Combinatorial Science and Technology for Discovery of Novel Functional Materials

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Combinatorial methods are now being widely spread to develop advanced functional materials for catalysis, fuel cell, polymers, electronic device, sensors and display etc. If these exists a huge experimental variable space, millions of samples should be rapidly prepared, characterized and evaluated to find the quantitative structure–activity relationship. Library work–up and library design should be done by data mining and artificial intelligence. We have developed the instruments for high–throughput screening of catalysts and advanced materials. The brief outline of SUPER–I, SUPER–II (Speedy Ubiquitous Parallel and Economic Reactor), PolycatAccelerator, Combi Accellerator I and II, LSMCD–Explorer, and Micro–Multi Spectrometer will be discussed. Several examples of applications of these instruments to develop novel materials will be also elucidated.