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Sulfate Adsorption to Goethite (100) and (101)

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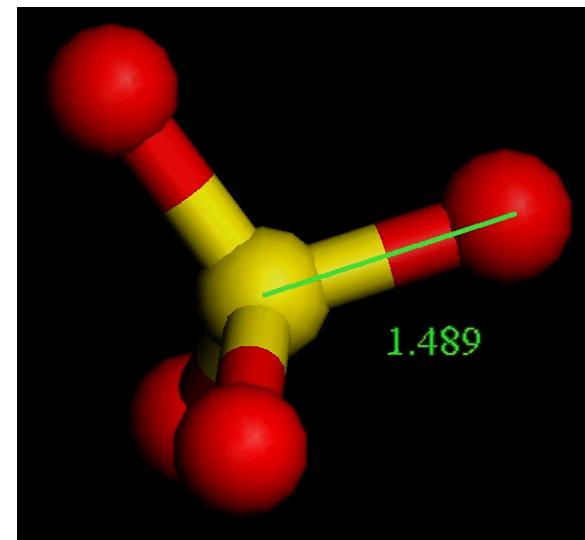
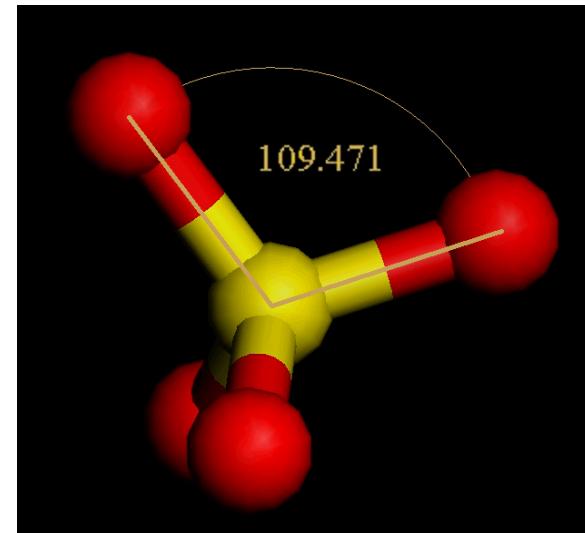
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Motivation

- Lynn Katz (UT-Austin) experimental work with sulfate at (100) and (101) surfaces of goethite
- Difficulties modeling cation and anion on the surface
- Cation and anion total available surface sites are different!
- Proposed: steric factor to account for the lower number of available sites for sulfate
 - Is that physical?

Cannon Sulfate Model

- Optimized at HF 6-31+G(d)
 - Rigid model
- Found lowest energy conformations with rigid TIP3P H₂O at HF 6-31+G(d)
 - 2 models
 - Used CHELPG to fit charges at atom centers
 - (O=-1.10 S=2.40)
 - Used -1.00 on O and 2.00 on S
- Started with OPLS thiol LJ parameters
 - Matched calculated binding energies SO₄²⁻-H₂O
- Validated with free energy transform
(Xe => SO₄²⁻)
 - -260.5 kcal/mol experimental
 - -275.4 kcal/mol theoretical



Kalinichev Sulfate Model

$$U_{\text{Lennard-Jones}} = 4\epsilon \left(\frac{\sigma^{12}}{R^{12}} - \frac{\sigma^6}{R^6} \right)$$

Sulfate S (charge = 2.00)

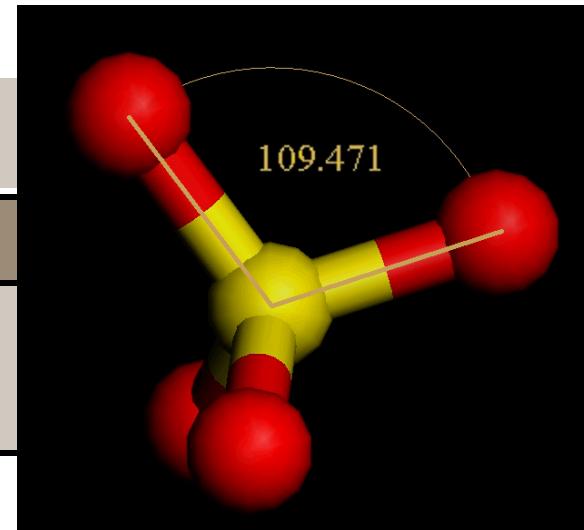
Sulfate O (charge = -1.00)

Sigma = 3.55

Sigma = 3.15

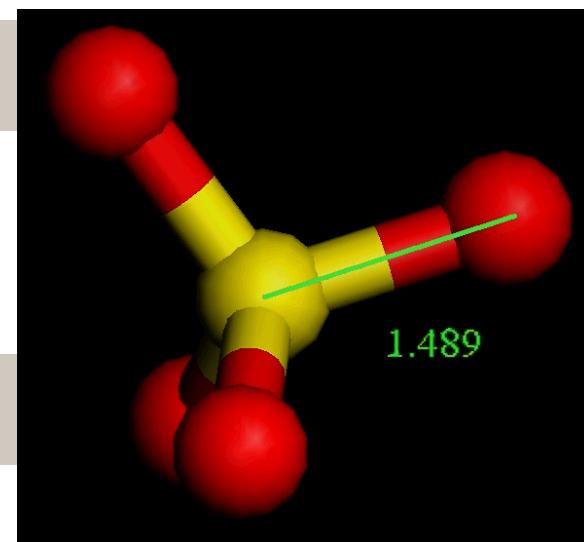
Epsilon = 0.25

Epsilon = 0.20



$$U_{\text{bond stretch}} = K_{\text{stretch}} (R - R_0)^2$$

- Bond stretch force constant = 625.00



$$U_{\text{angle bend}} = K_{\text{bend}} (\theta - \theta_0)^2$$

- Angle bend force constant = 102.50

Kalinichev Sulfate Model

IR in aqueous solution

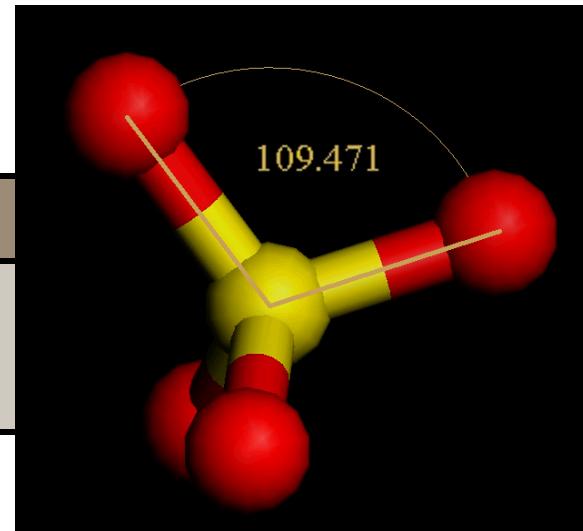
Bend = 451 cm^{-1}

Stretch = 1104 cm^{-1}

Kalinichev in gas phase

Bend = 482 cm^{-1}

Stretch = 1273 cm^{-1}

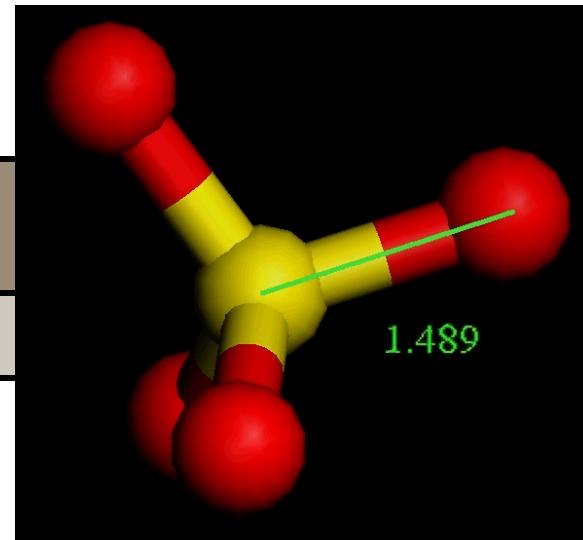


Cannon Rigid TIP3P Interaction Energy

-225.26 kcal/mol

Kalinichev Flexible SPC Interaction Energy

-248.55 kcal/mol



Kalinichev Sulfate Model

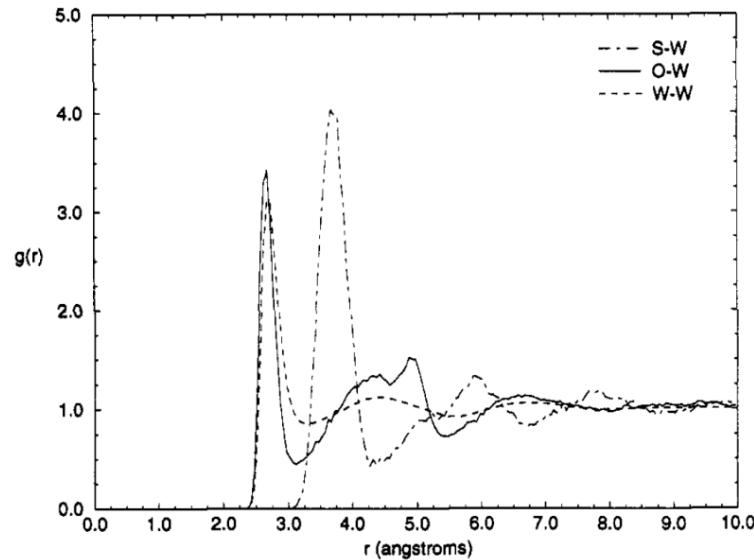
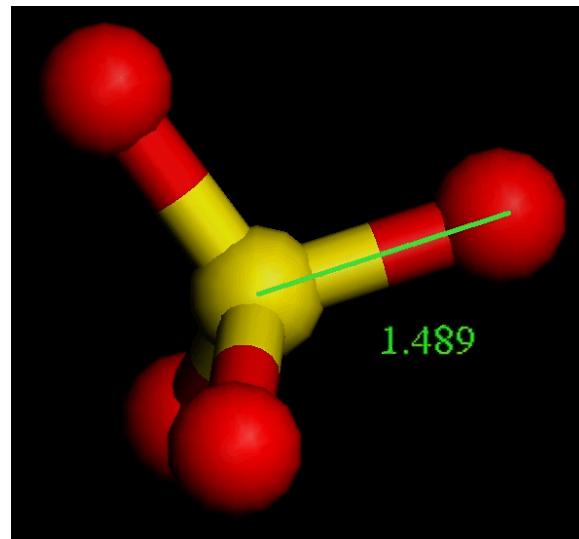
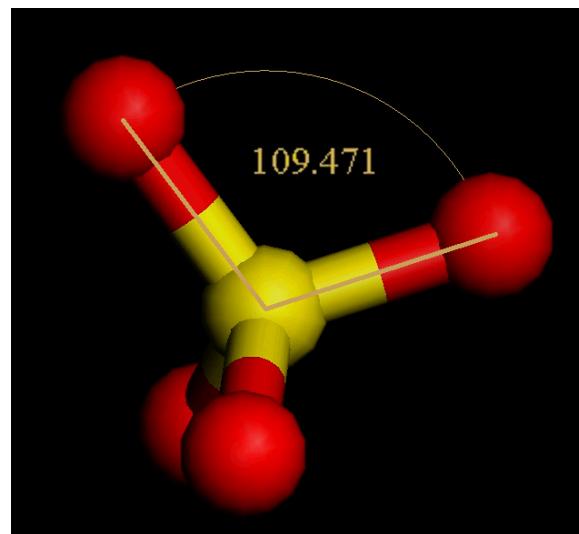
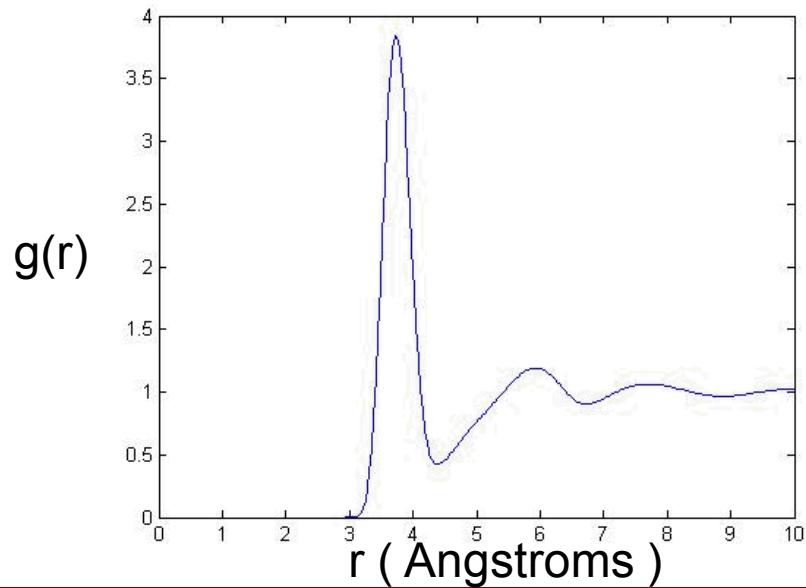
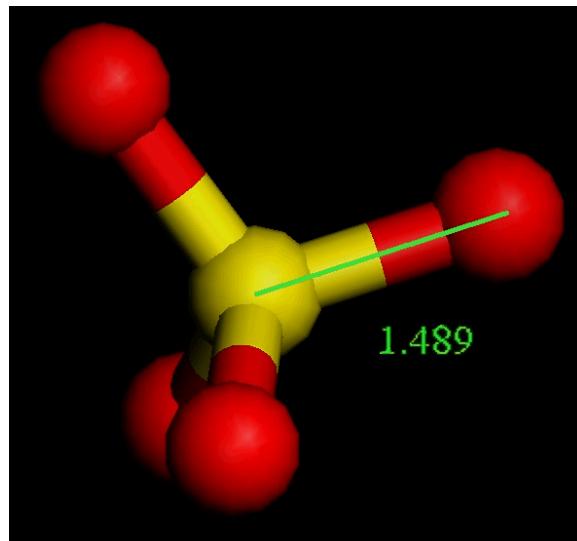
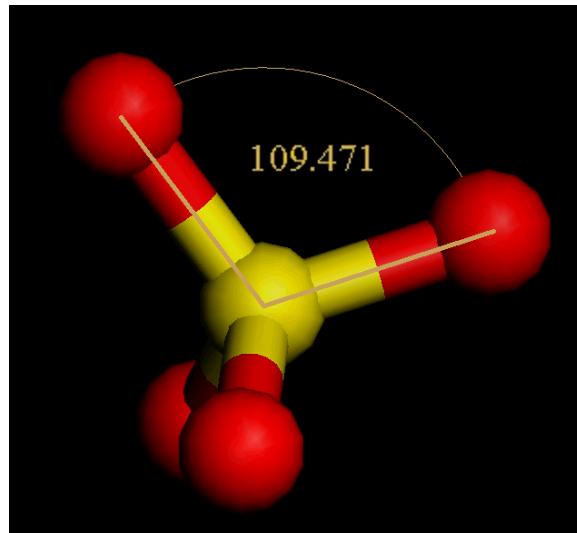
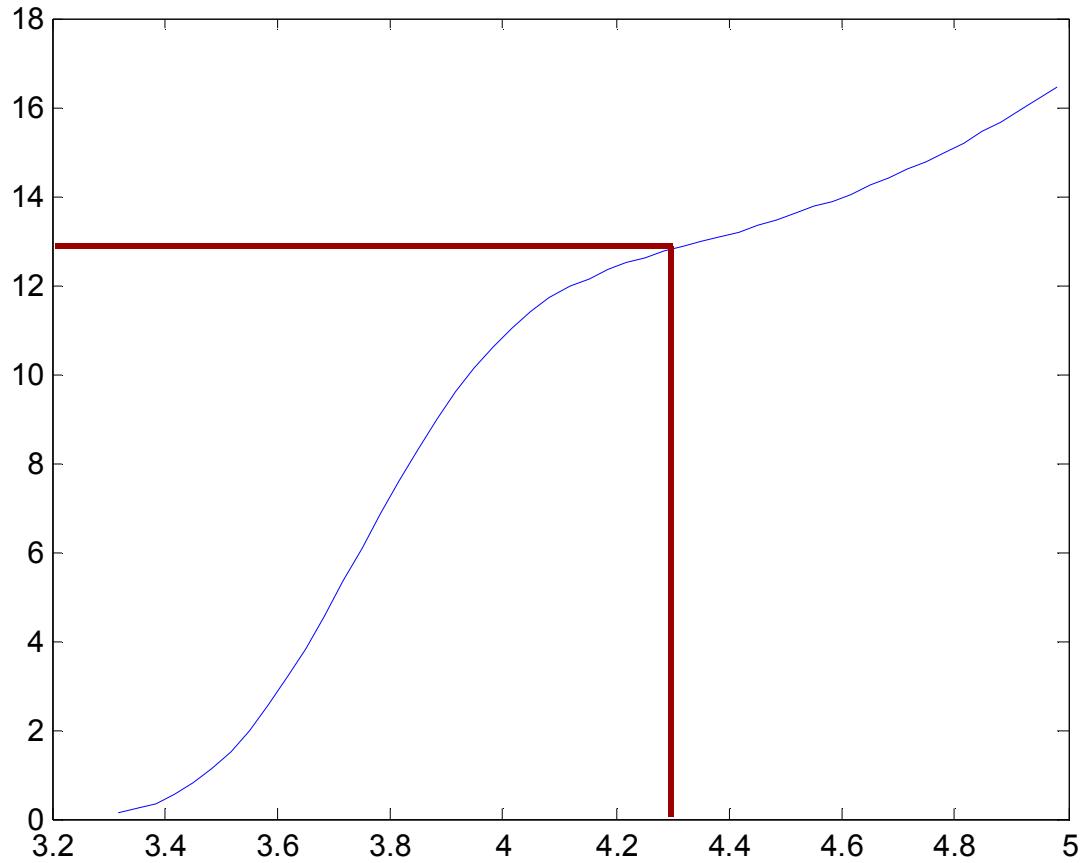


Figure 3. Pair correlation functions for $S-O_w$, O_i-O_w , and O_w-O_w pairs.



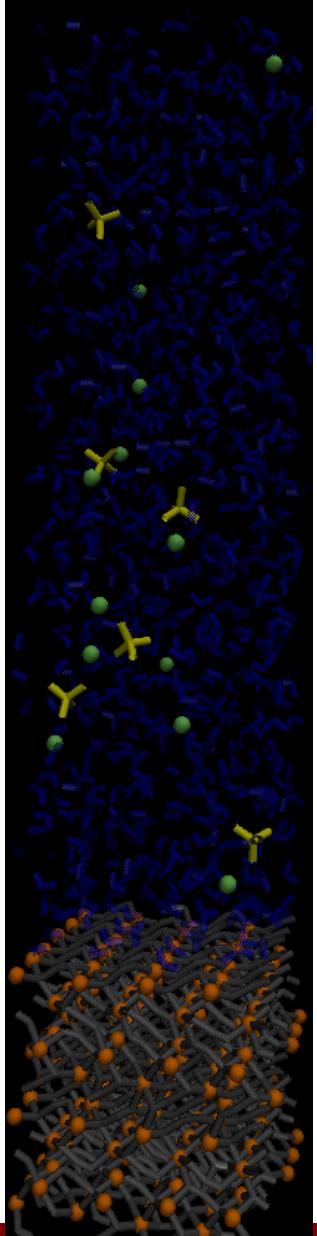
Kalinichev Sulfate Model

- Cannon model: approx 13 waters in complex
- Experimental: varies from 6 to 14
- Good agreement with Cannon



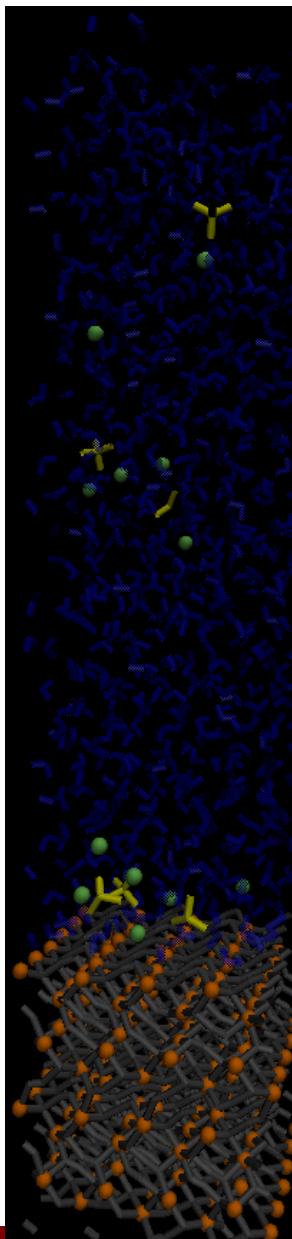
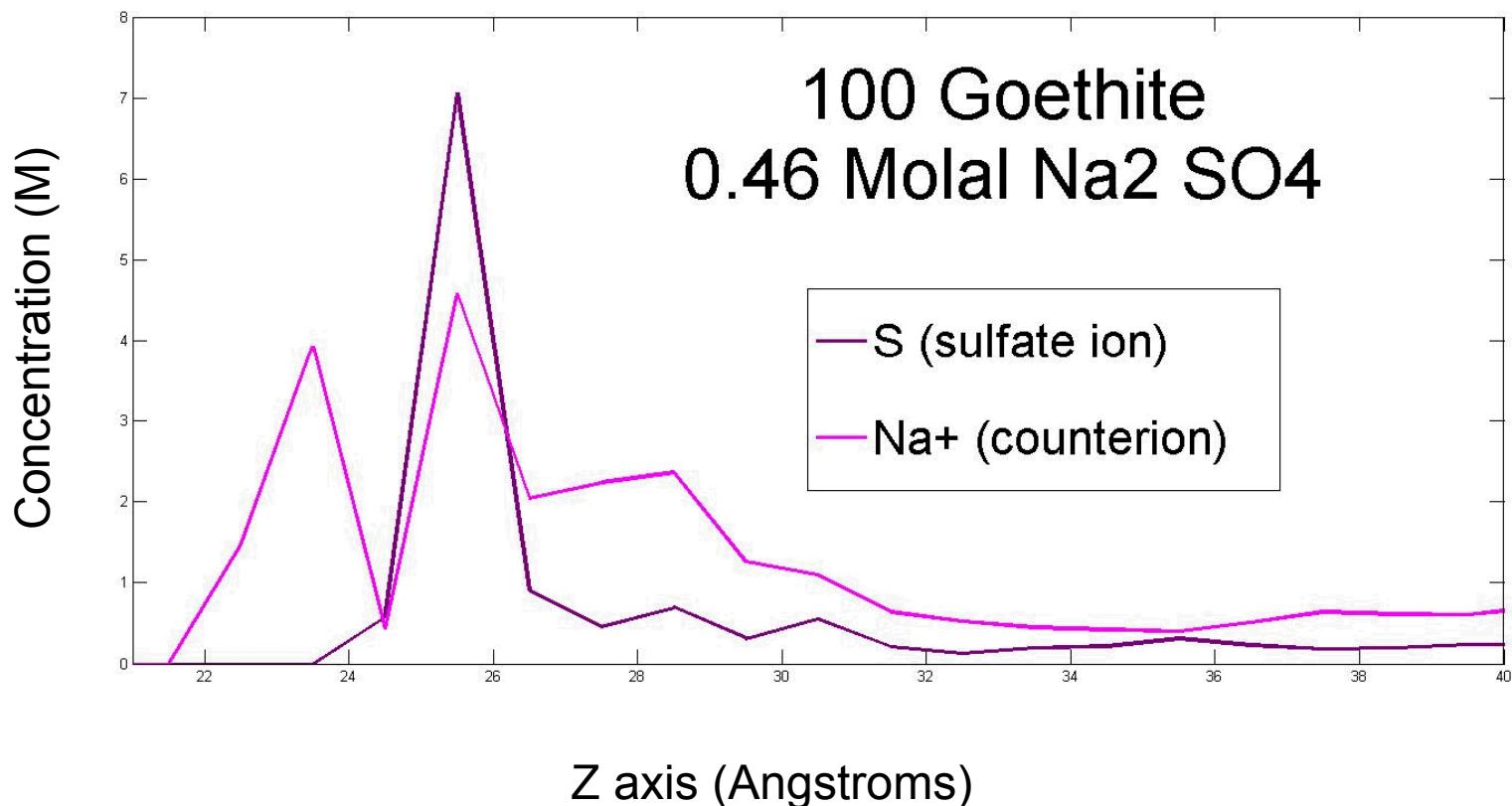
Na₂SO₄ on Goethite (100)

- Complexation as a function of concentration
 - 0.46 molal
 - 1.00 molal
 - 1.46 molal
- 3 vacuum boxes above
- L-J potential at top to enforce vacuum
- 1 iron atom held stationary
- 50 picoseconds to equilibrate NVE
- 10 nanoseconds production NVT
 - (300K, Nose-Hoover thermostat)

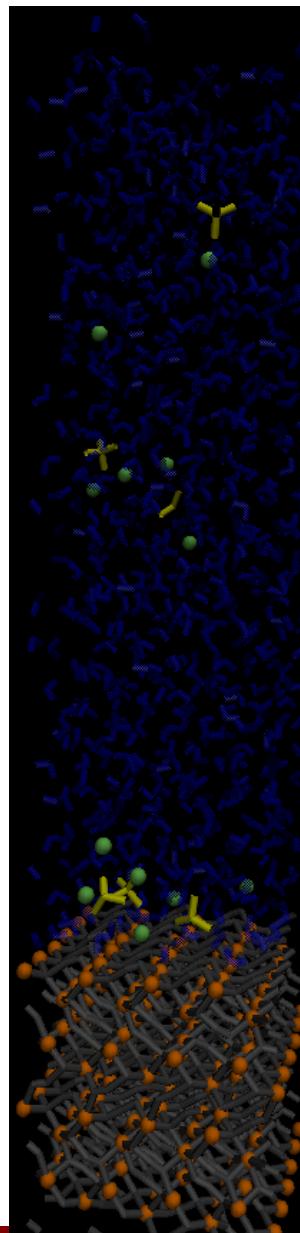
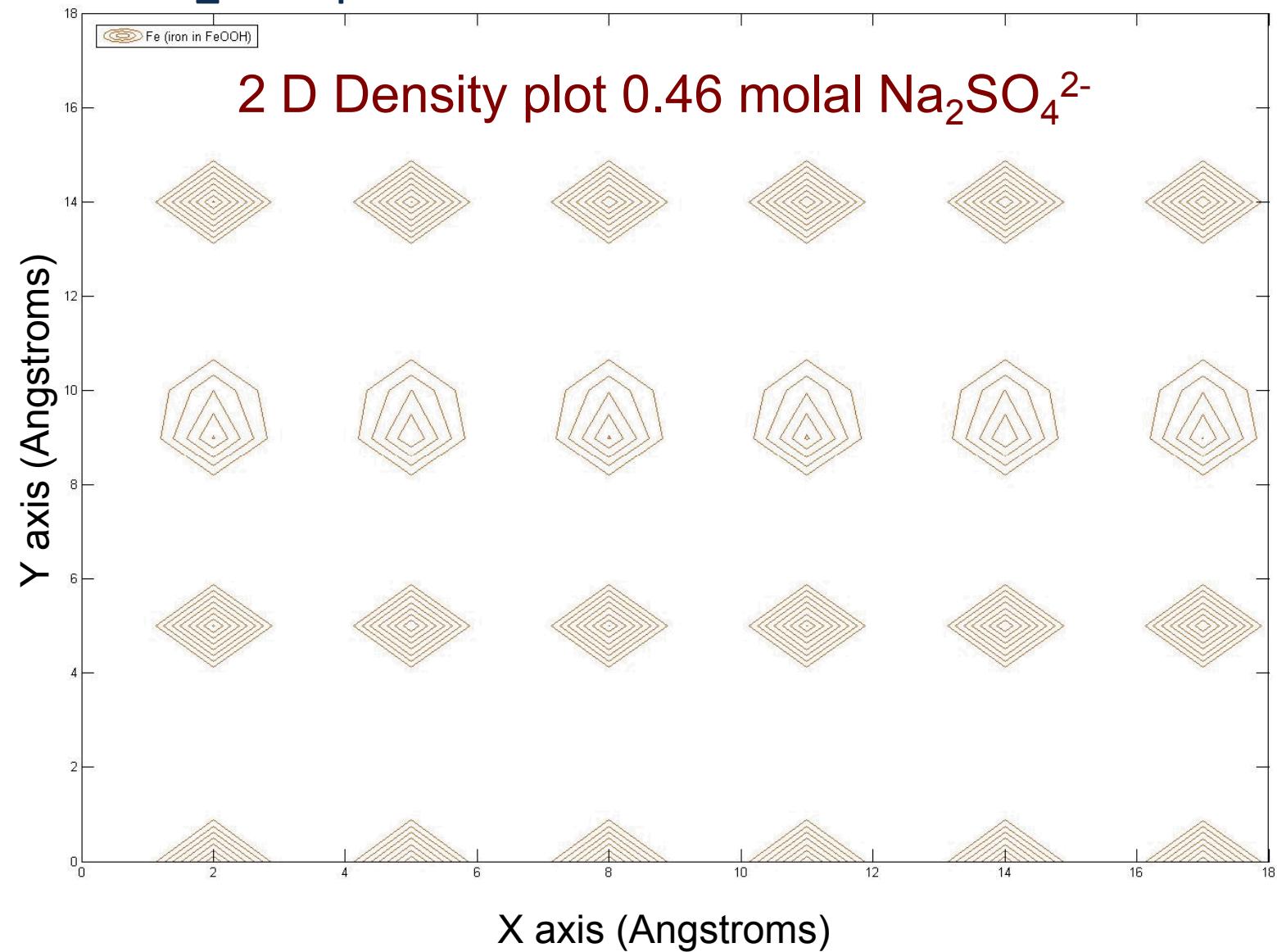


Na_2SO_4 on Goethite (100)

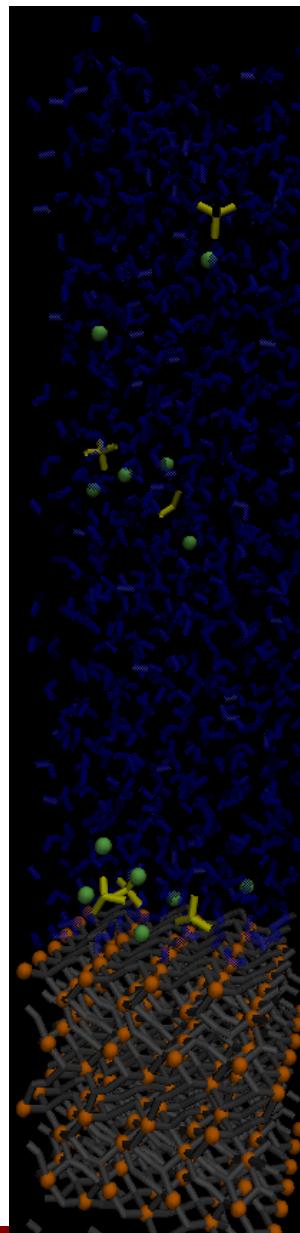
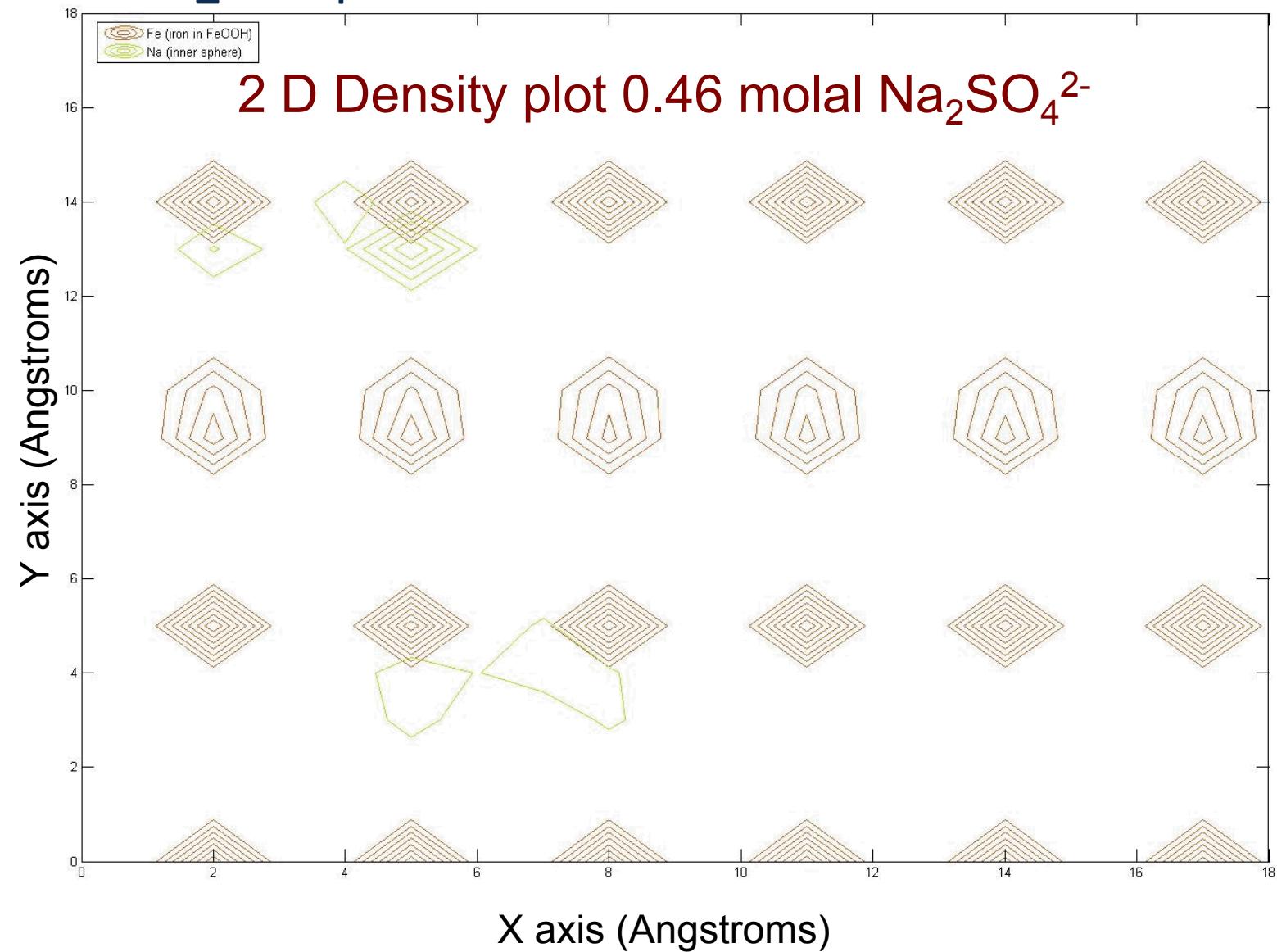
1 D Density plot



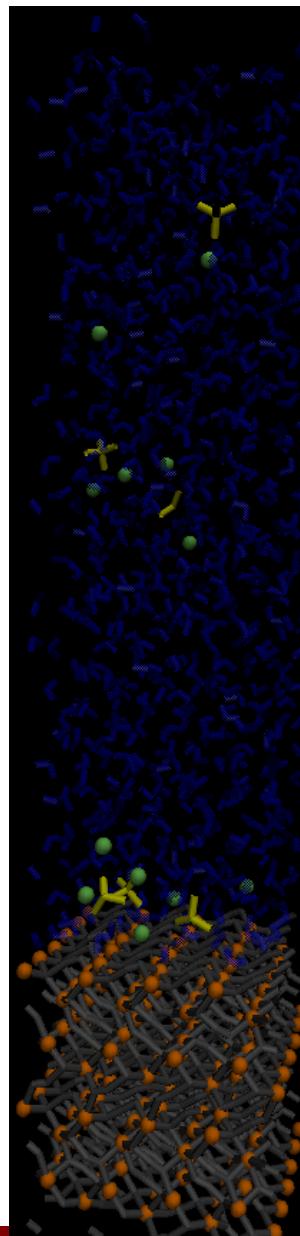
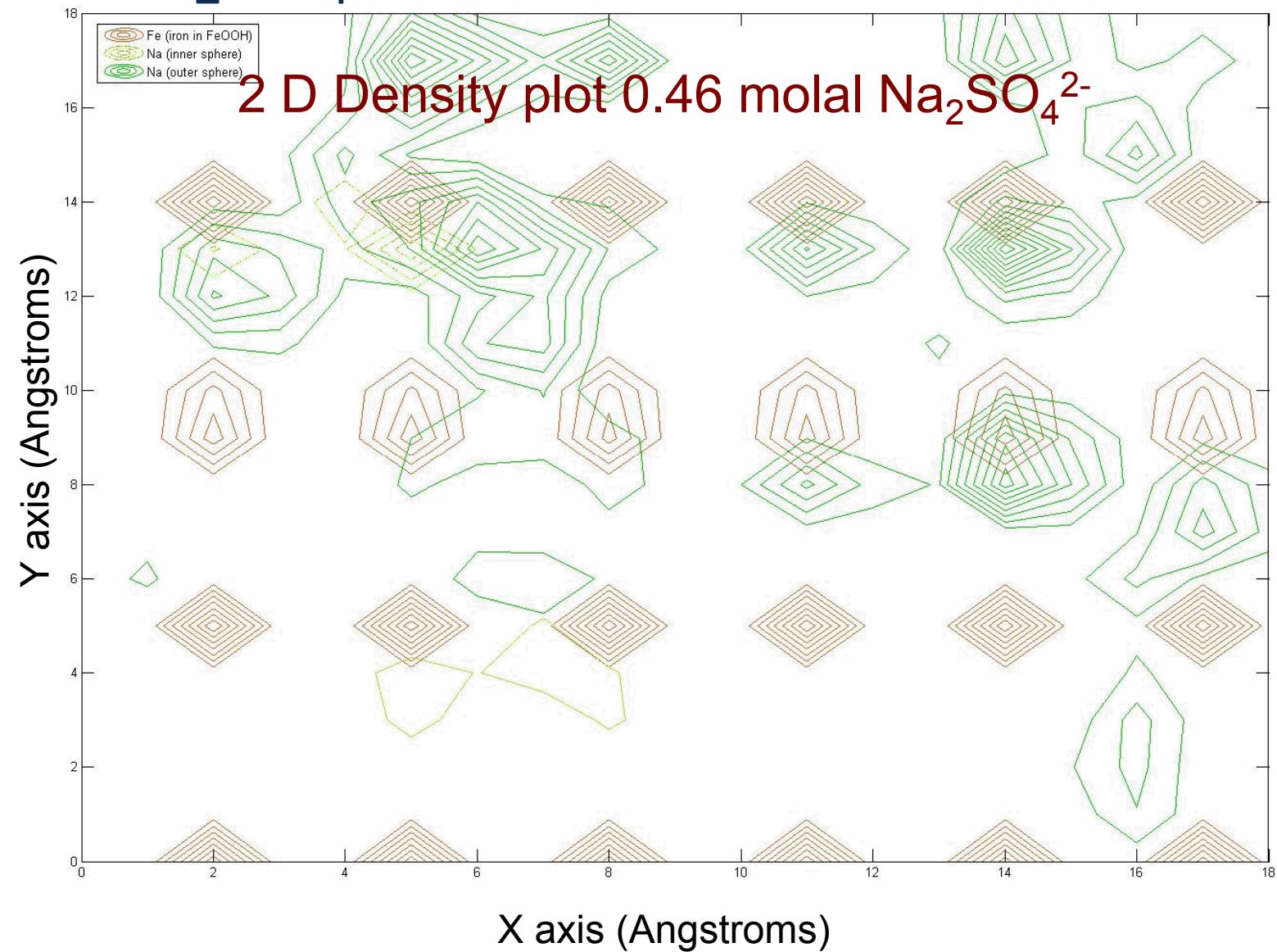
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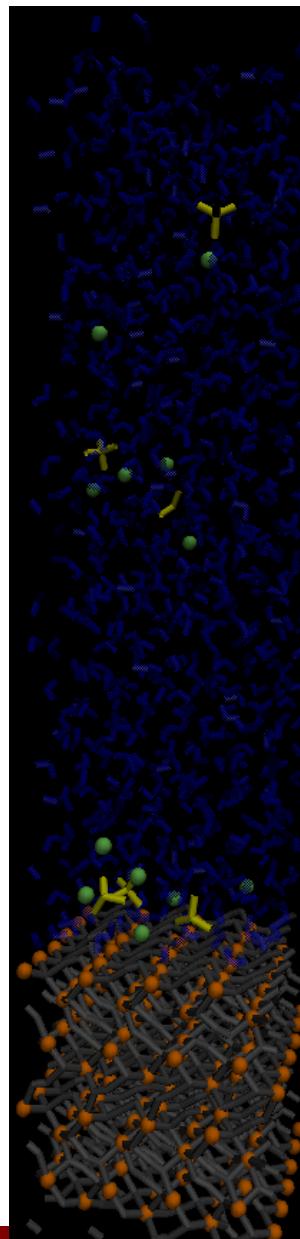
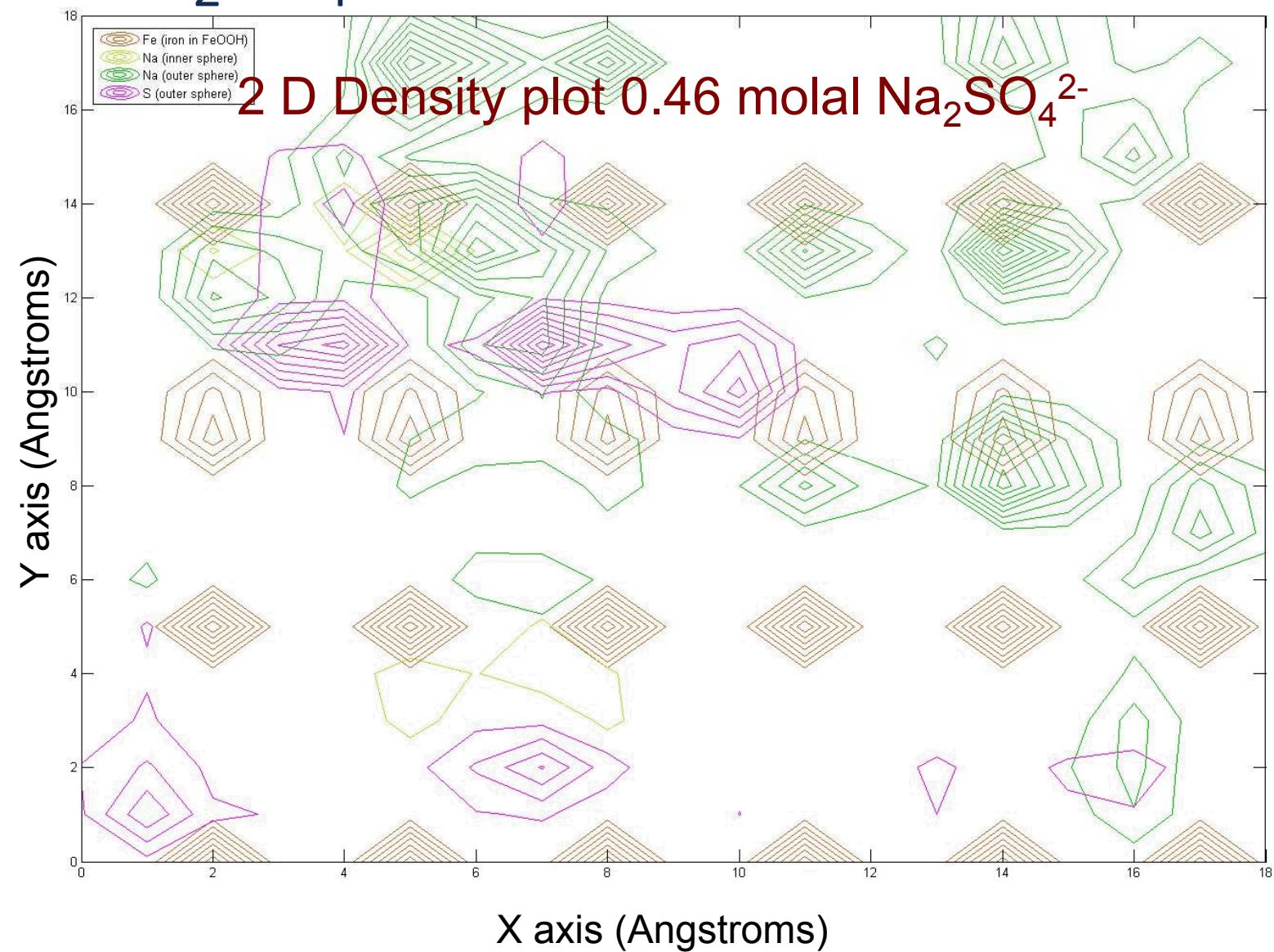
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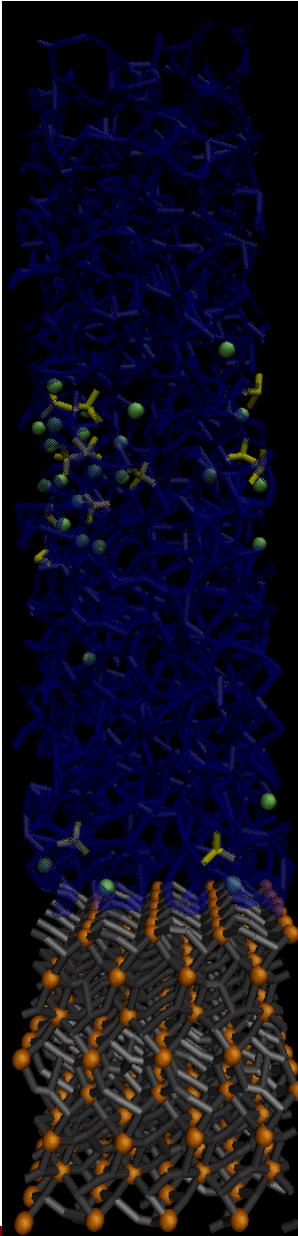
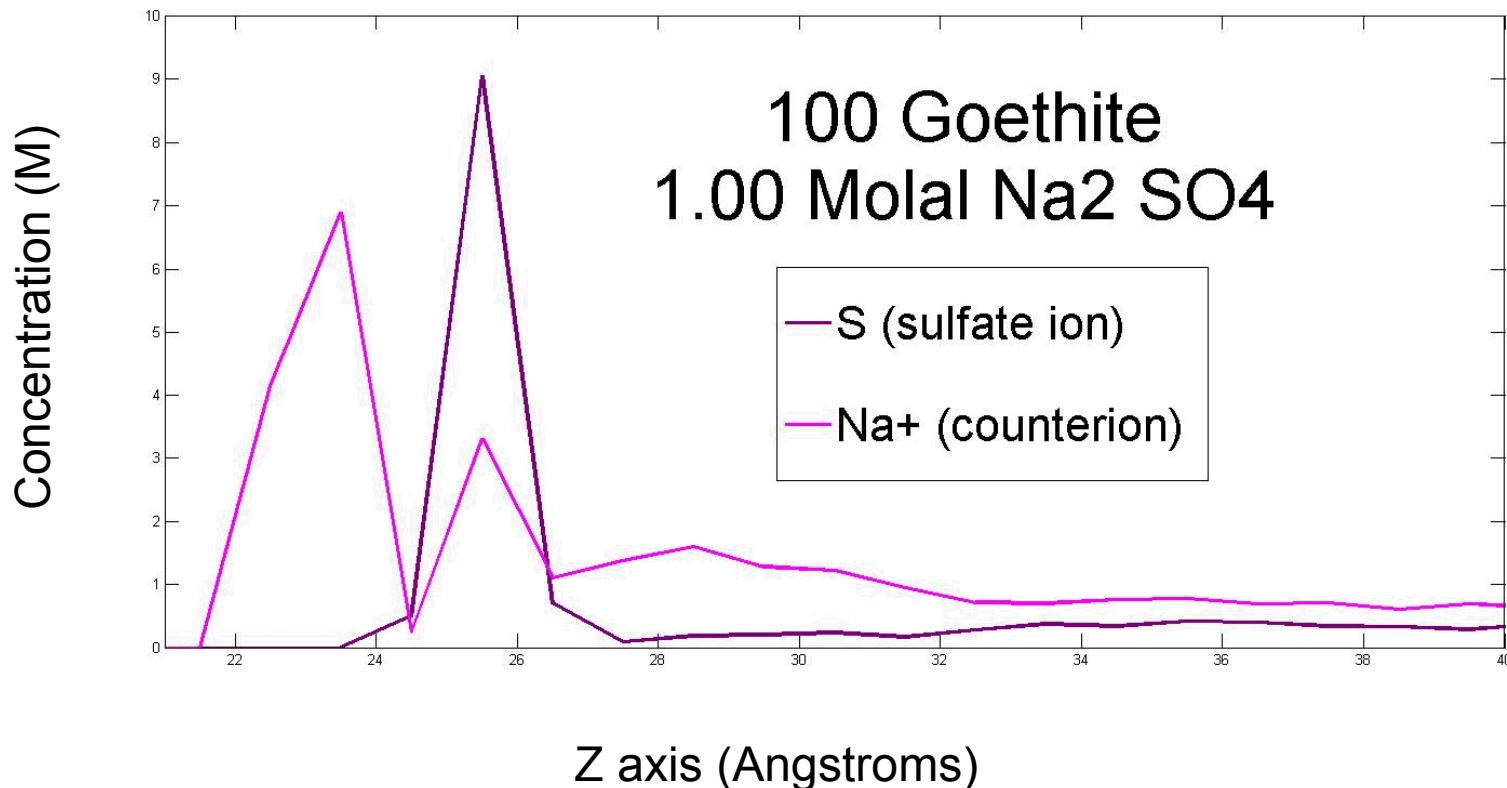
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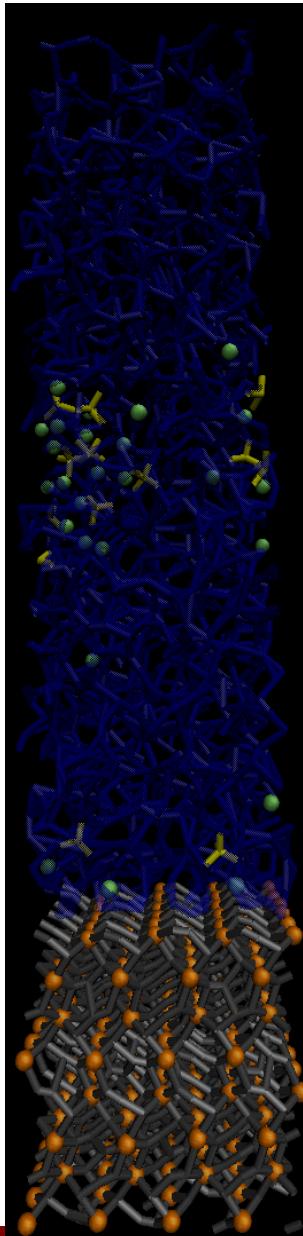
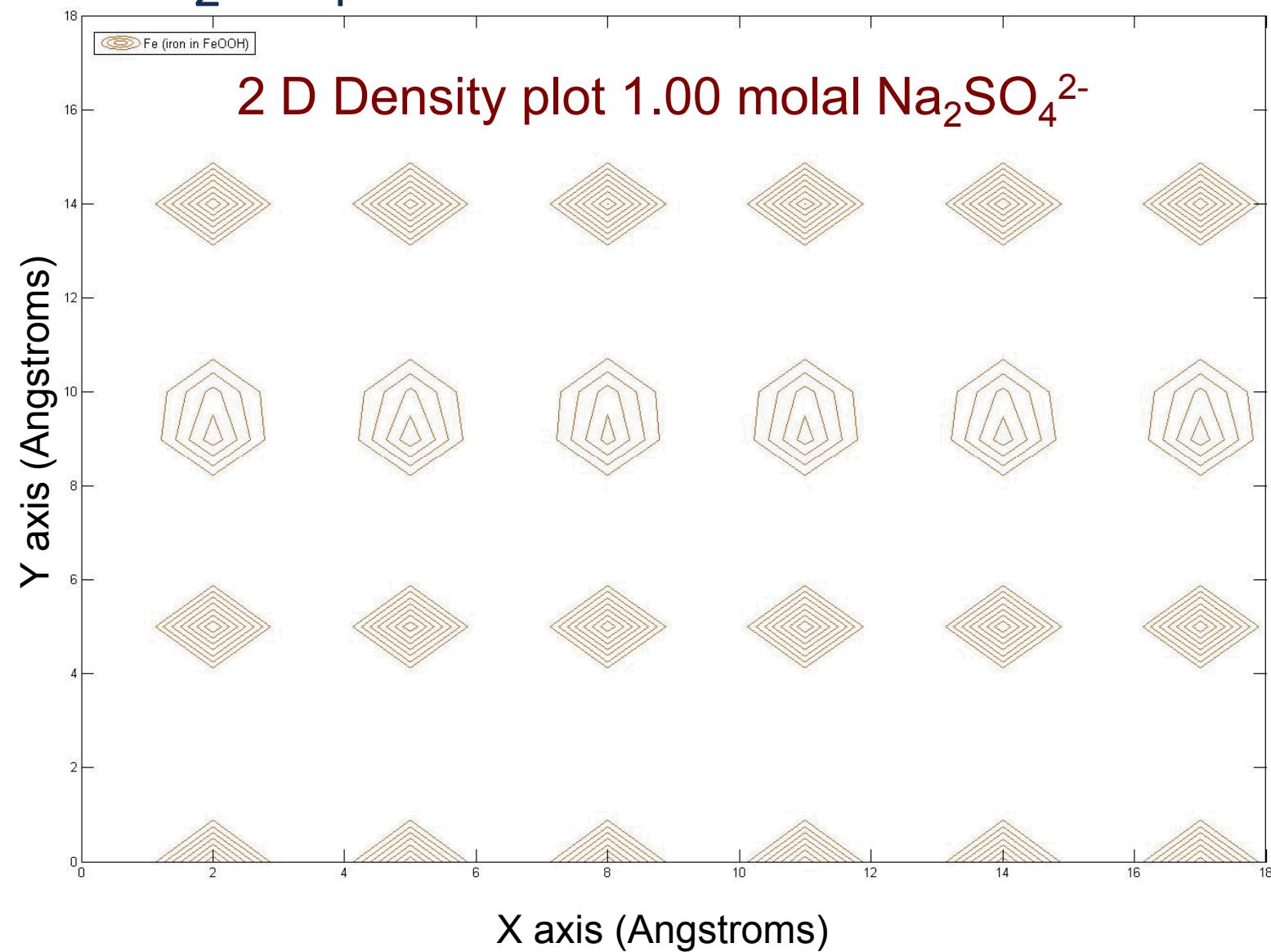
Na_2SO_4 on Goethite (100)



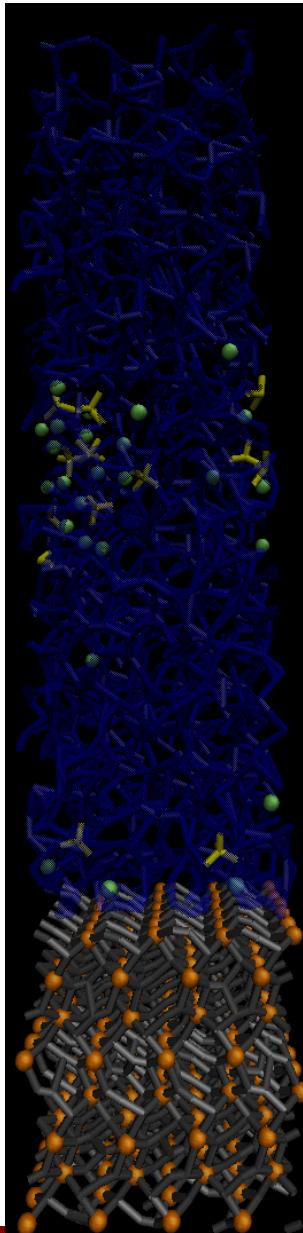
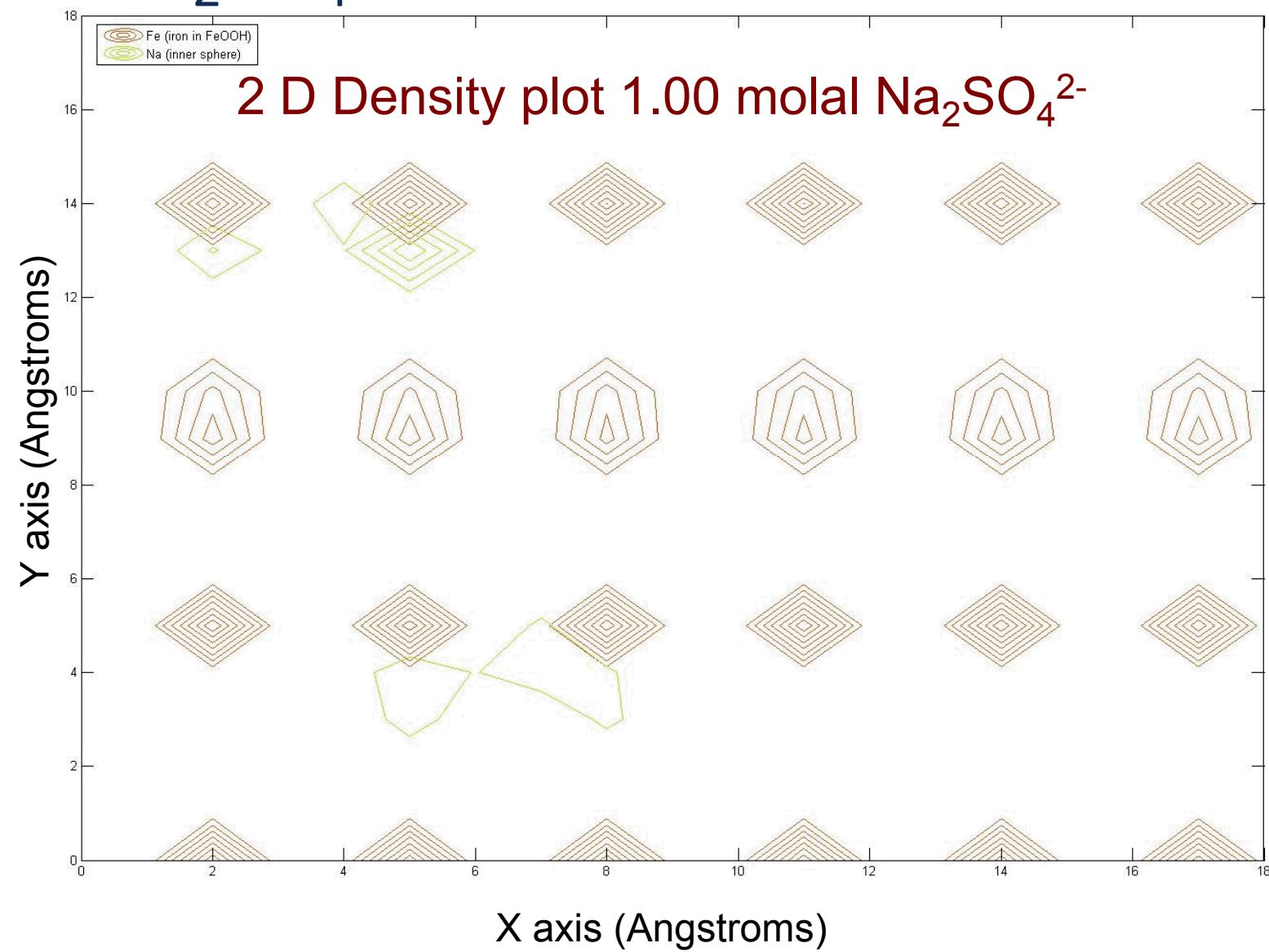
1.00 molal Na_2SO_4 on (100)



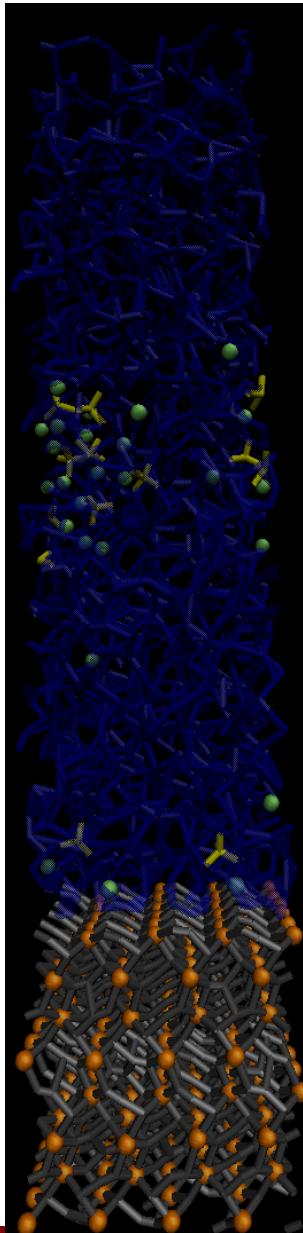
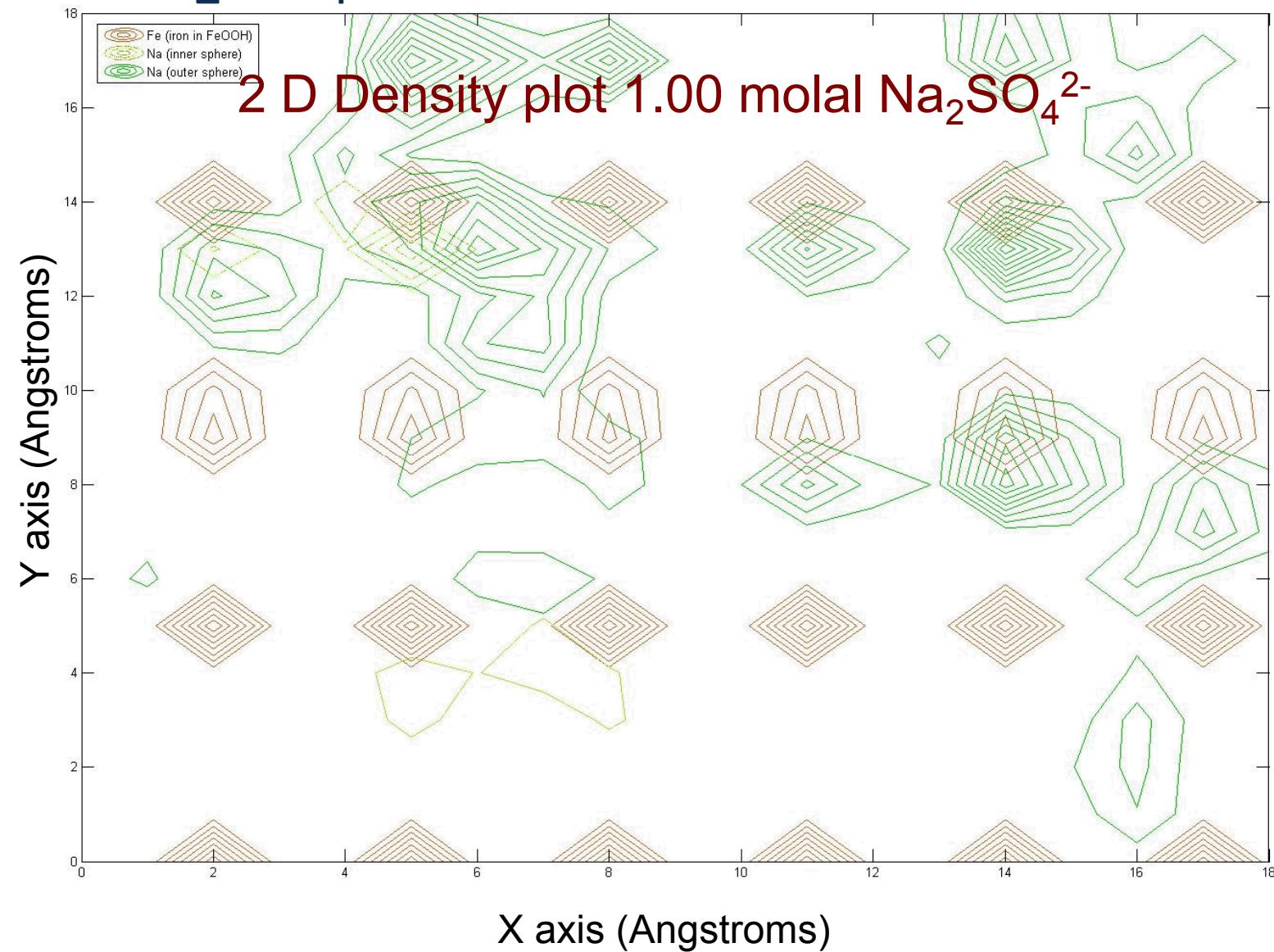
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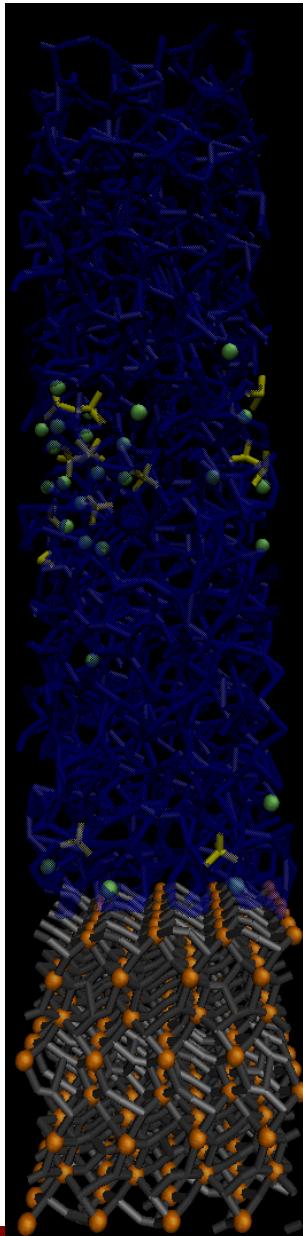
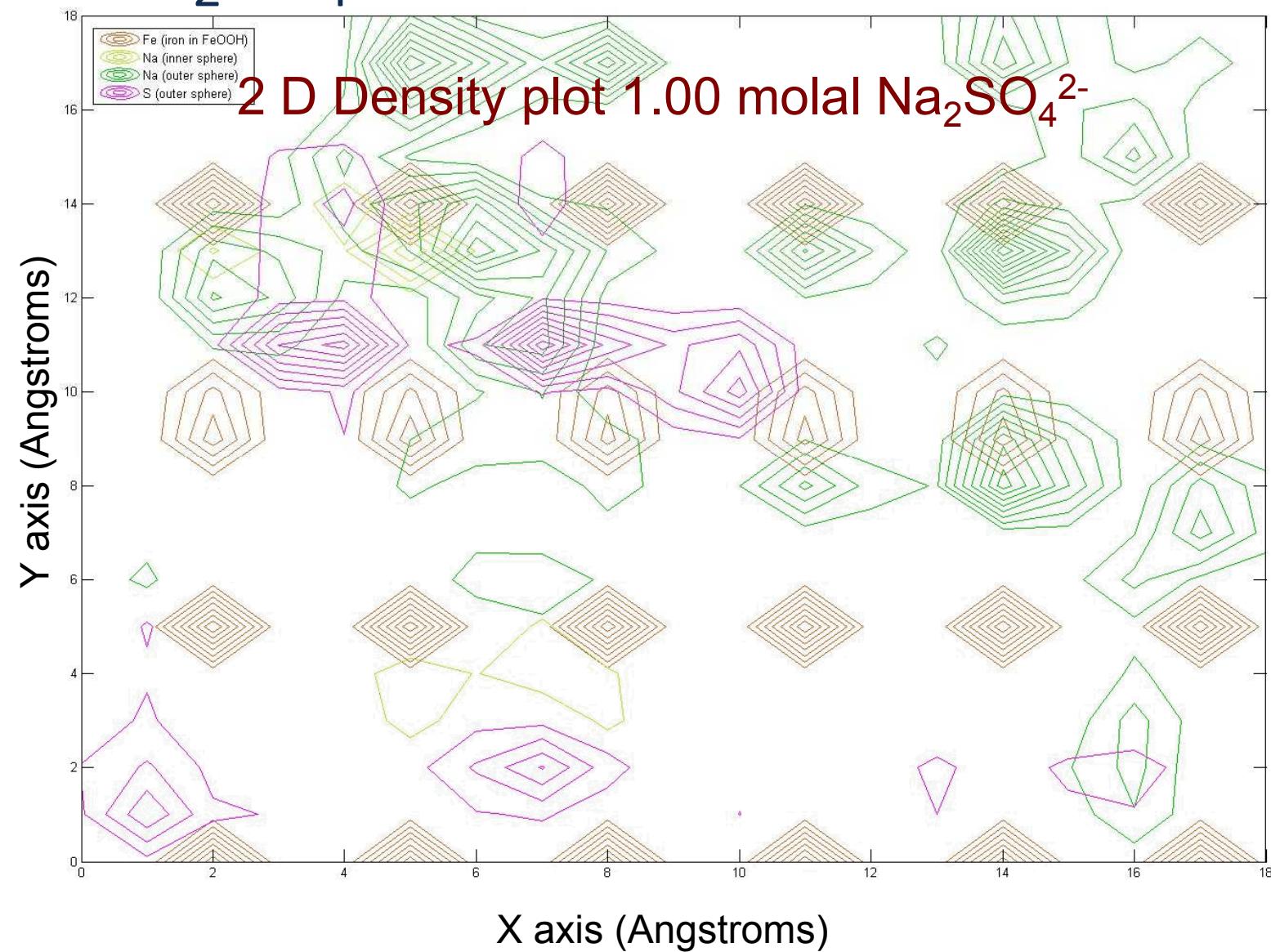
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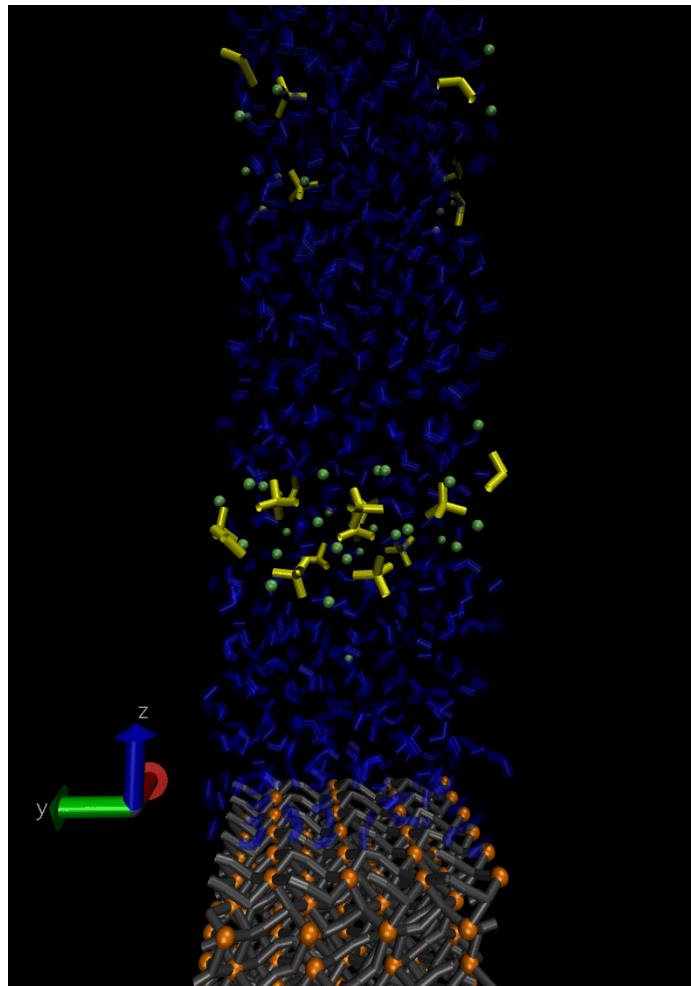
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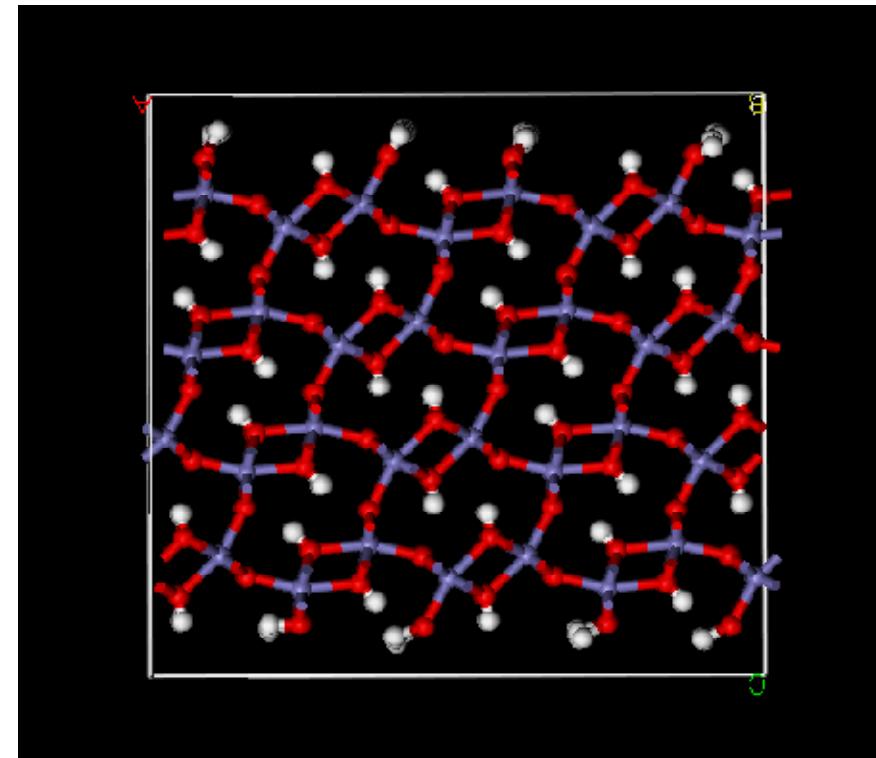
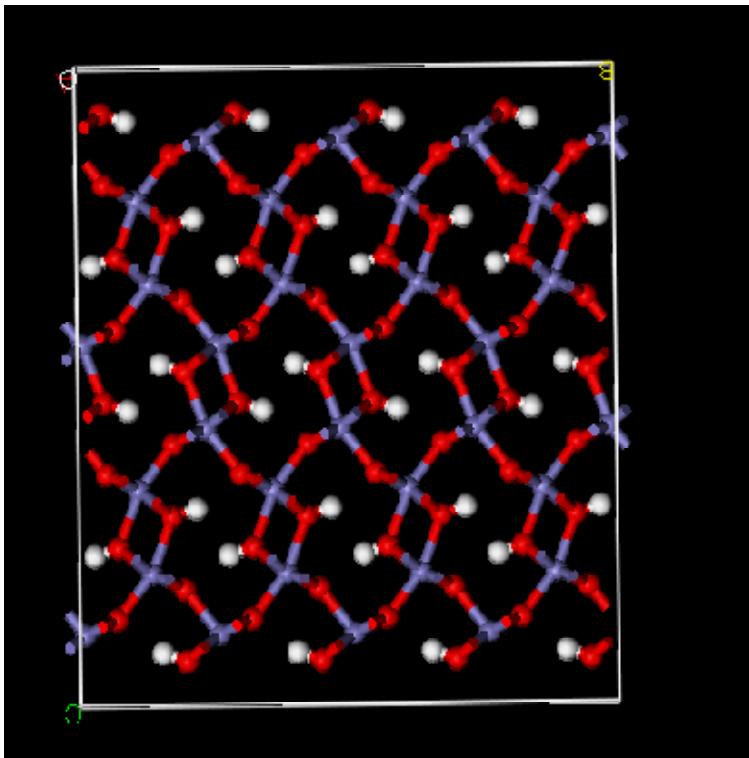
Na_2SO_4 on Goethite (100)



1.46 molal Na_2SO_4 on (100)

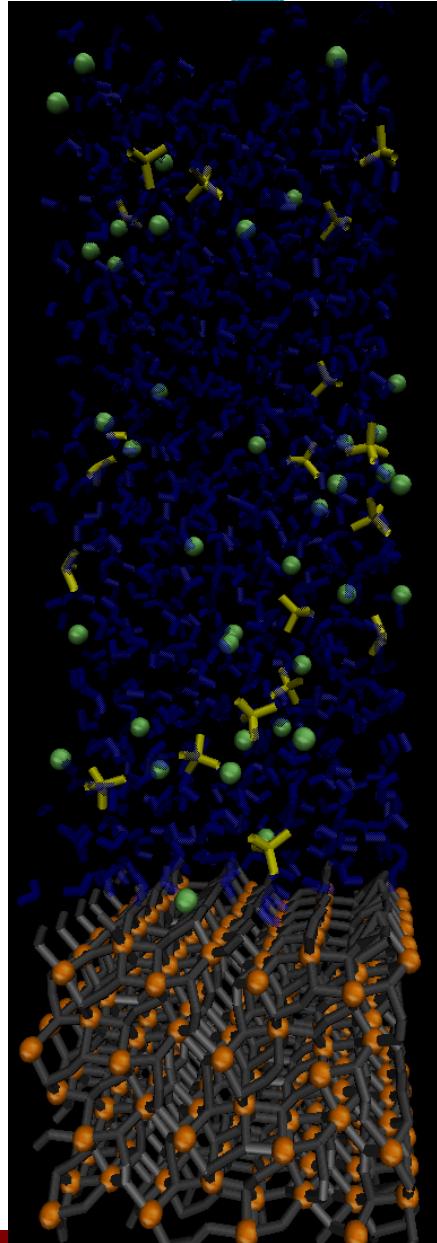


Goethite (100) and Goethite (101)



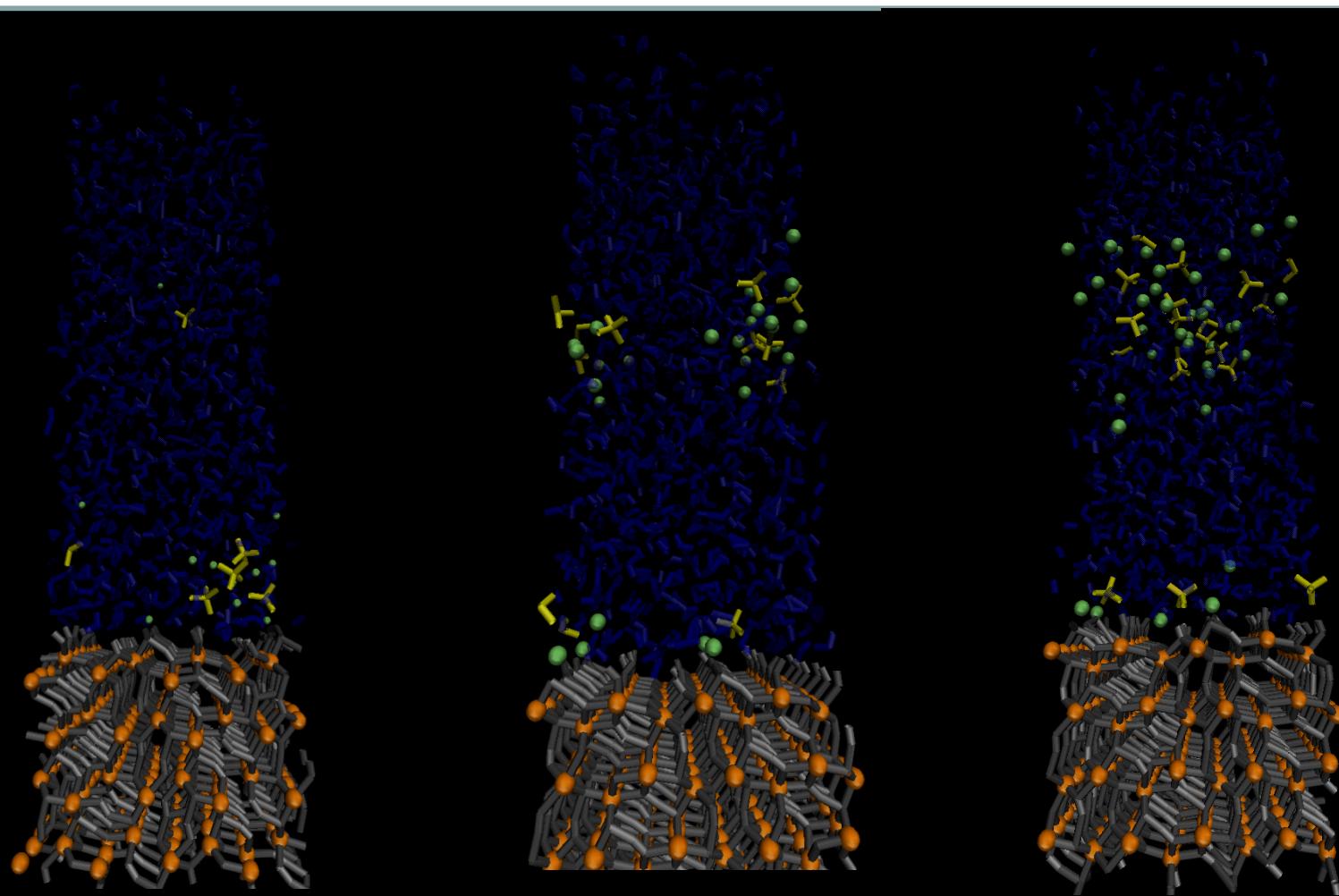
Na_2SO_4 on Goethite (101)

- Complexation as a function of concentration
 - 0.46 molal
 - 1.00 molal
 - 1.46 molal



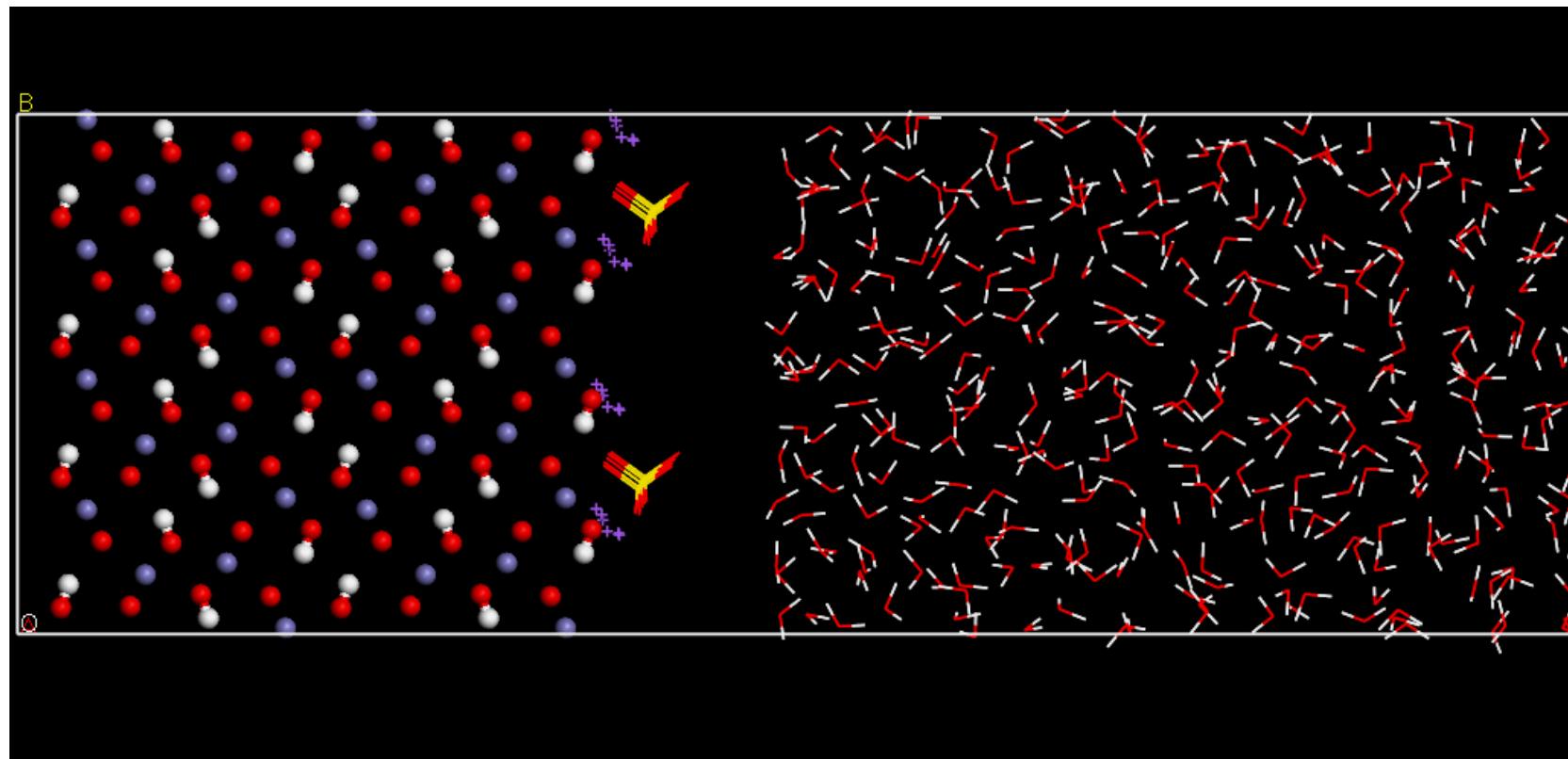
(101)

0.46 molal - 1.00 molal - 1.46 molal



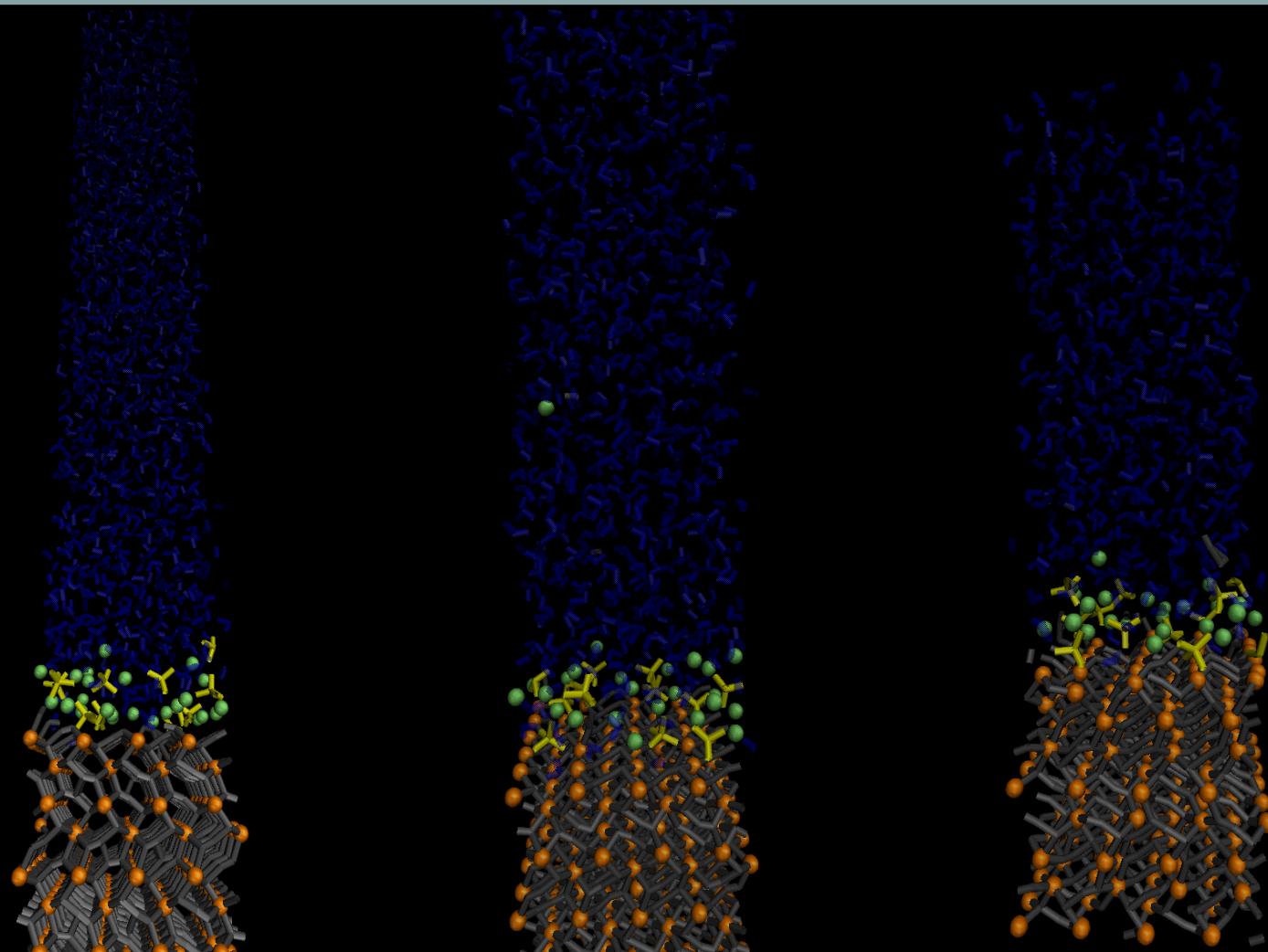
Loaded Goethite (100) and (101)

- 0.50 molal, 1.00 molal, 1.5 molal
- Complexation as a function of concentration



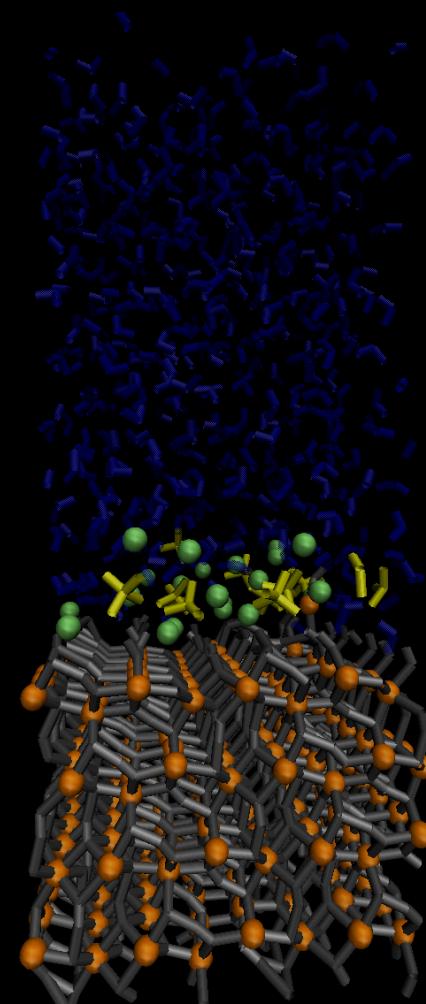
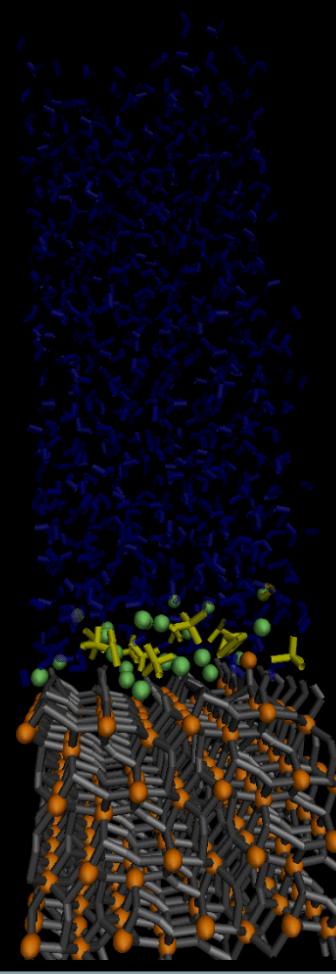
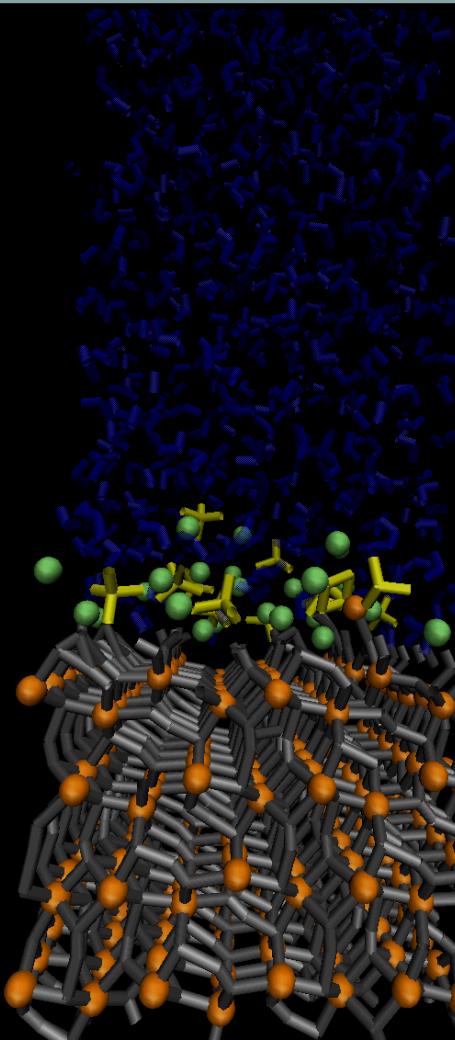
(100)

0.50 molal - 1.00 molal - 1.50 molal



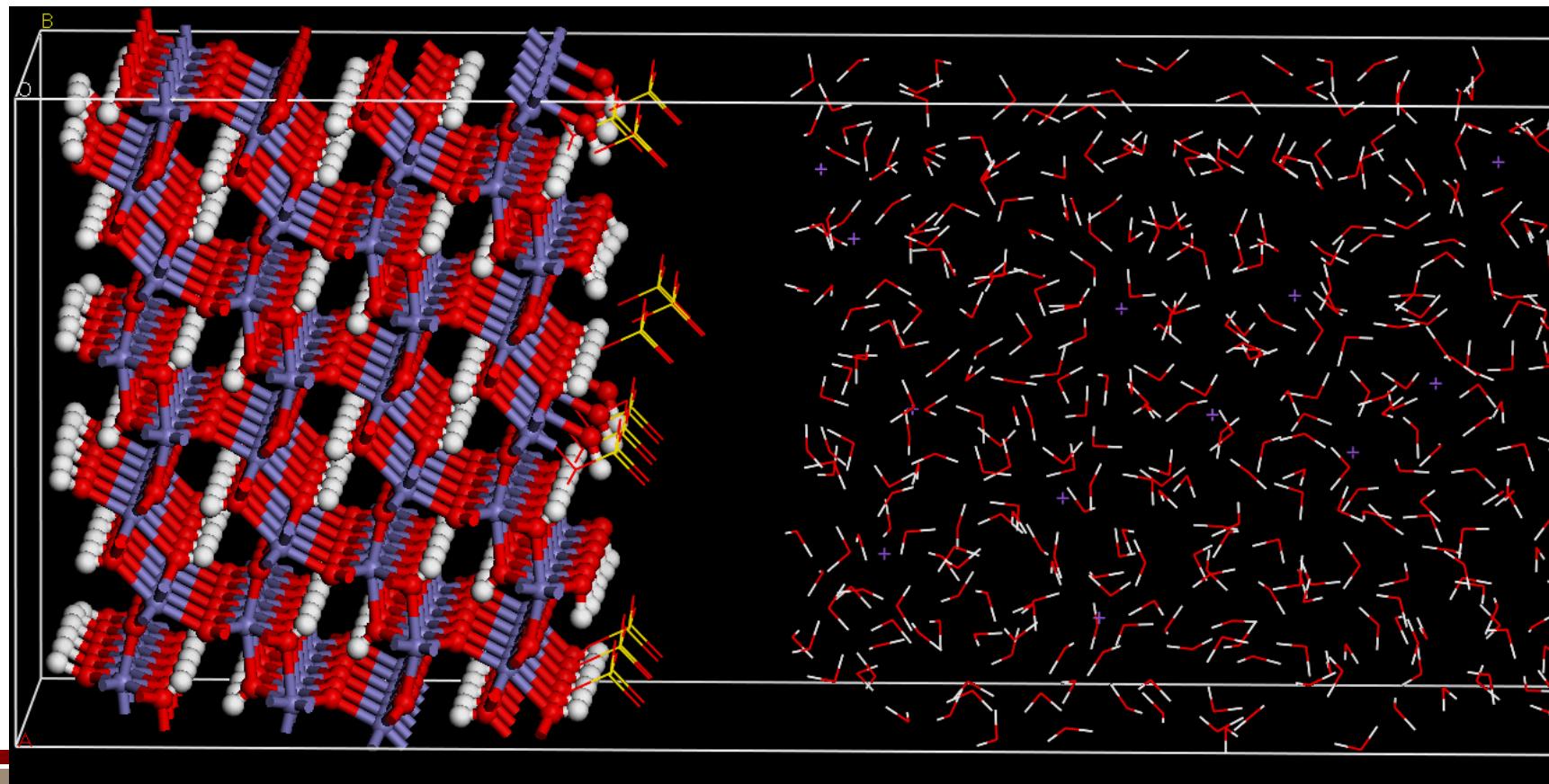
(101)

0.50 molal - 1.00 molal - 1.50 molal



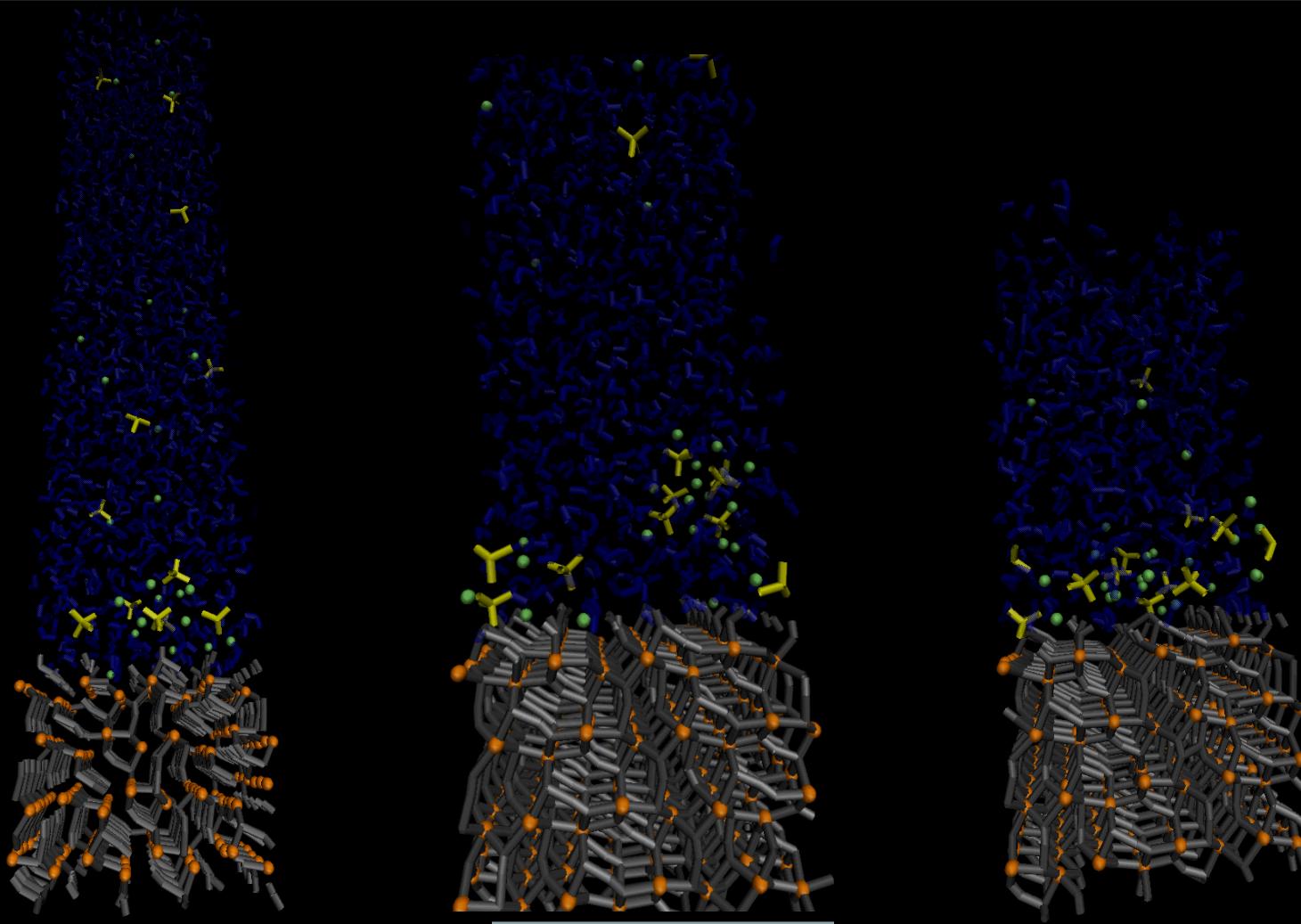
De-Hydroxylated (101)

- 0.50 molal, 1.00 molal, 1.5 molal
- Complexation as a function of concentration



De-Hydroxylated (101)

0.50 molal - 1.00 molal - 1.50 molal



Conclusions, Future Work

- Why isn't the sulfate binding as much as the cation? Is a steric factor physically reasonable?
- Two explanations
 - Steric hindrance from large surface complexes
 - Lower pH induced de-hydroxylation
- Both of these explanations deserve further investigation

THANK YOU!