

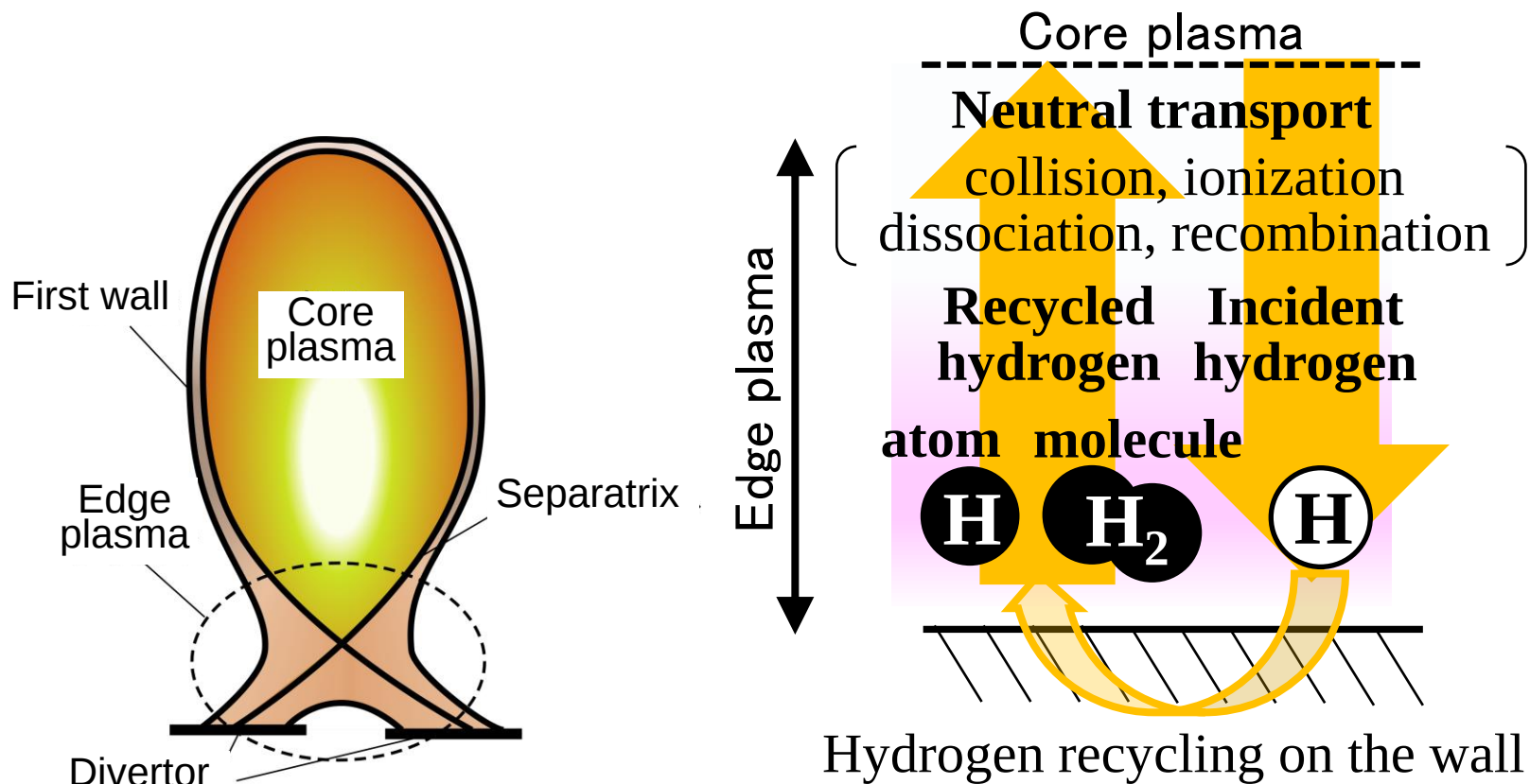
Towards Advanced Wall Modeling Using Machine Learning and Its Integration with Neutral Transport Simulations

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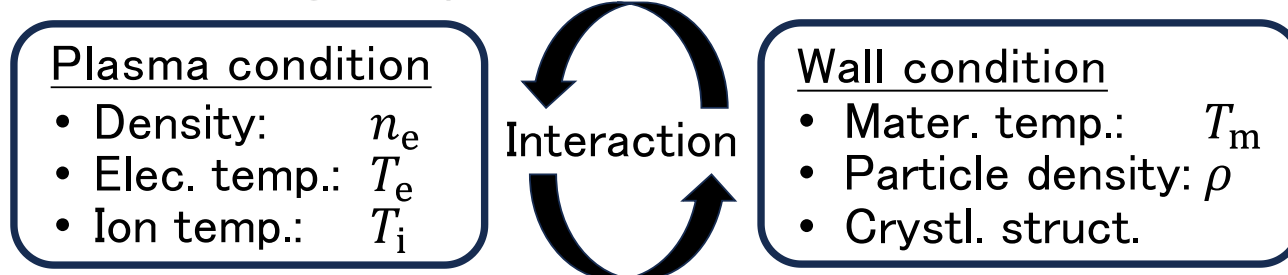
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Hydrogen recycling and plasma-material interaction



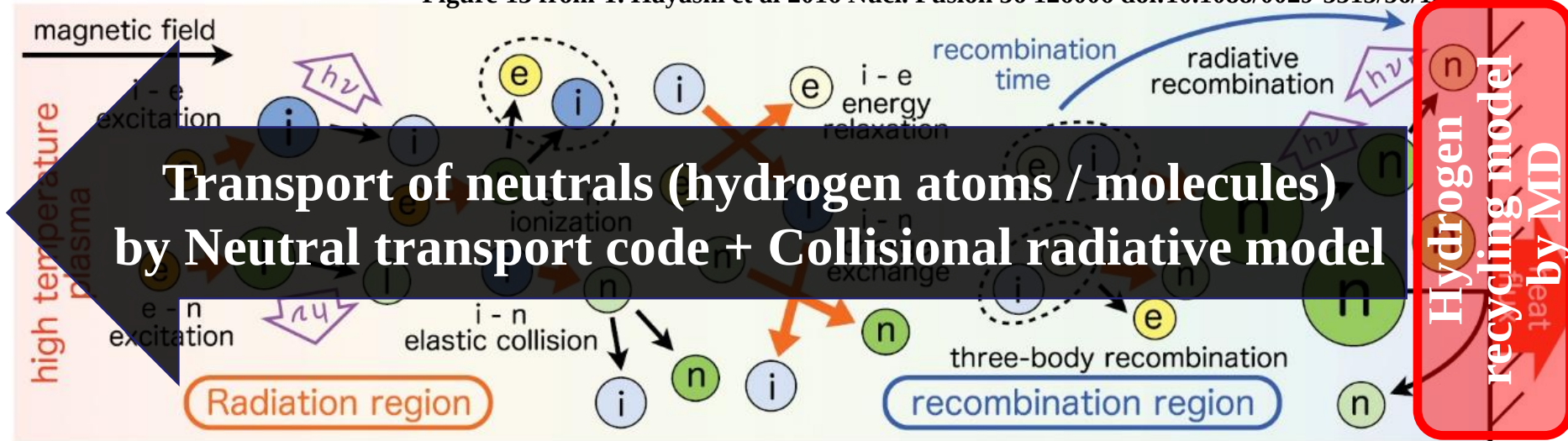
Changes in particle emission distribution



Changes in incident energy, flux, etc.

Background : Importance of detached plasma and hydrogen molecular processes

Figure 13 from Y. Hayashi et al 2016 Nucl. Fusion 56 126006 doi:10.1088/0029-5515/56/12/126006

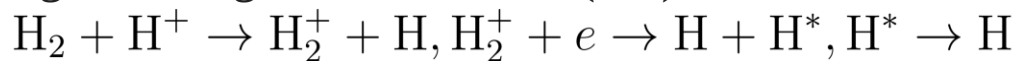


Detached plasma

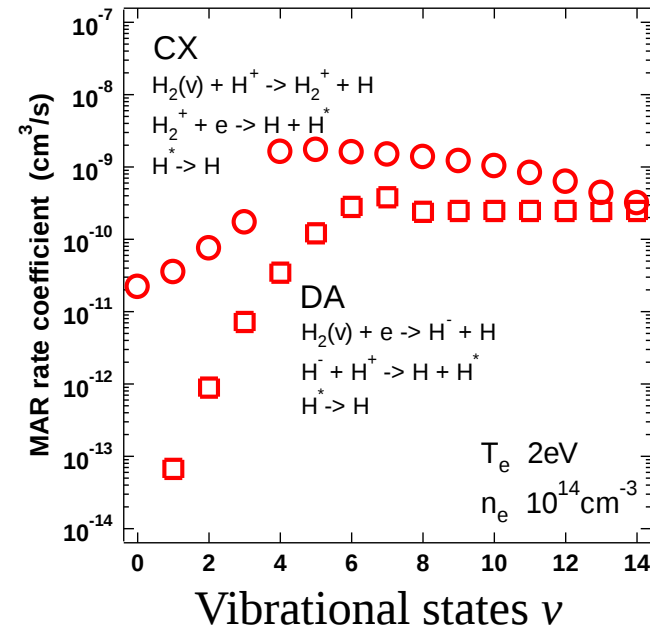
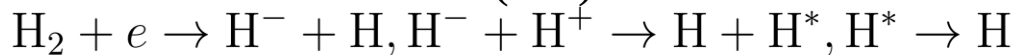
- Key technology to reduce heat load on the wall (prevent walls from melting)
- Neutral gas (hydrogen, nitrogen, neon, etc.) is injected into the divertor region to neutralize the plasma.

Molecular Assisted Recombination: MAR

Charge exchange recombination (CX) :



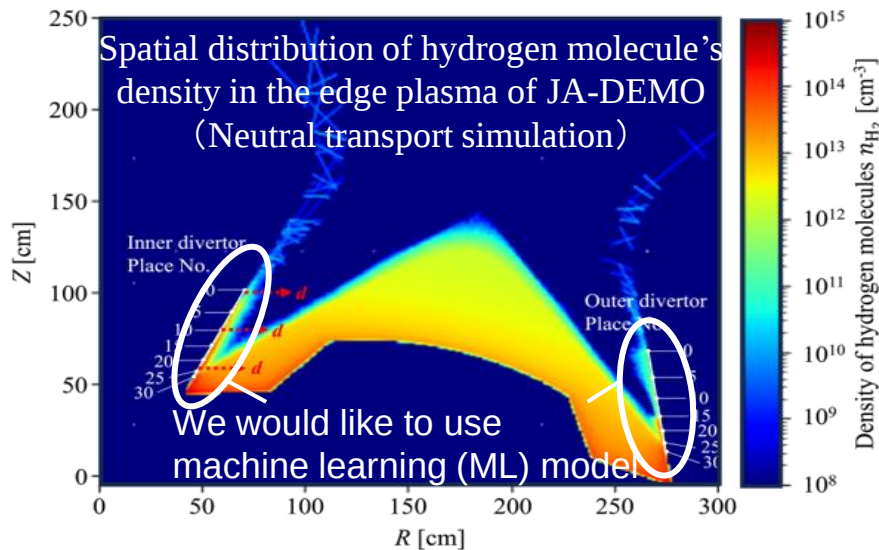
Dissociative recombination (DA):



Overview of our wall model

Context and Motivation

- We would like to calculate neutral transport in the edge plasma under the dynamically changing interaction between the plasma and the wall.
- By using machine learning, we can dynamically generate the distribution of released hydrogen (especially the rovibrational states of hydrogen molecules) from the plasma parameters near the wall.



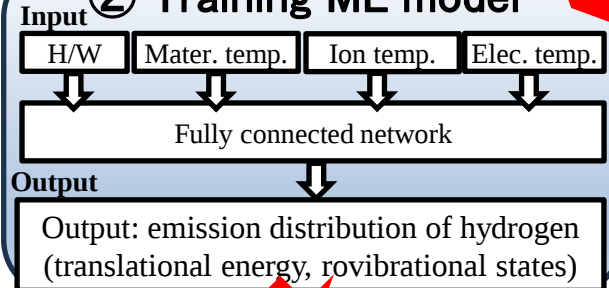
S. Saito, *et al.*, Nucl. Fusion 64 126067 (2024).

① MD simulation

Evaluation of rovibrational states of emitted hydrogen molecules

- S. Saito, *et al.*, Contrib. Plasma Phys. e201900152 (2020).
- S. Saito, *et al.*, Jpn. J. Appl. Phys. 60, SAAB08 (2021).

② Training ML model



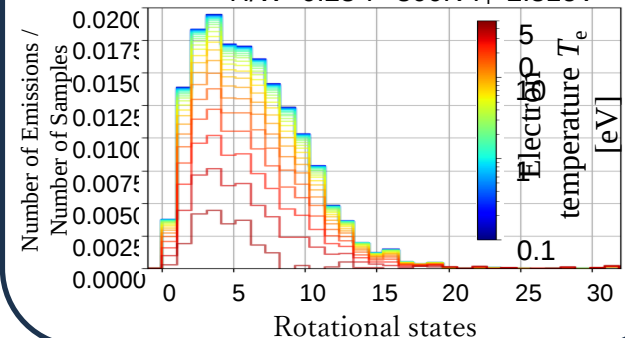
Prediction

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Prediction of release distribution

Distribution of Rotational states of released hydrogen molecules

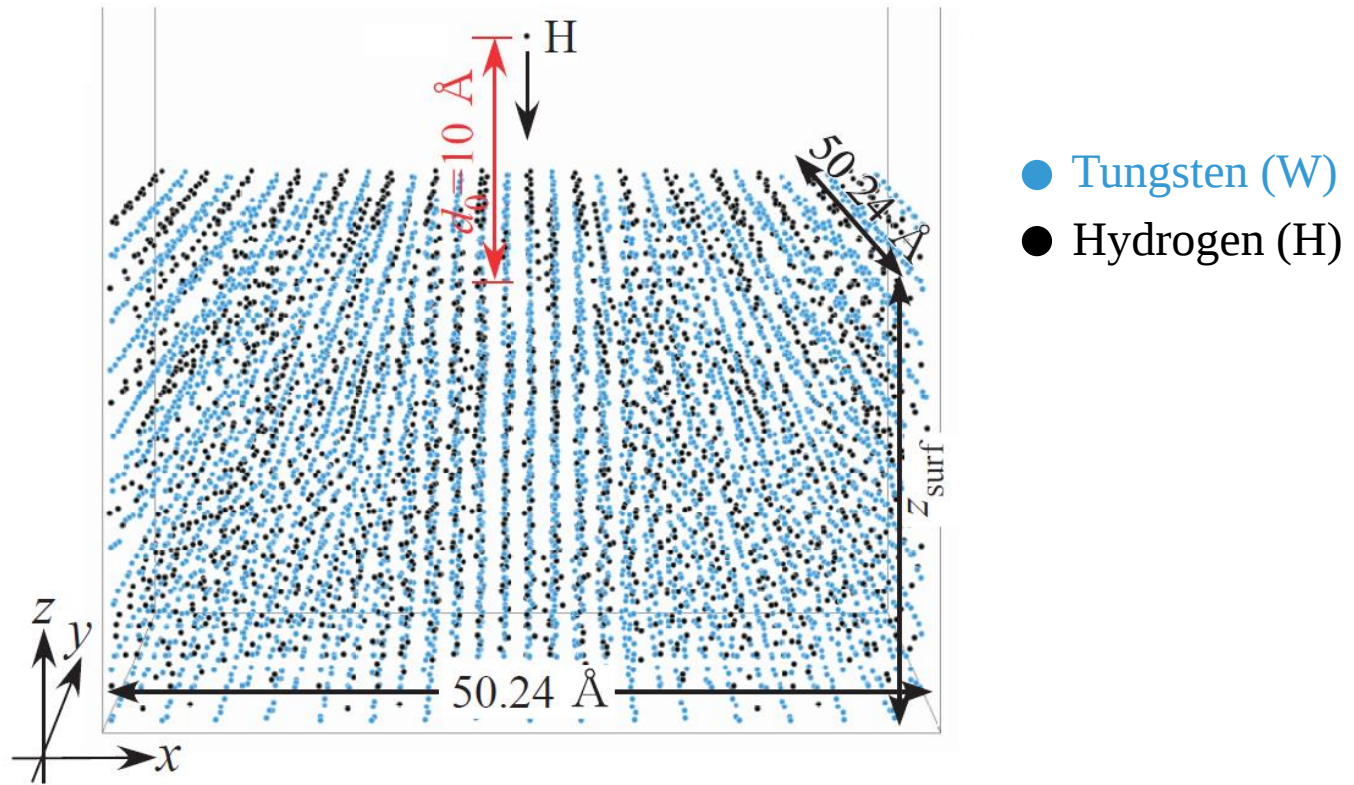
H/W=0.23 $T=300K$ $T_i=2.81eV$



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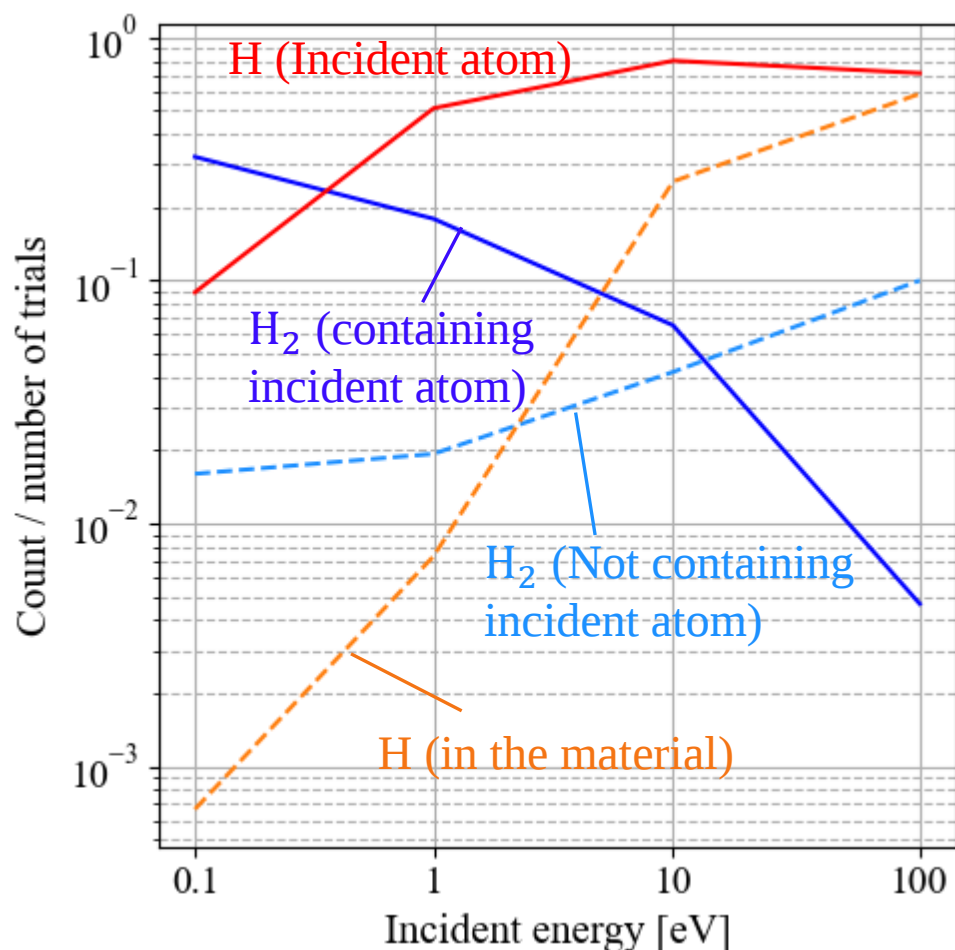
Hydrogen Recycling Model on Tungsten Materials (MD)



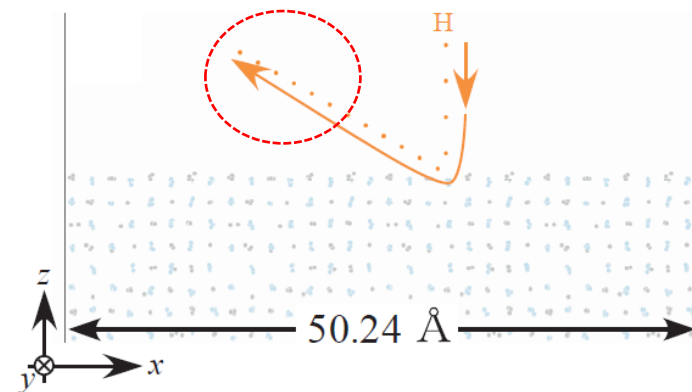
- Target material : Hydrogen contained bcc tungsten
- Boundary condition : Periodic in x and y
- Material temperature : 300 K
- Interaction : EAM potential [1]
- Incident atom : Hydrogen atom
- Number of Incidents : One
- Thermostat : Langevin
- Incident energy : 0.1-100 eV
- H/W : 0.2

Incident energy dependence of hydrogen emission

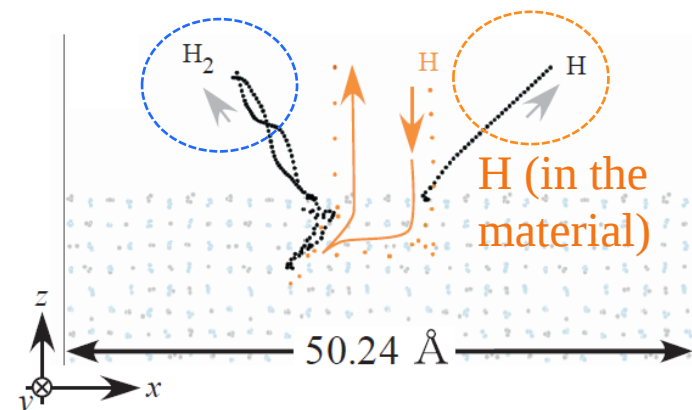
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H (Incident atom)



H₂ (Not containing incident atom)



When the incident energy is low, many molecules containing incident hydrogen are emitted.
→ There is a possibility that a large amount of hydrogen molecules are released under detached condition.

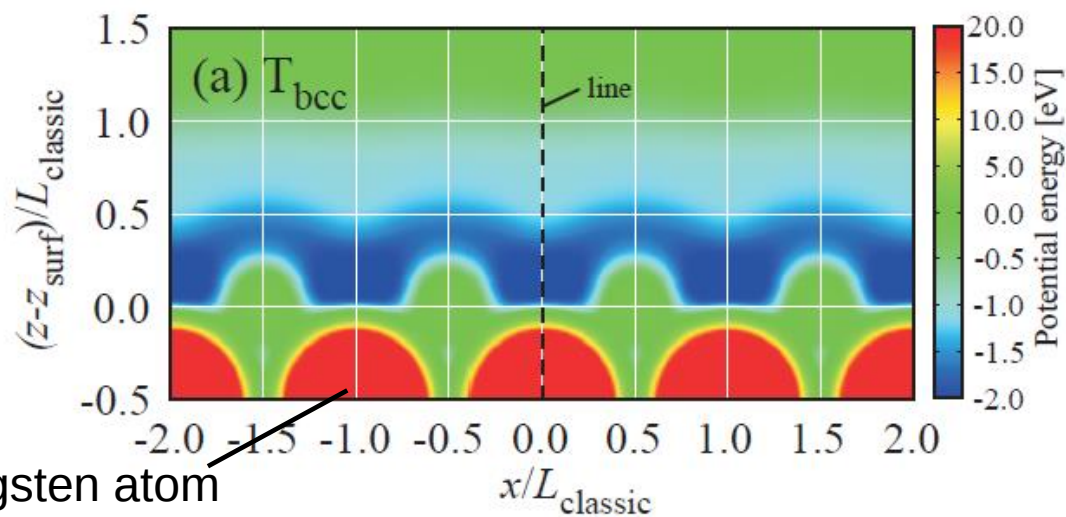
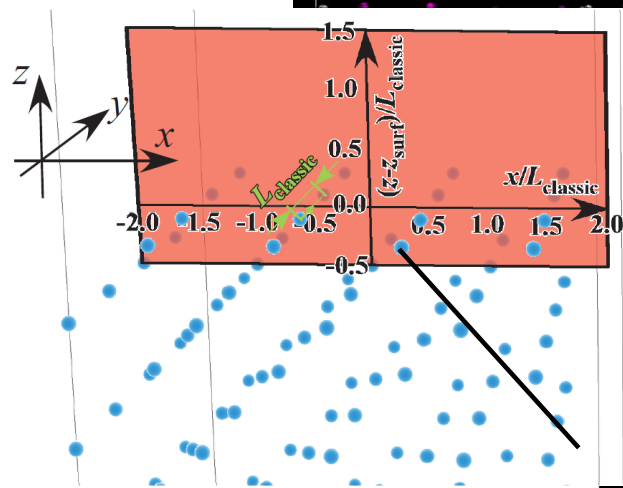
Trajectory analysis of H₂ generation on the surface in low incident energy case

S. Saito et al., Jpn. J. Appl. Phys. **60**, SAAB08 (2021)

$E_{\text{in}} = 0.1$ eV, $H/W=0.2$

● Tungsten atom

○ Hydrogen atom

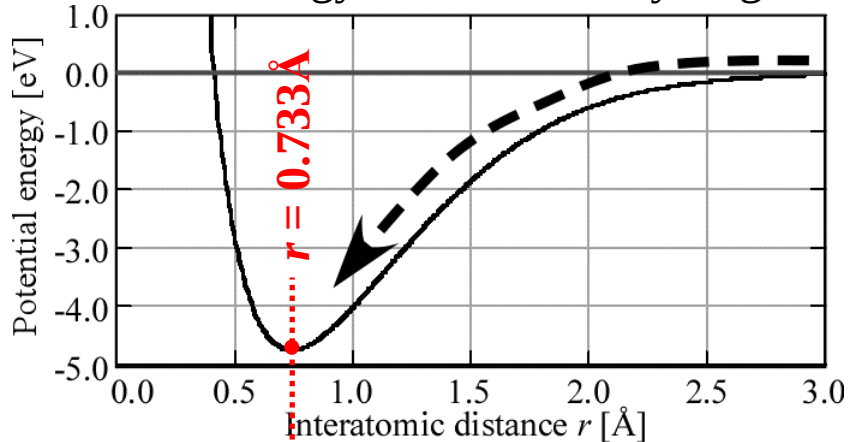


Tungsten atom

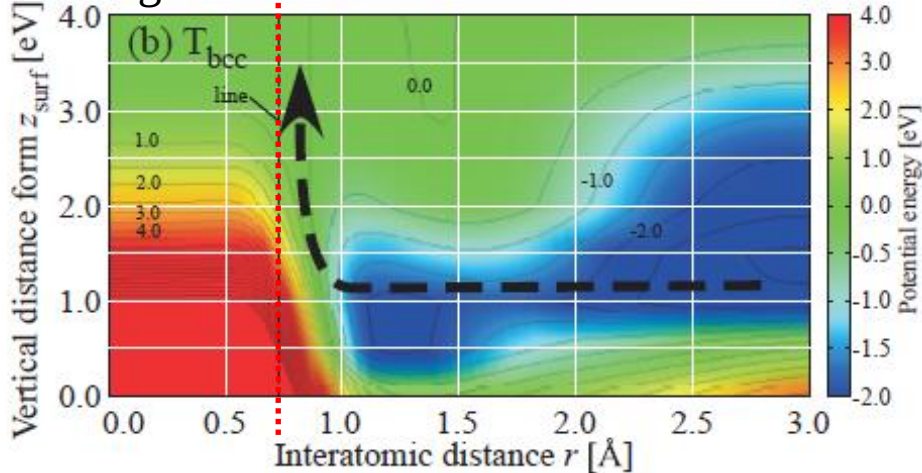
When the incident energy is low, most of the incident hydrogen atom forms molecules on the surface.

Energy acquisition mechanism of hydrogen molecules

Interaction energy between two hydrogen atoms

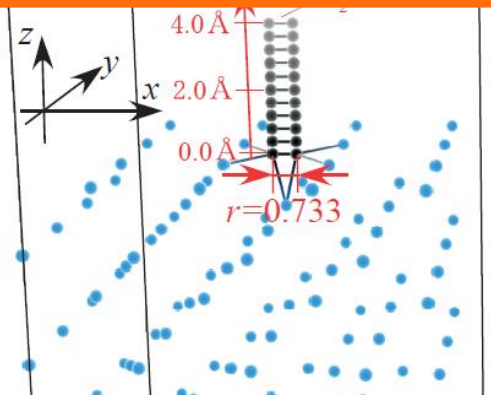


Interaction energy between a hydrogen molecule and tungsten wall

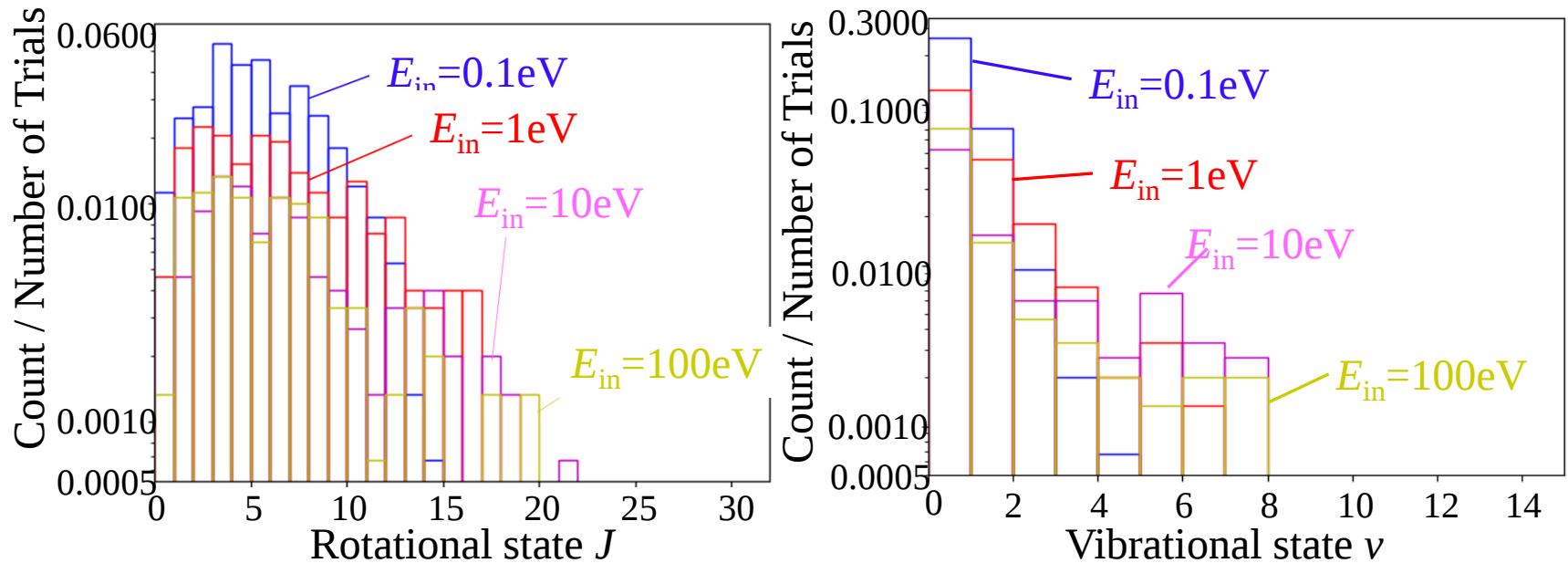


1. Incident hydrogen atoms acquire surface binding energy (~ 1.5 eV) when they are trapped on the surface.
2. When forming a molecule on the surface, the molecule acquires the binding energy (~ 4.5 eV) between two hydrogen atoms.
3. After forming a molecule on the surface, the molecule receives a repulsive force from tungsten wall and the molecule is accelerated (less than 1.0 eV?) in the vertical direction.

→ Possibility of forming molecules with high rovibrational states



Incident energy dependence of distribution of rovibrational states of released hydrogen molecules



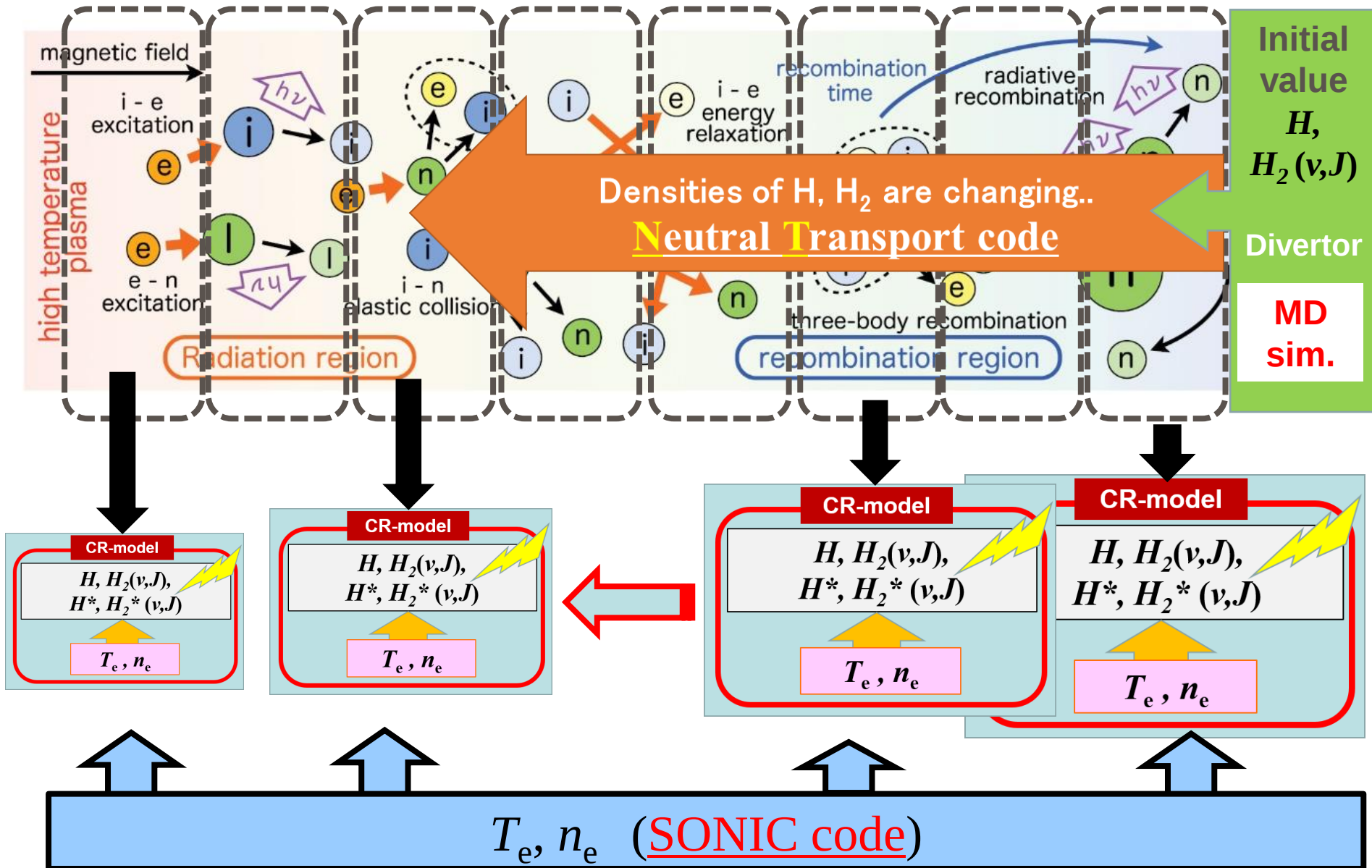
Even if the incident energy is low, molecules with relatively high rovibrational states are formed.

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Combining NT-CR code, MD, and SONIC code

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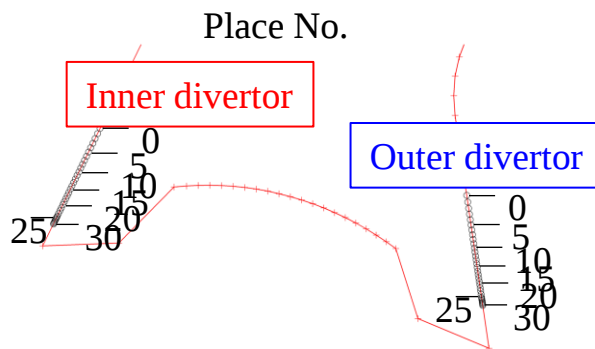
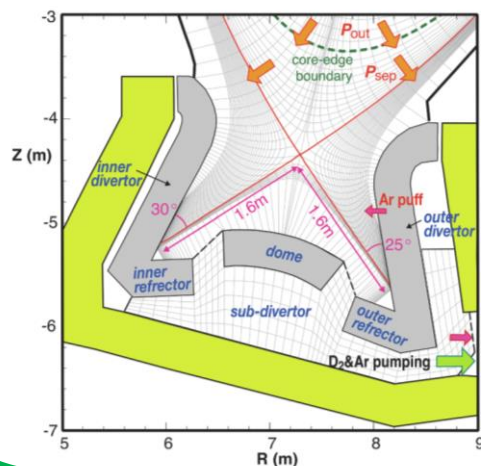
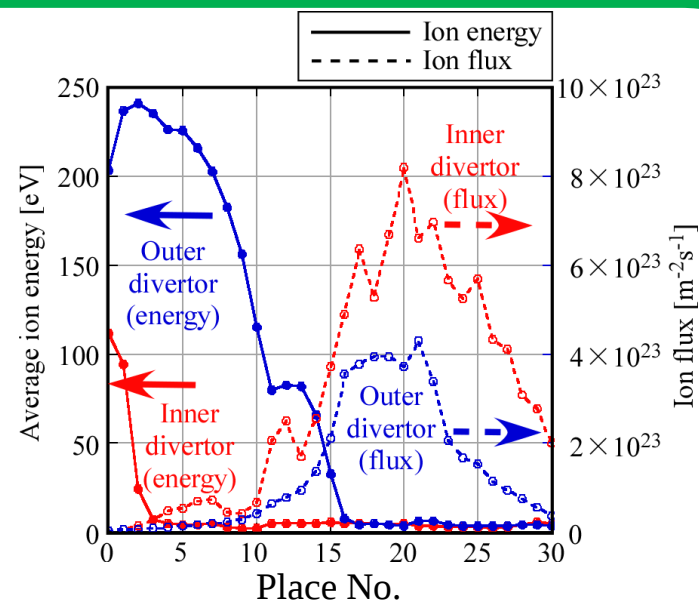
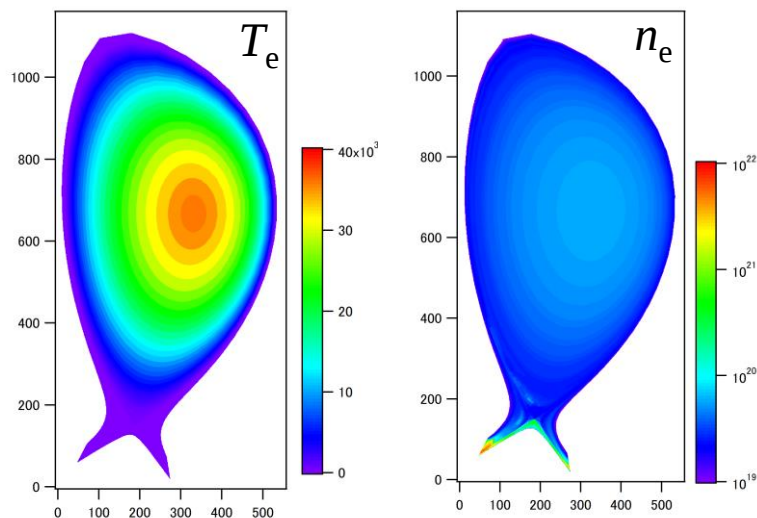


Neutral transport simulation with SONIC + MD for JA-DEMO

Emission distribution of rovibrational states (v, J) by MD sim.

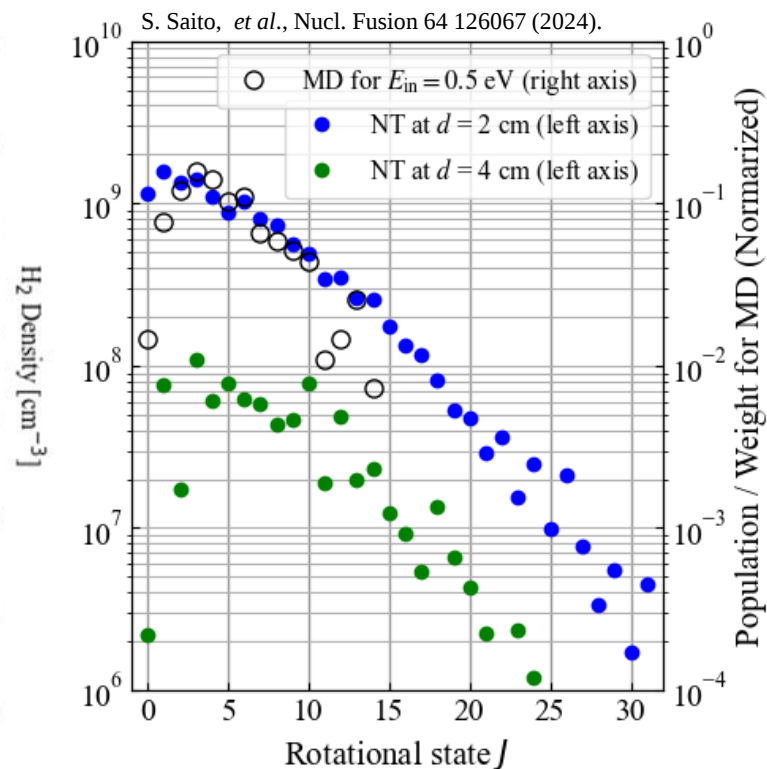
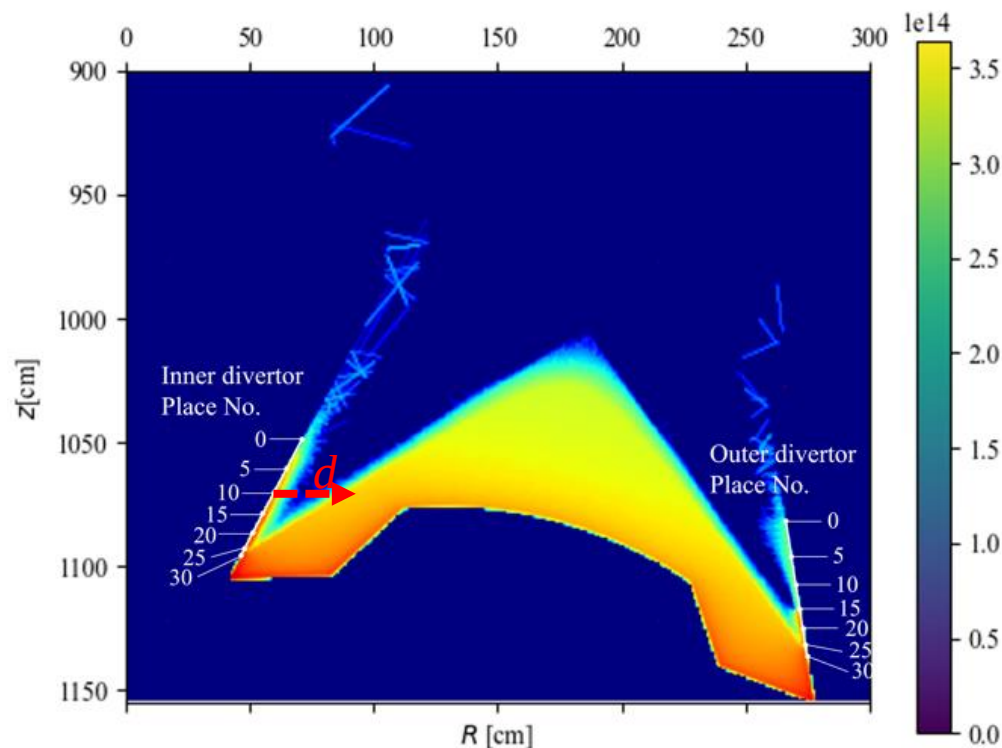
NT simulation with CR model

T_e & n_e by SONIC



N. Asakura, K. Hoshino, Y. Homma, Y. Sakamoto, Joint Special Design Team for Fusion DEMO, "Simulation studies of divertor detachment and critical power exhaust parameters for Japanese DEMO design", Nuclear Materials and Energy **26** (2021) 100864.

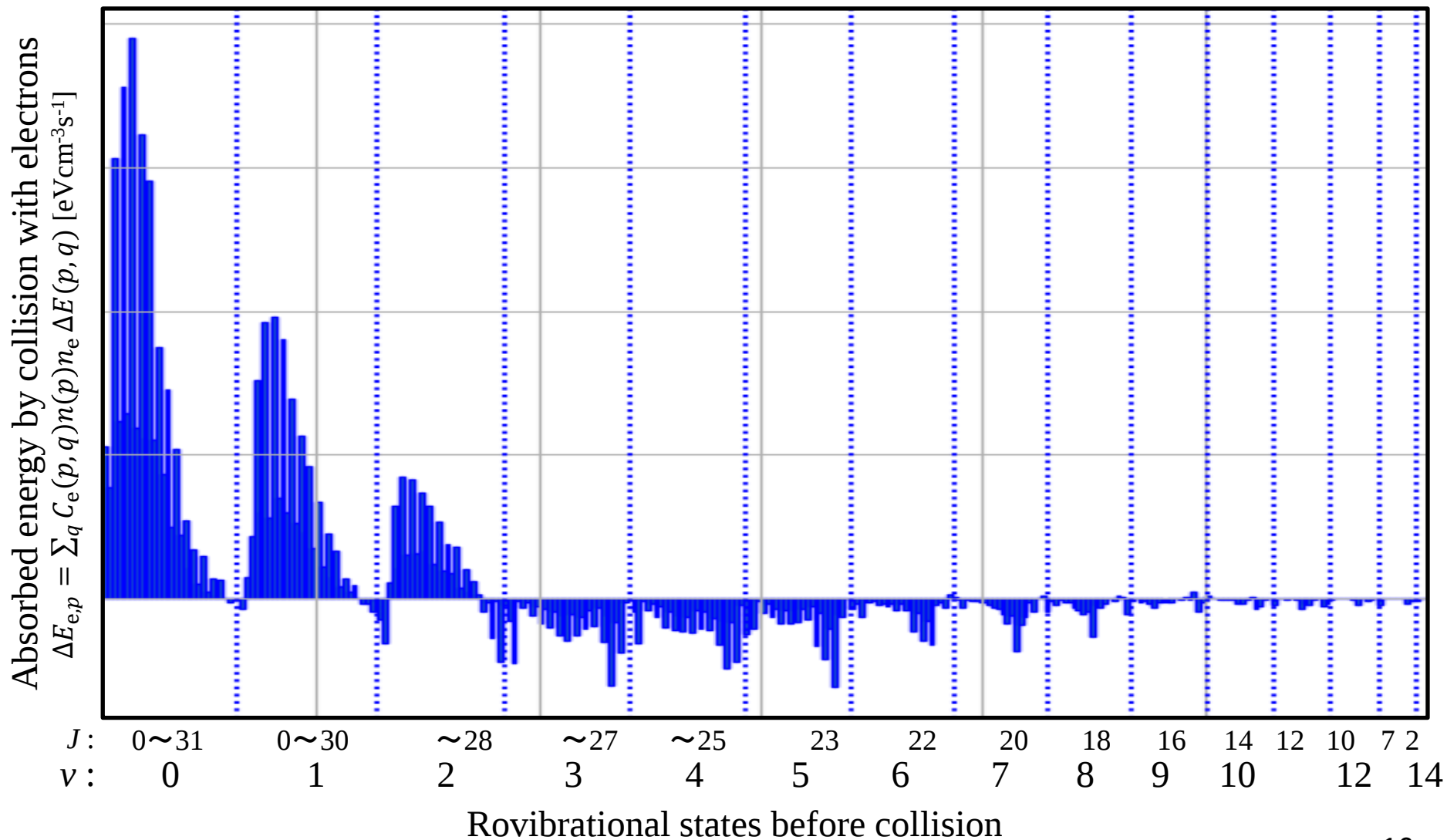
Spatial distribution of H₂ near divertor



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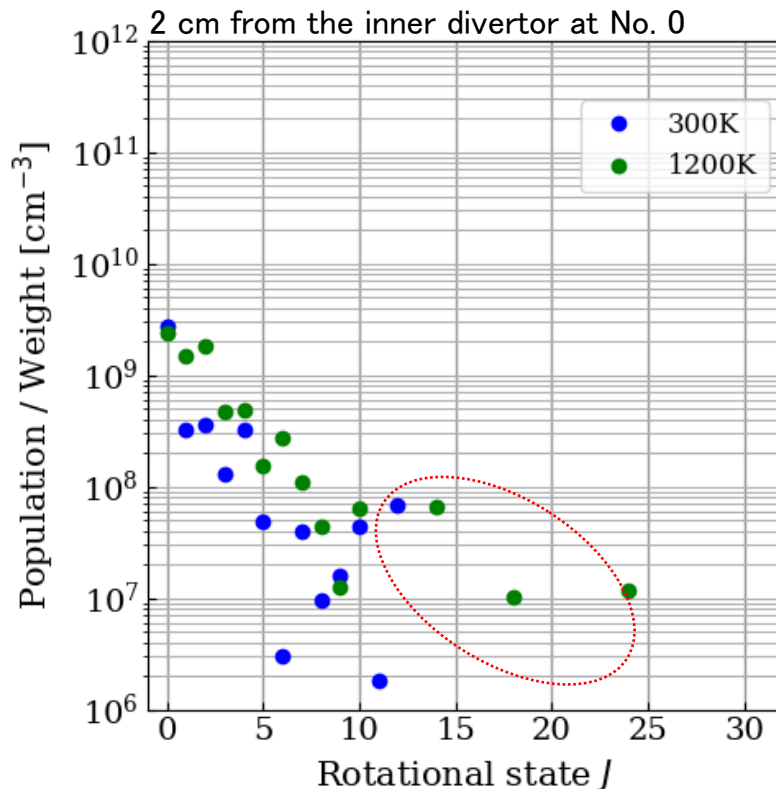
The data suggest that the molecules with rotational states higher than $J=15$ are produced by the collisions with electrons, H^+ ions, or neutral H atoms near the divertor, even though the absence of those higher-level molecules in the emission distribution.

Rovibrational state dependence of absorbed energy by collision with electrons

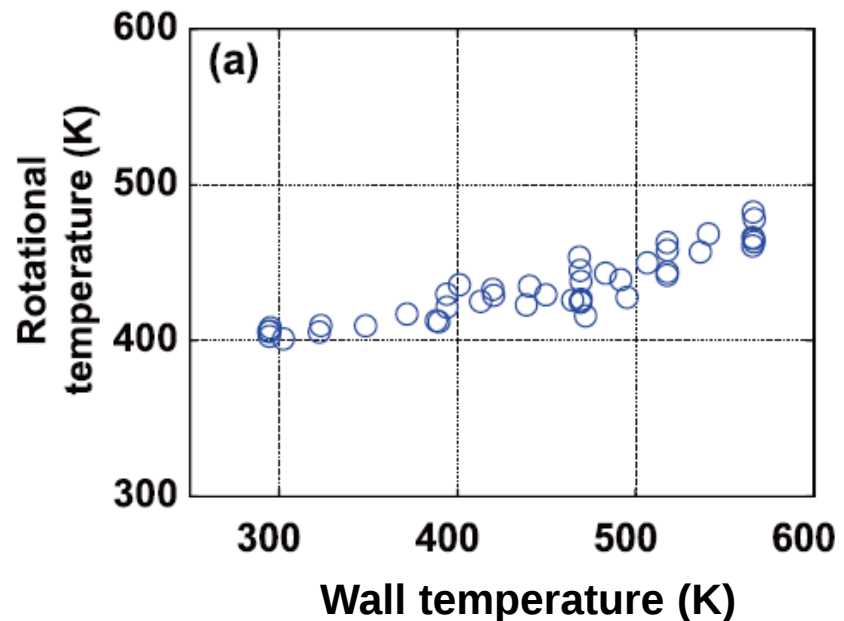


Dependence of rotational states distribution of plasma near wall on wall temperature

Simulation results using wall model + neutral transport for JA-DEMO



Actual rotational temperature by spectroscopic measurement in GAMMA10

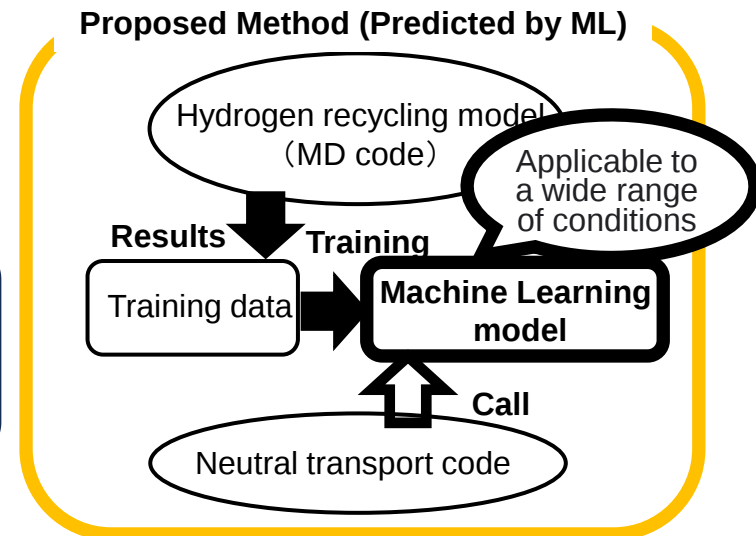
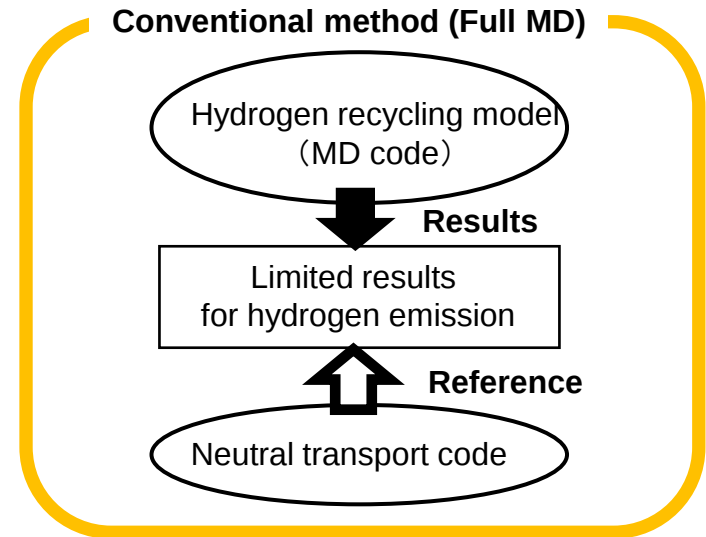
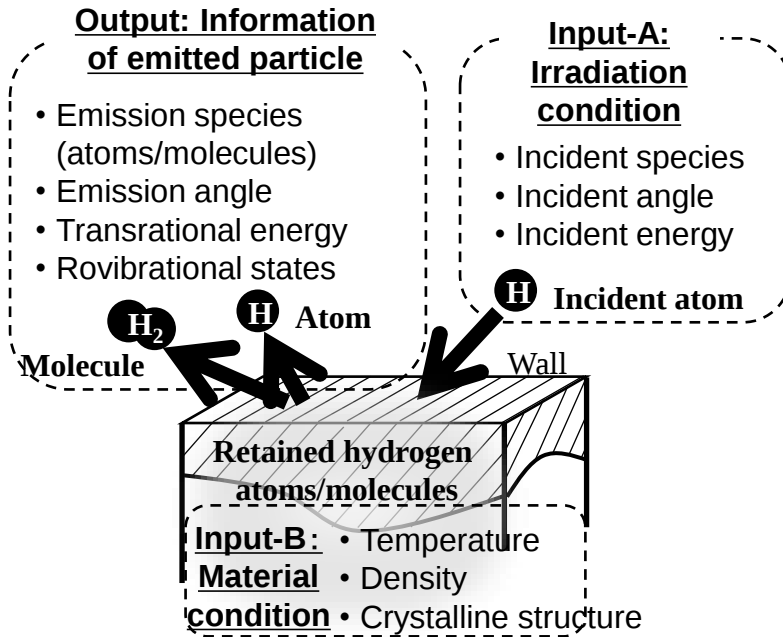


A. Terakado, et al., Plasma Fusion Res. 13, 3402096 (2018).

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Application of Machine Learning (ML) to Hydrogen Recycling Model



Changes in particle emission distribution

Plasma condition

- Density: n_e
- Elec. temp.: T_e
- Ion temp.: T_i

Interaction

Wall condition

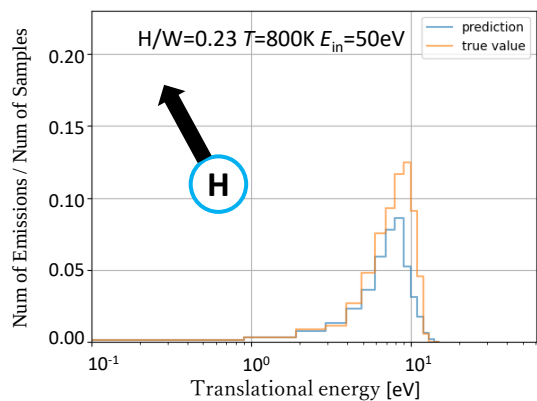
- Mater. temp.: T_m
- Particle density: ρ
- Crystl. struct.

Changes in incident energy, flux, etc.

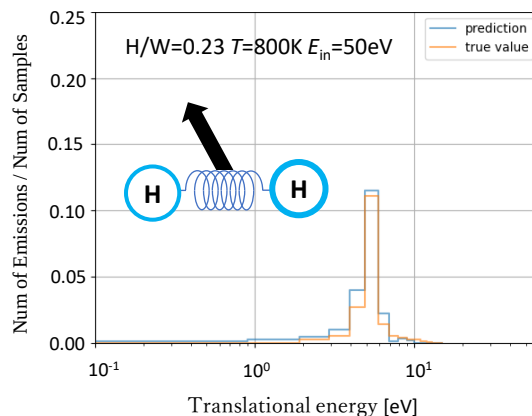
Prediction results of release distribution

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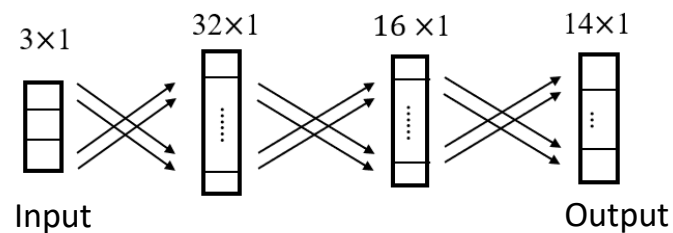
Translational energy of H atoms



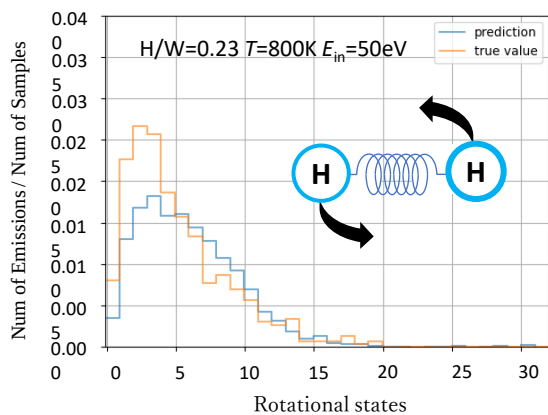
Translational energy of H_2 molecules



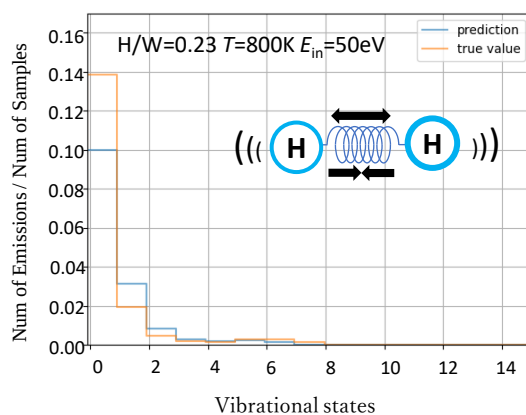
Network models for prediction of translational energy of H atoms



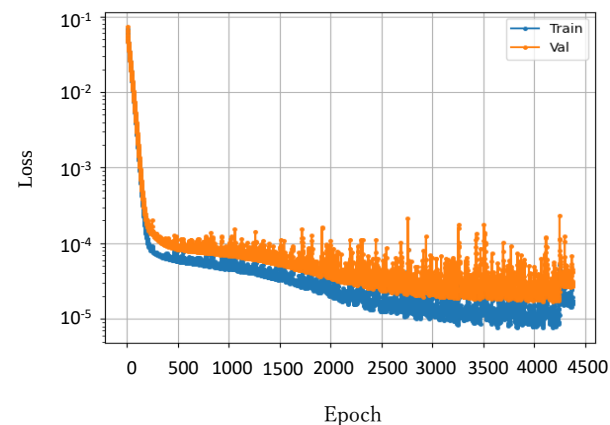
Rotational states of H_2 molecules



Vibrational states of H_2 molecules



Evolution of Loss function (MSE)



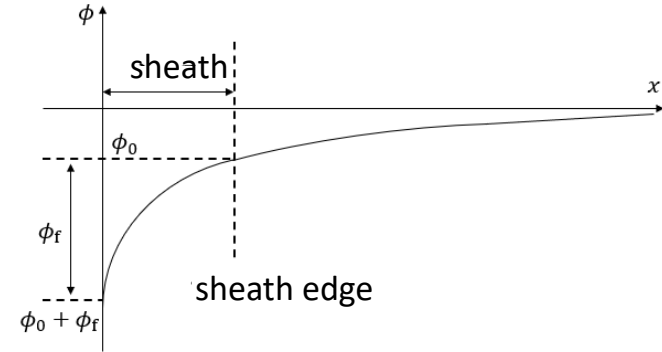
Consideration of incident energy distribution (Shifted-Maxwellian)

Distribution of incident energy E_{in} considering acceleration by sheath (Shifted-Maxwellian)

$$f(T_i, T_e; E_{\text{in}}) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot \frac{1}{(T_i)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \cdot \sqrt{E_{\text{in}} - e(\phi_f + \phi_0)} \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{E_{\text{in}} - e(\phi_f + \phi_0)}{T_i}\right)$$

$$e(\phi_f + \phi_0) = \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[\left(2\pi \frac{m_e}{m_i} \right) \left(1 + \frac{T_i}{T_e} \right) \right] + \frac{1}{2} \right\} T_e$$

T_i, T_e : Ion/Electron temperature, m_i, m_e : Ion/Electron mass



Integrate the output distribution of the machine learning model according to the distribution f of the incident energy E_{in}

$$\Phi_x^M(\Lambda, T_m, E_{\text{in}}; x) = \int_0^\infty f(T_i, T_e; E_{\text{in}}) \Phi(\Lambda, T_m, E_{\text{in}}; x) dE_{\text{in}}$$

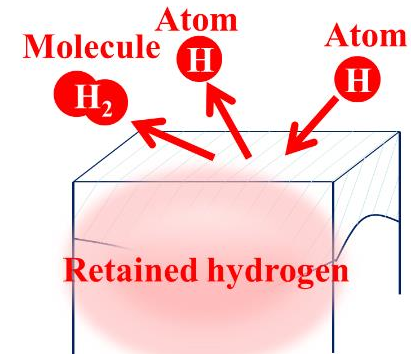


Machine learning model for the distribution of x

x : Translational energy E / Rotational state J / Vibrational state ν

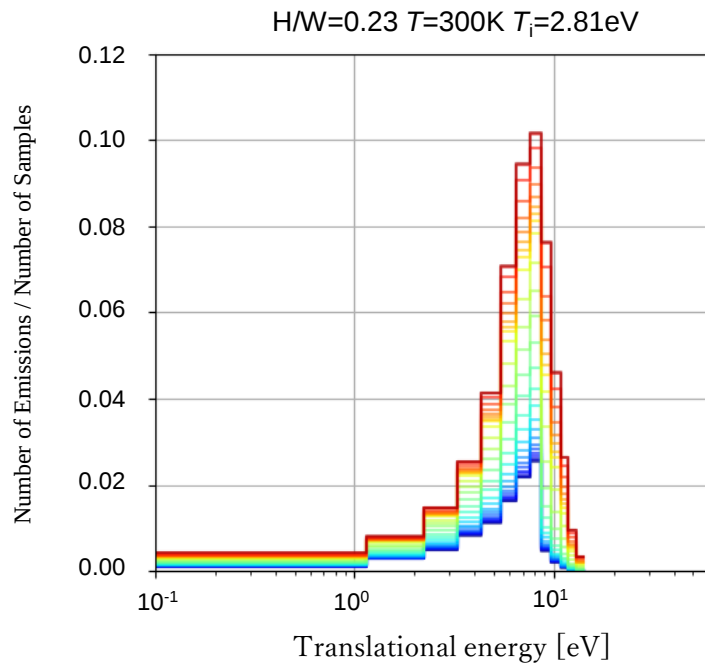
Λ : H/W

T_m : Material temperature



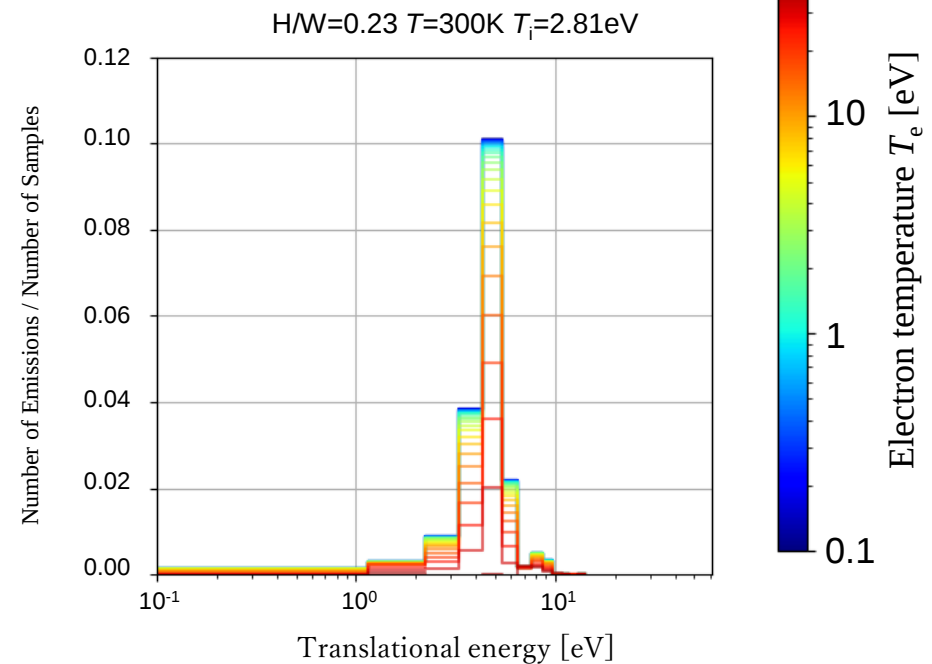
Translational energy distribution of recycled **atoms** and **molecules** considering Maxwell distribution

atoms



The higher the electron temperature and the deeper the sheath, the greater the amount of atoms emitted.

molecules



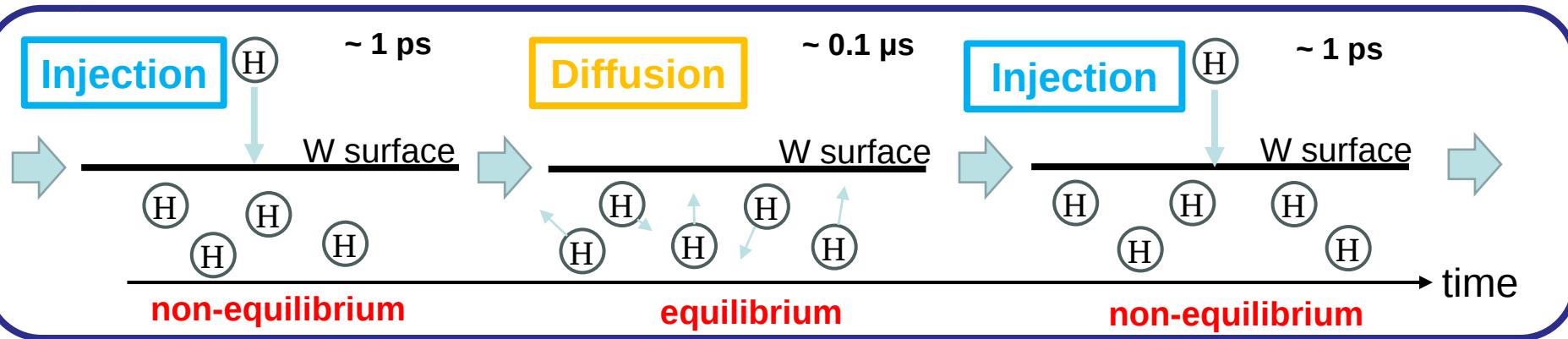
The lower the electron temperature and the shallower the sheath, the greater the amount of molecular emission.

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Attempt at a Deep Learning Assisted kMC-MD Hybrid Method

Objective: Simulation of hydrogen atom accumulation due to continuous injection



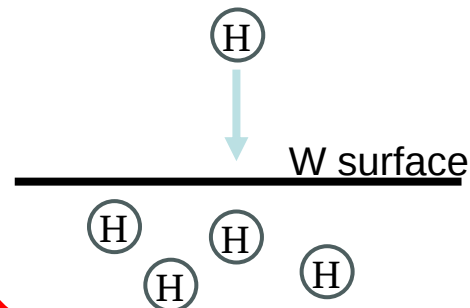
Comparison of methods

- Molecular dynamics (MD)
- kinetic Monte Carlo (kMC)

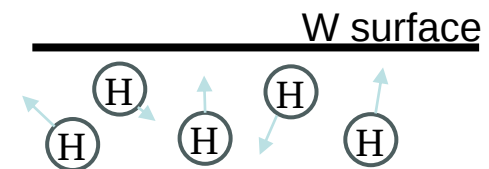
	Comp. Cost	Sim. in Non-Eq. States
MD	×	○
kMC	○	×

Hybrid simulation method

Injection: MD

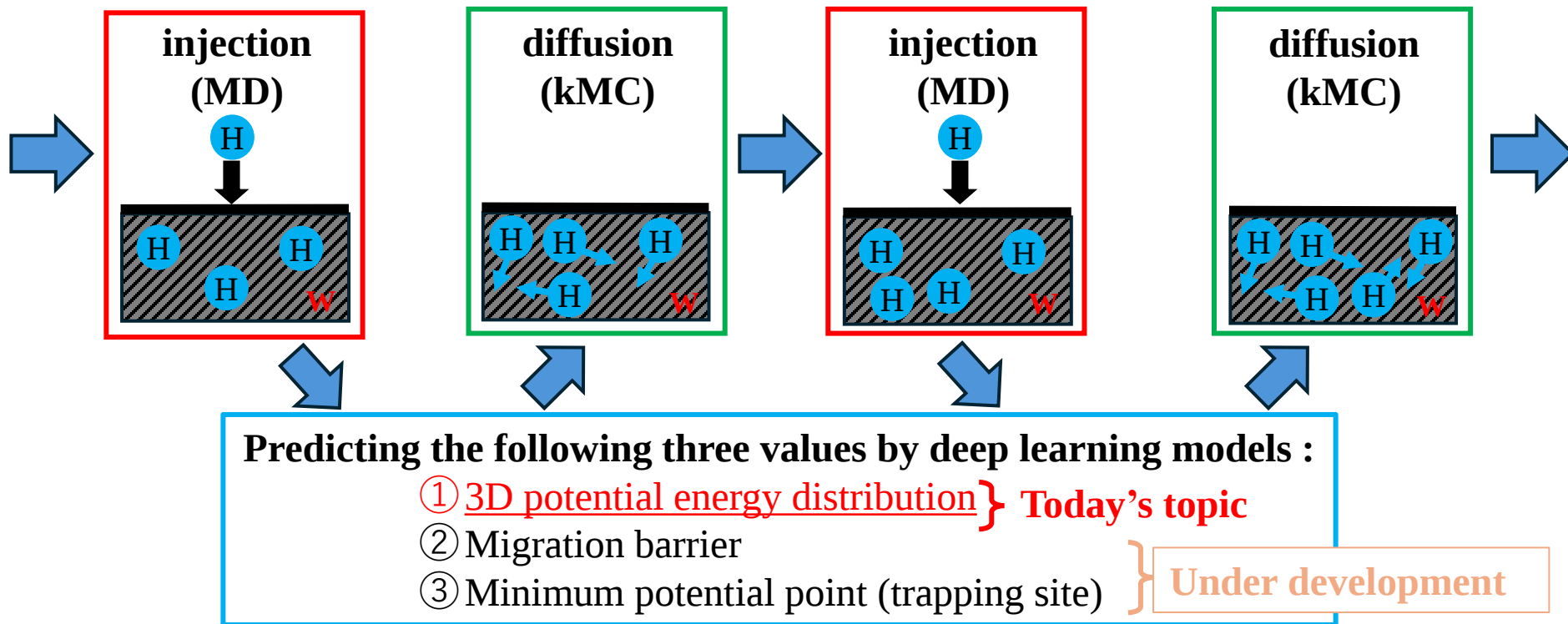


Diffusion: kMC

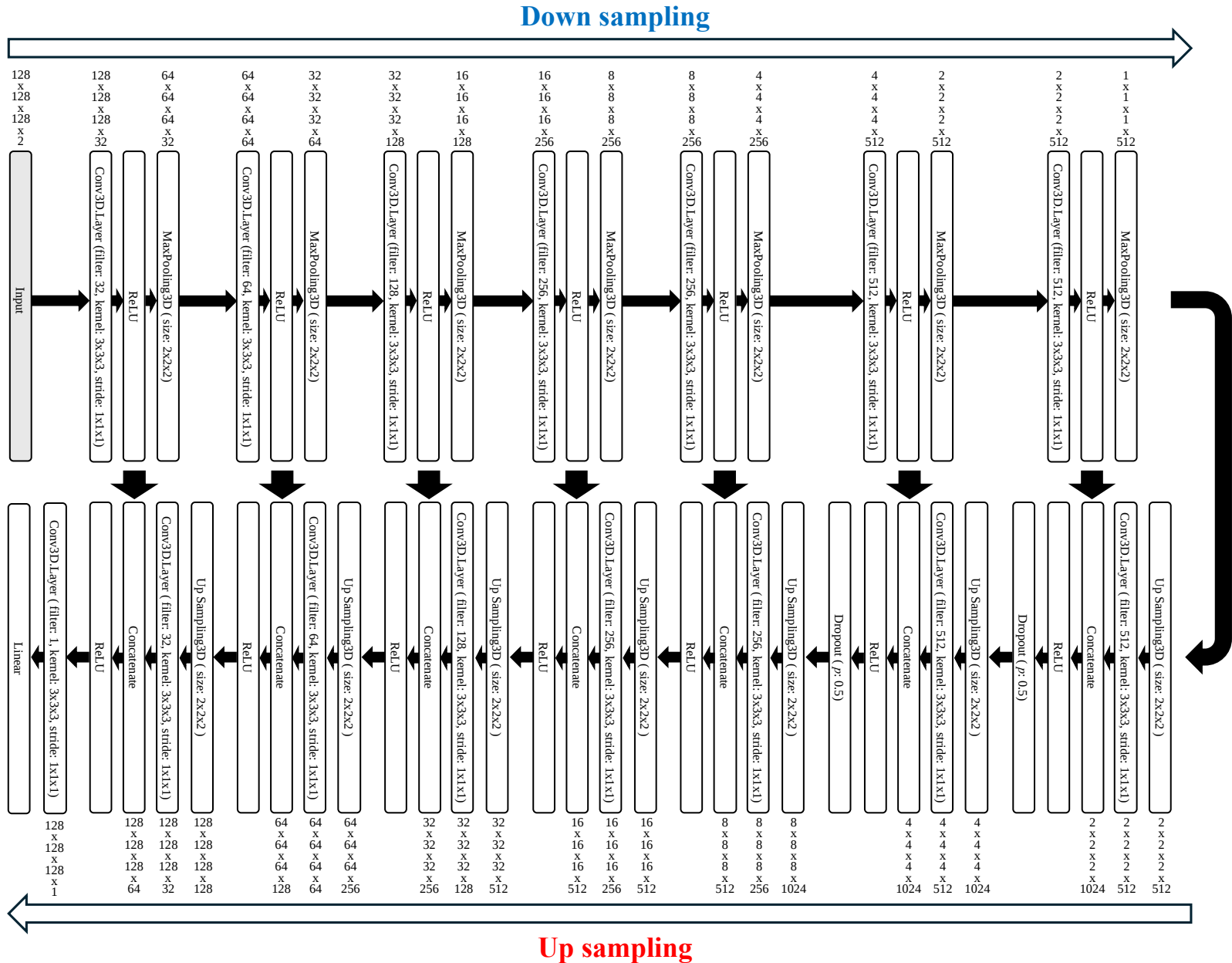


Purpose and method

Hybrid method has the problem that it needs considerable computation cost for the calculation of the migration barrier and trapping site required for kMC calculation.



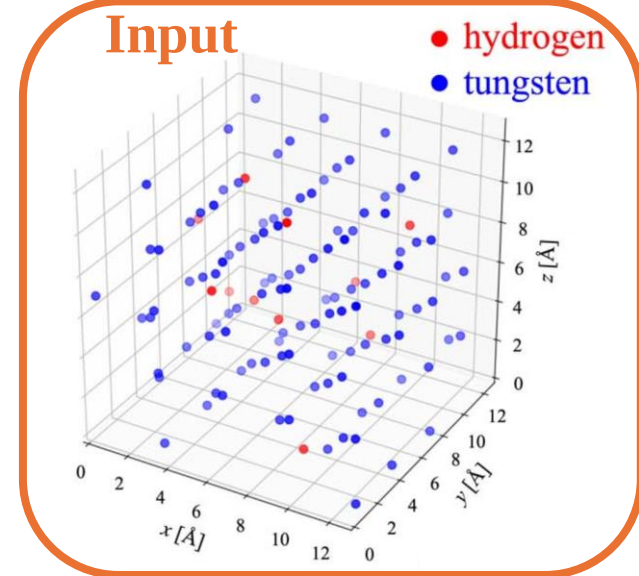
Network model (Generator)



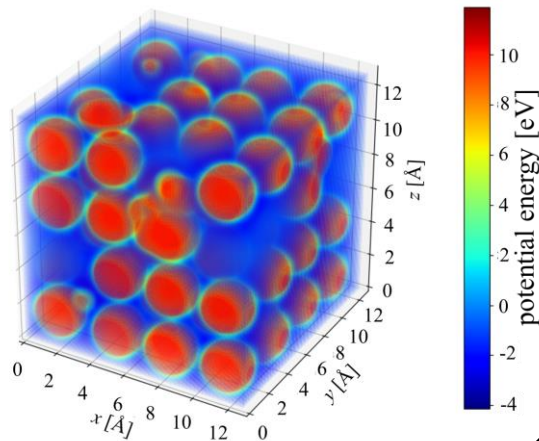
Results of prediction of 3D potential energy distribution

EAM potential
4 hours
by 1 CPU(1 core)

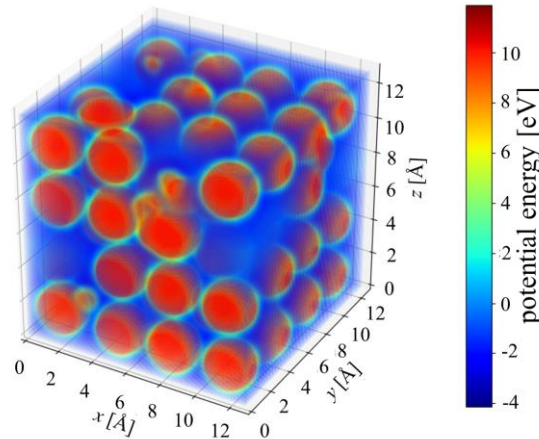
DL model
0.2 second by
1 CPU(1 core) + 1 GPU



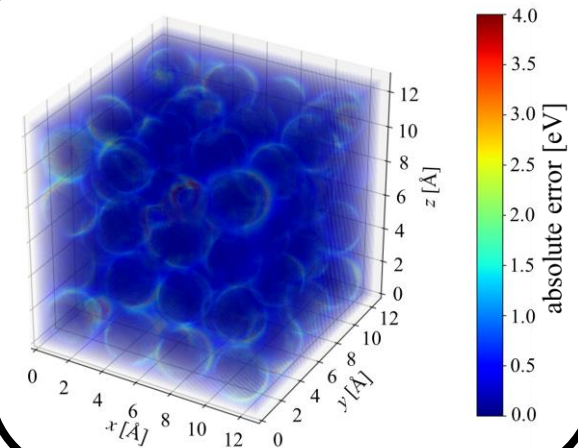
True values



Predicted values



Absolute error



The accuracy is good based on the comparison between the true and predicted values

S. Saito, et al., “Deep learning model for predicting the spatial distribution of binding energy from atomic configurations”, Japanese Journal of Applied Physics, **63**, (2024).

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Changes in particle emission distribution

Plasma condition

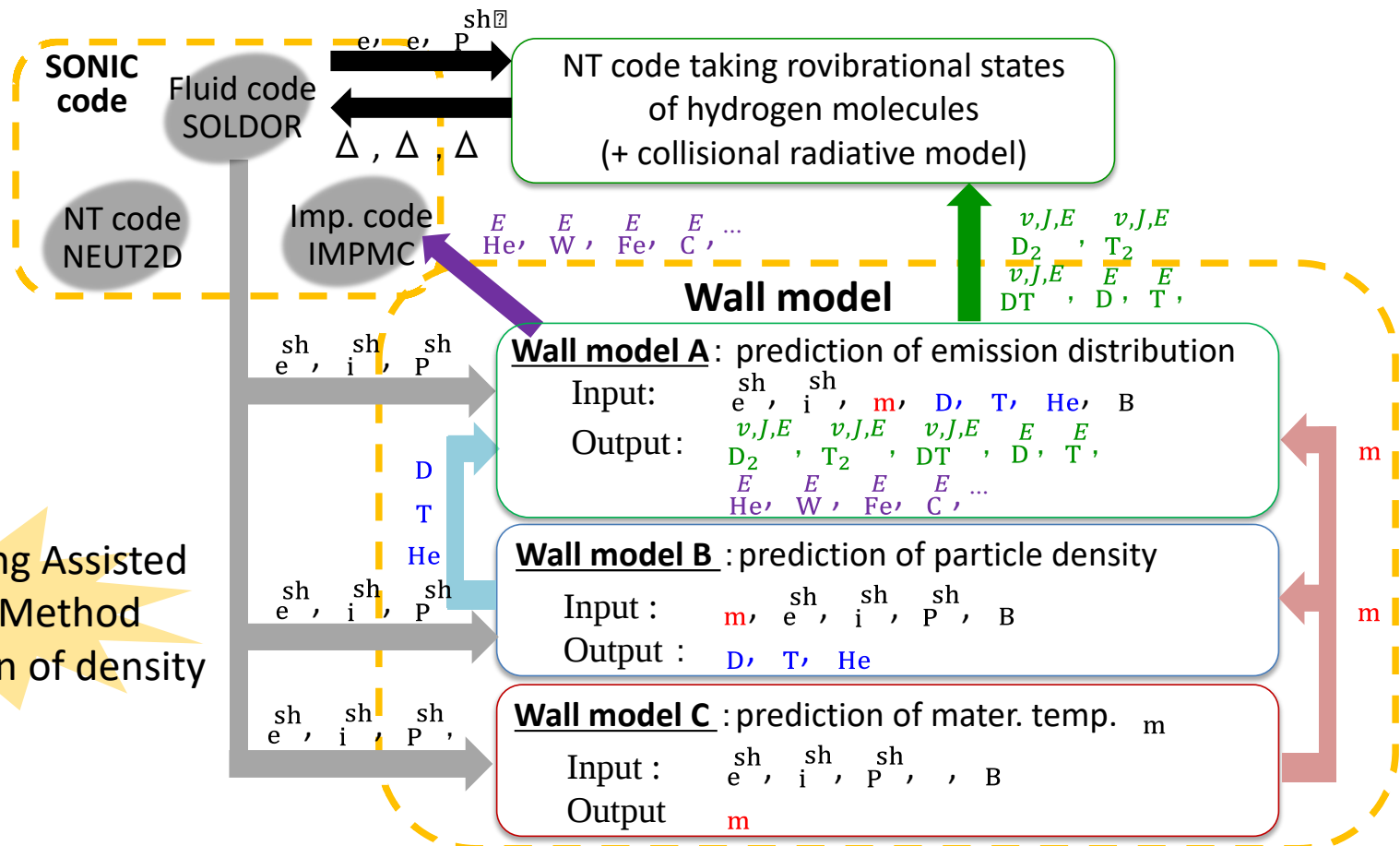
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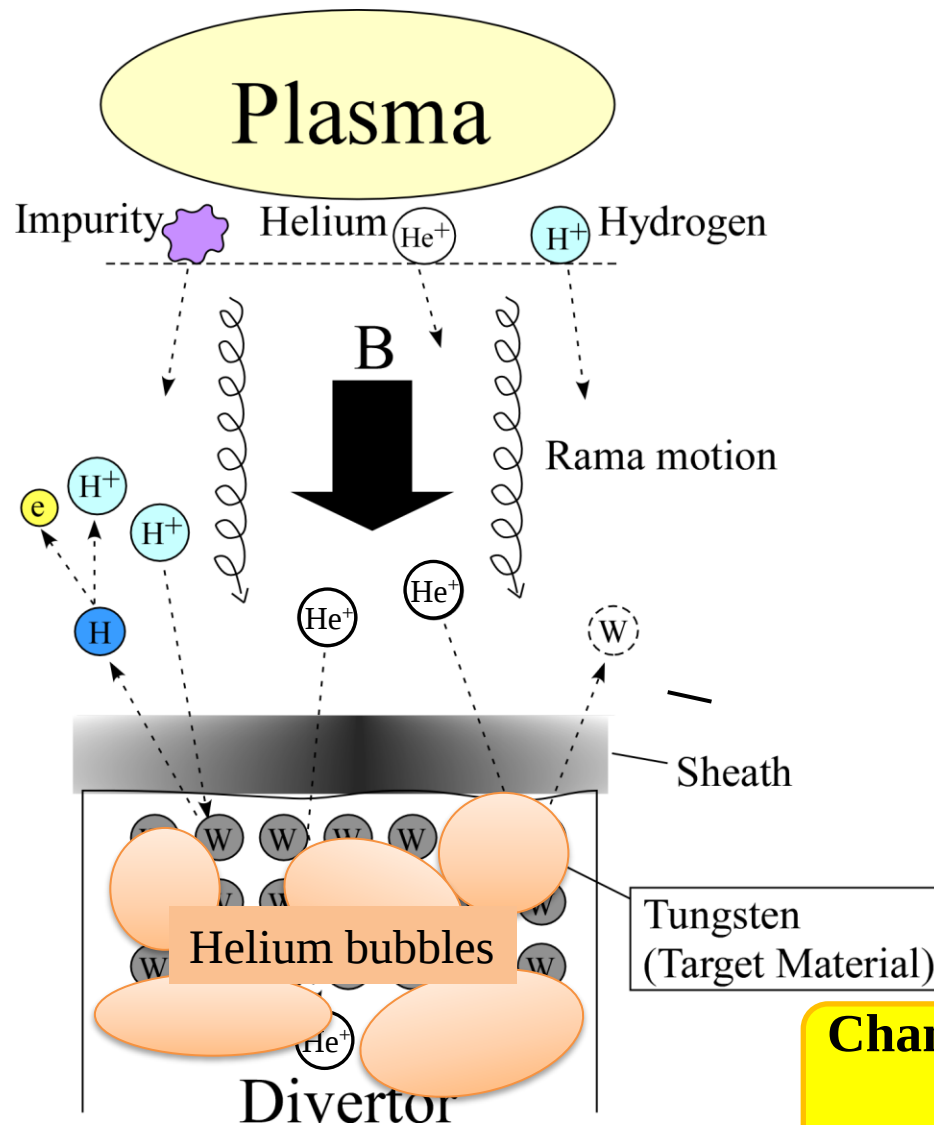
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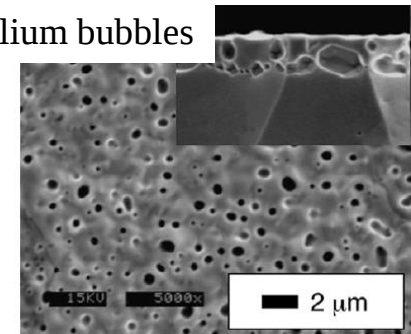
Summary

- Hydrogen recycling on tungsten walls was investigated using MD simulations.
- Emission distributions of rovibrational states of recycled hydrogen were predicted using machine learning techniques.
- The developed wall model was integrated with the SONIC code and neutral transport simulations.
- Future plan: We will develop a deep learning-assisted kMC–MD hybrid method to generate training data for machine learning models that predict particle density. The model will provide input for emission distribution predictions and enable to solve the dynamical interaction between plasma and wall.

Radiation damage to walls (helium bubbles)



Helium bubbles



N. Ohno, et. al., J. Nucl. Mater. 363 (2007) 1153

retention

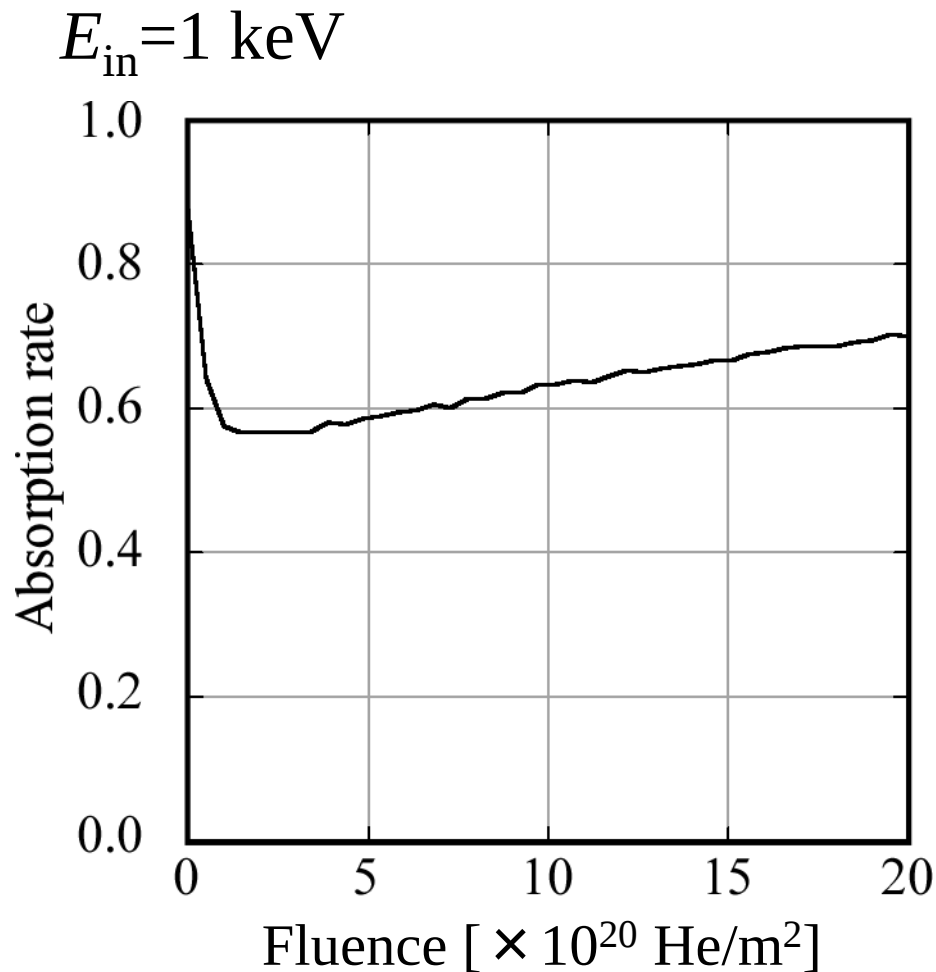
Accumulate of the Plasma particles in the material

sputtering

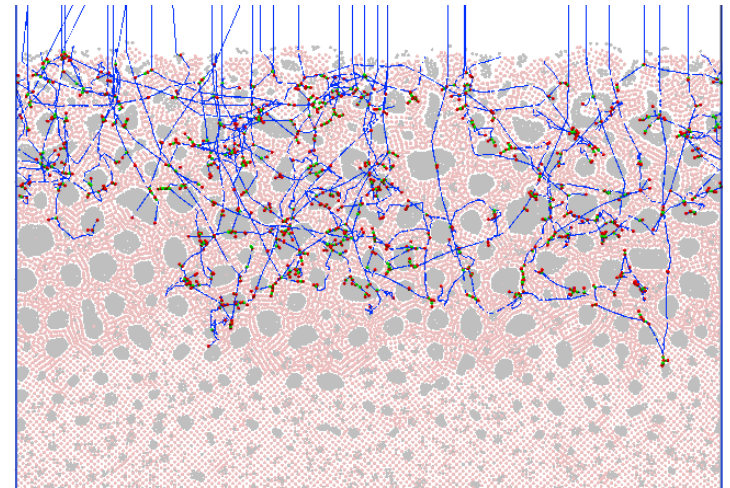
Emission of material atoms by collisions with plasma particles

Changes in the material surface structure (generation of helium bubbles)

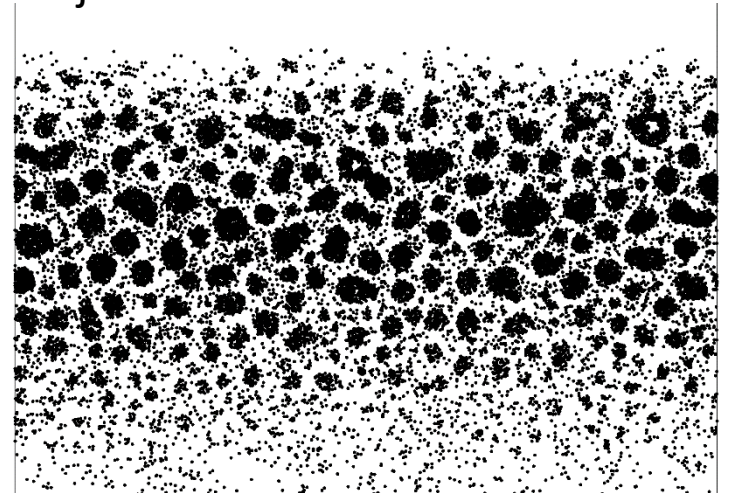
Time evolution of absorption rate by helium irradiation



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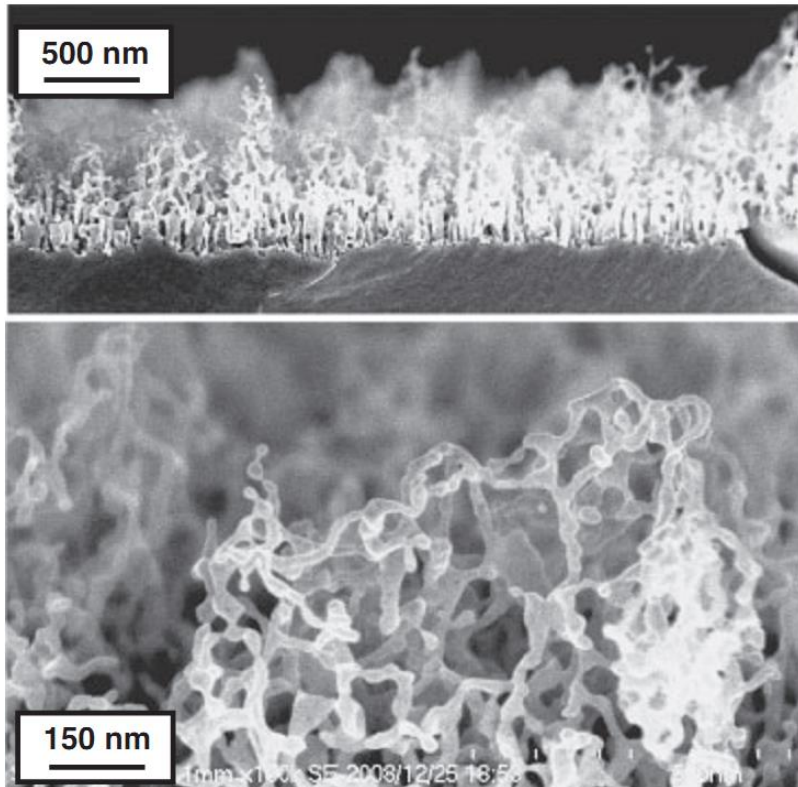
Trajectories of incident helium atoms



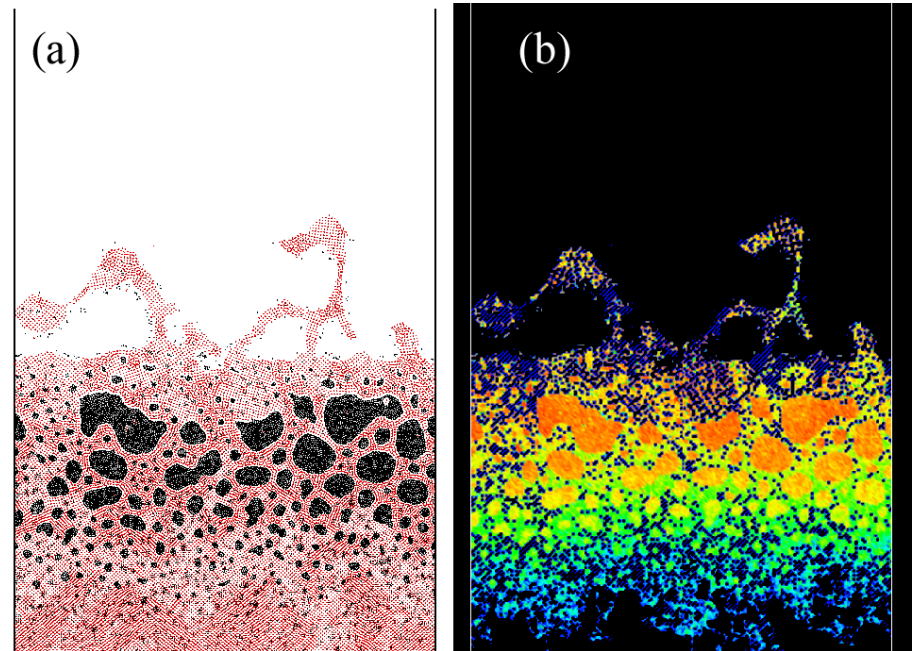
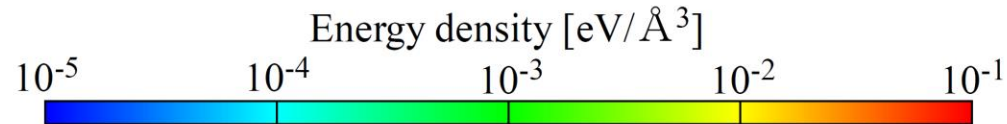
Plot of stopping positions
of incident helium atoms

Energy absorption on the fuzz structured surface

Fuzz structure of tungsten surface formed by helium plasma exposure.

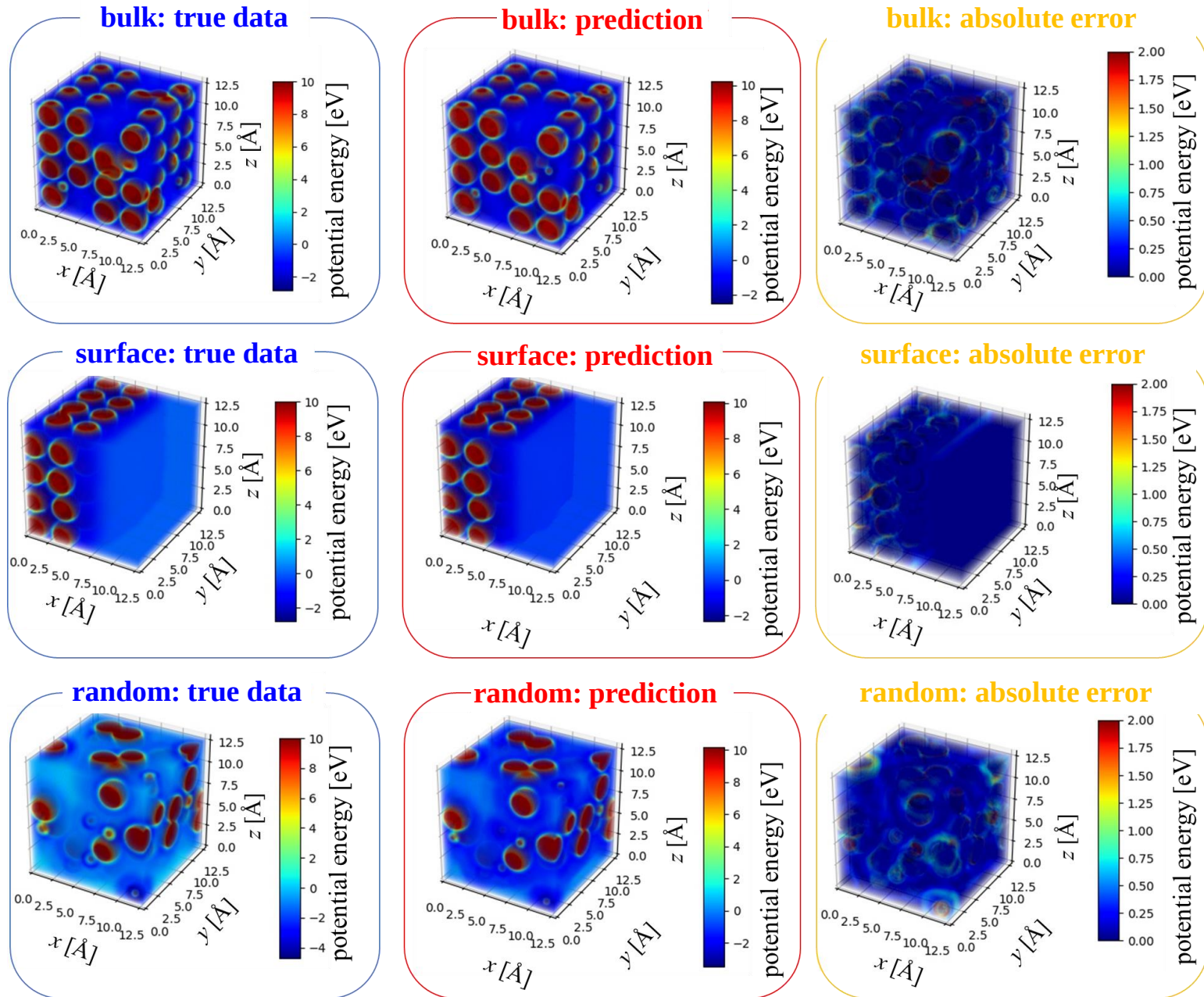


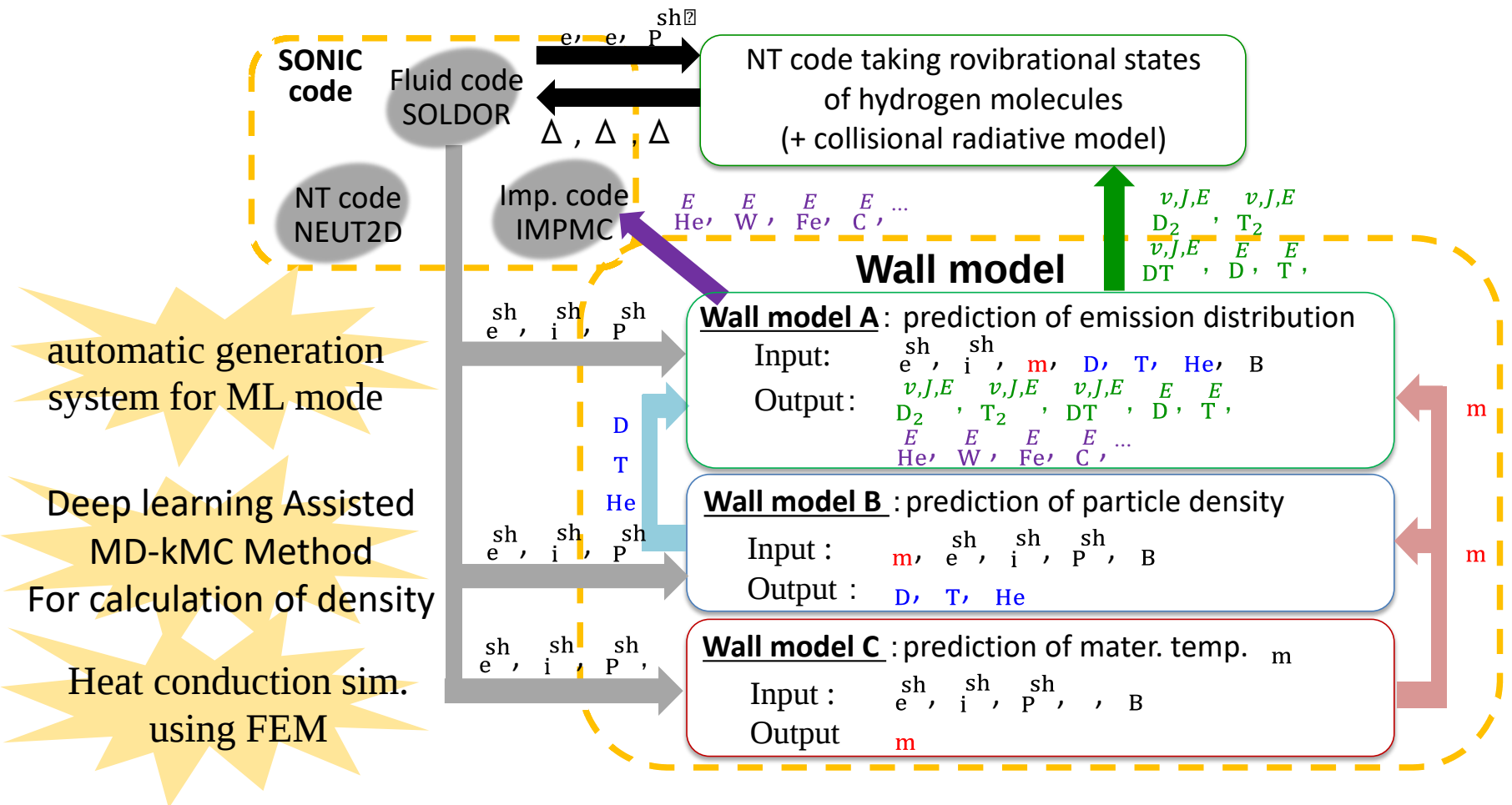
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Results of prediction of 3D potential energy distribution



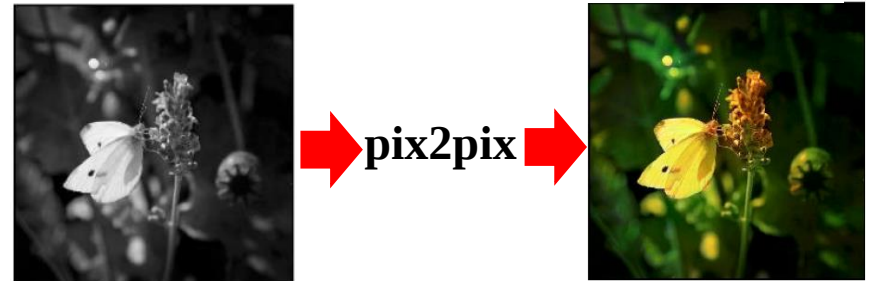


n_e, T_e : Electron density and temperature of edge plasma
 $T_e^{sh}, T_i^{sh}, \Gamma_p^{sh}$: Electron temperature, ion temperature, and flux to the wall at the sheath edge
 $\Delta n, \Delta \pi, \Delta \epsilon$: Increments in density, momentum, and energy of ions resulting from neutral transport
 T_m : Wall temperature
 θ_B : Incident angle of magnetic field lines to the wall
 $\rho_D, \rho_T, \rho_{He}$: Deuterium, tritium, and helium densities in the wall
 $f_x^{v,J,E}$: The distribution of rovibrational states, and translational energy of released molecule x

cf. pix2pix

Generative adversarial network (GAN) for 2D image to 2D image conversion

Example: Converting grayscale image to a color image

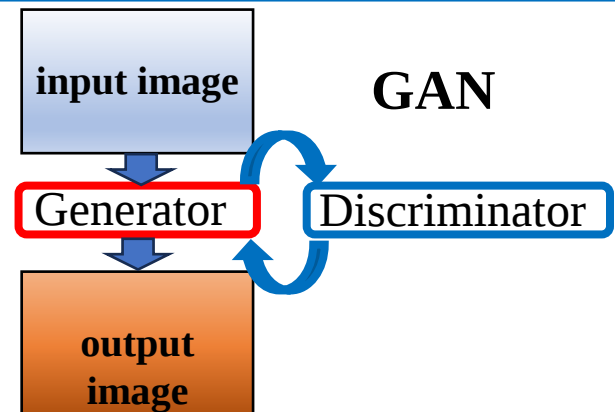


Phillip Isola, Jun-Yan Zhu, Tinghui Zhou, Alexei A. Efros,
Image-to-Image Translation with Conditional Adversarial Networks
<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1611.07004.pdf>

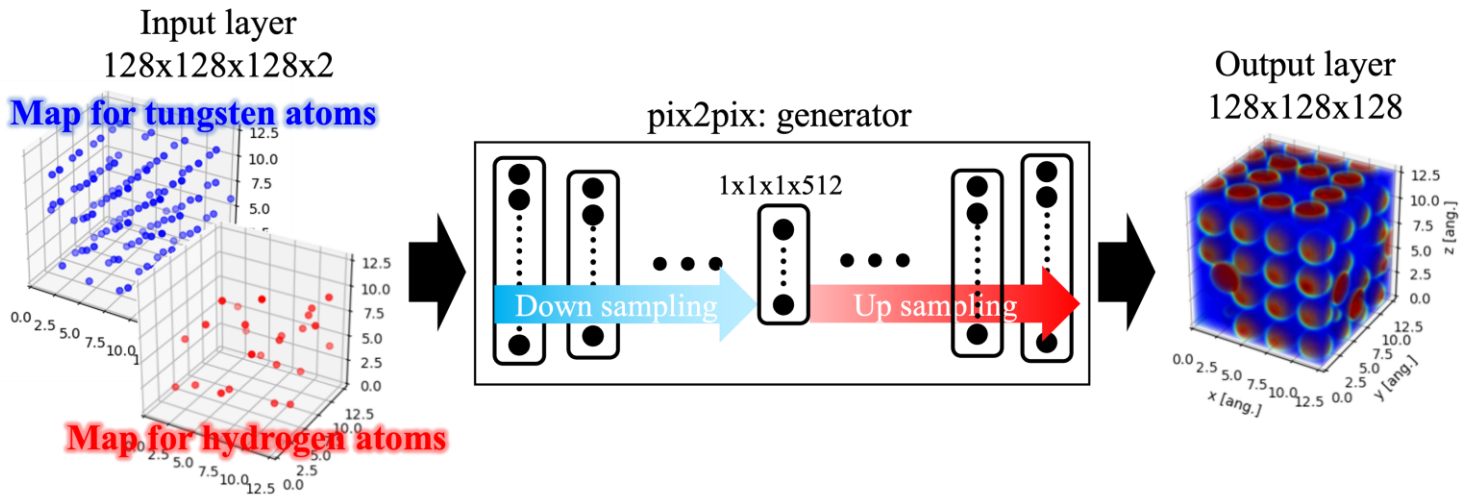
Overview of GAN

GAN consists of two networks: a generator and a discriminator.

- **Generator**
Output the desired image from the input image.
- **Discriminator**
Judge whether the image is generated or real one.



Usage of deep learning in kMC



Expansion of pix2pix from 2D to 3D

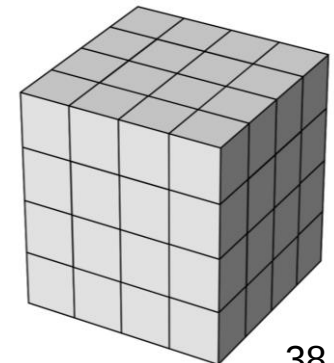
2D image

- Pixels (arranged in 2D array)
- Pixel value represents the intensity of the pixel.

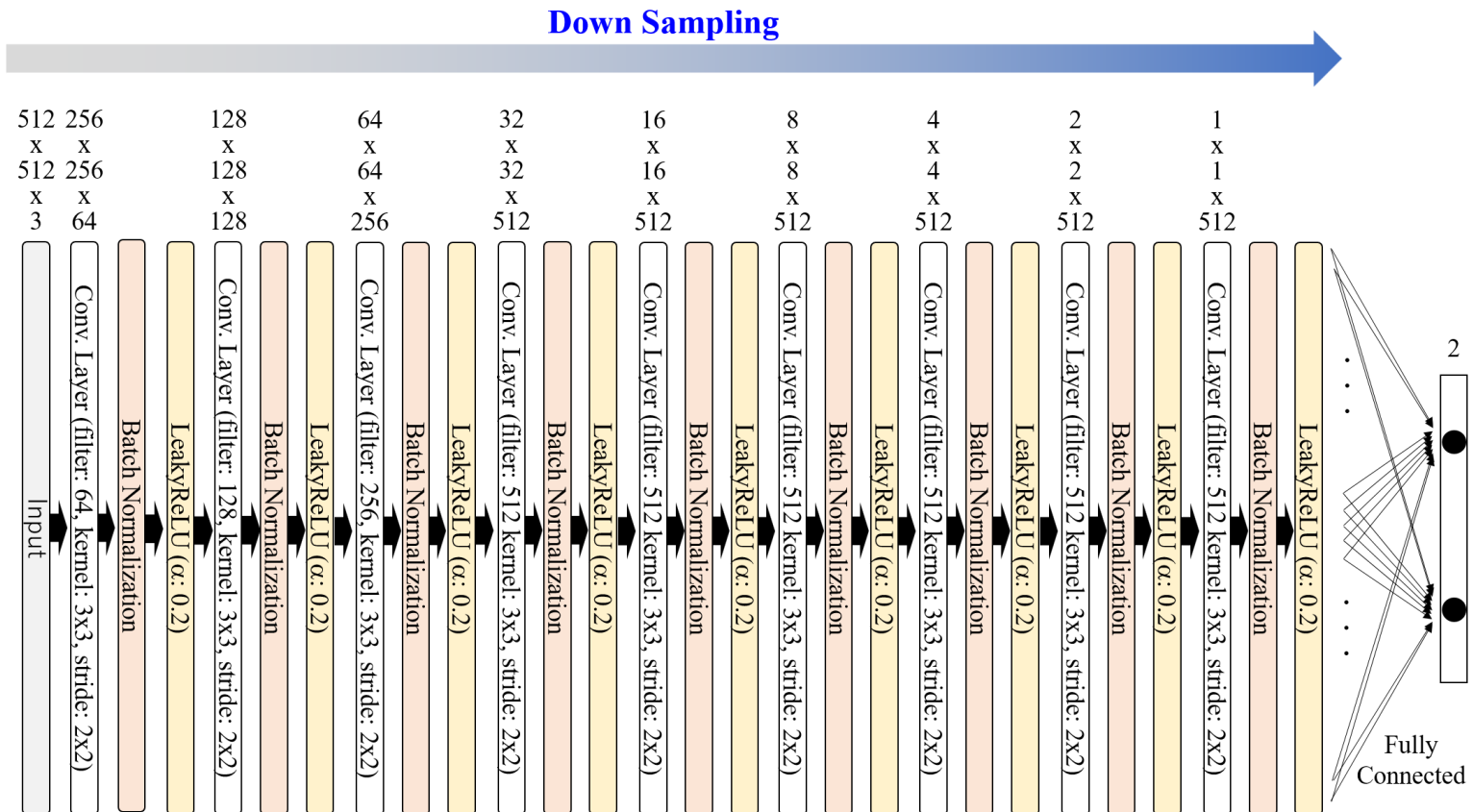
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3D image

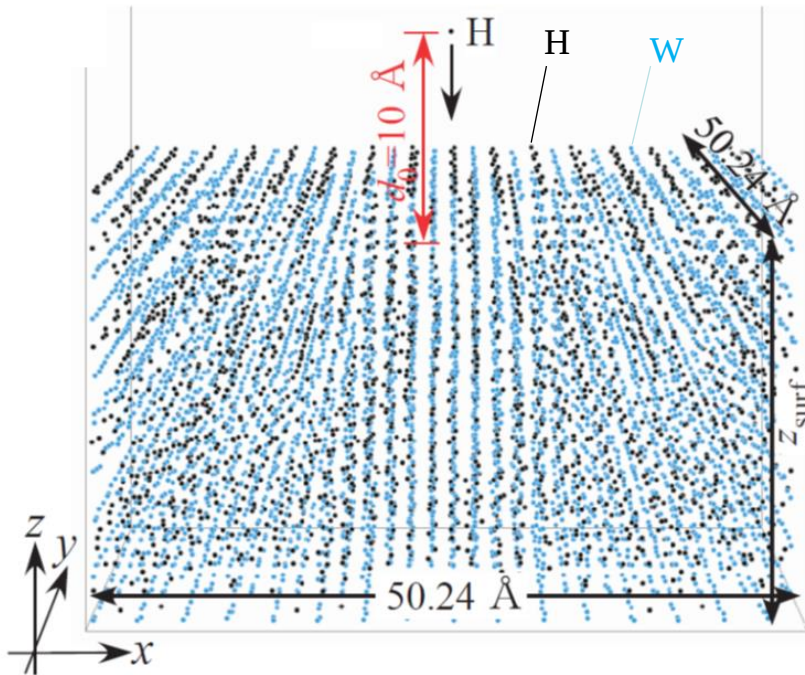
- Voxels (arranged in 3D array)
- Voxel value represents the potential energies.



Structure discriminator



Generation of training data by MD simulation



Simulation Condition

- Target material: bcc tungsten containing hydrogen
- Boundary condition: Periodic boundary condition (x and y directions)
- Atomic interaction: EAM potential
- Heat bath: Langevin thermostat
- Incoming atom: Hydrogen atom
- Number of incident atoms: 1 atom
- Simulation time: 1ps

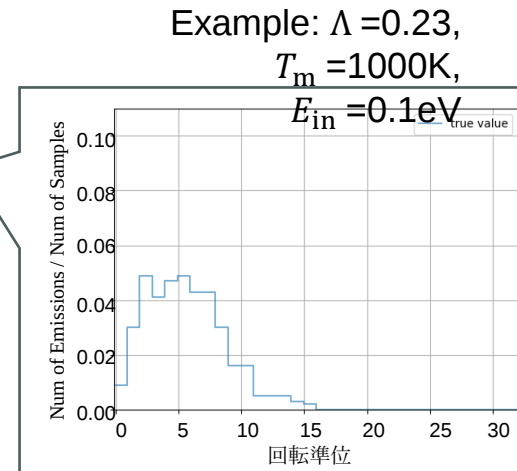
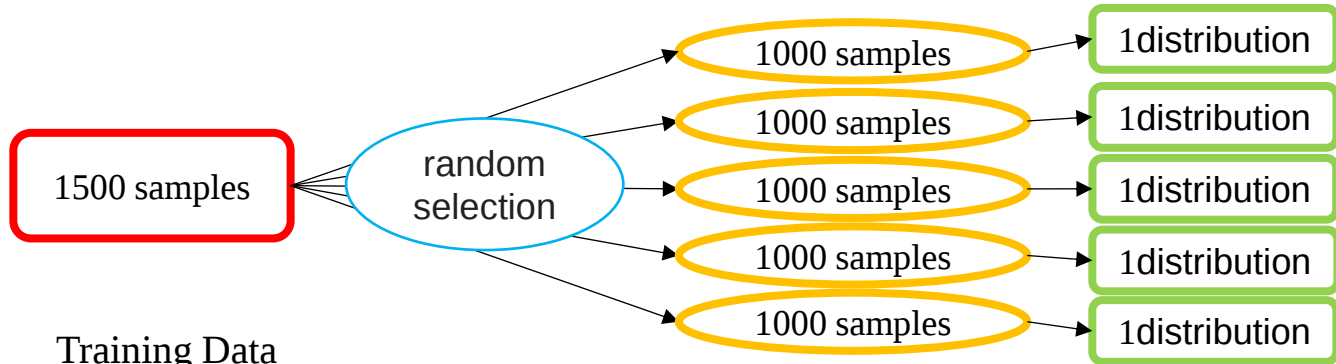
Training Data

- H/W ($\text{\AA}$): 0.1, 0.23
 - Material temperature (T_m): 300, 600, 1000 [K]
 - Incident energy (E_{in}): 0.1, 1, 10, 100 [eV]
- $2(H/W) \times 3(\text{temperature}) \times 4(\text{incident energy}) = 24$

Test Data

- H/W ($\text{\AA}$): 0.23
 - Material temperature (T_m): 400, 800 [K]
 - Incident energy (E_{in}): 5, 50 [eV]
- $2(\text{temperature}) \times 2(\text{incident energy}) = 4$ patterns

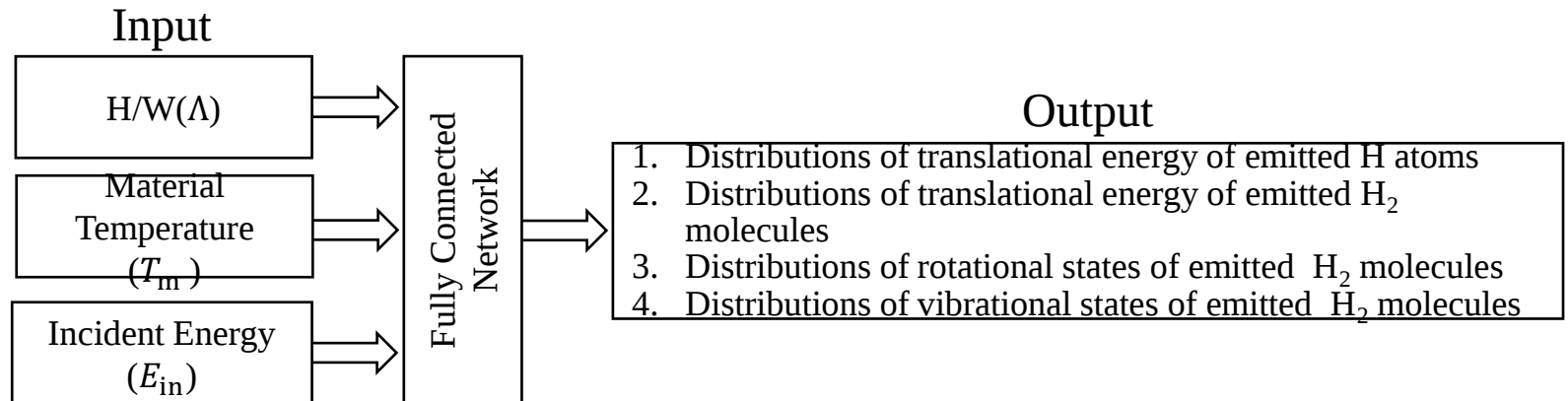
Machine Learning Model



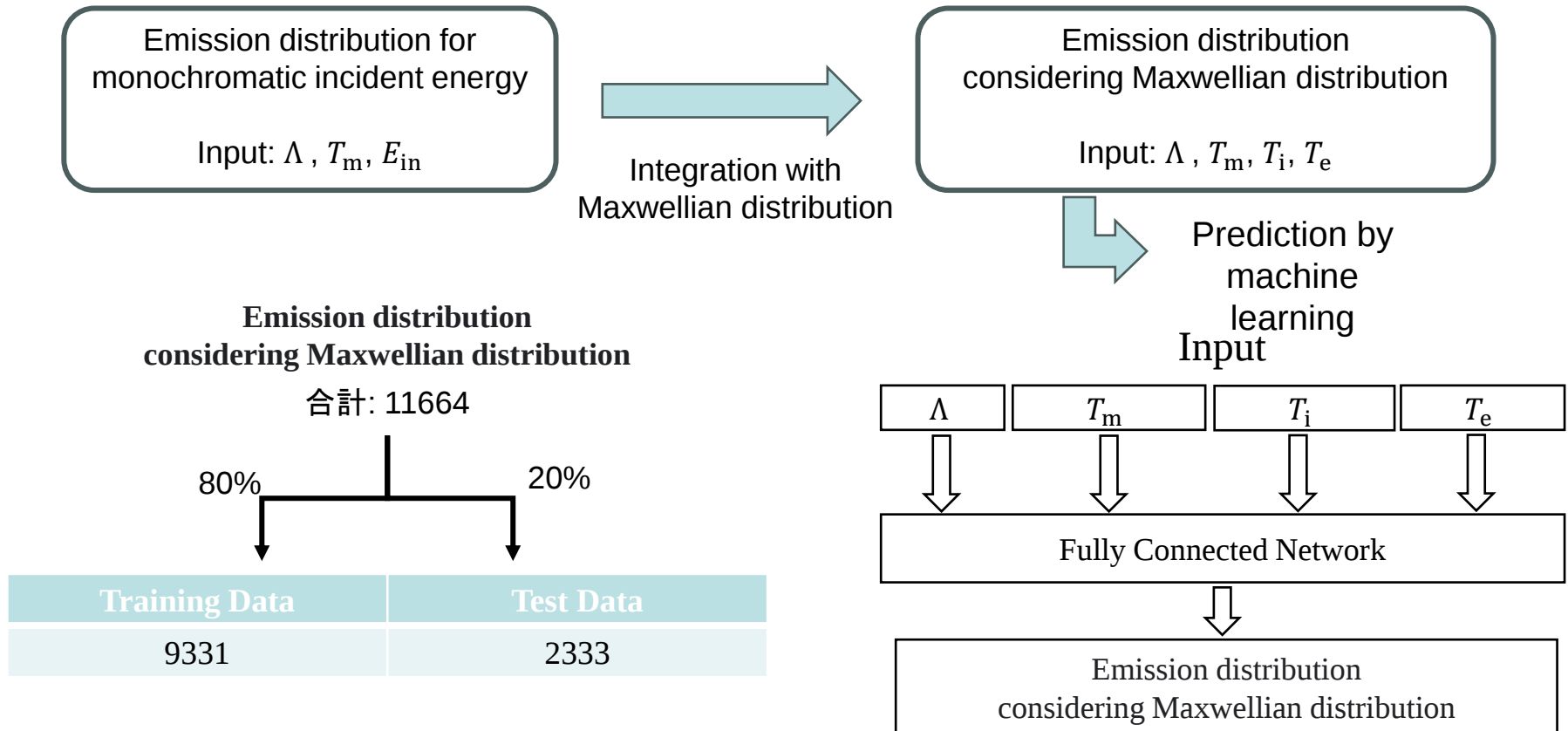
Training Data

$2(H/W) \times 3(\text{temperature}) \times 4(\text{incident energy}) = 24 \text{ patterns}$
 $\rightarrow 24 \times 5(\text{random selections}) = 120 \text{ training data}$

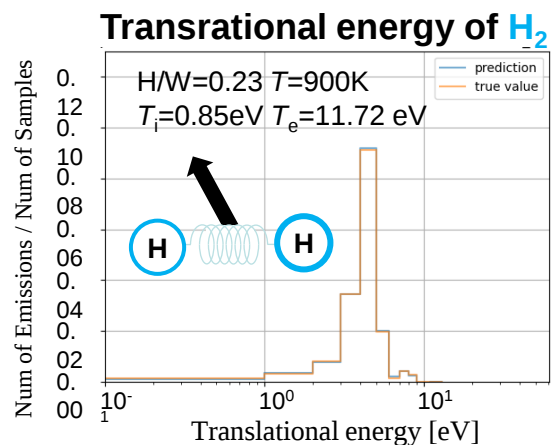
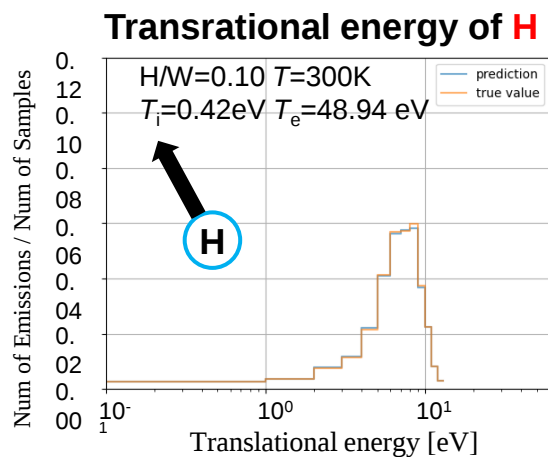
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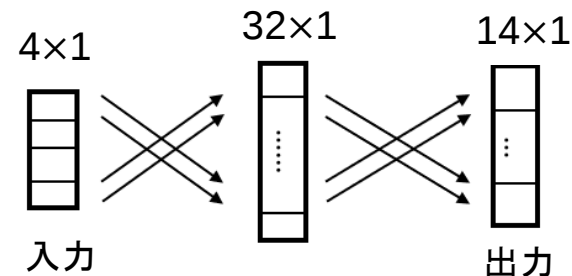
Direct prediction model for emission distribution considering Maxwellian distribution



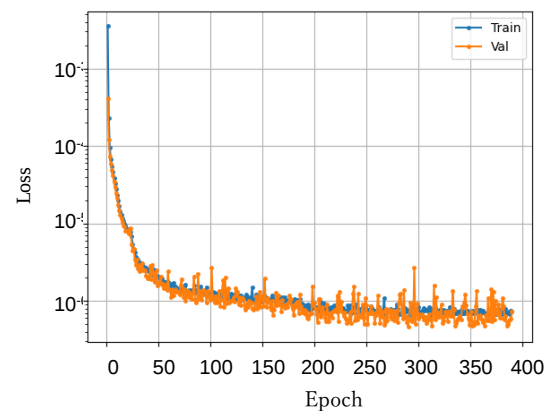
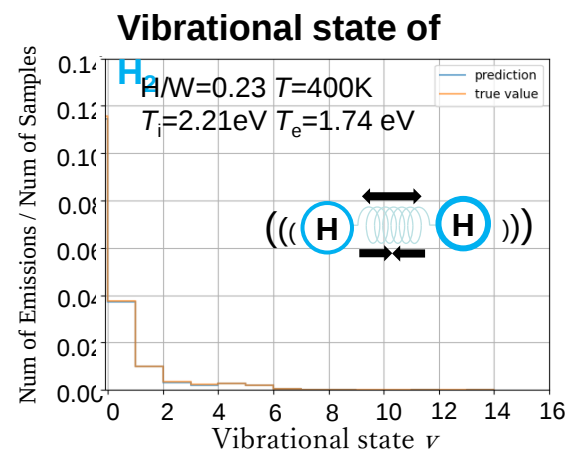
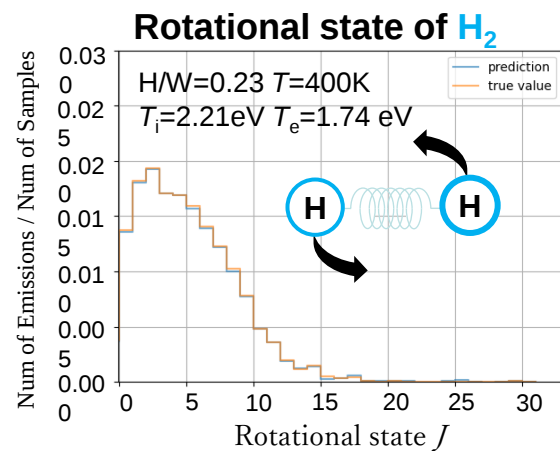
Result of prediction



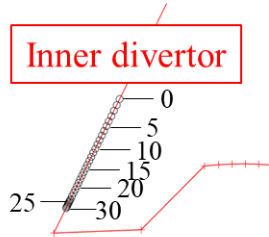
Atom translational energy distribution prediction model



Atom translational energy distribution Prediction model loss function (MSE)



Energy absorption due to excitation of rovibrational states



$$\Delta E_e = \sum_{p,q} C_e(T_e: p, q) n(p) n_e \Delta E(p, q)$$

$$\Delta E_{H^+} = \sum_{p,q} C_{H^+}(T_e: p, q) n(p) n_e \Delta E(p, q)$$

$$\Delta E_H = \sum_{p,q} C_H(T_e: p, q) n(p) n_H \Delta E(p, q)$$

C_* : Excitation rate coefficient due to collision with *

p : Vibration/rotation level before collision

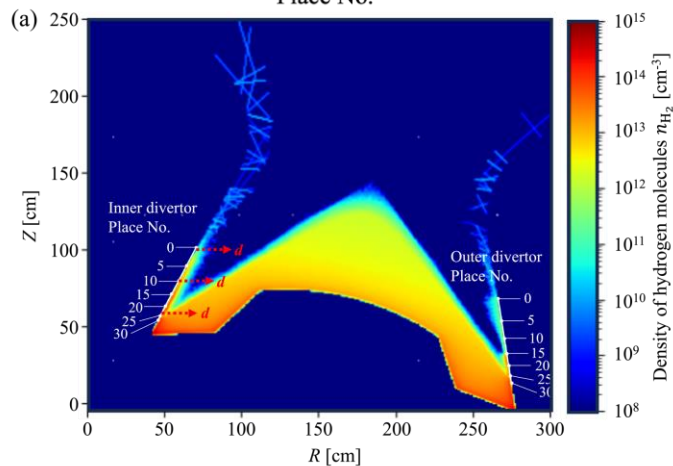
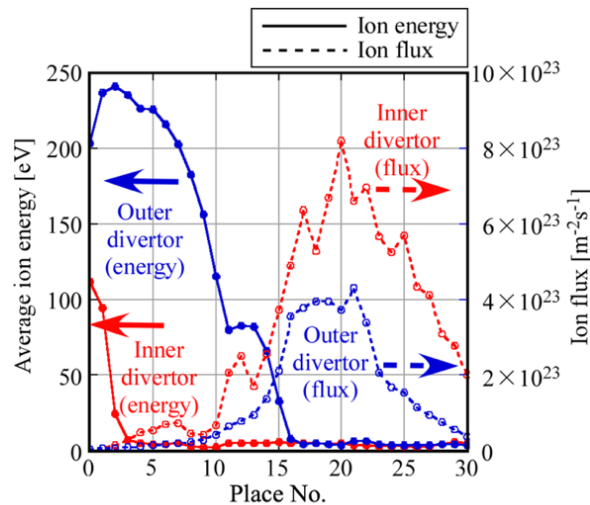
q : Vibration/rotation level after collision

$$\Delta E(p, q) \equiv E(q) - E(p) ,$$

$E(p)$: Energy eigenvalue at rovibrational state p

$n(p)$: Hydrogen molecule density at vibrational/rotational level p

Place No.	d [cm]	T_e [eV]	n_e [cm ⁻³]	n_{H_2} [cm ⁻³]	n_H [cm ⁻³]	ΔE_e [eV/(cm ³ s)]	ΔE_{H^+} [eV/(cm ³ s)]	ΔE_H [eV/(cm ³ s)]
1	2	13.0	1.3×10^{13}	2.9×10^9	4.6×10^{11}	1.9×10^{15}	2.9×10^{15}	3.1×10^{10}
10	2	1.9	1.8×10^{15}	1.2×10^{10}	2.5×10^{14}	1.9×10^{19}	1.2×10^{18}	2.7×10^{12}
23	2	2.3	2.8×10^{15}	4.3×10^9	3.2×10^{14}	1.7×10^{19}	1.0×10^{18}	4.1×10^{11}



Obtained energy by excitation of rovibrational state
by collision with electrons ΔE_e [eV/(cm³ s)]

$$\Delta E_e = \sum_{p,q} C_e(T_e; p, q) n(p) n_e \Delta E(p, q)$$

p : Vibration/rotation level
before collision

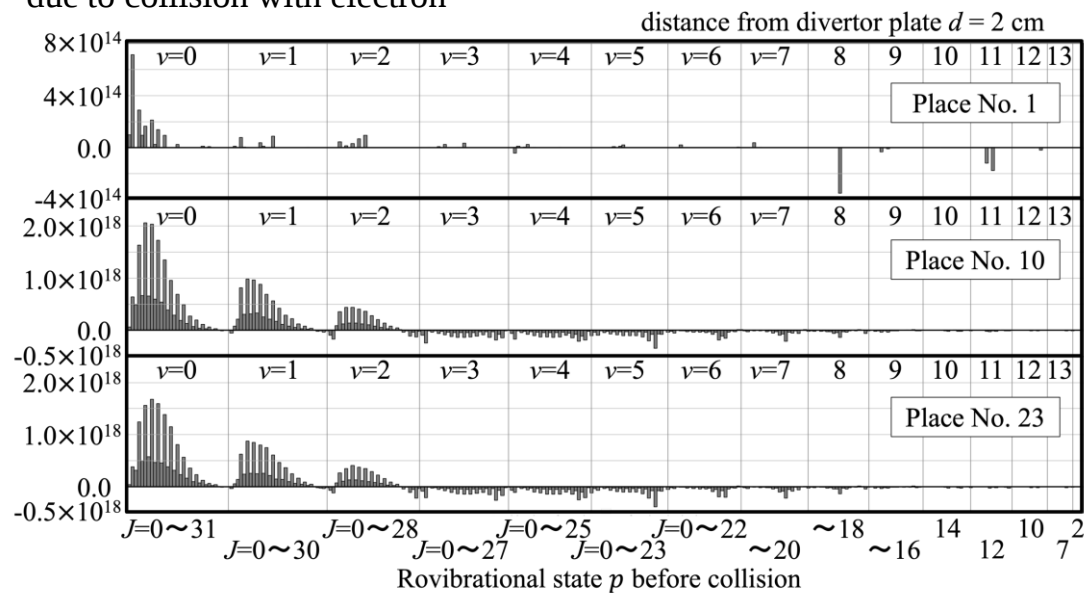
q : Vibration/rotation level
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C_e : Excitation rate coefficient
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Calculation of vibrational state v and rotational state J of H_2 molecule

1. Calculate rotational state J from total angular momentum L of hydrogen molecule in center-of-mass coordinate system obtained from MD

$$L^2 = \hbar^2 J(J+1) \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad J = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{1 + 4 \left(\frac{L}{\hbar} \right)^2} - 1 \right)$$

2. Calculate the total energy E in center-of-mass coordinate

Classical system:
$$\frac{1}{2} \mu \left(\frac{dR}{dt} \right)^2 + U(R) + \frac{1}{2\mu} \left(\frac{L}{R} \right)^2 = E$$

R : Internuclear distance
 μ : Reduced mass
 $U(R)$: Potential function

3. Find the v closest to the values of J and E from the table of J , v and E pairs obtained by solving the Schrodinger equation in center-of-mass coordinate system.

Quantum system:
$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \frac{d^2 \psi_v}{dR^2} + U(R) \psi_v + \frac{\hbar^2 J(J+1)}{2\mu R^2} \psi_v = E \psi_v$$

