### **Genesys-Cat: Automatic Microkinetic Model Generation for Heterogeneous Catalysis with Improved Bayesian Optimization**

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## **Supporting Information**

### S1. Considered Reaction Families

A total of 23 reaction families are considered for the modelling of the catalytic cracking of isooctane. These are presented below with an example reaction for illustration.

1/ Physisorption of alkanes



7/ Protonation olefins (tertiary ion product)



8/ β-scission (primary ion product)



9/ β-scission (secondary ion reactant, secondary ion product)



10/ β-scission (secondary ion reactant, tertiary ion product)



11/ β-scission (tertiary ion reactant, secondary ion product)



12/ β-scission (tertiary ion reactant, tertiary ion product)



13/ PCP-Branching (secondary ion reactant, secondary ion product)



14/ 1,2-Intramolecular hydrogen-shift (secondary ion reactant, secondary ion product)



#### 15/ 1,2-Intramolecular hydrogen-shift (tertiary ion reactant, secondary ion product)



16/ 1,2-Intramolecular hydrogen-shift (secondary ion reactant, tertiary ion product)



17/ 1,2-Intramolecular hydrogen-shift (tertiary ion reactant, tertiary ion product)



18/ 1,2-Intramolecular methyl-shift (secondary ion reactant, secondary ion product)



19/ 1,2-Intramolecular methyl-shift (tertiary ion reactant, secondary ion product)



20/ 1,2-Intramolecular methyl-shift (secondary ion reactant, tertiary ion product)



21/ 1,2-Intramolecular methyl-shift (tertiary ion reactant, tertiary ion product)



22/ Intermolecular hydrogen abstraction (secondary product)



23/ Intermolecular hydrogen abstraction (tertiary product)



### S2. Catalyst Properties for Iso-octane Cracking

Zeolite properties including Si/Al-ratios, concentration of acid sites  $(C_t)$  measured by NH<sub>3</sub>-TPD, internal catalyst area  $(S<sub>BET</sub>)$  and micropore volume ( $V<sub>micro</sub>$ ). More information on the zeolite characterization can be found in the work of Van Borm et al. [\[1\]](#page-13-0).

Zeolite (Topology)	$Si/Al_{bulk}$	$Si/Al$ frame	$C_{t}$	S <sub>BET</sub>	V <sub>micro</sub>
			$(mod kgcat-1)$	$(m^2 g_{cat}^{-1})$	$\rm (cm^3 \, g_{cat}^{-1})$
LZY20 (FAU)	2.6	30.0	0.99	481	0.19
CBV720 (FAU)	15	16.0	0.60	673	0.27
CBV760 (FAU)	30	100	0.23	526	0.25

Table S1. Zeolite properties as reported in [\[1\]](#page-13-0).

### S3. Parameter Ranges of the Activation Entropy Estimation

	$\Delta^{\ddagger} S$ [J mol <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> ]		$\Delta^{\ddagger} S$ [J mol <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> ]
Physisorption (alkanes)	$-190$ to $-100$	Physisorption (alkenes)	$-190$ to $-100$
Protolytic scission (p)	$-180$ to $-110$	$\beta$ -scission (p)	$-120$ to 0
Protolytic scission (s)	$-180$ to $-110$	$\beta$ -scission $(s,s)$	$-120$ to 0
Protolytic scission (t)	$-180$ to $-110$	$\beta$ -scission $(s,t)$	$-120$ to 0
Hydride-transfer (s)	$-100$ to 50	$\beta$ -scission $(t,s)$	$-120$ to 0
Hydride-transfer (t)	$-100$ to 50	$\beta$ -scission (t,t)	$-120$ to 0

Table S2. Employed parameter ranges of the activation entropy for Levenberg-Marquardt and Bayesian optimization.

# S4. Pre-exponential Factors of the CBV720 and CBV760 Kinetic Model

Table S3. Pre-exponential factors optimized by improved Bayesian optimization for CBV720

	$A[s^{-1}]$		$A[s^{-1}]$
Physisorption (alkanes)	1.81 10 <sup>1</sup> (*)	Physisorption (alkenes)	3.15 $10^2$ (*)
Protolytic scission (p)	$5.2310^6$	$\beta$ -scission (p)	$8.6610^{7}$
Protolytic scission (s)	7.86 $10^5$	$\beta$ -scission $(s,s)$	$3.78\;10^7$
Protolytic scission (t)	$8.86~10^5$	$\beta$ -scission $(s,t)$	$1.6310^{11}$
Hydride-transfer (s)	2.4310 <sup>4</sup>	$\beta$ -scission $(t,s)$	$1.12~10^{9}$
Hydride-transfer (t)	$2.0710^{6}$	$\beta$ -scission $(t,t)$	$1.5910^{9}$
$(*)$ [1 mol <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ]			

Table S4. Pre-exponential factors optimized by improved Bayesian optimization for CBV760

	$A[s^{-1}]$		$A[s^{-1}]$
Physisorption (alkanes)	1.81 10 <sup>1</sup> (*)	Physisorption (alkenes)	3.15 $10^2$ (*)
Protolytic scission (p)	5.23 $10^6$	$\beta$ -scission (p)	$1.58~10^{8}$
Protolytic scission (s)	7.86 $10^5$	$\beta$ -scission $(s,s)$	$3.78\;10^7$
Protolytic scission (t)	$8.86~10^5$	$\beta$ -scission $(s,t)$	$1.6310^{11}$
Hydride-transfer (s)	1.1910 <sup>4</sup>	$\beta$ -scission $(t,s)$	$1.12~10^{9}$
Hydride-transfer (t)	$1.0110^{6}$	$\beta$ -scission $(t,t)$	$1.5910^{9}$
$(*)$ [1 mol <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ]			

# S5. Reaction Families for Coupled Gas and Surface Phase Mechanism of Thermal and Catalytic 1-Butene Cracking

A total of 13 reaction families are considered for the modelling of the thermal and catalytic cracking of 1-butene. These are presented below with an example reaction for illustration.

1/ Hydride abstractions to a carbon centered group by a carbon centered radical (gas-phase)



2/ Hydride abstractions to a carbon centered group by a hydrogen radical (gas-phase)

 $\wedge$  +  $\mathsf{H}$   $\rightleftharpoons$   $\wedge$  +  $\mathsf{H}$ 

3/ Carbon-Centered Radical Addition (gas-phase)

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4/ Hydrogen Radical Addition (gas-phase)

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\mathrel{\dot{\wedge}} + \ \textbf{H} \ \rightleftharpoons \ \ \mathrel{\wedge}
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5/ Physisorption of alkanes (surface-phase)

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\bigcup_{\text{[ads]}} \text{+ catalyst} \leftarrow \bigcup_{\text{[ads]}}
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6/ Physisorption of alkenes (surface-phase)

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\mathcal{L} + \text{catalyst} \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \mathcal{L}_{(\text{ads})}
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7/ Protolytic scission (primary ion product) (surface-phase)



8/ Protolytic scission (secondary ion product) (surface-phase)

9/ Protonation olefins (secondary ion product) (surface-phase)

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10/ Protonation olefins (tertiary ion product) (surface-phase)



11/ PCP-Branching (surface-phase)



12/ Intermolecular hydrogen abstraction (secondary product) (surface-phase)



13/ Intermolecular hydrogen abstraction (tertiary product) (surface-phase)



### S6. Residual Conversion with Varying Temperature



Figure S1. Residual conversion defined as difference between predicted and experimental conversion with varying temperature.



### S7. Experimental and Predict Molar Selectivities of Other Products

Figure S2. Experimental (markers) vs. predicted (lines) selectivities of methane, propane, trans-but-2-ene, and cis-but-2-ene for isooctane catalytic cracking in LZY20, CBV720 and CBV760 as function of conversion.



Figure S3. Experimental (markers) vs. predicted (lines) selectivities of n-butane and isopentane for iso-octane catalytic cracking in LZY20, CBV720 and CBV760 as function of conversion.

#### **References**

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