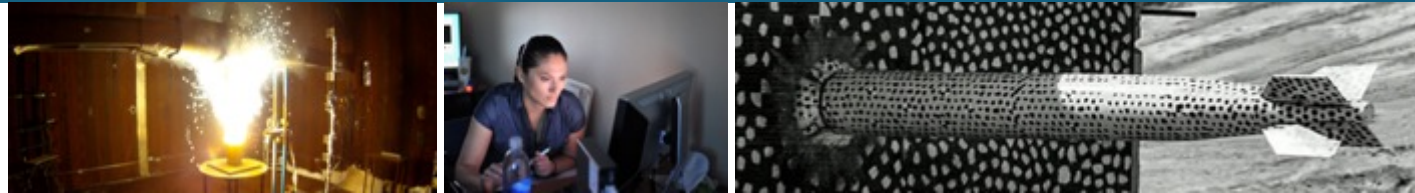




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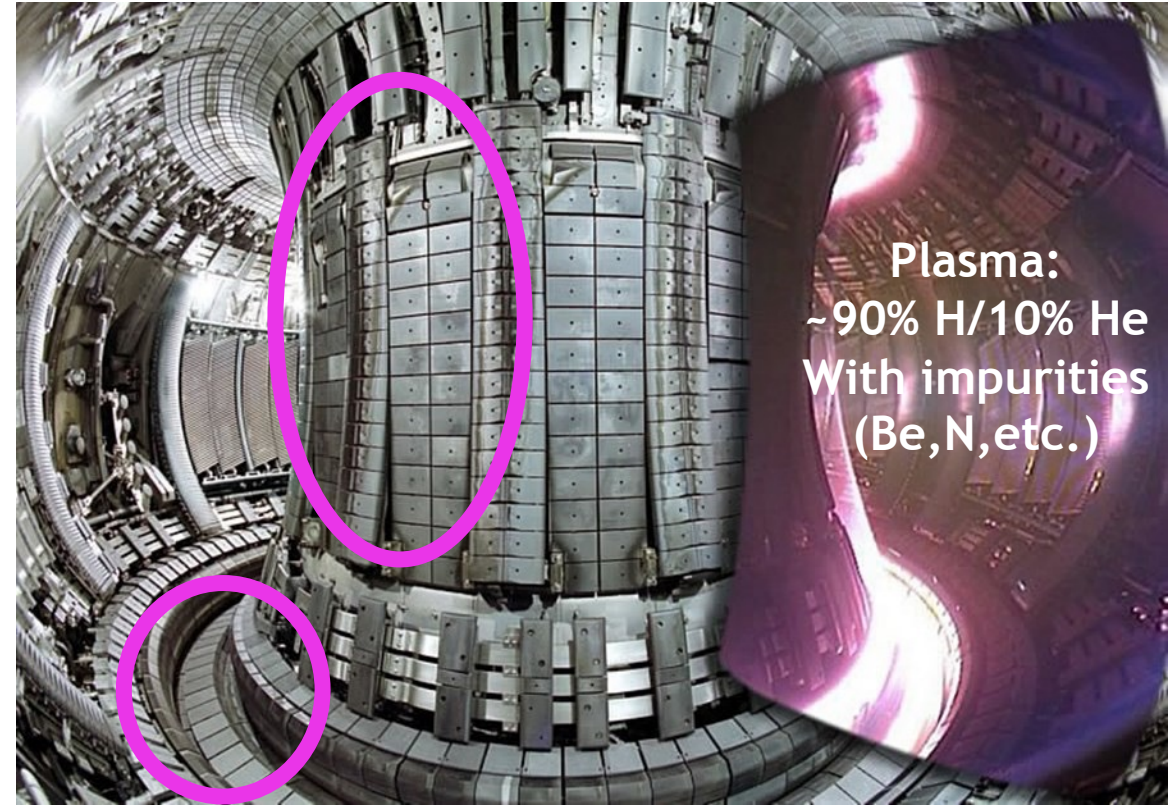


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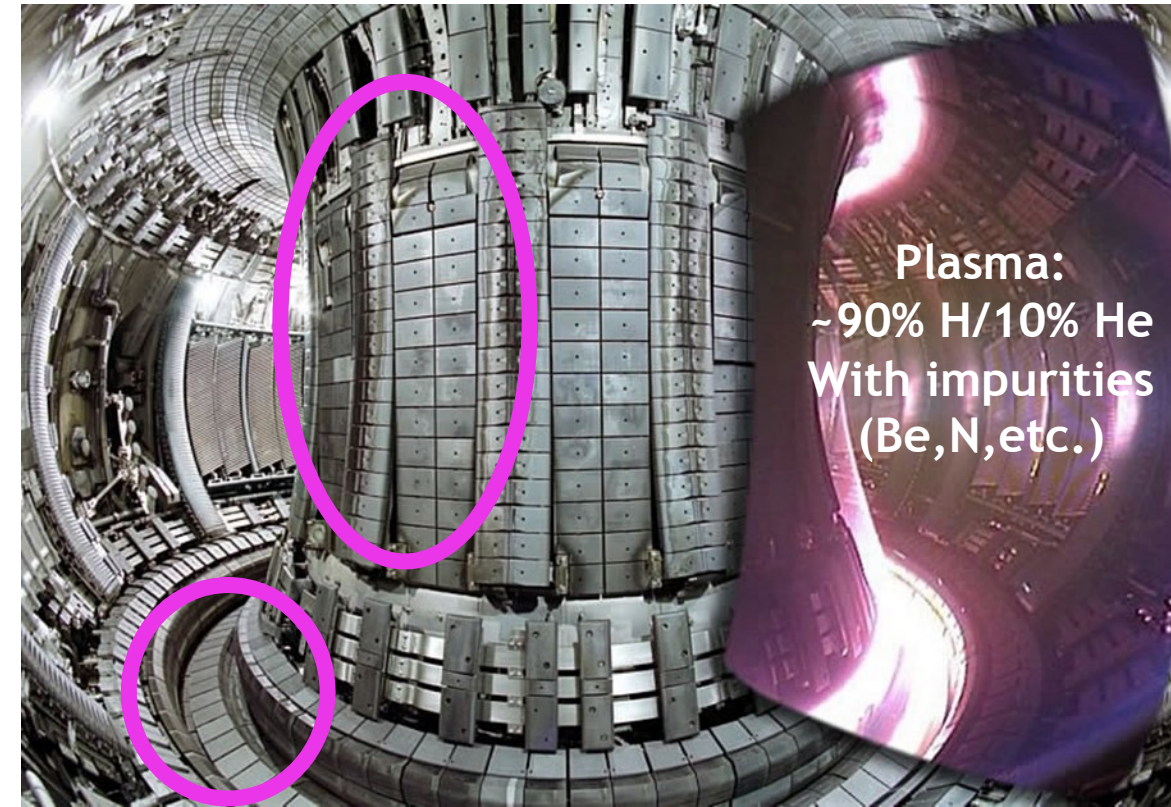
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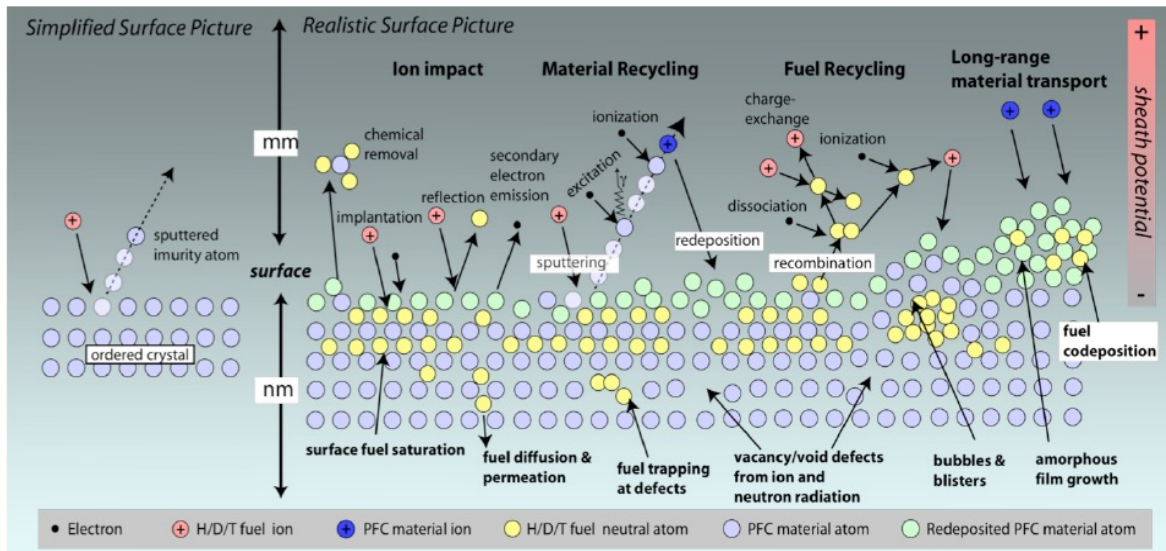
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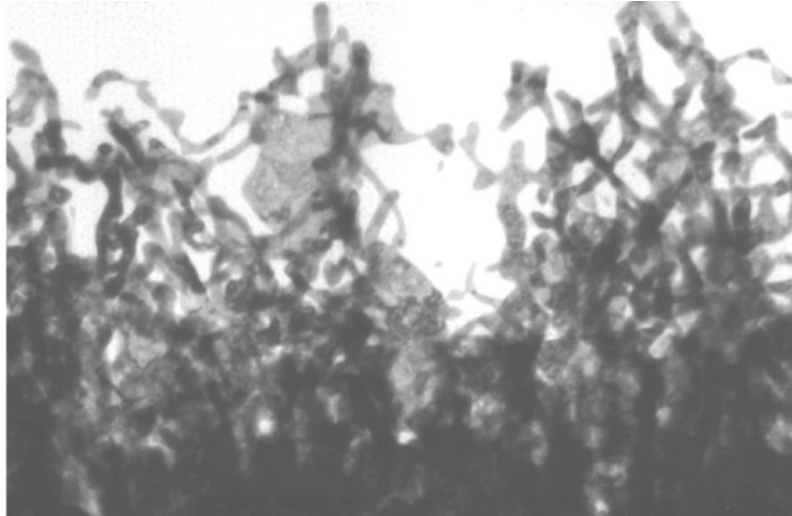
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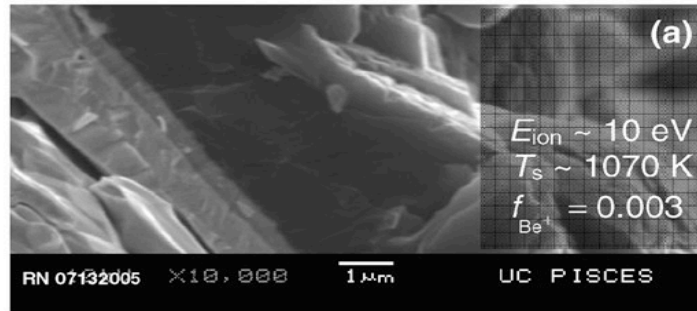
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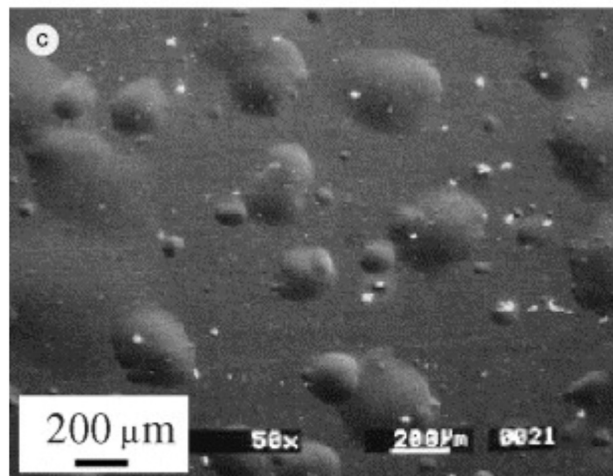
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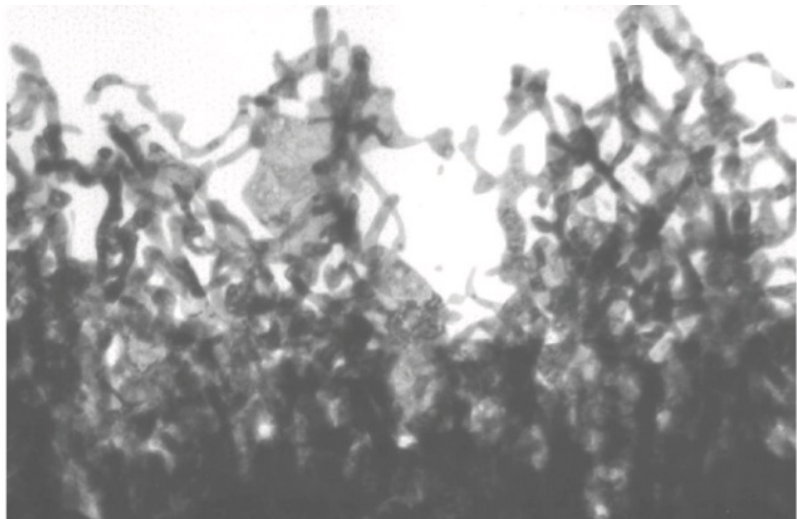


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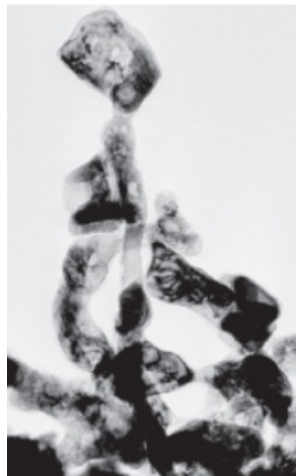
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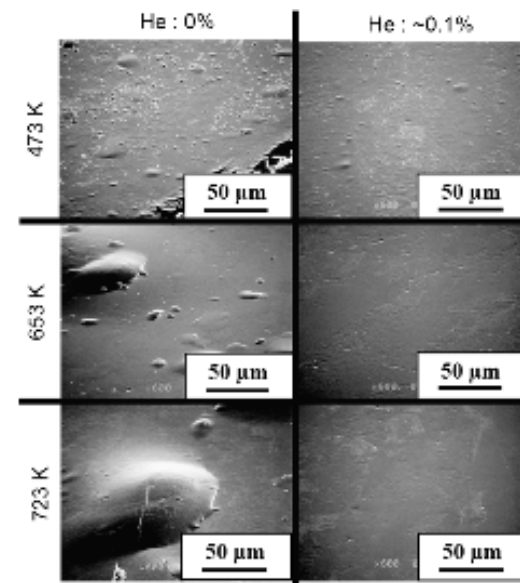


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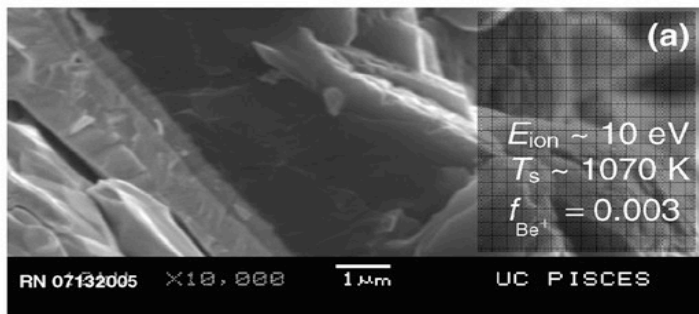
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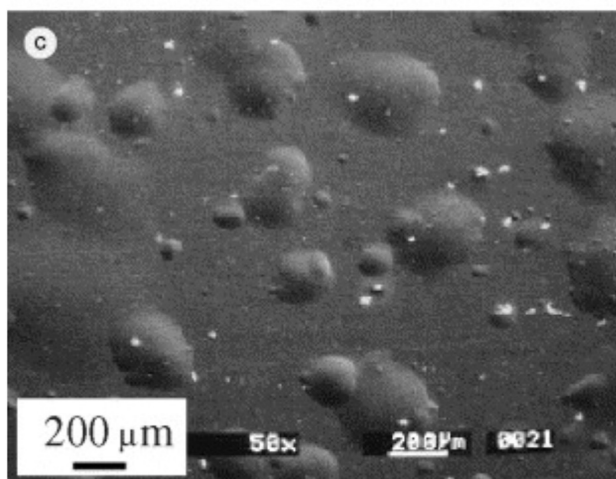
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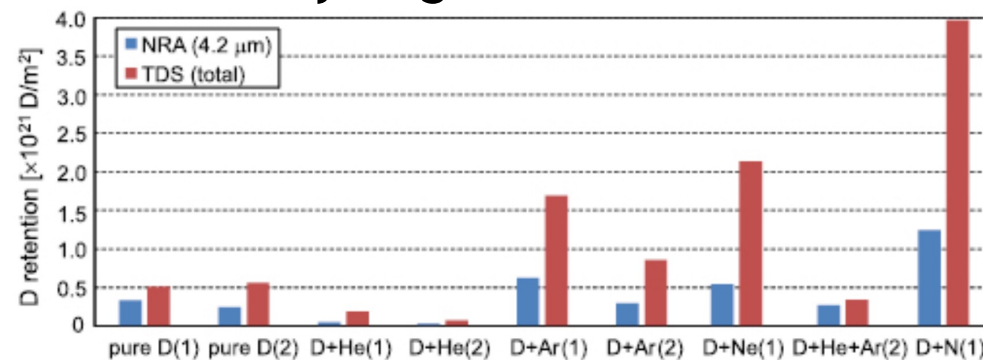
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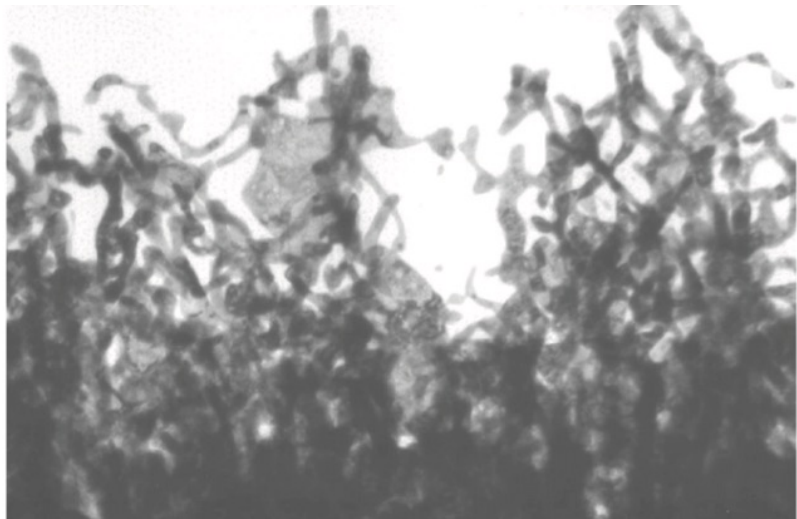


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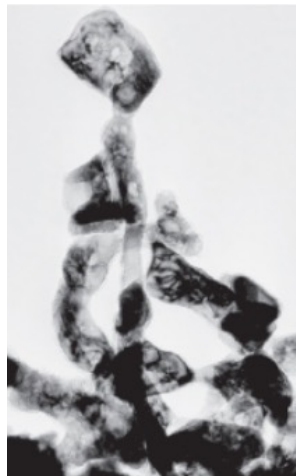
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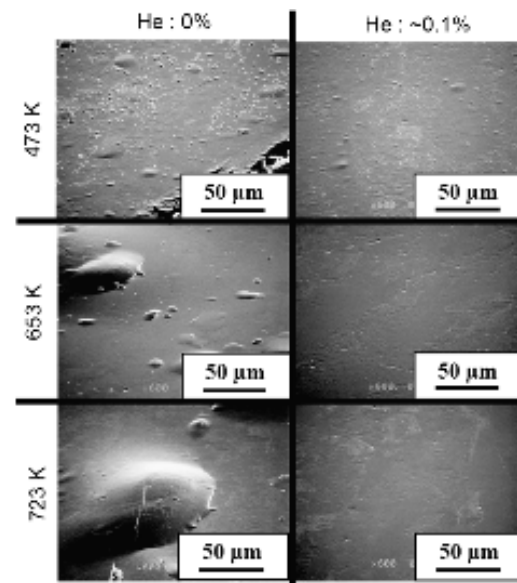


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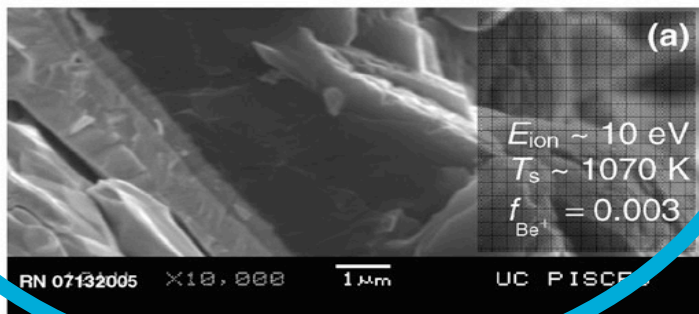
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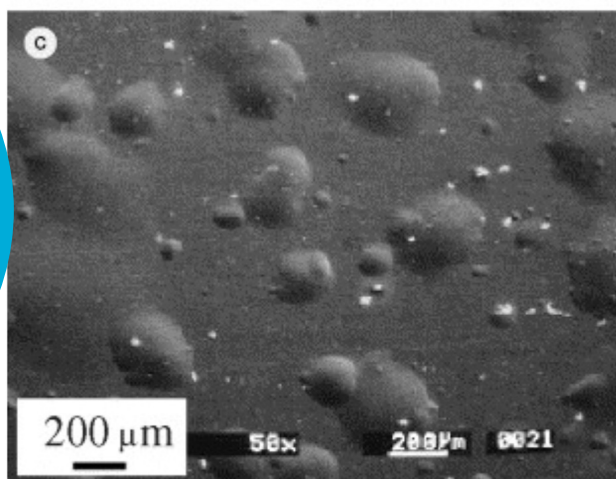
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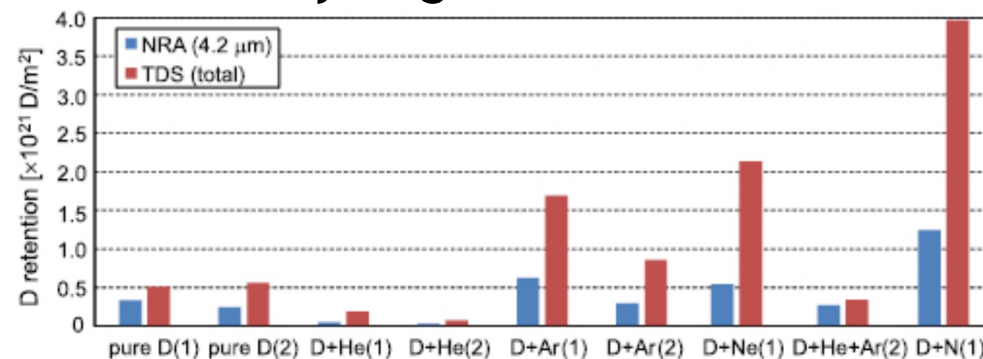
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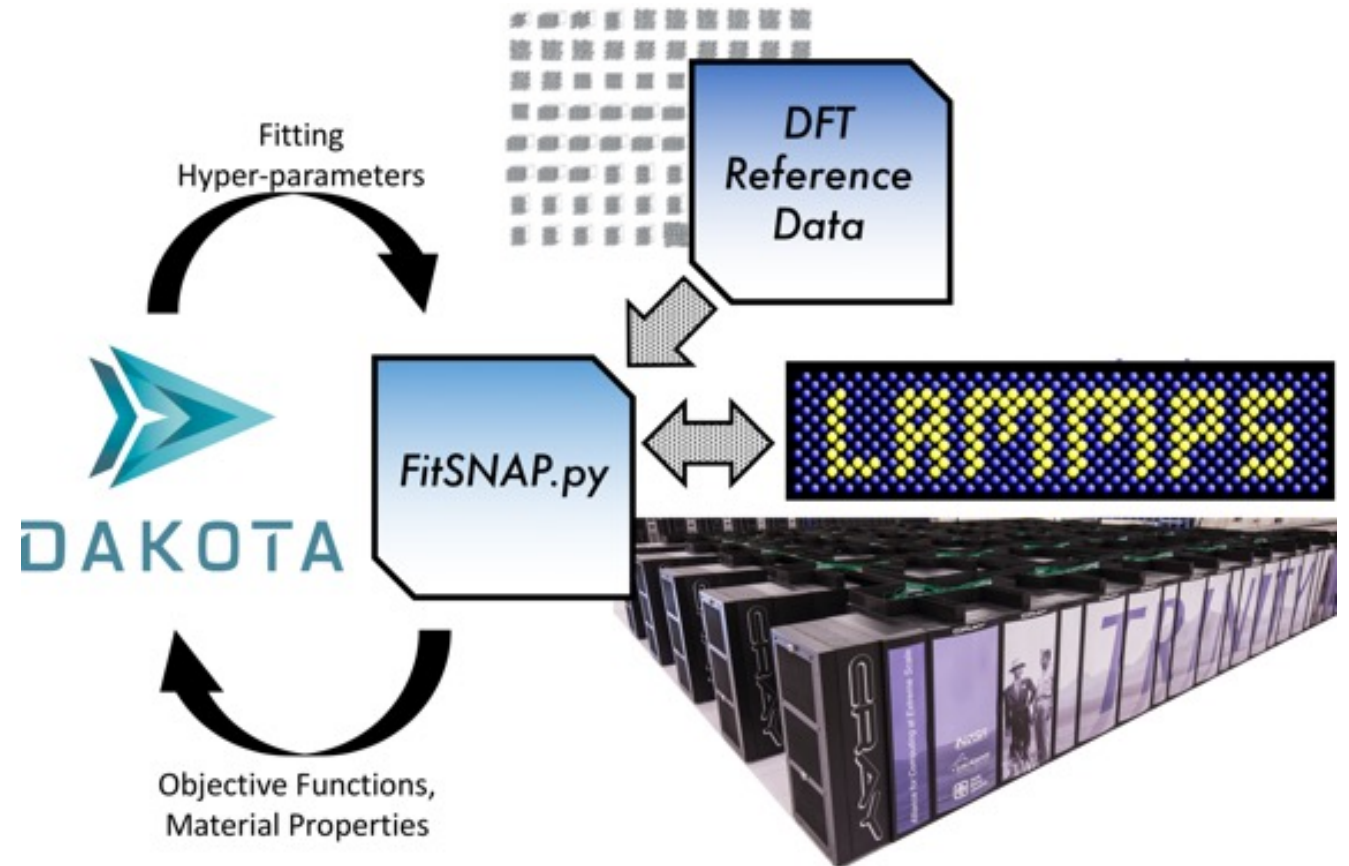
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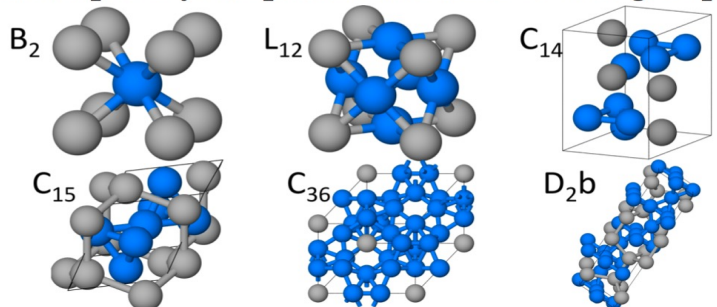
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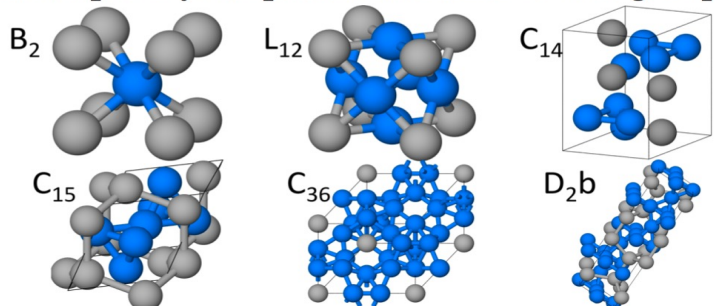
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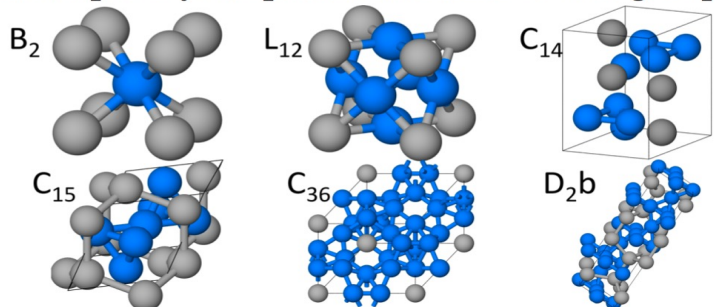
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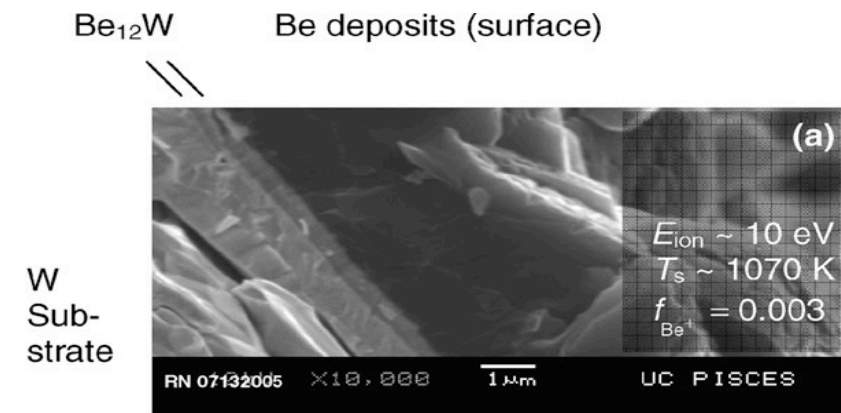
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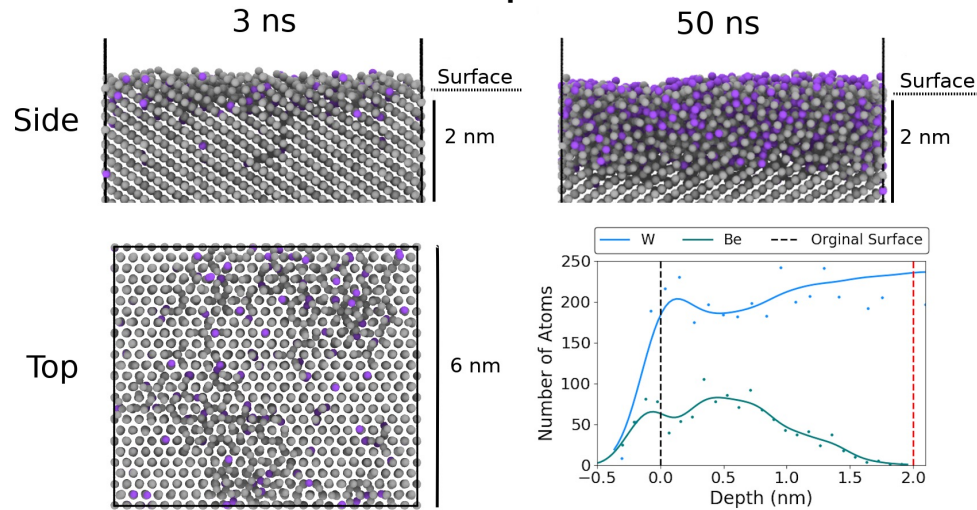
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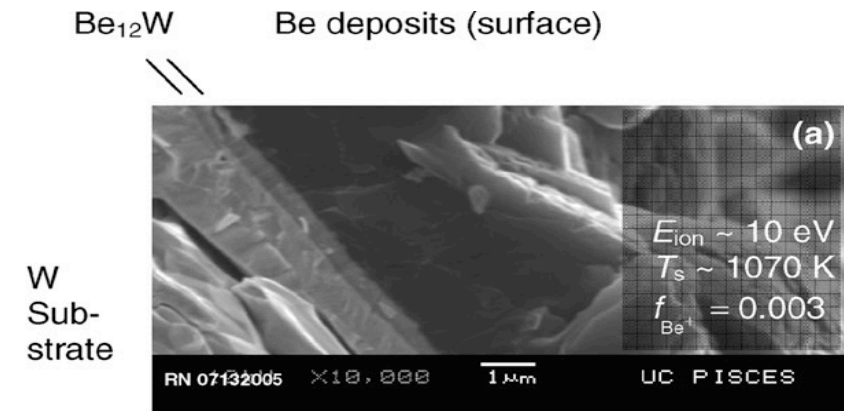


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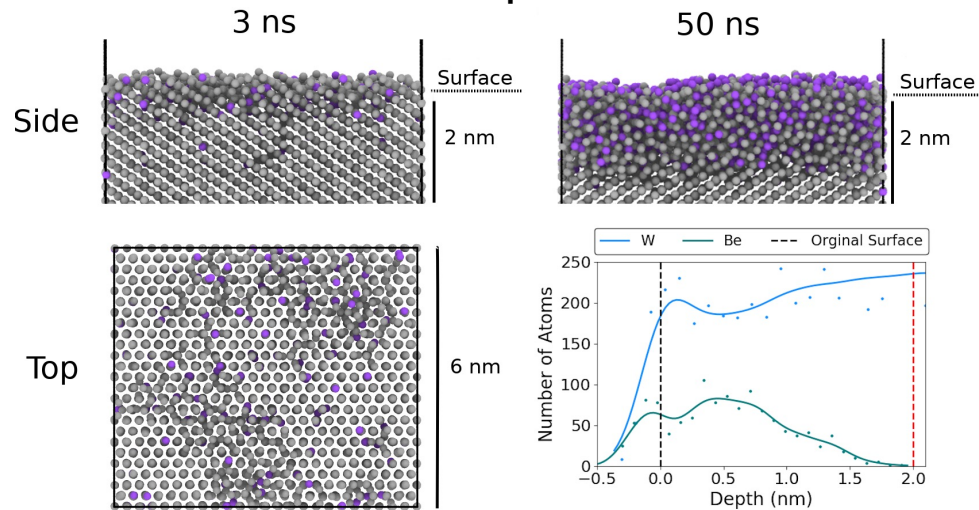


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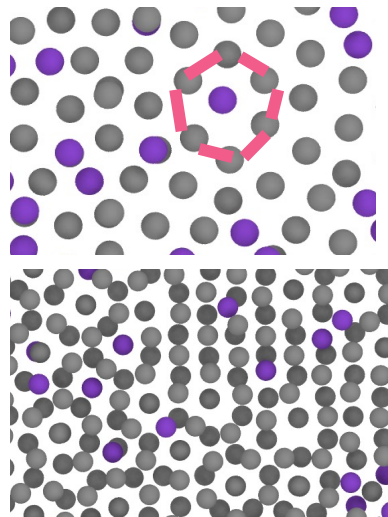
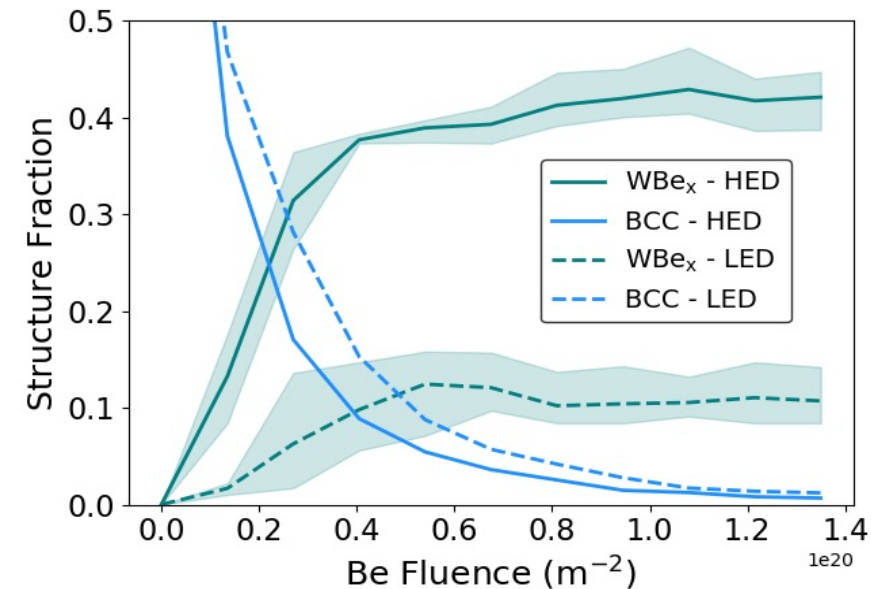


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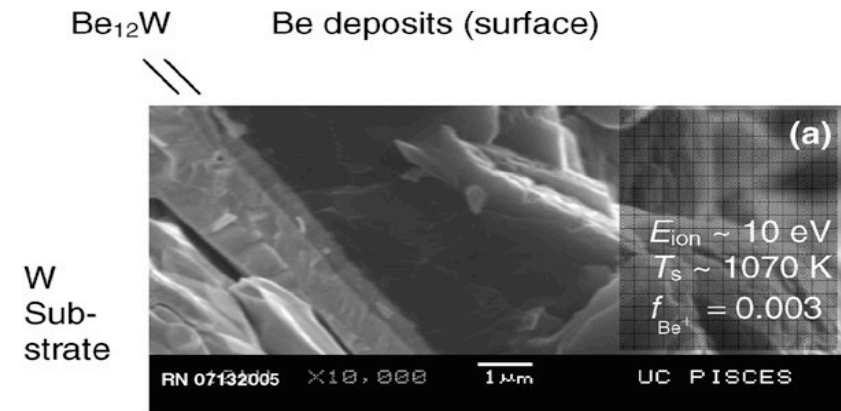


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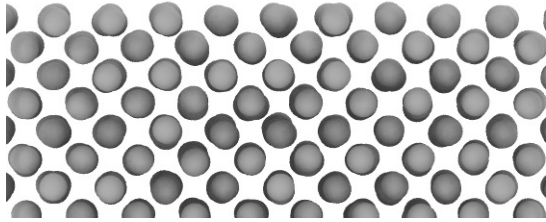


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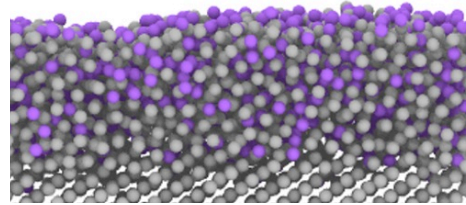


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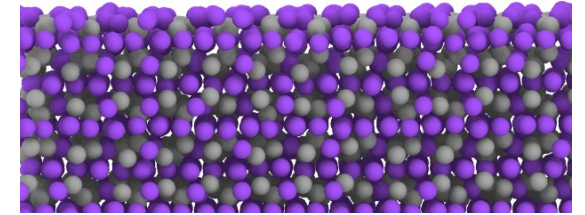


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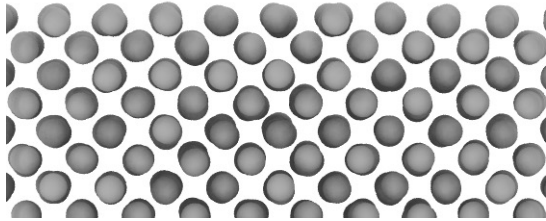


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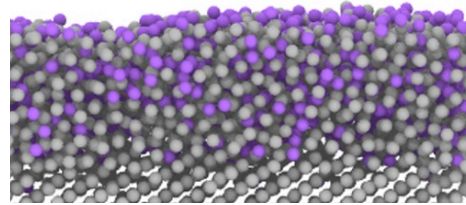


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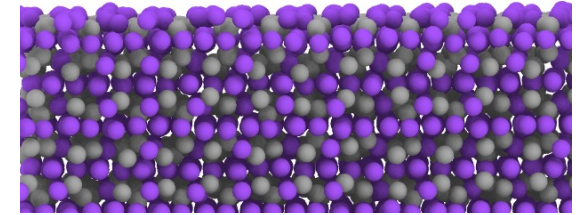
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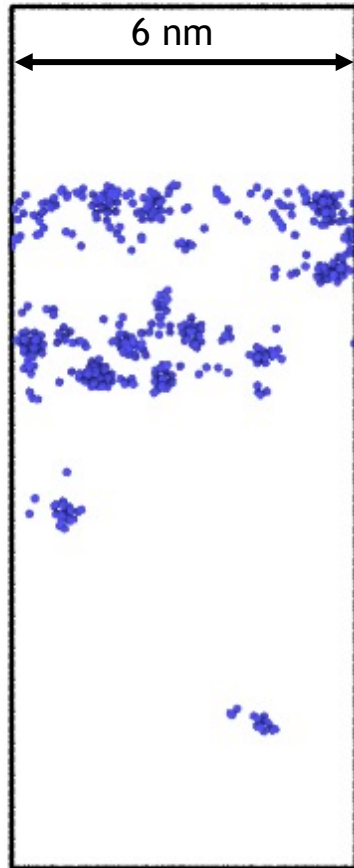


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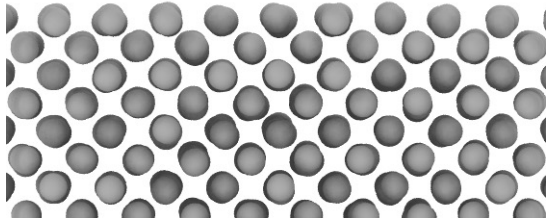


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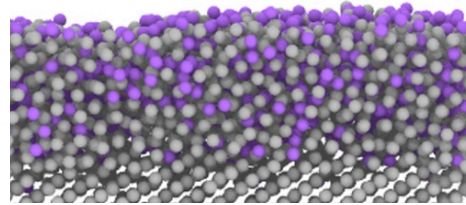


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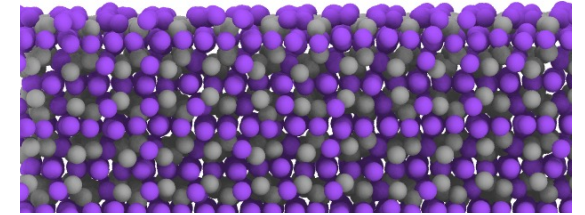
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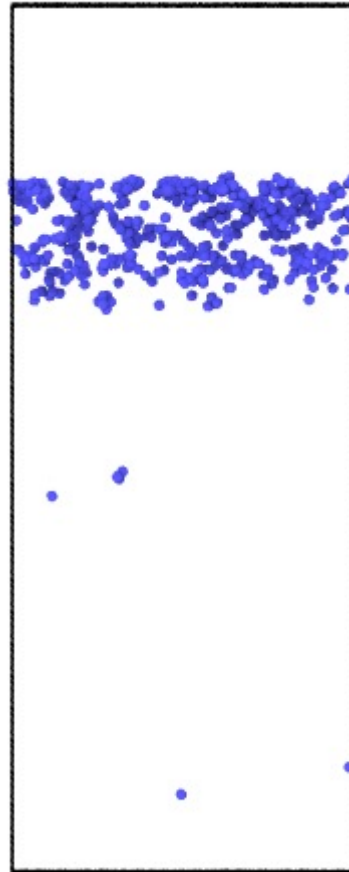


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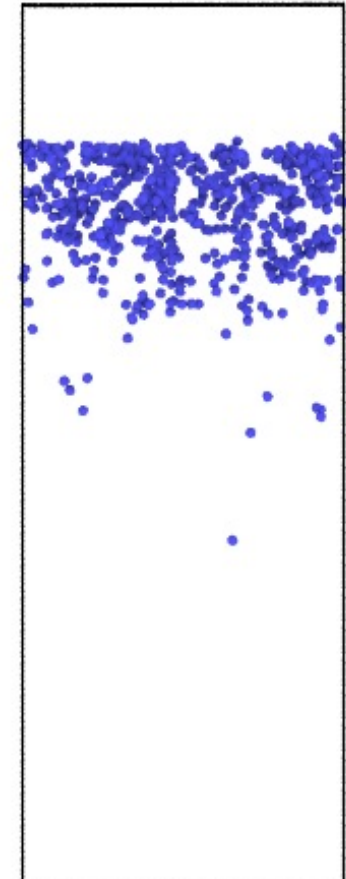
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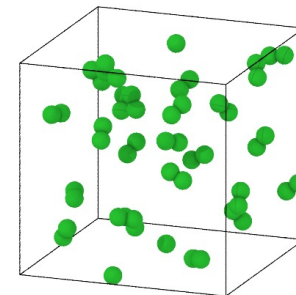
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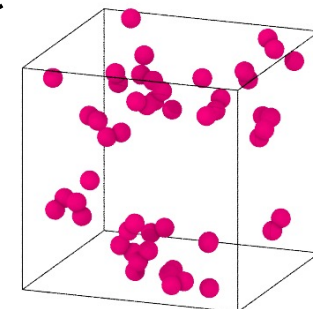
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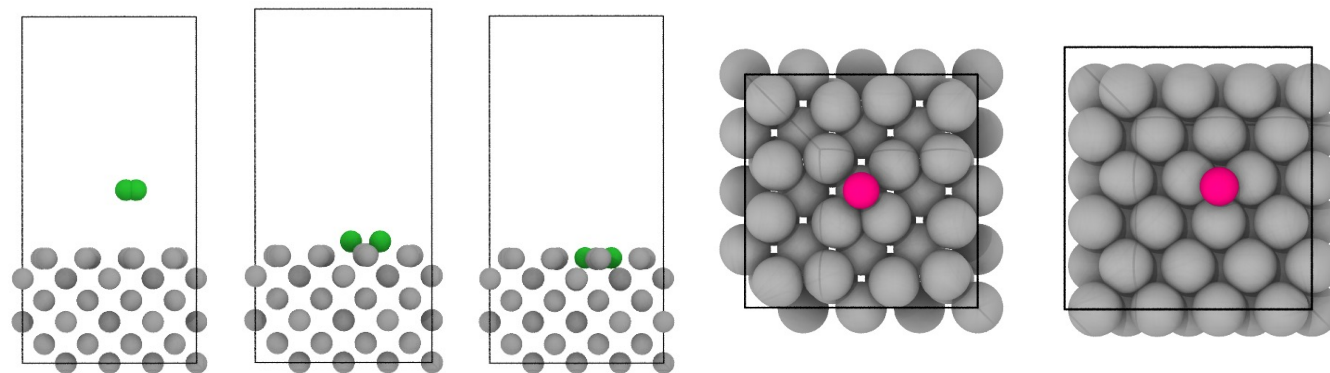
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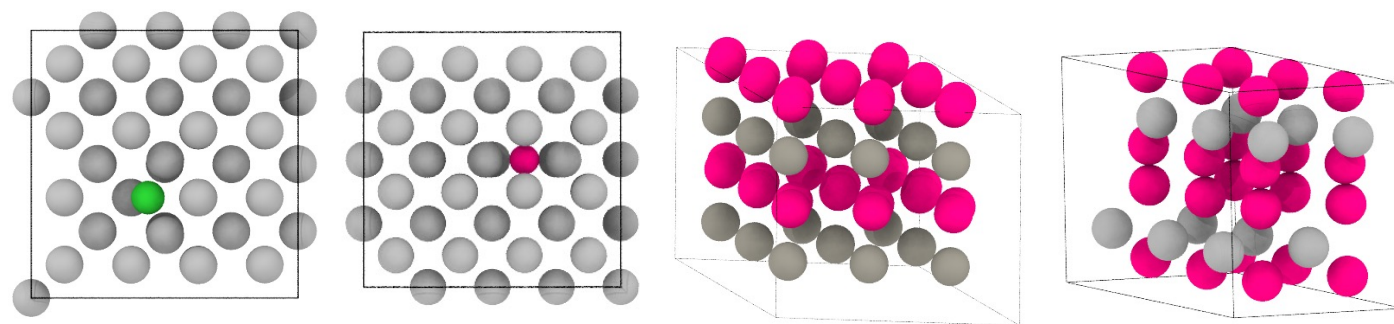


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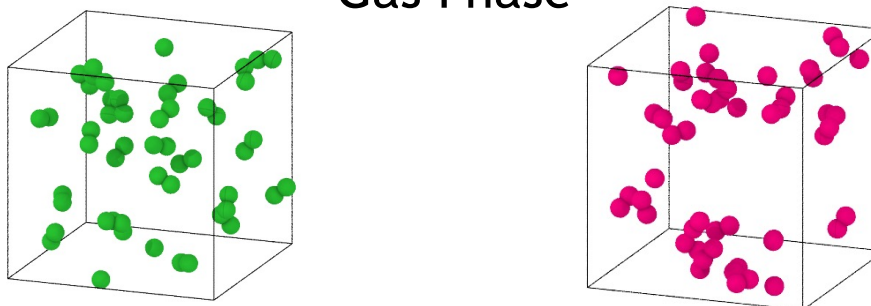
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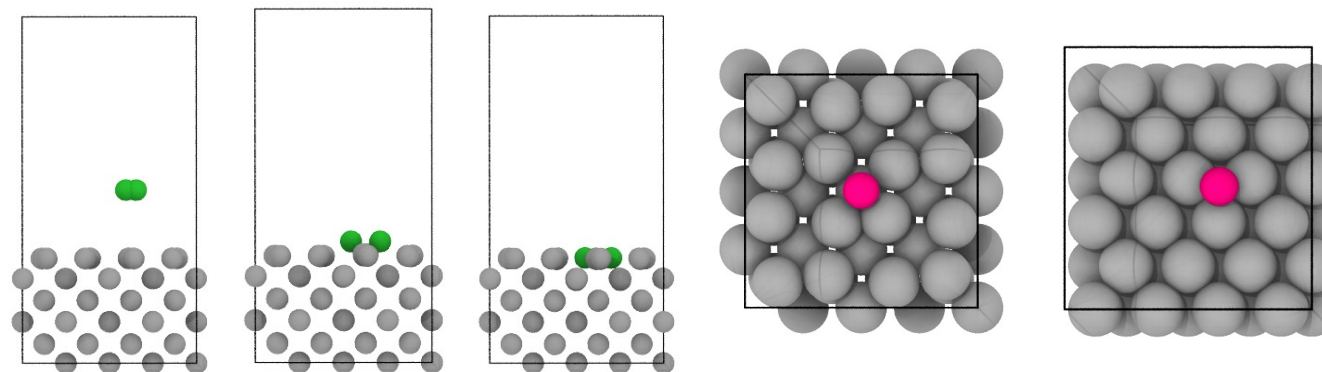
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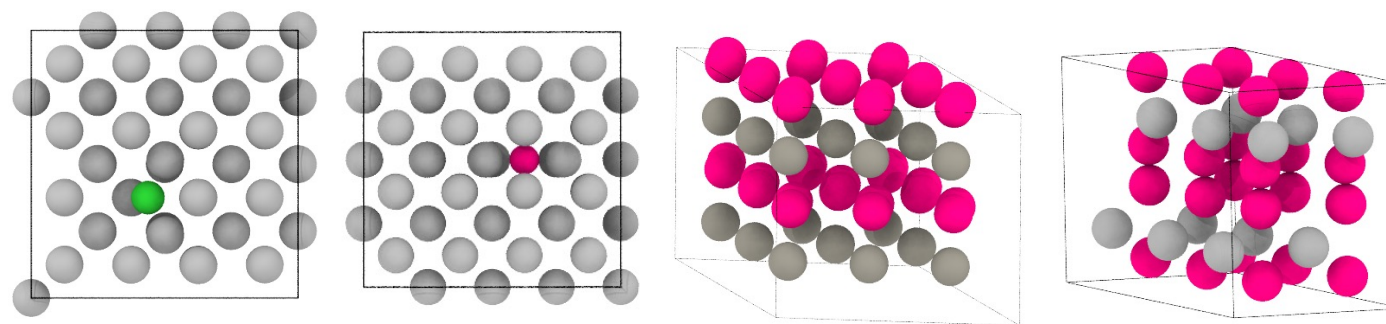


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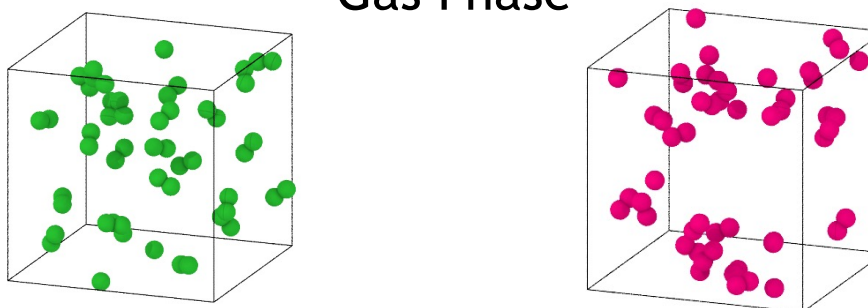
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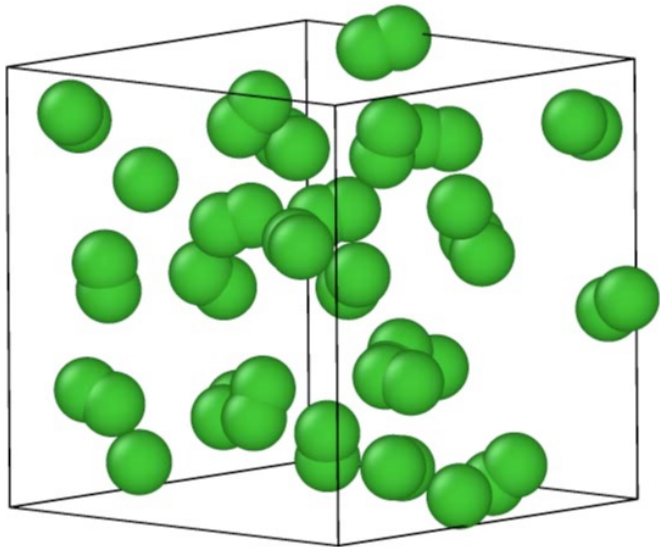
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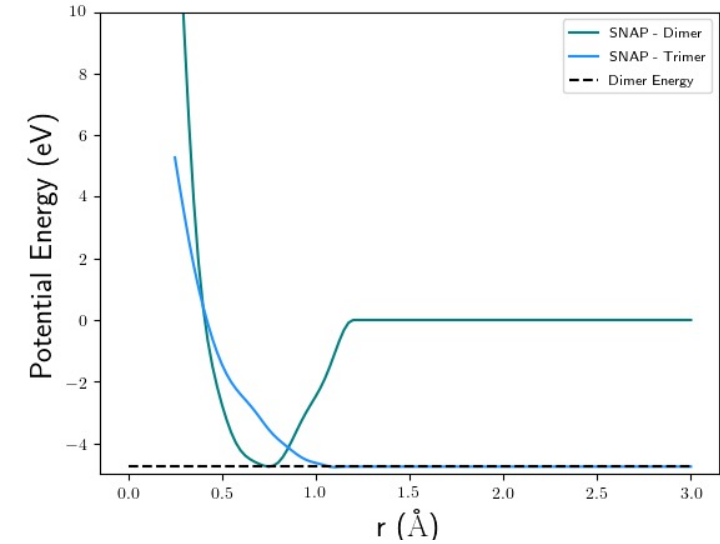


Challenges in Developing W-H and W-N SNAP Potentials

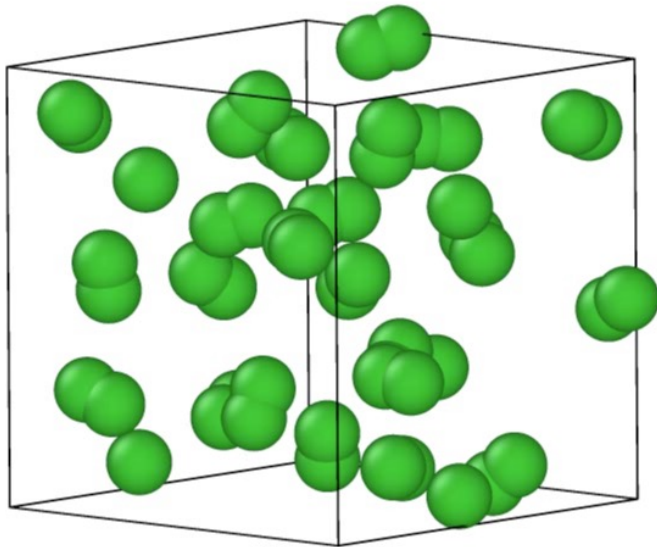


- Have never used SNAP for gaseous species before
- Hydrogen and nitrogen training data is also more sparse compared to crystalline structures i.e. tungsten
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Hydrogen Binding Curves

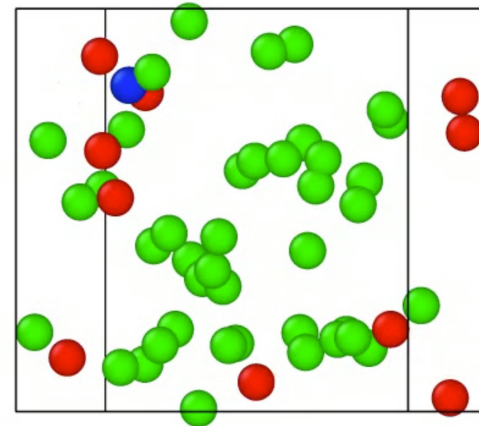
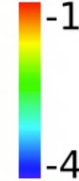


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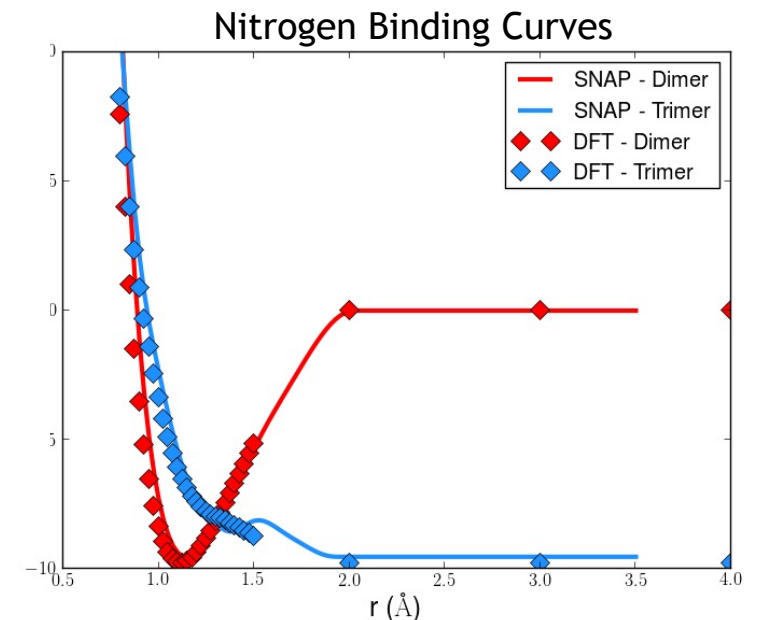
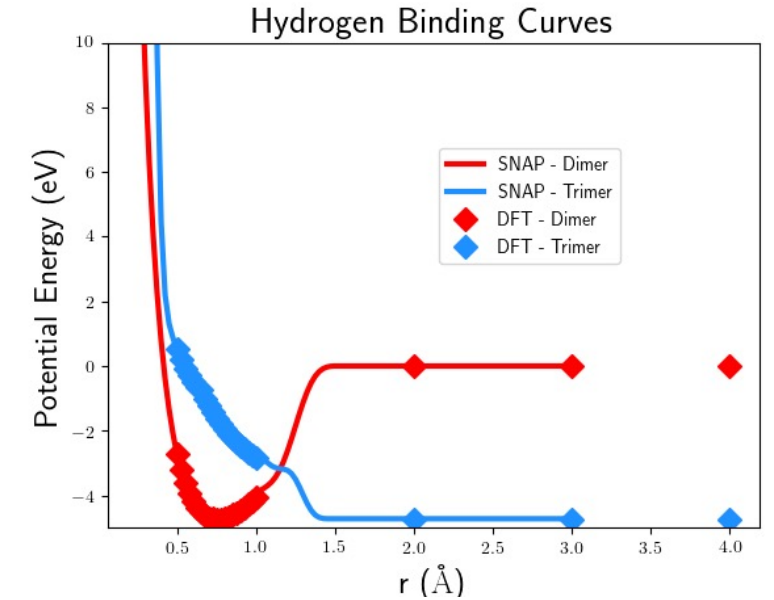
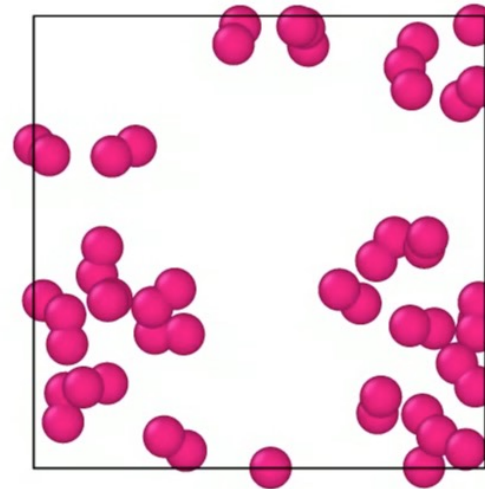
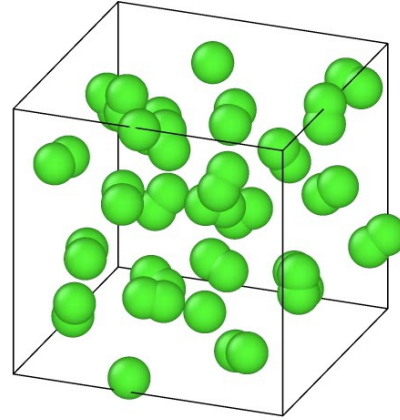
Poor Energetics

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- Atoms colored by potential energy
- Green is nominal H₂ energy
- Reproduces correct binding curves

- Modifications to fitting workflow yielded better results in reproducing correct gas species behavior
- Adjustments included:
 - Only including training data near potential energy well
 - Making radial cutoff much shorter (1.5 Å for H and 2.0 Å for N) compared to W (4.6 Å)
 - Adding extra objective function for dynamics behavior
 - Adjusted ZBL cutoff
 - Adjusted objective function for binding curves

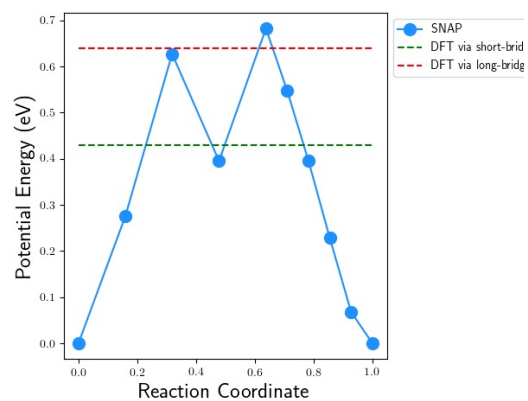


Tradeoff Between Surface and Bulk Behavior

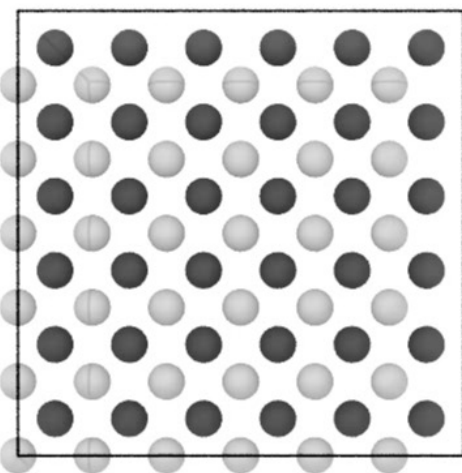
Potential for H on Surfaces

	DFT (eV)	SNAP (eV)
(100) Ads. Site	Bridge	Bridge
(110) Ads. Energy	-0.96	-0.95
(100) Ads. Site	Hollow	Hollow
(110) Ads. Energy	-0.75	-0.43

NEB Surface Hop



Top-down Surface View



Tradeoff Between Surface and Bulk Behavior

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Potential for H on Surfaces

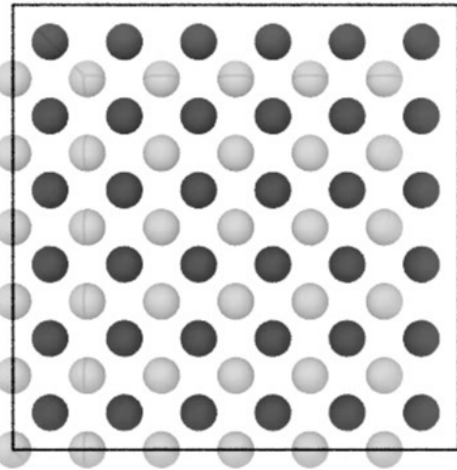
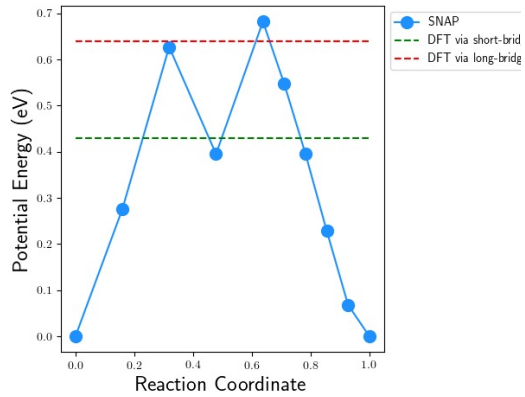
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E_f^{Sub} (eV)	4.08	4.02

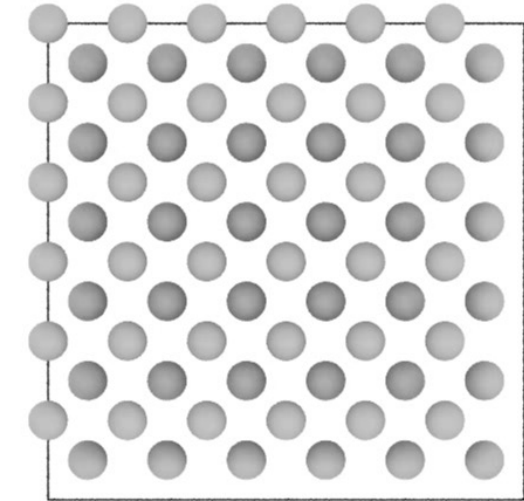
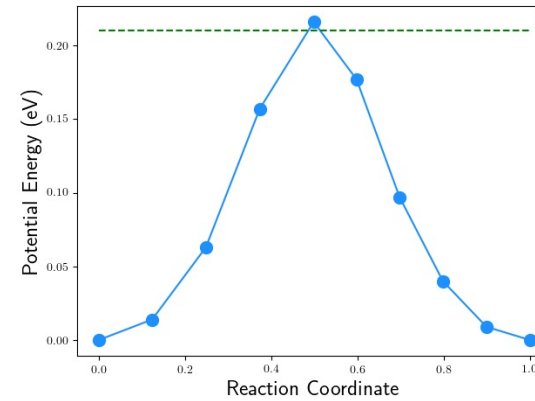
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Bulk Tungsten



Tradeoff Between Surface and Bulk Behavior

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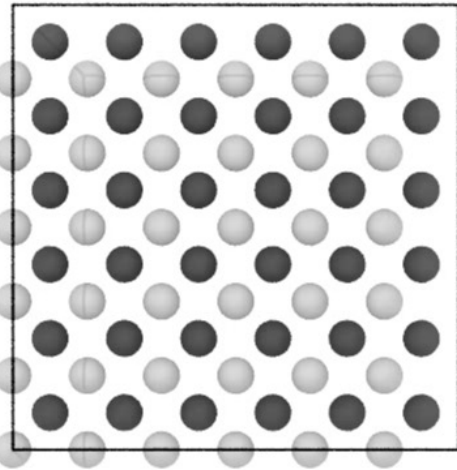
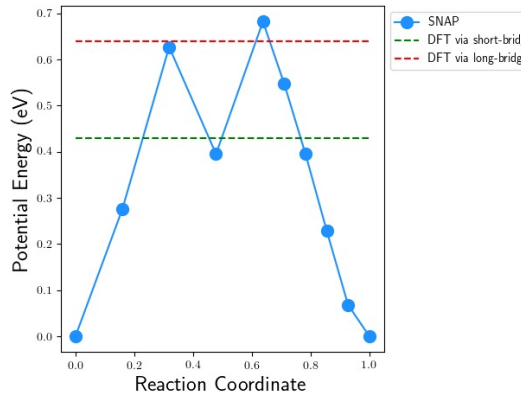
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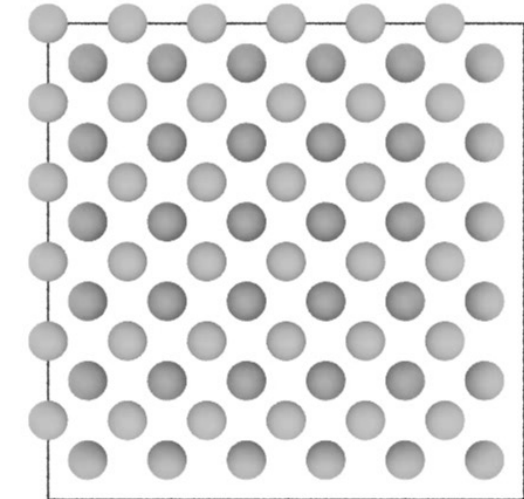
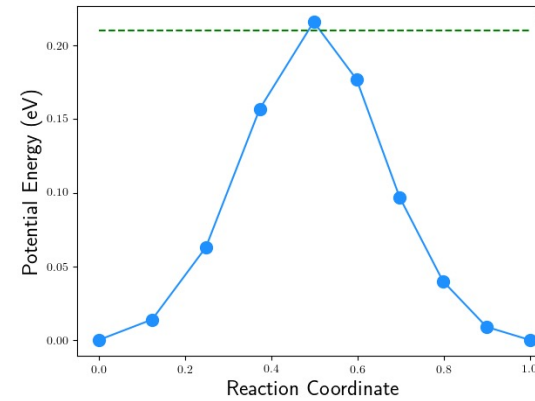
Top-down Surface View



	DFT	SNAP
E_f^{Tet} (eV)	0.88	8.89
E_f^{Oct} (eV)	1.26	9.34
E_f^{Sub} (eV)	4.08	3.87

NEB Bulk Hop

Bulk Tungsten

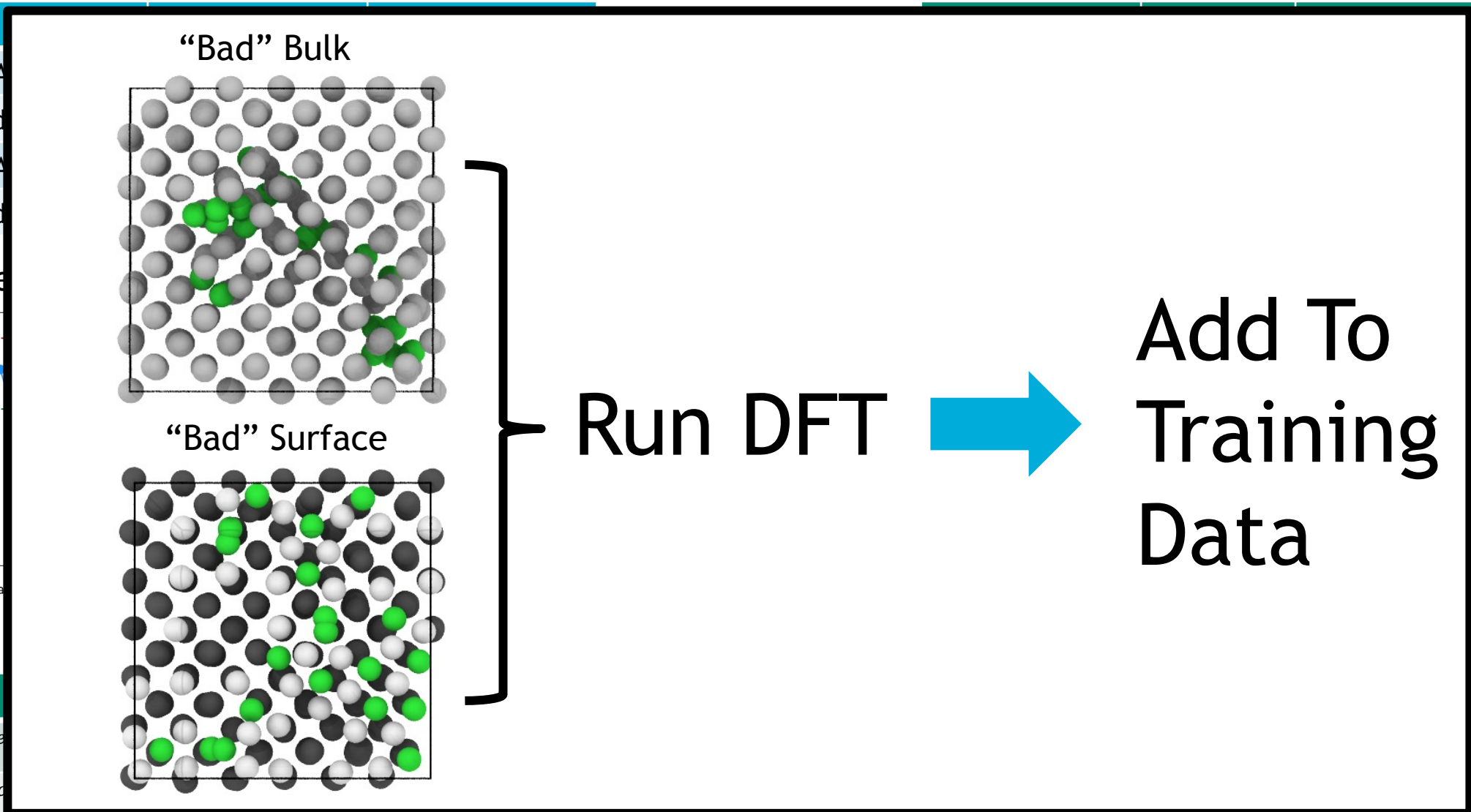


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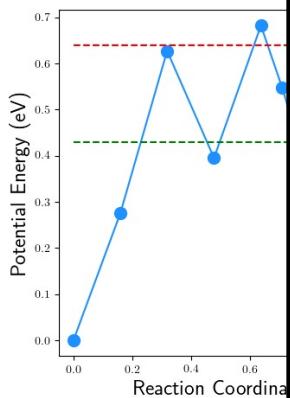
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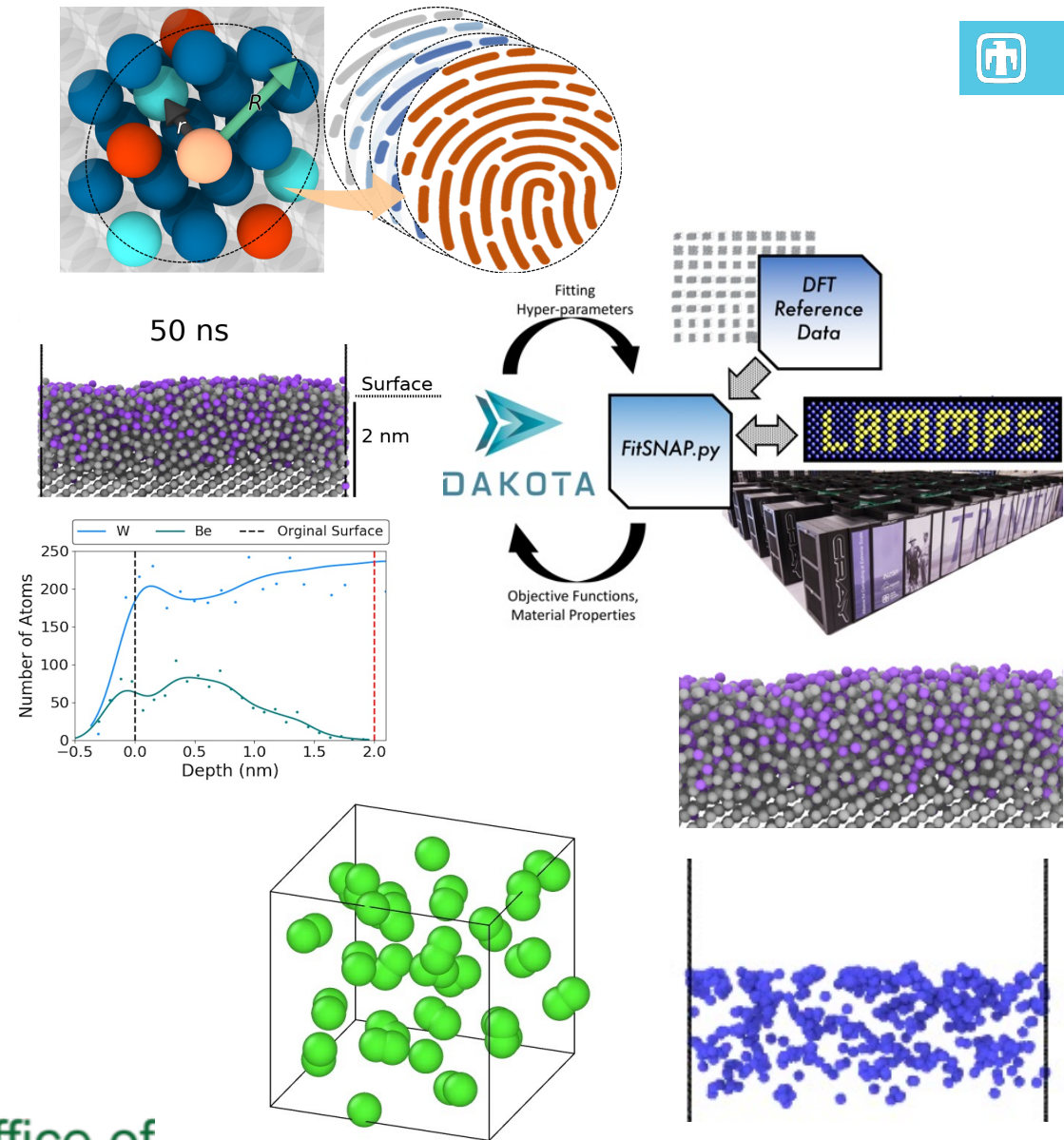


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Summary

- SNAP is a versatile ML interatomic potential that has been applied to a variety of materials including materials for fusion energy
- A W-Be SNAP potential has been developed and used to study Be implantation in W and extended to simulation He implantation W-Be materials
- The current SNAP potential is being extended for W-H and W-N and SNAP can reproduce gas species behavior both in vacuum and in metals
- Future work entails the development of one W-Be-H-He-N potential for studying fusion energy materials



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MD Approximations Change Over Time



Twobody (B.C.)

Lennard-Jones, Hard
Sphere, Coulomb, Bonded

Manybody (1980s)

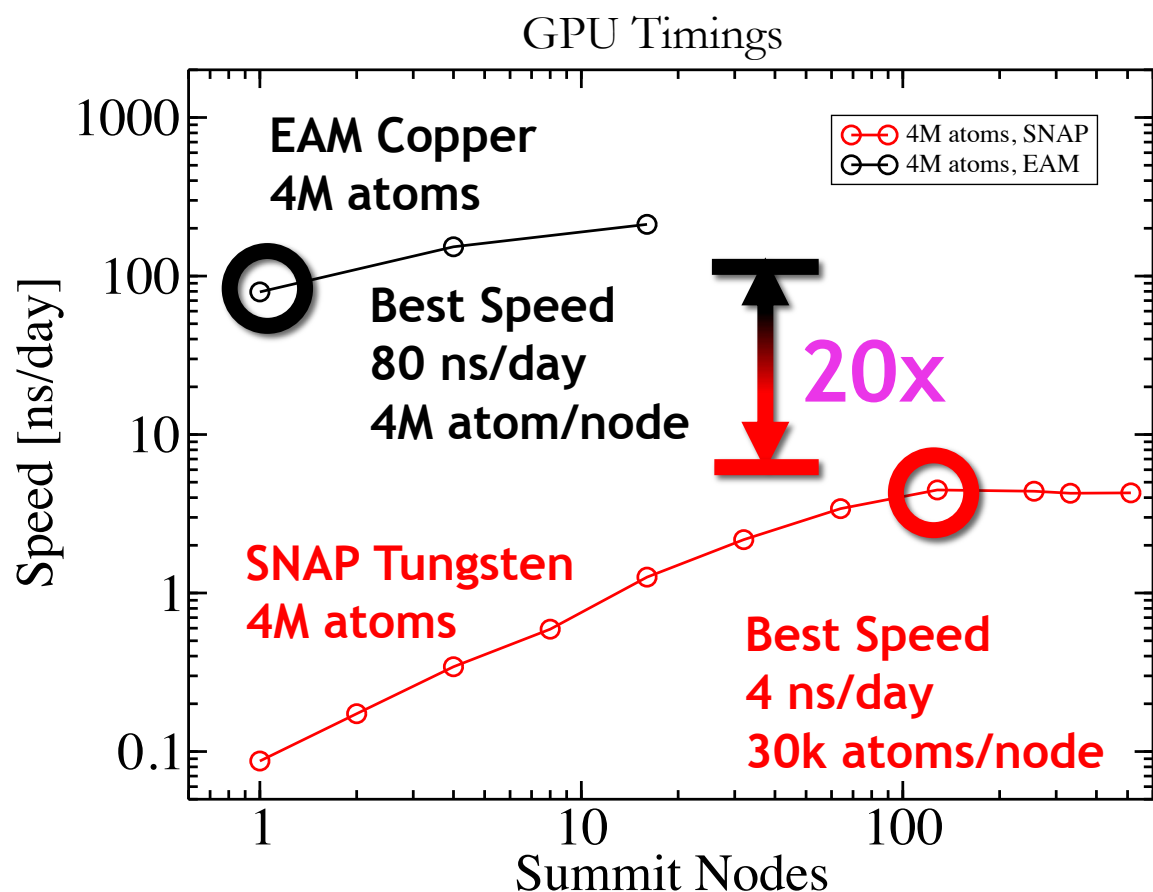
Stillinger-Weber, Tersoff,
Embedded Atom Method

Advanced (90s-2000s)

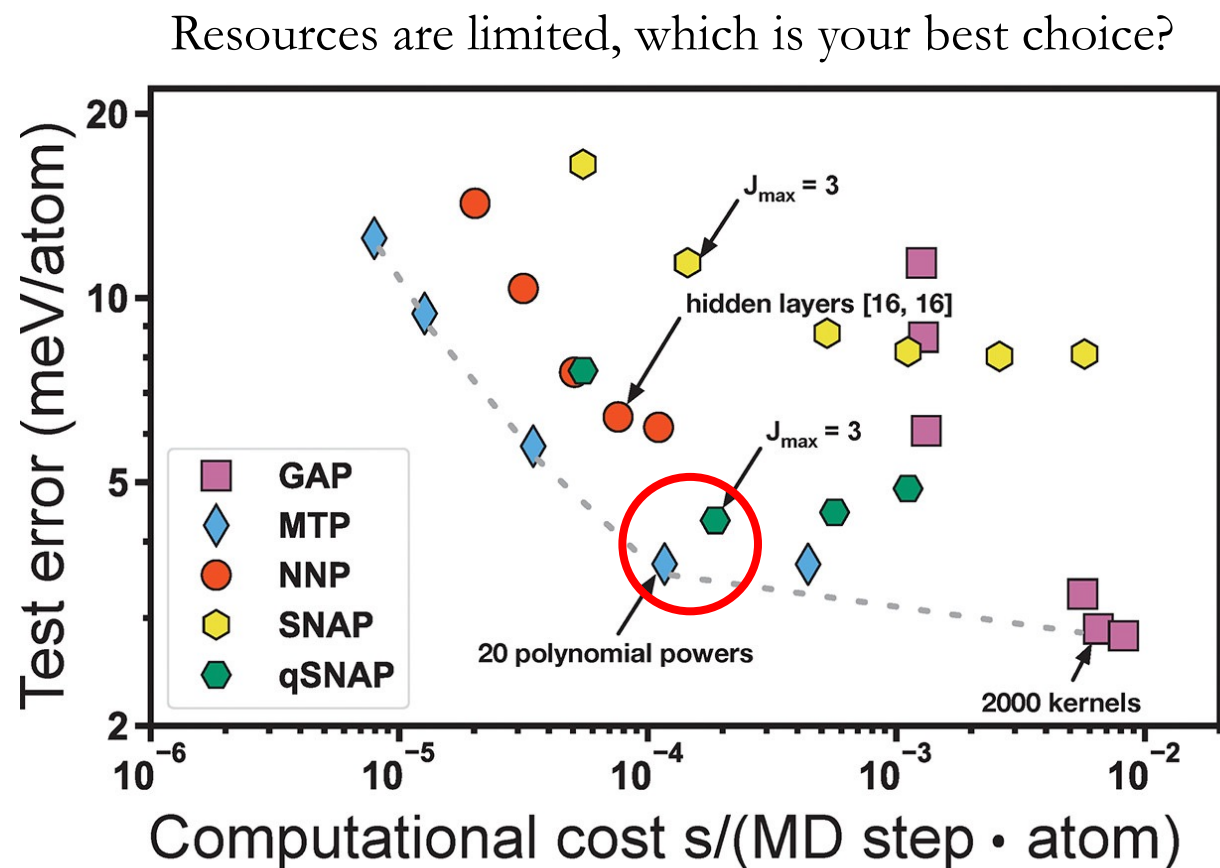
REBO, BOP, COMB,
ReaxFF

Big Data / Deep / Machine Learning (2010s)

GAP, SNAP, NN,...



Gayatri, Moore *et al.* (2020) <https://arxiv.org/abs/2011.12875>



Training Data

- Generated using quantum methods
- Can include:
 - Energies
 - Forces
 - Stresses
- Variety of atomic configurations
 - Bulk structures, liquids, surfaces, defects, etc.

Descriptor

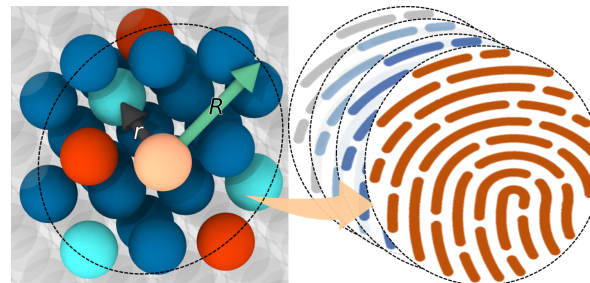
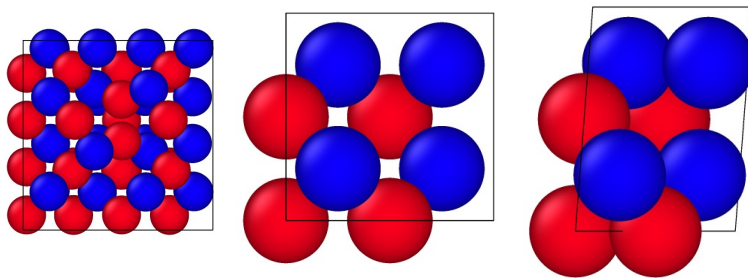
- Describes the local atomic environment
- Requirements
 - Rotation/Translation/. Permutation invariant
 - Equivariant forces
 - Smooth differentiable
 - Extensible
- Some Examples
 - Bispectrum, SOAP, ACE, Moment Tensors, etc.

Regression Method

- Linear regression
- Kernel ridge regression
- Gaussian process
- Non-linear optimization
- Neural Networks

SNAP

- Energies, forces, and stresses from DFT
- Bispectrum component descriptors
- Linear regression

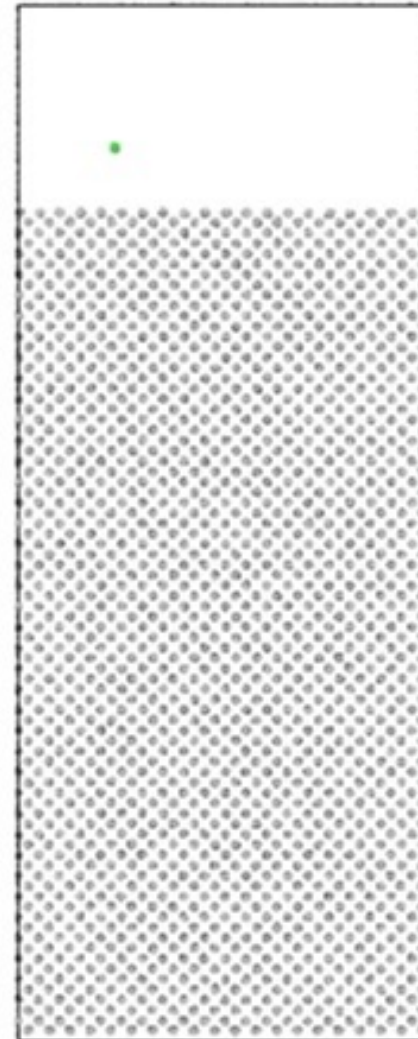


Testing Potentials: Hydrogen Implantation in Tungsten



- Interested in studying hydrogen implantation in tungsten and how it interacts within the material, especially with other plasma species or defects
- Initial testing of W-H SNAP potentials for hydrogen implantations
- 100 eV H implanted every 10 ps at 1000 K for (100) W surface
- Hydrogen correctly initially resides at tetrahedral interstitial site
- Diffusion barrier is somewhat high so diffusion is lower than expected
- EAM does not predict correct surface behavior and desorbs as H atoms as opposed to H₂ molecules

SNAP



EAM

