



Facility for Adsorbent Characterization and Testing (FACT)

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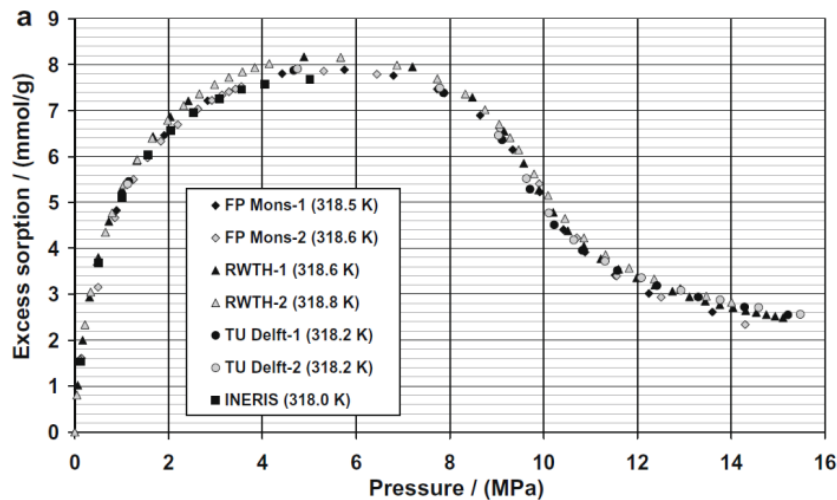
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High pressure sorption data

Literature data

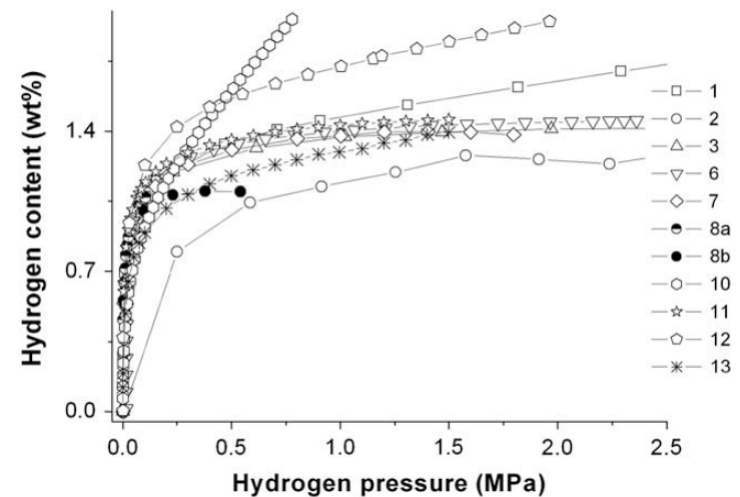
Round robin tests:

High pressure CO₂ sorption isotherms
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Gensterblum et al., *Carbon* 2009

High pressure H₂ sorption isotherms
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Gravimetric [*]		0 bar – 20 bar	273 K – 773 K	Yes	Yes	Yes
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Adsorptives: CO₂, CH₄, H₂, N₂, He, H₂O, Toluene, other vapors.

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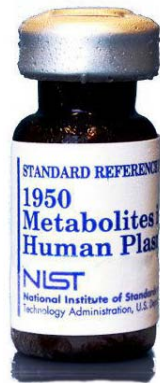
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Example of Measurement



Example of Data



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Design and work on approach



Deliver product or solution

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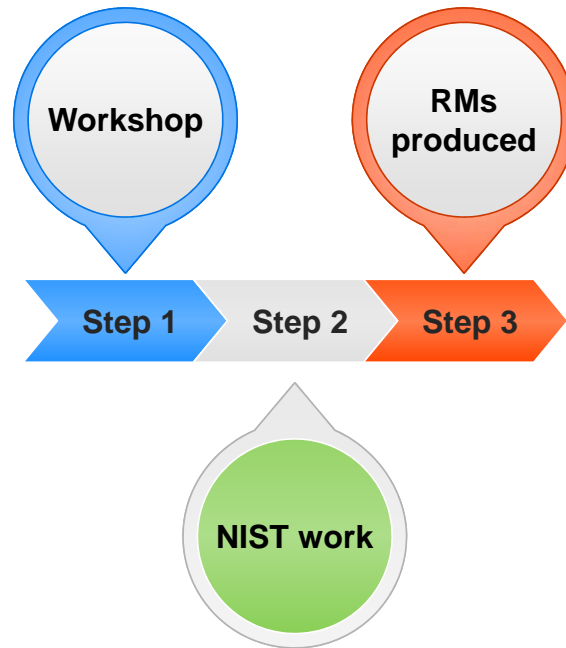
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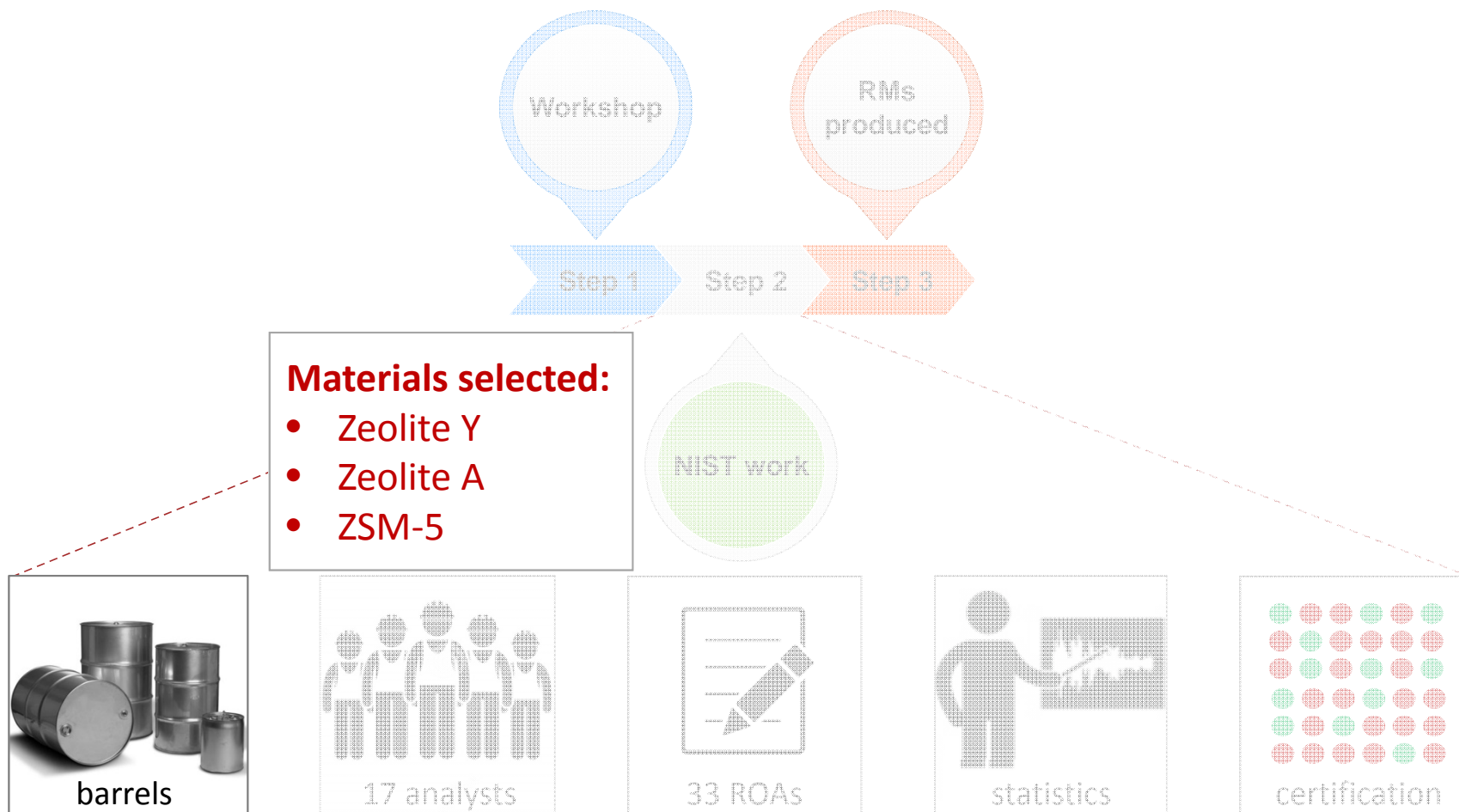
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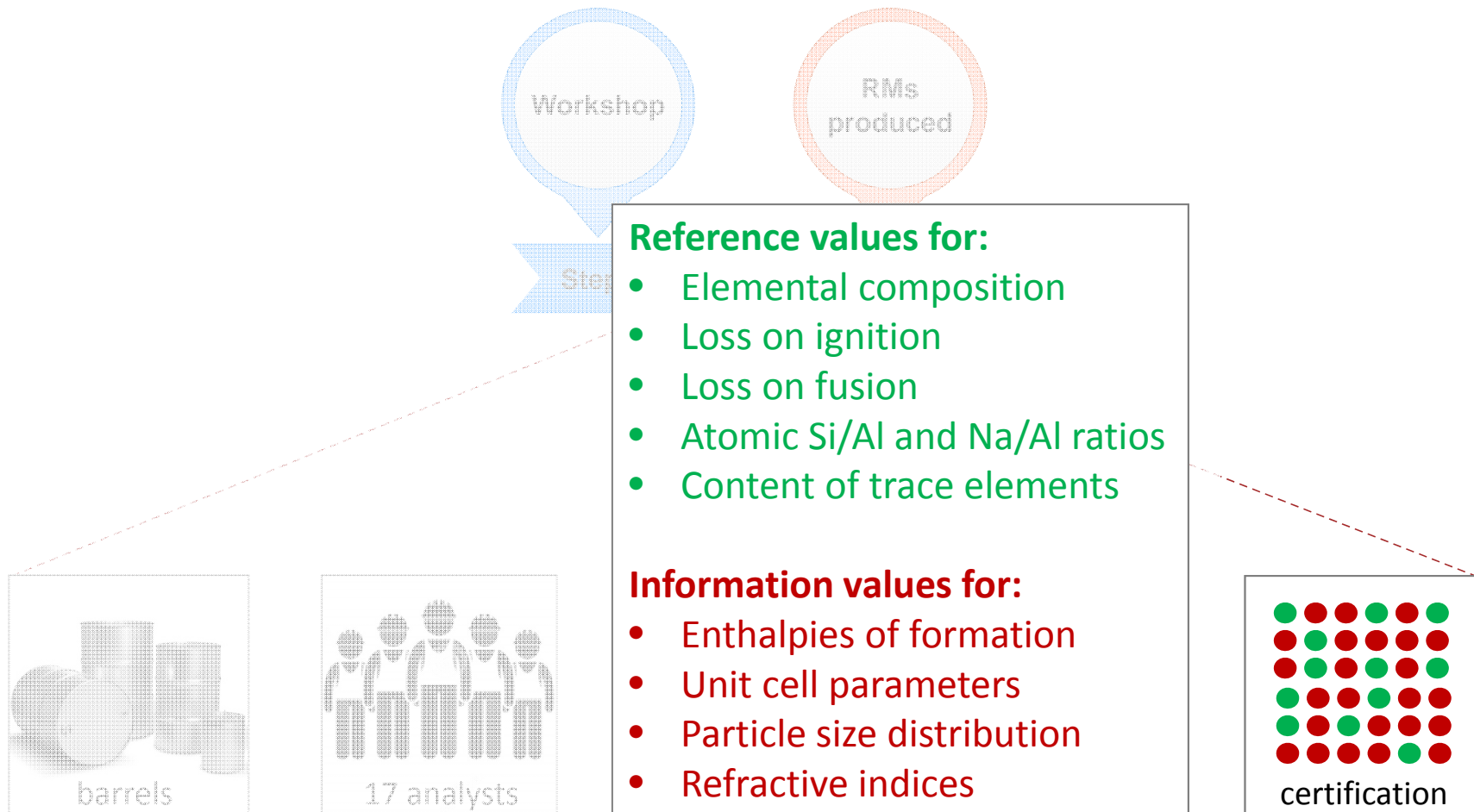
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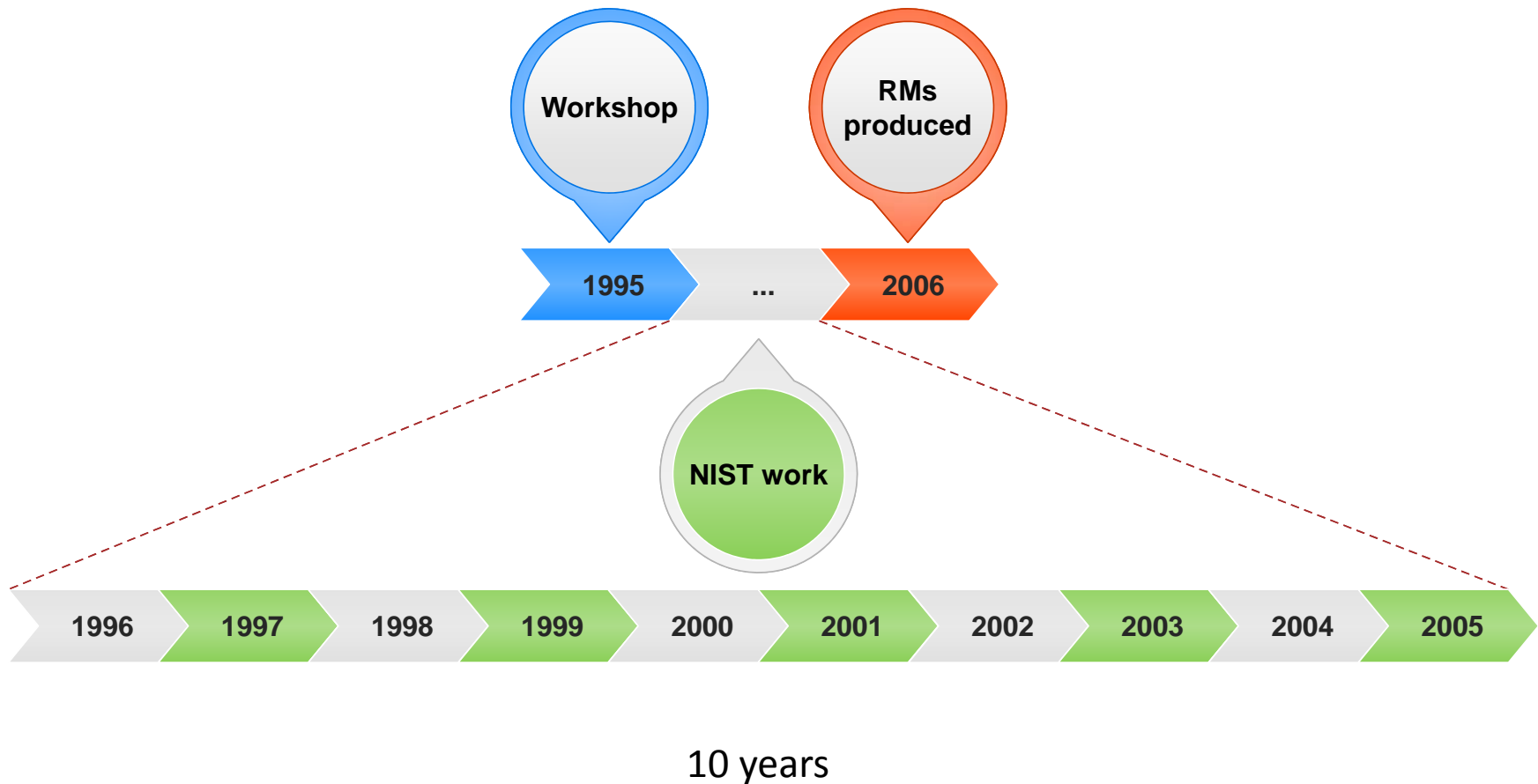
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Standard Reference Materials and Data (RMD)

Example of Data

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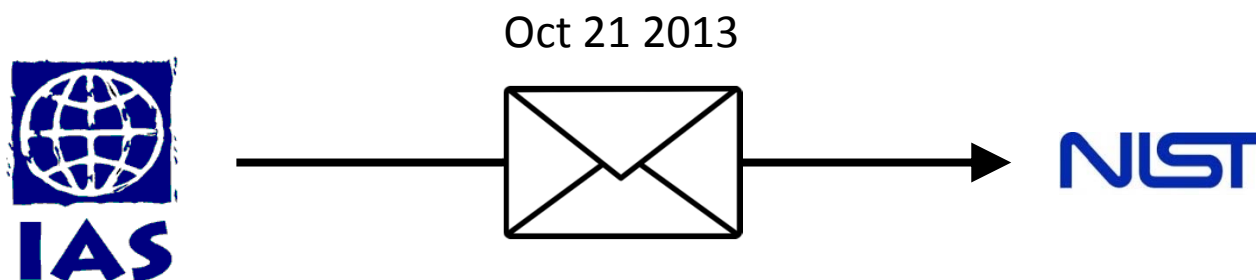
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Request from the International Adsorption Society

IAS sends a Memo to NIST



...“develop of (certified) reference materials with (certified) reference gas adsorption isotherms, with priority given to reference materials for industrial adsorption applications over a wide pressure range (e.g. up to ca. 100 bar).”...

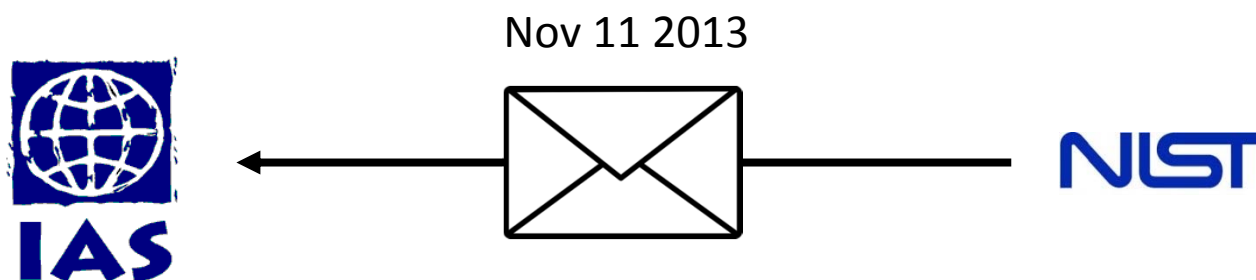
...“availability of such reference materials will allow for calibration of gas adsorption analytical equipment appropriate to high pressure conditions, which will enable reliable comparison and evaluation of adsorbent materials between independent laboratories.”...

Data of interest

Adsorbate	T	P	Existing CRMs	Suggested candidates
CO ₂	0 °C - 70 °C	1 bar - 100 bar	None	Zeolite 5A, Zeolite 13X, BPL Carbon, Filtrasorb 400, ZSM5/ Silicalite
CO ₂	0 °C - 20 °C	0 bar - Psat	None	Zeolite 5A, Zeolite 13X, BPL Carbon, Filtrasorb 400, ZSM5/ Silicalite
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SF ₆	0 °C - 70 °C	1 bar - 100 bar	None	Zeolite 5A, Zeolite 13X, BPL Carbon, Filtrasorb 400, ZSM5/ Silicalite
Ar	87 K	0 bar - Psat	BCR-704, BCR-705	Zeolite 5A, Zeolite 13X
H ₂ O	20 °C - 30 °C	0 bar - Psat	None	Zeolite 5A, Zeolite 13X, BPL Carbon, Filtrasorb 400, ZSM5/ Silicalite

Request from the International Adsorption Society

NIST sends a response Memo to IAS



... “[NIST] proposes measuring high pressure isotherms for CO₂ and CH₄ using one of our existing RM zeolite materials, both at NIST and other laboratories as part of a round robin.”...

... “inclusion of other adsorption scientists, with IAS participation, would give greater credibility to the effort.”...

... “the resulting isotherm data would not be, in the strict sense used here at NIST, ‘certified values’, but would have considerable credibility in the adsorption science community.”...

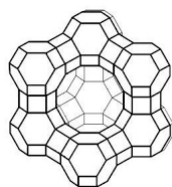
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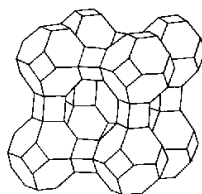
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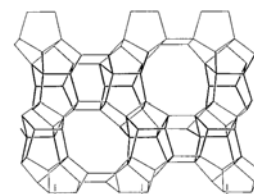
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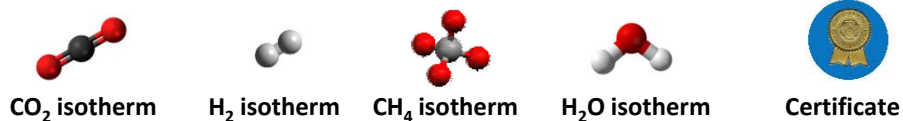
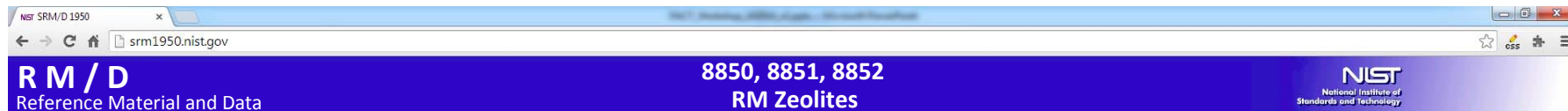


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High-quality gas adsorption isotherm data on one of the NIST RM zeolites certified for chemical composition.

Reference Materials and Data (RM/D)



- ☐ Extensively characterized for:
 - Homogeneity
 - Purity
 - Chemical composition

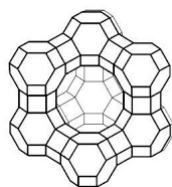


- ☐ We have 1,000+ units in stock.
- ☐ Certificates are valid through 2020.

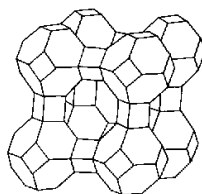
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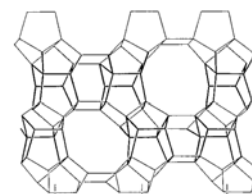
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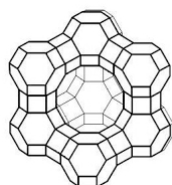
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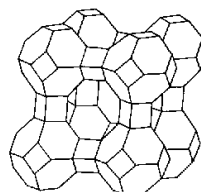
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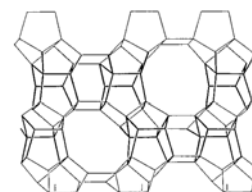
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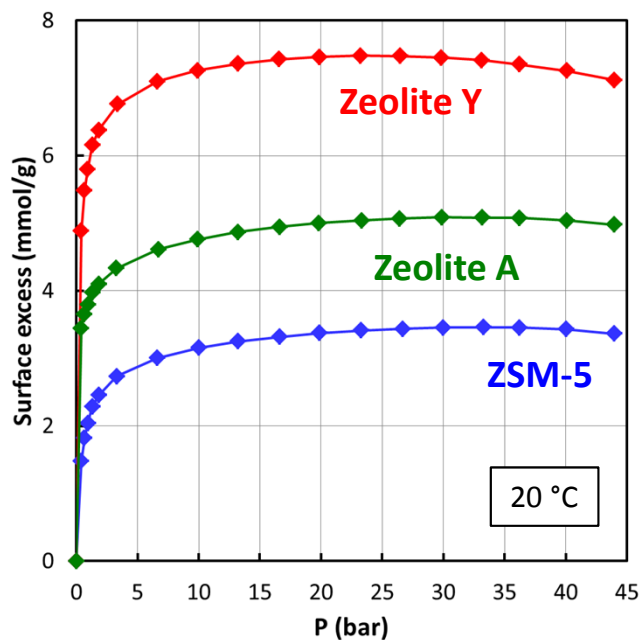
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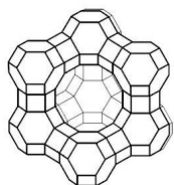
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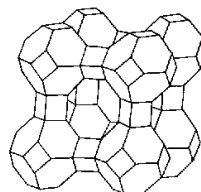
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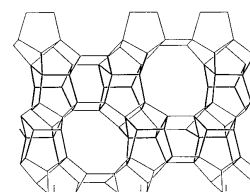
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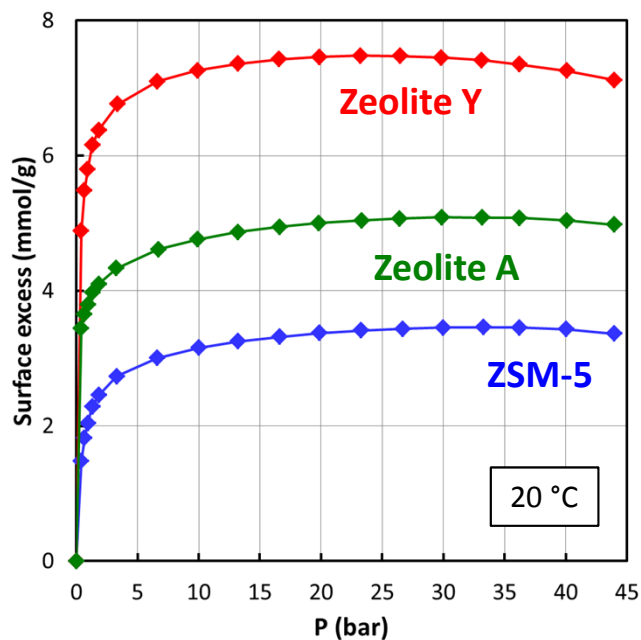


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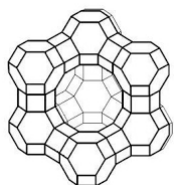


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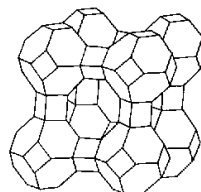
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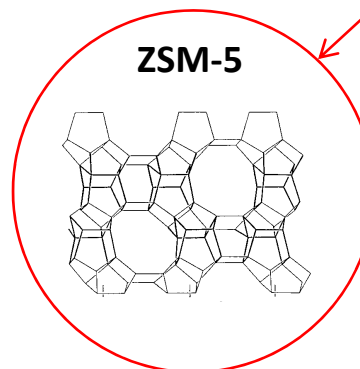
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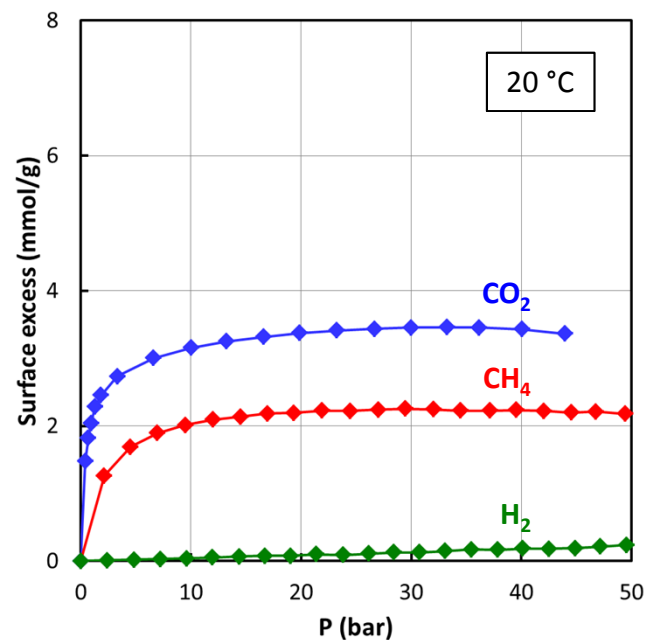
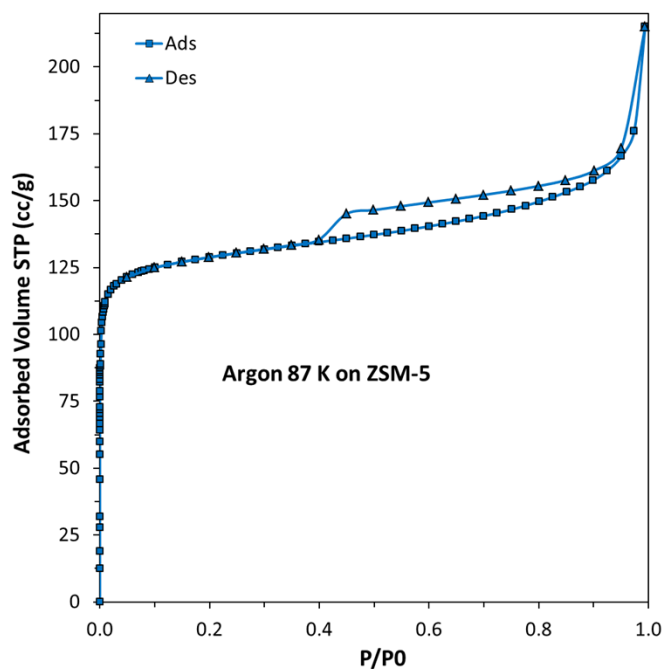


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Preliminary CO₂, CH₄, and H₂ adsorption data

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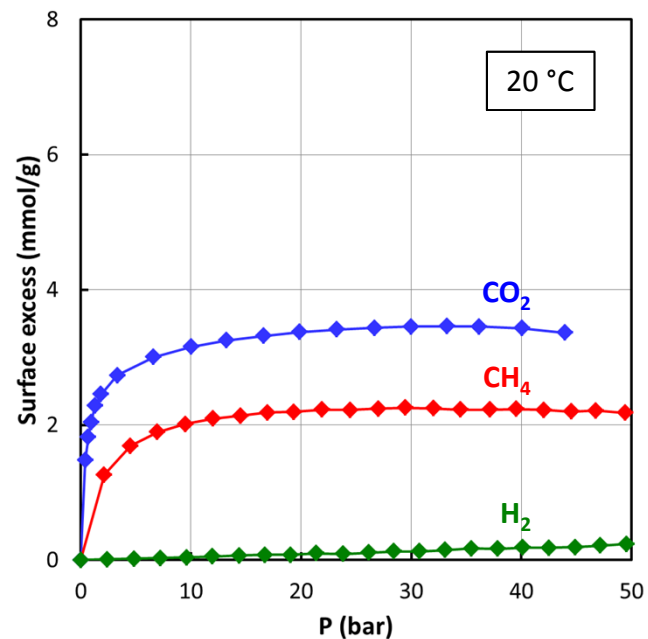
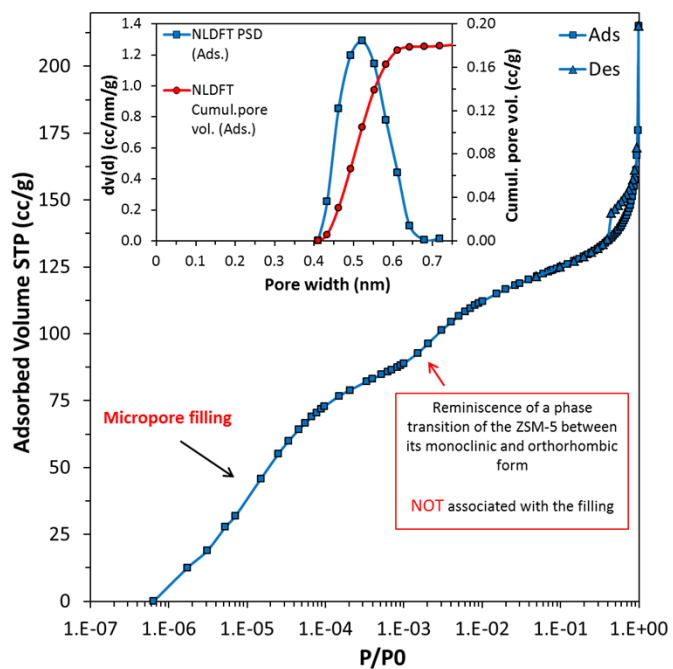
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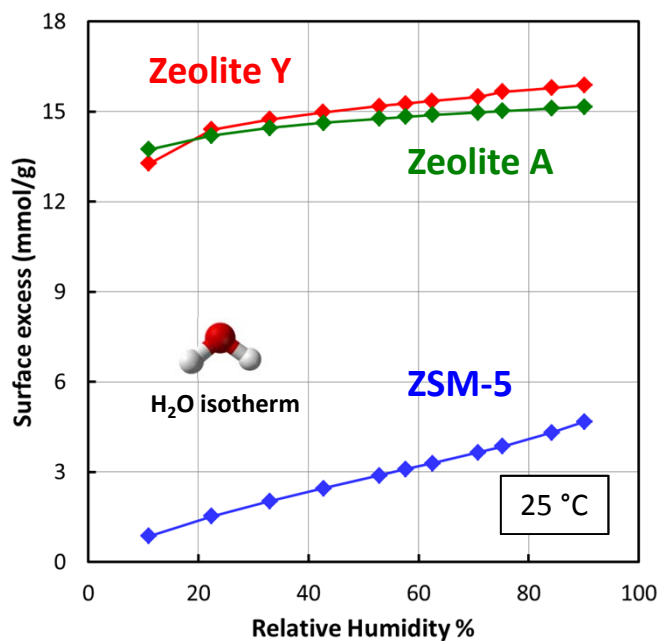
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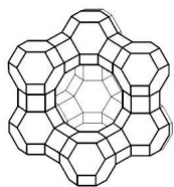
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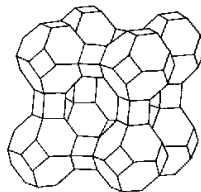
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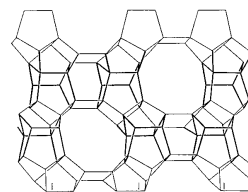
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Next step

- **Round robin of CO₂ adsorption isotherm measurements on NIST RM8852 (ZSM-5) at 20 °C up to 45 bar, with assistance from:**
 - International Adsorption Society (IAS)
 - Versailles Project on Advanced Materials and Standards (VAMAS)

- **Prioritize other measurements:**
 - H₂ and CH₄ adsorption isotherm measurements on NIST RM8852 (ZSM-5).
 - H₂O adsorption isotherm measurements on NIST RM8850 (Zeolite Y), RM8851 (Zeolite A), and RM8852 (ZSM-5).

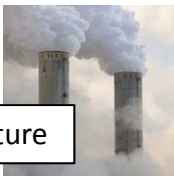
Outline

1. Motivation
2. Capabilities
3. Ongoing project
- 4. Future work**

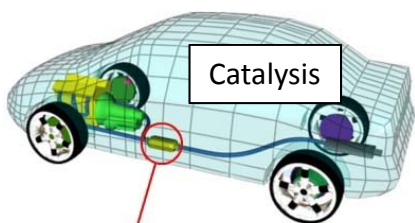
Future work



Environmental remediation



CO₂ capture



Catalysis

Catalytic Converter



Natural gas purification



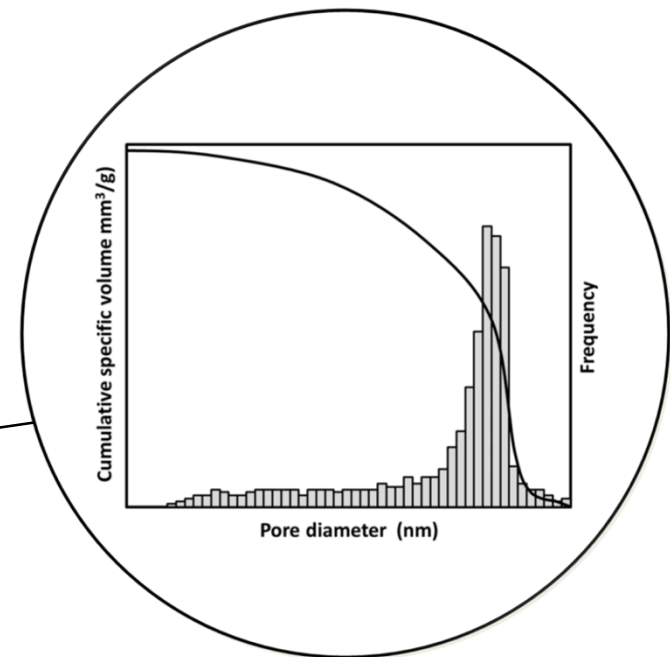
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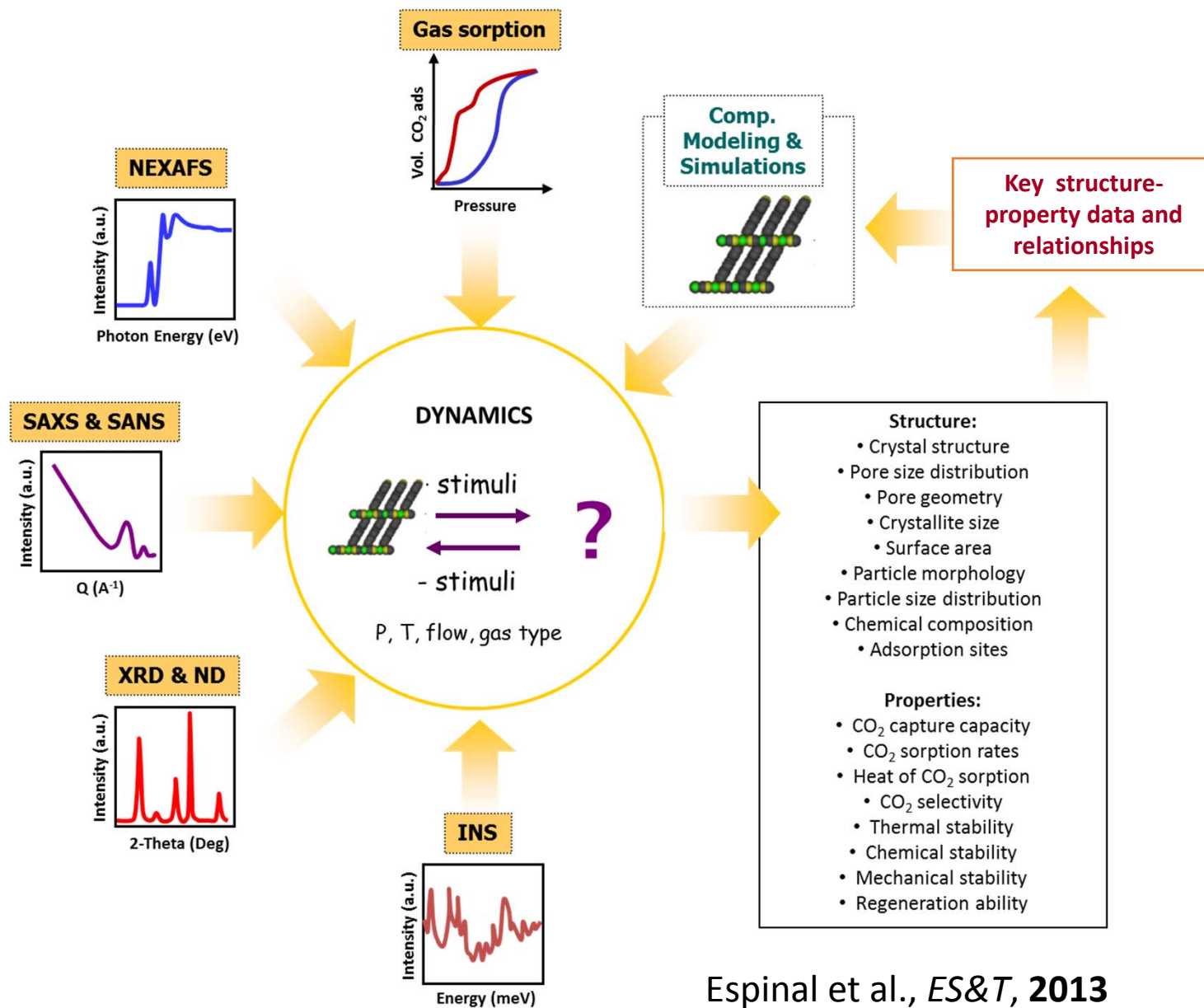
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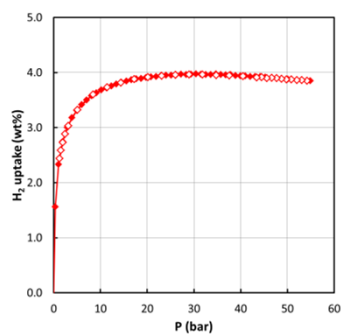
Characterization of shale gas?



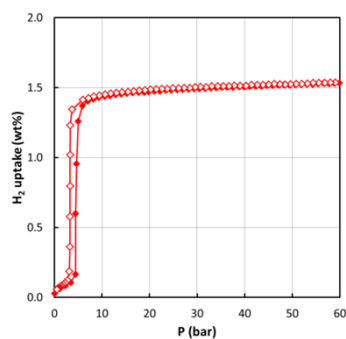
Complement *in-situ* characterization?



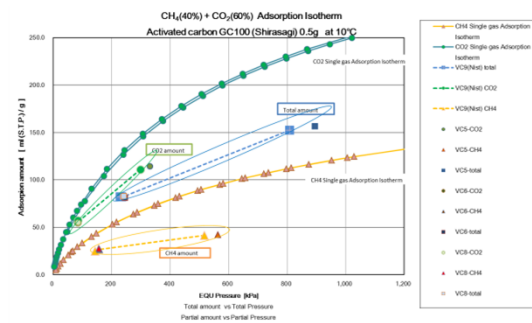
Storage and separations?



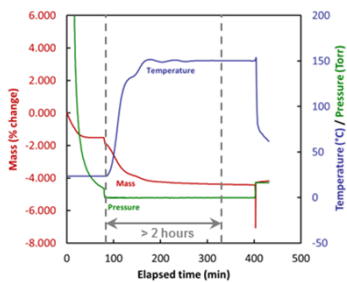
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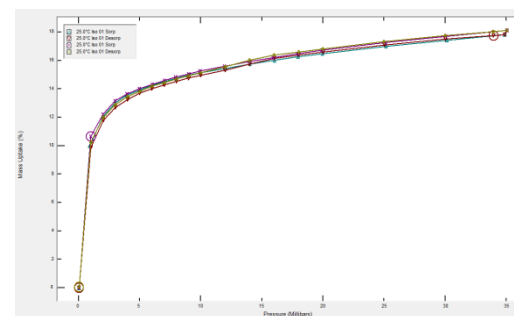
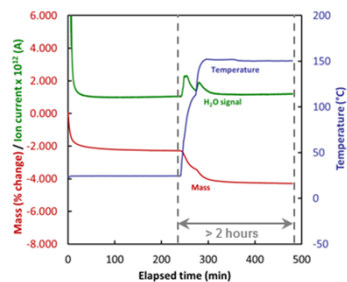
H₂ abs. on LaNi₅ at 40 °C



CO₂/CH₄ adsorption on porous carbon at 10 °C



Monitoring H₂O evolution during outgassing of molecules sieves



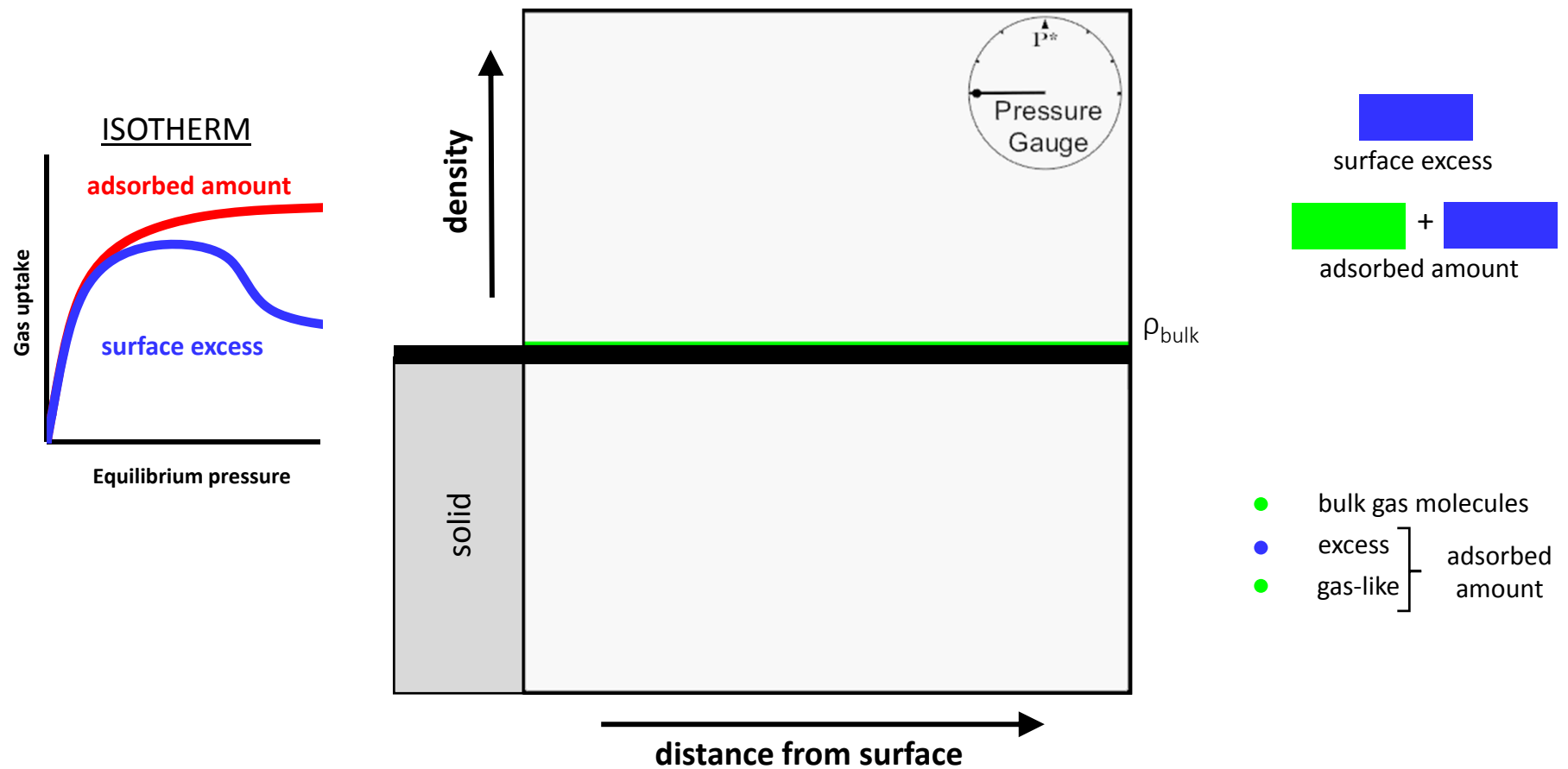
Toluene adsorption on F400 at 25 °C

QUESTIONS?

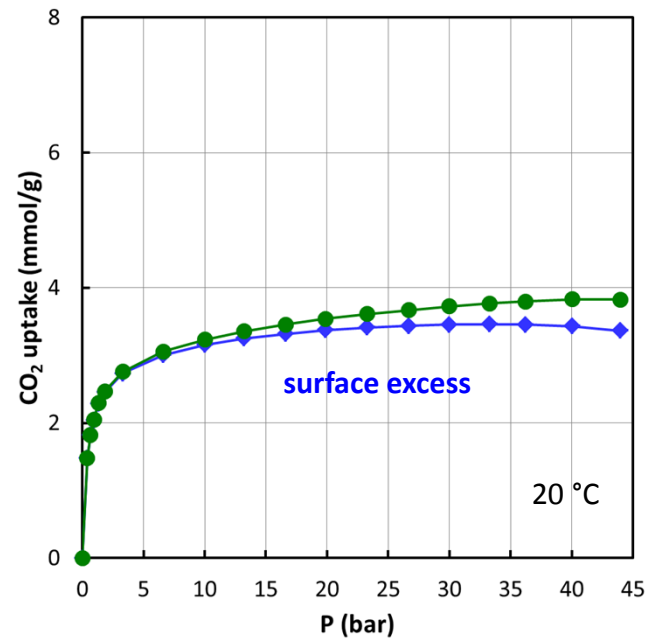
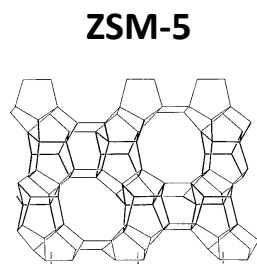
EXTRA SLIDES

Clarification on nomenclature

surface excess vs. adsorbed amount



CO₂ adsorption data

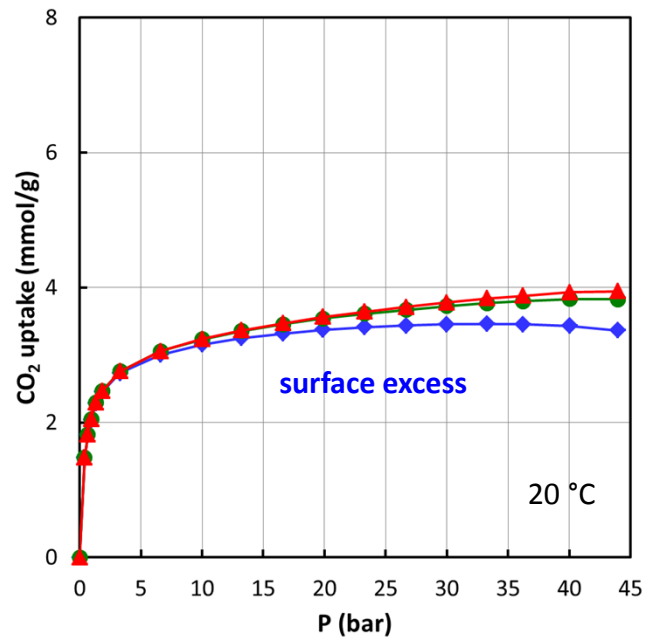
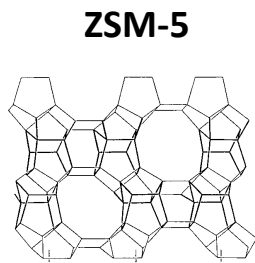


adsorbed amount

$$n_A = n^\sigma + \rho_g V_p$$

V_p : pore volume

CO₂ adsorption data



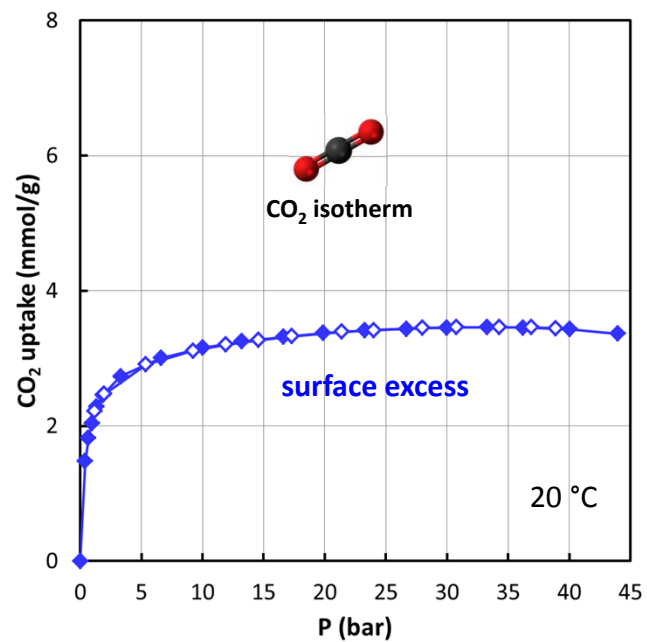
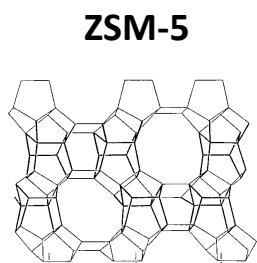
adsorbed amount

$$n_A = n^\sigma + \rho_g V_p$$

$$n_A = \frac{n^\sigma}{\left(1 - \frac{\rho_g}{\rho_{\text{liq}}}\right)}$$

Psat = 57.29 bar

CO₂ adsorption data



$T/T_c = 0.9$ (subcritical temperature)