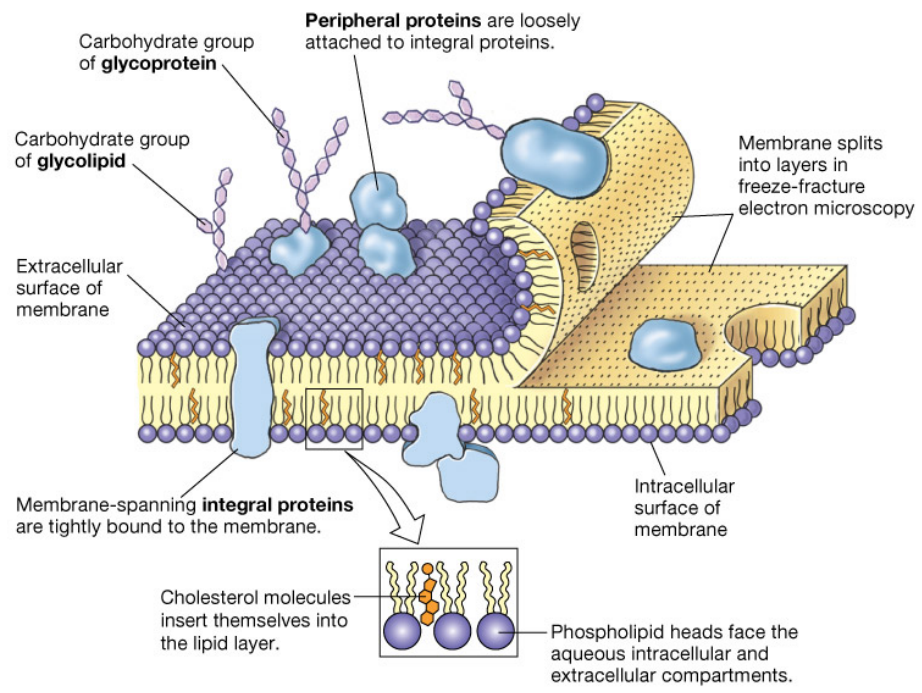
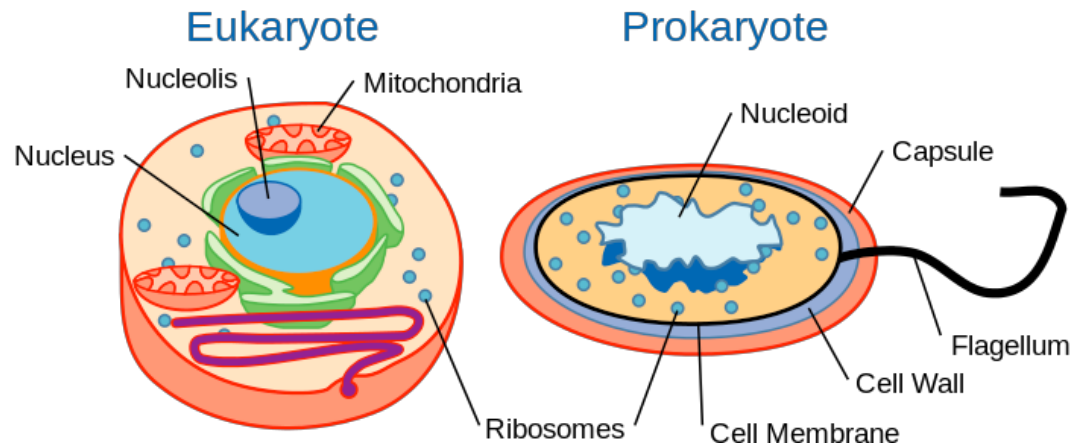


Membrane biophysics investigated by multiscale methods

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Cell Membrane

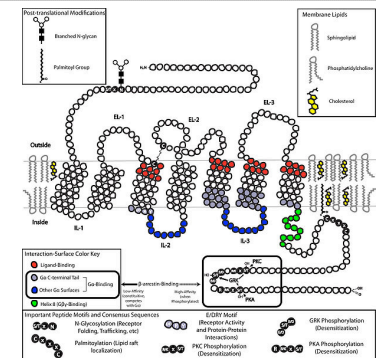
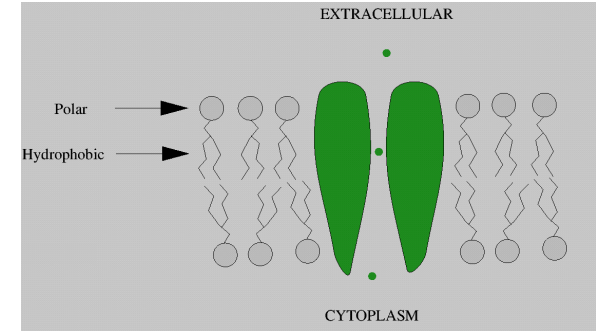
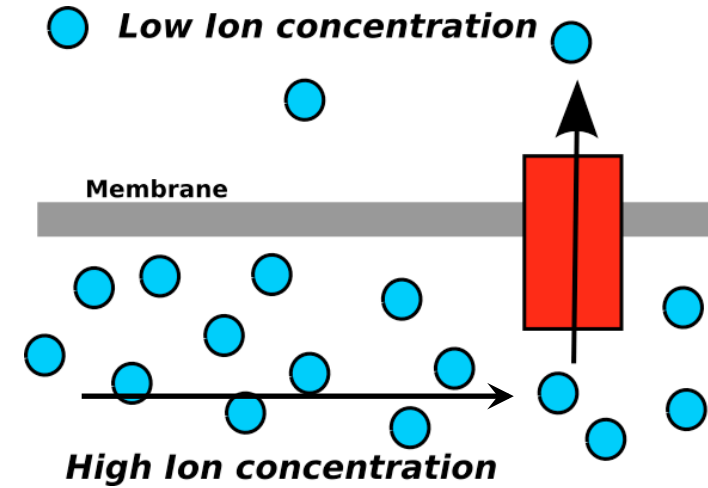


Ions and chemicals across and thru membranes

Proton Transfer

Metal Ion Transfer

Binding of chemicals



Lateral proton transfer: a minimalistic model

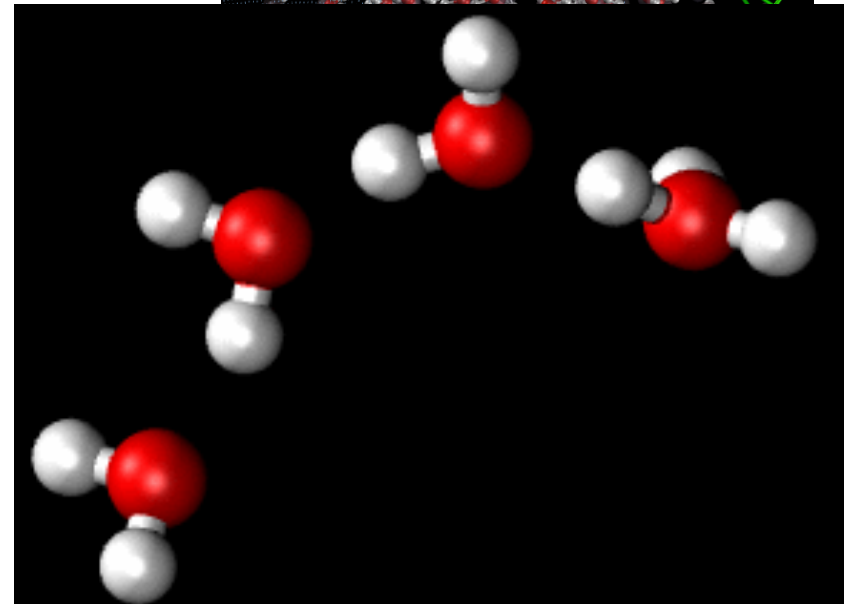
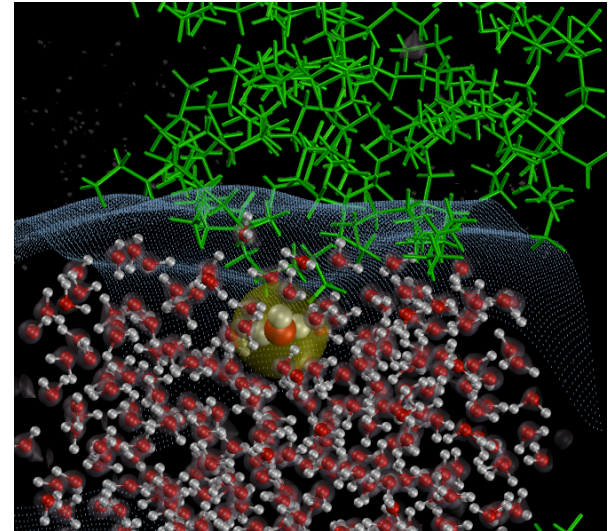
- Peter Pohl (University of Linz): escape free energy: 8.7 RT and $D = 5.7 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2\text{s}^{-1}$ for water/n-decane
- At water/vapor interface, *ab-initio MD* and MS-EVB simulations revealed the acidification of the top surface water layer as compared to bulk water

Petersen et al (2004) J Phys Chem B 108:14804-14806.
 Buch et al. Proc Natl Acad Sci USA 104: 7342-7347.
 Köfinger & Dellago C (2008) J Phys Chem B 112: 2349-2356.
 Lee & Tuckerman (2009) J Phys Chem A 113: 2144-2151.

- Free energy minima about 3 Å wide from the interface found in MS-EVB simulations at water/ carbon nanotubes and water/ CCl_4 interfaces

Dellago & Hummer G (2006). Phys Rev Lett 97:245901.
 Luchi et al. (2009) J Phys Chem B 113:4017-4030.

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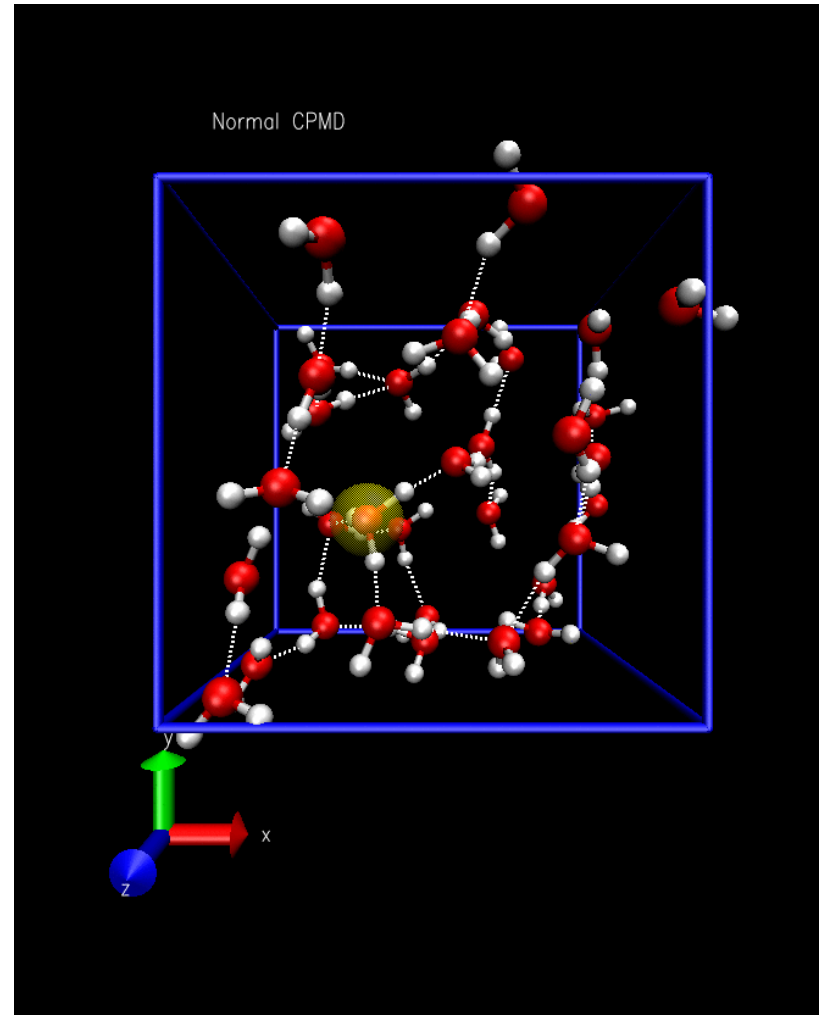


Ab initio MD simulations of Proton Transfer



*JUGENE, a 72-rack
IBM BlueGene/P
supercomputer at JSC
≈ 295.000 cores*

Marx D, Tuckerman ME, Hutter J,
Parrinello M (1999). *Nature* 397:601–604.
Park, Laio, Iannuzzi and Parrinello, *J. Am.
Chem. Soc.*, 2006, 128: 11318



Car-Parrinello molecular dynamics

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$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_i |\varphi_i(\mathbf{r})|^2$$

μ = fictitious mass Λ_{ij} = Lagrange multiplier

Car and Parrinello, Phys. Rev. Lett. 1985, 55: 2471

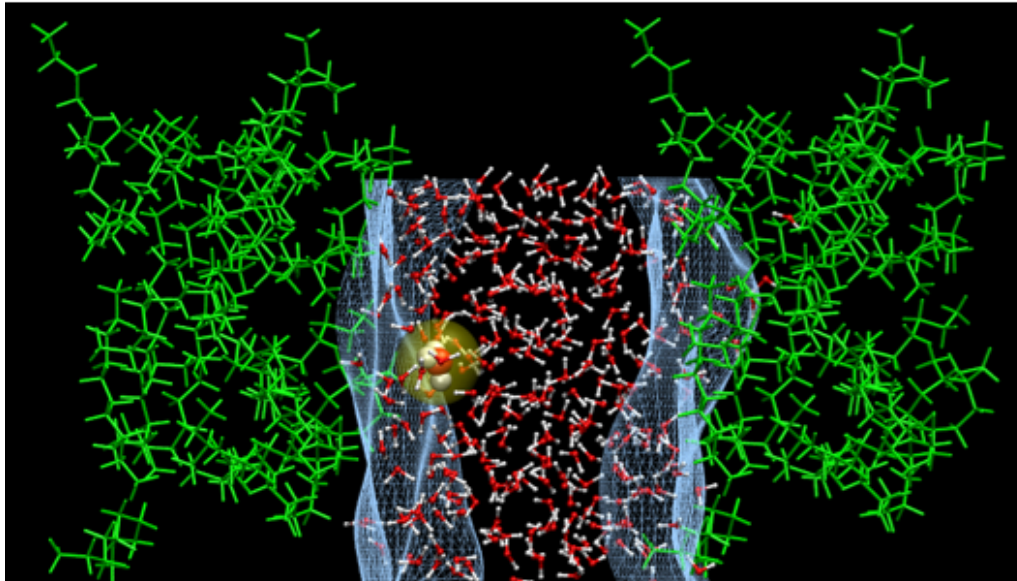
Car-Parrinello with Newton dynamics



light electrons are staying cool

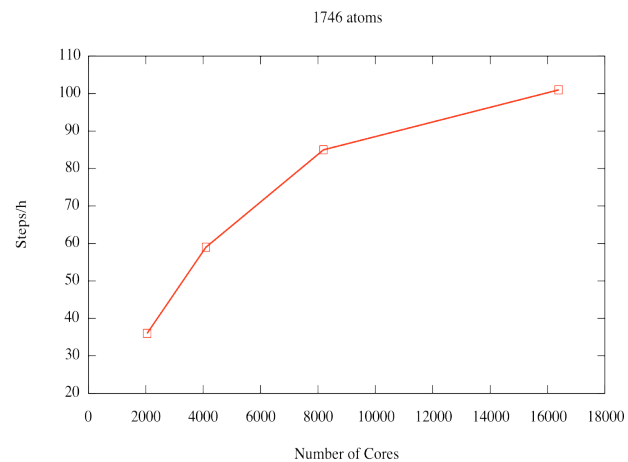
heavy electrons are getting hot

CPMD on a very large system



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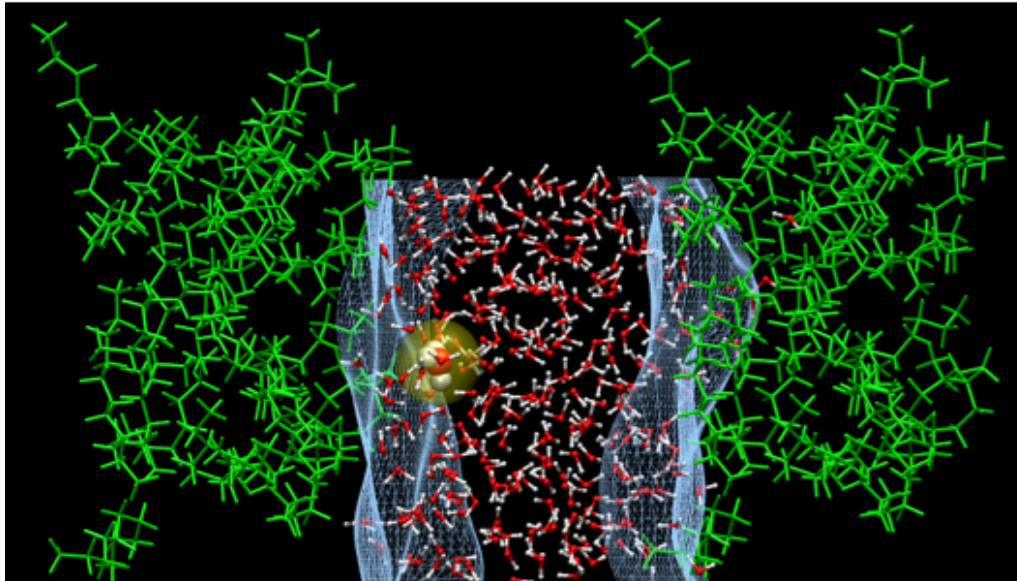
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 - 1 H⁺
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- CPMD - DFT/BLYP
- Plane-waves
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- www.cpmd.org

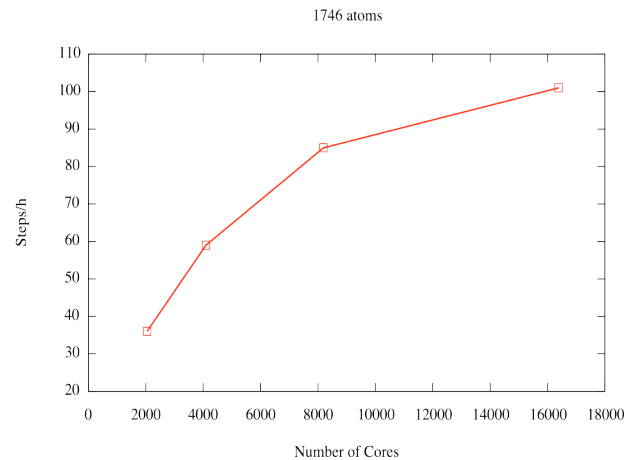
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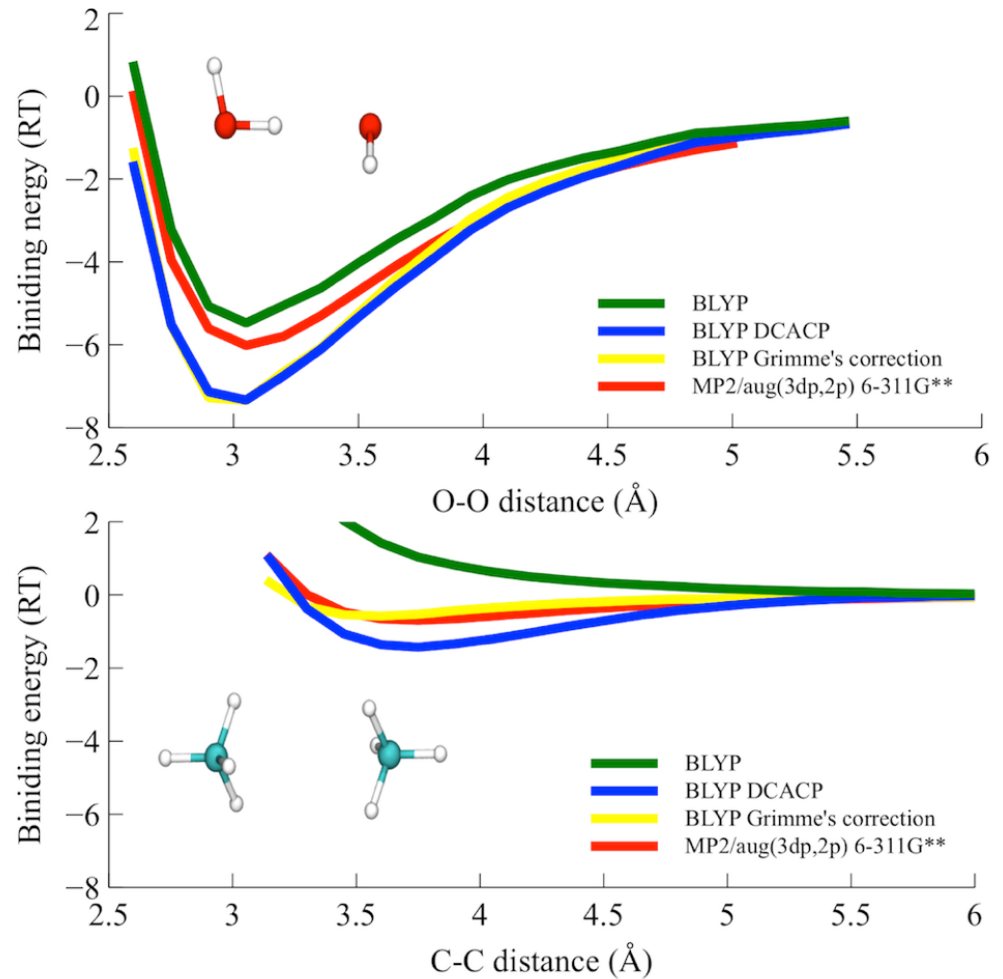
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- CPMD - DFT/BLYP
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- Empirical dispersion correction
(Grimme *J. Comp. Chem.* **2006**, 27, 1787.)

Balancing computer efficiency and accuracy

Grimme's correction for the dispersion forces

Grimme (2004) J Comput Chem 25:1463-1473.



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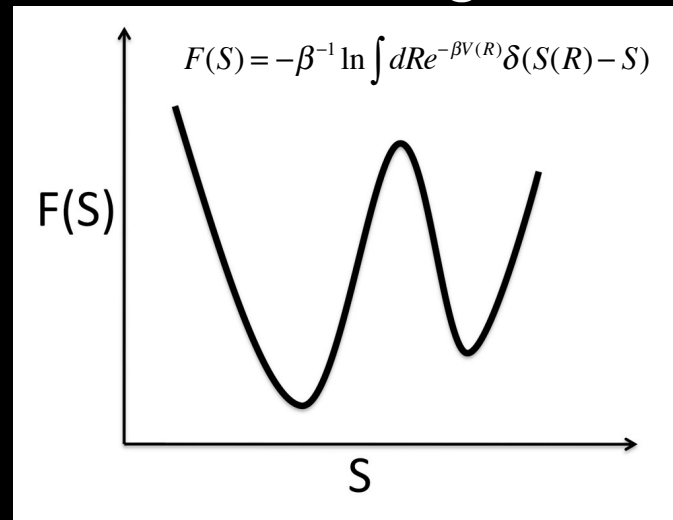
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Dynamics

$$D = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{6t} \sum_I \langle |\mathbf{R}_I(t) - \mathbf{R}_I(0)|^2 \rangle$$

Energetics



S = collective variable

Enhanced sampling method: Metadynamics

$$V_{bias}(s,t) = \sum_{t'=\tau, 2\tau, \dots < t} w \exp\left(-\frac{(s - s(t'))^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

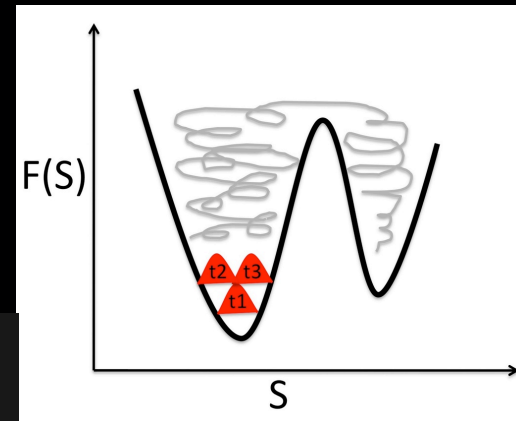
w = hill width

σ = hill height

$$F(S) \simeq -\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} V_{bias}(s,t) + C$$

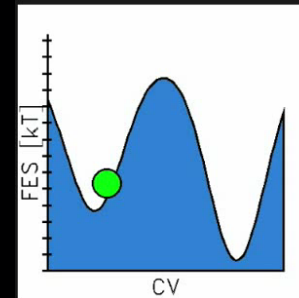
Laio and Parrinello (2002), *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci USA*, 99: 12562

Leone et al. *Curr. Op. Struct. Biol.* 2010

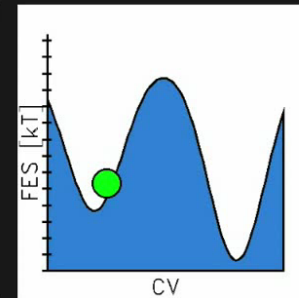


no metadynamics

plain metadynamics



CV

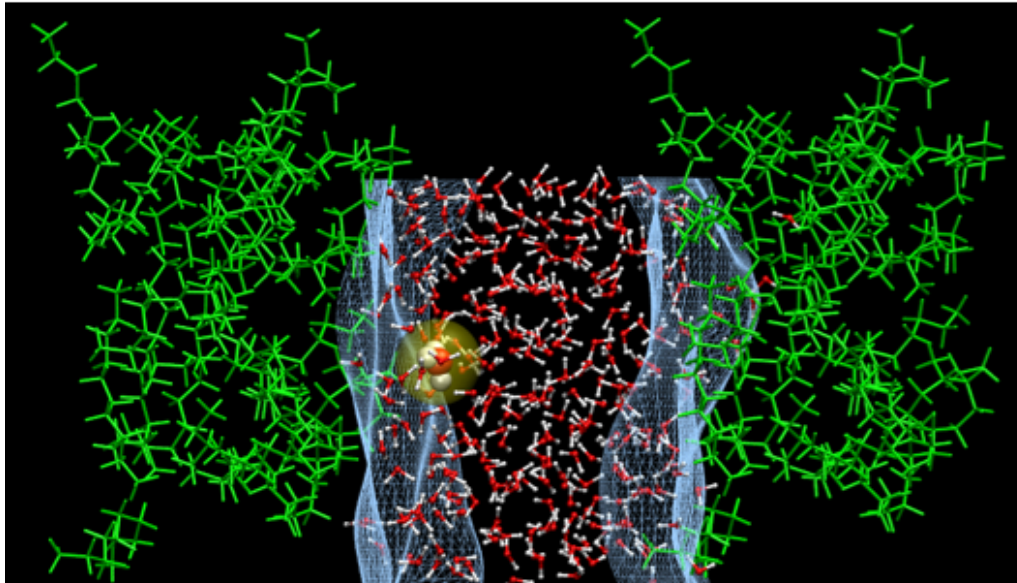


CV

Laio and Parrinello,
PNAS (2002)

movies by Giovanni Bussi

CPMD-Metadynamics on a very large system

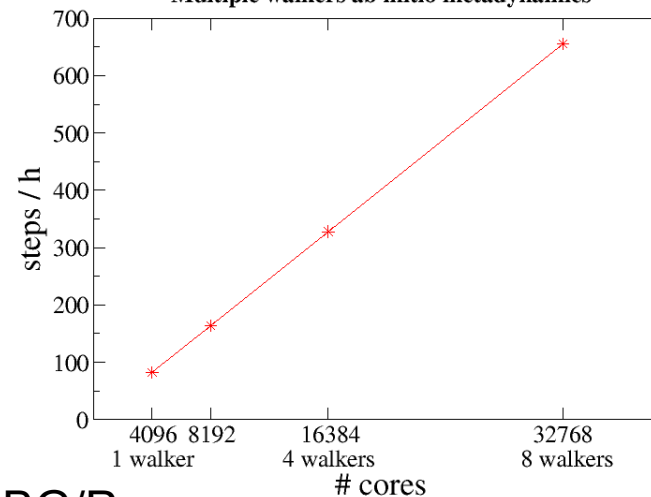


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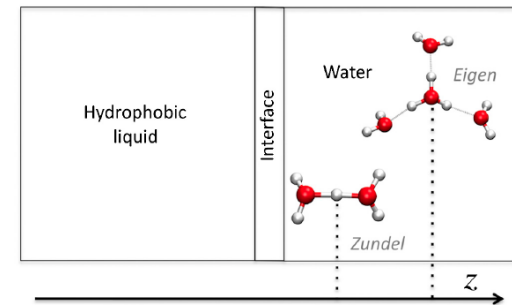
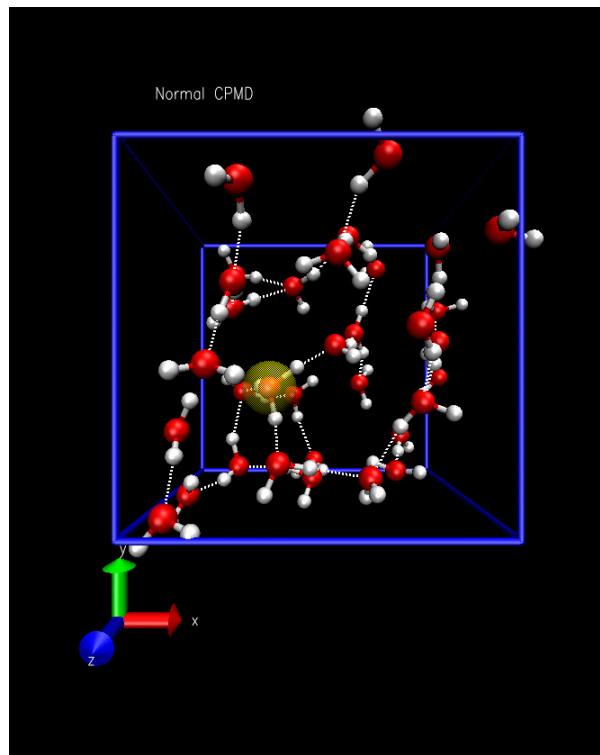
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Benchmark Scaling Multiple walkers ab initio metadynamics



Collective variable S



coordination number for oxygen atoms

$$n_i = \sum_{j \in \{H_w\}} n(r_{ij})$$

$$n(r_{ij}) = \frac{1 - \left(\frac{r_{ij} - d_0}{r_0}\right)^6}{1 - \left(\frac{r_{ij} - d_0}{r_0}\right)^{12}}$$

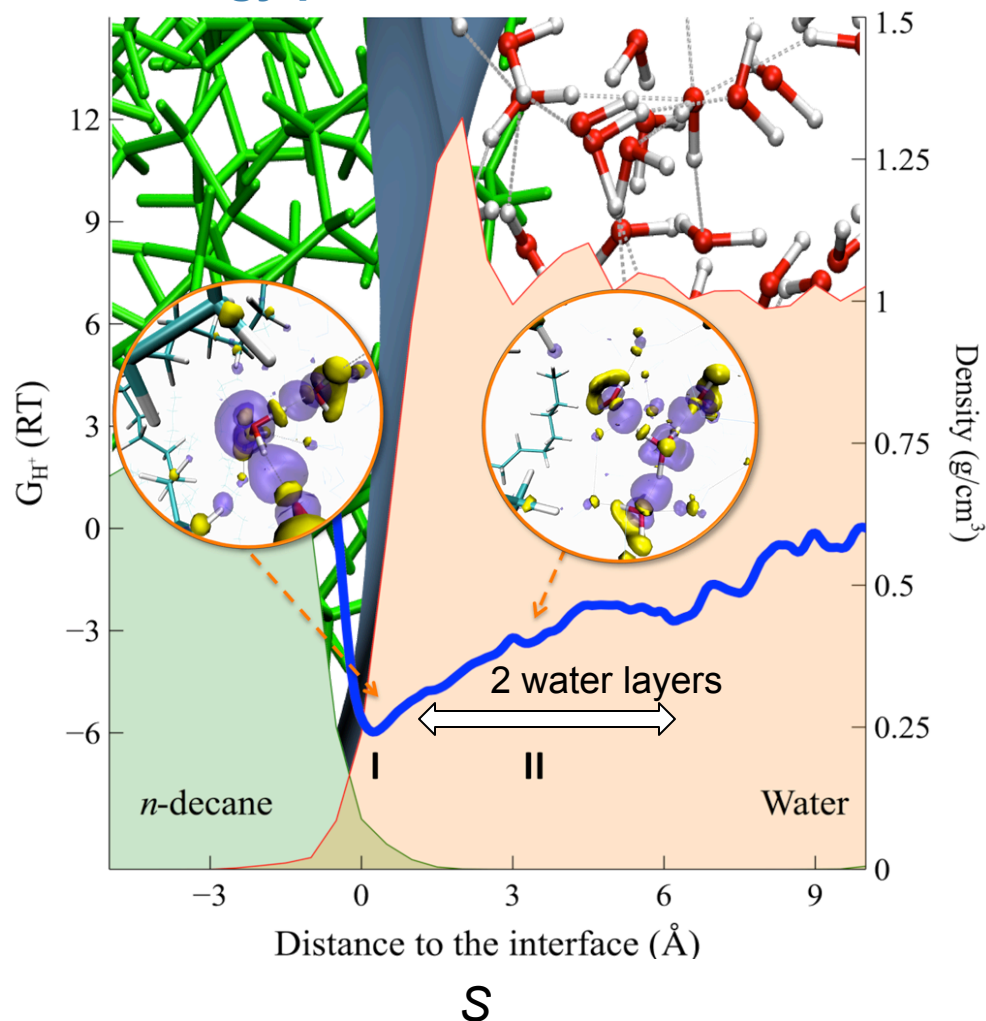
$$S = \frac{\sum_{i \in \{O_w\}} z_i e^{\lambda n_i}}{\sum_{i \in \{O_w\}} e^{\lambda n_i}}$$

Average of oxygen atom "weighted" positions = position of the excess proton

Park, Laio, Iannuzzi and Parrinello, J. Am. Chem. Soc., 2006, 128: 11318
 Zhang, Knyazev, Vereshchaga, Ippoliti, Nguyen, Carloni and Pohl. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci USA, 2012, 109: 9744.

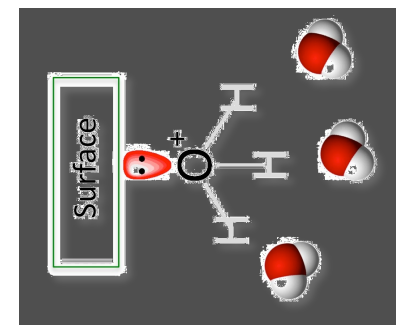
Free energy as a function of S

Free energy profile



75 ps-long CPMD-based on metadynamics at 310 K.
 G function of the distance from the excess proton to the water/ n -decane instantaneous interface.

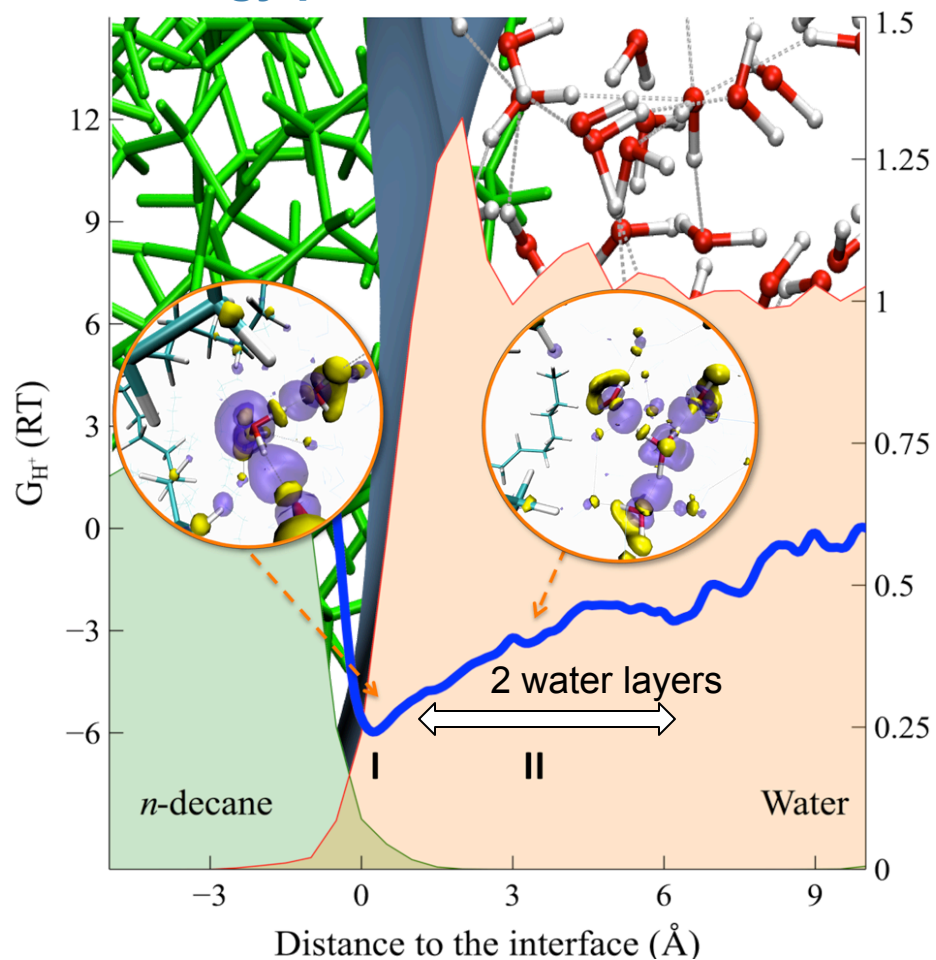
Wide minimum within 6 \AA from the hydrophobic surface with a depth of about $6 RT$



Kudin, Car *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2008**, *130*, 3915.

Free energy as a function of S

Free energy profile



Free energy barrier

	$\Delta G_{H^+}^\ddagger$
CPMD	6 +/- 2 RT
Exp.	8.7 RT

-Presence of a minimum consistent with P. Pohl's experiments and with EVB

-Minimum wider than that of EVB

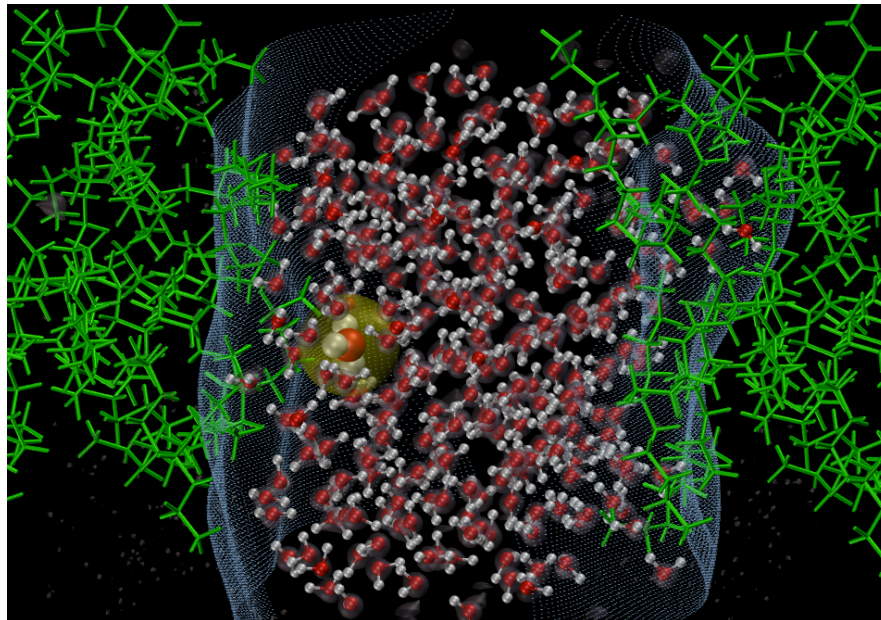
Luchi et al. *J. Phys. Chem. B* **2009**, 113, 4017.

Park, Laio, Iannuzzi and Parrinello, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2006, 128: 11318

S

Excess proton at water/decane interface

Diffusion coefficient



Method	$D \times 10^{-5} \text{cm}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$
CPMD	8 ± 2
Exp.	5.7 ± 0.7

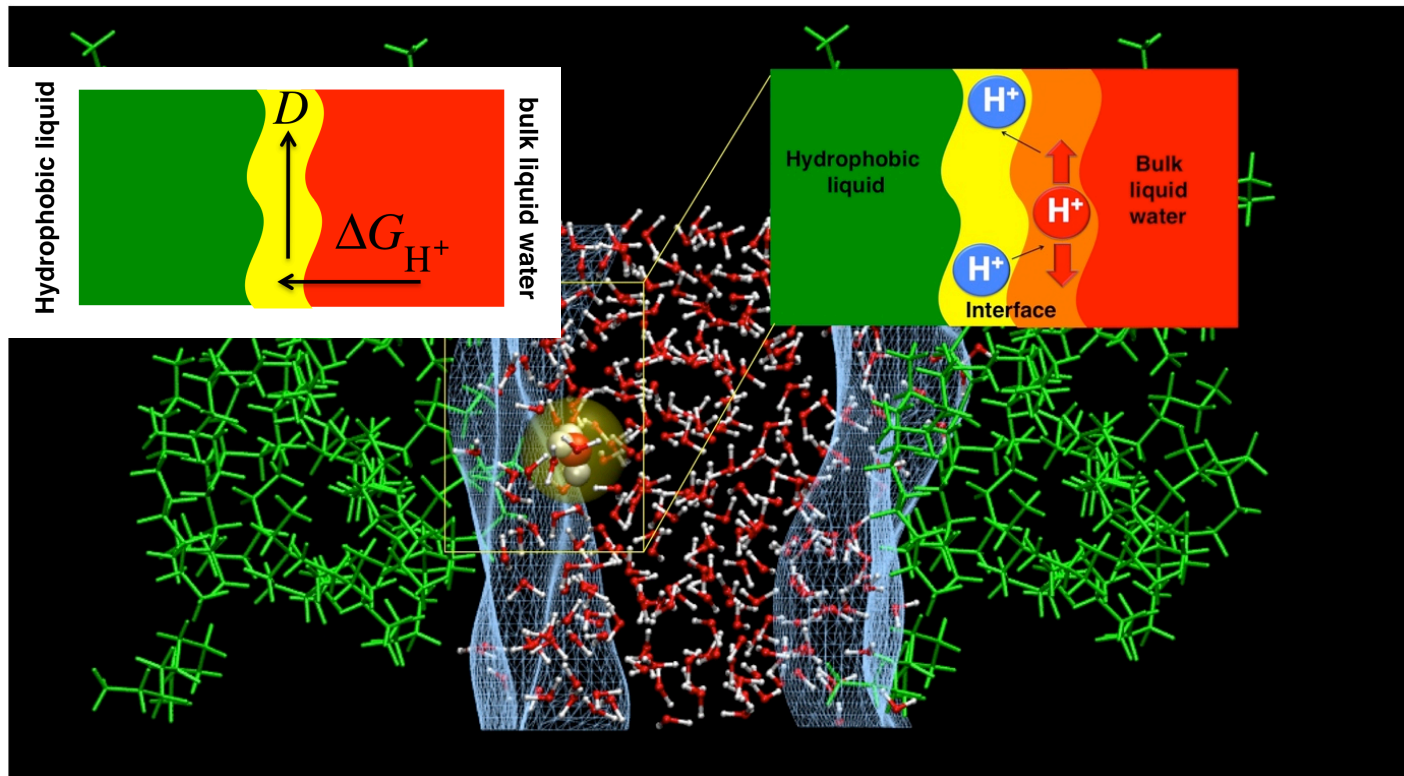
- Fast diffusion of 2nd layer of interfacial water molecules

Limitations and conclusions

1. Model contains neither ions nor buffer molecules. However, varying the concentration of both kinds of molecules in the experimental system did not altered significantly the measured quantities
2. XC functional
3. Convergence issues/ collective variables
4. System size

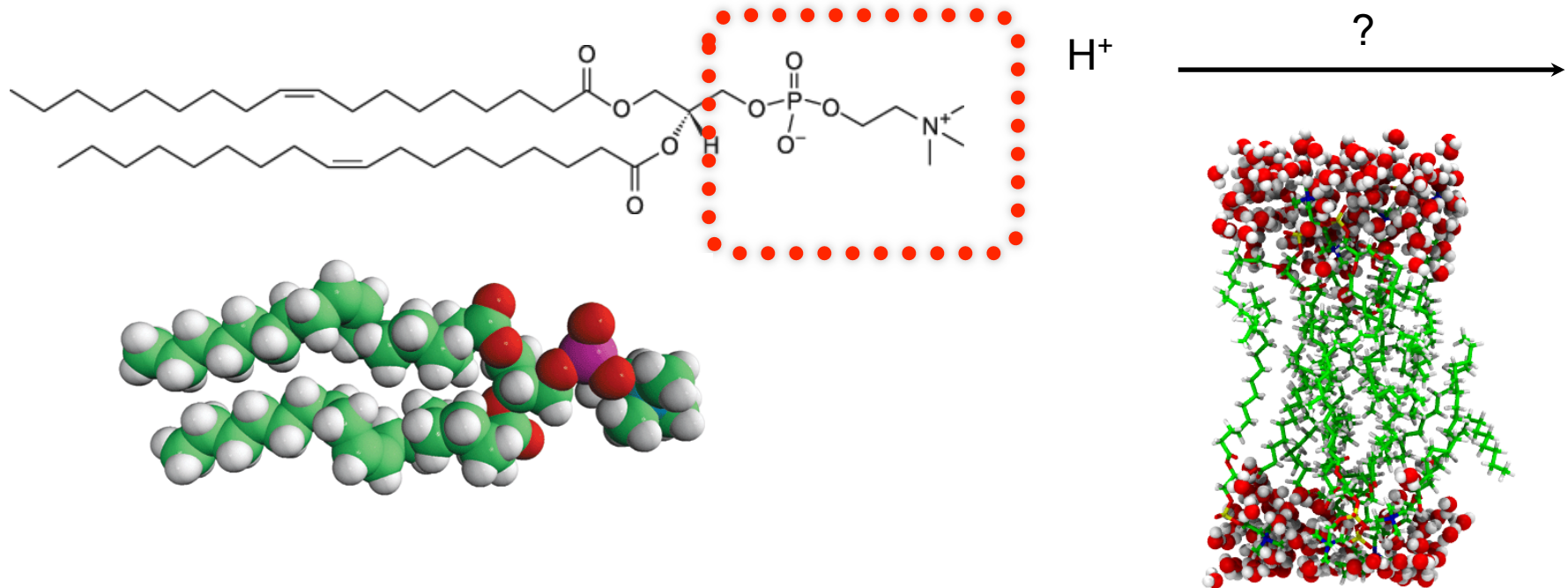
Fast diffusion is an intrinsic properties of hydrophobic liquid/water interfaces, where proton may be present in more than one layer

Diffusive proton at the second interfacial water layer



Protons located at the second interfacial water layer from the surface migrate very quickly and yet experience sufficient attractive forces to prevent release to the bulk water

In progress



- EVB Escape free energy 6.7-8.3 RT
Yamashita T, Voth GA (2010). J Phys Chem B 114: 592-603.

- $D = 4-6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ for membrane
Springer et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci USA, 2011, 108, 14461.

<http://www.prace-ri.eu/PRACE-5thRegular-Call>

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PROMEMB - Why is proton migration so fast at the lipid membrane interface? An ab initio molecular dynamics study.

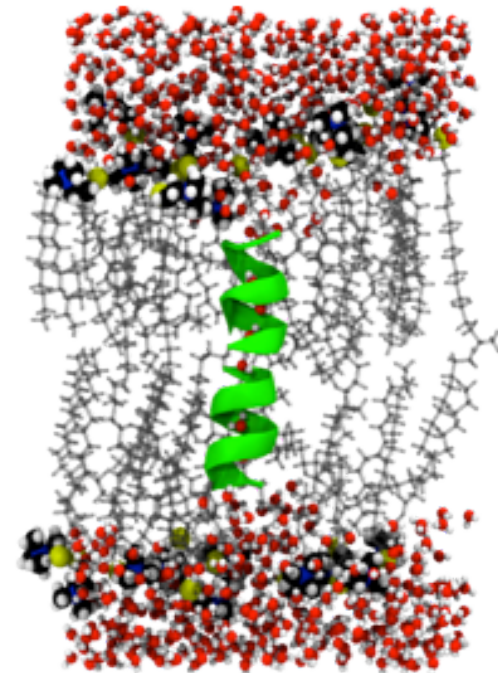
Proton@Gramicidin A

Peptide from soil bacterium *Bacillus Brevis*;
Antibiotic against gram-positive bacteria;
Fastest H⁺ channel, the rate is up to 2×10^9 H⁺ s⁻¹.

Two pentadecapeptides with alternating D- and L-amino acids forming beta-helix;

Pore radius of about 3 Å

Peptide carbonyl groups pointing inwards.



What is the physical basis for fast proton permeation ?

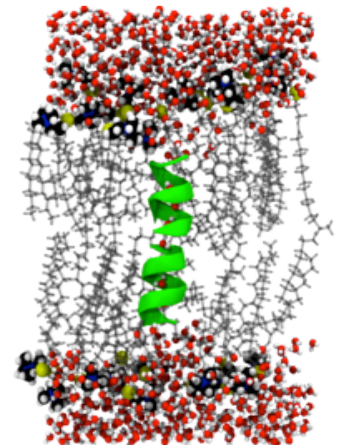
Physical basis of fast proton permeation by empirical calculations

1. Water chain reorganization [1]
2. Desolvation electrostatic energy [2]
3. Local ordering of interfacial water molecules at the membrane [3].

[1] Roux, *Acc. Chem. Res.* 2002, 35: 366.

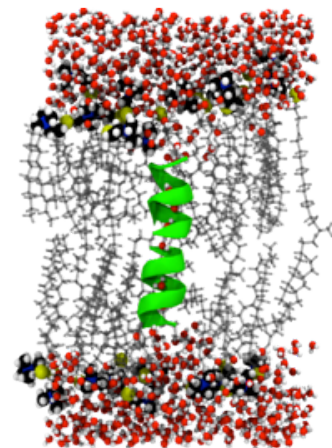
[2] Braun-Sand, Burykin, Chu and Warshel, *J. Phys. Chem. B* 2005, 109: 583.

[3] Qin, Tepper and Voth, *J. Phys. Chem. B* 2007, 111: 9931.



The dipole potential

Alignment of the dipolar residues of the lipids and the partial alignment of water molecules at the membrane/solvent interface. It reflects the electrostatic potential difference at the dielectric mismatched membrane and water regions.



Wang, L. *Ann. Rev. Biochem.* **2012**, *81*, 615. .

The dipole potential

Experimentally

Membrane	$[H^+]_{\text{bulk}}$ [M]	G_{H^+} [pS]	ΔV_{DP} [V]
GMO	0.1	~190	0.100 ± 0.009
	1.0	~1000	0.100 ± 0.009
DPhPC	0.1	~200	0.228 ± 0.005
	1.0	789 ± 12	0.228 ± 0.005
DPPC	1.0	664 ± 38	0.243 ± 0.004
DOPC	1.0	660 ± 9	0.275

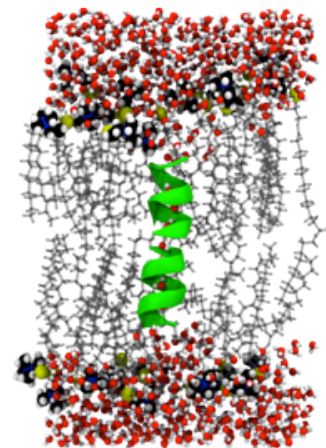
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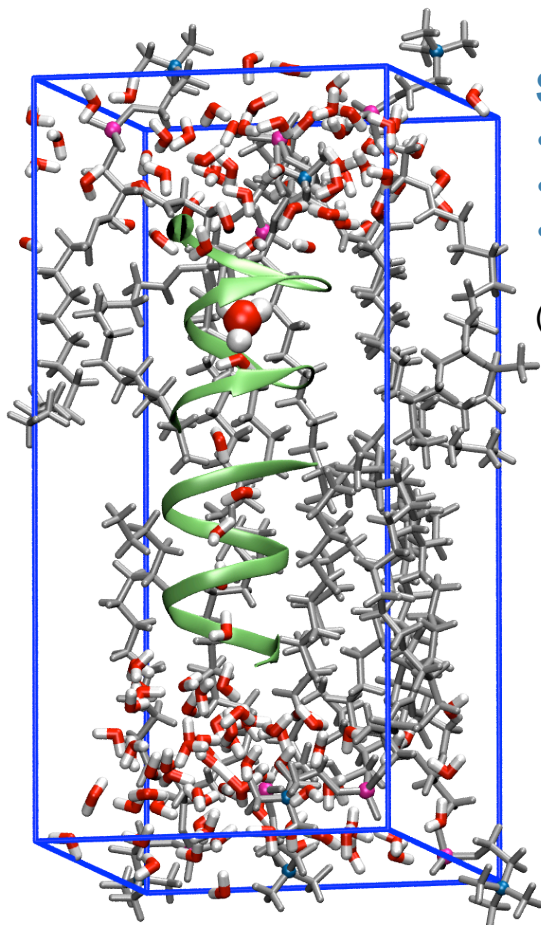
Theoretically:

Induced polarization effects – lacking in semi-empirical approaches – have been suggested to be an indispensable ingredient of dipole potentials

Harder, E.; MacKerell, A. D.; Roux, B. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2009**, *131*, 2760.

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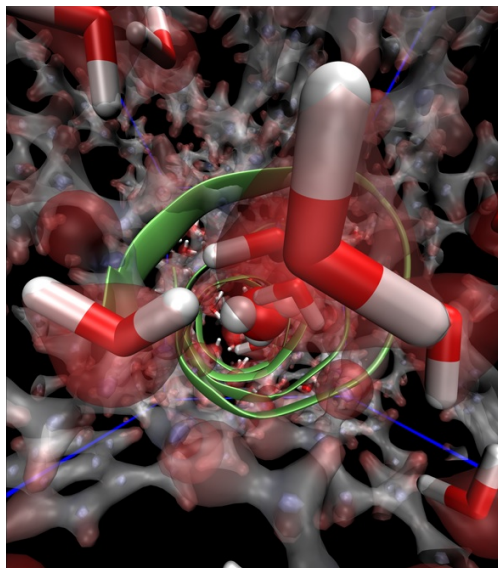




System

- Gramicidin A dimer: 552 atoms
 - Lipid bilayer: 8 DMPC molecules (exp. ratio): 944 atoms
 - 138 water molecules: 414 atoms
- = 1911 atoms total

(7-9 water molecules inside the channel)



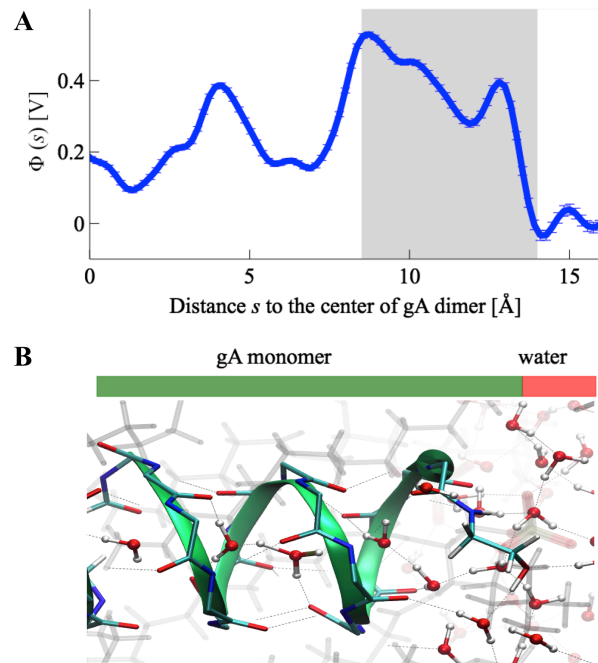
Electronic density

Method

- Density functional theory (BLYP)
- Plane-wave basis set
- Pseudopotentials
- Empirical dispersion corrections (Grimme *J. Comp. Chem.* **2006**, 27, 1787.)

<http://www.prace-project.eu/>

Results: The dipole Potential



1. Calculated free energy barrier is located at the channel entrance. Consistent with experiment

2. Membrane dipole potential (~ 0.4 V) rises at the channel mouth. Consistent with the experimentally observed increase of the proton permeation rate in the presence of a transmembrane voltage

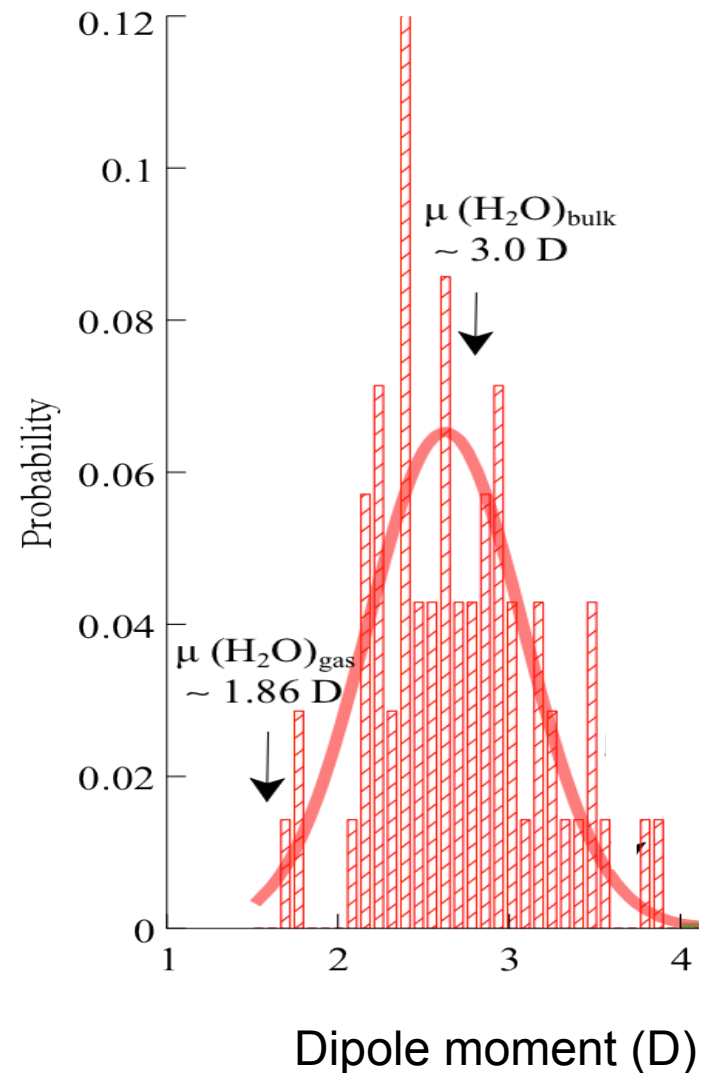
$$\Phi(s) = \frac{1}{A} \iiint d^3\mathbf{r} \langle \Phi(\mathbf{r}) \delta(d(\mathbf{r}) - s) \rangle$$

Decoursey, *Physiol. Rev.* 83, 475 (2003)

Results: Water molecules' electronic structure

1. Point charge model in commonly used force fields cannot capture the intricate changes of waters' electronic structure to a varying highly polar environment
2. Aqueous-like environment
Indeed, the water averaged dipole moments are similar to those of pure bulk water, as measured by X-ray and neutron scattering experiments (2.9 ± 0.6 D) and ab initio MD water

Silvestrelli, P. L.; Parrinello, M. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **1999**, *82*, 3308.



Conclusions and Limitations

Findings consistent with the available experimental data
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channel mouth. This provides an explanation for the fact that the rate of
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transmembrane potential.

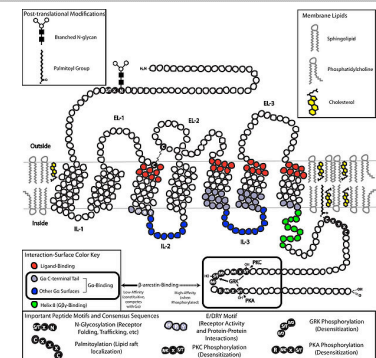
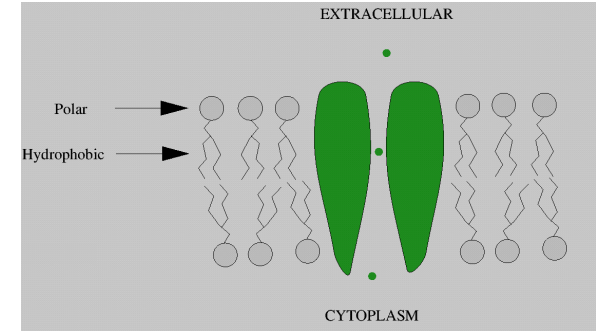
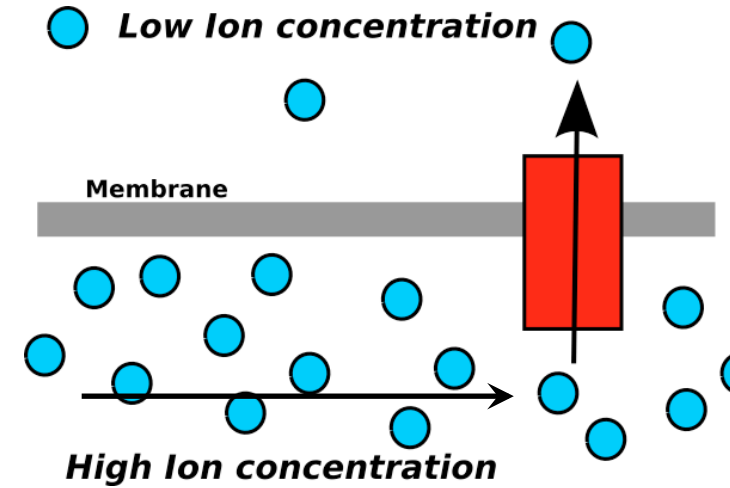
Size of the system
BLYP calculations
nuclear quantum effects
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Ions and chemicals across And thru membranes

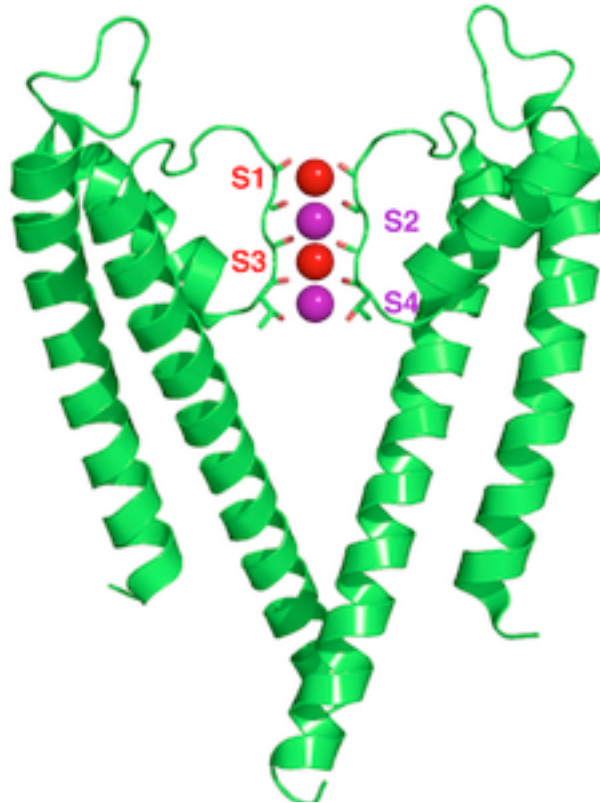
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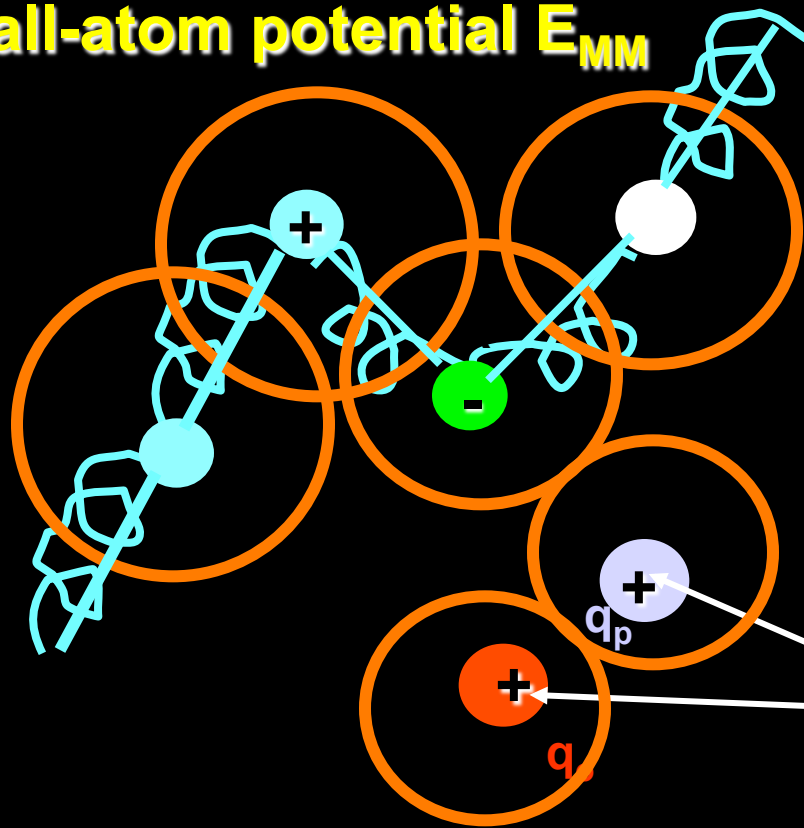
The KcsA K⁺ channel



$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}\mu \sum_i \int d\mathbf{r} \dot{\phi}_i^*(\mathbf{r}) \dot{\phi}_i(\mathbf{r}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_I M_I \dot{\mathbf{R}}_I^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{I'} M_{I'} \dot{\mathbf{R}}_{I'}^2 - E_{MM} - E_{QM/MM} - E_{QM} + \sum_{i,j} \Lambda_{i,j} \left(\int d\mathbf{r} \phi_i^*(\mathbf{r}) \phi_j(\mathbf{r}) - \delta_{i,j} \right)$$

$$E_{QM} = E_{KS}[\phi_i, \mathbf{R}_I]$$

The all-atom potential E_{MM}

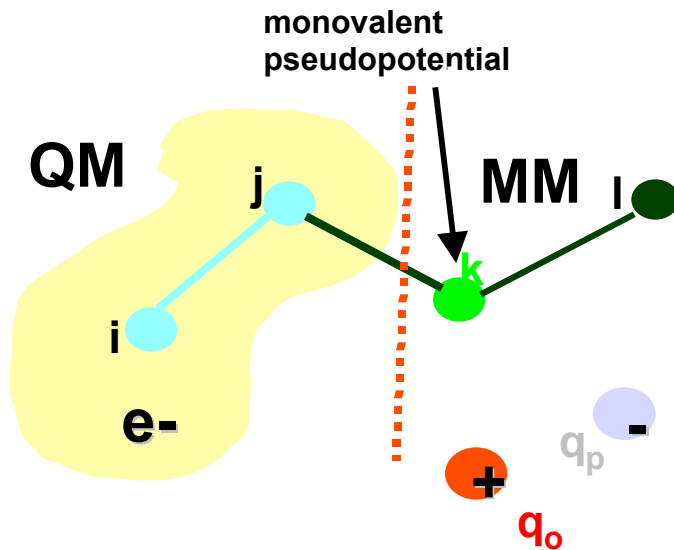


**effective point
charge interaction**

$$E = \sum_b \frac{1}{2} k_b (r_{ij} - b_0)^2 + \sum_{\theta} \frac{1}{2} k_{\theta} (\theta_{ijk} - \theta_0)^2 + \sum_{\phi} \sum_n k_n [1 + \cos(n\phi_{ijkh} - \phi_0)]$$

$$+ \sum_{lm} \frac{q_l q_m}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{lm}} + \sum_{op} 4\epsilon \left[\left(\frac{\sigma}{r_{op}} \right)^{12} - \left(\frac{\sigma}{r_{op}} \right)^6 \right]$$

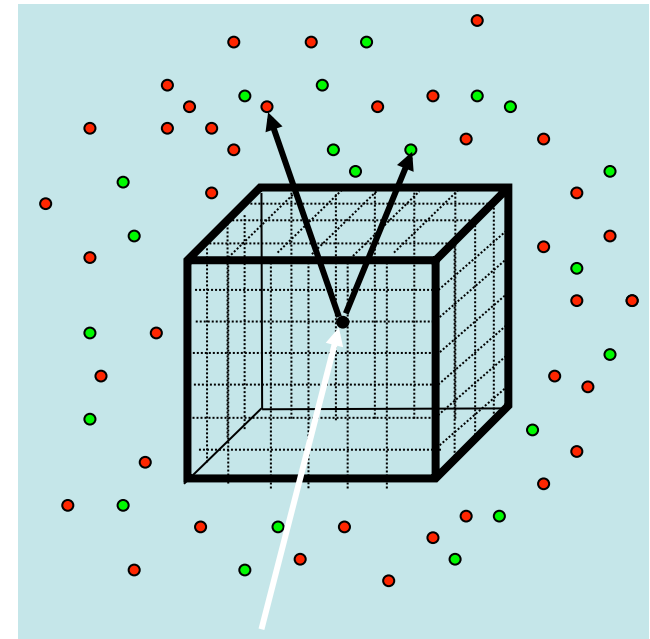
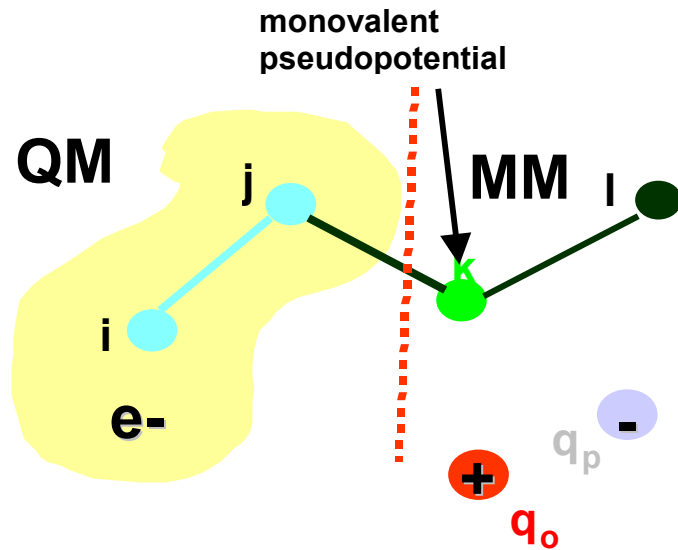
$E_{\text{QM/MM}}$: Bonded Interactions



MM atoms/QM atoms bonds: monovalent pseudopotentials

Angle bending and dihedral distortions: Classical force field

E_{QM/MM}: Non bonded Interactions

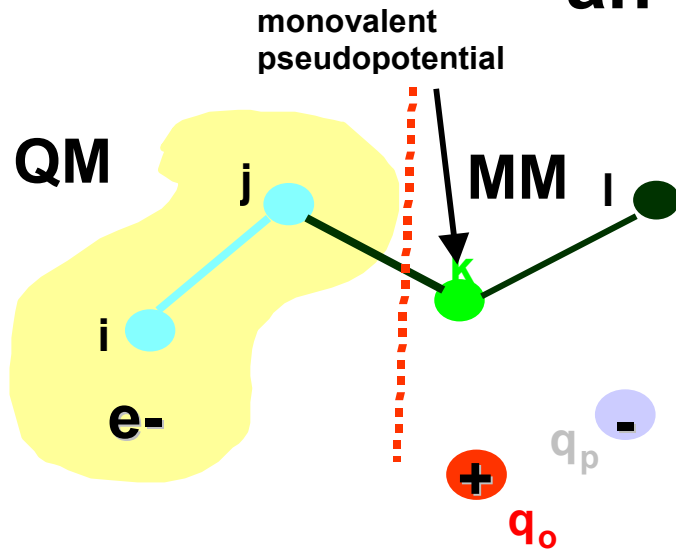


$$E_{QM/MM}^{st} = \sum_{I \in MM} q_I \int dr \rho(r) / |r - R_I| + \sum_{\substack{I \in MM \\ J \in QM}} v_{vdw}(R_{IJ})$$

1- Electron density is overpolarized at short range: *electron spill-out* problem

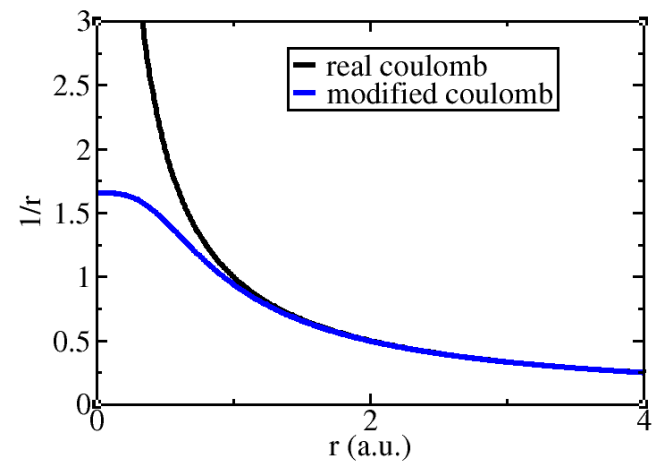
2- # operations $\sim N_{rsgrid} \times N_{MM} \sim 1,000 \times 10,000$

1-Spill out: Replacing the Coulomb potential with an *ad hoc* function



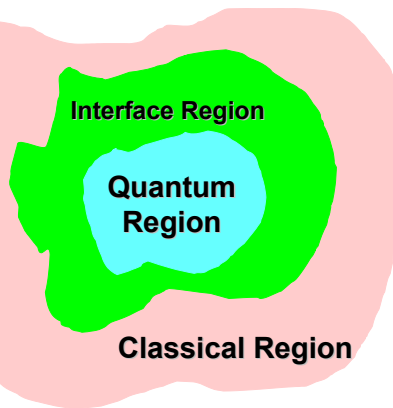
$$E_{QM/MM}^{ele} = \sum_{i \in MM} q_i \int dr \rho(r) v_i(|r - r_i|)$$

$$v_J(r) = \frac{R_{cJ}^4 - r^4}{R_{cJ}^5 - r^5}$$



R_{cJ} =cutoff radii, tested in Laio et al JCP 2002

2-Computational Cost: Multiple Scheme



- 1- Calculate integral only for a subset of **NN** atoms
- 2- For the **MM** atoms use multiple expansion

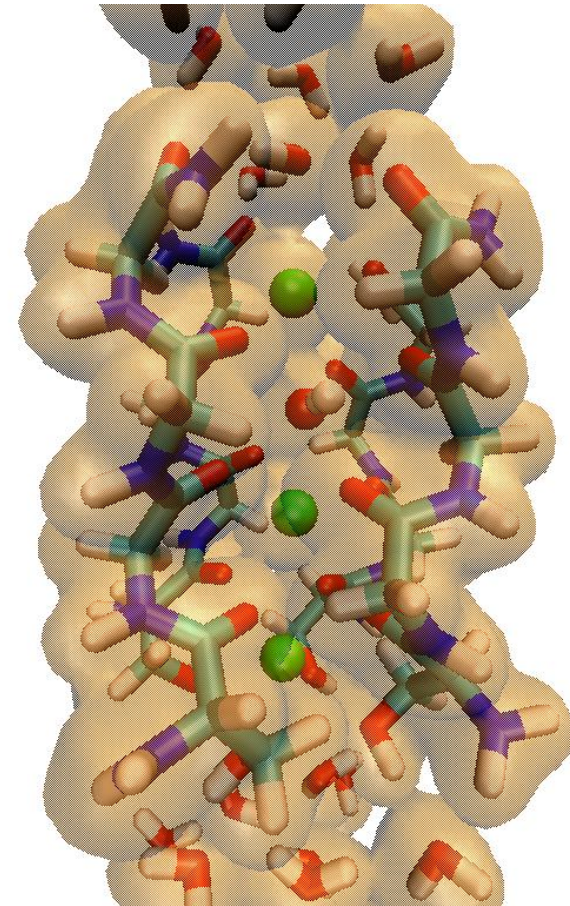
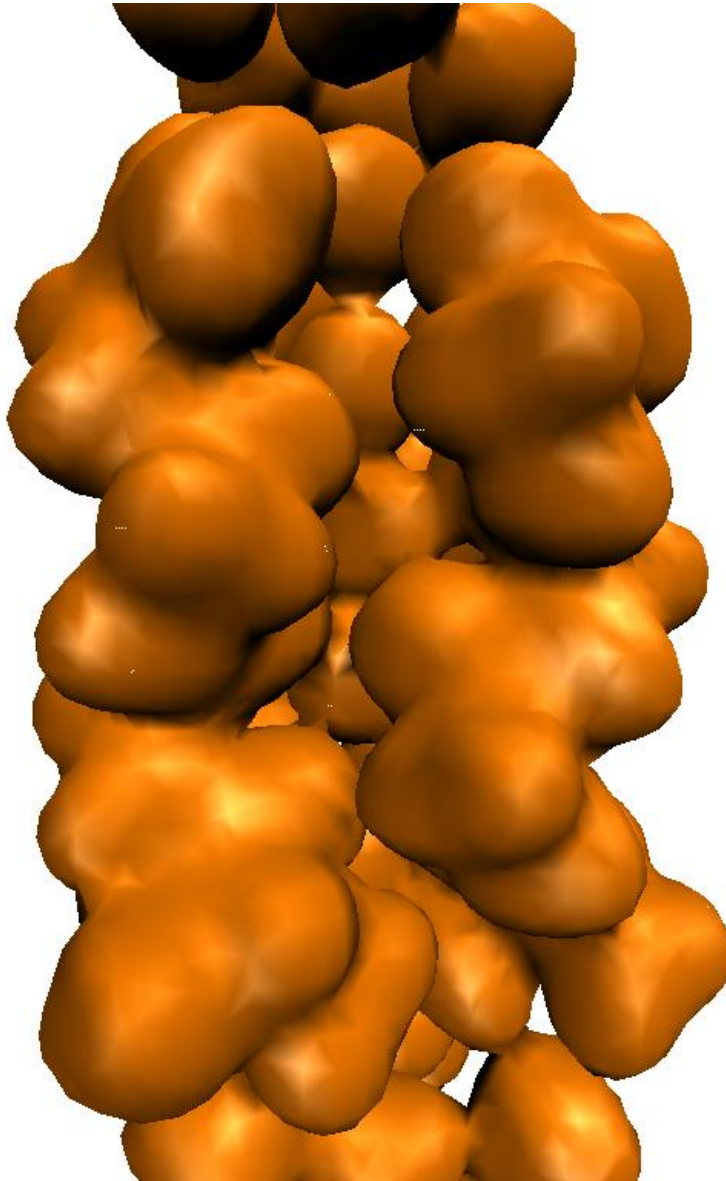
CPMD/MM simulations of the K⁺ channel

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Wat=0.03

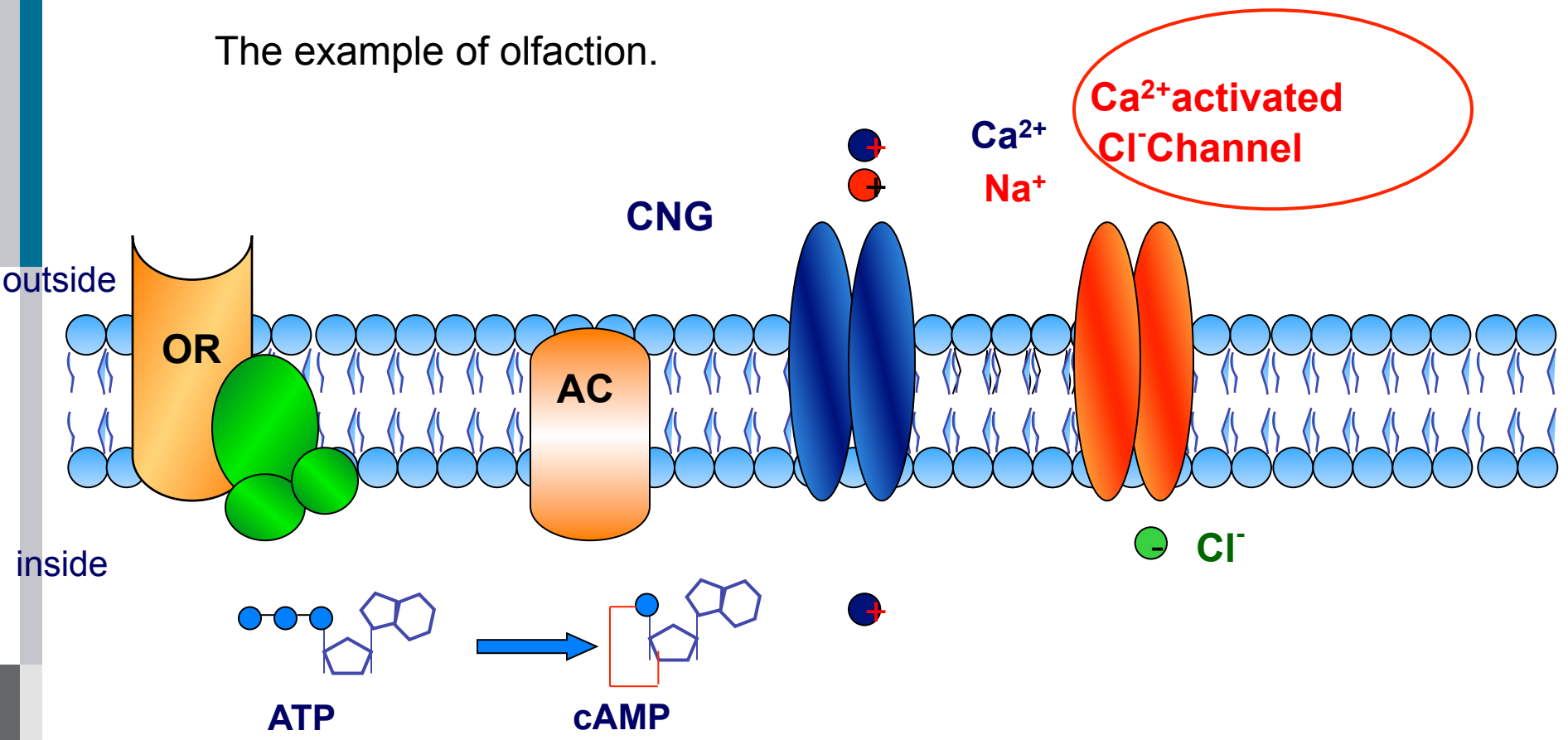
K2=0.87

K3=0.90



Bucher, Guidoni, PC, Rothlisberger U.
Biophys J. 2010

Protein-Protein interactions in Protein cascades:
The example of olfaction.



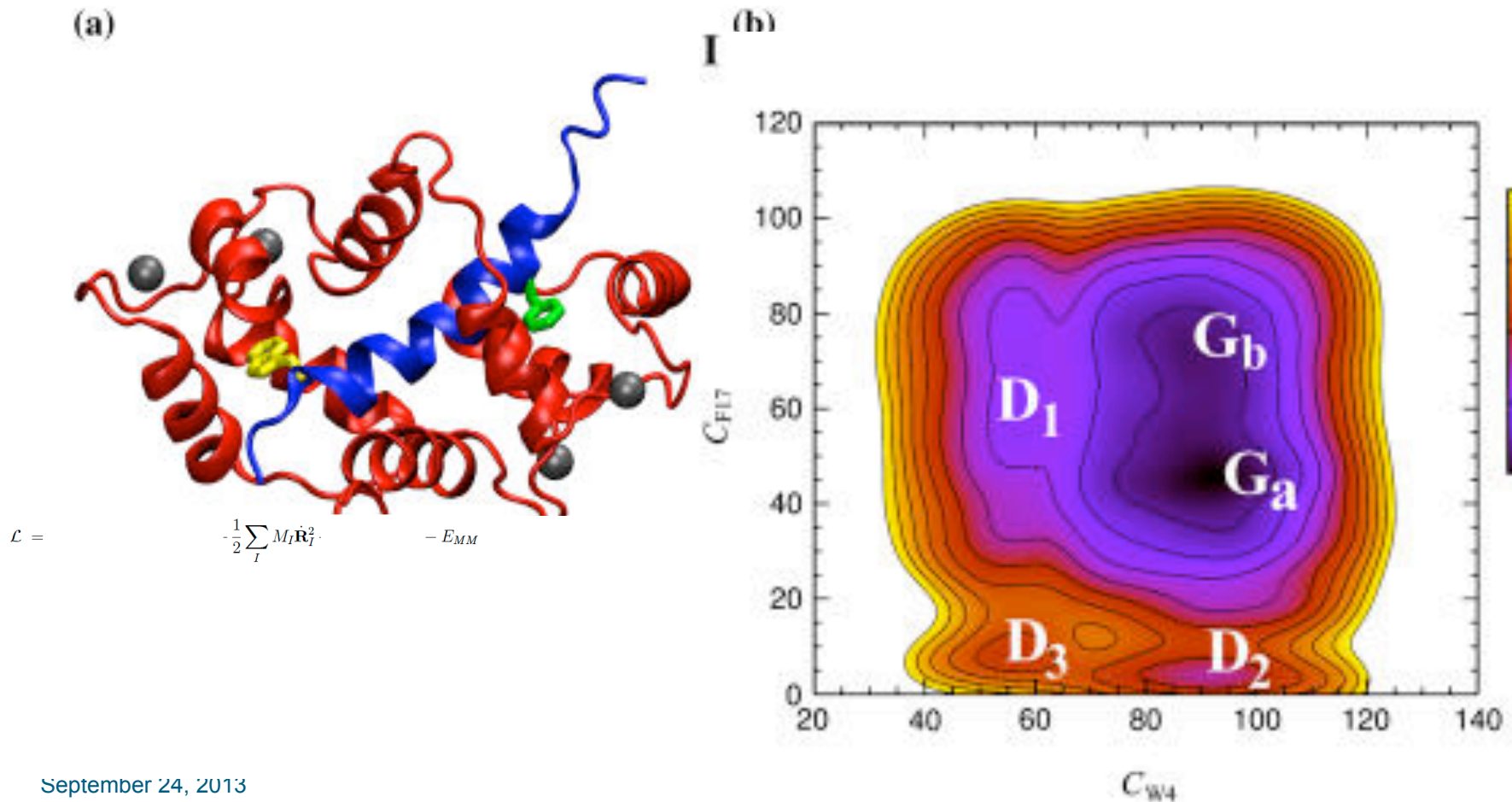
Calcium activates calmodulin protein

Using Metadynamics to Understand the Mechanism of Calmodulin/Target Recognition at Atomic Detail

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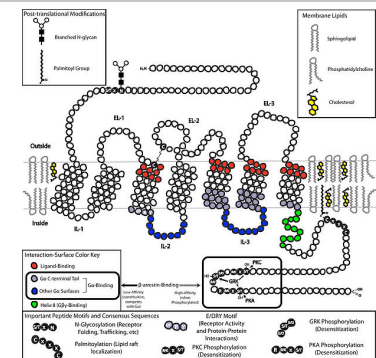
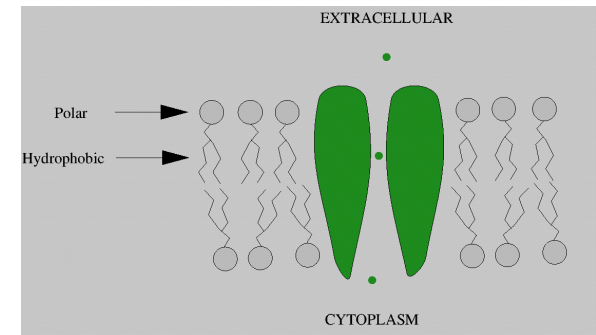
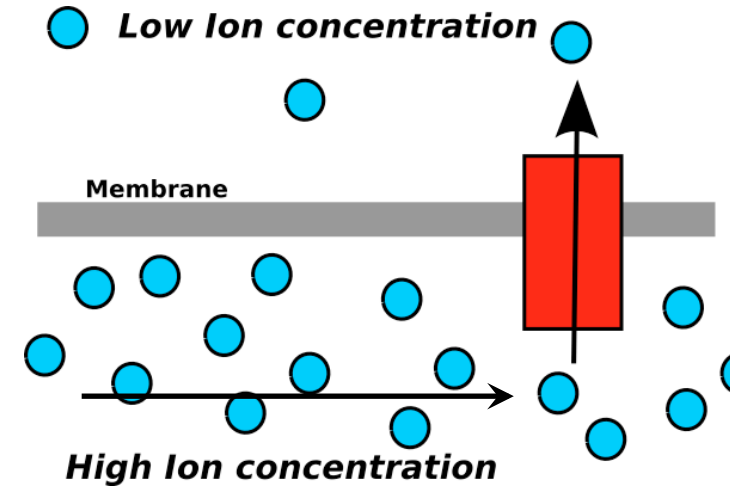


Ions and chemicals across And thru membranes

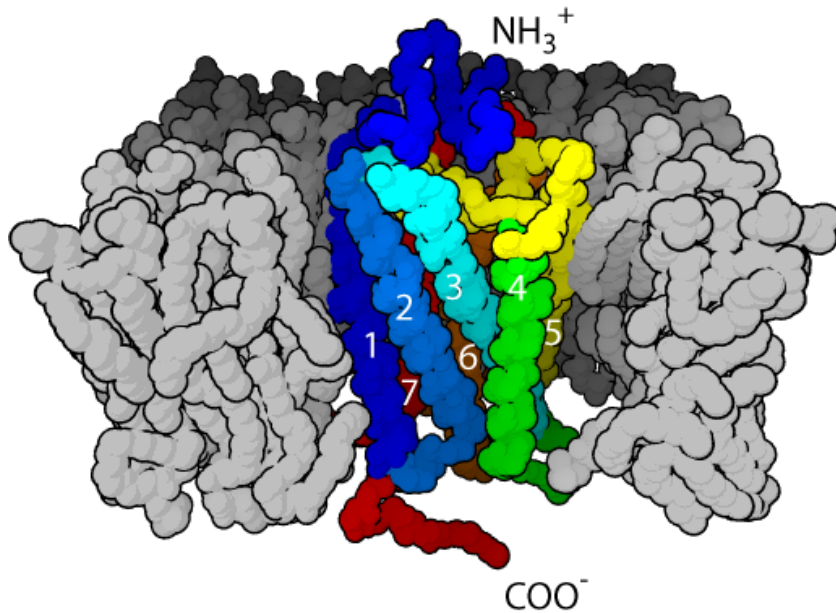
Proton Transfer

Metal Ion Transfer

Binding of chemicals



Odorant and Bitter Taste Receptors are GPCR



~3%
of mammalian genes

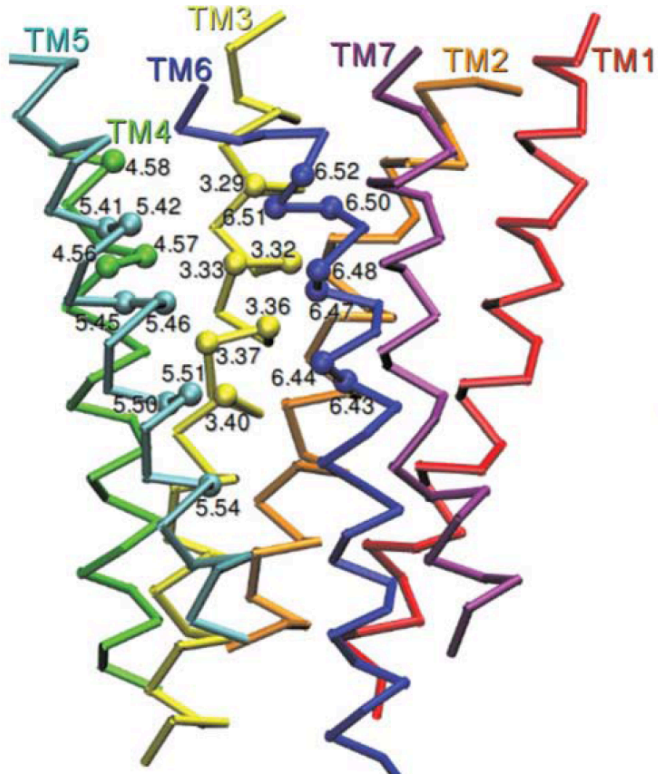
~80%
signal transduction pathway
across cell membrane

~30%
of marketed drugs

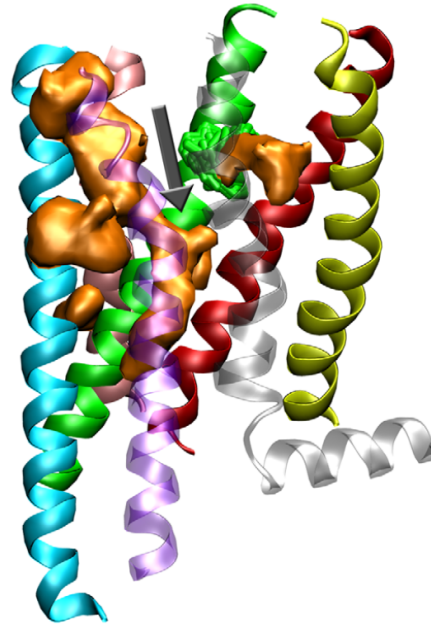
Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2012 to Robert J. Lefkowitz and Brian K. Kobilka "for studies of GPCR's"



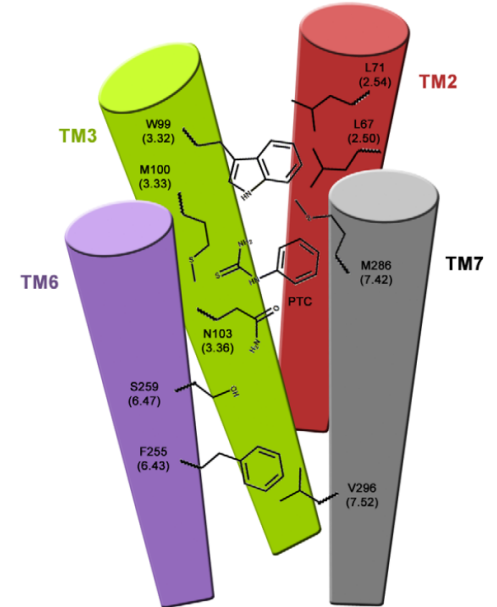
Homology models



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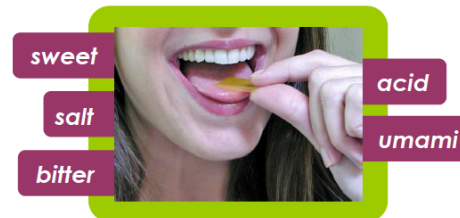


Odorant receptor

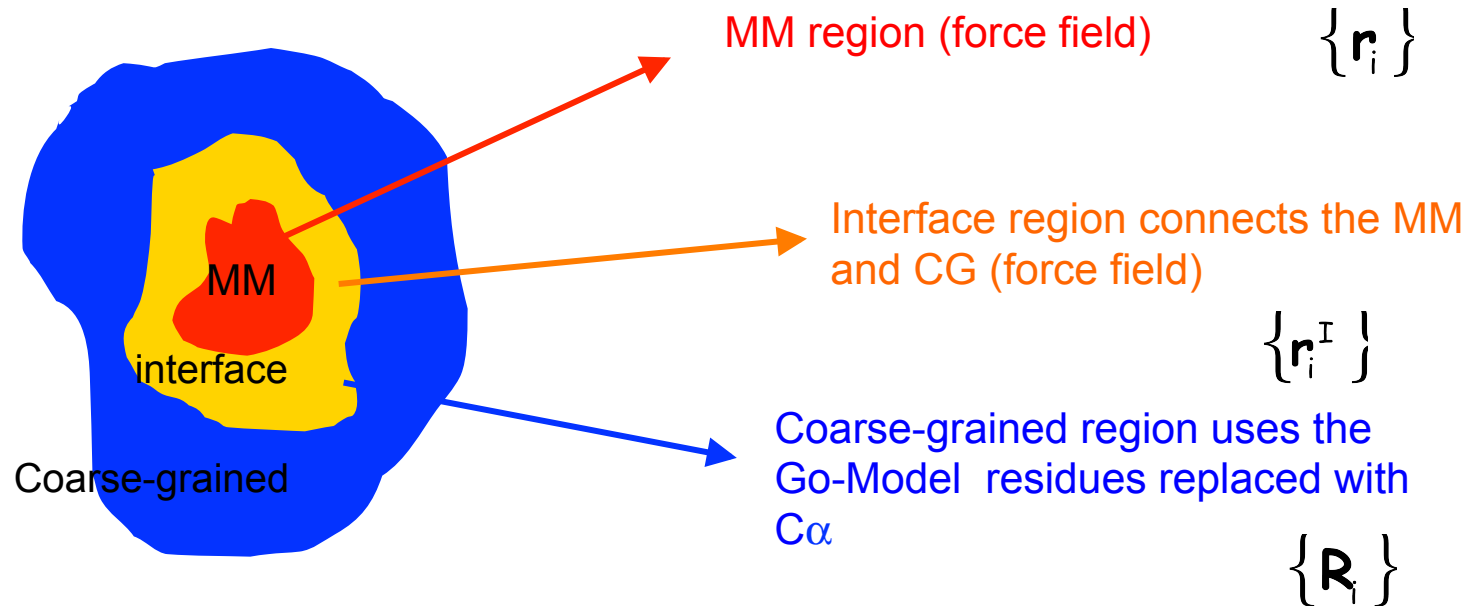
Lupieri et al., HFSP Journal, 2009

Bitter taste receptor

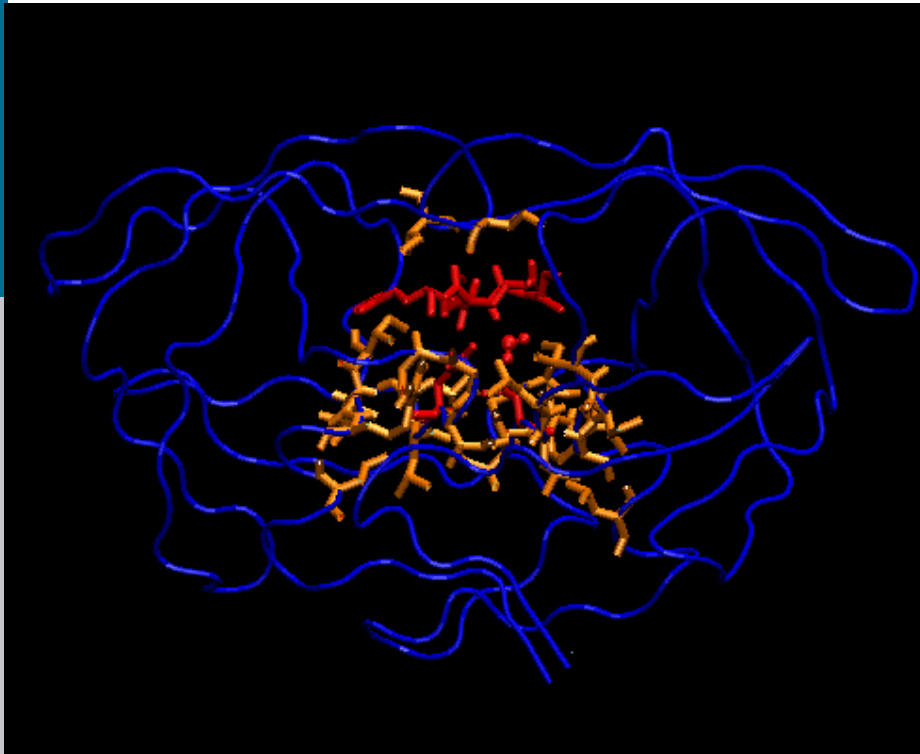
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MM/CG approach



Test #1: HIV-1 Protease



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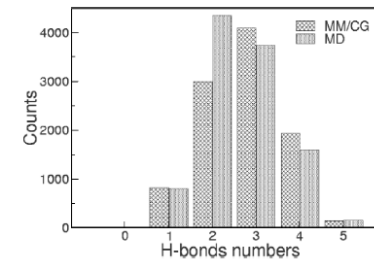
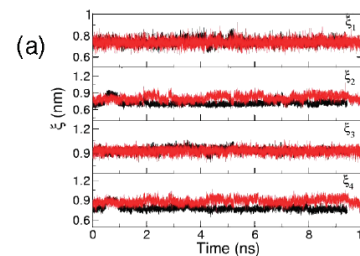
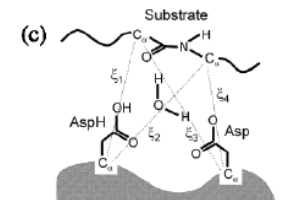
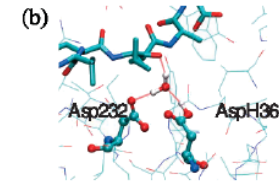
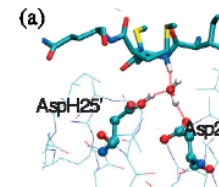
Coarse-Grained Model of Proteins Incorporating Atomistic Detail of the Active Site

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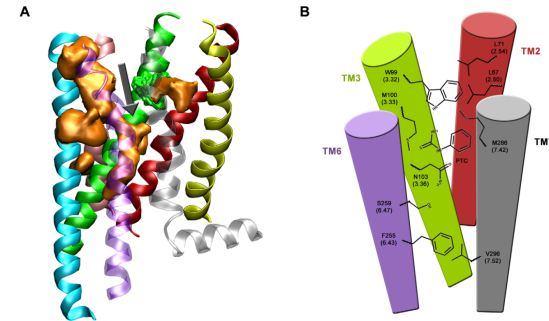
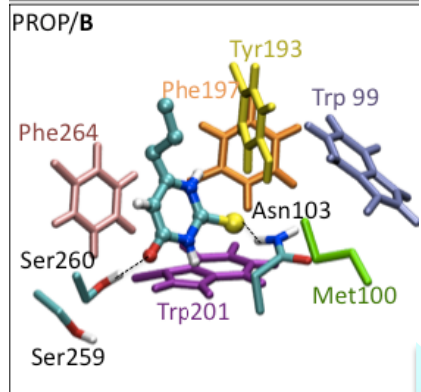
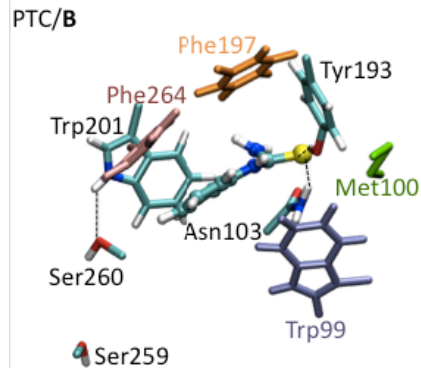
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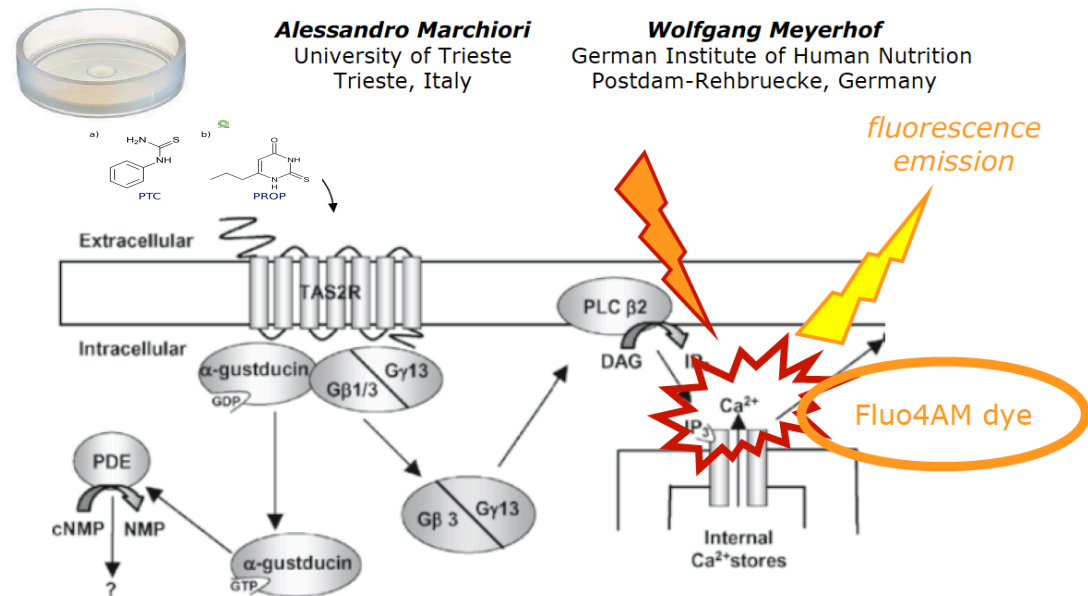
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TAS2R38 bitter taste receptor: agonists binding GC/MM simulations



Mutants disrupting agonist/protein interactions



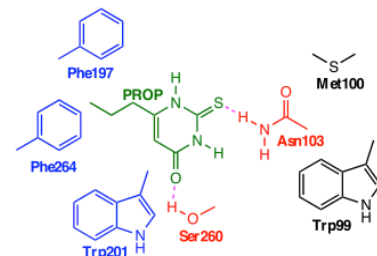
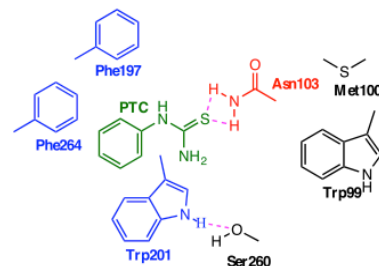
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Agonists interact with Asn103, Phe197, Phe264 and Trp201.

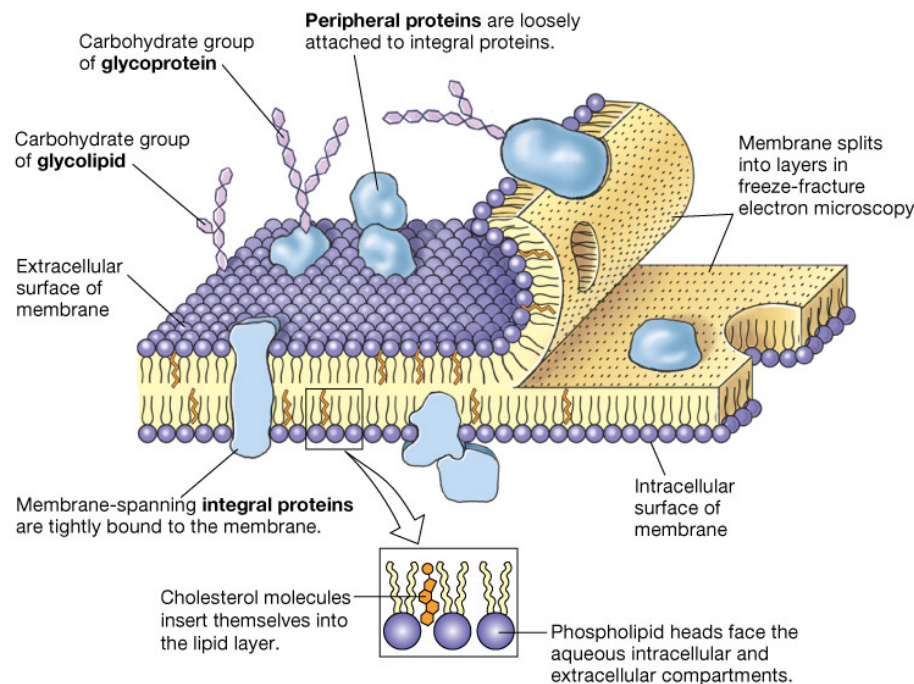
They do not interact with the so-called extra cellular loop 2, involved in cis-retinal binding in the GPCR rhodopsin

Predictions are consistent more than 20 site-directed mutagenesis and functional calcium imaging experiments

Variant	Agonist			
	PTC		PROP	
	EC ₅₀ (μ M)	Max act	EC ₅₀ (μ M)	Max act
WT	2.5 (3)	0.43 (0.47)	2.17	0.44
Trp99Ala	1.2 (4.25)	0.14 (0.25)	1.8	0.59
Trp99Val	1.8 (2.7)	0.28 (1.12)	5~	0.93
Met100Ala	4.1 (3)	0.72 (1.01)	1.2	0.77
Met100Val	21.2* (10)	0.51 (0.79)	1.8	0.42
Asn103Ala	6.6* (8)	0.21 (0.38)	8.7*	0.65
Asn103Val	6.9* (15)	0.09 (0.09)	9.1*	0.41
Asn103Asp	-	0.06	23.8*	0.13
Asn179Ala	4.4	0.34	4.9	0.32
Asn179Val	4.9	0.29	5	0.30
Arg181Ala	2.2	0.26	4.3	0.26
Arg181Val	4.5	0.17	7.5	0.19
Asn183Ala	4.2	0.36	5.3	0.32
Asn183Val	2.5	0.44	3.1	0.40
Phe197Val	4.3	0.06	9.9*	0.12
Trp201Leu	-	0.25	-	0.02
Trp201Phe	21*	0.14	-	0.05
Ser259Ala	5.7 (5.4)	0.55 (0.42)	2.9	0.45
Ser259Val	99* (27)	0.02 (0.04)	21.8*	0.18
Ser260Ala	1.41	0.21	1.14	0.45
Ser260Val	9.8*	0.03	6.8*	0.09
Phe264Ala	-	0.06	-	0.06
Phe264Val	12.4*	0.06	25.9*	0.24



1. Biological environment; real membranes
2. Time-scale and quantum nature of processes at membranes; transition metal ions (e.g. copper transport)
3. Non-equilibrium Thermodynamics
4. Paucity of structural information
5. Action Potential
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