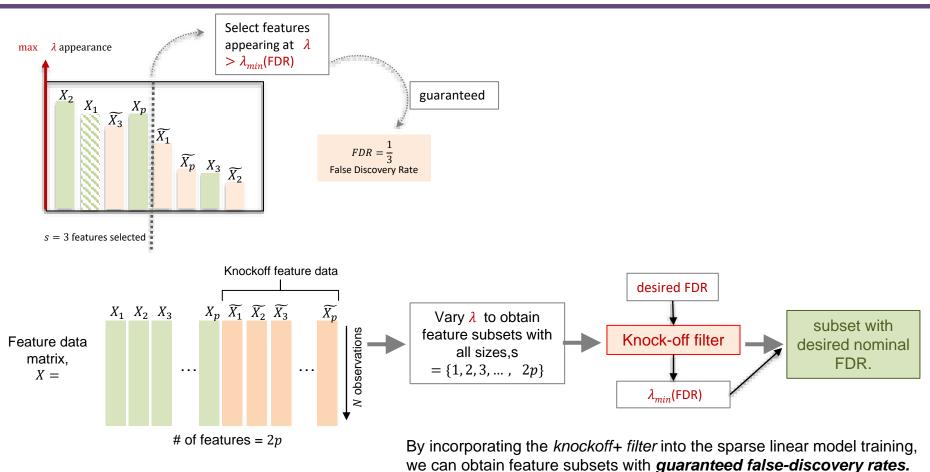
Knockoff generator algorithm: Deep neural network [1]

Using a knockoff algorithm to produce  $\tilde{X}_2$ :

- preserves the underlying joint distribution and correlation of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$
- while ensuring that the correlation between  $X_2$  and  $\widetilde{X}_2$  is as low as possible,

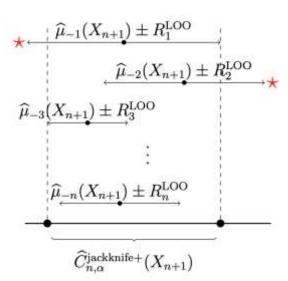
thus, making  $\tilde{X}_2$  indistinguishable from  $X_2$ 

# **Knock-off Filter for the Sparse Linear Model**



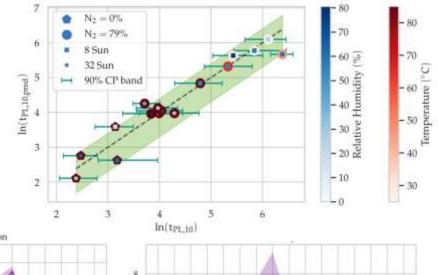
# **Uncertainty quantification by Conformal Prediction intervals**

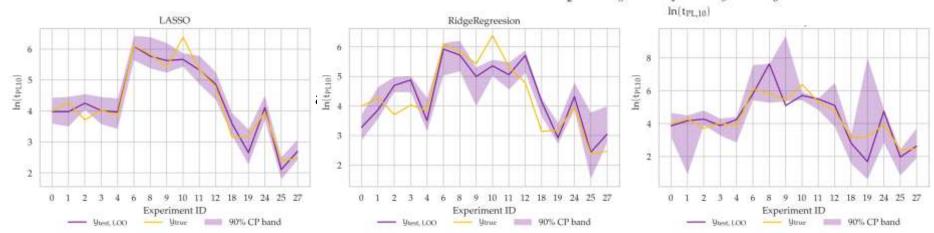
- Confidence Interval (CI): a small [Y-, Y+] at high confidence level (90%) that we believe contains the truth
- Conformal prediction (CP): recent powerful method to obtain confidence interval (CI) for a prediction
  - **CP Input:** training data (X<sub>i</sub>, Y<sub>i</sub>), prediction algorithm (e.g. LASSO), new input X, desired confidence level (e.g. 90%)
  - CP Output: prediction Y(X) and 90% CP interval [Y-, Y+] that contains Y(X)
- Idea: we want to guess the error of Y(X). Calculate the leave-one-out errors for the n data points  $X_1...X_n$  for which  $Y_1...Y_n$  are known. This gives a distribution of the errors that we can use.
- Methods before CP
  - Classical Confidence Interval: depends on model used being correct
  - Bootstrap, Jackknife (resampling based methods): independent of model, but no proof of correctness
- With CP (here Jackknife+ algorithm [2])
  - The interval is correct no matter what data/model used
  - Requires re-training the model multiple times
  - Fast developing area of statistics



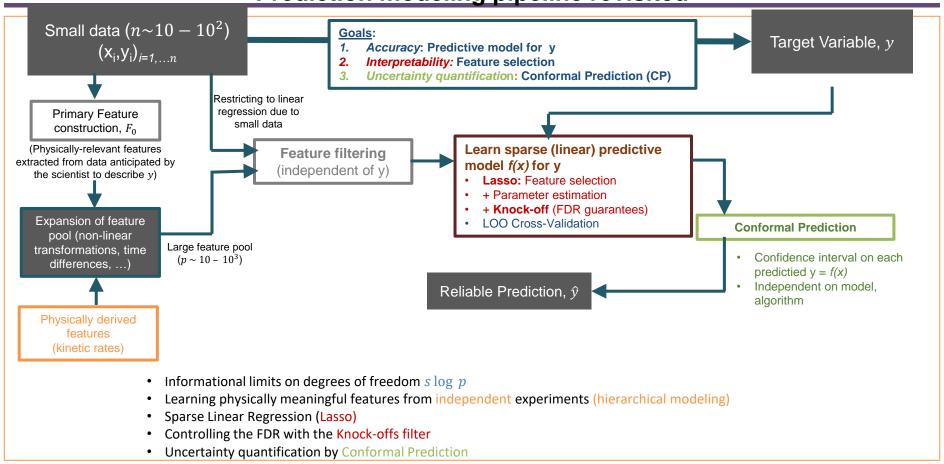
# Conformal Prediction (CP) bands for MAPbl<sub>3</sub> degradation

- Predict: t<sub>PL10</sub> (time when PL drops to 10% of initial value)
- Out of sample prediction (testing): leave-one-out
- Uncertainty quantification: 90% conformal prediction (CP) band





Prediction modeling pipeline revisited



## Role of ML/AI expert

#### ML/Al expert

- What is statistically possible (and what is not)
- What methods are applicable (and which are not)
- Access and rapid percolation of state of the art results (methods, theories, ...)
  - AI, ML, Statistics are fast developing
- View of the entire data analysis pipeline
  - New ML results are specialized
- Optimize statistical power (get as much as possible from the given data/experiment)
- Validation
  - Are predictions accurate? What part of model can be trusted/generalized to other problems?

#### In-house

- Algorithms and methods
- Feature construction and transformation
- Exploratory data analysis
- Range of measurements, SNR, sample sizes (=experimental constraints)
- Performance requirements
  - Level of accuracy

### **Conclusions**

Statistical and ML strategies for valid inferences from small data

- Informational limits on degrees of freedom  $s \log p$  [2004]
- Learning physically meaningful features from independent experiments (hierarchical modeling)
  - Increase complexity, allows non-linearity
- Sparse Linear Regression [~2004]
- Controlling the FDR with the Knock-offs filter [2018]
- Uncertainty quantification by Conformal Prediction [2014]



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#### **Motivation**

#### 1. Need for Machine Learning in Applied Sciences

- Often, in applied research, mathematical relations describing the physiochemical properties and mechanisms are important for a deeper understanding.
- However, theoretical first-principle based calculations are often computationally expensive and are biased with several a priori assumptions.
- Hence recently, <u>machine learning methods</u> that can learn trends from <u>experimental data</u> have grown popular due to their ease,

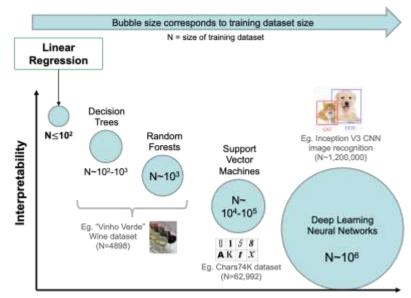
Most models are built to predict material properties obtained from experiments using non-experimental features. Hence, the <u>size of these datasets are restricted by the complexity and the time scales of these experiments.</u>

Property	References				
Curie temperature	31,263-267				
Vibrational free energy and entropy	288				
Band gap	40,41,132,159,283,289-30				
Dielectric breakdown strength	38,44,45				
Lattice parameter	300				
Debye temperature and heat capacity	41-43				
Glass transition temperature	301,302				
Thermal expansion coefficient	41				
Thermal boundary resistance	303				
Thermal conductivity	37,46-51,304,305				
Local magnetic moments	127,206				
Melting temperature	39,48,307				
Magnetocaloric effects	283				
Grain boundaries	306				
Grain boundary energy	309-312				
Grain boundary mobility	312				
Interface energy	300				
Seebeck coefficient	46,317,314				
Thermoelectric figure of merit	315				
Bulk and shear moduli	40-42,132,184,185,316				
Electrical resistivity	46				
Density of states	109,317,318				
Fermi energy and Poisson ratio	40				
Dopant solution energy	319				
Metal-insulator classification	at				
Topological invariants	320-326				
Superconducting critical temperature	73,76,122,337-329				
Li-ion conductivity and battery state-of-charge	65,330,331				

#### **Motivation**

#### 2. Small datasets from experiments

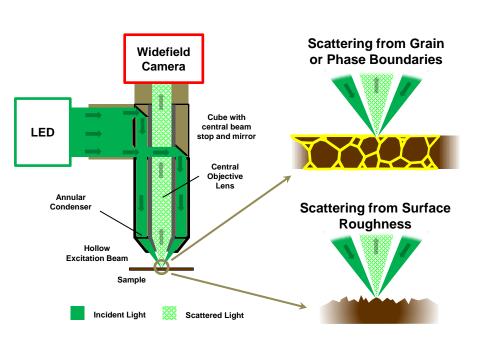
- Most data sets in engineering and medicine are small  $(N_{data}^{\sim} 10^1 10^2)$  compared to the general ML standards  $(N_{data} > 10^3)$ .
- This calls for attention towards often machine learning techniques such as generalized linear regression etc. that can handle such small datasets.
- Along with the choice of the learning method,
  - the choice of features and the relevant target variable to describe the desired phenomenon,
  - the model testing protocol,
  - the metrics to interpret the final models to understand the underlying phenomenon are important for every such dataset.



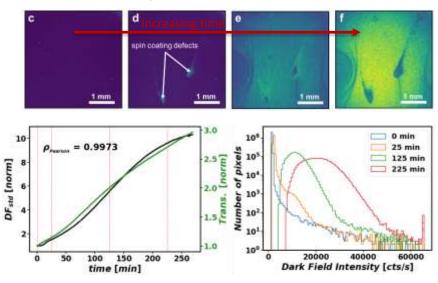
**Prediction accuracy** 

Hence, there is a need in the scientific community for machine learning techniques that can be used on small datasets.

# Features in Dark-Field Microscopy Images Reveal Rate of Degradation



Degradation of MAPbl<sub>3</sub> film at 25 °C, 60 %RH, 21 %O<sub>2</sub>, 8 Sun illumination



Dark-field image intensity and heterogeneity are both highly correlated with transmittance and can be used as *features for forecasting perovskite PV device performance.* 

We pondered... What can we learn (quantitatively) about the rate of degradation from transmittance and reflectance?



# UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON DOE Milestones and GNGs

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Task	1. Forecasting the Absorber-Quality-Limited Lif	fetim	e for High-	Bandgap a	nd Low Ban	ndgap Mate	rials (L <sub>d</sub> -T80	0)					
	1.1. Data Collection		M1.1	M1.2									
	1.2. Feature Selection				M1.3								
	1.3. Forecasting Model						GNG1						
Task	2. Forecasting Low-Bandgap Sub-Cell PCE												
	2.1. Data Collection				M2.1								
	2.2. Feature Selection					M2.2							
	2.3. Forecasting Model						GNG2						
Task	3. Forecasting High-Bandgap Sub-Cell PCE												
	3.1. Data Collection							M3.1					
	3.2. Feature Selection								M3.2				
	3.3. Forecasting Model									M3.3			
Task	4. Forecasting Tandem T80												
	4.1. Data Collection								M4.1				
	4.2. Feature Selection									M4.2			
	4.3. Forecasting Model										M4.3		
	4.4. Field Deployment												M4.4
Task	5. Dissemination and Data Accessibility												
							GNG3						M5.1

### Hougen-Watson-Langmuir-Hinshelwood (HWLH) Equations

Any single-step heterogenous reaction as shown below, can be written using the following three steps:

Overall Reaction:  $aA + bB \rightarrow rR + sS$ 

$$\begin{array}{c} aA \rightarrow aA^* \\ bB \rightarrow bB^* \\ aA^* + bB^* \rightarrow rR^* + sS^* \\ rR^* \rightarrow rR \\ sS^* \rightarrow sS \end{array} \end{array}$$
 Step-1: Langmuir adsorption of the gaseous reactants  $A \& B$  Step-2: Surface reaction of the adsorbed  $A \& B$  to adsorbed  $R \& S$  Step-3: Langmuir desorption of the gaseous products  $R \& S$ 

Hougen and Yang [1] used the principles of the HWLH Equations to build a generalized rate expression. Every rate equation for a mechanism like above can be written in the form **if a RDS** is **assumed**:

$$rate = \frac{(\text{kinetic} - \text{group}) \times (\text{driving force} - \text{group})}{(\text{adsorption group})}$$

This means for a given set of A, B, R and S-

- if the parameters (a, b, r, s) of the system of rate equations are known and,
- · the RDS is assumed,

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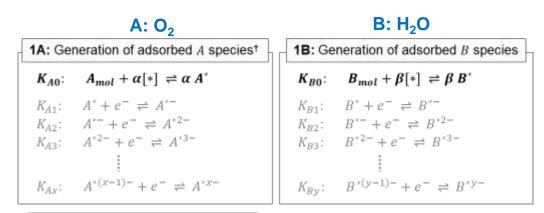
the overall rate expression can be easily written.

# Potential for Langmuir-Hinshelwood-Hougen-Watson (LHHW) equations for use in perovskite-gas heterogenous reactions

The original<sup>[1]</sup> sets of LHHW have until been applied only for simple *single-step solid-catalyzed heterogeneous reactions*. With subtle adjustments, these equations can further be generalized to be applied for reactions occurring at the perovskite-gas interfaces.

#### **Domain of applicability of LHHW equations:**

- Gases reacting on a solid surface → For perovskites, water and O<sub>2</sub> react on the surface.
- 2. The active sites on the solid surface are invariant → For early-times we use, the active site concentration on the perovskite can be assumed to be constant. Although perovskite is involved in the reaction, very minimal change in the activity of the perovskite can be assumed.
- Monolayer Langmuir adsorption and desorption of gaseous reactants and products → Reasonable assumption for perovskites under the operating environmental conditions.
- 4. The charge-transfer reactions can be assumed to be **fast and always in quasi-equilibrium**.



2: Surface reaction†

$$K_{SR}$$
: perov. (solid) +  $a A^{*p-} + b B^{*q-} + k e^- + s [*] \implies$  other/perov. (solid) +  $c_1 C_1^* + \cdots + c_{sr} C_{sr}^*$ 

3: Desorption of products‡

$$K_{C_i}$$
:  $C_{i,mol} + \kappa_i[*] \rightleftharpoons \kappa_i C_i^*$ 

- † The charge transfer reactions are assumed to be fast, and always in quasi-equilibrium.
- Described products are shown on the left to indicate that
  the equilibrium constant is defined with the adsorption as
  the forward reaction.

#### Generalized LHHW equations for use in perovskite-gas heterogenous reactions

Rate controlling step	Rate expression
1A. A0 controlling: (Adsorption of A)	$r = \frac{k'_{A0}  p_A}{\left[1 + p_B^{1/\beta} \left(K'_{B0} + K'_{B1} n + K'_{B2} n^2 + \dots + K'_{By} n^y\right)\right]^{\alpha}}$
1B. B0 controlling: (Adsorption of B)	$r = \frac{k'_{B0}  p_B}{\left[1 + p_A^{1/\alpha} (K'_{A0} + K'_{A1} n + K'_{A2} n^2 + \dots + K'_{Ax} n^x)\right]^\beta}$
2. SR controlling:	$r = \frac{k'_{S2} \cdot p_A^{a/\alpha} \cdot p_B^{b/\beta} \cdot n^{(pa+qb+k)}}{\left[1 + p_A^{1/\alpha} (K'_{A0} + K'_{A1}n + K'_{A2}n^2 + \dots + K'_{Ax}n^x)\right]^{a+b+s}} \\ + p_B^{1/\beta} \left(K'_{B0} + K'_{B1}n + K'_{B2}n^2 + \dots + K'_{By}n^y\right)\right]^{a+b+s}}$
3A: $C_i$ controlling and is the <u>only</u> gaseous product: (Desorption of $C_i$ )	$r = \frac{k'_{-c_i} \cdot \left( p_A^{a/\alpha} \cdot p_B^{b/\beta} \cdot n^{(pa+qb+k)} \right)^{\kappa_i/c_i}}{\left[ 1 + p_A^{1/\alpha} (K'_{A0} + K'_{A1} n + \dots + K'_{Ax} n^x) + \right]^{\kappa_i}}$ $p_B^{1/\beta} \left( K'_{B0} + K'_{B1} n + \dots + K'_{By} n^y \right)$ $+ K'_{SR} \cdot \left( p_A^{a/\alpha} \cdot p_B^{b/\beta} \cdot n^{(pa+qb+k)} \right)^{1/c_i}$
3B: $C_i$ controlling (Desorption of $C_i$ )	$r = k''_{-C_l}$

A given parameter set =  $\phi$   $\{\alpha, \beta, a, b, x, y, p, q, k, s, c_i \kappa_i\}$ +
Rate-determining step (RDS)



Rate expression  $r_{RDS}(p_A, p_B, n, \phi)$ 

After placing restraints on the parameter combinations, a total of 132 candidate sets are obtained.