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In situ XPS – A Tool to bridge the Pressure Gap in Heterogeneous Catalysis

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Introduction



Selectivity issue: what defines selectivity?

Model of overlapping TDS peaks



Acetylene hydrogenation (TDS)



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Hydrogenation (TDS)



sub-surface H

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Pulse experiments 1-pentyne Adsorption

(After H_2 pretreatment)





- **First pulse shows activity**
- 65% conversion
 - 38.5% 1-pentene
 - 6.5% *trans*-2-pentene
 - 3.5% *cis*-2-pentene
 - 6.5% pentane
 - 11.5% Unknown

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Hydrogenation

1. 1-Pentyne hydrogenation over 1% Pd/Al_2O_3 in a closed loop-reactor, t=5 min. (after repeated runs at each condition)



2. 1-Pentyne hydrogenation over 1% Pd/Al₂O₃ in continuous flow

 $H_2:C_5 = 4:1$ total hydrogenation $H_2:C_5 = 3:1$ selective hydrogenation

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Up to x5 more carbon is retained in the selective hydrogenation regime

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Reaction in the mbar p region (in-situ XPS)

	5% Pd/CNT	3% Pd/Al ₂ O ₃	Pd foil	Pd(111)
Conversion [%]	~ 10	~5	~2.5	<1
Selectivity Pentene [%]	~95	~80	~98	100
Selectivity Pentane [%]	~5	~20	~2	_

Recation conditions: C5/H2 = 1:9, 1 mbar, 358 K



In-situ XPS: Pd 3d depth profiling



In-situ XPS: C1s (Switching off experiments)



In-situ XPS: Pd 3d (Switching off experiments)



In-situ XPS: Pd 3d (Switching off experiments)



In-situ XPS: Pd vs. C depth profiling



HRTEM: lattice expansion

5% Pd/CNT after reaction



Pd nanoparticle (5nm x 6nm) with typical lattice dilatations, angular distortions are negligible background: rather disordered graphitic

layers of a CNT

0.2025 nm	+4.2%	0.1944 nm	200
0.2027 nm	+4.3%	0.1944 nm	020
0.1421 nm	+3.4%	0.1374 nm	220
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Model (during the reaction)



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- 6. <u>Dynamic</u> behaviour of Pd-C and subsurface C

• In situ measurements: 2*10-3 mbar

 $C_2H_4:O_2=1:3$, heating ramp 10K*min⁻¹



• In situ measurements:



During the oxidation a carbon containing phase is formed and changes the selectivity from CO_2 towards CO



[1] J. N. Andersen, et al. Phys. Rev. B 50 1994 17525



Conclusions

- During ethene oxidation the incorporation of carbon leads to a non metallic Pd carbide phase.
- The new, highly symmetric Pd3d5/2 peak, the shift of the fermi level, the loss of the plasmon excitation and the depth profiles indicate that this new phase is not only limited to the surface.
- The appearance of this phase is accompanied by strongly enhanced CO selectivity 30







Innovative Station for In Situ Spectroscopy A project of BESSY and the Dep. Inorganic Chemistry, Fritz-Haber-Institut

Installation of a beamline exclusively used for in situ spectroscopy in the soft X-ray range



Installation of infrastructure optimized for these kind of experiments on site (e.g. chemical lab, gas supply, gas analytics)



Later, further implementation of other in situ spectroscopy techniques: multi wavelength Raman, UV-Vis, fluorescence yield ?!



Start of user operation of the beamline: 2007





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