

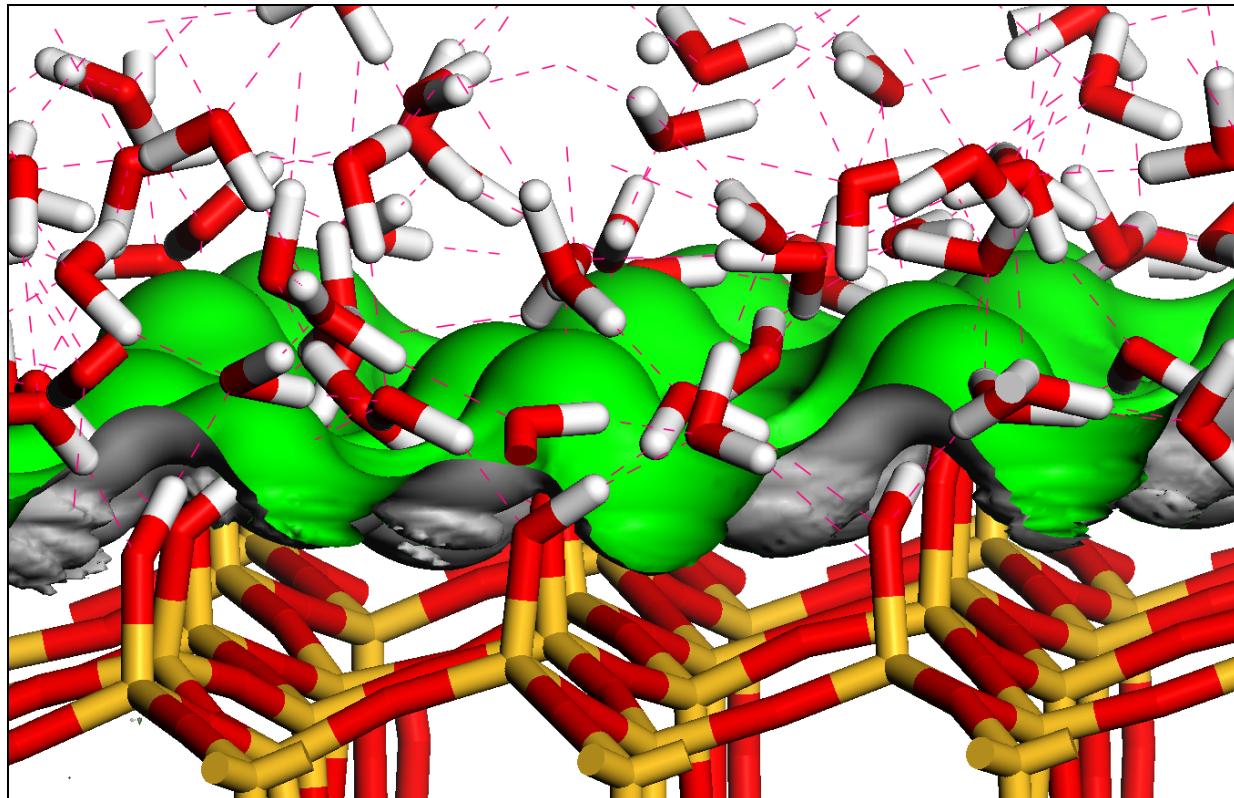
Effects of Thermodynamic Ensemble and Mineral Surface on Interfacial Water Structure

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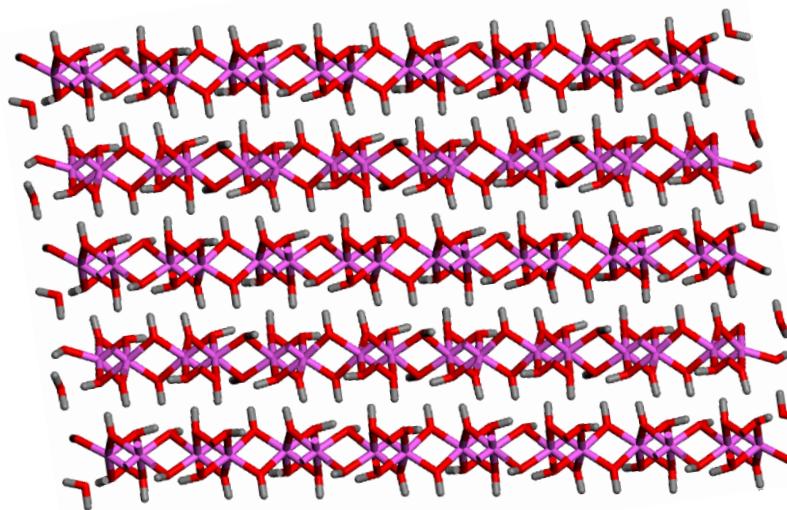
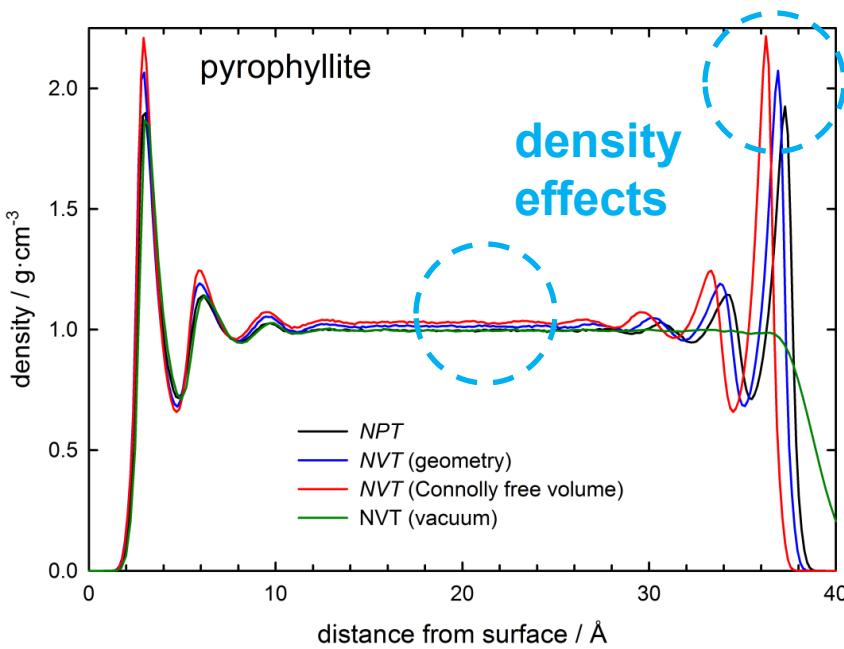
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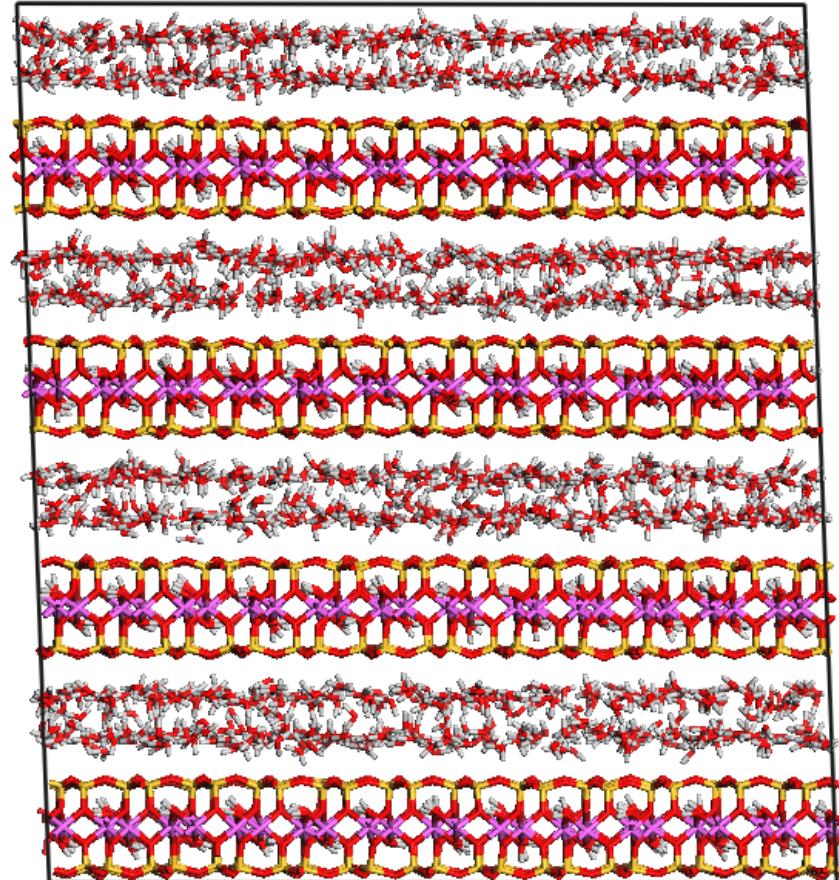
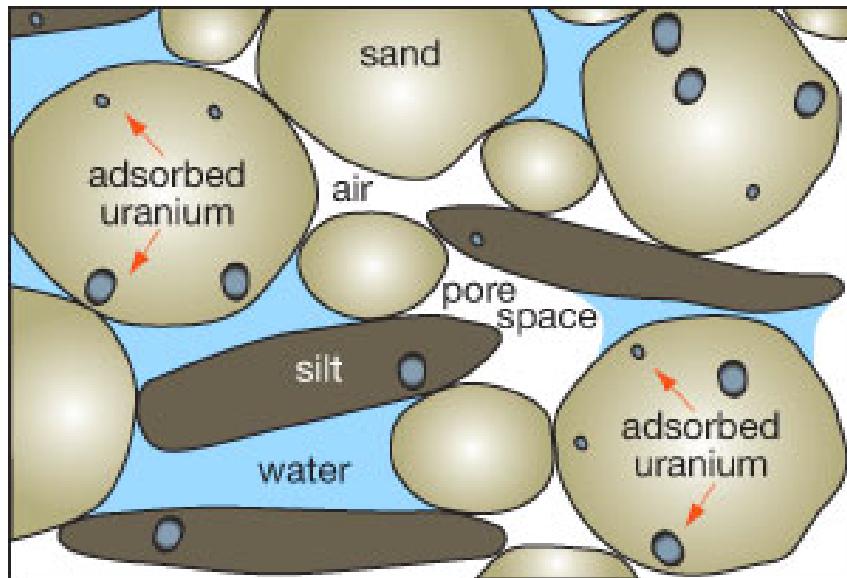
This presentation focuses on interfacial water structure and FF development



FF development for
clay edge sites

Water-mineral interactions are interesting from many standpoints

swelling due to interlayer H_2O in clays

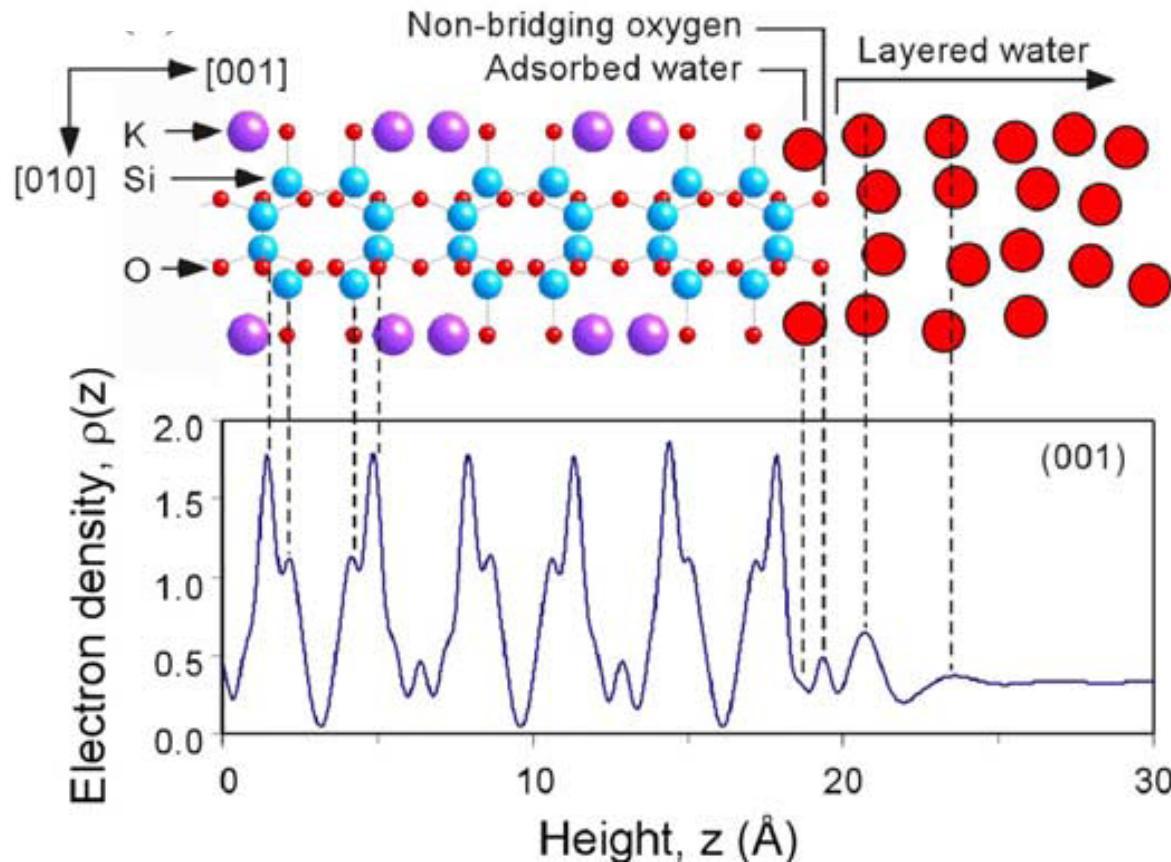


mobility of uranium in groundwater

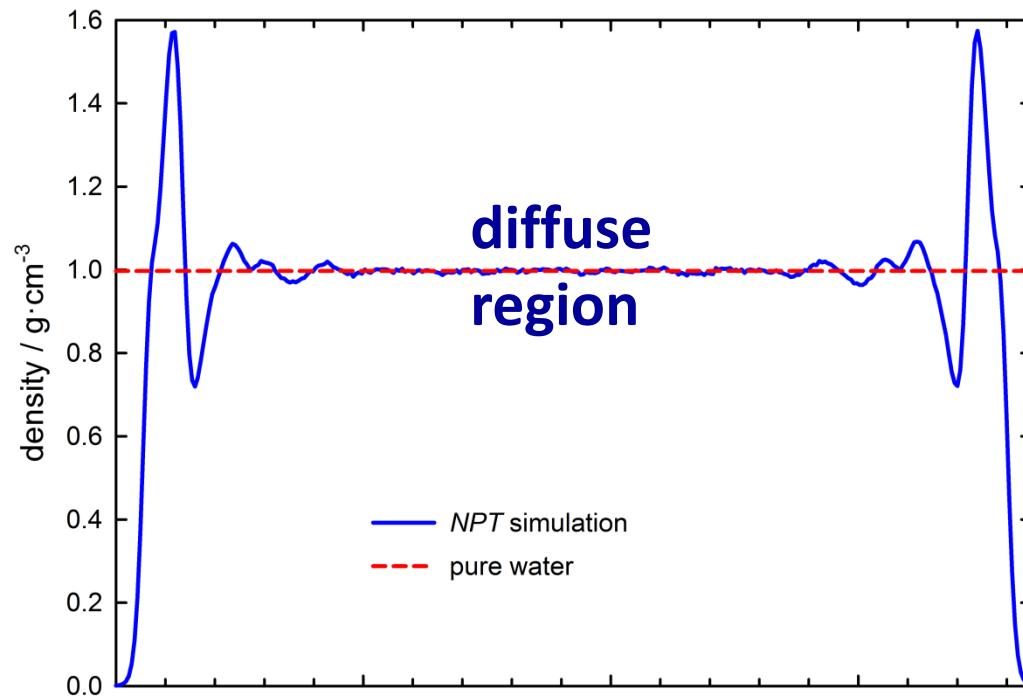
<http://www.kgs.ku.edu>

Kansas Geological Survey

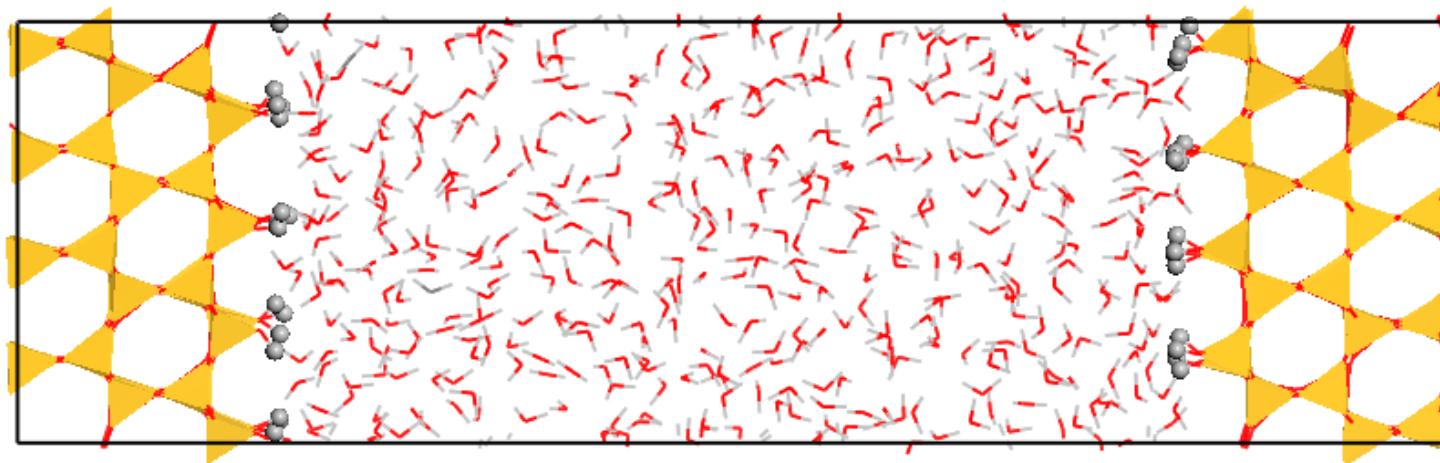
Understanding water-mineral interface interactions from experimental methods alone is difficult



A good interface model reproduces bulk behavior

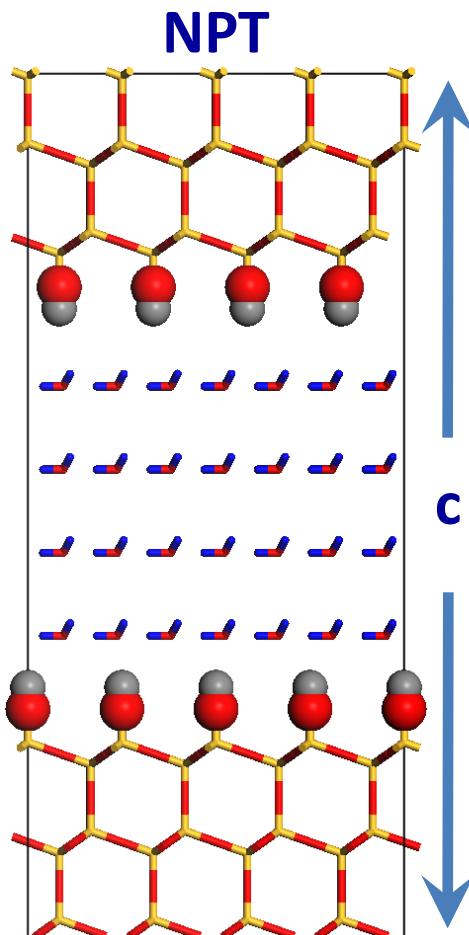


classical MD
CLAYFF parameters
LAMMPS code



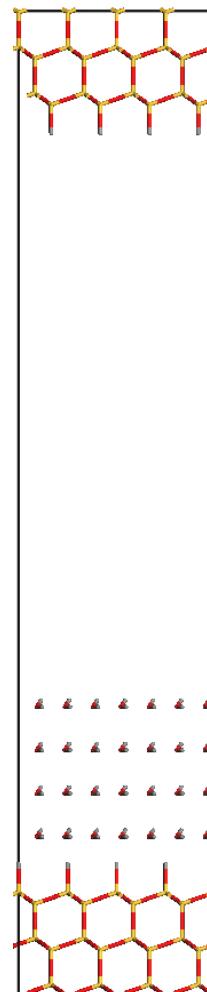
bulk water density is the link to reality

How do we get good bulk liquid properties?

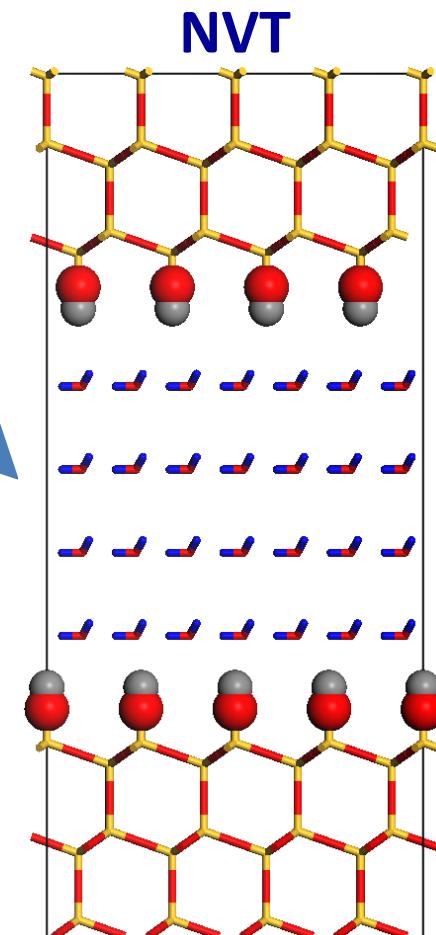


cell can
expand

NVT
(vacuum gap)

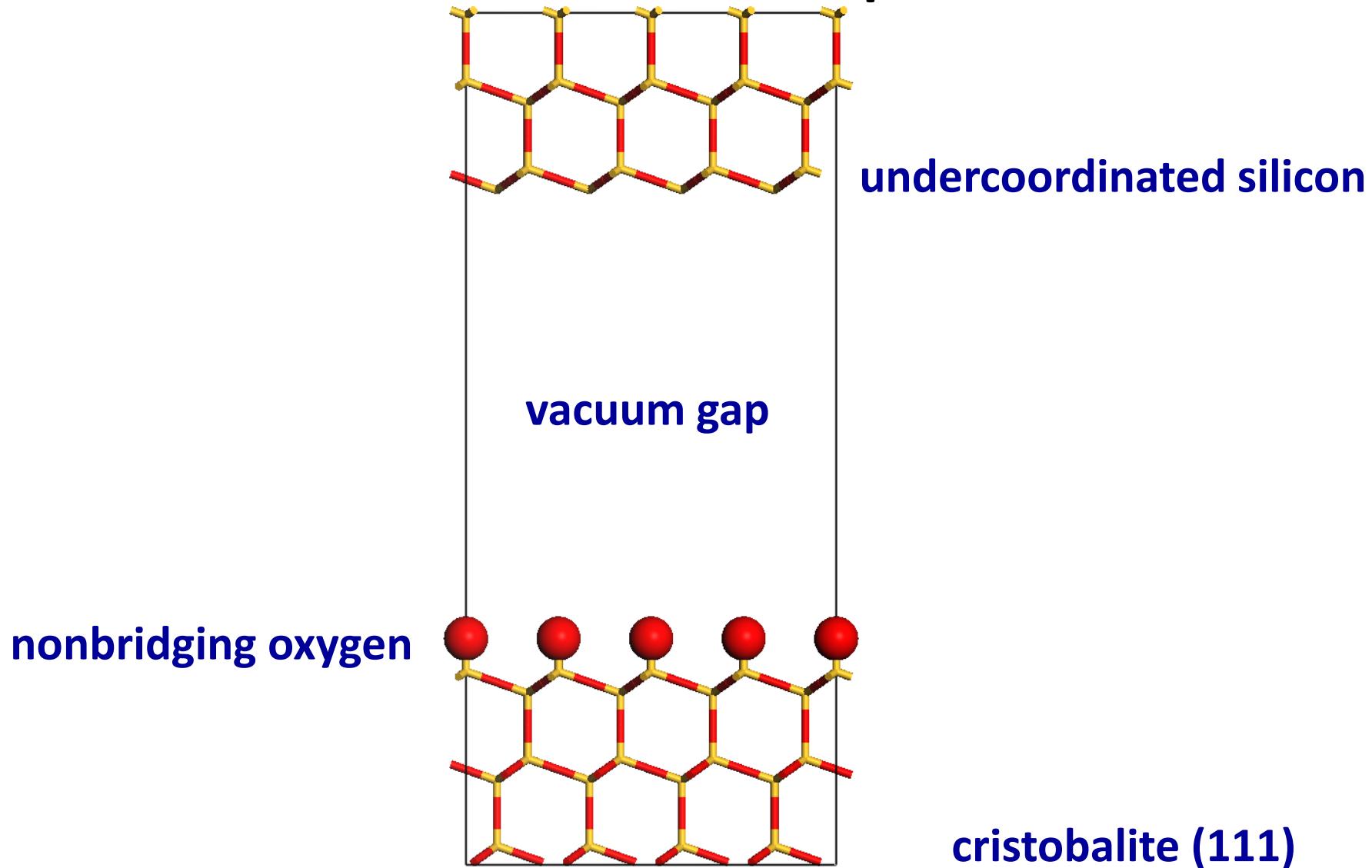


water can move
in gap



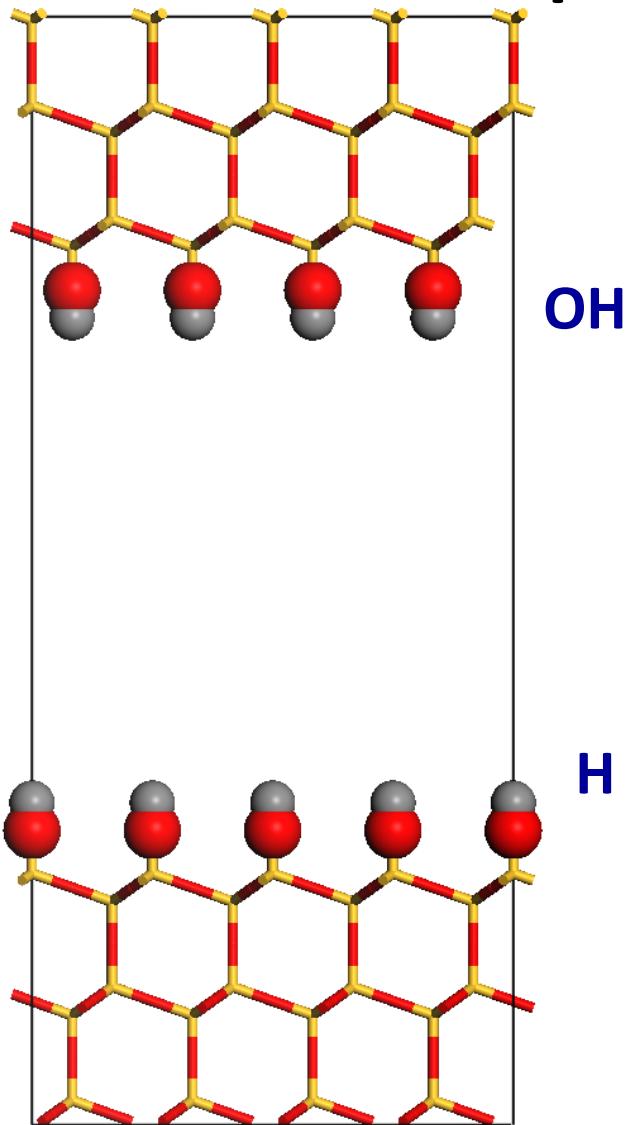
calculate H_2O
content carefully

Making a surface from a bulk structure introduces water-accessible volume in a complicated manner



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introduction of H_2O
($\text{OH} + \text{H}$) to
hydroxylate surface

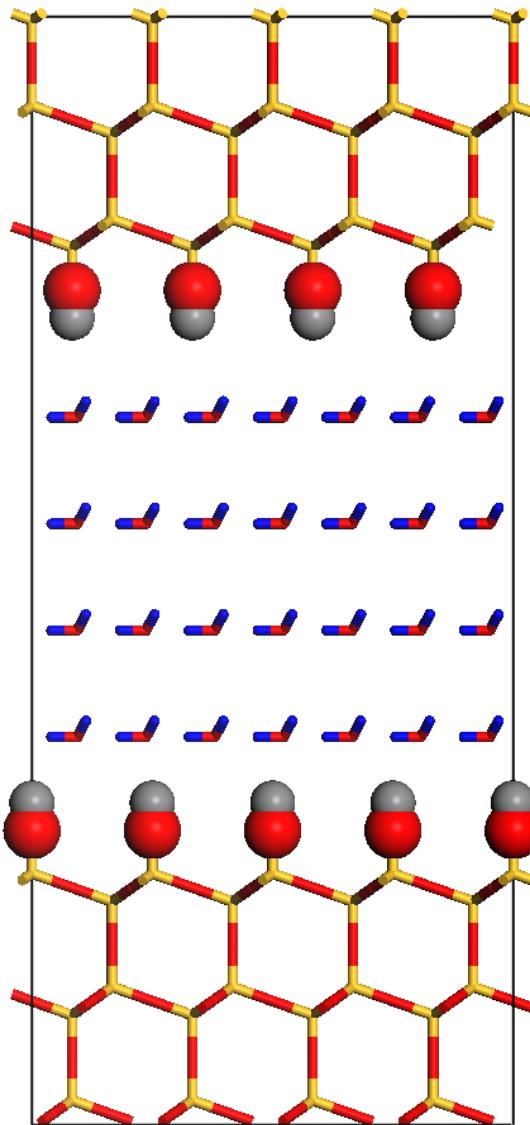


geometry of
vacuum gap
changes

cristobalite (111)

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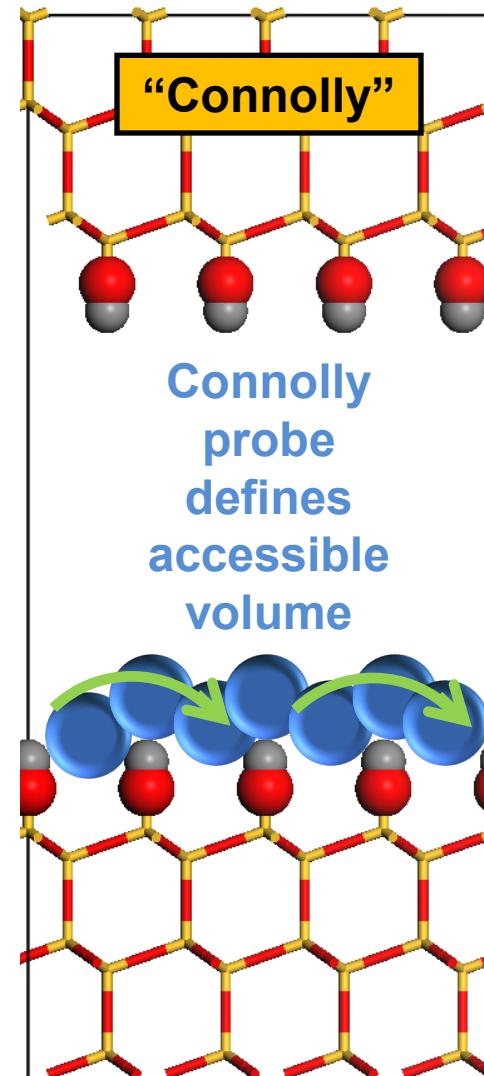
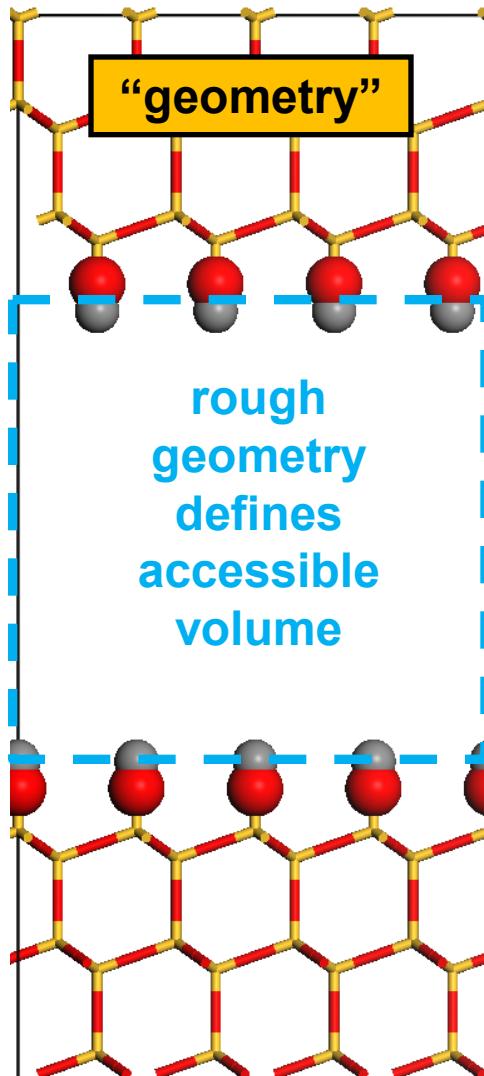
introduction of water
into accessible volume



cristobalite (111)

How do we accurately calculate volume accessible to water for NVT simulations (and does it matter)?

traditional
method

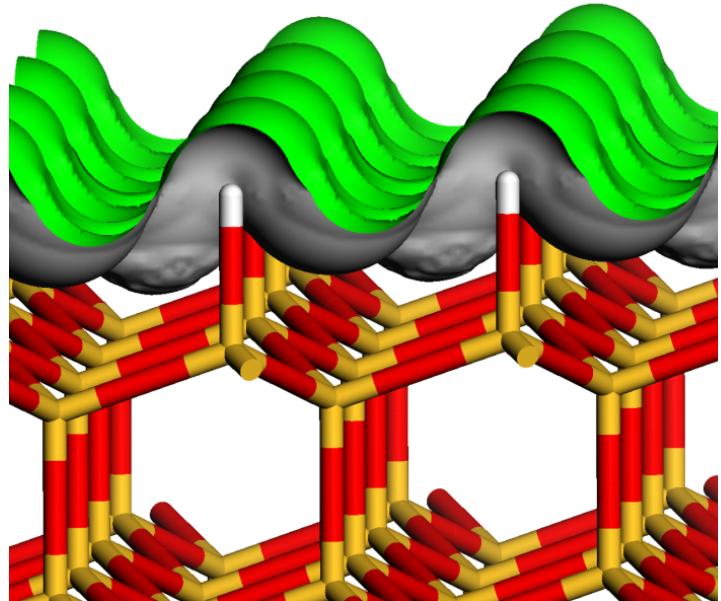


resulting bulk density plots will tell us if one method is better

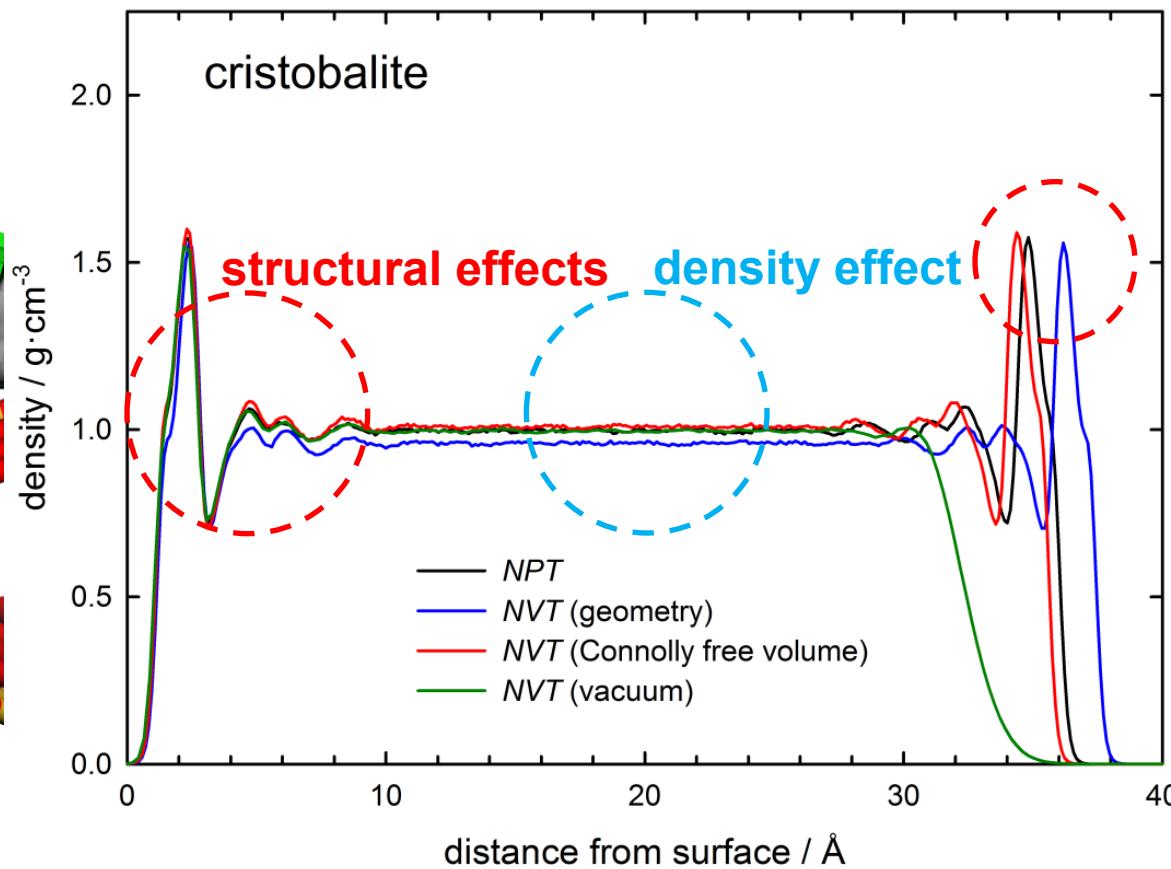
How we calculate accessible volume does matter!

SiO_2

cristobalite (111) (hydrophilic)



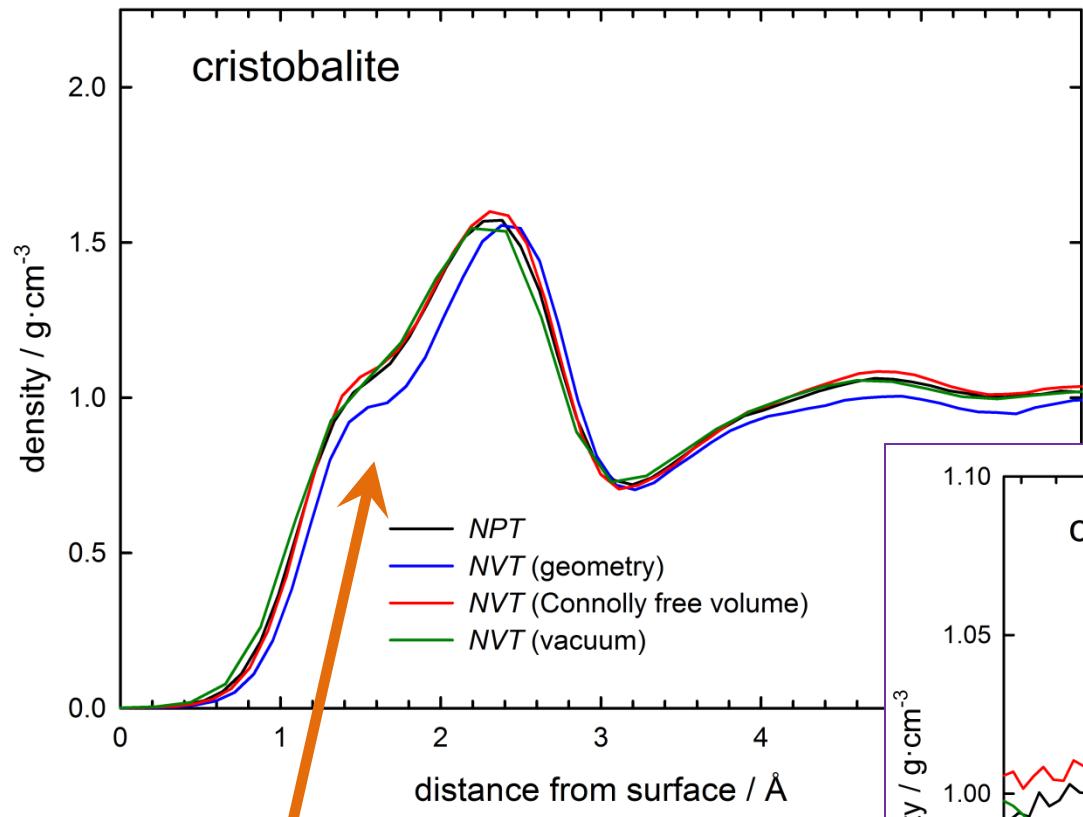
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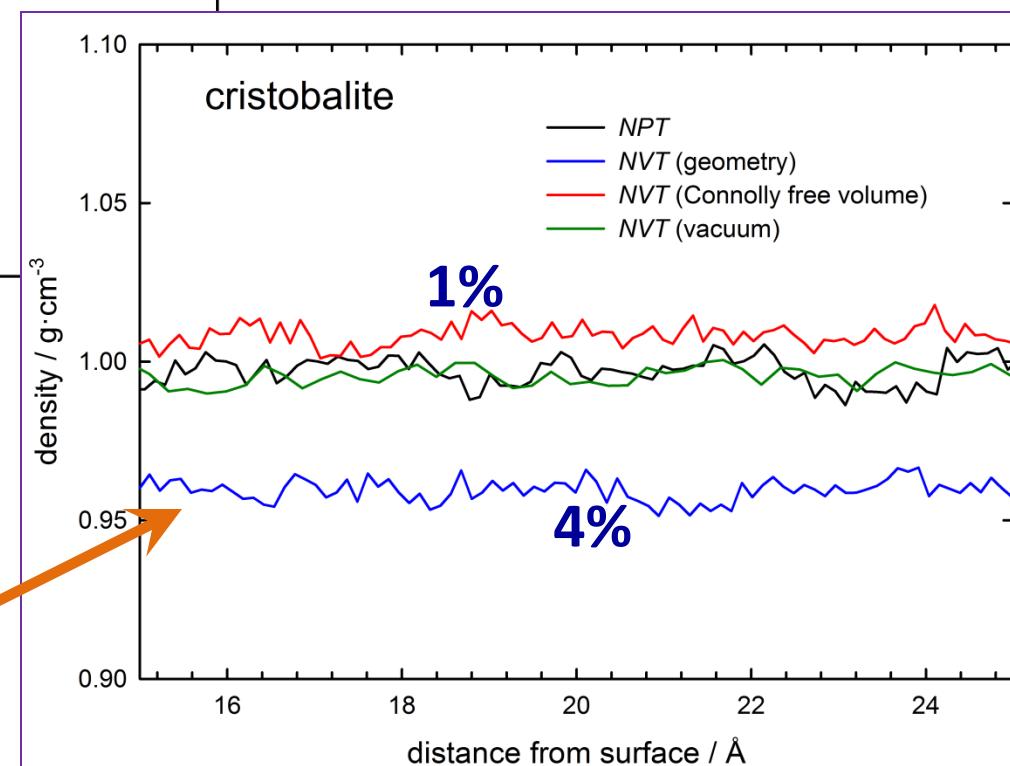
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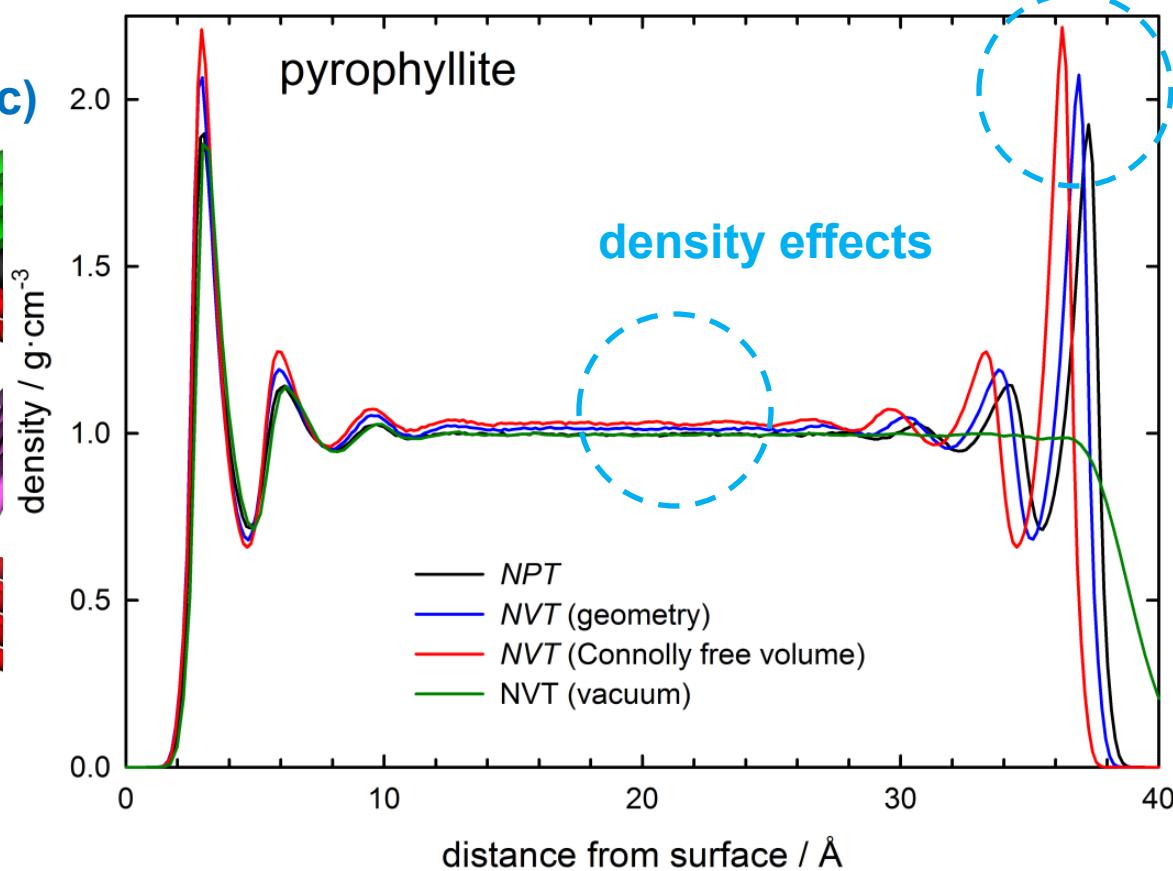
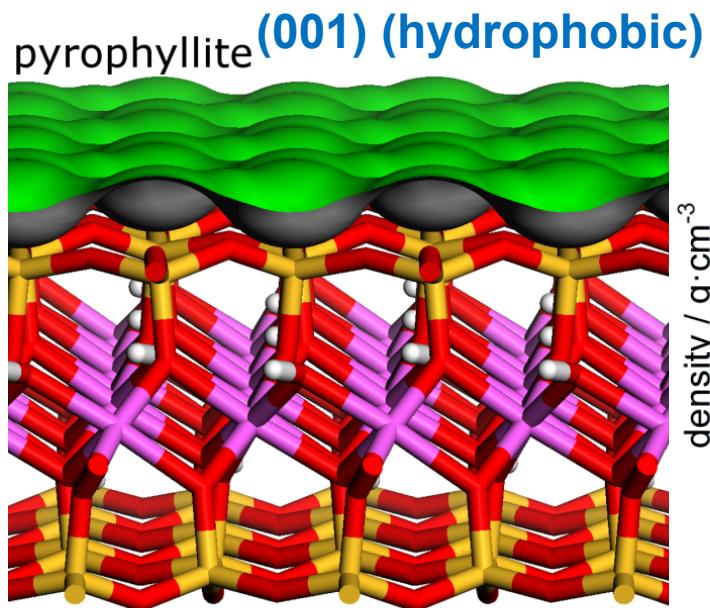
lower $V_{\text{accessible}}$ leads to lower density and peak shift



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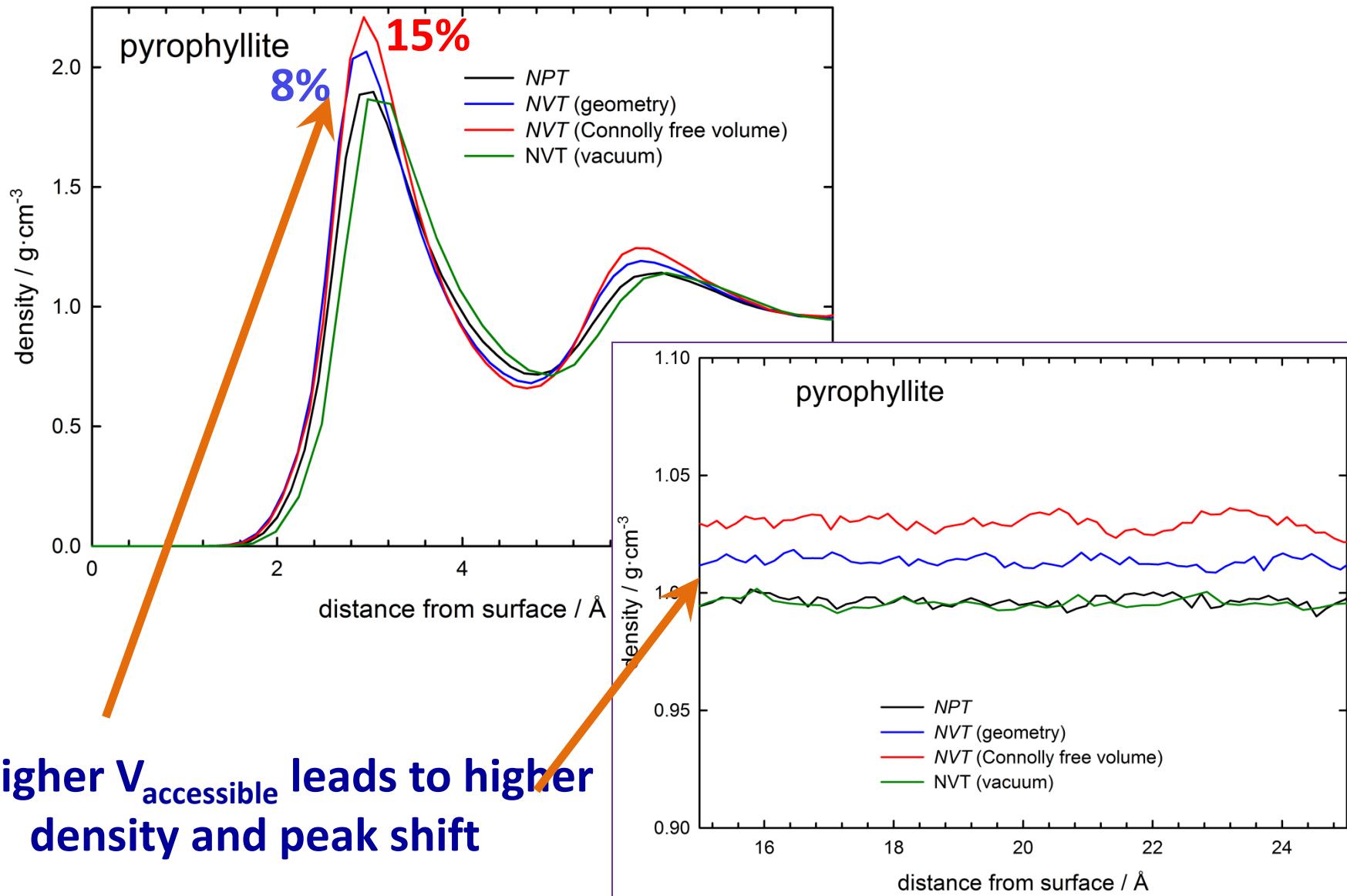
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H ₂ O (model)	NPT	0.997	0.003	-

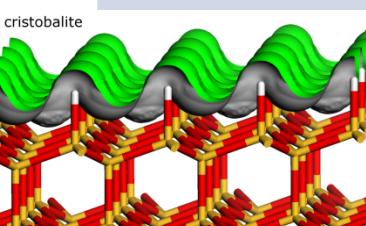
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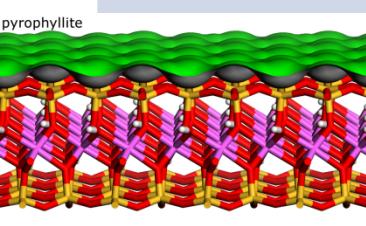
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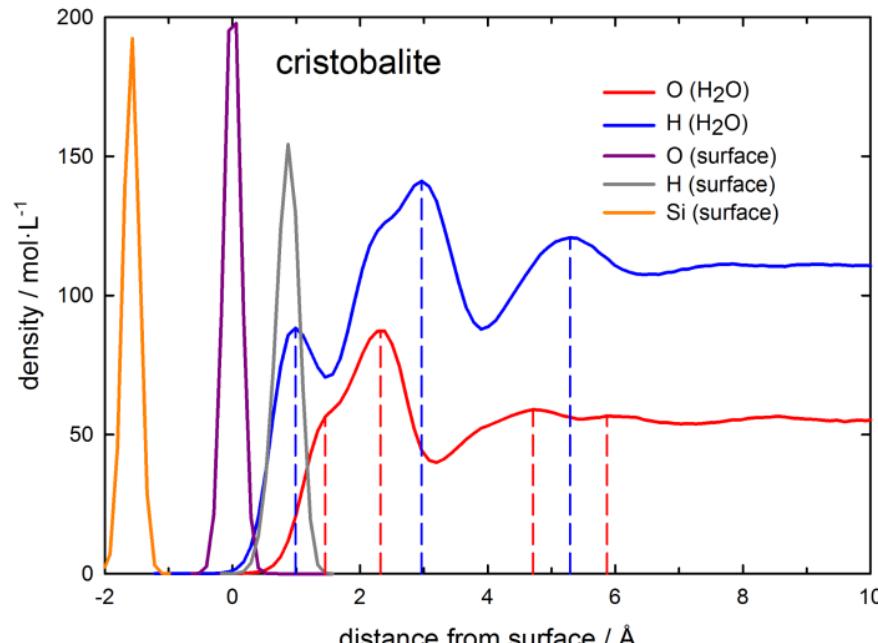
overestimate
 $V_{\text{accessible}}$ due to
excluded volume
(hydrophobicity)

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Interfacial structure is related to hydrophobicity

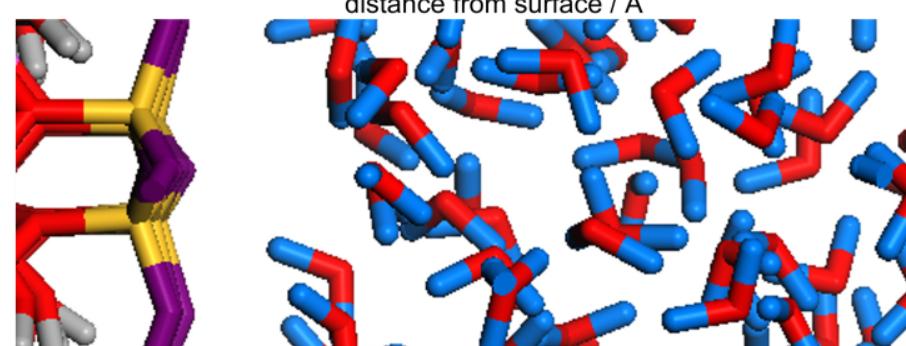
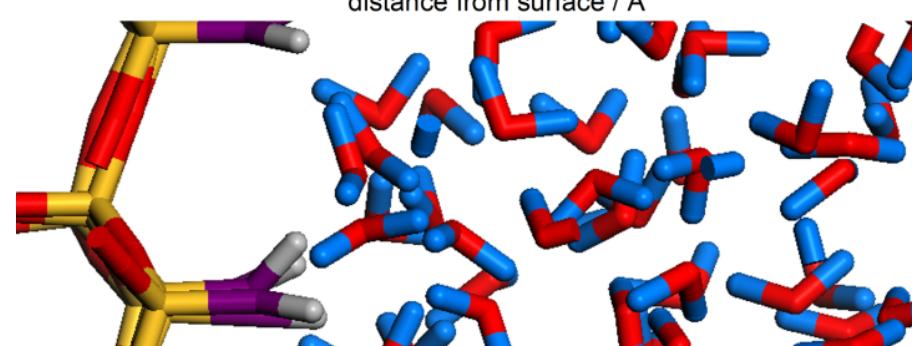
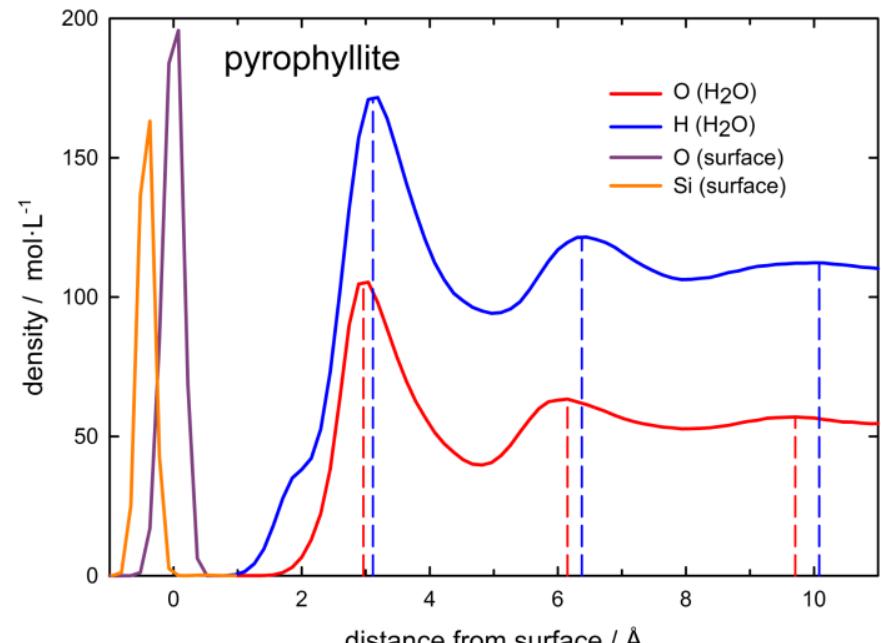
hydrophilic

water-surface
structuring

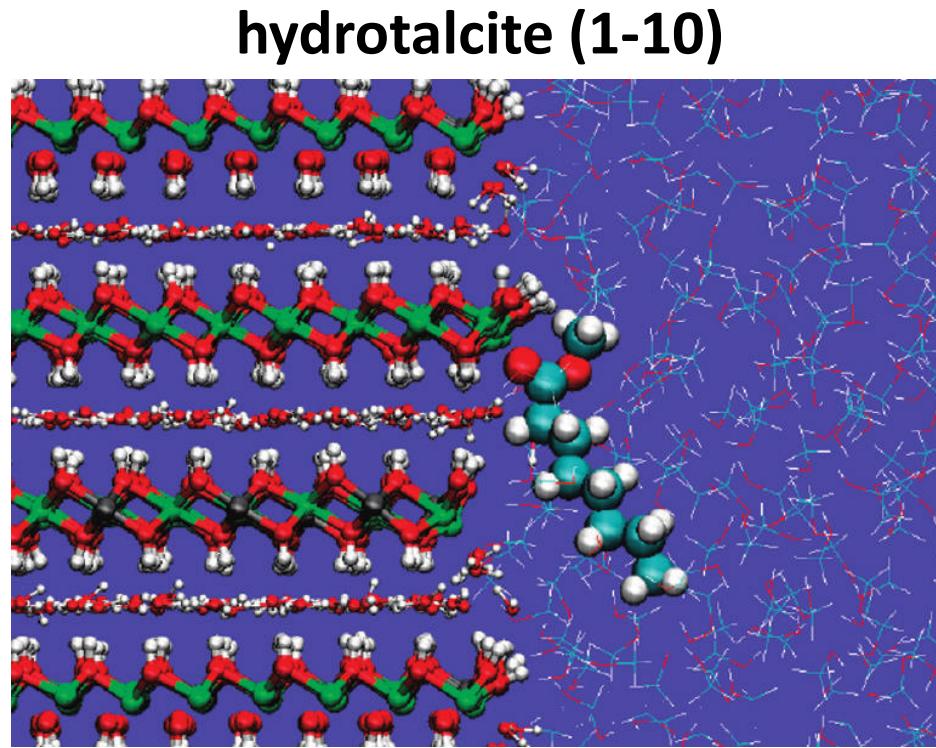
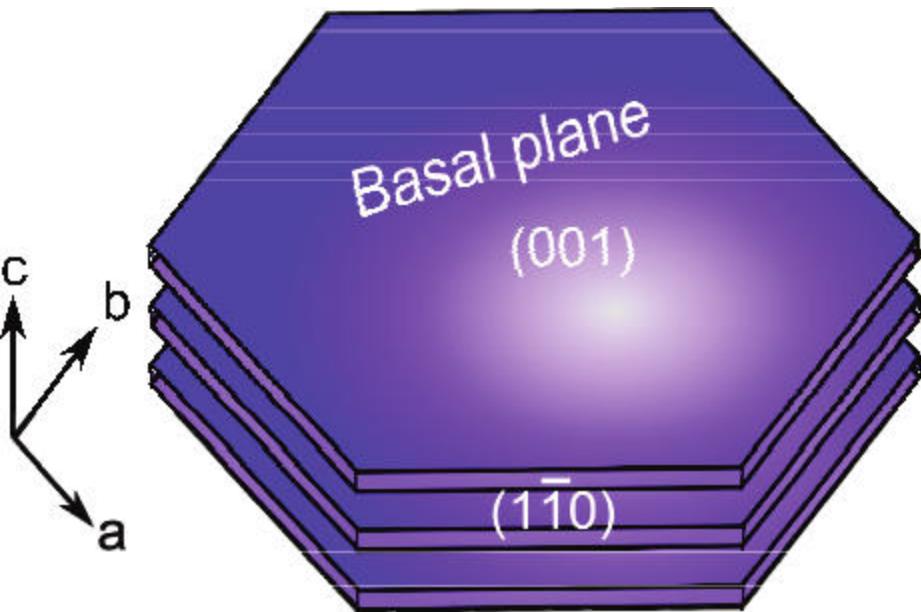


hydrophobic

water layers



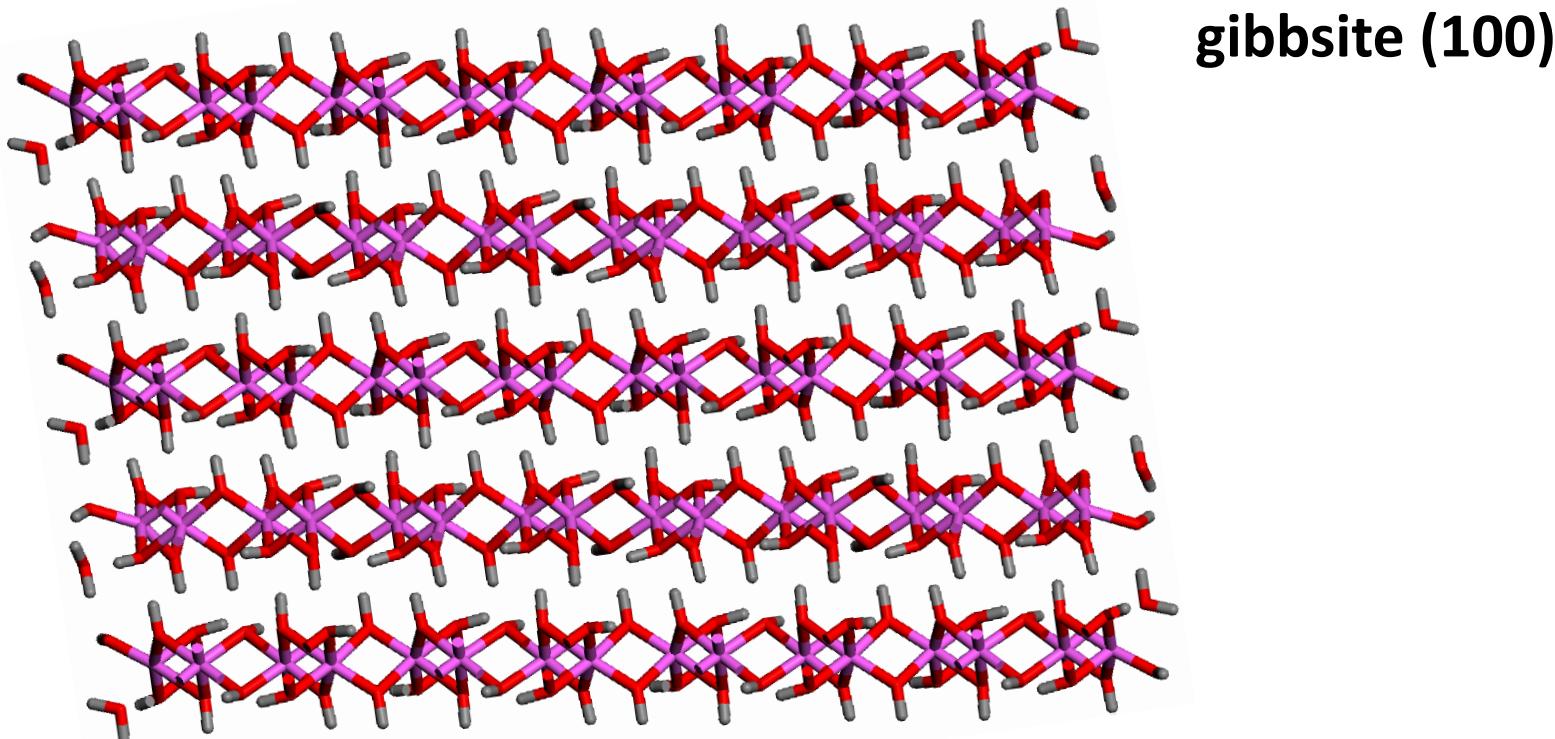
The chemistry of clay edge sites is of ever-increasing interest



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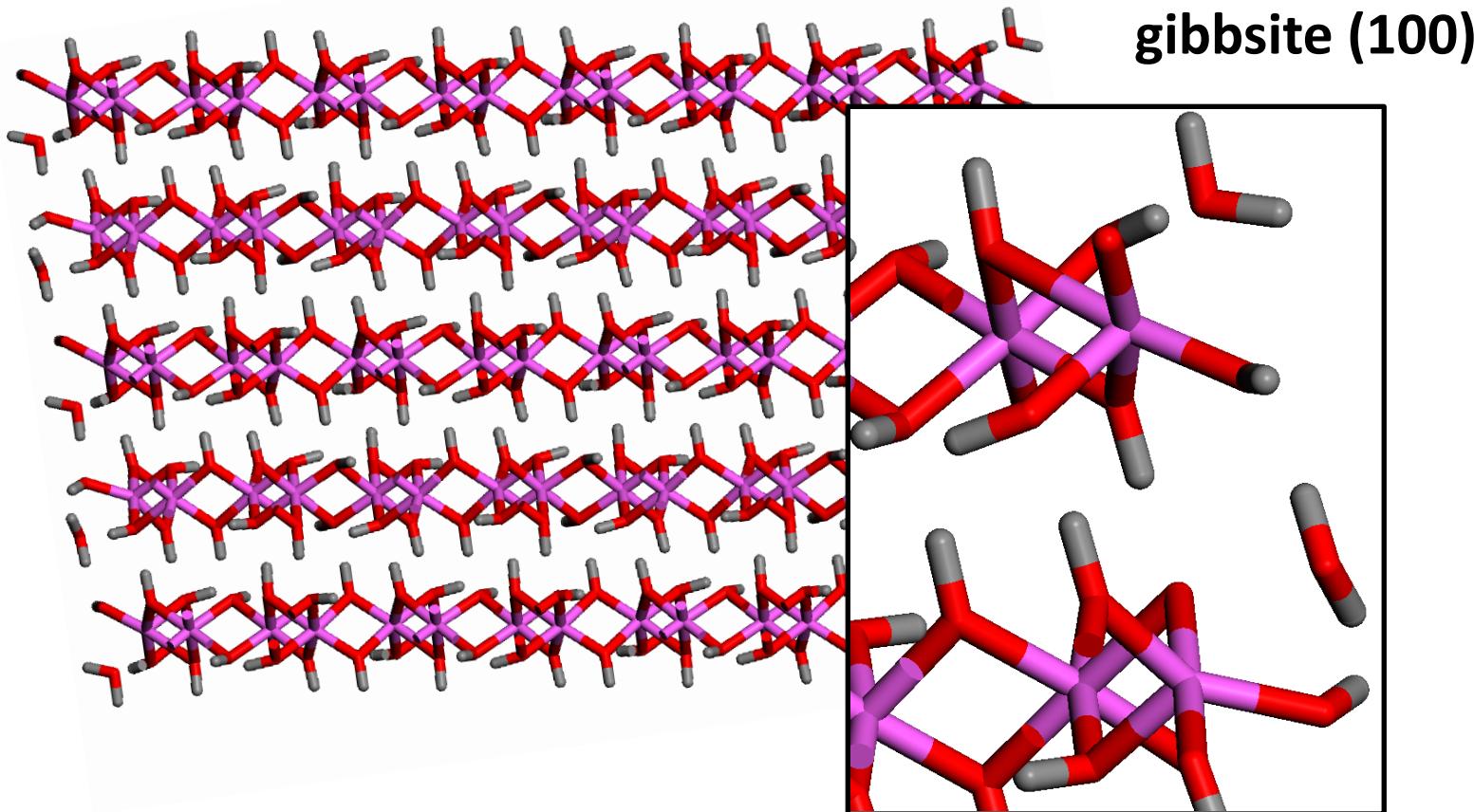
adsorption on edges can be fundamentally different from that on basal surfaces

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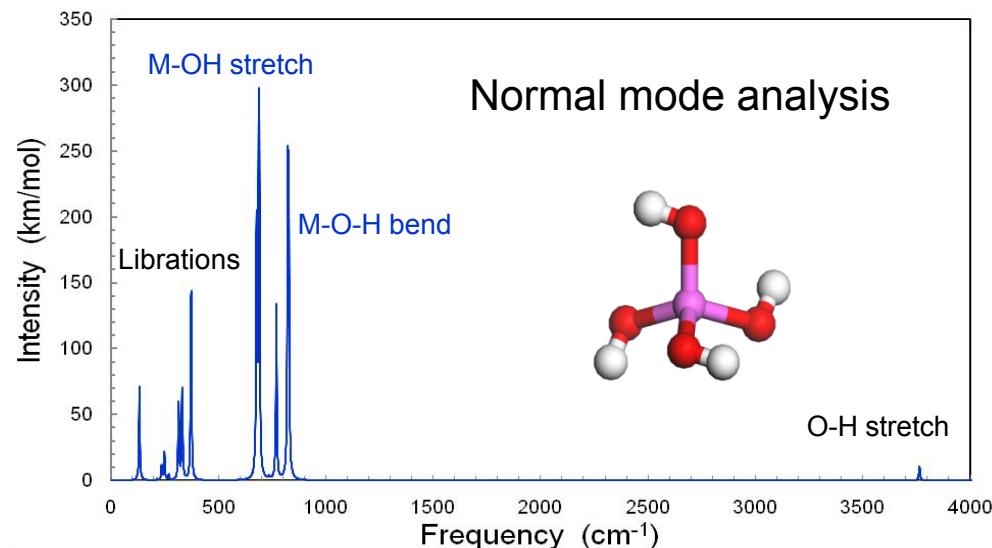
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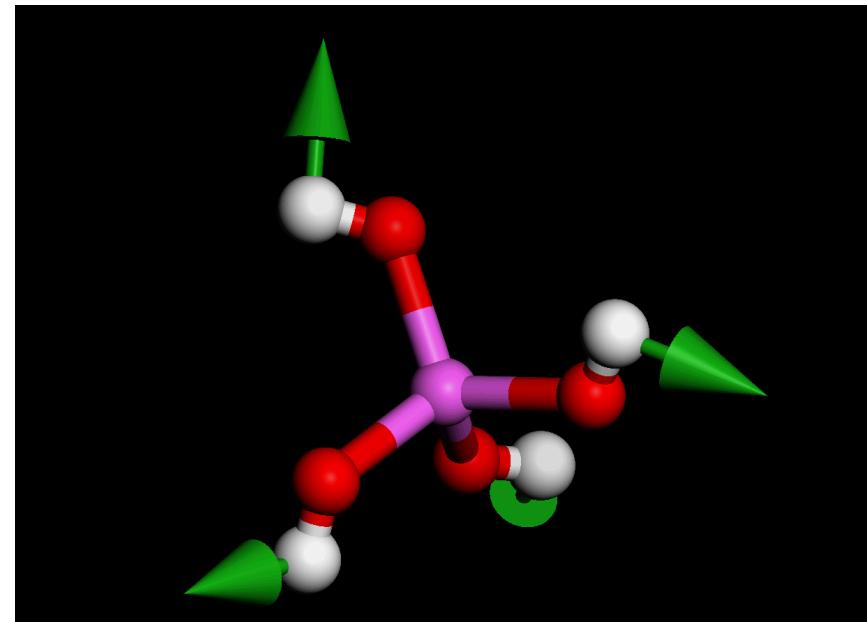


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Force field parameterization involves matching normal modes from DFT and classical calculations



$M = Al, Si, Mg$

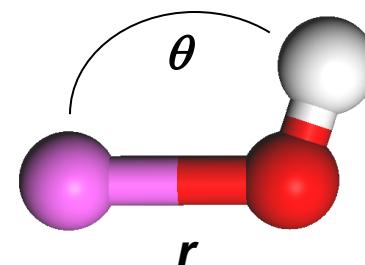


Al-O-H symmetric bend

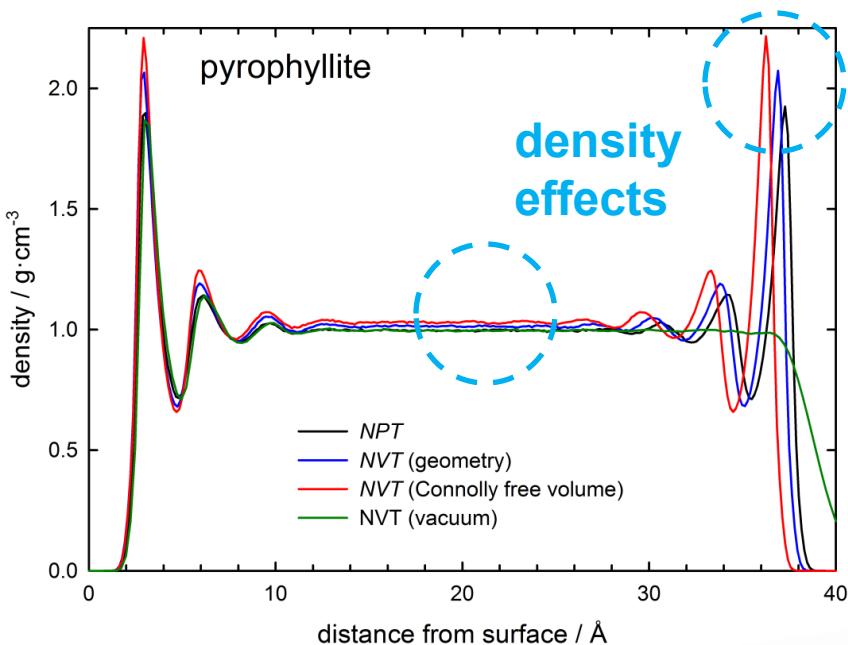
$$E_{\text{stretch}} = \frac{1}{2} k_r (r - r_o)^2$$

$$E_{\text{bend}} = \frac{1}{2} k_\theta (\theta - \theta_o)^2$$

r_o, θ_o from DFT-optimized geometry
 k_r, k_θ from normal mode analysis

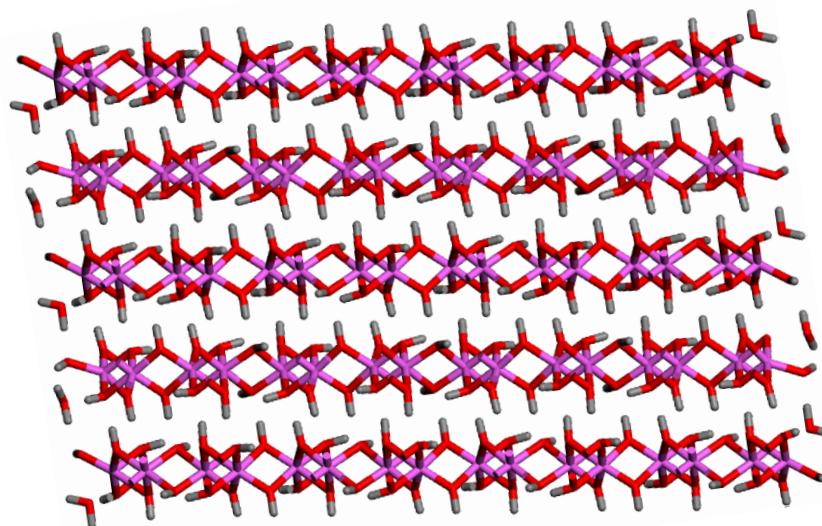


Summary



NPT or NVT(vac): accurate density

**NVT: be careful with H_2O content
surface definition
hydrophobicity**



**FF development for
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