

### Modern Methods in Heterogeneous Catalysis Research



## TDS

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#### TDS = TPD

(Thermal Desorption (mass) Spectroscopy) = (Thermal Programmed Desorption)

Literature:

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### Why TDS?



#### Simple idea:

Adsorbed particles with different *binding energies* will desorb at different *temperature*.





#### How? Flow-system (Hinrichsen, Muhler etc.)





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### How? Vacuum-setup







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#### TDS on atomic level



TDS on atomic level is statistics:

• temperature – vibration of the surface atoms:



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#### From atomic level to TD-spectrum Polanyi-Wigner equation





Redhead (1963)  $\frac{\sigma_A d\Theta_r}{dt} = -v_n \sigma_A^n \Theta_r^n \exp(-E_d/kT)$ 

$$\begin{split} E_d: & \text{activation energies for desorption;} \\ \sigma_A: & \text{density of adsorption sites cm}^{-2}; \\ \Theta_r &= \Theta / \Theta_{sat}: \text{ relative coverage } (0 < \Theta_r < 1); \\ v_n: & \text{the frequency factor for desorption order } n; \\ n: & \text{order of desorption reaction.} \\ & \text{For practical reasons, I divide the total coverage } \Theta \\ & \text{into } \Theta &= \Theta_r \ \sigma_A. \end{split}$$

Coverage, rate constant and desorption rate. (Masel fig. 7.11)  $\Theta_{r,0}=0.67, n=1, v=10^{13}s^{-1}, \beta_{H}=10 \text{ K/s}, E_{d}=100 \text{ kJ/mol}.$ 





**Left:** 2D gas with very fast exchange and equilibration with islands (2D vapor pressure in equilibrium with 2D fluid): Desorption rate independent of  $\Theta$ , as long as islands are left; desorption order n=0. The same order for sublimation of thick condensed layers.

**Right:** The desorption rate is proportional to the circumference of the islands and thus proportional to  $\Theta^{1/2}$ ; desorption order n=1/2.





**Left:** *Molecular desorption, mobile or immobile adsorbate; desorption rate proportional to*  $\Theta$ ; *desorption order n*=1.

**Right:** Associative desorption, at least one of both species must be mobile; desorption rate proportional to  $\Theta^2$ ; desorption order n=2.



# Analysis of TD-spectra relying on the Polanyi-Wigner equation





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#### Single TD-spectrum: Redhead's analysis (P.A. Redhead, Vacuum 12 (1963) 203)

The desorption rate is:  $r_d = -\frac{\sigma_A d\Theta_r}{dt} = v_n \sigma_A^n \Theta_r^n \exp(-E_d/kT)$ 

Linear temperature ramp:

Combining this yields:

$$T = T_0 + \beta_H t.$$
  
$$\frac{r_d}{\beta_H \sigma_A} = -\frac{d\Theta_r}{dT} = \frac{V_n}{\beta_H} \Theta_r^n \exp(-E_d / RT)$$

Often the importance of  $\nu$  is underestimated. For every practical problem, one needs both  $\nu$  and  $E_d$ .

Approximation (Redhead):  $E_d \approx RT_P \left[ \ln \left( \frac{\nu_1 T_P}{\beta_H} \right) - 3.64 \right]$ 

 $T_P, \Theta_P$ : values at desorption peak maximum

error < 1.5% for 
$$10^8 < v_1/\beta < 10^{13} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

Rule of thumb assuming  $V_1 = 10^{13} \text{ s}^{-1}$ :  $E_d \approx 0.25 T_P$  ( $E_d \text{ in kJ/mol}, T_P \text{ in K}$ )



#### Series of TD-spectra





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#### Logarithmic forms of the Polanyi-Wigner equation



$$r_{d} = \frac{\sigma_{A} d\Theta_{r}}{dt} = -v_{n} \sigma_{A}^{n} \Theta_{r}^{n} \exp(-E_{d}/kT)$$

1. Leading edge analysis, after Habenschaden and Küppers, 2. Complete analysis, after King and Bauer  $\ln(r_d) = -E_d/kT + \ln(v_n) + n\ln(\sigma_A \Theta_r)$ 



#### Complete analysis, after King

(D.E. King, T.E. Madey, J.T. Yates, Jr., J. Chem. Phys. 55 (1971) 3236).







#### Complicate example Guo XC, Yates JT. J Chem Phys 1989;90(11):6761-6



#### THERMAL DESORPTION RATE vs. TEMPERATURE AND COVERAGE





#### Complicate example?



CO Coverage (ML)	Vibrational Frequency (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	LEED Pattern	Structure Model
0.33	1849	• • •	
0.50	1918	• •	
0.60	1951	•• ••	
0.63	1951 2097	•	
0.66	1951 2097	• . • • • : • : • • · •	
0.75	1951 2097	• • • • • • • • • •	

FIG. 1. CO stretching frequencies, LEED patterns and surface structure models as a function of CO coverage on Pd(111). Results are from Refs. 4 Dirk and 5.



#### Monte Carlo simulations and precursormoderated desorption



MC with neighbor-neighbor interaction: two peaks for repulsive case!



Figure 7.32 A series of TPD spectra calculated by numerically integrating Equation 7.100 for  $k_o/\beta_H = 10^{12}/\text{sec}$ ,  $E_d^o = 24$  kcal/mole,  $\alpha_P = 1.0$ .

Masel fig.7.32





• Pd(111) was already complicated – but understandable

Now: porous systems

- readsorption
- diffusion (inter- and intra-particle)







Fig. 1. Possible TPD responses in single particle simulations. TPD response in the lowest temperature range (a), an intermediate TPD response (b), and TPD response in the highest temperature range (c).

Kanervo, J. M.; Keskitalo, T. J.; Shoor, R. I.; Krause, A. O. I. Temperature-Programmed Desorption as a Tool to Extract Quantitative Kinetic or Energetic Information for Porous Catalysts. *J. Cat.* **2006**, *238*, 382-393



Kanervo, J. M. et al., *J. Cat.* **2006**, *238*, 382-393

Fig. 4. TPD responses: without readsorption (a), minimum rate of adsorption  $(k_a(\min))$ , medium rate of desorption  $(k_d(med))$  and the two extreme values of  $D_e/R_p^2$  (b and c), maximum rate of adsorption  $(k_a(\max))$ , medium rate of desorption  $(k_d(med))$  and the two extreme values of  $D_e/R_p^2$  (d and e).

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#### H<sub>2</sub> TPR of vanadia/alumina





# Surface versus bulk reduction

Kanervo, J. M.; Harlin, M. E.; Krause, A. O. I.; Banares, M. A. Characterisation of Alumina-Supported Vanadium Oxide Catalysts by Kinetic Analysis of H-2-TPR Data. *Catal. Today* **2003**, *78*, 171-180.

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- In flow set-up TPD responses occur at higher temperatures than in vacuum
- TPD responses may be qualitatively different
- Different mass transfer patterns in reaction cell
- More effective external mass transfer in vacuum setups
  - can re-adsorption be ignored?
- The intraparticle mass transfer even more relevant in vacuum than in flow TPD
- controlled particle size



#### **Conclusions I**



"Simple" surfaces and "simple model" (Polanyi-Wigner-equation):			
Suggestive:	Number of consecutively adsorbing species		
Qualitatively:	Distinction of chemisorbed, physisorbed, condensed species		
Quantitative:	Evaluation of coverages possible; evaluation of $E_d$ , $v_n$ and $n$ difficult, many parameters		
"Complex" surfaces and order-disorder phenomena: So far only qualitative evaluation or more complex model with readsorption and diffusion necessary.			



### **Conclusions II**



For catalysts a well calibrated setup is useful:

- Fingerprint method
- Comparison with single crystals data
- Usage of  $E_{ad}$  from microcalorimetry
- Combination with other methods (XPS)
- Flow setup enables kinetic and TPD experiments in one setup