

Supplementary Information

Machine Learning-based Screening of Mn-PNP Catalysts for CO₂ Reduction Reaction Using Region-wise Ligand-encoded Feature Matrix

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A. Gaussian full references

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B. DFT calculated descriptors for all the 44 catalysts.

Table S1. DFT calculated $\Delta\Delta G^\ddagger$ and ΔG^\ddagger values for all the 44 catalysts. All the values are in eV.

SL No.	L ₁	L ₂	L ₃	$\Delta\Delta G^{\ddagger RN}$	$\Delta\Delta G^{\ddagger N}$	$\Delta\Delta G^{\ddagger M}$	$\Delta G^{\ddagger TS1}$	$\Delta G^{\ddagger TS2}$	$\Delta G^{\ddagger TS3}$
1	Me	Me	H	0.58	1.70	2.04	0.35	1.04	-0.01
2	Ph	Ph	H	0.65	1.75	2.08	0.41	1.05	-0.08
3	Ph	H	H	0.53	1.86	2.19	0.18	1.17	0.07
4	Pr	Me	H	0.57	1.71	2.04	0.36	0.85	-0.09
5	^t Bu	Et	H	0.46	1.60	1.93	0.24	0.98	0.06
6	ⁱ Pr	OMe	H	0.82	1.84	2.26	0.47	1.04	-0.02
7	Et	CF ₃	H	1.18	1.72	2.18	0.29	1.05	0.66
8	H	H	Me	0.55	1.79	2.13	0.24	1.08	-0.02
9	H	Pr	Me	0.55	1.76	2.09	0.27	1.05	0.17
10	H	Et	Me	0.56	1.78	2.11	0.11	1.07	0.07
11	Me	ⁱ Pr	Me	0.41	1.70	2.03	0.20	0.99	0.01
12	ⁱ Pr	Et	Me	0.40	1.68	2.01	0.18	0.96	-0.06
13	OEt	Et	Me	0.64	1.94	2.28	0.41	1.03	-0.07
14	OEt	ⁱ Pr	Me	1.01	1.97	2.30	0.15	1.06	0.00
15	CF ₃	ⁱ Pr	Me	0.70	1.89	2.23	0.36	1.20	0.15
16	Ph	Ph	Et	0.52	1.71	2.05	0.26	1.03	-0.08
17	H	^t Bu	Et	0.75	1.63	1.97	0.51	0.91	-0.03
18	OMe	Me	Et	0.55	1.83	2.16	0.22	1.14	0.05
19	Pr	Et	Et	0.47	1.65	1.98	0.25	0.96	0.02
20	OMe	Pr	Et	0.63	1.73	2.15	0.25	0.92	0.00
21	Ph	CF ₃	Et	1.06	1.77	2.10	0.43	1.14	0.54
22	CF ₃	Pr	Et	0.98	1.90	2.24	0.44	1.21	0.49
23	ⁱ Pr	H	Pr	0.54	1.77	2.10	0.33	1.04	-0.04
24	OEt	Me	Pr	0.56	1.83	2.16	0.25	1.07	-0.03
25	Et	Ph	Pr	0.53	1.64	1.97	0.30	0.99	-0.10
26	OMe	Et	Pr	0.59	1.86	2.19	0.29	1.05	0.01
27	OEt	Pr	Pr	0.72	2.16	2.14	0.34	0.97	-0.06
28	CF ₃	H	Pr	0.93	1.93	2.26	0.51	1.16	0.14
29	CF ₃	OEt	Pr	0.80	2.15	2.49	0.49	1.23	0.35
30	^t Bu	^t Bu	ⁱ Pr	0.94	1.43	1.76	0.68	0.61	0.35
31	ⁱ Pr	ⁱ Pr	ⁱ Pr	0.69	1.38	1.71	0.33	0.70	0.27
32	H	OEt	ⁱ Pr	0.70	1.99	2.32	0.46	1.12	-0.02
33	Et	Me	ⁱ Pr	0.50	1.70	2.03	0.23	1.00	0.12
34	Ph	ⁱ Pr	ⁱ Pr	0.60	1.54	1.87	0.29	0.94	-0.05
35	^t Bu	Pr	ⁱ Pr	0.65	1.70	2.03	0.07	1.01	0.38
36	OMe	OEt	ⁱ Pr	0.59	1.79	2.12	0.32	1.13	-0.01
37	CF ₃	H	ⁱ Pr	0.76	2.06	2.39	0.30	1.30	0.13
38	OMe	OMe	^t Bu	0.72	2.01	2.34	0.50	1.20	0.03

39	Ph	H	^t Bu	0.56	1.89	2.22	0.33	1.22	-0.01
40	Me	Ph	^t Bu	0.43	1.68	2.01	0.20	1.02	0.02
41	Ph	Pr	^t Bu	0.42	1.59	1.92	0.20	0.93	-0.02
42	^t Bu	OMe	^t Bu	0.72	1.92	2.17	0.47	1.03	-0.03
43	CF ₃	Me	^t Bu	0.76	1.96	2.30	0.27	1.11	0.13
44	OMe	CF ₃	^t Bu	1.01	1.93	2.26	0.55	1.23	0.35

C. Optimized hyperparameters values.

Table S2. Optimized values of the hyperparameters for the best fitted ML algorithms for all the considered descriptors.

Descriptors	ML Models	Optimized hyperparameters for best fitted models
$\Delta\Delta G^{\ddagger RN}$	XGBR	n_estimators: 100, min_child_weight: 3, max_depth: 5, learning_rate: 0.05, booster: gbtree, base_score: 0.5
$\Delta\Delta G^{\ddagger N}$	GBR	n_estimators: 100, min_samples_split: 10, min_samples_leaf: 3, max_depth: 10, learning_rate: 0.2
$\Delta\Delta G^{\ddagger M}$	XGBR	n_estimators: 1500, min_child_weight: 4, learning_rate: 0.1, booster: gbtree, max_depth: 15, base_score: 1
$\Delta G^{\ddagger TS1}$	XGBR	n_estimators: 100, min_child_weight: 2, learning_rate: 0.05, booster: gbtree, max_depth: 15, base_score: 0.25
$\Delta G^{\ddagger TS2}$	GBR	n_estimators: 100, min_samples_split: 10, min_samples_leaf: 3, max_depth: 10, learning_rate: 0.5
$\Delta G^{\ddagger TS3}$	GBR	n_estimators: 900, min_samples_split: 5, min_samples_leaf: 5, max_depth: 3, learning_rate: 0.1

D. Performance analysis of ML models

Table S3. Performance analysis (RMSE) of all the considered ML models for all the descriptors. All the values are in eV.

Algorithm	Error	$\Delta\Delta G^{\ddagger RN}$	$\Delta\Delta G^{\ddagger N}$	$\Delta\Delta G^{\ddagger M}$	$\Delta G^{\ddagger TS1}$	$\Delta G^{\ddagger TS2}$	$\Delta G^{\ddagger TS3}$
Linear Regression	Train (RMSE)	0.08	0.09	0.07	0.09	0.06	0.10
	Test (RMSE)	0.21	0.11	0.13	0.10	0.12	0.16
KRR	Train (RMSE)	0.12	0.09	0.07	0.09	0.01	0.11
	Test (RMSE)	0.15	0.10	0.13	0.09	0.11	0.10
RFR	Train (RMSE)	0.14	0.09	0.07	0.11	0.07	0.13
	Test (RMSE)	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.10	0.11	0.08
GBR	Train (RMSE)	0.11	0.01	0.13×10^{-4}	0.07	0.01	0.01
	Test (RMSE)	0.15	0.09	0.12	0.08	0.10	0.08
XGBR	Train (RMSE)	0.08	0.87×10^{-4}	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.09
	Test (RMSE)	0.14	0.10	0.12	0.07	0.11	0.09

E. Best fitted ML models for TS1, TS2 and TS3 and their performance analysis.

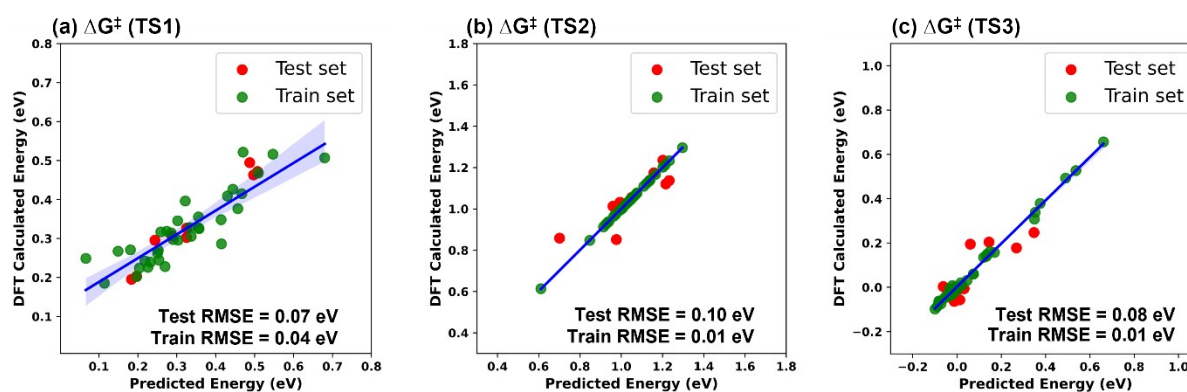


Fig. S1 Plot of DFT calculated vs ML predicted activation barriers of the transition states: (a) TS1, (b) TS2 and (c) TS3. All the energy values are in eV.

F. Cross-Validation (CV) analysis for best fitted machine learning models.

An evaluation method called Cross-Validation is used in machine learning to determine whether the model is stable and efficient enough when trained on the subset of input data sets and tested on the unseen set of datasets. Here, we used the k-fold cross validation method. The data sample is split into ‘k’ number of smaller samples, and in our case, k is 5 and the data sets is split into 5-fold (CV_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5) sub-datasets (train and test). First, for example, CV2-5 subsets are considered for training, and the CV1 subset is left for the validation of the trained model. This process is repeated four more times with different subsets for the validation of the trained model. Cross-validation reduces the chances of overfitting and increases the generalizability of the parameters used in the machine learning model. Fig. S2 shows the concept of a 5-fold cross-validation loop. The root-mean-square error (RMSE) of each iteration and the mean of the RMSE for the total 5 iterations are computed.

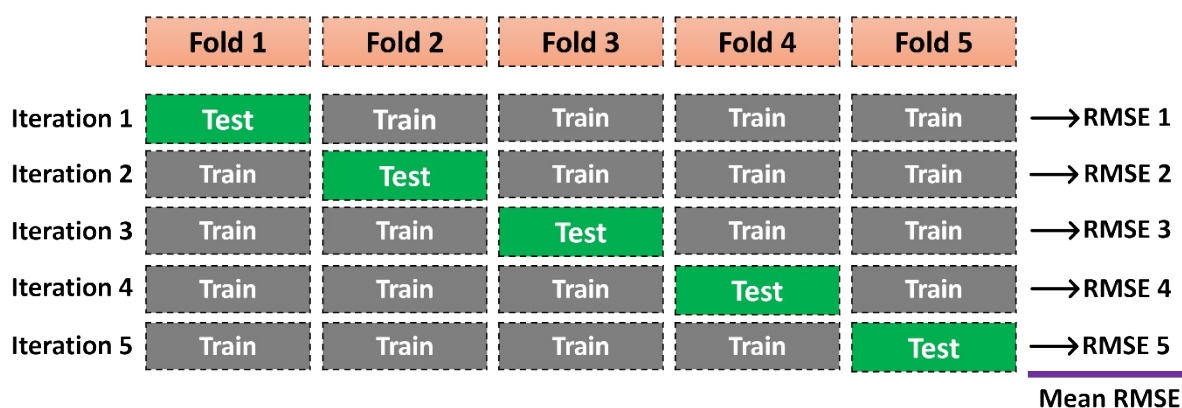


Fig. S2 The scheme explaining of k-fold (k = 5) Cross-Validation (CV) method.

Table S4. Root-Mean-Square Error (RMSE) Score for each fold (CV_i) of the 5-Fold CV using best fitted ML models for descriptors. Here, Avg. is the Mean RMSE of all the CV. All the values are in eV.

Data sets	Method	CV1	CV2	CV3	CV4	CV5	Avg.
$\Delta\Delta G^{\ddagger\text{RN}}$	XGBR	0.14	0.17	0.21	0.15	0.11	0.16
$\Delta\Delta G^{\ddagger\text{N}}$	GBR	0.10	0.17	0.10	0.11	0.13	0.12
$\Delta\Delta G^{\ddagger\text{M}}$	XGBR	0.15	0.10	0.16	0.12	0.12	0.13
$\Delta G^{\ddagger\text{TS1}}$	XGBR	0.10	0.17	0.12	0.10	0.11	0.12

$\Delta G^{\ddagger TS2}$	GBR	0.09	0.13	0.11	0.08	0.13	0.11
$\Delta G^{\ddagger TS3}$	GBR	0.15	0.10	0.09	0.11	0.15	0.12

G. ML predicted descriptors values for all the 286 catalysts

Table S5. ML predicted $\Delta\Delta G^{\ddagger}$ and ΔG^{\ddagger} values for all the 286 catalysts. All the values are in eV.

SL No.	L1	L2	L3	$\Delta\Delta G^{\ddagger RN}$	$\Delta\Delta G^{\ddagger N}$	$\Delta\Delta G^{\ddagger M}$	$\Delta G^{\ddagger TS1}$	$\Delta G^{\ddagger TS2}$	$\Delta G^{\ddagger TS3}$
45	H	H	H	0.68	1.82	2.16	0.35	1.13	0.10
46	Et	Et	H	0.57	1.65	2.01	0.26	1.01	0.07
47	^t Bu	^t Bu	H	0.75	1.66	1.97	0.50	0.93	0.05
48	Pr	Pr	H	0.67	1.66	2.04	0.28	0.92	0.02
49	ⁱ Pr	ⁱ Pr	H	0.74	1.68	2.01	0.40	0.99	0.02
50	OMe	OMe	H	0.75	1.89	2.28	0.46	1.11	0.03
51	OEt	OEt	H	0.78	1.97	2.29	0.48	1.09	-0.02
52	Me	H	H	0.57	1.80	2.12	0.28	1.11	0.00
53	Et	H	H	0.56	1.81	2.13	0.22	1.11	0.13
54	^t Bu	H	H	0.68	1.73	2.06	0.48	0.99	0.08
55	ⁱ Pr	H	H	0.67	1.78	2.15	0.33	1.08	0.06
56	Pr	H	H	0.63	1.78	2.12	0.25	1.04	0.10
57	OMe	H	H	0.68	1.89	2.25	0.38	1.13	0.07
58	OEt	H	H	0.71	2.02	2.31	0.38	1.14	0.02
59	Ph	Me	H	0.54	1.71	2.00	0.33	1.04	-0.07
60	Et	Me	H	0.53	1.66	2.04	0.26	1.00	-0.03
61	^t Bu	Me	H	0.56	1.64	1.94	0.37	0.91	-0.03
62	ⁱ Pr	Me	H	0.56	1.70	2.00	0.33	0.97	-0.03
63	OMe	Me	H	0.57	1.86	2.19	0.35	1.12	-0.02
64	OEt	Me	H	0.58	1.88	2.22	0.36	1.08	-0.07
65	Et	Ph	H	0.57	1.69	2.02	0.28	1.01	-0.06
66	^t Bu	Ph	H	0.63	1.68	1.98	0.40	0.96	-0.05
67	ⁱ Pr	Ph	H	0.63	1.71	2.03	0.31	1.01	-0.15
68	Pr	Ph	H	0.55	1.61	1.96	0.26	0.94	-0.08
69	OMe	Ph	H	0.63	1.89	2.23	0.37	1.12	-0.08
70	OEt	Ph	H	0.68	1.98	2.26	0.38	1.09	-0.15
71	ⁱ Pr	Et	H	0.56	1.66	1.99	0.25	0.97	0.00
72	Pr	Et	H	0.53	1.61	2.02	0.25	0.94	0.03
73	OMe	Et	H	0.57	1.87	2.23	0.25	1.06	0.04
74	OEt	Et	H	0.64	1.96	2.27	0.33	1.05	-0.01
75	ⁱ Pr	^t Bu	H	0.75	1.66	1.95	0.49	0.94	0.05
76	Pr	^t Bu	H	0.67	1.66	2.03	0.25	0.89	0.03
77	OMe	^t Bu	H	0.75	1.83	2.16	0.49	0.96	0.01

78	OEt	^t Bu	H	0.79	1.94	2.20	0.50	0.97	0.00
79	Pr	ⁱ Pr	H	0.67	1.68	2.01	0.27	0.92	-0.02
80	OEt	ⁱ Pr	H	0.79	1.97	2.28	0.40	1.05	0.02
81	OMe	Pr	H	0.68	1.80	2.20	0.28	0.99	-0.02
82	OEt	Pr	H	0.70	2.04	2.21	0.30	0.98	-0.06
83	OEt	OMe	H	0.76	1.96	2.30	0.48	1.12	-0.05
84	CF ₃	CF ₃	H	0.96	1.82	2.23	0.48	1.15	0.56
85	CF ₃	H	H	0.91	1.90	2.25	0.43	1.19	0.41
86	CF ₃	Me	H	0.80	1.92	2.29	0.38	1.13	0.37
87	CF ₃	Ph	H	0.96	1.78	2.15	0.43	1.14	0.57
88	CF ₃	^t Bu	H	0.96	1.81	2.17	0.50	1.14	0.49
89	CF ₃	ⁱ Pr	H	0.96	1.85	2.20	0.46	1.15	0.43
90	CF ₃	Pr	H	0.91	1.87	2.29	0.34	1.15	0.50
91	CF ₃	OMe	H	0.95	1.85	2.23	0.47	1.18	0.54
92	CF ₃	OEt	H	0.97	2.03	2.44	0.50	1.18	0.54
93	Me	Me	Me	0.49	1.68	2.04	0.22	1.03	0.00
94	Ph	Ph	Me	0.57	1.70	2.07	0.32	1.05	-0.10
95	Et	Et	Me	0.52	1.66	2.01	0.27	1.00	0.01
96	^t Bu	^t Bu	Me	0.72	1.65	1.95	0.36	0.93	0.01
97	Pr	Pr	Me	0.59	1.68	2.03	0.22	0.93	0.09
98	ⁱ Pr	ⁱ Pr	Me	0.59	1.70	2.02	0.18	0.99	-0.02
99	OMe	OMe	Me	0.67	1.91	2.27	0.28	1.11	-0.01
100	OEt	OEt	Me	0.79	1.96	2.29	0.34	1.09	-0.06
101	Me	H	Me	0.49	1.76	2.10	0.20	1.08	-0.01
102	Ph	H	Me	0.53	1.82	2.17	0.16	1.11	-0.04
103	^t Bu	H	Me	0.64	1.70	2.02	0.32	0.95	0.00
104	ⁱ Pr	H	Me	0.52	1.78	2.14	0.15	1.04	-0.01
105	OMe	H	Me	0.60	1.88	2.23	0.22	1.10	0.00
106	OEt	H	Me	0.72	2.00	2.29	0.21	1.10	-0.05
107	Ph	Me	Me	0.49	1.67	2.01	0.22	1.04	-0.04
108	Et	Me	Me	0.49	1.67	2.06	0.21	1.01	-0.01
109	^t Bu	Me	Me	0.53	1.62	1.93	0.25	0.92	0.00
110	Pr	Me	Me	0.48	1.73	2.04	0.22	0.91	0.06
111	OMe	Me	Me	0.50	1.87	2.20	0.22	1.13	0.02
112	OEt	Me	Me	0.59	1.87	2.23	0.24	1.08	-0.04
113	Et	Ph	Me	0.51	1.67	2.02	0.28	1.00	-0.12
114	^t Bu	Ph	Me	0.62	1.64	1.97	0.36	0.95	-0.10
115	ⁱ Pr	Ph	Me	0.50	1.71	2.05	0.18	1.01	-0.20
116	Pr	Ph	Me	0.50	1.60	1.94	0.22	0.95	-0.02
117	OMe	Ph	Me	0.58	1.89	2.23	0.28	1.12	-0.12
118	OEt	Ph	Me	0.69	1.97	2.27	0.34	1.09	-0.19
119	^t Bu	Et	Me	0.57	1.60	1.92	0.26	0.92	0.01
120	Pr	Et	Me	0.48	1.64	2.02	0.22	0.95	0.09
121	OMe	Et	Me	0.53	1.89	2.22	0.22	1.07	-0.01
122	ⁱ Pr	^t Bu	Me	0.72	1.67	1.96	0.28	0.94	0.02
123	Pr	^t Bu	Me	0.64	1.68	2.01	0.19	0.91	0.10

124	OMe	^t Bu	Me	0.71	1.85	2.15	0.32	0.97	-0.04
125	OEt	^t Bu	Me	0.80	1.93	2.19	0.37	0.97	-0.04
126	Pr	ⁱ Pr	Me	0.52	1.71	2.04	0.19	0.93	0.06
127	OMe	ⁱ Pr	Me	0.61	1.86	2.26	0.22	1.05	-0.05
128	OMe	Pr	Me	0.60	1.83	2.19	0.22	0.99	0.06
129	OEt	Pr	Me	0.70	2.06	2.22	0.25	0.99	0.02
130	OEt	OMe	Me	0.77	1.95	2.29	0.31	1.13	-0.08
131	CF ₃	CF ₃	Me	0.93	1.85	2.23	0.41	1.17	0.29
132	CF ₃	H	Me	0.88	1.90	2.26	0.32	1.16	0.15
133	CF ₃	Me	Me	0.78	1.95	2.29	0.30	1.16	0.13
134	CF ₃	Ph	Me	0.93	1.78	2.15	0.42	1.16	0.31
135	CF ₃	^t Bu	Me	0.97	1.84	2.15	0.44	1.17	0.23
136	CF ₃	Et	Me	0.93	1.77	2.19	0.31	1.14	0.37
137	CF ₃	Pr	Me	0.89	1.91	2.29	0.30	1.18	0.37
138	CF ₃	OMe	Me	0.94	1.88	2.25	0.36	1.19	0.28
139	CF ₃	OEt	Me	0.97	2.05	2.46	0.42	1.20	0.29
140	H	H	Et	0.64	1.73	2.08	0.35	1.08	-0.01
141	Me	Me	Et	0.53	1.67	2.00	0.23	1.02	0.02
142	Et	Et	Et	0.53	1.67	1.98	0.23	0.99	0.02
143	^t Bu	^t Bu	Et	0.75	1.63	1.91	0.48	0.91	0.03
144	Pr	Pr	Et	0.64	1.66	1.98	0.30	0.93	0.04
145	ⁱ Pr	ⁱ Pr	Et	0.63	1.69	1.95	0.34	0.97	0.01
146	OMe	OMe	Et	0.71	1.82	2.21	0.37	1.11	0.02
147	OEt	OEt	Et	0.77	1.94	2.24	0.41	1.07	-0.04
148	Me	H	Et	0.54	1.73	2.06	0.21	1.09	-0.04
149	Ph	H	Et	0.55	1.78	2.12	0.22	1.11	-0.06
150	Et	H	Et	0.52	1.75	2.07	0.22	1.08	0.01
151	ⁱ Pr	H	Et	0.57	1.74	2.07	0.32	1.04	-0.03
152	Pr	H	Et	0.62	1.71	2.05	0.30	1.03	0.07
153	OMe	H	Et	0.65	1.81	2.17	0.36	1.12	-0.03
154	OEt	H	Et	0.72	1.97	2.23	0.37	1.10	-0.09
155	Ph	Me	Et	0.51	1.66	2.00	0.22	1.03	-0.02
156	Et	Me	Et	0.50	1.66	2.02	0.23	1.00	-0.01
157	^t Bu	Me	Et	0.58	1.60	1.90	0.30	0.91	0.02
158	Pr	Me	Et	0.54	1.70	2.00	0.25	0.91	0.01
159	ⁱ Pr	Me	Et	0.46	1.69	1.98	0.24	0.97	0.04
160	OEt	Me	Et	0.59	1.89	2.19	0.26	1.07	-0.02
161	Et	Ph	Et	0.53	1.68	2.01	0.24	1.00	-0.11
162	^t Bu	Ph	Et	0.63	1.63	1.93	0.38	0.93	-0.07
163	ⁱ Pr	Ph	Et	0.51	1.71	2.00	0.26	0.99	-0.16
164	Pr	Ph	Et	0.52	1.59	1.92	0.28	0.95	-0.07
165	OMe	Ph	Et	0.59	1.81	2.19	0.27	1.12	-0.09
166	OEt	Ph	Et	0.67	1.97	2.22	0.31	1.07	-0.17
167	^t Bu	Et	Et	0.58	1.60	1.90	0.28	0.92	0.01
168	ⁱ Pr	Et	Et	0.45	1.68	1.95	0.25	0.96	-0.04
169	OMe	Et	Et	0.54	1.82	2.18	0.23	1.06	0.00

170	OEt	Et	Et	0.64	1.94	2.23	0.29	1.04	-0.06
171	ⁱ Pr	^t Bu	Et	0.75	1.66	1.90	0.47	0.91	0.05
172	Pr	^t Bu	Et	0.69	1.65	1.98	0.29	0.90	0.05
173	OMe	^t Bu	Et	0.75	1.76	2.09	0.47	0.96	-0.01
174	OEt	^t Bu	Et	0.79	1.91	2.15	0.50	0.95	-0.02
175	Pr	ⁱ Pr	Et	0.57	1.70	1.97	0.30	0.92	0.01
176	OMe	ⁱ Pr	Et	0.64	1.79	2.19	0.36	1.05	-0.02
177	OEt	ⁱ Pr	Et	0.78	1.94	2.22	0.35	1.03	0.01
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182	CF ₃	Me	Et	0.78	1.94	2.24	0.32	1.15	0.32
183	CF ₃	^t Bu	Et	0.97	1.83	2.10	0.51	1.15	0.43
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185	CF ₃	ⁱ Pr	Et	0.85	1.88	2.16	0.45	1.15	0.36
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187	CF ₃	OEt	Et	0.98	2.04	2.40	0.49	1.18	0.48
188	H	H	Pr	0.63	1.76	2.09	0.38	1.11	-0.01
189	Me	Me	Pr	0.53	1.64	2.00	0.24	1.02	0.02
190	Ph	Ph	Pr	0.57	1.68	2.03	0.33	1.04	-0.08
191	Et	Et	Pr	0.51	1.69	1.97	0.28	0.99	0.02
192	^t Bu	^t Bu	Pr	0.75	1.66	1.93	0.48	0.92	0.02
193	Pr	Pr	Pr	0.64	1.76	1.97	0.27	0.92	0.03
194	ⁱ Pr	ⁱ Pr	Pr	0.62	1.69	1.97	0.36	0.98	-0.01
195	OMe	OMe	Pr	0.70	1.87	2.24	0.41	1.11	0.02
196	OEt	OEt	Pr	0.75	1.97	2.23	0.43	1.09	-0.05
197	Me	H	Pr	0.54	1.72	2.06	0.24	1.10	-0.03
198	Ph	H	Pr	0.54	1.79	2.12	0.25	1.13	-0.06
199	Et	H	Pr	0.51	1.77	2.07	0.28	1.09	0.01
200	^t Bu	H	Pr	0.69	1.71	2.01	0.47	0.97	-0.03
201	Pr	H	Pr	0.60	1.81	2.04	0.25	1.04	0.07
202	OMe	H	Pr	0.65	1.85	2.19	0.40	1.13	-0.01
203	OEt	H	Pr	0.69	1.99	2.23	0.39	1.13	-0.09
204	Ph	Me	Pr	0.51	1.64	1.97	0.23	1.04	-0.01
205	Et	Me	Pr	0.50	1.63	2.01	0.26	1.00	0.01
206	^t Bu	Me	Pr	0.58	1.60	1.91	0.29	0.91	0.02
207	Pr	Me	Pr	0.53	1.74	1.99	0.25	0.91	0.01
208	ⁱ Pr	Me	Pr	0.46	1.67	1.98	0.25	0.97	0.03
209	OMe	Me	Pr	0.54	1.82	2.16	0.24	1.12	0.04
210	^t Bu	Ph	Pr	0.62	1.64	1.94	0.39	0.95	-0.08
211	ⁱ Pr	Ph	Pr	0.50	1.70	2.00	0.28	1.00	-0.17
212	Pr	Ph	Pr	0.52	1.69	1.90	0.24	0.95	-0.07
213	OMe	Ph	Pr	0.59	1.86	2.19	0.33	1.12	-0.08
214	OEt	Ph	Pr	0.64	1.96	2.21	0.35	1.09	-0.17
215	^t Bu	Et	Pr	0.56	1.62	1.90	0.29	0.91	0.02

216	ⁱ Pr	Et	Pr	0.44	1.68	1.95	0.27	0.96	-0.04
217	Pr	Et	Pr	0.50	1.72	1.97	0.27	0.95	0.03
218	OEt	Et	Pr	0.60	1.97	2.21	0.32	1.04	-0.06
219	ⁱ Pr	^t Bu	Pr	0.74	1.68	1.92	0.46	0.93	0.03
220	Pr	^t Bu	Pr	0.69	1.75	1.96	0.24	0.90	0.04
221	OMe	^t Bu	Pr	0.75	1.85	2.13	0.47	0.96	-0.01
222	OEt	^t Bu	Pr	0.77	1.96	2.15	0.49	0.96	-0.03
223	Pr	ⁱ Pr	Pr	0.56	1.77	1.97	0.26	0.92	0.00
224	OMe	ⁱ Pr	Pr	0.64	1.84	2.21	0.40	1.05	-0.02
225	OEt	ⁱ Pr	Pr	0.75	1.97	2.22	0.37	1.05	-0.01
226	OMe	Pr	Pr	0.65	1.90	2.14	0.27	0.99	0.01
227	OEt	OMe	Pr	0.74	1.94	2.25	0.44	1.12	-0.06
228	CF ₃	CF ₃	Pr	0.89	1.94	2.26	0.48	1.16	0.35
229	CF ₃	Me	Pr	0.78	1.95	2.30	0.32	1.15	0.20
230	CF ₃	Ph	Pr	0.89	1.86	2.17	0.43	1.16	0.37
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235	CF ₃	OMe	Pr	0.90	1.96	2.27	0.47	1.19	0.35
236	H	H	ⁱ Pr	0.62	1.68	2.13	0.34	1.10	0.11
237	Me	Me	ⁱ Pr	0.51	1.59	1.97	0.21	0.89	0.17
238	Ph	Ph	ⁱ Pr	0.56	1.56	1.98	0.28	0.92	0.01
239	Et	Et	ⁱ Pr	0.51	1.58	1.91	0.26	0.92	0.19
240	Pr	Pr	ⁱ Pr	0.62	1.69	2.04	0.21	0.87	0.25
241	OMe	OMe	ⁱ Pr	0.68	1.50	2.01	0.30	1.06	0.12
242	OEt	OEt	ⁱ Pr	0.73	1.83	2.16	0.40	0.92	0.09
243	Me	H	ⁱ Pr	0.51	1.68	2.16	0.23	1.10	0.04
244	Ph	H	ⁱ Pr	0.52	1.72	2.17	0.24	1.14	-0.03
245	Et	H	ⁱ Pr	0.50	1.76	2.15	0.25	1.13	0.11
246	^t Bu	H	ⁱ Pr	0.71	1.60	2.03	0.49	0.94	0.23
247	ⁱ Pr	H	ⁱ Pr	0.61	1.61	2.03	0.34	1.04	0.13
248	Pr	H	ⁱ Pr	0.58	1.76	2.17	0.22	1.05	0.21
249	OMe	H	ⁱ Pr	0.61	1.63	2.14	0.34	1.12	0.02
250	Ph	Me	ⁱ Pr	0.48	1.64	2.03	0.20	0.94	0.04
251	^t Bu	Me	ⁱ Pr	0.59	1.53	1.85	0.31	0.81	0.29
252	Pr	Me	ⁱ Pr	0.51	1.75	2.08	0.22	0.87	0.18
253	ⁱ Pr	Me	ⁱ Pr	0.51	1.55	1.85	0.25	0.82	0.23
254	OMe	Me	ⁱ Pr	0.50	1.60	2.06	0.21	1.08	0.13
255	OEt	Me	ⁱ Pr	0.53	1.87	2.20	0.25	0.93	0.08
256	Et	Ph	ⁱ Pr	0.51	1.61	2.00	0.26	0.92	-0.03
257	^t Bu	Ph	ⁱ Pr	0.65	1.50	1.87	0.44	0.86	0.15
258	Pr	Ph	ⁱ Pr	0.49	1.68	2.01	0.21	0.92	0.05
259	OMe	Ph	ⁱ Pr	0.56	1.56	2.06	0.23	1.10	-0.07
260	OEt	Ph	ⁱ Pr	0.62	1.90	2.21	0.33	0.94	-0.11
261	^t Bu	Et	ⁱ Pr	0.60	1.52	1.82	0.33	0.86	0.32

262	iPr	Et	iPr	0.51	1.52	1.78	0.26	0.86	0.18
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264	OMe	Et	iPr	0.50	1.59	2.04	0.22	1.09	0.09
265	OEt	Et	iPr	0.59	1.90	2.21	0.30	0.93	0.07
266	iPr	tBu	iPr	0.77	1.40	1.68	0.47	0.79	0.36
267	OMe	tBu	iPr	0.76	1.45	1.91	0.47	0.90	0.25
268	OEt	tBu	iPr	0.81	1.80	2.08	0.51	0.84	0.25
269	Pr	iPr	iPr	0.61	1.63	1.95	0.23	0.87	0.27
270	OMe	iPr	iPr	0.68	1.44	1.96	0.34	0.99	0.14
271	OEt	iPr	iPr	0.73	1.81	2.10	0.37	0.87	0.18
272	OMe	Pr	iPr	0.61	1.64	2.11	0.21	1.00	0.14
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277	CF₃	tBu	iPr	0.97	1.89	2.15	0.51	1.12	0.43
278	CF₃	Et	iPr	0.90	1.89	2.25	0.29	1.12	0.43
279	CF₃	iPr	iPr	0.88	1.86	2.16	0.35	1.12	0.29
280	CF₃	Pr	iPr	0.85	2.00	2.36	0.26	1.16	0.39
281	CF₃	OMe	iPr	0.89	1.89	2.24	0.32	1.19	0.28
282	CF₃	OEt	iPr	0.91	2.02	2.38	0.42	1.13	0.32
283	H	H	tBu	0.64	1.86	2.21	0.43	1.16	0.01
284	Me	Me	tBu	0.53	1.74	2.05	0.23	1.05	-0.01
285	Ph	Ph	tBu	0.56	1.75	2.08	0.39	1.07	-0.04
286	Et	Et	tBu	0.53	1.72	2.06	0.32	1.05	0.00
287	tBu	tBu	tBu	0.76	1.74	1.96	0.53	0.99	0.01
288	Pr	Pr	tBu	0.63	1.70	2.01	0.27	0.97	0.02
289	iPr	iPr	tBu	0.63	1.78	2.05	0.42	1.04	-0.02
290	OEt	OEt	tBu	0.78	2.00	2.30	0.51	1.11	-0.07
291	Me	H	tBu	0.53	1.82	2.15	0.22	1.14	-0.02
292	Et	H	tBu	0.52	1.84	2.18	0.28	1.15	0.04
293	tBu	H	tBu	0.69	1.81	2.07	0.49	1.05	-0.01
294	iPr	H	tBu	0.57	1.84	2.19	0.40	1.13	-0.02
295	Pr	H	tBu	0.60	1.77	2.11	0.25	1.09	0.10
296	OMe	H	tBu	0.65	1.94	2.32	0.45	1.19	0.01
297	OEt	H	tBu	0.72	2.04	2.33	0.45	1.16	-0.07
298	Et	Me	tBu	0.50	1.70	2.06	0.22	1.04	-0.03
299	tBu	Me	tBu	0.58	1.70	1.93	0.29	0.97	-0.01
300	Pr	Me	tBu	0.53	1.74	2.01	0.24	0.95	-0.02
301	iPr	Me	tBu	0.46	1.75	2.02	0.23	1.02	0.00
302	OMe	Me	tBu	0.54	1.92	2.23	0.23	1.16	0.03
303	OEt	Me	tBu	0.58	1.91	2.22	0.25	1.09	-0.06
304	Et	Ph	tBu	0.51	1.72	2.04	0.33	1.05	-0.07
305	tBu	Ph	tBu	0.61	1.71	1.96	0.40	1.00	-0.04
306	iPr	Ph	tBu	0.49	1.76	2.04	0.30	1.05	-0.14
307	OMe	Ph	tBu	0.57	1.93	2.25	0.36	1.16	-0.05

308	OEt	Ph	^t Bu	0.67	1.99	2.26	0.40	1.10	-0.14
309	^t Bu	Et	^t Bu	0.58	1.68	1.94	0.32	0.99	0.00
310	ⁱ Pr	Et	^t Bu	0.46	1.73	2.03	0.29	1.03	-0.07
311	Pr	Et	^t Bu	0.49	1.67	2.00	0.25	0.98	0.01
312	OMe	Et	^t Bu	0.54	1.94	2.29	0.29	1.13	0.00
313	OEt	Et	^t Bu	0.64	1.97	2.28	0.37	1.08	-0.08
314	ⁱ Pr	^t Bu	^t Bu	0.75	1.76	1.95	0.48	0.99	0.02
315	Pr	^t Bu	^t Bu	0.68	1.70	1.99	0.24	0.95	0.03
316	OEt	^t Bu	^t Bu	0.79	1.97	2.18	0.53	1.02	-0.05
317	Pr	ⁱ Pr	^t Bu	0.56	1.73	2.01	0.26	0.97	-0.01
318	OMe	ⁱ Pr	^t Bu	0.65	1.93	2.31	0.45	1.12	-0.03
319	OEt	ⁱ Pr	^t Bu	0.78	2.00	2.30	0.42	1.08	-0.03
320	OMe	Pr	^t Bu	0.64	1.85	2.19	0.27	1.06	0.01
321	OEt	Pr	^t Bu	0.69	2.06	2.19	0.29	0.99	-0.06
322	OEt	OMe	^t Bu	0.76	1.99	2.32	0.50	1.16	-0.07
323	CF ₃	CF ₃	^t Bu	0.93	1.90	2.25	0.55	1.16	0.34
324	CF ₃	H	^t Bu	0.88	1.91	2.28	0.50	1.20	0.18
325	CF ₃	Ph	^t Bu	0.93	1.82	2.15	0.46	1.16	0.39
326	CF ₃	^t Bu	^t Bu	0.97	1.90	2.14	0.55	1.16	0.28
327	CF ₃	Et	^t Bu	0.93	1.81	2.21	0.37	1.14	0.41
328	CF ₃	ⁱ Pr	^t Bu	0.85	1.94	2.22	0.49	1.17	0.21
329	CF ₃	Pr	^t Bu	0.89	1.93	2.27	0.34	1.16	0.35
330	CF ₃	OEt	^t Bu	0.97	2.05	2.45	0.55	1.19	0.33

H. DFT validation of ML predicted energies of all the descriptors.

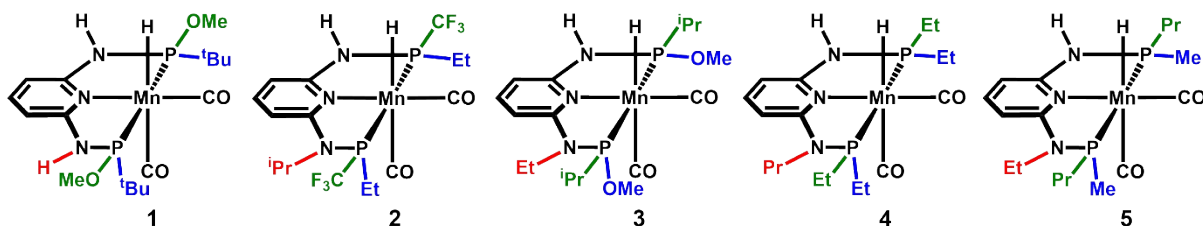


Fig. S3 Considered catalysts for the DFT validation of ML predicted energies of all the descriptors.

Table S6. Comparison of DFT calculated and ML predicted results for all the catalysts mentioned in Fig. S3. All the energies are in eV.

Catalysts	$\Delta G^{\ddagger TS1}$		$\Delta G^{\ddagger TS2}$		$\Delta G^{\ddagger TS3}$	
	DFT	ML	DFT	ML	DFT	ML
1	0.39	0.49	1.03	0.96	-0.01	0.01
2	0.44	0.29	1.13	1.12	0.38	0.43
3	0.46	0.36	0.99	1.05	-0.06	-0.02
4	0.39	0.24	1.02	1.02	-0.02	0.02
5	0.29	0.25	1.01	0.91	-0.01	0.01

I. Proposed best performing catalysts to produce HCOOH from CO₂.

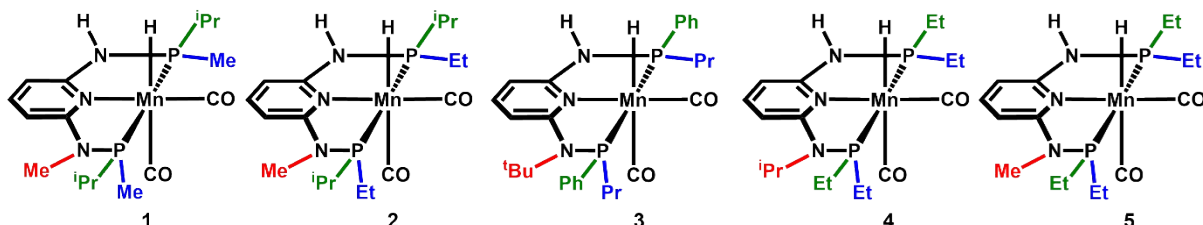


Fig. S4. DFT+ML predicted best catalysts to produce HCOOH.

J. Natural bond orbital (NBO) analysis of catalysts

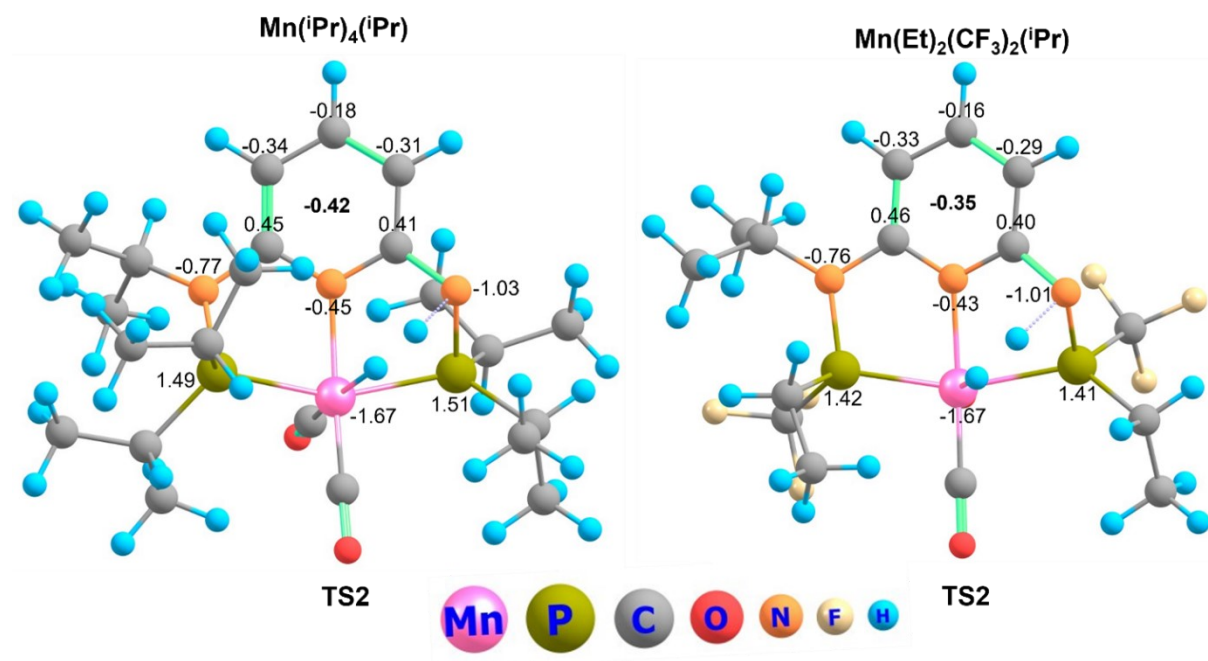


Fig. S5 NBO analysis of catalysts.