

Intrusion of water in hydrophobic crystalline porous materials

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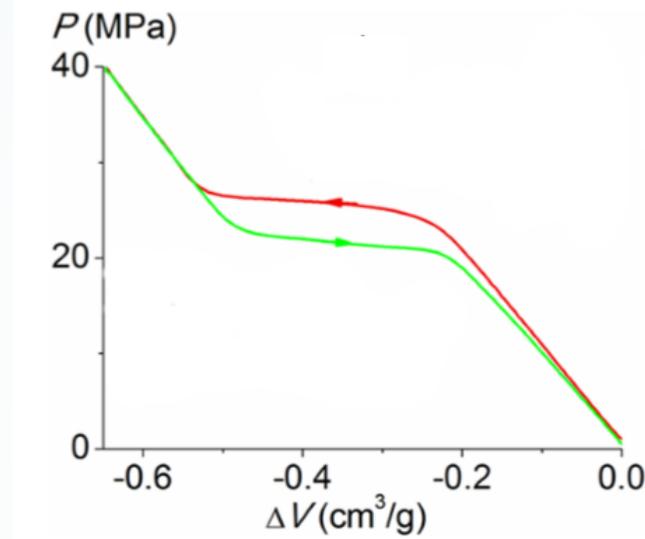
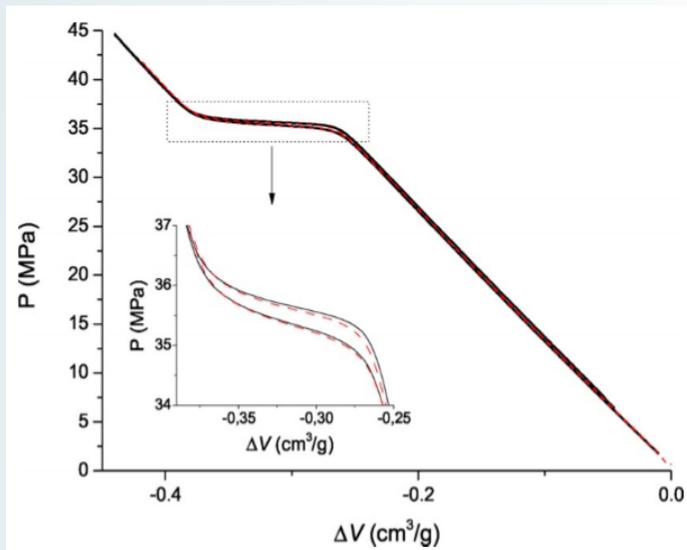
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Crystalline porous media: MOFs

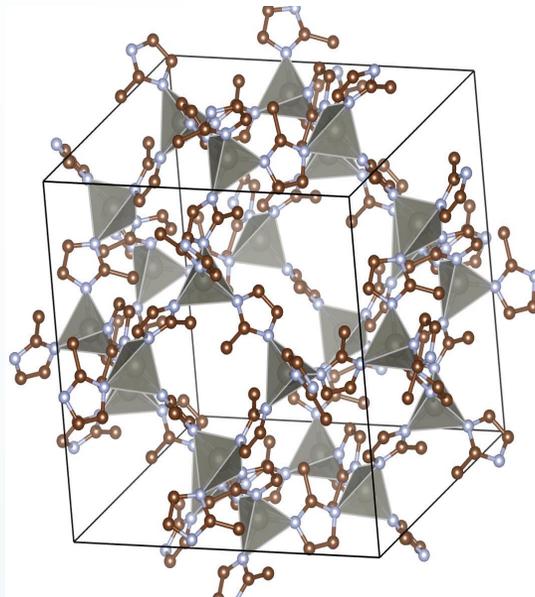
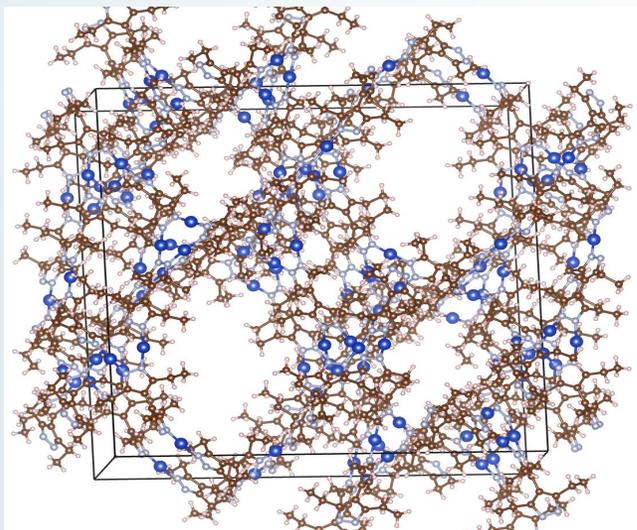


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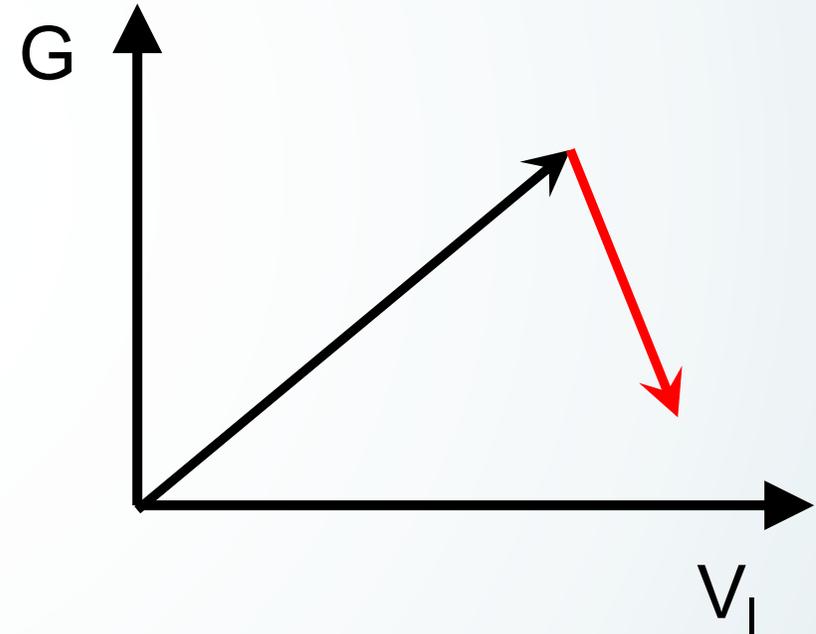
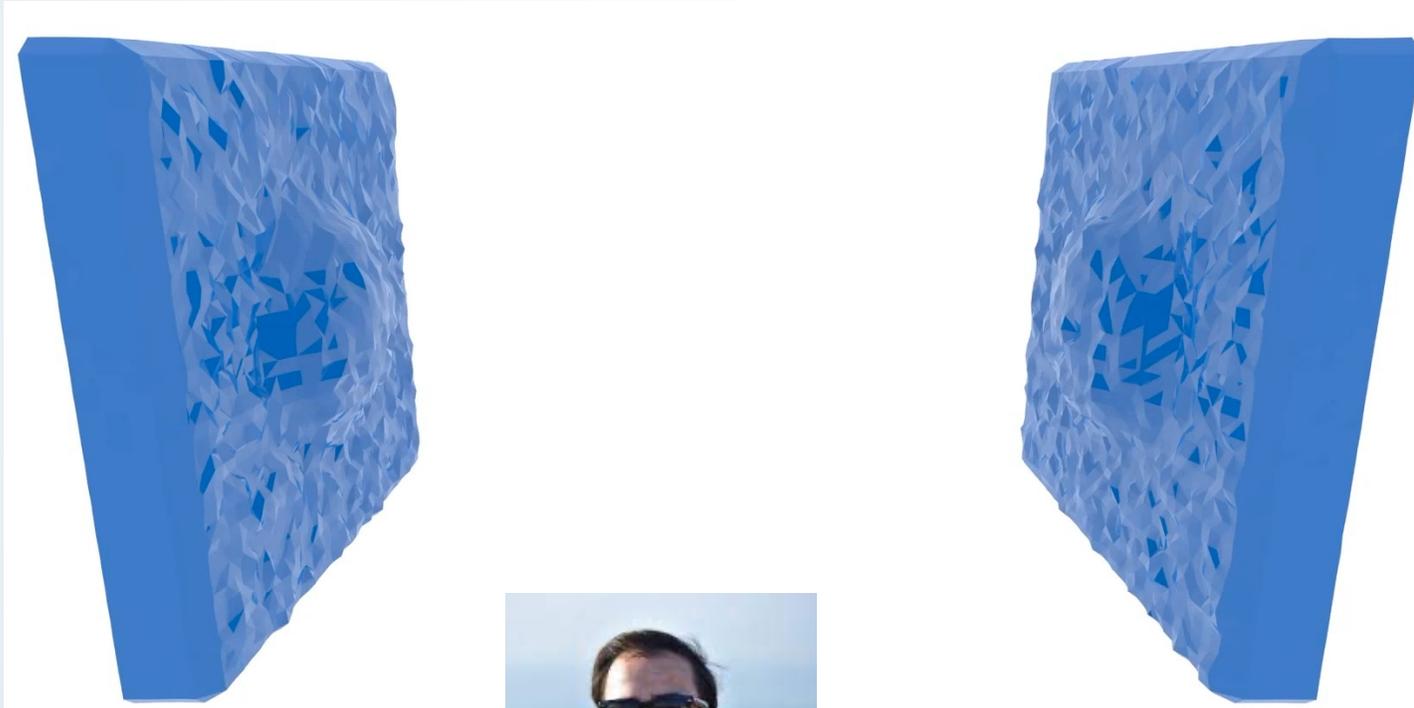
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Intrusion/extrusion in hydrophobic porous materials: a thought experiment



$$\Omega = \Delta P V_v + \gamma (A_{lv} + \cos(\theta) A_{sv})$$

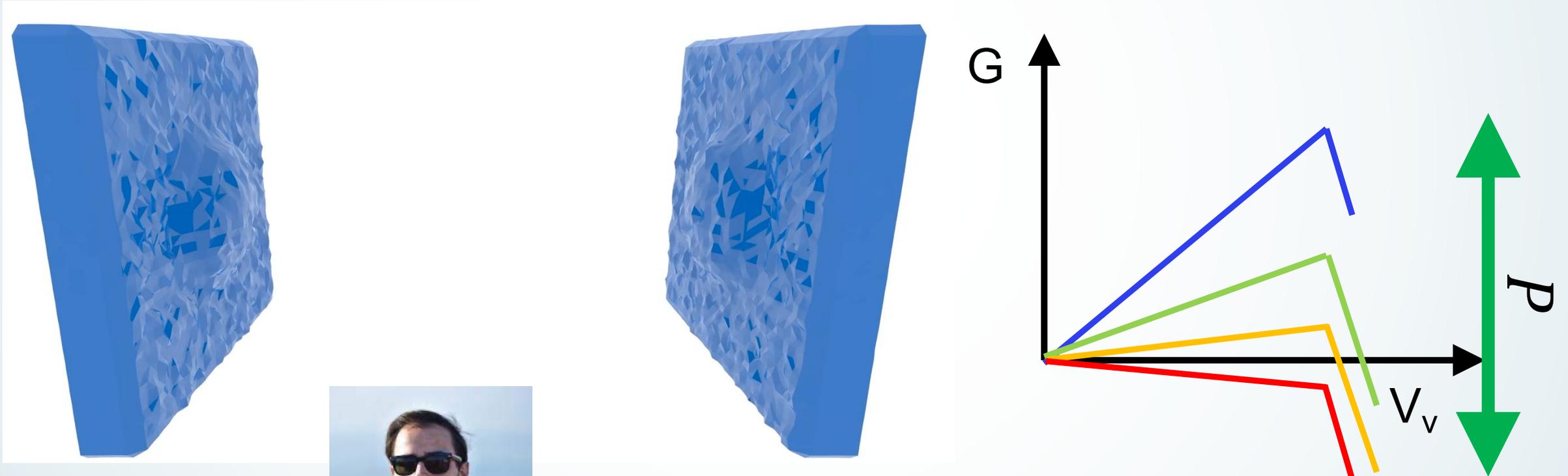


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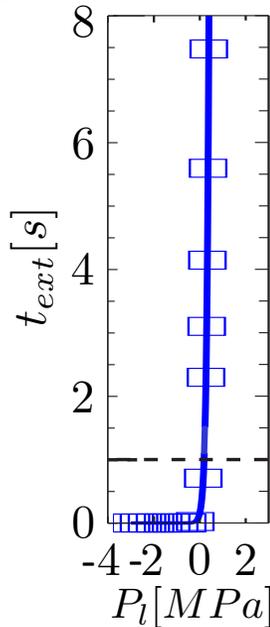
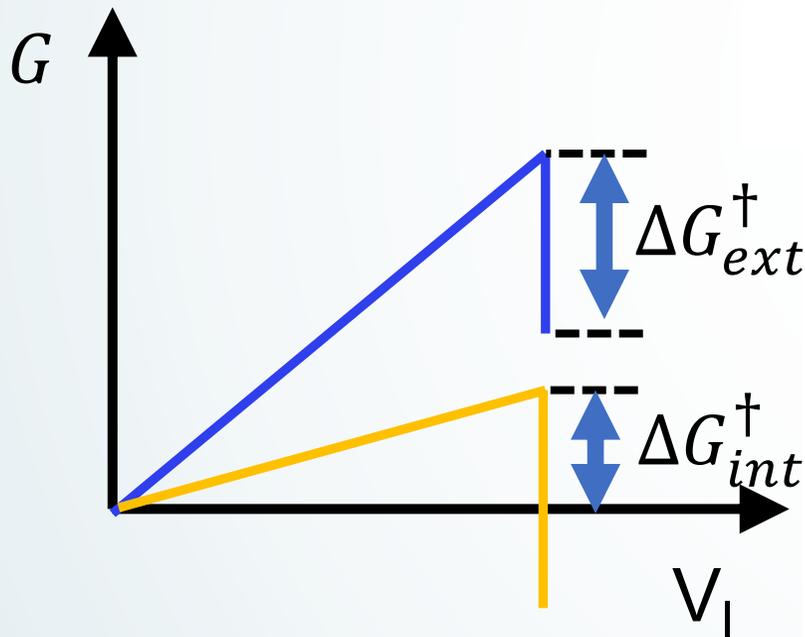
Intrusion and extrusion pressure and hysteresis



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TST
Kramers theory
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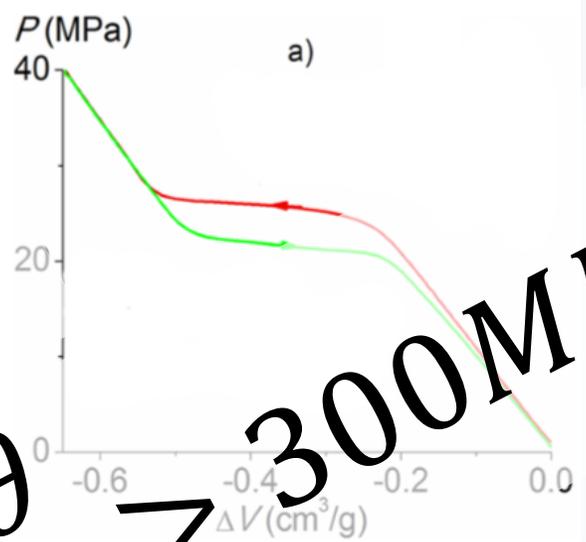
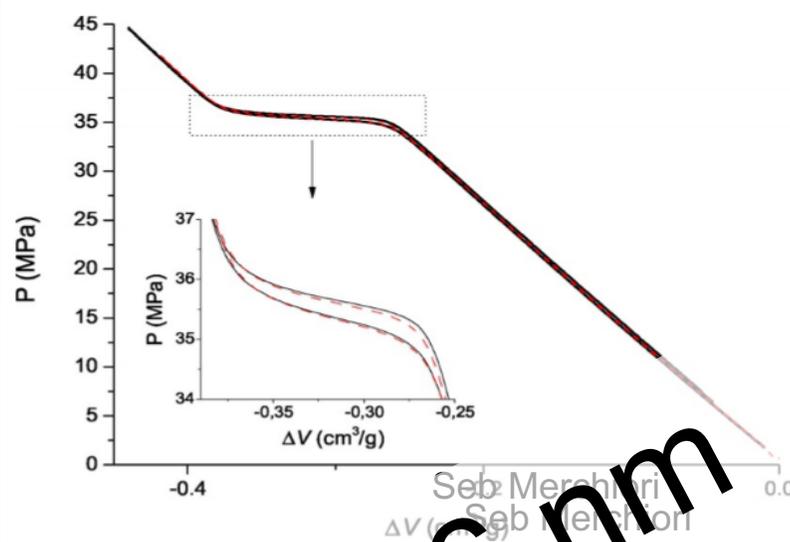
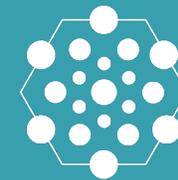
$$\tau = \tau_0 \exp[\Delta\Omega^\ddagger / k_B T]$$



- Hysteresis originates from the over/underpressure you must apply for the barrier to become $\sim 1 k_B T$
- intrusion extrusion barriers determine/allows to control P_{int}/P_{ext} and hysteresis by tuning the

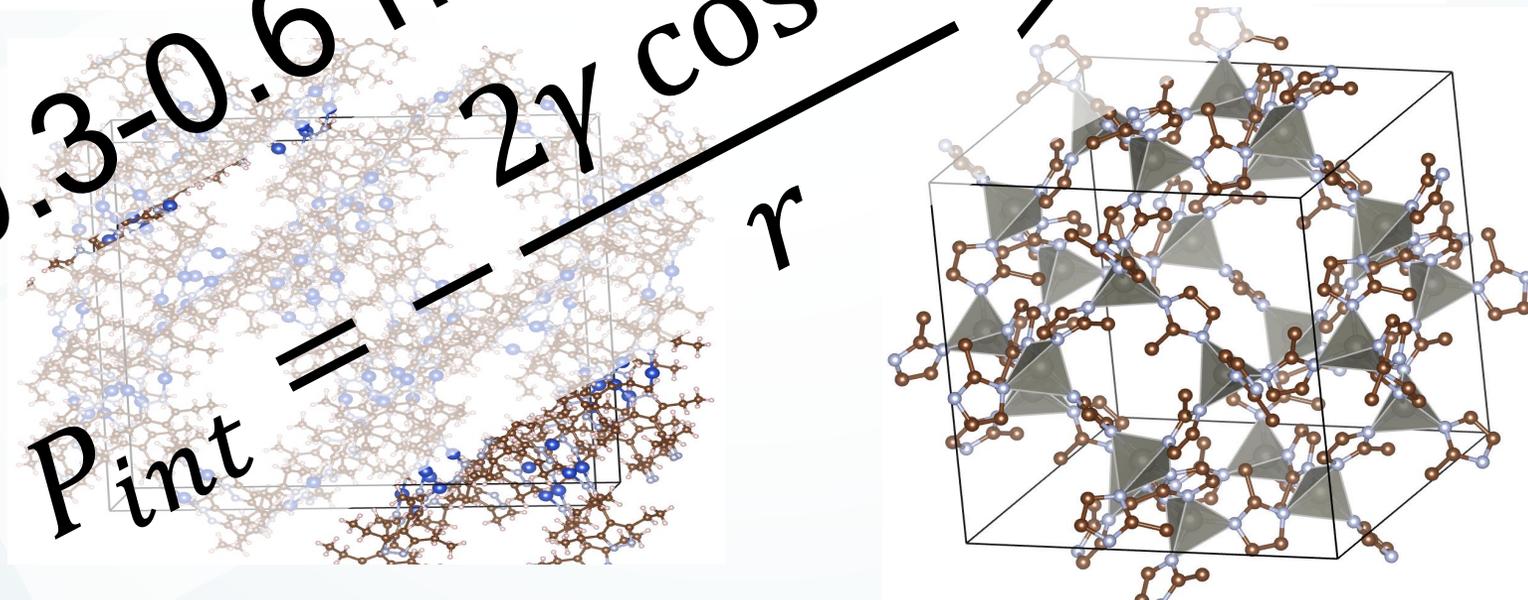
Confined Classical nucleation Theory
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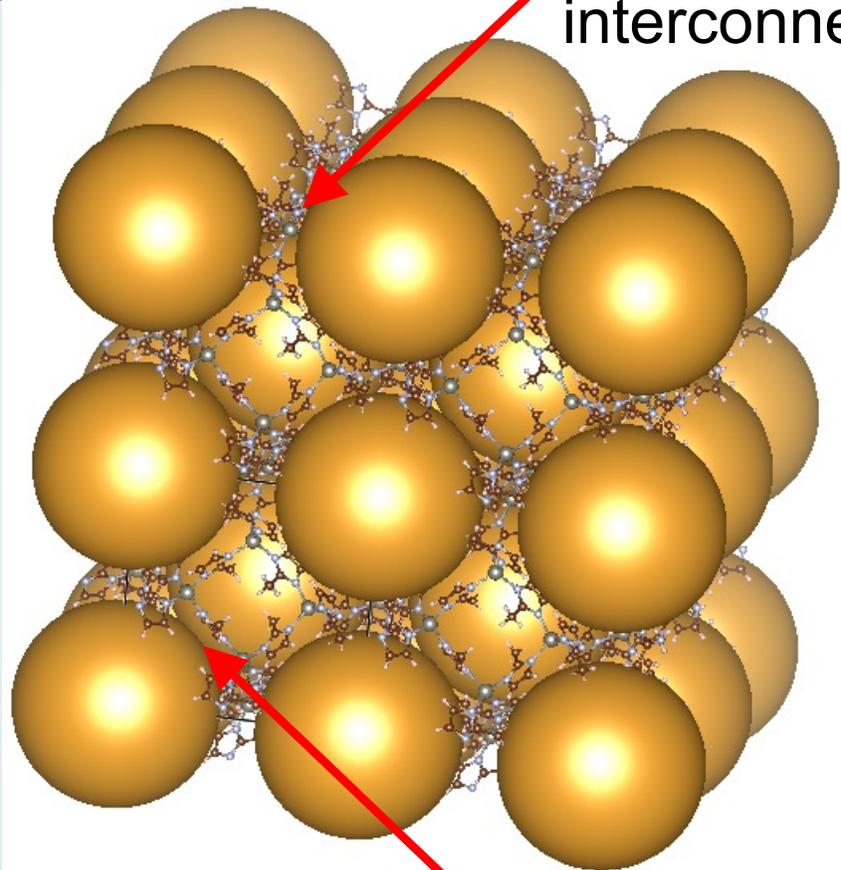
$r = 0.3 - 0.6 \text{ nm}$
 $P_{int} = \frac{2\gamma \cos \theta}{r}$

$> 300 \text{ MPa}$

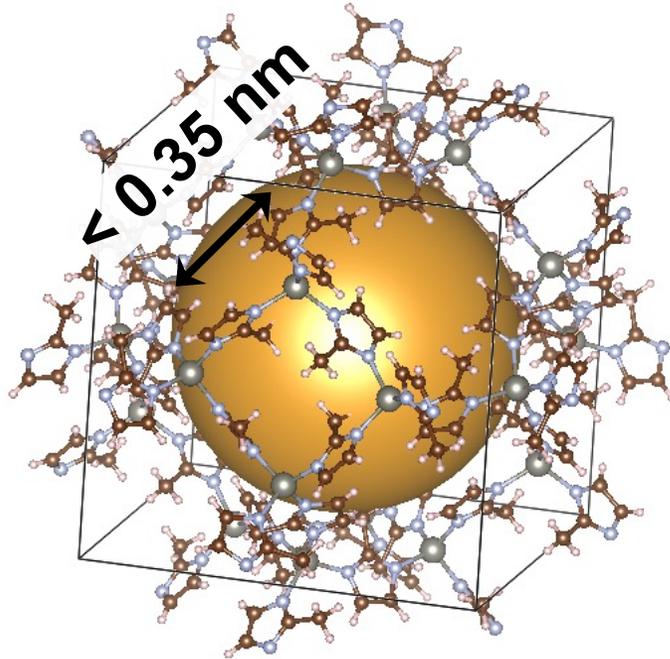


Peculiarities of ZIF-8

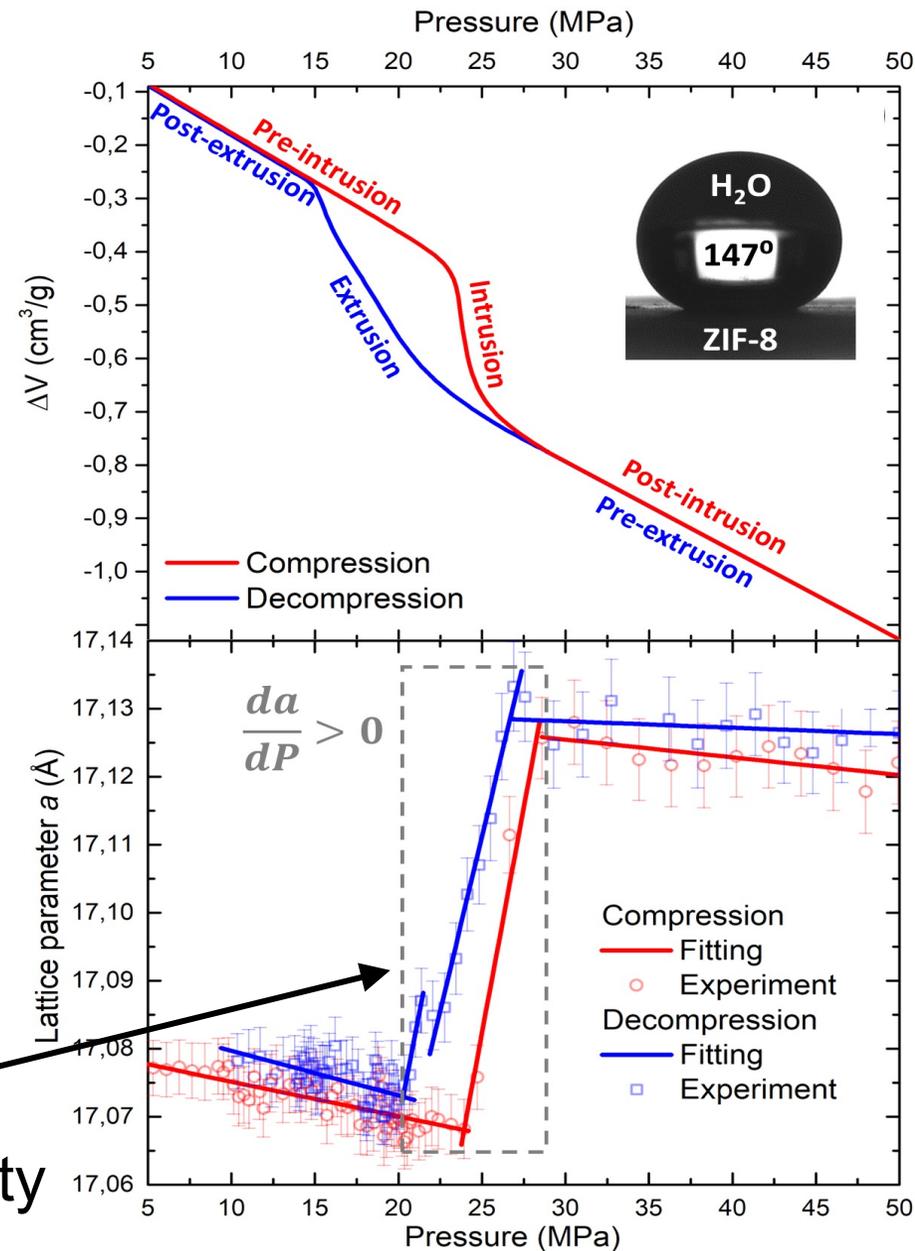
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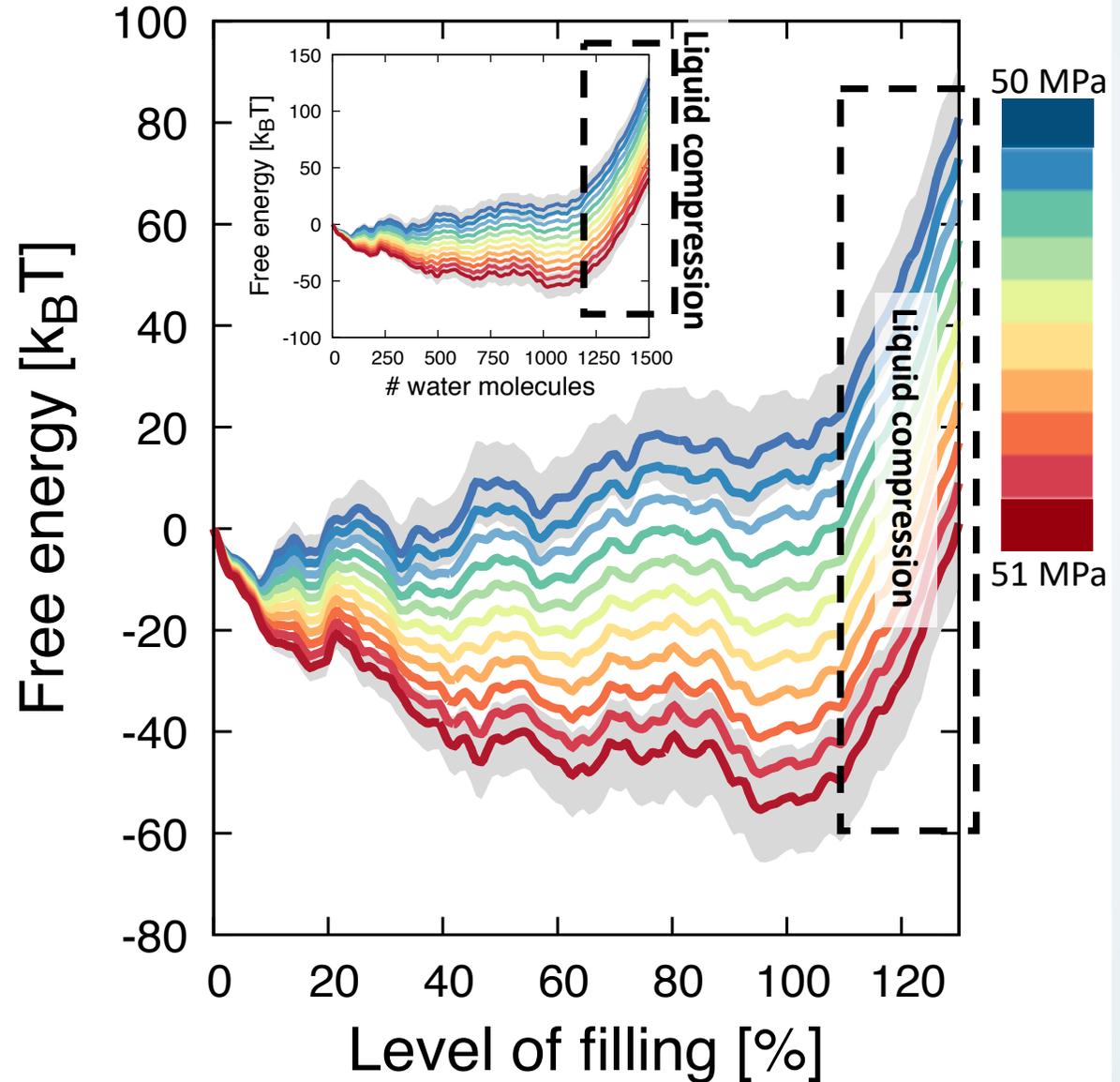
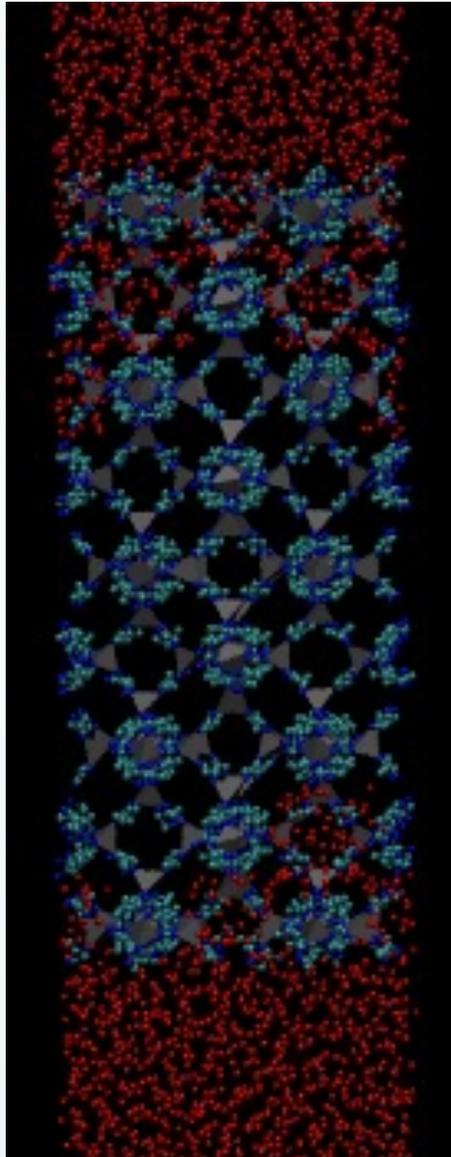
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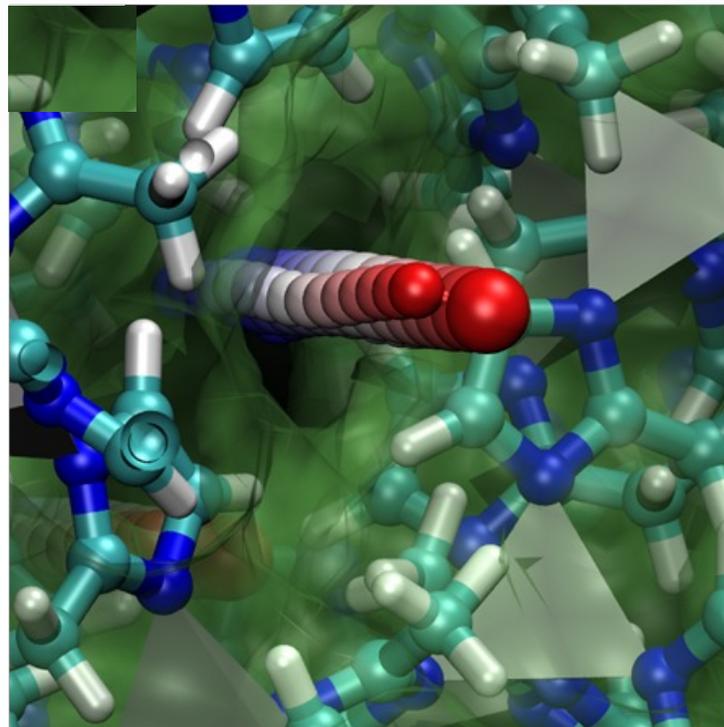
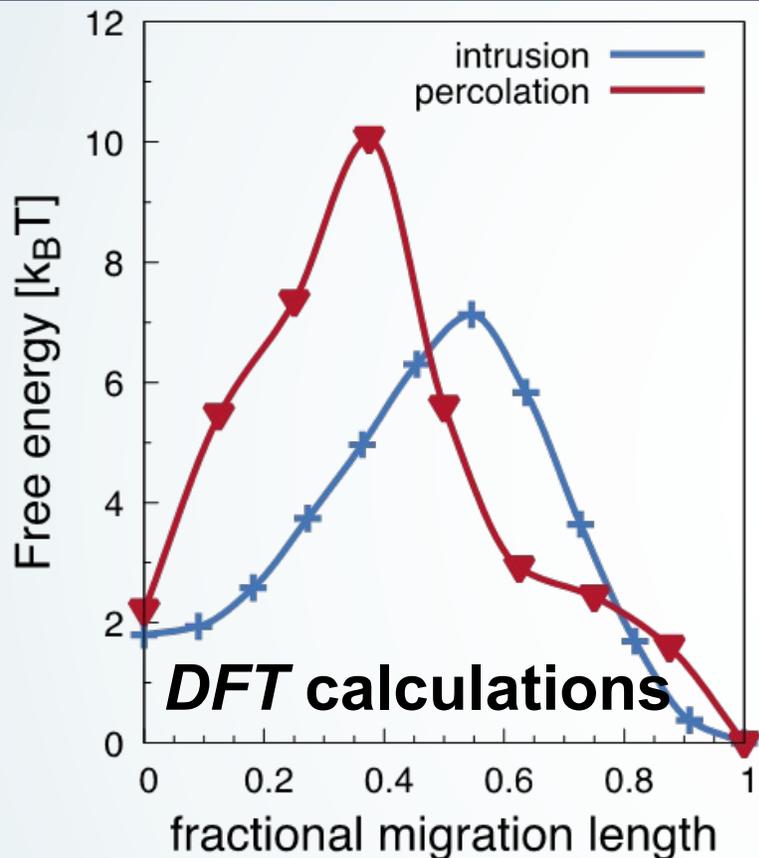
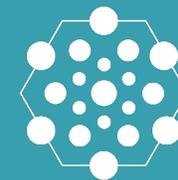
Exceptional Negative Compressibility



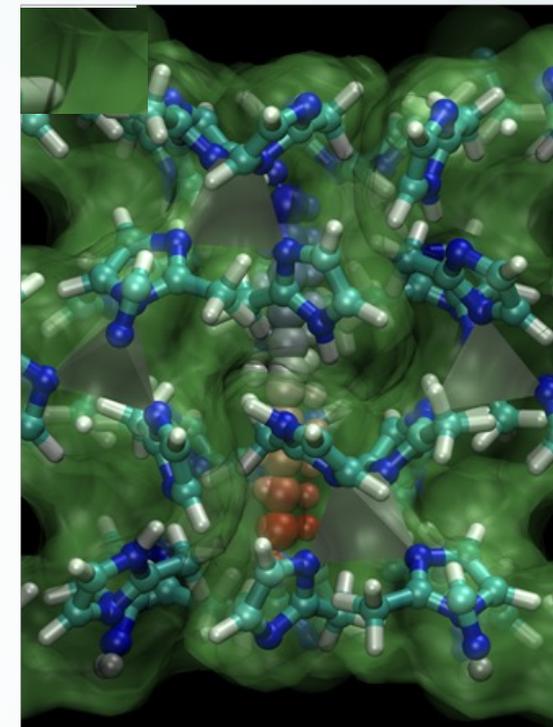
Int/ext free energy profile vs pressure



Single water molecules “intrusion”



Intrusion

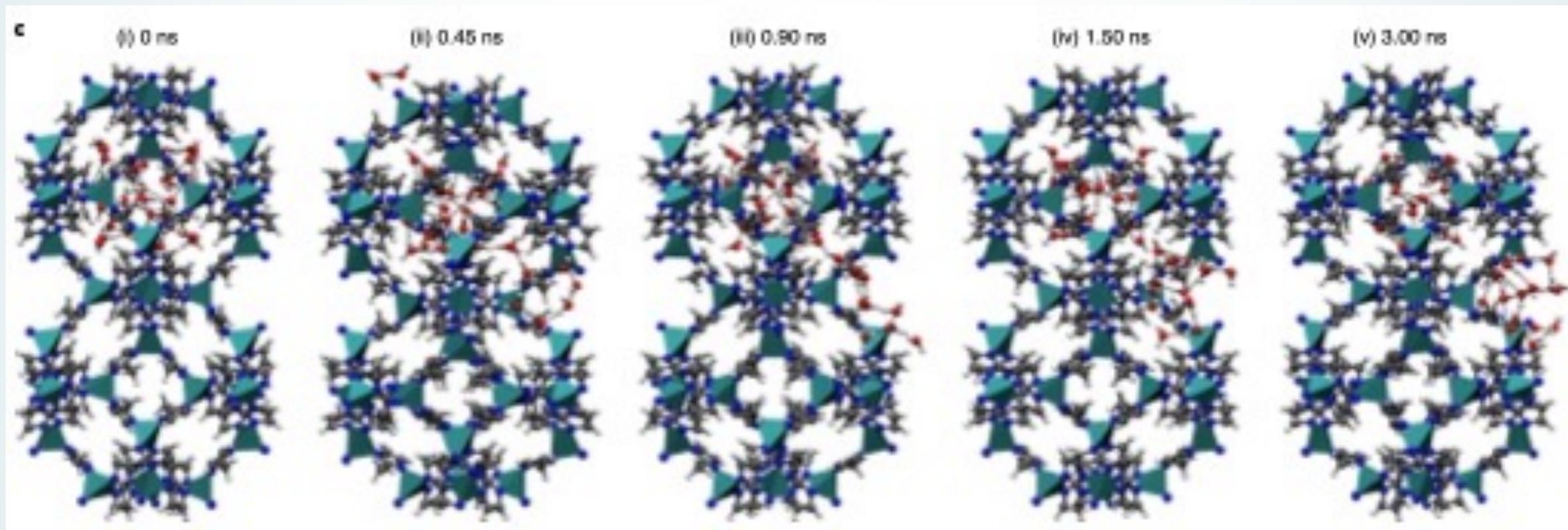
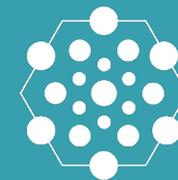


Percolation

Slow intrusion cannot be due to single water molecules crossing 6MR apertures: barrier very low, very low intrusion pressure and no hysteresis

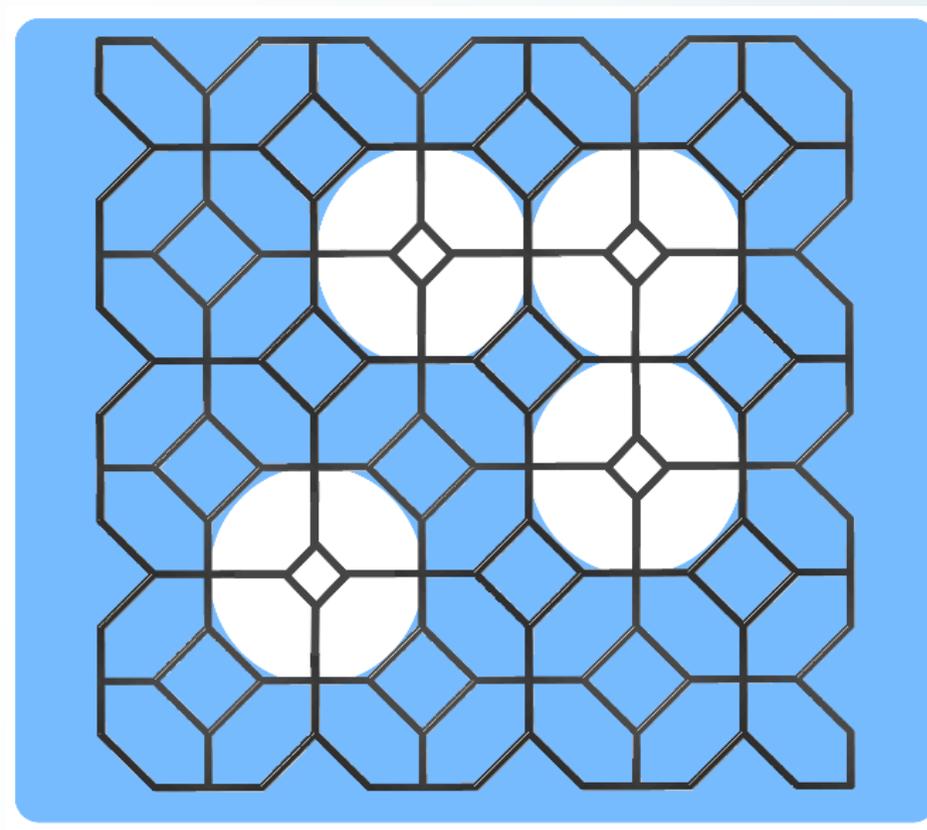
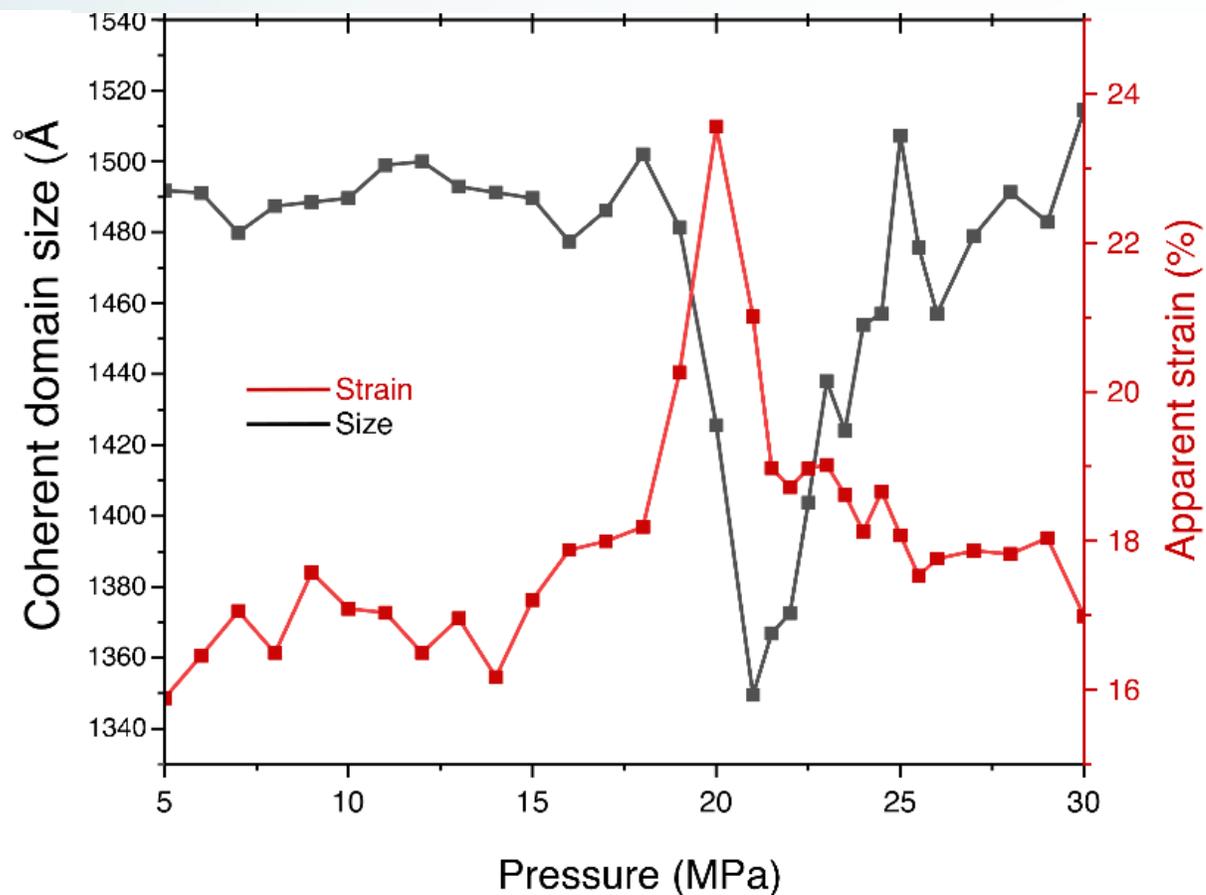
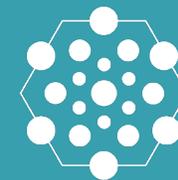
Turning molecular spring into nano-shock absorber: the effect of macroscopic morphology and crystal size on the dynamic hysteresis of water intrusion-extrusion into-from hydrophobic nanopores, Zajdel et al., ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces 2022, 14, 26699

Proposed mechanism: capillary condensation

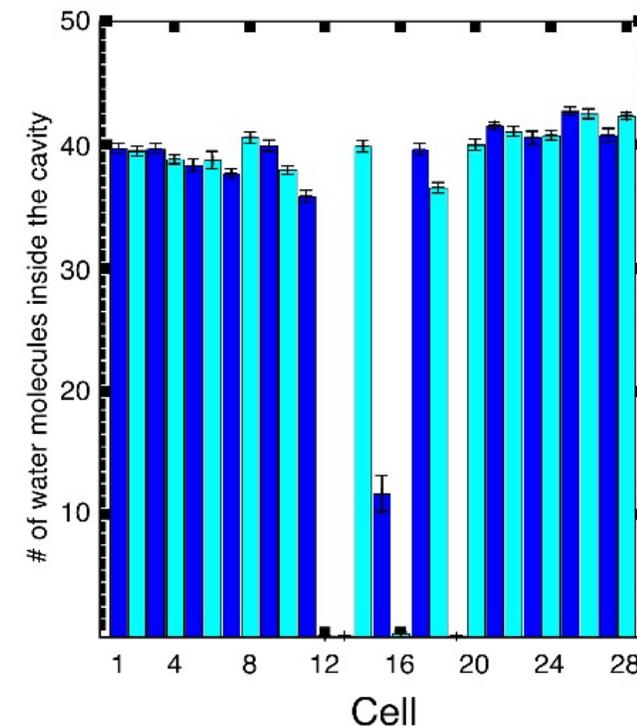
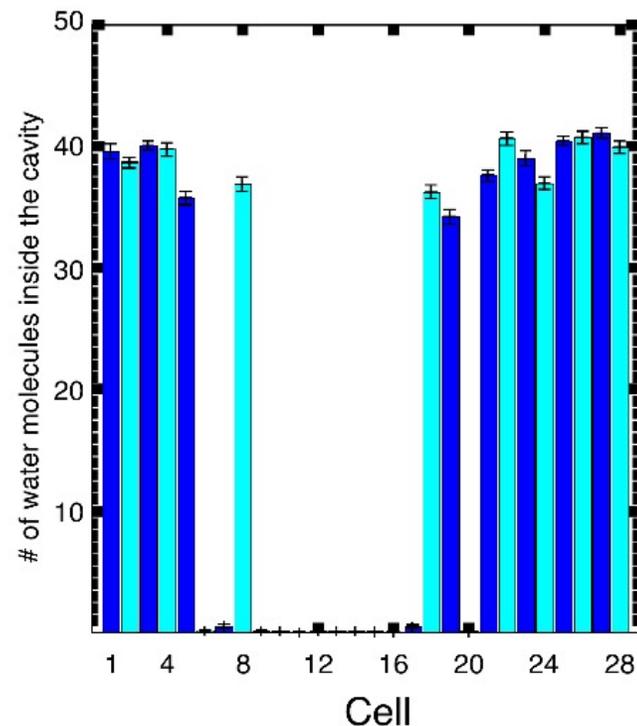
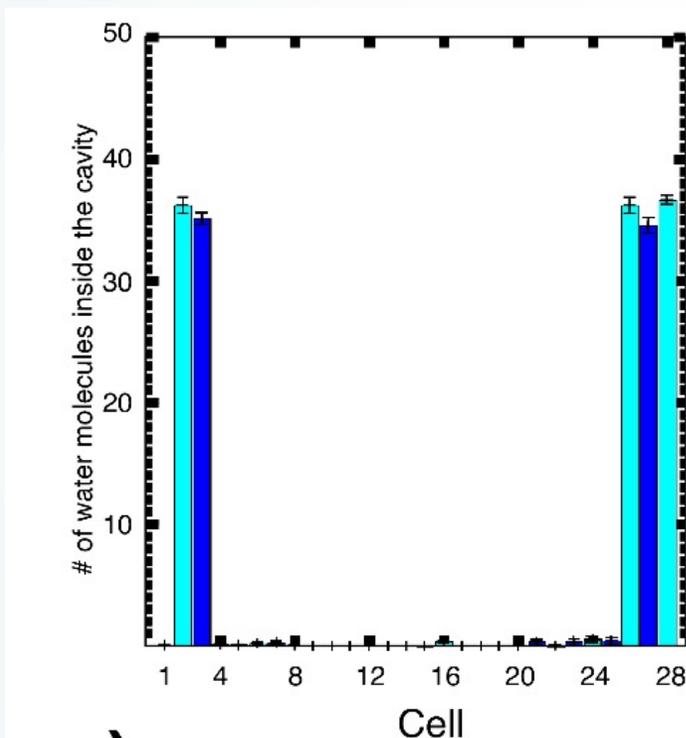
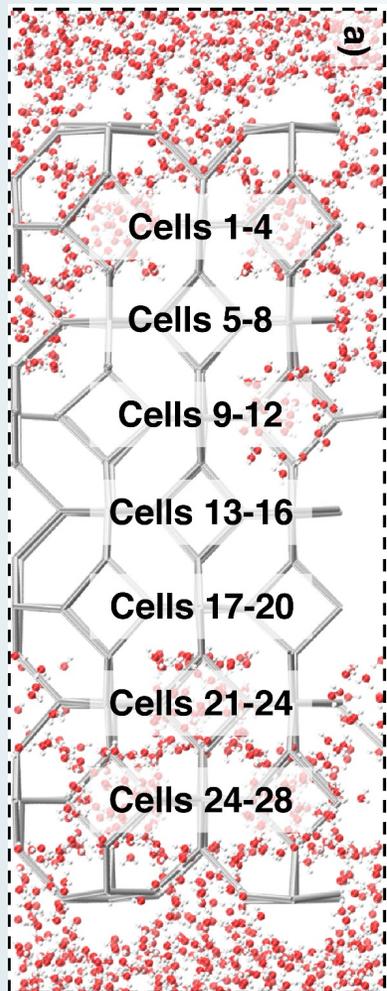
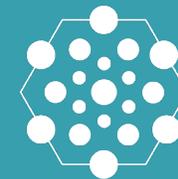


Grand Canonical simulations

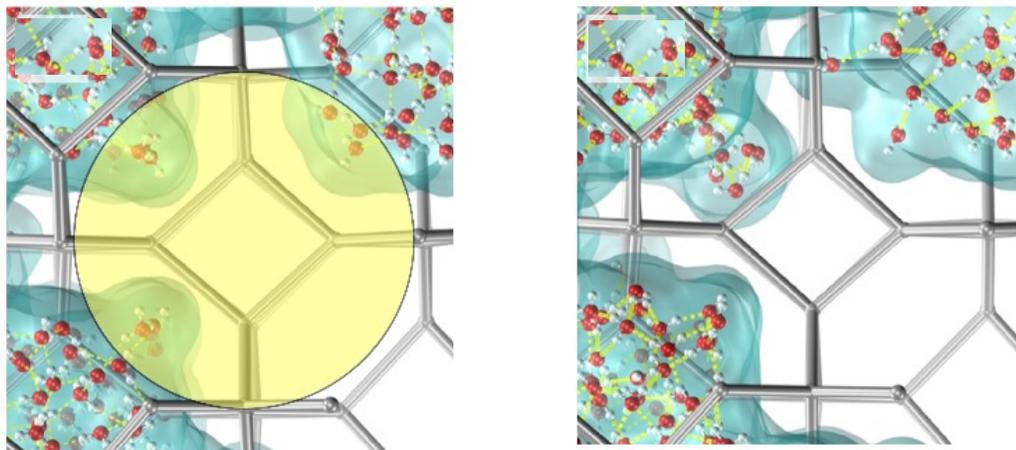
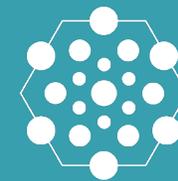
Mismatch with experimental evidence



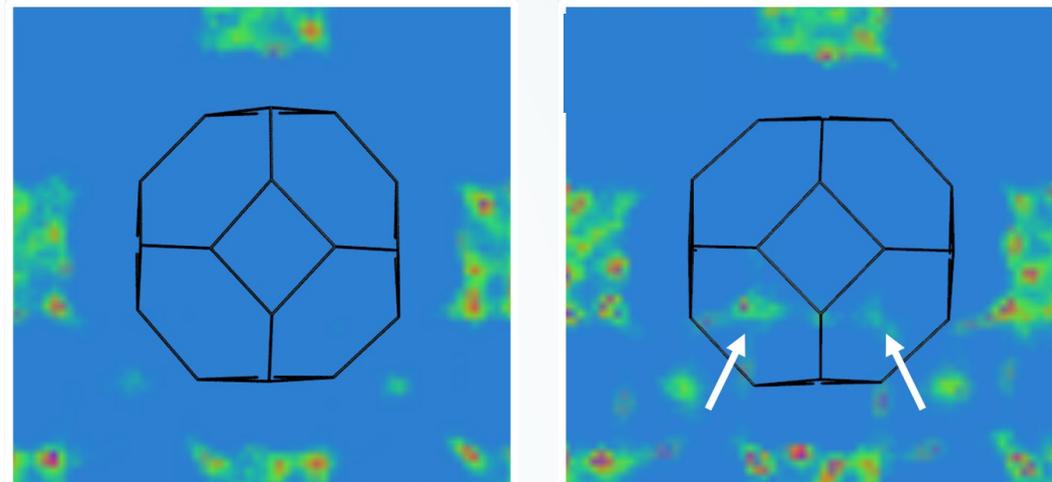
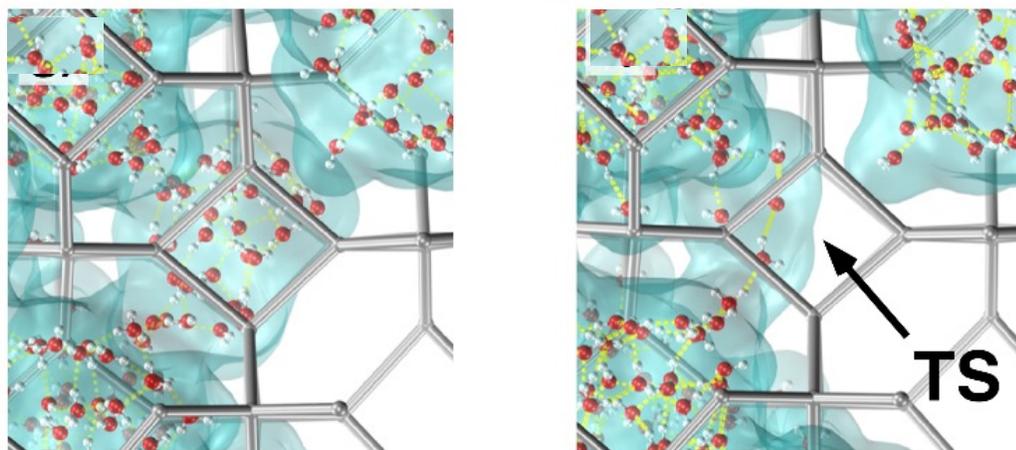
Cage-by-cage intrusion mechanism



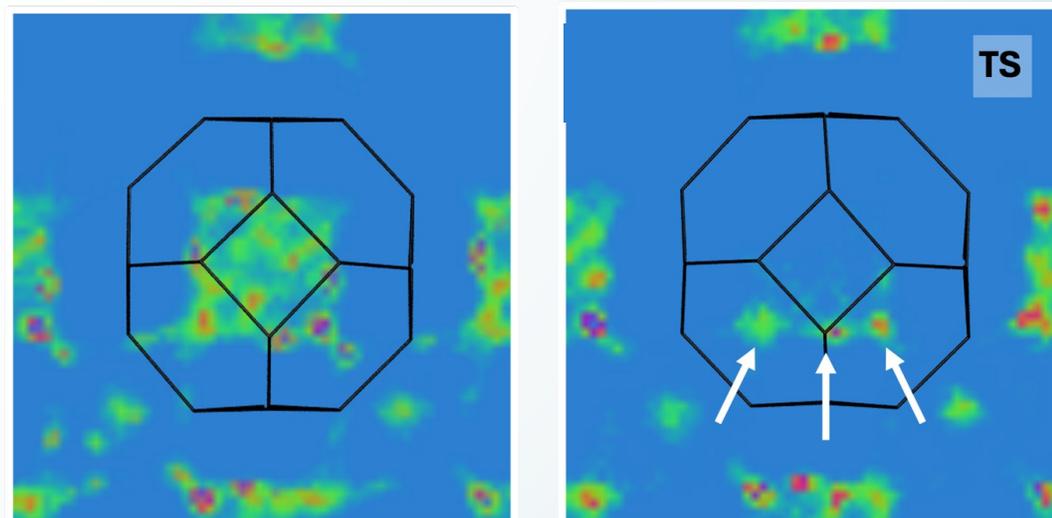
Origin of the intrusion barrier



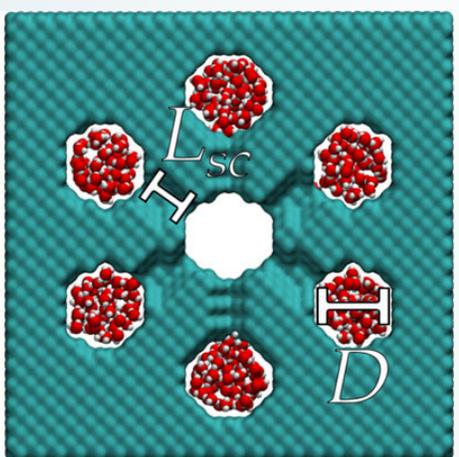
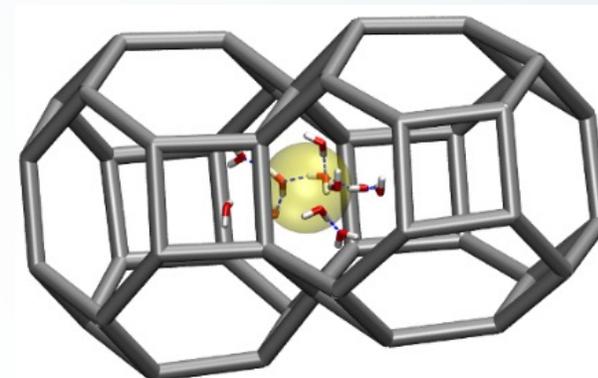
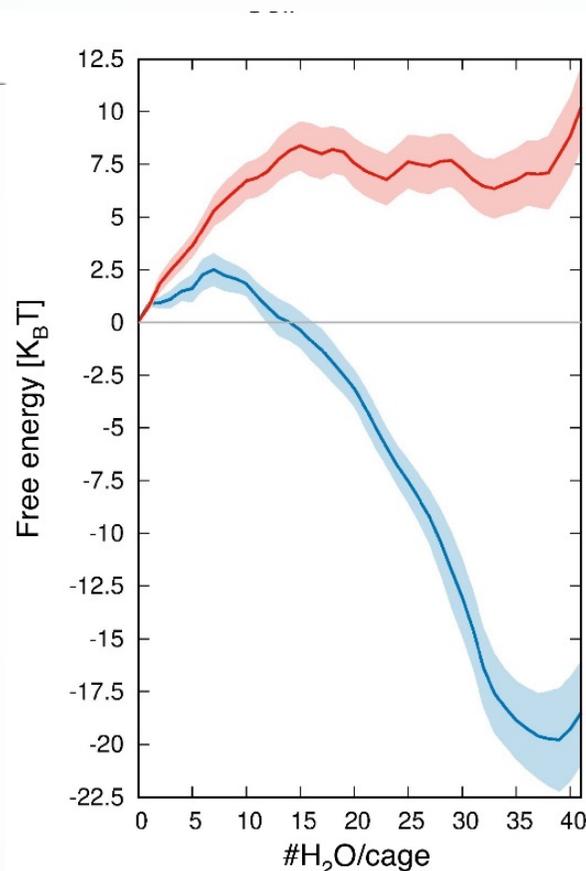
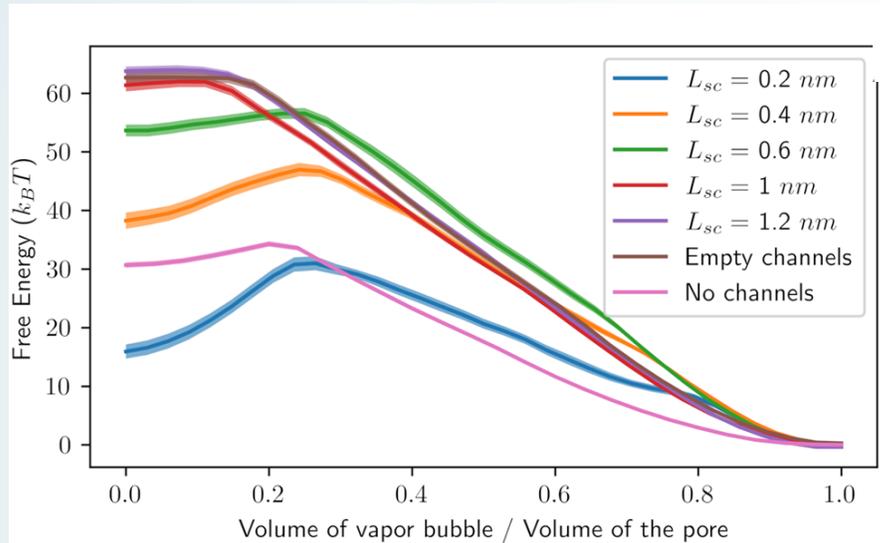
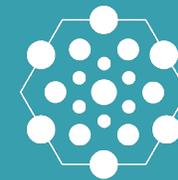
Intrusion ←



Empty
Intrusion ←



Why cage-by-cage intrusion



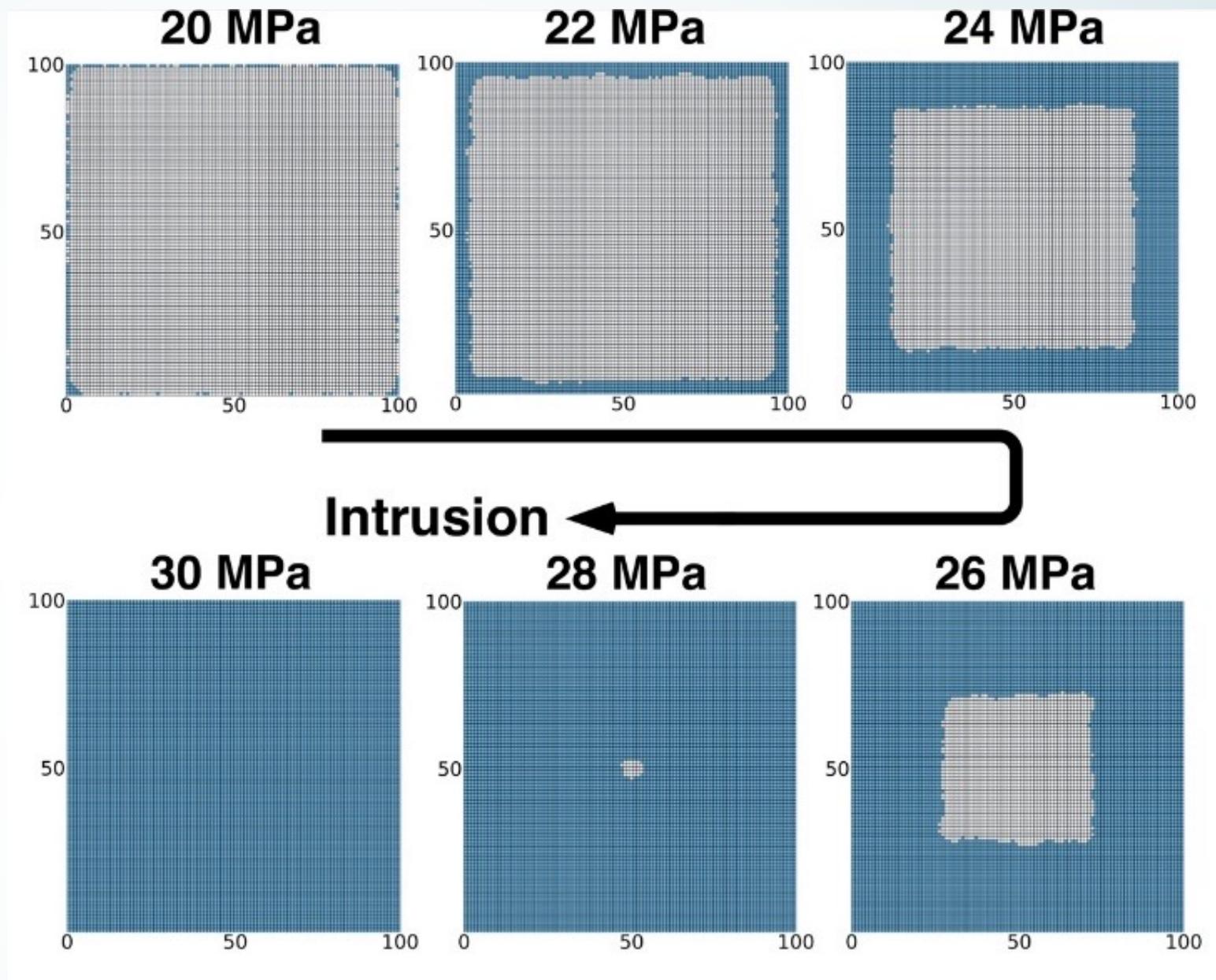
	θ_i
Std ZIF-8	101°
Clogged pores	114°

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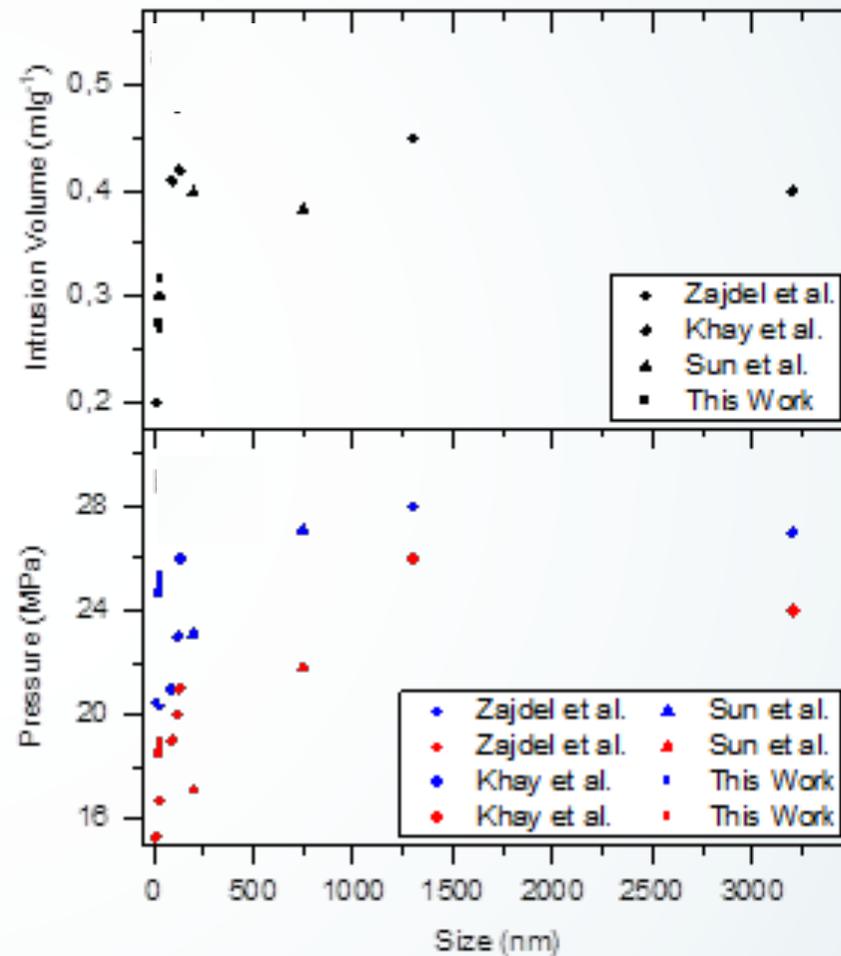
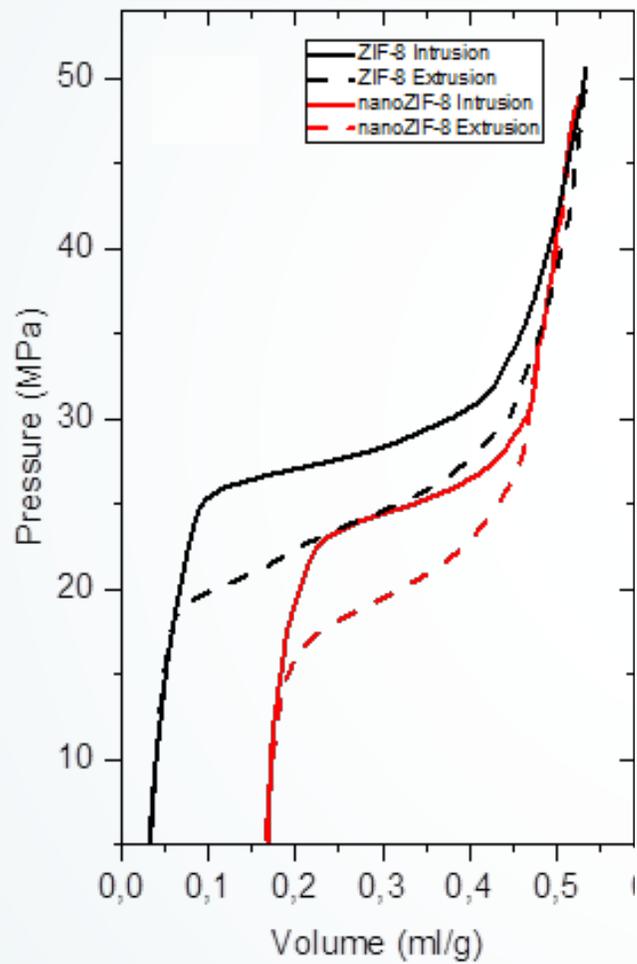
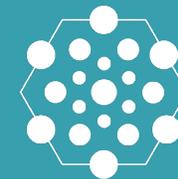
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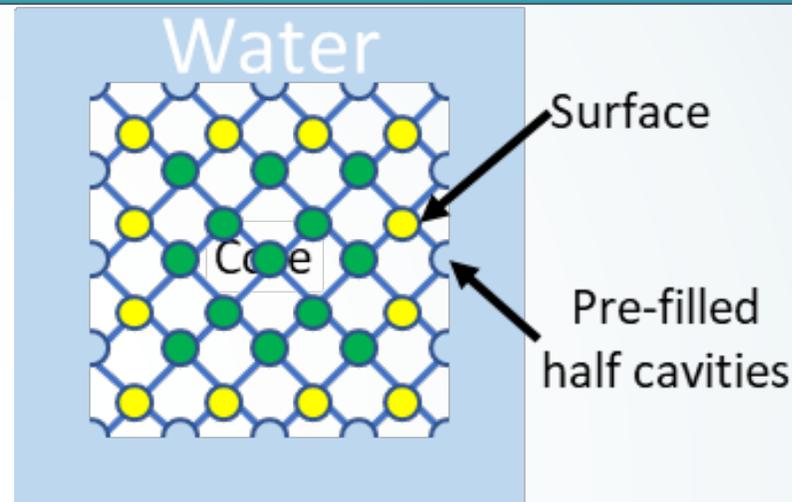
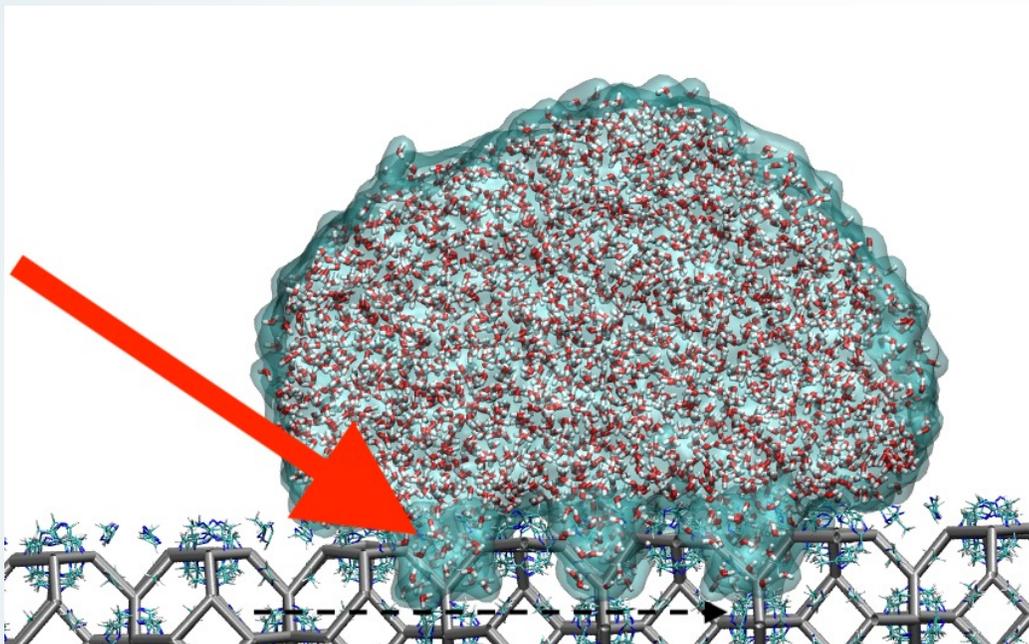
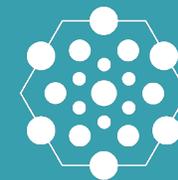
*Effective surface
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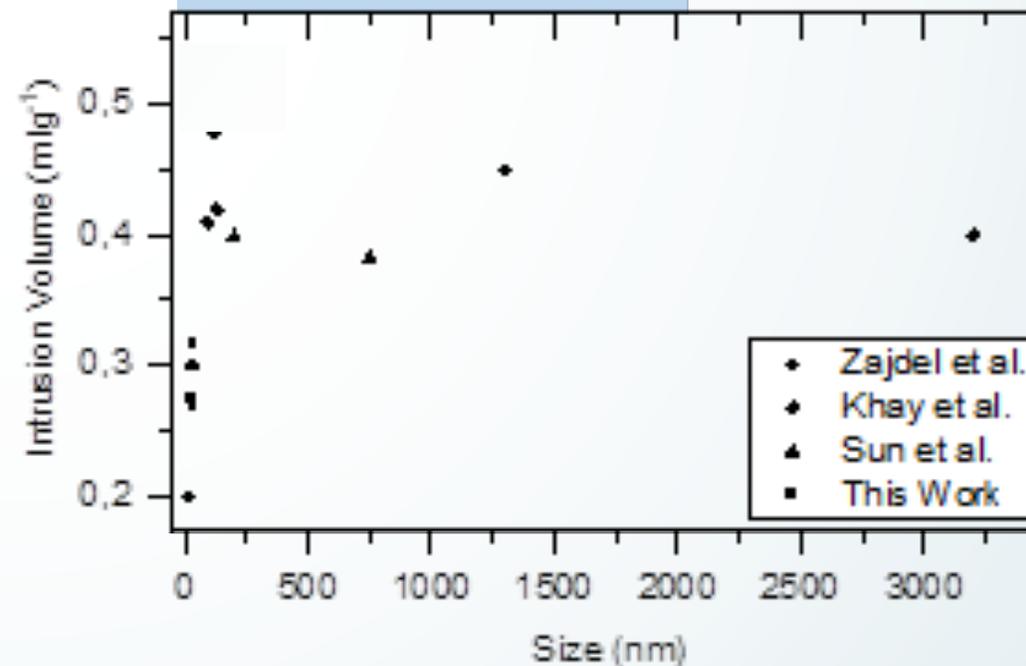
Crystallite size dependency in intrusion

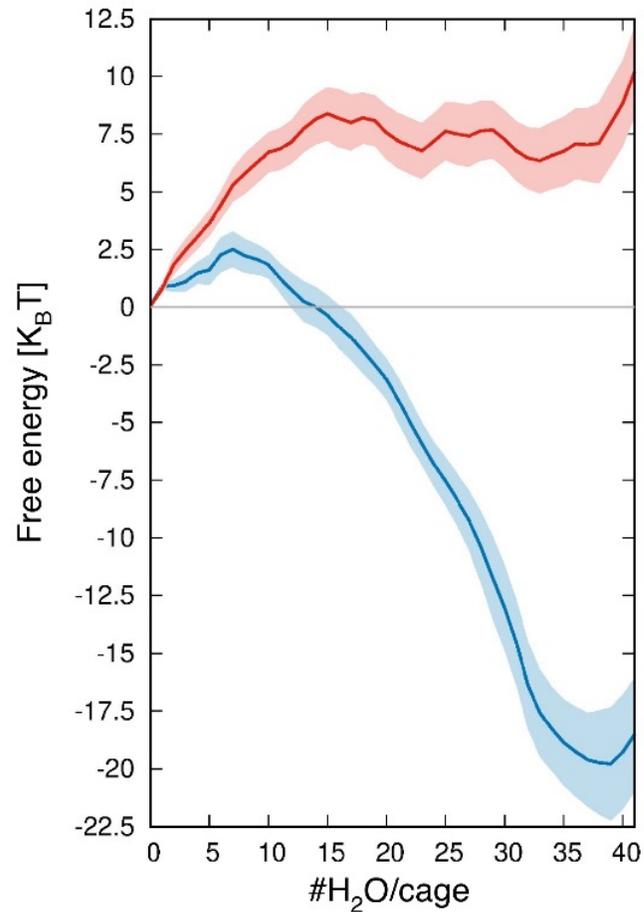


Intruded volume shrinking with decreasing size



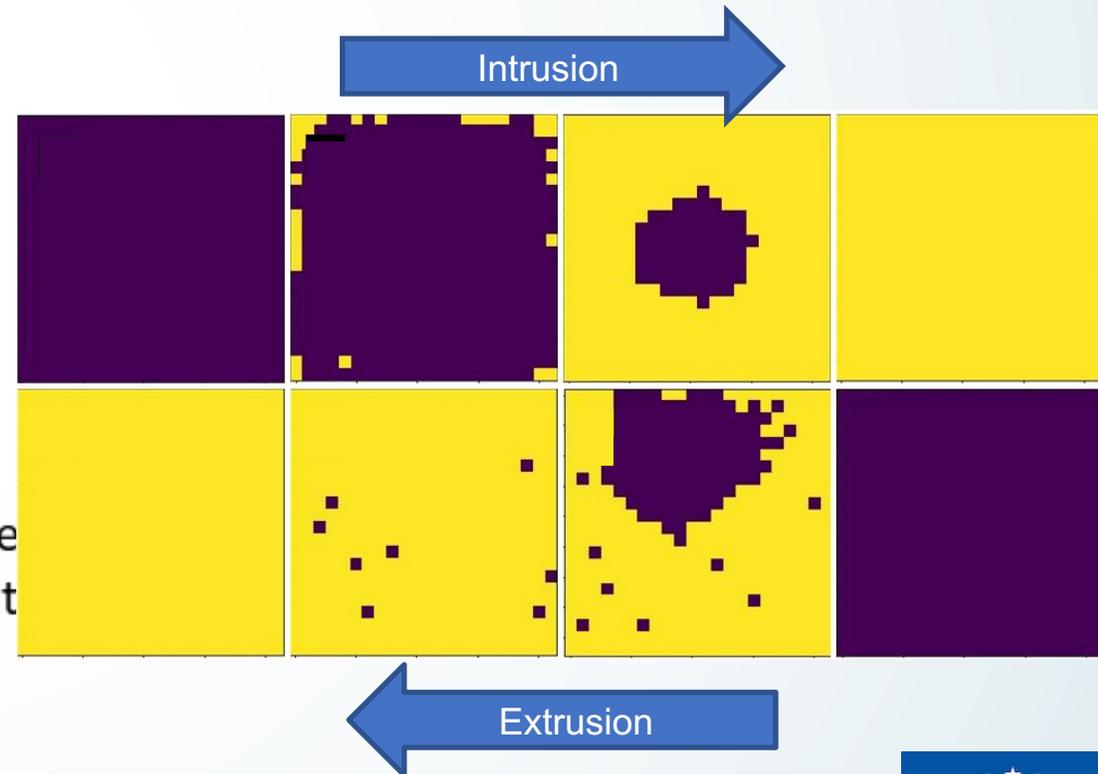
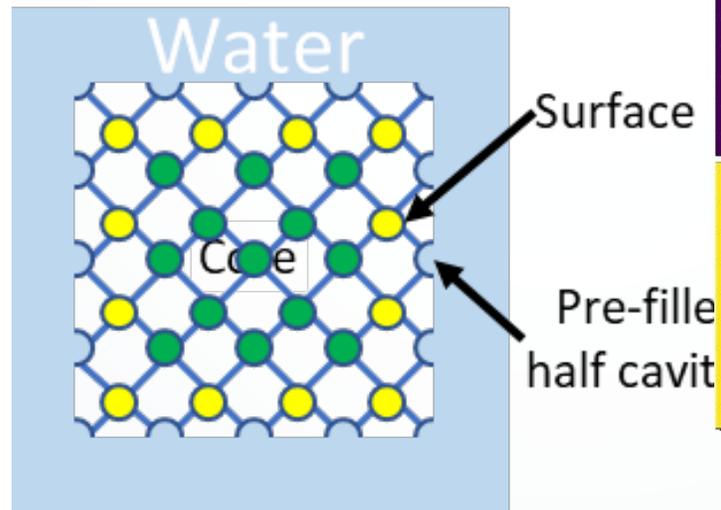
$$\frac{V}{m} = \left(1 - \frac{3}{2N}\right) \frac{V_{\infty}}{m}$$



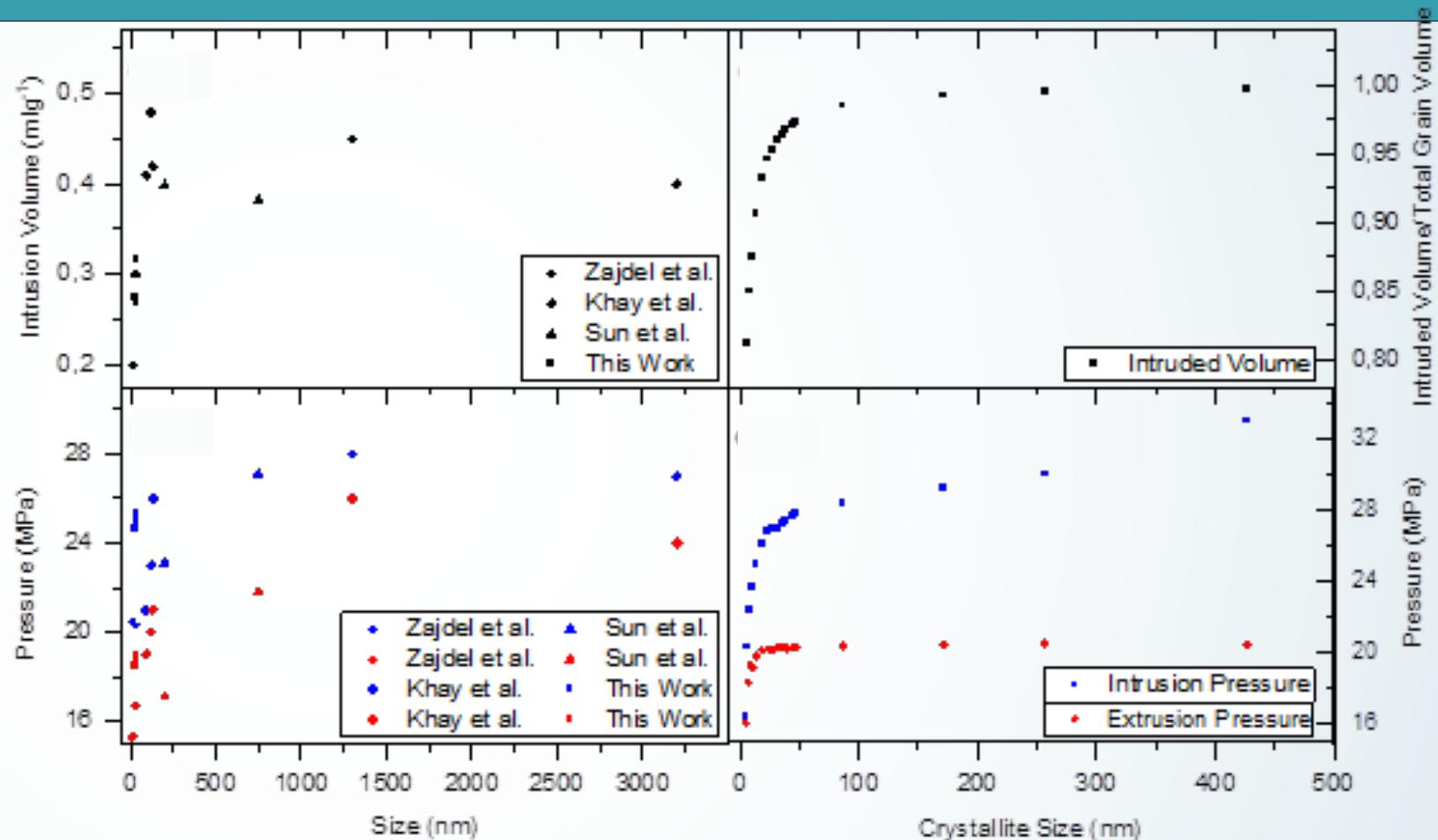
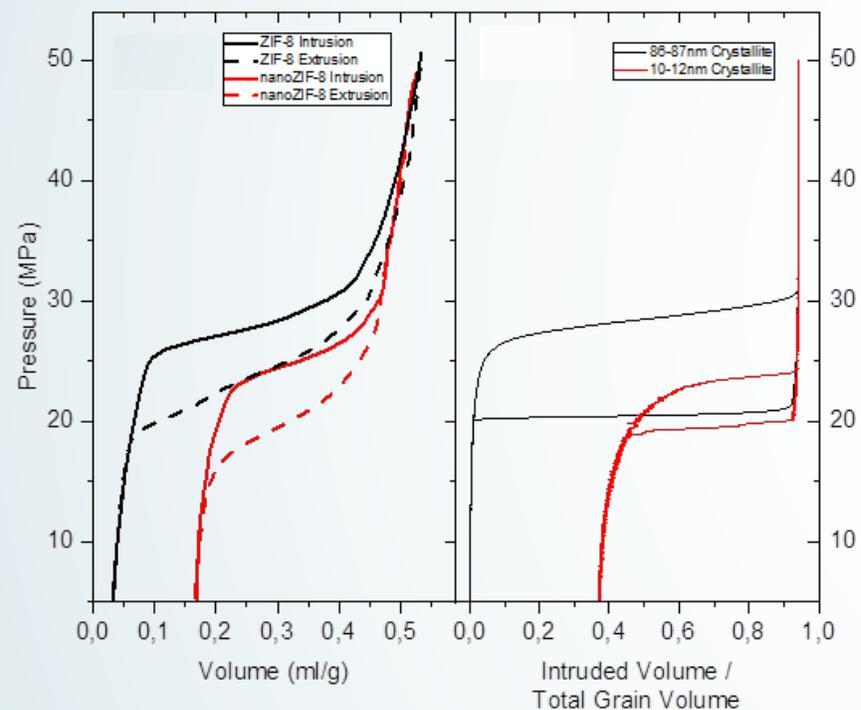
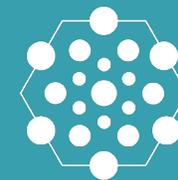


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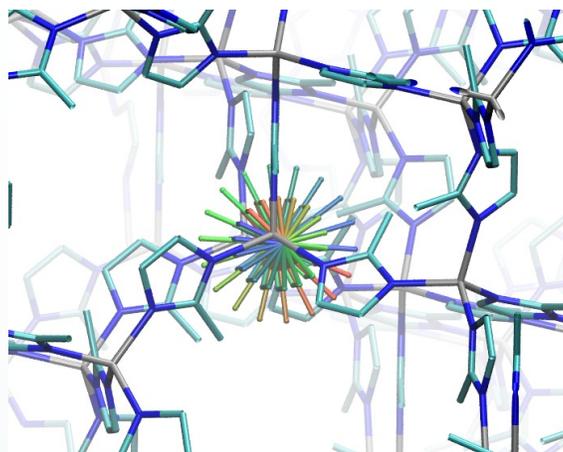
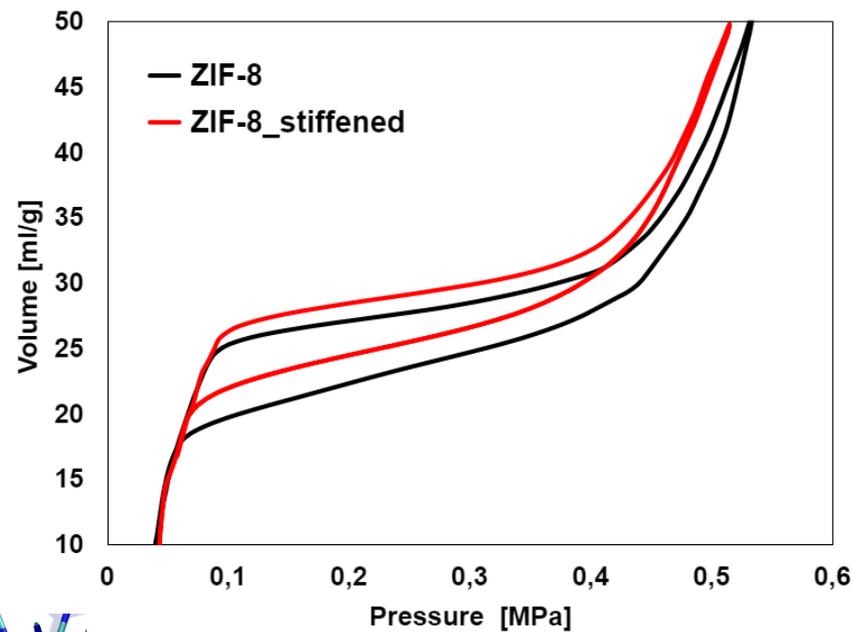
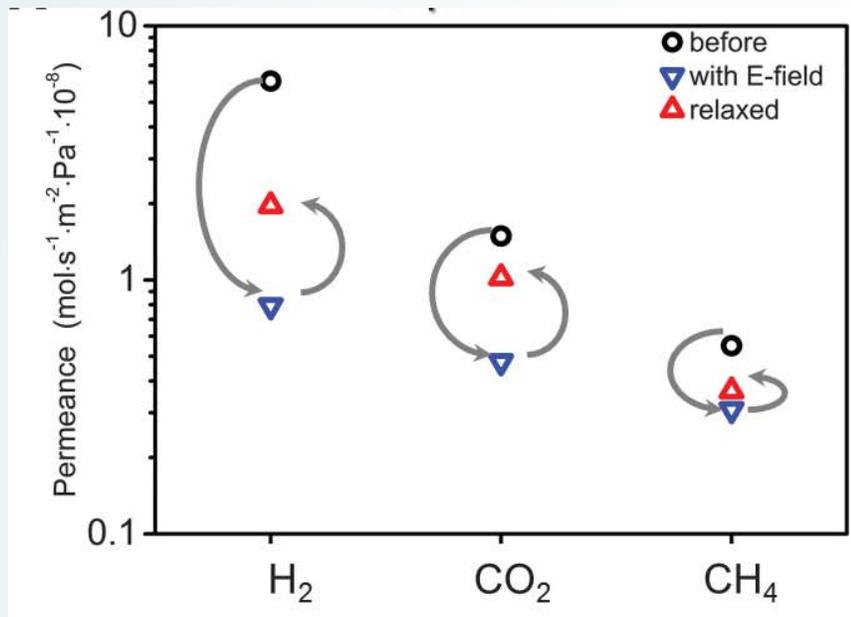
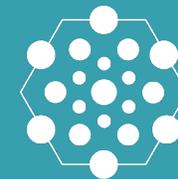
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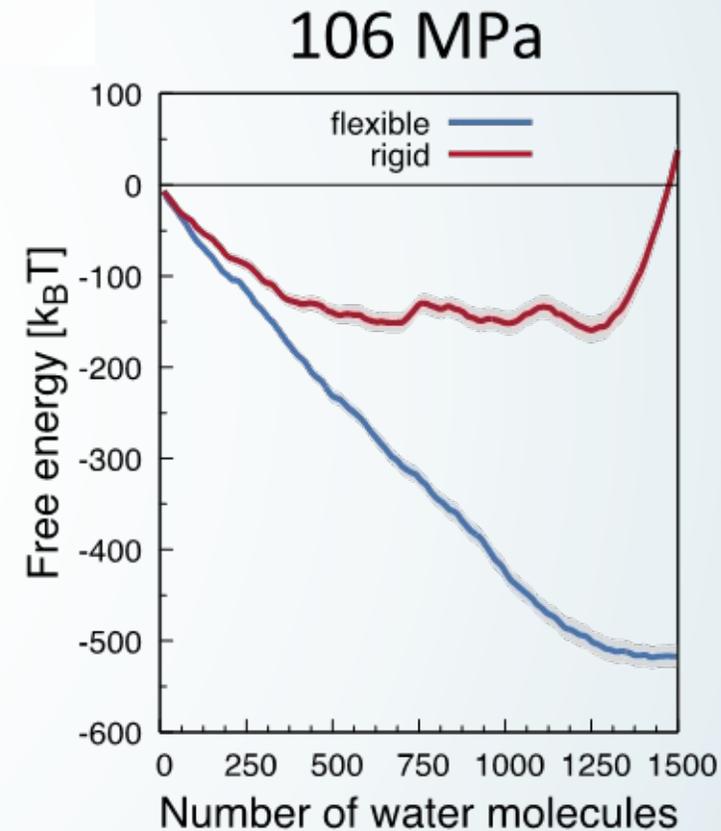
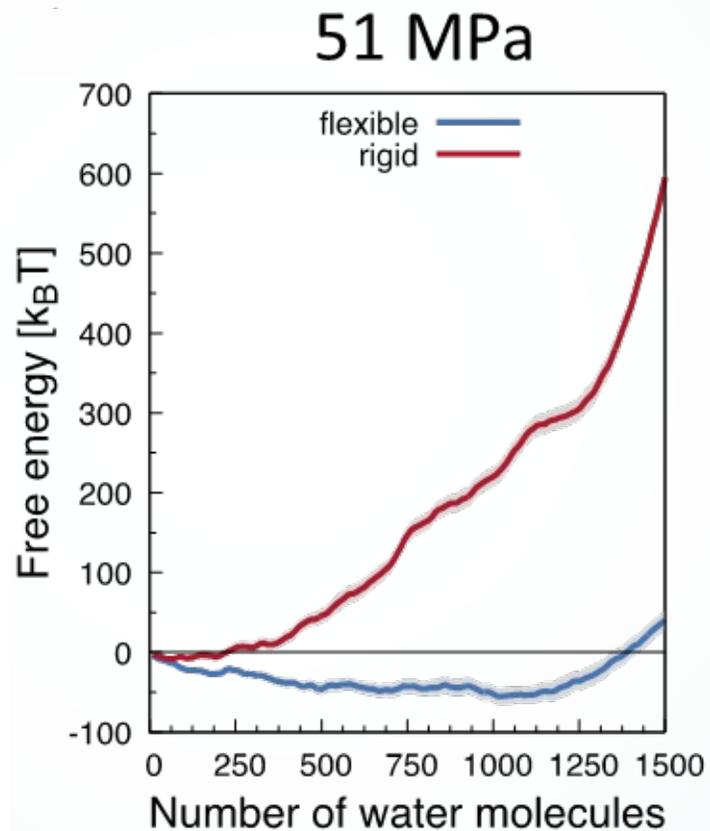
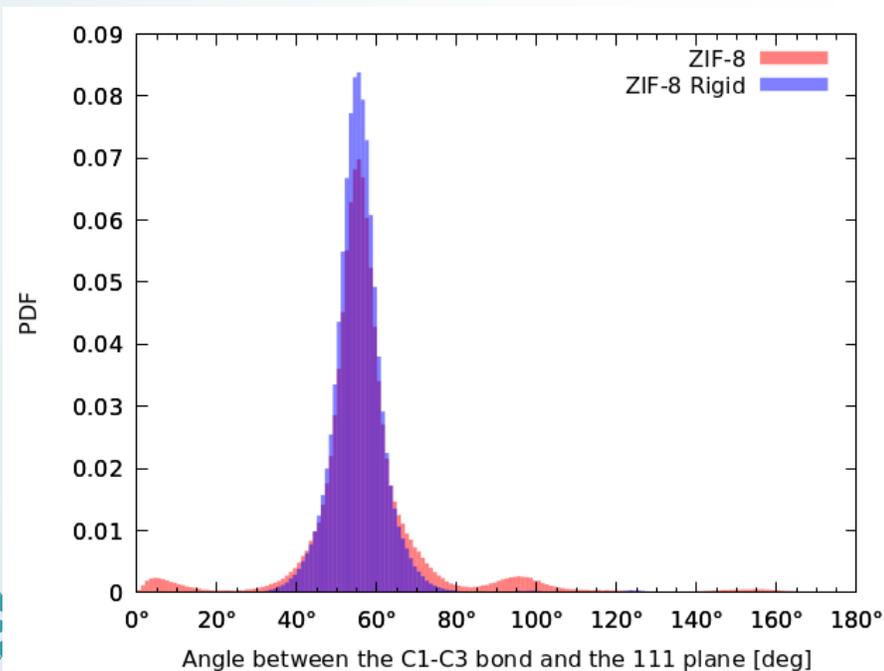
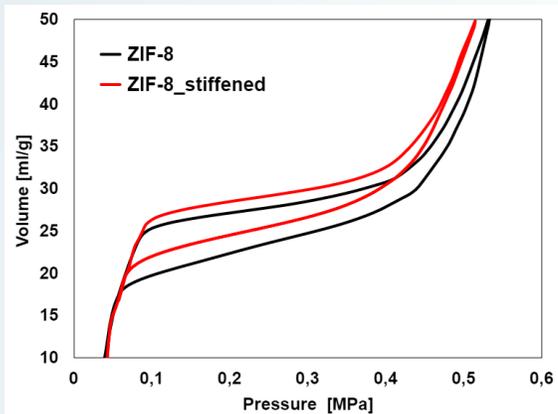
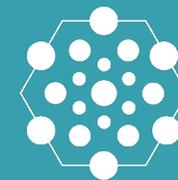
Stochastic model of intrusion in crystallites



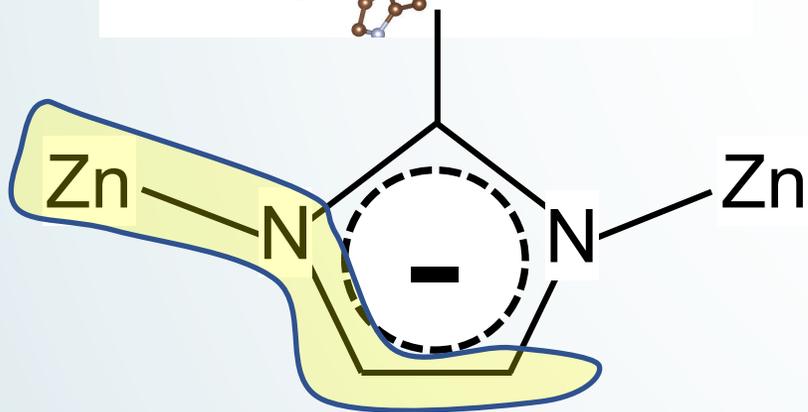
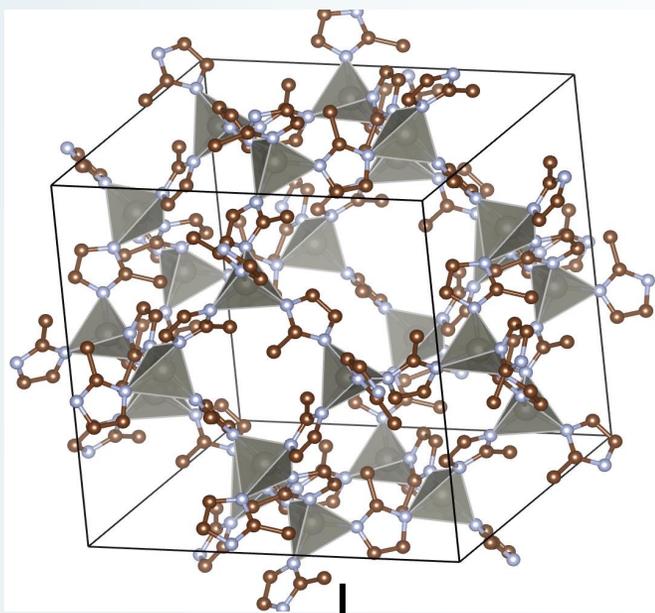
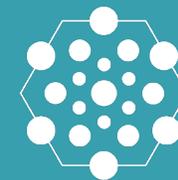
“Stiffened” ZIF-8



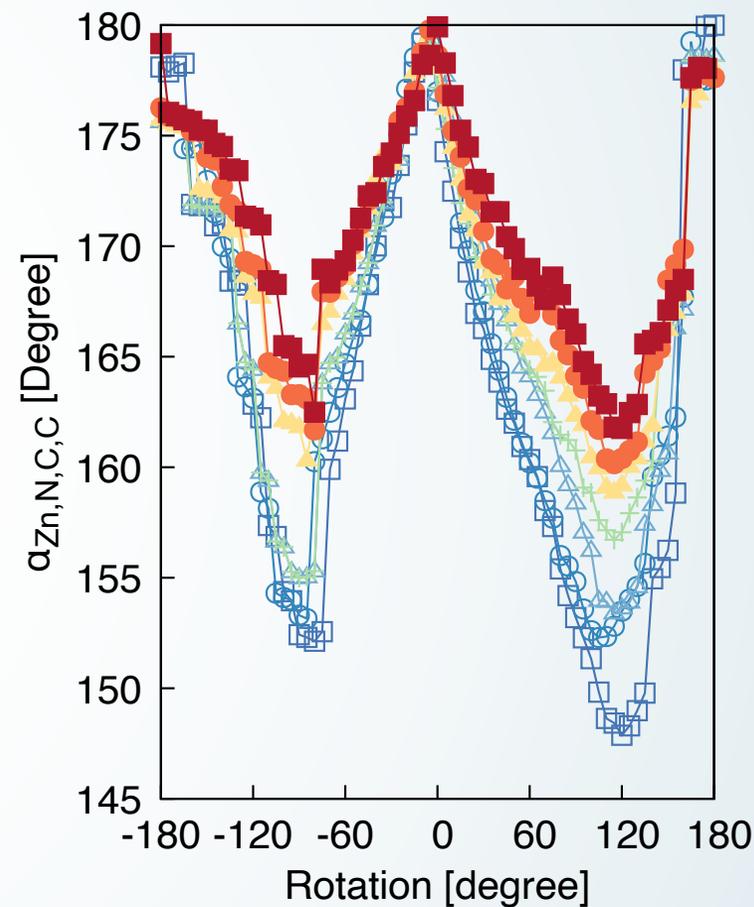
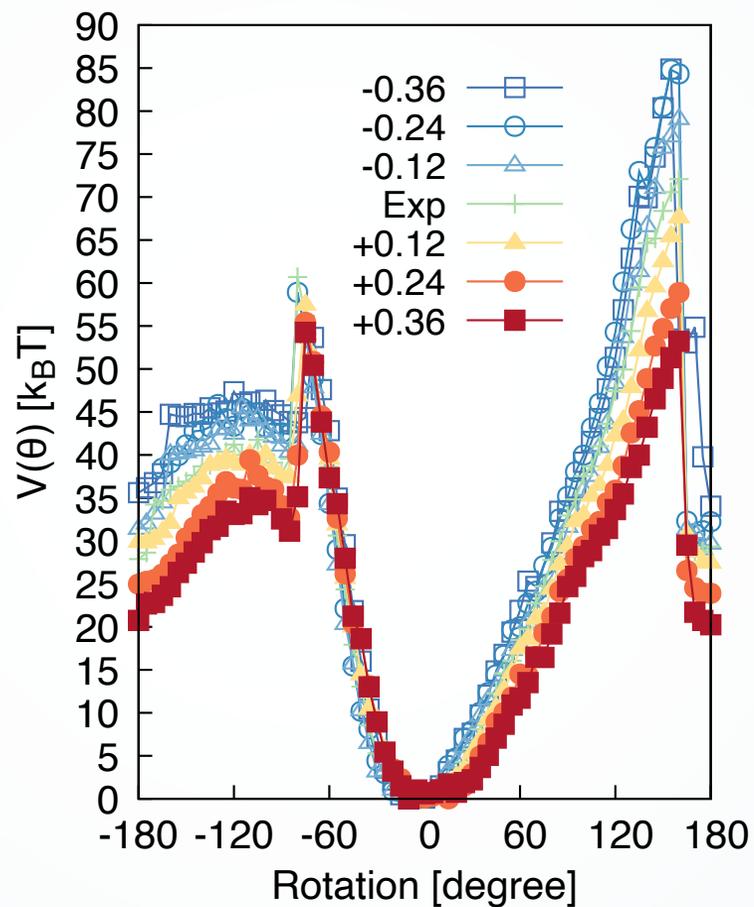
Intrusion in a in-plane rigid slab



Interplay between physics of intrusion and chemistry of imidazolate



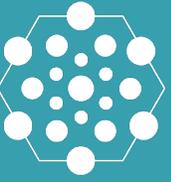
Zn-N-C-C dihedral angle





- Kinetics and int/ext pressures in nanometric materials with sub-nanometric apertures violate Young-Laplace, which previously we have shown to work for slightly larger apertures
- The process is not capillary condensation, it still looks like front advancing-like, minimizing the pseudo-liquid/pseudo-vapor interface area
- This mechanism determines the crystallite size dependence of the int/ext pressure
- Stiffened material shows that there is an unknown connection between the physics of intrusion and the chemistry of imidazolate linker

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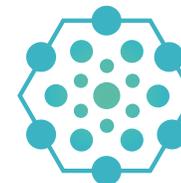


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