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# APPLICATION OF SOLID STATE NMR IN HETEROGENEOUS CATALYSIS

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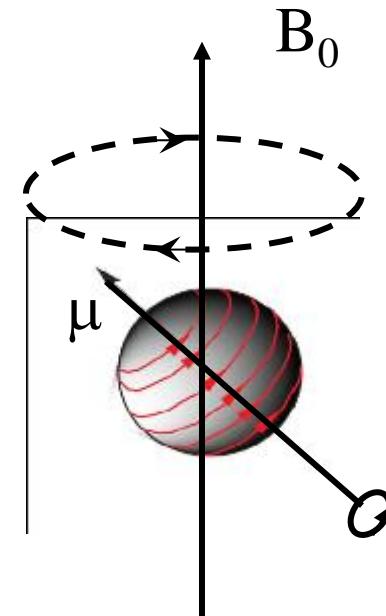
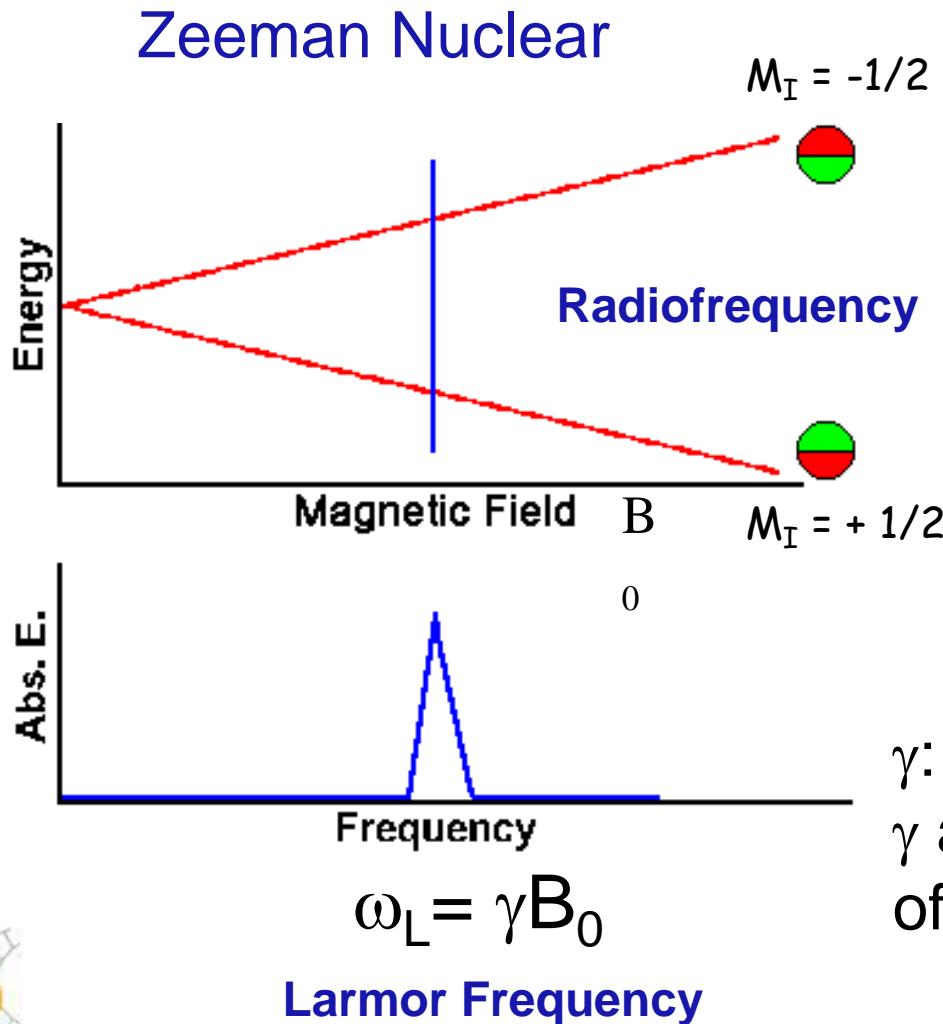
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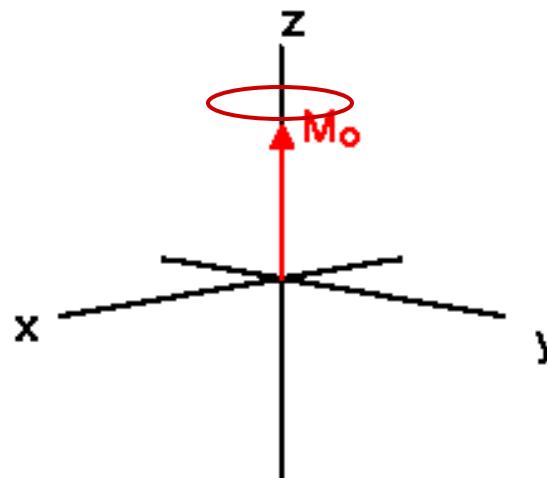
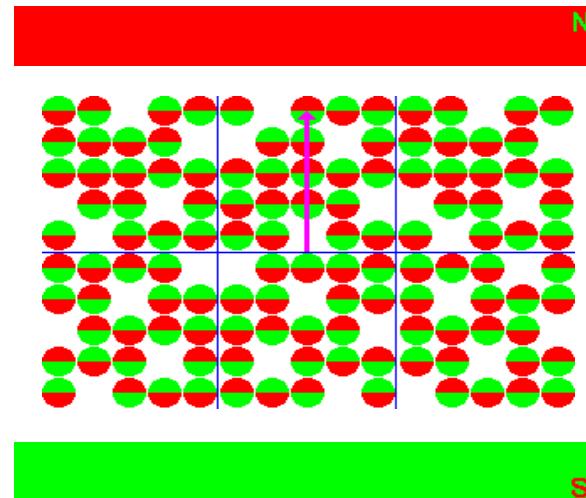
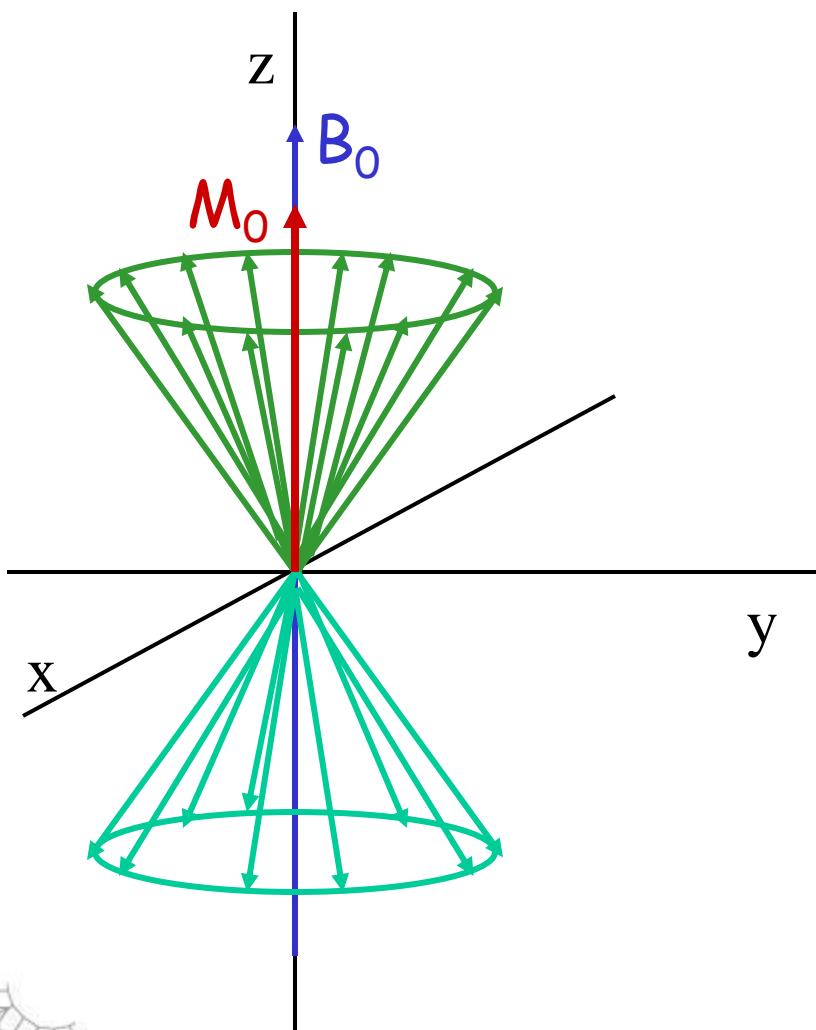
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$\gamma$ : gyromagnetic ratio  
 $\gamma$  and  $\omega_L$  are characteristic of nuclei

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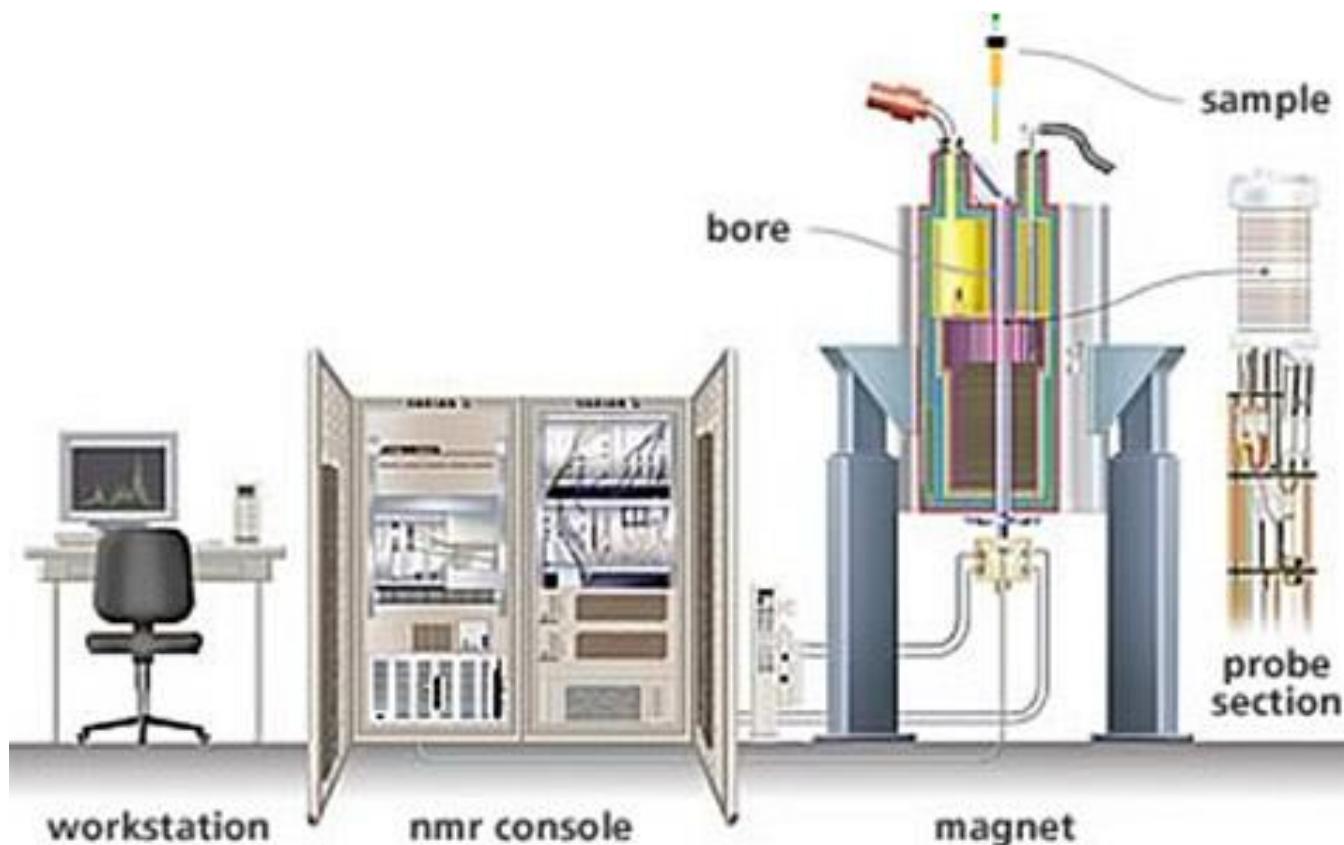


# NMR Frequencies vs. Bruker Field Strengths – sorted by increasing atomic number

Isotope	Spin	Nat. Abund. (%)	Receptivity		Larmor Frequencies (MHz) vs. Bruker Field Strengths (Tesla)										
			Natural rel. <sup>13</sup> C	Molar rel. <sup>1</sup> H	7.04925	9.39798	11.7467	14.0954	16.4442	17.6185	18.7929	19.9673	21.1416	22.3160	23.4904
1 H	1/2	99.9885	5.87E+03	1.00E+00	300.130	400.130	500.130	600.130	700.130	750.130	800.130	850.130	900.130	950.130	1000.130
2 H	1	0.0115	6.52E-03	9.65E-03	46.072	61.422	76.773	92.124	107.474	115.150	122.825	130.500	138.175	145.851	153.526
3 H	1/2		-	1.21E+00	320.131	426.795	533.459	640.123	746.786	800.118	853.450	906.782	960.114	1013.446	1066.778
3 He	1/2	1.34E-04	3.48E-03	4.42E-01	228.636	304.815	380.994	457.173	533.352	571.441	609.531	647.620	685.710	723.799	761.889
6 Li	1	7.59	3.79E+00	8.50E-03	44.167	58.883	73.600	88.316	103.032	110.390	117.748	125.106	132.464	139.822	147.180
7 Li	3/2	92.41	1.59E+03	2.94E-01	116.642	155.506	194.370	233.233	272.097	291.529	310.961	330.393	349.825	369.257	388.688
9 Be	3/2	100.0	8.15E+01	1.39E-02	42.174	56.226	70.277	84.329	98.381	105.407	112.433	119.459	126.485	133.510	140.536
10 B	3	19.9	2.32E+01	1.99E-02	32.245	42.989	53.732	64.476	75.220	80.591	85.963	91.335	96.707	102.079	107.451
11 B	3/2	80.1	7.77E+02	1.65E-01	96.294	128.378	160.462	192.546	224.630	240.672	256.714	272.755	288.797	304.839	320.881
13 C	1/2	1.07	1.00E+00	1.59E-02	75.468	100.613	125.758	150.903	176.048	188.620	201.193	213.765	226.338	238.910	251.483
14 N	1	99.636	5.90E+00	1.01E-03	21.688	28.915	36.141	43.367	50.594	54.207	57.820	61.433	65.046	68.659	72.273
15 N	1/2	0.364	2.23E-02	1.04E-03	30.423	40.560	50.697	60.834	70.971	76.039	81.107	86.176	91.244	96.312	101.381
17 O	5/2	0.038	6.50E-02	2.91E-02	40.687	54.243	67.800	81.356	94.913	101.691	108.469	115.248	122.026	128.804	135.582
19 F	1/2	100.0	4.89E+03	8.32E-01	282.404	376.498	470.592	564.686	658.780	705.827	752.874	799.921	846.968	894.015	941.062
21 Ne	3/2	0.27	3.91E-02	2.46E-03	23.693	31.587	39.482	47.376	55.270	59.217	63.165	67.112	71.059	75.006	78.953
23 Na	3/2	100.0	5.45E+02	9.27E-02	79.390	105.842	132.294	158.746	185.198	198.424	211.650	224.876	238.101	251.327	264.553
25 Mg	5/2	10.00	1.58E+00	2.68E-03	18.373	24.494	30.616	36.738	42.859	45.920	48.981	52.042	55.103	58.163	61.224
27 Al	5/2	100.0	1.22E+03	2.07E-01	78.204	104.261	130.318	156.375	182.432	195.460	208.489	221.517	234.546	247.574	260.602
29 Si	1/2	4.685	2.16E+00	7.86E-03	59.627	79.495	99.362	119.229	139.096	149.030	158.963	168.897	178.831	188.764	198.698
31 P	1/2	100.0	3.91E+02	6.65E-02	121.495	161.976	202.457	242.938	283.419	303.659	323.900	344.140	364.380	384.621	404.861
33 S	3/2	0.75	1.00E-01	2.27E-03	23.038	30.714	38.390	46.066	53.742	57.580	61.418	65.256	69.094	72.932	76.770
35 Cl	3/2	75.76	2.10E+01	4.72E-03	29.406	39.204	49.002	58.800	68.598	73.497	78.396	83.295	88.194	93.093	97.992
37 Cl	3/2	24.24	3.88E+00	2.72E-03	24.478	32.634	40.789	48.945	57.101	61.179	65.256	69.334	73.412	77.490	81.568
39 K	3/2	93.258	2.79E+00	5.10E-04	14.005	18.672	23.338	28.004	32.671	35.004	37.337	39.670	42.003	44.337	46.670
41 K	3/2	6.730	3.34E-02	8.44E-05	7.687	10.249	12.810	15.371	17.932	19.213	20.494	21.774	23.055	24.336	25.616
43 Ca	7/2	0.135	5.10E-02	6.43E-03	20.199	26.929	33.659	40.389	47.119	50.484	53.849	57.214	60.579	63.944	67.309
45 Sc	7/2	100.0	1.78E+03	3.02E-01	72.907	97.199	121.490	145.782	170.074	182.220	194.366	206.511	218.657	230.803	242.949
47 Ti	5/2	7.44	9.18E-01	2.10E-03	16.920	22.557	28.195	33.833	39.470	42.289	45.108	47.926	50.745	53.564	56.383
49 Ti	7/2	5.41	1.20E+00	3.78E-03	16.924	22.563	28.203	33.842	39.481	42.300	45.120	47.939	50.759	53.578	56.398
50 V	6	0.250	8.18E-01	5.57E-02	29.924	39.894	49.865	59.835	69.805	74.790	79.775	84.761	89.746	94.731	99.716
51 V	7/2	99.750	2.25E+03	3.84E-01	78.943	105.246	131.549	157.852	184.155	197.306	210.458	223.609	236.761	249.912	263.064
53 Cr	3/2	9.501	5.07E-01	9.08E-04	16.965	22.617	28.270	33.922	39.575	42.401	45.227	48.054	50.880	53.706	56.532
55 Mn	5/2	100.0	1.05E+03	1.79E-01	74.400	99.189	123.978	148.768	173.557	185.951	198.346	210.741	223.135	235.530	247.924
57 Fe	1/2	2.119	4.25E-03	3.42E-05	9.718	12.955	16.193	19.431	22.669	24.288	25.906	27.525	29.144	30.763	32.382
59 Co	7/2	100.0	1.64E+03	2.78E-01	71.212	94.939	118.666	142.393	166.120	177.984	189.847	201.711	213.575	225.438	237.302
61 Ni	3/2	1.1399	2.40E-01	3.59E-03	26.820	35.756	44.692	53.628	62.564	67.032	71.500	75.968	80.436	84.904	89.372
63 Cu	3/2	69.15	3.82E+02	9.39E-02	79.581	106.096	132.612	159.127	185.643	198.901	212.158	225.416	238.674	251.931	265.189
65 Cu	3/2	30.85	2.08E+02	1.15E-01	85.248	113.652	142.055	170.459	198.863	213.065	227.266	241.468	255.670	269.872	284.074
67 Zn	5/2	4.102	6.92E-01	2.87E-03	18.779	25.035	31.292	37.549	43.806	46.934	50.063	53.191	56.319	59.448	62.576
69 Ga	3/2	60.108	2.46E+02	6.97E-02	72.035	96.037	120.038	144.039	168.041	180.041	192.042	204.043	216.043	228.044	240.045
71 Ga	3/2	39.892	3.35E+02	1.43E-01	91.530	122.026	152.523	183.020	213.517	228.765	244.013	259.262	274.510	289.758	305.007

Isotope	Spin	Abundance (%)	NMR Frequency (MHz) at field (T)				
			5.8717	7.0460	9.3947	11.7434	14.0921
<sup>1</sup> H	1/2	99.98	250.000	300.000	400.000	500.000	600.000
<sup>2</sup> H	1	1.5x10 <sup>-2</sup>	38.376	46.051		76.753	
<sup>3</sup> H	1/2	0	266.658	319.990		533.317	
<sup>3</sup> He	1/2	1.3x10 <sup>-4</sup>	190.444	228.533		380.888	
<sup>6</sup> Li	1	7.42	36.789	44.146		73.578	
<sup>7</sup> Li	3/2	92.58	97.158	116.590		194.317	
<sup>9</sup> Be	3/2	100	35.133	42.160		70.267	
<sup>10</sup> B	3	19.58	26.866	32.239		53.732	
<sup>11</sup> B	3/2	80.42	80.209	96.251		160.419	
<sup>13</sup> C	1/2	1.108	62.860	75.432		125.721	
<sup>14</sup> N	1	99.63	18.059	21.671		36.118	
<sup>15</sup> N	1/2	0.37	25.332	30.398		50.664	
<sup>17</sup> O	5/2	3.7x10 <sup>-2</sup>	33.892	40.670		67.784	
<sup>19</sup> F	1/2	100	235.192	282.231		470.385	
<sup>21</sup> Ne	3/2	0.257	19.736	23.683		39.472	
<sup>23</sup> Na	3/2	100	66.128	79.353		132.256	

# NMR spectrometer



<http://www.agilent.com/labs/images/mnmr.jpg>

# Superconducting magnet



# Superconducting permanent magnet

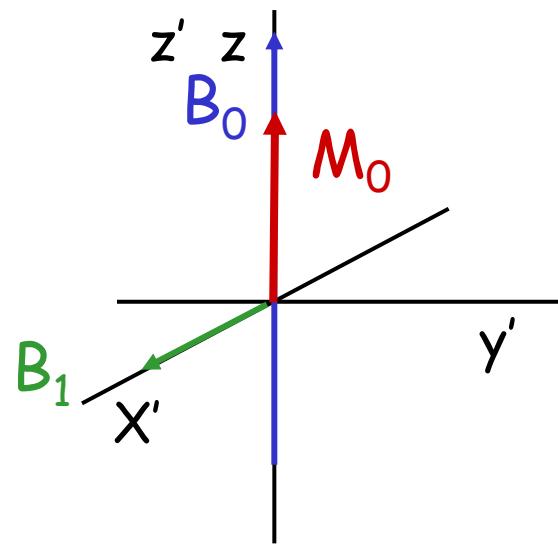


# NMR probe

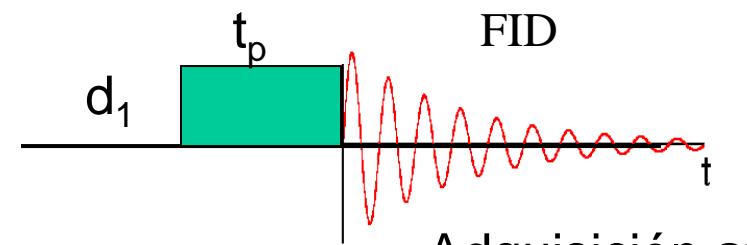
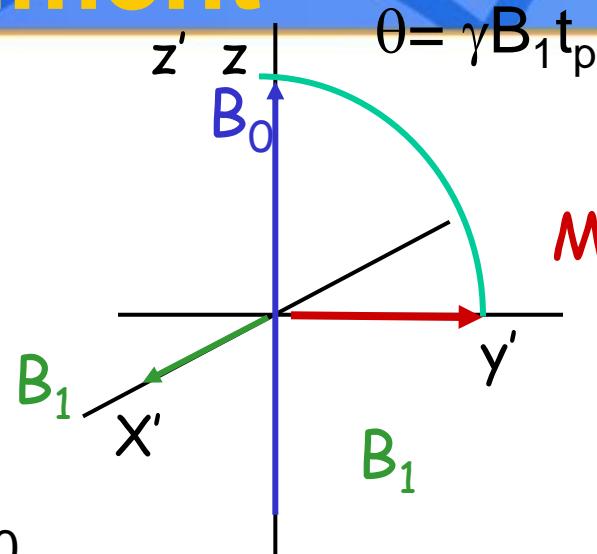


Simple probes have connections for  $^1\text{H}/^{19}\text{F}$  and X nuclei

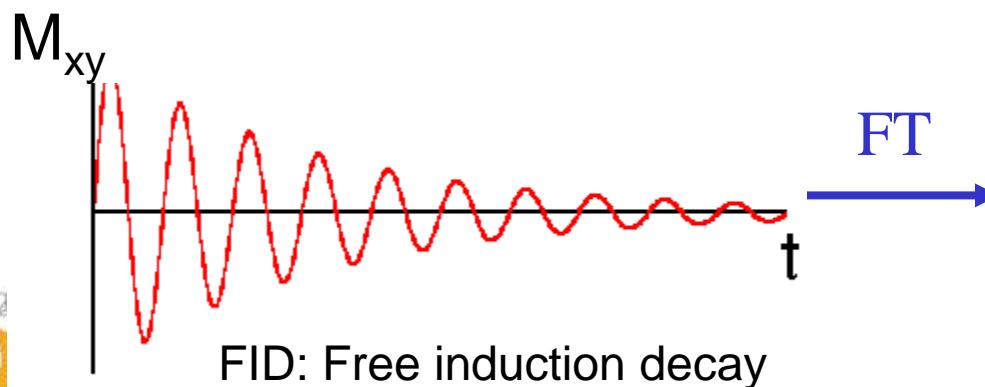
# Single pulse experiment



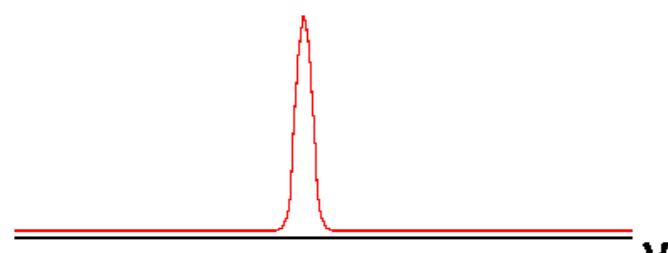
$$\omega_L = \gamma B_0$$



Adquisición at



FID: Free induction decay



# Shielding: Chemical shift ppm

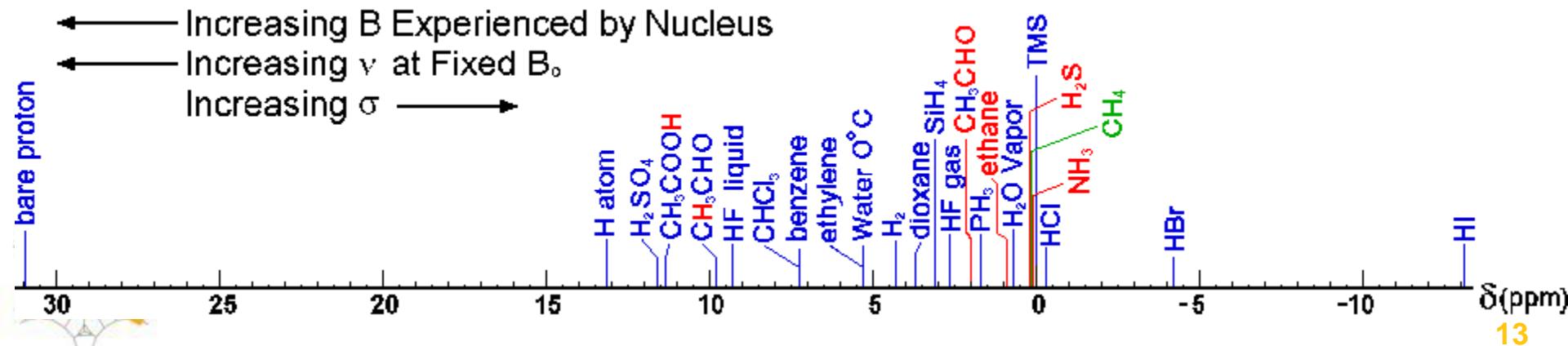
The electrons around the nucleus generates a local field opposite to  $B_0$

$$B = B_0 (1-\sigma)$$

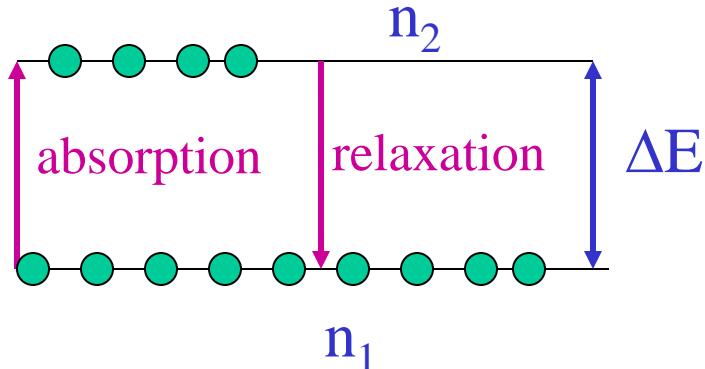
The resonance frequency of a nucleus depends on its environment

$$\nu = \gamma/2\pi B_0 (1-\sigma)$$

$$\delta \text{ (ppm)} = (\nu - \nu_{\text{ref}}) \times 10^6 / \nu_{\text{ref}} \approx (\sigma_{\text{ref}} - \sigma) 10^6$$



# Relaxation



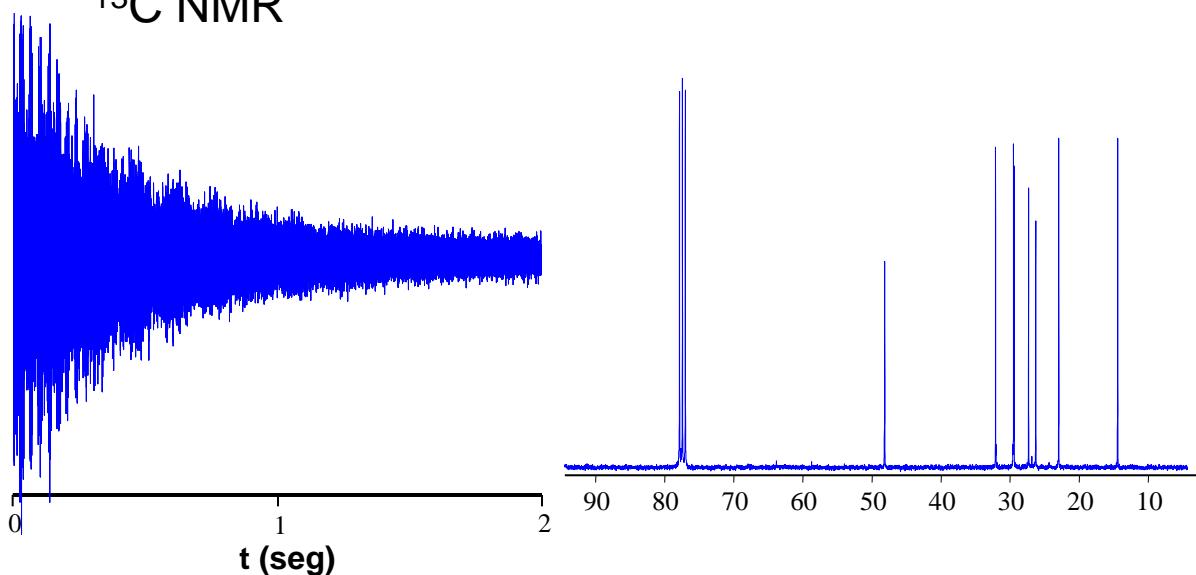
The population of states is given by de Boltzman distribution:

The probability of transition is given by the difference of population

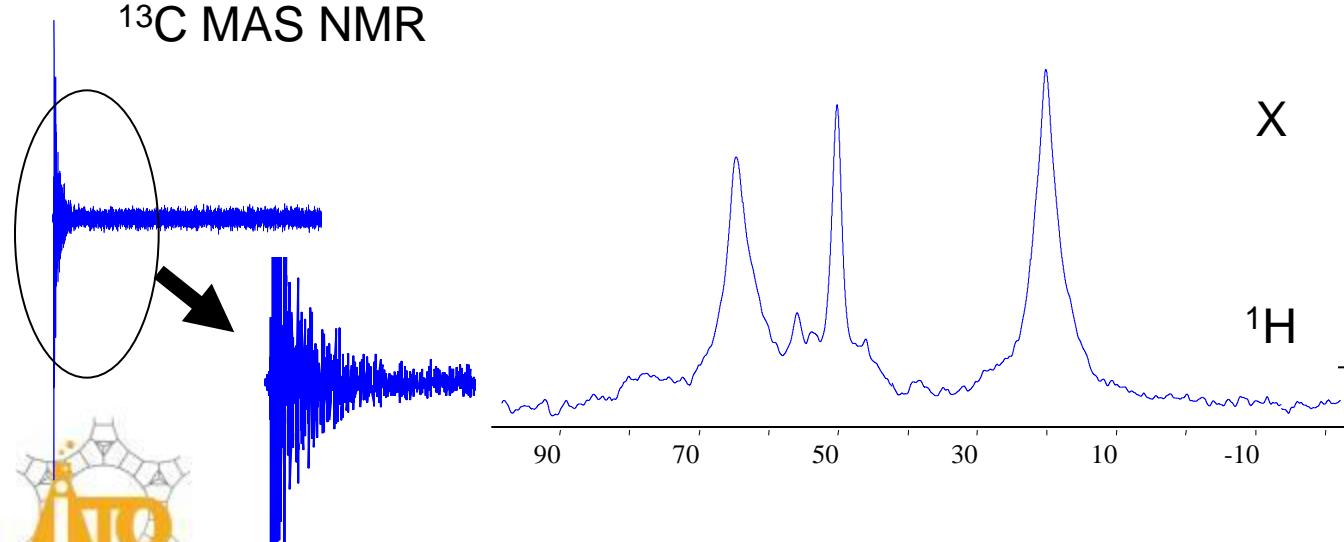
$T_1$ : longitudinal relaxation time restores the equilibrium distribution

$T_2$ : Spin-spinl relaxation time. Different type of interactions which provokes magnetization losses in the x-y plane.

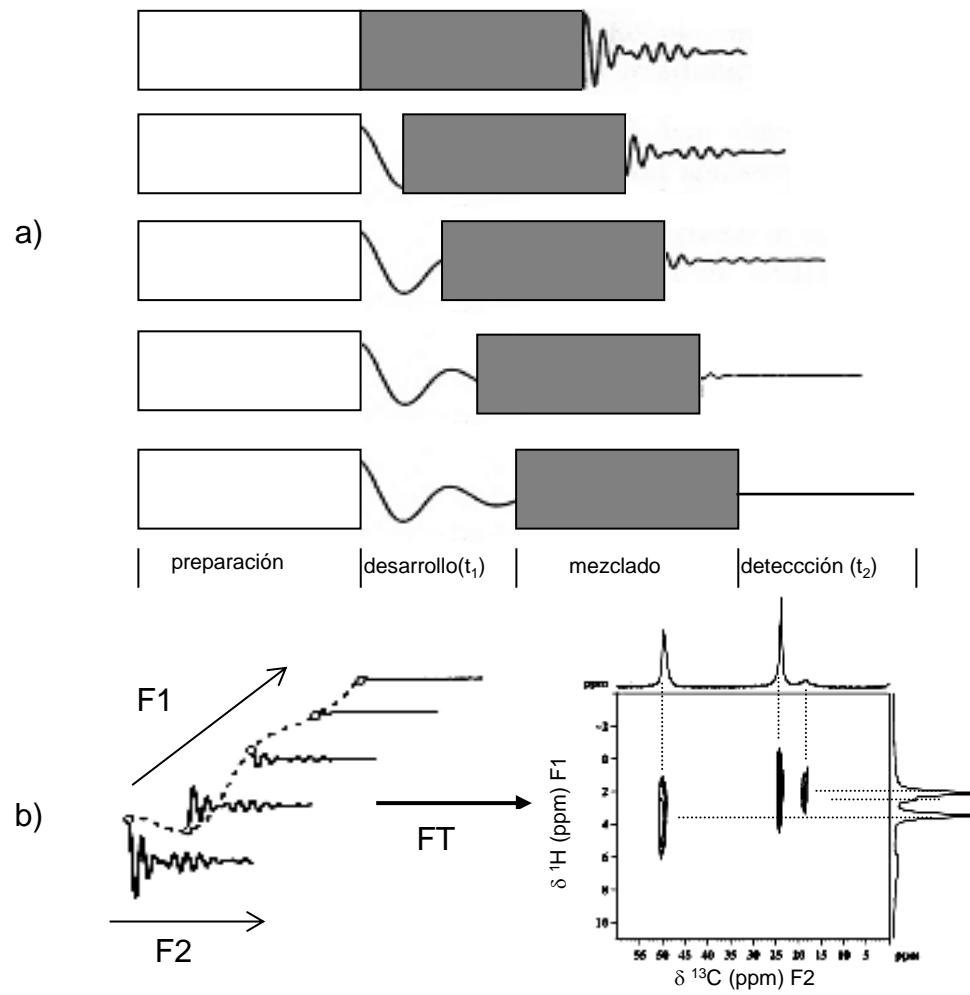
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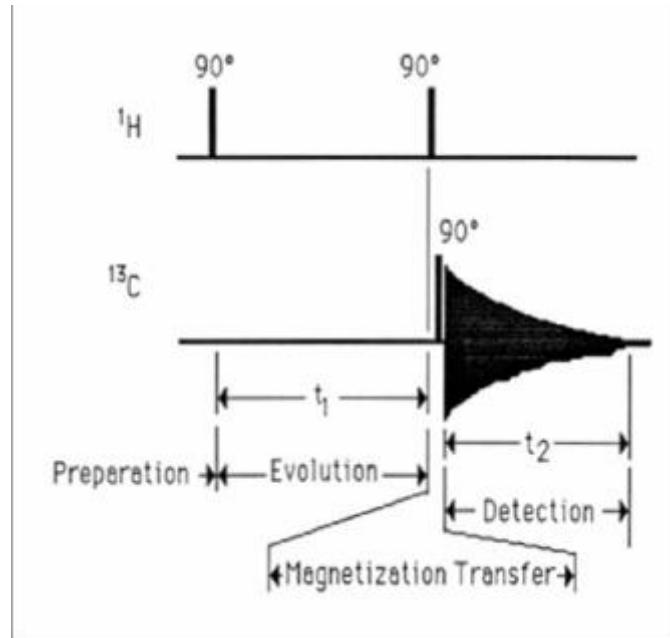
$^{13}\text{C}$  MAS NMR



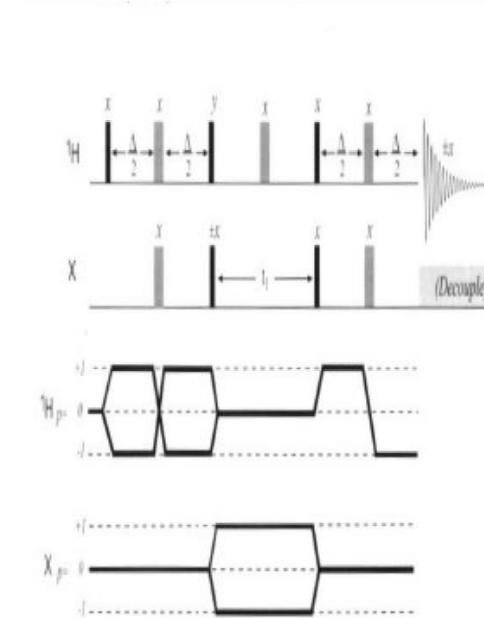
# 2D NMR Spectroscopy



# Pulse sequences



HETCOR



HSQC  
Heteronuclear Single Quantum Correlation

The HSQC experiment and associated coherence transfer pathway. The experiment uses the INEPT sequence to generate transverse  $X$  magnetisation which evolves and is then transferred back to the proton by an INEPT step in reverse. Notice that, in contrast to HMQC, only single-quantum  $X$  coherence evolves during  $t_1$ .

There are many pulse sequences providing different information



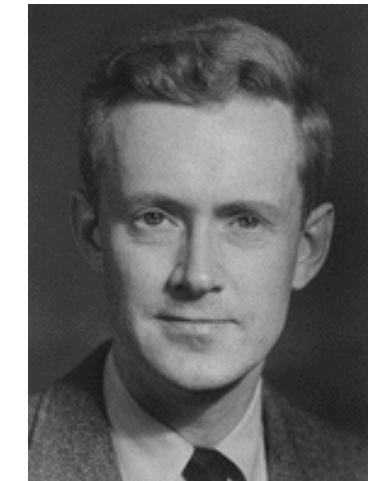
# NMR spectroscopy

- Element specific:
- Gives information on the environment of the nucleus: functional groups, chemical environment, ....

# NMR spectroscopy: Nobel prizes



Bloch



Purcell



Richard Ernst

1952: Física

“Desarrollo de Nuevos métodos de Medida de propiedades magnéticas y nucleares y descubrimientos relacionados”

1991: Química

“Por sus contribuciones al desarrollo de la metodología de la espectroscopia de RMN de alta resolución”

# NMR spectroscopy: Nobel prizes



Kurt Wüthrich

## 2002: Química

“por sus desarrollos en espectroscopia de RMN para la determinación de estructura tridimensional de macromoléculas biológicas en disolución”



Paul Lauterbur

## 2003: Medicina

“por sus descubrimientos relativos a la resonancia magnética de imagen”



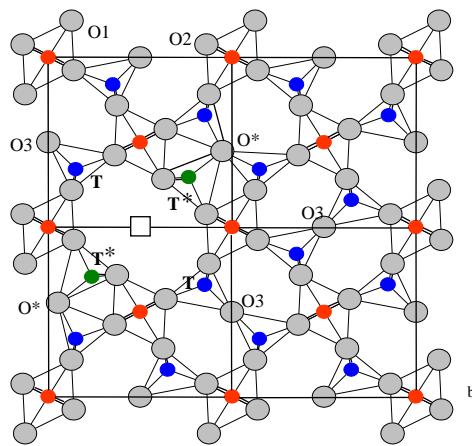
Sir Peter Mansfield

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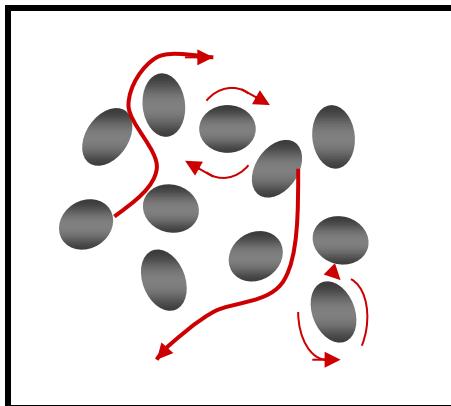
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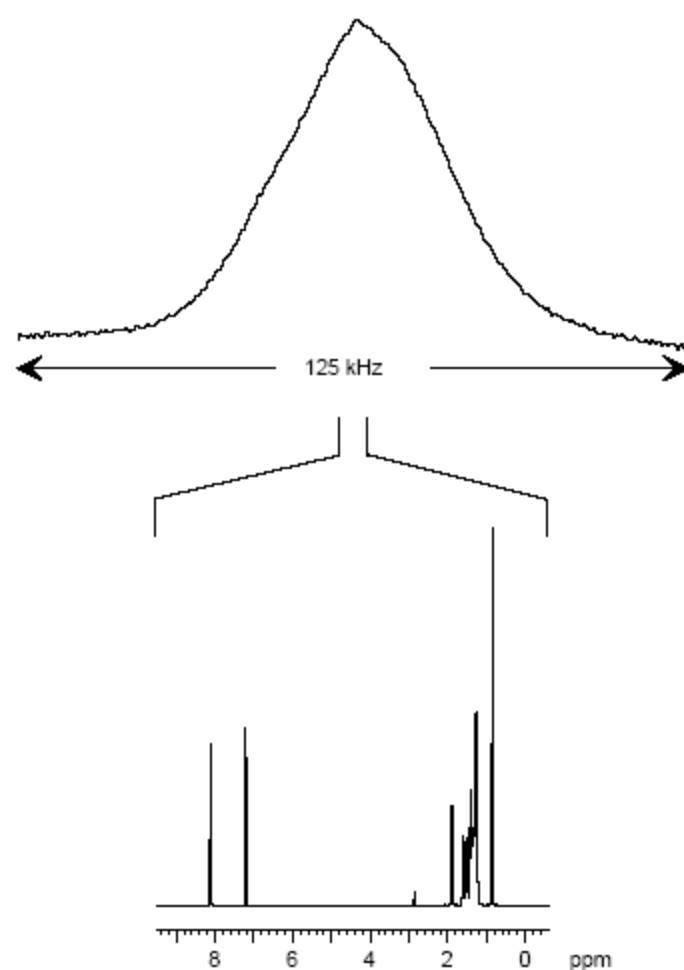
# Solid State NMR



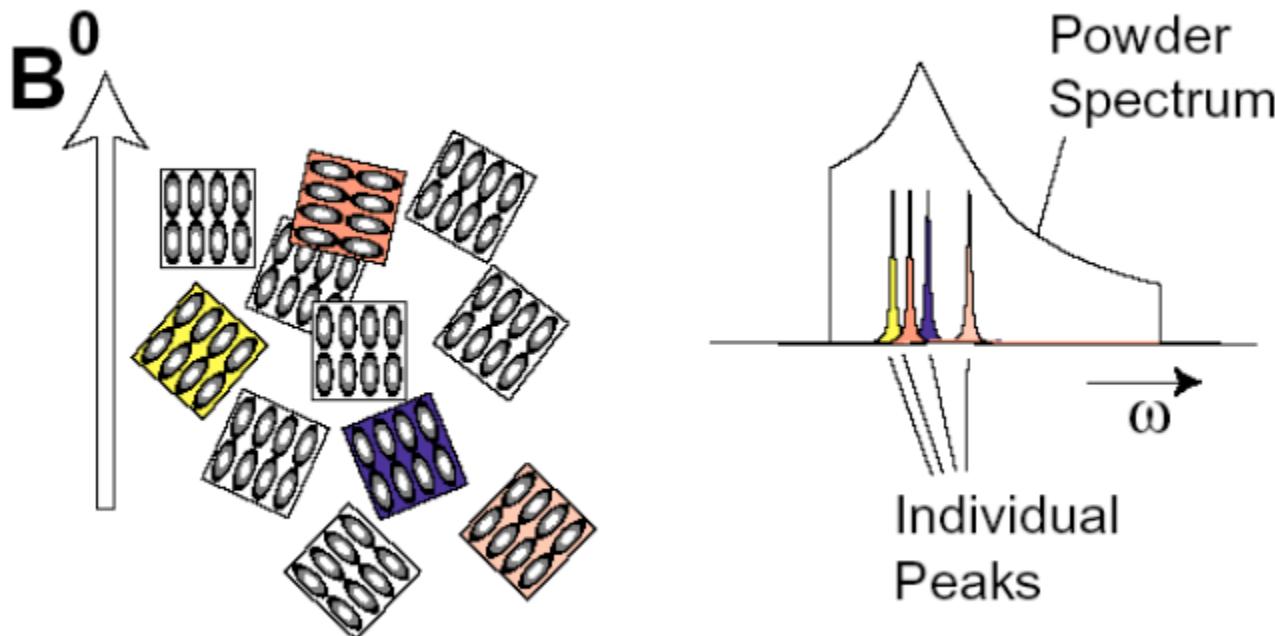
Solids: low mobility



Liquids: high mobility



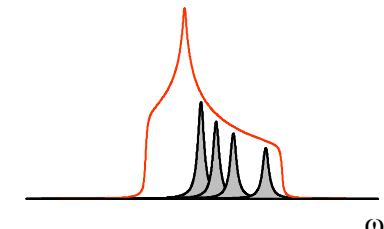
# Solid State NMR: Anisotropy



# Anisotropic interactions in solids

## 1: Chemical Shift Anisotropy CSA:

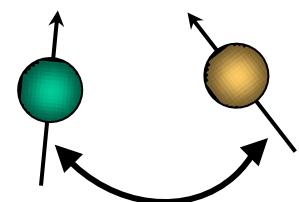
$\delta$  orientation of the molecule or the crystal respect  $B_0$



## 2: Dipolar coupling:

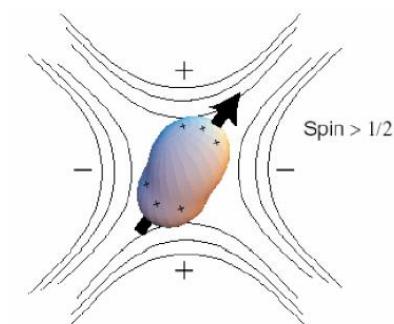
Through space interaction of two close nuclei  $I \neq 0$ .

- **Heteronuclear**
- **Homonuclear**

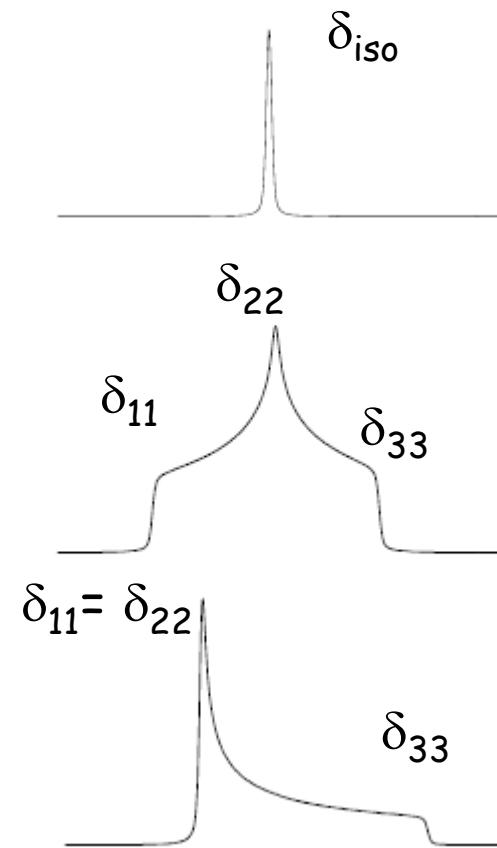
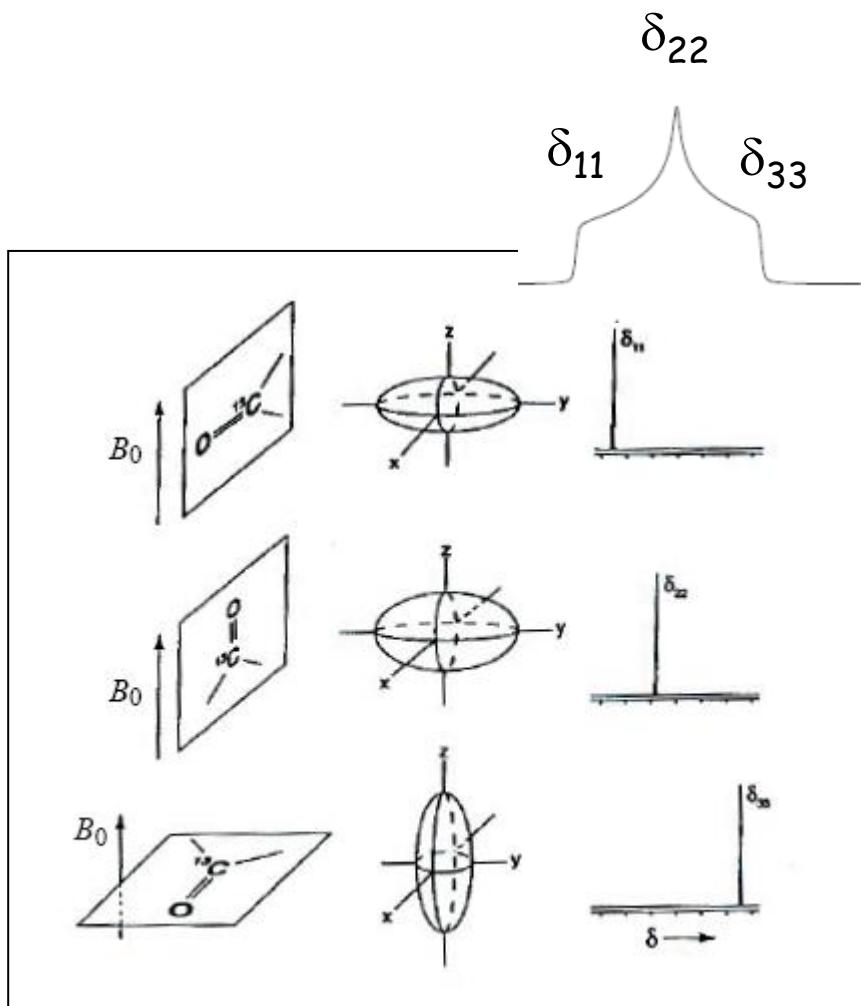


## 3: Quadrupolar interactions $I > 1/2$ .

Interaction of the quadrupolar moment with the electric field gradient generated by the charges around it.

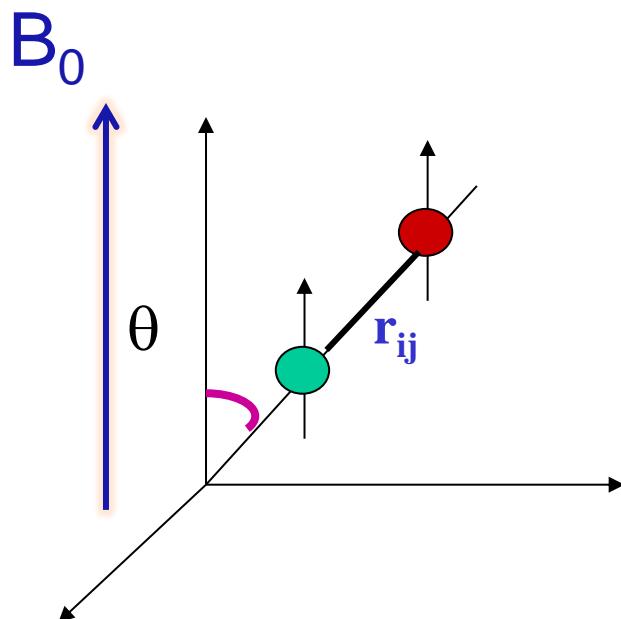


# 1: Chemical shift anisotropy: CSA



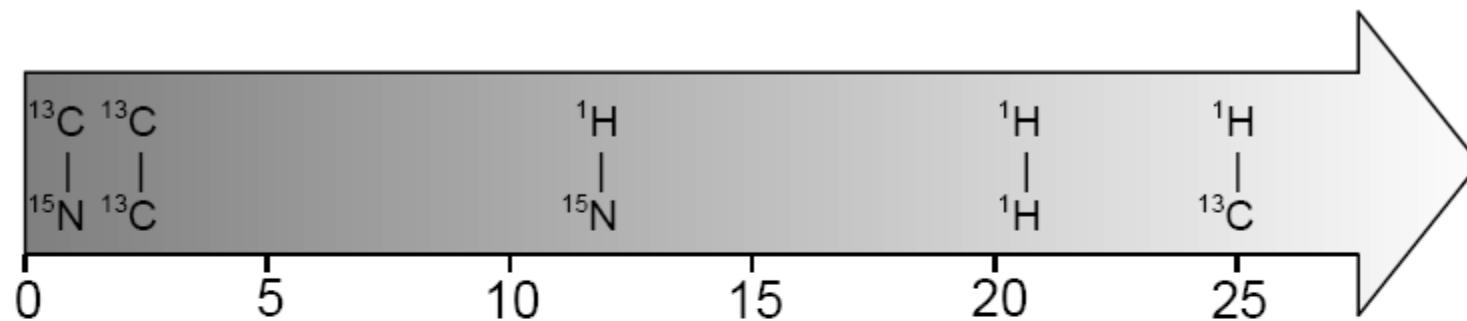
The resonance frequency of  $^{13}\text{C=O}$  depends on the orientation respect  $B_0$ .

## 2: Dipolar interacions

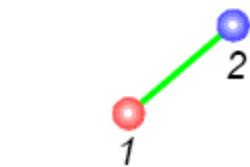


- Depends on the orientation of the dipolar vector respec  $B_0$
- Through space interaction, it does not need chemical bonding
- Decreases sharply with distances
- The magnitud is proportional to  $\gamma_l$  and  $\gamma_s$

## 2: Dipolar interaction



$$|b_{12}| / 2\pi \text{ [kHz]}$$

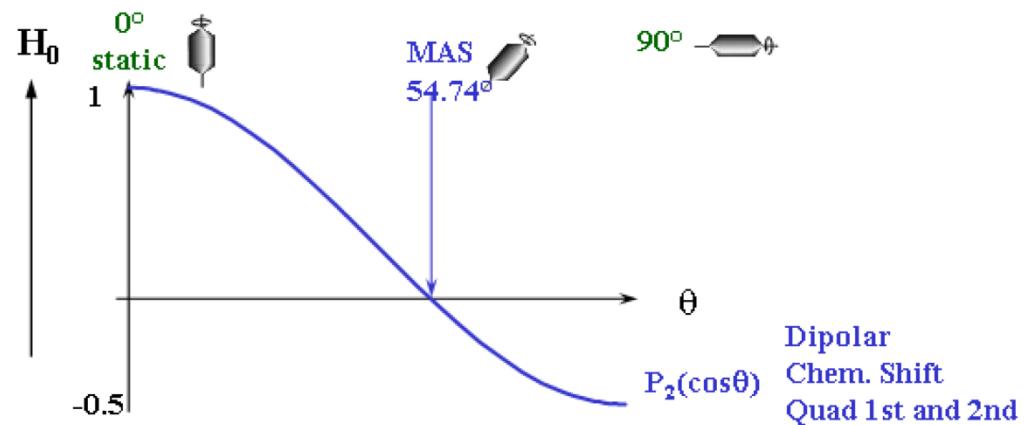


Nuclear Pair	Internuclear Distance	$R^{DD}$ (Hz)
<sup>1</sup> H, <sup>1</sup> H	10 Å	120 kHz
<sup>1</sup> H, <sup>13</sup> C	1 Å	30 kHz
<sup>1</sup> H, <sup>13</sup> C	2 Å	3.8 kHz

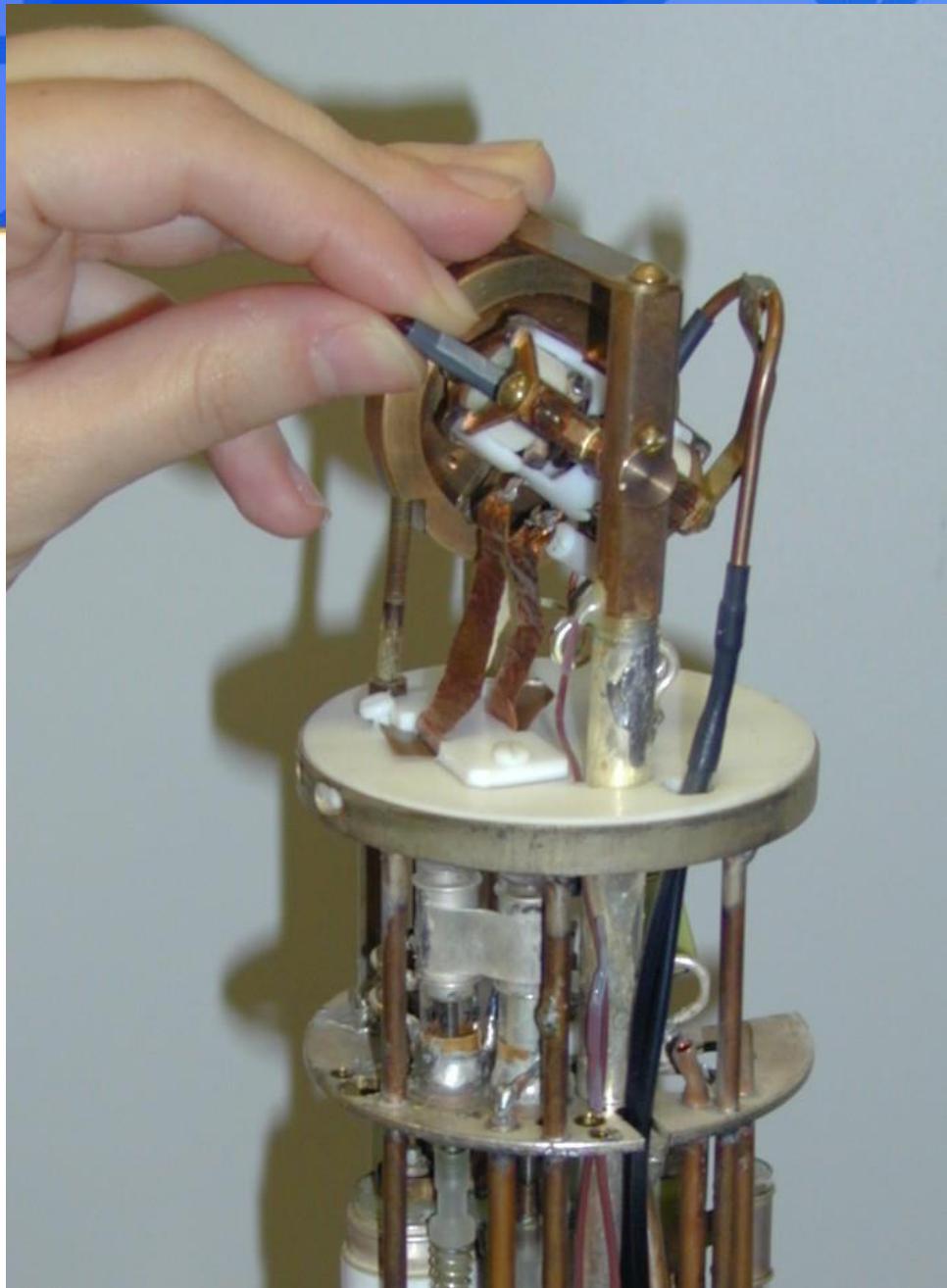
# 1: MAS: Magic angle spinning

## CSA Dipolar interactions

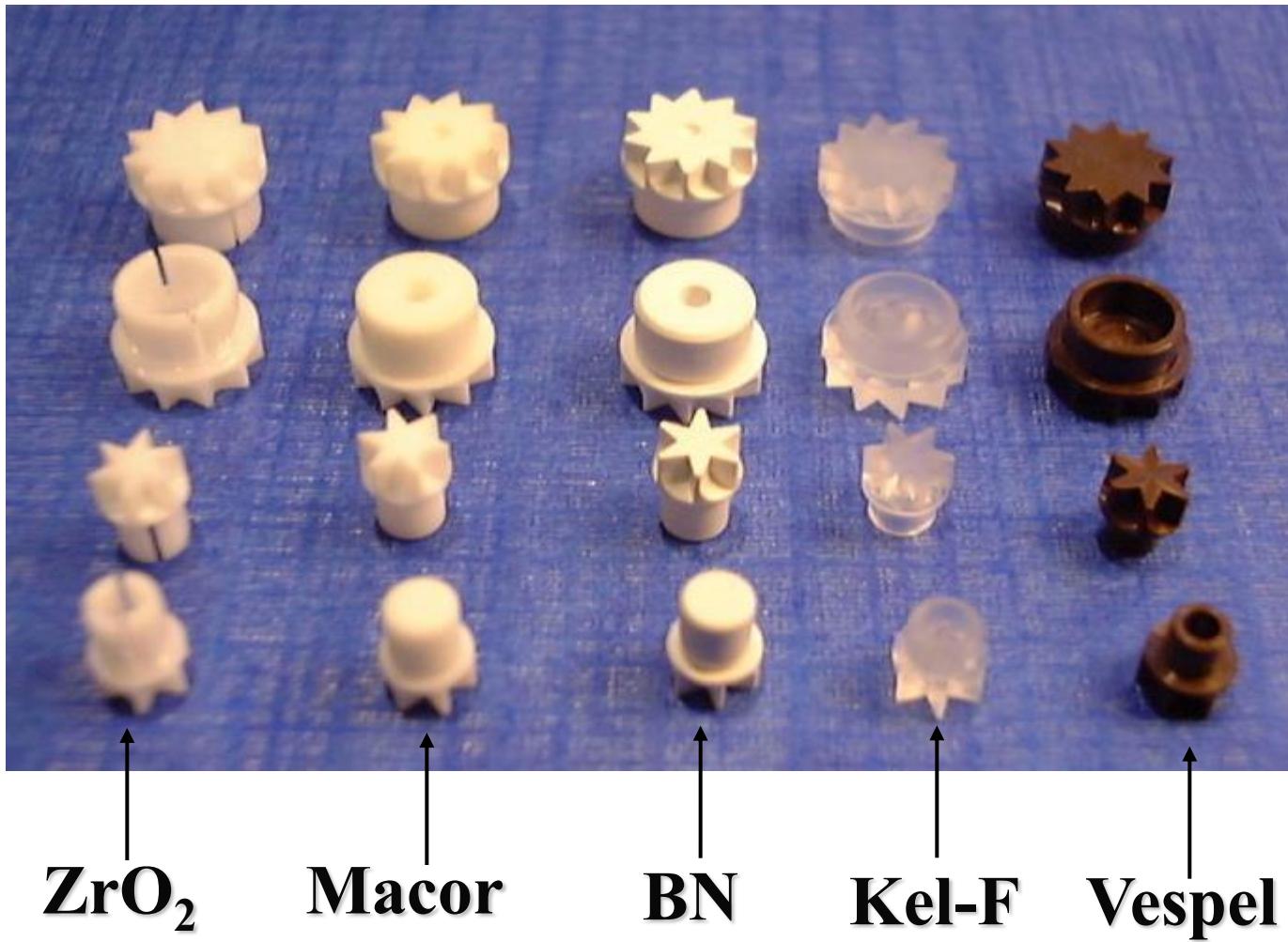
$$P_2(\cos \theta) = \frac{1}{2}(3\cos^2 \theta - 1)$$



The interaction is averaged spinning the sample at the MA at rate 3 or 4 times higher than the interaction

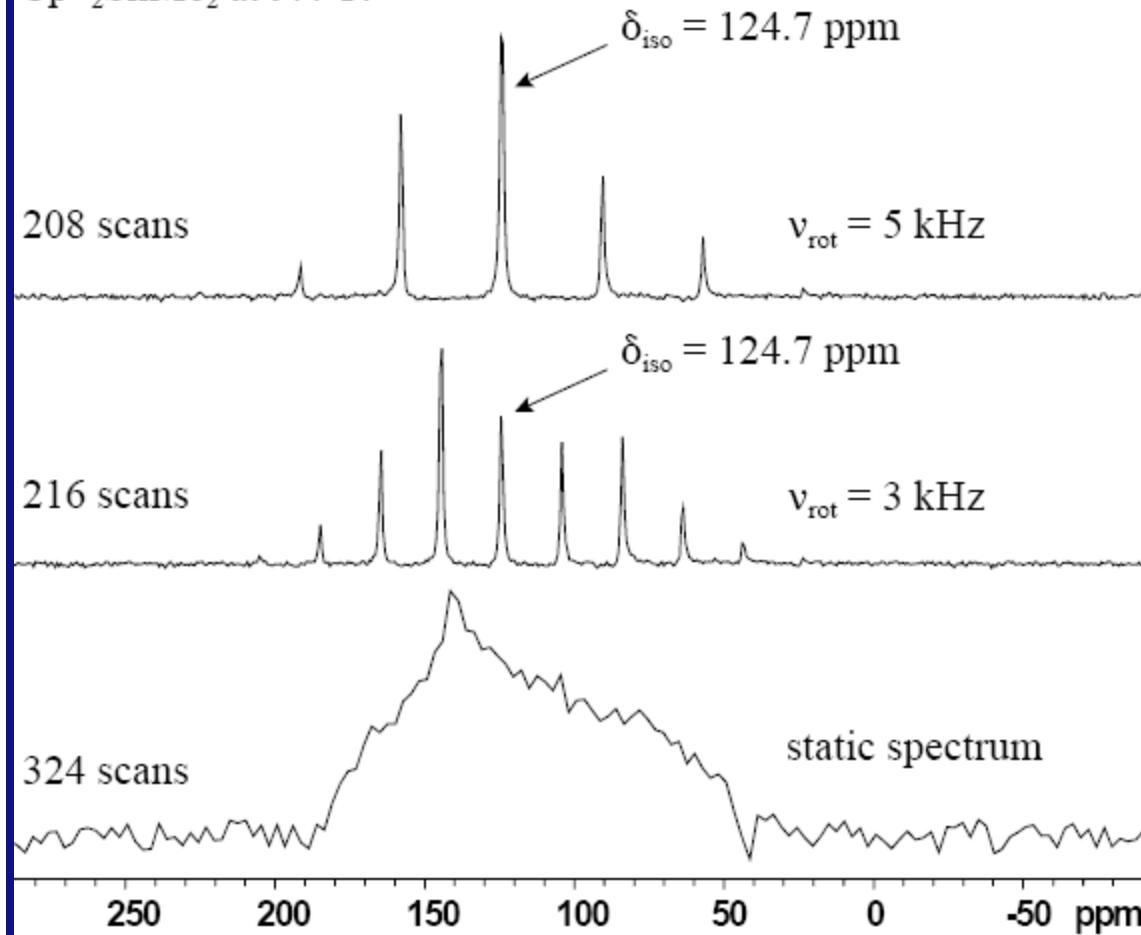


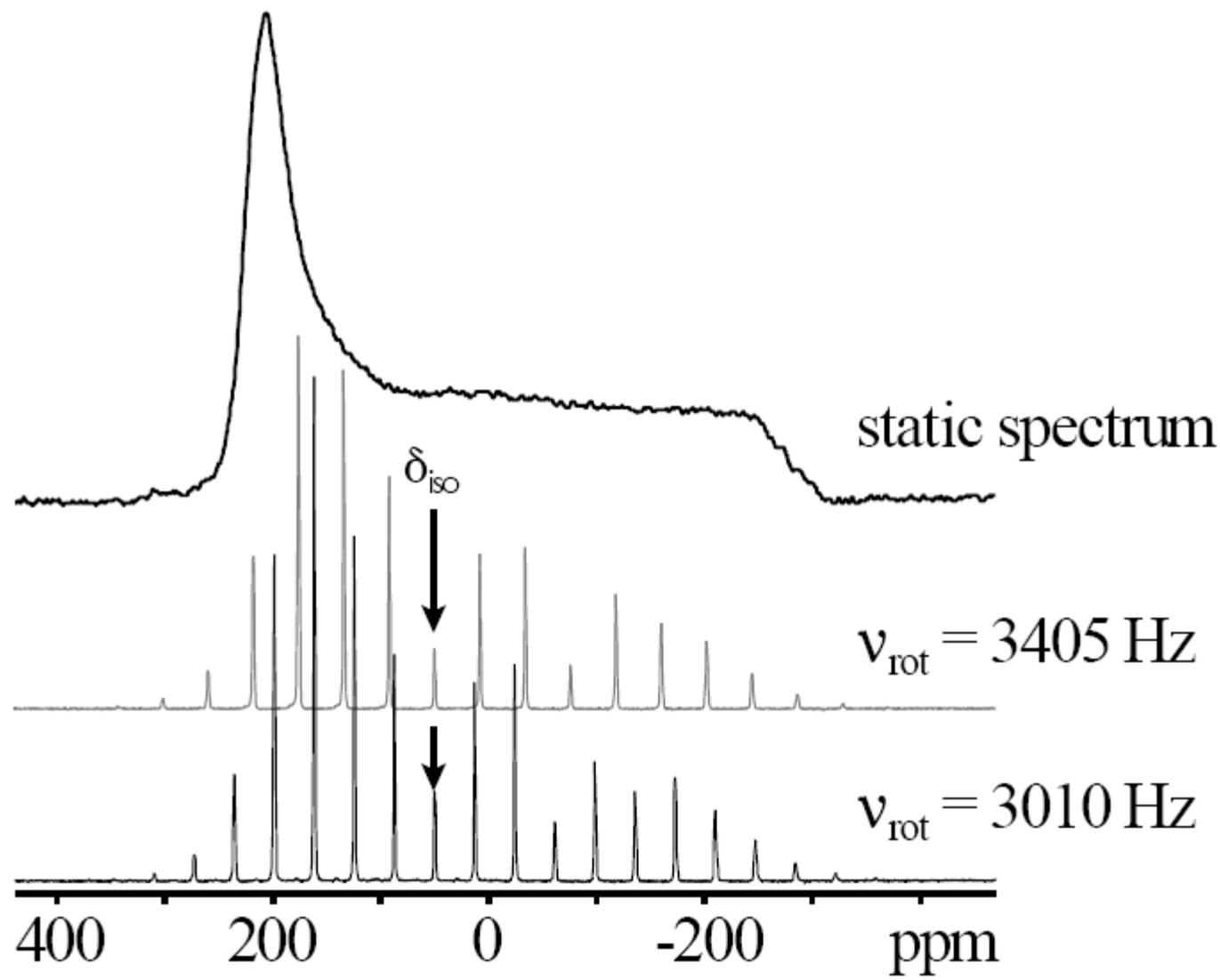
# Rotor caps



# CSA: Spinning side bands

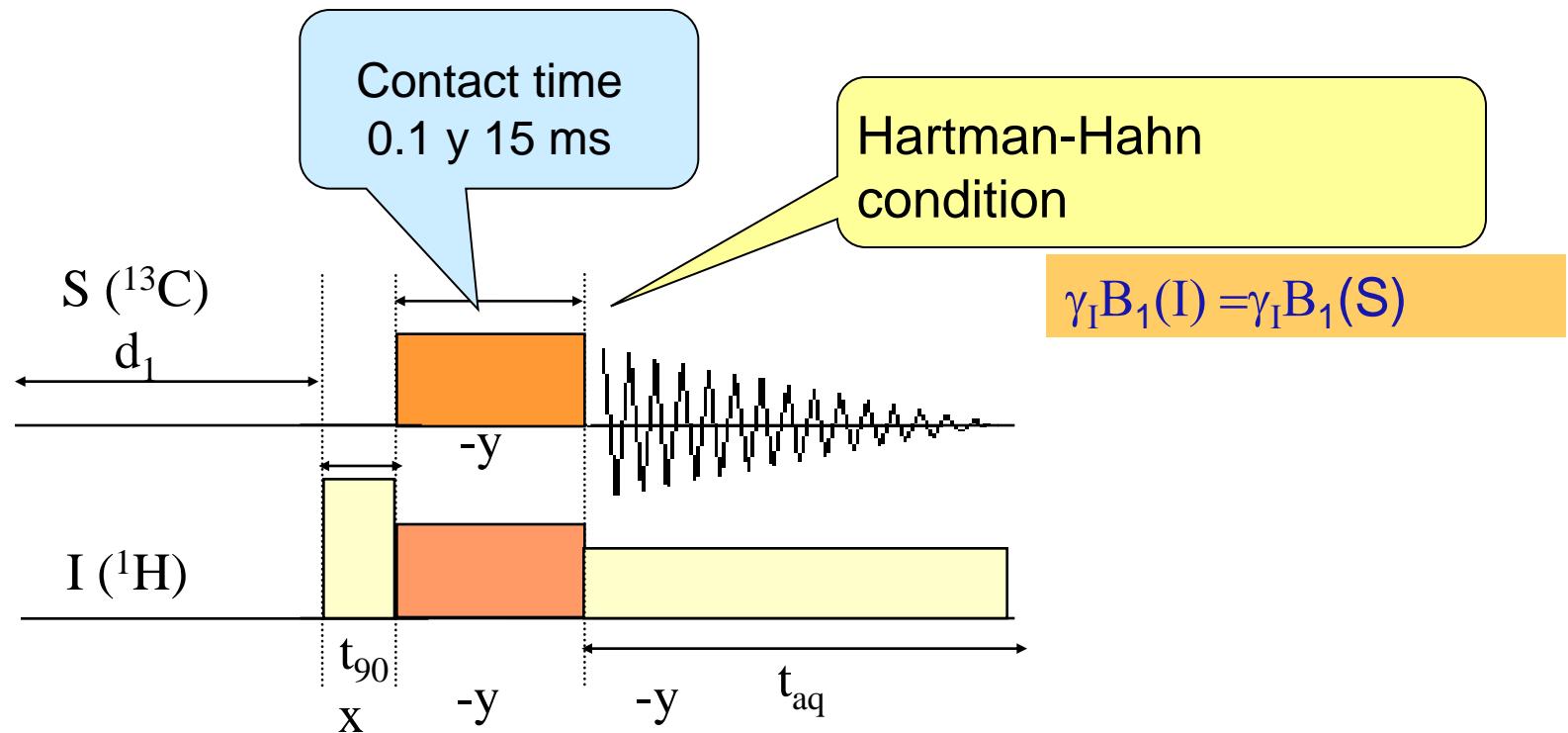
Here is an example of a  $^{119}\text{Sn}$  CPMAS NMR spectrum of  $\text{Cp}^*_2\text{SnMe}_2$  at 9.4 T:





$\Omega = 500 \text{ ppm}, 40000 \text{ Hz} (^{31}\text{P} \text{ a } 4.7 \text{ T})$

## 2: Dipolar interactions: Cross polarization

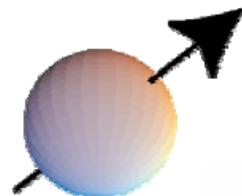


# Dipolar interactions: Cross polarization experiment

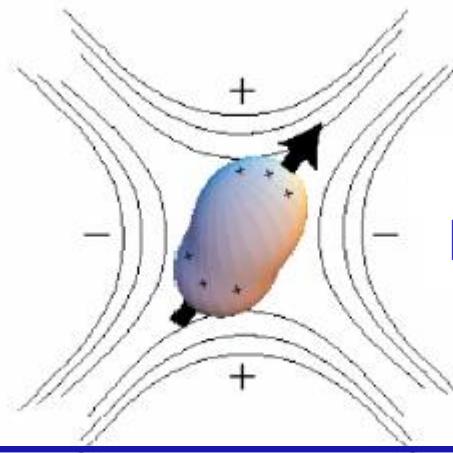
## *Magnetization transfer from highly to low polarized nuclei*

- Increases de intensity of low  $\gamma$  nuclei ( $^{13}\text{C}$ ); potencialmente en un factor  $\gamma_l/\gamma_s$
- It can be used to obtain chemical information
- The efficiency of the magnetization transfer decreases with the spinning rate.

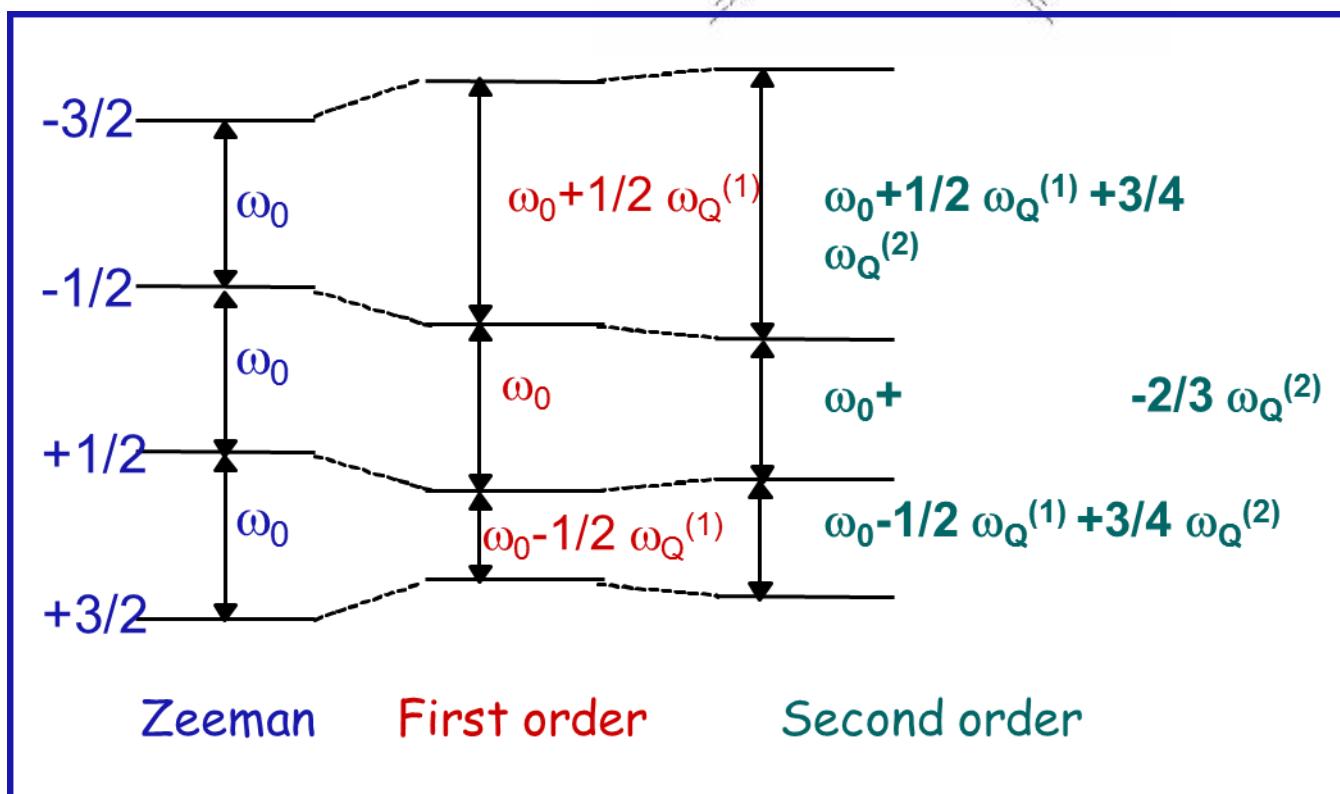
# 3: Quadrupolar interactions



$I=1/2$  spheric



$I>1/2$ , non-spheric



### 3: Interacciones cuadrupolares

First order quadrupolar interaction are averaged spinning at MAS

Second order quadrupolar interaction are not averaged spinning MAS

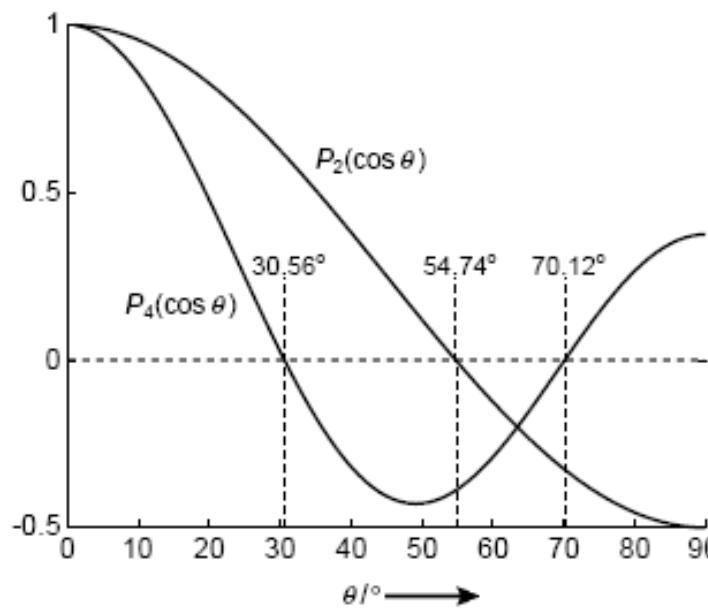
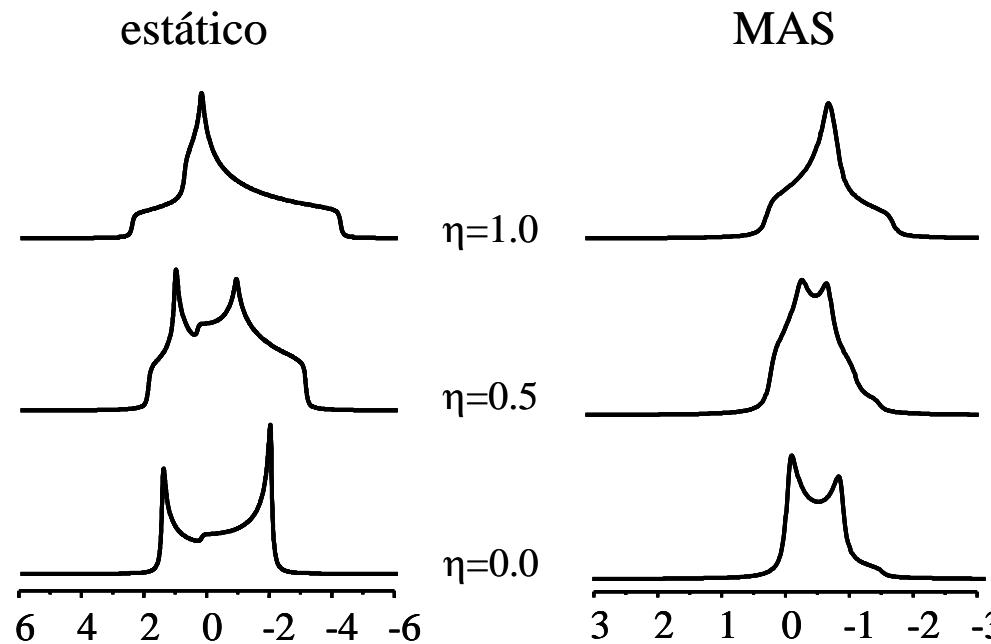


Figure 47. Plot of the second- and fourth-order Legendre polynomials  $P_2(\cos\theta)$  and  $P_4(\cos\theta)$ , respectively, as a function of  $\theta$ .  $P_2(\cos\theta)=0$  at the magic angle of  $54.74^\circ$ ;  $P_4(\cos\theta)=0$  at angles of  $30.56^\circ$  and  $70.12^\circ$ .

### 3: Interacciones cuadrupolares

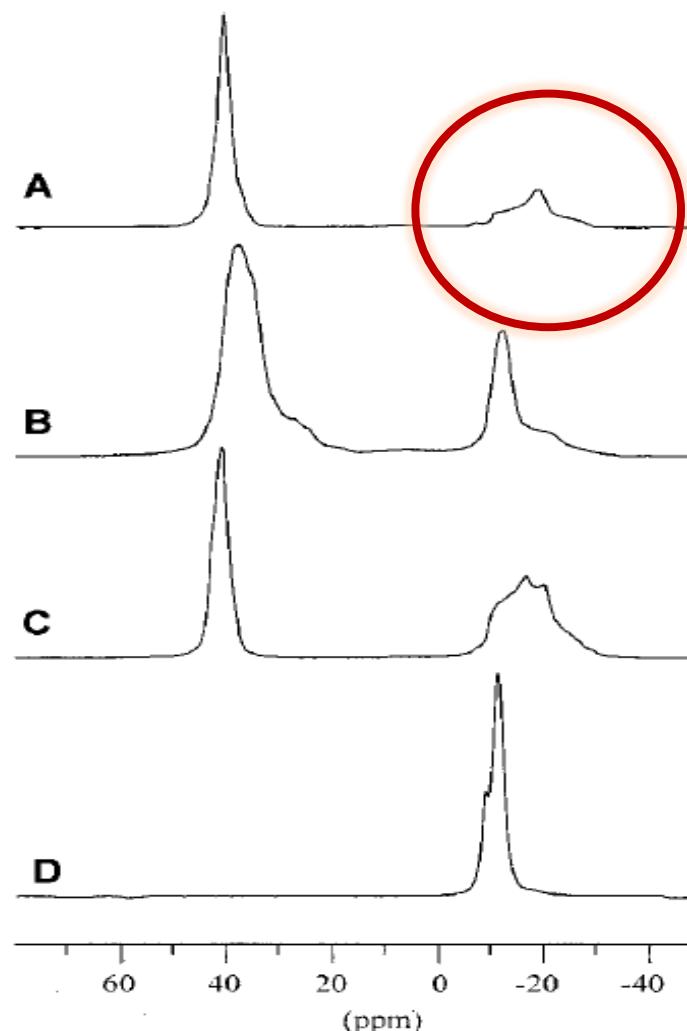


Forma de la transición central de un núcleo cuadrupolar  $I>1/2$ : izquierda: en estático, derecha: girando al ángulo mágico. (QCC=4 MHz).

### 3: Interacciones cuadrupolares

**$^{27}\text{Al}$  NMR**

$I=5/2$



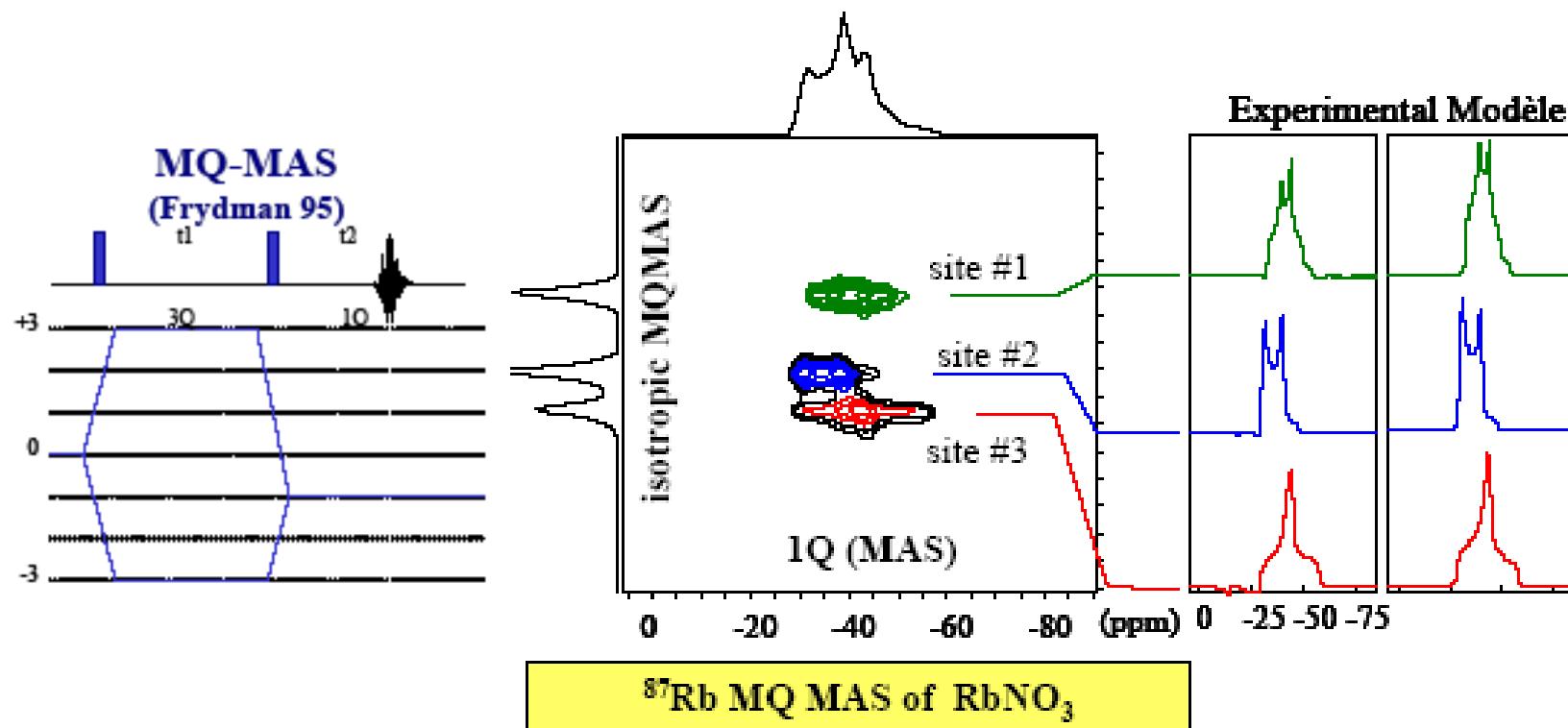
**Figure 4.**  $^{27}\text{Al}$  MAS NMR spectra of VPI-5(a), AlPO<sub>4</sub>-8(b), AlPO<sub>4</sub>-H3(c) and metavariscite(d).

### 3: Quadrupolar interactions

- Decreases when  $B_0$  increases
- Second order quadrupolar interactions are **NOT** averaged by MAS.
  - Signal is high field shifted
  - Signals are broadened



### 3: Interacciones cuadrupolares: -MQ MAS



Lucio Frydman 1995

$\delta_{\text{iso}}$ , Parámetros cuadrupolares



# 3: Quadrupolar interactions

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Li	Be	<b>SPIN-I/2</b>																		
Na	Mg	<b>INTEGER SPINS</b>																		
<b>HALF-INTEGER QUADRUPOLAR SPINS</b>																				
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr			
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe			
Cs	Ba	La	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn			
Fr	Ra	Ac		Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu			
				Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr			



# Outline

- Fundements of NMR spectroscopy
  - Solid state NMR
- **Application on heterogeneous catalysis: Zeolites:**
  - Structural characterization
  - Chemical Physical properties
  - Reaction Mechanisms

# Heterogeneous Catalysis

- Zeolites are the most used heterogeneous catalysts in industry.
  - Oil refining
  - Petrochemical industry
  - Fine chemistry



# ZEOLITES

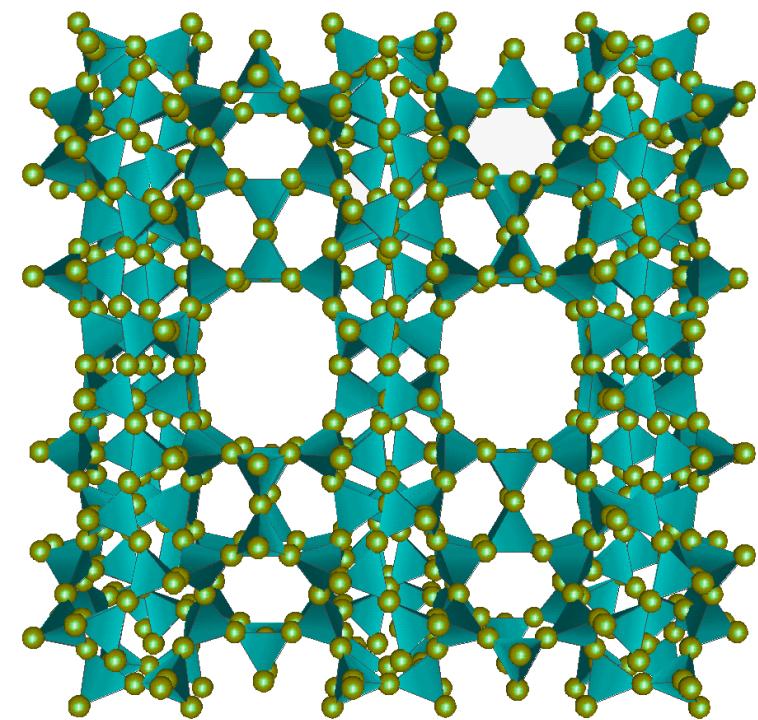
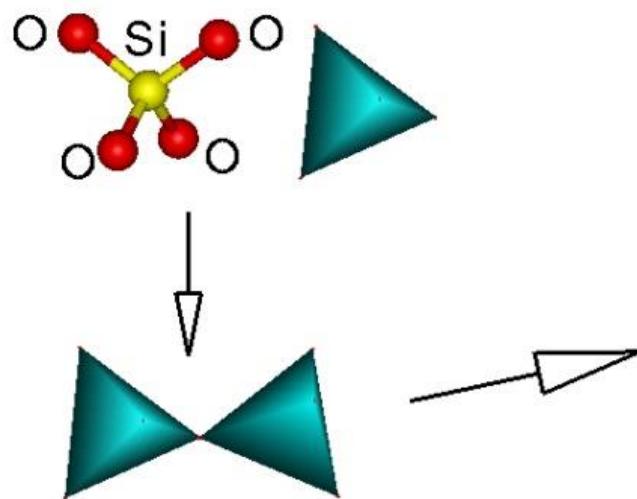
Porous crystalline inorganic materials with a regular distribution of pores and / or cavities of molecular dimensions.

- **Typically, aluminosilicates**
- Silicates
- Aluminophosphates
- Silico-germanates
- Germanates
- Berilosilicates
- Galophosphates
- etc



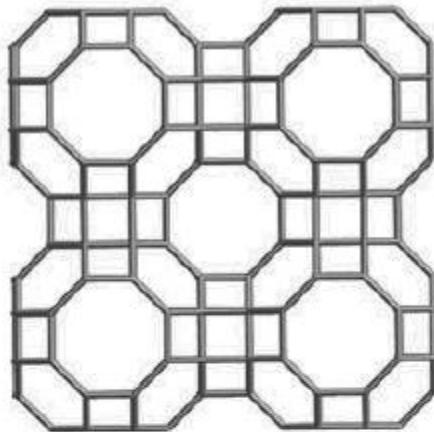
# ZEOLITES

Large variety of structures

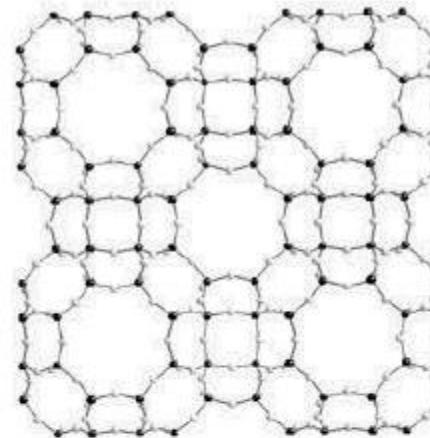


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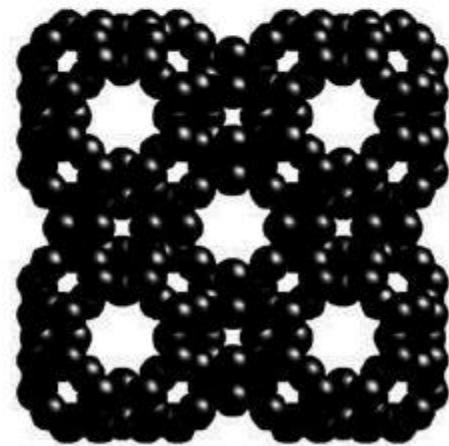
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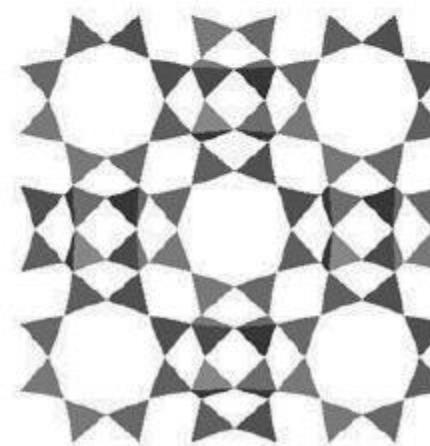
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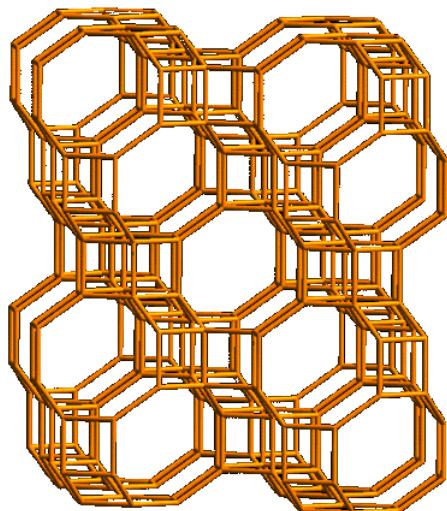


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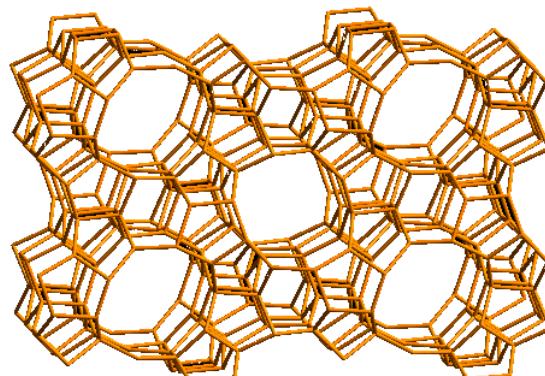
# Zeolites: Pores and cavities of molecular dimensions

**Small pore**



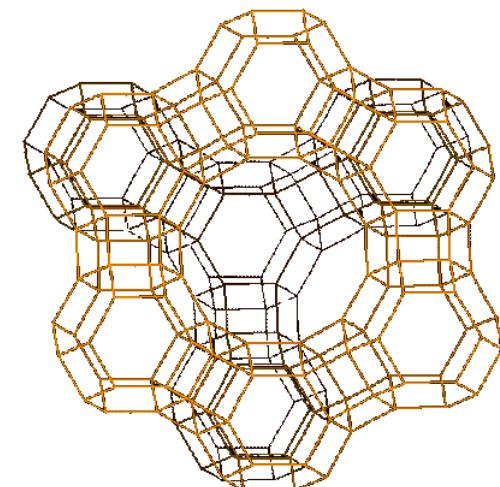
**Chabazita**  
**8 TO<sub>2</sub>**  
**3.8 x 3.8 Å**

**Medium pore**



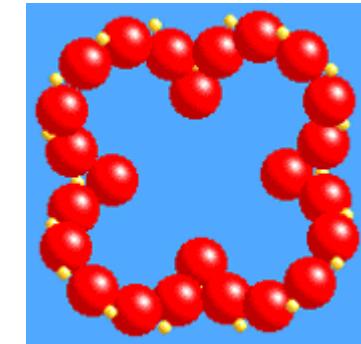
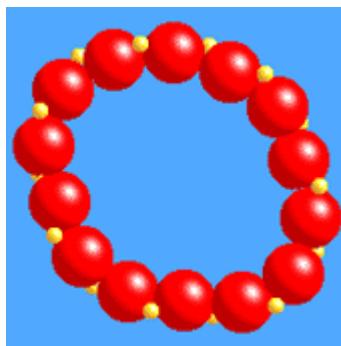
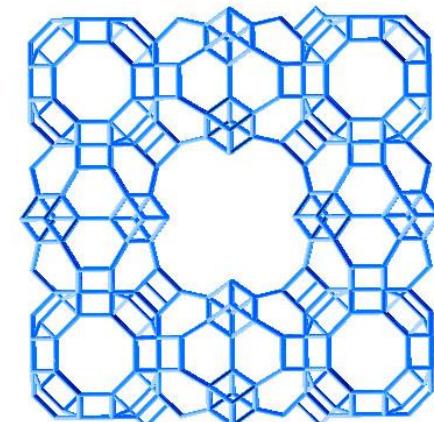
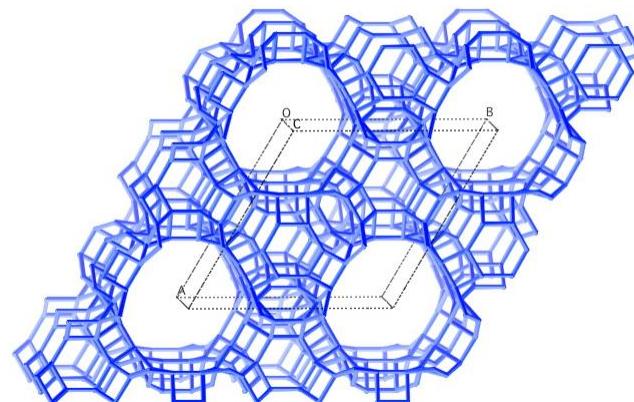
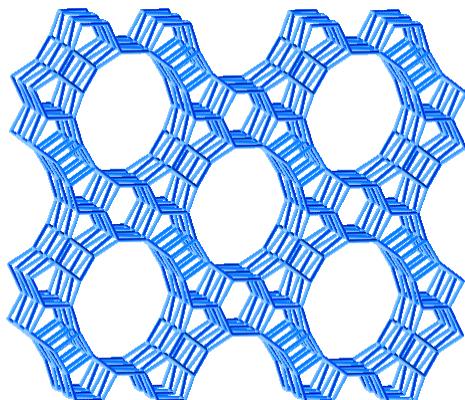
**ZSM-5**  
**10 TO<sub>2</sub>**  
**5.5 x 5.1 Å**

**Large pore**



**Faujasita**  
**12 TO<sub>2</sub>**  
**7.4 x 7.4 Å**

# Zeolites: Extra-large pores zeolites



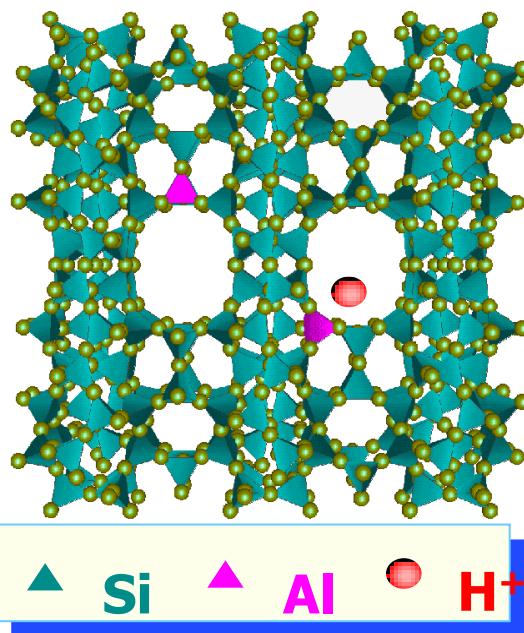
**UTD-1**  
**14 TO<sub>2</sub>**  
**8.2 x 8.1 Å**

**ECR-34**  
**18 TO<sub>2</sub>**  
**10.1 x 10.1 Å**

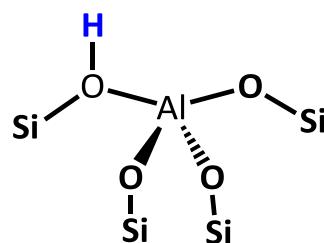
**Cloverita**  
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# ZEOLITES

Chemical reactions take place within the internal cavities and pores



Acid catalysts



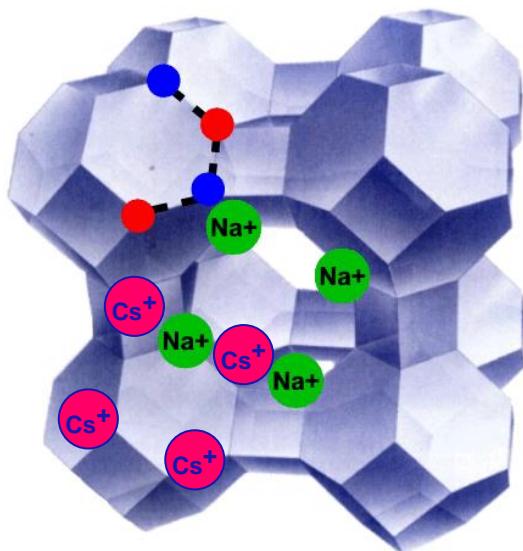
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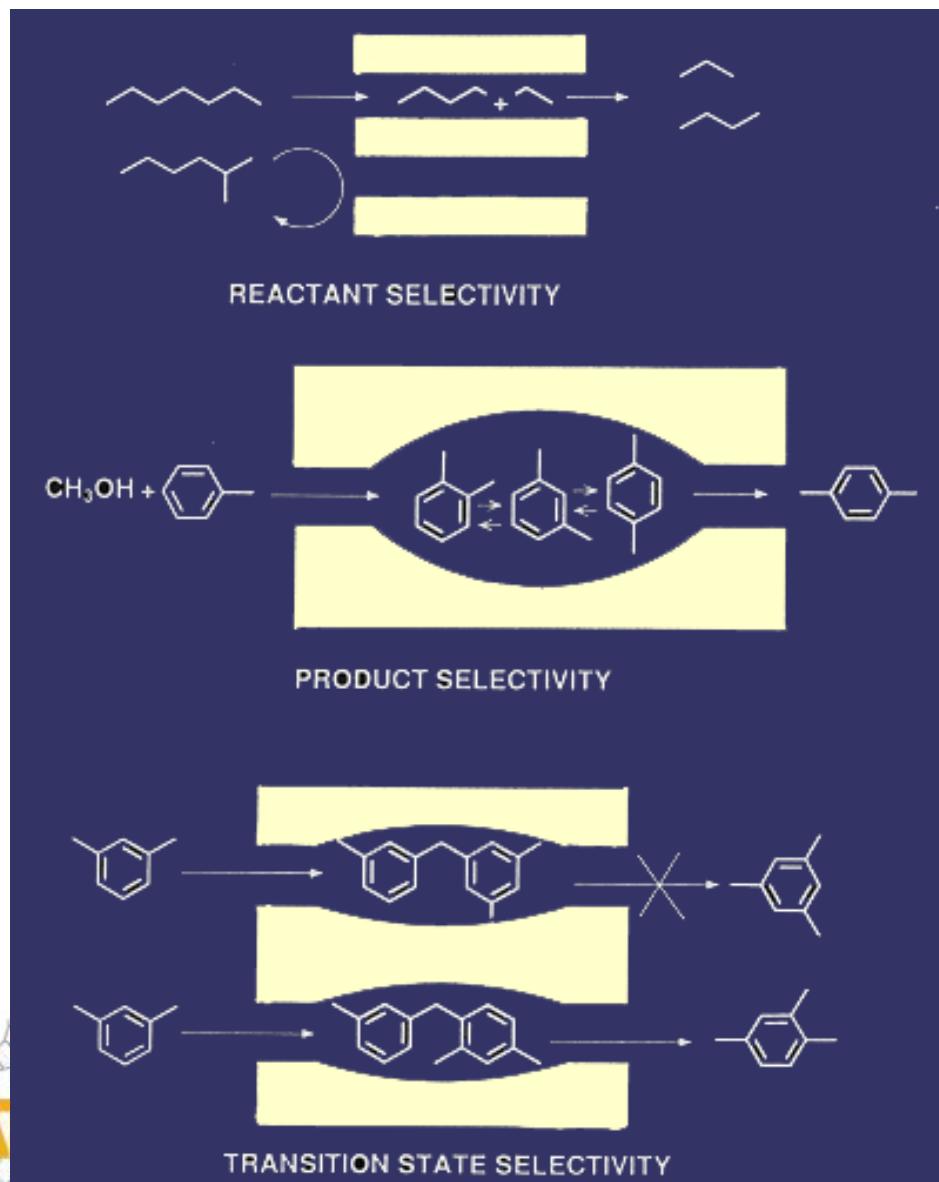


Basic catalysts

TMI: redox catalysts



# ZEOLITES AS CATALYSTS: Shape selectivity

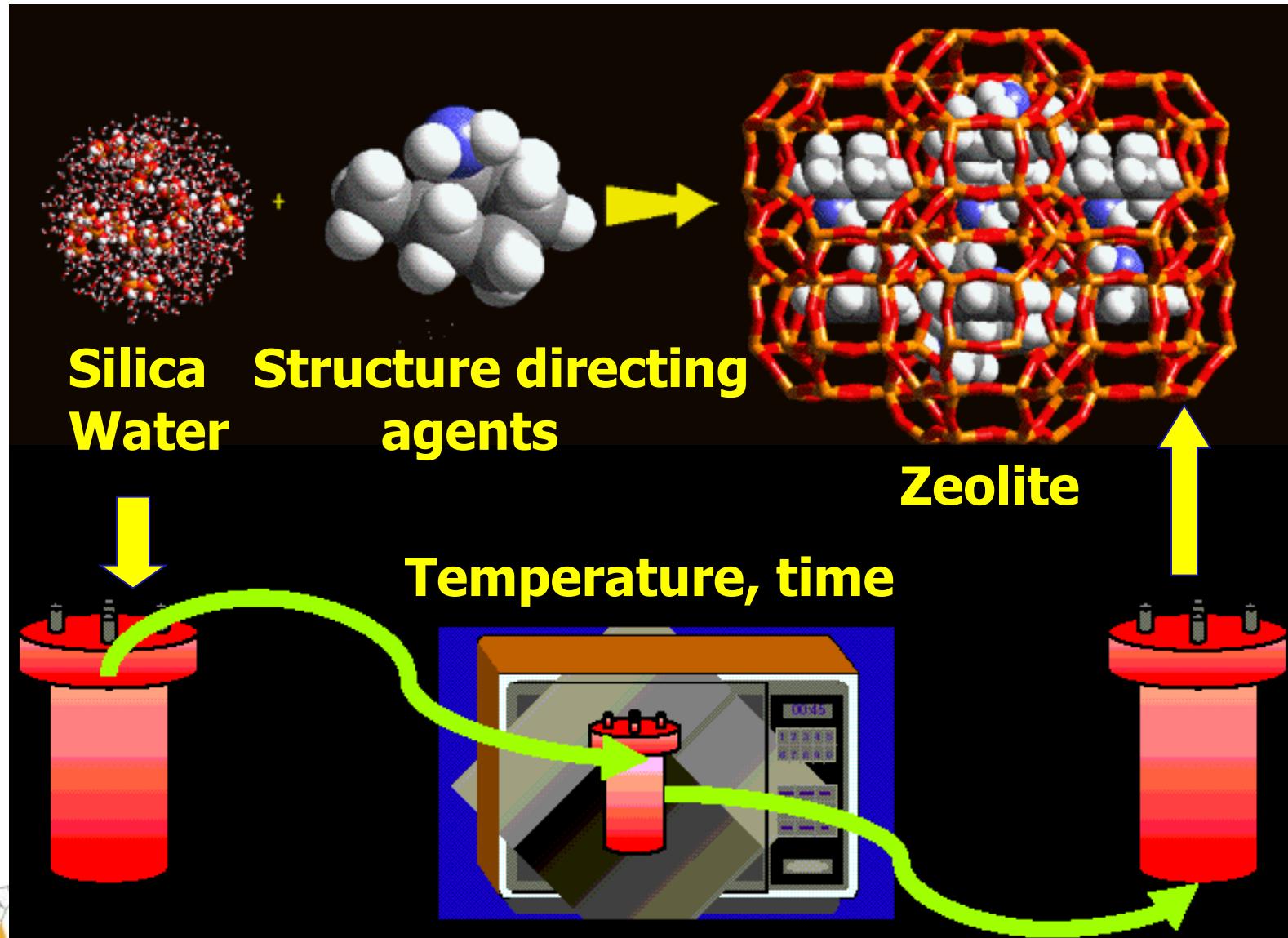


**Reactant selectivity:** cleavage of hydrocarbons

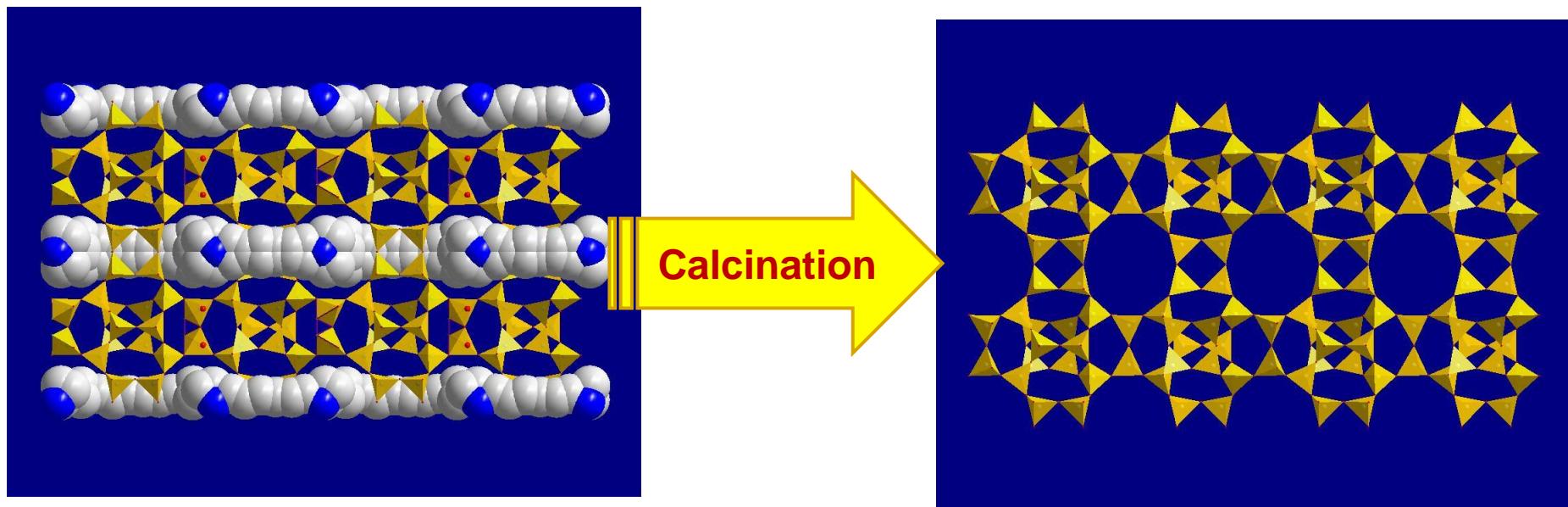
**Product selectivity:**  
Methylation of toluene

**Restricted transition state selectivity:** disproportionation of m-xylene

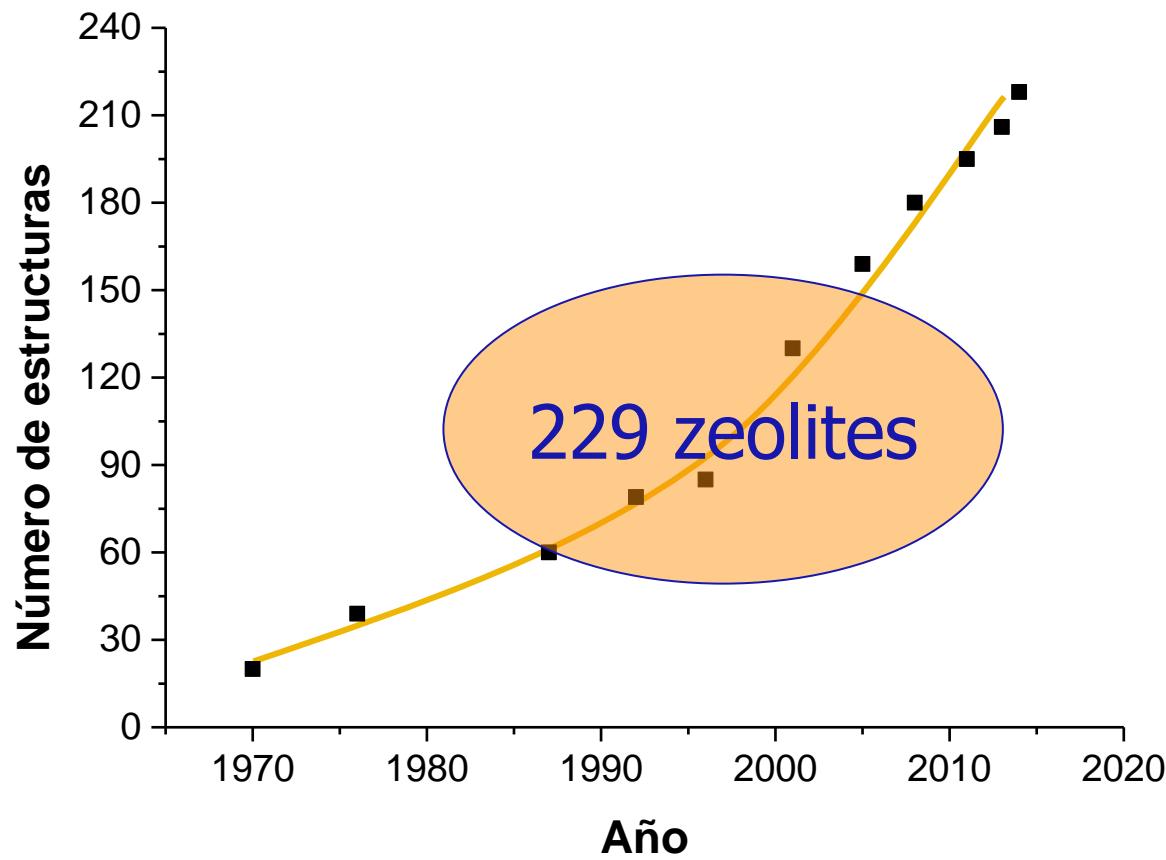
# SYNTHESIS OF ZEOLITES



# Zeolites Activation



# Number of zeolite structures



# Characteristics of zeolites

- Large number of structures with varying pore dimensions (shape selectivity)
- Large range of chemical composition (Varying physical chemical and catalytic properties)

TAYLORING THE PROPERTIES OF  
ZEOLITES FOR A SPECIFIC CATALYTIC  
APPLICATION



# Catalyst preparation



## Chararacterization

- Structure
- Physical-chemical properties
- Textural

## Catalytic Reaction



## Active sites



- Reaction Mechanism

# NMR Active nuclei

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Zeolites:
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# Some usual elements in zeolites

Isótopo	Spin	Abund. Natural %	Sensibilidad		ν RMN al campo mag. (T)			
			Relativa	Absoluta	7.0463	9.3950	11.7440	14.0926
1	H	1/2	99.98	1.00	1.00	300	400	500
6	Li	1	7.42	$8.50 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.31 \times 10^{-4}$	44.146	58.862	73.578
7	Li	3/2	92.58	0.29	0.27	116.590	155.454	194.317
11	B	3/2	80.42	0.17	0.13	9.251	128.335	160.419
13	C	1/2	1.108	$1.59 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.76 \times 10^{-4}$	75.432	100.577	125.721
17	O	5/2	$3.7 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.91 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.08 \times 10^{-5}$	40.670	54.227	67.784
19	F	1/2	100	0.83	0.83	282.231	376.308	470.385
23	Na	3/2	100	$9.25 \times 10^{-2}$	$9.25 \times 10^{-2}$	79.353	105.805	132.256
27	Al	5/2	100	0.21	0.21	18.172	104.229	130.287
29	Si	1/2	4.7	$7.84 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.69 \times 10^{-4}$	59.595	79.460	99.325
31	P	1/2	100	$6.63 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.63 \times 10^{-2}$	121.442	161.923	202.404
133	Cs	7/2	100	$4.7 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.7 \times 10^{-2}$	39.351	532.548	65.585
								78.702

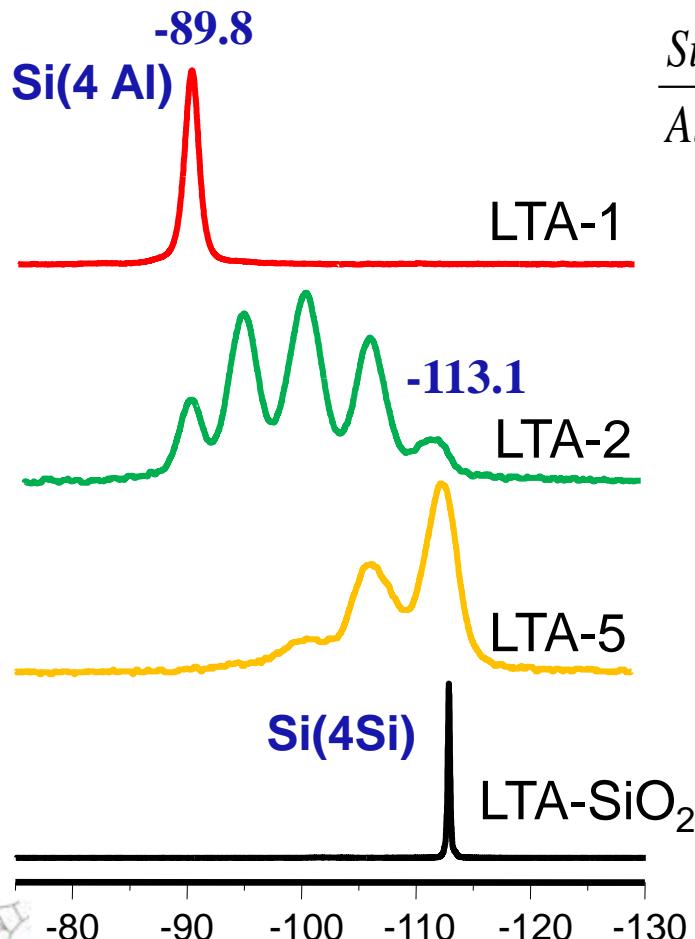
# Structural characterization of zeolites:

- $^{29}\text{Si}$  NMR
- $^{27}\text{Al}$  NMR
- New zeolite structures

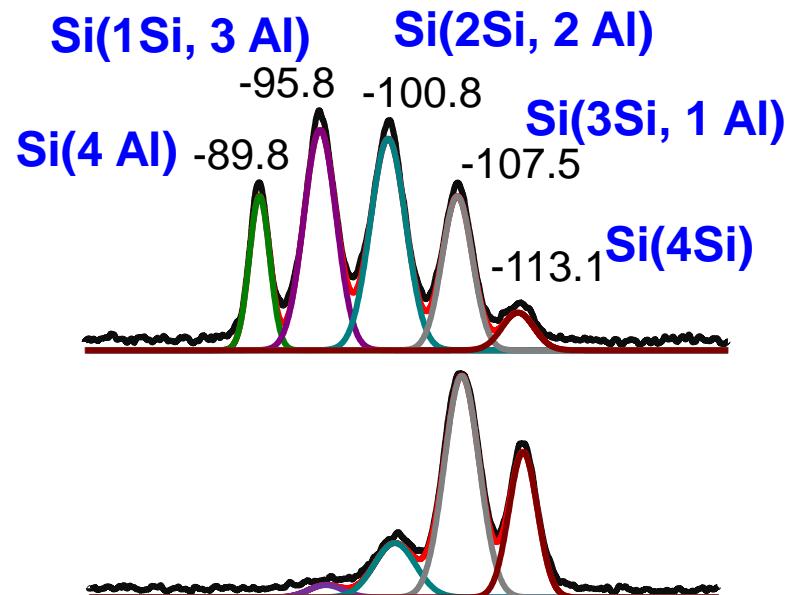


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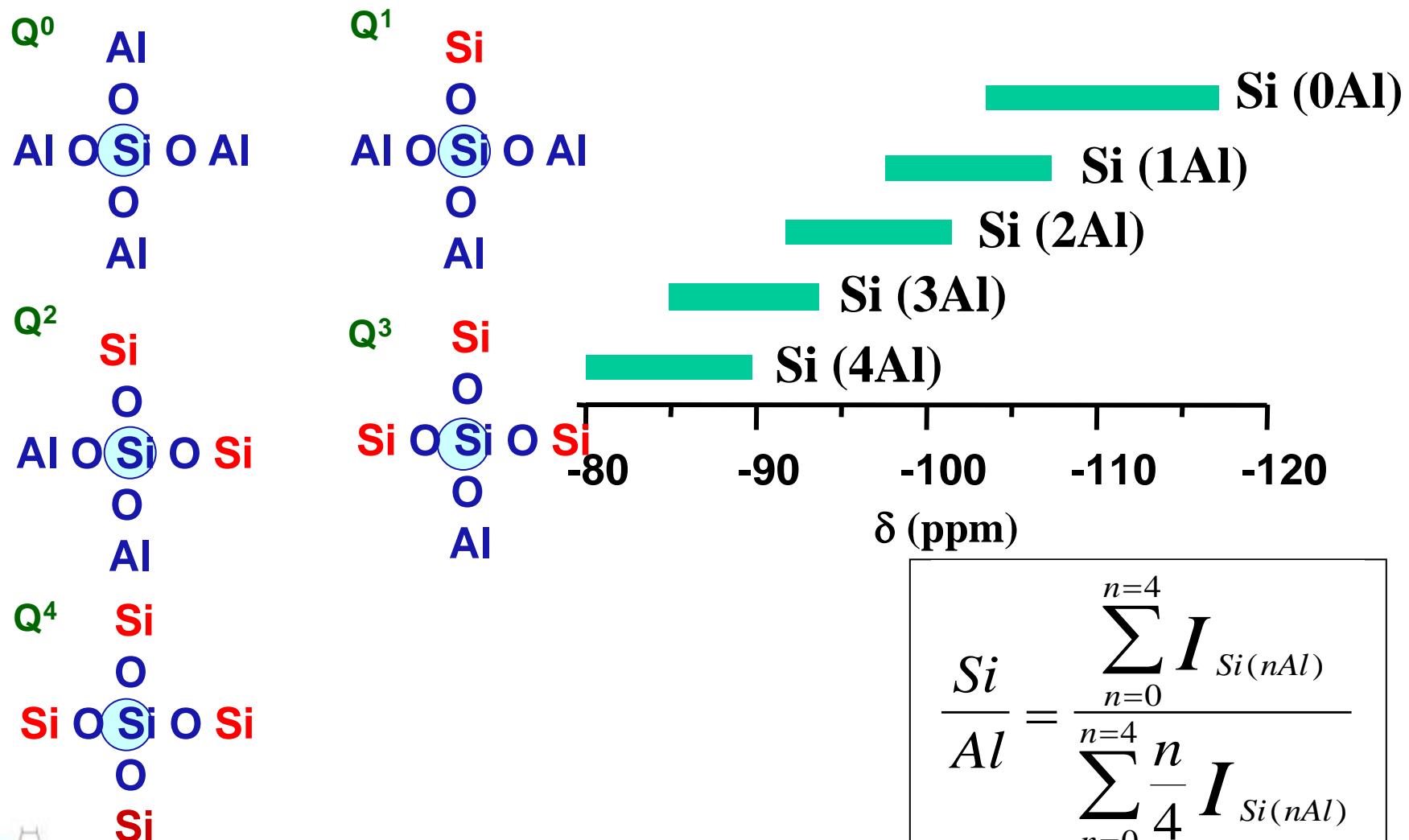
- Chemical composition of the local environment



$$\frac{\text{Si}}{\text{Al}} = \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{n=4} I_{\text{Si}(n\text{Al})}}{\sum_{n=0}^{n=4} \frac{n}{4} I_{\text{Si}(n\text{Al})}}$$

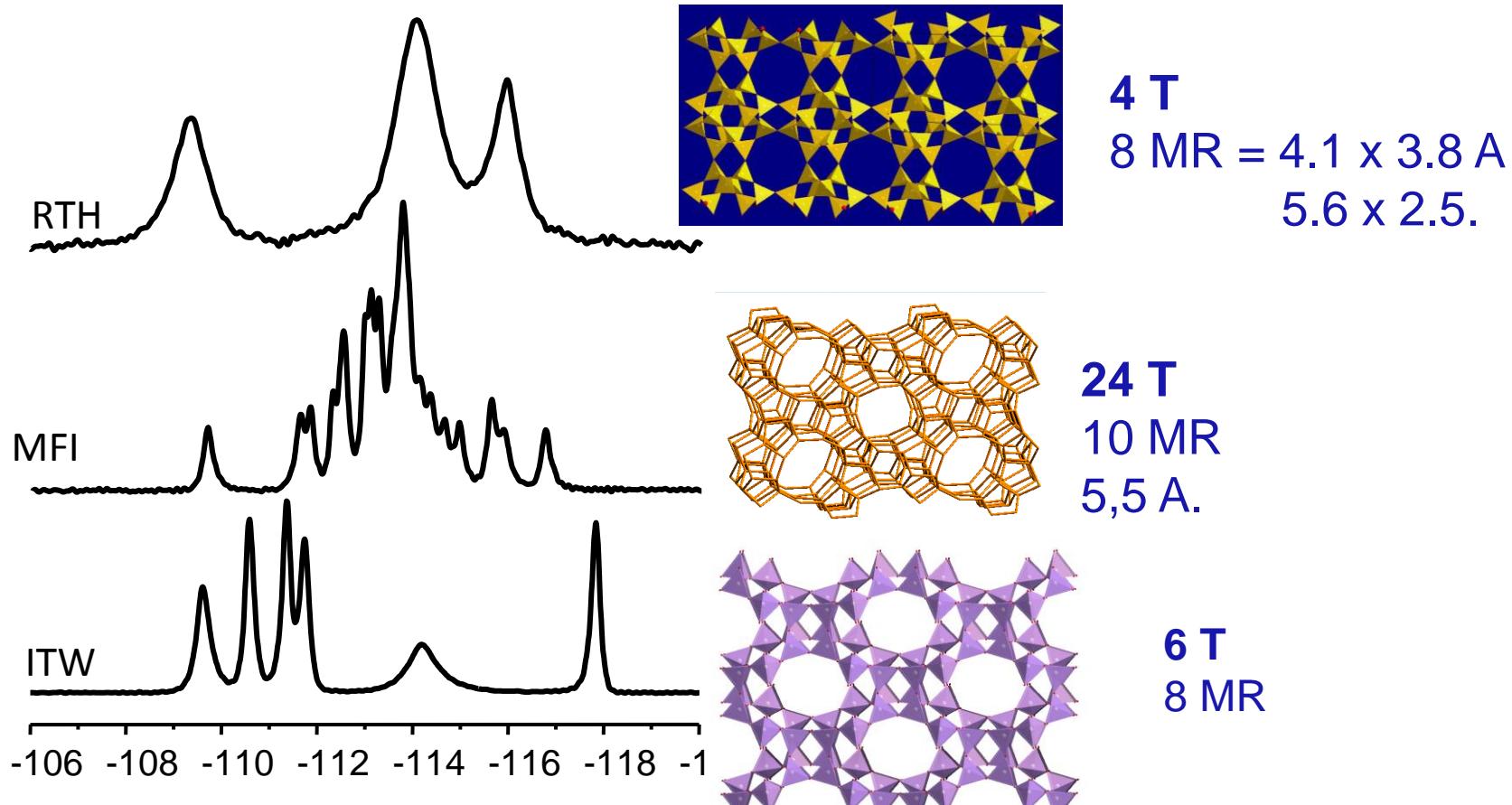


# RMN de $^{29}\text{Si}$ en zeolitas



# <sup>29</sup>Si NMR of zeolites

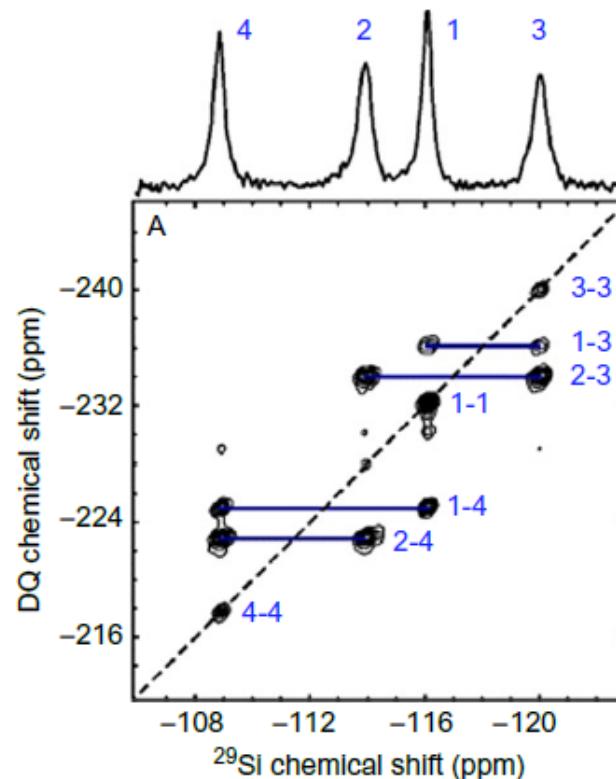
- Non-equivalent crystallographic sites, connectivities and proximity of other atoms.



# $^{29}\text{Si}$ NMR of zeolites

- Non-equivalent crystallographic sites, connectivities and proximity of other atoms.

## Zeolita Sigma-2 SR26<sub>4</sub> (Dipolares)



## INADEQUATE ( $J^2$ $^{29}\text{Si}$ - $^{29}\text{Si}$ )

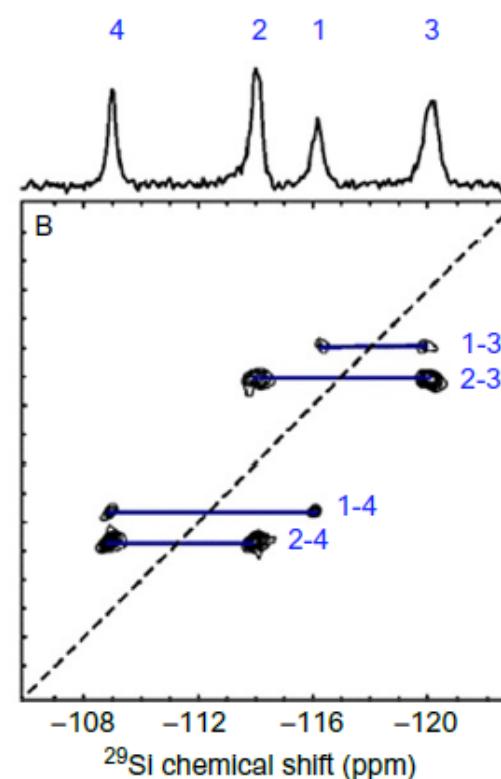


Figure 4.4  $^{29}\text{Si}$  QD correlation spectra of zeolite Sigma-2 obtained by using (A) the SR26<sub>4</sub><sup>11</sup> dipolar recoupling sequence and (B) the J-coupling based INADEQUATE. Reprinted with permission from Ref. 47. Copyright (2005) American Chemical Society.

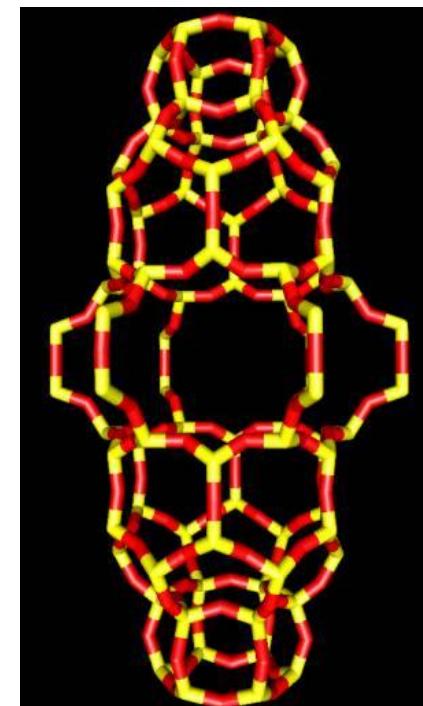
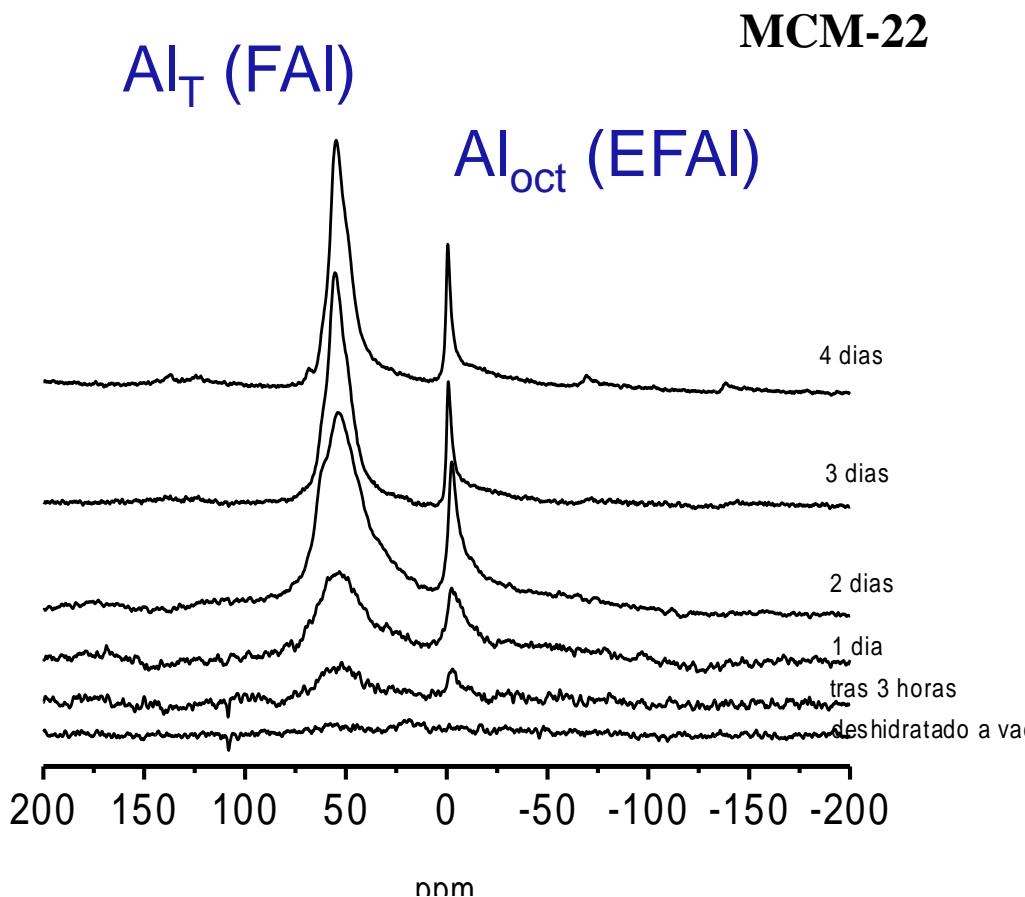


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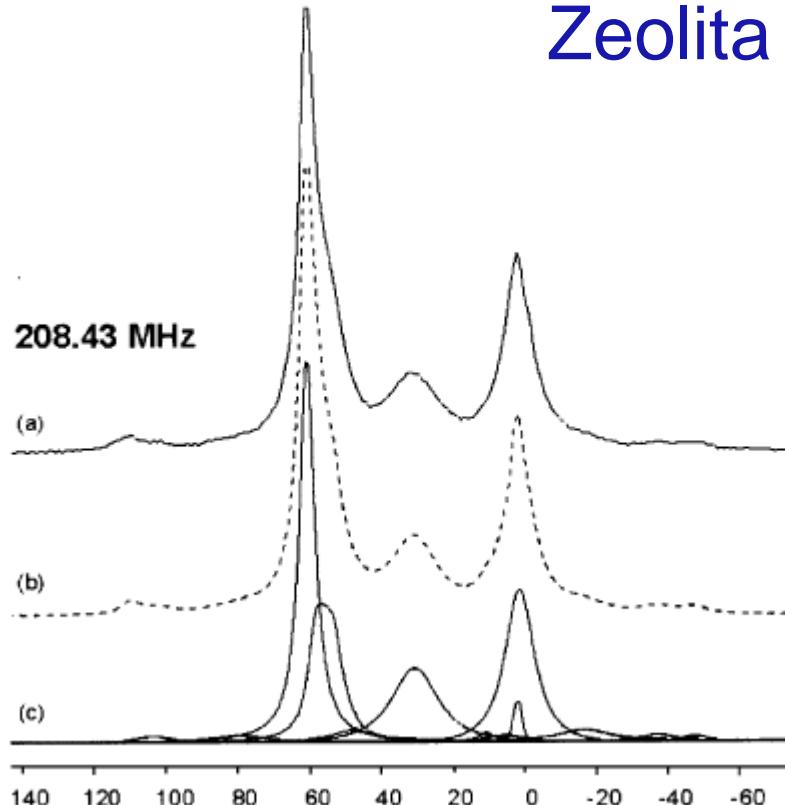


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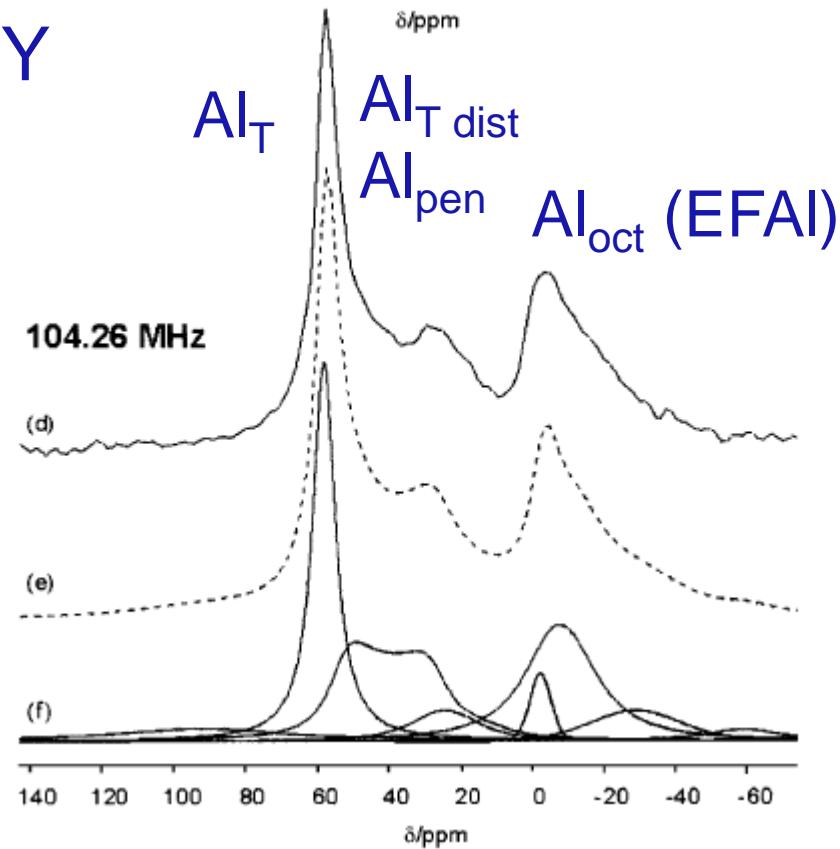


# $^{27}\text{Al}$ NMR of zeolites

Zeolita USY



18.8 T



9.4 T

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# SYNTHESIS OF ZEOLITES

Organic structure  
directing effects

Inorganic structure  
directing effects

NEW ZEOLITIC  
STRUCTURES

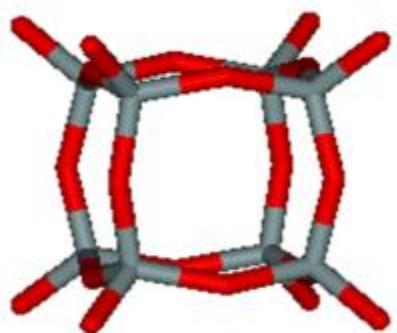
F- and Ge  
favours zeolites  
with small cages



Z  
G  
Y

# Si-Ge Zeolites: Structure directing effect of Ge

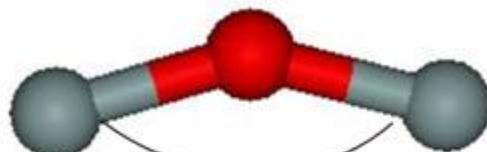
$\text{Si-O-Si} \approx 135^\circ$



Theoretical  
calculations

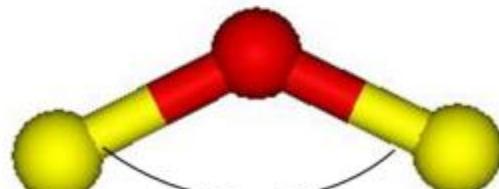
Mean T-O-T angle

Silicates Si-O-Si



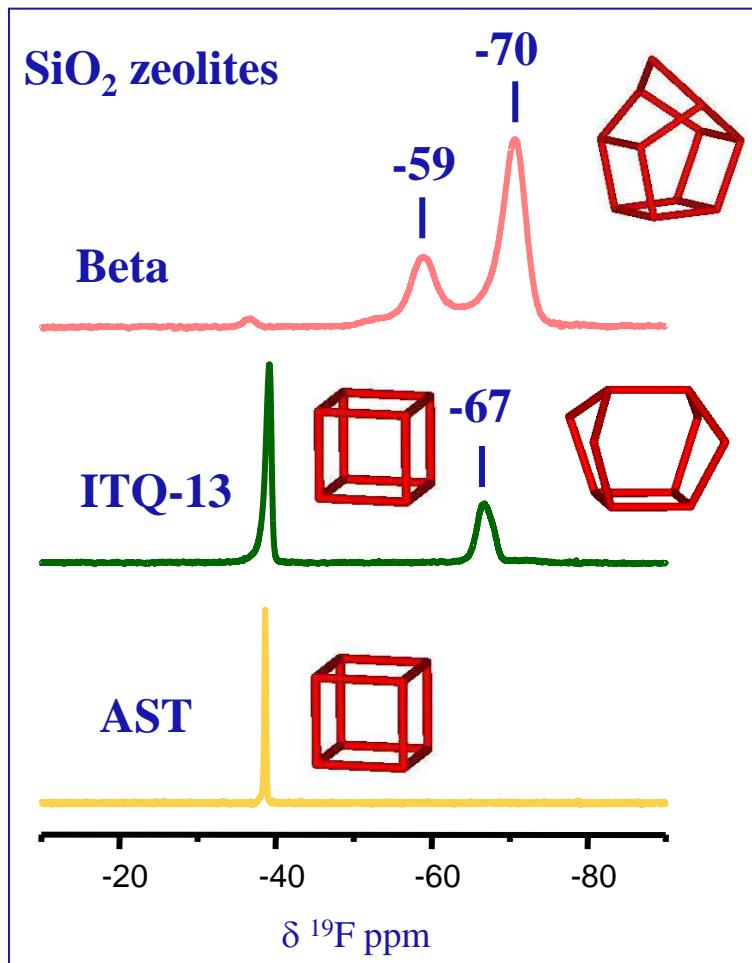
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Germanates Ge-O-Ge



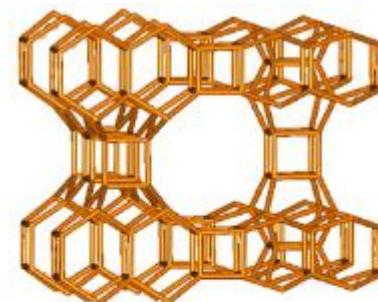
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# $^{19}\text{F}$ NMR of silicate zeolites



$\text{F}^-$  is placed within the small zeolite cages

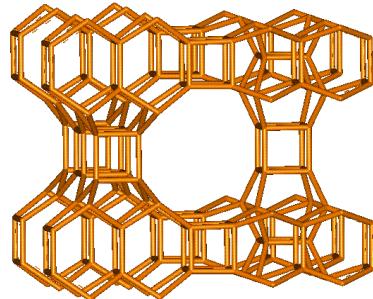
$^{19}\text{F}$  MAS NMR:  $\delta \text{ }^{19}\text{F}$  depends on its location



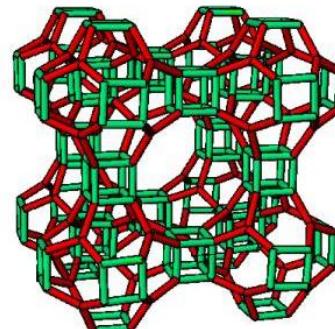
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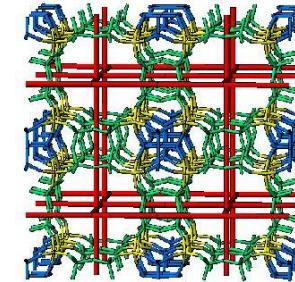
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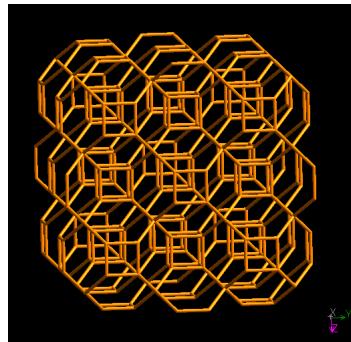
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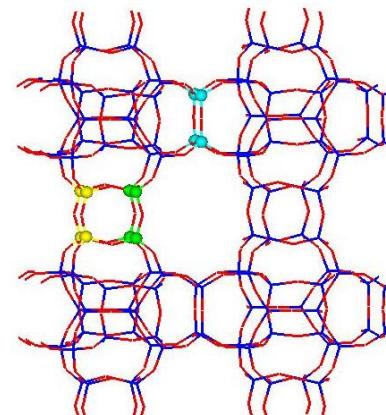
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ITQ-17



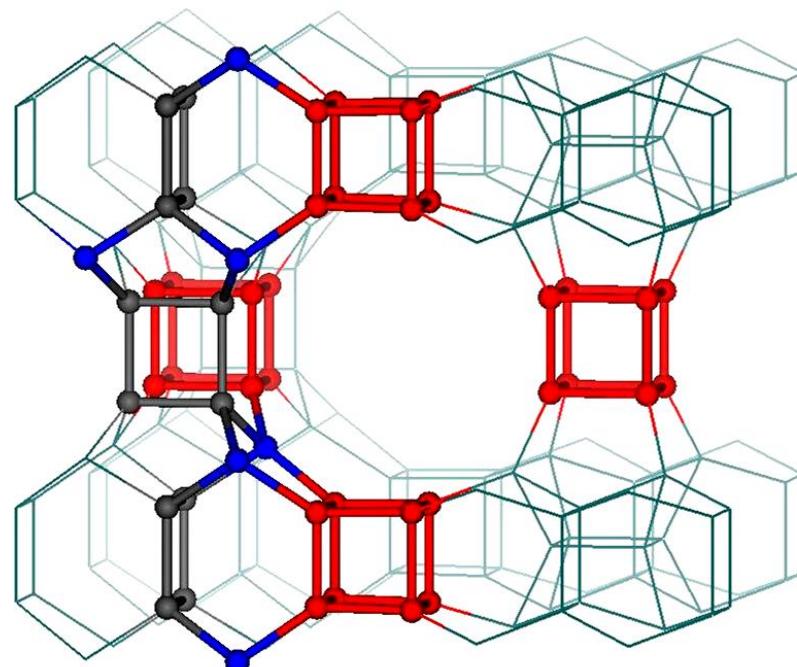
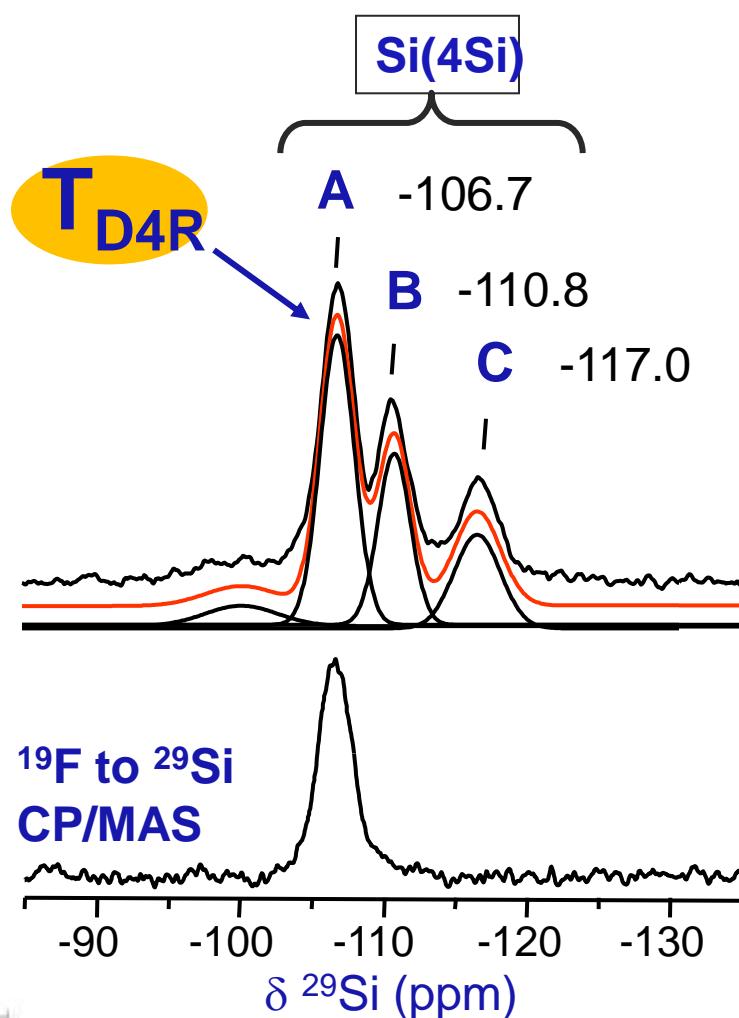
Octadecasil



ITQ-13

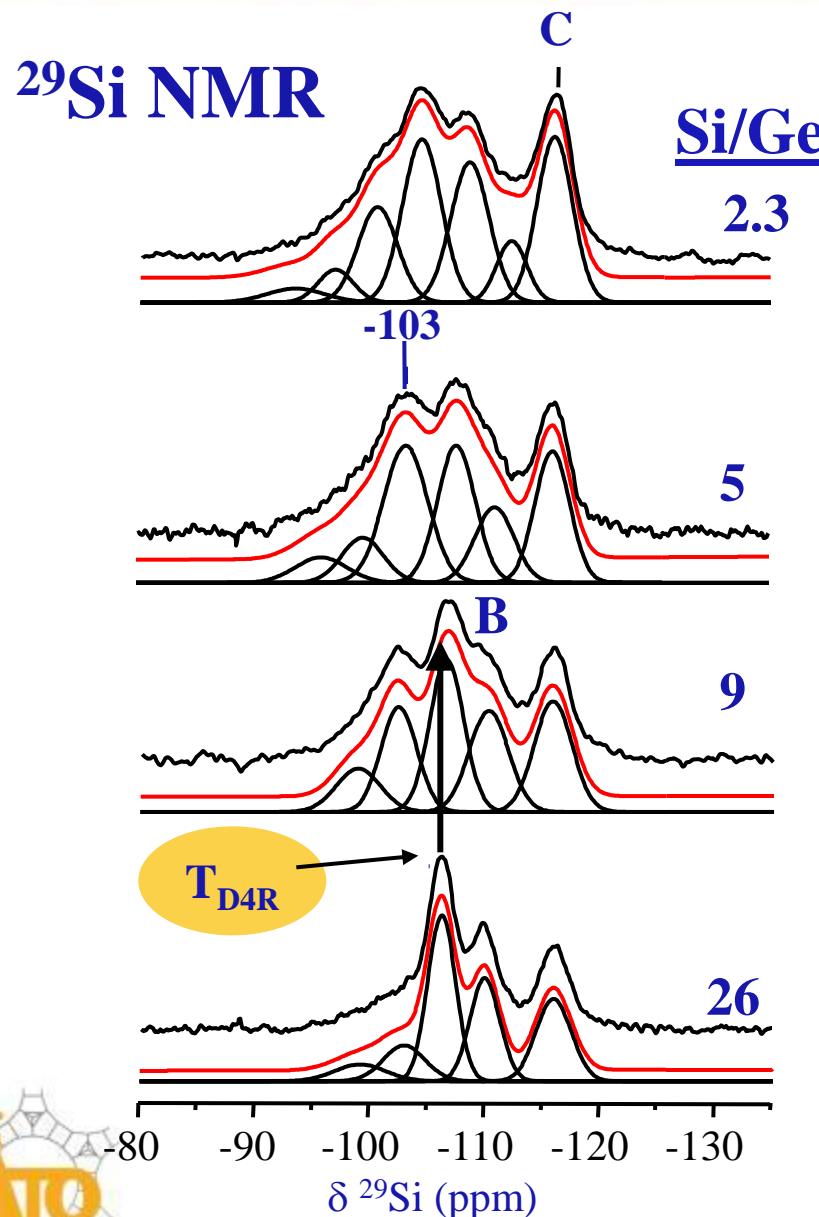


# $^{29}\text{Si}$ of NMR pure silica zeolite ITQ-7



- $T_{D4R}$  50%
- $T_n$  25%
- $T_{4R}$  25%

# $^{29}\text{Si}$ NMR of Si,Ge-ITQ-7 zeolites



*Si, Ge-Zeolites*

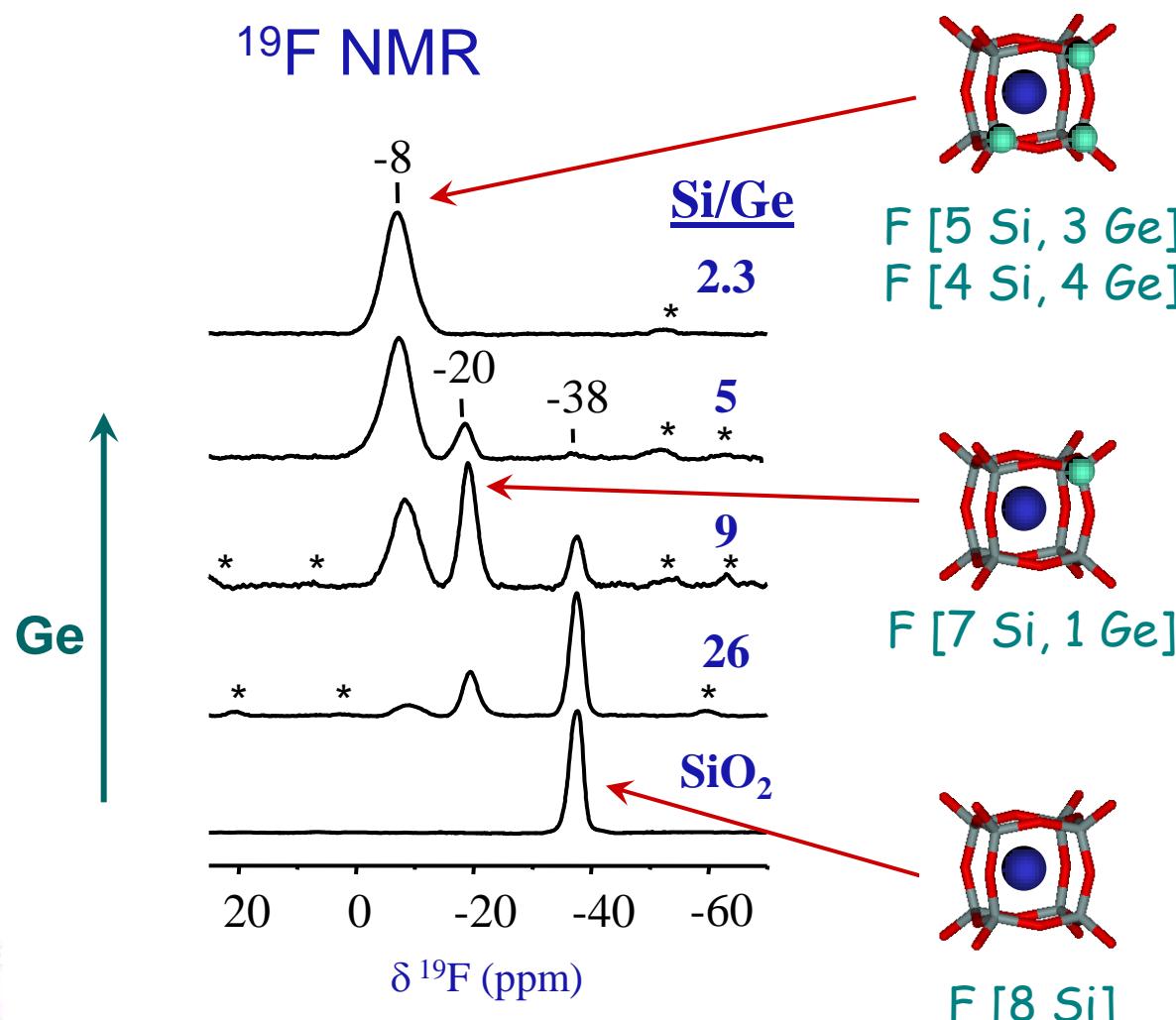
The intensity of peak C changes only slightly with the incorporation of Ge

Selective incorporation of Ge to certain crystallographic sites



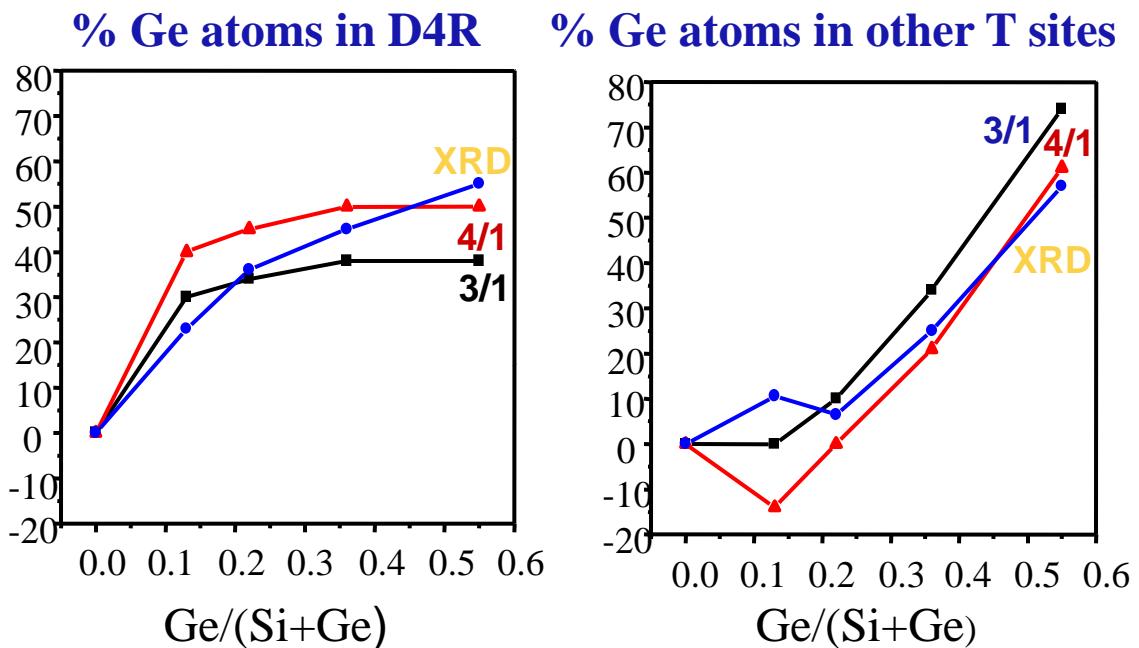
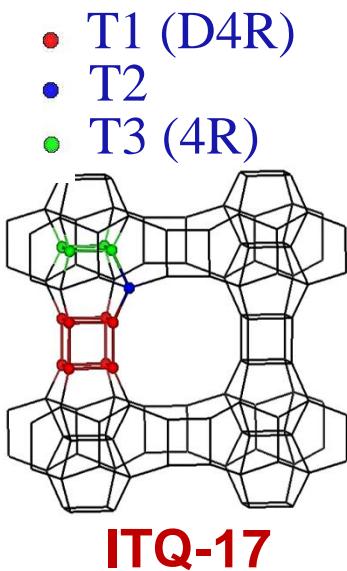
# $^{19}\text{F}$ NMR of Si,Ge-ITQ-7 zeolites

Assignment of the  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR signals from the analysis of the  $^{29}\text{Si}$  and  $^{19}\text{F}$  MAS NMR spectra



# Si,Ge-ITQ-17

Good agreement in the mean site occupancy from XRD and  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR.



# Synthesis of Zeolites

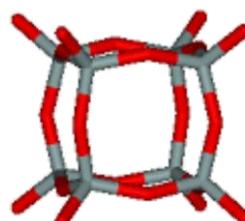
## Structure directing effect of Germanium

### Synthesis in Fluoride medium

ITQ-17 (BEC), ITQ-24 (IWR),  
ITQ-29 (LTA), AST, ITQ-12  
(ITW), ITQ-13 (ITH), ITQ-7  
(ISV), IM-10 (UOZ), ITQ-21,  
ITQ-26 (IWS), ITQ-27 (IWV),  
ITQ-40 (IRY), ITQ-44 (IRR),  
ITQ-37 (ITV), ITQ-38 (ITG)

### Synthesis in basic (OH) medium

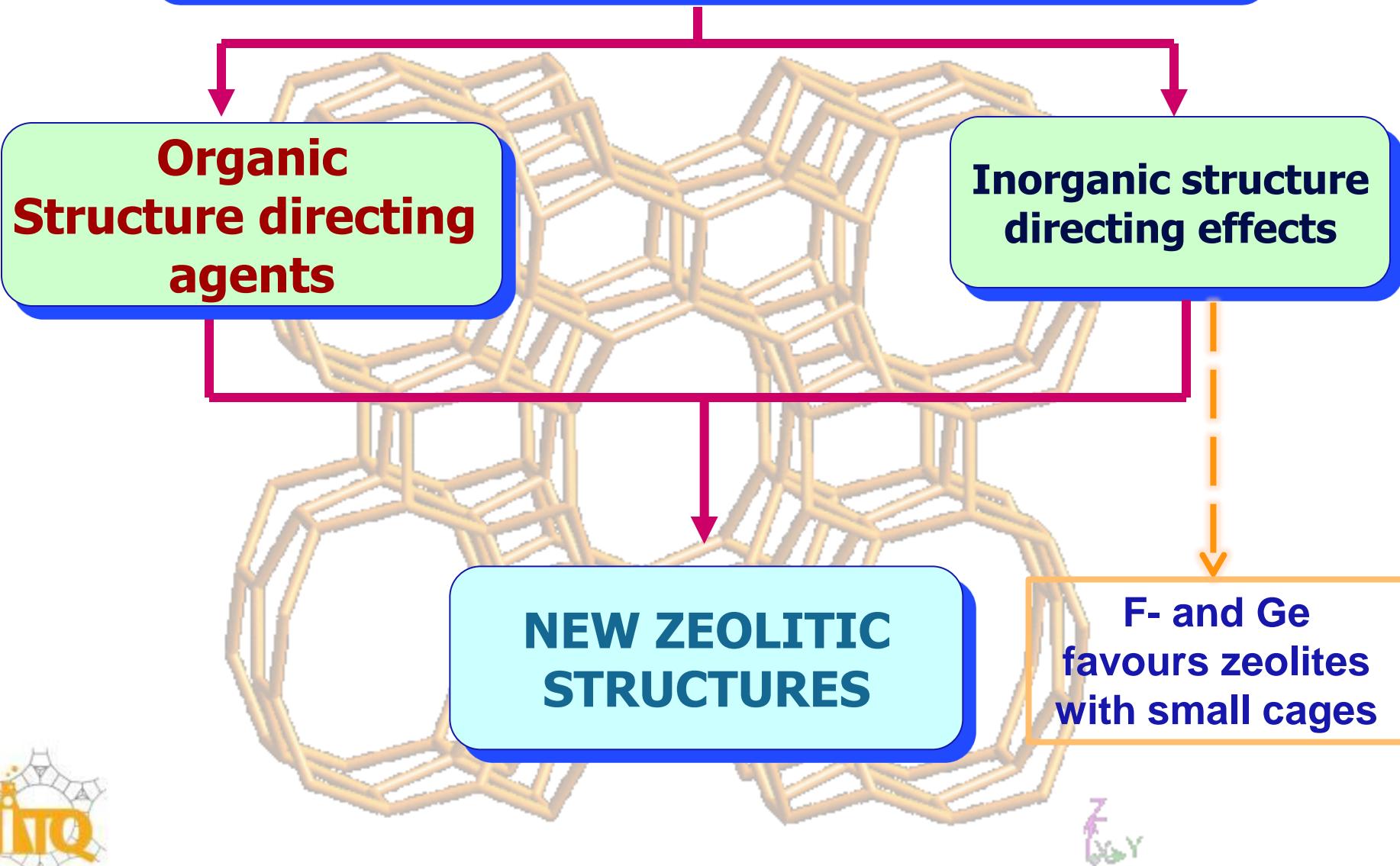
ITQ-22 (IWW), ITQ-17 (BEC)  
ITQ-24 (IWR), ITQ-21,  
ITQ-15 (UTL), ITQ-33, ITQ-13  
(ITH)



14 Novel Zeolite Structures

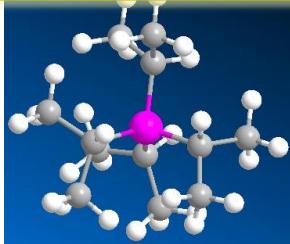


# SYNTHESIS OF ZEOLITES



# P-CONTAINING STRUCTURE DIRECTING AGENTS

P-containing SDAs:  
Phosphonium  
phosphenes

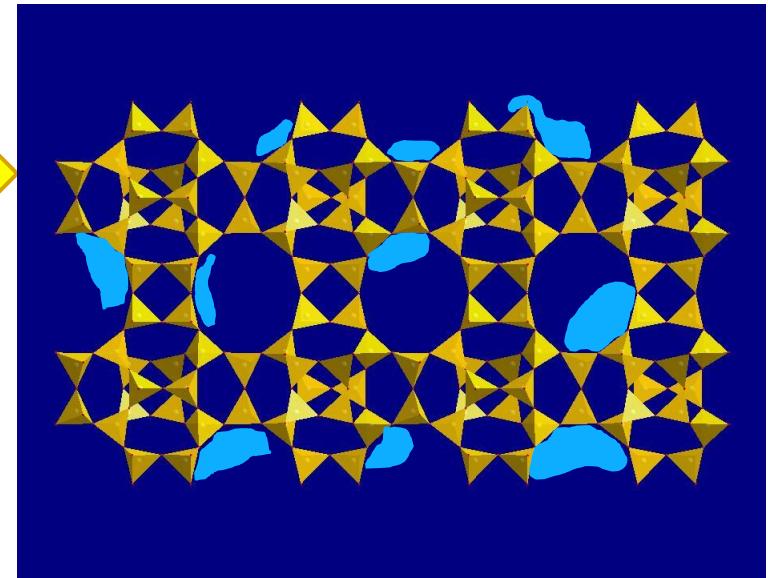


OSDA

Calcination

$\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$

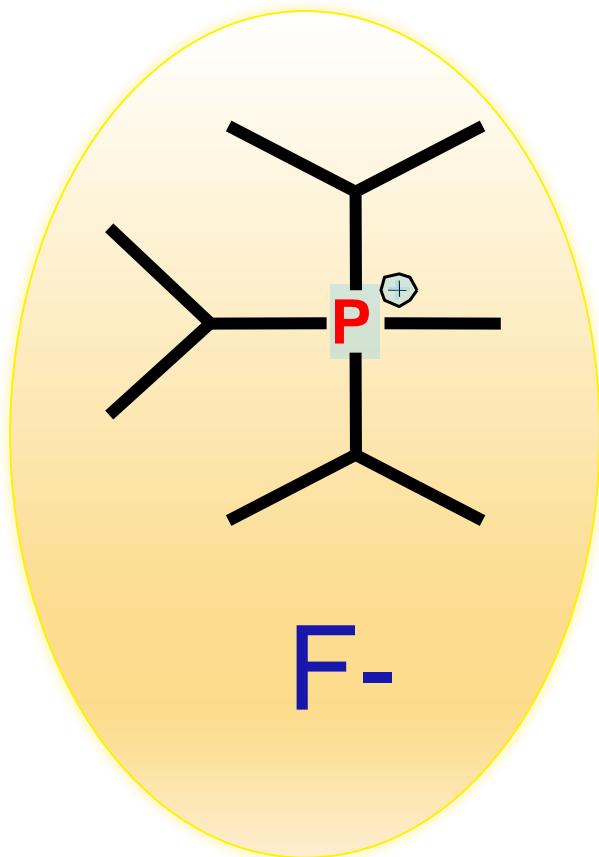
- Crystallization of novel zeolite structure types: ITQ-27, ITQ-26, ITQ-34, Boggsite
- Expand the chemical composition of known zeolites



Establishment of framework aluminium  
and then zeolite acidity

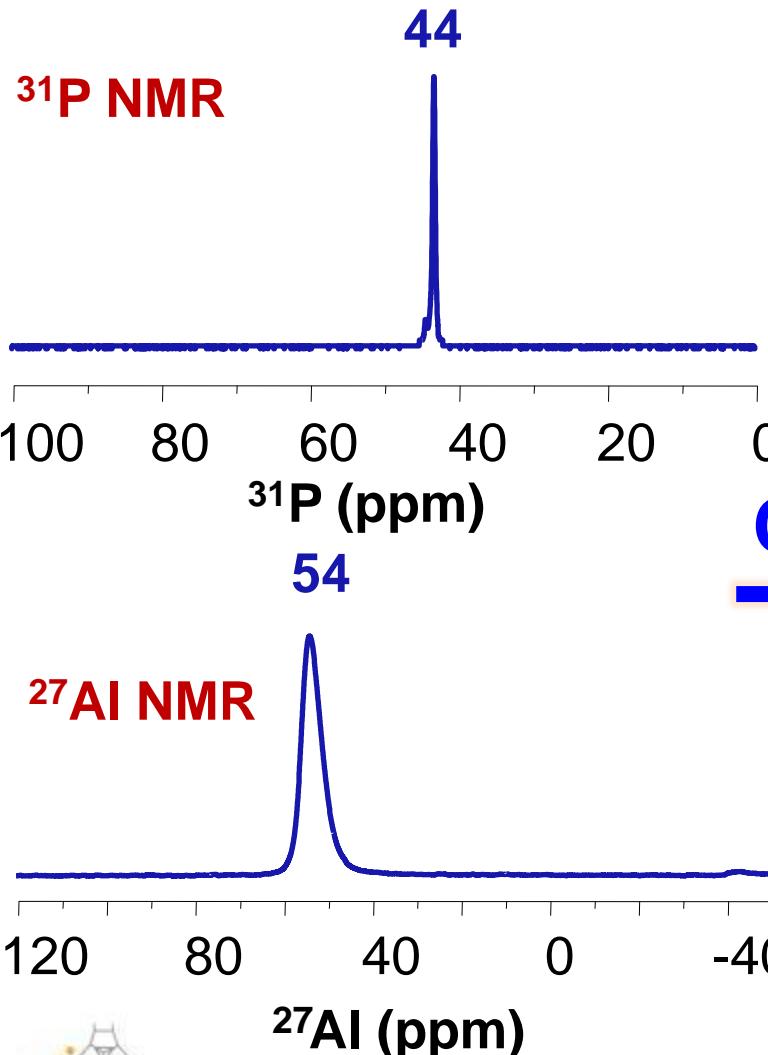


# Synthesis of zeolite RUB 13

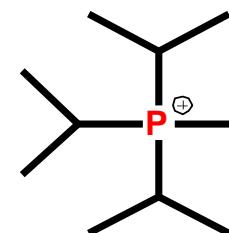


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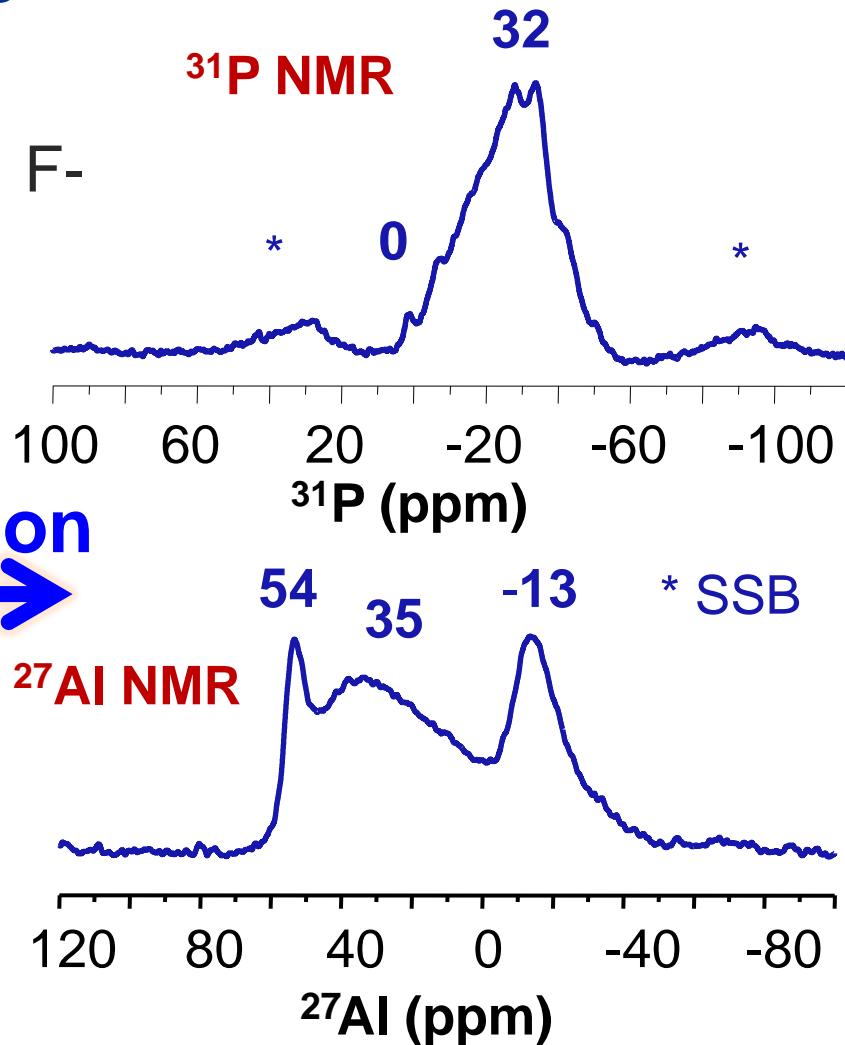
As prepared



Si/Al=13



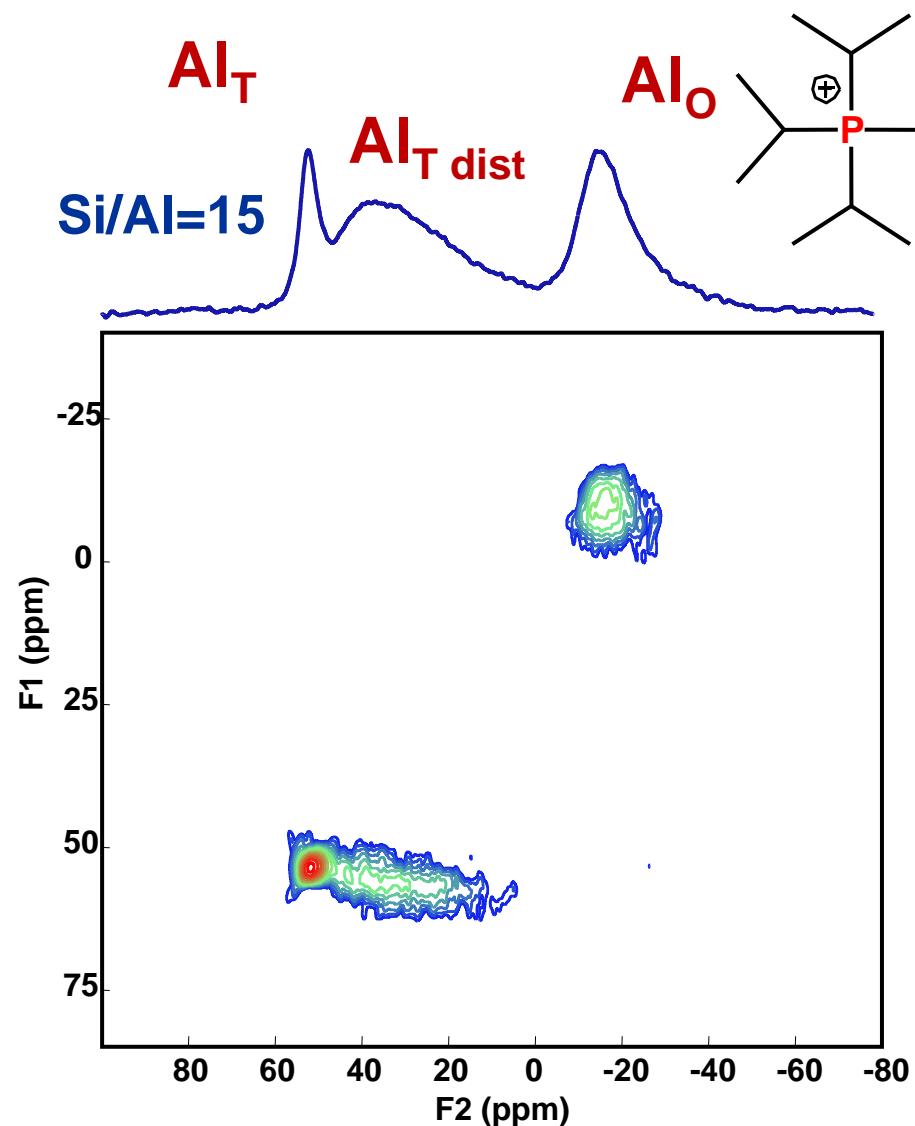
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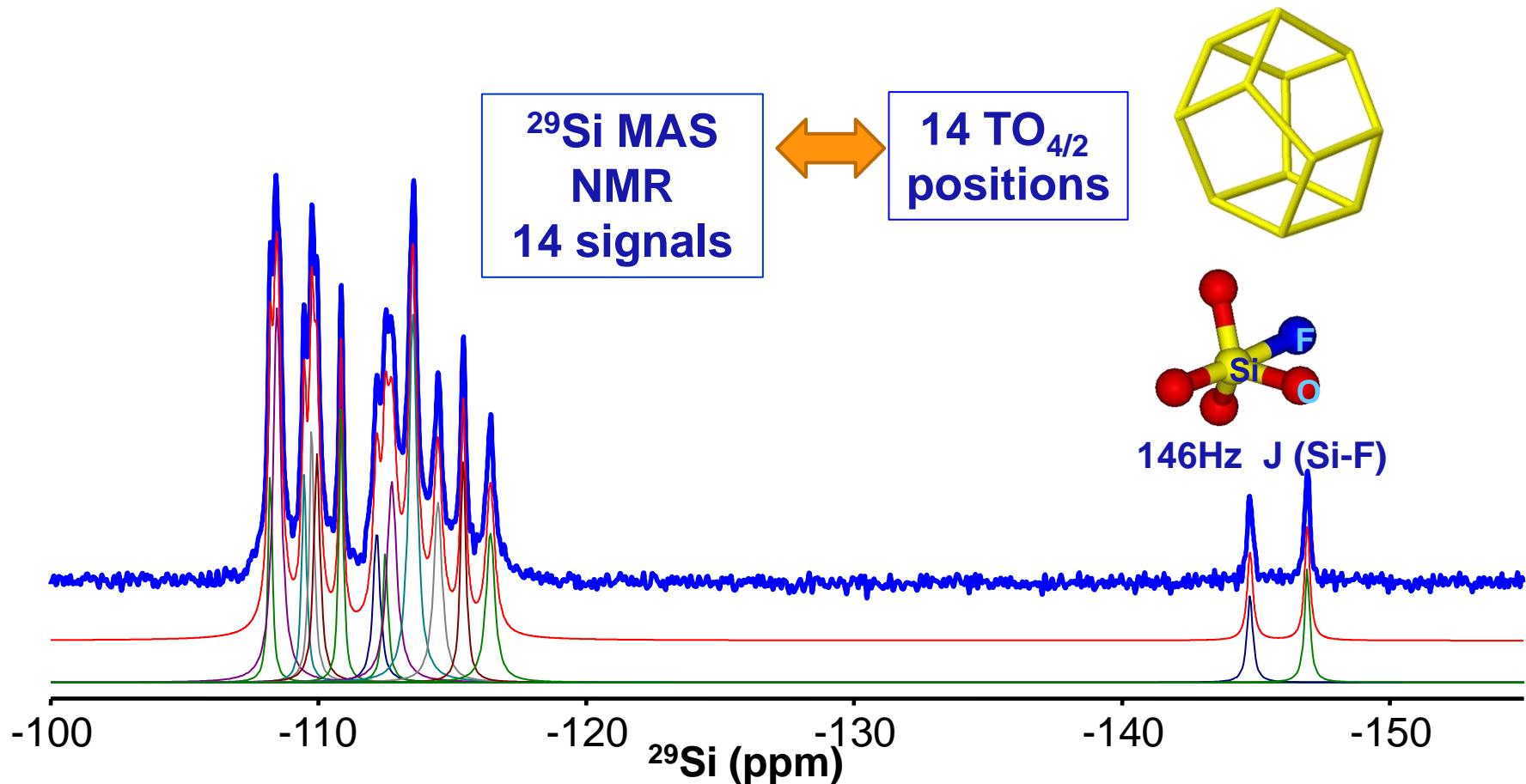
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# $^{27}\text{Al}$ 3QMAS NMR of Zeolite RUB 13



# $^{29}\text{Si}$ MAS NMR spectra of $\text{SiO}_2$ -RUB-13



# Outline

- Fundaments of NMR spectroscopy
  - Solid state NMR
- Application on heterogeneous catalysis:  
Zeolites:
  - Structural characterization
  - **Chemical Physical properties**
  - Reaction Mechanisms

# Physical Chemical characterization

- Interaction between the framework and the molecules filling the zeolite pores.
- The use of probe molecules to study the zeolite properties.
- Mobility of atoms and molecules.
- ....

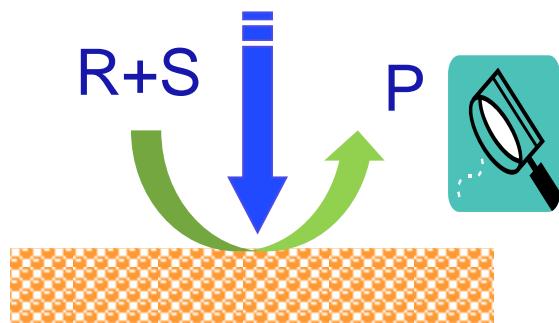


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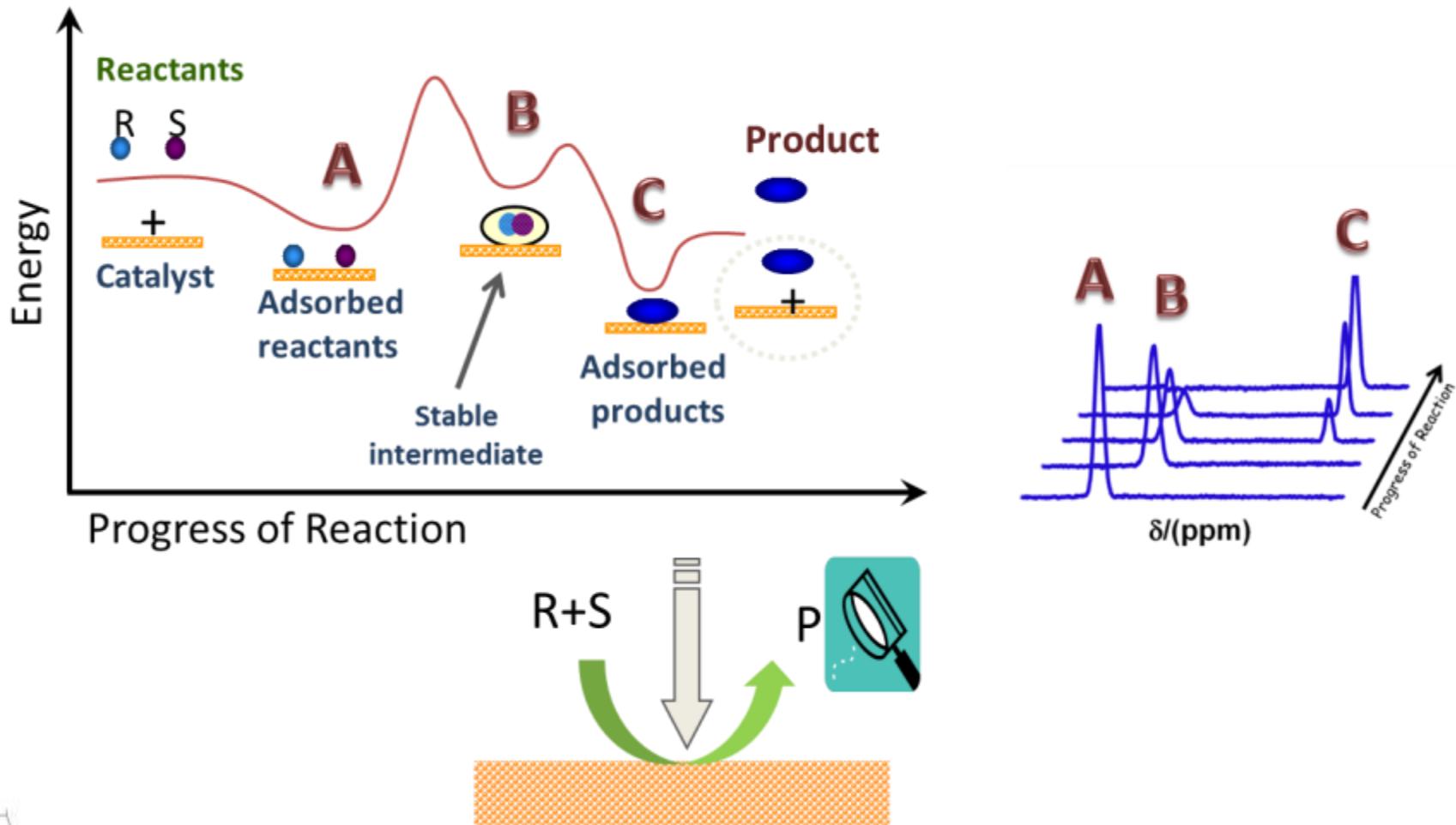
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# Heterogeneous catalysis

- Elucidation of reaction mechanisms can contribute to the development of improved catalyst
- In situ NMR spectroscopy is suitable to probe the structures of organic adsorbates ( $^{13}\text{C}$ ), active and framework sites, cations. It usually requires the use of labelled ( $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $^{15}\text{N}$ ) compounds



# In situ NMR spectroscopy

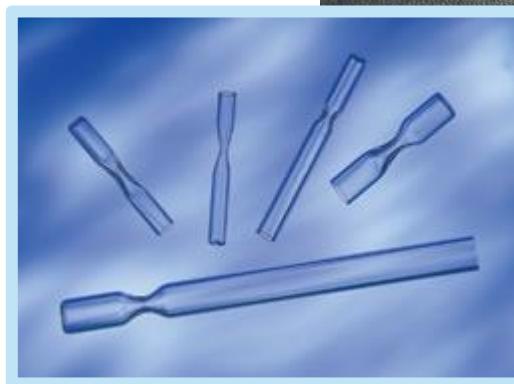


T. Blasco, Chem. Soc. Rev., 39 (2010) 4685

I. I. Ivanova, Y. G. Kolyagin, Chem. Soc. Rev., 39 (2010) 5018



# Batch reaction: NMR Glass Inserts



T. A. Carpenter, J. Klinowski, D. T. B. Tennakoon, C. J. Smith, D. C. Edward, J. Magn. Reson. 68 (1986) 561

First publication of *in situ* NMR: M. W. Anderson, J. Klinowski, Nature 1989, 339, 200

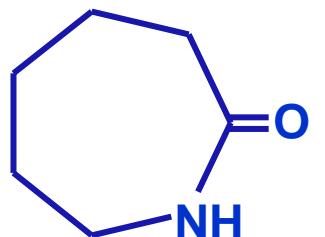
# Reaction Mechanisms

- **Beckmann rearrangement reaction**
- Depletion of NOx emissions



# The Beckmann rearrangement (BR)of cyclohexanone oxime

$\epsilon$ -Caprolactam



Nylon-6

World production: 3.8  
million tons per year



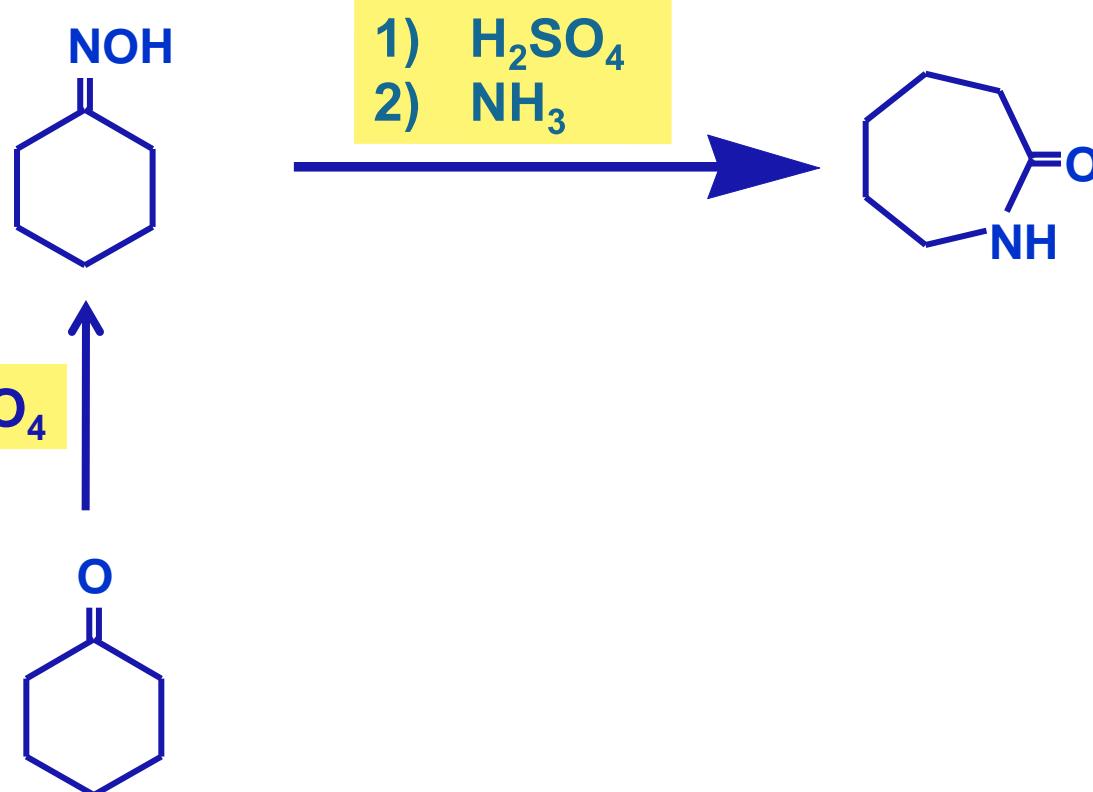
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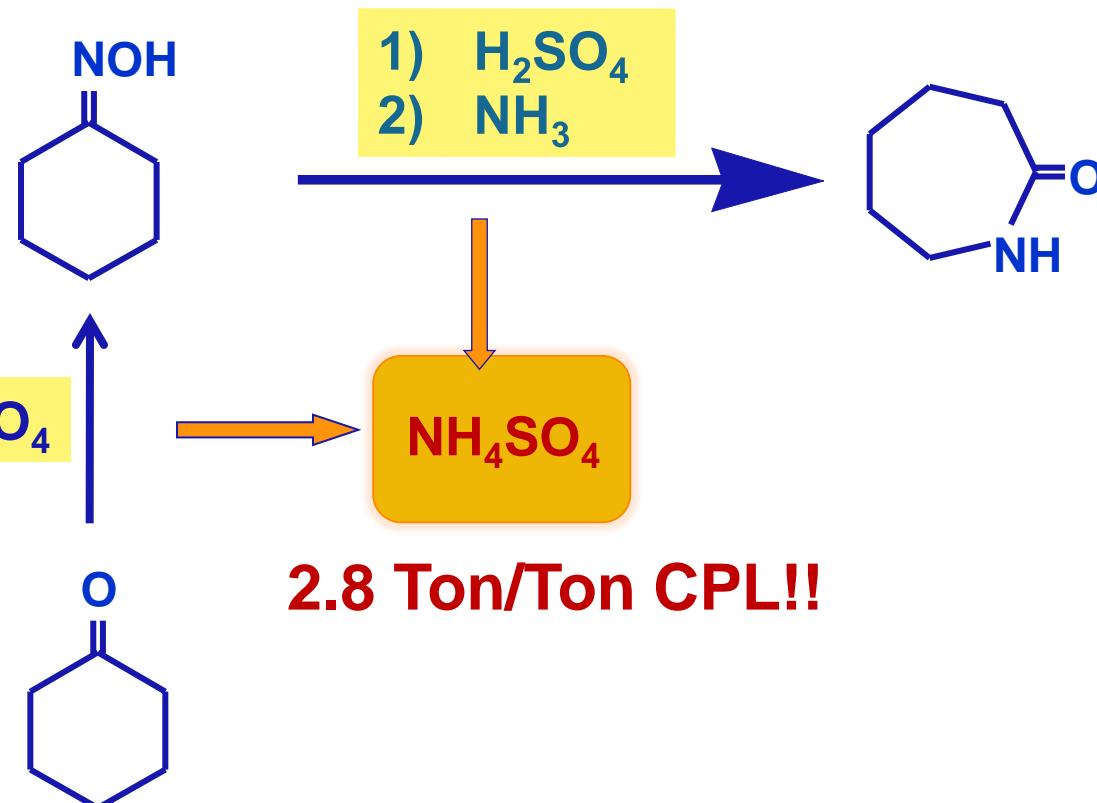


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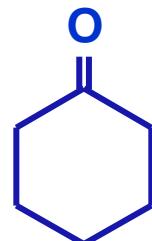
Cyclohexanone Oxime

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$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2, \text{NH}_3,$   
TS-1

Developed  
by Eni Chem



Fundamental catalyst was discovered by 1986 by Sumitomo Chemical Co.

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This new process was  
industrialized in April 2003

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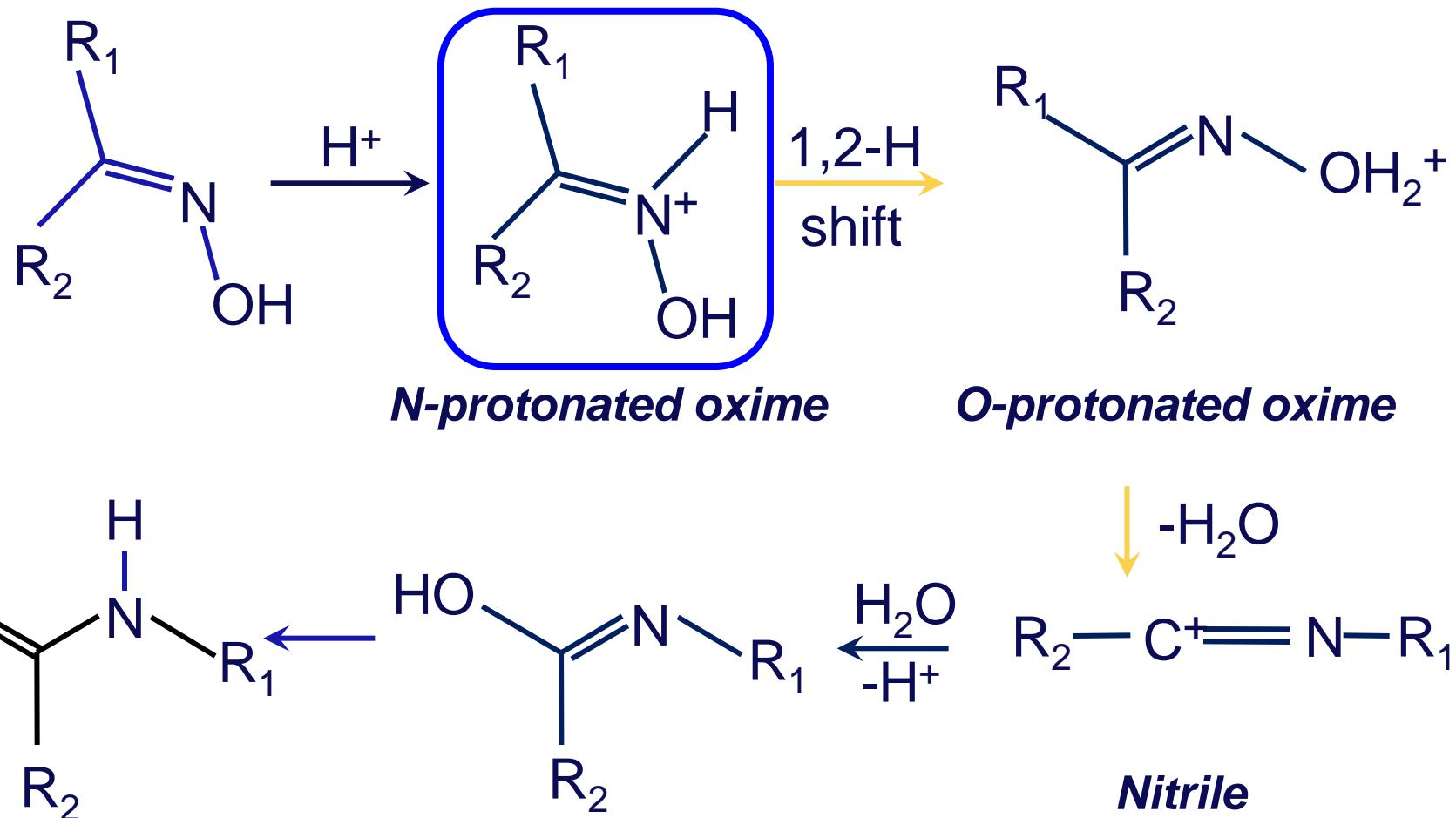
Production:  
60.000 Ton per year



Sumitomo Chemical Co.

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# Reaction mechanism of the Beckmann rearrangement



P. S. Landis, P. B. Venuto, J. Catal. 1966, 6, 245 – 252.

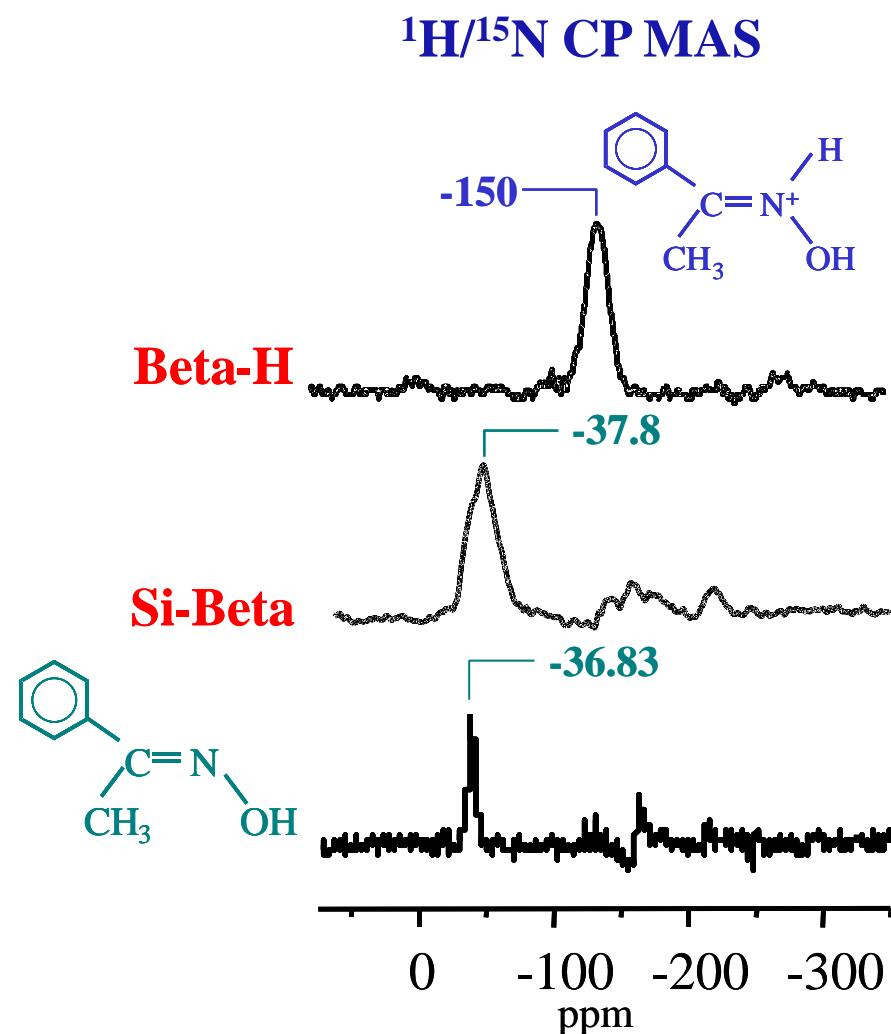
A. B. Fernandez-Sanchez et al. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 44 (2005) 2370

# QUESTIONS

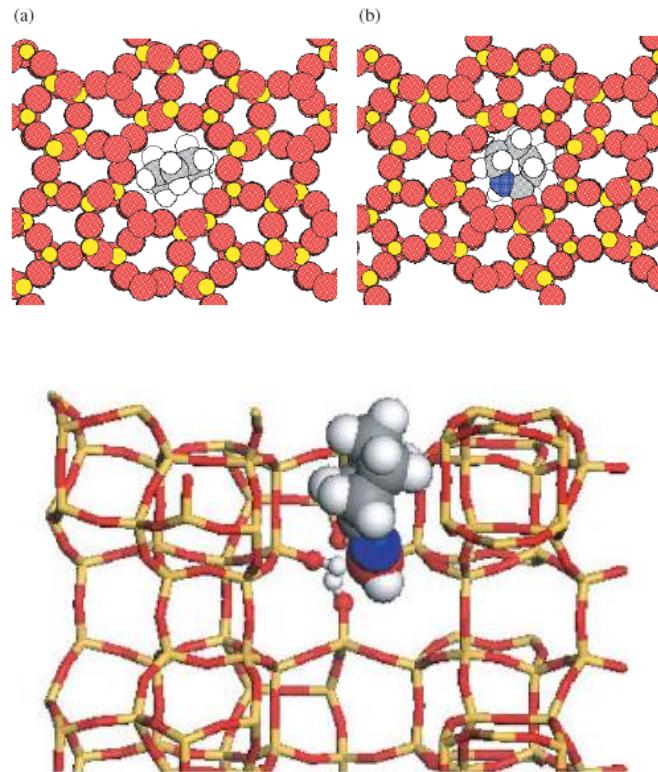
- Reaction mechanism, formation of the N protonated oxime?
- Does the rearrangement of CHO<sub>X</sub> occur inside the pores of MFI type zeolites?



# Oxime adsorption

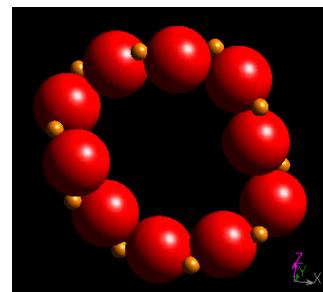
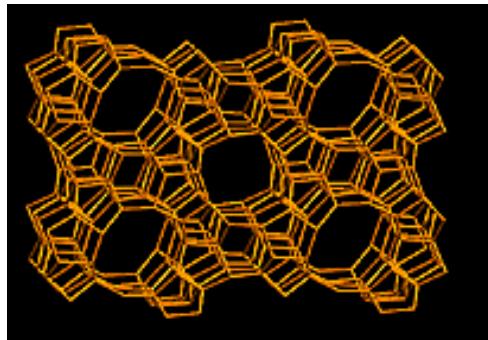


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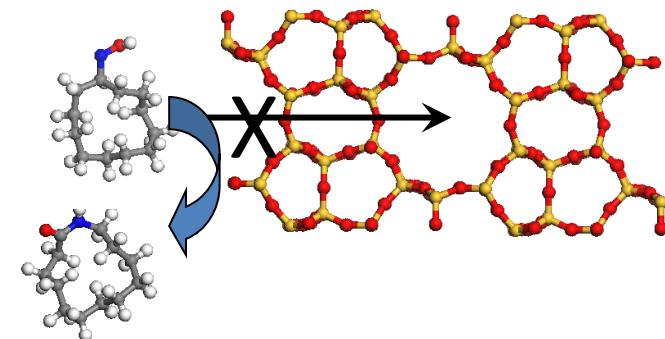
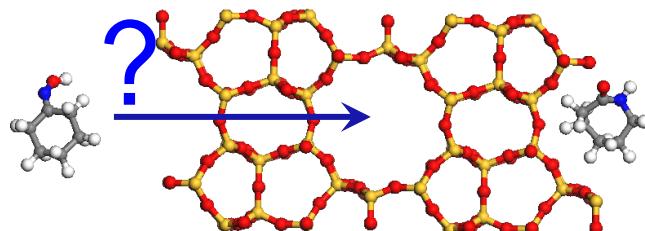
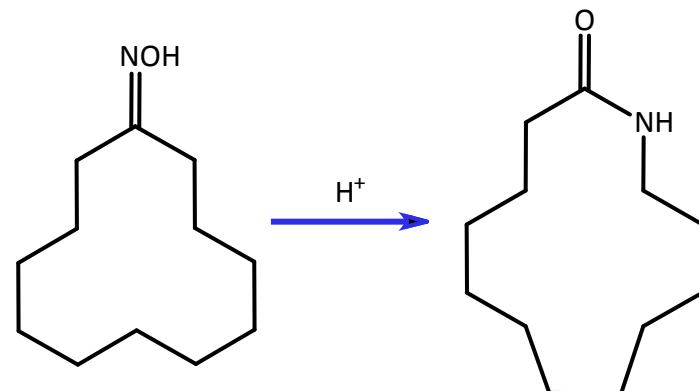
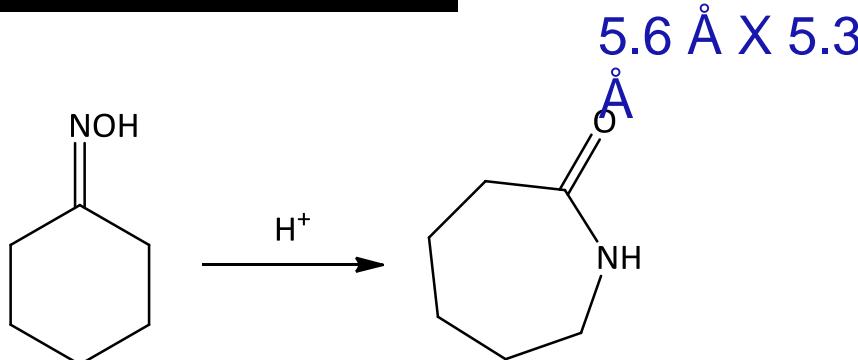
**Does the reaction take place inside the pores or at the pore aperture of MFI zeolite?**

# The Beckmann rearrangement reaction



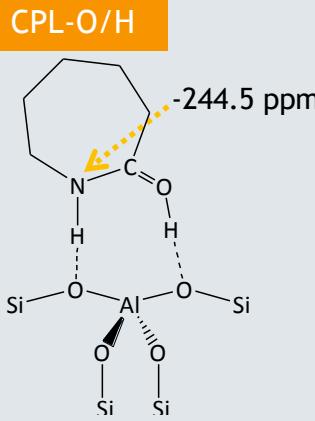
MFI TYPE ZEOLITE

HZSM-5 (Si/Al=15): Bronsted acid sites



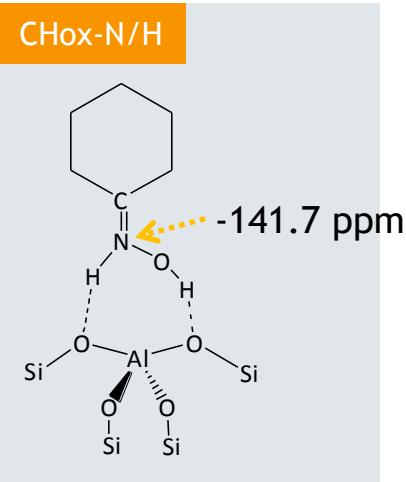
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# The BR reaction on zeolite H-ZSM-5



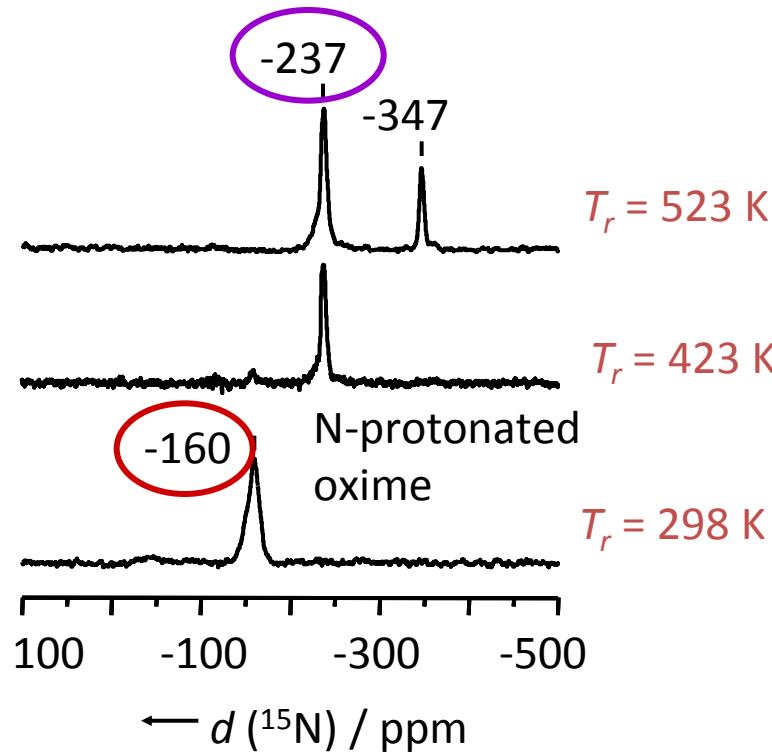
Zeolite H-ZSM-5

$^1\text{H}/^{15}\text{N}$  CP MAS RMN



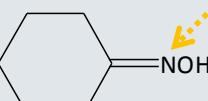
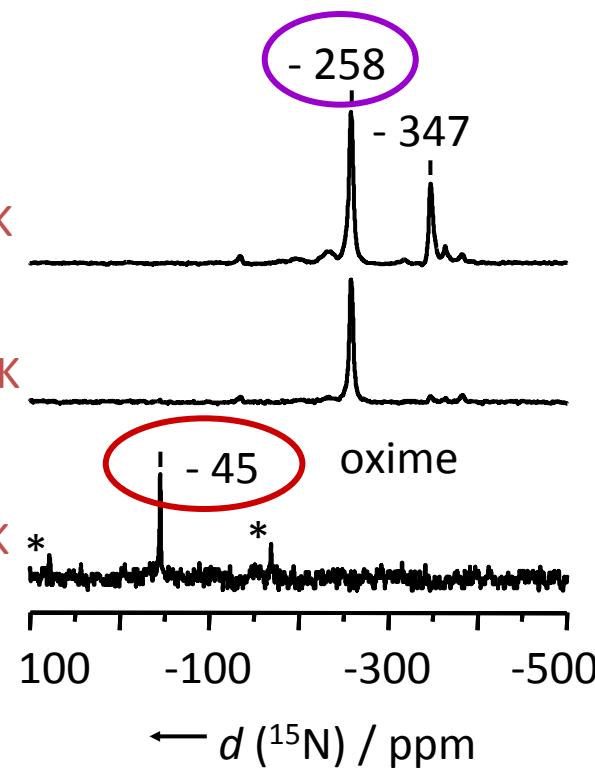
CYCLOHEXANONE OXIME

O-protonated lactam



CYCLODODECANONE OXIME

lactam



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# CONCLUSIONS

- Formation of the N-protonated oxime and the O-protonated lactam over the Bronsted acid sites in porous solids.
- The BR of CHOX occurs in the interior of the pores of the MFI type zeolite

A. B. Fernández et al., Angew. Chem. Int . Ed. 44 (2005) 2370; J. Catal 243 (2006) 270; J. Catal. 249 (2007) 116.



# Reaction Mechanisms

- Beckmann rearrangement reaction
- Depletion of NOx emissions



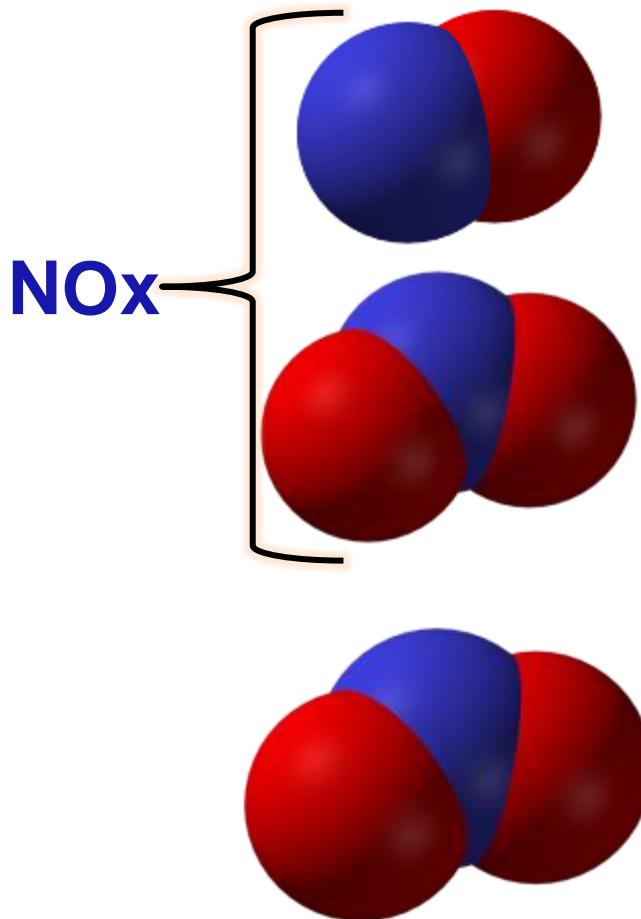
# Main atmospheric pollutants

- **NO<sub>x</sub>**
- Sulfur oxides
- Volatile organic compounds
- NH<sub>3</sub>



- Climate changes
- Human Health

# Stable nitrogen oxides



$\text{NO}$ ,  $\text{NO}_2$ : **Irritant gas** that causes pulmonary edema and exudative inflammations. *Chronic exposures:* coughing, headache and gastrointestinal disorder

$\text{N}_2\text{O}$ : From microbial action and other processes. Powerful analgesic. Laughing gas

**Contributes to ozone depletion and greenhouse effect.**

***Chronic exposures: polyneuropathy and myelopathy***

# No<sub>x</sub> pollutants: origin

- NO is the predominant form of NO<sub>x</sub>

Thermal emissions:



Mobile sources



Exhaust of motor vehicles

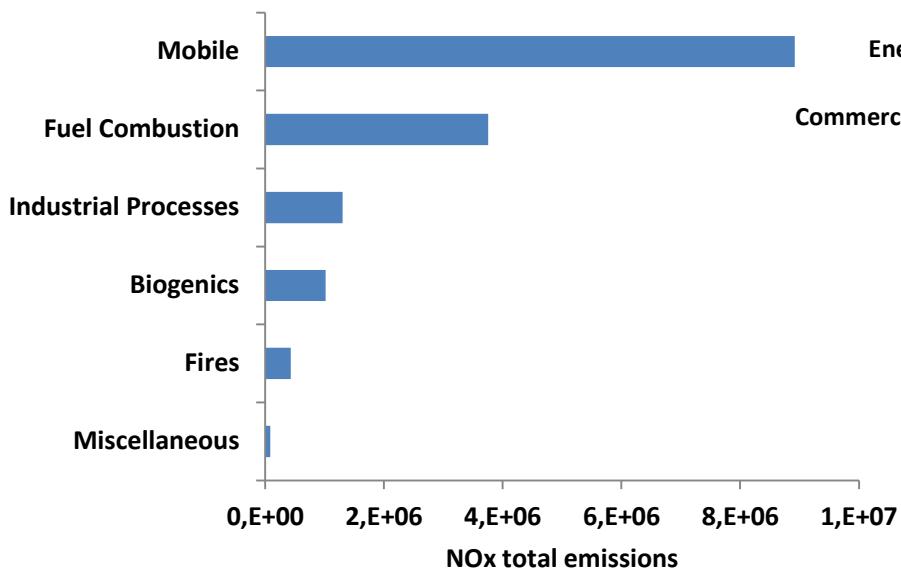
Stationary sources



Burning of fuels, oil or natural gas  
Manufacturing processes

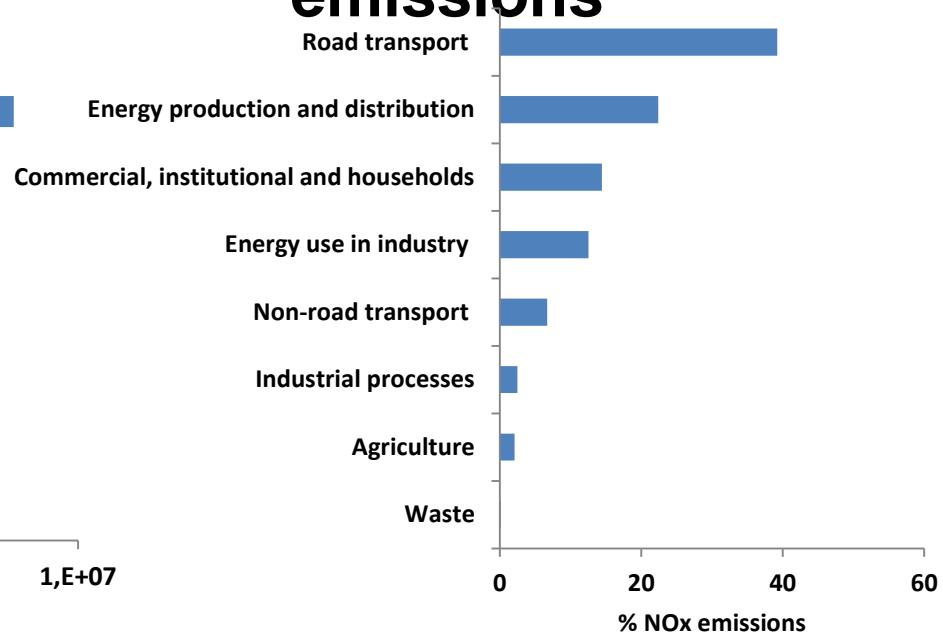
# NOx emissions in 2012

## U.S.A. NOx emissions



*United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)*

## Europe NOx emissions



*European Environment Agency (EEA)*

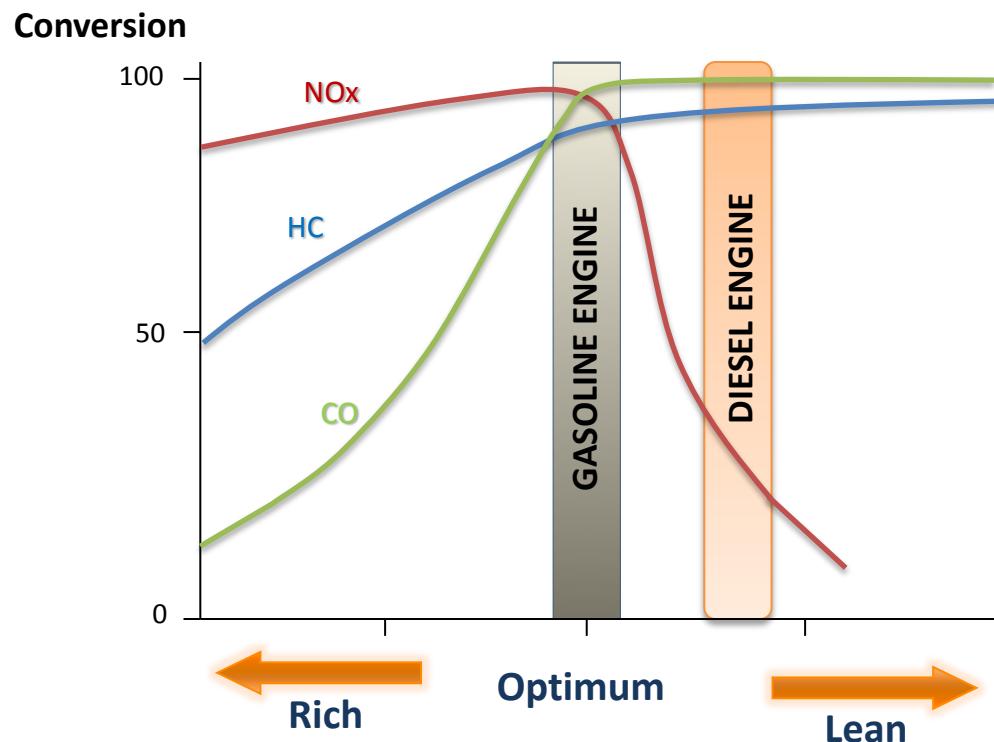


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<http://www.eea.europa.eu/data-and-maps/figures/emission-trends-of-nitrogen-oxides-eea-member-countries-eu-27-member-states-3>

# NOx emissions from mobile sources

- 40 % of total NOx in Europe comes from road transport; 75 % of which is produced in diesel engines

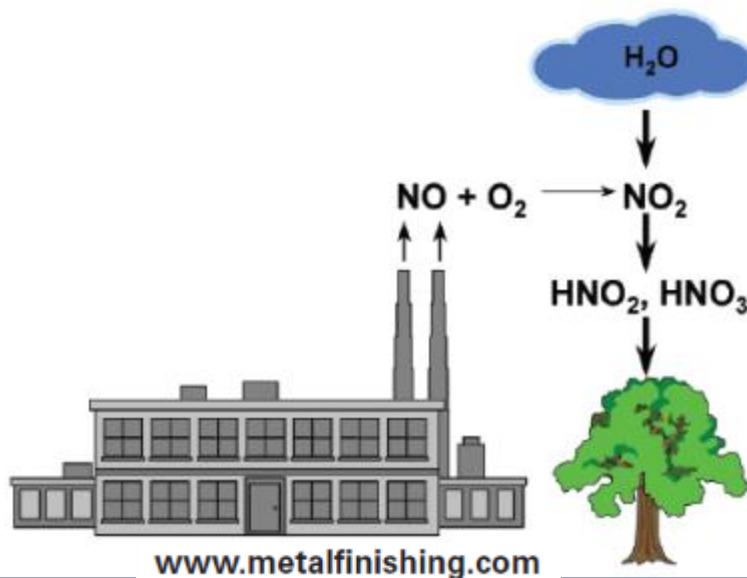


- Conversion of the three main pollutants with a three ways catalyst with air/fuel variations: NOT EFFICIENT FOR DIESEL ENGINES

<http://www.jmsec.com/cm/Products/3-Way-NSCR-Catalysts.html>



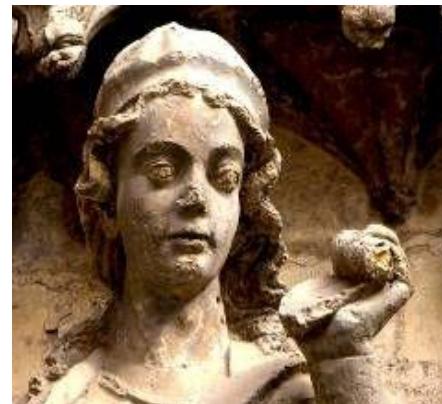
# Effects of $\text{NO}_x$ : Acid rain



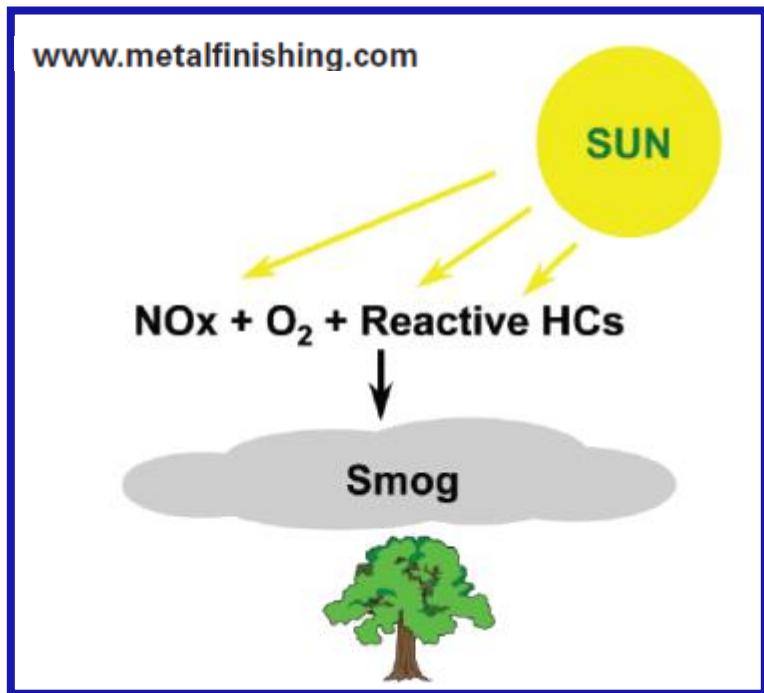
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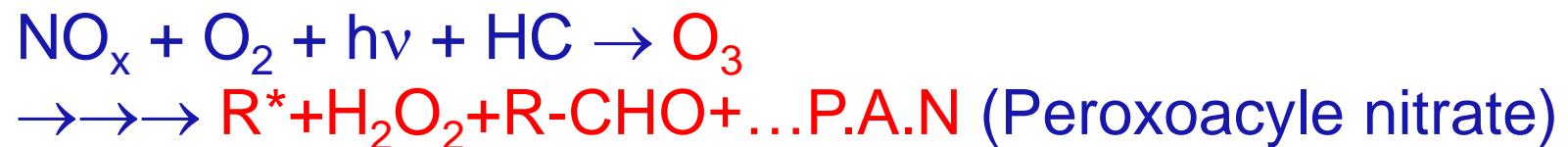


# Effects of NO<sub>x</sub>: Photochemical smog

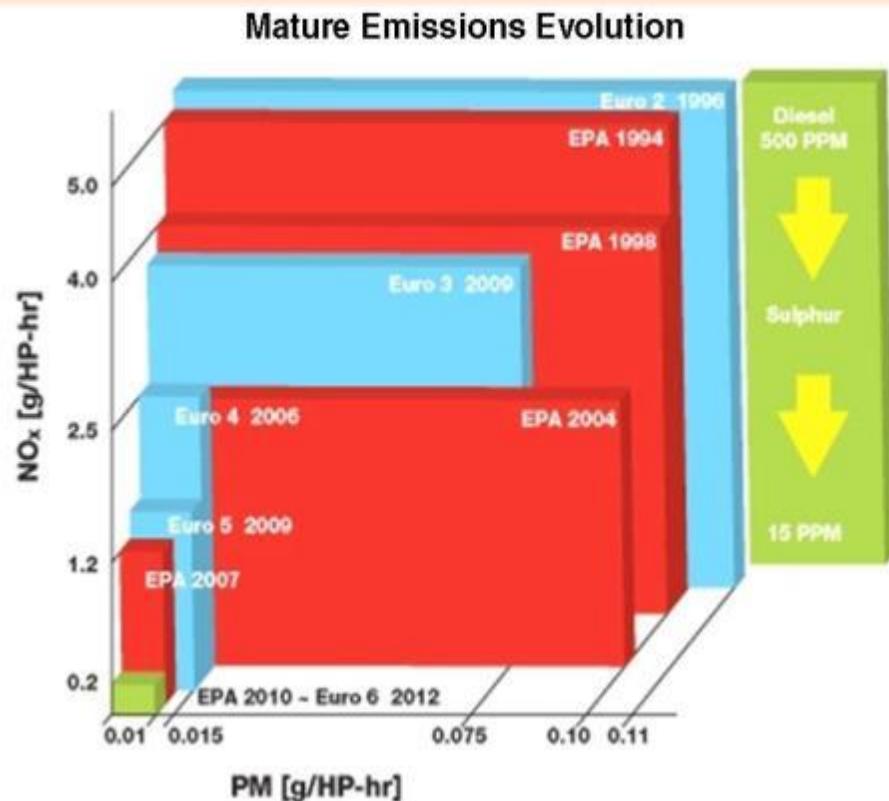


Everything You Need to Know About NOx

By Charles Baukal, Director of R&D, John Zinc Co. LLC, Tulsa, Okla.



# Legislations for NOx and PM emission for diesel vehicles

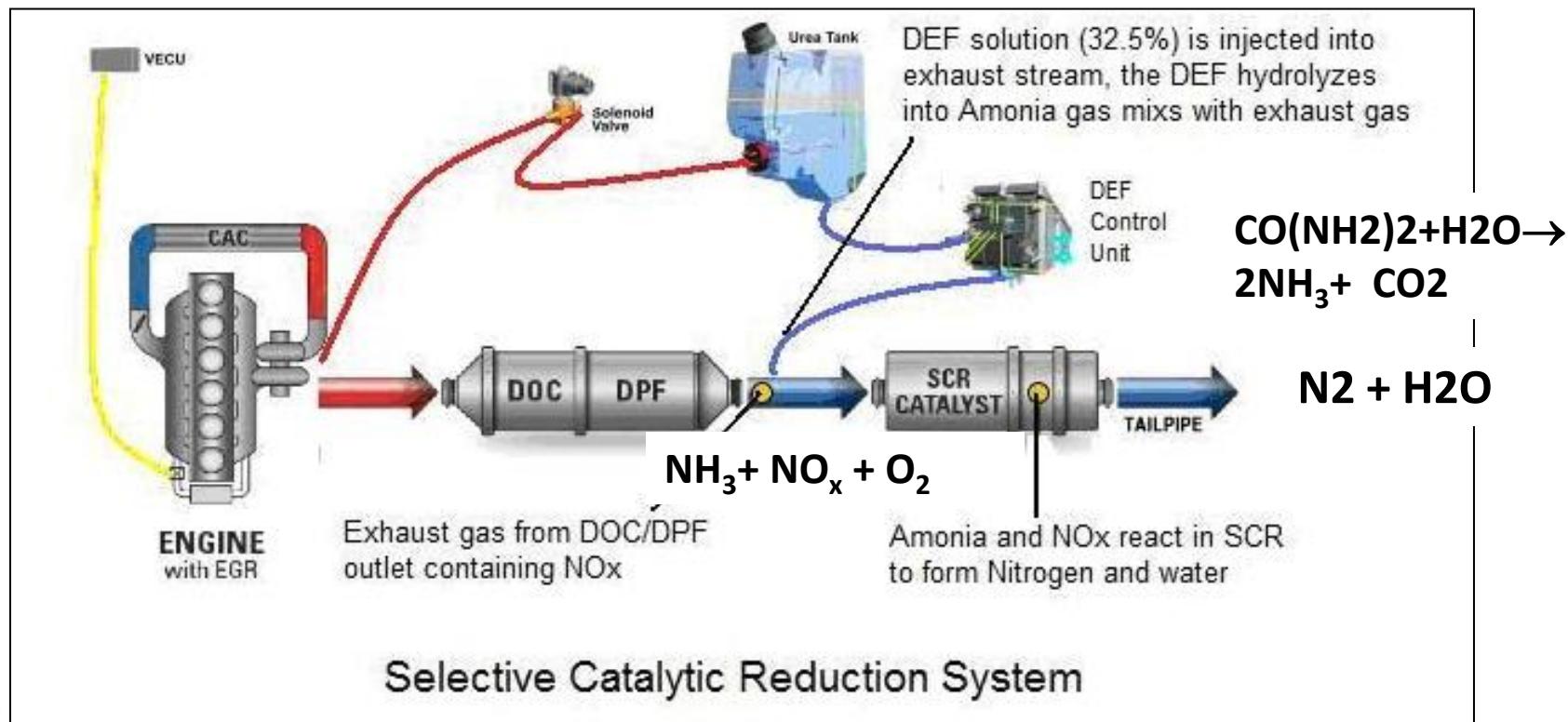


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# NH<sub>3</sub> SCR catalyst

- **Vanadia catalysts** (for stationary sources) used in Europe since 2005 for heavy duty diesel vehicles using urea as a reductant
  - Low activity and selectivity ( $T < 650 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
  - Toxicity of vanadia species which volatilized at high temperatures



# Development of new efficient SCR catalysts

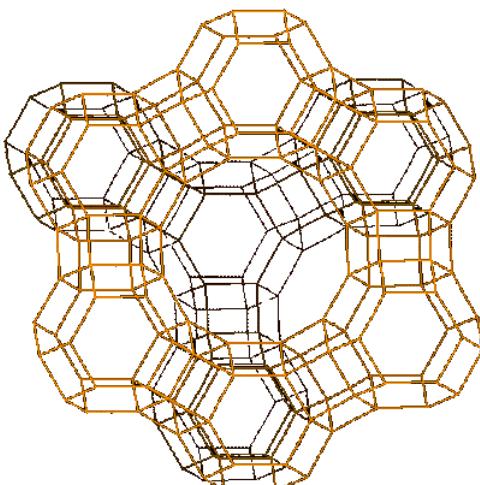
- Standard NO > 90 %



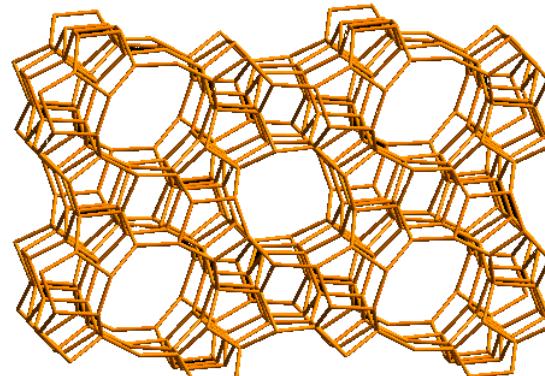
- Operating temperature window: 150 °C- 350 °C
- Hydrothermal stability (above 800 °C) (during regeneration of the diesel particulate filter (DPF))



# TMI-ZEOLITES: Cu-Zeolites

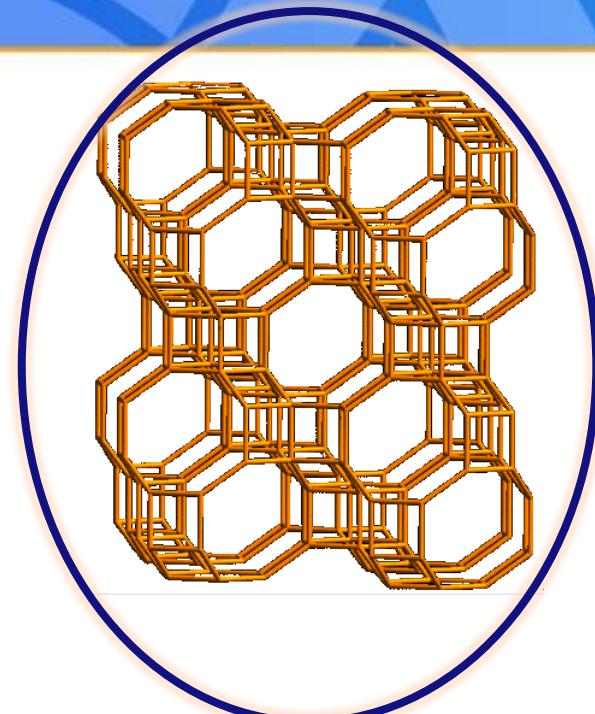
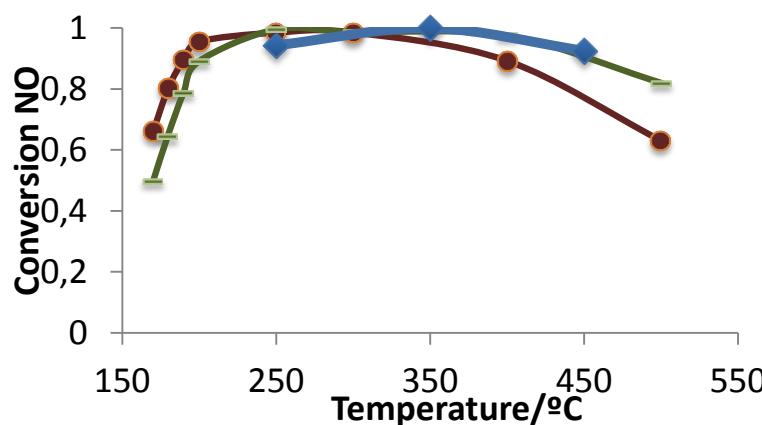


Faujasite  
12  $\text{TO}_2$   
 $7.4 \times 7.4 \text{ \AA}$



ZSM-5  
10  $\text{TO}_2$   
 $5.5 \times 5.1 \text{ \AA}$

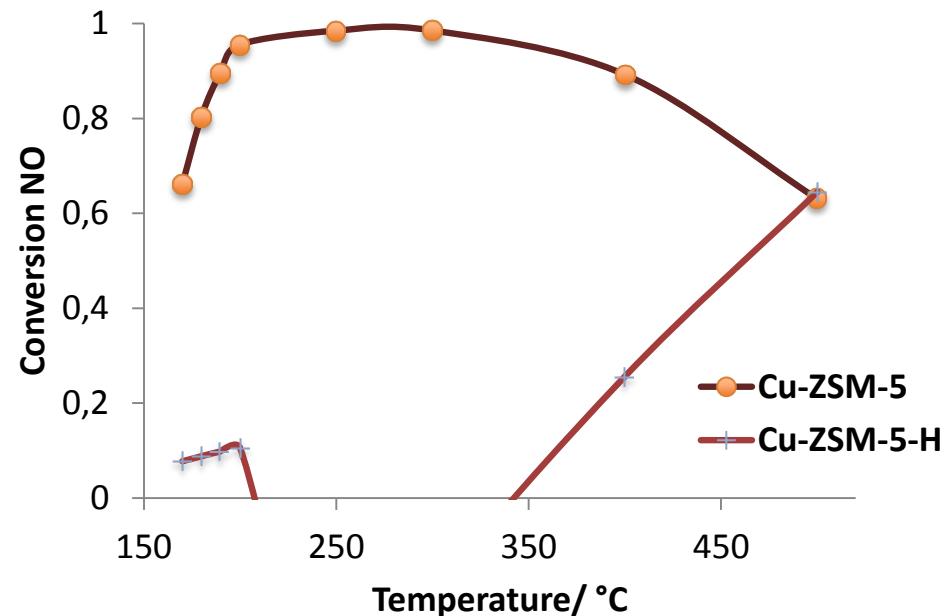
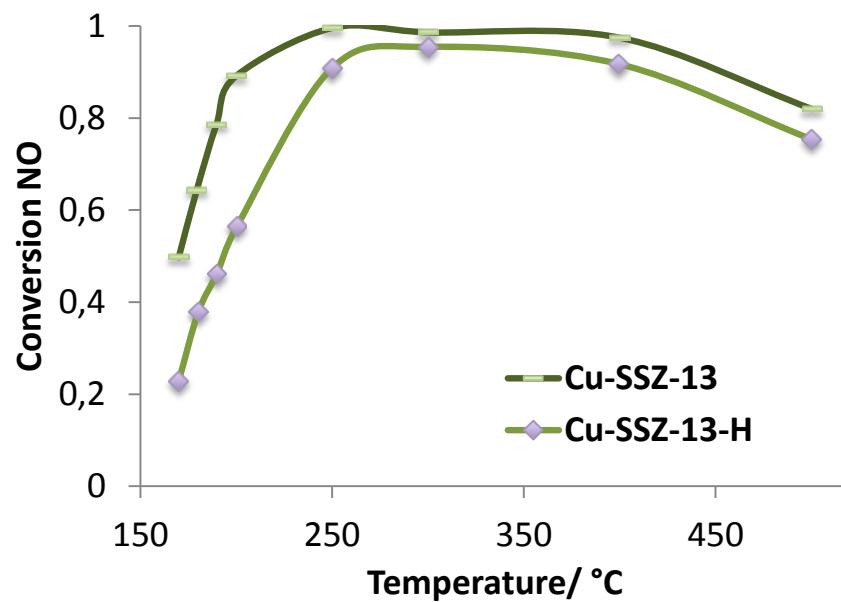
$\text{NH}_3\text{-SCR-NOx}$



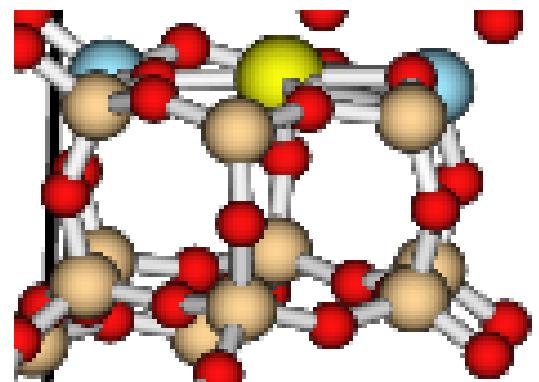
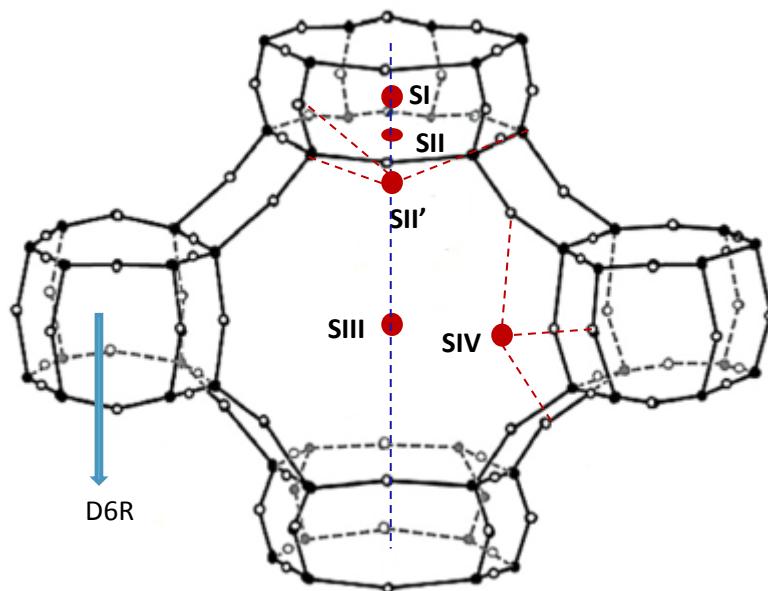
Chabazite  
8  $\text{TO}_2$   
 $3.8 \times 3.8 \text{ \AA}$

Kwak et al. J. Catal. 275, 187 (2010)

# Development of new efficient SCR catalysts: CuZeolites Hydrothermal aging



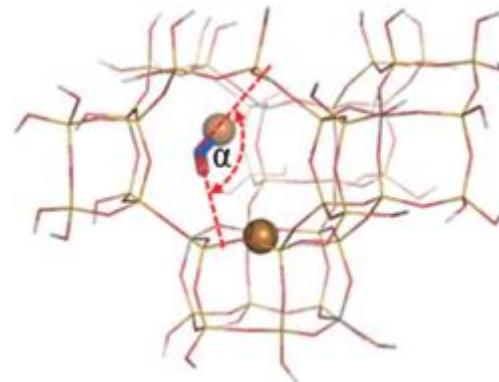
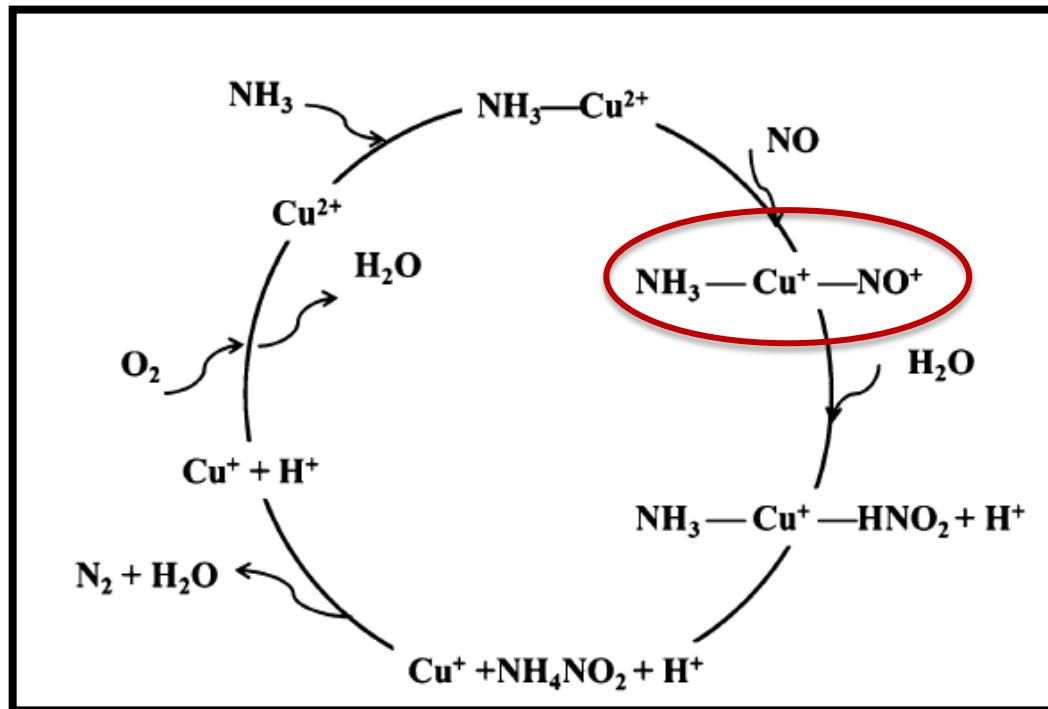
# Active sites for NH<sub>3</sub>-SCR: Isolated Cu<sup>2+</sup>



E. L. Uzunova, H. Mikosch, J. Hafner, *J. Molec. Structure: THEOCHEM* 912 (2009), 88; Deka, U. et al, *ACS Catalysis*, 2013, 4, 413; F. Gao et al. *Top. Catal.*, 2013, 56, 1441; Fickel et al. *J. Phys. Chem. C* 2009, 114, 1663.

### 3. Low temperature reaction mechanism on Cu-CHA: Direct NO activation without formation of $\text{NO}_2$

A Common Intermediate for N<sub>2</sub> Formation in Enzymes and Zeolites: Side-On Cu–Nitrosyl Complexes



$^{15}\text{N}$  NMR signal at 400 ppm

Kwak et al. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2013, 52, 1 – 6;  
Gao et al. *Topics in Catalysis*, 2013. **56**(15-17): p. 1441-1459.



# REACTION MECHANISM

## ○ The role of copper

- Active for NO oxidation to  $\text{NO}_2$
- Lewis acid site: Formation of  $\text{Cu}-\text{NH}_3$  complexes
- Redox behaviour  $\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Cu}^+$  pair

## ○ The role of Brønsted acid sites

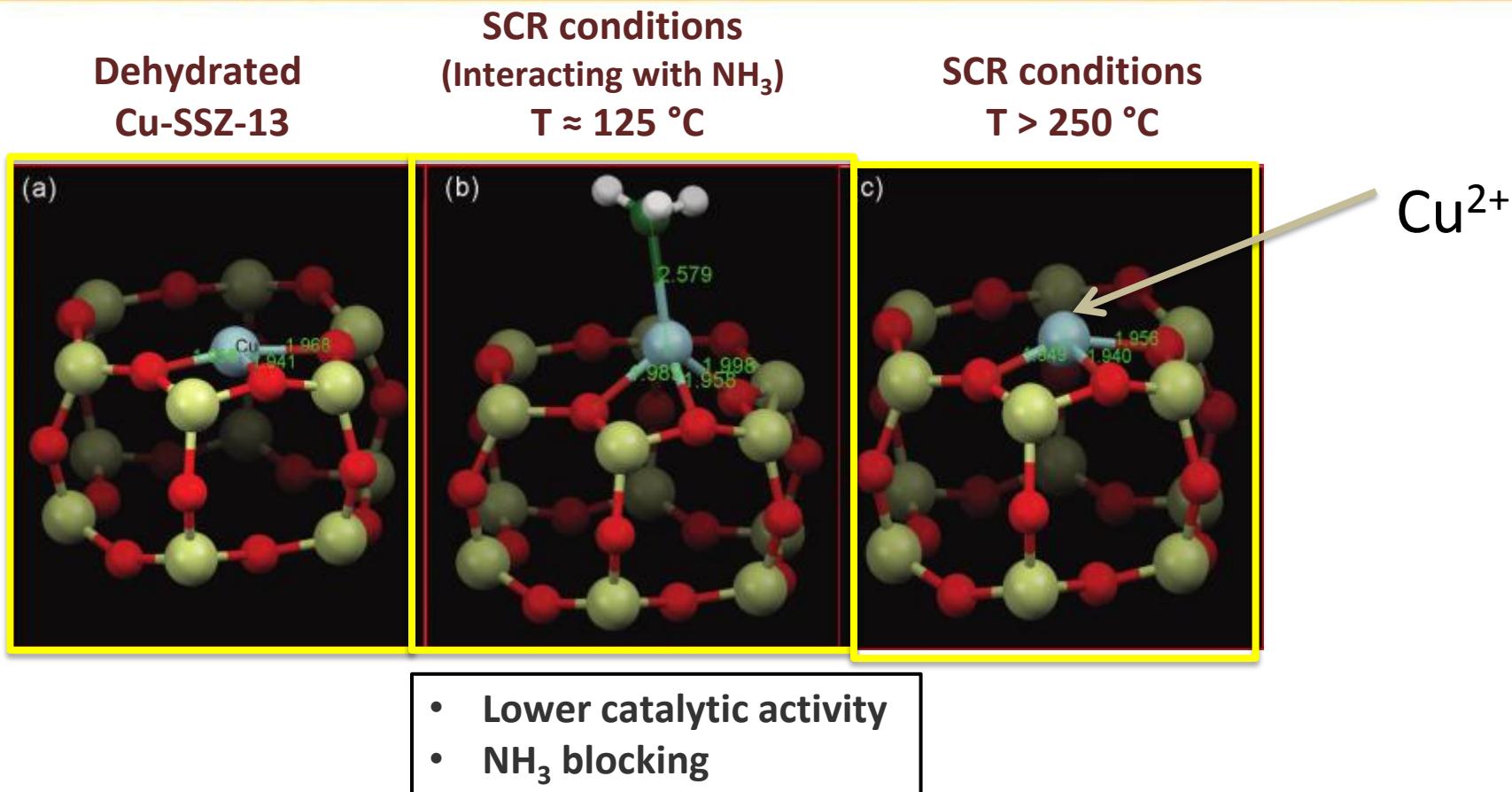
- Ammonia reservoir
- $\text{NH}_4^+ + \text{NO} \rightarrow \text{N}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

## ○ Reaction intermediates

## ○ The involvement of $\text{NH}_3$ in the reaction



# 1: NH<sub>3</sub>-SCR-NOx requires that Cu is not bonded to NH<sub>3</sub>

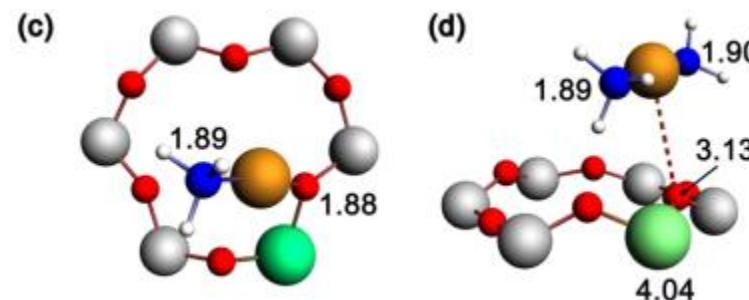


- The formation of NO<sub>3</sub> and NO<sup>+</sup> requires the NH<sub>3</sub> desorption from Copper
- No evidence of copper reduction under reaction conditions

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Figure from U. Deka et al., J. Phys. Chem. C, 116, 2012, 4809-4818  
XAFS/XRD under NH<sub>3</sub>-SCR conditions

# Cu-NH<sub>3</sub> complexes observed experimentally

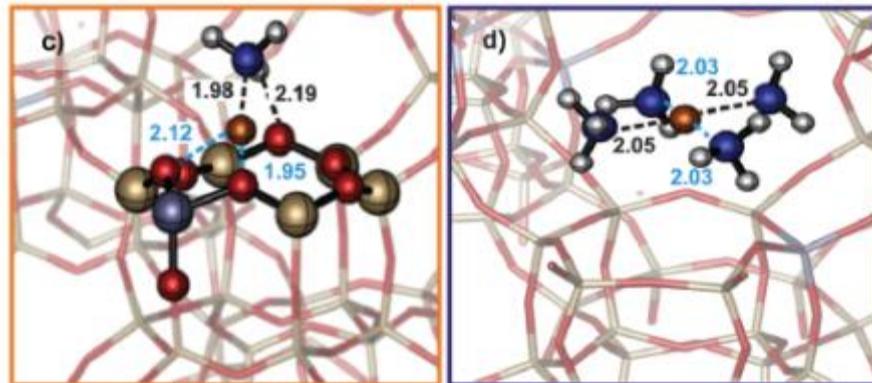


XANES, XES  
Presence of Cu<sup>2+</sup> / Cu<sup>+</sup>  
DFT: linear Cu<sup>+</sup> species

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# Cu-NH<sub>3</sub> complexes

- 1) 1000 ppm NH<sub>3</sub>, 250 °C ; 2) He 250 °C , 3) 1000 ppm NO + 5% O<sub>2</sub> 250 °C



**[Cu(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> · NH<sub>3</sub>**  
desorbs at 320 °C (TPD)

# OBJECTIVES

## IDENTIFICATION OF Cu-NH<sub>3</sub> SPECIES

- In situ RESONANCE TECNIQUES
  - EPR: Observation of isolated Cu<sup>2+</sup> species 3d<sup>9</sup>)
  - <sup>15</sup>N, <sup>1</sup>H solid state NMR spectroscopy
- Periododic DFT calculations with VASP codes



# Materials

## Cu-SSZ-

13



- CHA
- 3D intercon.
- Small pore: 8MR (3,8 Å)

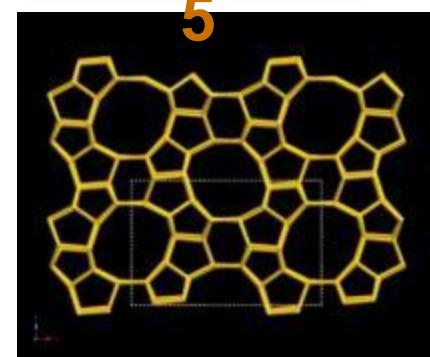
Si/Al = 13

Cu/Al = 0,3

Direct synthesis

## Cu-ZSM-

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- MFI
- 3D intercon.
- Medium pore: 10MR (5,5 Å)

Commercial

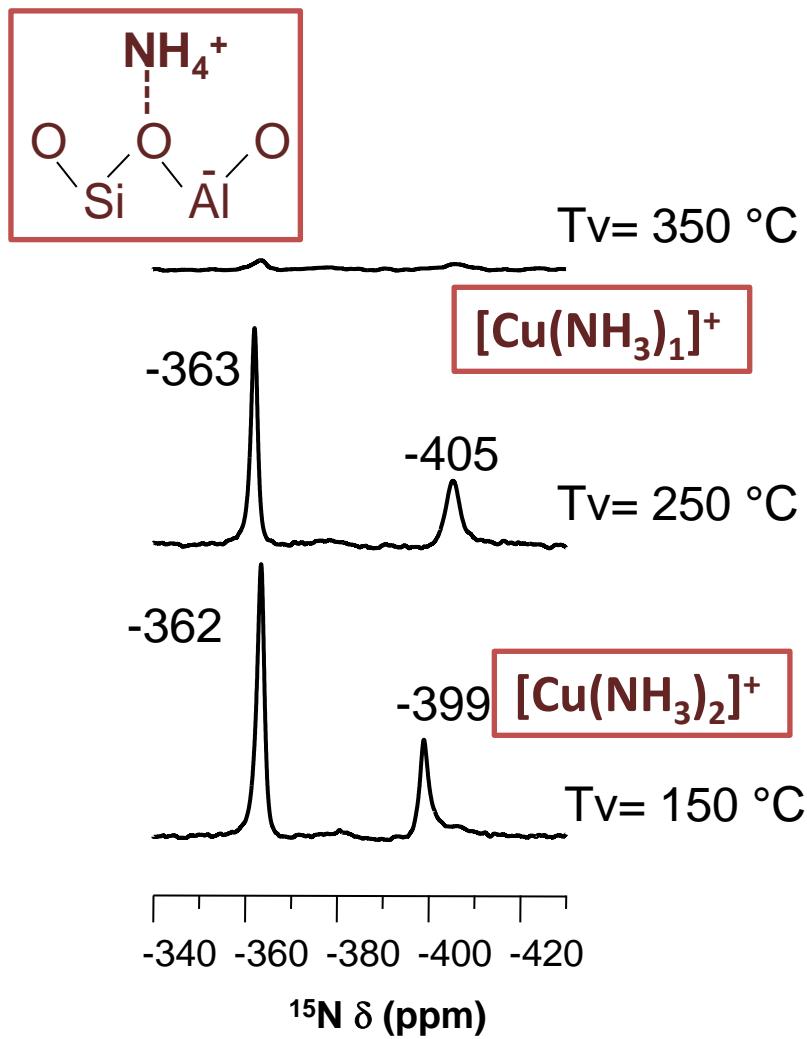
Si/Al = 10,5

Cu/Al = 0,48

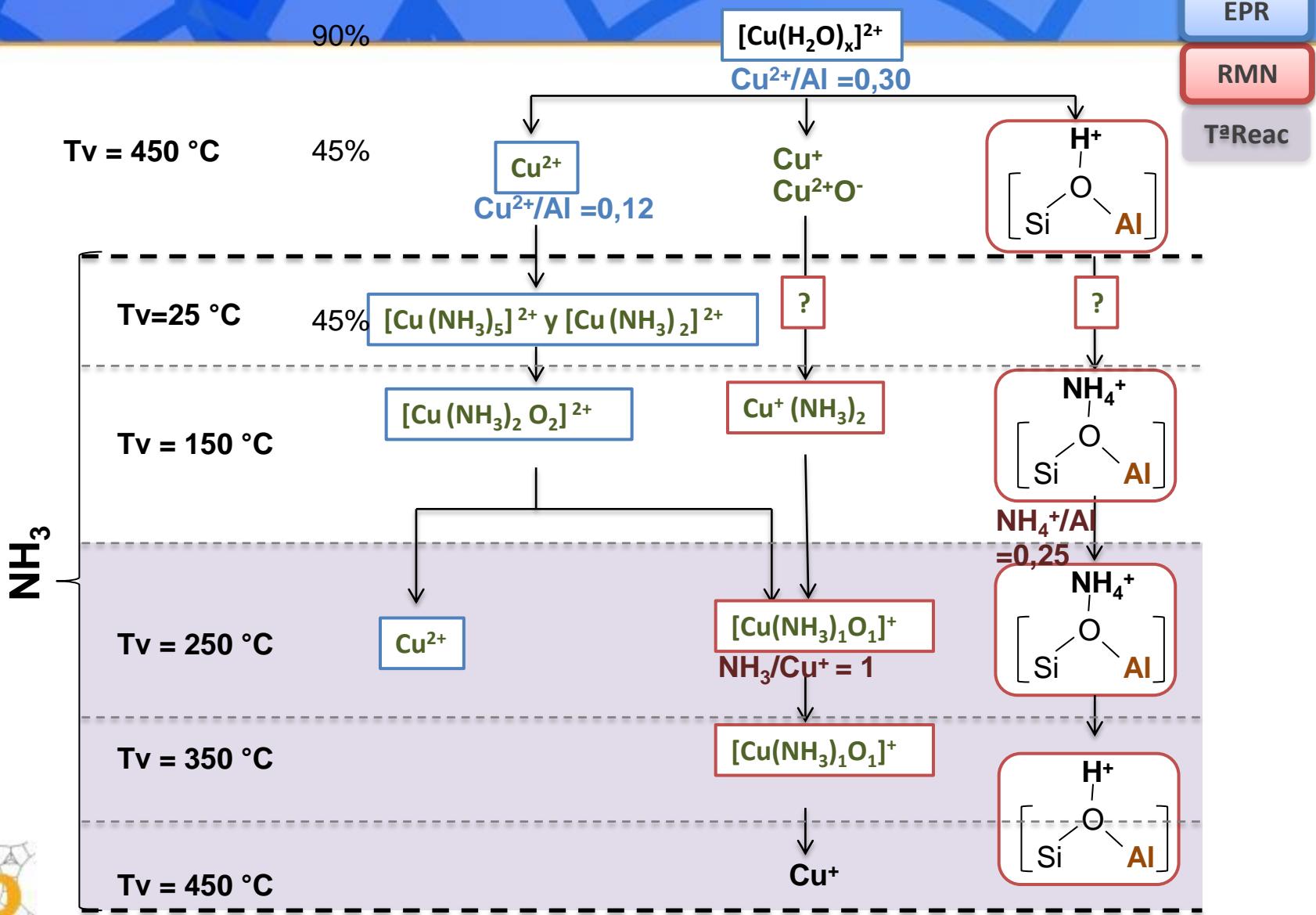
Martínez-Franco, R., et al.,  
*ChemCatChem*, 2013. 5(11): p. 3316-  
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Pretreatment: evacuation at 450 °C, adsorption of 6 NH<sub>3</sub>/Cu  
degassing at increasing temperatures

# $^{15}\text{N}$ NMR spectroscopy Cu-SSZ-13



# Conclusions



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