Density Functional Theory and its Applications I

Density Functional Theory

Ab initio First Principles

Material properties

$$\{Z_{\mu}, \vec{R}_{\mu}\} \rightarrow P = P(\{Z_{\mu}, \vec{R}_{\mu}\})$$

is a function of atom type and position.

$$egin{aligned} \mu = 1,...,10^{23} \ Z_\mu = 1,...,94 \ ec{R}_\mu \in R^3 \end{aligned}$$

Infinite degree of freedom !

Energy Function

$$E = E(\{Z_{\mu}, \vec{R}_{\mu}\})$$

Ground States

$$E(\{Z_{\mu}, \vec{R}_{\mu}\}_{0}) = \min E(\{Z_{\mu}, \vec{R}_{\mu}\})$$

Low Excitation States

$$E(\{Z_{\mu}, \vec{R}_{\mu}\}_{L}) < E(\{Z_{\mu}, \vec{R}_{\mu}\}_{0}) + \Delta$$

Motion of Atoms - Newton's Law

$$rac{d^2 ec{R_\mu}}{dt^2} = -rac{1}{M_\mu} rac{\partial E(\{Z_\mu, ec{R_\mu}\})}{\partial ec{R_\mu}}$$

Atomic motion dt = 10^{-15} second versus Material life = $3600*24*365*100=3 \times 10^9$ seconds Infinite time span !

Challenges

Precise and explicit energy function $E(\{Z_{\mu}, \vec{R}_{\mu}\})$? Minimize $E(\{Z_{\mu}, \vec{R}_{\mu}\})$ over infinite degree of freedom? Integrate the motion of atoms over infinite time span? Expressions of specified properties $P = P(\{Z_{\mu}, \vec{R}_{\mu}\})$?

Challenge



Materials Design Proprietary and Contidential

Quantum Mechanical Energy Functional – First Principles Approach

Variables: $Z_{\mu}, \vec{R}_{\mu}, \psi(\{\vec{r}_i\}) \quad i = 1, 2, \dots \underset{\mu}{\Sigma} Z_{\mu}$ $\rho(\vec{r}) = \underset{i}{\Sigma} \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i) |\psi(\{\vec{r}_i\})|^2$

$$\begin{split} E(\{Z_{\mu}, \vec{R}_{\mu}\}, \psi(\{\vec{r}_{i}\})) &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i} d\{\vec{r}_{i}\} |\nabla_{i}\psi(\{\vec{r}_{i}\})|^{2} \quad : \text{ Kinetic energy} \\ &- \sum_{\mu} d\vec{r} \frac{\rho(\vec{r}) Z_{\mu}}{|\vec{r} - \vec{R}_{\mu}|} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mu\nu} \frac{Z_{\mu} Z_{\nu}}{|\vec{R}_{\mu} - \vec{R}_{\nu}|} : \text{ Z-e and Z-Z Coulomb} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} d\{\vec{r}_{i}\} \frac{\psi^{*}(\{\vec{r}_{i}\})\psi(\{\vec{r}_{i}\})}{|\vec{r}_{i} - \vec{r}_{j}|} \quad : \text{ e-e interaction} \end{split}$$

Energy depends on MANY-BODY electron wavefunction.

Early Optimistic Prediction

P.A.M.Dirac 1928:

Quantum mechanics will make chemistry merely a branch of computation mathematics.

Hartree Approximation

$$\begin{split} \psi(\{\vec{r_{i}}\}) &= \Pi \psi_{l_{i}}(\vec{r_{i}}) &: i = 1, 2, \dots \frac{\Sigma}{\mu} Z_{\mu} \\ \rho(\vec{r}) &= \sum_{i} \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r_{i}}) |\psi(\{\vec{r_{i}}\})|^{2} = \sum_{l} |\psi_{l}(\vec{r})|^{2} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{l} |d\vec{r}| \nabla \psi_{l}(\vec{r})|^{2} &: \text{Kinetic energy} \\ &- \sum_{\mu} |d\vec{r} \frac{\rho(\vec{r}) Z_{\mu}}{|\vec{r} - \vec{R}_{\mu}|} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mu\nu} \frac{Z_{\mu} Z_{\nu}}{|\vec{R}_{\mu} - \vec{R}_{\nu}|} : \text{Z-e and Z-Z Coulomb} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} |d\vec{r} d\vec{r}' \frac{\rho(\vec{r}) \rho(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} &: \text{e-e Coulomb} \end{split}$$

Wavefunctions independent; but E depends on $\rho(\vec{r})$.

Minimization: Independent Particle Equation

$$H = -\nabla^{2} + V_{c}(\vec{r})$$

$$: V_{c}(\vec{r}) = -\sum_{\mu} \frac{Z_{\mu}}{|\vec{r} - \vec{R}_{\mu}|} + \int d\vec{r} \frac{I\rho(|\vec{r} - \vec{r}|)}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}|}$$

$$H\psi_{n}(\vec{r}) = \epsilon_{n}\psi_{n}(\vec{r}) \quad :\text{Equation}$$

$$\psi_{n}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{i} \phi_{i}(\vec{r})c_{in} \quad :\text{basis expansion}$$

 $\sum_{j} H_{ij} c_{jn} = E_n \sum_{j} S_{ij} c_{jn} : \text{matrix eigen-problem}$

 $H_{ij} = <\phi_i |H|\phi_j > \qquad \qquad S_{ij} = <\phi_i |\phi_j >$

Self-consistency of $\rho(\vec{r})$ by Iterations



Hartree-Fock Approximation

$$\psi(\{\vec{r}_i\}) = \Delta(\{\psi_{l_i}\}, \{\vec{r}_i\}) \
ho(\vec{r}) = \sum_l |\psi_l(\vec{r})|^2$$

: Slater determinant

$$\begin{split} E(\{Z_{\mu}, \vec{R}_{\mu}\}, \{\psi_{l}(\vec{r})\}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{l} d\vec{r} |\nabla \psi_{l}(\vec{r})|^{2} \qquad : \text{ Kinetic energy} \\ &- \sum_{\mu} d\vec{r} \frac{\rho(\vec{r}) Z_{\mu}}{|\vec{r} - \vec{R}_{\mu}|} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mu} \frac{Z_{\mu} Z_{\nu}}{|\vec{R}_{\mu} - \vec{R}_{\nu}|} \qquad : \text{ Z-e and Z-Z Coulomb} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} d\vec{r} \rho(\vec{r}) V_{c}(\vec{r}) \qquad : \text{ e-e } V_{c}(\vec{r}) = d\vec{r}' \frac{\rho(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \\ &- \frac{1}{2} \sum_{lm} d\vec{r} d\vec{r} \frac{d\vec{r} d\vec{r}' \psi_{l}^{*}(\vec{r}) \psi_{m}^{*}(\vec{r}') \psi_{l}(\vec{r}') \psi_{m}(\vec{r})}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \qquad : \text{ e-e Exchange} \end{split}$$

Exchange makes wavefunctions NOT independent.

Exchange Energy in Slater Approximation

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$$\psi_k(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} e^{ik\cdot \vec{r}}$$

: Uniform electron gas

$$- \frac{1}{2} \sum_{lm} \underline{j} \underline{d\vec{r}} d\vec{r'} \psi_l^*(\vec{r}) \psi_m^*(\vec{r'}) \psi_l(\vec{r'}) \psi_m(\vec{r'}) \quad : \text{ Exchange energy}$$

$$= -\frac{3}{4} {6 \choose \pi}^{1/3} V_{\Sigma} \rho_{\sigma}^{4/3}$$

Cautious Conclusion

F. Seitz, 1940:

To calculate the cohesive energy of all elemental crystals from the first principles is a difficult task, which may not be furnished forever.

Theorems of Density Functional Theory (DFT)

P. Hohenberg and W. Kohn, PR 136, B864 (1964)

Theorem 1. For an arbitrary non-uniform electron system, all ground state properties are uniquely determined by its electron density, e.g., its total energy could be expressed as an unique functional of electron density, i.e.,

$$E = E(\{\rho(\vec{r})\})$$

Proof: if there are two systems, H = T + U + V, and H' = T + U + V' with different ground state wavefunction ψ and ψ' , but the same ground state electron density $\rho(\vec{r})$. So $E = \langle \psi | H | \psi \rangle \langle \langle \psi' | H | \psi' \rangle = E' + \int d\vec{r} (V - V') \rho$ We have also $E' = \langle \psi' | H' | \psi' \rangle \langle \langle \psi | H' | \psi \rangle = E + \int d\vec{r} (V' - V) \rho$ Add them together

 $E+E' \ < \ E'+E$

Theorems of Density Functional Theory (DFT)

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Theorem 2. Electron density at ground state of system (T + U + V) gives minimum of energy functional



Quantum Energy Functional in DFT

W. Kohn and L. J. Sham, Phys. Rev. 140, A1133 (1965)

 $\rho(\vec{r}) = \sum |\psi_i(\vec{r})|^2$: $i = 1, 2, ..., \sum Z_\mu$

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ho(ec{r})V_{c}(ec{r})\ &+{}_{i}{}_{d}ec{r}E_{xc}[
ho(ec{r})] \end{aligned}$$

- : Kinetic energy

: e-e
$$V_c(\vec{r}) = i d\vec{r'} \frac{\rho(\vec{r'})}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r'}|}$$

: e-e Exchange-correlation

Quantum Energy Functional in DFT

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Kohn-Sham Local Density Approximation (LDA)

W. Kohn and L. J. Sham, Phys. Rev. 140, A1133 (1965)

Local Density Approximation (LDA): Approximating exchange and correlation energy functional of non-uniform electron system by energy function of UNIFORM electron gas, $\bar{E}_{xc}(\rho)$

$$E_{xc}[\rho(\vec{r})] = E_{xc}(\vec{r}) = \bar{E}_{xc}(\rho = \rho(\vec{r}))$$

Exchange and correlation,

 $\psi(\{\vec{r}_i\}) = \Delta(\{\psi_{l_{i+}}\}, \{\vec{r}_{i+}\}) \times \Delta(\{\psi_{l_{i-}}\}, \{\vec{r}_{i-}\})$

with mutual correlation between orbitals of two spins.

Ground State Energy of Uniform Electron Gas

'Solid State Theory', Li Zhen-Zhong, Ch.4

In Rydberg unit,

$$E_{xc} = \rho \left[-\frac{0.916}{r_s} - 0.094 + 0.062 ln r_s + O(r_s ln r_s) \right]$$
$$r_s = \left(\frac{4\pi\rho}{3}\right)^{-1/3}$$

Parametrization of E_{xc} ($V_{xc} = \partial E_{xc}/\partial \rho$)

L. Hedin and B. Lundqvist (1971)

U. von Barth and L. Hedin, J. Phys. C5, 1629 (1972)

$$egin{aligned} V_{xc}^{\pm} &= -(rac{3}{\pi}
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ho) &= 1+rac{C_p}{2 imes 2^{4/3}}zln(1+2^{4/3}/z) \ z &= r_s/21.0 \quad ext{and} \quad C_p = 0.045 \end{aligned}$$



Theory



DET Implementation





DFT Results of Molecule Bond Strength

Atomization Energy (eV) Molecules Bonds Hartree-Fock LSD GGA Experiment H_2 3.63 4.89 4.55 1 4.75 C_2 (AF) 1 0.73 7.51 6.556.363 C_2H_2 $13.00 \ 20.02 \ 18.09$ 17.695 C_2H_4 18.71 27.51 24.92 24.657 C_2H_6 24.16 34.48 31.24 31.22 C_6H_6 12 45.19 68.42 61.34 59.67rms error/bond $2.40 \quad 0.68 \quad 0.13$ J.P.Perdew et al, Phys. Rev. B46, 6671 (1992)

Crystal Electronic Structure:

Isolated Atom: spherical symmetry reduces 3D to 1D

Crystal: translational symmetry $H(\vec{r}) = H(\vec{r} + \vec{T})$ leads to Bloch theorem

$$\psi_l(\vec{r}) = \psi_{\vec{k}n}(\vec{r}) = e^{-ik\cdot\vec{r}} u_{\vec{k}n}(\vec{r})$$

with translational periodic

$$u_{\vec{k}n}(\vec{r}) = u_{\vec{k}n}(\vec{r} + \vec{T})$$

Bloch theorem reduces infinite degrees of freedom to integration over Brillouin zone

Hard Core in Crystals

Bond length is about 1.4 - 4 Åfor all materials

	Element	1s Diameter	Bond Length	Bond/Core	
		(Å)	(Å)		
	\mathbf{C}	0.50	1.54	3.1	
	Si	0.20	2.35	11.8	
	Cu	0.093	2.56	27.5	
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Planewave Basis

The periodic function u is expanded as

$$u_{\vec{k}n}(\vec{r}) = \mathop{\Sigma}_{G} C_{\vec{k}n}(G) \phi_{G}(\vec{r})$$

by the planewave basis

$$\phi_{\vec{G}}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} e^{-i\vec{G}\cdot\vec{r}}$$

Advantage: Basis is structureless and \vec{k} independent.

Disadvantage: Large basis (>1000/atom) if including cores.

Scheme: 'Pseudopotentials that work from H to Pu' G.B.Bachelet, D.R.Hamann, and M. Schluter, Phys. Rev. B26, 4199, 1982.

Atomic/Local Orbital Basis

The periodic function u is expanded

$$u_{\vec{k}n} = \mathop{\scriptscriptstyle \Sigma}_m C_{\vec{k}n}(m) \phi_{\vec{k}m}(\vec{r})$$

by atomic (Gaussian, MT etc) orbitals - LCAO (LCGO, MTO, etc)

$$\phi_{\vec{k}m}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}\,\tilde{\mu}} e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot(\vec{R}_{\mu}-\vec{r})} \phi_m(|\vec{r}-\vec{R}_{\mu}|)$$

Advantage: Minimum basis (10/atom) and exact cores.

Disadvantage: Basis depends on k and structure/potential, and approximation at far from nuclei.

Augmented Basis

The periodic function u is expanded

$$u_{\vec{k}n} = \mathop{\scriptscriptstyle \Sigma}_{\vec{G}} C_{\vec{k}n}(\vec{G}) \phi_{\vec{G}}(\vec{r})$$

by atomic orbitals near atomic core, and augmented at region far from the cores. For example, augmented planewaves (APW) are, with $\vec{r}_{\mu} = \vec{r} - \vec{R}_{\mu}$),

$${}_{{}^{\phi_{\delta}(\vec{r})}=} \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Omega}} e^{-i\vec{G}\cdot\vec{r}} & \vec{r} \notin & \mathrm{MT} \\ {}_{\Sigma} A_{L\mu}(\vec{G}) u_{l\mu}(|\vec{r}_{\mu}|) Y_{L}(\hat{\vec{r}}_{\mu}) & \vec{r} \in & \mathrm{MT}_{\mu} \end{cases}$$

Advantage: Acceptable basis (< 100/atom) and exact over whole space. Disadvantage: Basis depends on \vec{k} and structure/potential.

Pseudopotential

- Frozen core approximation
- The valence electrons is important outside the core region.
- The nucleus and its core orbitals are replaced by a pseudo potential.

It should reproduce the exact valence orbitals outside the core region.

Schematic illustration of Pseudopotential







LAPW Total enrgy of fcc copper crystal



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Classical Molecular Dynamics - Newton's Law

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mu} \frac{1}{M_{\mu}} |\vec{p}_{\mu}|^2 - E(\{\vec{R}_{\mu}\})$$
 : Lagrange

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$$\begin{array}{lll} \vec{R}_{\mu} &= \partial L/\partial \vec{p}_{\mu} = rac{1}{M_{\mu}} \vec{p}_{\mu} &: \mbox{Canonical equation} \\ \dot{\vec{p}}_{\mu} &= \partial L/\partial \vec{R}_{\mu} = -\partial E/\partial \vec{R}_{\mu} \end{array}$$

$$M_{\mu} \frac{d^2 R_{\mu}}{dt^2} = -\frac{\partial E}{\partial \vec{R}_{\mu}} = \vec{f}_{\mu} \qquad : \text{Newton's law}$$

First Principles Molecular Dynamics (CPMD)

R. Car and M. Parrínello, Phys. Rev. Lett 55, 2471 (1985)

Lagrange:
$$L = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mu} \frac{1}{M_{\mu}} |\vec{p}_{\mu}|^2 - E(\{\vec{R}_{\mu}\}, \{\psi_l(\vec{r})\}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i} m_e |\dot{\psi}_l(\vec{r})|^2 + \sum_{ll'} \Lambda_{ll'}(I d\vec{r} \psi_l^*(\vec{r}) \psi_{l'}(\vec{r}) - \delta_{ll'})$$

Newton's law:
$$M_{\mu} \frac{d^2 \vec{R}_{\mu}}{dt^2} = -\frac{\partial E}{\partial \vec{R}_{\mu}} = \vec{f}_{\mu}$$

'Schrodinger' equation: $m_e d^2 \psi_l(\vec{r})/dt^2 = -\partial E/\partial \psi_l(\vec{r}) + \sum_{ll'} \Lambda_{ll'} \psi_{l'}(\vec{r})$ $= \sum_{ll'} (- \langle \psi_l | H | \psi_{l'} \rangle + \Lambda_{ll'}) \psi_{l'}(\vec{r})$

$$\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Joint Atomic/Electronic Energy Minimization} \\ & -- \text{First Principles Molecule Dynamics} \\ & \text{Initial } \{\vec{R}_{\mu}\}, \{\psi_{l}(\vec{r})\} \\ & \downarrow \\ |- \rightarrow - \text{ Input } \{\vec{R}_{\mu}\}, \{\psi_{l}(\vec{r})\} \\ & | \quad \rho(\vec{r}) = \varepsilon |\psi_{l}(\vec{r})|^{2} \\ & | \quad \rho(\vec{r}) = \varepsilon |\psi_{l}(\vec{r})|^{2} \\ & | \quad \vec{f}_{\mu} = -\frac{\partial E}{\partial \vec{R}_{\mu}}, \text{ and } H_{ll'} = <\psi_{l}|H|\psi_{l'} > \\ & \uparrow \quad \downarrow \\ & | \quad \text{If } \{\vec{f}_{\mu}\} = 0 \text{ and } H_{ll'} - \Lambda_{ll'} = 0, \quad \rightarrow \text{ Physics} \\ & \uparrow \quad \downarrow \\ & | \quad \vec{R}_{\mu} + \frac{1}{2M_{\mu}}(\Delta t)^{2}\vec{f}_{\mu} \\ & | - \leftarrow -\psi_{l} - \frac{1}{2m_{e}}(\Delta t)^{2}\frac{\varepsilon}{l'}(H_{ll'} - \Lambda_{ll'})\psi_{l'} \end{array}$$

DFT Application in Solid State Physics

1. Thermodynamic properties

Cohesive energy, equilibrium structure Elastic moduli and phonon spectra Equation of state Molecular dynamics

2. <u>Mechanical properties</u> Energetics of finite strains Energetics in mechanical processes

DFT Application in Solid State Physics

1. <u>Magnetism</u>

Moment, spin configuration, anisotropy Magnetic phase transition (T_C and T_N) Spin dynamics

2. Optical properties Energy (and density) of electron states
Absorption spectra
Linear and non-linear optical susceptibility
Multi-photon absorption

Precise and explicit energy function $E(\{Z_{\mu}, \vec{R}_{\mu}\})$ —

Direct extension, such as GGA, — Atomic ionization energies: 0.1 eV within experiments Bond energies: 0.13 eV/bond within experiments Bond length: $\Delta a = 0.01$ Å

Orbital correlation still missing ?

Strong correlation doesn't treated properly ?

Minimize $E(\{Z_{\mu}, \vec{R}_{\mu}\})$ over infinite degree of freedom — If periodic, problem reduced by use of Bloch theorem. Precise fast, O(N), algorithm for intrinsic large system ? Drop the electronic degrees of freedom properly ?

Integrate the motion of atoms over infinitely long time $\operatorname{span}-$

Accelerating algorithm, e.g., super-MD, exists with only limited success.

Dynamical vs statistical approaches ?

Expressions for all properties $P = P(\{Z_{\mu}, \vec{R}_{\mu}\})$ — Magnetic: orbital correlation, rare-earth elements, etc Optical: band gap, spectra (excitation), etc Structural: large scale systems, thermal behavior, etc

Post-LSDA era

- Accuracy: from physical to chemical, to bio
- System: type s-p-d to f
- System: size <100 to 100-10000 atoms
- System: few to statistical configurations
- Properties: ground to excited
- Properties: static to dynamics
- Properties: intrinsic to structure sensitive

Density functional theory





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What DFT can do

Some people applying DFT for real world problems



Bengt Lundqvist Sweden 2381, 1856, 329 Materials Surface theory



Michelle Parrinello Italy - Switzerland 3192, 221, 205 Car-Parrinello Method; Liquids and solutions; Disordered materials.



Jens K. Norskov Denmark 423, 289, 273 Surfaces; Heterogeneous catalysis.



Georg Kresse Austria 1145, 1103, 758 Liquids Surfaces Matallic systems



Matthias Scheffler Germany 344, 259, 242 Surfaces; First-principles Monte Carlo; Heterogeneous catalysis.



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Diffusion of H₃0+ and OH- in water M.E. Tuckerman et al, Nature (2002);

Search for the hardest material G.H. Johanesson et al, PRL (2002);



Why noble metals are catalytically active? W.X. Li et al., PRL (2003);



Long range interaction on surfaces K. Fichthorn and M. Scheffler, PRL (2000);

Modifications

- 1. Free-energy density functional theory (Mermin)
- 2. Density matrix functional theory
- 3. Natural orbital functional theory (Geodecker & Umrigar)





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Wetting order



Wetting order: Ru > Rh > Pd > Pt > Au



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2D tessellation ice





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No free OH sticking out of the surface

Stable at 300K



Enge (E.G.) Wang's group in IOP/CAS, Beijing

(August, 2007)

Research in this group is focused on the study of the macroscopic property and microscopic behavior of surface-based nanostructures controlled by chemical and physical events. The approach is a combination of atomistic simulations and experiments. There are five staffs, E.G. Wang, Shuang Liu, Xuedong Bai, Wenlong Wang, and Wengang Lu. The areas of current interest include:

- 1) Novel formation and decay mechanism of nanostructures on surface;
- 2) Water in a confined condition, such as on surface, between interfaces, inside nanotube;
- 3) Covalently bonded light-element nanomaterials, such as the development of nanocones, polymerized carbon-nitrogen nanobells, aligned nanohelices and single-walled boron-carbon-nitrogen nanotubes.



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Density Functional Theory and its Applications II

A molecular view of water on surface

- Water adsorption on metal surface: Energetics and Kinetics
- Water adsorption on silica surface: Tessellation ice
- Hydrophilic and hydrophobic behavior
- Water interaction with NaCI: Adsorption, Dissolution and Nucleation









Exposed Water Ice Discovered near the South Pole of Mars

south polar area, when the seasonal CO_2 has retreated to its annual minimum extent, the only exposed volatile material to be identified has been CO_2 (6, 7). Annual temperature observations of the north polar region also

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Free Water Clusters

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Water Adsorbate on Carbon Nanotubes



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Water in confined system



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Water on surface

H₂O/MgO



 H₂O/MgO (100), Giordano *et al*, PRL 81, 1271 (199 Yu *et al*, PRB 68, 115414 (2003)

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H₂O/Ru





Water adsorption on Pt, Pd, Ru, Rh, Au surfaces

With <u>Sheng Meng & Shiwu Gao</u> *PRL 2002, 2003; PRB 2004; CPL 2005*





Structure optimization and molecular dynamics

VASP code: US-PP (ultra-soft pseudo-potential) + GGA (generalized gradient approximation, PW91)

- * Slab: 4 7 layers of metal with ~ 13Å vacuum;
- * k-point: 3 X 3 X 1 or 5 X 5 X 1;
- * Plan wave cutoff: 300 eV or 400 eV;
- * Total energy convergence: 0.01 eV/atom;
- * In MD, force on all relaxed atoms: < 0.05 eV/Å; a time step: 0.5 fs;
- * In vibrational spectra, a 2 ps production run at 90-140K was performed after equilibrating the system for ~1 ps; (Also checked by higher energy cutoff (400 eV) and shorter time step (0.25 fs))





$H_2O/Pt(111)$

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64	400₽	2.40@	304₽	2.89¢	117¢	3.02₽	102¢	0.980@	105.624	14+2

Water/Pt(111) 4 Layer Slab Model



- Adsorption energy on top atom: ~300 meV
- Flat on surface (13-14 $^\circ\,$), freely rotates on the surface
- Rotational barrier: 140~190meV
- Charge transfor from O to Pt: 0.02e



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Small Clusters



H-bond: 450 meV (adsorbed dimer) >>250 meV (free dimer)







	Moi	nomer	1D chain		
	$d_{OPt}\left(\mathrm{\AA}\right)$	$E_{\rm a}~({\rm meV})$	d_{OPt} (Å)	$E_a \ ({\rm meV})$	
H-in	2.22	449	2.42	431	
H-out	2.25	426	2.48	385	
Mixed			2.45	480	
On terrace	2.43	291	2.62, 2.72	246	

TABLE V. The water monomer and 1D chains adsorbed at the .(110)/((100) stepsonstoo.Rt(1:1) surface...madelad.by.av.anit.sell.in

The 1D water chains at a <110>/{100} step on the Pt (322) surface.



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Water bilayer/Pt(111)





Morgenstern et al., PRL 77, 703 (1996)




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Vibrational spectra

Translation and rotation







Nature of H-bond at surface



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Strong bond in H-down bilayer

Weak bond in H-down bilayer



The unit cell and charge density







Minimum energy path for H-up flipping to H-down





RT3 vs RT39, RT37





Water monomer

on different metal surfaces

Substrate	top		bridge		holl	hollow		∠HÖH	θ
	$d_{\rm OM}$	E_{a}	$d_{\rm OM}$	$E_{\rm a}$	$d_{\rm OM}$	$E_{\rm a}$			
Ru(0001)	2.28	409	2.55	92	2.56	67	0.981	105.66	16
Rh(111)	2.32	408	2.57	126	2.70	121	0.978	105.95	24
Pd(111)	2.42	304	2.74	146	2.77	130	0.977	105.63	20
Pt(111)	2.43	291	3.11	123	3.12	121	0.978	105.36	13
Au(111)	2.67	105	2.80	32	2.80	25	0.977	105.04	6



Water bilayer on metal surfaces

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531	Ru(0001)	H-up	0.86	2.46	3.42
533		H-down	0.42	2.69	3.22
766		half-disso.	0.05	2.09	2.16
562	Rh(111)	H-up	0.79	2.50	3.40
544		H-down	0.42	2.52	3.12
468		half-disso.	0.04	2.09	2.16
530	Pd(111)	H-up	0.60	2.78	3.45
546		H-down	0.36	2.66	3.18
89		half-disso.	0.07	2.09	2.20
522	Pt(111)	H-up	0.63	2.70	3.37
534		H-down	0.35	2.68	3.14
291		half-disso.	0.06	2.12	2.23
437	Au(111)	H-up	0.46	2.90	3.38
454		H-down	0.29	2.85	3.25
-472		half-disso.	0.14	2.20	2.43



Partial Dissociation Ru(0001)







Results

- There exit two types of hydrogen bonds in the water network on Pt, Pd, Rh, Ru, and Au surfaces.
- The OH stretch in the bilayer, which is sensitive to local structures, may provide a general way for recognition of adsorbed water and other hydrogen-bonded species on surface.





• Water adsorption on silica surface:

Tessellation ice

With <u>Jianjun Yang</u> *PRL 2004; PRB 2005, 2006*





>A simple reason is their importance :

Over 70% of the earth's surface is covered by water while the crust is dominated by silica (rocks containing SiO_n).



➤A more technical reason is that the water-silica interaction is ubiquitous and fundamental in natural processes and advanced technological areas:

Geoscience: water weathers the crusts.

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Glass technology and in many other areas of application.



Uncover how water-silica interacts is crucial !

Typical hydroxyl groups

The presence of hydroxyl groups on silica is important as it impacts the reactivity and performance of the silica surfaces, which are so important both naturally and technologically.

Two typical hydroxyl groups are detected by experiments, the single (Si-OH) and geminal (Si-(OH)₂), and some of them form hydrogen-bonding.







Vicinal hydroxyls



Single hydroxyl

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Geminal hydroxyls

Hydrolysis of silica surfaces

An example by first-principle MD study on cluster model:



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FIG. 2. Hydrolysis process of a threecoordinated silicon atom connected with a one-coordinated oxygen atom (Q_3^1) by water trimer. For clarity, only atoms around the reaction site are shown. Red, yellow, and white spheres indicate. O., Siegerd. H. atome...; processor sitivery (a). Assing Bawath processor site of the structures and processor site of the system before reaction (d) and (a) and (b) are the structures a 33 fs and 130 fs respectively.

> Ma, Foster, and Nieminen J. Chem. Phys. **122**, 144709 (2005)



Hydrophilic hydroxylated surfaces

HydroxylatedHighly reactive withsurface H_2O moleculars

Experiments show that there is an ordered ice-like structure at water/silica interface .

(PRL 72, 238 (1994); JPC B 109, 16760 (2005))

 β -cristobalite (100) and (111), and α -quartz (0001) surfaces are representatives of the hydroxylated silica surface

(see JPC- B 101,3052 (1997))

Hydroxylated surface

Bulk SiO₂

Computational method

Ab-initio calculation:

DFT (density functional theory)

VASP code:

US-PP (ultra-soft pseudo-potential)

GGA (generalized gradient approximation)

Model:

- > β -cristobalite (100) and (111);
 - a quartz (0001) surfaces
- Slab containing 7~9 atomic layers
- ~10Å of vacuum
- Passivated bottom layer
- ENCUT=350eV
- 2x2x1 k-points grids

A free water molecule :



Hydroxylated β -cristobalite surfaces

(100): geminal



H-bond lengths (O-H):1.644-1.690Å

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(111): single





(I) Monomer on β -cristobalite (100) surface

Definition:

H-bond

O...O < 3.3Å H-O...H > 140°

OH bond lengthened: 0.988 (0.973Å) HOH angle enlarged: 105.1 (104.9°)



 $E_{ads} = \{ [nE(H_2O) + E(substrate)] - E(nH_2O + substrate) \} / n$

	N _{HB}	$E_{\rm ads}$ (meV/ H ₂ O)	$d_{ m OH1}({ m \AA})$	$d_{ m OH2}({ m \AA})$	∠HOH (°)
A (bridge)	3	622	0.974	0.988	105.06
B (geminal)	2	508	0.973	0.992	106.03
C (top)	1	339	0.970	0.960	106.12
Free H ₂ O			0.973	0.973	104.91

(I) Dimer on β -cristobalite (100) surface





OO distance shortened: 2.53 (2.89 Å) **H-bond strengthened**

	translations and librations							O-Hw	О-Н
dimer/ \$ (100)	19		53	69	81	109	197	284	414,428,476
H₂O							198		462,478
H ₂ O (expt.) ^a							198		454,466
dimer	20	34	46	67			198	442	462,473,483
dimer (expt.) ^b	19 ^c	30 ^c	40 ^c	65 ^c			201	440	450,459,461

(I) 2D tessellation ice:



The adsorption energy of the tessellation ice on β -cristobalite (100) is large, 712 meV/H₂O, almost the same as adhesive energy in bulk ice, 720 meV/H₂O. It is stable up to room temperature (300K).

(I) Degenerated 2D ice configurations



This 2D ice structure can sit on different sites (left panels) with two possible orderings of H-bonds (right panels).

$$\Delta E < 17 meV$$



(I) Vibrational spectrum

(80K;0.5fs;3ps)

H-Bonding

stronger H-bond

- more red-shifted of OH stretched vibration
- Iower vibration energy



The strong H bond inside the quadrangles: 406 and 428 meV modes; The weak H bond between the two neighboring quadrangles: 456 meV modes; The OH stretching: 347 and 378 meV modes;



(I) Isodensity contour plots of difference electron density



 $\Delta \rho = \pm 0.005 \times 2^k \text{ e}/\text{Å}^3$, for k = 0, 1, 2, 3..., 6

Charge density is plotted along the plane perpendicular to the surface and passing the H-bond we are caring about.

(II) Monolayer on β -cristobalite (111) surface



There are four water molecules in the surface cell. The adsorption energy is 701 meV/N₂O.

Because of large distance (about 5Å) between two adjacent single hydroxyls, water molecules can't interact with each other but only H-bond weakly with the surface hydroxyls.



(III) Hydroxylated α -quartz (0001) surface

geminal hydroxyls
alternative strong HB (denoted as S) and another weak HB (denoted as W) between hydroxyls

OO distances of 2.73Å and 3.09Å, respectively

On water adsorption, waterhydroxyl and hydroxyl-hydroxyl interactions compete.

➢ Finally, the former wins and weak H-bond between hydroxyls is broken.



(III) Monolayer on α -quartz (0001) surface

* flat bilayer

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 $d=0.1\text{\AA}-(0.97\text{\AA} \text{ in Ice-Ih})$

* two types of H_2O , I and II.

* two types of HBs between molecules

* $E_{ads} = 650 \text{meV}$ for H-down and 462 meV for H-up bilayer

TABLE II. Calculated O-O distances (in Å) of water-water (O_w-O_w) , water-surface (O_w-O_s) , and hydroxyl-hydroxyl (O_s-O_s) contacts for the ice bilayers on the hydroxylated α -quartz (0001) surface. The O-O distance in the ordinary ice Ih is 2.76 Å.

	$\mathrm{O}_w\text{-}\mathrm{O}_w$	O_s - O_w	O_s - O_s
Clean surface			2.72, 2.73, 3.09
H-down bilayer	2.77, 2.87	2.67, 2.72	2.55, 2.63, 3.44
H-up bilayer	2.85, 2.87, 2.90	2.74, 3.24	2.54, 2.59, 3.50







(III) Transition from H-up to H-down

• thermodynamics

H-down configuration is favored than H-up one by $0.188eV/H_2O$ difference in E_a .

• dynamics (c-NEB method)

The transition energy barrier from H-up to H-down is very small, 0.035eV per molecule II.

The saddle point occurs at the rotation angle (of molecule II) of 9°_{\circ}





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PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

week ending 14 OCTOBER 2005

Quasi-Ice Monolayer on Atomically Smooth Amorphous SiO₂ at Room Temperature Observed with a High-Finesse Optical Resonator

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The structure of an H₂O monolayer bound to atomically smooth hydroxylated amorphous silica is probed under ambient conditions by near-infrared evanescent-wave cavity ring-down absorption spectroscopy. Employing a miniature monolithic optical resonator, we find sharp ($\approx 10 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) and polarized (>10:1) vibration-combination bands for surface OH and adsorbed H₂O, which reveal ordered species in distinct local environments. Indicating first-monolayer uniqueness, the absorption bands for adsorbed H₂O show intensity saturation and line narrowing with completion of one monolayer. Formation of the ordered H₂O monolayer likely arises from H bonding to a quasicrystalline surface OH network.





- * Ultrapure a-SiO₂: 2X2 cm² and thickness of 0.5 cm;
- * Probed area: $\pi \sqrt{2}$ (85 X 99) μ m²;
- * Ambient temperature: 22 °C;
- * Using the idler of a seeded-tripled-Nd: YAG-pumped optical parametric oscillator operating at 30 Hz, laser pulses (~0.5 mJ/pulse, 6 ns, linewidth < 10 cm⁻¹);





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(a) Vibration-combination
 spectra of a-SiO₂ surface
 hydroxyls.
 Peaks: 8119 and 8154 cm⁻¹;

(b) Vibration-combination spectra of adsorbed water.
Peaks: 8199(p), 8241(s), 8260(p) and 8389(s) cm⁻¹;

A coverage of ~1 monolayer of water is estimated at 10%



Adsorbed water



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Exp: $2\gamma OH + \delta OH$;

8241(s)/8260(p), 8199(p), 8389(s) Theo: γOH;

406(degenerate modes), 428, 456





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Evolution of the Adsorbed Water Laver Structure on Silicon Oxide at Room Temperature




Hydrophilic and hydrophobic behavior

With <u>Sheng Meng & Shiwu Gao</u> JCP 2003











Is this behavior applicable at microscopic level?





Experiments



Wetting order: Pt(111) >Ru(0001) >Cs/graphite >graphite > octane/Pt(111) > Au(111)

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Surf. Sci. 367, L13; L19 (1996)



Gold and Platinum in Periodic Table



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Adsoption Property of Various Water Candidates

Ads. species	Unit cell	n	$E_{ads}(Pt)$	$E_{ads}(\mathrm{Au})$	N_{M-H_2O}	N_{HB}	$E_{HB}({\rm Pt})$	$E_{HB}(\mathrm{Au})$
monomer	3 imes 3	1	304	105	1	0	-	-
dimer	3 imes 3	2	433	259	2	1	258	308
trimer	3 imes 3	3	359	283	3	3	55	178
hexamer	$2\sqrt{3} \times 2\sqrt{3}$	6	520	402	402 3		368	350
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2 bilayers	$\sqrt{3} imes \sqrt{3}$	4	564	489	1	7	312	271
3 bilayers	$\sqrt{3} imes \sqrt{3}$	6	579	508	1	11	303	272
4 bilayers	$\sqrt{3} imes \sqrt{3}$	8	588	520	1	15	307	279
5 bilayers	$\sqrt{3} imes \sqrt{3}$	10	593	532	1	19	307	290
6 bilayers	$\sqrt{3} imes \sqrt{3}$	12	601	545	1	23	320	305



Vibrational Recognition

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Theo.	18	32	53	69	87	198	388, 432	467	\mathbf{Pt}
Expt^{a}	16.5	33	54	65	84	201	424	455	
Theo.	17	36			108	201	400,444	455	Au
$\operatorname{Expt.}^{b}$		31			104	205	409	$(452)^{c}$	













E_{ads}: the adsorption energy per molecule

$$E_{ads} = (E_{metal} + n \times E_{H2O} - E_{(H2O)n/Metal})/n$$

Here E $_{(H2O)n/Metal}$ is the total energy of the adsorption system, E_{metal} and E_{H2O} are those for free a surface and a free molecule, respectively, and n is the number of water in the unit cell.











E_{HB} : the strength of H-bond

$$\begin{split} \mathsf{E}_{\mathsf{HB}} &= (\mathsf{E}_{\mathsf{ads}} \times n \text{ - } \mathsf{E}_{\mathsf{ads}}[\text{ monomer}] \times \mathsf{N}_{\mathsf{M}-\mathsf{H2O}}) / \ \mathsf{N}_{\mathsf{HB}}, \\ & \text{for clusters and 1 BL}; \end{split}$$

or

Here E_{ads} [monomer] and N_{M-H2O} are the adsorption energy of monomer and the number of moleculesurface bonds in the water structures; and E_{ads} [m BL] is the adsorption energy for m bilayers.





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Hydrophilic



Hydrophilic vs. Hydrophobic



Coverage (ML)



Charge Densities

Pt: d^9s^1 (a) (b) Au: $d^{10}s^1$ (C) (d) ٢. \bigcirc 6 Au Au ٩u 0 `୬ୖ



Wetting order



H-up H-down

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Wetting order: Ru > Rh > Pd > Pt > Au





Results

- The hydrophilicity-hydrophobicity can be characterized by the water-surface coupling and the strength of the H-bond at the interfaces;
- The role of d-band of the substracts in participating the interaction upon water adsorption is important.





Water interaction with NaCI: Adsorption, Dissolution and Nucleation

With <u>Yong Yang</u> *PRB 2006; PRE 2005; JPCM 2006*





Water as Solvent:





NaCI:

One of the most important crystals in daily life.



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Electronic Energy Bands in Sodium Chloride

WILLIAM SHOCKLEY, George Eastman Research Laboratory of Physics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Received July 27, 1936)

The Wigner and Seitz method of cellular potentials has been applied to the calculations of wave functions in NaCi. A renormalized Hartree field has been used around the Cl and the Prokofjew field around the Na. The relative heights of the potentials are determined by use of Madelung's number. The problem of joining the functions at the cell boundaries has been treated by the Slater method of fitting ψ and ψ' at midpoints. For the outer Cl electrons a reasonable approximation is to join at Cl-Cl midpoints only. This gives rise to a face-centered lattice for which solutions of the Slater conditions have been found by

I. INTRODUCTION*

 $T^{\rm HERE}_{\rm culation of wave functions in solids in the last four years. The initial impetus was derived$

Krutter. Several new solutions have been derived which allow fairly accurate energy cartears in momentum space to be drawn for the Cl 3p hand. If the joining is made at Cl-Na midpoints alone, a large number of unsatisfactory zero width bands arise. When both Cl-Cl and Cl-Na midpoints are used, the boundary conditions can be treated only for special cases. For these they are consistent with the Cl-Cl solutions. Several attempts to calculate the ultraviolet absorption frequency are described and the difficulties involved are discussed.

from the contributions of Wigner and Seitz.¹ From a consideration of the Pauli principle they concluded that an electron in a monovalent metal

¹ Wigner and Seitz, Phys. Rev. 43, 804 (1933).



What happens when water meets NaCl?



^{*} The writer is indebted to Dr. Seitz for discussions of this paper and that by Douglas H. Ewing and Frederick Seitz. The viewpoints of the two papers differ in that the

ionic picture of the lattice has been adhered to in this paper and no attempt to obtain a self consistent field has been made.

H₂O monomer on NaCl (001)

The most stable configuration



$$E_{ad} = 0.401 \text{ eV}$$

$$\alpha = -27^{\bullet}$$

$$\Delta O_{xy} = 1.1 \text{\AA}$$





H₂O monomer on NaCl (001)



Bond strength: O - Na > H - Cl Adsorption energy: lying > standing





H₂O monomer on NaCl (001)

Vibrational recognition of 3 typical configurations



H₂O dimer on NaCl (001)

The most stable water dimer on NaCl (001)



For two free water molecules, $E'_{ads} = 2 \times 0.401 = 0.802 \text{eV}$.



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H₂O dimer on NaCl (001)



The strength of H-bond is affected by E_{sw} Of H donor



1 ML H₂O on NaCl (001)

E_{ads}=0.394eV



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$$E_{ads}$$
=0.387eV

E_{ads}=0.477eV

Start from (d), MD at 80 K get to (e) ,(f)—H-Bond **Ring**, newly predicted for 1 ML H_2O on NaCI (001).

E_{ads}=0.500eV



1.5 ML H₂O on NaCl (001)



Hexagonal water ring with trilayer in (001) direction



Comparison of E_{ws} and E_{ww}



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For $\theta \ge 1$ ML, $E_{ww} \ge E_{sw}$, which indicats NaCl(001) surface is a hydrophobiclike surface.



Summery

A H_2O monomer, where O is near Na and H adjacent to CI, tends to lie on NaCI (001) surface with a tilted dipole plane.

The hydrogen bond affects the adsorption of a H_2O dimer significantly.

For 1 ML, 1.5 ML, and 2 ML H_2O on NaCl (001), the water-surface interaction is reduced, while water-water interaction is enhanced with the increase of water coverage.





From *ab initio* calculations, at least six water molecules are needed to dissolve a NaCl pair.



Side view

How about a nanocrystal ?



Top

view



Dissolution

- Classical MD performed by AMBER package with TIP3P model.
- System investigated:
 625H₂O (liquid state) +
 32NaCl.
- NTP: ~350 K, ~1 bar.

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Size of unitcell : 27.86Å \times 27.88Å \times 27.50Å









Radial distribution of water around nanocrystal



A: (100) faces, B: edge sites, C: corner sites



Dissolution sequences:

Cl⁻, Na⁺, Cl⁻, Na⁺...



Superscripts: 1~32 for Na⁺



Role of water & dissolution pathway






Site and orientation selection in the early stage of dissolution: corner sites, $[11\overline{1}]$ direction.





Kinetic Energy Distribution





Why does Cl⁻ dissolve prior to Na⁺ ?

- * The difference of dissolution barrier (E_b + $E_{hydration}$) is very small. (Cl⁻ slightly lower than Na⁺).
- * Local density of water around the ions is the key factor.





Hydration structures



Hydration structures of Na⁺, Cl⁻ ions : Radial Distribution Functions (RDFs).

Summery

- The atomic process of NaCl dissolution in water shows a sequence of Cl⁻, Na⁺, Cl⁻, Na⁺...
- The process starts from the corner sites and prefers in the [111] direction.
- The local structure of water molecules around the Na⁺, Cl⁻ ions plays important role in the early stage of dissolution.
- The kinetic energy distribution of a group particles is independent of bonding environment, but dependent on the temperature and the number of particles.



Nucleation

A typical example: NaCl

Spontaneous nucleation of NaCl in supersaturated solution — irregular shape, Na⁺ serves as center of stability in early stage.

A more important case: Nucleation at solidliquid interface







Classic MD simulation in AMBER 6.0 package.

A five-layer NaCl (001) slab with 160 NaCl units.

At room temperature, in the supersaturated salt solution:

 N_{NaCl} : $N_{H2O} \sim 1 : 9$.

The system was equilibrated at ~ 300 K for at least 300 ps with harmonic restraints applied on the Na+, Cl- solutes, before running.







Critical size







Critical size

By statistical analysis, the critical size is found to consist of two atoms: one Na⁺ and one Cl⁻.



All the trajectories with different initial configurations and velocities were simulated for 1.2 ns

Growth modes

1. Frank-van der Merwe: Layer By Layer



2. Volmer-Weber: 3D



3. Stranski-Krastanovs





At the water-NaCl(001) interface, NaCl growth takes a 3D growth mode.









Role of water

- 1. Why 3D growth at interface ? (2D growth in vacuum)
- 2. Why do Na⁺ and Cl⁻ show different deposition rate?
- A relative stable water network occurs at the interface !









* Water network results in the surface charge.

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Na⁺(aq)
$$\longrightarrow$$
 H₂O \longrightarrow Cl⁻(substrate) Easy (H-Cl weak bond)
Cl⁻(aq) \longrightarrow H₂O \longrightarrow Na⁺ (substrate) Hard (O-Na strong bond)

Based on our *ab initio* calculation for water monomer on NaCl (001), we found the averaged resident time of the water molecules on the top sites of surface Na⁺ is about 8.95 ps, while the averaged resident time of the ones on the top sites of surface Cl⁻ is about 4.12 ps.

Different deposition rate !



* Water network tunes the growth mode :



Na⁺and Cl⁻ ions diffuse in surface plane.



3D growth at interface !



Steps and defects in a crystal.





Summery

- The critical size of NaCl nucleation on NaCl (001) surface is a Na⁺-Cl⁻ pair in the supersaturated salt solution.
- A stable water network is formed at interface.
- Due to the presence of the water network and the effect of the hydration force at the interface, the stable nuclei on NaCl surface contain more Na⁺ ions than Cl⁻ ions, and the growth of the nuclei at the water-NaCl (001) interface takes a 3D islanding mode.
- The charged surface induces a new driving force to the nucleation.





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- 1) Novel formation and decay mechanism of nanostructures on surface;
- 2) Water in a confined condition, such as on surface, between interfaces, inside nanotube;
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