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Massively parallel MD simulation and multiscale modelling of cavitation

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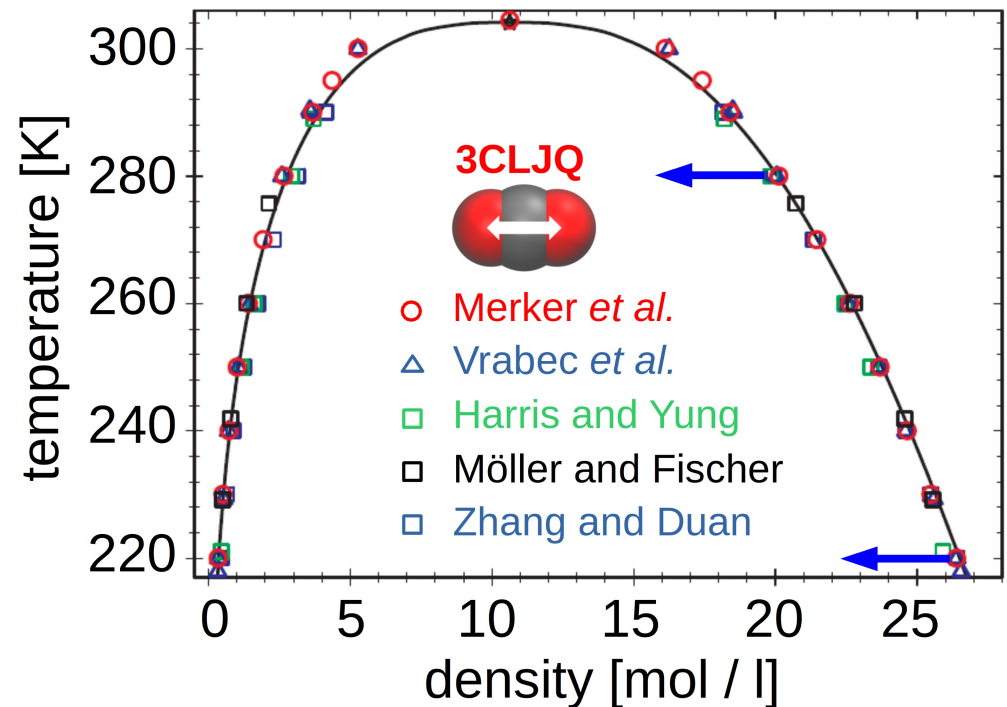
“Statistical Mechanics of
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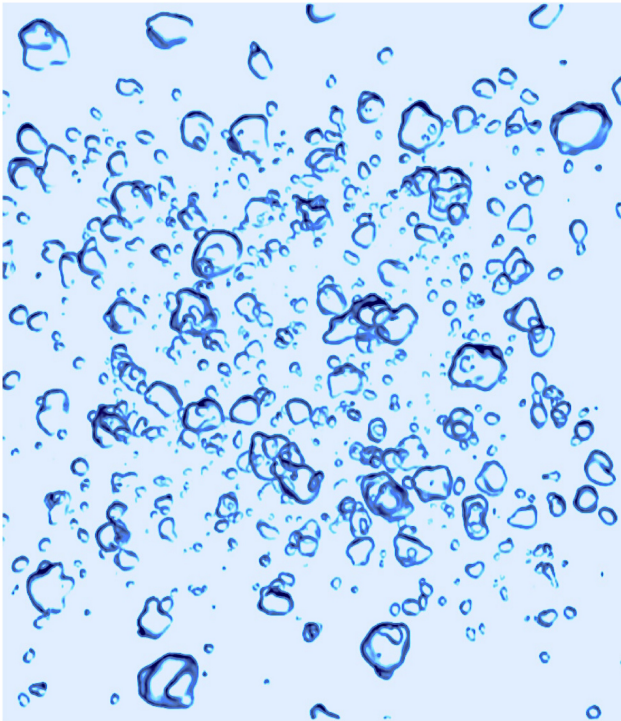
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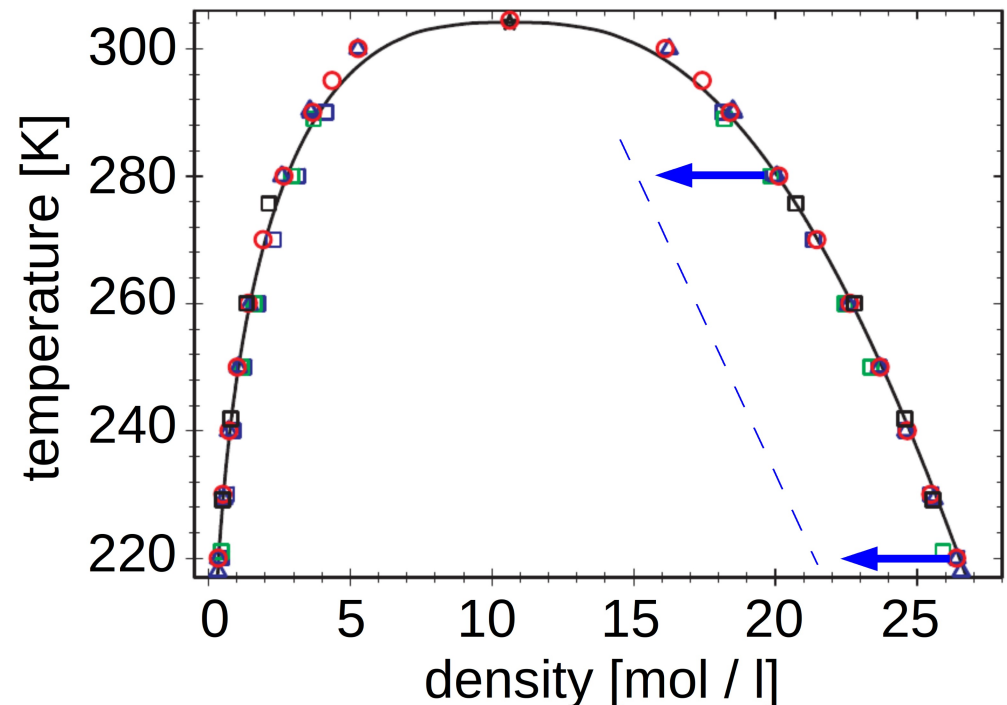
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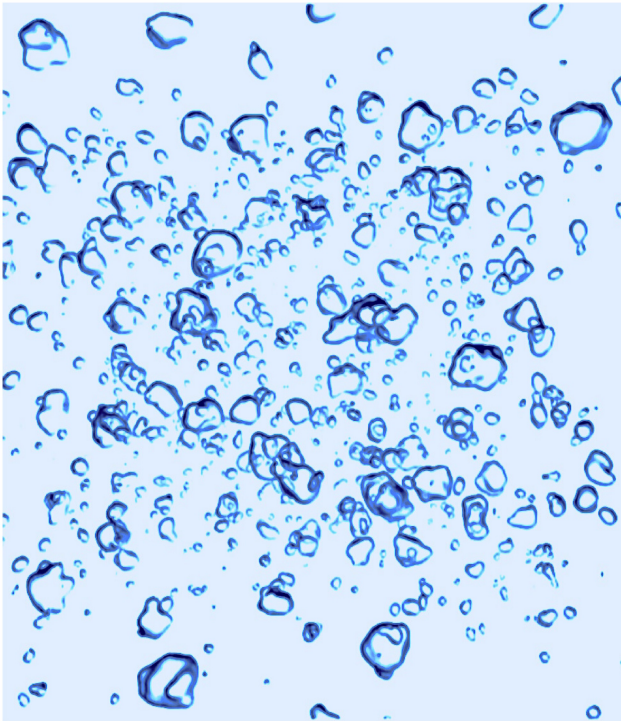
cavitation close to spinodal line



MD simulation of nucleation requires large systems and performant codes.

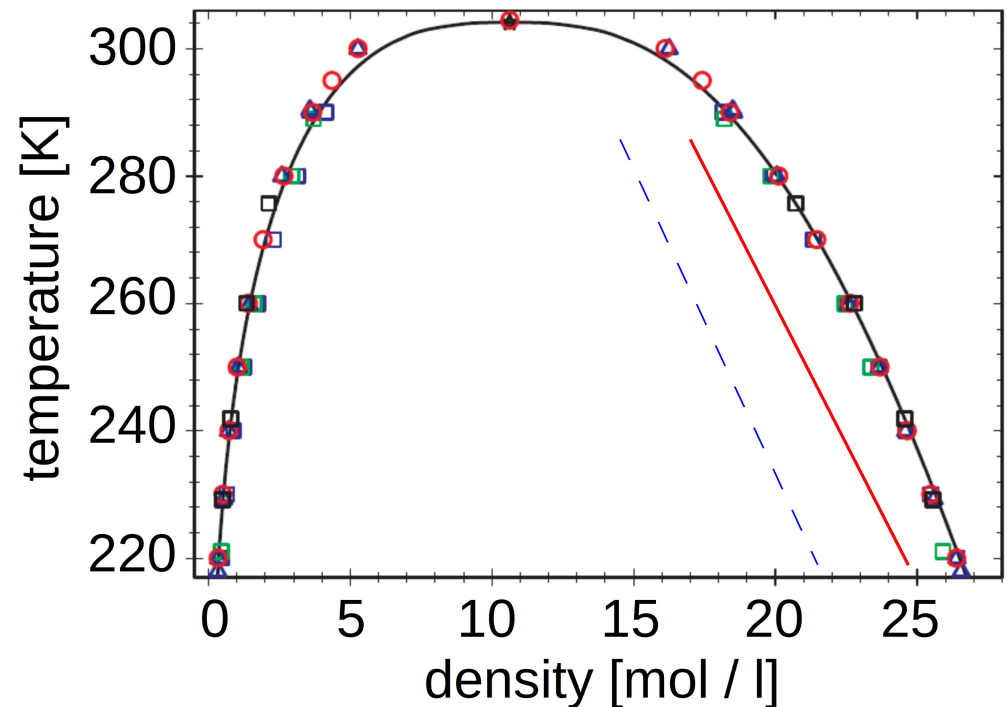
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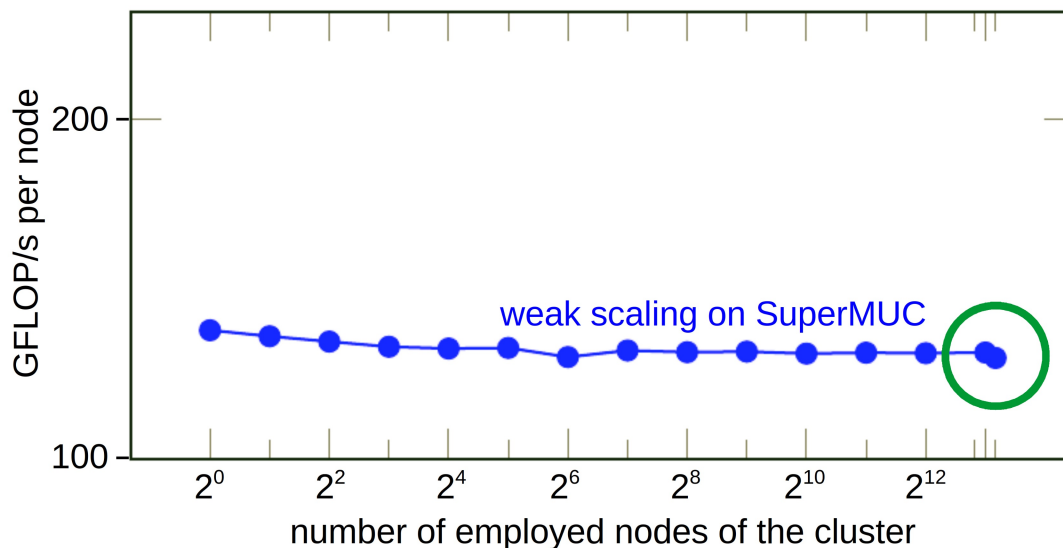
Nucleation theory and/or multiscale modelling needed for technical regime.

Scalable MD simulation of large systems

SuperMUC (Garching):
SandyBridge architecture

<http://www.ls1-mardyn.de/>

(large systems 1: molecular dynamics)^{1, 2}



$N = 4\,125\,000\,000\,000$
2013 molecular dynamics world record²

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**Computational
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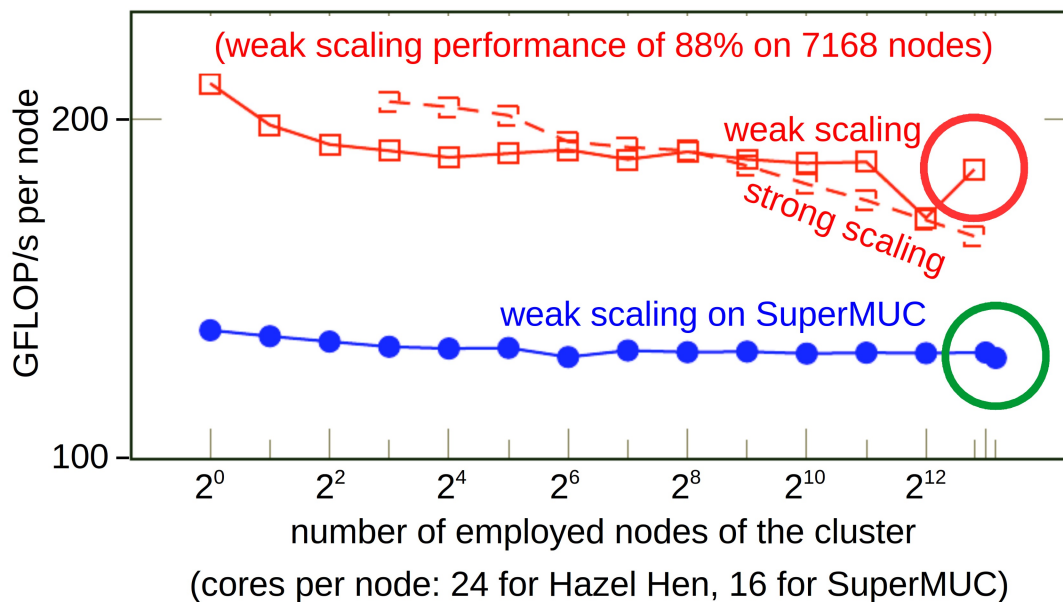
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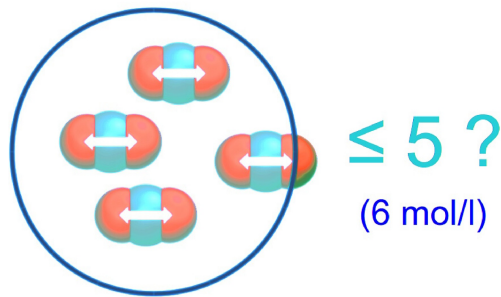
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Bubble formation in metastable liquid carbon dioxide

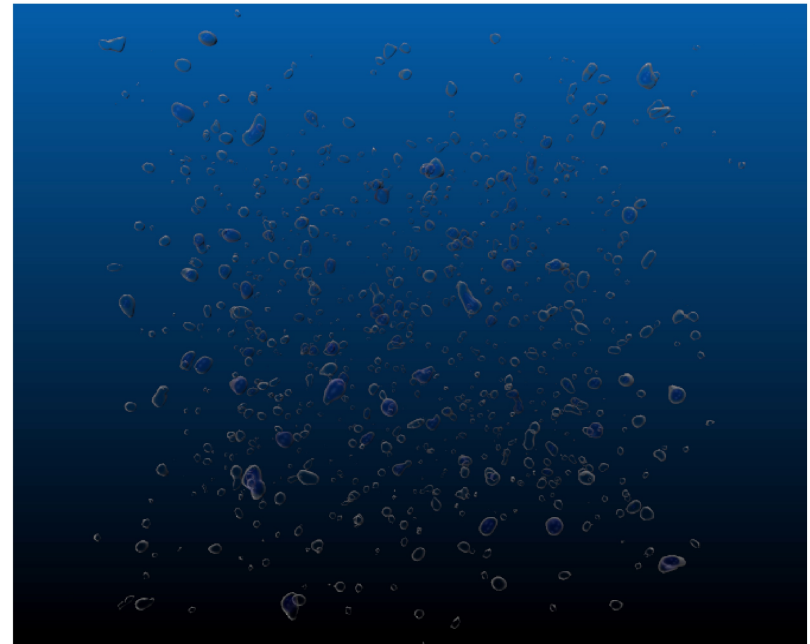
Canonical MD simulation of cavitation in carbon dioxide.

Evaluation of local density at $180 \times 180 \times 180$ grid points:



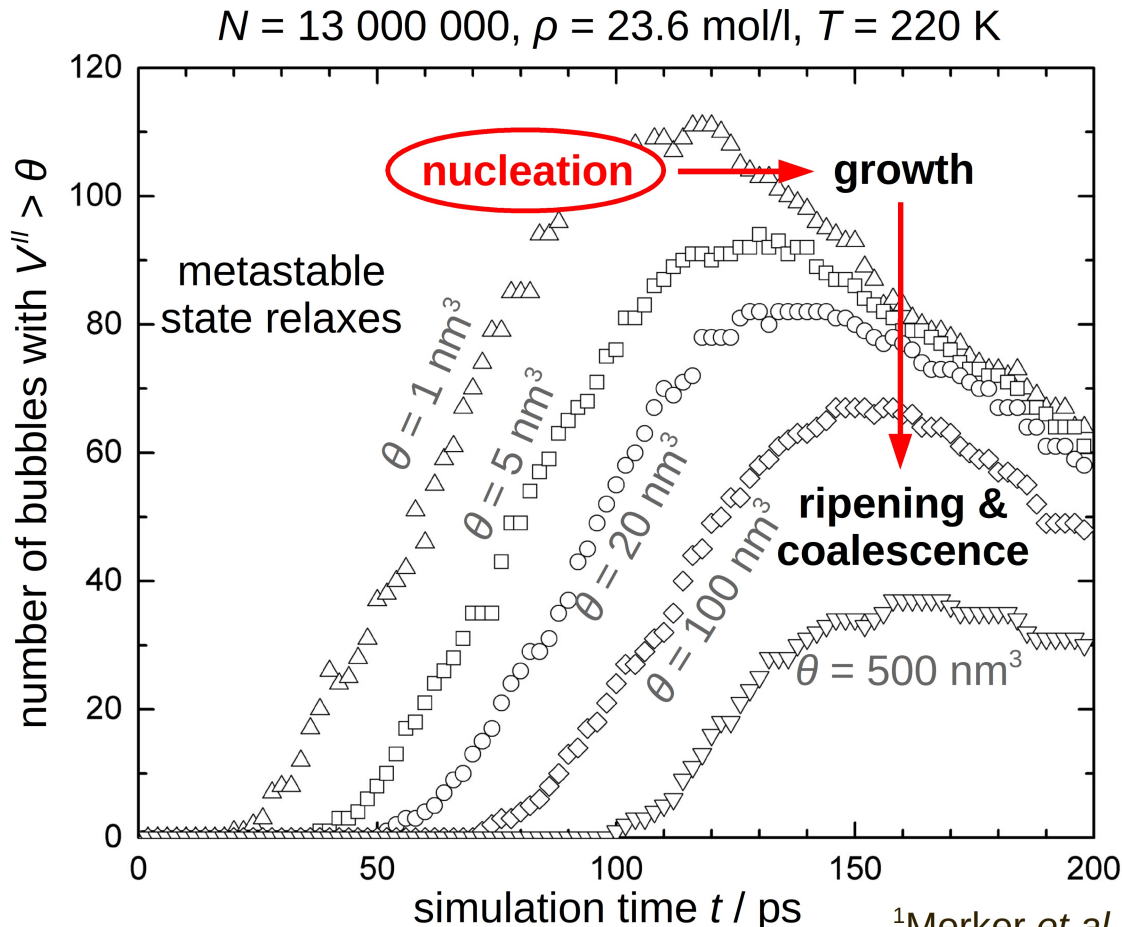
Liquid phase: More than five neighbours present within a radius of $6.9 \text{ \AA}$ around the grid point.

metastable liquid carbon dioxide



up to 100 million interaction sites

Nucleation rate from population statistics²



Observation of

- metastable relaxation,
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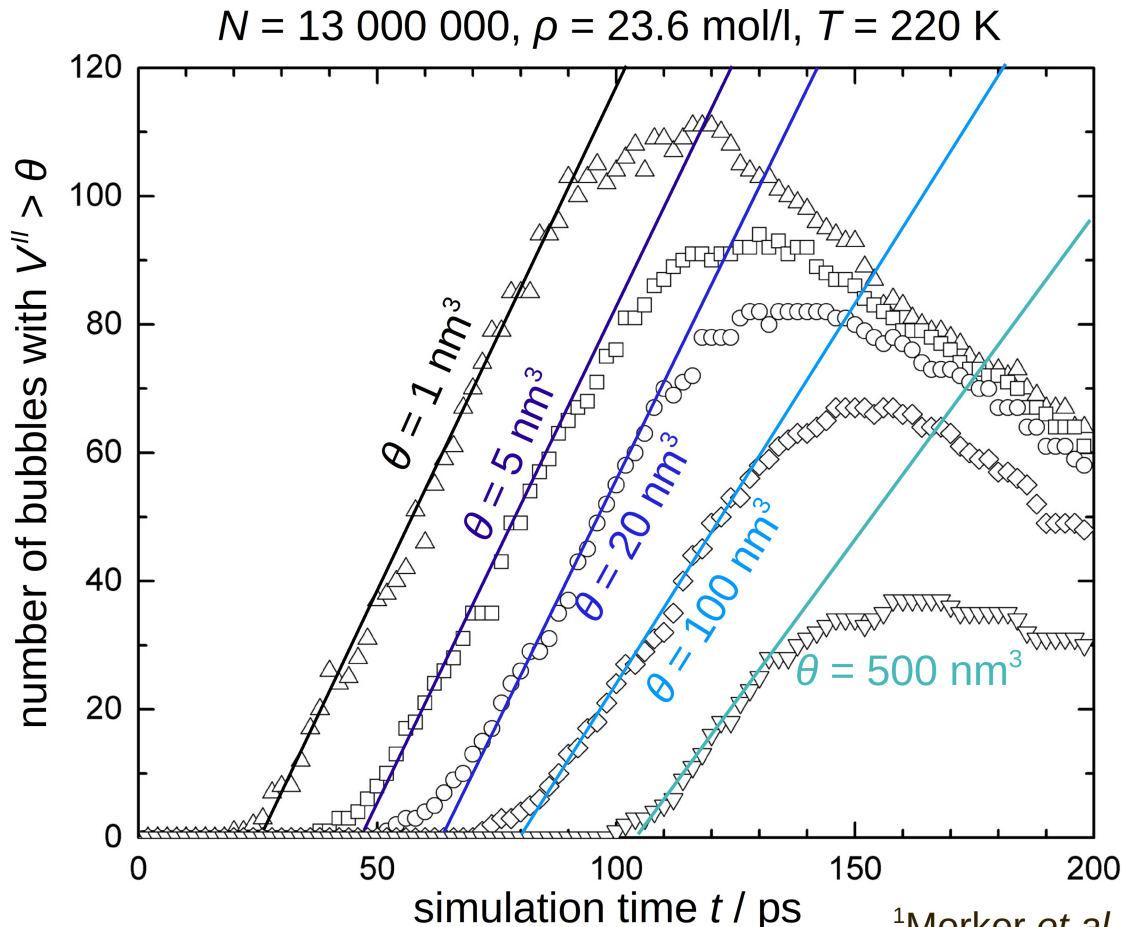
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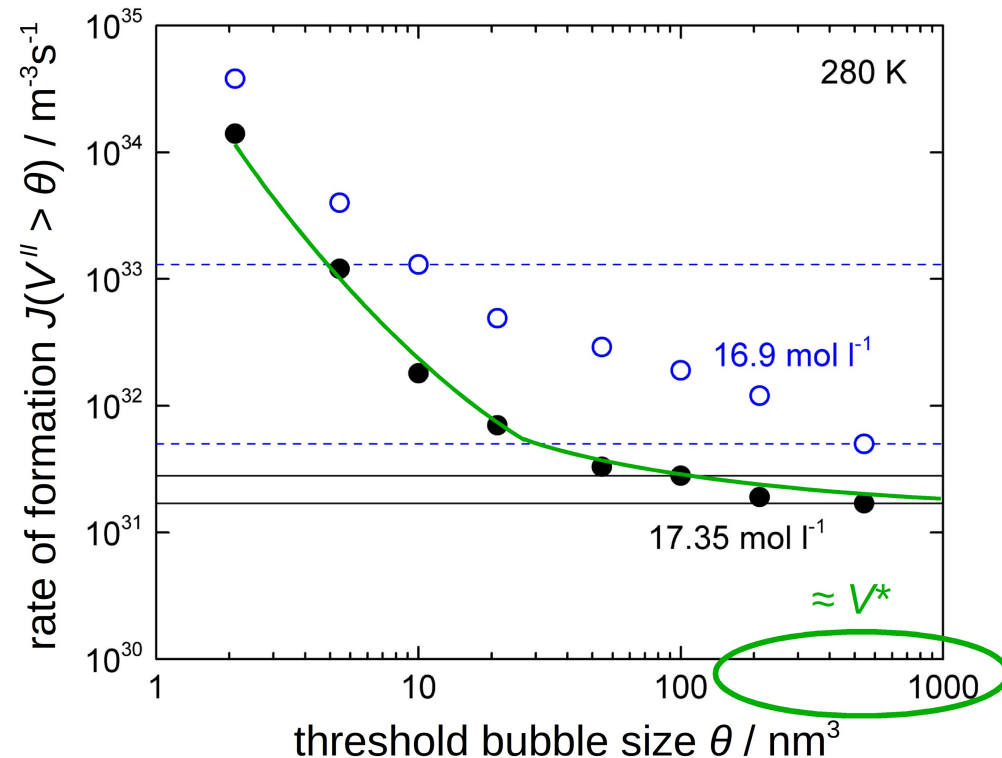
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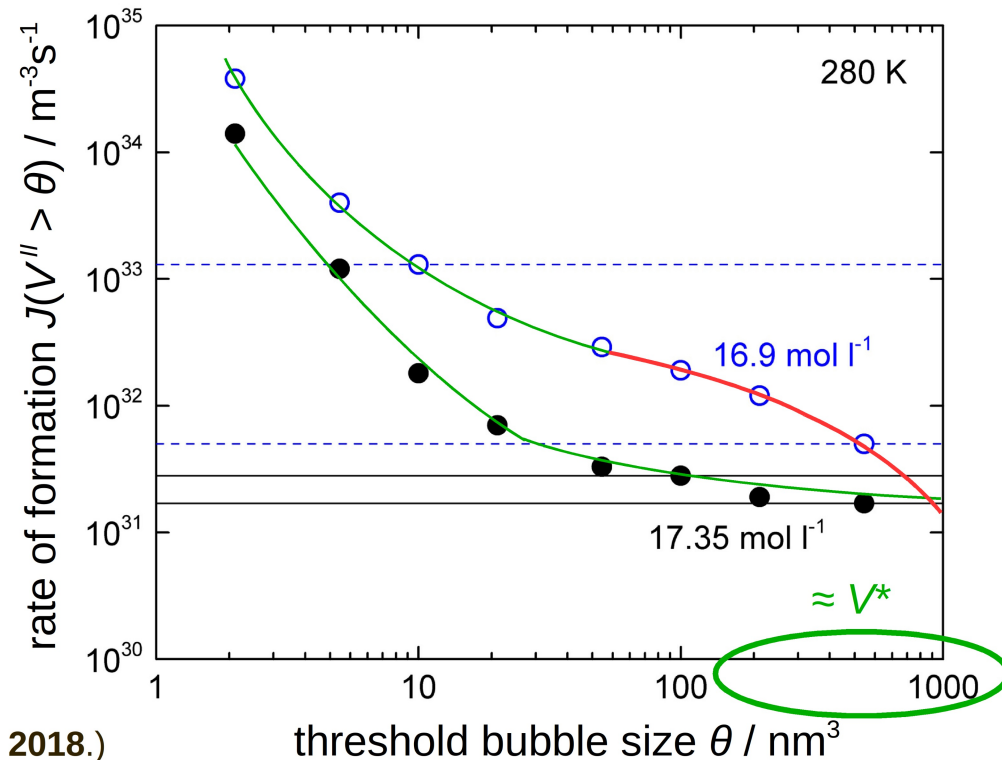
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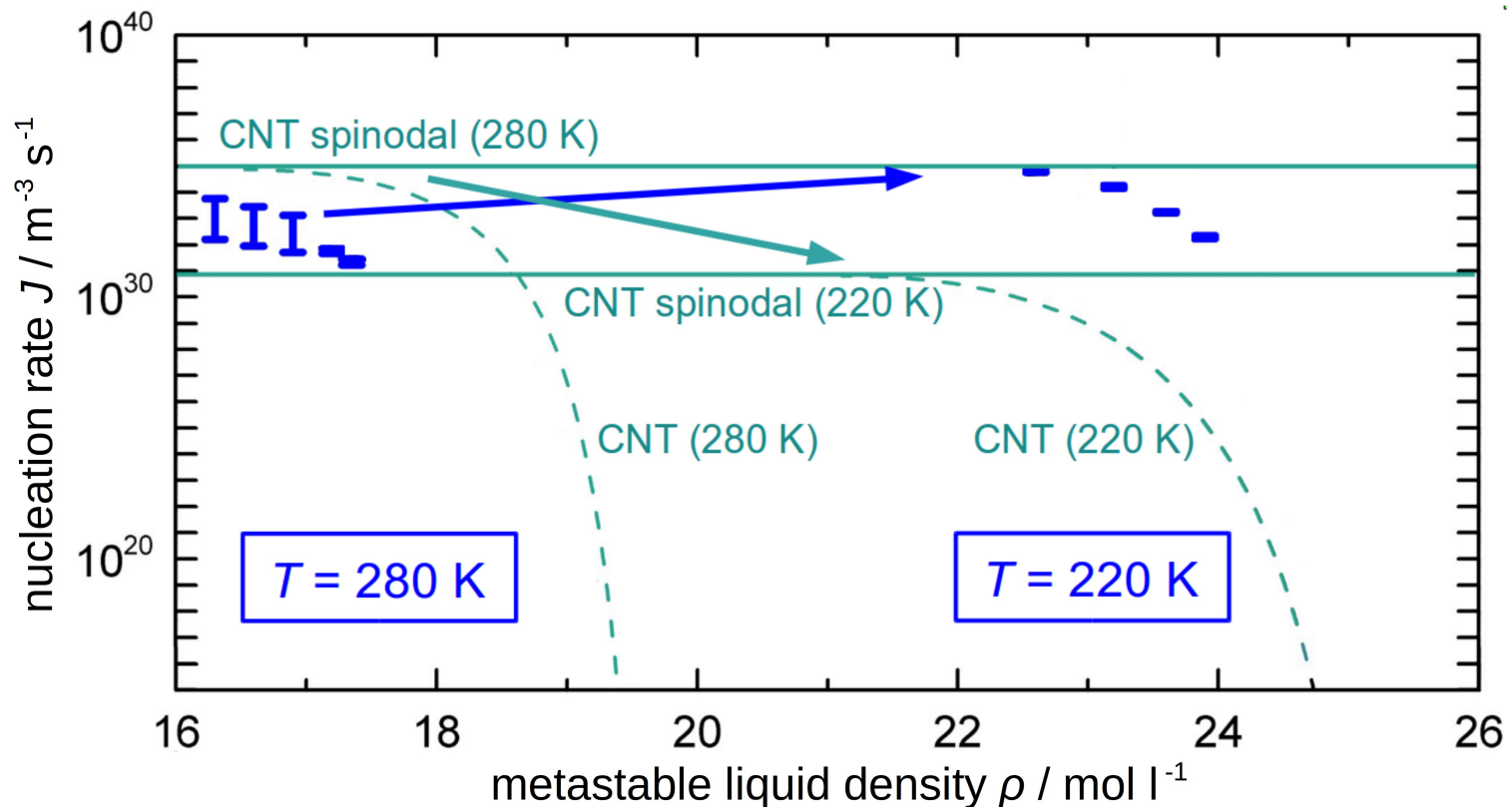


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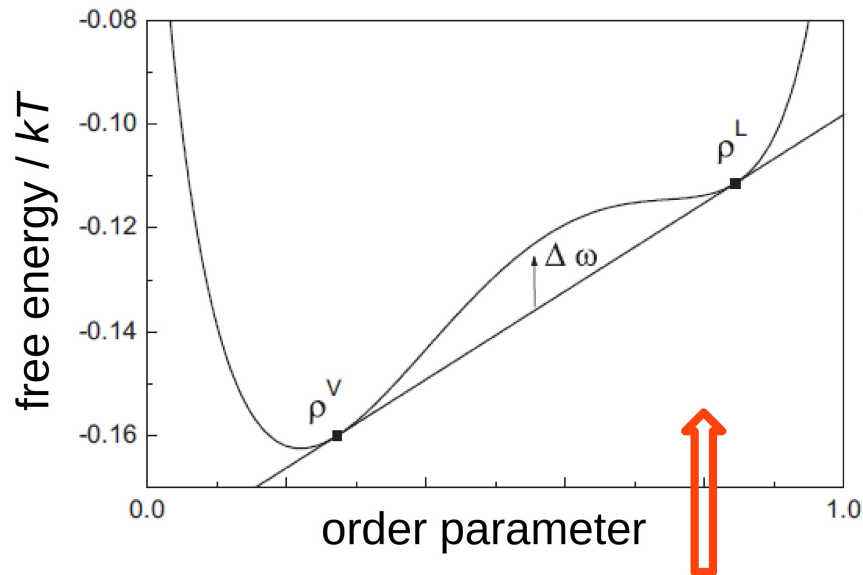
For large bubbles, the rate of formation is limited by the system volume.

Comparison to the classical nucleation theory

$$\text{nucleation rate } J = J_0 \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta A^*}{kT}\right)$$



Density gradient theory with PC-SAFT equation of state



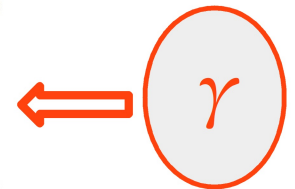
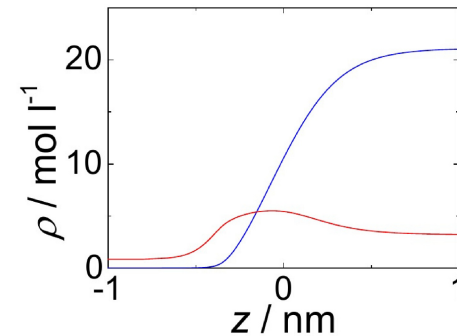
Perturbed-Chain Statistical Associating Fluid Theory

$$A = A^{\text{ideal}} + A^{\text{hard chain}} + A^{\text{dispersion}} + A^{\text{association}}$$

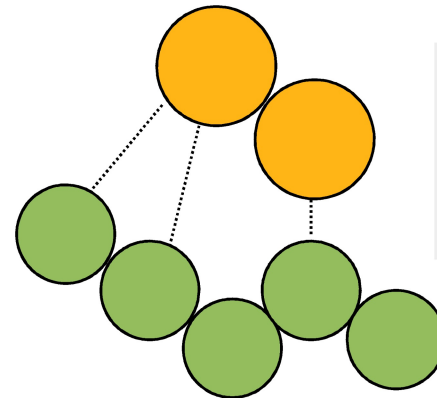
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$+ \kappa (\nabla \rho)^2$

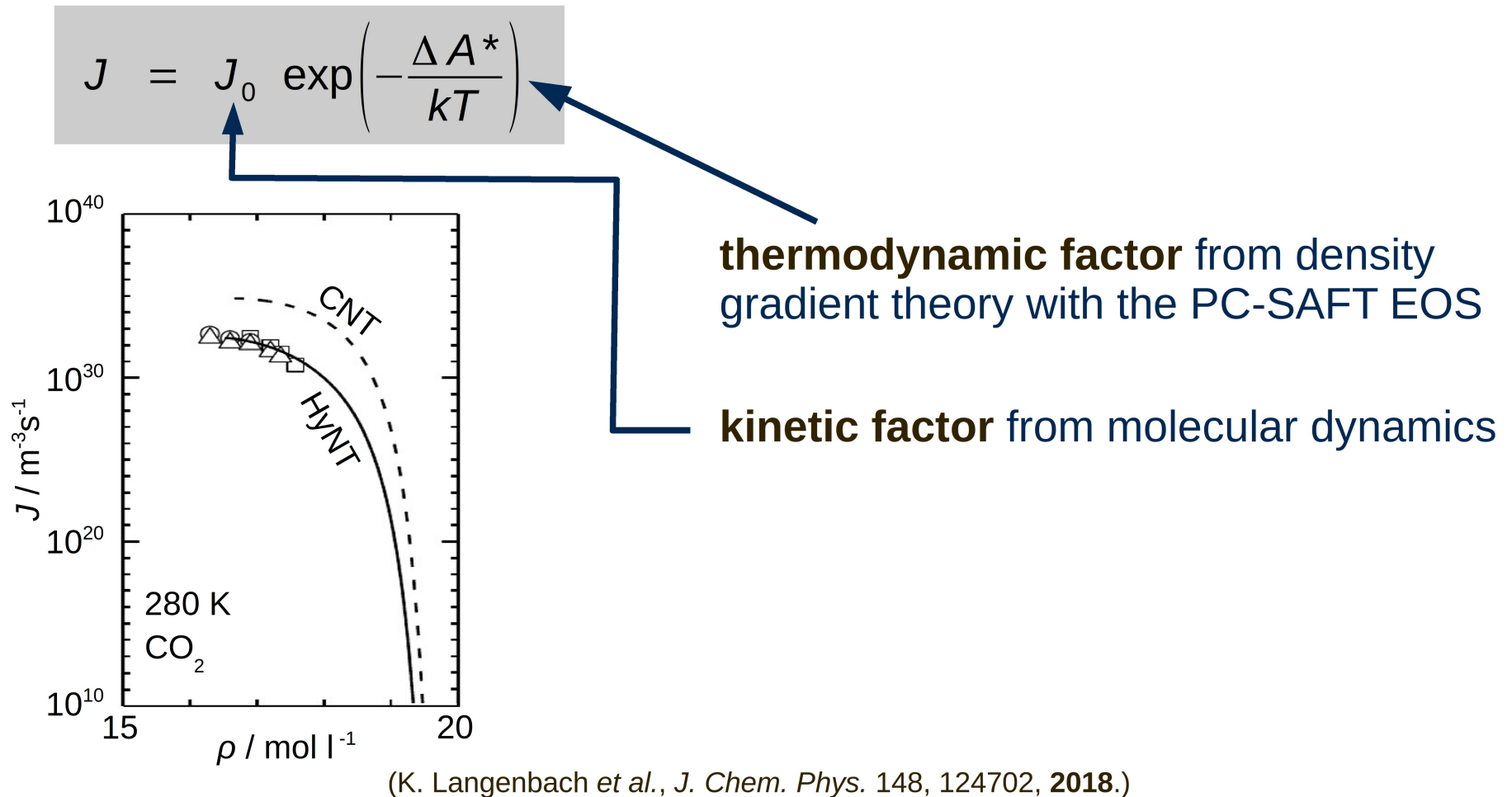


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- ³ C. I. Poser, I. C. Sanchez, *Macromol.* 14, 361, **1981**;
- ⁴ M. P. A. Fisher, M. Wortis, *Phys. Rev. B* 29, 6252, **1984**;
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adjusted
to model
properties

Hybrid nucleation theory using MD, DGT, and PC-SAFT

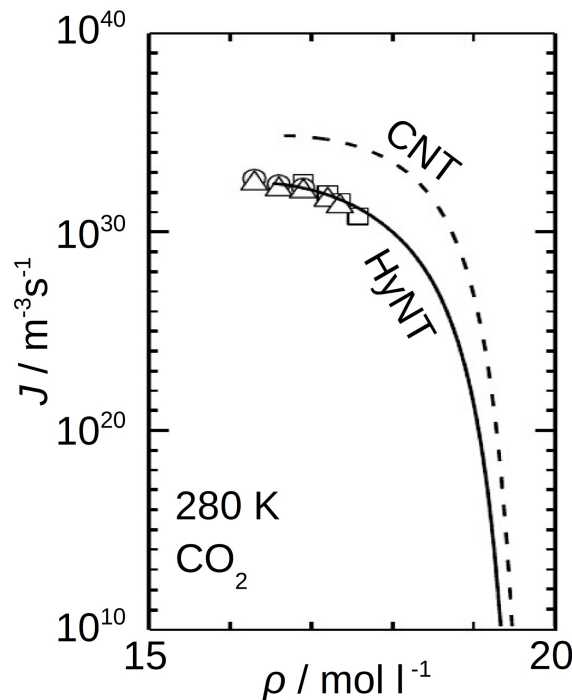


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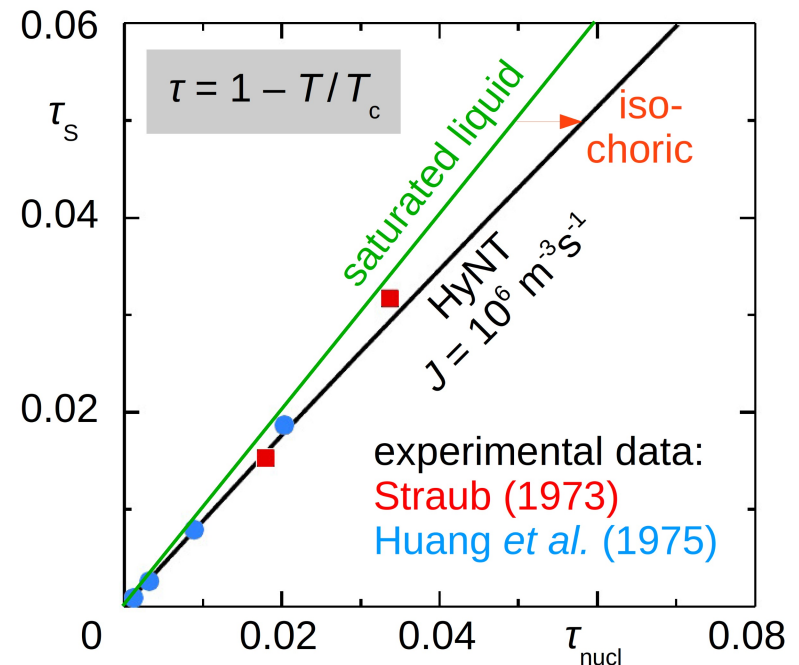
$$J = J_0 \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta A^*}{kT}\right)$$

thermodynamic factor from density gradient theory with the PC-SAFT EOS

kinetic factor from molecular dynamics



extrapolation
by the hybrid
nucleation theory

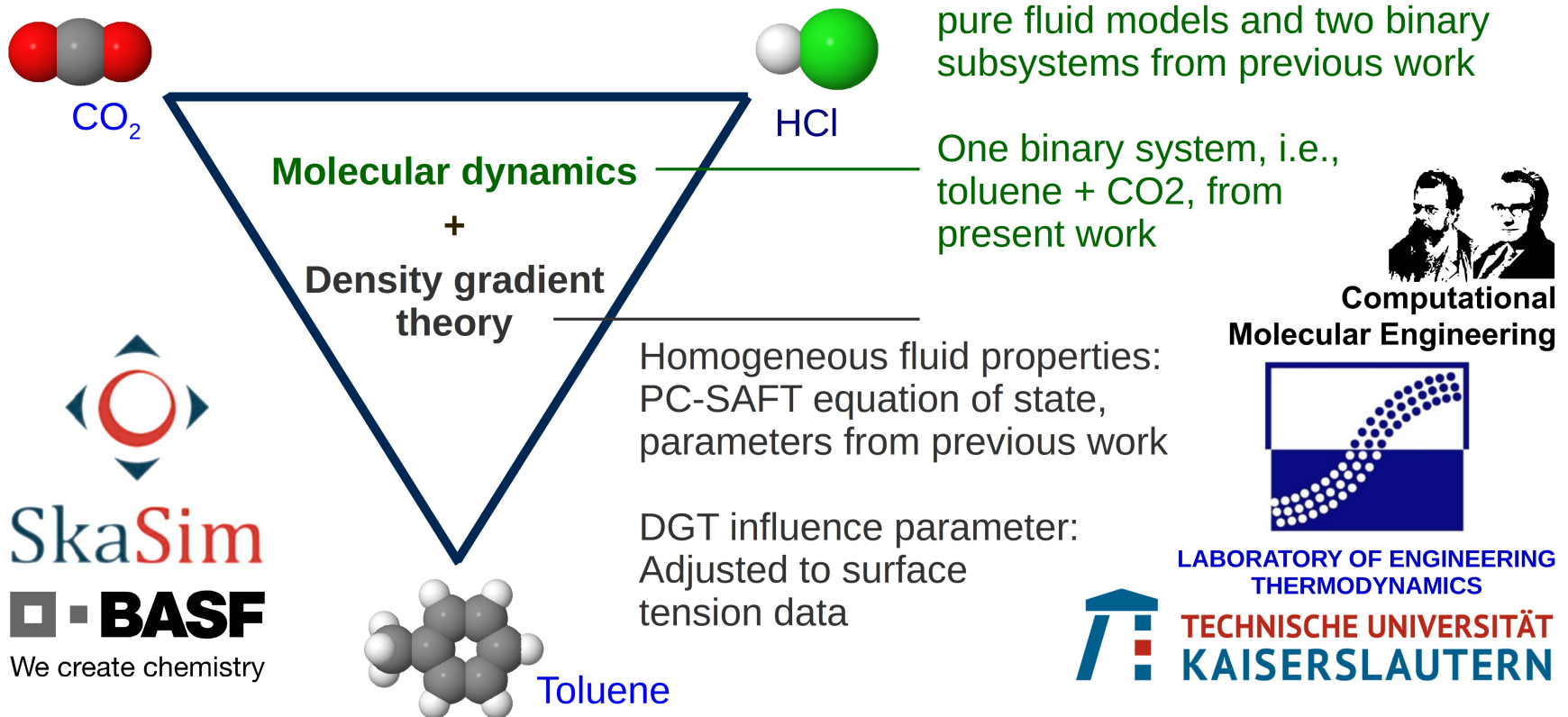


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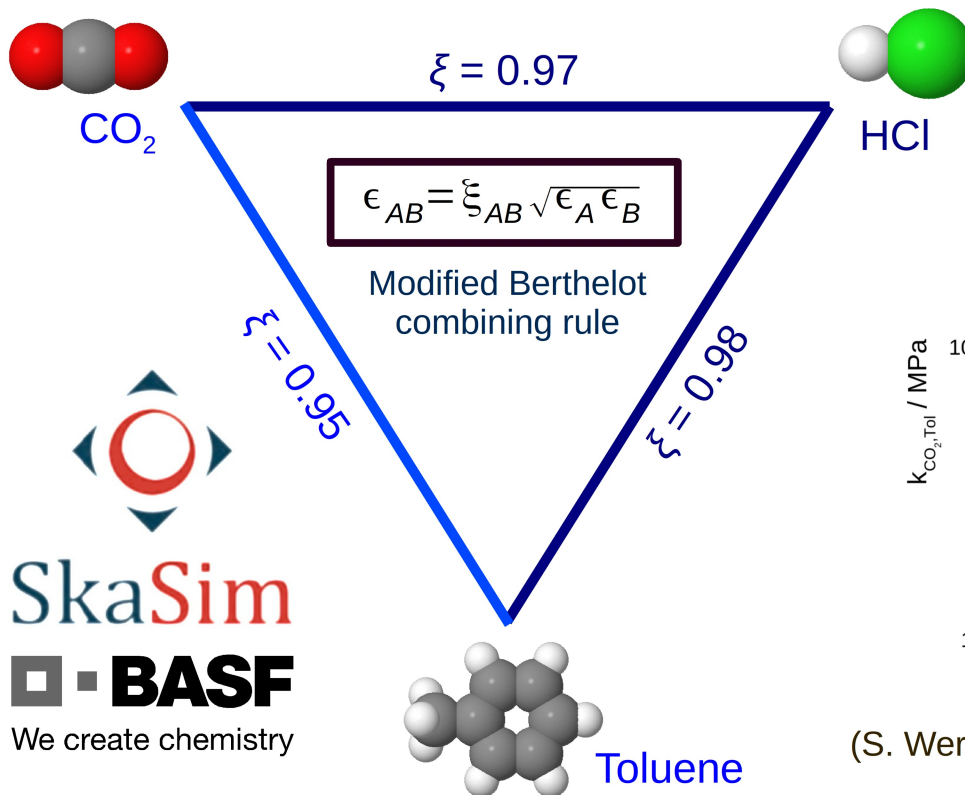
Modelling approach



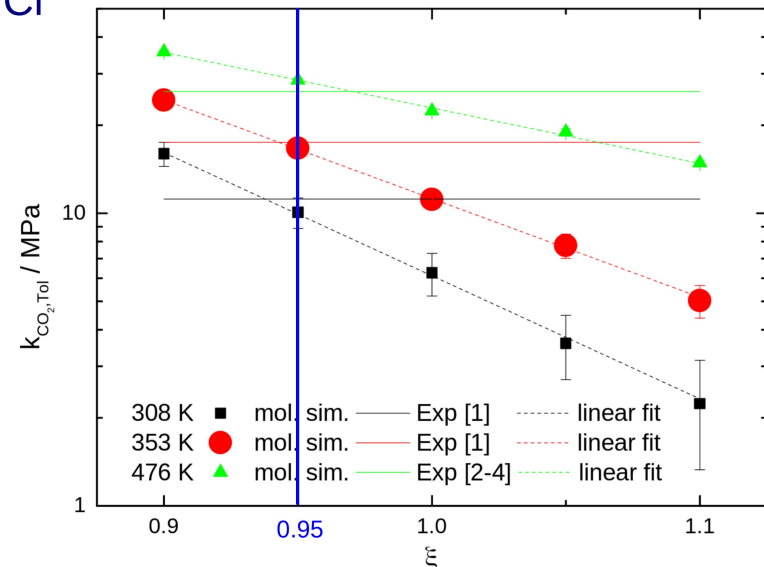
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Model parameterization – molecular force field, for MD simulation



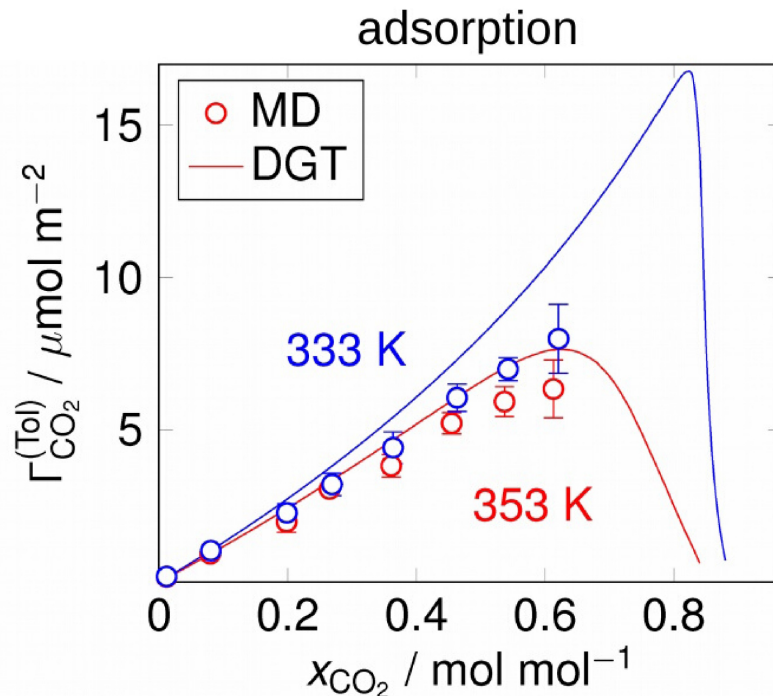
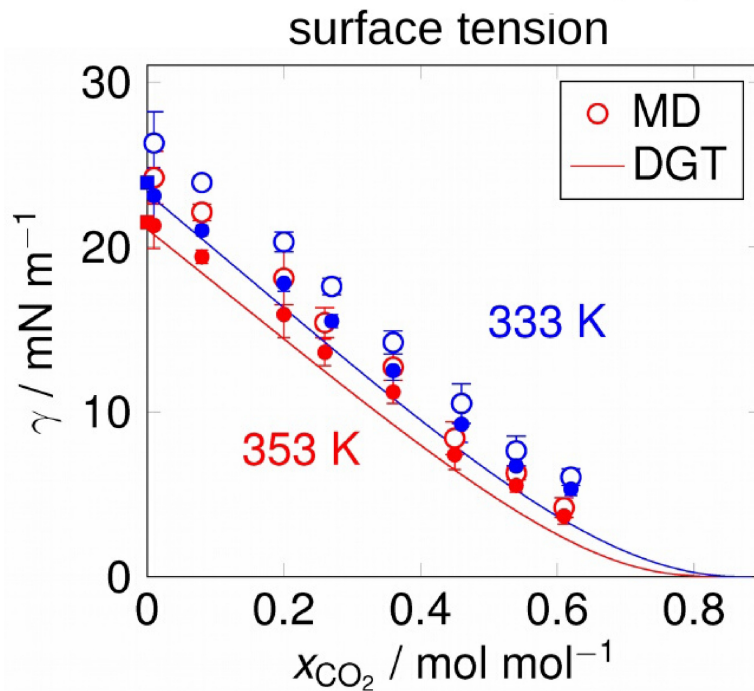
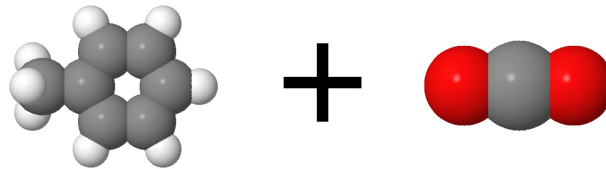
Henry coefficient (i.e., VLE)



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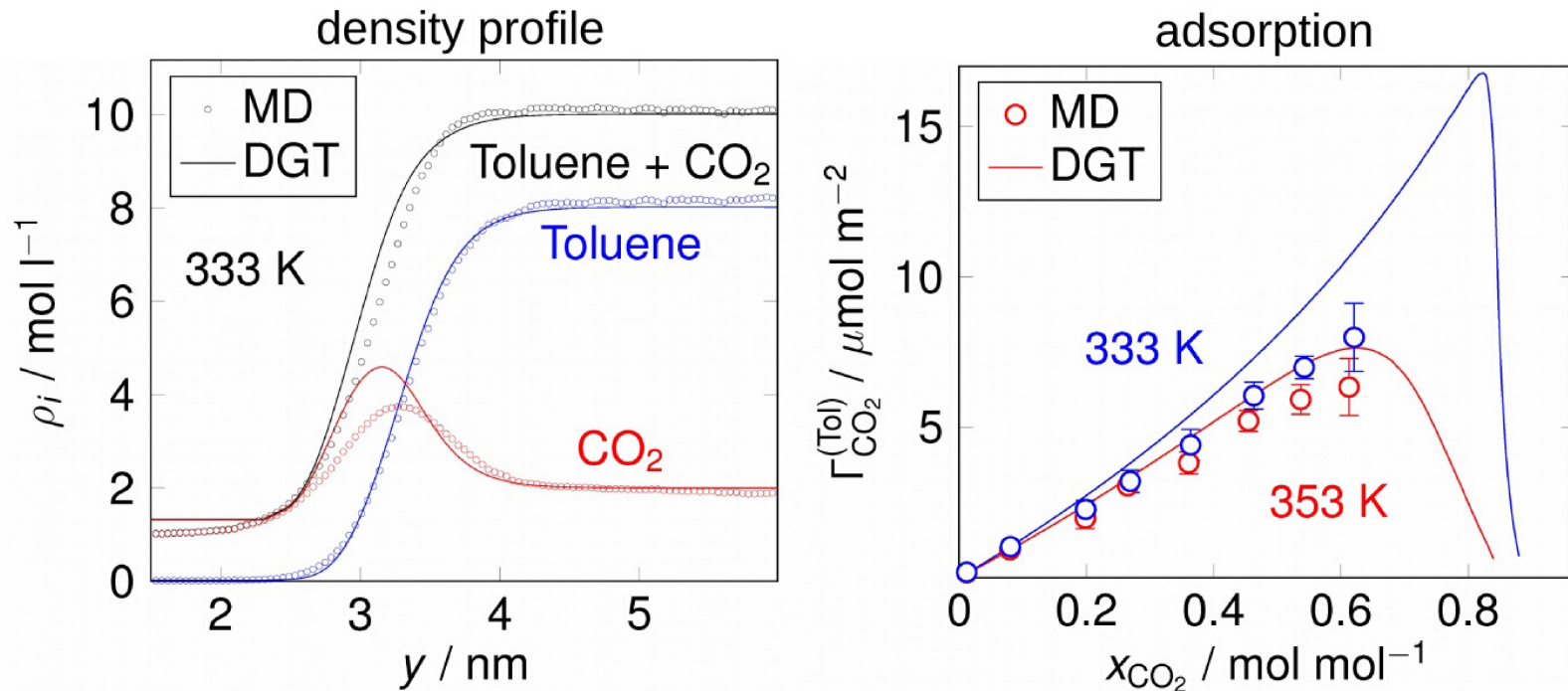
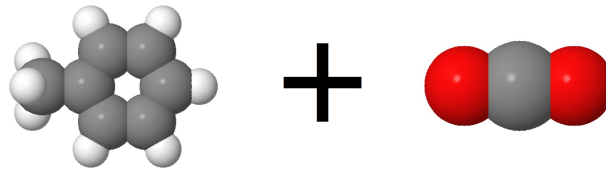
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Conclusion

Molecular modelling and simulation of **bubble formation by homogeneous nucleation** requires the efficient use of HPC resources by scalable MD simulation.

Here, *Is1 mardyn* was employed on over 100 000 cores to simulate **metastable liquid carbon dioxide** in systems containing up to 100 000 000 interaction sites.

The **classical nucleation theory** does not capture the decay of the free energy barrier at the spinodal, and it predicts the temperature dependence of the nucleation rate in the spinodal limit inaccurately.

A **hybrid nucleation theory** was developed by combining density gradient theory and the PC-SAFT equation of state with MD simulation results.

MD and DGT + PC-SAFT agree well on **interfacial enrichment** at vapour-liquid interfaces of mixtures; perspective: Investigation of bubble formation in mixtures.

