



# Propane activation over vanadia clusters on different catalysts

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#### Introduction













### **DYNAMICS** of the MoV oxide surface





The newly generated very strong  $C_3H_8$  adsorption sites might be related to the segregated of V<sup>5+</sup> and reflects a decrease in selectivity to acrylic acid.

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#### > Dynamic nature of the surface during reaction.

Very strong interaction of propane with the used surface explains the decrease in selectivity caused by V<sup>5+-</sup>segregation already at r.t..

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## Activation of C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub>







#### **Activation Barrier & Catalytic Activity**

 $V_2O_5$  MoVTeNb oxide

**6V/SBA15** 

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- **DFT:** direct calculation of the ENERGY BARRIERS of the first hydrogen abstraction from propane by a vanadyl (O=V) group yields a propyl radical bound to a HVO<sup>IV</sup> surface sites.

#### Size-Dependent Catalytic Activity of Supported Vanadium Oxide Species: Oxidative Dehydrogenation of Propane

Xavier Rozanska, Remy Fortrie, and Joachim Sauer\* J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2014, 136, 7751-7761.

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E <sub>app.</sub>	74 kJ/mol	66 kJ/mol	80 kJ/mol	110 kJ/mol
$\Delta$ H <sub>ads,</sub> at 50% coverage of C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	40 kJ/mol	70 kJ/mol	63 kJ/mol	44 / 52 kJ/mol
Intrinsic barrier <b>ΔH<sup>#</sup> <sub>exp</sub></b>	114 kJ/mol	136 kJ/mol	143 kJ/mol	154 / 162 kJ/mol
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The cluster size of the active surface vanadium oxide ensembles decreases with increasing the energy barrier.

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#### A structure reactivity relationship

can be retrieved by a combination of kinetic measurements, the determination of the heat of adsorption and DFT calculations.

Higher rates of propane oxidation are correlated with lower barriers for propane activation and seem to be linked with larger vanadium oxide cluster size.

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