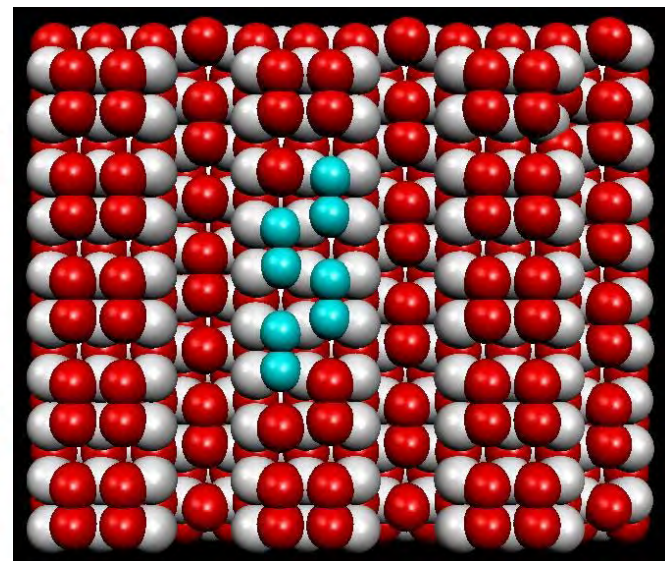
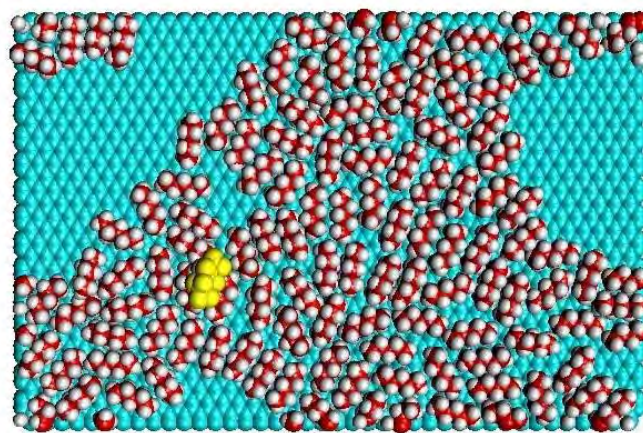
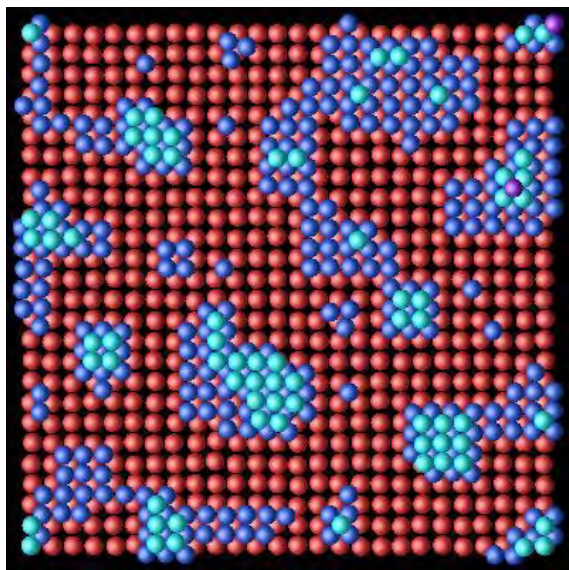


# Accelerated Molecular Dynamics with the Bond Boost Method

Kristen A. Fichthorn  
The Pennsylvania State University  
University Park, PA 16802  
USA



National Science Foundation

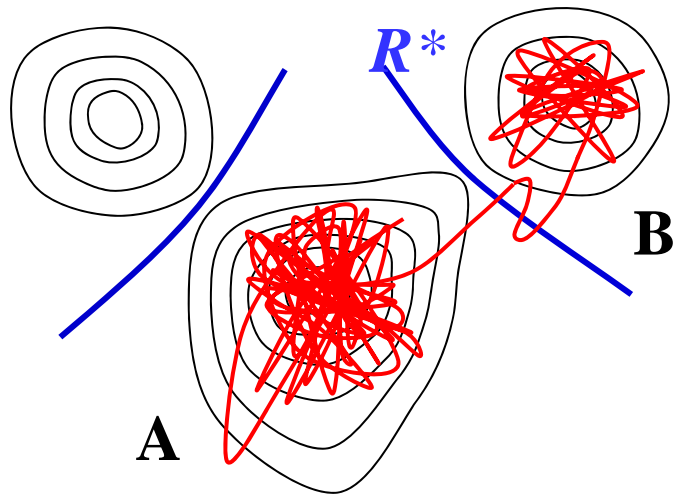
DMR-1006452



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
**ENERGY**

DE-FG0207ER46414

# Rare-Event Methods



## Rare-Event Simulation

### Kinetic Monte Carlo:

K. Fichtorn and W. Weinberg,  
J. Chem. Phys. **95**, 1090 (1991).

### Kinetic ART:

El-Mallouhi, N. Mousseau, Phys. Rev. B **78**, 1532002 (2008).

### Master Equation

## Search and Characterization

### Nudged Elastic Band:

G. Henkelman, B. Uberuaga, and H. Jonsson,  
J. Chem. Phys. **113**, 9901 (2000).

### Dimer Method:

G. Henkelman and H. Jonsson, J. Chem. Phys. **111**, 7010 (1999).

### Transition Path Sampling:

P. Bolhuis, D. Chandler, et al.  
Ann. Rev. Phys. Chem. **53**, 291 (2002).

### Forward-Flux Sampling:

R. J. Allen, D. Frenkel, P. R. ten Wolde,  
J. Chem. Phys. **124**, 194111 (2006).

### String Method:

W. E., W. Ren, E. Vanden-Eijnden,  
Phys. Rev. B **66**, 052301 (2002).

AND.....

Molecular Dynamics Simulations Naturally Find Rare Events and Can Simulate Rare-Event Systems...

# Accelerated Molecular Dynamics (Hyperdynamics)

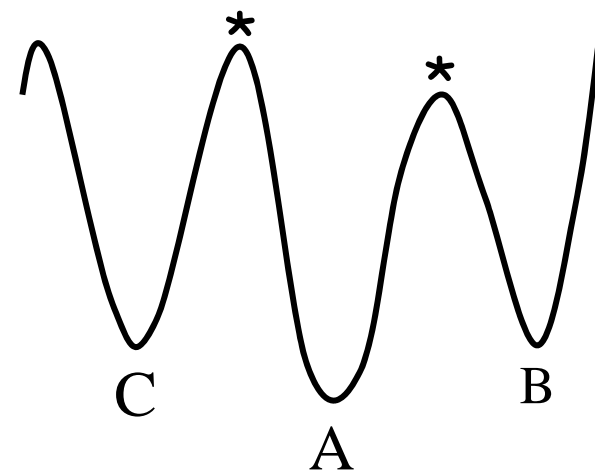
A. Voter, *J. Chem. Phys.* **106**, 11 (1997).

$$k_{A \rightarrow B}^{TST} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\int_A \delta_{AB}^* |v_{\perp, AB}| e^{-V(\mathbf{R})/k_B T}}{\int_A e^{-V(\mathbf{R})/k_B T}}$$

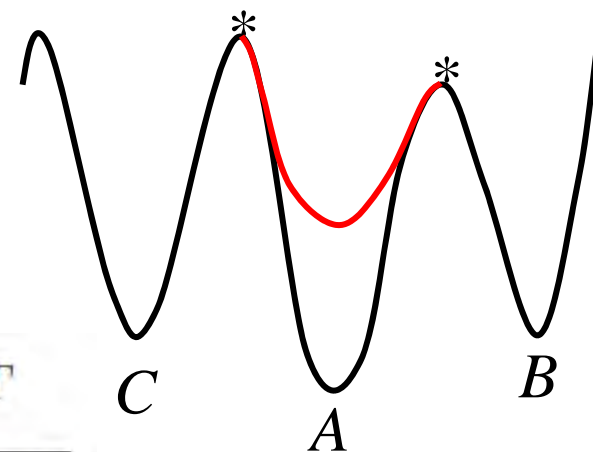
$$k_{A \rightarrow B}^{TST} = \nu \frac{\int \delta_{AB}^* W(\mathbf{R}) e^{-V(\mathbf{R})/k_B T} / W(\mathbf{R})}{\int W(\mathbf{R}) e^{-V(\mathbf{R})/k_B T} / W(\mathbf{R})}$$

$$W(\mathbf{R}) = \exp \left( \frac{V(\mathbf{R}) - V^*(\mathbf{R})}{k_B T} \right)$$

$$k_{A \rightarrow B}^{TST} = \nu \frac{\int \delta_{AB}^* e^{-V(\mathbf{R})/k_B T} / \int e^{-V(\mathbf{R})/k_B T}}{\int e^{-V(\mathbf{R})/k_B T} / W(\mathbf{R}) / \int e^{-V(\mathbf{R})/k_B T}}$$



Relative Rates



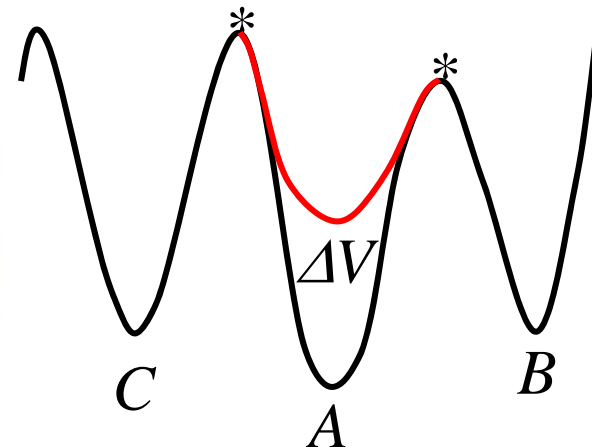
# Accelerated Molecular Dynamics (Hyperdynamics)

$$k_{A \rightarrow B}^{TST} = \frac{k_{A \rightarrow B}^{TST}}{\langle W(\mathbf{R}) \rangle_A}$$

A. Voter, *J. Chem. Phys.* **106**, 11 (1997).

$$k_{A \rightarrow C}^{TST} = \frac{k_{A \rightarrow C}^{TST}}{\langle W(\mathbf{R}) \rangle_A}$$

$$\frac{k_{A \rightarrow B}^{TST}}{k_{A \rightarrow C}^{TST}} = \frac{k_{A \rightarrow B}^{TST}}{k_{A \rightarrow C}^{TST}}$$



MD Time:

$$t_{MD} = N\Delta t$$

$$\text{Boost} = \left\langle \exp\left(\frac{\Delta V}{kT}\right) \right\rangle$$

Real Time:

$$t = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\Delta t}{W(R_i)} = \Delta t \sum_{i=1}^N \exp(\Delta V_i / kT)$$

The Trick is How to Construct  $\Delta V(R)$ ...

# Accelerated Molecular Dynamics

## The Bond-Boost Method

R. Miron & K. Fichthorn, *J. Chem. Phys.* **119**, 6210 (2003)

Define Local Minima by Bond Lengths

$$\{r_i^0\}_{i=1,N}$$

Transitions Occur via Bond Breaking

$$\max_i \left| \frac{\delta r_i}{r_i^0} \right| > q$$

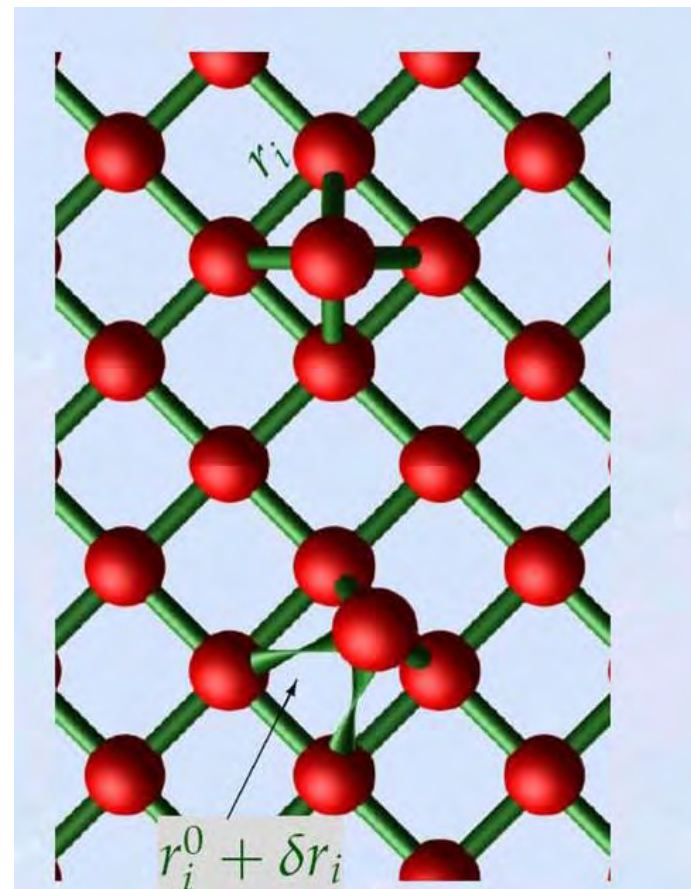
Empirical Threshold

Boost the Bonds: Purely Geometric

$$\Delta V\{x\} \sim A\{r_i\} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta V(r_i)$$

Envelope Function

Boost per Bond



# Details of the Bond Boost Method

## Boost Potential

$$\Delta V(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\Delta V_{\max}}{N} A(\varepsilon_{\max}) \sum_{i=1}^N \delta V(\varepsilon_i)$$

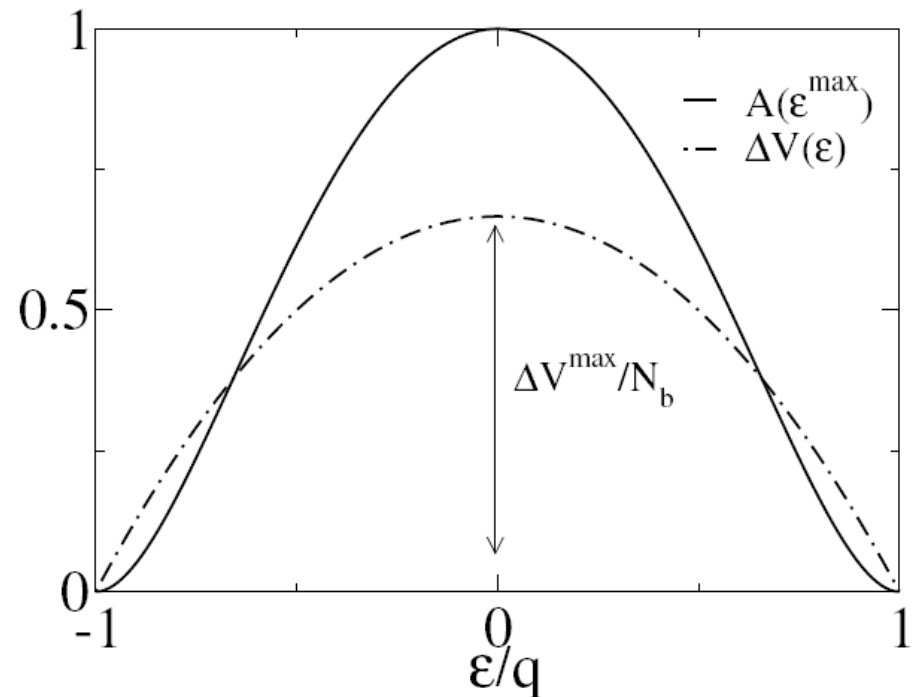
$$\varepsilon_i = \frac{\delta r_i}{r_i^0}$$

## Nominal Boost per Bond

$$\delta V(\varepsilon_i) = 1 - \left( \frac{\varepsilon_i}{q} \right)^2$$

Envelope: Channels Boost into the Bond Most Ready to Break

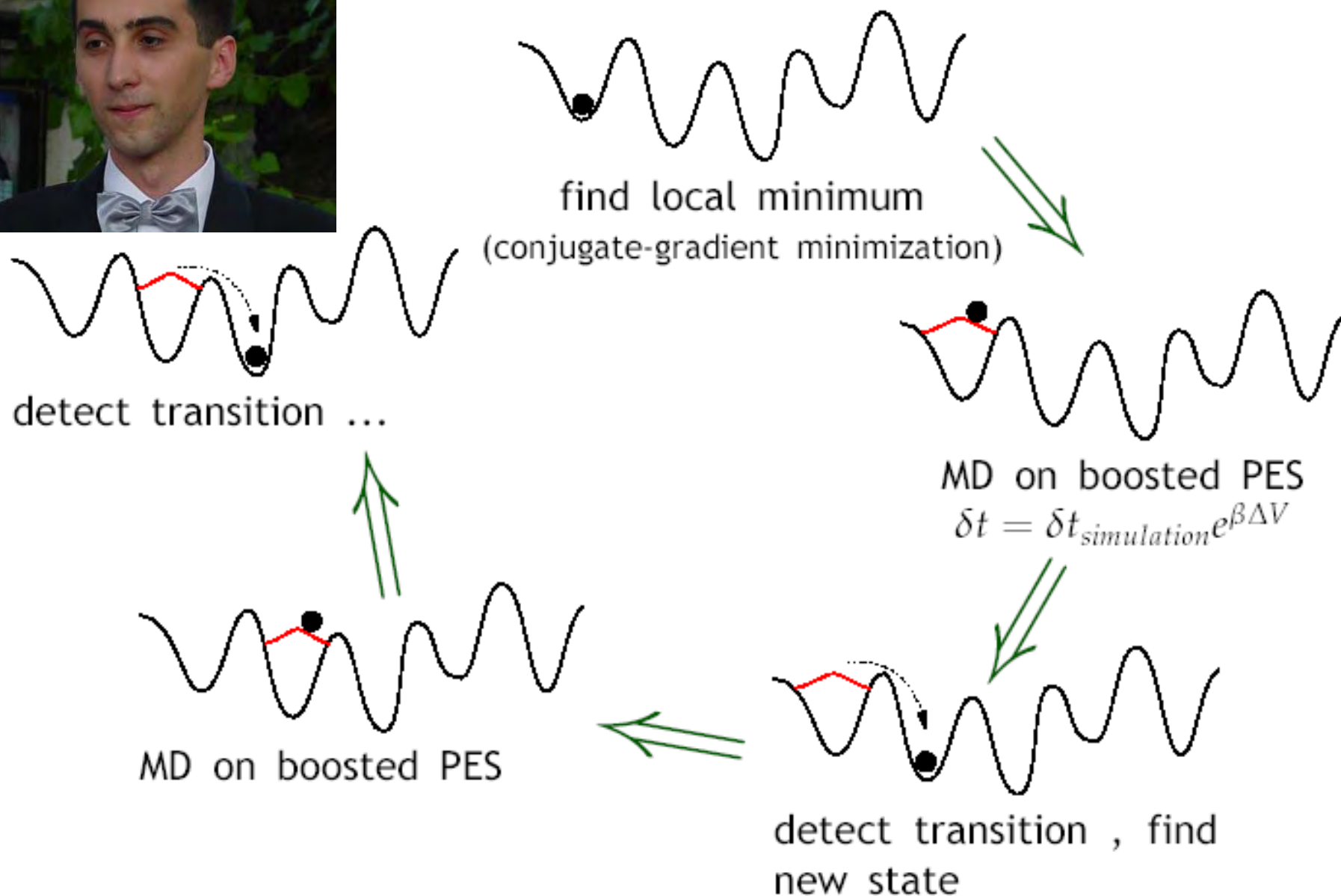
$$A(\varepsilon_{\max}) = f \times \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{\varepsilon_{\max}}{q} \right)^2 \right]$$



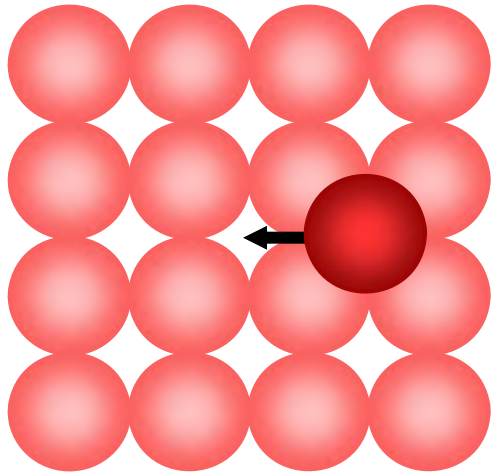
# Overview of the Bond Boost Method



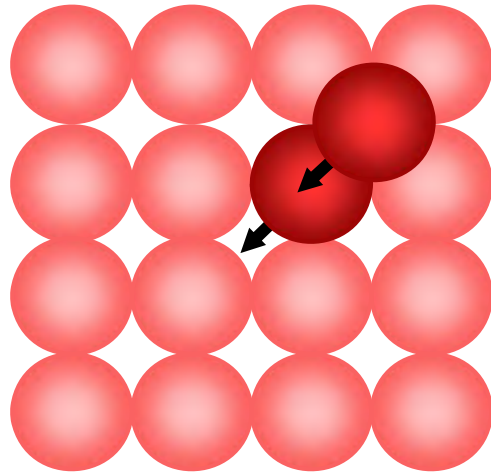
R. Miron & K. Fichthorn, *J. Chem. Phys.* **119**, 6210 (2003)



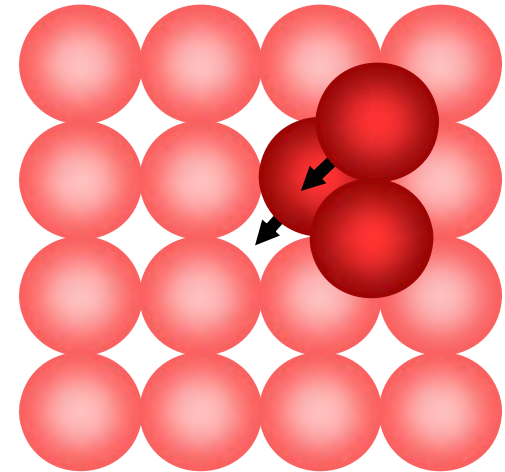
# Diffusion on Cu(100): Elementary Processes



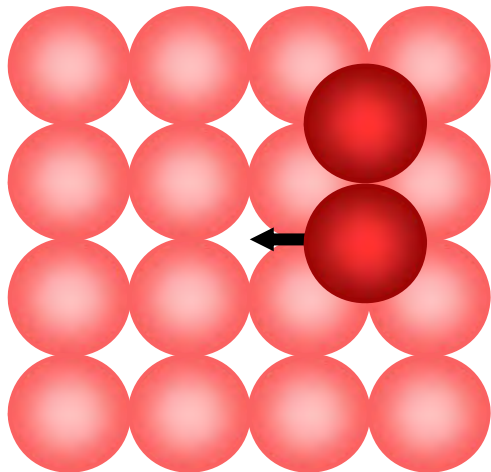
Adatom Hop



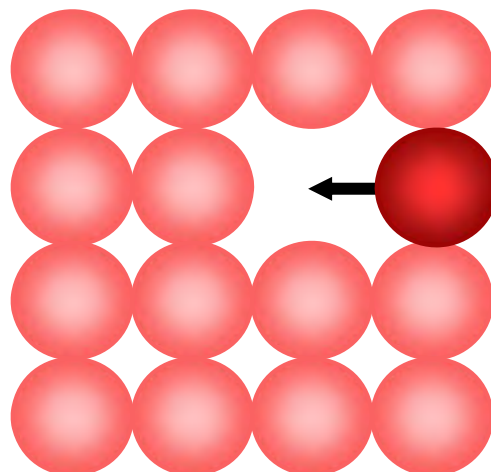
Adatom Exchange



Dimer Exchange



Dimer Hop



Vacancy Hop

R. Miron & K. Fichtorn,  
*J. Chem. Phys.* **119**, 6210  
(2003)



# The Bond-Boost Method: Diffusion on Cu(100)

Rates :

$$k = \frac{N_{events}}{time} = \Gamma_0 e^{-\beta E_A}$$

R. Miron & K. Fichthorn,  
*J. Chem. Phys.* **119**, 6210  
(2003)

Prefactors  $\Gamma_0$ (THz) and activation energies  $E_A$ (eV) :

Process	$\Gamma_0^{boost}$ ( $\times e^{\pm 0.7}$ )	$\Gamma_0^{MD}$ ( $\times e^{\pm 0.6}$ )	$E_A^{boost}$ ( $\pm 0.05$ )	$E_A^{MD}$ ( $\pm 0.04$ )	$E_A^{static}$
Adatom hop	40	20	0.52	0.49	0.51
Adatom exchange	270	437	0.73	0.70	0.71
Vacancy hop	54	27	0.44	0.47	0.44
Dimer hop	30	13	0.47	0.48	0.49
Dimer exchange	190	320	0.71	0.73	0.69

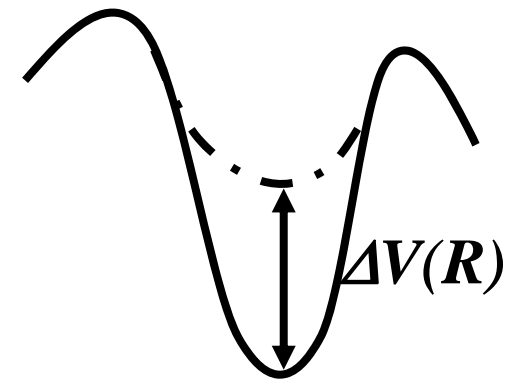
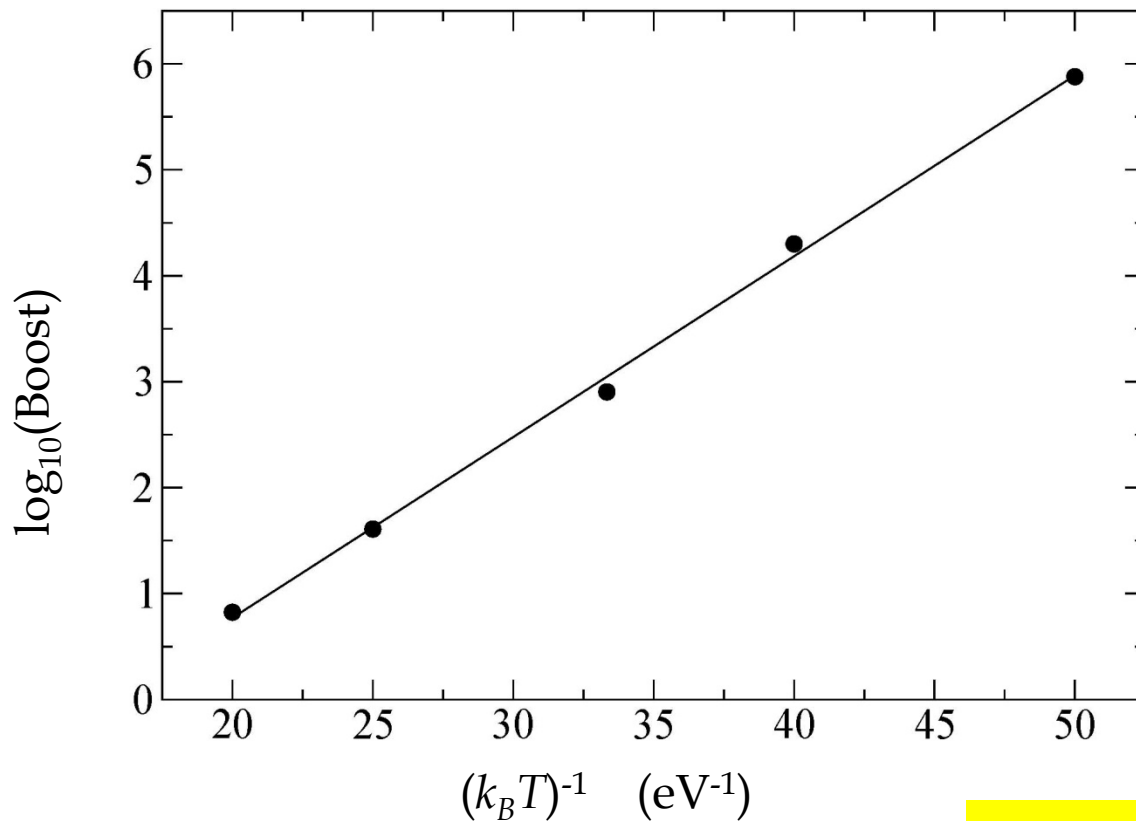
*boost* accelerated MD at T = 230 - 600 K

*MD* regular MD at T = 650 - 900 K → Boisvert, Lewis *Phys.Rev. B* **65** (1997)

*static* using Step-and-Slide method → Miron, Fichthorn *J.Chem.Phys.* **115** (2001)

# The Bond-Boost Method: Diffusion on Cu(100)

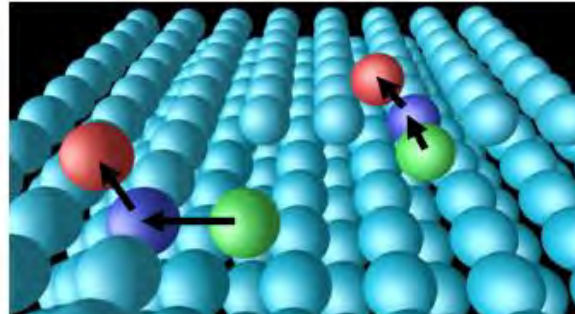
Boost = Physical Time / Simulation Time



R. Miron & K. Fichtorn,  
*J. Chem. Phys.* **119**, 6210 (2003)

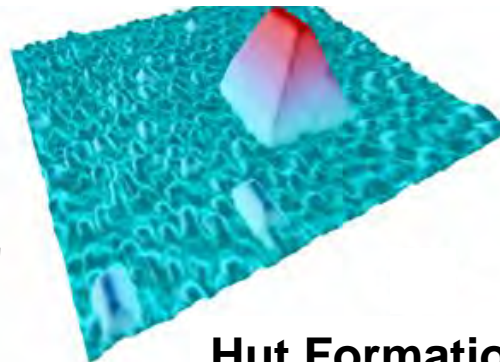
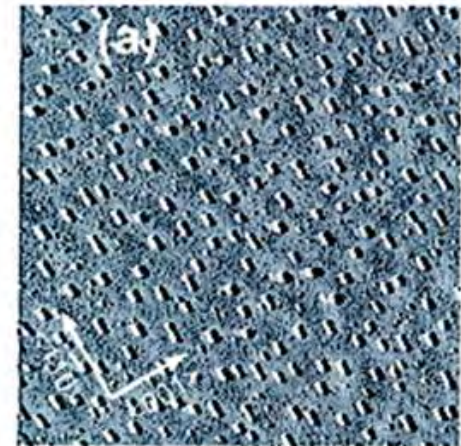
$$\text{Boost} = \left\langle \exp\left(\frac{\Delta V}{k_B T}\right) \right\rangle$$

# Hut Formation in Al(110) Homoepitaxy



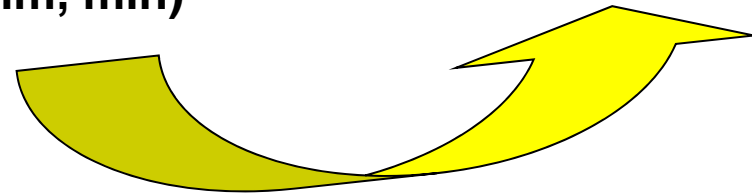
Atoms Hopping (Å, ps)

Bautier de Mongeot *et al.*,  
*Phys. Rev. Lett.* **91**,  
016102 (2003).

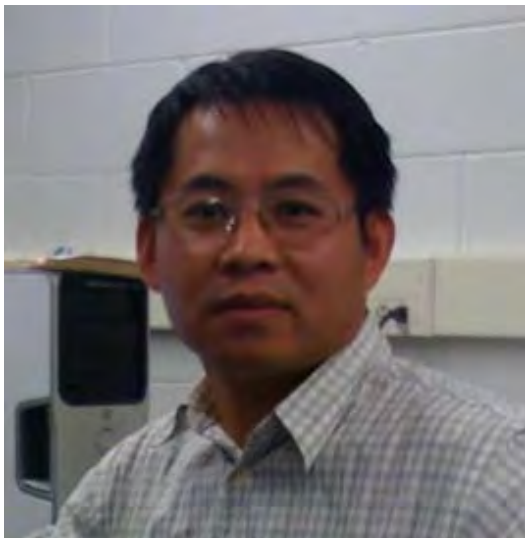


Hut Formation  
(nm, min)

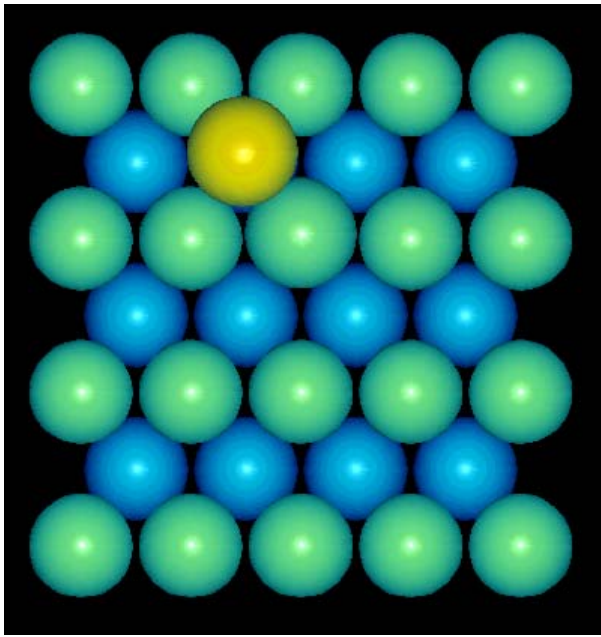
Hut Organization  
(μm, min)



K. Fichtorn and M. Scheffler,  
*Nature* **429**, 617 (2004).



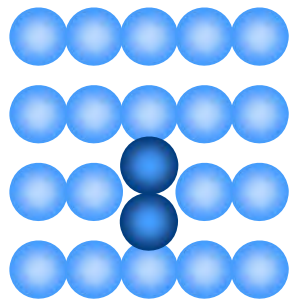
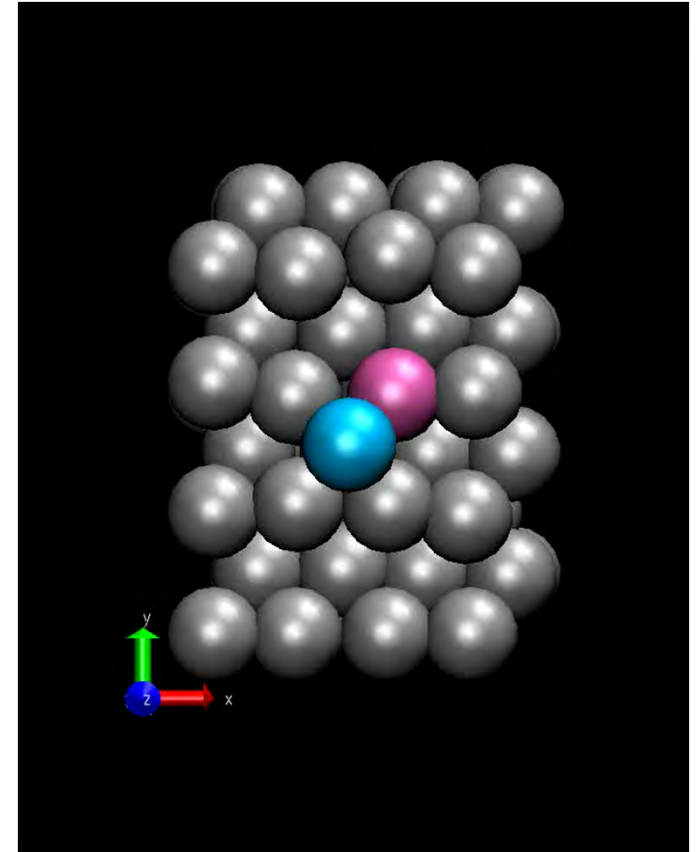
# Accelerated AIMD (VASP): Diffusion on Al/Al(110)



Climbing-Image  
Nudged Elastic  
Band Method

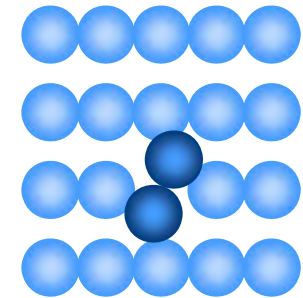
VS.

Accelerated  
AIMD



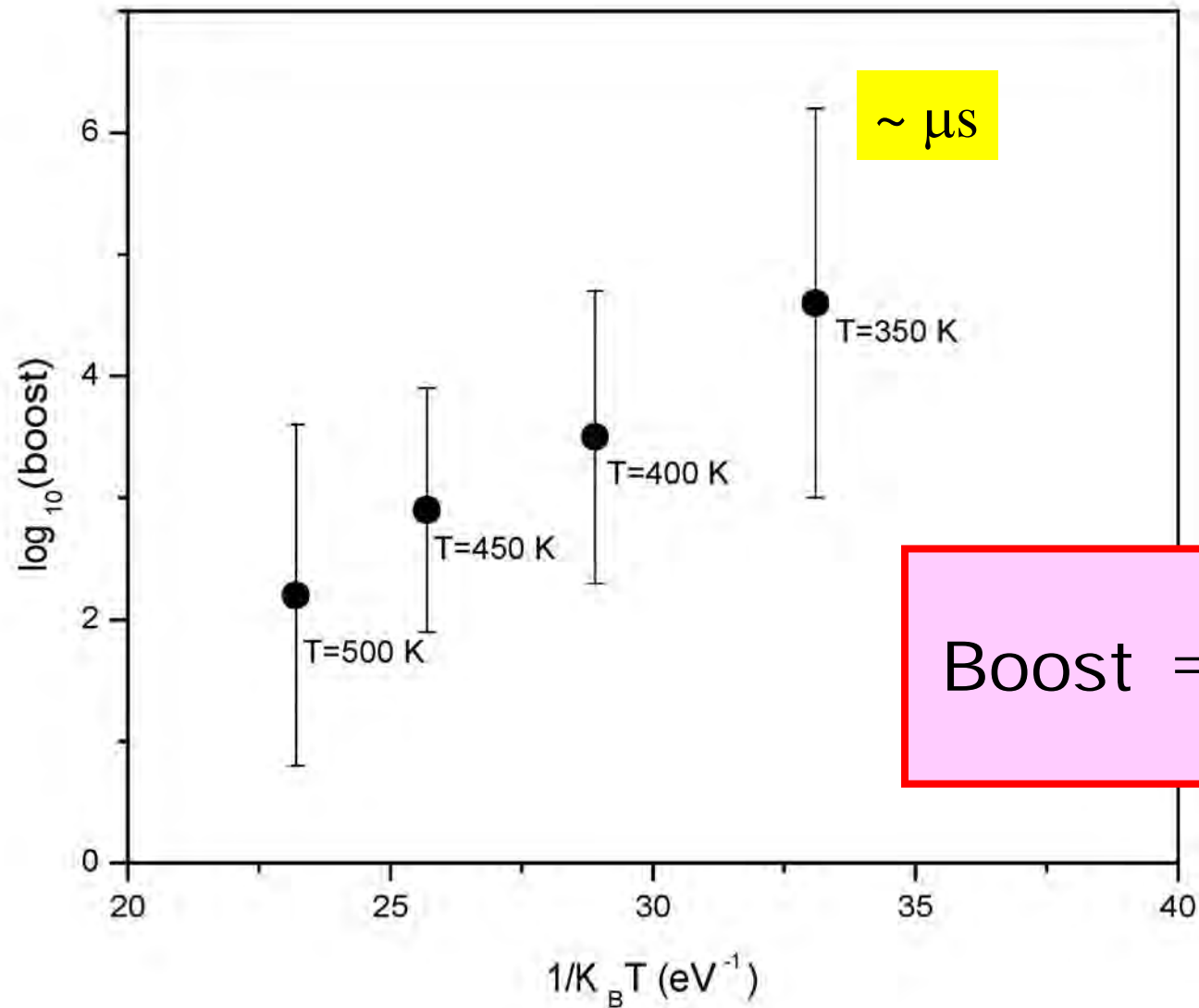
$$E_B = 0.38 \text{ eV}$$

Fichthorn *et al.*, *J. Phys. Cond. Matt.* **21**, 084212 (2009).



$$E_B = 0.33 \text{ eV}$$

# The Boost in *ab initio* MD



# Rare Events and the Small Barrier Problem

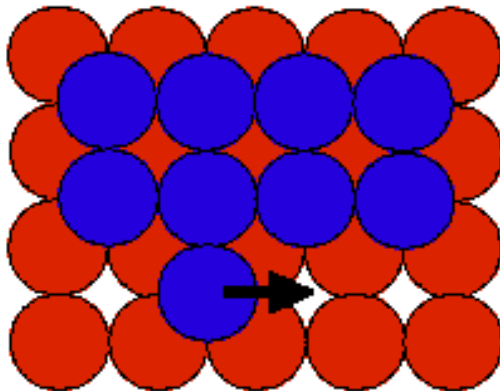
Co on Cu(100) surface with tight-binding (TBSMA) potential

(Levanov *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. B* 61, 2000)

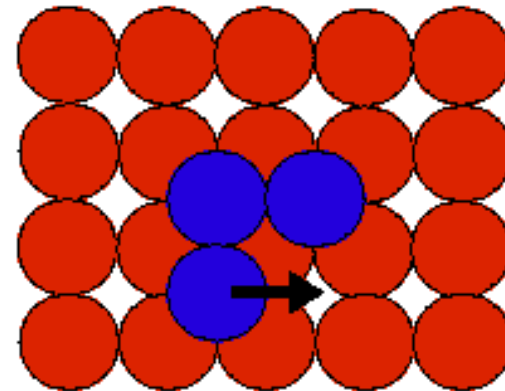
TST barriers:  $\Delta E^\ddagger = 0.66 eV$  for isolated adatom hop

$\Delta E^\ddagger = 0.86 eV$  for isolated adatom exchange

## Annoyingly Small Barriers



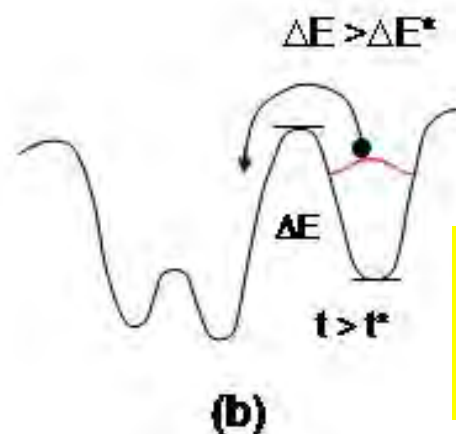
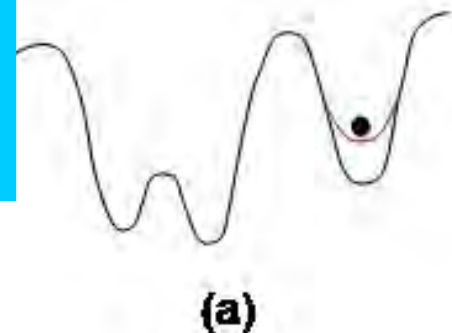
step diffusion  $\Delta E^\ddagger = 0.2 eV$   
 $10^6$  faster ( $T = 350K$ )  
than isolated hop



trimer rotation  $\Delta E^\ddagger = 0.1 eV$   
 $10^8$  faster ( $T = 350K$ )  
than isolated hop

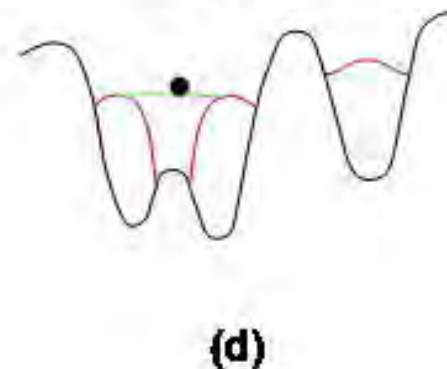
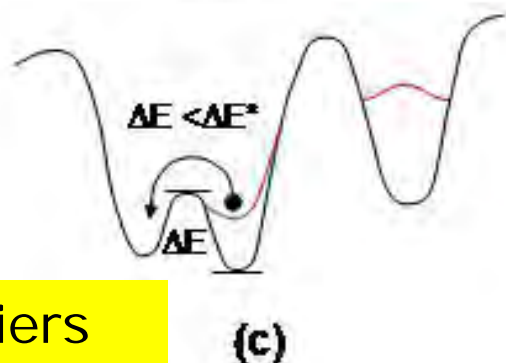
# State-Bridging Accelerated MD to Solve the Small-Barrier Problem

Commence With a Low Boost



Raise the Boost After A Waiting Time

Miron, Fichthorn, J. Chem. Phys. 115, 2001.

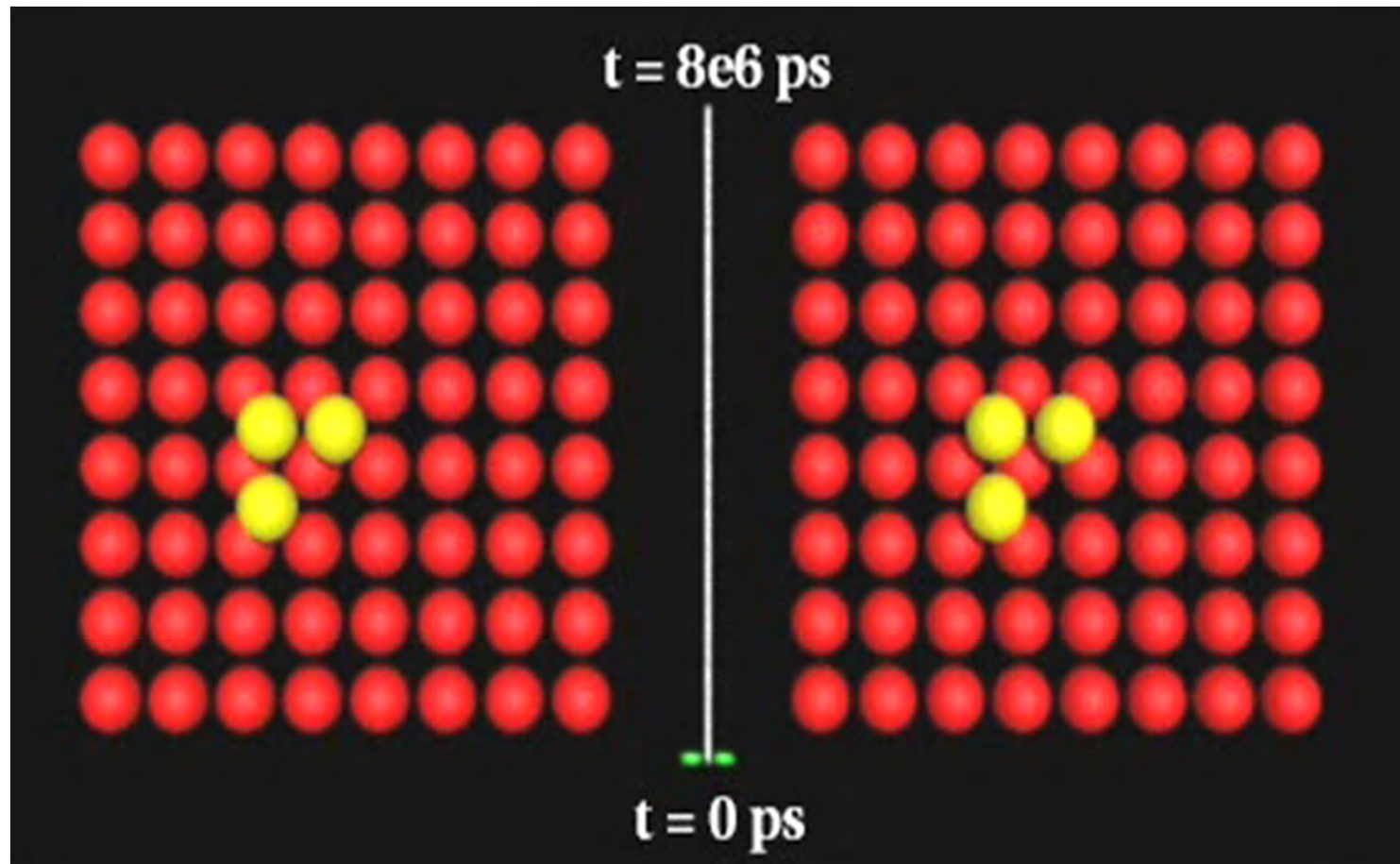


Detect Barriers When Transitions Occur, Compare To Threshold

Memorize and Consolidate Pairs of States Connected by Low Barriers

R. Miron, K. Fichthorn, Phys. Rev. Lett. 93, 2004.

# Co on Cu(001): Benefits of State Bridging

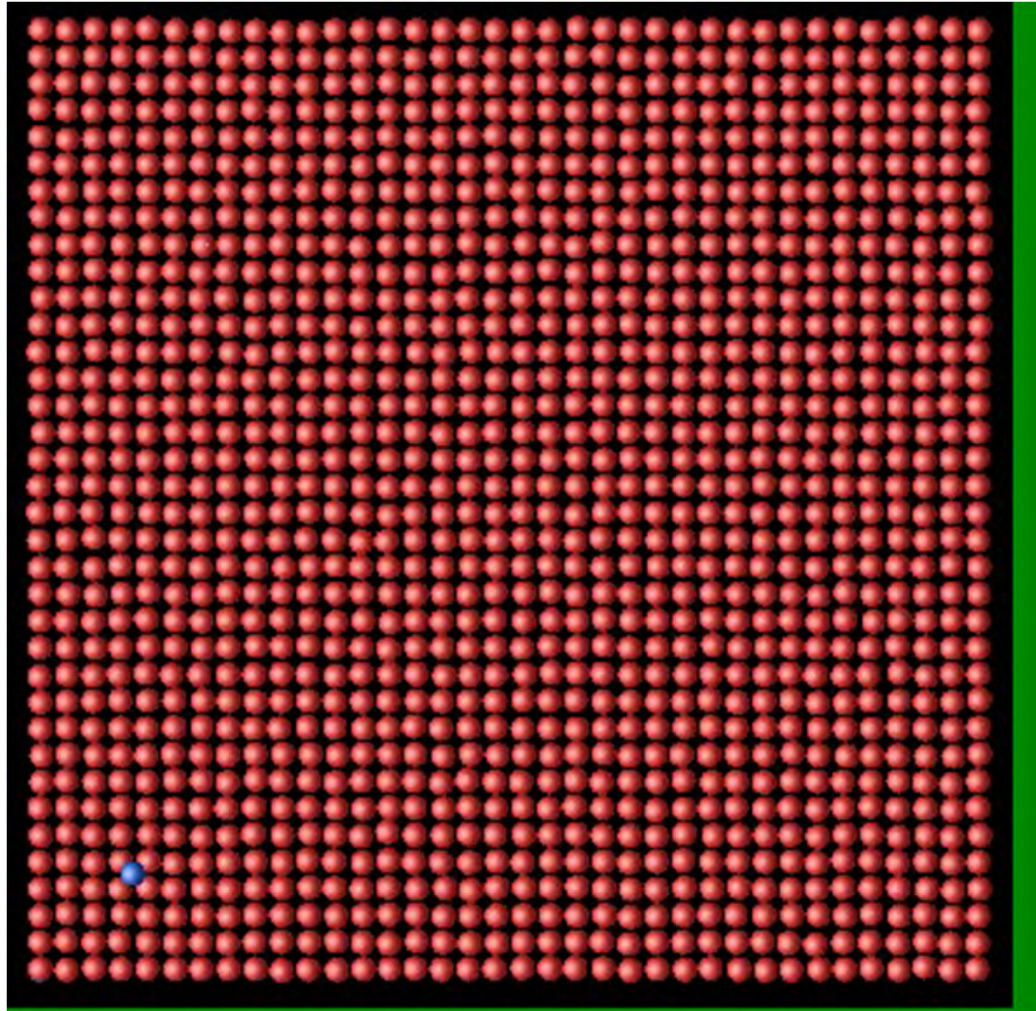


State-Bridging  
Accelerated MD

Regular  
Accelerated MD



# Thin Film Growth at 250 K, $F = 0.1$ ML/s

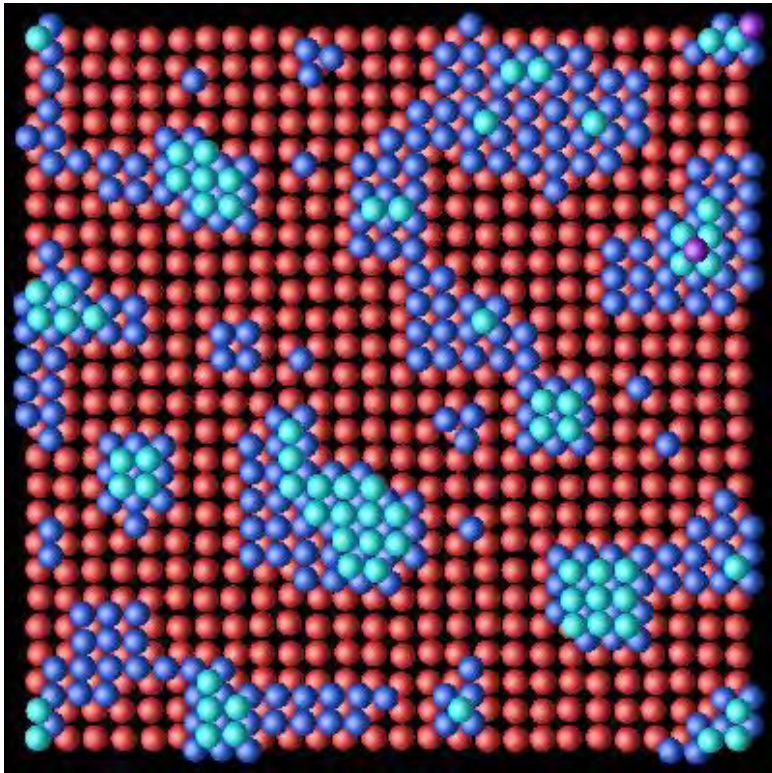


R. Miron, K. Fichtorn,  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 93, 2004.

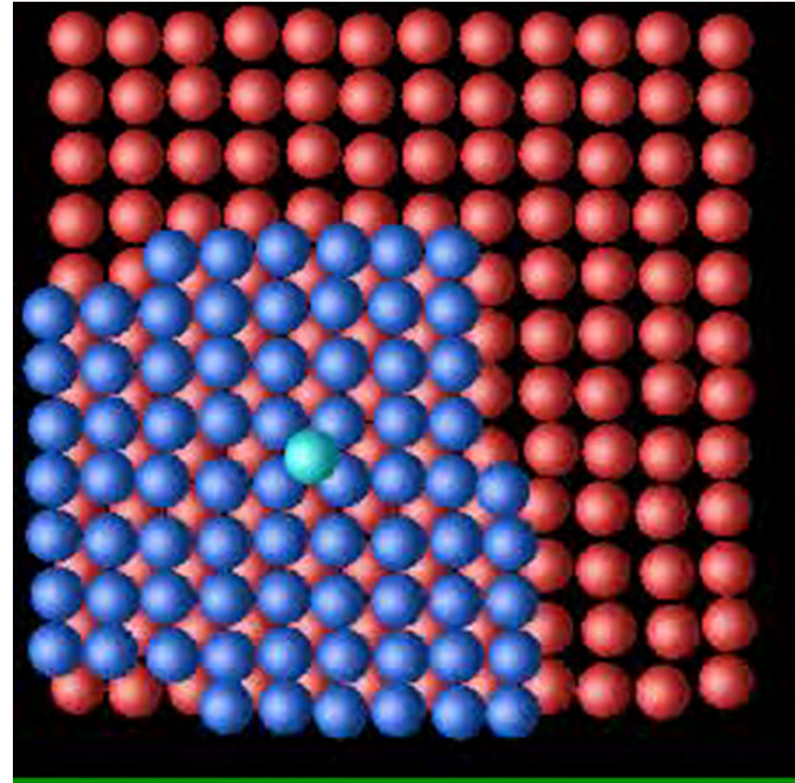
Note Cluster Mobility

State-Bridging Accelerated MD of Co/Cu(001)  
Heteroepitaxy:  $T = 250$  K,  $F = 0.1$  ML/s,  
 $\Theta = 0.54$  ML

**MD Simulations were run for 5.4 s**



R. Miron and K. Fichtorn,  
*Phys. Rev. B* **72**, 115433 (2005).



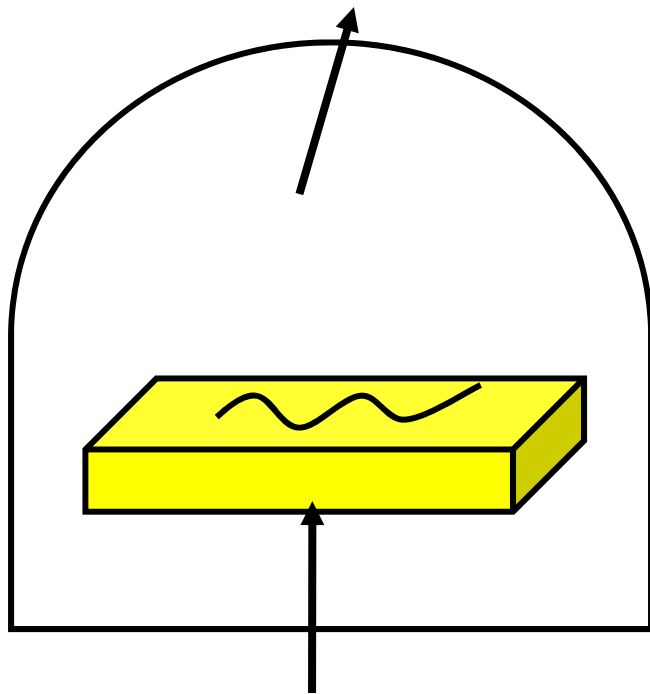
Mechanism of Bilayer  
Island Formation

# Temperature-Programmed Desorption

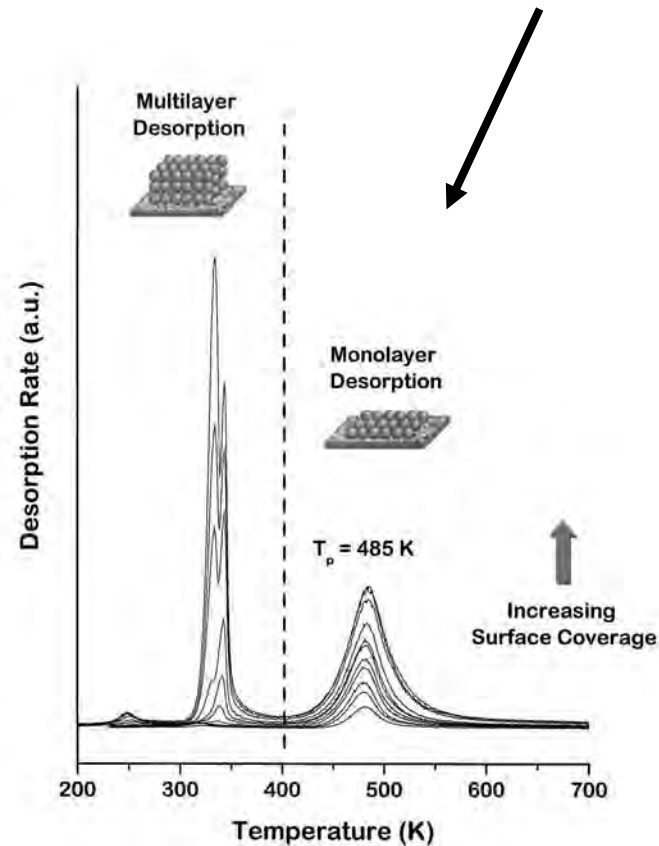
K. Becker, M. Mignogna, K. Fichthorn,  
*PRL* **102**, 046101 (2009).

$$-\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \nu_0 \exp\left(-\frac{E_d}{k_B T}\right) \theta$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{\beta}{T_p^2}\right) = -\ln\left(\frac{E_d}{k_B \nu_0}\right) - \frac{E_d}{k_B T_p}$$

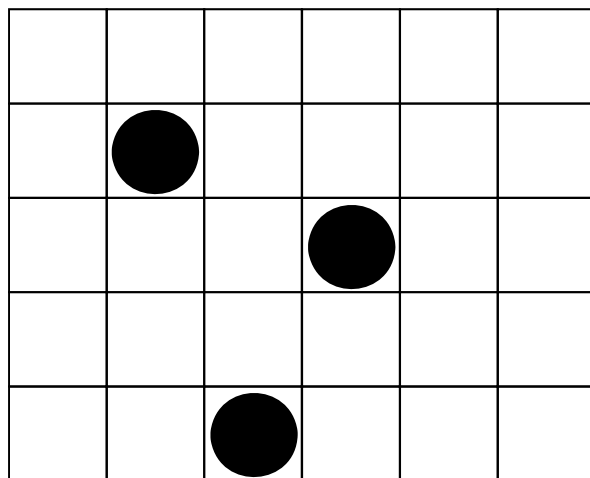


$$T = T_0 + \beta t$$

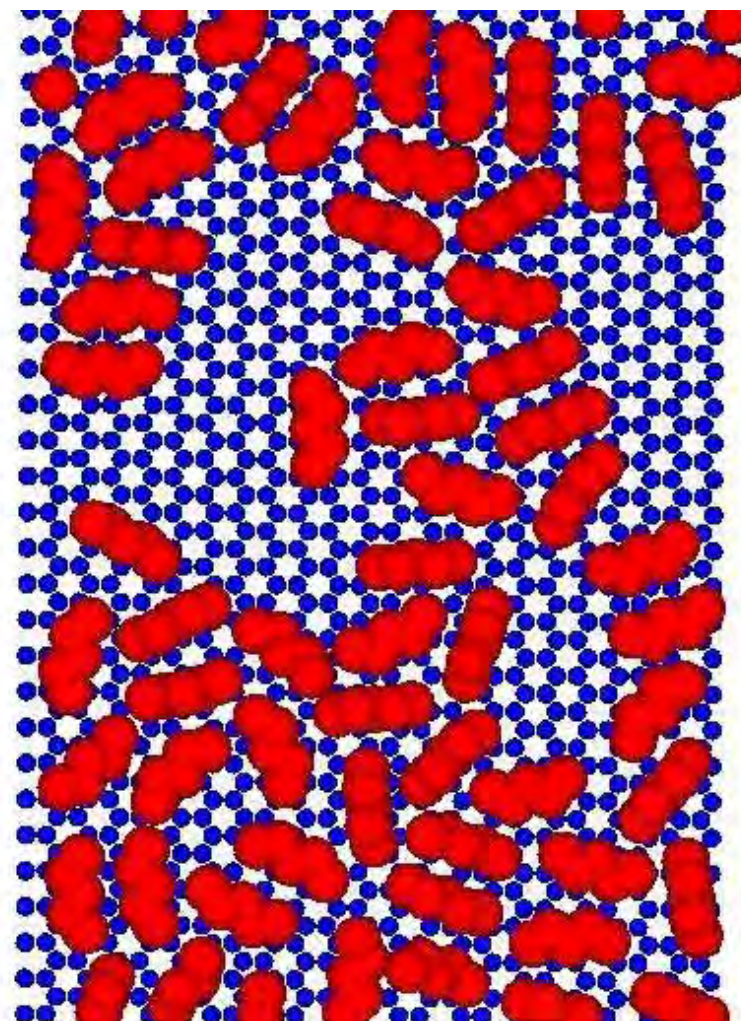


P. A. Redhead, *Vacuum*  
**12**, 203 (1962).

# Simulation of TPD



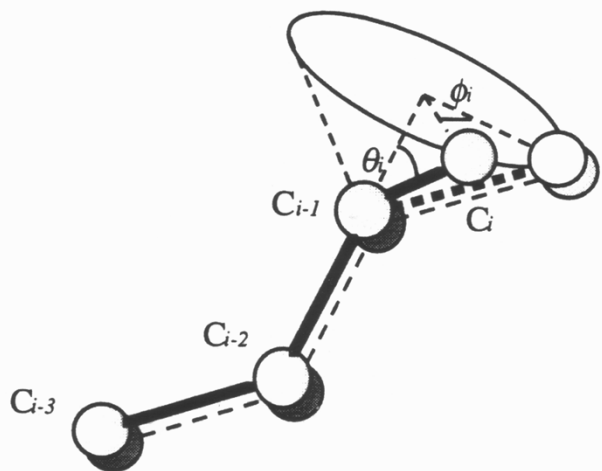
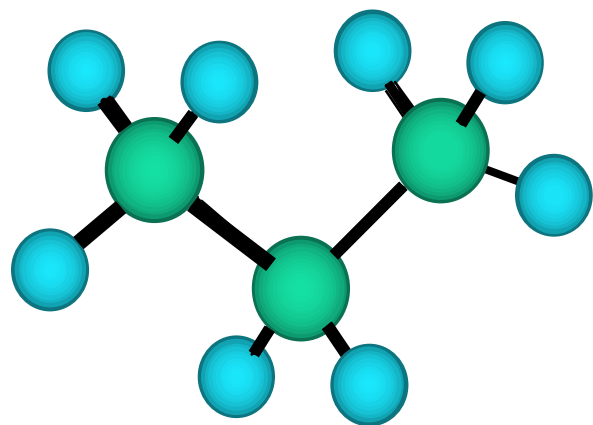
vs.



Large Molecules Don't  
Work in Lattice Models....

Goal: To Simulate TPD  
with Accelerated MD!!

# Accelerated MD of Adsorbed Alkanes



## OPLS All-Atom Force Field [1]

$$V_{intra} = V_b + V_t + V_{LJ}$$

$$V_b(\theta_i) = K_\theta(\theta_i - \theta_{eq})^2$$

$$V_t(\varphi_i) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^3 V_j [1 + \cos(j\varphi_i)]$$

## Constrained Bond Stretching: RATTLE [2]

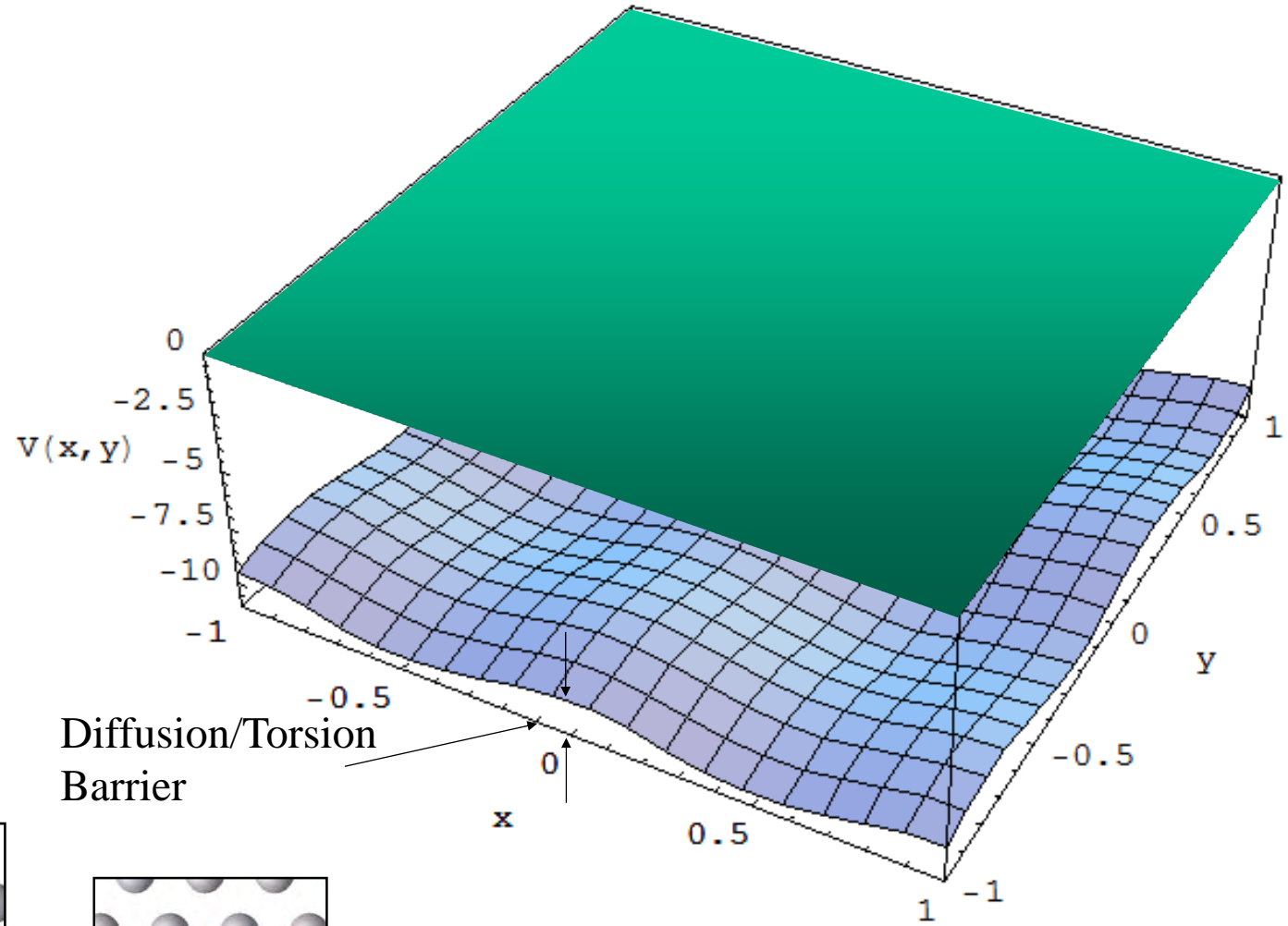
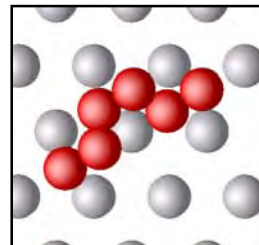
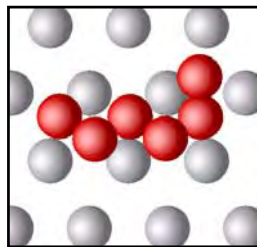
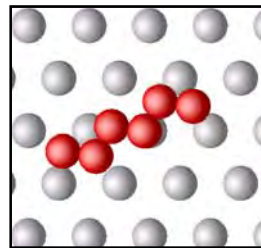
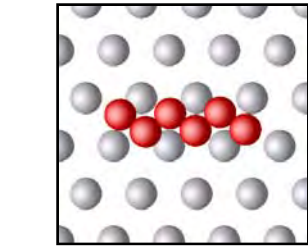
## Steele's Potential for Molecule-Surface Interaction [3]

[1] Jorgensen et al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **118**, 11225 (1996)

[2] H.C. Andersen, *J. Comput. Phys.* **52**, 24 (1983)

[3] W. A. Steele, *Surf. Sci.* **36**, 317 (1973)

# Many Local Minima, Fast Transitions But Desorption is the Slow Step



# Accelerated MD of TPD with the Bond-Boost Method

$$\Delta V(\mathbf{R}) = \frac{A(\varepsilon_{\max})}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta V_i(\mathbf{R}) ; \quad \delta V_i = (\alpha_1 - 1) V_{s,i} + (\alpha_2 - 1) V_{inter,i} ; \quad \alpha_i < 1$$

Weaken Molecule-Molecule + Molecule-Surface Attraction

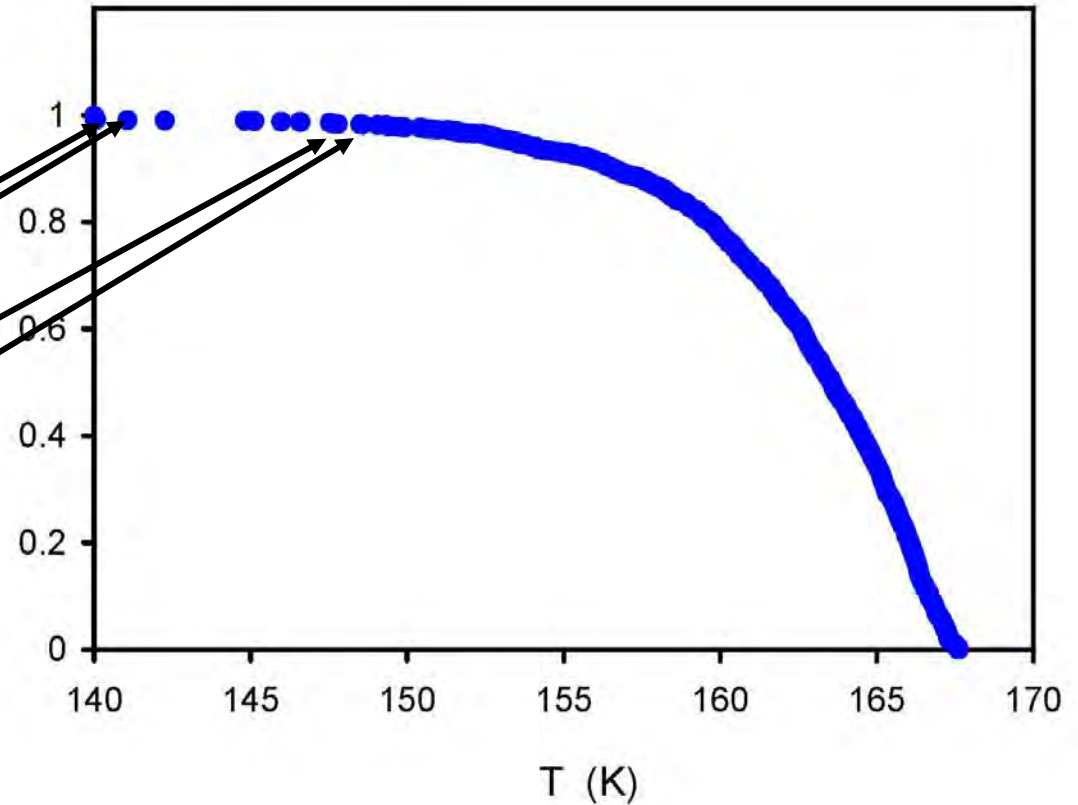
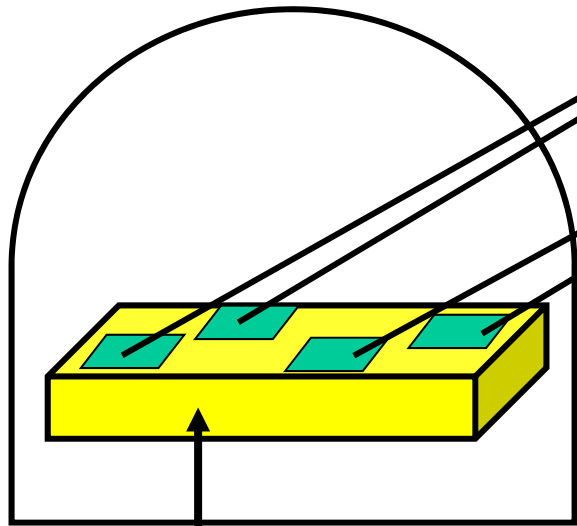
$$A = \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{\varepsilon_{\max}}{q} \right)^2 \right] ; \quad \varepsilon_i = \frac{z_{com,i} - z_{eq}}{z_{eq}}$$

Funnels Boost into Molecule Farthest from the Surface

$$t = \sum_i \exp \left( \frac{\Delta V(\mathbf{R}_i)}{k_B T} \right) \Delta t$$

K. Becker, M. Mignogna, K. Fichthorn  
*PRL* **102**,046101 (2009).

# Accelerated MD of TPD



$$T = T_0 + \beta t;$$
$$\beta = \text{Heating Rate}$$

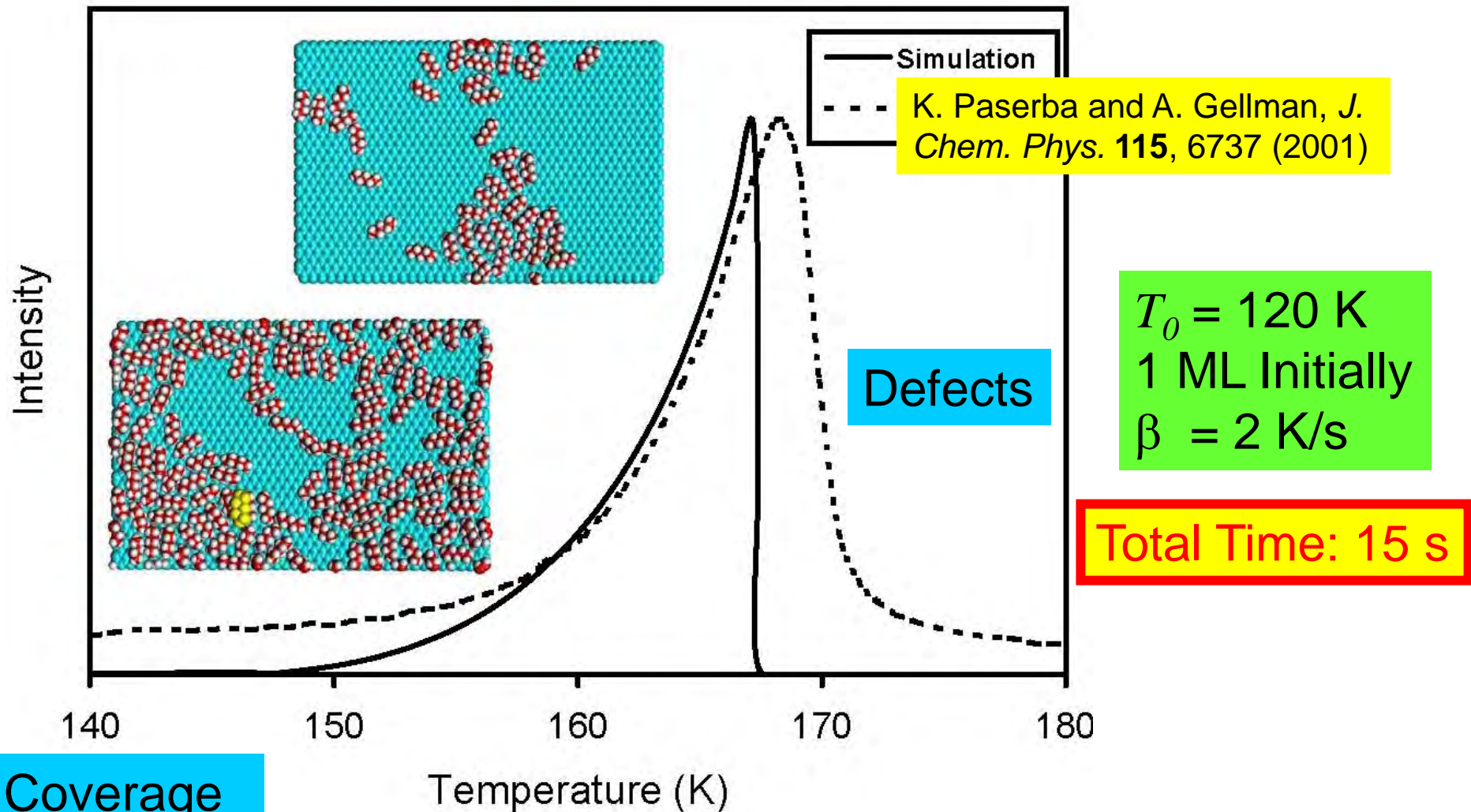
$$t = \Delta t \sum_i \left( \sum_j \exp(\Delta V_j / kT) + n_e \right)$$

K. Becker, M. Mignogna, K. Fichthorn,  
*PRL* **102**, 046101 (2009).

desorptions



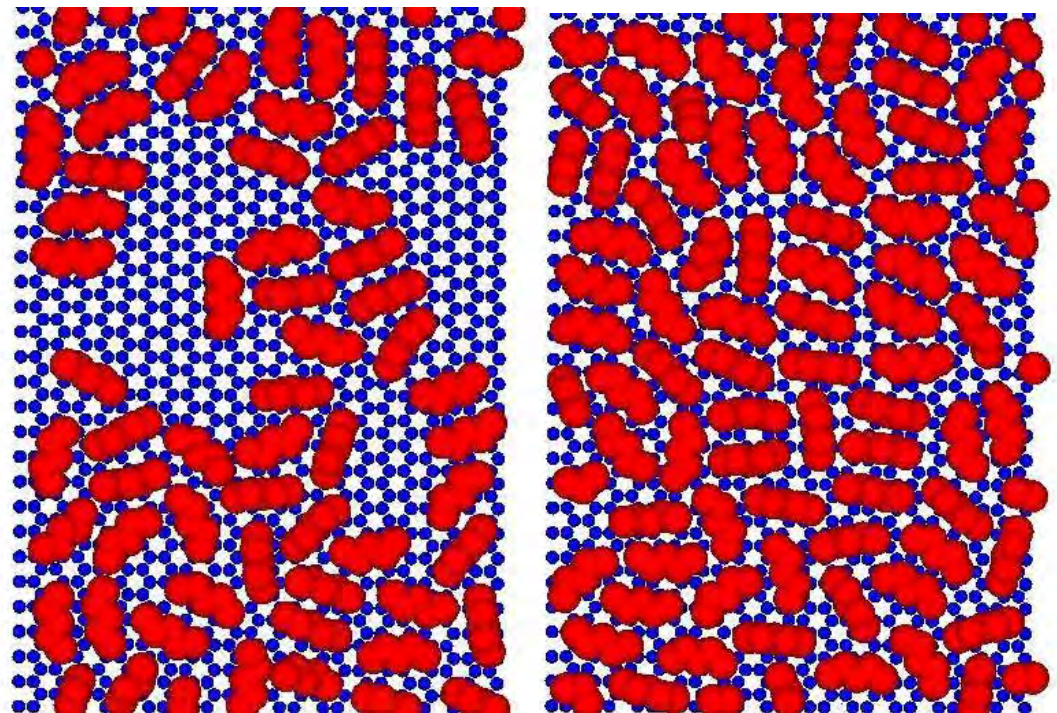
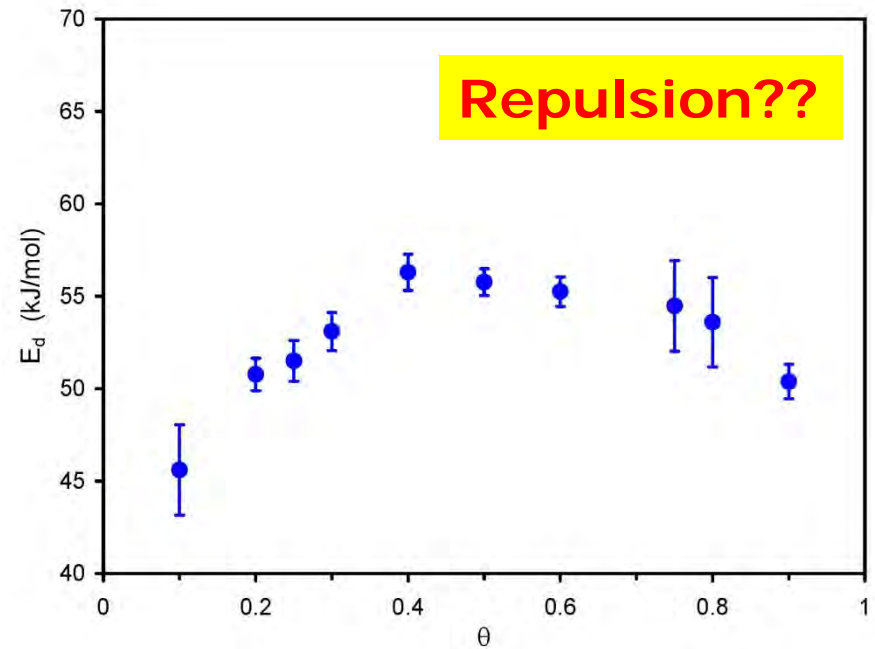
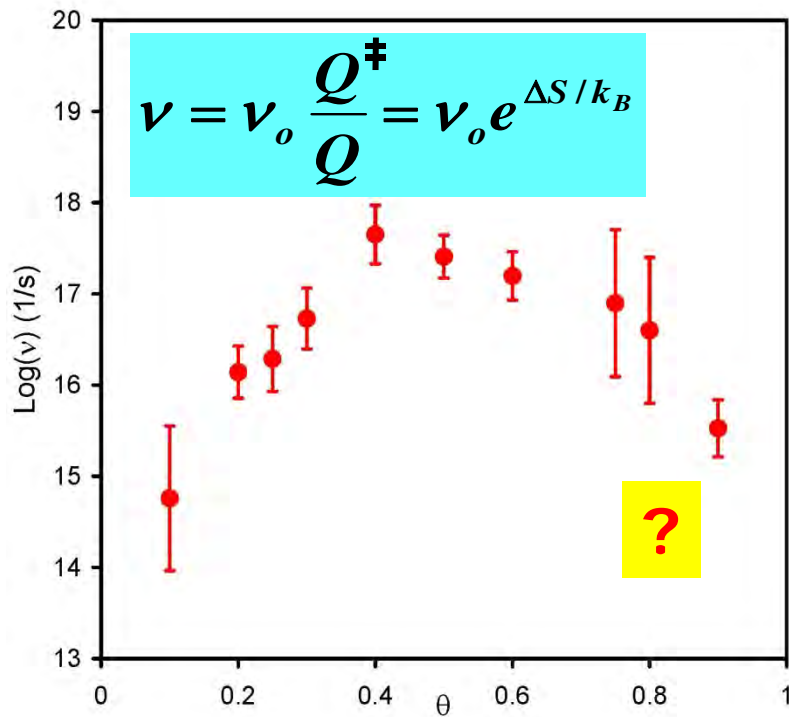
# TPD: Simulation vs. Experiment



Coverage  
Calibration

K. Becker, M. Mignogna, K. Fichthorn,  
*PRL* **102**, 046101 (2009).

# Desorption Energy And Prefactor

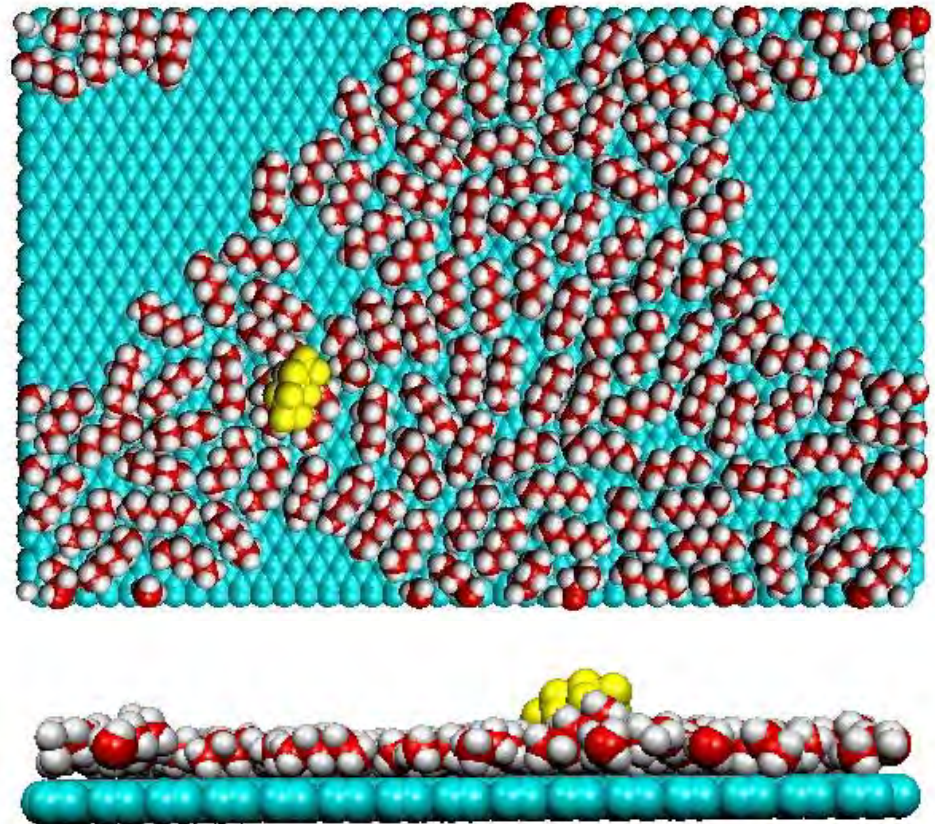
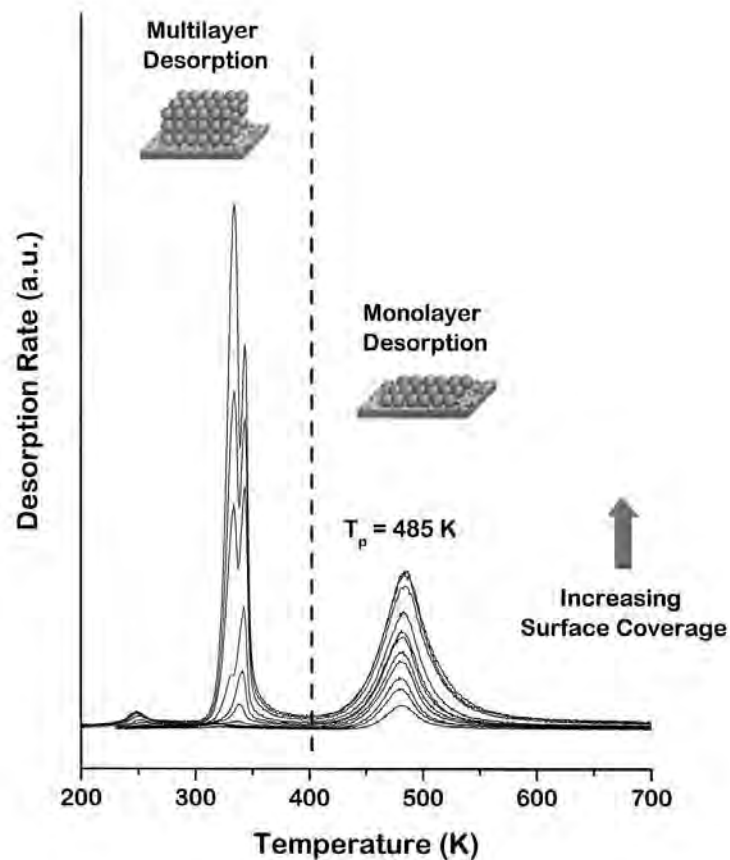


Large prefactors because of loss in rotational entropy on adsorption.

K. Fichthorn and R. Miron, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **89**, 196103 (2002).

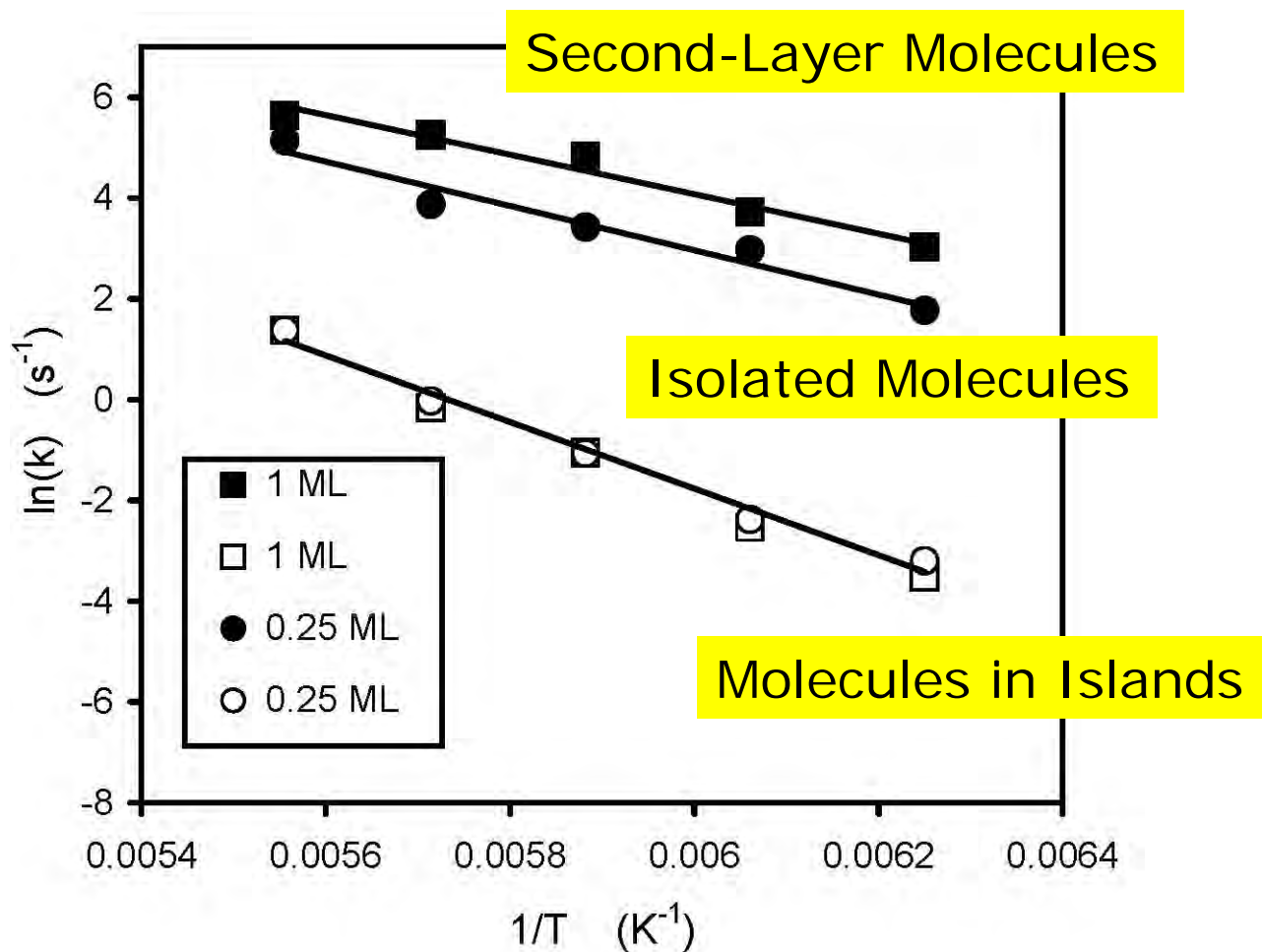
K. Becker and K. Fichthorn, *JCP* **125**, 184706 (2006).

# Second-Layer Desorption Can Occur At (Sub) Monolayer Coverage



Second-Layer Desorption  
at  $\theta = 0.75$

# Rate Processes in Pentane Desorption



$$E_d = 32.5 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

$$\nu_0 = 9.2\text{E}+11$$

$$E_d = 36.5 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

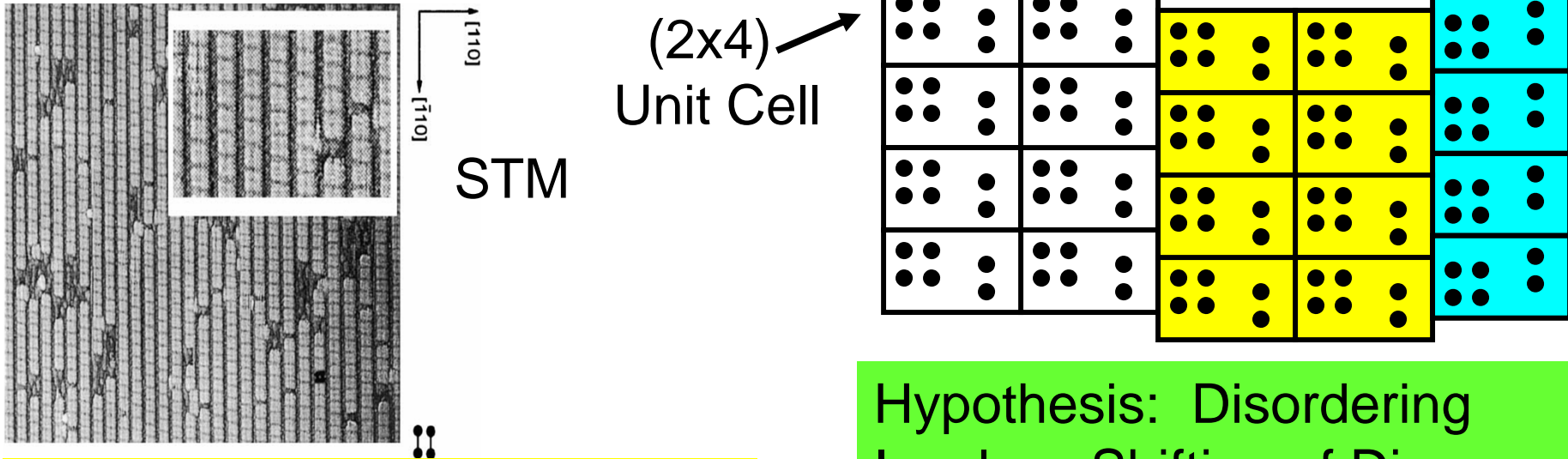
$$\nu_0 = 5.5\text{E}+12$$

$$E_d = 58.1 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

$$\nu_0 = 2.4\text{E}+17$$

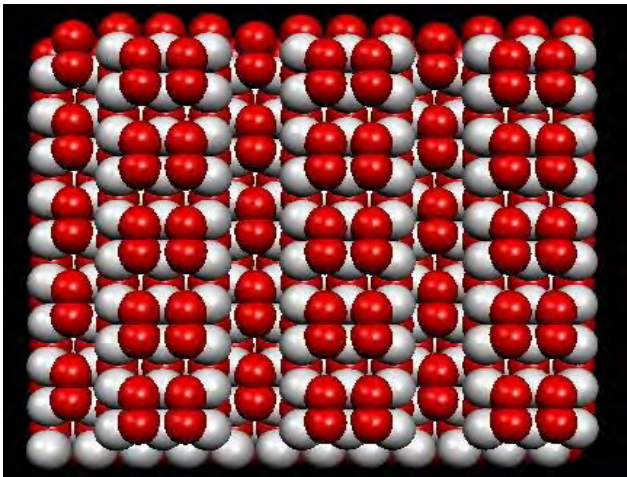
K. Becker, M. Mignogna, K. Fichthorn,  
*PRL* **102**, 046101 (2009).

# What is the Structure of a Real GaAs(001) $\beta_2$ (2x4) Surface?



D.W. Pashley, J.H. Neave, B.A. Joyce,  
Surf. Sci. **582**, 189 (2005)

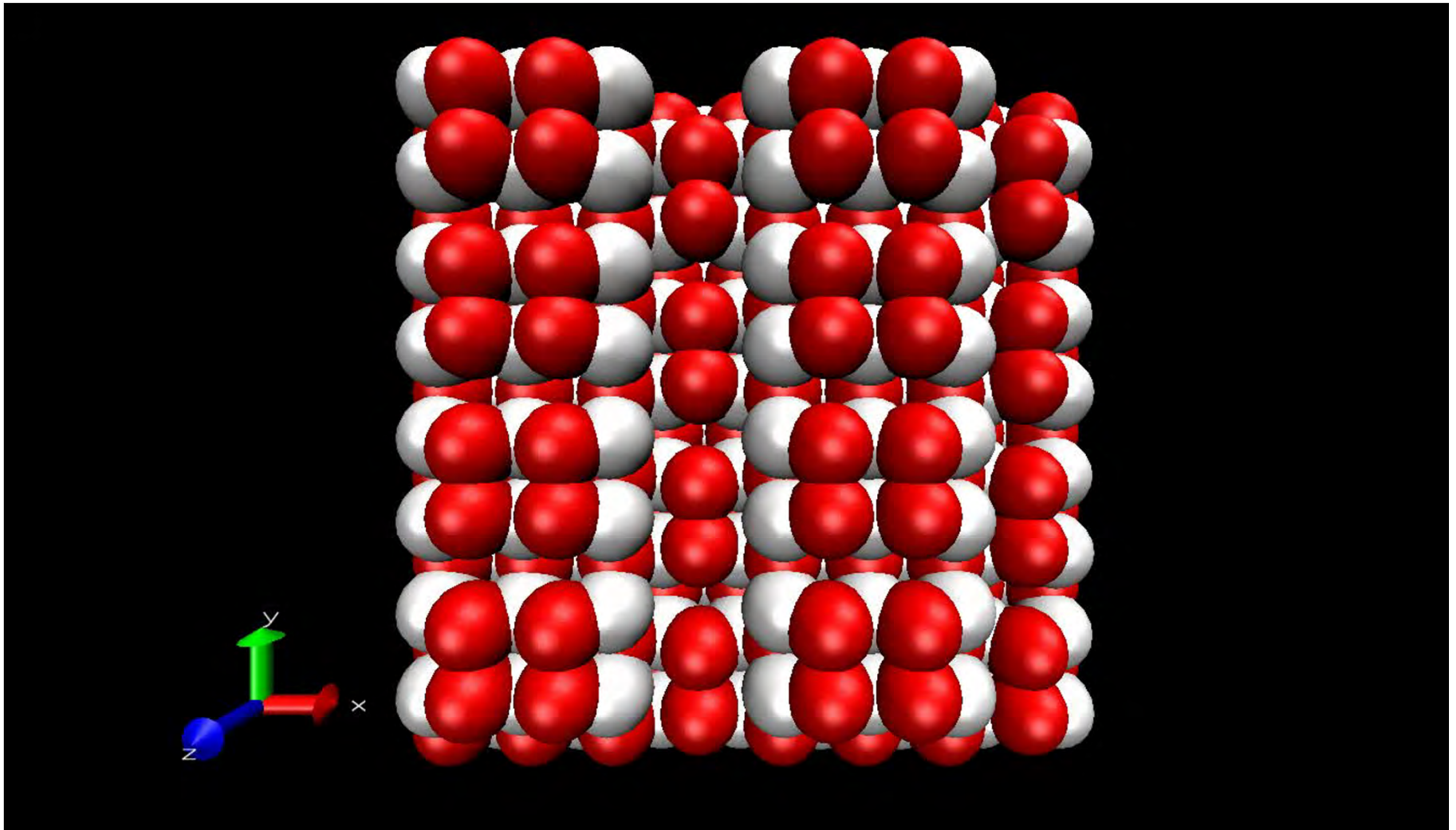
Hypothesis: Disorder  
Involves Shifting of Dimer  
Rows and Trenches



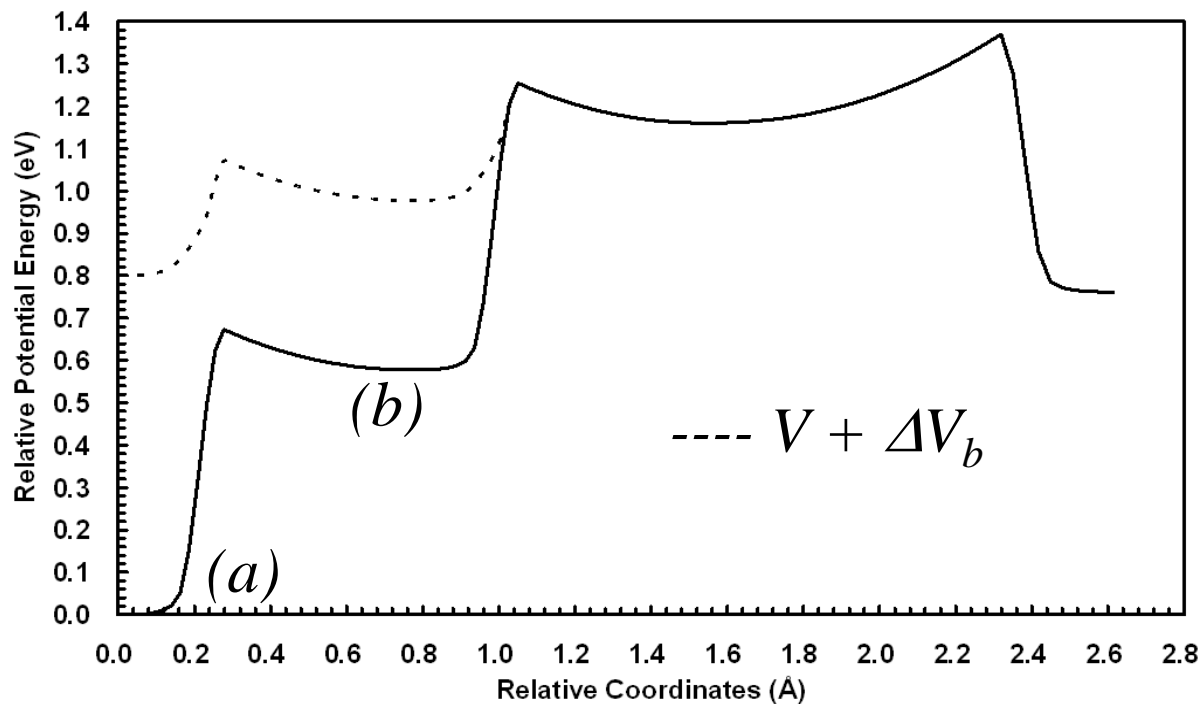
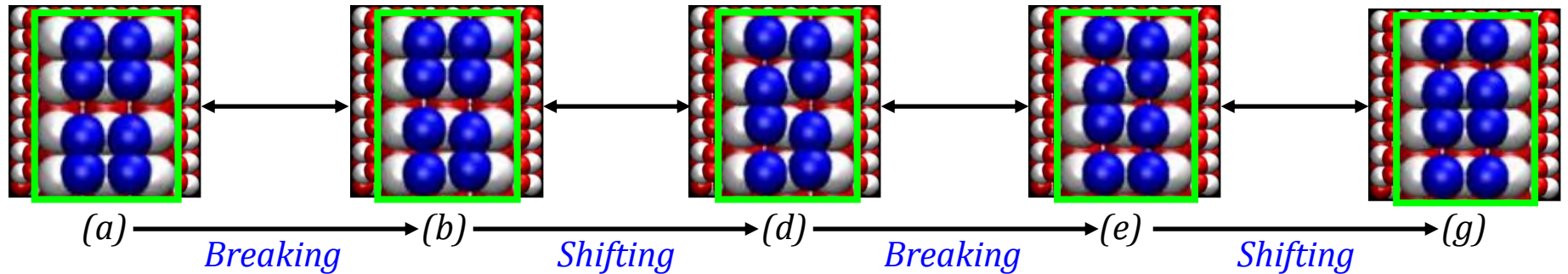
**How Does this Surface Disorder?  
What Does This Mean for  
Diffusion and Growth??**

K. A. Fichthorn, *et al.*, Phys. Rev. B, **83**, 195328 (2011)

# Regular MD of GaAs (001): $T = 600$ K



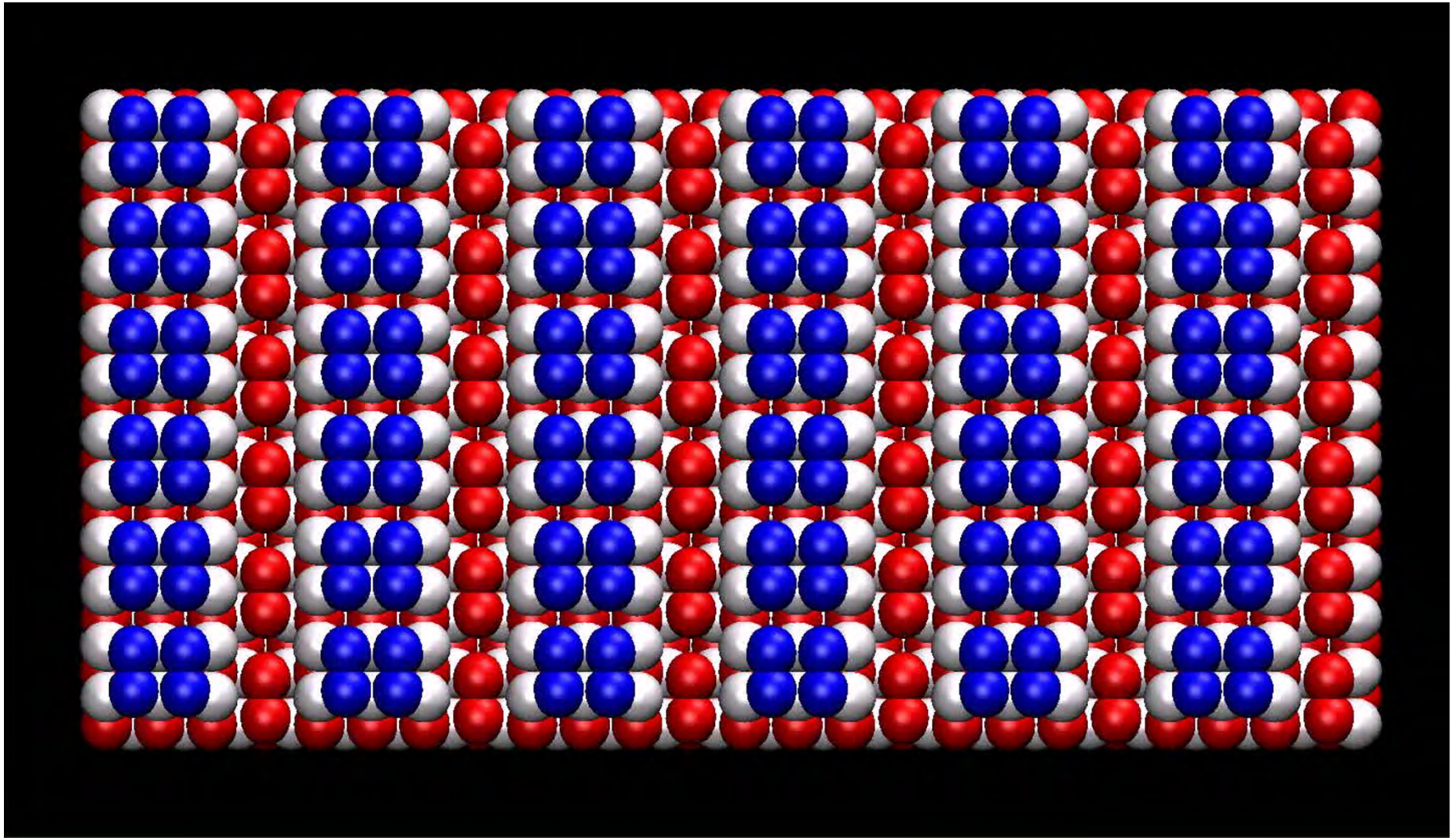
# Minimum-Energy Path for Row Shift: Another Form of the Small-Barrier Problem



CI-NEB Method

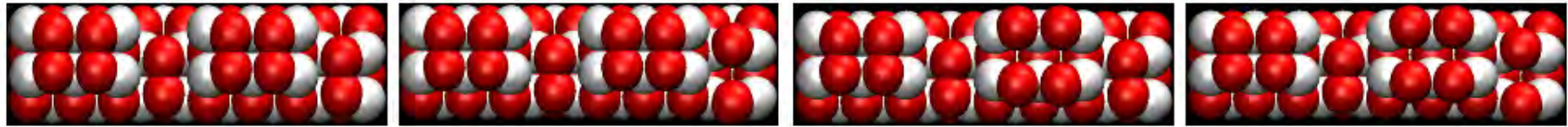
G. Henkelman, B. Uberuaga,  
and H. Jonsson, J. Chem.  
Phys. **113**, 9901 (2000).

# Accelerated MD Simulation at 800 K





# Equilibrium Fraction of $\beta 2(2 \times 4)$ and $c(2 \times 8)$ from 1 $\mu\text{s}$ - 4 s Accelerated MD



(a)  $\gamma = 68.73 \text{ meV}/\text{\AA}^2$

(b)  $\gamma = 68.71 \text{ meV}/\text{\AA}^2$

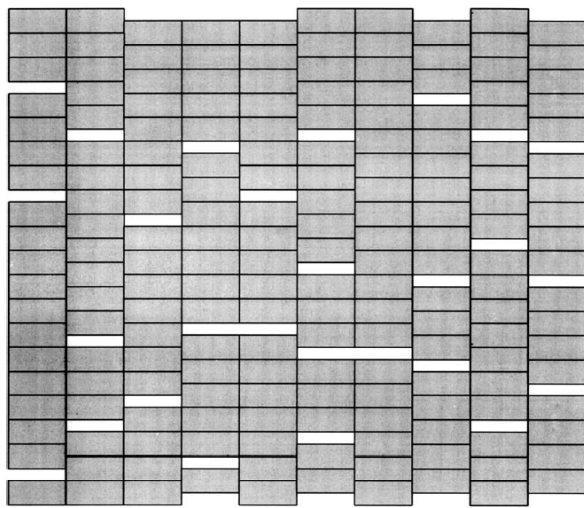
(c)  $\gamma = 68.68 \text{ meV}/\text{\AA}^2$

(d)  $\gamma = 68.67 \text{ meV}/\text{\AA}^2$

(a) and (b)  $\beta 2(2 \times 4)$

(c) and (d)  $c(2 \times 8)$

	900K	850K	800K	700K	600K
$\beta 2(2 \times 4)$	<b>0.43±0.03</b>	<b>0.45±0.03</b>	<b>0.44±0.03</b>	<b>0.42±0.15</b>	<b>0.46±0.13</b>
$c(2 \times 8)$	<b>0.52±0.03</b>	<b>0.52±0.03</b>	<b>0.54±0.03</b>	<b>0.58±0.15</b>	<b>0.53±0.13</b>
Others	0.053±0.003	0.031±0.005	0.019±0.002	0.007±0.003	0.008±0.008



Arrangement based on STM image

## Comparison with Experiment

STM (300K, UHV)

$\beta 2(2 \times 4)$  **0.41**;  $c(2 \times 8)$  **0.52**; Other **0.07**

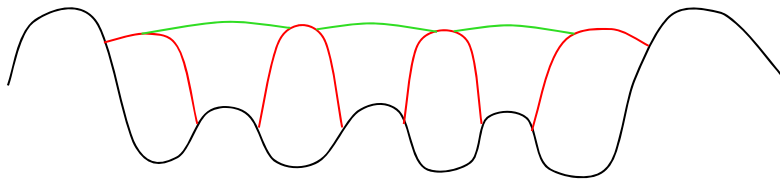
RHEED (850 K As Over Pressure, 300 K Vacuum)

No Difference

D. W. Pashley, J. H. Neave, and B. A. Joyce, Surf. Sci. **582**, 189 (2005)

# Conclusions: Progress in Accelerated MD

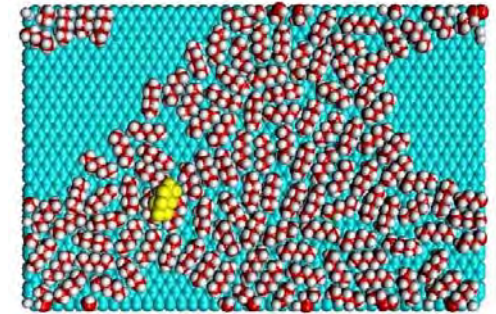
- The Bond-Boost Method is Useful for Modeling and/or Discovering Rare Events
- The Challenge is Dealing with the Small-Barrier Problem in a General Way
- Consolidating Pools of Shallow States  
R. Miron & K. Fichtorn, Phys. Rev. Lett. 93, 2004;  
Phys. Rev. B **72**, 035415, 2005.



# Conclusions: Progress in Accelerated MD

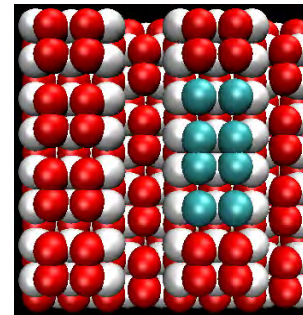
- Bond = Order Parameter

K. Becker, M. Mignogna, K. Fichthorn, *PRL* **102**, 046101 (2009)



- Pathway Boost for GaAs(001)

Y. Lin and K. Fichthorn, in preparation.



The key to future progress is a general solution to the small barrier problem

Look for our **NEW SOLUTION** to the Small-Barrier Problem Using KMC+Master Equation!!!!

## Collaborators

Shih-Hsien Liu

Azar Shahrzaz

Muralikrishna Raju

Zifeng Li

Lianfei Yan

**Dr. Yangzheng Lin**

Dr. Ya Zhou

## Funding

**NSF** ECC-0085604, IGERT DGE-9987598, DMR-0514336,  
**DMR-1006452**

**ACS PRF, DOE** DE-FG0207ER46414

## Alumni

**Dr. Yogesh Tiwary**

**Dr. Yushan Wang**

**Dr. Kelly Becker**

**Dr. Radu "Alex" Miron**

**Dr. Jee-Ching Wang**

**Dr. Som Pal**

**Fritz Haber Institute**

**Prof.-Dr. Matthias Scheffler**

**Prof.-Dr. Peter Kratzer**

**Dr. Thomas Hammerschmidt**