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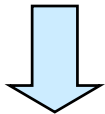
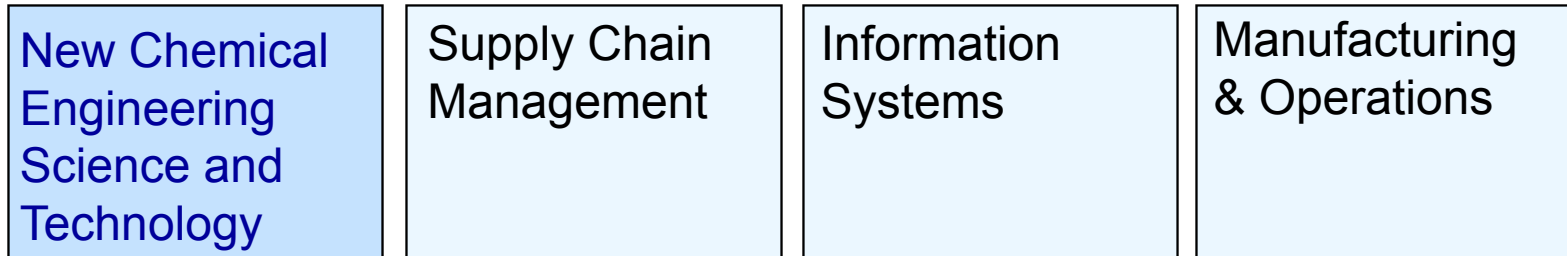
# Molecular modeling of hydrogen bonding fluids: vapor-liquid coexistence and interfacial properties

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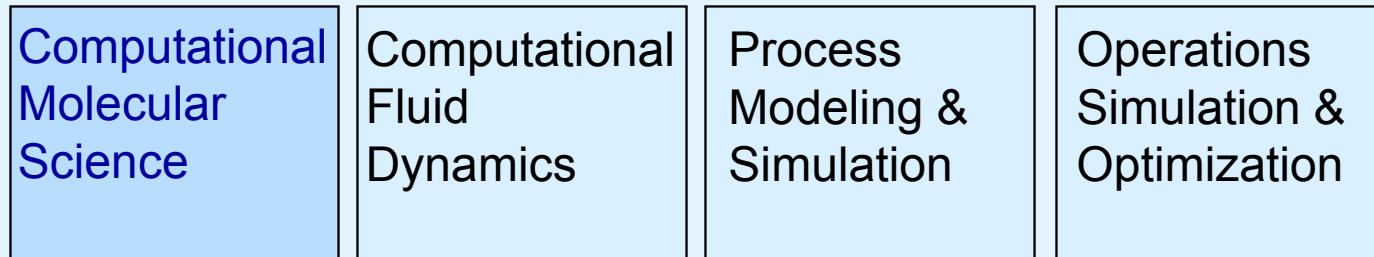
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# Technology Vision 2020: The US chemical industry

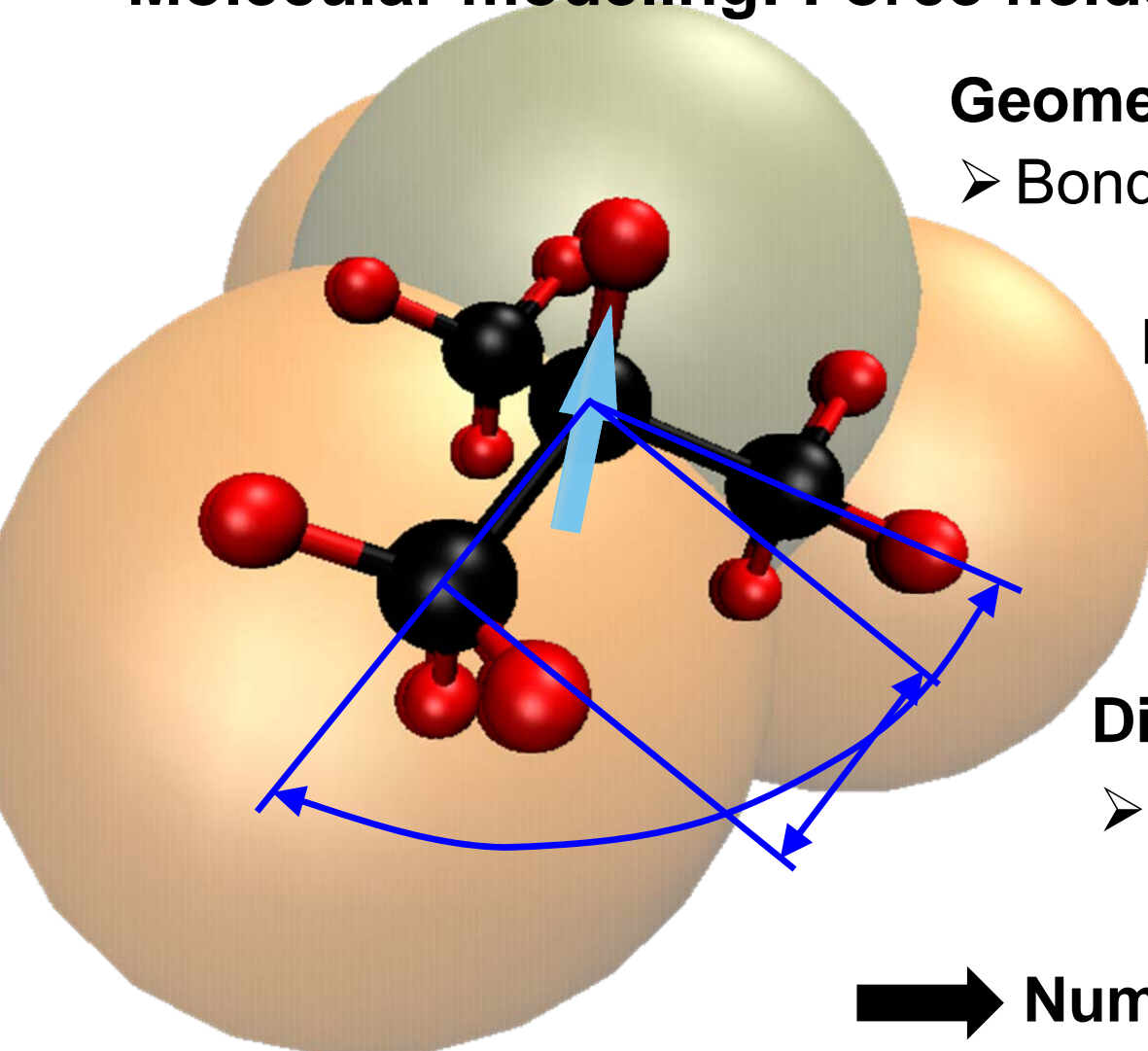


## Engineering Computational Technologies



⇒ link between Engineering and Chemistry  
⇒ new processes, products, materials

# Molecular modeling: Force fields



## Geometry

- Bond lengths and angles

## Electrostatics

- Position and magnitude of dipoles, quadrupoles and partial charges

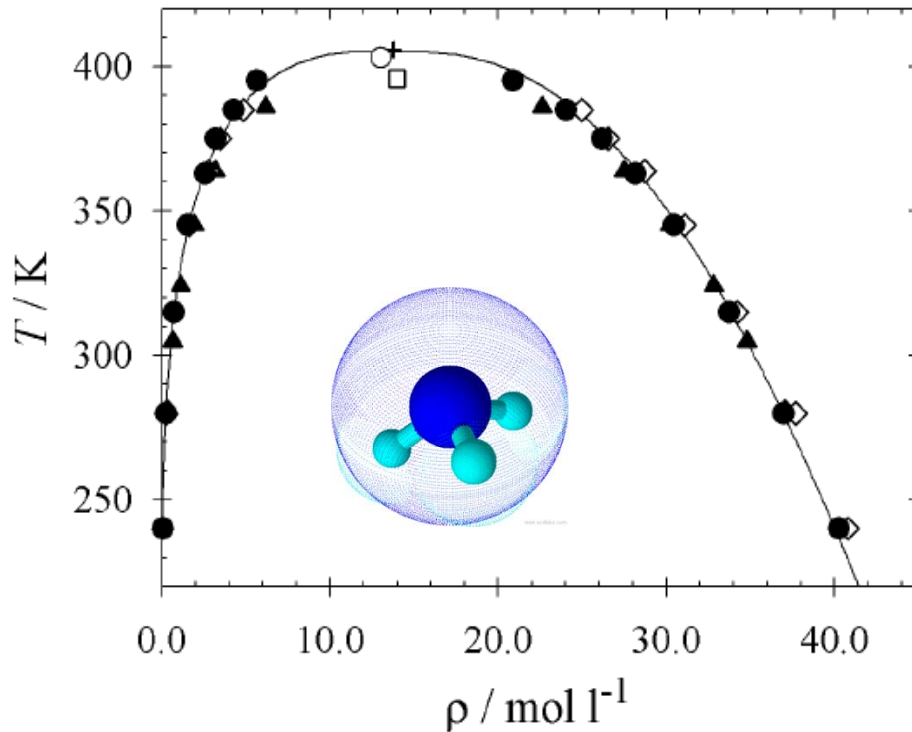
## Dispersion and repulsion

- Parameters of Lennard-Jones potentials

**➔ Numerous parameters**

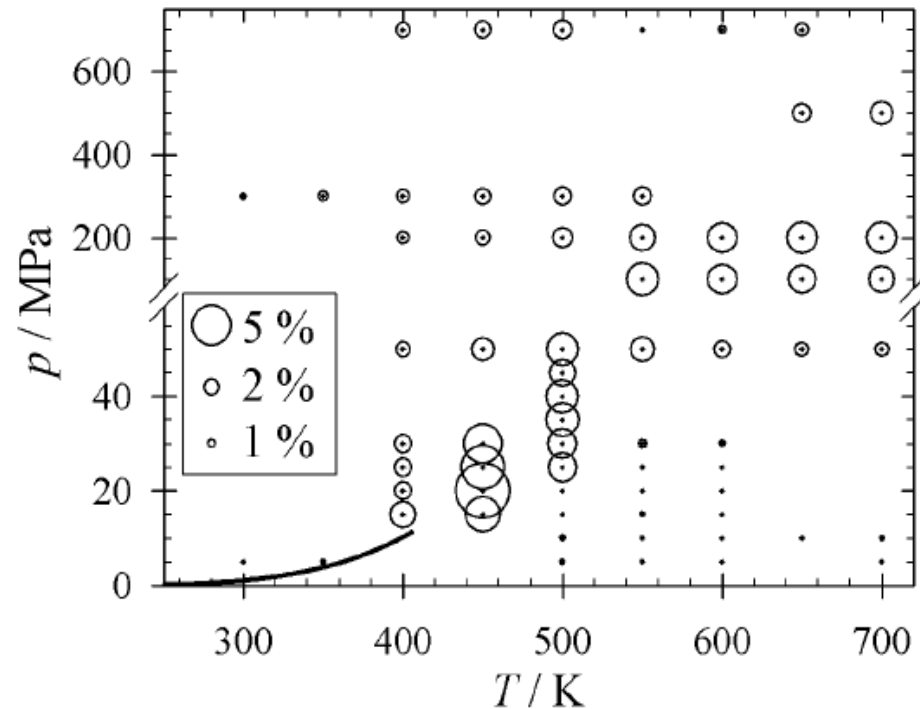
# Modeling of hydrogen bonding fluids: Ammonia

Vapor-liquid equilibrium



- $\text{NH}_3$  model of Eckl *et al.*
- ◇ ○ ▲ Other models
- Correlation of experimental data

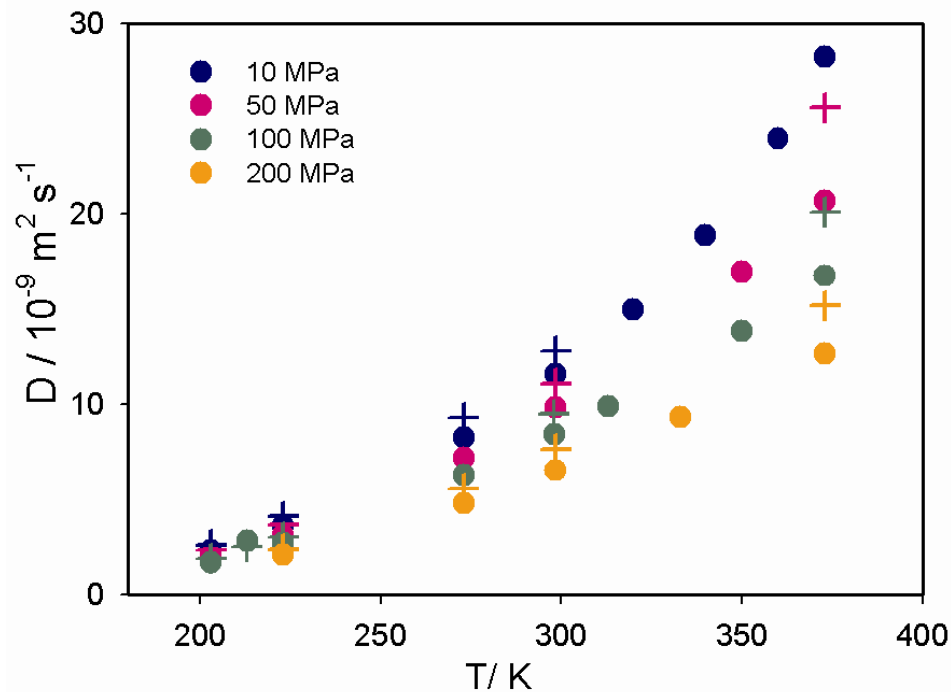
Supercritical fluid density



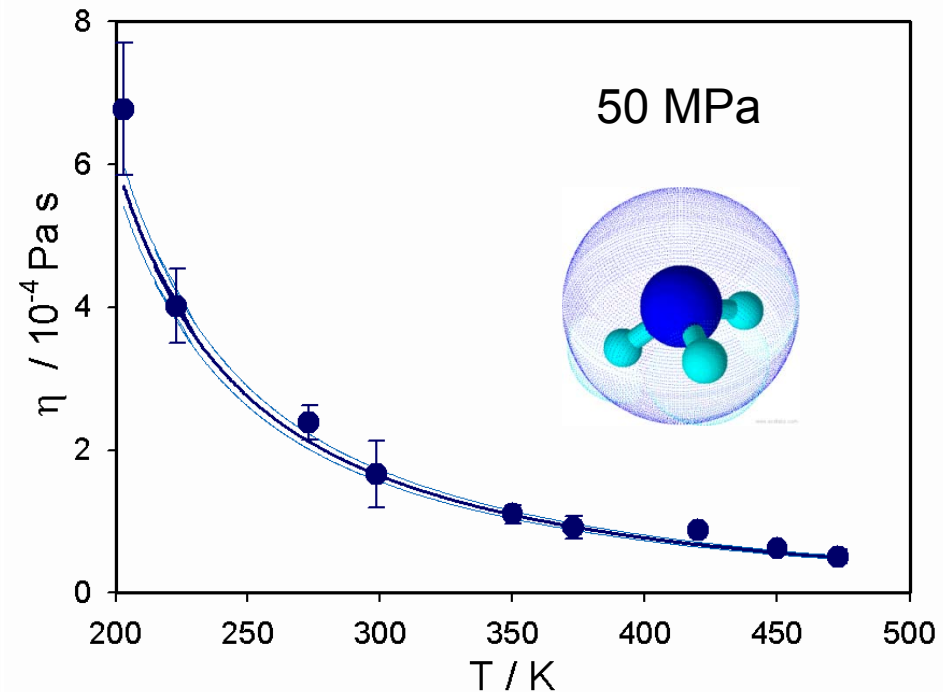
Excellent reliability for the extrapolation of thermo-physical properties

# Ammonia: Predicted transport properties

## Self-diffusion coefficient



## Shear viscosity

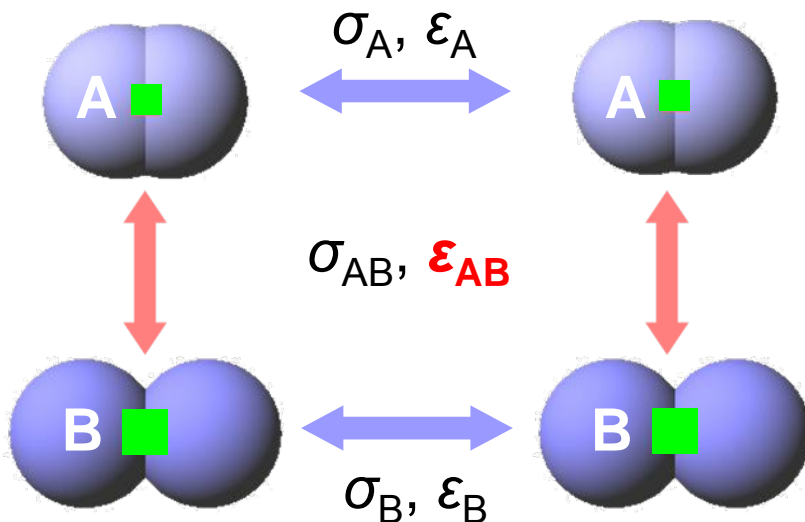


+ experimental data

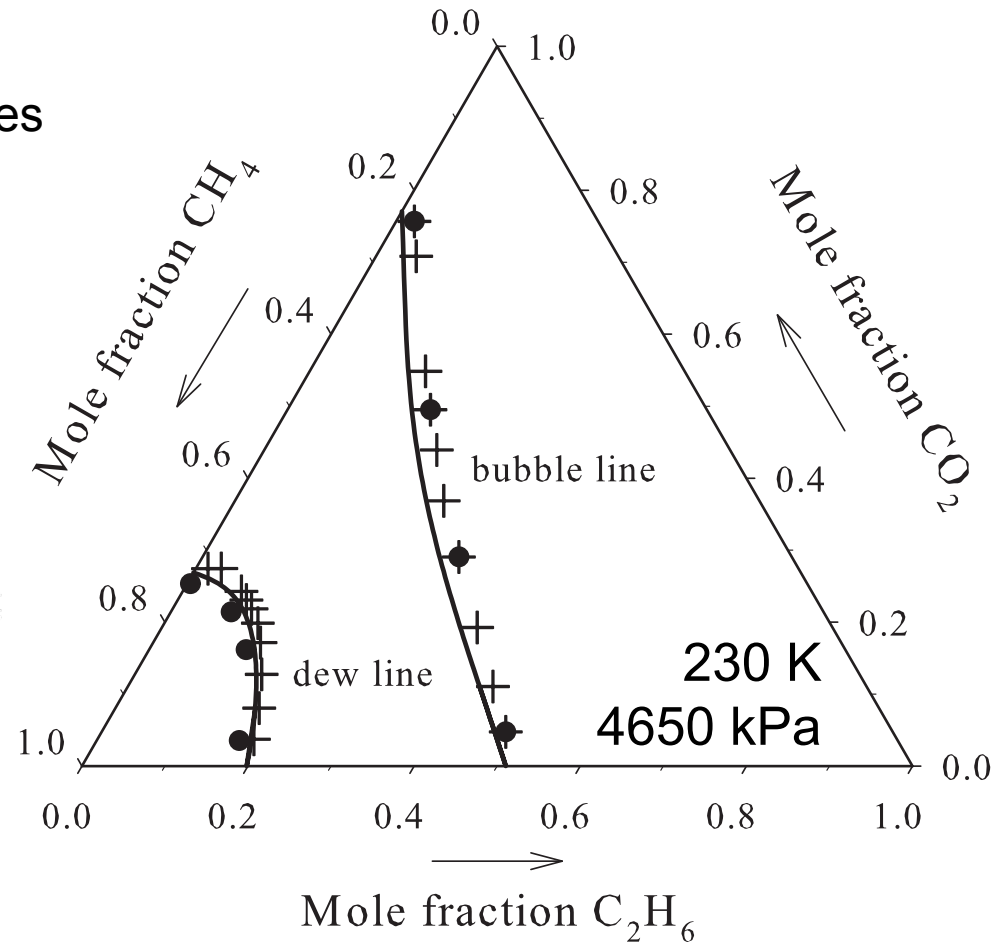
• simulation results

# Molecular simulation of fluid mixtures

- Purely predictive electrostatics
- LJ parameters from combination rules

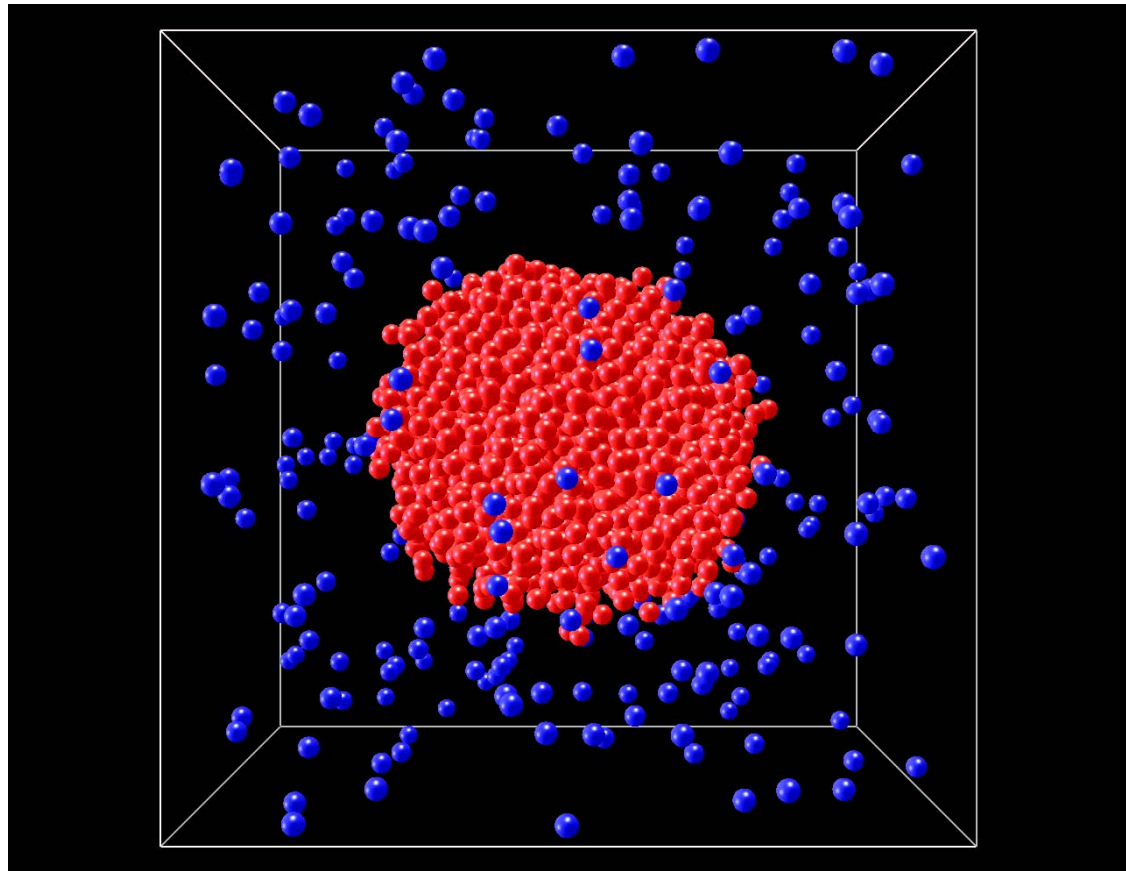


**adjustment** to a single experimental value  
 $p(T, \underline{x})$  or  $\Delta h^v(T)$



# MD simulation of a single droplet

- Vapor and liquid are equilibrated separately
- A small ( $n < 10000$ ) droplet is inserted into the vapor
- If the droplet cannot evaporate completely, an equilibrium is established within a few nanoseconds



truncated-shifted LJ fluid ( $r_c = 2.5 \sigma$ )

# Vapor-liquid coexistence: Cluster criteria

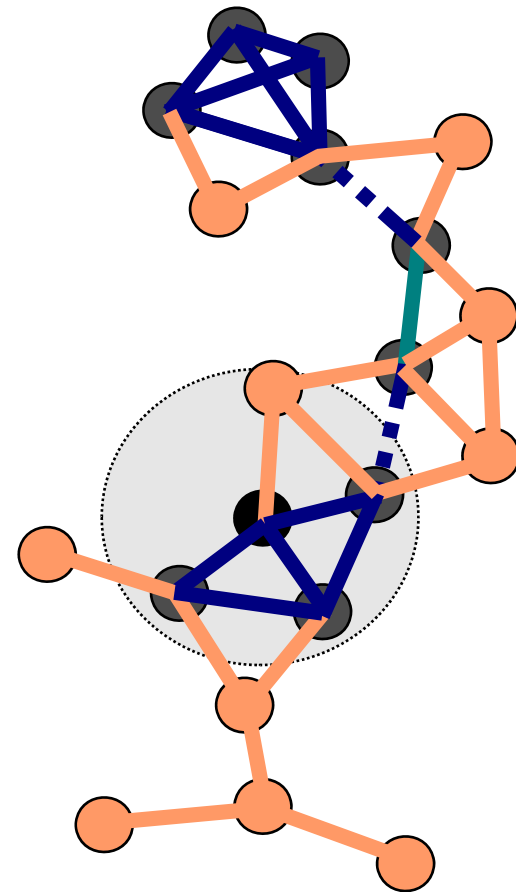
**Stillinger:** molecules with a distance of  $1.5\sigma$  or less are liquid.

**Ten Wolde and Frenkel (TWF):** molecules with at least four neighbors within a distance of  $1.5\sigma$  are liquid.

**Arithmetic mean,  $n$  neighbors ( $a_n$ ):** a molecule is liquid if the density in the sphere containing its  $n$  nearest neighbors exceeds  $(\rho' + \rho'')/2$ .

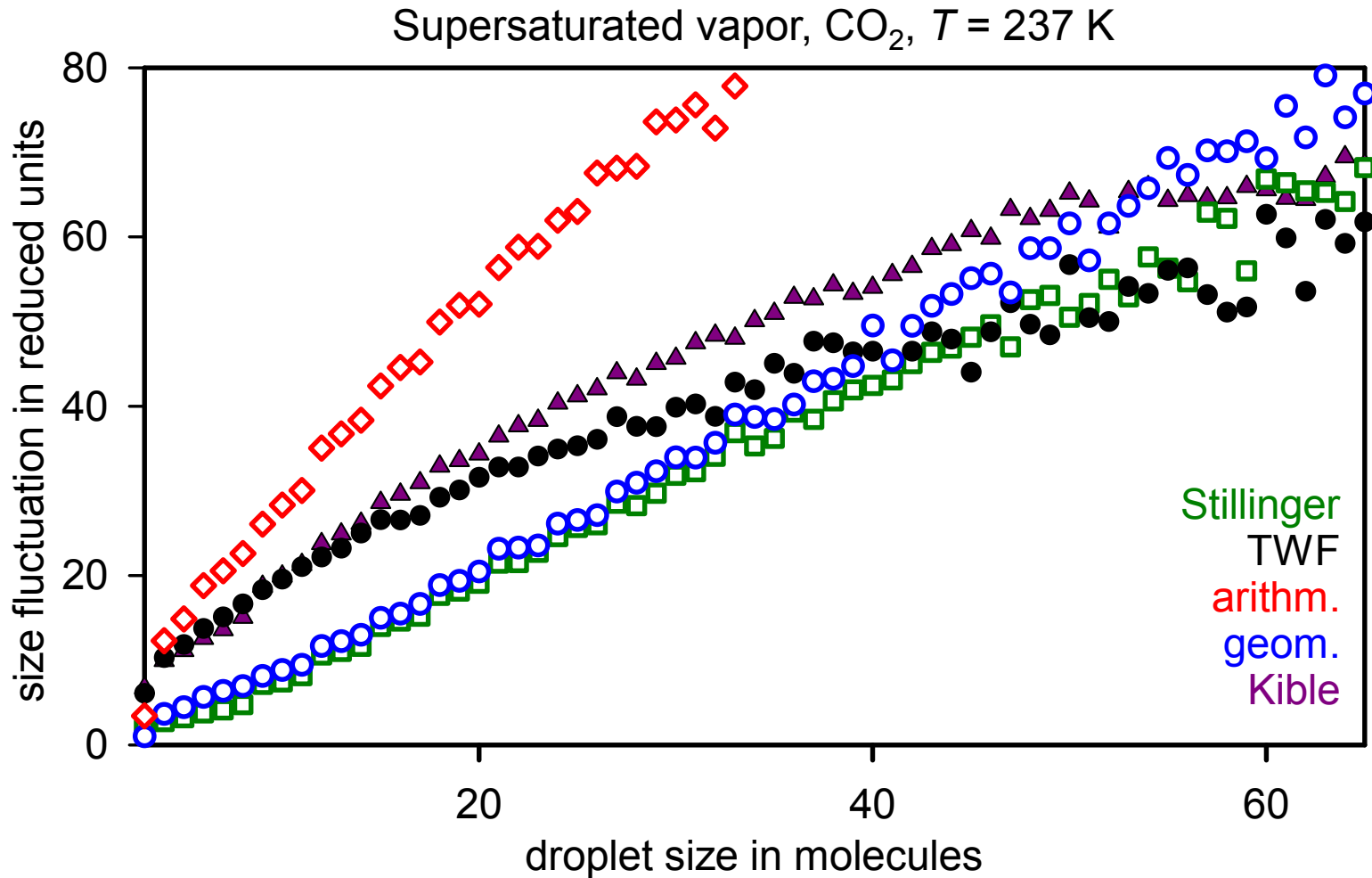
**Geometric mean,  $n$  neighbors ( $g_n$ ):** analogous, the required density is  $(\rho'\rho'')^{1/2}$ .

Nuclei can also be determined as **biconnected** (instead of connected) components, such that no nucleus can be separated by removing a single molecule (TWF' and  $g'_2$  criteria).

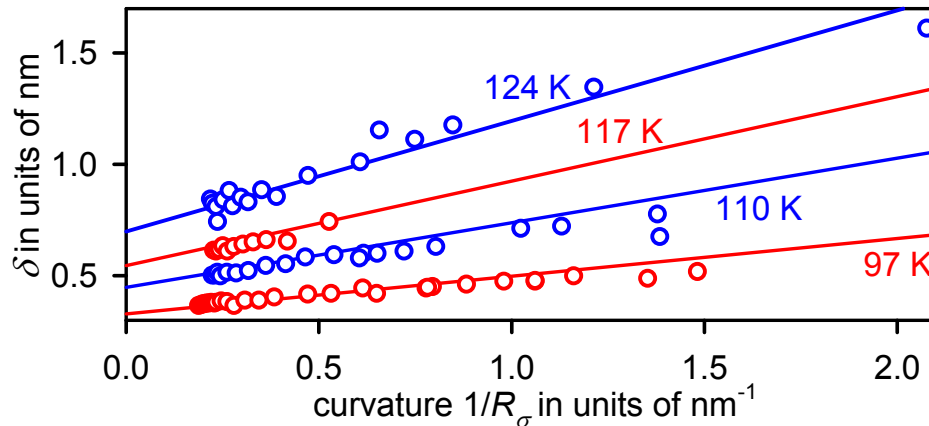




# Comparison of cluster criteria



# Droplet interface properties



For small droplets, the Tolman length

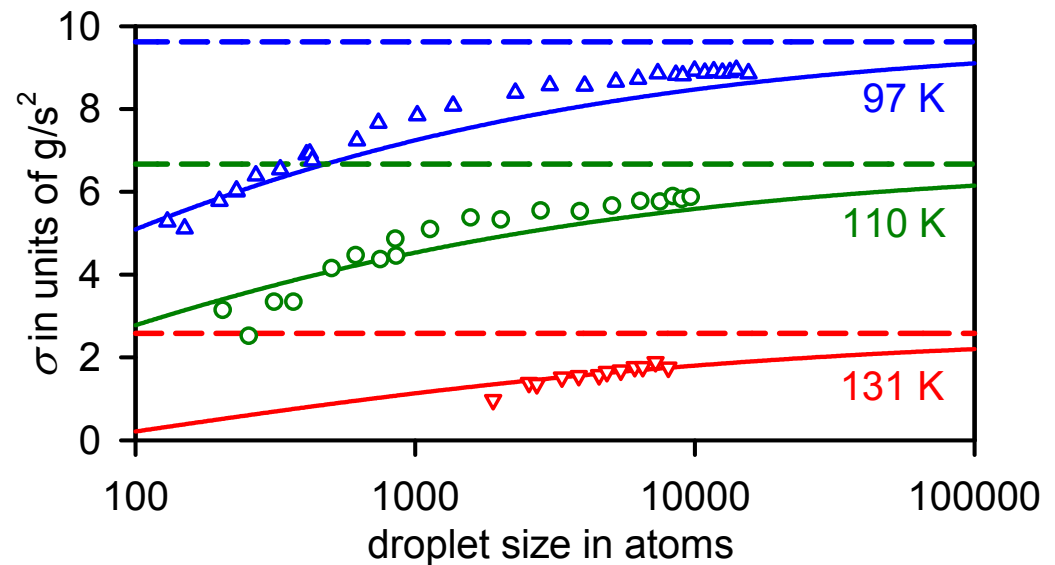
$$\delta = R_e - R_\sigma,$$

i.e. a characteristic interface thickness, increases significantly.

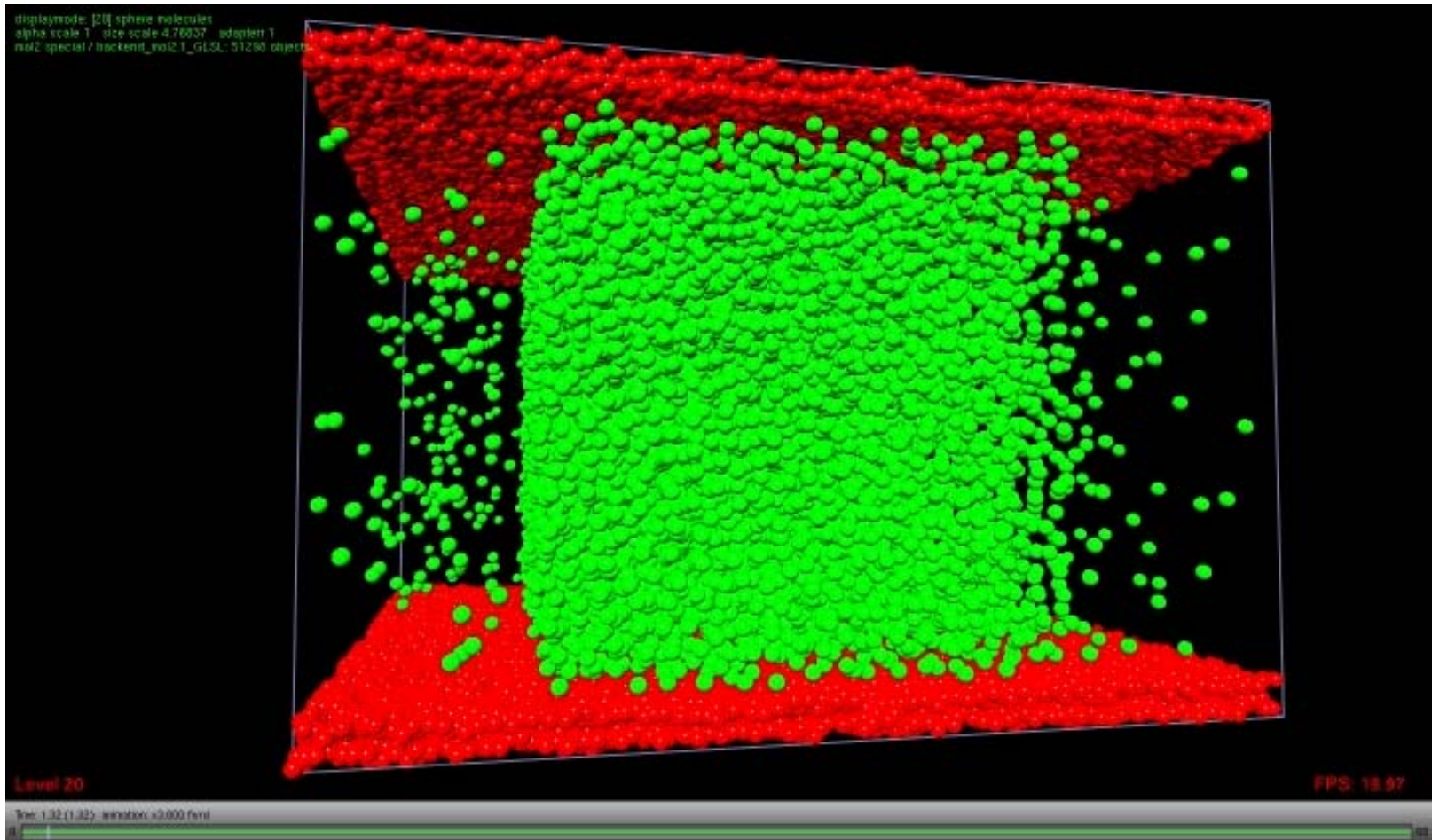
Surface tension (Tolman):

$$\frac{\sigma_\infty}{\sigma} \approx \frac{R_e + \delta_\infty}{R_e - \delta_\infty}$$

- simulation
- Tolman equation
- - - planar interface

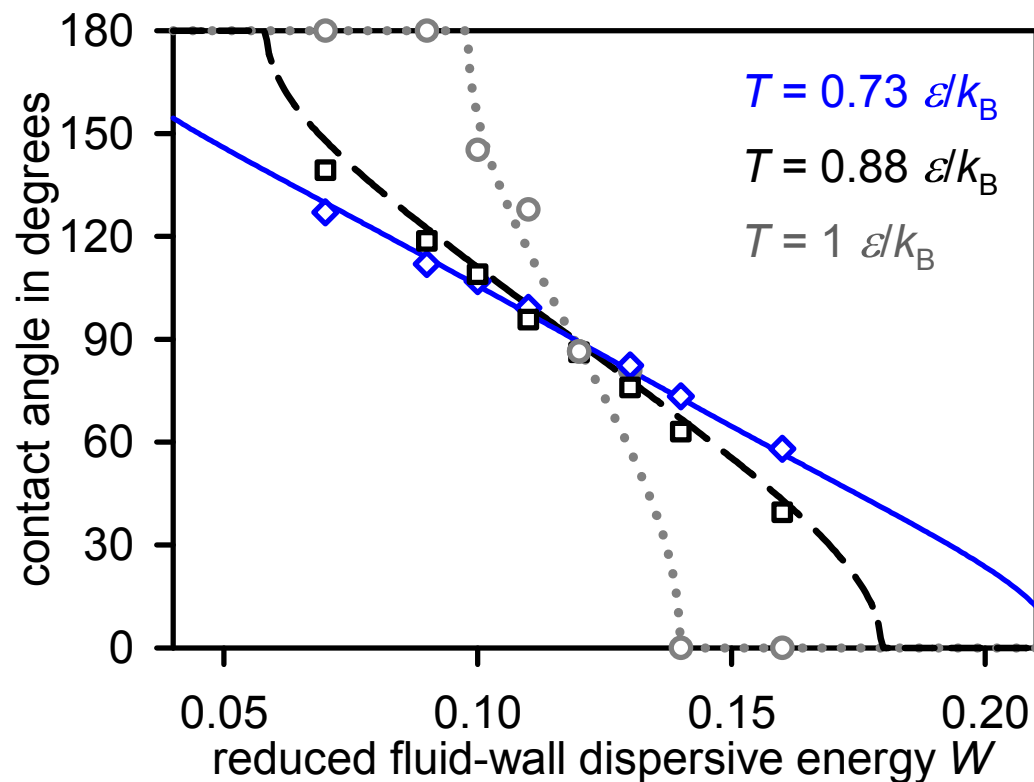
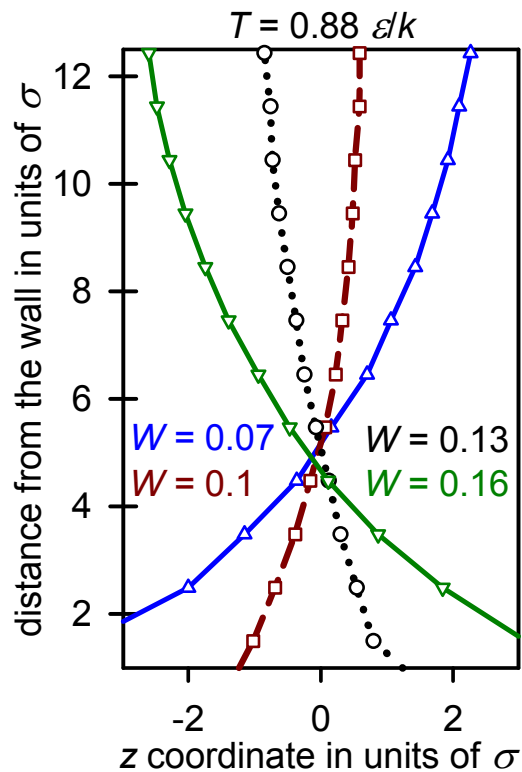


# Contact angle: Simulation of a meniscus



# Contact angle and fluid-wall dispersion

Methane meniscus (t. s. LJ fluid) between graphite walls



$$\cos \theta(T, E - \Delta W) = -\cos \theta(T, E + \Delta W)$$

# High performance computing



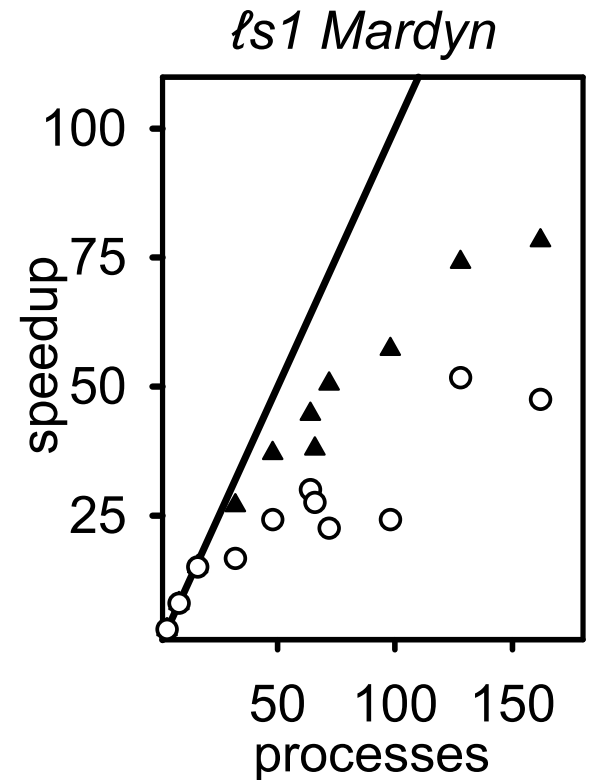
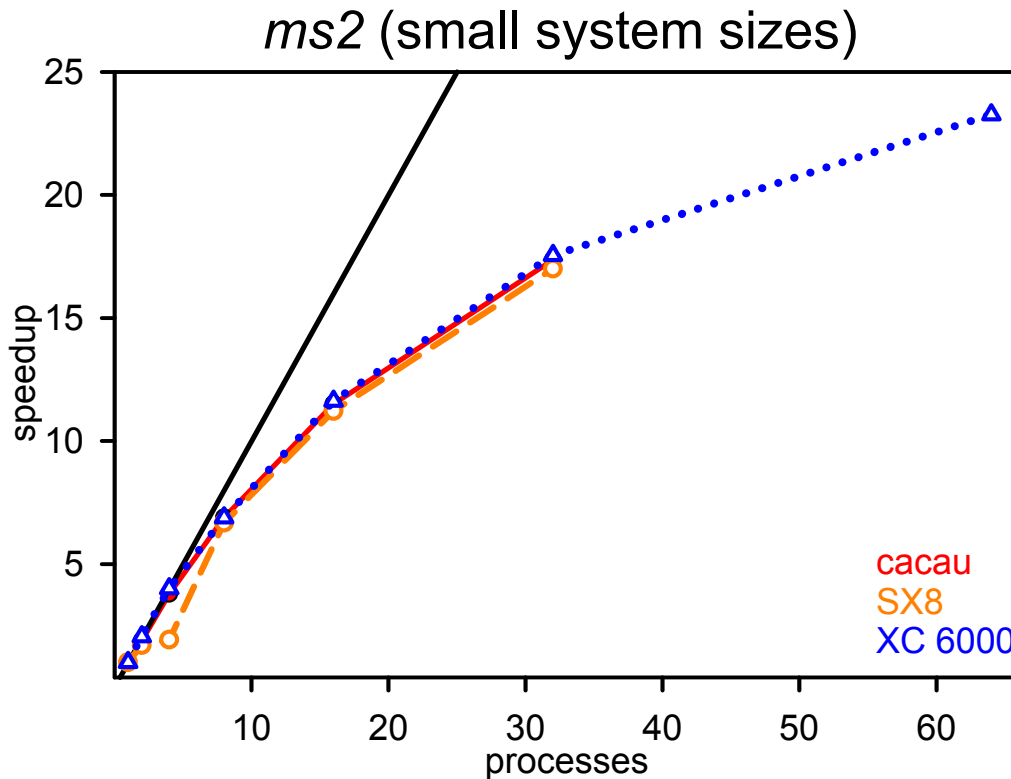
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XC 6000



SX8



- without load balancing
- ▲ static load balancing

# Innovative HPC-Methoden und Einsatz für hochskalierbare Molekulare Simulation (IMEMO)



Bundesministerium  
für Bildung  
und Forschung

Project scheduled from  
October 2008 to December 2011

Project associates:



Industrial associates:



# Conclusion

## Molecular simulation for process engineering ...

- is already applied in the industry
- raises high expectations
- is a common endeavor of engineers, natural scientists, and computer scientists
- relies on HPC: Hardware, software, and algorithms