

# 有効遮蔽媒質法の応用と拡張：より現実的な電気化学系の記述に向けて

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# Outline

## Introduction

- Examples of application of electrochemistry
- Why do we need the effective screening medium method?

## Method

- What is the ESM method?
- How to apply bias potential to metal/water interface

## Application

- Model of the electrochemical system
- Electrochemical reactions (a few steps in the electrolysis of water)

## Extension

- Limitation of the current ESM method
- Toward more realistic modeling

## Summary

# Applied electrochemistry



## Battery

- Manganese dry cell
- Lead battery
- NiCd, NiH secondary battery
- Fuel cell
- Lithium secondary battery
  - primary: only dischargeable
  - secondary: chargeable

## Capacitor

- Electrolytic condenser
- Double layer condenser

## Photovoltaic cell

- c-Si, a-Si solar cell
- Dye sensitized solar cell

## Sensor

- pH meter
- ion selective concentration meter
- glucose, etc. (using enzyme)
- gas (oxygen, etc.)

## Separator

- DNA, protein (using electromigration)

## Electroplating

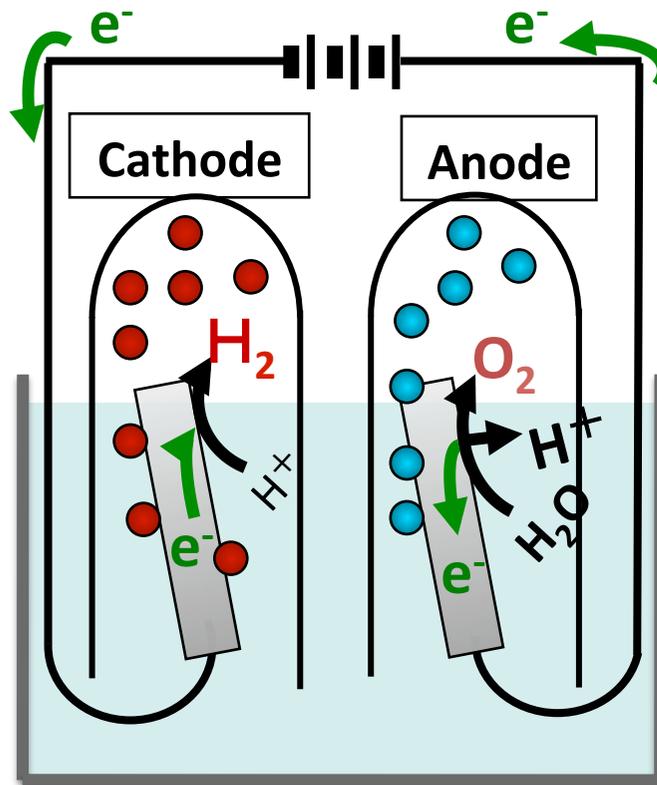
## Cathodic protection

## Electrolysis

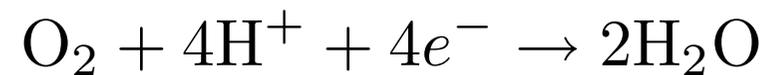
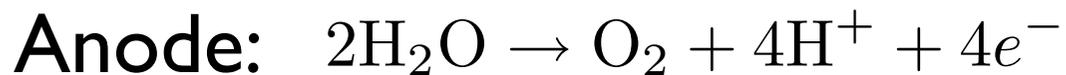
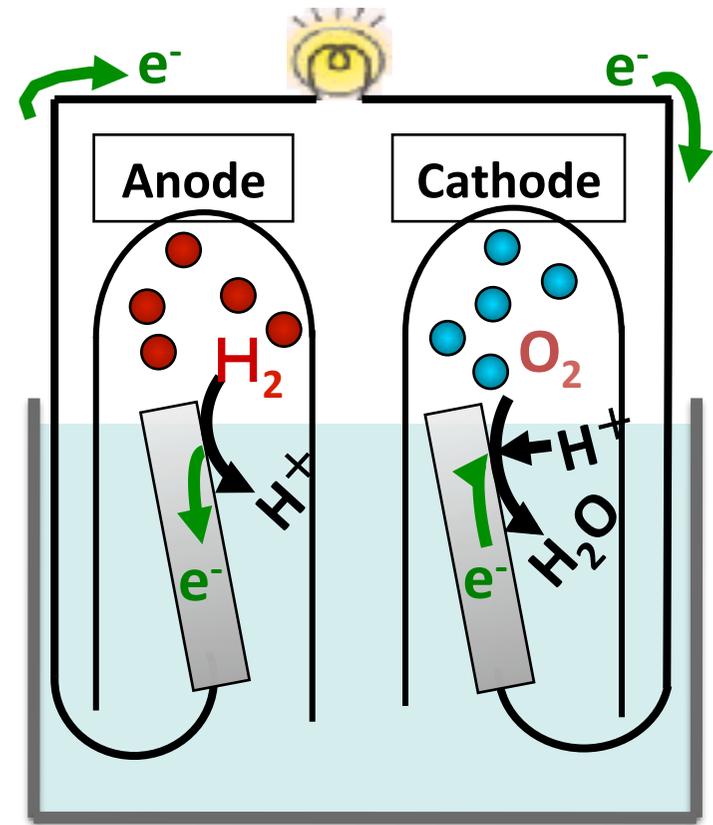
- Aluminum, Copper, etc.
- Water, salt, etc.
- Organic chemicals
- tetraethyl lead

# Electrolysis vs. Fuel cell

Electrolysis of water



Hydrogen fuel cell



# Goal of our study

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- Develop a new calculation method to simulate **electrochemical** systems.
  - Reproduce **electrochemical** reactions on an electrode/electrolyte interface
  - Calculate the free energy difference and activation energy of **electrochemical** reactions.
  - Design or predict high efficiency, durable and cheap catalysts for the fuel cell or electrolysis of water.
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# Electrode/electrolyte interface

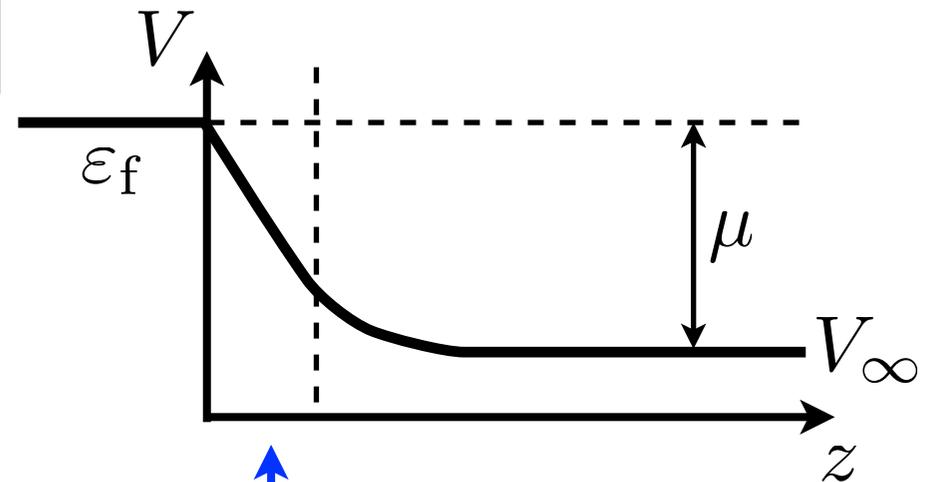
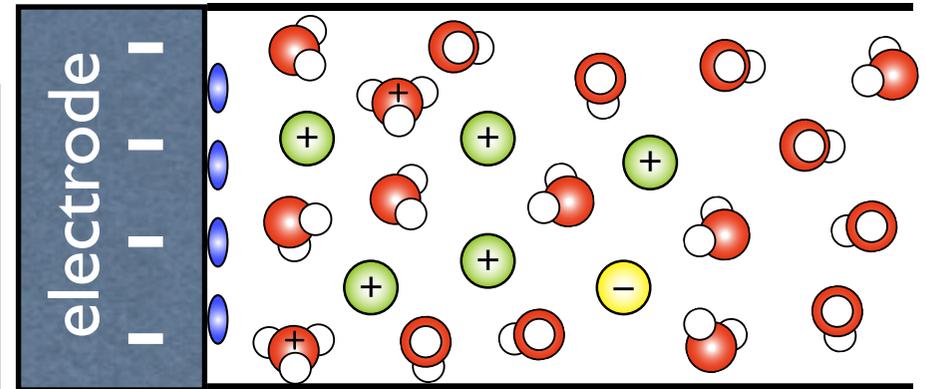
Things to be considered:

- ❖ Ion distribution
- ❖ Screening effect of water
- ❖ Interaction btw water & metal
- ❖ Electronic structure
- ❖ Bias potential
- ❖ Electric double layer



Effective Screening Medium (ESM) method

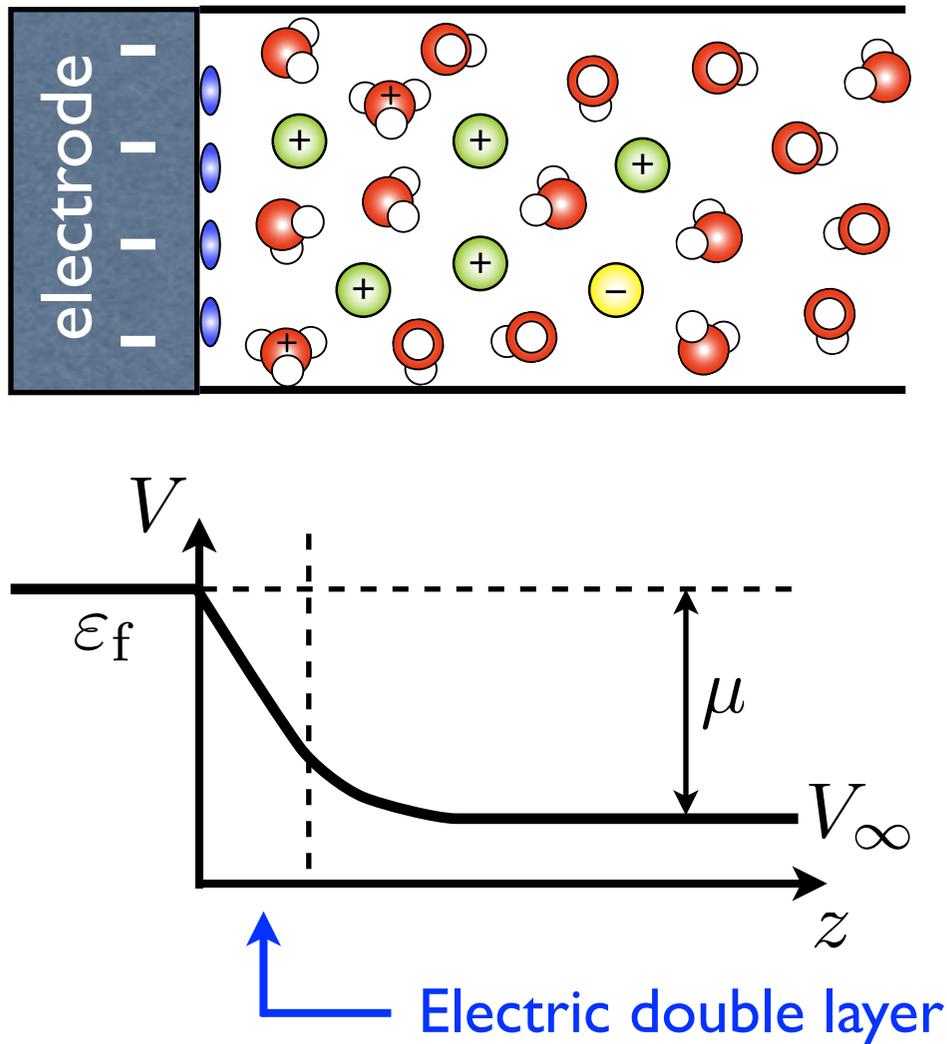
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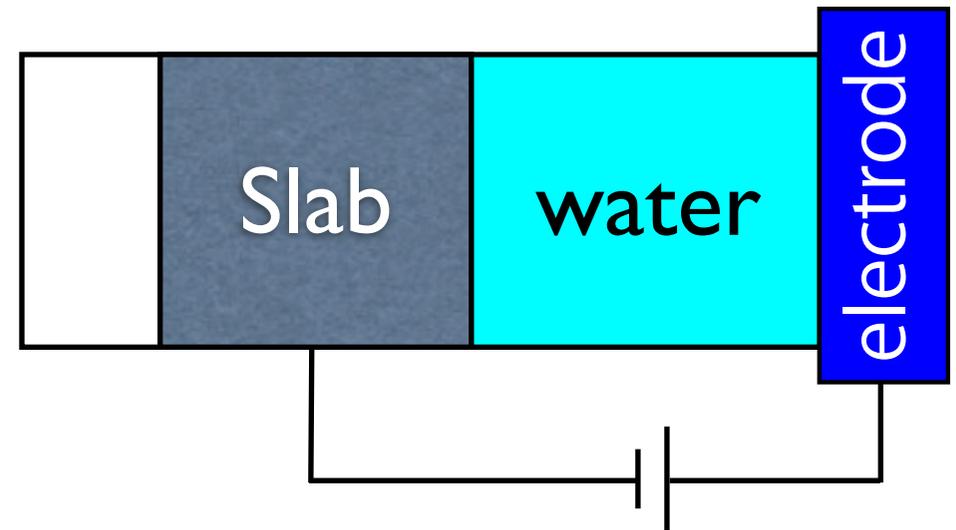
Electric double layer

# Effective screening medium method

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## Slab model

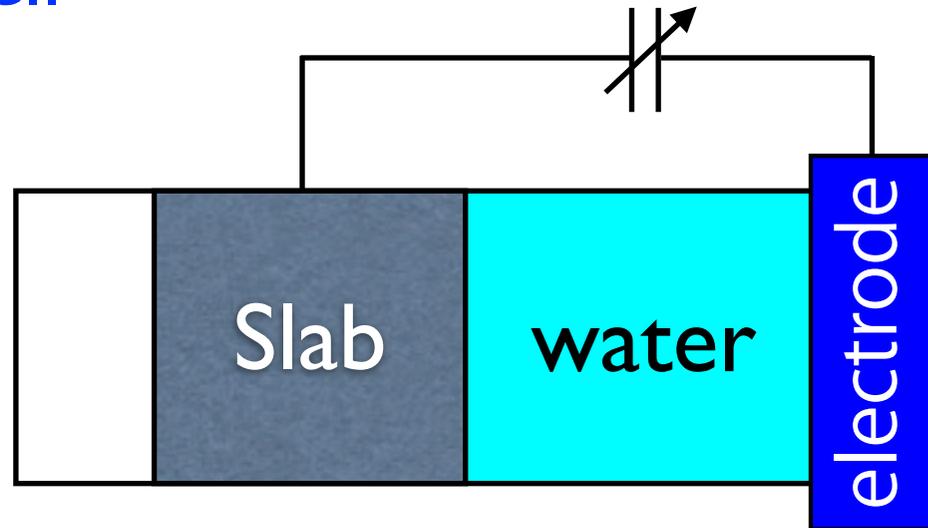


- ❖ A slab model for an electrode
- ❖ Put water molecules
- ❖ Introduce a counter electrode with an imaginary battery

# ESM method

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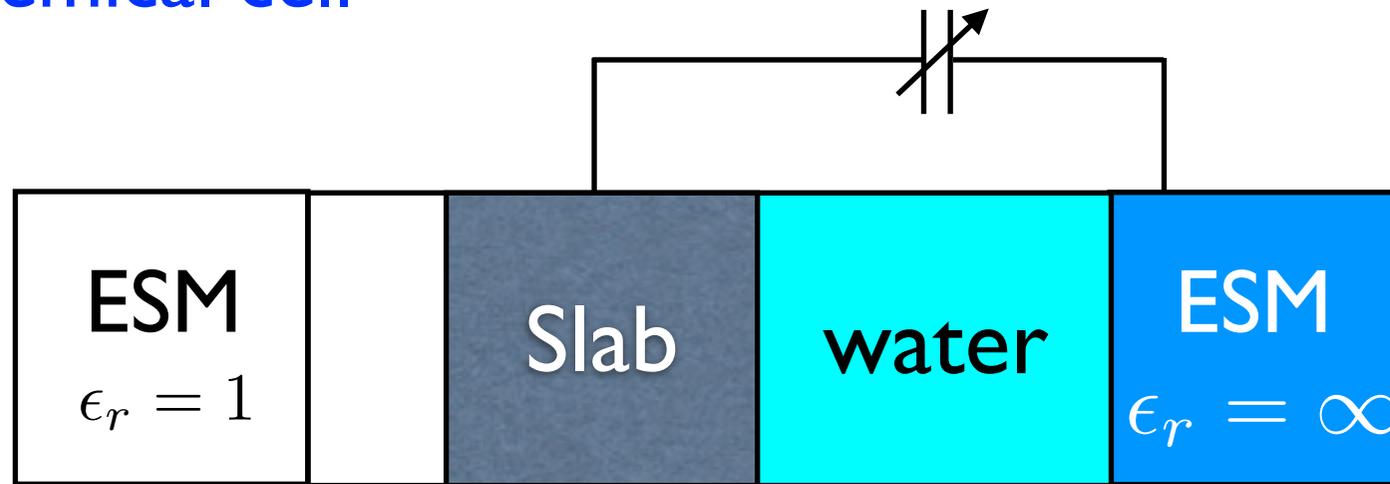
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# ESM method

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## Electrochemical cell



conventional formalism:

Solved PE with PBC

$$\epsilon(\mathbf{r}) = 1$$

$$V(\mathbf{r}) = \int d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\rho_{\text{tot}}(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

ESM formalism:

Model dependent BCs

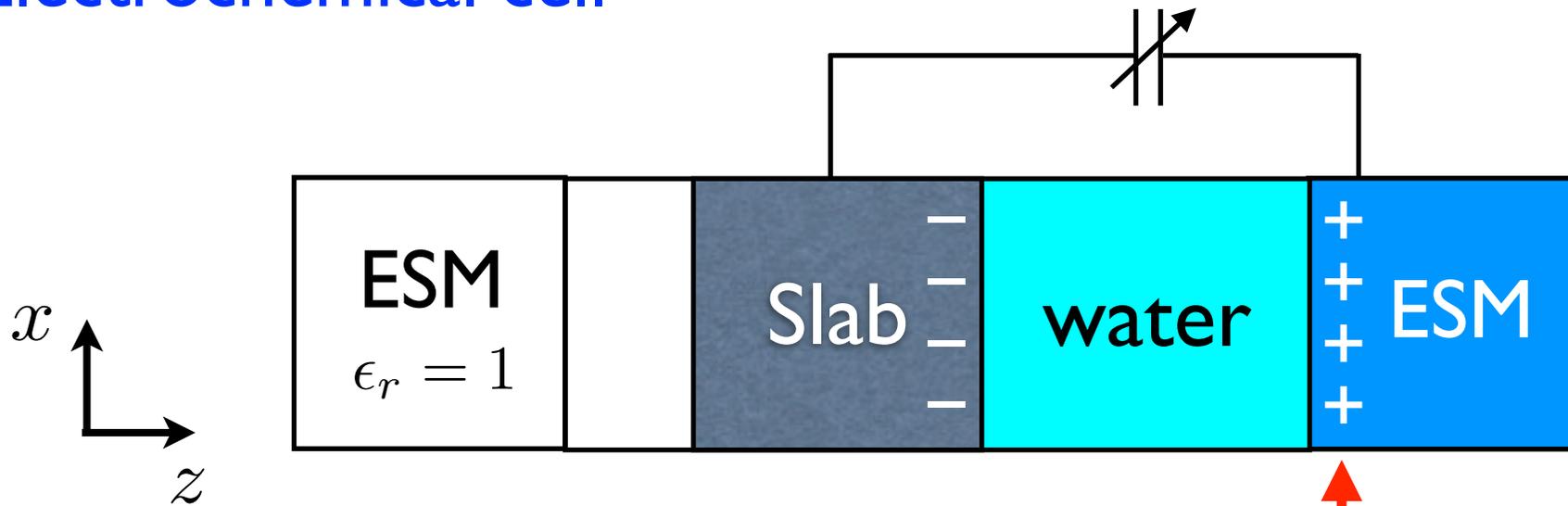
$\epsilon(\mathbf{r})$  : model dependent

$$V(\mathbf{r}) = \int d\mathbf{r}' G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \rho_{\text{tot}}(\mathbf{r}')$$

# ESM method

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## Electrochemical cell



bare coulomb part

$$\nabla[\epsilon(\mathbf{r})\nabla]V(\mathbf{r}) = -4\pi\rho_{\text{tot}}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$G(g_{\parallel}, z, z') = \frac{4\pi}{2g_{\parallel}} e^{-g_{\parallel}|z-z'|}$$

$$\begin{cases} V(g_{\parallel}, z_1) = 0 \\ \partial_z V(g_{\parallel}, z \rightarrow -\infty) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Image charge part

$$-\frac{4\pi}{2g_{\parallel}} e^{-g_{\parallel}(2z_1 - z - z')}$$

$$g_{\parallel} = (g_x, g_y)$$

$$V(g_{\parallel}, z) = \int dz' G(g_{\parallel}, z, z') \rho_{\text{tot}}(g_{\parallel}, z')$$

# Advantages of the ESM method

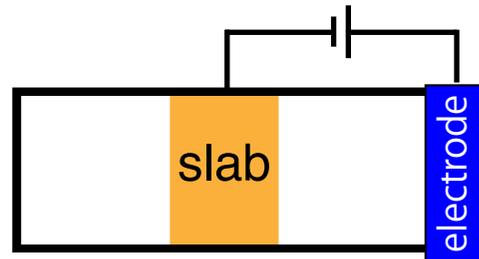
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- Various boundary conditions are applicable.
- We do not need any correction or modification of the coulomb interaction.
- Easy to implement without additional calculation costs.
- SIESTA, PWscf, OpenMX are available.

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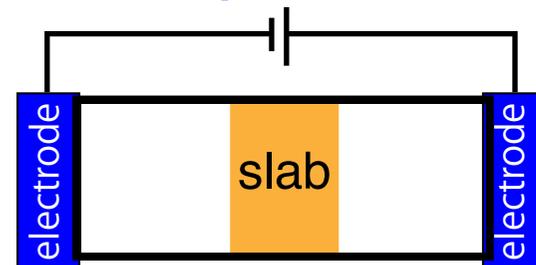
Battery



Isolated slab



Capacitor



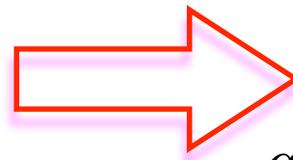
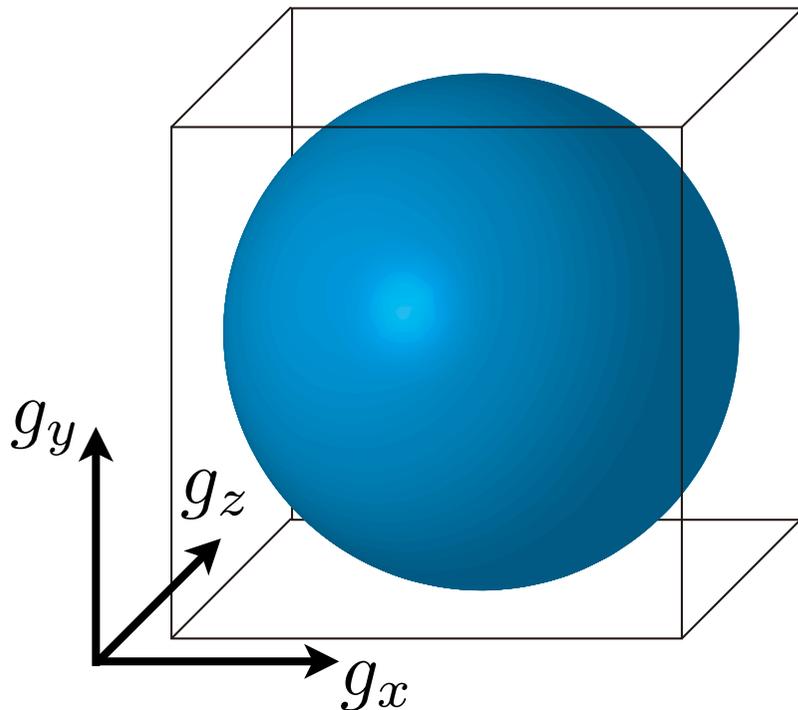
# Implementation of the ESM

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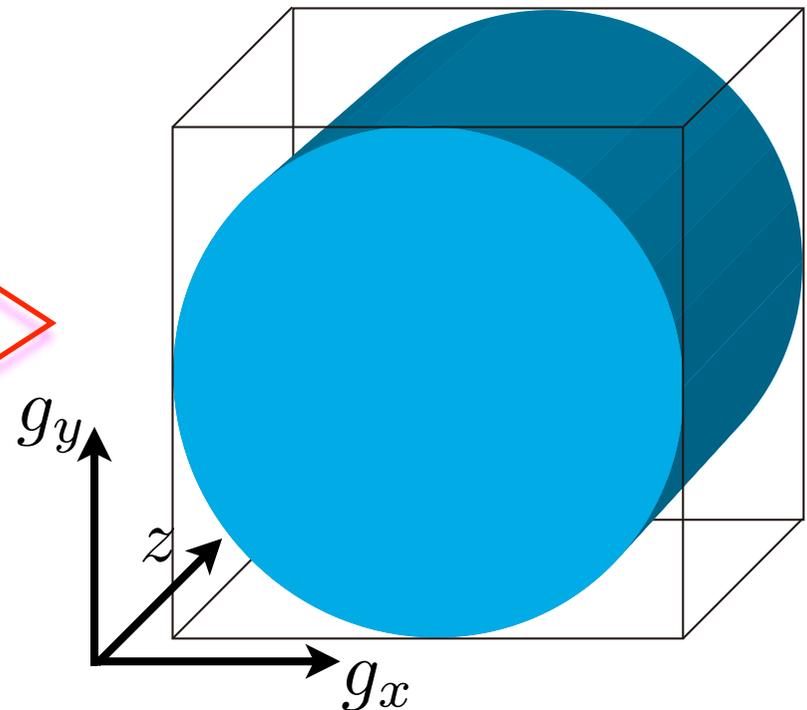
Only the electrostatic parts are modified:

- Ewald energy & force (each MD step)
- Local (long-rang) part (each MD step)
- Hartree potential (each SCF step)

Conventional g-component



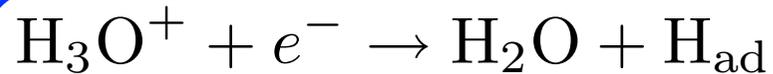
g-component in ESM method



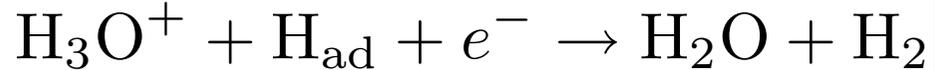
# Electrolysis of water



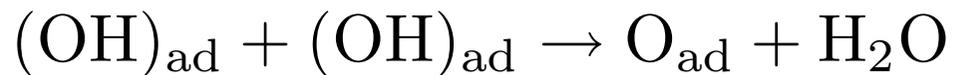
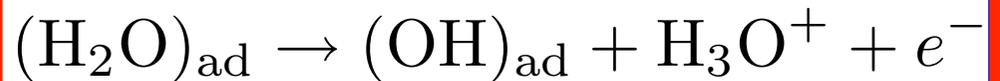
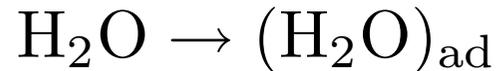
HER



or



OER

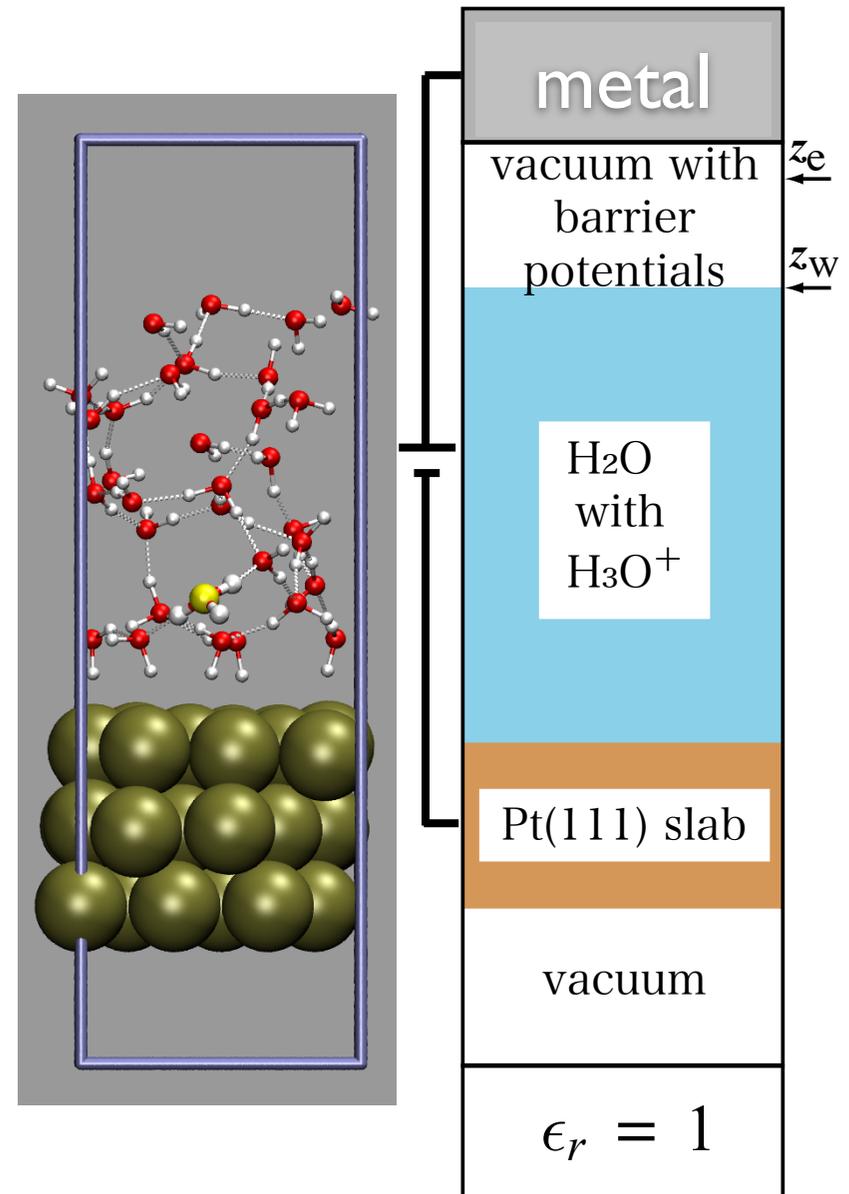
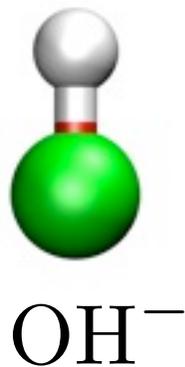
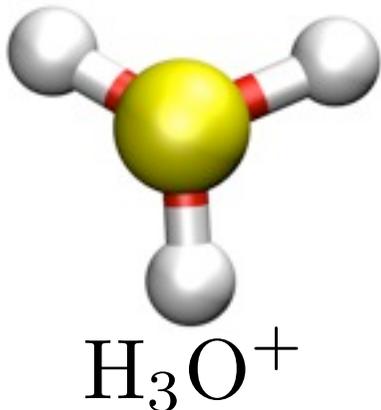


 Direct simulation

 Constrained dynamics (Blue-moon ensemble)

# Simulation condition

- ▶ 32 water molecules
- ▶ 36 Pt atoms (3-layers)
- ▶ GGA-PBE
- ▶ Plane wave - Ultrasoft pp
- ▶ Temperature: 80°C
- ▶ Bias potential ( -/+ )



# Simulation model

system	$Q_{\text{ESM}}(\text{e/cell})$	component	on surface	in water	
A3	-0.7	$\text{H}_{65}\text{O}_{32}$	$\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$		
A2	0.35	$\text{H}_{65}\text{O}_{32}$	$\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$		HER
A1	0.0	$\text{H}_{65}\text{O}_{32}$	$\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$		
B	0.0	$\text{H}_{64}\text{O}_{32}$			PZC
C1	0.0	$\text{H}_{63}\text{O}_{32}$	OH		
C2a	0.35	$\text{H}_{63}\text{O}_{32}$	OH		OER
C2b	0.35	$\text{H}_{63}\text{O}_{32}$	2OH	$\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$	
C3	0.7	$\text{H}_{63}\text{O}_{32}$	2OH	$\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$	

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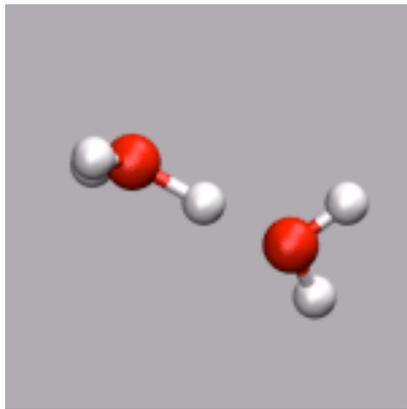
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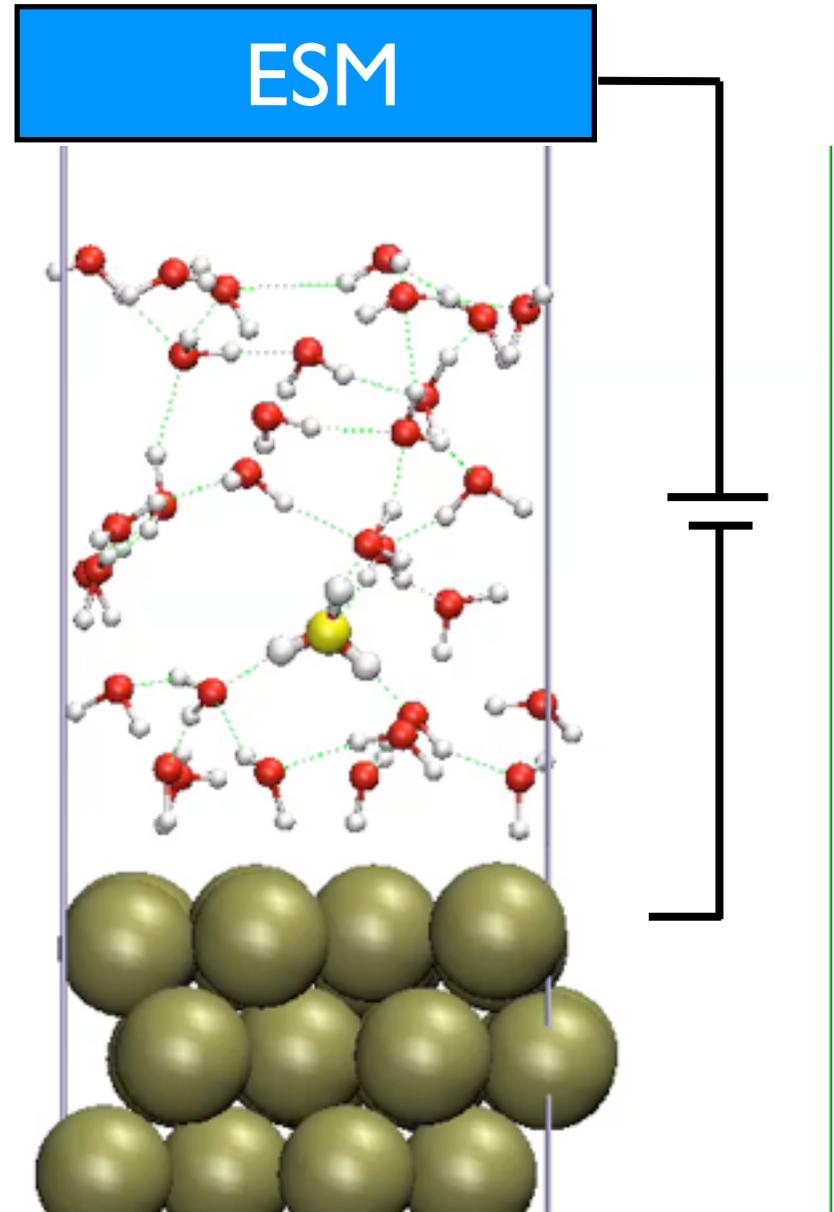
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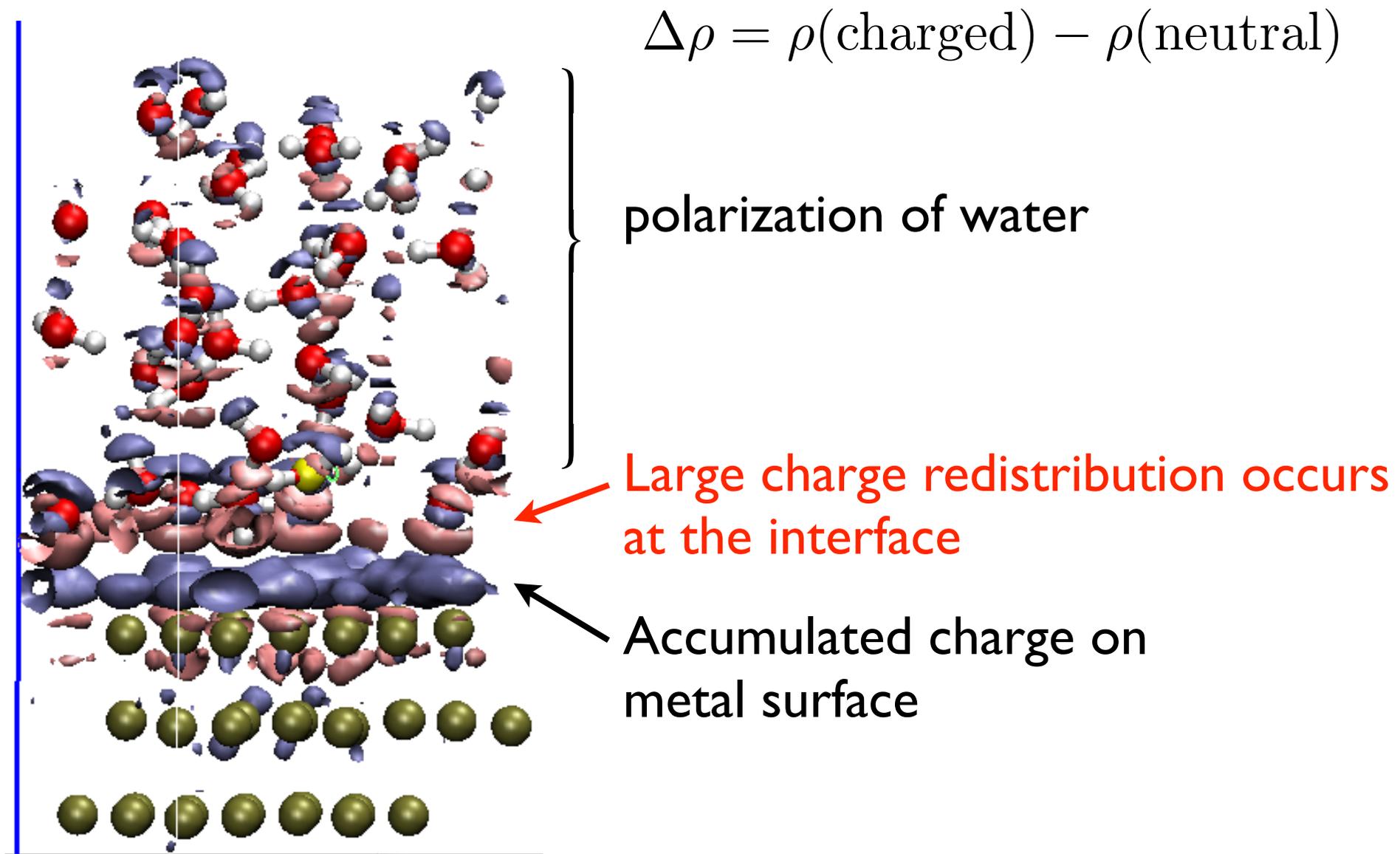
# MD simulations with bias potential



Grotthuss mechanism



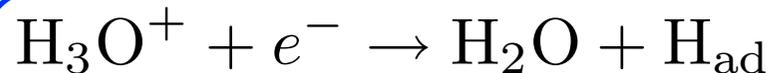
# Charge redistribution



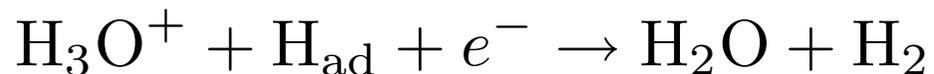
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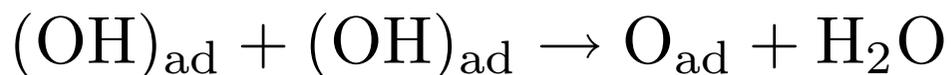
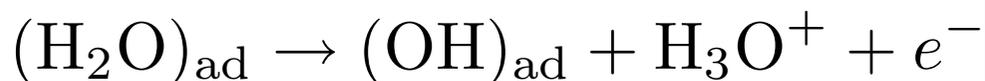
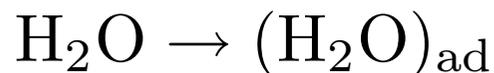
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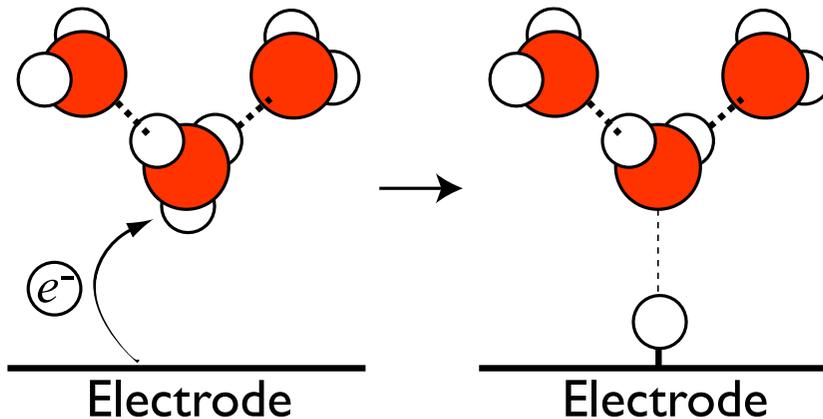
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# Hydrogen evolution reaction

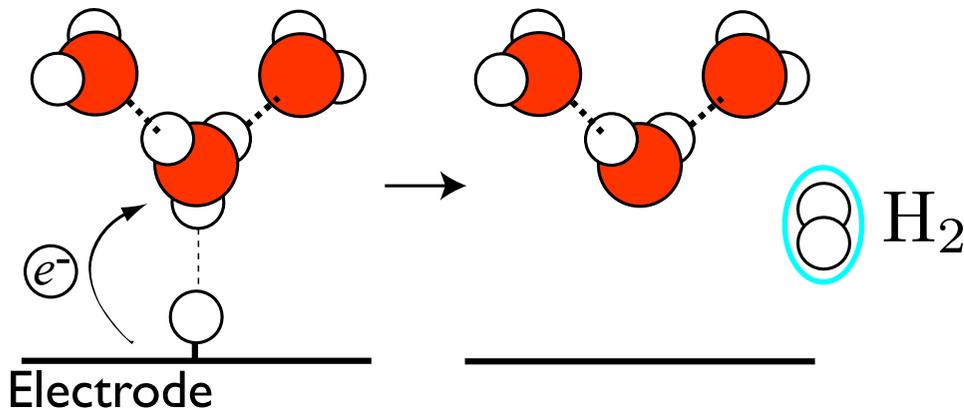
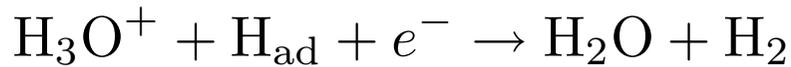
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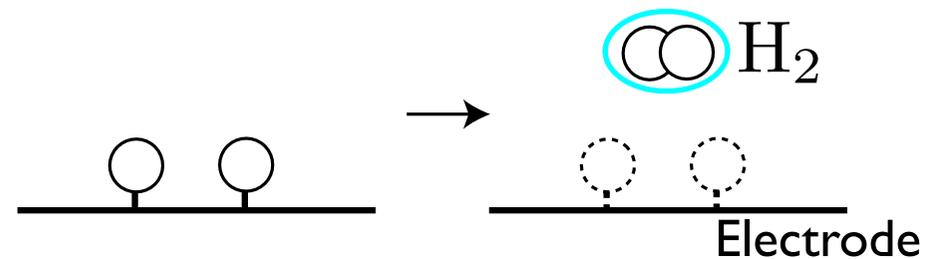
Volmer step:  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + e^- \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{H}_{\text{ad}}$



Heyrovsky step:



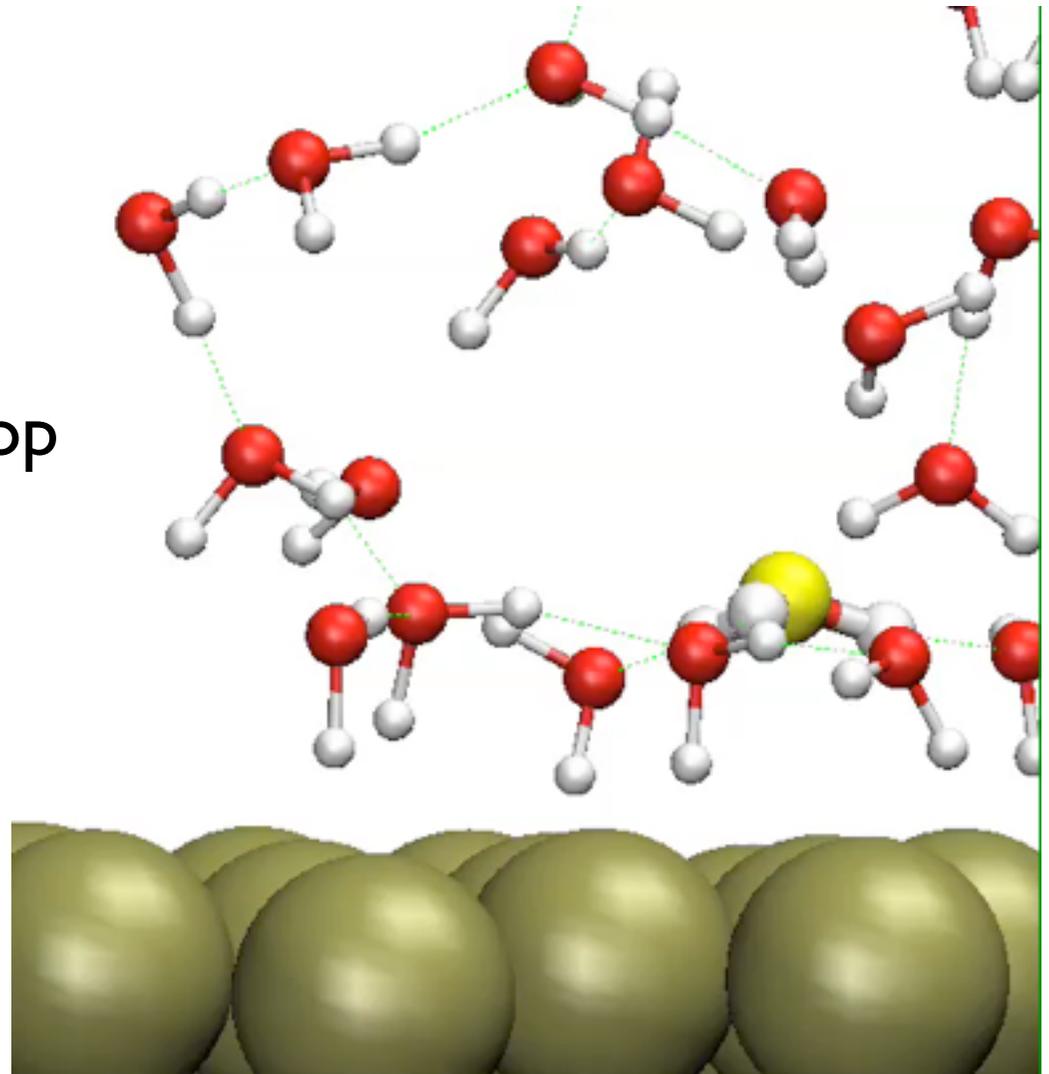
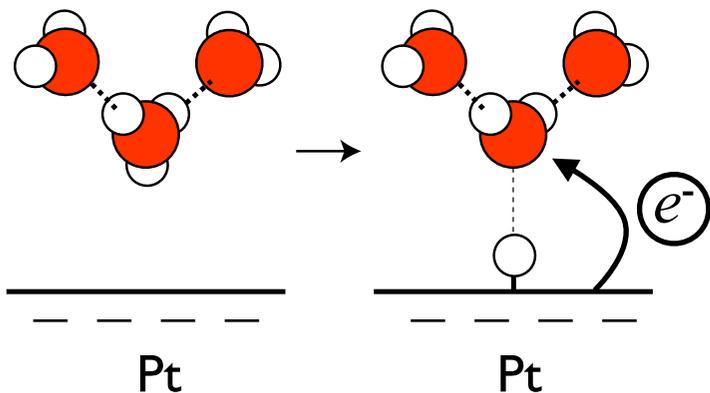
Tafel step:  $\text{H}_{\text{ad}} + \text{H}_{\text{ad}} \rightarrow \text{H}_2$



# Electrochemical reaction (cathode)

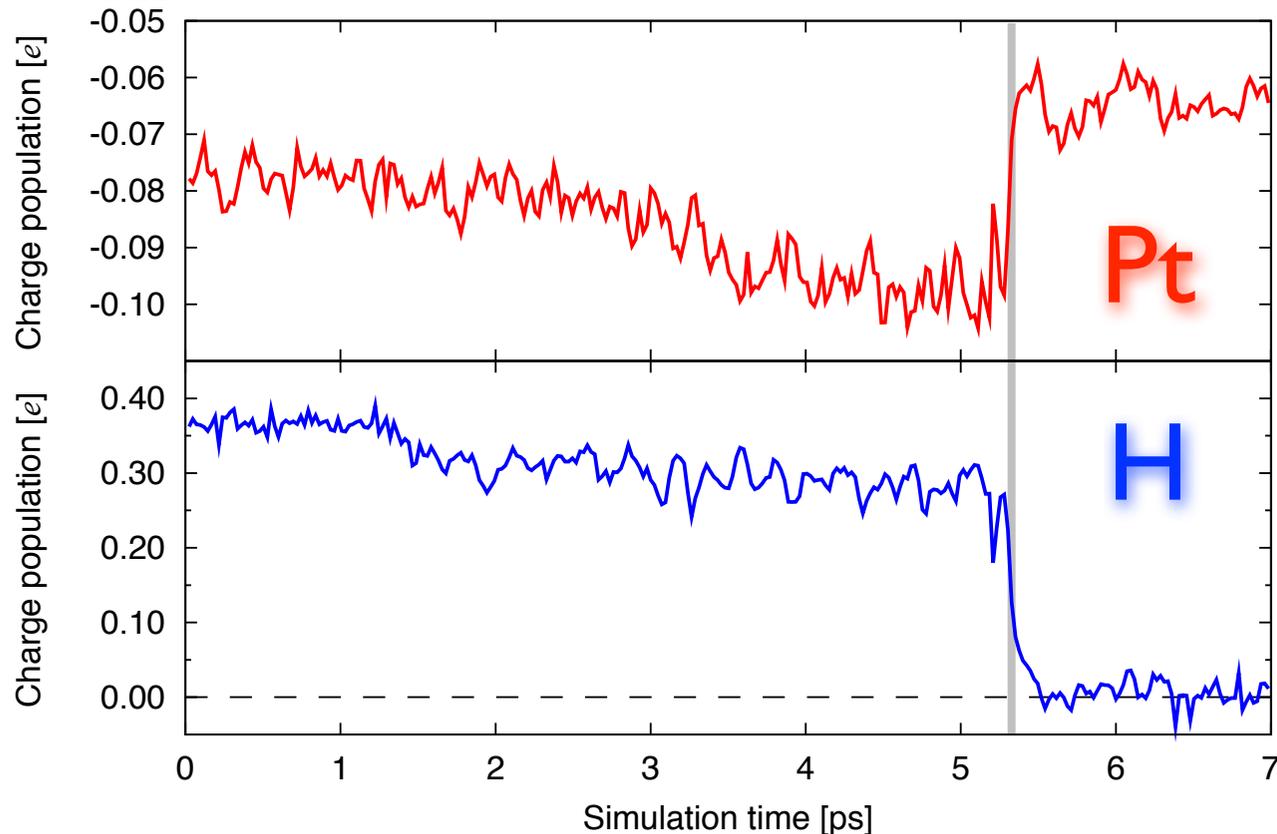
Hydronium ion diffuses via the Grotthus mechanism

H atom is adsorbed on a top site of Pt surface.



$Q=0.95$  (e/cell)

# Charge transfer

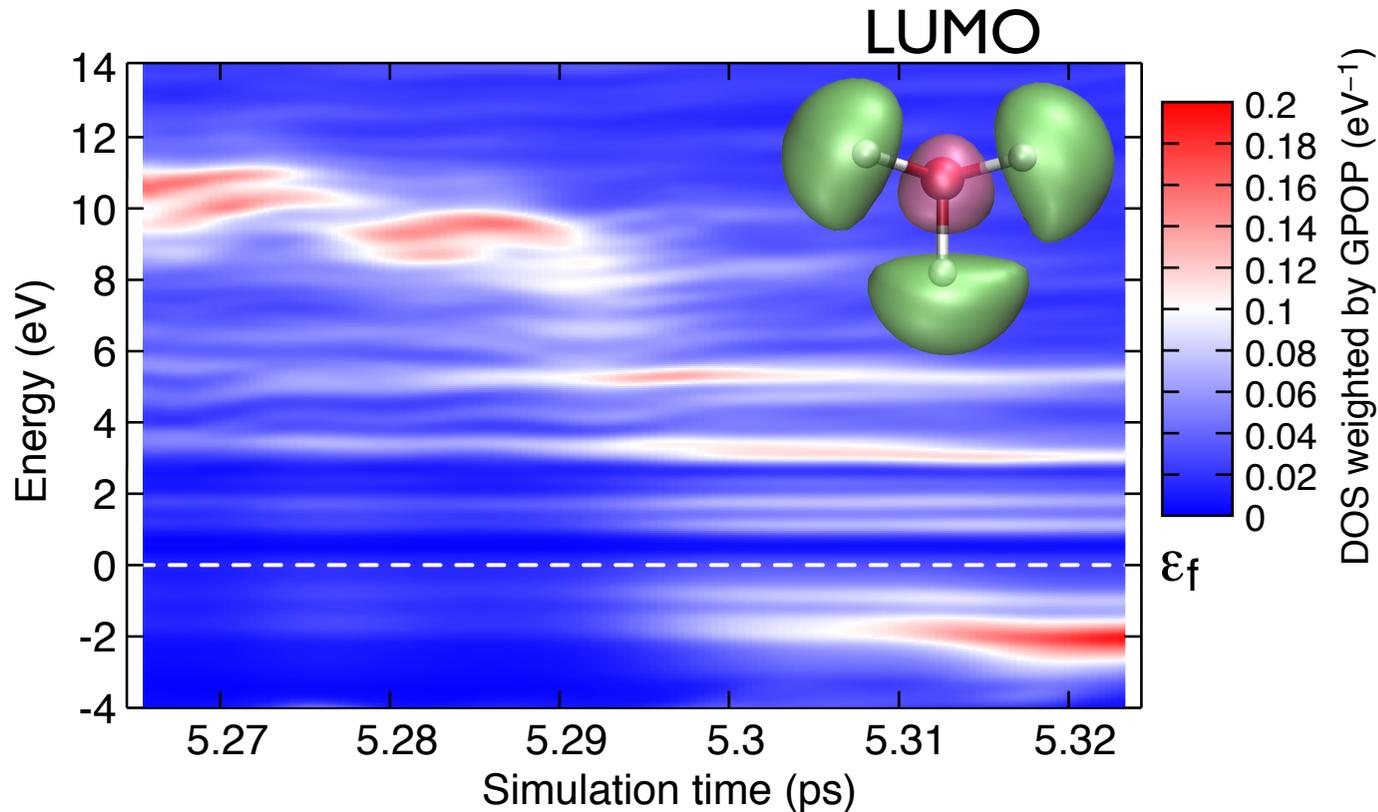


Charge population of top most Pt layer averaged by the number of Pt atoms

Charge population of the adsorbed hydrogen atom.

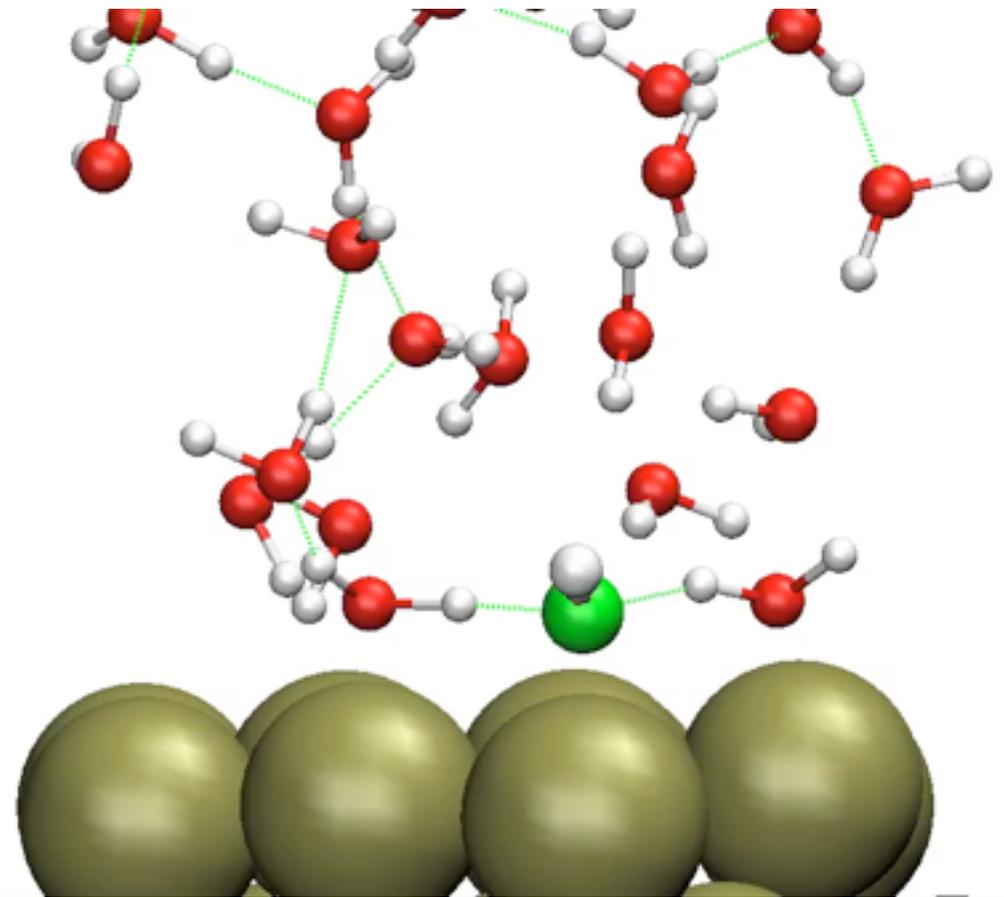
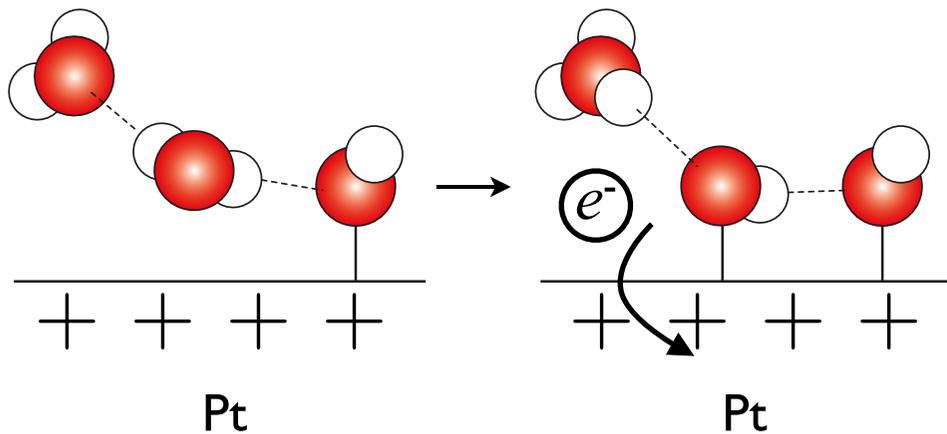
- Charge population of the Pt surface gradually decreases until the reaction and suddenly increases at the reaction.
- Charge population of the hydrogen atom slightly decreases before the reaction and suddenly decreases at adsorption

# Electron transfer from Pt to water



# Electrochemical reaction (anode)

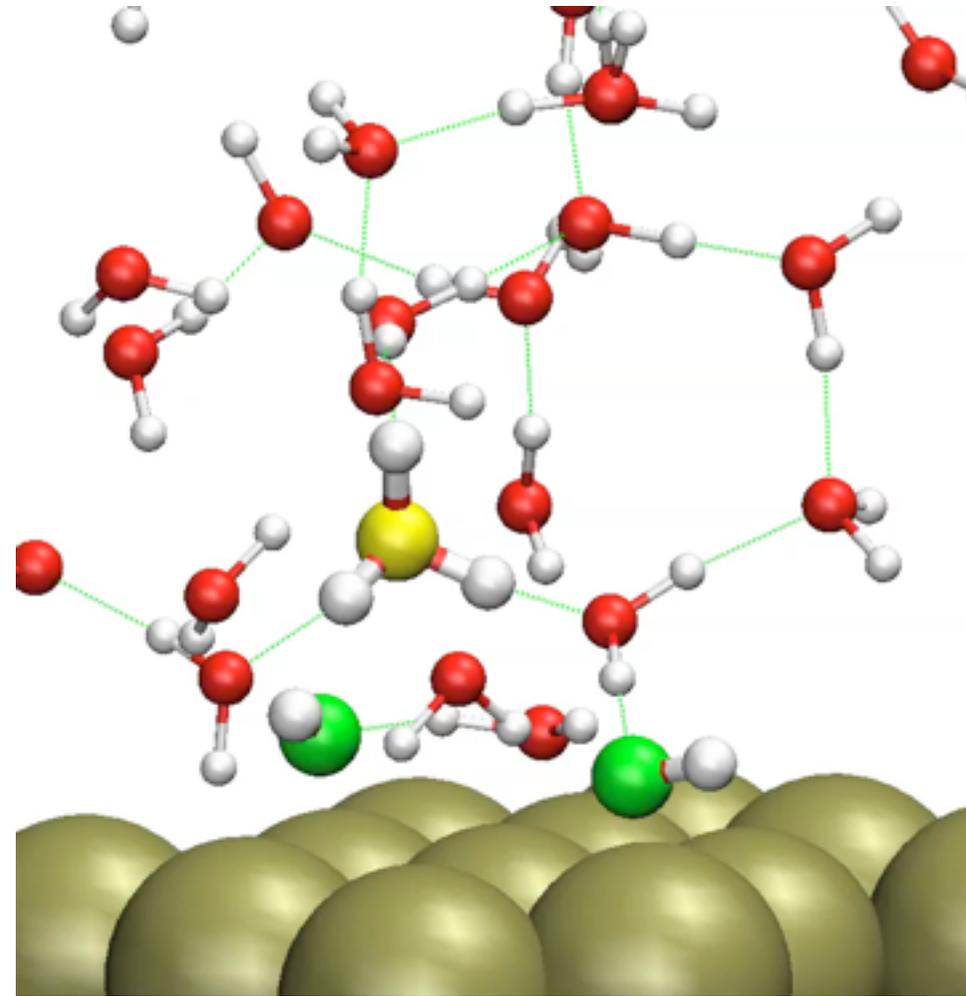
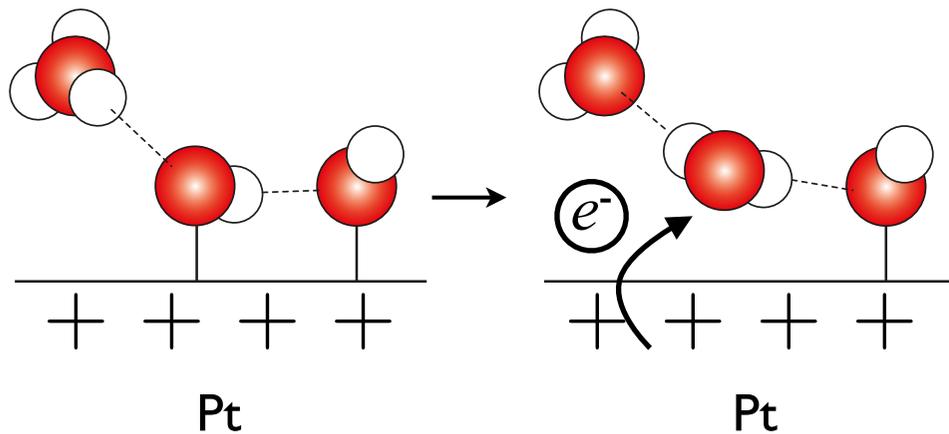
Water dissociation:



$Q_{\text{ESM}} = -0.35$  (e/cell)

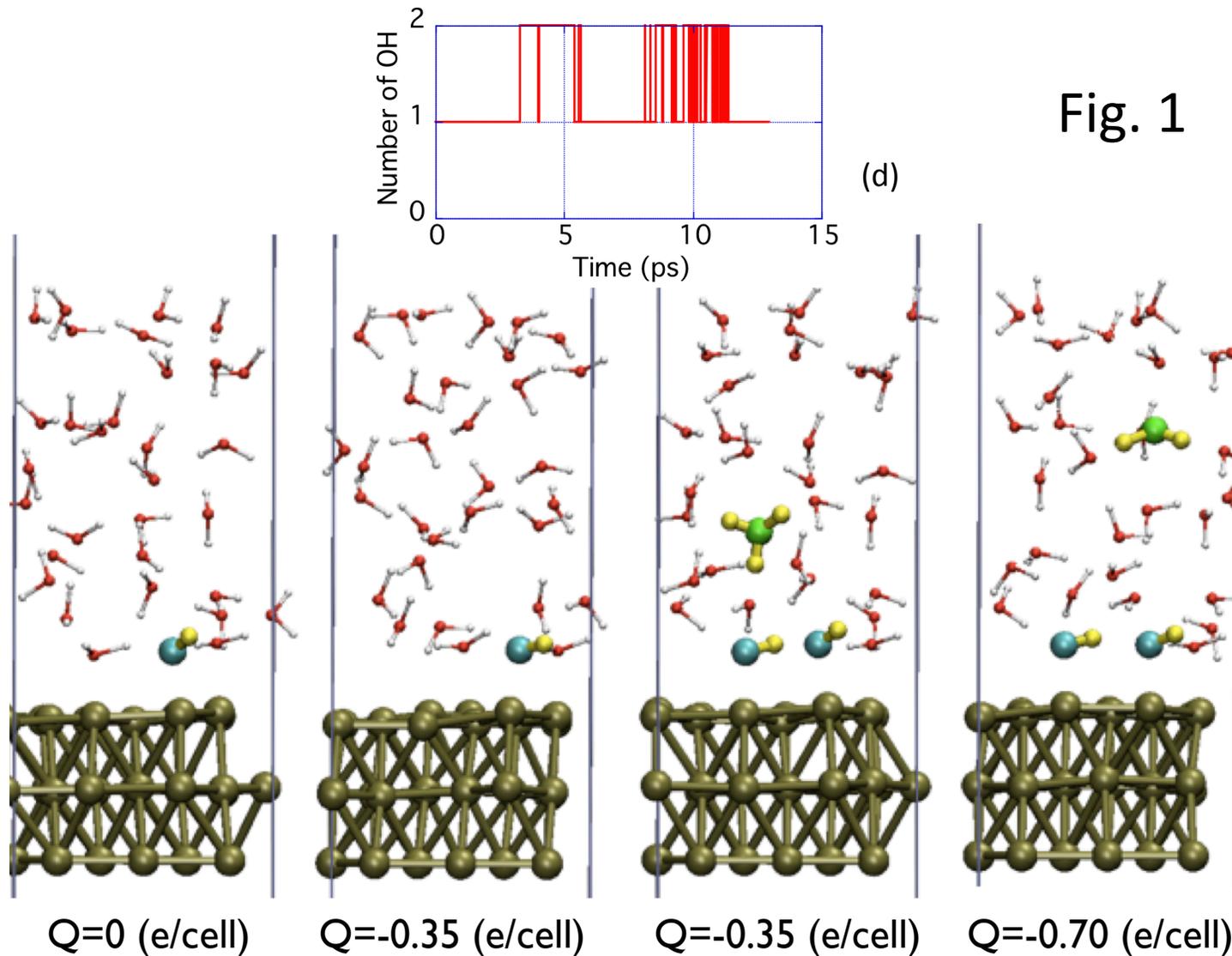
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Water formation:



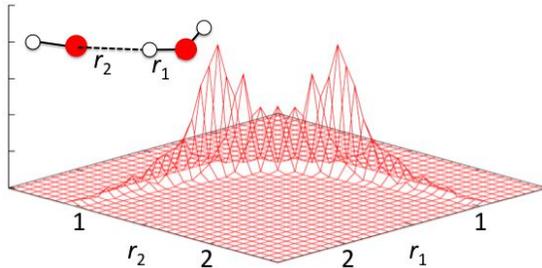
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# Reversible reaction of water splitting



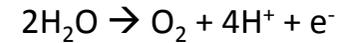
# Activation barrier high & potential

Density profile of OH distance

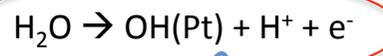
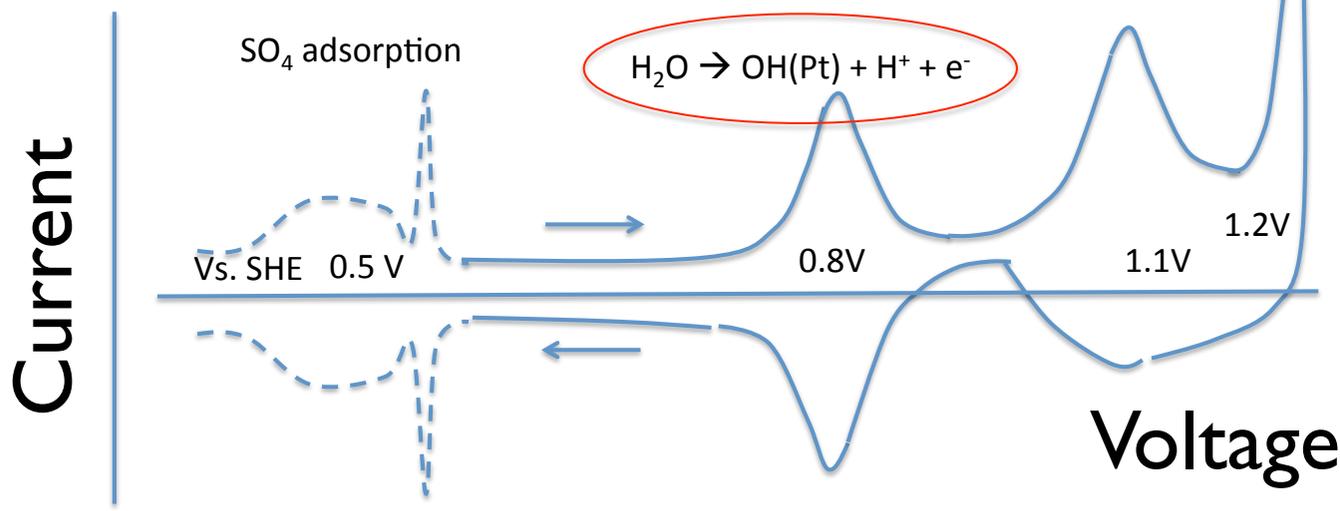


Activation barrier of water splitting

$$\Delta E = RT \Delta \log(\rho) = 0.02 \text{ eV}$$



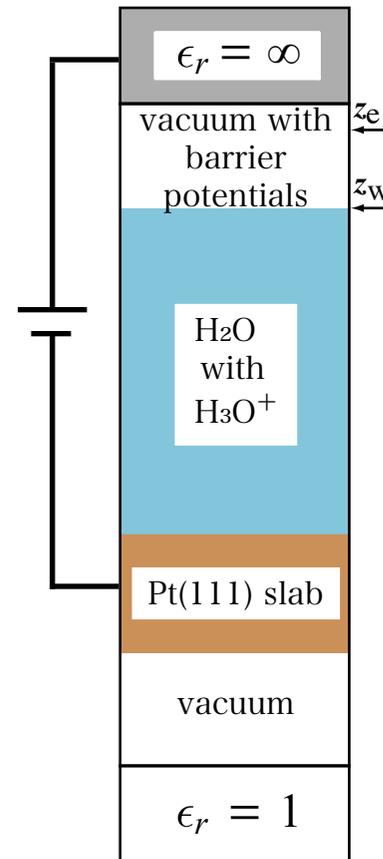
Typical cyclic voltammogram



electrode potential  
 = 0.6~0.7 V  
 (exp. = 0.7~0.8V)

# What we have achieved are...

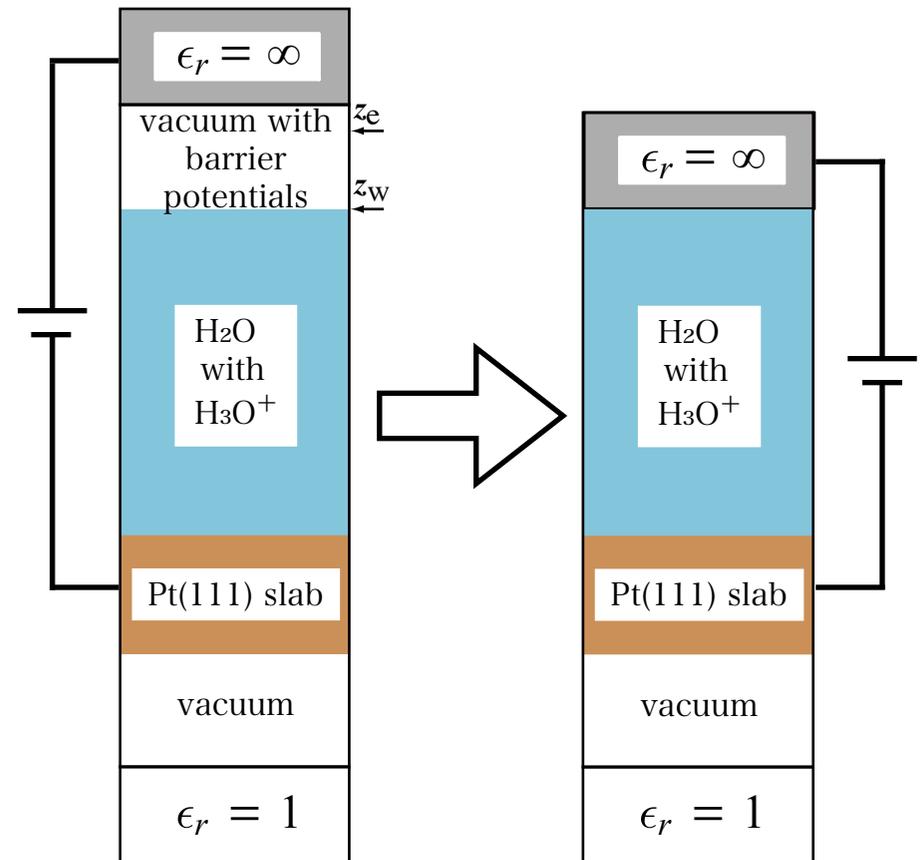
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Toward more realistic modeling...

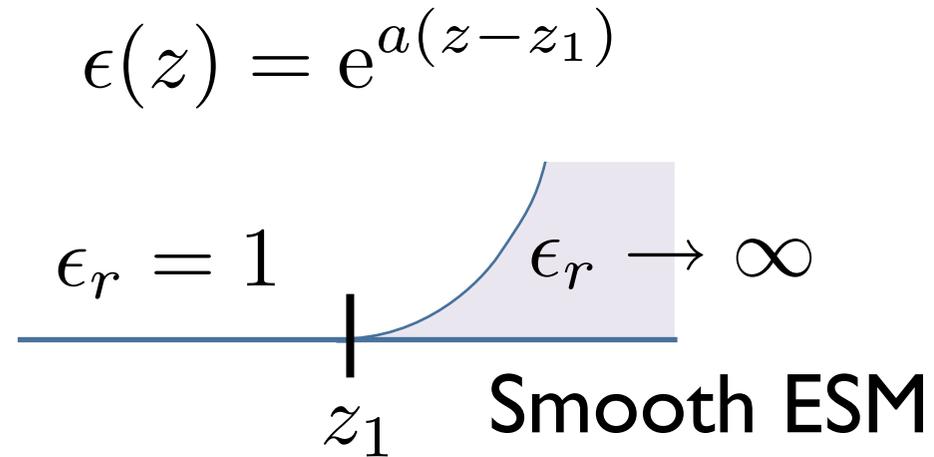
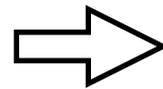
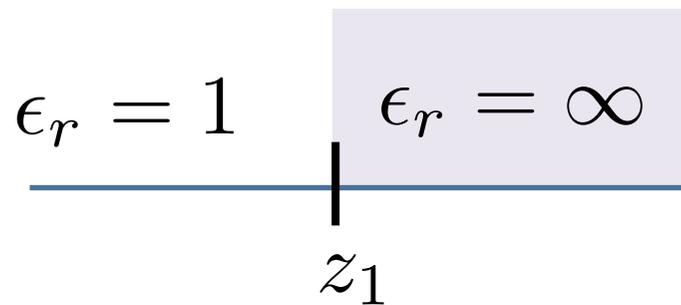
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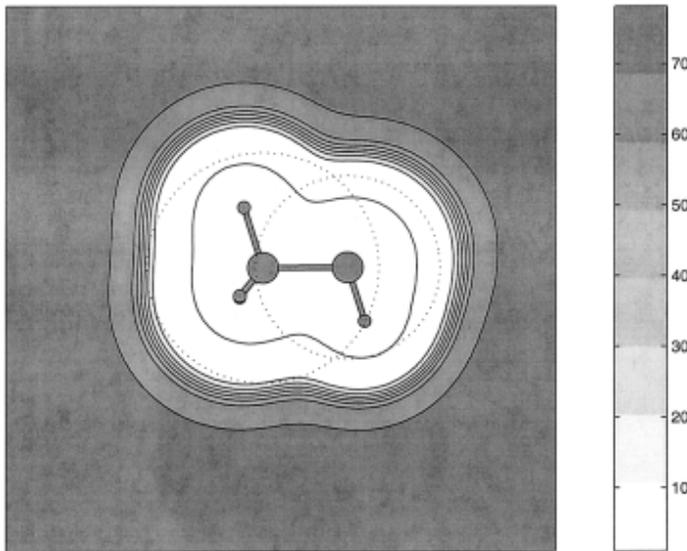
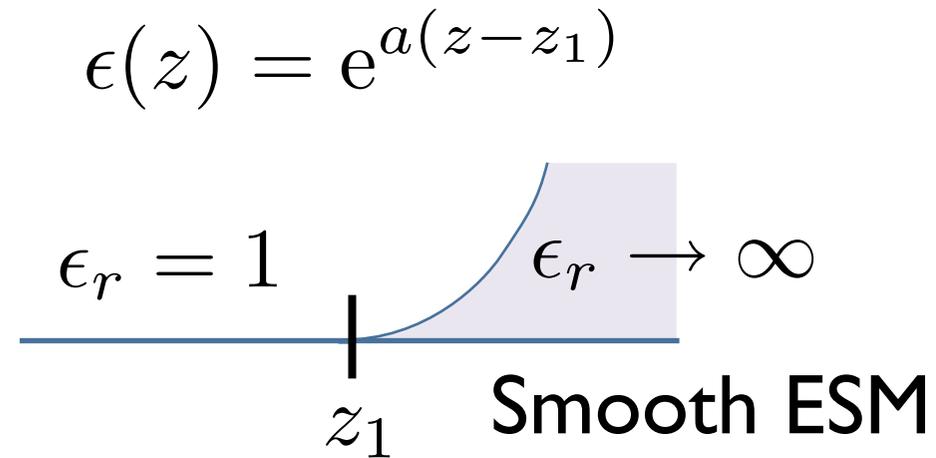
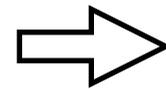
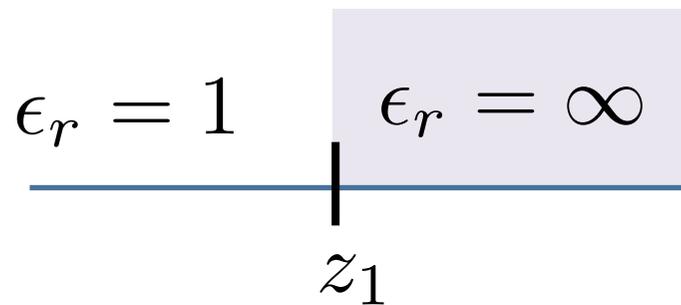
# Toward more realistic modeling...



Discontinuity

No discontinuity

# Smooth ESM



## Cavity model

$$\epsilon_\ell(\rho(\mathbf{r})) = 1 + \frac{\epsilon_\infty - 1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{1 - (\rho(\mathbf{r})/\rho_0)^{2\beta}}{1 + (\rho(\mathbf{r})/\rho_0)^{2\beta}} \right)$$

J-L Fattebert & F. Gygi, JCC(2001)

# Summary

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- Develop a new calculation method to simulate **electrochemical** systems.
- Reproduce **electrochemical** reactions on an electrode/electrolyte interface
- Calculate the free energy difference and activation energy of **electrochemical** reactions.
- Some new extensions are applied to the ESM method