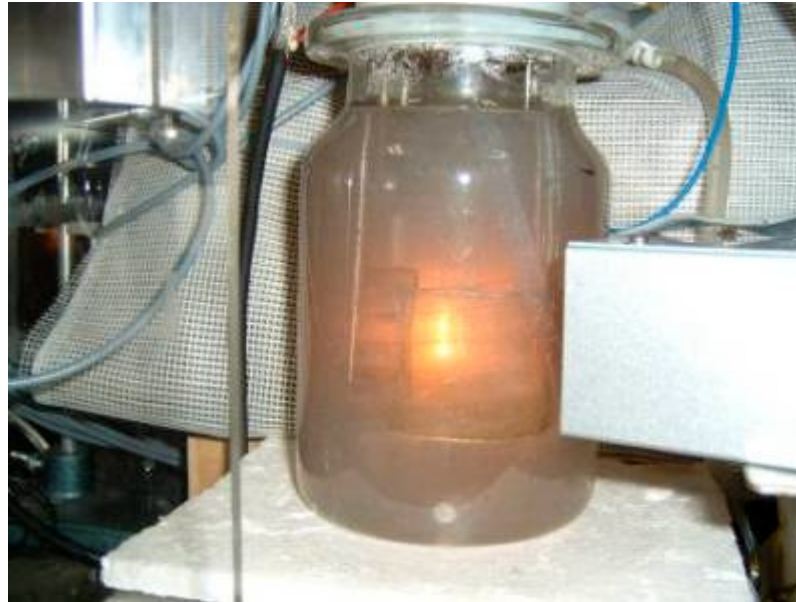


Experimental study of glow discharge in light water with W electrodes

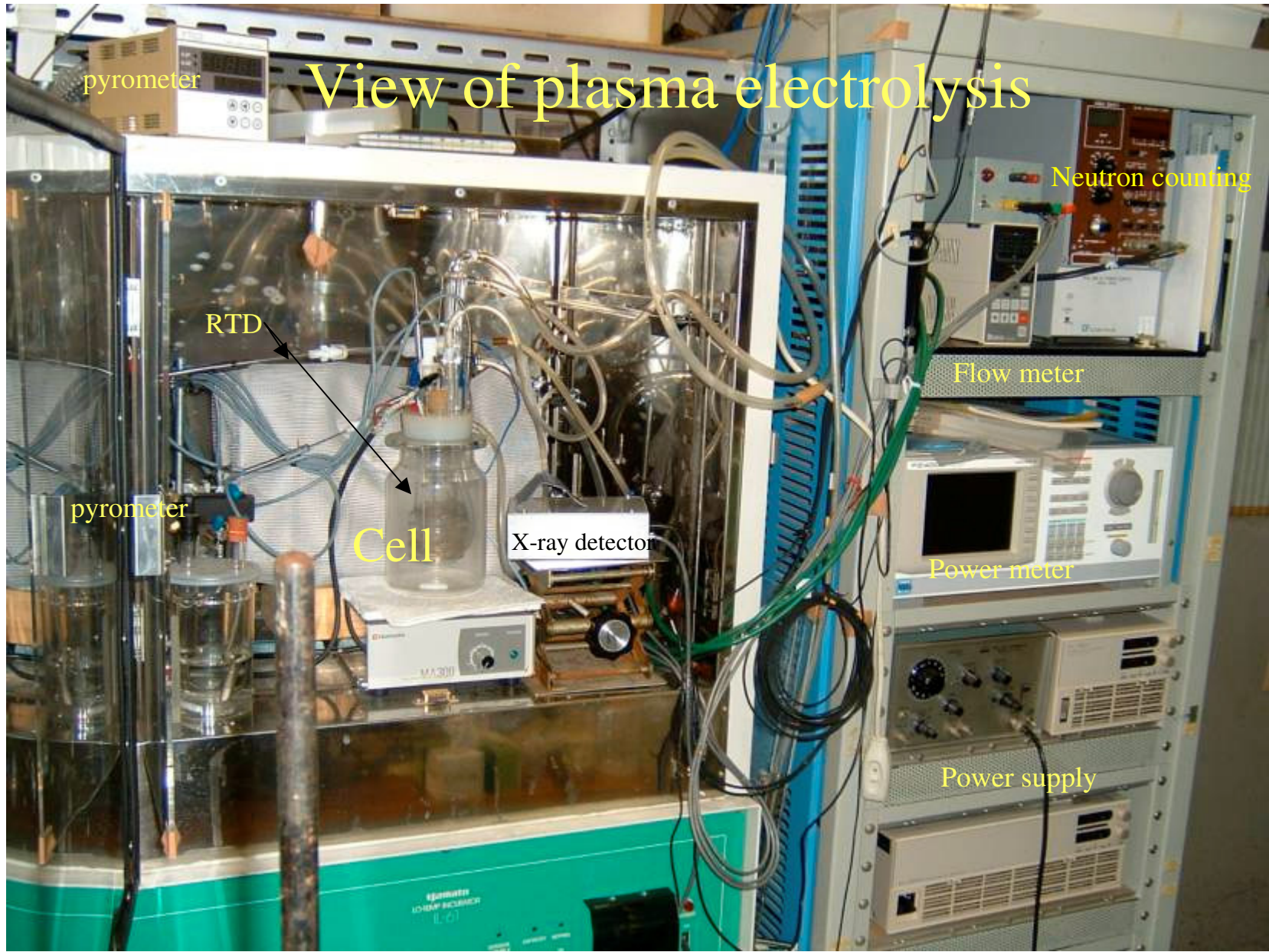


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View of plasma electrolysis

pyrometer

RTD

pyrometer

Cell

X-ray detector

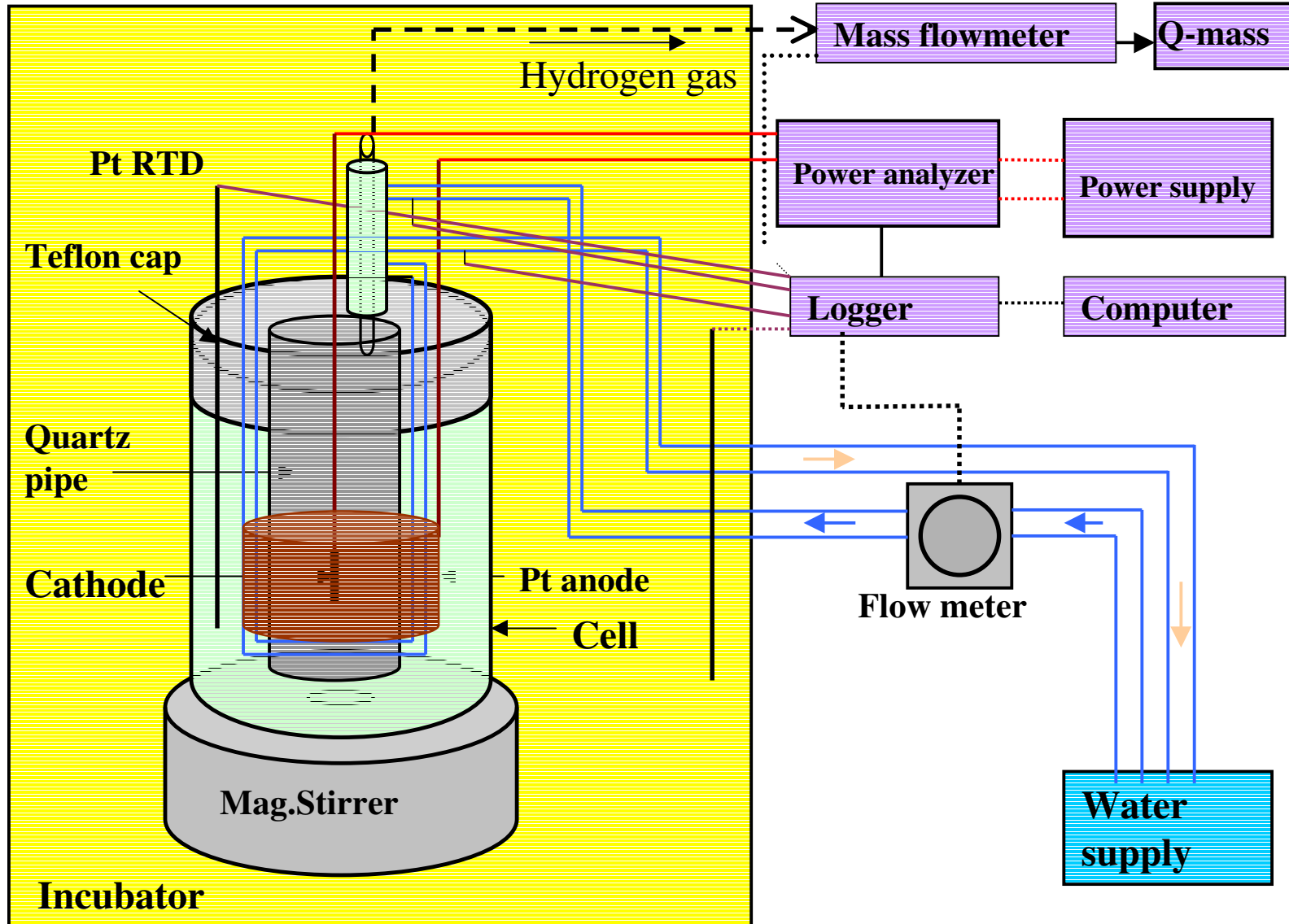
Neutron counting

Flow meter

Power meter

Power supply

Sketch of experimental set up



Detail of the gas measurement

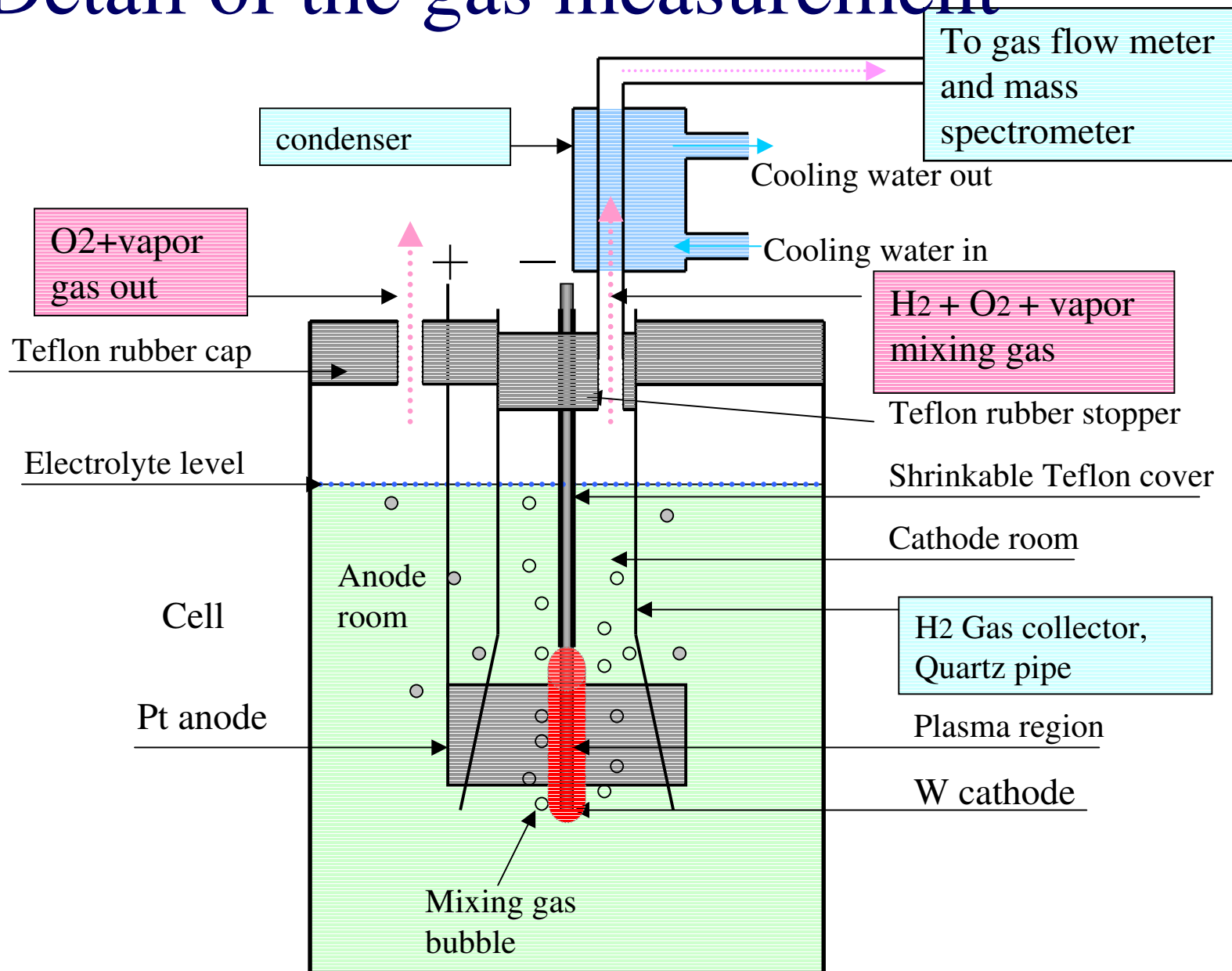


Photo of cell

RTD: *Pt resistance thermometer, 0.001deg*

glass dome

coolant coil

Pt anode

Rectangular Pt had an integral lattice constructed using a 15cm length of 0.1cm in diameter.



The cell is 6cm in diameter and 15cm in height.

Electrode

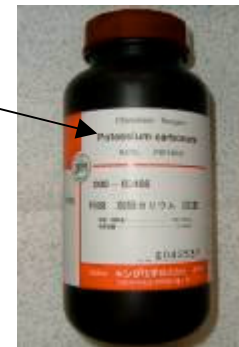
- The W wire; high purity (99.9%, Nilaco metals LTD).
- The cathode comprised a 1.5cm diameter and 15cm length of wire.



Before After

Electrolyte

- Light water; *purified through a milli-Q filter up to 18.3 Ohm-cm of resistively.*
- K_2CO_3 ; *Kanto Chem.CO., INC., 99.5%*



Input power supply

- Takasago Products LTD, EX-1500L and EX-750, 15A and 480v.
- Input power analyzer
- Yokogawa-PZ4000, *50 μ sec sampling time, for 4s = 80000 data points*



Out put power measurement

- The logger converted input levels into a digital format acceptable to the computer software and the input voltage was directly measured between the two electrodes of the cell.



Coolant flow meter

controller

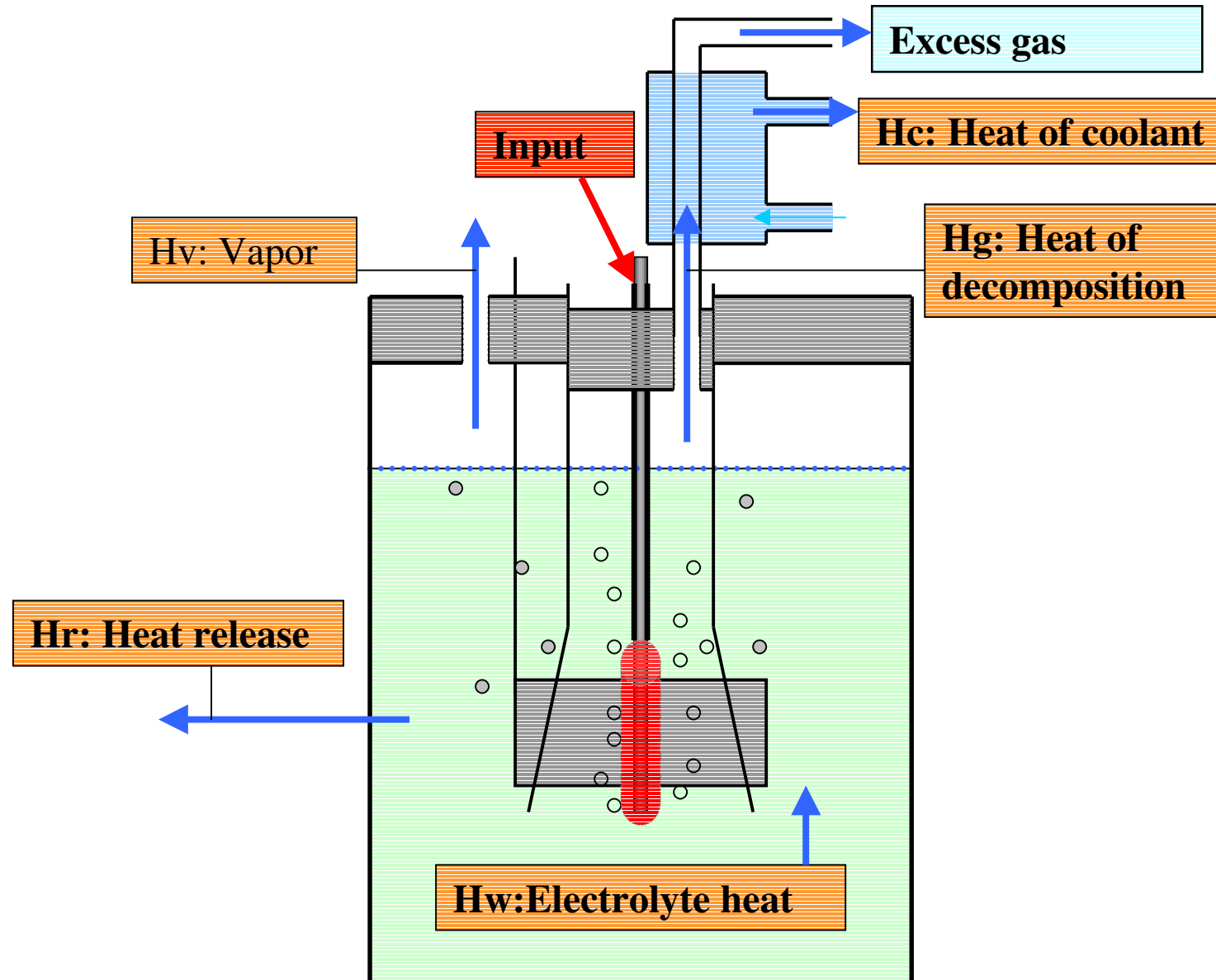


Turbine meter:
0.0001 g/s

Heat balance

- **Input (J) = I (current) · V(Volt) · t**
- **Out = Hg + Hw + Hc + Hr + Hv**
- 1: Hg = **Heat of decomposition** = $\int 1.48 \cdot dI \cdot dt$
- 2: Hw = **Electrolyte heat** = $\int W_w \cdot C_w \cdot \delta T$
 - Ww:electrolyte weight,Cw:heat capacity, δT :temperature difference
- 3: Hc = **Heat of coolant** = $\int W_c \cdot C_c \cdot \delta T$
 - Wc:coolant weight, Cc:heat capacity, δT :temperature difference
- 4: Hr = **Heat release** = $\int (W_w \cdot C_w + W_c \cdot C_c) Tr$
 - *Tr:temperature change*
- 5: Hv = **vapor** = $W_v \cdot C_c$

Heat balance



Photos of gas analysis equipment

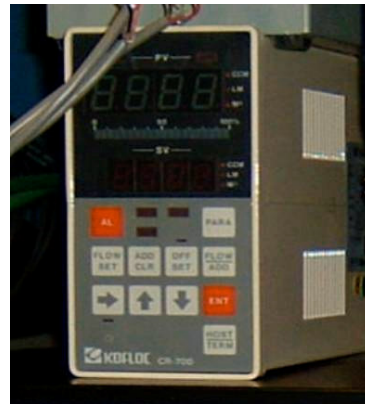
Mass flow

meter: model-3100
made by Kofloc Co

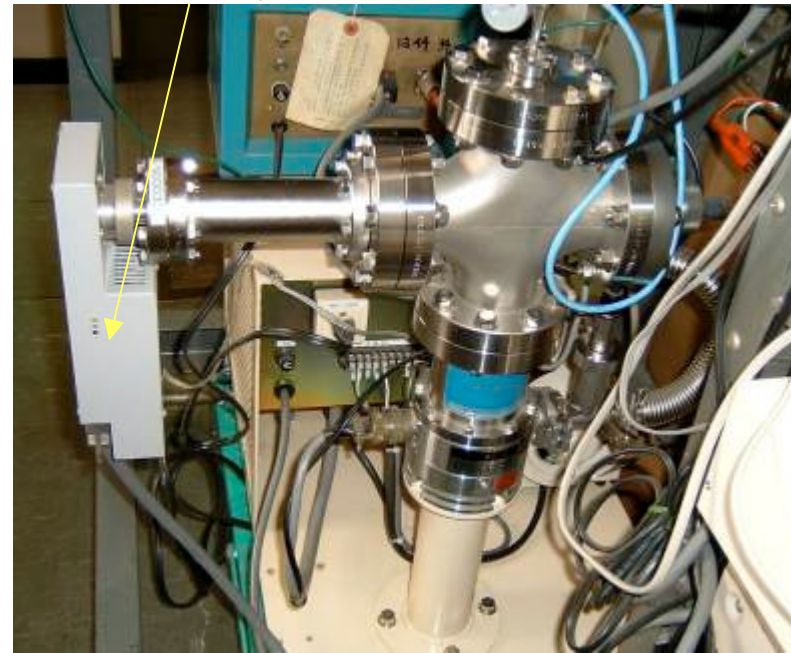


Mass flow
controller:

CR-700 Kofloc



Q-mass spectrum
analyzer



Elements Analysis

EDX analyzer



ICP mass analyzer





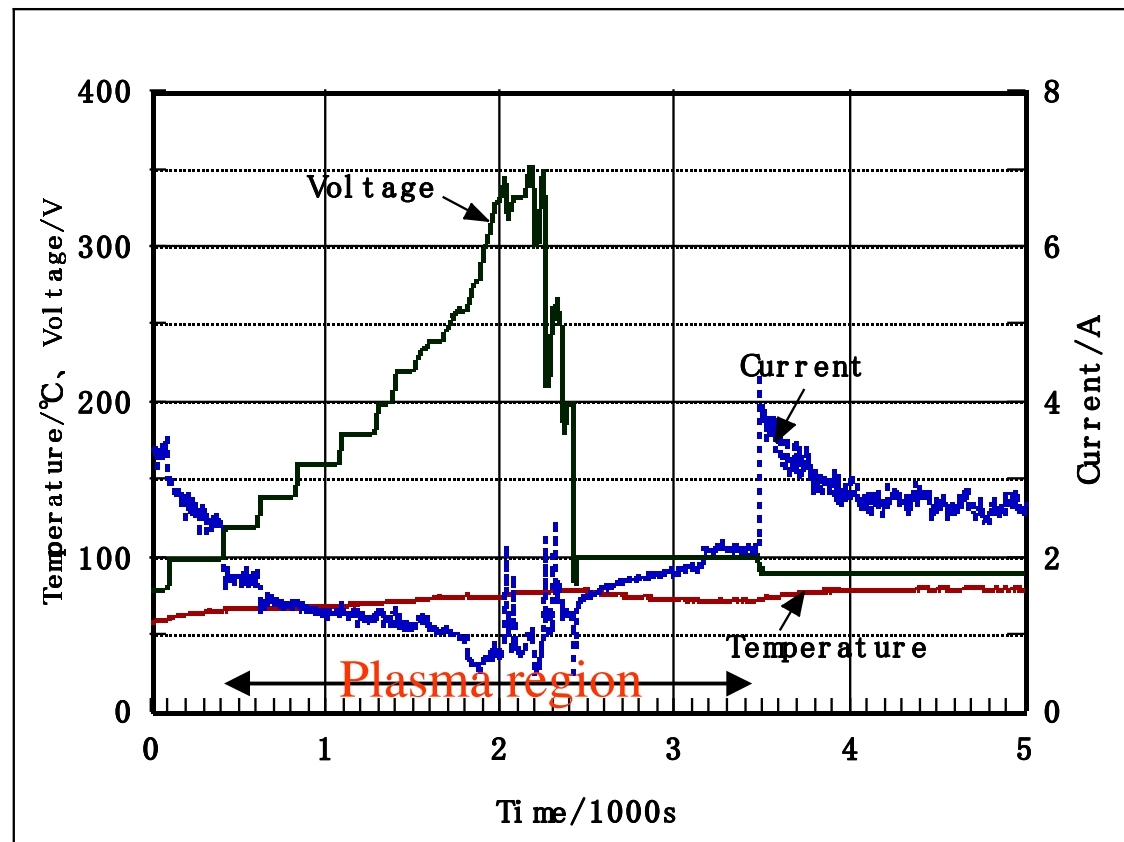
Plasma

W electrode 1.5ϕ , 30mm

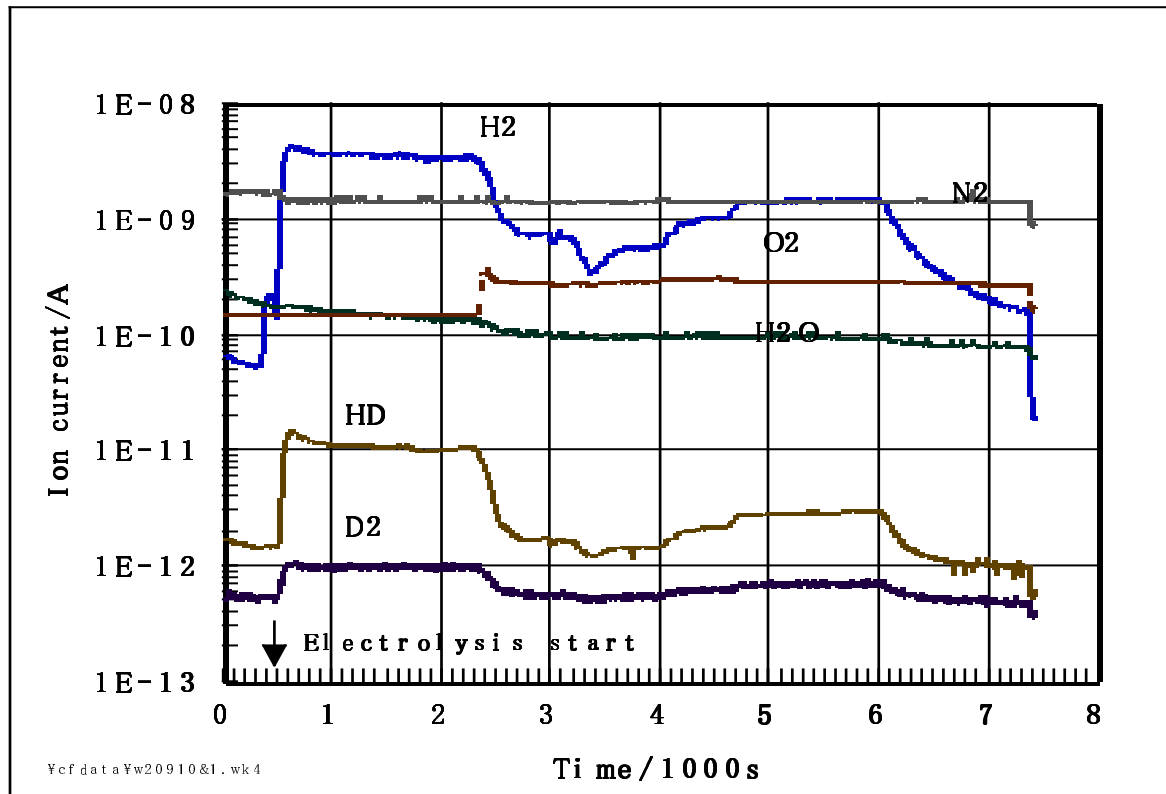
220V, 1.2A, 90C

Current efficiency; 500%

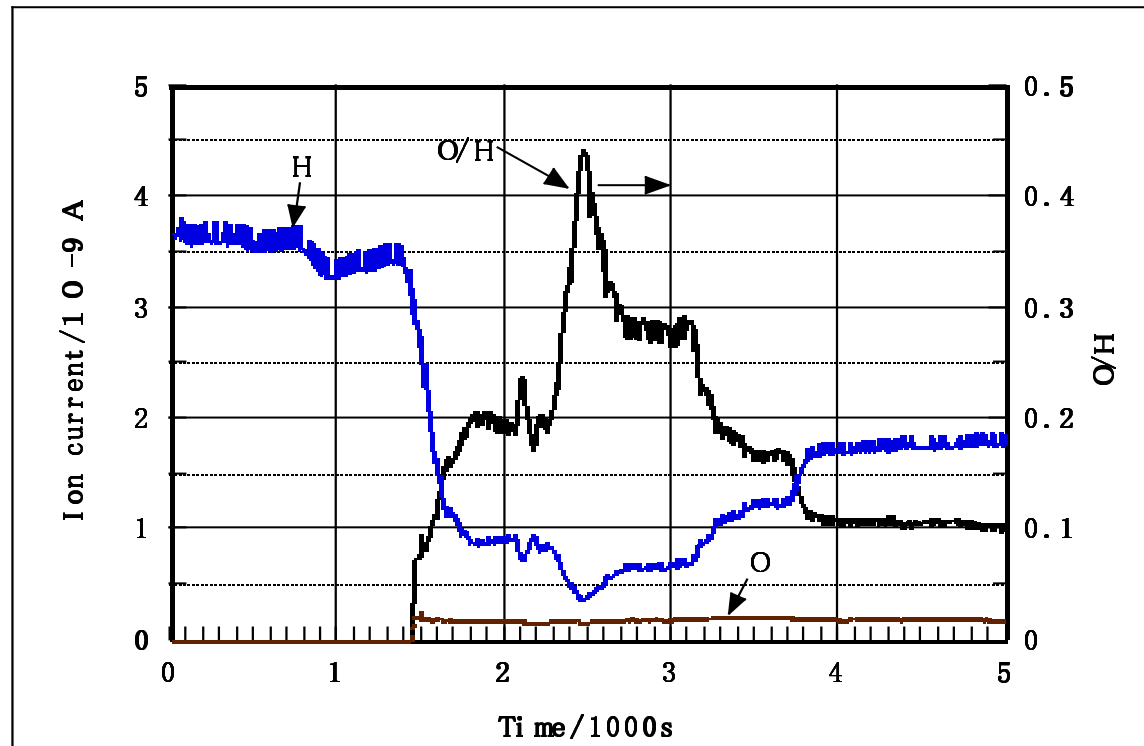
Time changes of input Voltage, current and solution temperature



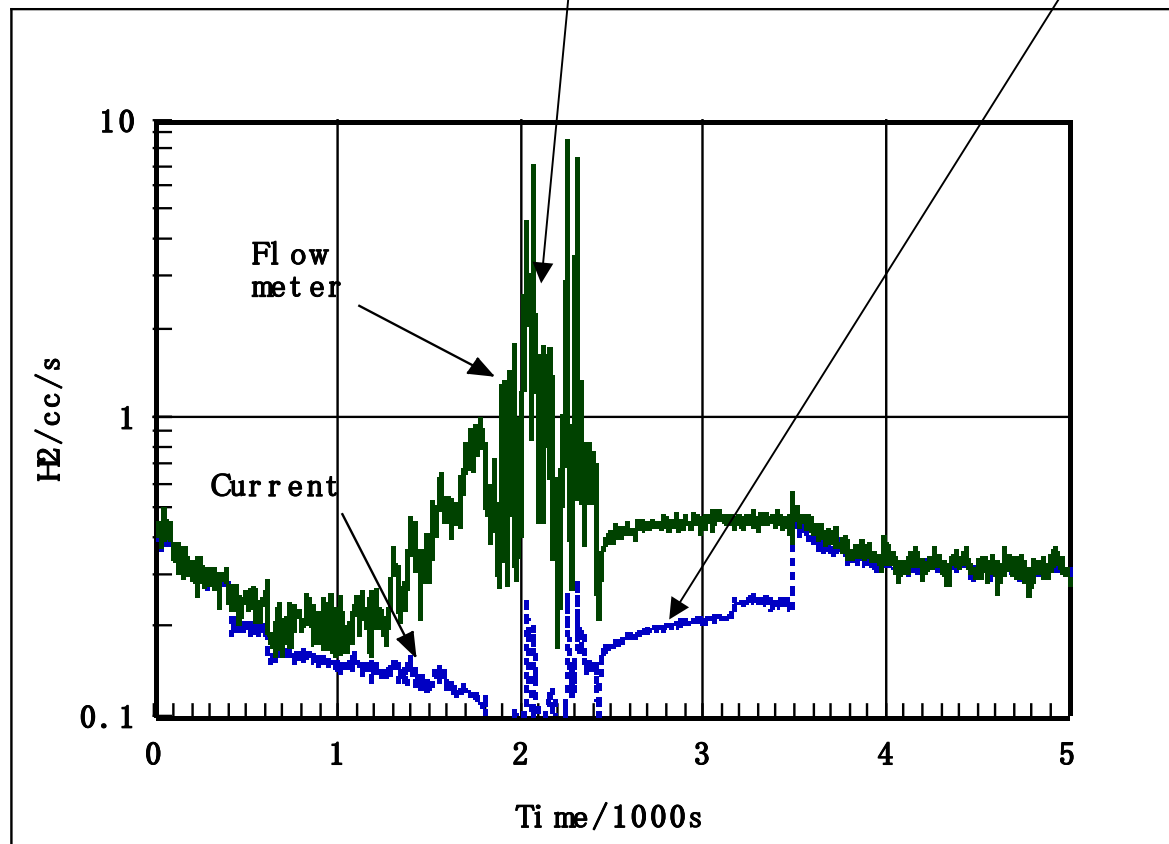
Time changes of various gas



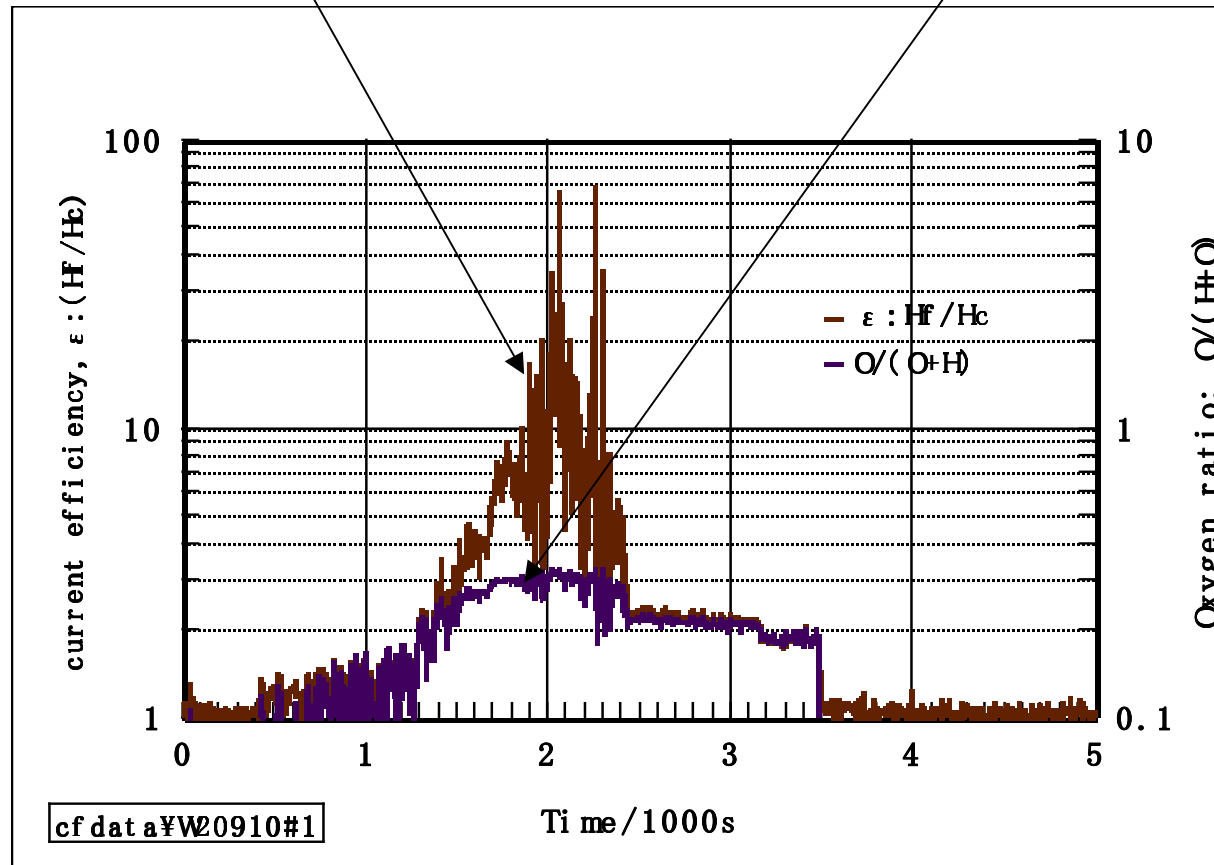
Time changes of H₂ and O₂



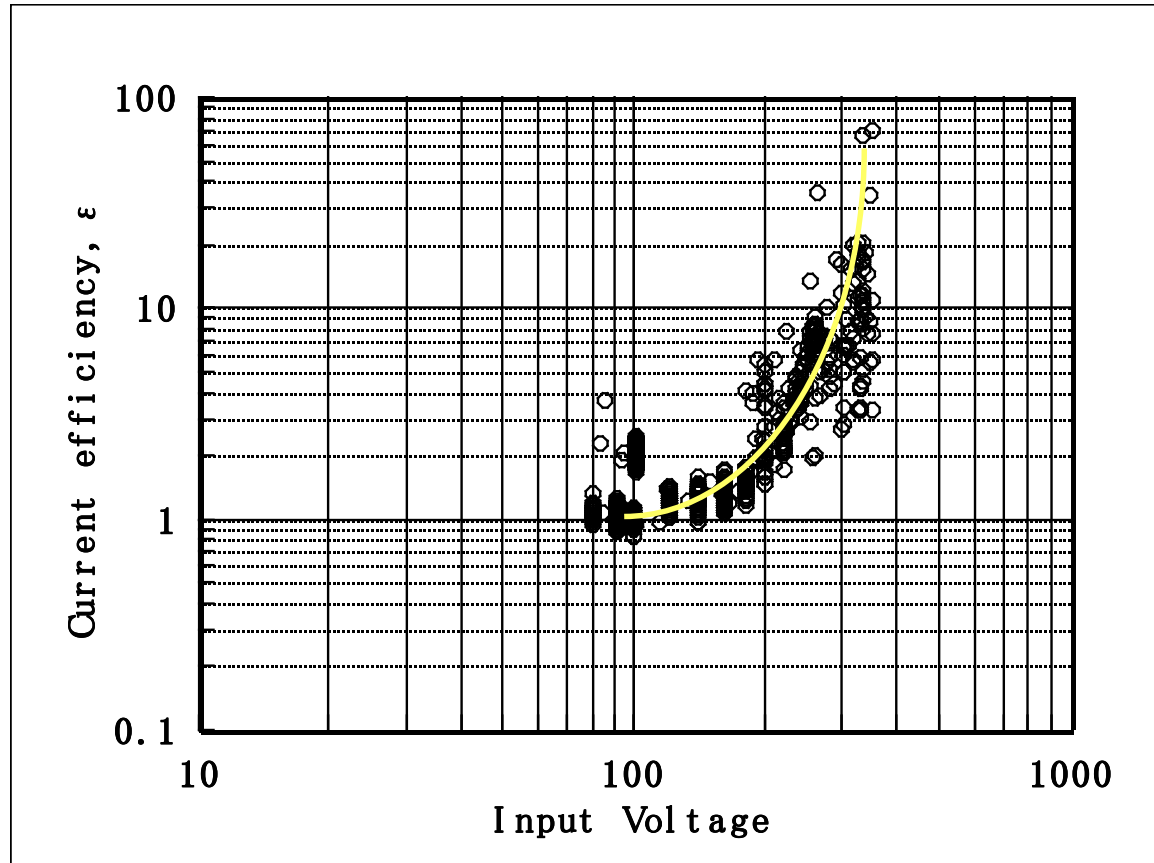
Time change of hydrogen generation; estimated by flow-meter and by current



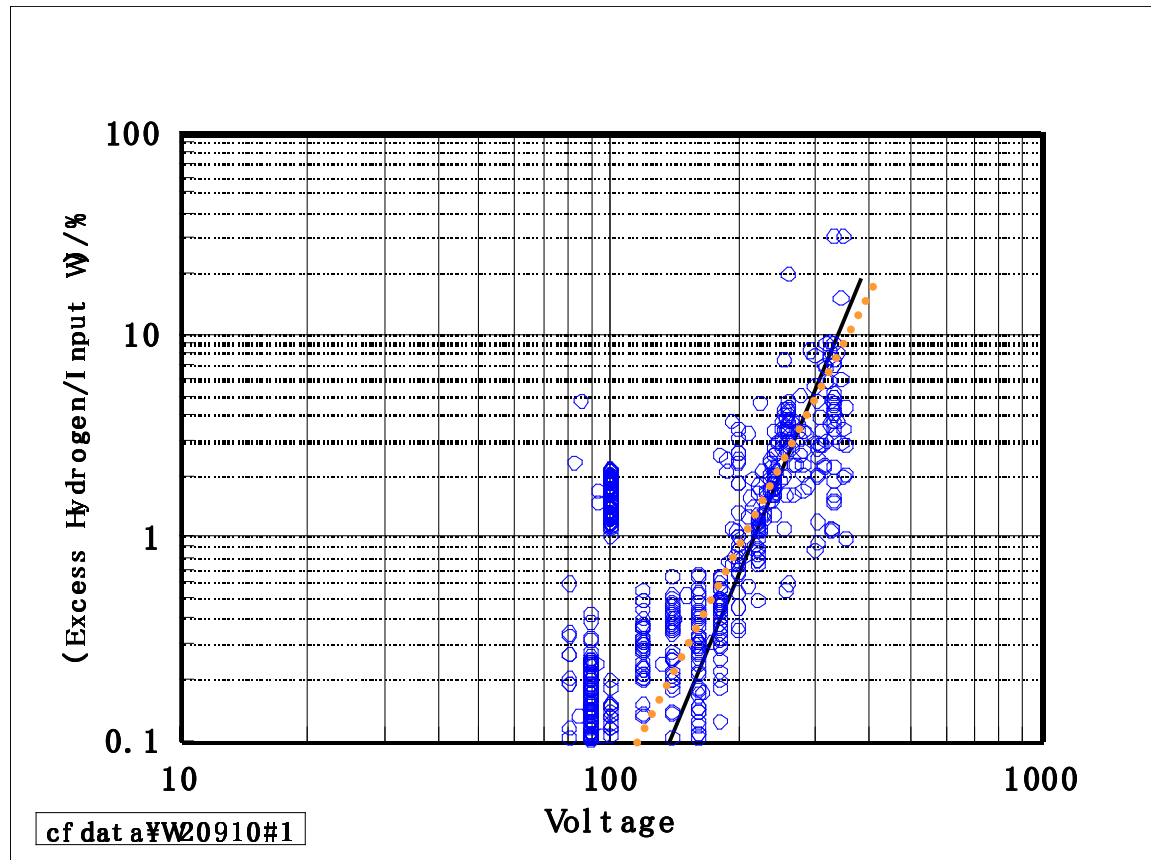
Time change of current efficiency and O_2 ratio



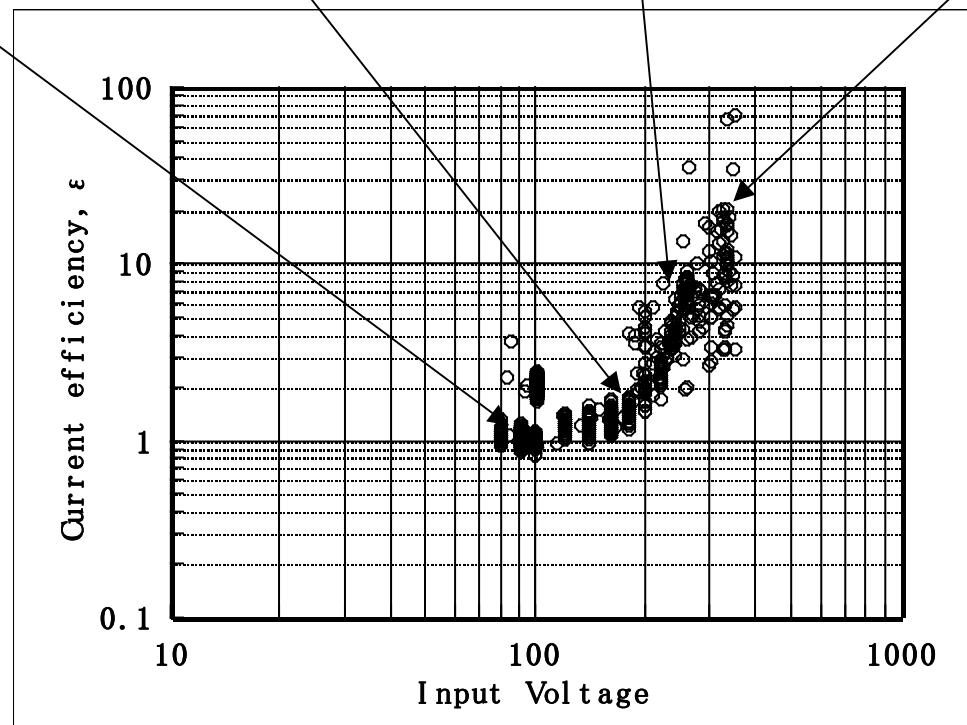
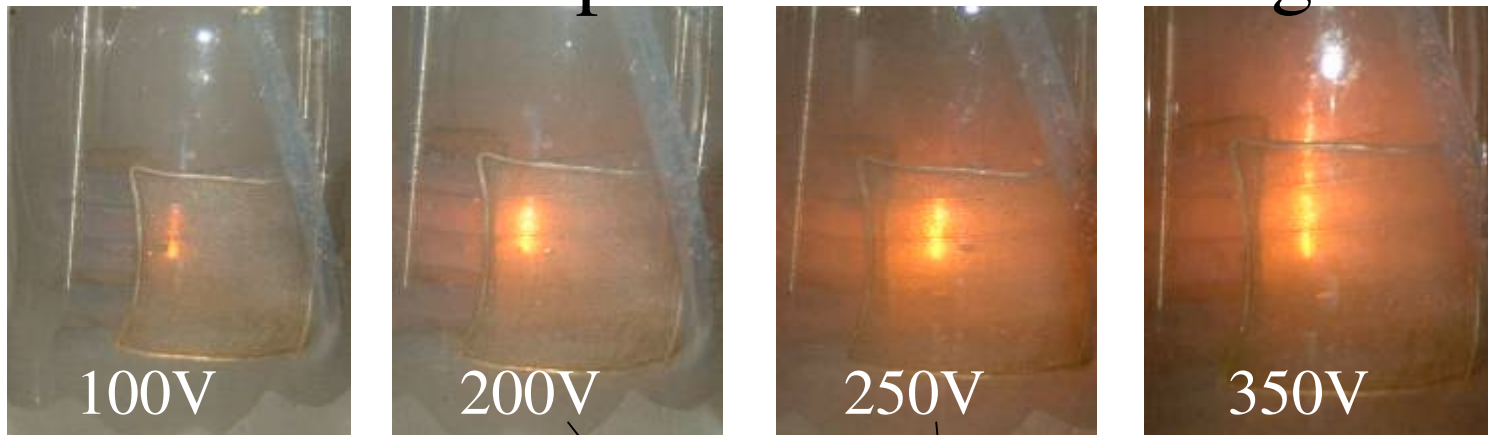
Dependence of current efficiency on input V



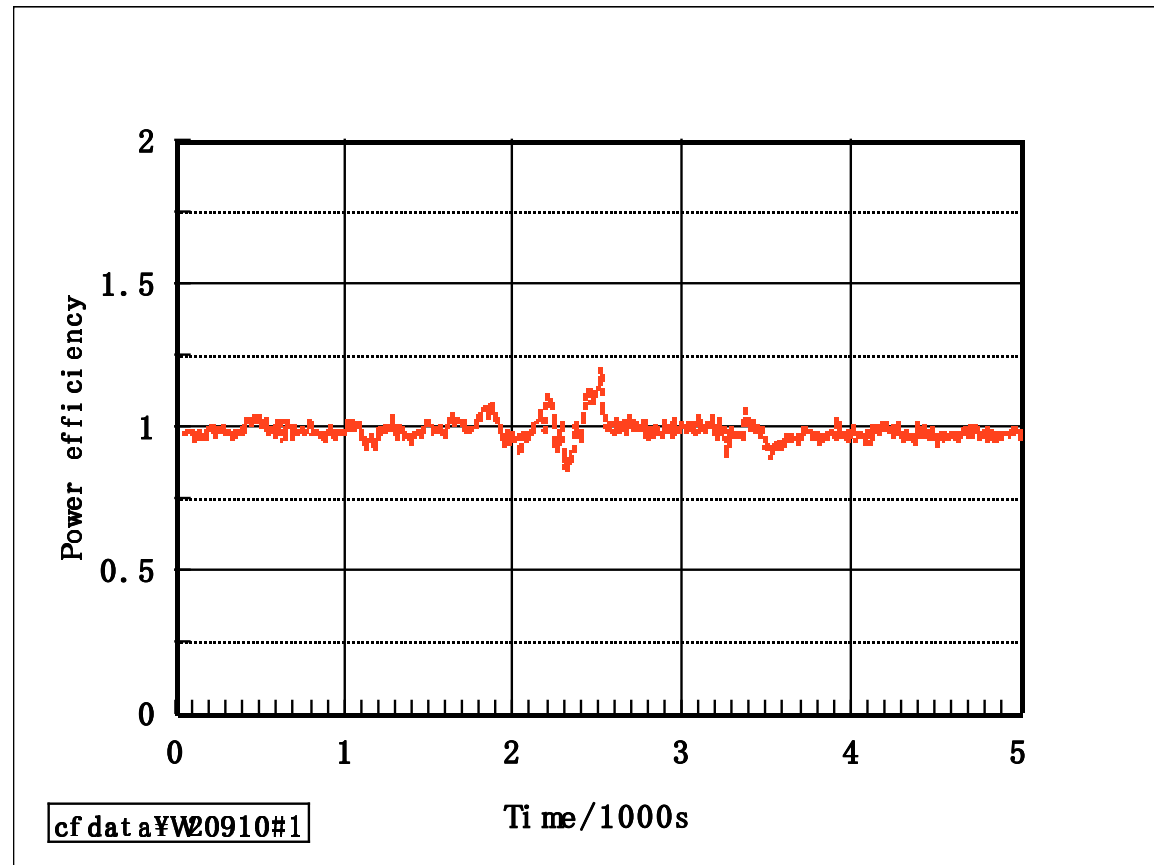
Voltage dependence of excess H₂



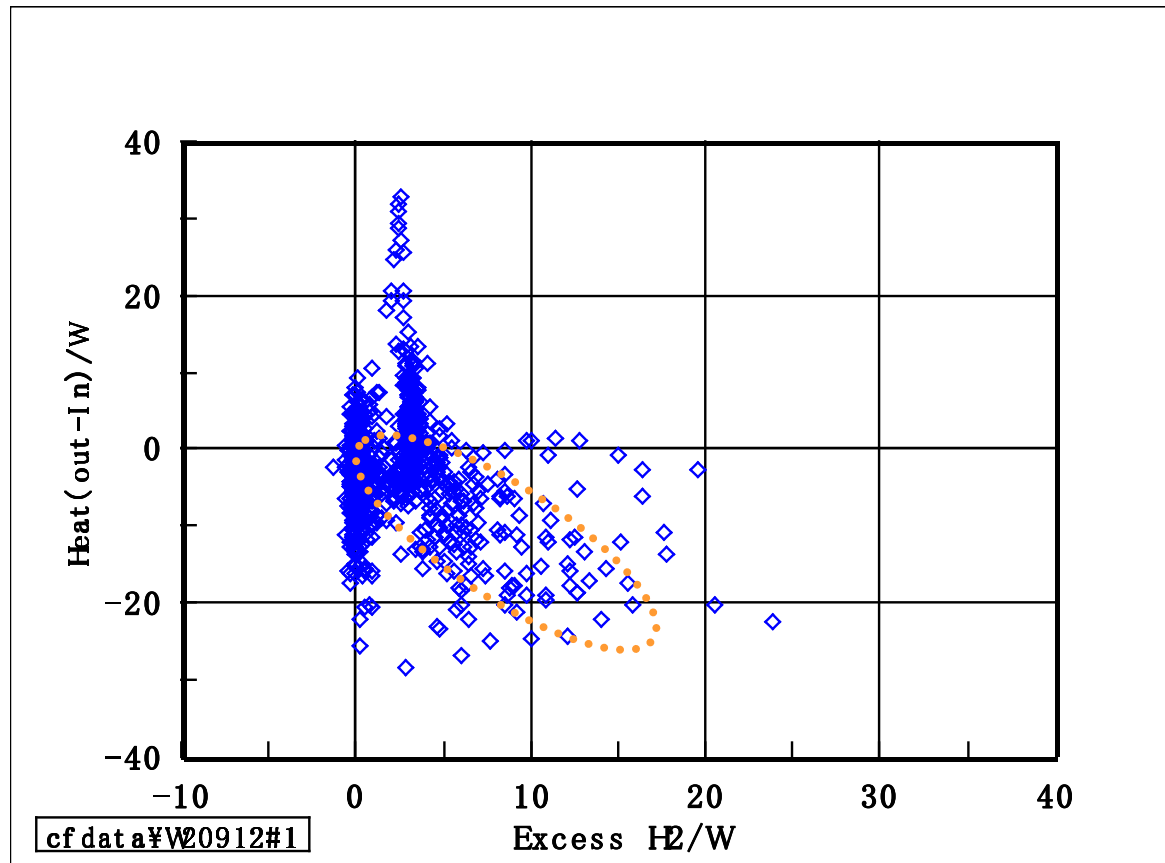
Photos of plasma at each voltages



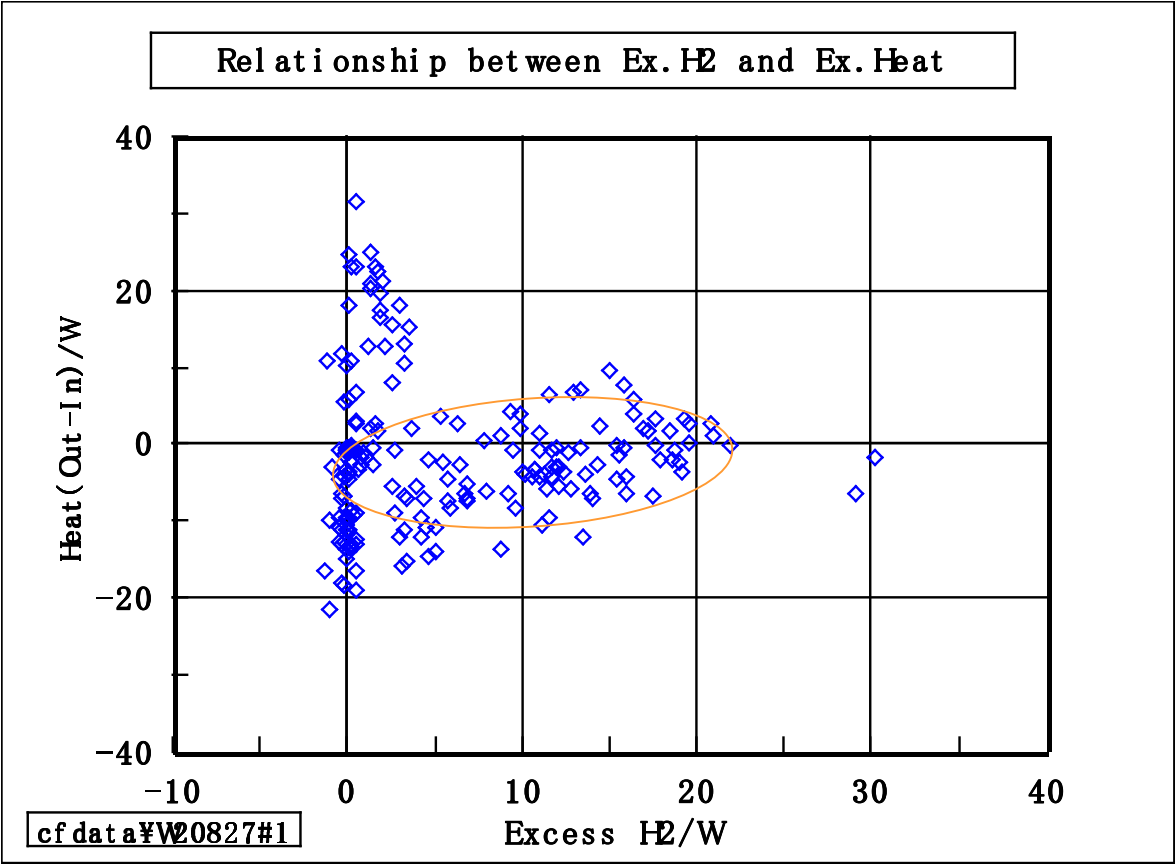
Time change of power efficiency



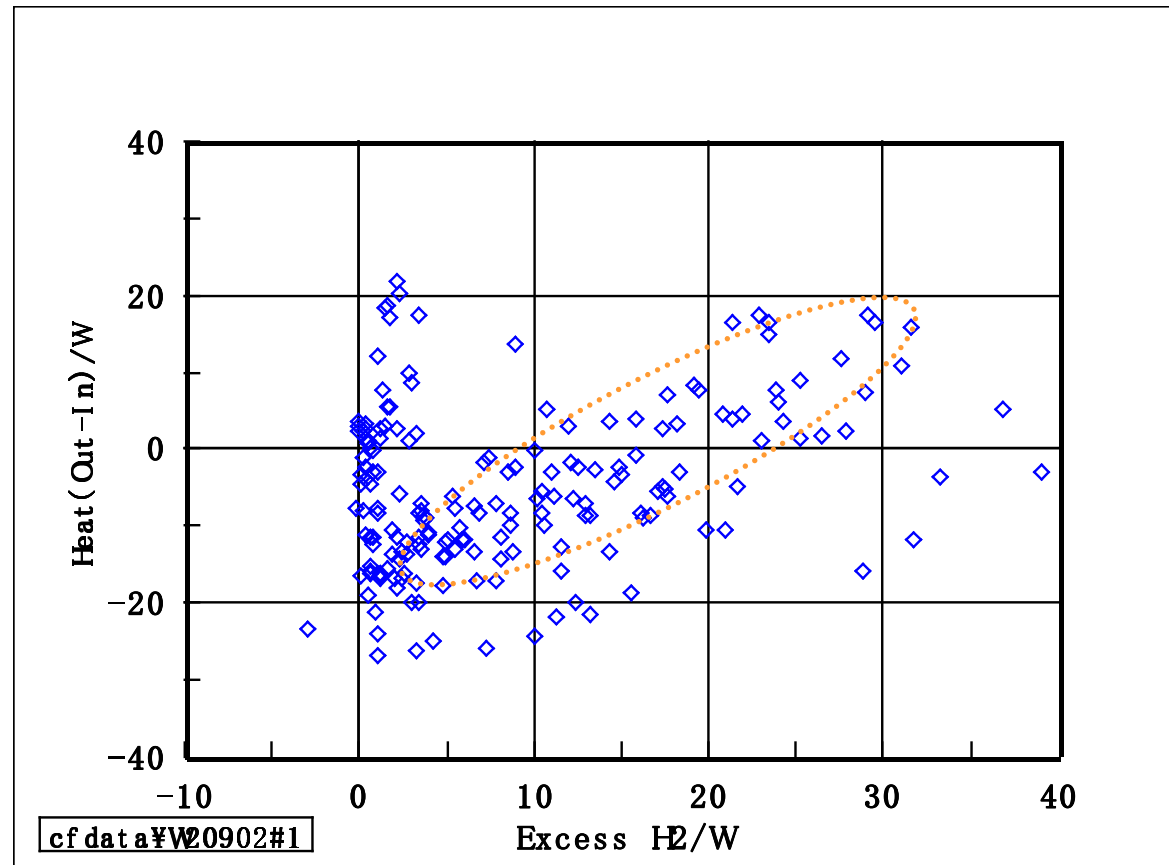
Endothermic result



No excess heat

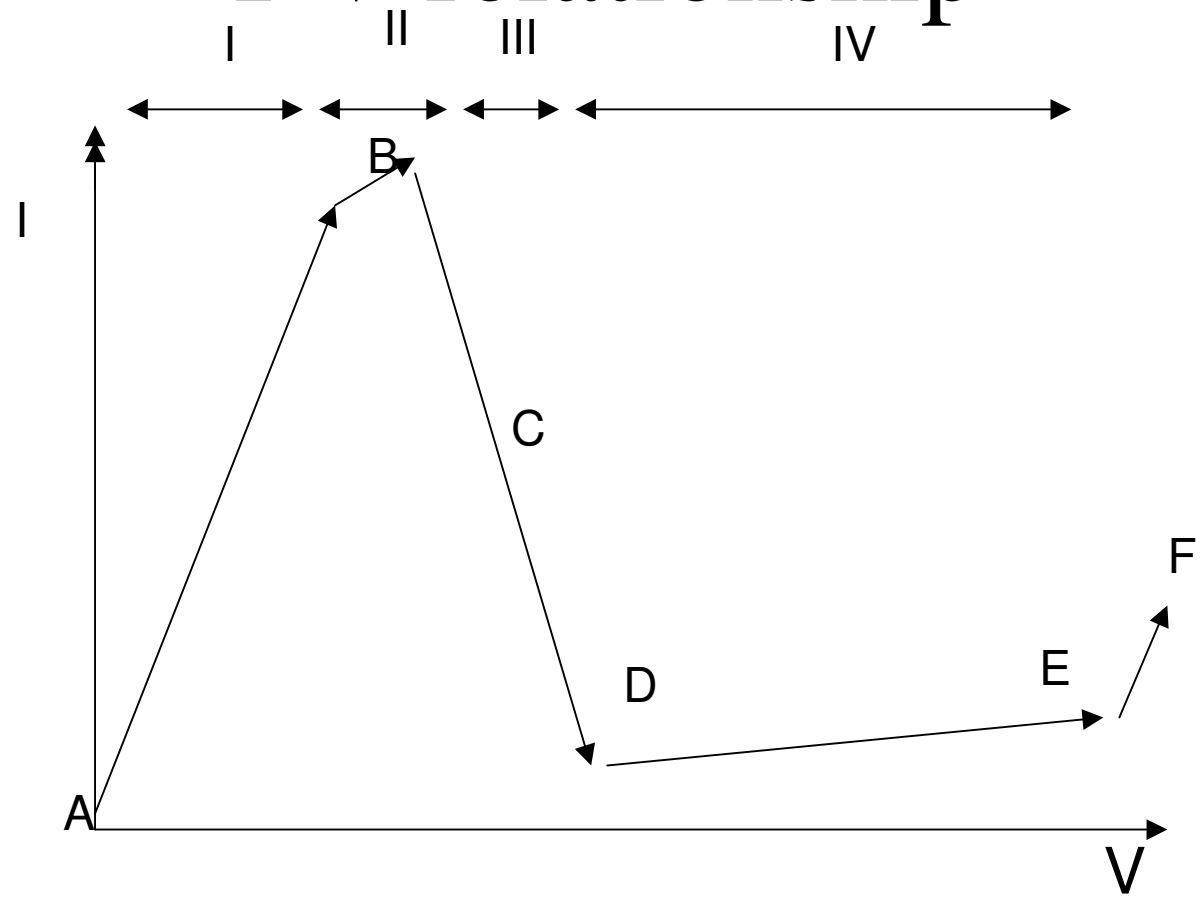


Excess heat generation



I-V relationship

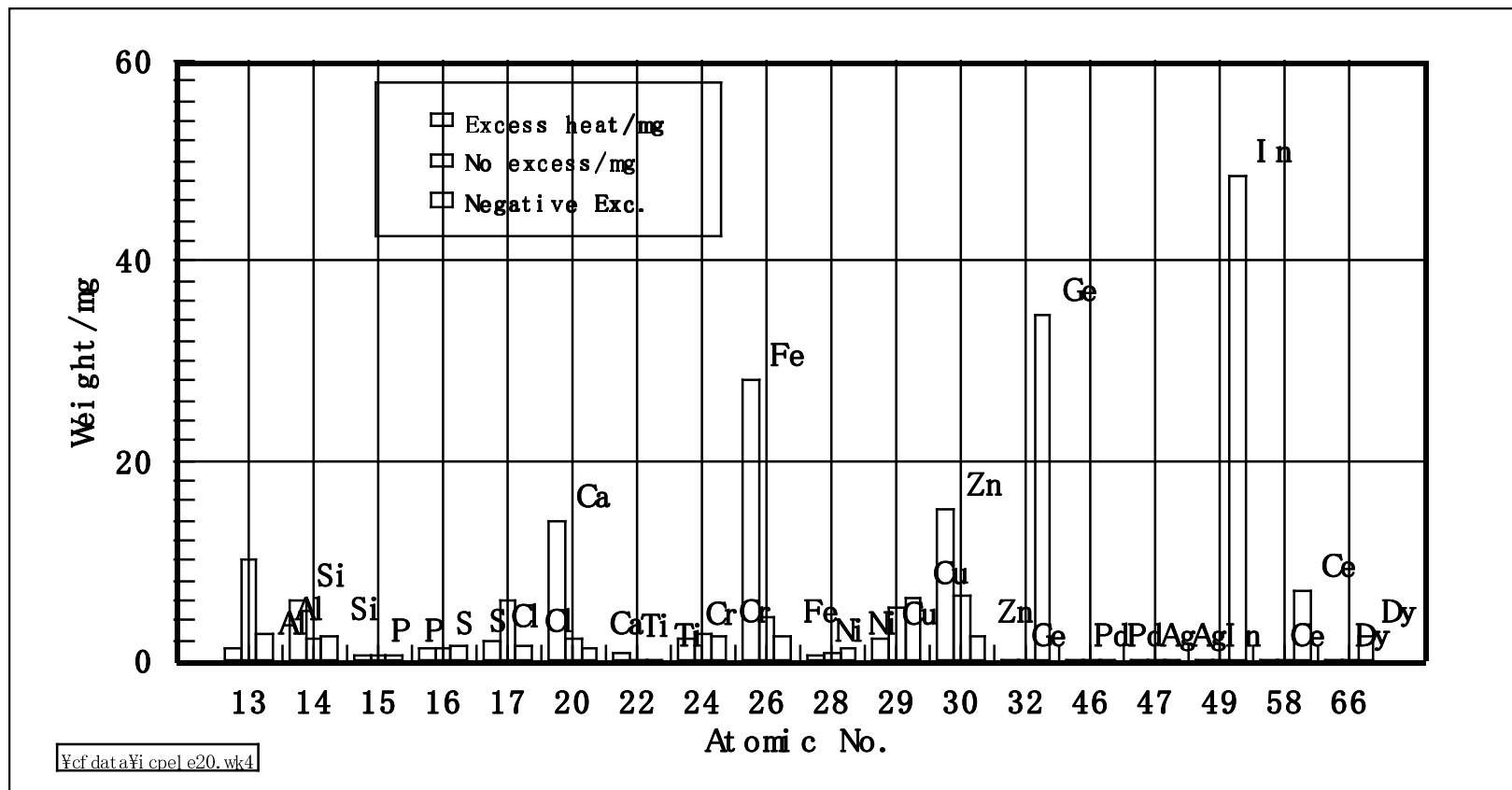
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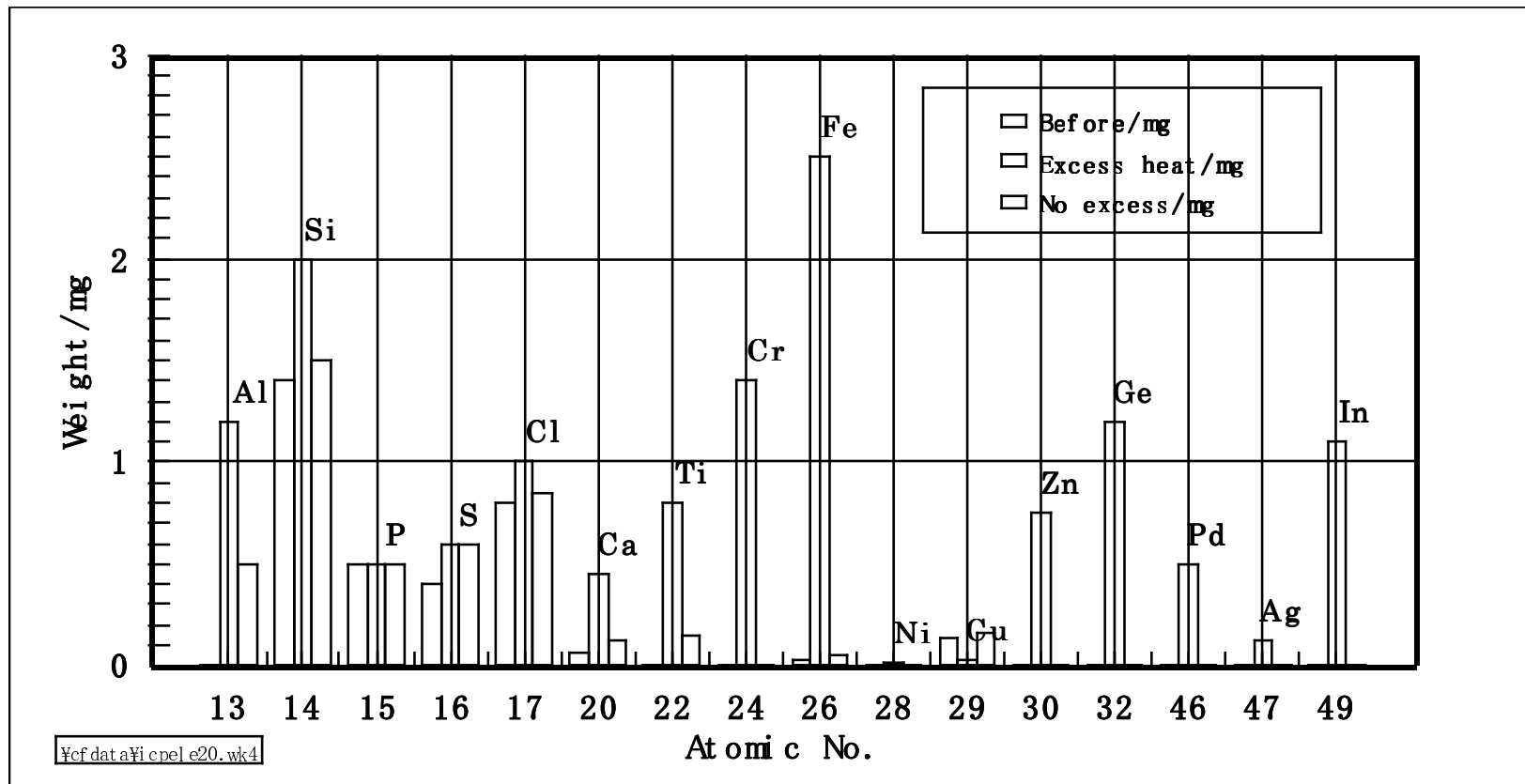
Characteristic element generation

- 1. Excess heat;
 - Fe, Zn, Ca, Si: 2 --- 30 mg
- 2. No excess heat;
 - Al, Cl, K, Cu: 2 --- 10mg
- 3. Endothermic;
 - Ge, In, Ce, Dy: 5 --- 50mg

Difference of element distribution

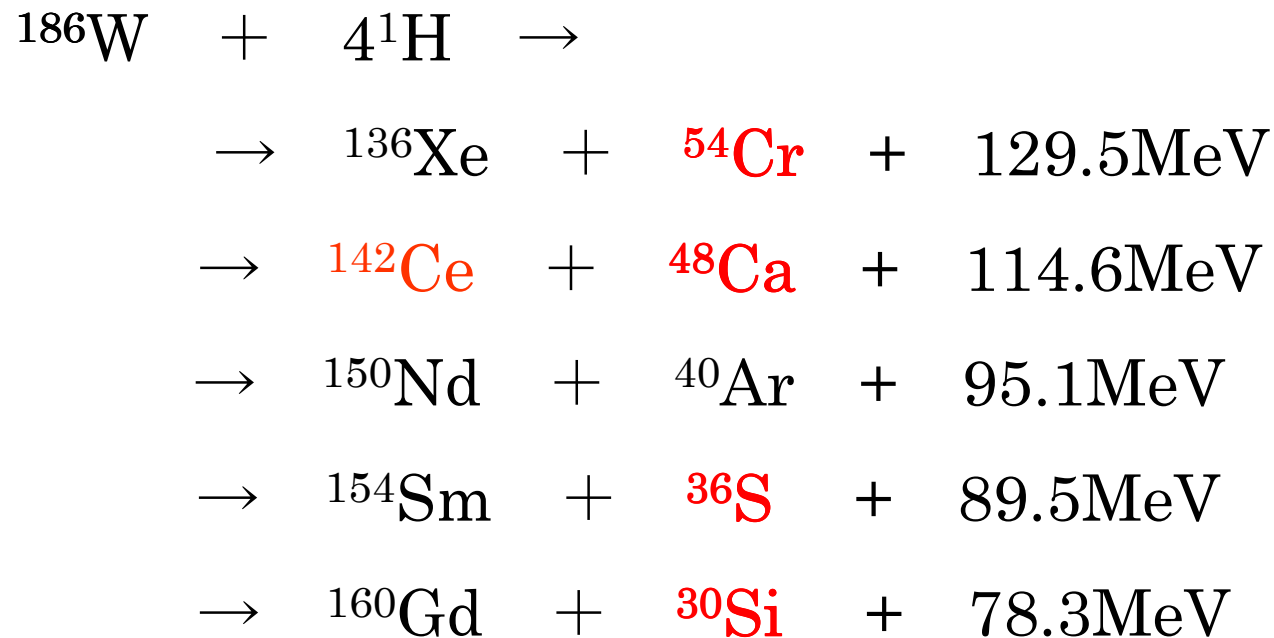


Element distribution of Pd electrolyzed in D2O solution

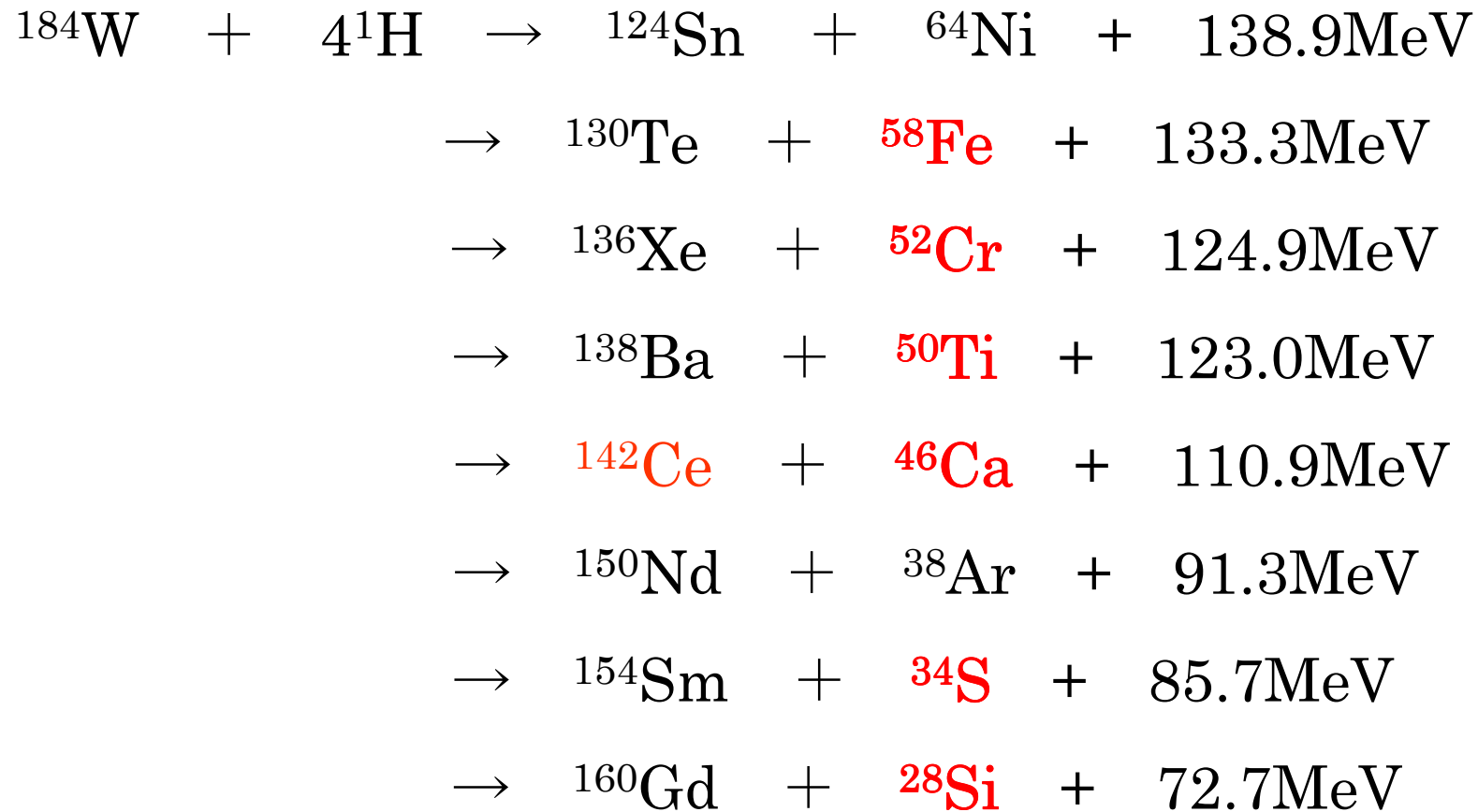


Tetrahedral Symmetric Condensate: TSC

W186 (28.6%)



TSC for W184



Results

- 1. Current efficiency for the H₂ generation reached 8000% to the input current.
- 2. Power efficiency for the plasma electrolysis reached 20% to the input V.
- 3. In some cases, excess heat was observed.
- 4. In other cases, no and endothermic heat were confirmed.
- 5. The reaction products after electrolysis were changed with the heat balance.