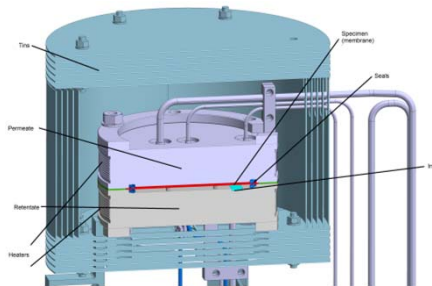


# Permeation data analysis including a nonzero hydrogen concentration on the low pressure detector side for a purged permeation experiment

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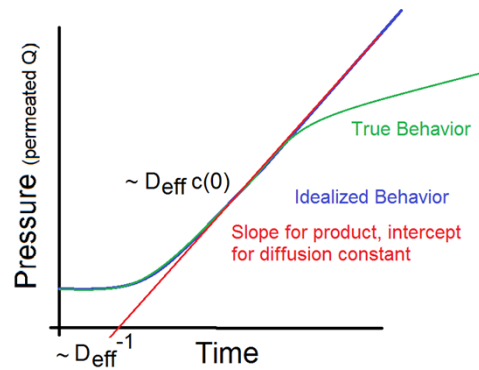
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Determination of concentration dependent interstitial diffusion parameter regarding re-diffusion and small loading pressure: Situation of future fusion power plant 2 Pa tritium partial pressure (breeder unit) enriched to 1 Pa in purge gas system.



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# 1.: Q-PETE (hydrogen permeation transport experiment)

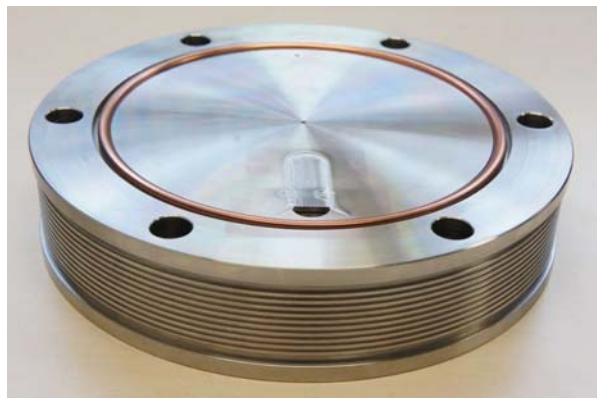


Time dependent non zero Q-concentration near measuring system (gauge or QMS) generates deviation from linear behavior.

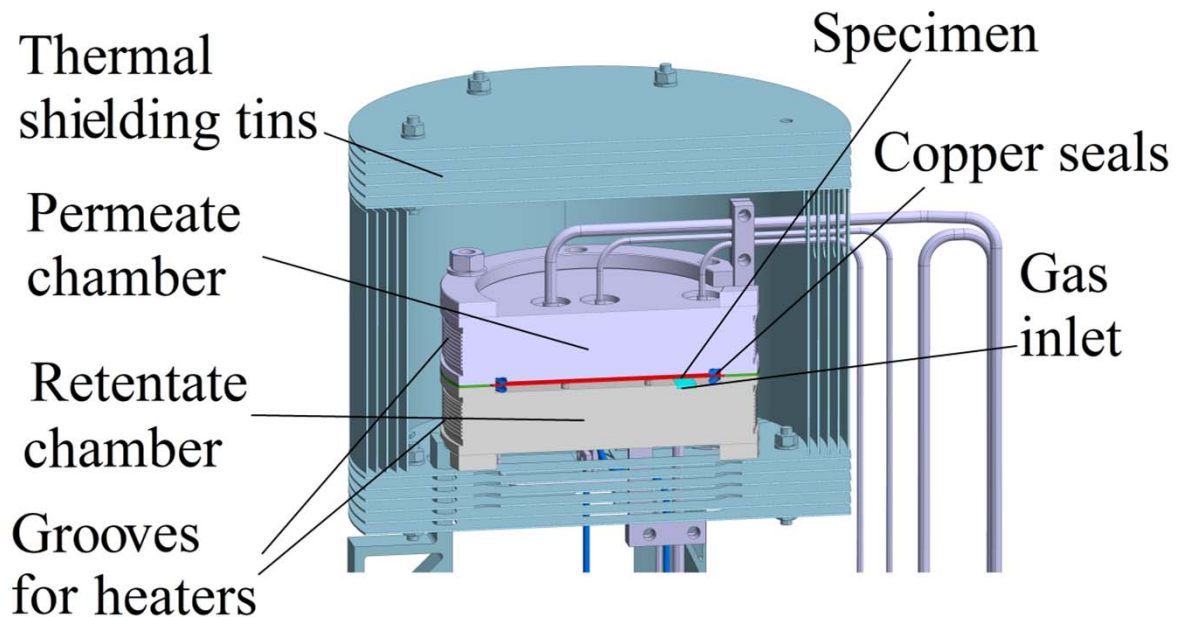
$$j(t)_{measure} = \frac{D_{eff} c(0) d_m^2}{w_m 4 \pi} \left( 1 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k e^{\frac{-k^2 \pi^2 D_{eff} (t-t_{off})}{w_m^2}} \right)$$

Daynes, Forcey transport equation solution

Therefore removing Q in permeate chamber.



Permeate (secondary) chamber



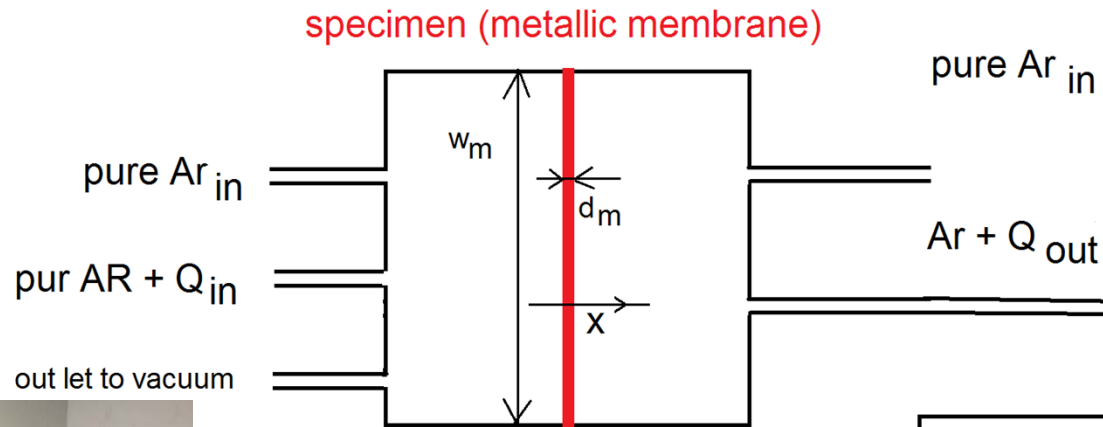
# Simplified Q-PETE experiment

Ra	0.41 $\mu\text{m}$
Rz	2.89 $\mu\text{m}$
Rmax	3.99 $\mu\text{m}$
Rt	4.09 $\mu\text{m}$

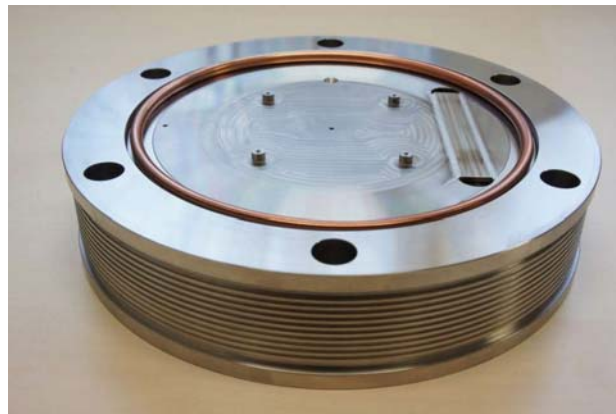
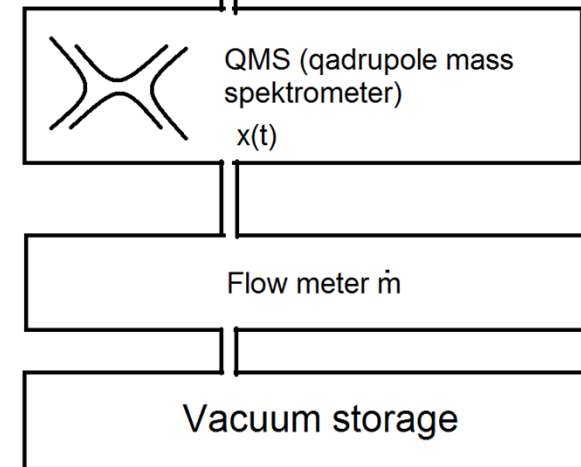
## Baffle surface

Ra	0.36 $\mu\text{m}$
Rz	2.21 $\mu\text{m}$
Rmax	2.38 $\mu\text{m}$
Rt	2.42 $\mu\text{m}$

## Sealing face

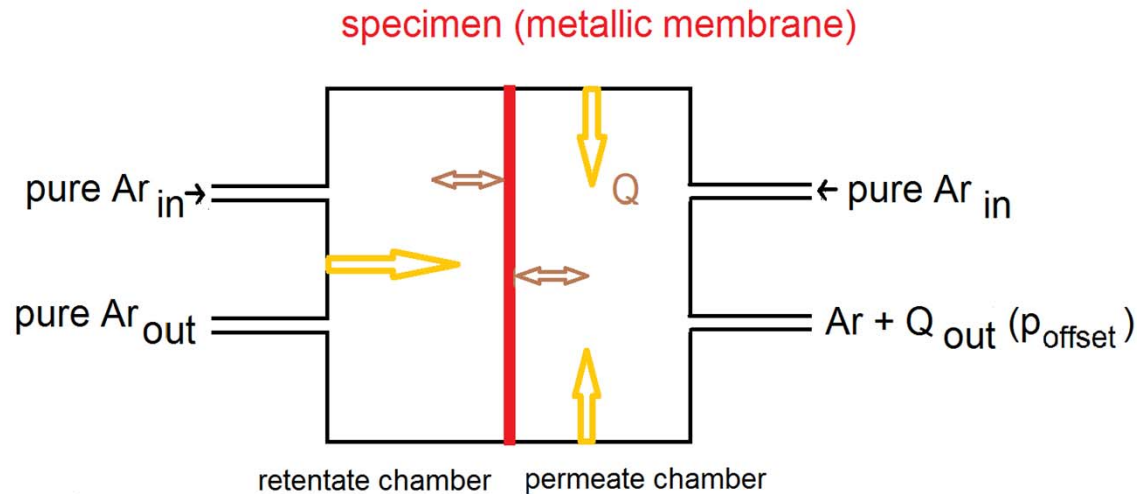


retentate chamber permeate chamber  
 heated up to 600°C, in vacuum tank  
 pressure gauges for both chambers



Retentate (primary) chamber

## 2.: (FDM) analysis: Before beginning of experiment: Purging with pure Ar:



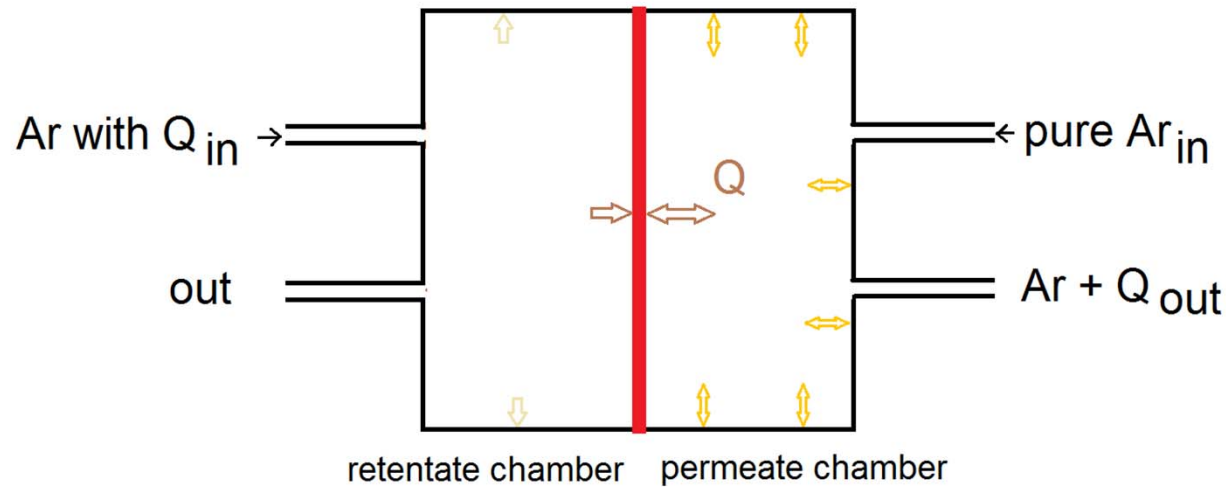
The stored Q is generating a constant assumed offset permeation. The membrane is in diffusive contact with the two volumes, equilibrium state given by  $K_S$ .

$$c(t, x) = K_S \sqrt{p_{offset}} = K_S \sqrt{\frac{j_{offset} p_{tot}}{\dot{m}_{Ar}}}, t < t_{start}, 0 \leq x \leq d_m$$

$j_{offset}$  determined by QMS, specimen saturated with Q, no Q is additionally stored or emitted,  $p_{tot}$  absolute pressure in both volumes by pressure gauge,  $\dot{m}_{Ar}$  by mass flow controller @RT

# FDM solver: Boundary conditions after start of experiment:

specimen (metallic membrane)



$$c(x = 0, t > t_{off}) \stackrel{FDM}{=} c(1, t > t_{off}) = c(o)$$

$$= K_s \sqrt{p_{load}}$$

$$p_{offset} < p_{load}$$

$$\dot{j}_{measure} = \dot{j}_{offset} + \underbrace{\dot{j}_{perm}}_{\text{from membrane}}$$

Partial Q-Pressure in retentate chamber, surface concentration linear increased in 1 s after  $t_{off}$

$\dot{j}_{offset}$  assumed constant, generated by thick structures thickness more than 20 mm (1.4404), emitting into vacuum also, membrane around 1.2 mm thickness.

## FDM solver: Boundary condition of permeate (secondary) membrane side after start of experiment

$$j_{measure} = j_{offset} + \underbrace{- D_{eff} \frac{w_m^2 \pi}{4} \frac{\delta c(x = w_m, t > t_{off})}{\delta x}}_{FDM} \stackrel{FDM}{=} j_{offset} + D_{eff} \frac{w_m^2 \pi}{4} \frac{c(x = w_m - 4\Delta x, t > t_{off}) - c(x = w_m - 2\Delta x, t > t_{off})}{2 \Delta x}$$

$$(*) \quad c(n, t > t_{off}) = K_s \sqrt{j_{measure} \frac{p_{tot}}{\dot{m}_{Ar} \alpha}}$$

$\Delta x = 12 \mu m (=d_m / n)$  from discretization of membrane in thickness direction normally  $n=100$  elements, first element on retentate side,  $n^{th}$  element on permeate side.  $\alpha=1$  for homogeneous purge gas inlet,  $\alpha=2$  for point shaped inlet

Transient FDM-solver (any textbook):

$$(**) \quad c(i, t + \Delta t) = c(i, t) + \frac{D_{eff} \Delta t}{\Delta x^2} (c(i + 1, t) - 2 c(i, t) + c(i - 1, t))$$

$$I = 2 \dots n - 1, t > t_{off}$$

Pseudoadaptive time integration step (saving calculation steps and decreased step length in transient region) algorithm:

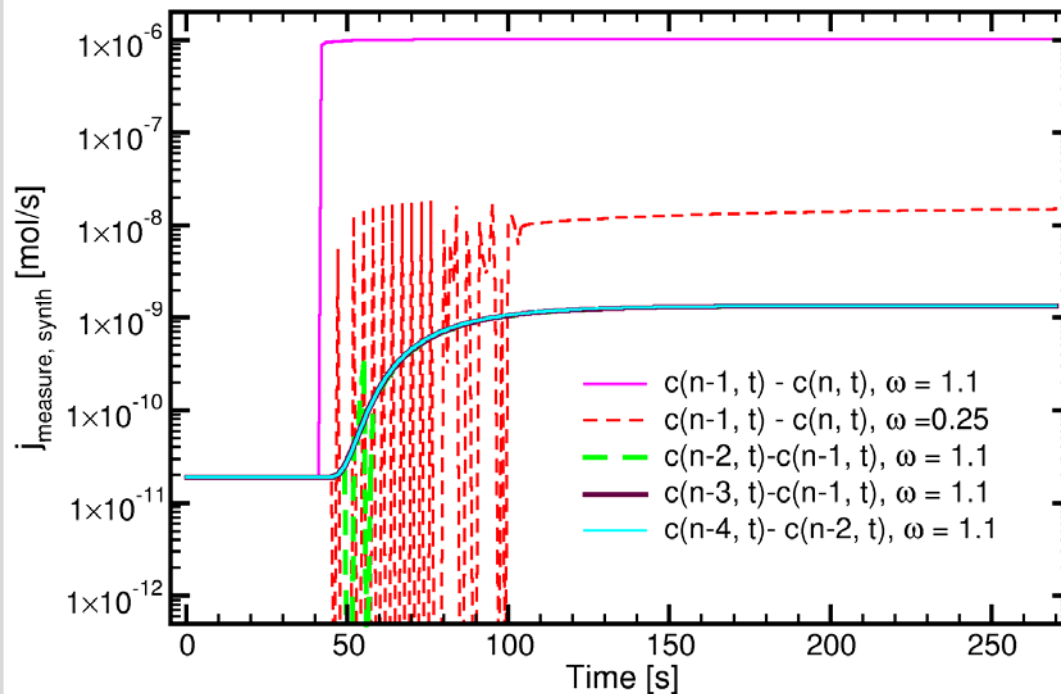
$$\Delta t \text{ is varied } 2 \Delta t_{soll} \text{ for } t < t_{off}, 0.2 - 0.5 \Delta t_{soll} \text{ for } t < t_{off} + \tau, \text{ else } \Delta t = \Delta t_{soll} \quad \tau = \frac{w_m^2}{D_{eff} \pi^2}$$

Used FDM-SOR-step (successive over relaxation)

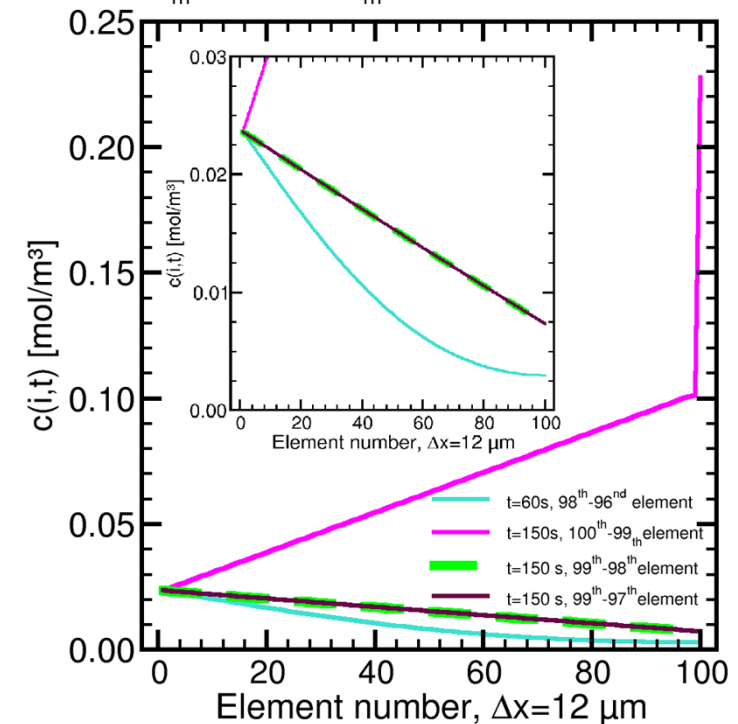
$$c(i, t + \Delta t)_{\omega} = \underbrace{\omega}_{\text{SOR}} (c(i, t + \Delta t) - c(i, t)) + c(i, t), \quad 0 < \omega < 2$$

Optimized  $\omega$  with Eigenwertanalysis of (\*, \*\*), only proposal: Translation of (\*, \*\*) into matrix, calculation with QR method for  $\lambda_{\max}$ , now only  $\omega=1.1$  carefully is used.

T=673 K, Optifer, 150 Pa,  $w_m = 125$  mm,  $d_m = 1.2$  mm, 30 ml/min  
 $\omega$  SOR parameter, n=100

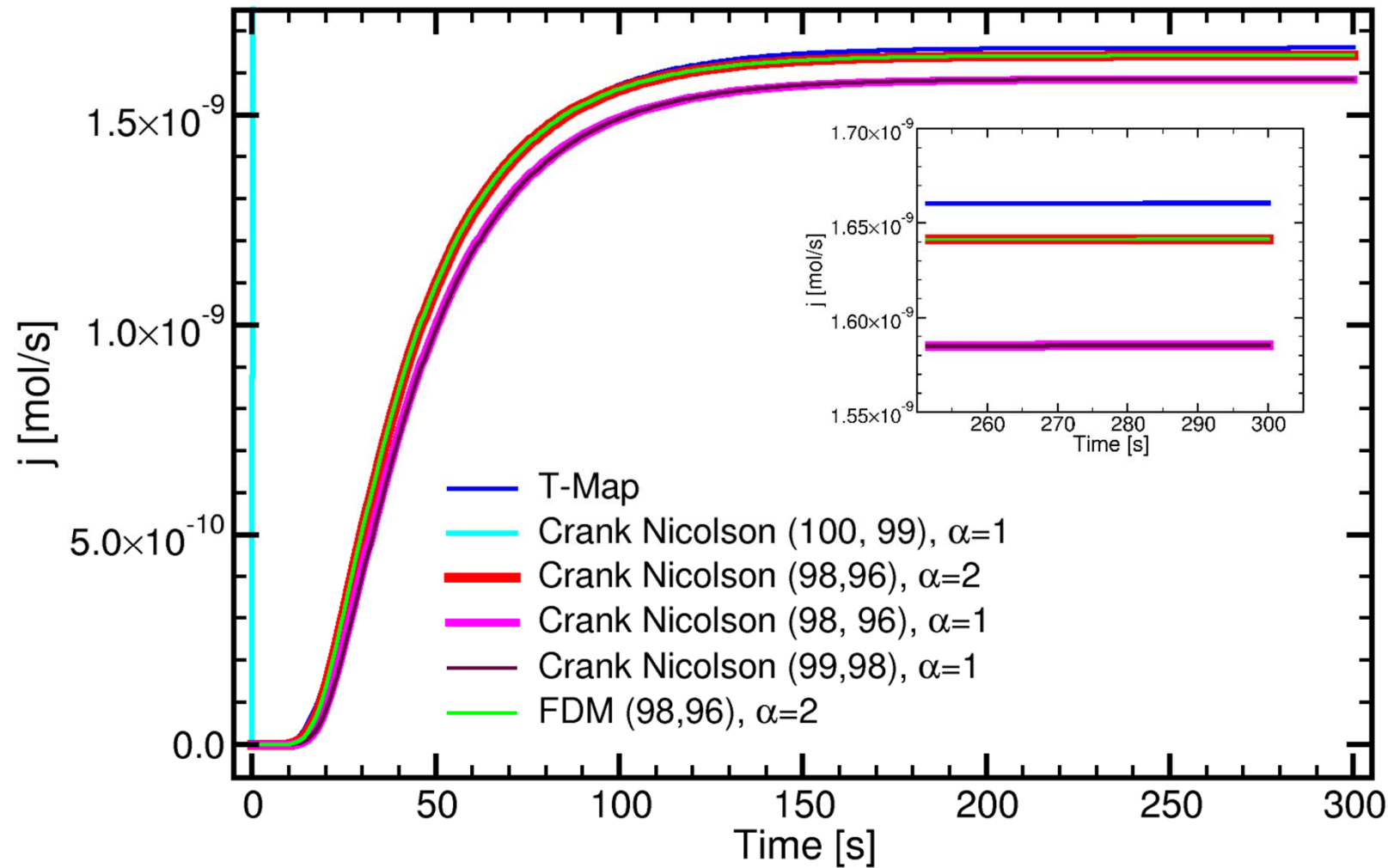


T=673 K, 150 Pa, 30 ml/min,  $t_{\text{off}}=40$ s  
 $w_m = 125$  mm,  $d_m = 1.2$  mm, n=100,  $\tau=19$ s



## Comparison T-Map, Crank Nicolson and FDM

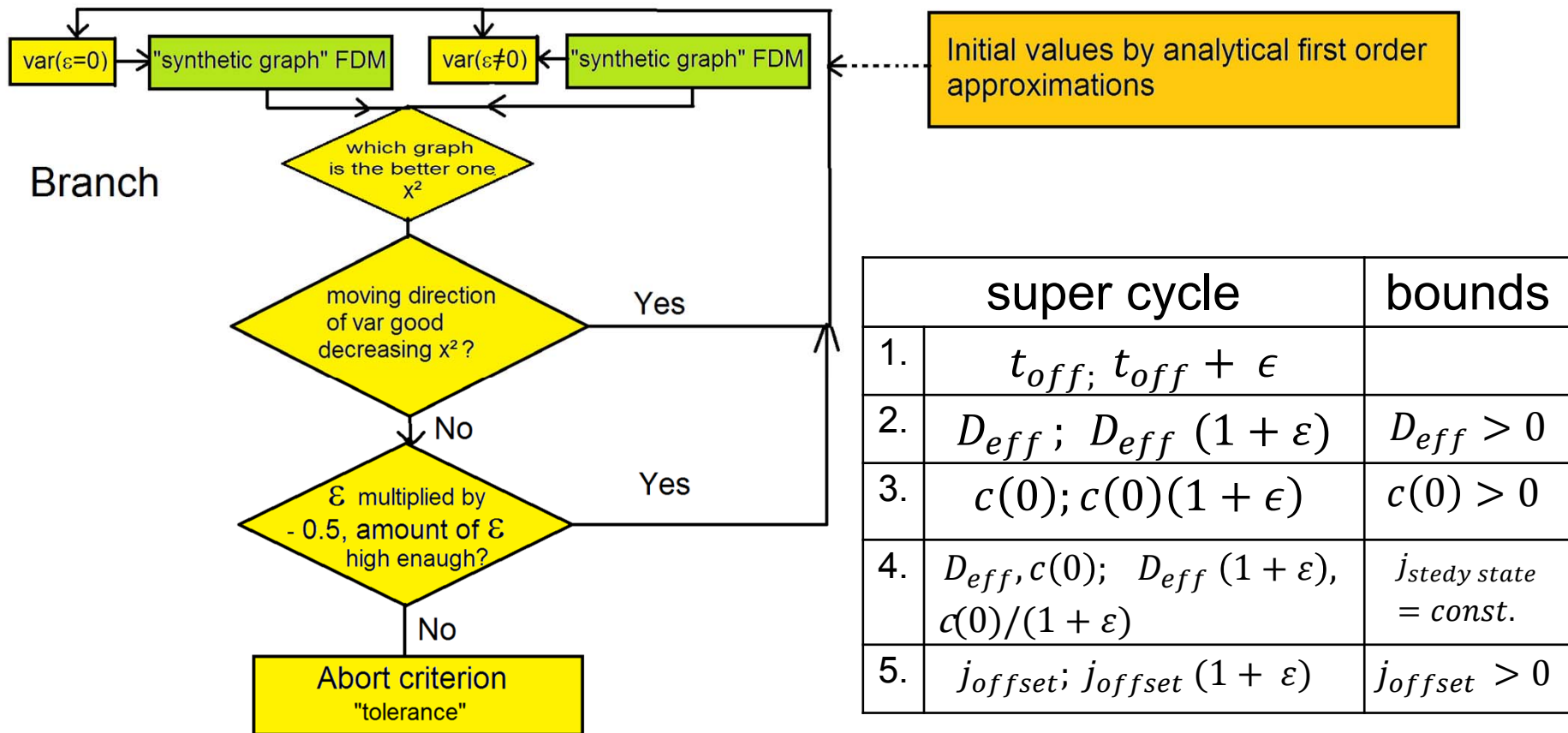
673 K,  $2.5 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ , 280 Pa,  $1.4 \cdot 10^5 \text{ Pa}$ ,  $\text{D}_2$ , 100 elements



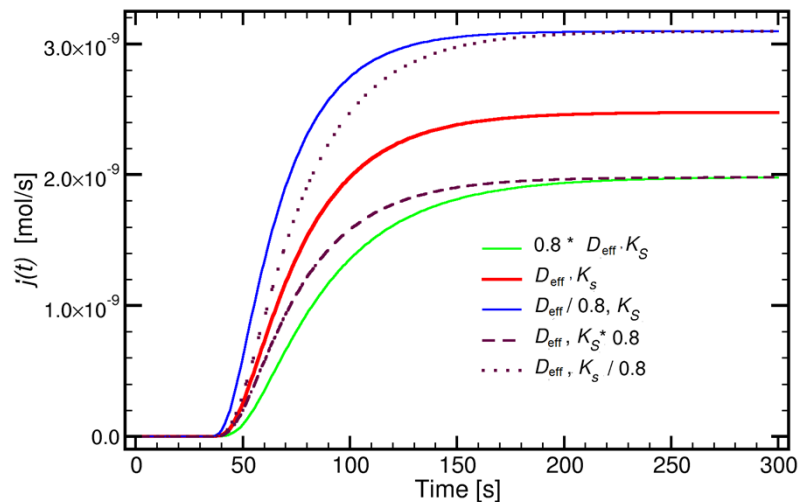


### 3.: (Branch and Bound) B&B algorithm

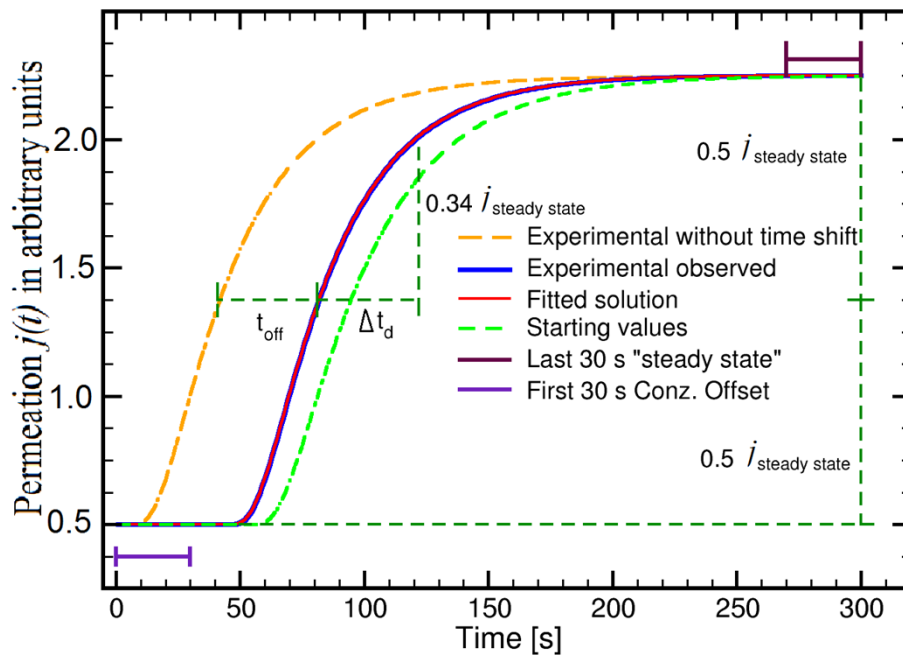
Four desired variables:  $D_{eff}$ ,  $c(0)$  (res.  $K_s$ ),  $t_{off}$  and  $j_{offset}$  serial treated within a super cycle. No explicit formulation possible, especially Daynes solution, comparison between measured permeation curve and “synthetic” graph from FDM module:



$T = 573 \text{ K}$ ,  $D_{st} = 4.78 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ ,  $K_{s,st} = 5.06 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ mol/m}^3$   
 $p_L = 3 \cdot 10^3 \text{ Pa}$ ,  $\dot{m} = 180 \text{ ml/min}$ ,  $d_m = 1.2 \text{ mm}$ ,  $w_m = 125 \text{ mm}$



**B&B: Determination of initial values:**



$$j_{offset,initial} = \frac{1}{n_j} \sum_{i=1}^{n_j} j(i)_{measure}$$

$$D_{eff,initial} = \frac{d_m^2}{\pi^2 \Delta t_d}$$

$$t_{off,initial} = t_{1/2} - 1.25 \Delta t_d$$

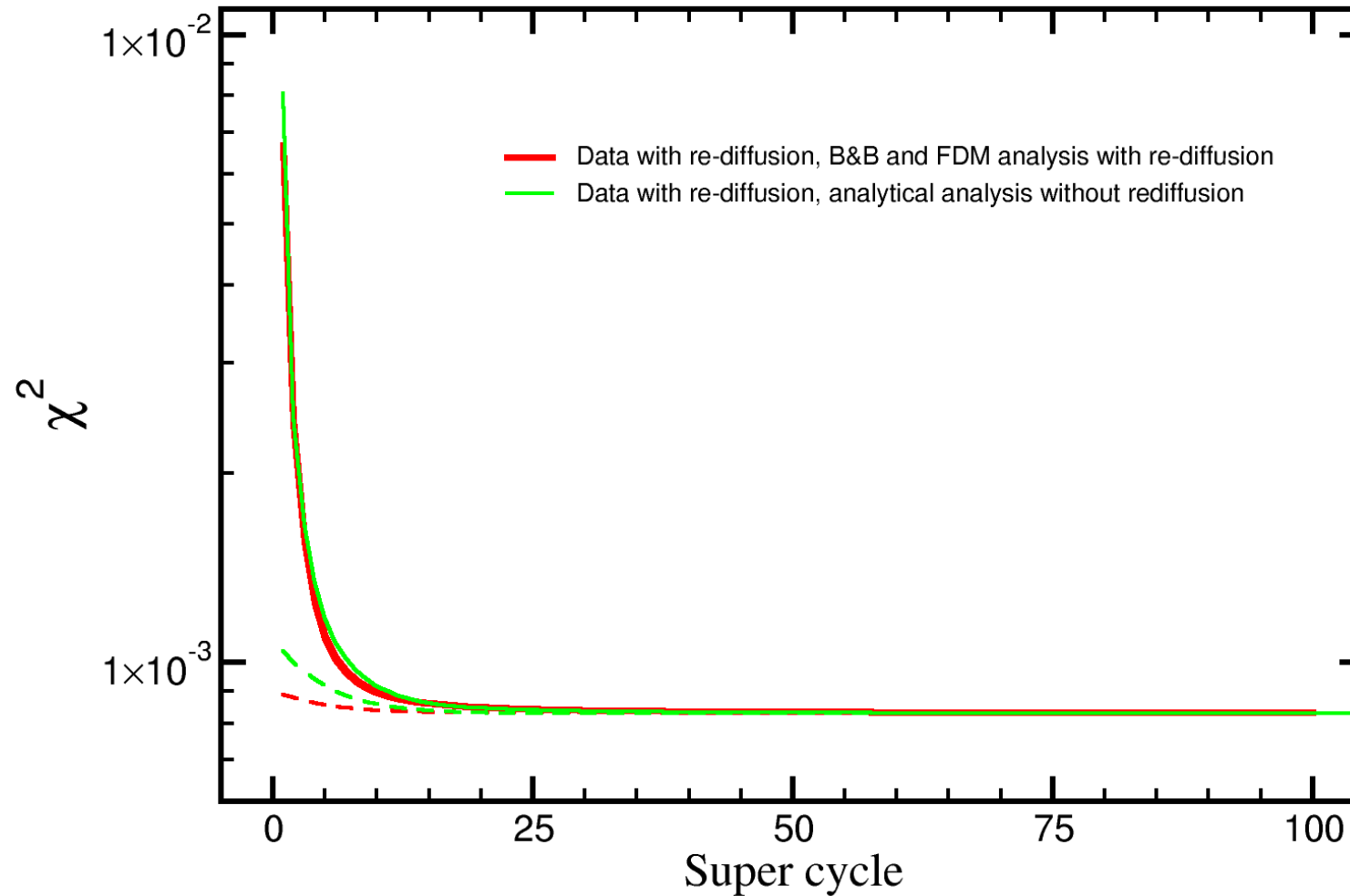
$$\Delta j = j_{steady\ state} - j_{offset,initial}$$

$$c(0)_{initial} = \frac{\Delta j \cdot 4 \cdot d_m}{w_m^2 \cdot \pi \cdot D_{eff,initial} \cdot \sqrt{\dot{m}_{therm} \cdot p_{load} \cdot p_{tot}}}$$

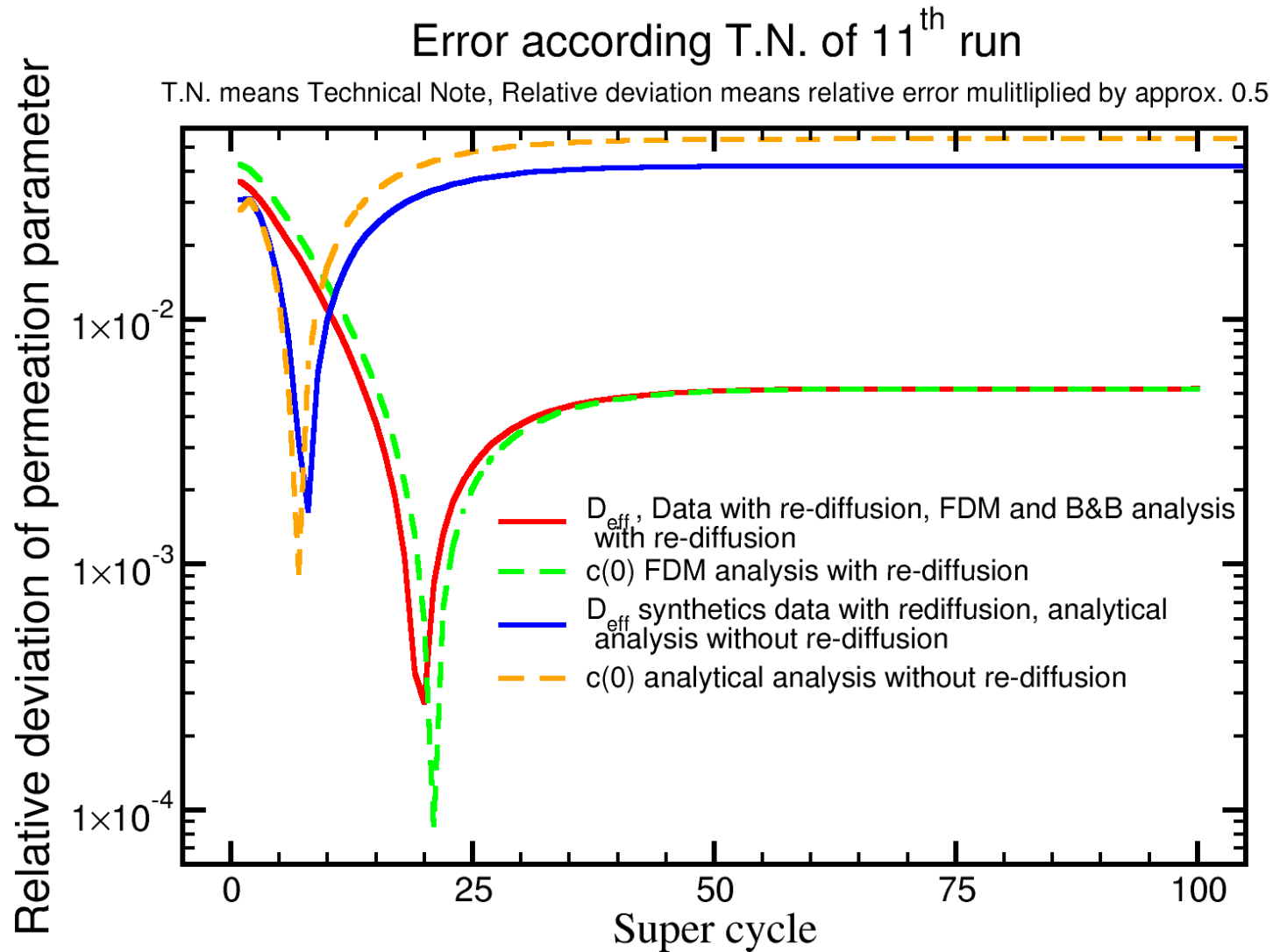
## Example for $\chi^2$

Optifer 573 K, 0.15 kPa partial pressure, 11<sup>th</sup> run

$\omega=1.1$ , tolerance=0.001,  $\Delta t=10^{-4}$  s, 100 FDMes,  $w_m=0.125$  m,  $d_m=1.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$  m

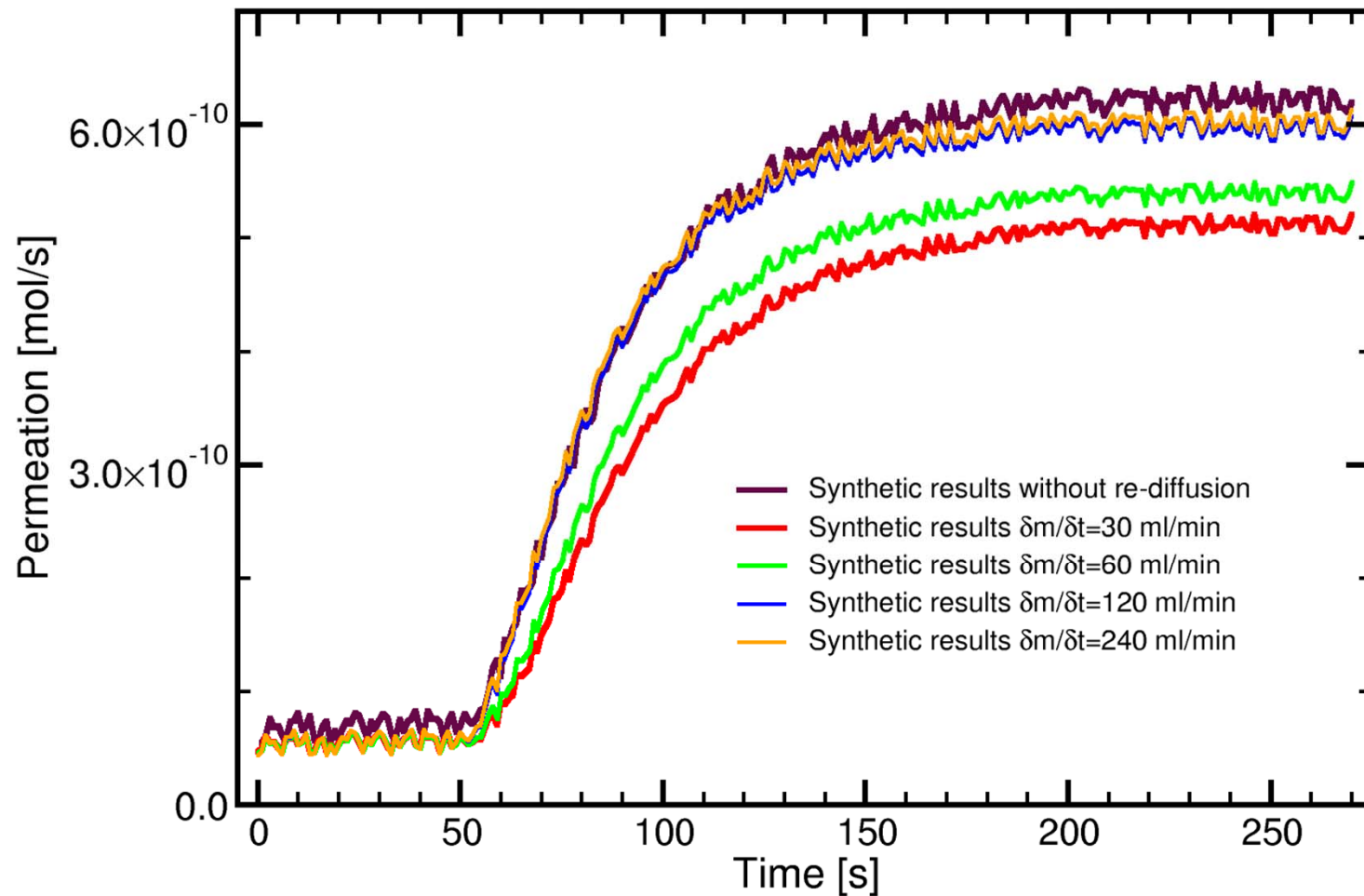


# Example to former slide, comparison with analytical Daynes solution and FDM results



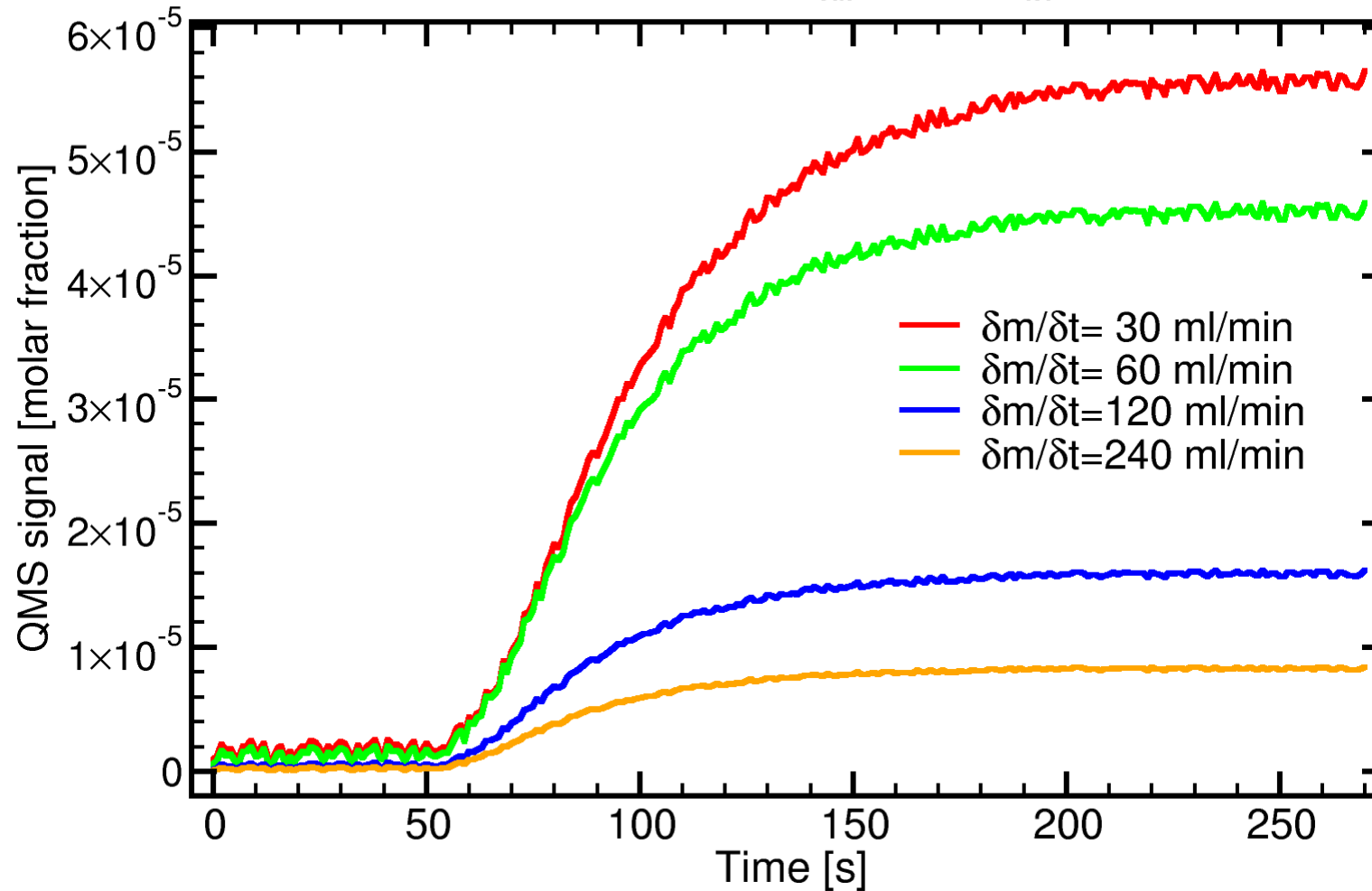
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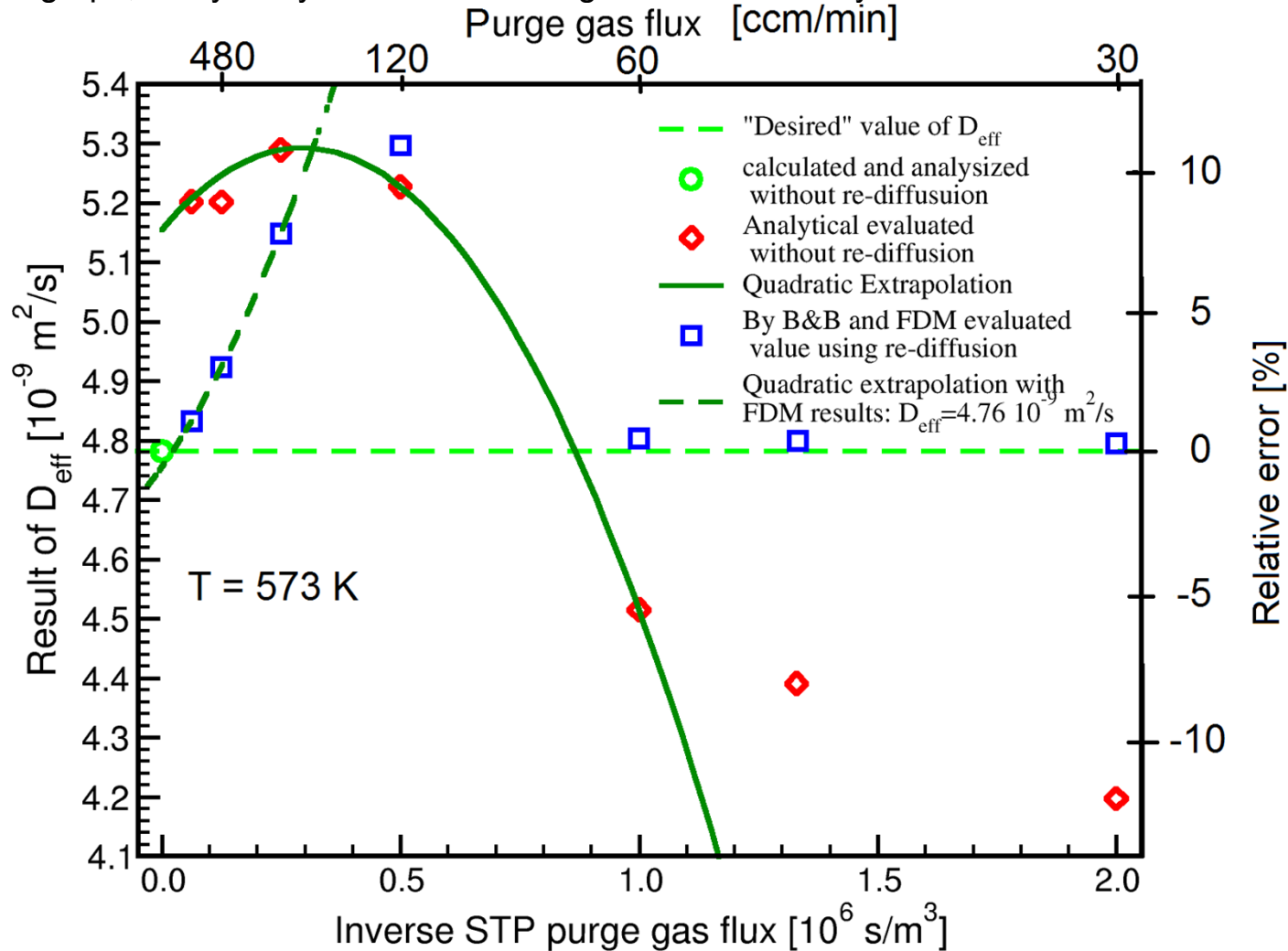
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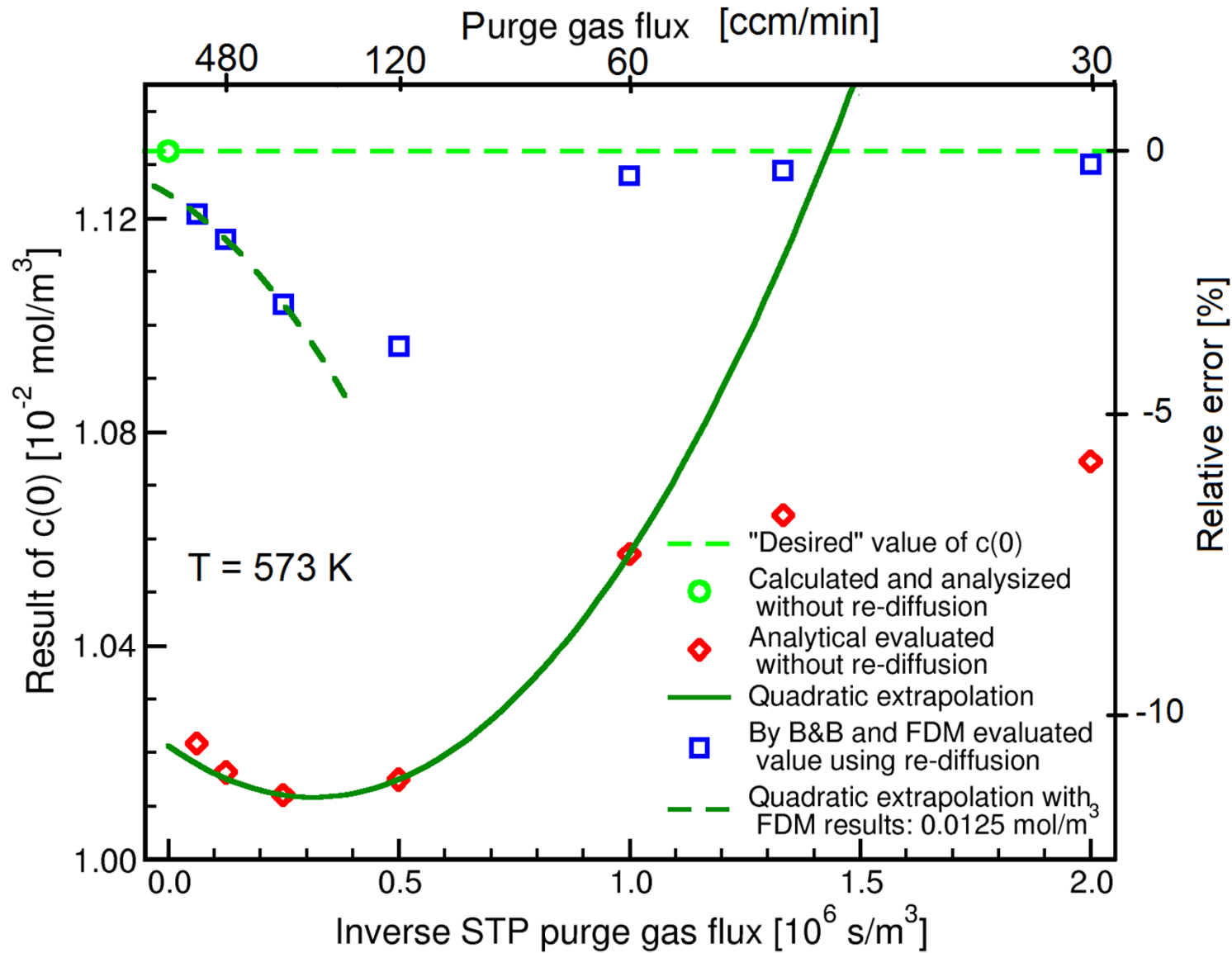


# Re-recognition of diffusion constant and Sieverts' constant,

permeation constants of technical note as true regarded, time dependent synthetic permeation graph, analysis by FDM and B&B algorithm versus Daynes with B&B

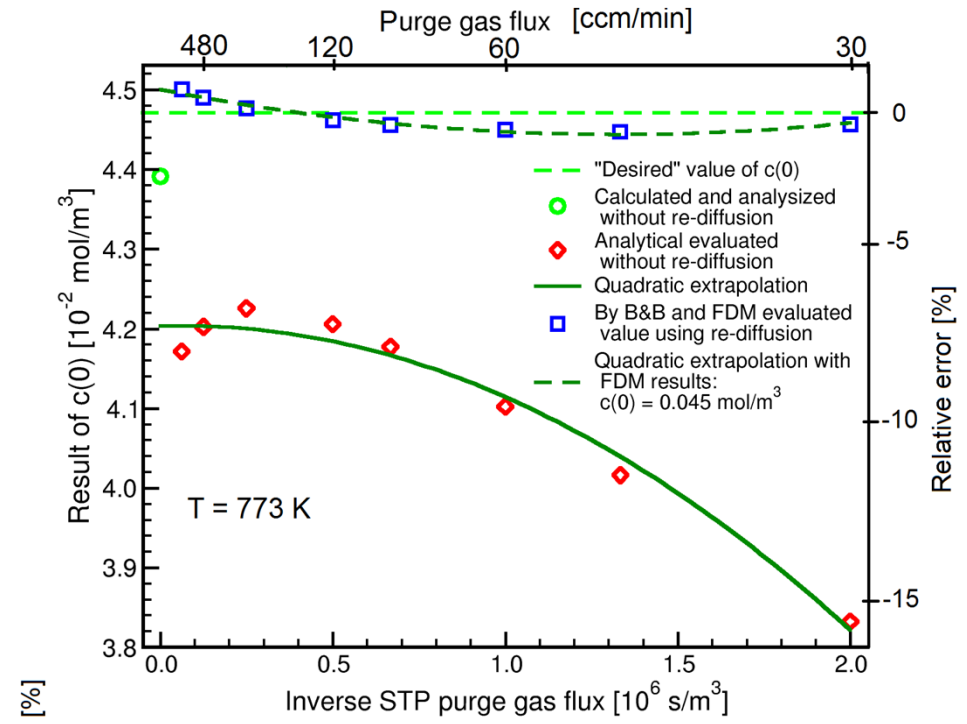
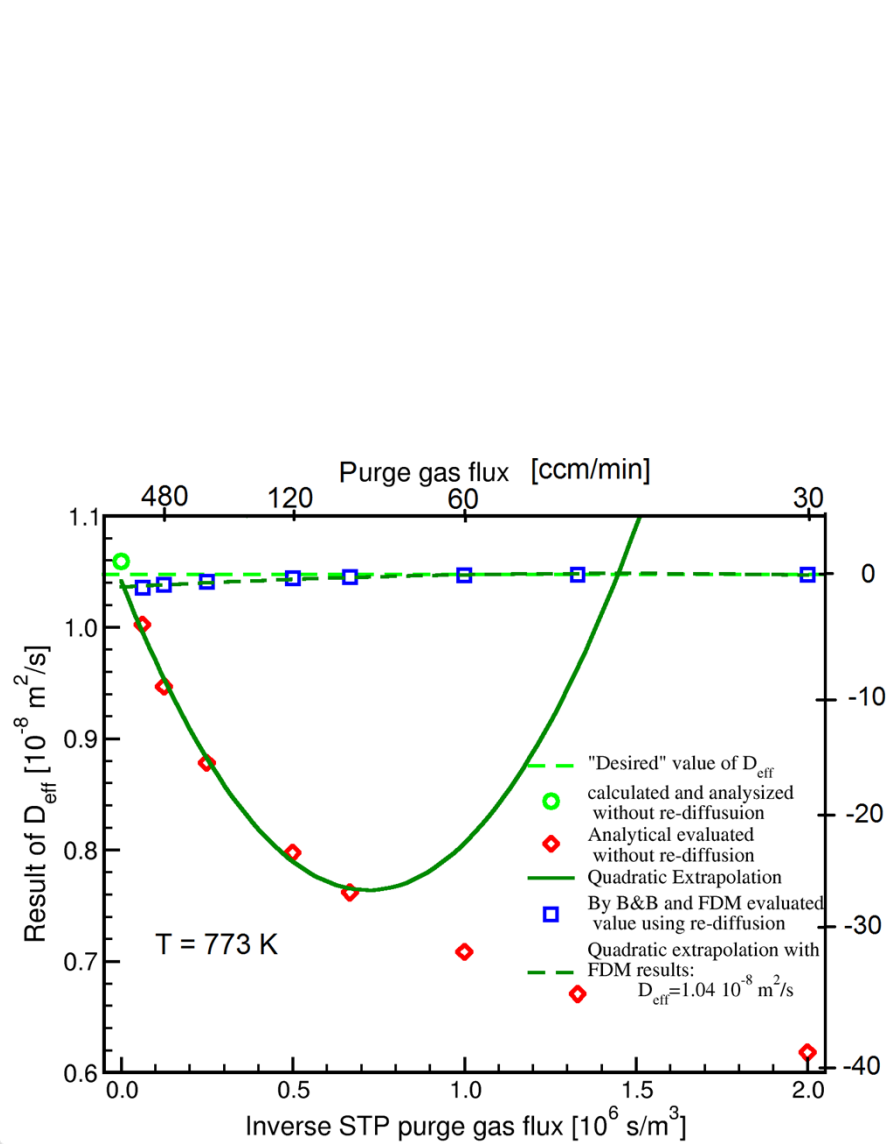


# Re-recognition of diffusion and Sieverts' constant





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## 5.: Conclusion:

- With the here published analysis the influence of re-diffusion by non vanishing Q-concentration in the permeate chamber containing the measuring application is described.
- The Q-PETE experiment will be able to control re-diffusion
- The here told FDM model can adjusted for experimental deviation (e.g. storage behavior of material) caused by numerical algorithm.
- Recognition error of B&B at the moment by 1%
- It can extended for other applications which use transport equation

Outlook: It is planed to start Q-PETE experiment using FDM & B&B algorithm. The future investigation of (semi-)analytical solution is desired

**Thank You for Your attention !**