

# Comparison of collision cross section (CCS)- $m/z$ trendlines of perfluoroalkyl carboxylic acid dimers between Trapped, Traveling Wave and Drift Tube ion mobility spectrometry.

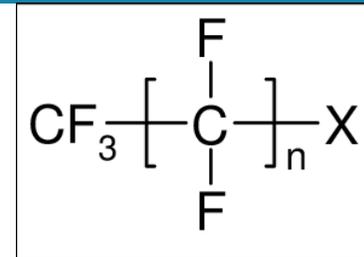
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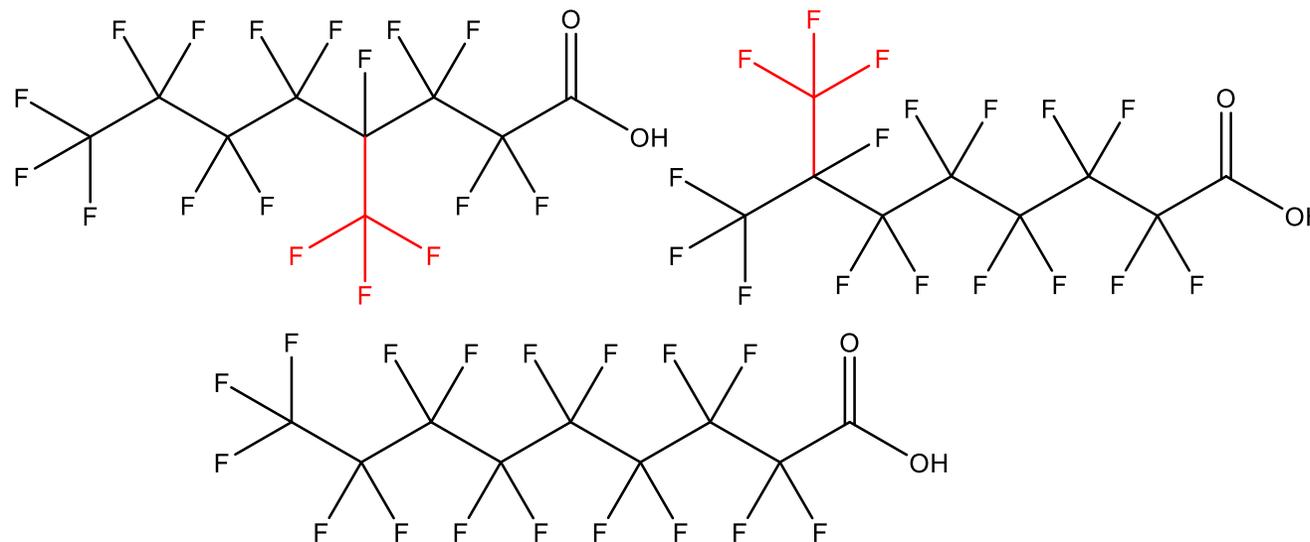
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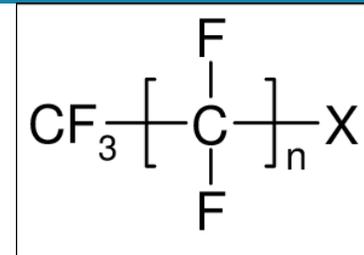
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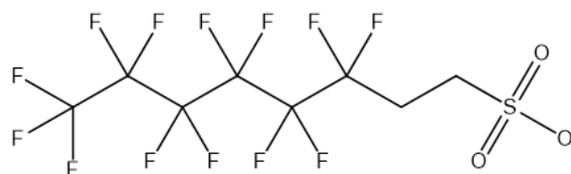
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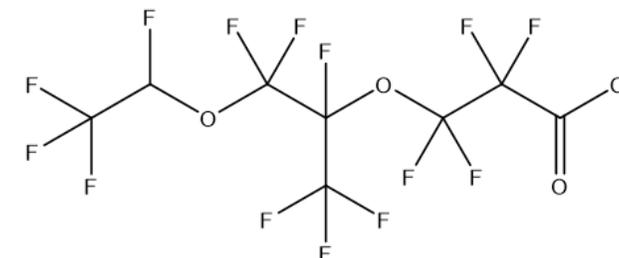


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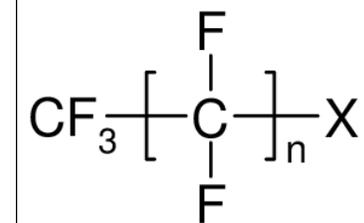
6:2 FTS  
*m/z* 426.9674



Hydro-EVE  
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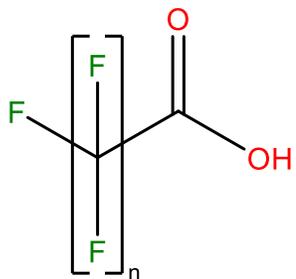


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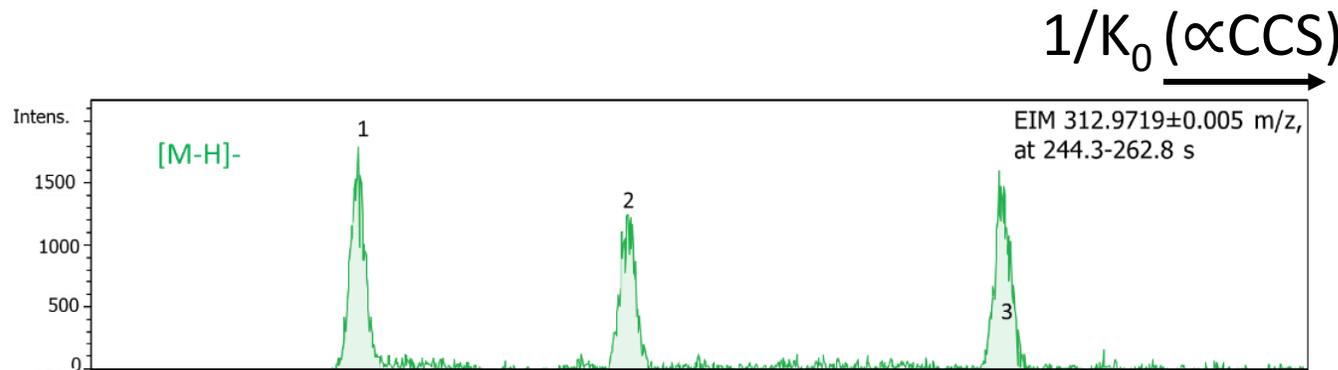
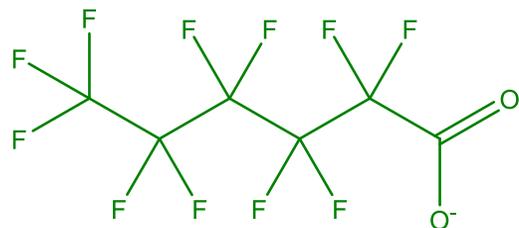
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⇒ Ion mobility spectrometry can be valuable

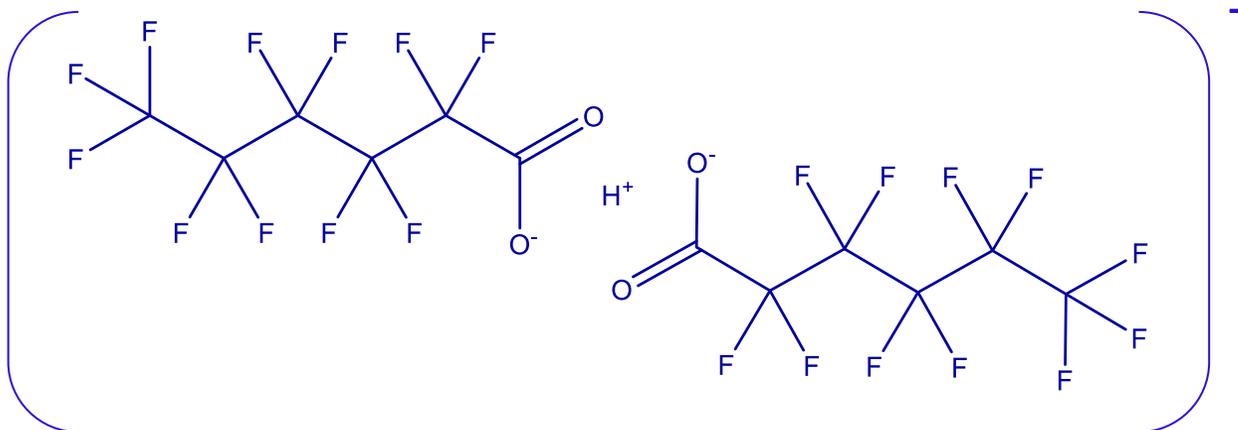
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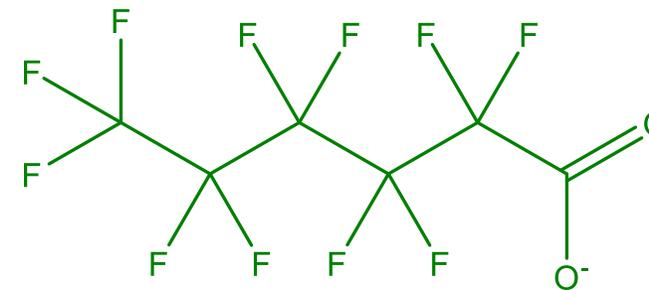


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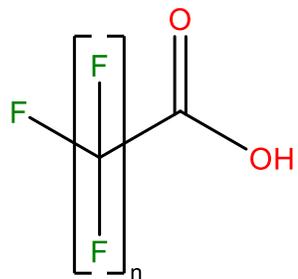


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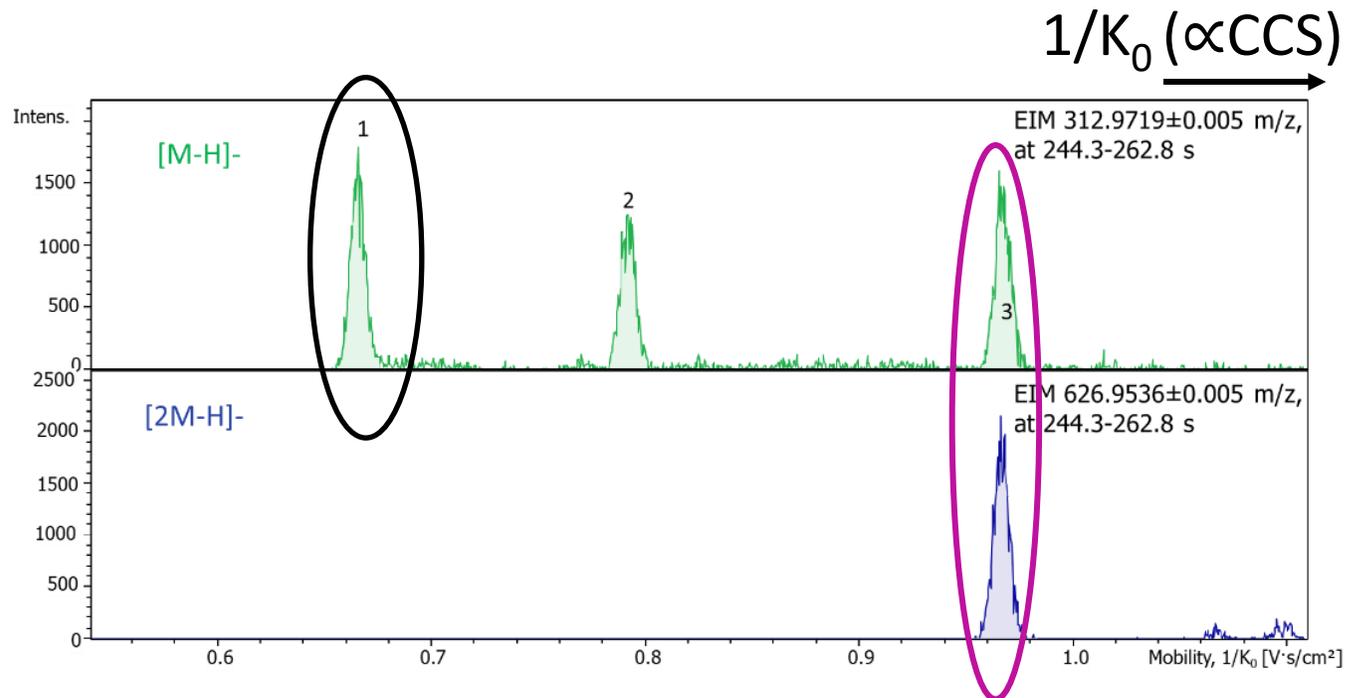
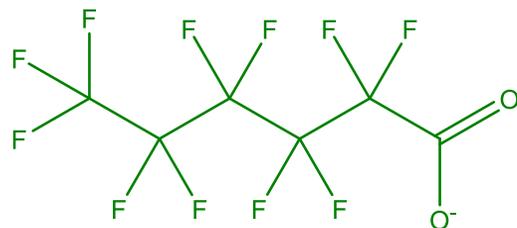
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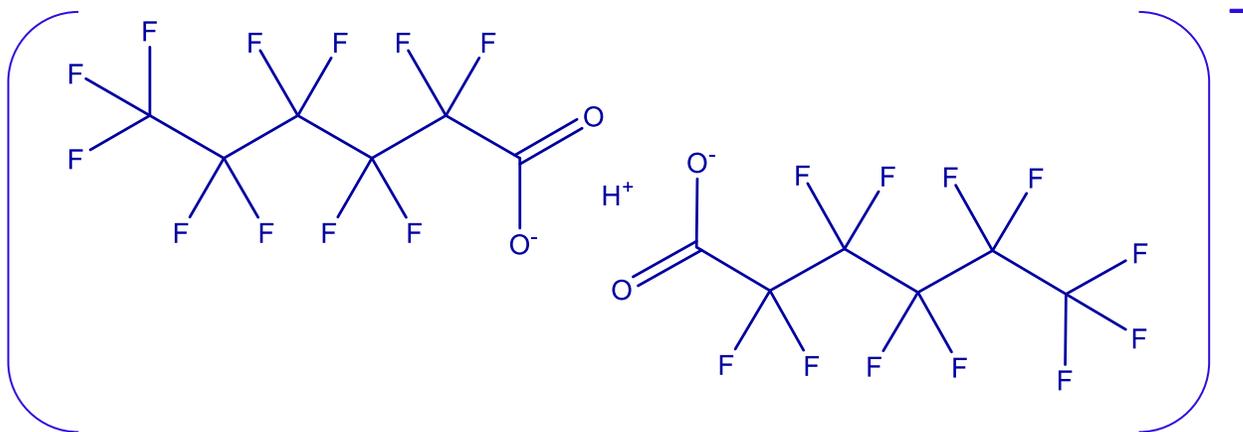
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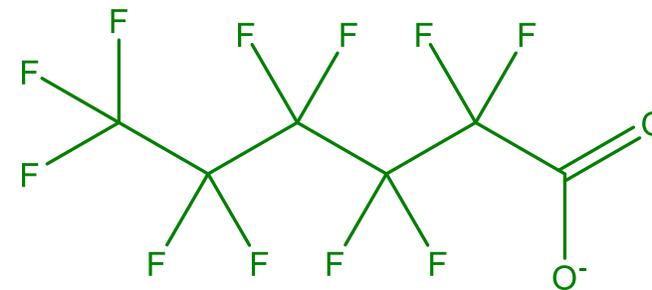


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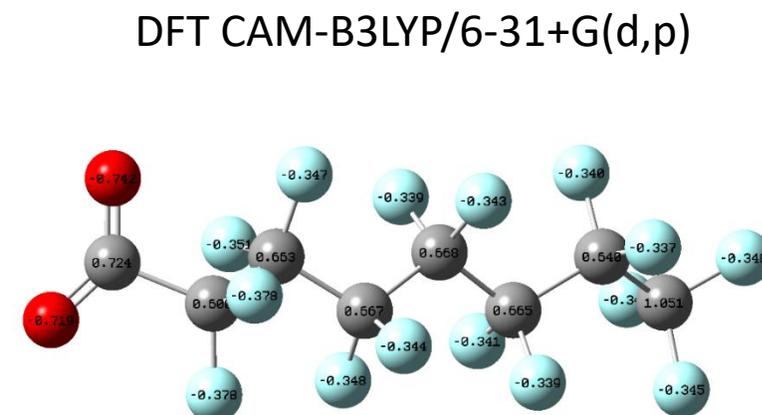
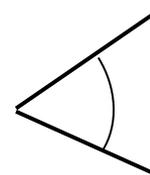
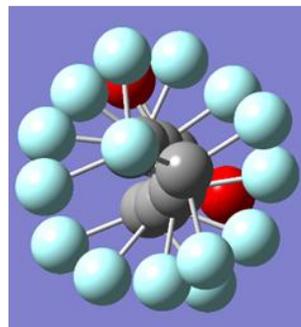
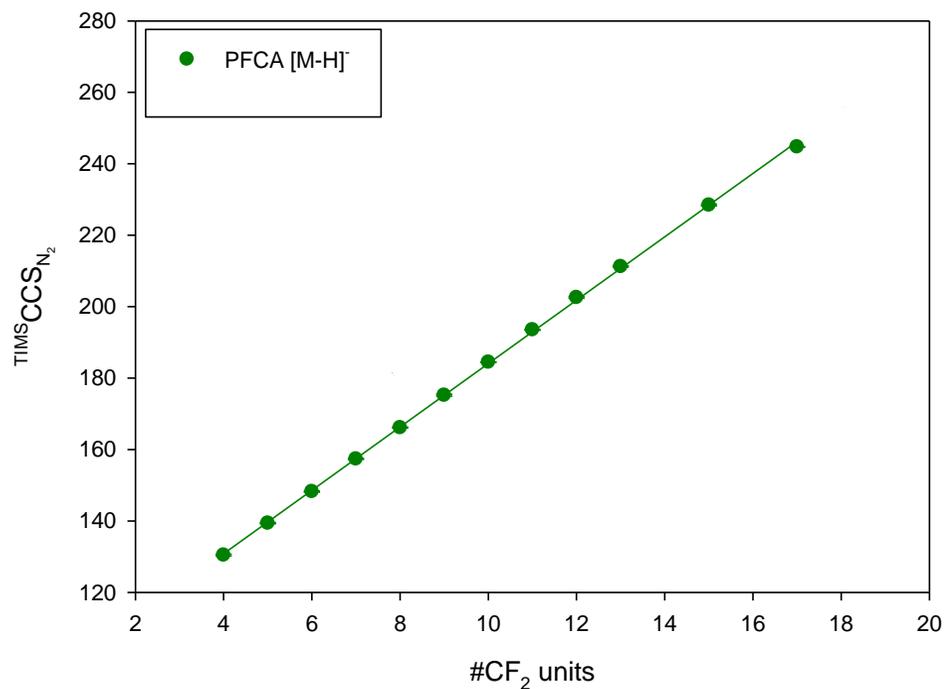
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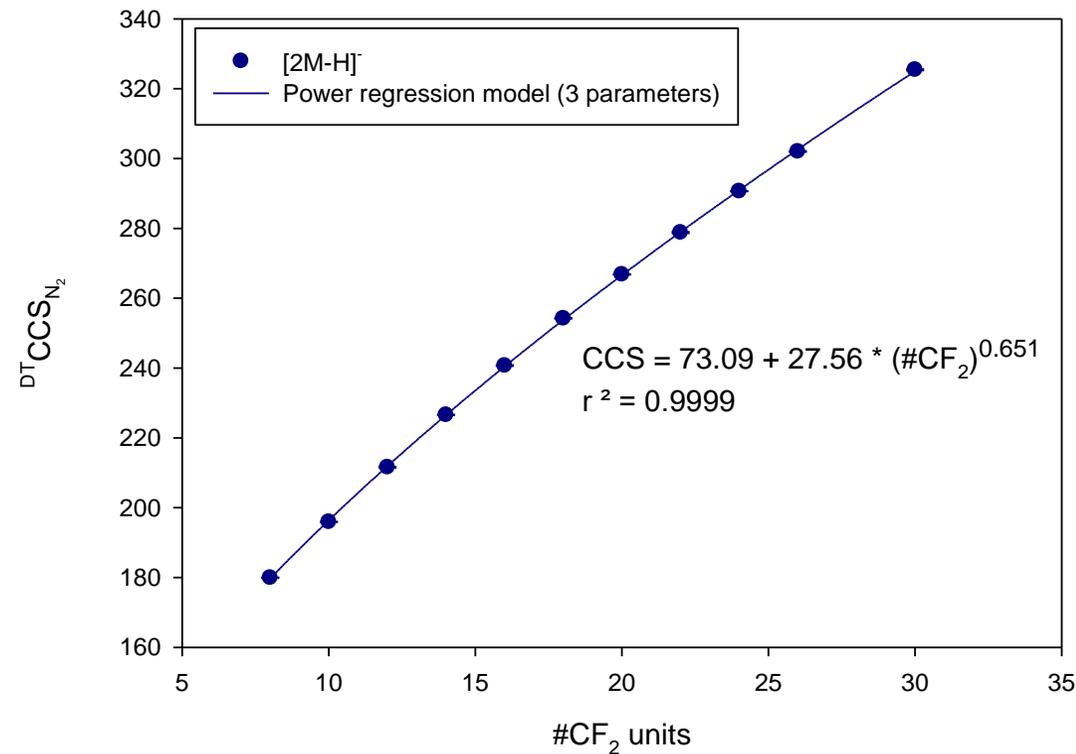
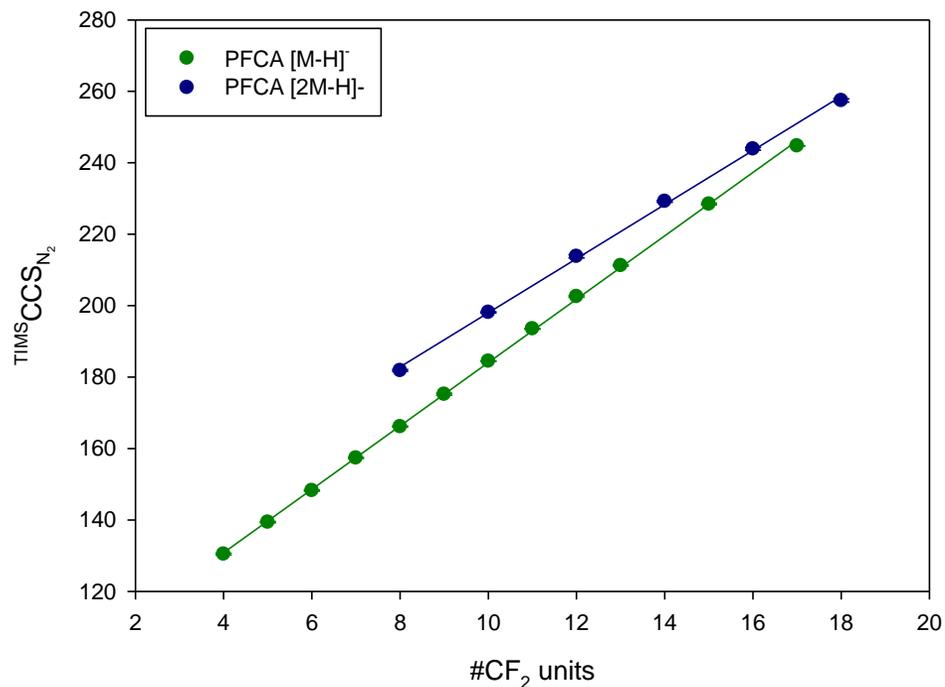
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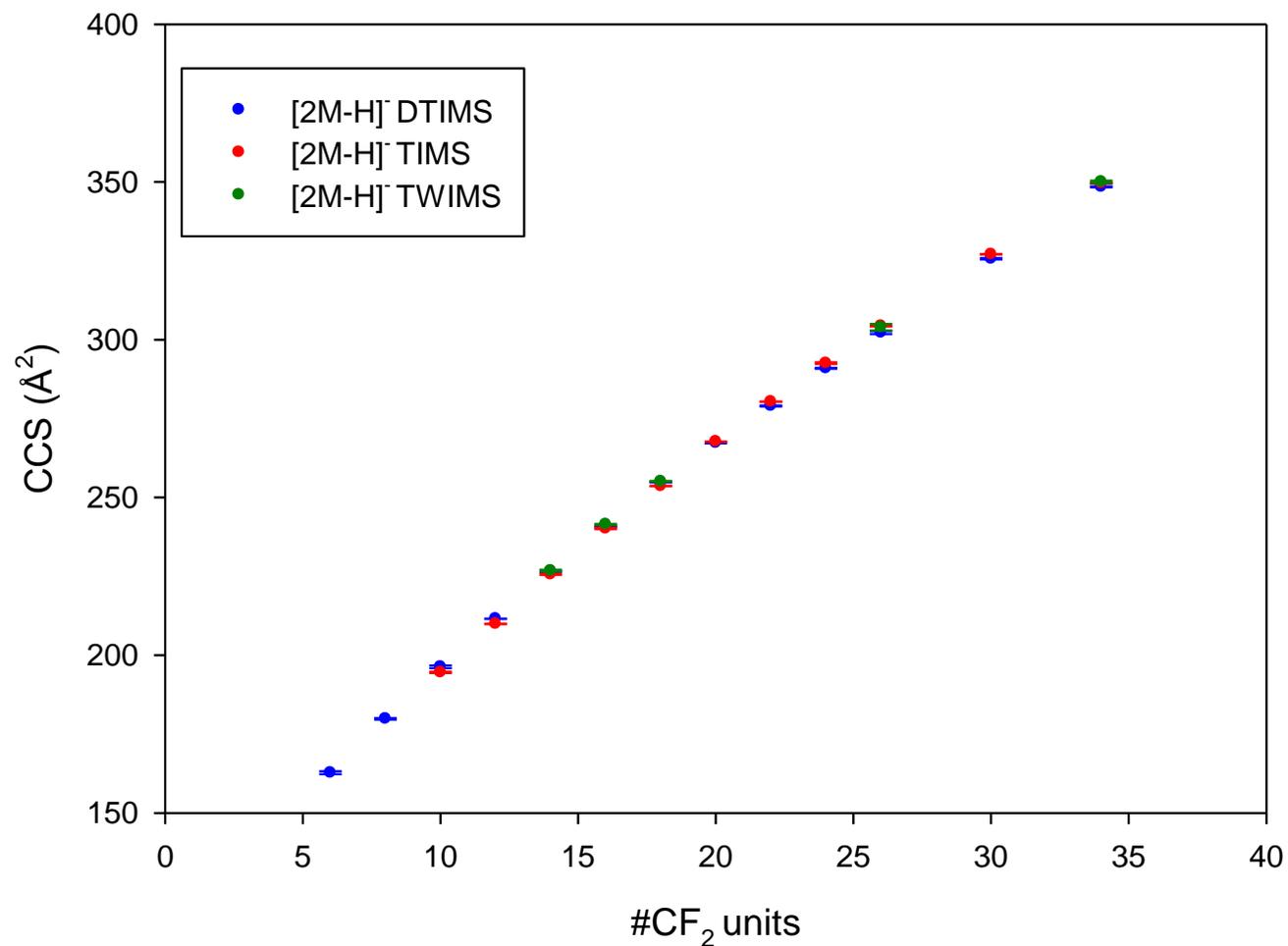
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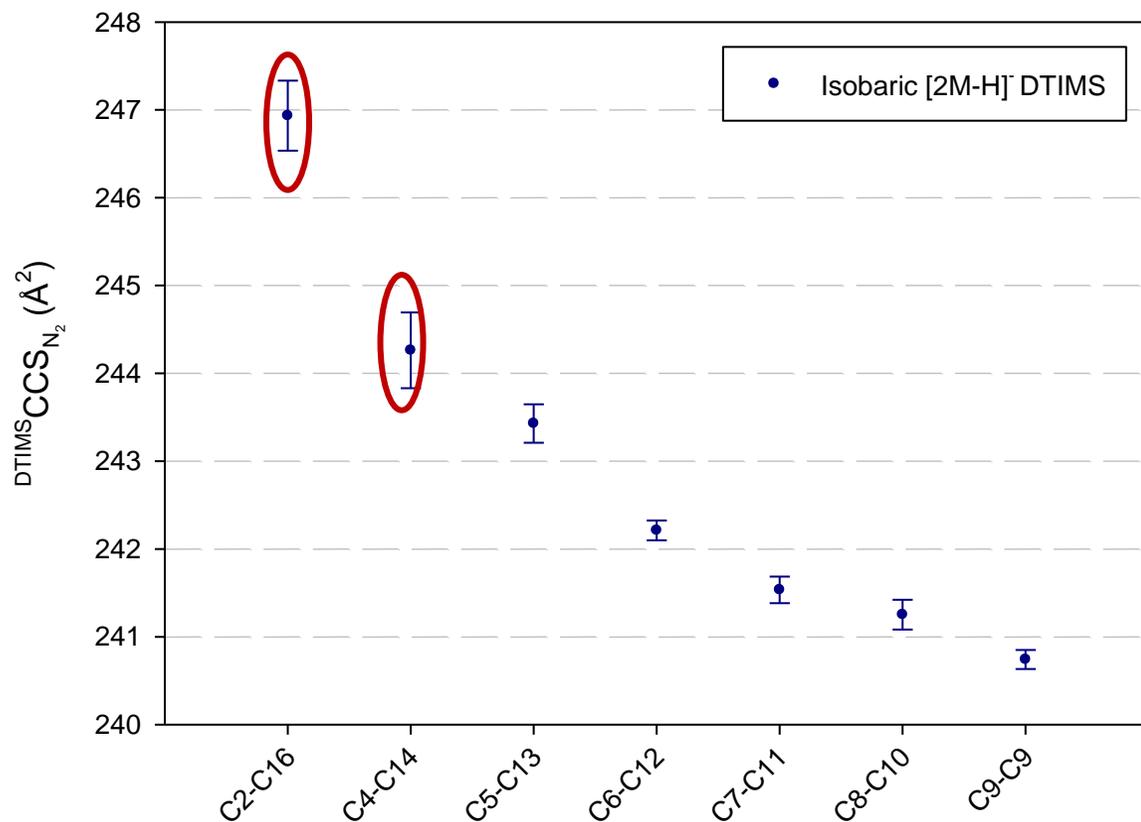


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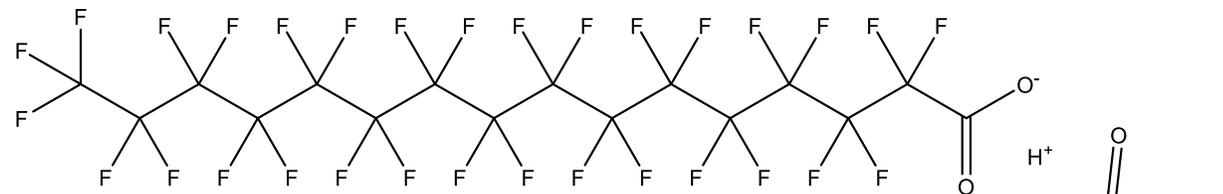
- Theoretical calculations  
 ⇒ Overall shape dependent of ion effective temperature?



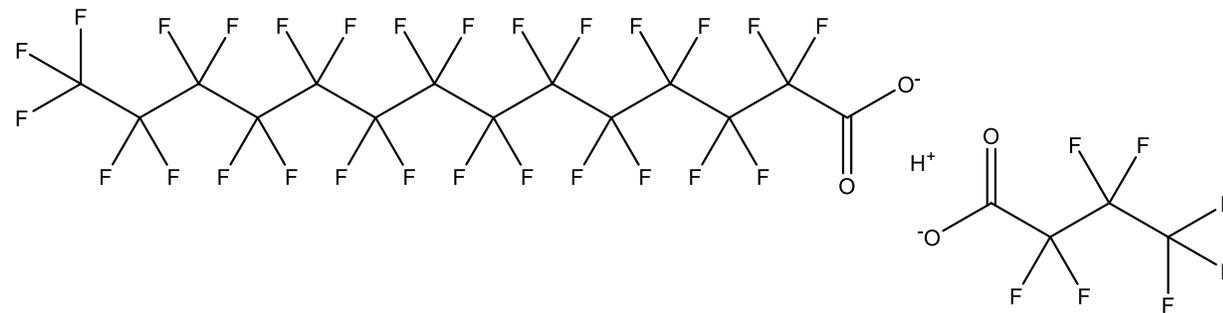
# CCS of asymmetric isobaric PFCA dimers



$C_{16} - C_2$  (15  $CF_2$  + 1  $CF_2$ )



$C_{14} - C_4$  (13  $CF_2$  + 3  $CF_2$ )





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## Any questions?