Project 6

PFG NMR Studies of Zeolitic Diffusion

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Intracrystalline Diffusion

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



n-Butane / Silicalite-1

two sets of measurement with different samples

$$p_y = 1 p_x = 0.32$$

 $p_z = 0.067$

 $(E_{b}-E_{d}) = 21.5 \text{ kJ/mol}$ N = 3000 (×1nm)

Gas Diffusion in Polycrystalline MFI-type Zeolite Membranes

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The relationship of the estimated diffusion coefficients of methane and the RMSD.

Evidence for Subdomaines in Large Crystals of NaX Zeolite

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Effective diffusivity of *n*-hexane in zeolite NaX at 293 K as a function of observation time.



Self-diffusion coefficients of n-butane in silicalite-1 (triangles) and of *n*-hexane in ZSM-5 (squares) at 298 K (filled symbols) and 353 K (open symbols), measured by PFG NMR as a function of the observation time.



Arrhenius representation of the guest diffusivities measured by PFG NMR within a (closed) sample containing MFI-type zeolites (\triangle : silicalite-1, \blacksquare : ZSM-5) loaded with *n*-hexane at a concentration corresponding to 1 molecule per channel intersection, and their reproducibility after temperature enhancement and reduction. The observation time was 10 ms, the measuring error was smaller than 10 %.



n-alkanes in MFI at a loading corresponding to 6 carbons per channel crossing. Comparison of experimental results at 423K.
■ QENS new data; □ QENS; ▲ PFG-NMR ; ● ZLC.



Chain-length dependence of the self-diffusivities of *n*-alkanes in (a) silicalite-1 determined by PFG NMR at 423 K and in (b) Na-ZSM-5 determined by QENS at 475 K (the dotted squares correspond to the new measurements in silicalite-1) and comparison with previous **PFG NMR self-diffusion** measurements in (c) NaX at 475 K and in (d) NaCaA at 443 K and (e) neutron spin echo transport diffusion measurements in NaCaA at 475 K.



Schematic representation of the configuration of two *n*-alkanes within the hole network of a zeolite: *n*-octane fits well into a cage (a), but one end of *n*-dodecane sits in a window between two cages (b).



n-alkanes in NaCaA: Variation of diffusivity with carbon number (at 473K). NSE \mathbf{x} ZLC ● and o PFG NMR data at 1 molecule/cage Δ and \Box , and 2 molecules/cage \Diamond .

Influence of defects on the external crystal surface on the isobutane uptake into MFI-type zeolite





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

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

Mean Propagator for Ethane in NaCaA Crystallites of Different Size



complementary to single-particle tracking



PFG NMR Spin-echo attenuation of methane in zeolite NaCaA at 25°C for different observation times Δ .



Correlating the effective diffusivity of restricted diffusion with the corresponding relative tracer exchange for different ratios $\alpha R/5D_0$ (reflecting the contribution of diffusion- and barrier-control to the overall process).

Silicalite(-1) fragments

Adsorption-desorption with isobutane



Crystal_6:

- adsorption 0-1mbar \Rightarrow adsorption 1-2mbar \Rightarrow desorption 2-1 mbar \Rightarrow desorption 1-0mbar
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th cycle





(MAS) PFG NMR

MAS PFG diffusometry for isobutane, n-butane, and mixtures in silicalite-1





(MAS) PFG NMR

(a) ¹H-NMR spectra of ethane (signal 1), ethene (signal 3), water (signal 2) and benzene (signal 4) adsorbed in zeolite NaX.

(b) and (c) Attenuation of the observed spectra with increasing gradient intensity for a separation Δ of 10ms (static PFG NMR, (c)) and 20ms (MAS PFG NMR, (b)), respectively. The different spectra correspond to different *k*.

Observation at 400 MHz static (top) and with MAS (bottom), respectively.

(MAS) PFG NMR



Semi-logarithmic plot of the spin-echo attenuation of the several components observed using MAS and static PFG NMR experiments, respectively.

The lines were calculated using equ. $\Psi = \exp(-k D_i)$ fitted by least-squares optimisation. Broken straight lines are guides for the eyes of the attenuation data obtained for benzene, ethylene and ethane by static PFG NMR.