

## Confined systems. New theory and applications

### Fluids in mesopores: introduction to the phenomenon

#### Theoretical:

- shortcomings of standard thermodynamics for confined systems
- introducing the new concept of COS (=Curves of States)

#### Simulation of Pressure Jump Experiments:

- role of COS for dynamic behavior

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natural phenomena

- hydrology of ground water
- natural purification and pollution

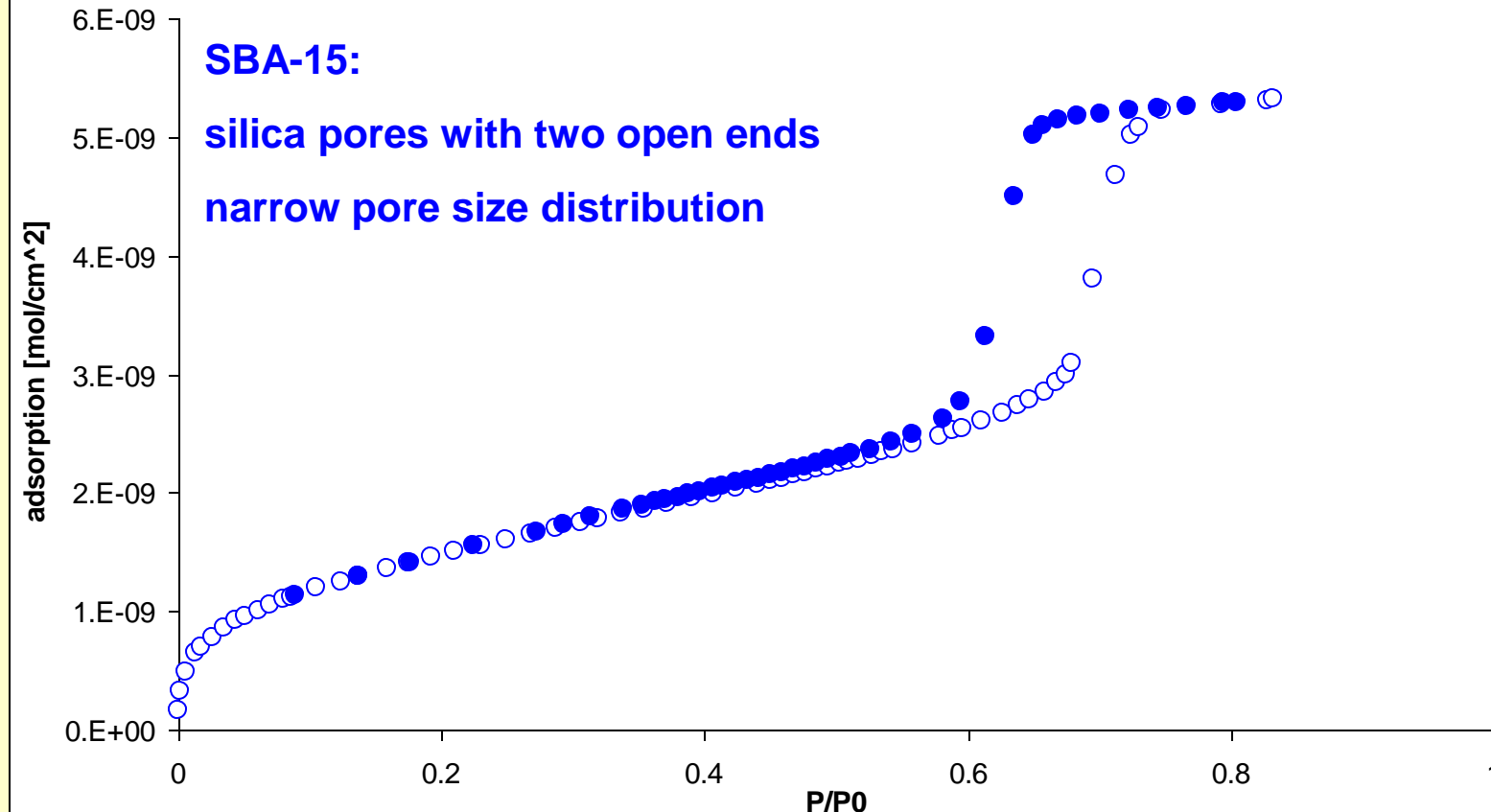
industrial activities

- oil extraction
- mixture separation, filtering
- catalysis
- sensor development

basic research

## Adsorption Hysteresis in Porous Material

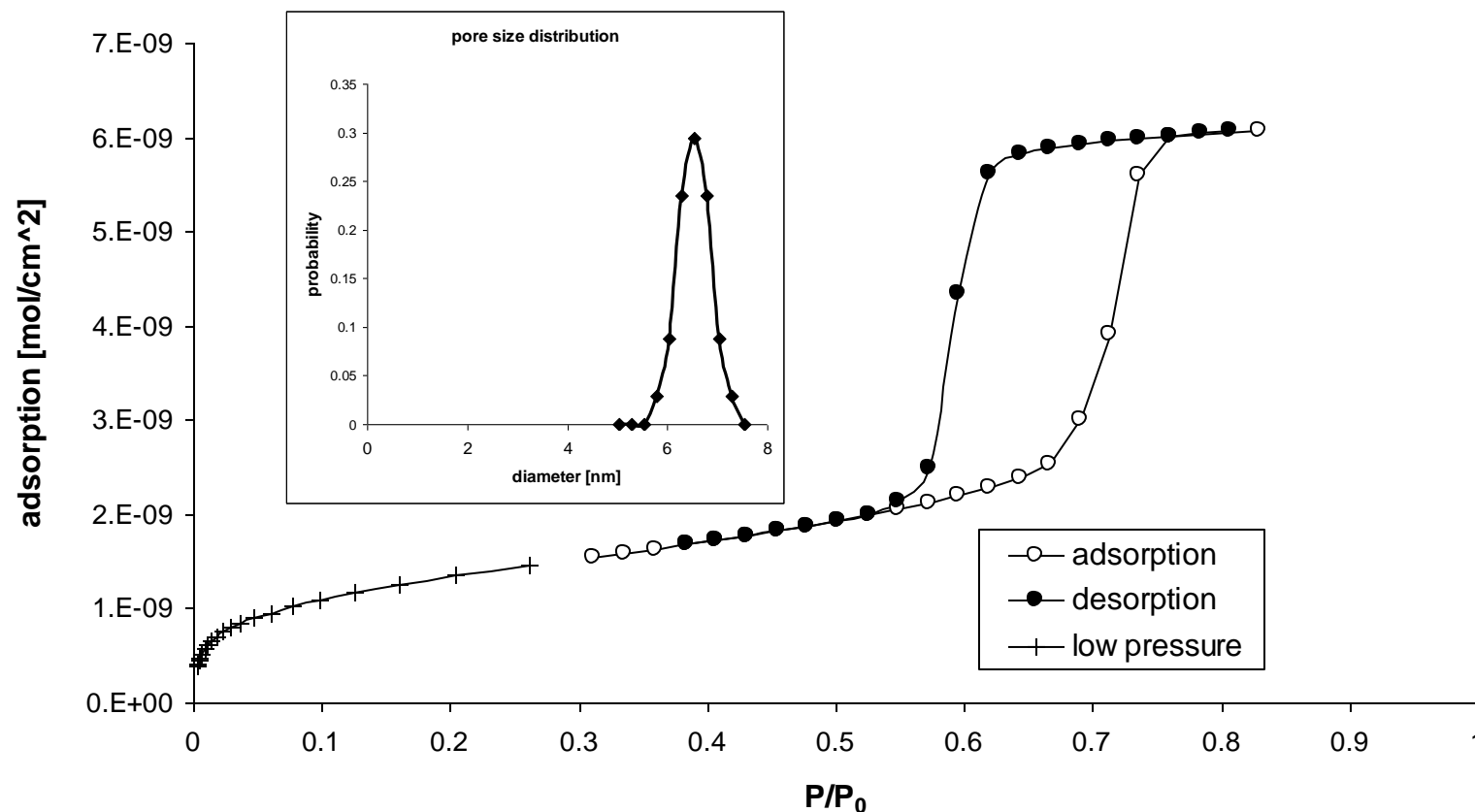
exp. adsorption isotherm, Ar / SBA-15, 77.35K



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## Adsorption Hysteresis in Porous Material

adsorption isotherm, model calculation



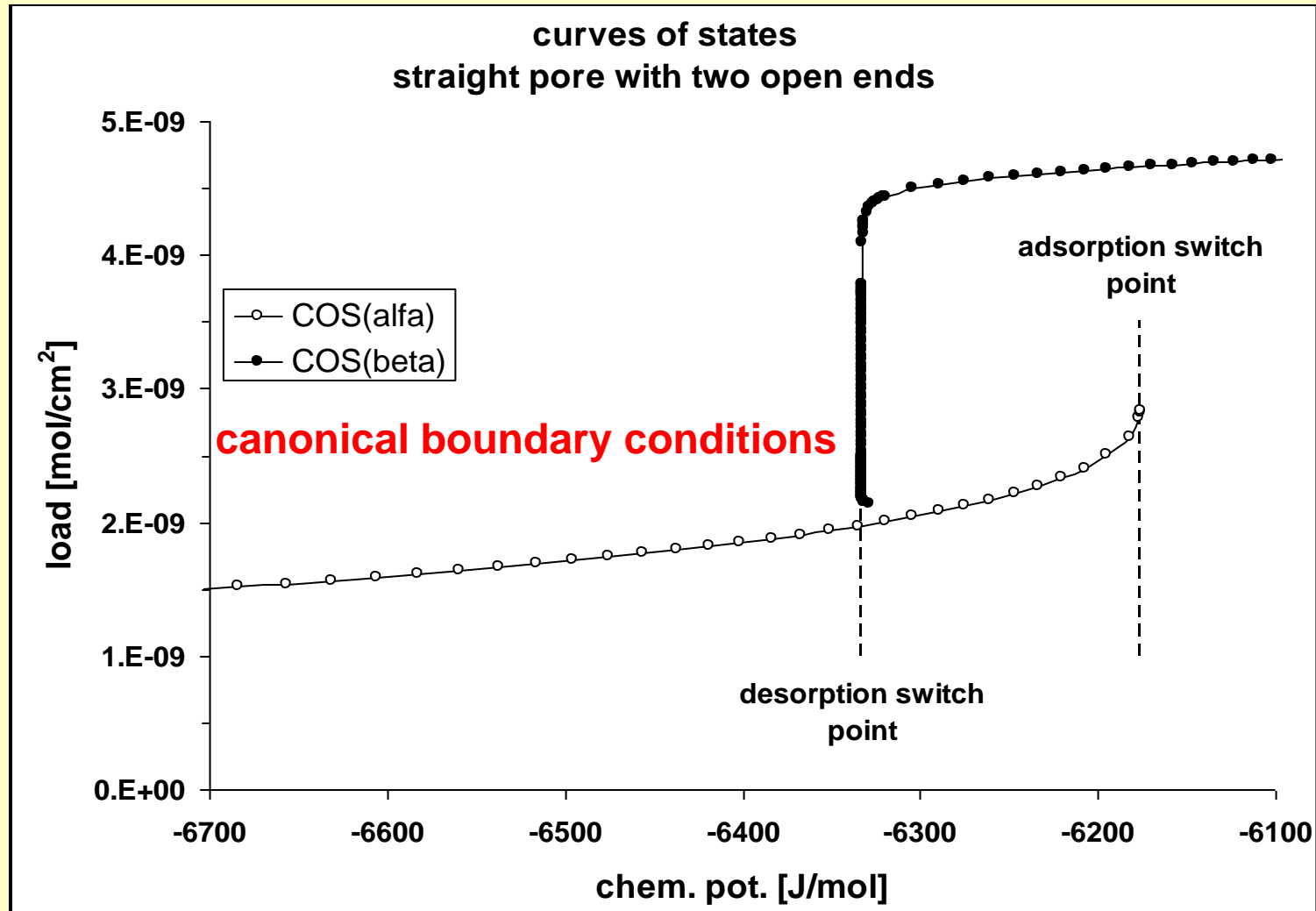
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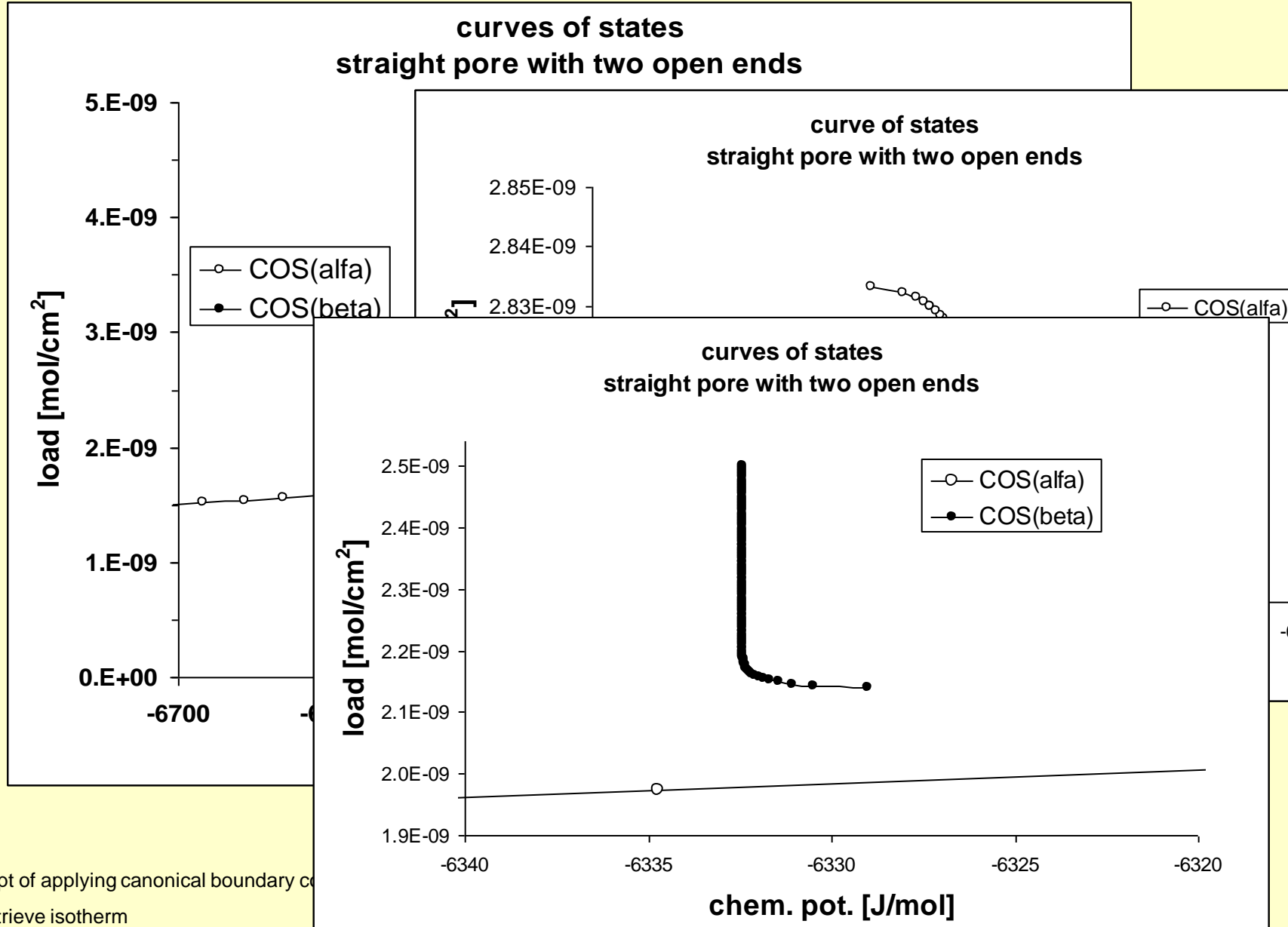
## Curves of States (introduction)



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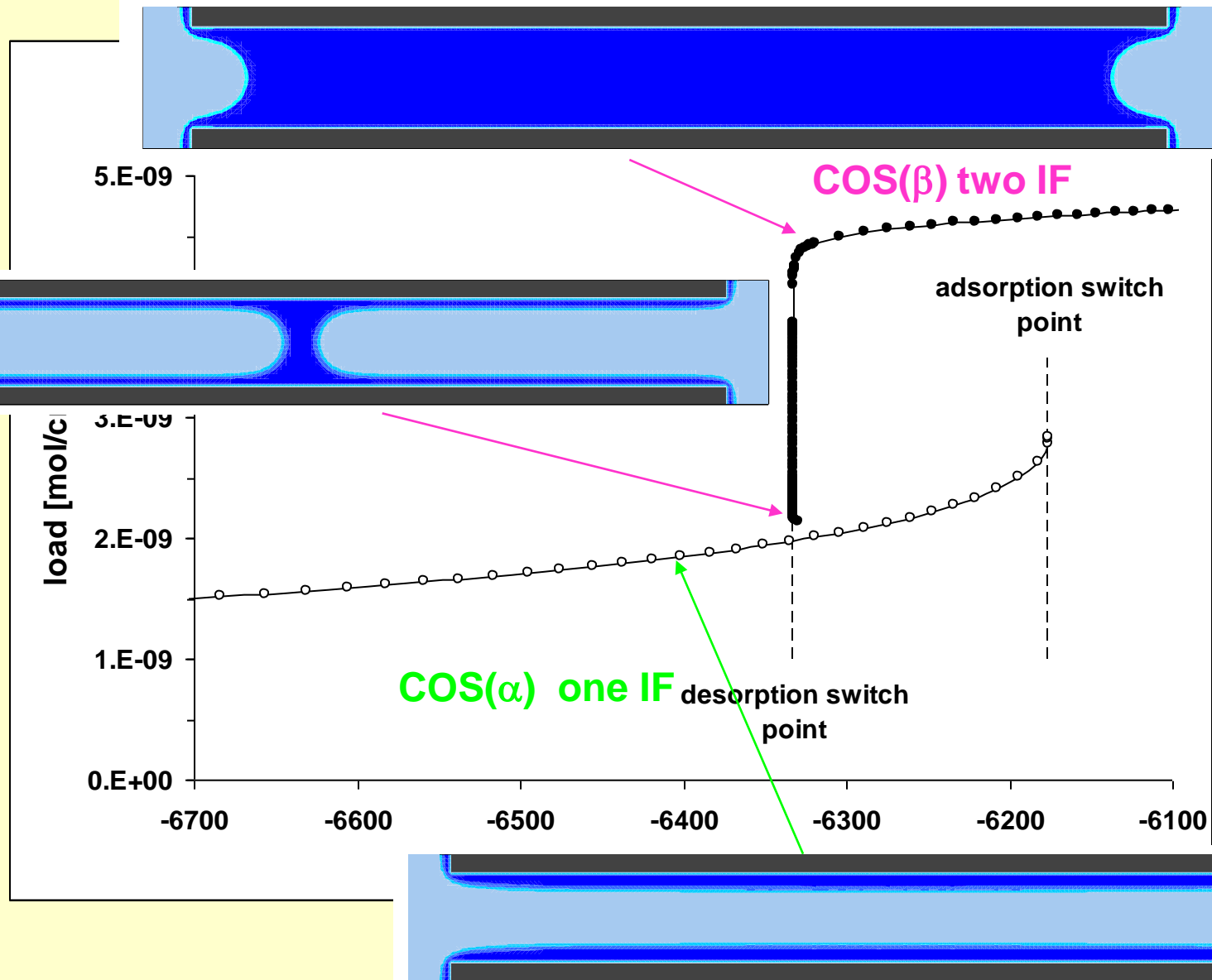
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## Curves of States (shape)



COS and concept of applying canonical boundary conditions  
COS allow to retrieve isotherm

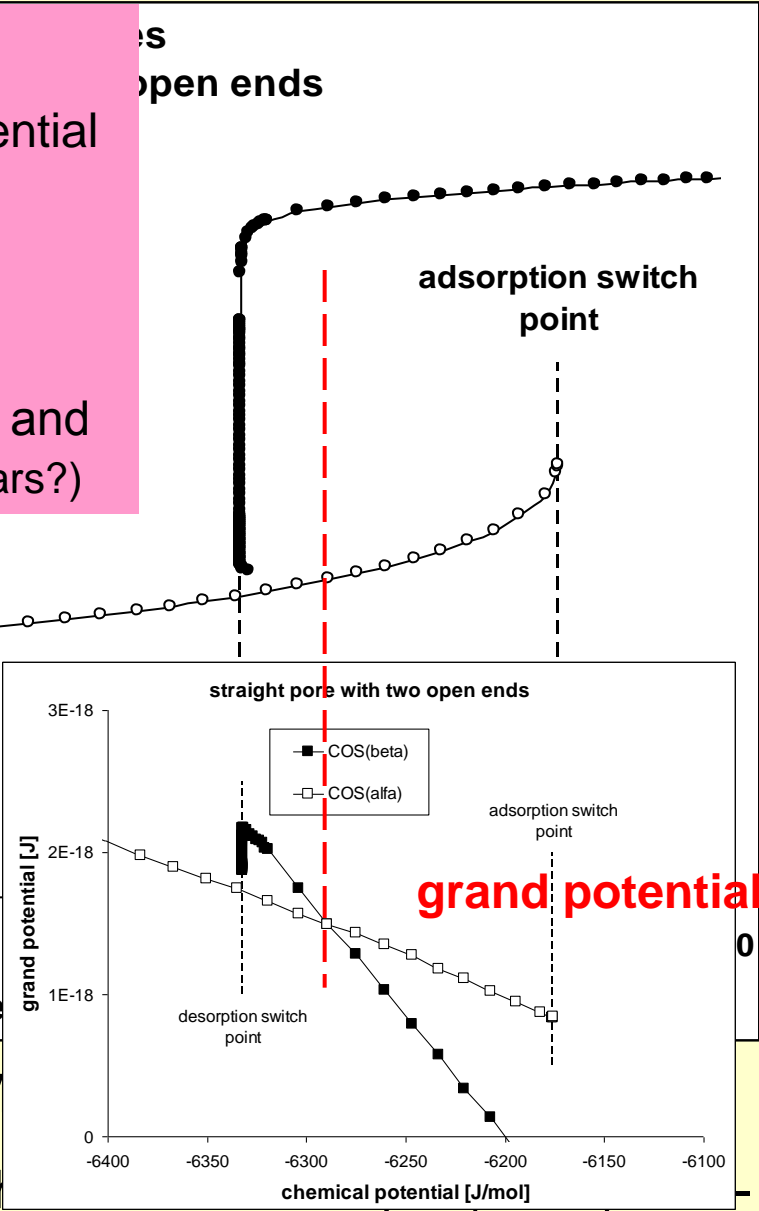
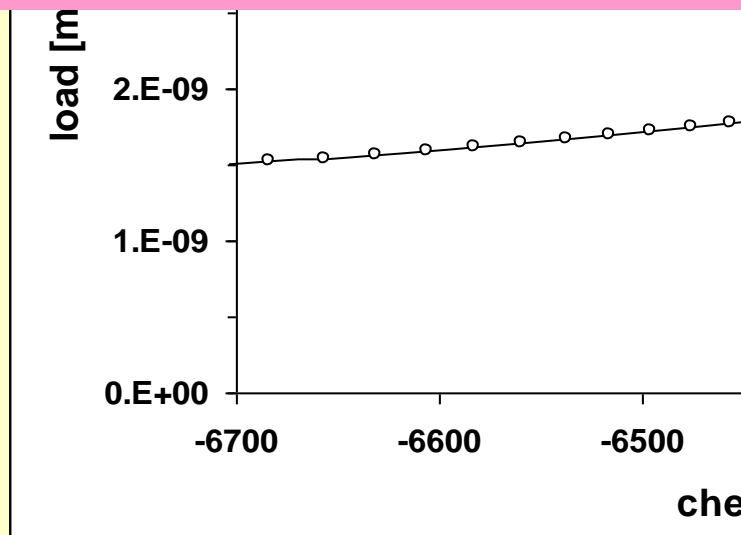
## Curves of States (filling pattern)



## Curves of States (relation to thermodynamics)

observations:

- switching points decoupled from grand potential crossing
- switching points reproducibly stable in experiment and simulation
- „metastable“ states are stable in simulation and in experiment for any trial time (6weeks,10years?)

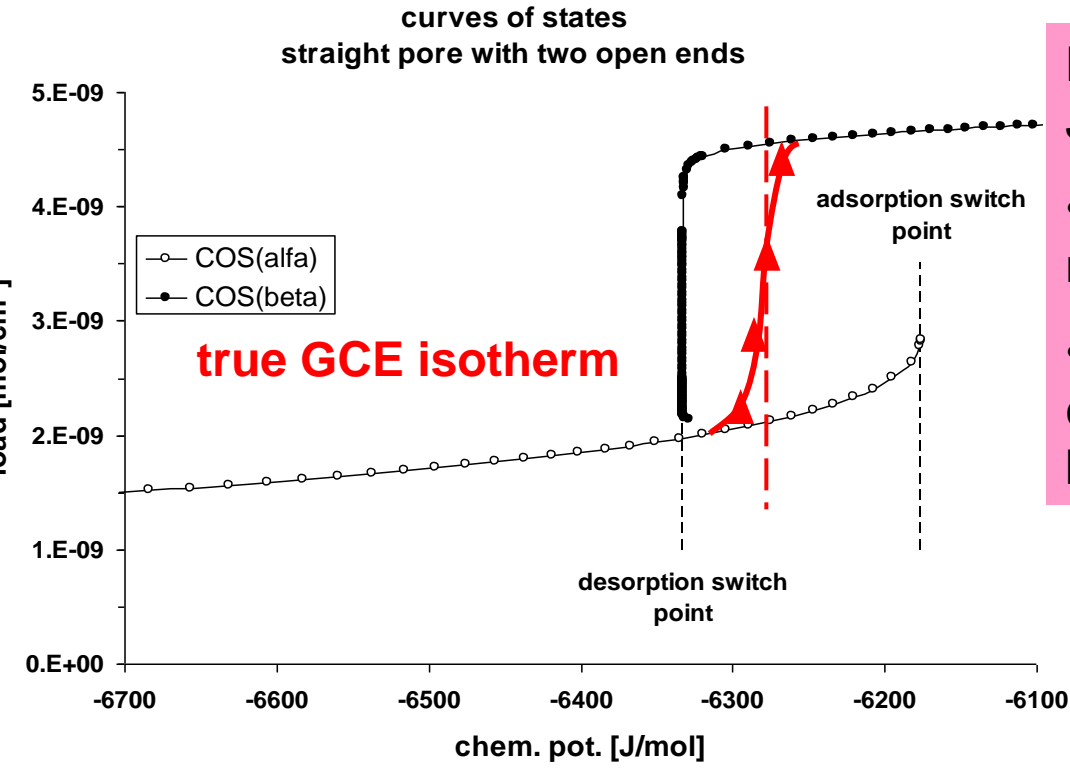


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 COS allow to retrieve isotherm

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## literature: attempts to save thermodynamics



Neimark&amp;Vishnyakov

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- both branches contain a set of microstates
- these sets are subsets of one common state (equilibrium). Thus, both branches form only one state

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„.....the true GCE isotherm cannot be sampled in practical simulations....“

$$N_{\text{GCE}}(\mu, V, T) =$$

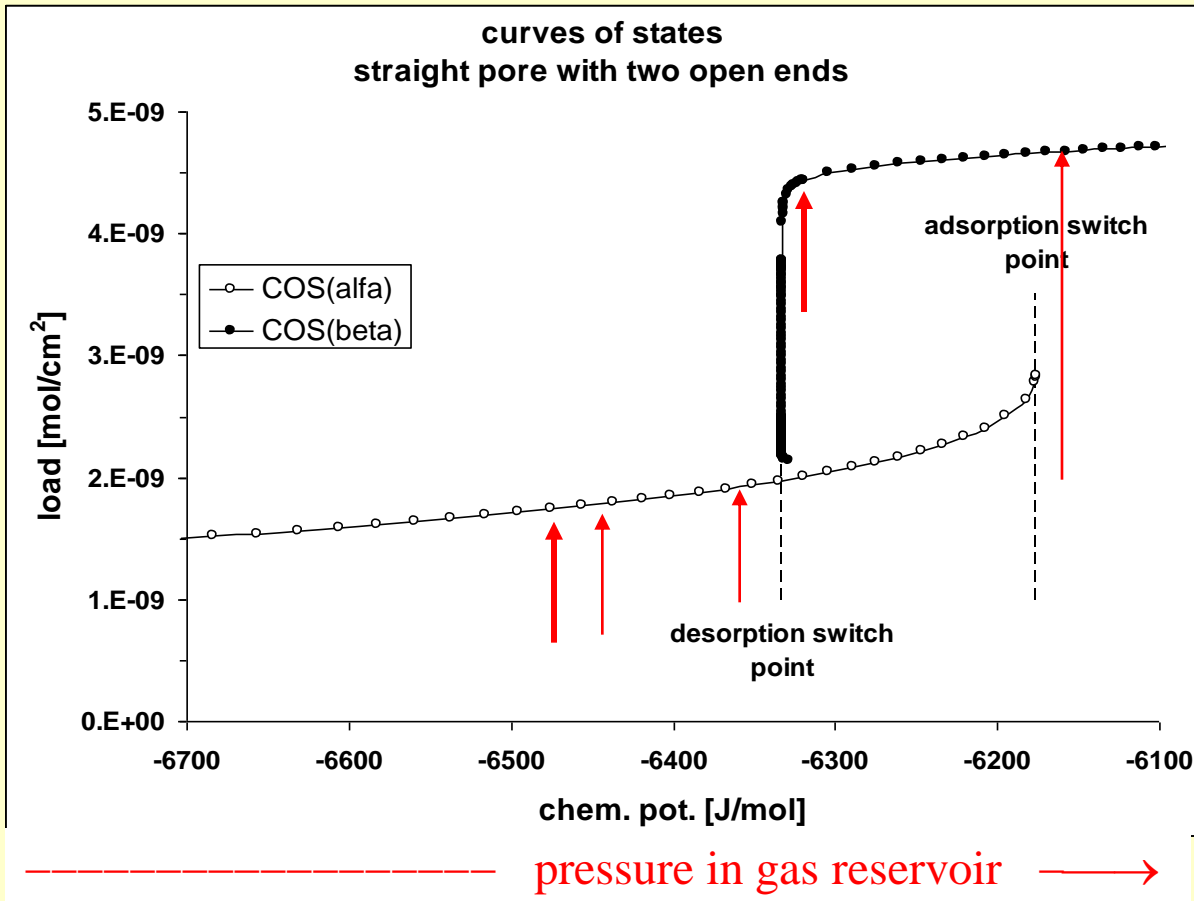
$$\frac{\bar{N}_v(\mu) \exp(-\Omega_v(\mu, V, T)/kT) + \bar{N}_1(\mu) \exp(-\Omega_1(\mu, V, T)/kT)}{\exp(-\Omega_v(\mu, V, T)/kT) + \exp(-\Omega_1(\mu, V, T)/kT)}$$

driving force: gradient of chemical potential

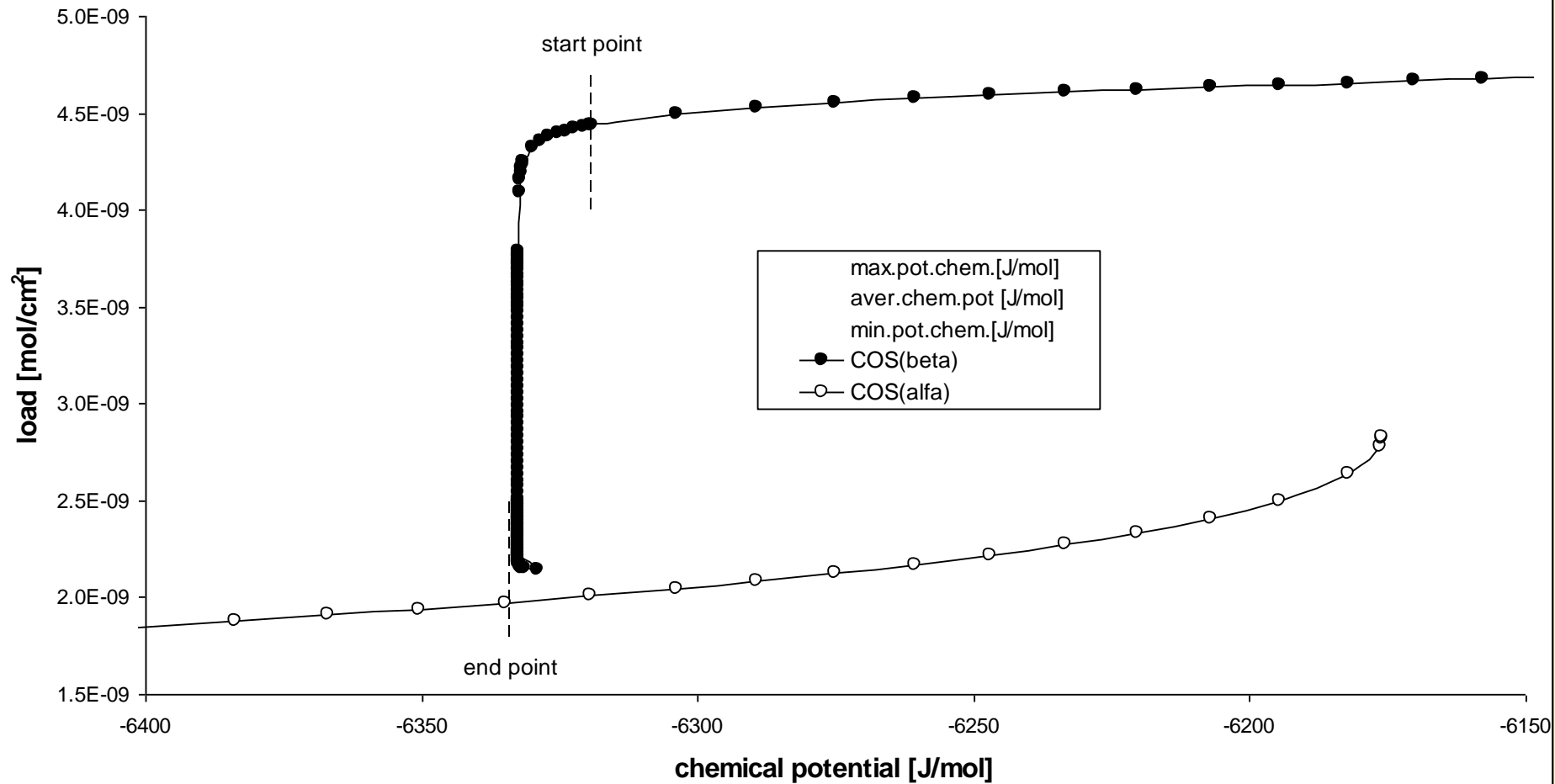
*Diffusion treated by*

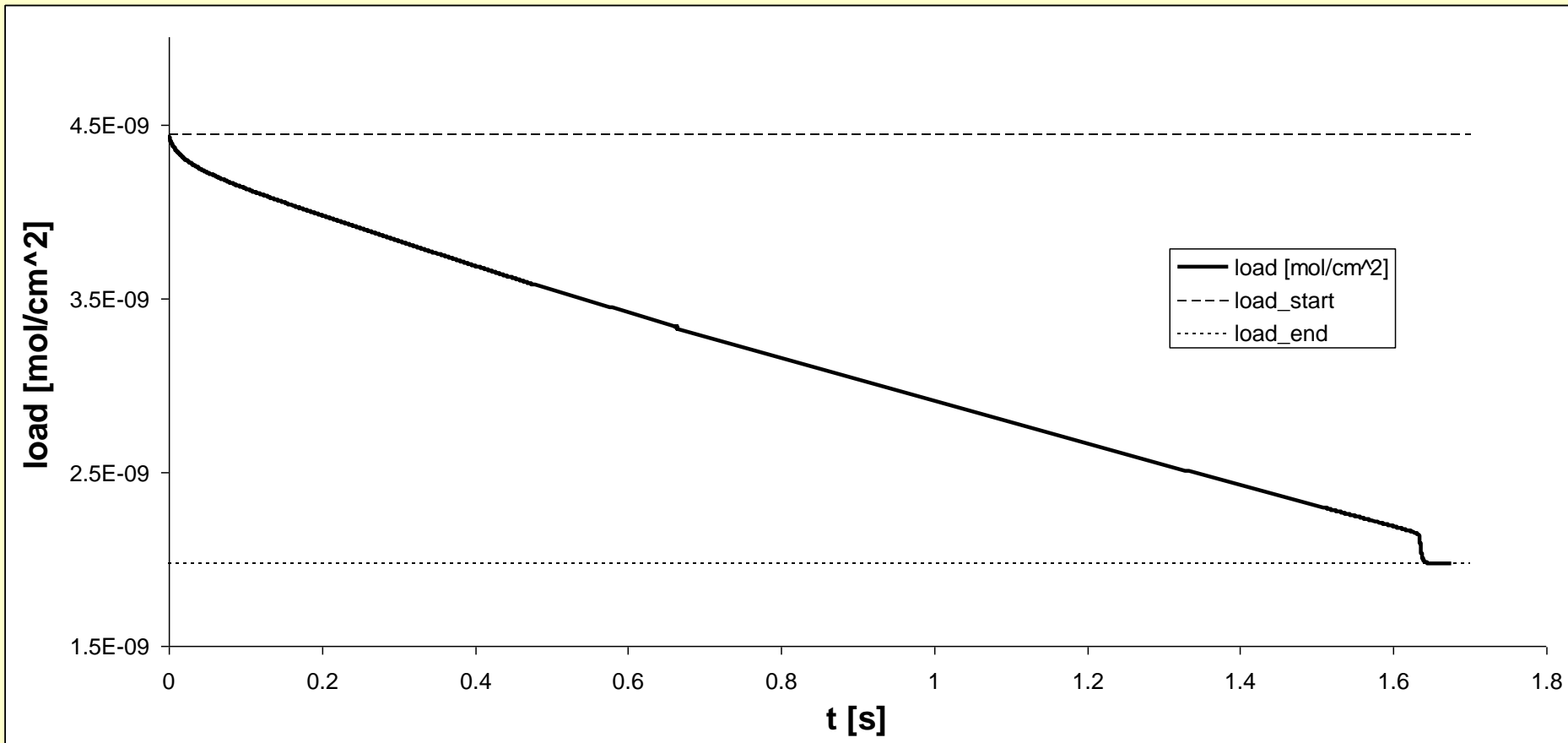
*Onsager ansatz*

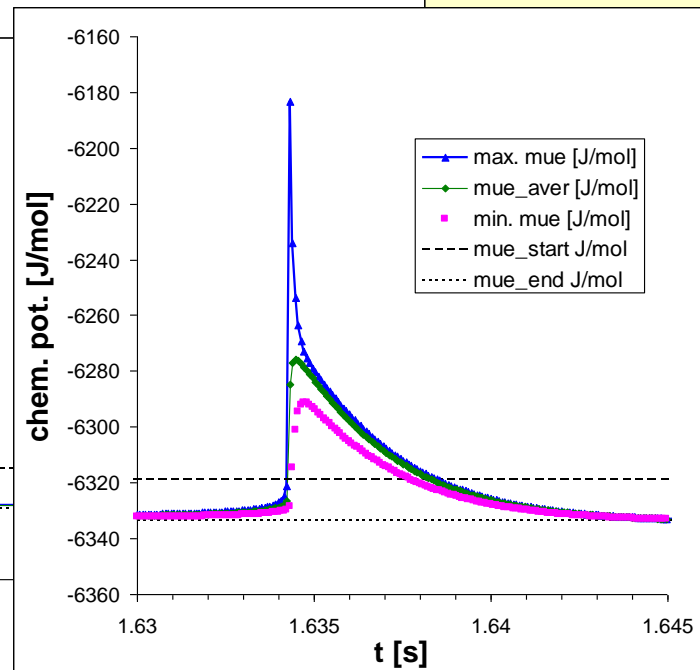
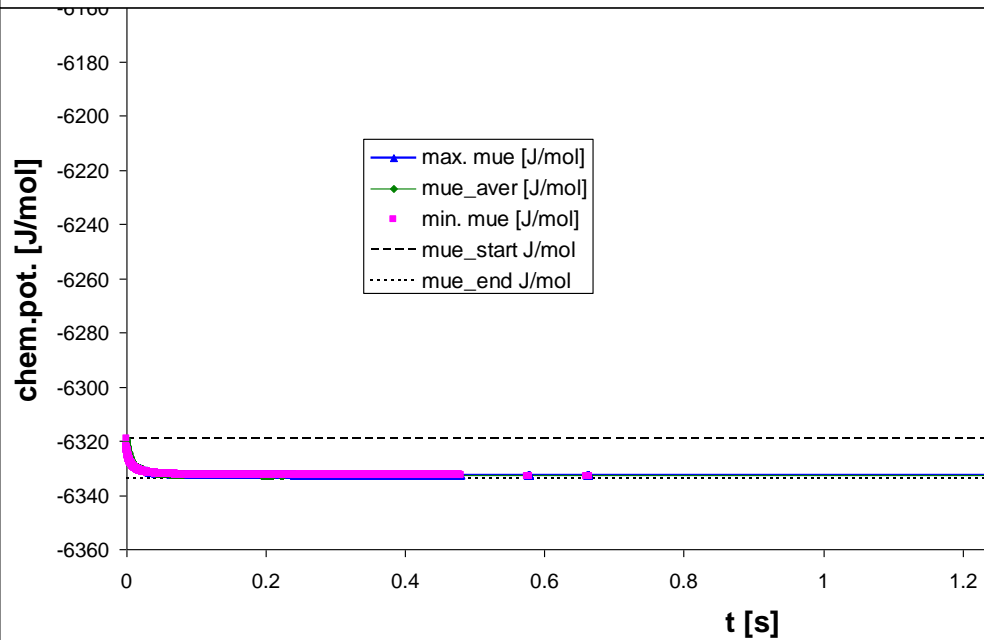
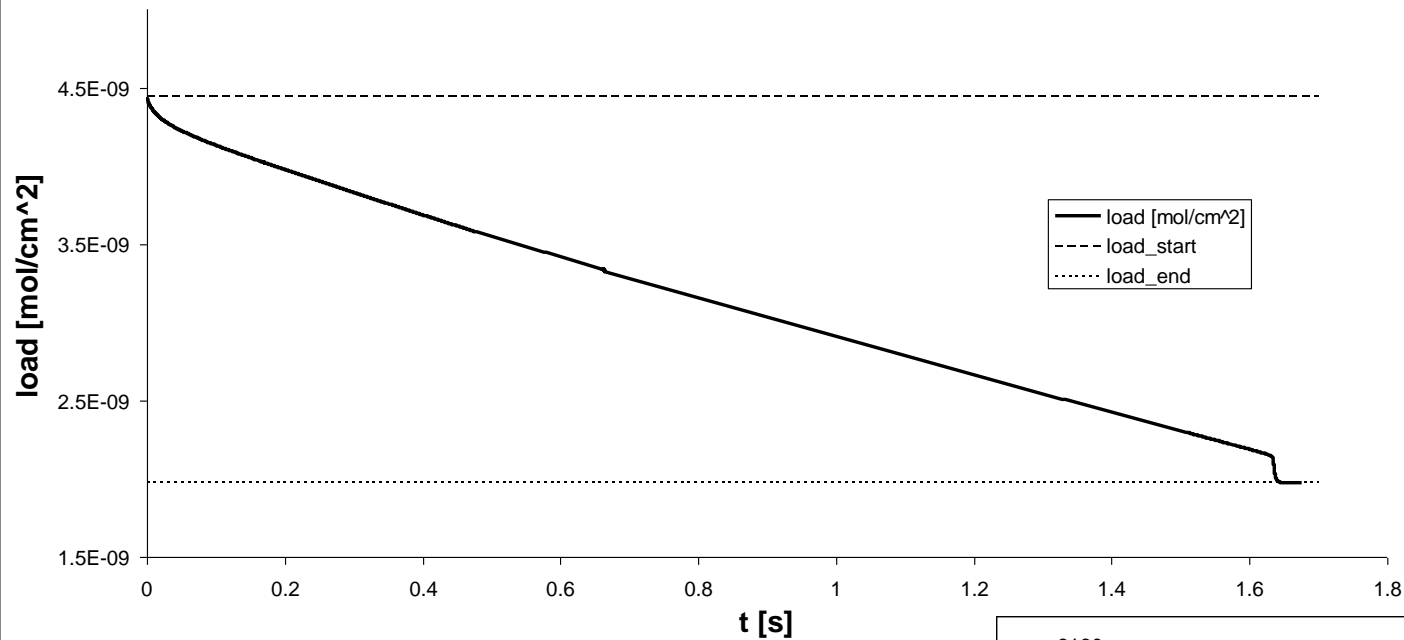
$$\vec{J} = -\frac{L}{T} \cdot \text{grad} \mu$$

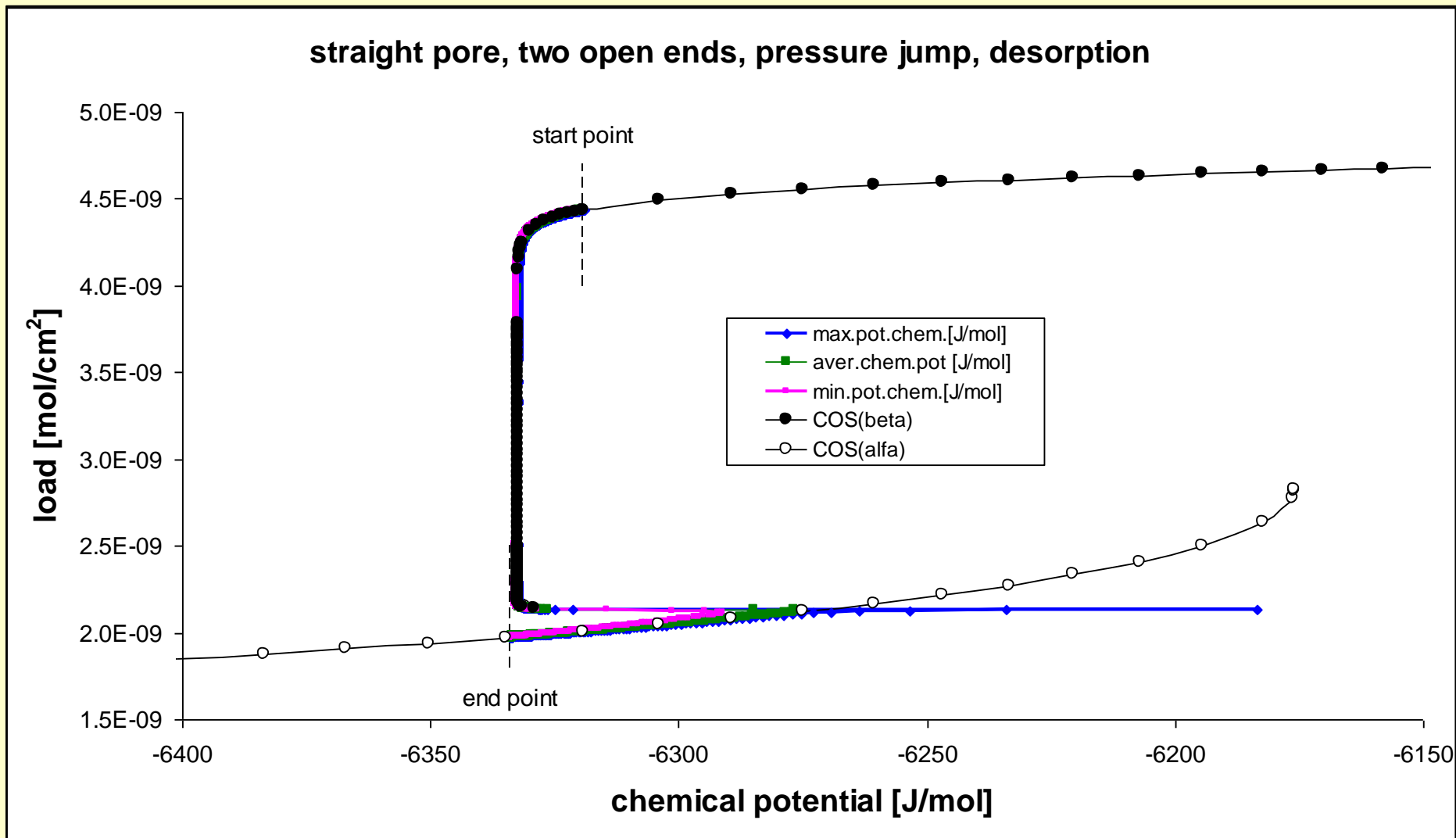


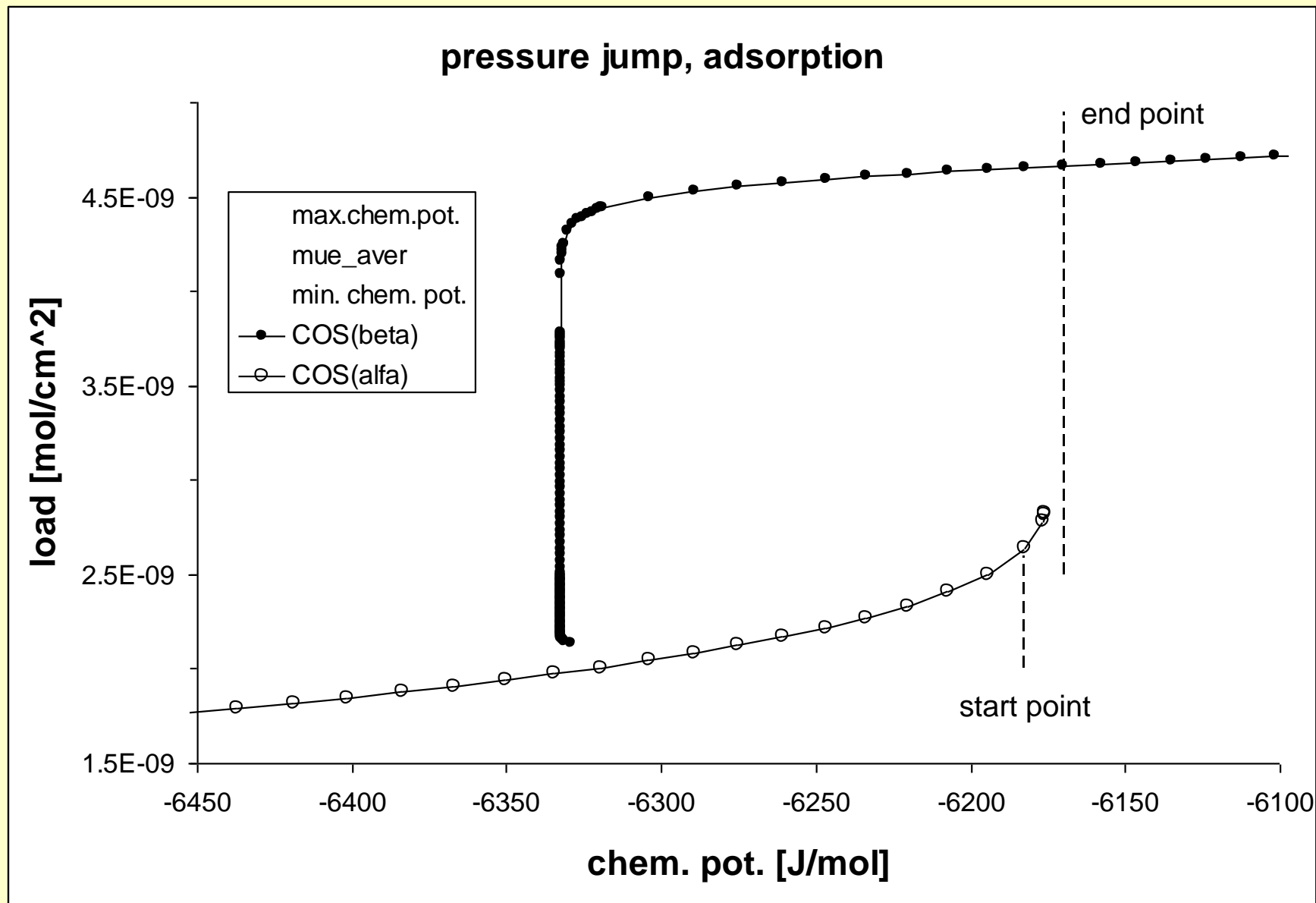
## straight pore, two open ends, pressure jump, desorption

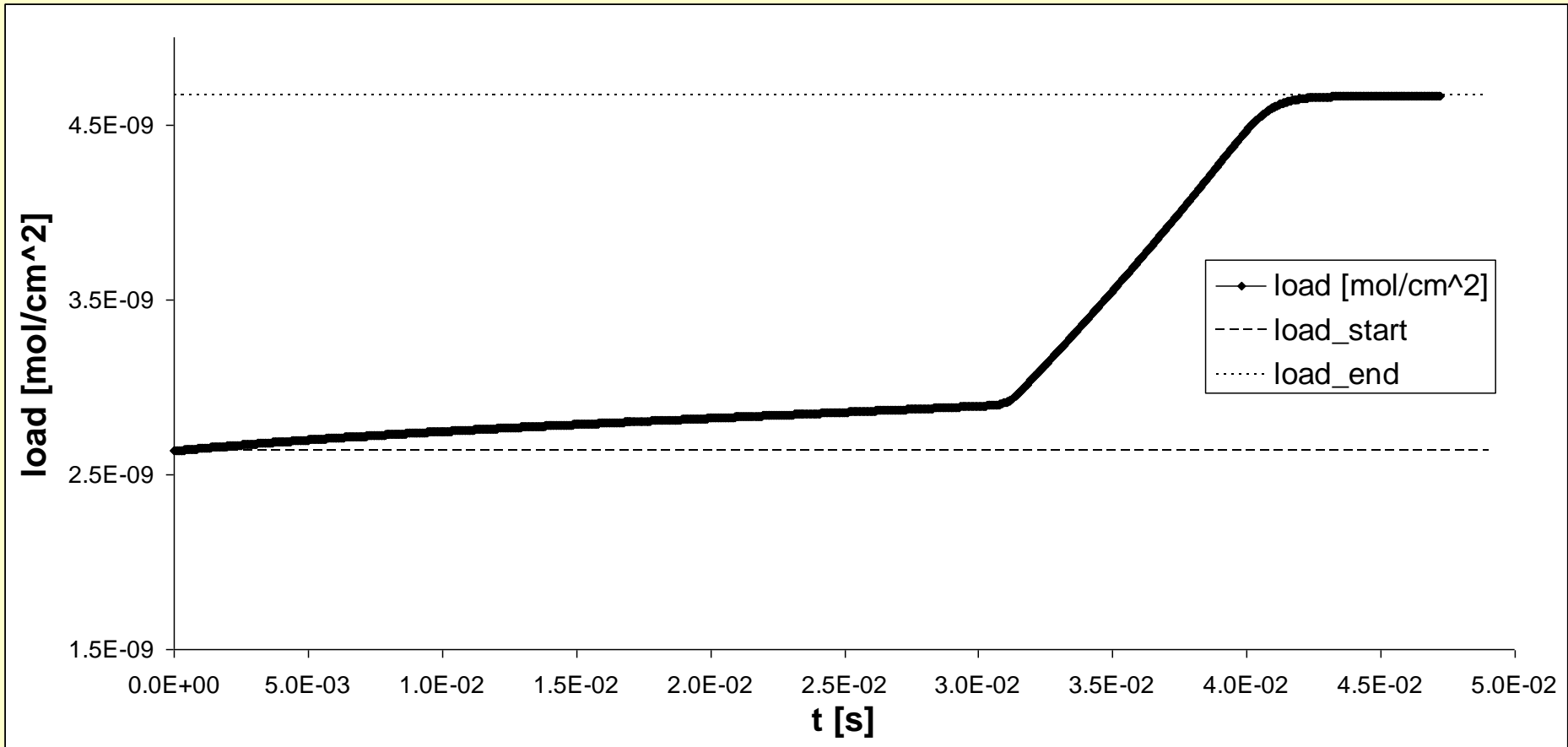




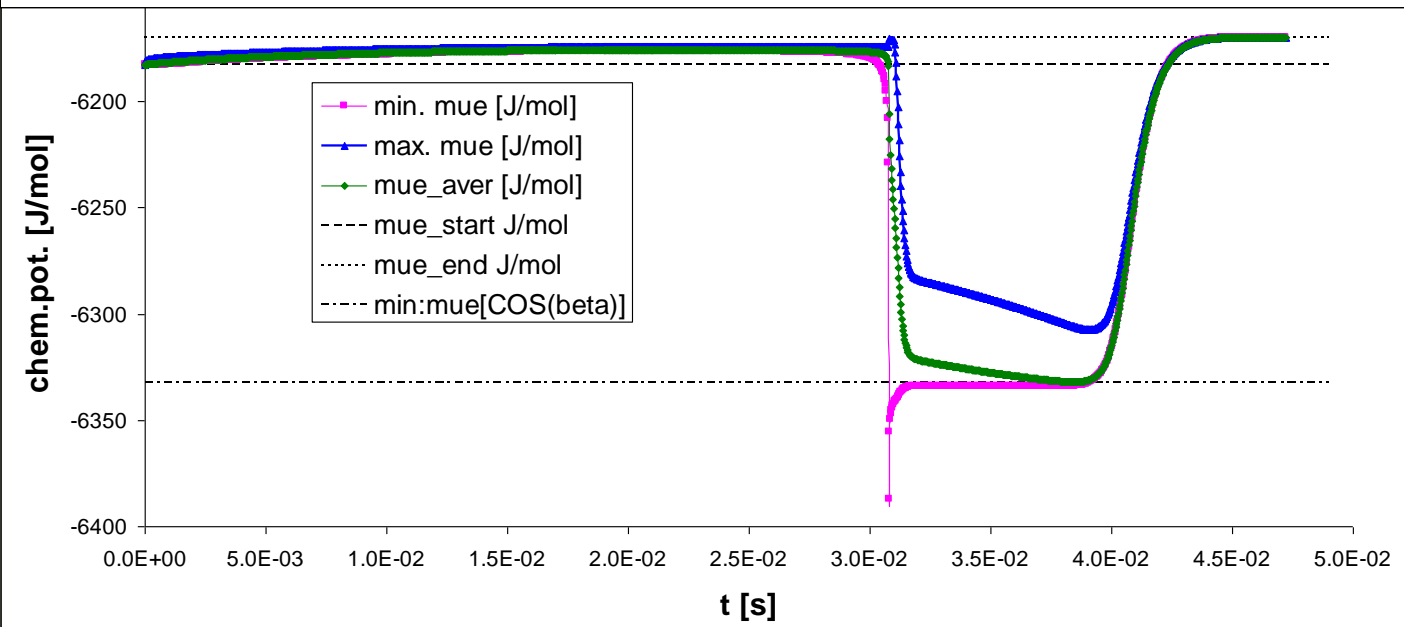
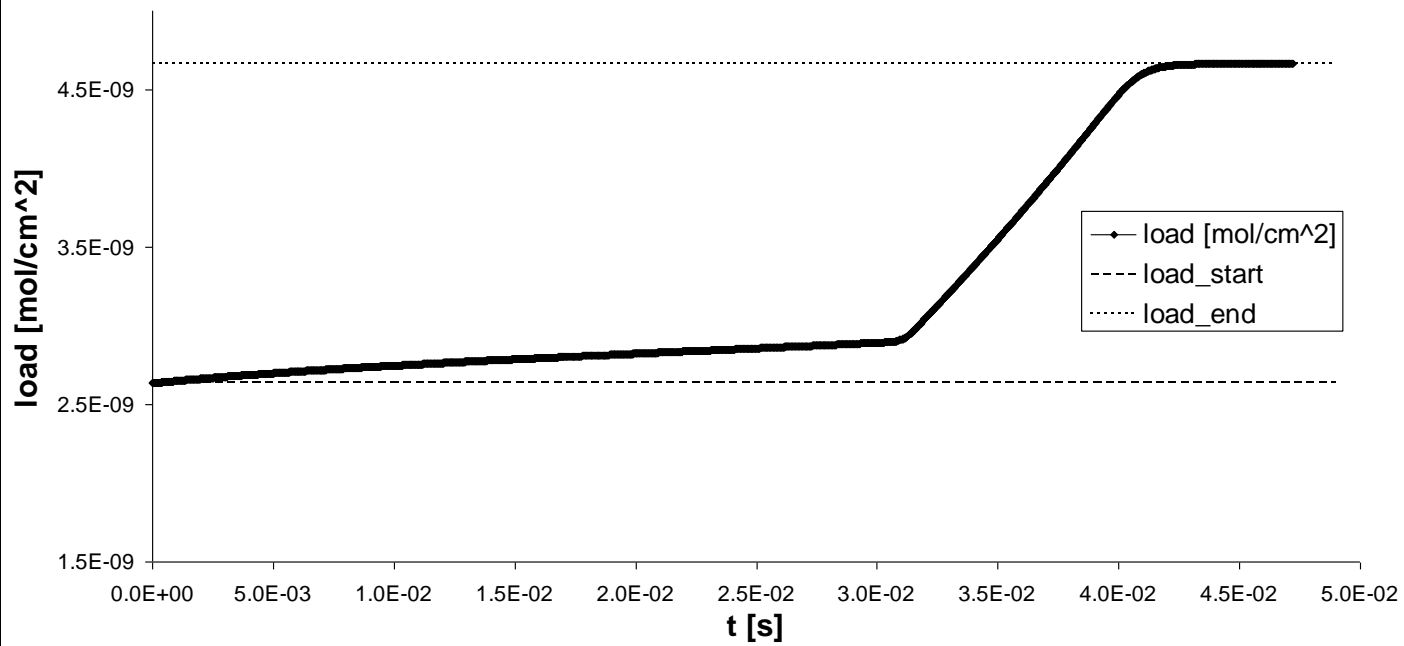


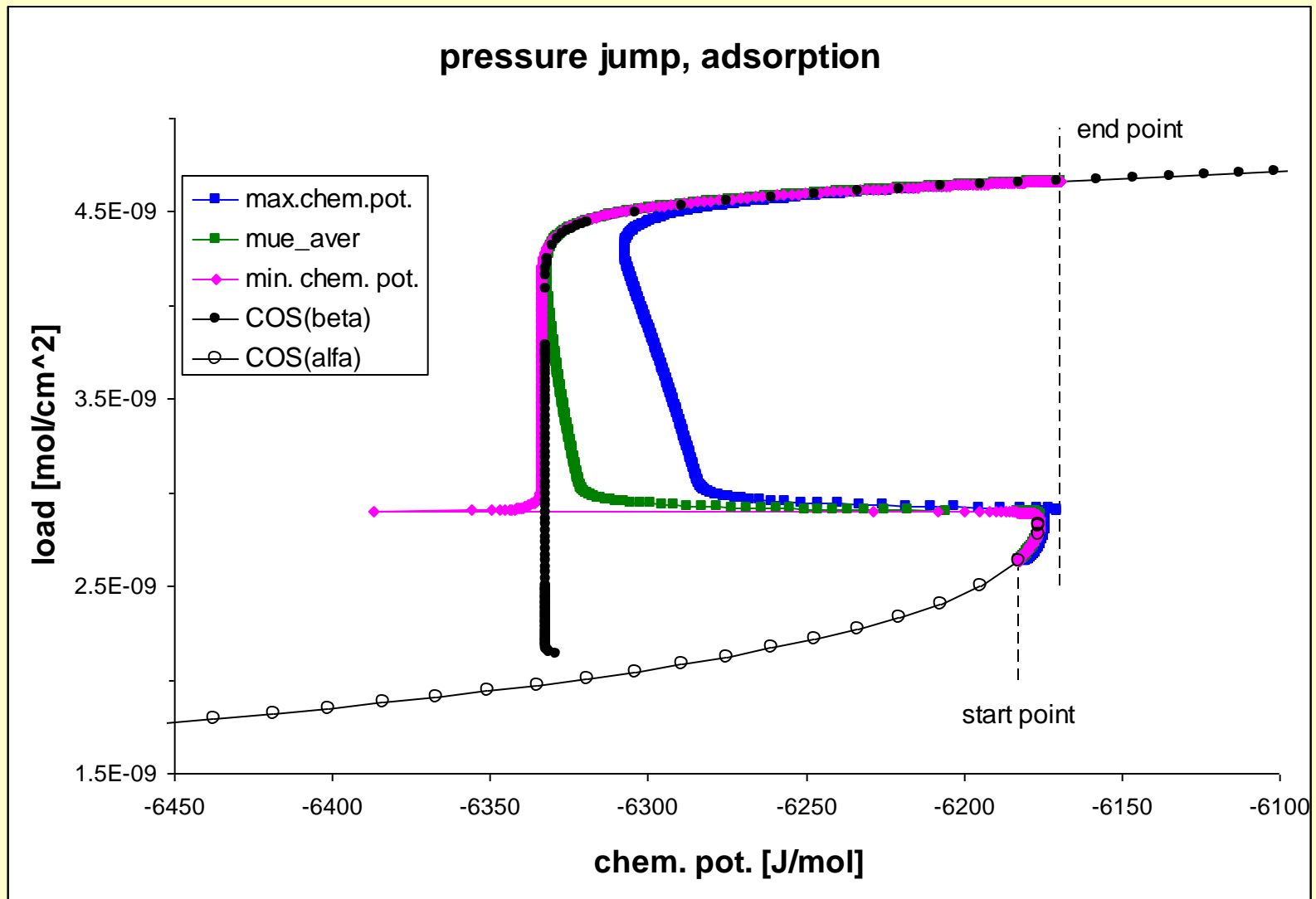


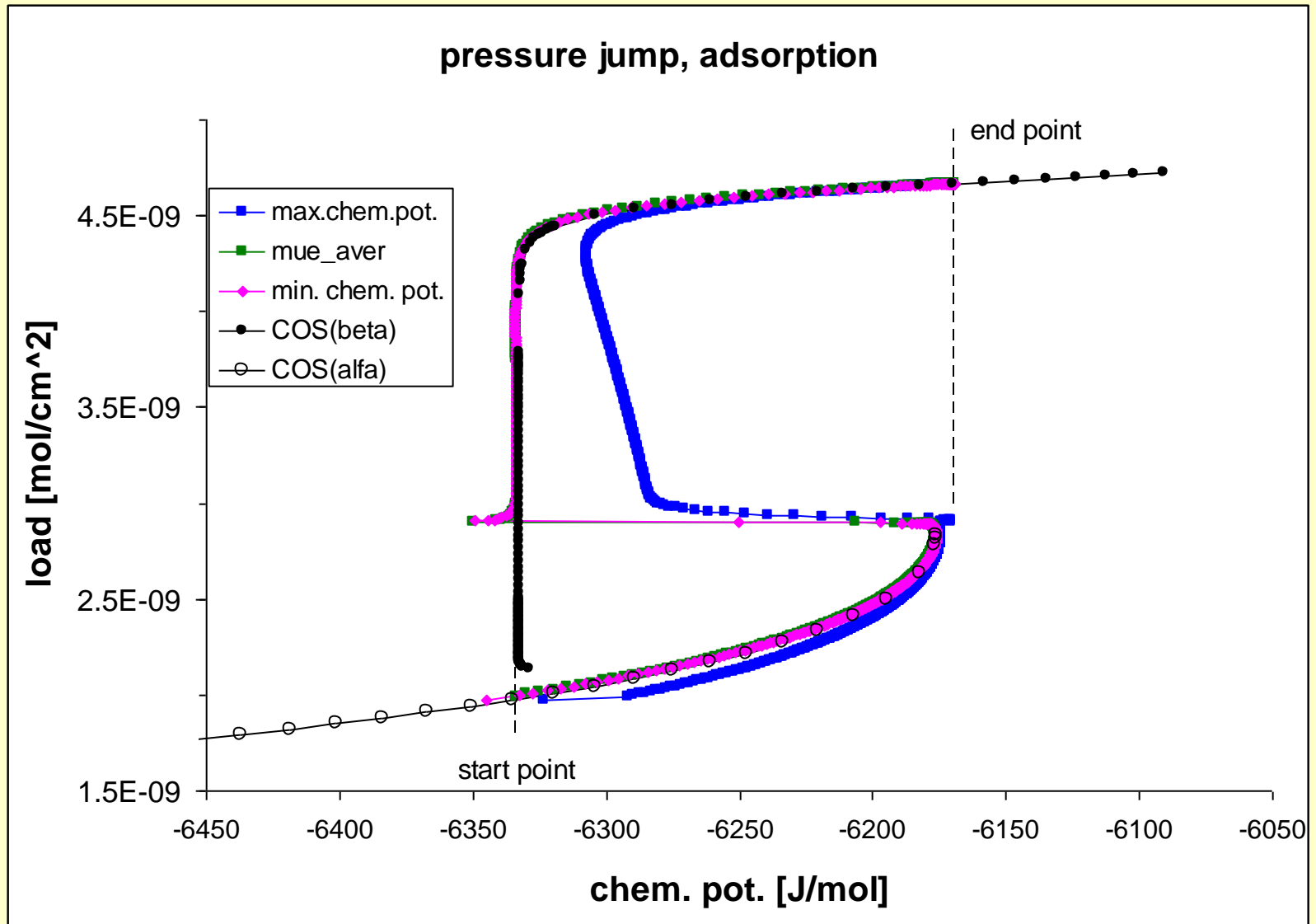


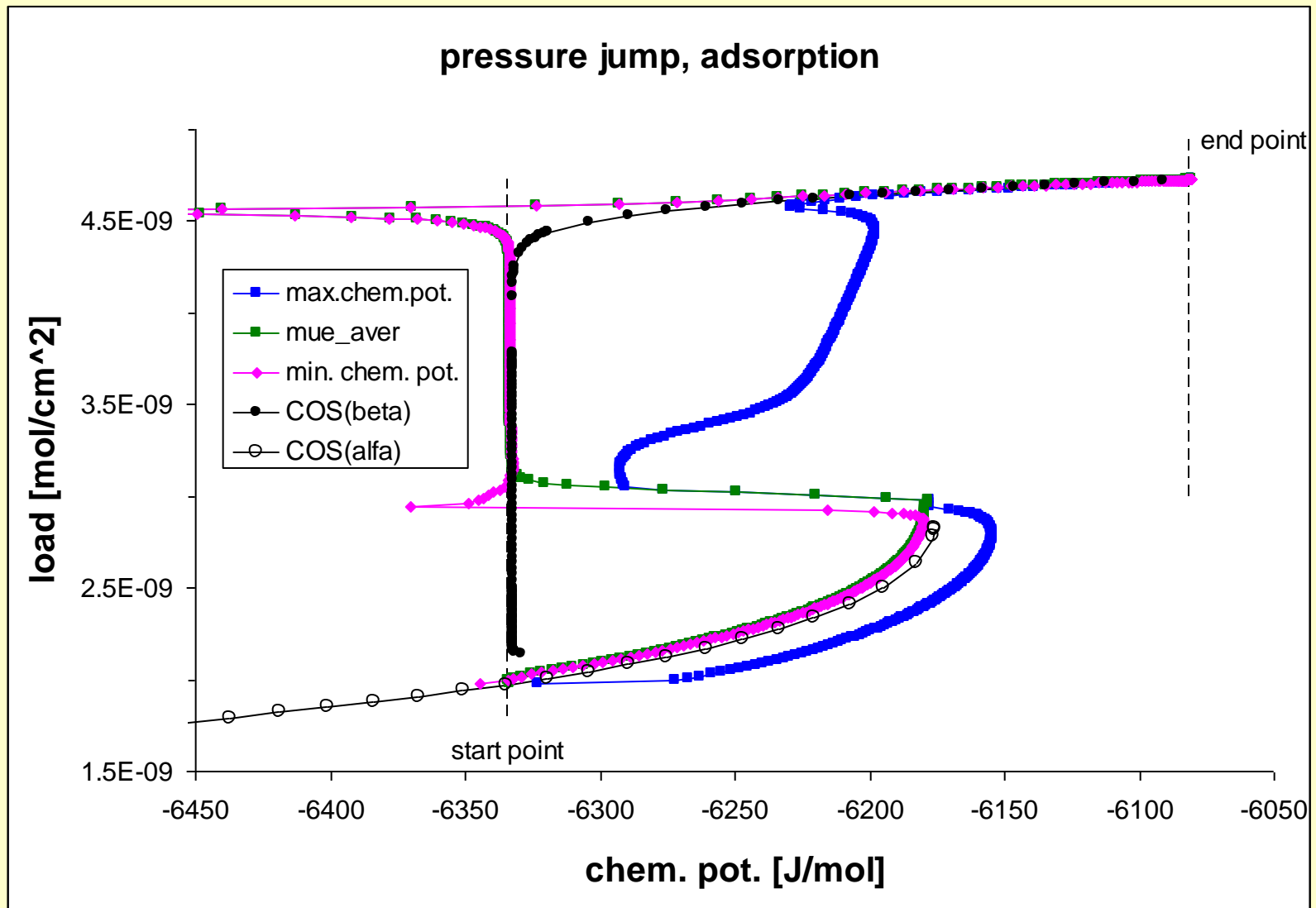








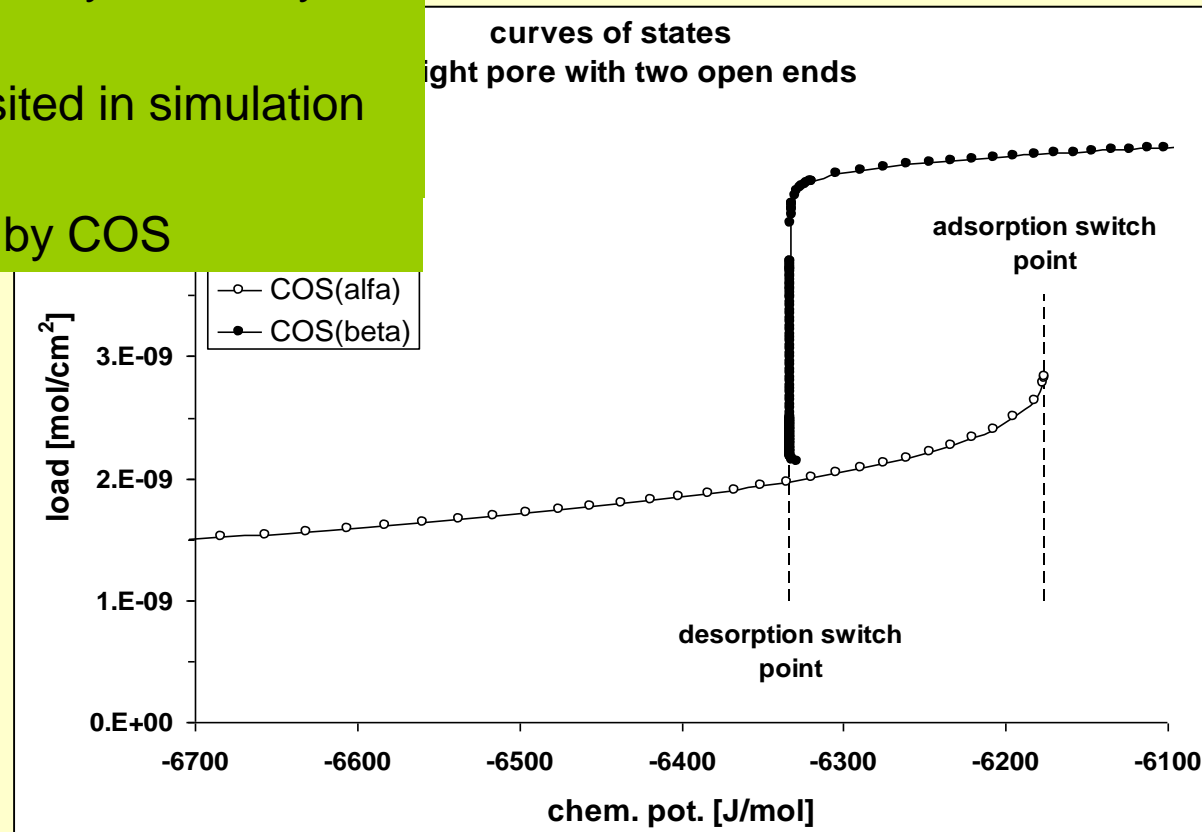




rules of new concept (Confined Thermodynamics):

- system is fully described by COS
- change within COS is always reversible
- switching between different COS is always irreversible, occurs only if required by boundary conditions
- all states of a system can be visited in simulation and experimentally
- dynamic behavior is dominated by COS

Thank you  
critical remarks  
welcome !



# Adsorption Hysteresis in Porous Material

## Quotations from literature:

Metastable states ..... appear to be the most important aspect.<sup>1</sup>

.. in the experimental system the metastable states just do not have time enough to relax...<sup>1</sup>

...a failure of the system to equilibrate.<sup>2</sup>

This explains why hysteresis, although representing a departure from equilibrium, is so reproducible in experiment.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> D.Wallacher et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 92, (2004) 195704-1

<sup>2</sup> R.Valiullin et al., Nature Letters, 443 (2006) 965-8

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However, even in experiments in which accessible observation times are much longer than in simulations, a hysteresis is usually observed, whose properties are quite reproducible.<sup>1</sup>

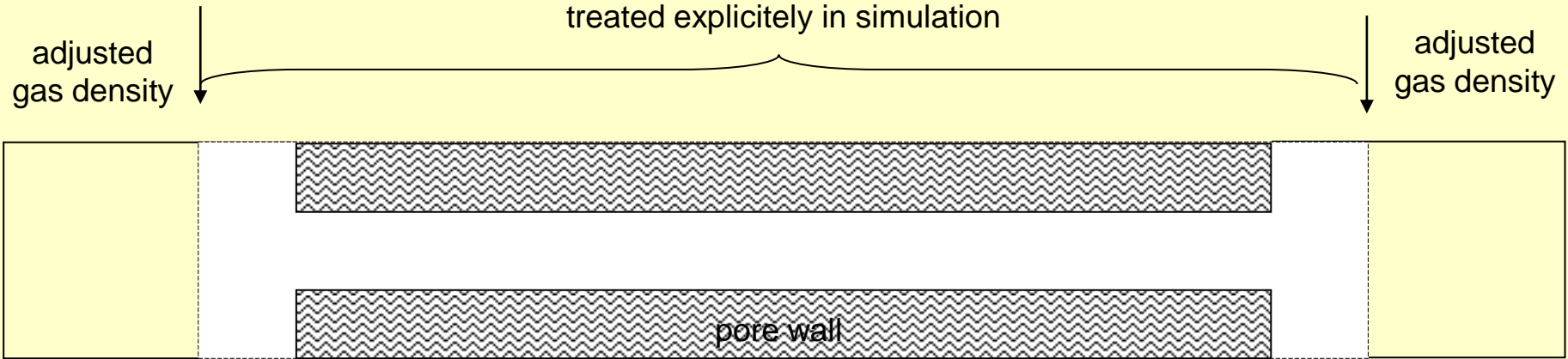
<sup>1</sup> J. Puibasset et al. *J.Chem.Phys.* **131** (2009) 124123-1/10

# Introduction

# Theoretical

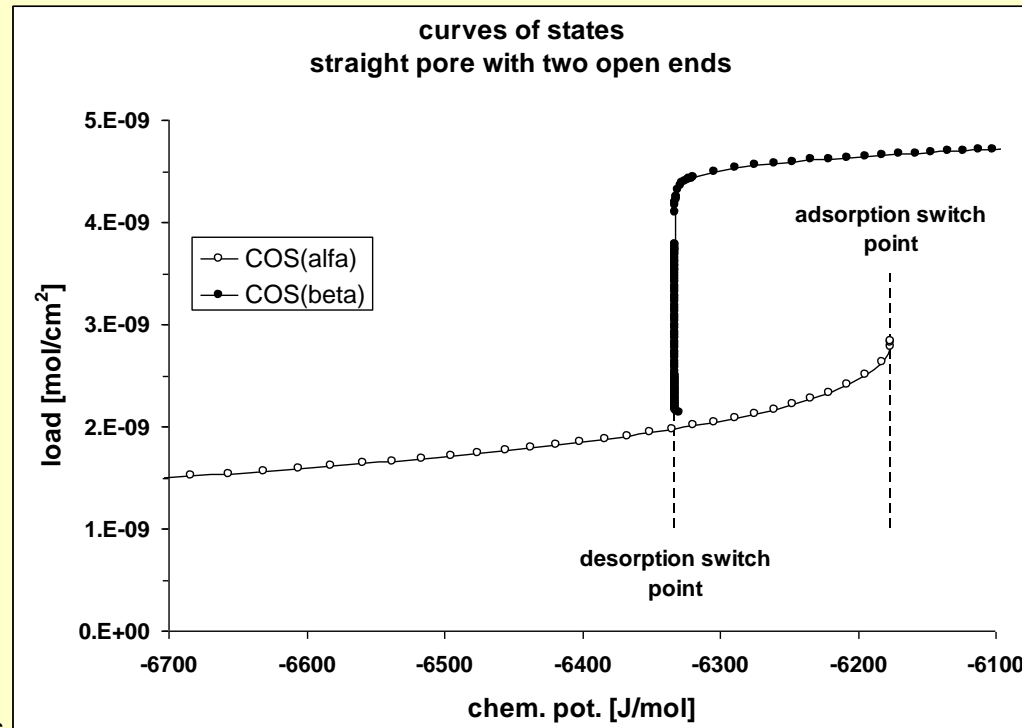
# Method Simulated system

# Results



gas reservoir

gas reservoir



shape of pore

isotherm of pores with two open ends

crossing of grand potential curves



$$E_{pot}(\vec{r}) = \int_{\text{volume}} g(|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|) \cdot V(|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|) \rho(\vec{r}') d^3 r' \quad \text{potential energy}$$

Homogeneous case:

$$E_{pot}^{\text{hom}} = \rho \cdot \int_{\text{volume}} g(|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|) \cdot V(|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|) d^3 r'$$

$$E_{pot}^{\text{hom}} = \rho \cdot \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g(r) \cdot V(r) r^2 \sin(\theta) d\theta d\varphi dr$$

$$E_{pot}^{\text{hom}} = \rho \cdot 4\pi \int_0^{\infty} g(r) \cdot V(r) r^2 dr$$

Radial convolution  
function

$$f_r(r) = \frac{g(r) \cdot V(r)}{E_{pot}^{\text{hom}}(\rho) \cdot \rho^{-1}}$$

$$\text{with } 1 = 4\pi \int_0^{\infty} f_r(r) \cdot r^2 dr$$

Inhomogeneous case:

$$E_{pot}^{inh}(\vec{r}) = \int_{\text{volume}} E_{pot}^{hom}(\rho(\vec{r})) \cdot \rho^{-1}(\vec{r}) \cdot f_r(|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|) \cdot \rho(\vec{r}') d^3 r'$$

$$E_{pot}^{inh}(\vec{r}) = \frac{E_{pot}^{hom}(\rho(\vec{r}))}{\rho(\vec{r})} \cdot \int_{\text{volume}} f_r(|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|) \cdot \rho(\vec{r}') d^3 r'$$

$$E_{pot}^{inh}(\vec{r}) = \frac{E_{pot}^{hom}(\rho(\vec{r}))}{\rho(\vec{r})} \cdot \bar{\rho}(\vec{r})$$

$$\text{with } \bar{\rho}(\vec{r}) = \int_{\text{volume}} f_r(|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|) \cdot \rho(\vec{r}') d^3 r'$$

Specializing to van der Waals fluid:

$$E_{pot}^{hom}(\rho(\vec{r})) = -a \cdot \rho(\vec{r}) \quad \longrightarrow \quad E_{pot}^{inh}(\vec{r}) = -a \cdot \bar{\rho}(\vec{r})$$

Employing the potential energy as internal energy (o.k. for isothermal systems) we can write the free energy:

$$A_m(\vec{r}) = U_m^{\text{hom}}(\rho(\vec{r})) \cdot \frac{\bar{\rho}(\vec{r})}{\rho(\vec{r})} - T \cdot S_m(\rho(\vec{r})) \quad \text{depends on } \bar{\rho}(\vec{r}) \text{ and on } \rho(\vec{r})$$

The chemical potential can then be shown to be:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(\vec{r}) = & -T \cdot S_m(\vec{r}) - T \cdot \rho(\vec{r}) \cdot \left( \frac{\partial S_m}{\partial \rho}(\vec{r}) \right) + \left( \frac{\partial U_m^{\text{hom}}}{\partial \rho}(\vec{r}) \right) \cdot \bar{\rho}(\vec{r}) \\ & + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\vec{r}' - \vec{r}) \cdot U_m^{\text{hom}}(\rho(\vec{r}')) d^3 r' \end{aligned}$$

Specializing to van der Waals fluid:

$$\mu(\vec{r}) = -TR \cdot \left( \ln \left( \frac{1}{\rho(\vec{r})} - b \right) - \frac{1}{1 - b\rho(\vec{r})} \right) - 2a \cdot \bar{\rho}(\vec{r})$$

For 2D and 3D simulation:  
Convolution function as sum of Gaussians

$$f(r) = f(|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|) = \sum_k \alpha_k G_k(|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|) \quad \text{with} \quad \sum_k \alpha_k = 1$$

$$\text{where} \quad G_k(|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|) = G_{z,k}(|z - z'|) \cdot G_{y,k}(|y - y'|) \cdot G_{x,k}(|x - x'|)$$

$$4\pi \int_0^{\infty} G_k(r) \cdot r^2 d^3 r = 1$$

Factorization of Gaussians saves computer time  
~ 1 order of magnitude for 2D, ~2 orders of magnitude for 3D

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{\rho}(\vec{r}) &= \int_{vol} f(|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|) \cdot \rho(\vec{r}') \cdot d^3 r' \\
 &= \sum_k \alpha_k \int_{vol} G_k(|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|) \cdot \rho(\vec{r}') \cdot d^3 r' \\
 &= \sum_k \alpha_k \cdot \int dz' \cdot G_{z,k}(|z - z'|) \cdot \underbrace{\int dy' \cdot G_{y,k}(|y - y'|) \cdot \int dx' \cdot G_{x,k}(|x - x'|) \cdot \rho(x', y', z')}_{\bar{\rho}_k(x, y', z')} \\
 &\quad \underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_{\bar{\rho}_k(x, y, z')} \\
 &\quad \underbrace{\hspace{25em}}_{\bar{\rho}_k(x, y, z)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{\rho}(\vec{r}) = \sum_k \alpha_k \cdot \bar{\rho}_k(x', y', z')$$

Further savings in computer time:

- in region of mild inhomogeneity:

Cahn Hilliard approximation  
square gradient method

$$\bar{\rho}(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_r(z-z') \cdot \rho(z') dz' \approx \rho(z) + m \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial z^2}(z)$$

$$E_{pot}^{inh}(z) = \frac{E_{pot}^{hom}(\rho(z))}{\rho(z)} \cdot \bar{\rho}(z) = E_{pot}^{hom}(\rho(z)) \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{m}{\rho(z)} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial z^2}(z) \right)$$

- adaptive grid

large gain in computer time possible compared to grid of fixed resolution