

# Applications of Materials Informatics For High-productive Research:

Machine-learning potential for amorphous  
and spectrum-data analysis

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# Self-Introduction

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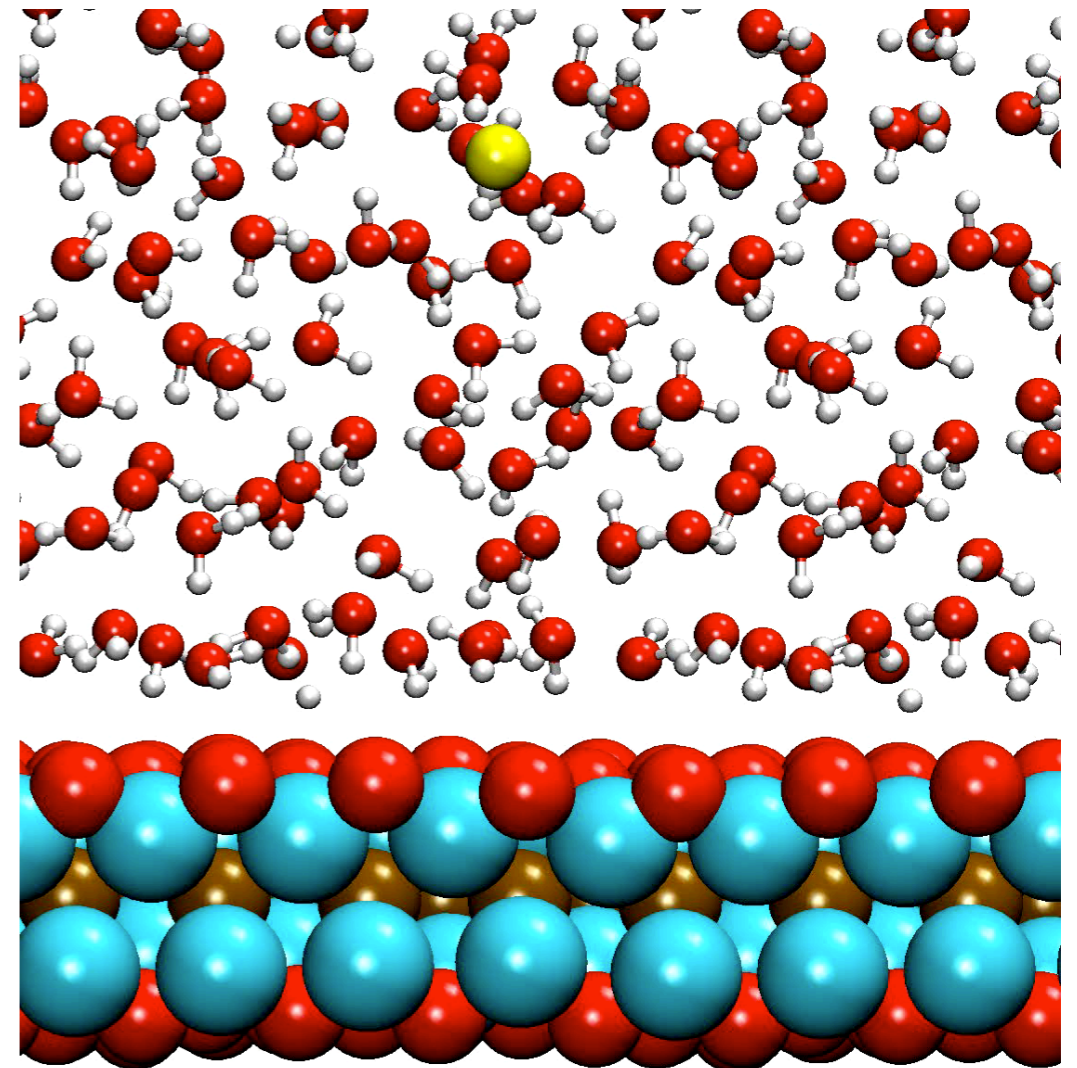
Assistant professor @ Dept. Materials Eng., UTokyo

✓ **2016.4** ~

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## Major topics

**Materials x Informatics**  
(Physics • Chemistry • Informatics)

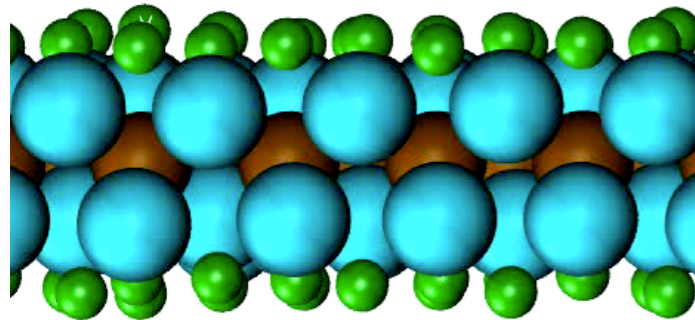
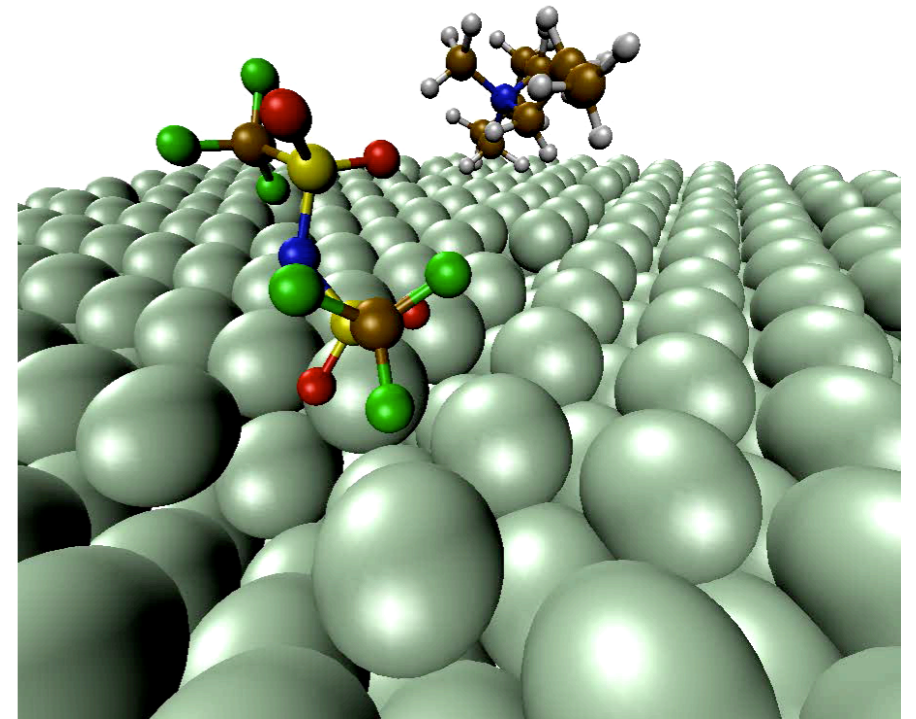
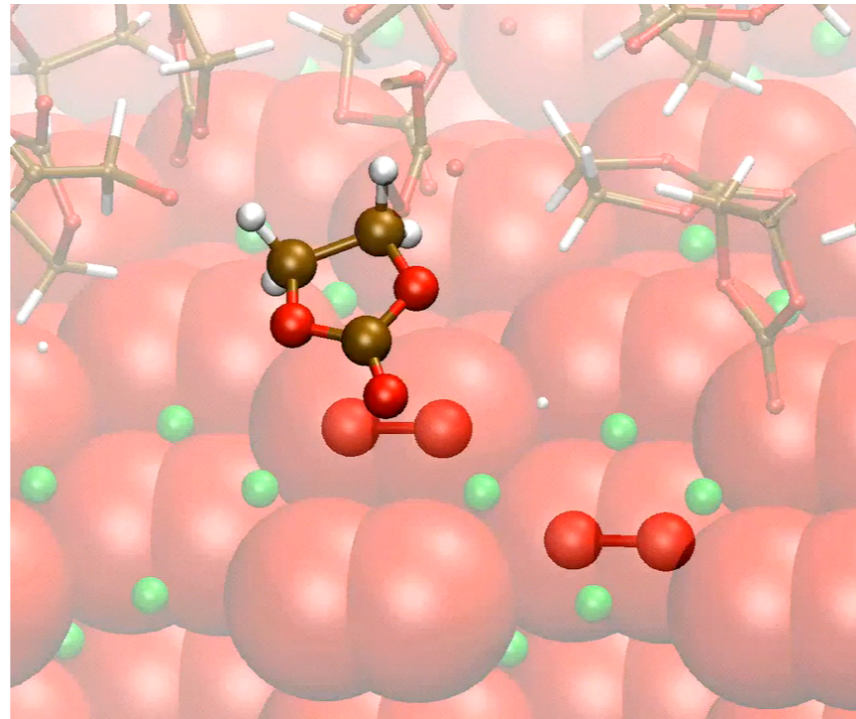
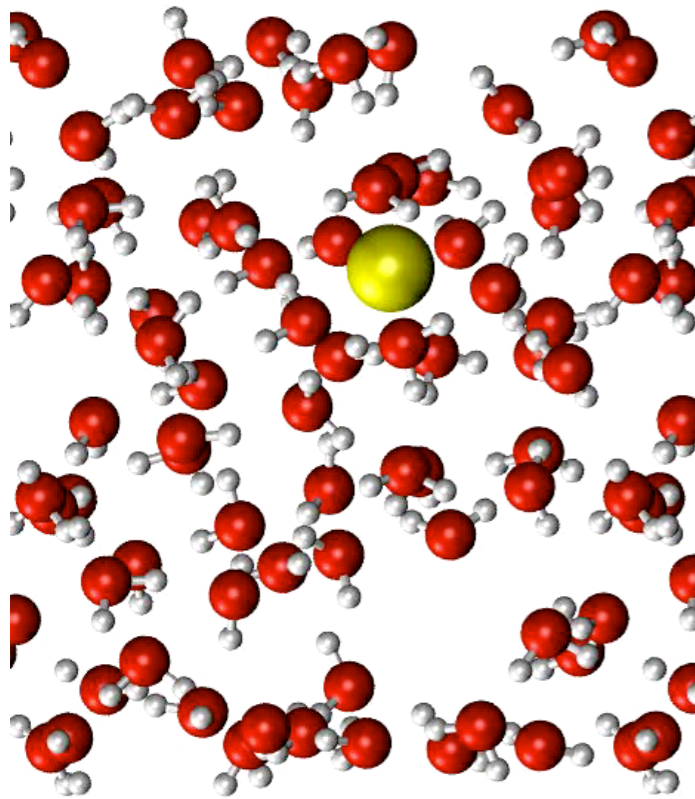


***Ab initio* MD**  
**in Solid-Liquid Interfaces**





# Major research topics



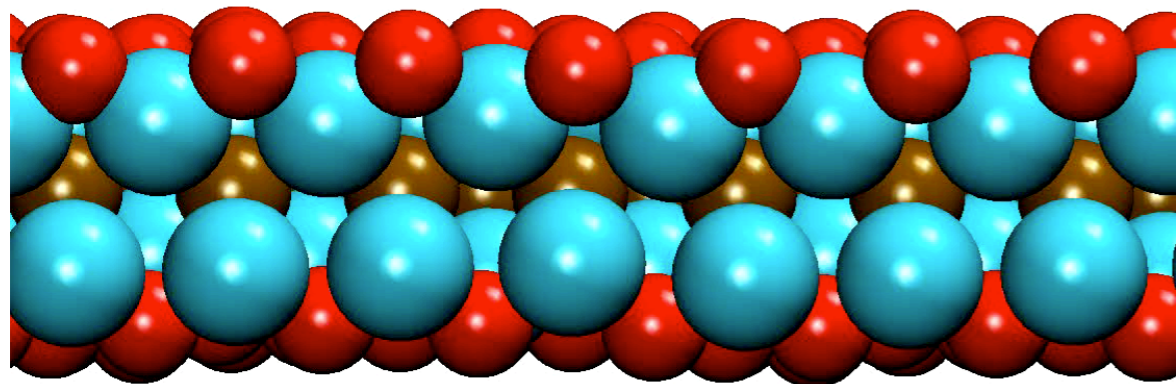
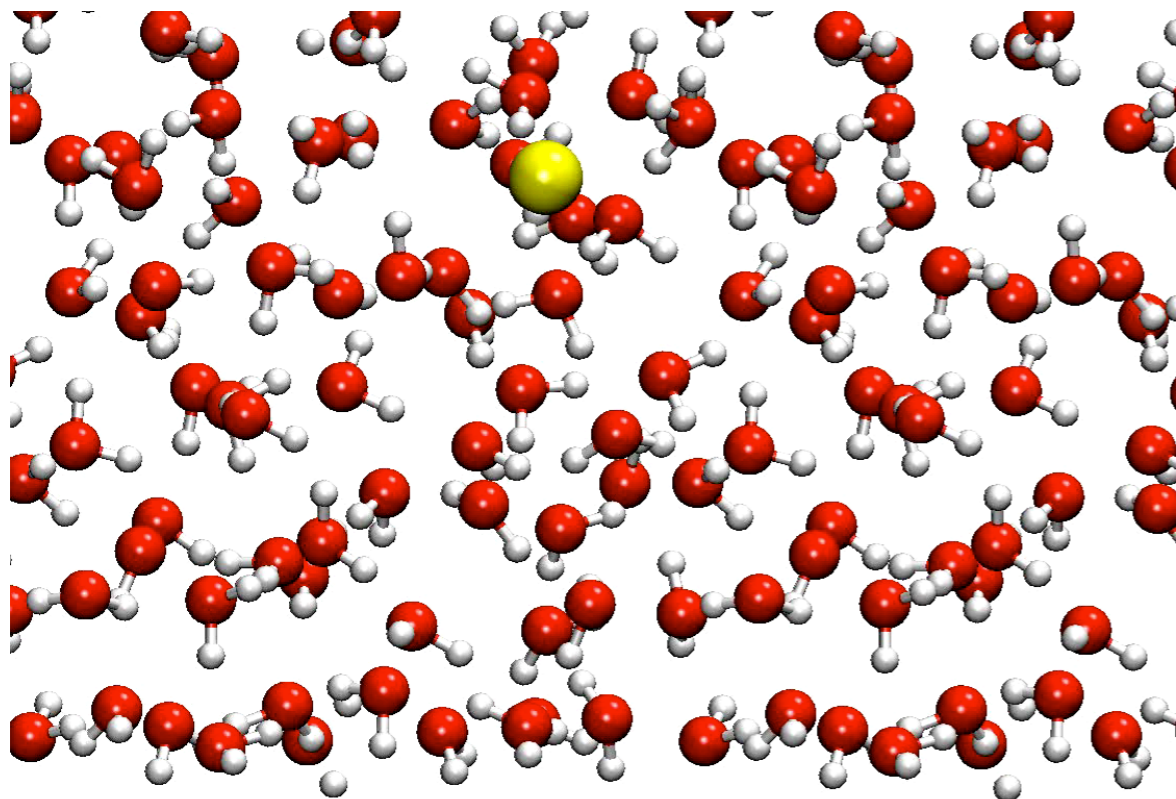
## My interests:

- Electric-double layer
- Reaction on surface and interfaces.

**Tool: Density-functional-theory based (MD) simulation.**

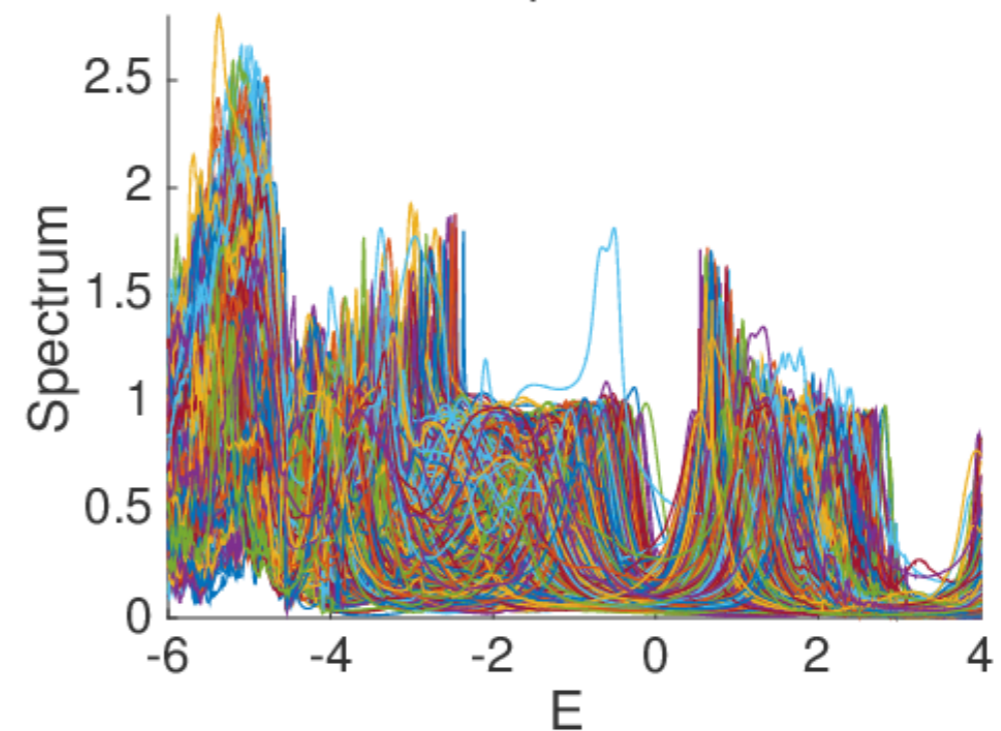


# We need “NEW” tools



**FPMD of electrochemical Interfaces**

All spectrum

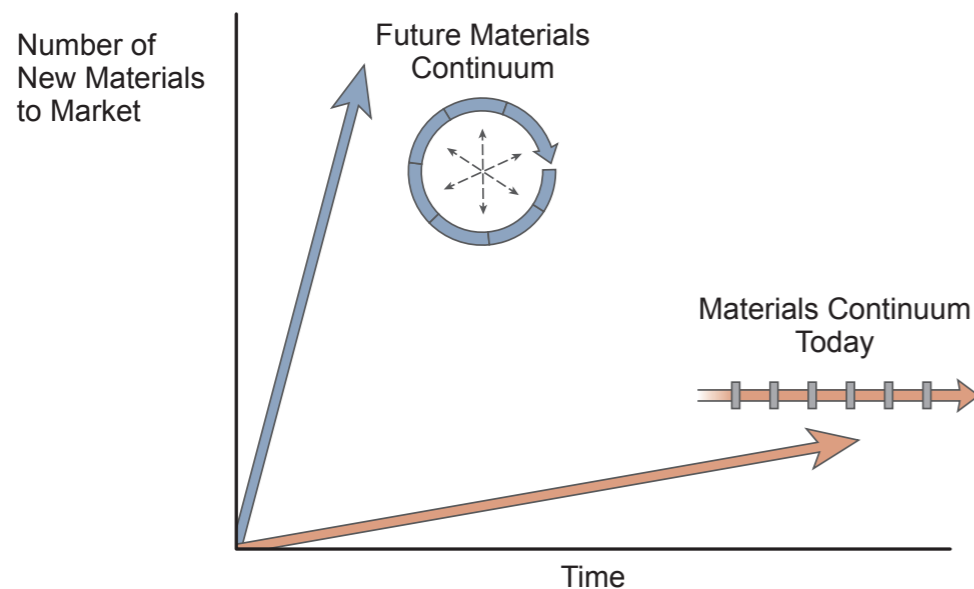


Spectra-data sets including 600 samples  
**Now we “can” obtain hundreds thousands spectra from simulation**

**Efficient Analysis is necessary.**

# Milestone project with Informatics

## Materials Genome Initiative (MGI from 2011)



### Main purpose

- 1. Developing a Materials Innovation Infrastructure**
- 2. Acheiving National Goals With Advanced Materials**
- 3. Equipping the Next-Generation Materials Workforce**



**Using Database and machine-learning**



# Our research in MI

1. Clustering and correlation analysis of transmission spectrum of molecular junction system
2. A new descriptor of perovskites for performance estimation of fuel cells
3. Materials Search for a well-worked 2D substrate for Germanene and Stanene
4. Unsupervised clustering of PDOS in Surface system
- 5. Development of machine-learning potentials for Amorphous research**
6. Yield prediction in experiments from Simulation (Catalyst informatics)
- 7. High-throughput peak fitting on many XPS spectra**
8. Model selection of equivalent circuits on impedance spectroscopy
9. Model selection of preferred orientation distribution of tourmaline-grains
10. Parameter optimization of equation of states for an inner earth environment

**So, what is informatics?  
What is machine-learning?**



# Short introduction

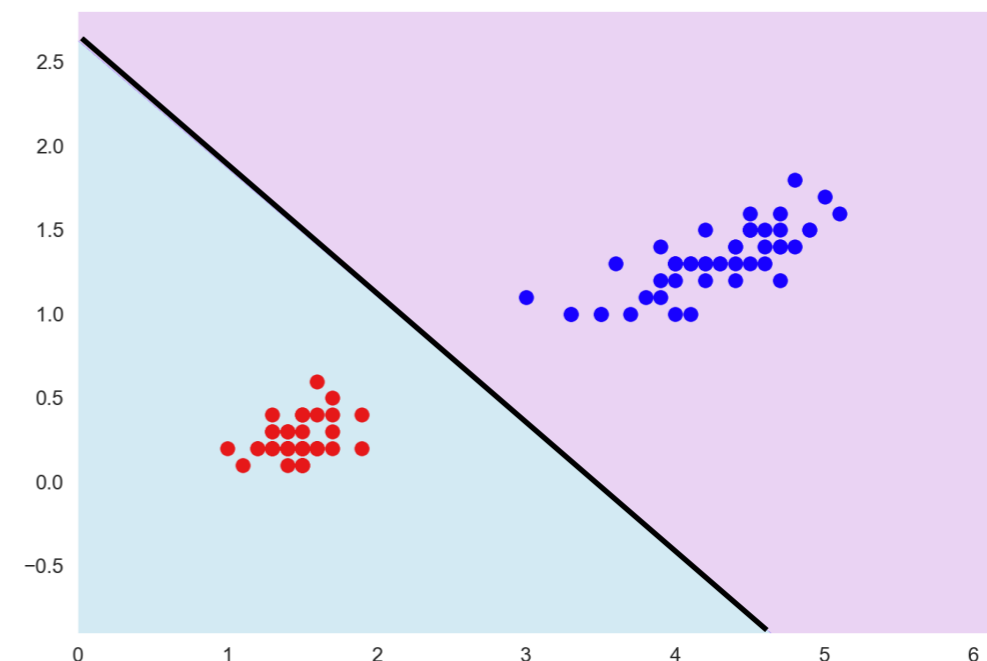
## Functions of ML

- ✓ Prediction
- ✓ Characterization
- ✓ Classification
- ✓ Pattern Recognition

## Linear Regression (PCA)

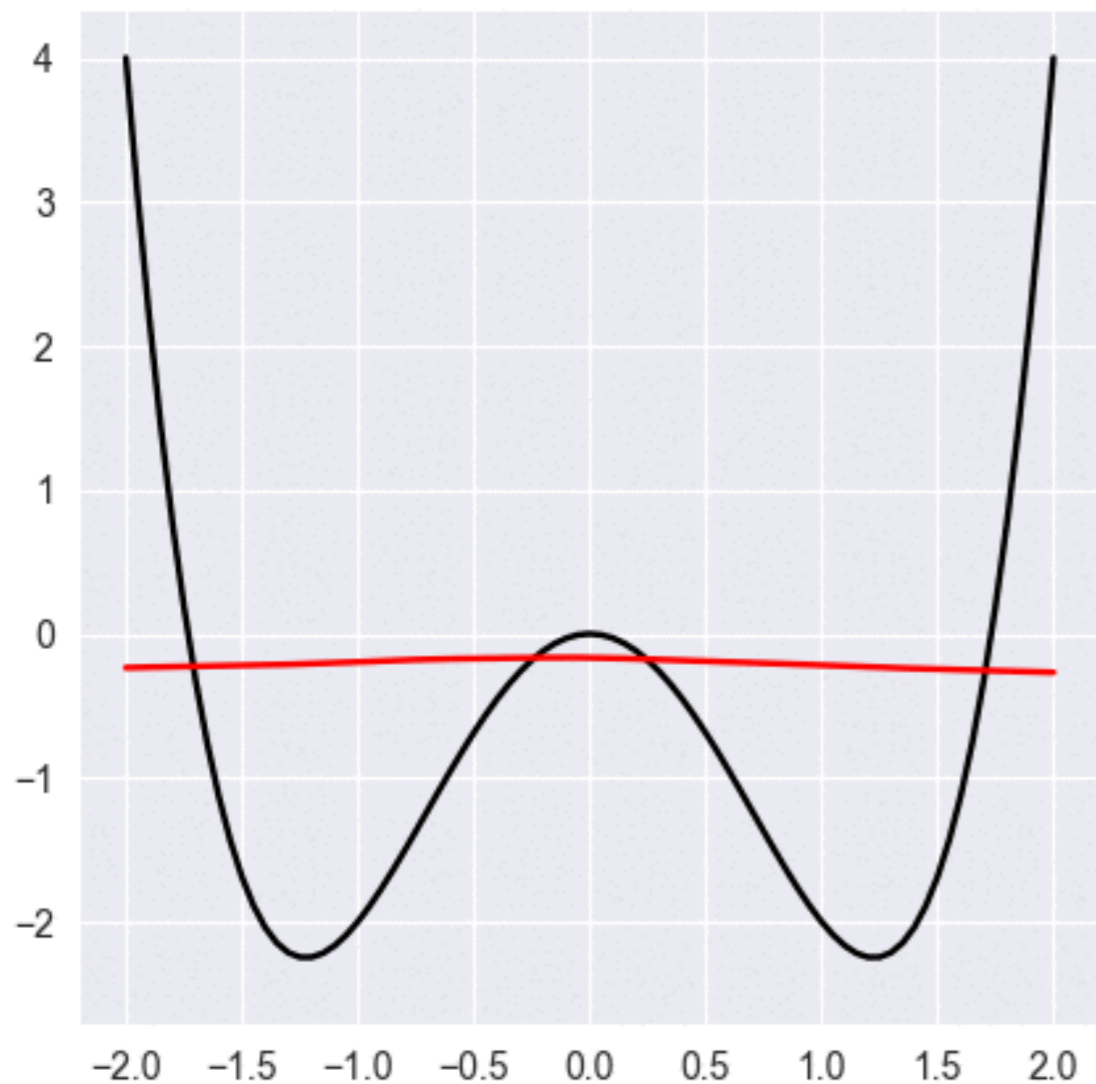
$$Y = \sum_i a_i X_i + b$$

## Support Vector Machine (SVM)



**What they do is just  
“Putting points and  
Drawing lines”**

# Representing Complex Situation



Fitting process by Neural network

**NOT work lines ?  
JUST draw the “curve”**



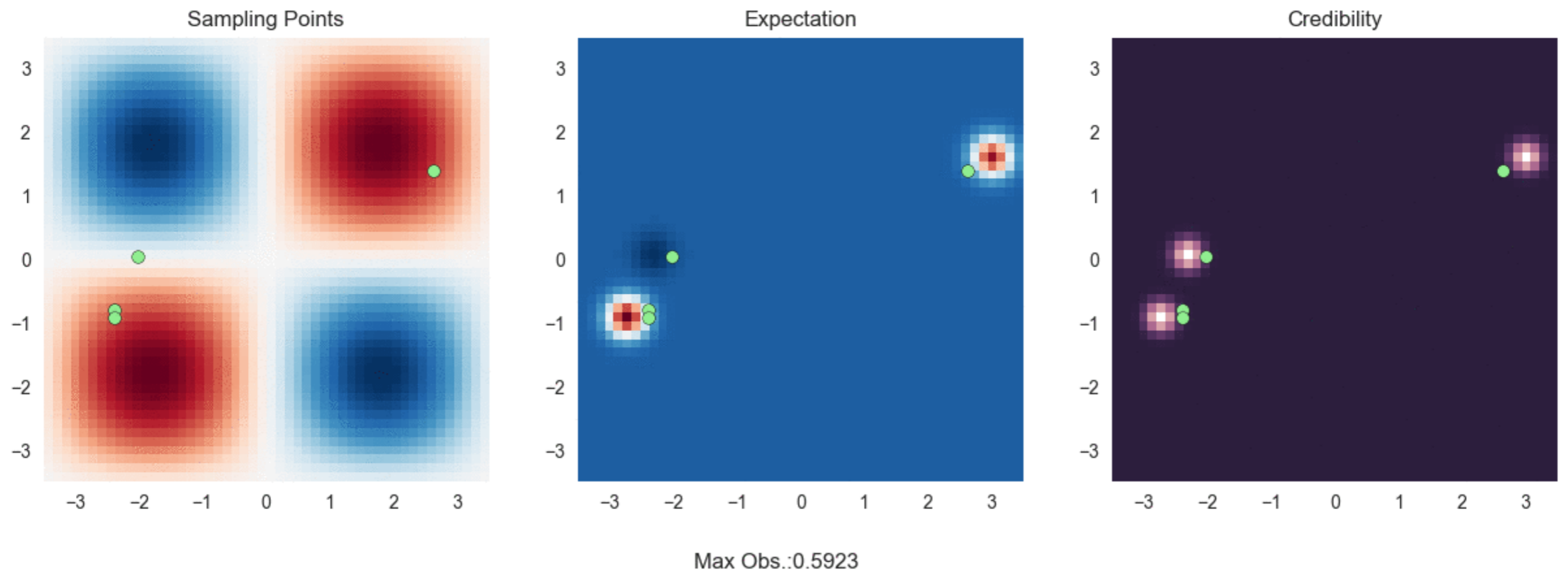
- ✓ Basis expansion (polynomial, spline etc.)
- ✓ Kernel Regression, Gaussian Process
- ✓ Neural Network

**Applicable to high-dimensional data**



# Exploration and Exploitation

## Bayesian Optimization



- ✓ Based on the observation, predicting values and its “credibility” at unobserved points
- ✓ Automatically searching observable space considering predicted value and credibility.

# Material Search with Bayesian Opt.

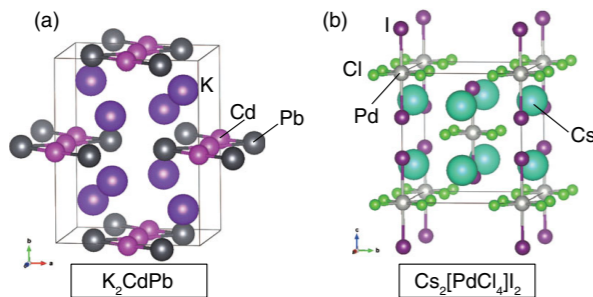
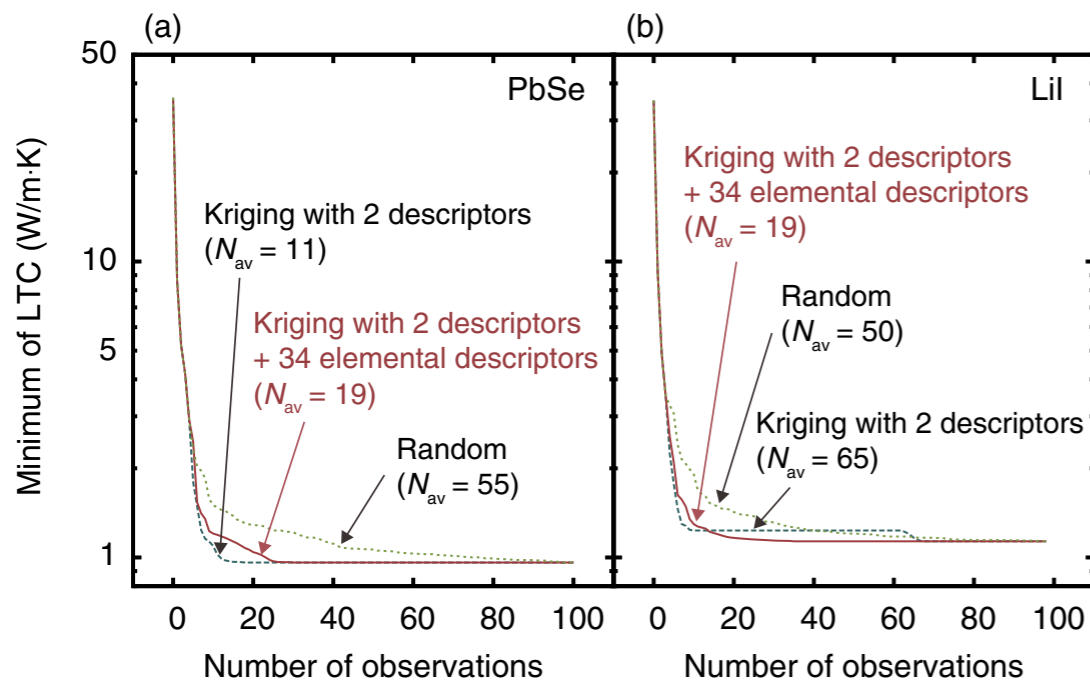


FIG. 4 (color online). Crystal structures of  $K_2CdPb$  and  $Cs_2[PdCl_4]I_2$  predicted to show the low LTC of  $< 0.5$  W/mK (at 300 K) and narrow band gap of  $< 1$  eV.

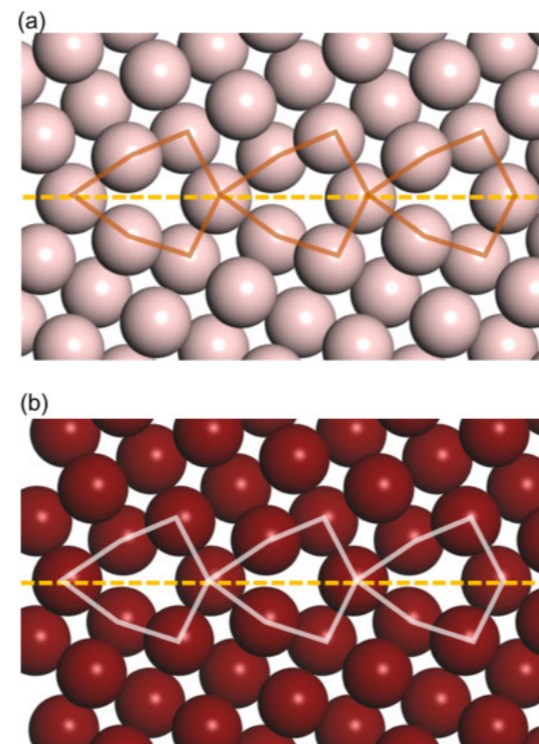


Fig. 2. (Color online) Stable atomistic arrangements of  $\Sigma 5[001]/(210)$  with (a) the conventional method and (b) the kriging method. Dashed line represents the position of the GB. Polyhedron shows the six-membered structure unit.

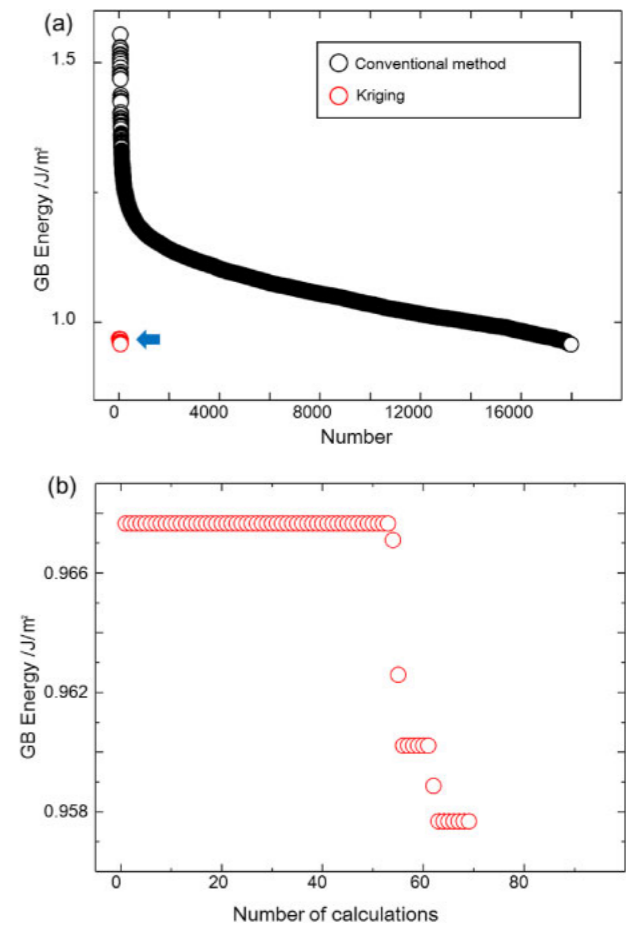


Fig. 4. (Color online) (a) Trajectory of the calculated GB energy to the convergence. The “conventional method” means the computation of all configurations. To understand the calculation efficiency easily, the calculated result by the conventional method (black) was plotted by order of the GB energy, whereas it was plotted by order of the trial number in the kriging method (red). (b) Magnified image around the area pointed by blue arrow in the (a).

Thermoelectric material

Interface matching

PRL **115**, 205901 (2015).

Jpn. J. Appl. Phys. **55** (2016) 2–6.

Science Adv., **2**, e1600746-1-7.

# High-Throughput Observation

## High-Throughput Experimental (HTE) methodologies

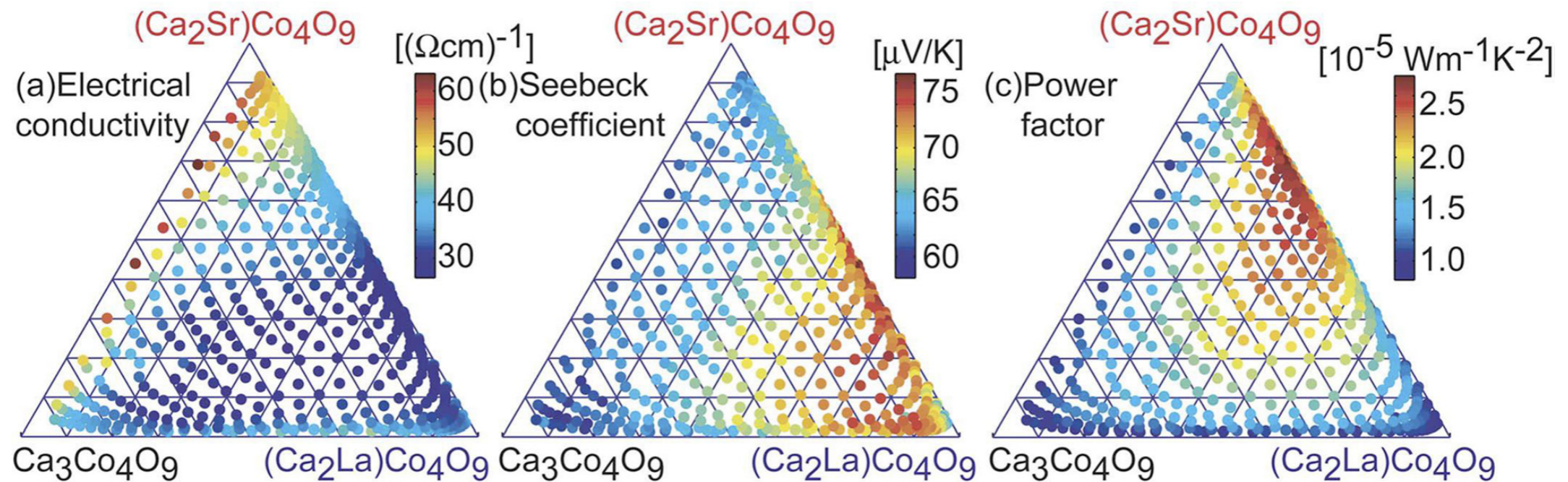


FIG. 2. (a) Electrical conductivity, (b) Seebeck coefficient, and (c) power factor of the composition-spread  $(\text{Ca}_{1-x-y}\text{Sr}_x\text{La}_y)_3\text{Co}_4\text{O}_9$  film ( $0 < x < 1/3$  and  $0 < y < 1/3$ ). Reproduced with permission from Appl. Phys. Lett. **91**, 3 (2007). Copyright 2007 AIP Publishing LLC.<sup>56</sup>

Materials “Library”: Dispersing the several compositions on a single sheet

**Observing Big Materials Space at once, Finding optimum one**



# Downsampling method for quasi-particle Ohs.

## Quasi-particle interference (QPI) on Ag(111) surface

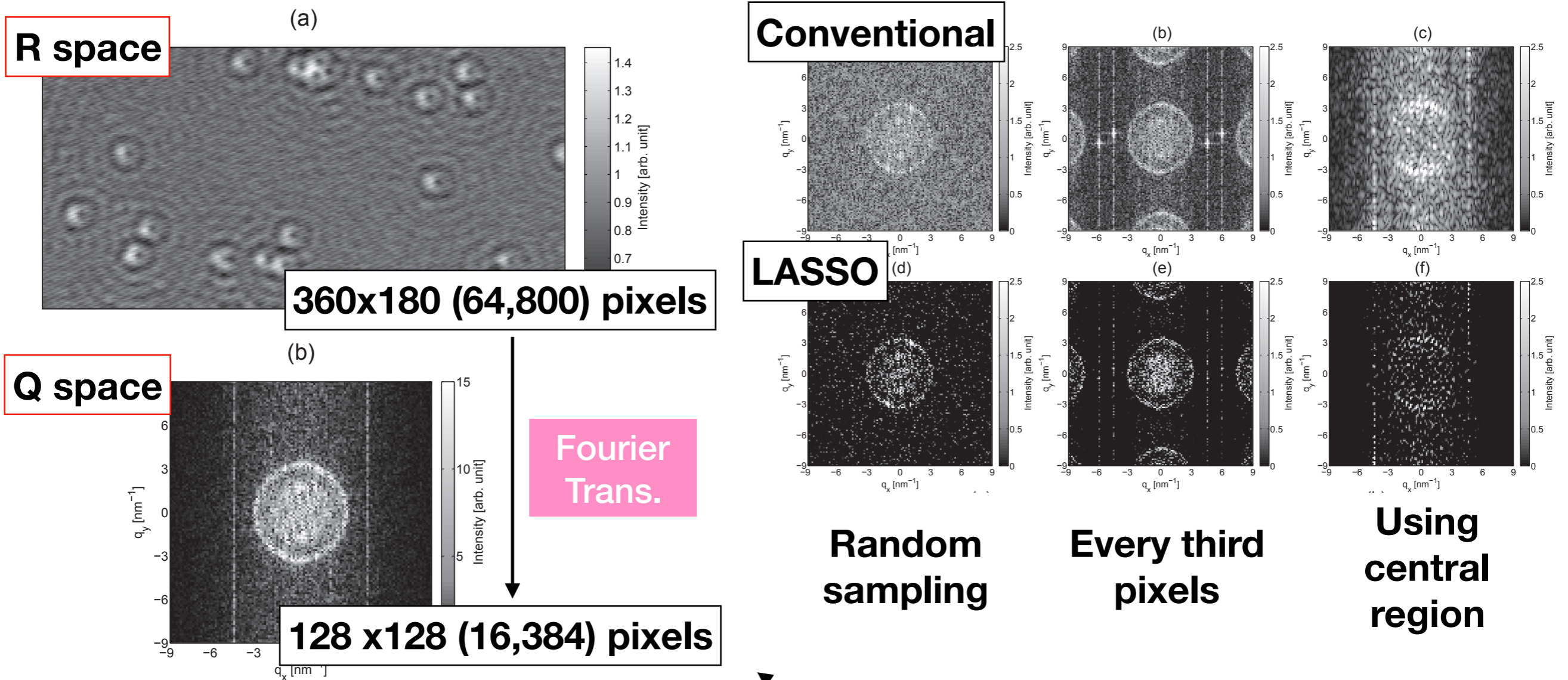


Fig. 1. (a)  $dI/dV$  map of Ag(111) surface. (b) FT of (a) obtained by conventional method.

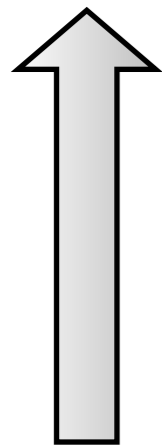
**Q space is really sparse**  
**Sampling in R space can be reduced.**



# Basic flow chart of Application of ML

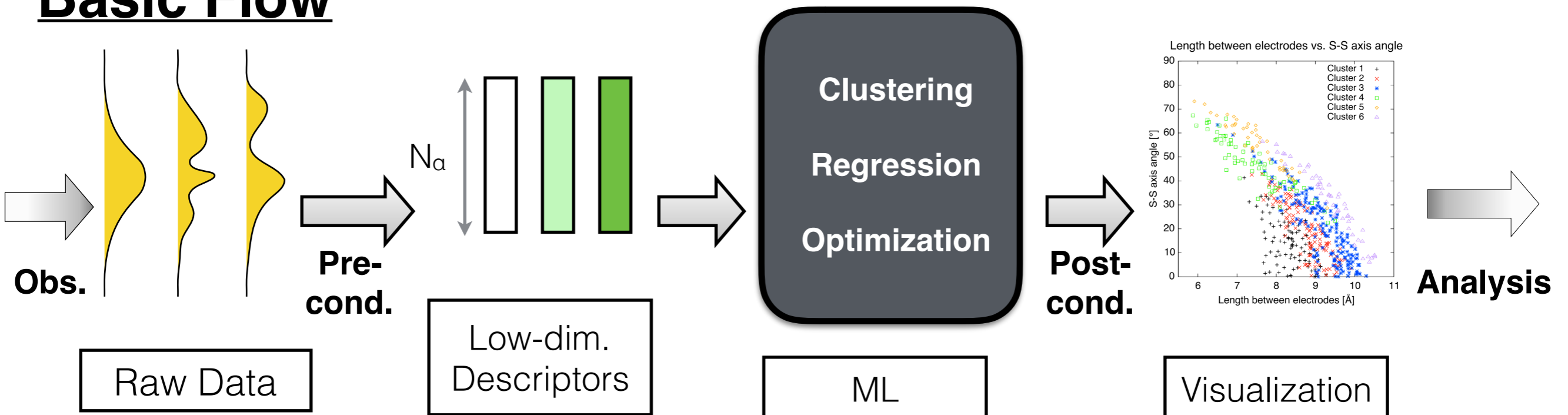
Always Start with an Issue

**The most important**



- ✓ What do you want to know from data?
- ✓ What benefits are obtained by applying machine-learning?
- ✓ Can you breakdown the issue enough to solve?
- ✓ **NEVER** just USING the machine-learning.

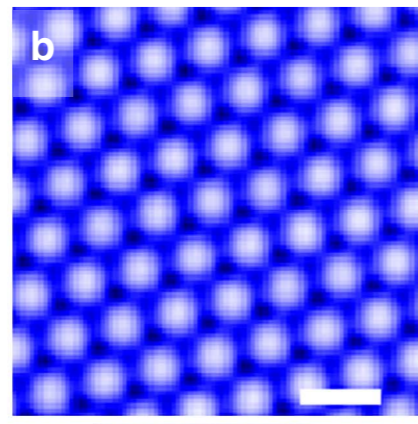
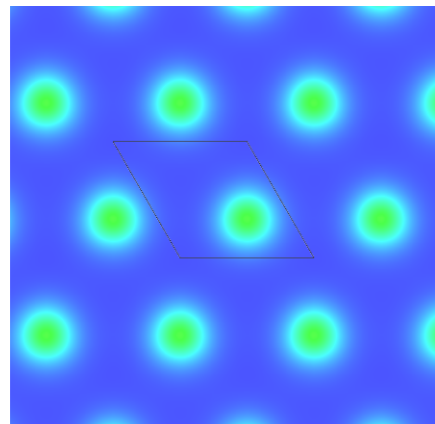
## Basic Flow



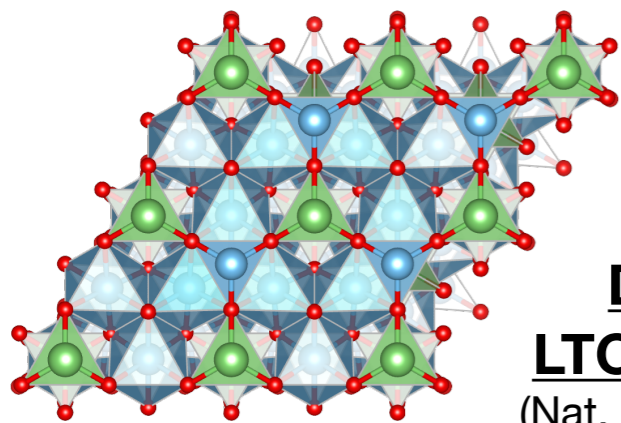
# Machine-learning potentials

# Molecular dynamics simulations

## Structure Optimization



Low High  
-0.05 0.00  
(nm)

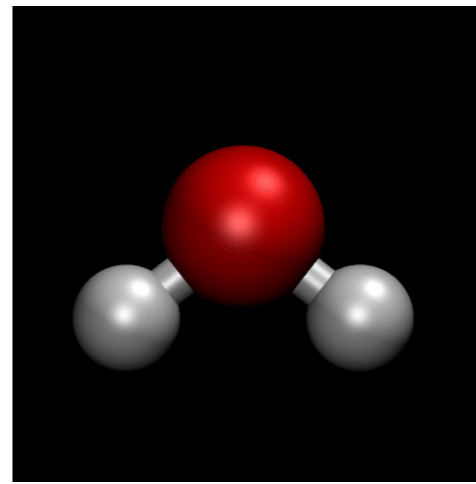


**Determining the LTO surface structure**  
(Nat. Commun. 8, 15975 (2017))

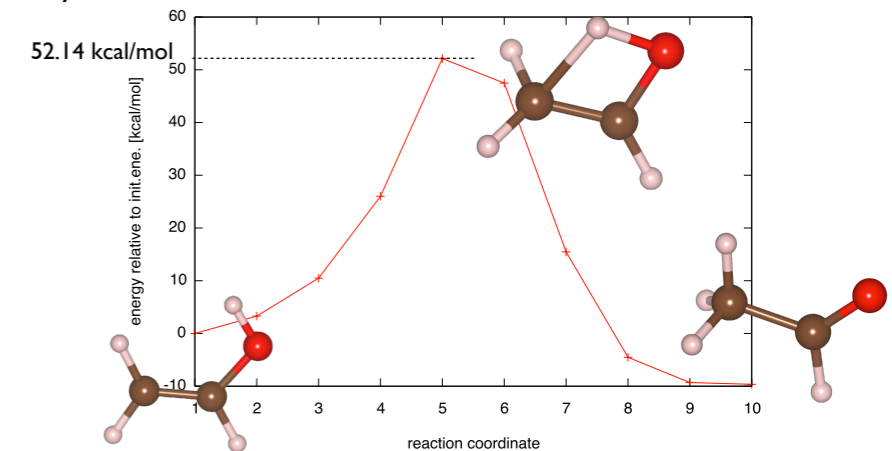
- From stable structure to dynamical behaviors
- Must tools for research in nano sciences

**We need to model interaction between atoms**

## Normal modes and transition states

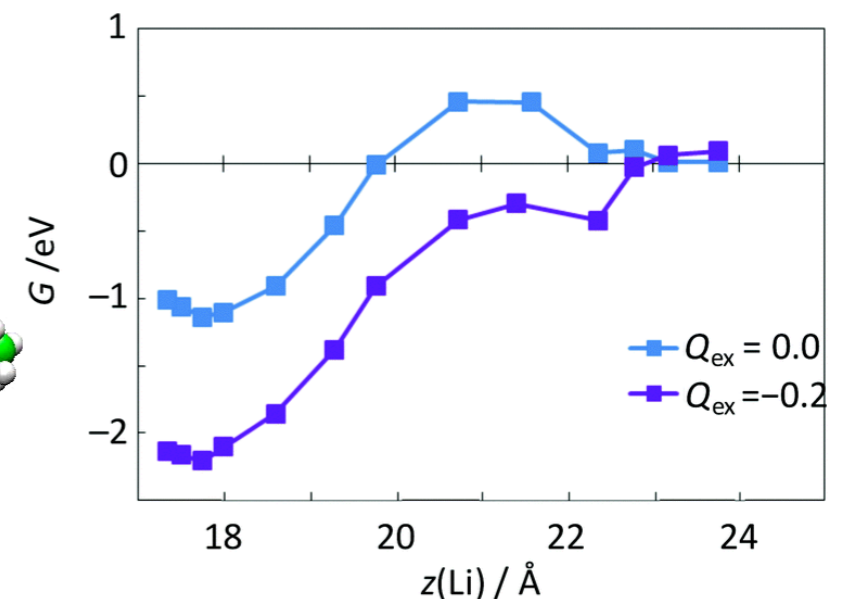
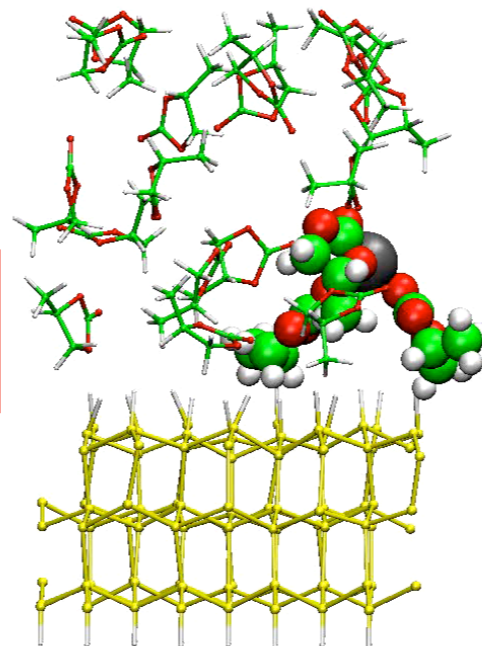


vinyl alcohol to acetaldehyde (NEB method)



DMol3 TS search (LST/QST) 51.473 cal/mol, -10.851 cal/mol (PBE)

## Sampling for Free energy



Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys., 2018, 20, 11586-11591

# Potential modeling by fitting

## TTAM (Tsuneyuki-Tsukada-Aoki-Matsuda) Potential

Parametrizing potentials by fitting on Hartree-Fock calculations of  $\text{SiO}_4^{4-}$  + 4 point charge model

Phys. Rev. Lett. **61**, 86 (1988).  
Nature **339**, 209 (1989).

$$U_{ij}(r) = U_{ij}^{\text{Coulomb}}(r) + f_0(b_i + b_j) \exp[(a_i + a_j - r)/(b_i + b_j)] - c_i c_j / r^6,$$

$$U_{ij}^{\text{Coulomb}} = \tilde{Q}_i \tilde{Q}_j [1 - g_{ij}(r)] / r + Q_i Q_j g_{ij}(r) / r,$$

$$g_{\text{SiO}}(r) = (1 + \zeta r) \exp(-2\zeta r), \quad g_{\text{OO}}(r) = [1 + 11(\zeta r)/8 + 3(\zeta r)^2/4 + (\zeta r)^3/6] \exp(-2\zeta r).$$

- Dividing the electrostatic interaction to long-range, short-range parts.
- Fitting on cluster model, applying bulk.
- Reproducing  $\text{SiO}_2$  polymorphs

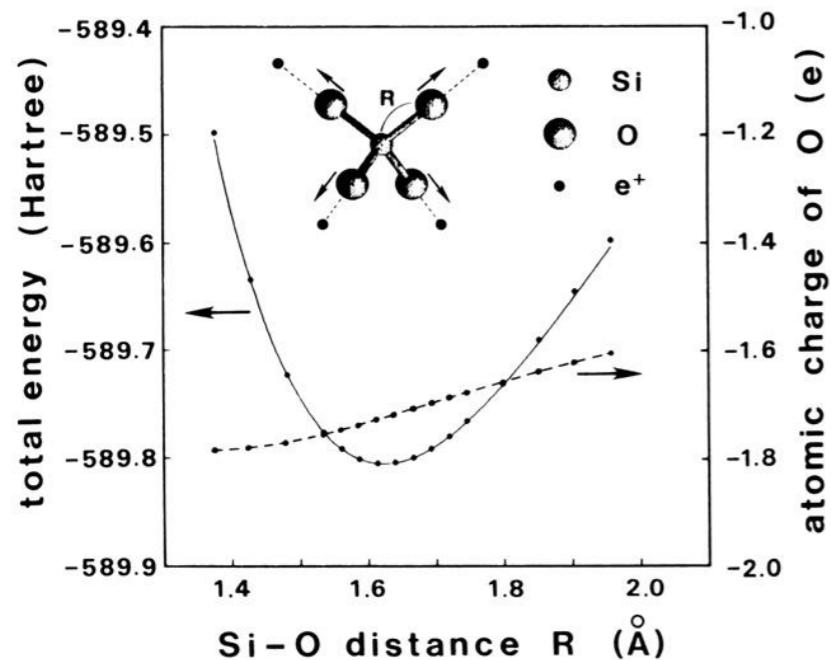


FIG. 1. Total energy and the Mulliken charge on an oxygen atom for  $T_d$  deformation of a  $\text{SiO}_4^{4-} - 4e^+$  cluster shown in the inset. The solid circles are the cluster calculation, full curve is the fitted potential, and the broken curve is a guide to the eye.

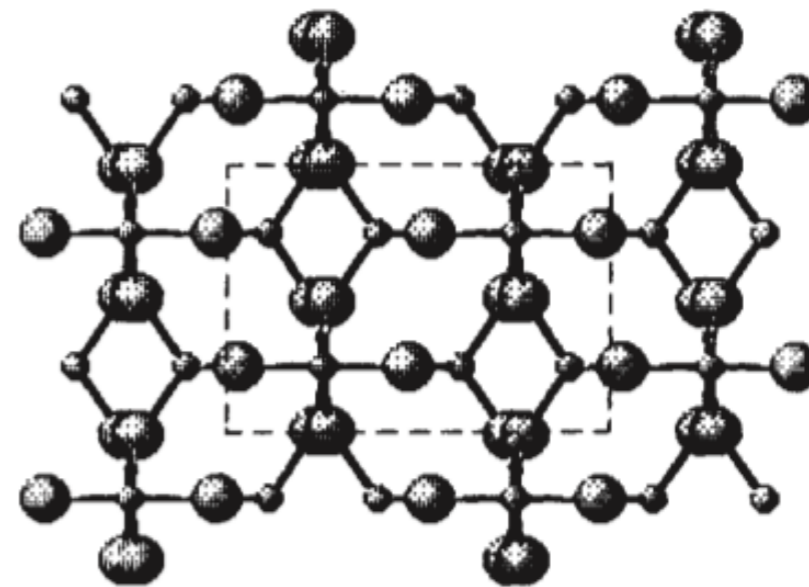


FIG. 2 The new  $Cmcm$  phase predicted by this study, involving both four- and sixfold coordination, as seen from the  $a$  axis, which corresponds to the  $c$  axis of low-cristobalite and stishovite. Small spheres represent silicon, and large spheres represent oxygen. The unit cell is shown by dashed lines.

Discovery of new  $\text{SiO}_2$  high-pressure phase



# Problem of NNP modeling

In 1995, NN fitting for interatomic potential has been reported [1]. But...

## Construction of proper and simple descriptors

e.g.) Descriptor based on Fourier expansion on fcc(111) surface structure[2]

[2] J. Behler, S. Lorenz, and K. Reuter, J. Chem. Phys. **127**, 014705(2007)

**HOWEVER... Such an expansion is needed to construct one by one and is not applicable to a complex surfaces and.**

## 3-dimensional coordinates are not appropriate.

- Input layer depends on the total amount of atoms
- Impossible to apply for extended systems
- Permutation symmetry for the same particles are broken
- The other symmetries are not considered

**Descriptor, symmetry are the keywords.**

# Behler-Parrinello Ansatz

## 1. Introduction of Symmetry Functions describing local environments

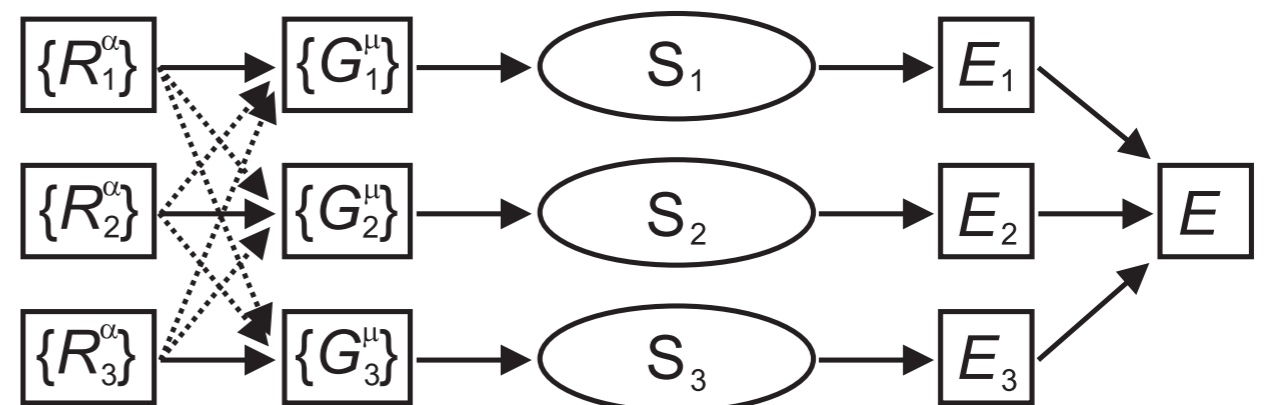
$$G_i^1 = \sum_{j \neq i}^{\text{all}} e^{-\eta(R_{ij} - R_s)^2} f_c(R_{ij}), \quad (2)$$

$$G_i^2 = 2^{1-\zeta} \sum_{j,k \neq i}^{\text{all}} (1 + \lambda \cos \theta_{ijk})^\zeta e^{-\eta(R_{ij}^2 + R_{ik}^2 + R_{jk}^2)} f_c(R_{ij}) f_c(R_{ik}) f_c(R_{jk}), \quad (3)$$

- Indexing the local environments based on lengths and angles
- They have a invariance for translational and rotational operations

## 2. Dividing the total energy into atomic energies

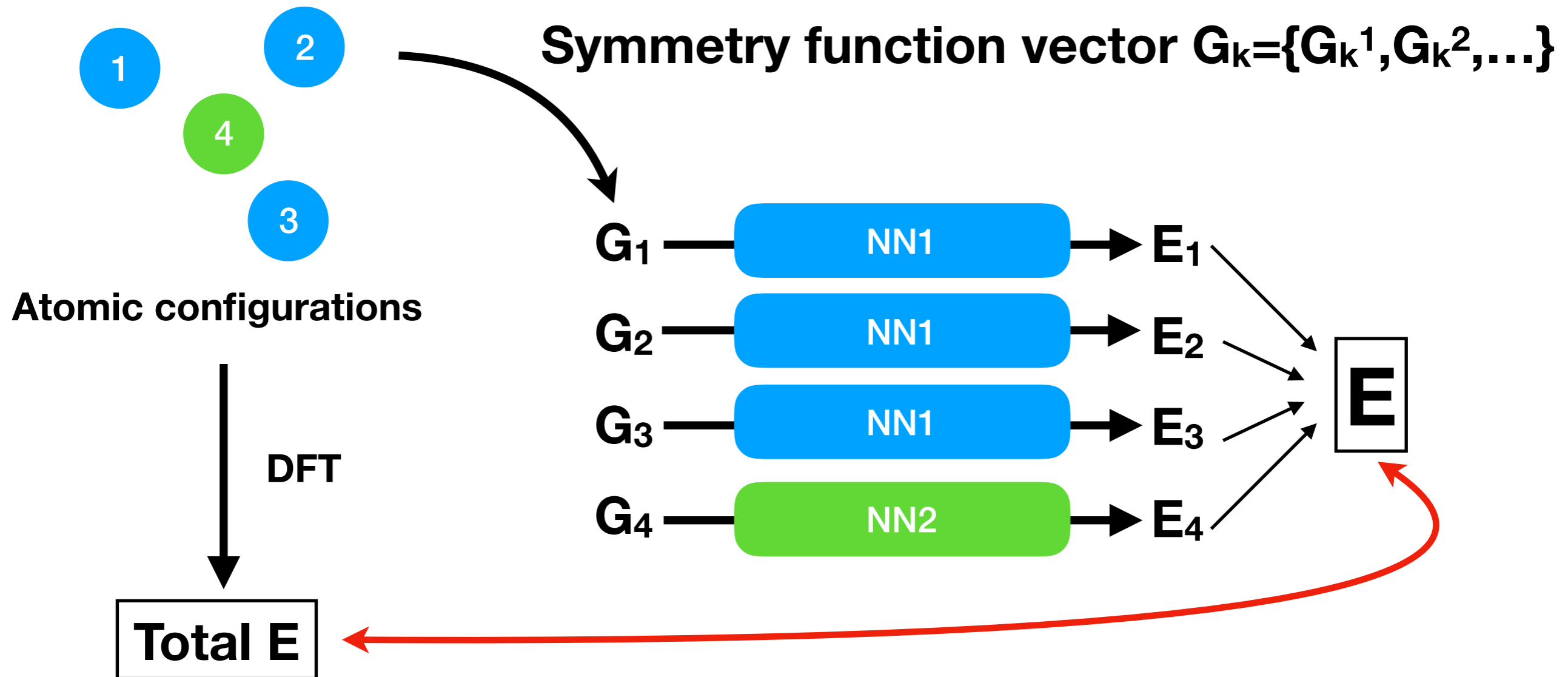
- Keeping permutation symmetry for the same particle
- Easy to extend a system size (or number of particles) by adding subnets



# Flow of constructing NNP

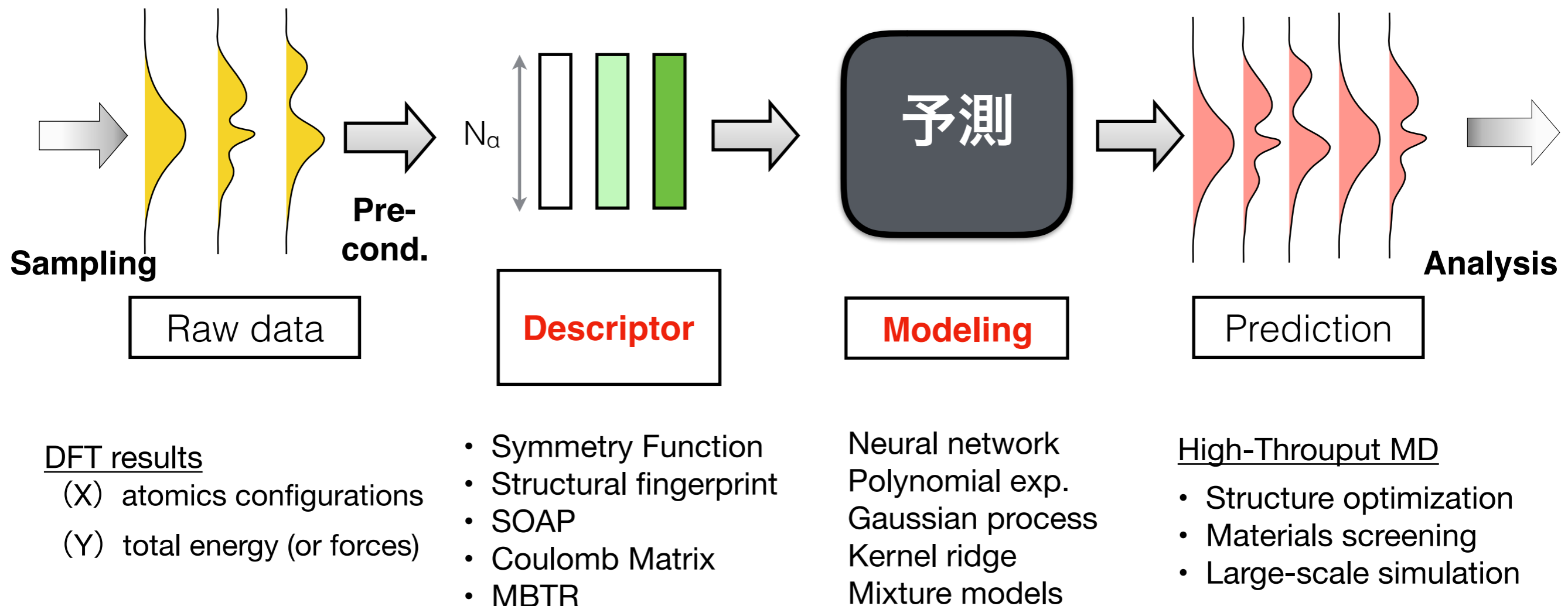
## Describing the local environments

Symmetry function vector  $\mathbf{G}_k = \{G_k^1, G_k^2, \dots\}$



- Total INPUT dimension: input of subnetworks x number of atoms
- Same parameters on the subnetworks are used for the same atomic species
- It is easy to expand the number of atoms by just adding the subnetwork.

# Total flow chart of NNP



**Type of ML potentials: ( 1 ) Descriptors ( 2 ) modeling**

**Keeping in mind their a merit, a purpose, and a issue**



# GAP and SOAP

## GAP: Gaussian Approximation Potential

- ✓ Fitting by Gaussian Process Regression
- ✓ Decomposing 2-, 3-, many-body terms
- ✓ 2- and 3-body: Gaussian kernel
- ✓ Many-body: Simple dot product kernel

## Descriptor

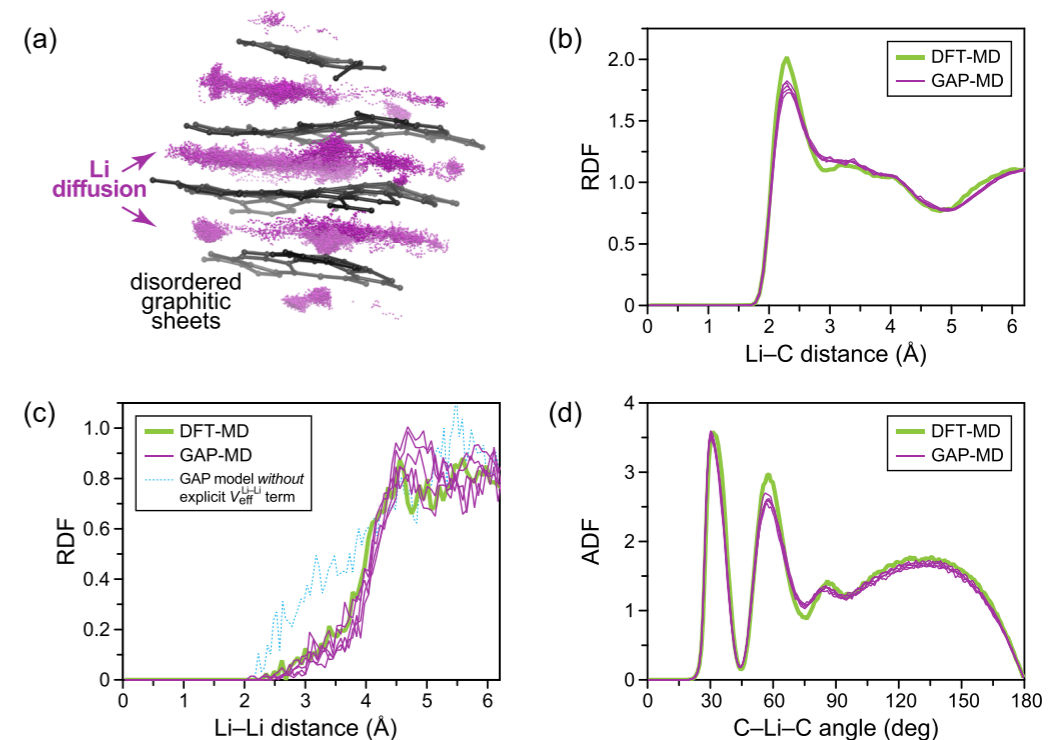
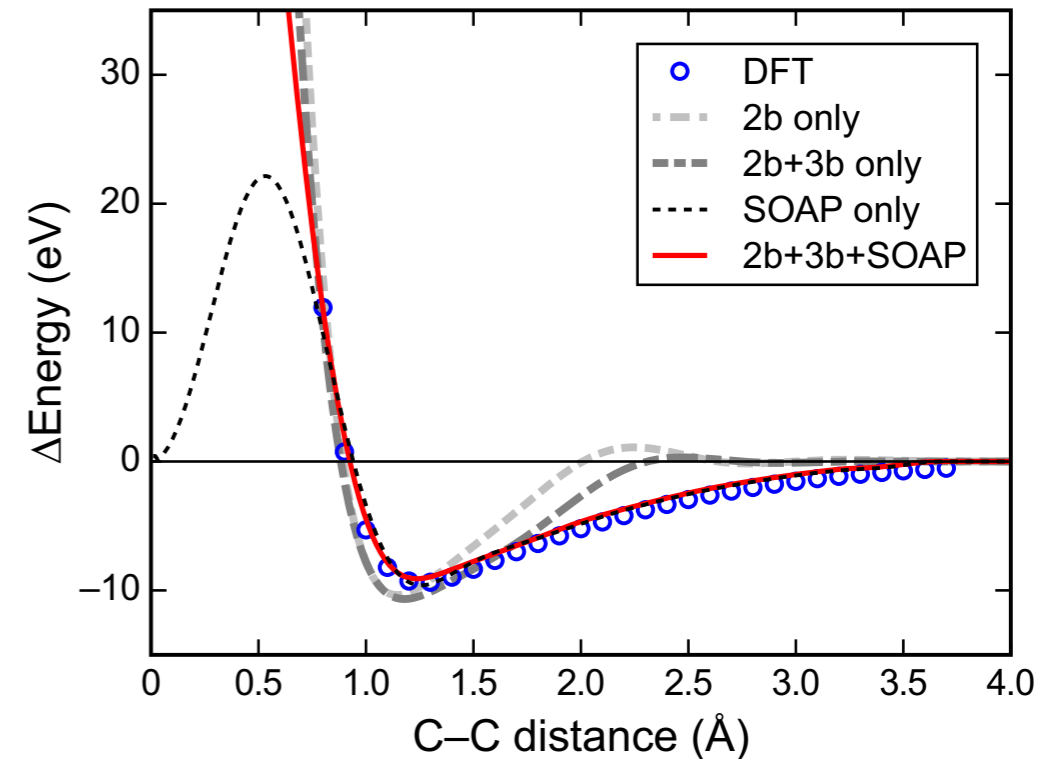
2-body:  $q^{(2b)} = |\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1| \equiv r_{12}$

3-body:  $\mathbf{q}^{(3b)} = \begin{pmatrix} r_{12} + r_{13} \\ (r_{12} - r_{13})^2 \\ r_{23} \end{pmatrix}$ .

Many-body: **SOAP**  
(Smooth overlap of atomic position)

**c.f. : Li Diffusion in graphites**

Fujikake et al., J. Chem. Phys. 148, 241714 (2018).



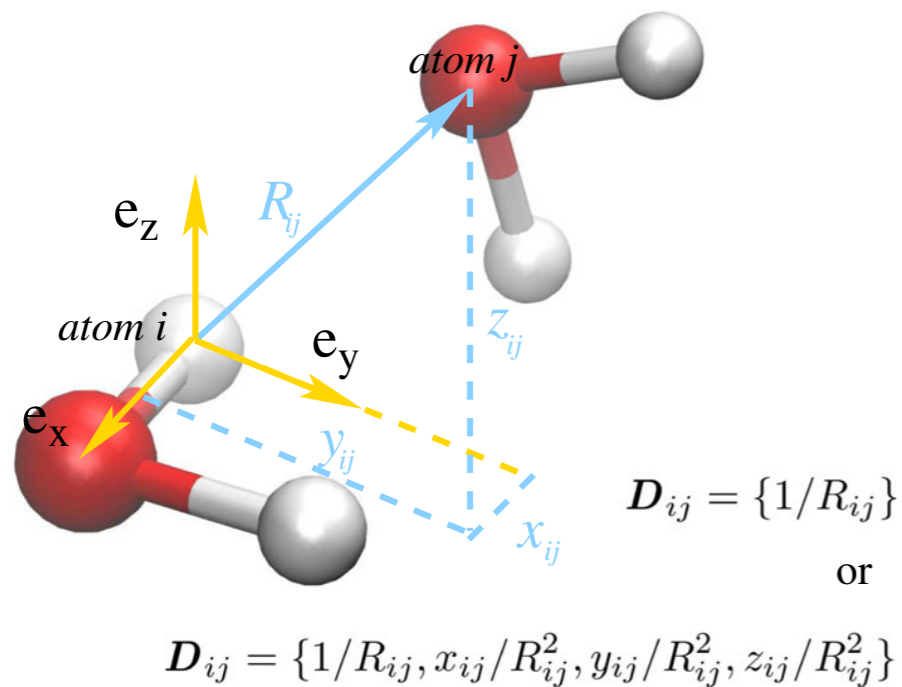
# DeePMD

[modeling]

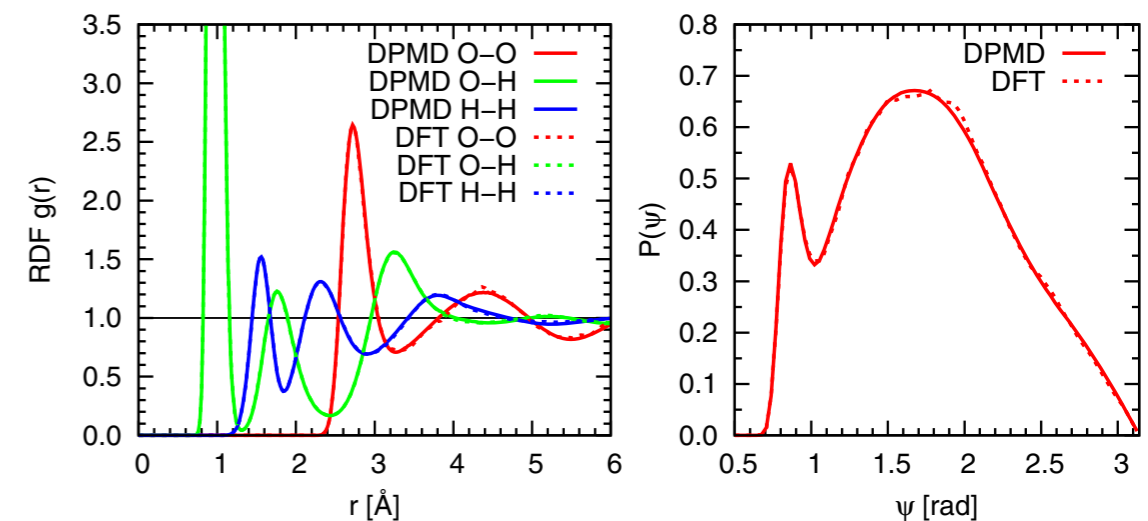
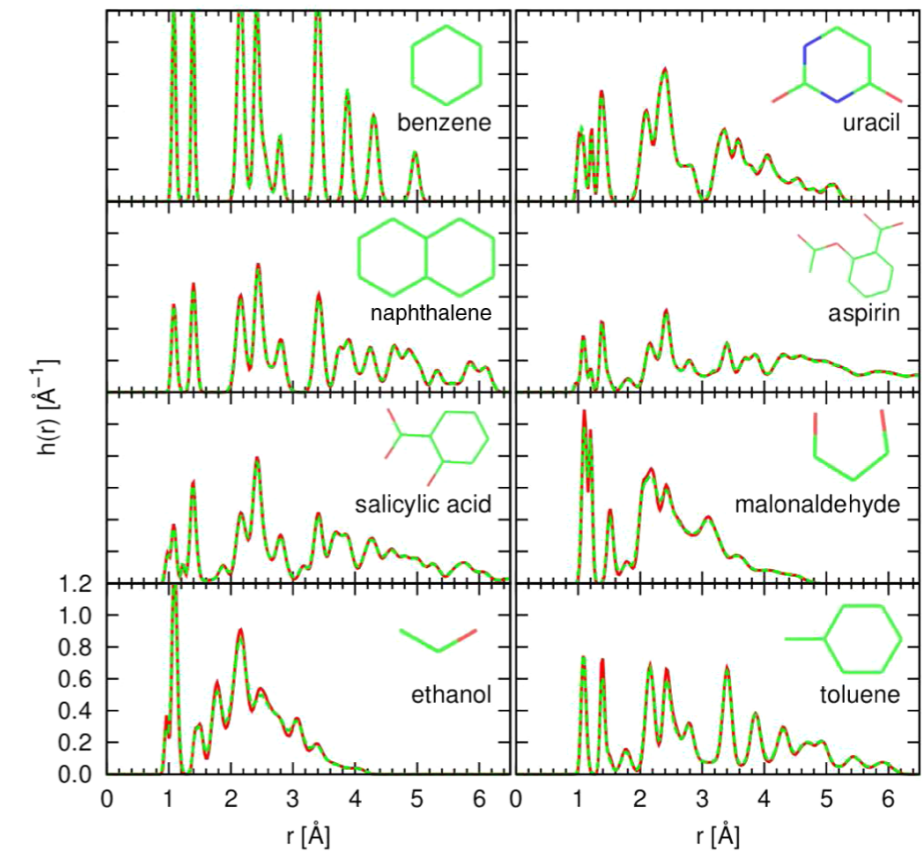
Framework of Behler-Parrinello NNP

[Descriptors]

- Inner coordinates (invariance for rotation)
- Based on Inverse distance



**It works well in molecular systems.**



# Diffusion pathways in amorphous

**Problem : Too expensive to calculate with DFT**

( $N^3$  times optimization x simulation time T)  $N \sim 50, T > 1 \text{ h} \Rightarrow 13 \text{ year}$

NEB calculation is also necessary to estimate the activation energy...

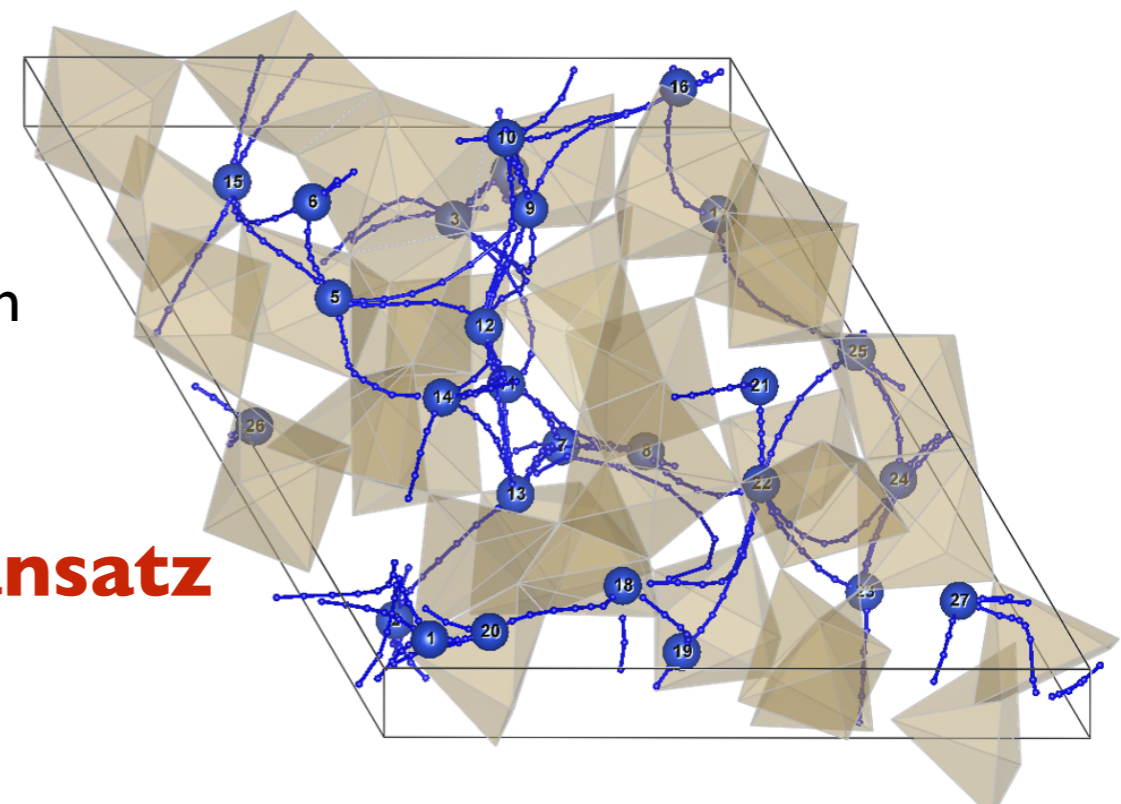
$$E_{\text{tot}} = E_{\text{amorph}} + \Delta E_{\text{Cu}} + \Delta E_{\text{opt}}$$



Cu insertion term



Relaxation term



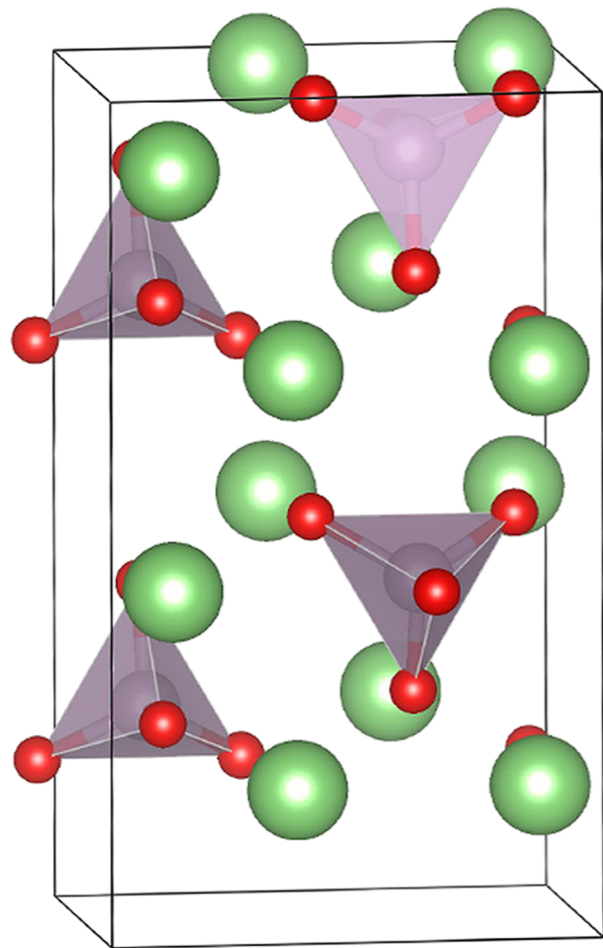
**Construction with Behler-Parrinello ansatz**

- ✓ Considering amorphous matrix as “a field”
- ✓ Learning only energy of Cu atom with its surroundings
- ✓ Able to simplify the NN even for ternary systems
- ✓ The calculation cost is cheaper than that of full NN
- ✓ Impossible to execute the molecular dynamics

Found diffusion pathways

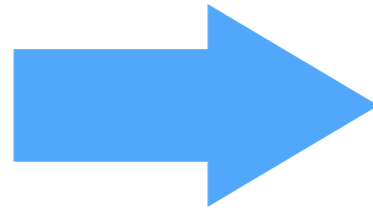
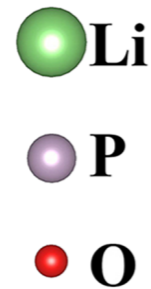


# Small system to Large system

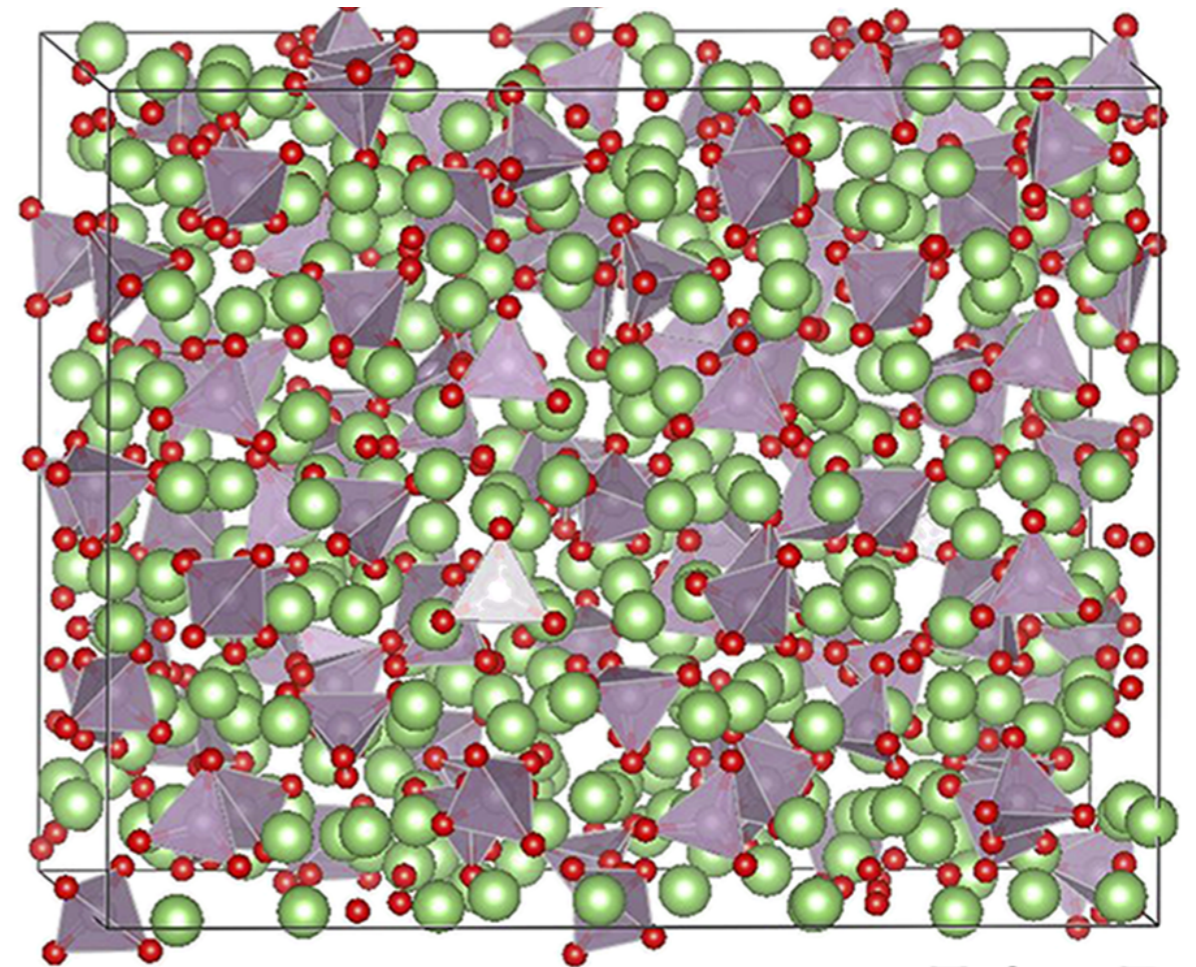


DFT for small cell

**Small, accurate  
training data-sets**



**NN**



Simulation for large cell

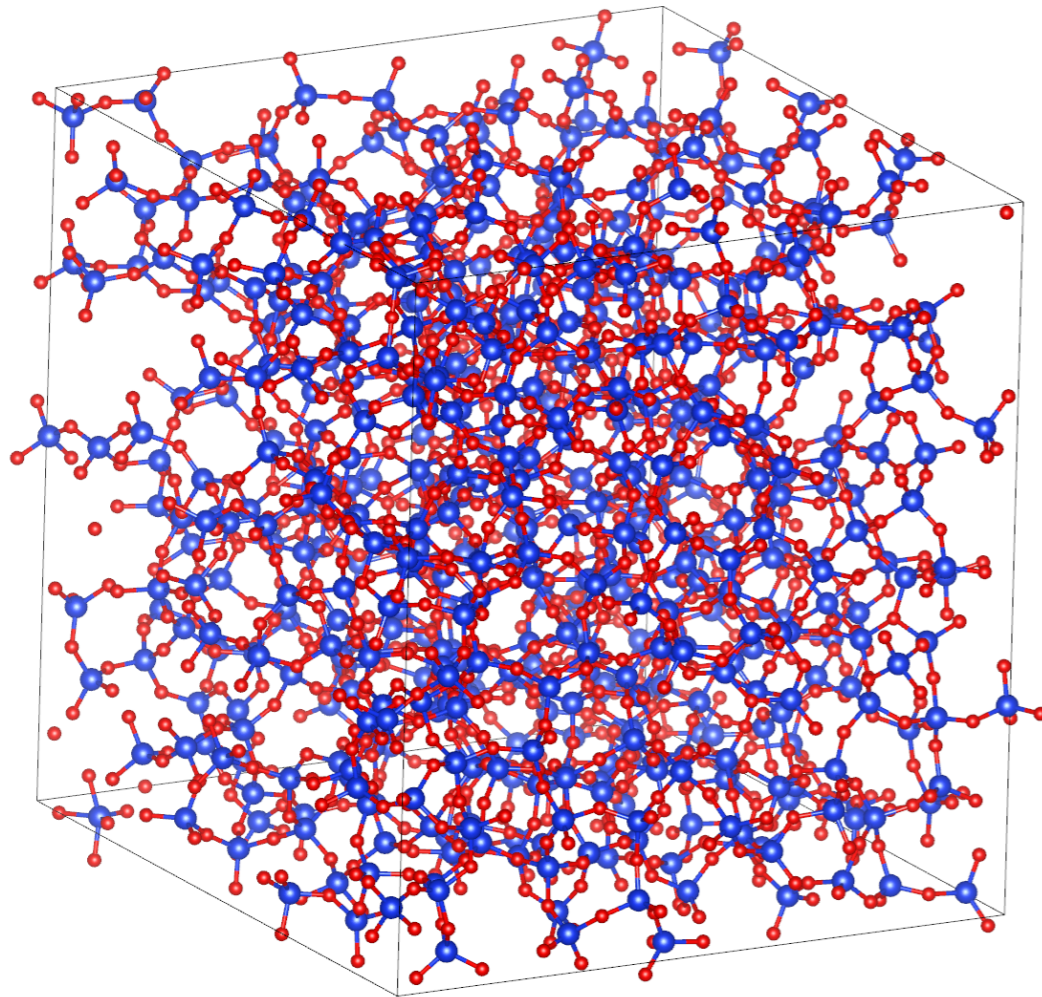
**Scale up with ML potential**

**Reproduce the RDF and Diffusion constant estimated by DFT**



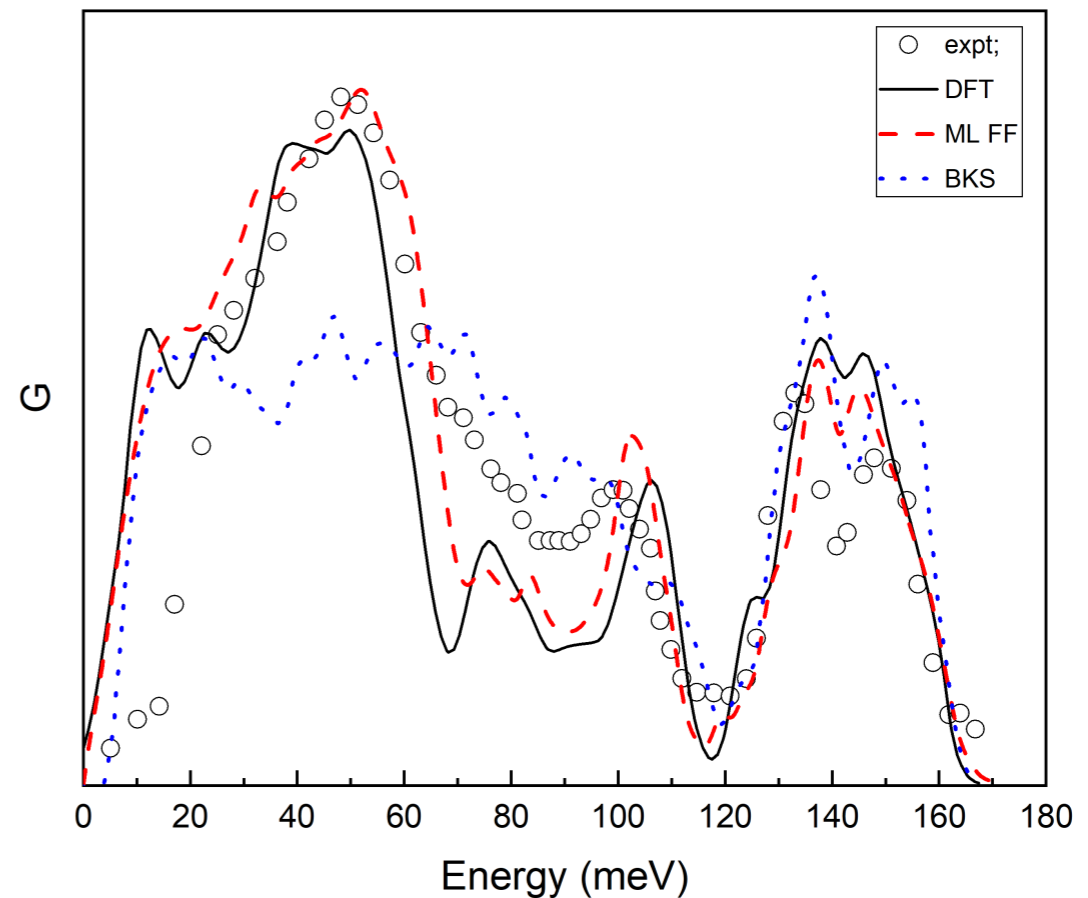
# Vibration property depending on structure

## Amorphous model



1728 atoms

## Phonon density of state



The phonon density of state (DOS) calculated from ML force fields.  
[Science, 1997, 275, 1925–1927; Europhys. Lett., 2002, 60, 269–275; Phys. Rev. Lett., 1985, 54, 441–443]

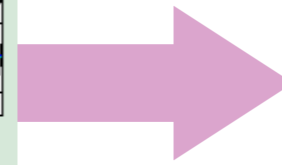
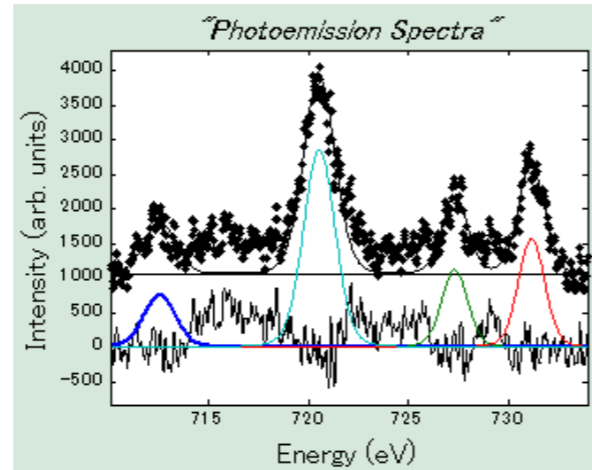
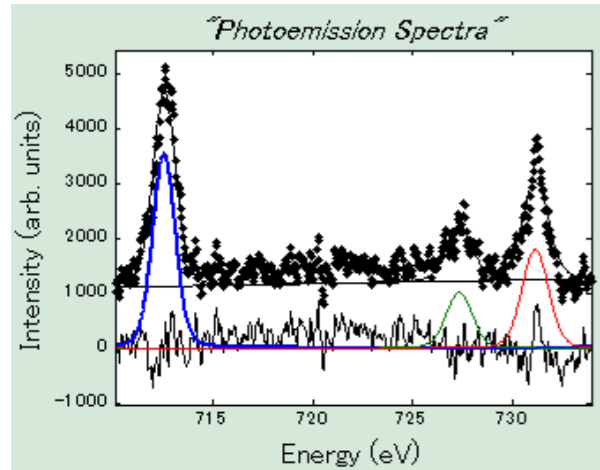
**It is possible to anneal slowly for large-scale system by ML potential (0.01K/fs)**

**Improving ring statistics of Si-O networks/Phonon DOS also agrees well.**

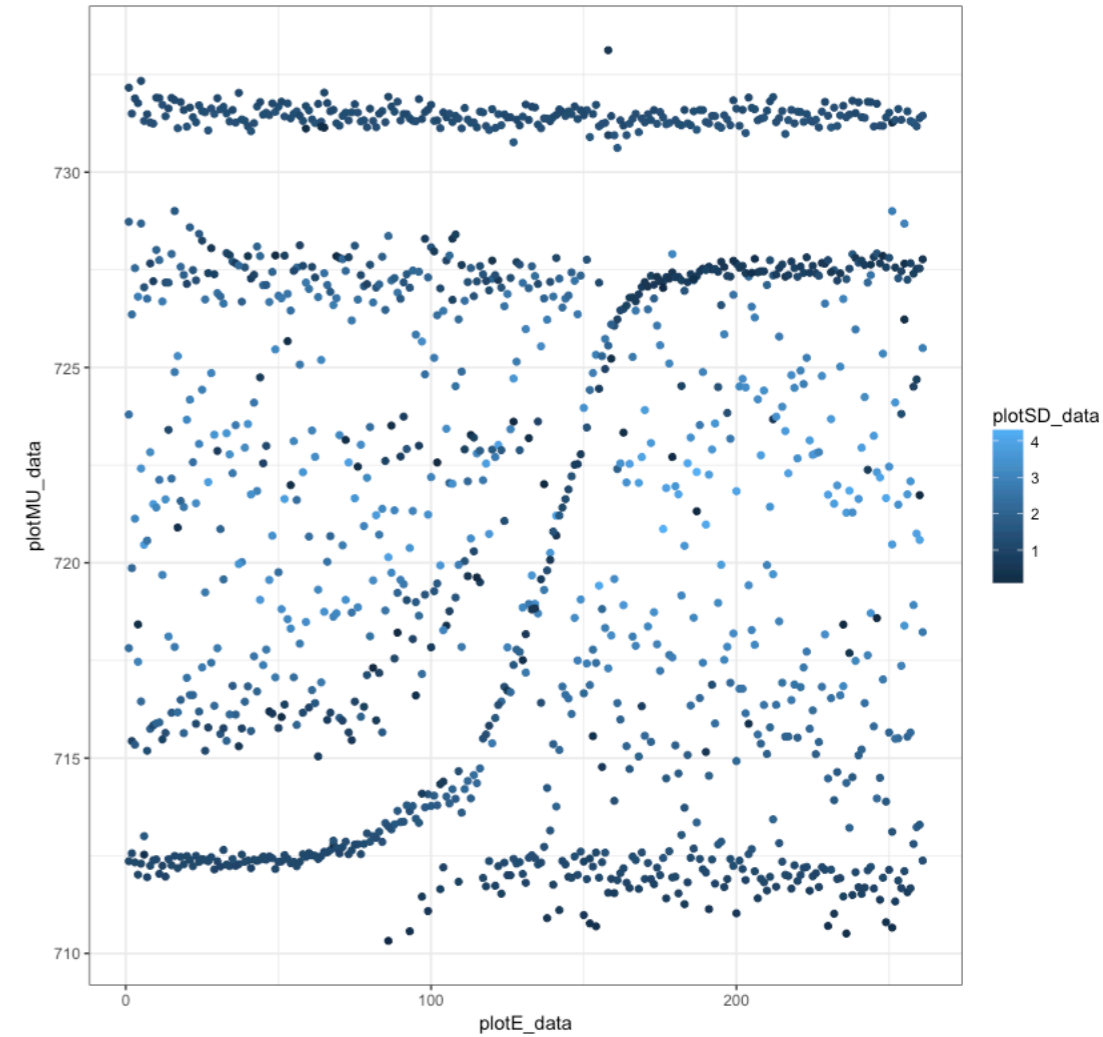
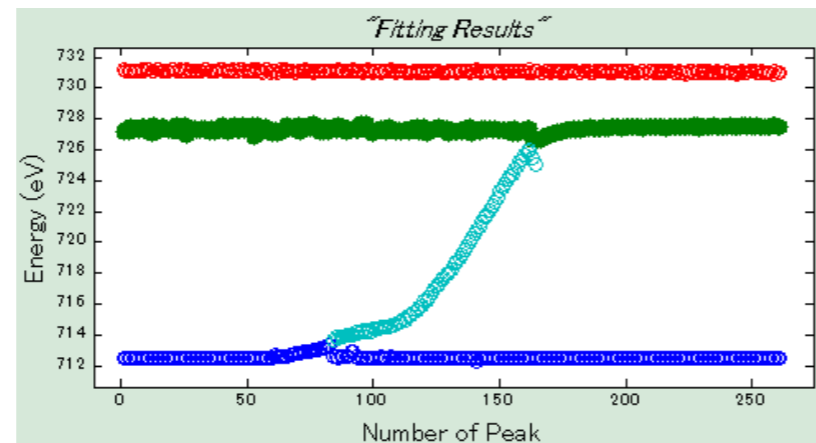
# High-throughput Spectrum analysis

# Automatic estimation of peak position

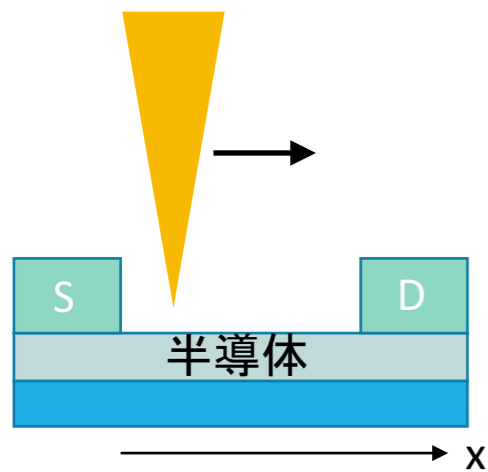
## Experimental data-sets of spectrum



**By hand**



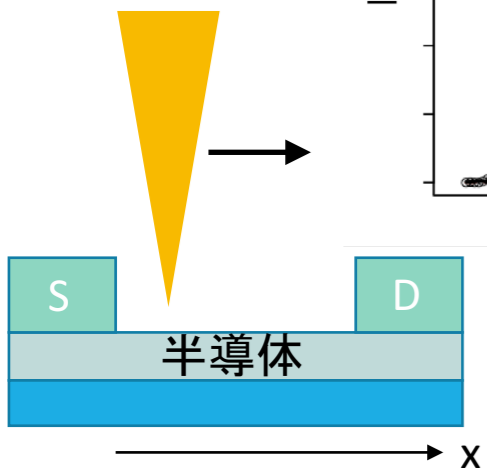
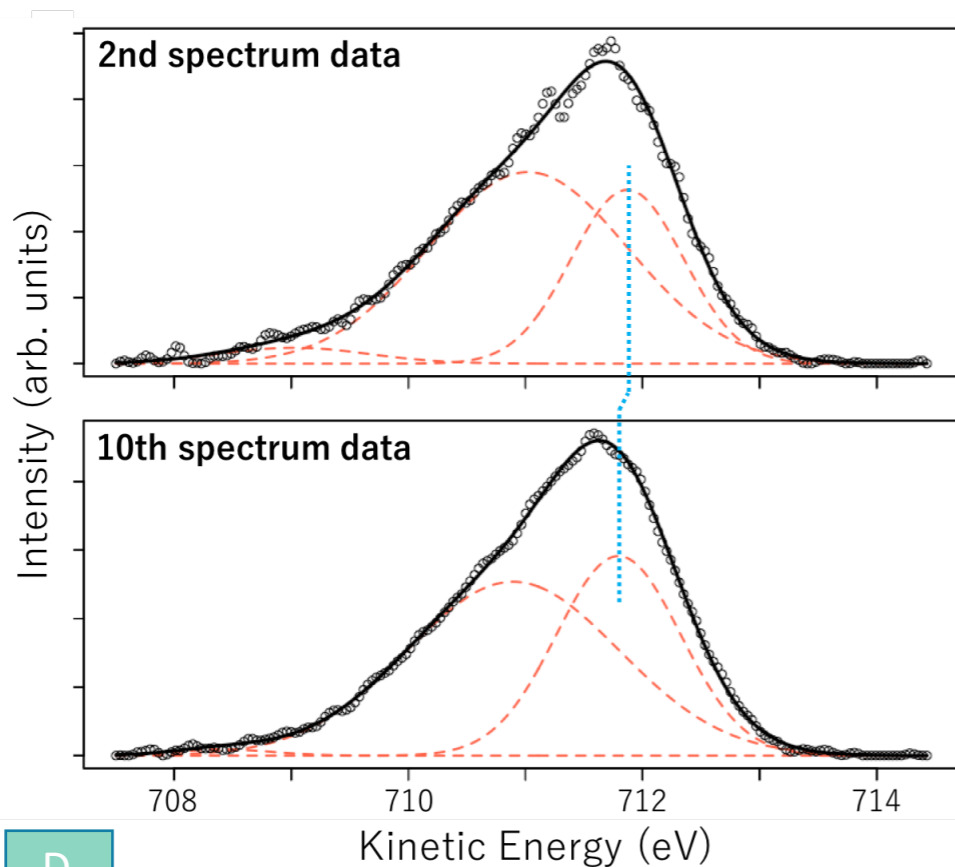
**Peak estimation  
by EM algorithm**



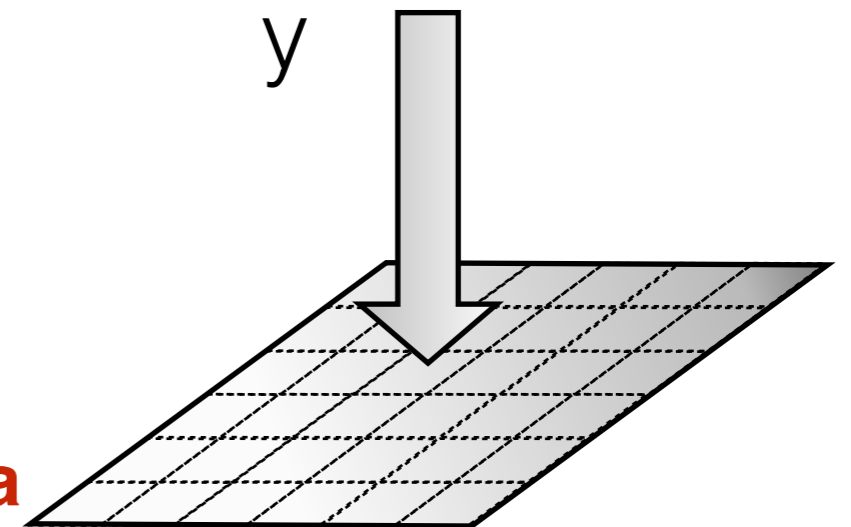
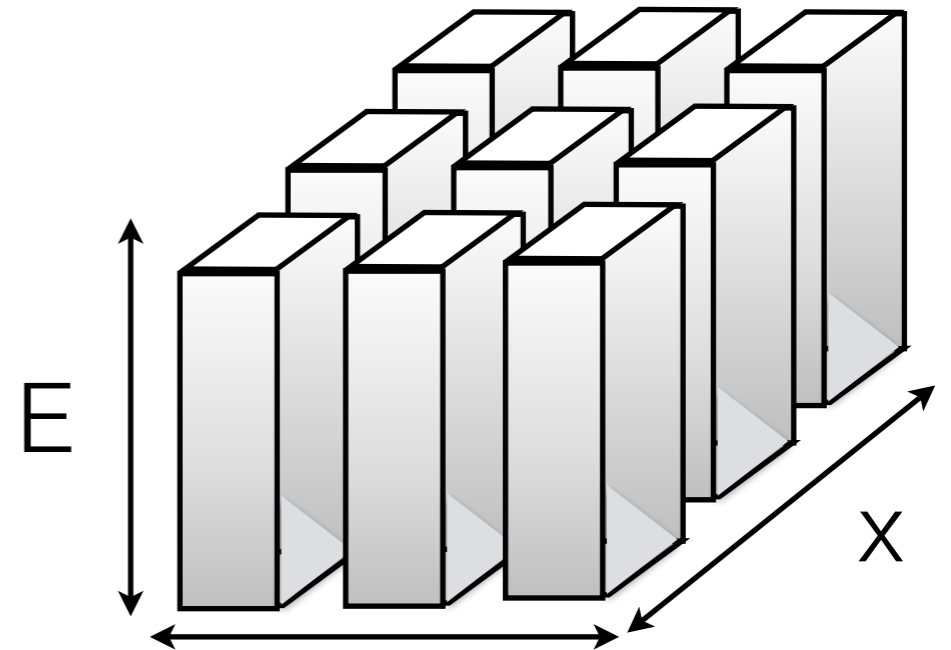
**X-ray spectrum imaging**

# Auto-estimation of peak position

Issue : "Automatic fitting to finding peaks in many spectra"



X-ray Spectromicroscopy



Character mapping

Need to extract peak positions of whole spectra  
Fitting by gaussian mixture model?



# Difficulty of parameter fitting

## Hard to use non-linear fitting scheme.

non-linear LS fitting  
= searching better initial guess

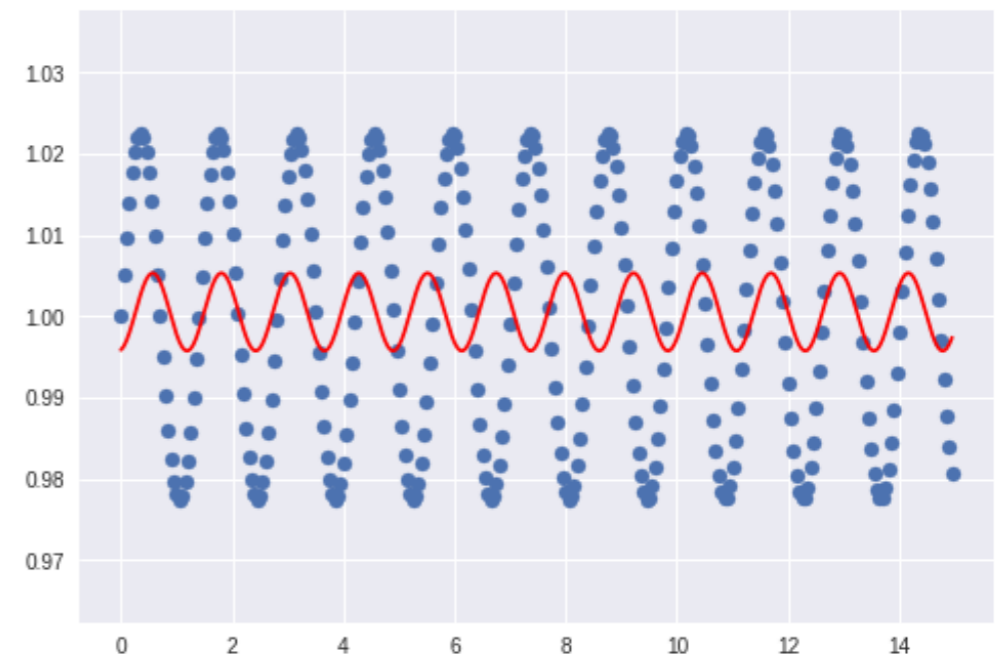
Searching based on their experience

Handling each data manually

**Impossible to analyze big-data**

解決策

**Effective way to find (EM algorithm)**  
**Stochastic sampling (monte-carlo method)**



$$y = A \sin(Bx + C) + D$$

Even though there are no noise,  
It is not work with bad initial guess.

# Maximum likelihood approach

## ML estimation For Gaussian distribution

$$p(\{x_1, \dots, x_N\}) = \prod_{n=1}^N N(x_n | \mu, \sigma^2) = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \right)^N \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu)^2 \right)$$

**Likelihood: probability of obtaining observed data**

↖ **Maximizing it**

## ML estimation for Gaussian mixture model

$$p(x) = \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k N(x | \mu_k, \sigma_k)$$

• Mixing ration(sum. 1)

• **Summation are in log.**  
• **Difficult to solve analytically**

$$\ln p(\{x_1, \dots, x_N\}) = \sum_{n=1}^N \ln \left( \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k N(x_n | \mu_k, \sigma_k) \right)$$

# Expectation-Minimization algorithm

## Gaussian mixture model

### Estimation

1. mean  $\mu_k$ , variance  $\sigma_k^2$ , mixing ration  $\pi_k$
2. Latent variable  $r_{nk}$  for data  $n$

**E (Expectation)-step** : Estimate (2) from (1).

expectation of  $r_{nk}$  (: responsibility  $\gamma(z_{nk})$ )

$$E[z_{nk}] = \frac{\pi_k N(x_n, \theta_k)}{\sum_j \pi_k N(x_n | \theta_k)} = \gamma(z_{nk}) \leftarrow \text{Depend on (1) and } x_n$$

**M (Maximization)-step** : Estimate (1) from (2).

Maximizing expectation of log. Likelihood from complete data (pairs of  $x_n$  and  $r_{nk}$ )

$$\mu_k^{\text{new}} = \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) x_n, \quad \sigma_k^{2 \text{ new}} = \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk}) (x_n - \mu_k^{\text{new}})^2, \quad \pi_k^{\text{new}} = \frac{N_k}{N}$$

**Likelihood monotonically increase!**

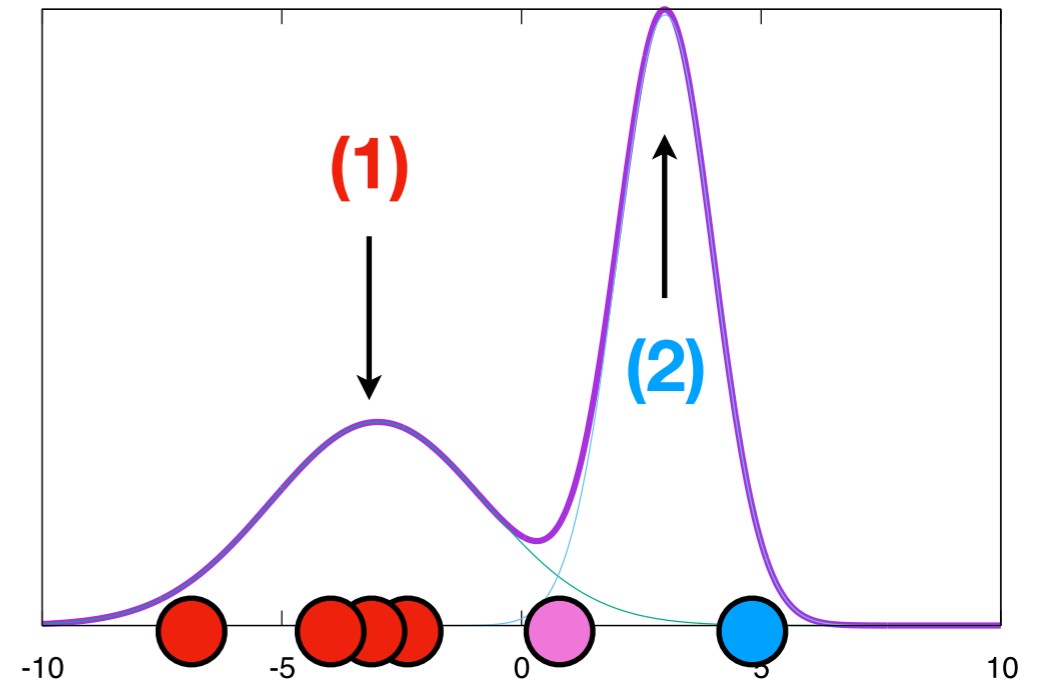
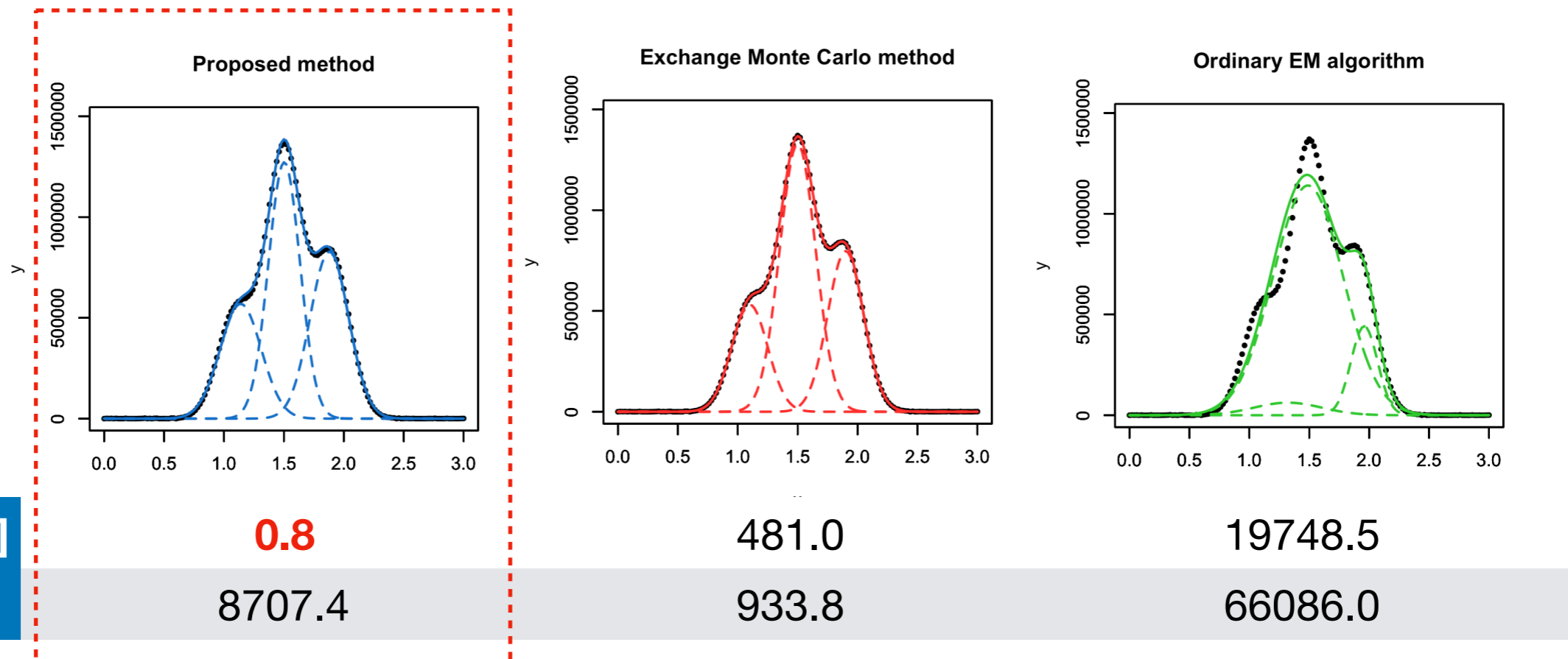


図3-1 混合ガウス分布の例

$$N_k = \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma(z_{nk})$$

# Spectrum modeling of EM algorithm

Conventional EM algorithm: the cost depends total data number ← **improved !**



- Robust for selection of initial guess, cheap computational cost.
- Multi-trial of initialization makes improve the accuracy.
- Noisy and peak overlapping case is difficult.

現在はこの手法を拡張して「ピーク本数」「pseudo Voigt関数による自動フィット」まで可能



# Key consideration for using Informatics

## “Finding” does not mean “Understanding”

- ✓ Many researchers have Internet of “Mechanism”.
- ✓ Machine-learning does not take into account the “physical law” generally

**Analysis and Interpretation is must to do.**

## Trade of “Accuracy” and “White box”

Non-linear formalism

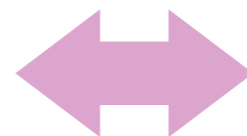
$$E[f(x)|Y] = k^T (K + \sigma^2 I_n)^{-1} Y$$

**High-Accurate one  
BUT BLACK BOX**

Linear formalism

$$Y = \sum_i a_i X_i + b$$

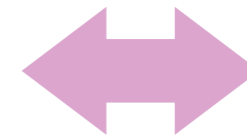
**NOT so high-accurate  
BUT WHITE BOX**



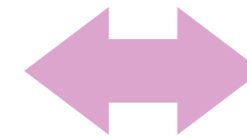
# Several problem on Materials Informatics

## “Small data” rather than “Big data”

- ✓ Conventional Experiment: less than 100, maximally 1,000.
- ✓ Systemic error depending on labs. (human, equipment, etc.)
- ✓ Spectra and Simulation data is close to “Big data”.



Sequencer



Genomics

## NO universal representation

- ✓ object: polymer • semiconductor • metal etc.
- ✓ Scale: 1 nm ~ 1 m (9 order!!!)
- ✓ Diversity of representation for systems and scales

Key aspects of  
Materials sciences



**“controllability (reproducibility)”  
and “theory (prior knowledge)”**

Prior cases are important

# Always starts with an issue

## Not necessary to be an expert of ML.

- ✓ Algorithm development is too difficult for materials researchers.
- ✓ Basic knowledge helps us to follow the cutting-edge algorithms.
- ✓ Important things is communication with experts.

## Making a issue in materials science IS YOUR WORK

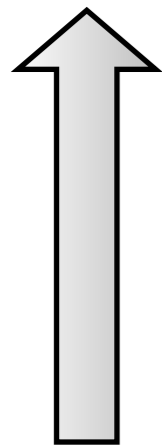
- ✓ ML experts cannot make an issue from the aspect of Materials science.
- ✓ Our duty is making an issue by ourselves.
- ✓ Applying basic algorithm by ourselves initially if possible.

**Understanding basics of ML makes us to communicate with experts.  
Communication makes us to solve our issue!**

# Take-home messages

## Always Start with an Issue

**The most important**



- ✓ What do you want to know from data?
- ✓ What benefits are obtained by applying machine-learning?
- ✓ Can you breakdown the issue enough to solve?
- ✓ **NEVER** just USING the machine-learning.

## Basic Flow

