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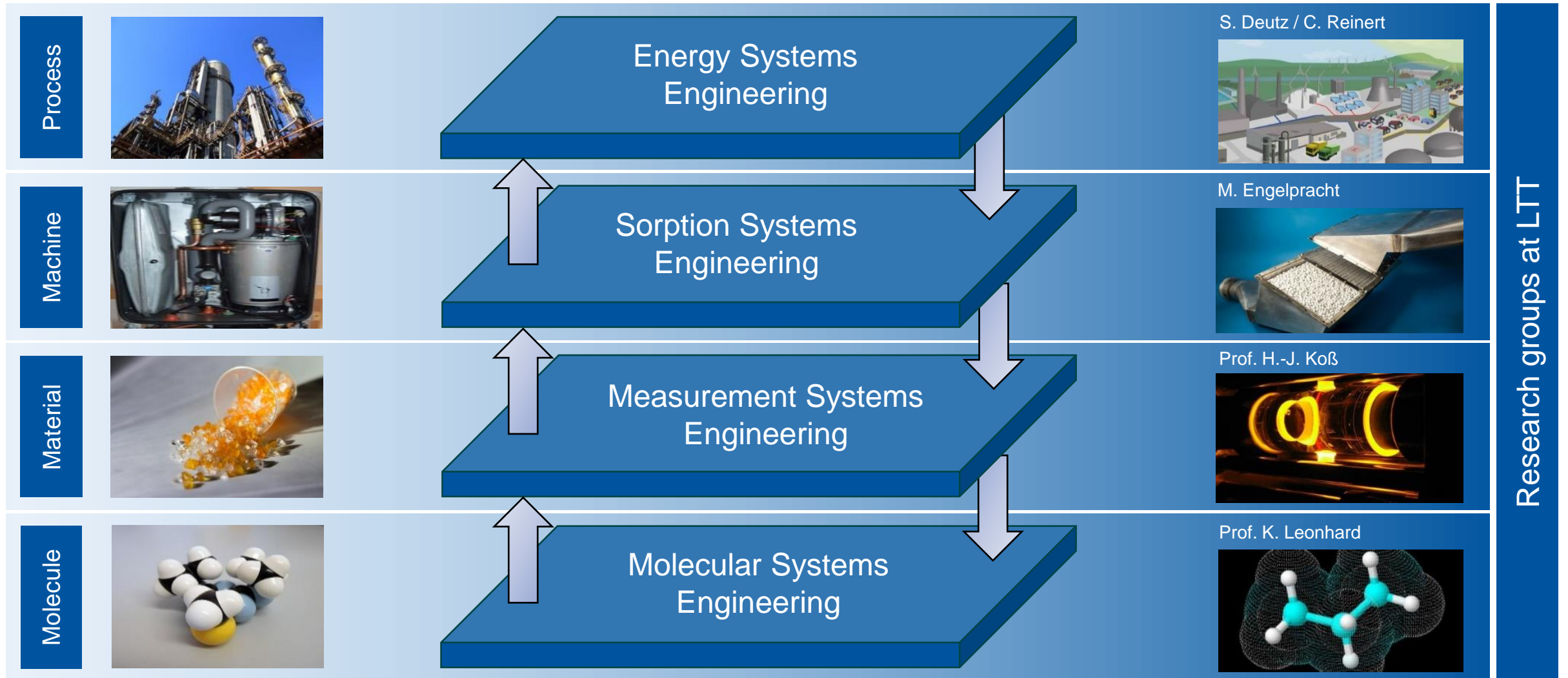
Workshop

42 PhD Students (=PhD Candidates) ... Dr. Ing.

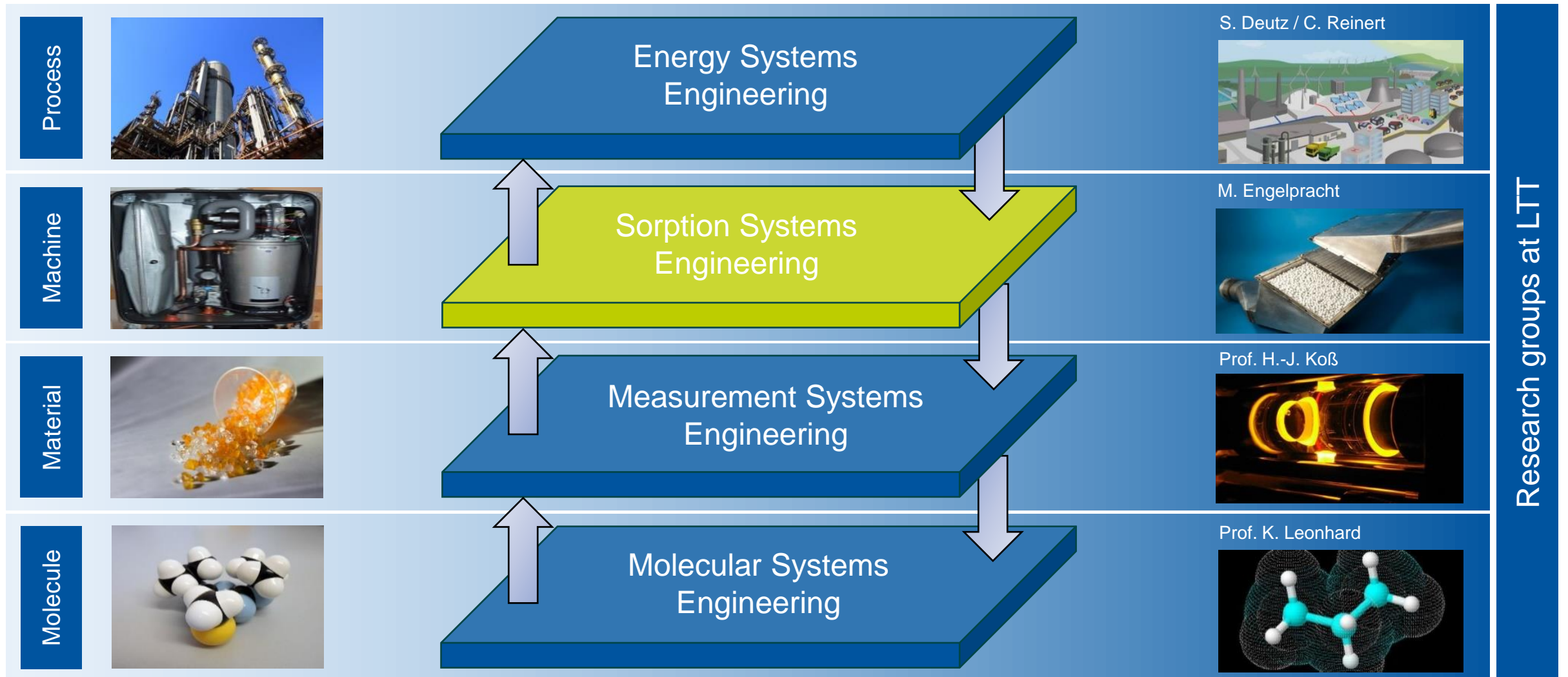
90 Students (B.Sc/M.Sc.) working in research and teaching



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Working Areas and Competence

Material Characterization



Conceptual Designs



Figure 1: Adsorption phase (night)

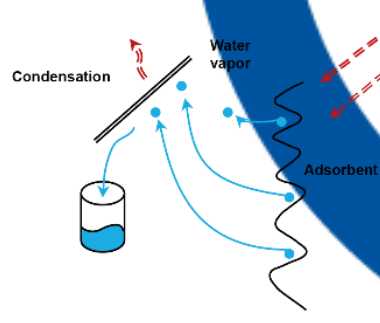
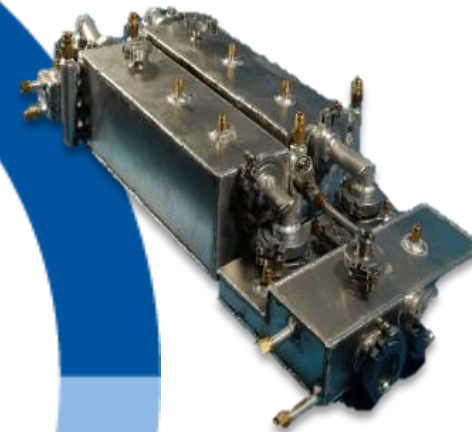


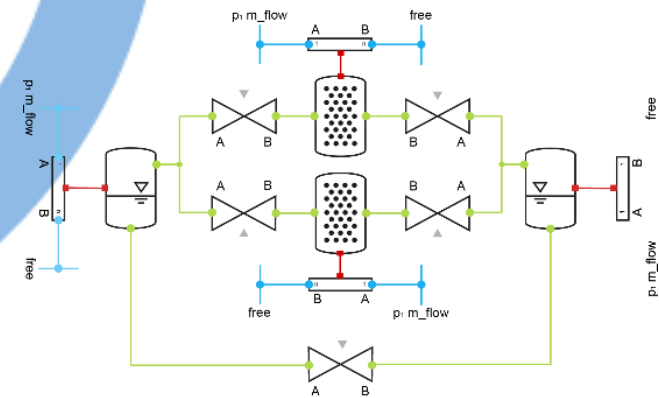
Figure 2: Desorption phase (day)



Prototyping and Test Bench Operation

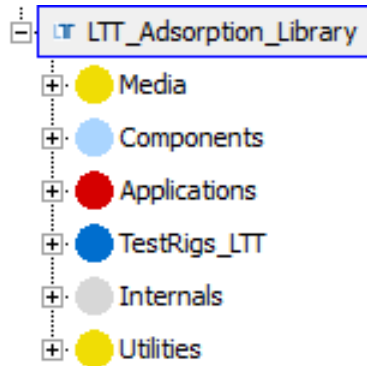


Modelling and Simulation

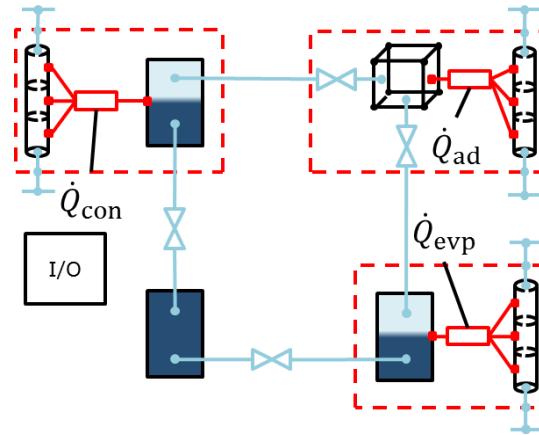


Dynamic simulation and optimization of adsorption energy systems

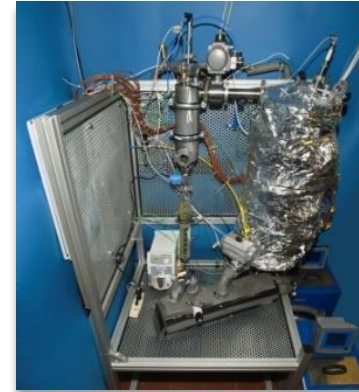
Modelica library



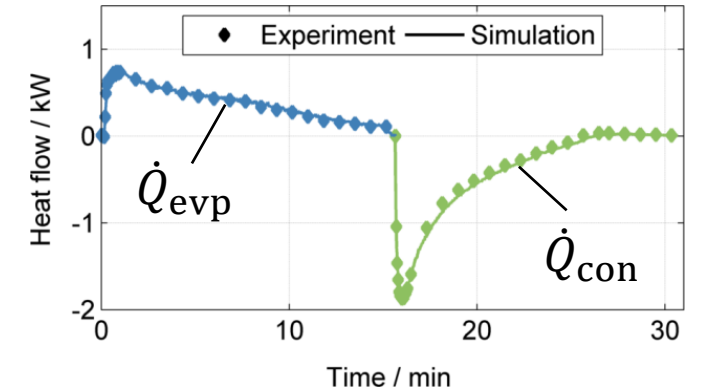
Dynamic model



Test stand



Validation



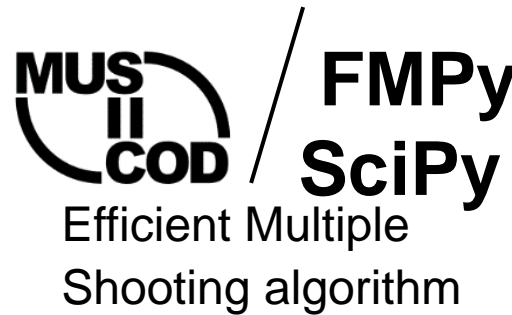
Simulation workflow

Model export



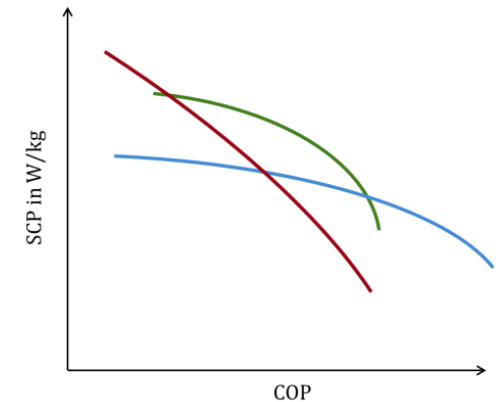
Interface for optimization problem

Optimization workflow



Multi-objective optimization of:

- Design
- Control



Heat Exchanger Design

Adsorption Chillers $<0^{\circ}\text{C}$



Adsorption Heat Transformer (AdHT)

AdC/AdHP

Natural Refrigerants/ Mixtures (EtOH/MeOH)



Process Optimization

Small-scale experiments (LTJ/TGA)



Direct Air Capture (DAC)

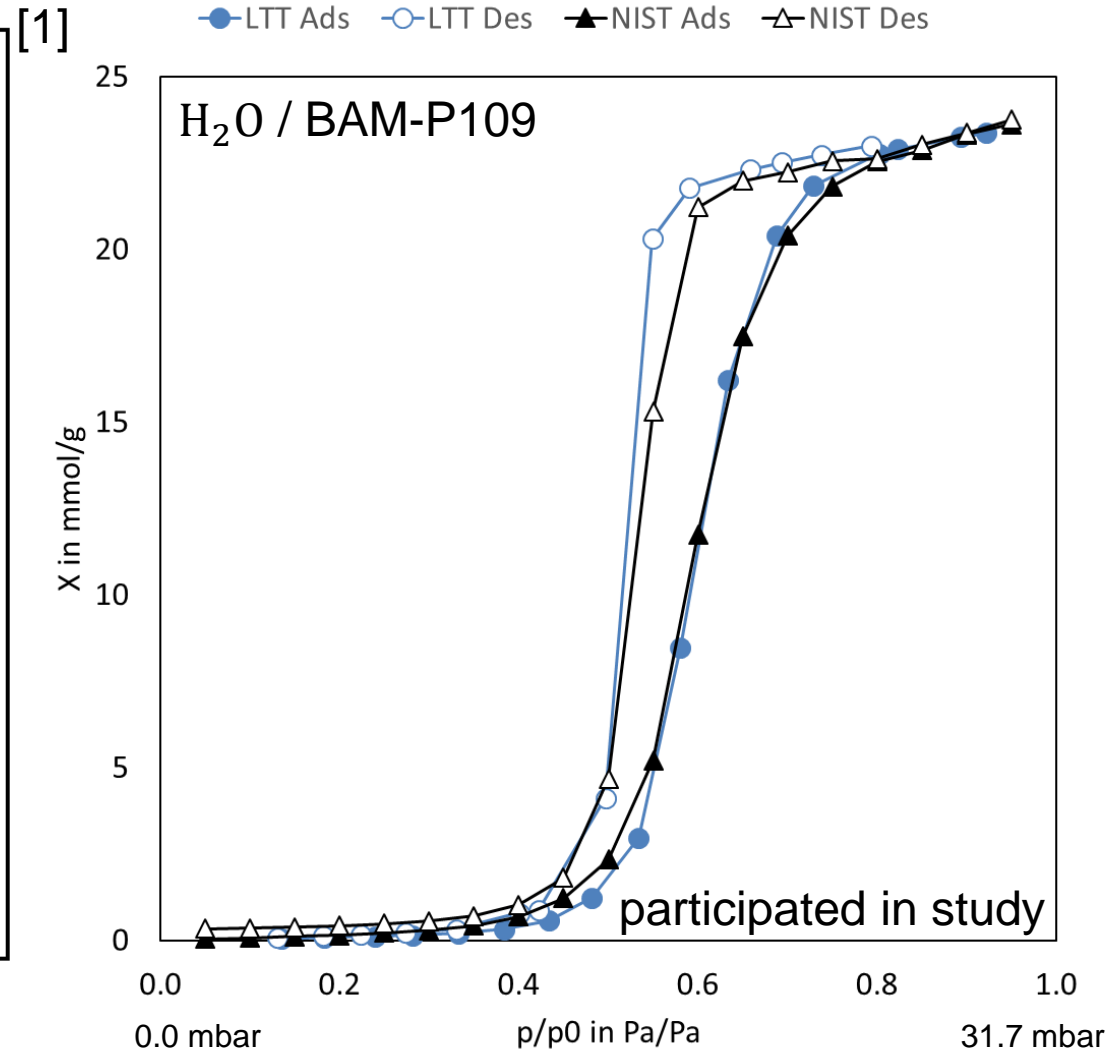
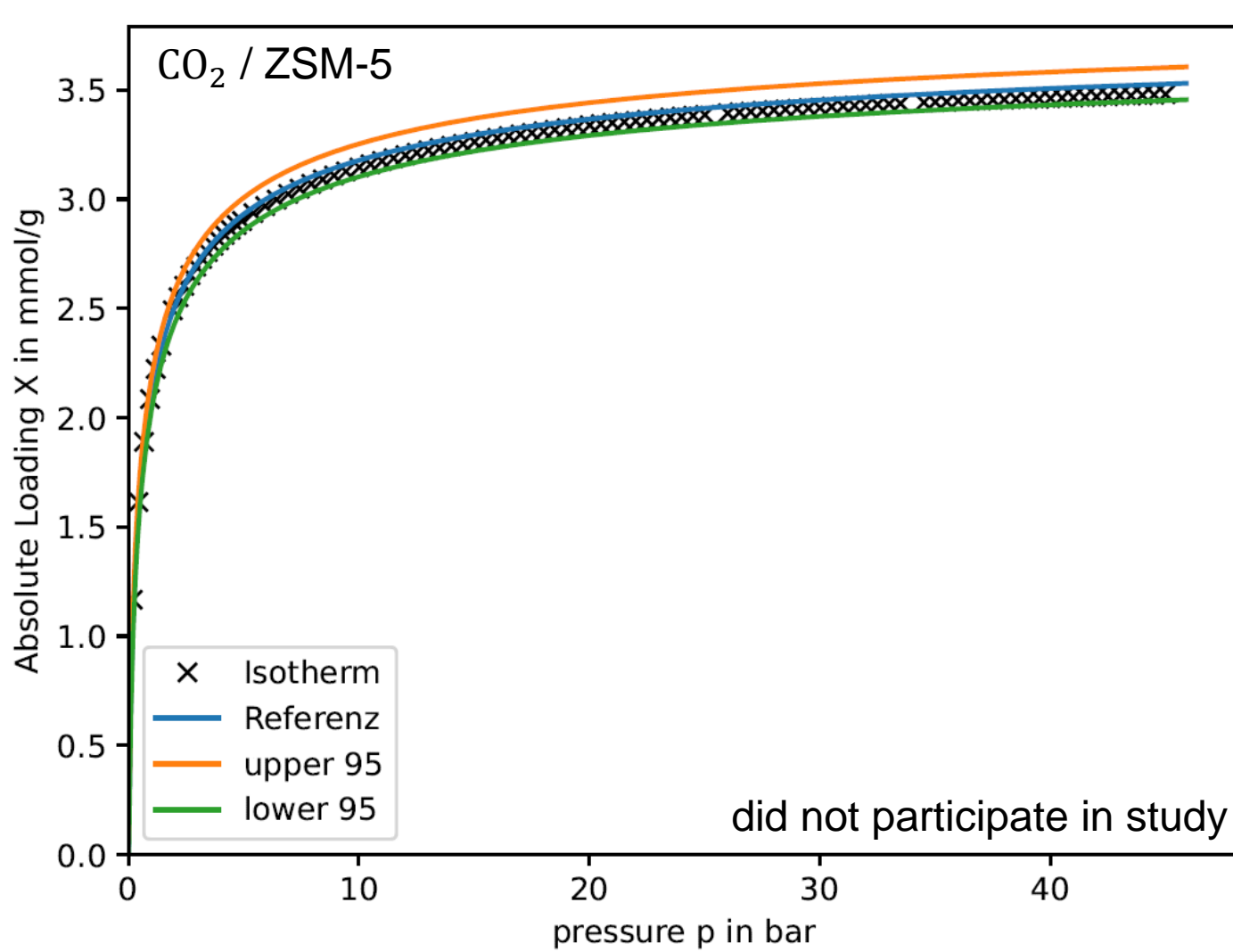
DAC

Novel adsorbents



Influence of ambient conditions

Thermogravimetric Analysis (TGA): Reference Isotherms from NIST @ 25°C



Adsorption Chiller $<0^{\circ}\text{C}$

1. LTJ Measurements

→ Heat and Mass Transfer

2. Parametrize Adsorber [2]

3. 1D-discretized in flow direction

4. Add all balances and correlations

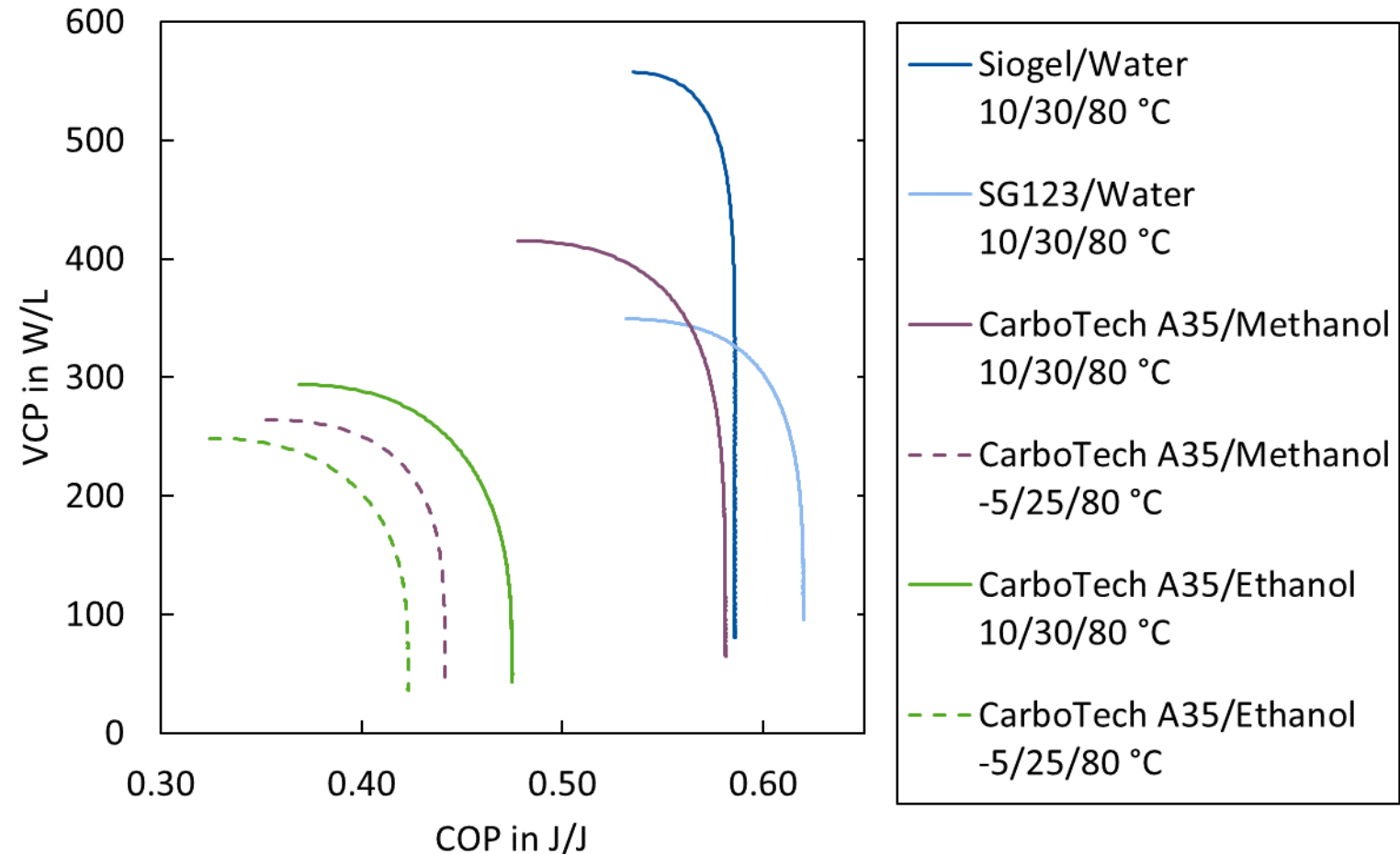
5. Two-bed system

6. Ideal Evaporator/Condenser

7. No heat losses

8. Materials:

- Siogel (Silica gel Oker Chemie)
- SG123 (Silica gel InvenSor GmbH)
- CarboTech A35 (Activated Carbon) [3]



→ Add MOFs until HPC23 with Al-fum/CAU-10/ZIF-8

10 [2] Kummer et al.: A Functional Full-Scale Heat Exchanger Coated with Aluminum Fumarate Metal-Organic Framework for Adsorption Heat Transformation, *Ind. Eng. Chem. Res.* 56 (27), 2017.

[3] Henninger et al.: Evaluation of methanol adsorption on activated carbons for thermally driven chillers part I: Thermophysical characterization, *Int. J. Refrig.* 35 (3), 2012.

Thank you for your kind attention!

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