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Pd and Carbon membranes for hydrogen separation

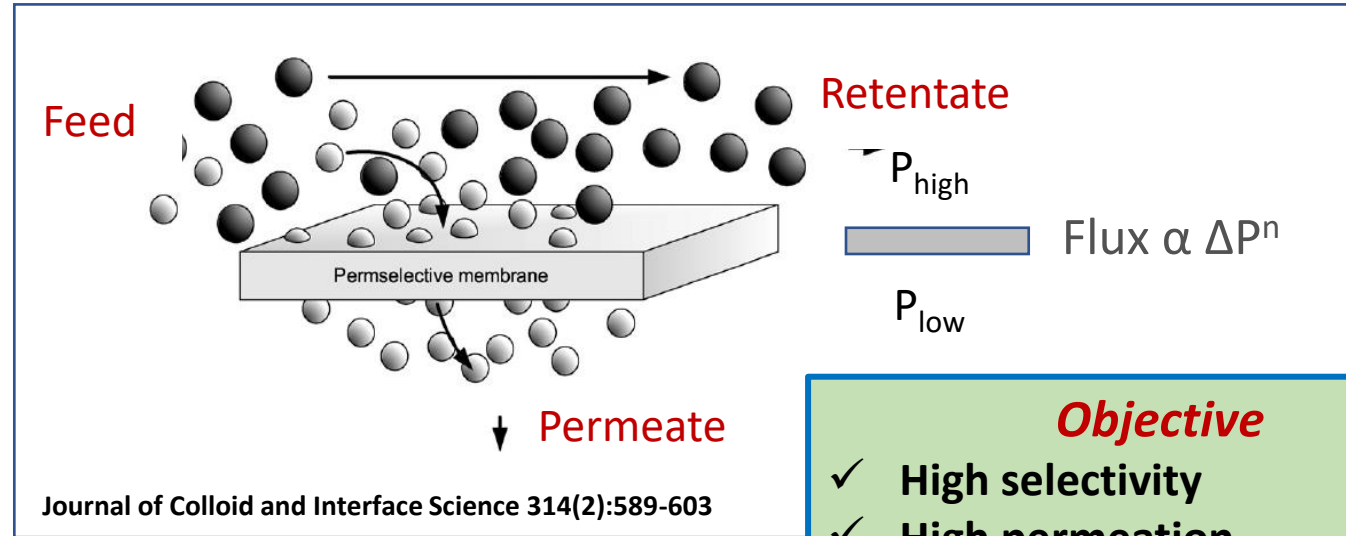
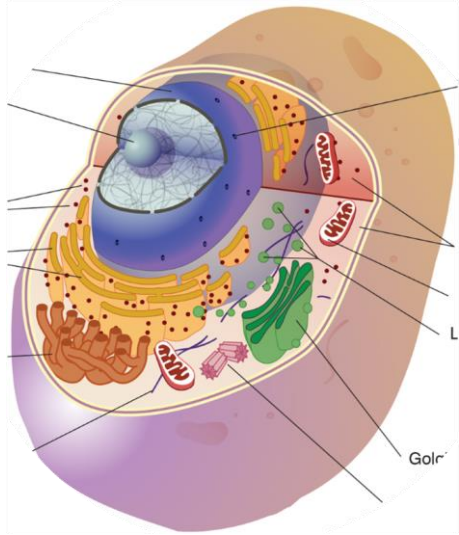
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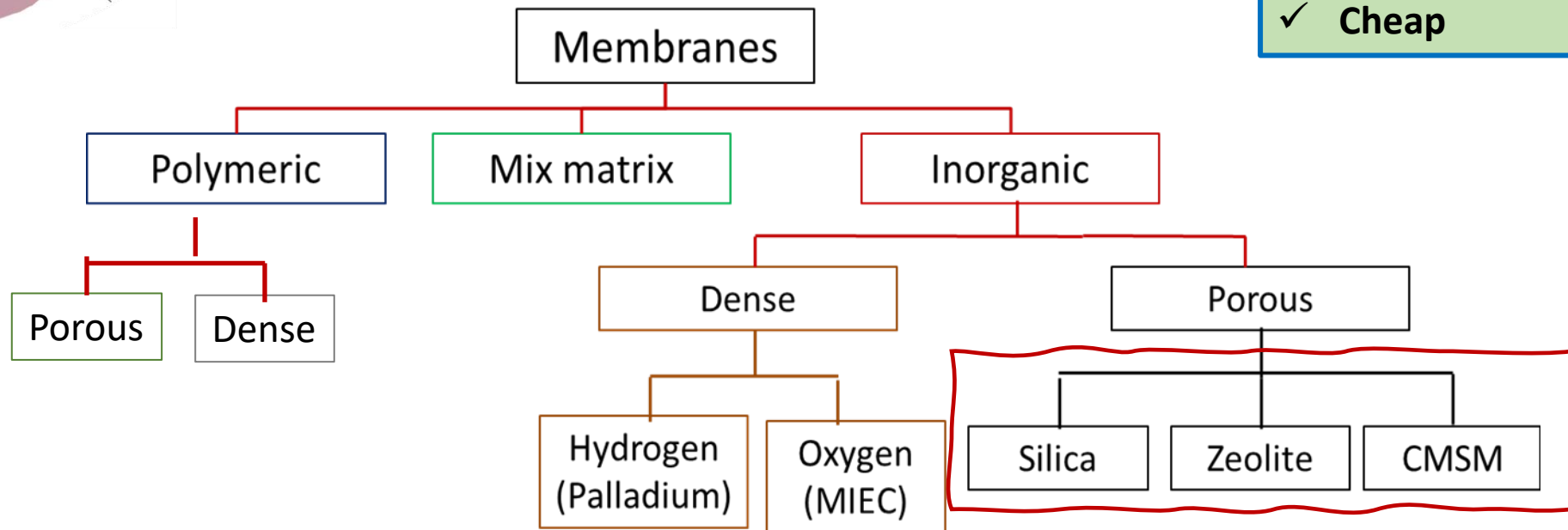


Synthetic membranes

Biological Membrane



- Objective**
- ✓ High selectivity
 - ✓ High permeation
 - ✓ Stable at operation conditions
 - ✓ Cheap



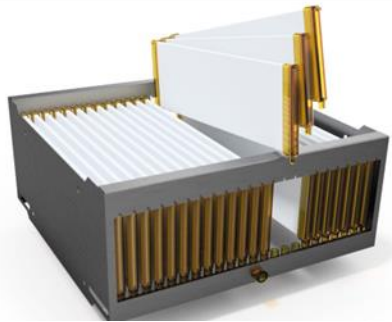
Microporous
< 2nm

Polymeric membranes

Flat sheets

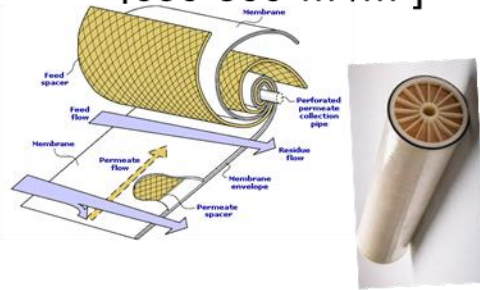
Plate and frame

[330-500 m²/m³]

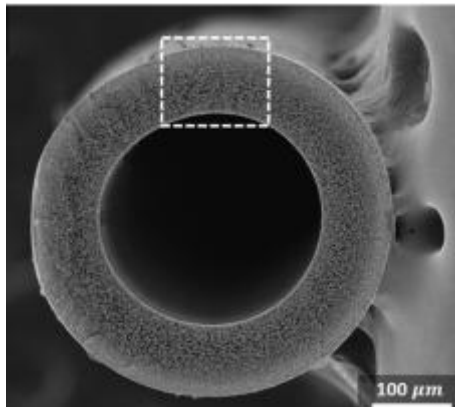
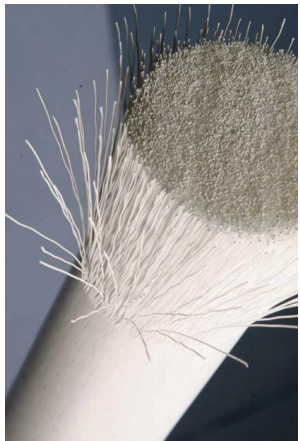


Spiral wound

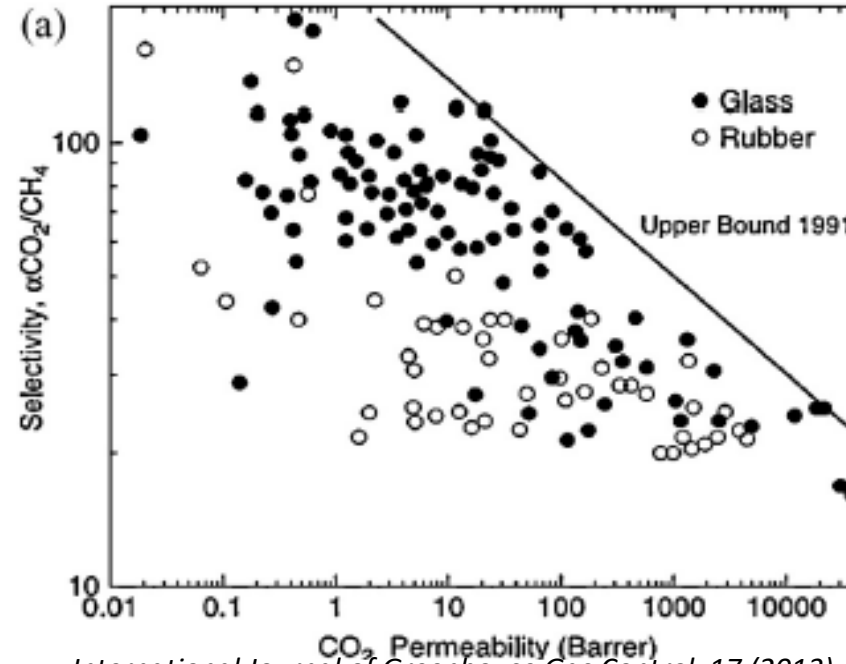
[650-800 m²/m³]



Hollow fiber ($< 0.5\text{mm}$)



Robeson upper bond limit

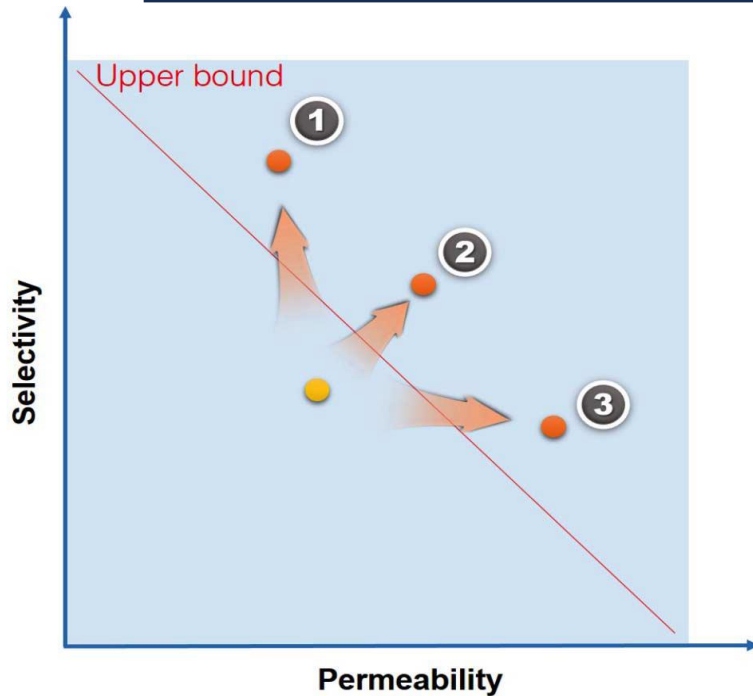
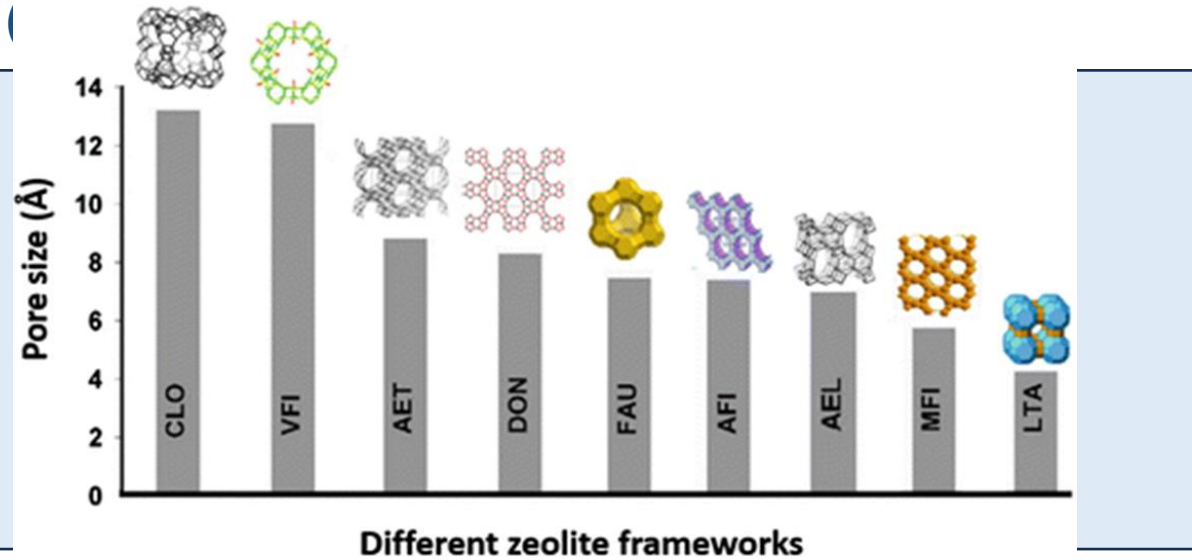
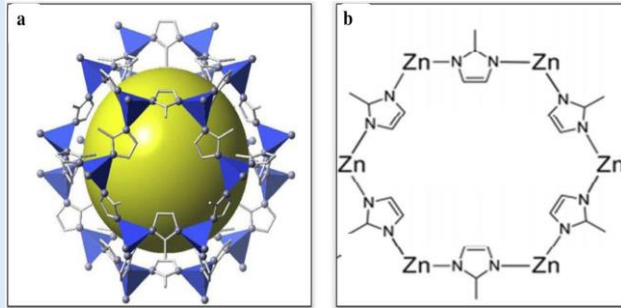


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Mechanically and thermally not stable

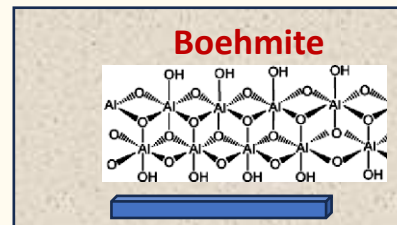
Mix Matrix Membranes

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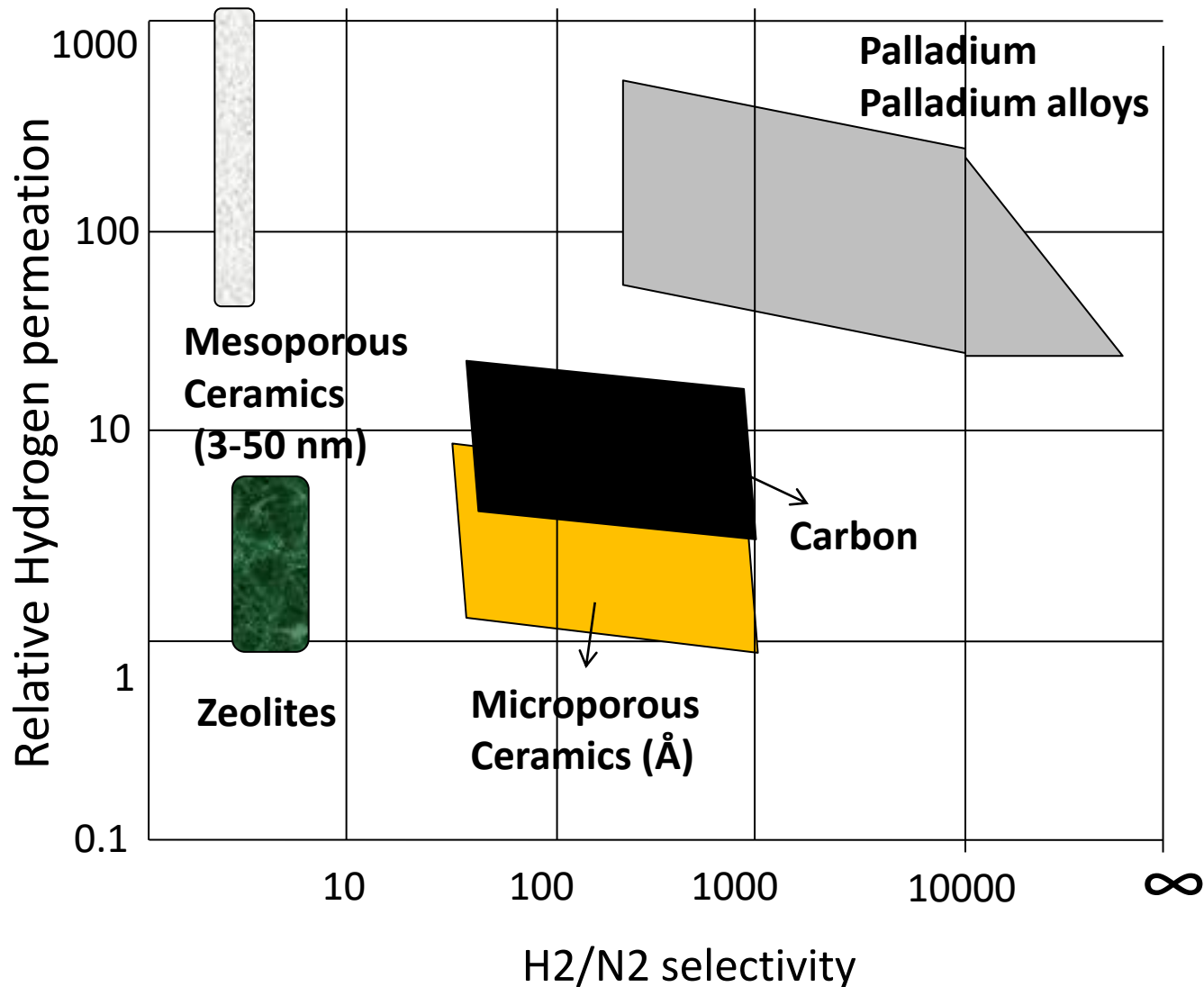
Nano size or nanosheet shapes



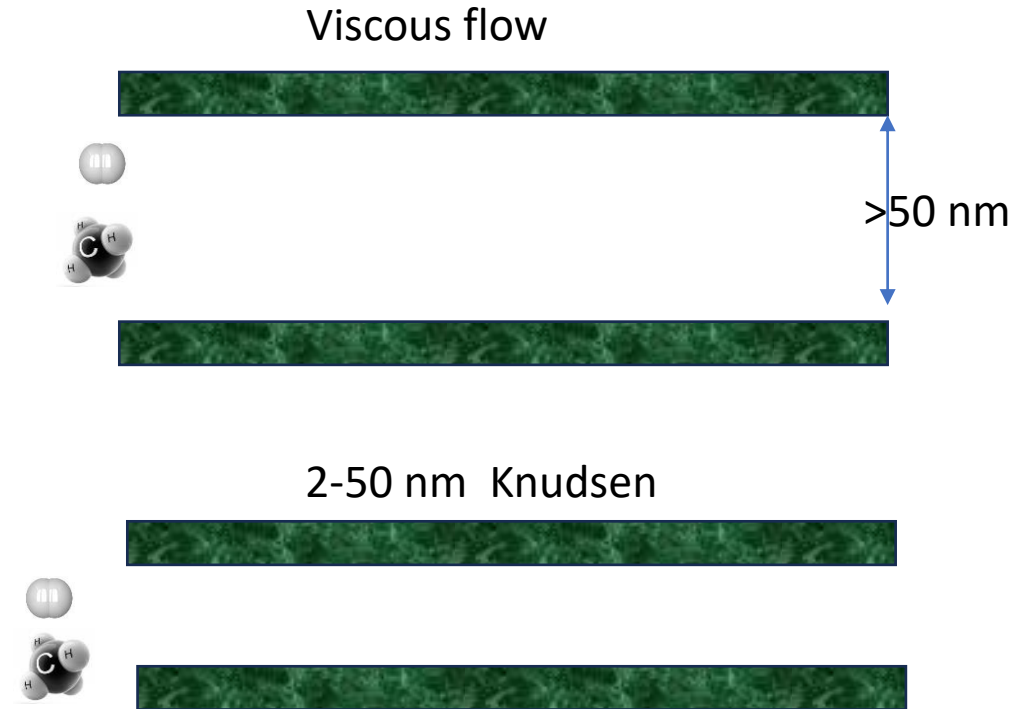
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- ✓ Interaction of nanoparticles (metals) with polymer
- Increase stability, reduce polymer chain mobility
- Improve permeation properties

Permeation of H2 against H2/N2 selectivity



Gas permeation on porous membranes



< 50 nm Knudsen separation

$$\frac{H_2}{N_2} \propto \sqrt{\frac{M_{N_2}}{M_{H_2}}} \sqrt{\frac{28}{2}} \quad \mathbf{3.7}$$

$$Flux \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}}$$

Gas permeation test for detection of defects

2- 50 nm Knudsen flow

> 50 nm viscous flow defects

Total permeance = Knudsen + Viscous

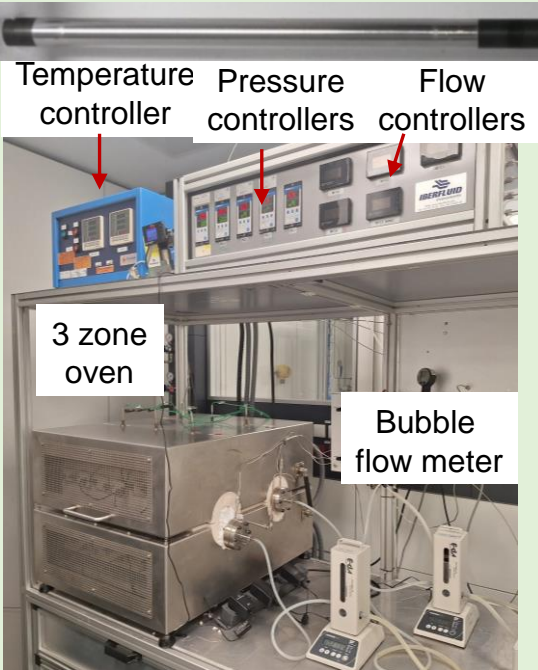
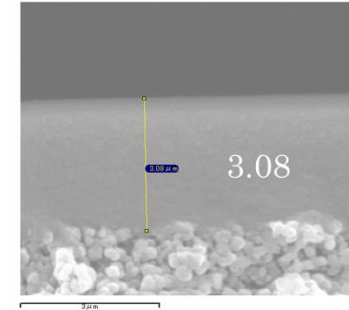
$$Permeance = \alpha + \beta \cdot P_{av}$$

$\beta=0$ Knudsen permeance

$\beta > 0$ Knudsen + Viscous

YSZ + Al₂O₃ 3.7%
PVA 1.4%
PEG 0.4%

Al₂O₃ 40%

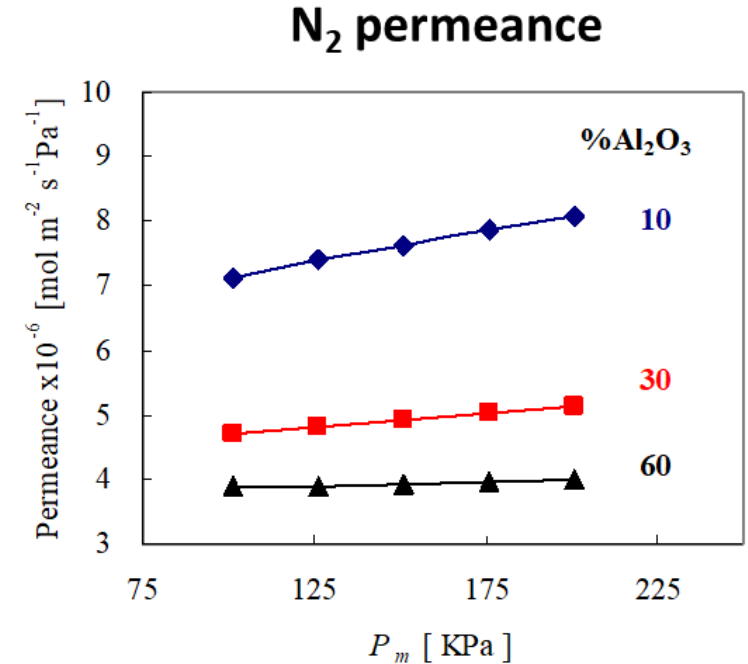
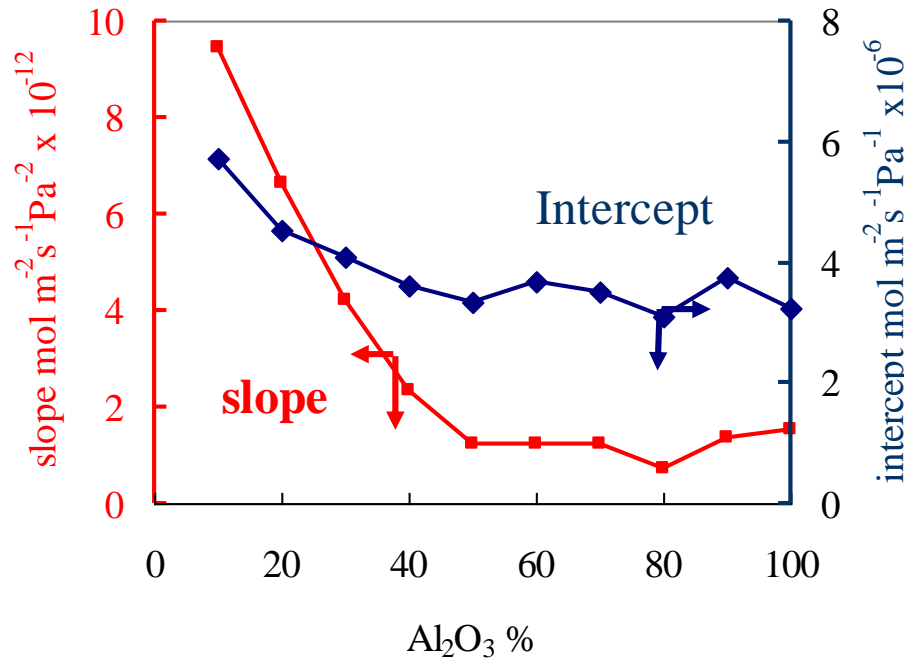


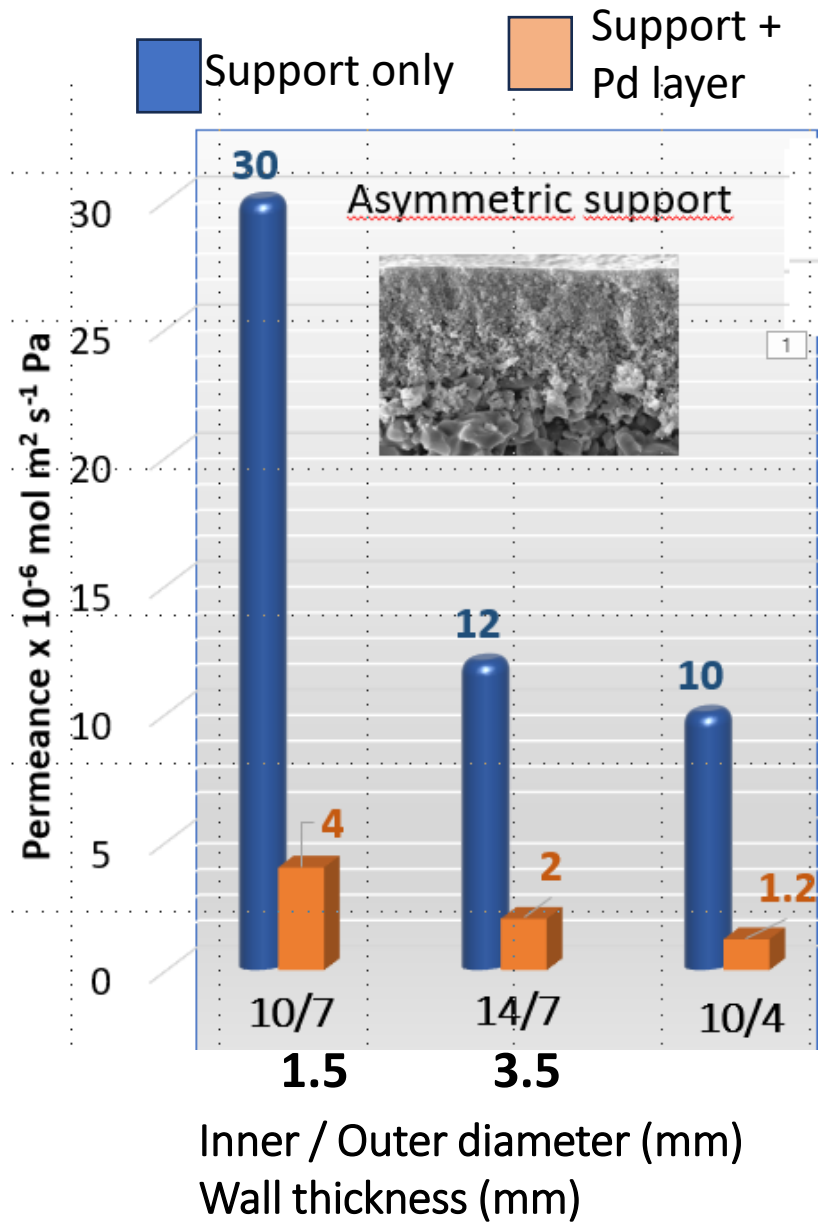
- Flow ml min⁻¹
- Atmospheric pressure (P)
- Temperature (T)

$PV = nRT$ mol/s

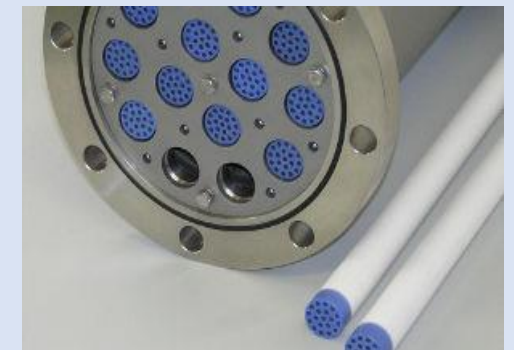
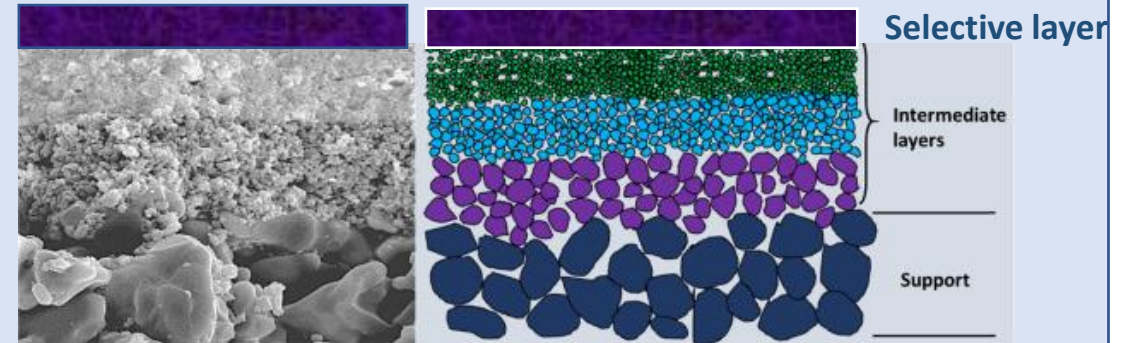
A = membrane area
Flow/Area = Flux [mol m⁻²s⁻¹]

Permeance = Flux/ΔP
[mol m⁻²s⁻¹Pa⁻¹]





Porous Ceramic supports

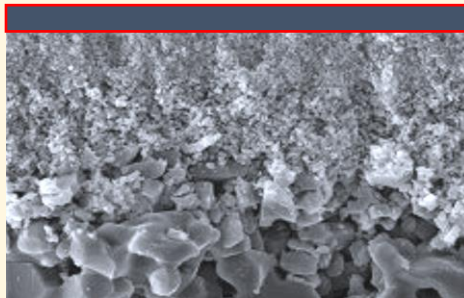


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Thin supported Membranes < 5 μm

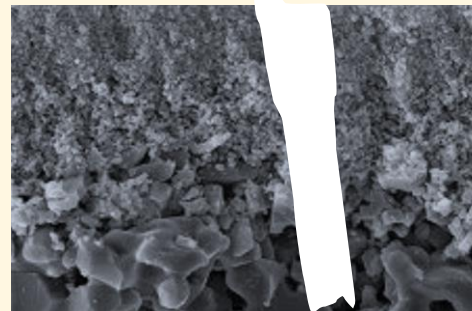
Ceramic support

Low resistance
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permeation

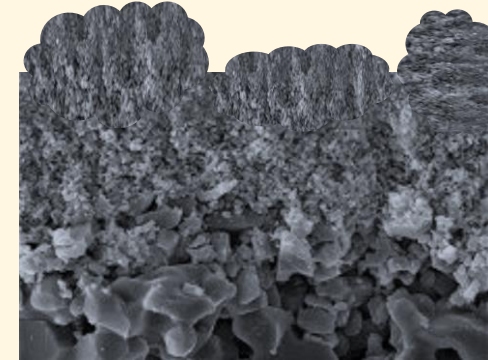


- ✓ Asymmetric
- ✓ High porosity

✓ Small pore size



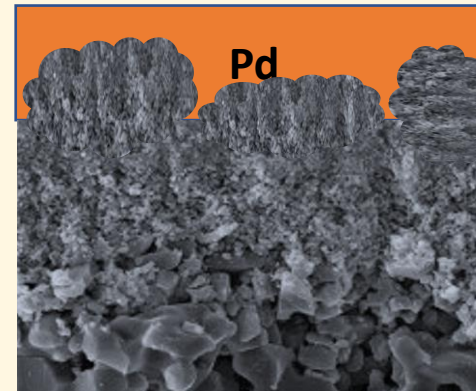
✓ Smooth surface



Pd



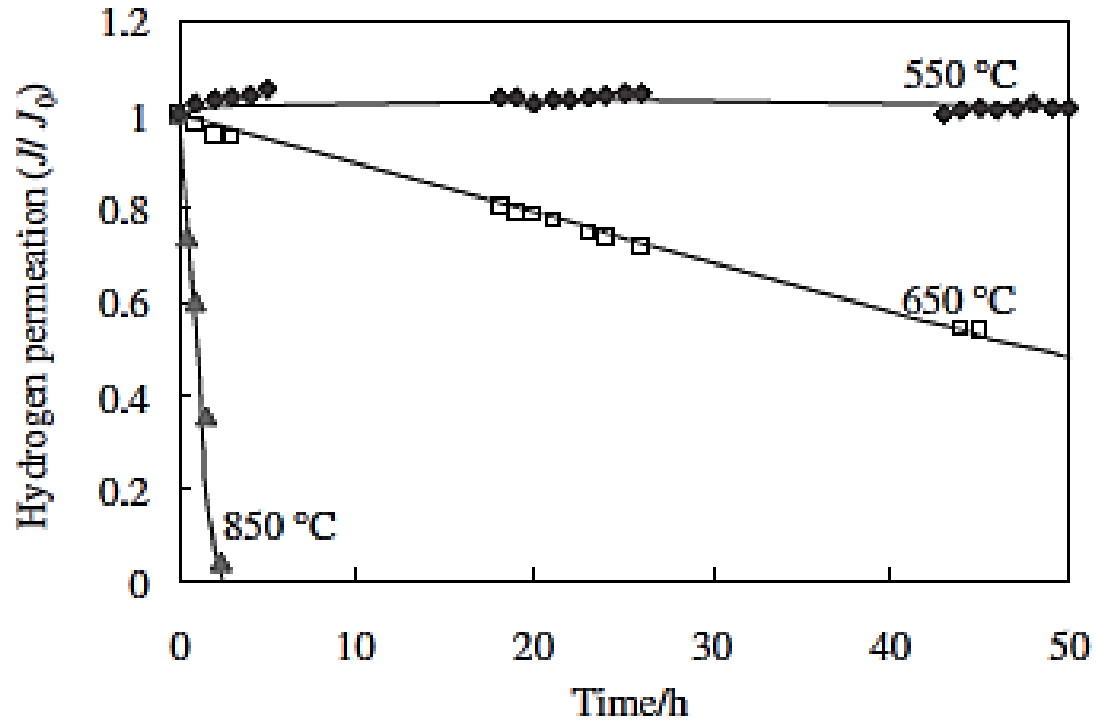
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3 times the biggest pore

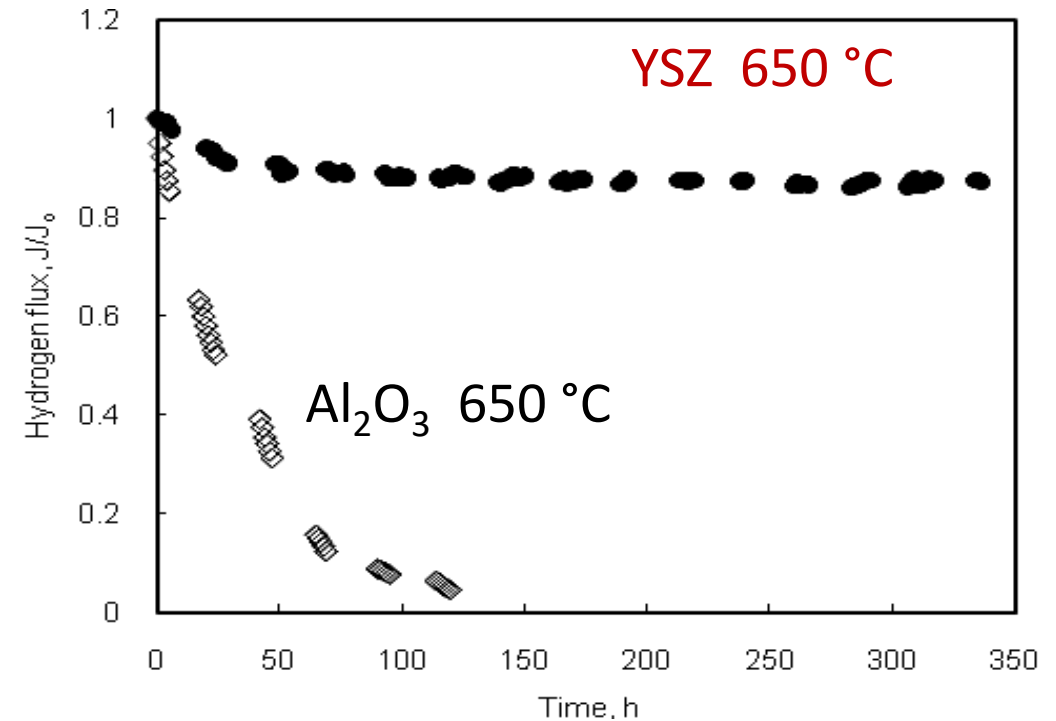
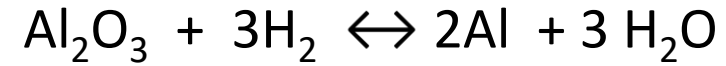
Pd- Support strong interaction

α -alumina support



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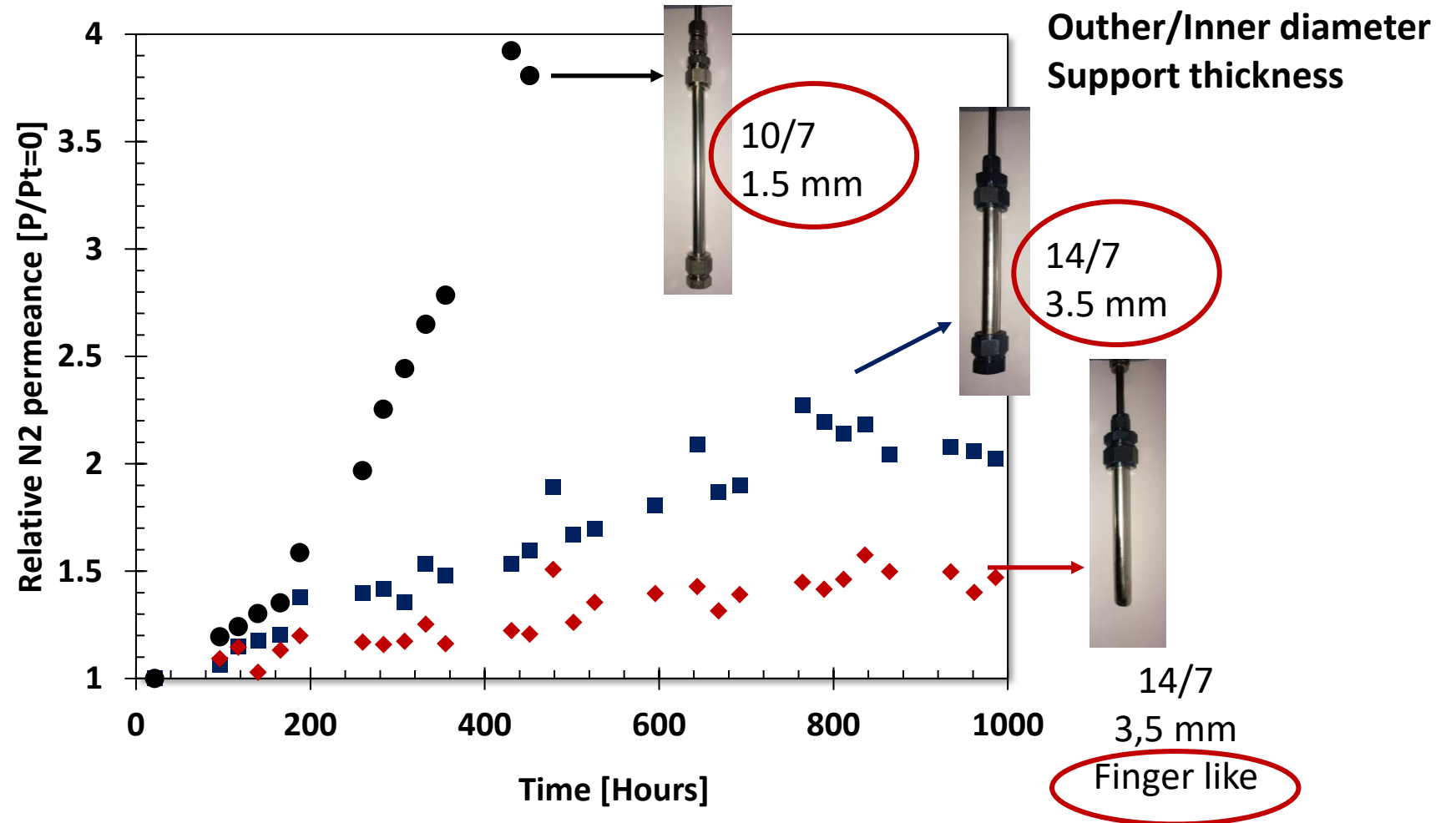
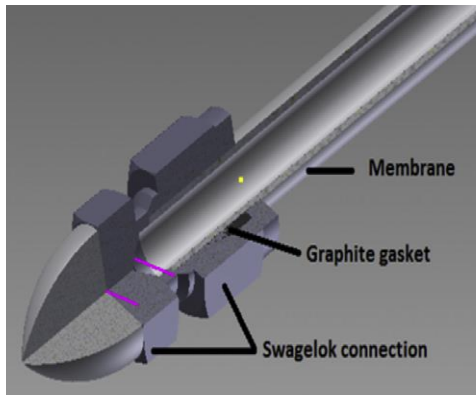
Pd



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Effect of the alumina support type on the long time H₂ permeation test at 500°C

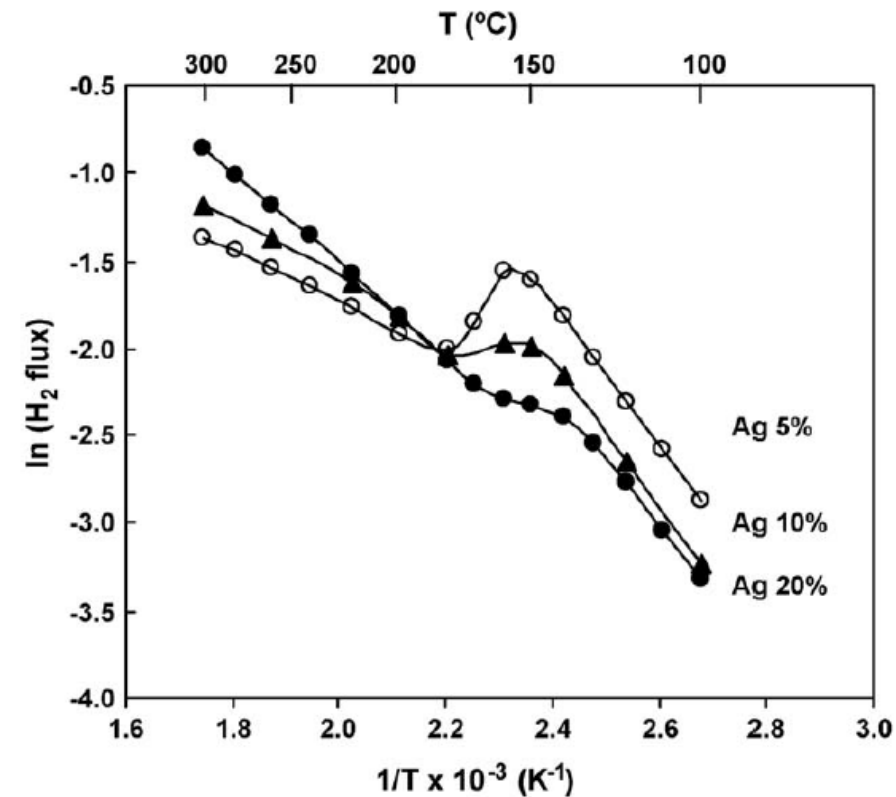
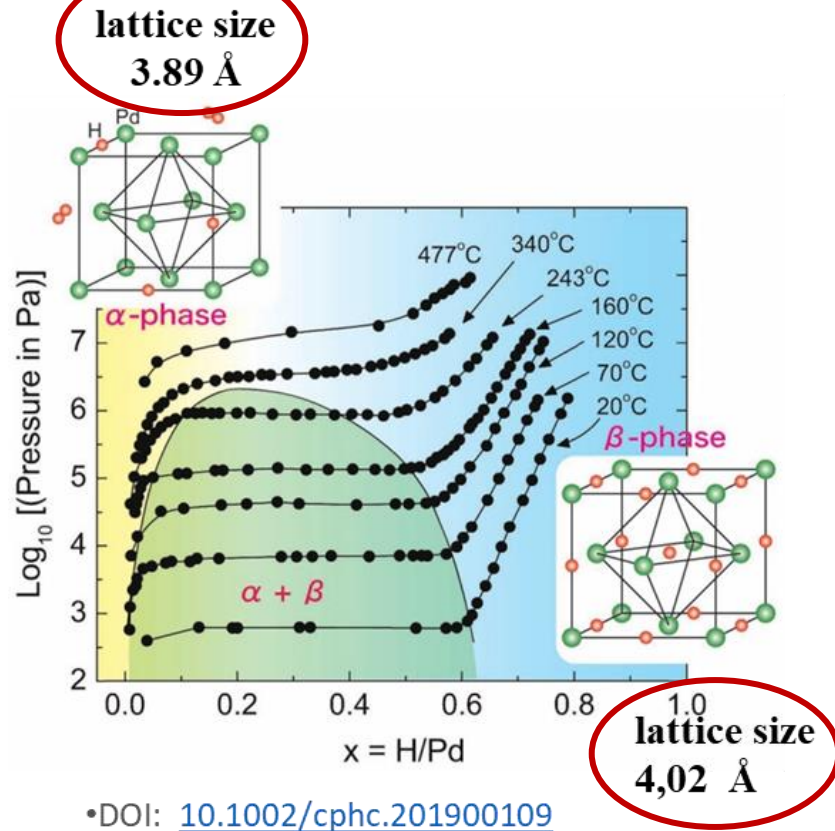
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PdH embrittlement α - β transition

Change in lattice size (Å) of the α - and β -phase in Pd-Ag alloy

Atom % Ag	α - phase	β -phase	Increase %
0	3.89	4.02	3.3
10	3.92	4.00	2.0
20	3.94	3.99	1.3
24	3.99	4.00	0.3
30	3.94		



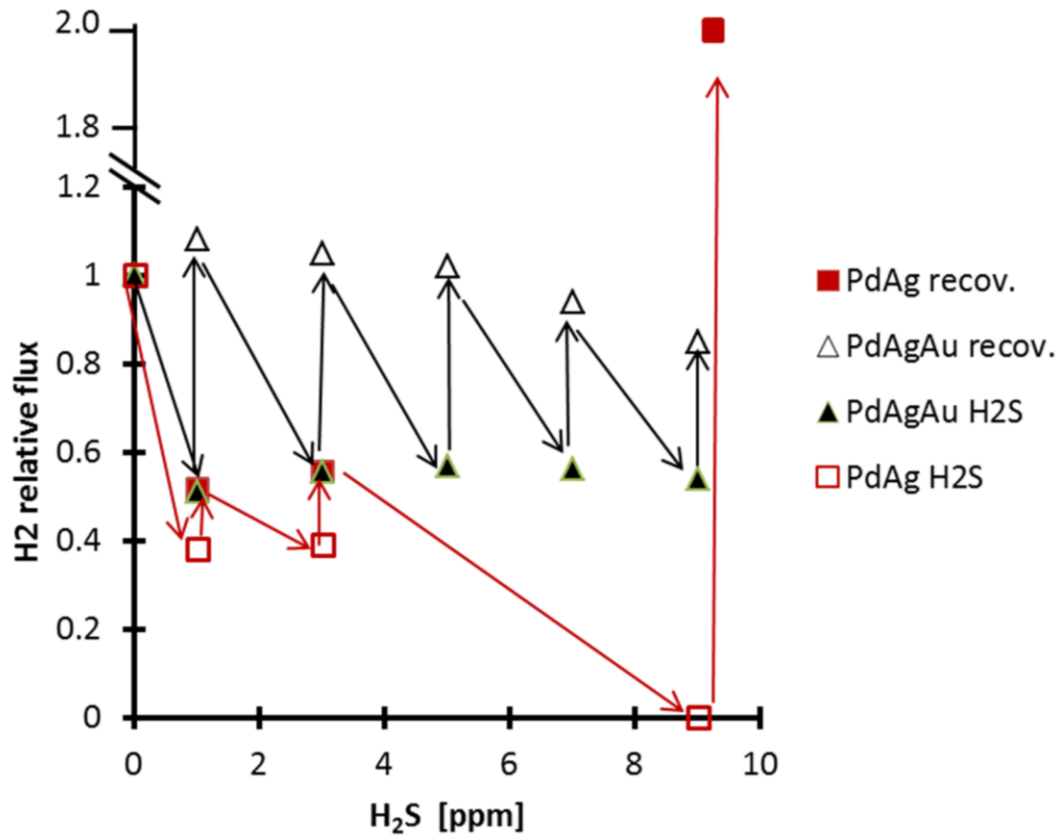
Improving sulphur poisoning resistance

Effect of H₂S on the PdAg and PdAgAu membranes H₂ permeation

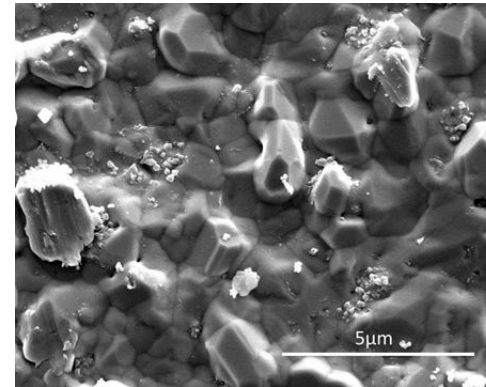
Pd96.1Ag3.9/ Pd91.5 Ag4.7 Au3.8



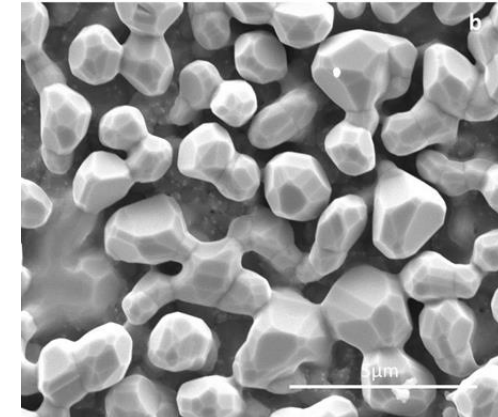
SEM after H₂S test

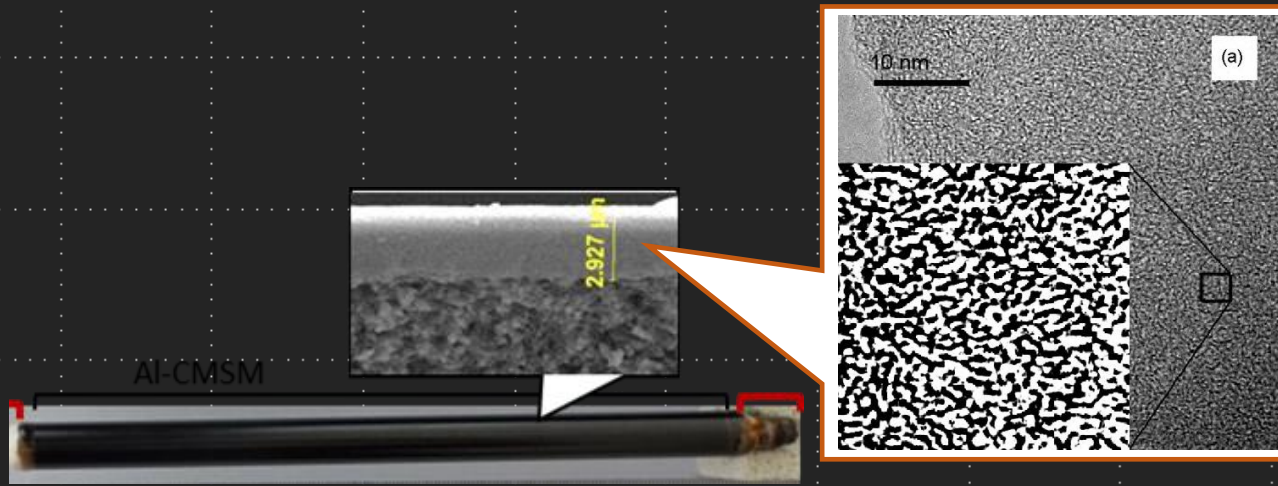


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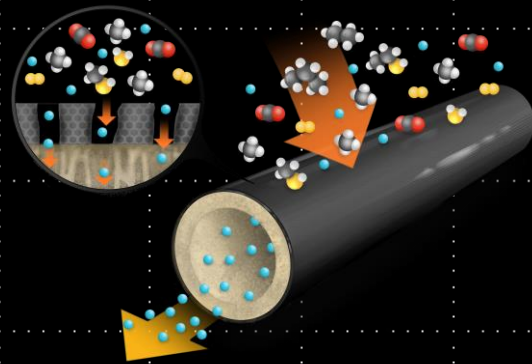


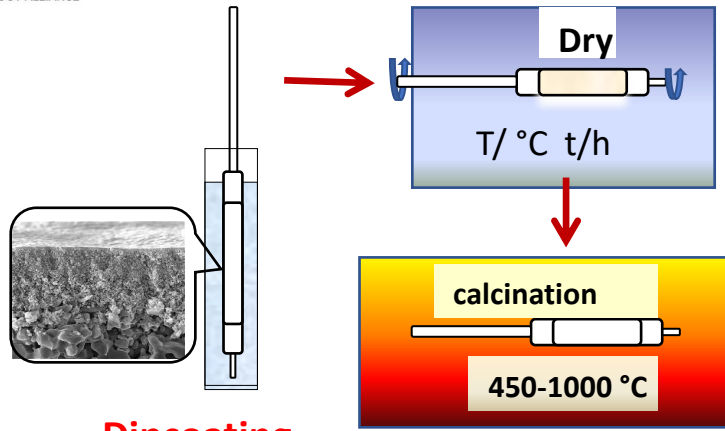
Pd96.1Ag3.9





CARBON MOLECULAR SIEVES MEMBRANES (CMSM)





Dipcoating

For a non evaporating Newtonian fluid

h_s = thickness

$$h_s = \frac{0.94 \eta_s^{2/3}}{\gamma_s^{1/6} (\rho_s g)^{1/2}} u^{2/3}$$

Dipping Solution

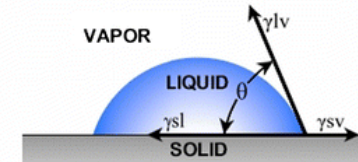
- η_s = viscosity
- γ_s = surface tension
- δ_s = density

- g = gravity
- μ = withdrawing speed

Surface tension

Young's Equation

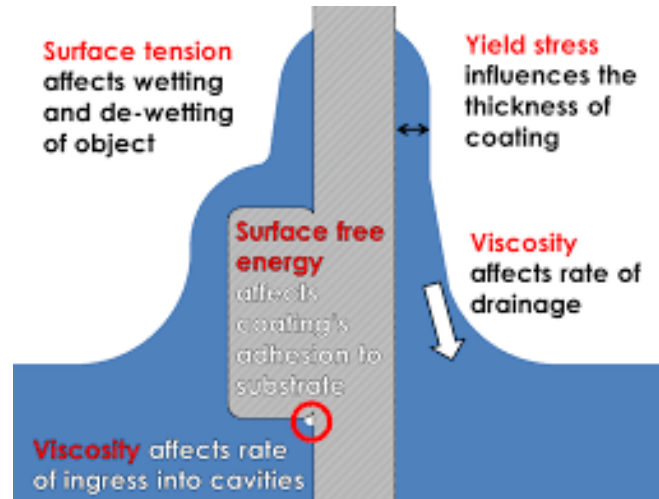
$$\gamma^{sv} = \gamma^{sl} + \gamma^{lv} \cos \theta$$



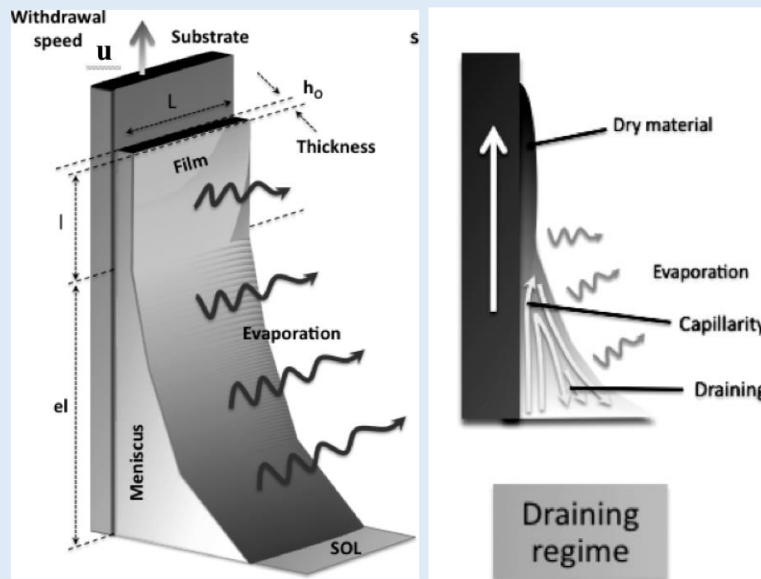
- θ is the contact angle
- γ^{sl} is the solid/liquid interfacial free energy
- γ^{sv} is the solid surface free energy
- γ^{lv} is the liquid surface free energy

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- Porous substrate**
- Nature
- Pore size
- Pore size distribution



Dipping on a porous substrate



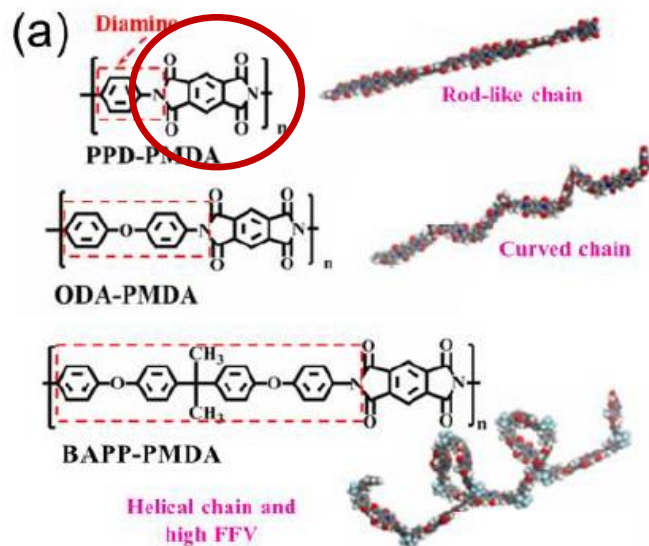
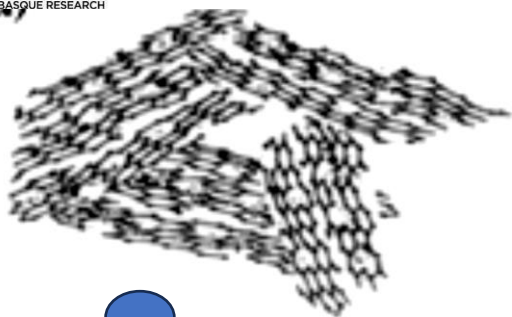
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Viscosity

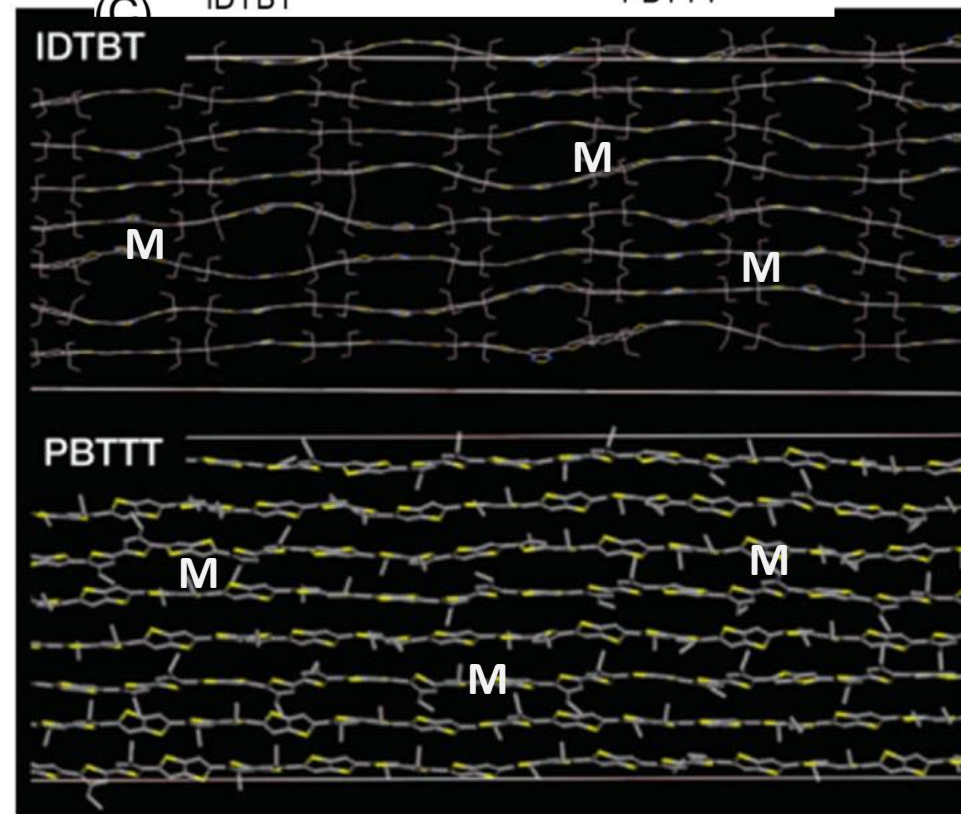
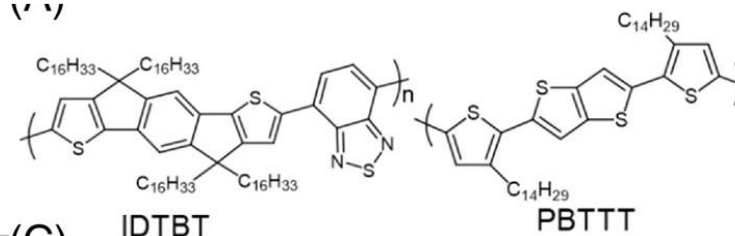
Viscosity depends on

- Polymer Molecular weight and concentration
- Degree of branching polymer
- Addition of rheological modifiers
- Temperature

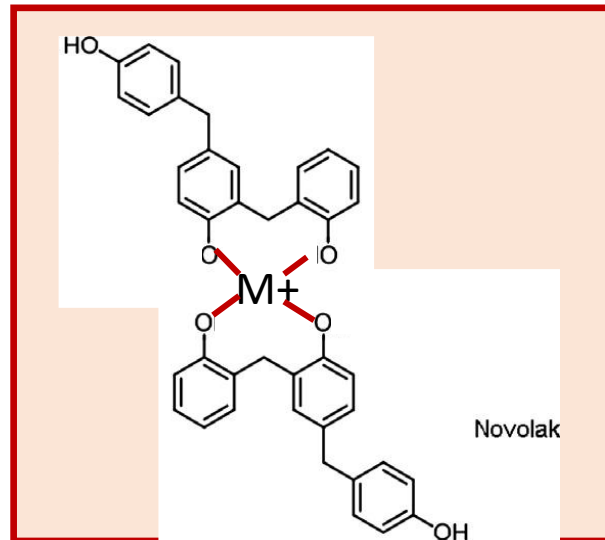
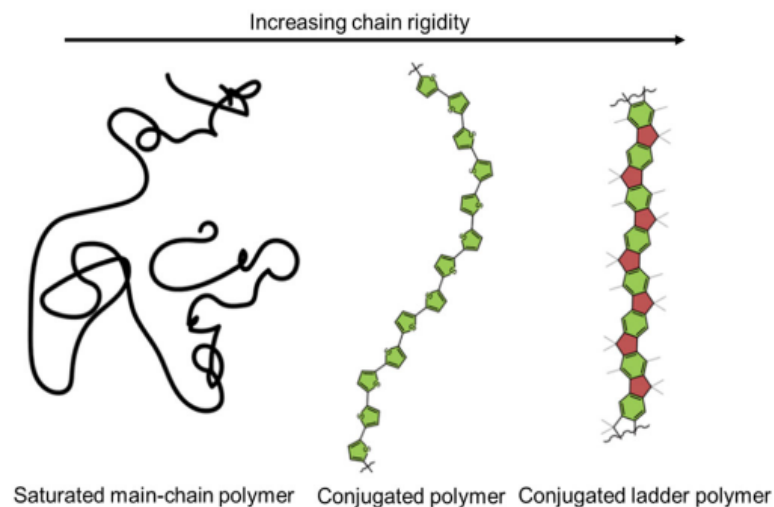




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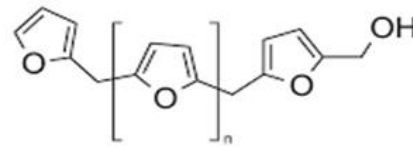
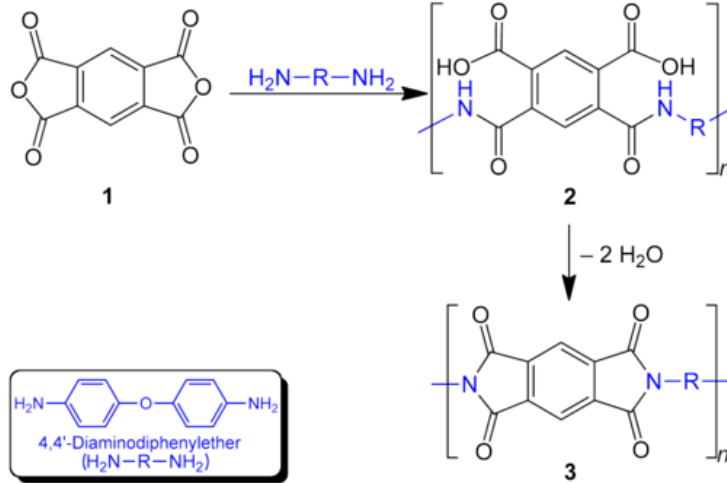
In general, a transition from sp³ hybridization to sp² or sp for the main chain atoms can greatly enhance the rigidity of macromolecules



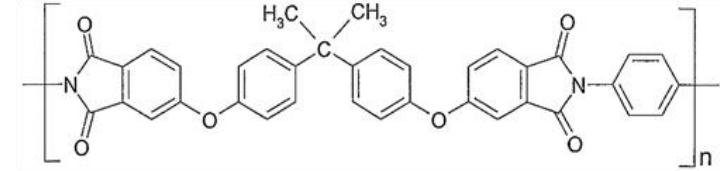
Long aligned chains

FIGURE 1 Schematic representation of the escalating rigidity from saturated sp³ polymer to conjugated polymer, and to conjugated ladder polymer

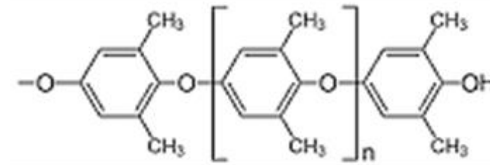
Polyimide



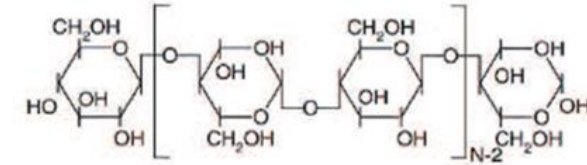
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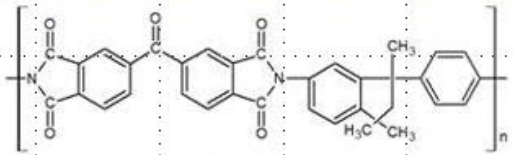
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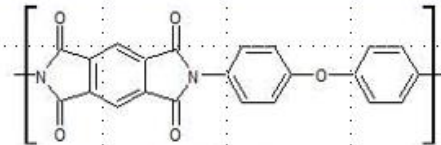
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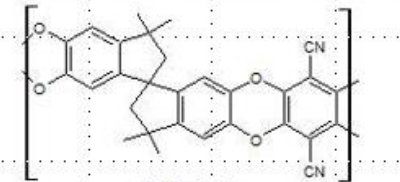
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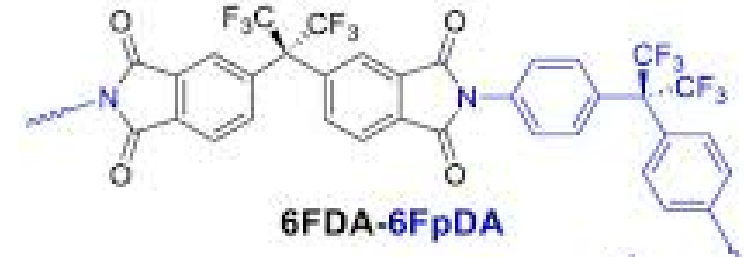
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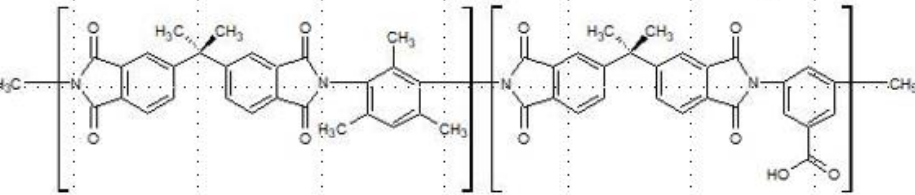
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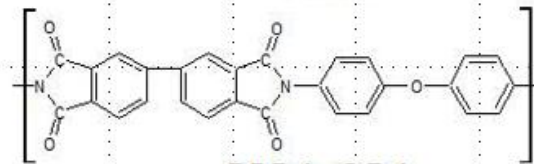
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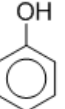
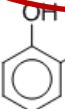
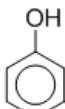
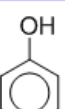
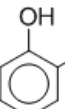
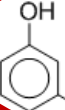
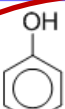


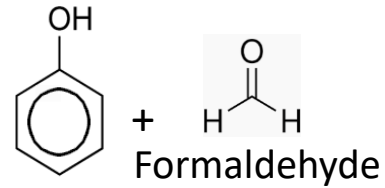
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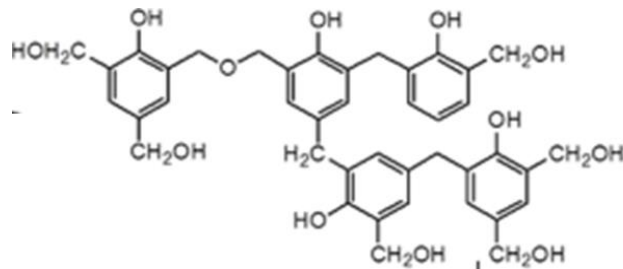
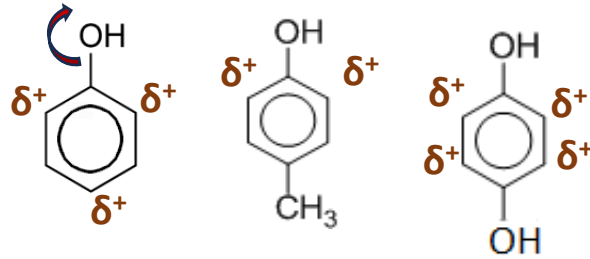
BPDA-ODA

Phenolic resins

Structure	Common name
	Phenol
	o-cresol
	m-cresol
	p-cresol
	Catechol
	Resorcinol
	Quinol

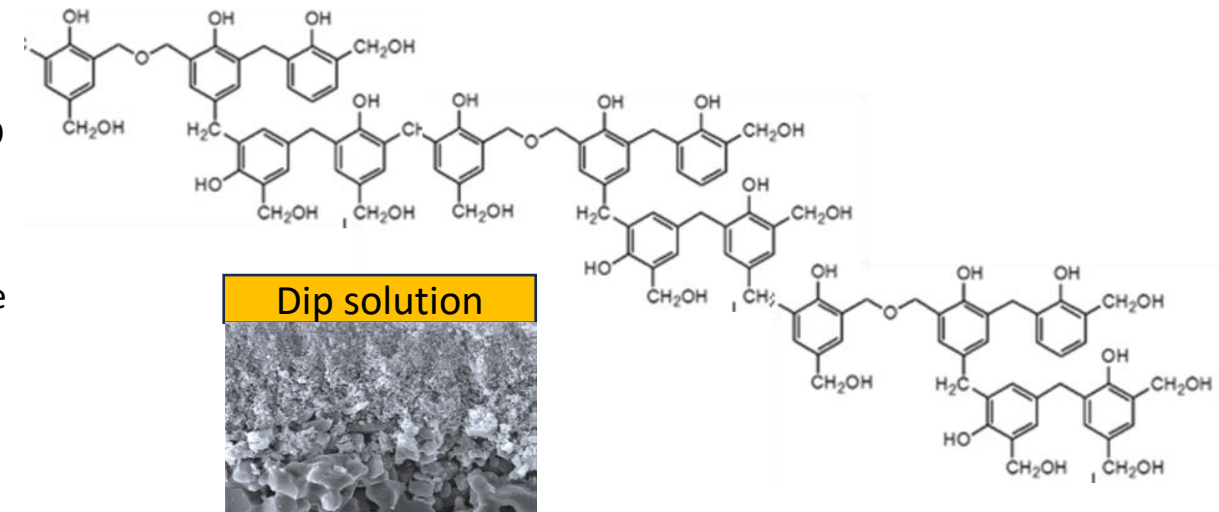
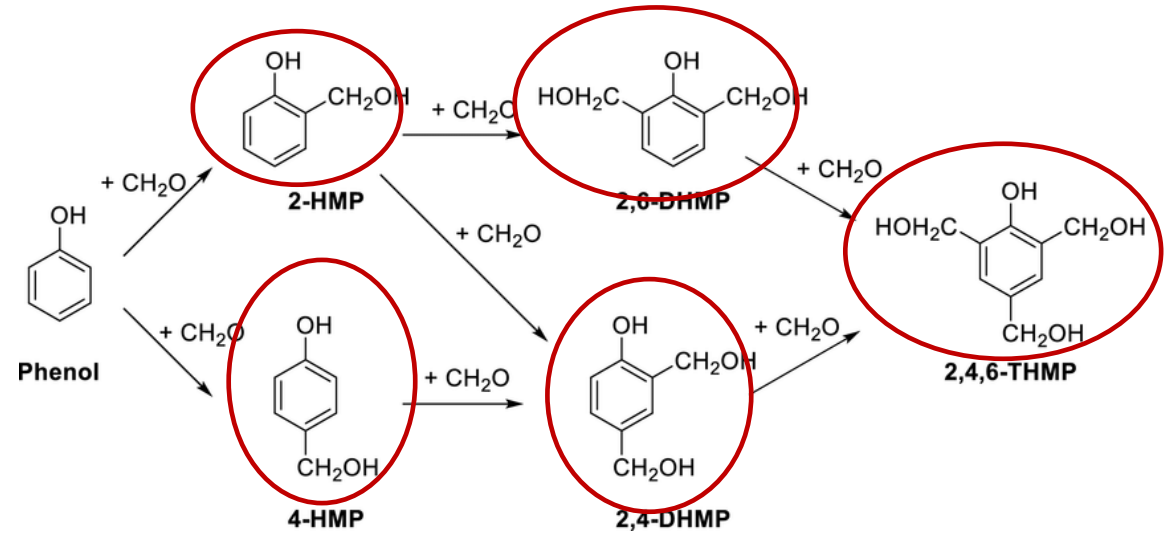


	Formaldehyde/Phenol	Media
Novolac	0.75-0.85	acid
Resol	<1	basic



Novolac (oligomer) Low MW

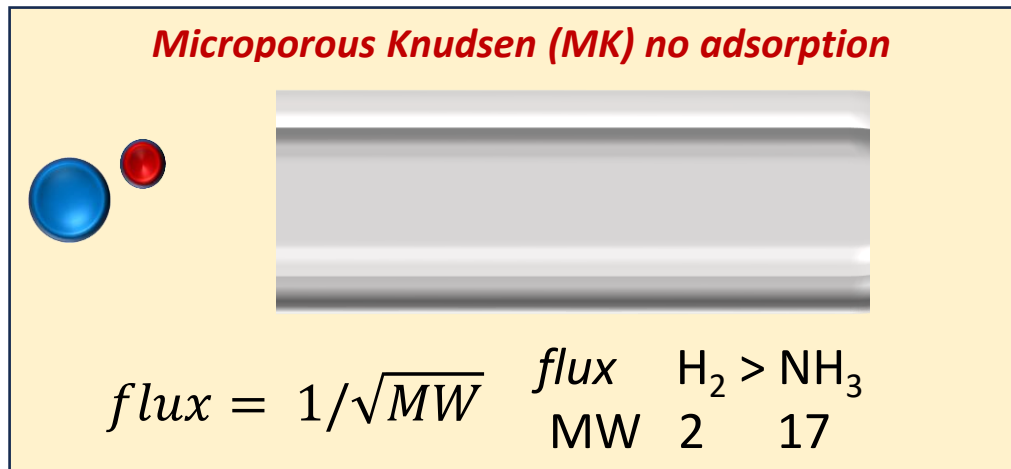
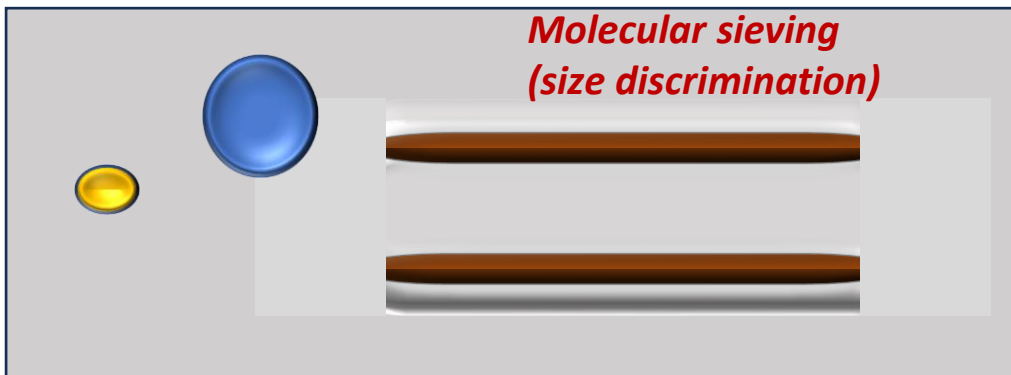
HCHO
 Acid
 base
 amine



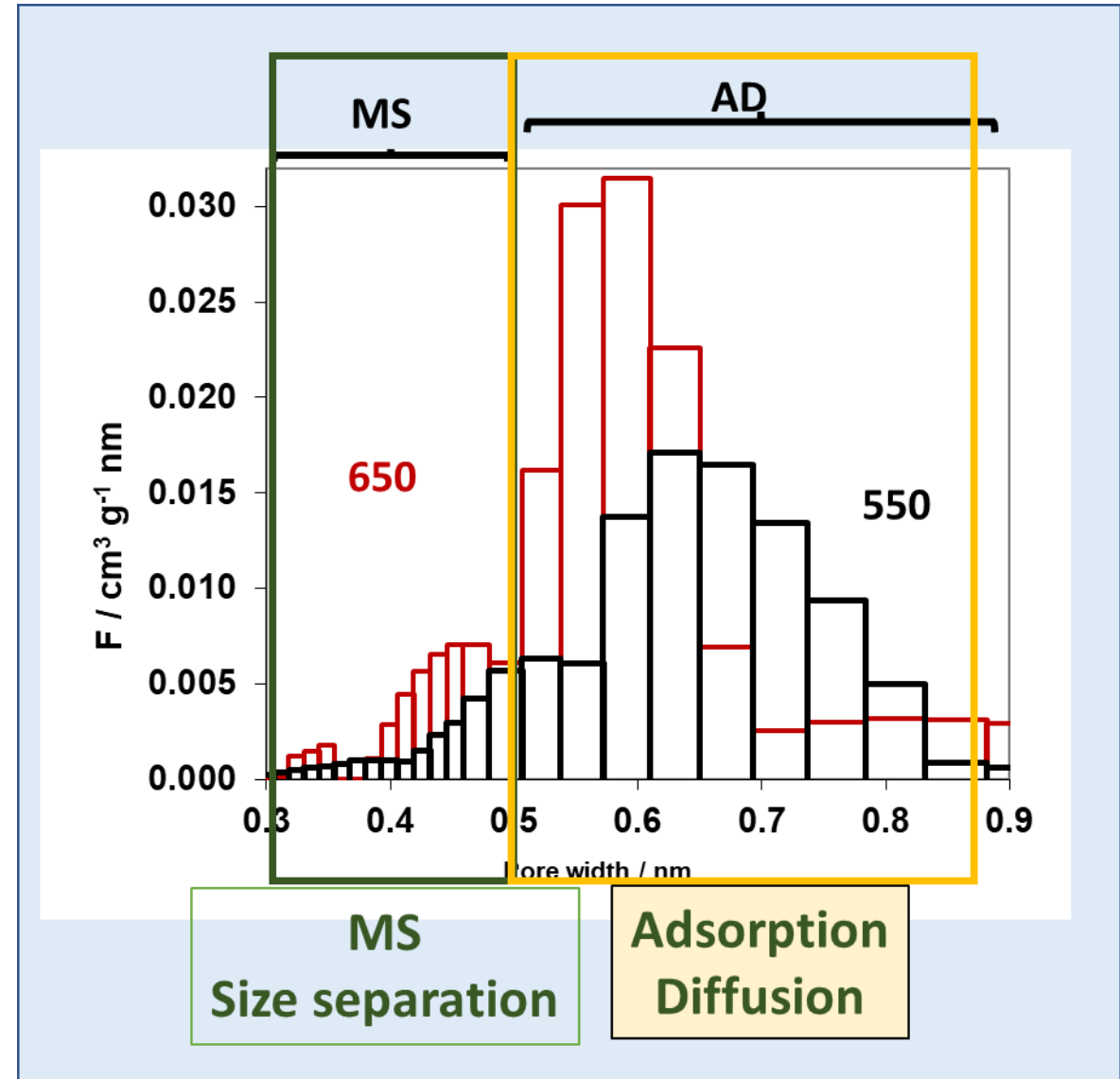
Work under progress

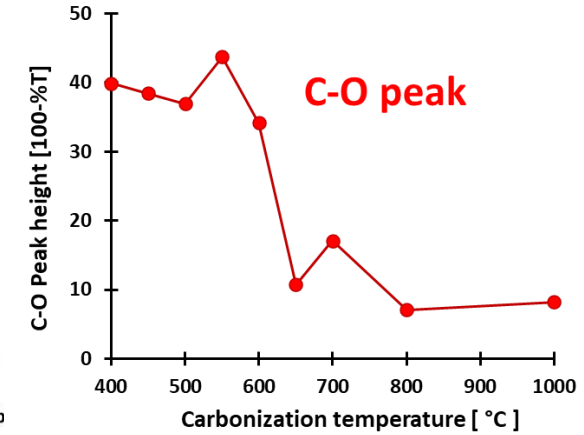
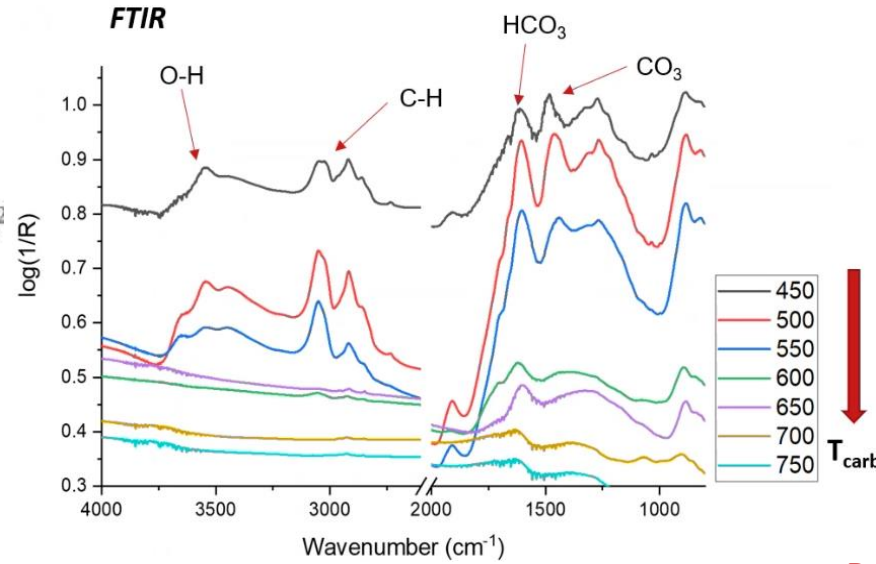
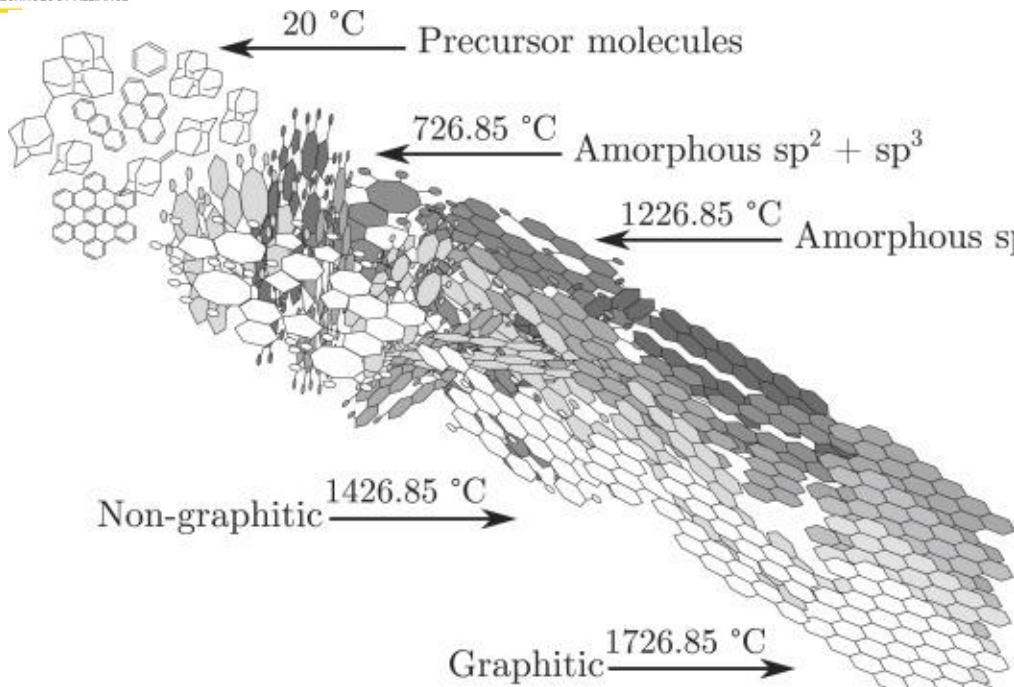
Control linear or no linear polymer

Combination of molecular sieving and adsorption



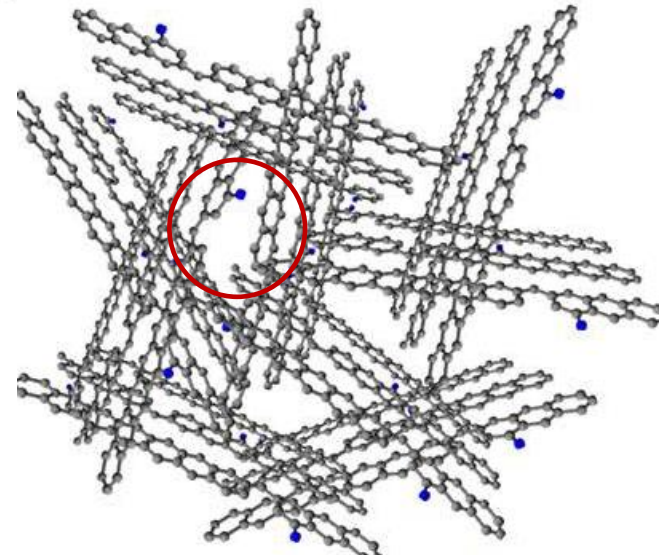
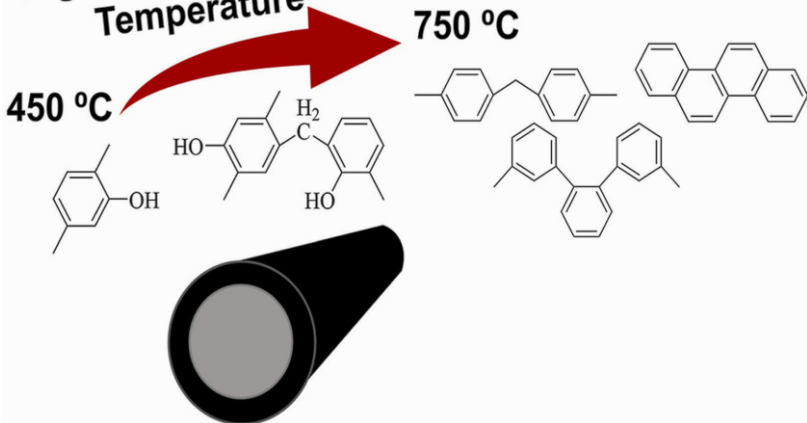
Al-CMSM pore size distribution





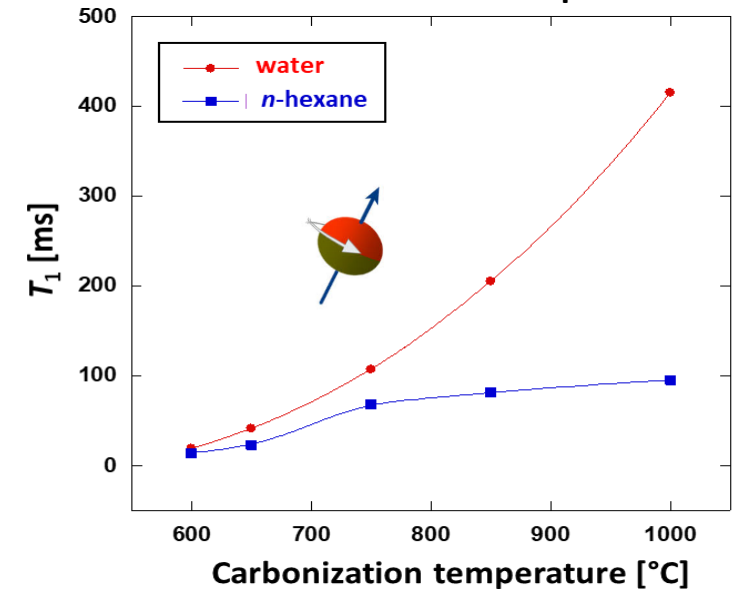
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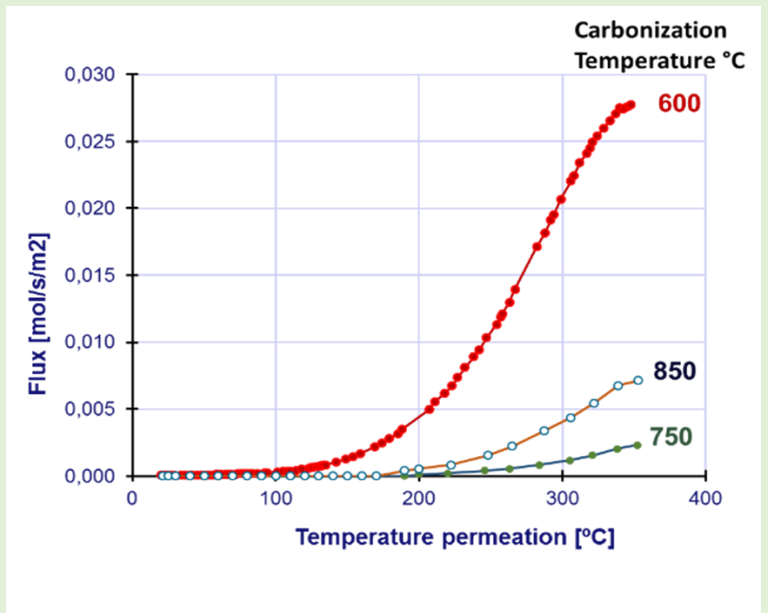
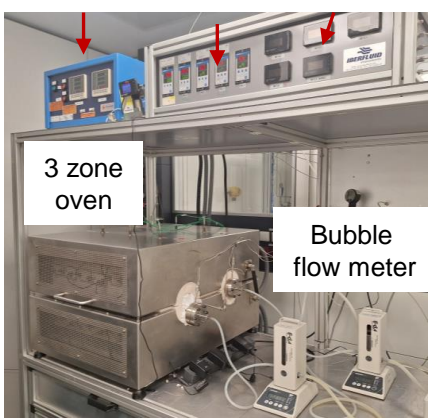
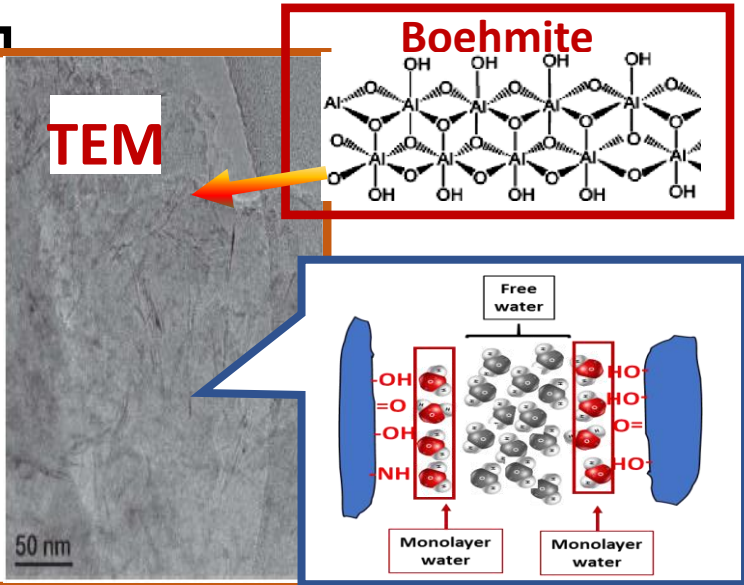
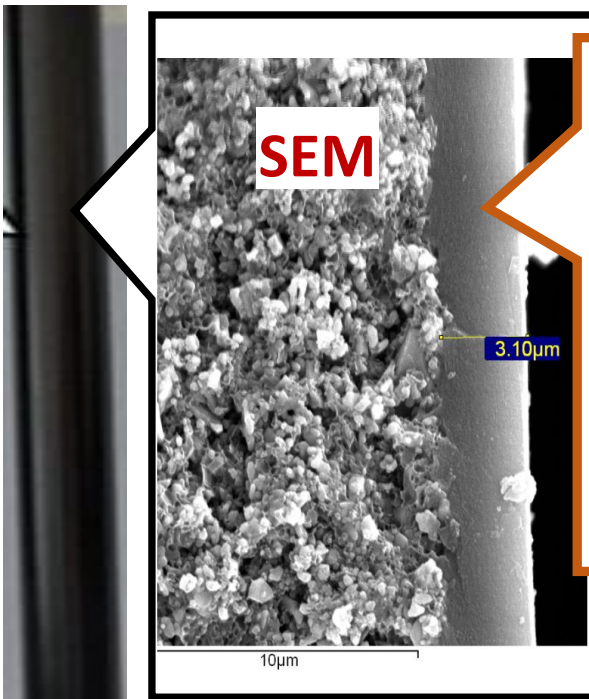


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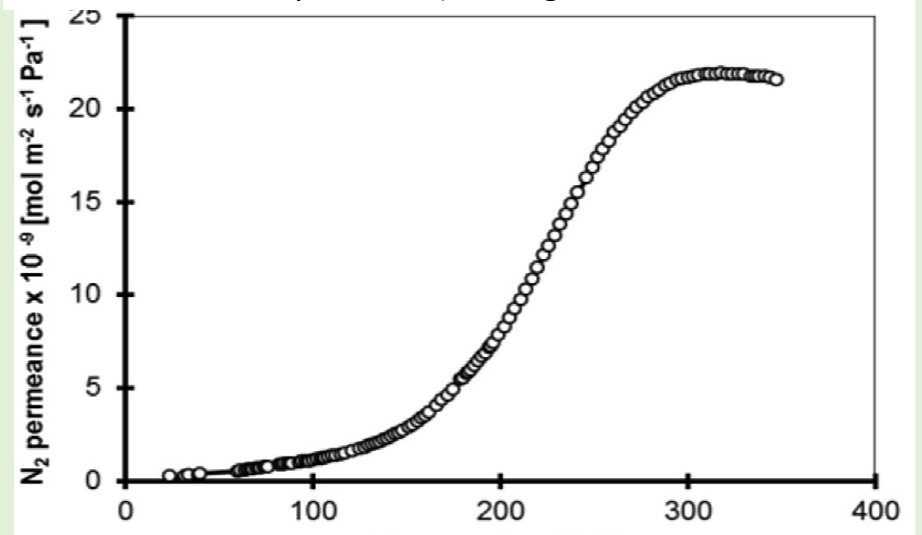
T_1 values of n-hexane and water confined as function of carbonization temperature



Al-CMSM



N₂ permeance at 400 kPa pressure difference in function of temperature (heating rate 0.7 C/ min)



cooled down to room temperature, immediately, a boat containing water was introduced to the reactor.

