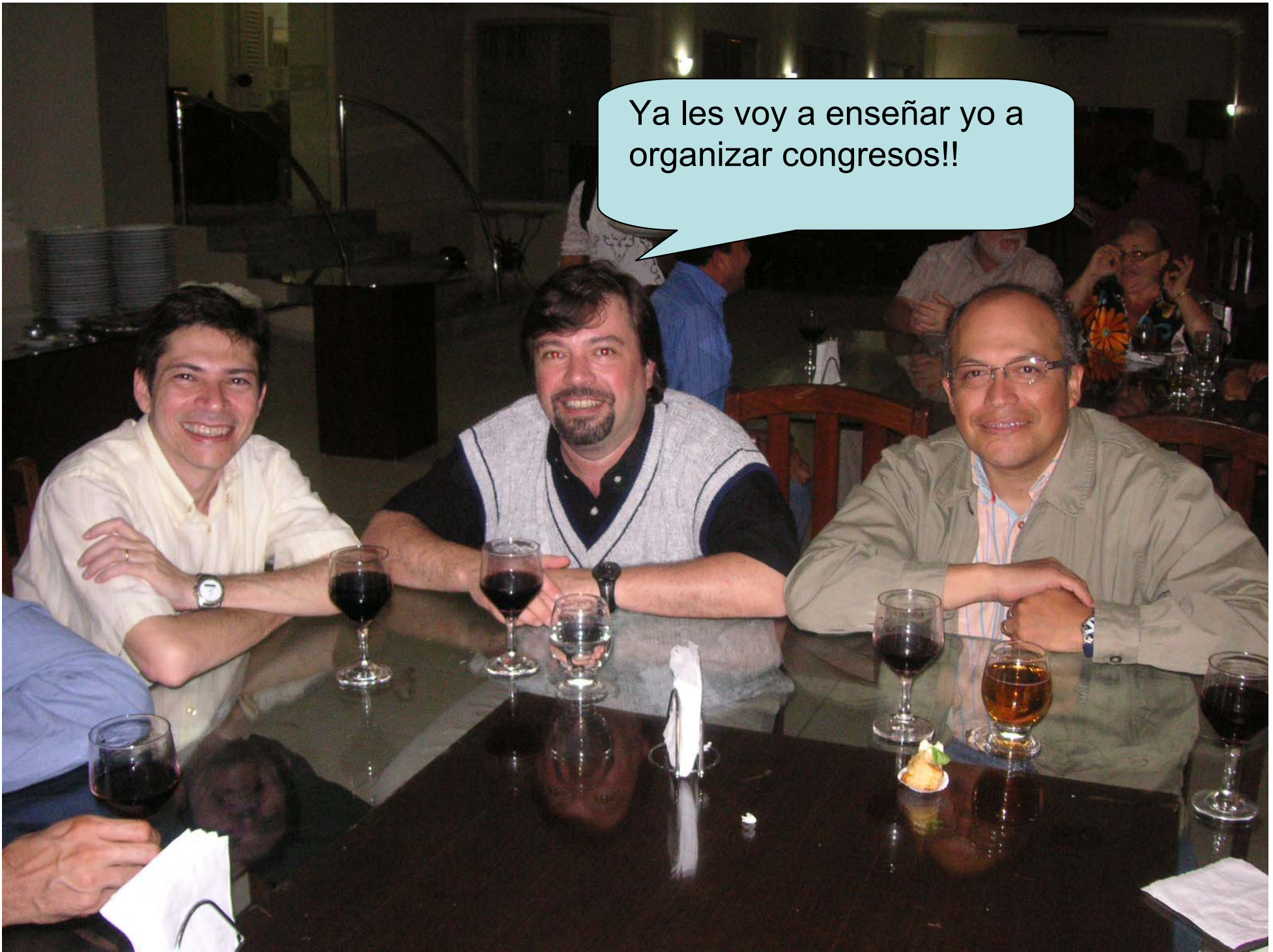




Simposio sobre Adsorción Adsorbentes y sus Aplicaciones

Ya les voy a enseñar yo a
organizar congresos!!







33 YEARS OF ENERGETIC TOPOGRAPHY IN ADSORPTION ON HETEROGENEOUS SURFACES

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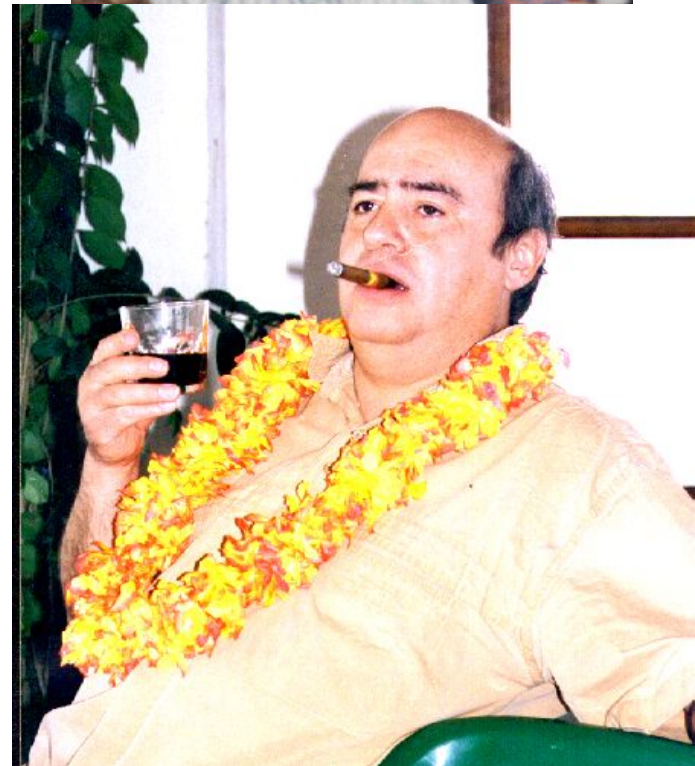
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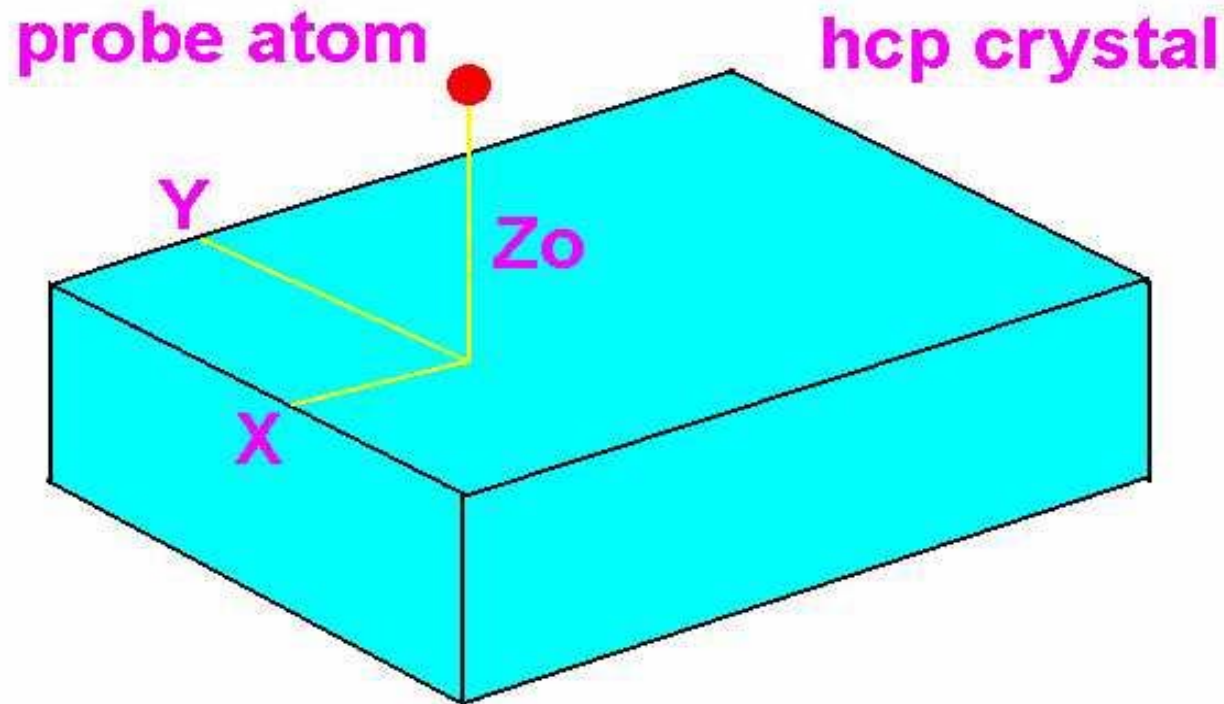
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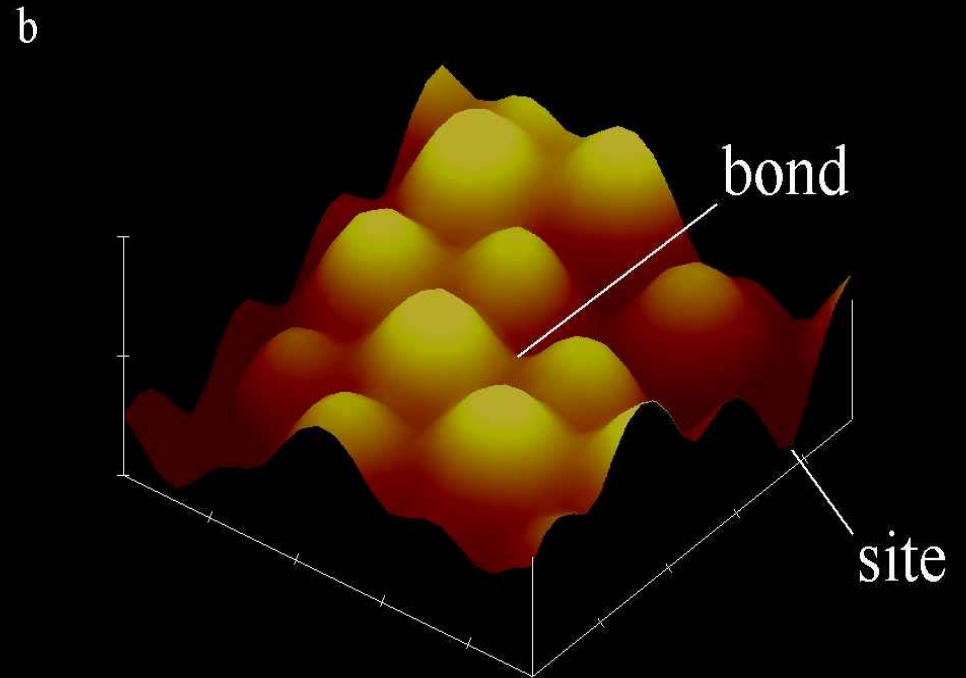
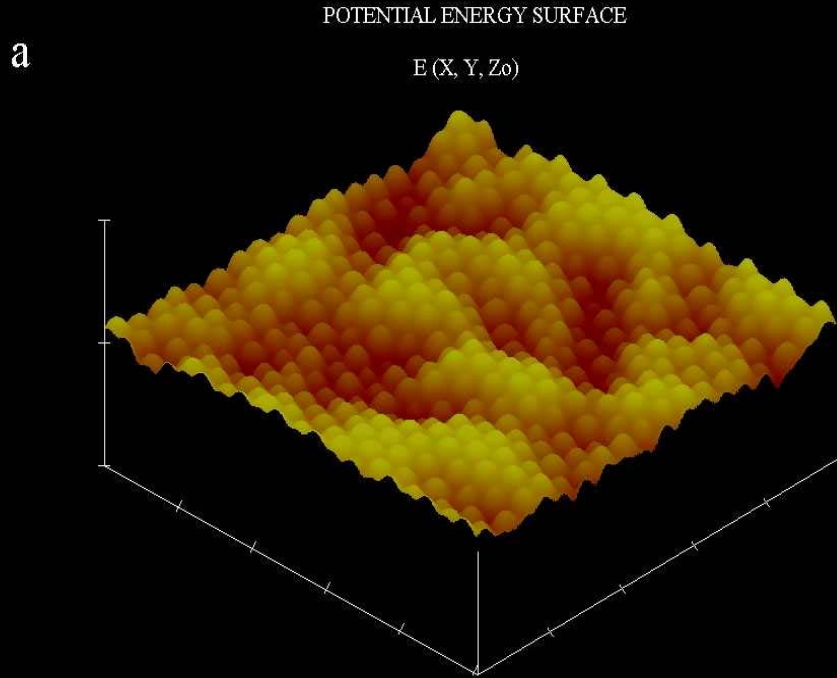
Que problema? Aquí no hay ningún problema!!

ADSORPTIVE ENERGY SURFACE



- Crystal of atoms A with random impurities B
- Gas-Solid Lennard-Jones interaction
- $E(X, Y, Z_0) = \min_Z E(X, Y, Z)$

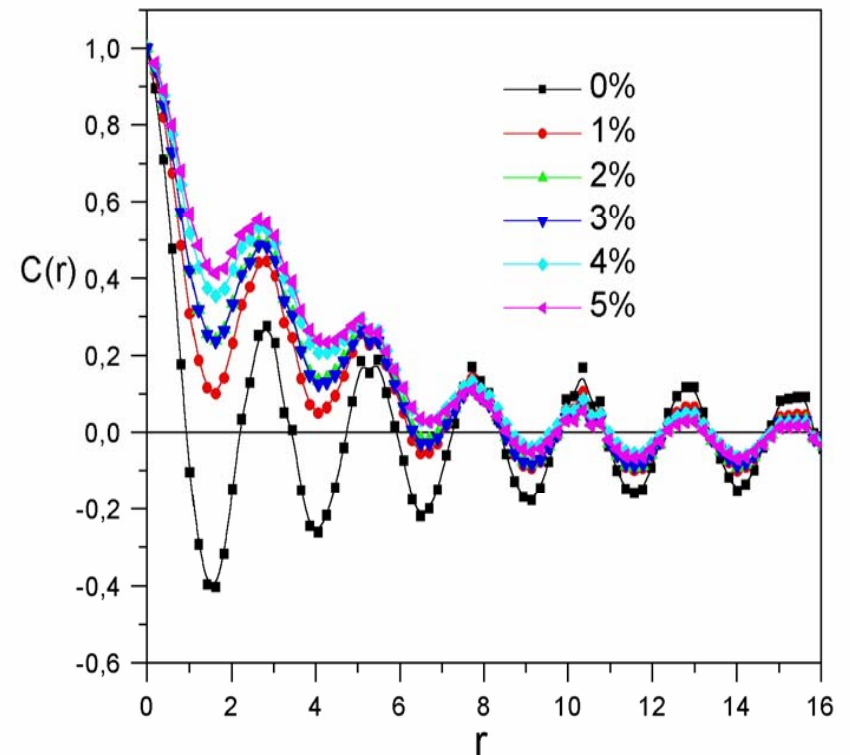
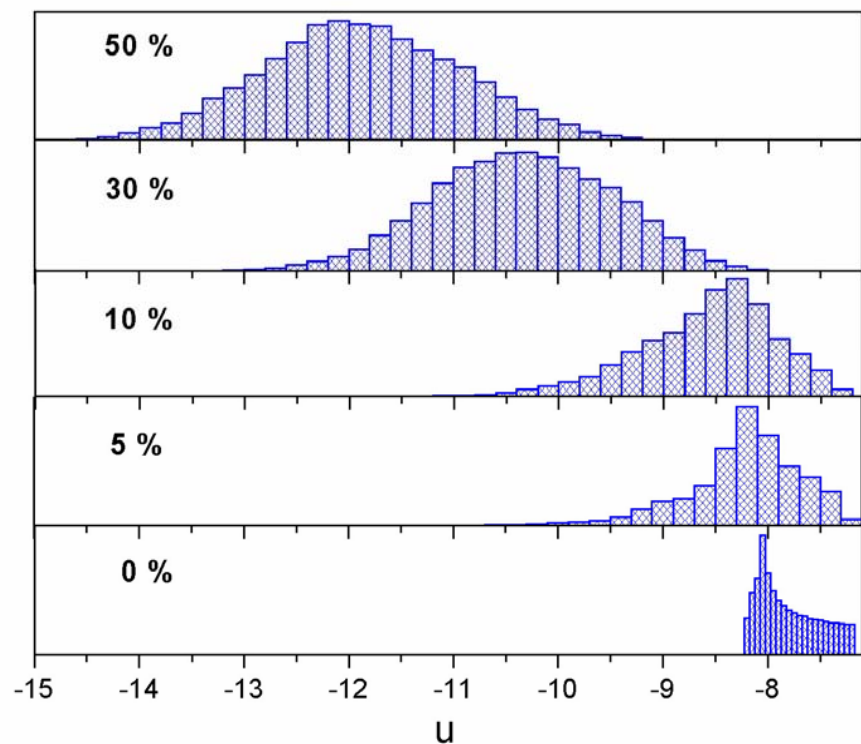
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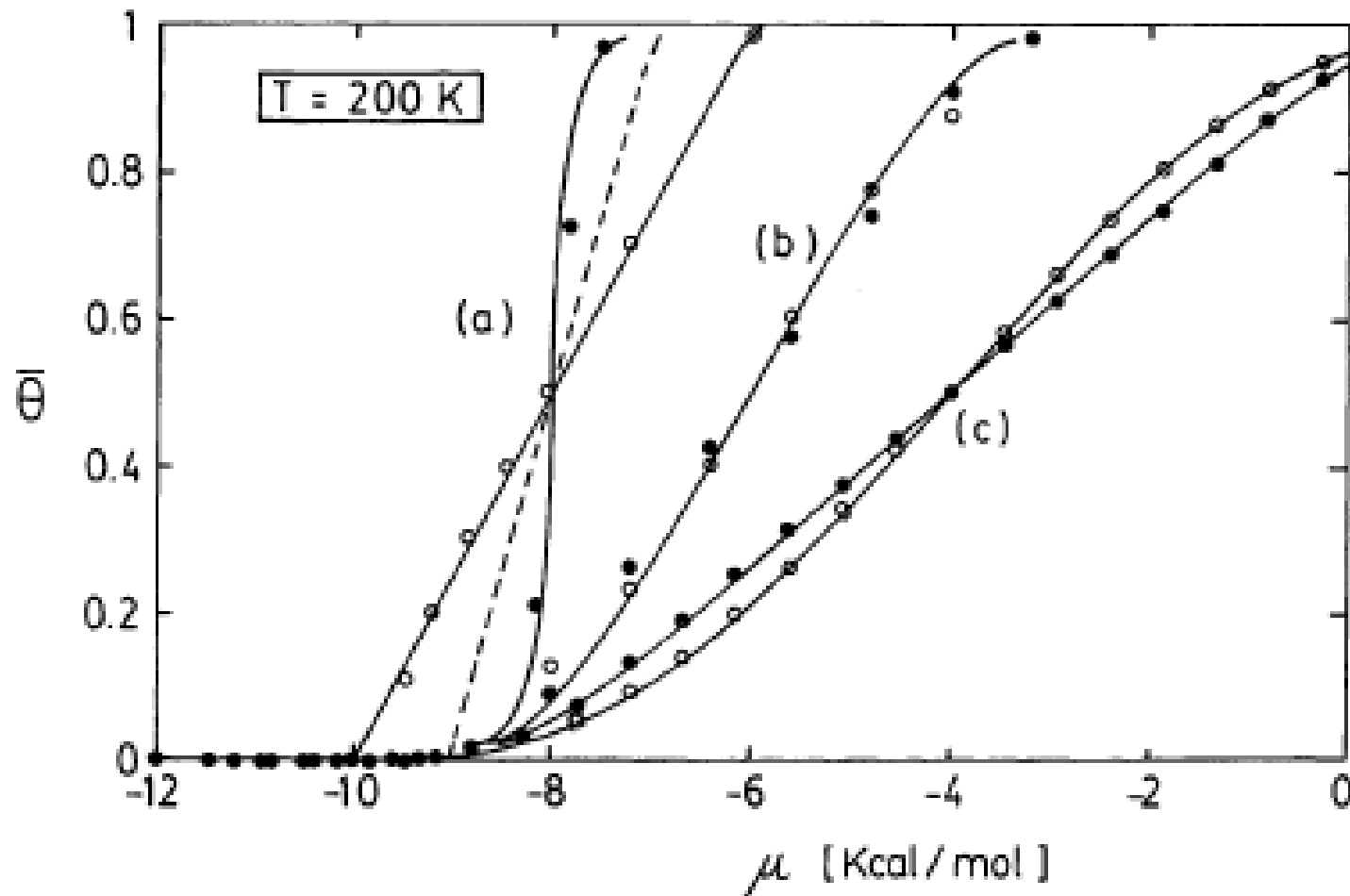
- The potential energy surface seen by the probe atom: $\varepsilon(X, Y)$

WHAT IS THE ENERGETIC TOPOGRAPHY?

Is the way a given distribution of adsorptive energies are **spatially distributed**. For example, in the case of the simulated doped cristal we have these adsorption energy distribution and spatial correlation:



The energetic topography produces important effects in all molecular processes on the surface (adsorption, surface diffusion, aggregation, chemical reactions, etc.). For example, adsorption isotherms for a surface with the same AED but different topography are different !!



CHARACTERIZATION

- Obtain the statistical properties of $\varepsilon(X, Y)$ from experiments
- Experiments: adsorption isotherms $\theta(\mu, T)$
- Classical approach: **neglects** the “**topography**”, only valid for non-interacting adsorbates

$$\theta(\mu, T) = \int \theta_L(\mu, T, \varepsilon) f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon$$

Correct approach: **considers** the “**topography**”

$$\theta(\mu, T) = \int \theta_L(\mu, T, \varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_M) f(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_M) d\varepsilon_1 \dots d\varepsilon_M$$

AN IRRESOLUBLE PROBLEM!!!

WHAT CAN WE DO?

- **Develop simple models taking into account both the AED and the spatial correlation in adsorptive energies in such a way that these can be described by few parameters.**
- **These models will provide us with an adsorption isotherm equation, which can be fitted to experimental data allowing the determination of those parameters describing the energetic topography.**



Ante la duda siempre es bueno hacer un asado!

CONTINUUM APPROACH

THE GENERALIZED GAUSSIAN MODEL (GGM)

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Effect of the Potential Correlation Function on the Physical Adsorption on Heterogeneous Substrates

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A model for heterogeneous substrates with a multivariate gaussian distribution for the adsorption potential is proposed. The evaluation of second and third virial coefficients shows a considerable dependence on the correlation length, in the range of the other parameters where heterogeneity plays an important role. The model has as limiting cases the homogeneous and large patches models; but the behavior at finite correlation lengths is by no means intermediate between that corresponding to those extremes.

Comments of Reviewer:


(J)

I think that this paper is an important contribution to a problem which is just now the subject of concern to a number of us. The approach is at once more sensible and sophisticated than any other I have seen. The results are in qualitative accord with my intuition and experimental experience.

However, the manuscript is rather carelessly prepared, and I do not have the inclination to study the details of the calculation. The results will serve the purpose at any rate to encourage a fresh approach to the problem of surface heterogeneity. It will be left to other workers to interpret the meaning of the parameters and apply the results. As you can see, I am eager to see this paper in print.

Comments of Reviewer:

(P)

An original approach to a well-known unsolved problem. Should definitely be published, and I look forward to future work. An obvious mistake is made in Fig. 1, namely, the first diagram in $S'_{1,2,3,4}$ is not a triangle, but is ; it is undoubtedly a drafting error.



Bill Steele, the first reviewer, discovered by accident!!!

THE LAST VERSION OF THE GGM

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Energetic Topography Effects on Mobile Adsorption on Heterogeneous Surfaces at Low Coverage

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Mobile adsorption on heterogeneous surfaces at low coverage is modeled via a gas–solid virial expansion, following the ideas of the generalized Gaussian model^{6,12} to incorporate energetic topography effects. Adsorbate molecules interact among them via Lennard-Jones interactions. Model predictions are compared to Monte Carlo simulations of adsorption on heterogeneous solids obtained by doping a pure crystalline solid with different concentrations of impurities. Energetic topography effects are shown to be important and they are correctly predicted by the model at low coverage.

Esto me costó mis mejores años de juventud!!



GGM : LAST VERSION

- The AES is assumed to be a **Gaussian Stochastic Process**, with the multivariate distribution function

$$\Phi_n(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n) = \left[(2\pi)^n \det H \right]^{-1/2} \exp \left[-1/2 \sum_{i,j=1}^n (\varepsilon(\vec{r}_i) + kT_a)(H^{-1})_{i,j} (\varepsilon(\vec{r}_j) + kT_a) \right]$$

with the covariance matrix

$$H_{ij} = \left\langle (\varepsilon(\vec{r}_i) + kT_a)(\varepsilon(\vec{r}_j) + kT_a) \right\rangle = (kT_s)^2 C(\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j)$$

- We also assume a gaussian decay for the correlation

$$C(\vec{r}) = \exp \left[-1/2 (r / r_0)^2 \right]$$

with a “**correlation length**” r_0 and a g-g interaction

$$U_{gg}(r) = 4k_B T_{gg} \left[\left(\frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^{12} - \left(\frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^6 \right]$$

EXAMPLE: THE DOPED CRISTAL

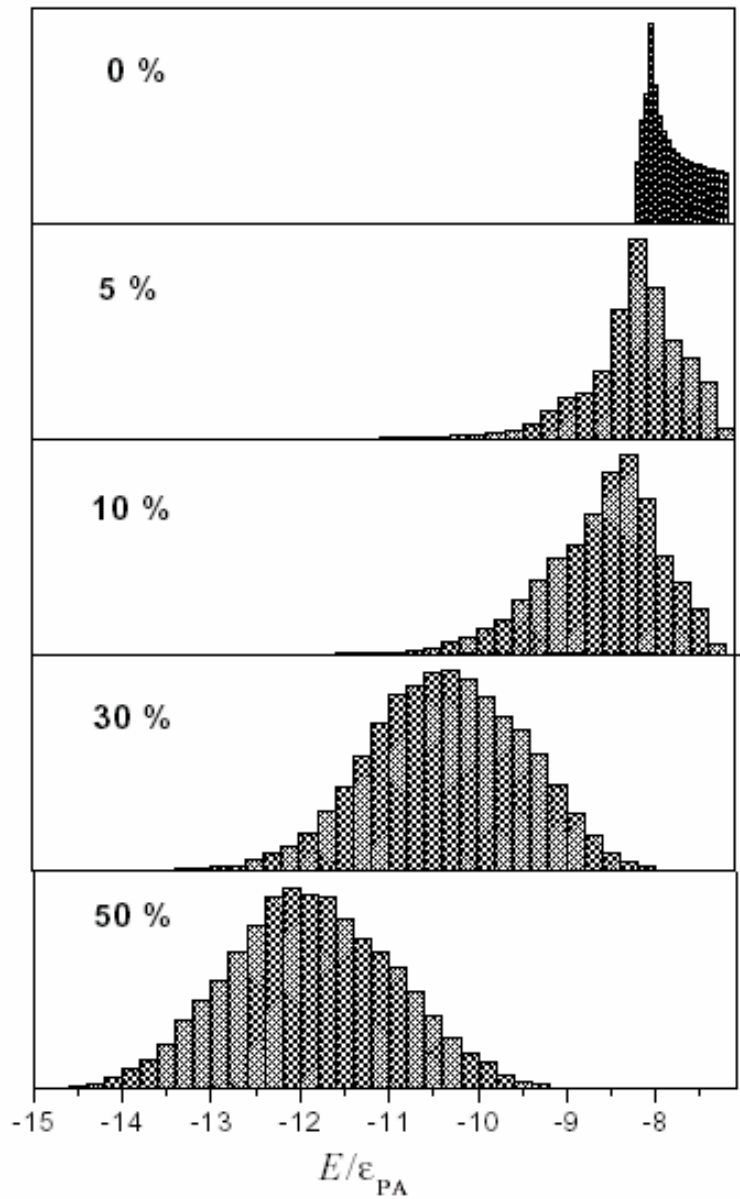


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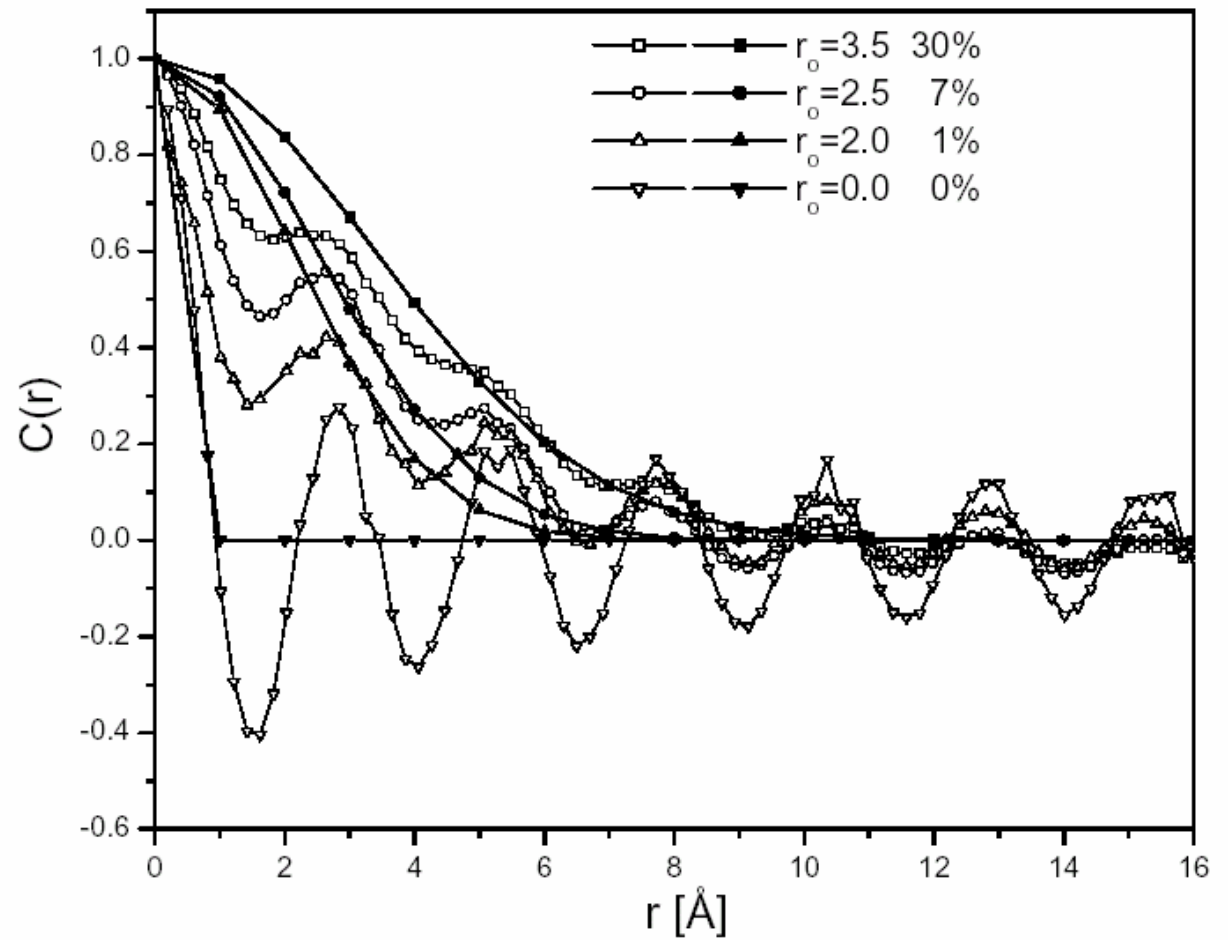


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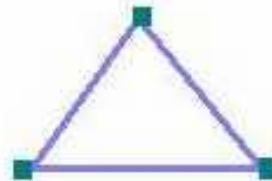
GAS-SOLID VIRIAL EXPANSION

- Adsorption isotherms \implies gas-solid virial expansion
- A blue line represents a factor $f_{ij} \exp[H_{ij} / (kT)^2]$
with $f_{ij} = \exp[-U_{gg}(\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j) / kT] - 1$
- A red line represents a factor $\exp[H_{ij} / (kT)^2]$

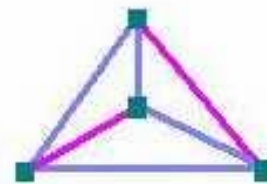
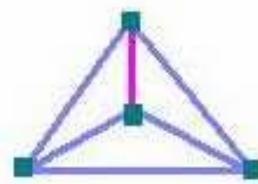
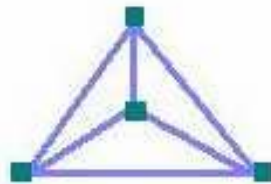
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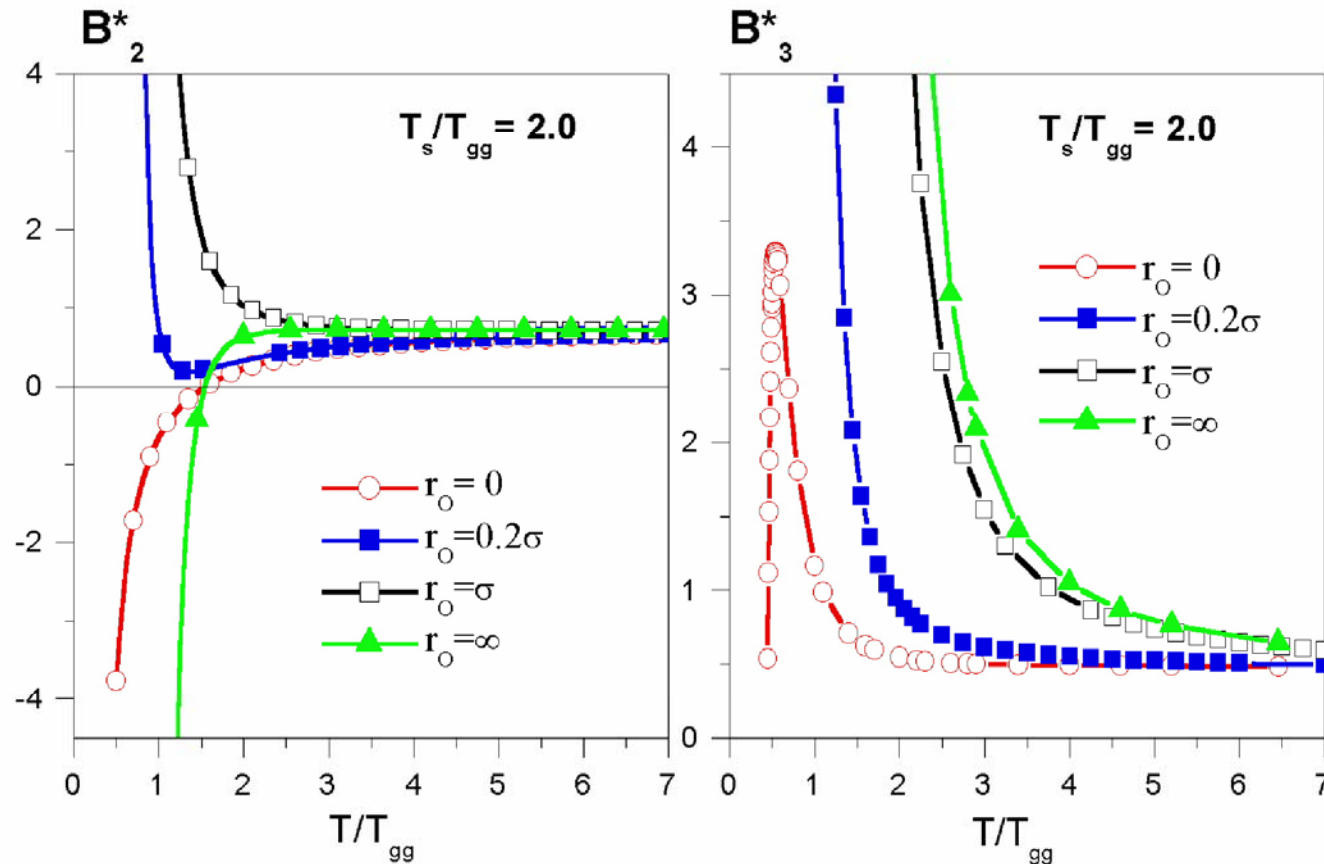
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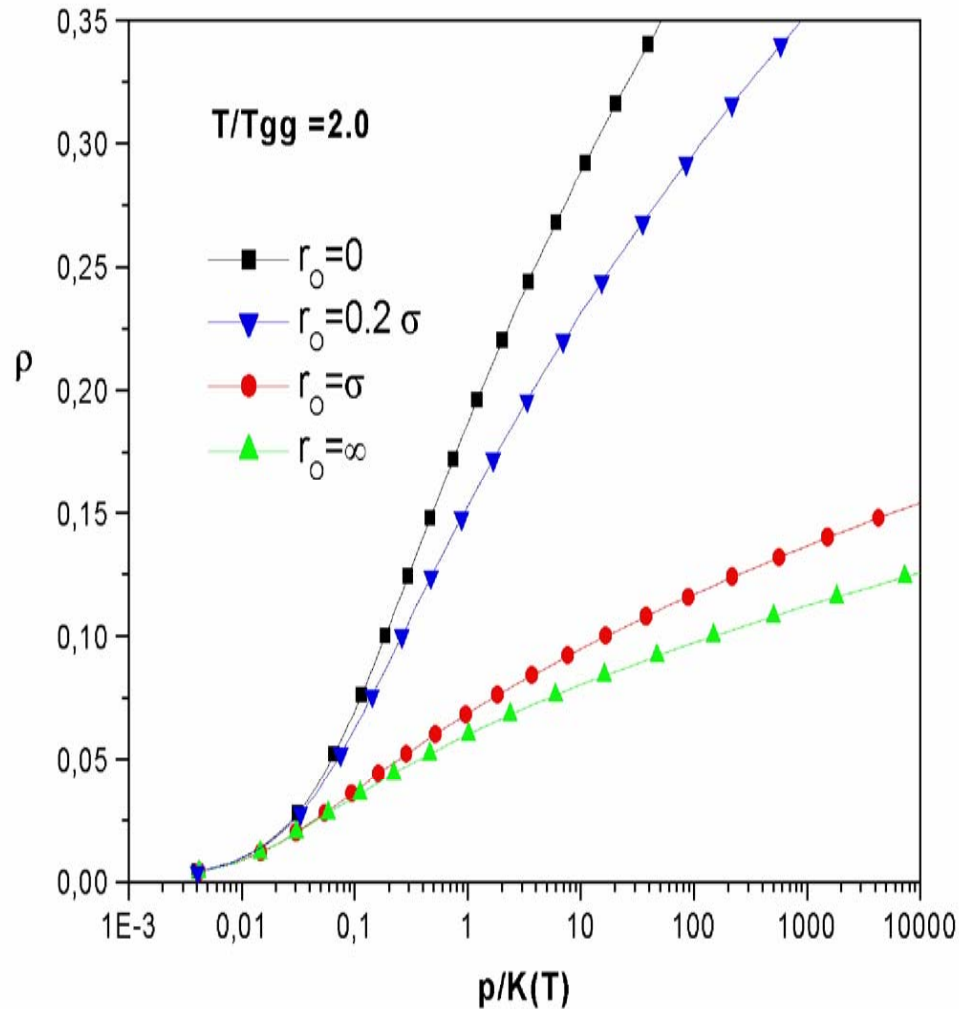
Basta!! Con tantas ecuaciones tengo la cabeza como la de un elefante!!

BEHAVIOR OF VIRIAL COEFFICIENTS



- B_2 and B_3 depend strongly on the correlation length r_0

BEHAVIOR OF ADSORPTION ISOTHERM



- Adsorption decreases strongly with increasing correlation length.
- Experimental data for low density can be fitted with 4 parameters characterizing the heterogeneity: $K(T)$ (or T_a), T_s , T_{gg} and r_0 .

LATTICE-GAS APPROACH

THE LATTICE-GAS GGM

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Feature Article


Adsorption and Surface Diffusion on Generalized Heterogeneous Surfaces

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A complete study of adsorption, surface diffusion, clustering, and percolation of adsorbed gases on heterogeneous surfaces is presented in such a way as to stress the importance of adsorptive energy *topography* (i.e. correlation between adsorptive energies of different sites). Theoretical models as well as simulation techniques are developed in order to describe these phenomena on a wide variety of topographies. The characterization of surfaces through combined use of adsorption and surface diffusion experiments is discussed.

A photograph of a group of men at an outdoor barbecue. In the center, a man with a beard and glasses is smiling while eating. To his left, a man in a light blue shirt and a white bucket hat with a red band is holding a large knife high in the air. To the right, a man with a mustache and a white cap is looking towards the camera. In the background, another man with glasses is visible. The scene is set outdoors with trees and a grassy area. A speech bubble is overlaid on the image, containing the text: "Esta tesis me ha hecho dar un hambre feroz !!!".

Esta tesis me ha
hecho dar un hambre
feroz !!!

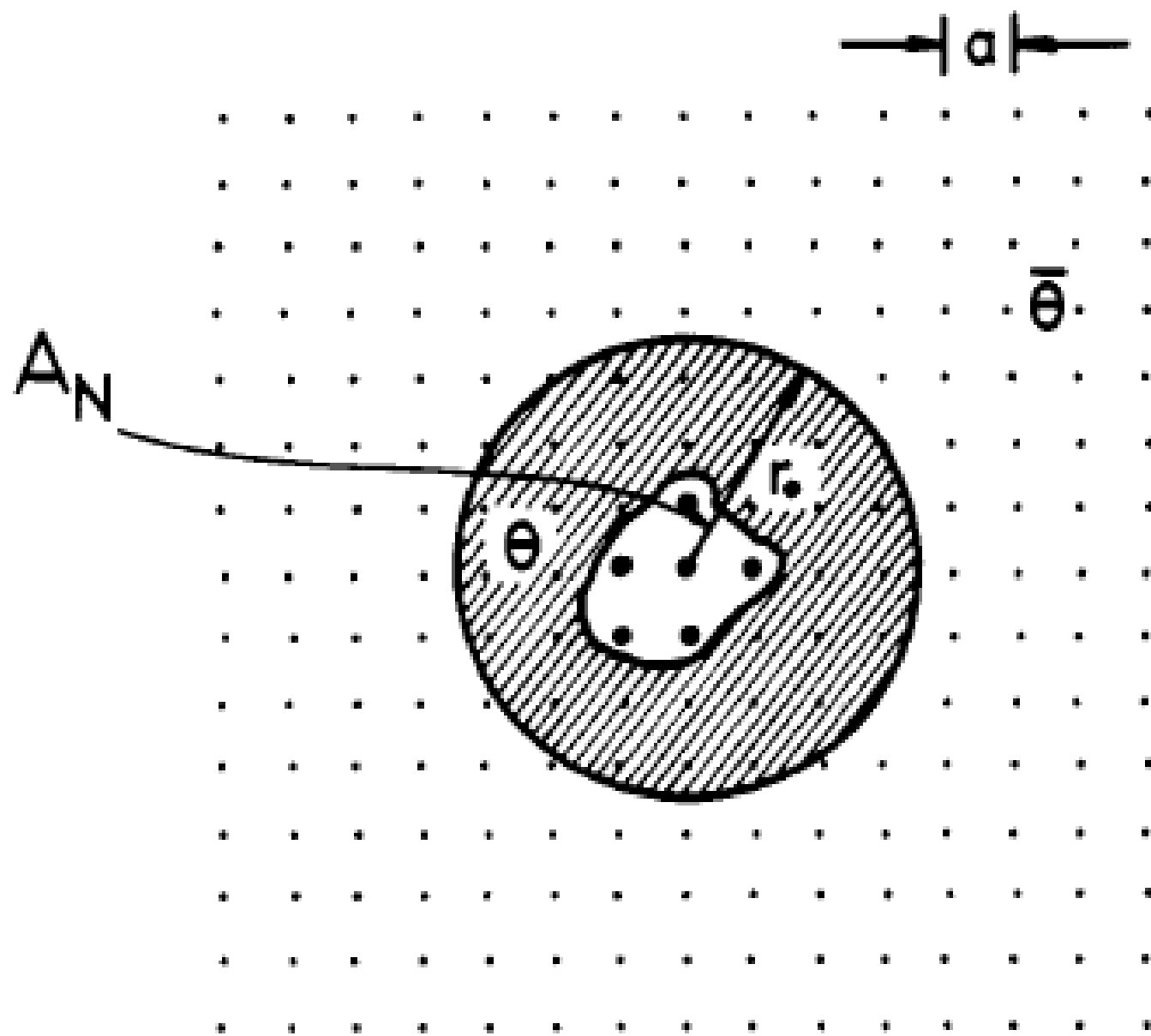


Figure 2. A square lattice of adsorption sites where N th order mean field approximation zones are shown.

(b) The second-order approximation ($N = 2$) is a more interesting one inasmuch as explicit pair interactions are taken into account and site correlation effects may be investigated. In this case we have the pair of coupled equations

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_1 &= \frac{\exp[-\beta(\epsilon_1 + U_{12}\theta_2 + \lambda_0\theta + \lambda\bar{\theta} - \mu)]}{1 + \exp[-\beta(\epsilon_1 + U_{12}\theta_2 + \lambda_0\theta + \lambda\bar{\theta} - \mu)]} \\ \theta_2 &= \frac{\exp[-\beta(\epsilon_2 + U_{12}\theta_1 + \lambda_0\theta + \lambda\bar{\theta} - \mu)]}{1 + \exp[-\beta(\epsilon_2 + U_{12}\theta_1 + \lambda_0\theta + \lambda\bar{\theta} - \mu)]}\end{aligned}\quad (12)$$

Local coverage on a pair of sites with energies (ϵ_1, ϵ_2) is given by

$$\theta(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \mu) = (\theta_1 + \theta_2)/2 \quad (13)$$

and the overall isotherm is

$$\bar{\theta} = \int \int f_2(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2) \theta(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \mu) d\epsilon_1 d\epsilon_2 \quad (14)$$

$$\begin{aligned}f_2(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2) &= [(2\pi)^2 \det \mathbf{H}]^{-1/2} \times \\ &\quad \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^2 (\epsilon_i - \bar{\epsilon})(\mathbf{H}^{-1})_{ij}(\epsilon_j - \bar{\epsilon})\right]\end{aligned}\quad (15)$$

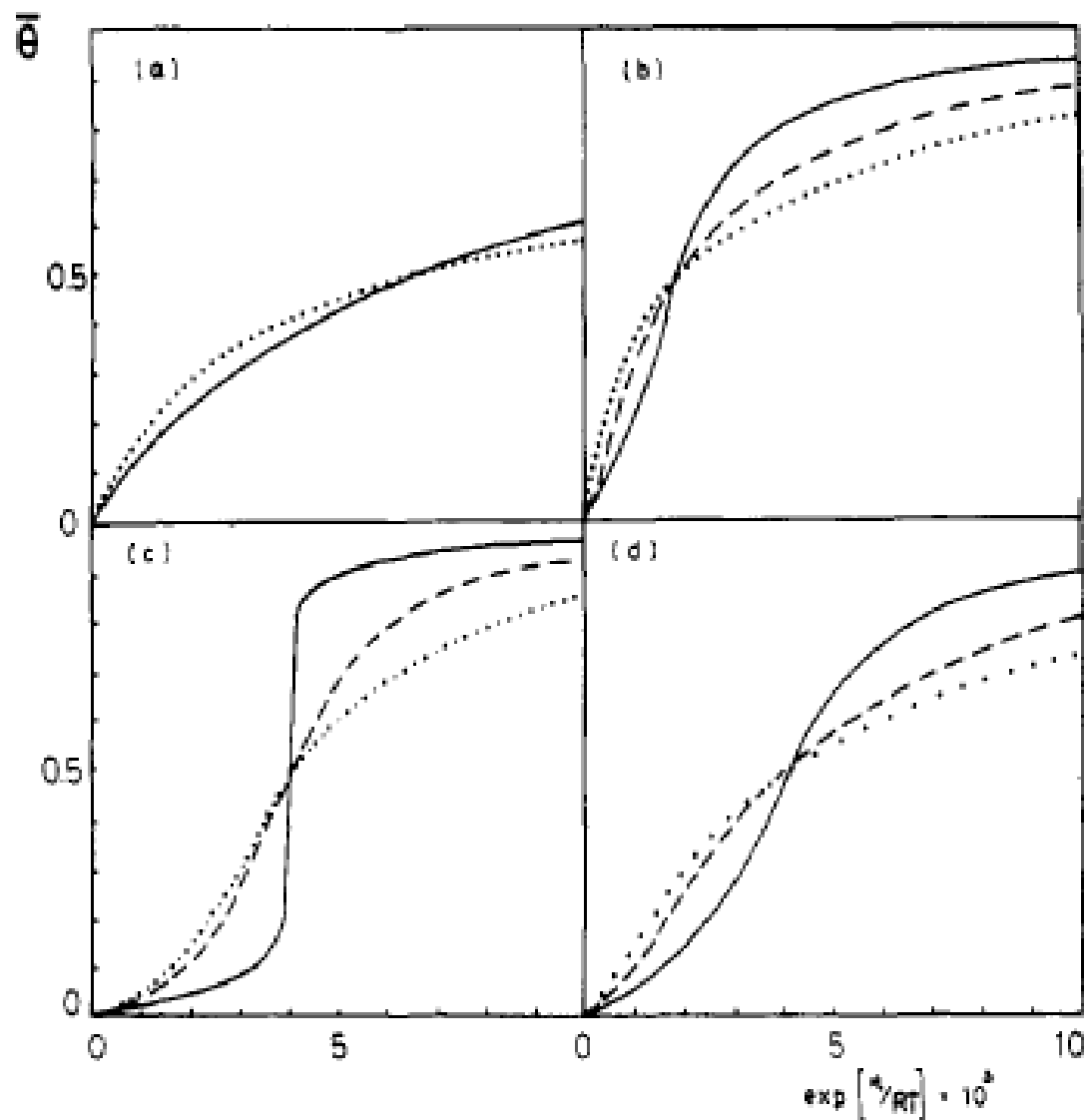


Figure 3. Adsorption isotherms predicted by the MRF model for three correlation lengths: —, $r_0 = 0$; - - -, $r_0 = 1$; ···, $r_0 = 2$. (a) $T = 400$ K, $T_{gr}/T = 0.5$, $T_s/T = 1.5$; (b) $T = 400$ K, $T_{gr}/T = 1$, $T_s/T = 1.5$; (c) $T = 500$ K, $T_{gr}/T = 1$, $T_s/T = 0.7$; (d) $T = 500$ K, $T_{gr}/T = 1$, $T_s/T = 1.5$.

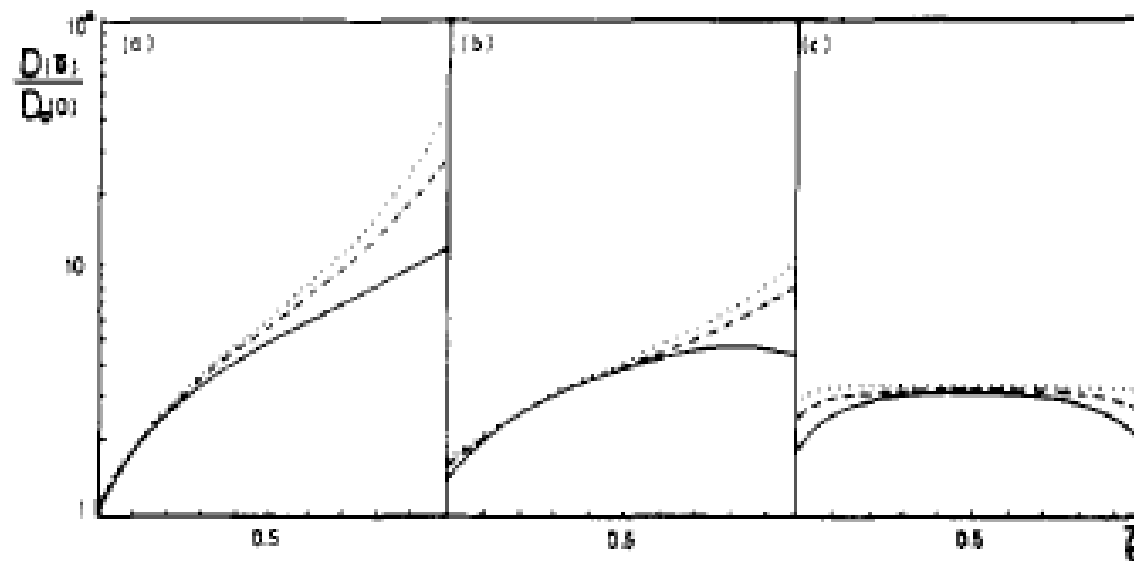


Figure 24. Surface diffusion coefficient for a noninteracting adsorbate, $T_{ss}/T = 0$: —, $r_0 = 0$; ---, $r_0 = 1$; ···, $r_0 = 2$. (a) $\alpha = 0$; (b) $\alpha = 1/4$; (c) $\alpha = 1/2$.

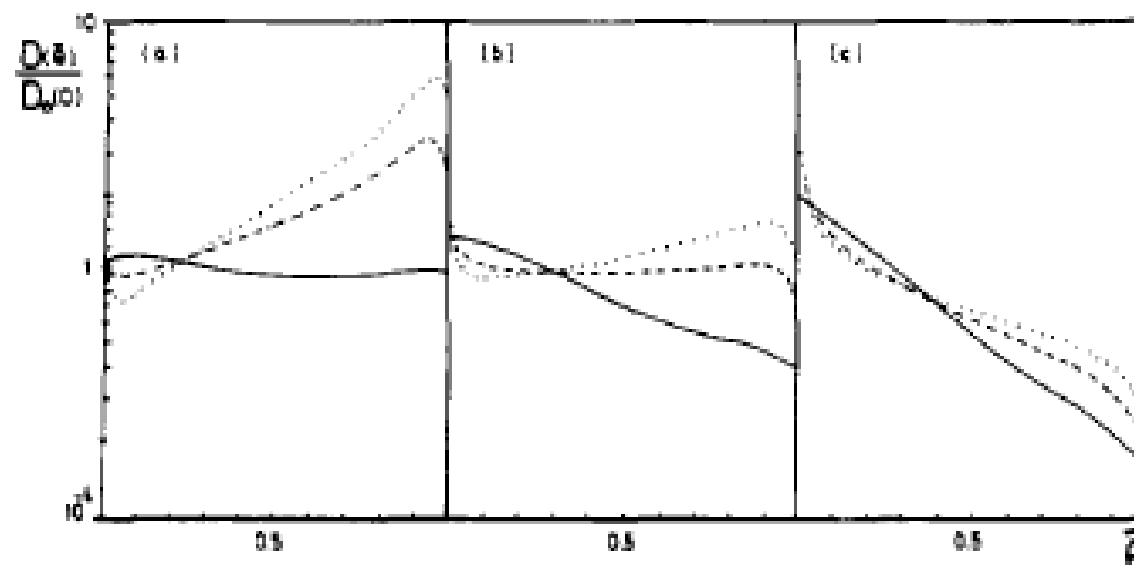
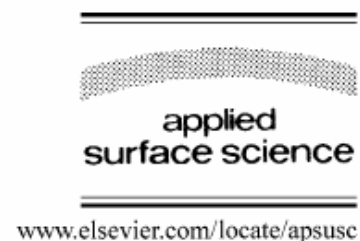


Figure 25. Same as Figure 24 for an interacting adsorbate, $T_{ss}/T = 0.5$.

EFFECTIVE STATE APPROXIMATION (ESA)



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Effective states approximation (ESA) for adsorption on homogeneous and heterogeneous surfaces

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On a Quasi-Chemical Approximation for Adsorption on Heterogeneous Surfaces

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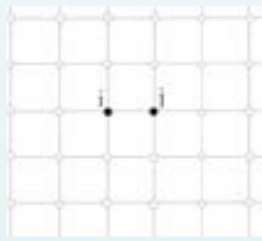


Figure 1 - Heterogeneous lattice where two NN sites are chosen.

$$\frac{P_{++} P_{--}}{P_{+-}^2} = \frac{1}{4} \chi(w, \varepsilon_i, \varepsilon_j)$$

$$\chi(w, \varepsilon_i, \varepsilon_j) = \frac{2 \exp(-\beta w)}{1 + \cosh[\beta(\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j)]}$$

$$w = kT_{ss}$$

$$P_{++} = \theta - \xi \quad ; \quad P_{+-} = 2\xi \quad ; \quad P_{--} = 1 - \theta - \xi$$

$$\text{where} \quad \xi = \{1 - [1 - 2\eta\theta(1-\theta)]^{1/2}\} / \eta \quad ; \quad \eta = 2(1-\chi)$$

The probability of finding a site of adsorption energy ε with a neighborhood α (α occupied sites out of nearest-neighbor sites) characterized by adsorption energy ε' , is:

$$P_\alpha = \binom{c}{\alpha} [P_+(\varepsilon, \varepsilon', \theta)]^\alpha [P_-(\varepsilon, \varepsilon', \theta)]^{c-\alpha}$$

The conditional probabilities of finding an occupied (empty) NN site with energy ε' given an occupied site with energy ε is given by:

$$P_+(\varepsilon, \varepsilon', \theta) = \frac{P_{++}(\varepsilon, \varepsilon', \theta)}{\theta} \quad ; \quad P_-(\varepsilon, \varepsilon', \theta) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{P_{+-}(\varepsilon, \varepsilon', \theta)}{\theta}$$

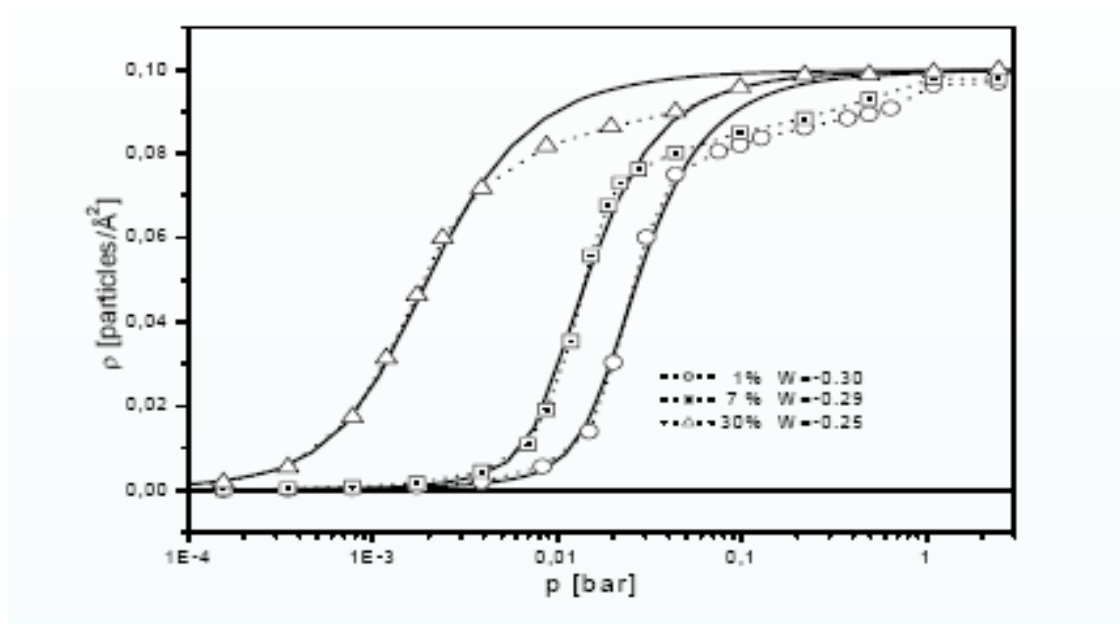
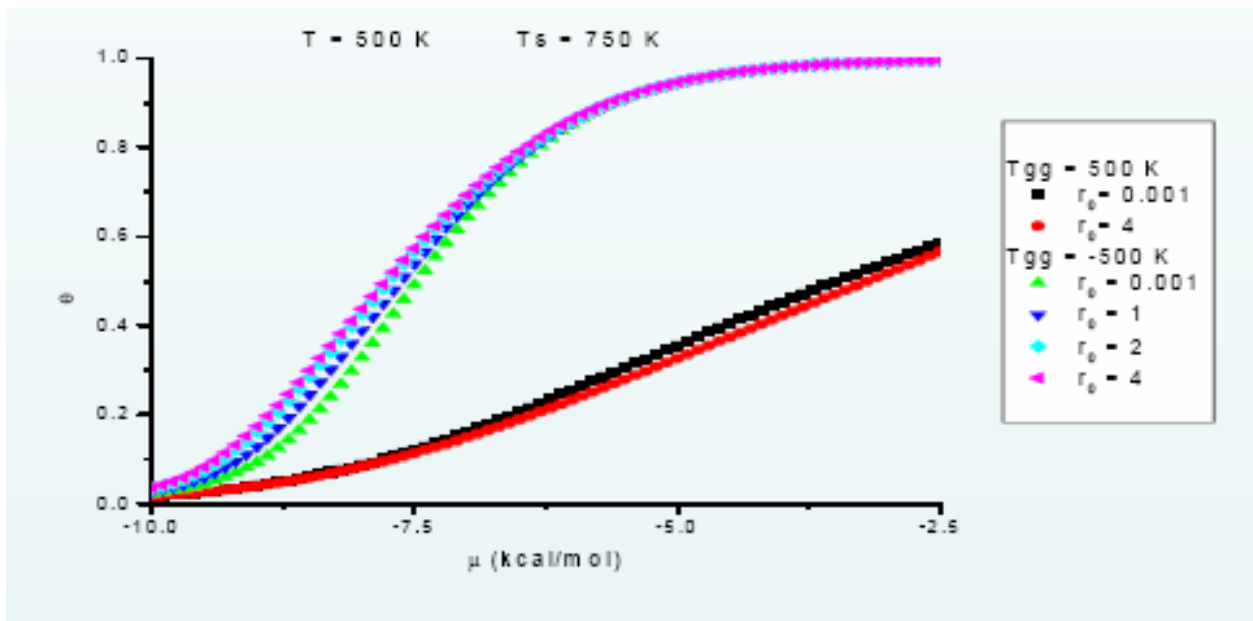
The coverage of the site with energy ε and a neighborhood α is given by:

$$A_\alpha(\varepsilon, \mu) = \frac{\exp[-\beta(\varepsilon + W_\alpha - \mu)]}{1 + \exp[-\beta(\varepsilon + W_\alpha - \mu)]}$$

So, the local isotherm becomes: $\theta_L(\varepsilon, \varepsilon', \theta, \mu, T) = \sum_\alpha P_\alpha(\varepsilon, \varepsilon', \theta, T) A_\alpha(\varepsilon, \mu)$

Therefore the mean surface coverage, representing the total adsorption isotherm is:

$$\theta(\mu, T) = \iint \theta_L(\varepsilon, \varepsilon', \theta, \mu, T) f_2(\varepsilon, \varepsilon') d\varepsilon d\varepsilon'$$



THE DUAL SITE-BOND MODEL (DSBM)

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Dual site-bond description of heterogeneous surfaces

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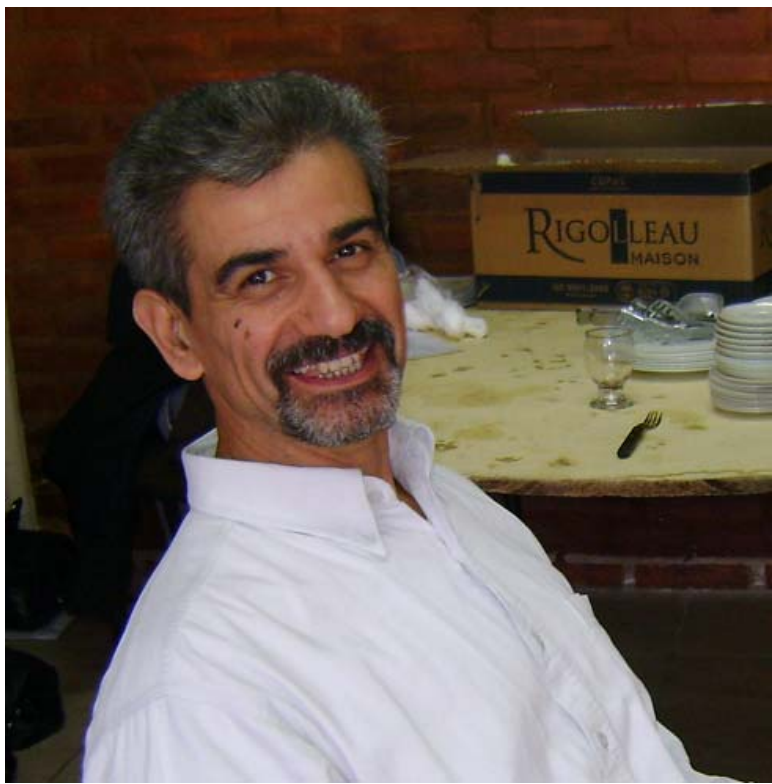
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A dual description based on "sites" and "bonds" is developed for characterization of the adsorptive energy of a heterogeneous surface, and it is shown how to use the description in order to study the adsorption and the surface diffusion of gases. The joint site-bond energy distribution is determined through a correlation function in such a way as to allow for the maximum degree of randomness in the network permitted by the "construction principle." This function contains valuable information about the topology of the energy surface and strongly affects adsorption isotherms and surface diffusion coefficients.



Simulation of Model Heterogeneous Surfaces in the Presence of Correlation

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We propose a general method to generate correlated energy landscapes for model heterogeneous surfaces. It is based on the representation of an energy landscape as a superposition of exponentially correlated Gaussian processes. This method is the extension of a previous work of Giona and Adrover to reconstruct binary lattice models of porous structures to a random energy field with values between 0 and ∞ . The application to dual bond–site models is also developed.

Probabilistic Analysis of the Dual Site–Bond Model: The Self-Consistent Case[†]

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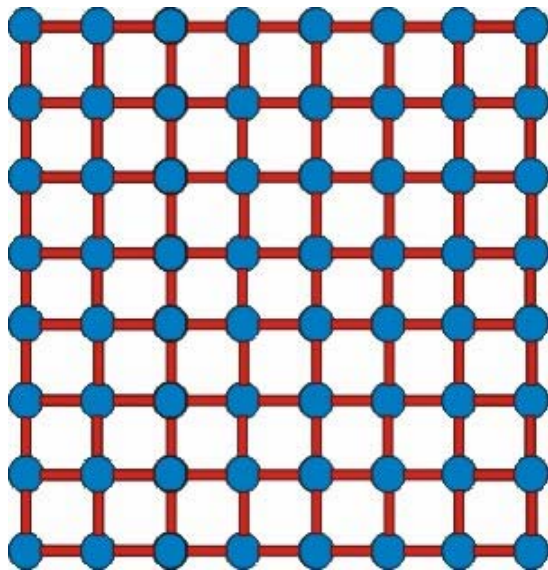
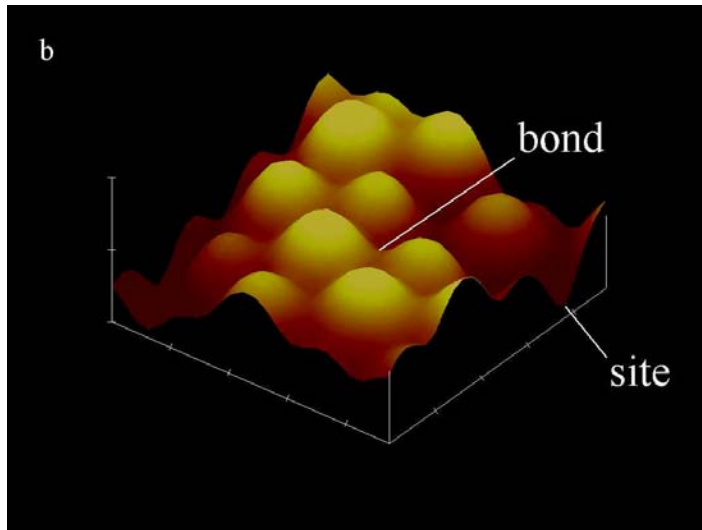
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A probabilistic analysis of the generation of dual site–bond models for the energy landscape of adsorbents is presented, focusing attention on the self-consistent case. To generate an uncorrelated site–bond energy landscape with prescribed distribution functions $F_S^*(E)$ and $F_B^*(E)$ consistent with the two basic laws of the dual site–bond model, the random variables associated with the site and bond energies should possess the local distribution functions $F_S(E)$ and $F_B(E)$, which are related to $F_S^*(E)$ and $F_B^*(E)$ through a nonlinear integral equation. In particular, the inverse problem in two dimensions is solved in closed form. The analytical solution for the inverse problem provides a clear description of the intrinsic correlation in the energy landscape induced by the fulfillment of the construction principle.



Alex Adrover and Max Giona with friends in Roma

THE SITE-BOND LATTICE REPRESENTATION

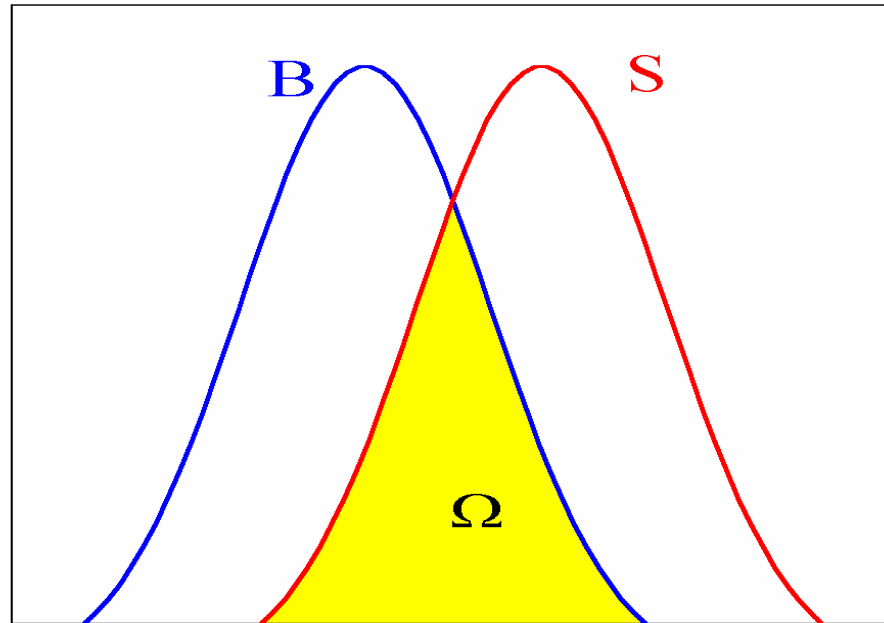


- The surface is represented by a lattice of sites and bonds.
- Each site can be either empty or occupied by an adsorbed particle.
- The lattice-gas approach is equivalent in magnetism to the Ising problem in a randomly inhomogeneous magnetic field.



Muse of Inspiration for the DSBM

THE DUAL SITE-BOND DISTRIBUTION



- $F(E_S, E_B) = F_S(E_S) F_B(E_B) \Phi(E_S, E_B)$
- **Correlation function:** $\langle [E(r) E(r+l)] \rangle \sim C(l)$
- **Correlation length:** $C(l) \sim \exp(-l/l_0)$; $l_0 = 2 \Omega^2 / (1 - \Omega)^2$

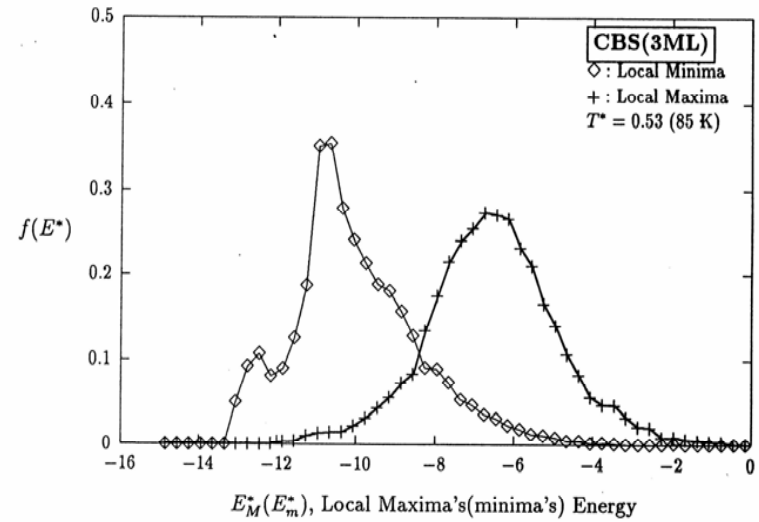
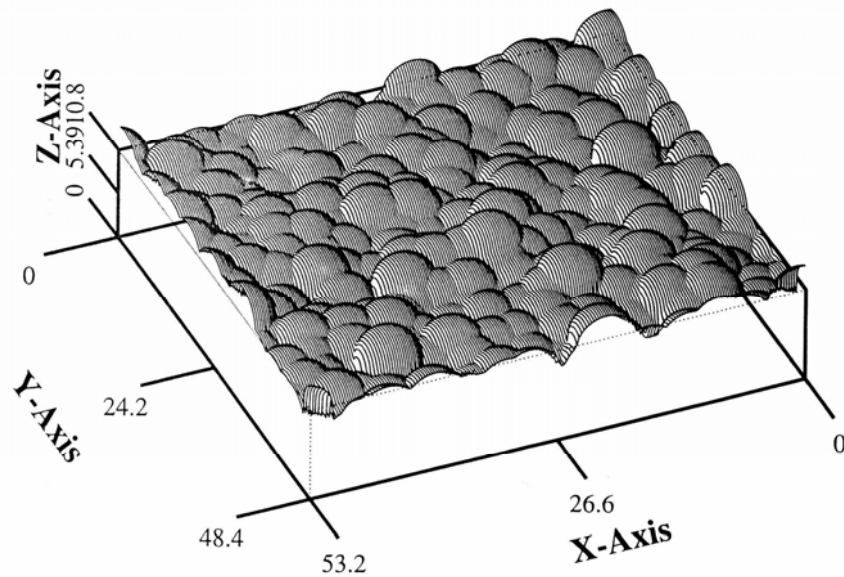
ADSORPTION ISOTHERM

$$\theta(\mu, T) = \int \theta_L(E_{S_1}, E_{S_2}, \mu, T) f_2(E_{S_1}, E_{S_2}) dE_{S_1} dE_{S_2}$$

$$f_2(E_{S_1}, E_{S_2}) = F_S(E_{S_1}) F_S(E_{S_2}) \int F_B(E_B) \Phi(E_{S_1}, E_B) \Phi(E_{S_2}, E_B) dE_B$$

θ_L is calculated through a **mean-field approximation**, valid outside of phase transition regions.

MD SIMULATIONS ON TiO₂



Site and Bond distributions arising from Molecular Dynamics simulations of Ar on TiO₂

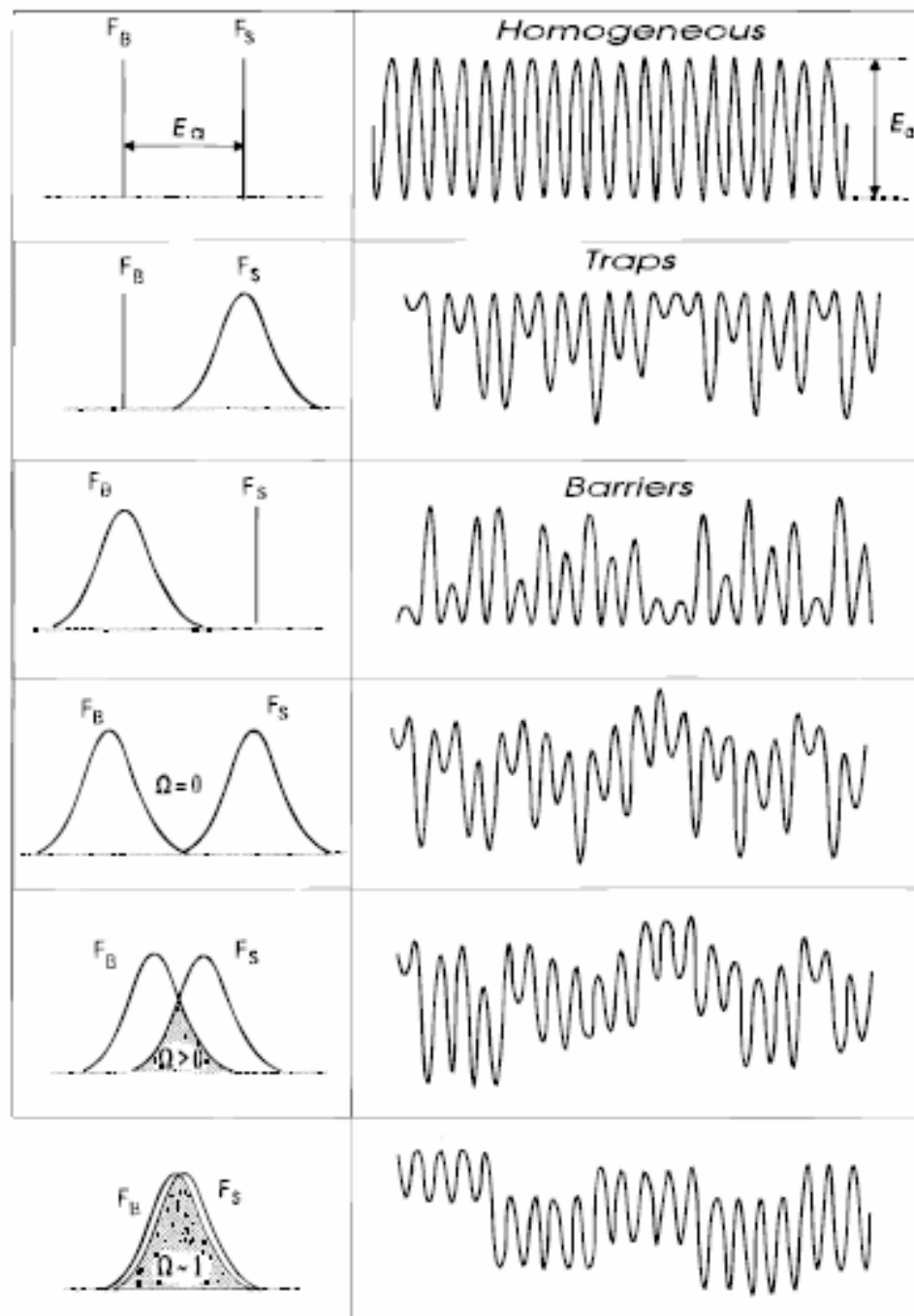
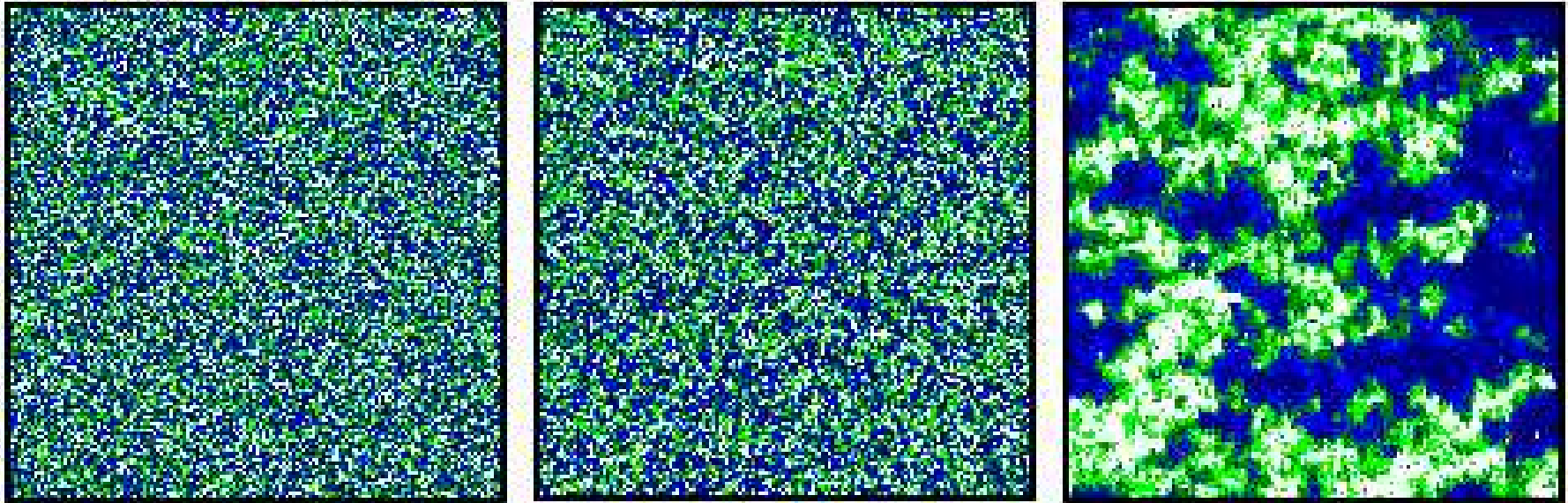


Figure 1. One-dimensional representation of different topographies obtained in the SBM.

THE DSB MODEL TOPOGRAPHY



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a) $\Omega = 0.3$; b) $\Omega = 0.5$; c) $\Omega = 0.8$

Site energies are represented by 4 colors, darker colors represent more energetic (stronger) sites

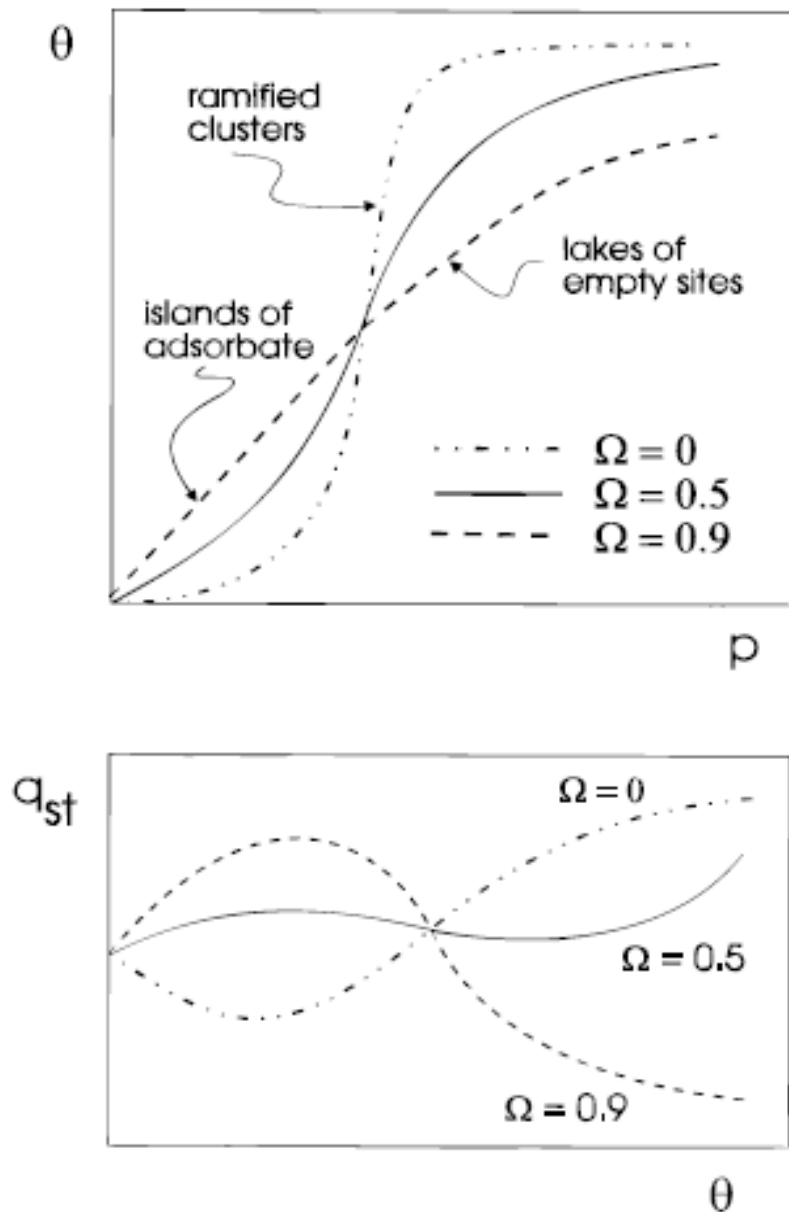


Figure 3. Adsorption isotherm and isosteric heat of adsorption for three surfaces with different topographies. Adsorbate-adsorbate interactions are described by a Lennard-Jones potential. The dimensionless temperature is $kT/U_0 = 1$, where U_0 is the depth of the intermolecular potential.

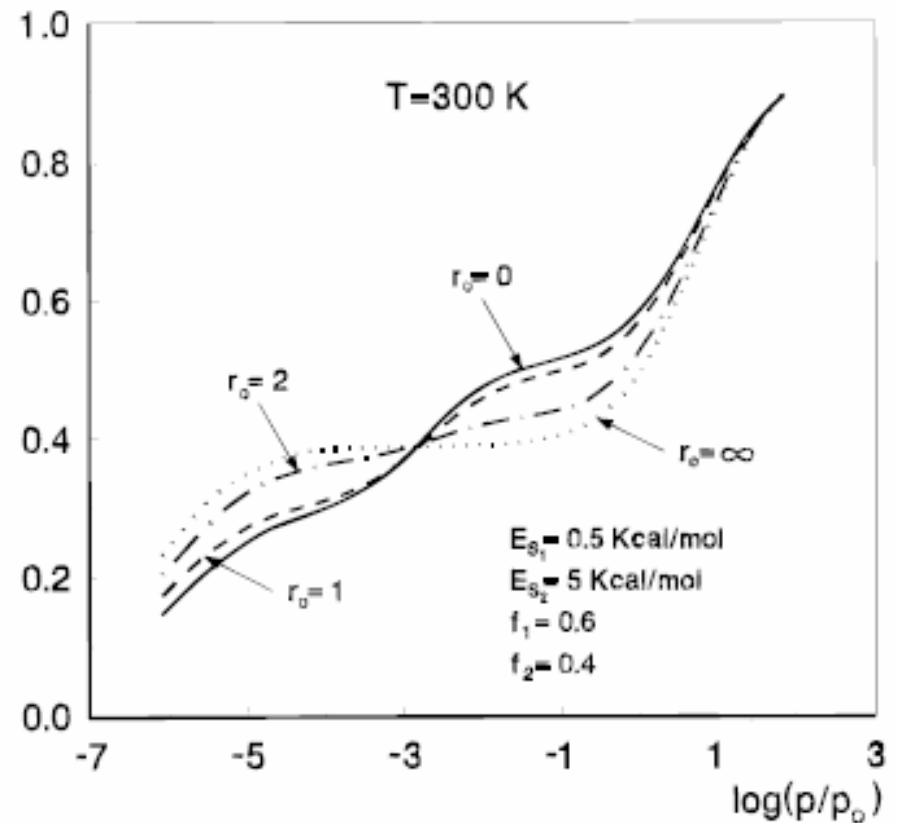


Figure 4. Adsorption isotherms of dimers on surfaces with two kinds of sites S_1 and S_2 with energies E_{S_1} and E_{S_2} forming patches with mean size r_0 . Relative abundances of sites are f_1 and f_2 , respectively.

TOPOGRAPHY EFFECTS ON ADSORPTION

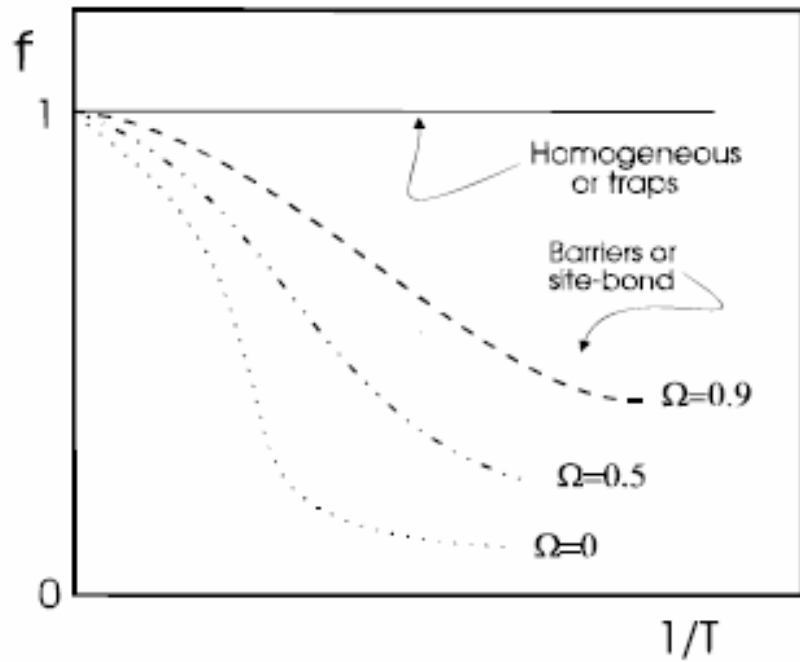
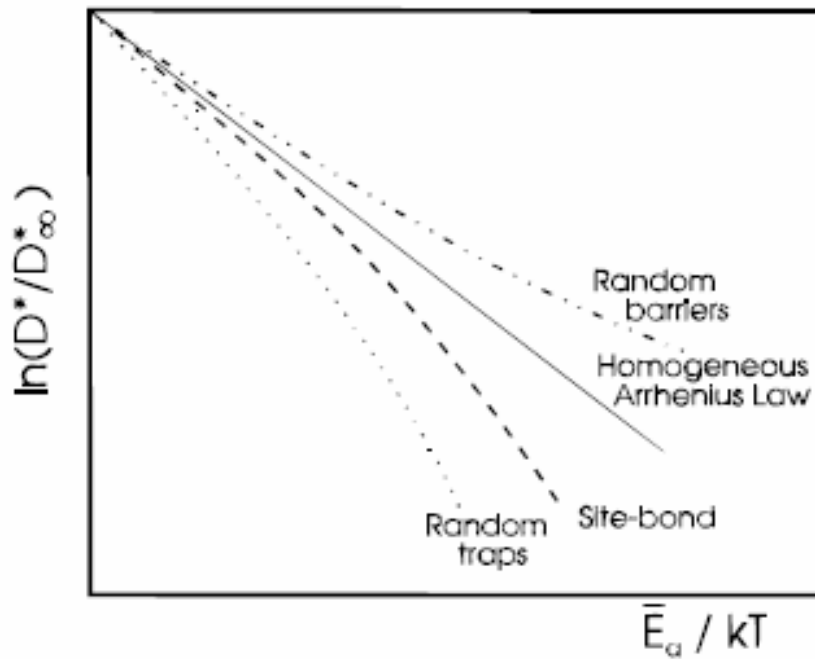
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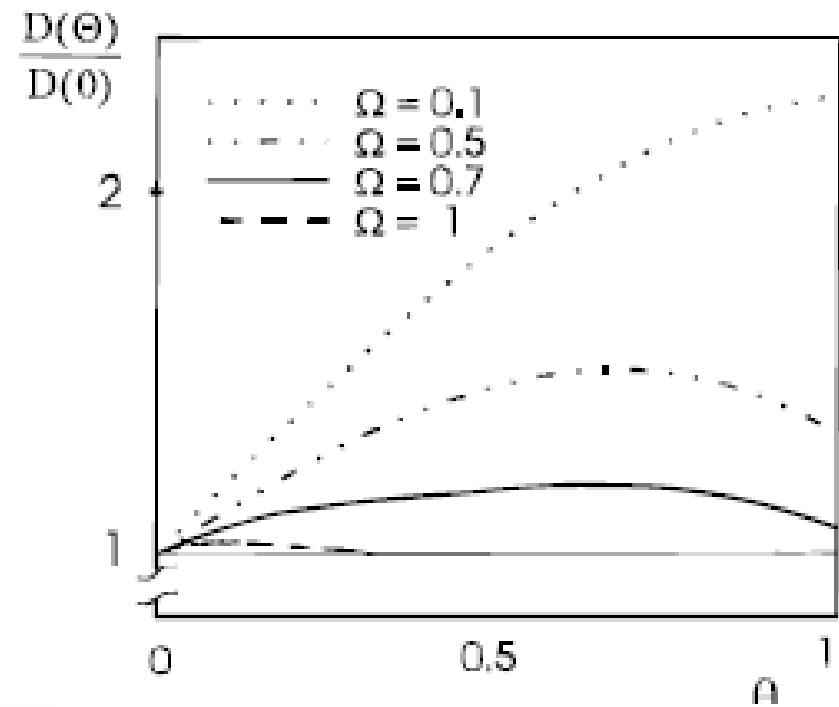
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SURFACE DIFFUSION



Chemical Diffusion Coefficient

Figure 5. Tracer diffusion coefficient (a) and jump correlation factor (b) for surfaces with different topographies.

ANNIHILATION REACTION: $A + A \rightarrow 0$

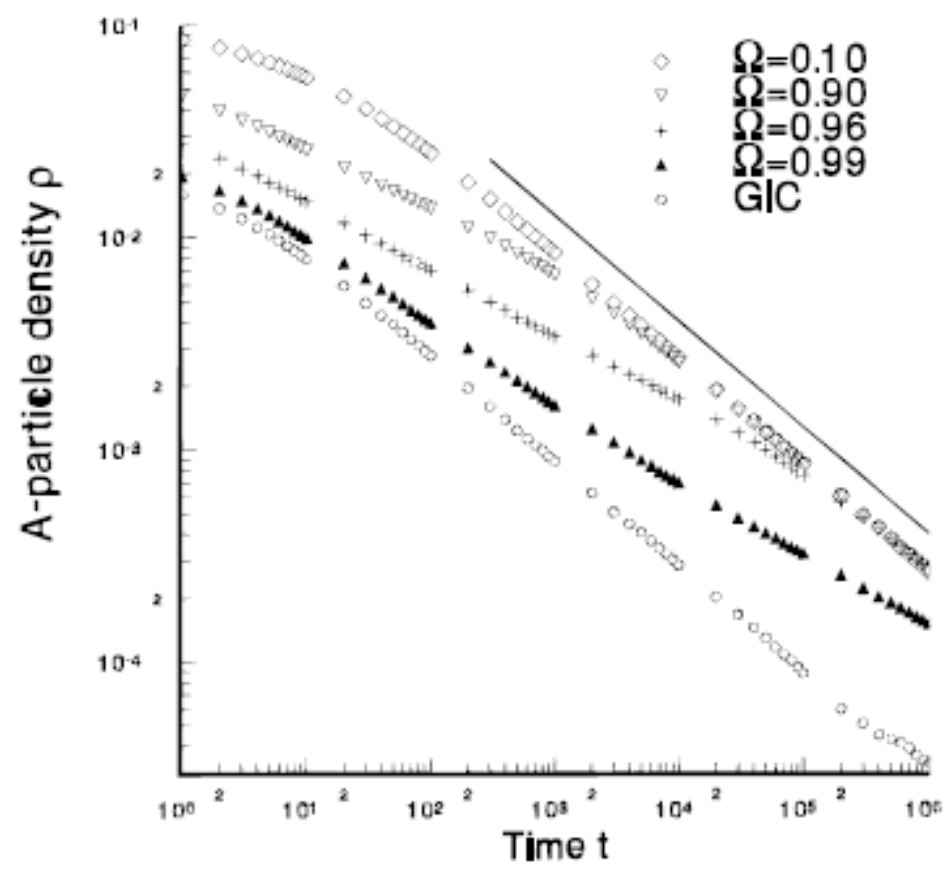
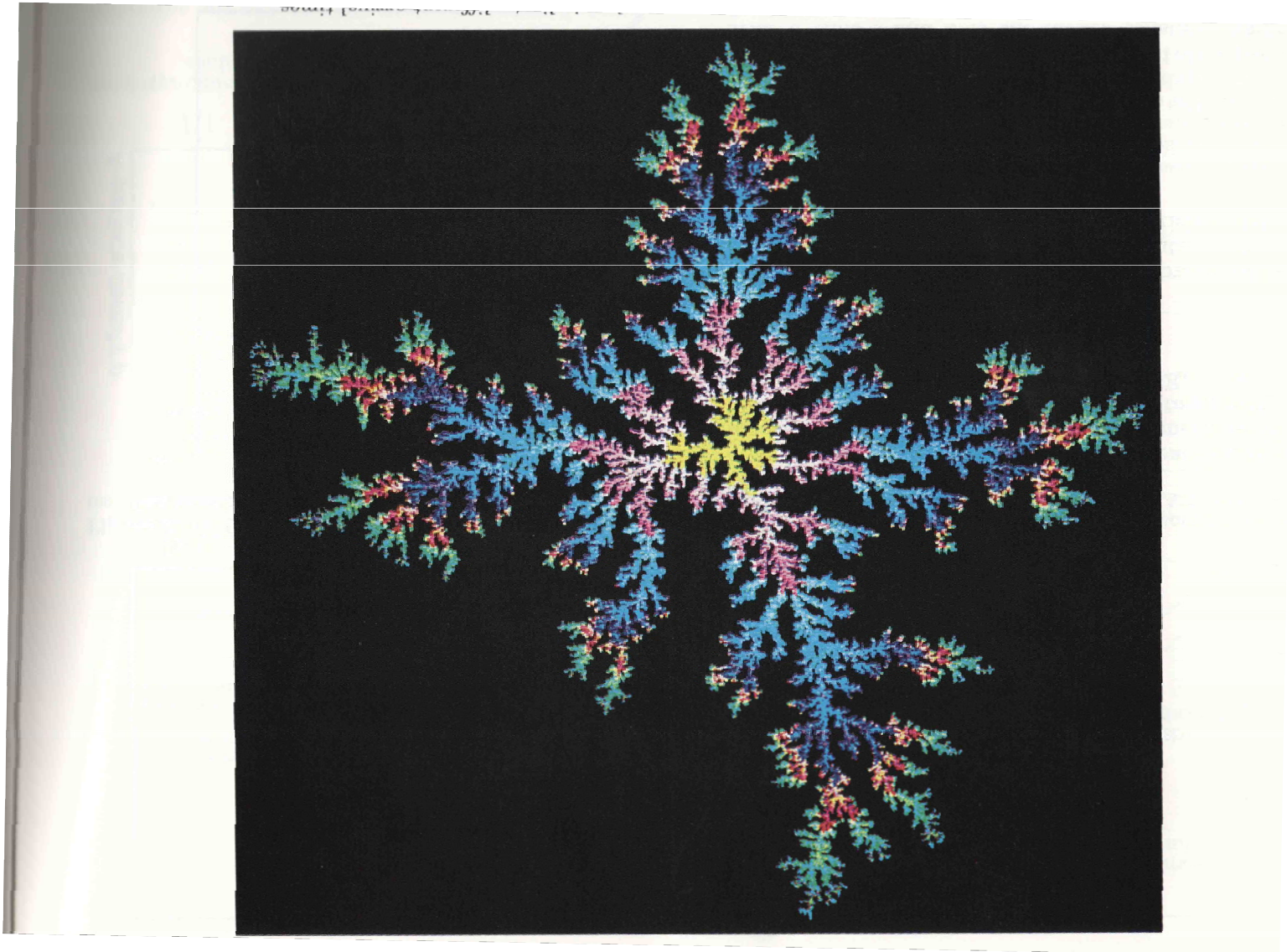


Figure 7. Density of A particles as a function of time for surfaces with different topographies.

DIFFUSION LIMITED AGGREGATION (DLA)

FRACTAL DIMENSION DECREASES WITH INCREASING Ω



THERMAL PROGRAMMED DESORPTION (TPD) CAN ALSO BE USED IN THE CHARACTERIZATION OF ENERGETIC TOPOGRAPHY



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Abstract

Monte Carlo simulations of thermal programmed desorption spectra (TPDS) are obtained and analyzed for general heterogeneous surfaces characterized by a dual-site-bond model, where the adsorptive energy topography is described in terms of a correlation length l_0 . It is shown that the behavior of TPDS is such that the ambiguity arising in the characterization of the energetic topography through adsorption isotherms, where adsorbate–adsorbate interactions and topography effects compete with each other, is resolved in such a way that TPDS provide a more powerful characterization method. © 2002 Published by Elsevier Science B.V.



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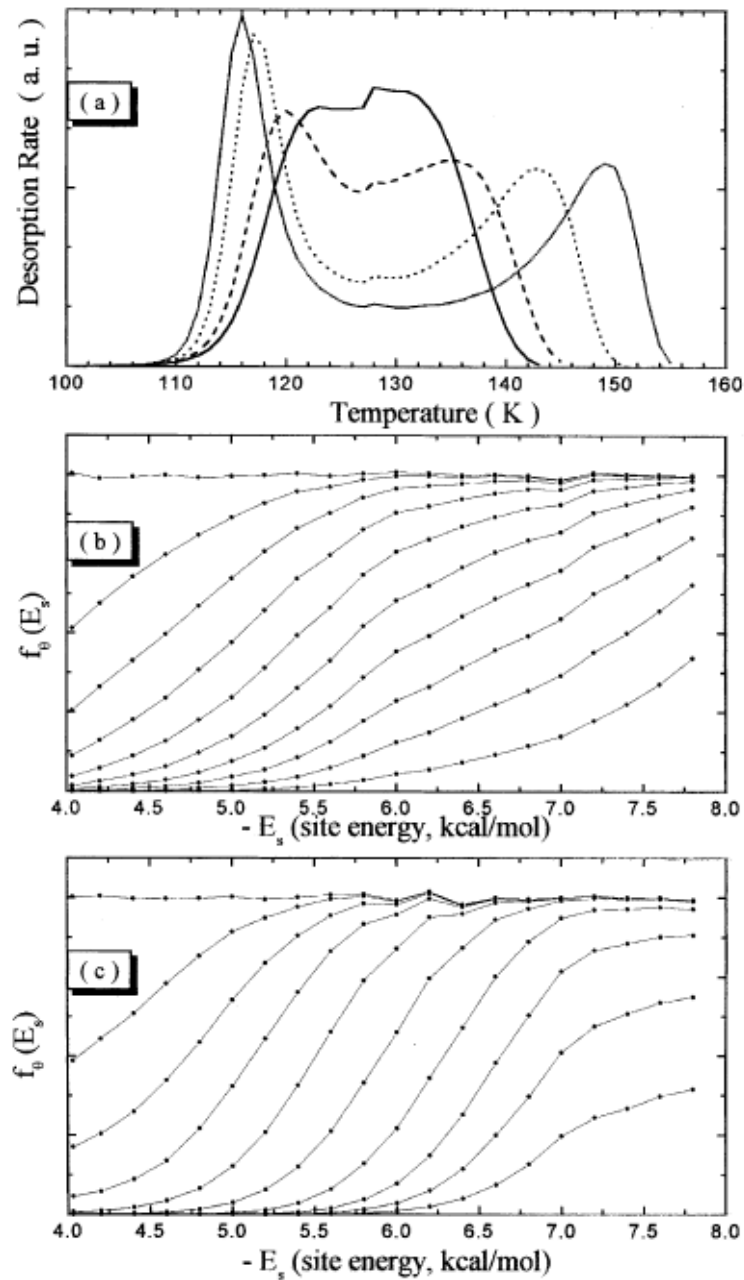


Fig. 2. Attractive interaction energies: $w_1 = w_2 = -0.5$ Kcal/mol. (a) TPD spectra for different values of Ω : (—) $\Omega = 0.5$, (---) $\Omega = 0.6$, (-·-·) $\Omega = 0.7$, (···) $\Omega = 0.8$. (b) and (c) energy distribution of occupied sites at different coverages for $\Omega = 0.5$ and $\Omega = 0.8$, respectively: coverage ranges from 1.0 (top) to 0.1

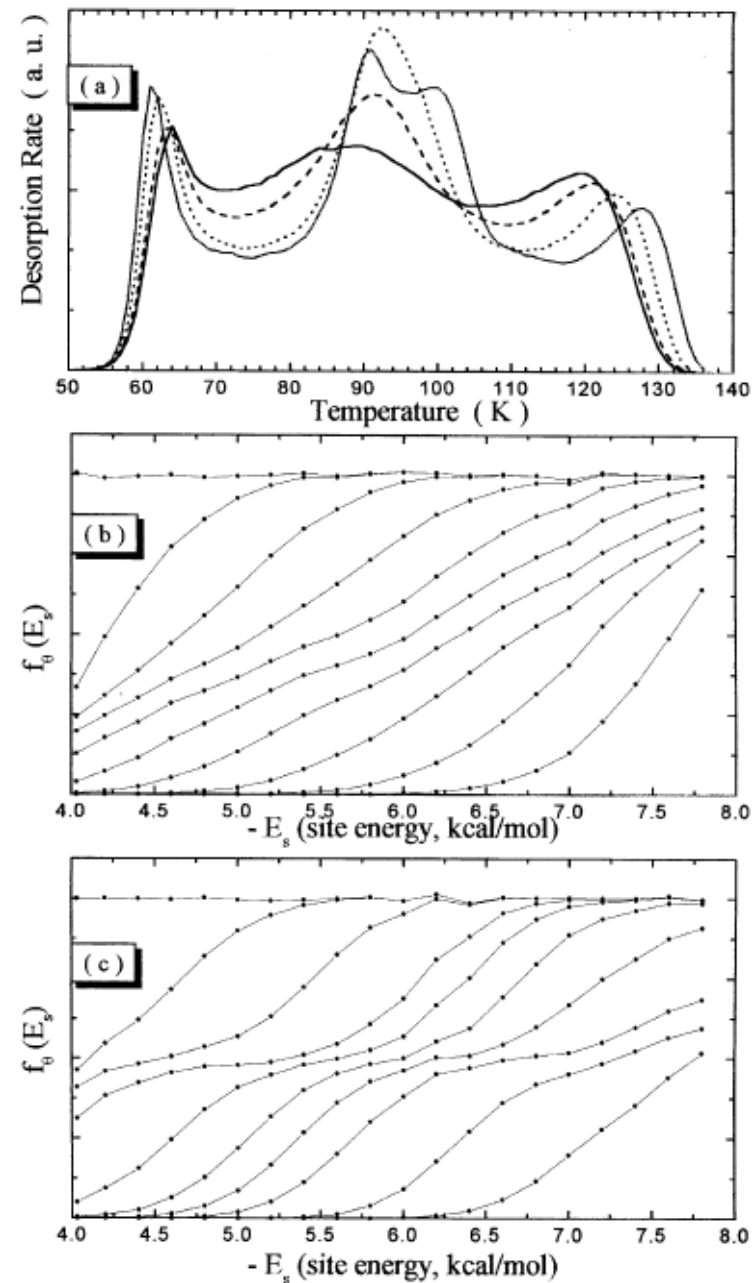


Fig. 3. The same as Fig. 2 for mixed interaction energies: $w_1 = +0.5$ Kcal/mol, $w_2 = -0.5$ Kcal/mol.

PATCHWISE APPROACH

Scaling behavior in adsorption on bivariate surfaces and the determination of energetic topography

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Adsorption of particles with repulsive nearest-neighbor interactions is studied through Monte Carlo simulation on bivariate surfaces characterized by patches of weak and strong adsorbing sites of size l . Patches can be either arranged in a deterministic chessboard structure or in a random way. Quantities are identified which scale obeying power laws as a function of the scale length l . Consequences of this finding are discussed for the determination of the energetic topography of the

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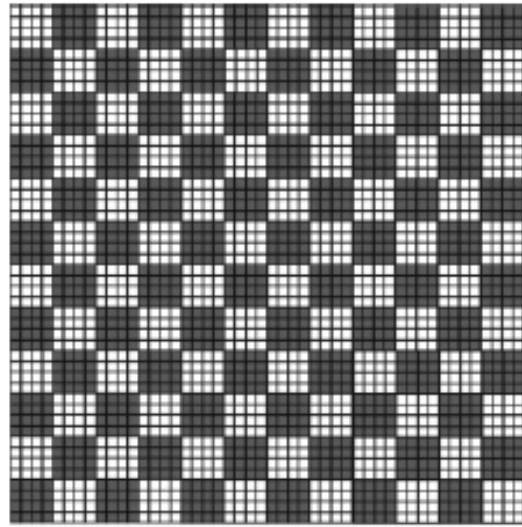
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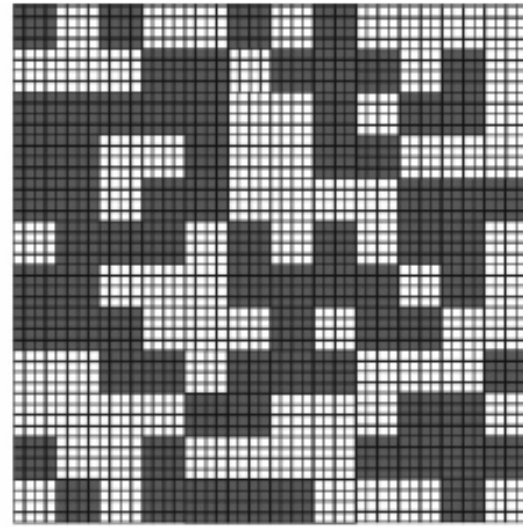
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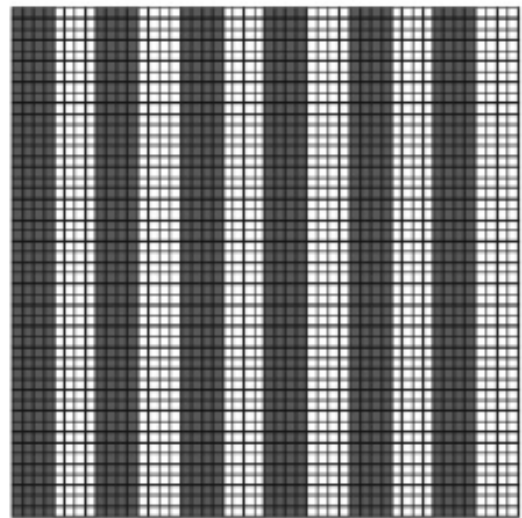
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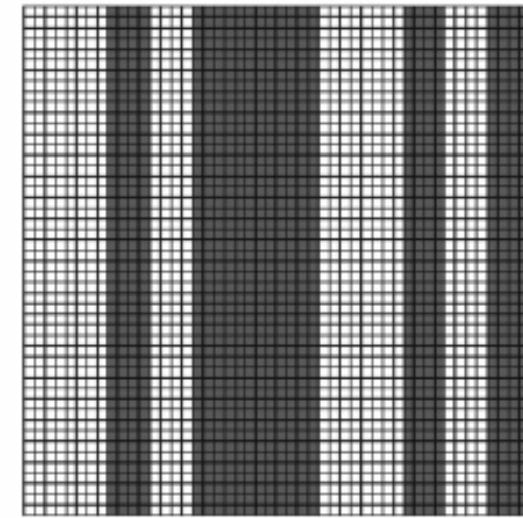
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Figure 1. Schematic representation of heterogeneous bivariate surfaces with chessboard (a), random square patches (b), ordered strips (c), and random strips (d) topography. The patch size in the figure is $l = 4$.

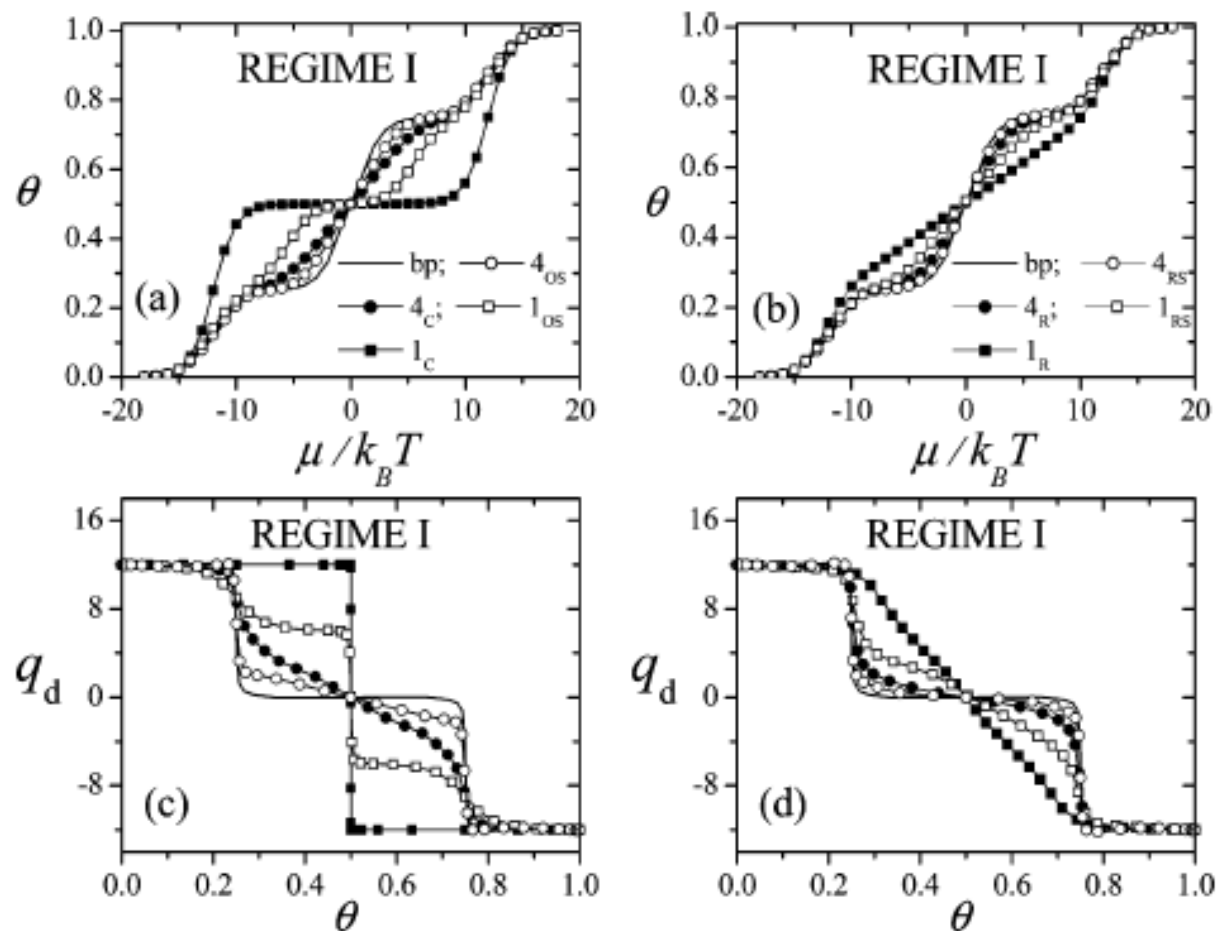


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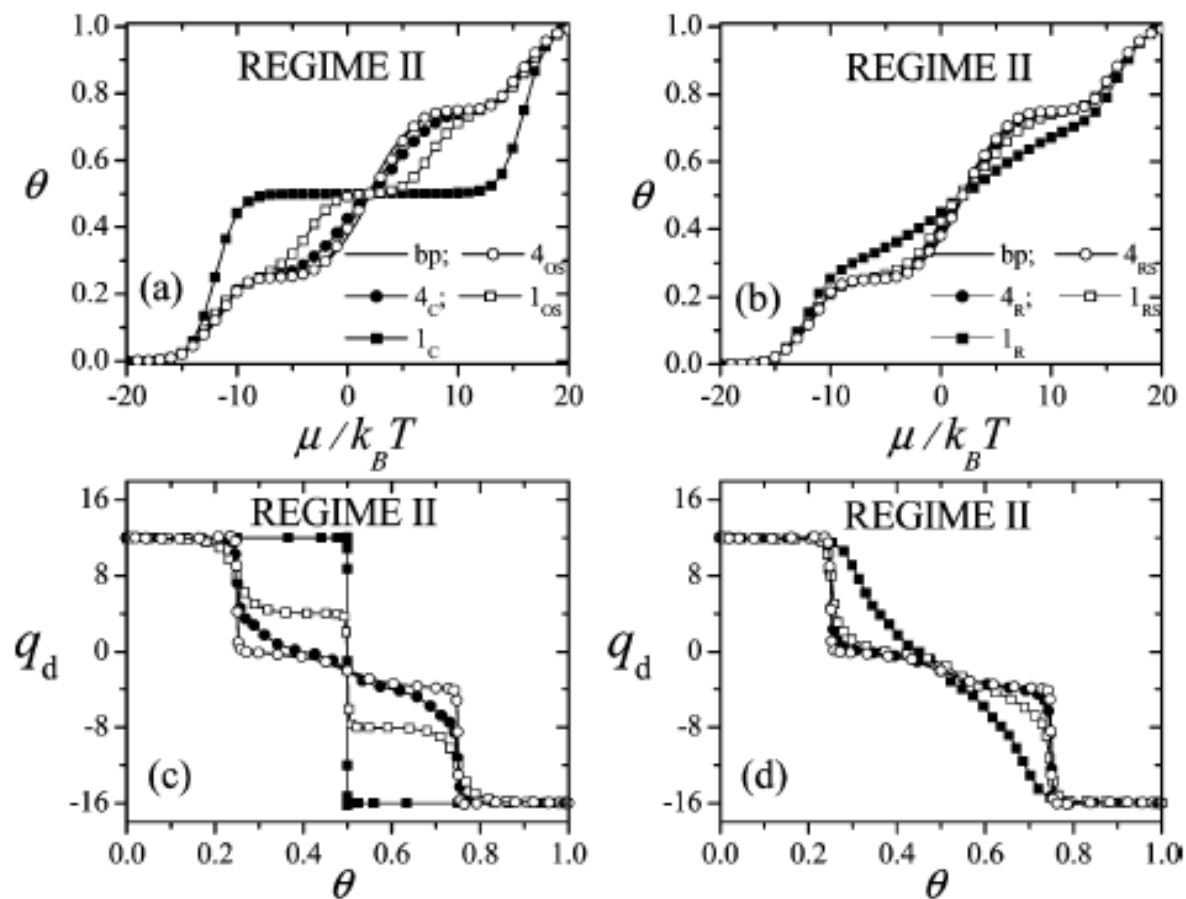


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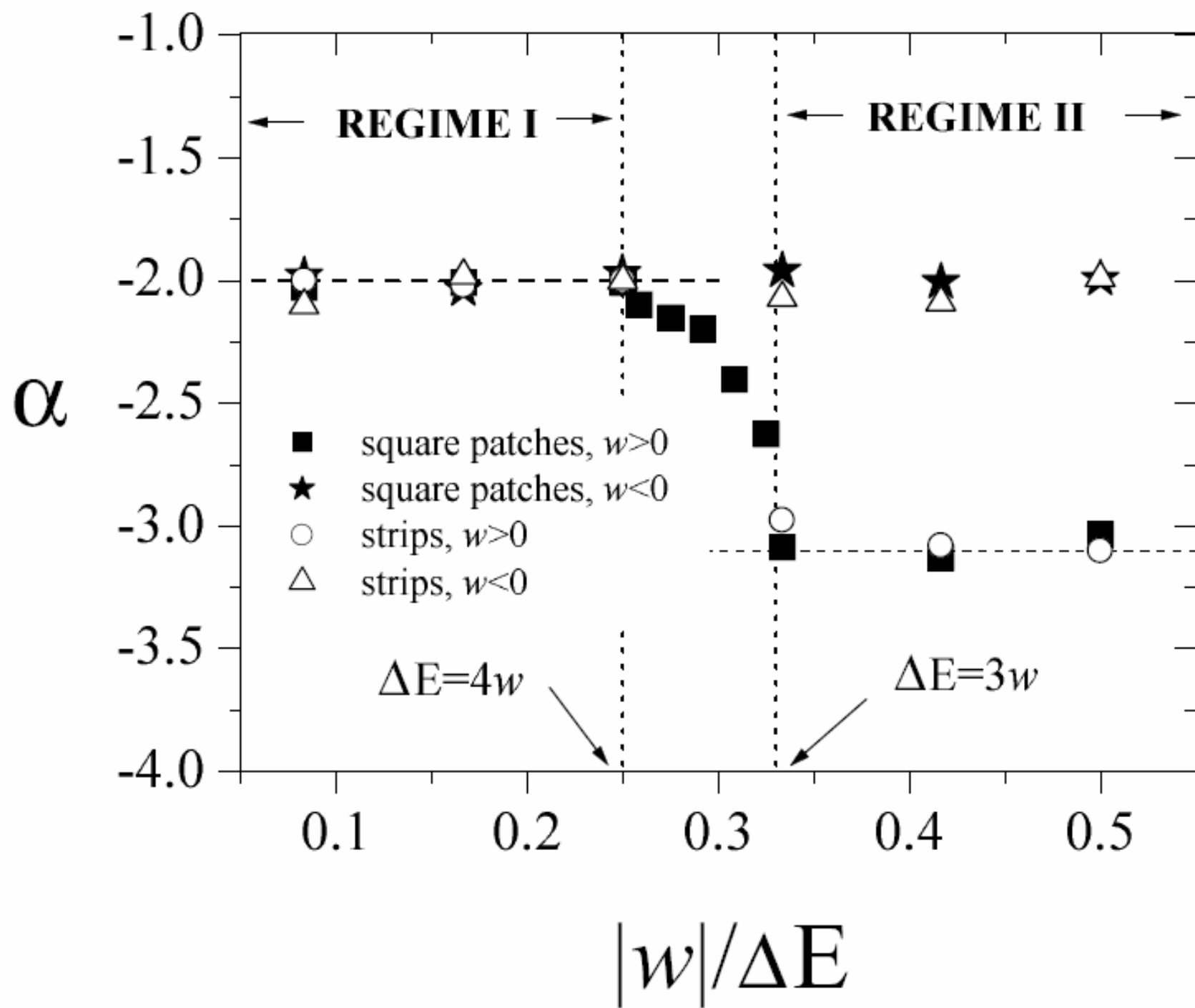
UNIVERSAL SCALING LAW

$$\chi_a = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\theta(u) - \theta^R(u)|^2 du$$

$$\ln \chi = \text{const} + \alpha \ln l_{\text{eff}}$$

$$l_{\text{eff}} = \sigma l$$

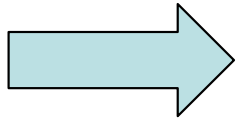
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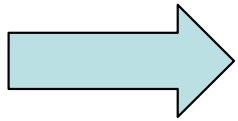
CONCLUSIONS

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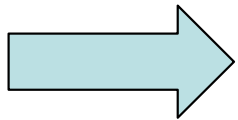




Continuum approach: virial expansion limited to low adsorbate density, 4 fitting parameters.



Lattice-Gas approach: mean field approximation valid outside phase transitions, 5 or 6 fitting parameters.



Patchwise approach: promising, but must be extended to multivariate surfaces. No fitting parameters ?



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