

# Informatics guided nanomaterial design

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- QSAR type strategy for materials chemistry
- Crystal chemistry and nanoscience
- Descriptor development and data challenges
- Materials design and nanotoxicity

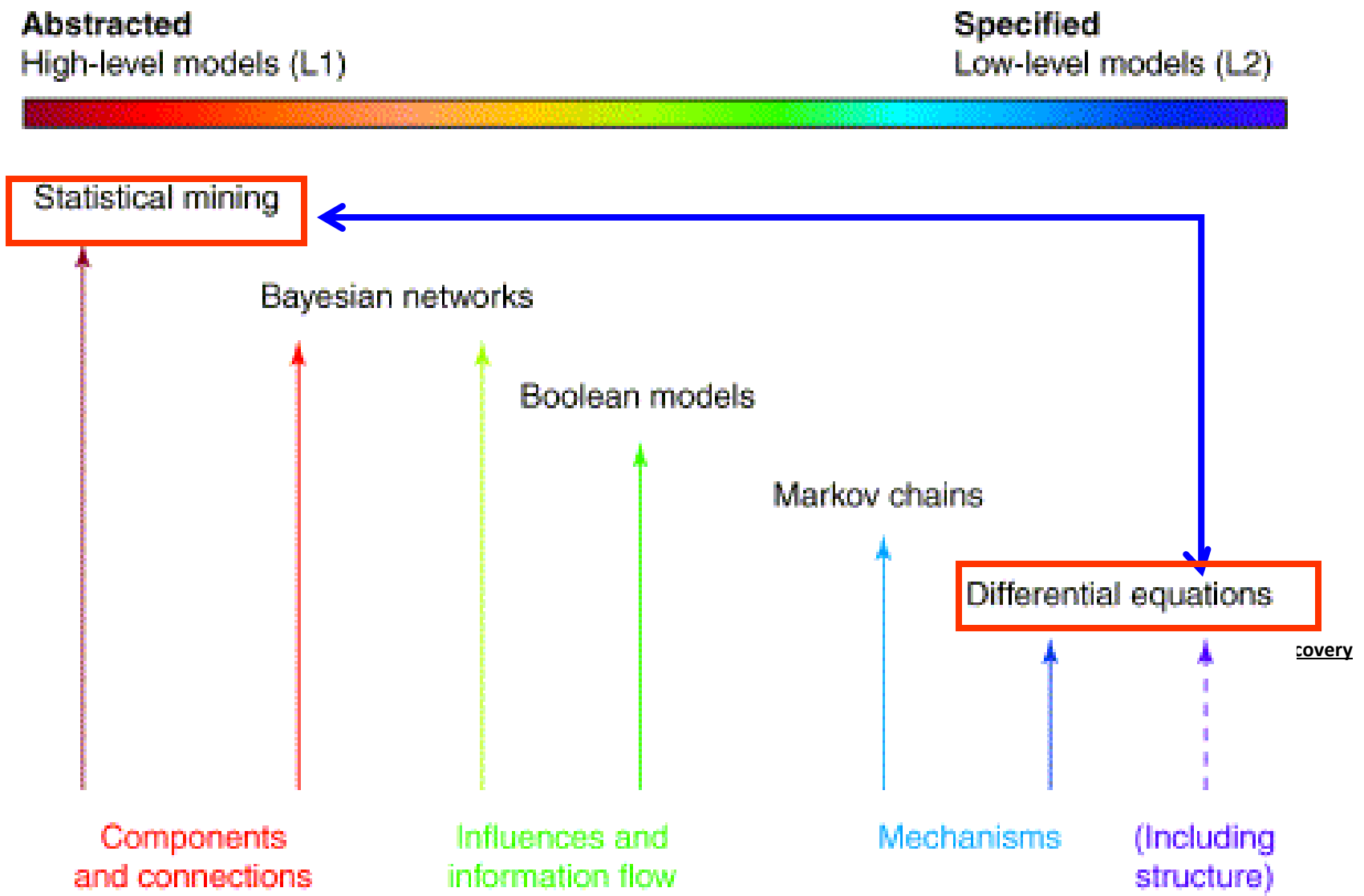
$$\text{Functionality} = \mathcal{F} (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7, x_8 \dots\dots)$$

## Issues:

- how many variables?
- which variables are important?
- classify behavior among variables
- making quantitative predictions ...relate functionality to variables ...
  - traditionally we describe them by empirical equations:
  - Quantitative Structure Activity Relationships (QSARs) are derived from data mining techniques not assuming a priori which physics is the most important

Need to build database with these variables

# "Omics in Materials Science



Ideker and Lauffenburger: Trends in Biotechnology (2003)

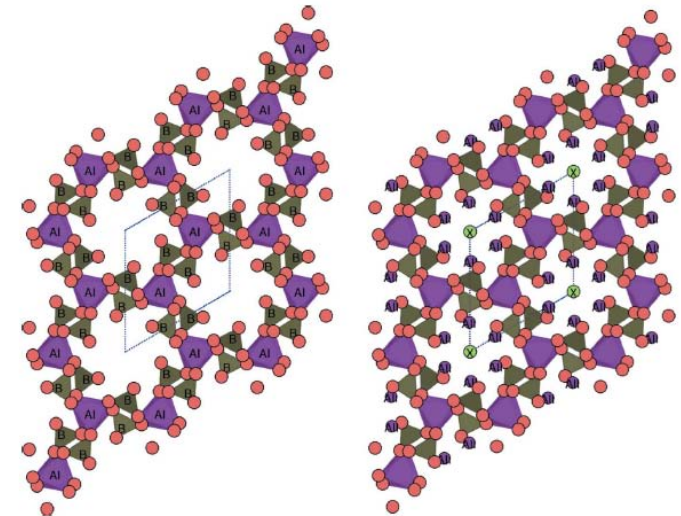
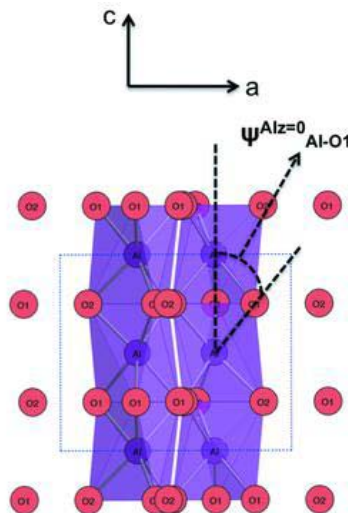
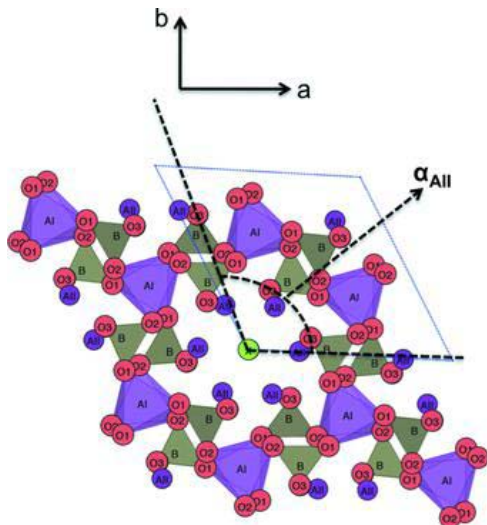
TRENDS in Biotechnology

## Structure maps for $A_4A_6(BO_4)_6X_2$ apatite compounds *via* data mining

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# Chemical search space for informatics

Stoichiometric space:  $x\text{Bi}(\text{Me}_1)_p(\text{Me}_2)_q(\text{Me}_3)_r\text{O}_3-(1-x)\text{PbTiO}_3$

Number of Me cations = 38

Abundant

22 Limited availability future risk to supply

5 Rising threat from increasing use

7 Serious threat in next 100 years

Number of Me cations = 38; Chemical search space  $\sim 0.8 \times 10^6$

Number of Me cations = 31; Chemical search space  $\sim 0.45 \times 10^6$

Number of Me cations = 26  
Chemical search space  $\sim 0.26 \times 10^6$

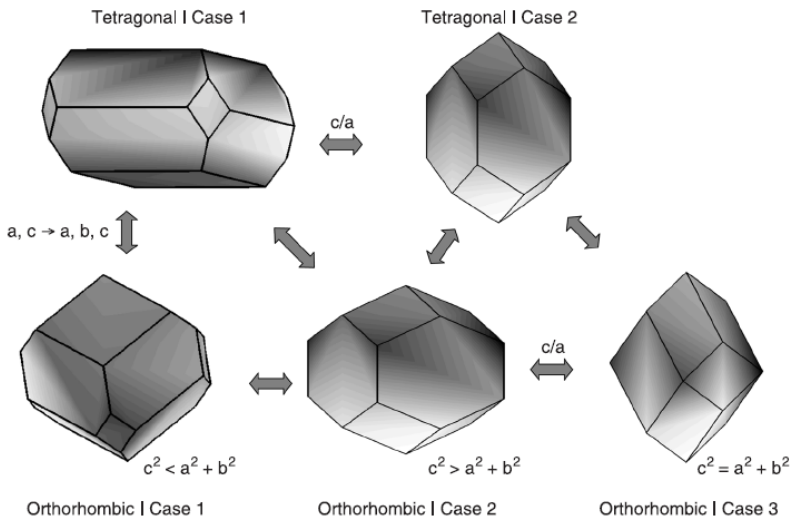
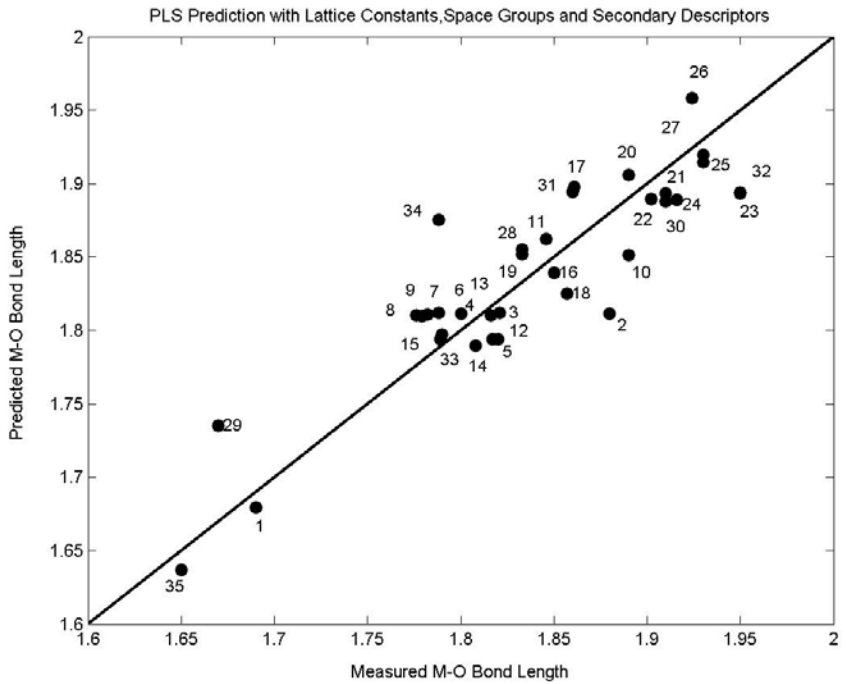
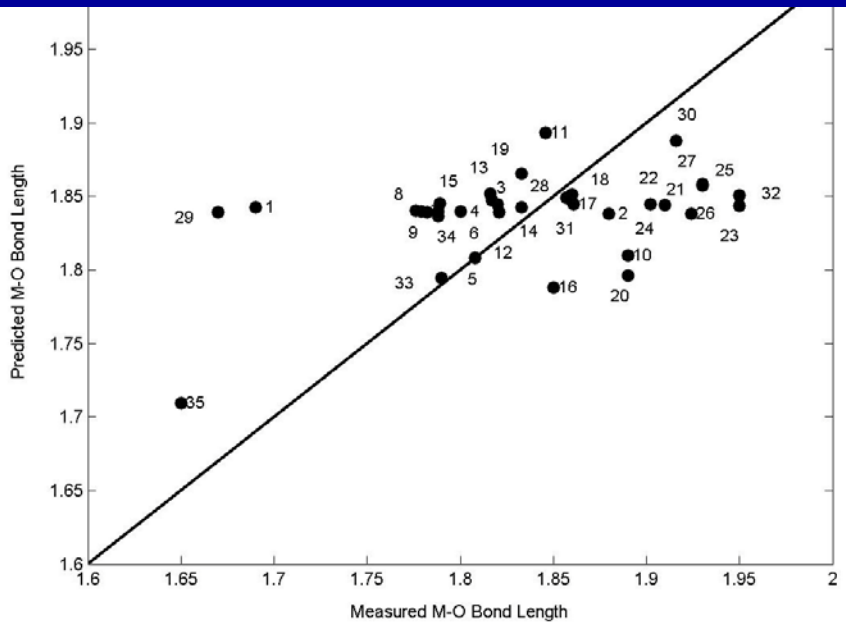
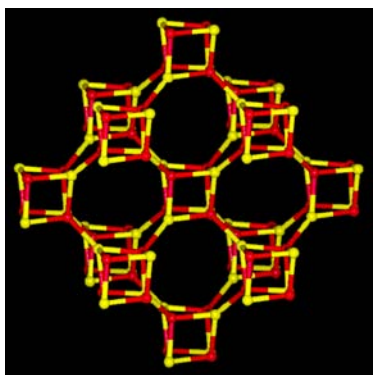
Number of Me cations = 4  
Chemical search space  $\sim 400$

The schematic shows how the chemical search space shrinks, when we account for the scarcity information.

Descriptor	Brief description
$a$ (Å)	Lattice constant of the hexagonal unit cell
$c$ (Å)	Lattice constant of the hexagonal unit cell
$c/a$	Variable axial ratio (no unit)
$r_{AI}$ (Å)	Shannon's ionic radii of $A^I$ -site ion (nine-coordination)
$r_B$ (Å)	Shannon's ionic radii of $B$ -site ion
$r_{AII}$ (Å)	Shannon's ionic radii of $A^{II}$ -site ion (seven-coordination for $F^-$ and eight-coordination for $Cl^-$ and $Br^-$ ; Đorđević <i>et al.</i> , 2008)
$r_X$ (Å)	Shannon's ionic radii of $X$ -site ion
Av CR (Å)	Average crystal radius = $[(r_{AI} \times 4) + (r_{AII} \times 6) + (r_B \times 6) + (r_O \times 24) + r_X \times 2] / 42$
$A_{EN} - O_{EN}$	Electronegativity difference $A$ atom and $O$ atom
$B_{EN} - O_{EN}$	Electronegativity difference $B$ atom and $O$ atom
$A_{EN} - X_{EN}$	Electronegativity difference $A$ atom at $A^{II}$ site and $X$ atom
$A_{EN} - B_{EN}$	Electronegativity difference $A$ atom at $A^I$ site and $B$ atom

Descriptor	Brief description
$A^I-O1$ (Å)	Distance between $A^I$ and $O1$ atom
$A^I-O1^{AIz=0}$ (Å)	Distance between $A^I$ and $O1$ atom with the constraint $z = 0$ at $A^I$
$\Delta_{AI-O}$ (Å)	Difference in the lengths $A^I-O1$ and $A^I-O2$
$\Delta_{AI-O}^{AIz=0}$ (Å)	Difference in the lengths $A^I-O1$ and $A^I-O2$ with the constraint $z = 0$ at $A^I$
$\psi_{AI-O}$ (°)	The angle that the $A^I-O1$ bond makes with respect to $c$
$\psi_{AI-O}^{AIz=0}$ (°)	The angle that the $A^I-O1$ bond makes with respect to $c$ with the constraint $z = 0$ at $A^I$
$\delta_{AI}$ (°)	Counter-rotation angle of $A^I O_6$ structural unit
$\varphi_{AI}$ (°)	Metaprism twist angle ( $\pi/3 - 2\delta_{AI}$ )
$\alpha_{AI}$ (°)	Orientation of $A^I O_6$ unit with respect to $a$
$\langle B-O \rangle$ (Å)	Average $B-O$ bond length
$\langle \tau_{O-B-O} \rangle$ (°)	Average $O-B-O$ bond-bending angle
$\rho_{AII}$ (Å)	$A^{II}-A^{II}$ triangular side length
$A^{II}-X$ (Å)	Distance between $A^{II}$ and $X$ atom
$\alpha_{AII}$ (°)	Orientation of $A^{II}-A^{II}-A^{II}$ triangles with respect to $a$
$A^{II}-O3$ (Å)	Distance between $A^{II}$ and $O3$ atom
$\Phi_{O3-AII-O3}$ (°)	$O3-A^{II}-O3$ angle
$E_{total}$ (eV)	Total energy calculated from <i>ab initio</i> calculations

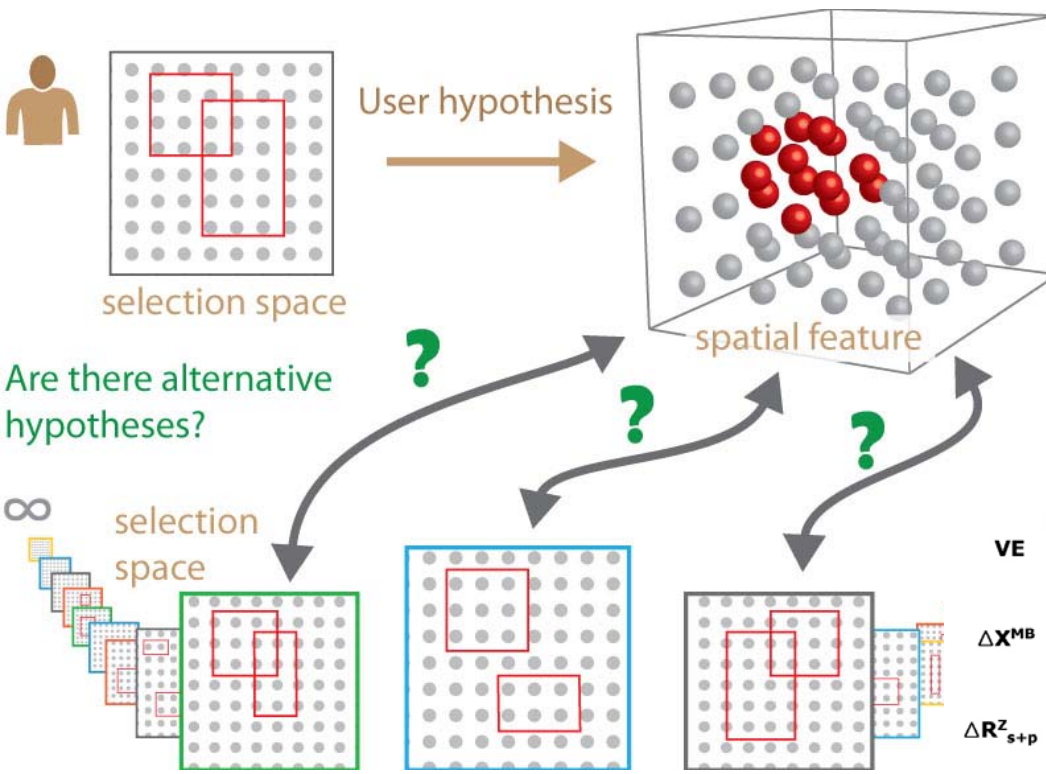
# Designing Molecular Architecture



Rajagopalan & Rajan (2005)

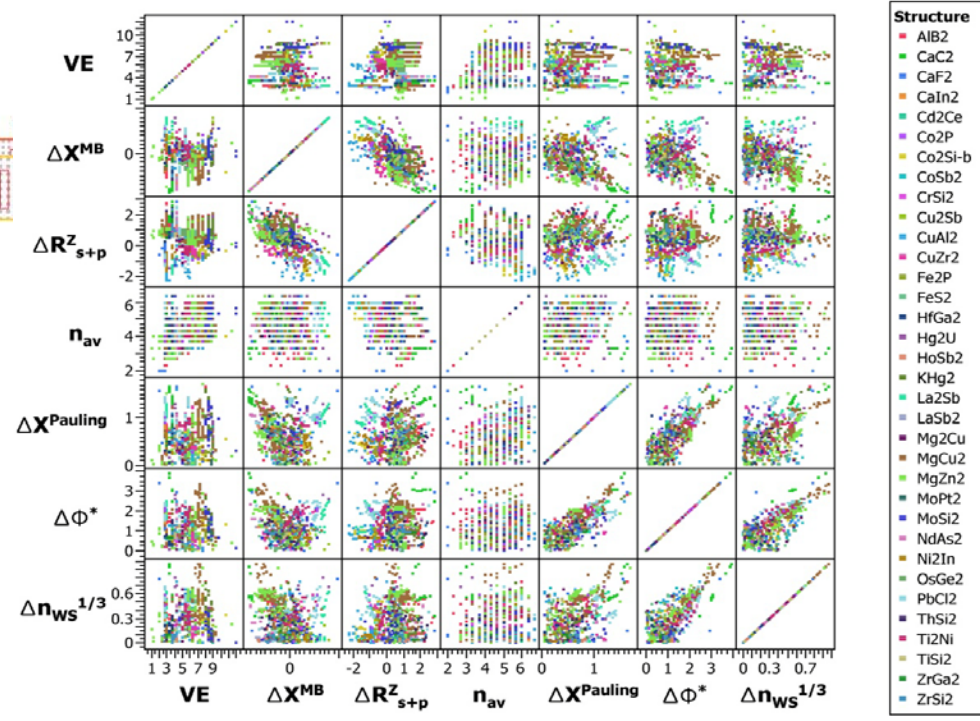


# Dimensionality and Complexity



## N point correlation

Kong & Rajan- 2009/ 2012



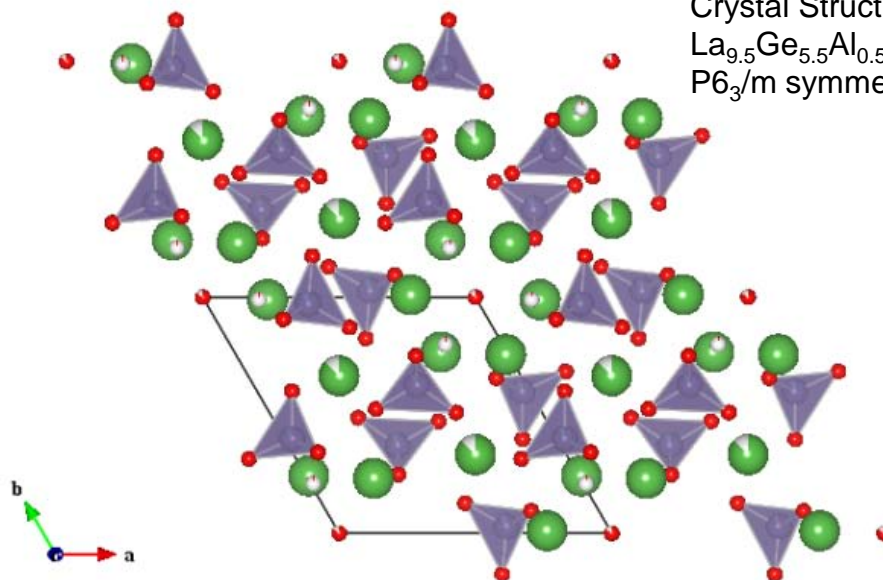
# Searching an informatics based combinatorial space

Crystal Structure of  
 $\text{La}_{9.5}\text{Ge}_{5.5}\text{Al}_{0.5}\text{O}_{26}$  Apatite –  
 $P6_3/m$  symmetry

Stoichiometric Space:  $A^I A^{II} BO$

# of (A) La-site substitutions=22

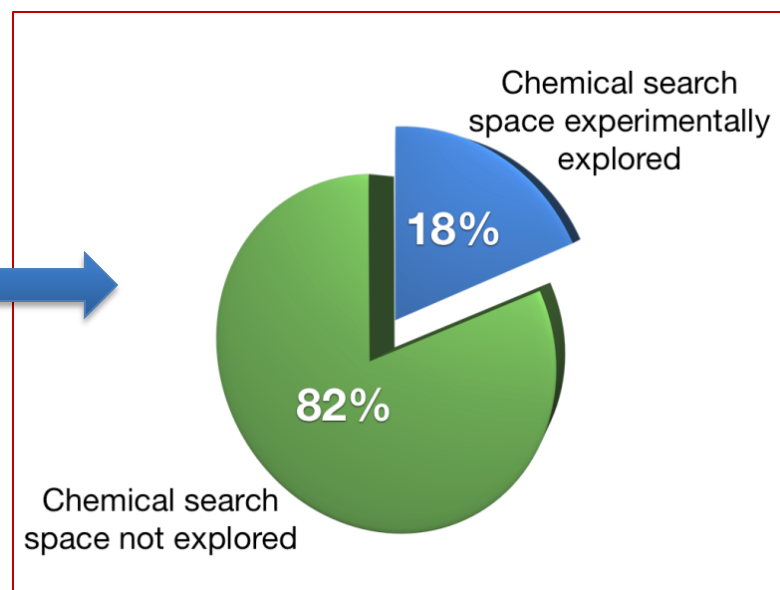
# of (B) Ge-site substitutions=18



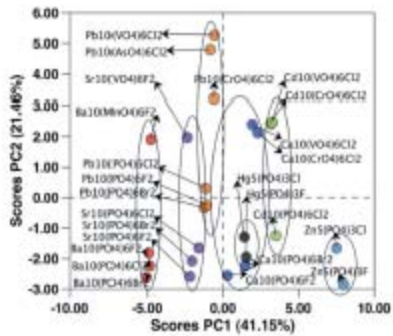
Total possibilities:

~ **10,000** chemical compositions

Blachandran & Rajan (2012)

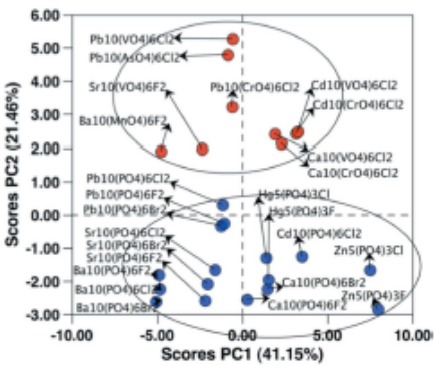


# Classification: Structure-Chemistry relationships

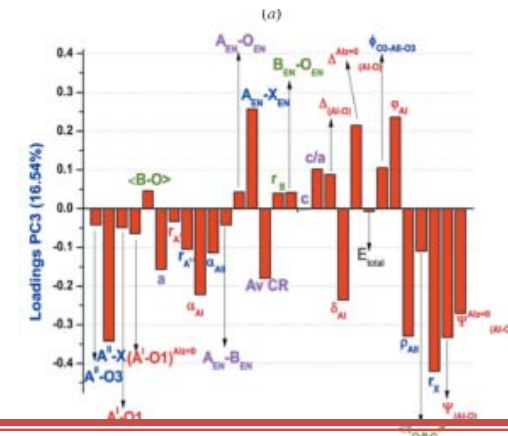
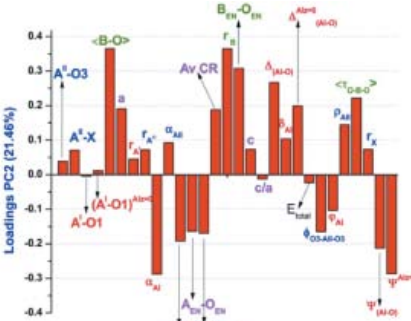
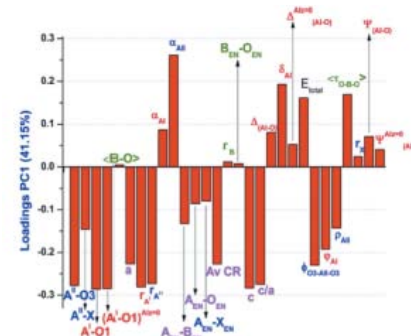
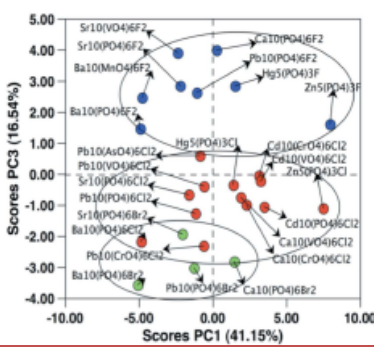


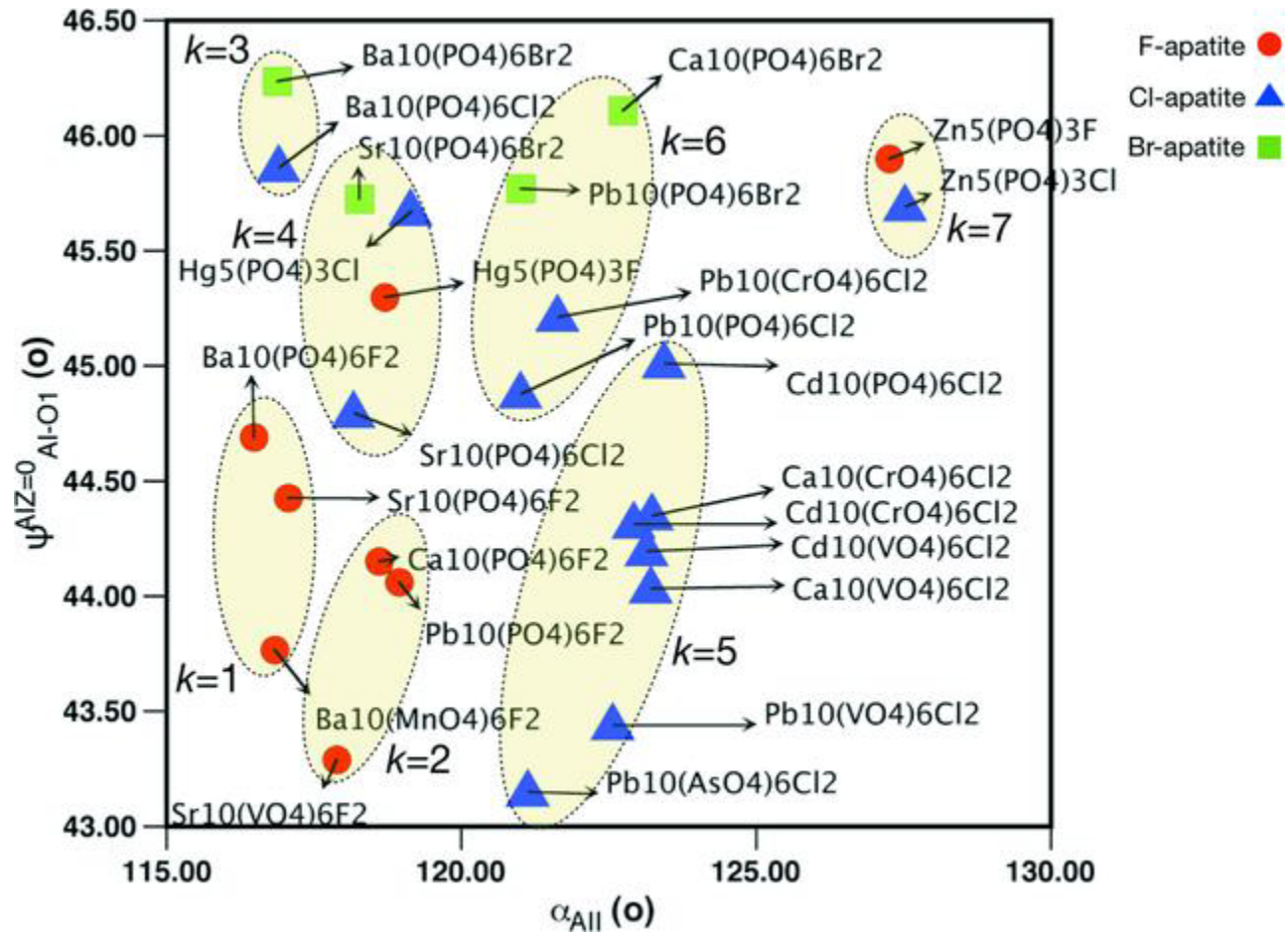
Ionic radius of A-site element decreases in this direction

Ionic radius of B-site element decreases in this direction



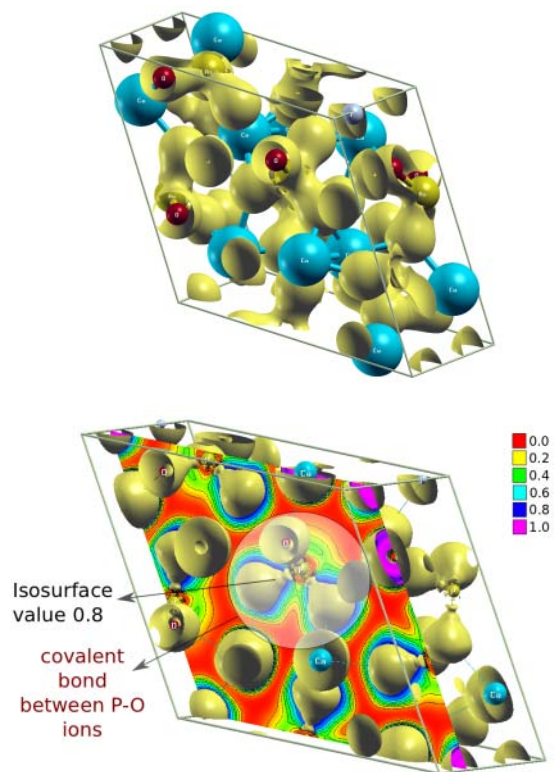
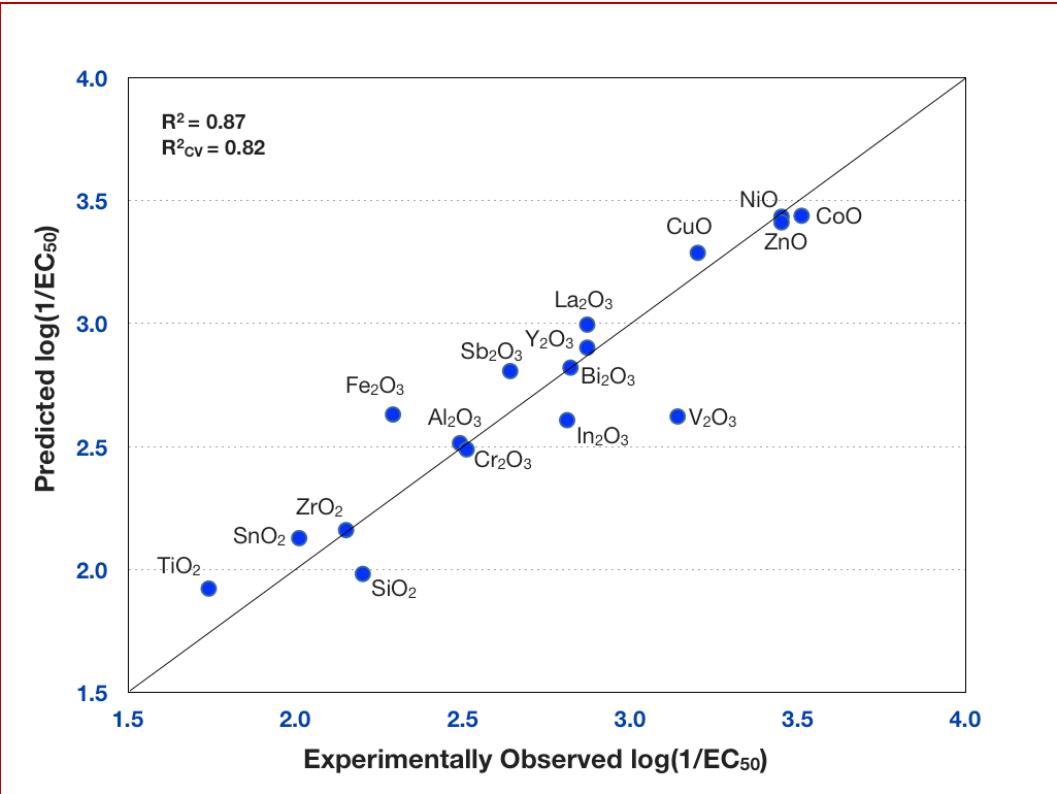
Ionic radius of X-site element decreases in this direction





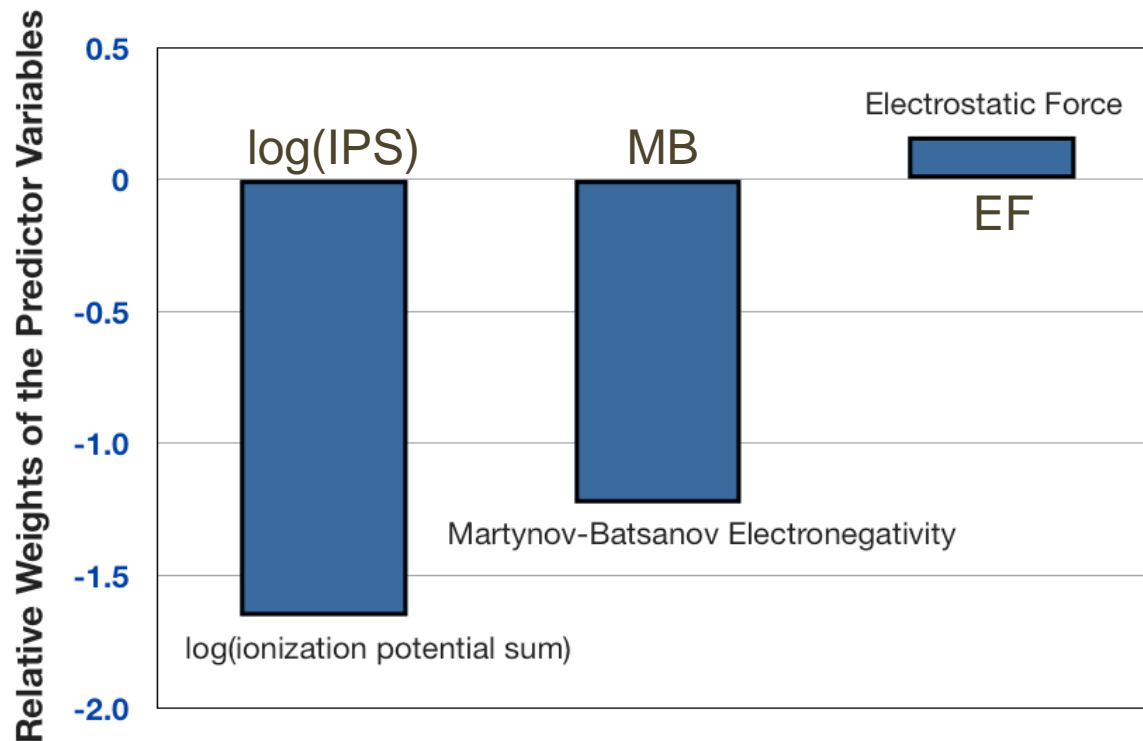


# Predictive Nanotoxicology



Nanochemistry	Predicted $\log(1/EC_{50})$	Classification
CeO <sub>2</sub>	2.197	Harmful
FeO	3.45	Extremely Toxic
(Zn <sub>0.95</sub> Al <sub>0.05</sub> )O <sup>§</sup>	3.355	Extremely Toxic
(Cu <sub>0.95</sub> Al <sub>0.05</sub> )O <sup>§</sup>	3.241	Very Toxic
-(Zn <sub>0.9</sub> Fe <sup>3+</sup> <sub>0.1</sub> )O <sup>*</sup>	3.016	Very Toxic
Sc <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.741	Toxic
MnO	3.477	Extremely Toxic
MnO <sub>2</sub>	1.807	Harmful

# Linking length scales



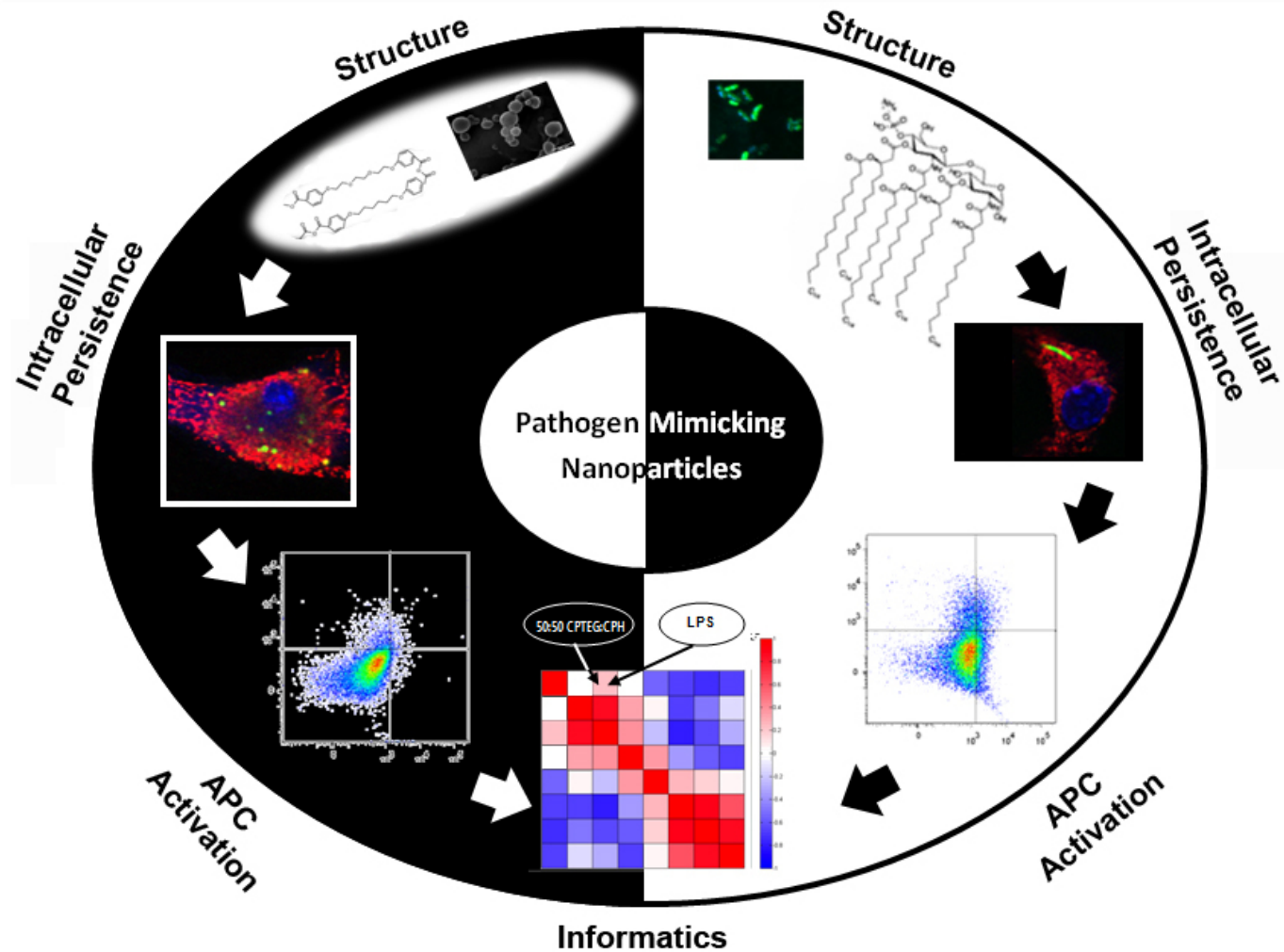
❖  $\log(\text{IPS})$  describes the difference between enthalpy of formation of gaseous cation and enthalpy of sublimation [1].

❖ MB electronegativity describes bonding associated with the relative ability of an atom in a nanoparticle to attract valence electrons [2].

❖ EF describes the force exerted by the effective nucleus of metal cation on the valence electrons [3]



*Ideal vaccine will mimic the way in which a naturally occurring infection induces a robust immune response yet avoid the undesirable effects of disease*



Ulery et.al (2012)

- Data driven design of materials chemistry
- Nano-QSAR---linking chemistry to structure
- Nanotoxicity: chemical sequestration and chemical transport

**Structure Matters !!**