

# Russian-German-Seminar on Catalysis

## Bridging The Gap Between Model And Real Catalysis

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### The role of subsurface species in heterogeneous catalytic reactions

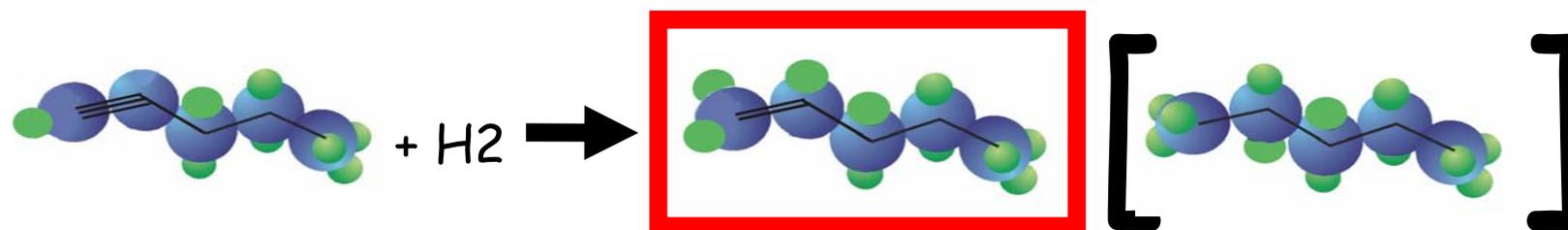
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# Introduction

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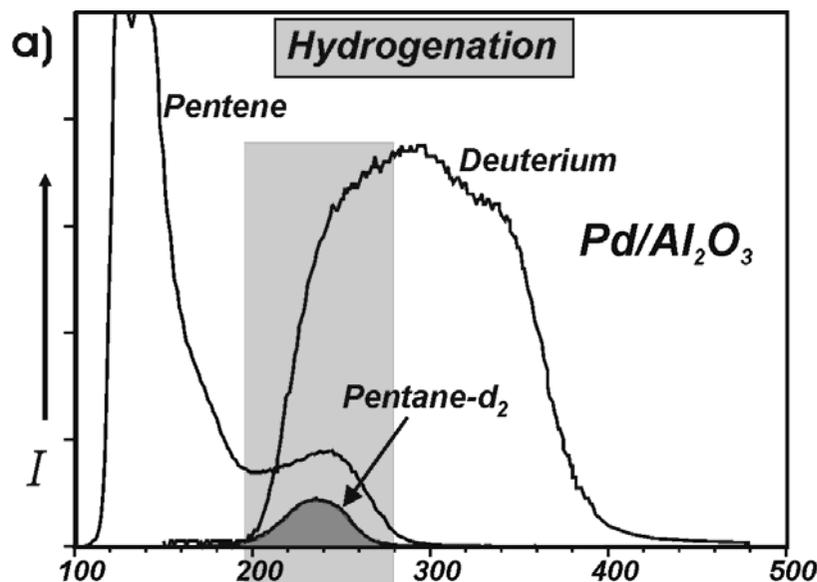


## Literature

carbon laydown  $\longrightarrow$  selective hydrogenation  
"similar" catalysts  $\longrightarrow$  different activity & selectivity  
(structure sensitivity?)

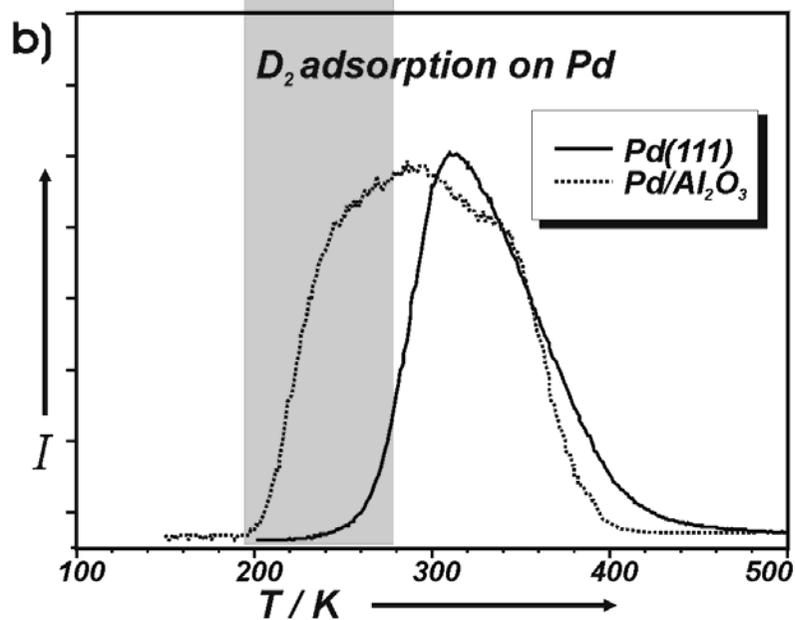
Selectivity issue: what defines selectivity?

# Model of overlapping TDS peaks



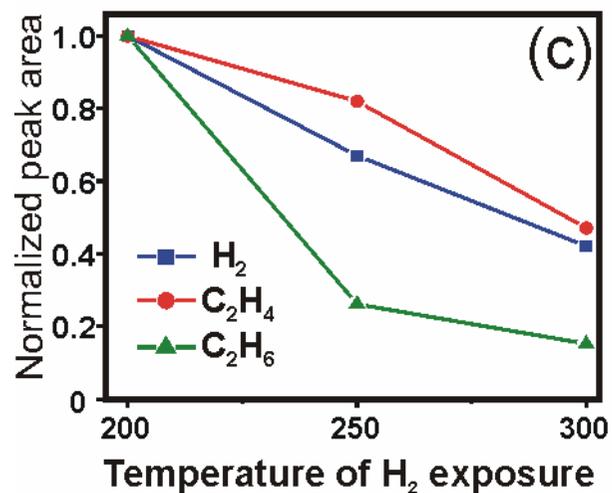
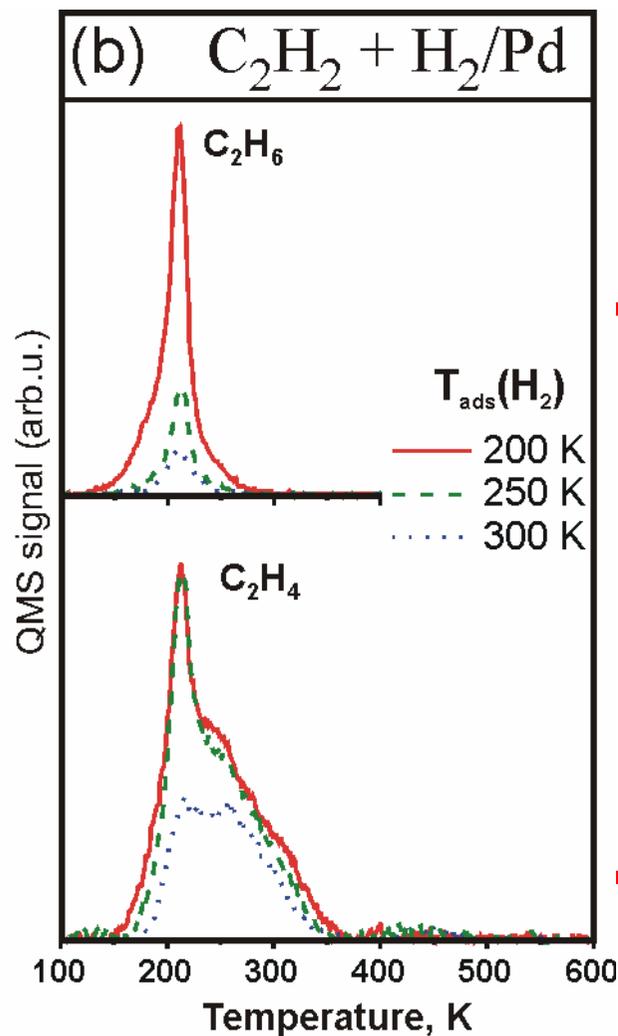
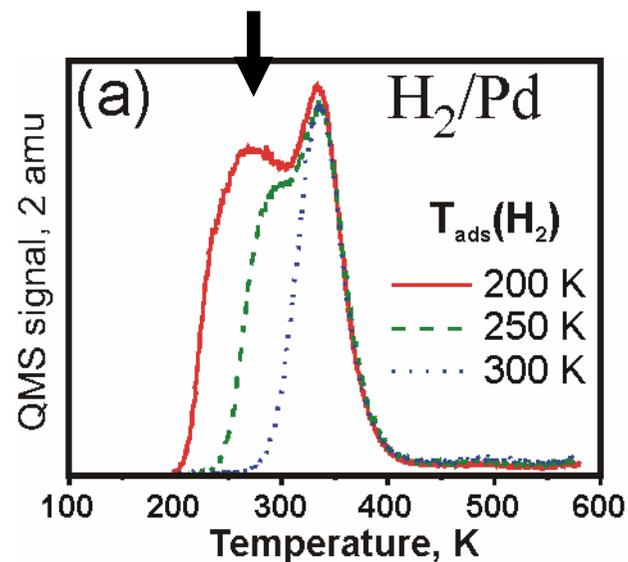
Pentenes to pentane

Hydrogenation  
in the presence of  
subsurface H  
[Pd particles]



No hydrogenation  
without  
subsurface H  
[Pd(111)]

# Acetylene hydrogenation (TDS)



Subsurface H  
at low  $T_{\text{ads}}$

Total hydrogenation  
decreases strongly  
without  
subsurface H



# Summary

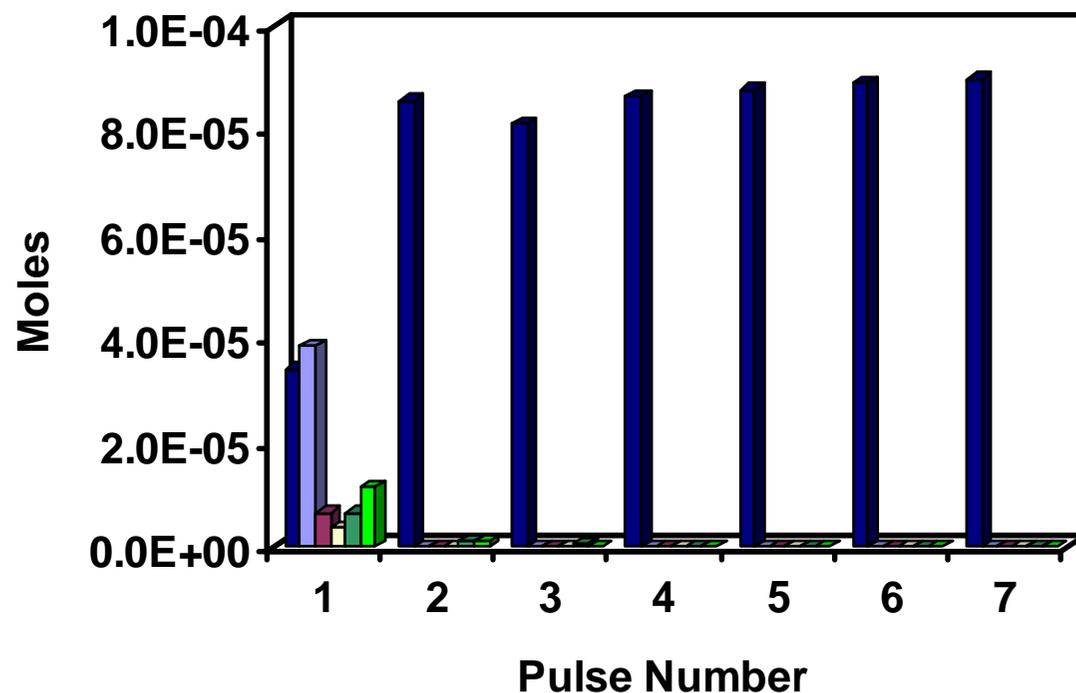
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# Pulse experiments 1-pentyne Adsorption

(After H<sub>2</sub> pretreatment)

1%Pd/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>



- 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

■ 1-pentyne      ■ 1-pentene      ■ trans-2-pentene  
■ cis-2-pentene      ■ pentane      ■ unknown

H<sub>needed</sub>/Pd<sub>total</sub> ratio: 13-to-1      Source of H?      → Spillover

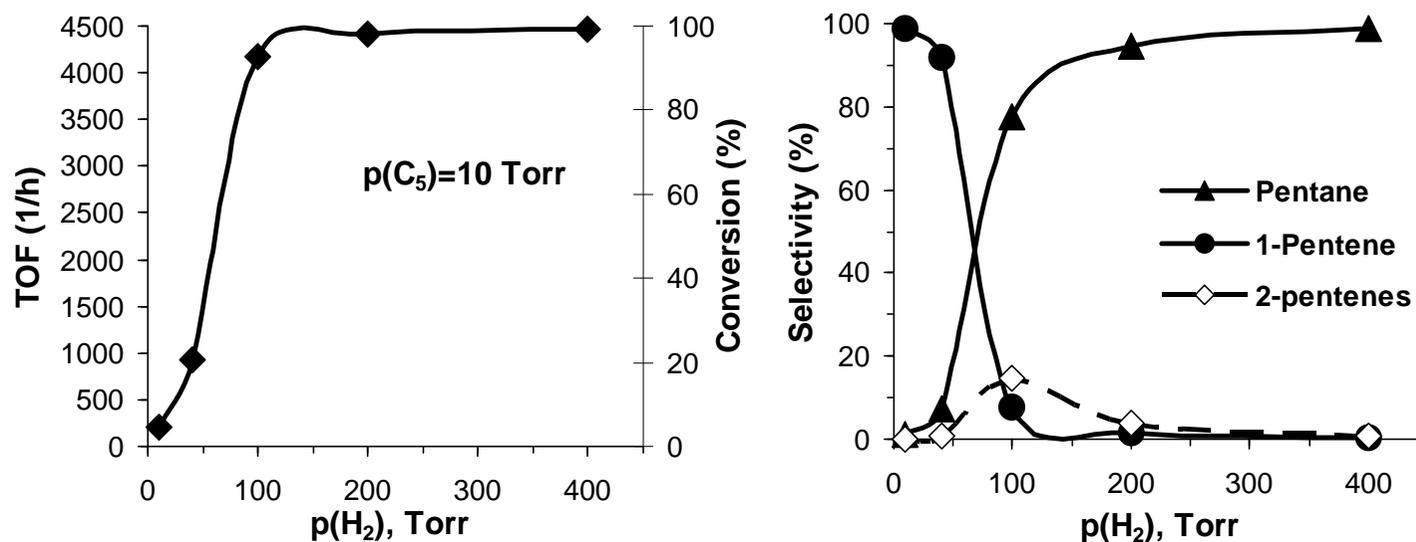
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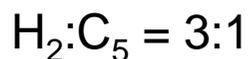
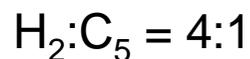
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# Hydrogenation

- 1-Pentyne hydrogenation over 1% Pd/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> in a **closed loop-reactor**, t=5 min.  
(after repeated runs at each condition)



- 1-Pentyne hydrogenation over 1% Pd/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> in **continuous flow**



**total** hydrogenation

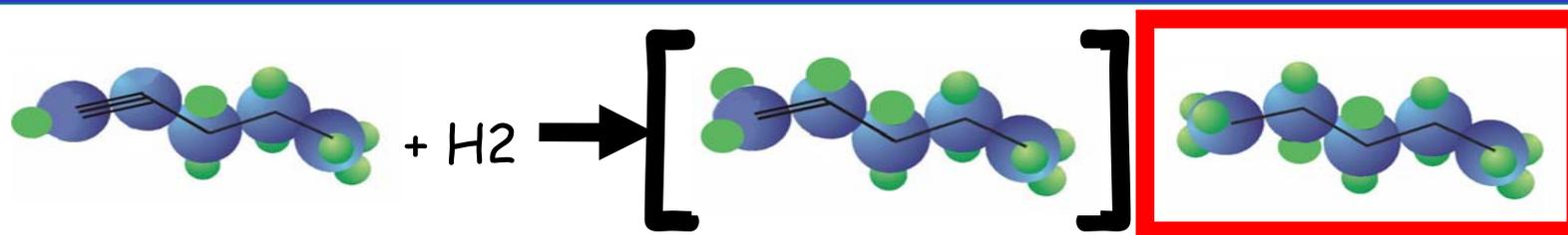
**selective** hydrogenation

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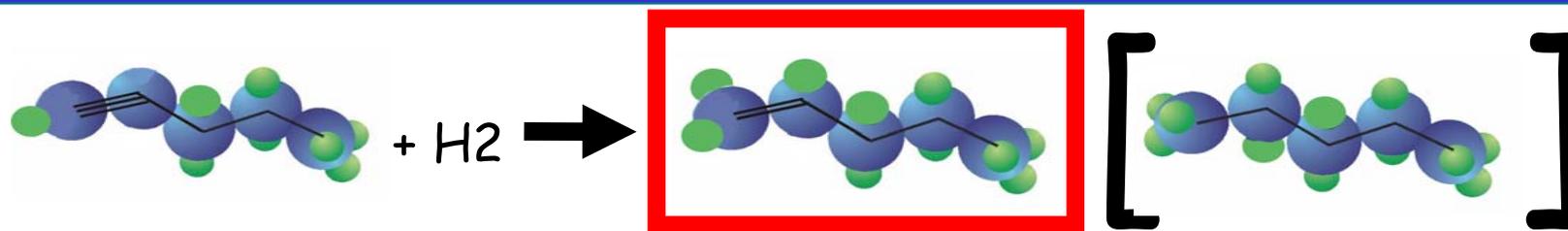
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	40 mins				170 mins			
	1-pentyne	1-pentene	2-pentenes	n-pentane	1-pentyne	1-pentene	2-pentenes	n-pentane
<b>Pd/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 100 % H<sub>2</sub></b>	trace	trace	trace	<b>100</b>	trace	trace	trace	<b>100</b>
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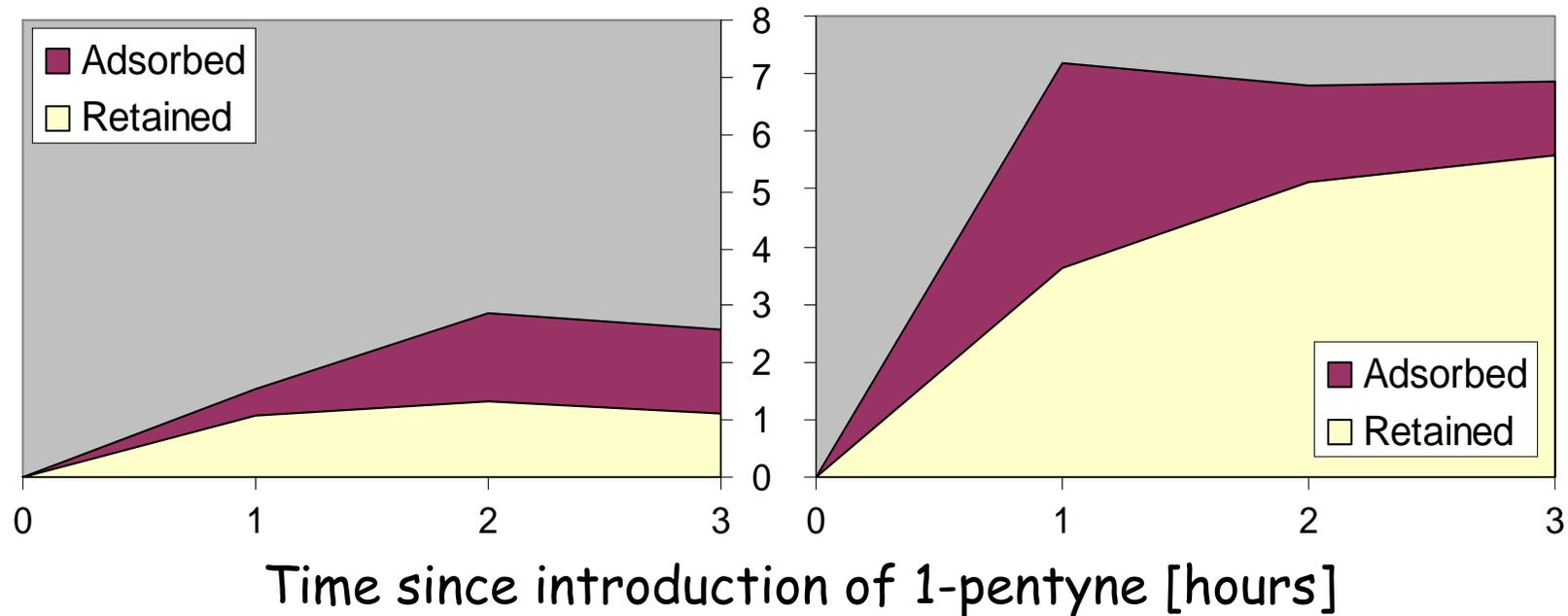
# During TEOM experiment

## Pd Black

Reaction with 100% H<sub>2</sub>

Reaction with 5% H<sub>2</sub>

Mass change [micro g / mg catalyst]



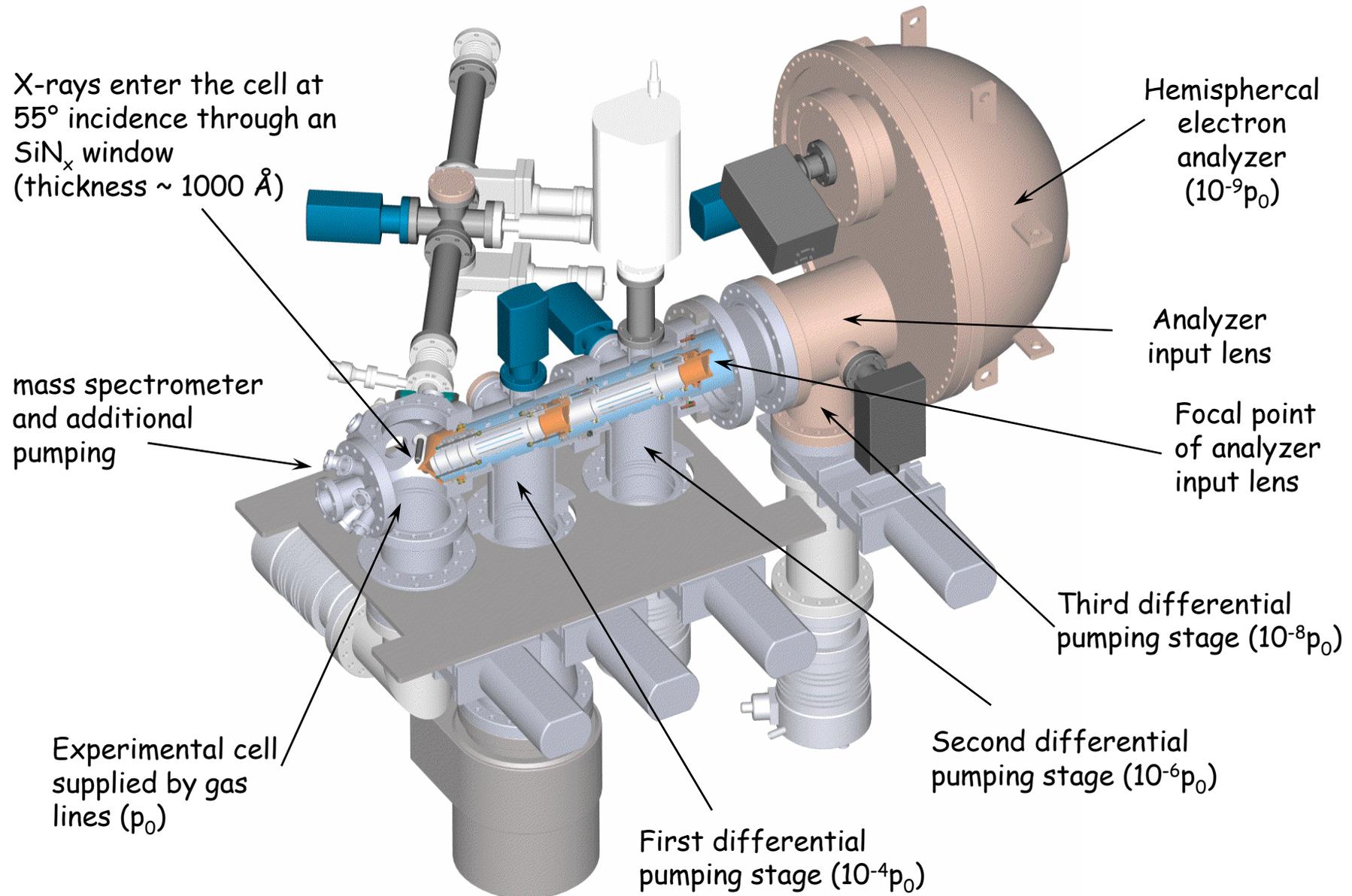
Up to x5 more carbon is retained in the selective hydrogenation regime

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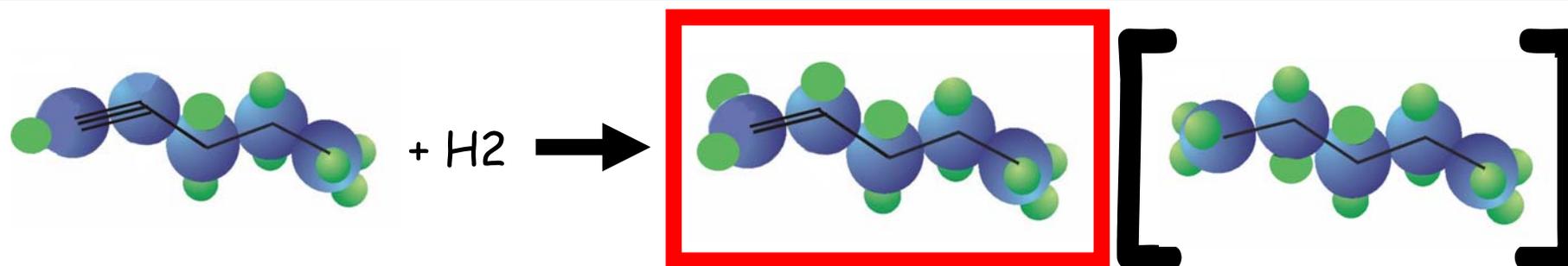
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# In situ XPS system



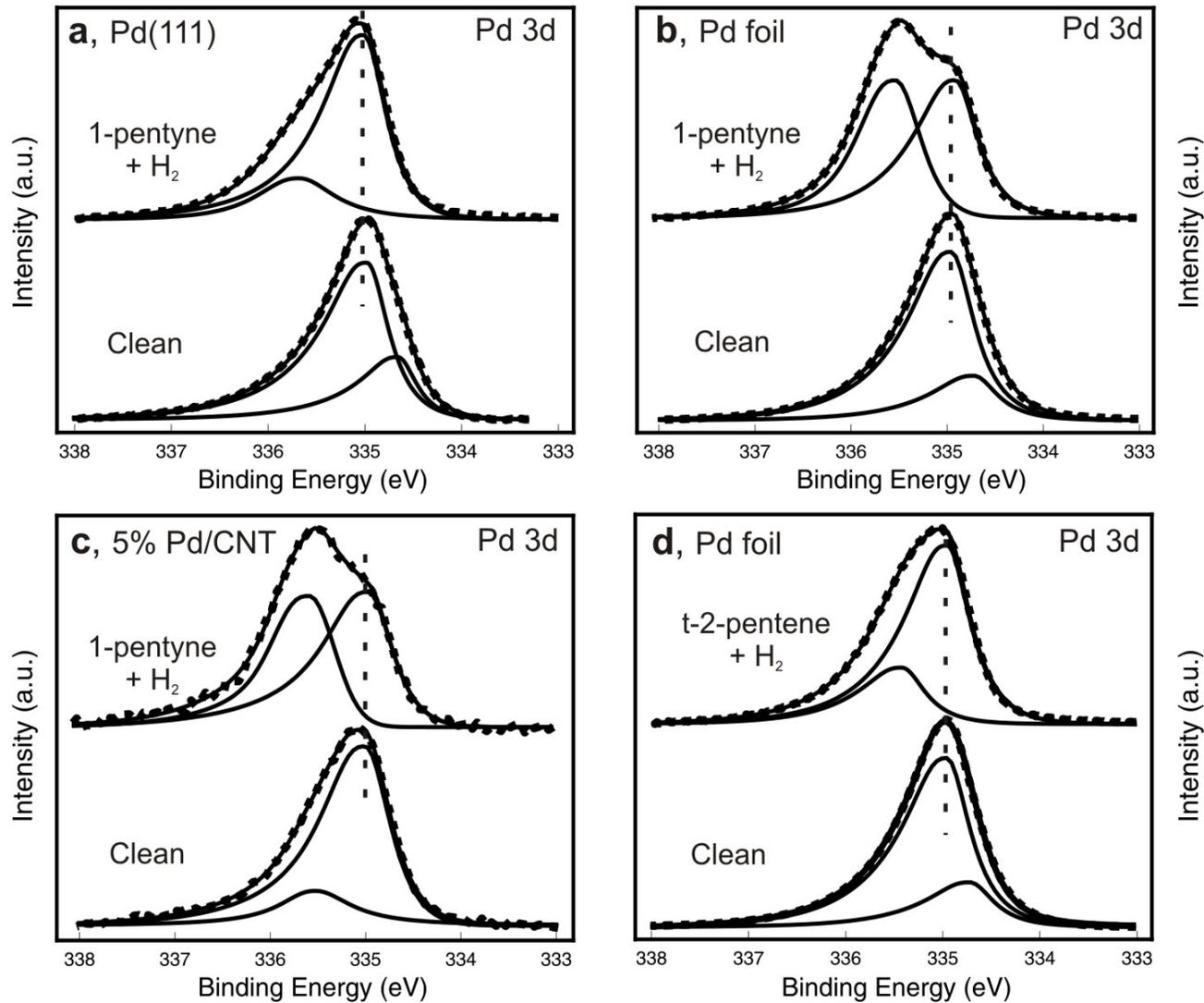
## Reaction in the mbar p region (in-situ XPS)



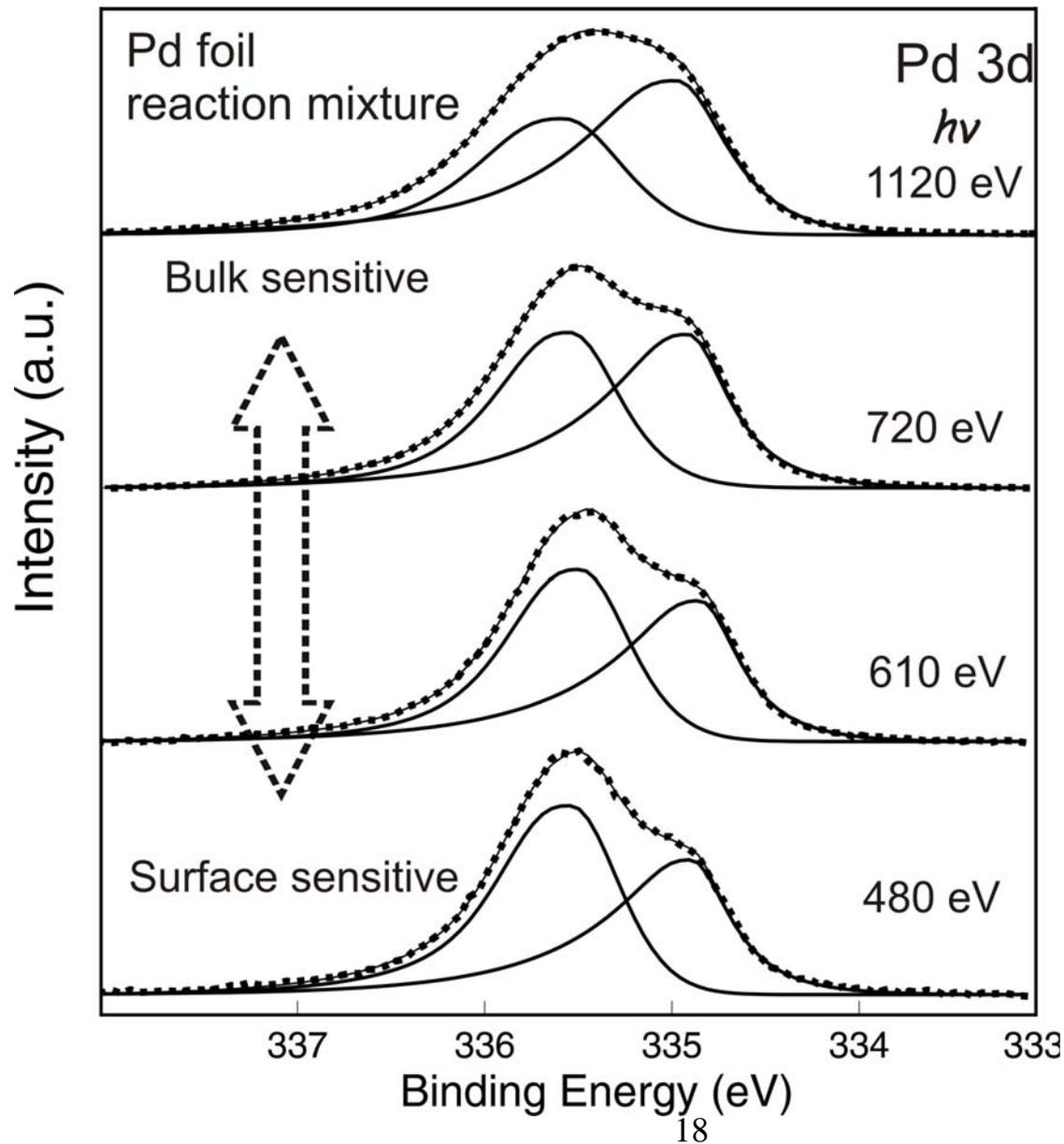
	5% Pd/CNT	3% Pd/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Pd foil	Pd(111)
Conversion [%]	~ 10	~5	~2.5	<1
Selectivity Pentene [%]	~95	~80	~98	100
Selectivity Pentane [%]	~5	~20	~2	-

Reaction conditions: C<sub>5</sub>/H<sub>2</sub> = 1:9, 1 mbar, 358 K

# In-situ XPS: Pd 3d ( $h\nu$ : 720 eV)



# In-situ XPS: Pd 3d depth profiling

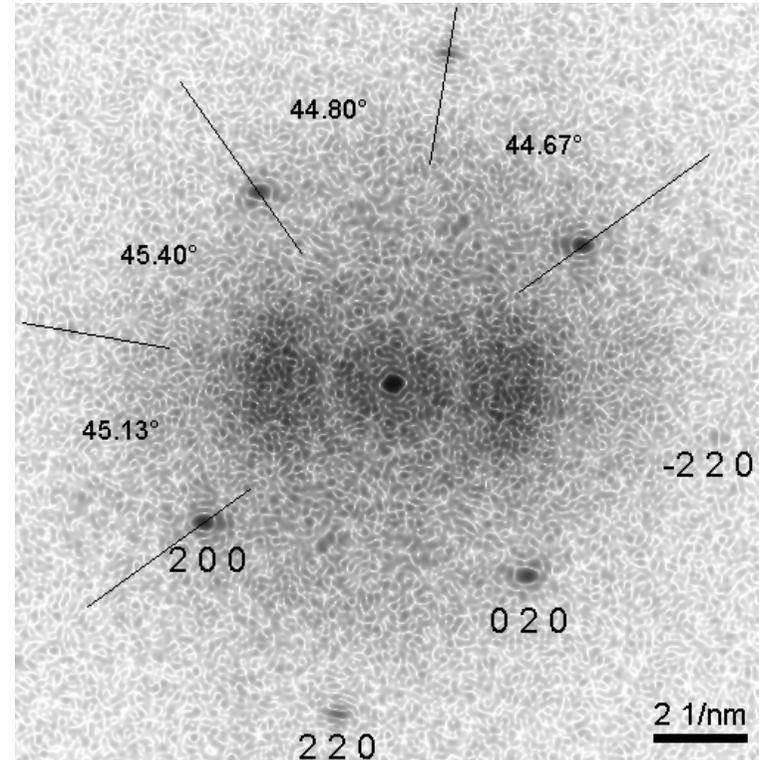
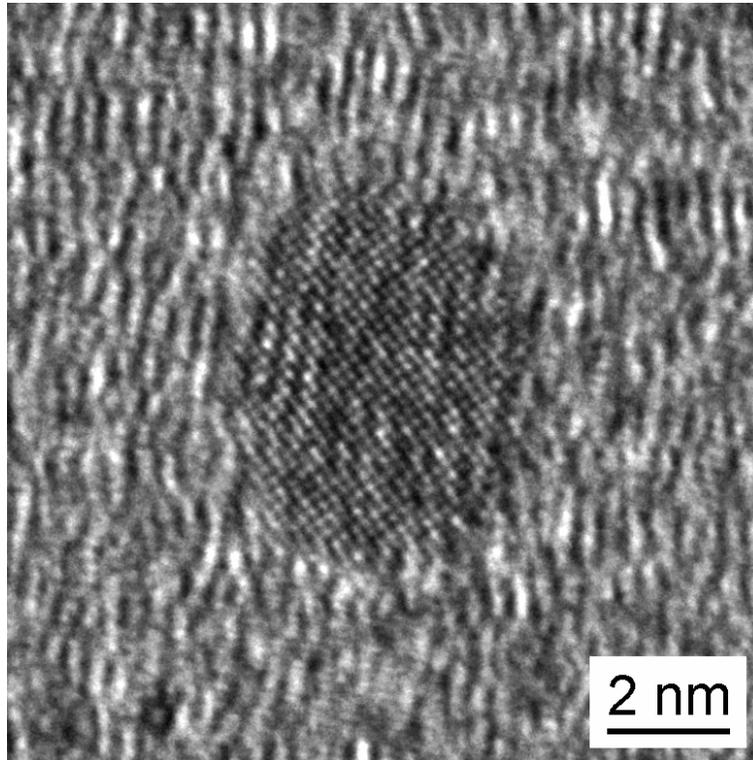


Not only  
adsorbate-induced  
surface core level  
shift!

But on-top location!

# HRTEM: lattice expansion

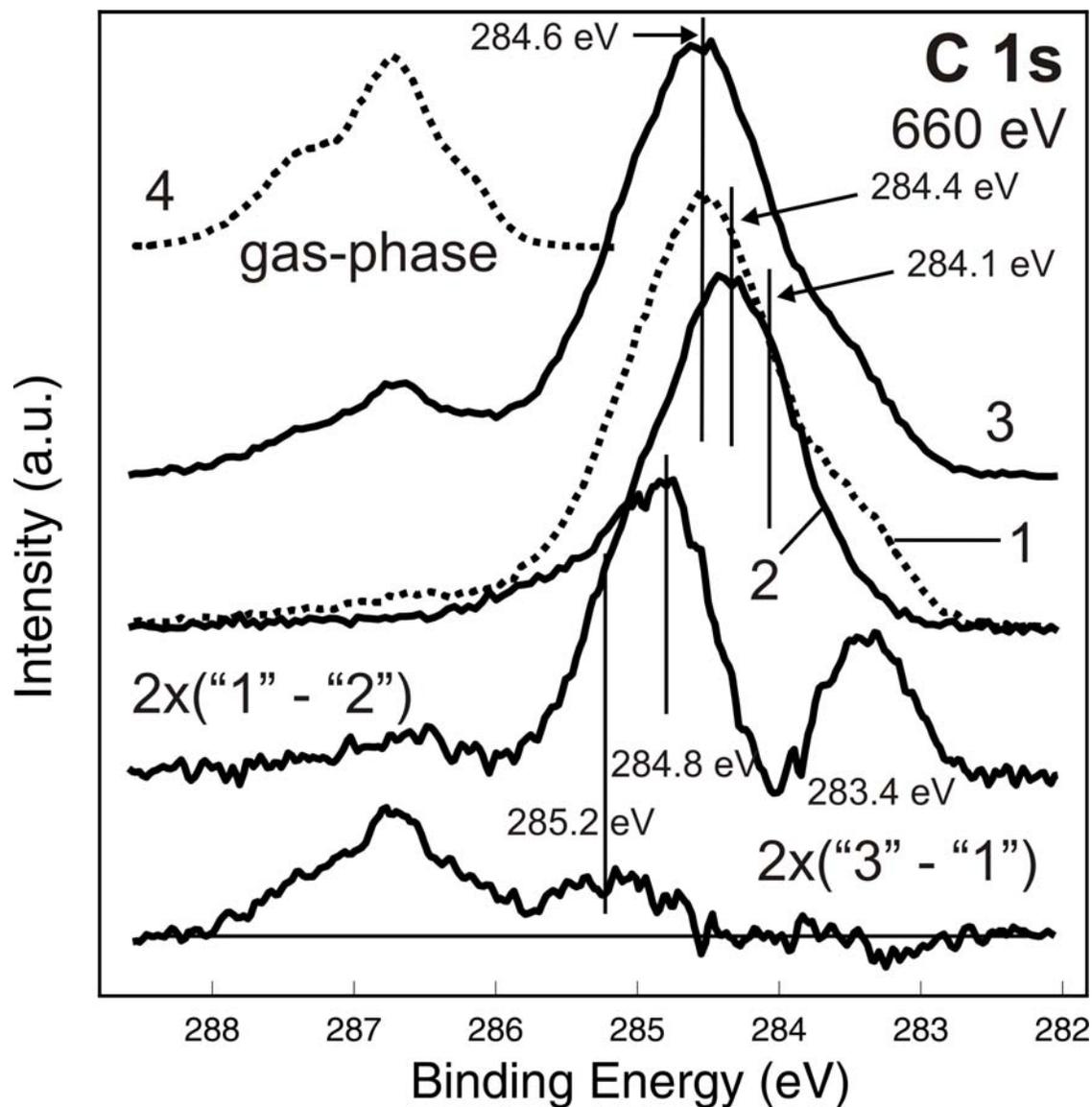
5% Pd/CNT after reaction



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	2 0 0
0.2027 nm	+4.3%	0.1944 nm	0 2 0
0.1421 nm	+3.4%	0.1374 nm	2 2 0
0.1434 nm	+4.4%	0.1374 nm	-2 2 0

# In-situ XPS: C1s (Switching off experiments)

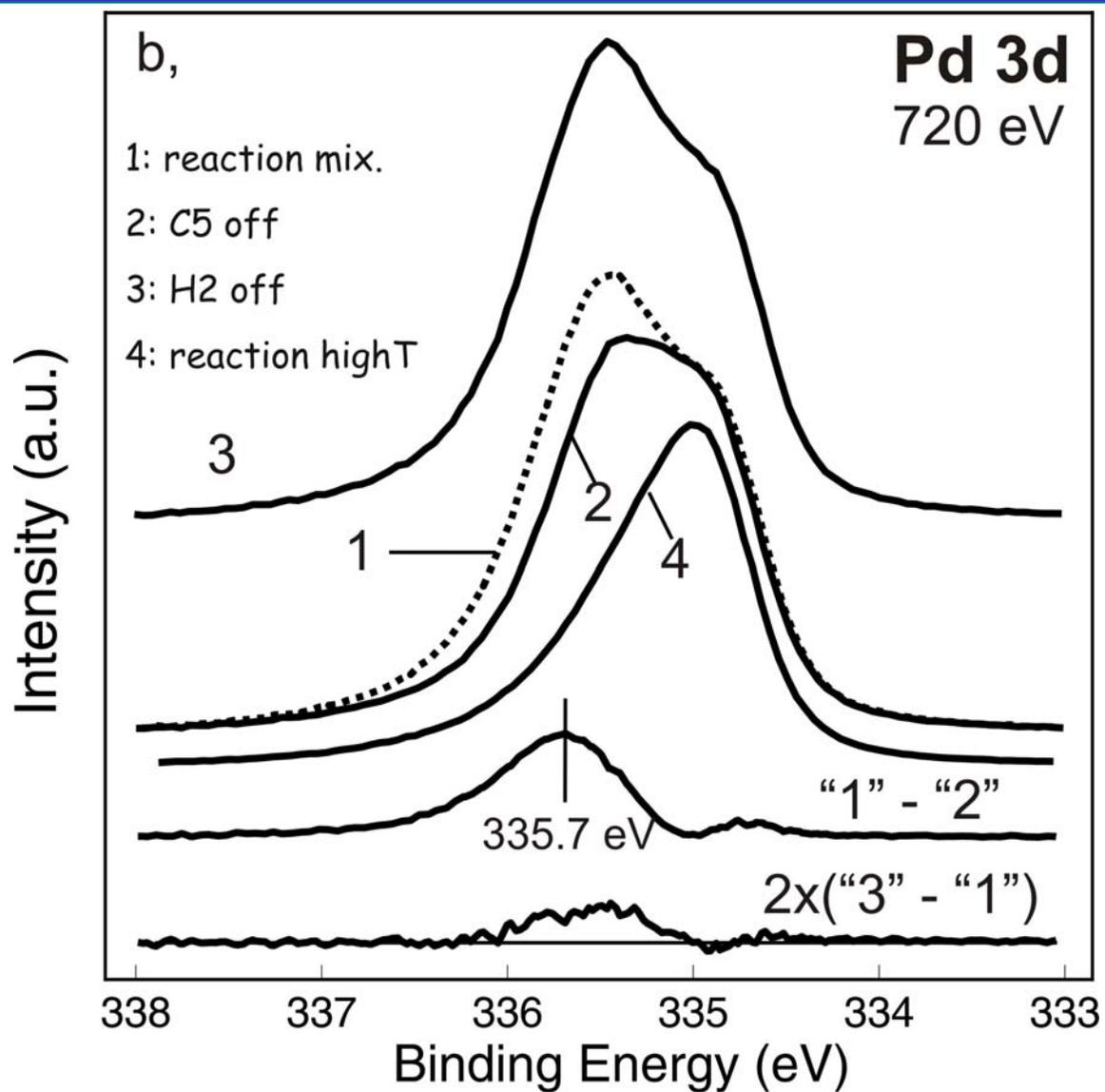


- 1: reaction mix.
- 2: C5 off
- 3: H2 off
- 4: C5 gas-phase

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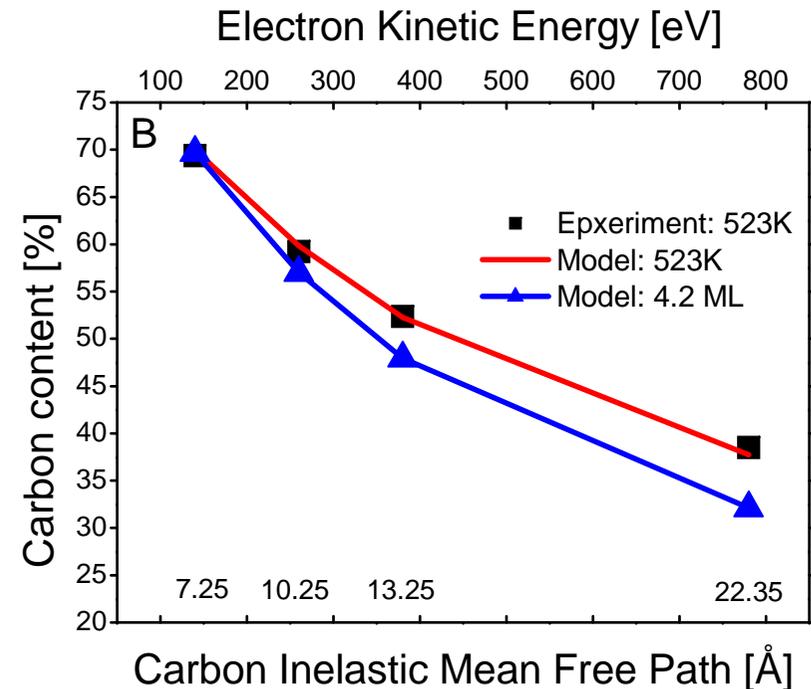
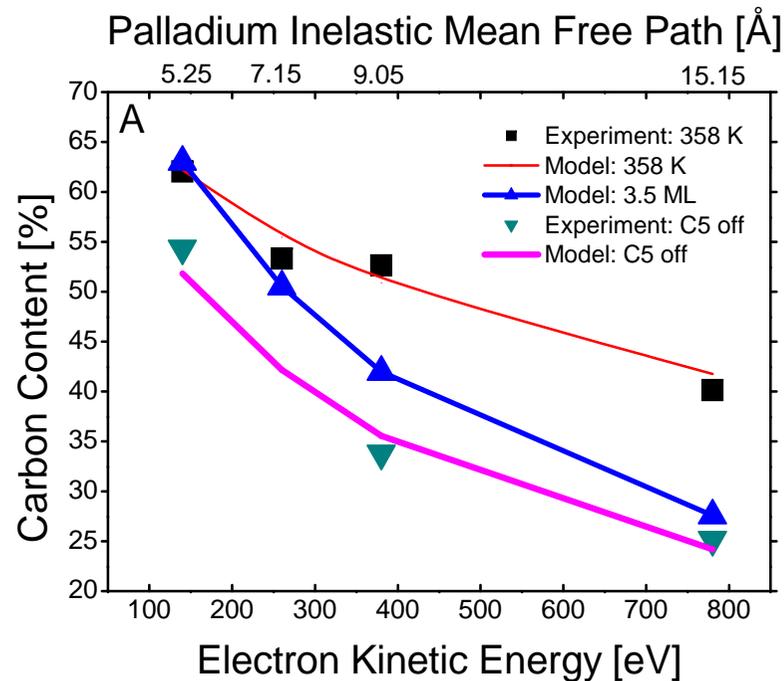
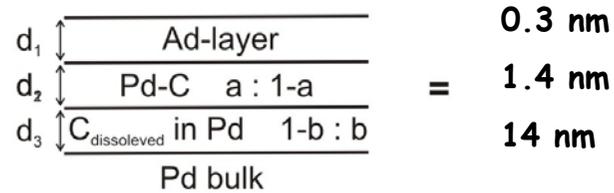
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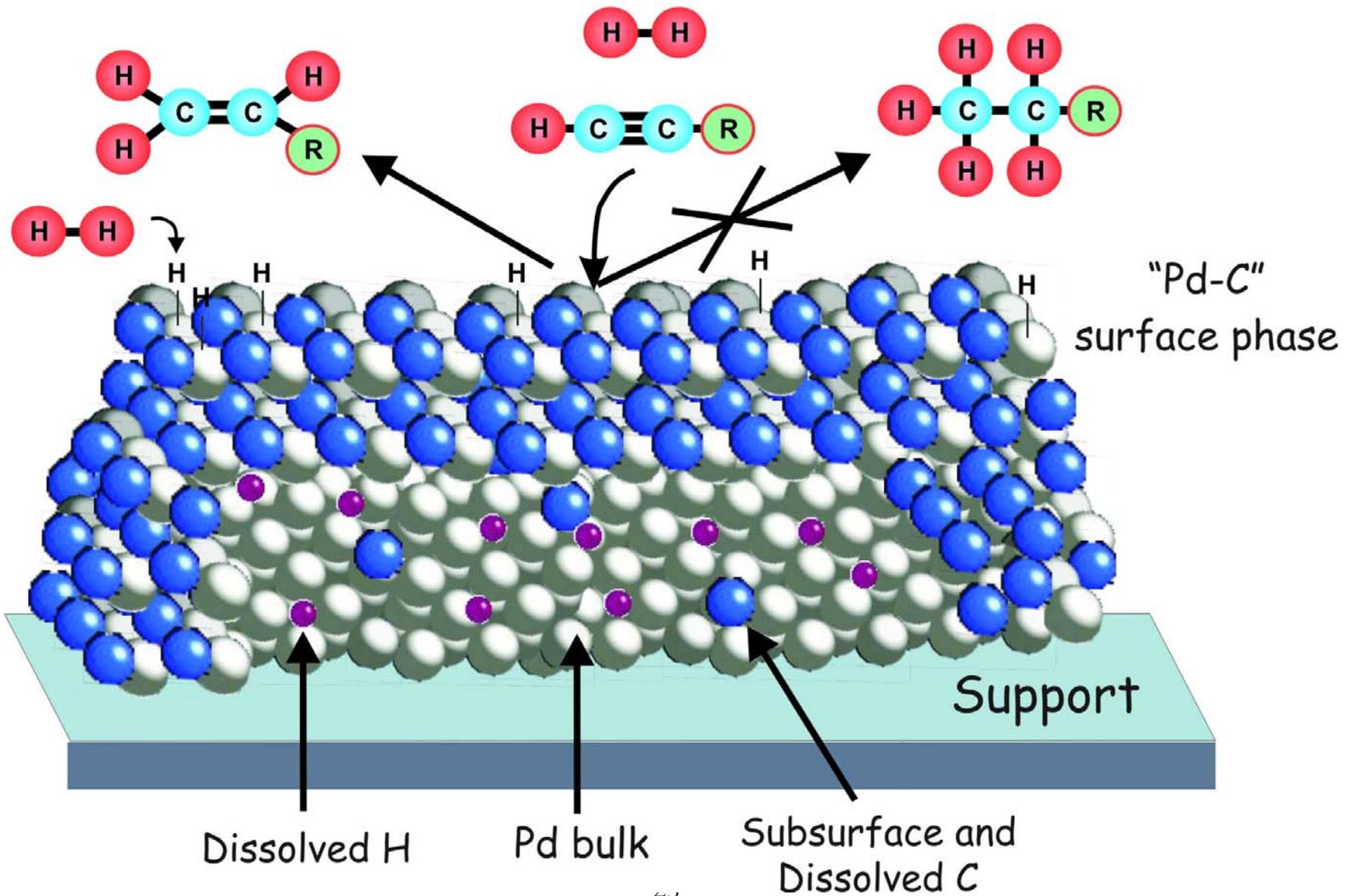
- 1: reaction mix.
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  - 4: reaction; high T
- 523 K

# In-situ XPS: Pd vs. C depth profiling

## Model



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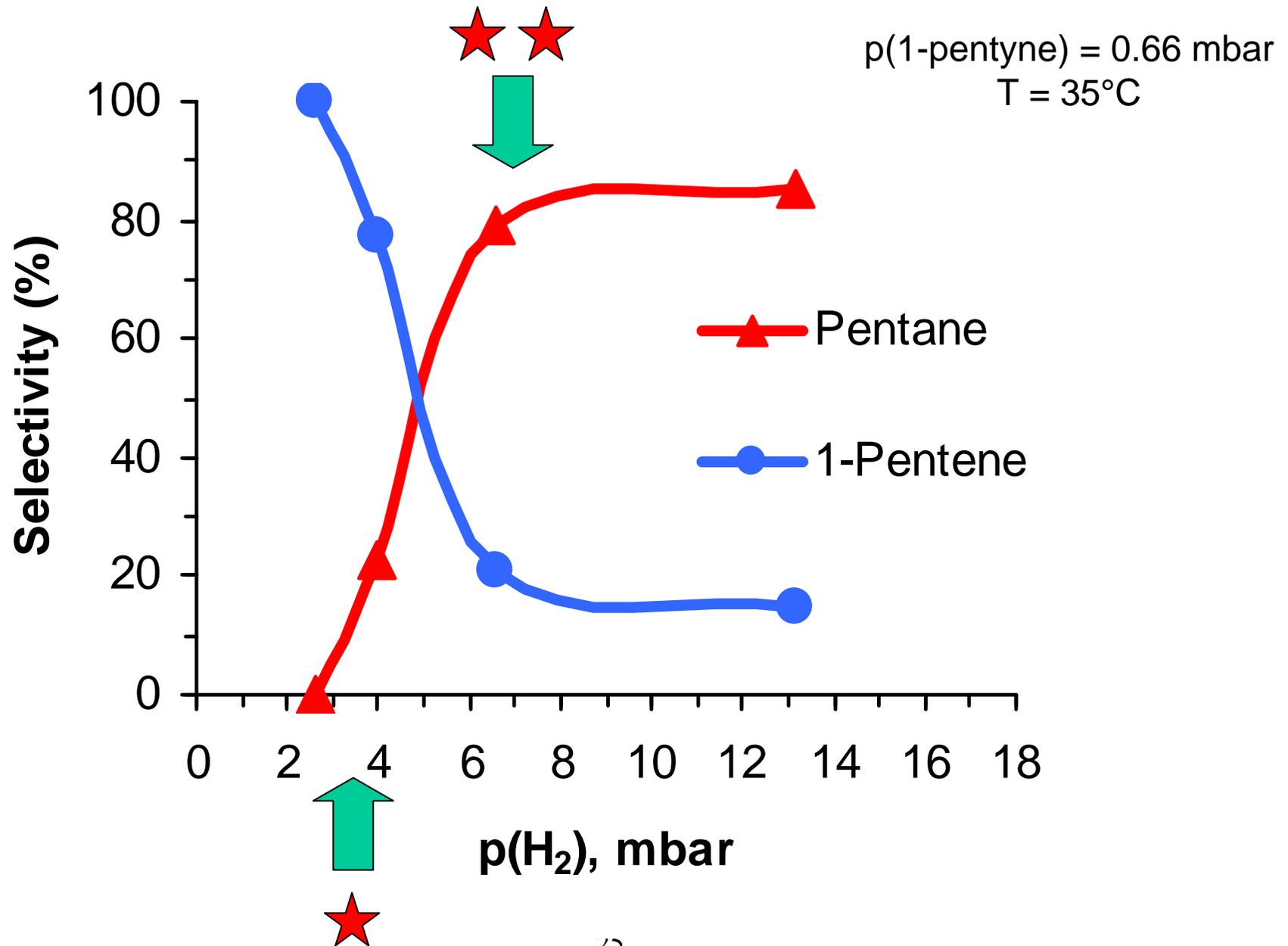


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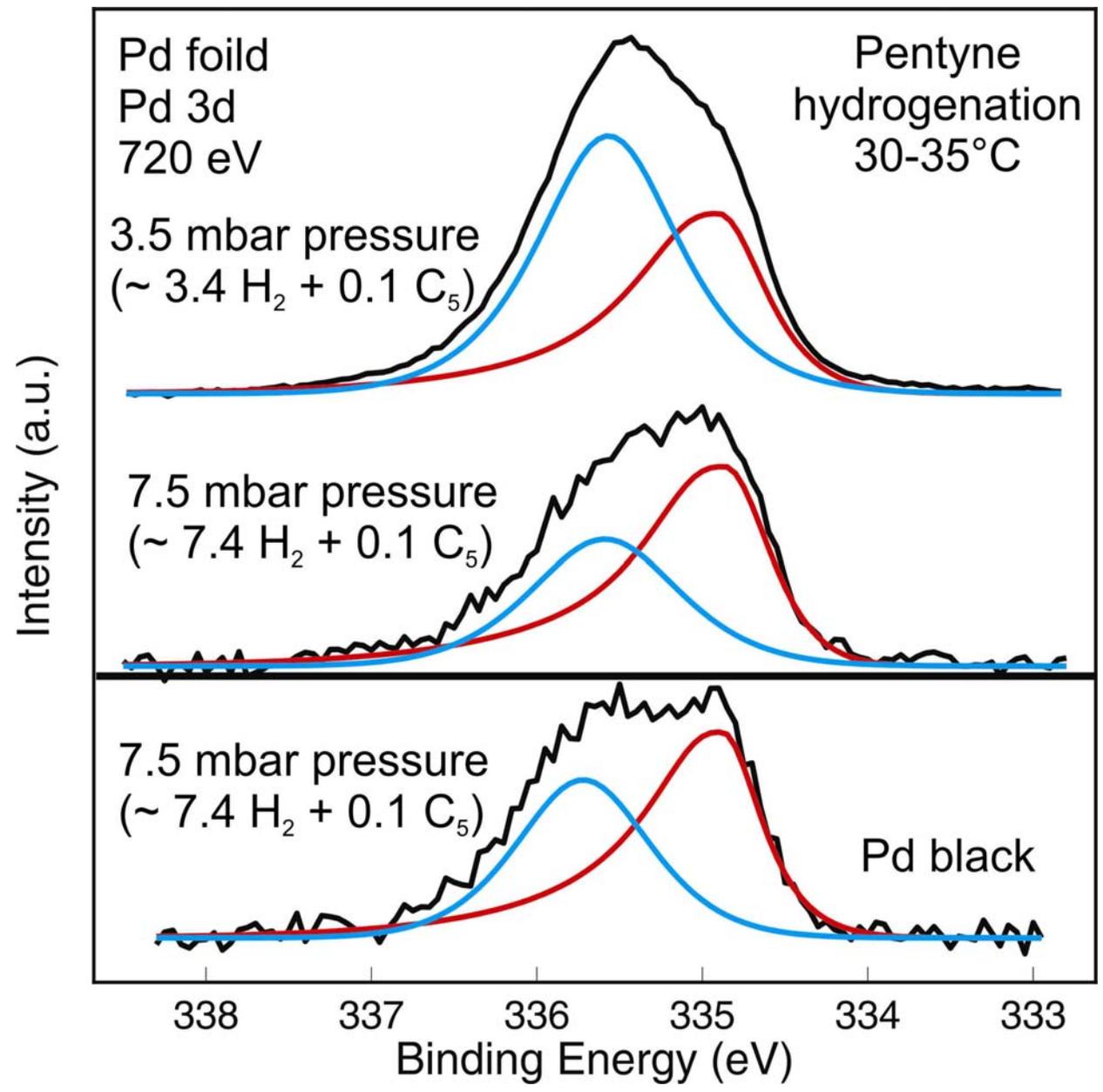
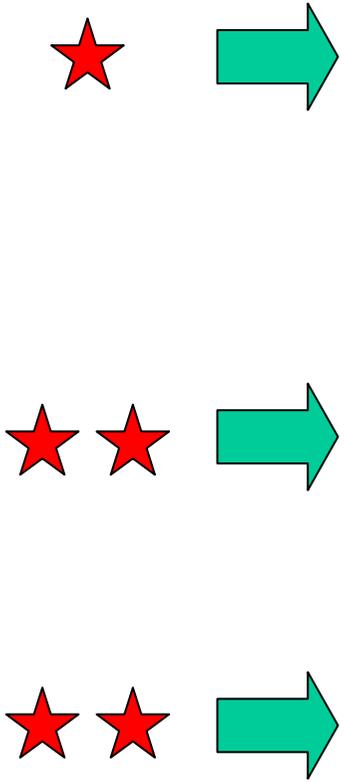
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5. Pd-C surface phase forms during selective hydrogenation of pentyne & there is significant amount of subsurface C below of it
6. Dynamic behaviour of Pd-C and subsurface C

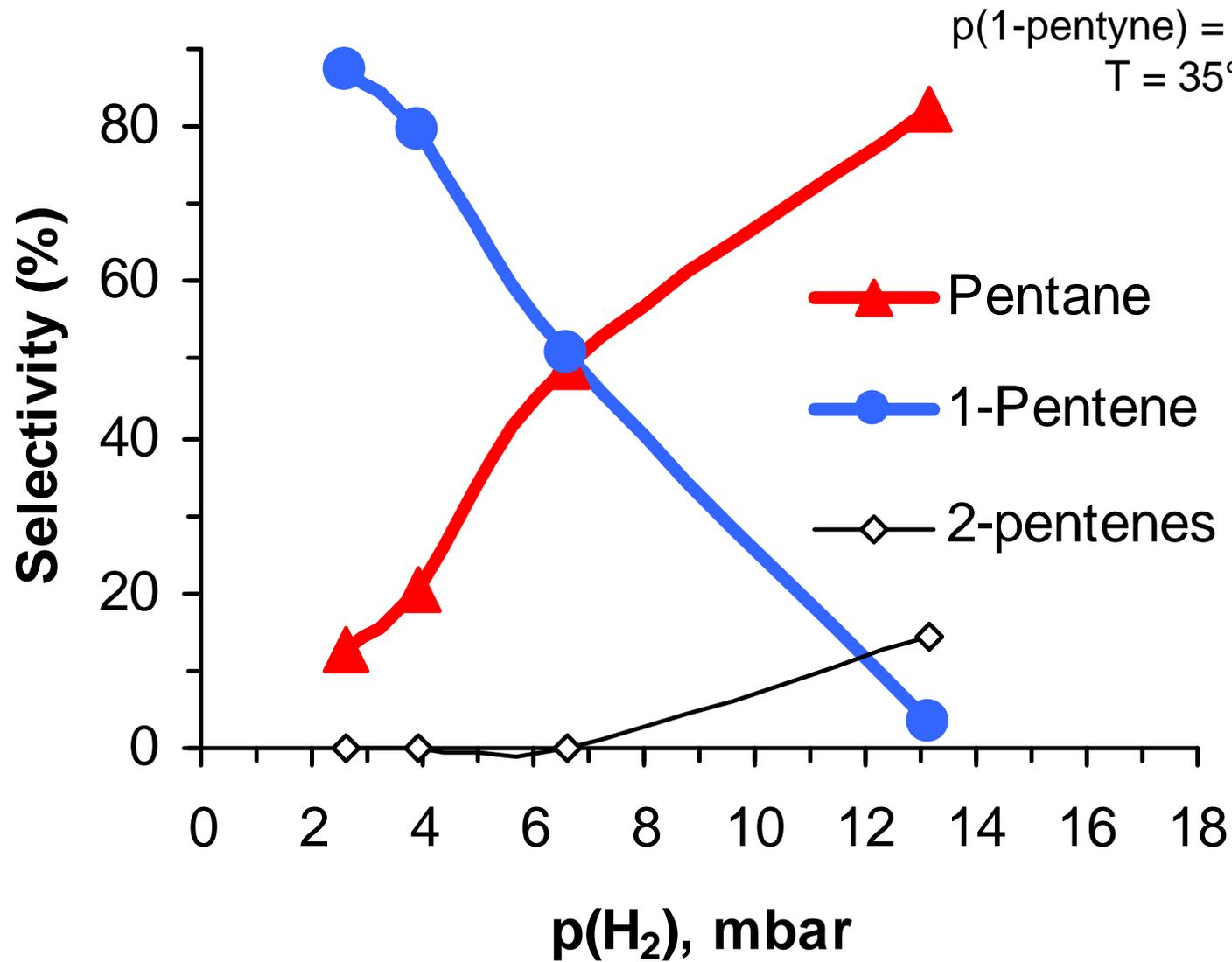
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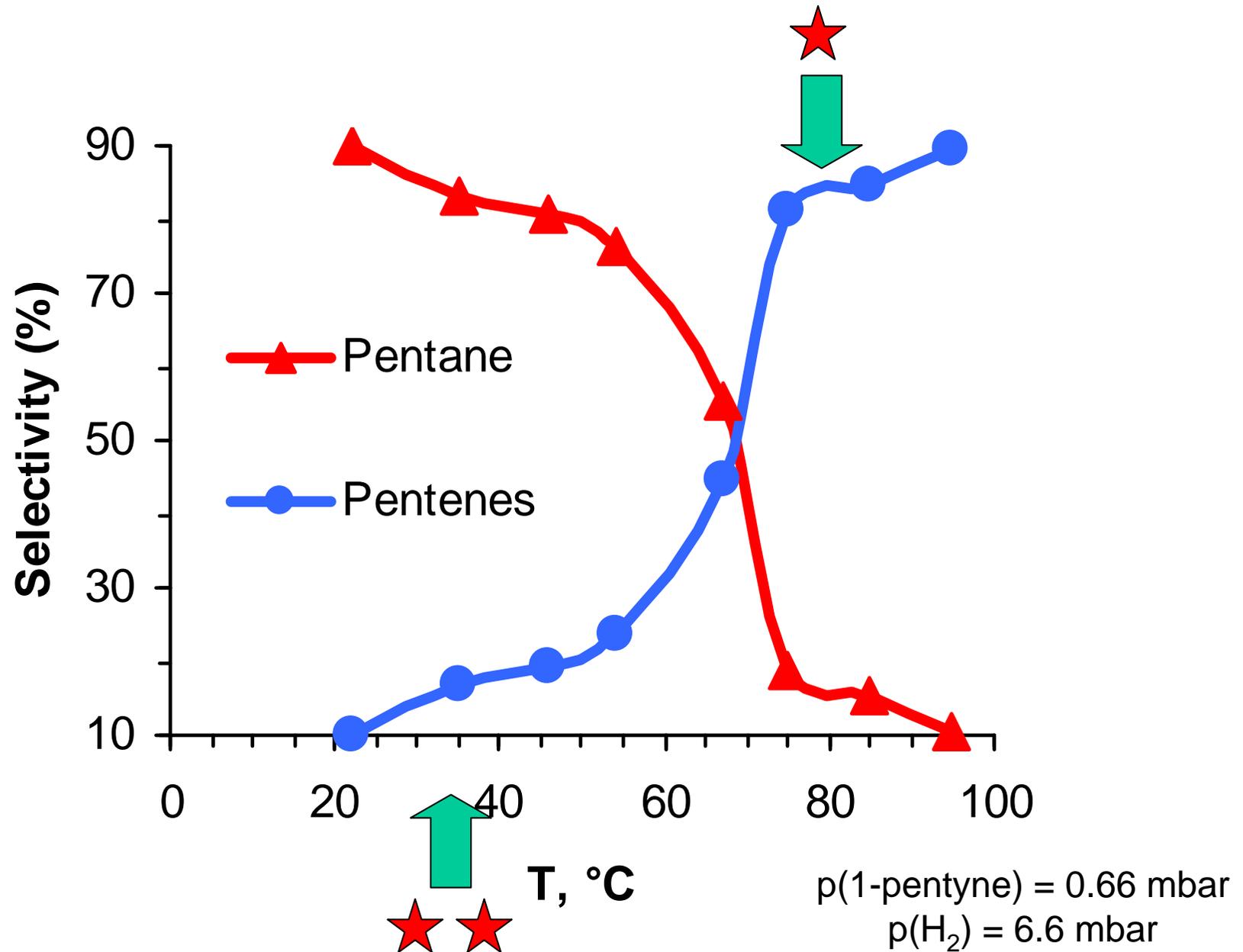


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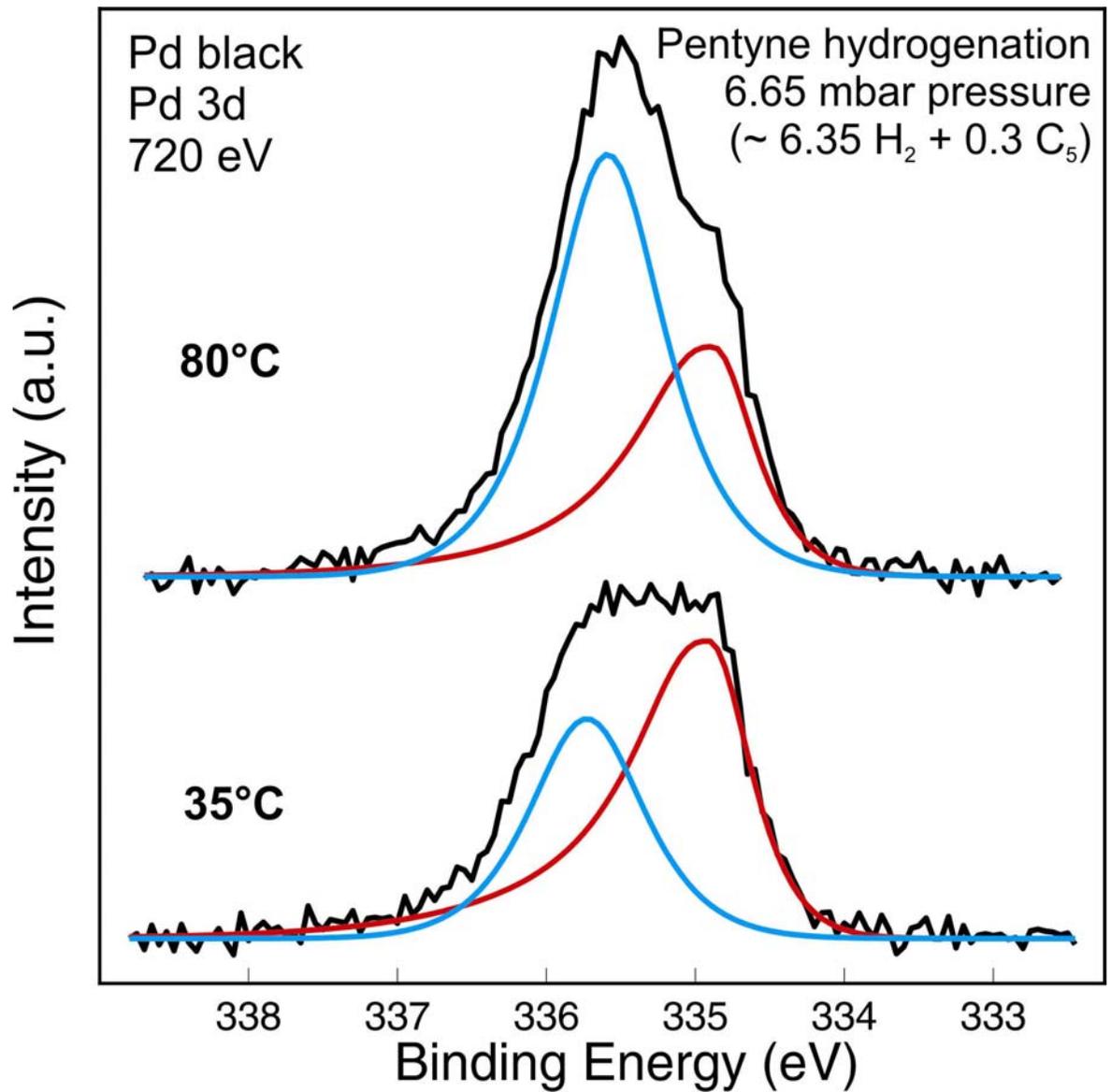
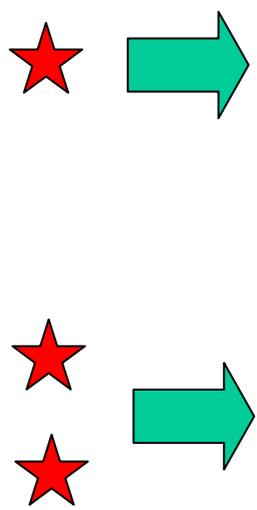


Generally **similar trend** was observed as with bulk Pd

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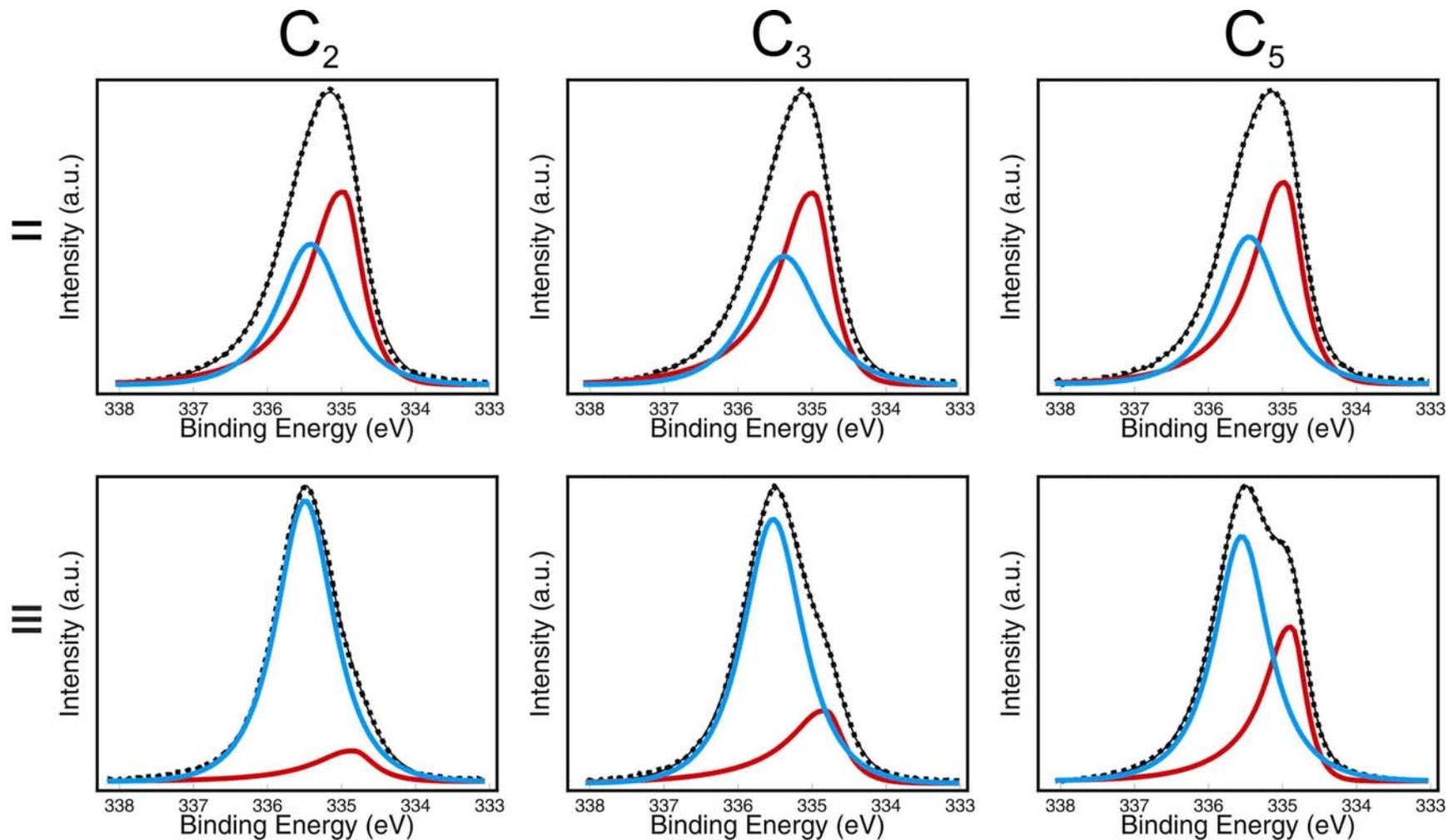


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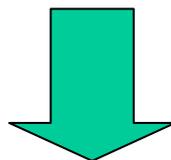
# Alkene and alkyne hydrogenation at BESSY

Pd foil,  $\sim 70^\circ\text{C}$ , 1mbar ( $0.1\text{ mbar C}_x\text{H}_y + 0.9\text{ mbar H}_2$ )



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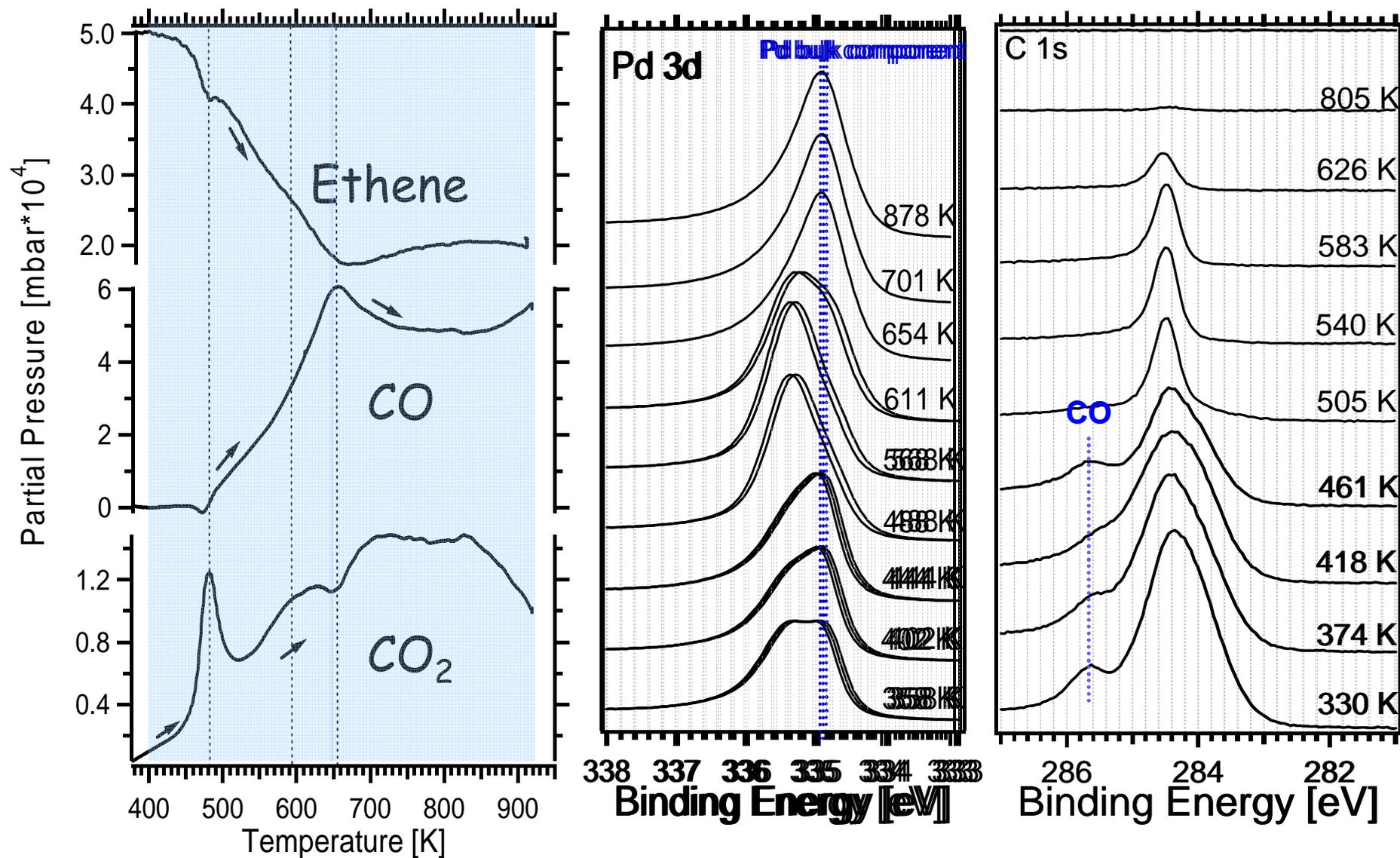
- Alkene → Alkane: no Pd-C formation
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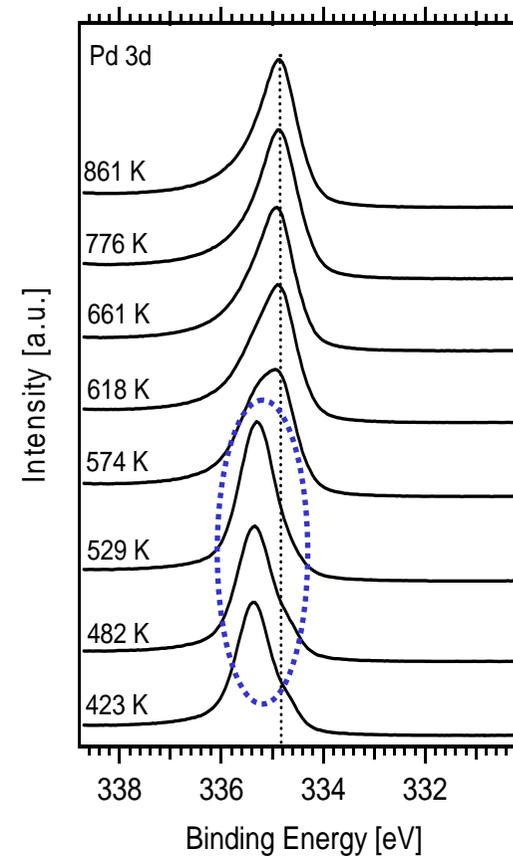
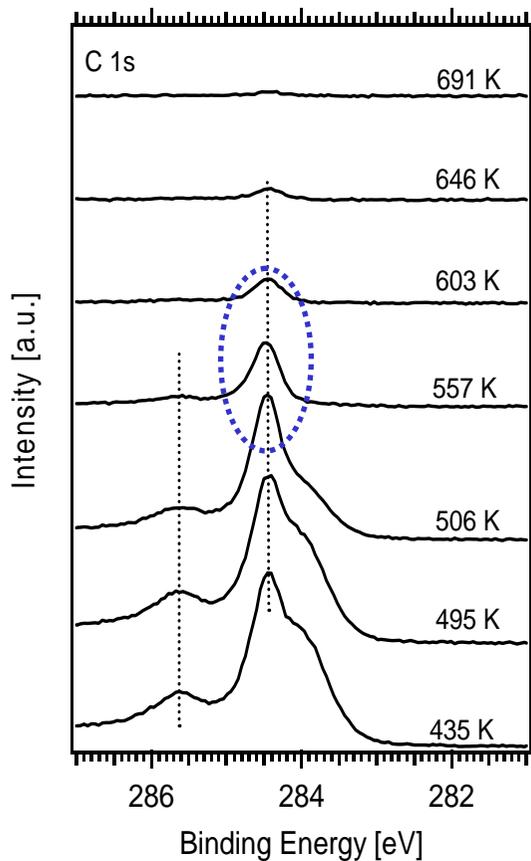
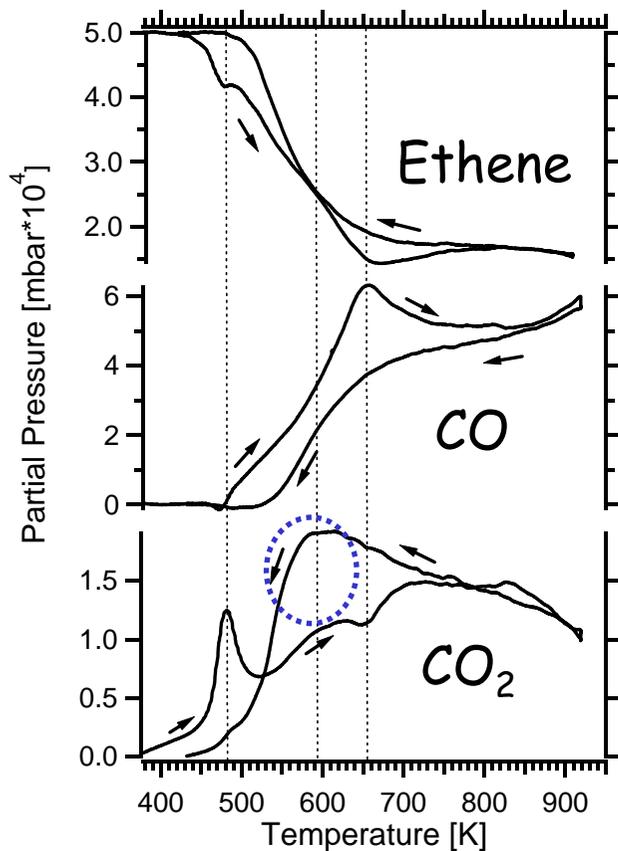
Pd-C surface phase controls selectivity

- In situ measurements:  $2 \cdot 10^{-3}$  mbar

$C_2H_4:O_2=1:3$ , heating ramp  $10K \cdot min^{-1}$

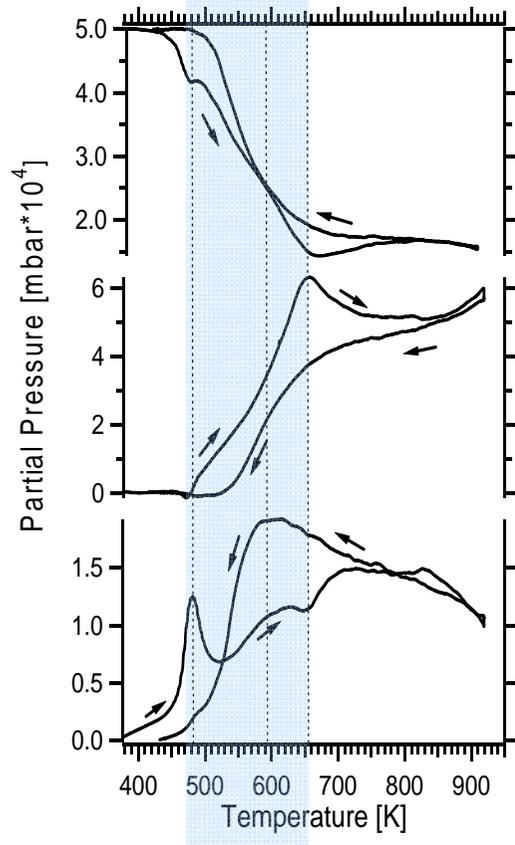


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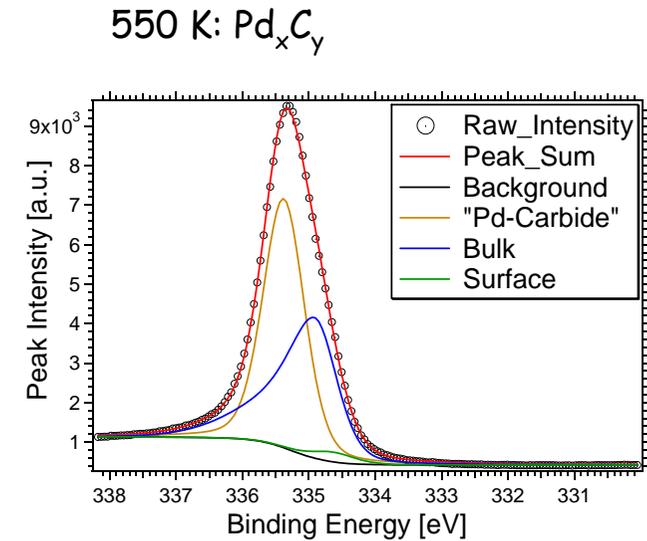
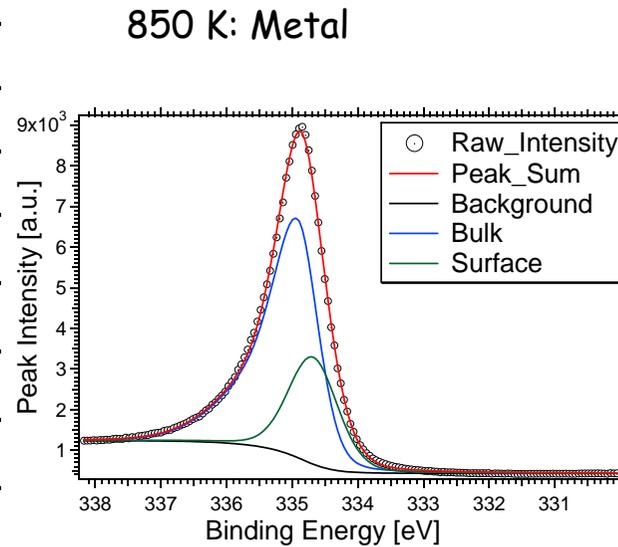


During the oxidation a carbon containing phase is formed and changes the selectivity from  $\text{CO}_2$  towards CO

- Detailed analysis of this carbon containing phase:



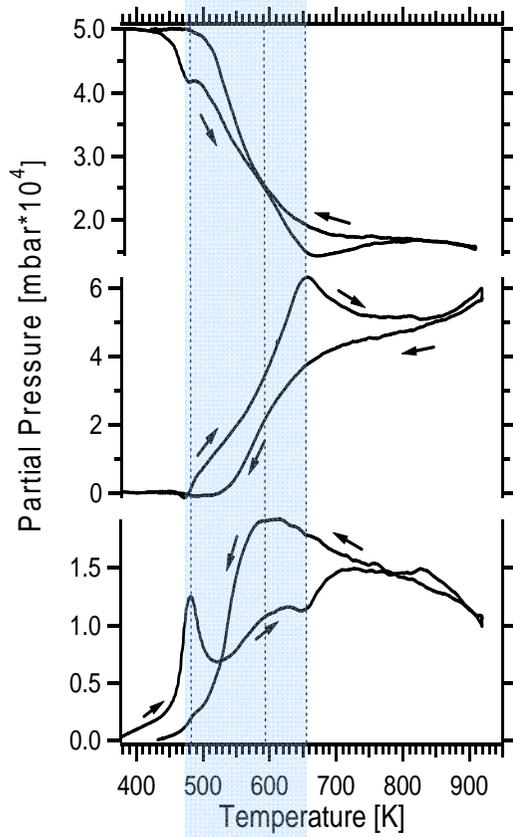
Peak deconvolution [1]



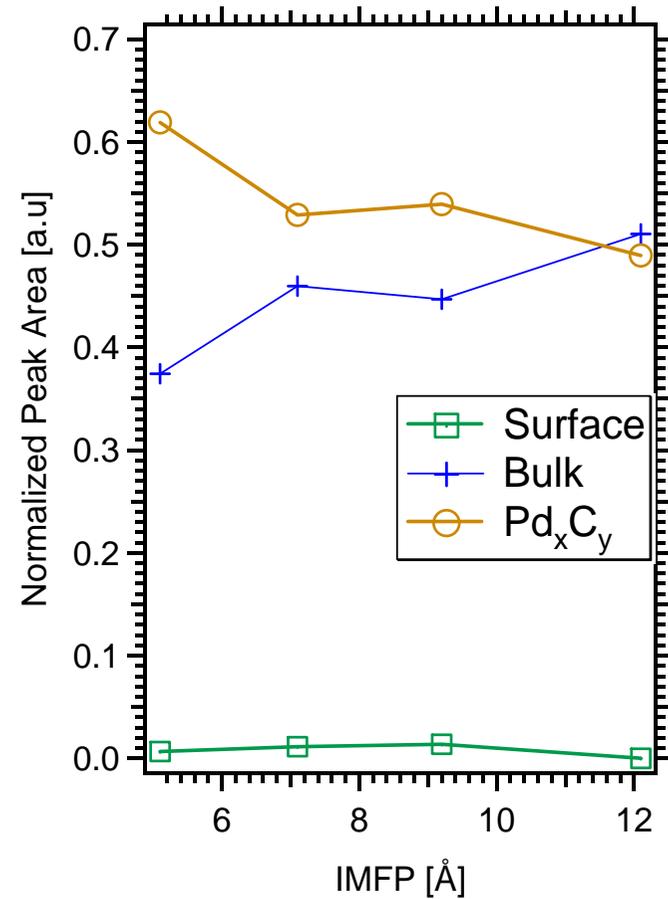
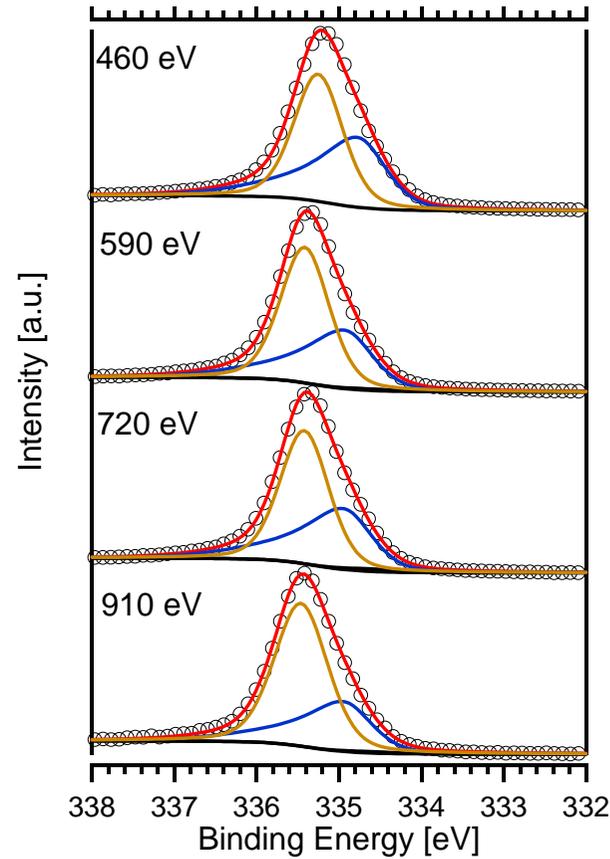
An additional peak which we attribute to Pd<sub>x</sub>C<sub>y</sub> can clearly be identified at a BE of 335.34 eV.

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

- Detailed analysis of this carbon containing phase:



Depth profiles:



# Conclusions

- During ethene oxidation the incorporation of carbon leads to a non metallic Pd-C phase.
- The new, highly symmetric Pd3d<sub>5/2</sub> peak was observed. 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



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## 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 operation of the beamline: 2007

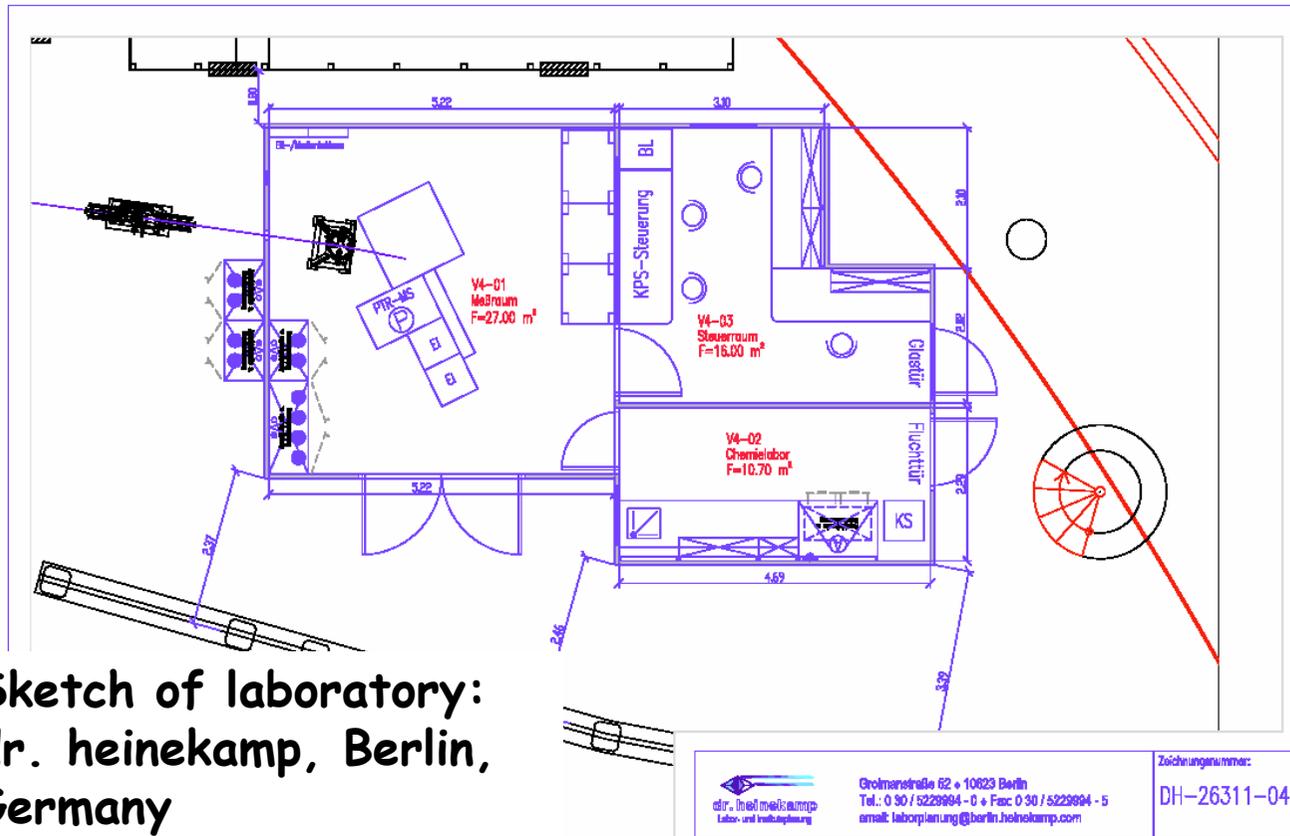


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Sketch of laboratory:  
dr. heinekamp, Berlin,  
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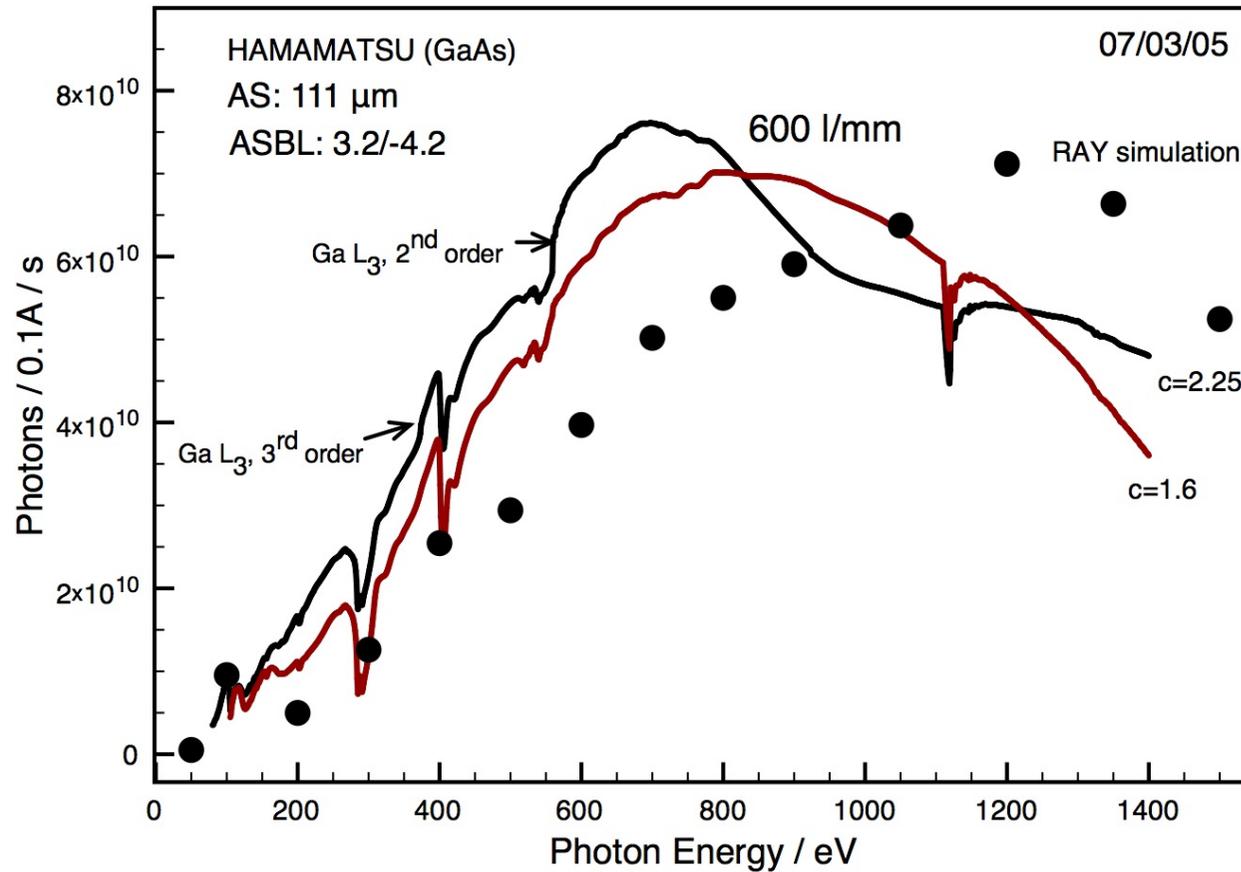
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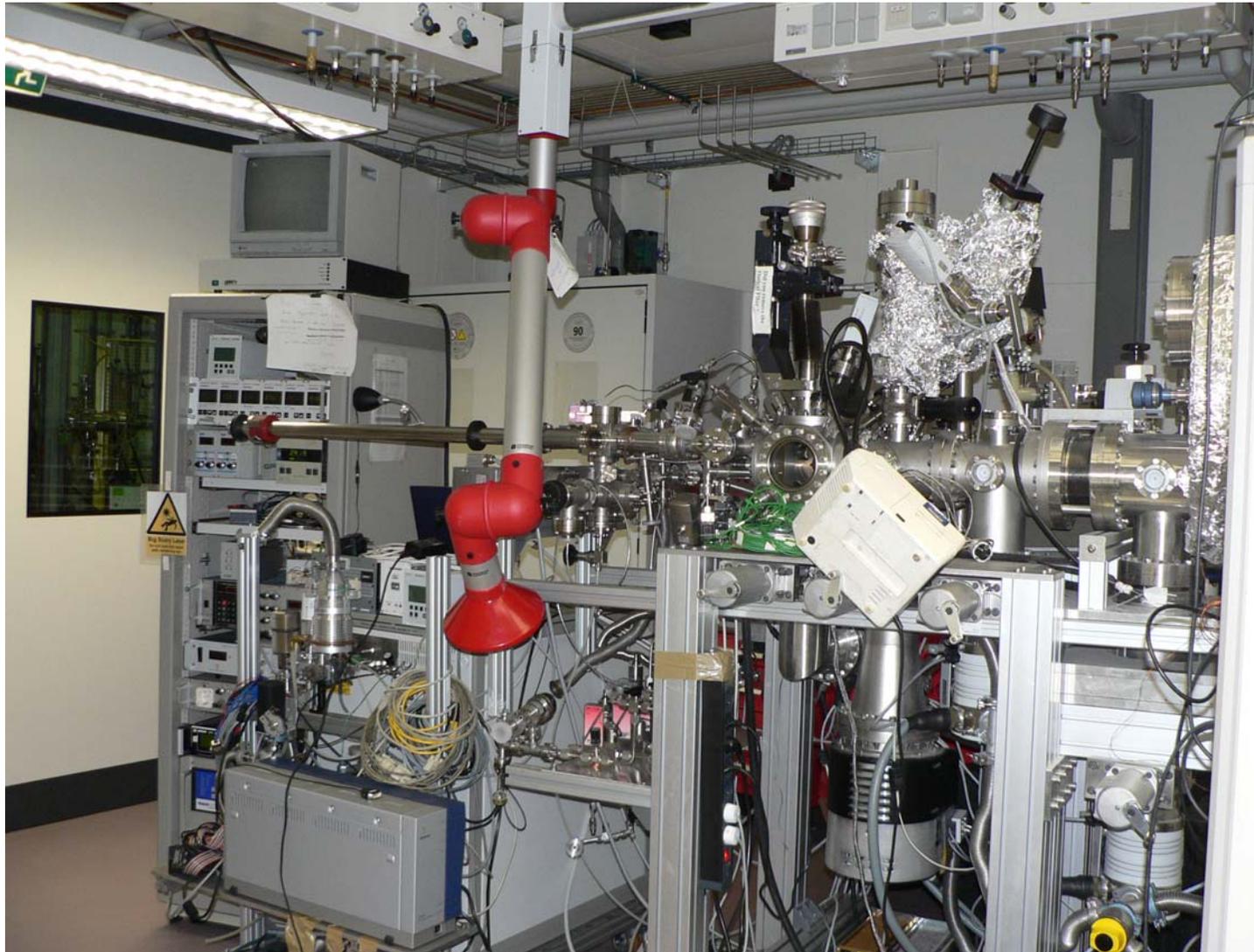
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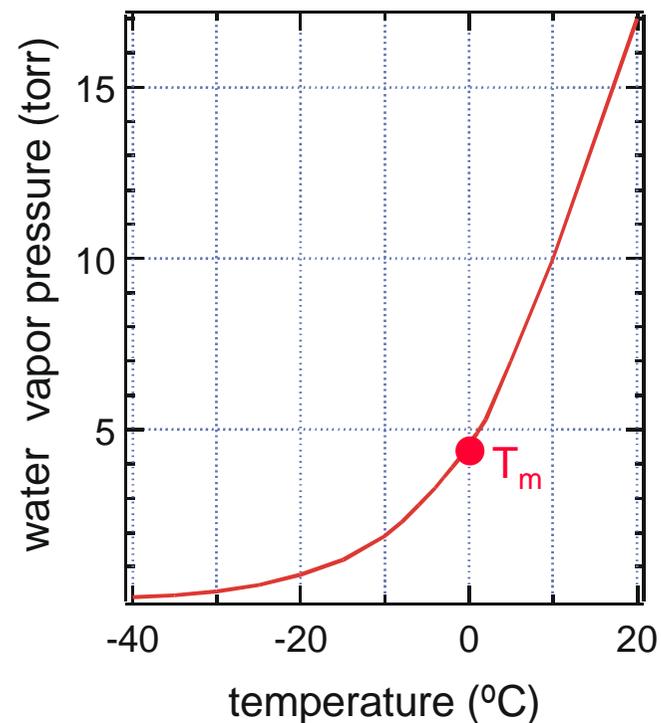


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## Why in situ XPS ?

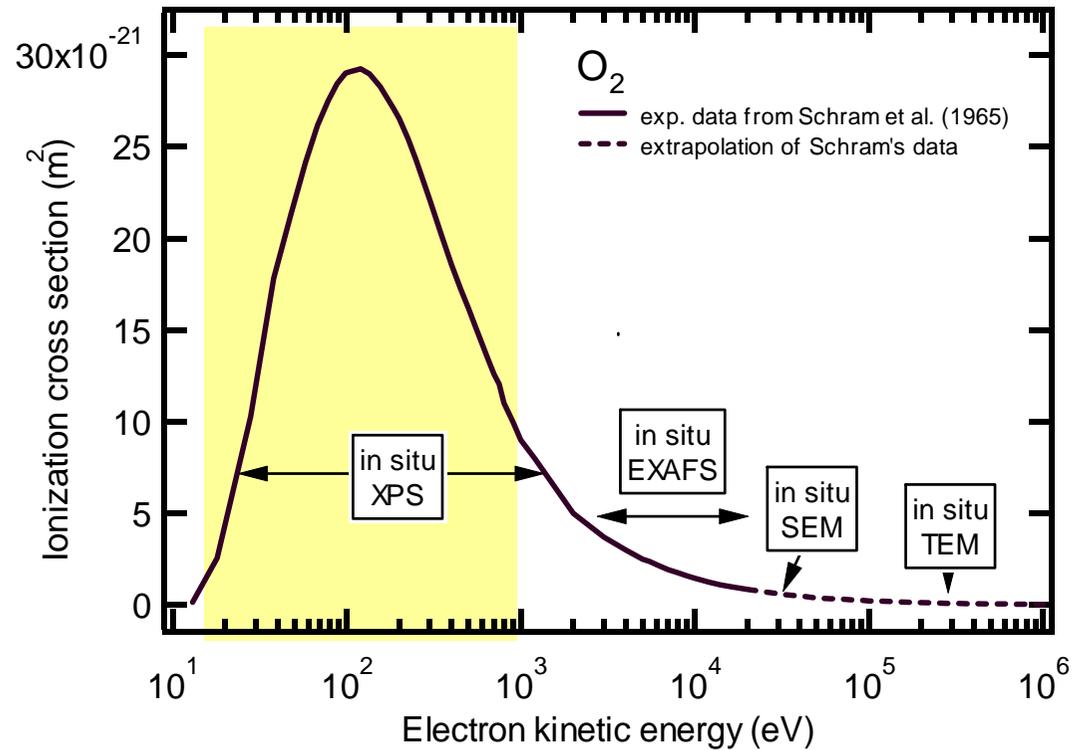
- Many processes cannot be investigated in UHV:  
"Pressure Gap"
  - environmental chemistry
  - catalysis
  - corrosion
  - electrochemistry
  - biological samples
- Very few methods can investigate the solid-gas interface at high pressures
  - non-linear optics (SFG, SHG)
  - scanning probe microscopies
  - X-ray diffraction
- Photoelectron spectroscopy is very powerful  
⇒ Goal: XPS at pressures of at least 5 torr



# In situ XPS: obstacles

## Fundamental limit:

elastic and inelastic scattering of electrons in the gas phase

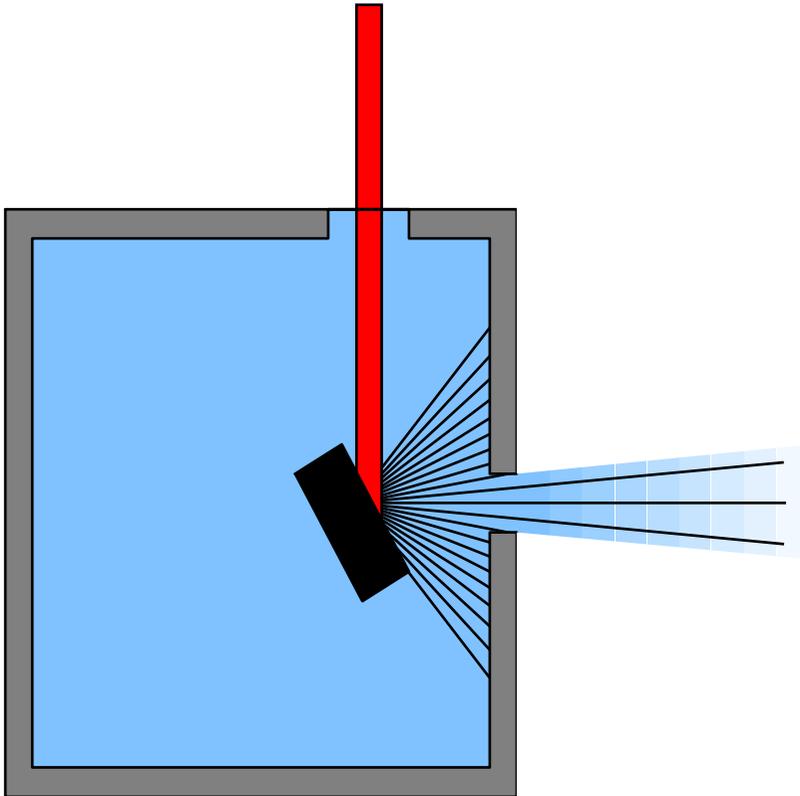


## Technical issues:

- Differential pumping to keep analyzer in high vacuum
- Sample preparation and control in a flow reactor

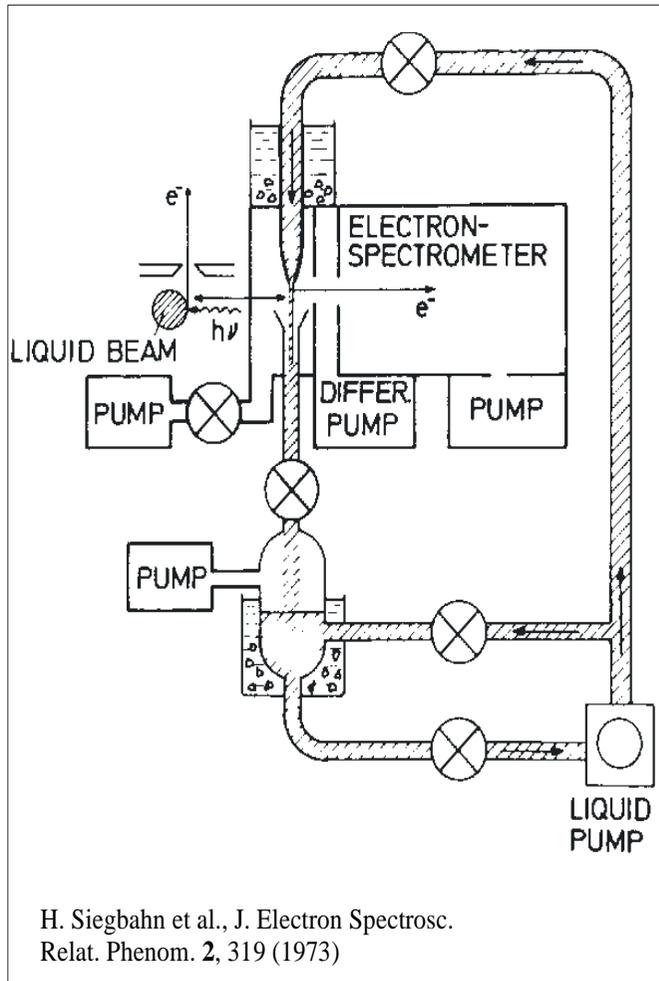
## In situ XPS: basic concept

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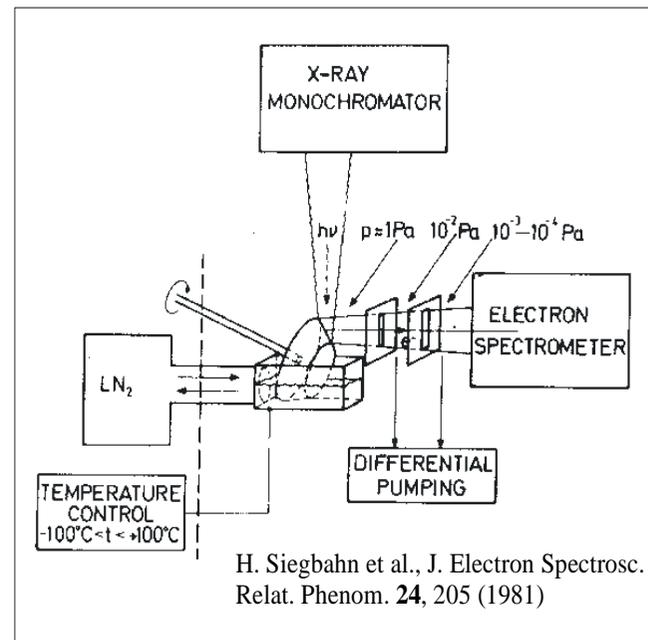


- Photons enter through a window
- Electrons and a gas jet escape through an aperture to vacuum

# In situ XPS instruments: previous designs

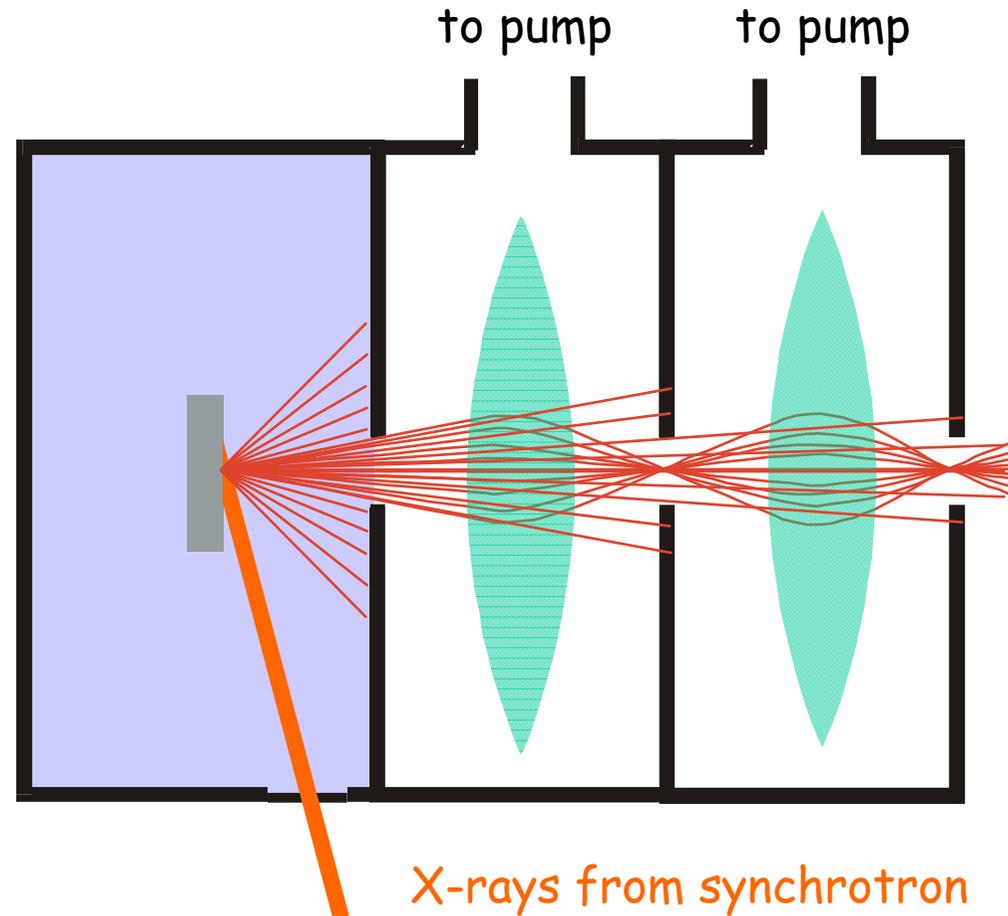


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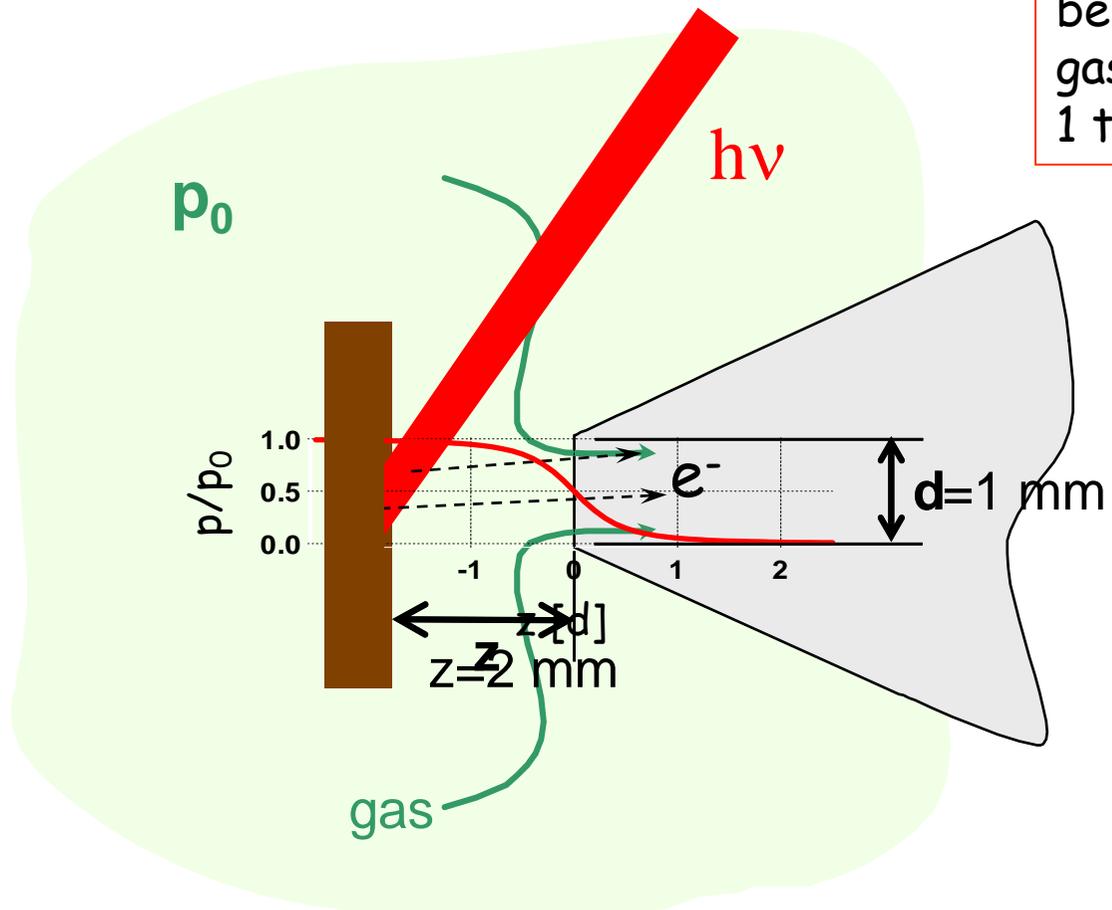


# In situ XPS using differentially pumped electrostatic lenses

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# Close-up of sample-first aperture region



Gas phase composition can be measured by XPS.  
gas phase signal:  
 $1 \text{ torr}\cdot\text{mm} \sim \text{a few monolayers}$