

# Developing Relationships between FW/OSDA orientation and AI siting

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# Workflow

## Objectives

1. Develop models to capture/describe the orientational preference a framework (FW) has for a particular organic structure directing agent (OSDA)
2. Identify FW/OSDA combinations that could influence Al ordering through preferential OSDA orientations.
3. Compute and compare organic and inorganic structure directing agent interactions with frameworks to identify consequences on Si/Al ratios

## Plan of Attack

1. **What is the preferential orientational of a specific OSDA/Zelite combination**
  - (a) Develop a model to capture OSDA Orientations
    - Classical molecular dynamics (CMD) at very high temperatures ( $T \geq 10,000$ ) to sample different possible orientation
  - (b) Compute interaction energy (IE) of all FW and OSDA combinations (maybe free energies):
    - CHA and AEI with TMADA, DMDMP (isomers), and DEDMP (isomers)
      - include LTA and TMA?
    - Using CMD at 343 K (rigid framework)
    - Using density functional theory with dispersion (DFT-D3) (flexible framework)
      - Rigid Framework as well?
  - (c) Evaluate orientation and positioning dependence of OSDA in FW

- Measure the orientation of an OSDA relative to some axis which encompasses the cage the OSDA is in
- Measure the location of the OSDA center of mass is relative to the center of the zeolite cage

## 2. What is the impact of Al siting with respect to OSDA orientation

### (a) Using some preferred orientation(s)

- Using the same technique developed by Sichi, run CMD on Al substituted FW and charged OSDA as in 1(a)
- Refine using techniques in 1(b)

### (b) Compare relative energies (or IE?)

- Is there a difference between AEI and CHA?

## 3. What is the impact of co-caging (Relevant?)

### (a) Charged or chargeless model