

Diffusion Fundamentals I

Basic Principles of Theory, Experiment and Application

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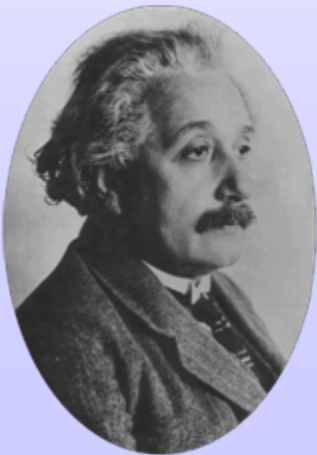
Molecular Diffusion under Confinement

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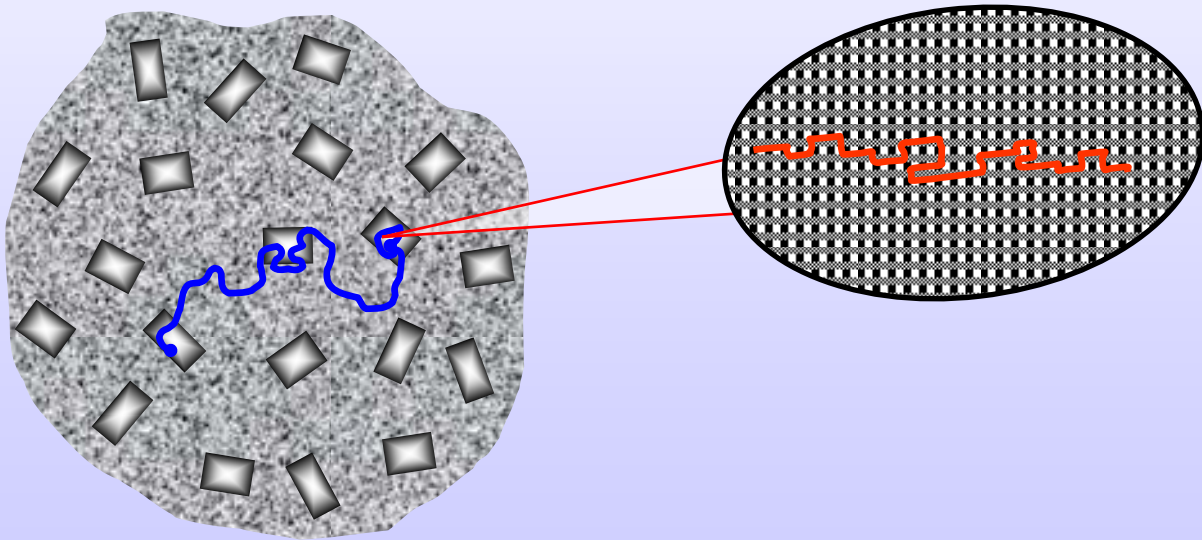
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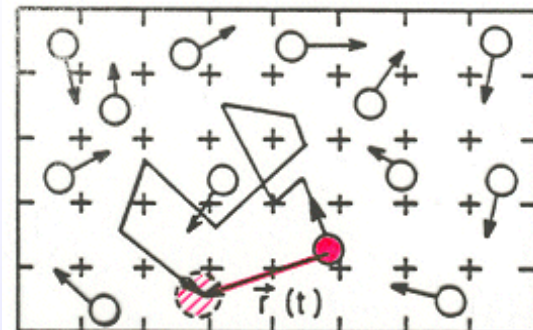
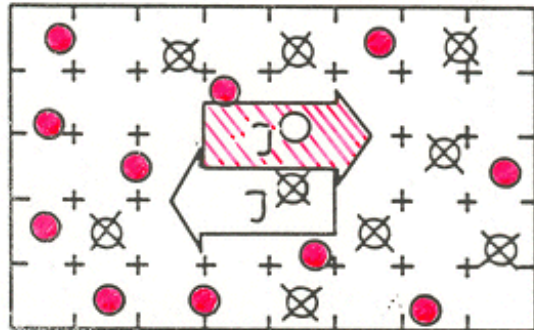
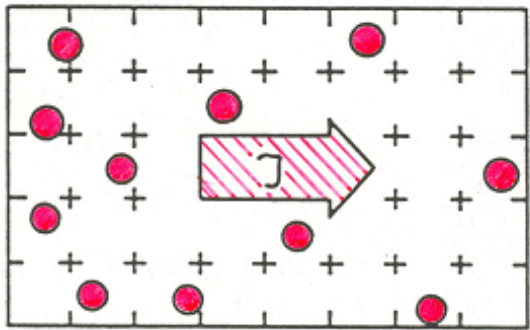
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typical host
system
(zeolite
catalyst):



Normal Diffusion: whenever the diffusion equations apply:



$$j = -D_T \frac{\partial c}{\partial x}$$

$$j^* = -D \frac{\partial c^*}{\partial x}$$

$$\langle x^2(t) \rangle = 2Dt$$

(matter conservation)

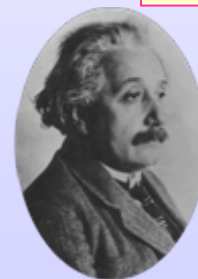
Einstein equation

Ficks **Laws**
First Second

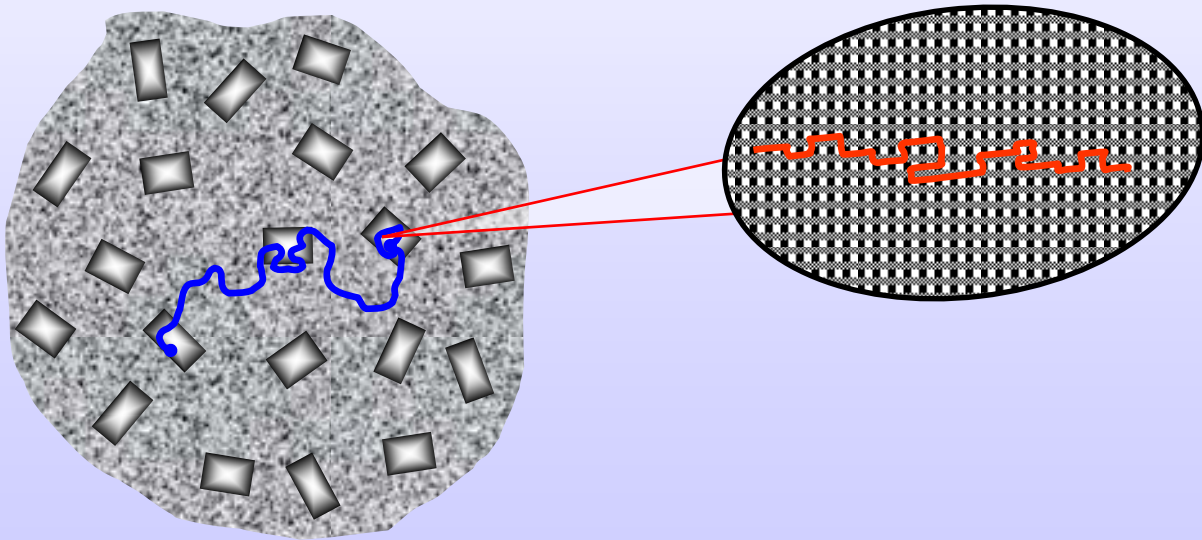
$$\dot{c}^* = D \frac{\partial^2 c^*}{\partial x^2}$$

$$P(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi Dt}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4Dt}}$$

(PROPAGATOR)



typical host
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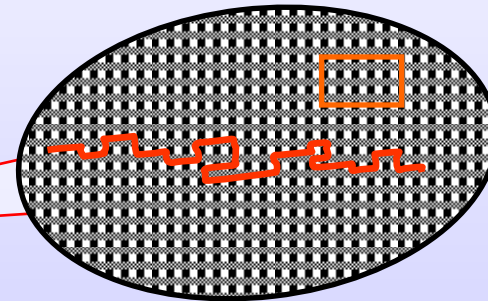
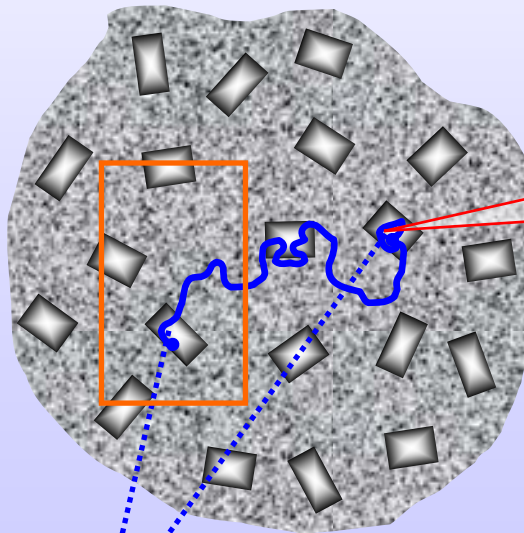
Time and Space Scales in the Diffusion Equation

relevant volume elements on considering

long-range (= intraparticle) diffusion

intracrystalline diffusion

typical host system
(zeolite catalyst):



$D_{\text{intracrystalline}}$ in micropores of zeolite crystal

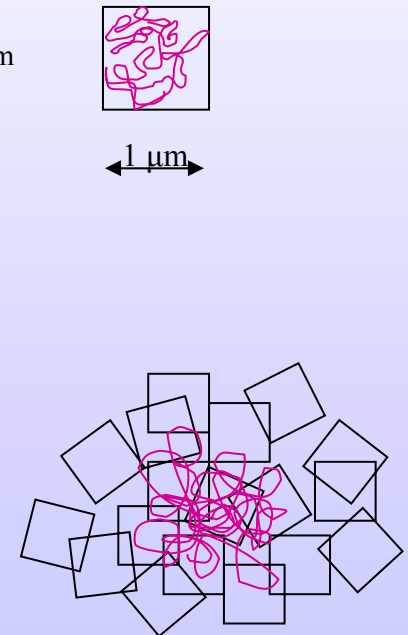
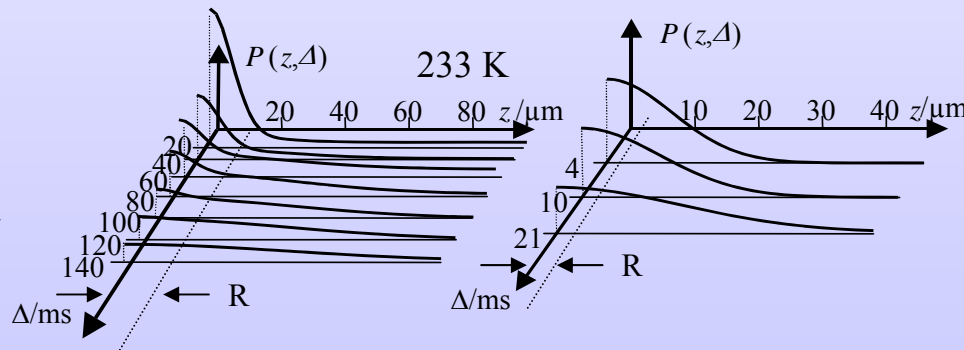
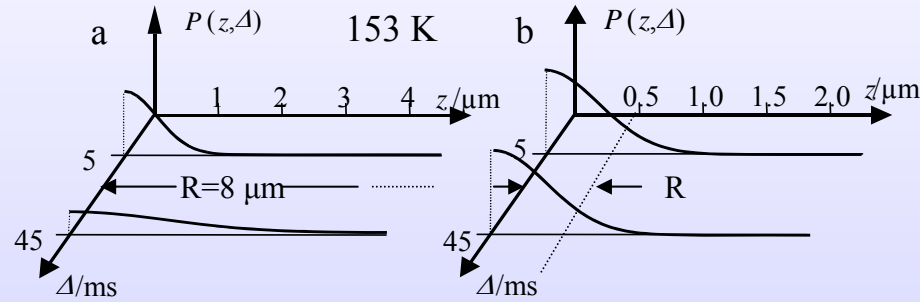
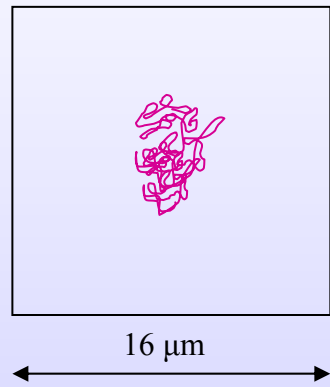
$D_{\text{intraparticle}}$

Molecular transport in pores does not necessarily lead to normal diffusion.

cf. Poster Abstracts
Dammers and Coppens, p. 128 (Poster 22),
Zschiegner et al., p. 184 (Poster 35)

Pulsed Field Gradient (PFG) NMR provides **PROPAGATOR** and hence easy means to ascertain normal diffusion

Mean Propagator for Ethane in Beds of NaCaA Crystallites of Different Size



complementary to single-particle tracking

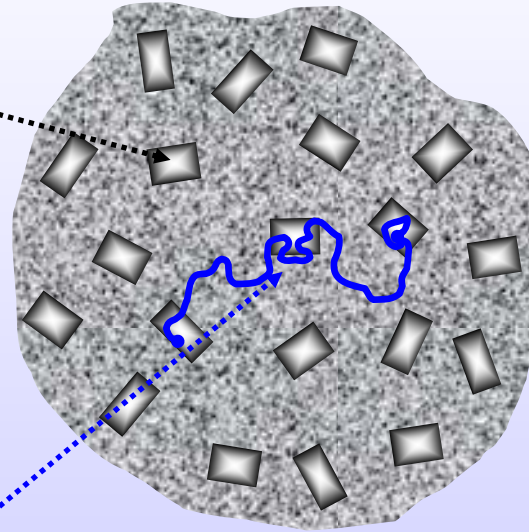
Schob and Cichos 362 (10), Kirstein et al. 452 (116)

Outline:

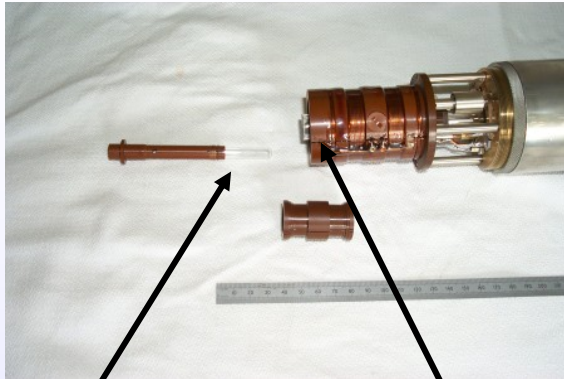
Intracrystalline
Zeolitic Diffusion

Anomalous Diffusion
in Porous Materials

Long-Range Diffusion
with Gas-Phase Intercepts



PFG NMR spectrometer FEGRIS400NT



Sample
 $d = 7.5 \text{ mm}$
 $l = 10 \text{ mm}$

Gradient coil
 $g \leq \pm 35 \text{ T/m}$



Magnet
 $B_0 = 9.4 \text{ T}$



Temperature controller

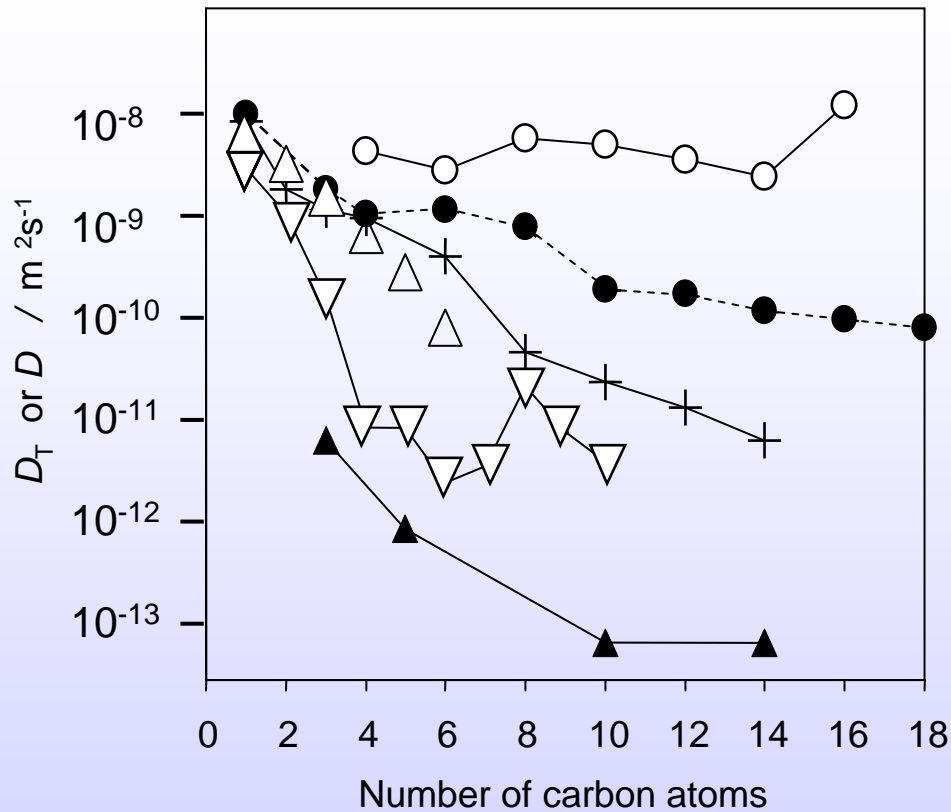
RF Generator



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P. Galvosas, F. Stallmach, G. Seiffert, J. Kärgler, U. Kaess, G. Majer,
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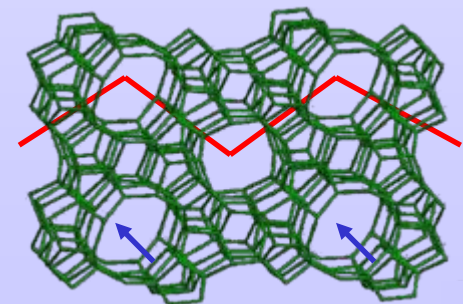
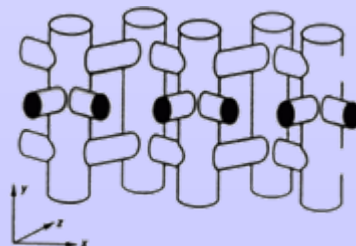
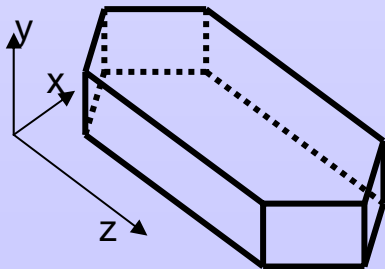
PFG NMR developments: Momot et al. 360 (9), Pampel 582 (97), Södermann and Topgaard 592 (92)



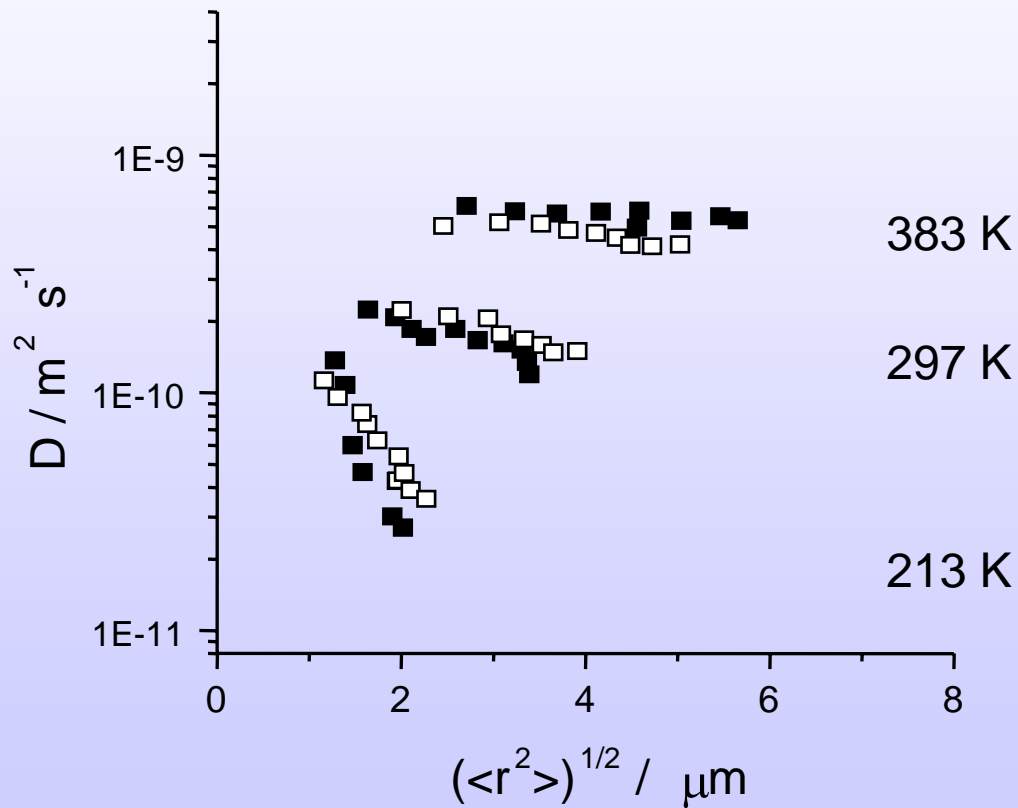
Coefficients of Intracrystalline Diffusion of n-Alkanes in **Zeolite MFI** at 300K (low concentrations) as a function of the carbon chain length, determined by

MD-simulation (O),
Brownian Dynamics (●),
QENS (+),
Permeation (▽),
ZLC (▲), and
PFG NMR (Δ).

(H. Jobic, in: N.K. Kanellopoulos (Ed.) „Recent Advances in Gas Separation by Microporous Ceramic Membranes“, Elsevier, 2000)



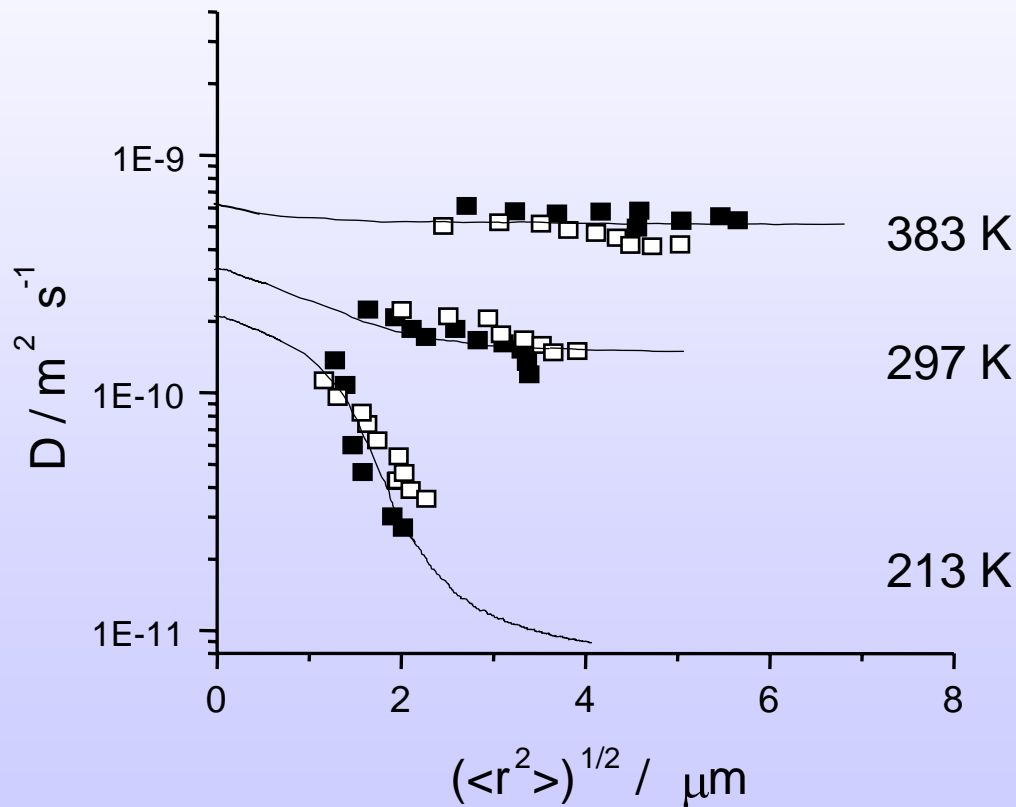
Intracrystalline Diffusion



n-Butane/Silicalite-1
two sets of measurement with
different samples

Intracrystalline Diffusion

Comparison of the PFG NMR results with the results of MC simulations



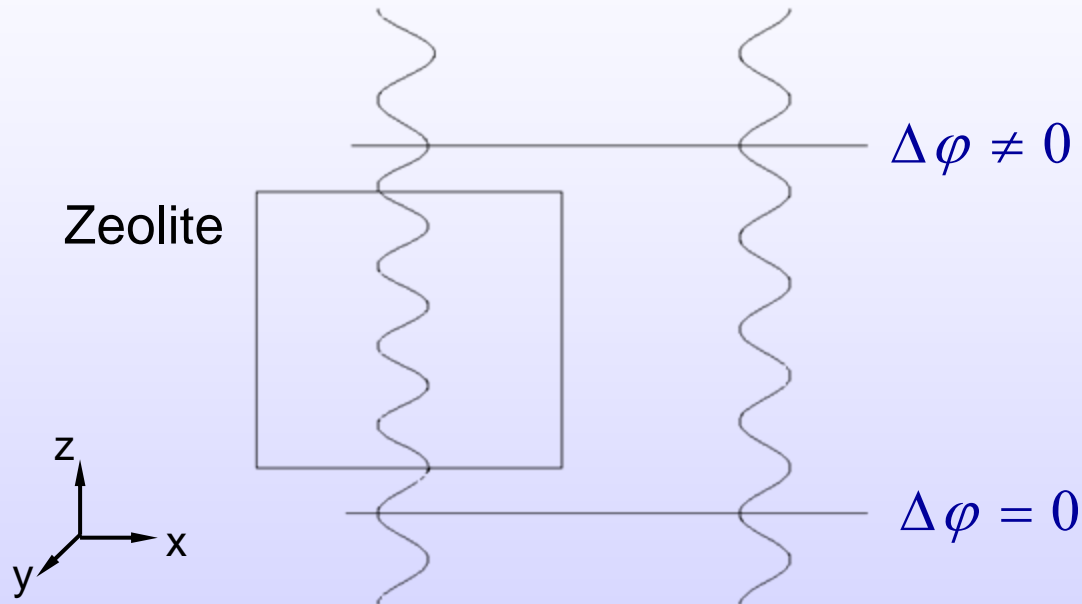
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$$p_y = 1 \quad p_x = 0.32 \\ p_z = 0.067 \quad [1]$$

$$(E_b - E_d) = 21.5 \text{ kJ/mol} \\ N = 3000 (\times 1 \text{ nm})$$

Measuring Principle of Interference Microscopy

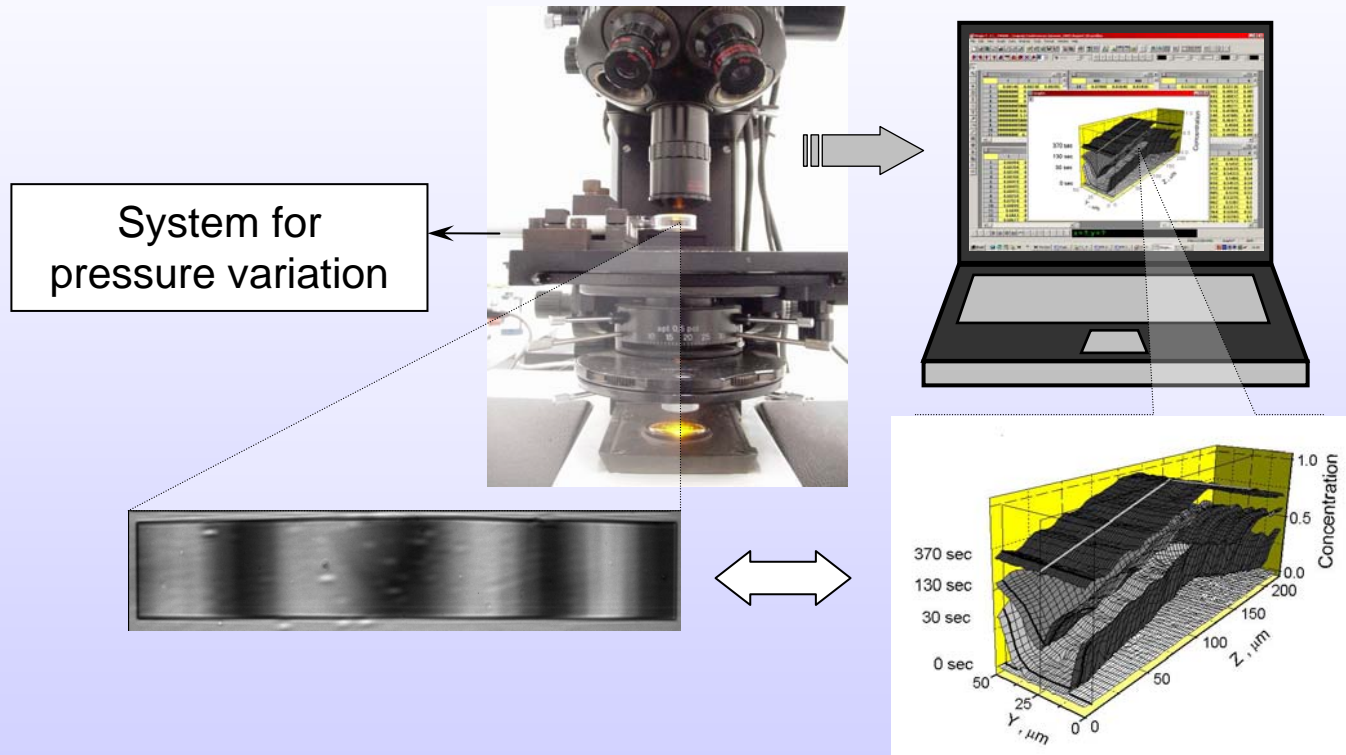
Interference of Beams through Zeolite and Gas Phase



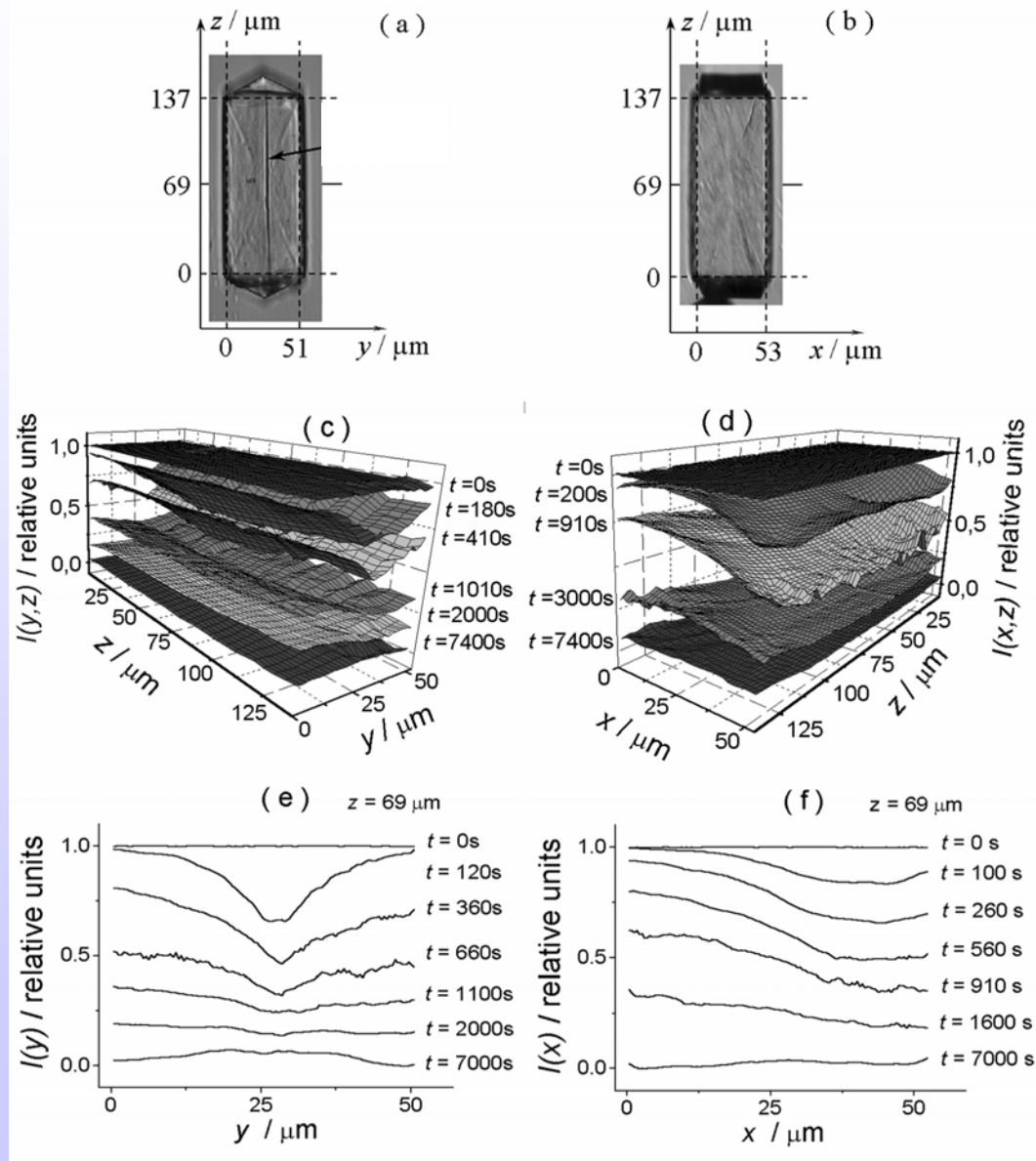
Changing intracrystalline concentration yields change in phase difference $\Delta\varphi(x,y;t)$

$$\Delta(\Delta\varphi) \sim \Delta n \sim \Delta c$$

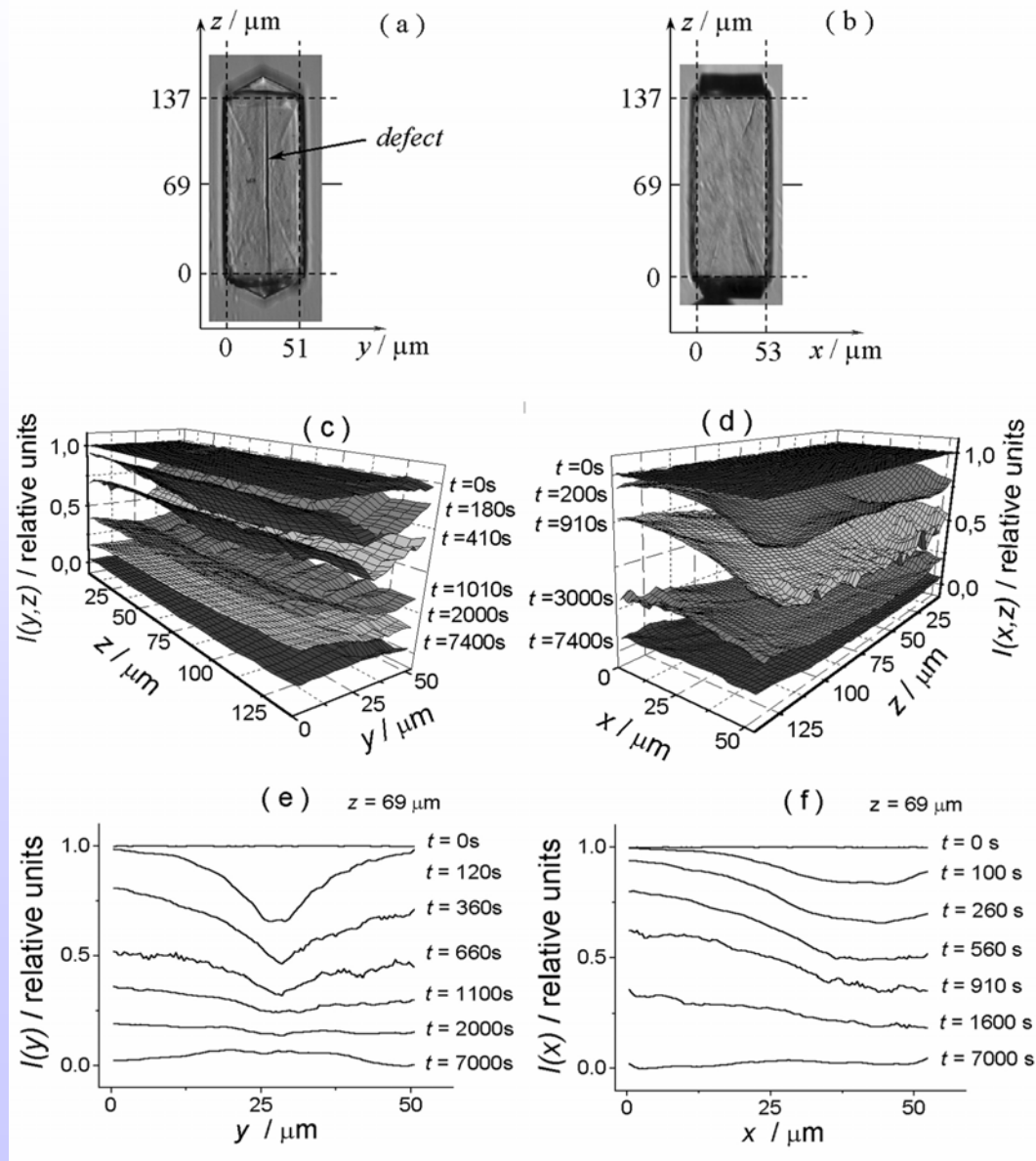
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Monitoring the Desorption of Isobutane from MFI-type Crystallites



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that there scarcely exist any really healthy people.**

Physical

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perfect crystal
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International Research Group „Diffusion in Zeolites“

Anomalous Diffusion in Porous Materials

? time dependence of mean square displacement $\langle x^2(t) \rangle$?

- Subdivide time t into n equal time intervals Δt : $t = n\Delta t$

- Consider displacement Δx in each of these time intervals: $x = \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta x_i$

$$\longrightarrow \langle x^2(t) \rangle = \left\langle \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \Delta x_i \right)^2 \right\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle (\Delta x_i)^2 \rangle + \sum_{i \neq j=1}^n \langle \Delta x_i \Delta x_j \rangle$$

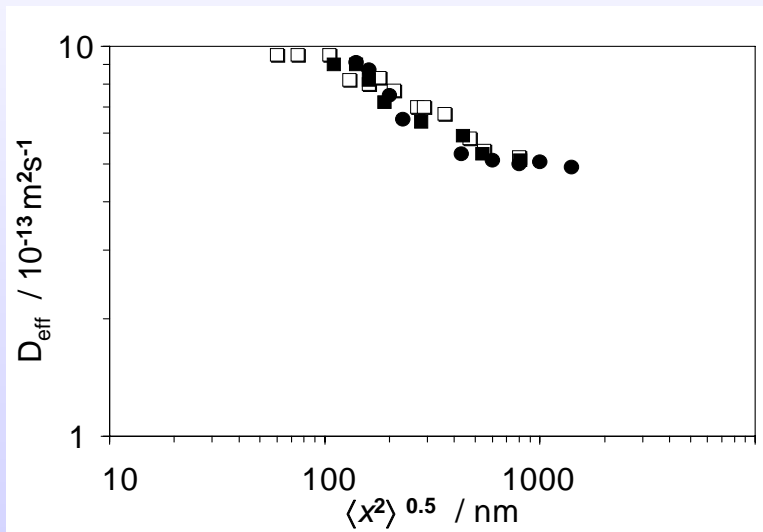
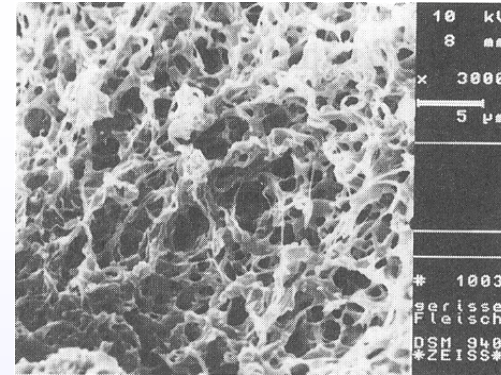
Normal Diffusion $\langle x^2(t) \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle (\Delta x_i)^2 \rangle = n \langle (\Delta x_i)^2 \rangle \sim t$

Anomalous Diffusion $\langle x^2(t) \rangle \sim t^\chi$ with $\chi < 1$

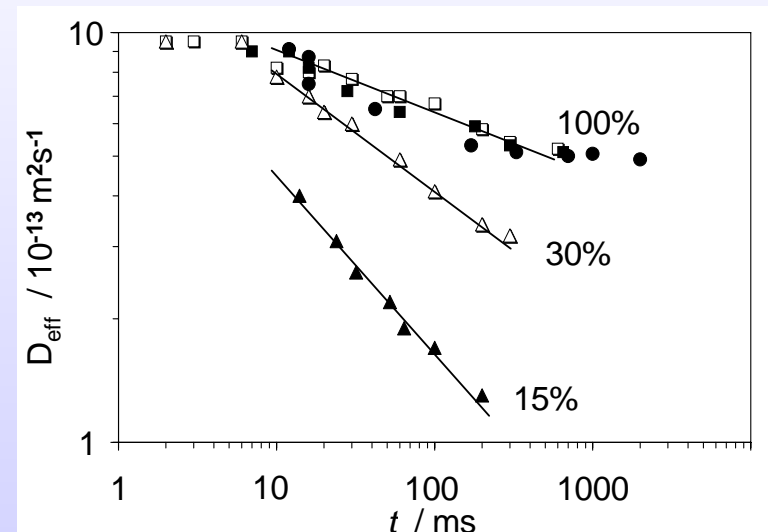
with $D_{\text{app}} = \frac{\langle x^2(t) \rangle}{2t} \longrightarrow D_{\text{app}} \sim t^{\chi-1} = \frac{1}{t^{1-\chi}}$

i.e. apparent diffusivities decreasing with time

Diffusion of PDMS in a polypropylene host matrix:



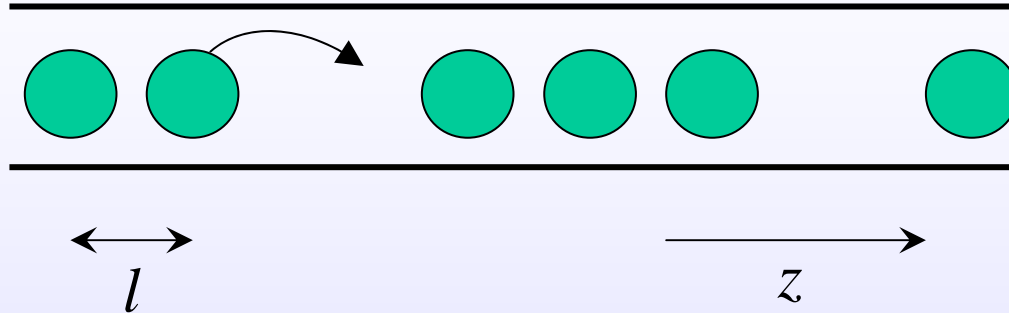
Dependence on the observed displacements at complete pore filling factors



Time dependence for different pore filling factors

Anomalous Diffusion in Porous Materials

Molecular Transport in One-Dimensional Channels: Single-File Diffusion



$$P(z, t) = \left(2\pi \langle z^2(t) \rangle \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{z^2}{2 \langle z^2(t) \rangle} \right)$$

with $\langle z^2(t) \rangle = 2F\sqrt{t}$

in contrast to ordinary diffusion, where $\langle z^2(t) \rangle = 2Dt$

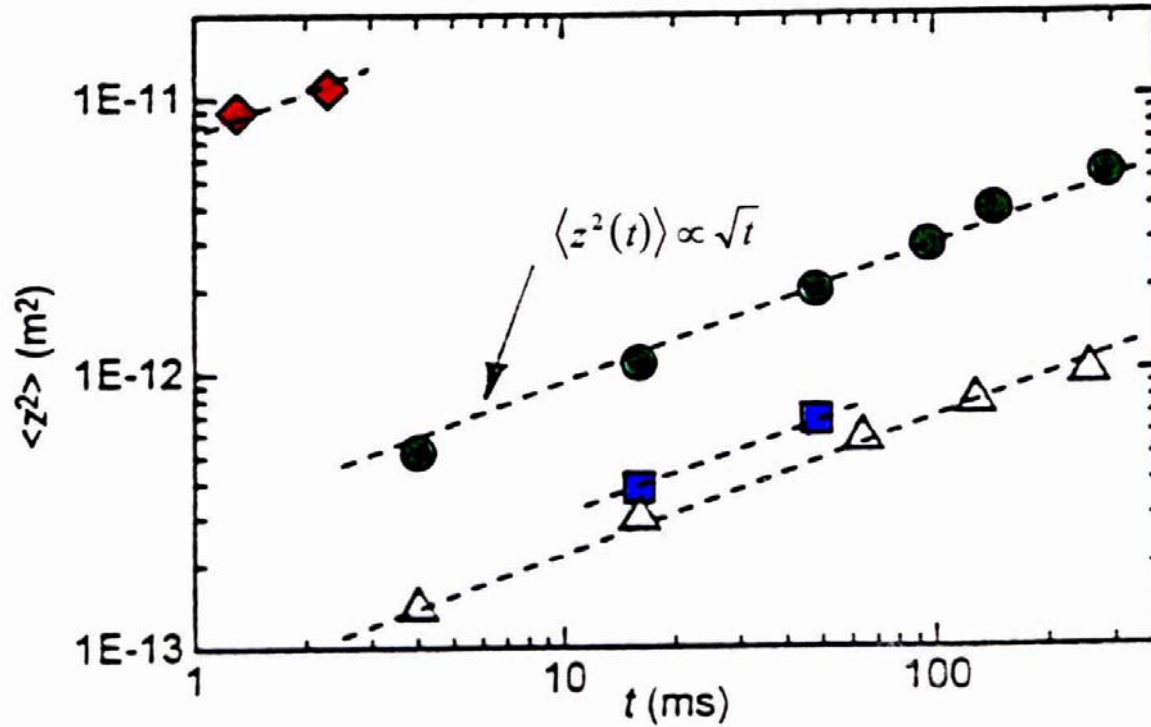
and $F = (2\pi\tau)^{-\frac{1}{2}} l^2 \frac{1 - \Theta}{\Theta}$

Anomalous Diffusion in Porous Media

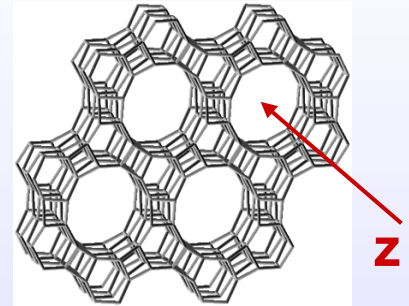
Single-File Diffusion



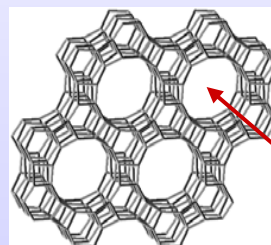
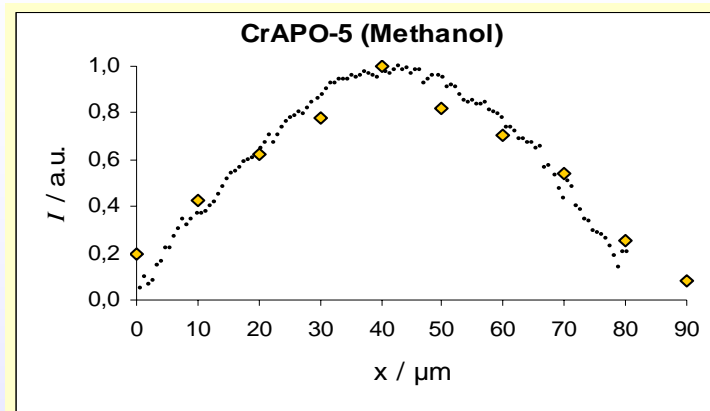
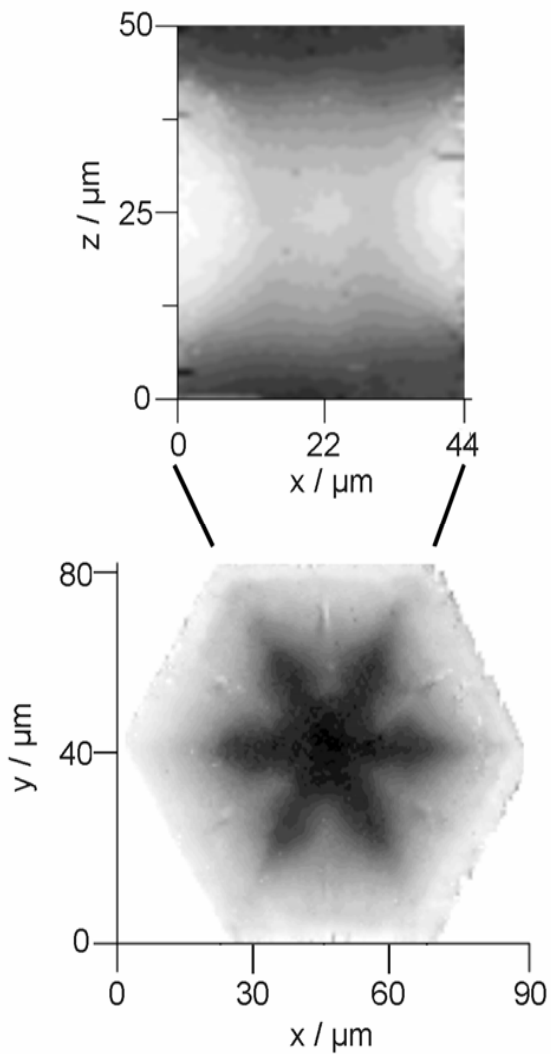
CF₄ in AlPO₄-5 (180 K)



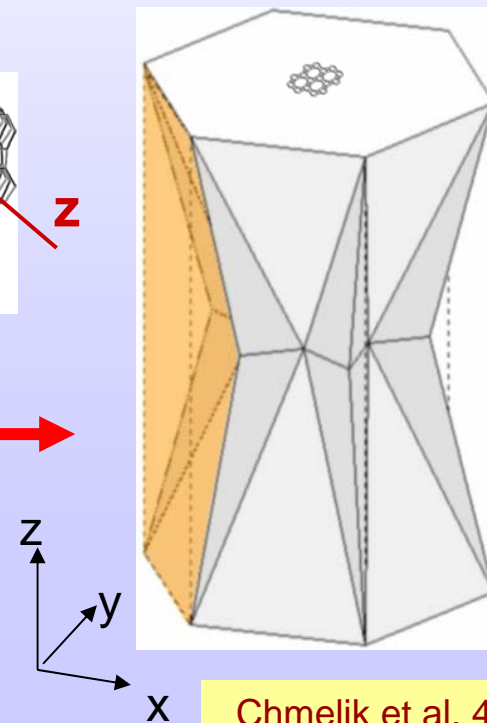
0.005 (◆), 0.05 (●), 0.2 (■), 0.4 (△)
molecules per unit cell



Equilibrium intracrystalline concentration profiles of methanol in a CrAPO-5 crystal



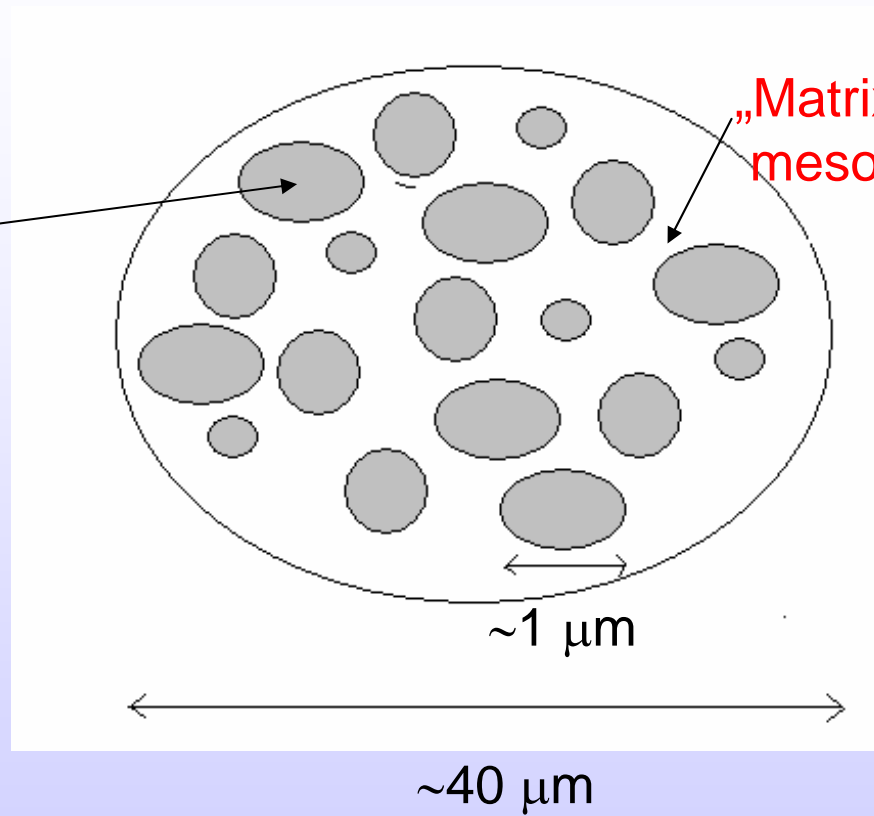
the crystal section inaccessible for methanol



Long-Range Diffusion Diffusion in FCC^{+) catalysts}

intergrown zeolite
crystals

„Matrix“ (SiO₂, Al₂O₃...),
mesopores

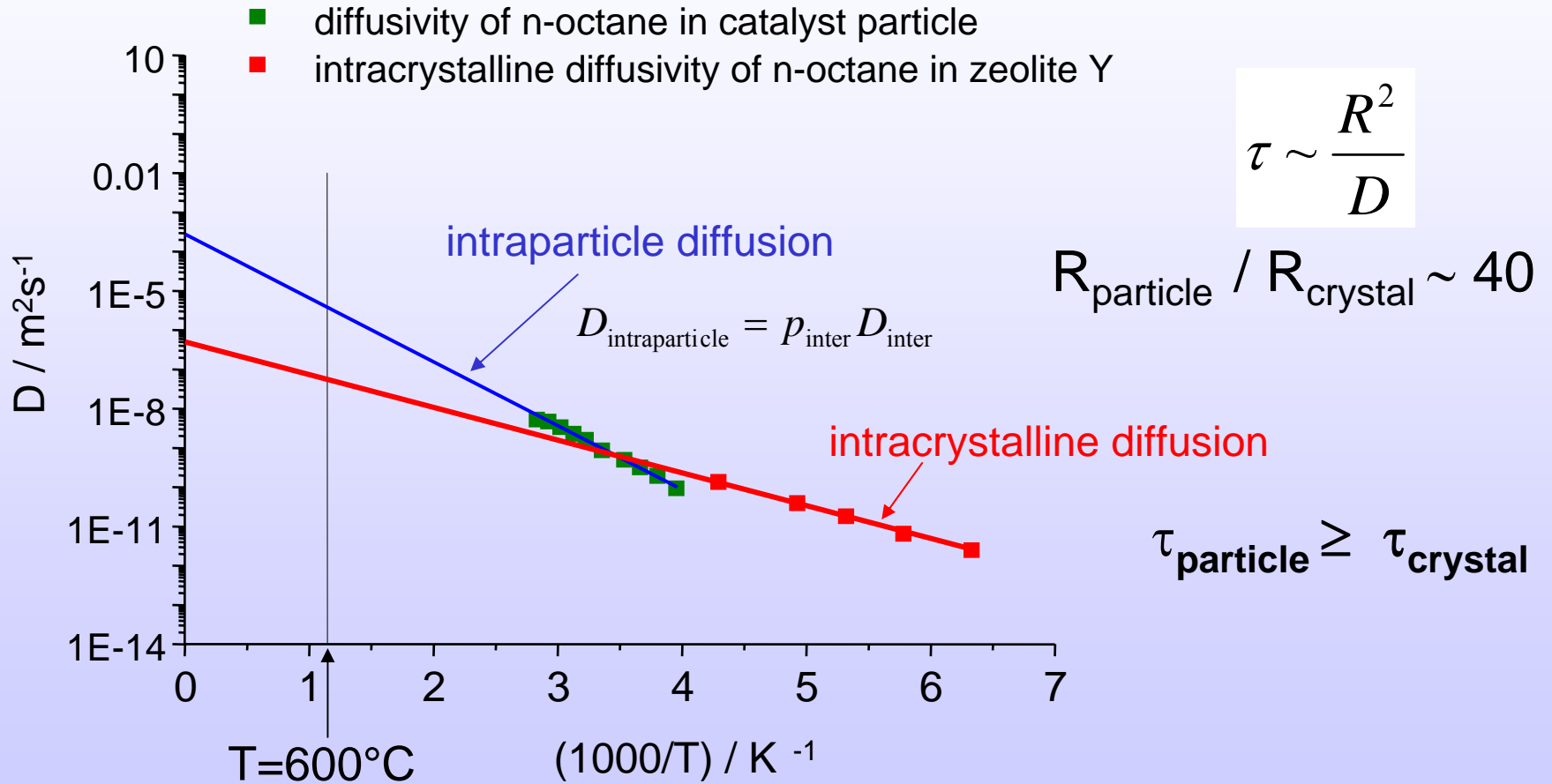


Intraparticle diffusivities

size of intergrown crystals $\ll \sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle} \ll$ size of catalyst particle

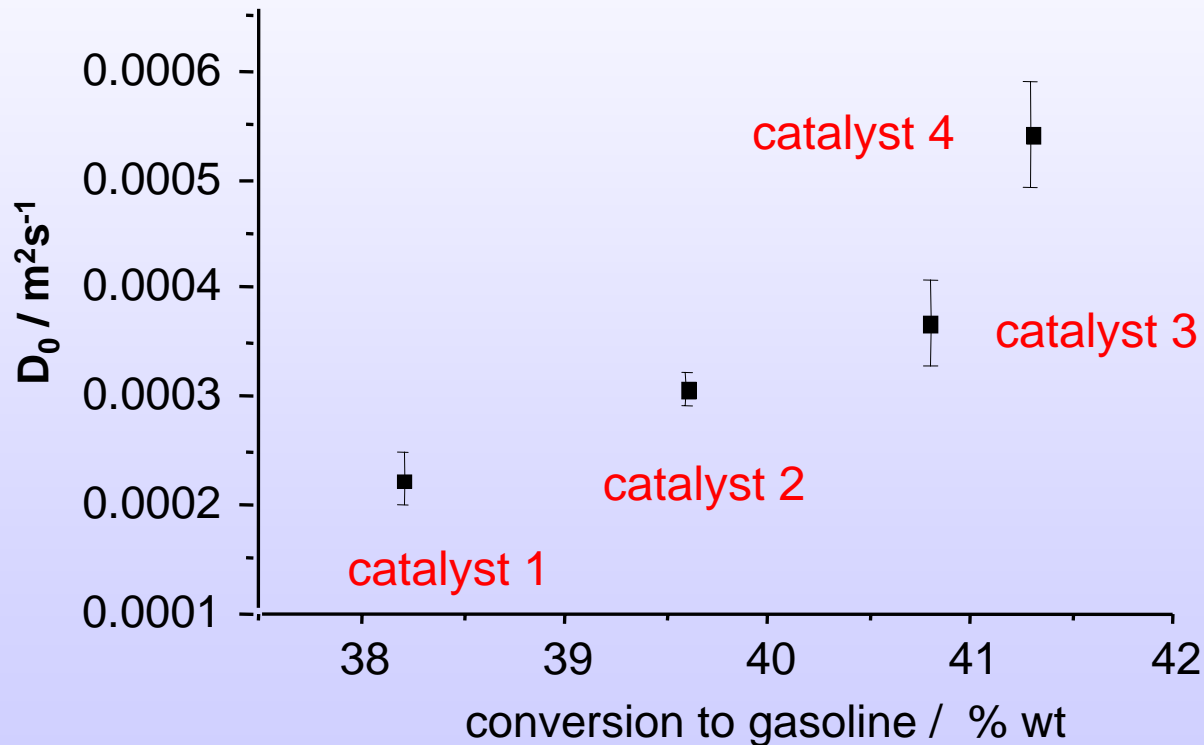
+)^{+) Fluid Catalytic Cracking}

n-Octane Diffusion in FCC⁺ catalysts



+ Fluid Catalytic Cracking

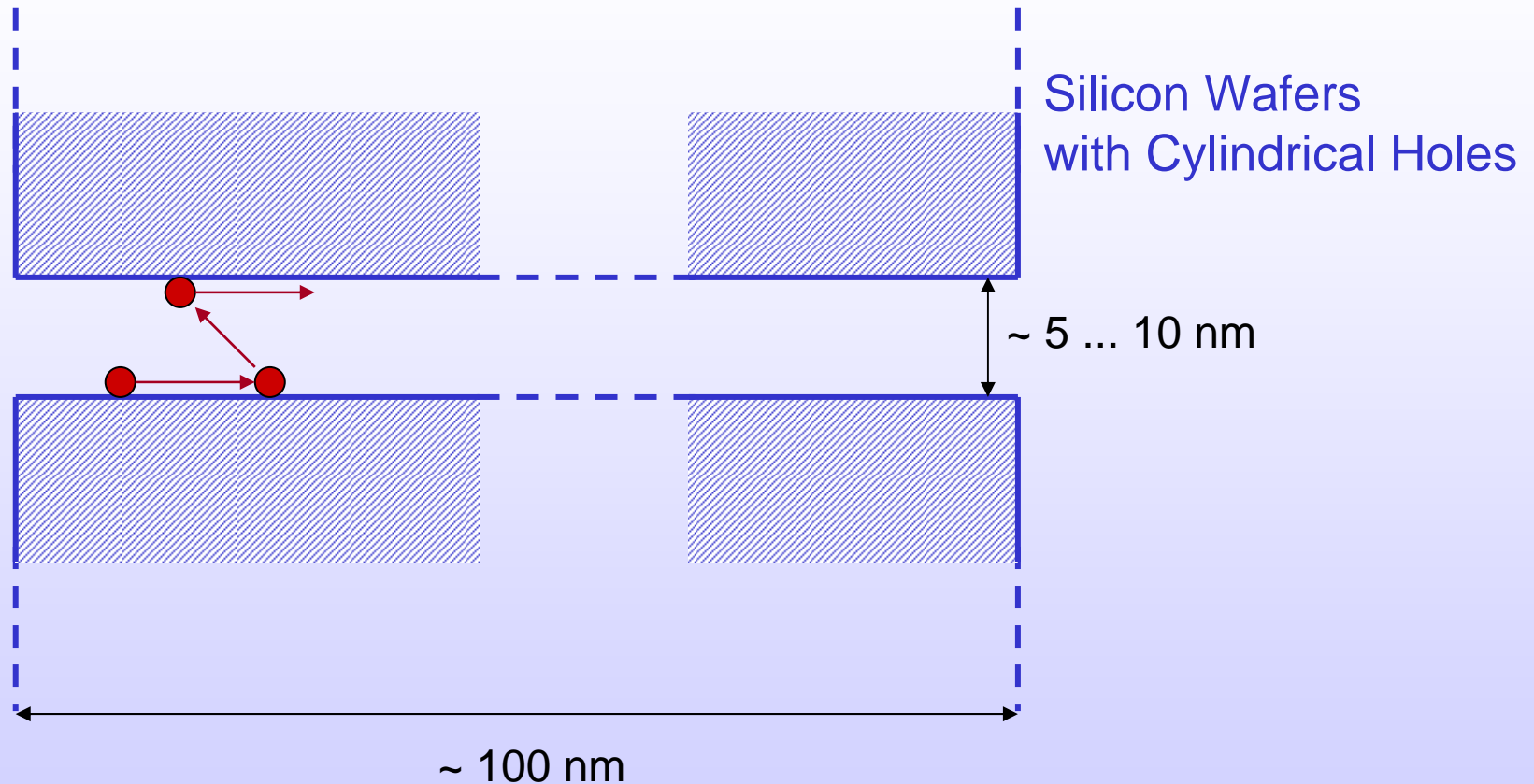
Correlations between intraparticle diffusivities and catalytic performance



n-octane, 0.62 mmol/g

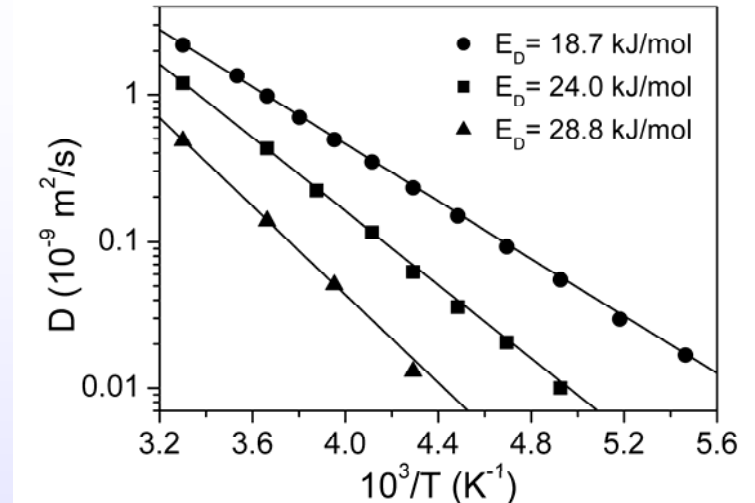
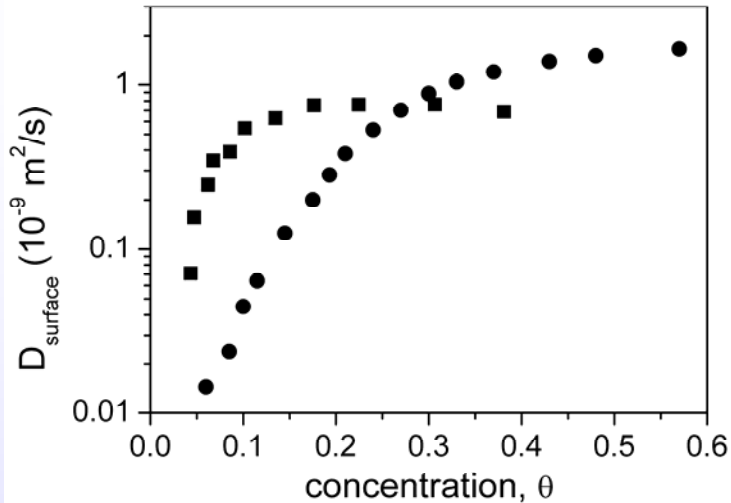
larger intraparticle diffusivity corresponds in all cases to higher catalytic activity

Long-Range Diffusion in Mesopores



$$D_{\text{long-range}} = \rho_{\text{surface}} D_{\text{surface}} + \rho_{\text{gas}} D_{\text{gas}}$$

Diffusion on Silicon Surfaces

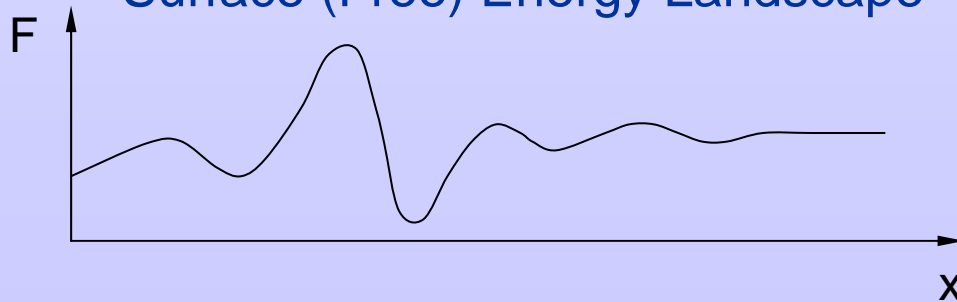


D_{surface} of cyclohexane (squares) and acetone (circles) in porous silicon at $T = 297\text{K}$ as a function of loading

Arrhenius plots of D_{surface} for acetone at $\Theta = 0.6$ (circles), $\Theta = 0.27$ (squares) and $\Theta = 0.18$ (triangles)

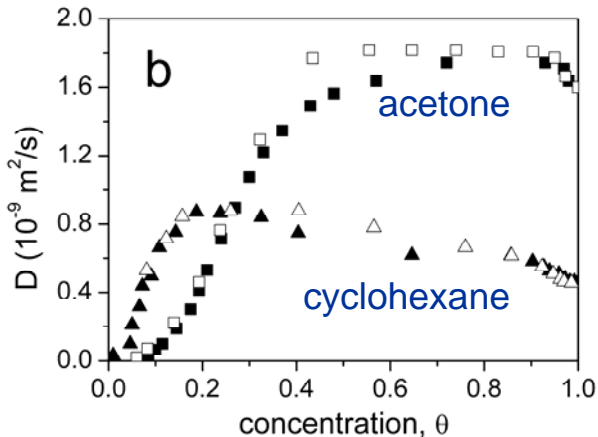
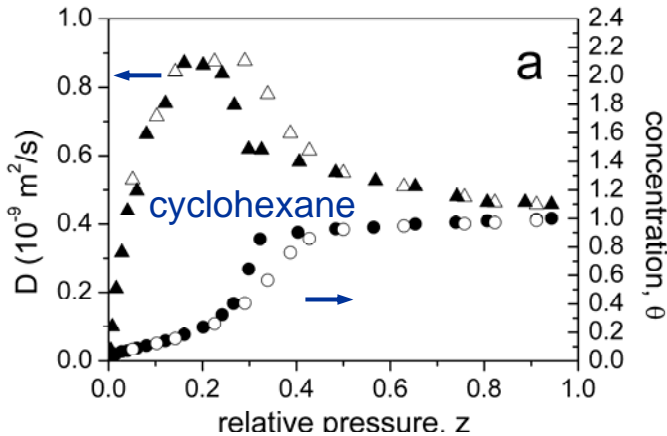
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Surface (Free) Energy Landscape

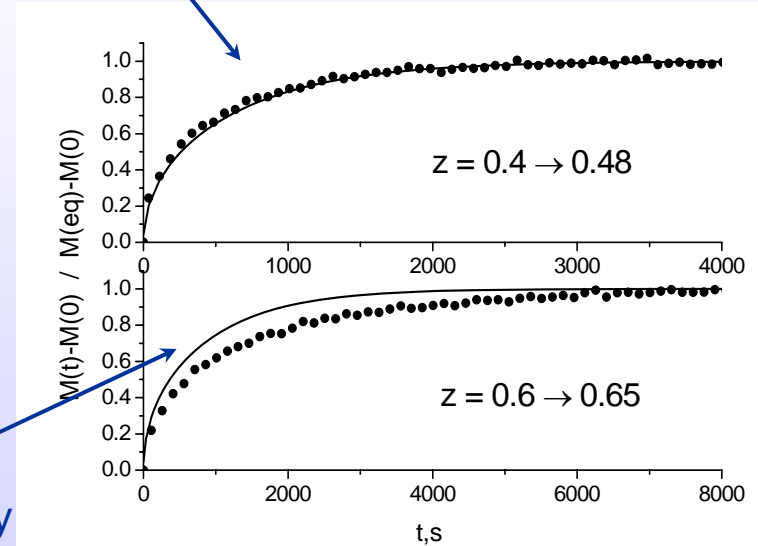


Adsorption Hysteresis

How Past rather than Presence Controls Molecular Mobilities



Excellent agreement between experimental uptake and PFG NMR prediction



Uptake is dramatically slowed down in the range of hysteresis

Combined PFG NMR and Uptake Studies of Hysteresis of Cyclohexane in Vycor Porous Glass

PFG NMR Studies of Hysteresis in Porous Silicon

open symbols: adsorption branch
closed symbols: desorption branch

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