Diffusion studies by QENS measurements approaching the 'ideal' situation

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Neutron spin echo NSE



$$< r^2 > ^{1/2} = 10 \text{ Å}$$

 $\tau \equiv$ same D

NH₃ / silicalite

4.3 molecules / u.c. T = 360 K



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$$\frac{\partial G_{S}(\mathbf{r},t)}{\partial t} = \boldsymbol{D}_{s} \nabla^{2} G_{S}(\mathbf{r},t)$$

hydrogenated molecules

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

deuterated molecules + O_2 , N_2 , CO_2 , SF_6 ...

$$D_t = \mathbf{D}_0 \frac{d \ln p}{d \ln c} = \mathbf{D}_0 \Gamma$$





H_2O in type A zeolites

circles: 5 H₂O per α -cage

triangles: 15 H_2O per α -cage



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n-alkanes in NaCaA (5A) (T = 475 K, Q = 0.2 Å^{-1})





octane

decane

dodecane

12 C / α -cage

n-alkanes in 5A



'Window effect'



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Ea *n*-alkanes in 5A







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Ds *n*-alkanes / silicalite (T = 300 K)



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Ea *n*-alkanes / silicalite



Coherent scattering



 C_2D_6 in silicalite @ 300K



Intensity per unit scatterer

q/I





D_t C₇/silicalite @ 300K



QENS





D_s C₇/silicalite @ 300K



coh QENS







2 mol./cage

3.5 mol./cage

Ds Benzene/NaY @ 480 K



Ds Benzene / NaX (T = 468 K)



Do Benzene/NaX



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CONCLUSIONS

Neutron scattering: structure & dynamics molecules adsorbed in zeolites. one can work with small crystals (< μ m)

Diffusion:
$$t : 1 \text{ ps} - 1 \mu \text{s}$$

 $d: 0.1 - 100 \text{ Å}$

Neutron diffusivities are insensitive to internal barriers and approach the simulations performed on ideal structures