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Prediction of Physical Sputtering Yields for New Materials and an Understanding of Underlying Physics by Machine Learning

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In this study, we construct a regression model for the sputtering yields of single-element materials by single-element ion impact, using widely available sputtering yield data [1], and evaluate its accuracy in predicting the sputtering yields and the importance of each descriptor (i.e., physical parameter associated with the system), based on exhaustive search [2] and a subgroup relevance analysis [3]. The analysis of the important descriptor groups also provides insight into the physical mechanisms of such sputtering phenomena.

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