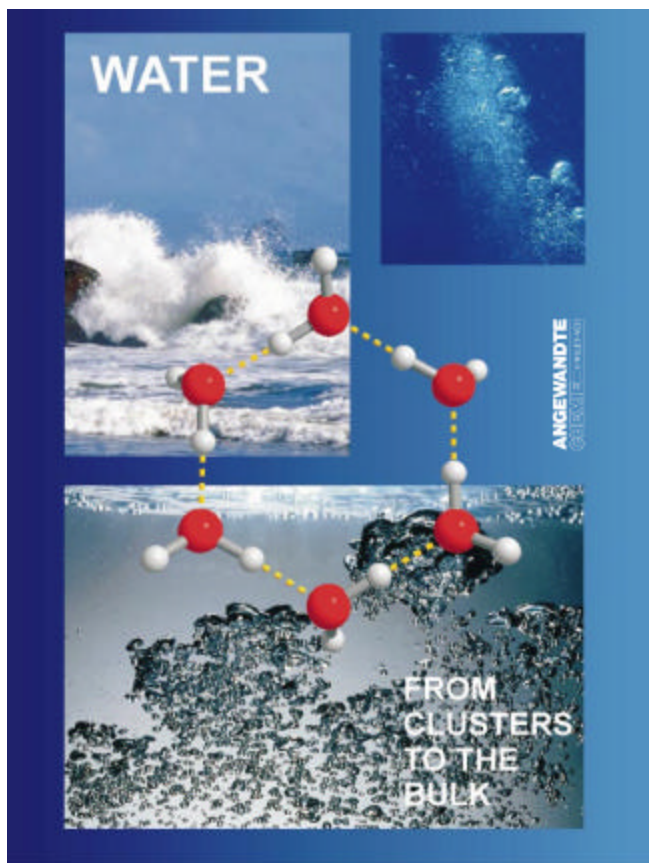


# New Perspective on structure and bonding in water using XAS and XRS

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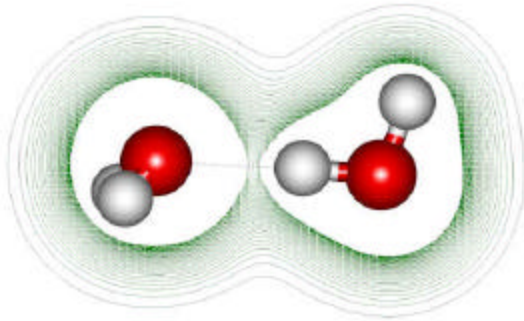
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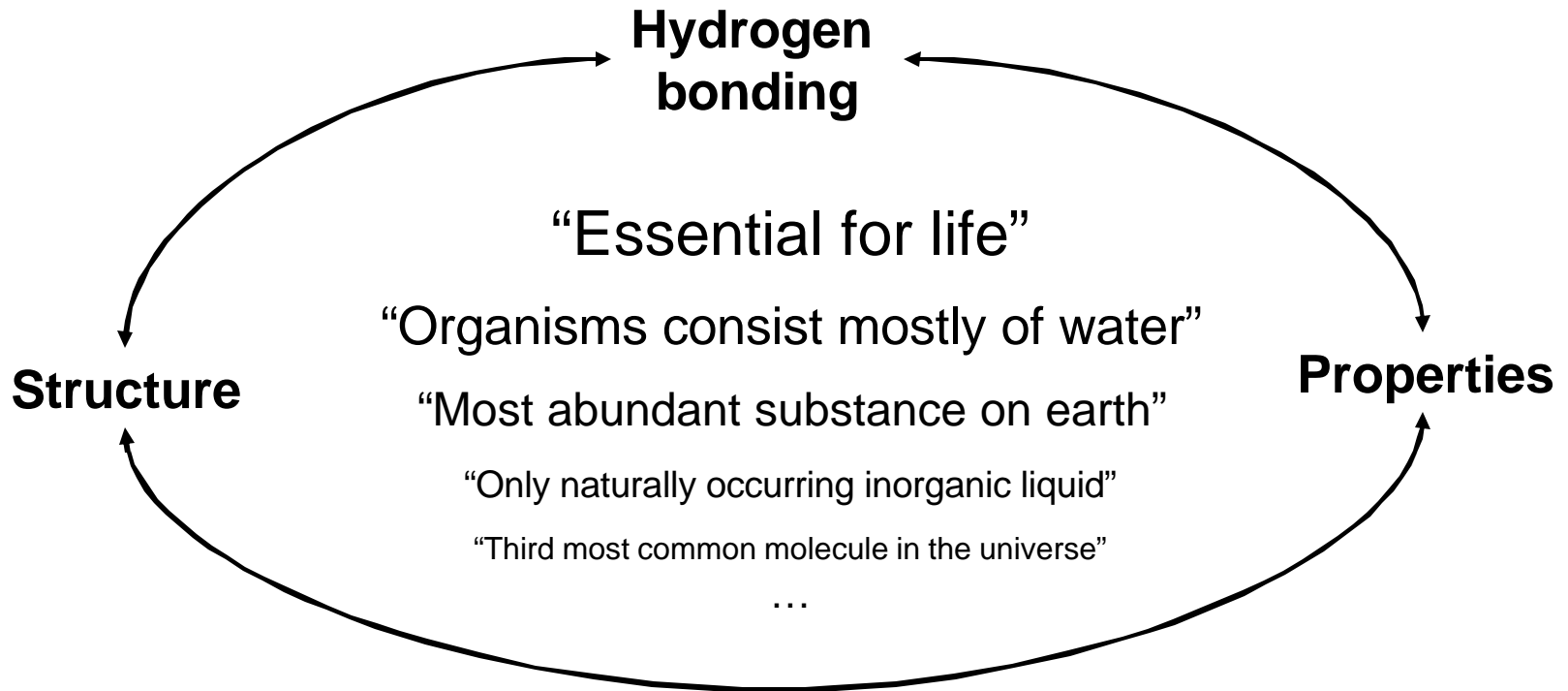
# Hydrogen Bonding and Water



H-bonds are formed between H and N, O and F atoms

They are weak and easily broken and reformed

The valence electrons are strongly affected by H-bonds and can be probed using X-ray spectroscopy



# Water: many questions

- **Ice, water monomer, clusters:** reference/model system, how far/close to liquid water?
- **Structure of water at ambient conditions:** more than 100 years of debate, new experimental evidence is needed!
- **Supercritical water:** “extensive ... no hydrogen bonding” in sc water?
- **Water at surfaces and interfaces:** ordering vs. disordering, hydrophobic effect?
- **Confined water:** enhanced vs. reduced ordering for confined water?
- **“Biowater”:** water in biological systems, its structure, role, hydrophobic effect...?
- ...

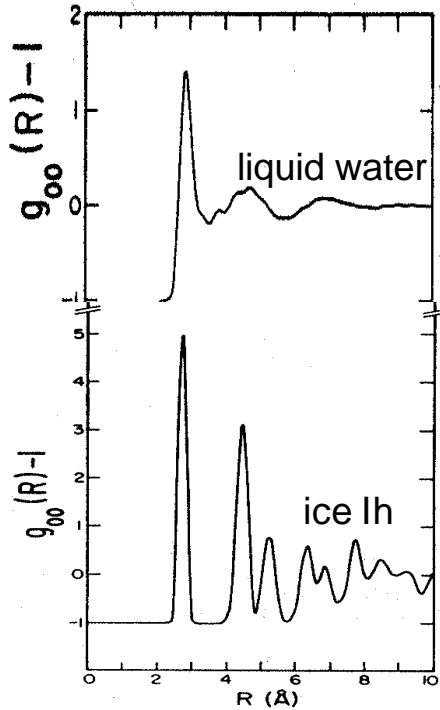
*Gerald H. Pollack: "Cells, Gels and the Engines of Life. A New, Unifying Approach to Cell Function"*

...remain to be answered and established methods cannot help...

- X-ray and neutron diffraction
- Infrared spectroscopy (linear absorption, Raman and fs-pump-probe)
  - Molecular dynamics and other simulations
  - Water structure models and concepts

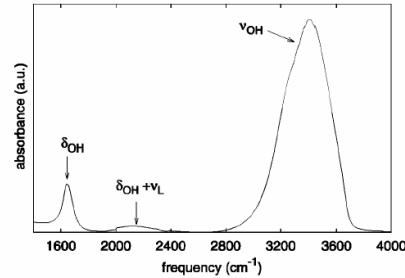
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# Most common techniques and current belief



x-ray, neutron diffraction

IR absorption



Lock et al., JCP 117, 1708 (2002)

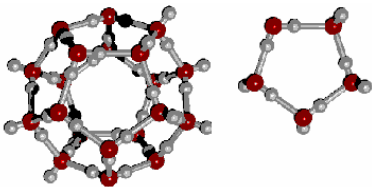
- X-ray (and neutron) diffraction provide O-O (and O-H and H-H) radial distribution functions (RDF) – uncertainties in analysis, debated

- Infrared absorption and Raman spectroscopy of OH stretching band - ambiguous

- Molecular Dynamics (MD) simulations using classical pair potentials or ab initio derived forces, test versus RDF's – results depend strongly on potentials

## Mixture models

“Small number of different species with well defined bond angles/lengths.”

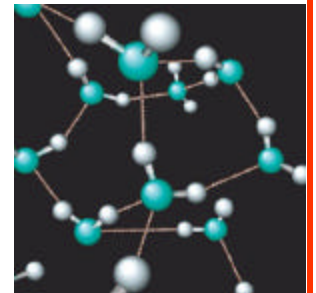


## Continuum Models

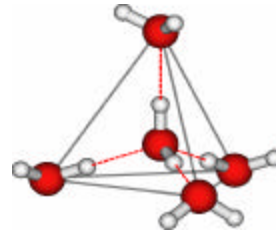
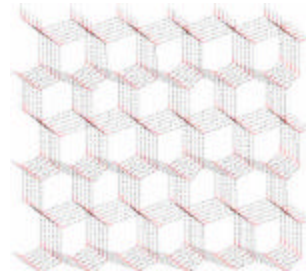
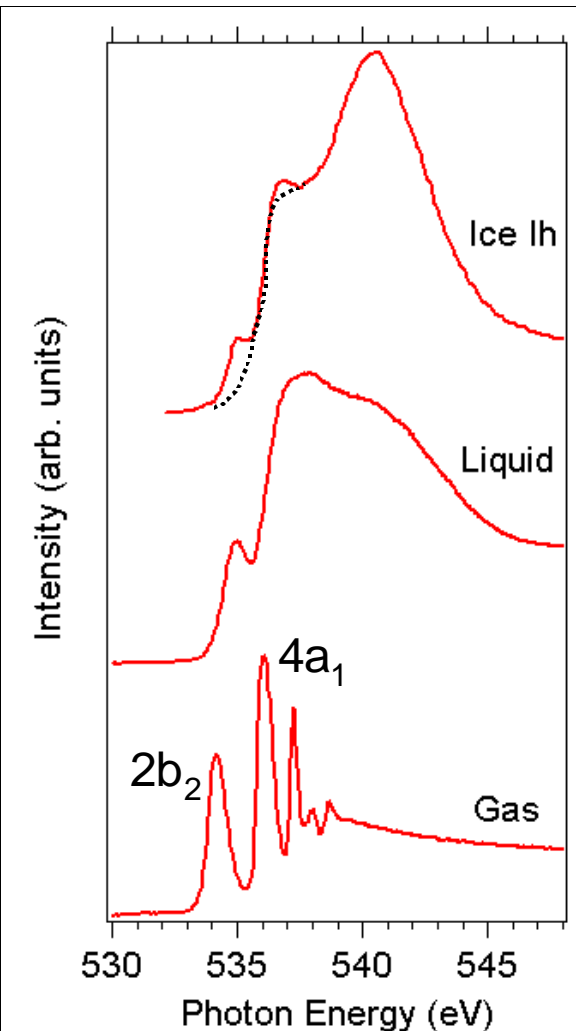
“Infinite Network of disordered tetrahedral water.”

MD simulations! →

**~3.5 HB/molecule**



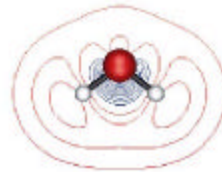
# X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy of Water



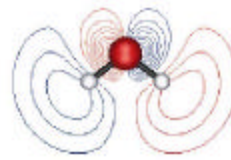
“...making and breaking of H-bonds...”



?



$4a_1$



$2b_2$

Hydrogen bonding

Conduction band formation

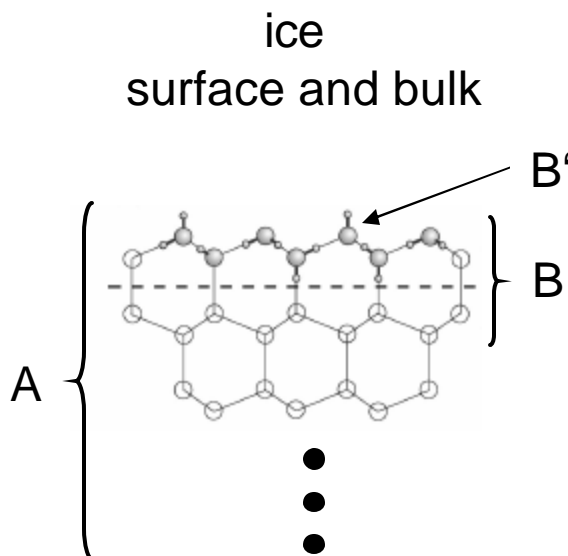
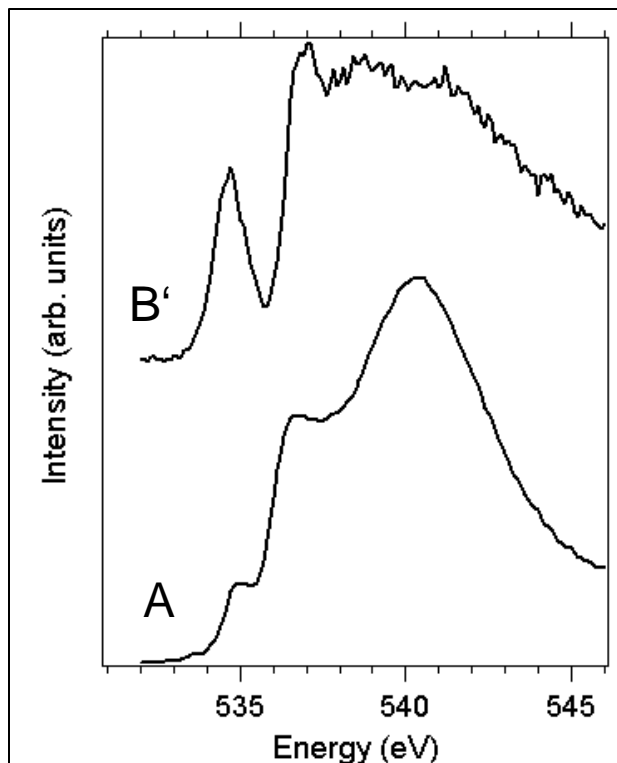
Local symmetry



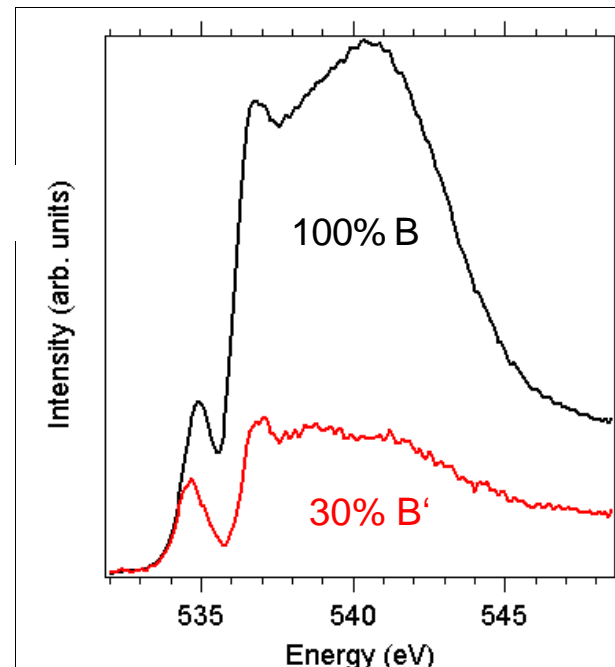
O K-edge XAS:

ultra-fast, element-specific, symmetry-sensitive and local probe for the structure of water.

# Surface model systems



Wei et al., Phys. Rev. B  
66, 085401 (2002)



Probing depth

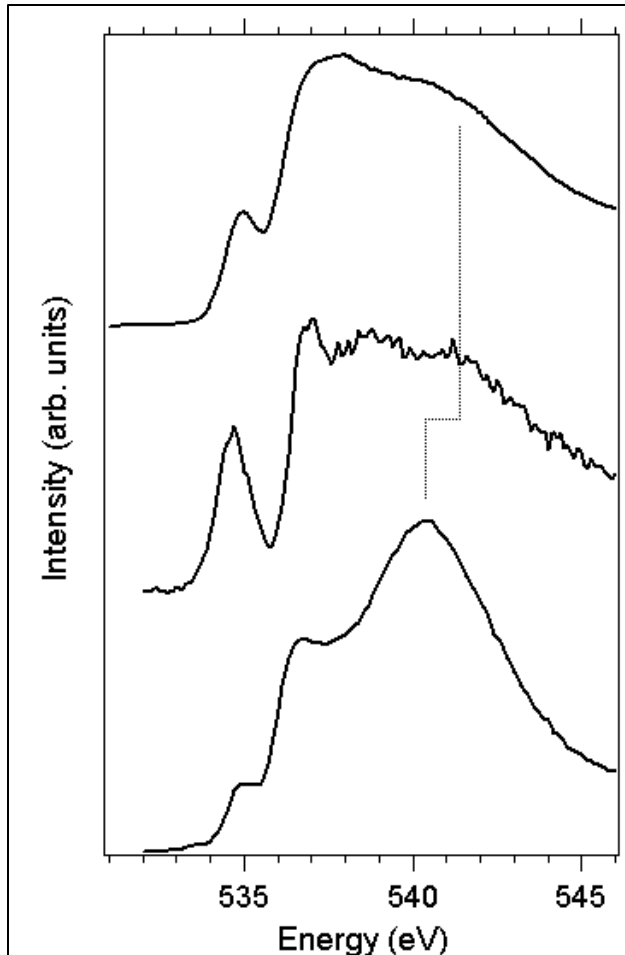
B'  $1 \pm 0.7 \text{ \AA}$

A  $\geq 50 \text{ \AA}$

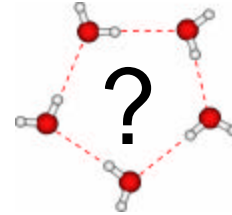
Ice samples:

- Thin films
- Grown epitaxially on Pt(111)
- Kept at 100K

# Liquid water similar to the surface of ice

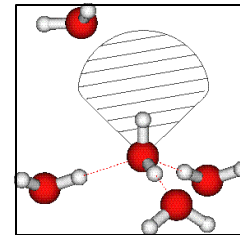


Liquid water



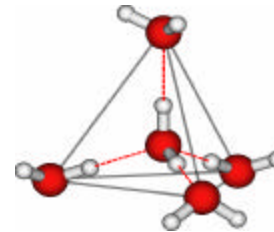
Liquid water and ice surface have a similar local structure.

One free O-H bond at the ice surface



Most molecules in liquid water have one non-H-bonded OH group

Fully coordinated in bulk ice



~10% are fully coordinated

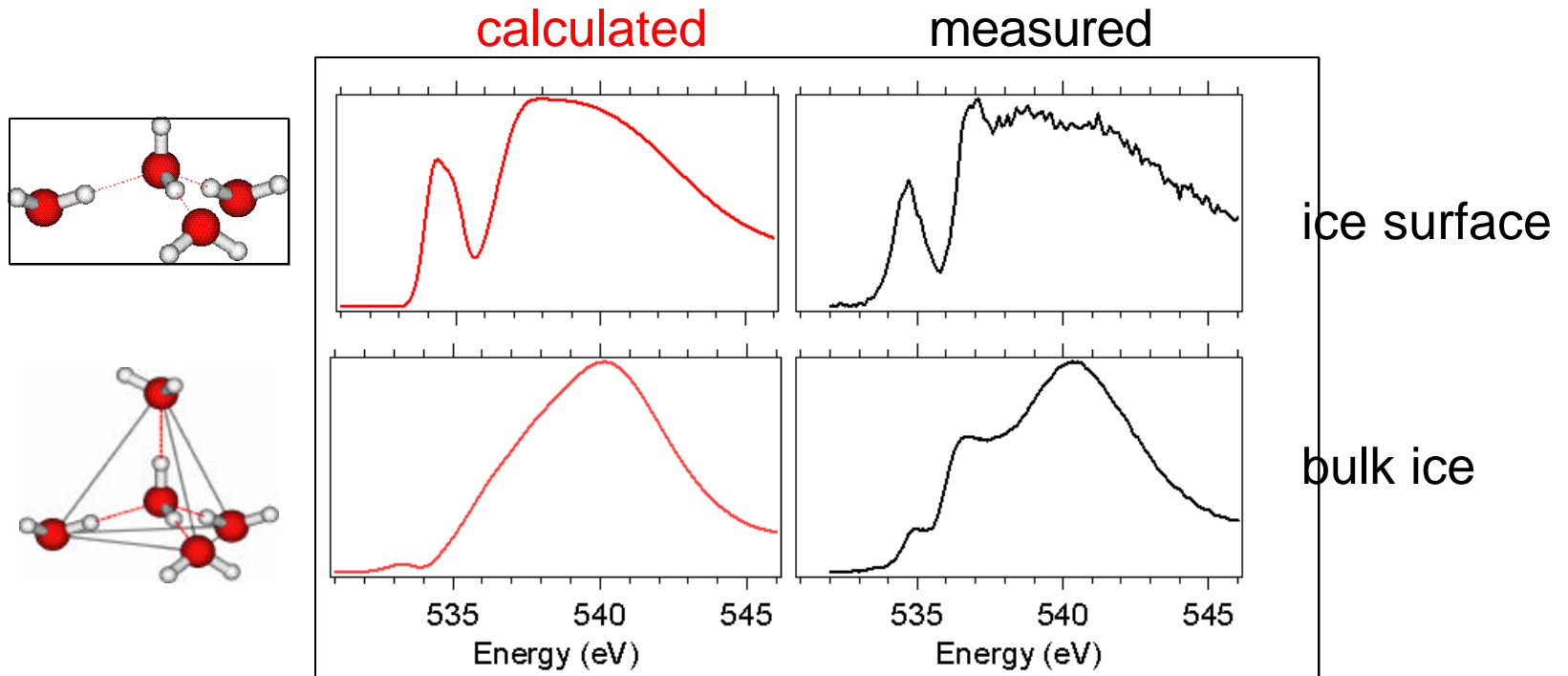
Surface effects in water x-ray absorption, temperature/pressure effects...?



# Model calculations

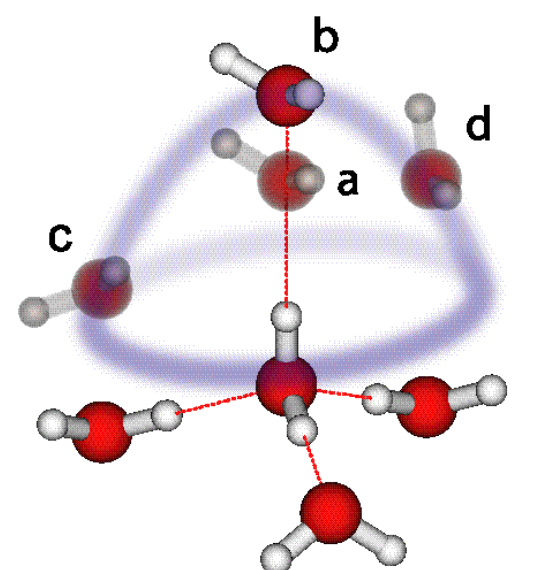
Systematic variation of local structure in model cluster:

- 11 molecules
- DFT calculation
- Transition potential method

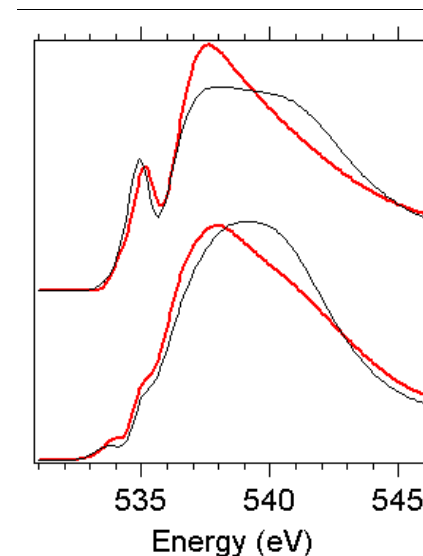
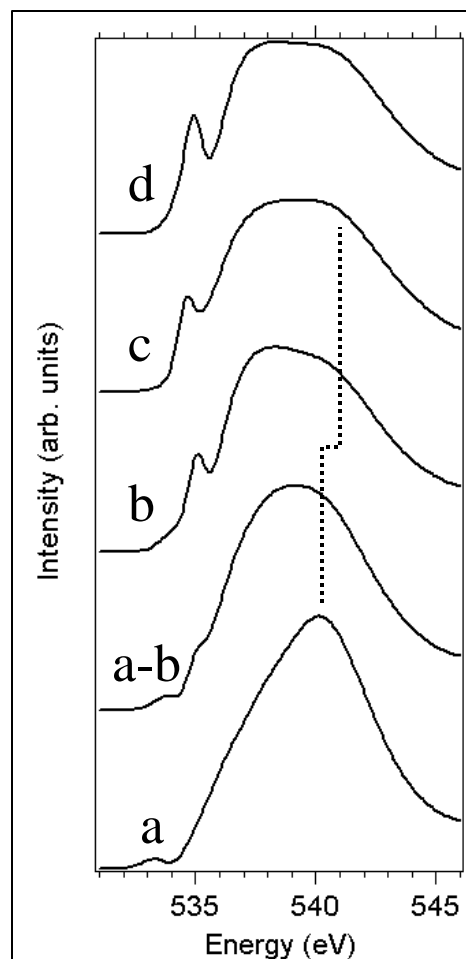
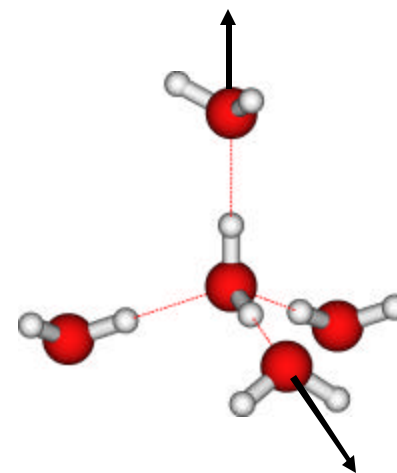


# Breaking donor H-bonds

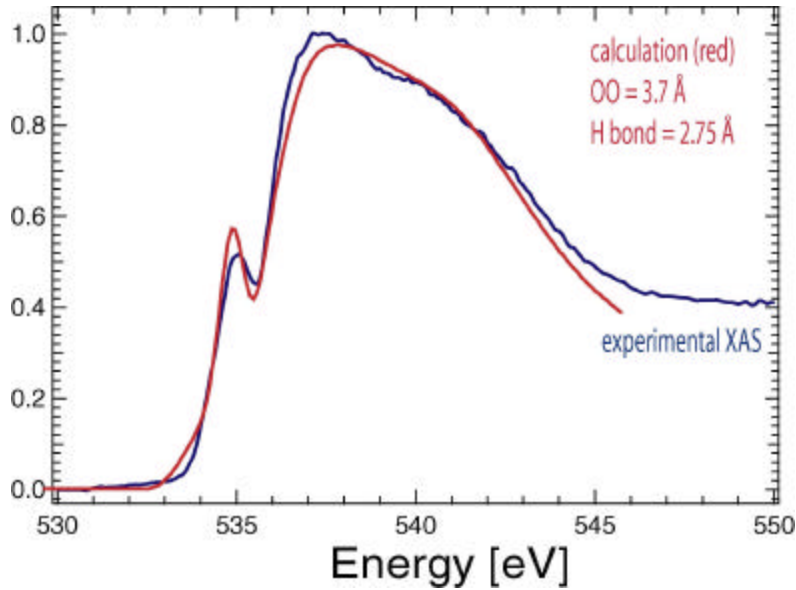
Move molecule on *one* H-side:



Move molecule on *both* H-sides:



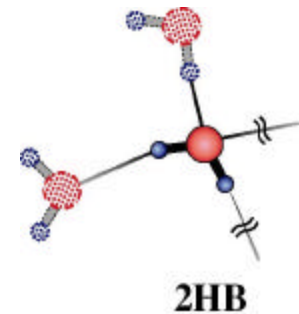
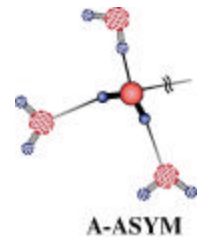
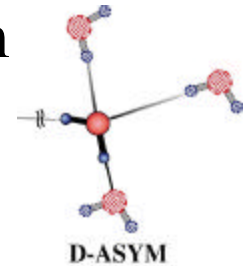
# Nearly all waters are SD species



Comparing water spectrum with one theoretical spectrum

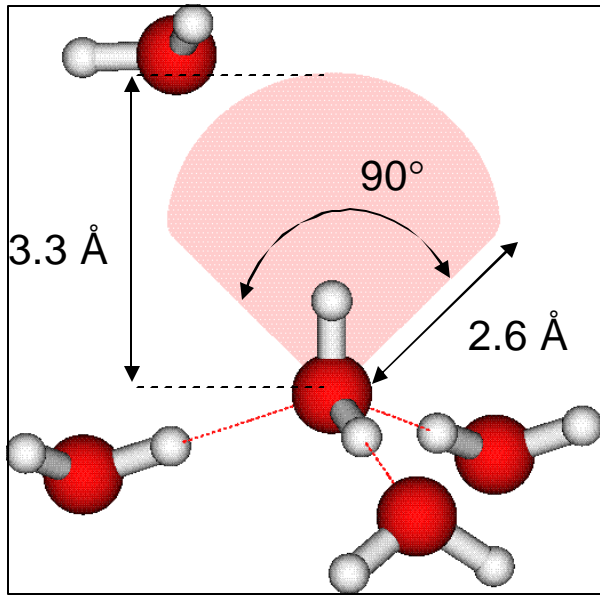
All waters SD species?

Symmetry requires the same amount broken H-bonds on oxygen side



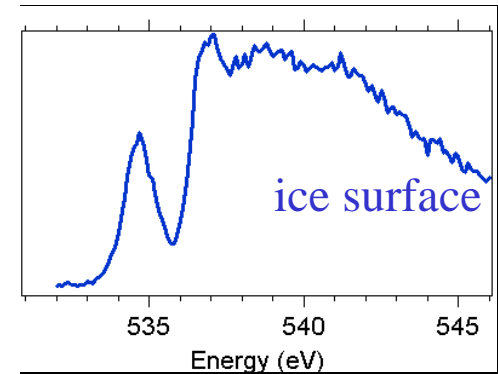
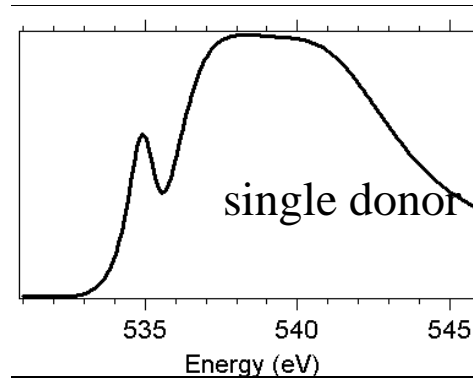
Most water molecules in 2 hydrogen bonded structures with broken donor and acceptor on both molecule

# Electronic Structure Definition of a H-bond



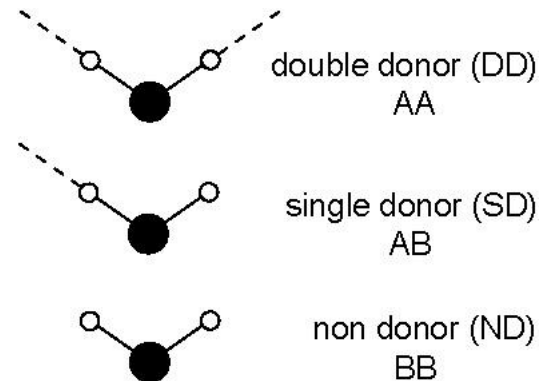
Distortion beyond red zone

- Characteristic shape (ice surface)
- Broken donor H-bond



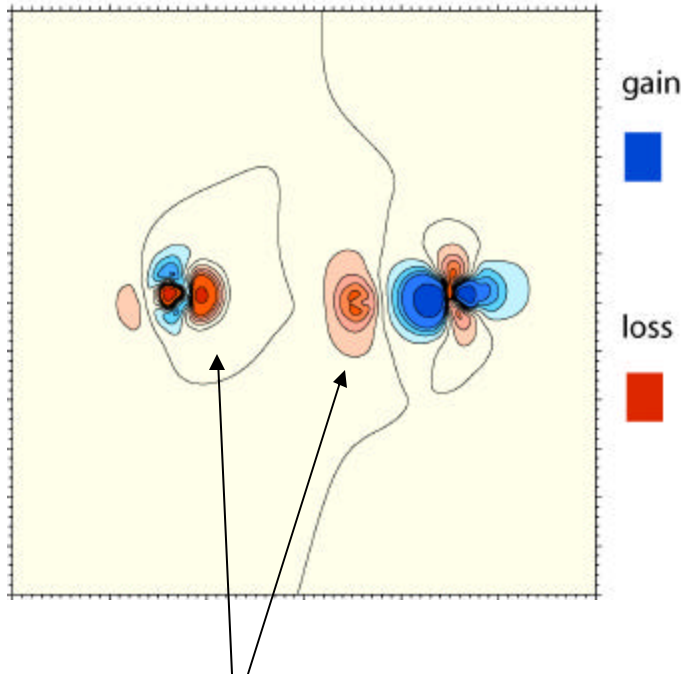
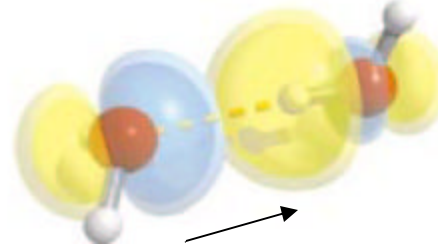
Three main configurations:

- |               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| Double donor: | both in     |
| Single donor: | 1 in, 1 out |
| Non donor:    | both out    |



Quantify populations in liquid water and test molecular dynamics simulations!

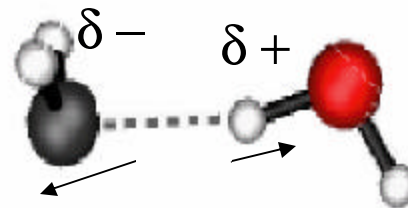
# Water Dimer Bonding



Depletion of charge  
between bonding units

Charge transfer from lone pair  
to antibonding O-H orbital

MINIMIZE REPULSIVE INTERACTION



Charge transfer to decrease repulsive interaction

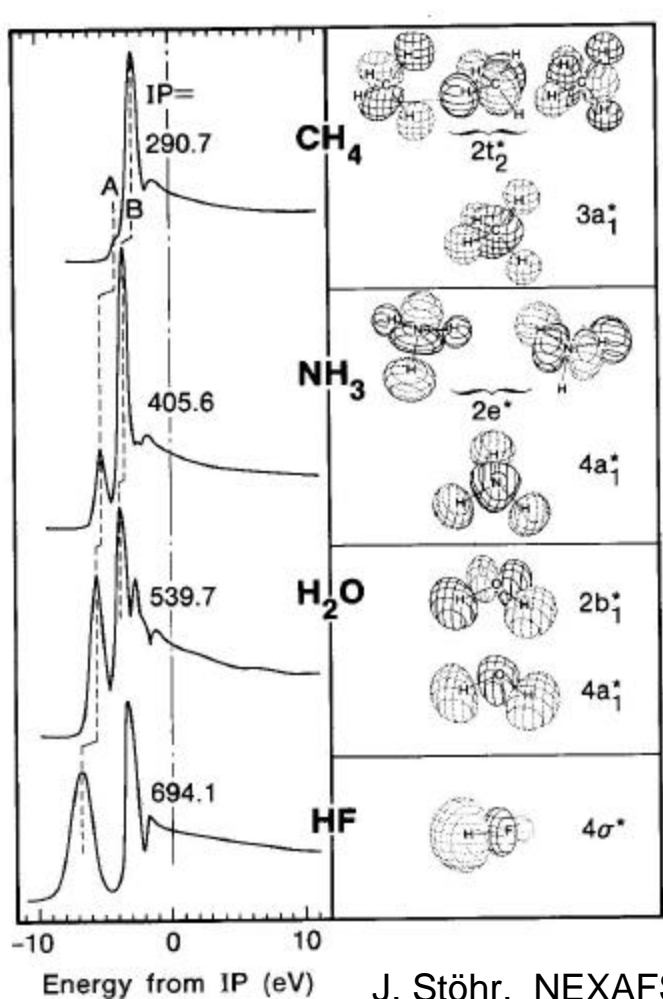
Weakening of O-H internal bond

H atom can get for maximum electrostatic interaction

# Origin of the Pre-edge Peak: Theory

Dipole selection rule, O 2p contributions, s-p hybridization in MO's.

Projection of water spectra in s,  $p_x$  and  $p_z$  components.



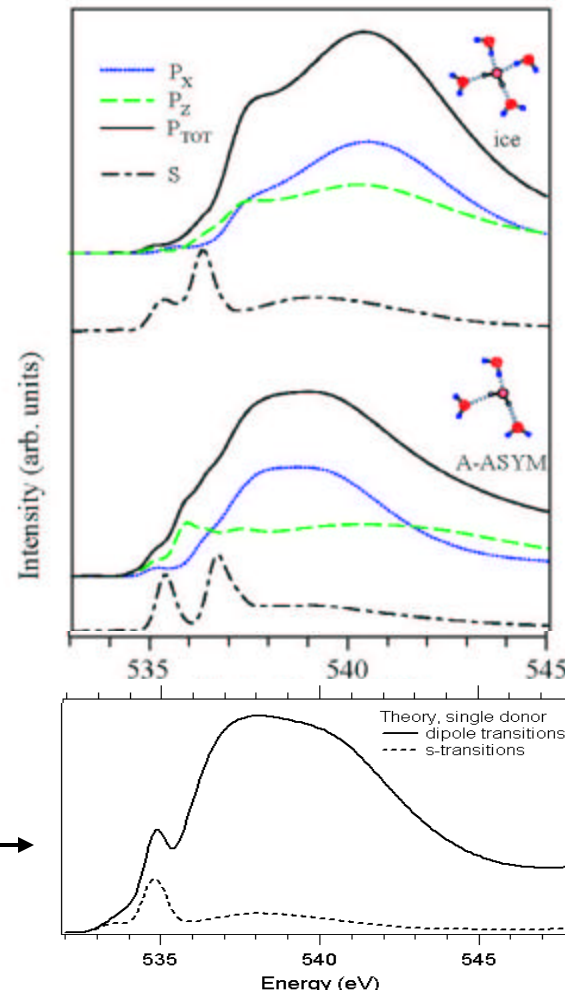
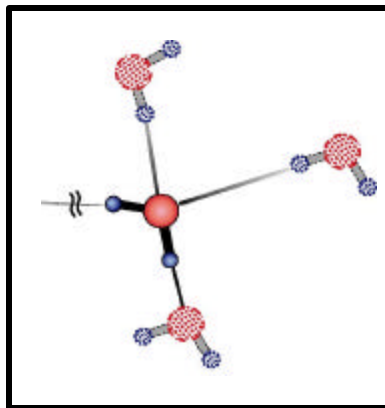
J. Stöhr, NEXAFS spectroscopy.

Broken local symmetry



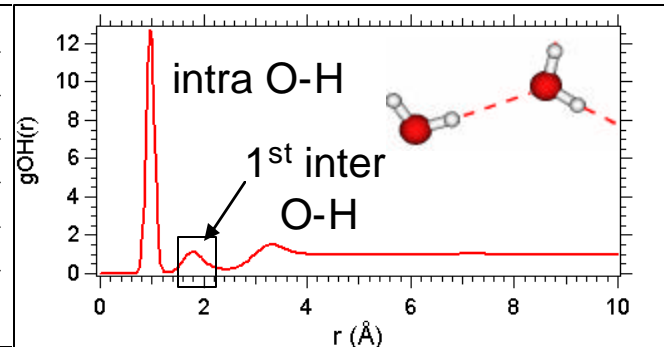
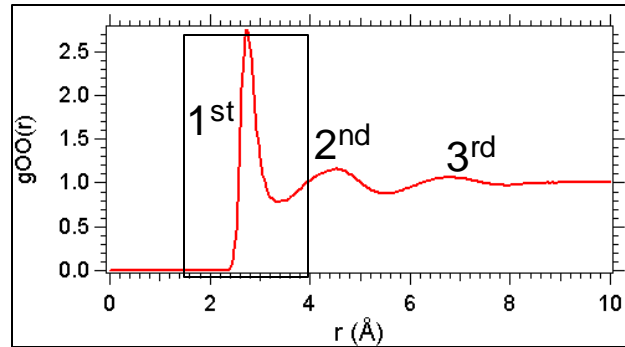
s-p mixing

dipole selection rule 1s → 2p



Cavalleri et al., Chem. Phys. Lett. **364**, 363 (2002).

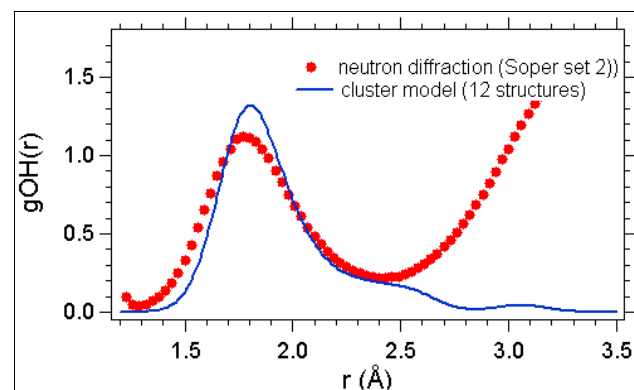
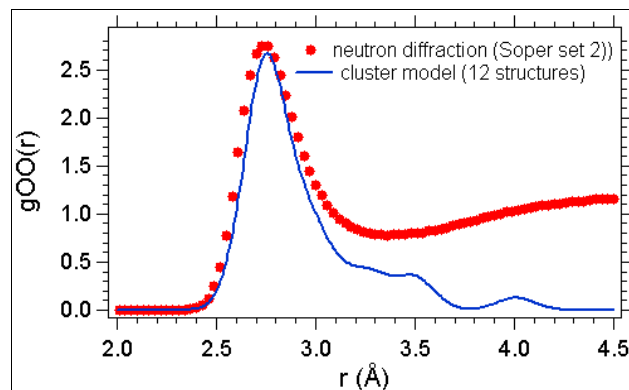
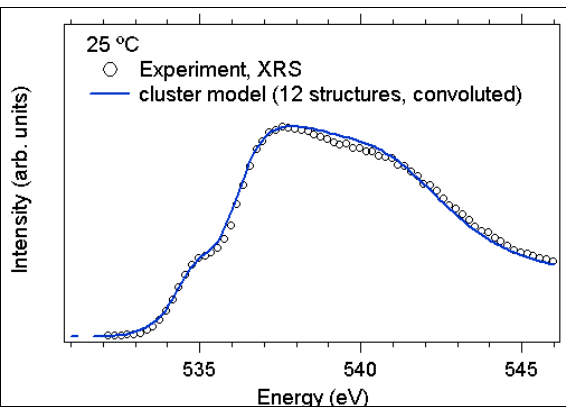
# Local structure of water at 25 °C



XRS

O-O RDF

O-H RDF

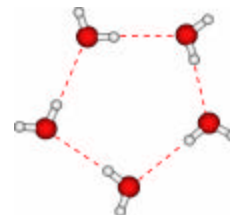
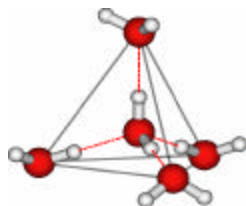


Best combination

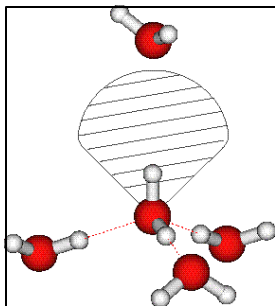
10% double donor

85% single donor

5% non donor



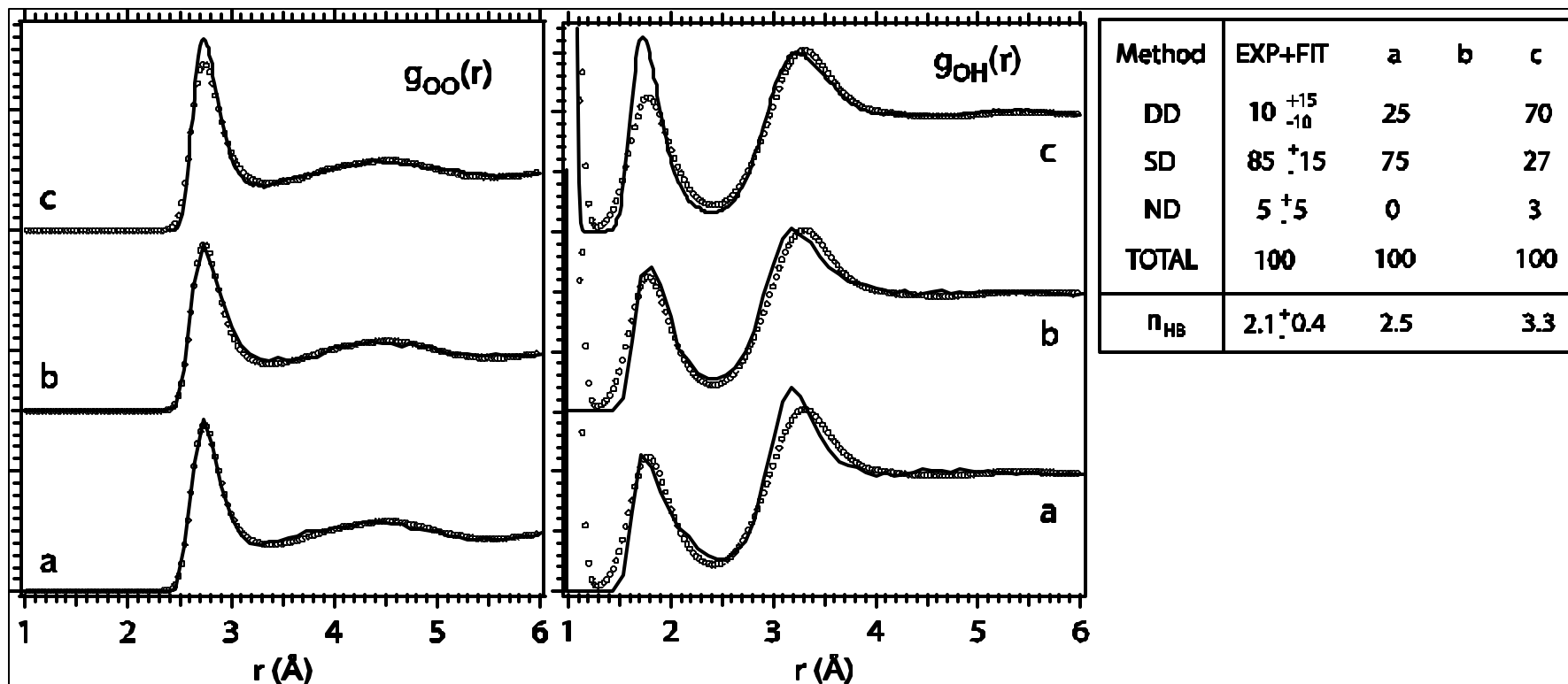
# Extended Models



**Case A:** Artificial MD simulation by not allowing molecules to be in the cone, Results consistent with XAS

**Case B:** TIP3P standard MD simulation

**Case C:** SPC MD simulation



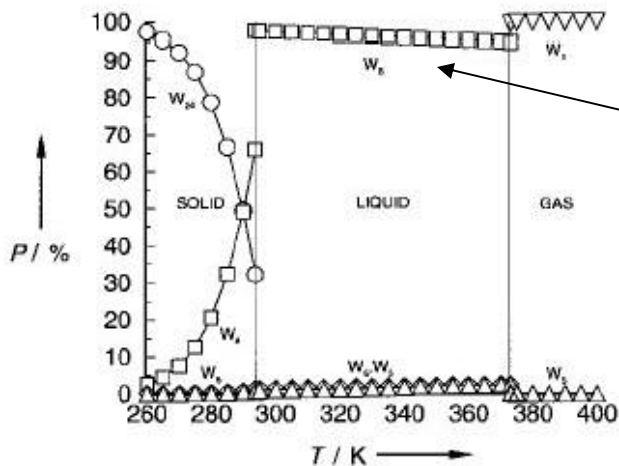
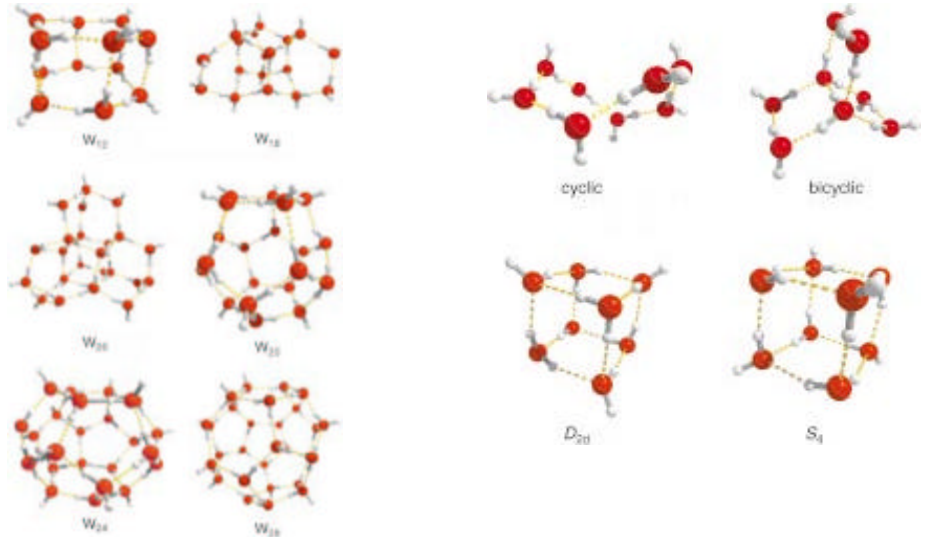
# Cluster Equilibrium Theory

Weinhold et. al. J. Chem. Phys. 110, 508 (1999)

Renewal of old model

Thermodynamic equilibrium  
between different clusters

Properties of clusters obtained  
from quantum chemistry  
calculations



Cyclic Octamer dominates  
calculated distribution

*All waters 2HB*

No temperature dependence

Not consistent with MD simulations

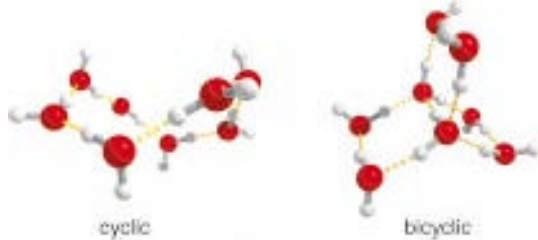
# Stability of Clusters

Many Body Cooperativity effect	Cluster size	H-bond energy (a.u)
Hartree Fock Calculations by	2	6.0
Wienhold	5	10.7
Large variation of H-bond strength	8 (ring)	11.4

8 (cube) 7.6

20 7.7

26 9.0

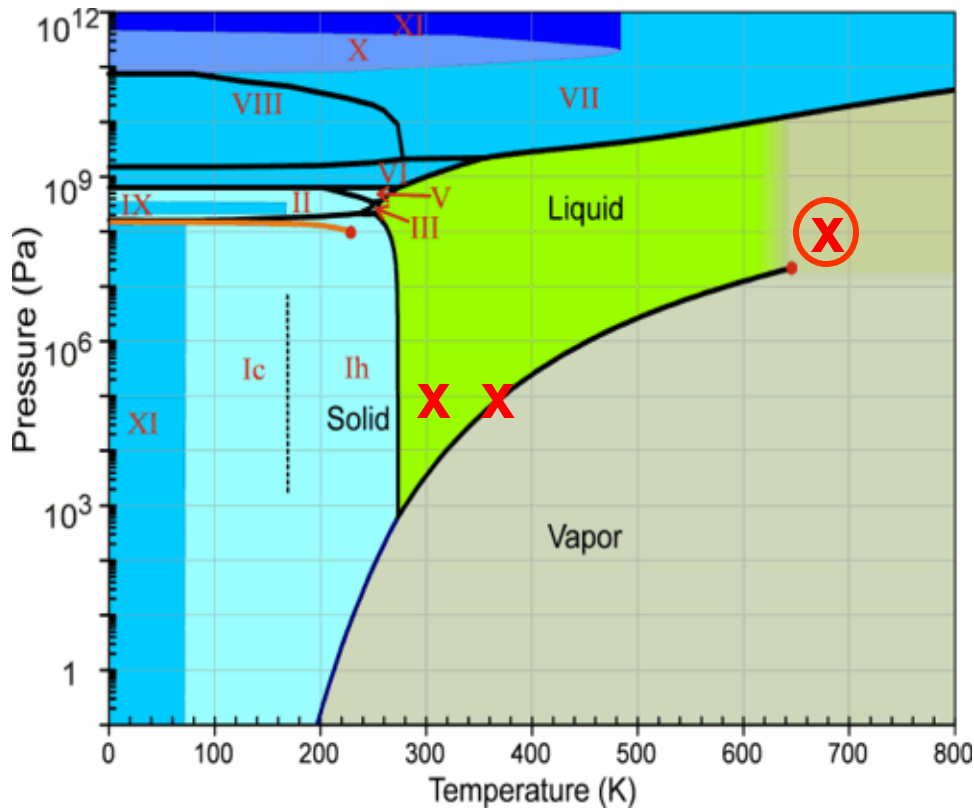


$$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$$

S: Entropi numbers of ways to partition the energy

The cyclic octamer has more low energy modes of freedom compared with cubic octamer

# Supercritical water



XRS

380 °C

300 bar

0.5 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

- New phase
- Structure and bonding
- Properties of sc water
- Solvent for organics
- ...

# Outlook

X-ray Raman can probe the whole water phase diagram

High and low density ice

Supercooled water

Supercritical water

Water in confinement

Biological water

Aqueous solutions

pH dependence

Ions in solutions

CO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub> in water under pressure

