



# **FHI-aims becomes embedded: QM/Me and water splitting**

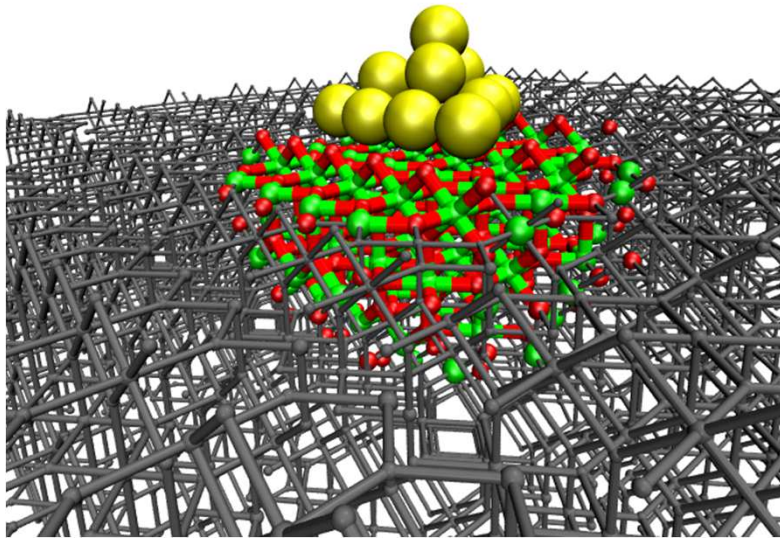
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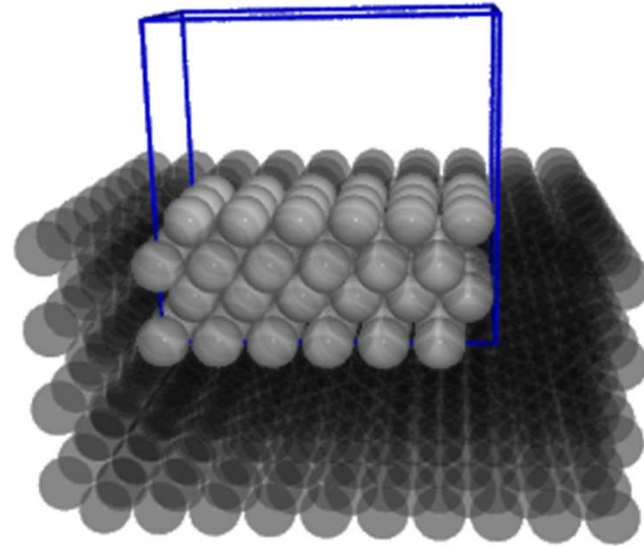
# New features in FHI-aims

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QM/MM



QM/Me



**I. QM/MM:  
First-principles kinetic modeling  
for solar hydrogen production**



**Daniel Berger**

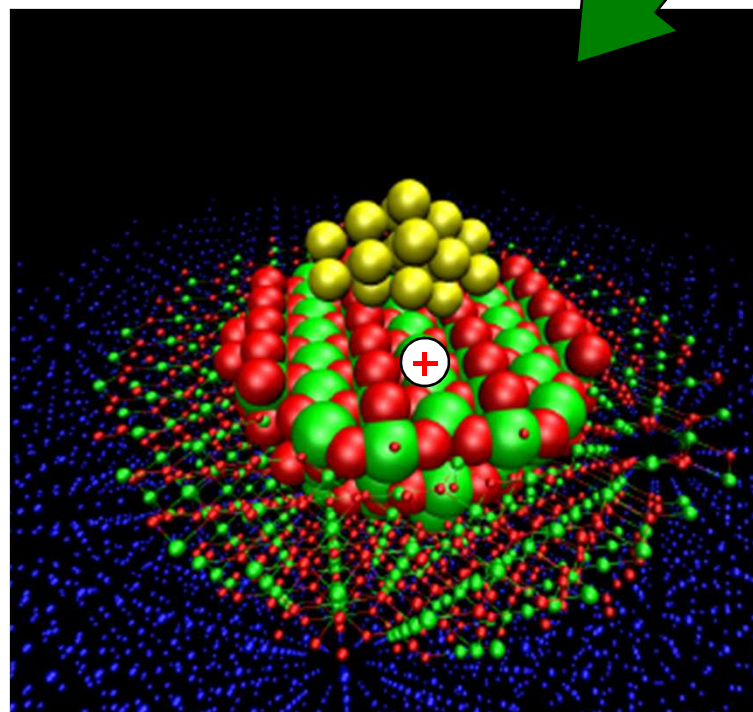
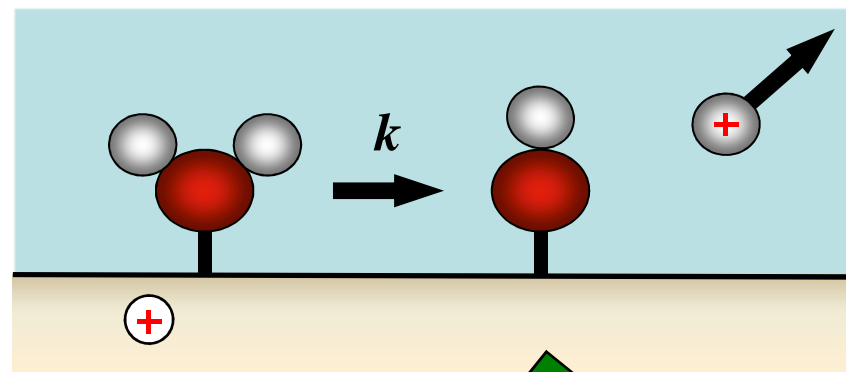
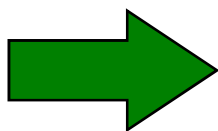
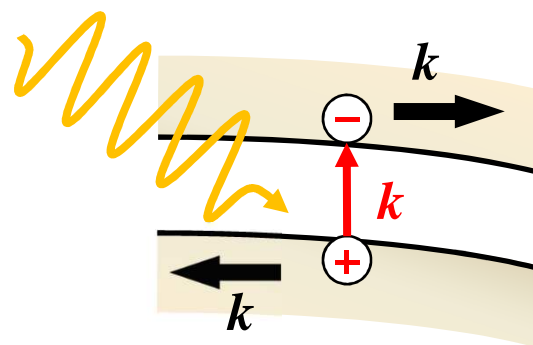


**Harald Oberhofer**



**Volker Blum**

# Our approach to photoelectrochemistry



QM/MM:  
FHI-Aims  
meets  
Chem-Shell

HPC-Europa2

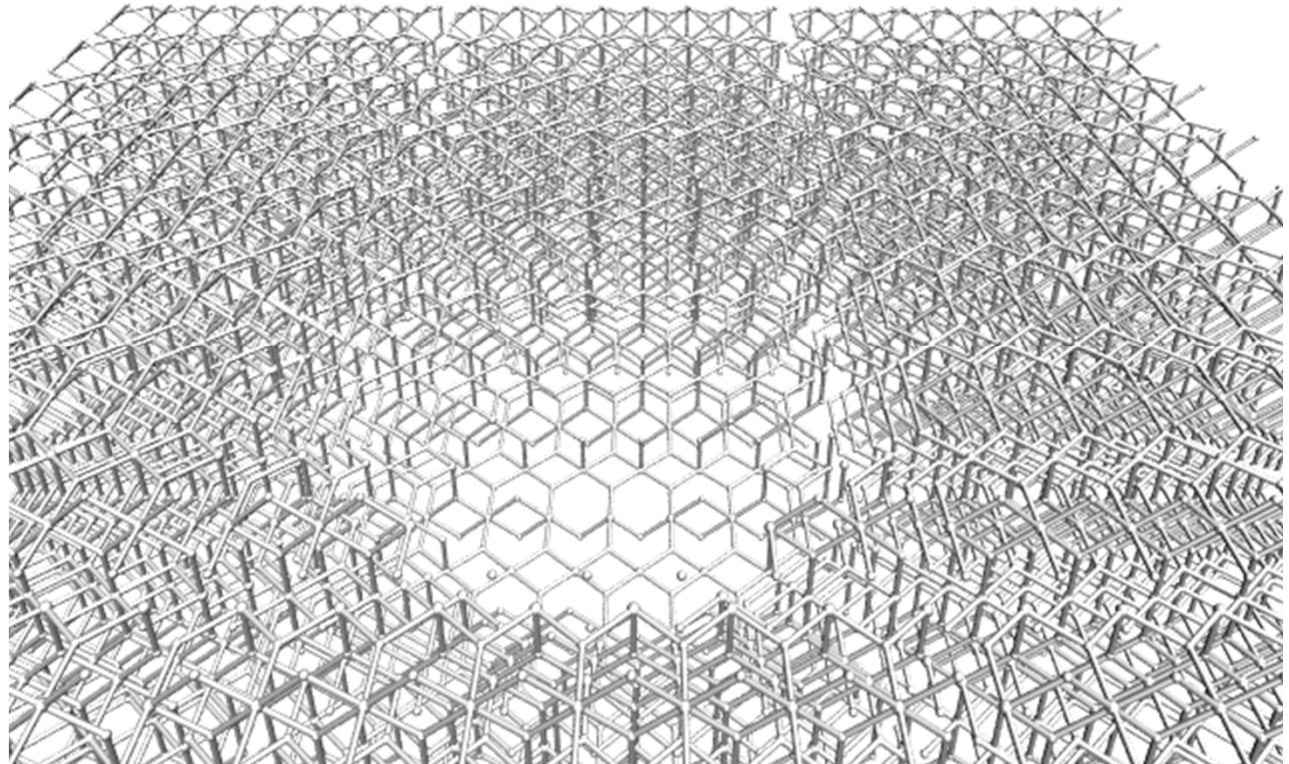
with Andrew Logsdail  
and Alexey Sokol

# QM/MM and charge leakage

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**Covalent/non-ionic  
compounds:**

- Spurious charge transfer out of QM zone
- Dangling bonds at cluster periphery



**Finite QM cluster model:**

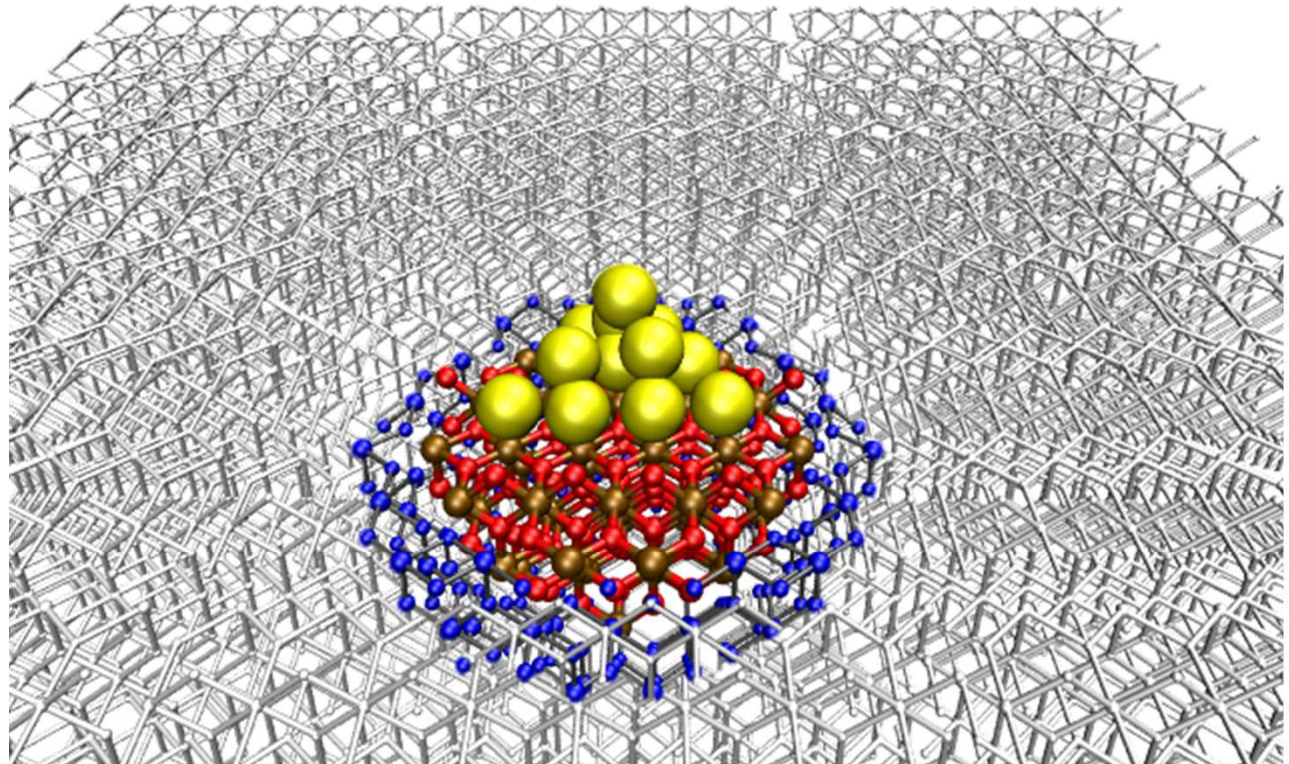
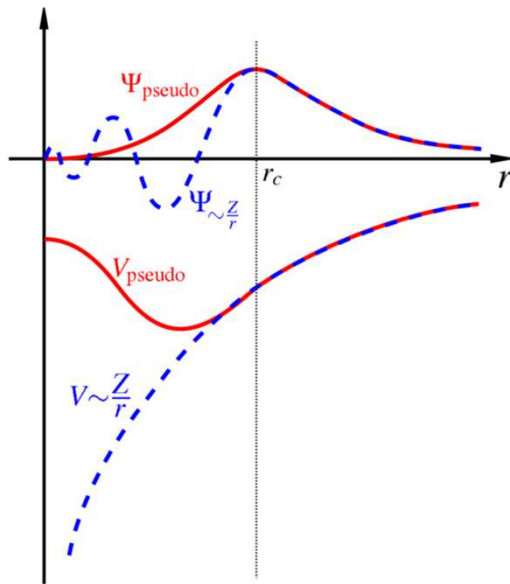
- Explicit electronic structure
- Bond making and breaking
- „First-principles“ accuracy

**Extended MM region (here: multipoles):**

- Correct electrostatics (here: Madelung potential)



# Introducing a transition zone



**Replace point charges at cluster periphery  
by pseudo-potentials**

# NCPPs in FHI-aims

**Norm-conserving  
pseudopotentials  
in fully separable  
Kleinman-Bylander form:**

$$\hat{V}^{\text{KB}} = \hat{V}_{\text{loc}} \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') + \sum_{lm} |\chi_{lm}^{\text{KB}}\rangle E_l^{\text{KB}} \langle \chi_{lm}^{\text{KB}}|$$

M. Fuchs and M. Scheffler, *Comp. Phys. Commun.* **119**, 67 (1999)  
L. Kleinman and D.M. Bylander, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **48**, 1425 (1982)

**Interaction with QM electrons:**

$$E_{\text{total}} = E_{\text{DFT}} + \sum_{\alpha\beta} \hat{n}_{\alpha\beta} \langle \varphi_{\alpha} | \hat{V}_{\text{KB}} | \varphi_{\beta} \rangle$$

$$\langle \varphi_{\alpha} | \hat{V}^{\text{KB}} | \varphi_{\beta} \rangle = \langle \varphi_{\alpha} | \hat{V}_{\text{loc}} | \varphi_{\beta} \rangle + \sum_{lm} \langle \varphi_{\alpha} | \chi_{lm}^{\text{KB}} \rangle E_l^{\text{KB}} \langle \chi_{lm}^{\text{KB}} | \varphi_{\beta} \rangle$$

NAO

**Local potential:**

- Long-range
- Same for every electron
- Put on global integration grid

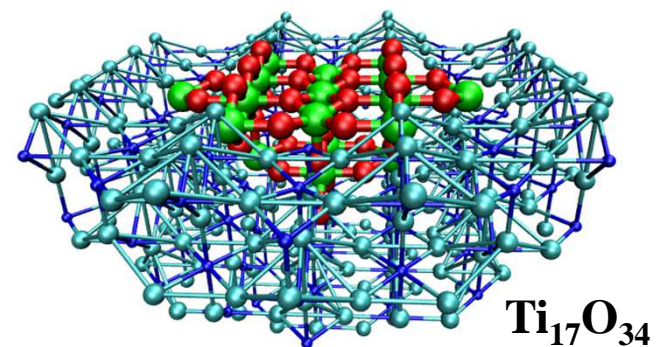
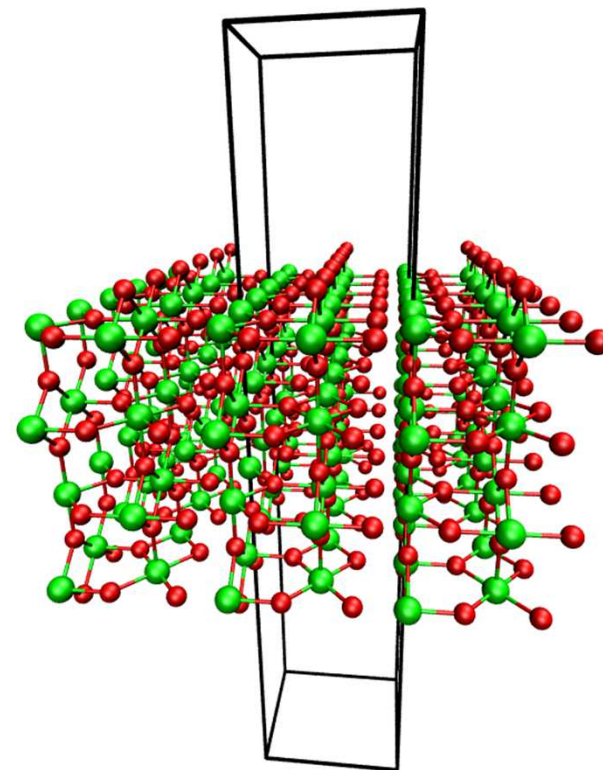
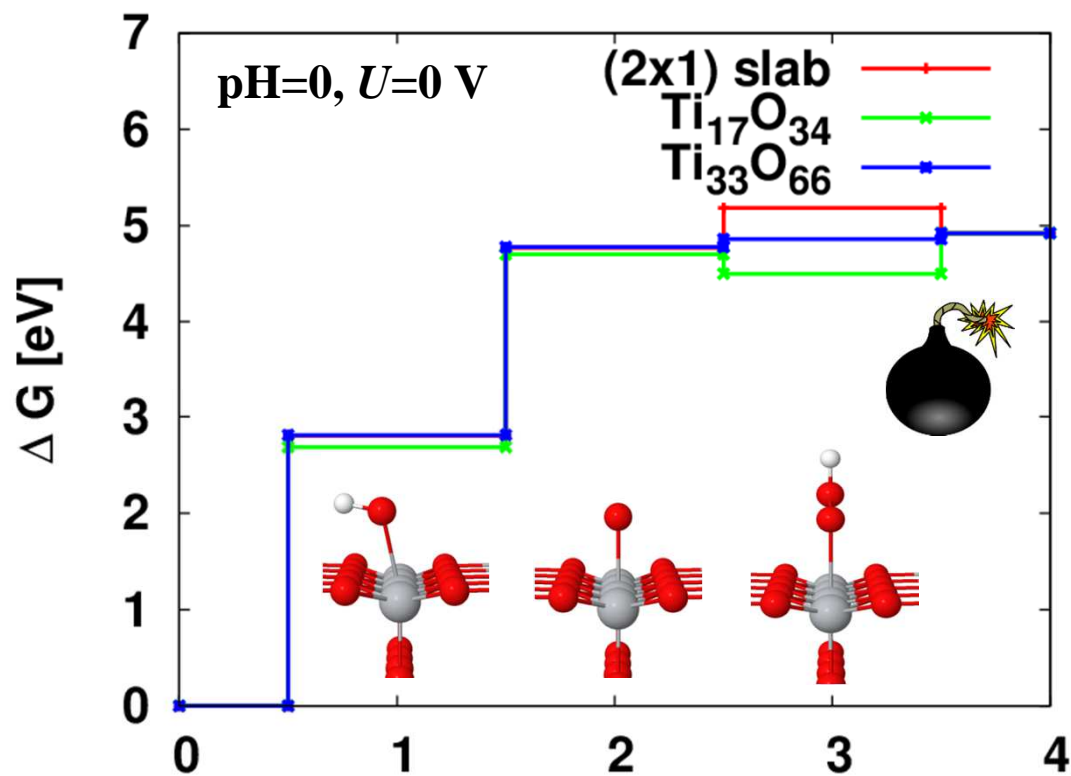
**Non-local potential:**

- Short-range
- Depends on angular momentum
- Compute and save ( $n \times m$ ) overlaps
- Efficient evaluation through spherical Bessel transformation

see poster by Daniel Berger

# Benchmark: Water splitting at $\text{TiO}_2(110)$

- A:  $\text{H}_2\text{O} + * \rightarrow \text{HO}^* + \text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-$
- B:  $\text{HO}^* \rightarrow \text{O}^* + \text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-$
- C:  $\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{O}^* \rightarrow \text{HOO}^* + \text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-$
- D:  $\text{HOO}^* \rightarrow \text{O}_2 + * + \text{H}^+ + \text{e}^-$





## **II. QM/Me:**

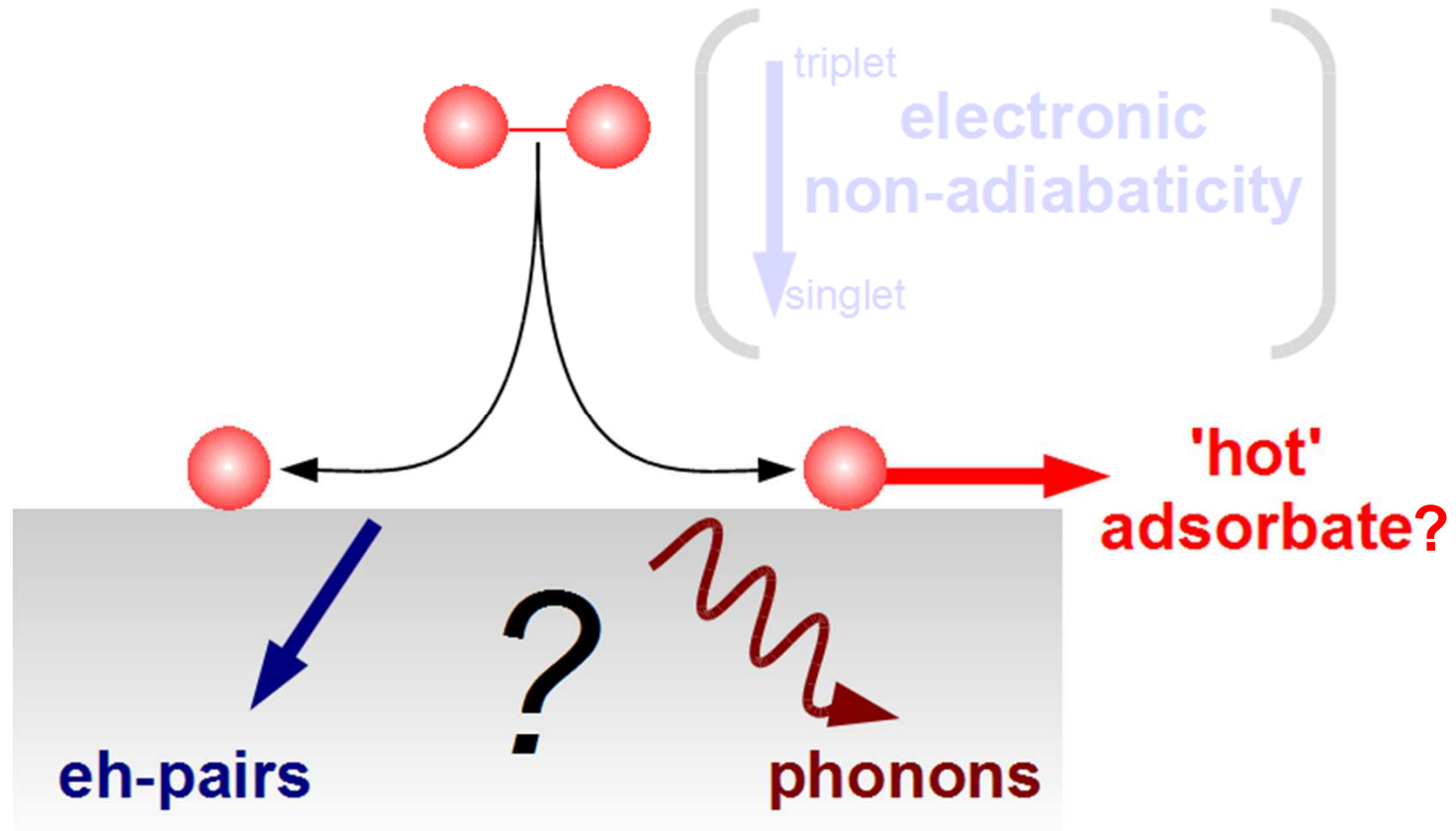
### **A novel embedding approach for adsorbate dynamics on metal surfaces**



**Jörg Meyer**

# Energy conversion at interfaces

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Showcase  $O_2/Pd(100)$ : 2.6eV adsorption energy released !  
(at GGA/PBE level)

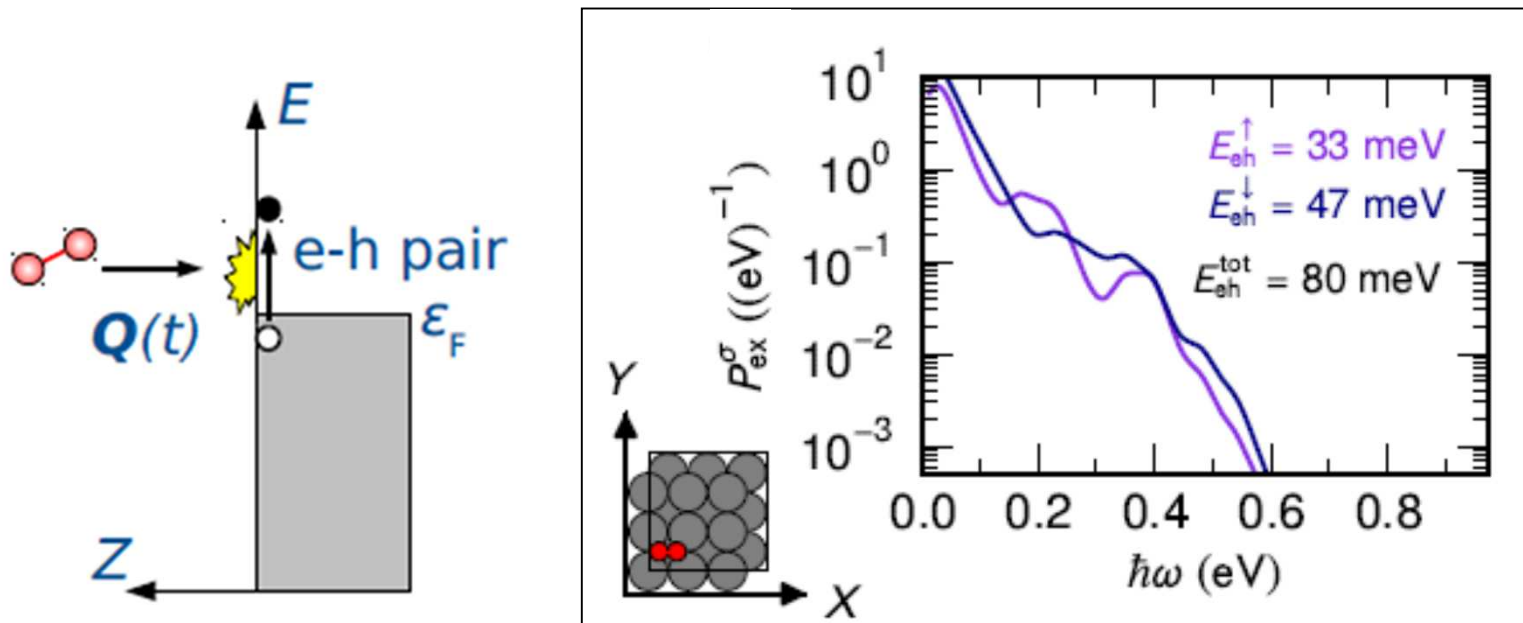
# e-h pair excitation: Time-dependent perturbation theory

$$h^\sigma(t) \approx h_{(0)} + v^\sigma(Q(t))$$

M. Timmer and P. Kratzer,  
Phys. Rev. B 79, 165407 (2009)

$$p_{ij}^\sigma(t) = \frac{1}{i\hbar} \langle \varepsilon_j^\sigma | v^\sigma(Q(t)) | \varepsilon_i^\sigma \rangle \exp\left(\frac{i}{\hbar}(\varepsilon_j^\sigma - \varepsilon_i^\sigma)t\right)$$

$$\tilde{P}_{\text{ex}}^\sigma(\hbar\omega) = \sum_{ij} \left| \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt p_{ij}^\sigma(t) \right|^2 \delta(\hbar\omega - (\varepsilon_j^\sigma - \varepsilon_i^\sigma)) \quad E_{\text{eh}}^\sigma = \int_0^{+\infty} d\varepsilon \varepsilon P_{\text{ex}}^\sigma(\varepsilon)$$



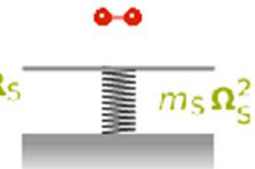
J. Meyer  
and  
K. Reuter,  
New J. Phys.  
13, 085010 (2011)

# Phonon energy sinks „from the shelf“

- surface oscillator (SO) J. C. Polanyi and R. J. Wolf, *J. Chem. Phys.* **82**, 1555 (1985).

☺ easily coupled to frozen surface potential:  $V_{6D}^{SO} = V_{6D}(\mathbf{R}_{6D} - \mathbf{R}_S) + \frac{1}{2} m_S \mathbf{R}_S \Omega_S^2 \mathbf{R}_S$

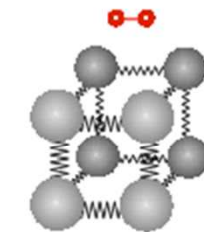
☹ minimalistic Einstein approximation for substrate degrees of freedom



- generalized Langevin equations J. C. Tully, *J. Chem. Phys.* **73**, 1975 (1980).

☺ in principle large bath included in ansatz:  $H = H_{\text{bath}} + H_{\text{sys}} + H_{\text{int}}$

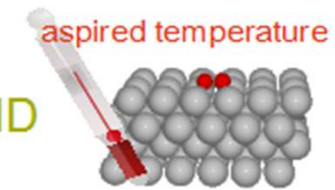
☹ **but:** in practice harmonic solid **and** approximations when integrating out bath degrees of freedom



- thermostats e.g. M. E. Tuckerman and G. J. Martyna, *J. Phys. Chem. B* **104**, 159 (2000).

☺ modified EOM allowing to sample **NVT** statistical properties via MD

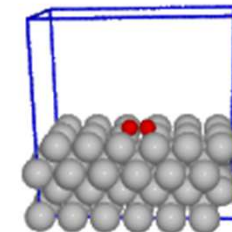
☹ **but:** single trajectories lose physical meaning



- *ab-initio* MD (AIMD) e.g. A. Groß, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **103**, 246101 (2009).

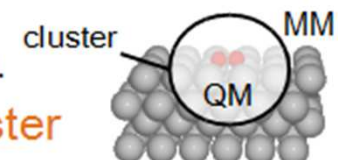
☺ substrate mobility described at *ab-initio* quality

☹ affordable supercell sizes (**PBCs!**) limits description of phonons

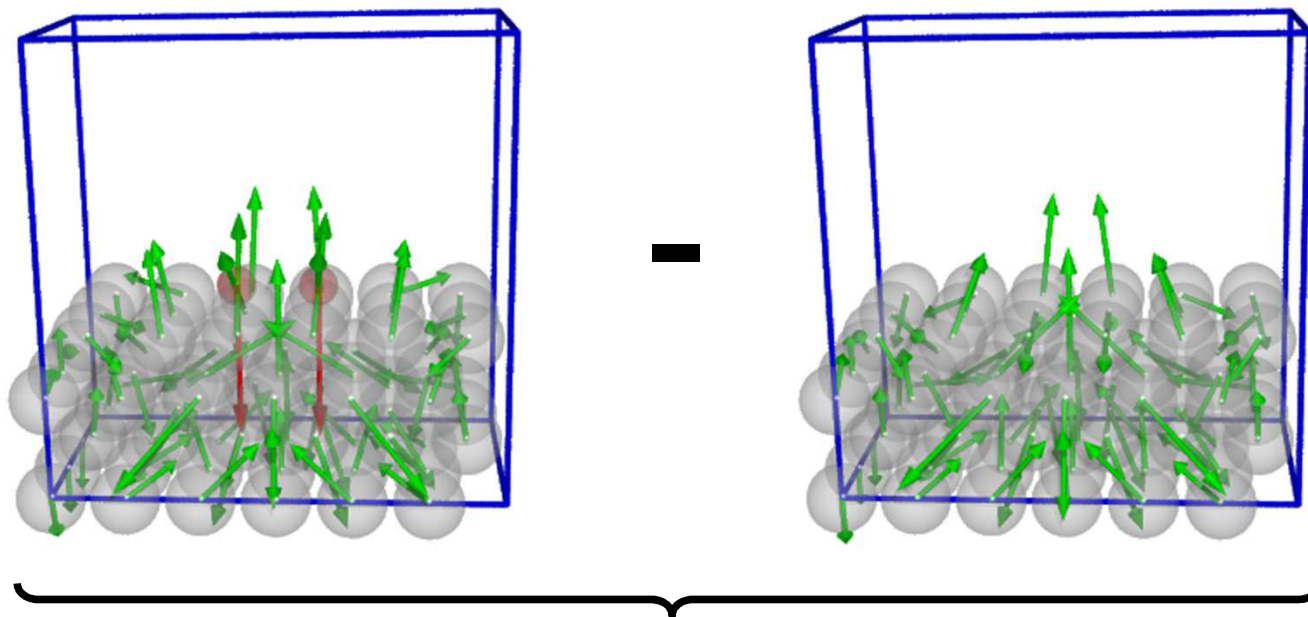


- QM/MM embedding e.g. C. Bo and F. Maseras, *Dalton Trans.* **2911** (2008).

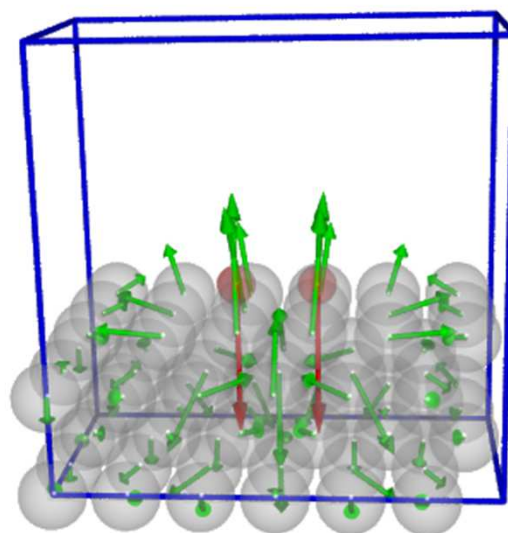
☹ metallic band structure cannot be mimicked by feasibly large cluster



# Exploiting locality: Elastic vs. chemical forces



**Adsorbate-induced forces  
very short ranged !**

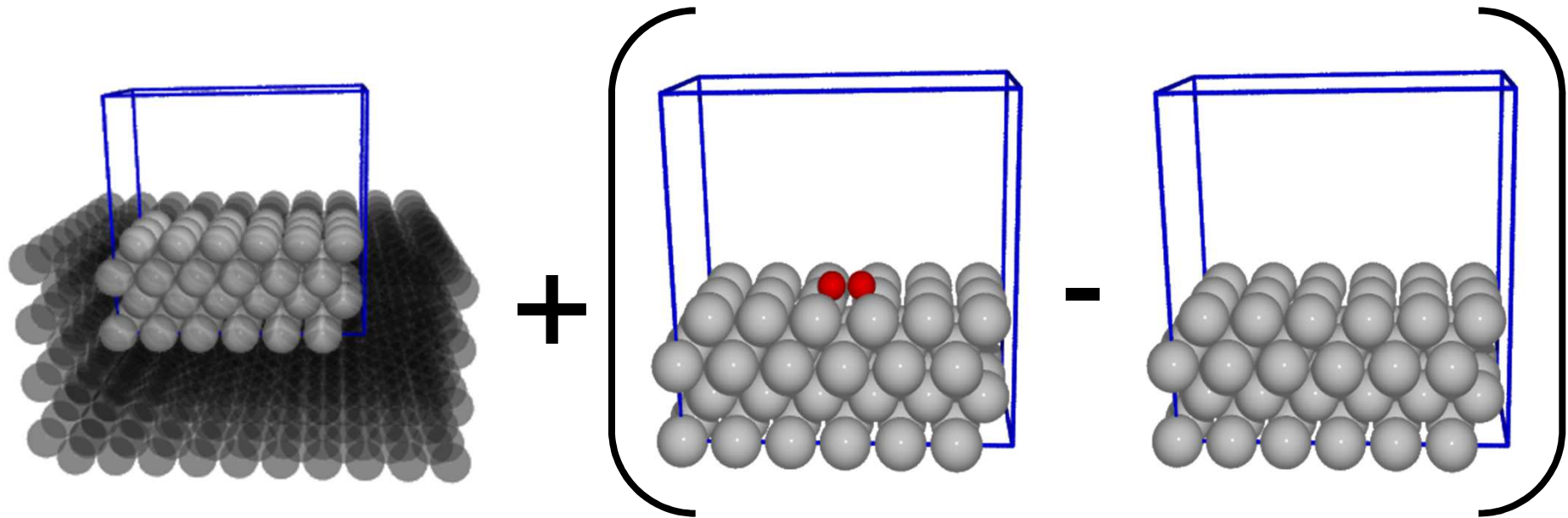


forces (eV/Å)

- 1.0
- 0.1
- 0.01



# QM/Me embedding



Large-scale MM MD

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with additional QM-force contributions

**DFT-parametrized MEAM**

**50x50x50 Pd atoms**

**LAMMPS**

**S. J. Plimpton, J. Comp. Phys. 117, 1 (1995)**

**DFT GGA/PBE**

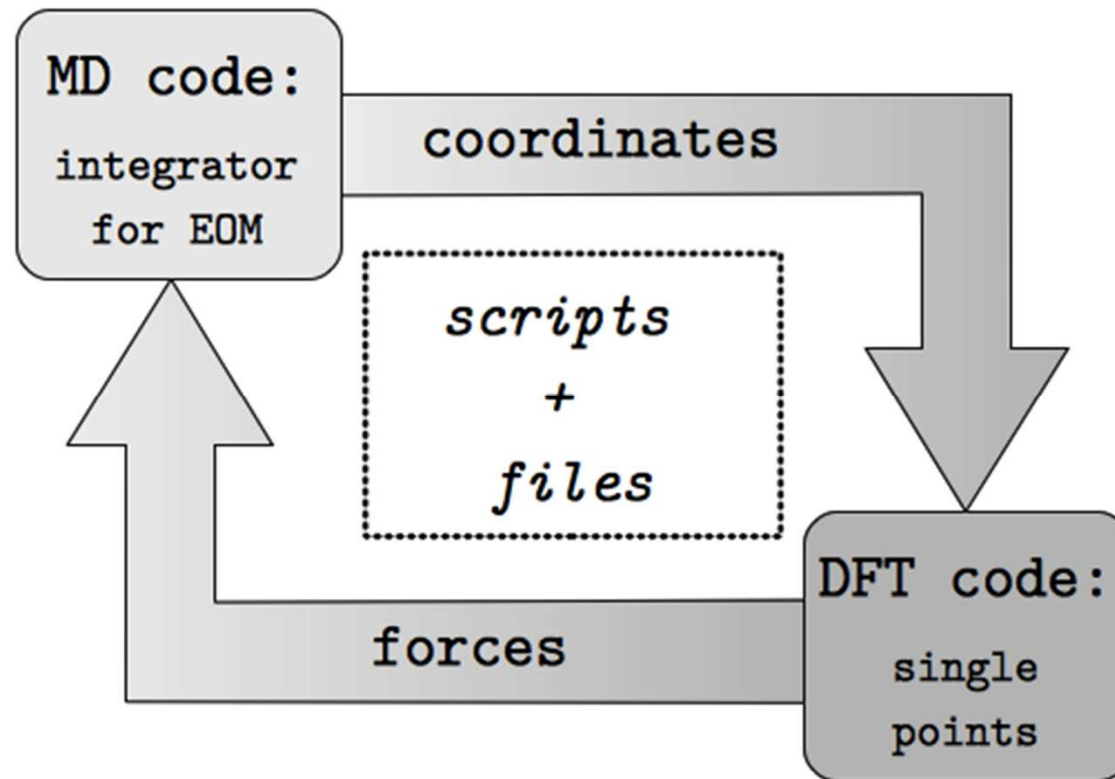
**6x3x4 (or 8x3x4) slabs**

**CASTEP**

**S.J. Clark *et al.*, Z. Kristallogr. 220, 567 (2005)**

# QM/Me in FHI-aims

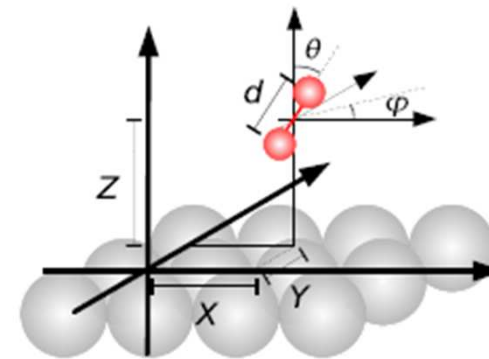
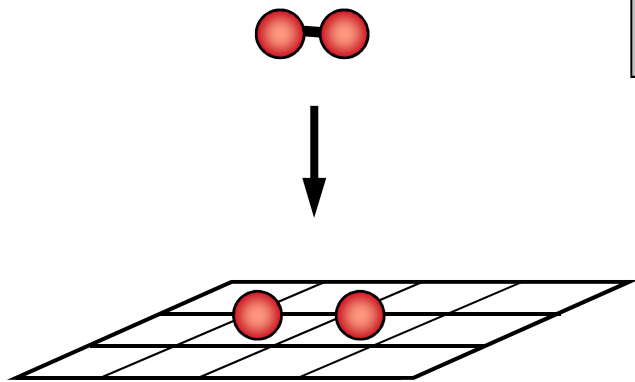
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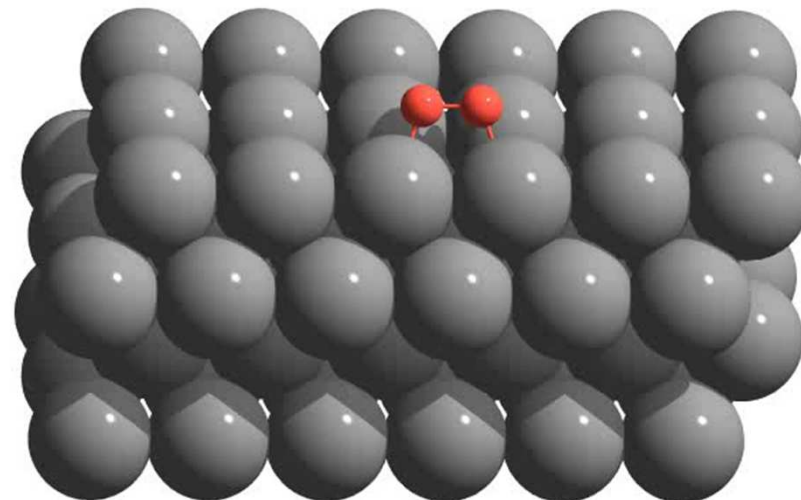
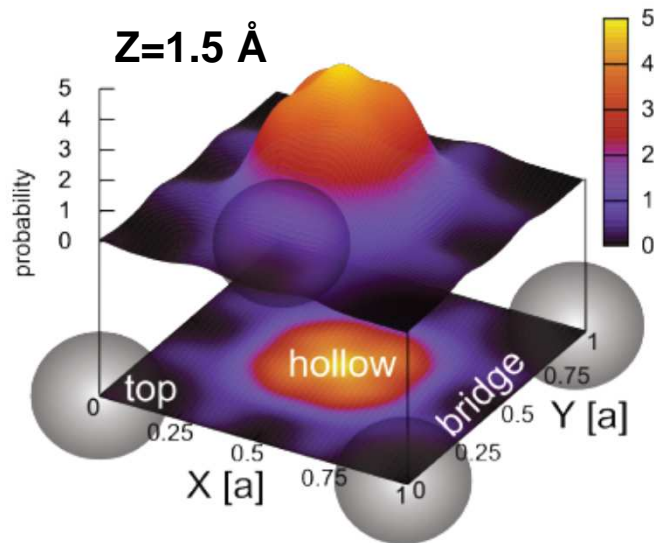
**talk to Jörg Meyer (tutorial on Tuesday)**

# Forget Markov: Hot adatoms are alive!

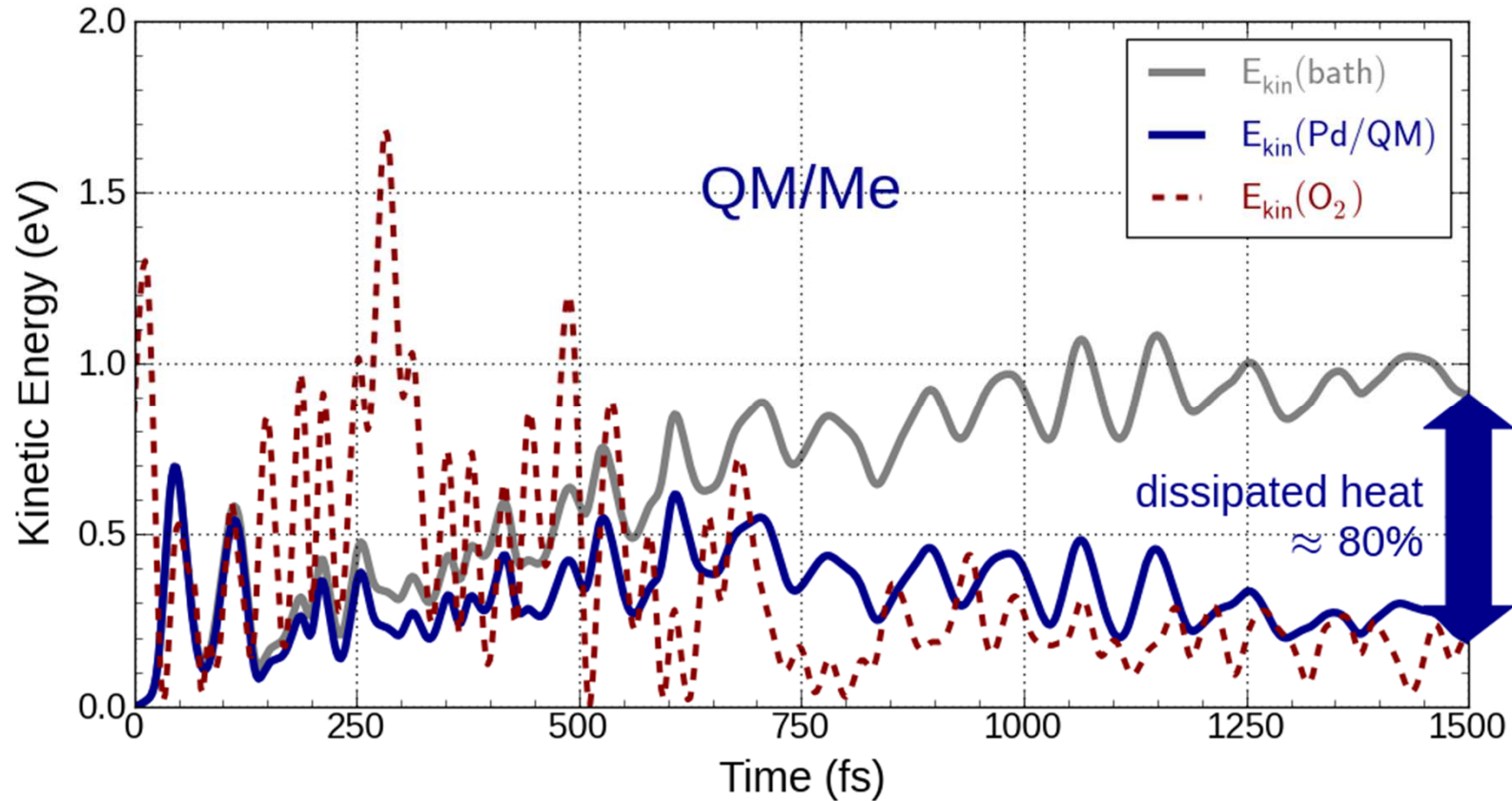
$$k = \tilde{S}_\circ(T) \frac{pA_{uc}}{\sqrt{2\pi mk_B T}}$$



$$V_{\text{fsa}} = (X, Y, Z, d, \theta, \varphi)$$

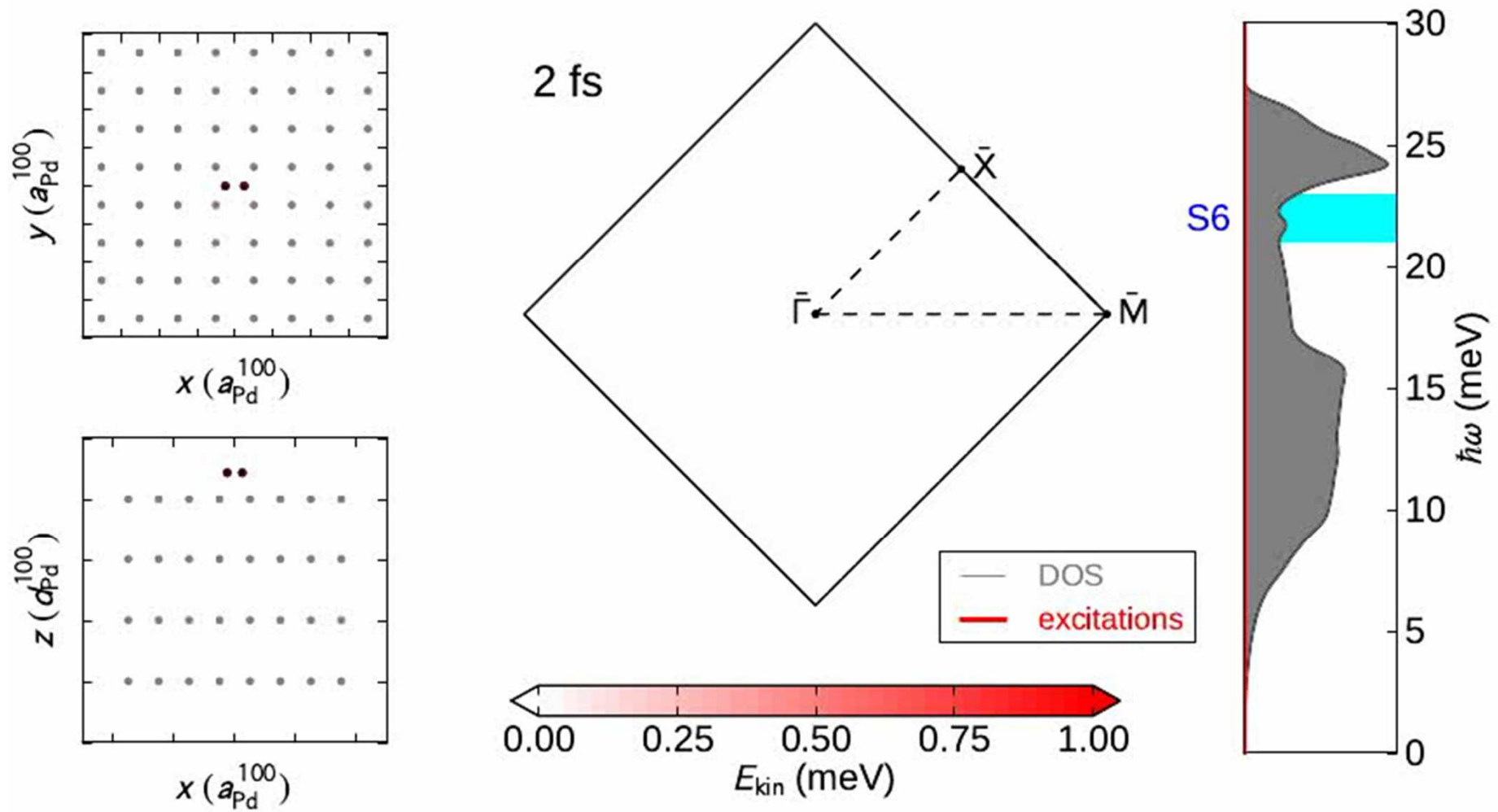


# Energy dissipation out of QM region



**Dominant fraction of released energy is dissipated out of QM-region on picosecond timescale**

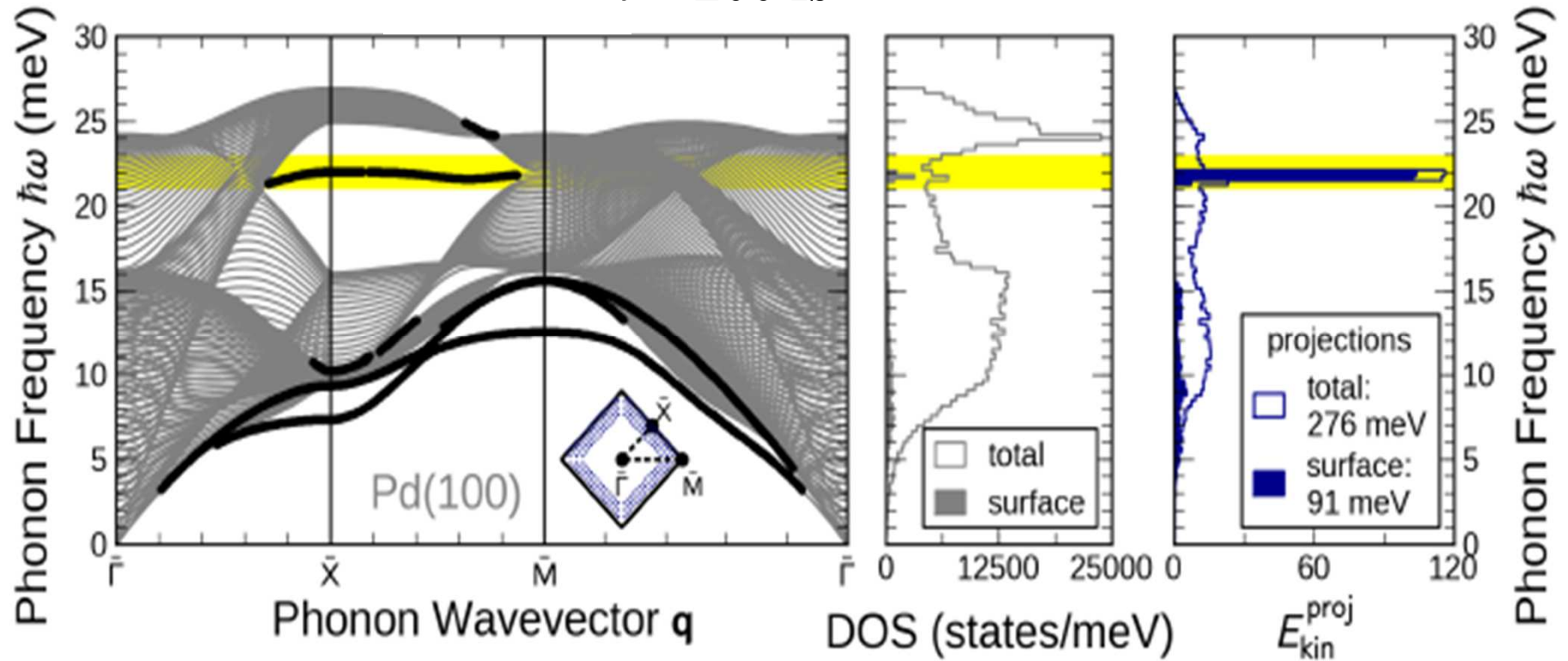
# Watching phonons getting all excited...





# The role of surface phonons

$t = 200$  fs



**Strong non-equilibrium population  
of non-Rayleigh surface phonon modes**



**Thanks so much!!!**



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