

# Molecular modelling of heterogeneous electron transfer reactions: where do we stand ?



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# Первые работы – предвестники «квантовой электрохимии»

Halide-Bridged Electrode Reactions of Pt Complexes

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## Quantum Mechanical Description of Electrode Reactions. I. Extended Huckel Molecular Orbital Treatment of the Halide-Bridged Electrode Reactions of Platinum Complexes

CHIU-NAN LAI and ARTHUR T. HUBBARD\*

Received July 27, 1973

The extended Huckel molecular orbital method has been employed to calculate the activation energies of the halide bridged electrochemical interconversion of typical Pt(IV) and Pt(II) complexes. Conventional spectroscopic values of the mo parameters were employed. When combined with the theory of absolute rates for adiabatic reactions, the calculated activation energies led to theoretical rates in qualitative agreement with experimental values based upon the Tafel equation and the Gouy-Chapman-Stern theory of electrode processes. Covalent interaction between the reactants and the electrode surface, although important in establishing the reaction pathway, was neglected in these calculations and will be introduced at a later stage. The procedure described here appears to allow unequivocal identification of the electronic states primarily

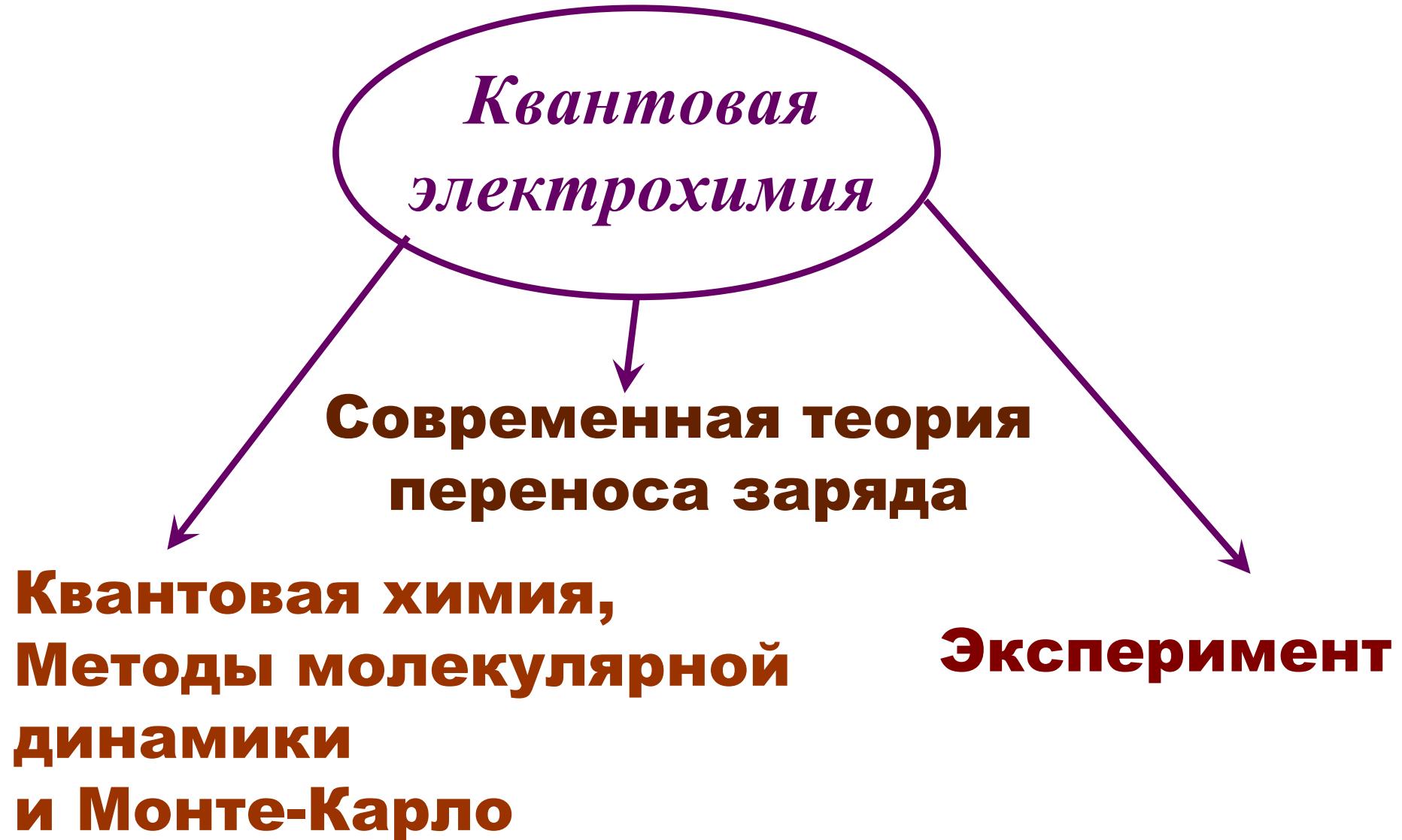
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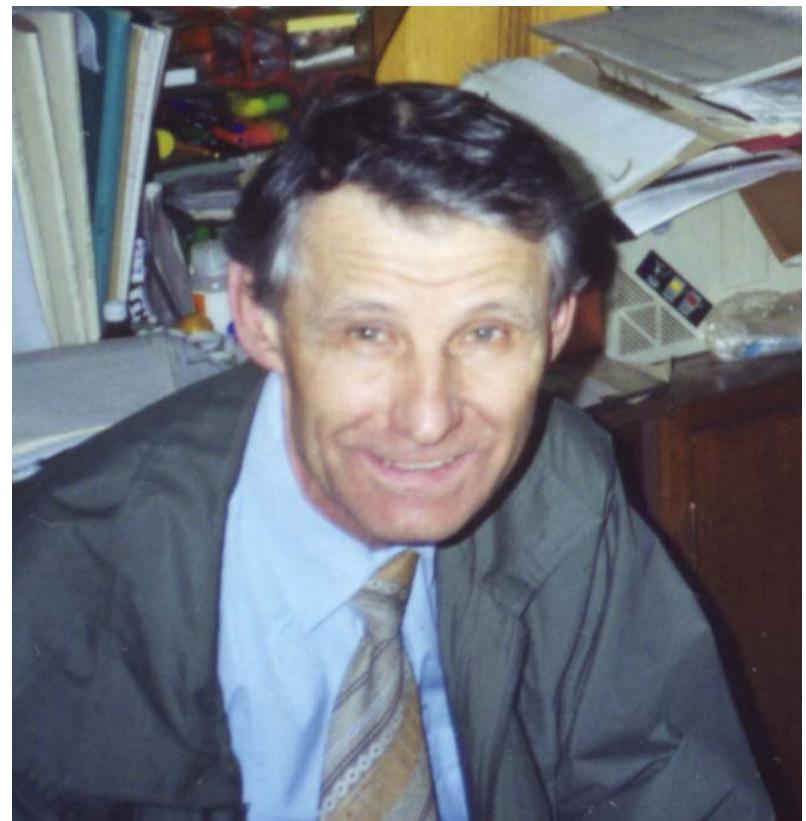
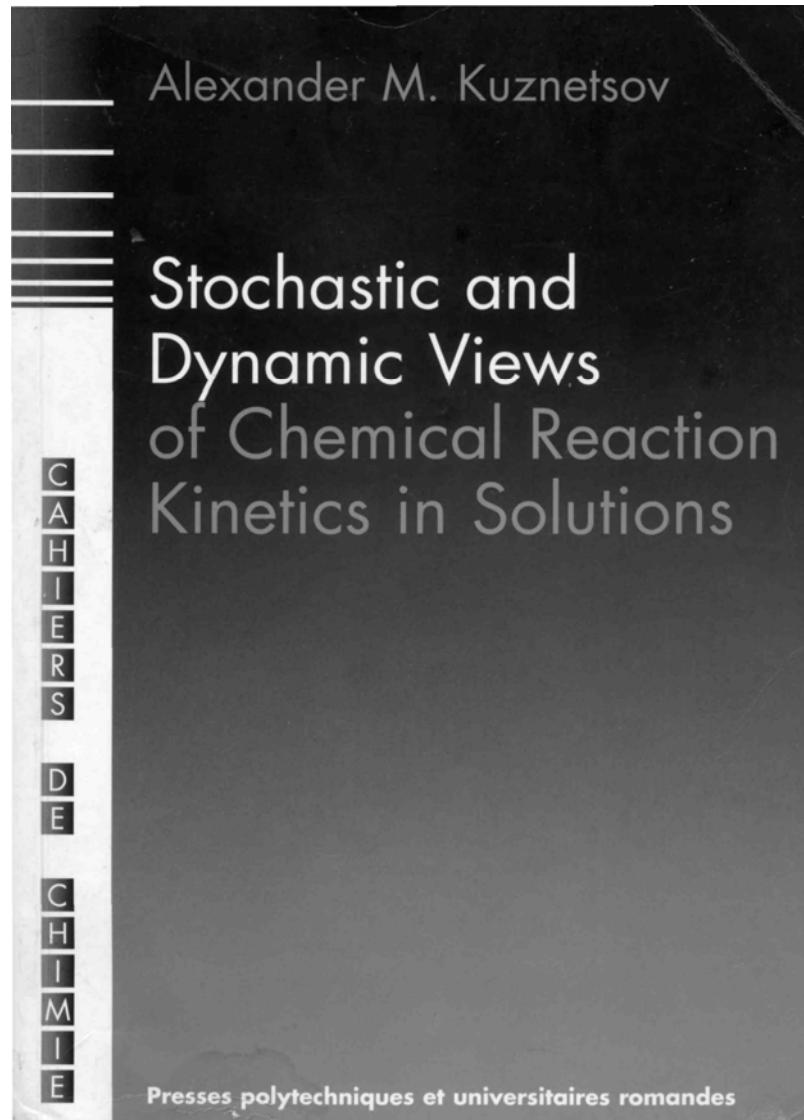
М.А. Leban, А.Т. Hubbard, J. Electroanal. Chem. 74 (1976) 253.  
(клusterная модель плотности части ДЭС)

М.Ш. Шапник, В.Н Галеев, Электрохимия, 15 (1979) 827.  
(теоретико-групповой анализ элементарного акта)

# Как моделировать элементарный акт переноса заряда ?



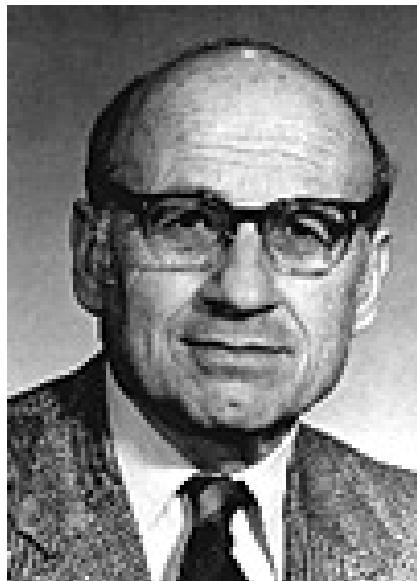
В настоящее время физические основы реакций переноса заряда в конденсированных средах в целом понятны



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В микроскопическом моделировании элементарного акта именно теория играет первую скрипку...

С помощью современных методов квантовой химии сегодня можно  
«рассчитать всё» :)

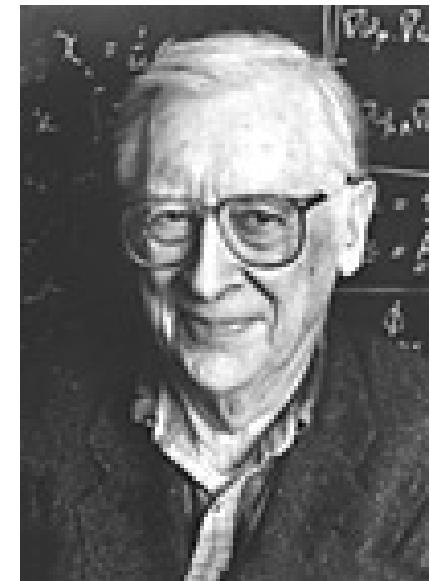


## The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1998

"for his development of the  
density-functional theory"

Walter Kohn

"for his development of  
computational methods in  
quantum chemistry"



John Pople

Сегодня



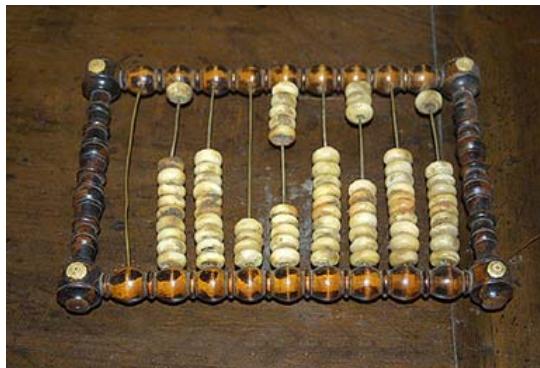
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Завтра ?

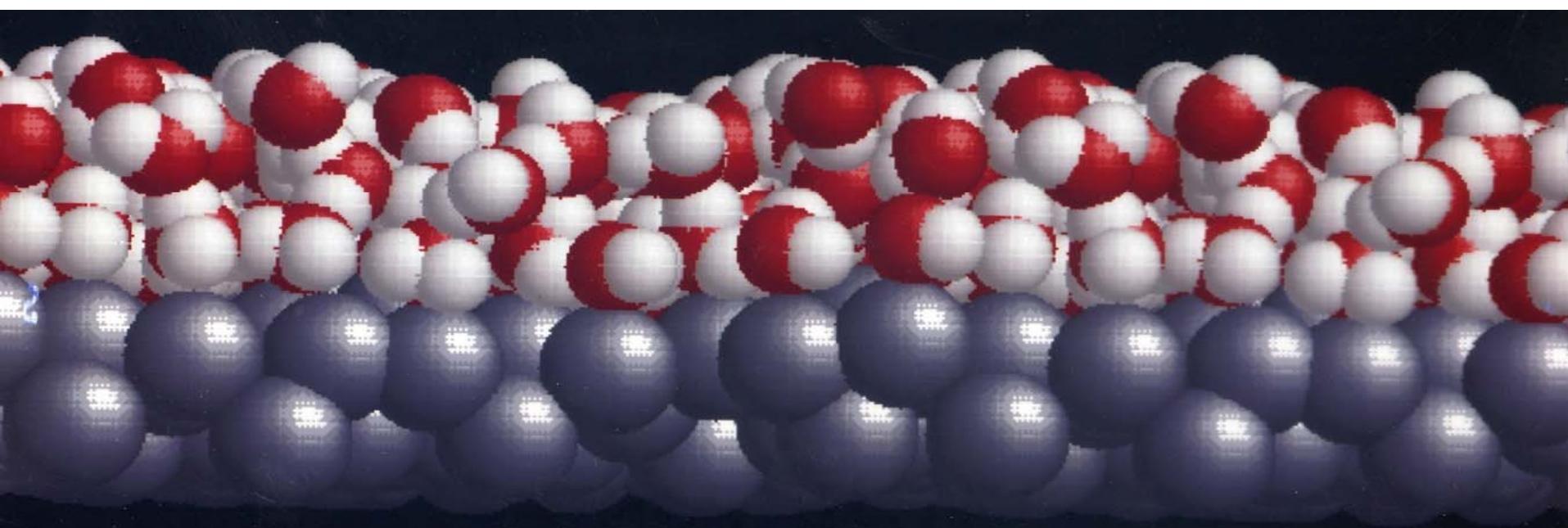
Вчера

EC-1033 RAM - 0.5М,  $2 \cdot 10^2$  кГц.  
EC-1045 RAM- 1М,  $8 \cdot 10^2$  кГц.  
Площадь – 200 м<sup>2</sup>

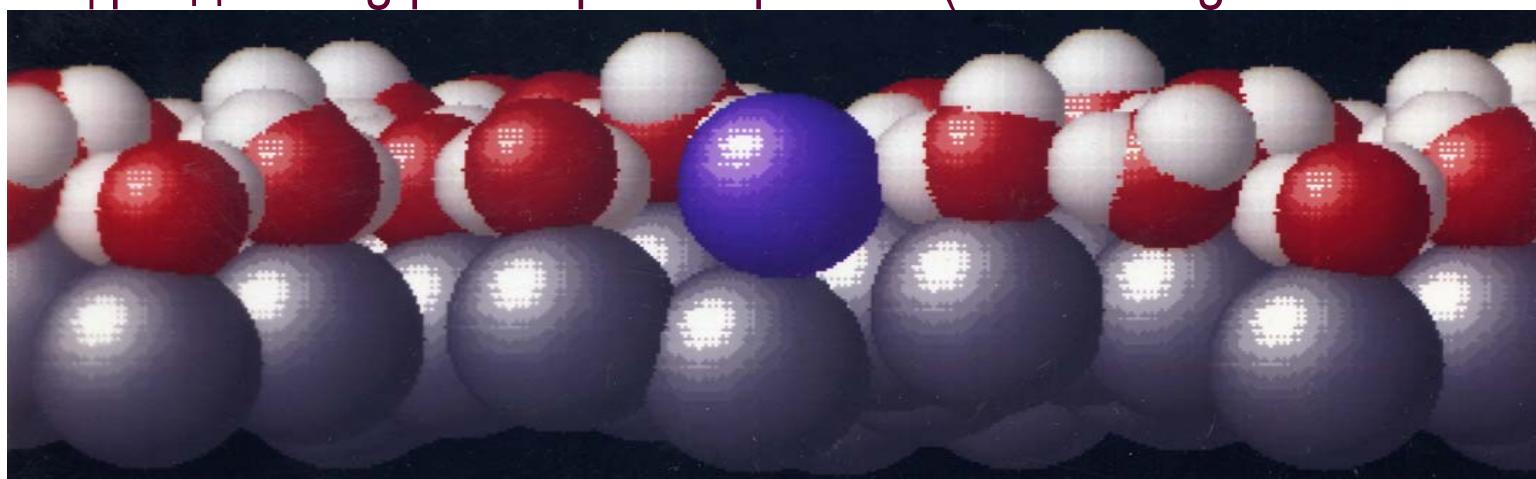
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# *Модель реакционного слоя*

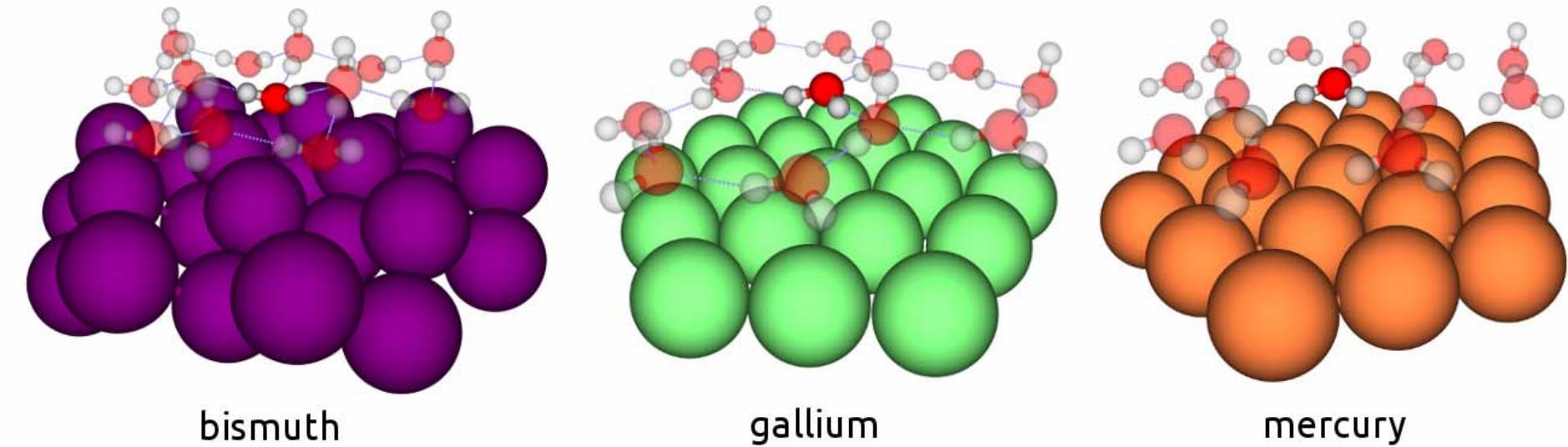


Результаты моделирования методом классической молекулярной динамики  
границ раздела Hg/раствор электролита (K. Heinzinger and co-workers)



## Изучение взаимодействия поверхности электродов с водой – важнейшая задача квантово-химического моделирования

### **Hydrophilicity row: Ga > Hg ≥ Bi(111)**

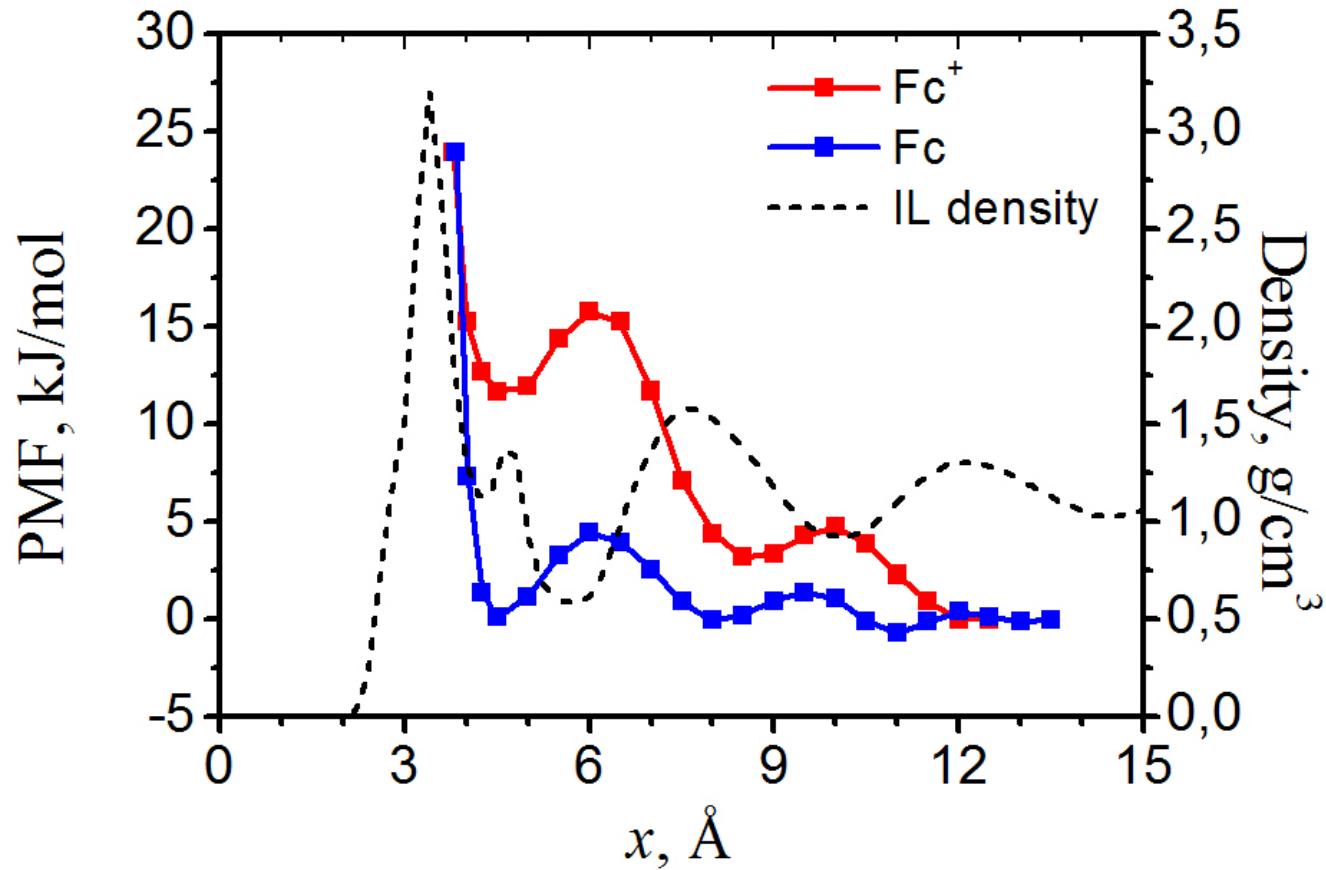
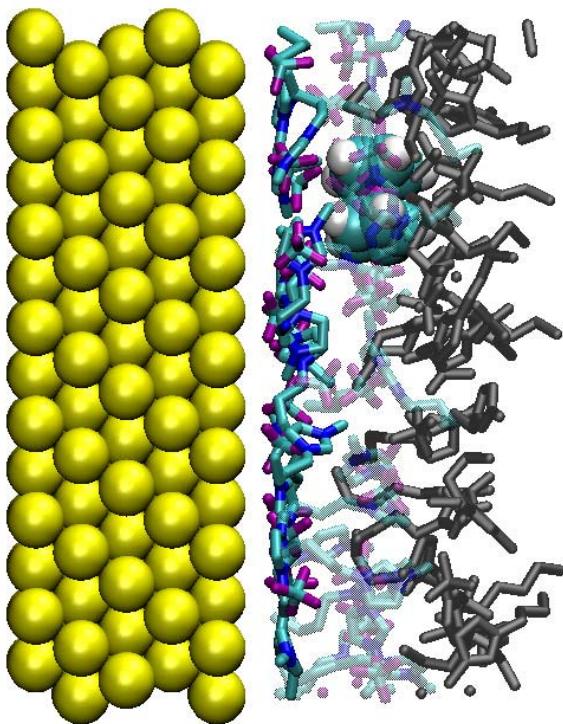


# Cluster model/DFT

Эффект упрочнения водородных связей в слое адсорбированных молекул воды играет важную роль.

Пример более сложного реакционного слоя

## $Fc/Fc^+, Au(111)$



*MD simulations (S. Kislenko)*

# Transition state theory (TST)

saddle point

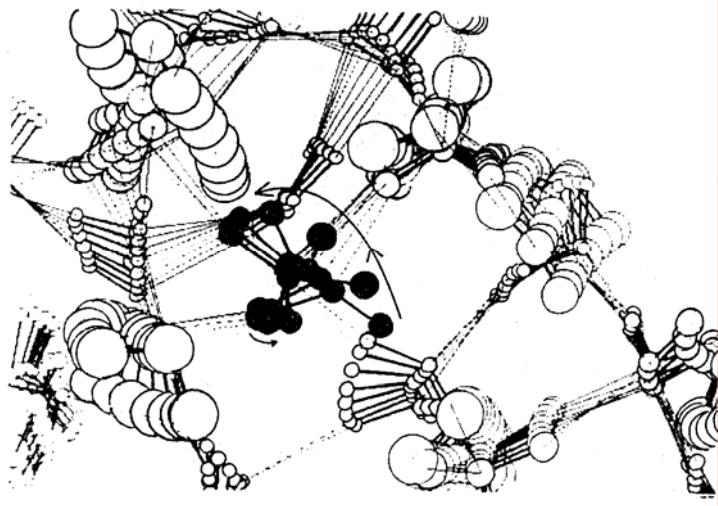
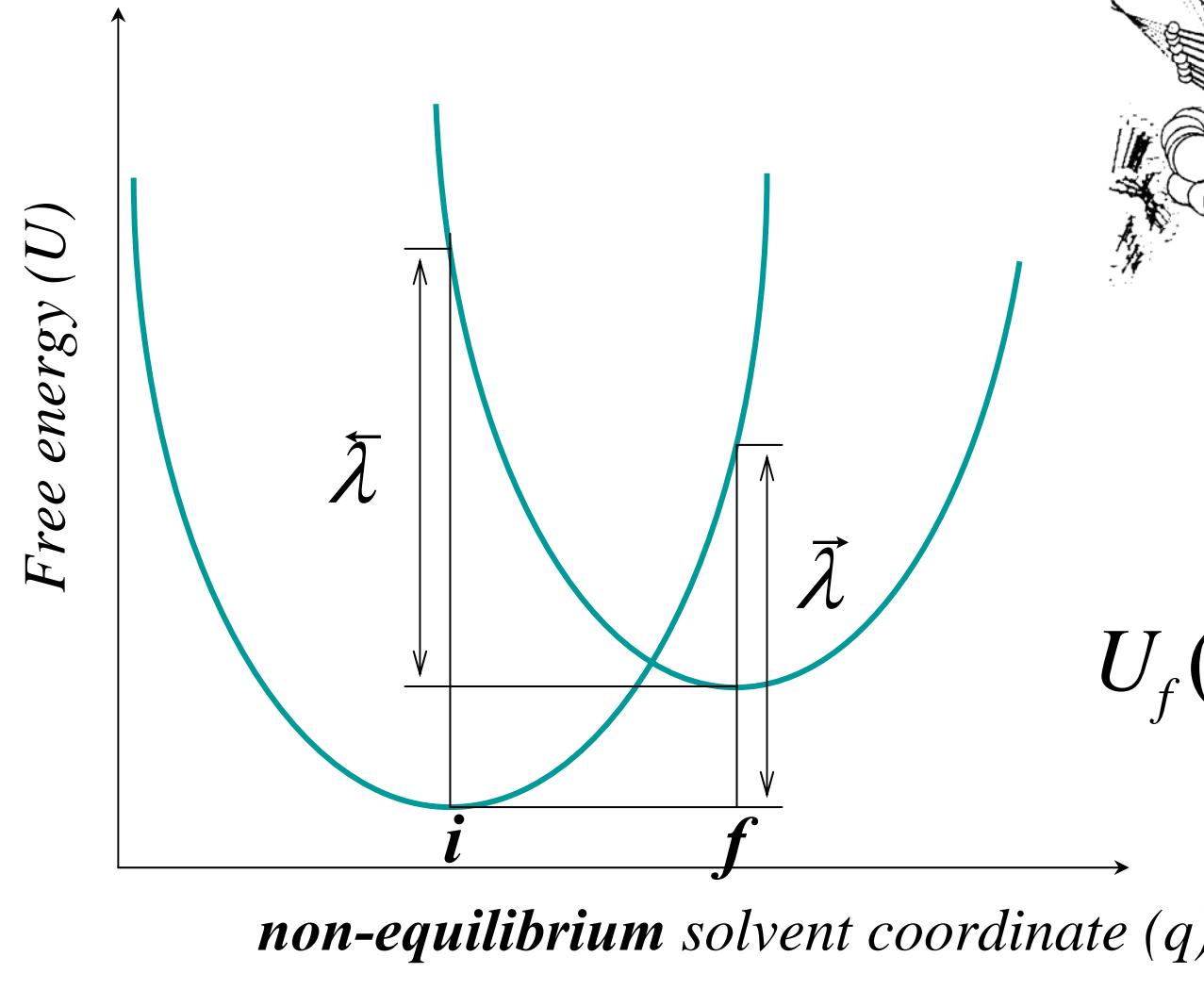


Three-dimensional reaction energy surface  
(solvent and intramolecular coordinates)

# A simple way to define the solvent coordinate

(Marcus theory)

$\lambda$  is the solvent reorganization energy



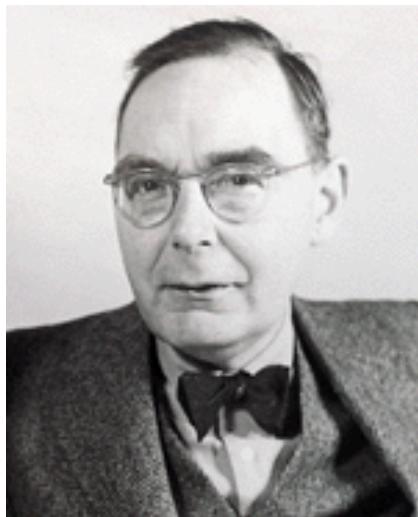
(Ohmine, 1992)

$$U_i(q) = \lambda q^2$$

$$U_f(q) = \lambda(q-1)^2 + \Delta$$

$$\Delta E_a = \frac{(\lambda + \Delta)^2}{4\lambda}$$

# Stochastic theory

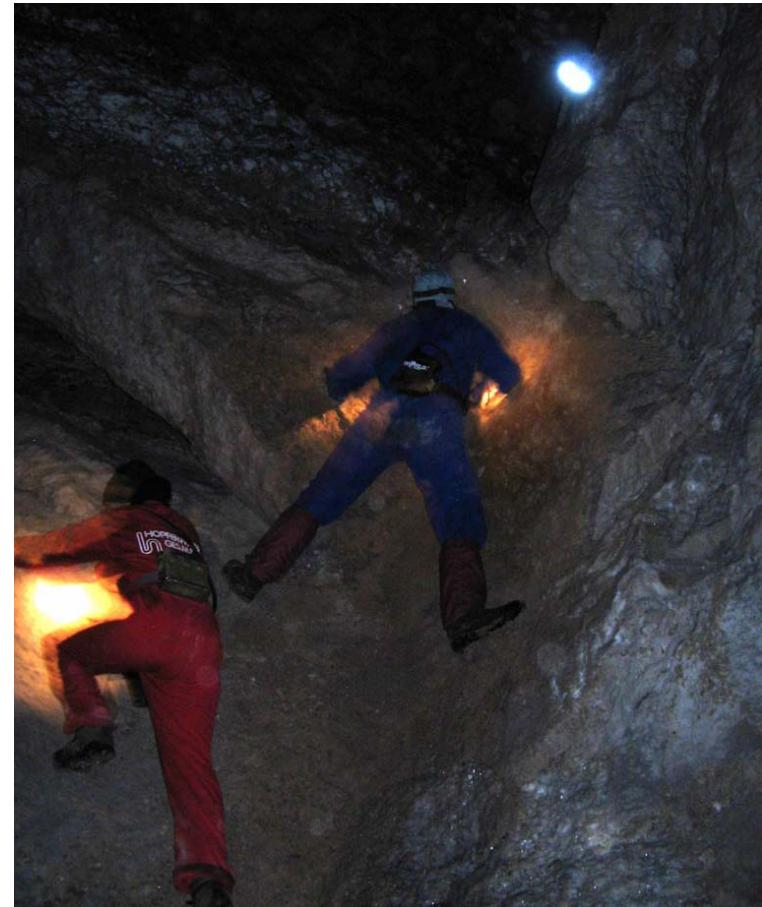


Hendrik A. Kramers  
/pioneered a stochastic  
approach in chemical kinetics/



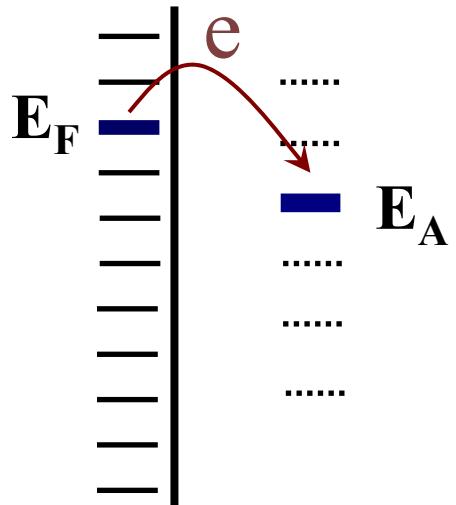
Leonid D. Zusman  
/extended Kramers theory  
to electron transfer reactions/

Reaction rate depends on dynamical  
solvent properties as well  
(friction, viscosity)



In terms of stochastic theory an overcoming  
of the activation barrier more resembles  
“climbing” (diffusion)

# Solvent correlation function



$$K(\tau) = \langle E_A(0), E_A(\tau) \rangle$$

$$K(\tau) = 2k_B T \lambda_s \frac{Q(\tau)}{Q(0)}$$

$$Q(\tau) = \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(-i\omega\tau) \left[ \frac{1}{\varepsilon(\omega)} - \frac{1}{\varepsilon_\infty} \right] \frac{d\omega}{\omega}$$

S. Mukamel et al.

dielectric spectrum

# $N$ solvent modes (exact expansion)

Solvent reorganization energy

$$K(\tau) = 2k_B T \lambda \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_i \exp(-\tau / \tau_i^*)$$

Solvent correlation function

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \delta_i = 1$$

correlation times

Динамика элементарного  
акта напоминает игру  
оркестра

$\delta_i$  is the contribution of  $i$ -th mode to the solvent reorganization energy



The solvent reorganization energy is “distributed” among  
 $N$  solvent coordinates.

Reaction free energy surface can be described using N solvent coordinate ( $q_1, \dots q_N$ ) and (probably) one intramolecular degree of freedom ( $r$ ):

$$E_i(q_1, \dots, q_N; r) = \sum_{j=1}^N \delta_j \lambda_j q_j^2 + U_i(r)$$

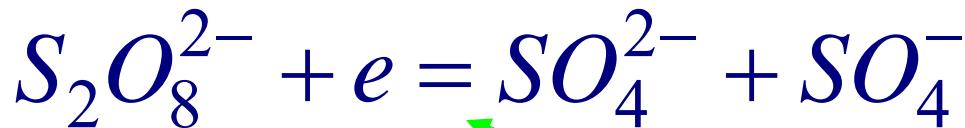
*reactant*

$$E_f(q_1, \dots, q_N; r) = \sum_{j=1}^N \delta_j \lambda_j (q_j - 1)^2 + U_f(r) + \Delta I$$

*product*

Usually  $N = 2$  (e.g., dimethylacetamide), 3 (EG, alcohols etc)

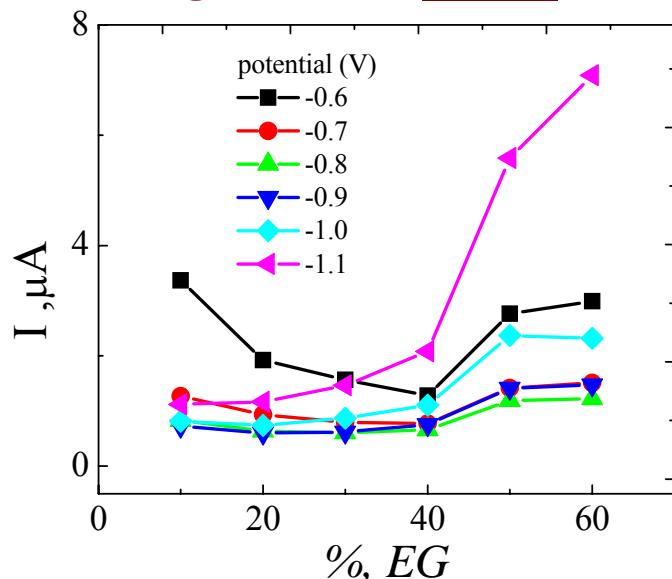
# $S_2O_8^{2-}$ reduction at a mercury electrode from water-EG mixtures



- reaction is adiabatic

*The first ET is rate limiting*

- BBET reaction proceeds at large overvoltages, in the vicinity of activationless discharge, i.e. at small activation barriers

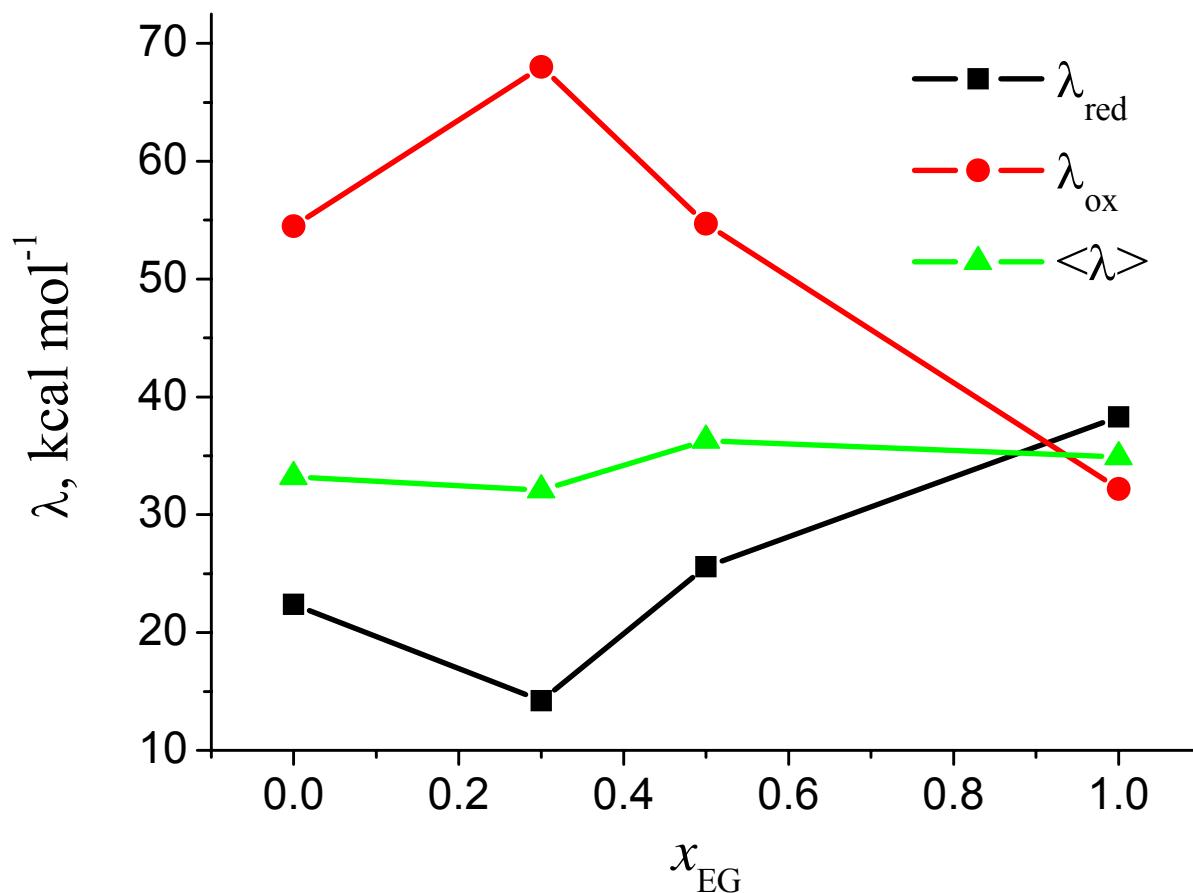


- reaction reveals an anomalous solvent viscosity effect

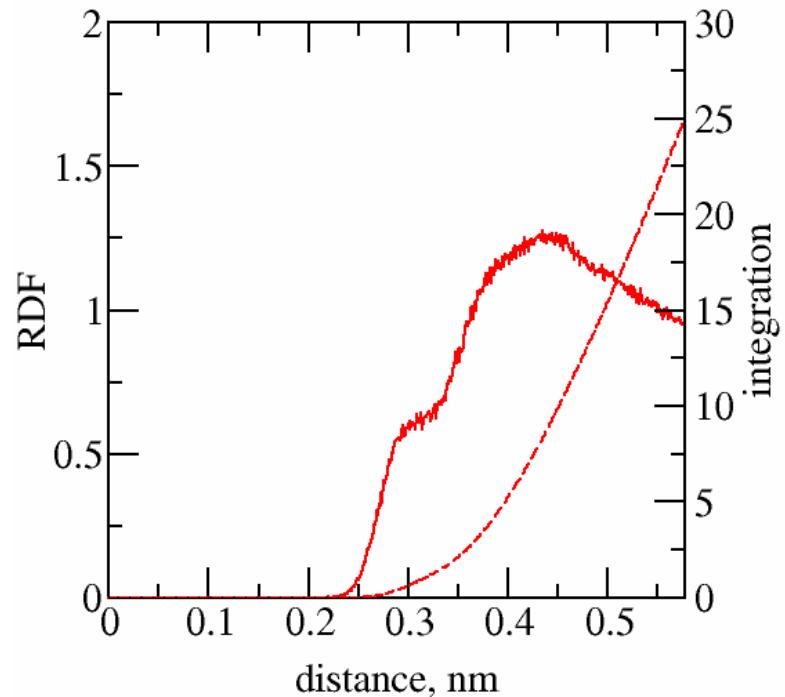
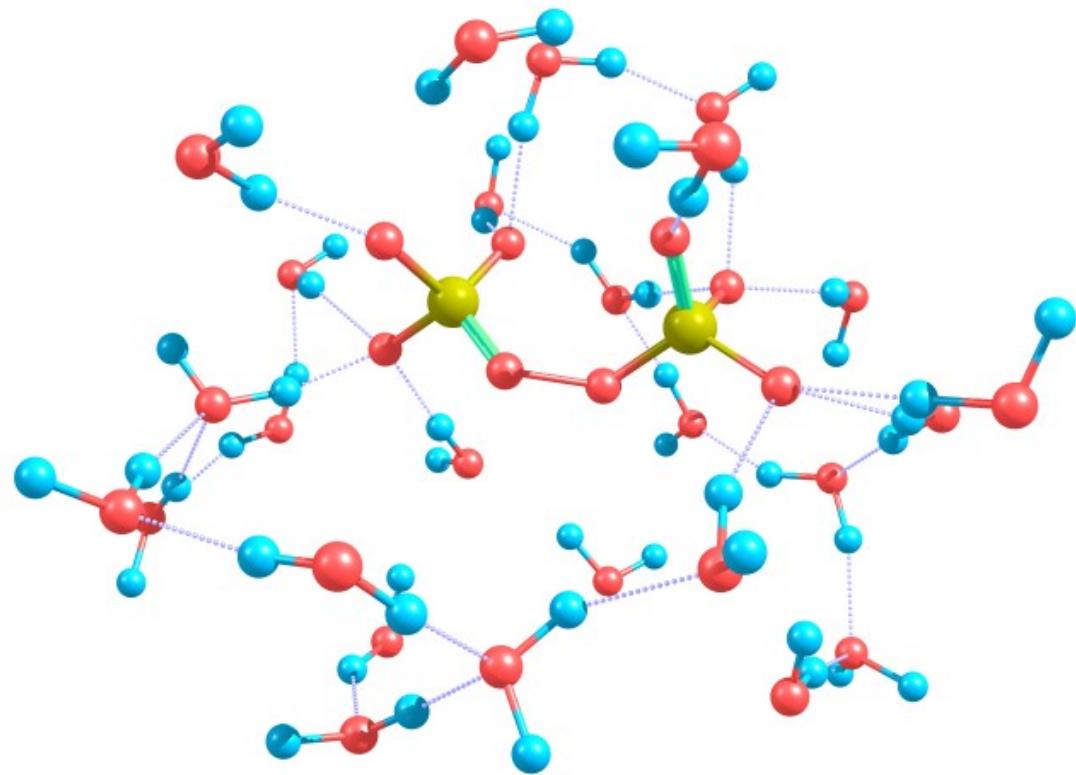
*Exp. data (P.A. Zagrebin et al)*

- Pekar factor in the solvent reorganization energy is nearly constant
- MD simulations predict even a slight increase of  $\langle \lambda \rangle$

Bulk contribution to the solvent reorganization energy as computed from molecular dynamics (O. Ismailova, M. Probst et al)

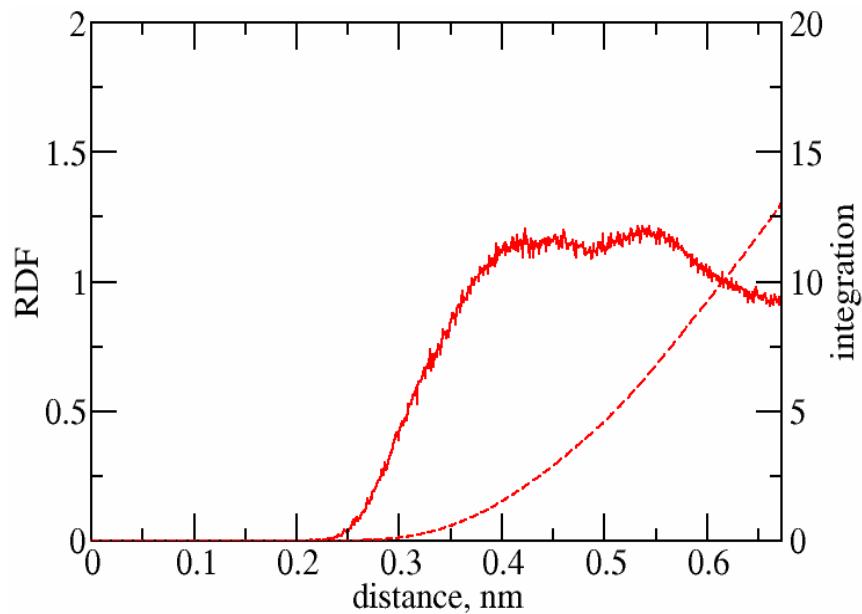
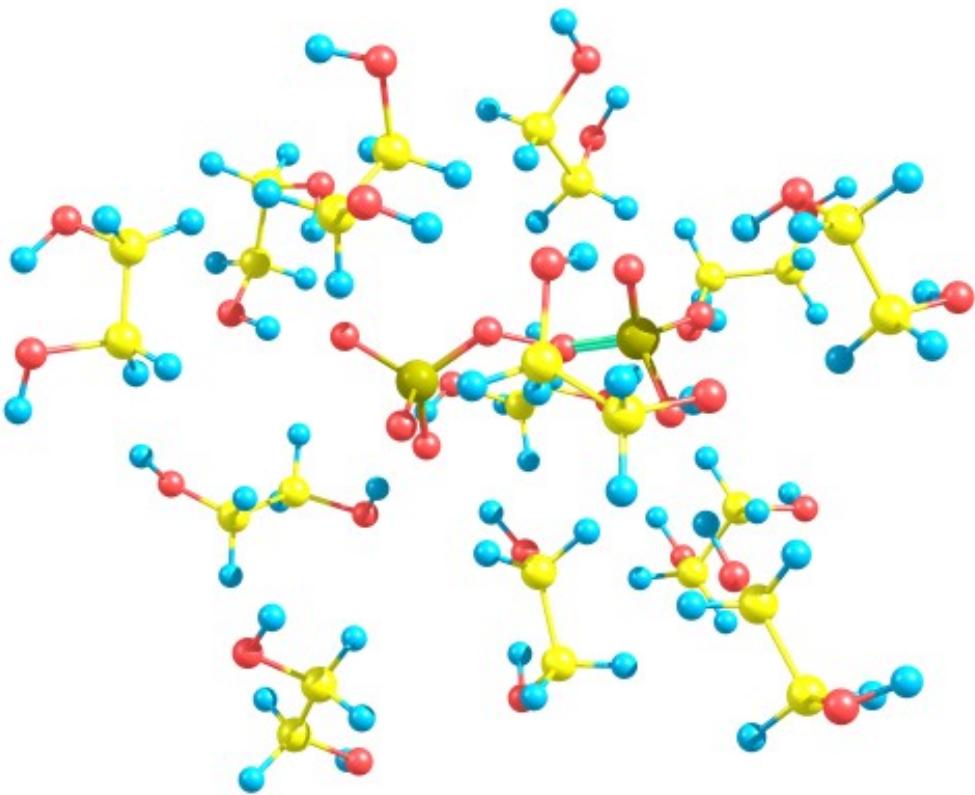


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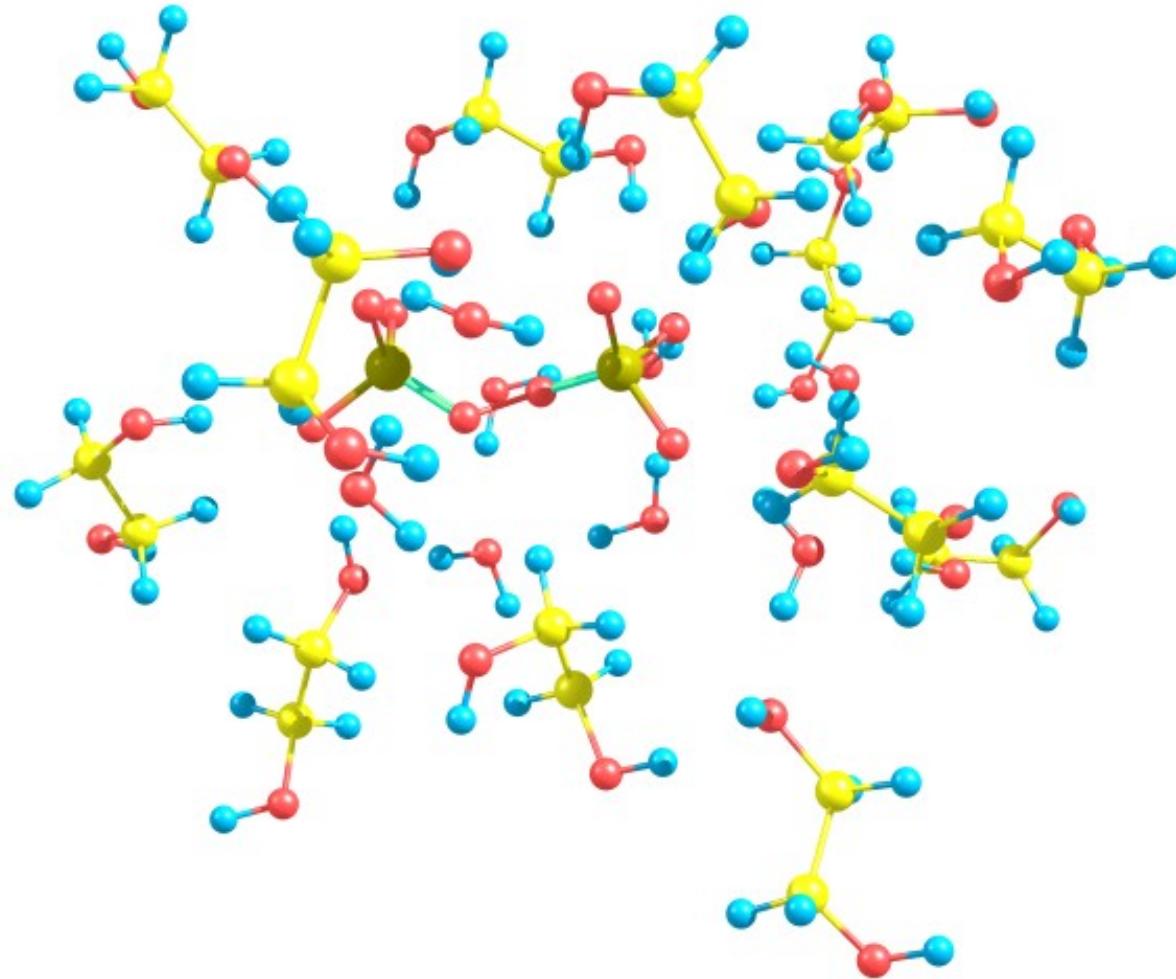
$\text{S}_2\text{O}_8^{2-}$ /water

## Результаты моделирования методом МД



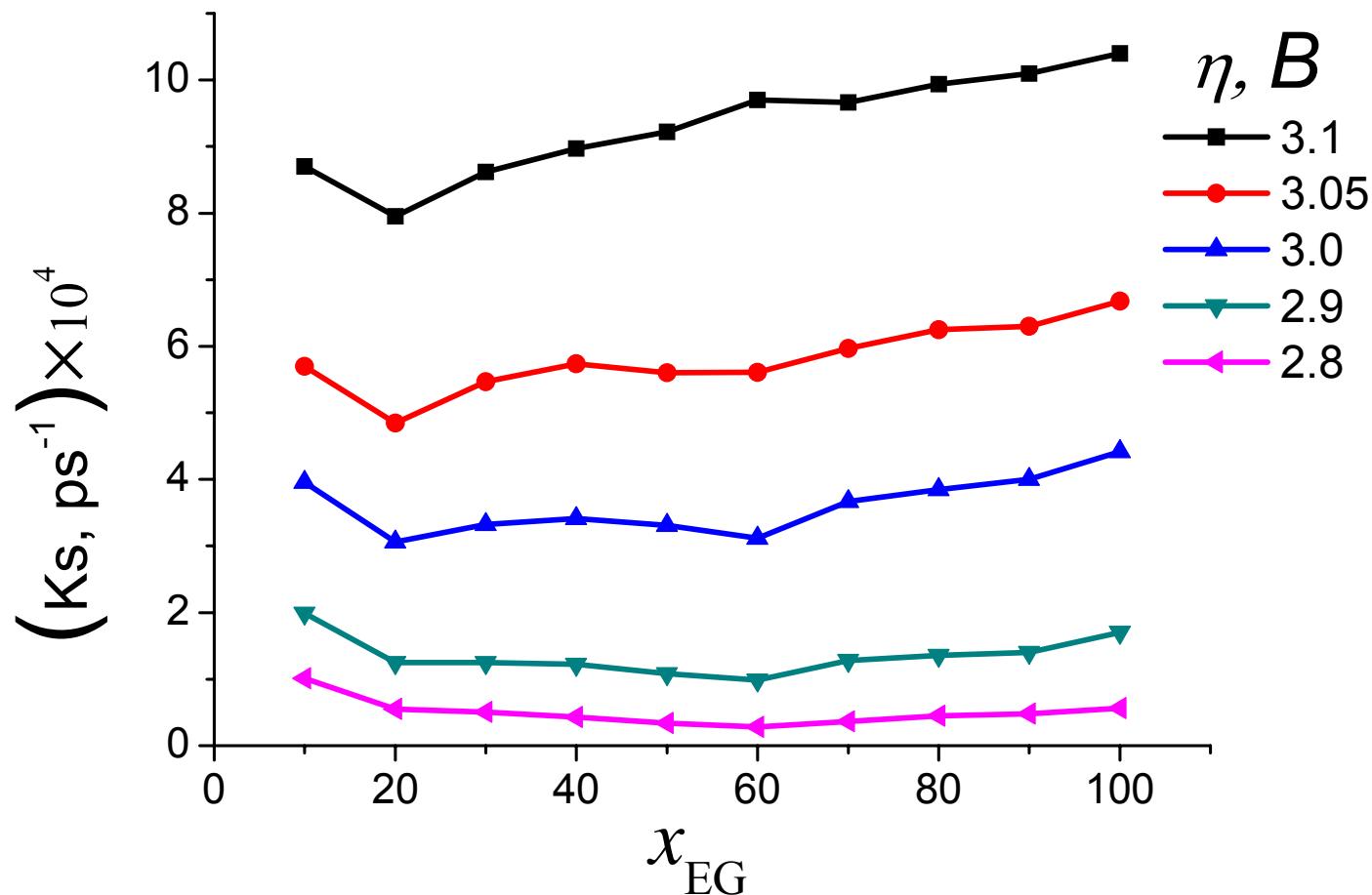
$\text{S}_2\text{O}_8^{2-}/\text{EG}$

Результаты моделирования методом МД  
(смешанная система, 50%-вода, 50% - этиленгликоль)



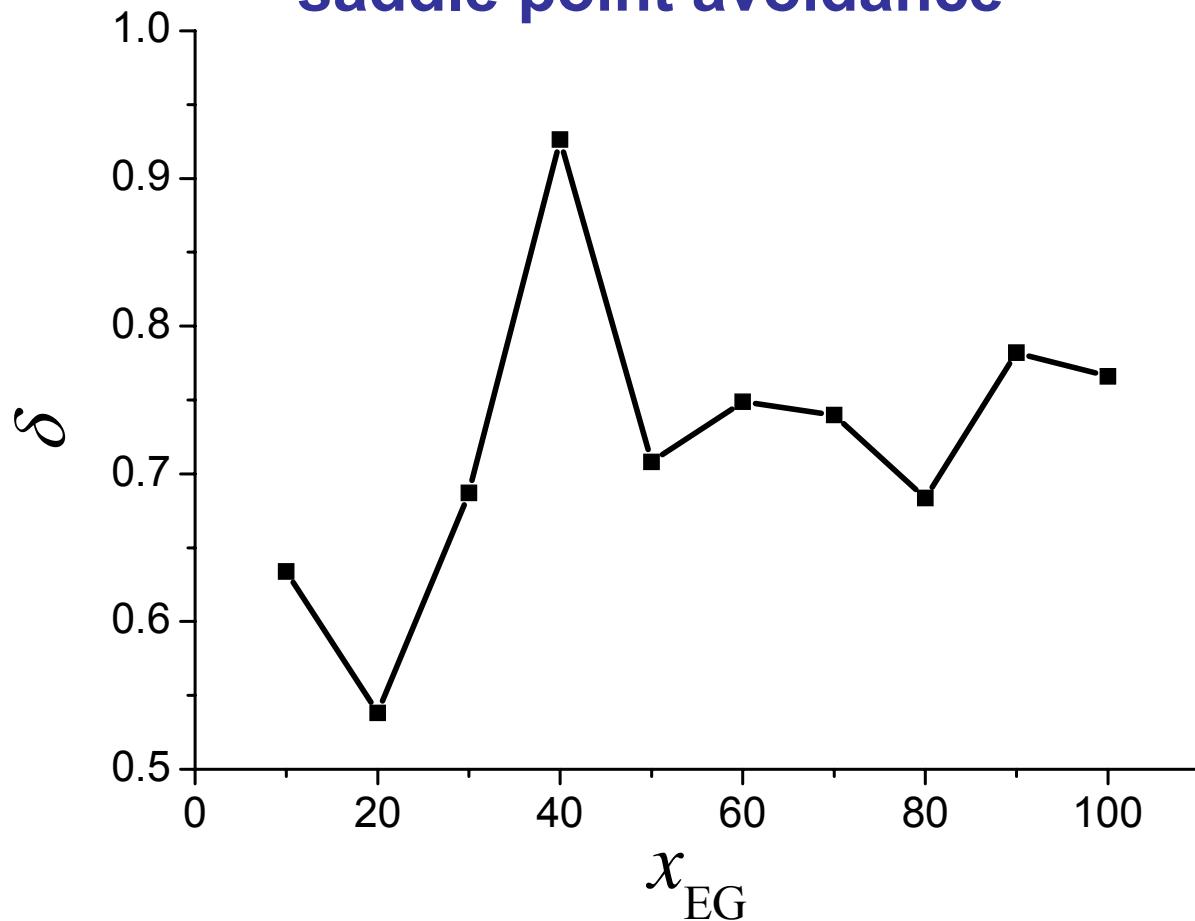
$\text{S}_2\text{O}_8^{2-}/\text{EG}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$

# Results of Langevin molecular dynamics simulations



*avoid*

## An attempt to explain: saddle point avoidance



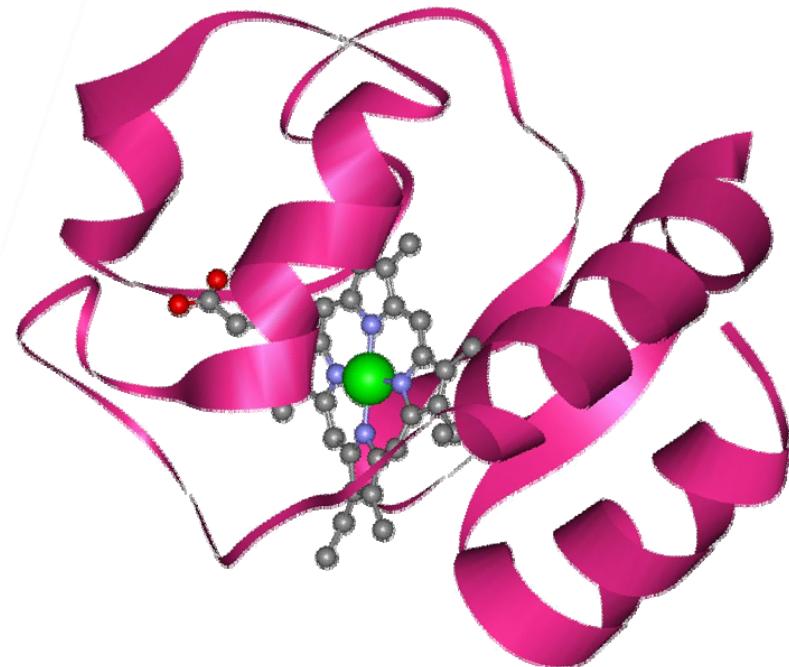
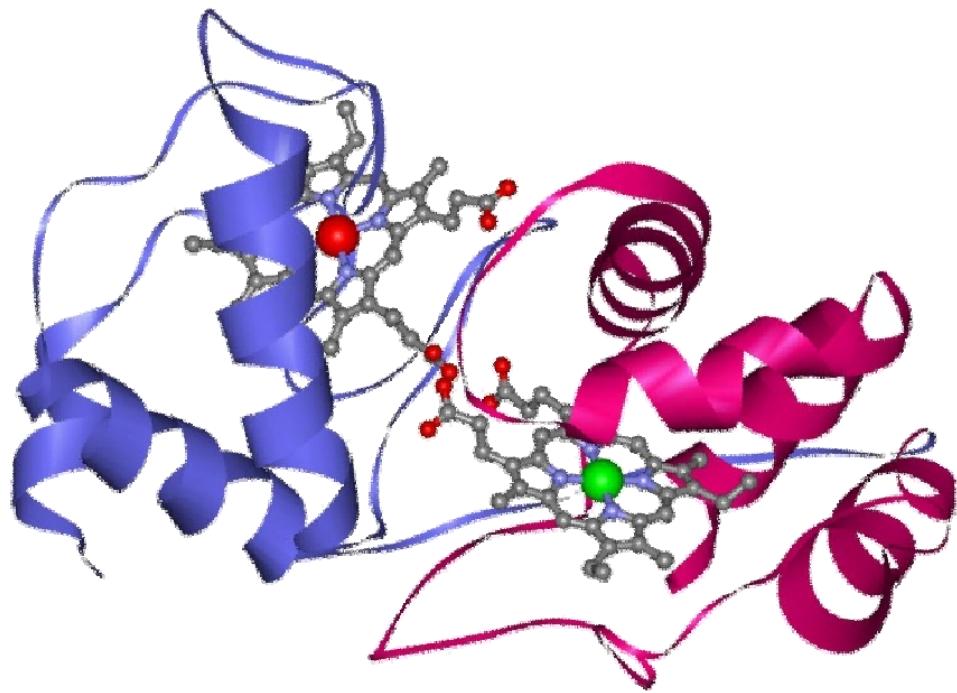
Эффекты отклонения маршрута реакции от седловой точки играют важную роль в интерпретации результатов моделирования.

Построение реакционных поверхностей свободной  
энергии: проблемы на послезавтра:

## Non-Gaussian fluctuations

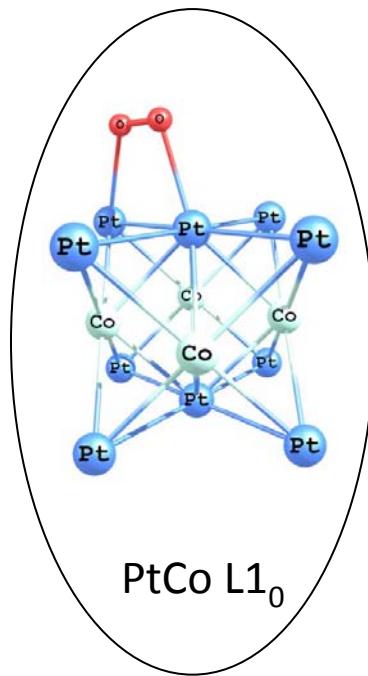
- ferroelectric domains at a protein/water interface

D.N. LeBard, D.V. Matyushov, PCCP, 12 (2010) 15335



Non-linear response ?

ordered structure

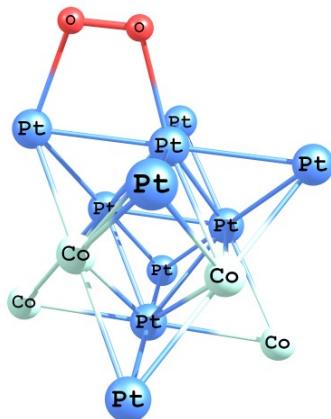


# Orbital overlap effects (strong coupling)

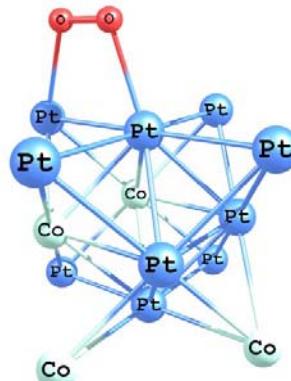
News-Anderson Hamiltonian,  
narrow band approximation

Ordered PtCo alloys are catalytically more  
active in the elecroreduction of O<sub>2</sub>  
(E.R. Savinova et al., exp)

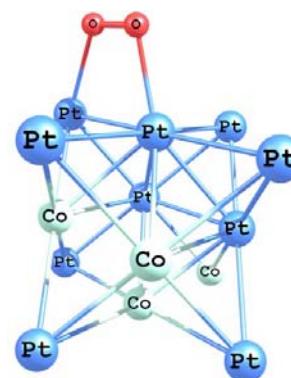
disordered model structures



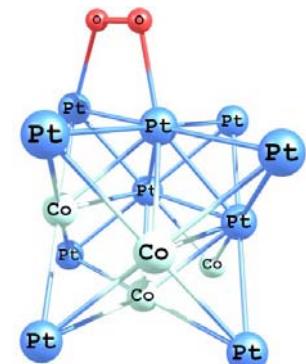
PtCo A1 (i)



PtCo A1 (ii)

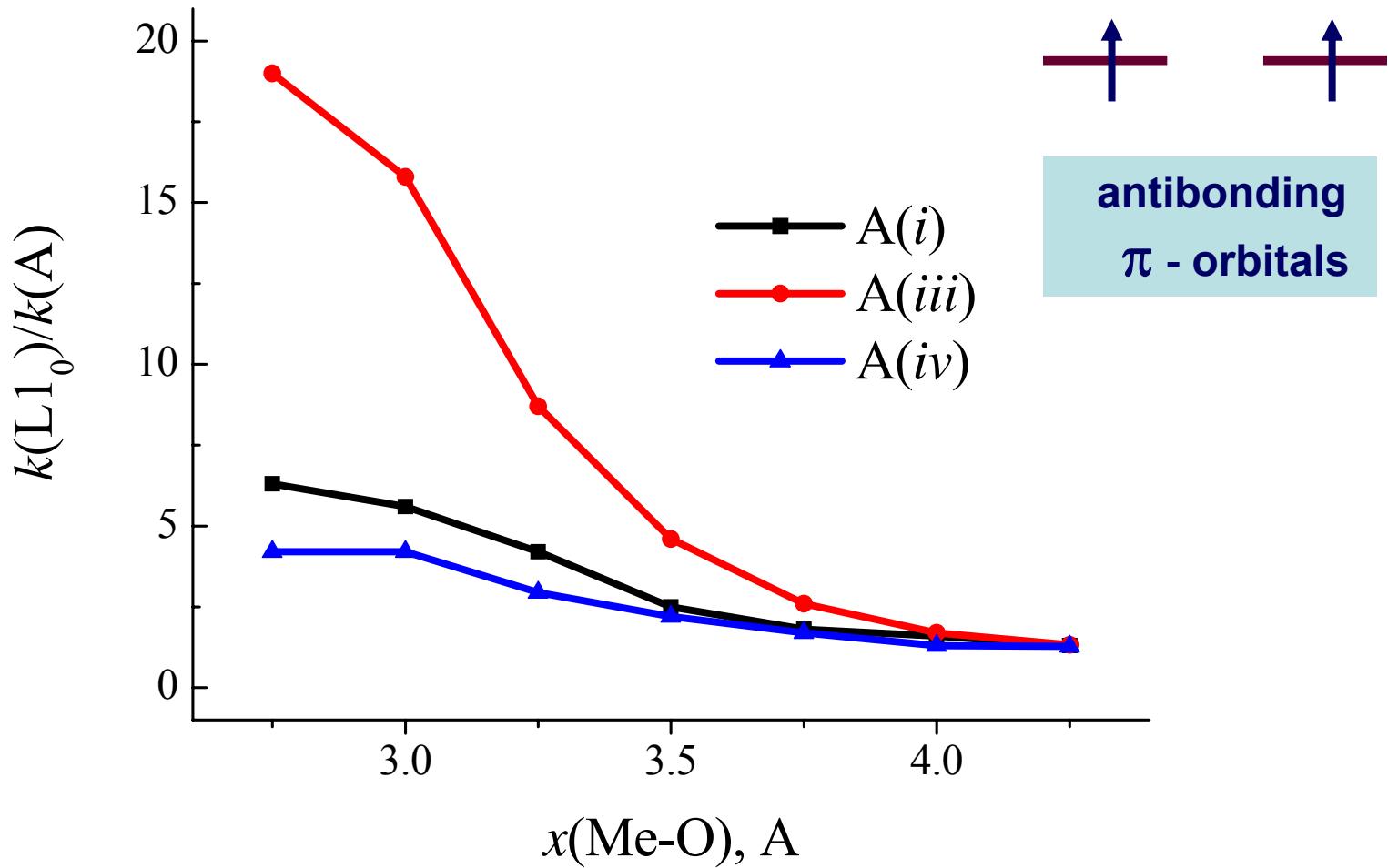


PtCo A1 (iii)



PtCo A1 (iv)

# Predicted ratio of rate constants



Ordered PtCo structure is catalytically more active

# Electronic transmission coefficient

$$K_e = \frac{1 - \exp(-2\pi\gamma_e)}{1 - (1/2)\exp(-2\pi\gamma_e)}$$

Landau-Zener factor

half of resonance splitting

$$\gamma_e = \frac{\left(\frac{\Delta E_e}{2}\right)^2}{\hbar\omega_{\text{eff}}} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{(\lambda_s + \lambda_{in}) \cdot k_B T}}$$

effective frequency

Two important limiting cases:

$$\gamma_e \ll 1 \Rightarrow K_e \approx \gamma_e \quad (\text{non-adiabatic})$$

$$\gamma_e \gg 1 \Rightarrow K_e \approx 1 \quad (\text{adiabatic})$$

# It is reasonable to employ the perturbation theory for large molecular systems

$$\frac{\Delta E_e}{2} \approx \int \Psi_i \hat{V} \Psi_f dV - \int \Psi_i \hat{V} \Psi_i dV \cdot \int \Psi_i \Psi_f dV$$



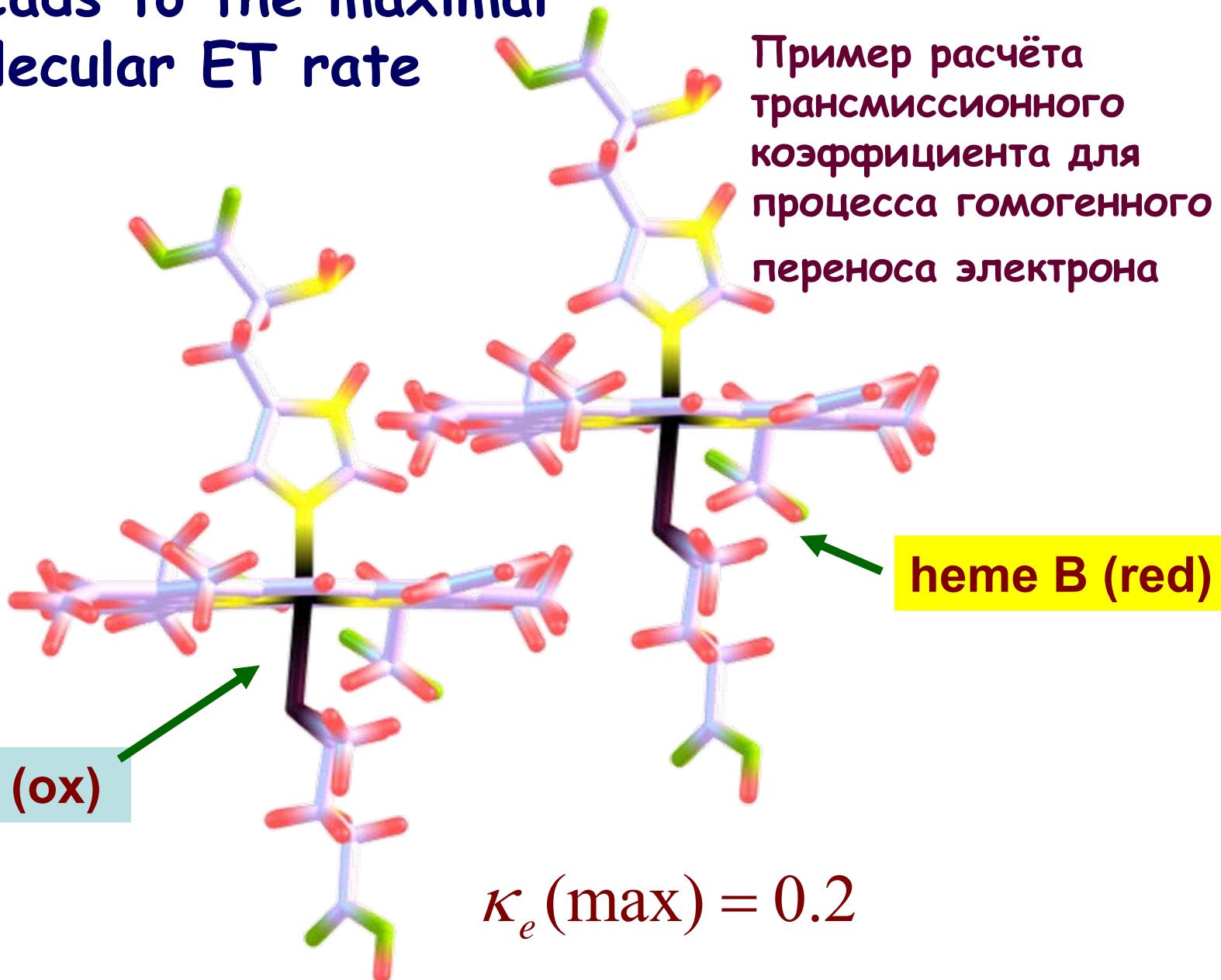
Perturbation (molecular electrostatic potential)

$$V(\vec{r}) = -\sum_i \frac{Z_i}{|\vec{R}_i - \vec{r}|} + \sum_j \int \frac{|\psi_j(\vec{r}')|^2 d\Omega'}{|\vec{r}' - \vec{r}|}$$

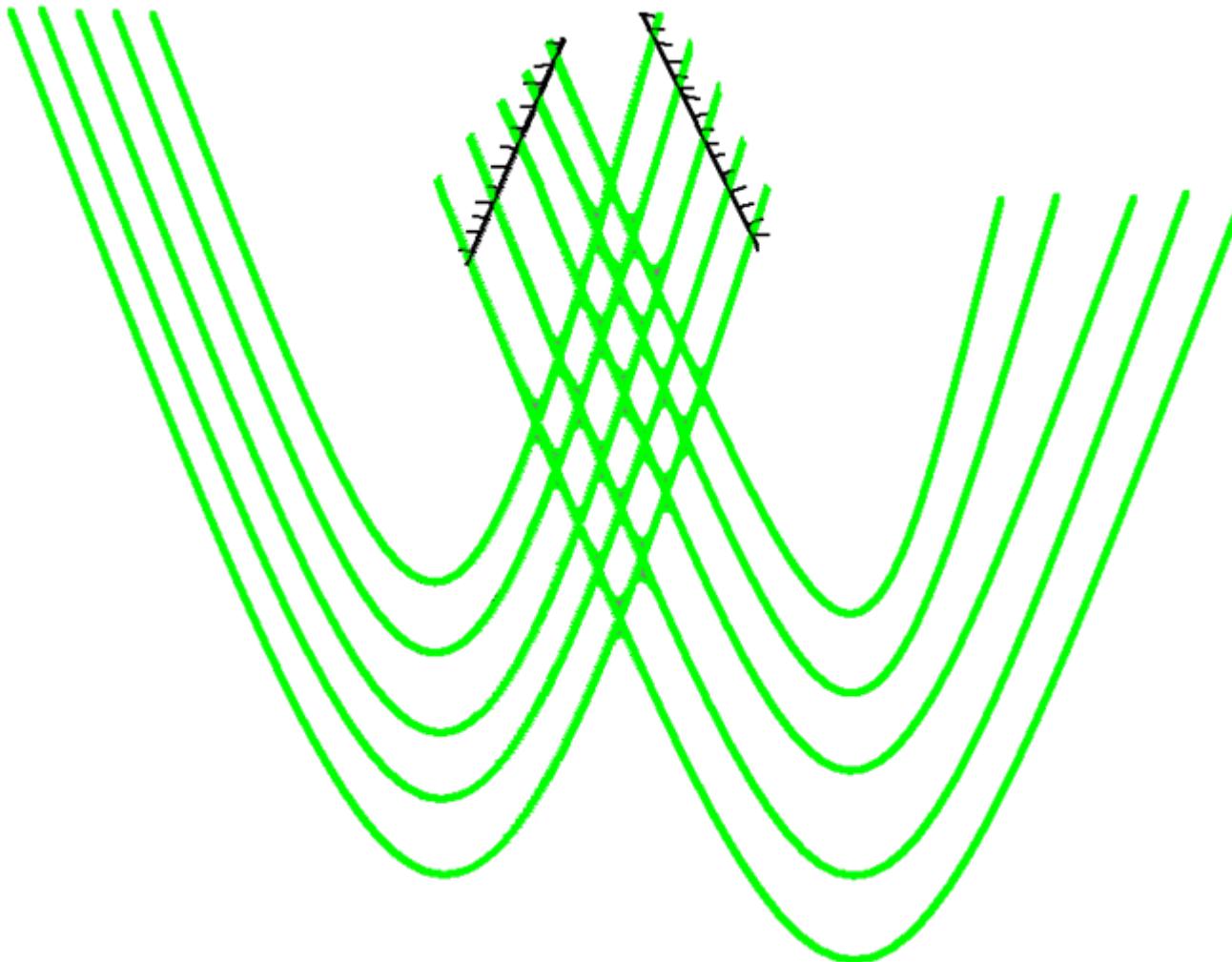
$$V(\vec{r}) \approx \sum_i \frac{q_i^*}{|\vec{R}_i - \vec{r}|}$$

ChelpG atomic charges

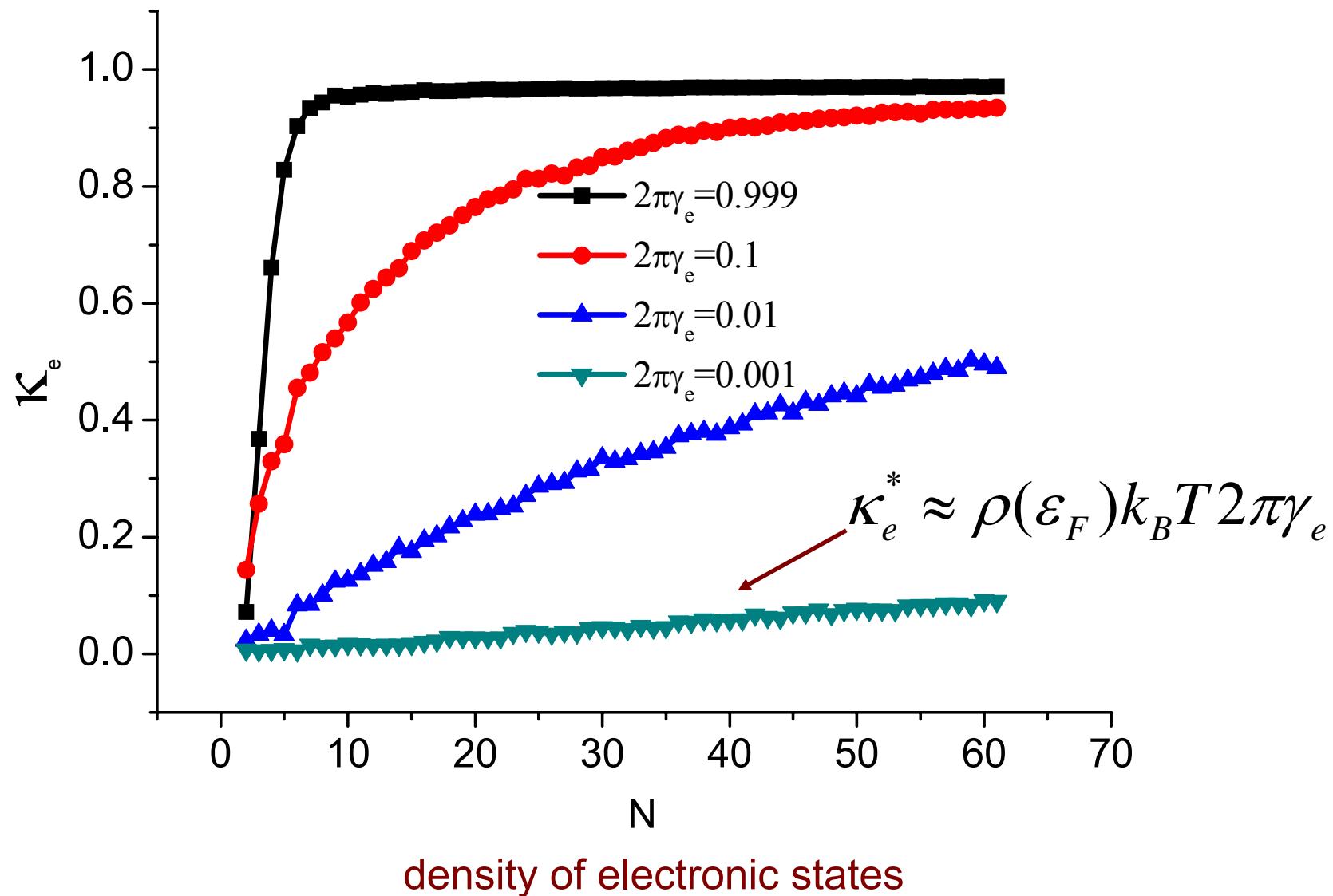
# Orientation of the cyt c<sub>4</sub> heme groups which leads to the maximal intramolecular ET rate



# Моделирование методом Монте-Карло (случайное блуждание по узлам двумерной решётки)

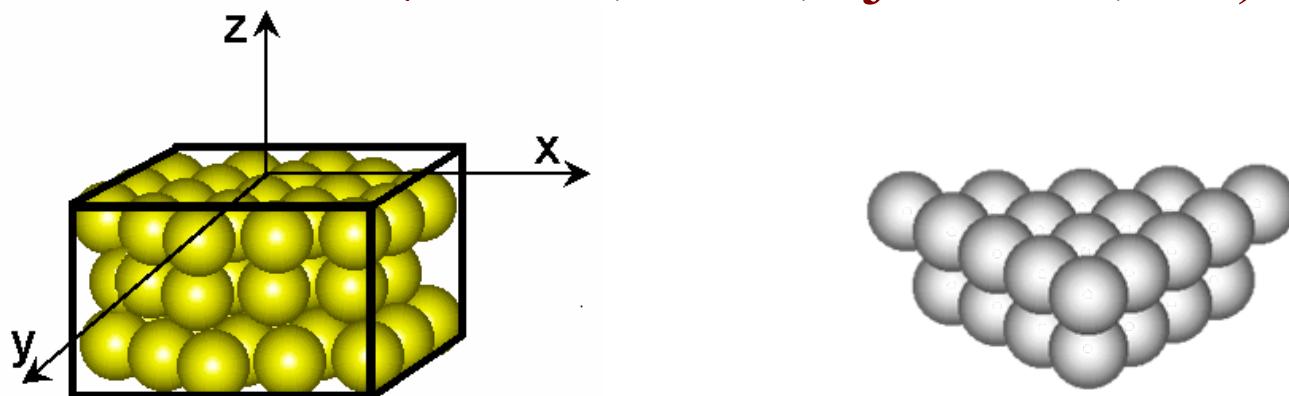


Electronic transmission coefficient vs density of electronic states  
calculated with the help of MC simulations at different values of  $\gamma_e$



# *Model calculation of electronic transmission coefficient for interfacial reactions: some challenges.*

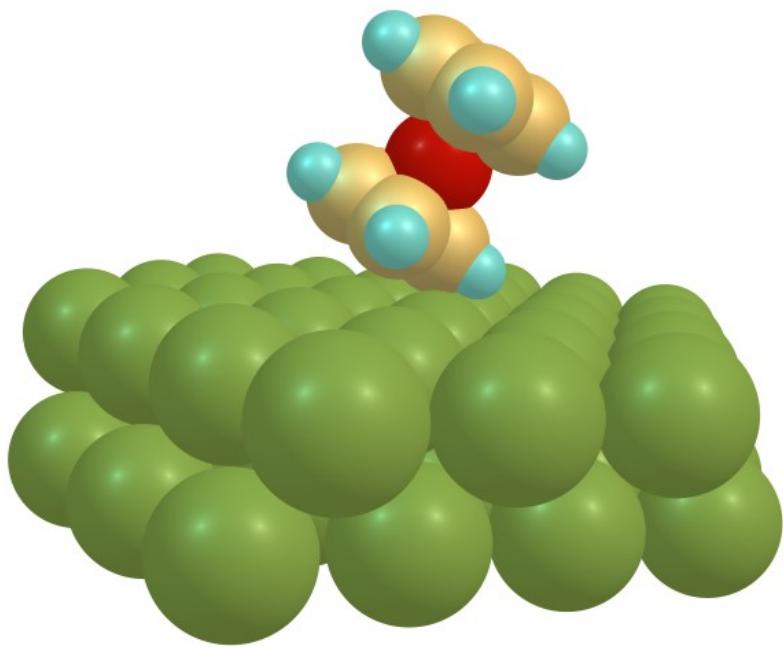
1. Model of a charged metal surface  
(cluster, slabs, “jellium”, etc)



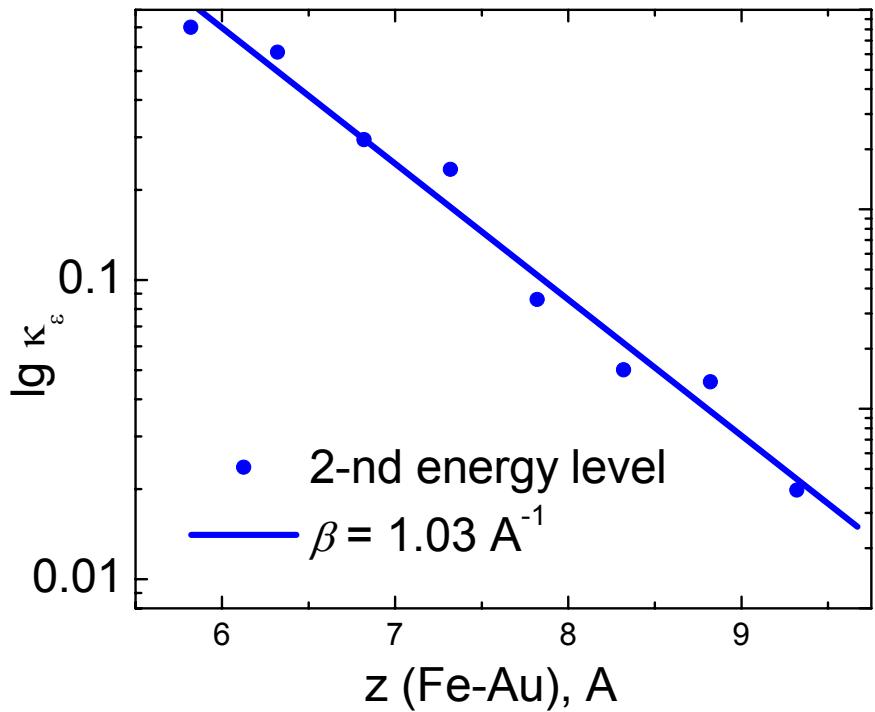
2. Solvent effect on the wave functions and perturbation
3. Asymptotic behaviour of wave functions
4.  $V(\vec{r}) = ?$

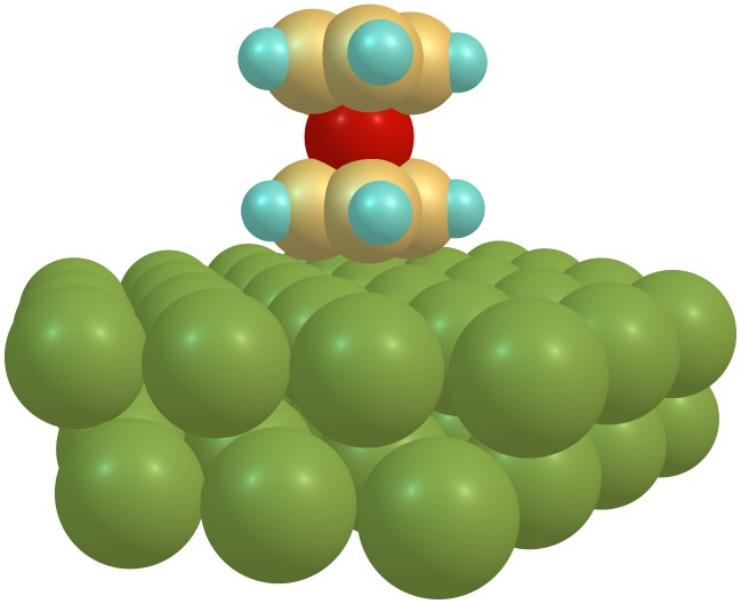


$$\kappa = \kappa_0 \exp(-\beta z)$$

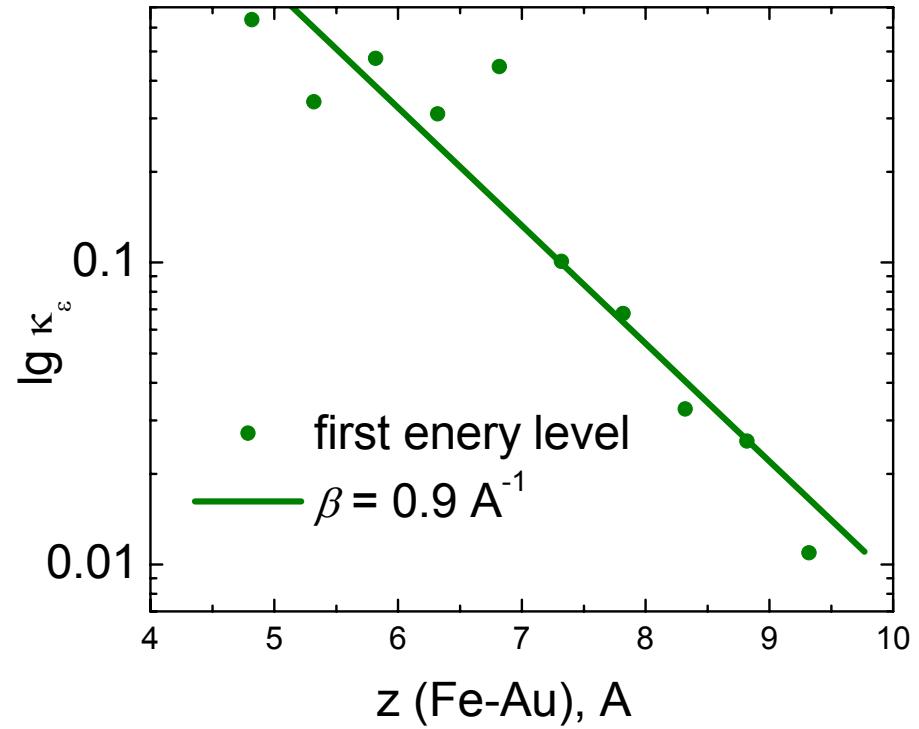


$\text{Au}_{54}$  cluster



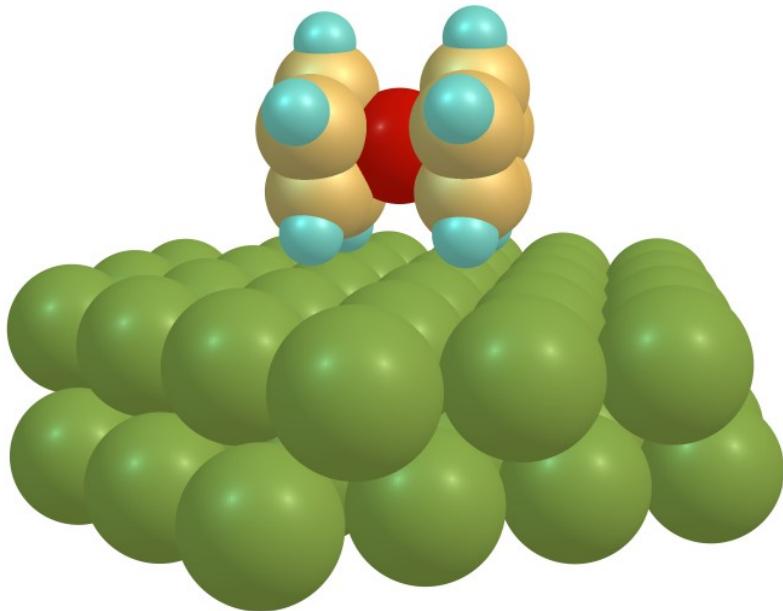


vertical orientation

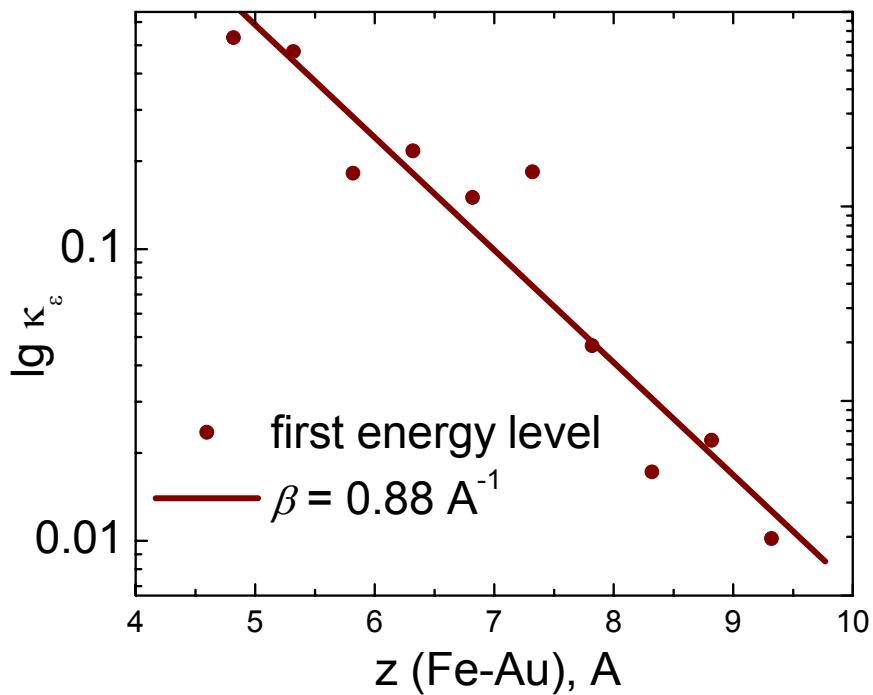


*Fc*

Наклоны расчётных зависимостей находятся  
в хорошем согласии с экспериментальными оценками

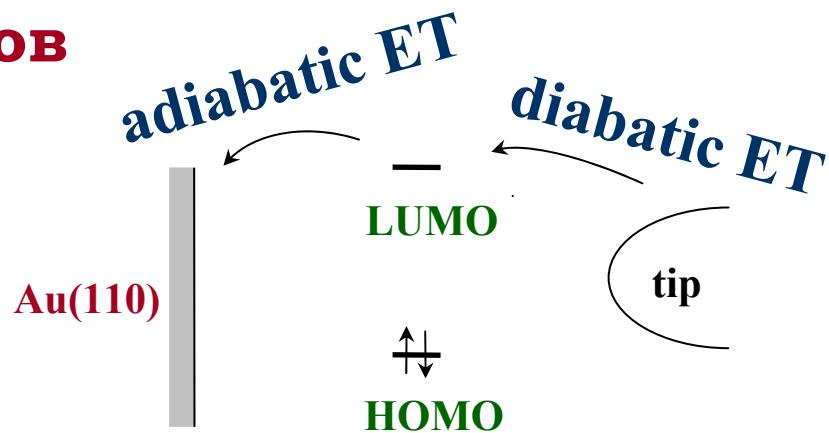
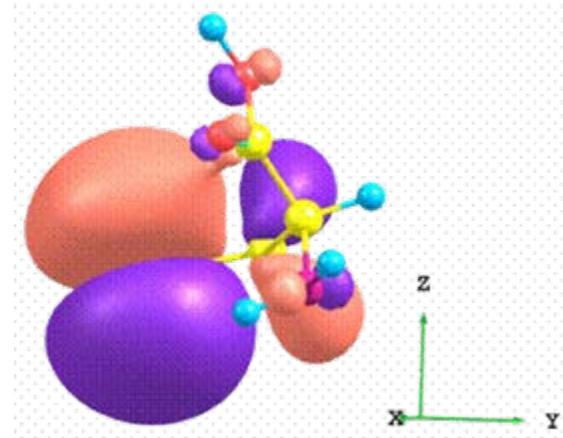


horizontal orientation



# Квантово-химическое моделирование туннельных контрастов

STM configuration



resonance integral

bias potential

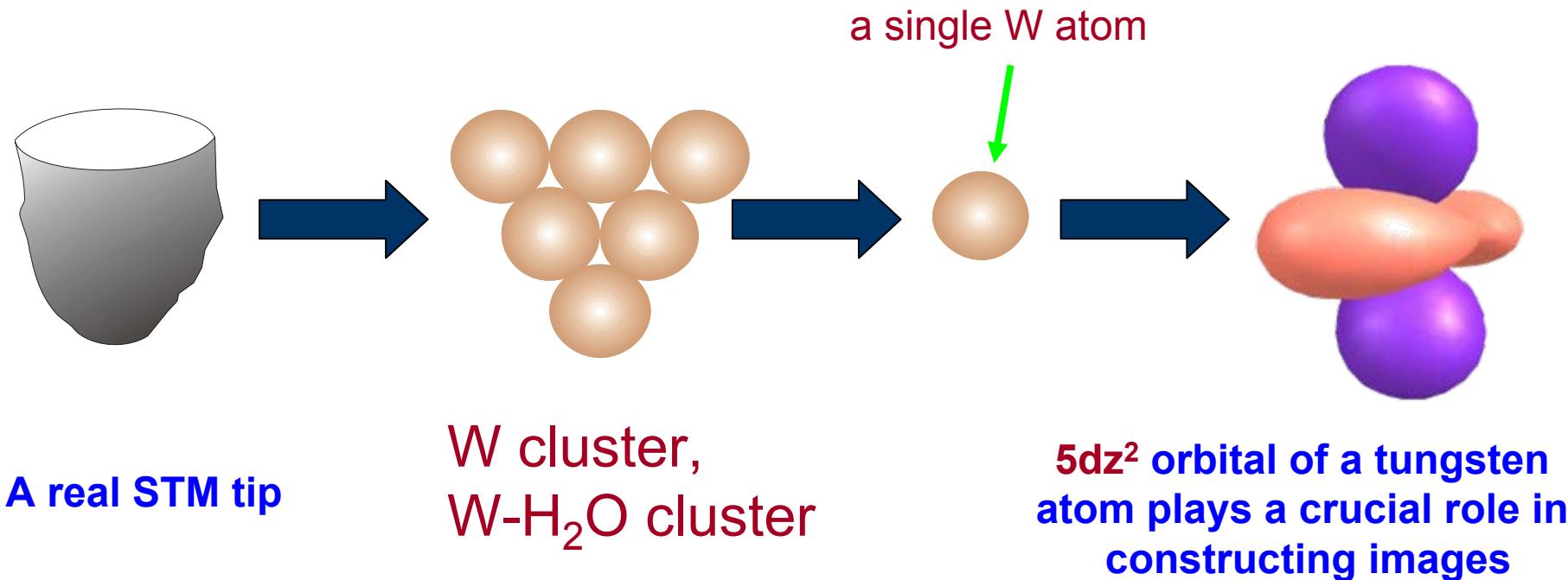
$$I \approx \frac{e_o}{\hbar} \rho(\varepsilon_F) H_{if}^2 \int_0^{\psi_{bias}} d\varepsilon \rho_{ads}(\varepsilon)$$

tunneling current

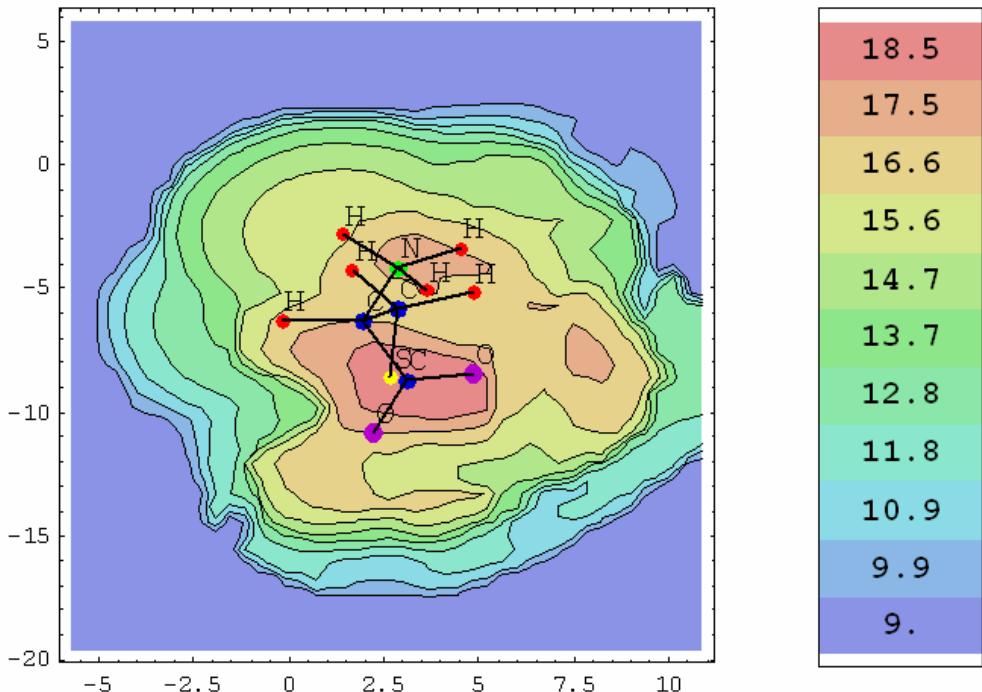
density of electronic states of  
the tip

density of electronic states of  
a molecule adsorbed

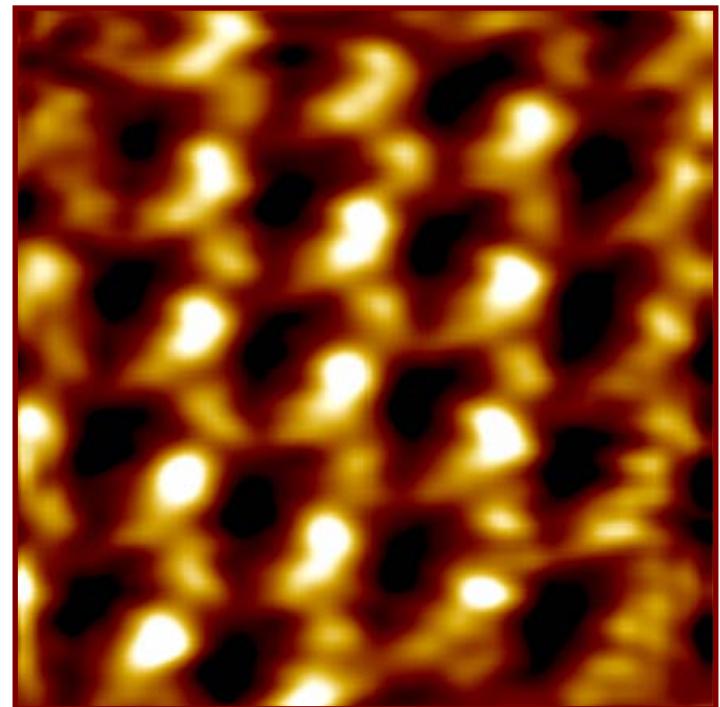
# Model of the tip



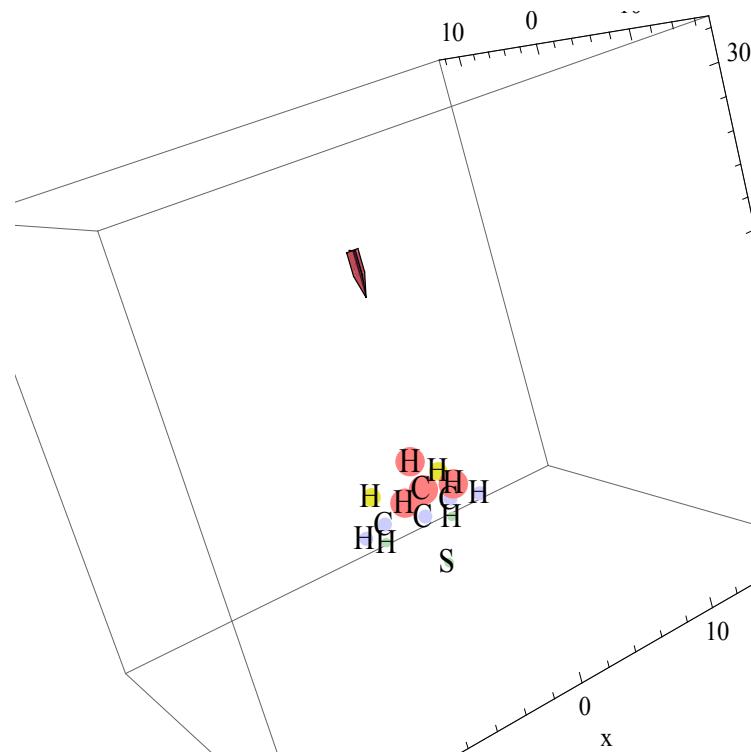
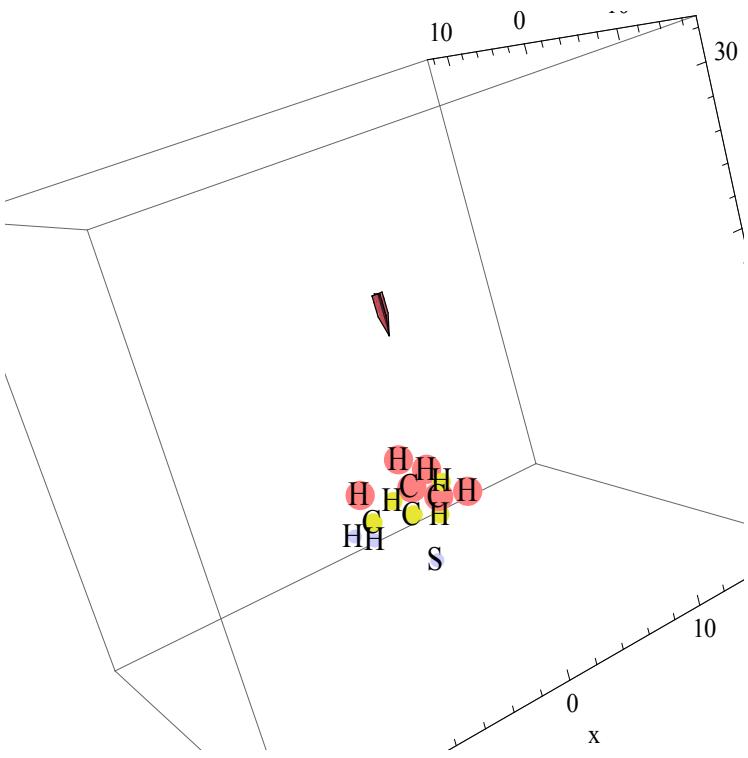
## Model STM contrast



Cysteine adsorption on  
Au(110) electrode  
(*in situ* STM images)

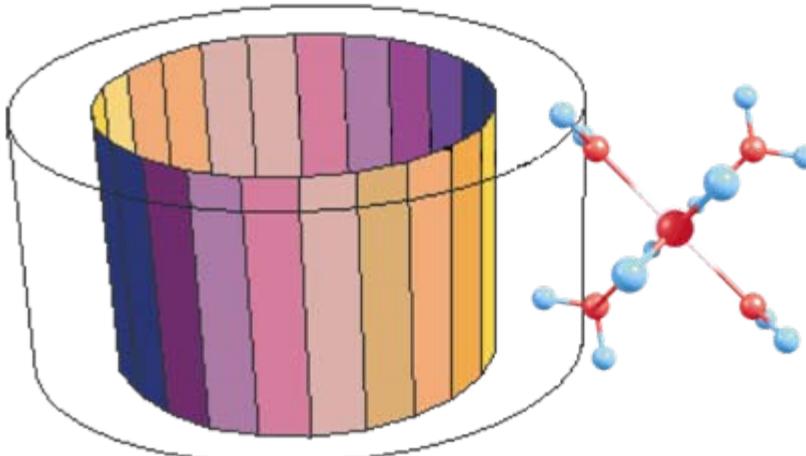


Модельный контраст качественно описывает  
экспериментальные данные

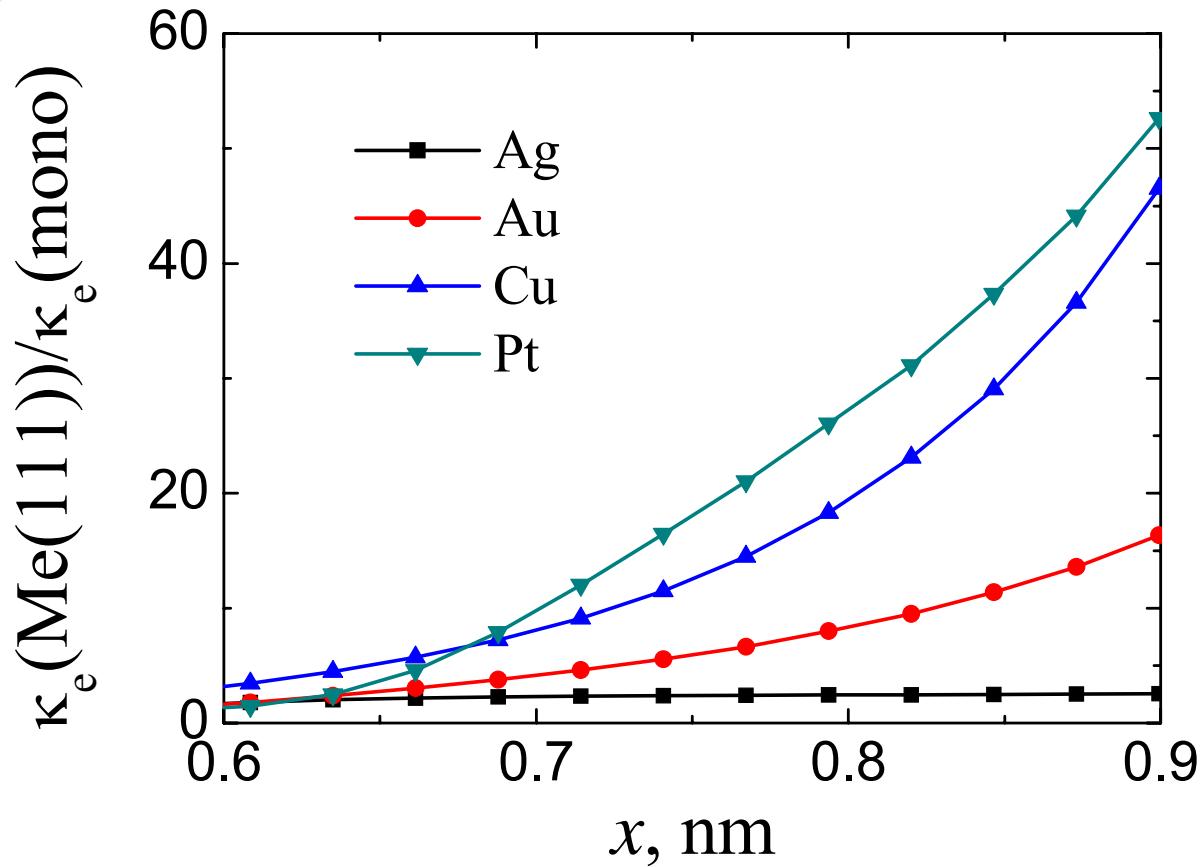


**Contributions of different atoms to the STM image**

Эффекты ингибиования реакций  
переноса электрона на металлических  
нанопроволоках (модельный прогноз)



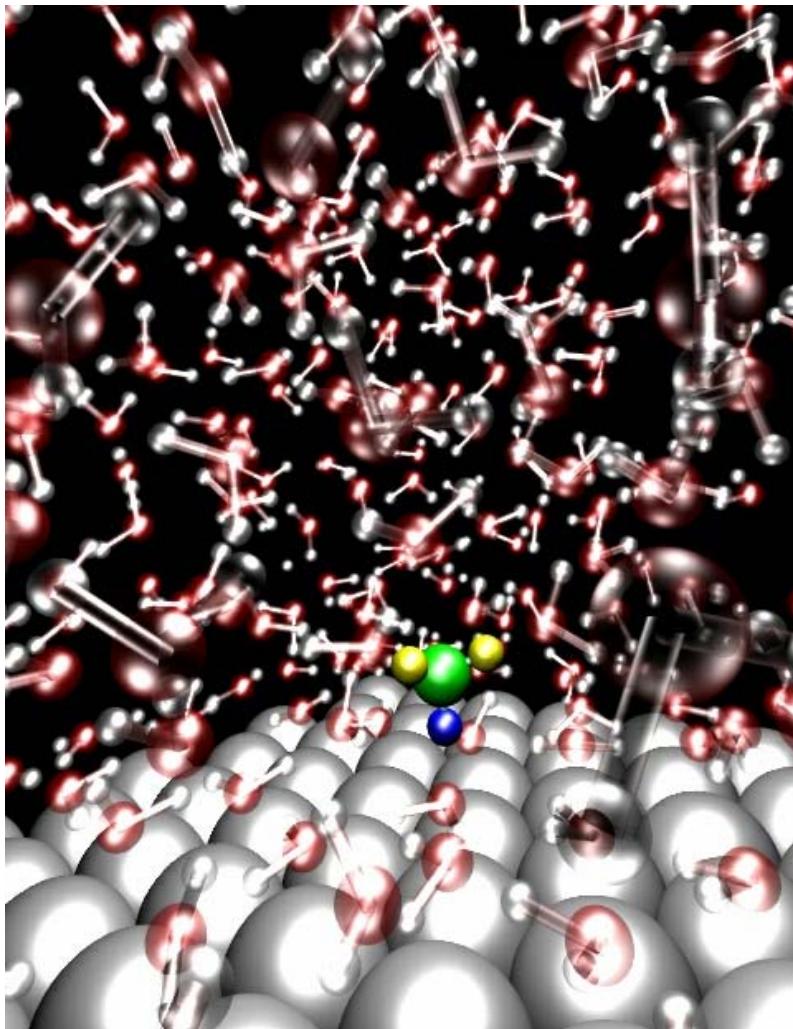
**Me(111) vs monoatomic wires**  
**Fe(III)/Fe(II)**



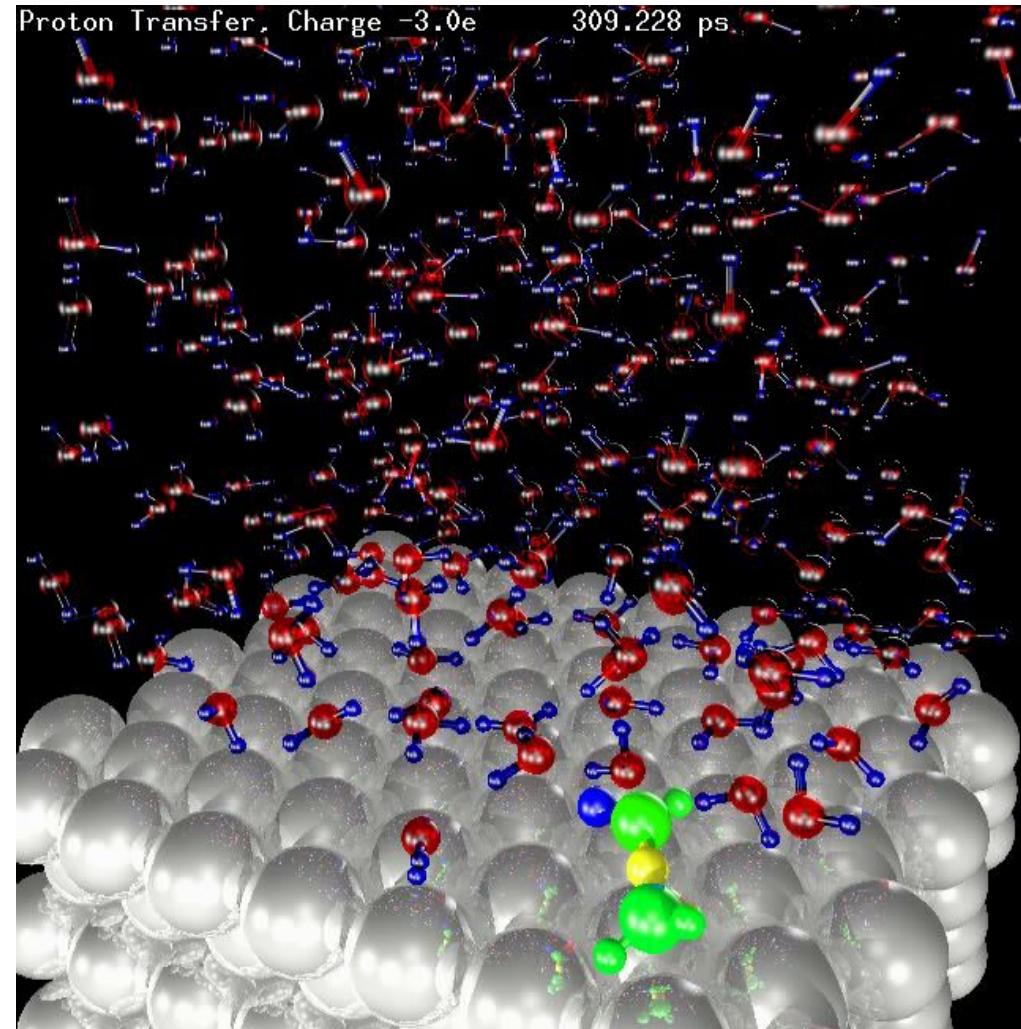
# Электрохимическое выделение водорода



Результаты моделирования методом МД



$\text{Hg}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$



$\text{Pt}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$

# Теория замедленного разряда



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$$\ln j + \frac{n_i F \psi'}{RT} = \ln(k_s[c]) - \frac{\theta(\eta - \psi')F}{RT}$$

$\theta$  - коэффициент симметрии

$k_s$  - гетерогенная константа скорости

$n_i$  - заряд реагирующей частицы

Одна из задач теории и молекулярного моделирования - предложить простой и физически прозрачный способ обработки экспериментальных данных

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