



Liquid phase kinetics based on gas phase
experimental data

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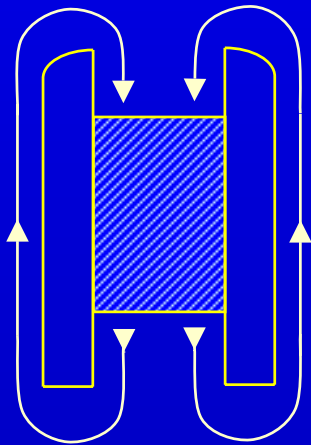
**intrinsic chemical kinetics
based on elementary steps**

**conservation laws, including
transport phenomena**

**industrial reactor
design & optimization**

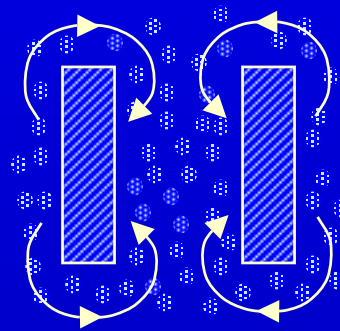
Reactors: laboratory versus industrial

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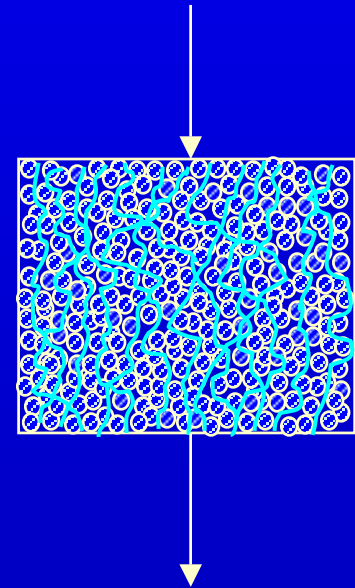
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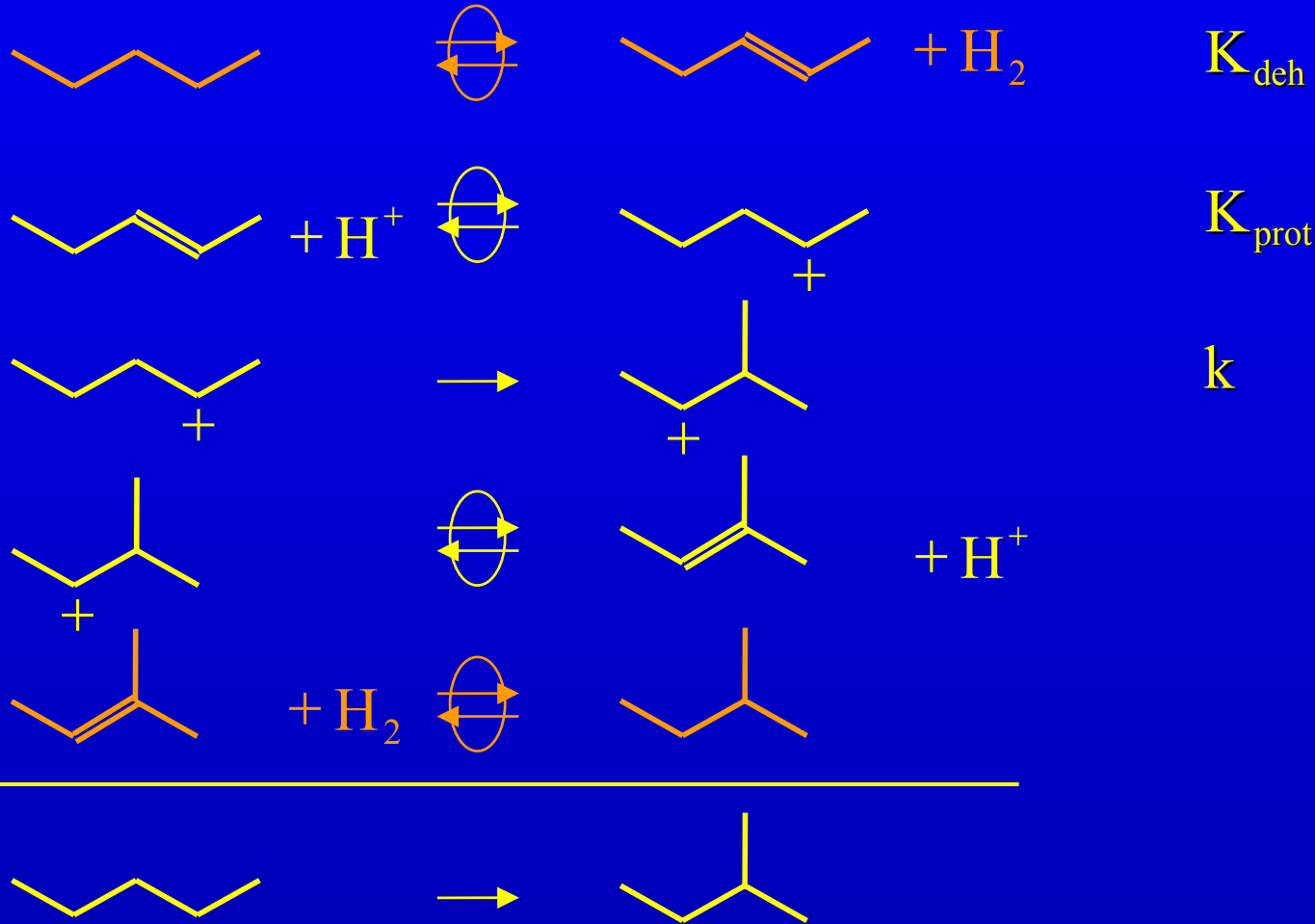
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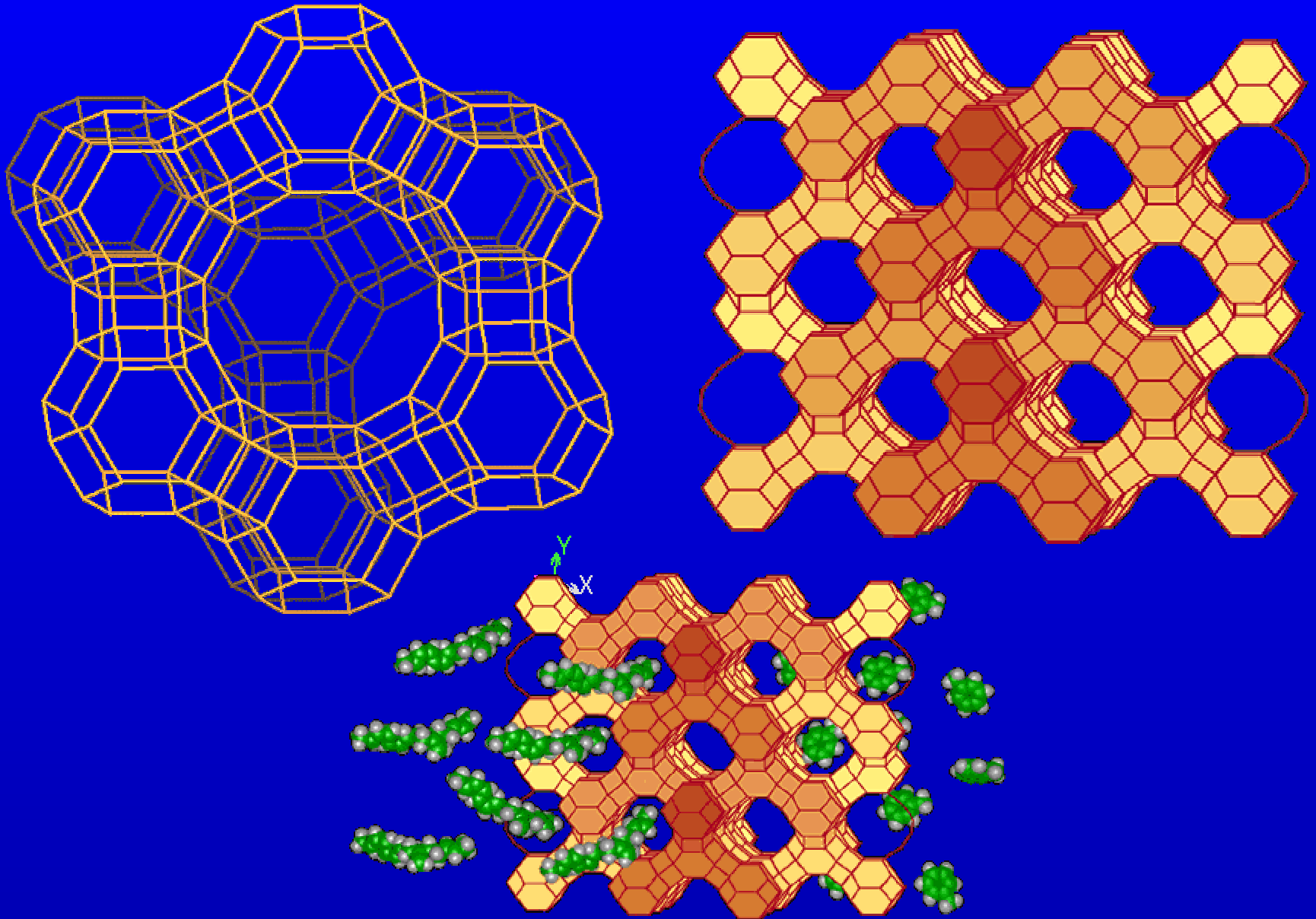
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Hydroisomerization



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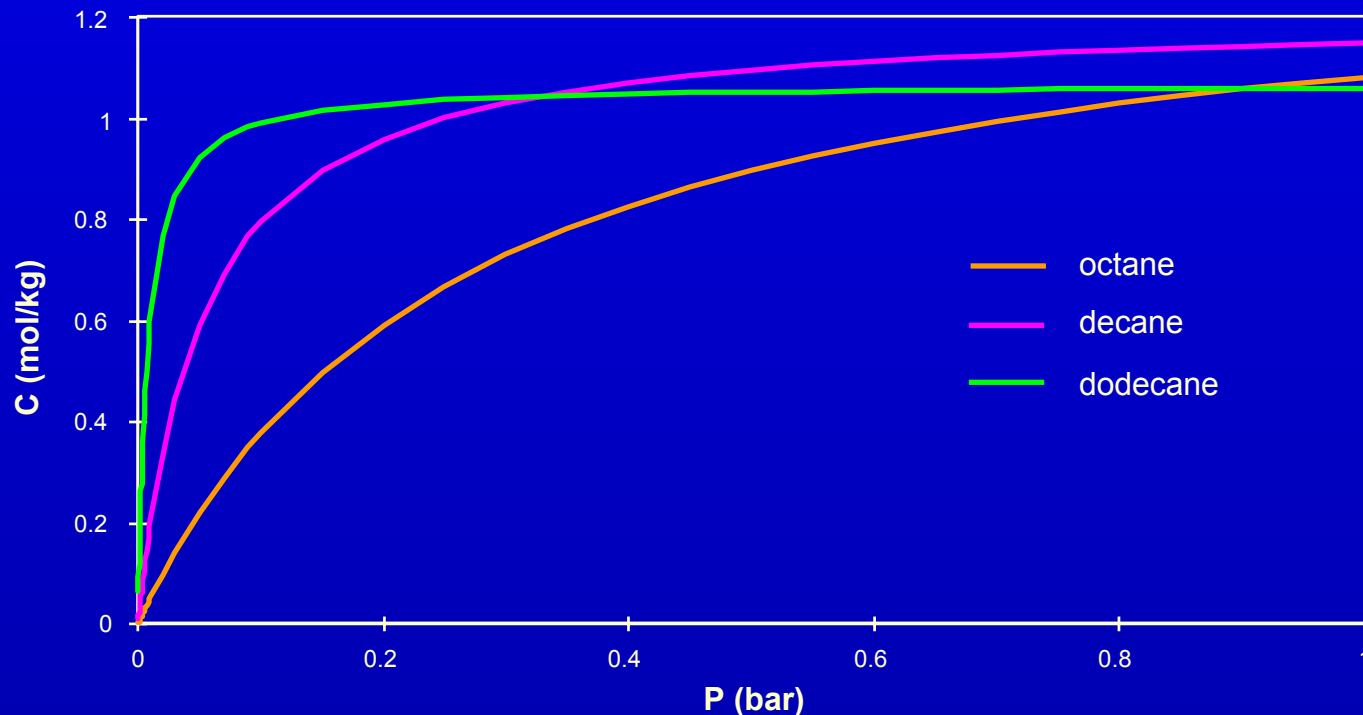


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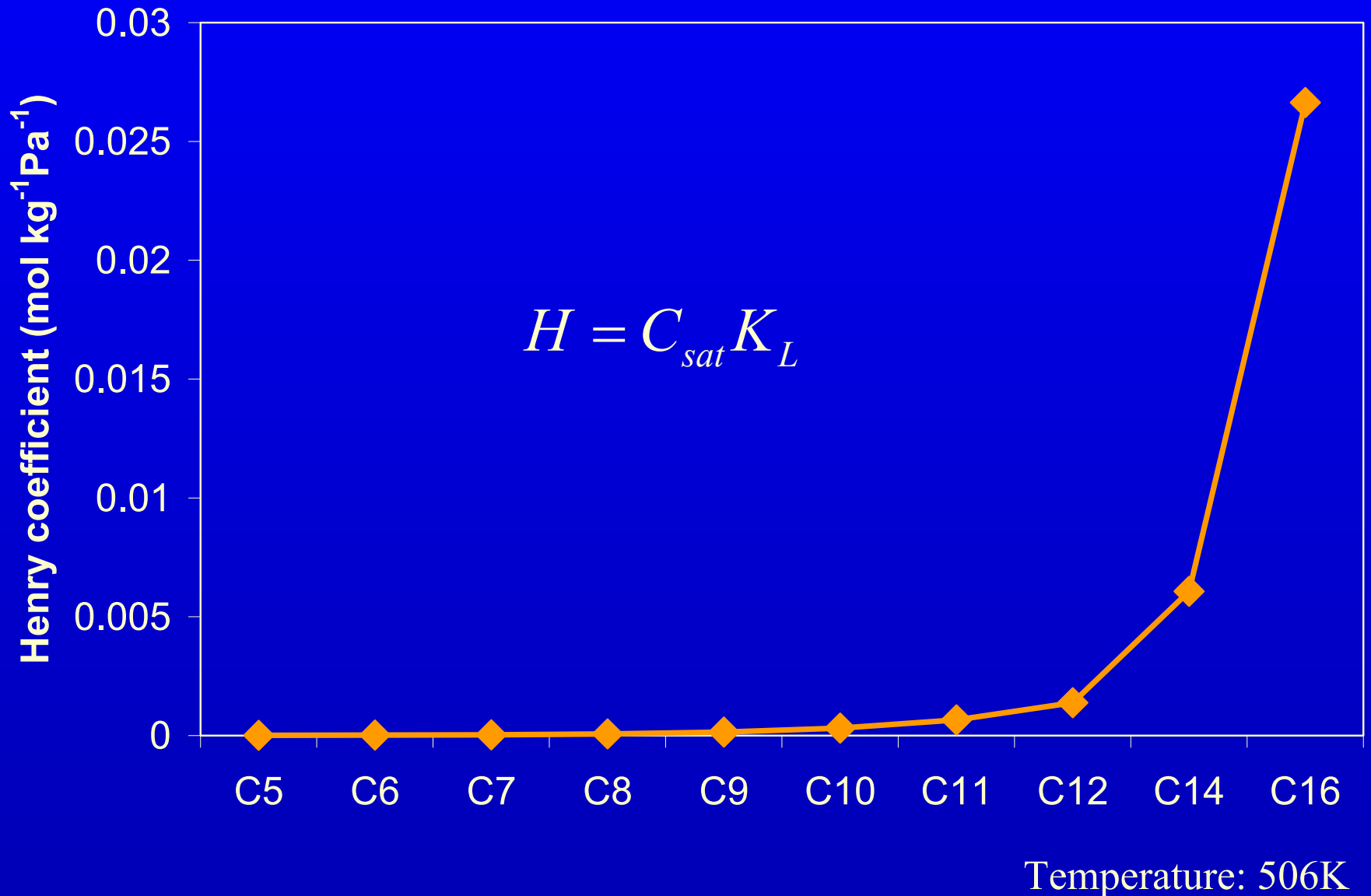
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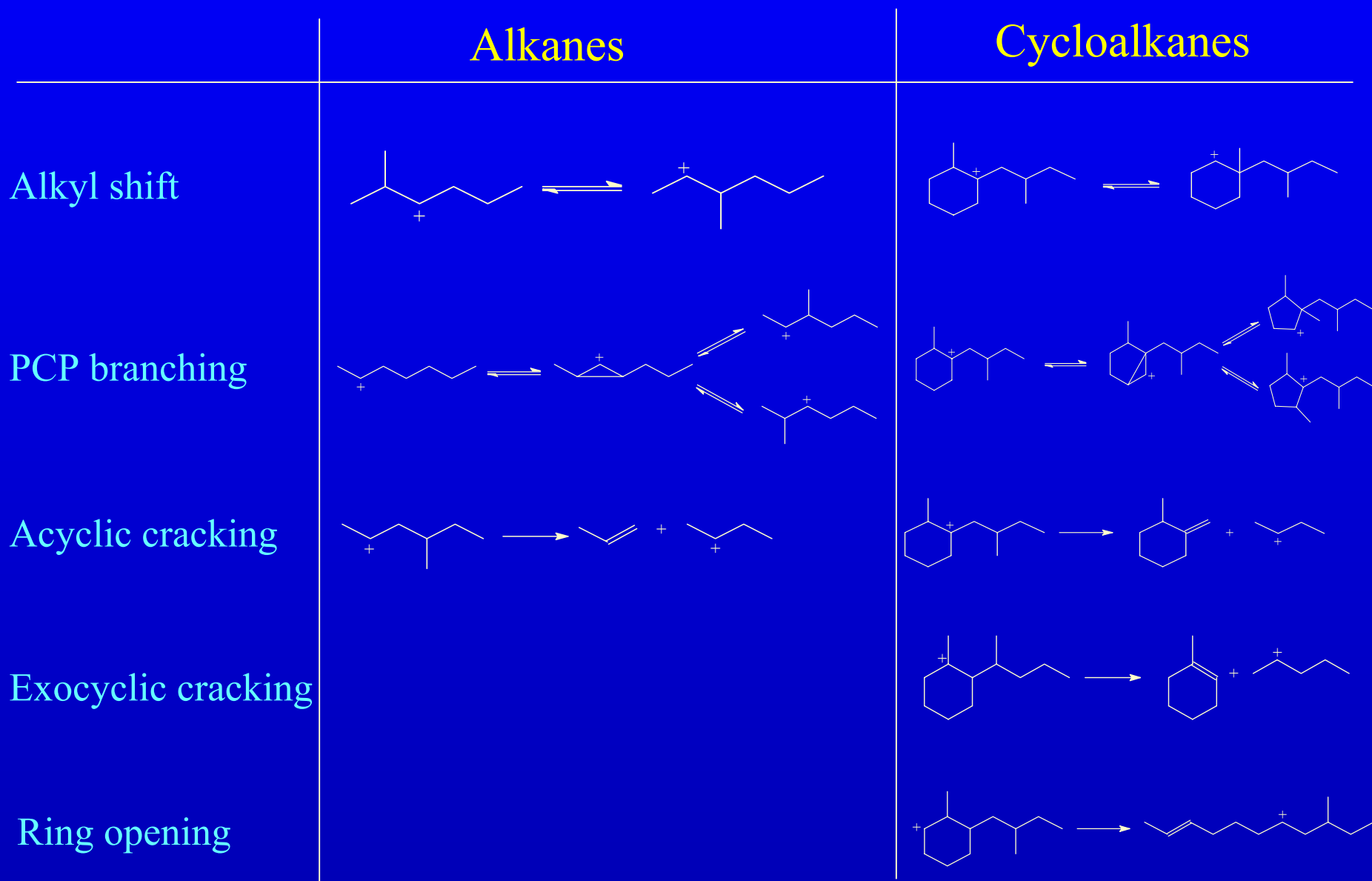


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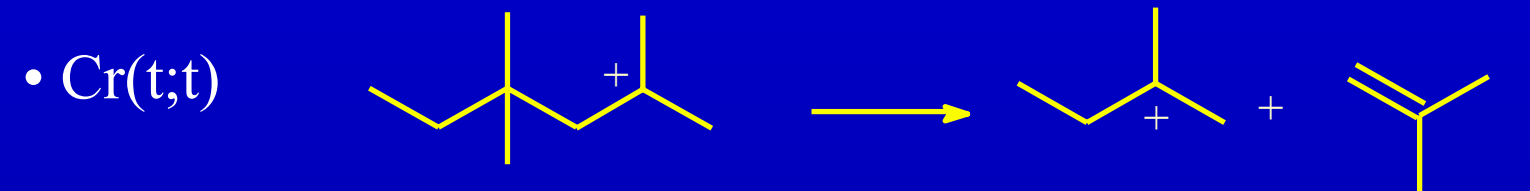
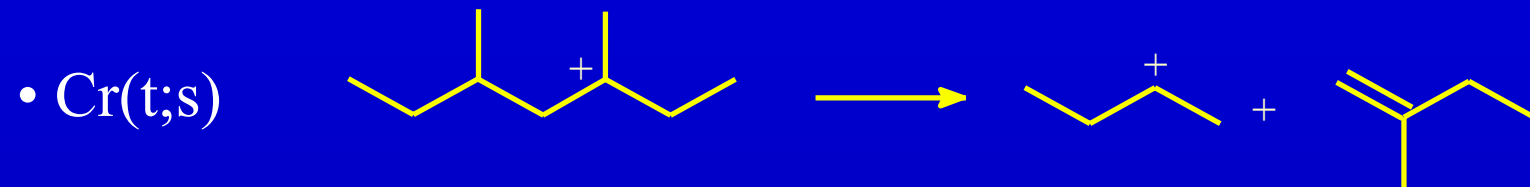
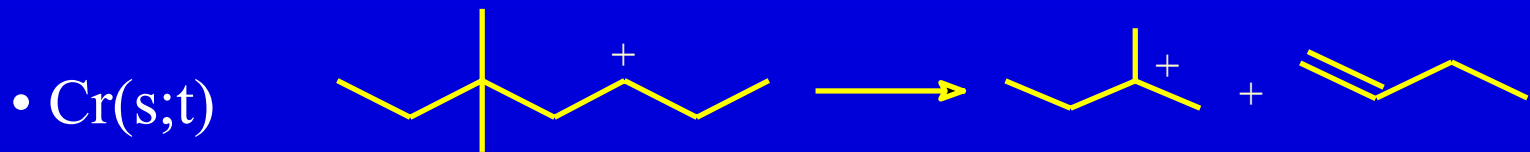
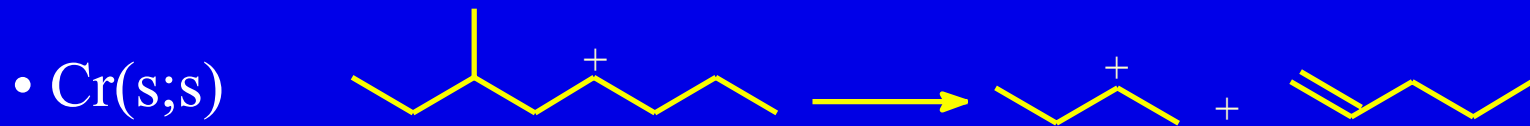


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Acid catalysed reaction families



Elementary reaction family: cracking



Hydrocracking: rate equations

alkylshift

PCP-branching

β -scission

(de-)protonation

(de-)hydrogenation

physisorption

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{alkylshift} \\ \text{PCP-branching} \\ \beta\text{-scission} \end{array} \right\} \text{RDS} \quad r = k C_{R^+}$$

$$C_{R^+} = \frac{C_t K_{\text{prot}} C_O}{1 + K_{\text{prot}} C_O} \cong C_t K_{\text{prot}} C_O$$

$$C_O = \frac{K_{\text{deh}} C_P}{p_{H_2}}$$

$$C_P = \frac{C_{\text{sat}} K_L p_P}{1 + K_L p_P}$$

$$r = \frac{C_{\text{sat}} C_t k K_{\text{prot}} K_{\text{deh}} K_L p_P p_{H_2}^{-1}}{1 + K_L p_P}$$

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Hydrocracking: rate equations revisited

parameters to be estimated : $k^{\text{comp}} = k K_{\text{prot}}$

calculated via
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determined by NH_3 -TPD

determined by physisorption experiments

Hydrocracking: rate equations accounting for finite carbenium ion concentrations

parameters to be estimated : k, K_{prot}

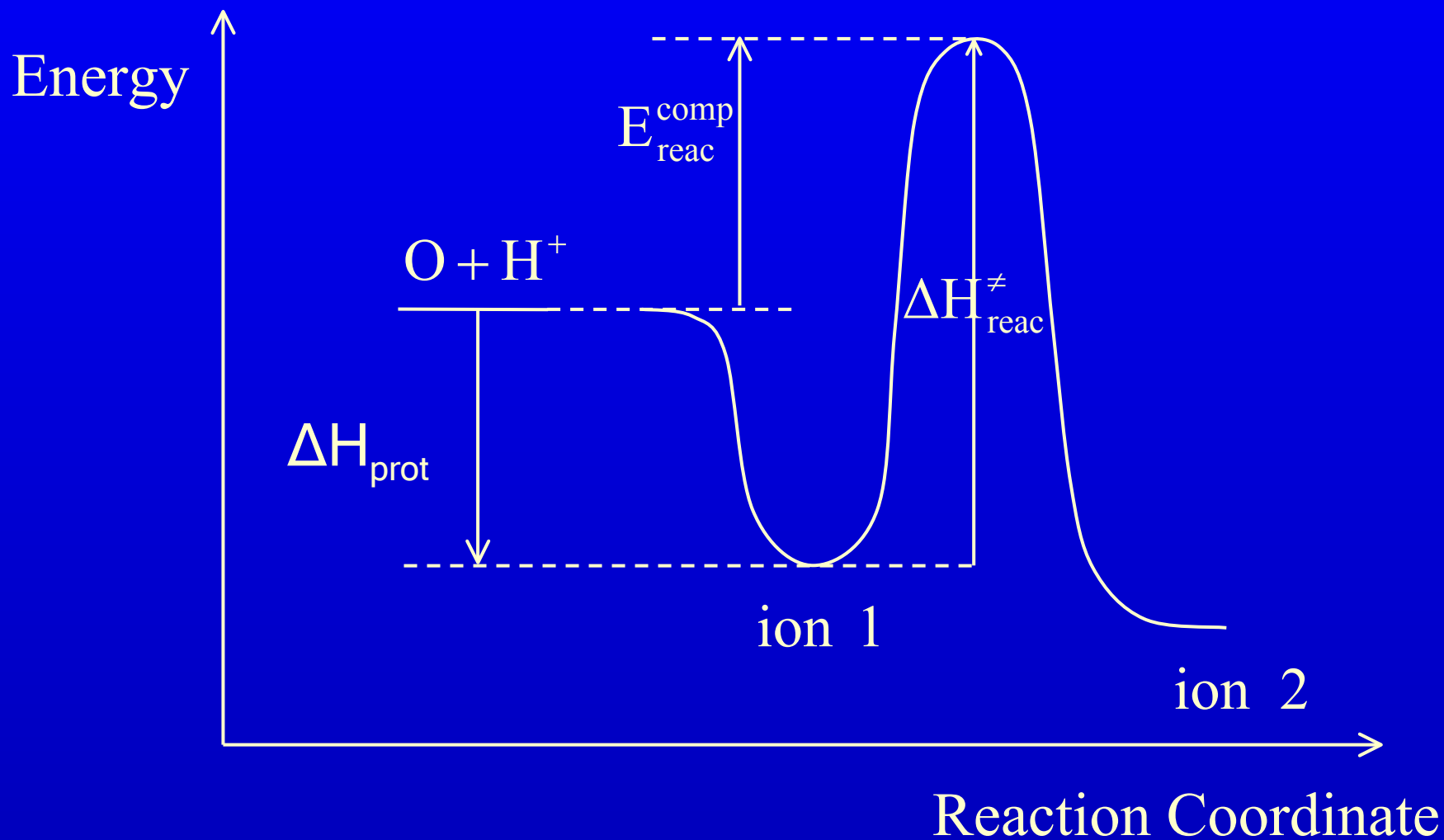
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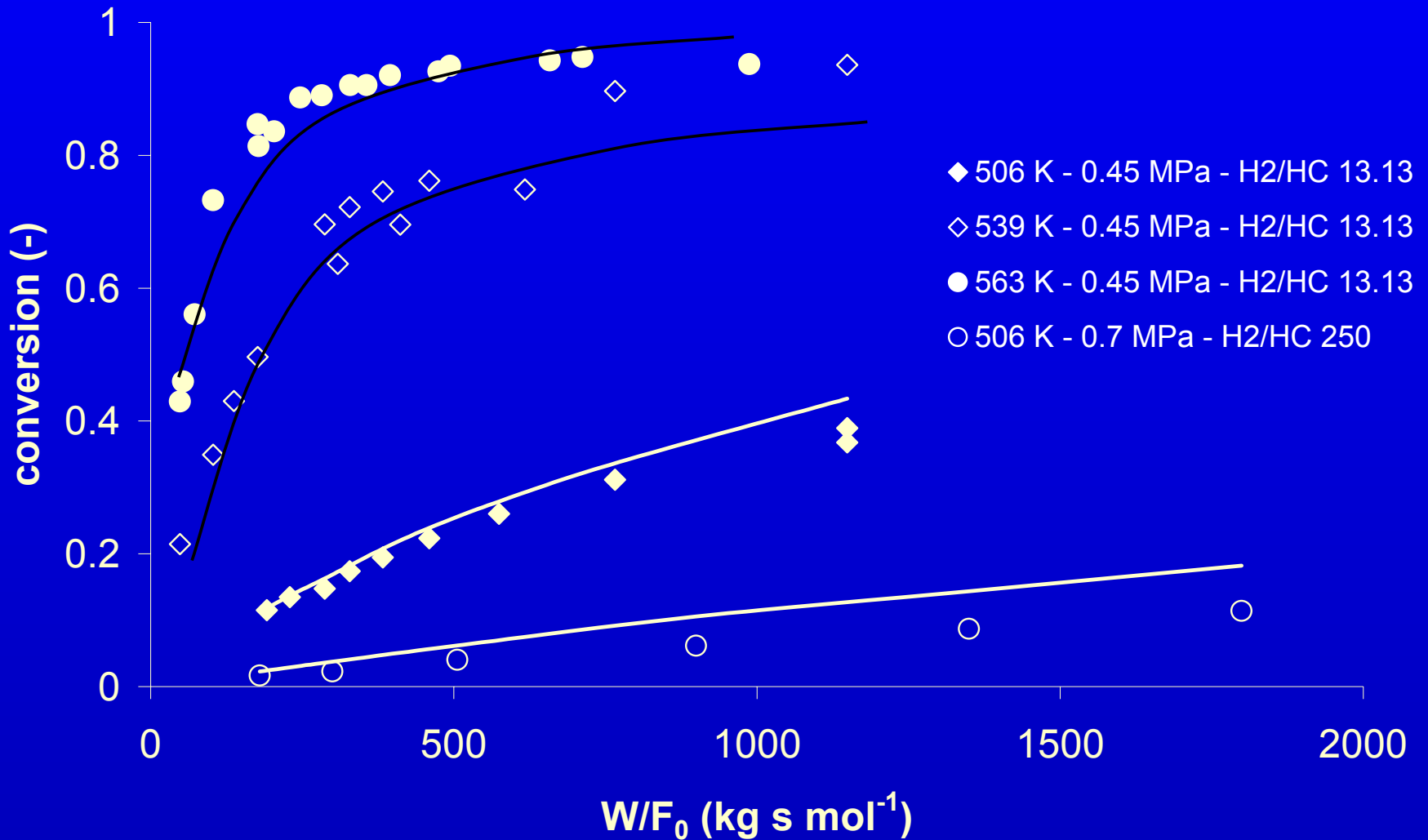
protonation enthalpy and activation energy

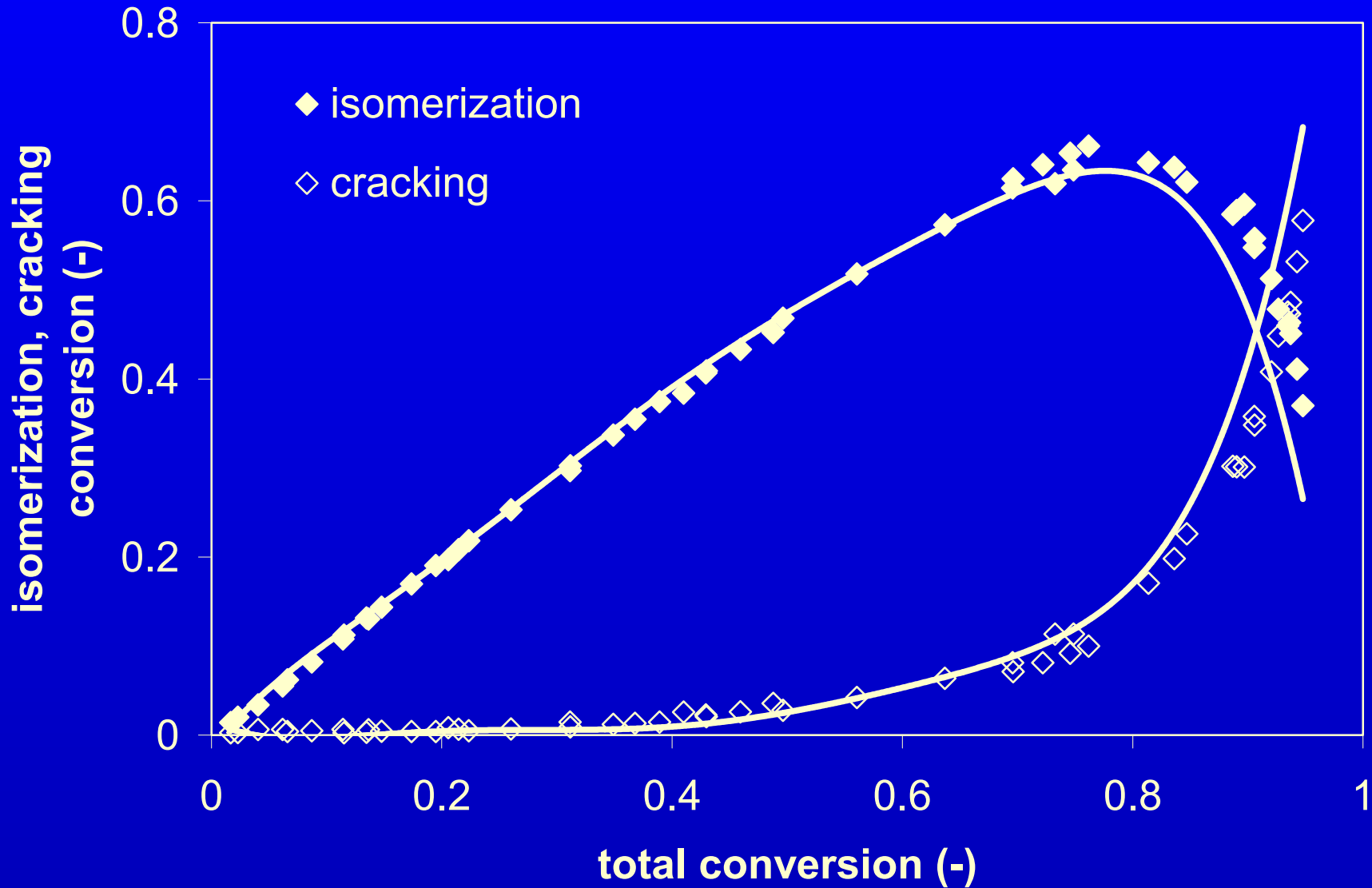


activation energy

	Alkylshift	PCP- branching (kJ mol ⁻¹)	β -scission	protonation enthalpy
(s;s)	77.5 (± 0.2)	108.7 (± 0.7)	142.7 (± 1.0)	-64.9 (± 0.5)
(s;t)	74.4 (± 0.1)	98.6 (± 1.9)	127.9 (± 4.9)	
(t;s)			148.6 (± 1.0)	-95.6 (± 1.2)
(t;t)	104.5 (± 1.2)	127.9 (± 3.3)	125.1 (± 3.8)	

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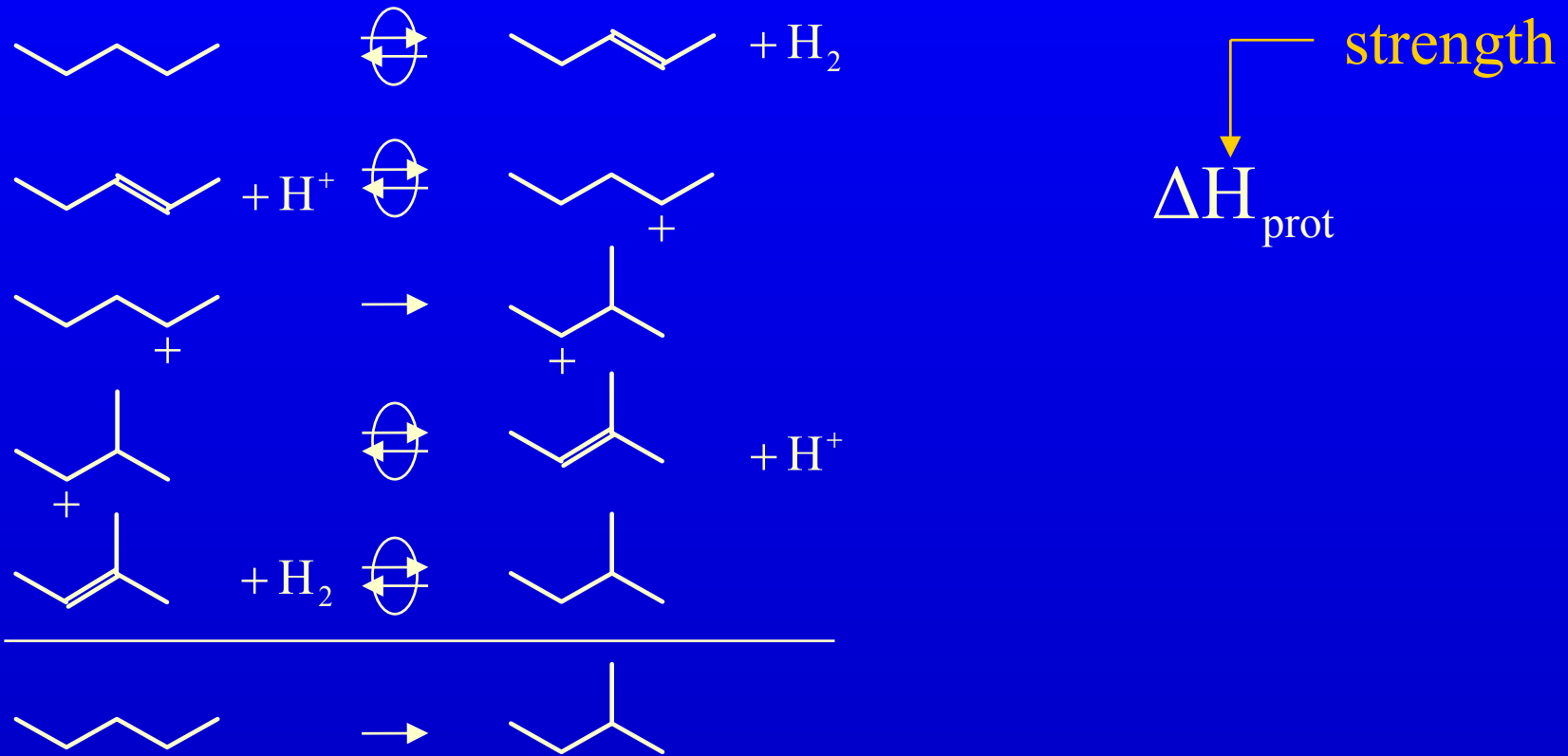




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Catalyst acidity



strength
 ΔH_{prot}

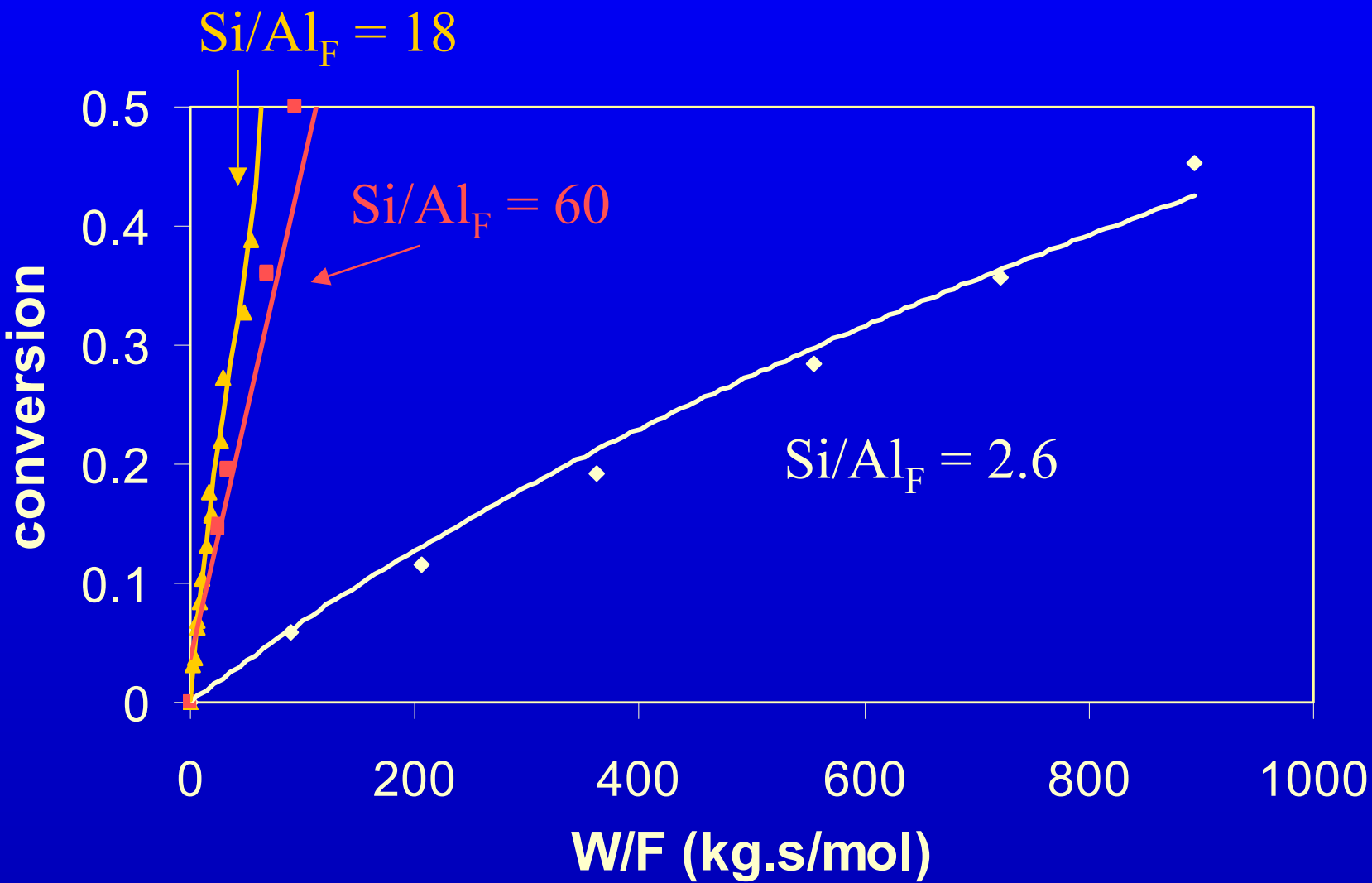
number

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- physisorption
- ΔC_t
- $\Delta(\Delta H_{\text{prot}})$
 - └ 1 adjustable parameter accounting for conversion changes

Catalyst acidity: Si/Al ratio

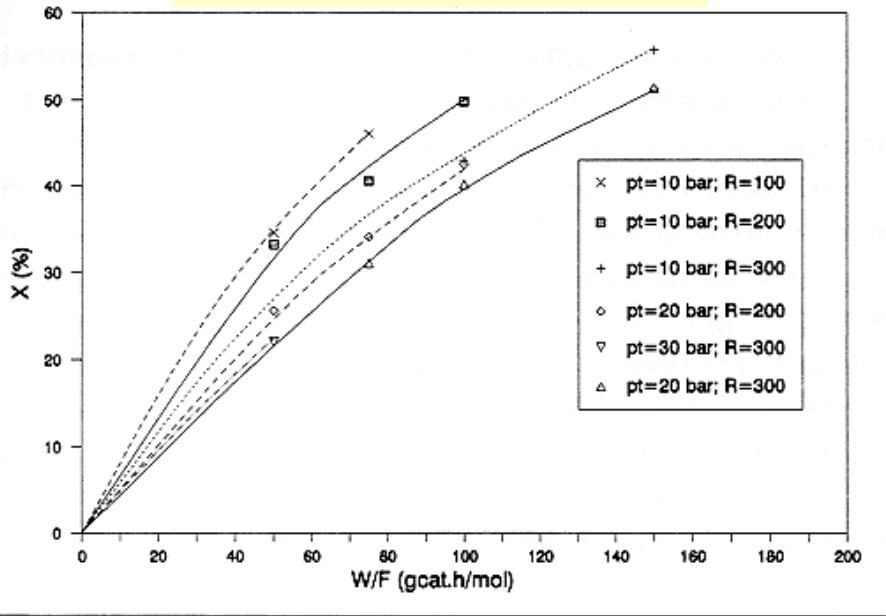
	company	Si/Al-ratio	C_t (mol/kg _{cat})
H-Y	Zeocat	2.6	$4.6 \cdot 10^{-6}$
CBV-720	PQ	18	$0.60 \cdot 10^{-6}$
CBV-760	PQ	60	$0.22 \cdot 10^{-6}$



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vapour phase versus liquid phase hydroconversion rates

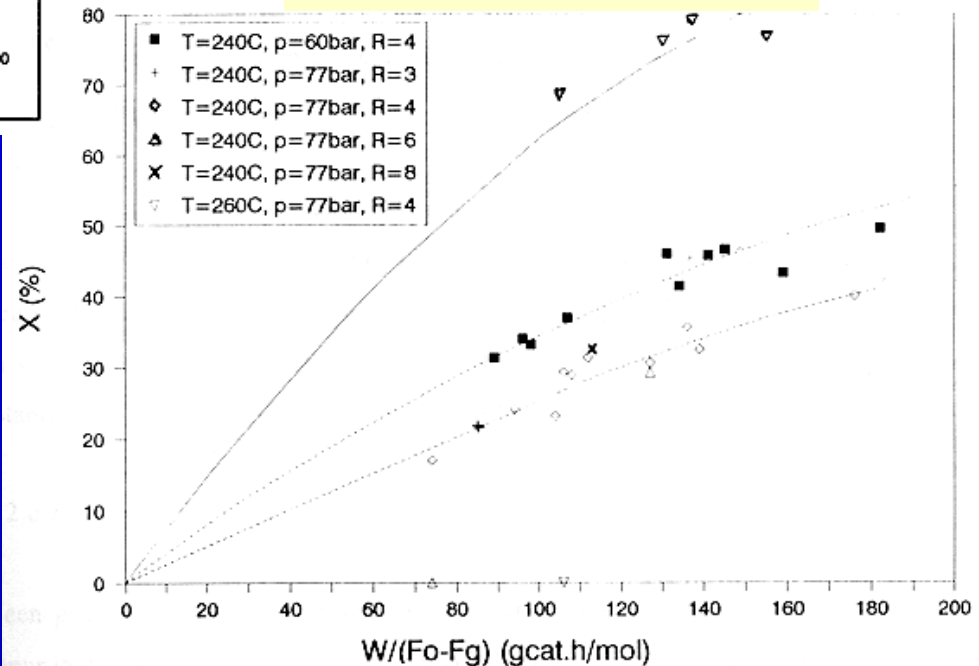
parapur (vapour phase)



rates overlap

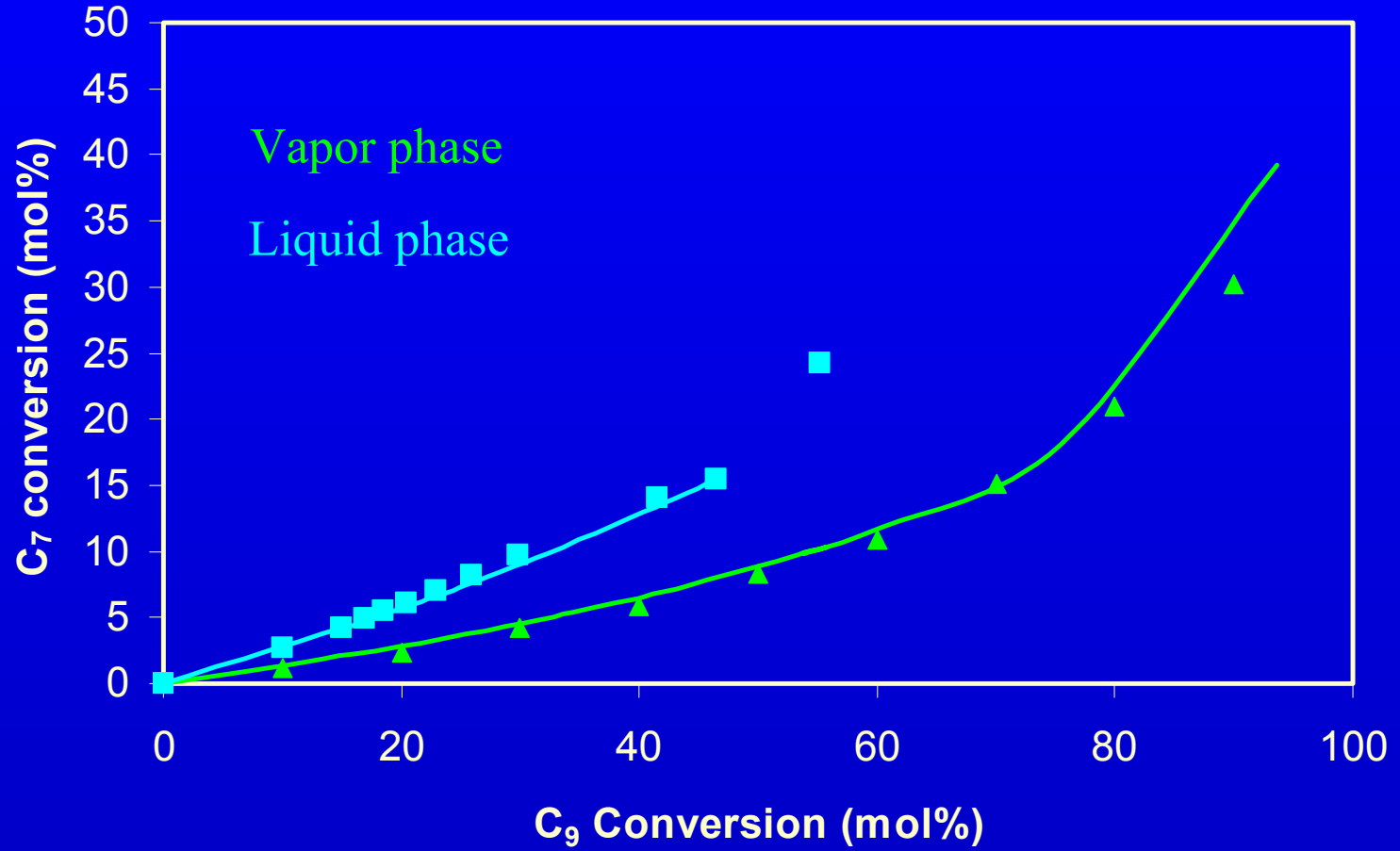
difficult comparison
because of differences
in operating conditions

parapur (liquid phase)



liquid phase: enhanced competition in binary mixtures

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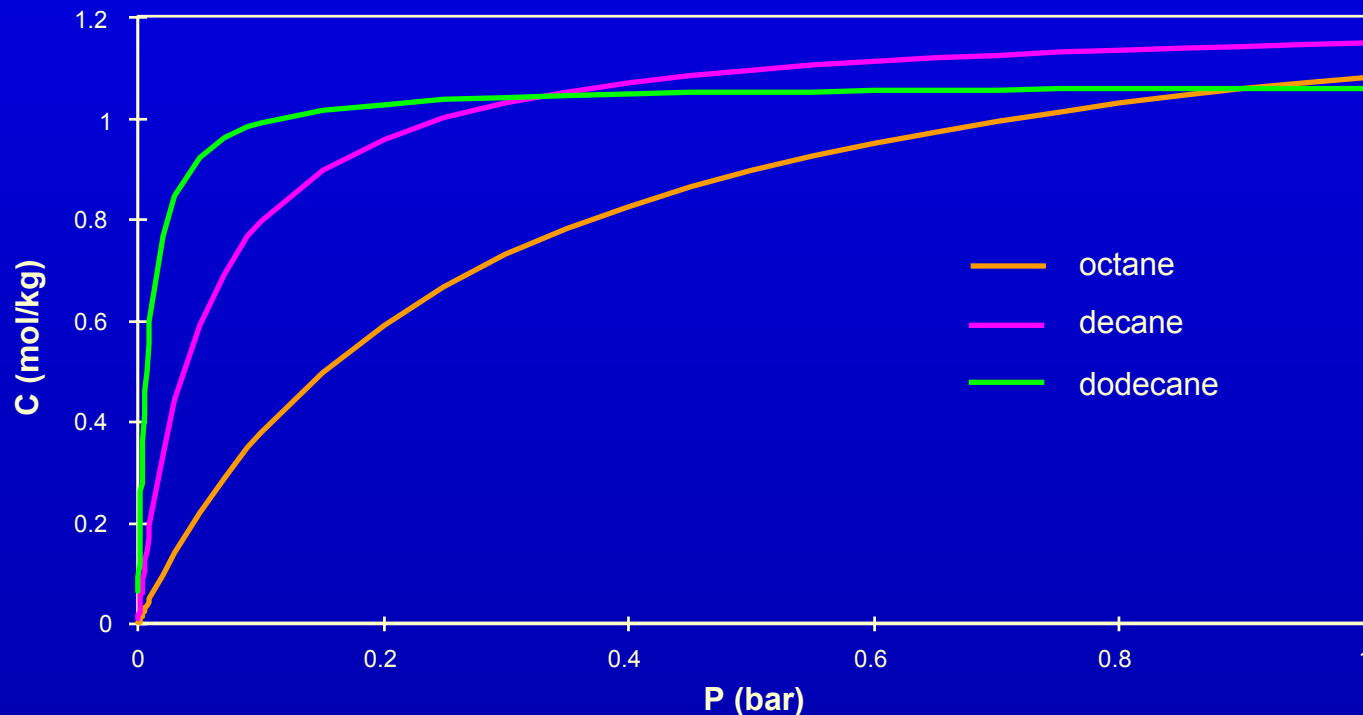
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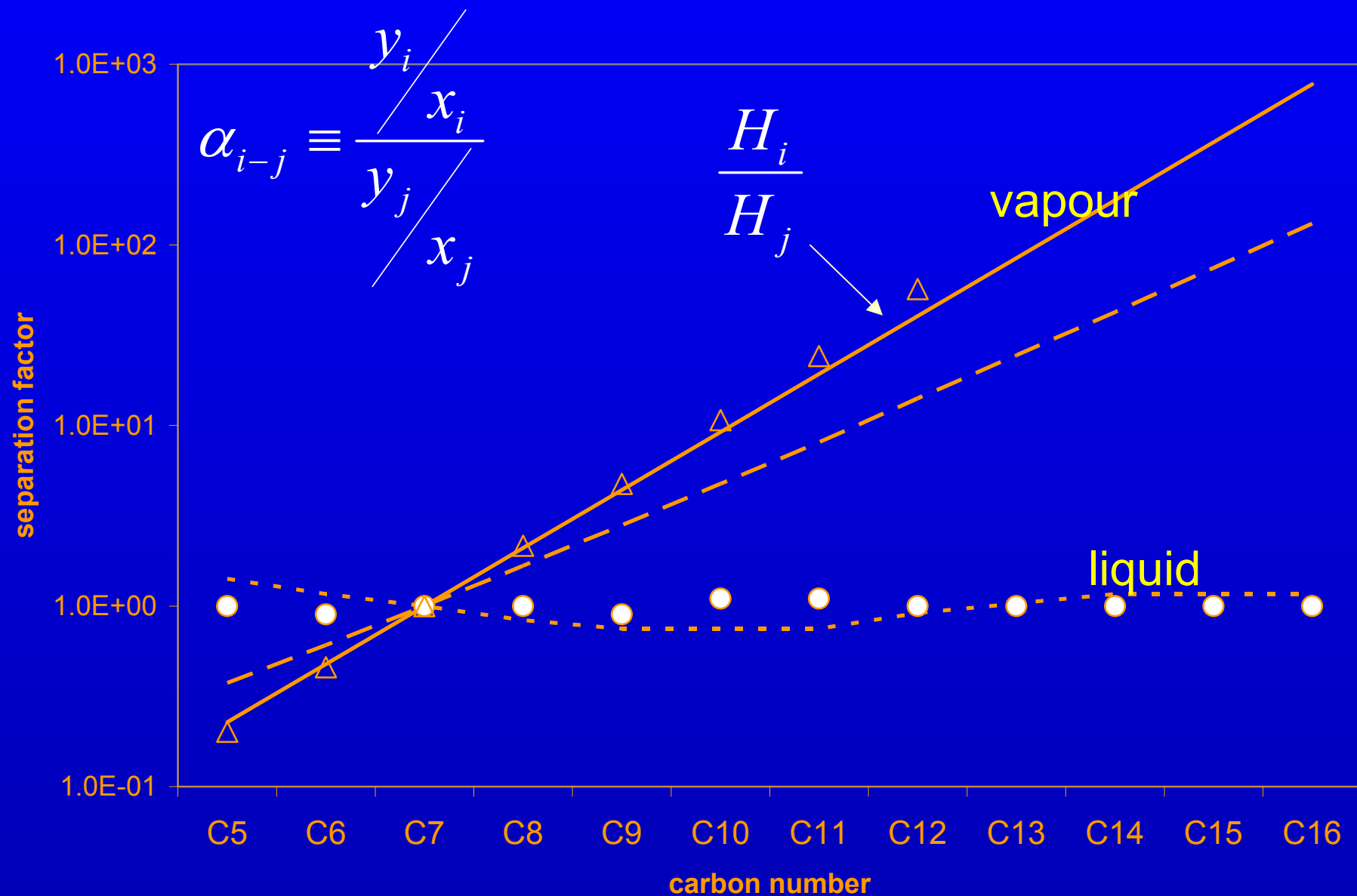
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From vapour to liquid: separation factors α for binary mixtures



Langmuir isotherm for physisorption accounting for non ideality

1: fugacity

Langmuir isotherm:
$$C_i = \frac{C_{\text{sat}} K_{L,i}^* f_i}{1 + K_{L,i}^* f_i}$$

with now f_i and $K_{L,i}^*$ rather than p_i and $K_{L,i}$

fugacity $f_i = \phi_i p_i = \phi_i y_i p_t = \phi_i C_i V_m p_t$

The diagram shows the equation $f_i = \phi_i p_i = \phi_i y_i p_t = \phi_i C_i V_m p_t$ with three terms boxed. A yellow box around $\phi_i p_i$ has an arrow pointing to the text "bulk aggregation state: vapour". An orange box around $\phi_i C_i V_m p_t$ has an arrow pointing to the text "bulk aggregation state: liquid".

bulk aggregation state:
vapour

bulk aggregation state:
liquid

non ideality: fugacity coefficients (ideal gas state as reference state)

Cubic equation of state:

$$Z^3 - (1 + B^* - uB^*)Z^2 + (A^* + wB^{*2} - uB^* - uB^{*2})Z^2 - A^*B^* - wB^{*2} - wB^{*3} = 0$$

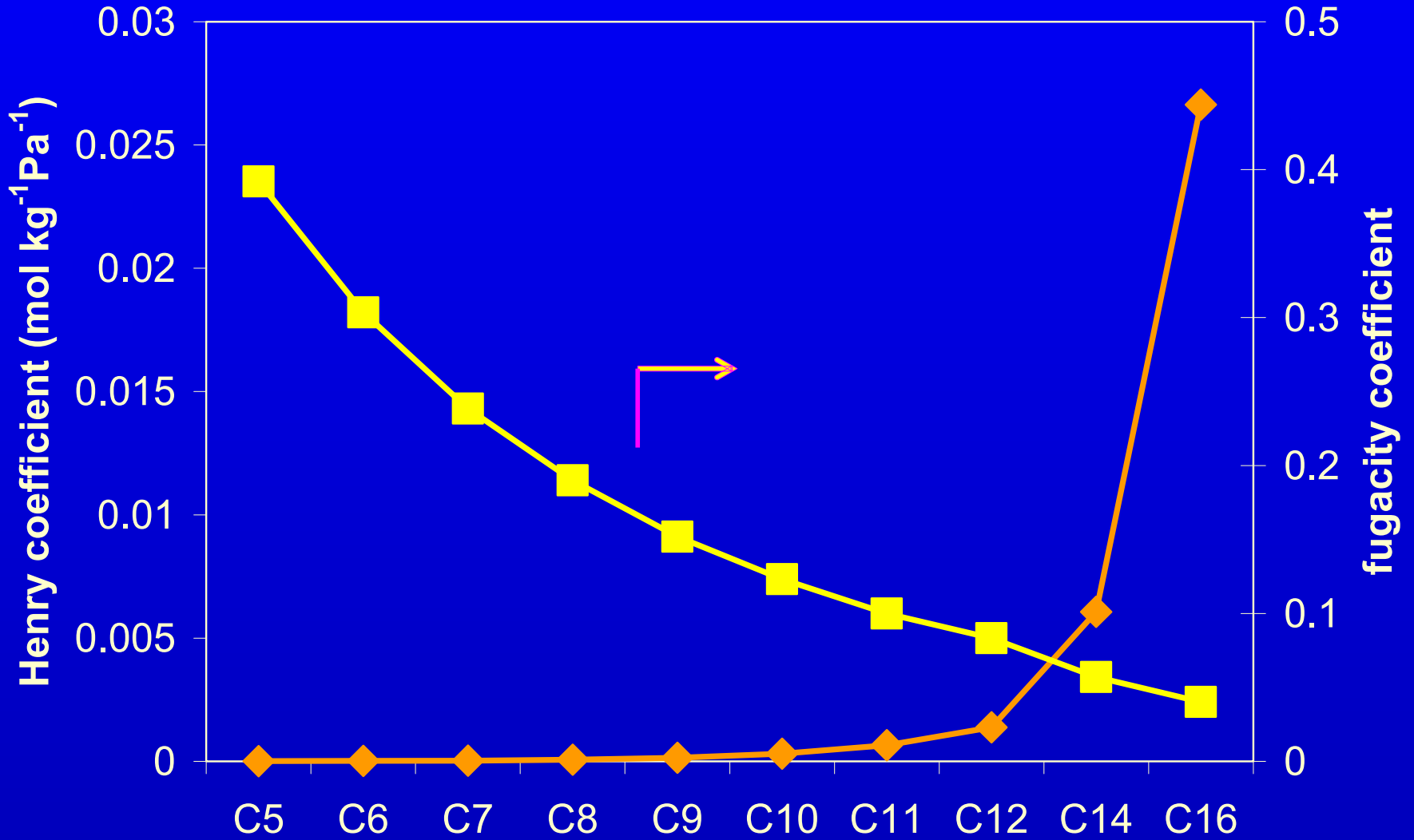
fugacity coefficients calculated from:

$$\ln(\phi_i) = \frac{b_i}{b} (Z - 1) - \ln(Z - B^*) + \frac{A^*}{B^* \sqrt{(u^2 - 4w)}} \left(\frac{b_i}{b} - \delta_i \right) \ln \left(\frac{2Z + B^* (u + \sqrt{u^2 - 4w})}{2Z + B^* (u - \sqrt{u^2 - 4w})} \right)$$

Peng-Robinson: $u=2$, $w=-1$

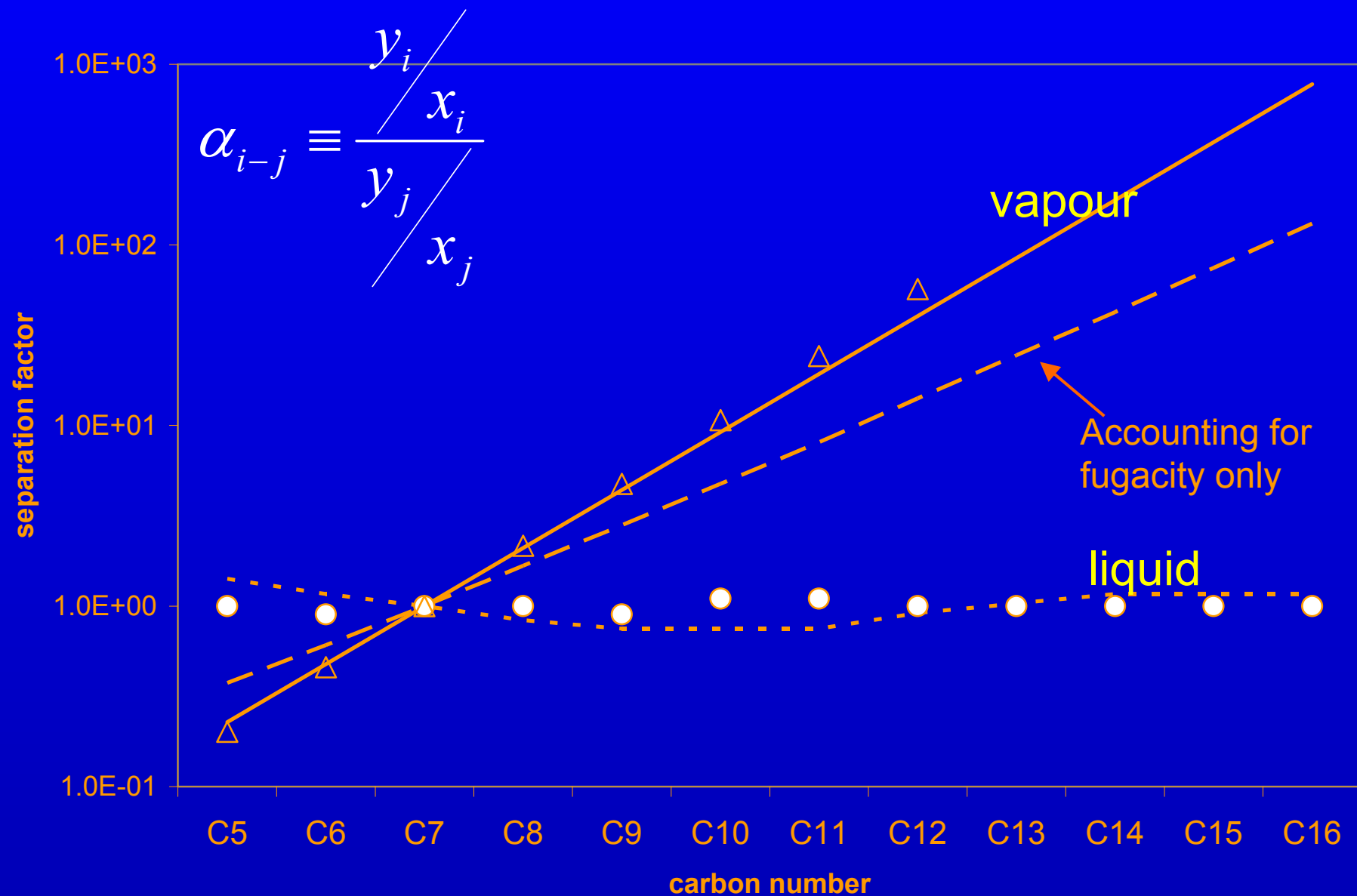
other coefficients:

“Properties of gases and liquids”



Temperature: 506K and Pressure: 8MPa

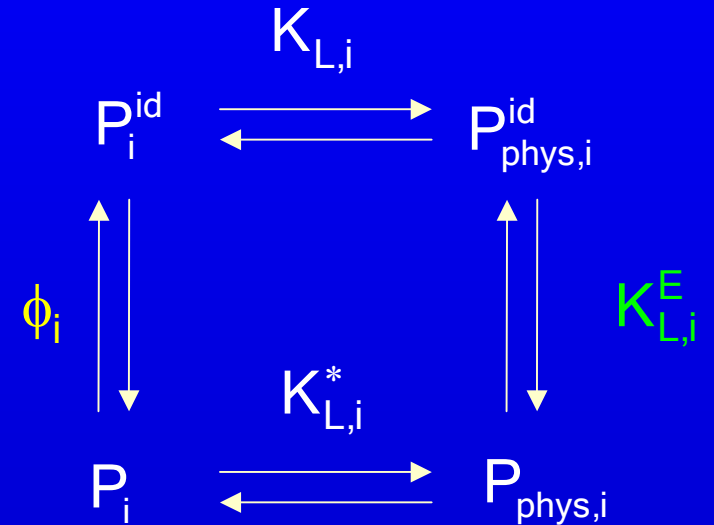
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Born-Haber cycle

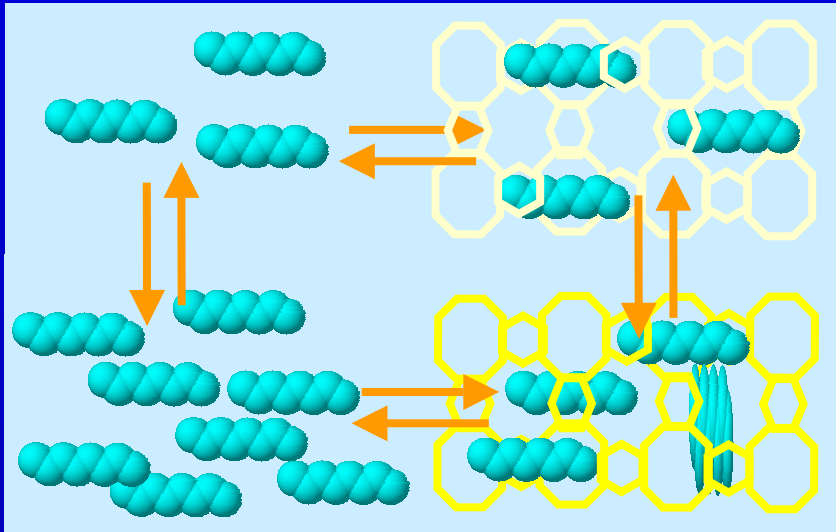


bulk

physisorbed

ideal

real



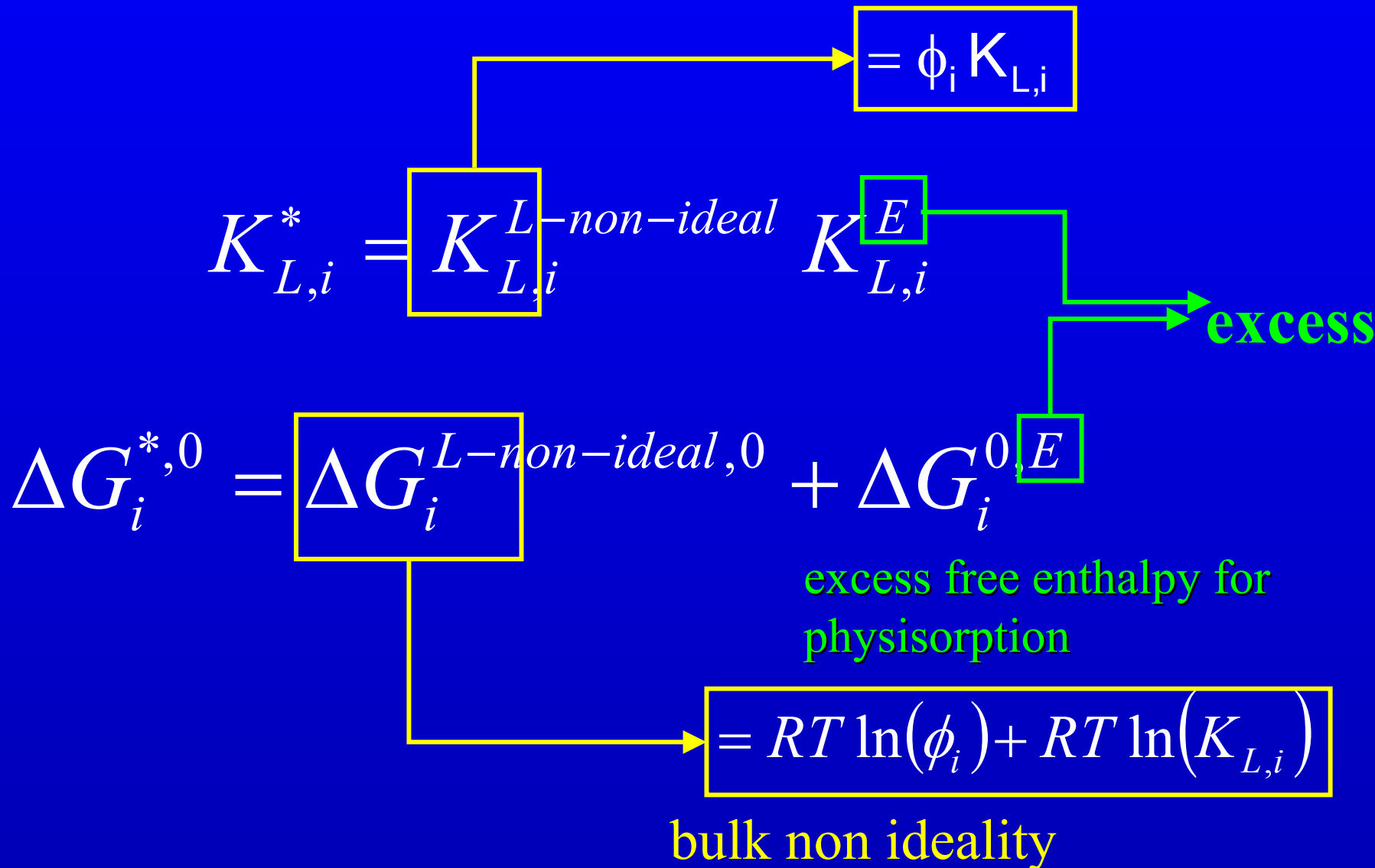
physisorbed state depends on the non-ideality of the bulk state



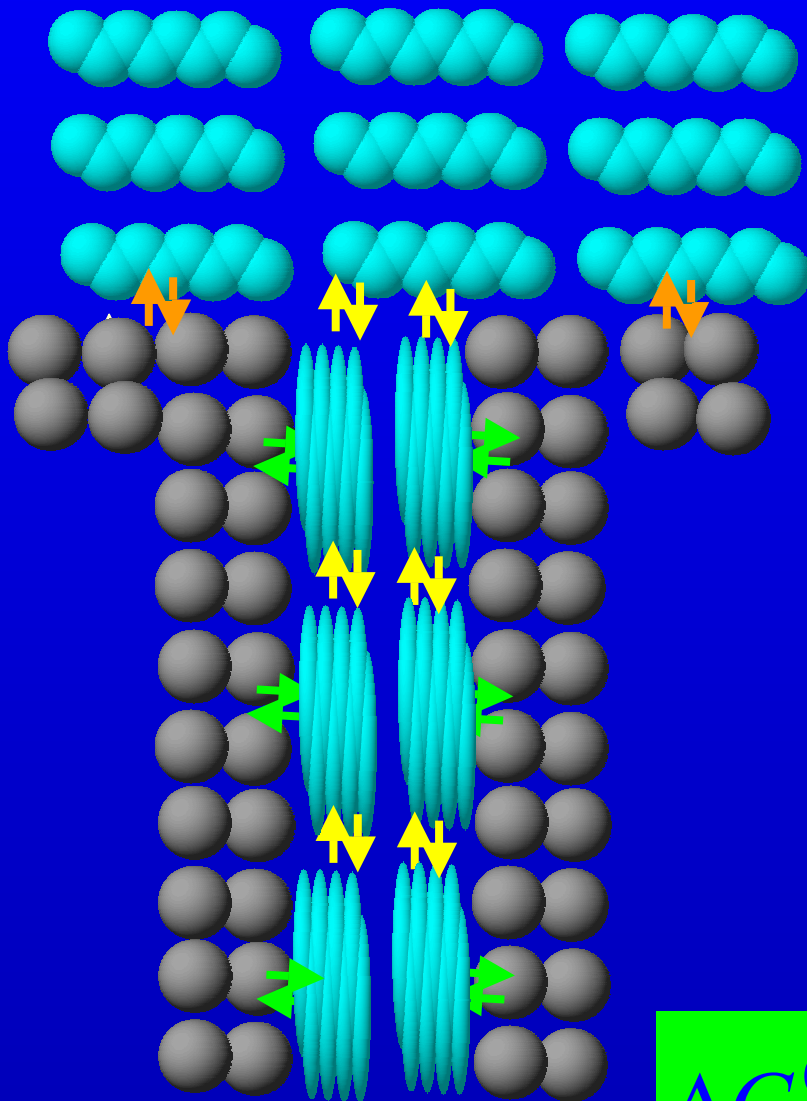
$$K_{L,i}^E \neq 1$$

Langmuir isotherm for physisorption accounting for non ideality

2: “Langmuir” coefficient $K_{L,i}^*$



2: excess free enthalpy in non-ideal physisorption



bulk non ideality affects
intersorbate distances:

- compression effect on sorbate:
sorbate dependent, analogous
to bulk non ideality

$$\Rightarrow \Delta G_i^{0,E} \sim \ln \phi_i$$

- solvating effect on sorbent
framework: sorbent dependent
scaling of compression effect

$$\Delta G_i^{0,E} = c^E \ln \phi_i \quad K_{L,i}^E = \phi_i^{-c^E/RT}$$

estimation of c^E from experimental data

liquid phase binary physisorption isotherms:

$$y_i = \frac{\alpha_{i-j} x_i}{(1 + \alpha_{i-j} x_i - x_i)}$$

y_i → physisorbed x_i → bulk

with:

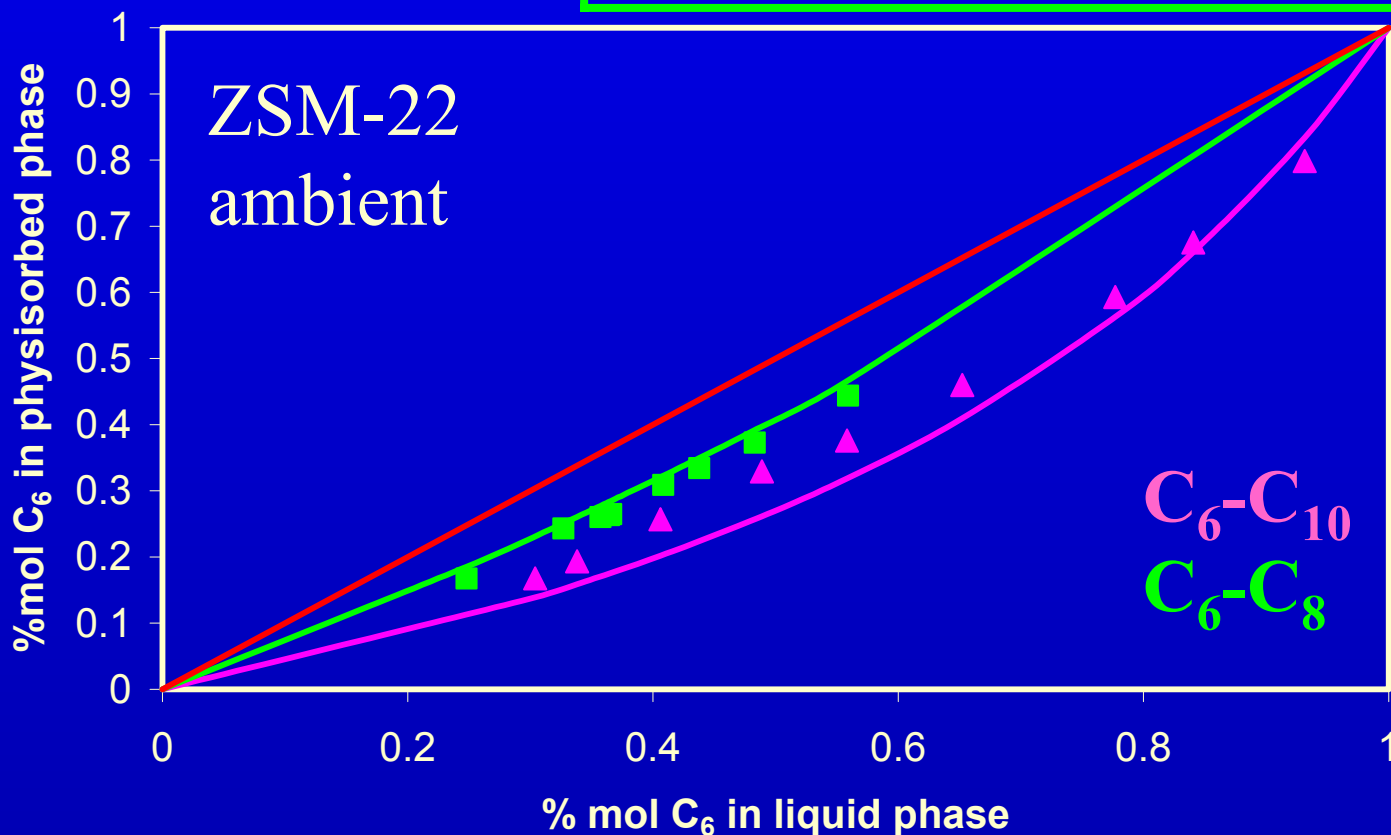
$$\alpha_{i-j} \equiv \frac{y_i / x_i}{y_j / x_j} = \frac{H_i \phi_i^{1 - \frac{c^E}{RT}}}{H_j \phi_j^{1 - \frac{c^E}{RT}}}$$

→ separation factor

2: excess physisorption coefficient $K_{L,i}^E$ in liquid phase

$$K_{L,i}^E = \phi_i^{-c^E/RT}$$

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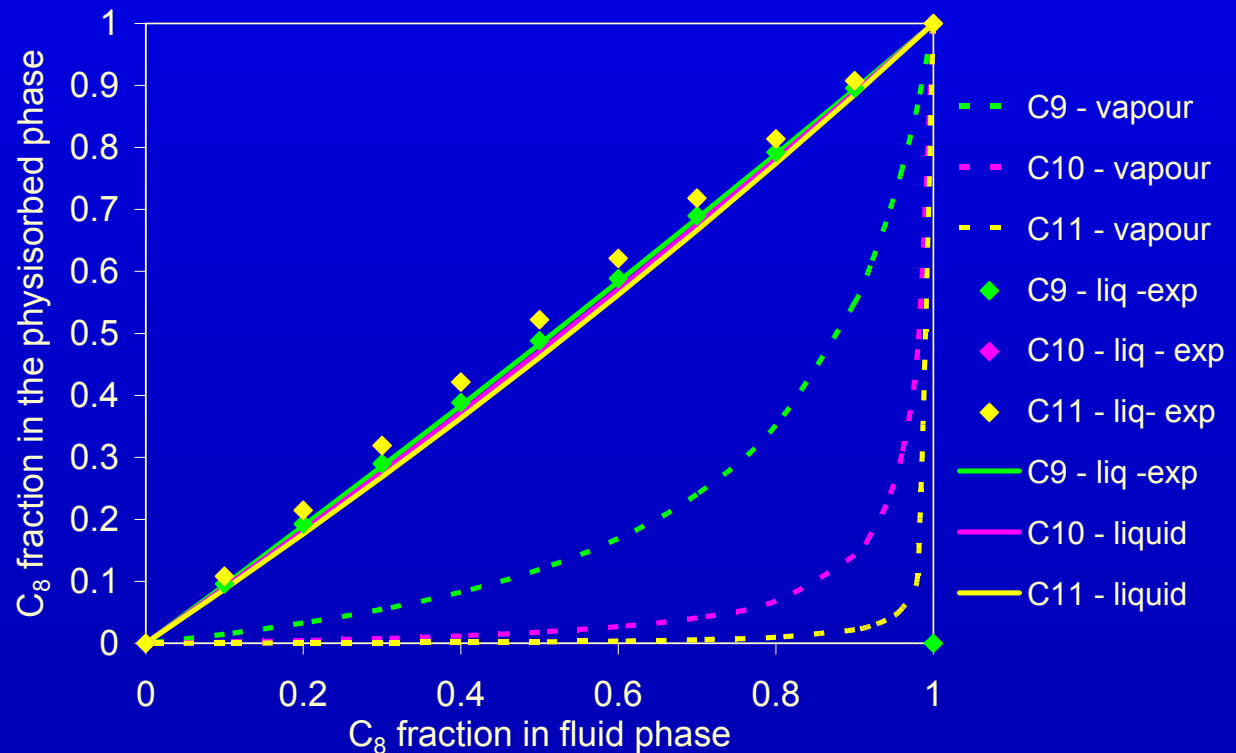


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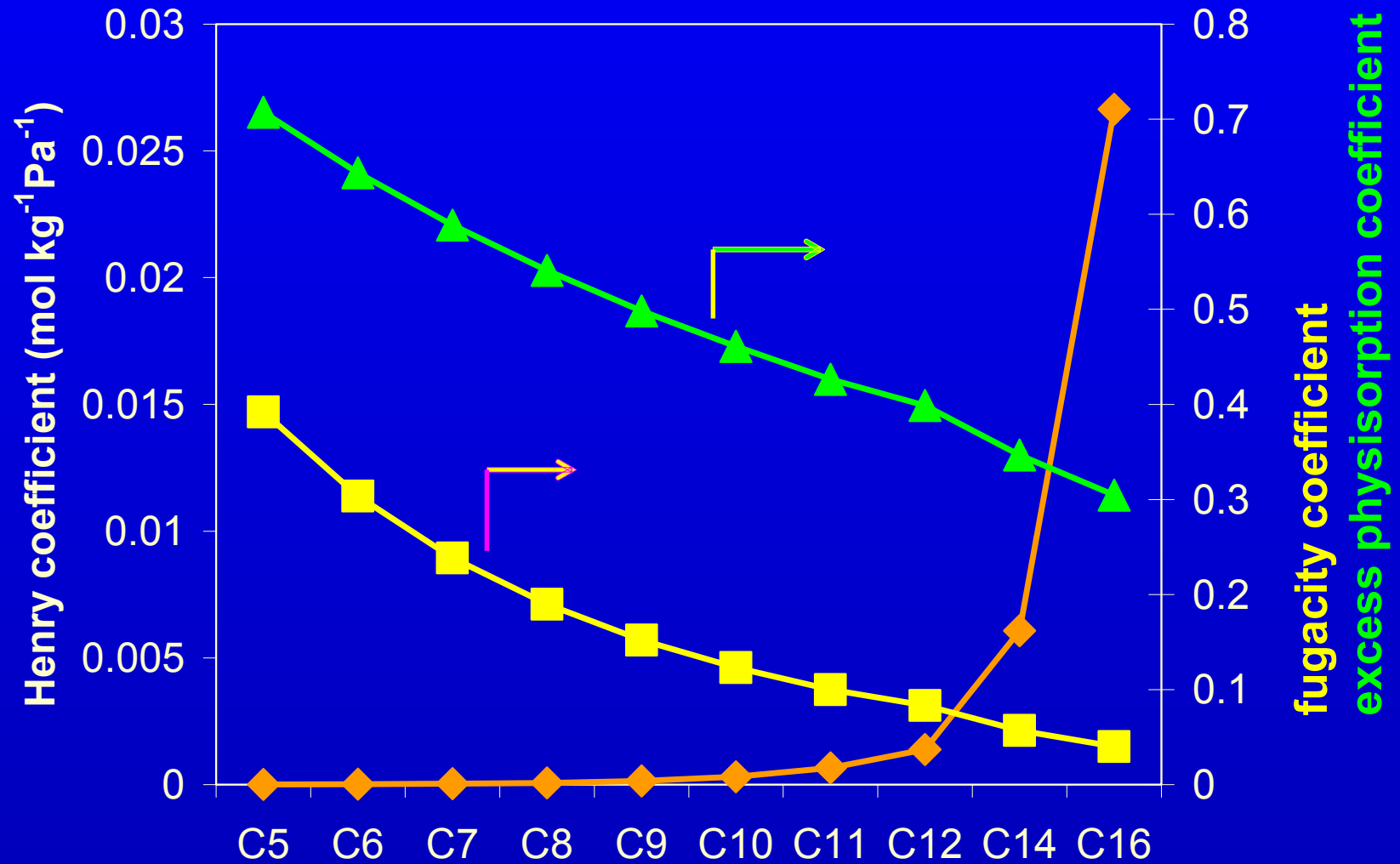
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USY: binary mixtures with n-octane
ambient conditions



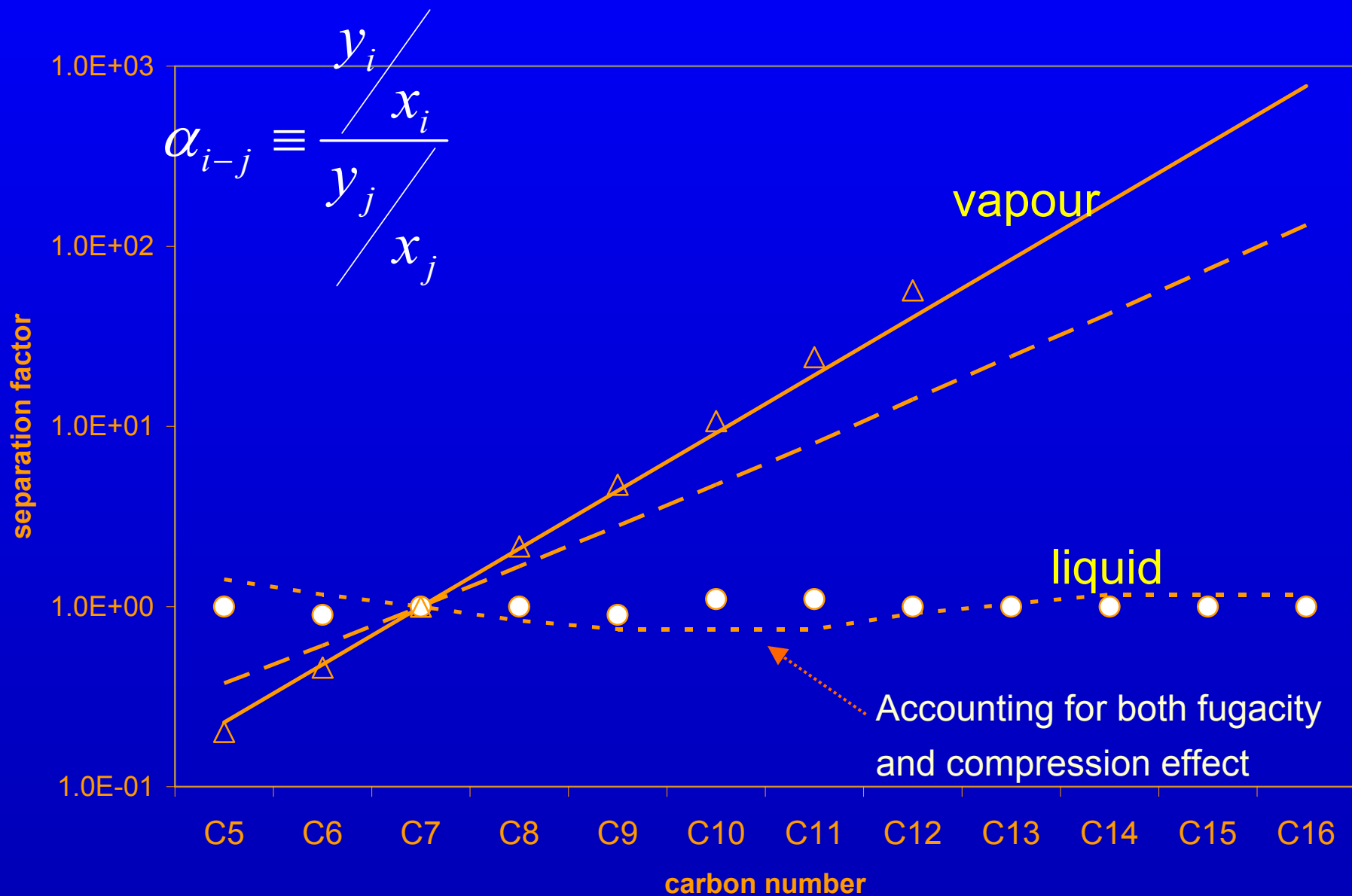
Excess physisorption coefficient K_{Li}^E in liquid phase on USY zeolite



$$K_{L,i}^E = \phi_i^{-c^E/RT}$$

Temperature: 506K and Pressure: 8MPa

From vapour to liquid: separation factors α for binary mixtures



$$C_{phys,i} = \frac{C_{sat} K_{L,i} K_L^E \phi_i C_i V_m P_t}{1 + K_{L,i} K_L^E \phi_i C_i V_m P_t}$$

$$\text{with } K_L^E = \phi_i^{-\frac{c^E}{RT}}$$

liquid phase conditions are **disfavouring** physisorption:

- fugacity coefficients $\phi_i < 1$
- excess physisorption coefficient $K_L^E < 1$ for $c^E < 0$ (for $\phi_i < 1$): compression effect
- **disfavouring** more pronounced for larger alkanes (even selectivity reversal possible)

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Hydrocracking: rate equations

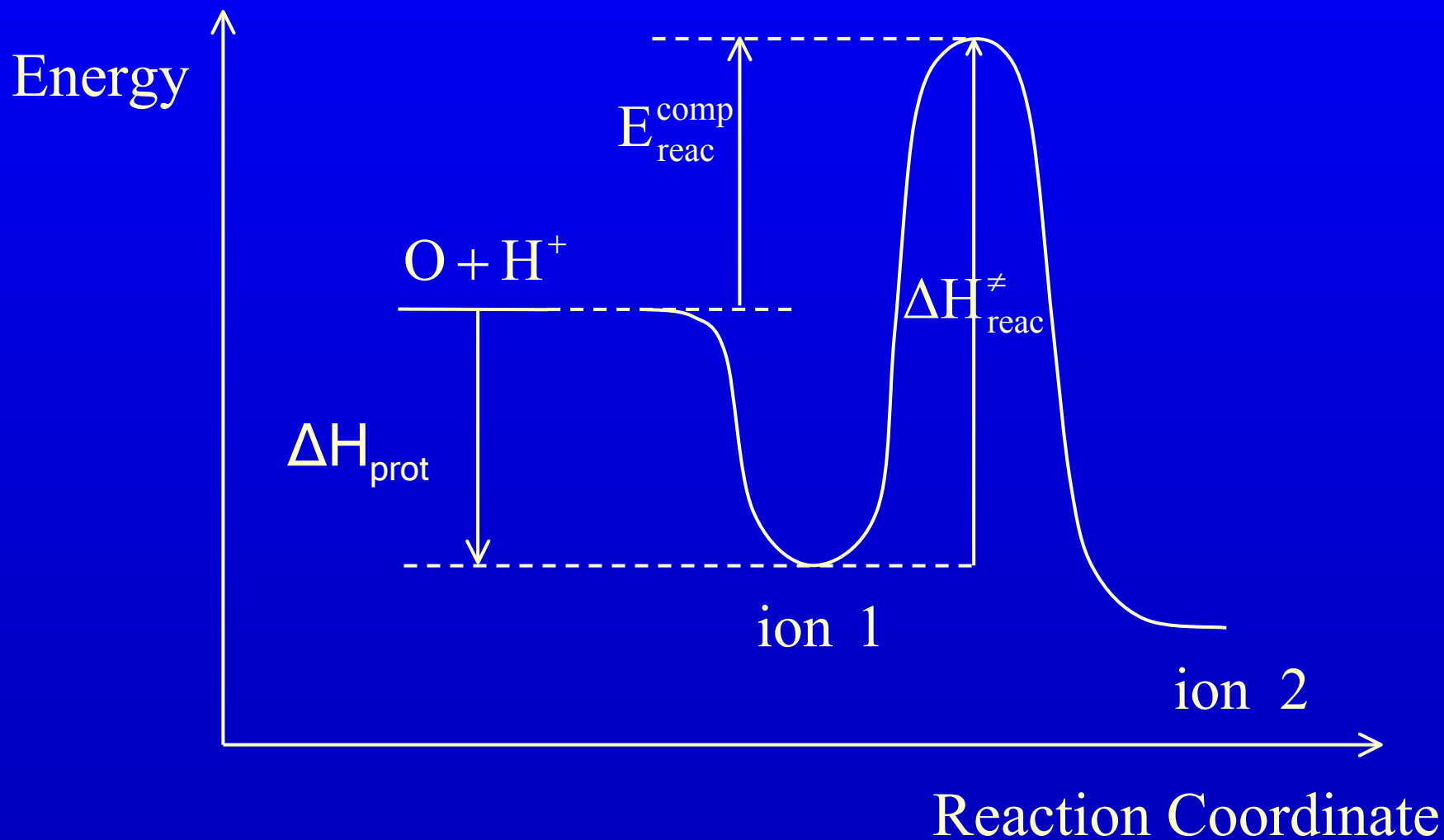
vapour phase

$$r = \frac{C_{\text{sat}} C_t k K_{\text{prot}} K_{\text{deh}} K_L p_P / p_{\text{H}_2}}{(1 + K_L p_P) \left(1 + \frac{C_{\text{sat}} K_{\text{prot}} K_{\text{deh}} K_L p_P / p_{\text{H}_2}}{1 + K_L p_P} \right)}$$

liquid phase

$$r = \frac{C_{\text{sat}} C_t k K_{\text{prot}}^* K_{\text{deh}} K_L K_L^E \frac{\phi_P C_P}{\phi_{\text{H}_2} C_{\text{H}_2}}}{(1 + K_L K_L^E \phi_P C_P V_m p_t) \left(1 + \frac{C_{\text{sat}} K_{\text{prot}}^* K_{\text{deh}} K_L K_L^E \frac{\phi_P C_P}{\phi_{\text{H}_2} C_{\text{H}_2}}}{1 + K_L K_L^E \phi_P C_P V_m p_t} \right)}$$

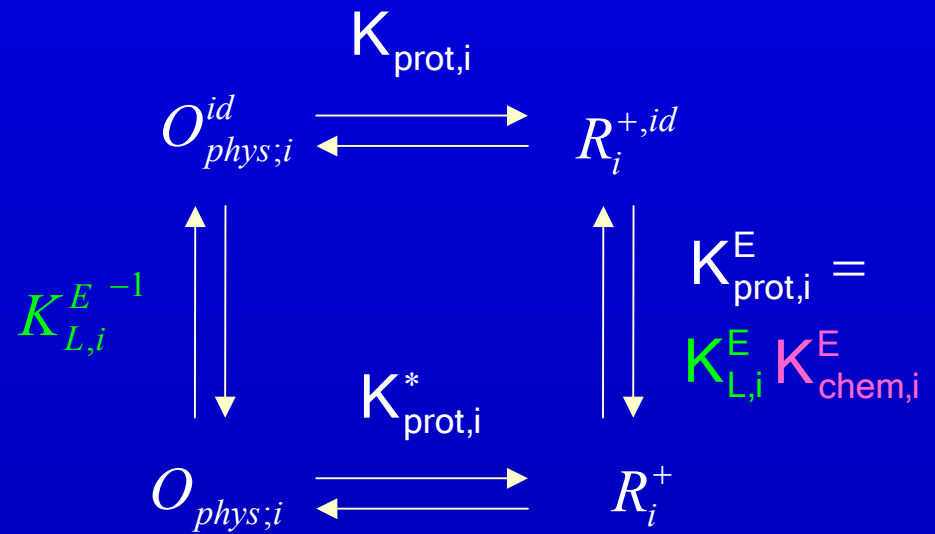
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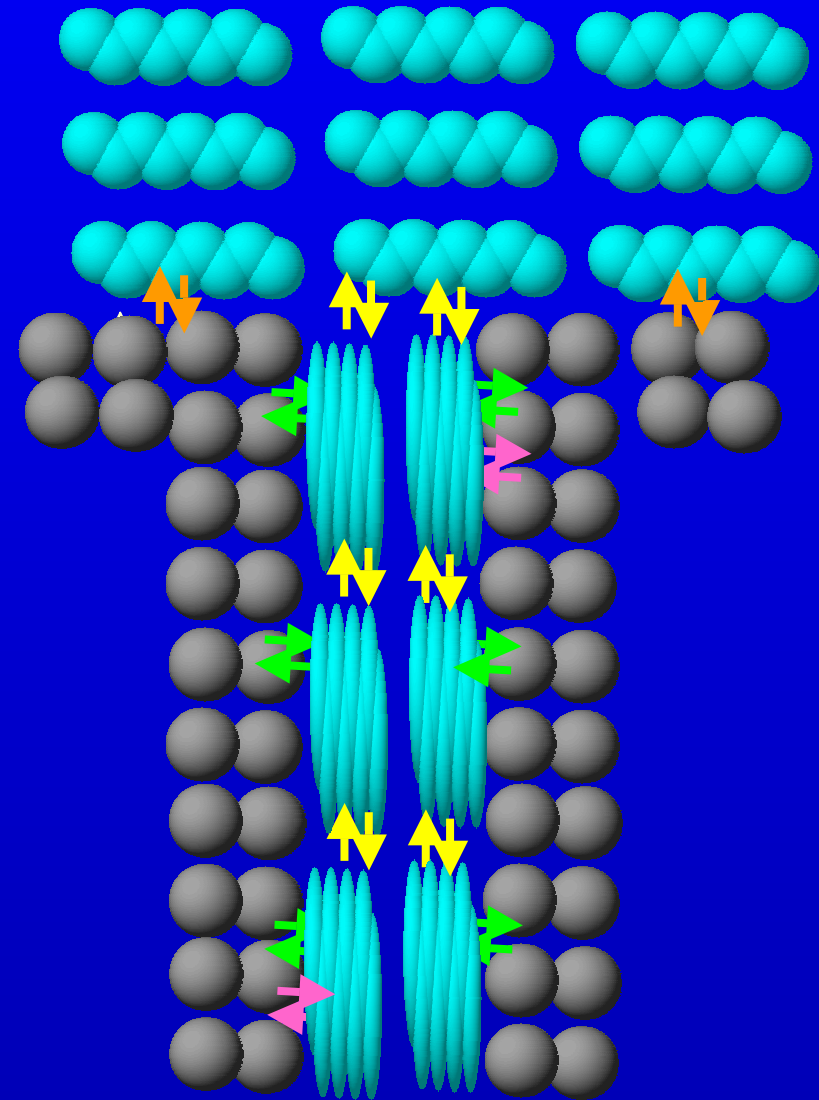
protonation coefficient accounting for non ideality $K_{\text{prot},i}^*$

- solvating effect on sorbent framework:

modified strength of the acid sites



Born-Haber cycle



$$K_{\text{prot},i}^* = K_{\text{prot},i} K_{\text{chem},i}^E$$

excess due to chemical interactions

$$\Delta G_{\text{prot},i}^{*,0} = \Delta G_{\text{prot},i}^0 + \Delta G_{\text{chem},i}^{0,E}$$

excess standard protonation free enthalpy

estimation of liquid phase excess standard protonation enthalpy

modified strength of the acid sites:

- no effect on entropy
- only effect on standard protonation enthalpy

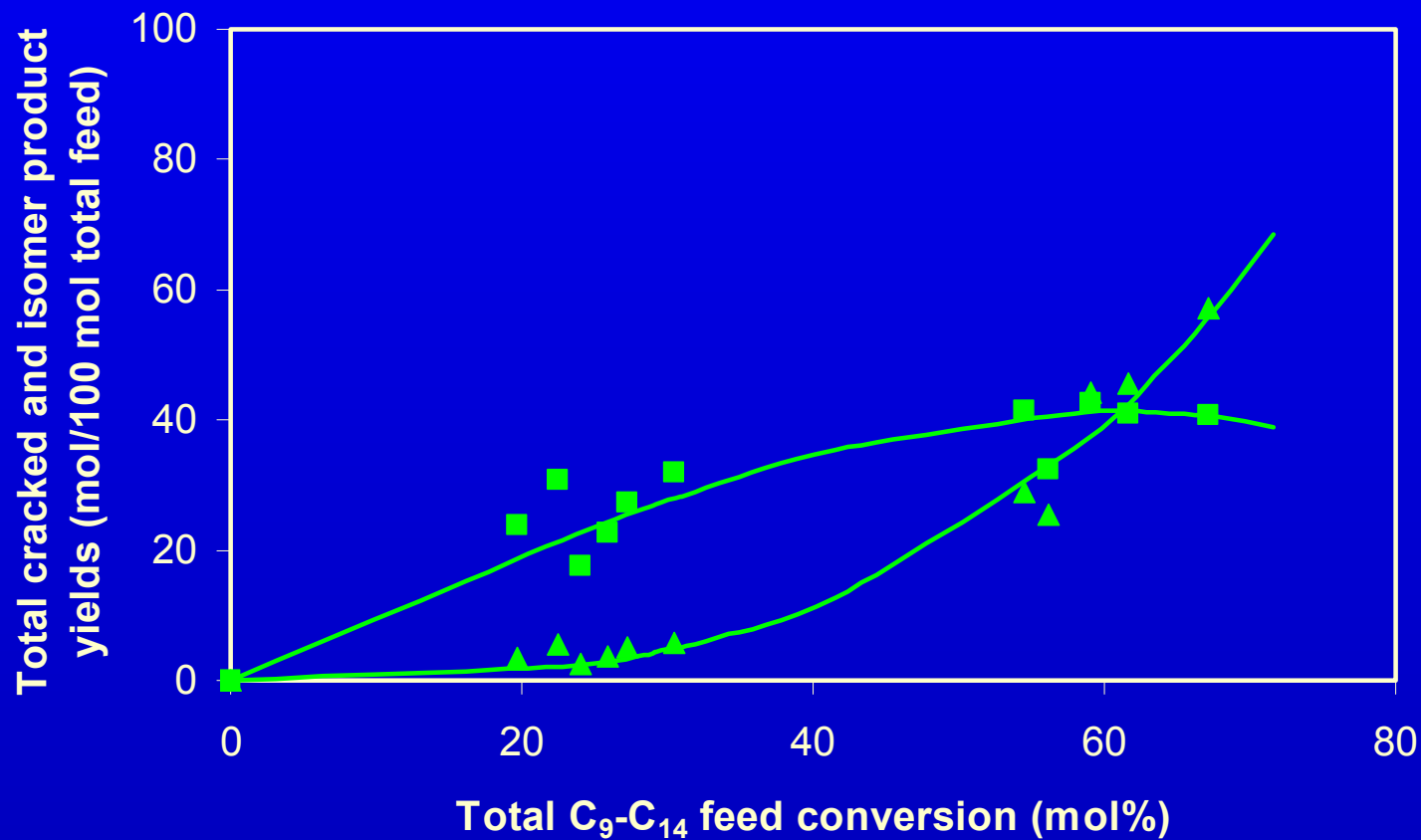
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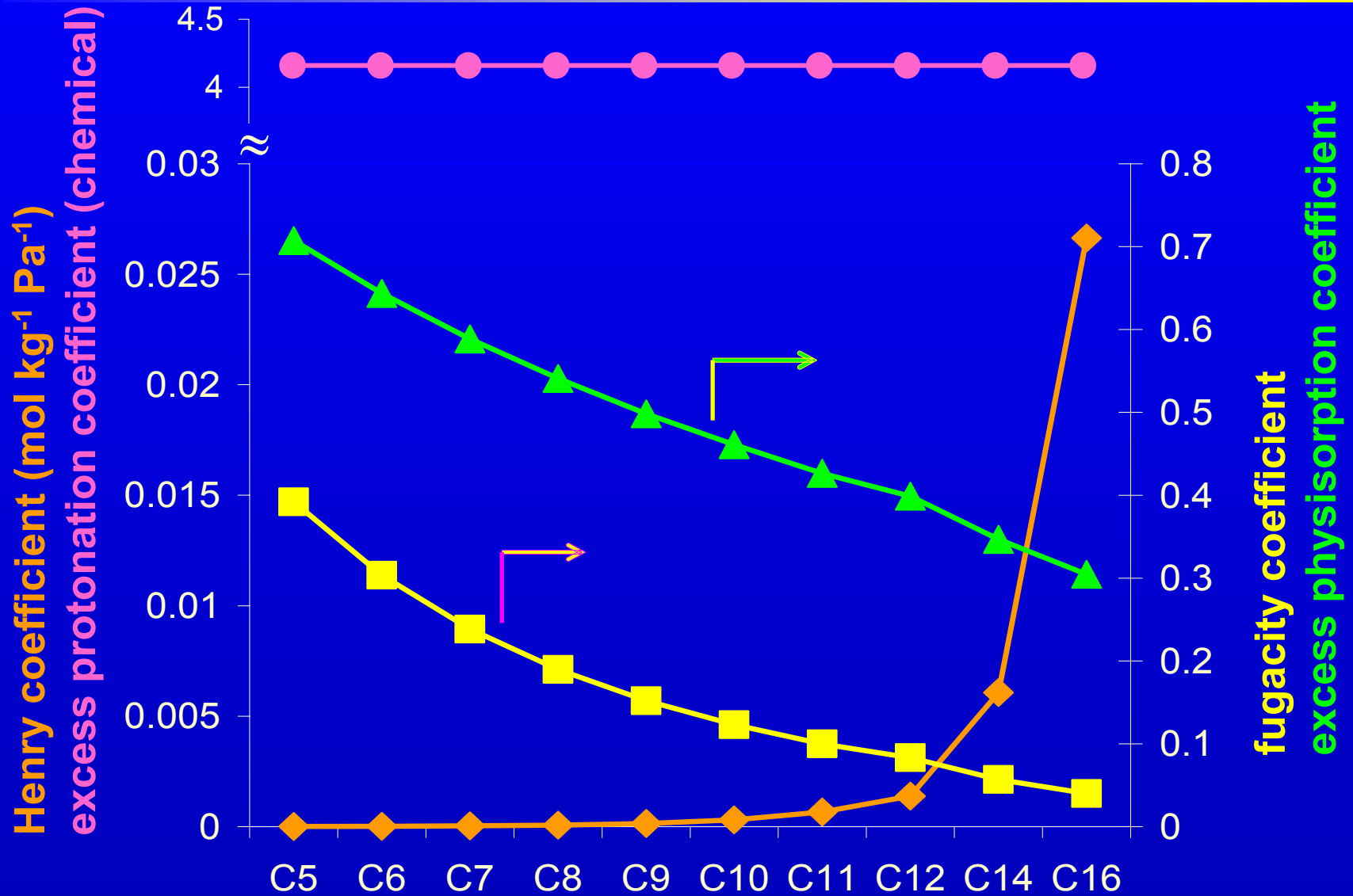
on USY zeolite

→ increased stability of carbenium ions

liquid phase model adequacy for hydroconversion on USY

C9-C14 mixture hydroconversion





Vapour phase versus liquid phase hydroconversion rates: limit cases

- carbenium ion concentration can be neglected
- liquid phase: saturation
- vapour phase: Henry regime

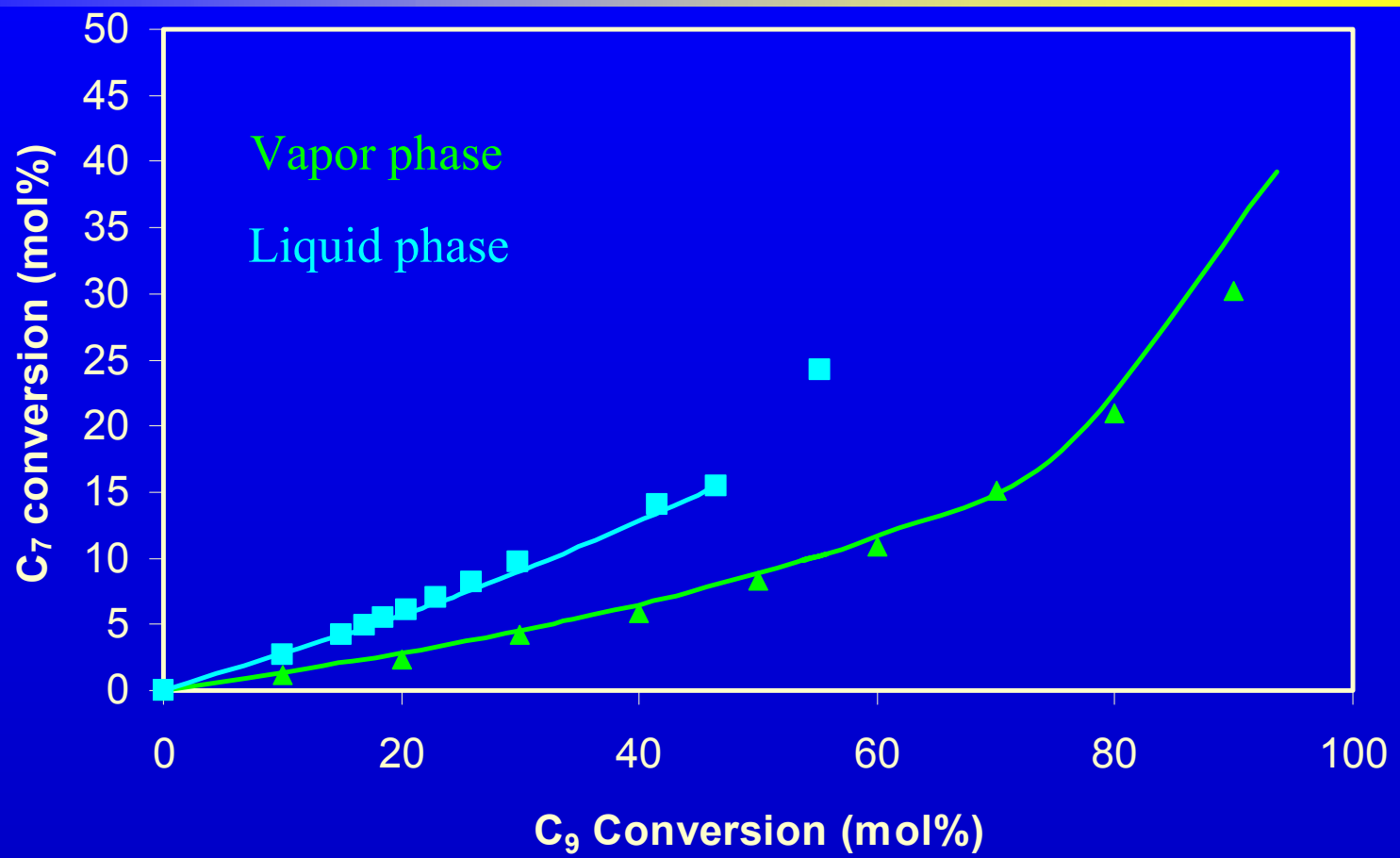
$$r_{\text{liquid/vapour}} = \frac{K_{\text{chem}}^E}{K_L p_P \phi_{H_2}}$$

- vapour phase: saturation

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liquid phase: enhanced competition in binary mixtures

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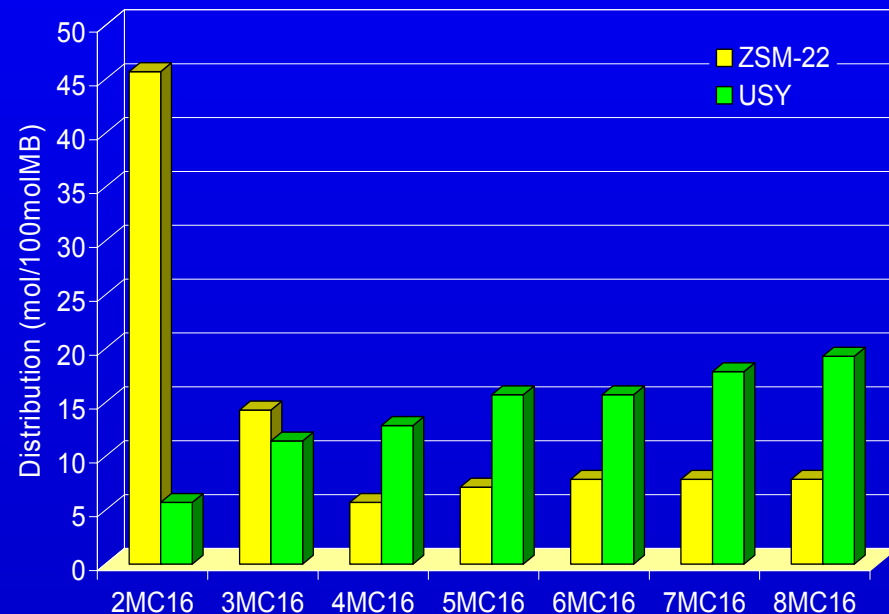
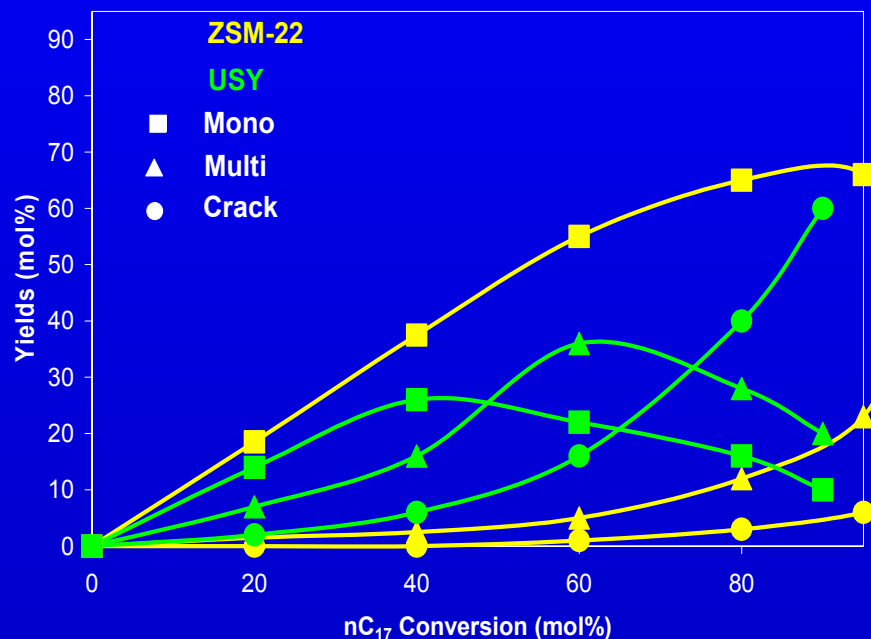
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Ratio of reaction rates in mixtures: vapour versus liquid phase

$$r_{C_7/C_9}^{\text{vapour}} = \frac{k_{C_7}^{\text{relump}} H_{C_7} p_{C_7}}{k_{C_9}^{\text{relump}} H_{C_9} p_{C_9}}$$

$$r_{C_7/C_9}^{\text{liquid}} = \frac{k_{C_7}^{\text{relump}} H_{C_7} K_{L,C_7}^E \phi_{C_7} p_{C_7}}{k_{C_9}^{\text{relump}} H_{C_9} K_{L,C_9}^E \phi_{C_9} p_{C_9}} \stackrel{\text{USY}}{\approx} \frac{k_{C_7}^{\text{relump}} p_{C_7}}{k_{C_9}^{\text{relump}} p_{C_9}}$$

Shape selective hydroconversion: pore mouth and key lock catalysis



(Martens et al. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl. 34(22) 2528 1995)

nC₁₇ hydroconversion on Pt-H/USY & Pt-H/ZSM-22 at T=430-490K, P=1.5 bar,
W/Fo=13000 kgsmol⁻¹

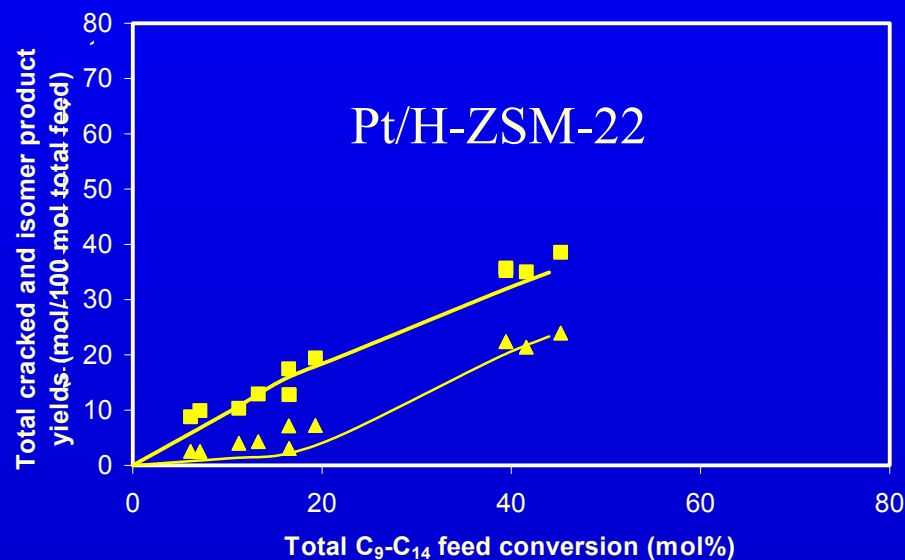
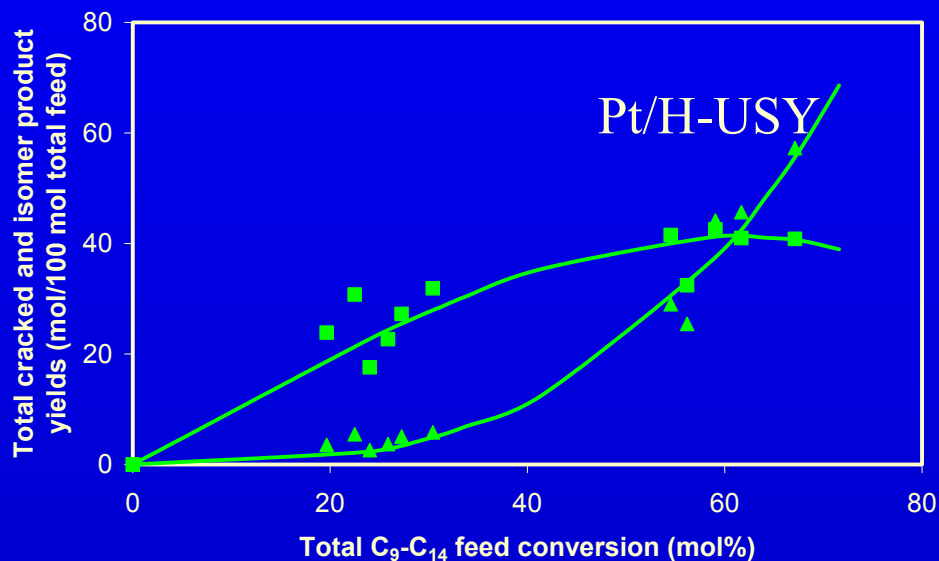
Vapour phase

liquid phase: shape selectivity of ZSM22 less pronounced

squares: isomerization

triangles: cracking

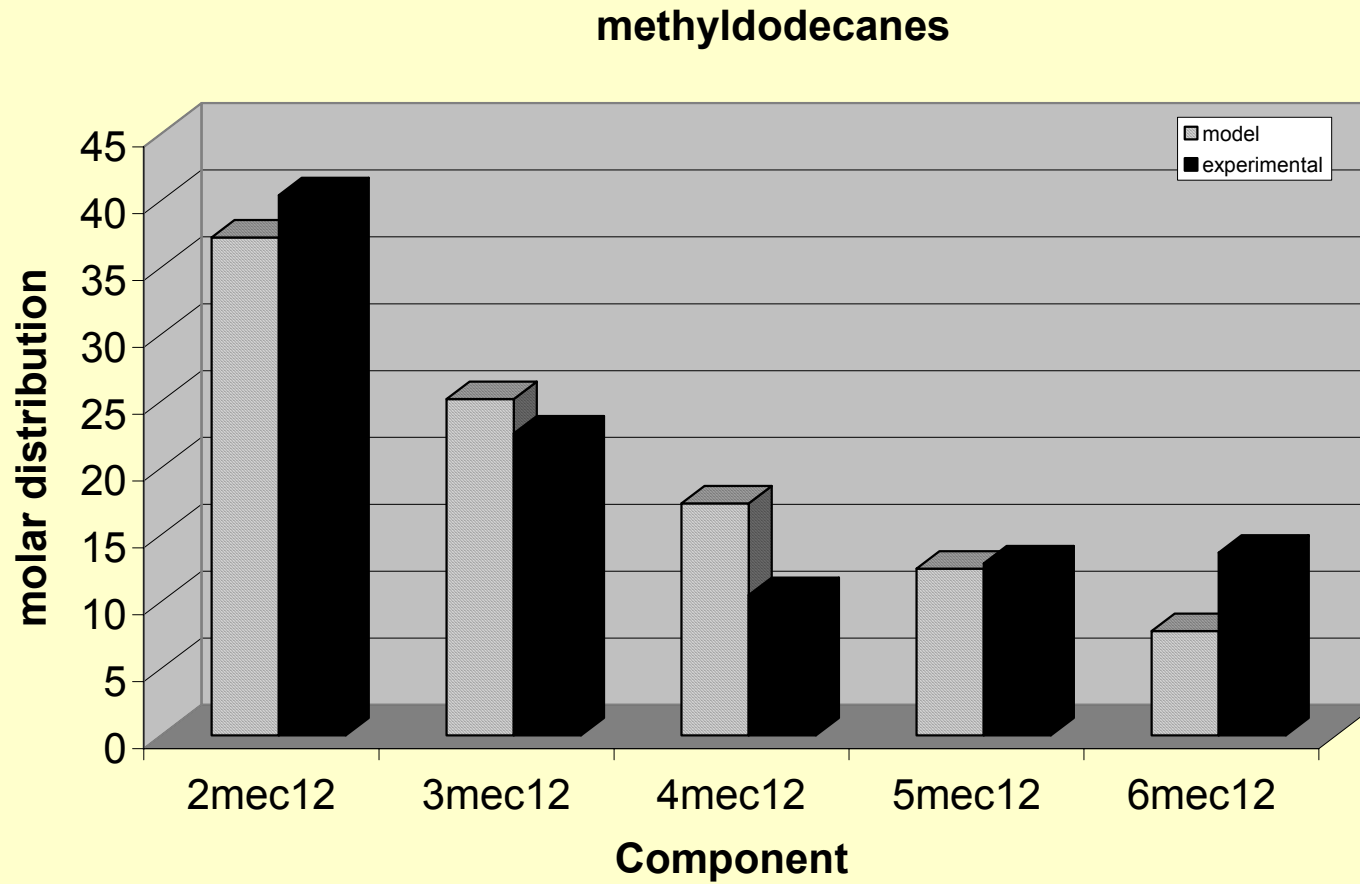
C9-C14 mixture hydroconversion



Enhanced competition between cracked products and feed molecules →
Enhanced secondary cracking in liquid phase, in particular for ZSM-22

Shape selectivity only for position Me branches

monobranched isomer distribution in liquid phase hydroconversion on ZSM-22



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- Families of elementary reactions
- Kinetic parameters
- Acidity
- From vapour to liquid
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- intrinsic kinetics / elementary reaction families
- kinetic parameters
 - limited number
 - independent expts (e.g. physisorption)
 - catalyst properties
- extrapolation from vapour to liquid
 - fugacity
 - single excess parameter c^E for physisorption
 - excess stabilisation of carbenium ions

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