

# Cage Structures and Clathrates

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## Introduction on clathrates & zeolites

### Applications of zeolites: adsorption & diffusion effects

#### Different molecular motions:

**vibrations:**  $\text{N}_2$  / LiLSX, benzene/NaY,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  / H-ZSM-5,  
gas hydrates

**rotations:** xylenes/FAU

**translations:** jump diffusion models  
 $\neq$  methods for measuring D

1D / 3D

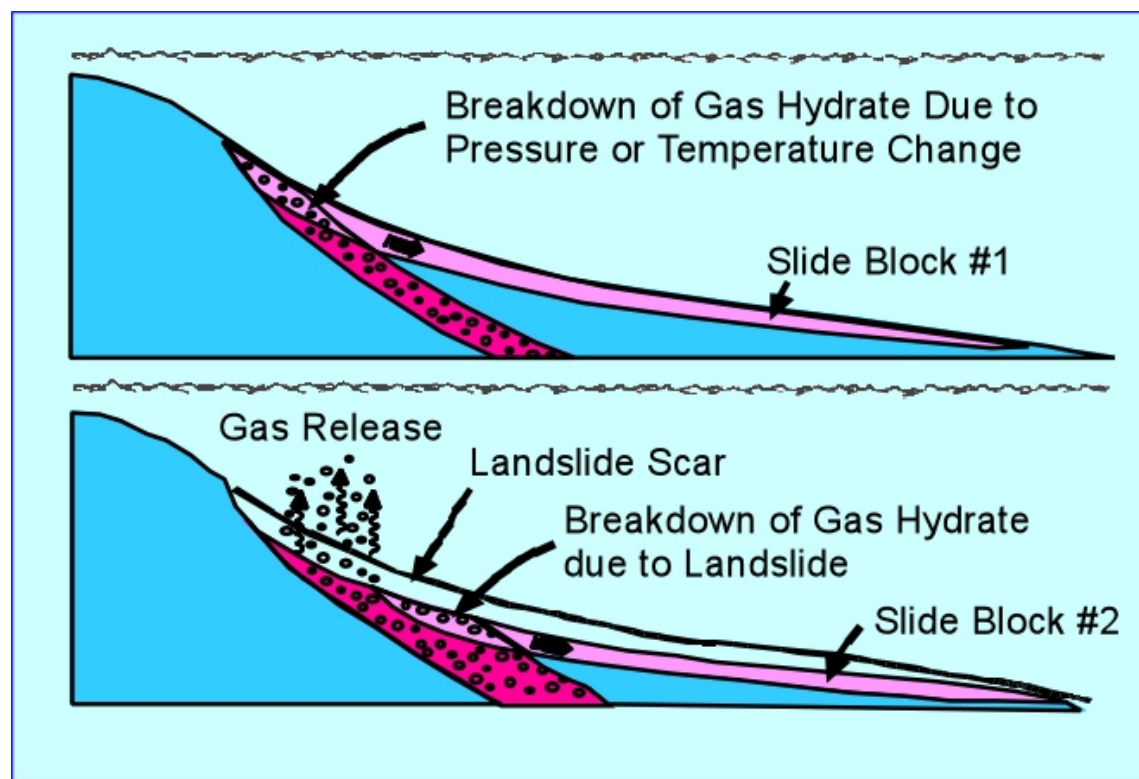
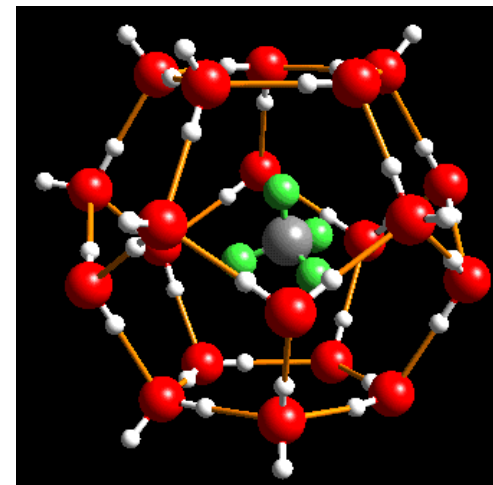
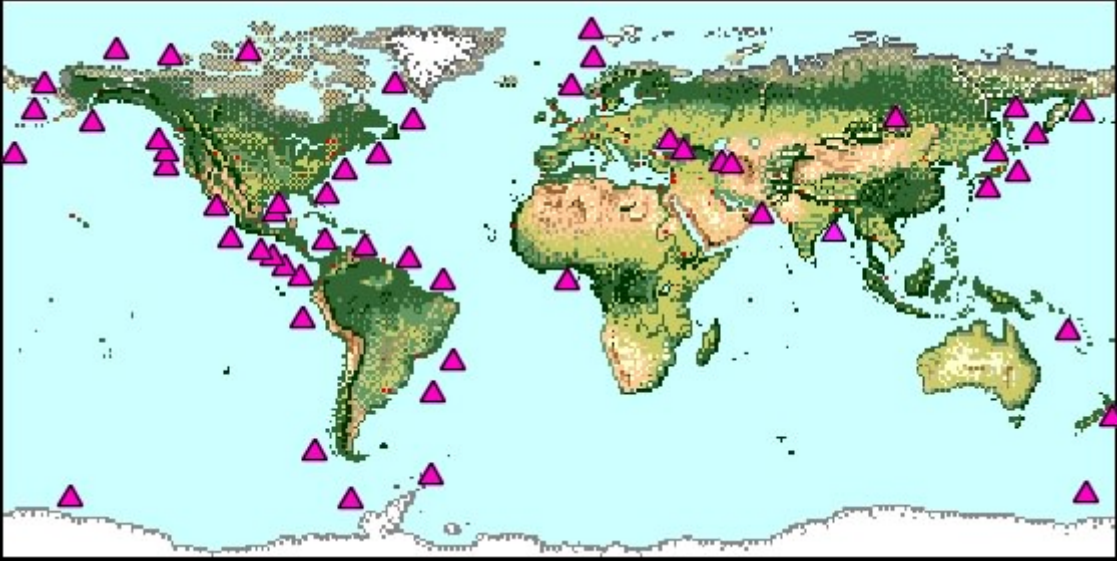
alkanes/MFI, xylenes/FAU, benzene/MFI, FAU

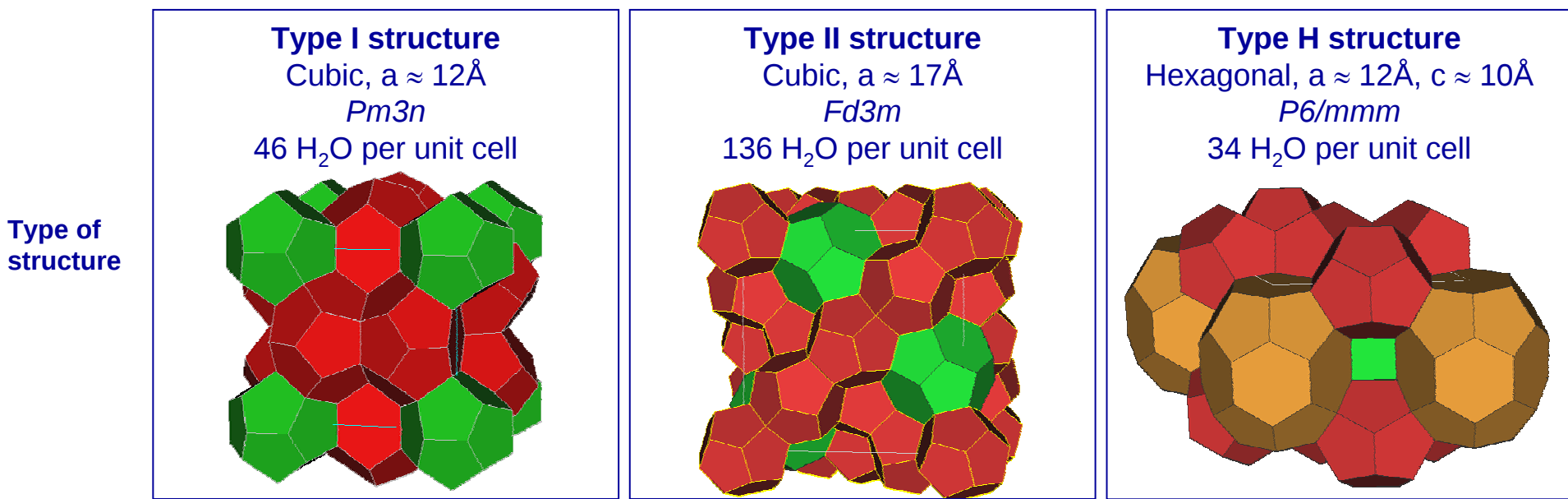
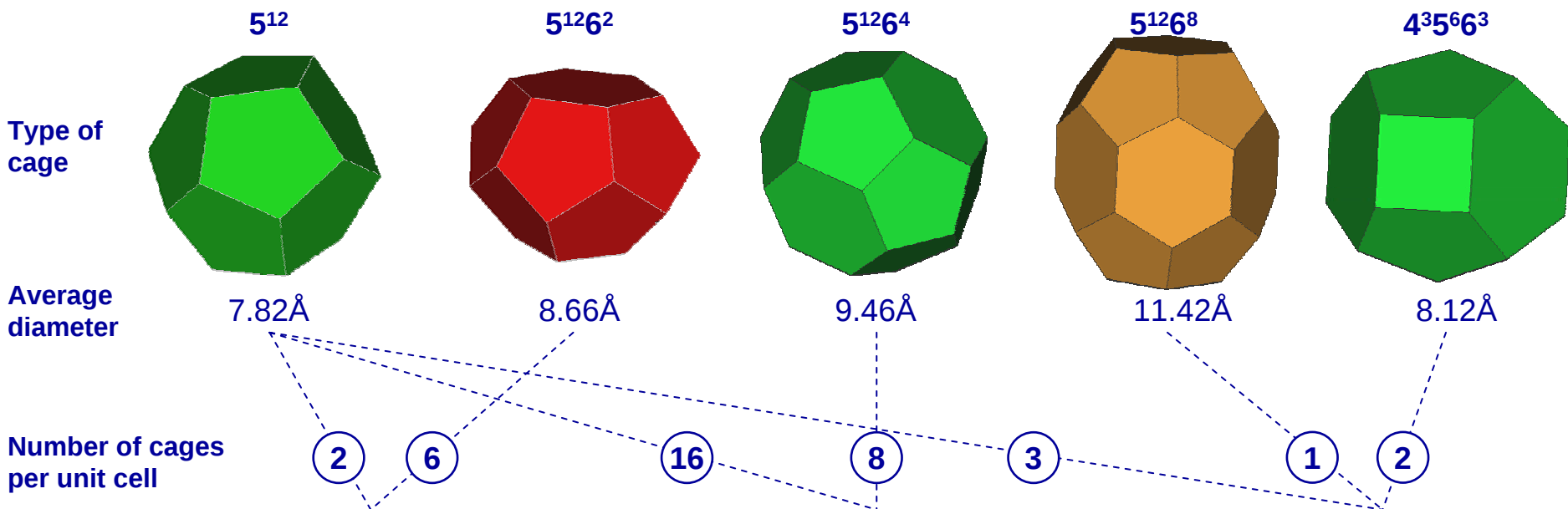
$\neq$  types of diffusivities

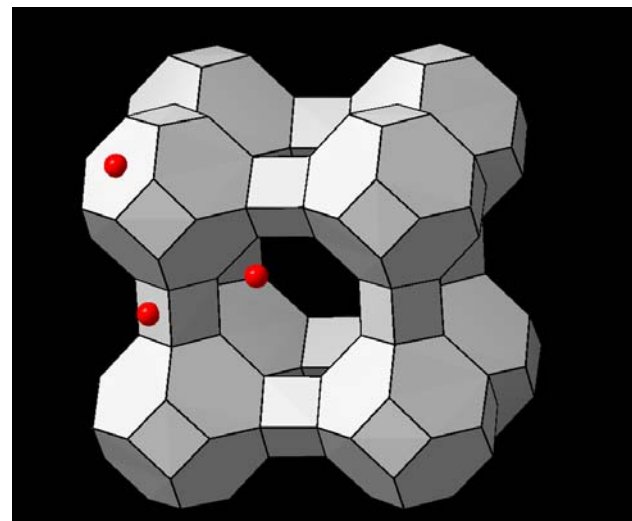
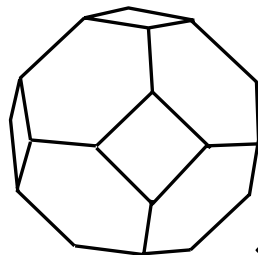
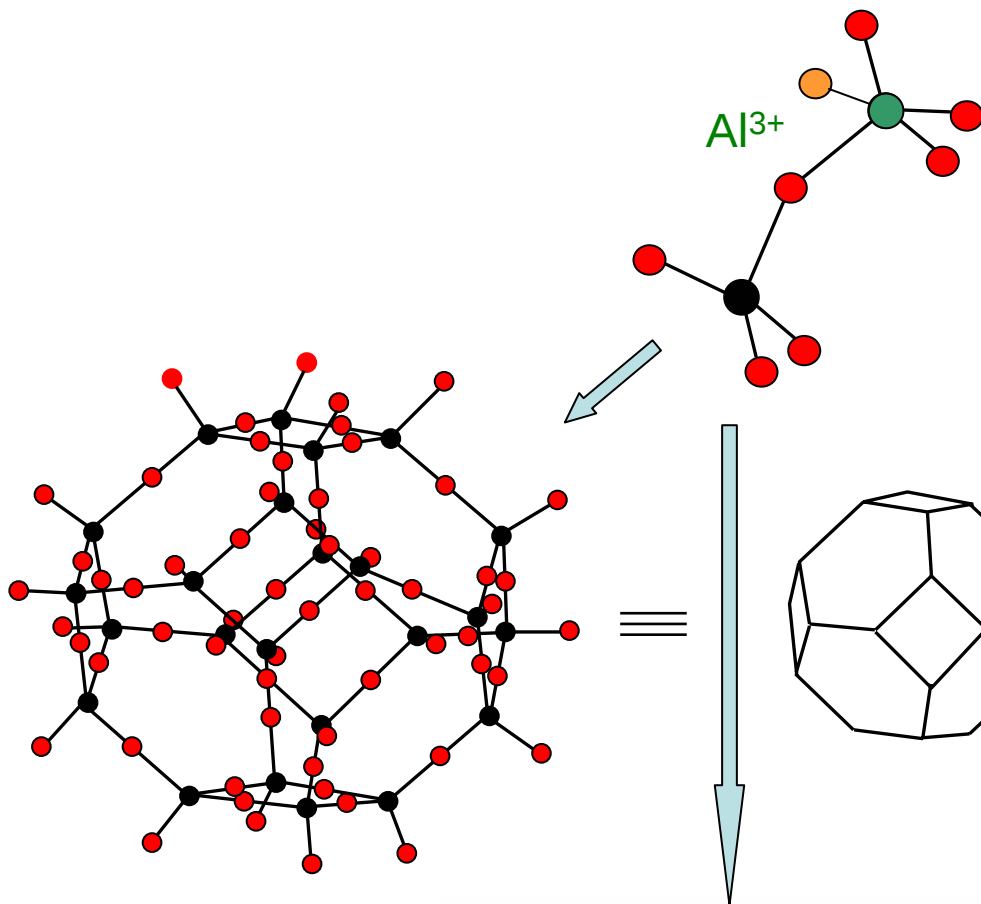
$\text{D}_2$  / NaX,  $\text{CF}_4$  / silicalite, S(Q)

linear alkanes / 5A

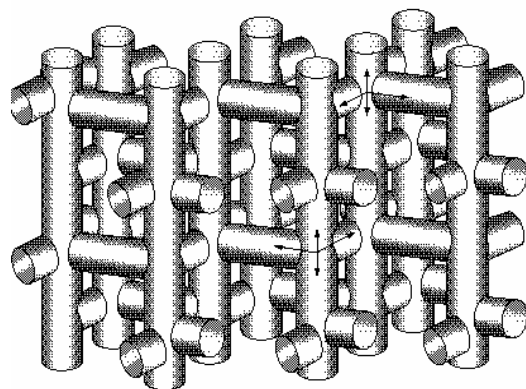
comparisons with simulations



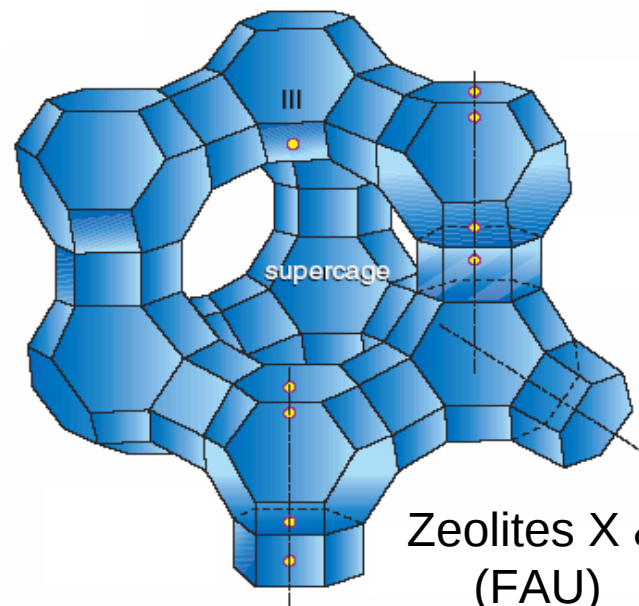




Zeolite A (LTA)



silicalite / ZSM-5 (MFI)



Zeolites X & Y (FAU)



## Synthetic zeolites

Catalytic cracking:

Crude oil → fuel components

Hydrocracking:

High Mw fractions +  $H_2$  → lower Mw fuels

Petrochemicals processing

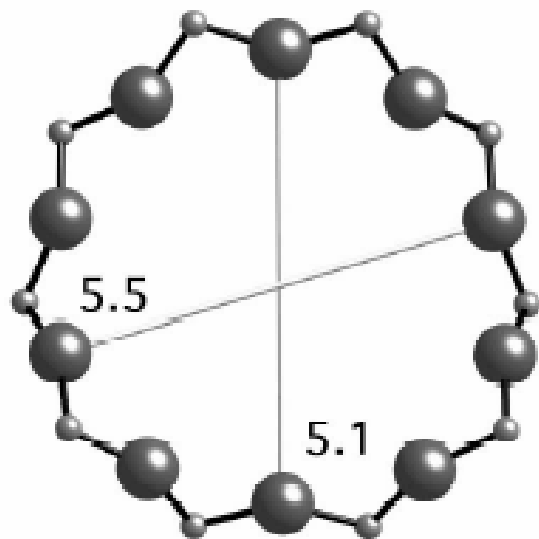
MTO, LAB...

Gas separation

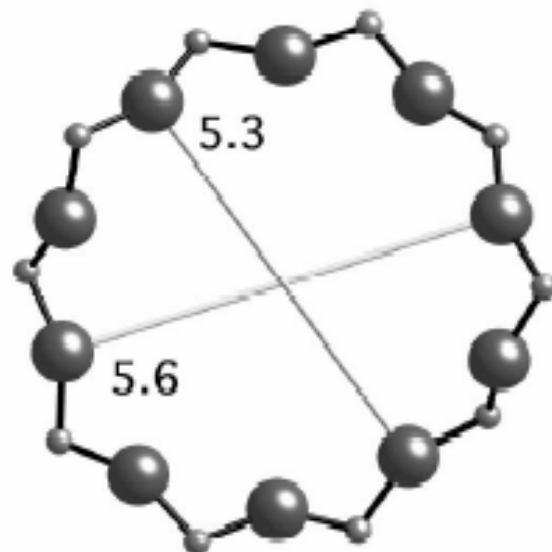
Purification

Typical cycle time: 1 – 2 years





MFI

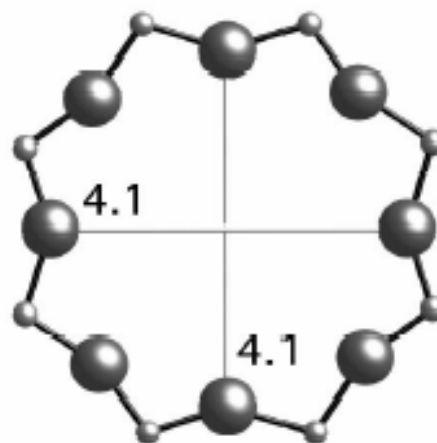


10-ring viewed along [100]

10-ring viewed along [010]

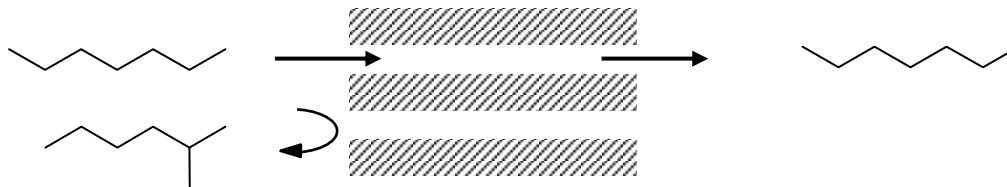
LTA

8-ring viewed along  $\langle 100 \rangle$



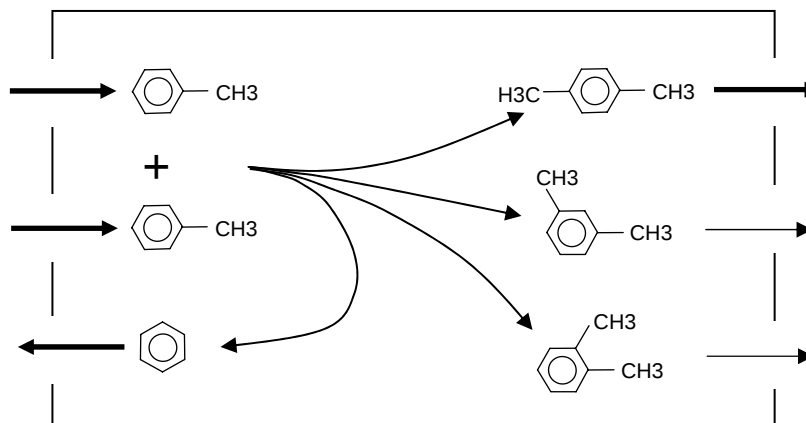
## catalysis-separation / zeolites

Reactant selectivity

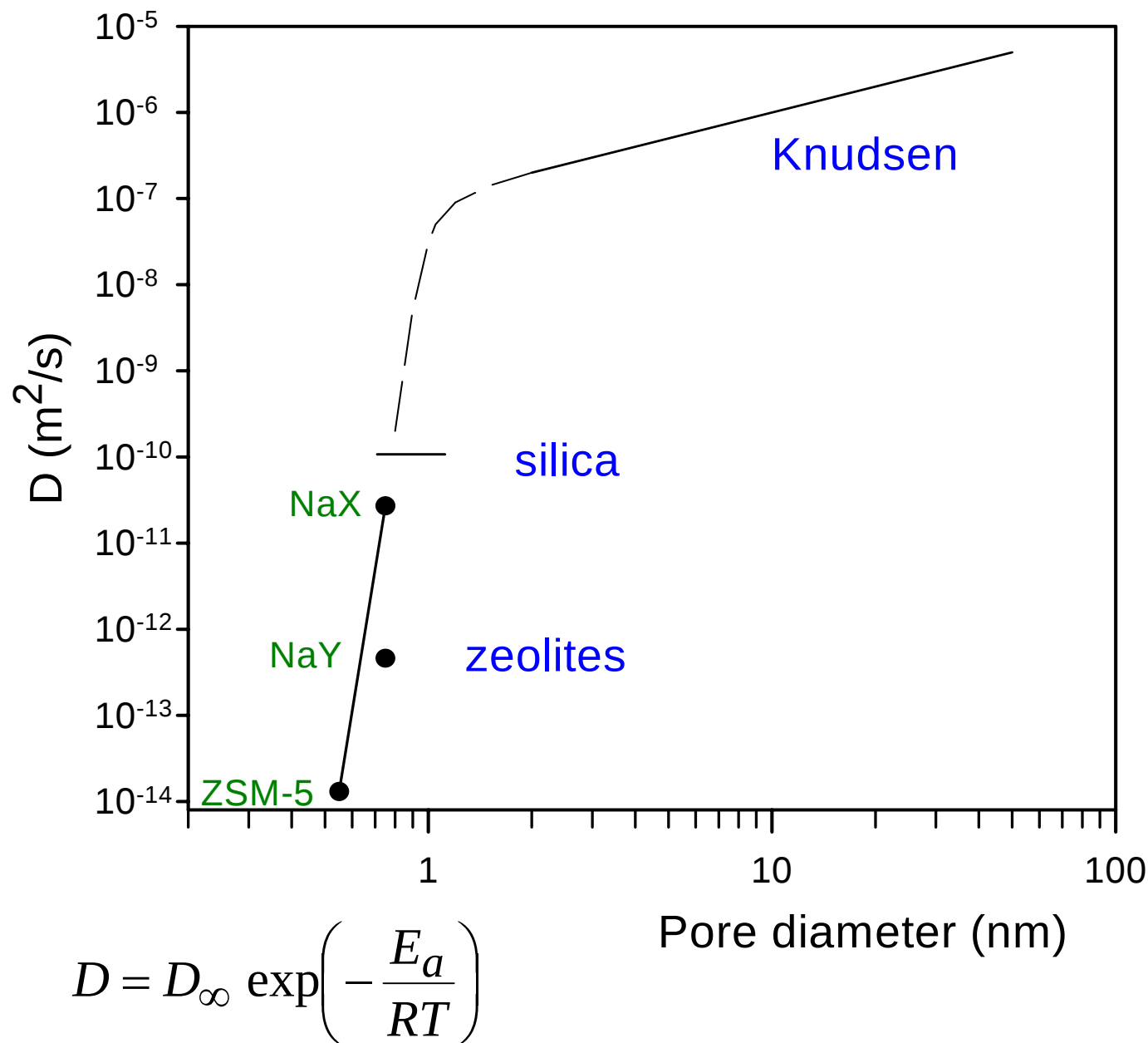


Diffusion effects

Product selectivity

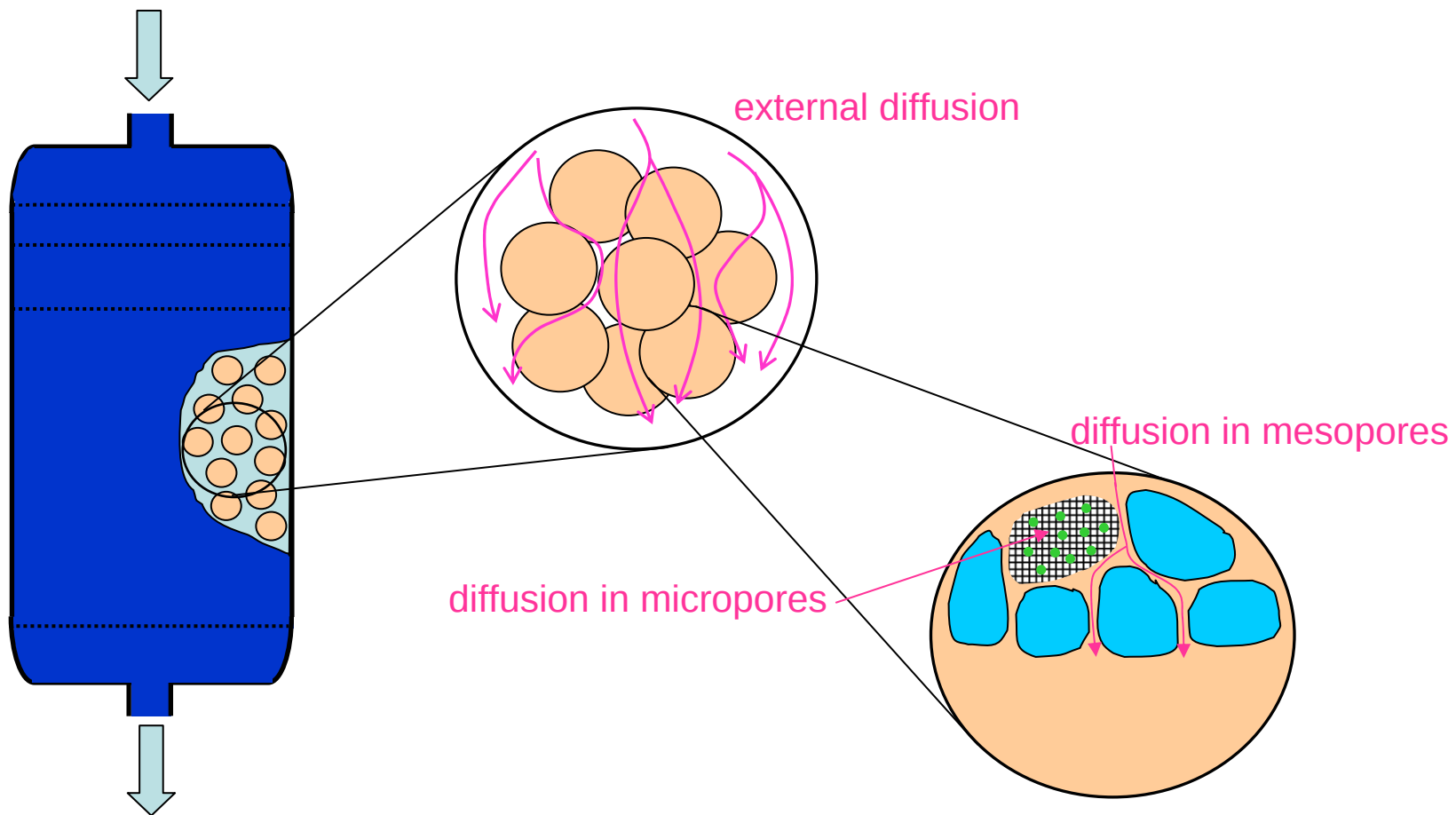


# Benzene (300 K)

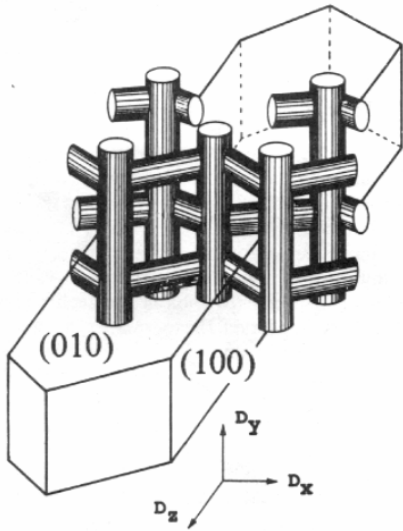




# Transport phenomena in packed-bed reactor

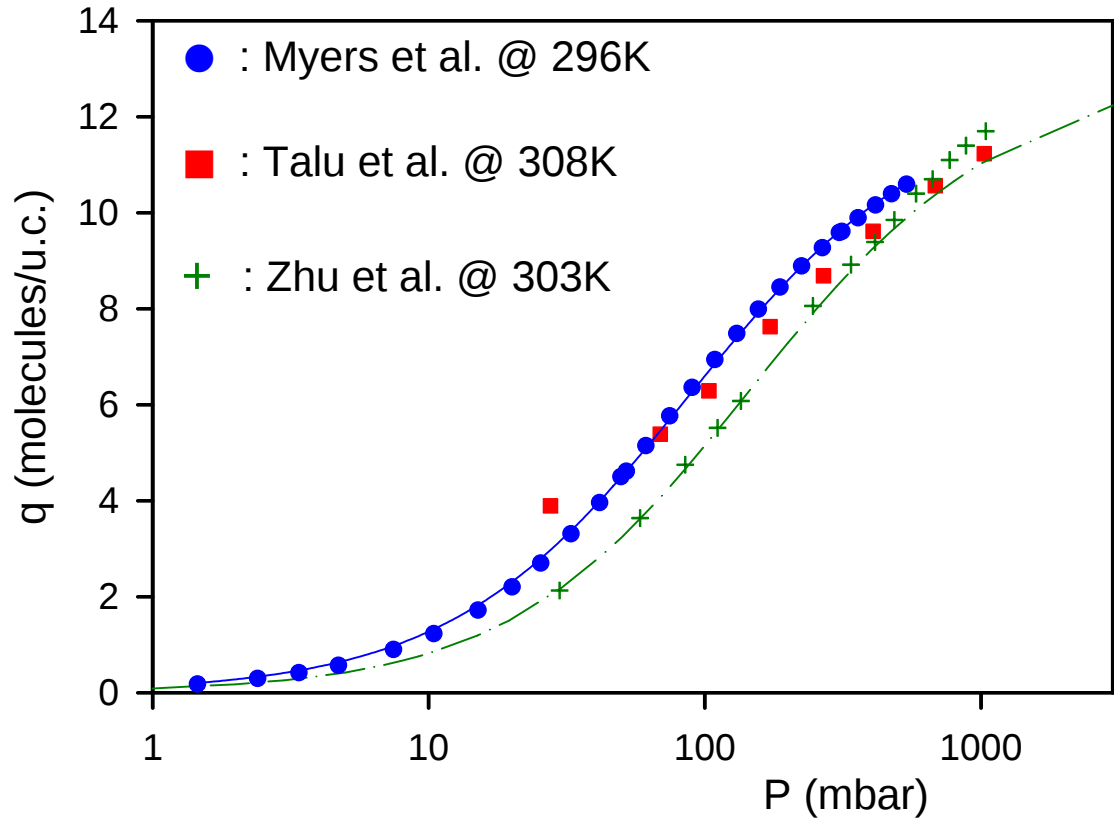


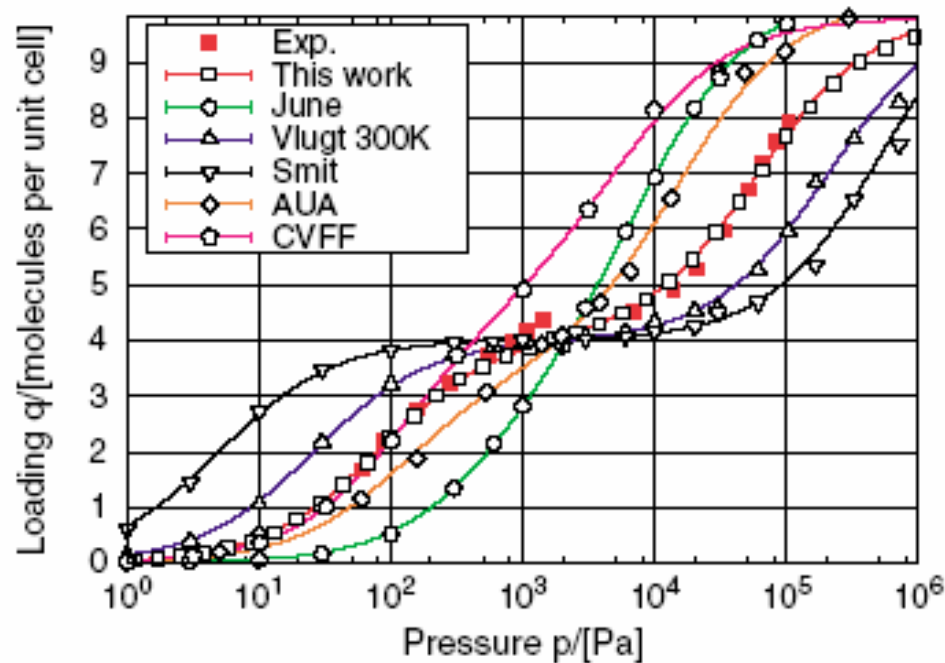
# ethane in silicalite



Langmuir:  $q = \frac{q_s KP}{1 + KP}$

Van't Hoff:  $K = \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G}{RT}\right) = \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta H}{RT}\right) \exp\left(\frac{\Delta S}{R}\right)$



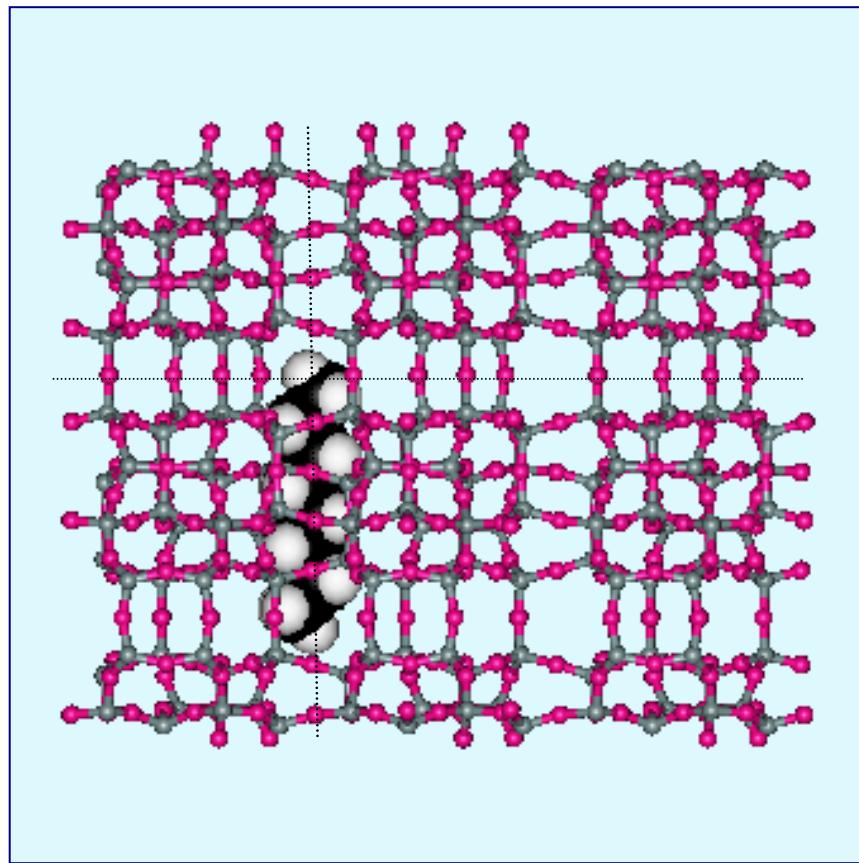
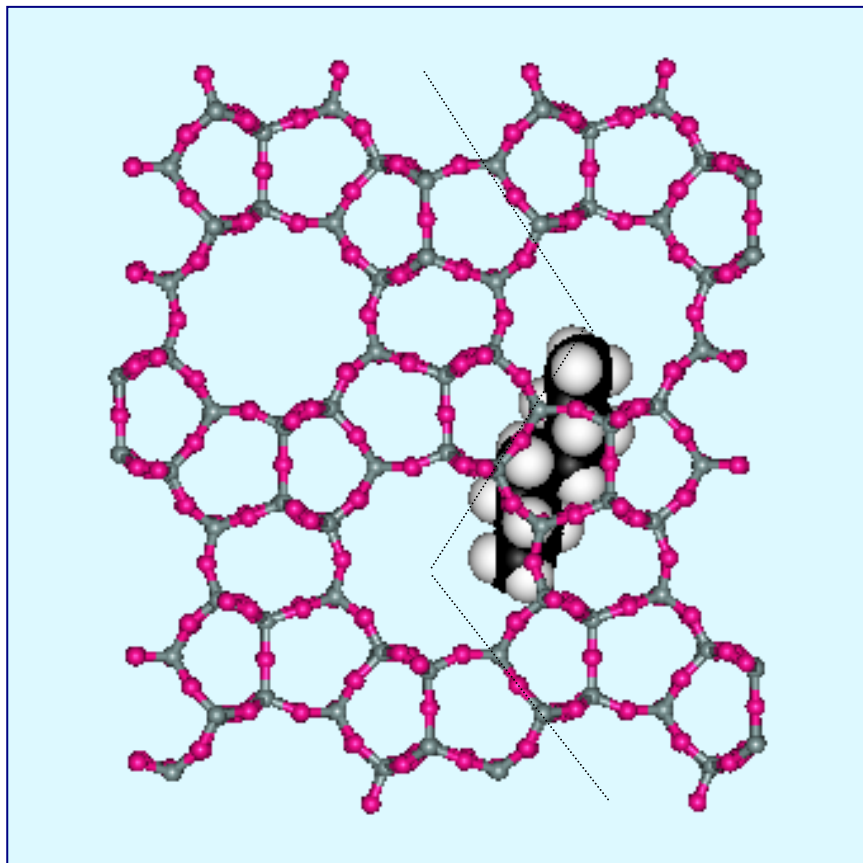


Isotherms of 2-methylpropane at 308 K  
in silicalite-1 compared to various computational models.

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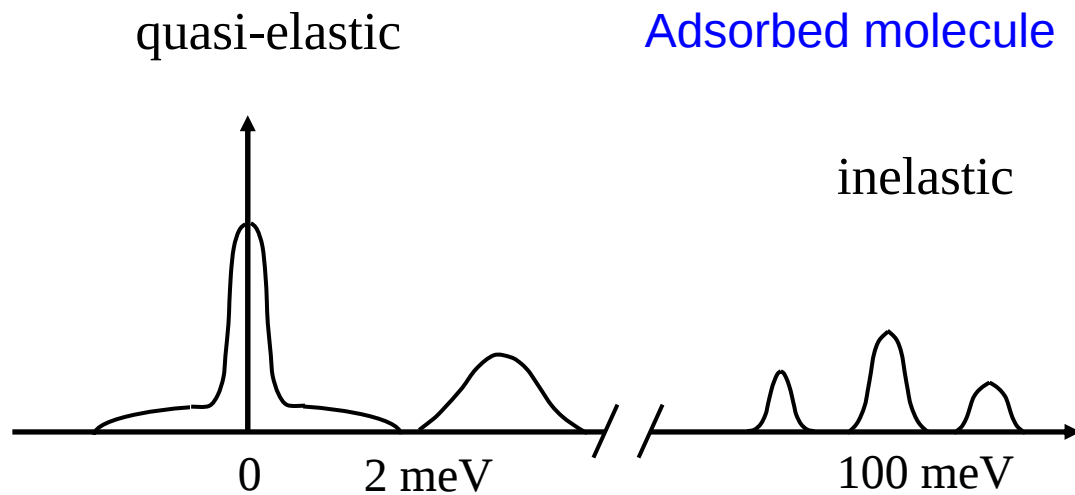
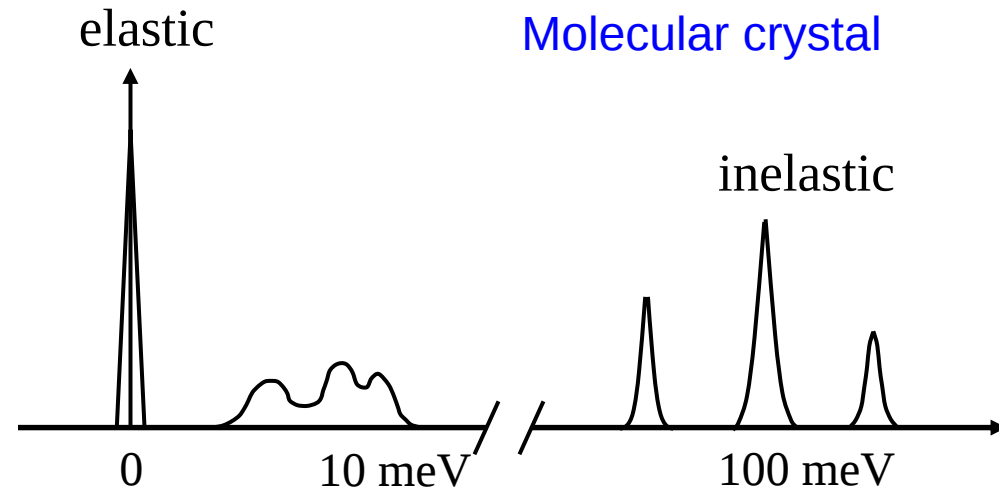
FF calculations (LJ parameters), CBMC technique  
(mainly for siliceous zeolites, for aliphatic hydrocarbons )  
A new FF has to be tested by adsorption or diffusion experiments

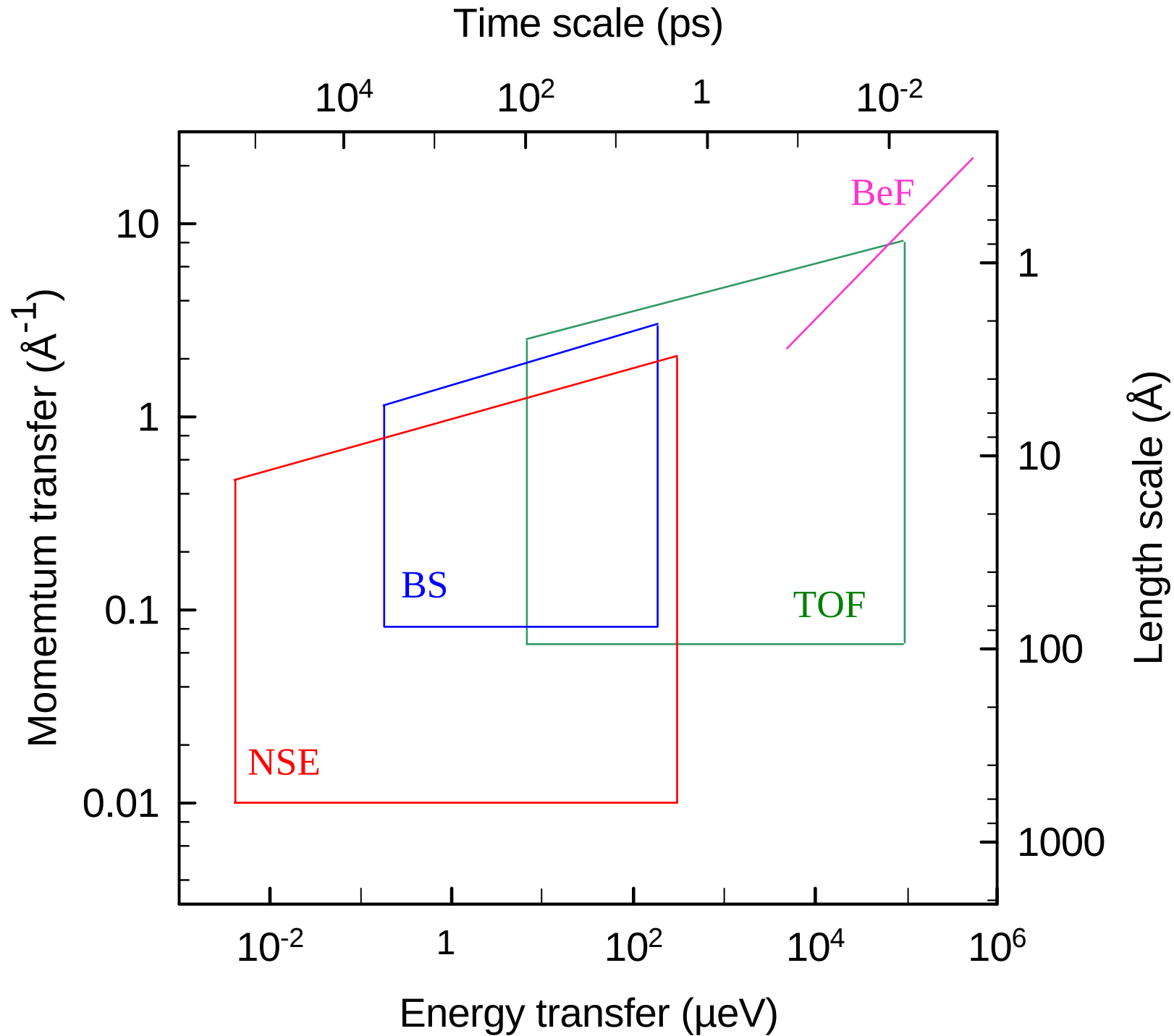
## n-alkanes in silicalite



n-heptane:  $\Delta H(1) = -84.3 \text{ kJ/mol}$  ,  $\Delta H(2) = -87.7 \text{ kJ/mol}$   
 $\Delta S(1) = -131 \text{ J/K.mol}$  ,  $\Delta S(2) = -211 \text{ J/K.mol}$

# Dynamics of molecular systems

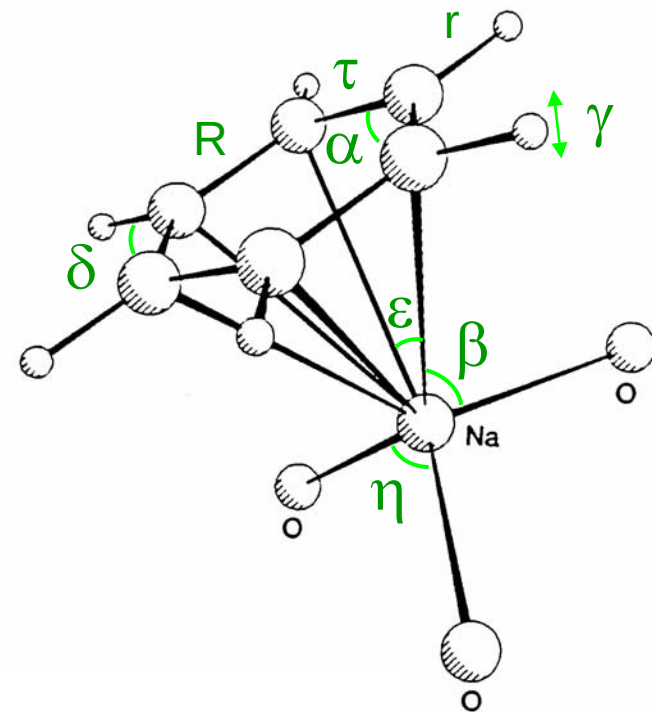
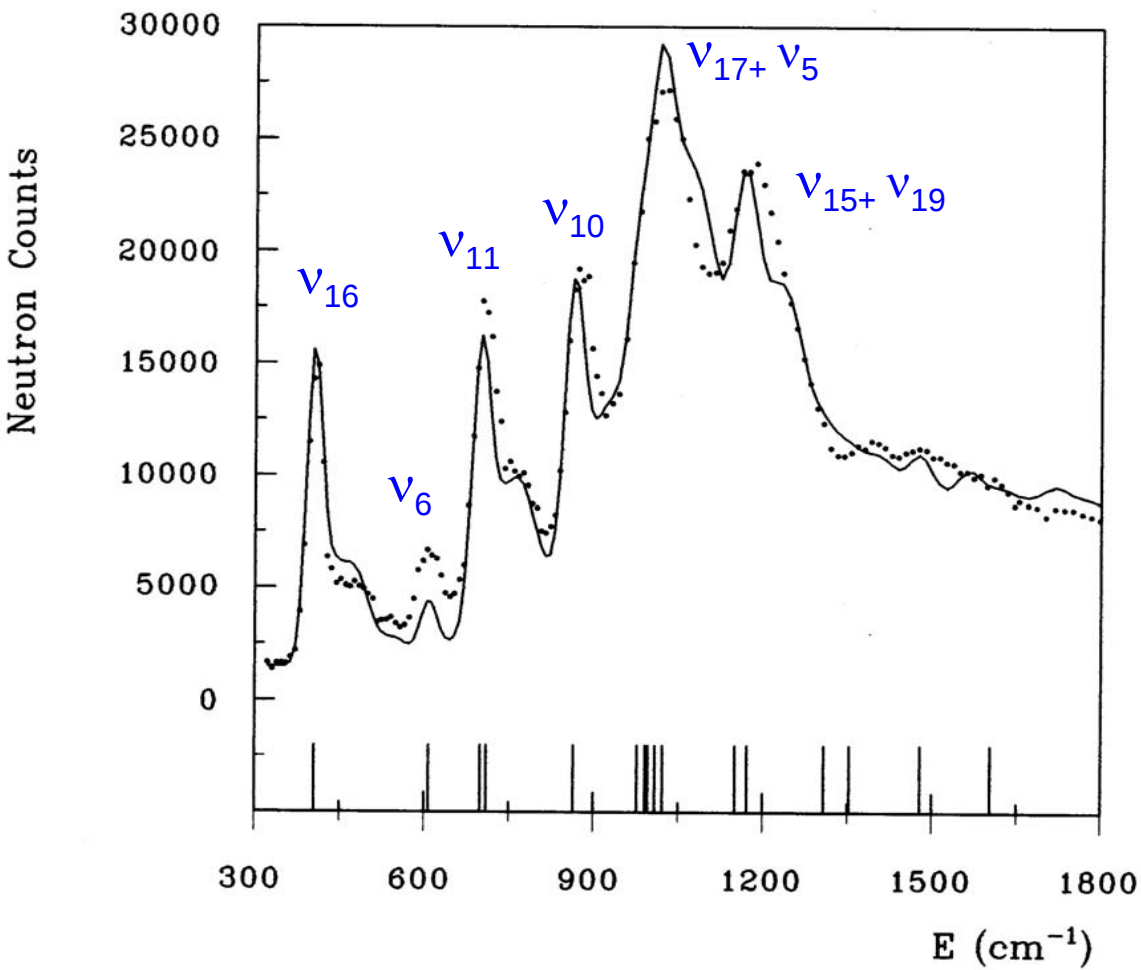




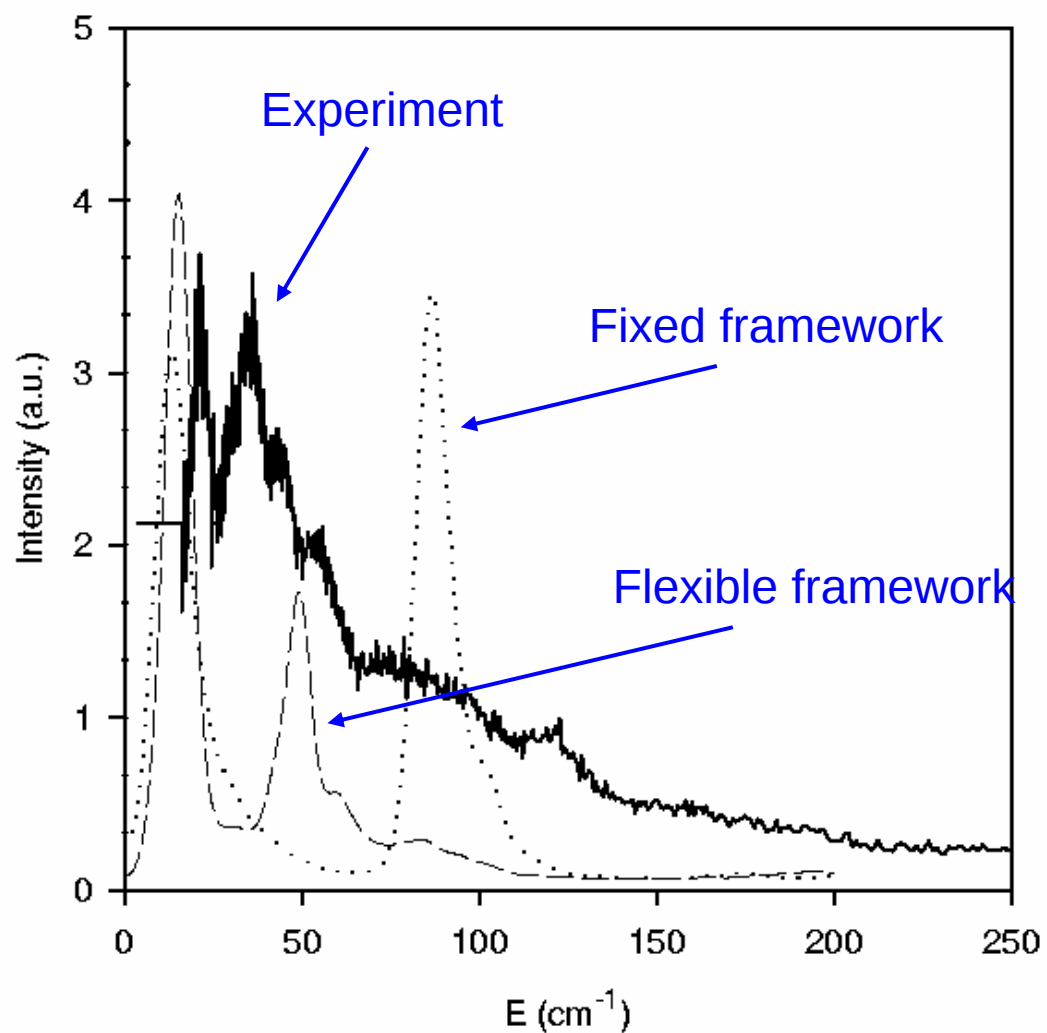
Usual approximation for a molecule:

$$S_{tot}(\mathbf{Q}, \omega) = S^{trans}(\mathbf{Q}, \omega) \otimes S^{rot}(\mathbf{Q}, \omega) \otimes S^{vib}(\mathbf{Q}, \omega)$$

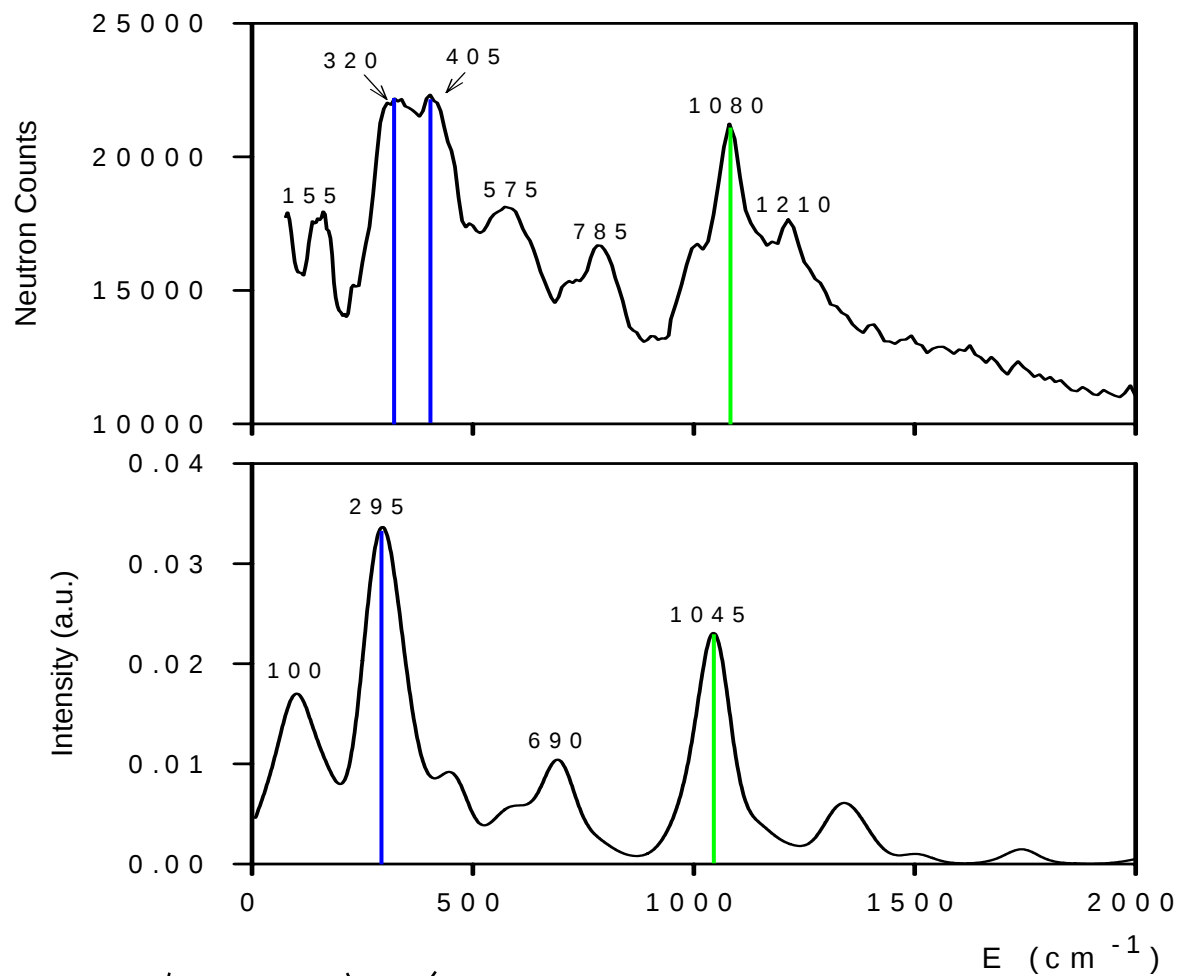
benzene / NaY (1 molecule / supercage ; T = 20 K)



## MD simulations of benzene in NaY

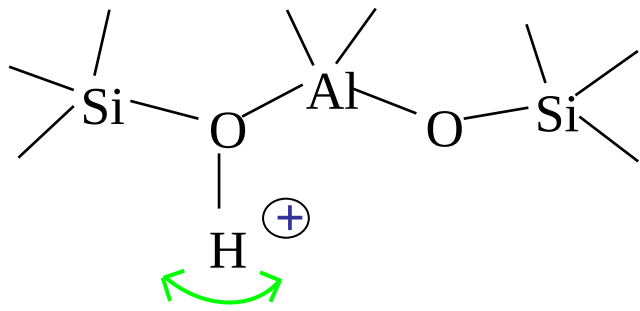


# H-ZSM-5 (Si/Al = 12.5)

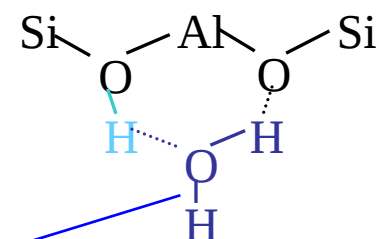
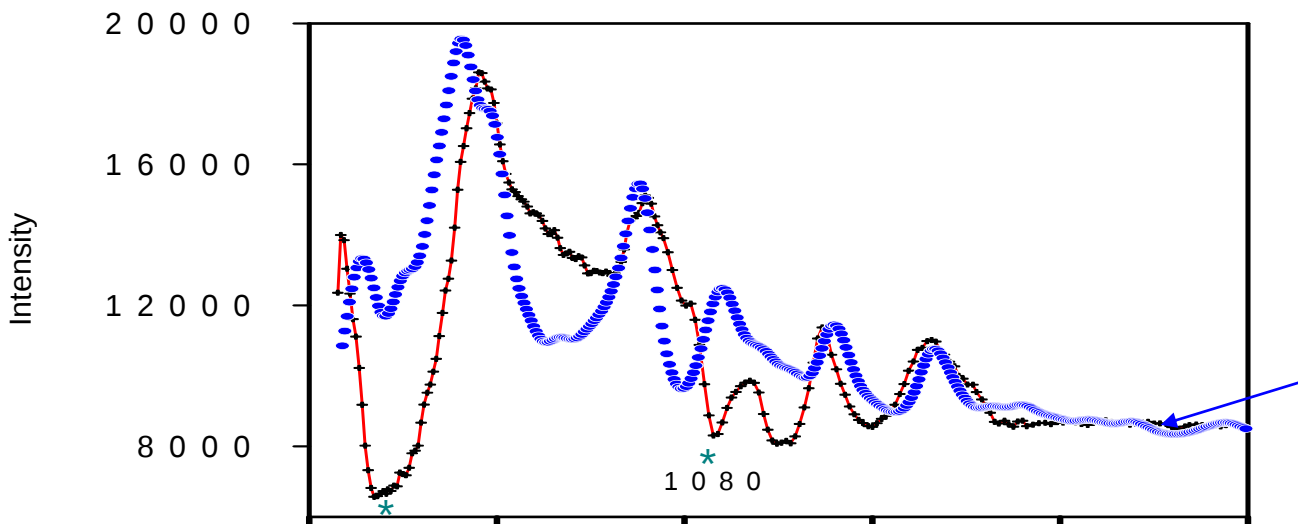


Experimental

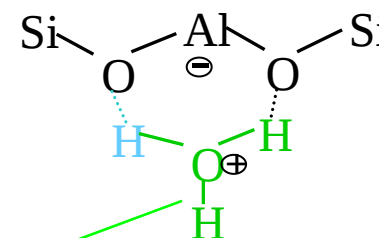
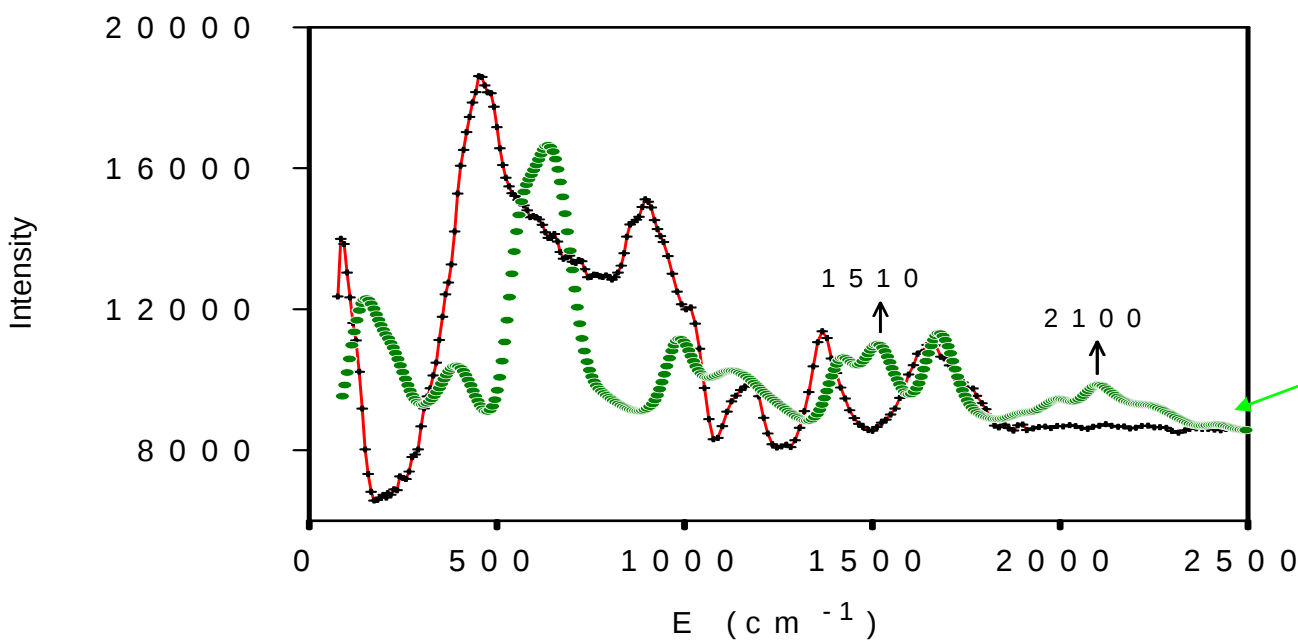
Simulated

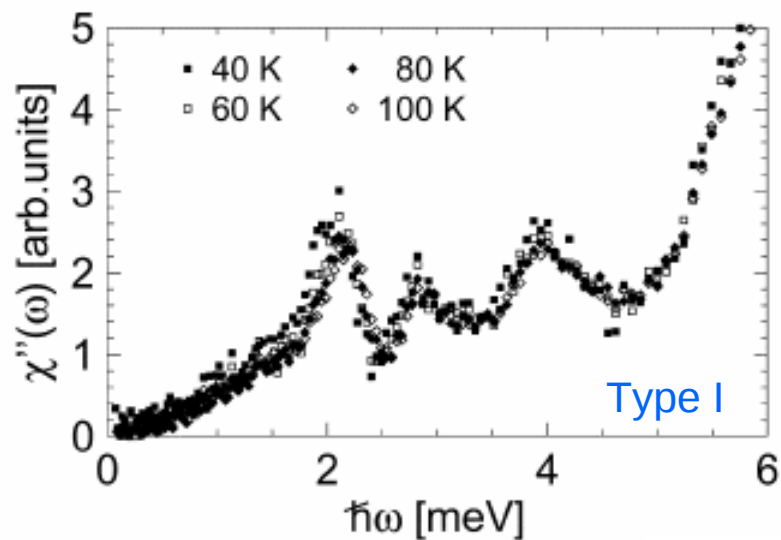


# H<sub>2</sub>O / H-ZSM-5



H<sub>2</sub>O / H<sup>+</sup> ≈ 1





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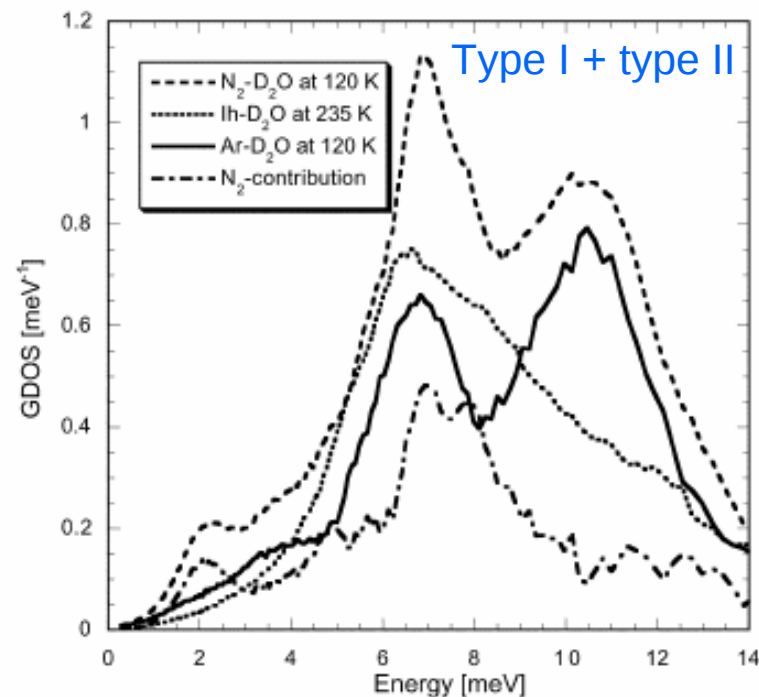
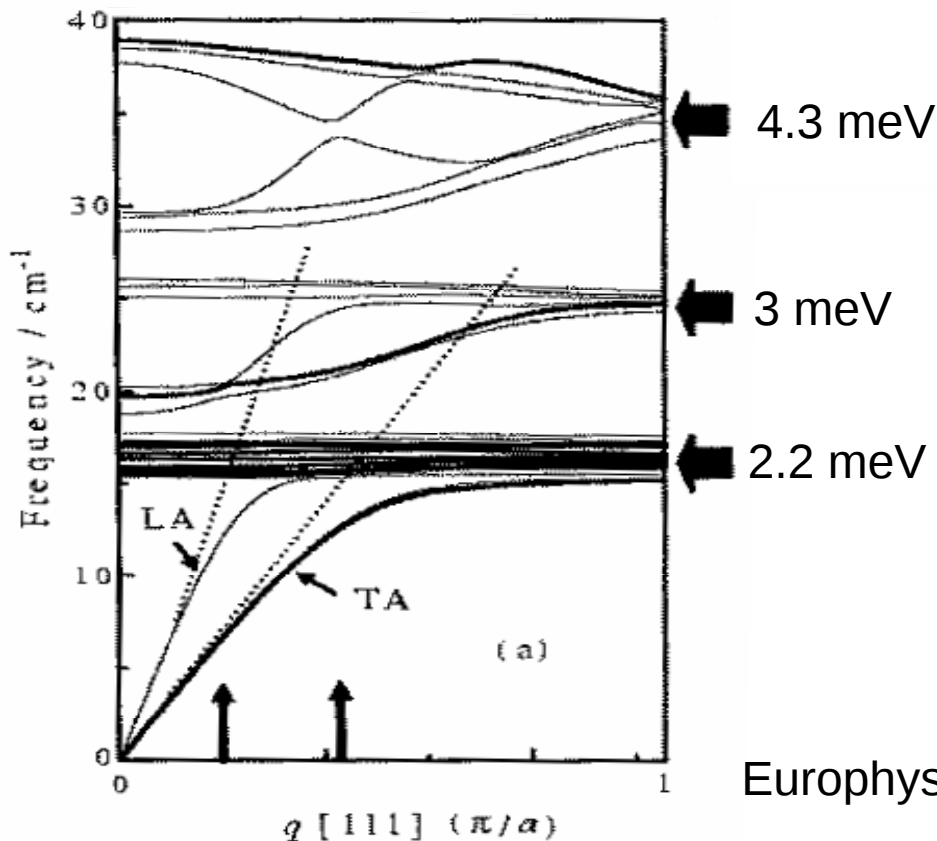
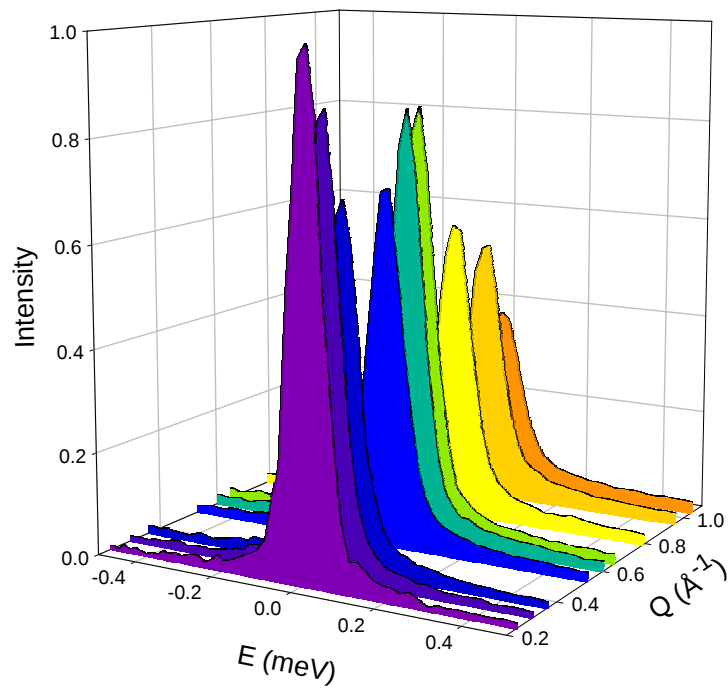
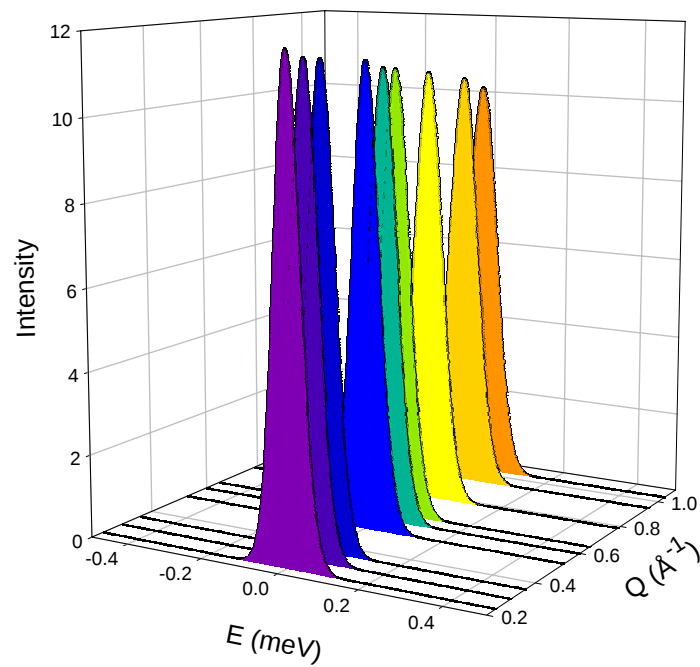


Fig. 4 GDOS of singly occupied  $\text{N}_2$ -hydrate at 120 K and comparison with Ar-hydrate and hexagonal ice Ih (The hexagonal ice contributions to the  $\text{N}_2$ -hydrate sample have been corrected for). The  $\text{N}_2$  contribution is obtained by subtracting the Ar-hydrate from the  $\text{N}_2$ -hydrate spectrum.

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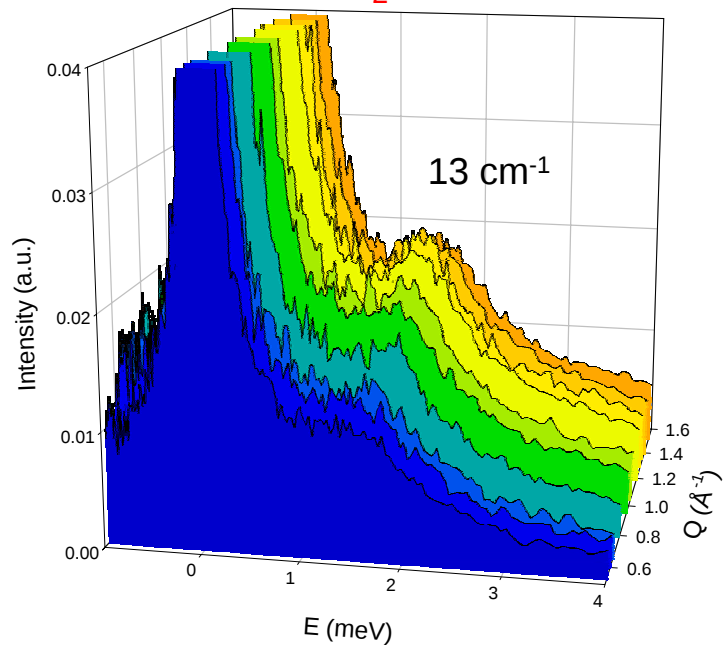


$\text{N}_2$  / LiLSX @ 260 K

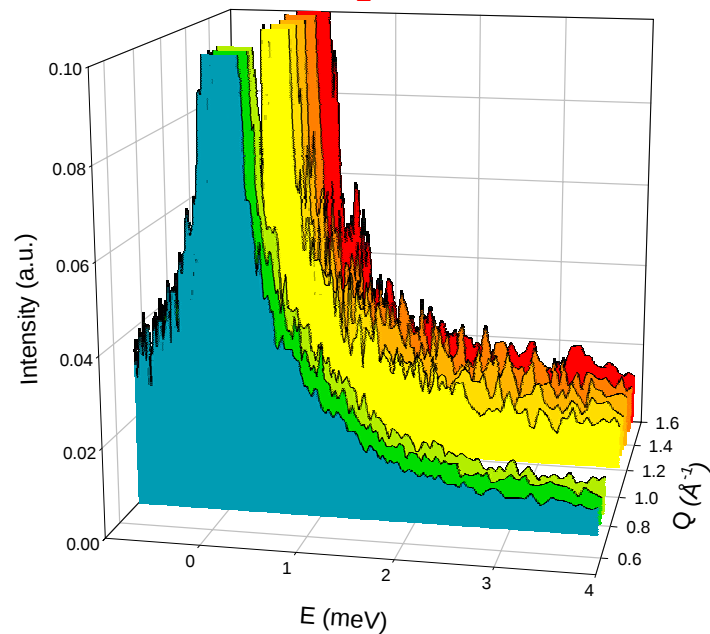


vanadium

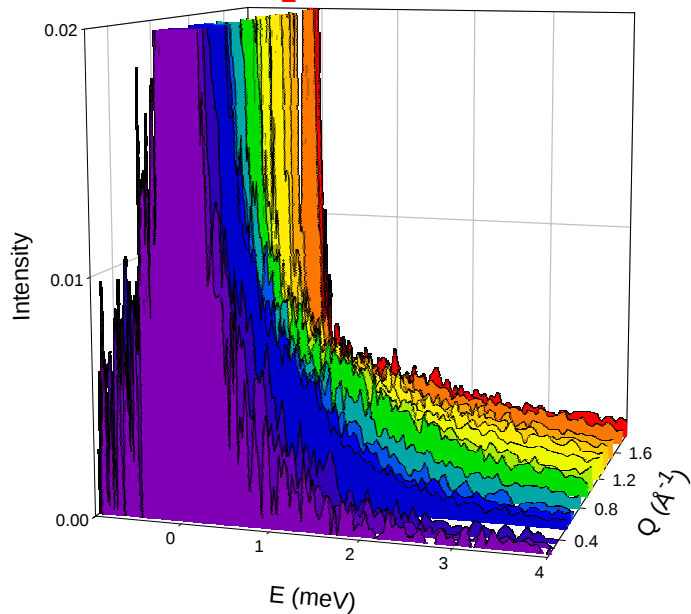
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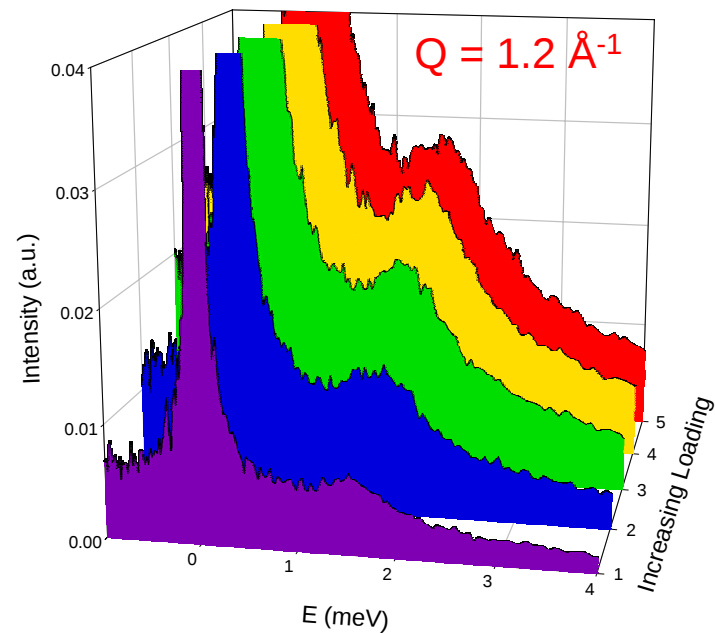
$\text{N}_2$  / silicalite @ 250 K



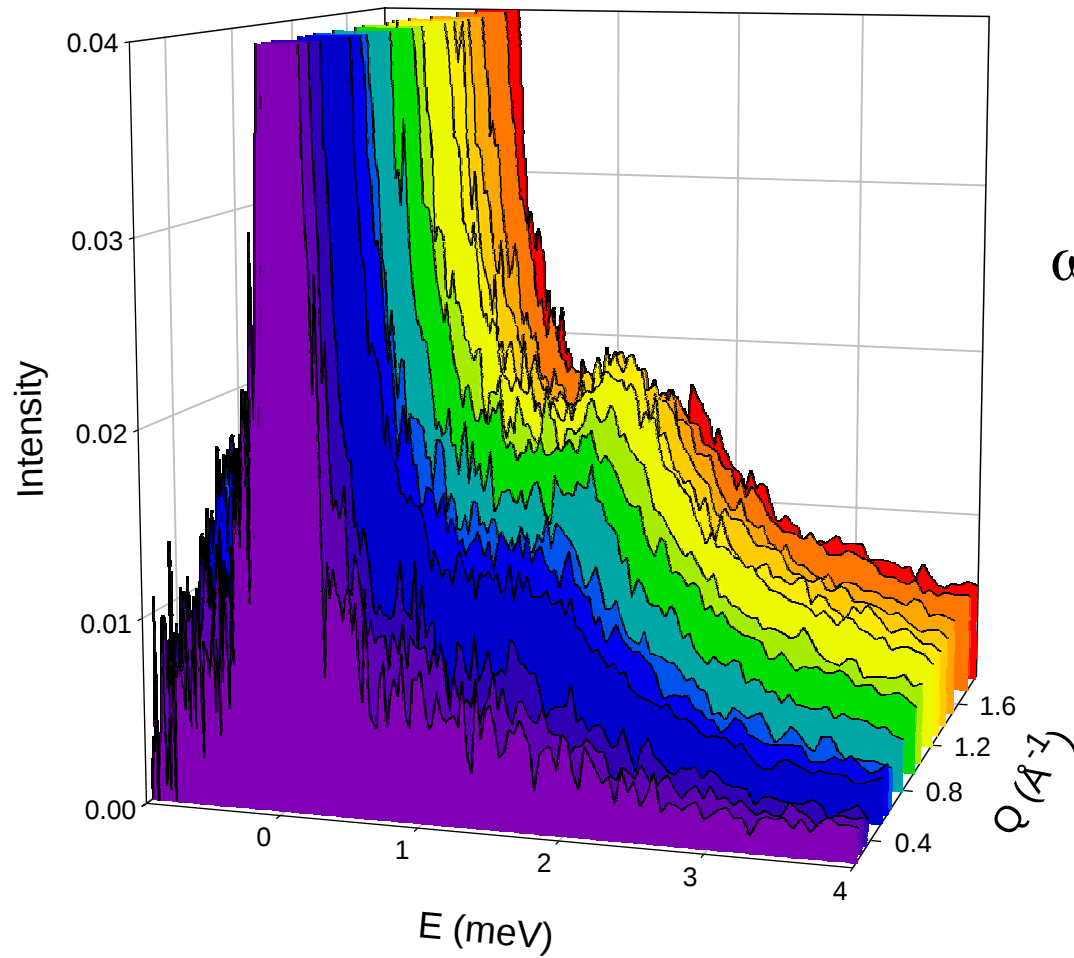
$\text{O}_2$  / LiLSX @ 260 K



$\text{N}_2$  / LiLSX @ 250 K



N2 [3] @ 260K

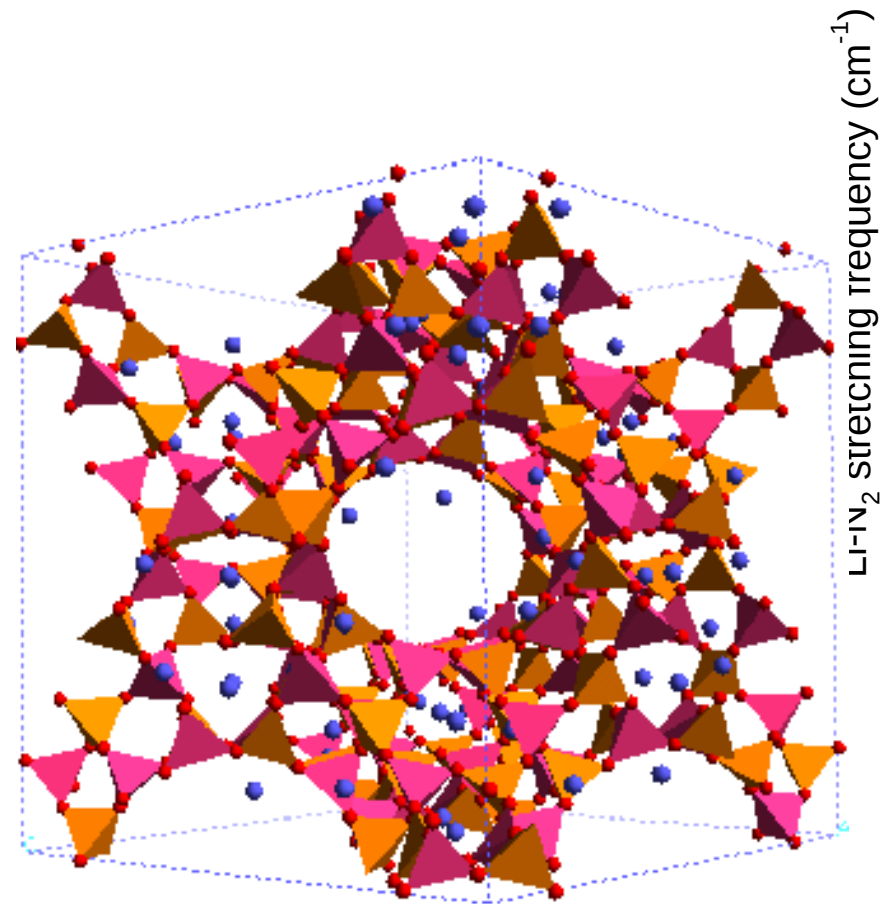


$\text{Li} \leftrightarrow \text{N} - \text{N}$

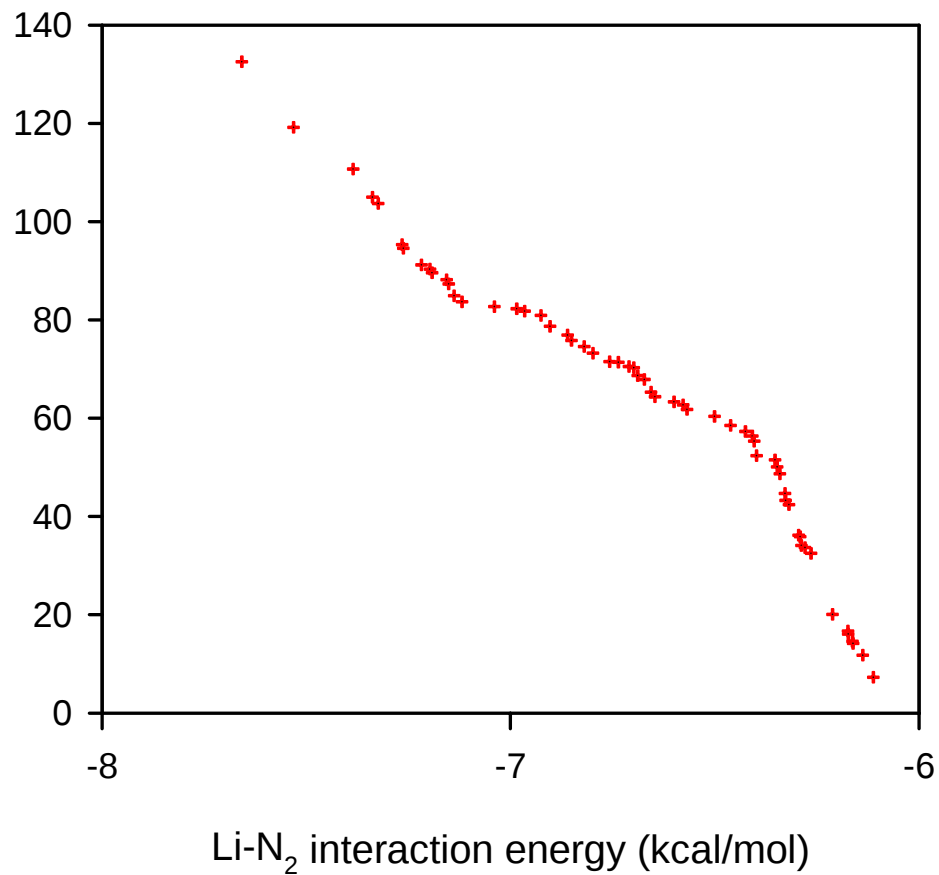
$$\omega_{\lambda} = 1.6 \text{ meV} = 13 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$S_d(\mathbf{Q}, \omega) = \exp(-\mathbf{Q}^2 \langle \mathbf{u}_d^2 \rangle) \frac{\hbar |\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{C}_d^{\lambda}|^2}{2\omega_{\lambda}} \delta(\omega - \omega_{\lambda})$$

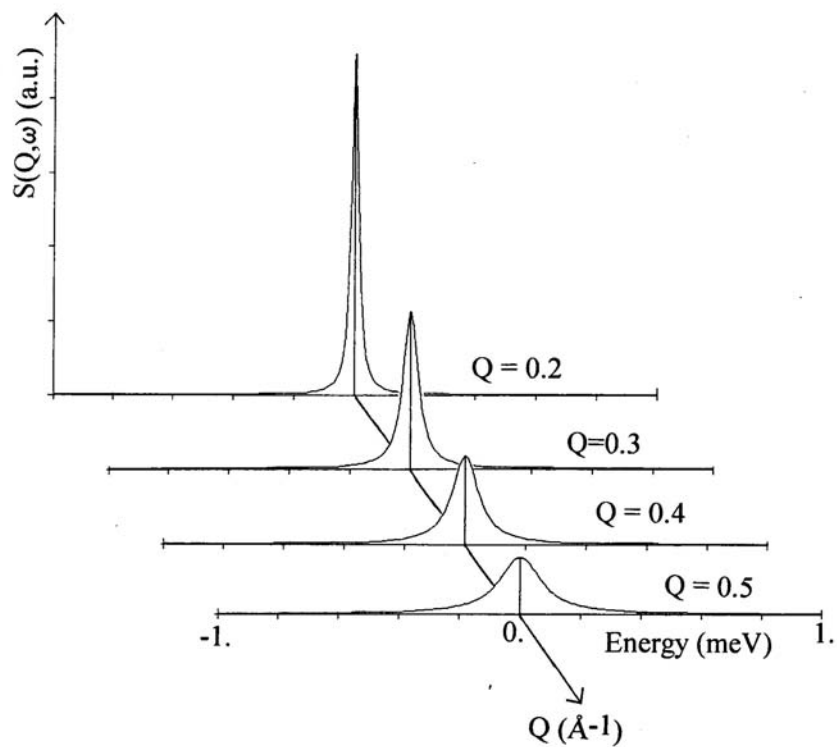
Calculated  $\text{Li-N}_2$  vibrational frequencies  
in LiLSX (QM / MM)



$\text{Li-N}_2$  stretching frequency ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )

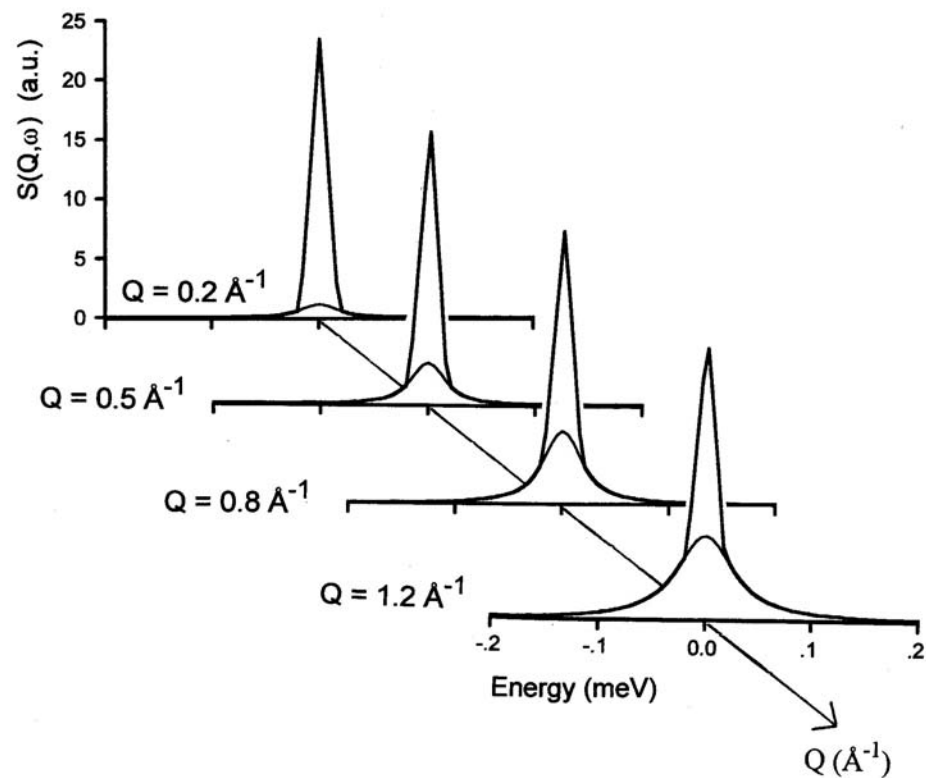


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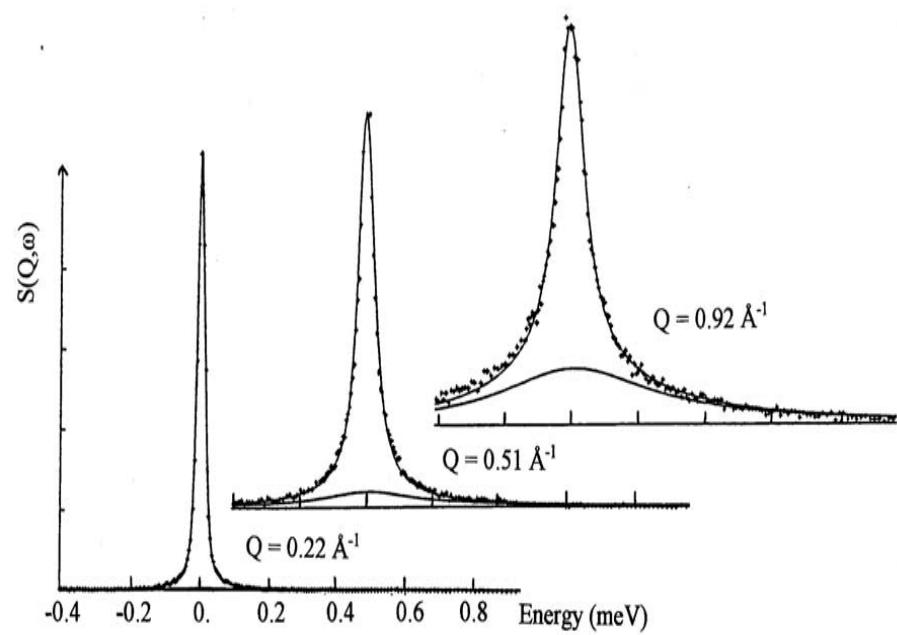
$$S_{inc}^{trans}(\mathbf{Q}, \omega) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{D_S Q^2}{\omega^2 + (D_S Q^2)^2}$$

## Rotation



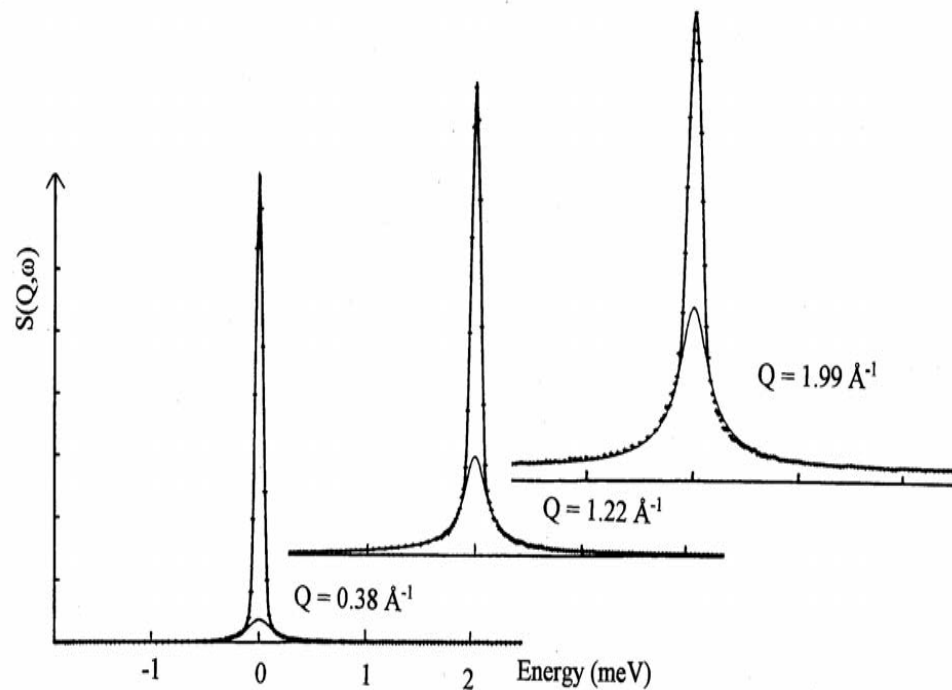
$$S_{inc}^{rot}(\mathbf{Q}, \omega) = A_0(\mathbf{Q})\delta(\omega) + \sum_{\ell} A_{\ell}(\mathbf{Q})L(\omega, \Gamma_{\ell})$$

## Translation



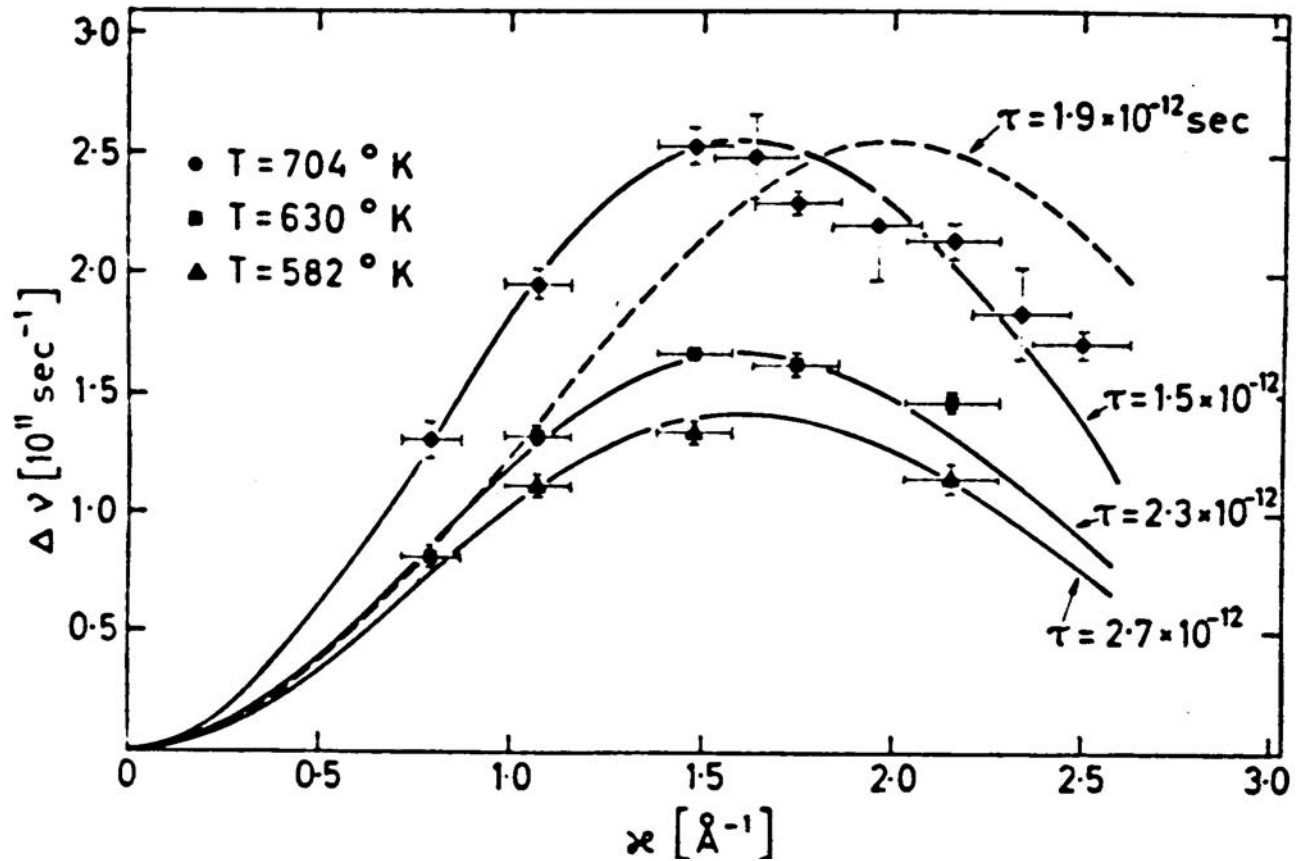
Ethane / NaX

## Rotation



Benzene / ZSM-5

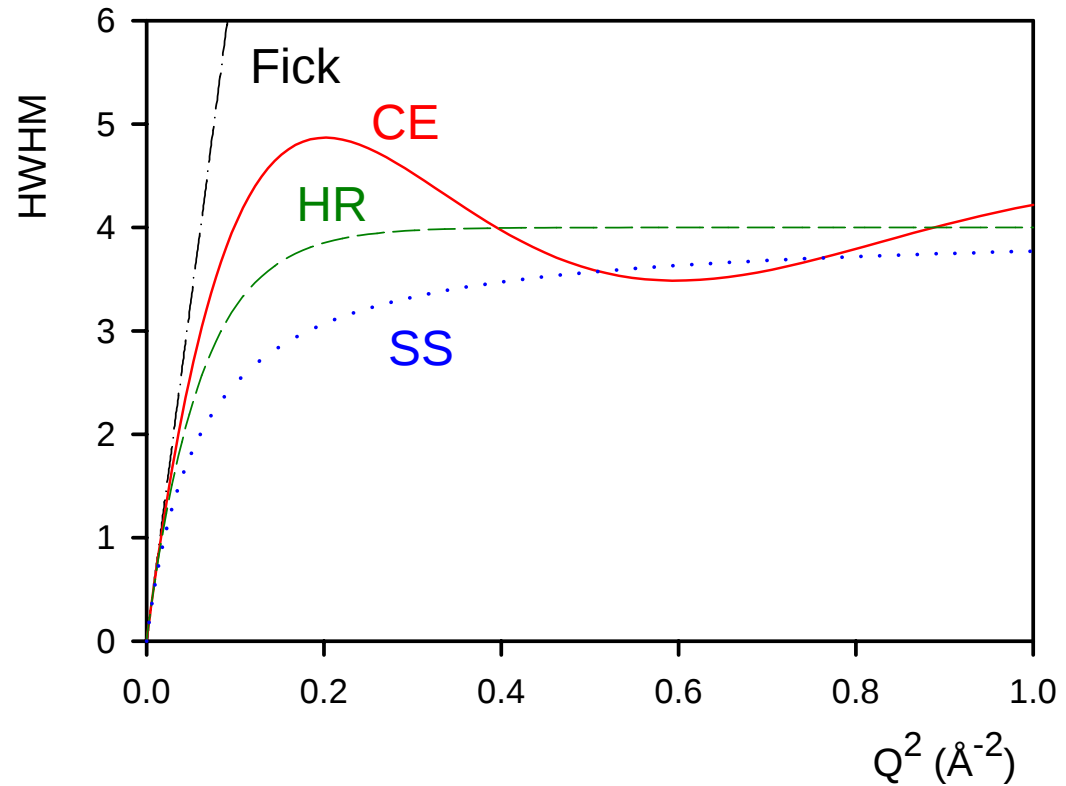
## Diffusion of H in $\alpha$ -PdH



— : octahedral sites  
 - - - : tetrahedral sites

Fick:  $DQ^2$

$\langle r^2 \rangle^{1/2} = 10 \text{ \AA}$   
 $\tau \equiv$  } same  $D$



Chudley-Elliott (CE):

$$\frac{1}{\tau} \left( 1 - \frac{\sin(Qd)}{Qd} \right)$$

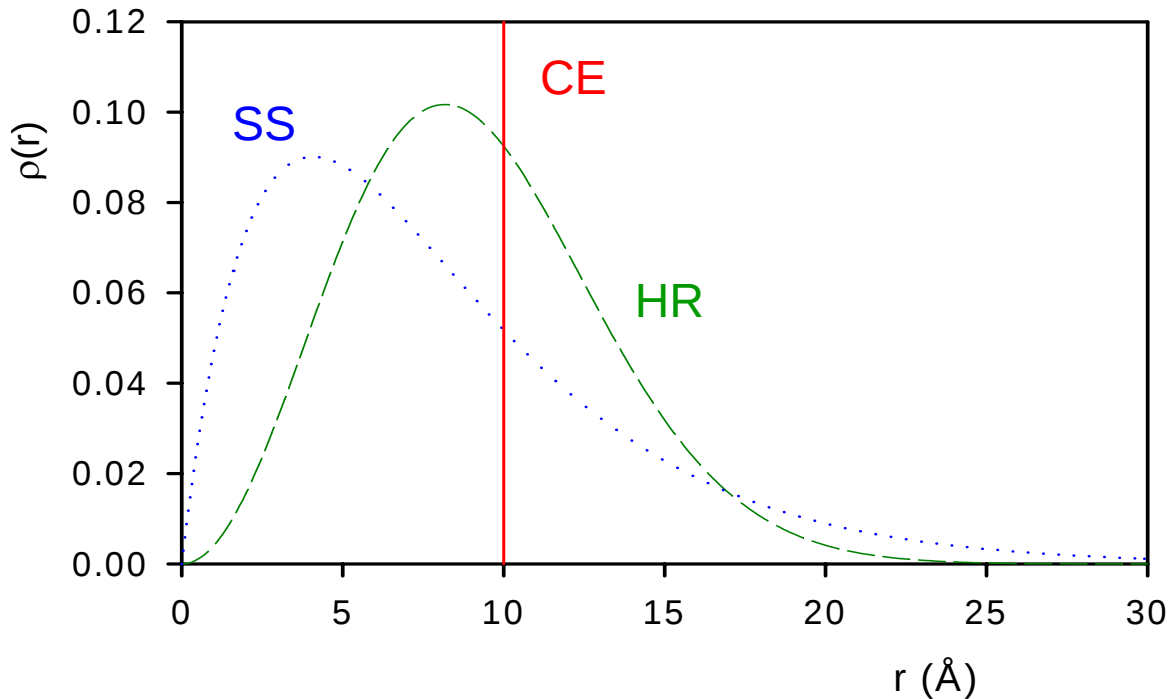
Singwi-Sjölander (SS):

$$\frac{1}{6\tau} \frac{Q^2 \langle r^2 \rangle}{1 + Q^2 \langle r^2 \rangle / 6}$$

Hall-Ross (HR):

$$\frac{1}{\tau} \left( 1 - \exp \left( - \frac{Q^2 \langle r^2 \rangle}{6} \right) \right)$$

## Jump length distributions



$$\langle r \rangle^2 = 100 \text{ Å}^2$$

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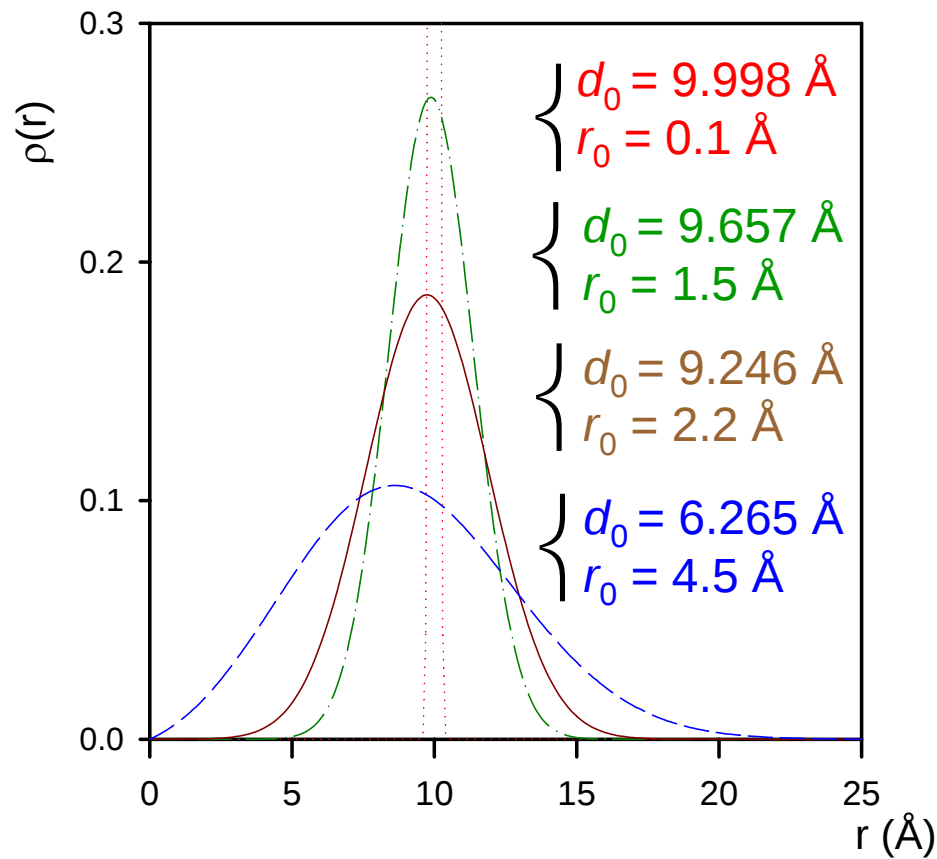
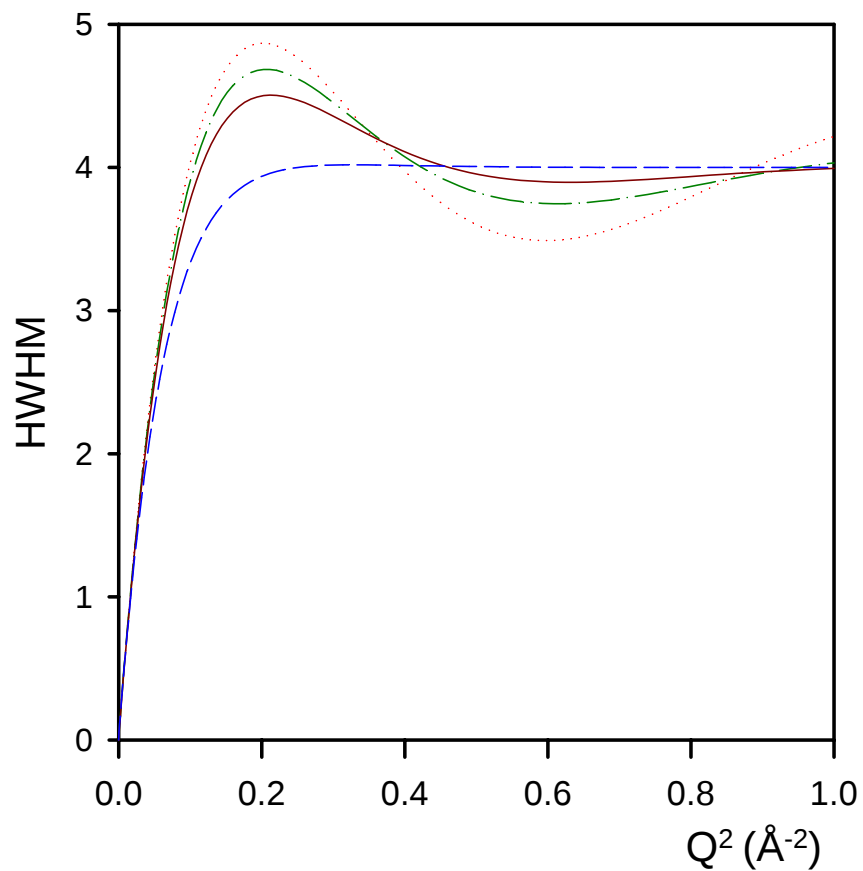
$$\rho(r) = \delta(r - d)$$

Singwi-Sjölander (SS):

$$\rho(r) = \frac{r}{r_0^2} \exp\left(-\frac{r}{r_0}\right)$$

Hall-Ross (HR):

$$\rho(r) = \frac{2r^2}{r_0^3 (2\pi)^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{2r_0^2}\right)$$

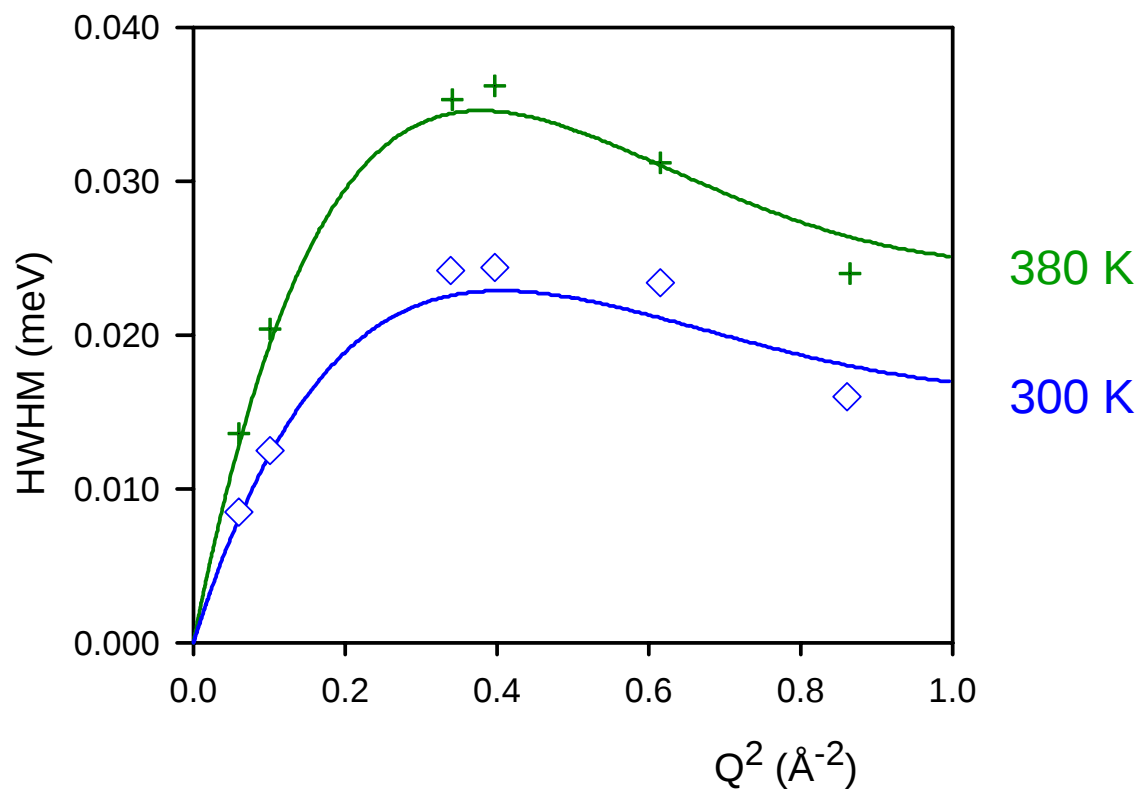


$$\langle r \rangle^2 = 100 \text{ Å}^2$$

$$HWHM = \frac{1}{\tau} \left[ 1 - \frac{\sin(Qd_0)}{Qd_0} \exp\left(-\frac{Q^2 r_0^2}{2}\right) \right]$$

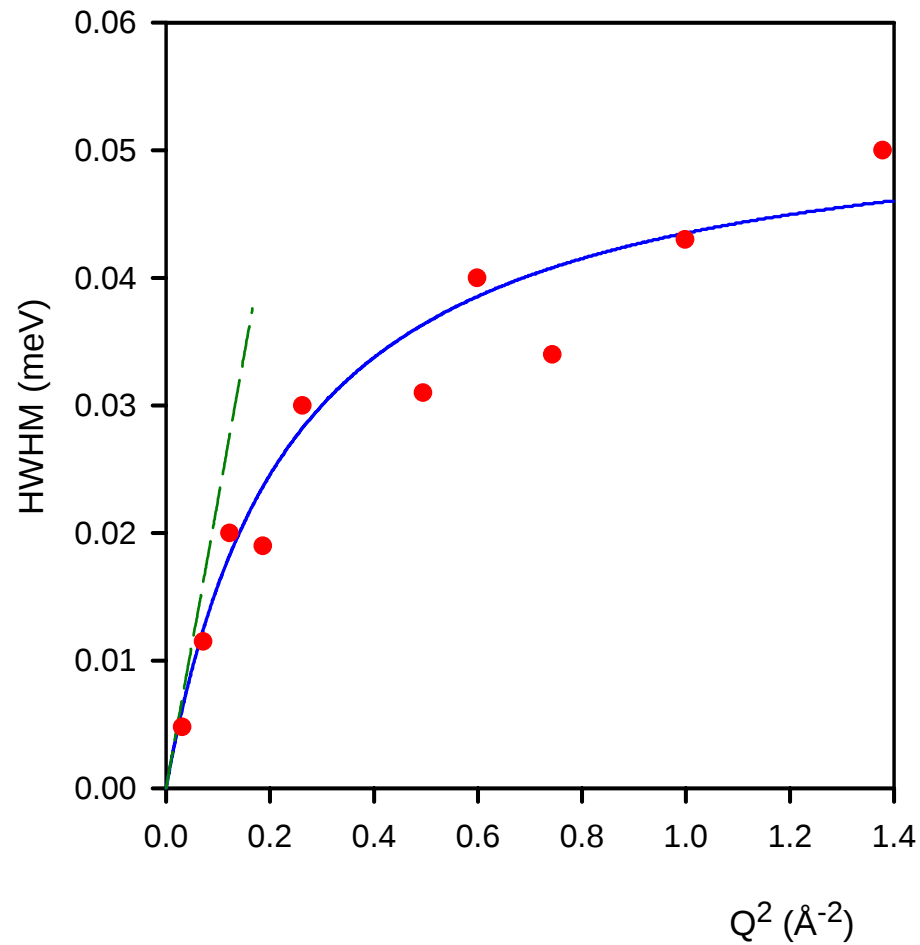
$$\rho(r) = \frac{r}{d_0 r_0 (2\pi)^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(r - d_0)^2}{2r_0^2}\right)$$

n-pentane / NaX  
1 molecule / supercage



|       | D (m <sup>2</sup> /s) | $\tau$ (s)             | d (Å) |
|-------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------|
| 300 K | $2.4 \times 10^{-9}$  | $3.5 \times 10^{-11}$  | 7     |
| 380 K | $3.9 \times 10^{-9}$  | $2.28 \times 10^{-11}$ | "     |

$\text{NH}_3$  / silicalite  
4.3 molecules / u.c.  $T = 360 \text{ K}$



$\langle d \rangle^{1/2} = 5 \text{ \AA}$   
 $\tau = 12 \text{ ps}$

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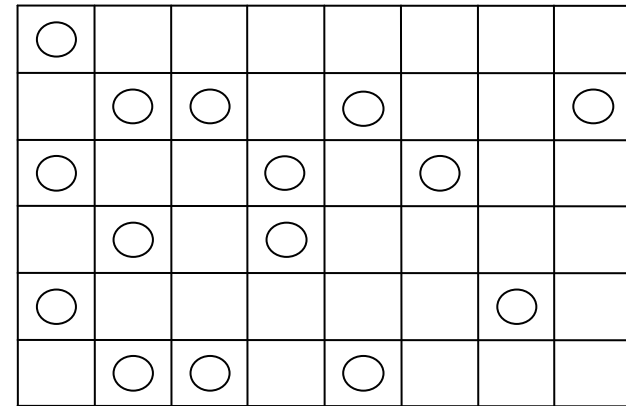
|                                 |                                                                                                       |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $\mathcal{D}$                   | self-diffusivity (defined by Eq. 1.11 or 1.12)                                                        |
| $\mathcal{D}_\infty$            | pre-exponential factor in Arrhenius expression for temperature dependence of $\mathcal{D}$ (Eq. 4.70) |
| $\mathcal{D}_{\text{inter}}$    | self-diffusivity in inter-crystalline space                                                           |
| $\mathcal{D}_{\text{intra}}$    | intracrystalline self-diffusivity                                                                     |
| $\mathcal{D}_{\text{l.r.}}$     | long range self-diffusivity (through a bed of microporous crystals)                                   |
| $D$                             | transport diffusivity (defined by Eq. 1.1)                                                            |
| $D_0$                           | corrected transport diffusivity (defined by Eq. 1.29)                                                 |
| $D_c$                           | intracrystalline diffusivity                                                                          |
| $D_e$                           | effective diffusivity                                                                                 |
| $D_K$                           | Knudsen diffusivity                                                                                   |
| $D_L$                           | axial dispersion coefficient                                                                          |
| $D_m$                           | molecular diffusivity                                                                                 |
| $D_p$                           | pore diffusivity                                                                                      |
| $D'_p$                          | micropore diffusivity (Eq. 11.3)                                                                      |
| $D_s$                           | surface diffusivity                                                                                   |
| $D_{AB}$                        | molecular diffusivity in binary $A$ - $B$ mixture                                                     |
| $D_{\text{des}}$                | diffusivity calculated from desorption rate                                                           |
| $D_{\text{micro}}$              | diffusivity in micropores                                                                             |
| $D_{\text{macro}}$              | diffusivity in macropores                                                                             |
| $\tilde{D}_{\text{Poiseuille}}$ | equivalent diffusivity for Poiseuille flow                                                            |
| $\bar{D}$                       | integral diffusivity (derived from uptake rate measurement over a large concentration step)           |
| $\bar{\bar{D}}$                 | average diffusivity (over a defined concentration range)                                              |

# Techniques for measuring diffusion coefficients

## Out of equilibrium

- gravimetry
- chromatography
- frequency response
- infrared (FT & surface)
- permeability

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$$J = -D_T \frac{dc}{dx}$$

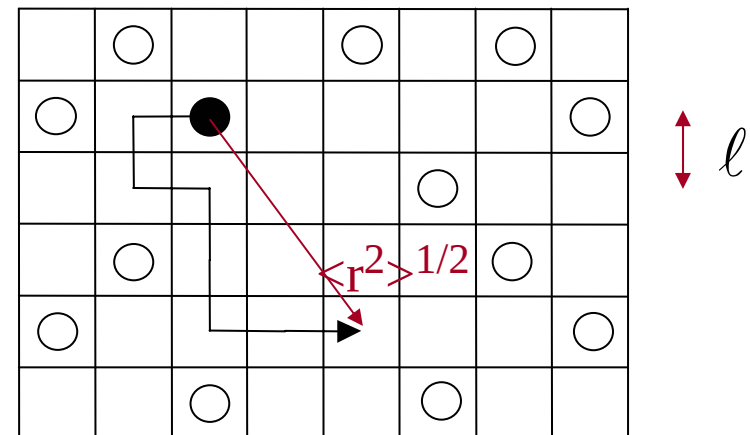
## At equilibrium

- PFG NMR , QENS (inc. scattering)

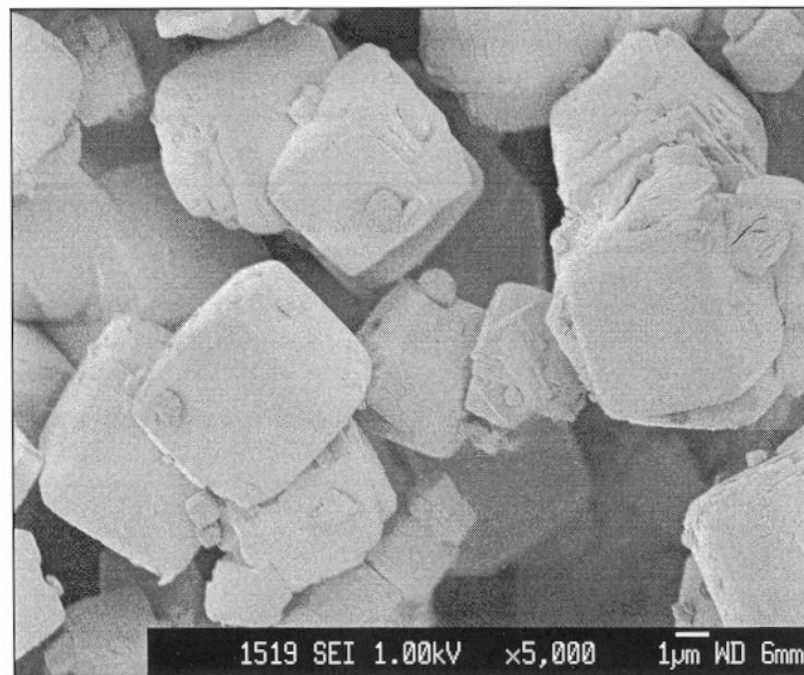
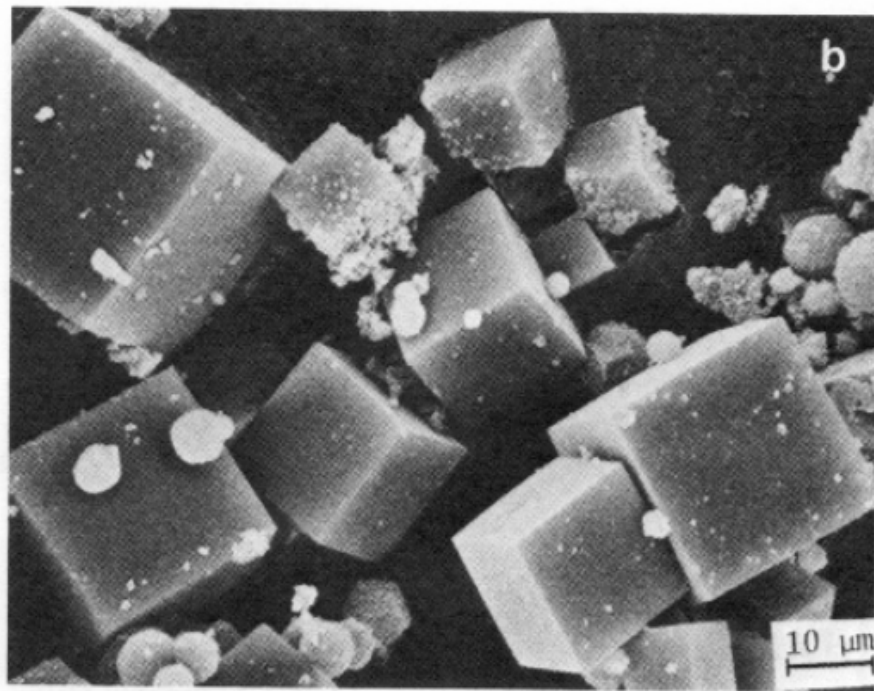
$$D_S = \frac{1}{6} \frac{\langle r^2(t) \rangle}{t} = \frac{\ell^2}{6\tau}$$

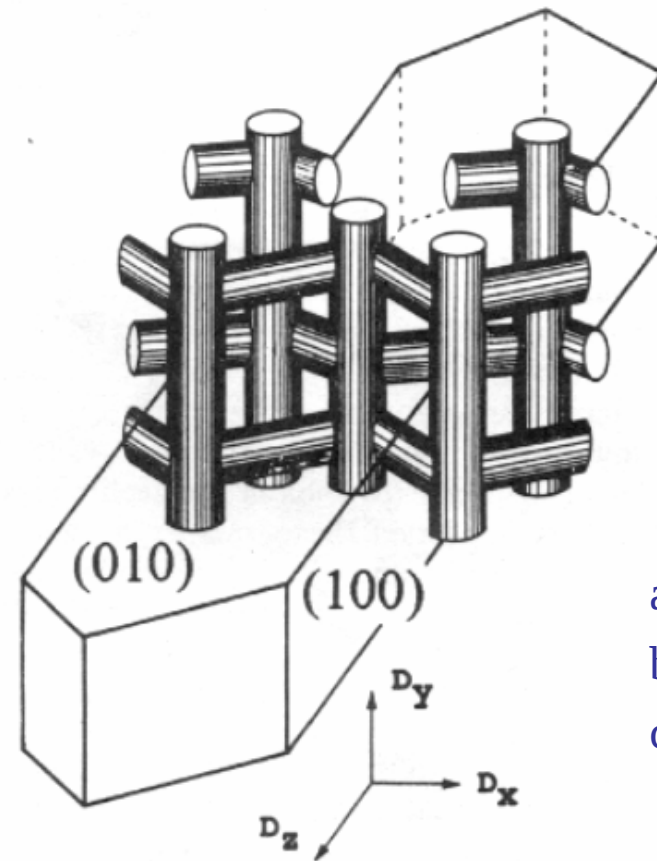
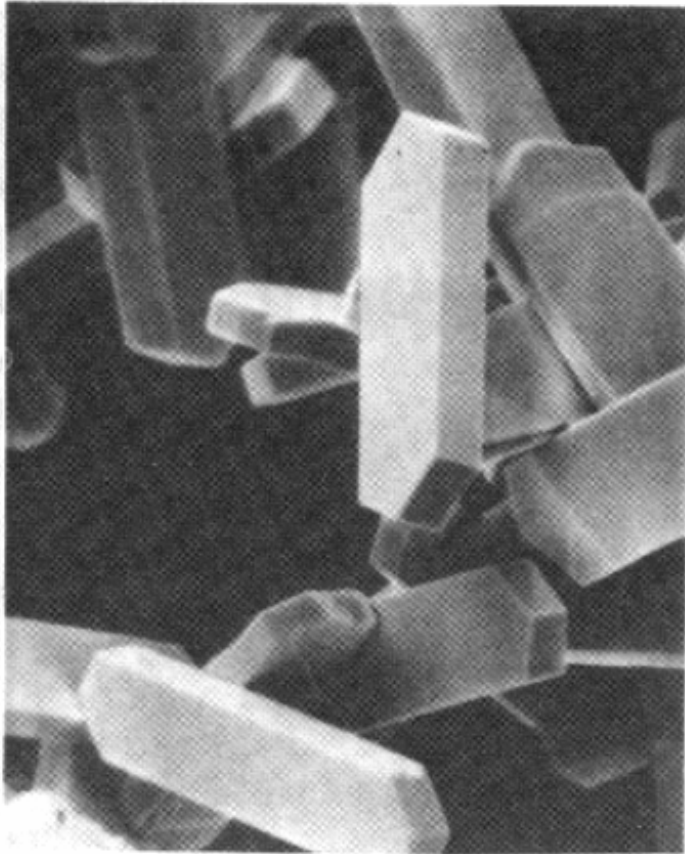
- QENS, NSE (coh. scattering):

$$D_T$$



## A-type zeolite crystals

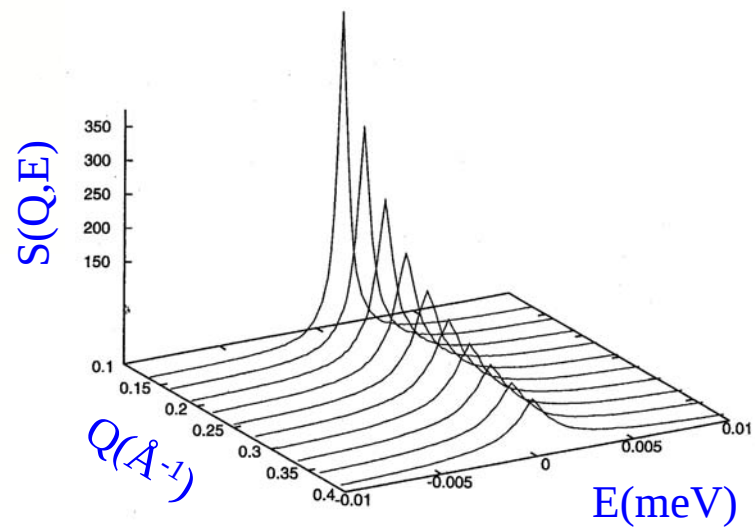
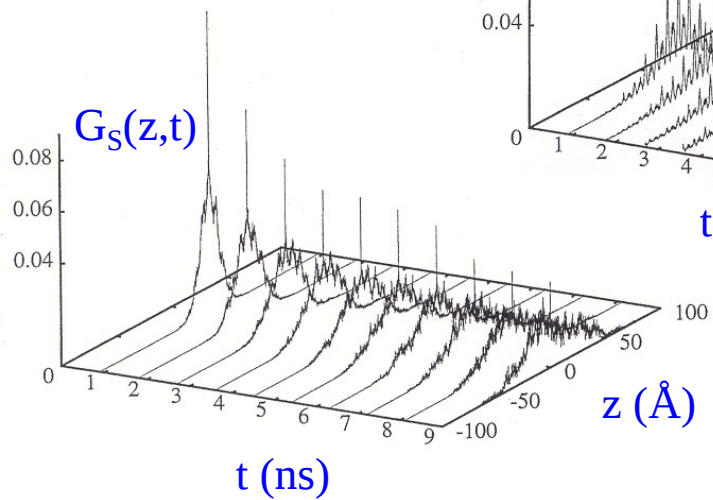
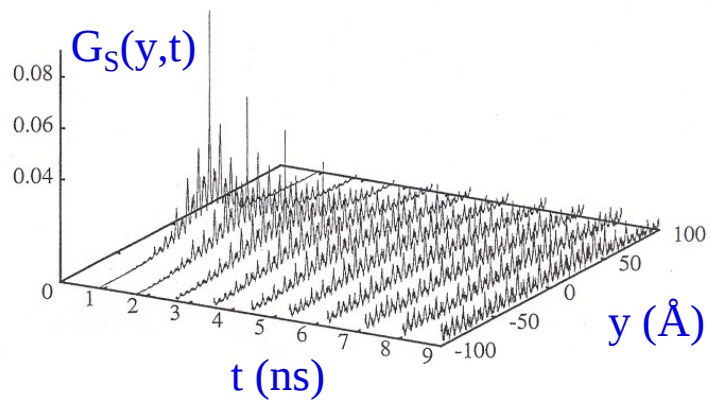
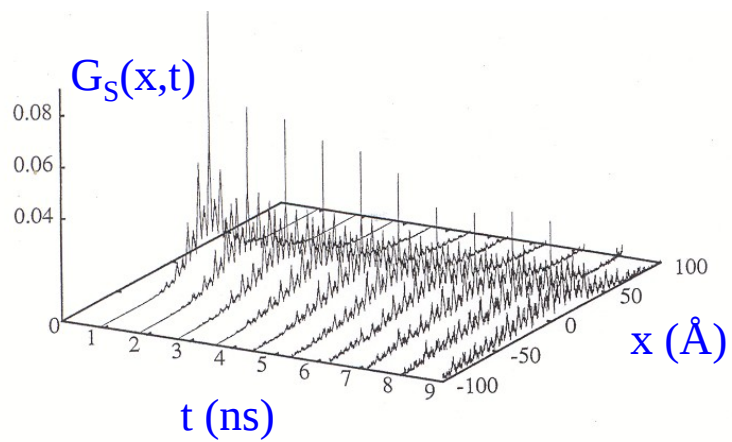




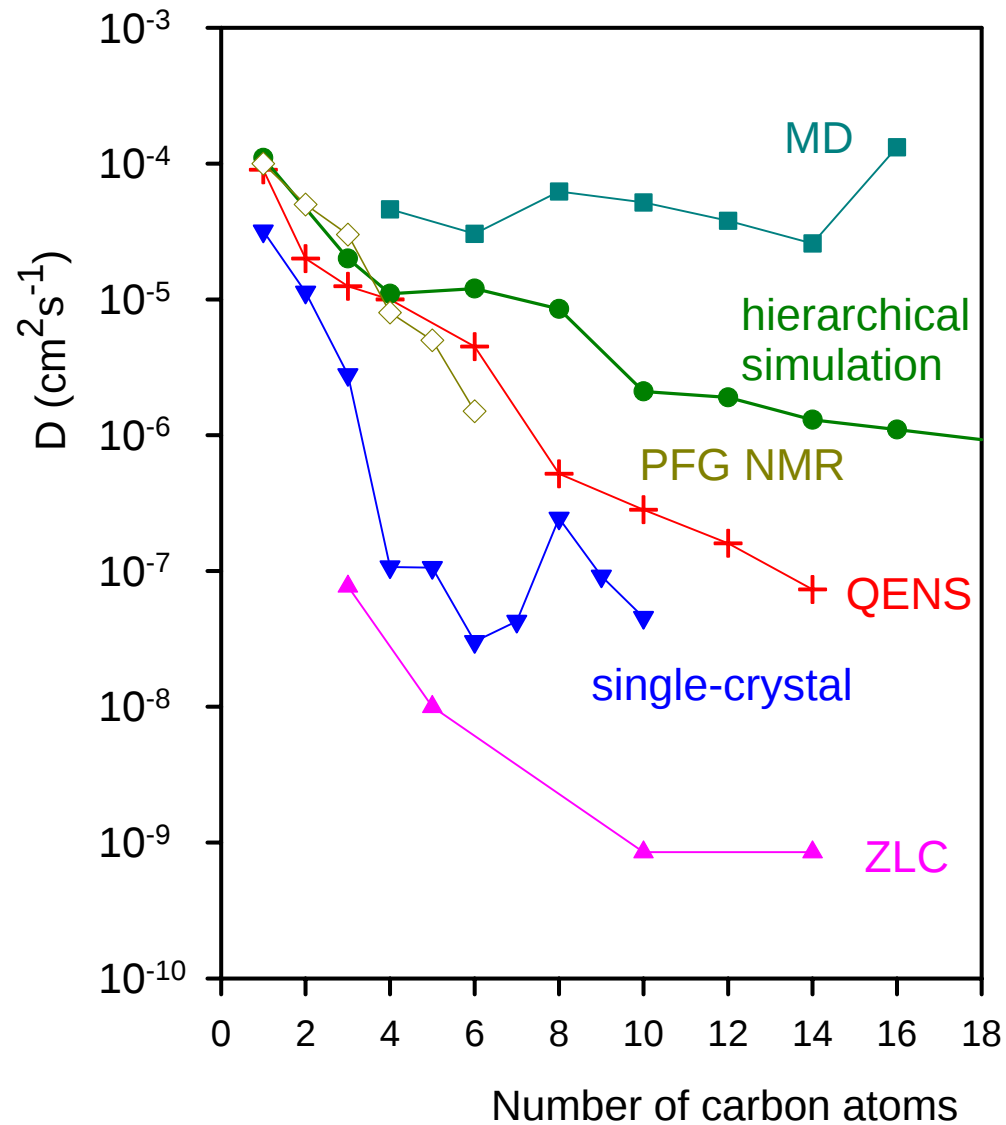
$$\begin{aligned}a &= 20.07 \text{ \AA} \\b &= 19.92 \text{ \AA} \\c &= 13.42 \text{ \AA}\end{aligned}$$

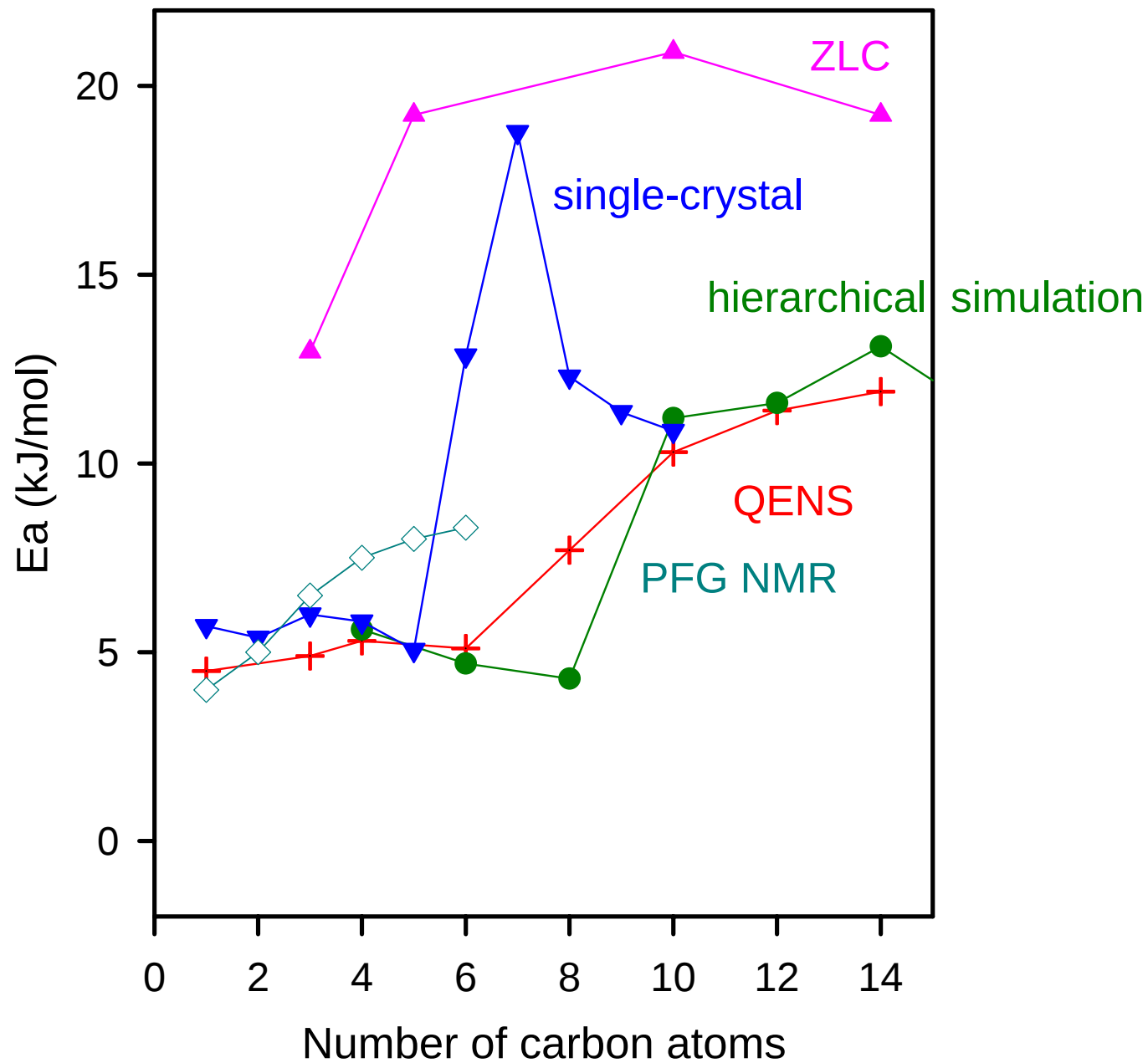
MFI structure (silicalite, ZSM-5)

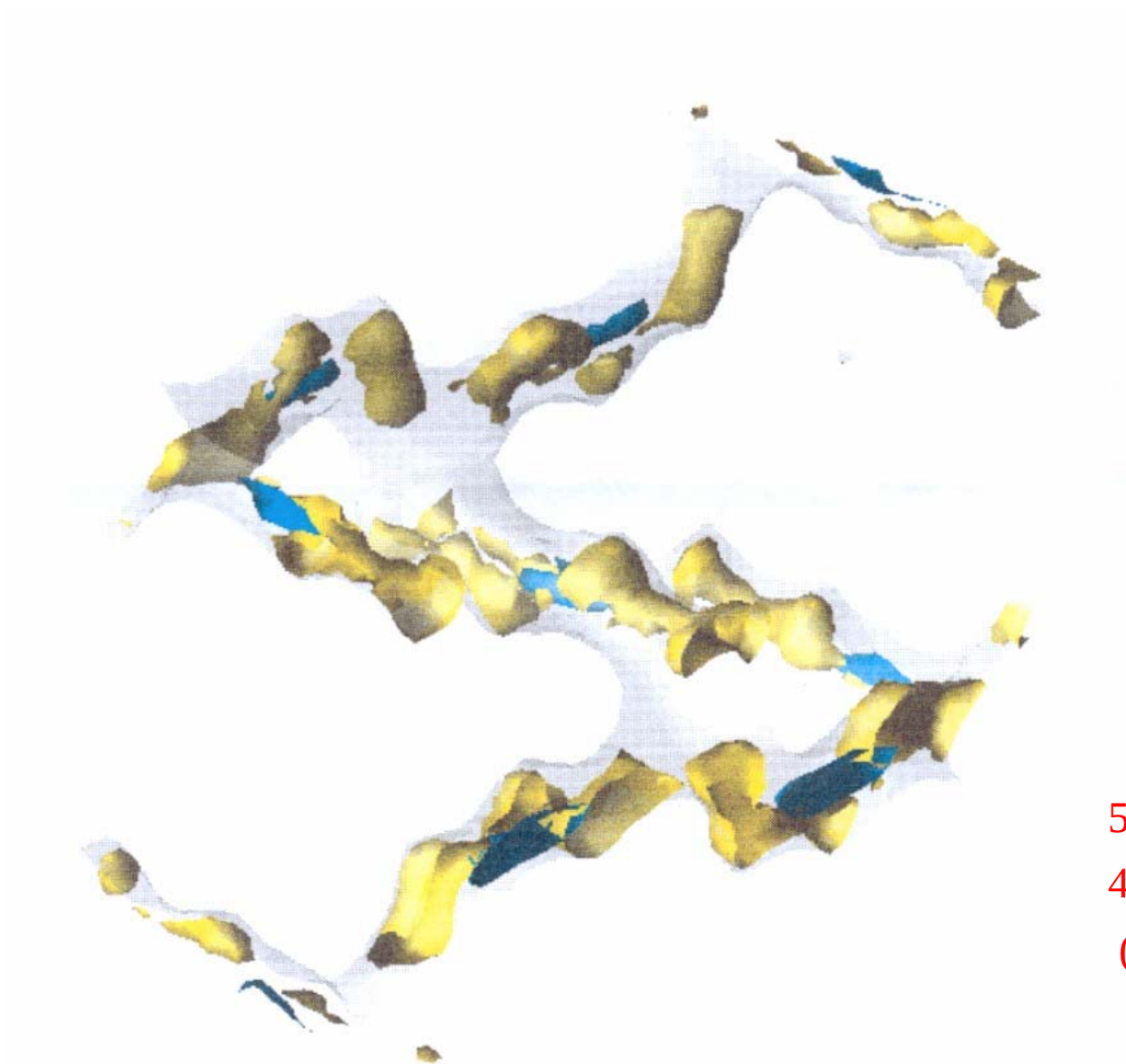
CH<sub>4</sub> / silicalite (200 K)



linear alkanes / MFI  
(T = 300 K)

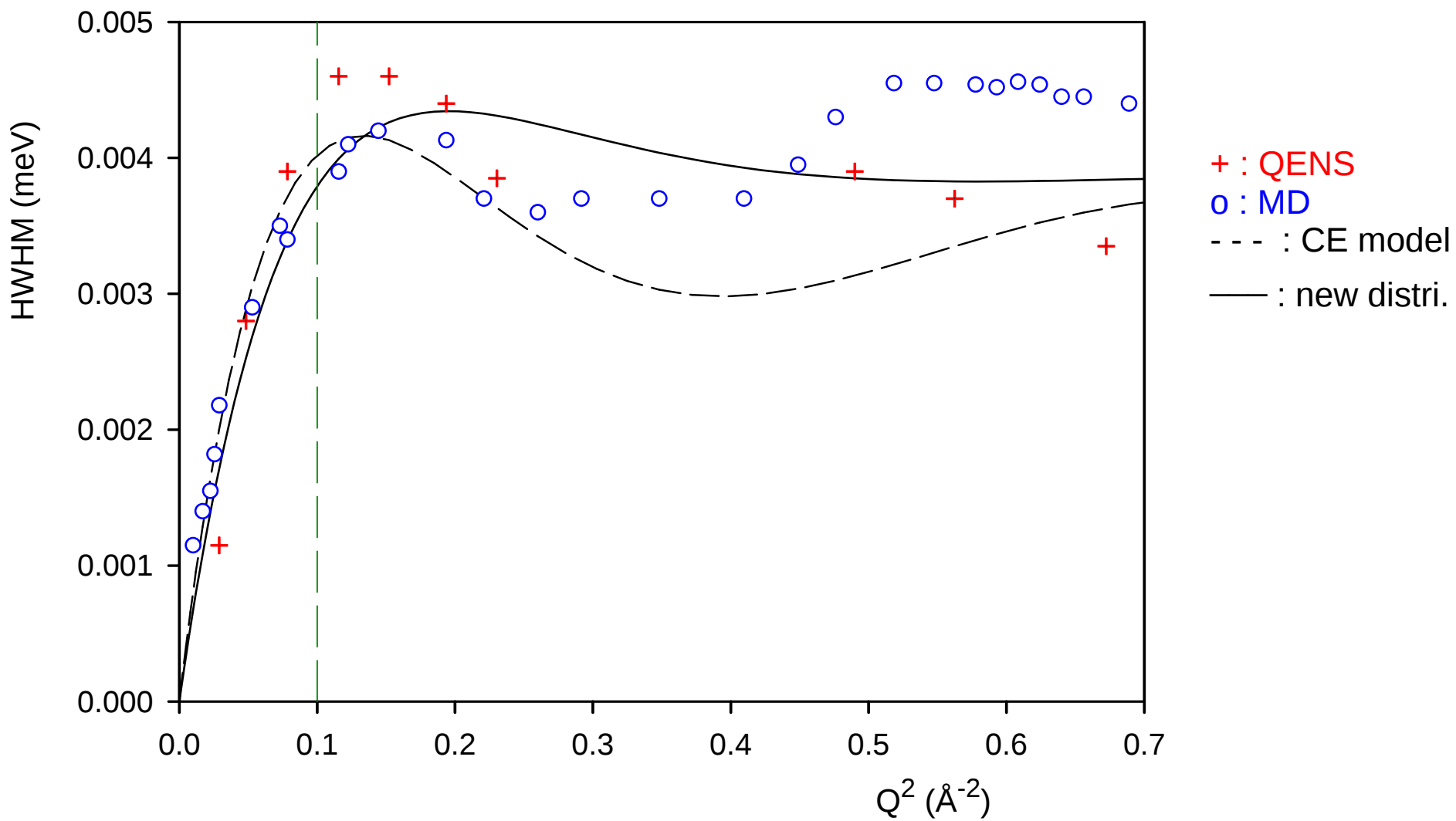




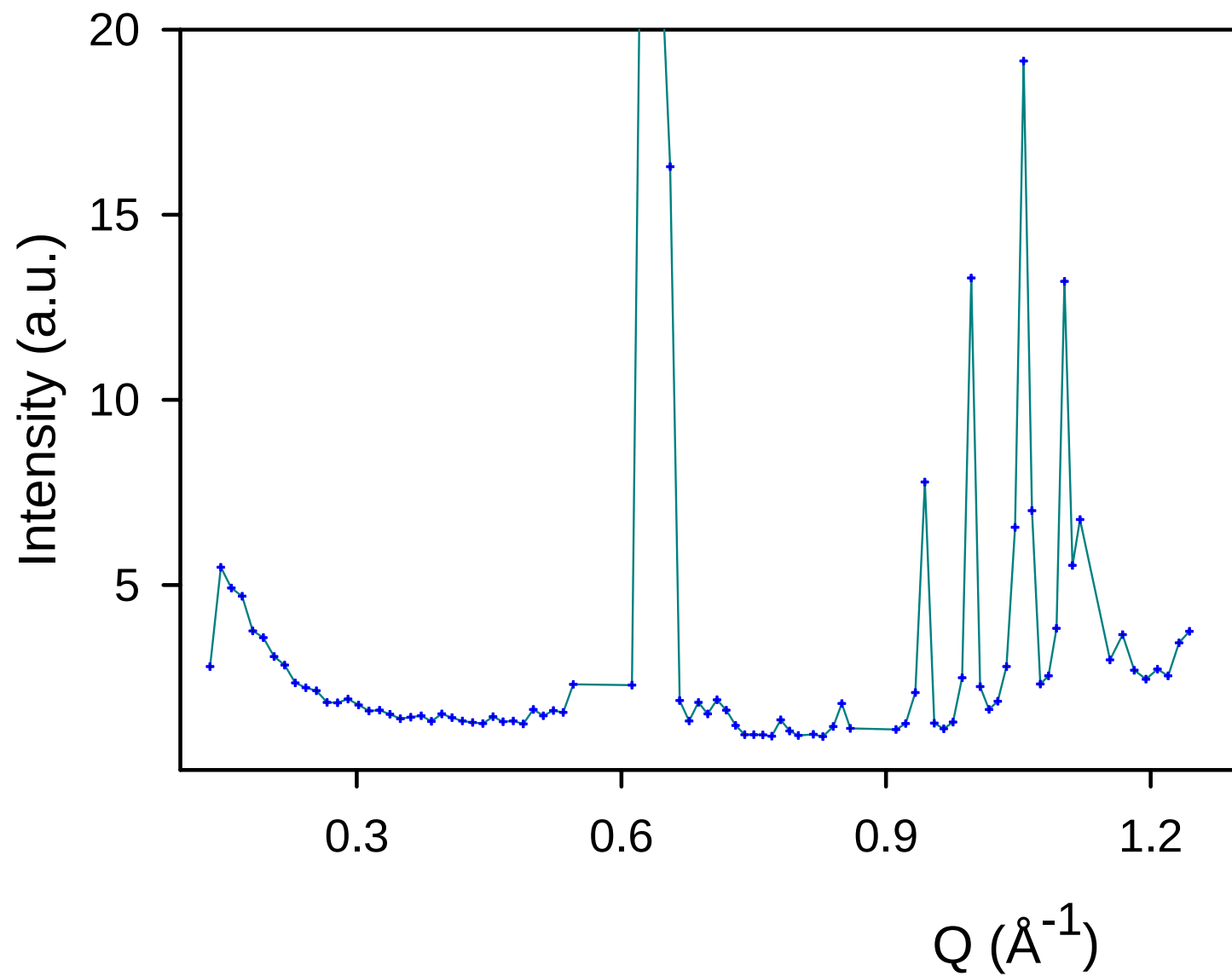


5 CH<sub>4</sub>  
4 *n*-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>  
(300 K)

mixtures / silicalite  
 $2\text{CH}_4 + 4\text{C}_4\text{D}_{10}$  /u.c. (T=200 K)

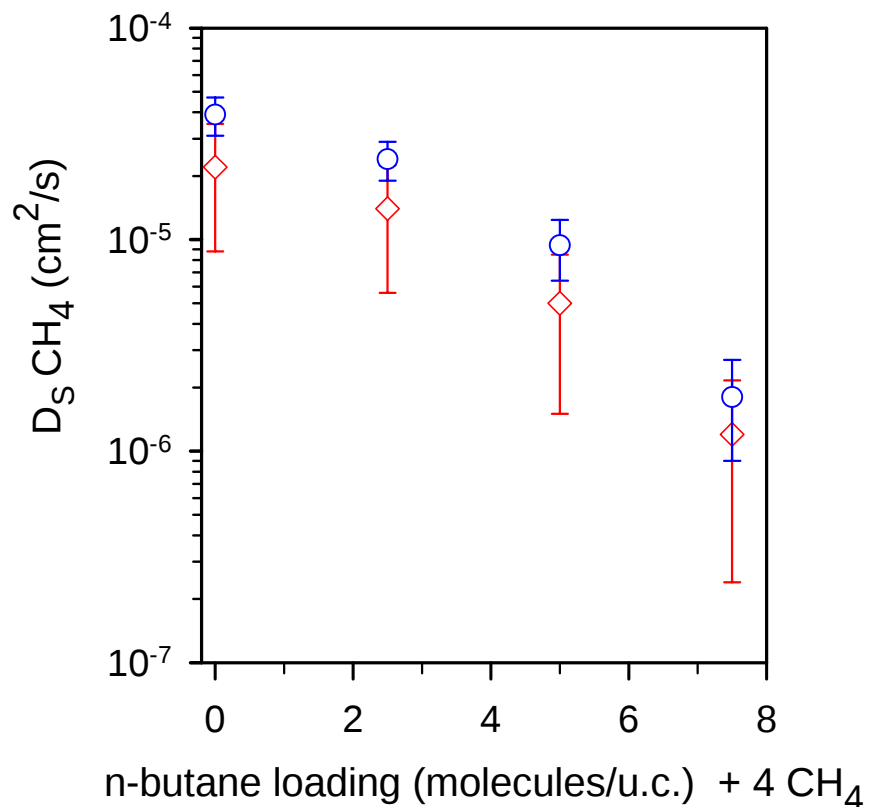
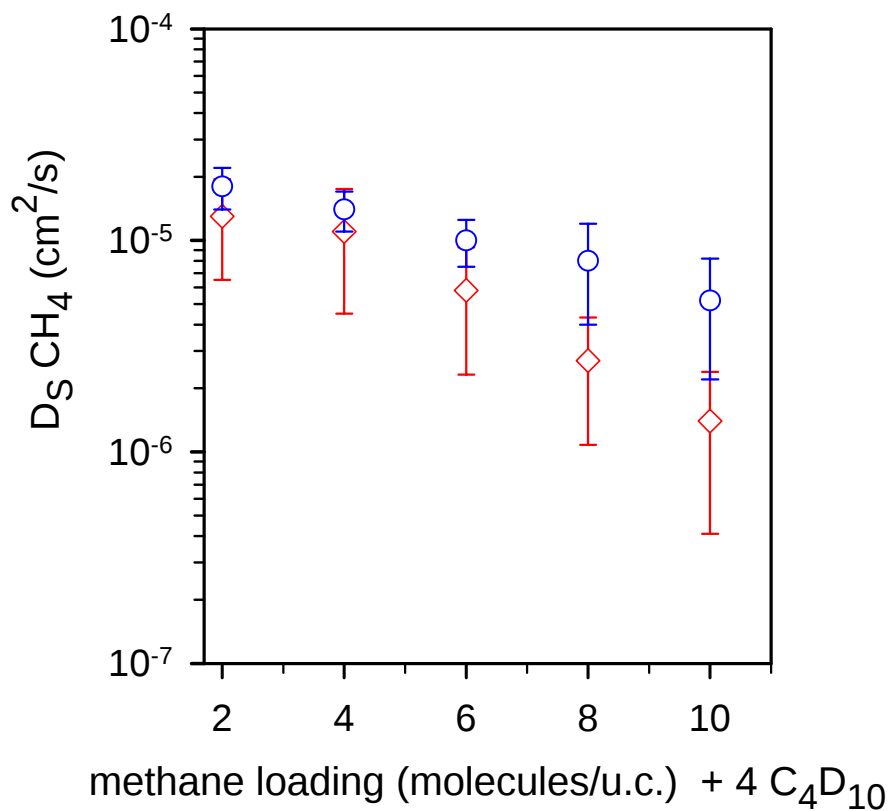


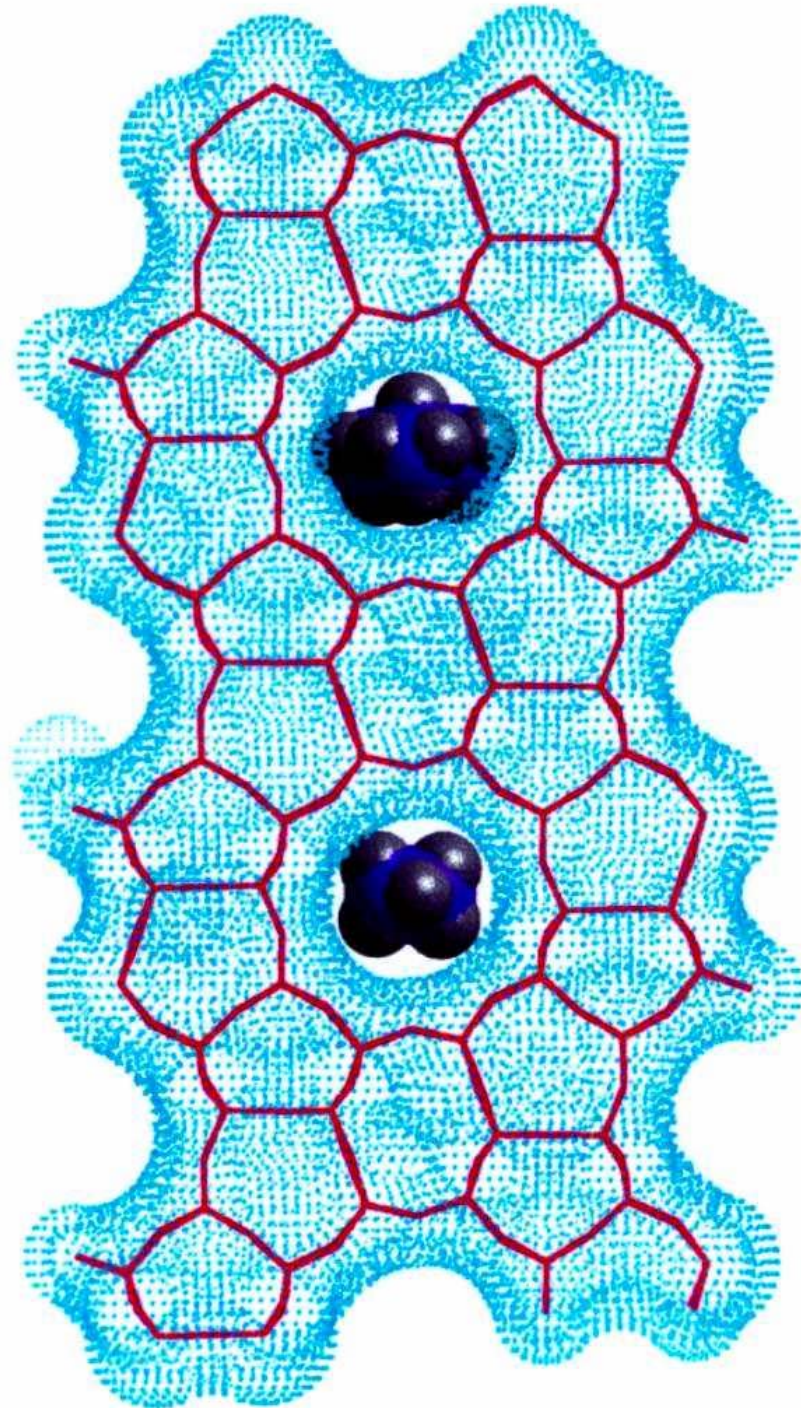
# ZSM-5 ( $\lambda = 9 \text{ \AA}$ )



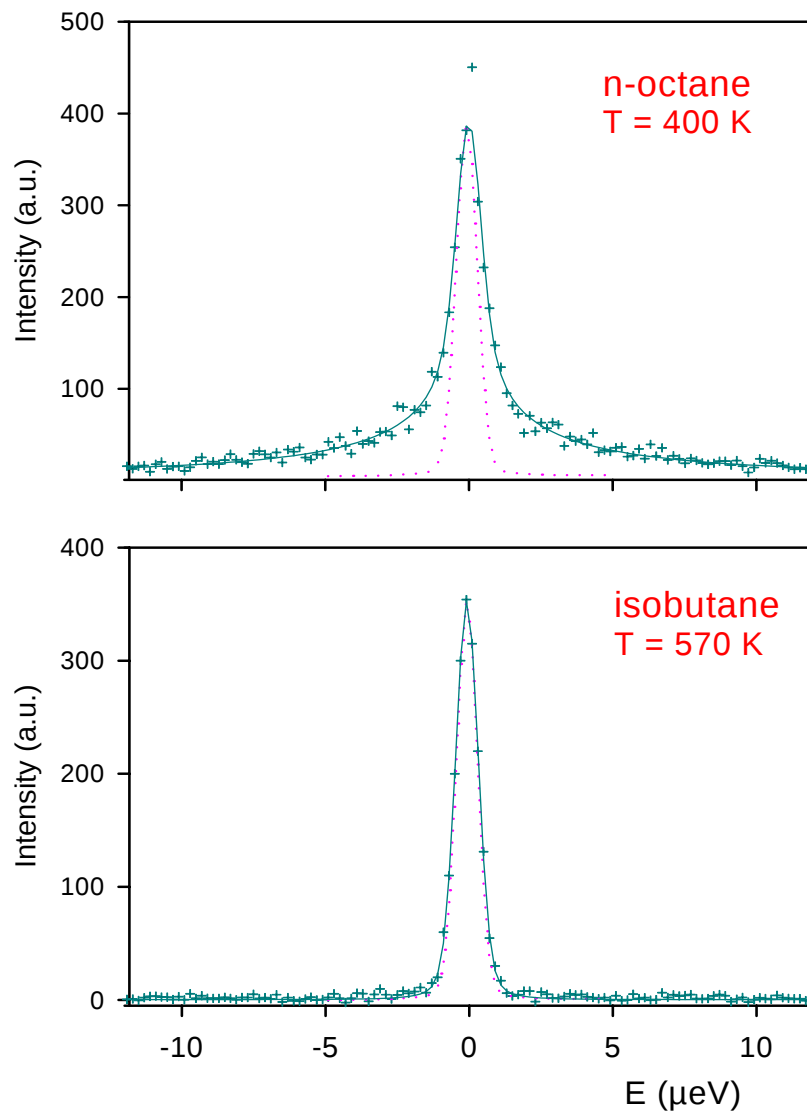
*n*-butane — methane mixtures (200 K)

◇ : QENS  
○ : MD

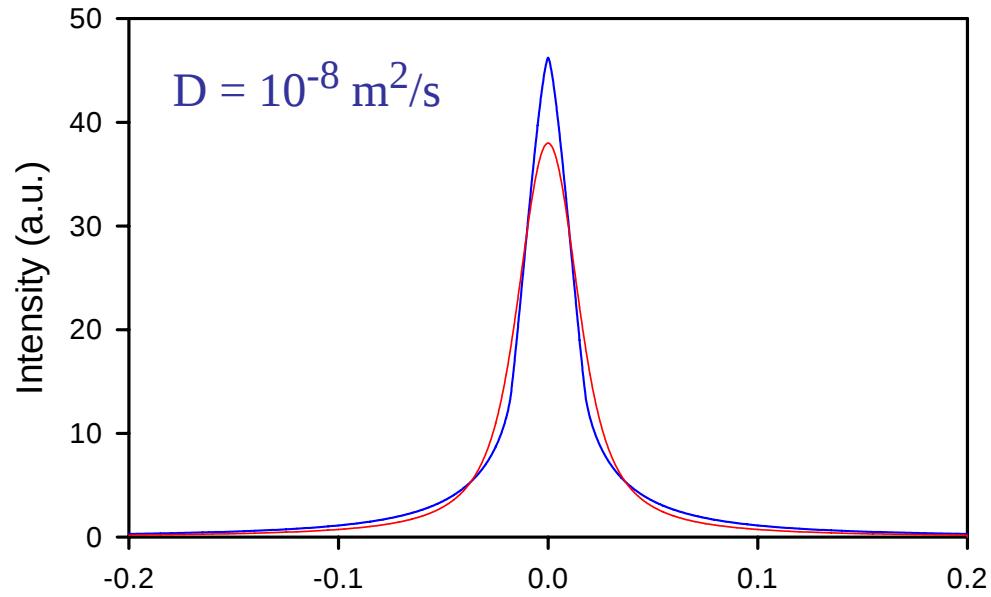




$$Q = 0.87 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$$

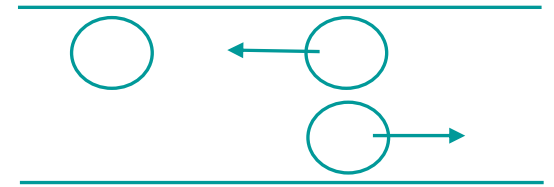


# Diffusion in 1D channel systems

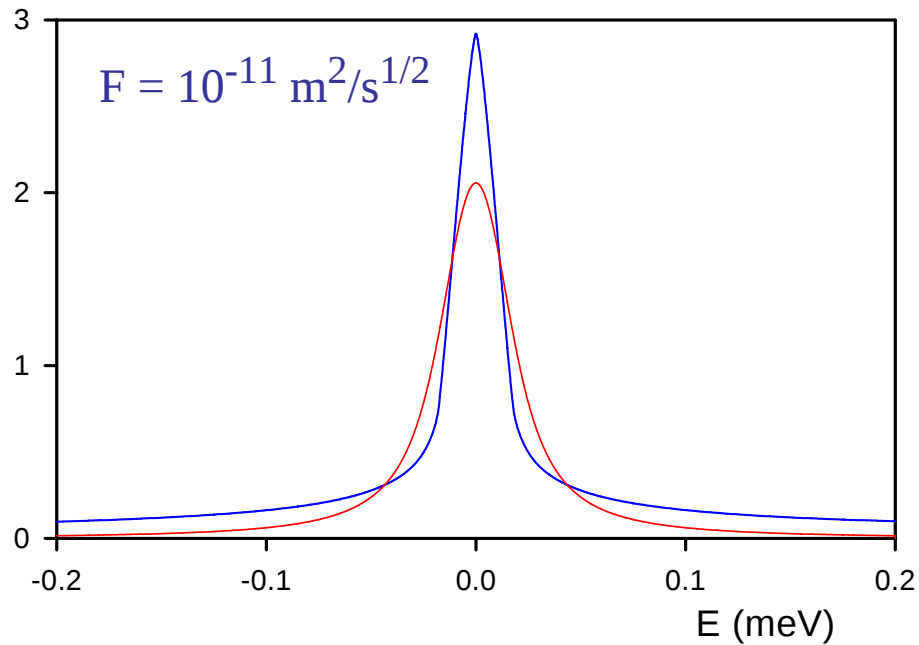


Resolution: FWHM: 18  $\mu\text{eV}$

$$Q = 0.3 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$$

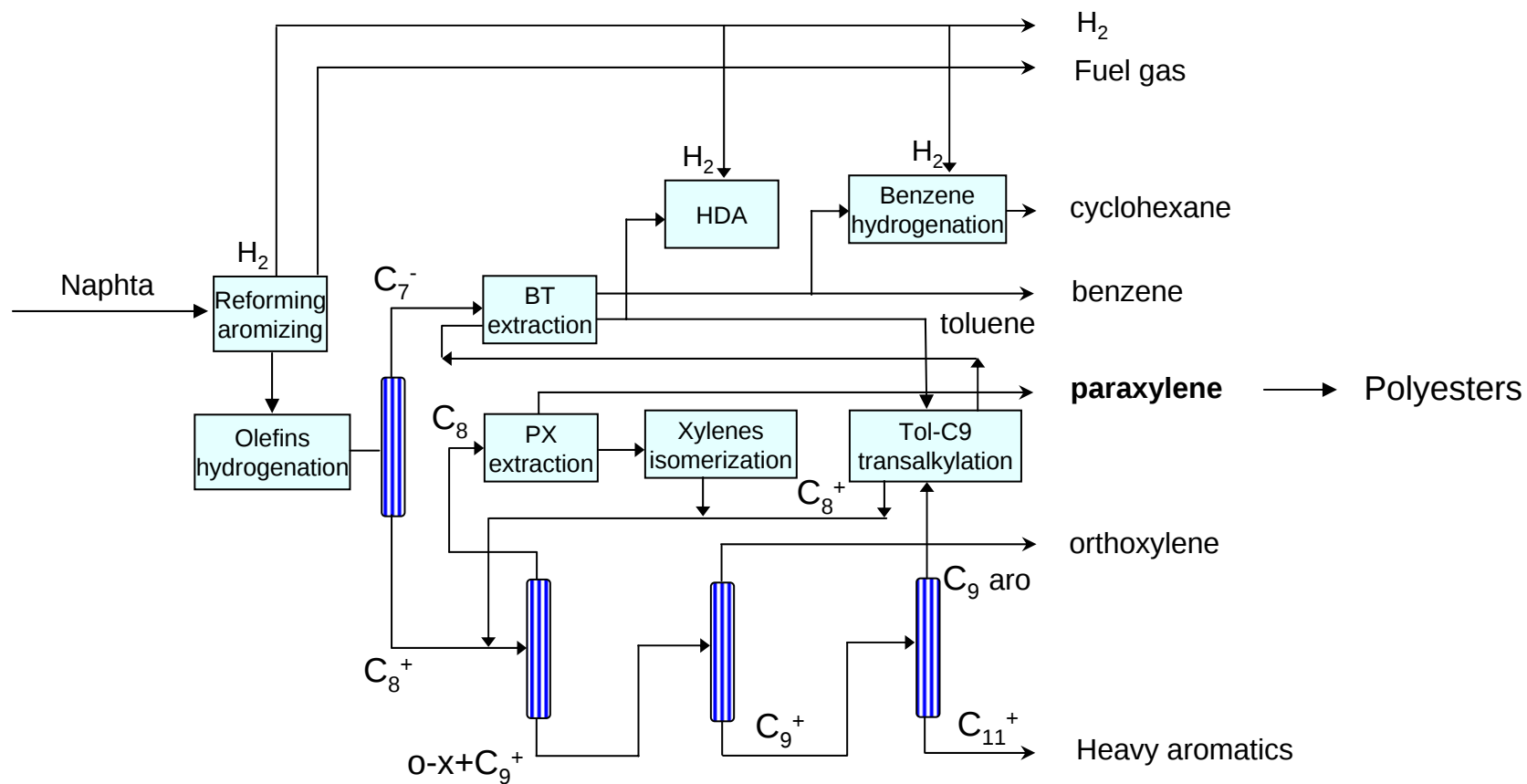


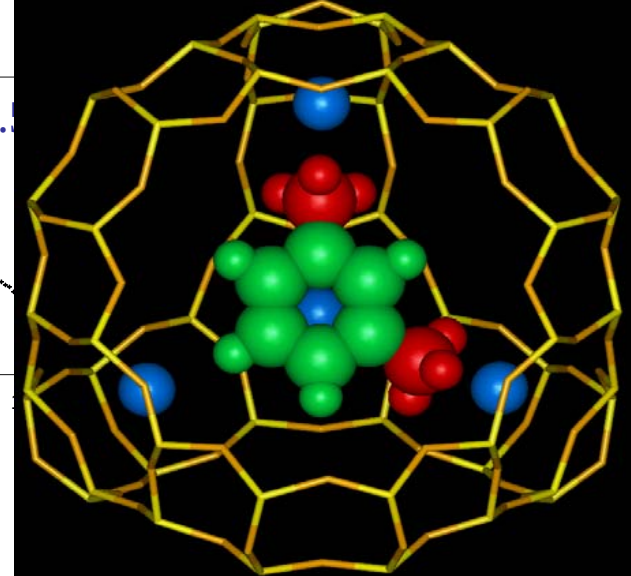
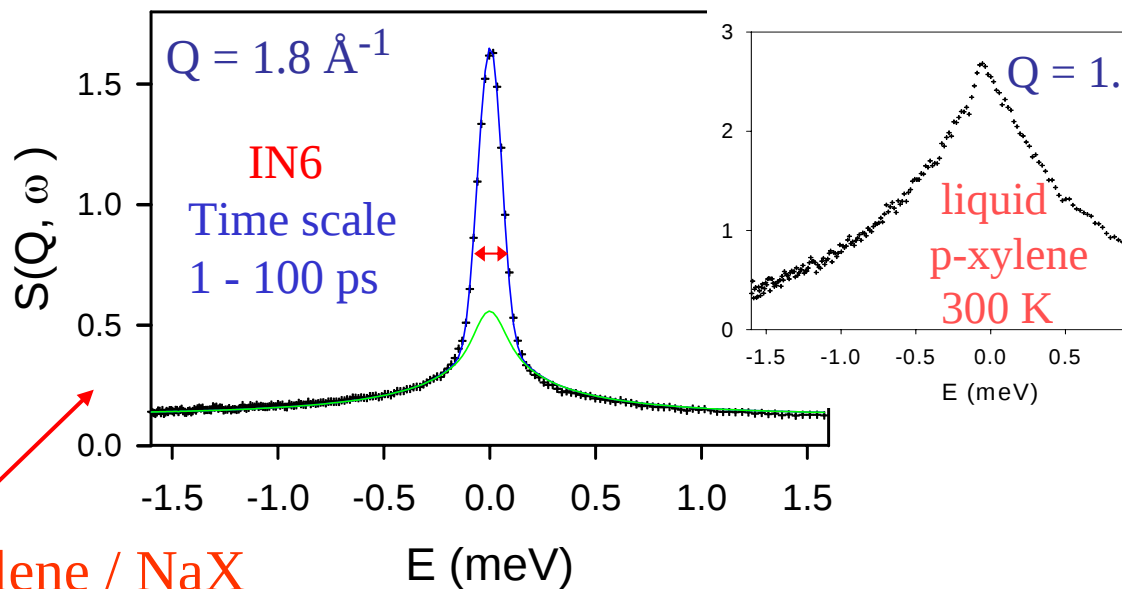
$\text{CH}_4 / \text{AlPO}_4\text{-5}$



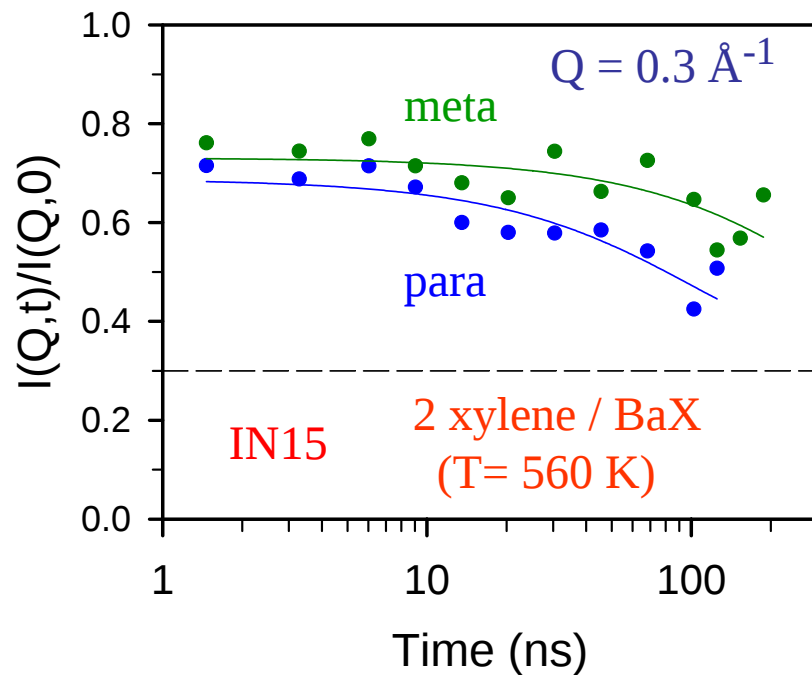
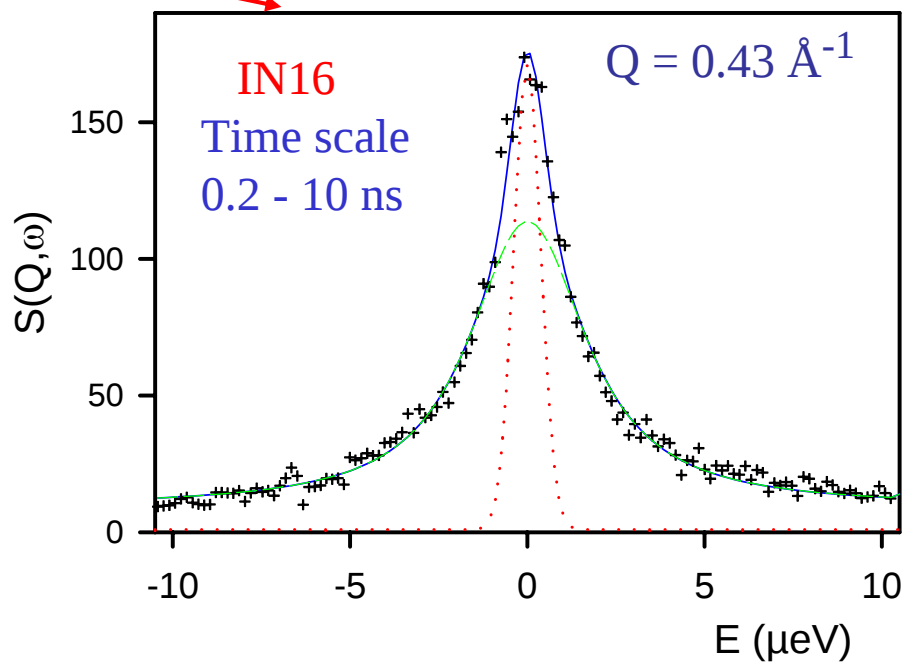
$\text{CH}_4 / \text{ZSM-48}$

# Aromatics

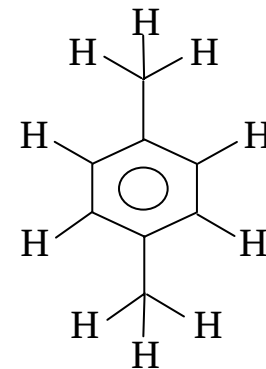




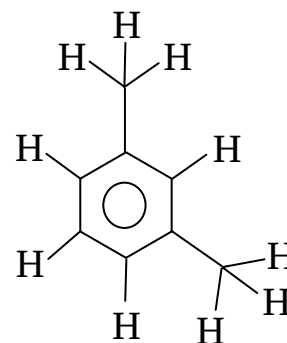
3 p-xylene / NaX  
( $T = 460 \text{ K}$ )



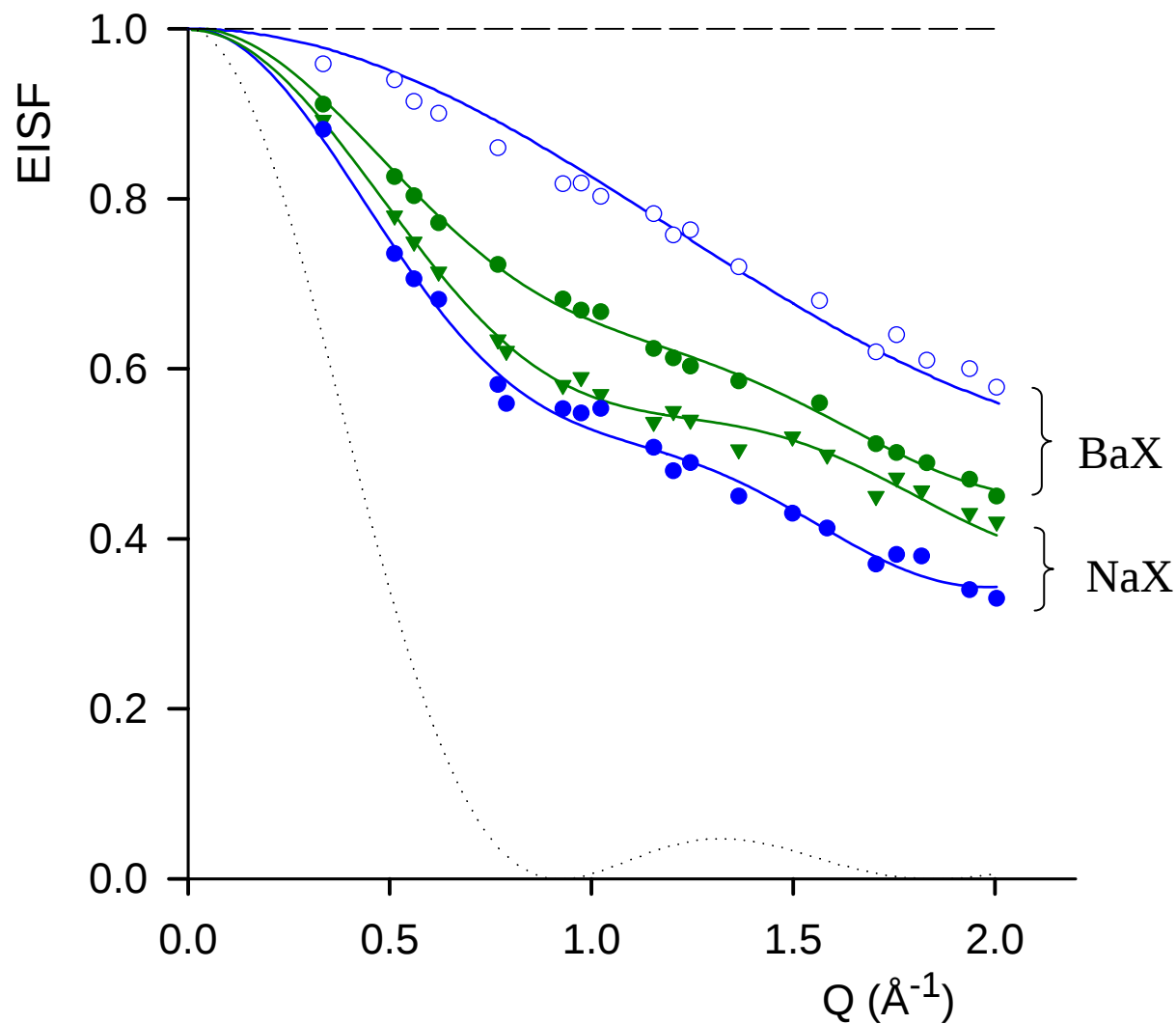
3 molecules / supercage (460 K)

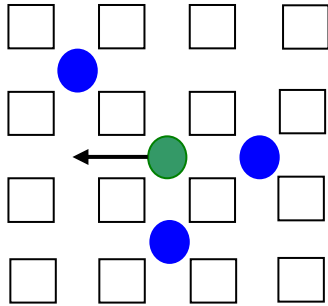


para-xylene

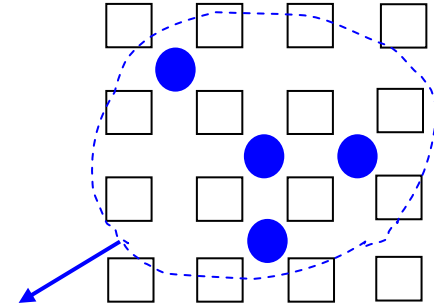


meta-xylene





$$\frac{\partial G_S(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t} = D_S \nabla^2 G_S(\mathbf{r}, t)$$



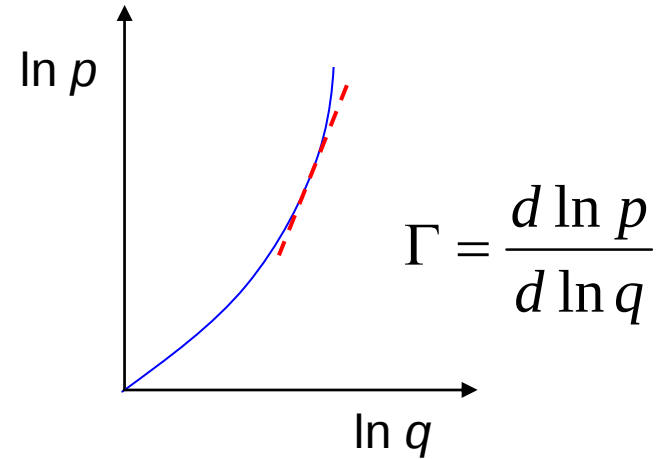
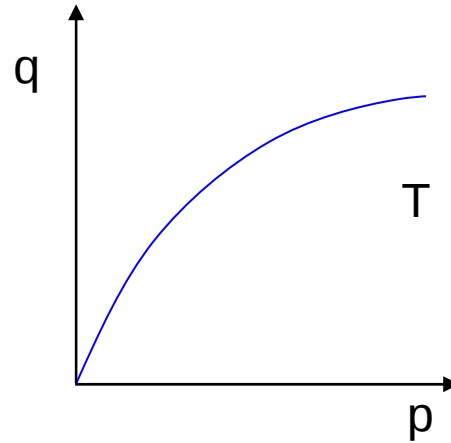
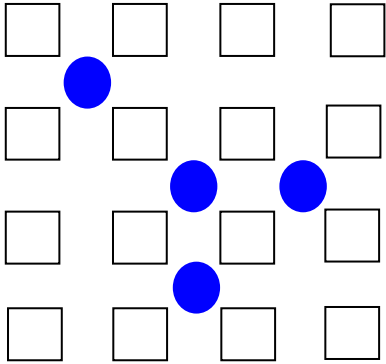
$$\frac{\partial \rho(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t} = D_t \nabla^2 \rho(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

$$\mathbf{J} = -D_t \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} = -Bq \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial x}$$

$$\mu = \mu^0 + RT \ln p$$

$$D_t = BRT \frac{d \ln p}{d \ln q} = D_0 \frac{d \ln p}{d \ln q}$$

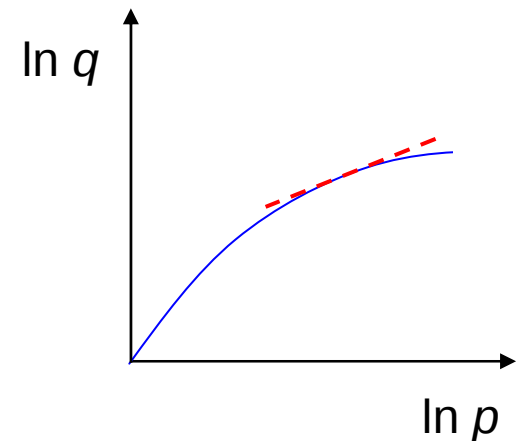
## Thermodynamic factor

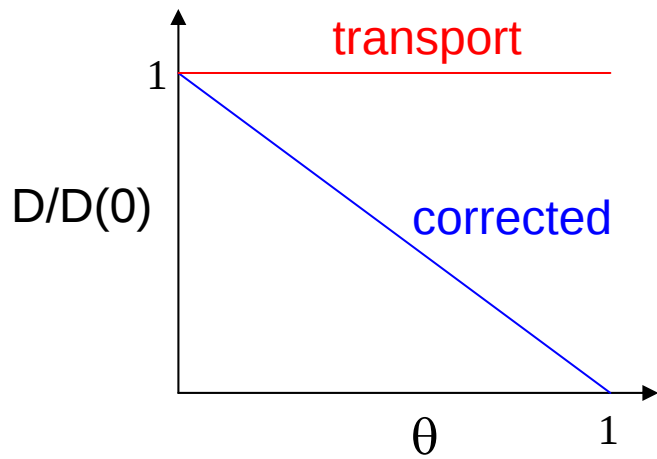


$$S(Q)_{Q \rightarrow 0} = \frac{\overline{(N - \bar{N})^2}}{\bar{N}} = \rho k_B T \kappa_T$$

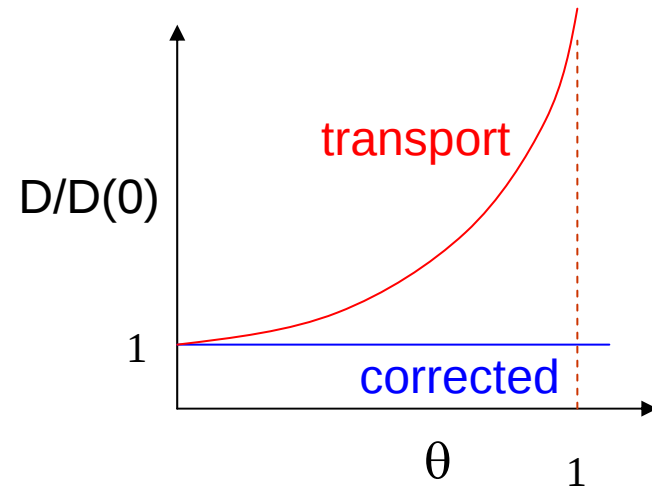
$$\kappa_T = \frac{1}{\rho k_B T} \left( \frac{d \ln q}{d \ln p} \right)$$

$$S(Q)_{Q \rightarrow 0} = \frac{d \ln q}{d \ln p} = \frac{1}{\Gamma}$$





Lattice gas model



Darken approximation

at low  $q$  :  $D_0 = D_t = D_s$

## Simulations

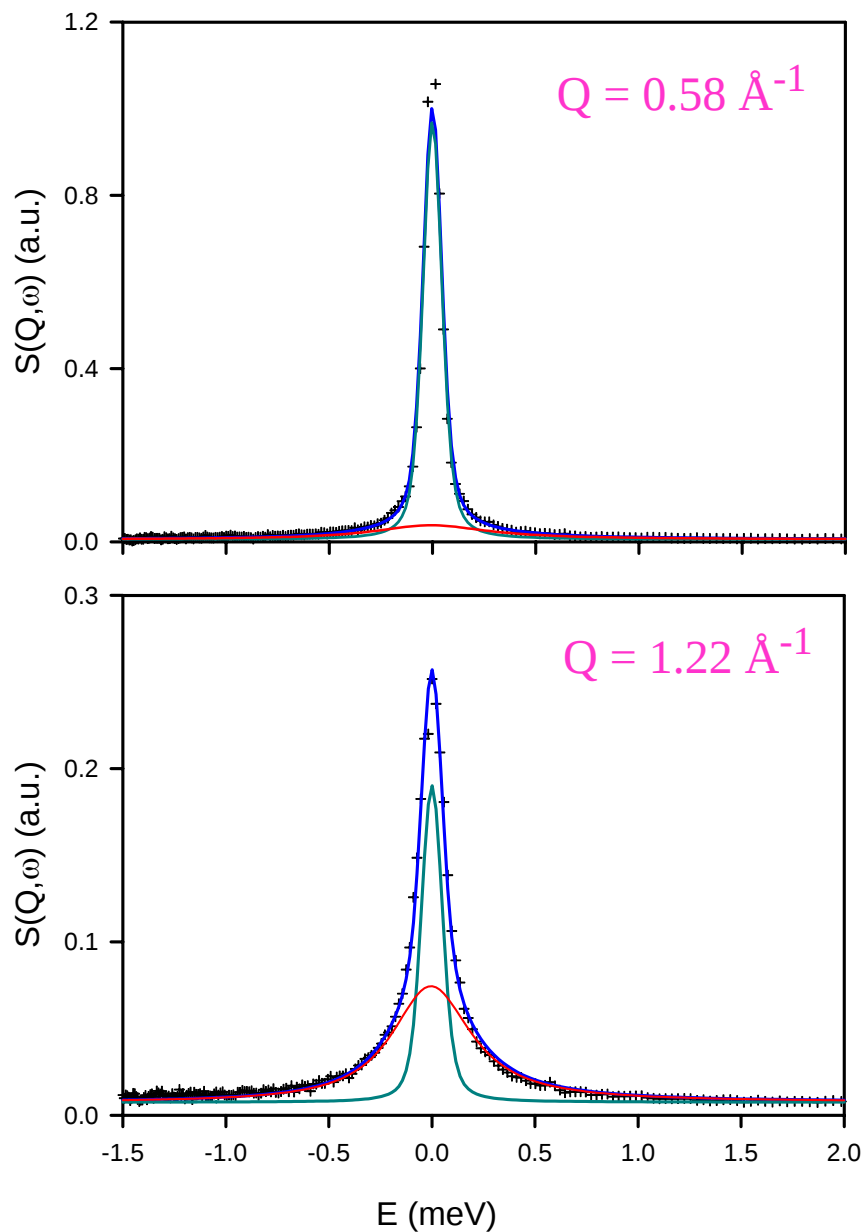
$$D_S = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^\infty dt \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{v}_i(t) \cdot \mathbf{v}_i(0) \right\rangle = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{d}{dt} \frac{1}{6} \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N [\mathbf{r}_i(t) - \mathbf{r}_i(0)]^2 \right\rangle$$

$$D_0 = \frac{1}{3N} \int_0^\infty dt \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \langle \mathbf{v}_i(t) \cdot \mathbf{v}_j(0) \rangle = D_S + \frac{1}{3N} \int_0^\infty dt \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^N \langle \mathbf{v}_i(t) \cdot \mathbf{v}_j(0) \rangle$$

$D_2 / NaX$

4 molecules / supercage

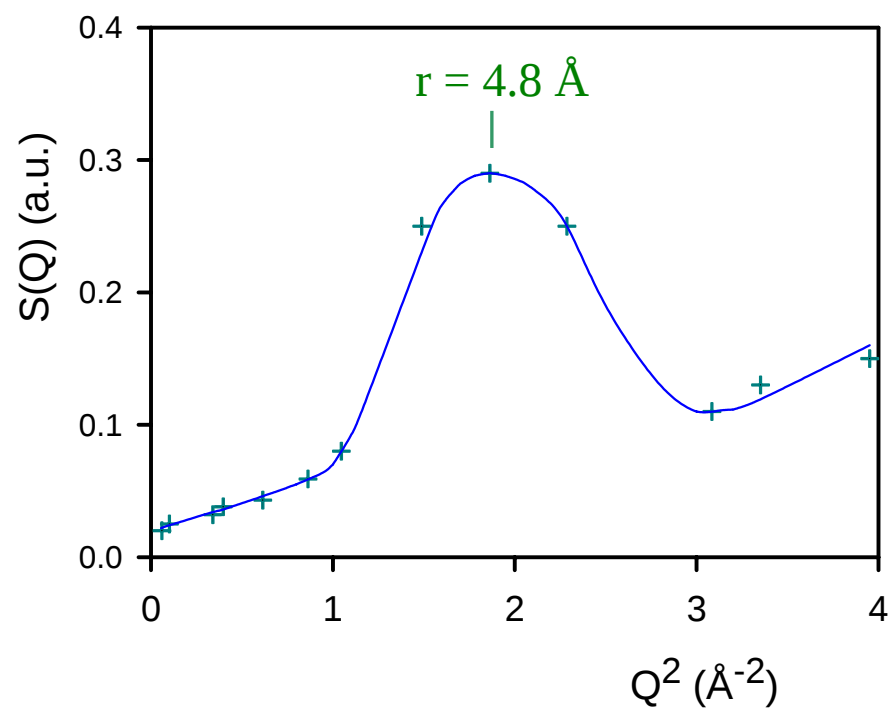
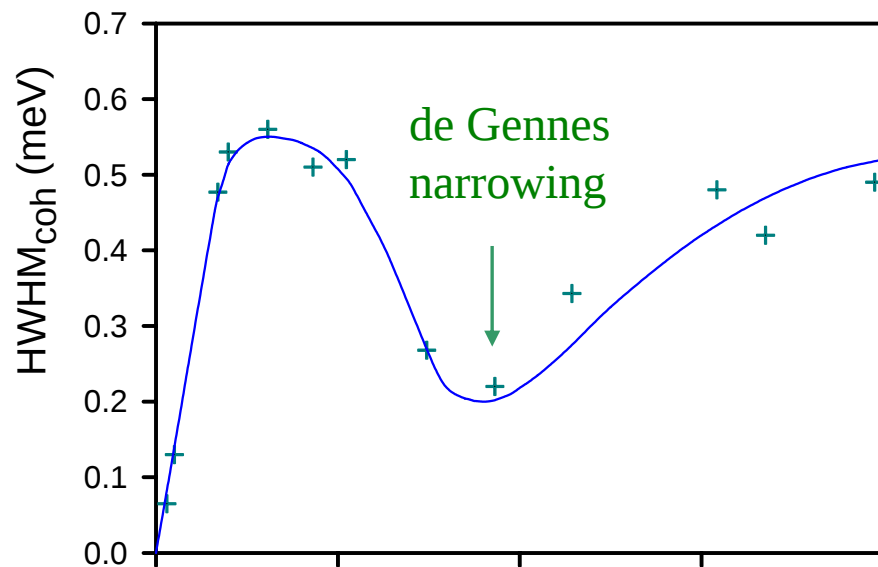
(100 K)



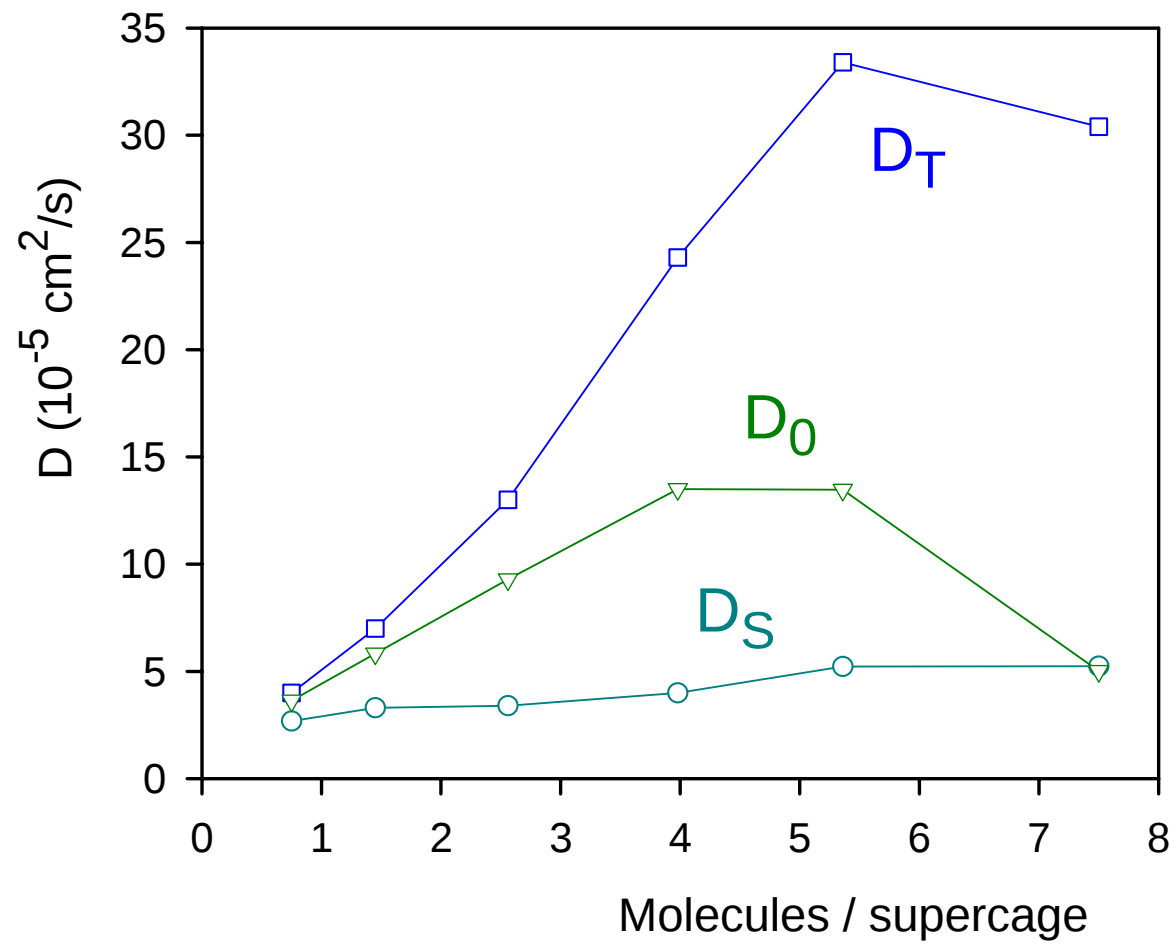
$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE} \propto \sigma_{inc} \mathcal{L}_{inc} + \sigma_{coh} S(Q) \mathcal{L}_{coh}$$

$D_2 / NaX$

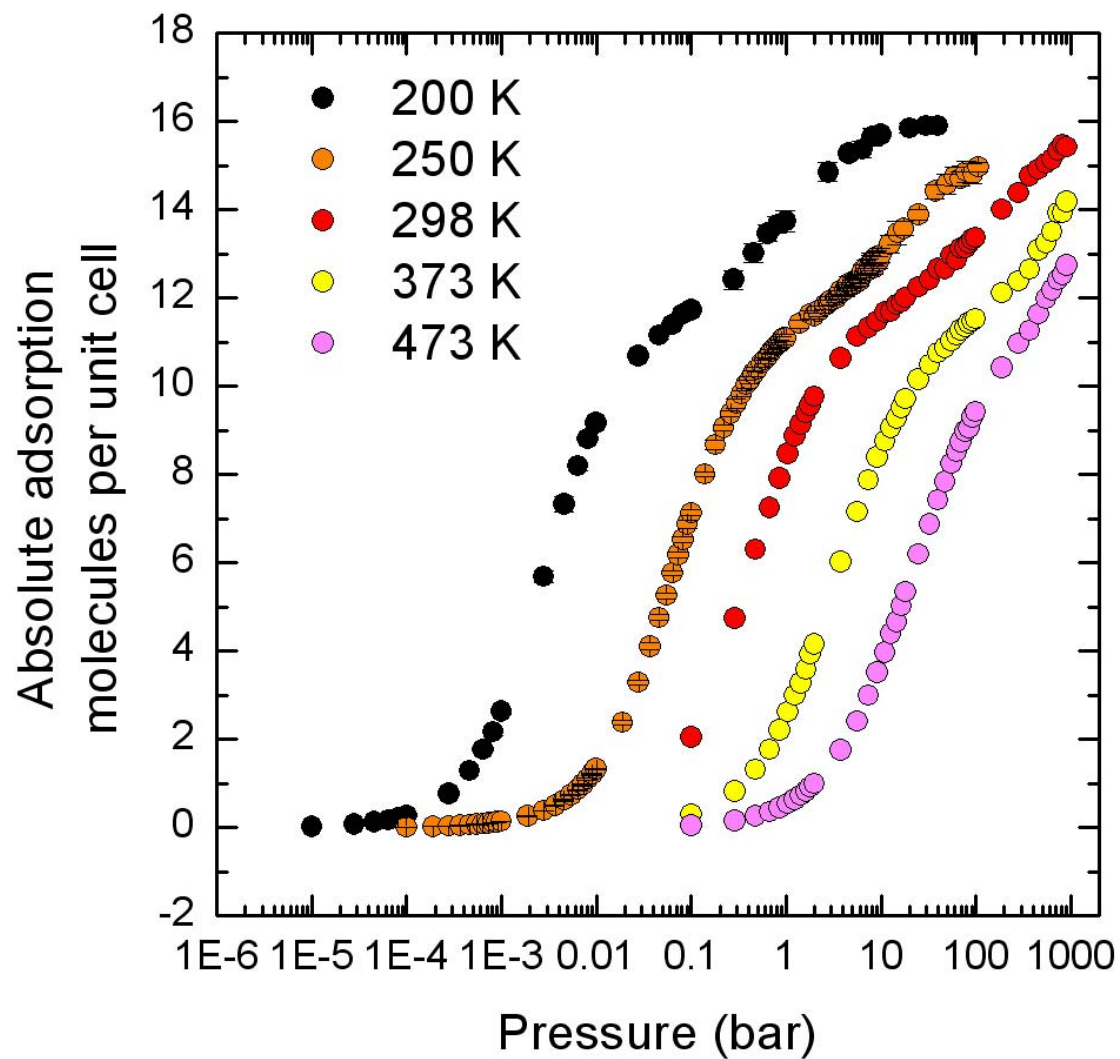
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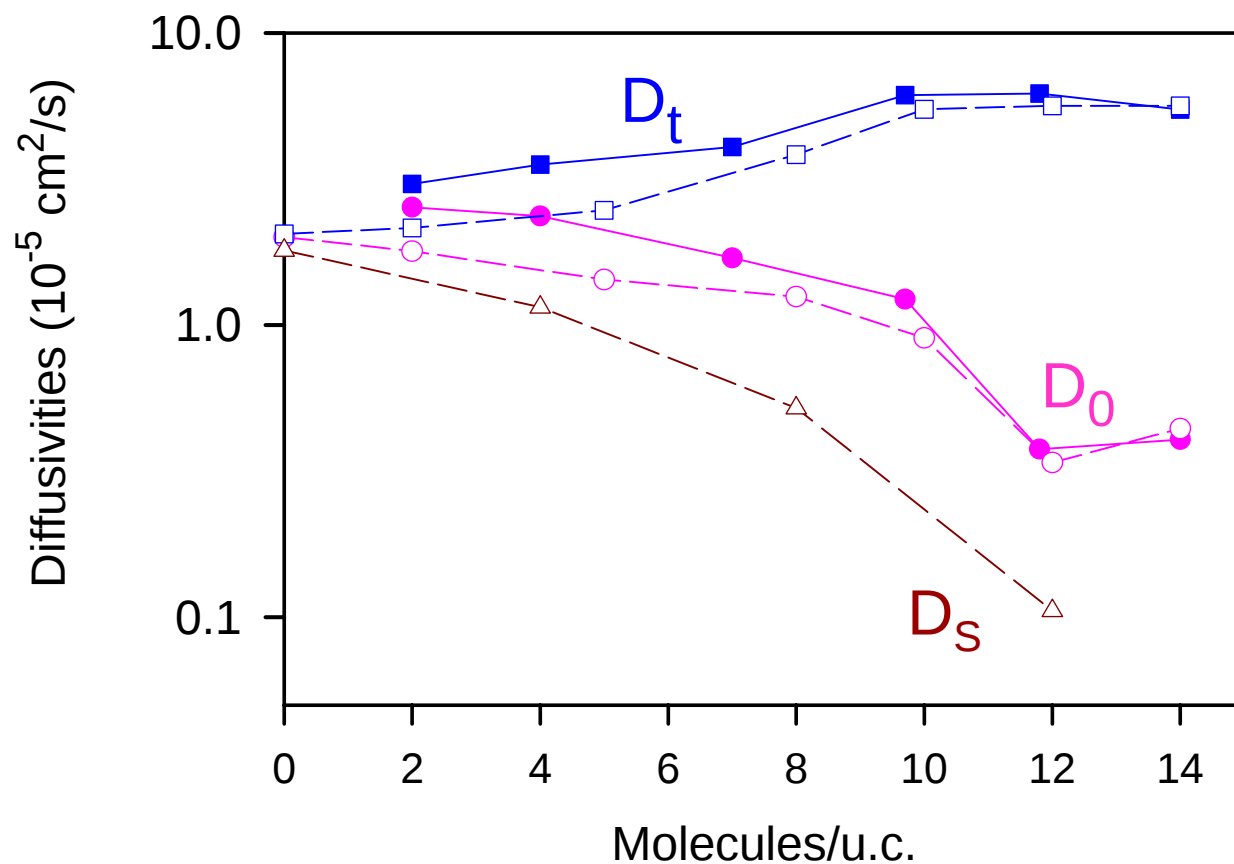
# D<sub>2</sub> / NaX (100 K)



# $\text{CF}_4$ / silicalite



$\text{CF}_4$  / silicalite @ 200 K



QENS: filled symbols  
simul.: open “

Sears, *Can. J. Phys.* 45 (1967) 237

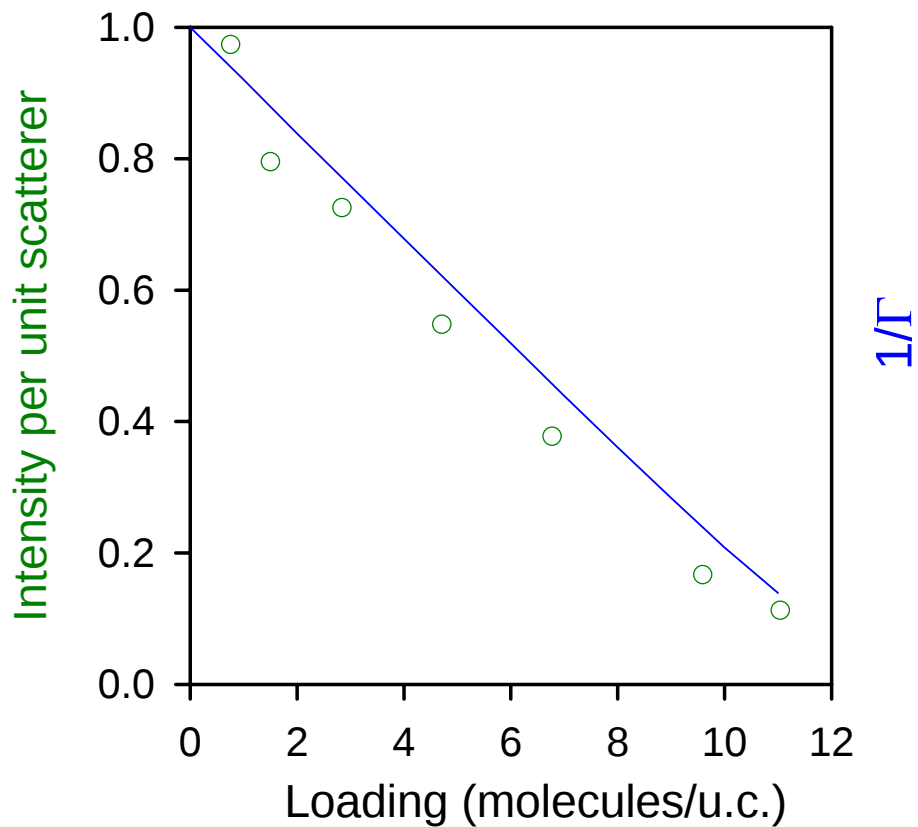
$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| \sum_{m=1}^n b_{coh}^m j_0(Qr_m) \right|^2 S(Q) \Lambda_t \\
 & + \sum_{m=1}^n b_{inc}^m{}^2 j_0^2(Qr_m) \Lambda_s \\
 & + \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} (2\ell+1) \sum_{m,m'=1}^n \left\{ b_{coh}^m b_{coh}^{m'} + b_{inc}^m{}^2 \delta_{mm'} \right\} j_{\ell}(Qr_m) j_{\ell}(Qr_{m'}) P_{\ell}(\cos \Theta_{mm'}) \Lambda_s \otimes \Lambda_{\ell}^{rot}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{CH}_4 : \text{incoherent scattering : } 4b_{inc}^H{}^2 \Lambda_s \otimes \left[ A_0(Q) \delta(\omega) + \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} A_{\ell}(Q) \Lambda_{\ell}^{rot} \right]$$

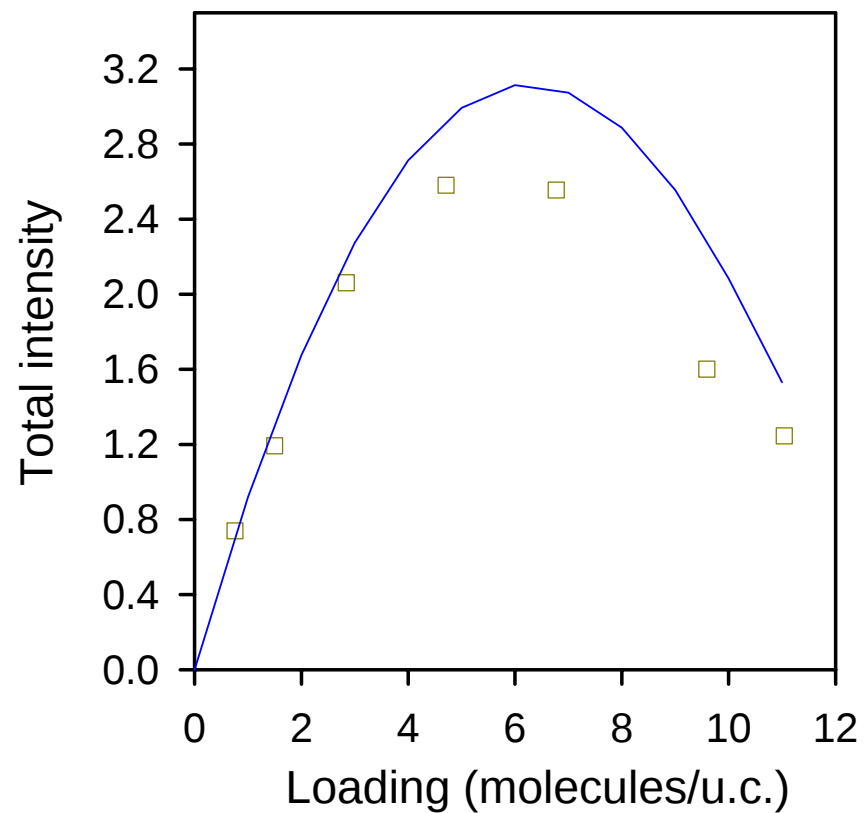
$$A_{\ell}(Q) = (2\ell+1) j_{\ell}^2(QR)$$

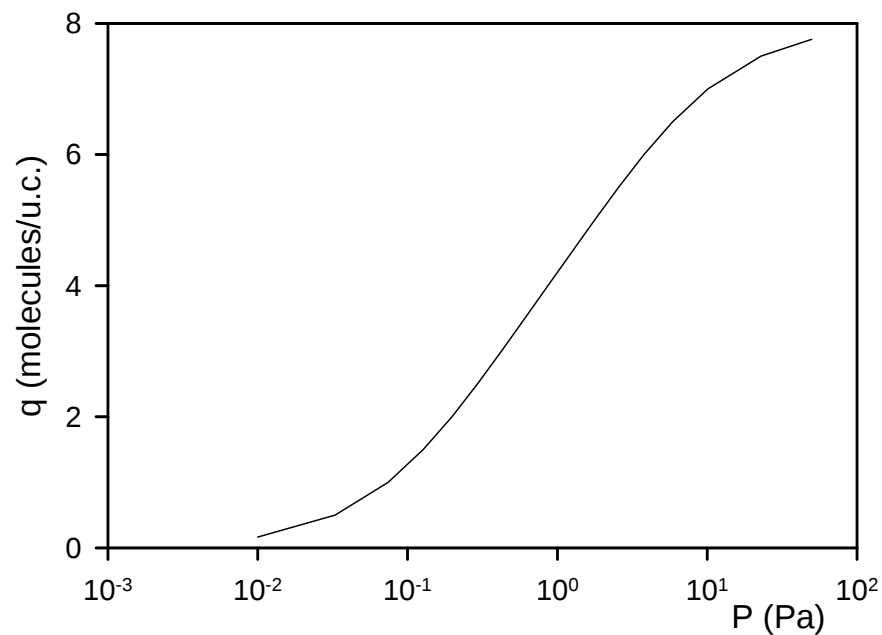
$$\text{CF}_4 : \text{coherent scattering : } \left| \sum_{m=1}^n b_{coh}^m j_0(Qr_m) \right|^2 S(Q) \Lambda_t$$

# $C_2D_6$ in silicalite @ 300K

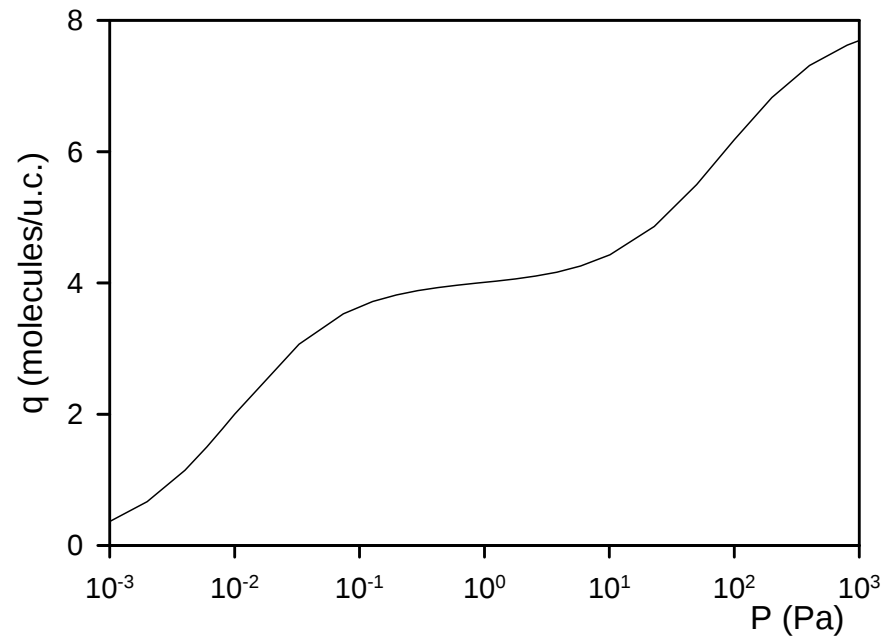


$$Q = 0.2 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$$

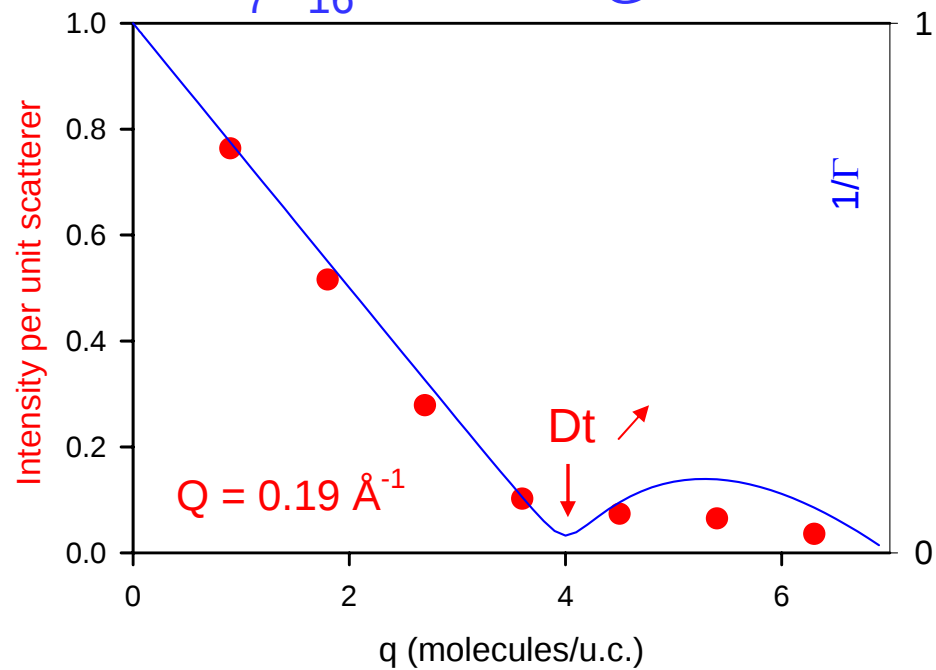
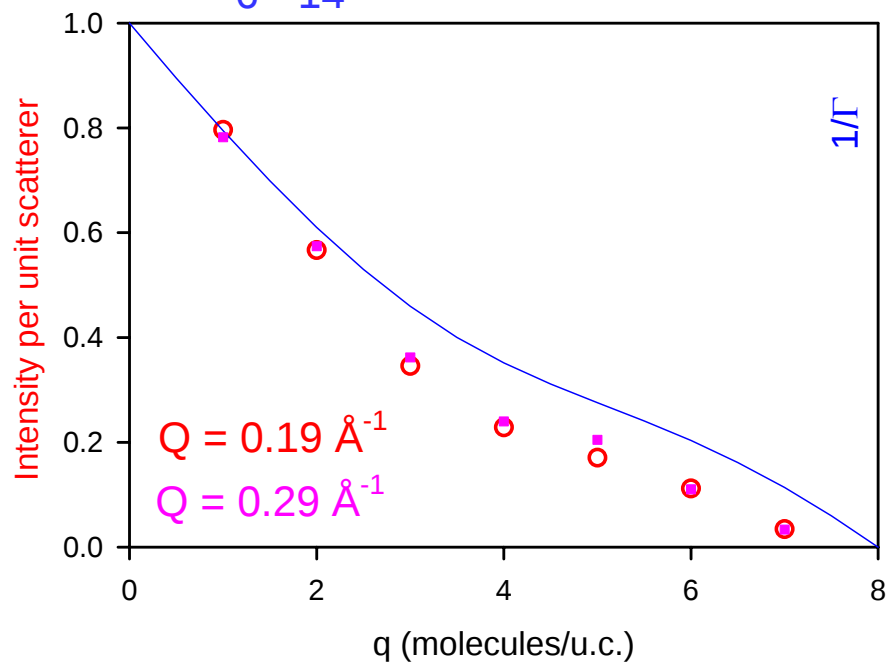




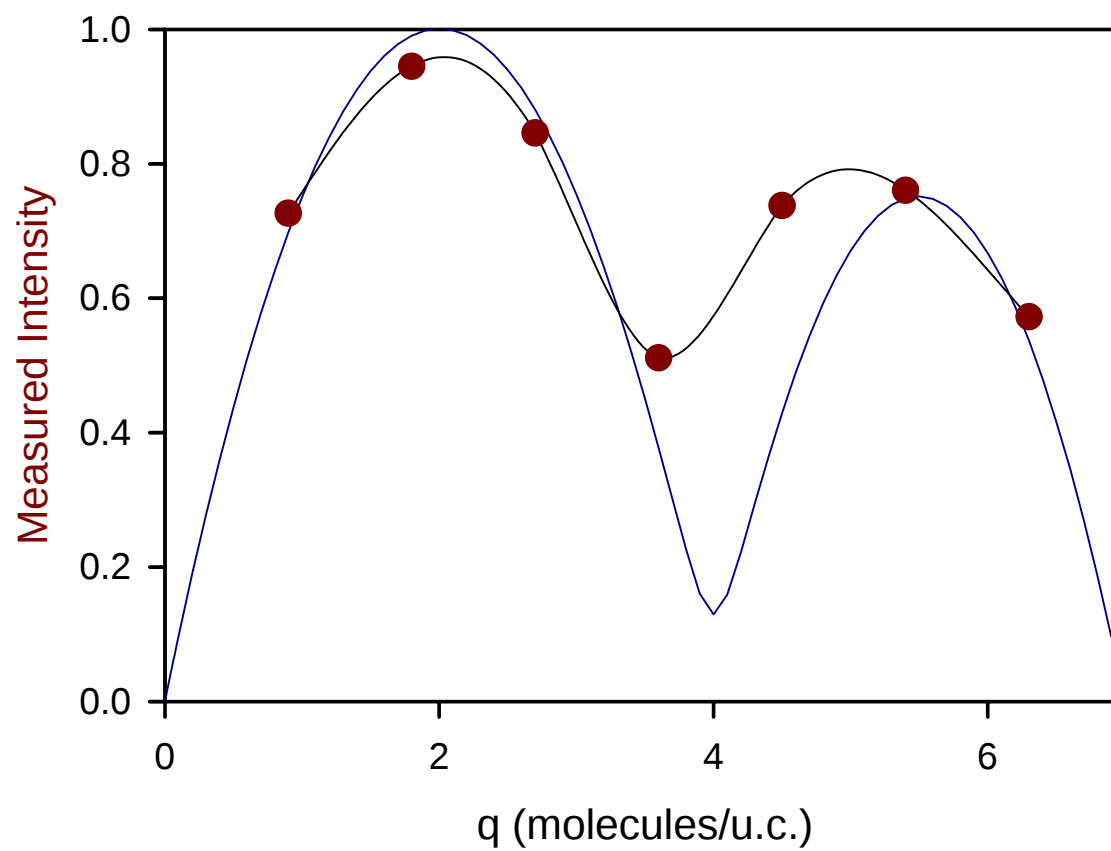
$n\text{-C}_6\text{D}_{14}$  / silicalite @ 300K



$n\text{-C}_7\text{D}_{16}$  / silicalite @ 300K



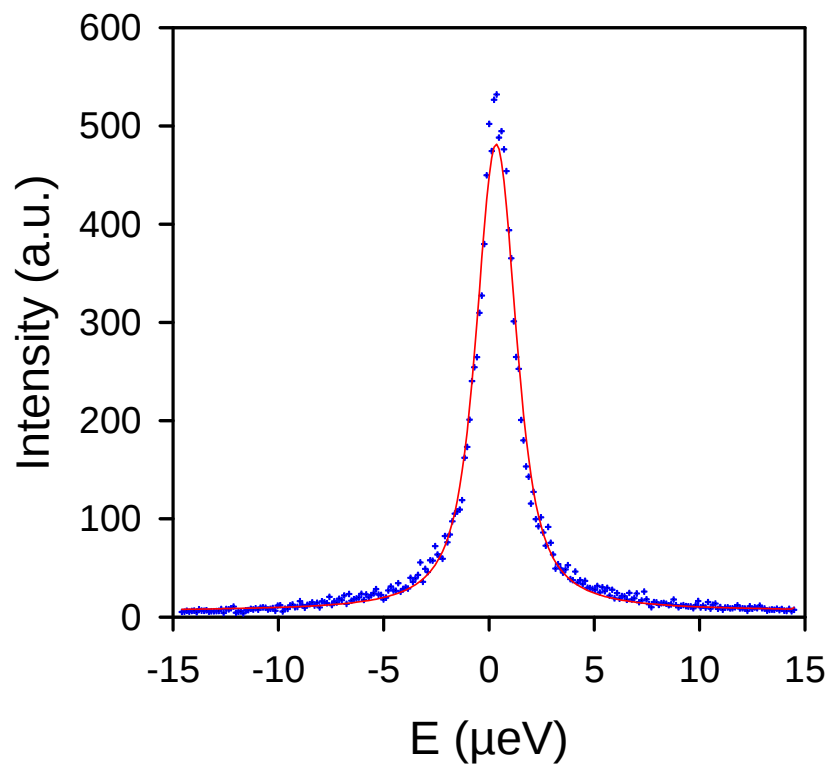
n-C<sub>7</sub>D<sub>16</sub> / silicalite @ 300K



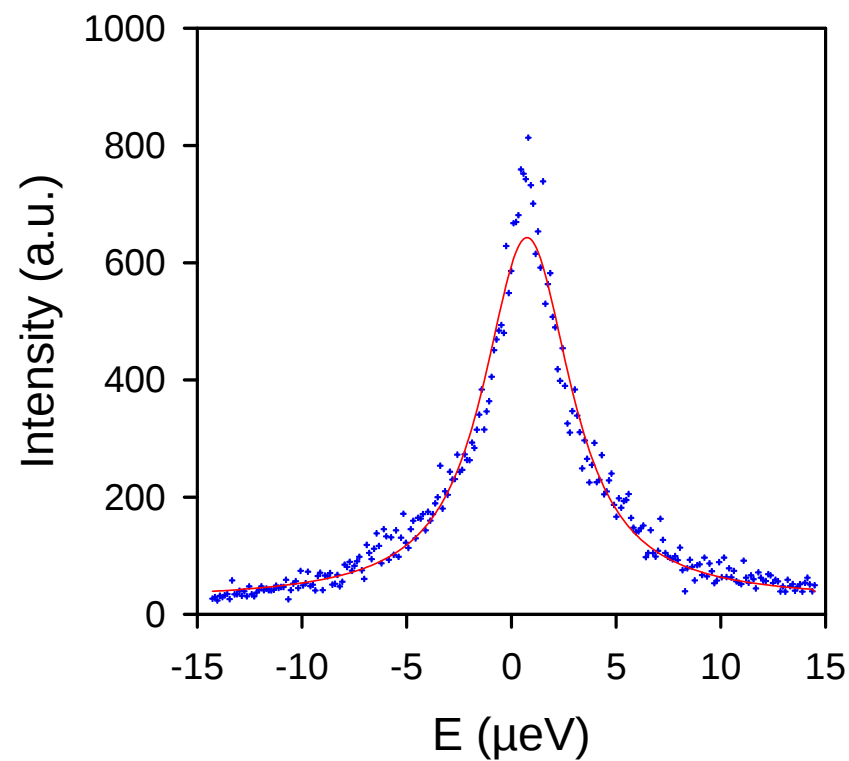
$Q = 0.19 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$

n-hexane / silicalite @ 300 K ; 4 molecules / u.c.

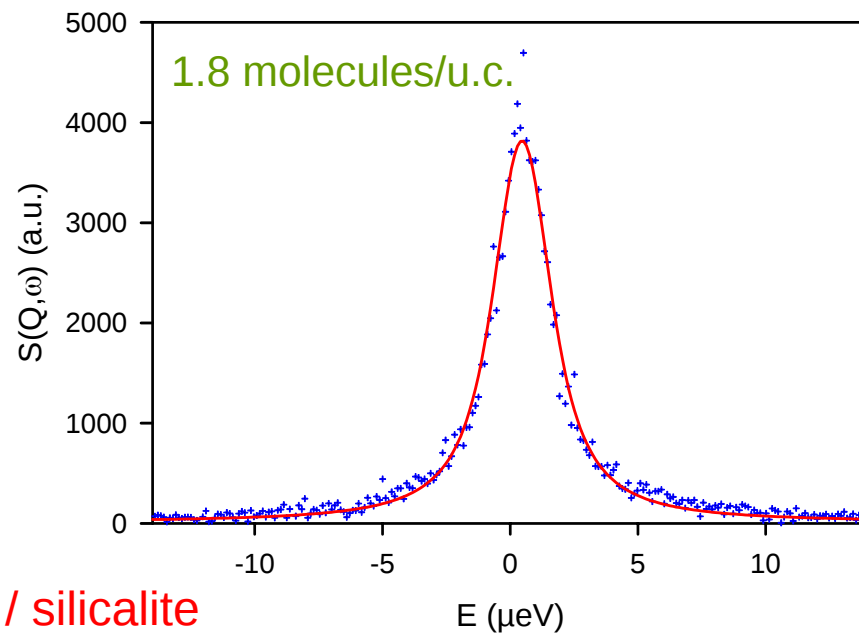
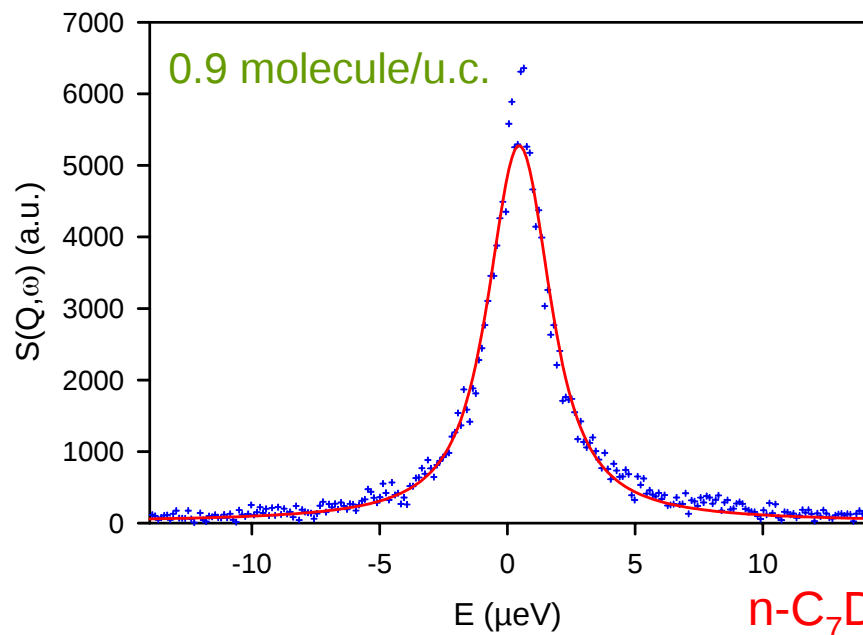
$Q = 0.29 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$  (IN16)



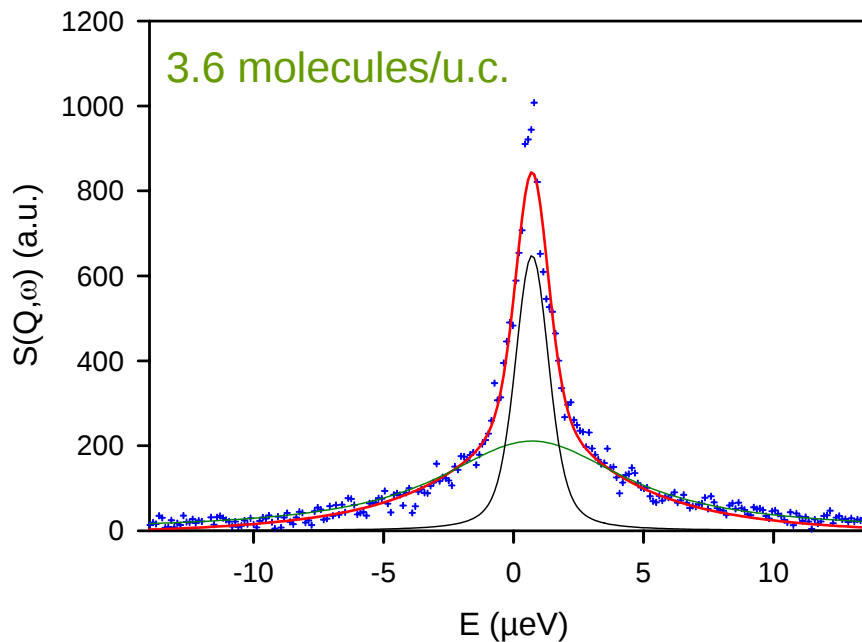
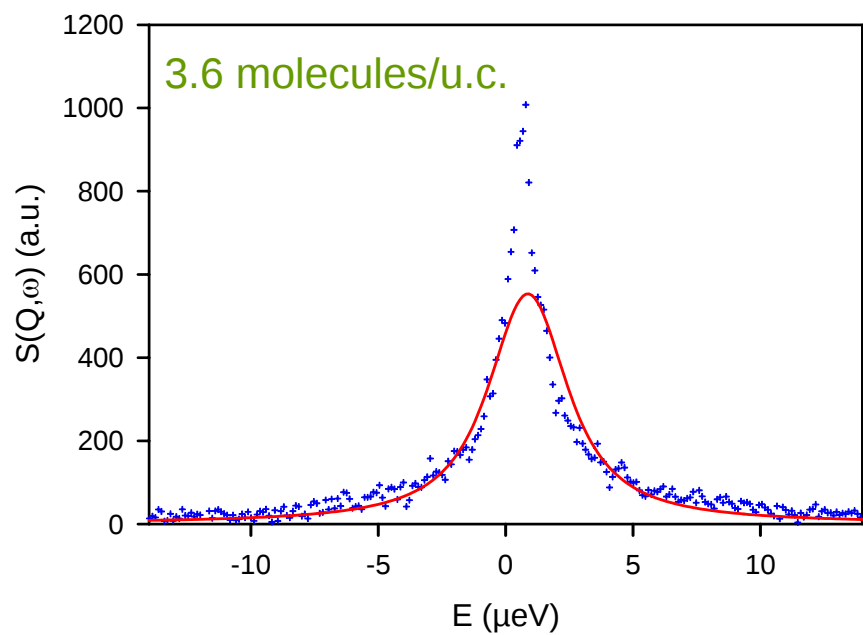
$\text{C}_6\text{H}_{14}$



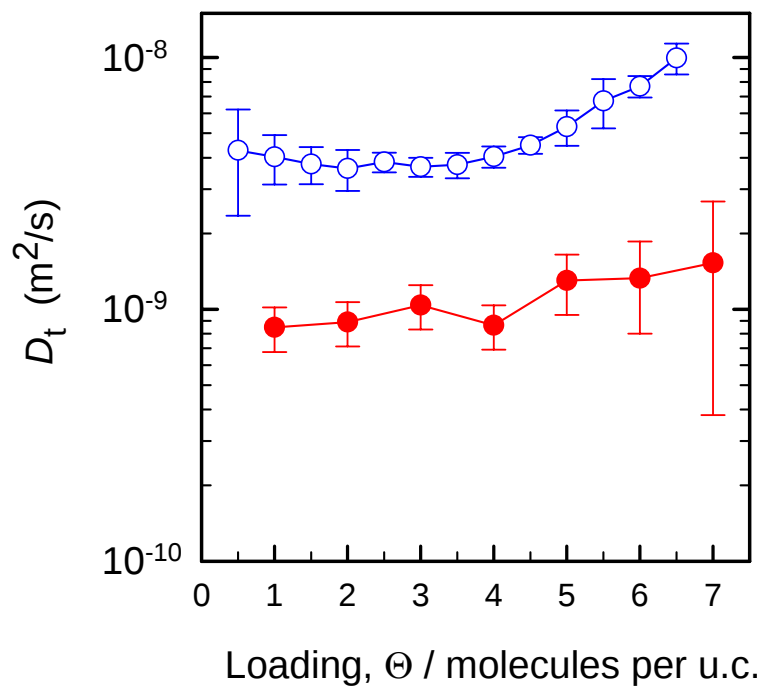
$\text{C}_6\text{D}_{14}$



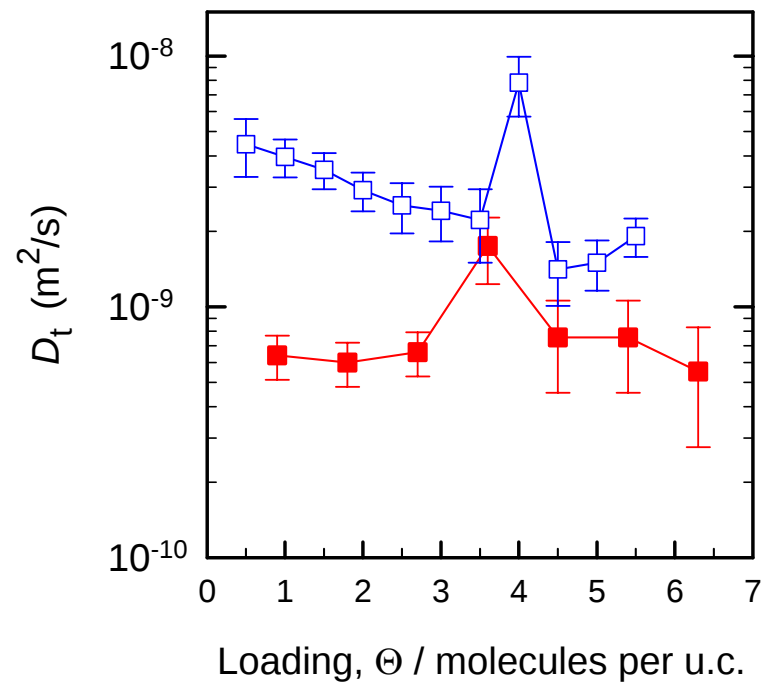
$n\text{-C}_7\text{D}_{16}$  / silicalite  
 $Q = 0.19 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$



n-hexane / silicalite @ 300K

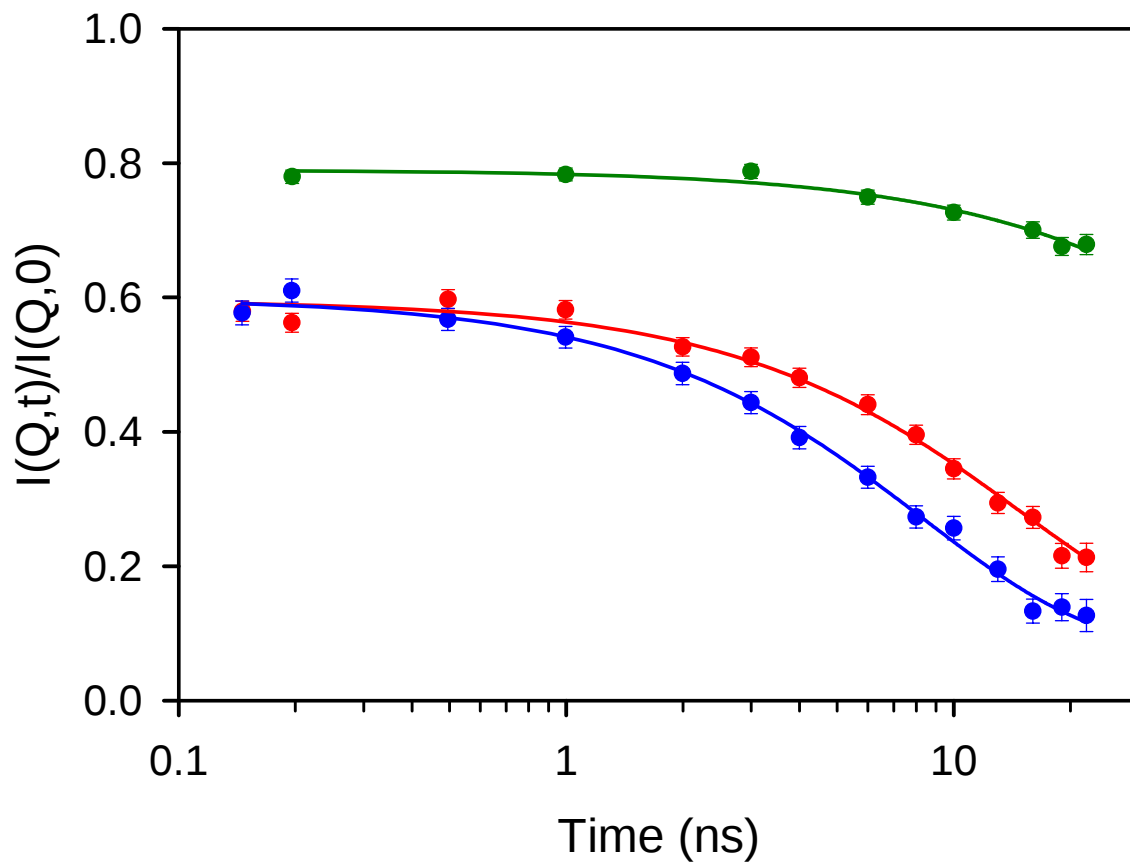


n-heptane / silicalite @ 300K



isobutane / silicalite  
T = 492 K, 2 molecules / u.c.

NSE  
Jülich



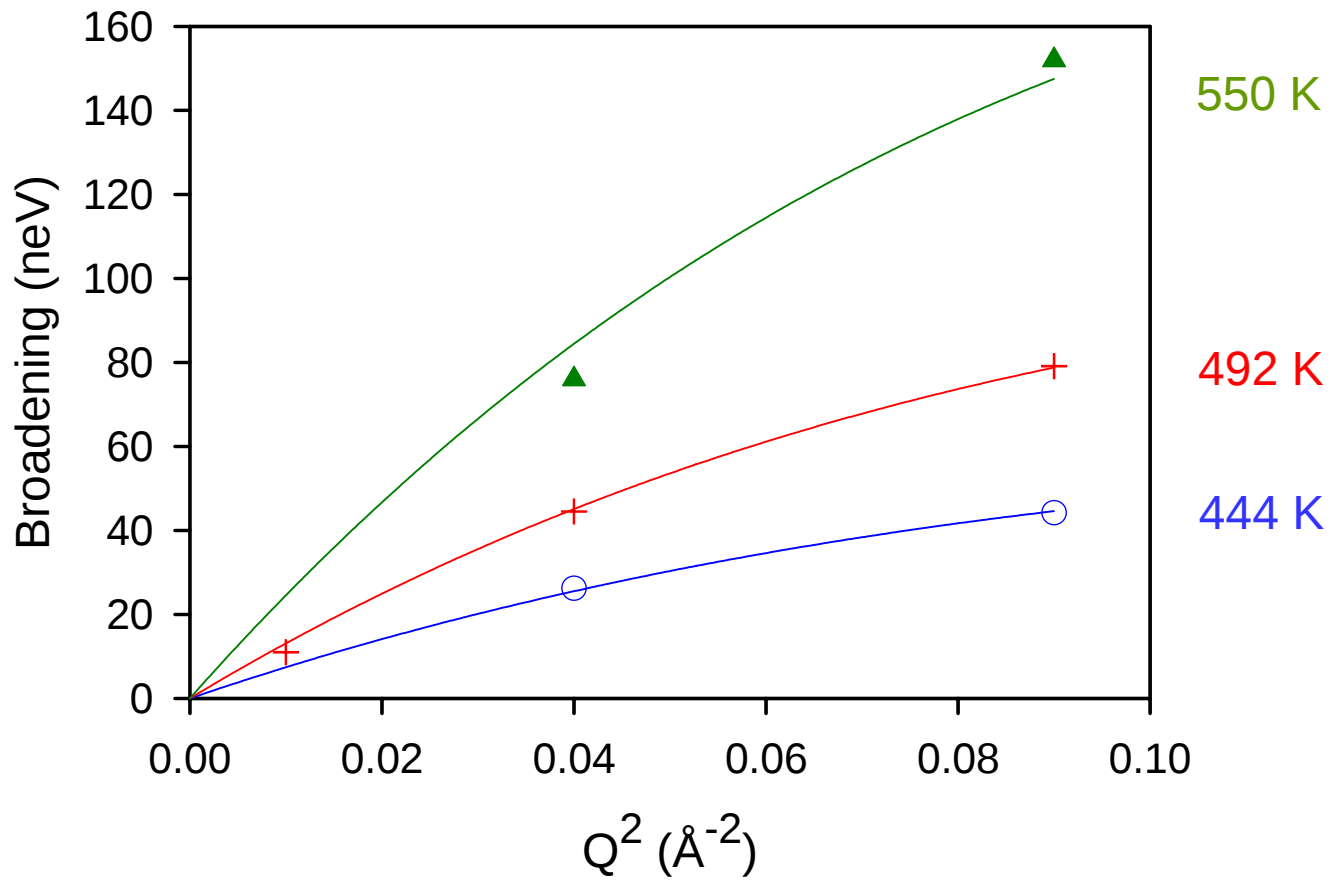
$Q = 0.1 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$

$Q = 0.2 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$

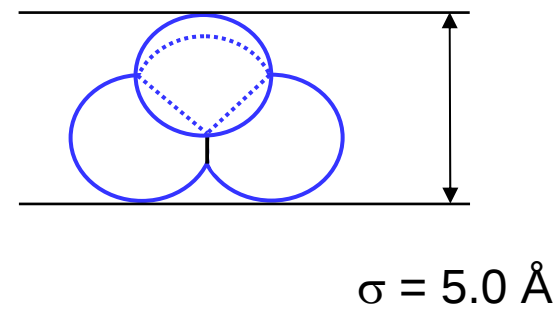
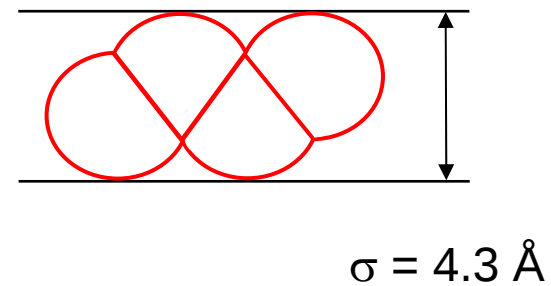
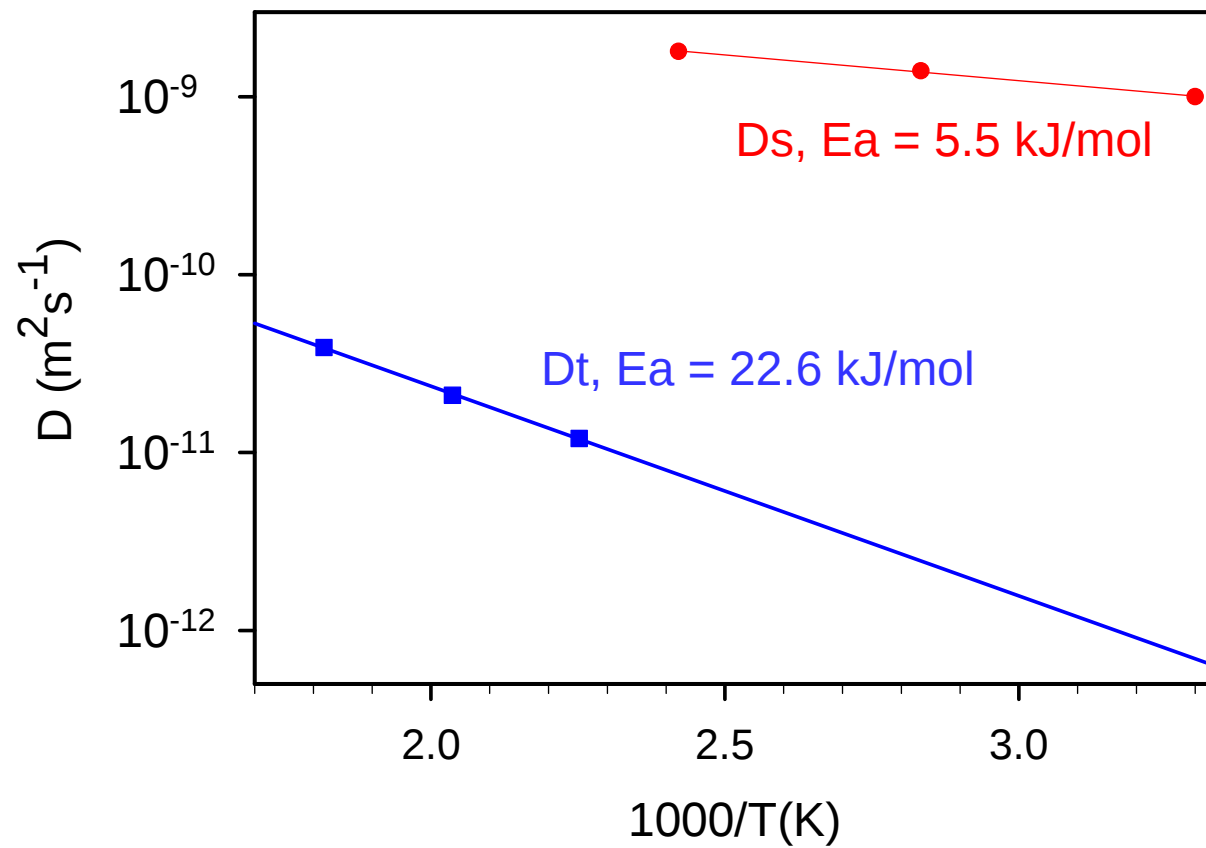
$Q = 0.3 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$

1<sup>st</sup> Bragg peak:  $0.56 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$

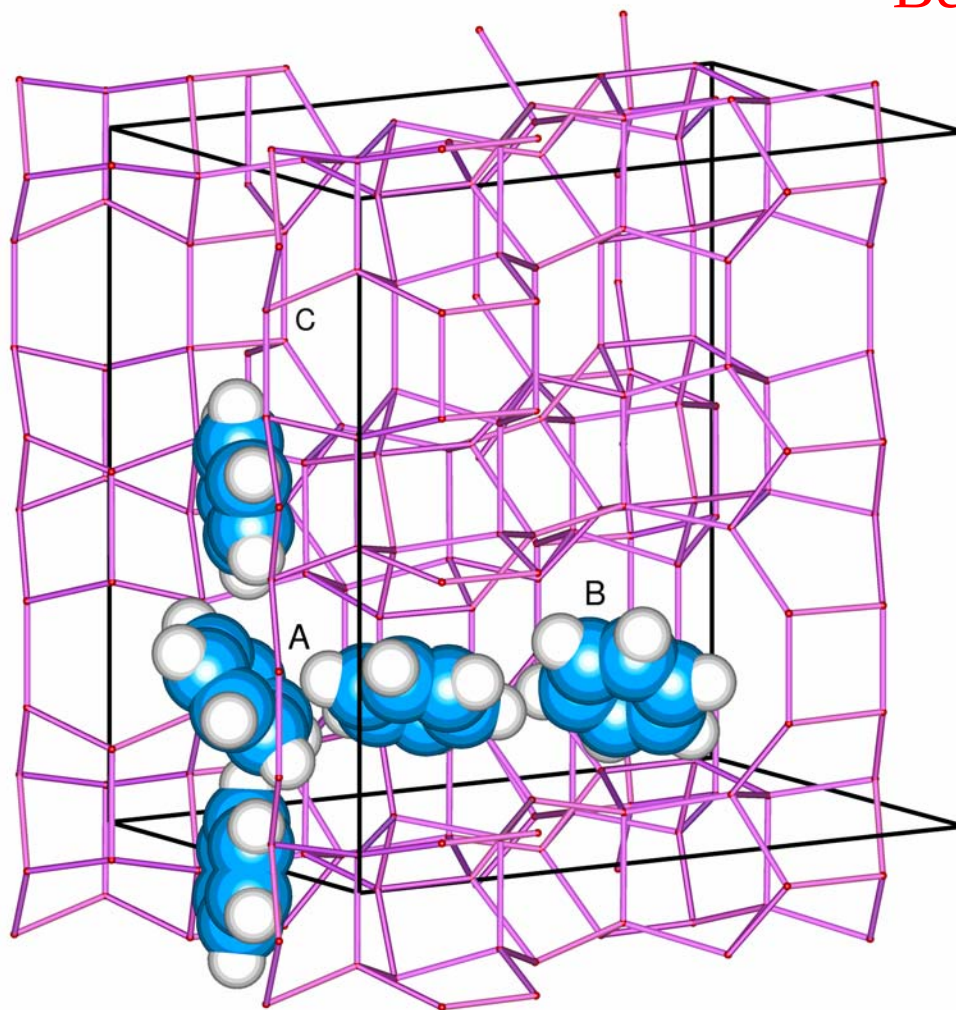
isobutane / silicalite



# C4 / silicalite



# Benzene / ZSM-5 (300 K)



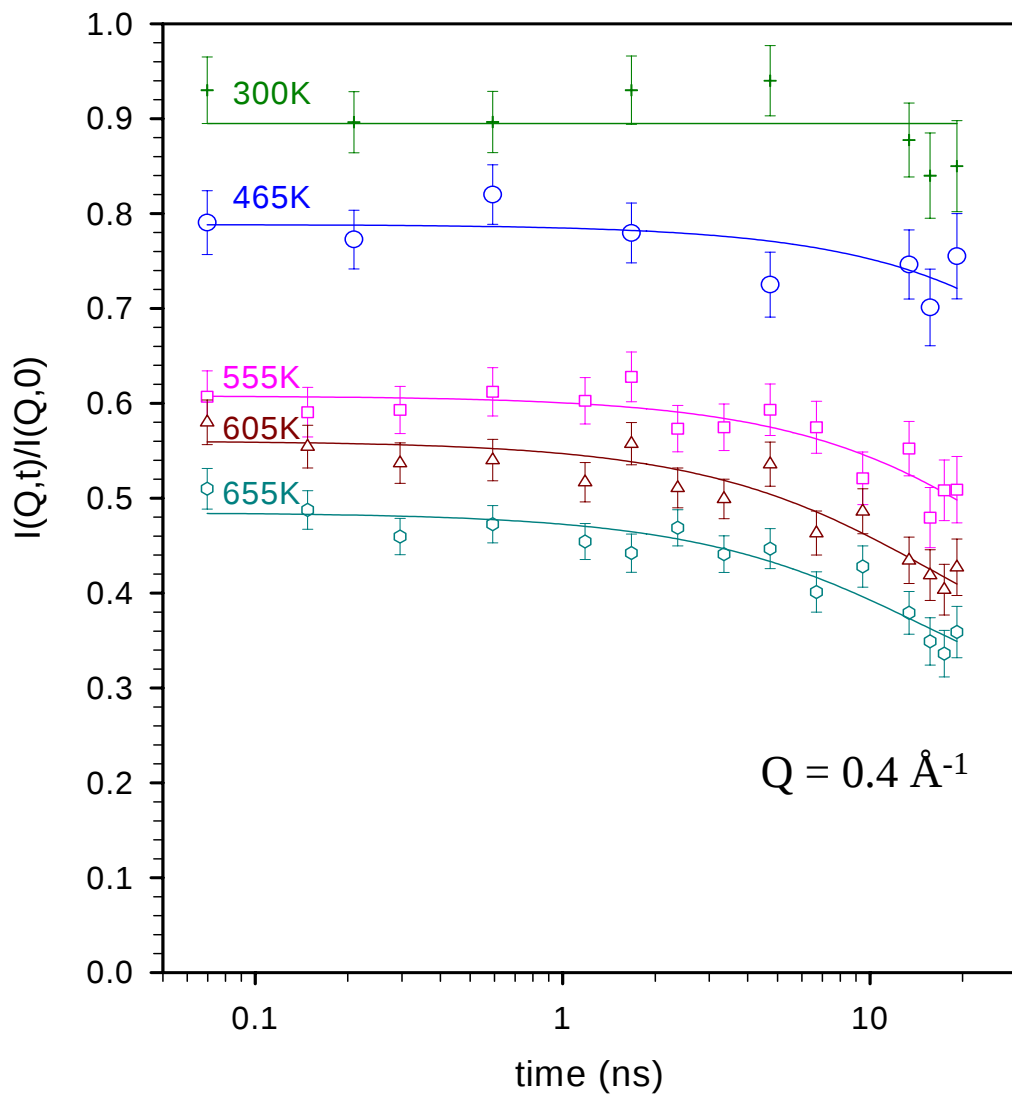
I: 3.77

Z: 2.6

S: 1.18

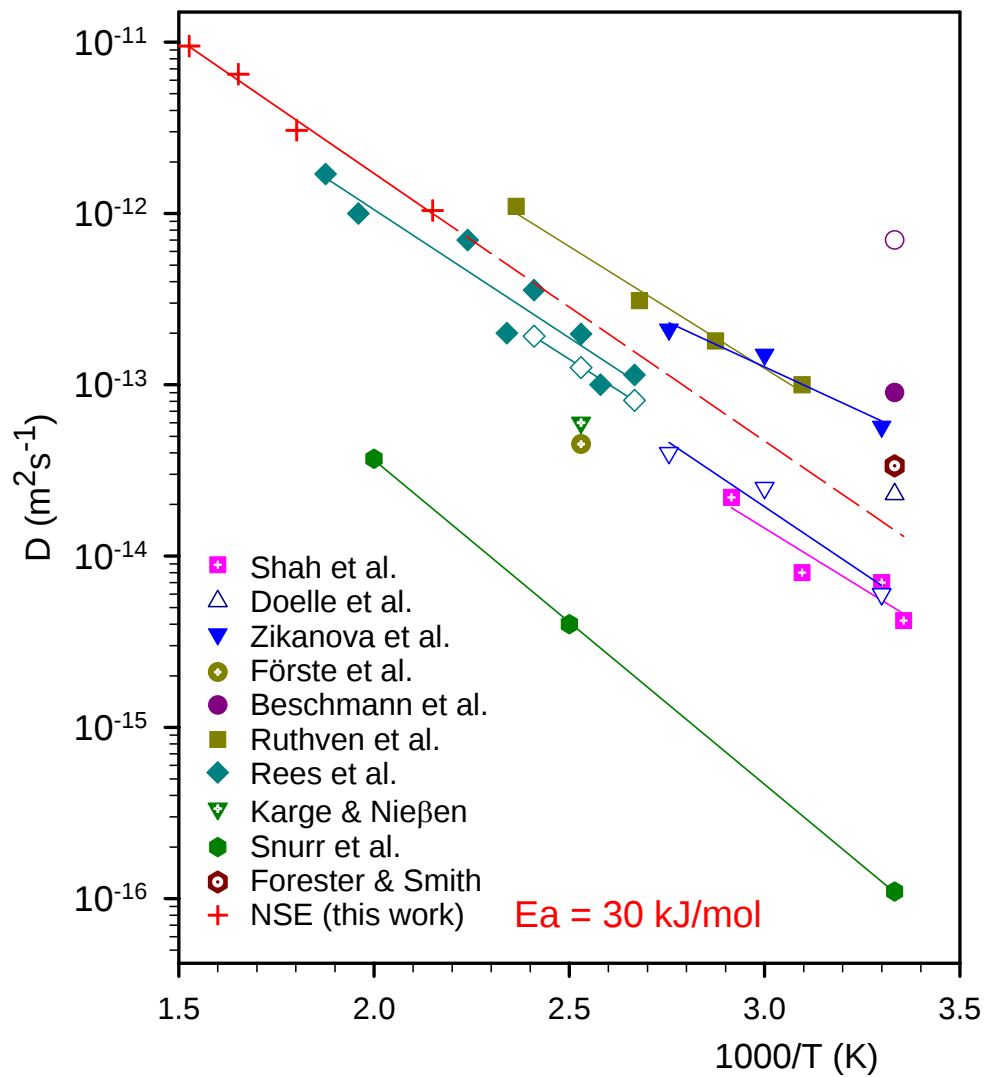
7.55 molecules/u.c.

$C_6D_6$  / ZSM-5  
(3 molecules/u.c.)



IN11  
ILL

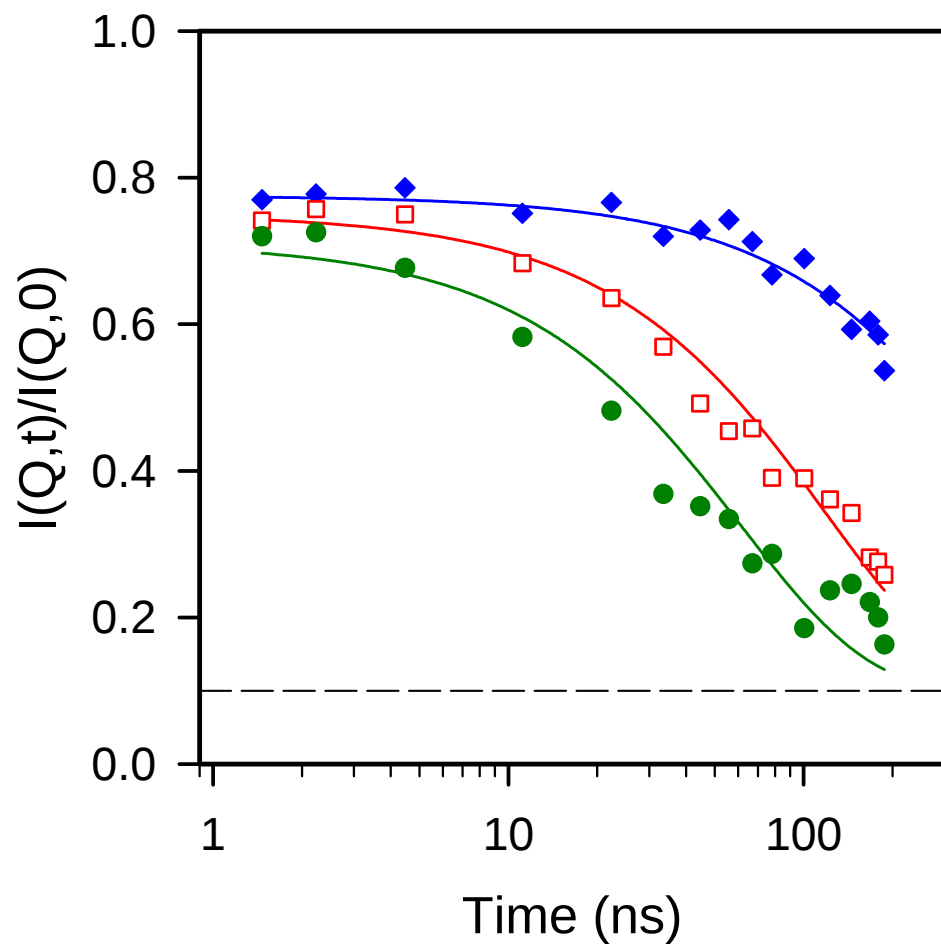
## Benzene / MFI



silicalite (●, ◆, ▼)  
ZSM-5 (○, ◇, ▽)

*n*-alkanes in NaCaA (5A)

( $T = 475$  K,  $Q = 0.2 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$ )

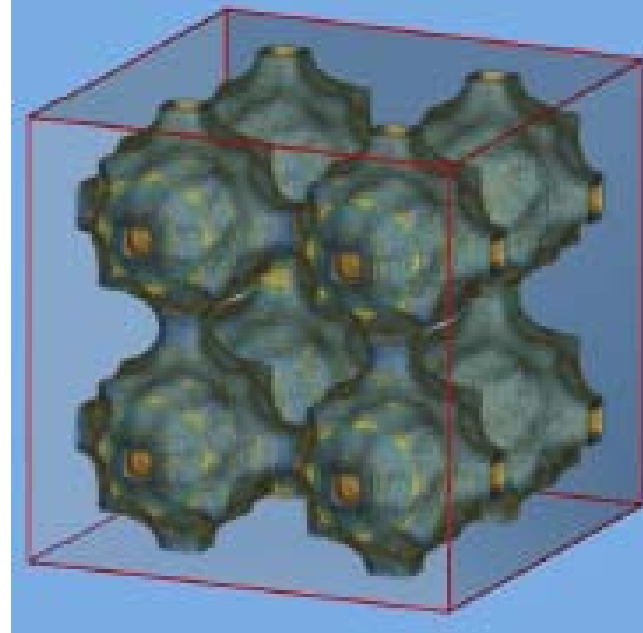


octane

decane

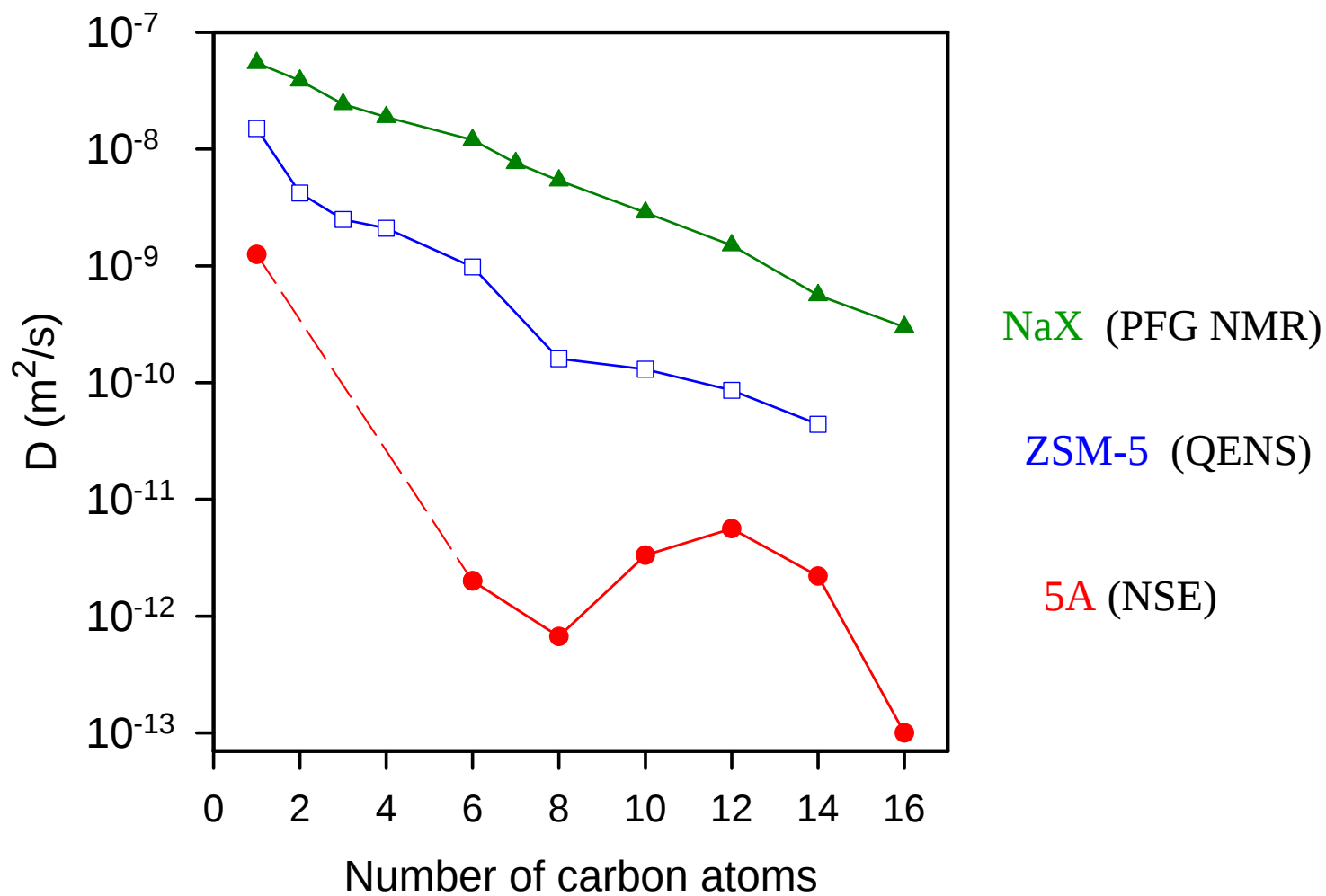
dodecane

IN15

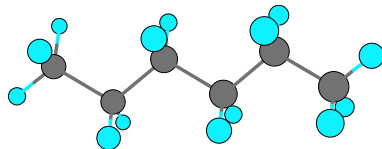


12 C / cage

## *n*-alkanes in various zeolites (T = 475 K)



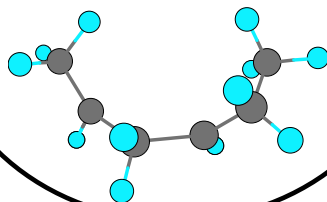
ZSM-5



Molecule residence  
time at 300 K :

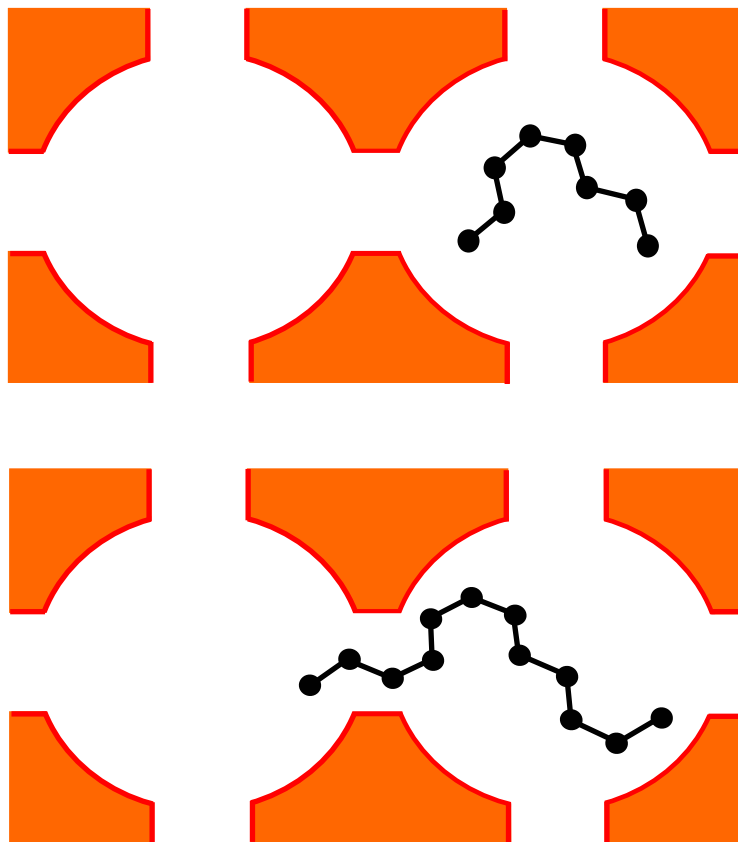
in a channel segment:  
 $2 \times 10^{-10}$  s

5A

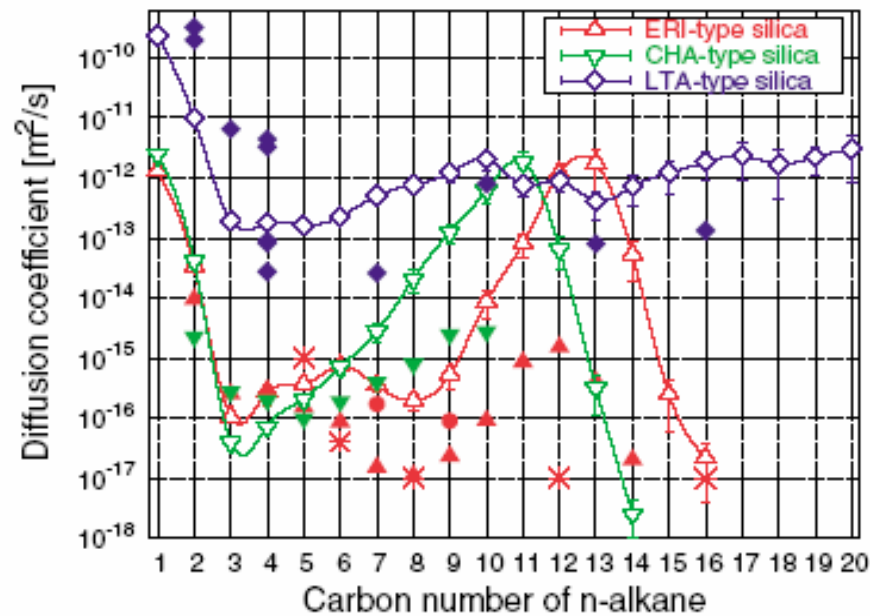


in a cage:  
 $2 \times 10^{-5}$  s

## 'Window effect'



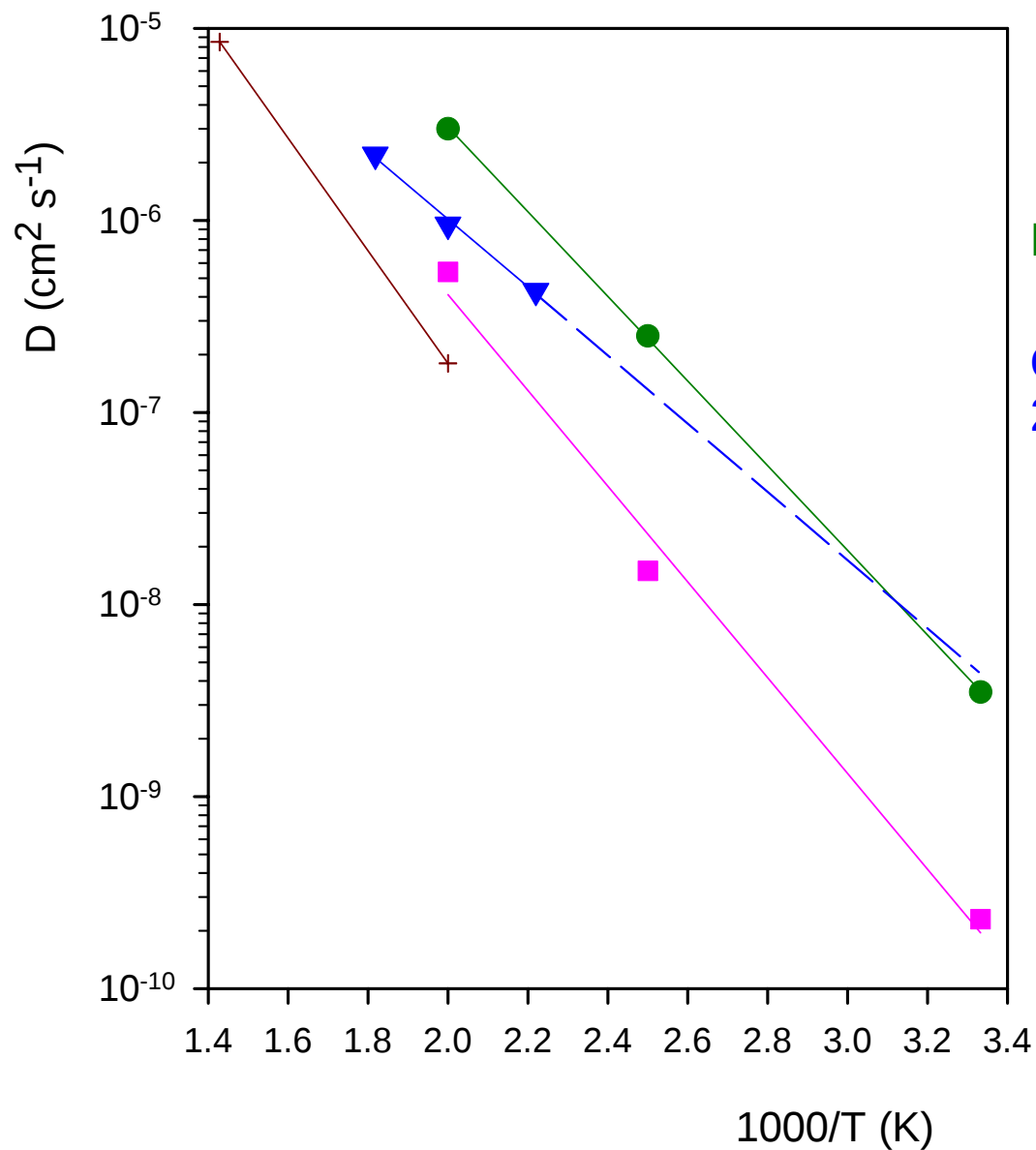
## 'Incommensurate diffusion'



600 K

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## Ds Benzene/NaY

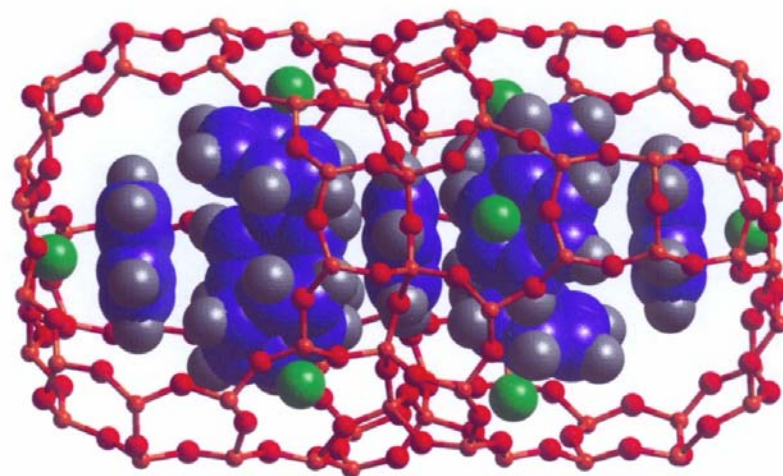
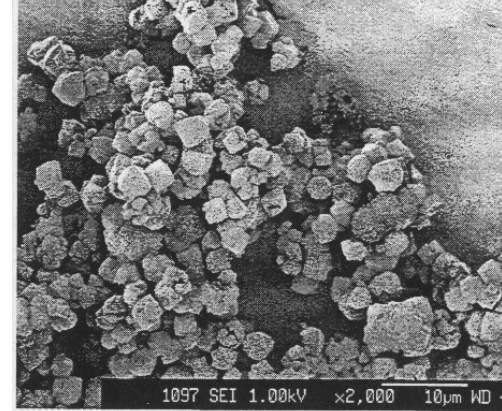


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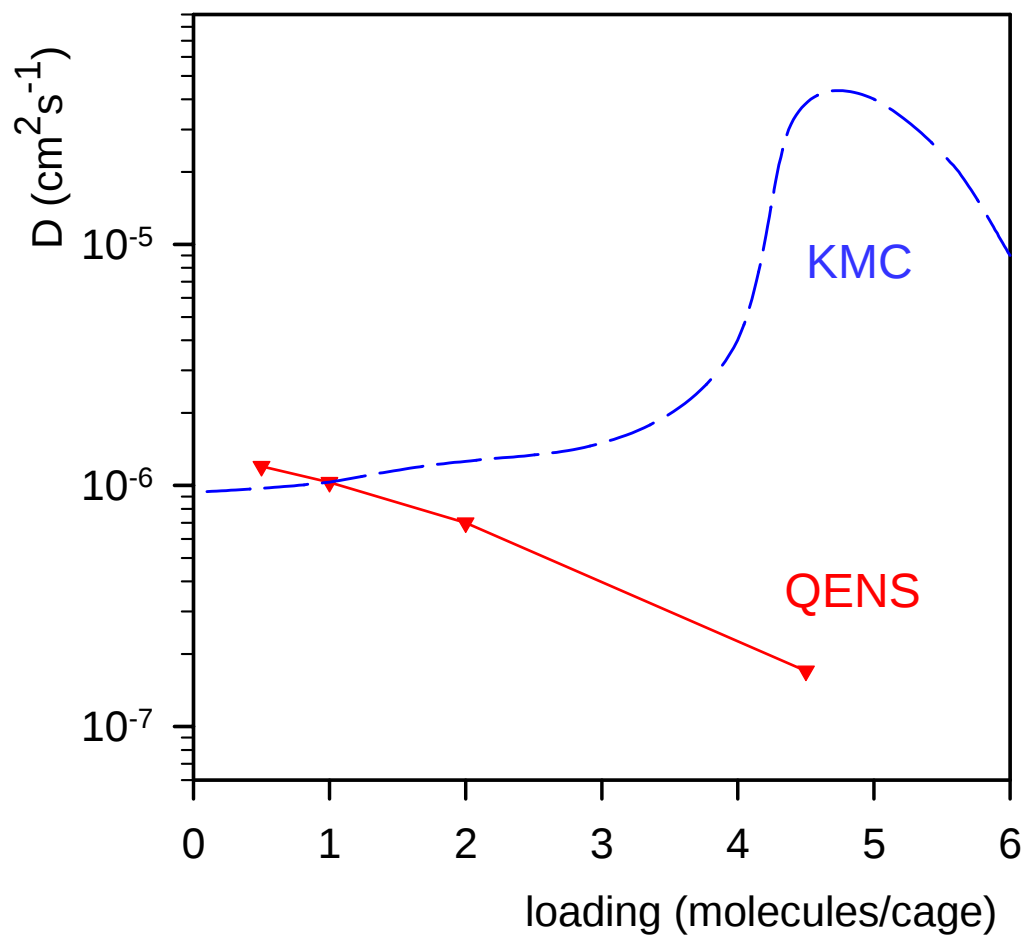
KMC

QENS  
2 mol./cage

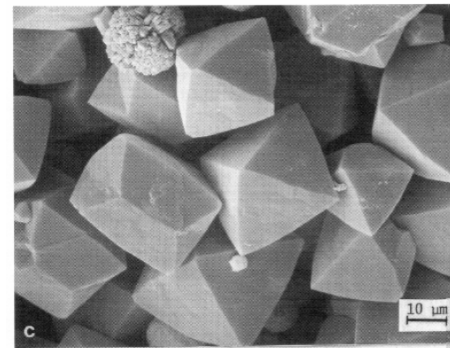
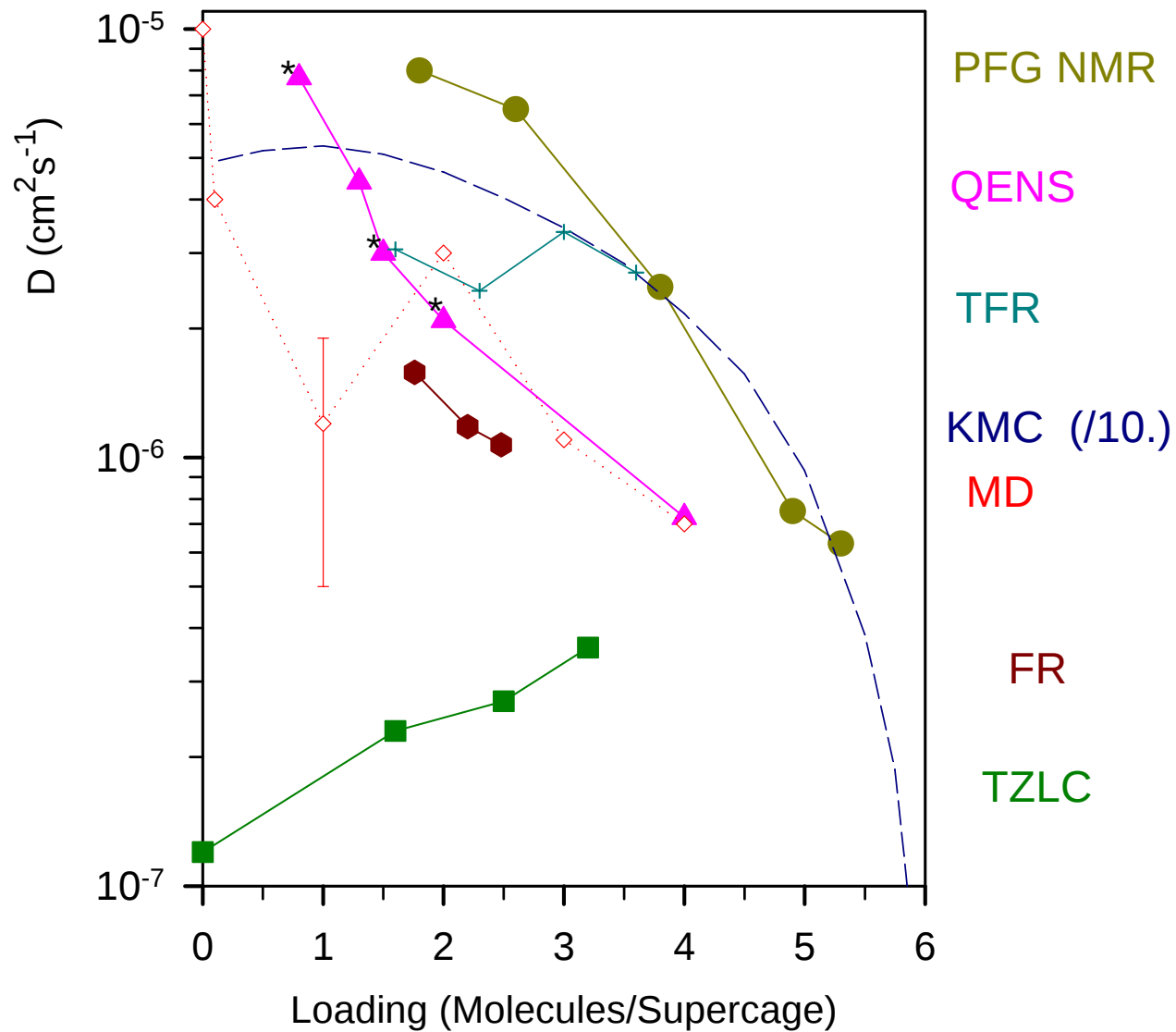
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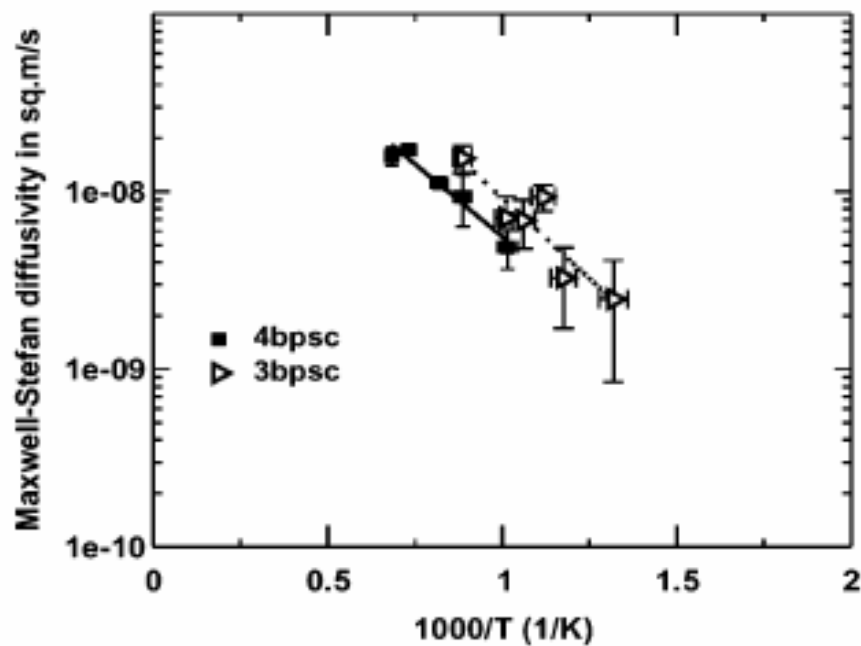
# Ds Benzene/NaY @ 480 K



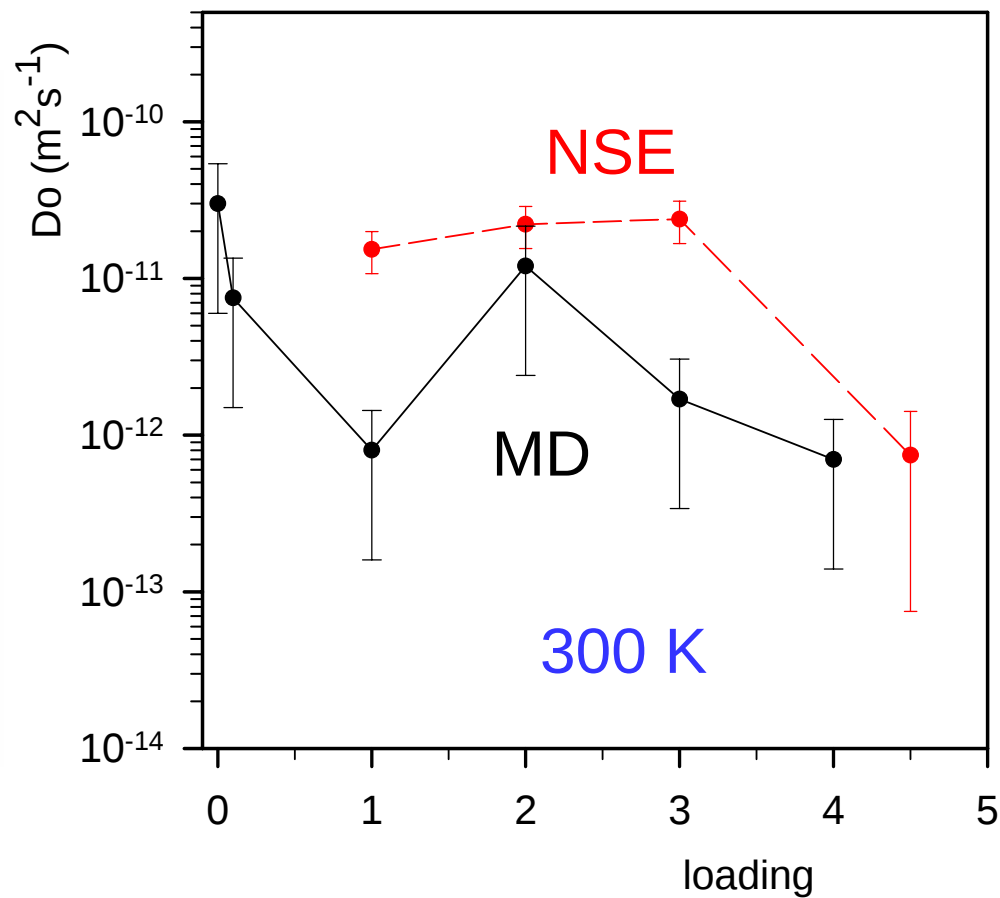
# Ds Benzene / NaX (T = 468 K)



## Do Benzene/NaX



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# CONCLUSIONS

Neutron scattering: structure & dynamics of guest-host systems

Methane clathrates: energy resource  
geo hazard ?

Hydrogen: energy carrier for the future ? it will not replace oil before several decades

Diffusion in zeolites:  $D_s$ ,  $D_t$ ,  $\langle d \rangle$ ,  $\tau$

comparisons with PFG NMR & macroscopic methods still show large discrepancies  
simulations have to be tested by experiment !