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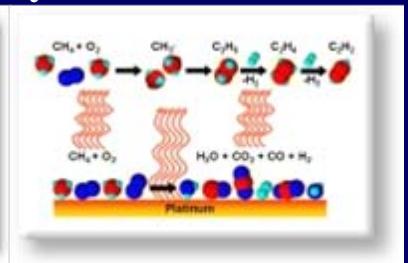
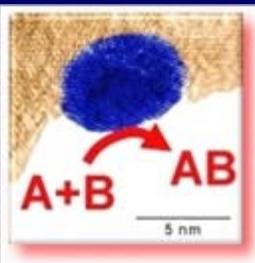
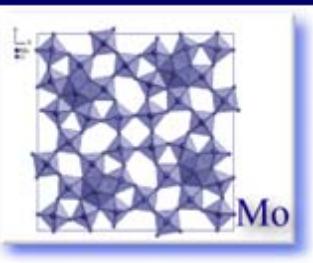
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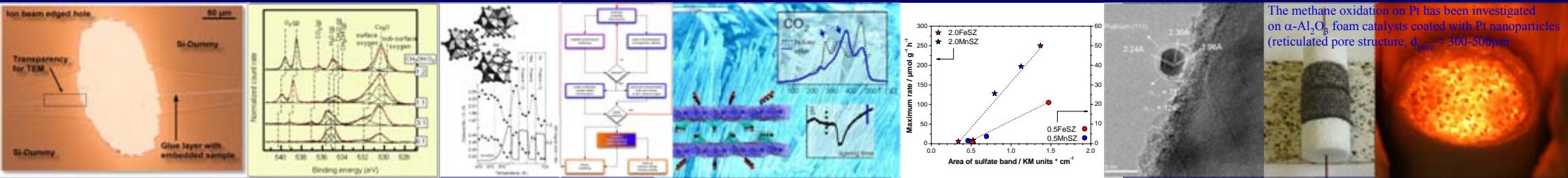
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History of the Fritz-Haber-Institut

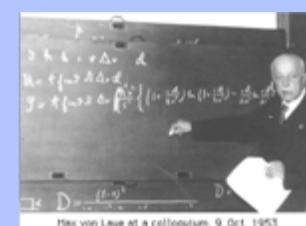


What is now called the Fritz-Haber-Institut of the Max-Planck-Gesellschaft was founded in 1911 as the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Institut for Physical Chemistry and Electrochemistry, together with the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Institut for Chemistry. These were in fact the first two institutes of the Kaiser-Wilhelm Society (Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gesellschaft, KWG).



Fritz Haber (left) and Albert Einstein (right) at the "Fritz-Haber-Institut" (1915).

In 1951, at the age of 71, Max von Laue became chief director of the institute. This started a new period of consolidation in which Max von Laue applied all his influence and his great scientific reputation to the task of rebuilding the institute.



Max von Laue at a colloquium, 9 October, 1953



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- 1955** **Max von Laue**, director of the institute
- 1953** Rename in Fritz-Haber-Institut of the Max-Planck-Gesellschaft
- 1954** **Ernst Ruska**, Scientific Fellow of the institute
- 1957** "Institute for Electron Microscopy of the Fritz-Haber-Institut".
- 1959** **Rudolf Brill**, director of the institute, *catalytic properties for heterogeneous reactions, XRD, kinetic measurements*
- 1969** **Heinz Gerischer**, Dept. of Physical Chemistry, *studies of solid surfaces under ultra-high vacuum conditions and their interaction with gases*
- 1969** **Jochen H. Block**, *kinetic processes on metal surfaces were studied using field electron and field ion microscopies*
- 1974** The institute was restructured to consist of three sections which were to combine their collaborative efforts: Physical Chemistry (directors: J. H. Block, H. Gerischer, K. Mollier), Structure Research (directors: R. Hosemann, Kurt Ueberreiter), and Electron Microscopy (director: E. Ruska until 1974).
- 1976** **Elmar Zeitler**, Electron Microscopy
- 1980** Second reorganization introduced a collaborative structure for the institute with stronger emphasis on surface and interface science.
- 1980** **Alexander Bradshaw**, Dep. of Surface Physics, *spectroscopy of solid surfaces and the study of chemisorbed molecules*
- 1981** A. Bradshaw, Scientific Director of BESSY I, 1999 BESSY II, 1997 IPP
- 1985** **Gerhard Ertl**, Dept. of Physical Chemistry, *structure and chemical reactions on solid surfaces*
- 1986** Ernst Ruska was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics
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- 1988** **Matthias Scheffler**, Theory Dept., *surface theory, solid state research, quantum chemistry, computational physics*
- 1994** **Robert Schlägl**, Dept. of Inorganic Chemistry, *heterogeneous reactions on inorganic surfaces*
- 1995** **Hans-Joachim Freund**, Dept. of Chemical Physics, *adsorption and reaction on solids, in particular, on oxide surfaces*
- 2002** **Gerard Meijer**, Dept. of Molecular Physics, *molecular physics using the free-electron-laser*
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- 2007** Gerhard Ertl was awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry
- 2008** **Martin Wolf**, appointed director of Dept. of Physical Chemistry

How to reach the Institute



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By Train from Bahnhof Zoologischer Garten:

Take U-Bahn U9 direction Rathaus Steglitz. Change at Spichernstrasse. Take U3 direction Krumme Lanke. Go off at Thielplatz. Travel takes about 30 min. Costs are about Euro 2,00. Taxi takes about 20 minutes outside rush hours. Costs are about 15 Euro.

By Air from Flughafen Tegel:

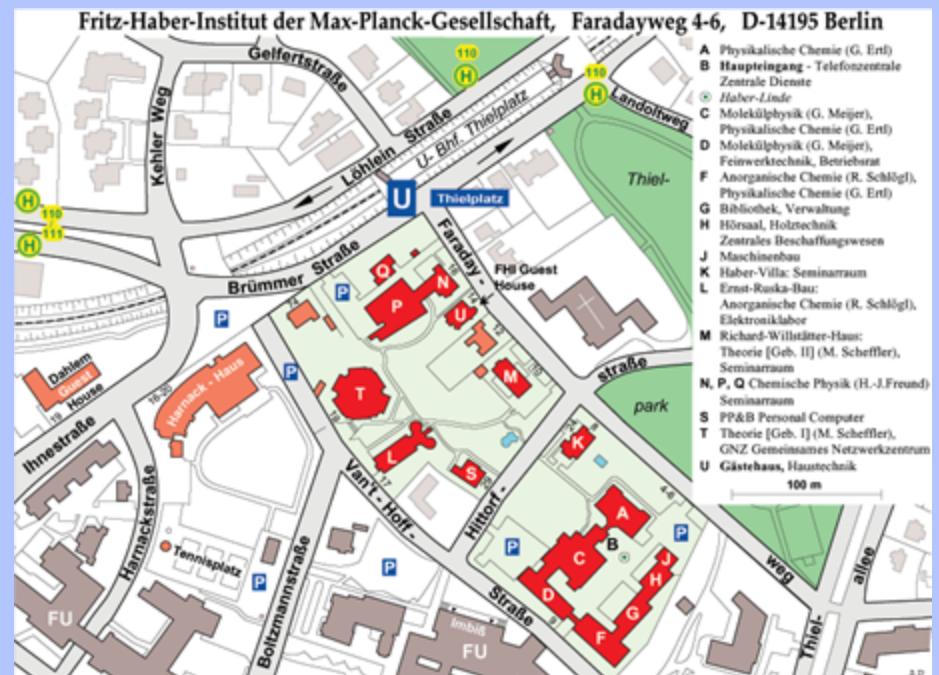
Take bus 109 to Jakob-Kaiser-Platz (about 3km away). From there take subway U7, direction Rudow. Change at Fehrbelliner Platz to U3 direction Krumme Lanke. Go off at Thielplatz. Travel takes about 50 min. Costs are about Euro 2,00. A Taxi is somewhat faster, about 25 minutes outside rush hours. Costs are about 20 Euro.

By Air from Flughafen Tempelhof:

Take subway U6 direction Alt-Tegel, change at Mehringdamm, take U7 direction Rathaus Spandau. Change at Fehrbelliner Platz to U3 direction Krumme Lanke. Go off at Thielplatz. Travel takes about 30 min. Costs are about Euro 2,00. Taxi takes about 20 minutes outside rush hours. Costs are about 15 Euro.

By Car:

On the freeway (Bundesautobahn) Potsdam-Berlin take exit Hüttenweg. Follow Hüttenweg to the end (about 3km), two crossings with traffic lights. (Königsallee/Onkel-Tom-Str. and Clayallee). At the end of Hüttenweg turn right into Gelfert Straße, and take the second street to the right, Kehler Weg. At the next crossing, turn left (over the U-Bahn bridge) into Brümmere Straße. Take the next street to the right Faradayweg.



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Preface

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The department AC in the Fritz-Haber-Institute aims to gain a generalized understanding of heterogeneous catalysis as a multi-scale phenomenon. To achieve this goal the department develops and applies *in situ* methodology and combines the obtained information with kinetic data. The rationale behind this approach is the realization that catalysts are dynamic materials whose active centres are formed or transformed under reaction conditions.

The FHI contributes within all departments towards the understanding of heterogeneous catalysts defined as the prediction of the macroscopically observable performance of a kinetically demanding reaction over a given catalyst system and under given reaction conditions.

This level of understanding being pre-requisite for a rational design of technologically important processes has only been achieved so far for kinetically non-demanding reactions, which exhibit no branching of reaction pathways and/or occur with an adsorption step as rate-determining process. Examples for this are isotope exchange reactions, ammonia synthesis, CO oxidation, decomposition of methanol, total oxidation of hydrocarbons.

Kinetically demanding reactions of interest to the department AC are currently: selective oxidations of un-functionalized or weakly functionalized hydrocarbons, selective hydrogenations of various functionalities, dehydrogenations, skeletal rearrangements of small organic molecules and C1 chemistry. All these reactions exhibit complex selectivity patterns and multiple



reaction steps with intermediates. The diversity is seen as important to achieve a generalized understanding. However, links between these reactions exist through common elementary steps.

For example, a typical oxidation requires C-H activation, oxygen activation, oxygen insertion and oxygen addition reactions. Large bodies of phenomenological experience both from applied and fundamental studies exist, but neither the real mode of operation nor the nature of the working catalysts is known in sufficient detail. This lack in knowledge has led to the formulation of empirical concepts (such as: remote control of oxygen activity, synergy of catalyst phases, Mars-van Krevelen formal kinetics, radical-initiated reactions) none of which were as rigorously examined as the ammonia synthesis reaction. The necessary tools and methods to handle the enormous complexity of kinetically demanding chemical transformations are being developed world-wide under substantial participation of the FHI to which the department AC contributes its share in synthesis and development of analytical methodology.

The department AC studies a selection of reactions using materials and conditions typical of technical applications. These efforts and the model and theoretical studies carried out in the other departments are complementary.

The strategy of AC involves monitoring the synthesis of catalytically active materials by *in situ* techniques. Through understanding and ultimately controlling the processes of inorganic synthesis occurring during all unit operations of catalyst preparation an optimization is achieved resulting in reproducible and homogeneous active materials. The active centres are

envisioned as unique configurations of one or more atoms at or near the surface whose existence is enabled by a surrounding matrix, which is ideally homogeneous. For chemically and structurally complex systems simplified models are generated that exhibit the essential catalytic characteristics. Suitable specimens (e.g. polycrystalline thin films) are tailor-made for in-situ functional studies aiming at verifying the nature of the active ensemble and adsorbates.

Physical chemistry is the key discipline in the interdisciplinary effort of the department. The choice for experimental structure-function relationships requires quantitative kinetic and spectroscopic investigations. The in-situ analytical capability where the department holds a widely recognized position of competence forms the methodical core of the department. Instrumentation development (example: pressure-dependent surface analysis) and creation of novel coupled experiments are features enabling the investigation of working catalysts with an increasingly more complete suite of complementary methods describing geometric and electronic structural details. Physical chemistry is also the target of kinetic competence currently being expanded. Process development and technical implementations are outside the scope of the department.

Kinetic data and intermediate concentrations present input for theory and kinetic modelling. The model systems allow the comparison of fundamental material properties and of structural dynamics of the always metastable catalyst with those from rigorously defined models from surface science and cluster chemistry approaches typically studied in the other departments of the FHI.

A project is completed within the scope of the AC department when the scaling of chemical and structural complexity is defined and when a series of observable surface properties are described amenable to experimental and theoretical modelling. An example for such a completed project is the dehydrogenation of ethylbenzene to styrene over iron oxide catalysts. Although the development of novel systems is not a primary goal, the department seeks to verify and implement its knowledge by the rational synthesis of improved catalysts (example Pd-Ga intermetallic compounds).

Co-operations are essential for the department. The many competencies required for the integral approach to heterogeneous catalysis described here cannot be assembled in one department and not even in one institute. Theory and modelling as well as all the rigorously defined model systems and alternative synthetic concepts are incorporated into the projects through our partners inside and outside of FHI. With industrial partners the verifications of insight und functional understanding are performed.

The department is closely related in its activities to the other departments in the FHI. Outside the FHI and within the MPG strong and project-supported links exist with the MPI Mülheim (F. Schüth), Golm (Antonietti), Dresden (Grin, Steglich), Mainz (Müllen) and Stuttgart (Maier). The department is well connected to local universities (TU Berlin, HU Berlin), is active in a center of excellence program (SFB) and in several EU activities, where it coordinates the activities of the MPG in a NOE on catalysis (IDECAT). A European laboratory on catalysis (ELCASS, with Univ. Strasbourg and U. Messina) and participation in an IP (CANAPE) complete prominent EU activities.



Prof. Robert Schlögl



Internal Structure



The core competence of the Department is focused into the in situ metrology of synthesis and function of heterogeneous catalytic systems. The Scheme represents the current structure indicating its GL and PL and main methodical activities.



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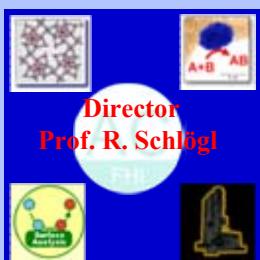
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Mo-V compounds in C3 and C4 oxidation
16 members

Synthesis, vibrational and UV-vis spectroscopy, reactor technology and catalytic testing



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Emmy Noether / PL: Dr. R. Horn
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BET, MBMS, Laser spectroscopy, BESSY II

Group leader: GL Project leader: PL

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Cu, Pd in C1 chemistry
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Synthesis, Elemental analysis,
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Emmy-Noether-Group "High Temperature Catalysis"
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Beginning July 1st 2008, Dr. Raimund Horn has been awarded the funding of a Junior Research Group within the Emmy Noether Program of the German Research Foundation (DFG). Funding is granted for five years, provided that the project is evaluated positively at the end of the third year. The research in the High Temperature Catalysis Group aims at a mechanistic understanding of chemical and physical surface gas interactions in catalytic alkane oxidations on various catalysts (metals, oxides) under high temperature (up to 1300 °C) and high pressure (up to 5 MPa) conditions.



Prof. Dr. Christian Hess accepted the offer of a full professorship at the Technische Universität Darmstadt, Germany from March. 1, 2008.

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Instrumentation

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The sophisticated formulation and complexity of current heterogeneous catalysts requires the application of controlled synthesis conditions and well-defined chemicals for their reproducible preparation. The work of the group is targeted on a deeper understanding of **catalyst synthesis** ranging from the assembly of molecular building blocks in solution to phase transformations during thermal pretreatment procedures. New synthetic concepts are developed using **automated laboratory reactor systems for precipitation and hydrothermal synthesis** equipped with probes for measuring pH, conductivity, turbidity, viscosity, pressure, temperature, and UV-vis spectra. The thermal treatments are performed in rotating furnaces under controlled atmosphere.

Molecular spectroscopy is used to understand catalyst synthesis. The nature and number of the active sites on the catalyst surface and the reaction mechanism are addressed by adsorption of reactants and probe molecules in static or flow operation at 77-873K, in-situ spectroscopic experiments, and **microreactor** studies.

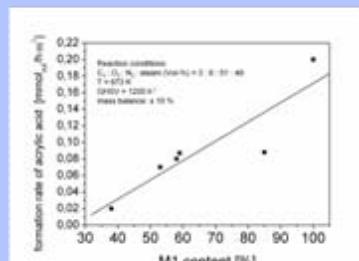
Examples of the technical equipment:

- Automated laboratory reactor system (Mettler-Toledo Labmax®), analytic autoclave HPM-PT-040 (Premex), parallel microwave reactors Speedwave MWS-3 (Berghof)
- Lambda 650 UV-vis spectrometer (Perkin Elmer) with Harrick DR accessory
- IFS 66 FTIR (Bruker) and Spectrum 100 FTIR (Perkin Elmer) for in-situ measurements in transmission, diffuse reflectance and ATR
- Single-tube and parallel (ILS) fixed-bed reactors for gas phase oxidation equipped with GC-MS, GC (Agilent), and MS OmniStar™ (Pfeiffer)

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Analytic autoclave HPM-PT-040
(Premex Reactor GmbH)



Oxidation of propane to acrylic acid over crystalline MoVTeNb oxides composed of different fractions of the phase „M1“

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ISISS: Soft X-ray station at BESSY :

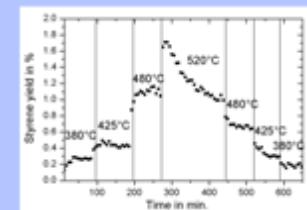


In situ XPS endstation of the ISISS beamline

BESSY and the FHI installed the facility ISISS (Innovative Station for In Situ Spectroscopy). ISISS consists of 3 main parts: a) the in situ XPS endstation, b) a state of the art soft X-ray beamline, and c) a permanent infrastructure on site for experiments with a chemical background. This facility allows measurements of XP and XA spectra in the soft energy range under reaction conditions (mbar pressure range, T <600°C.) One aim of these investigation is the identification of correlation between the electronic surface structure of a working catalyst and its catalytic performance. Subsurface species were observed under reaction conditions by the help of photon energy variation (depth profile).

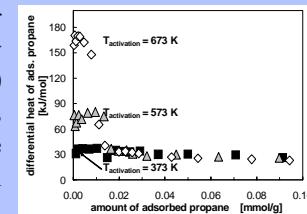
Combined TDS, XPS and reactivity studies of low surface area (model) catalysts

Combining thermal desorption (TDS) with the surface and element sensitive method XPS and a micro flow reactor yield a powerful investigation toolset of low surface area (model) catalysts. The figure shows the yield of styrene in the oxidative dehydrogenation (ODH) of ethylbenzene over ~0.03mg carbon nanotube on highly oriented pyrolytic graphite, HOPG.



Measurement of isotherms & differential heats of adsorption by microcalorimetry

Catalytically active sites can be identified by their interaction with the reactant or a chemically closely related molecule. SETARAM MS80 and HT1000 Calvet-type microcalorimeters with all-metal cells connected to vacuum and gas-dosing systems (figure shows differential heats of propane adsorption on differently dehydrated 10wt%V_xO_y/SBA15 at 313 K)



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Scaleable and reproducible preparation under controlled conditions is a prerequisite for knowledge-based catalyst design. Precursor phases, intermediates during the preparation process and the final catalyst have to be submitted to comprehensive characterization using various analytical tools. The facilities in the group include:

- **Automated laboratory reactor system** (Mettler-Toledo Labmax, photo) for controlled precipitation. Chemistry in solution and suspension can be monitored in-situ using probes for pH, conductivity, turbidity and UV-vis spectroscopy
- Lab scale (Mini Büchi B-191) and pilot plant scale (Niro Minor Mobile, photo) **spray dryer** for drying and solidification.
- **Particle size distributions** and **zeta potentials** of suspensions are determined using a Malvern Zetasizer Nano.



- **Gloveboxes** for handling of samples in inert atmosphere
- **Thermal analysis** in a thermobalance (Netzsch STA 449C Jupiter) with coupled mass spectrometry (Pfeiffer Omnistar) or with high pressure differential scanning calorimetry (HP DSC 827e, Mettler-Toledo)
- **Temperature programmed desorption or reaction** in various gas atmospheres (TPDRO 1100, CE instruments) with thermal conductivity detector or coupled mass spectrometry (Pfeiffer Omnistar)
- **X-ray diffraction (XRD)** in transmission (STOE Stadi-P with autosampler) or reflection geometry (Bruker D8 Advance, photo)
- **In-situ X-ray diffraction** on a STOE theta-theta diffractometer equipped with a high temperature reactor chamber (Anton Paar XRK 900) with coupled mass spectrometry (Pfeiffer Omnistar)



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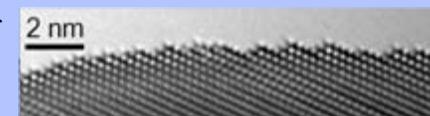
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For microstructural investigations, 5 electron microscopes are available.

Morphological studies in vacuum or at low pressures are carried out in a FEI Quanta 200 FEG scanning electron microscope (SEM). This machine is capable of operating at pressures up to 4000Pa and has a resolution of ca. 1.2nm at 30kV acceleration voltage. The Quanta FEG SEM features a heating stage for conducting experiments at elevated temperatures. For morphological studies, a Hitachi S-4800 scanning electron microscope is used. This machine has a resolution of approx. 1.4nm/0.8nm at 1kV/30kV and features various types of detectors. For structural studies, transmission electron microscopy (TEM) is applied. For general studies a Philips CM200 LaB6 with an information limit of ca. 2Å is used. For higher resolution work, a Philips CM200 with a field emission gun is available. This microscope has an information limit of about 1.4Å.



FEI Titan 80-300 aberration corrected TEM.



Surface of a silver particle imaged using an aberration corrected TEM.

Understanding catalysis

Why in-situ analysis ?

The department AC has continued its activities centred on heterogeneous catalysis at the interface between fundamental studies of model systems and applied catalysis involving technical systems, practical catalyst synthesis and „real“ reaction conditions. In this large field of scientific activity the department concentrates on **in-situ** functional analysis and defined material synthesis.

A **concept** of heterogeneous catalysts is developed linking the surface chemistry of the substrate (the desired process) with the material chemistry of the catalyst (an „invisible“ process).

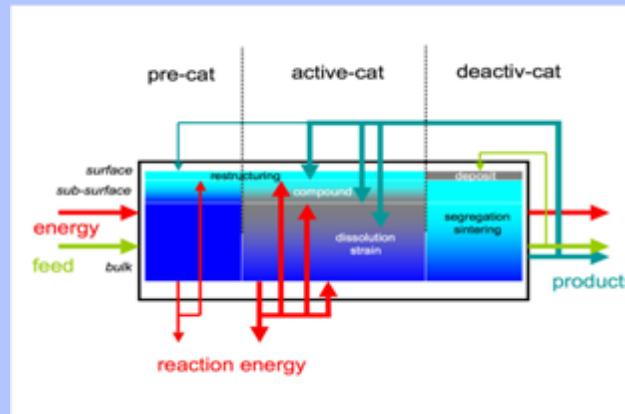
The **key** feature in the concept is the acknowledgement of the essential role of **structural dynamics of an active catalyst** (has been evidenced by numerous phenomena) under high performance operation conditions.

The essential role of structural dynamics is scientific justification for the use of **in-situ methods** and for the enormous experimental resources required for this kind of catalysis research.

The **aims** of this research are a generic definition of structural dynamics as well as the evolution of synthesis concepts for suitable materials (inorganic target synthesis). A core point is the confirmation of the observation that the optimal function of a catalyst is linked to one well-defined material as opposed to intended or unintentional mixtures of systems.

Working catalyst

alter the structure of the operating catalyst



Schematic representation of a catalyst operating at low performance (model) conditions (pre-cat), at high performance conditions and in deactivated forms. The arrows indicate feedback processes to different compartments of the catalyst. The scheme applies to bulk systems. Similar feedback structures can be constructed for supported systems.

The **working catalyst** is characterized by the conversion of a low-active precursor phase into a highly active metastable active state through processes of restructuring. These processes are driven by sub-surface chemistry of reactant fragments being incorporated into the catalyst material, a process fuelled by the excess energy liberated during substantial transformation of the educts. The metastability induced by operation in the active mode is expression of the fact that highly reactive systems are far apart from their thermodynamic equilibrium. The price for this evolution is the propensity of the active phase to deactivate through phase transformations (redox processes, segregation or sintering). It is the “art” of catalyst synthesis to select composition and real structure such, that the transformation of the pre-catalyst into the active phase is as facile as possible during the process of “activation“ and that the subsequent equilibration into the thermodynamically stable situation through „deactivation“ occurs as slowly as possible.

The extent to which surface science at low conversion and high structural definition can describe a catalytic reaction depends on the strength of coupling of the feedback loops into structure and stability of the material. A strong coupling will be the more needed, the more demanding the catalytic reaction is, i.e. the more other elementary steps than sorption of molecules control the reaction. Highly specific catalysts of complex chemical composition or delicate geometric structure (such as mixed oxides or nanoparticles) will react strongly on the changes in energy throughput and modification of the reactants chemical potential and thus exhibit strong coupling constants in the feedback loops shown above.

Scientific Progress

The Department AC is uniquely positioned at the crossroads of synthetic inorganic chemistry and metrology augmented by method development capabilities. Using these elements it seems possible to arrive at the development of truly rational synthesis procedures of nanostructured (defined in several dimensions of size) catalytic materials that can be used as intermediate systems to build the experimental bridge between complex technical and the present model systems. It will be necessary to develop in addition to the bare materials also suitable handling forms for in-situ experimentation such as thin films or nanocrystals. Such catalyst forms require the adaptation of testing environments to allow the novel systems to be used for static model experiments with validated functional performance.

The target of the Department that will be pursued in four of the research areas and one of the associated group:

Reactivity / Oxides: “*Mo-V compounds for C3,C4 oxidation*”

Nanostructures / Bulk structure : “*Cu, Pd in Cl*”

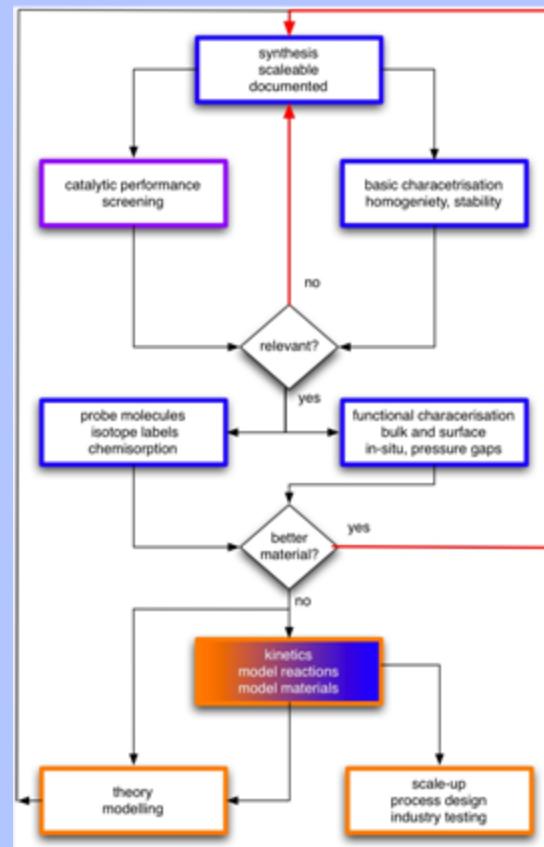
Electronic Structure and Adsorption / Metals: “*Metals in sel oxidation*”

Micro-and Nanostructure / Carbon: “*Nanocarbon in energy chemistry*”

Emmy-Noether-Group: “*High Temperature Catalysis*”

The target of the Department is the rational development of complex model systems. The current profile of the Department allows defining the choices of systems to be synthesized on the basis of in-situ observations of technical systems rather than on pragmatic arguments of nominal catalyst composition or availability of equilibrium phases of a compound catalyst.

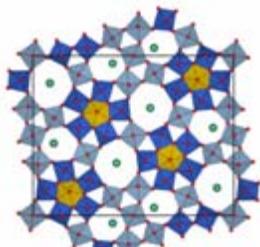
Research concept



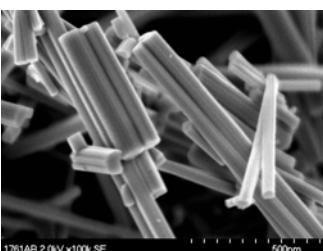
- We study non-equilibrium systems: kinetics is all-important:
 - optimize synthesis
 - document quantitatively the synthesis (in-situ observations)
 - thorough multi-method characterization including reactivity (probe molecule adsorption, thermal methods).
- We are interested in generic effects: always reproduction of every single experiment.
- We need quantitative results:
 - multiple steady state kinetics
 - pressure gaps, wide variations of process conditions
 - quantification of structural data.
- We want high-quality representation of results in graphics and images.

Scientific Progress

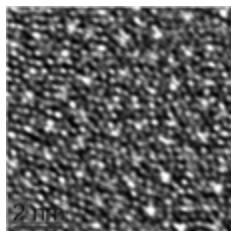
Molybdenum-Vanadium compounds in C₃ and C₄ selective oxidation



1 Structural model of an orthorhombic MoVTeNbO_x phase



2 SEM image of phase-pure M1



3 HRTEM image of M1 viewed along the <001> zone axis

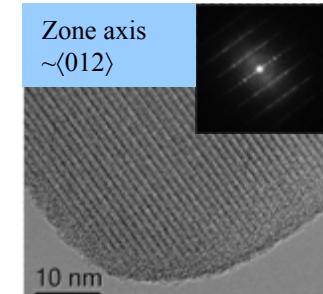
Background and objective

Selective oxidation of light alkanes with molecular oxygen to aldehydes or acids provides alternative access to chemical intermediates by utilization of natural gas or renewable feedstock as a replacement for olefin-based petrochemistry. However, the catalytic activation of C-H bonds in alkanes requires higher temperatures or more active catalysts. Furthermore, the increased reactivity of partially oxidized reaction intermediates is particularly challenging and accounts for high chemical and structural complexity of the catalytically active oxides. The direct oxidation of propane to acrylic acid proceeds with exceptional performance over crystalline MoVTeNb mixed oxides. Propane activation and high selectivity are attributed to the presence of an orthorhombic phase denominated as M1 (ICSD 55097) (Fig.1). The high degree of long-range order with respect to the metal constituents seems to be an important requirement for the development of active and selective metal-oxygen arrangements on the surface of the crystalline material under reaction conditions. With regard to the chemical complexity, phase-pure synthesis of such complex mixed oxides is a basic pre-requisite for understanding the mode of operation of the catalyst.

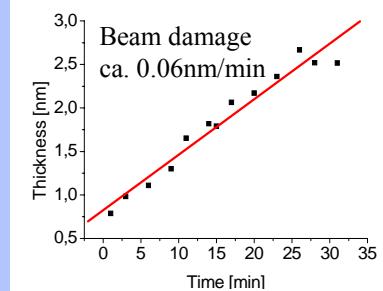


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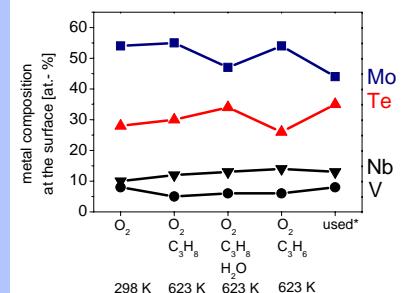
Propane conversion and formation rate of acrylic acid normalized to the total surface area increase with increasing content of M1 in the crystalline catalyst. Hydrothermal synthesis under optimized conditions results in nano-structured M1 that crystallizes in inert atmosphere at high temperatures (873–923 K) into phase-pure M1 crystals with needle-shape morphology (Fig.2-3). SEM based shape analysis of a series of phase-pure M1 catalysts reveals that the diameter of the needle-like crystals depends on the conditions of the thermal treatment. However, such studies have not shown a clear correlation between the catalytic activity and the occurrence of a certain crystal plane, e.g., the (001) plane. Independent of the crystal facet, the M1 surface is terminated by a structurally disordered surface layer roughly 0.7 nm thick, as evidenced by HRTEM (Fig.4-5). This observation is in accordance with the tellurium enrichment of the M1 surface to an extent incompatible with the M1 stoichiometry, as found by in-situ photo-electron spectroscopy in the presence of propane, oxygen, and steam at reaction temperature (Fig.6). The open channel structure of M1 is, apparently, responsible for considerable dynamics observed in the topmost surface layers.



4 Surface termination of M1



5 Effect of irradiation time on the thickness of the damaged region



6 Surface composition of M1 measured by in-situ XPS

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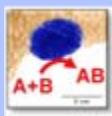
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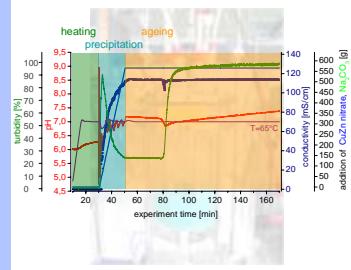
Copper and palladium catalysts in Cl chemistry



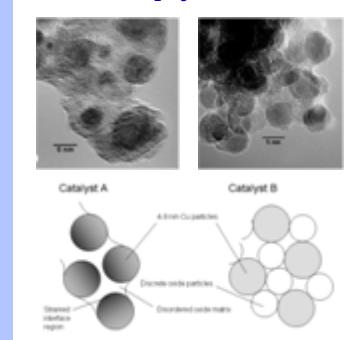
Introduction

1 Methanol steam reforming
 $\text{CH}_3\text{OH} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + 3\text{H}_2$
Methanol synthesis
 $\text{CO}_2 + 3\text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{OH} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

2 Precursor preparation



3 Cu/ZnO/Al₂O₃ microstructure



Our approach to these systems is to characterize the nanostructured ensemble present in highly active “real” catalysts in order to identify relevant features for catalytic performance. Simultaneously, catalyst synthesis is investigated in detail to understand the relations of precursor properties and catalytic activity of the final product. The preparative strategy of the group aims at rationalization of this so-called “chemical memory” by optimization of well-established synthetic routes as well as development of novel preparation methods (2).

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Results

Cu/ZnO/Al₂O₃ catalysts of industrially relevant composition can be prepared with different microstructure of the oxide phase (3): the typical nanoparticulate arrangement (B) and a continuous amorphous oxide matrix with partially embedded Cu nanoparticles (A). Interestingly, the methanol synthesis activity of sample A was higher despite a 30% lower accessible Cu surface area (4). This result suggests enhancement of the beneficial metal/oxide interface interaction by partial embedding of Cu particles.

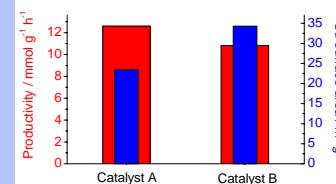
Very small embedded Cu particles can also be prepared via hydrotalcite-like CuZnAl precursors. Here, the specific surface area of precursor and oxide intermediate is generally lower compared to the technically applied synthesis via malachite-like precursors. Using a microemulsion technique, the BET surface area can be increased almost by a factor of two compared to a co-precipitated sample (5).

Co-precipitation methods are explored as routes to Pd-based intermetallic catalysts for methanol steam reforming, which are active and selective also in hydrogenation reactions (section: L, Pd intermetallic compounds). As preliminary results e.g. nanostructured Pd-Ga-Mg precursor phases were obtained, which after decomposition yield nanostructured oxides (6). After reduction intermetallic Pd-Ga phases may be obtained at the oxide interfaces.

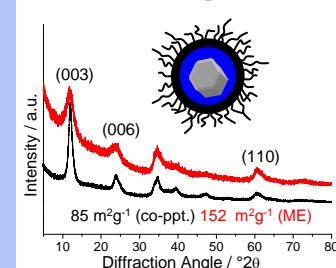
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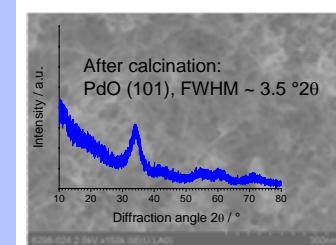
4 Catalytic activity



5 Microemulsion precursors



6 Pd-Ga-Mg precursors

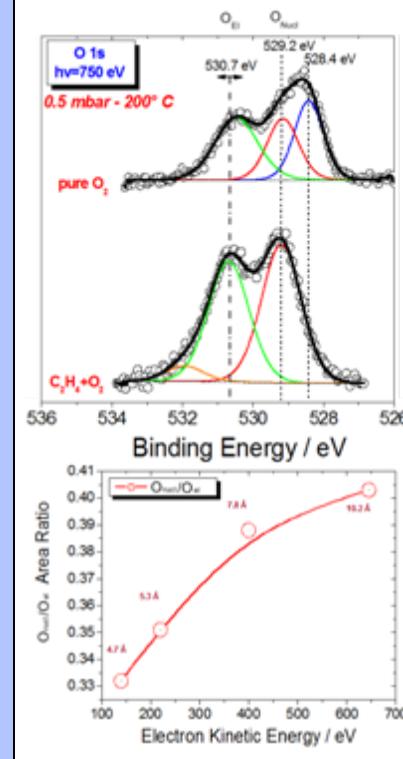


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Silver in partial oxidation reactions



The remarkable catalytic activity of silver in partial oxidation reactions is known for decades. Particularly, the ethylene epoxidation and formaldehyde synthesis reactions are two industrially important reactions which received most attention. However, apart from the great effort done in the past years, there are still open questions about the mechanistic details of these reactions. It is well known that silver can accommodate many oxygen species depending on the temperature, partial pressure of gas feed, the structure and morphology of the silver catalyst, nevertheless, the role of these different species as active sites or spectators in the catalytical reactions is not clear and sometimes even controversial in the literature.



In order to shed some light on these questions, we have investigated the methanol oxidation to formaldehyde and ethylene epoxidation reactions under realistic temperatures (180 – 650°C) in the mbar range (0,1 - 1 mbar) by in situ XPS combined with time-resolved online MS. Different catalyst materials have been used, silver foils, powders with few to hundreds microns in grain sizes and supported nanometer sized catalysts.

The upper panel in the figure shows oxygen 1s spectra from silver powder during ethylene epoxidation at 0.5 mbar and 200°C. From the three oxygen species presented under O₂ atmosphere, only two survive under steady state reaction conditions, the so called, electrophilic (O_{el}) and nucleophilic (O_{nucl}) oxygen species. The ratio between these two species (O_{el}/O_{nucl}) measured at different particle sizes was found to correlate with the catalytic activity. Moreover, XPS measurements with different excitation energies revealed that the O_{el} is more surface localized than the O_{nucl} (lower panel).

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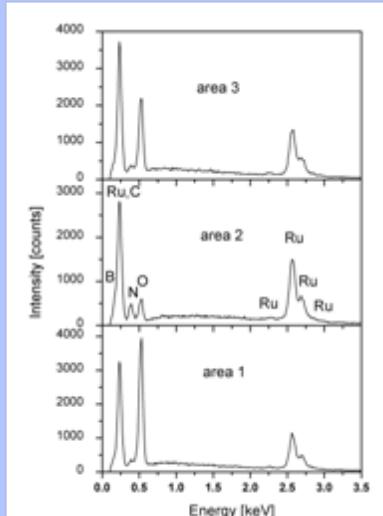
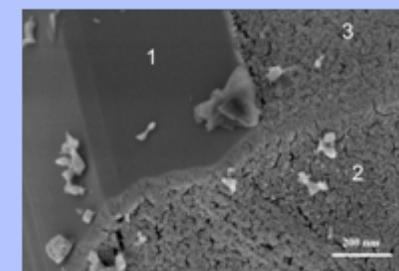
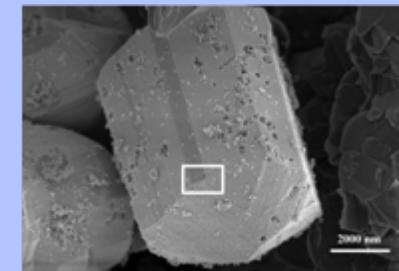
Oxygenated Ruthenium in CO-oxidation

Ruthenium was believed to be an outstanding example for the pressure gap; very high activity under ambient pressure faced low activity in UHV. Two different phenomena were identified as reasons for this pressure gap by different research groups in the literature: the kinetically inhibited growth of RuO₂, namely the (110) surface and the also inhibited growth of a complete (1x1) oxygen monolayer.

To shed some light on this highly controversial discussion we started our experiments with fully oxidized RuO₂ powder. This powder is completely inactive in the CO-oxidation. Only long treatment in reducing atmosphere (CO:O₂=14:1) activates the catalyst. In-situ XRD reveals the bulk state of the catalyst still as RuO₂. High resolution SEM micrographs with high surface sensitivity (low accelerating voltage) are shown in figure 1, figure 2 is a magnification of the marked area in fig.1: All apical facets (numbered 2) and only one lateral facet (3) are roughened, while most of the lateral facets remain smooth. Furthermore EDX (figure 3) shows a lower oxidation degree from the apical facets over the roughened lateral facet to the smooth facets. From this we conclude that the reaction starts selectively at the apical facets and the first activation step is reduction. Since reduction to Ru metal with the still fully oxidized bulk is rather unlikely we believe that the activity owes to the existence of subsurface oxygen species.

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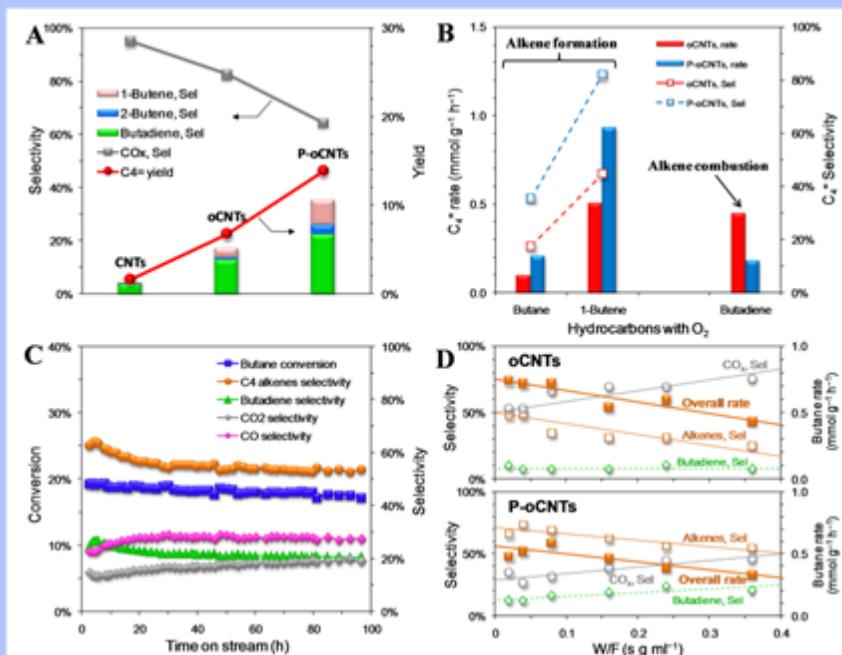
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Carbon in catalysis



Surface-Modified Carbon Nanotubes for Oxidative Dehydrogenation of *n*-Butane:

We show that carbon nanotubes with modified surface functionality efficiently catalyze the oxidative dehydrogenation of *n*-butane to butenes, especially butadiene. This process is mildly catalyzed by ketonic C=O groups and occurs via a combination of parallel and sequential oxidation steps. A small amount of phosphorus greatly improved the selectivity by suppressing the combustion of hydrocarbons. (Science Vol. 322, 73-77 (2008))



(A) ODH activities of various CNTs.

(B) Performance of modified CNTs in ODH of butane and 1-butene and in combustion of butadiene.

(C) Stability of P-oCNTs in ODH.

(D) Dependence of product selectivity and reaction rate on residence time.

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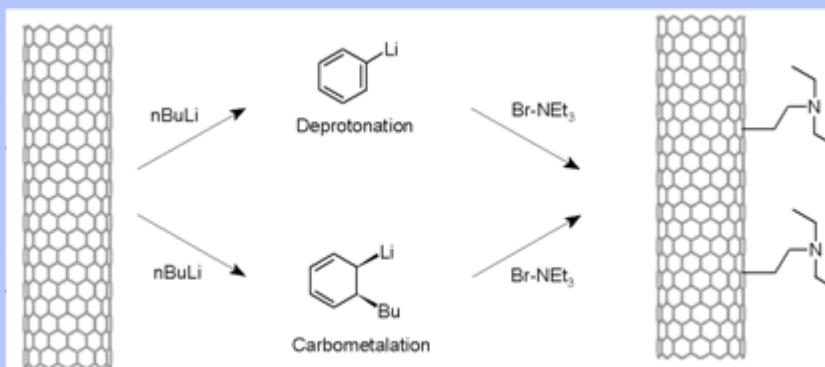
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Fe-Co Alloy Nanoparticles on Carbon Nanotubes for Ammonia Decomposition:

Fe-Co alloy nanoparticles were synthesized inside the tubular channel of CNTs. The prepared system shows an unusual synergism in alloy catalysis. The alloy nanoparticles with widely varying Co/Fe ratio are kept as active as Co for the H₂ production from NH₃ decomposition. The stability of Co was significantly improved by alloying with Fe. (Nano Letters, Vol. 8, 2738-2743 (2008))

Covalent Functionalization of Carbon Nanotubes with Amines and the Application as Basic Heterogeneous Catalyst for Biomass Conversions:

Amino groups have been grafted on CNTs by a simple, one-pot, deprotonation/carbometalation reaction followed by an electrophilic substitution. This produces very homogeneous samples with a high number of easily accessible basic groups. The concentration of the basic groups is closed to the concentration of Bronsted acid sites in zeolites, without any optimization of the grafting procedure. The obtained samples are active for a typical biomass conversion to biodiesel.



Functionalization of CNTs by deprotonation/carbometalation followed by the electrophilic attack of the bromo-triethylamine.

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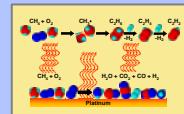
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High temperature catalysis research



The one step transformation of natural gas components like methane and ethane into valuable chemicals like methanol, formaldehyde, ethylene or synthesis gas (Fig. 1), is a formidable challenge for catalysis research and chemical engineering in the 21st century. Heterogeneous catalytic alkane oxidations at high temperatures and pressures might be a way to accomplish these transformations provided that it is possible to optimize the interaction between reactions at the catalyst surface and in the surrounding gas phase and to maximize the kinetically controlled formation of partial oxidation products.



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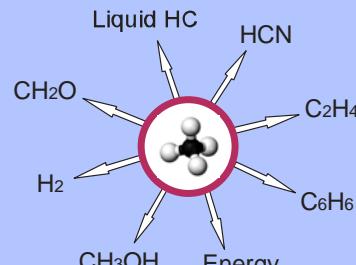


Fig. 1

The research in our high temperature catalysis project aims at a mechanistic understanding of chemical and physical surface gas interactions in catalytic alkane oxidations on various catalysts (metals, oxides) under high temperature (up to 1300 °C) and high pressure (up to 5 MPa) conditions. Novel in-situ diagnostic techniques like Spatial Profile Measurements, Raman Spectroscopy, Cavity Ringdown Spectroscopy and Molecular Beam Mass Spectrometry (MBMS, Fig. 2) are developed and applied in the project to provide insight into surface and gas phase chemistry under high temperature, high pressure reaction conditions. In the future, experimental results will be compared to microkinetic numerical simulations coupling detailed surface and gas phase reaction models with physical transport mechanisms of mass, heat and momentum.

Results: The methane oxidation on Pt has been investigated both, on $\alpha\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$ foam catalysts coated with Pt nanoparticles (reticulated pore structure, $d_{\text{pore}} \approx 300\text{-}500\mu\text{m}$, Fig. 3) and polycrystalline Pt tubes with 4.4mm inner diameter (Fig. 4). Reactor measurements on the foam catalysts with a geometric surface to volume ratio of about 160cm^{-1} show H_2 , CO , H_2O and CO_2 as reaction products. Spatially resolved species and temperature profiles (Fig. 5) reveal that these products are formed at the Pt surface by partial and total oxidation of methane followed by steam reforming. CO_2 reforming is not observed.

Methane oxidation in a Pt tube with only $\sim 7\text{cm}^{-1}$ surface to volume ratio leads at temperatures below 1100°C also to H_2 , CO , H_2O and CO_2 . However, above 1100°C surface temperature, a sudden formation of C2 products (C_2H_6 , C_2H_4 , C_2H_2) is observed (Fig. 6). Quantitative measurements of gas phase $\text{CH}_3\cdot$ radicals reveal the onset of gas phase chemistry at this point. C2 products are obviously formed by coupling of $\text{CH}_3\cdot$ radicals in the gas phase and subsequent dehydrogenation. H_2 , CO , H_2O and CO_2 are formed by surface oxidation reactions supplying heat to drive the gas phase chemistry.

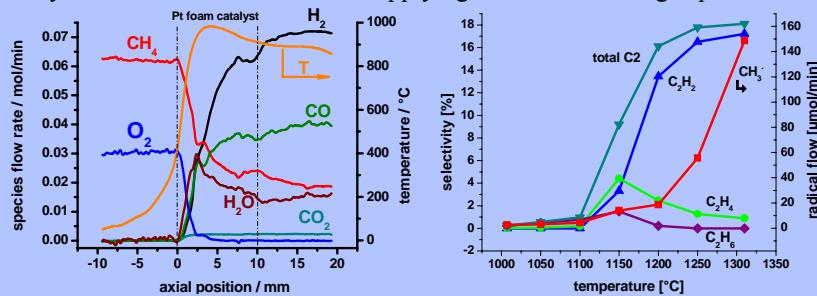


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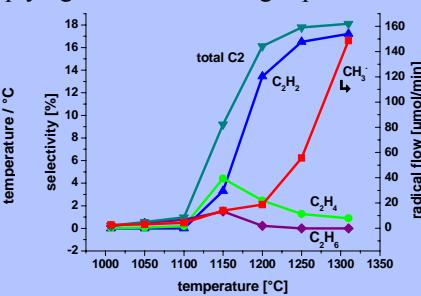


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Inventors: R. Schrögl, A. Trunschke, O. Timpe, A.C. Sanfiz

Int. submission, 10/2008

“Hydrogenation process using mixture of an ordered IMC and inert material”

Inventors: M. Armbrüster, M. Schmidt, K. Kovnir, M. Friedrich, K. Weinhold, Yu. Grin, R. Schrögl

Int. submission based on EP07021904.3, 2008

“Preparation of intermetallic compounds via gas phase and nanoparticle synthesis”

Inventors: M. Armbrüster, M. Schmidt, K. Kovnir, M. Friedrich, K. Weinhold, Yu. Grin, R. Schrögl

Guest - lectures

2003 - 2008

Date	Guest - Lecturer	Titel
08.01.2003	Dr. Johan Carlsson Fritz-Haber-Institut, Abt. Theorie	First-principles study of oxygen activation of carbon materials for styrene catalysis
15.01.2003	Dipl.-Phys. Gerrit Herbst Fimea, Berlin	"Athermischer Lasermaterialabtrag" ein neuer Ansatz zur schädigungsfreien Mikromaterialbearbeitung und zur Oberflächenstrukturierung bis in den nm- Bereich
22.01.2003	Dr. D. Herein Institut für Angewandte Chemie, Berlin	The use of hard X-rays for XAS at BESSY II: Status and future perspectives
05.03.2003	Dr. Elizabeth Duplock School of Physical Sciences, University of Kent at Canterbury, England	Insights into the Absorption of Hydrogen on Carbon Nanotubes from First Principles
07.03.2003	Prof. Dr. Lynn Gladden Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Cambridge, U.K.	New Directions in Applied Catalysis Research
12.03.2003	Dr. Luis M. Liz-Marzan Department of Physical Chemistry, University of Vigo, Spain	Optical Properties of Metal Nanoparticles and Assemblies
10.04.2003	Prof. Dr. Kenneth C Waugh University of Manchester, UMIST, Manchester, England	Reconstruction Leading to Unstable Behaviour in Methanol Synthesis and Methanol Oxidation on Cu/ZnO/Al ₂ O ₃ Catalysts
16.04.2003	Prof. Dr. V. Kazansky N. D. Zelinsky Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia	Intensities of IR stretching bands as a criterion of activation of adsorbed molecules in heterogeneous acid and acid- base catalysis
23.04.2003	Dr. B. Klötzer Institut für Physikalische Chemie der Universität Innsbruck	V in different oxidation states on Rh- and Pd-surfaces: structural and catalytic aspects

Date	Guest - Lecturer	Titel
14.05.2003	Prof. Dr. François Garin Universität Strasburg	Nanosciences in catalysis and automotive pollution control
18.06.2003	Dr. John Titantah University of Antwerp, Belgium	DFT calculation of the carbon K-edges of carbon structures: sp ₂ /sp ₃ characterisation
6.08.2003	Prof. Dr. Meisel Humboldt Universität, Berlin	Von molekularen Aggregaten zu Koordinationspolymeren - Neues zur Bildung und Strukturchemie von Organophosphonaten des Vanadiums
20.08.2003	Dr. Fabrice Dassenoy Ecole Centrale de Lyon, France	Mo-S-I nanotubes as new lubricant additives : tribological properties
27.08.2003	Dr. Simon R. Bare UOP LLC, Des Plaines, IL, USA	Recent in situ and operando XAFS catalyst characterization at UOP
24. 09.2003	Priv.-Doz. Dr. Thomas Schedel-Niedrig Hahn-Meitner-Institut Berlin GmbH	Dünnschichten für die Anwendung in der Photovoltaik: Strukturelle und elektronische Eigenschaften von CVD- Chalkopyrit
01.10.2003	Prof. Dr. Hasinger und Prof. Dr. Strüder Max-Planck-Institut für extraterrestrische Physik, Garching	Roentgendiagnose im Kosmos & Ortsaufgelöste Höchstraten- spektroskopie mit Roentgenstrahlen

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14. 01.2004	Prof. Dr. Piotr Dluzewski University of Warschau, Poland	Structure of Pd nanocrystals in carboaceous thin film studied by TEM
15. 01.2004	Prof. Dr. Alfred Frennet Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgique	Mechanistic informations from chemical transient kinetic studies on the catalytic syngas reaction
11. 02.2004	Prof. Dr. Valery A. Zazhigalov Institute for Sorption and Problems of Endoecology, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine	The process of n-pentane partial oxidation and the catalysts for its realization

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12. 02.2004	Dr. Frank Ogletree Materials Sciences Division, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, USA	Oxygen on Pd(111) investigated with variable temperature STM and in-situ photoemission
31. 03.2004	Dr. Cécile Hébert Institut für Festkörperphysik , TU Wien, Austria	New aspects of the reduction of V ₂ O ₅ in the TEM
18.05.2004	Prof. Dr. Lanny Schmidt Dept. of Chemical Engineering and Material Sciences, Univ. Minneapolis, USA	Hydrogen from Fossil and Renewable Fuels by Autothermal Reforming
09.06.2004	Dr. Martin Steinhart Max Planck Institute of Microstructure Physics, Halle	Template wetting - a modular assembly for 1D nanostructures
03.11.2004	Prof. Dr. Joachim Mayer Gemeinschaftslabor für Elektronenmikroskopie, RWTH Aachen und Ernst Ruska-Centrum für Mikroskopie und Spektroskopie mit Elektronen am Forschungszentrum Jülich	Hochauflösende analytische TEM und ihre Anwendungen in der Nanowissenschaft
15.11.2004	Prof. Dr. Freek Kapteijn Reactor and Catalysis Engineering, DCT-TU Delft, The Netherlands	Catalysis Engineering - putting Science into Practice
01.12.2004	Prof Dr. H. Kuzmany Institut für Materialphysik, Universität Wien	Physics and Chemistry Inside Carbon Nanocages

Date	Guest - Lecturer	Titel
05.01.2005	Dr. Harry Bitter Department of Inorganic Chemistry, Debye Institute, Universiteit Utrecht	Tunable carbon nanofibers based catalysts - synthesis, characterization and catalysis

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24.01.2005	Dr. A. Barinov Sincrotrone Trieste	Electron Confinement Effect on the Reactivity of Thin Mg Films
23.03.2005	Prof. Dr. M. Rühle MPI für Metallforschung, Stuttgart	Nanoanalysis of materials by TEM techniques
06.04.2005	Prof. Dr. J. W. Niemantsverdriet Schuit Institute of Catalysis, Eindhoven University of Technology	Planar Models of Supported Catalysts for Polymerization
15.06.2005	Prof. Dr. Pérez Omil, José A. Solid chemistry and Catalysis group; Inorganic Department; University of Cadiz	Contributions of Electron Microscopy to Understanding the Redox Behaviour of Ce-based catalysts
13.07.2005	Prof. Francesca Porta Dip. Chimica Inorganica Metallorganica ed Analitica Via Venezian 21, 20133 Milano, Italia	Preparation of metallic sols dedicated to catalysis and biology: Properties and applications
27.07.2005	Prof. Michael Giersig Forschungszentrum Cesaer, Bonn	Fabrication of Nanoscale Rings, Dots, and Rods by Combining Shadow Nanosphere Lithography and Annealed Polystyrene Nanosphere Masks
07.09.2005	Prof. Dr. Bo-Qing Xu Department of Chemistry, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China	New approach for the preparation of advanced heterogeneous metal catalysts
21.09.2005	Prof. Norbert Kruse Université Libre de Bruxelles Chimie-Physique des Matériaux,	Catalytic and Non-catalytic Surface Reaction at the Atomic Scale
12.10.2005	Dr. Gang Hu Inorganic Chemistry Laboratory, South Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3QR, U.K.	Some Progresses in LDHs Chemistry: From a Synthetic Point of View

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02.11.2005	Prof. Archie Howie Cavendish Laboratory, University of Cambridge, U.K.	Magnifying the Contribution of Electron Microscopy to Catalyst Characterization
09.11.2005	Dr. Karoly Lázár Institute of Isotope and Surface Chemistry, Chemical Research Centre of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences	In situ Mossbauer spectroscopy in catalysts studies
23.11.2005	Prof. Dr. K.-P. Dine Phys. Chem. III, Darmstadt University of Technology	Multifrequenz EPR in Chemie und Materialwissenschaften
07.12.2005	Dr. Frederic Goettmann Max Planck Institute for Colloids and Interfaces	Zirconium rich mesoporous powders in catalysis, more than just a support
21.12.2005	Prof. Julie L. d'Itri Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Pittsburgh	Controlling the Rate of more than One Elementary Reaction Step with One Surface

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04.01.2006	Dr. Maja Mrak National Institute of Chemistry and University of Ljubljana	New mesoporous catalysts
11.01.2006	Dr. Thierry Visart de Bocarmé Université Libre de Bruxelles	Catalytic Surface Reactions on the Atomic Scale
18.01.2006	Prof. Dr. Guido Busca Department of Chemical and Process Engineering, University of Genova,	On the use of CO and nitriles as probe molecules in the IR characterization of different catalysts (oxides, supported metals, zeolites)
25.01.2006	Dr. Polona Umek Institute "Jožef Stefan", Ljubljana, Slovenia	Impact of Structure and Morphology of Titanate-Based Nanotubes and Nanoribbons Effect on Gas Adsorption of NO ₂
29.03.2006	Prof. Dr. Silvana Fiorito LCVN-CNRS, Université Montpellier	Toxicity of Carbon nanoparticles towards human cells
30.03.2006	Dr. Cécile Hébert Inst. f. Festkörperphysik, TU Wien	Low Loss EELS and the measurement of optical properties

Date	Speaking Guest	Titel
06.04.2006	Dr. Jean-Pierre Candy CPE-Lyon, CNRS, France 	Surface Organo-Metallic Chemistry on Metals: Genesis, Characterization and Application
12.04.2006	Prof. Dr. Arne Andersson Department of Chemical Engineering, University, Lund, Sweden	The V-Sb-W-Al- and Mo-V-Nb-Te-oxide systems for propane ammoxidation
09.05.2006	Prof. Hengyong Xu, Dalian Institute for Chemical Physics, Chinese Academy of Science	Novel Technologies for Palladium Membrane Preparation and Hydrogen Production
14.06.2006	Prof. Dr. Daniel Resasco University of Oklahoma School of Chemical, Biological and Materials Engineering	Controlled Growth of SWNT on Solid Catalysts with Narrow (n,m) Distribution
21.06.2006	Prof. Panagiotis Smirniotis Chemical & Materials Engineering Department, University of Cincinnati	Molecular Sieve-based Photocatalysts for Photodegradation Reactions of Organics
23.08.2006	Prof. Dr. Serafin Bernal University of Cadiz, Spain	Nano-structural properties and redox behaviour of ceria-zirconia mixed oxides"
13.09.2006	Prof. Dr. Helmut Knözinger Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München , Department of Chemie, Physikalische Chemie	n-Pentan-Isomerisierung an promotierten WZr-Katalysatoren
15.09.2006	Dr. Michel Daage ExxonMobil Research and Engineering, USA	Modeling Catalysts: An Experimentalist Point of View
29.09.2006	Dr. Konstantinos Fostiropoulos Hahn-Meitner-Institut Berlin GmbH	Organic nano-structures for photovoltaic applications
02.10.2006	Prof. Dr. Hui Gu Chinese Academy of Sciences , Shanghai Institute of Ceramics	Quantitative EELS analysis of grain boundary and Interface
18.10.2006	Prof. Dr. Florian Banhart Institut für Physikalische Chemie, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, Germany	Carbon Onions and Nanotubes as Nanolaboratories in the Electron Microscope

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22.11.2006	Prof. Feng-shou Xiao Jilin University, Changchun, China	Hydrothermally Stable Mesoporous Materials and Functionality of Catalytically Active Species in Mesoporous Materials
29.11.2006	Prof. Krijn P. de Jong Inorganic Chemistry and Catalysis, Department of Chemistry, Utrecht University, The Netherlands	Fundamental Studies on the Preparation of Supported Catalysts 

Date	Speaking Guest	Titel
10.01.2007	Dr. Xiaoming Ren Acta S.p.A., Crespina (PI) - Italy	Non-Pt catalysts for advanced direct alcohol fuel cells
17.01.2007	Prof. Claus Hviid Christensen Technical University of Denmark, Center for Sustainable and Green Chemistry, Department of Chemistry	Rational Approaches to Catalyst Design and Discovery
23.01.2007	Prof. Zhenping Zhu Institute for Coal Research, Chinese Academy of Science, Taiyuan, China	Construction, mechanism and properties of nanostructures
24.01.2007	Dr. Vincent Huc Université Paris – ORSAY 	Beyond the C60: from Calixarenes to metallic nanoparticles
07.02.2007	Prof. Jürgen Behm Abt. Oberflächenchemie und Katalyse, Universität Ulm	Electrocatalysis in Polymerelectrolyte Fuel Cell: Problems, Challenges and New Developments
15.02.2007	Dr. Frank de Groot Department of Chemistry, Utrecht University , Netherlands	New X-ray spectro-microscopic techniques for the in-situ study of heterogeneous catalysts
28.02.2007	Dr. Susana Valencia Instituto de Tecnología Química (UPV-CSIC), Valencia	New trends in the synthesis of zeolites 
25.04.2007	Dr. Xinyu Xia Industrial Chemistry, Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany	Temperature-Programmed Desorption from Porous Materials in a Flow Set-up: Experiments and Simulation
08.05.2007	Prof. Tao Zhang Dalian Institute of Chemical Physics, Dalian, China	Catalysis for aerospace applications

Date	Speaking Guest	Titel
09.05.2007	Prof. Dmitry Yu. Murzin Laboratory of Industrial Chemistry, Abo Akademi University, Turku, Finland	Challenges in developing catalysts for cleaning exhaust gases from diesel engines: HC-SCR of NOX
13.06.2007	Dr. Bruno Chaudret Toulouse, CNRS, France 	Organometallic Nanoparticles: Synthesis and Surface Chemistry
11.07.2007	Dr. Christophe Coperet CNRS, France	Design and understanding of heterogeneous olefin metathesis catalysts
18.07.2007	Prof. Michael Köhler TU Ilmenau, Germany	Micro fluid segment technique for miniaturized synthesis and screening
12.09.2007	Prof. Valerii I. Bukhtiyarov , Boreskov Institute of Catalysis, Novosibirsk, Russia	Size effects of supported nanoparticles in catalysis 
12.12.2007	Dr. Juan P. Holgado Vázquez Instituto de Ciencia de Materiales de Sevilla (Univ. Sevilla - CSIC)	Strategies for design nanostructured catalysts: from real materials to model systems 

Date	Speaking Guest	Titel
21.02.2008	Prof. Lanny D. Schmidt Dept. of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis	Catalytic Autothermal Reforming of Renewable Fuels at Millisecond Times
13.03.2008	Dr. Nicola Pinna Laboratorio Associado CICECO Universidade de Aveiro Campus Universitario de Santiago	Non-aqueous sol-gel routes to nanostructured metal oxides
02.04.2008	Dr. Stephan Hofmann Centre for Advanced Photonics and Electronics, Uni. of Cambridge, UK	Catalyst Dynamics during Carbon Nanotube and Si Nanowire CVD
16.04.2008	Prof. E. Joseph Nordgren Uppsala University, Physics Dept., Sweden	Soft X-ray fluorescence and resonant inelastic scattering for materials and chemical physics 
28.04.2008	Dr. Jan Haubrich Dept. of Chemistry and Chemical Biology, Harvard University	Adsorption, Wechselwirkung und Reaktivität von Aldehyden und Alkenen mit Legierungsoberflächen und Oxiden

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Date	Speaking Guest	Titel
30.04.2008	Prof. Theodor Doll Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz und dem Institut für Mikrotechnik Mainz GmbH	The Electroadsorptive Effect in Fully Depleted Metal Oxide Film Gas Sensors
11.06.2008	Dr. Fachri Atamny OC Oerlikon Balzers Ltd, Solar	Photovoltaic Solar: Market and Technology Trends
02.07.2008	Dr. Wolfgang Kleist Institut für Chemie- / Bioingenieurwiss., ETH Zürich, Schweiz	Modified Metal-Organic Frameworks - Synthesis, Properties and Potential in Catalysis 
09.07.2008	Prof. Michael Smith Villanova University, Villanova, PA, USA	Order on what scale? Studies in the structure of porous carbons and mesoporous silicates
10.07.2008	Prof. Shriram Ramanathan School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Harvard Uni., Cambridge	Structure-Property relations in ultra-thin fluorite metal-oxides
29.07.2008	Prof. Laurent Duda Uppsala University, Sweden	Resonant inelastic soft x-ray scattering as a tool for studying chem. processes in situ
30.07.2008	Prof. Josef Breu Lehrstuhl fuer Anorganische Chemie I, Uni. Bayreuth, Germany	Colloids and Hybrids
13.08.2008	Dr. Karen Wilson Uni. of York, Dept. of Chemistry	Recent developments in environmental catalysis
27.08.2008	Prof. Konstantin I. Hadjiivanov Institute of General and Inorganic Chemistry, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences	IR Spectroscopy of Isotopically Labelled Surface Species 
03.09.2008	Prof. Jean Marie Basset Laboratoire de Chimie Organométallique de Surface, Villeurbanne, France	Surface organometallic chemistry: a predictive approach of heterogeneous catalysis?

Date	Speaking Guest	Titel
17.09.2008	Prof. Leon Lefferts University of Twente, Catalytic Processes and Materials Group	Heterogeneous catalysis in liquid phase; Fundamental and engineering challenges
01.10.2008	Prof. Robert Glaum Institut für Anorganische Chemie, Universität Bonn, Germany	Ein Festkörperchemiker auf Abwegen
22.10.2008	Prof. Rüdiger Kniep MPI für chemische Physik fester Stoffe, Dresden/Germany	Apatit-Gelatine-Nanocomposites (aus dem Reich der Borophosphate) 
05.11.2008	Prof. Juri Grin Chemische Metallkunde, MPI für chemische Physik fester Stoffe, Dresden/Germany	Intermetallic compounds and redox reactions 
09.12.2008 10.12.2008	Prof. Gabor A. Somorjai Department of Chemistry and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, University of California, Berkeley, USA	Winner of the Gerhard Ertl Lecture Award 2008 Molecular Foundations of Heterogeneous Metal Catalysis

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Project Name	Akronym	Referenz No.	Funds' Provider	Funding Period	Project Leader at FHI	Cooperation Partner	Coordinator
"Upgrading of natural gas and palm oil to higher added value speciality chemicals using combinatorial technologies and catalysis"	COMBICAT 	PS 681	University of Malaya	2002 - 2009	Prof. Dr. R. Schlögl Dr. A. Trunschke	Prof. Dr. S. B. Abd Hamid	Prof. Dr. S. B. Abd Hamid
Integrated Design of Nanostructured Catalytic Materials for a Sustainable Development	IDECAT 	PSFHI 805	European Union	2005 - 2010	Prof. Dr. R. Schlögl	Prof. H.J. Freund Prof. M. Scheffler Prof. M. Reetz Prof. F. Schüth and other (17 European partners) http://idecat.org	Prof. Dr. G. Centi
In situ Characterization of Propene Oxidation Catalysts and Catalysis	Sumitomo 	PS 251	Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd	1.10..2004 - 2009	Prof. Dr. R. Schlögl Dr. A. Knop-Gericke	Prof. Dr. Hiroshi Yamachika (Japan)	Prof. Dr. R. Schlögl Prof. Dr. Hiroshi Yamachika
ENERCHEM Nanochemical Concepts for a Sustainable Energy Supply Projects of Max Planck Institutes	ENERCHEM 	M.I.F.A.FHI 08025	MPG 	2005 - 2010	Prof. R. Schlögl Dr. D. S. Su	Prof. F. Schüth (MPI für Kohleforschung), Prof. J. Maier (MPI für Festkörperforschung), Prof. K. Müllen (MPI für Polymerforschung)	Verbundprojekt
Entwicklung von Methanolsynthesekatalysatoren als Basis für nachhaltige Ressourcennutzung – TP3	BMBF	PSFHI 102	BMBF 	1.7.2005 – 31.12.2008	Prof. R. Schlögl Dr. M. Behrens	Südchemie, Prof. M. Muhler (Ruhr-Uni. Bochum), Lurgi AG, Prof. S.B. Abd Hamid (Uni. of Malaya / NanoC, Kuala Lumpur) 	Südchemie
Oxidnitride des Zirconiums als Materialien und Modellverbindungen für die katalytische Aktivierung von Ammoniak	DFG 	SCHL 332/9-2	Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft	23.10.2006 continuing	Prof. R. Schlögl	Prof. M. Lerch Prof. R. Schomäcker	Prof. T. Ressler
Mischoxide		PSFHI 253	Südchemie	2007 - 2009	Prof. Dr. R. Schlögl Dr. A. Trunschke		Dr. A. Trunschke

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Joint project with Bayer AG Teilprojekt AP1: “Aufklärung, Reaktionsmechanismus und Optimierung des bestehenden Katalysatoren”	CarboScale	PSFHI 105	BMBF 	2007 - 2012	Prof. Dr. R. Schlögl Dr. J. P. Tessonniere	TU Berlin Ruhr-Uni. Bochum Univ. Erlangen Univ. Clausthal Future Carbon GmbH Bayer Ehrfeld Mikrotechnik - BTS GmbH Leibnitz-Inst, Dresden TU Ilmenau Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft München H. C. Starck GmbH	Dr. D.S. Su Dr. J. P. Tessonniere
“Unifying Concepts in Catalysis”, application to become Cluster of Excellence	CoE Unicat 	PSFHI 770	German Federal and State Governments to Promote Science and Research at German Univ.	starting 2007	Prof. R. Schlögl Prof. H.J. Freund Prof. G. Meijer Prof. M. Scheffler	http://www.unicat.tu-berlin.de	Prof. M. Driess (TU Berlin)
International Partnership for Research and Education: “Molecular Engineering for Conversion of Biomass derived Reactants to Fuels, Chemicals and Materials”	PIRE			2012	Prof. R. Schlögl Dr. M. Behrens (host German site)	Prof. M. Antonietti Prof. M. Scheffler Prof. R. J. Davis Prof. J. A. Dumesic Prof. M. Neurock Prof. B. Shanks Prof. C. Christensen Prof. I. Chorkendorff Prof. J. K. Nørskov Prof. S. Hellweg	Prof. A.K.Datye (Univ.of New Mexico)
Elektroden-Charakterisierung	FuEV	PSFHI 254	Bayer AG 	1.7.2007 – 20.6.2009	Prof. R. Schlögl	Prof. R. Schlögl (FHI der MPG) Prof. R. Schomäcker (TU Berlin)	
Identification of local environment of transition metal promoter cations in zirconia-based heterogeneous catalysts.	DFG	436 MOL	Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft-	2004 – 2006 continuing	Dr. F. C. Jentoft	Prof. Dr. S. Klokishner (Kishinev, Acad. Sci. Moldova)	
Intensities of IR stretching bands as a criterion of polarization and activation of adsorbed molecules in heterogeneous acid-base catalysis	DFG	Je 267/2-1 und 436 RUS 113/788/0-1	Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft-	2004 – 2008	Dr. F. C. Jentoft	Prof. V. Kazansky (RAS Moskow, Russian)	
PROX catalysts	PROX		MPG	2004 – 2006 continuing	Dr. F. C. Jentoft	Dr. A. Knop-Gericke Dr. A. Wootsch (Budapest, Hungarian)	Dr. F. C. Jentoft

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Mechanismus of alkane activation by sulfated zirconia materials	IDECAT ELCASS	PSFHI 805 MAPAFHI 00001	European Union MPG and CNRS (Centre nationale de la recherche scientifique)	2005 - 2010 2004 - 2010	Prof. Dr. R. Schlögl Dr. F. C. Jentoft	http://idecat.org Prof. Dr. F. Garin	Prof. Dr. G. Centi Dr. D. S. Su
Struktur, Dynamik und Reaktivität von Übergangsmetallocid- Aggregaten	Sfb	Sfb 546	Sonderforschungsbereich	2000 - 2009	Dr. D.S. Su Dr. K. Pelzer (Aug. 2008)	Prof. Dr. R. Schlögl	Prof. Dr. J. Sauer
Electrocatalytic Gas-Phase Conversion of CO ₂ in Confined Catalysts	ELCAT	PSFHI 807	European Union	1.9.2004 – 31.8.2011	Dr. D. S. Su	http://www.elcat.org	Prof. Dr. G. Centi
Nanocarbon – Nanocarbon related materials in heterogeneous catalysis	ELCASS	MAPAFHI 00001	MPG and CNRS (Centre nationale de la recherche scientifique)	2004 - 2010	Dr. D. S. Su	Prof. G. Centi Dr. Cuong Pham-Huu Prof. M. Ledoux Prof. F. Garin	Dr. D. S. Su
1) Electron microscopy study of one-dimensional II-VI semiconductor nanostructures grown by molecular-beam epitaxy 2) Nanostructured transition metal oxides as new humidity sensors materials 3) Synthesis, characterization and catalytic properties of mesoporous materials	DAAD	PS 963	Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst DAAD	1) 2004 - 2005 2) 2006 - 2007 3) 2006 – 2007 continuing	Dr. D. S. Su	2) Dr. A. Gajovic 3) Prof. Feng-Shou Xiao (Changchun, China) <small>Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst German Academic Exchange Service</small>	DAAD
Partner group Dalian, Chinese Academy of Sciences. “Carbon-based challenging nanostructured materials for catalytic application”	Bao	MCHAFHI 00001	MPG	1.10.2000 – 30.9.2005 1.7.2006 – 1.1.2007 – 2009 (2011)	Dr. D. S. Su		Prof. Dr. Xinhe Bao
Nonstructural catalysts for environment protection and green chemistry	Krakow		MPG	2002 – 2009	Dr. D. S. Su	Prof. Dr. M. Najbar	Dr. D. S. Su
Cooperation Zagreb “TEM and Raman spectroscopy of nanostructured transition metal oxides”	Zagreb	K 500Z	MPG	2004 – 2005 continuing	Dr. D. S. Su	Dr. K. Furic (Zagreb, Kroatiens)	Dr. D. S. Su
Raman-Spektroskopie als diagnostisches Tool zur Bestimmung der Struktur-Reaktivitäts-Korrelation von Ruß unterschiedlicher Mikrostruktur	DFG	SCHL 332/10-1	Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft	15.10.2007 – 14.10.2009	Dr. D. S. Su	Prof. R. Nießner Dr. N. Ivleva	Prof. R. Schrögl

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In situ studies of oxygen species in the ethylene epoxidation over silver			MPG	1999 – 2006 continuing	Dr. A. Knop-Gericke	Prof. V. L. Bukhtiyarov (Novosibirsk, Russian)	Dr. A. Knop-Gericke
Development of a high pressure photoelectron spectrometer			MPG and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratories, USA	2001 – 2006 continuing	Dr. A. Knop-Gericke	Prof. Dr. M. Salmeron	Prof. Dr. M. Salmeron
Pd model catalysts in oxidation reactions			MPG	2004 - 2008	Dr. A. Knop-Gericke	Dr. B. Klötzer (Innsbruck, Austria) Dr. D. Zemlyanov (Limerick, Irland)	Dr. A. Knop-Gericke
Entwicklung, Charakterisierung und in situ-Katalyseverhalten neuartiger, nanostrukturierter Übergangsmetallocid-Modell-Katalysatoren für Partialoxidationen	Emmy-Noether-Nachwuchsgruppe	HE 4515/1-1 HE 4515/1-2	Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft	2004-2008	Dr. C. Hess		
Functional analysis of noble metal catalysts in selective hydrogenation	Partner Group	M.PG.A.FHI00002	MPG and Inst. of Isotopes (Budapest, Hungary)	2006 – 2009 (2011)	Prof. Dr. R. Schlögl Dr. A. Knop-Gericke	Prof. Dr. Z. Paál	Prof. Dr. R. Schlögl Prof. Dr. Zoltán Paál
In situ XPS collaboration			UOP LLC, a Honeywell company	2006 continuing	Dr. A. Knop-Gericke	Ally S. Chan Simon Bare	
Interaction of Surface and Gas Reactions in High Temperature (max ca.1300°C) High Pressure (max. ca. 5 M Pa) Catalytic Alkane Oxidations	Emmy-Noether-Nachwuchsgruppe	EM.FHI 707	Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft	2007 - 2012	Dr. R. Horn		

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Overview

Current challenges in catalysis range from the efficient exploitation of energy resources to the creative use of natural and artificial enzymes.

Our strategic goal is to unify concepts in catalysis by bridging the gaps between homogeneous and heterogeneous catalysis, between elementary gas-phase reactions and complex processes in highly organised biological systems, as well as between fundamental and applied catalysis research.

Our initiative focuses on analysing catalytic mechanisms, designing novel catalytic materials and strategies, and developing new catalytic processes on laboratory and miniplant scales. We want to integrate the expertise in chemistry, biology, physics, and engineering in the Berlin area into an innovative research program. We aim at creating a centre of catalytic research and generating new synergisms in this central field of science and technology.

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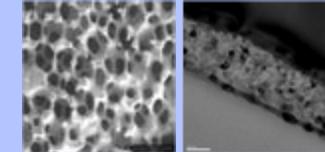
The projects of FHI / Dept. of AC within UniCat

Research area A: Bridging the materials gap in complex catalysis

1. Direct oxidative coupling of methane to ethylene on Li-MgO foam catalysts

(Dr. Ulyana Zavyalova, Oliver Korup, Dr. Isabella Oprea, Dr. Raimund Horn)

Goal: Understanding of mechanistic details of the methane activation towards design of tailored basic oxide catalysts. Comprehensive study of the heterogeneous-homogeneous reaction mechanism on Li/MgO foam catalysts with various surface-to-volume ratios.



2. Molybdenum molecular compounds for modeling active sites of selective oxidation catalysts

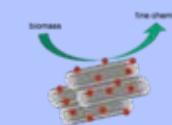
(Kazuhiko Amakawa)

Goal: Study of the structure-reactivity relationship in metastable MoO_x based catalysts for selective oxidation reactions.

3. Conversion of biomass on the MWCNT-supported metallic nanoparticles

(Sylvia Reiche)

Goal: Design and application of MWCNT-supported metallic catalysts for conversion of biomass into building blocks for the production of biodegradable polymers.



What is BIG-NSE?

The Berlin International Graduate School for Natural Sciences and Engineering (BIG-NSE) is the graduate program of the UniCat Cluster of Excellence. With the founding of BIG-NSE, UniCat aims to recruit gifted students and young researchers from all over the world and offer them a broad, high level structured educational program in order to prepare them for the high-ranking research performed at the cluster. Within a so-called "Initial Phase" of three months, basic lectures are given on topics of all three areas of the cluster. In addition soft skill courses, such as language courses, training in personal skills (presentation, communication), counseling on setting up a business, project management, funding acquisition etc., as well multiple excursions to scientific institutes and industrial enterprises complete the educational program.



<http://www.big-nse.tu-berlin.de>



European Union - Network of Excellence / NoE

What is the SIXTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME (FP6) ?



At the Lisbon summit in March 2000, EU governments called for a better use of European research efforts through the creation of an internal market for science and technology - a 'European Research Area' (ERA). FP6 is the financial instrument to help make ERA a reality.



Integrated Design of Catalytic Nanomaterials for a Sustainable Production (IDECAT)

The development of high-performance and conceptually innovative catalytic nanomaterials is crucial for industry and for Europe's sustainable future. In Europe, several excellent research teams exist in catalysis, but there is a significant fragmentation in the area due to separate scientific communities (heterogeneous, homogeneous, and bio-catalysis) and a lack of thematic identity. IDECAT Network of Excellence will address this fragmentation, creating a coherent framework of research, know-how and training between the various catalysis communities (heterogeneous, homogeneous, bio-catalysis) with the objective of achieving a lasting integration between the main European Institutions in the area.

37 laboratories from 17 Institutions, gathering over 500 researchers
The work is divided in 13 work packages.



Final objective of IDECAT is the creation of an European Research Institute of Catalysis (**ERIC**) to realize top level projects in the field of catalysis and to develop catalytic functional materials.

<http://idecat.org>

CANAPE

completed in 2008

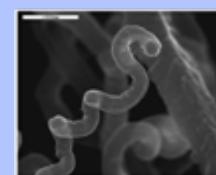
<http://cordis.europa.eu>

Carbon Nanotubes for Applications in Electronics, Catalysis, Composites and Nano-Biology (CANAPE)

The consortium gathers 15 research and industrial partners to improve the fundamental knowledge of carbon nanotubes as well as their applications.
<http://www.pa.msu.edu/cmp/csc/nanotube.html>

To improve efficiency, the consortium work is divided in 7 work packages.

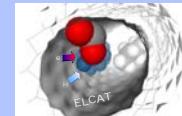
- WP1: Growth and process optimization.
- WP2: Applications in chemistry.
- WP3: Applications in electronics.
- WP4: Applications in composites.
- WP5: Nano-bio.
- WP6: Health.
- WP7: Electrolyte Fuel Cell.



SEM image of
Carbon Nano Tubes,
HV 25kV, el-opt magn. 35000x

<http://www.canapeweb.com>

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Electrocatalytic Gas-Phase Conversion of CO₂ in Confined Catalysts (ELCAT)

NEST Adventure

NEST is a new activity in the Sixth Framework Programme (FP6). It aims at support unconventional and visionary research with the potential to open new fields for European science and technology, as well as research on potential problems uncovered by science.

New and emerging science and technology (NEST)

The project is focussed on the electrocatalytic gas-phase conversion of CO₂ to Fischer-Tropsch (FT)-like products (C1-C10 hydrocarbons and alcohols).

This project will address three relevant challenges of catalysis:

- Use of a selective source of energy in catalytic reactions as an alternative to the unselective thermal energy.
- Find a feasible way to convert CO₂ to chemicals.
- Use the confinement effect in nanomaterials to promote unconventional catalytic reactions.

<http://www.elcat.org>





What is EnerChem ?

EnerChem is a research association, initiated by five Max Planck institutes. The aim is to combine the chemical expertise and capacities of these institutes to generate solutions to the emerging problems of energy supply, storage and saving with the focus on nanostructured carbon materials. [The Department of Inorganic Chemistry is member of the Project House EnerChem of the Max-Planck Society.](#)



The world energy consumption is at present based nearly to 90% on fossil sources of energy (coal, oil, natural gas). Low efficiency of energy utilization has speeded up the depletion of fossil fuels and global warming. With the establishment of "nano-chemical concepts of lasting power supplies – EnerChem", a scientific basis for new mobile energy storage and more effective methods of energy production was founded.

The projects of AC in the EnerChem are:

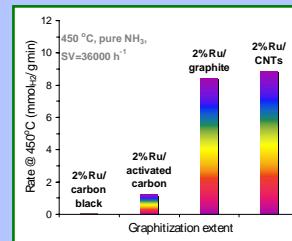
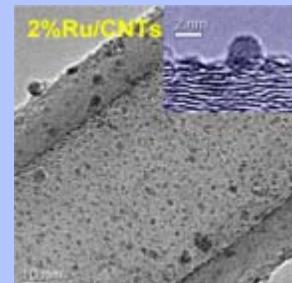
1. Ammonia as energy carrier

Ammonia decomposition ($2\text{NH}_3 \rightarrow \text{N}_2 + 3\text{H}_2$) is free of CO_x and environmentally benign. Conversion of nearly 100% can be achieved at 400°C on the supported metals. Carbon nanotube is the best support due to its high electric conductivity and thermal/chemical stabilities. The graphitic structure as the electron reservoir greatly enhances the reaction rate via optimizing electron exchange on the local domain of active sites.

Structure of carbon was found to determine the activity of supported metals, *i.e.* the higher the graphitization, the higher the activity. As revealed by *in-situ* XPS at a near-ambient pressure, the decomposition activity shows a positive dependency on the efficiency of electron transfer inside the "Ru-C-promoter" ternary interfaces. Advantage of CNTs is only found on its confinement on the stability.

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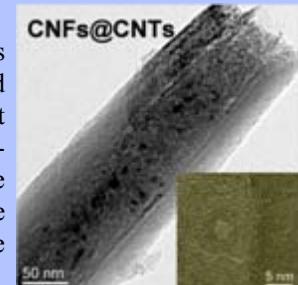
External collaborations:

MPG-Colloid and Interfaces (Golm), MPI-Coal Research (Muelheim),
MPI-Polymer Research (Mainz), MPI-Solid State Science (Stuttgart),



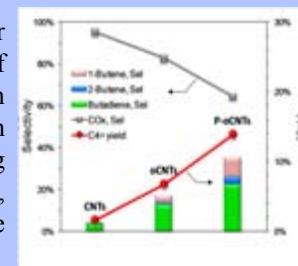
2. Novel nanocarbons for electrochemical energy storage

Li-ion rechargeable batteries are not only consumer electronics but, most importantly, green carrier of electricity in hybrid electric vehicles. Carbon as a richly available and low-cost resource is a promising electrode material. Carbon nanotube-encapsulated nanofibers (CNFs@CNTs) as a superior electrode material provides a long-term stability at a high storage capacity. Facile fabrication benefits it a great potential to be commercialized.



3. Carbon-based metal-free catalysis

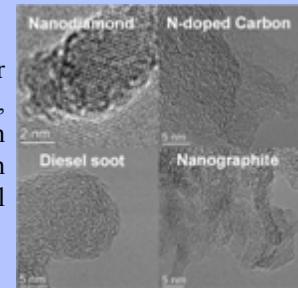
Traditional metal catalysts are deeply involved in their chemical complexity, such as lattice oxygen, various forms of polyvalent metals, parallel coke formation, etc. We use carbon with nanostructure to catalyze oxidative dehydrogenation reactions of propane, butane and ethylbenzene, producing important industrial monomers including propene, butenes, butadiene, and styrene. A superior selectivity to alkenes can be observed for a long period of time, *e.g.* 500 h.



This catalytic process is mediated by surface ketonic carbonyl groups embedding in graphitic substrate. The turnover over local active sites is simplified as:
 $>\text{C}=\text{O} + \text{alkane} \rightarrow \geq\text{C}-\text{OH} + \text{alkene}$. The selectivity can be further improved by the addition of B or P to passivate the sites for total combustion. We note that the reaction is generally coke-free.

4. Structural characterization of novel nanocarbons

There is a great amount of carbons with novel structures, for example nanodiamond, nanographite, nano-onion, graphene, diesel engine soot, N-doped carbon, *etc.* We focus on characterizing the effect of their structural parameters on practical uses in electrochemistry, catalysis and environmental science.



Collaborative Research Centre

Collaborative Research Centers are long-term university research centers in which scientists and researchers work together within a cross-disciplinary research program.

What is a Collaborative Research Centre ?

Under the Collaborative Research Centre Program, funding may be provided for Collaborative Research Centers (**SFBs**), which are generally based at up to three universities.

In addition to the scientific projects funded in the SFB programs, specific project modules may also be incorporated. Examples include transfer projects, PR projects, integrated Research Training Groups, projects on information infrastructure and research service projects. Independent junior research groups that are funded in the Emmy Noether Program may be integrated in an SFB. International cooperation is also promoted in a variety of forms.

What aims the SFB 546 ?

Transition metal oxides find applications in many areas. The aim of the collaborative research centre 546 is focused on the relation between structures of transition metal oxides in different aggregation states and their functions. For this purpose gas-phase and solid state studies are combined: in the gas-phase diatomic molecules and small clusters are generated, characterized, and their reactivity is studied. Comparison is made with clusters deposited on surfaces as well as with epitaxial films and single crystal surfaces. Finally, "real" transition metal catalysts on supports will be studied.

Part of the SFB 546 are currently:



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SFB 546:

Structure, Dynamics and Reactivity of Aggregates of Transition Metal Oxides

Sub-project B2:

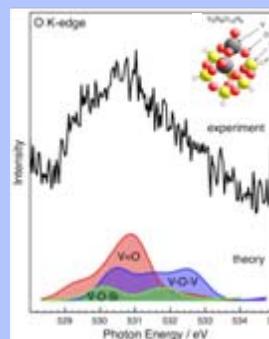
Partial oxidation of small hydrocarbon molecules with microscopic amounts of vanadia catalysts

Program Summary

Project B2 aims at establishing structure-activity relations for partial oxidation reactions of small alkane molecules using small V_xO_y particles and supported V_xO_y aggregates. An understanding of structure-activity relations requires on one hand the development of well-defined, realistic model systems, on the other hand the thorough characterization before and during reaction. The findings from the last funding period regarding the structural properties of V_xO_y/SBA-15 catalysts provide an excellent basis for future in situ investigations as well as the targeted development of novel synthetic strategies.

The objectives of AC in the SFB are:

All B projects dealing with polycrystalline materials (Poly B), i.e. sub-projects B2, B3, B6 and B7, will strongly focus on the **common goal to understand and maximize the selectivity in propane selective oxidation**. This approach is expected to yield synergistic effects as each sub-project will strongly focus on its area of expertise. The common sample pool begins with up scaling SBA-15 samples in order to provide SBA-15/V series, then SBA-15 modified samples and in parallel V on carbon nanotubes.



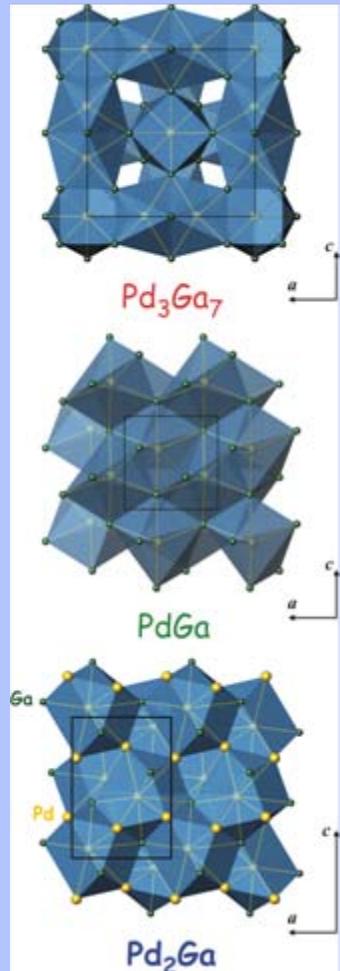
Theorie compared to experiment

In collaboration with Prof. Dr. Klaus Hermann (FHI), an experimental in-situ oxygen K-NEXAFS spectrum of 10.8 wt% V/SBA-15 has been compared to theoretical spectra of different oxygen coordinations. The theoretical spectra have been obtained by DFT calculations for a V₂Si₆O₁₄H₆ cluster as shown in the Figure. This comparison suggests the presence of V-O-V bridging bonds in the VO_x species on SBA-15.

<http://www.chemie.hu-berlin.de/sfb546/index.html>

Scientific Progress

Palladium intermetallic compounds

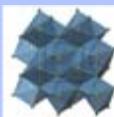


Selective hydrogenation is an important industrial process, for example to remove trace amounts of acetylene in ethylene feed for the production of polyethylene. Because acetylene poisons the polymerization catalyst, the acetylene content in the feed has to be reduced to the low ppm range. Moreover, economic efficiency requires high selectivity of the acetylene hydrogenation to prevent the hydrogenation of ethylene to ethane. Typical catalyst contain palladium, however its selectivity and long term stability is a critical issue.

To circumvent these problems we introduced a new family of Pd-based materials to hydrogenation chemistry. These new materials are intermetallic compounds (IMC) that are chemical compound of two or more metallic elements and adopts an ordered crystal structure that differs from those of the constituent metals. Intermetallic compounds are single phase materials.

Figure 1 illustrates three Pd-Ga intermetallic compounds with different stoichiometry. Here, the atomic environment of the catalytically active metal is pinned in the crystal structure. Quantum chemical calculations suggest that their Pd d band is further filled and shifted to higher binding energy by the chemical bonding between Ga and Pd (Fig. 2). This leads to a homogeneous distribution of the possible active sites to a

Fig.1 Palladium intermetallic compounds



significantly reduced segregation and to negligible sub-surface chemistry.

The intermetallic compounds have been prepared by mixing the two molten metals followed by milling of the intermetallic compound.

The IMC show considerably higher selectivity in the hydrogenation of acetylene to ethylene compared to the reference catalysts (Fig. 3). Moreover, they exhibit a remarkable catalytic long-term stability, because of the isolation of the active Pd sites, thus preventing polycondensation side-reactions.

In situ X-ray photoelectroscopic experiment, which is biased toward the surface, confirmed the modified electronic structure of Pd and its stability in hydrogenation environment.

Filling of the Pd d-band and the covalent Pd-Ga interaction prevents the formation of subsurface hydrides, as confirmed by the bulk-sensitive Prompt Gamma Activation Analysis under reaction conditions. The geometrical isolation of Pd sites and the complete suppression of subsurface hydrogen are two key parameters for the superior catalytic properties.

Recently we are exploring the possibility to apply concept of IMC in different catalytic reactions. Our new target reaction is steam reforming of low carbon chain alcohols to produce hydrogen.

Fig.2 Electron density of states of elemental Pd and PdGa

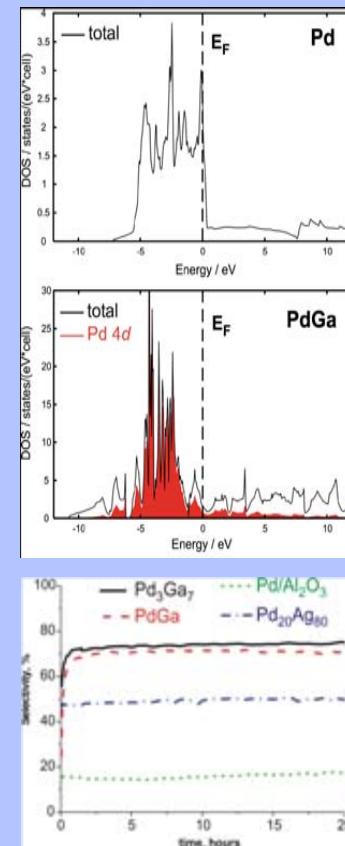


Fig.3 Selectivity in acetylene hydrogenation

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External collaborations:

Max-Planck-Institut für Chemische Physik fester Stoffe
(Prof.Dr. Y. Grin)

Teaching Activities

Staff scientists are regularly involved in the course programme of the Freie Universität, Humboldt Universität and Technische Universität in Berlin.

The AC Department covers teaching aspects within the IMPRS (International Max Planck Research School; <http://www.imprs-cs.mpg.de>) of the FHI on the chemistry of heterogeneous catalysts and on the aspects of preparation of inorganic solids.

Modern Methods in Heterogeneous Catalysis Research

Robert Schlögl, Annette Trunschke et al.

<http://w3.rz-berlin.mpg.de/cat>



"Modern Methods in Heterogeneous Catalysis Research" is a class aimed at giving advanced students, who are interested or involved in catalysis research, insight into the methods of catalyst preparation, catalyst testing, and catalyst characterization. The class consists of a series of individual and largely independent lectures given by different instructors.



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<http://www.imprs-cs.mpg.de>

The International Max Planck Research School on "Complex Surfaces in Material Science" aims at combining the expertise of several strong research groups in the Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, the Freie Universität Berlin, and the Fritz-Haber-Institut der Max-Planck-Gesellschaft, creating a unique opportunity for foreign and German students in terms of cutting-edge research and a thorough training in the methods, concepts, and theoretical basis of the physics and chemistry of surfaces. The Research School provides an interdisciplinary environment, and a wealth of methods using state-of-the-art equipment.



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<http://www.unicat.tu-berlin.de>

UniCat is the acronym for a new initiative on the area of catalysis research in the Berlin-Brandenburg area (Germany). UniCat is a Cluster of Excellence and BIG-NSE is its graduate school (<http://www.big-nse.tu-berlin.de>). UniCat has been developed within the Excellence Initiative started by the German Federal and State Governments, under the supervision of the German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, DFG).

Physical Chemistry Laboratory Class (WS only)

Instructor: S. Wrabetz

<http://w3.rz-berlin.mpg.de/ac/teaching/teaching.html>

"Adsorption Calorimetry" is an experiment in the Physical Chemistry laboratory class for 7th semester students at the Humboldt Universität in Berlin.

Dept. of Industrial Chemistry and Engineering of Materials

Univ. Messina, Sicily, Italy

Instructor: D. S. Su

"Basics of Transmission Electron Microscopy"

Dalian Institute for Chemical Physics, Chinese Academy of Science, Dalian, China

Instructor: D. S. Su

"Electron Microscopy and Its Application in Heterogeneous Catalysis: A basic lecture to understanding electron microscopy"

Fritz-Haber-Institut der Max-Planck-Gesellschaft, Dept. of AC

Instructors: D. S. Su, Dr. Di Wang

"Basics Course on Electron Microscopy and Its Applications"



lange Nacht der Wissenschaften



Wasserstofftechnologie

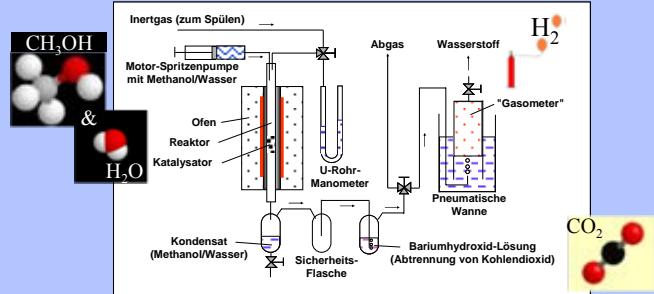
Anhaltende Diskussionen um die Gestaltung der zukünftigen Energieversorgung haben

auch das allgemeine öffentliche Interesse erreicht. Innovative Ansätze umfassen dabei die unter dem Begriff *Wasserstofftechnologie* zusammengefassten Prozesse, dabei kommt der Brennstoffzellentechnologie eine zentrale Bedeutung zu.

Die Abteilung Anorganische Chemie (AC) am Fritz-Haber-Institut der MPG ist in ihrer Forschungstätigkeit mit fundamentalen Prozessen der heterogen katalysierten Stoffumwandlung befasst. Untersucht werden beispielsweise Eigenschaften von Katalysatormaterialien. Dabei kommen Methoden zur Anwendung, die Einblicke in Mechanismen des katalytischen Prozesses selbst auf atomarer Ebene gewähren. So sind Mitarbeiter der Abteilung seit längerem mit der Aufklärung der Wirkungsweise von Katalysatoren für die Methanol-Reformierung wie auch der Wassergas-Shift-Reaktion befasst. Beides Prozesse, die im Rahmen der Wasserstofftechnologie eine Rolle spielen.

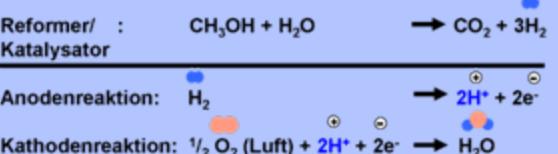
Woher kommt der Wasserstoff / Where does hydrogen come from?

z.B. aus Methanol CH_3OH



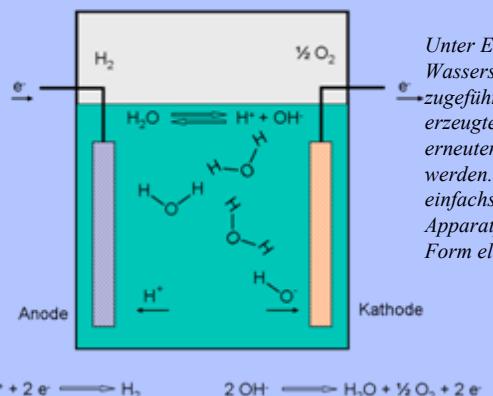
DMFC – Direct Methanol Fuel Cell

The DMFC converts methanol and oxygen electrochemically into electrical power, heat, carbon dioxide and water. At the anode (negative electrode), the methanol is first split into hydrogen and carbon dioxide before the same catalyst splits the hydrogen into protons and electrons. These reactions require a special platinum/ruthenium catalyst. The protons then diffuse across the polymer membrane to the cathode (positive electrode), while the electrons pass as current through the external circuit. At the cathode, the electrons then recombine with the protons that have passed across the membrane and with oxygen to form water. The cathode reaction is catalyzed by e.g. platinum particle. The voltage generated by a single DMFC cell is 0.3-0.9 V.



Anlässlich der Langen Nacht der Wissenschaften am 12.06.2004 und 11.06.2005 hat die Abteilung Anorg. Chemie einen generellen Überblick der physikalischen und chemischen Grundlagen zur Nutzung von Wasserstoff als Energieträger dargeboten. Mit einigen Exponaten und Versuchen wurden dem Besucher Entwicklungen und Techniken der Wasserstoffwirtschaft veranschaulicht. Mit einem Stirlingmotor wurden prinzipielle Gesetzmäßigkeiten der Energieumwandlung demonstriert. Mit einer Brennstoffzelle wurde der aktuelle Stand der Technik vorgestellt.

(<http://w3.rz-berlin.mpg.de/ac/news>)



Unter Energiezufuhr kann Wasser in seine Bestandteile Wasserstoff und Sauerstoff gespalten werden. Die zugeführte Energie ist dann quasi in der Form des erzeugten Wasserstoffes gespeichert und kann bei erneuter Bildung von Wasser wieder freigesetzt werden. Die Spaltung des Wassers lässt sich am einfachsten in einer Elektrolysezelle (Hofmannscher Apparat) bewerkstelligen. Die Energie wird hier in Form elektrischer Energie zugeführt.



long night of Science



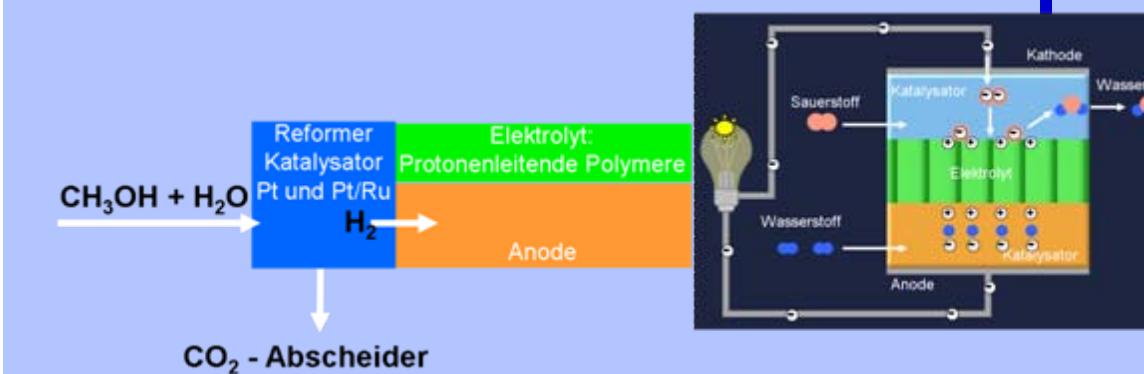
Hydrogen Technology

Ongoing discussions about power supply in future resulted in a general Public interest.

Innovative approaches comprise the processes well-known as hydrogen technology. Among these fuel cells are of special importance.

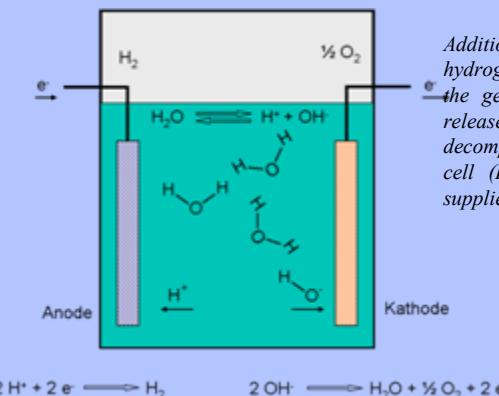
The Department of Inorganic Chemistry (IC) at the Fritz-Haber-Institut of the MPG is doing research related to basic processes of heterogeneously catalysed transformation of materials. We are studying for example properties of catalyst materials applying methods to allow insights into the mechanism of the catalytic process itself even on atomic level. Members of the department have been working for some time to explain the mode of action of catalysts for methanol reforming as well as the watergas-shift-reaction. Both are processes important for hydrogen technology.

Funktionsweise einer BZ / Function principle of a fuel cell



On occasion of the Long Night of Sciences on June 12th, 2004 and June 11th, 2005, the IC department gave a general overview of the physical and chemical basis for the use of hydrogen as a source of energy. Various experiments and exhibits were illustrating to the visitors the development and techniques of hydrogen economy. By means of a sterling motor basic principles of energy transformation were shown. A fuel cell demonstrated the state-of-the-art.

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Additional energy makes water decompose into hydrogen and oxygen. Energy is saved in form of the generated hydrogen molecule and may be released again when water reforms.. Water decomposition is done best within an electrolysis cell (Hofmannscher Apparat). Here energy is supplied in form of electric energy.

Anwendung / Application



Practical Courses



This is the competition in natural sciences, mathematics and technique for young people up to the age of 21. They can do research on their own or in groups of two or three. „Jugend forscht“ fields of research are: working world, biology, chemistry, geo and space sciences, mathematics/computer science, physics, engineering. It goes without saying that the **participants can win awards or incentives, such as a 2-weeks research training at the Fritz-Haber-Institut of the MPG**. This research training is especially looked for and popular. The young participants appreciate to be included into the daily working routine of highly-qualified scientists. Under professional guidance they may tackle their own research tasks.

Johannes Kohlmann und Yosri Hassanein (Oktober 2008, 3. Semester, Chemiestudenten)
Noch in unserer Schulzeit nahmen wir an „Jugend forscht“ teil und gewannen ein zweiwöchiges Praktikum im Fritz-Haber-Institut der MPG. Während der 2 Wochen durchliefen wir verschiedene Forschungsgruppen der Abt. AC, welche sich mit heterogener Katalyse befassen. Zu den besuchten AG's gehören unter anderem TEM, SEM, IR- & UV-vis-Spektroskopie und Mikrokalorimetrie. Dort bekamen wir eine ausführliche und interessante theoretische Einweisung in die Arbeitsweise der Geräte und deren praktische Anwendung. Auch fehlte es niemals am entsprechenden chemisch-theoretischen Background. Durch das Praktikum haben wir viele neue fachliche Kenntnisse gewonnen und es gewährte uns einen Blick auf eine mögliche Zukunft als Forscher. Auch führten wir erste wissenschaftliche Gespräche in Englisch.



Occupation practical course

Today the Lette Foundation incorporates five more or less independent educational institutions. Courses are currently offered for the following diplomas in the following departments: Technical Assistant in Metallography and Physical Material Analysis Chemistry and Biology Electronics and Data Processing Pharmacy Laboratory Medicine and Radiology.

Nadine Schechner (3.-18.1.2005)

Das 4-wöchige Berufspraktikum am FHI verging viel zu schnell. Es waren eindrucksvolle 4 Wochen. Ich lernte viele neue Labor-Geräte und Labor-Apparaturen kennen sowie neue Messtechniken, konnte aber auch gelerntes anwenden. Alles war sehr spannend für mich. Die Mitarbeiter waren alle hilfsbereit und freundlich. Das Labor war unglaublich gut organisiert.



Förderverein Chemie-Olympiade e.V.

Olympic games in Chemistry are an international competition for pupils of comprehensive schools. About 60 groups of pupils from different countries annually meet to compete and to put their knowledge in Chemistry to the test. Each nation is self-responsible for the selection of participants. In Germany candidates have to pass a 4-round test procedure. Some pupils from the 3rd round are given the chance to take part in a **2-weeks taster course at Fritz-Haber-Institut der Max-Planck-Gesellschaft**.



M. Martineau, A. Altman, F. Kühne
June 2003

Pupil practical course



Toni Siewert (Juli 2008):

Mein Name ist Toni Siewert und ich besuche zurzeit die 13. Jahrgangsstufe des Sartre-Gymnasiums in Berlin. Ich bin naturwissenschaftlich sehr interessiert und befinde mich momentan in der Orientierungsphase für mein zukünftiges Studium. Um Einblicke in die wissenschaftliche Forschungsarbeit zu erhalten, nutzte ich die Chance, ein zweiwöchiges Praktikum in der Abteilung Anorganische Chemie am Fritz-Haber-Institut zu absolvieren.

Das Hauptthema war der Forschungsbereich heterogene Katalyse. Dabei wurde ich unter anderem in die verschiedensten Analysemethoden wie zum Beispiel BET, IR-Spektroskopie, UV-vis Spektroskopie, Adsorptions-Mikrokalorimetrie und Transmissionselektronenmikroskopie eingewiesen. Für mich war besonders das Kennen lernen der einzelnen Arbeitsabläufe und Arbeitsgeräte sehr informativ. Positiv beeindruckt war ich von der freundlichen Arbeitsatmosphäre und der Hilfsbereitschaft der Mitarbeiter. Mir hat sehr gefallen, dass ich schon nach kurzer Einarbeitungszeit selbstständig und eigenverantwortlich arbeiten durfte. Faszinierend fand ich meinen Ausflug in die TU-Berlin, wo ich einiges über die Herstellung von Katalysatoren erfahren habe.

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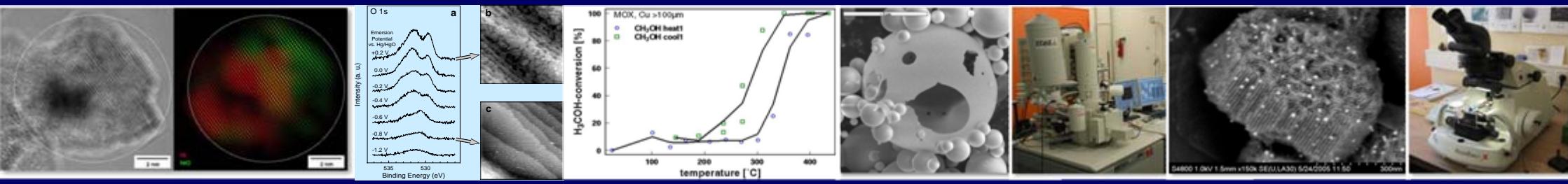
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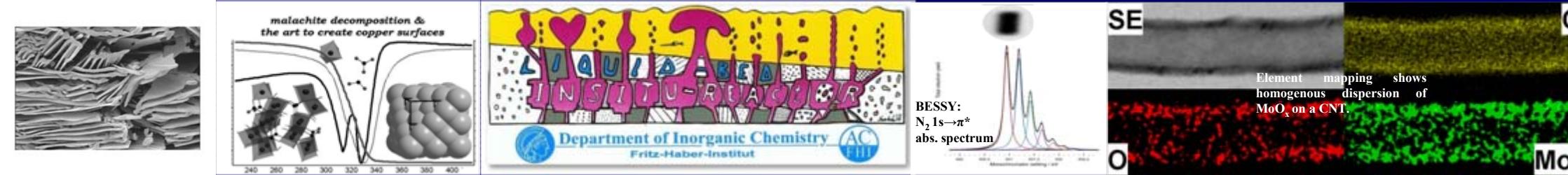


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