



Dynamische Methoden in der Adsorptionstechnik

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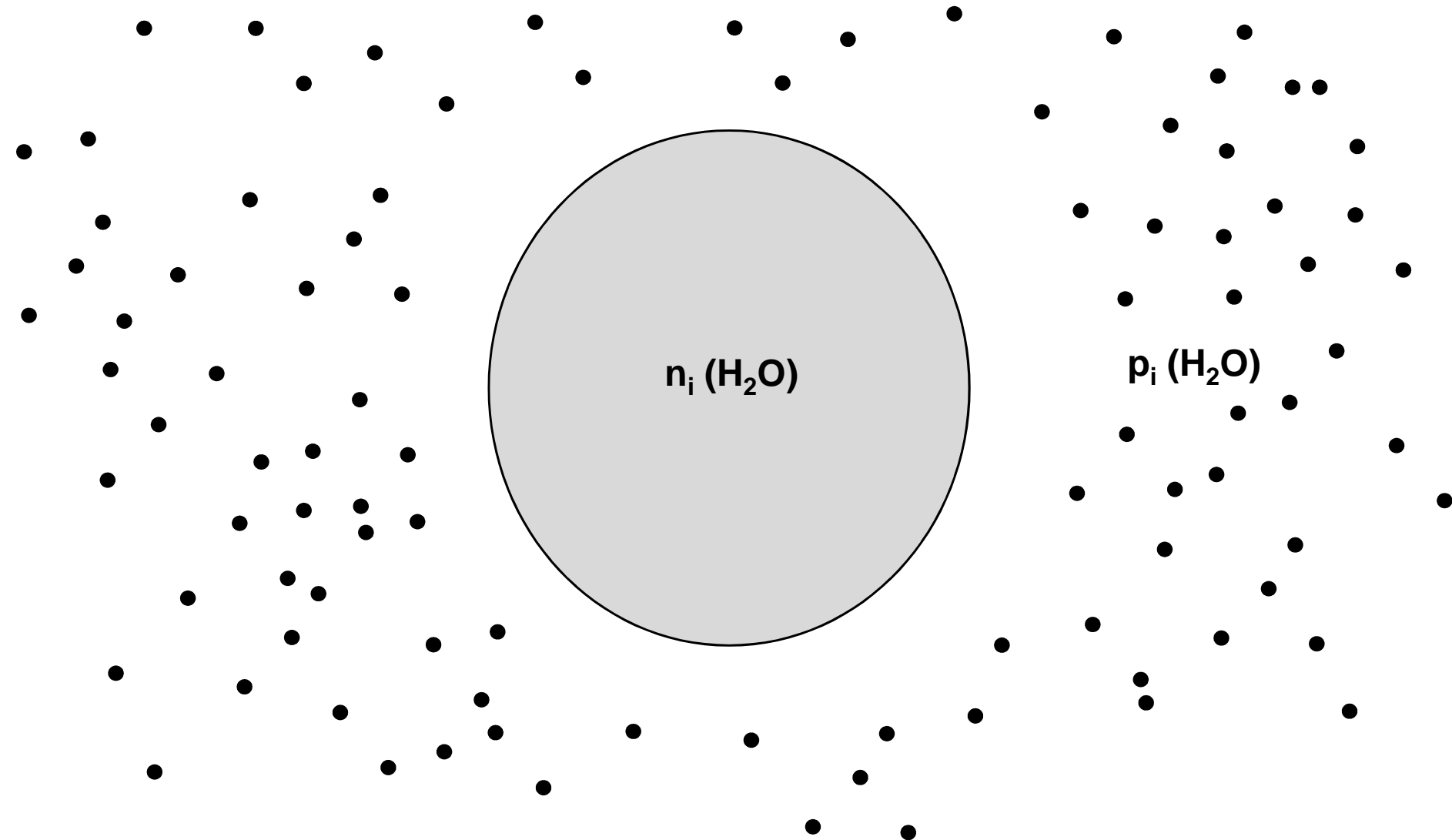
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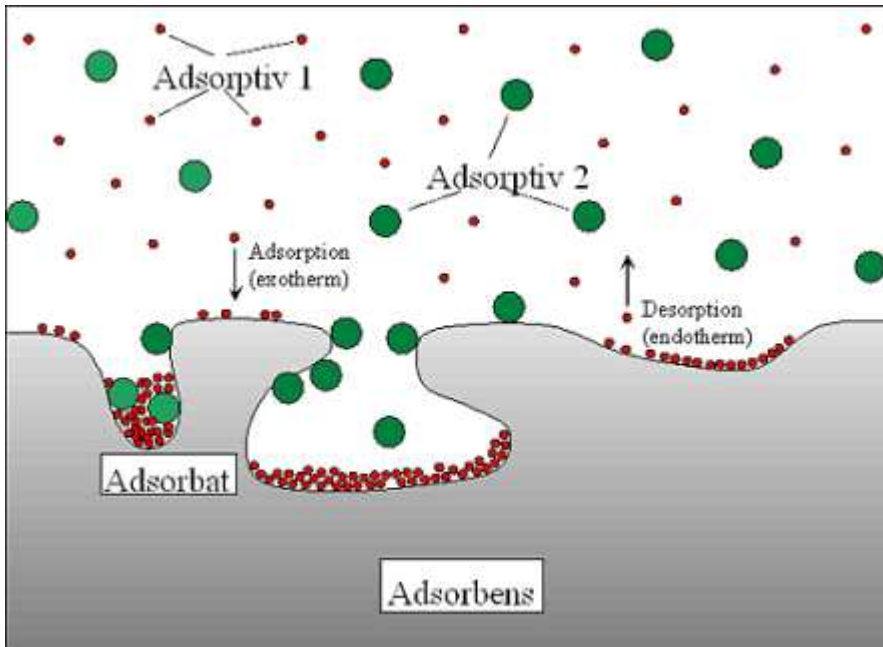
- **Einführung**
Definitionen, Begriffe
- **Poröse Feststoffe**
Materialcharakteristik
- **Isothermen**
Experiment,
Isothermengleichungen
- **Kinetik**
effekt. Transportkoeffizient
- **Wärme**
isosterische Wärme
- **Gemischadsorption**
Experiment, Modelle
- **Reale Anwendungen**
TSA, PSA, Wärme

Adsorption

Isothermal Equilibrium



Adsorption on surfaces / separation effects



Technical usable effects

Thermodynamic effect (differences between the sorption capacities)

Knowledge of Isotherms

Kinetic effect (differences between the sorption velocities)

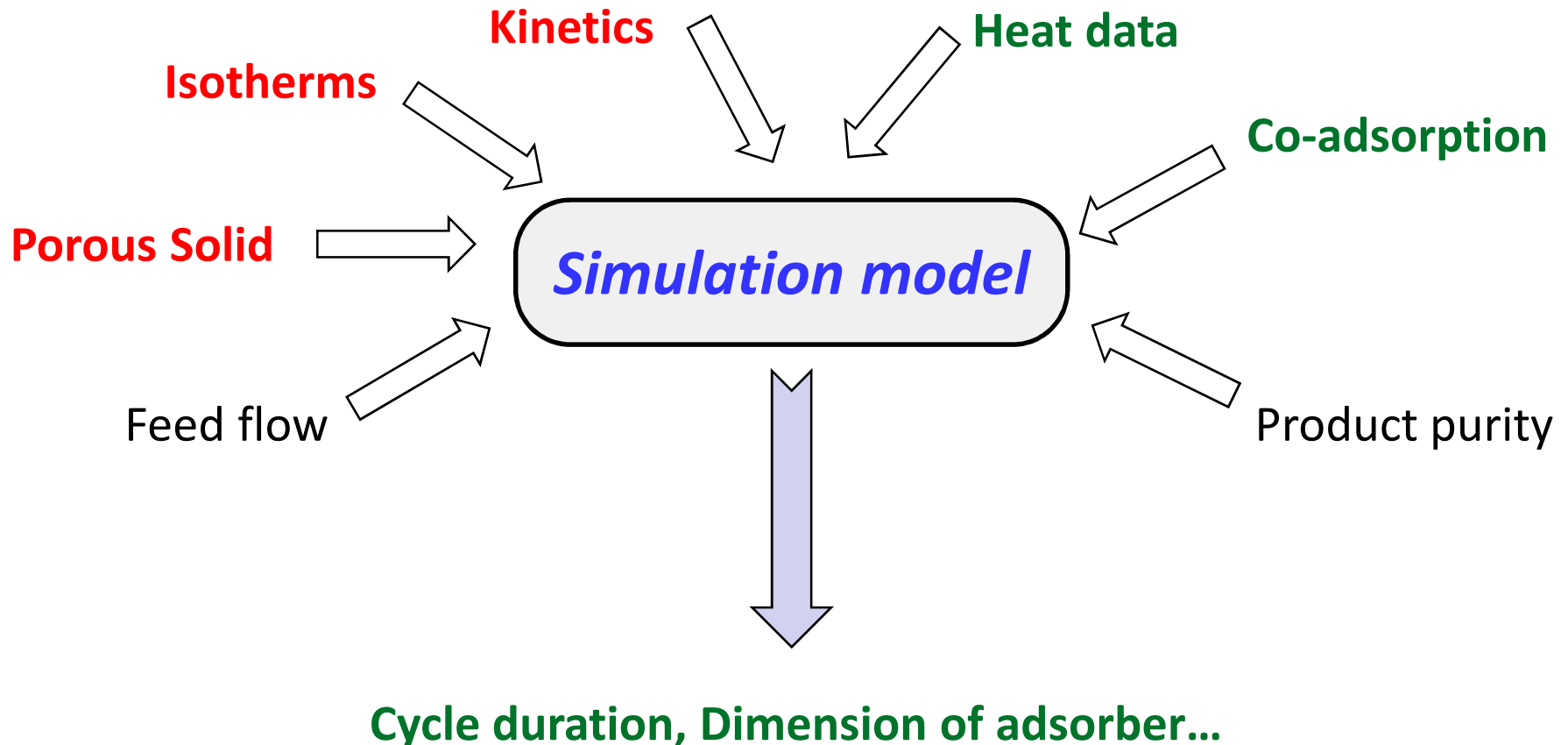
Knowledge of transport coefficients

Steric effect (molecular sieve effect)

Knowledge geometrical parameters

Adsorption process - Input Data

Prediction of breakthrough curves



Modeling – Unknown Parameter

Parameter	Get from	Alternative
Mass Balance		
D_{ax} <i>Axial Dispersion Coefficient</i>	<i>Breakthrough on fixed bed (for example inert material)</i>	<i>Calculation from gas velocity particle size and other Parameters^{1,2)}</i>
k_{eff} <i>Mass Transfer Coefficient</i>	<i>Fitting the model on breakthrough Curves</i>	<i>From Uptake rate experiments?</i>
$n(c_i)$ <i>Adsorbed amount</i>	<i>From Isotherms</i>	<i>Breakthrough exp.</i>
Energy Balances		
Δh <i>Heat of adsorption</i>	<i>From Isotherms</i>	<i>Breakthrough exp.</i>
λ <i>Dispersion Coefficient</i>	<i>Experiments on packed beds (Breakthrough exp.)³⁾</i>	<i>Set Zero to simplify energy balance</i>
h_w, U_g <i>Heat transfer Coefficients</i>	<i>Fitting the model on breakthrough Curves</i>	<i>Fitting the model on breakthrough Curves</i>

1) W. Kast, Adsorption aus der Gasphase, (1988)

2) F.V.S. Lopes et al., *Sep. Sci. Technol.* 44 (2009)

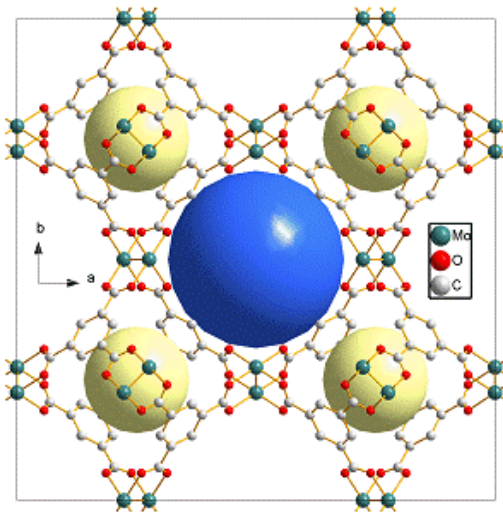
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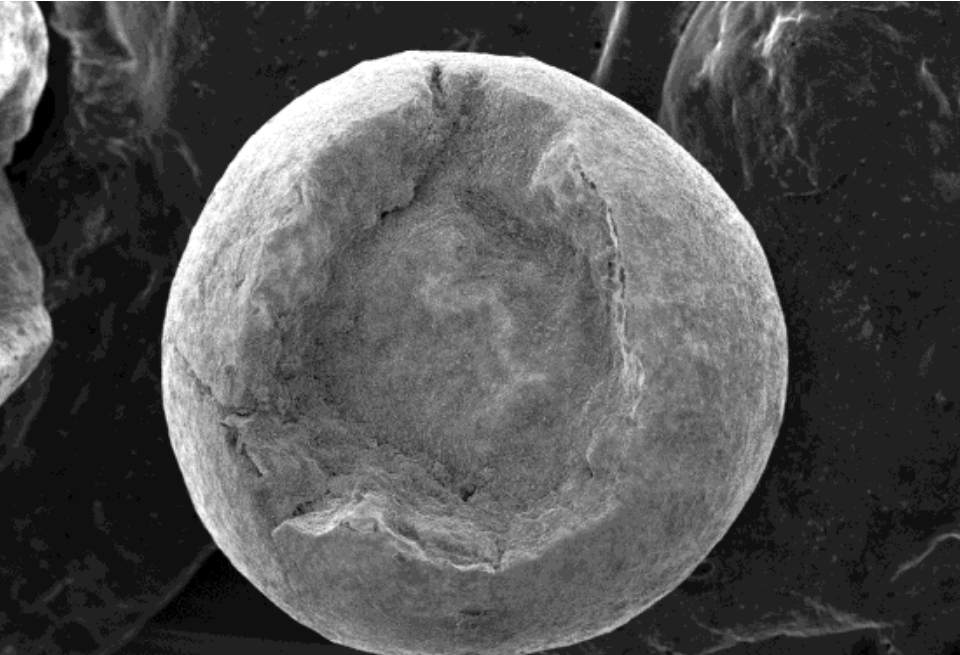
Modeling – Unknown Parameter

Parameter	Get from	Alternative
Thermophysical Properties		
c_{PS} <i>Heat capacity of porous material</i>	<i>Literature</i>	<i>Experiments</i>
c_{PG} <i>Heat capacity of gas phase</i>	<i>Literature</i>	<i>Experiments</i>
ρ_i^* <i>Density of gas phase</i>	<i>Equation of State</i>	<i>Experiments</i>
ρ_w <i>Heat capacity of wall</i>	<i>Literature</i>	<i>Experiments</i>
$\alpha_w \alpha_{wL}$ <i>Surface to Volume ratio</i>	<i>Geometry</i>	

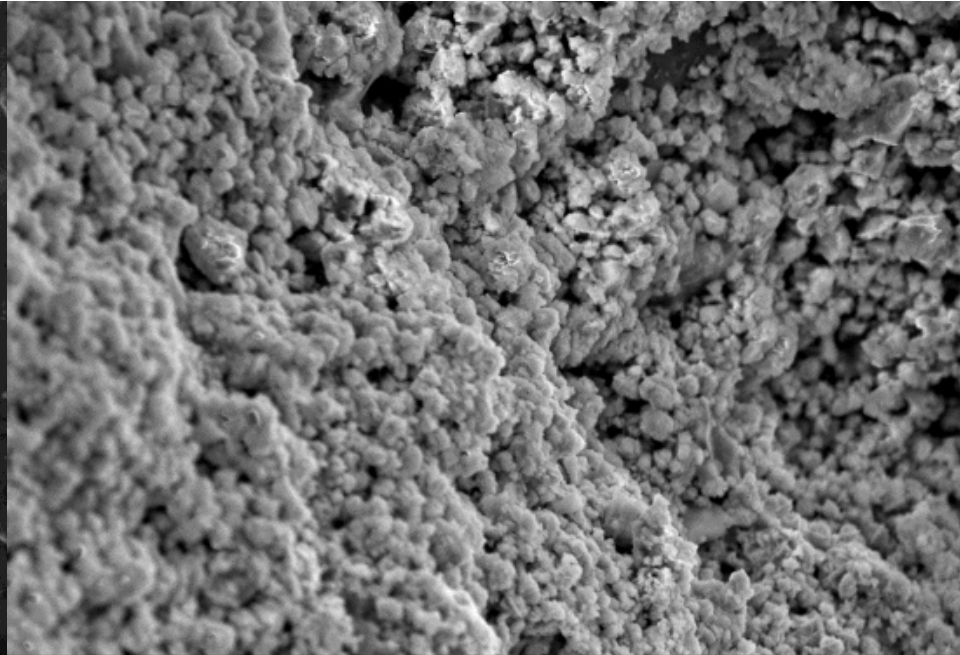
Porous materials

- Activated Carbon
- Zeolite
- Molecular sieve
- Silicagel
- MOF

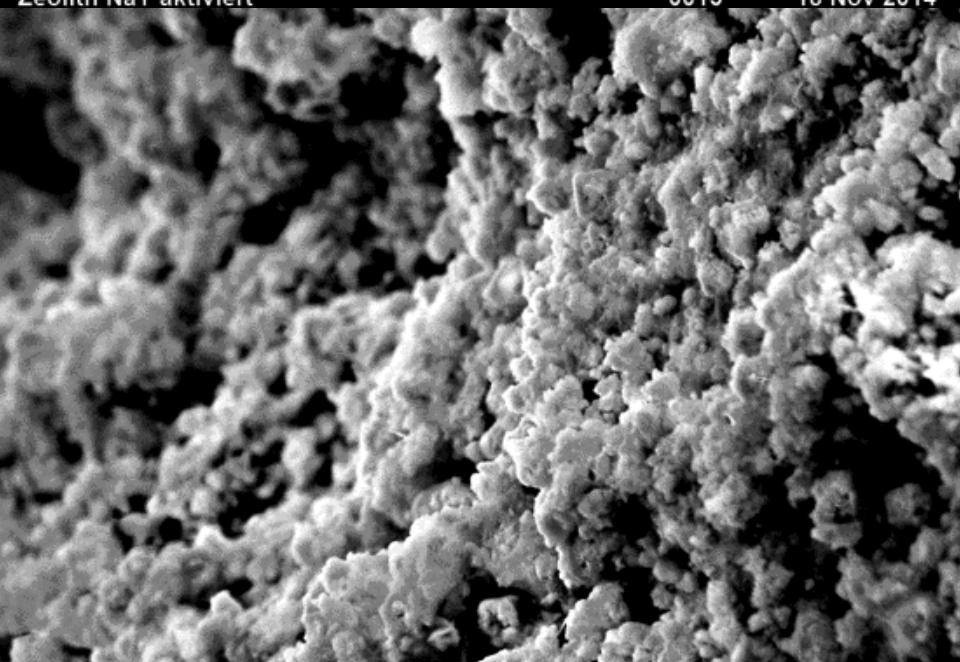




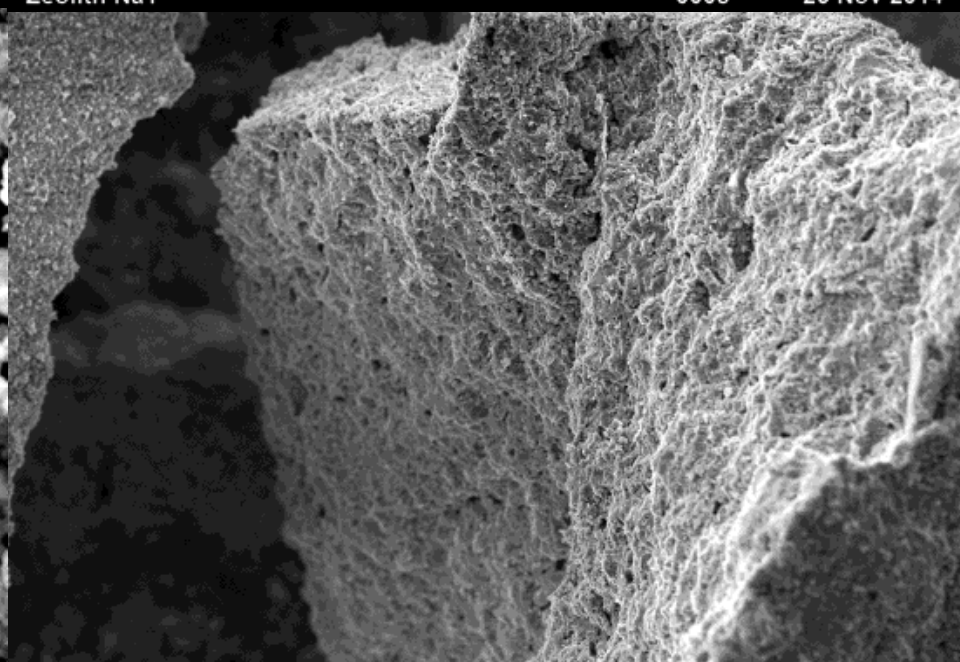
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SEI 7kV WD10mm SS50 x2,000 10µm
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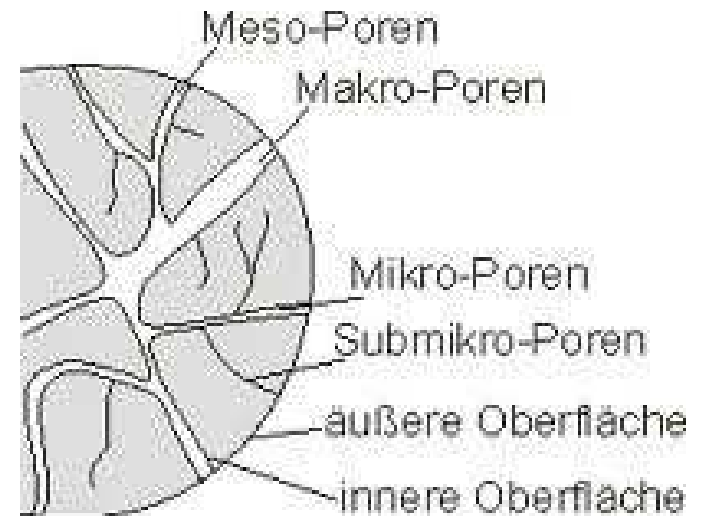
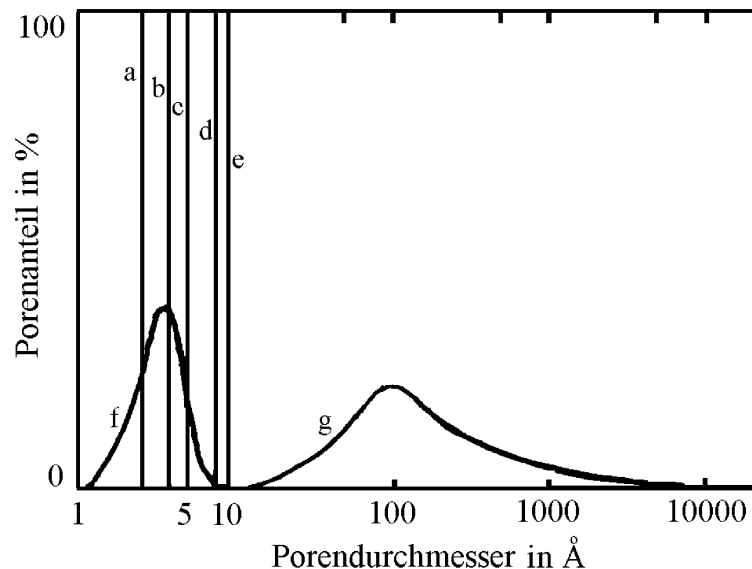
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Classification of pores

Submicropores	$d \leq 0,4 \text{ nm}$
Mikropores	$0,4 < d \leq 2,0 \text{ nm}$
Mesopores	$2,0 < d \leq 50 \text{ nm}$
Makropores	$d > 50 \text{ nm}$

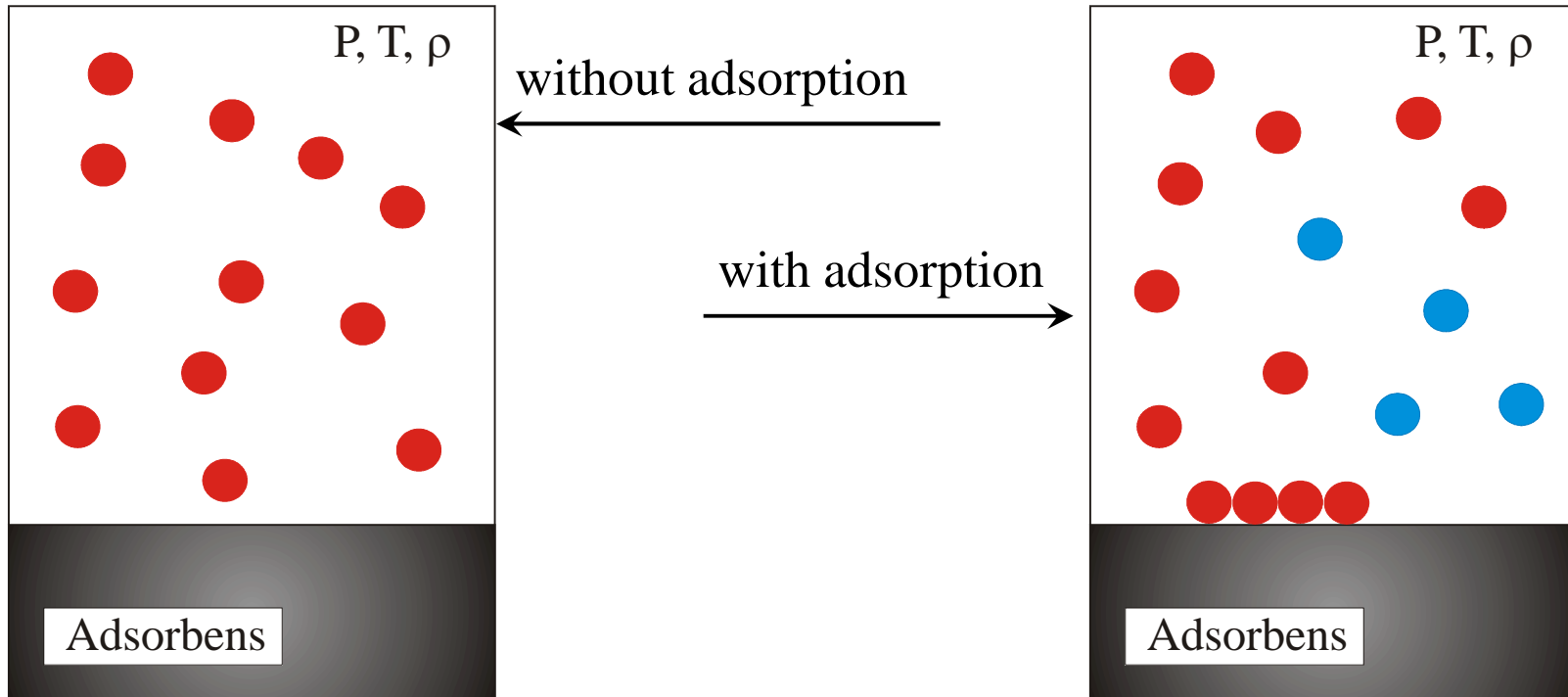


Quelle: VDI-Richtlinie 3674
<http://www.chemgapedia.de>

Characterisation of porous materials

- Pore size distribution: DIN 66135
- BET surface, pore radius: DIN 66135
- Iodine number: ASTM D4607 – 94
- Water content: DIN 51718
- Ashes content: DIN 51719
- Density (bulk, Helium)
- Abrasion, Particle size distribution
- Benzole Adsorption at rel. Pressure: 0.9, 0.1, 0.01, 0.001
- VDI-Richtlinie 3674

Excess amount adsorbed

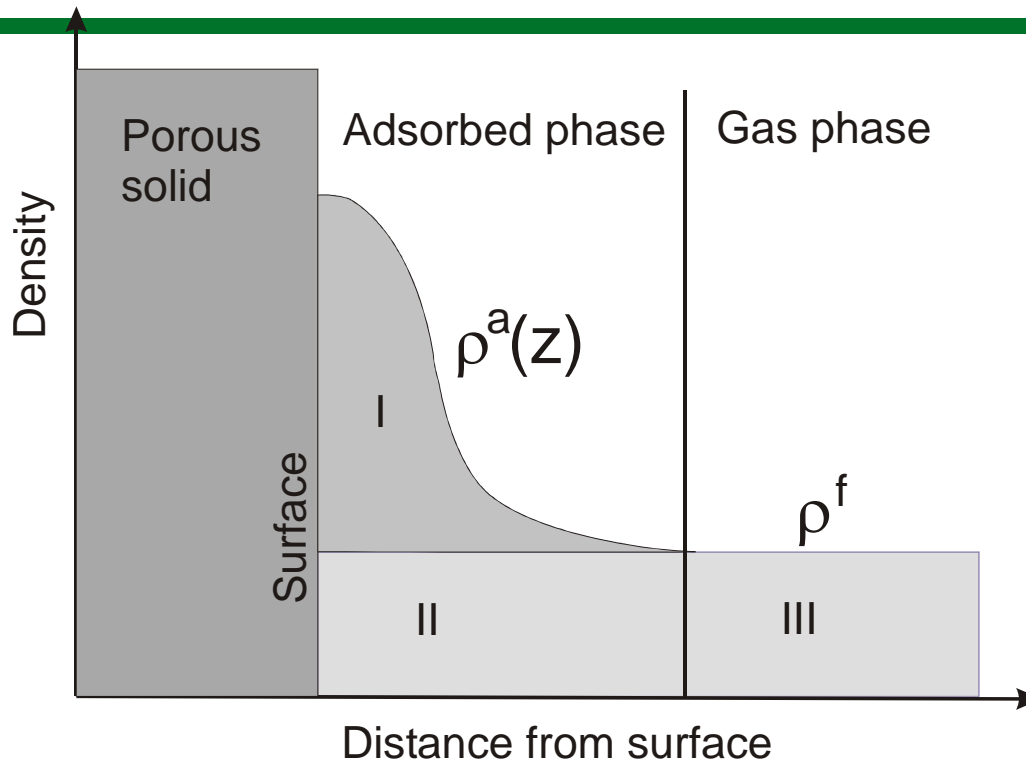


Gibbs definition of
excess amount adsorbed

$$m_{GE} = (\rho^f - \rho^{f'}) (V - V^s)$$

Total mass in system m_{total} 12 + 4
 Mass in gas phase m^f 8 + 4
 Gibbs excess mass m_{GE} 4

Excess amount adsorbed



Total mass in system m_{total} (I + II + III)

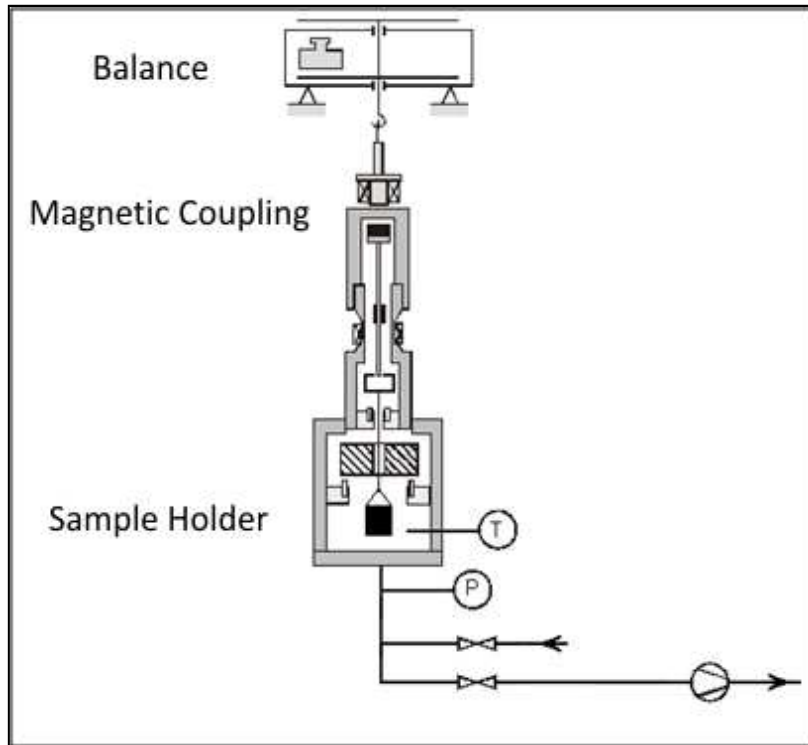
Volume of Gas phase $V^f = V - V^{\text{Solid}}$

Mass in gas phase m^f (II + III)

Gibbs excess mass $m_{\text{GE}} = m_{\text{total}} - m^f$ (I)

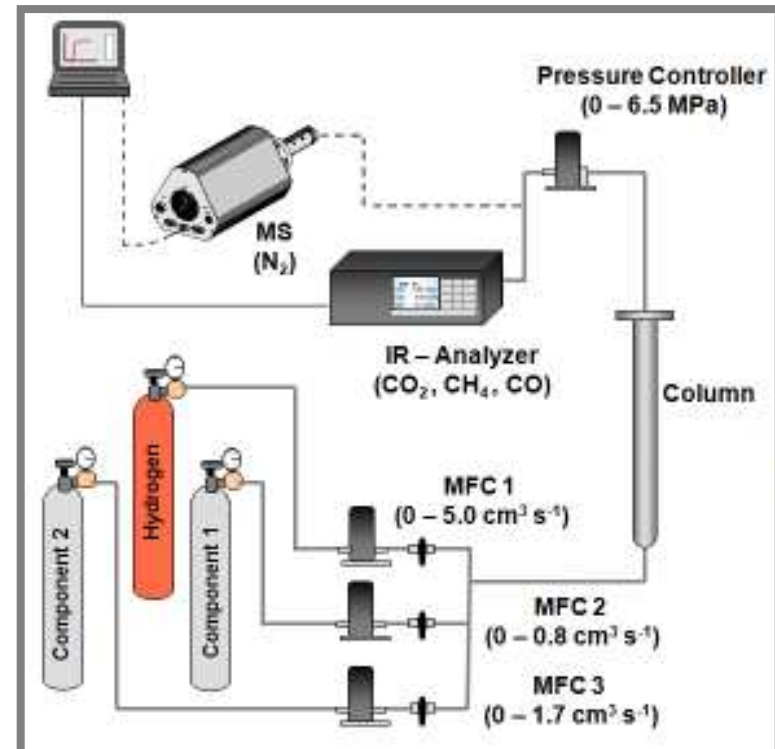
Experiment

Isotherms



- Isotherms of pure components
- Pressures up to 3.5 MPa
- Temperature range: 260 to 700 K

Breakthrough Curves



- Breakthrough curves
- Pressures up to 1.0 MPa
- Ambient temperature

Procedure of measurement I

Start: Calibration of instrument

→ Volume of Sample

→ Dead volume

Step 1: Measurements without sample

→ Value of unloaded microbalance

→ Value of unloaded adsorber

Step 2: Installation of sample

Step 3: Activation / regeneration of sample

→ Mass lost of sample by desorption

Procedure of measurement II

Regeneration Process:

- Time (cp. technical process)
- Temperature, Pressure (cp. technical process)
- Gas flow

In Dynamic experiment:

- Close to technical application / real process

Step 4: Measurement with non-adsorbing gas:

- Helium volume
- Gas velocity

Helium measurement = reference measurement

Procedure of measurement III

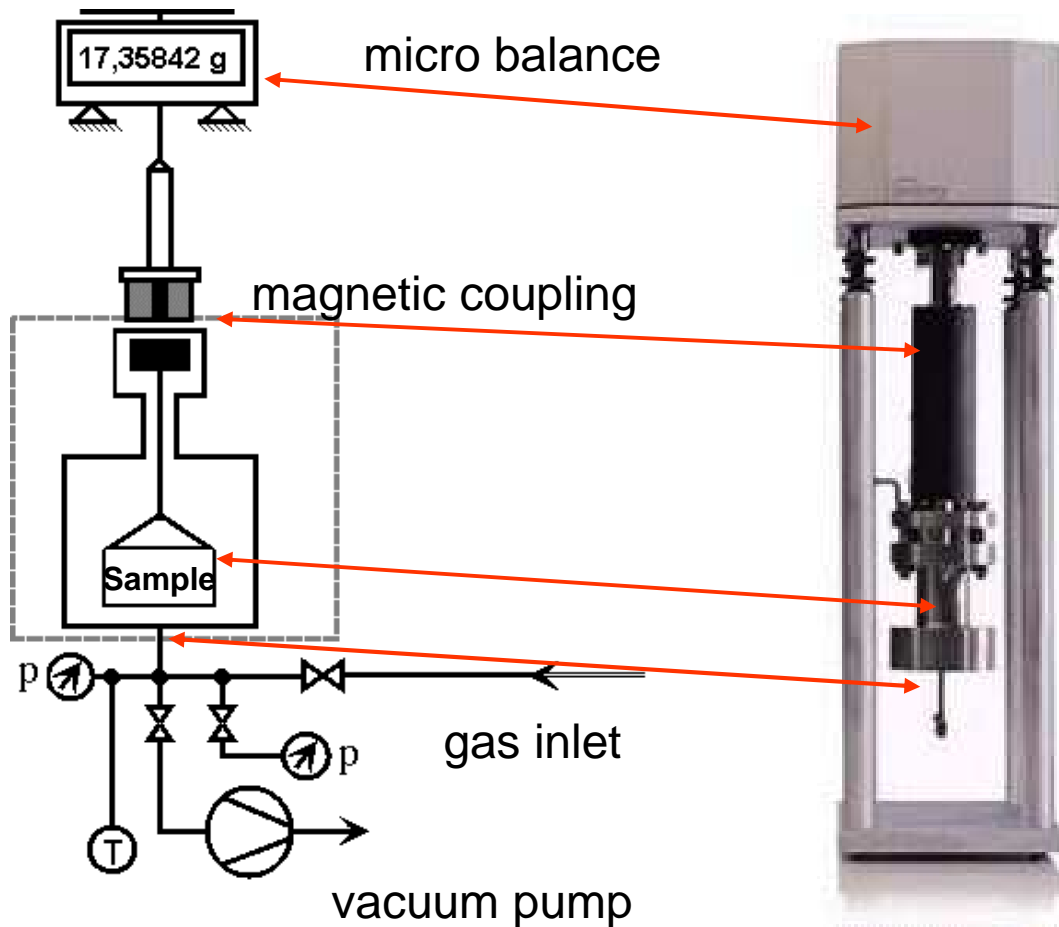
Step 5: Measurement of adsorption isotherm / break through curve
→ Excess amount adsorbed

Adsorption equilibrium

- Time (cp. technical process)
- Constant Microbalance signal

Step 6: Measurement of desorption / regeneration
→ regeneration time and conditions

Instrumental setup



balance

- time-resolution 1 sec
- mass-resolution 10 μg
- temperature RT-500 $^{\circ}\text{C}$

pressure transducers

- 0.01 mbar – 10 mbar
- 1 mbar - 200 mbar
- 200 mbar - 30 bar

temperature sensor

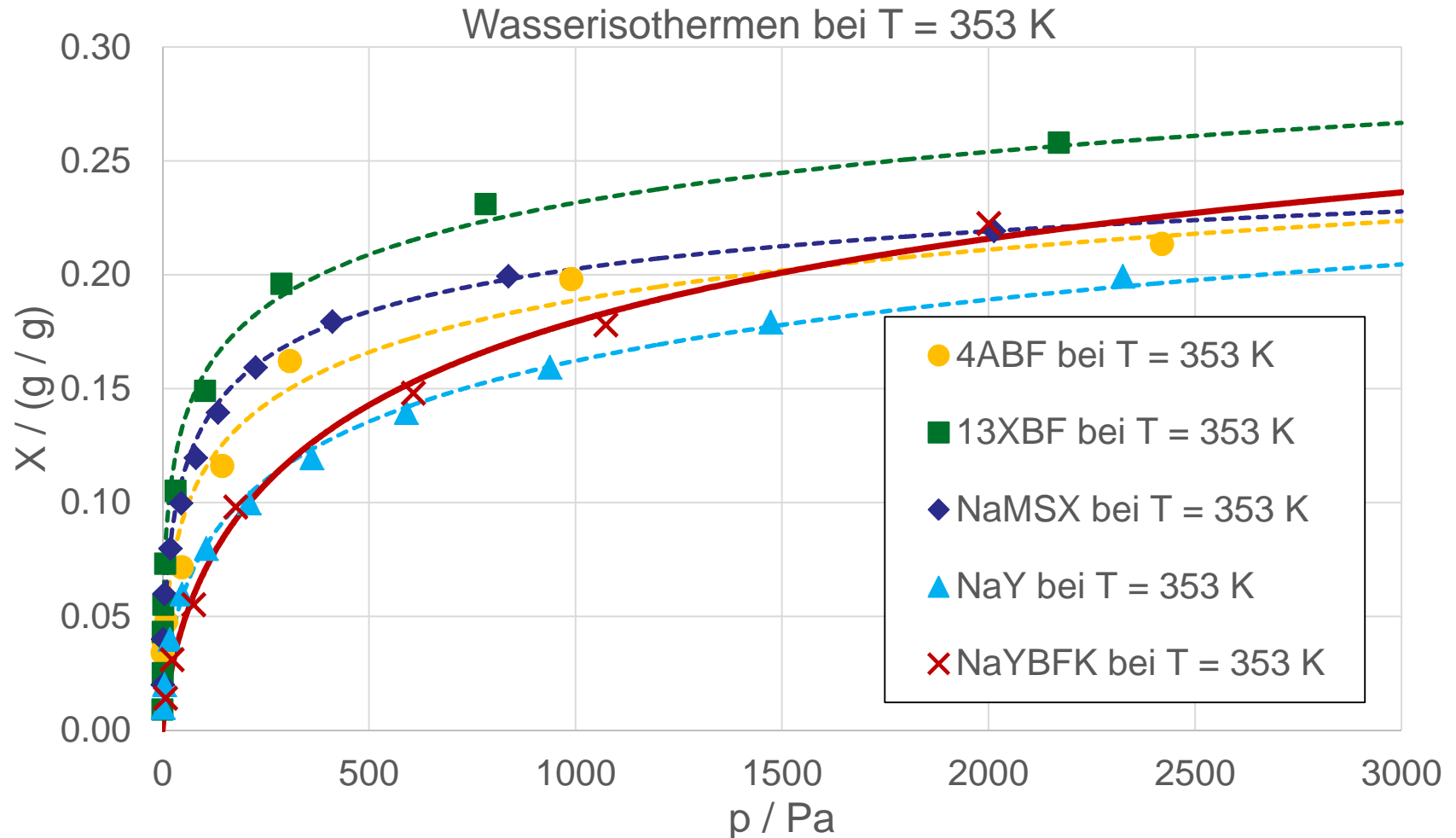
- PT 100 sensor

vacuum

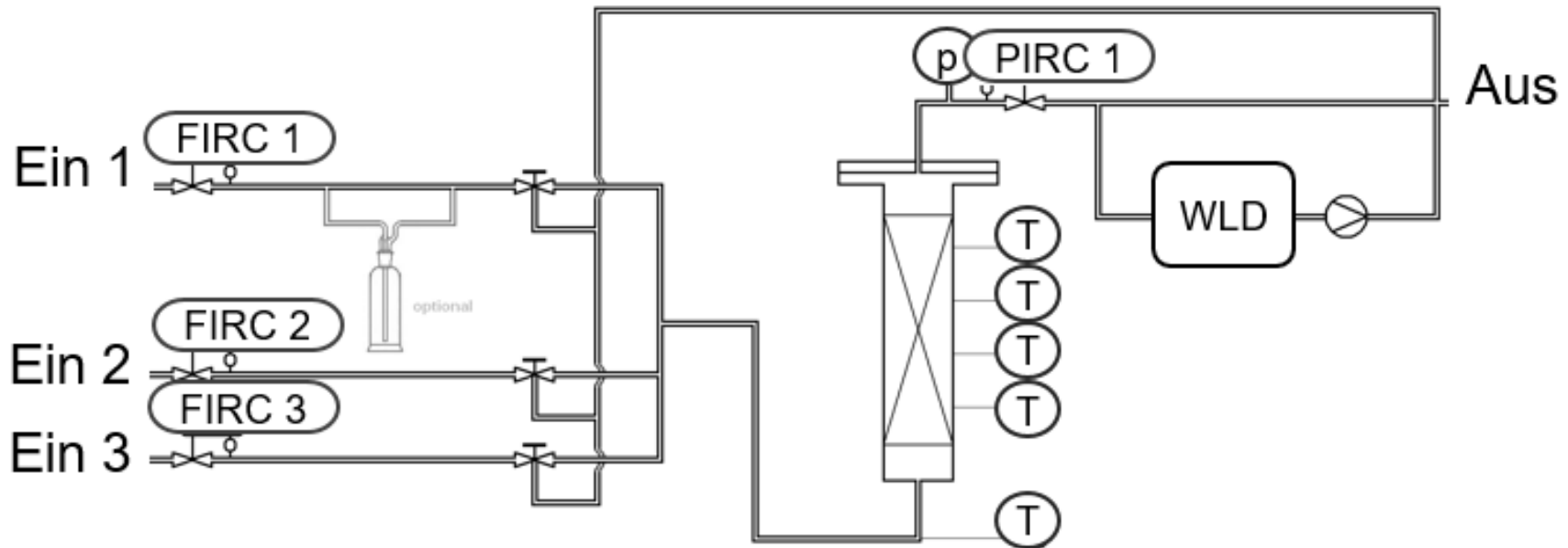
- turbomoleculare pump

Adsorption

Choice of zeolite



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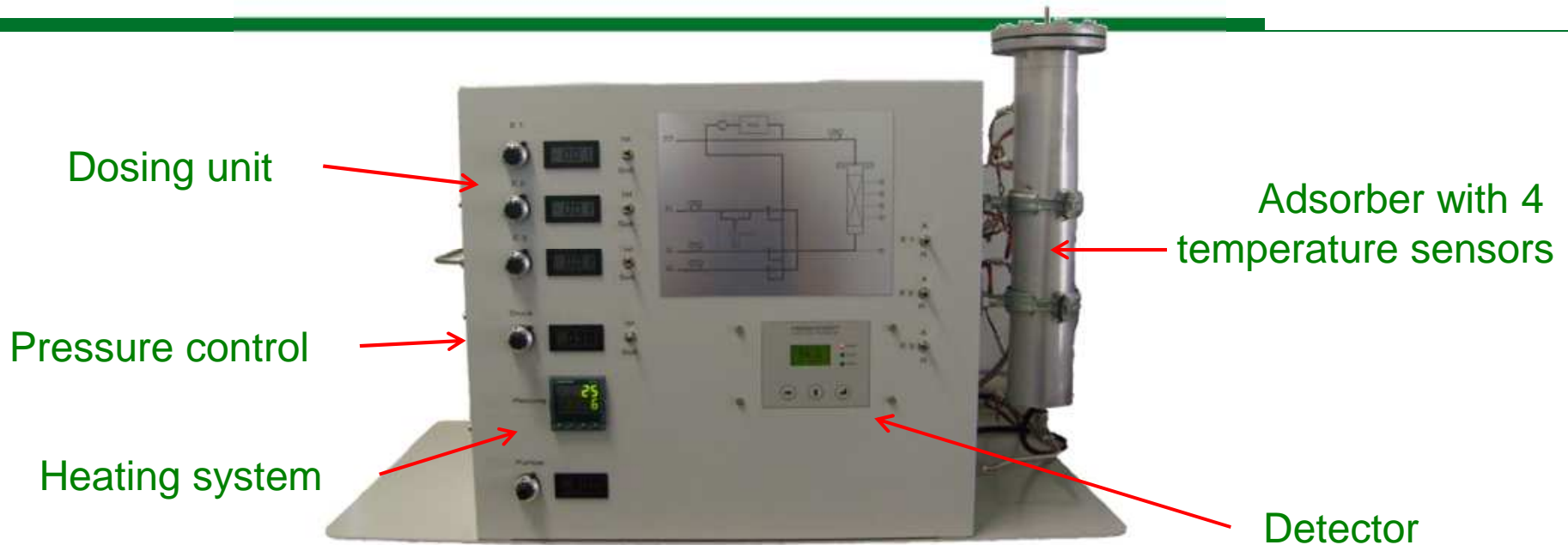


$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &= m - V^{\text{as}} \rho^{\text{f}} \\ &= \dot{m}_{\text{flow}} * t - V_{\text{col}} * \rho^{\text{f}}\end{aligned}$$

Calibration of instrument: volume, WLD, ...

Measurement: concentration $c(t)$, massflow m_{flow}
and time t

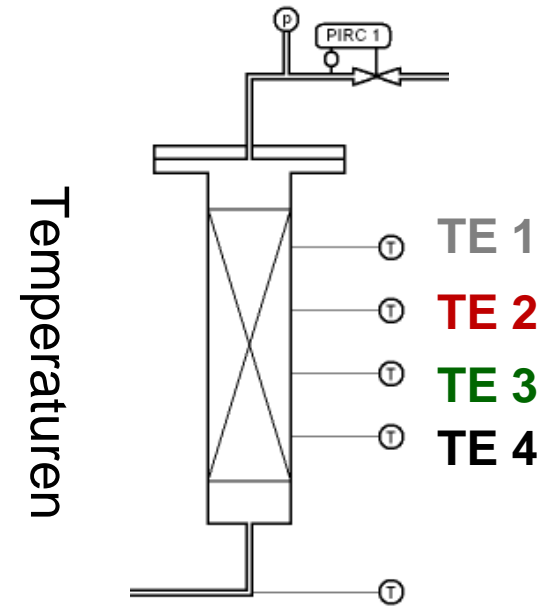
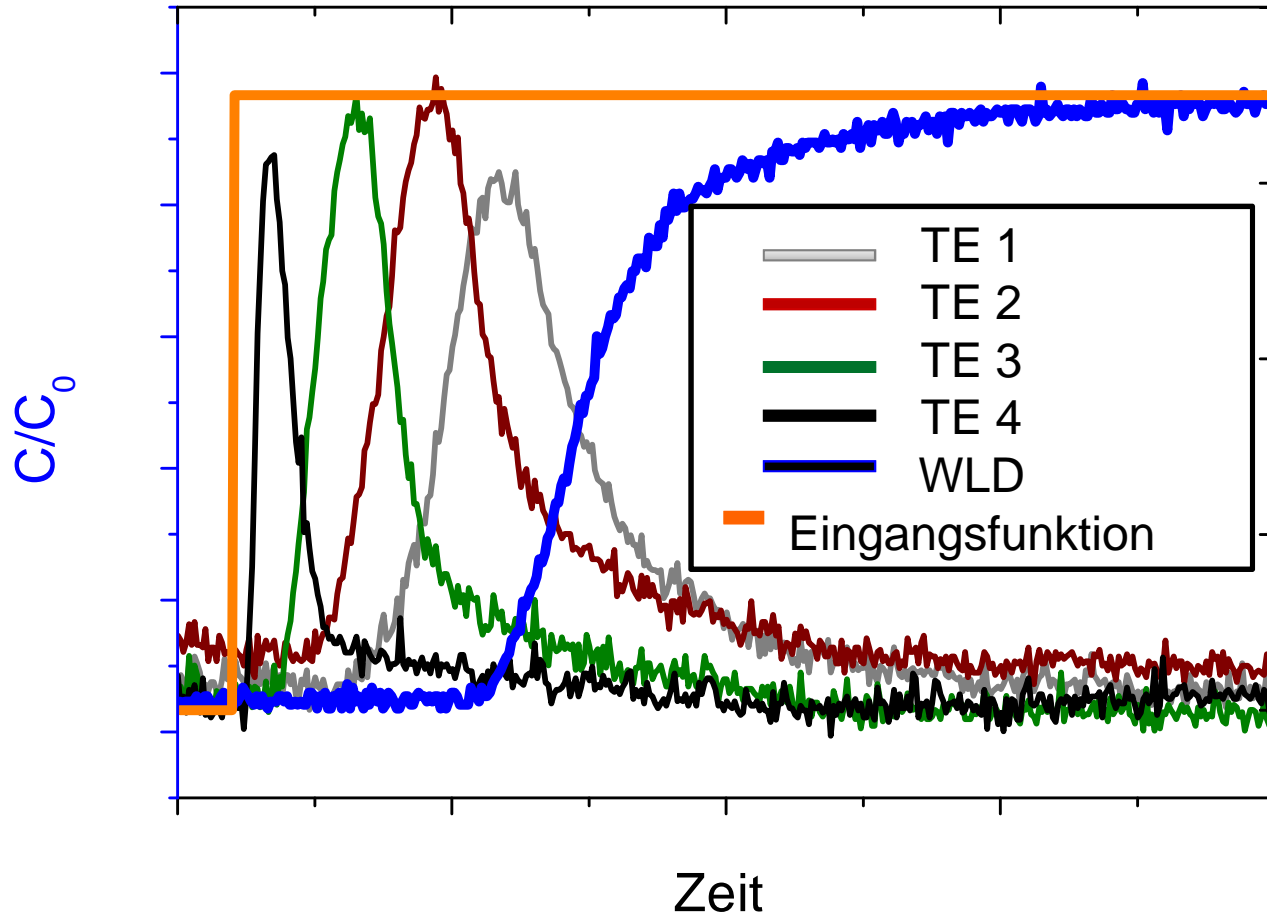
Breakthrough curves



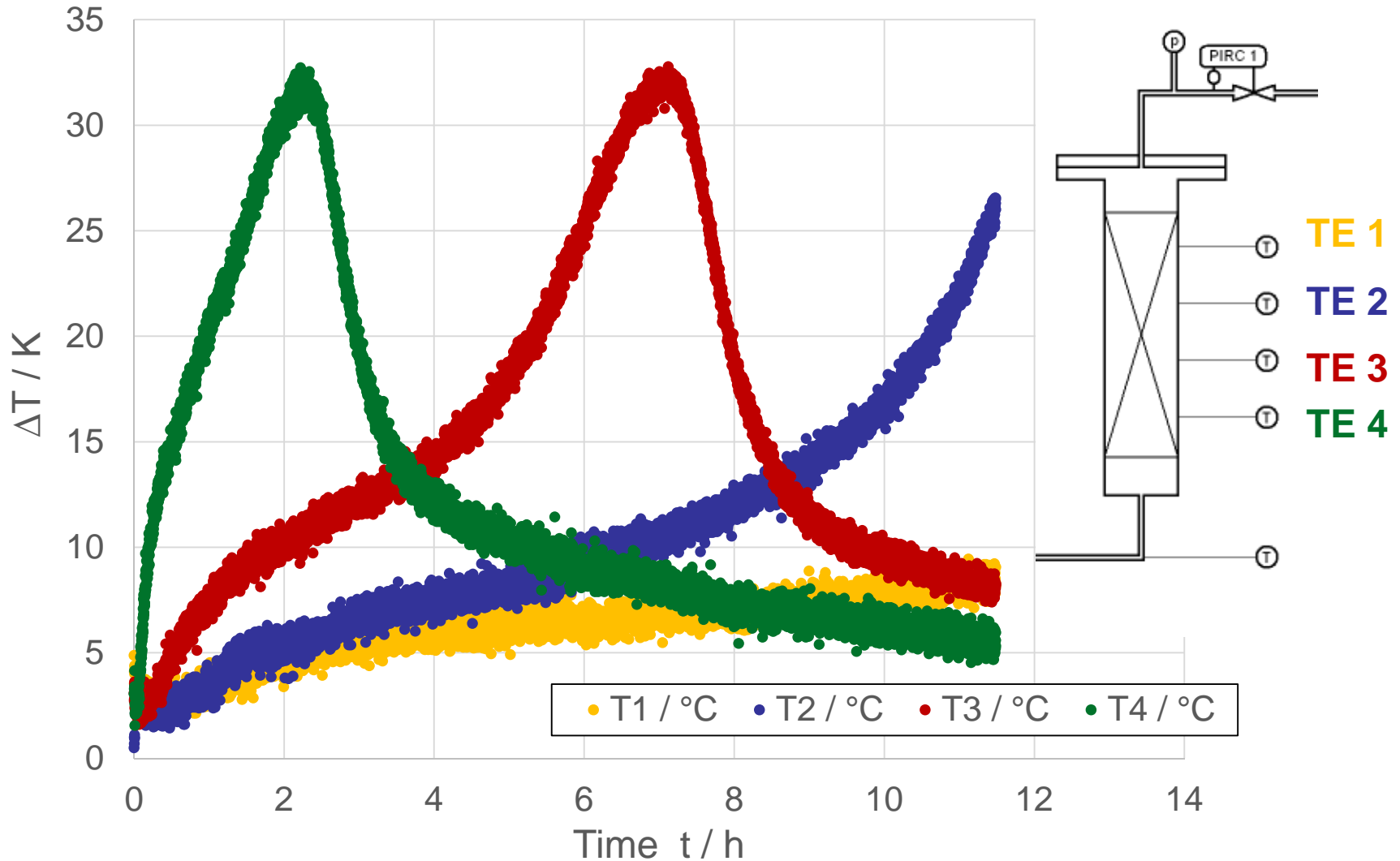
Measurement of breakthrough curves

- on approx. 100 g sample
- up to 10 bar, 3 different gas inlets (2 x 5 NL min⁻¹, 1 x 1 NL min⁻¹)
- detection of gas composition with thermal conductivity detector
- measurement of temperature profiles (4 sensors)

INCurves120

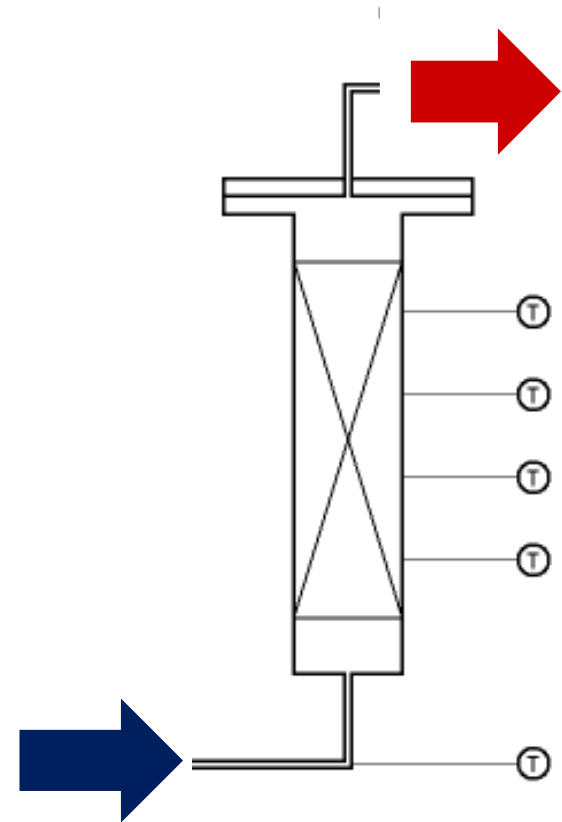
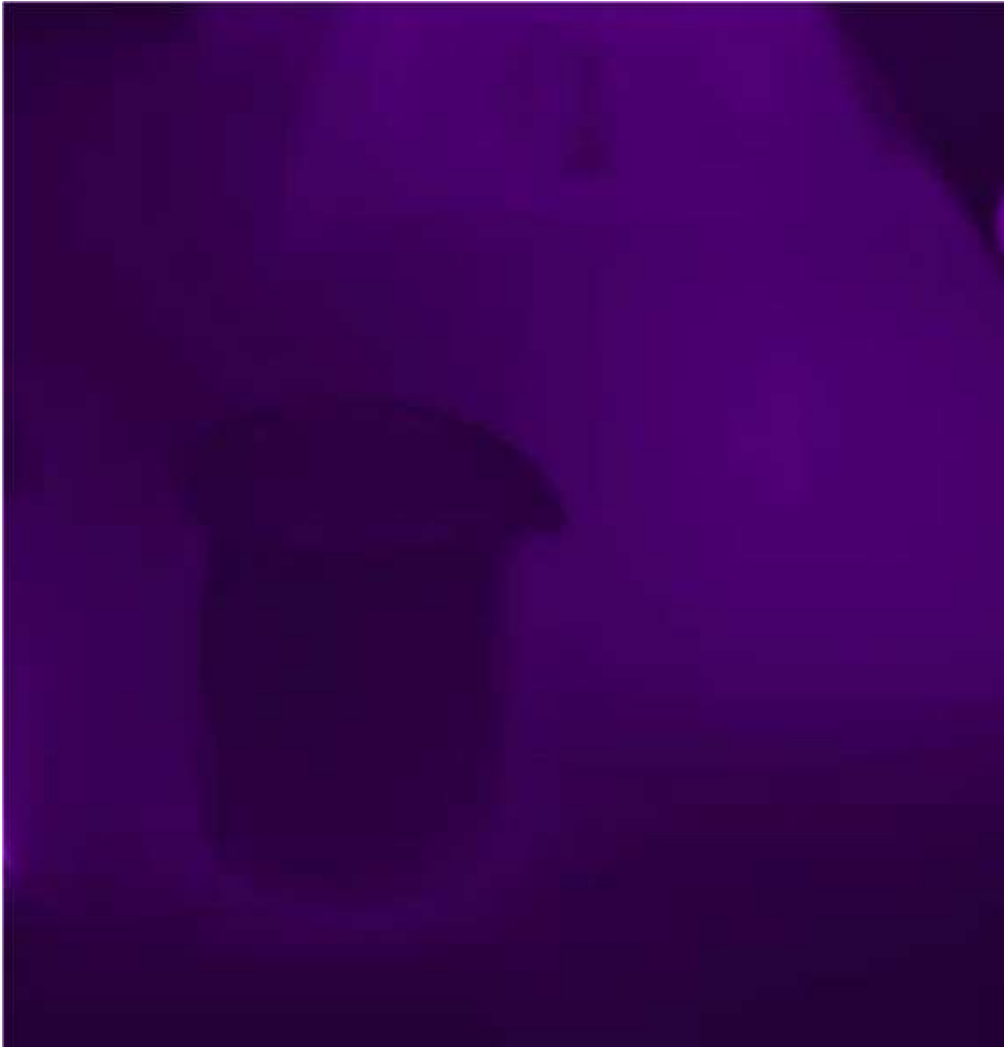


Reactor without isolation

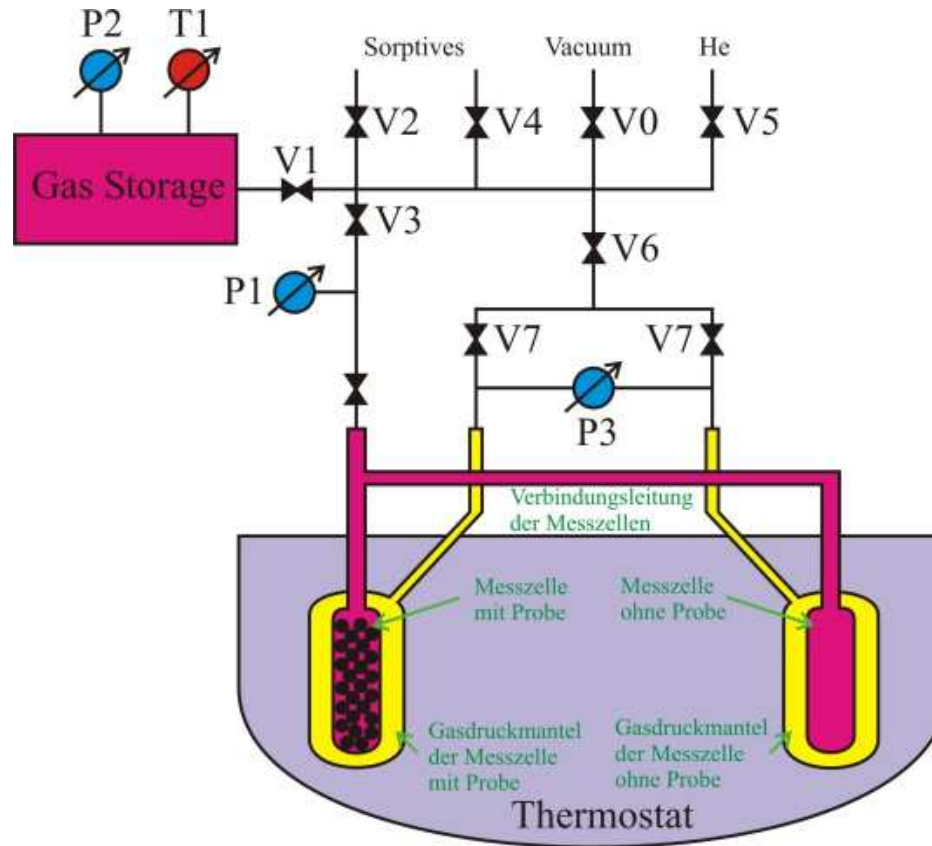


Fascination

Zeolite - Water

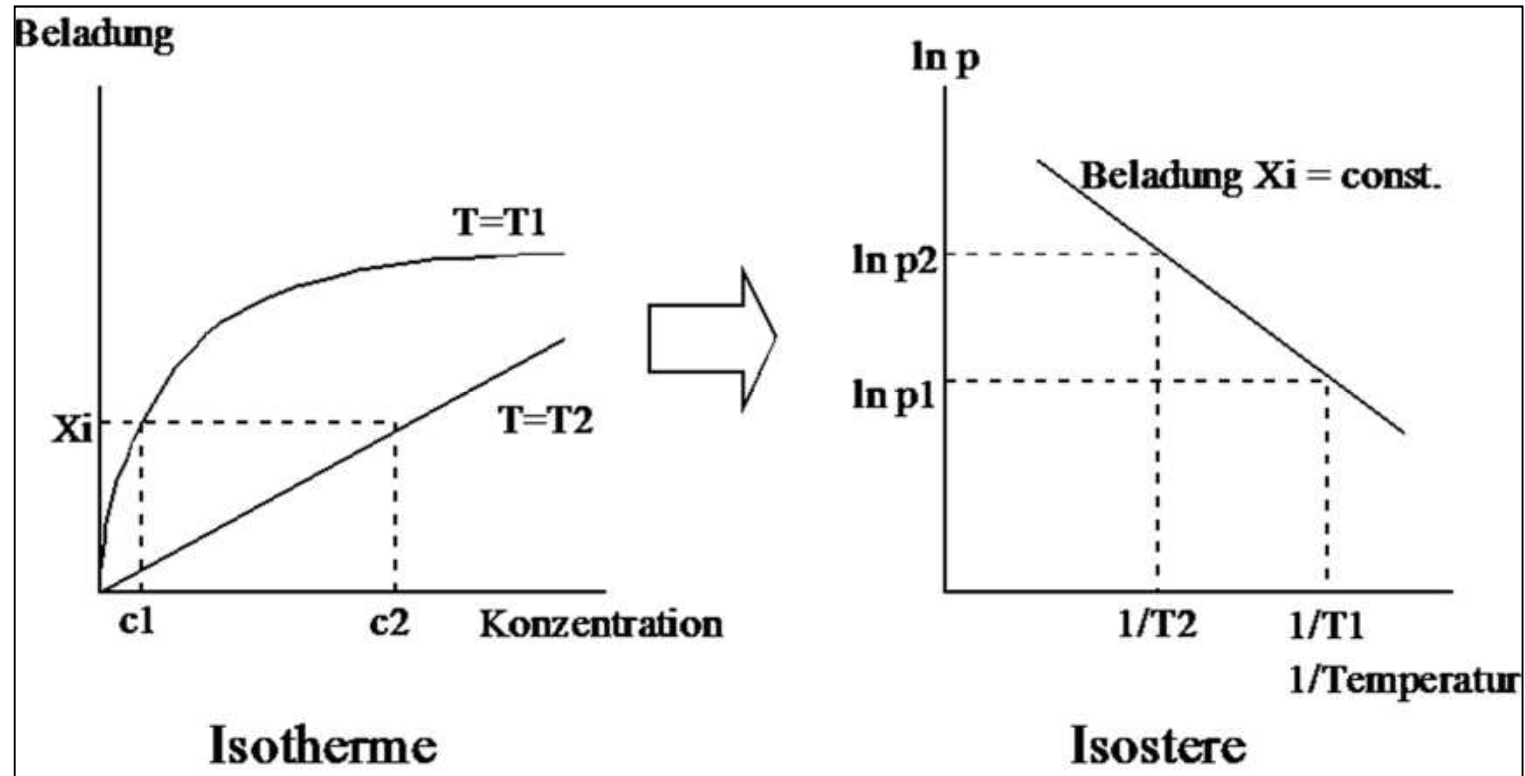


Heat of Adsorption - Experiment



Quelle: Zimmermann/Keller Universität Siegen

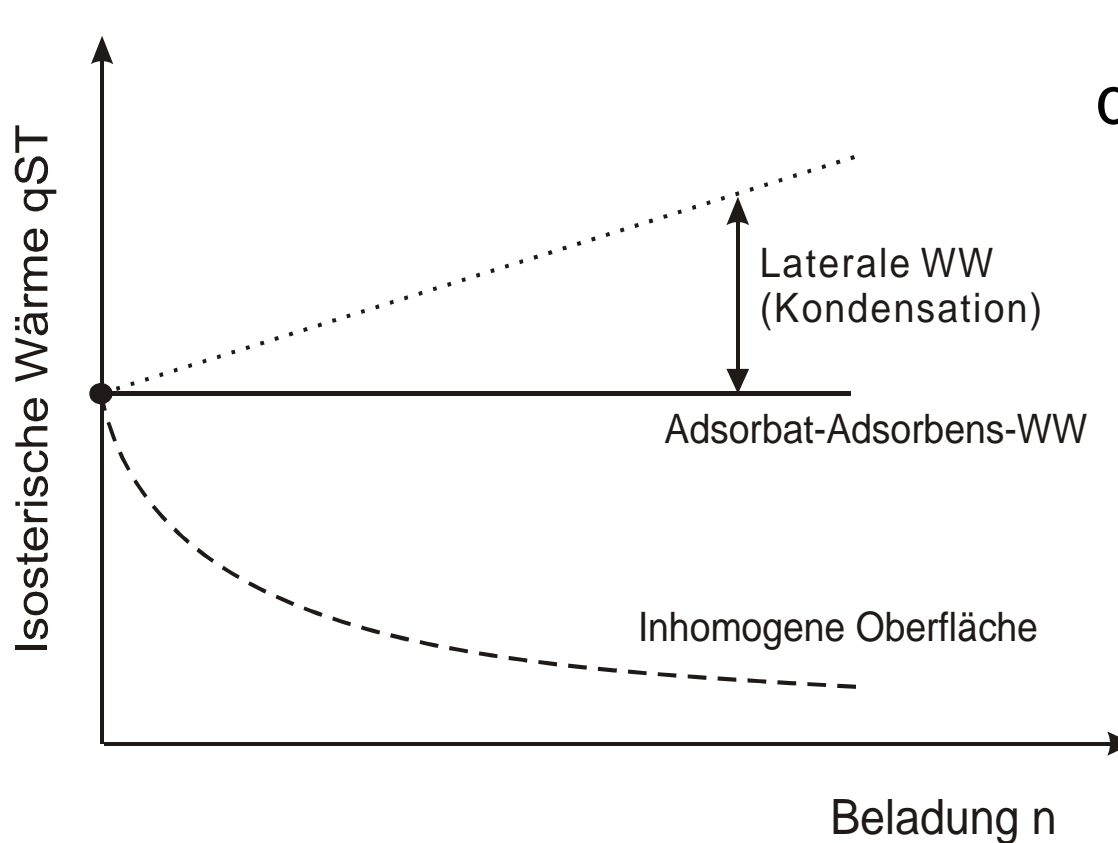
Isosteric heat of adsorption



cp. Clausius Clapeyron

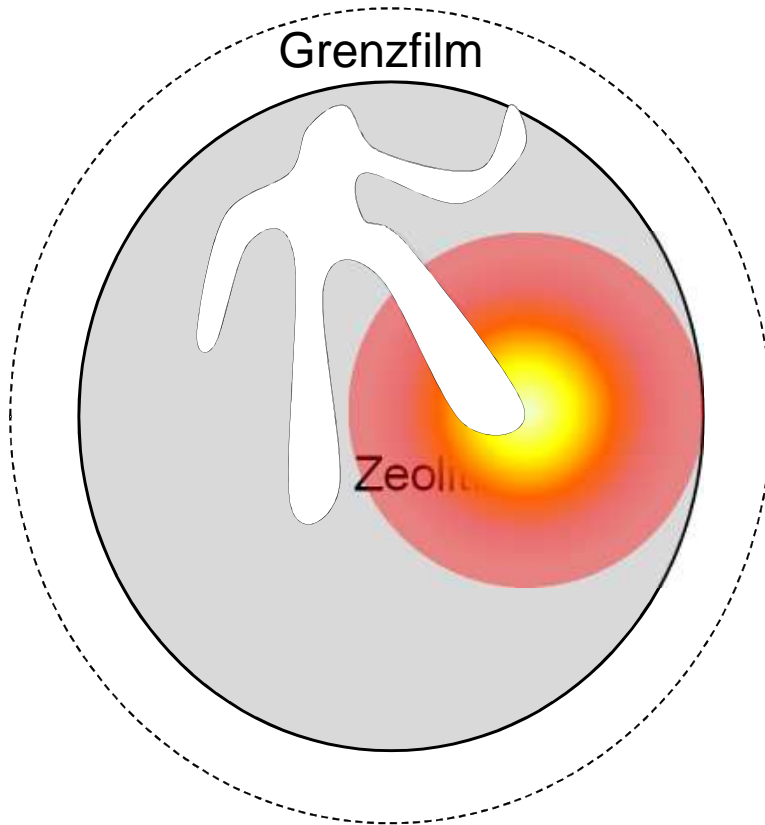
$$q^{\text{st}} = \frac{R T_1 T_2}{T_2 - T_1} \left(\ln \frac{p_2(c_2)}{p_1(c_1)} \right)_{x_i}$$

Heat of adsorption



$$q^{st} = \frac{R T_1 T_2}{T_2 - T_1} \left(\ln \frac{p_2(c_2)}{p_1(c_1)} \right)_{xi}$$

Kinetics of Adsorption



Transportmechanismen:

- Festbettdiffusion
- Grenzfilmdiffusion
- Porendiffusion

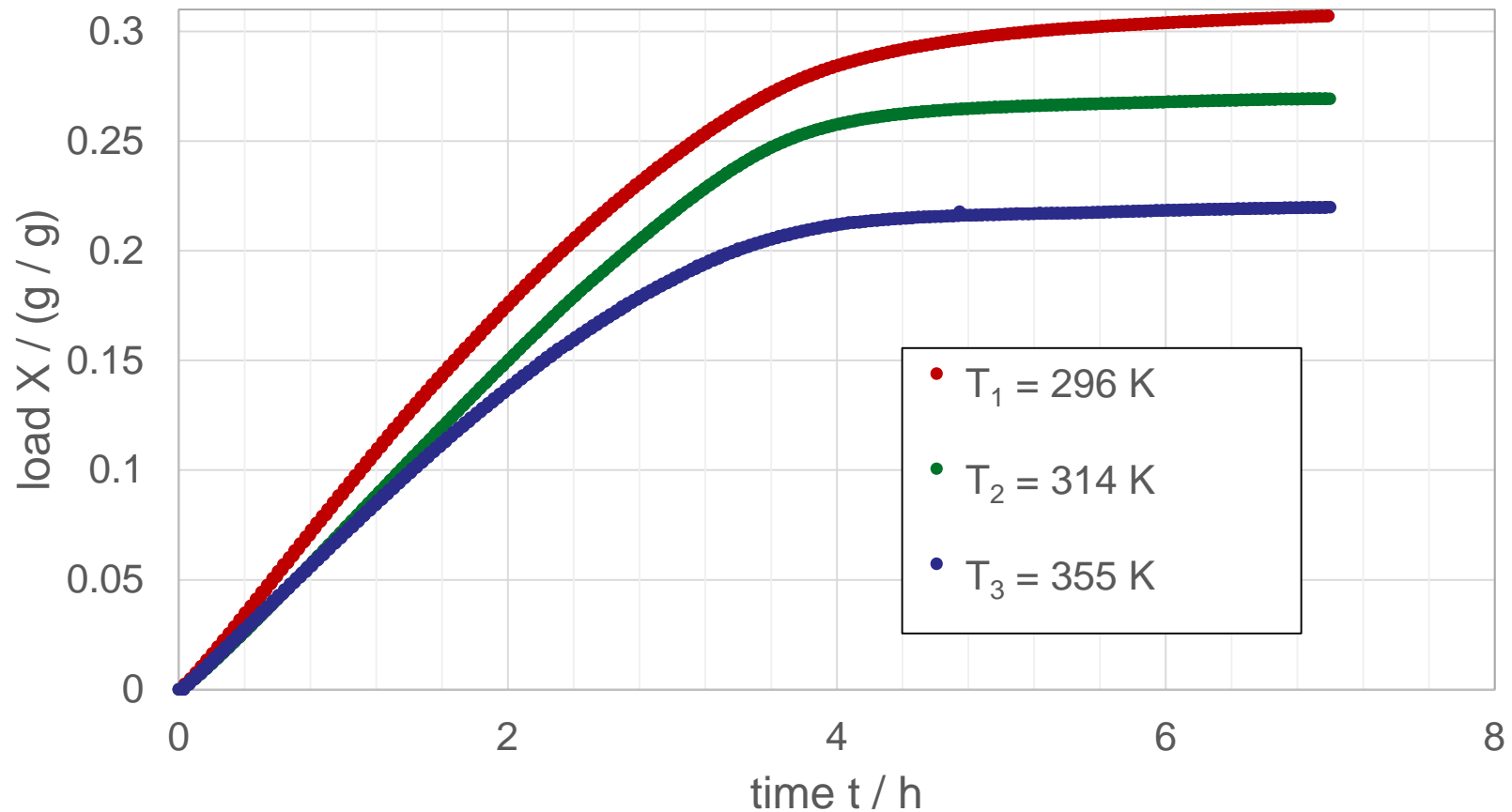
Linear Driving Force

Zusätzlich:

- Wärmetönung

Gravimetric experiment

Uptake of Adsorption of water in zeolite NaYBFK 80% rel. hum.



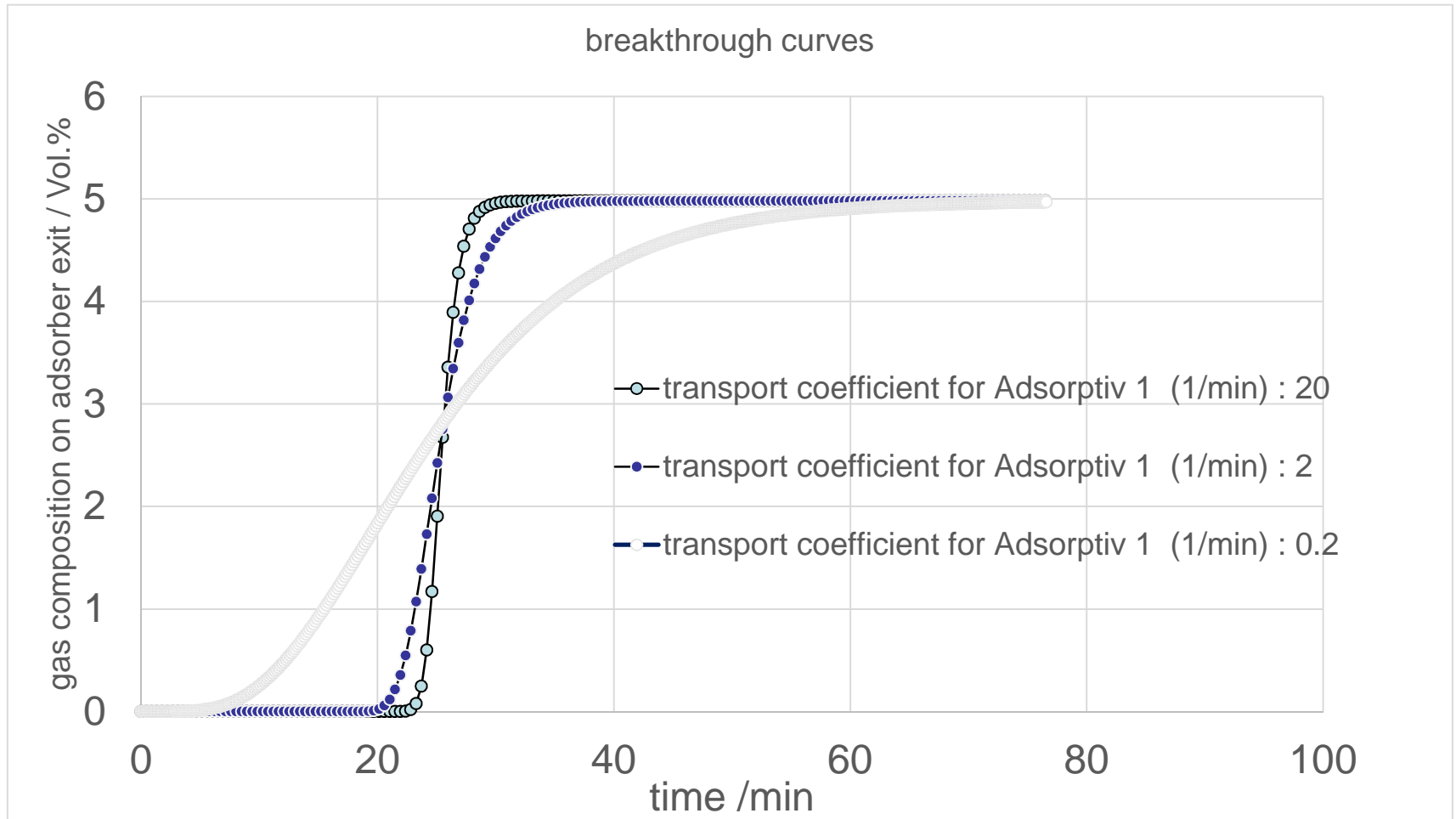
Kinetics - Linear Driving Force

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = k_{\text{eff}} \cdot \frac{A_{\text{Partikel}}}{\rho_P} \cdot (X_{\text{GG}} - X)$$

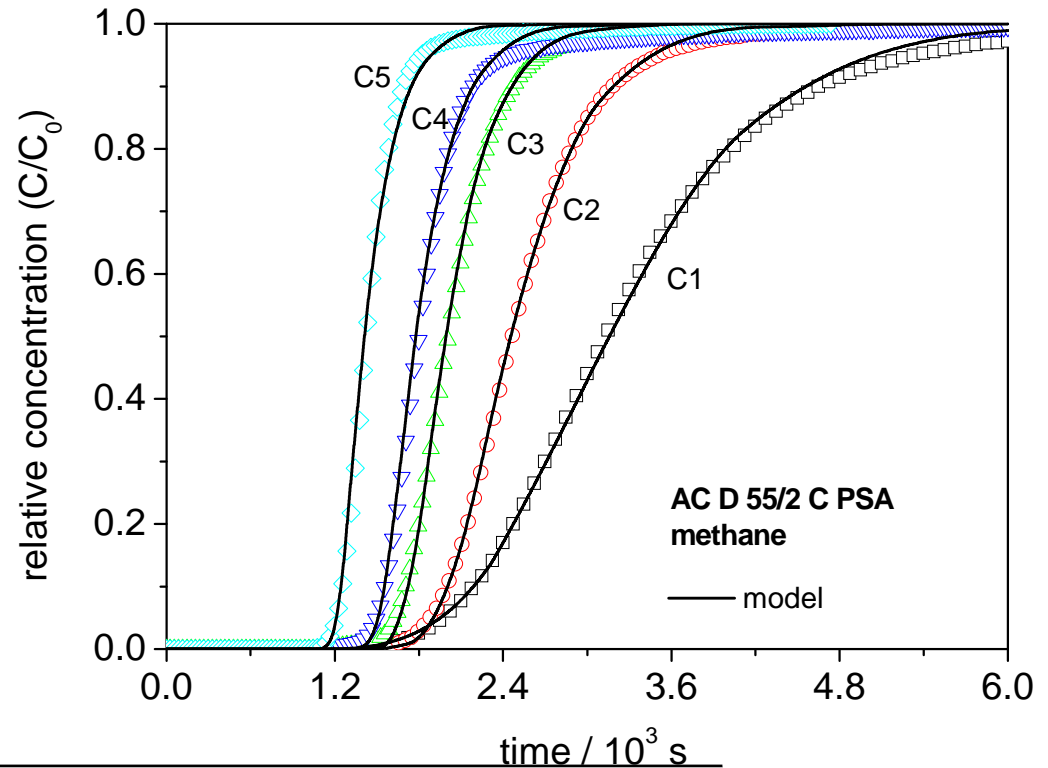
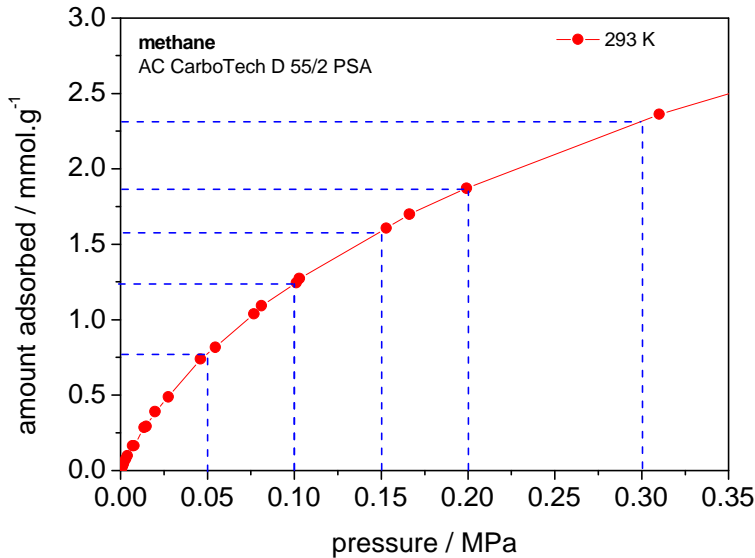
$\Delta X \rightarrow$ concentration gradient

$k_{\text{eff}} \rightarrow$ effective transport coefficient

Kinetics – Transport coefficient

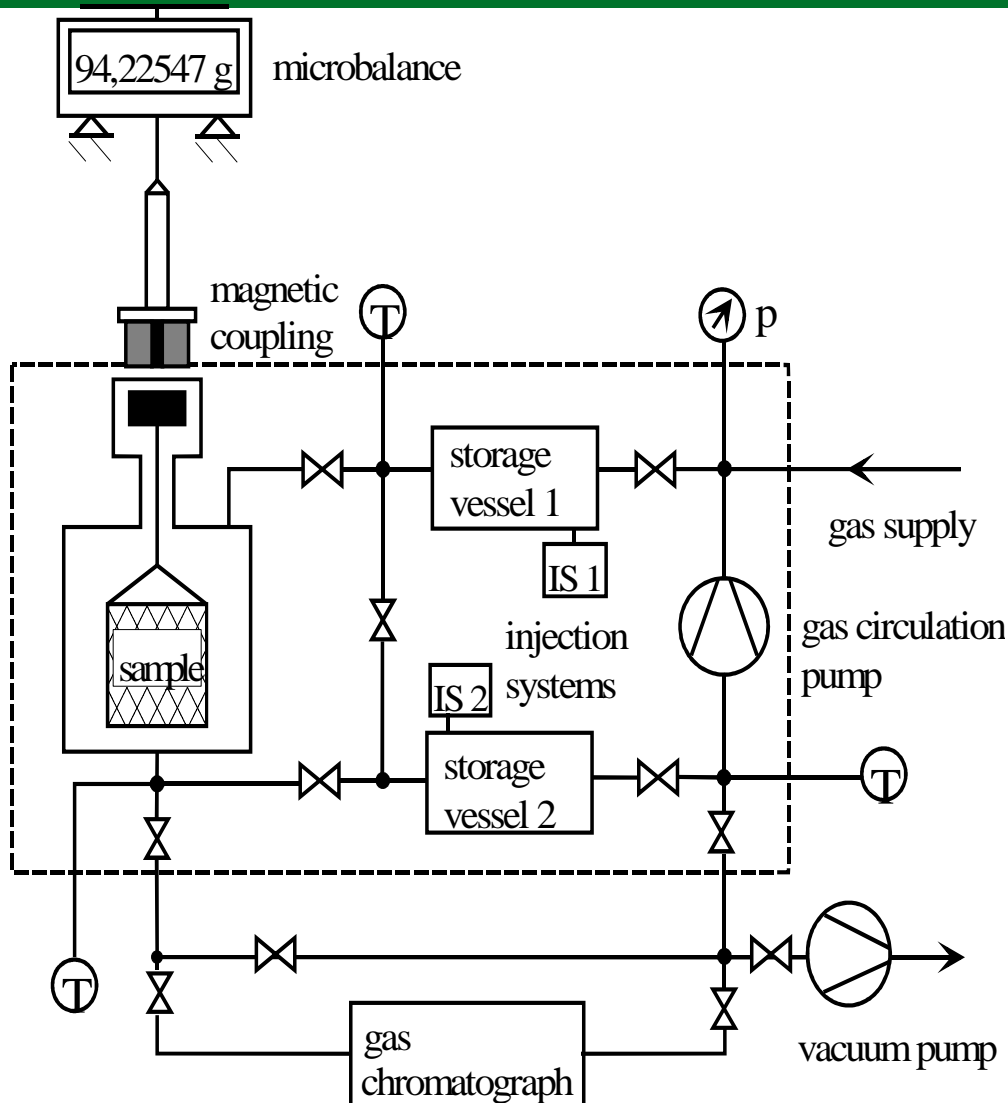


Hydrogen Purification - Results for methane



Feed	Experimental run				
	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5
$v_{\text{Feed}} = \text{const.}$					
Feed pressure / MPa	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	3.0
Feed molar fraction of CH ₄ / %	16.5	17.0	17.2	17.2	17.3
Feed flow rate / cm ³ s ⁻¹ at SATP	0.74	1.49	2.23	2.98	4.47

Volume-Gravimetry & Volumetry with GC



Calibration:

Volume of vessel & sample holder, GC ...

Volume-Gravimetry:

Measurement: p , T , m

Calculation:

m_1^{fl} , m_2^{fl} , m_1 , m_2

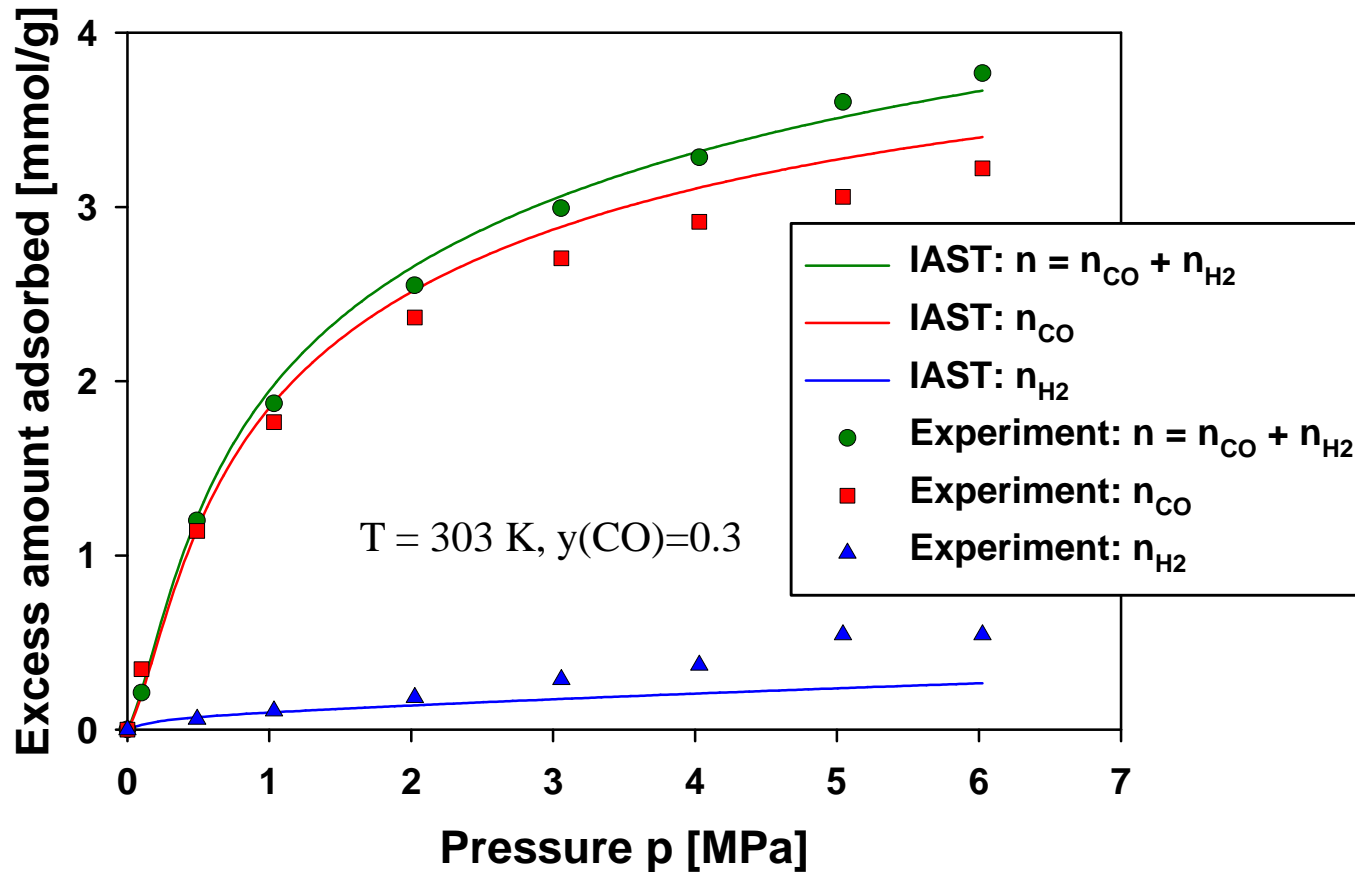
Volumetry with GC:

Measurement: p , T , c

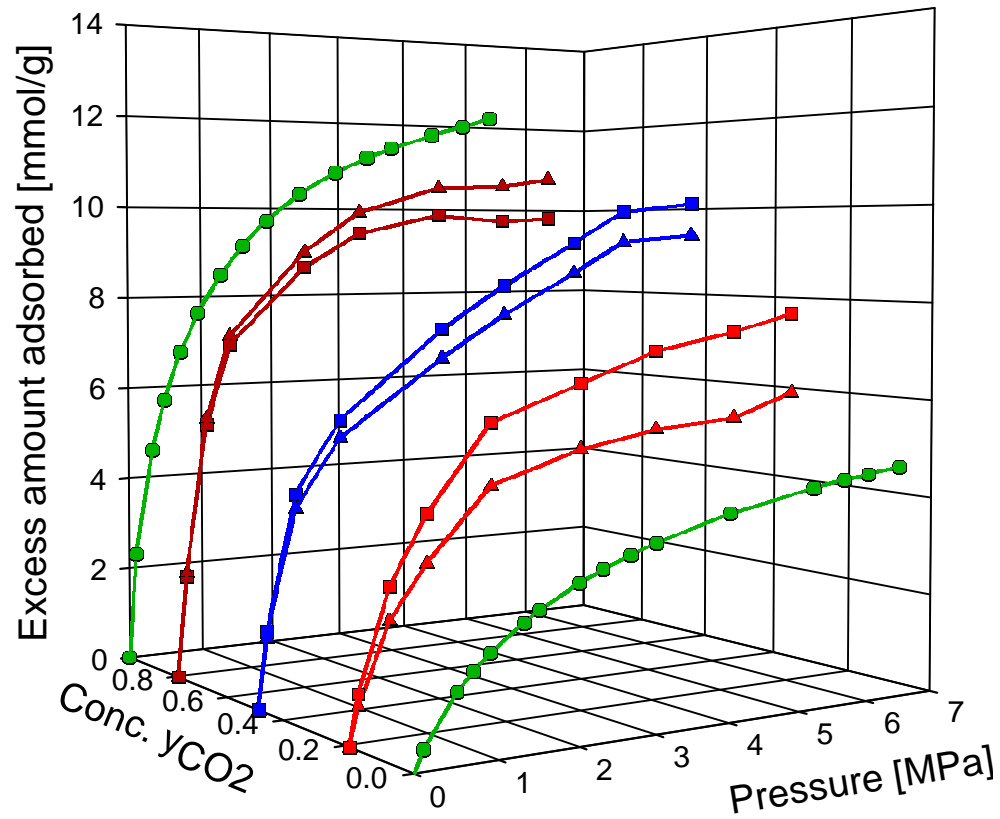
Calculation:

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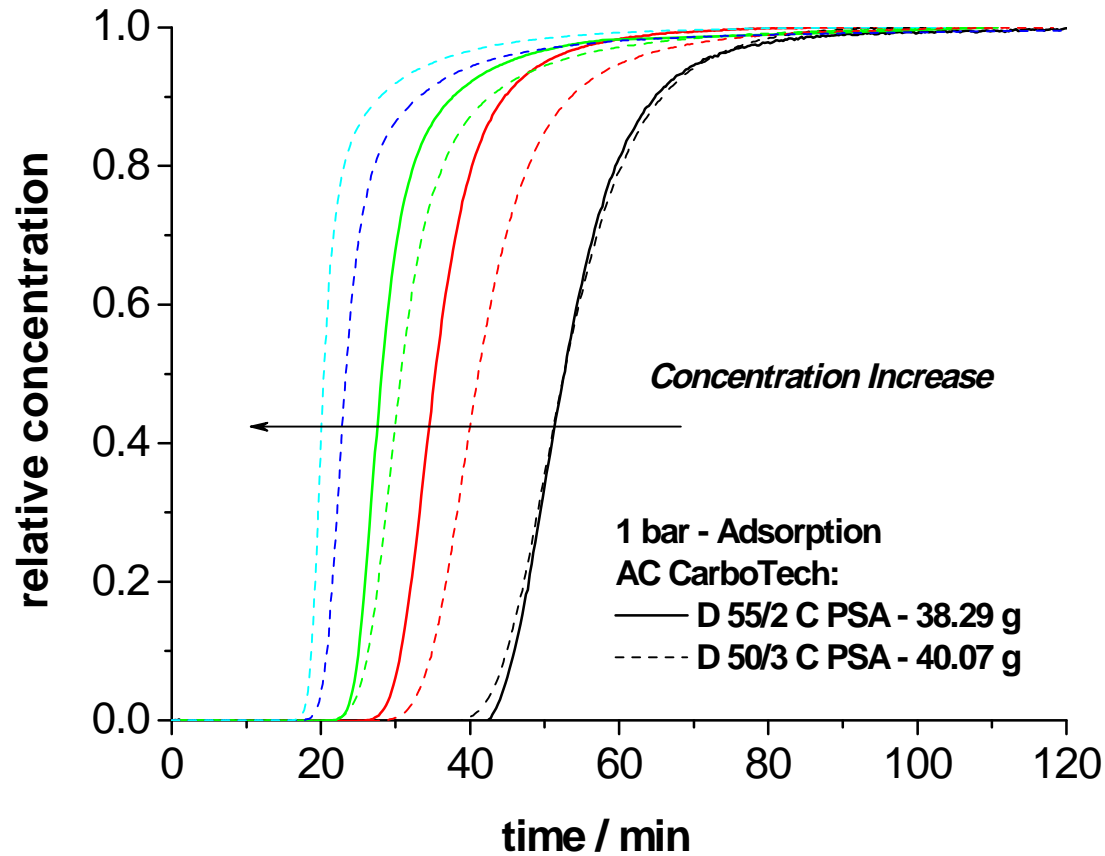
CO/H₂ Mixture on 5A Zeolite



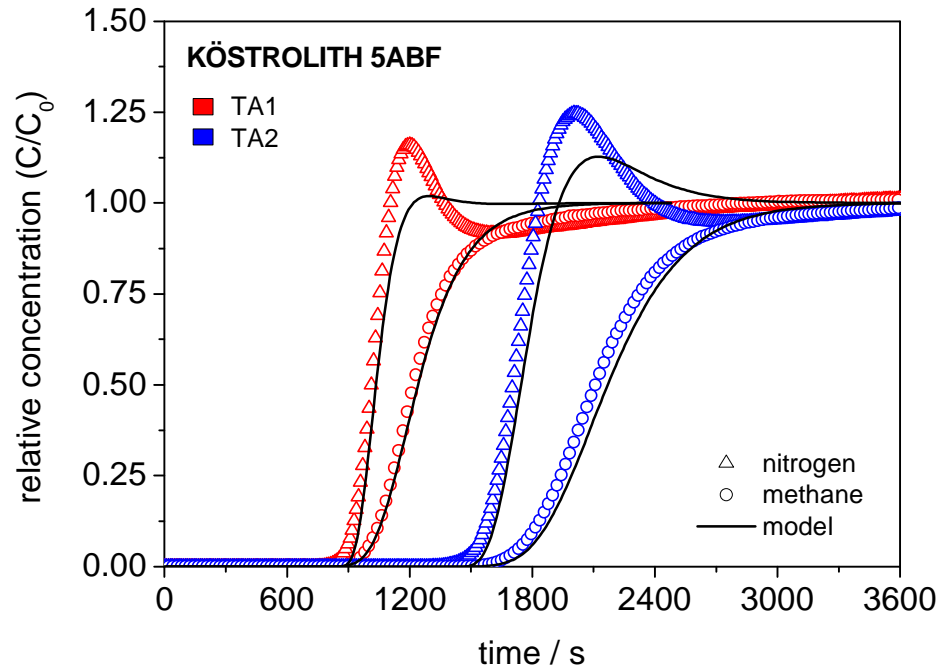
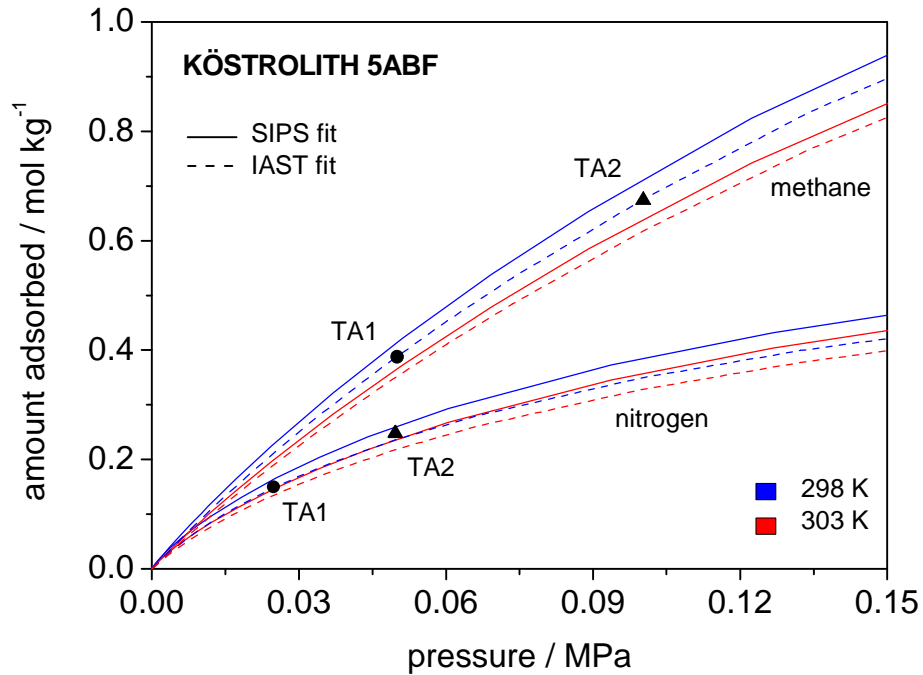
CO₂/N₂ an AK Norit R1, T = 298 K



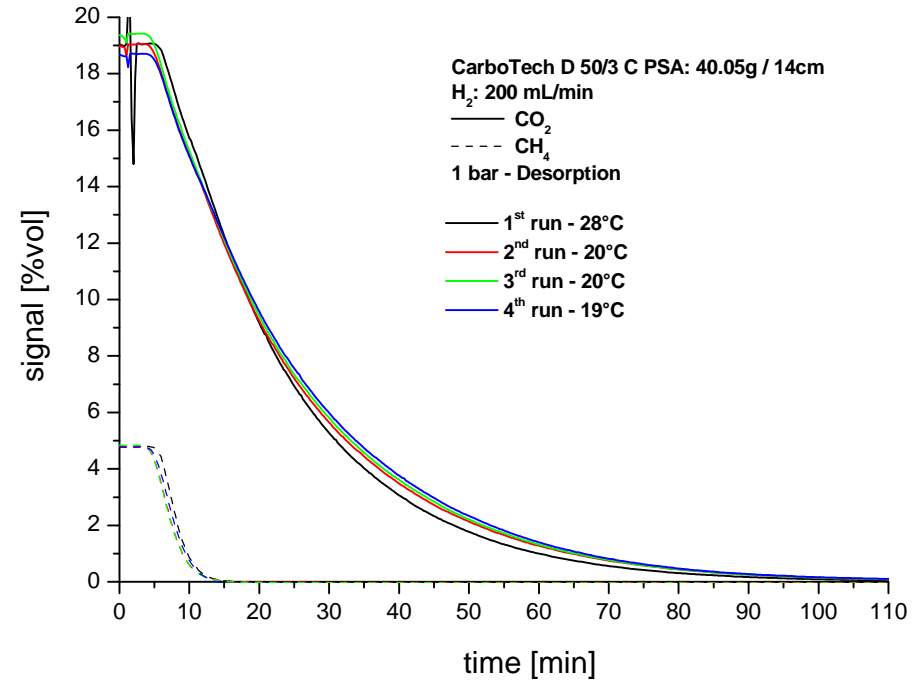
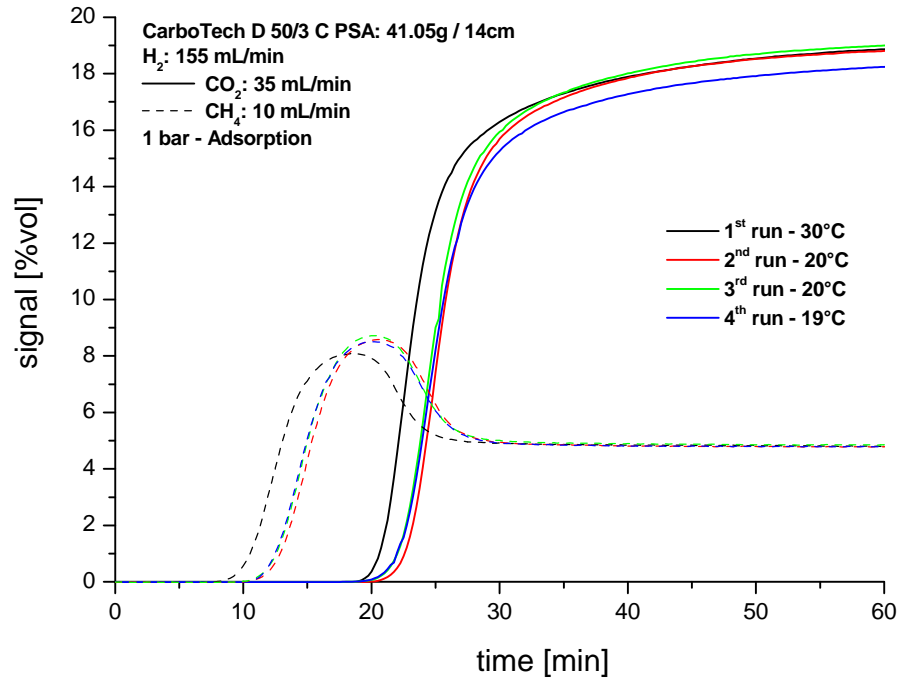
Results - Influence of the input concentration



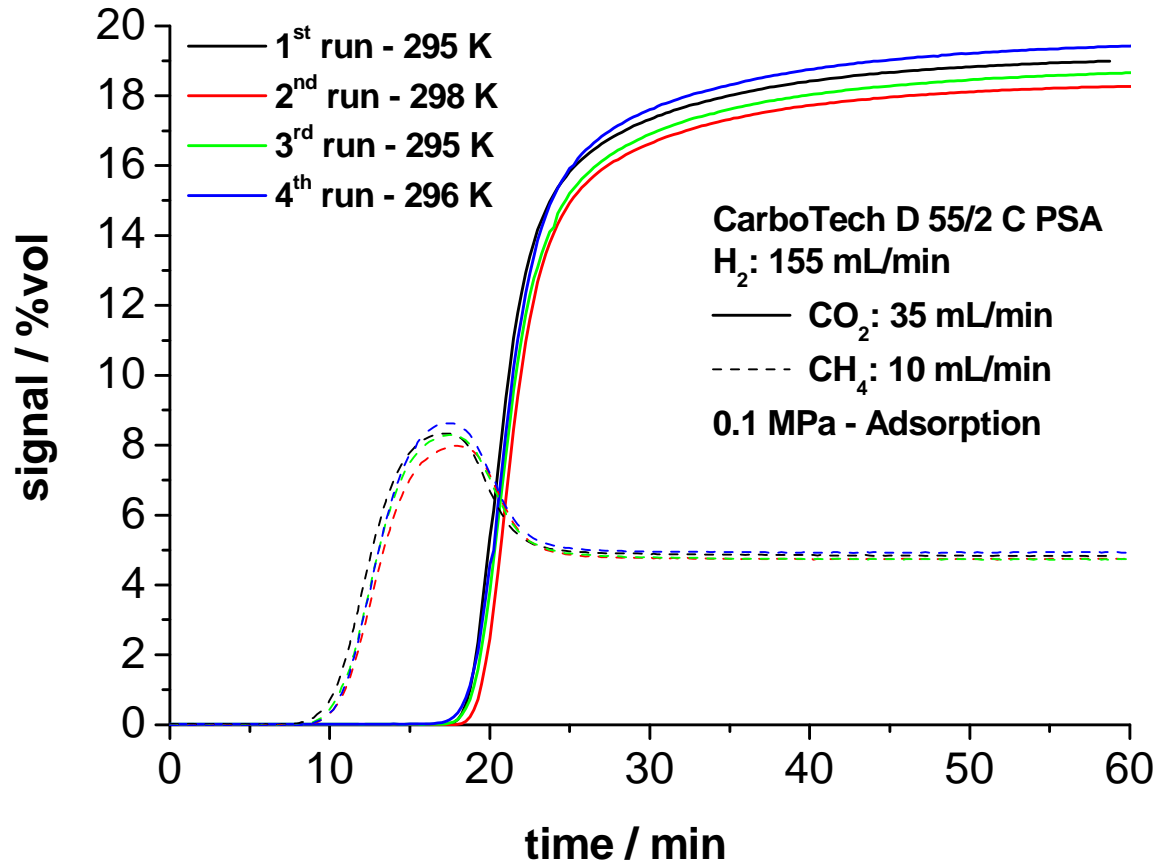
Results - Ternary Mixtures



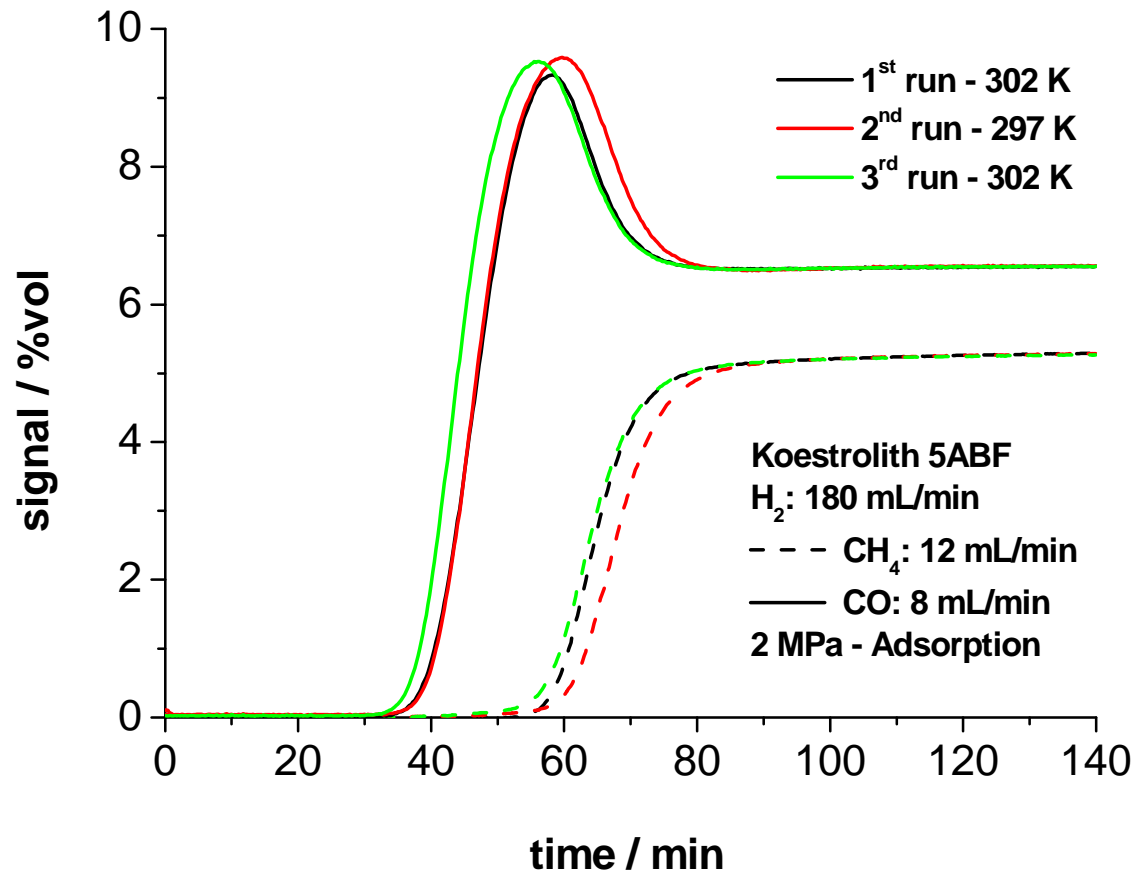
Ternary Mixture CO₂/CH₄/H₂ – AC CarboTech D 50/3 C PSA



Results - Multicomponent system

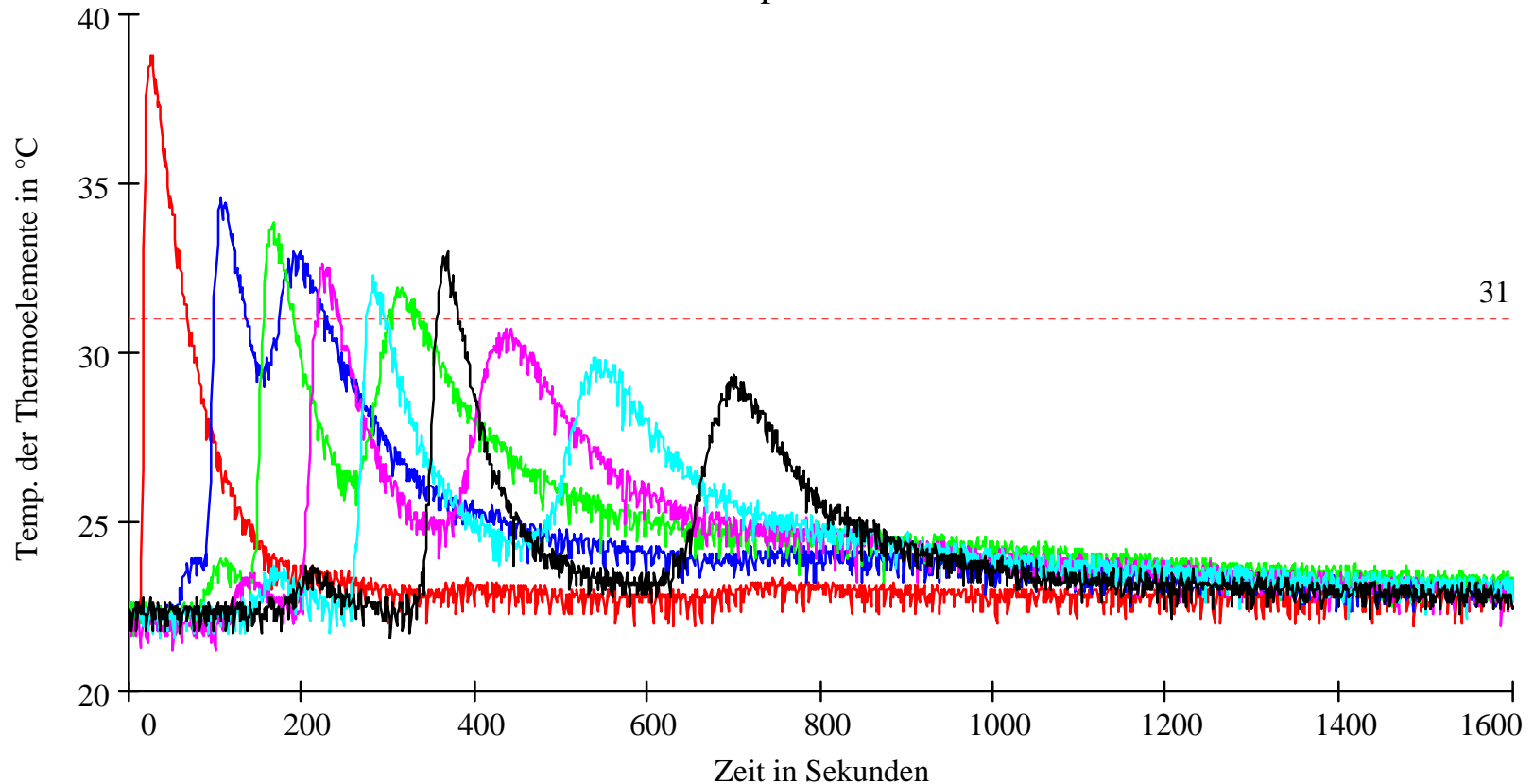


Results - Multicomponent system



$N_2 / CO_2 / CH_4$ (10% / 40% / 50%) in AC Norit NR1 Extra

Temperaturverlauf



Mass AC = 75,9 g, p = 1,2 bar

Adsorption Isotherm Model

Dynamic equilibrium based on Langmuir theory

- Langmuir Adsorption Isotherm
- BET Isotherm
- Tòth Isotherm
- Sips Isotherm
- Freundlich Isotherm
- Virial equation

Thermodynamik in sense of Gibbs

Potential theory of Polanyi

Adsorption Isotherm Model

Dynamic equilibrium based on Langmuir theory

Thermodynamik in sense of Gibbs

- Gibbs'sche Adsorptionsisotherme
- **Vacancy - Solution - Model (VSM)**
- Associating Theory of Adsorption (ATA)
- **Ideal Adsorbed Solution Theory (IAST) and modification**

Potential theory of Polanyi

- Dubinin
- Myers – Prausnitz – Dubinin – Approach (MPD)

Experiment – accuracy

Pressure	Temperature	Mass	Volume of sample holder
$\Delta p = 0.002 \text{ MPa}$	$\Delta T = 0.01 \text{ K}$	$\Delta m = 0.01 \text{ mg}$	$\Delta V = 0.0002 \text{ cm}^3$

Volume of vessel	Concentration	Gas Flow	Time
$\Delta V = 0.02 \text{ cm}^3$	$\Delta c = 0.1 \%$	$\Delta V^t = 0.1 \text{ ml/min}$	$\Delta t = 0.01 \text{ s}$

Gravimetry	Volumetry	Breakthrough	Gravimetry dyn.
$\Delta m/m = 0.1 \%$	$\Delta m/m = 0.5 \%$	$\Delta m/m = 0.5 \%$	$\Delta m/m = 0.25 \%$

Choice of my experimental setup

Gravimetry

- Direct measurement of m , p , T
- Mass change during sample preparation
- Uptake curve
- Adsorption isotherm (Kinetics)

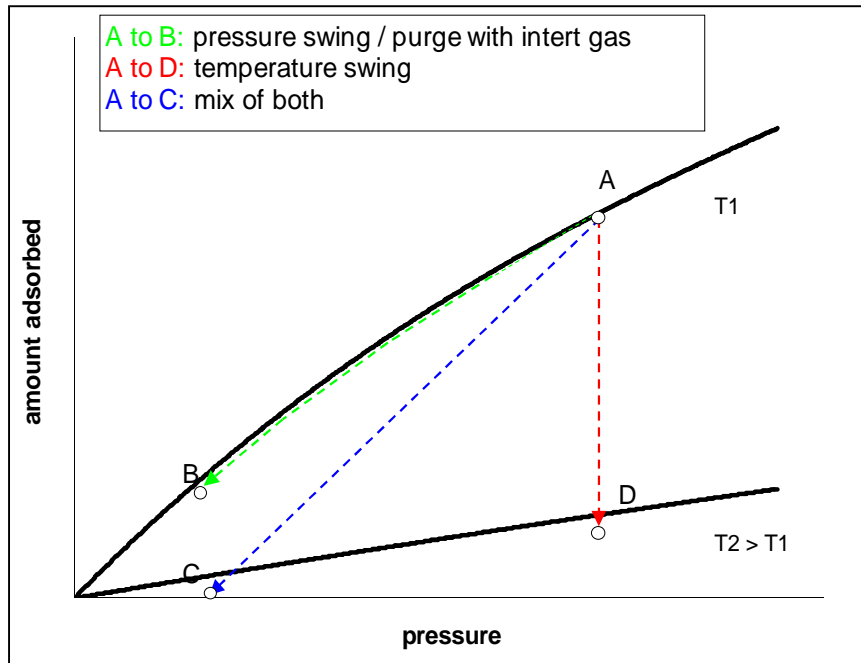
Volumetry

- Direct measurement of p , T
- “Simple” apparatus
- Adsorption isotherm
- Corrosive components

Breakthrough curve

- Direct measurement of c , p , T
- “Simple” apparatus
- Pure and Mixed gas components
- Adsorption isotherm
- Kinetics of process
- Small concentration
- Close to technical separation / regeneration

Basics of adsorption technique / processes

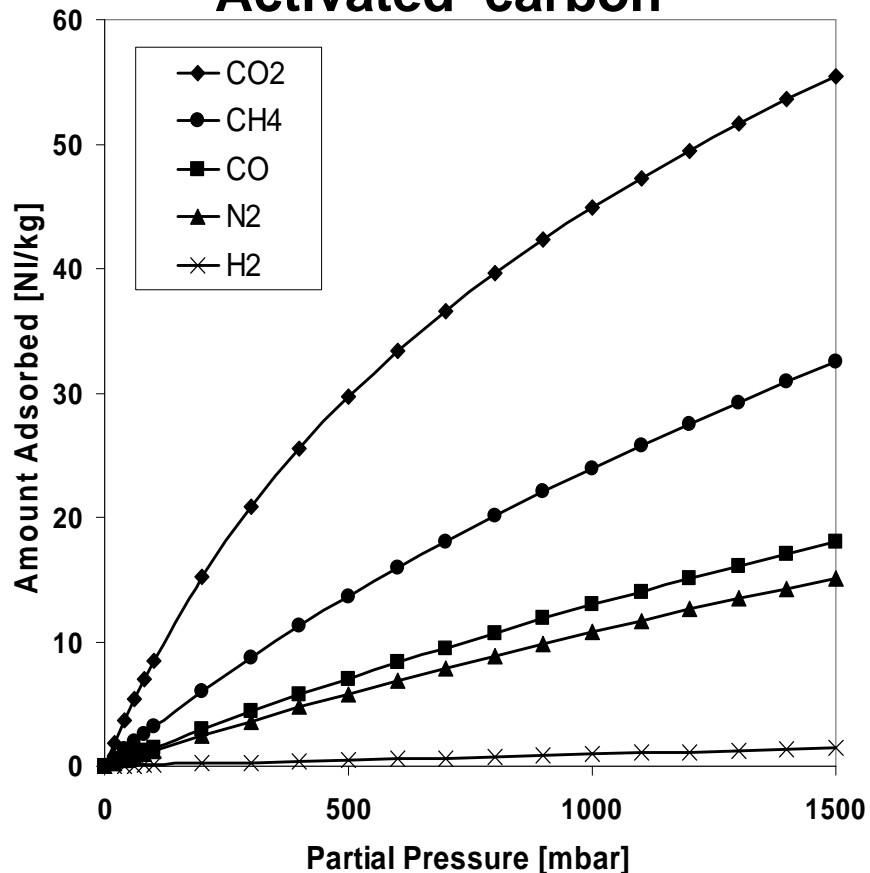


- *Temperature swing process (TSA)*
 - *Desorption by increase of T (A to D)*
 - *Hot inert gas, Water vapor, Electrical heating*
- *Pressure swing process (PSA/VPSA)*
 - *Desorption by decrease of p (A to B)*
 - *PSA adsorption at higher pressures; regeneration at atmospheric pressure⁽¹⁾*
 - *VPSA adsorption at higher pressures; regeneration under vacuum⁽¹⁾*
- *Combined TSA-PSA*
 - *Desorption by increase of T and decrease of p (A to C)⁽¹⁾*

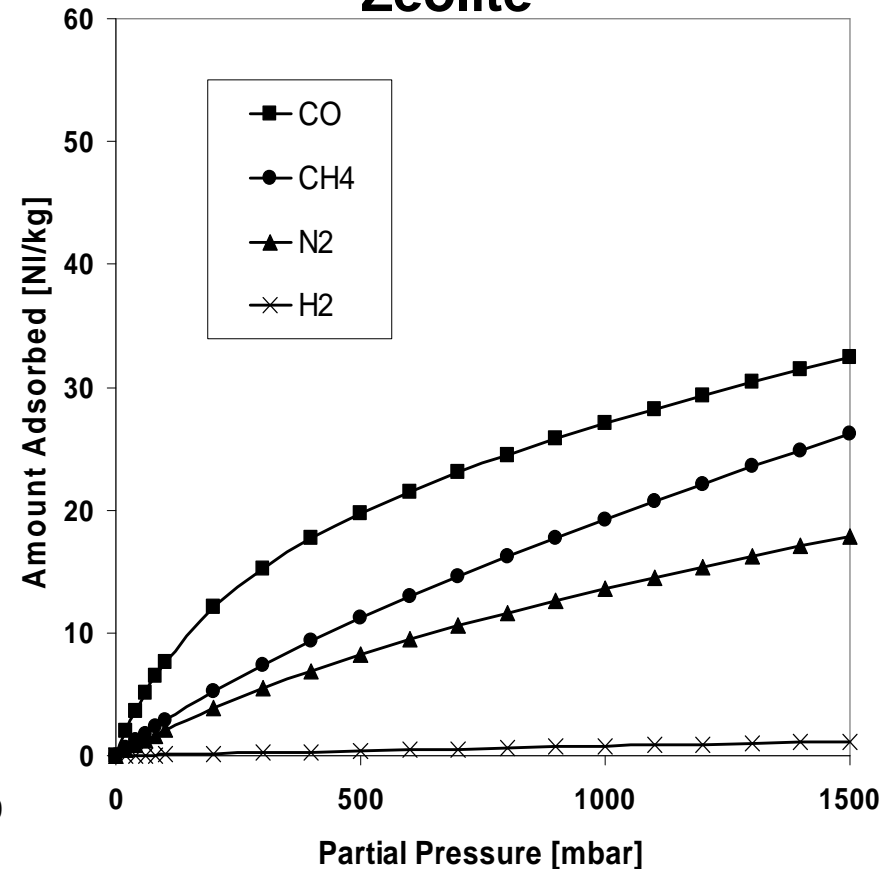
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Adsorption isotherm @ 298 K, H₂, CO₂, CO, CH₄, N₂

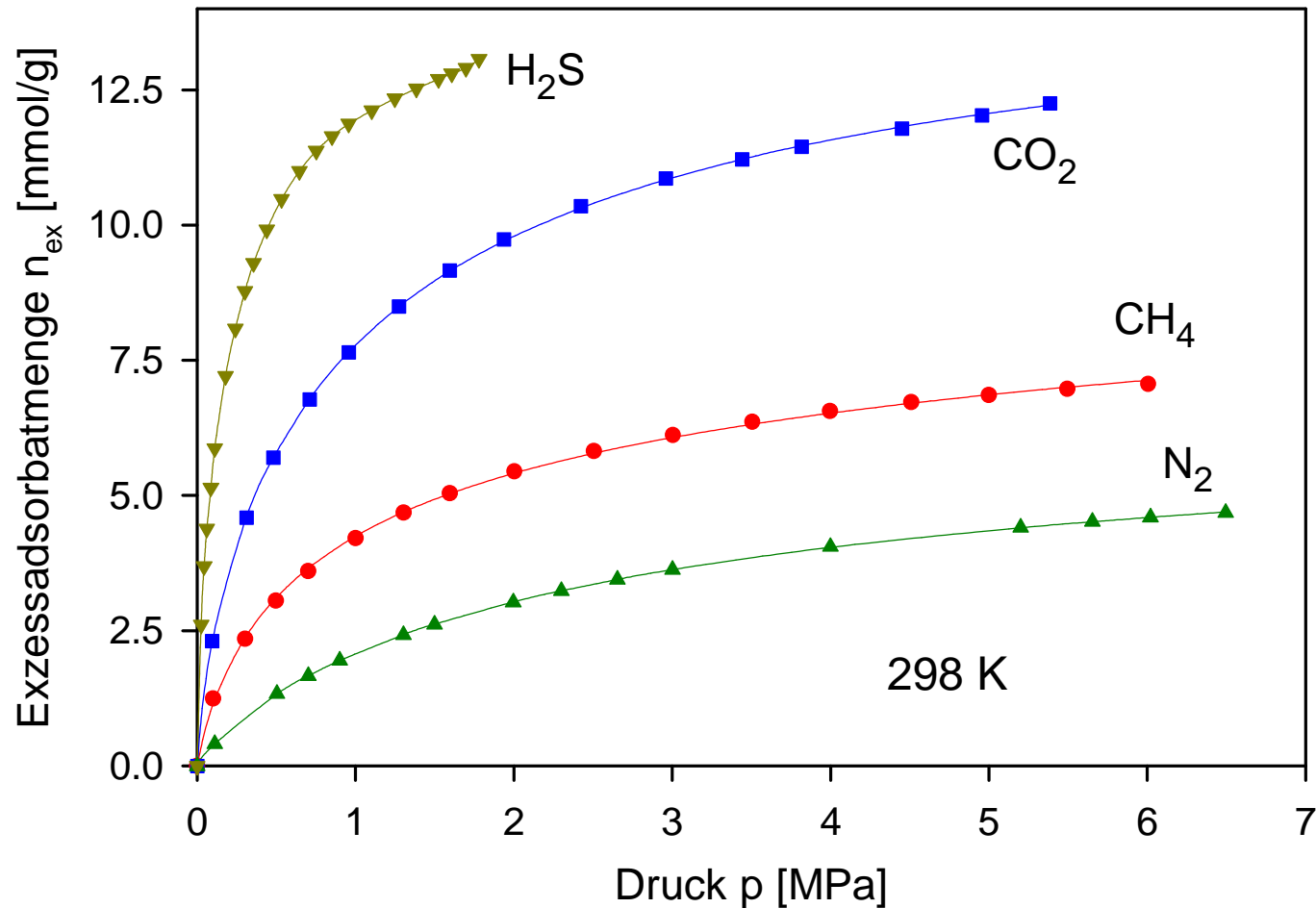
Activated carbon



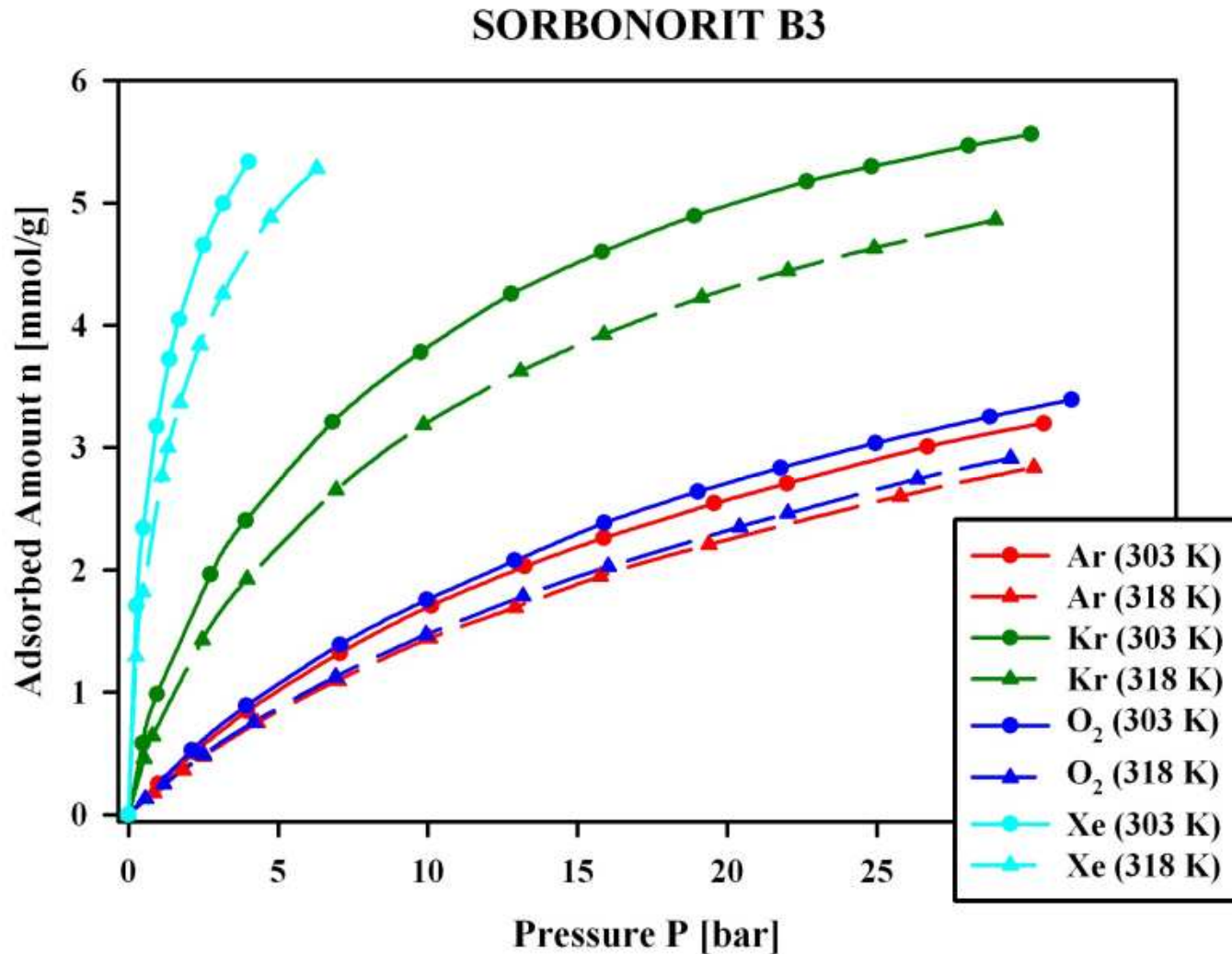
Zeolite



Adsorptionsisothermen an AK



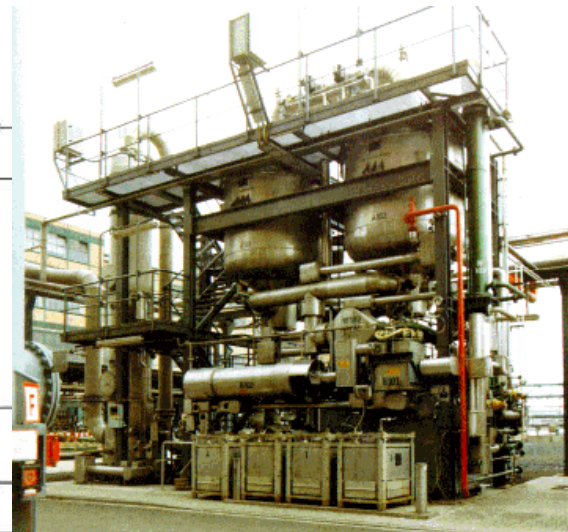
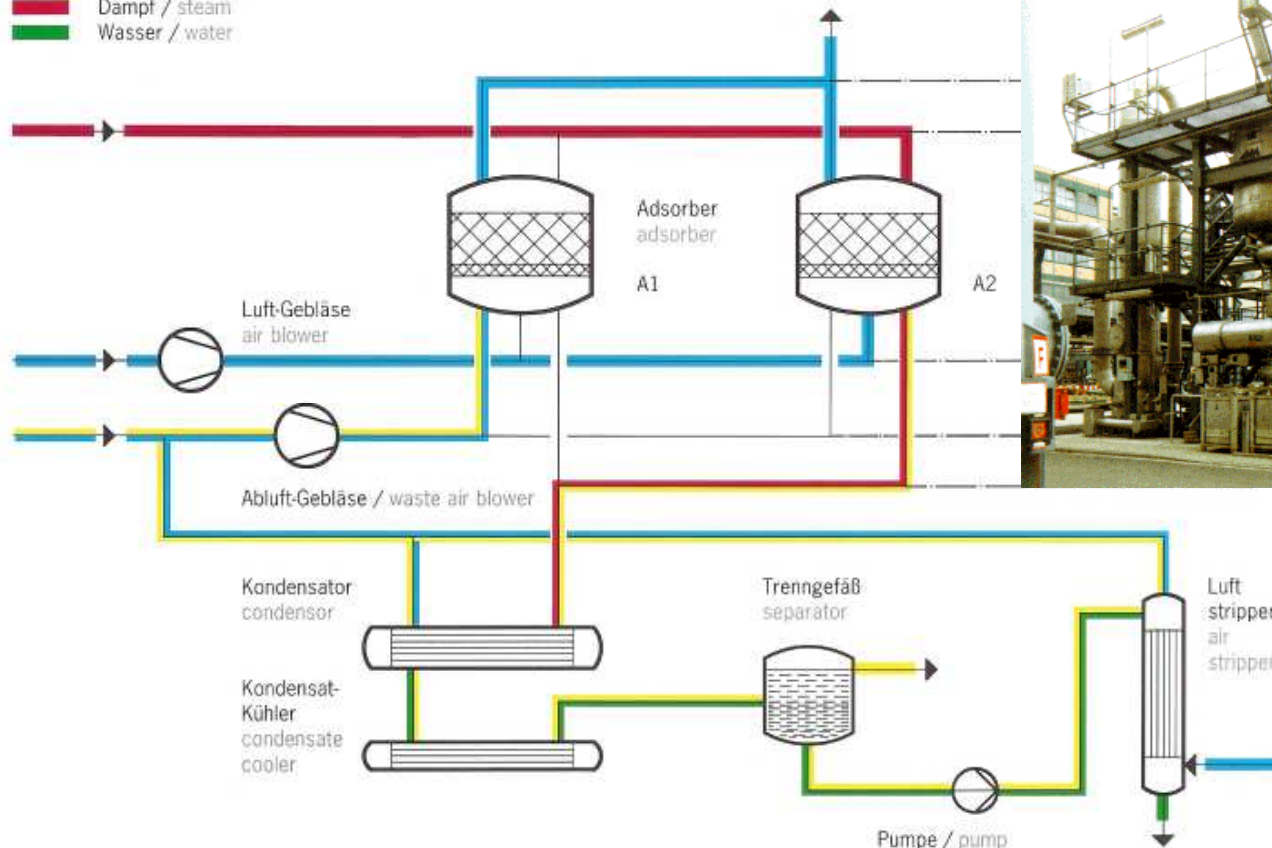
Adsorption Isotherms of Ar, Kr, O₂ and Xe



Adsorber zur Lösungsmittel-Rückgewinnung (TSA-CSA)

TSA-Festbett-Adsorber: Desorption mit Wasserdampf

- Luft / air
- Lösemittel / solvent
- Dampf / steam
- Wasser / water



Fließbild und Foto:
Silica VT GmbH

Pressure swing adsorption

- Air separation into N_2 (>99,9 %), O_2 (< 97 %) or Ar
- Production / Cleaning of H_2
- Separation of CO_2 from biogas
- Drying of compressed air

Hydrogen – Production by PSA

Use

Purity Requirements

Ammonia Synthesis

< 10 ppm CO_X, X = 1,2

Compressed Gas

< 10 ppm CO_X, 100 ppm CH₄,
< 200 ppm N₂

Fuel Cells

< 30 ppm CO

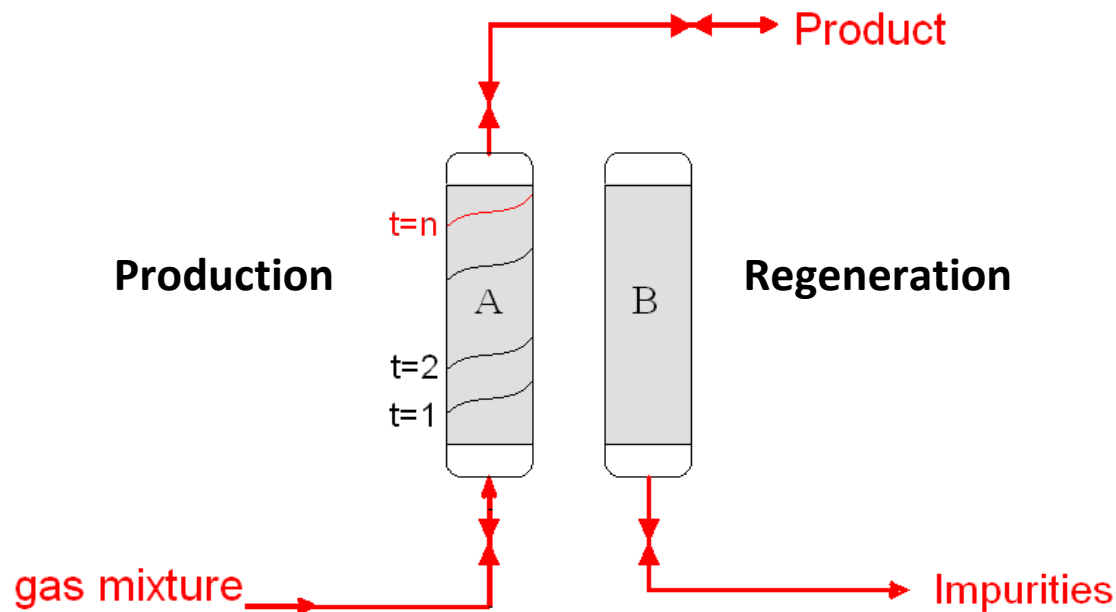
Electronics (Semiconductors)

< 10 ppb N₂, O₂, CH₄, CO, C_xH_y

Food Industry

3.1 – 5.5 (% Vol. H₂)

Hydrogen Purification



Required Information

Isotherms

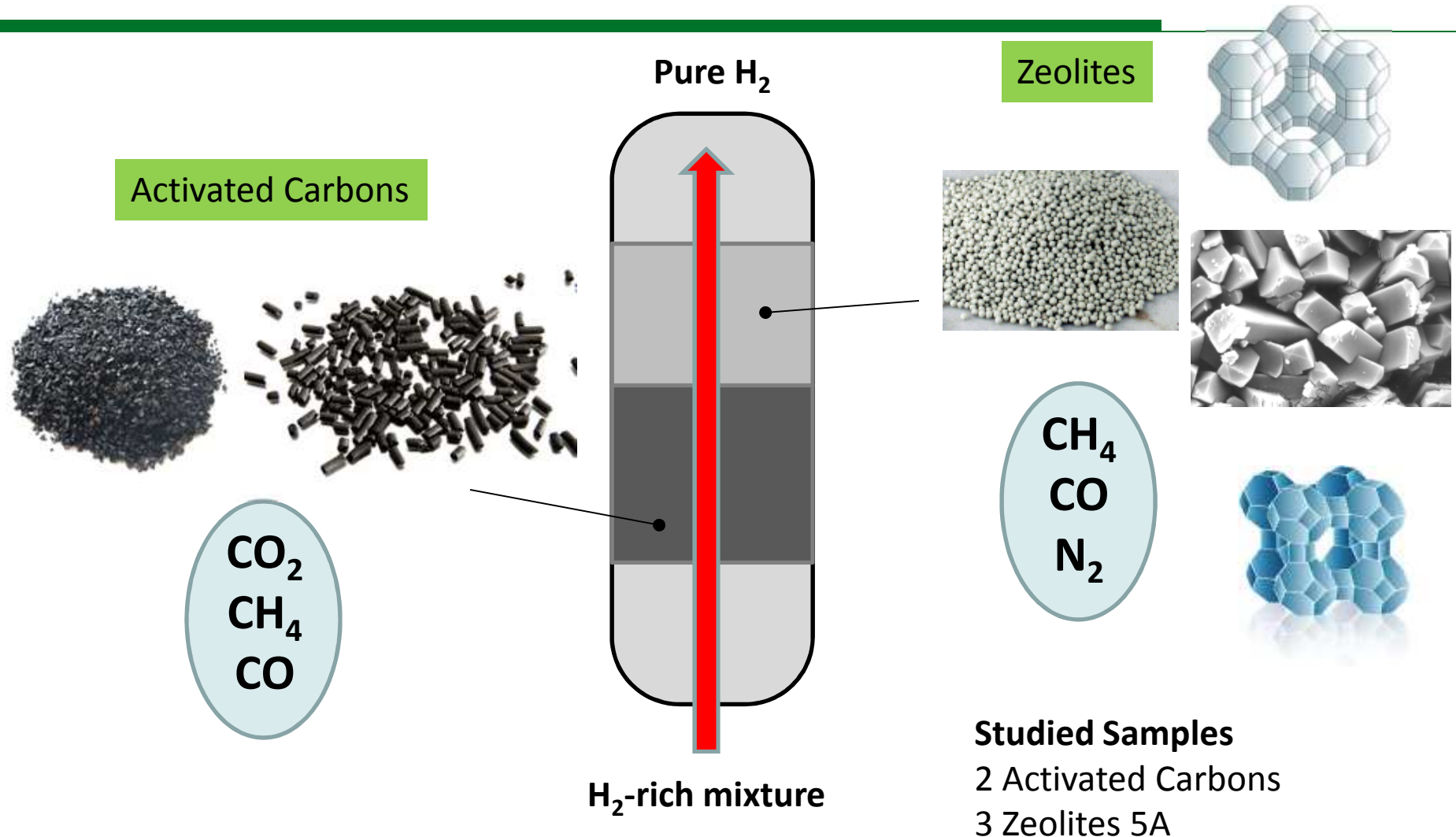
Heat of Adsorption

Heat capacities

Kinetics

Co-adsorption

Hydrogen Purification – PSA Unit

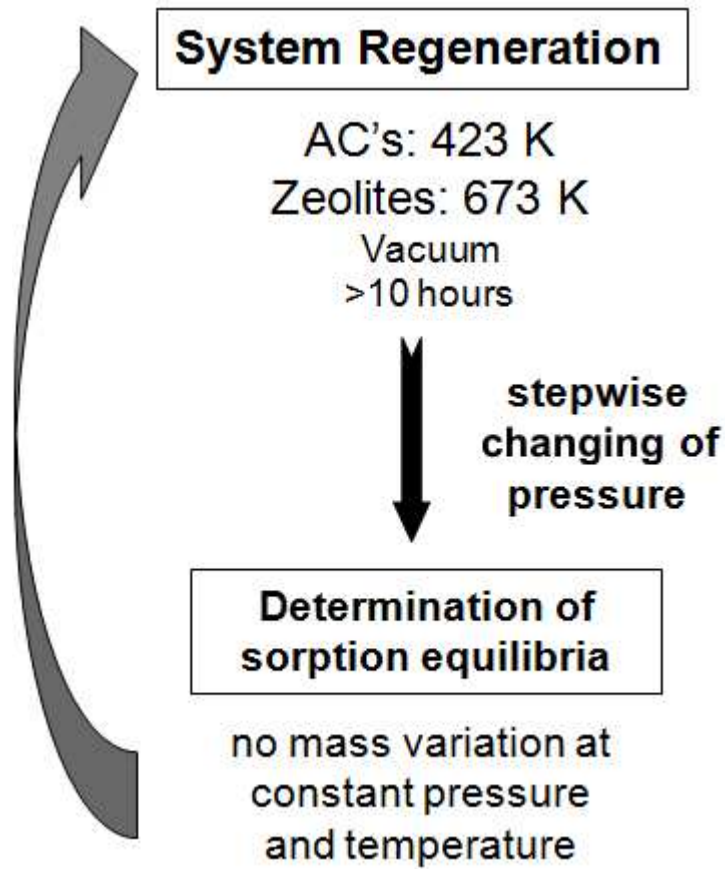


Studied Samples

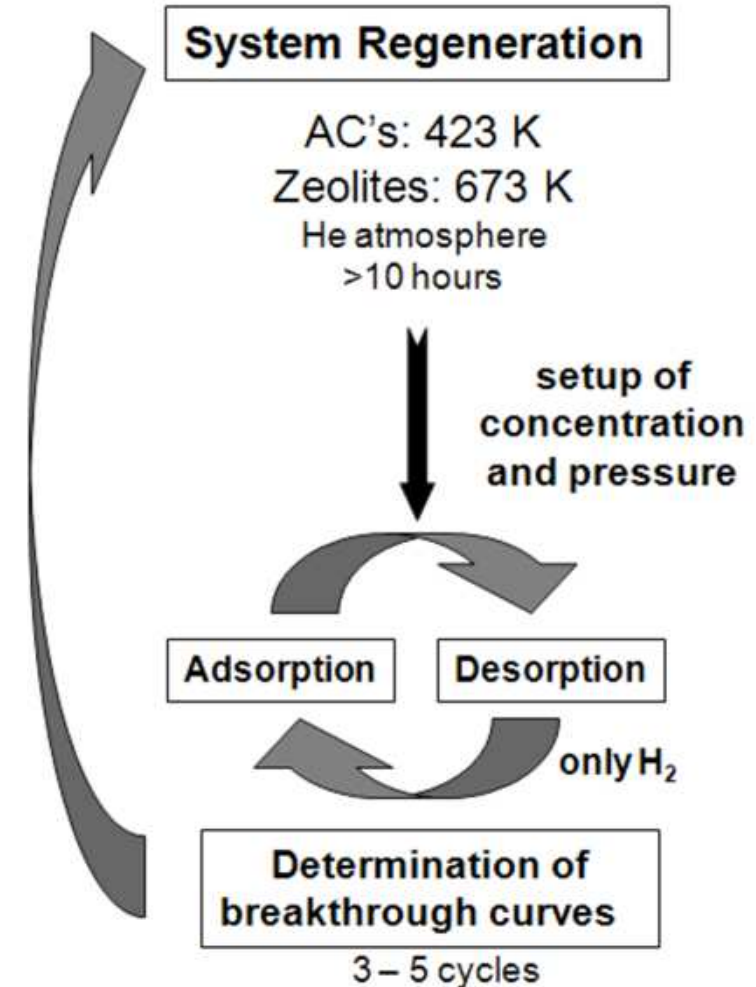
- 2 Activated Carbons
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Hydrogen Purification

Measurement of Isotherms

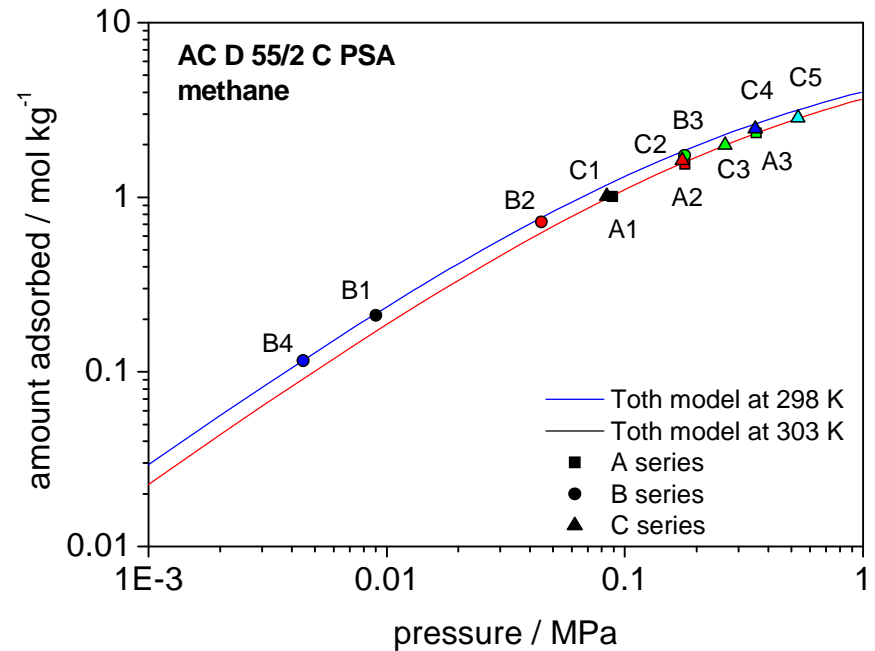
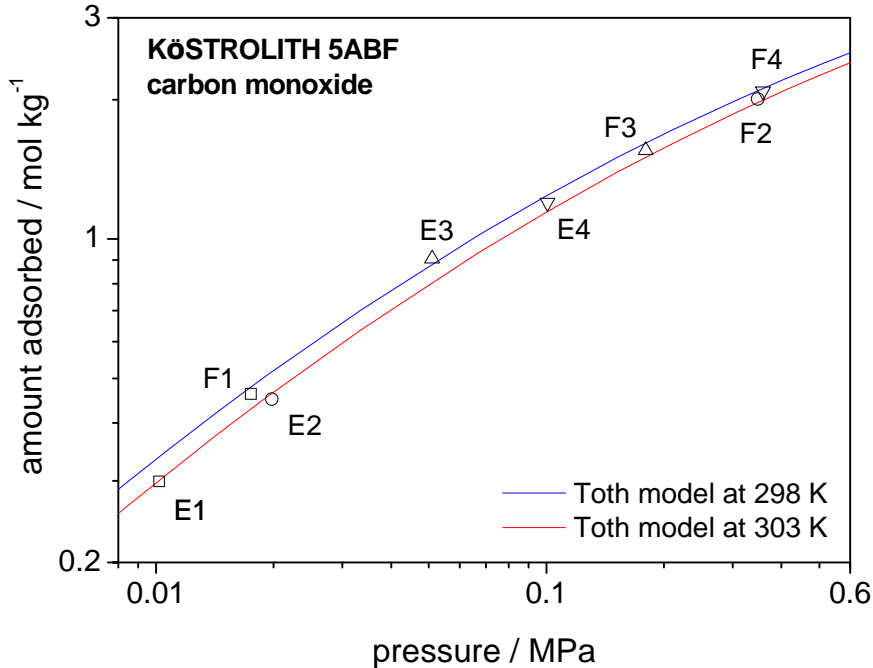


Measurement of Breakthrough Curves



Hydrogen Purification

Validation of the Experimental Breakthrough Curves



Lines are Toth fit based on gravimetrically measured results

Points correspond to measured breakthrough curves

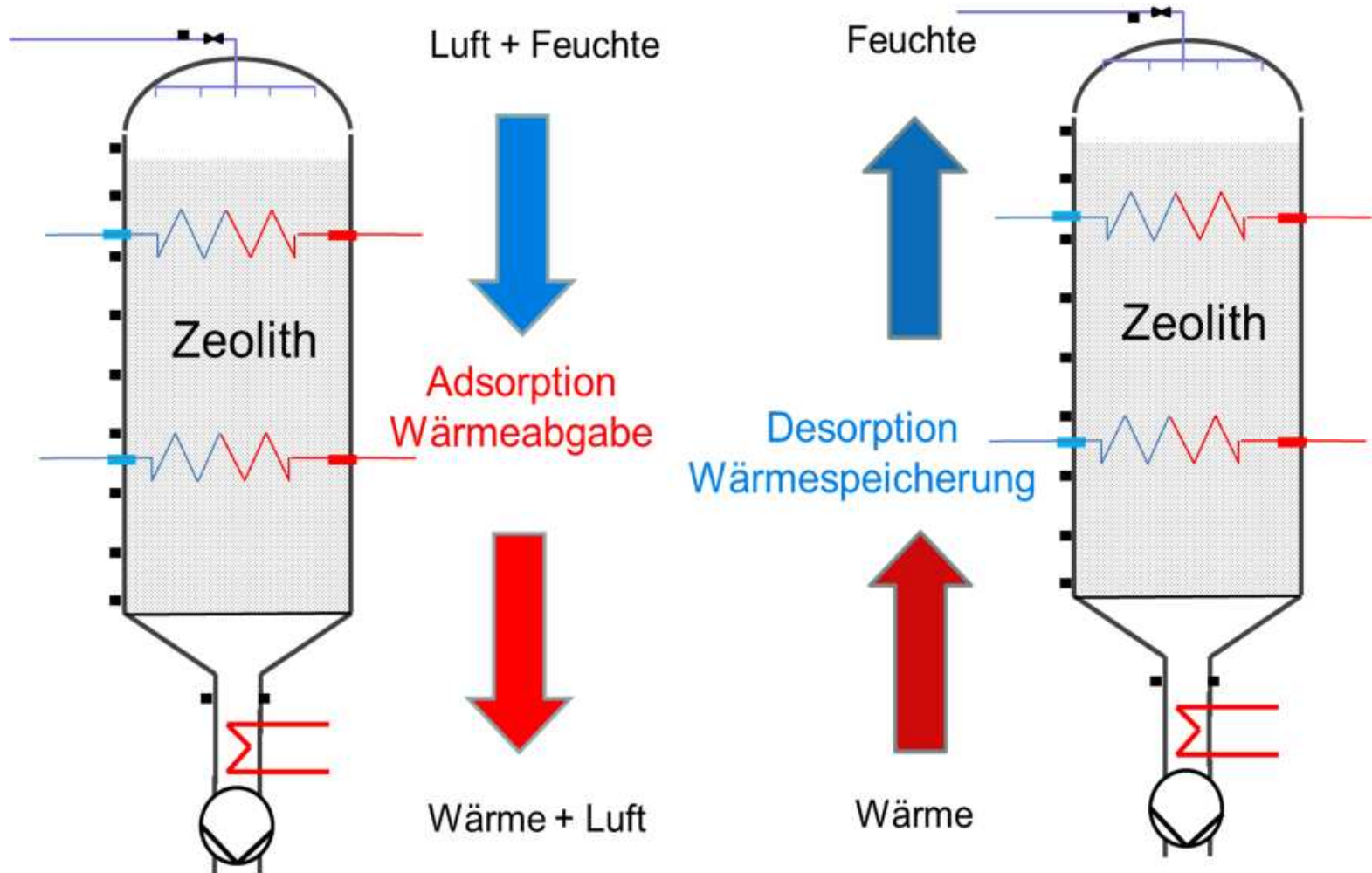
Adsorption based gas separation processes (I)

Process	Feed	Product(s)
Air separation	Air, dry, clean	Nitrogen (N ₂) Oxygen
Pressure swing adsorption (PSA)]		Oxygen, Methan, Hydrogen
Air conditioning	Air loaded with exhaust gases from industry, traffic, resi-dential heating etc. N ₂ , O ₂ , H ₂ O, CO ₂ , H ₂ S, aromatics etc.	Clean air N ₂ , O ₂ , (H ₂ O)
Temperature swing adsorption (TSA) Air purification Solvent recovery	Air loaded with VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds), BTX (Benzole, Toluene, Xylole), Smells, odors	Clean air (N ₂ , O ₂ , Ar) VOC, BTX

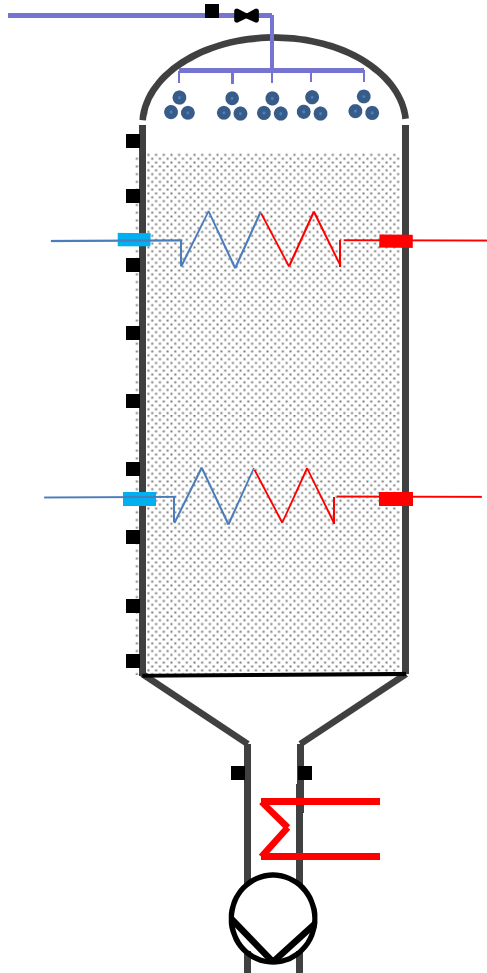
Adsorption based gas separation processes (II)

Process	Feed	Product(s)
Carbon dioxide removal	Blast-furnace gas CO ₂ , CO, H ₂ , H ₂ O	Syngas (H ₂ , CO)
Drying of air prior to pressurization	Humid air	Dry air
Flue-gas purification	Exhaust gases of power stations N ₂ , O ₂ , CO ₂ , SO ₂ , NO _x , etc. Hg from crematories, Isotopes nuclear	“Clean flue gases” N ₂ , O ₂ , H ₂ O, CO ₂
Hydrogen separation	Reforming gas, Blast-furnace gas H ₂ , CO, CO ₂ , CH ₄ , H ₂ O	Hydrogen rich gas (Syngas: H ₂ , CO)
Natural gas enrichment of methane content	Raw gas from well CH ₄ , CO ₂ , N ₂ , H ₂ S, CO, etc.	Town gas CH ₄ , H ₂ , CO

Wärmespeicher



Pilotanlage zur Wärmespeicherung



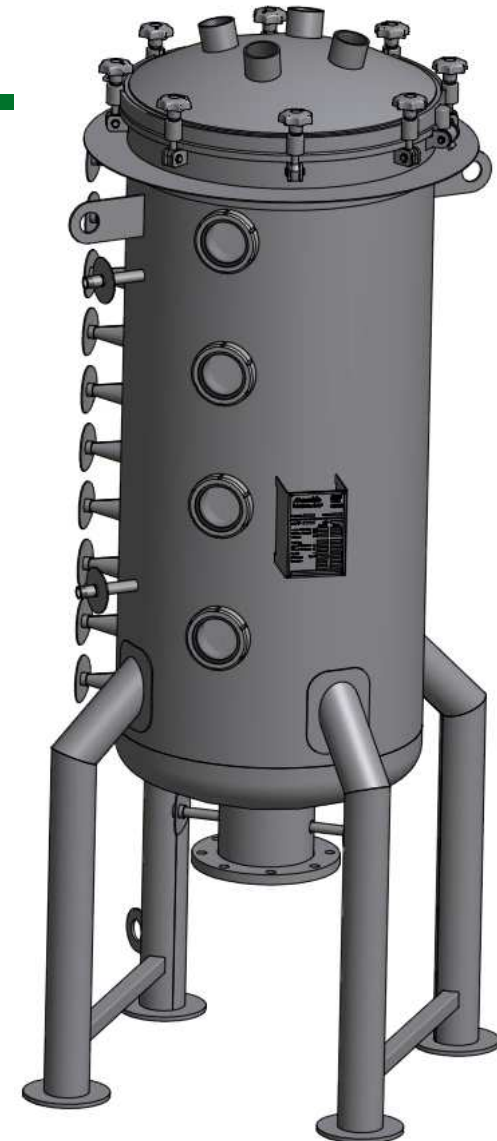
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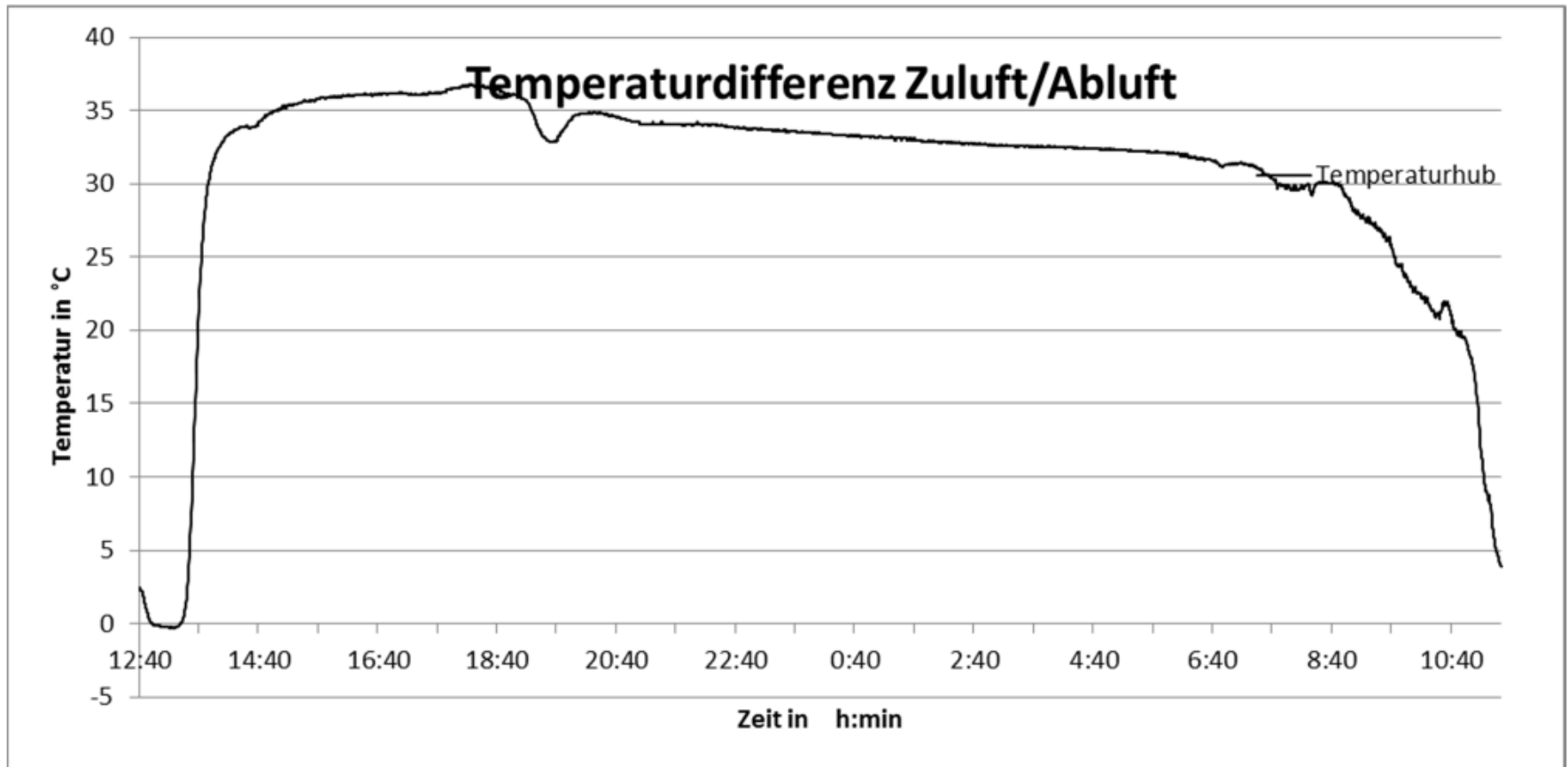
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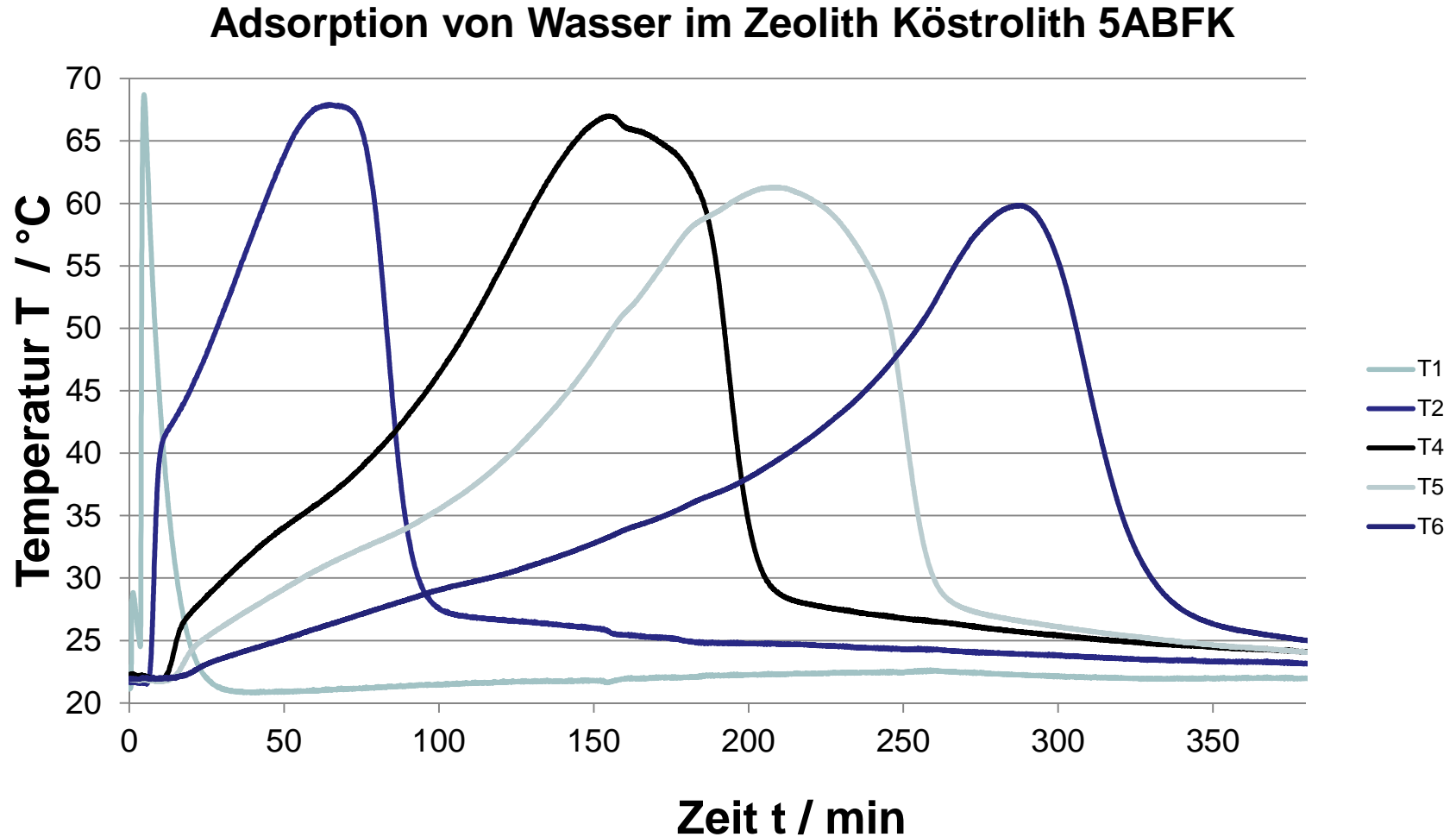
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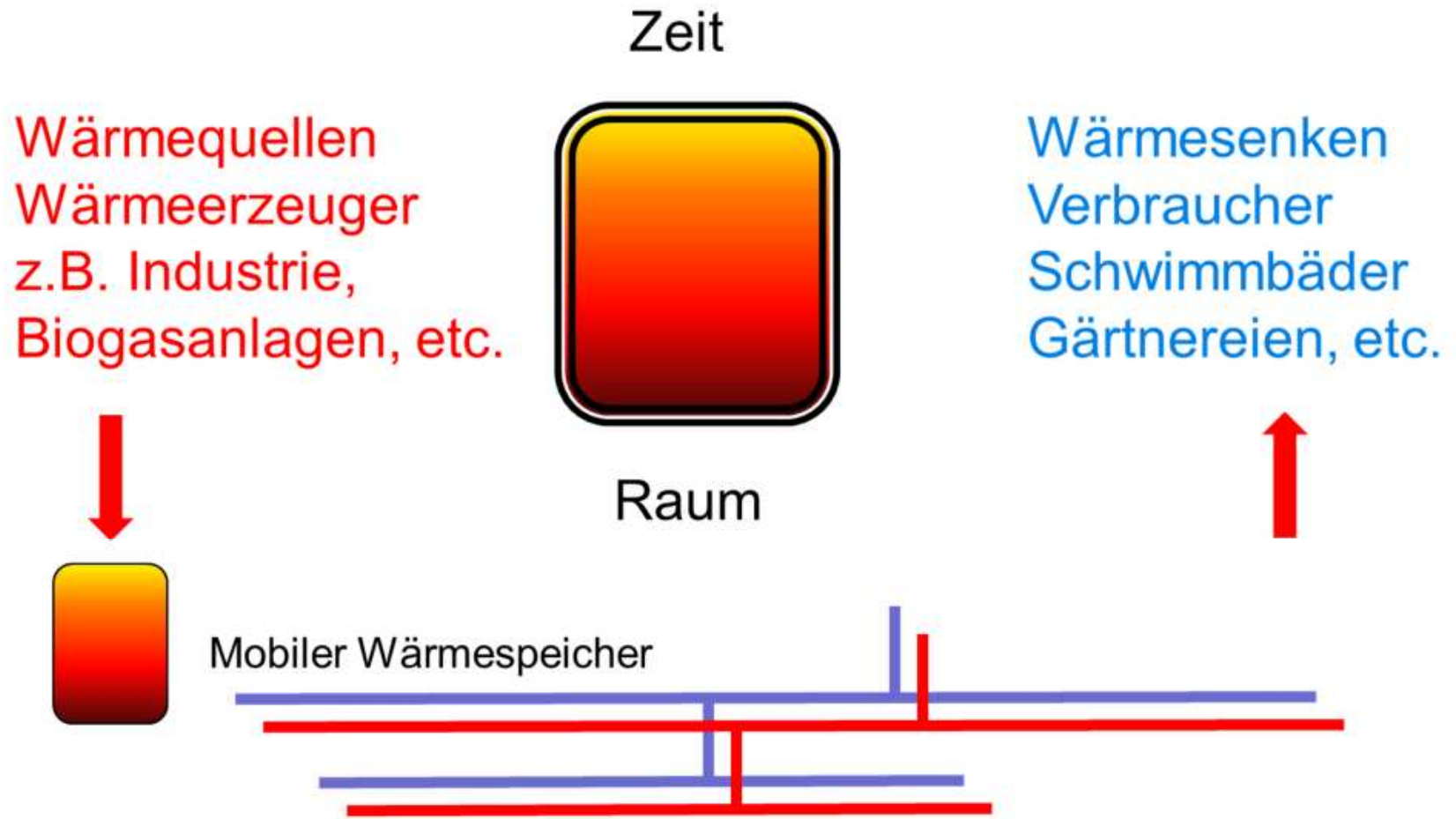
Heizen im Winter



Temperaturanstieg durch Adsorption von Wasser



Mobiler Wärmespeicher



My Conclusion

Dynamic characterisation of adsorption process delivers:

1. Adsorption Isotherm
2. Transport coefficient
3. Heat production / Temperature change during process

Dynamic measurements are applicable for

1. Experimental simulation of real technical adsorption process
2. Wide range of pressure and temperature
3. Low concentrations, multicomponent gas,...

Simple and robust apparatus

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