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**Hydrogen solubility and diffusivity at  $\Sigma_3$  grain boundary of PdCu**

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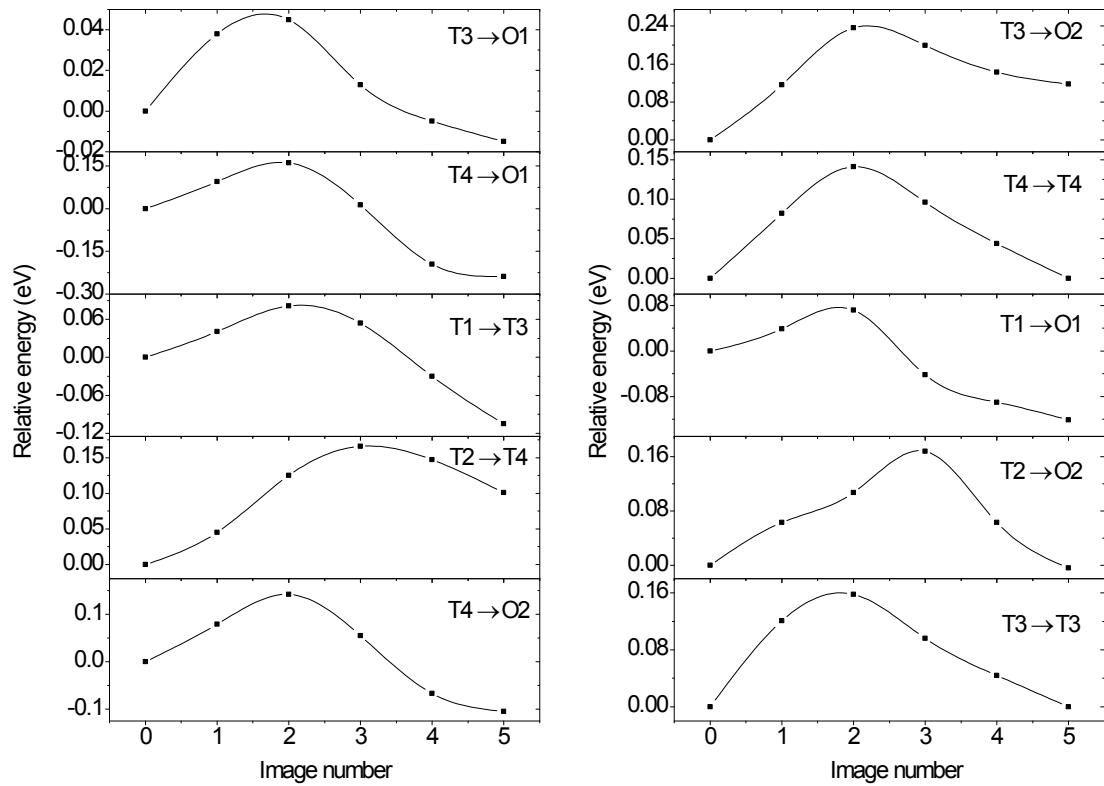


Fig. 1. The CI-NEB profile for all diffusion paths in BCC PdCu  $\Sigma_3$  (112) GB without the correction of ZPE.

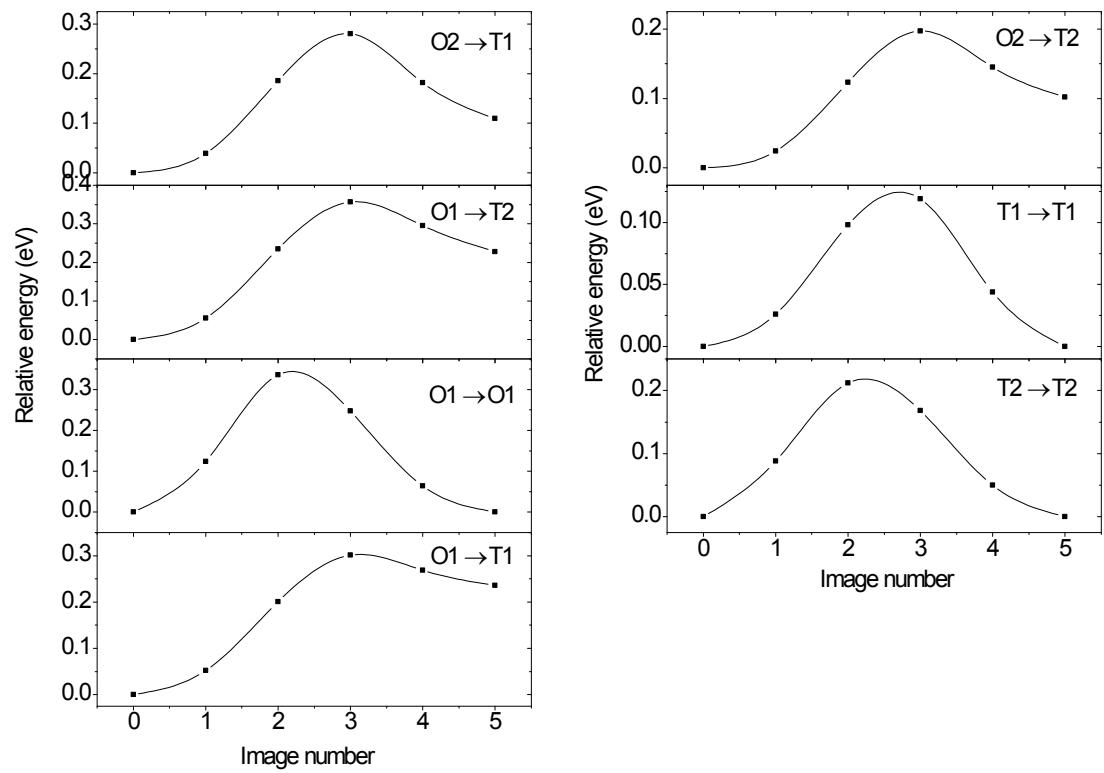


Fig. 2. The CI-NEB profile for all diffusion paths in FCC PdCu  $\Sigma_3$  (111) GB without the correction of ZPE.

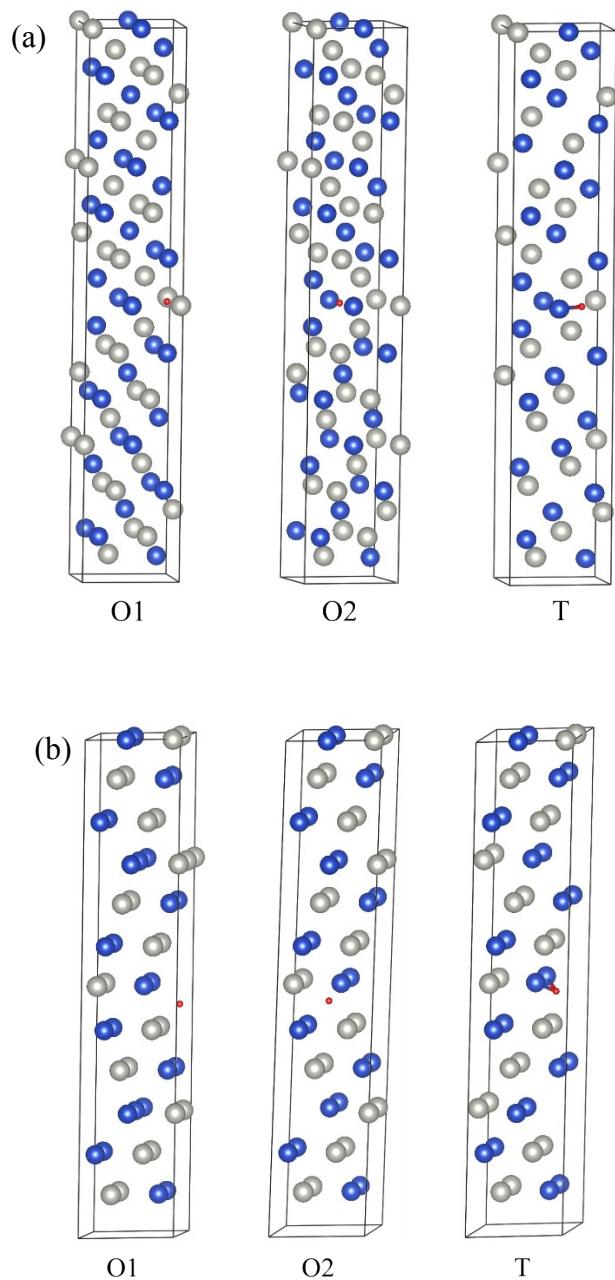


Fig. 3. The relaxed structures of H atom in (a) BCC  $\Sigma 3$  (112) GB and (b) FCC  $\Sigma 3$  (111) GB. The gray, blue and red spheres represent Pd, Cu and H atoms, respectively.

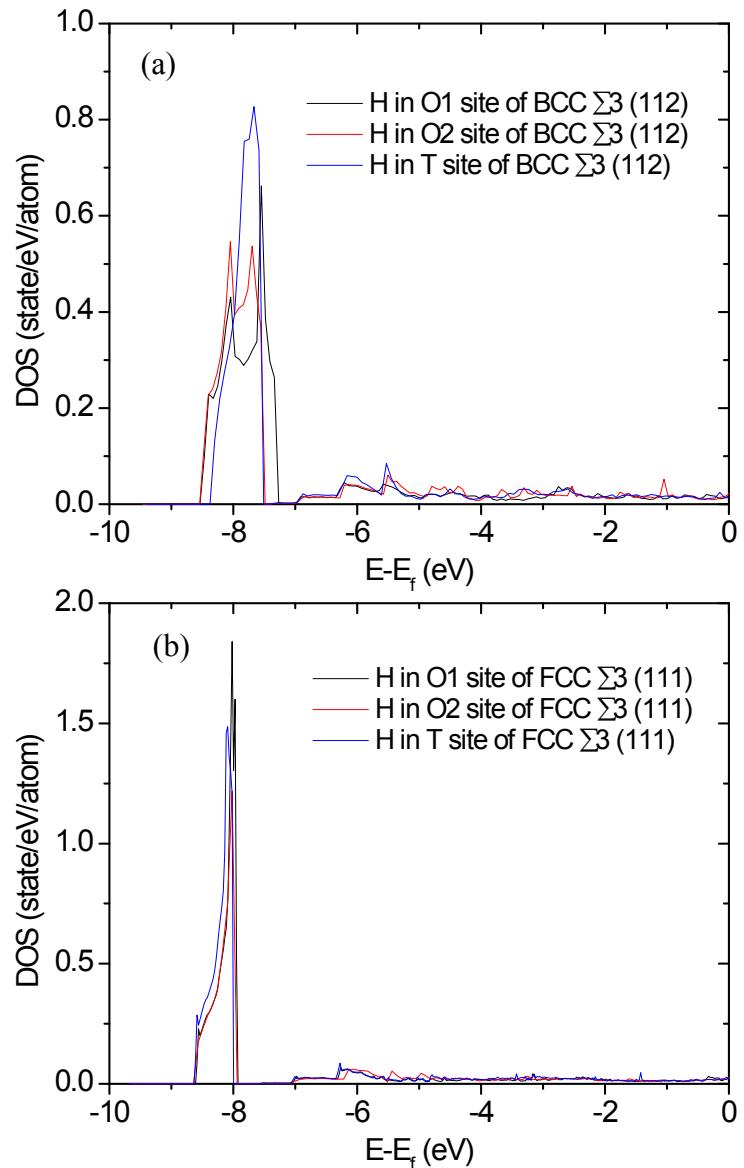


Fig. 4. The total densities of states (DOS) of H atom at the interstitial site of (a) BCC PdCu  $\Sigma$ 3 (112) GB and (b) FCC PdCu  $\Sigma$ 3 (111) GB.