



# **12<sup>th</sup> Oxford School on Neutron Scattering**

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## **Chemical Applications of Neutron Scattering**

### *Part 2*

*Mainly Inelastic Scattering:*

*Spectroscopy and Dynamics*

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## ***Part 2***

# **Chemical Applications of Neutron Scattering**

- **INS Spectroscopy**
- **Rotational Tunnelling**
- **QENS**
- **Diffraction, Spectroscopy and  
ab-initio calculations**

# Inelastic neutron scattering measures atomic motion

$$\left( \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\omega dE} \right)_{coh} = b_{coh}^2 \frac{k'}{k} N S(\mathbf{Q}, \omega)$$

$$\left( \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\omega dE} \right)_{incoh} = b_{incoh}^2 \frac{k'}{k} N S_i(\mathbf{Q}, \omega)$$

$$S(\mathbf{Q}, \omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi\hbar} \iint G(\mathbf{r}, t) e^{i(\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)} d\mathbf{r} dt$$

$$S_i(\mathbf{Q}, \omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi\hbar} \iint G_s(\mathbf{r}, t) e^{i(\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)} d\mathbf{r} dt$$

Inelastic coherent scattering measures correlated motions of atoms

Inelastic incoherent scattering measures *self-correlations*

*e.g. vibrations, diffusion*

# Correlation Functions

$$S_{coh}(Q, \omega) \Leftrightarrow \text{F.T.} \Rightarrow G(r, t)$$

$$S_{inc}(Q, \omega) \Leftrightarrow \text{F.T.} \Rightarrow G_s(r, t)$$

- $G(r, t) \equiv$  Probability of finding an atom at  $r$  and at time  $t$  when there is an atom at  $r = 0$  at  $t = 0$ .
- $G_s(r, t) \equiv$  Probability of finding an atom at  $r$  and at time  $t$  if the same atom was at  $r = 0$  at  $t = 0$ .

# Inelastic and Quasielastic Neutron Spectroscopy

$$\Delta E \tau \approx \hbar / 2\pi$$

| Time Scale $\tau$ | Resolution $\Delta E$ | Spectroscopic Technique         |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| $10^{-11}$ sec    | 10 - 100 meV          | Direct Geometry TOF             |
| $10^{-9}$ sec     | 0.3 - 20 meV          | Backscattering Crystal Analyzer |
| $10^{-7}$ sec     | 5 neV - 1 meV         | Spin Echo                       |

$$Q = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} \sin \vartheta$$

| Momentum Transfer $Q(\text{\AA}^{-1})$ | Distance ( $\text{\AA}$ ) | Regime                              |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 0.05                                   | 100                       | Continuous or Macroscopic Diffusion |
| 5                                      | 1                         | Atomic or Microscopic Diffusion     |

# Incoherent Scattering Cross Sections

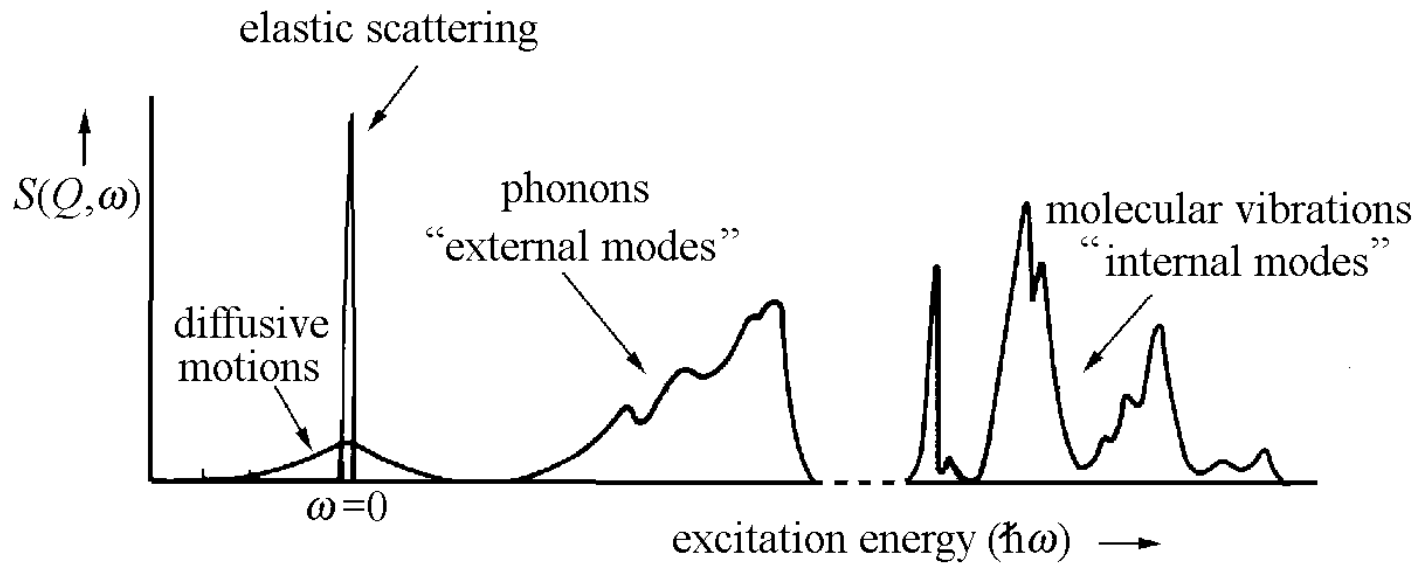
$$\sigma_{incoh} = 4\pi \left( \langle b^2 \rangle - \langle b \rangle^2 \right)$$

- Incoherent Scattering arises from the random distribution of different isotopes with different scattering lengths.

- Incoherent Scattering depends on the correlation between the positions of the same nucleus at different times.

**NO INTERFERENCE EFFECTS     $\equiv$     SPECTROSCOPY**

# INS spectrum from a hypothetical molecular crystal



# INCOHERENT INELASTIC NEUTRON SCATTERING

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE_f} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{k_f}{k_i} \left[ \sigma_{coh} S_{coh}(\mathbf{Q}, \omega) + \sigma_{inc} S_{inc}(\mathbf{Q}, \omega) \right]$$

$$\frac{d^2\sigma_{inc}}{d\Omega dE} = \sum_{\mathbf{q}, j} \frac{k'}{k} \delta(\hbar\omega \mp \hbar\omega_j(\mathbf{q})) \frac{\hbar \left( \bar{n} + \frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2} \right)}{2\omega_j(\mathbf{q})} \times \sum_r \frac{(b_{inc})_r^2}{m_r} |\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{u}_r^j(\mathbf{q})|^2 \exp(-Q^2 \langle u^2 \rangle)$$

*for a powder sample we can average*

$$\frac{d^2\sigma_{inc}}{d\Omega dE} = \frac{k'}{k} b_{inc}^2 \frac{Q^2 \langle u^2 \rangle}{2m} \left( \bar{n} + \frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2} \right) \exp(-2W) N \frac{Z(\omega)}{\omega}$$

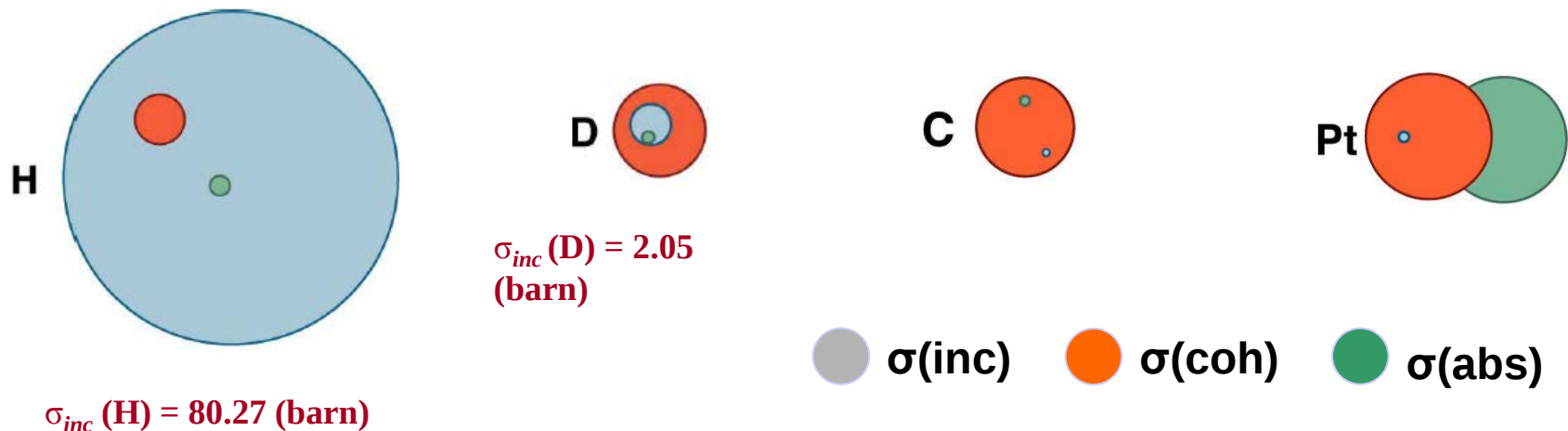
*at very low T for hydrogenous materials*

$$\frac{d^2\sigma_{inc}}{d\Omega dE} = \frac{k'}{k} b_{inc}^2 S_{inc}(\mathbf{Q}, \omega)$$

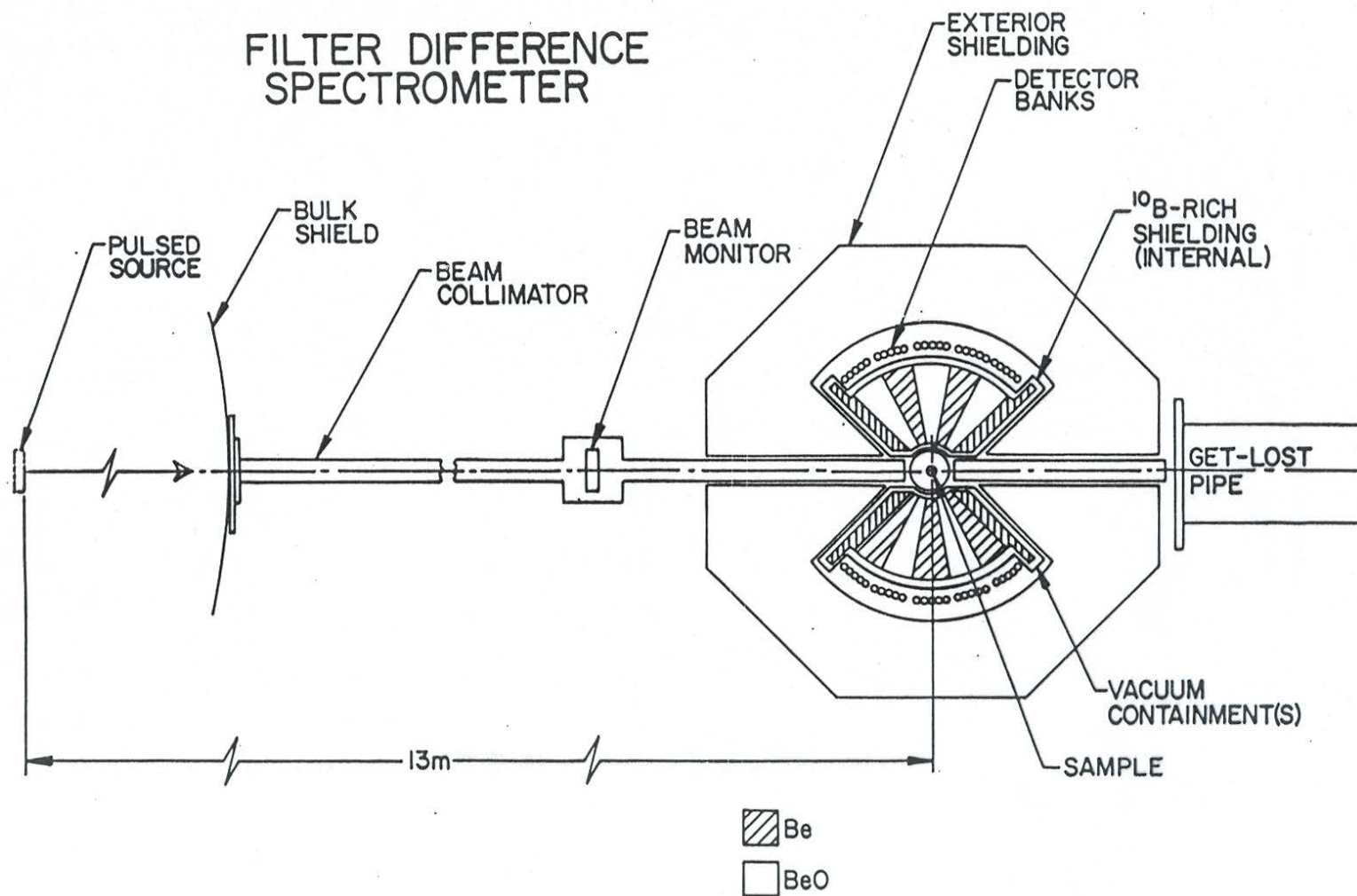
$$S_{inc}(\mathbf{Q}, \omega) = Q^2 \langle u^2 \rangle \exp(-2W)$$

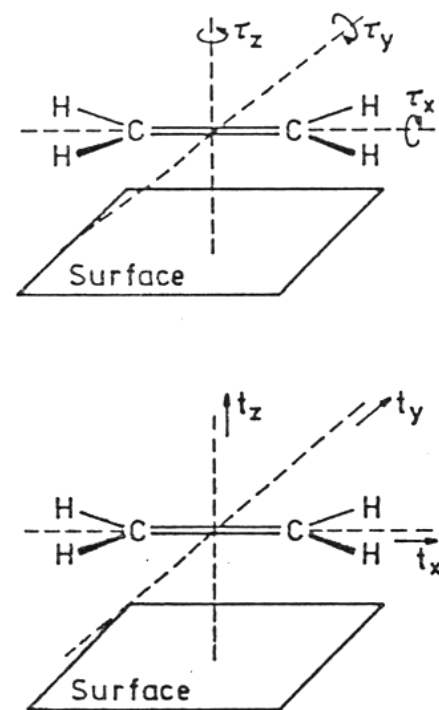
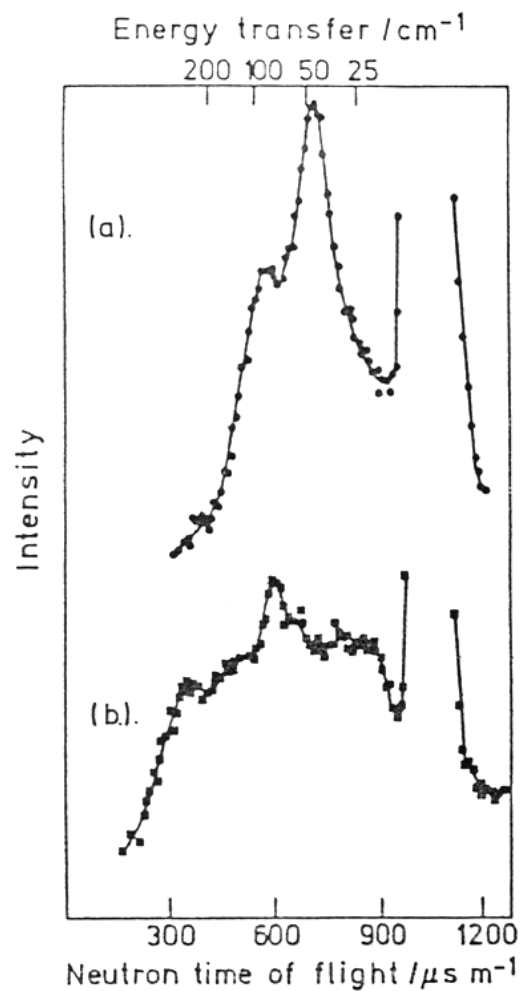
# INELASTIC INCOHERENT NEUTRON SCATTERING:

- The energy of the thermal neutrons is comparable to that of the lattice and molecular vibrations.
- The incoherent part of the scattering cross-section ( $\sigma_{inc}$ ) arises from the random distribution of different isotopes with different scattering lengths.
- The incoherent part of the scattering cross-section describes the single particles dynamics: *Vibrational and rotational spectroscopy*.
- The intensity scattered by each mode depends on the *value of the incoherent scattering cross-section ( $\sigma_{inc}$ ) and the atomic displacements*.
- The incoherent cross section for Hydrogen is very large: *modes involving H atoms will dominate the INS Spectrum*



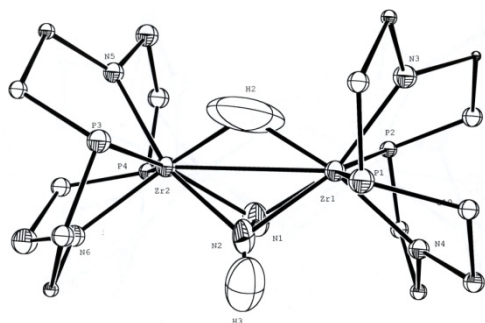
# FILTER DIFFERENCE SPECTROMETER



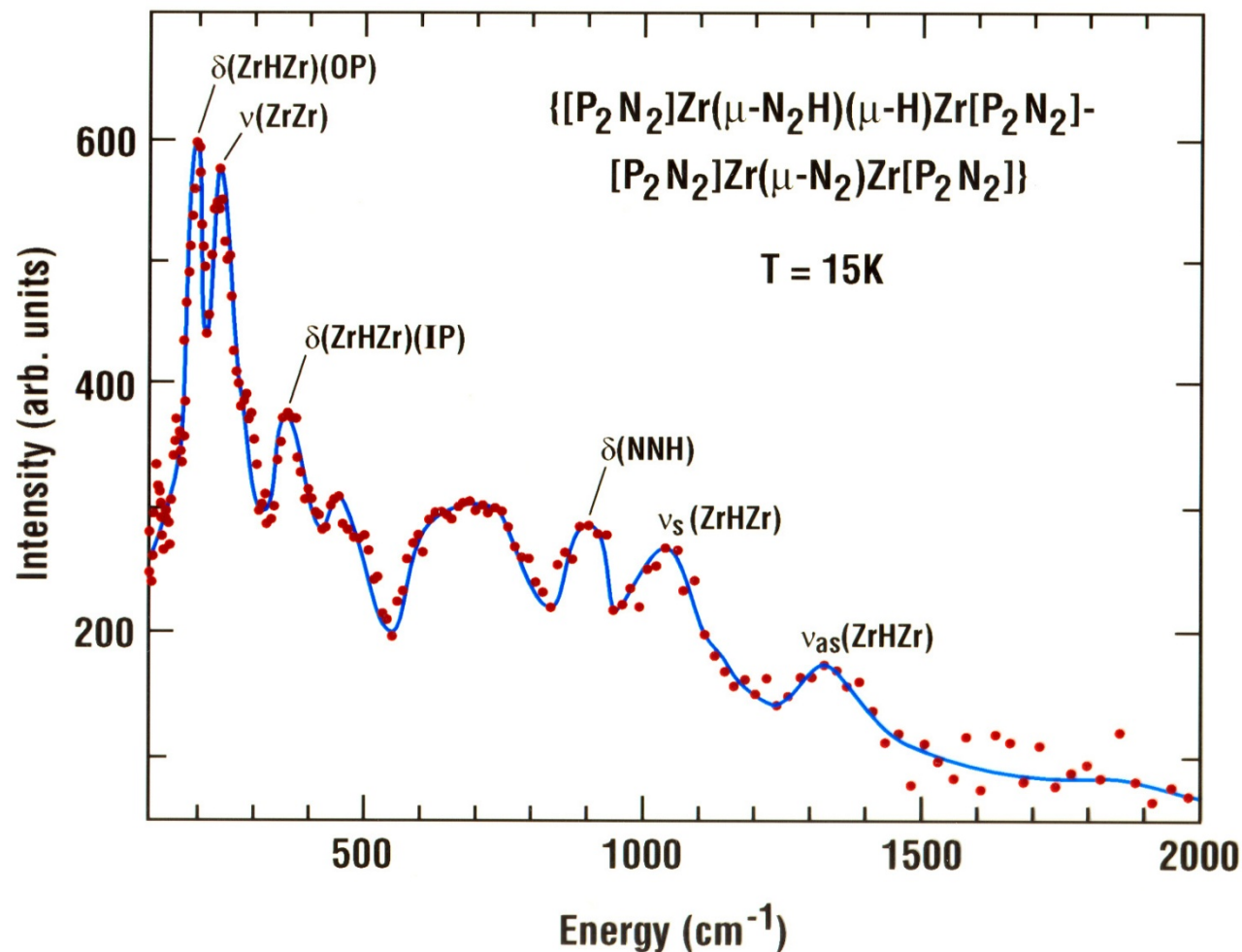


The inelastic neutron scattering from (a) ethylene adsorbed on an Ag-13X zeolite catalyst and (b) the catalyst alone. The spectra were taken on the Harwell DIDO 6H double rotor spectrometer by Howard et al

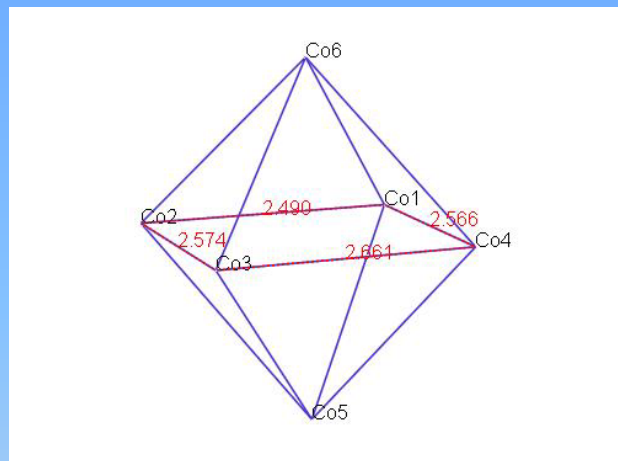
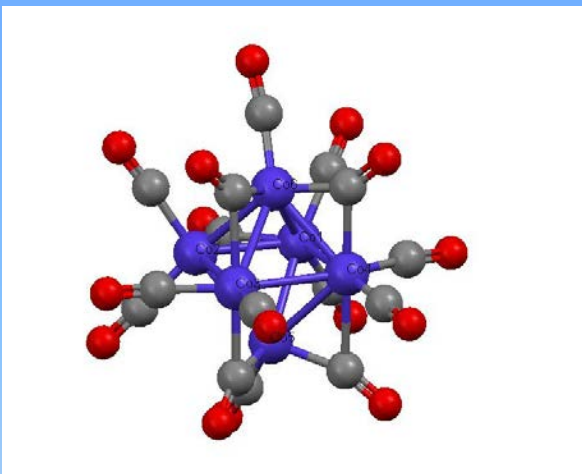
# The INS Difference-Spectrum of $\{[P_2N_2Zr]_2 (\mu-H)(\mu-N_2H)\}$



$$\langle u_1^2 \rangle = \frac{h}{8\pi^2 \mu \nu} \coth \left( \frac{h\nu}{2kT} \right)$$



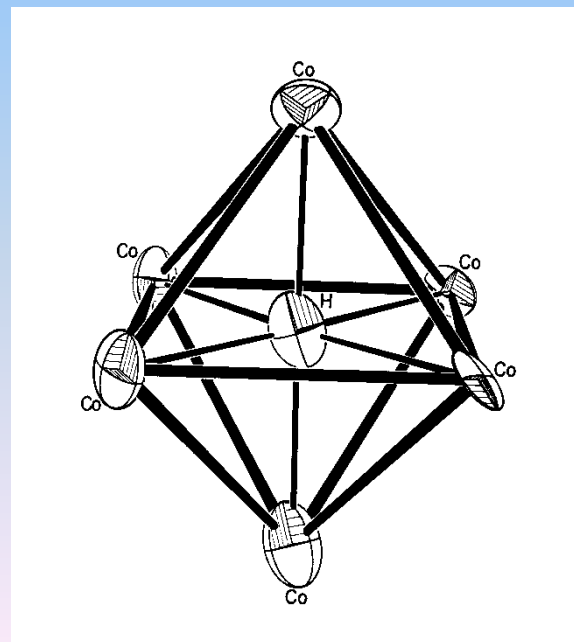
# The Structure of $[\text{Co}(\text{CO})_{15}\text{H}]^-$

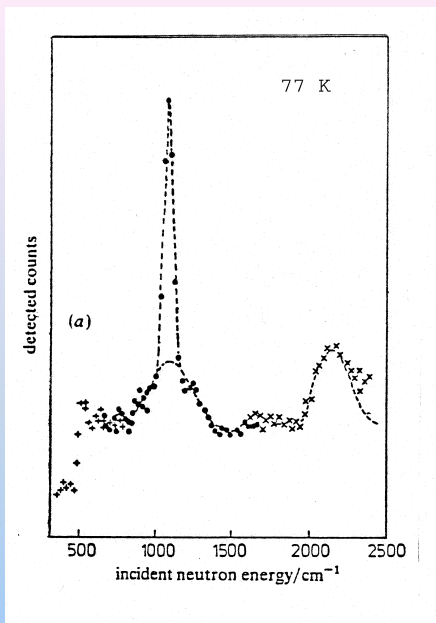


NMR (solution)  $\delta \sim +3$

Hydride  $\delta \sim -5 \text{ } -40$

Formyl  $\delta \sim +5 \text{ } +10$

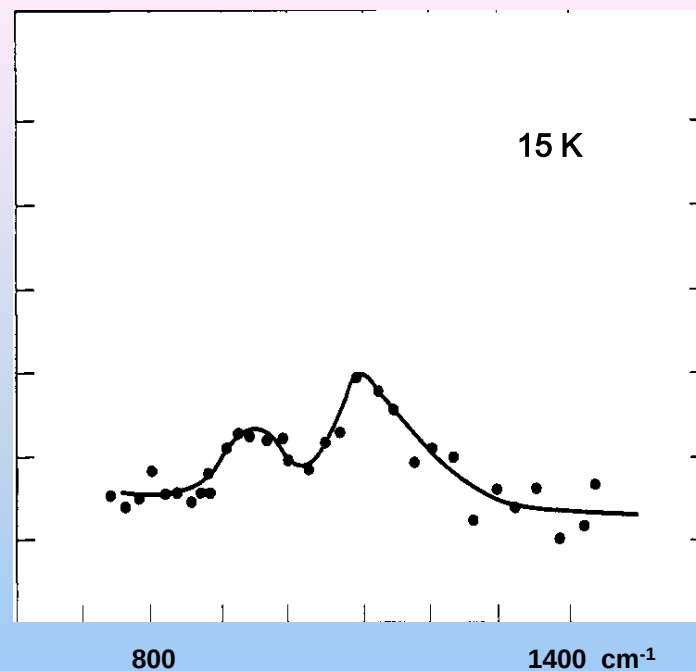




**Cs[Co<sub>6</sub>(CO)<sub>15</sub>H]**

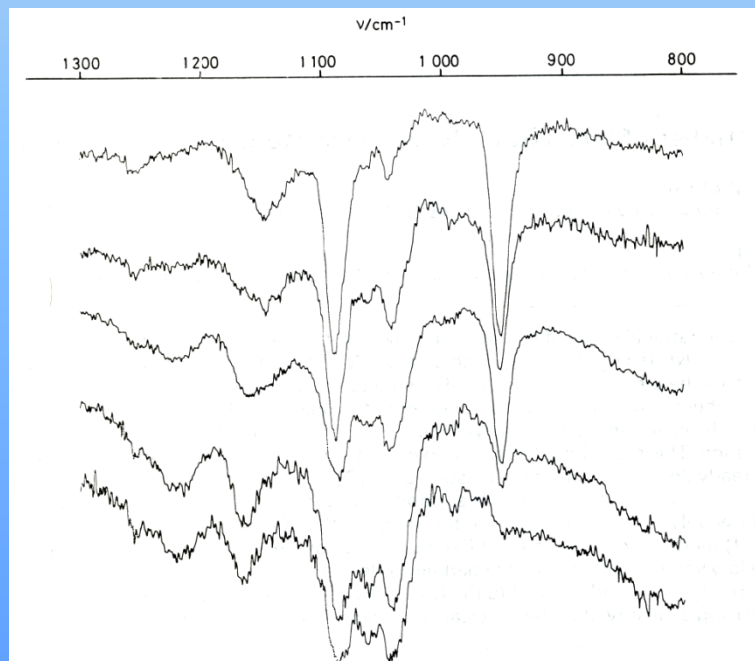
IN1 - ILL (30g)

J. Howard (1983)



**K[Co<sub>6</sub>(CO)<sub>15</sub>H]**

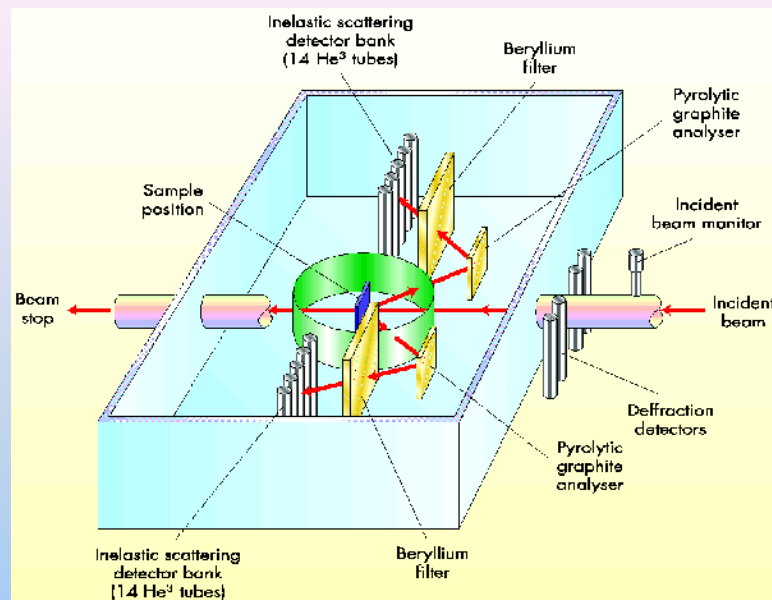
Be Filter - LANSCE (1987)



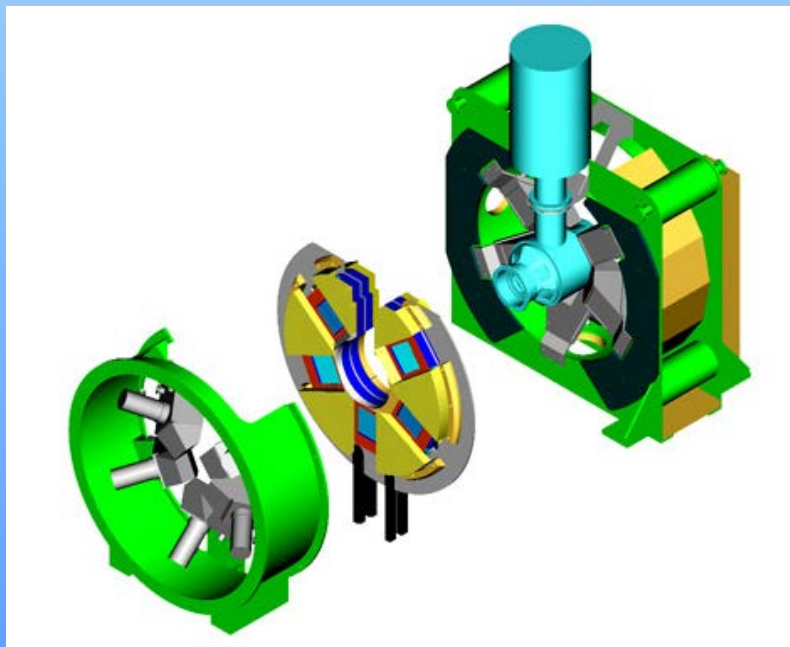
**I.R.**

**K[Co<sub>6</sub>(CO)<sub>15</sub>H] (CsI)**

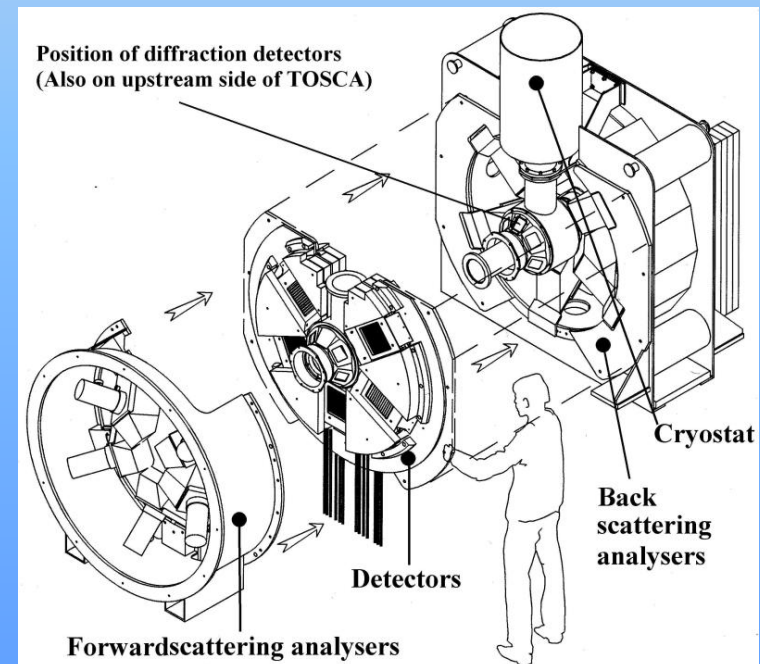
Longoni & Stanghellini (1987)



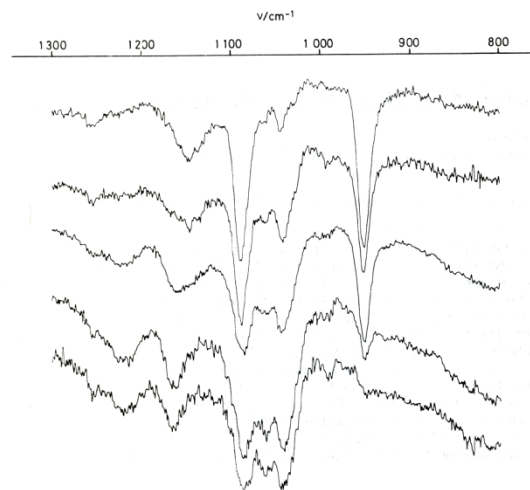
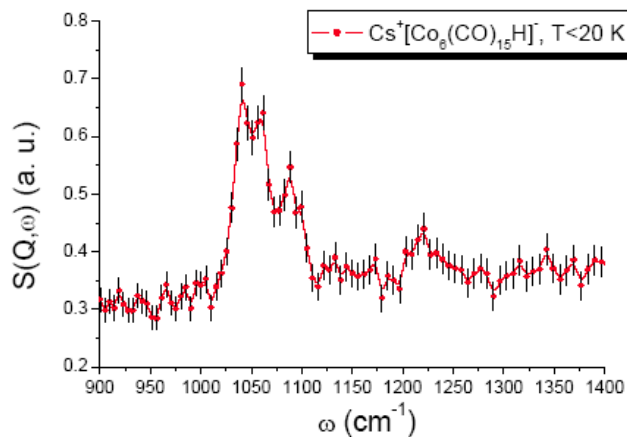
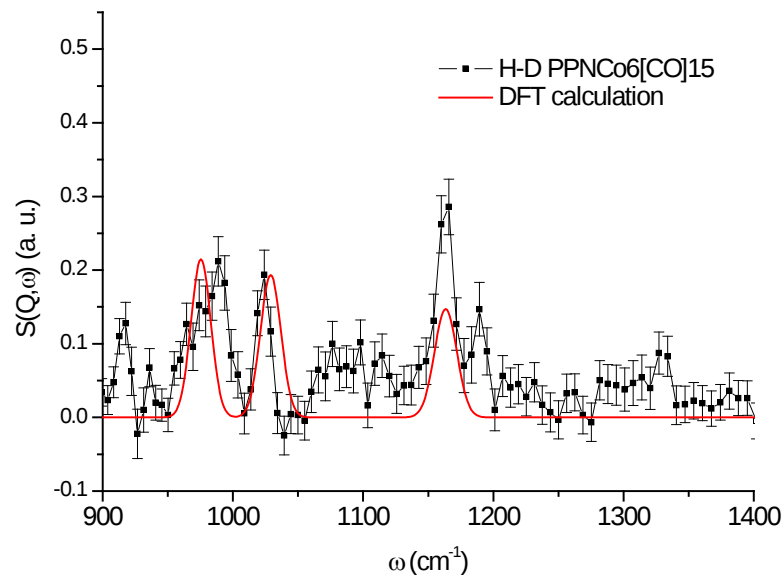
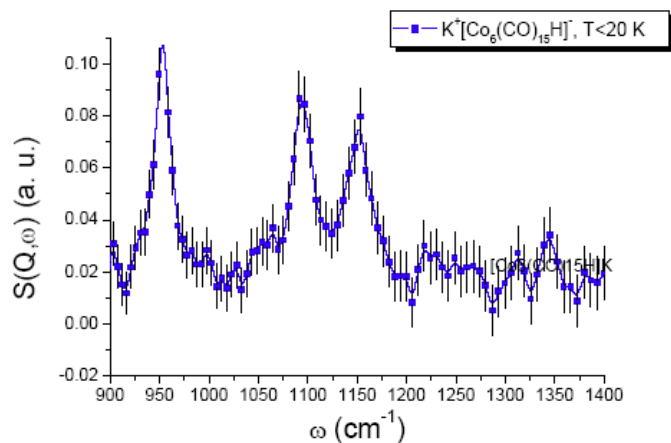
TFXA



TOSCA



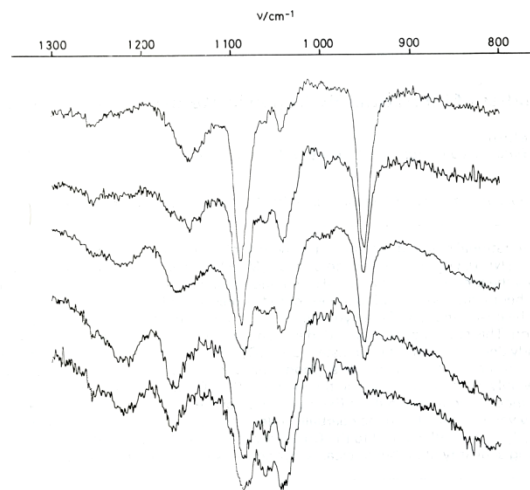
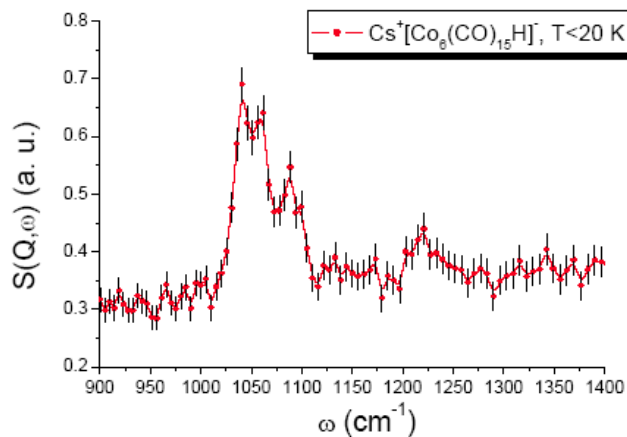
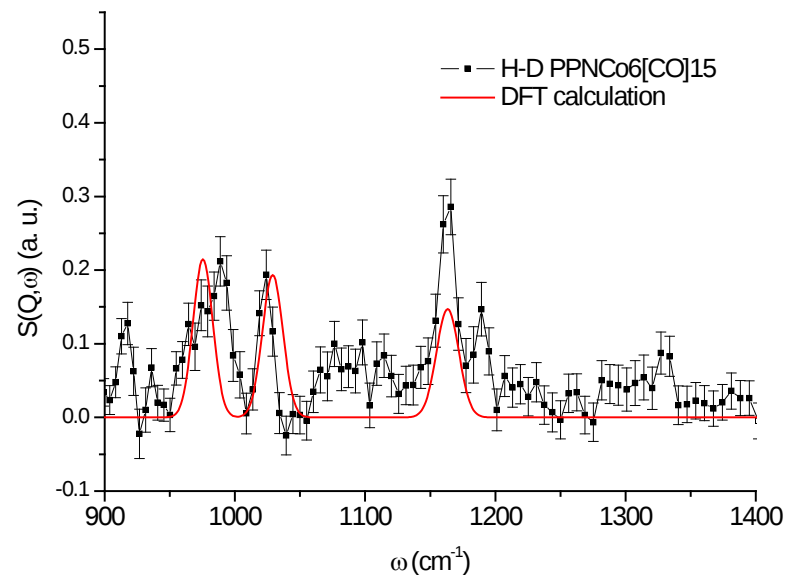
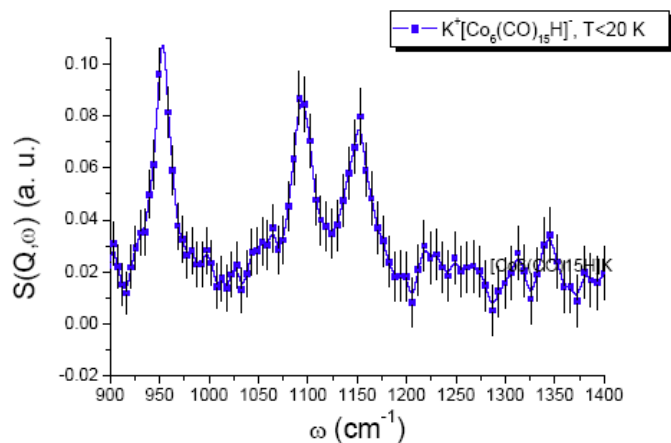
# INS & I.R. Spectra of $X[Co_6(CO)_{15}H]$



$T = 20$  K

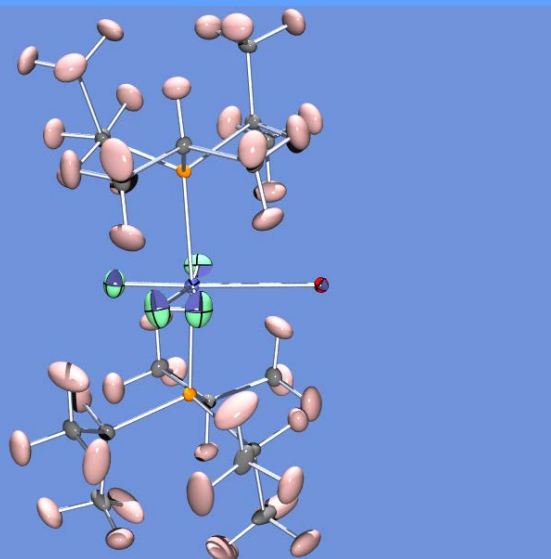
$K[Co_6(CO)_{15}H]$  in CsI

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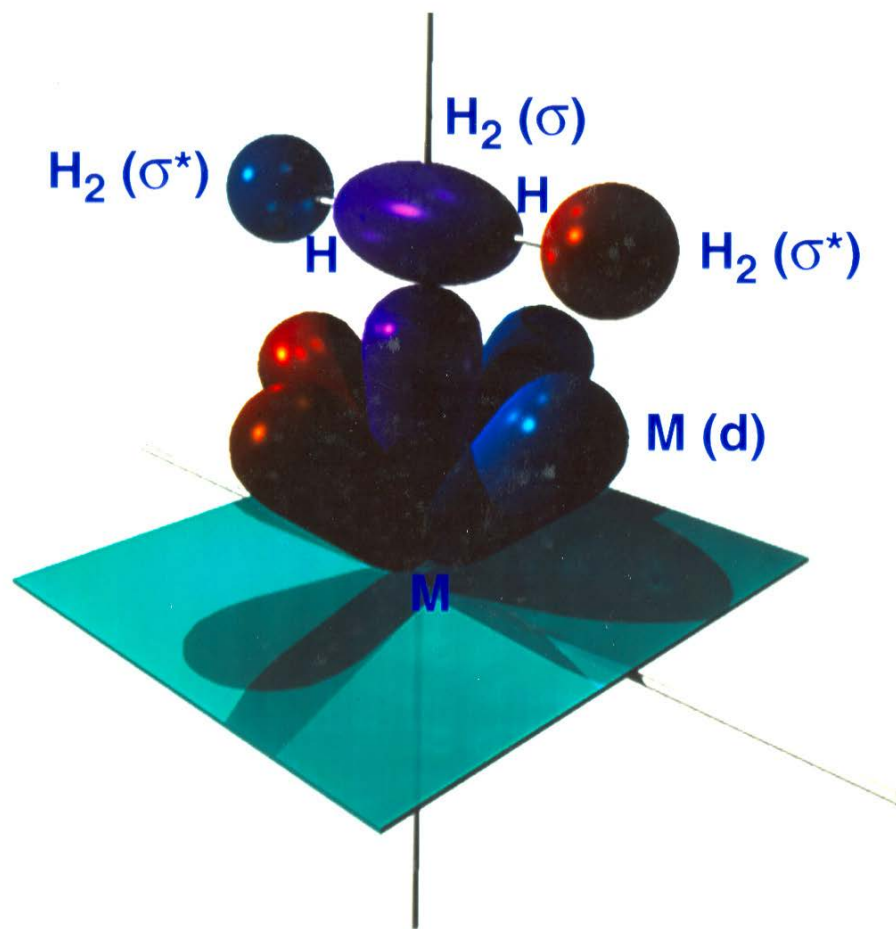
**$K[Co_6(CO)_{15}H]$  in CsI**



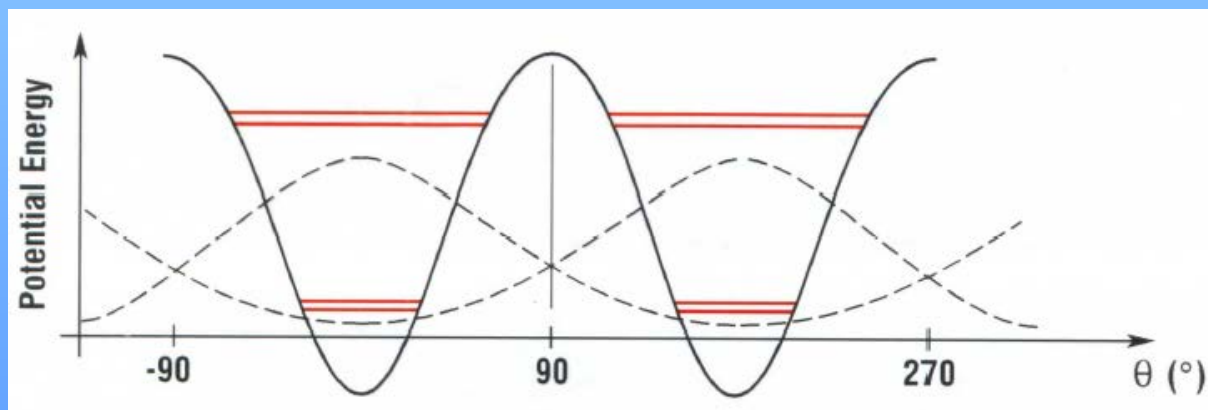
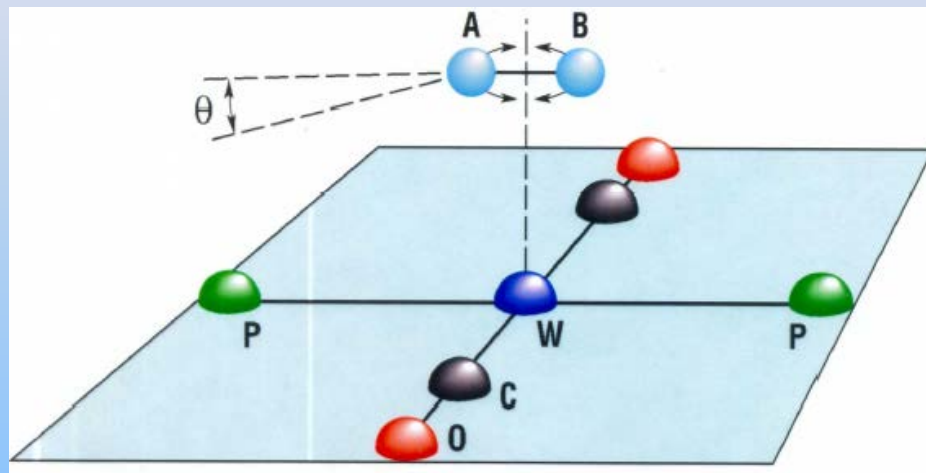
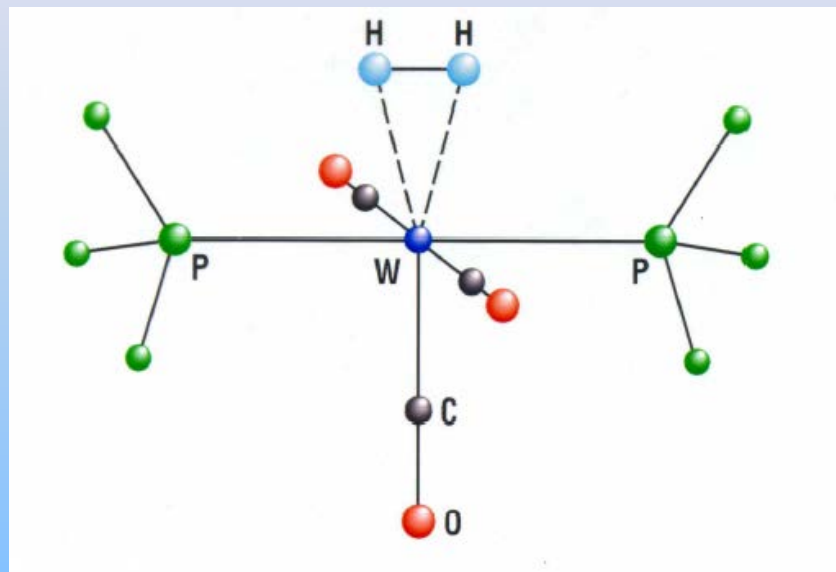
## H-H Distances (Å) vs. $J^{\text{HD}}$ (Hz)

|                                                       | $d_{\text{(H-H)}}$ | $J^{\text{HD}}$ |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| $\text{W(CO)}_3(\text{P}^i\text{Pr}_3)_2(\text{H}_2)$ | 0.82 (1)           | 34.0            |
| $[\text{Fe}(\text{dppe})_2(\text{H})(\text{H}_2)]^+$  | 0.82 (2)           | 30.5            |
| $[\text{Ru}(\text{dppe})_2(\text{H})(\text{H}_2)]^+$  | 0.82 (3)           | 32.0            |
| $[\text{Os}(\text{dppe})_2(\text{H})(\text{H}_2)]^+$  | 0.79 (2)           | 25.5            |

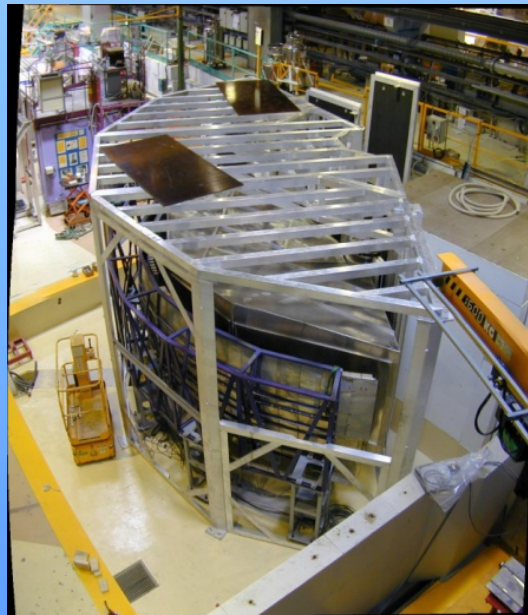
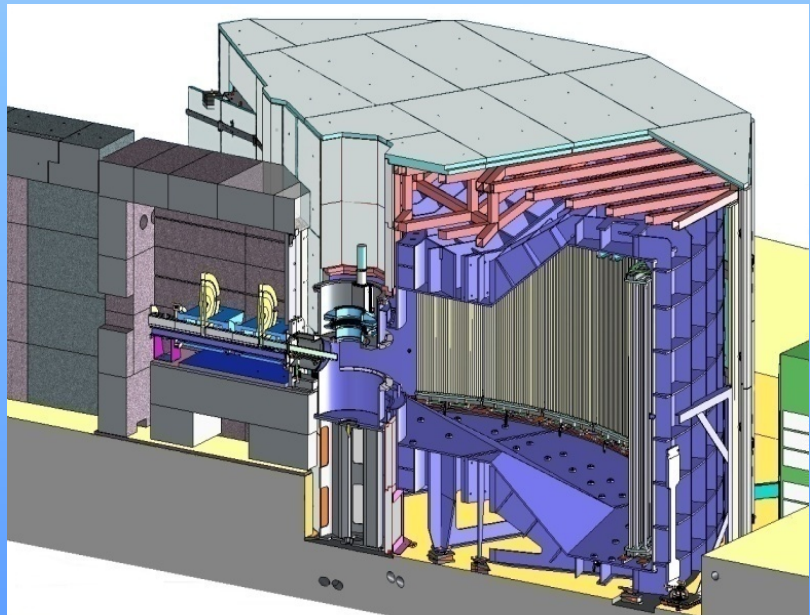
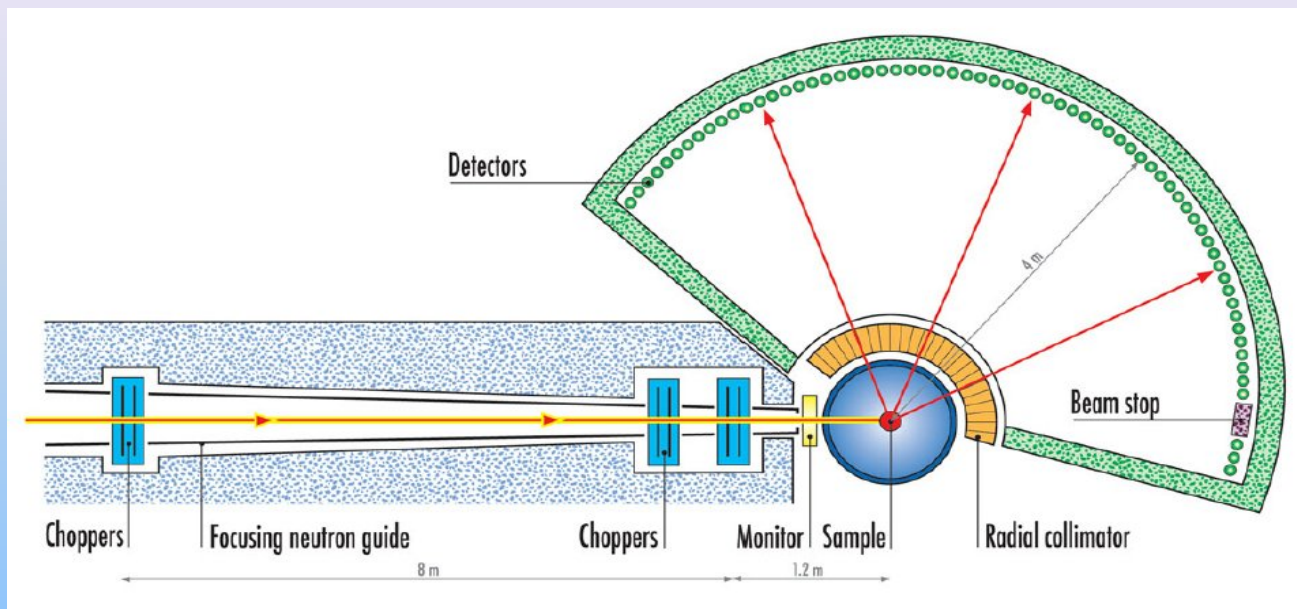
# $M-(\eta^2-H_2)$ Bonding



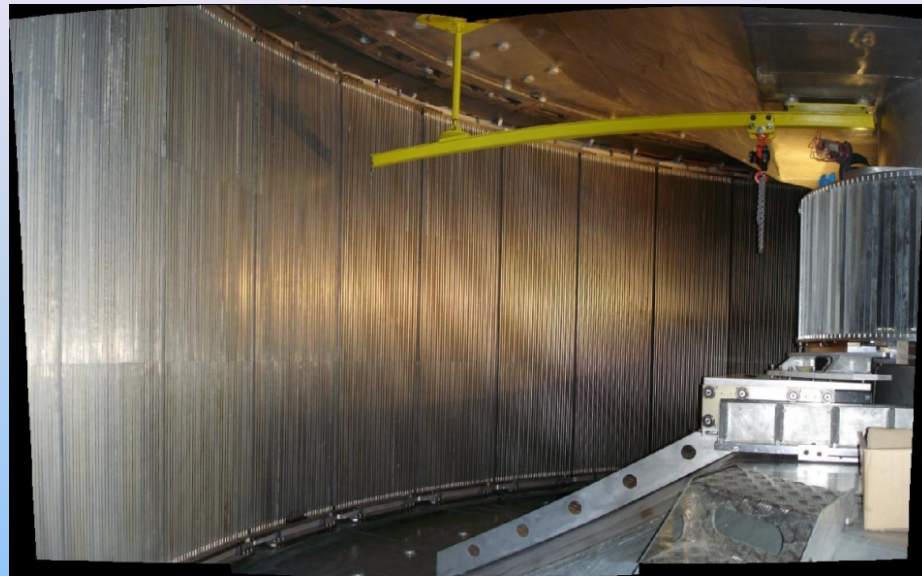
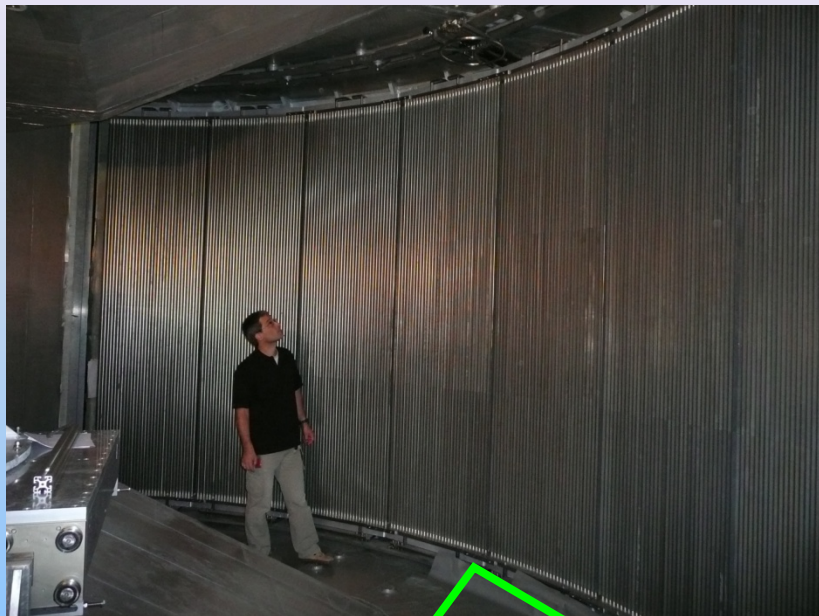
# Non-classical Hydrides and Rotational Tunnelling Spectroscopy



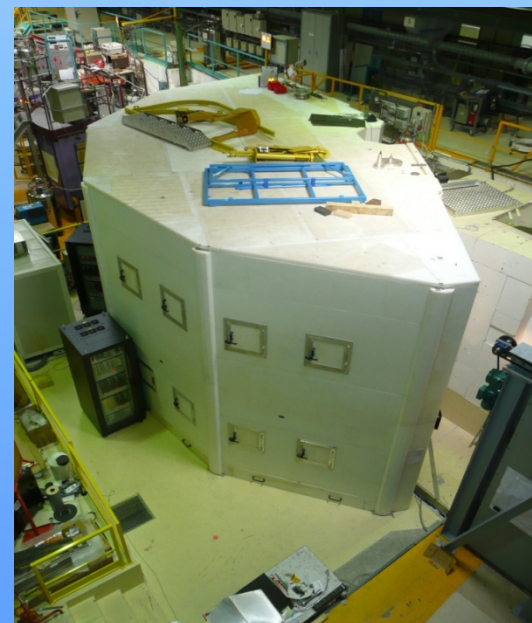
# The new IN5 Spectrometer



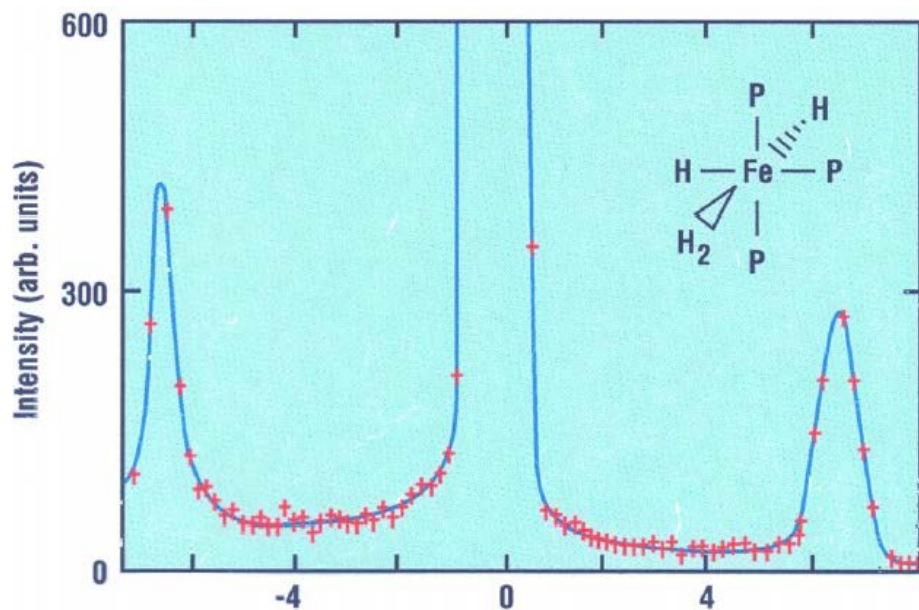
# Detectors



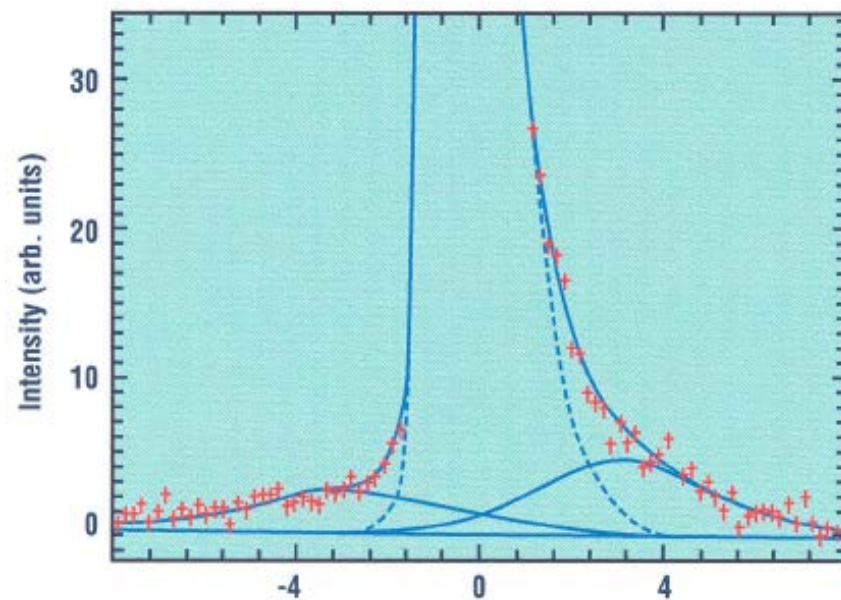
Effective Height 3.0 m  
~3000 L  $^3\text{He}$  + 570 L  $\text{CF}_4$   
4.75 bar  $^3\text{He}$  + 1.25 bar  $\text{CF}_4$   
147.5° Hor -  $\pm 20.55^\circ$  vert



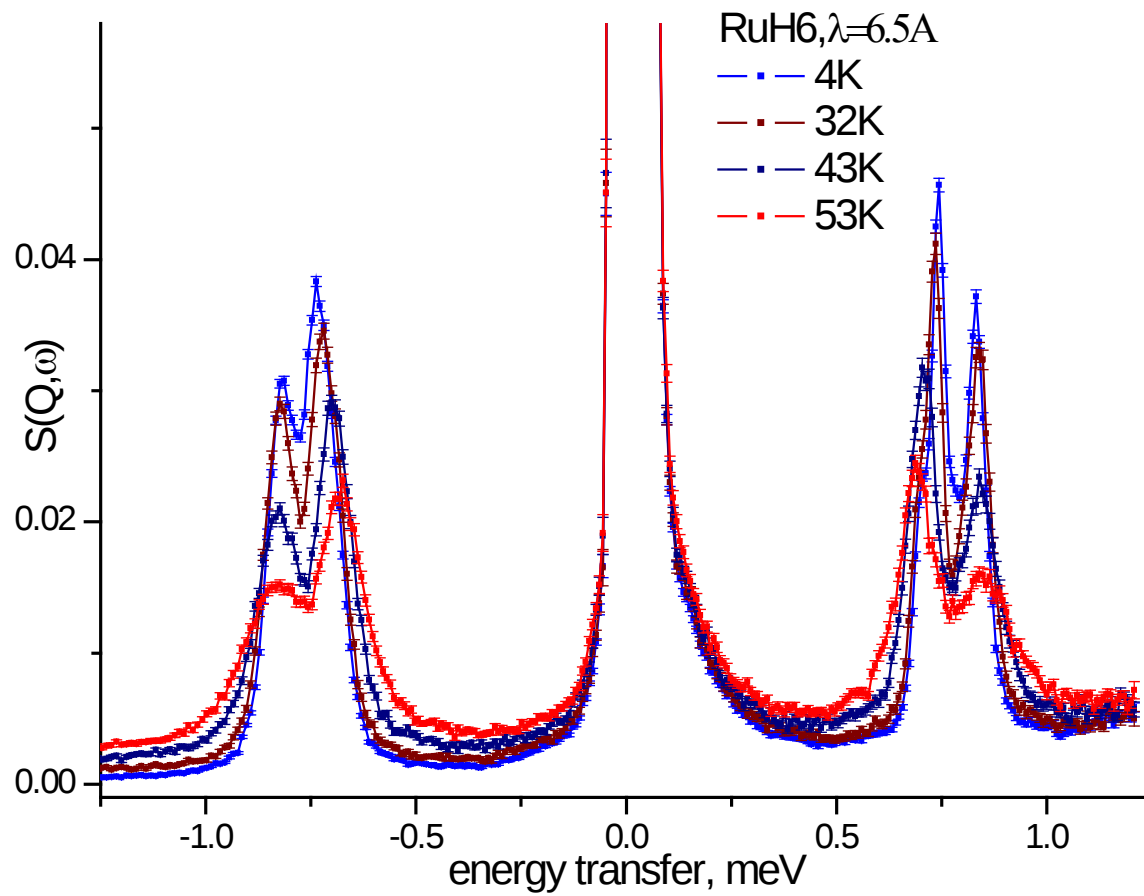
# Rotational Tunnelling in $[\text{Fe}(\text{H})_2(\text{H}_2)\text{L}_3]$ and $[\text{Ru}(\text{H}_2)(\text{H})(\text{dppe})_2]^+$



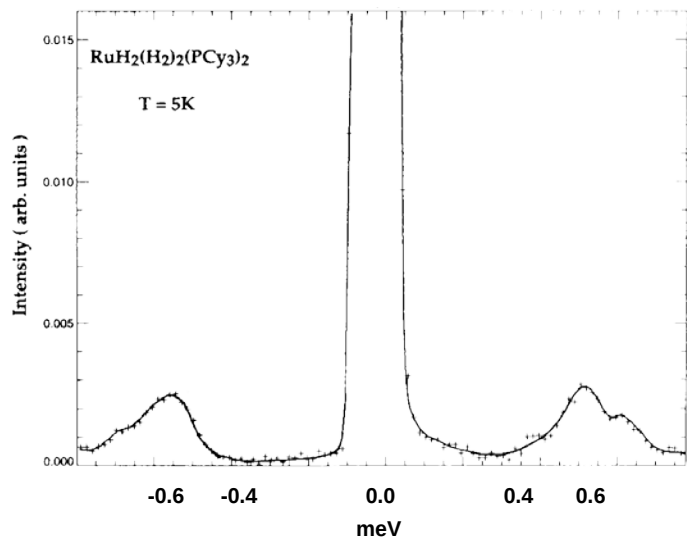
Energy Transfer ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )



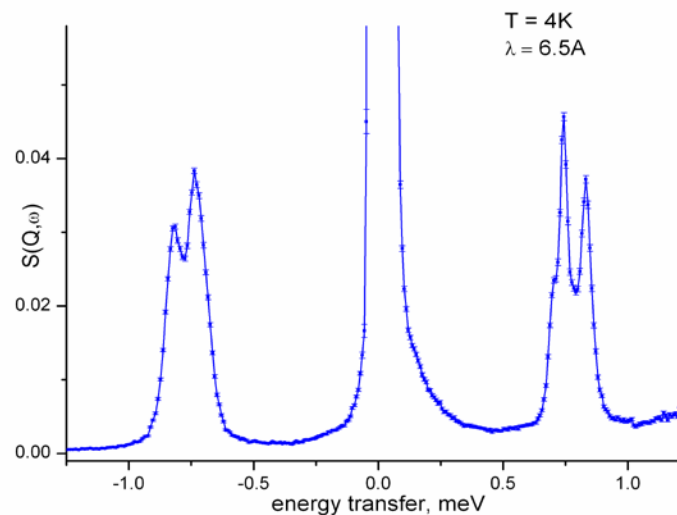
# Rotational Tunnelling in $\text{Ru}(\text{H}_2)_2(\text{H})_2(\text{Pcyp}_3)_2$



# Rotational Tunnelling in $\text{Ru}(\text{H})_2(\text{H}_2)_2\text{L}_2$

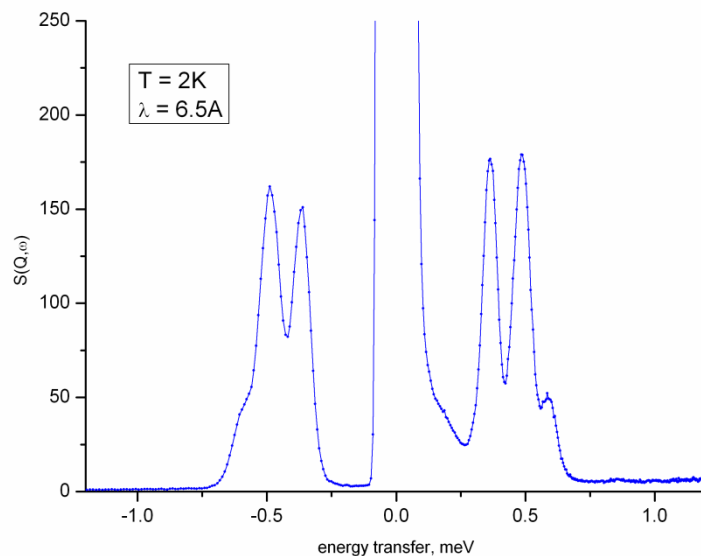


$\text{L} = \text{P}(\text{cy})_3$



$\text{L} = \text{P}(\text{cyp})_3$

$V_\phi = 0.99, 1.09 \text{ kcal/mol}$

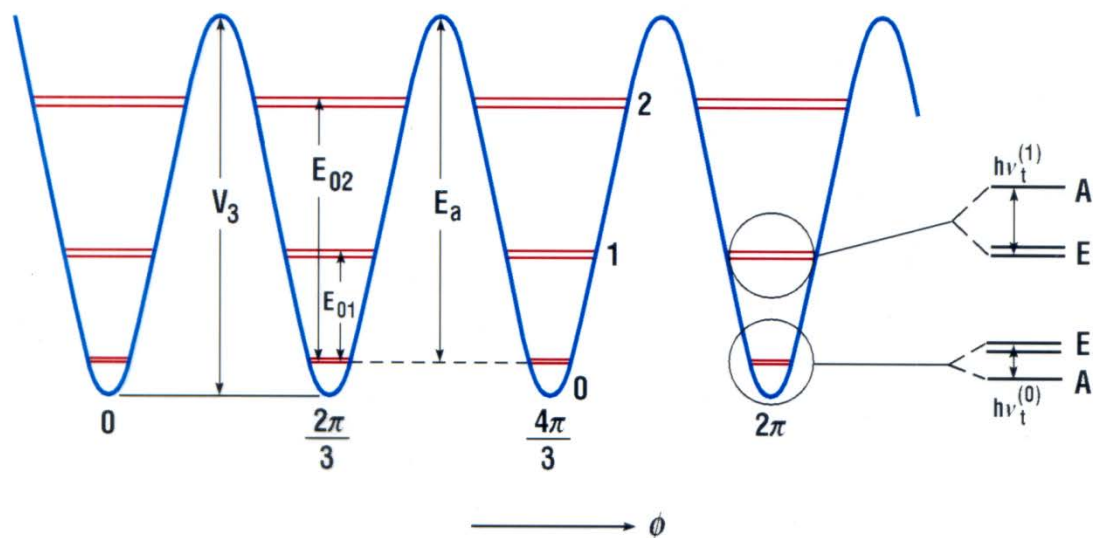


$\text{L} = \text{P}(\text{cy})_2(\text{†But})$

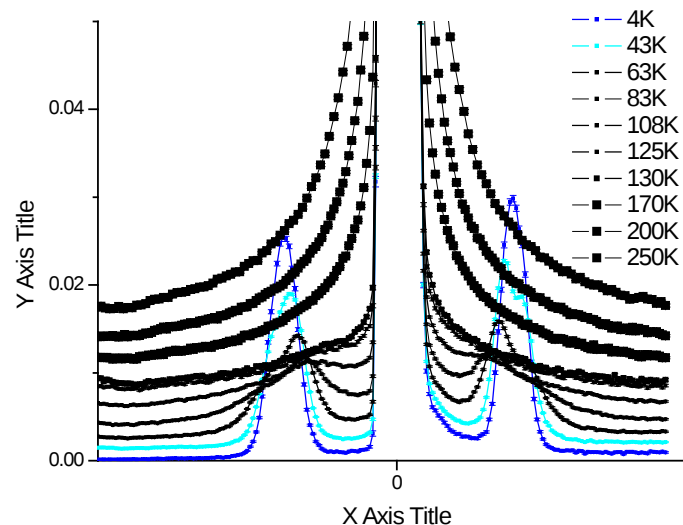
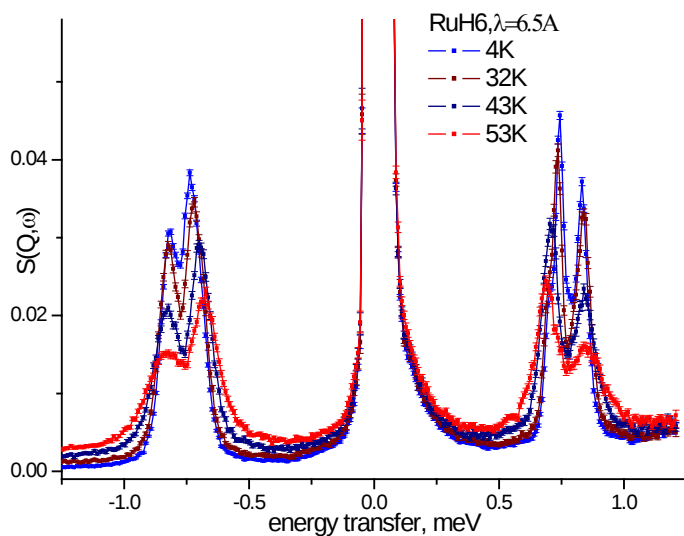
# VIBRATIONAL FREQUENCIES and TUNNEL SPLITTINGS for M-H<sub>2</sub> COMPLEXES

| Compound                                                                           | $\nu(\text{H-H})$<br>[cm <sup>-1</sup> ] (IR) | $\tau(\text{H-H})$<br>[cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | $\omega_t$<br>[cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | $V_t$<br>[kcal/mol] |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>W(CO)<sub>3</sub>(P<sup>i</sup>Pr<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(H)<sub>2</sub></b>   | <b>2695</b>                                   | <b>370 - 340</b>                          | <b>0.73</b>                       | <b>2.4</b>          |
| <b>W(CO)<sub>3</sub>(PCy<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(H)<sub>2</sub></b>               | <b>2690</b>                                   | <b>380 - 325</b>                          | <b>0.89</b>                       | <b>2.2</b>          |
| <b>[Fe(PPPP)(H)(H<sub>2</sub>)]<sup>+</sup></b>                                    |                                               | <b>276 - 259</b>                          | <b>1.15</b>                       | <b>1.9</b>          |
| <b>[Ru(PPPP)(H)(H<sub>2</sub>)]<sup>+</sup></b>                                    |                                               | <b>225 – 184</b>                          | <b>2.58</b>                       | <b>1.6</b>          |
| <b>IrBr(P<sup>i</sup>Pr<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(H)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>)</b> |                                               |                                           | <b>18.9</b>                       | <b>0.53</b>         |
| <b>IrI(P<sup>i</sup>Pr<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(H)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>)</b>  |                                               |                                           | <b>9.8</b>                        | <b>0.98</b>         |

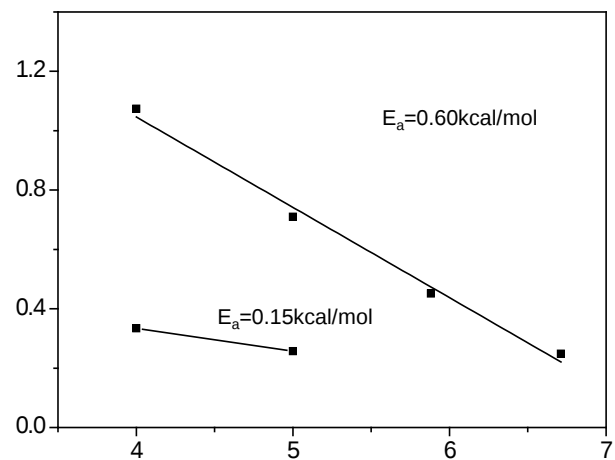
# A Schematic Diagram of the Energy Levels of a Methyl Rotor In a Three-Fold Potential

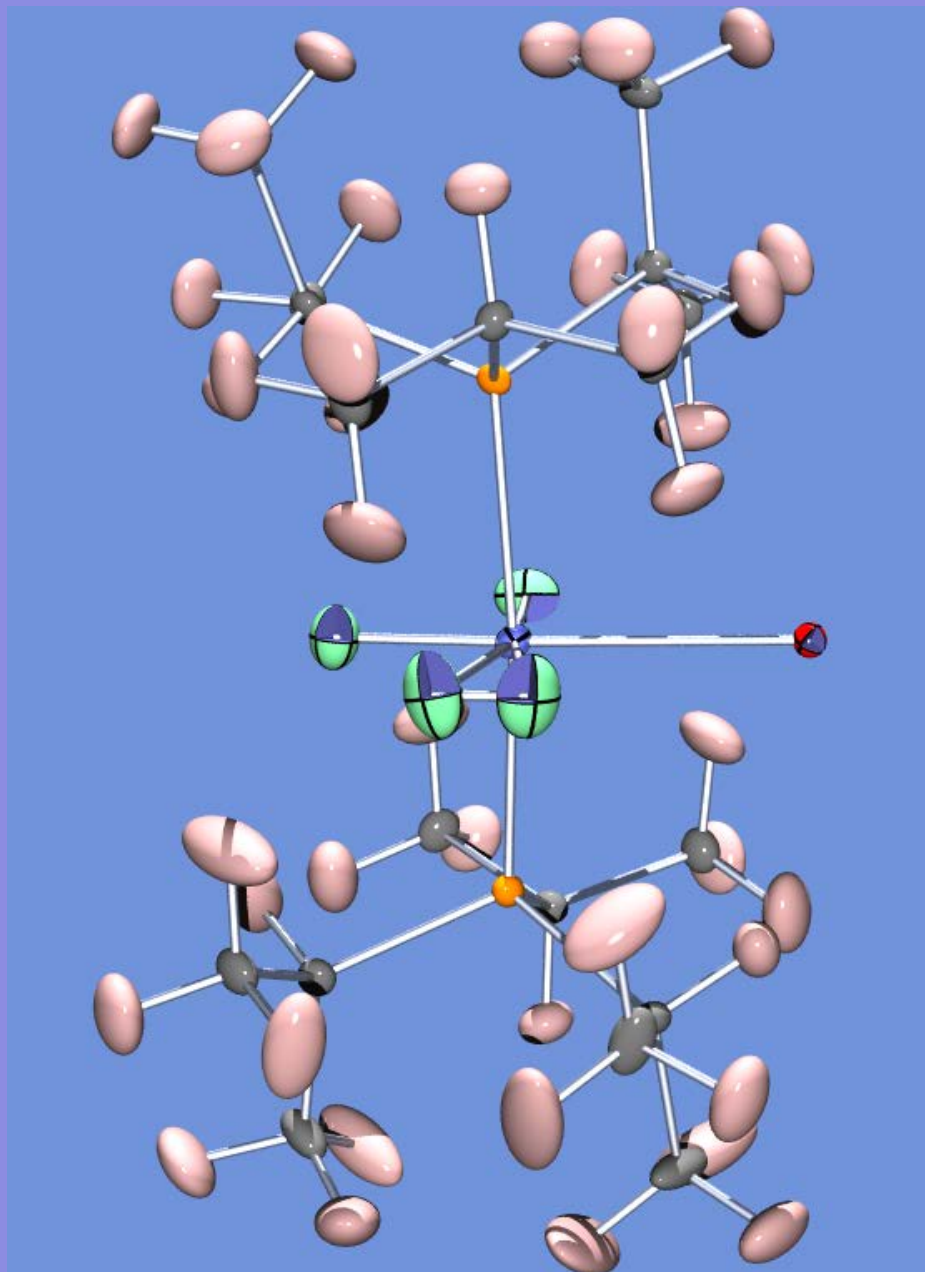


# Rotational Tunnelling in Ru(H<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(H)<sub>2</sub>(Pcyp<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

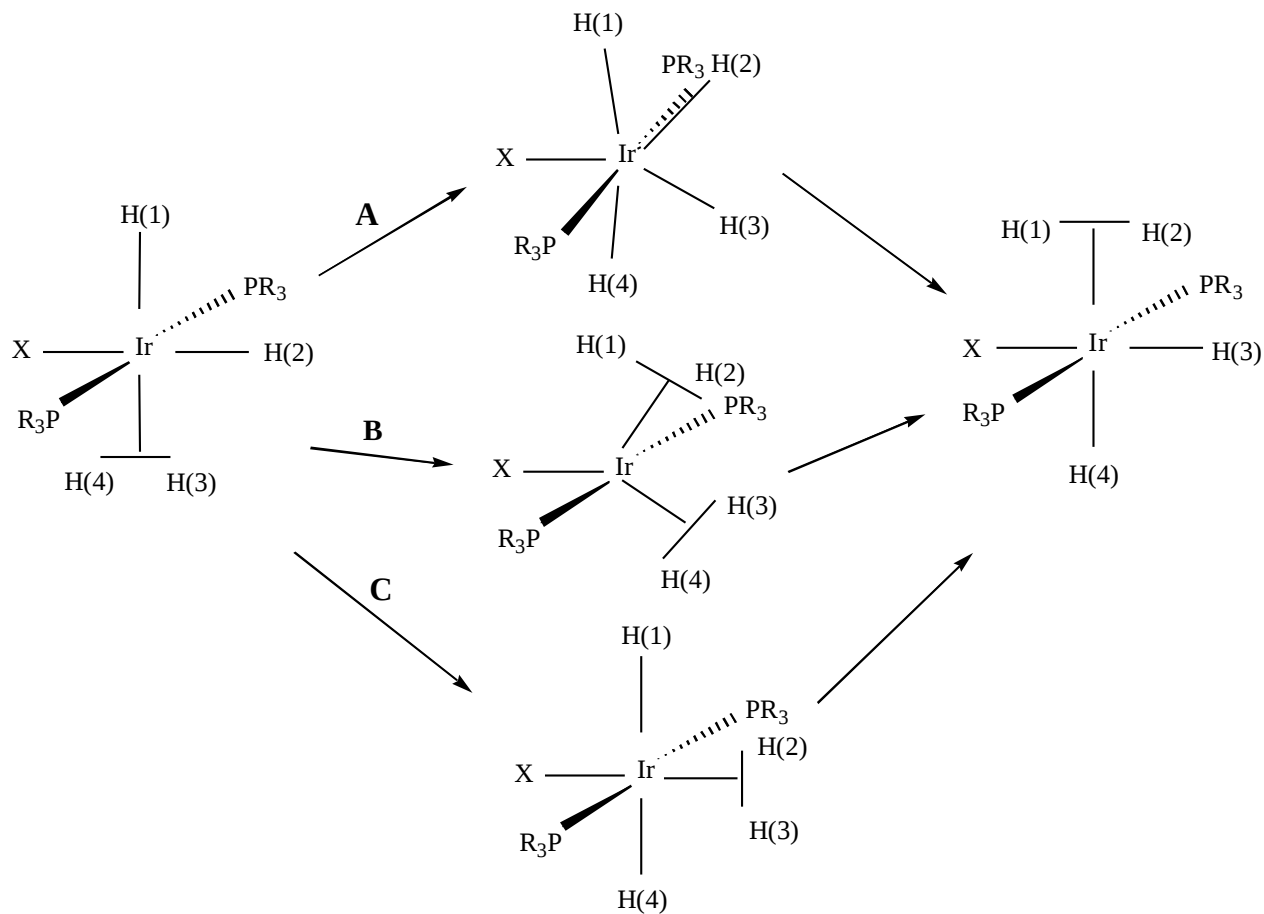


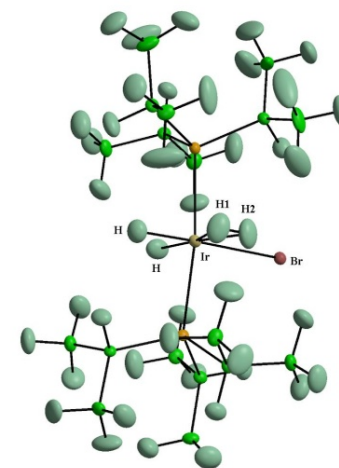
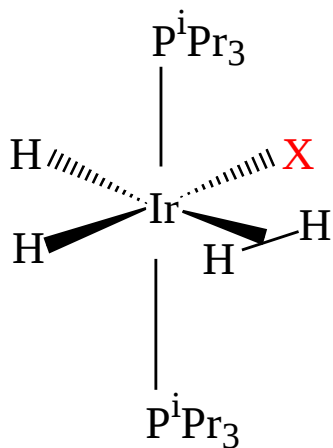
$$\Gamma(T) = \Gamma_0 e^{-\left(\frac{E^*(T)}{kT}\right)}$$





# Dihydrogen-Hydride Exchange in $(^i\text{Pr}_3\text{P})_2\text{Ir}\text{X}(\text{H})_2(\text{H})_2$





**X**

**Cl**

**Br**

**I**

Rotat. tunnelling freq.  
( $\omega$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )

20

19

6

Rotat. barrier  $V_{\text{exp}}^2$   
(kcal/mole)

0.51(3)

0.48(3)

1.00(4)

Rotat. barrier  $V_{\text{calc}}$   
( $\text{PMe}_3$  /  $\text{PH}_3$  kcal/mole)

0.37 (2.04)

0.42 (2.11)

0.66 (2.32)

H-H (exp)

0.78 (INS)

0.819(8)

0.856(9)

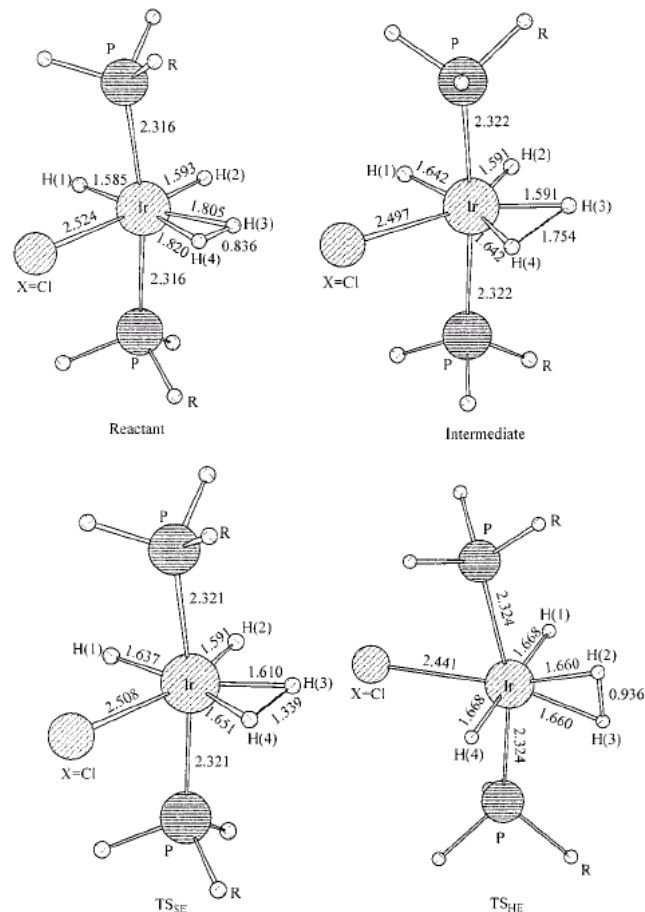
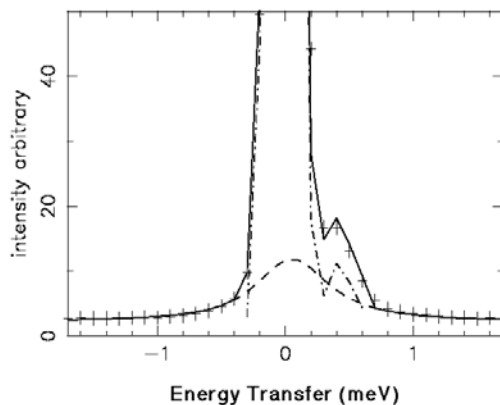
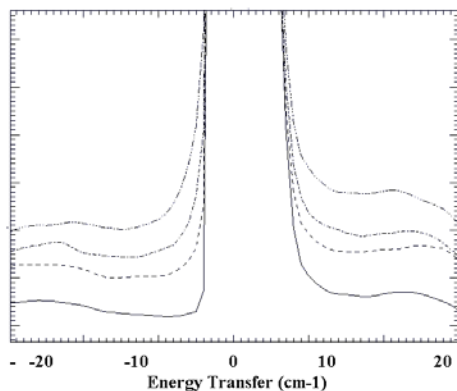
H-H (calc)

0.853

0.857

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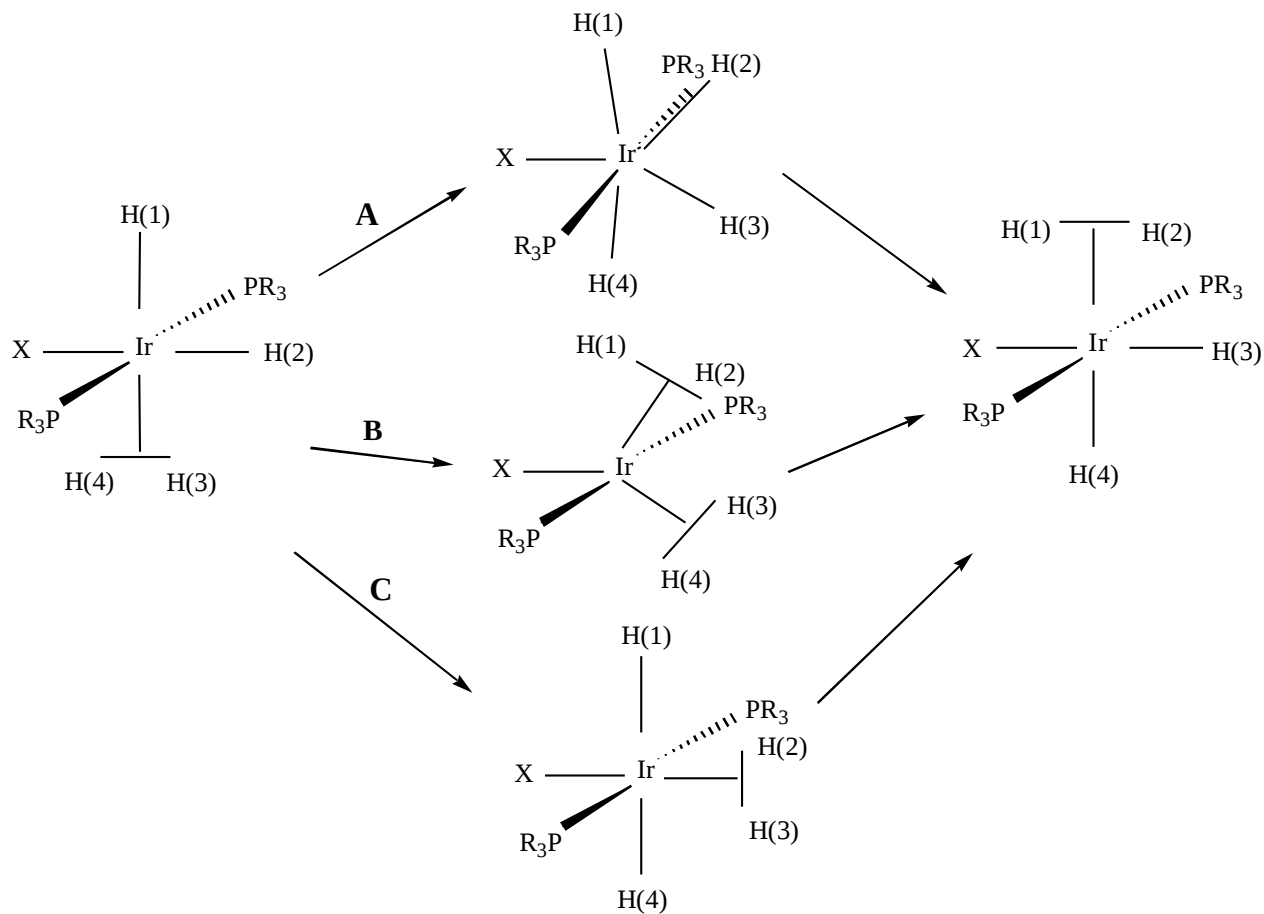
# $(i\text{Pr}_3\text{P})_2\text{IrX}(\text{H})_2(\text{H})_2$ : Observed and Calculated Exchange Energies (QENS & B3LYP)



Data @ 100, 175, 210, 250 K  
 $\Delta E_a = 1.5(2)$  Kcal/mol

B3LYP/BS4 (reactant, intermediate, TS's)  
 $\Delta E_{TS} = 1.87$  kcal/mol

# Dihydrogen-Hydride Exchange in $(^i\text{Pr}_3\text{P})_2\text{Ir}\text{X}(\text{H})_2(\text{H})_2$



# The Hydrogen Storage Problem

# Hydrogen as an Energy Vector

- Jules Verne *The Mysterious Island* (1874).

"... hydrogen and oxygen which constitute [water], used singly or together, will furnish an inexhaustible source of heat and light..."

- Max Pemberton *The Iron Pirate* (1893).

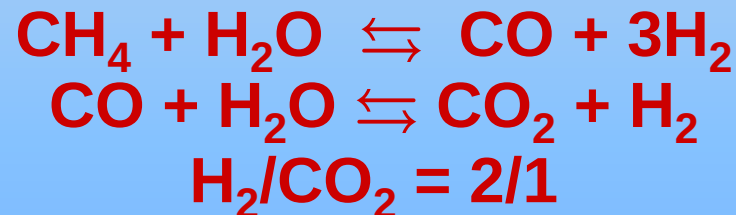
hydrogen from coal " ...fuels the most powerful engines that have yet been placed on a battleship ..."

# Hydrogen Production

Energy wise 3.8Lt gasoline ~ 1Kg of H<sub>2</sub>

Burning 3.8Lt gasoline produces ~ 9Kg of CO<sub>2</sub>

1 Kg of H<sub>2</sub> by electrolysis  $\equiv$  32 Kg of CO<sub>2</sub>



- Biomasses
- Photovoltaic
- Electrolysis + Nuclear Power (Solar Energy)

# Parameters Values and Methods

► Capacity  $>6\%$  wt,  $60\text{kg H}_2/\text{m}^3$  at RT,  $P < 100$  bar.

$\sim 10\%$  wt , at least, for the bare storage material itself.

► Thermodynamics and kinetics of the adsorption /desorption process.  $-20 < Q_{\text{st}}(\Delta H) < -40$  kJ/mol  $\text{H}_2$ ;  $D_{\text{chem}} > 10^{-9} \text{cm}^2/\text{s}$ .

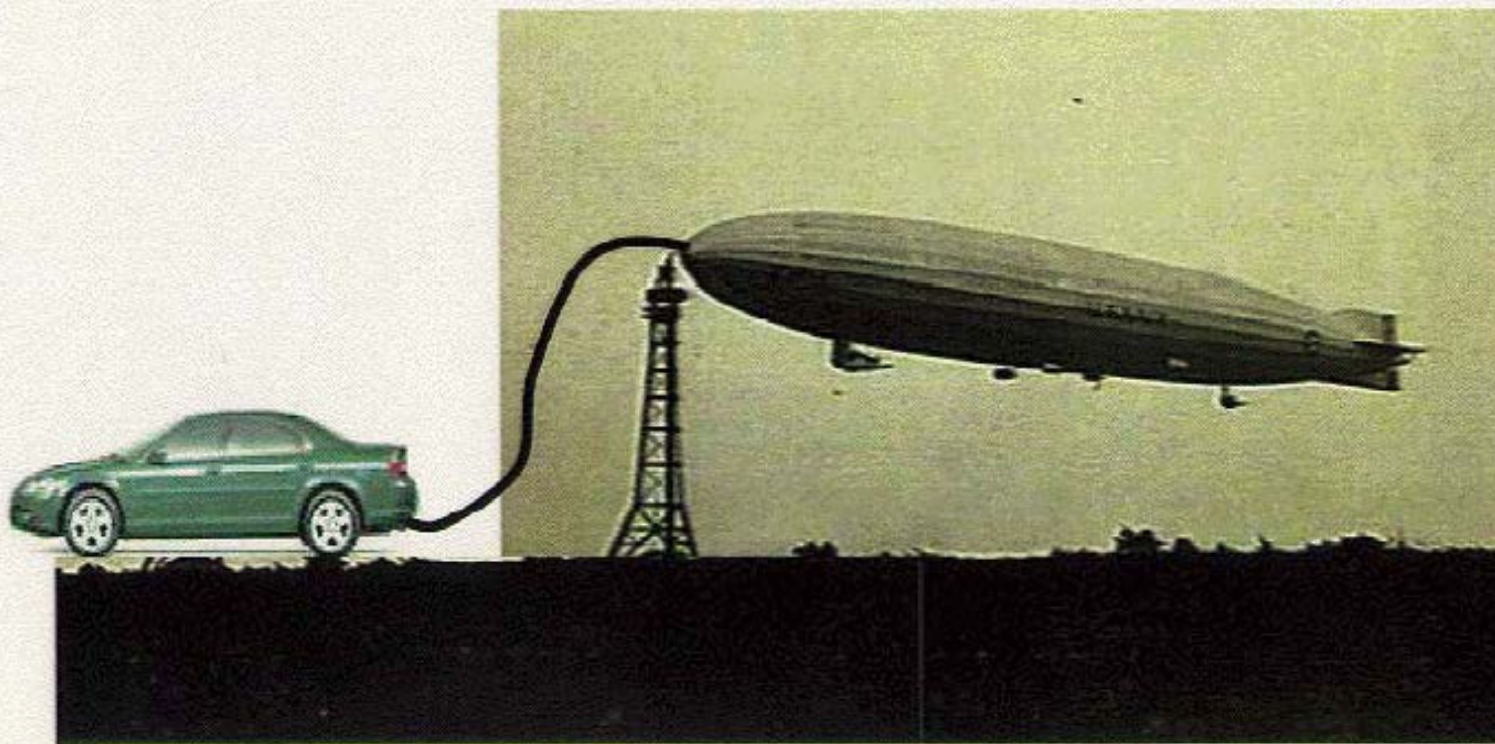
► Structural stability upon cycling/activation; Resistance against poisoning agents  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{CO}$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{N}_2$ , etc. Cost and Environment safety.

► Microscopically probe the interactions between  $\text{H}_2$  and individual adsorption sites – INS and Model calculations .

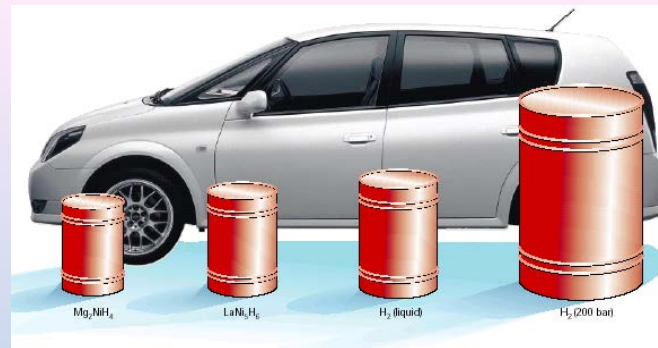
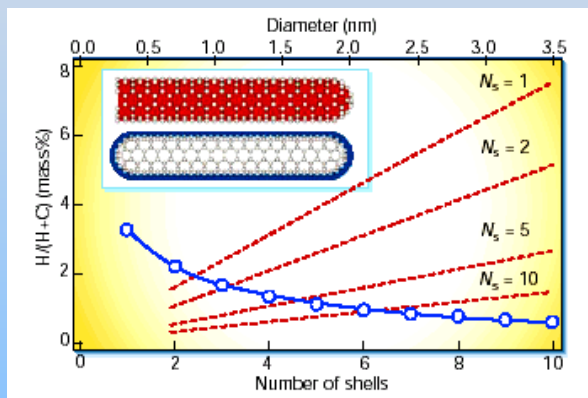
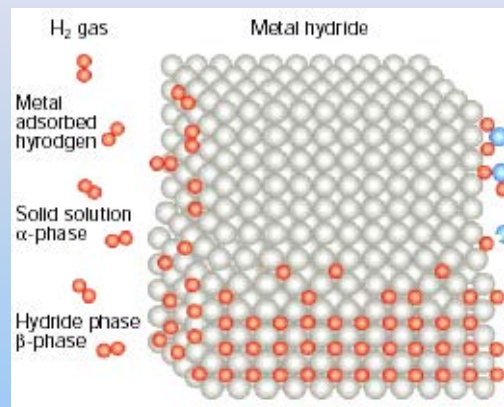


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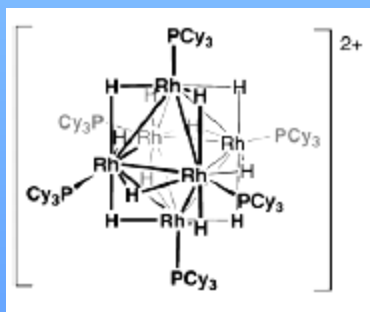
## Proposed H<sub>2</sub> Storage Concept



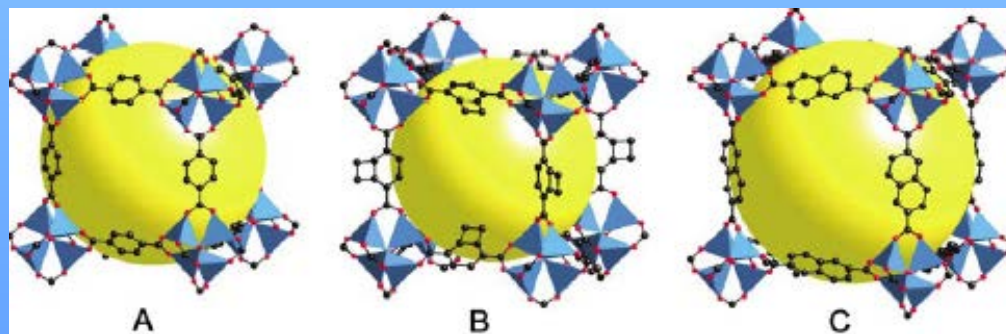
# Proposed H<sub>2</sub> Storage Materials



$\text{Mg}_2\text{NiH}_4$     $\text{LaNi}_5\text{H}_6$     $\text{H}_2(l)$     $\text{H}_2$  (200 atm)  
4Kg Hydrogen

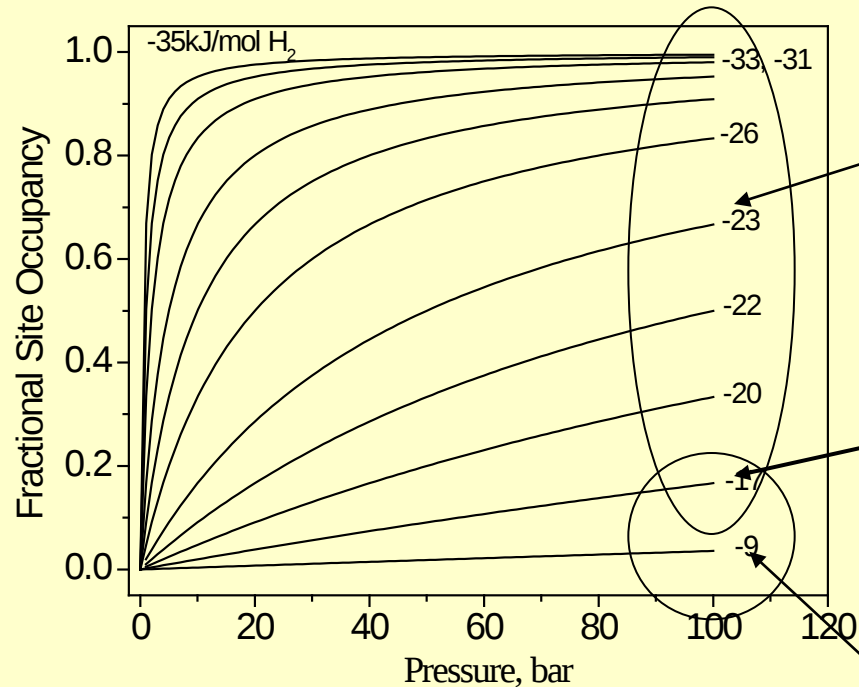


[Weller (2006)]



[Yaghi (2001)]

# Expected Interactions and Associated Thermodynamics



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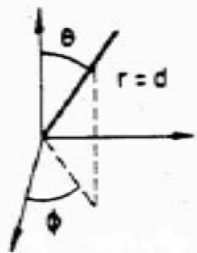
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# Rotational Energy Levels of the Hydrogen Molecule

## Symmetry Properties

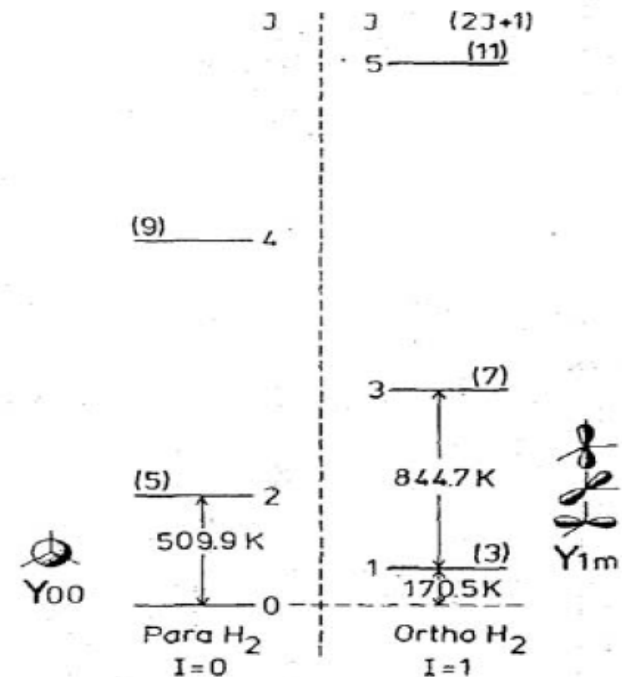


| J    | $\nu$ | f | Y  | $\nu$ |                |
|------|-------|---|----|-------|----------------|
| Even | AS    | S | S  | AS    | Para<br>$I=0$  |
| Odd  | AS    | S | AS | S     | Ortho<br>$I=1$ |

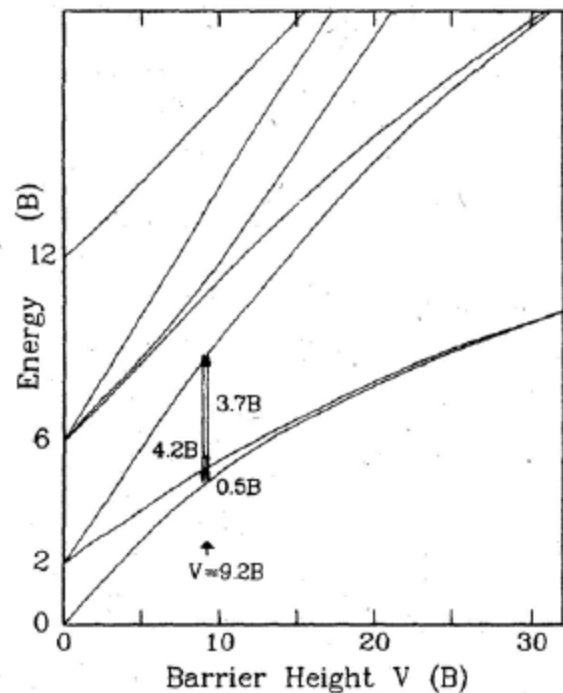
$$\Psi = f(r) Y_{J,m_J}(\theta, \phi) \nu_I$$

## Rotational Energy Levels

$$E = BJ(J+1)$$



# Introduction of a Barrier to Rotation of the $\text{H}_2$ Molecule

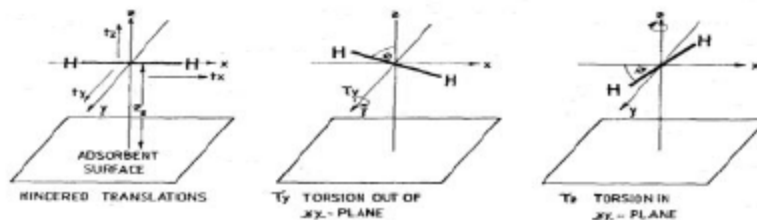


Some degeneracy in  $J$  levels is lifted

Note sensitivity to  $V$  of "0-1" transition  
Levels depends on the form of the barrier

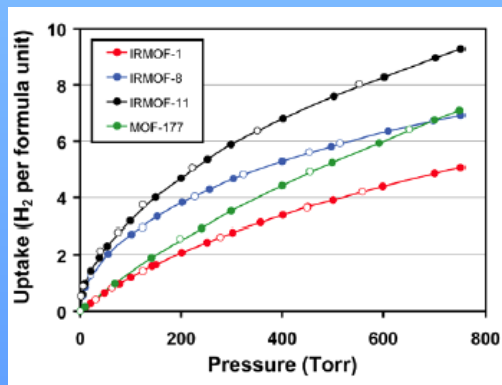
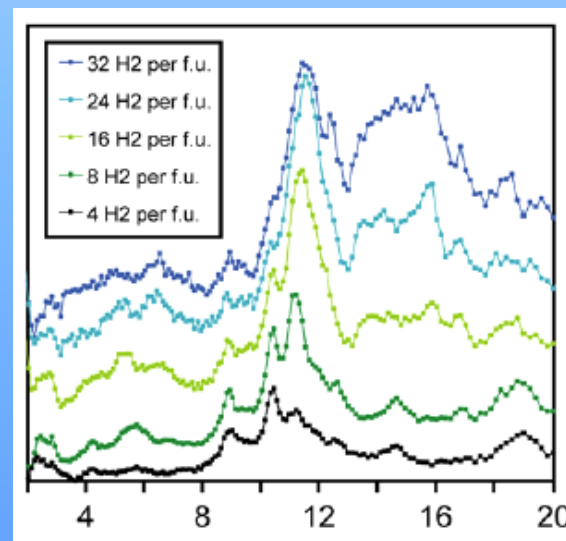
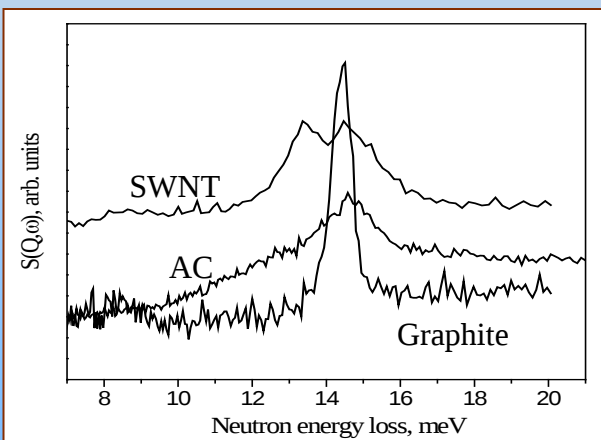
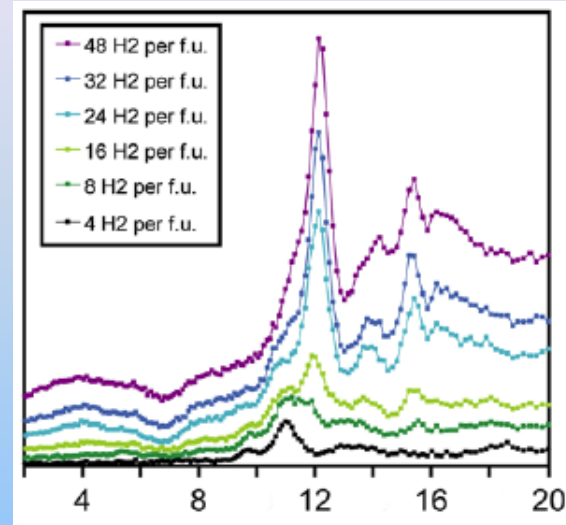
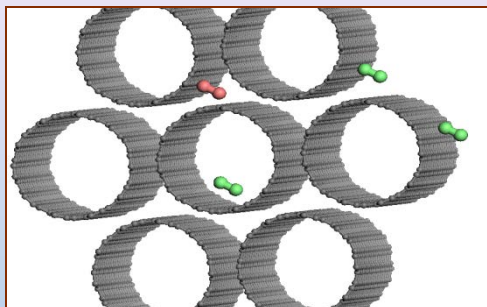
Transitions can be observed by neutron scattering - deduce barrier height  $V$  (as shown)

Barrier height can be compared with computational studies

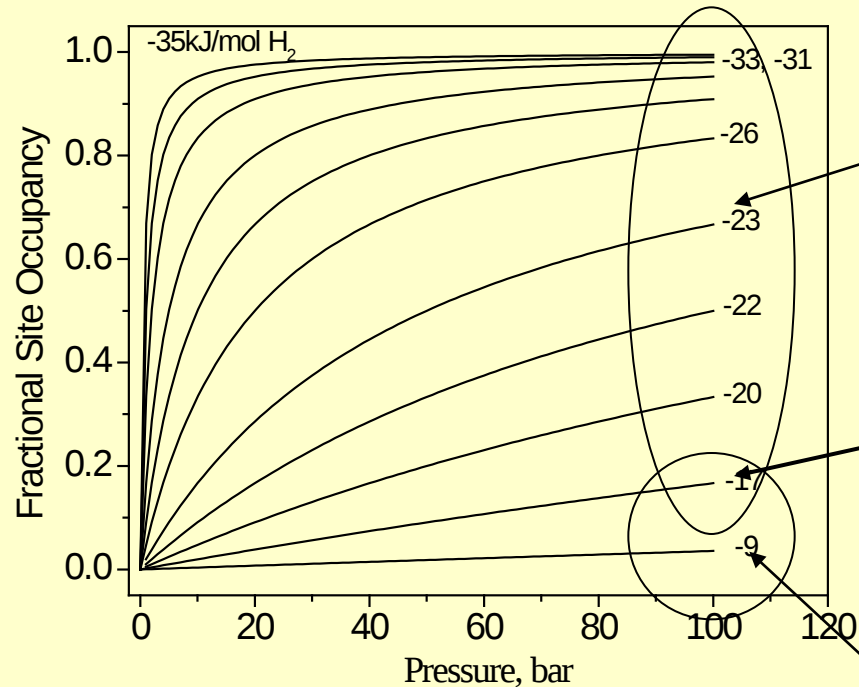


# H<sub>2</sub> Absorption in Nanoporous Materials

SWCNT



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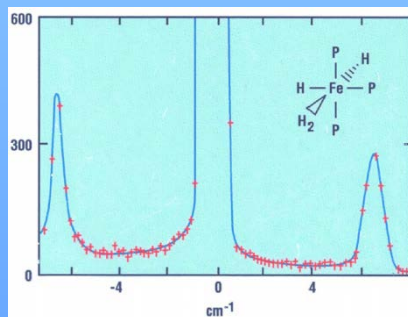
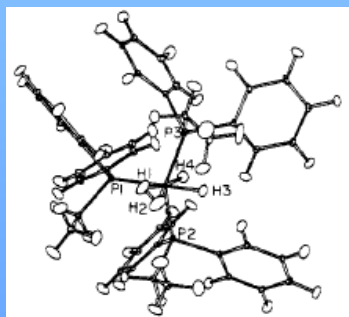
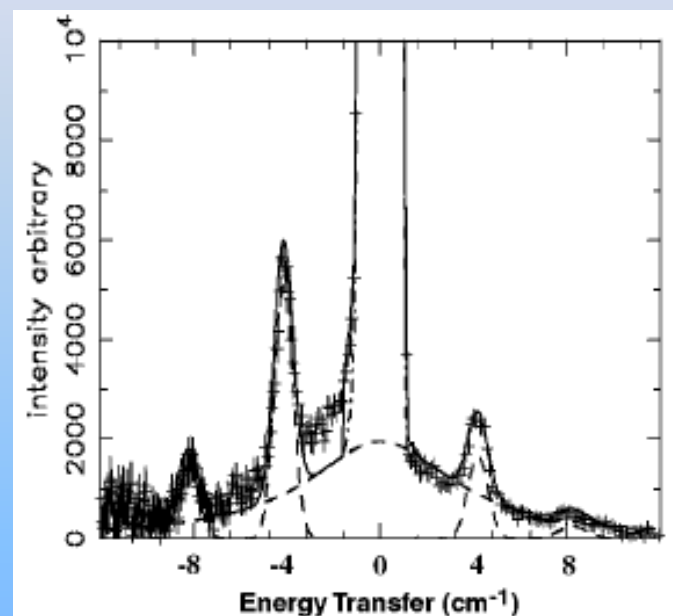
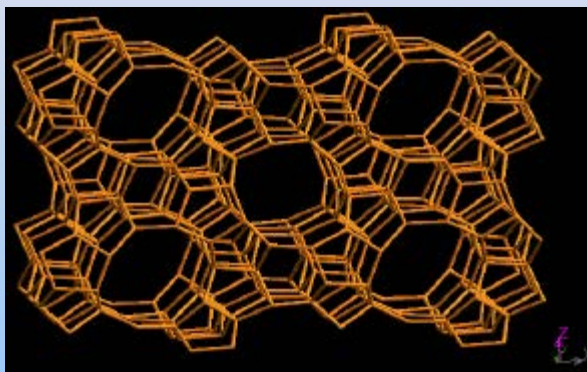
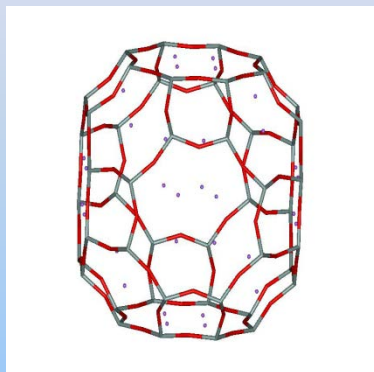
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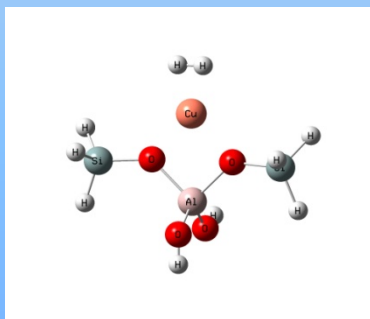
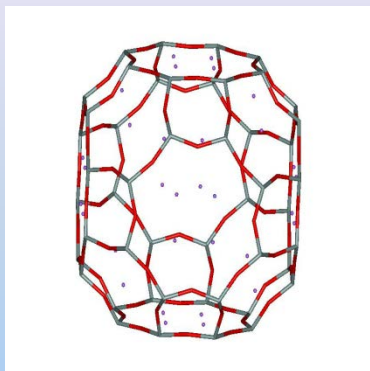
# Chemisorption of H<sub>2</sub> in Fe -ZSM-5



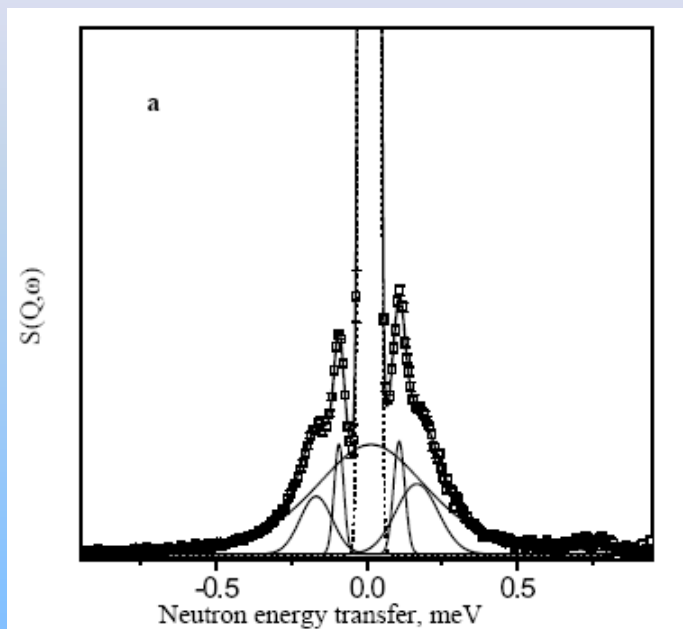
$$\omega = 4.2(2) \text{ cm}^{-1} \quad 8.3(2) \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

NEAT @5K -  $\lambda = 5.1 \text{ \AA}$

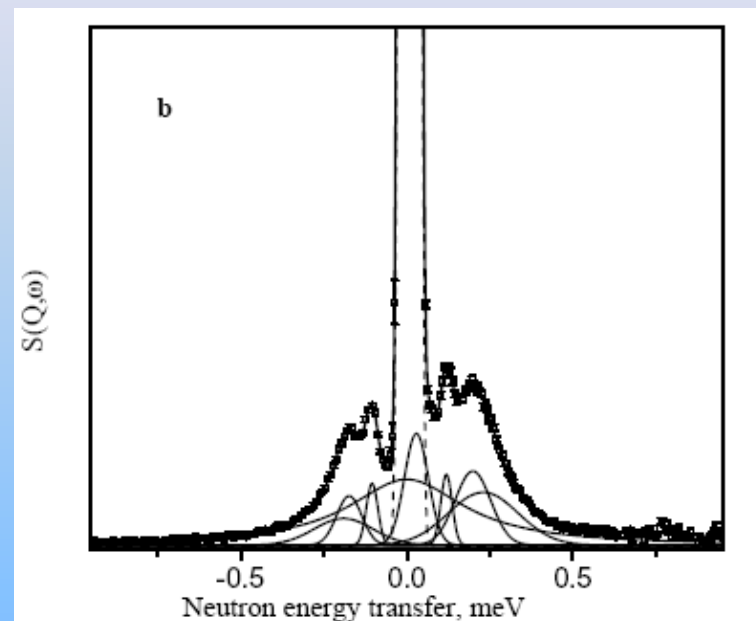
# Chemisorption of Molecular Hydrogen in: Cu-ZSM5



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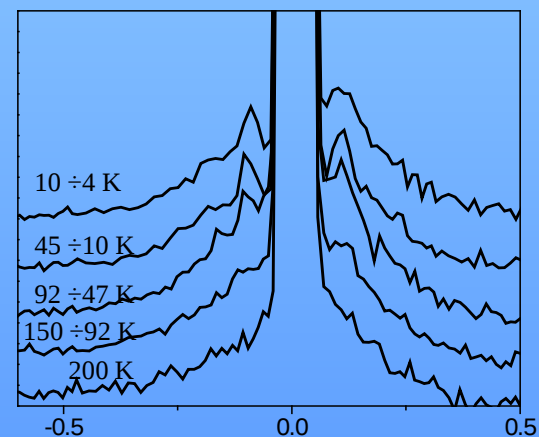


$\text{H}_2/\text{Cu}$   
2.0

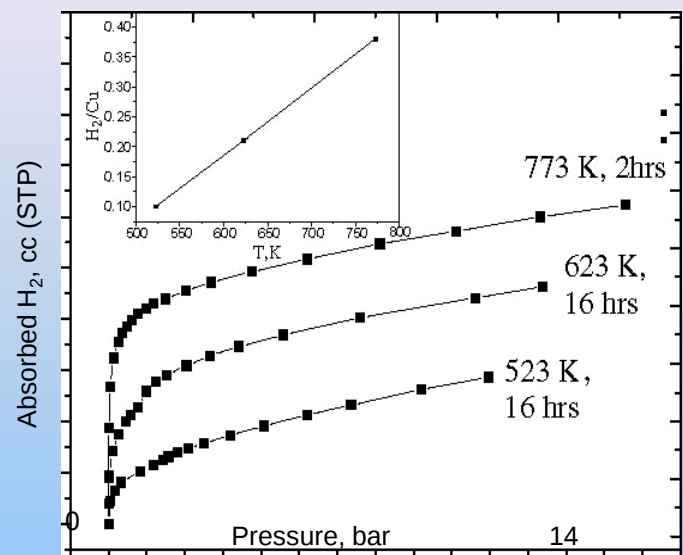


$\omega_{\tau}$  0.80  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  1.37  $\text{cm}^{-1}$

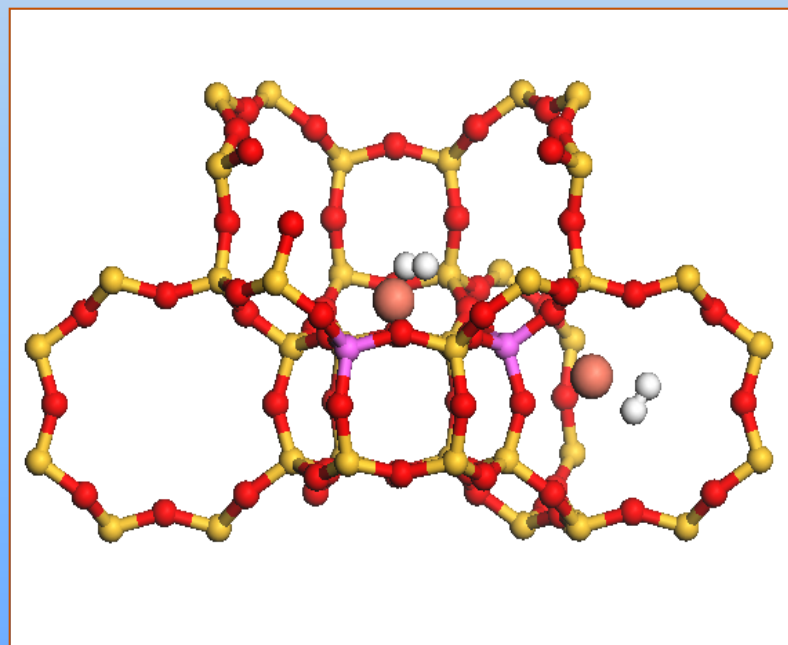
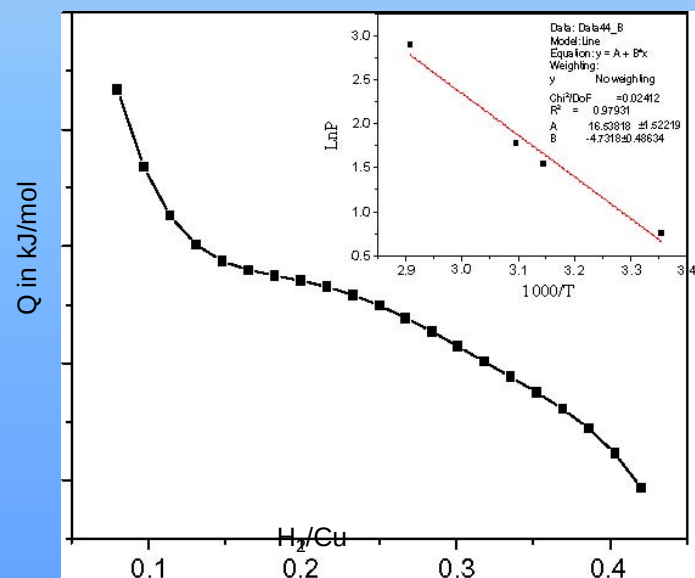
IN5 @4K -  $\lambda = 7.0 \text{\AA}$



# Dihydrogen Adsorption Isotherms - H<sub>2</sub> in Cu-ZSM5



**Isosteric Heat of adsorption**  
**H<sub>2</sub> on Cu 39 4 - 73 4 kJ/mol**



# Sorption Based Materials with Greater H<sub>2</sub> - Binding Energy

## Molecular Chemisorption at Unsaturated Transition Metal Binding Sites

(can reach > 20 kJ/mol)



Density too high?

**Bind Multiple  
Dihydrogen Ligands**



Not enough binding sites?

**Lighter Metals: alkali,  
alkaline earth hybrids**



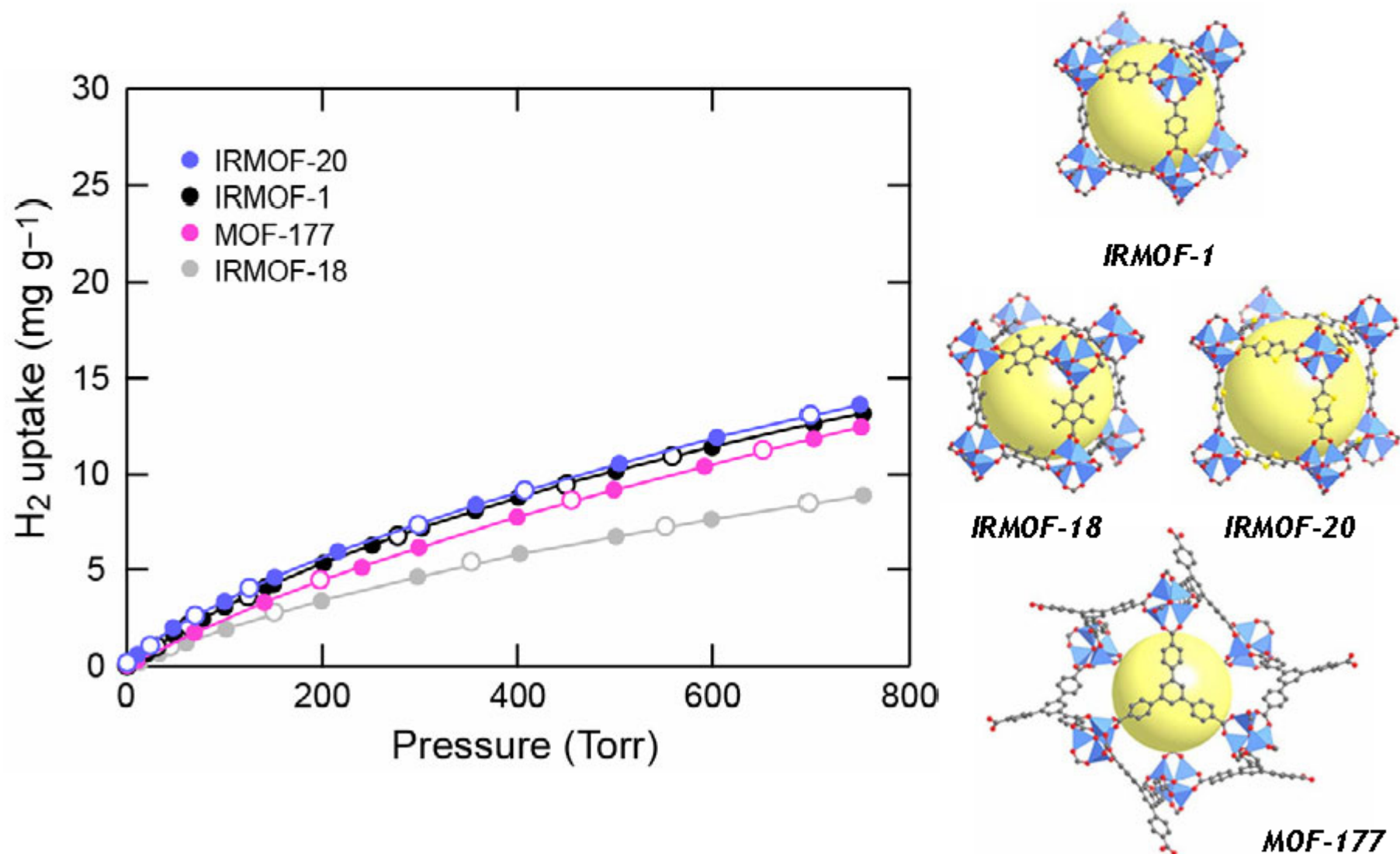
**Framework modifications:  
anionic frameworks,  
different metals...**



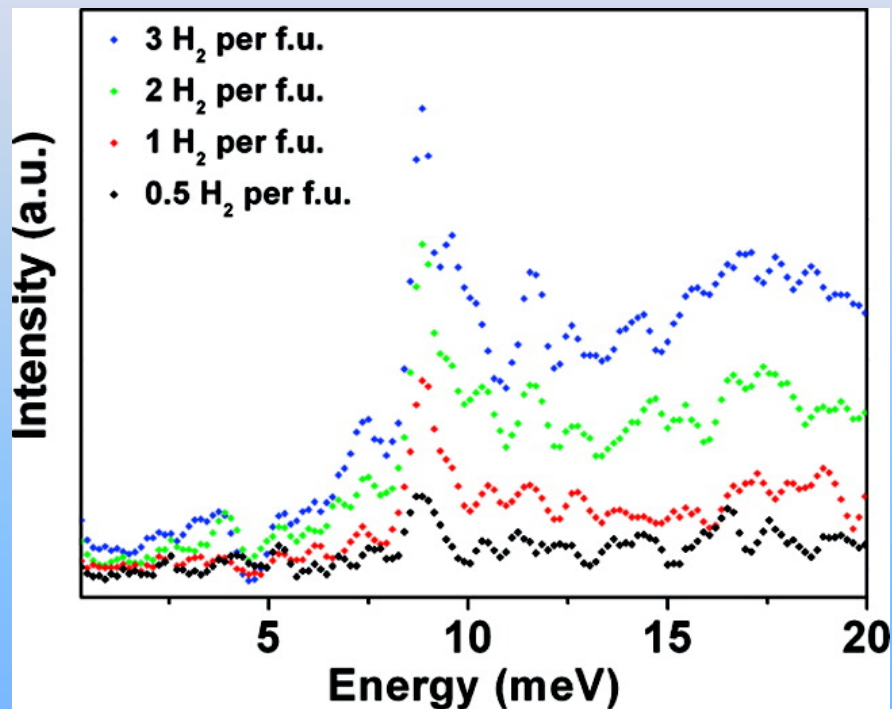
**Combine two or more of these approaches in one material**

# H<sub>2</sub> Adsorption in Non-Catenated MOFs

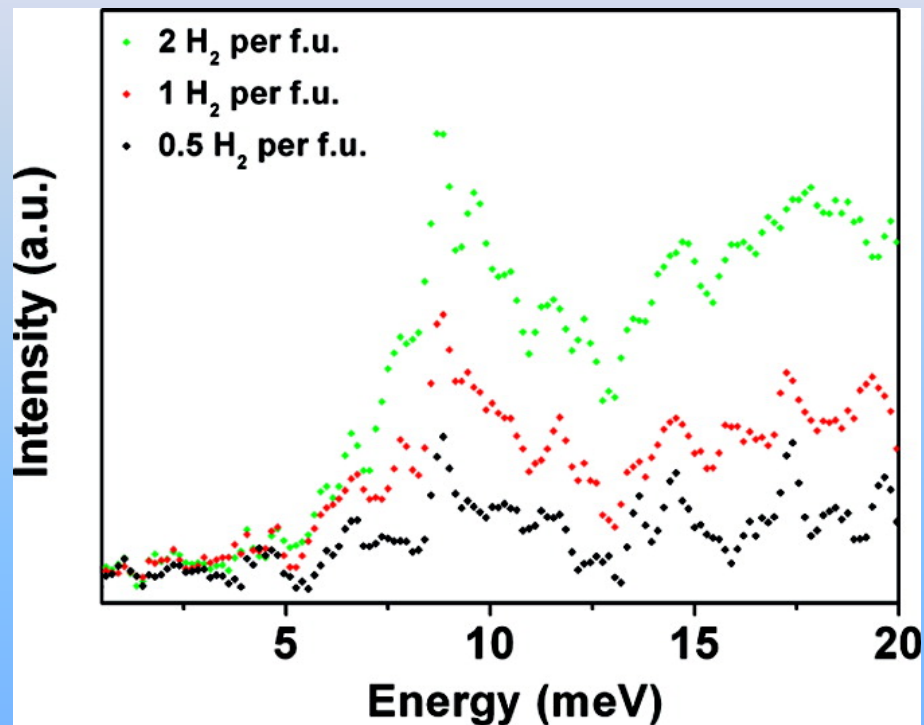
Functionality has little impact on uptake



# The Effect of Framework Catenation



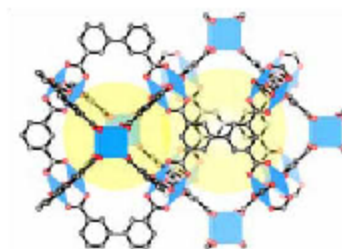
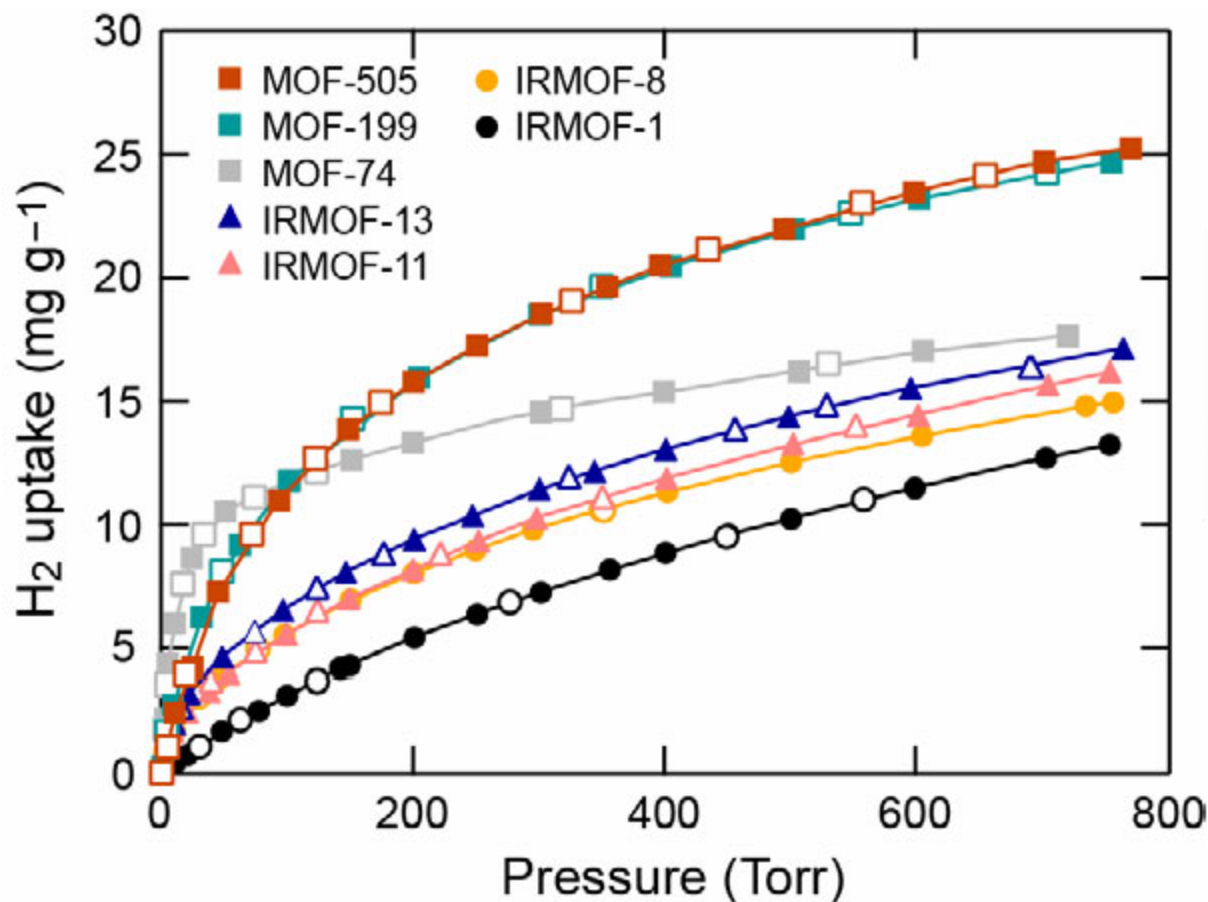
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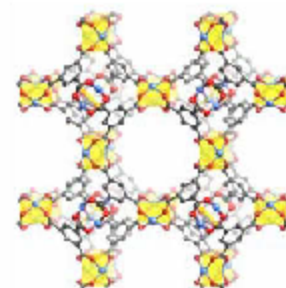
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# H<sub>2</sub> Uptake by MOFs with Open-Metal Sites

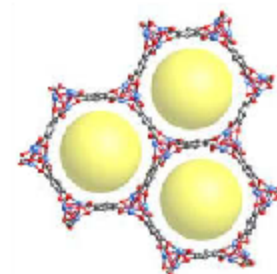
Open metal sites increase uptake by 70%



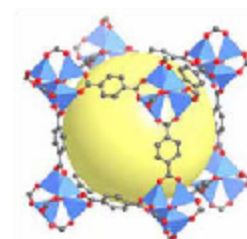
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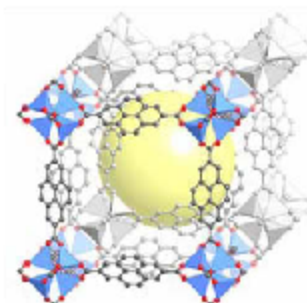
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MOF-74

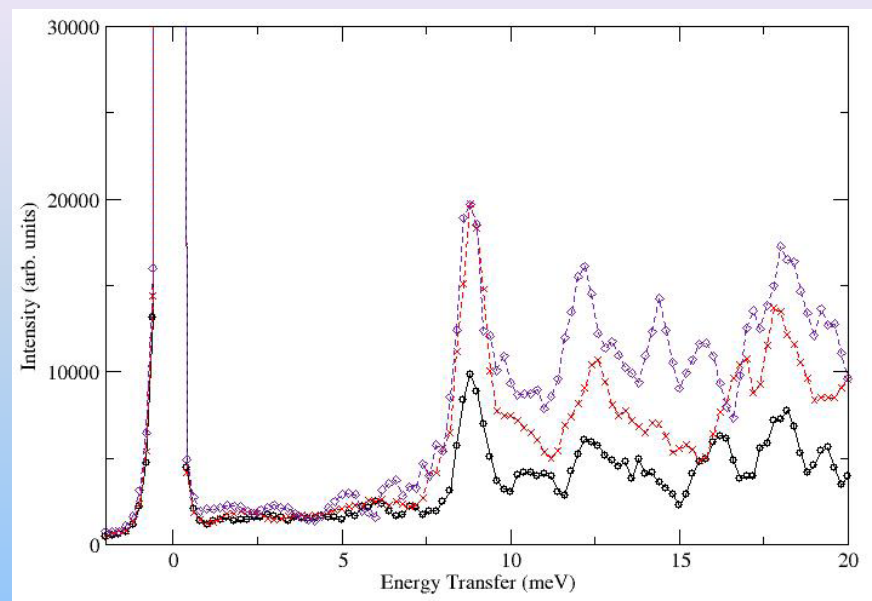
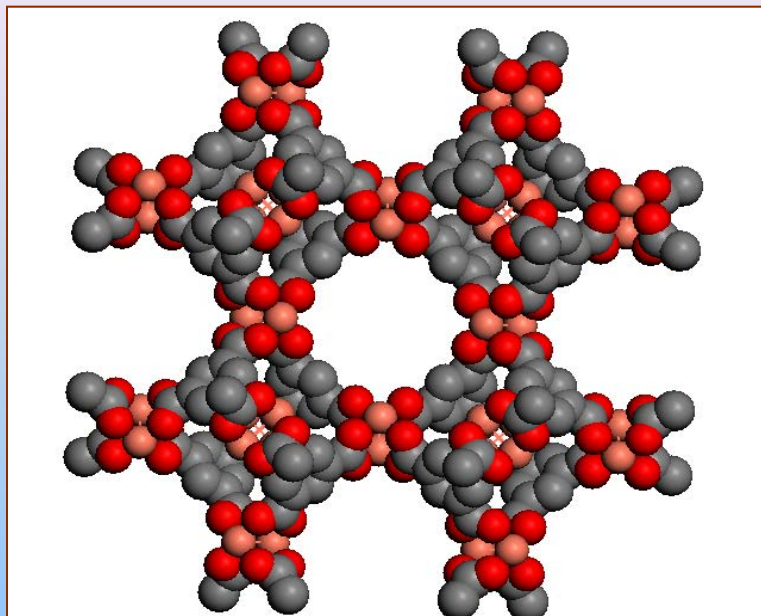


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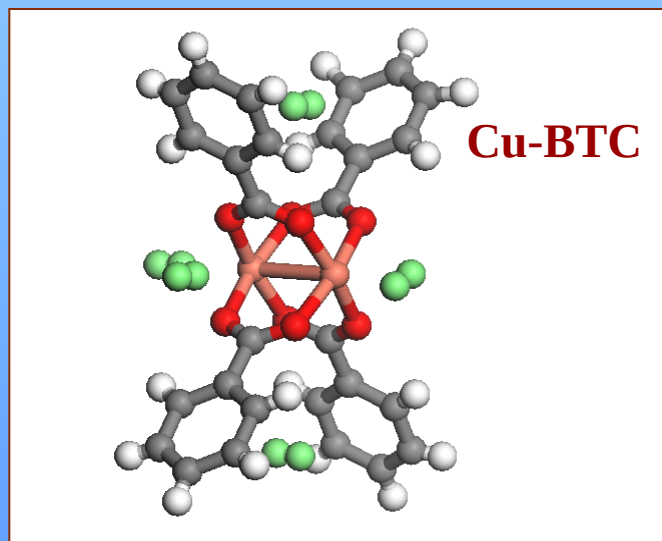


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# Weak- $H_2$ Chemisorption - HKUST-1

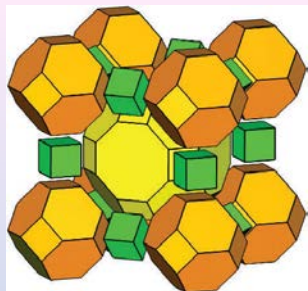


Peak at  $\sim 9.1$  meV

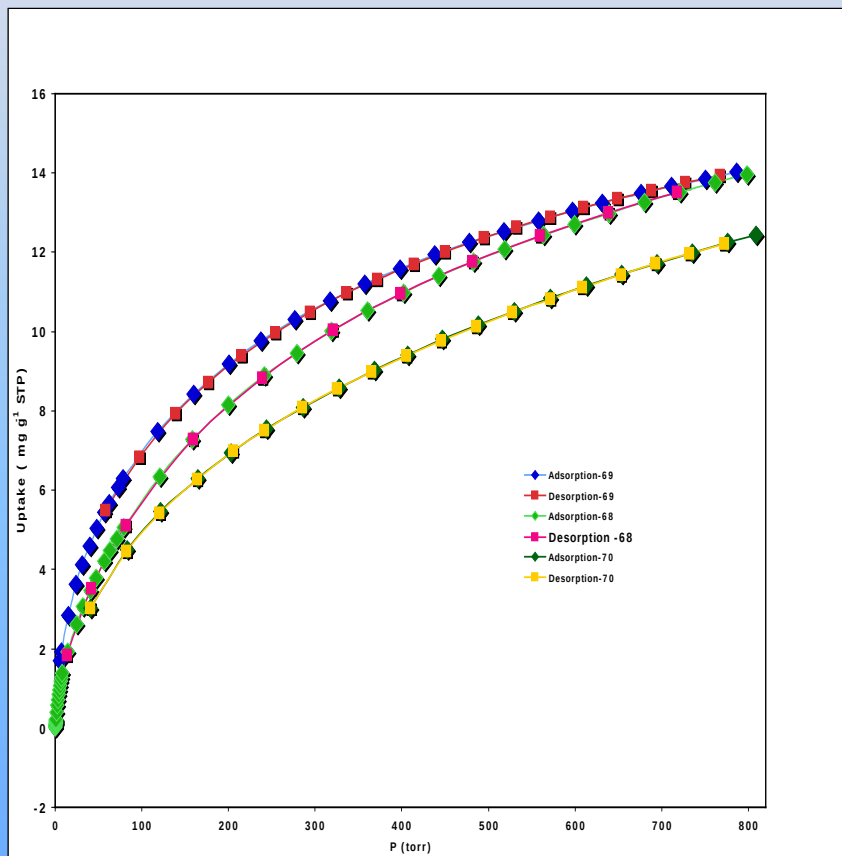


Aimed at achieving heats of  
adsorption of  $\sim 20$  kJ/mol  $H_2$

S.S.-Y. Chui et al. Science 283, 1148 (1999)



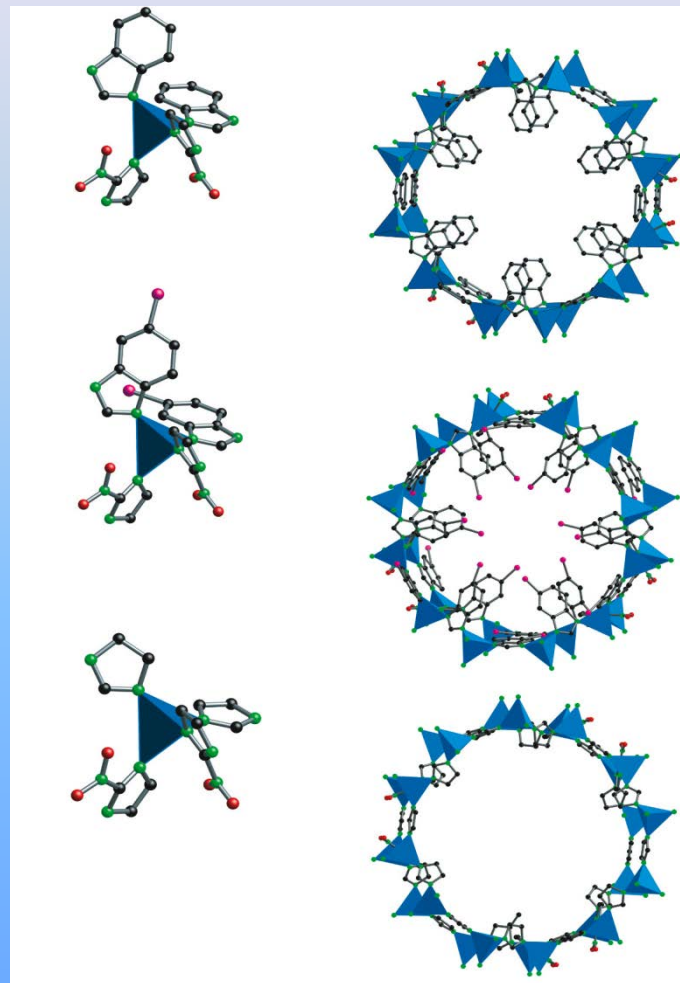
# ZIF's: Zeolite Type Frameworks



ZIF-68

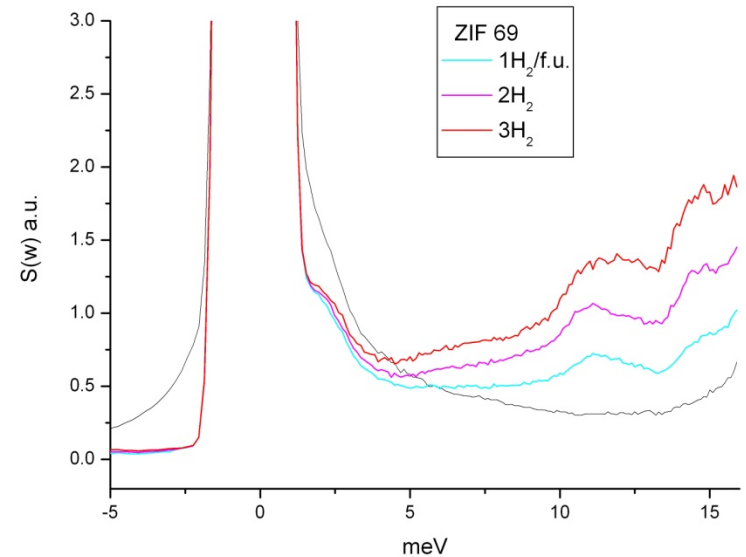
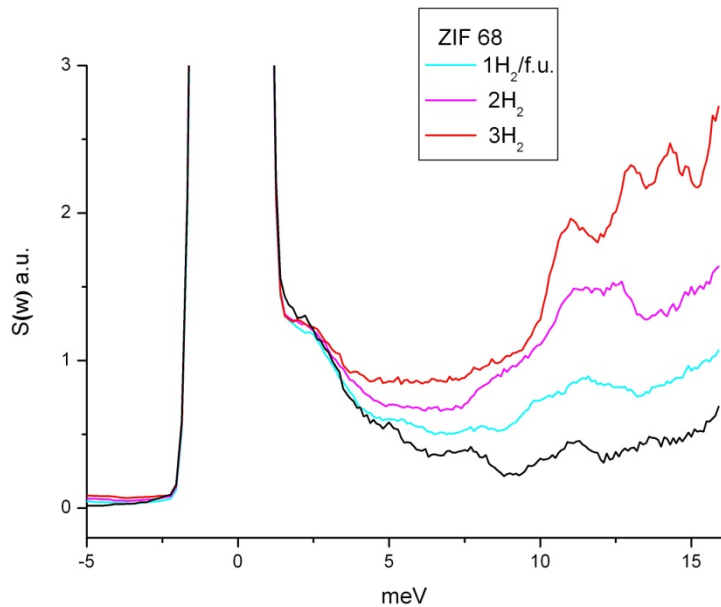
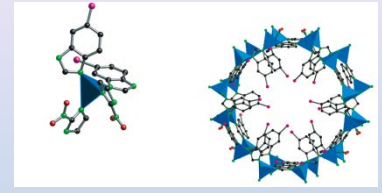
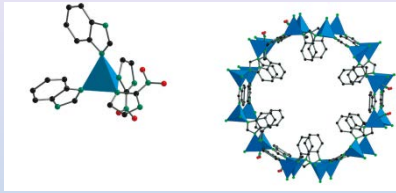
ZIF-69

ZIF-70



Cl substitution on benzene ring in ZIF-69

# INS of $H_2$ in ZIF-68, ZIF-69

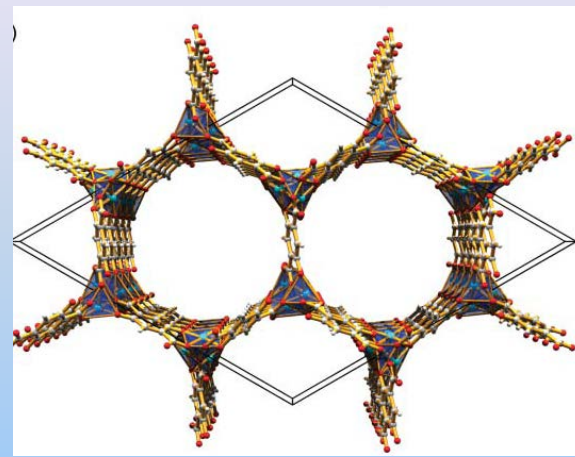
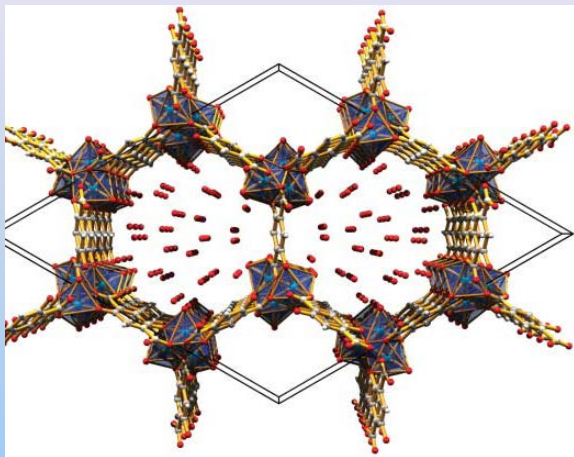


NEAT Spectrometer (BENSC)  $T = 5K$

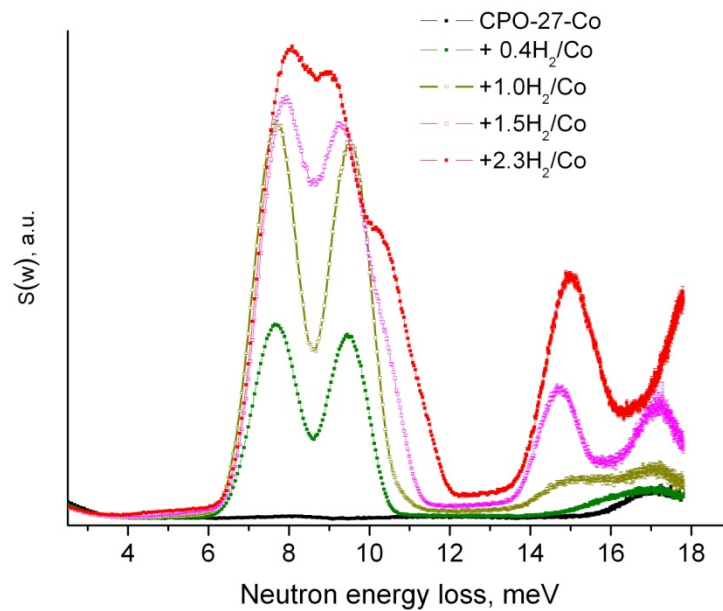
Possible binding sites:  
 $ZnN_4$  cluster, Im,  $-NO_2$ , organic, and  $-Cl$  (ZIF-69)

# CPO-27-Co $[\text{Co}_2(\text{dhtp})(\text{H}_2\text{O}) \cdot 8(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$

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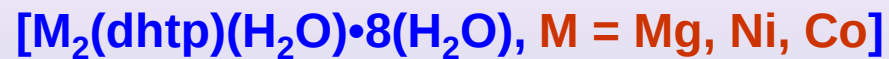


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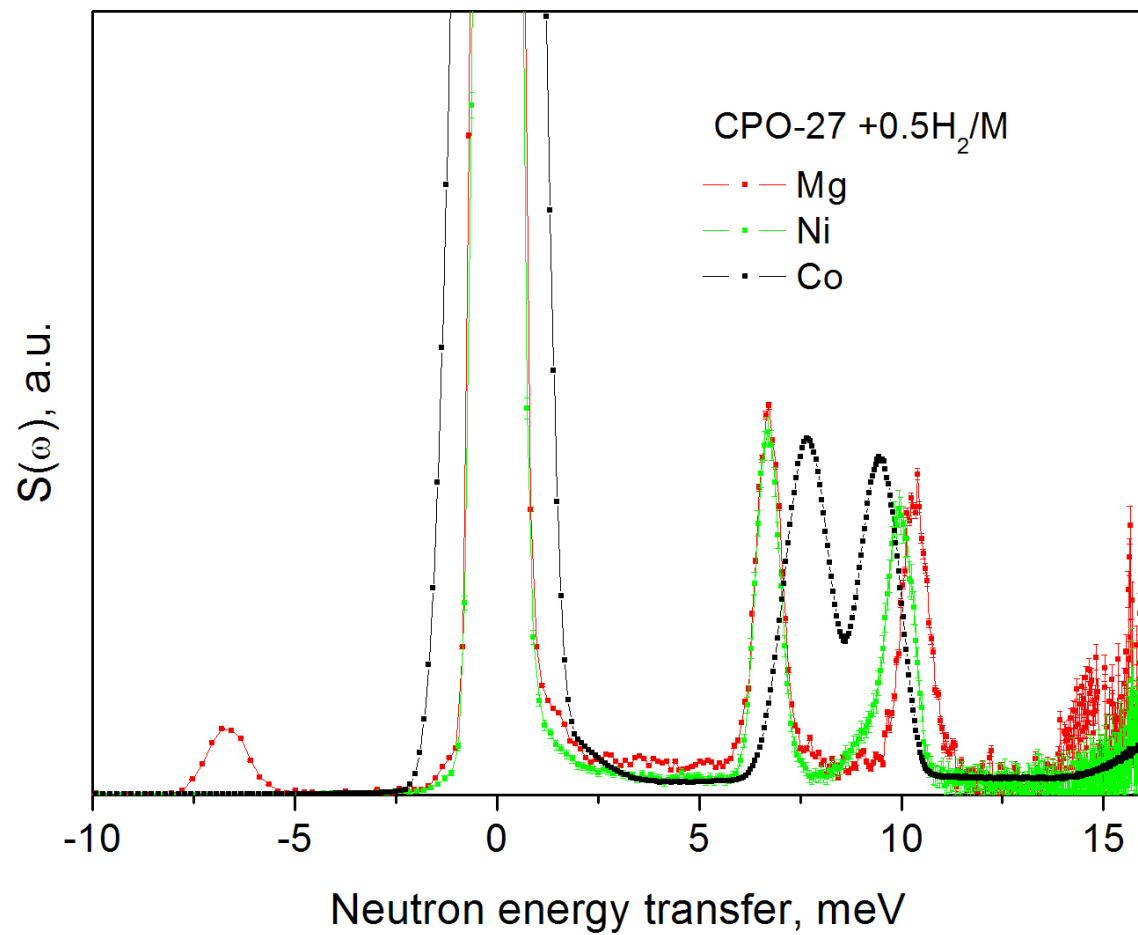


Georgiev, Albinati Eckert (2008)

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