

Towards an Atlas of Designer Zeolites – identification of unique topologies and Delaunay sphere analysis

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Introduction

- <http://www.hypotheticalzeolites.net> online since April 2004, contains approx. 5 million structures
- Receives ~10 visits per day
- A particular topology may be found repeated in different space sub-groups.
- Unique topologies have been identified using coordination sequences and vertex symbols
- Duplicate topologies can now be compared
- Delaunay sphere data analysis has been completed for all structures
- Additional tests confirming topology have been applied

Delaunay spheres

- It is now possible to search the entire database on calculated sphere properties as described in reference 5

This allows filtering for the following properties:

- the diameter of the largest possible included sphere
- the diameter of the largest-free-sphere that can diffuse along, a, b, c, ab, bc or abc
- These provide a quick and elegant indication of the porosity of the framework. Caution is needed when comparing to molecular diffusion data.
- This data enables one to examine the nature of the framework i.e. cavities and channel dimensions without **looking** at the structure. This is useful for large databases.

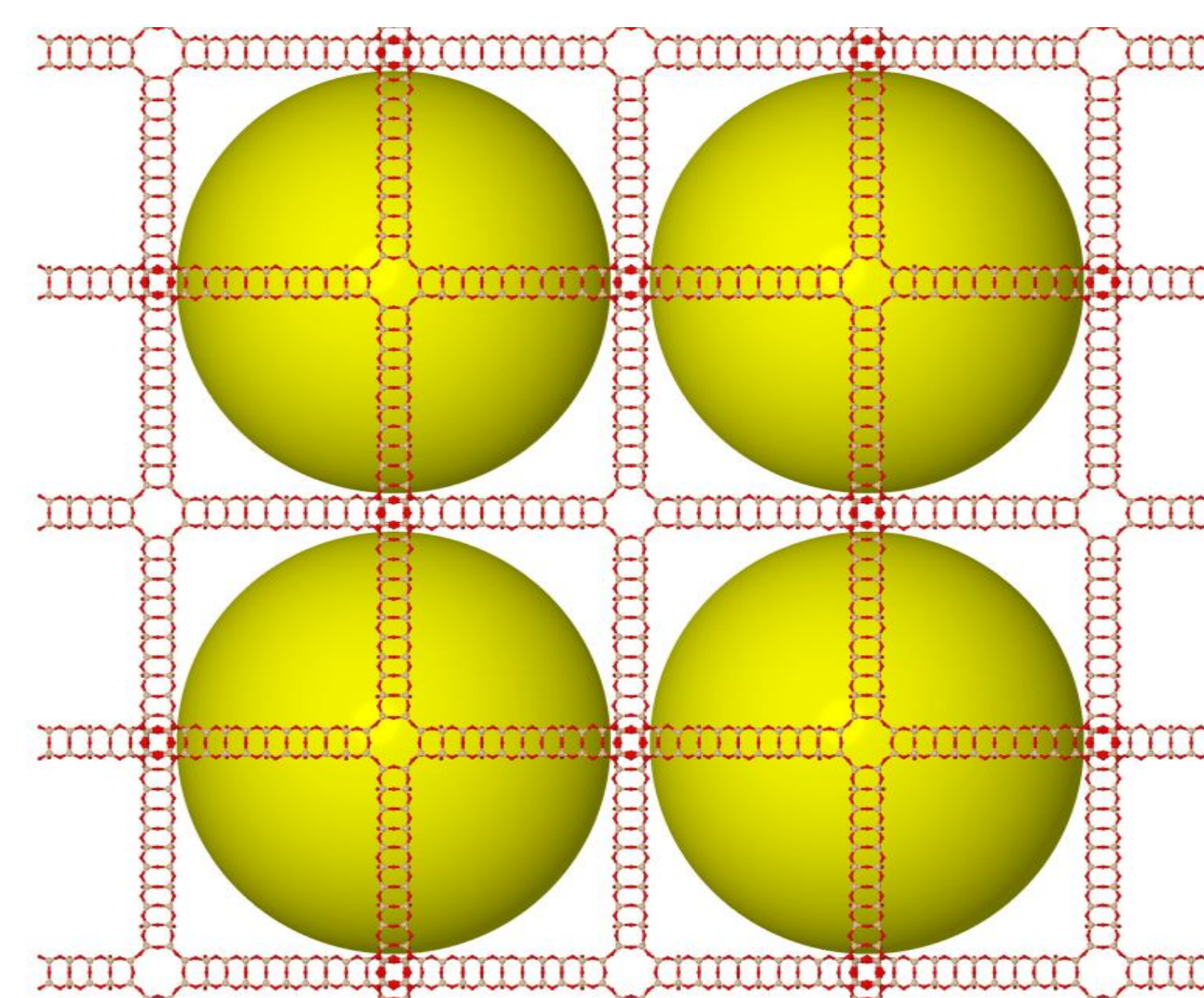
Determination of topologically unique frameworks

- Using coordination sequences (CS) and vertex symbols (VS) we have identified duplicate topologies
- The table below shows the number of structures for each n , the number of topologically equivalent T atoms

n	# of structures	# of unique topologies	# of structures < 0.1 eV/SiO ₂ *	# of unique topologies < 0.1 eV/SiO ₂ *
1	3870	526	759	90
2	80059	12556	11834	1111
3	105413	32429	10242	4202
4	825182	315908	42147	23420
5	4145644	1806970	110598	78612
6	229239	167127	15304	12538
Total	5389407	2335516	190884	119973

* Energy cutoff value is based on the BGG force field, relative to quartz as described in reference 2

Delaunay Sphere Example



The image shows the structure 229_5_489716, which has favorable energetics and a very low framework density. The calculated included-sphere and free-sphere diameters are among the largest found in the database so far, 58.7 Å and 36.8 Å respectively.

Comparing duplicate topologies

Structures with the same topology can be listed and compared

This screenshot shows a listing of structures in the database with the FAU topology

TOPOS confirmation of topological properties



- A subset of structures was analyzed by V. A. Blatov and D. M. Proserpio using the TOPOS program. <http://www.topos.ssu.samara.ru/>
- The majority of topologies were confirmed, providing an important data check.

Links to other databases

- Using the same technique for matching topologies based on CS & VS data, we have been able to link to other structures in other databases.
- EPINET - <http://epinet.anu.edu.au/>
- Structures generated by M.W. Deem and co-workers <http://www.hypotheticalzeolites.net/DATABASE/DEEM/>

Duplicate topologies

- Several topologies are found frequently
- In the table below we list the top 25 occurrences of topologies for structures generated with $n = 1$ & $n = 2$

n=1					n=2				
Structure	Type Code	Count	E	FD	Structure	Type Code	Count	E	FD
1	19_2_1779	ABW	1301	0.00	22.4	2_2_23901	1866	0.86	26.2
2	19_1_4	cn	1244	0.00	23.7	14_2_42827	1106	0.13	25.9
3	70_2_2_386071		720	0.04	29.7	2_2_558608	659	0.04	33.3
4	82_1_15	BCT	591	0.00	22.3	2_2_601528	482	0.39	29.6
5	150_2_17892	tn	547	0.00	23.1	60_2_23160	469	0.03	24.6
6	5_2_24374		507	0.00	26.8	2_2_559953	309	0.87	32.7
7	91_2_8523379		410	0.70	33.3	61_3_13271556	210	0.00	20.9
8	2_2_652980		308	0.04	23.4	2_2_416019	193	0.49	33.3
9	136_1_3	DFT	303	0.00	20.0	61_3_35496765	159	0.00	22.3
10	161_2_5322	SOD	262	0.00	19.2	62_3_1842131	159	0.03	25.2
11	13_2_253556		251	0.70	28.6	13_2_264168	120	0.05	23.9
12	17_2_27747		250	0.58	30.1	15_2_196702	119	0.00	27.1
13	145_1_30	qua	245	0.00	27.6	62_3_5872330	118	0.70	33.3
14	20_2_28244	NPO	242	0.00	18.3	59_4_268633	116	0.03	12.8
15	66_2_3799	ACO	236	0.01	17.5	74_3_2947490	114	0.01	19.8
16	12_2_26630	ATN	175	0.00	21.1	69_3_40850	108	0.01	18.8
17	50_2_2_76204		151	0.17	22.6	59_4_280211	106	0.23	25.7
18	95_2_4735457		151	0.73	33.3	2_2_624587	105	0.59	16.3
19	88_2_1_28	GIS	143	0.00	19.3	59_4_209724	105	0.04	20.4
20	62_3_5917516		141	0.01	17.6	49_2_3256	102	0.05	22.8
21	22_2_29178		131	0.07	9.2	49_2_124	101	0.02	21.5
22	84_2_713		116	0.00	21.4	151_2_3611718	100	0.19	25.4
23	2_2_419589		113	0.81	33.3	62_3_5926573	99	0.25	27.6
24	155_1_9		112	0.01	20.9	64_2_12188	98	0.00	22.9
25	62_3_6071122	CAN	109	0.00	19.6	62_3_1794192	97	0.14	30.2

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