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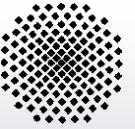
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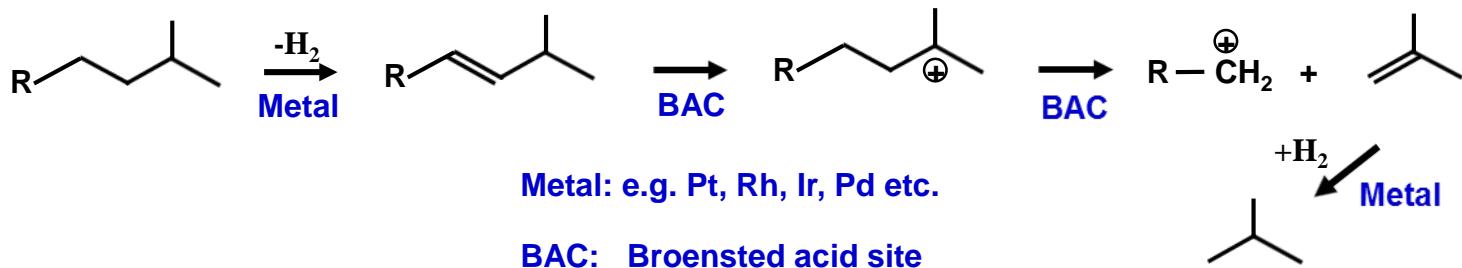




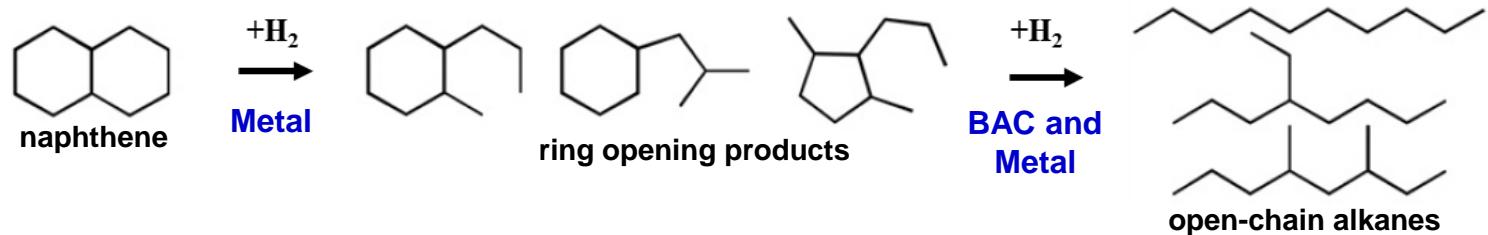
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Examples for applications of noble metal containing solid catalysts

- hydrocracking of alkanes [1]



- ring-opening of naphthenes to open alkanes by hydrogenolysis [2]



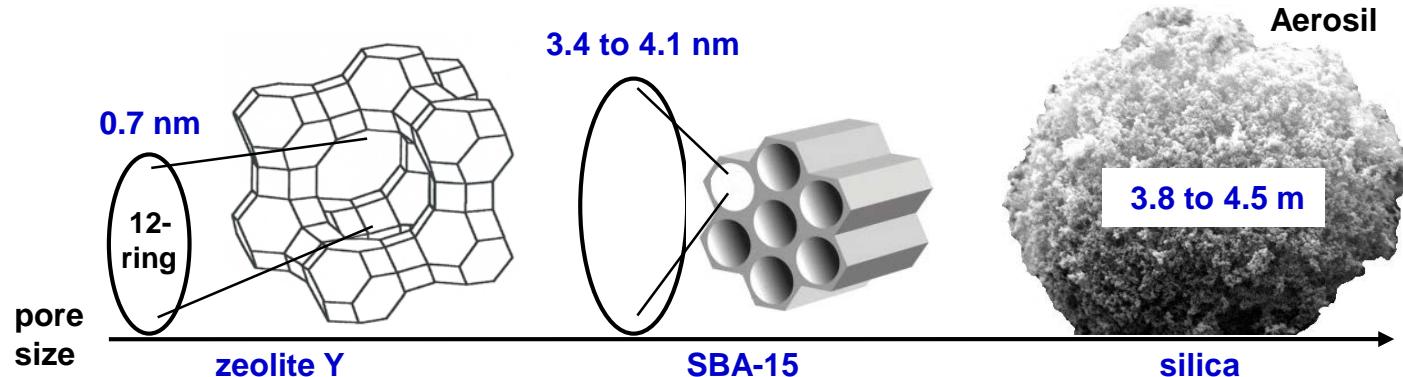
- [1] J. Scherzer, A.J. Gruia, *Hydrocracking Science and Technology*, Marcel Dekker, New York, USA, 1996.
- [2] S. Rabl et al., Ring Opening of Cis-decalin on Bifunctional Ir-/ and Pt/La-X Zeolite Catalysts, *Appl. Catal. A: General* 400 (2011) 131-141.



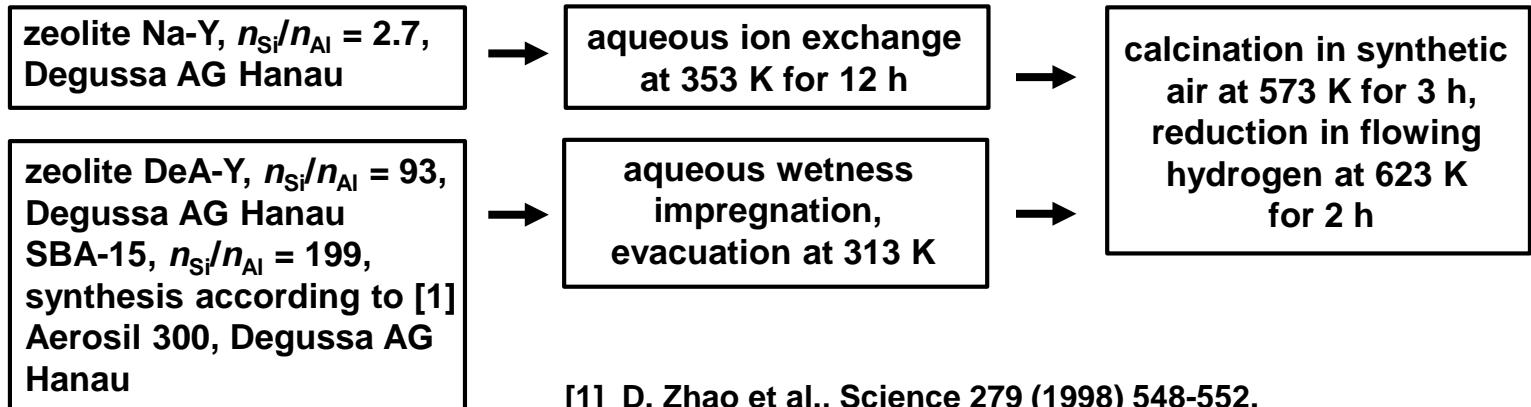
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Catalysts under study:

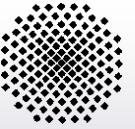
- parent and dealuminated zeolite Y, mesoporous SBA-15, amorphous silica



- loading of $\text{RhCl}_3 \cdot x \text{H}_2\text{O}$, $[\text{Ir}(\text{NH}_3)_5\text{Cl}]\text{Cl}_2$, $[\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_4]\text{Cl}_2$, and $[\text{Pt}(\text{NH}_3)_4]\text{Cl}_2$



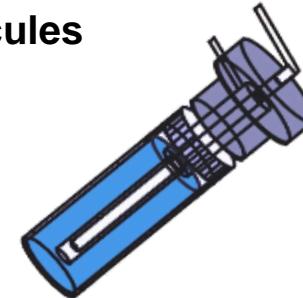
[1] D. Zhao et al., Science 279 (1998) 548-552.



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Analytical methods

- NMR spectroscopy of surface sites using probe molecules
- hydrogenation of acrylonitrile studied by
in situ ^1H MAS NMR spectroscopy



- dehydrogenation of propane in a standard fixed-bed reactor with on-line GC analysis under continuous flow conditions
- hydrogenation of propene with para-hydrogen studied by *in situ* ^1H MAS NMR spectroscopy under continuous flow conditions

Sample treatment before solid-state NMR studies

- evacuation at vacuum line after reduction and subsequent sealing in glass tubes
- loading of ammonia, acetonitrile, and acrylonitrile at vacuum line and subsequent evacuation at 453 K (ammonia) or 295 K (others)
- addition of solid trimethylphosphine and heating at 433 K for 2 h
- transfer of pretreated samples into MAS rotors inside glovebox purged with N_2



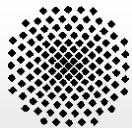
Preparation of dehydrated catalyst samples for MAS NMR studies



**vacuum line for dehydration of catalyst
samples in glass tubes at elevated
temperatures (often 673 K)**

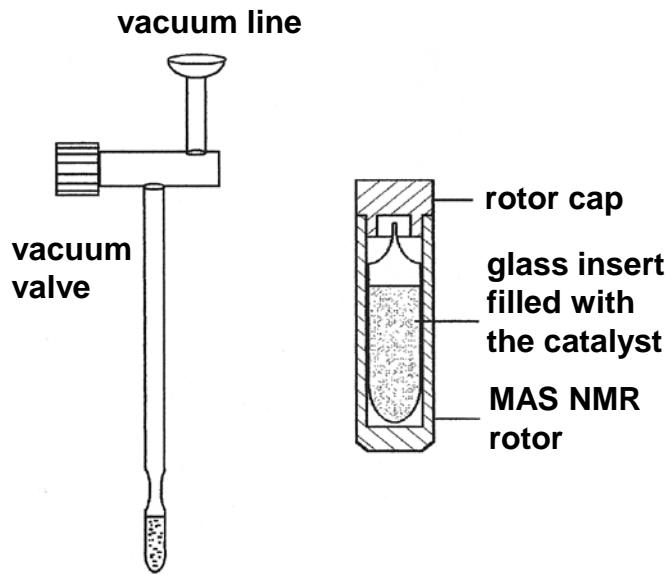
**transfer of the dehydrated catalyst
samples from glass tubes into MAS
rotors inside a glove box (dry nitrogen)**



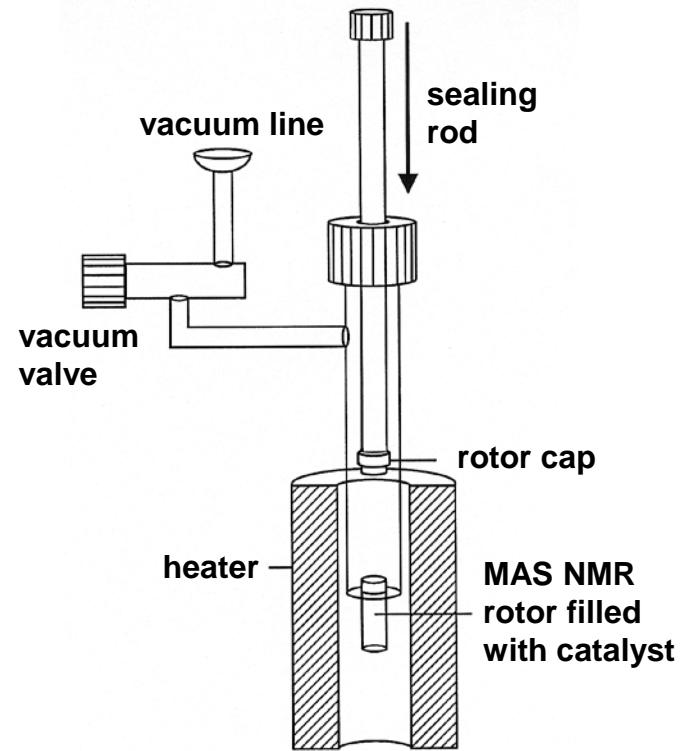


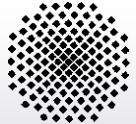
Preparation of activated catalysts loaded with probe molecules or reactants

dehydration and loading of the catalyst inside the glass insert (e.g. commercial Wilmad MAS NMR inserts for 4 mm and 7 mm rotors)



dehydration, loading, and sealing of the catalyst filled in an MAS NMR rotor inside a vacuum equipment



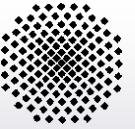


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Wilmad insert for 7mm Bruker rotors



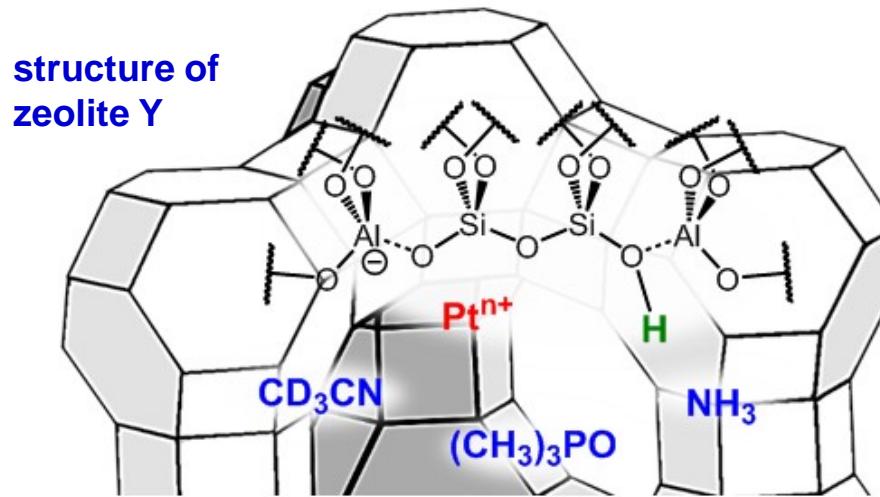
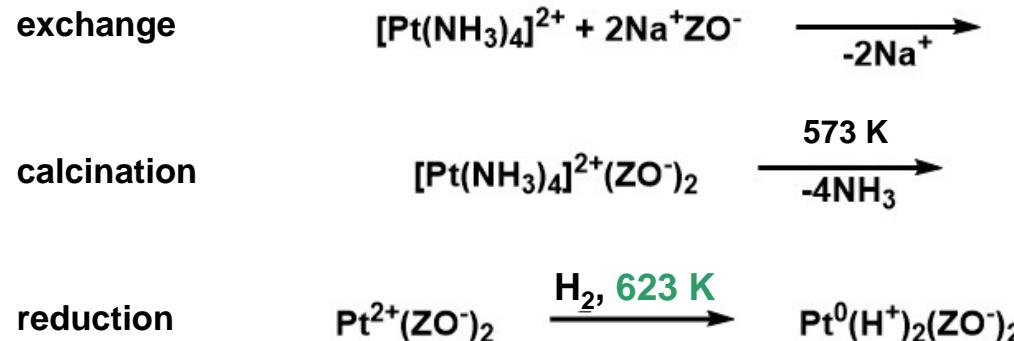
selfmade equipment for rotor sealing



Investigation of surface sites on bifunctional noble metal containing zeolites

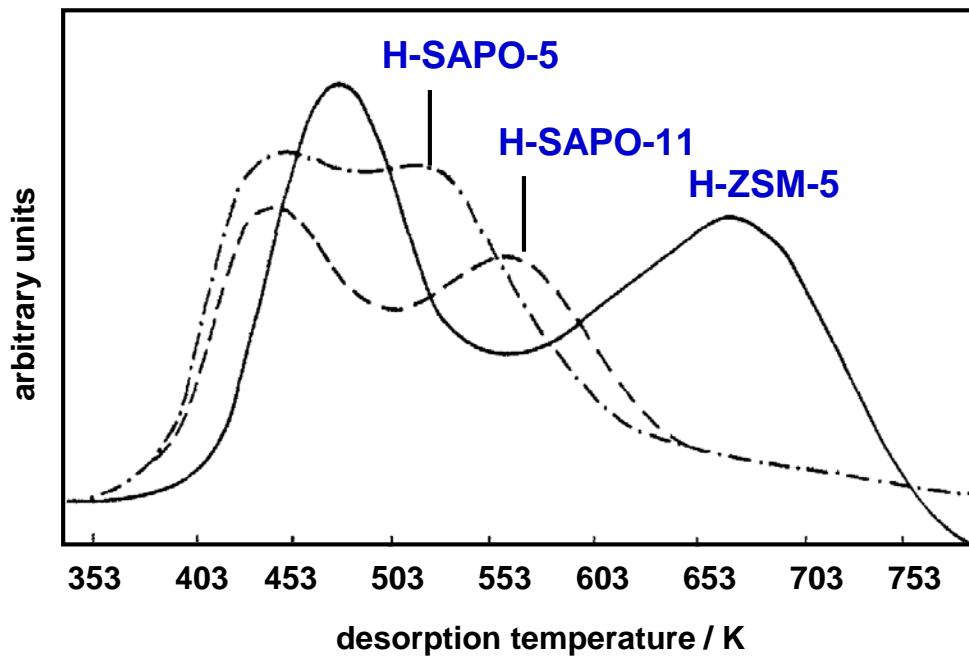
Generation of catalytically active surface sites on noble metal containing zeolites

zeolites H,Na-Y ($n_{\text{Si}}/n_{\text{Al}} = 2.7$) loaded with calculated amounts of Rh, Ir, Pd, and Pt



¹H MAS NMR studies of the hydroxyl coverage of noble metal containing zeolites Y

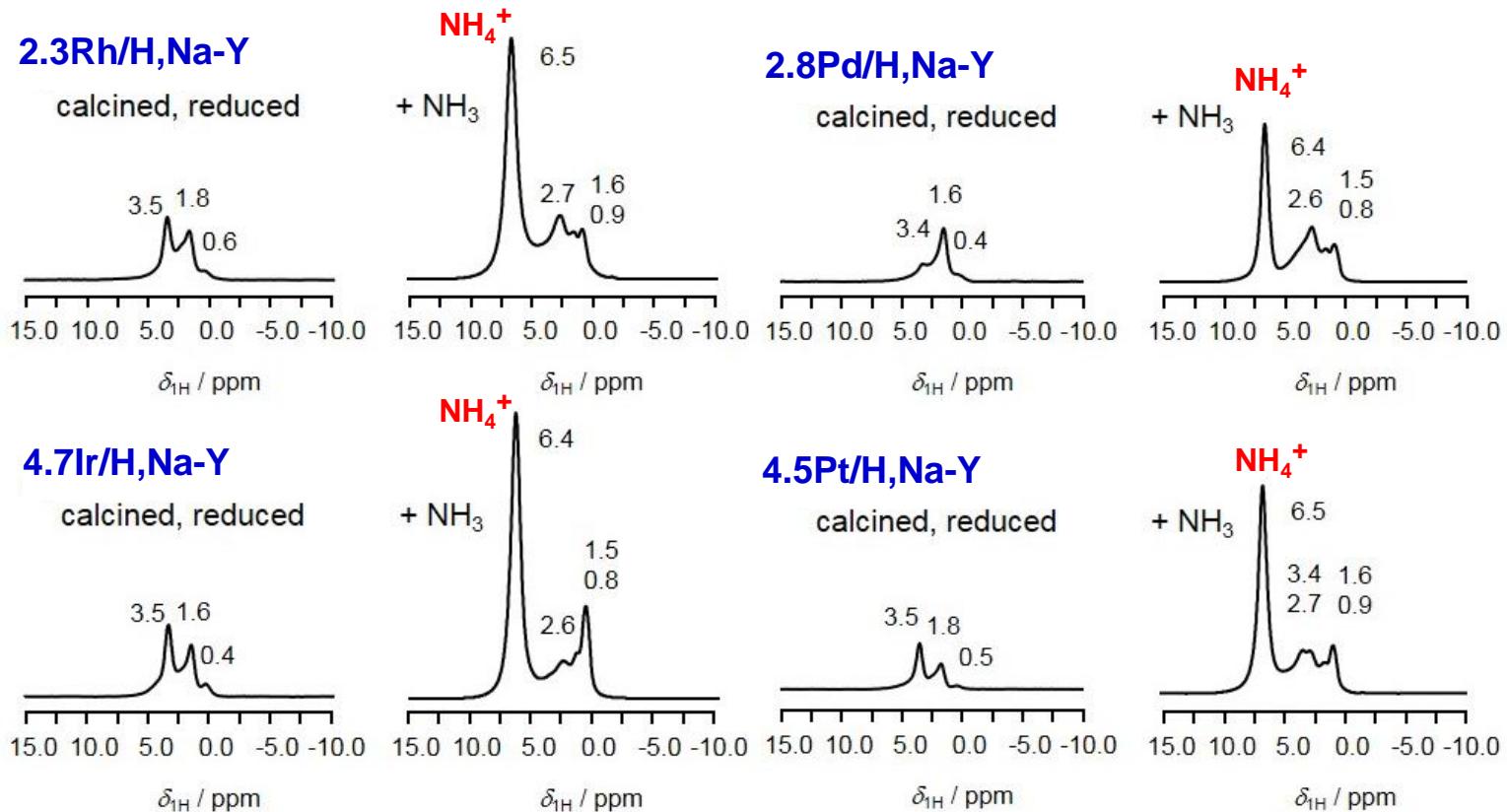
temperature-programmed desorption of ammonia (TPD-A) in flowing helium [1]



adapted ¹H MAS NMR measurement:

- loading of dehydrated (623 K, vacuum) catalysts with ammonia (100 mbar, 10 min)
- evacuation of physisorbed ammonia at 453 for 2 h

^1H MAS NMR studies of the hydroxyl coverage of noble metal containing zeolites Y



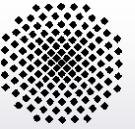
metal OH: 0.4 – 0.9 and 2.6 – 2.7 ppm

SiOH: 1.5 – 1.8 ppm

Si(OH)Al: 3.4 – 3.5 ppm

+ NH₃ → NH₄⁺: 6.4 – 6.5 ppm





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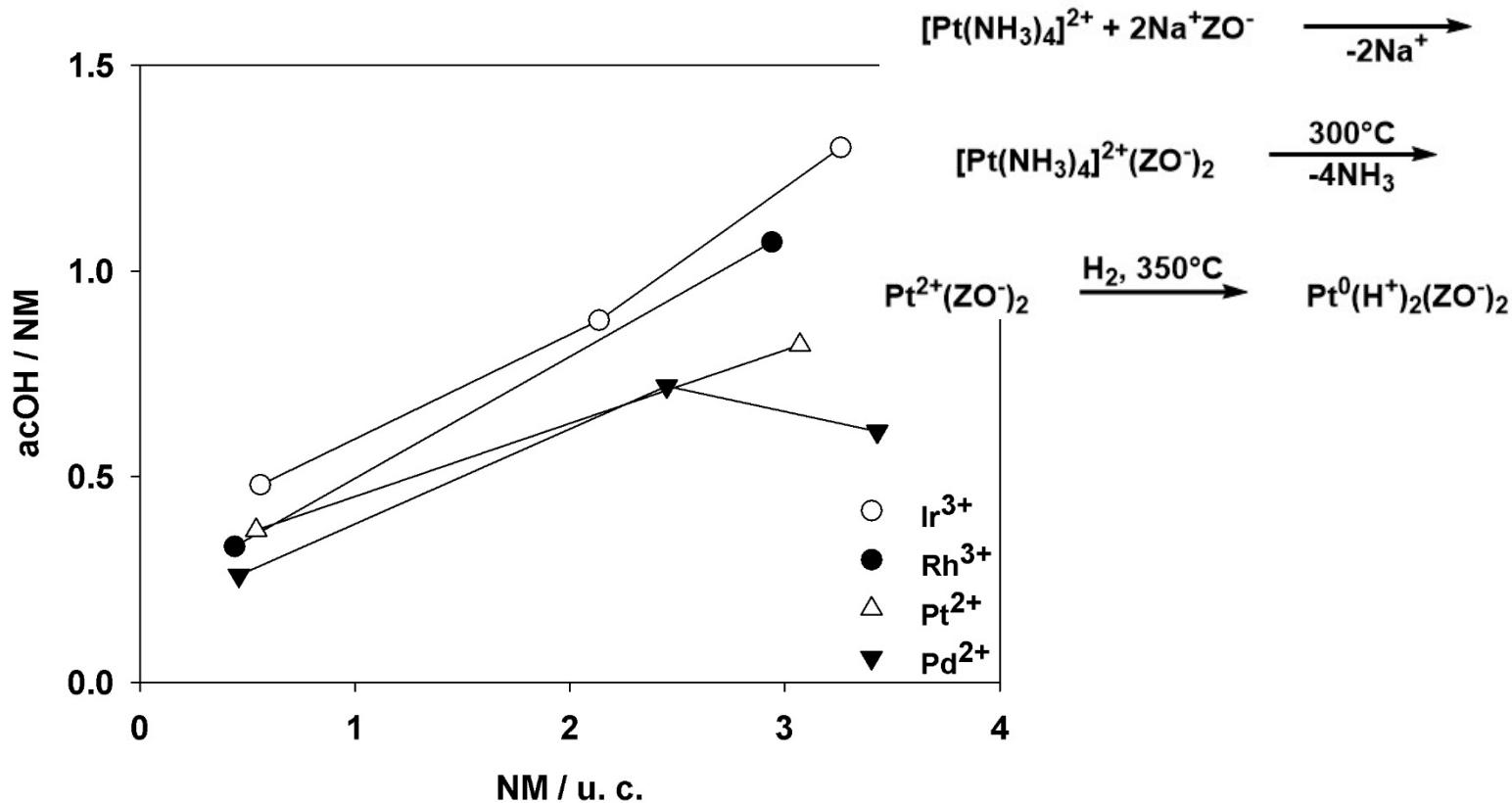
noble metal (NM) loading, noble metal dispersion (*D*), density of acidic OH groups (acOH), and number of acidic OH groups per noble metal atom (acOH/NM)

Samples	NM	NM	<i>D</i>	Density of acOH	acOH/NM
	loading	loading ^a			
	/ wt.%	/ u.c. ⁻¹	/ %	/ u.c. ⁻¹	
0.4Rh/H,Na-Y	0.36	0.44	54	0.15	0.3
2.3Rh/H,Na-Y	2.32	2.94	80	3.14	1.1
0.8Ir/H,Na-Y	0.83	0.56	121	0.27	0.5
3.1Ir/H,Na-Y	3.12	2.13	129	1.88	0.9
4.7Ir/H,Na-Y	4.68	3.26	130	4.24	1.3
0.4Pd/H,Na-Y	0.38	0.46	19	0.12	0.3
1.9Pd/H,Na-Y	2.00	2.45	48	1.76	0.7
2.8Pd/H,Na-Y	2.78	3.43	43	2.10	0.6
0.8Pt/H,Na-Y	0.82	0.54	73	0.20	0.4
4.5Pt/H,Na-Y	4.48	3.07	92	2.54	0.8



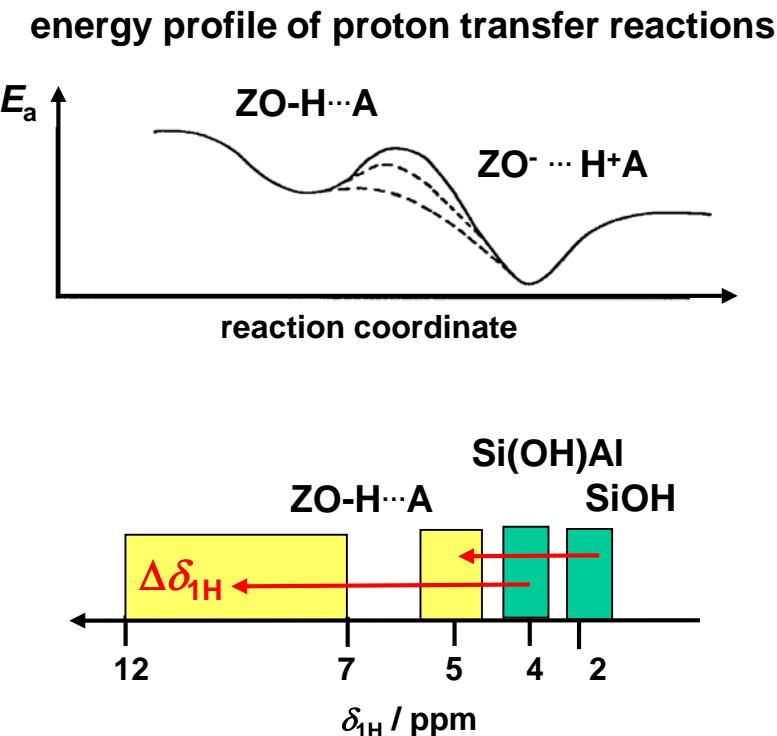
¹H MAS NMR studies of the hydroxyl coverage of noble metal containing zeolites Y

ratios of the numbers of acidic Si(OH)Al groups (acOH) and noble metal atoms (NM) for noble metal containing zeolites Y



^1H MAS NMR studies of the acid strength of Si(OH)Al groups in noble metal containing zeolites Y

evaluation of the CD_3CN -induced low-field shift $\Delta\delta_{1\text{H}}$ of ^1H MAS NMR signals



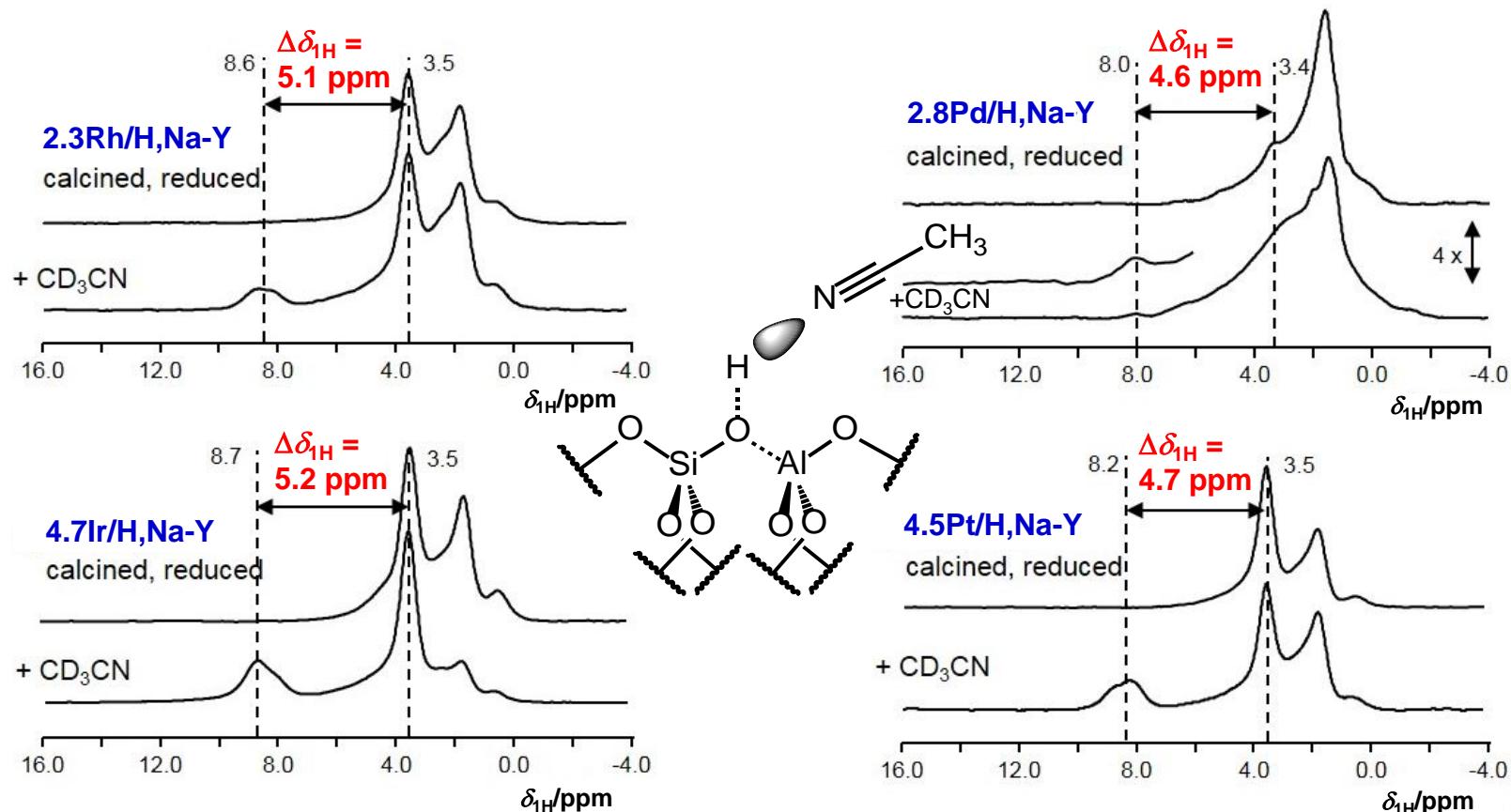
low-field shift $\Delta\delta_{1\text{H}}$ of the ^1H MAS NMR signal of SiOHAl groups upon adsorption of acetonitrile (CD_3CN):

sample	$\Delta\delta_{1\text{H}} / \text{ppm}$
AlOH	1.2
SiOH	3.0
Si(OH)Al:	
H,Na-X ($n_{\text{Si}}/n_{\text{Al}} = 1.3$)	3.6
H,Na-Y ($n_{\text{Si}}/n_{\text{Al}} = 2.7$)	5.1
Al,Na-Y ($n_{\text{Si}}/n_{\text{Al}} = 2.7$)	5.3
H,Na-Y ($n_{\text{Si}}/n_{\text{Al}} = 5$)	6.4
H-MOR ($n_{\text{Si}}/n_{\text{Al}} = 10$)	6.7
H,Na-Y ($n_{\text{Si}}/n_{\text{Al}} = 18$)	7.0
H-ZSM-5 ($n_{\text{Si}}/n_{\text{Al}} = 19$)	7.2
H-ZSM-5 ($n_{\text{Si}}/n_{\text{Al}} = 26$)	7.9

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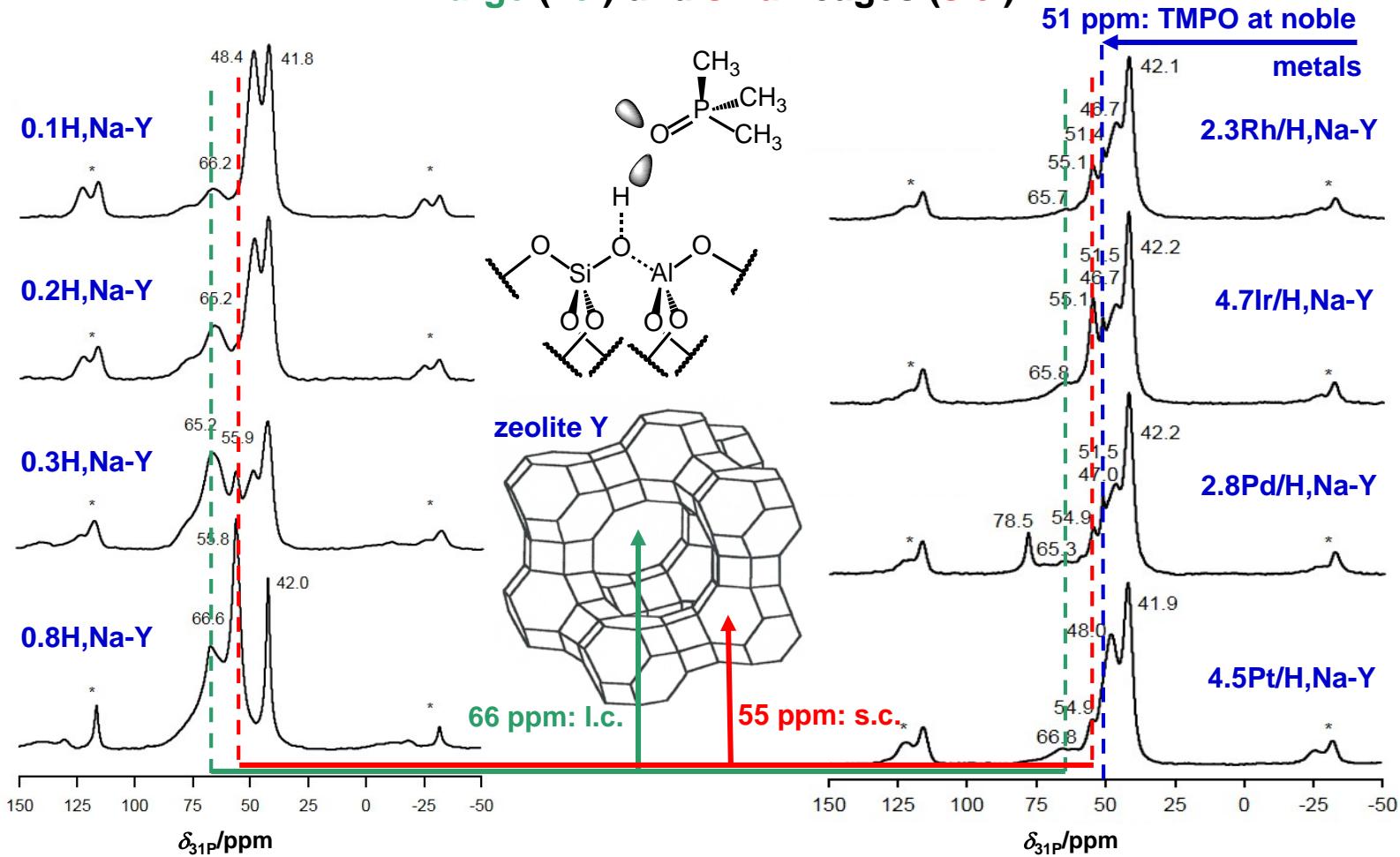
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evaluation of the CD_3CN -induced low-field shift $\Delta\delta_{1\text{H}}$ of ^1H MAS NMR signals
for comparison: $0.2\text{H},\text{Na-Y}$ has $\Delta\delta_{1\text{H}} = 5.2 \text{ ppm}$



^{31}P MAS NMR studies of the surface site location in noble metal containing zeolites Y

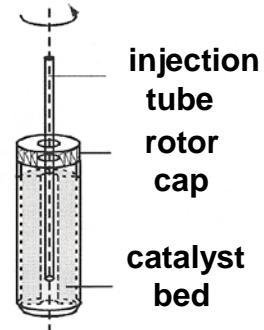
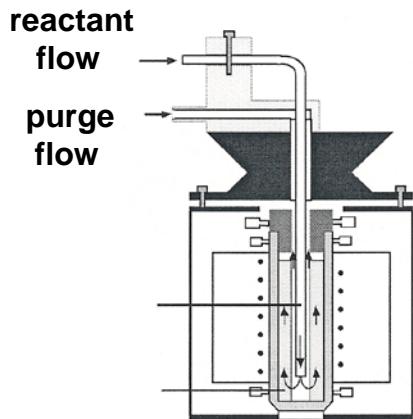
interaction of trimethylphosphine oxide (TMPO) with Si(OH)Al groups in large (l.c.) and small cages (s.c.)





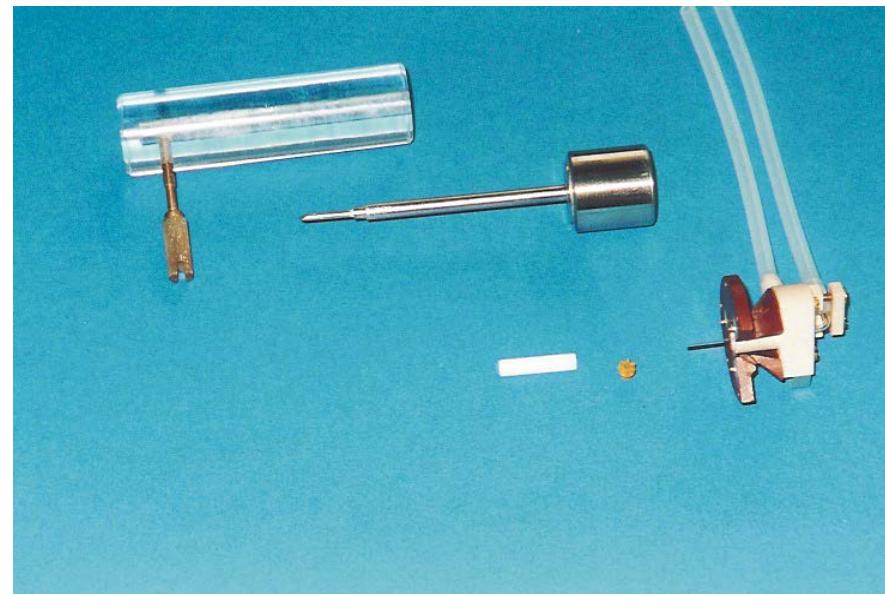
Intrinsic hydrogenation activity investigated by *in situ* MAS NMR spectroscopy

*Experimental technique of *in situ* MAS NMR spectroscopy under flow conditions*



**modified 4 mm Bruker MAS NMR probe
equipped with an injection system**

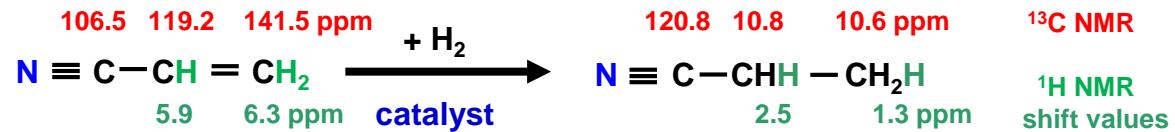
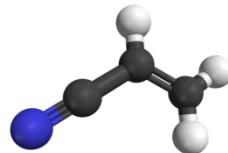
**tools for the preparation of the
catalyst bed (hollow cylinder)
inside the MAS NMR rotor**



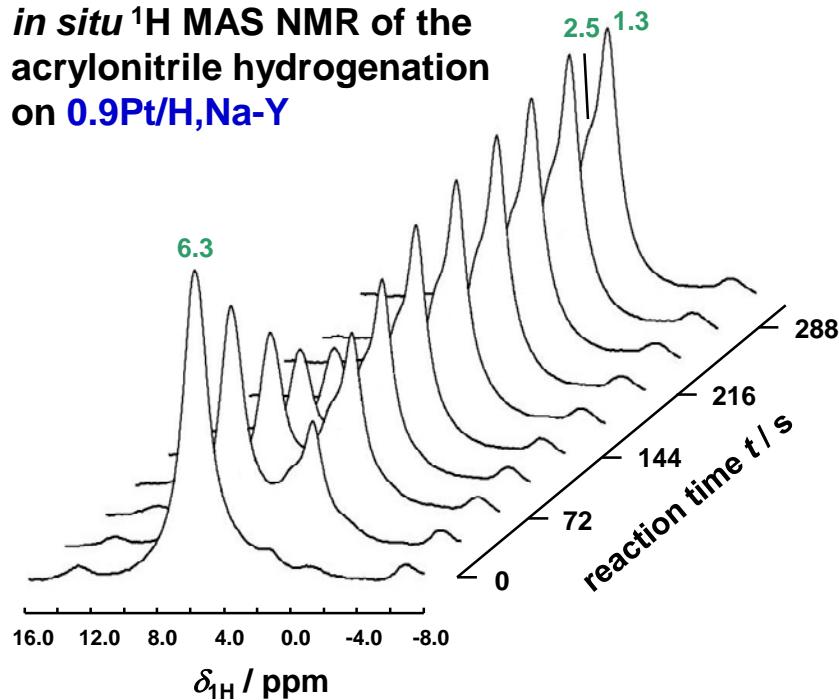
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Study of the intrinsic acrylonitrile hydrogenation rate on noble metal containing porous solids

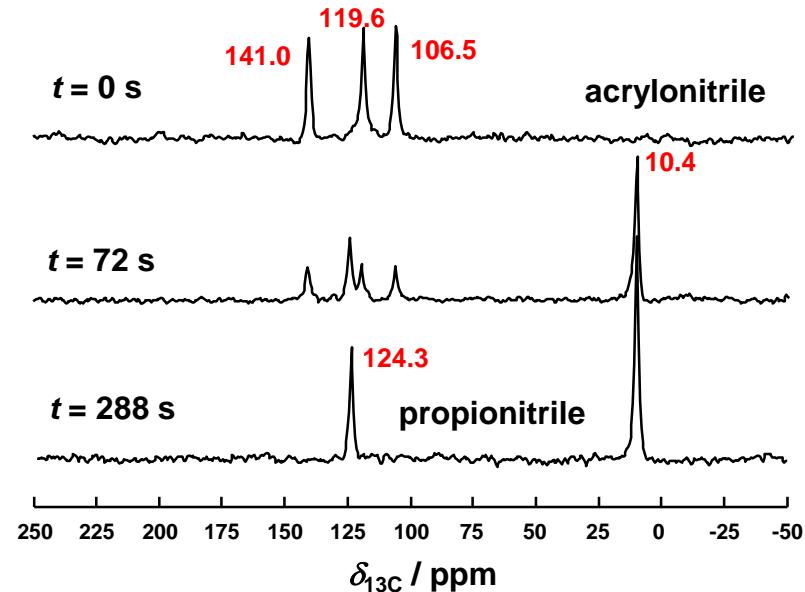
hydrogenation of pre-adsorbed **acrylonitrile** with H_2 at $T = 298 \text{ K}$



in situ ^1H MAS NMR of the acrylonitrile hydrogenation on $0.9\text{Pt}/\text{H,Na-Y}$



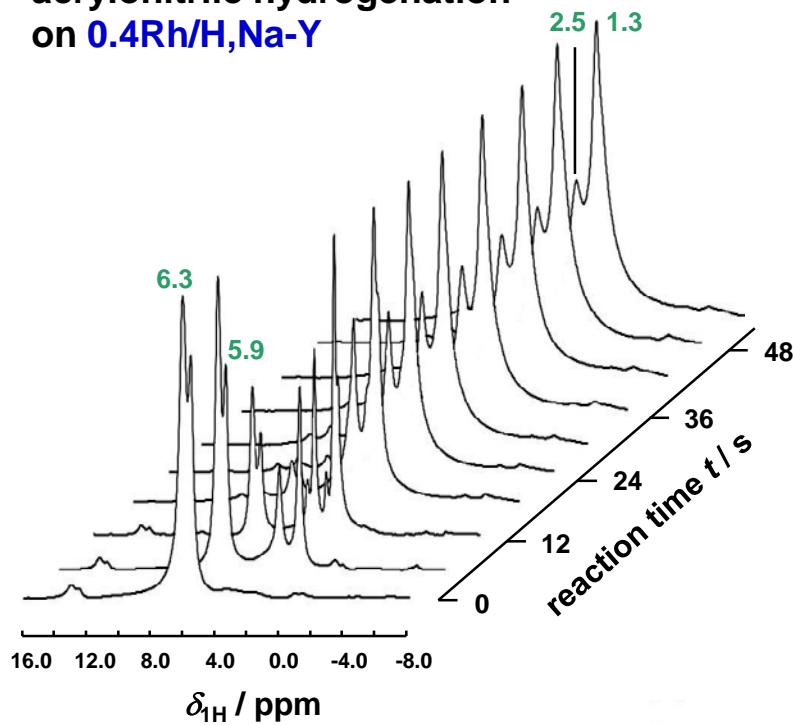
in situ ^{13}C MAS NMR of the acrylonitrile hydrogenation on $0.9\text{Pt}/\text{H,Na-Y}$



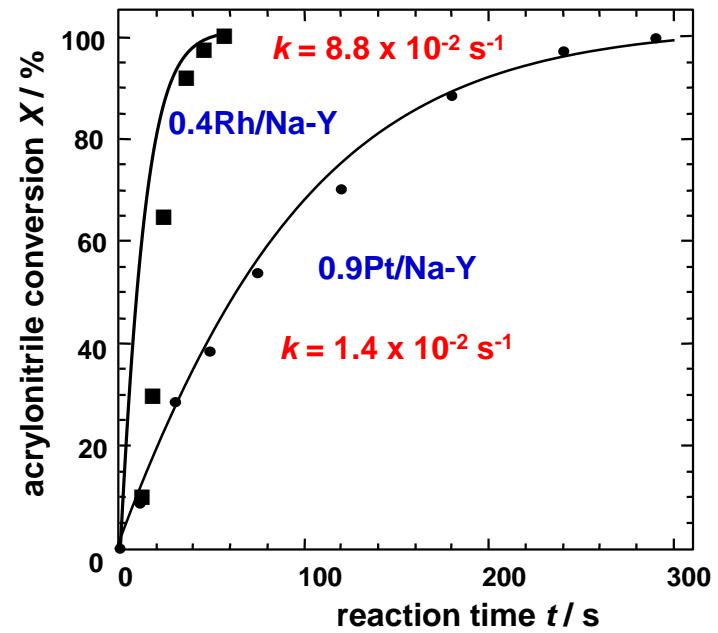
Bruker Avance III 400WB spectrometer, modified 7 mm MAS NMR probe, ν_{rot} ca. 2 kHz, 1 FID per spectrum, D1 = 6 s

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in situ ^1H MAS NMR of acrylonitrile hydrogenation on 0.4Rh/H,Na-Y



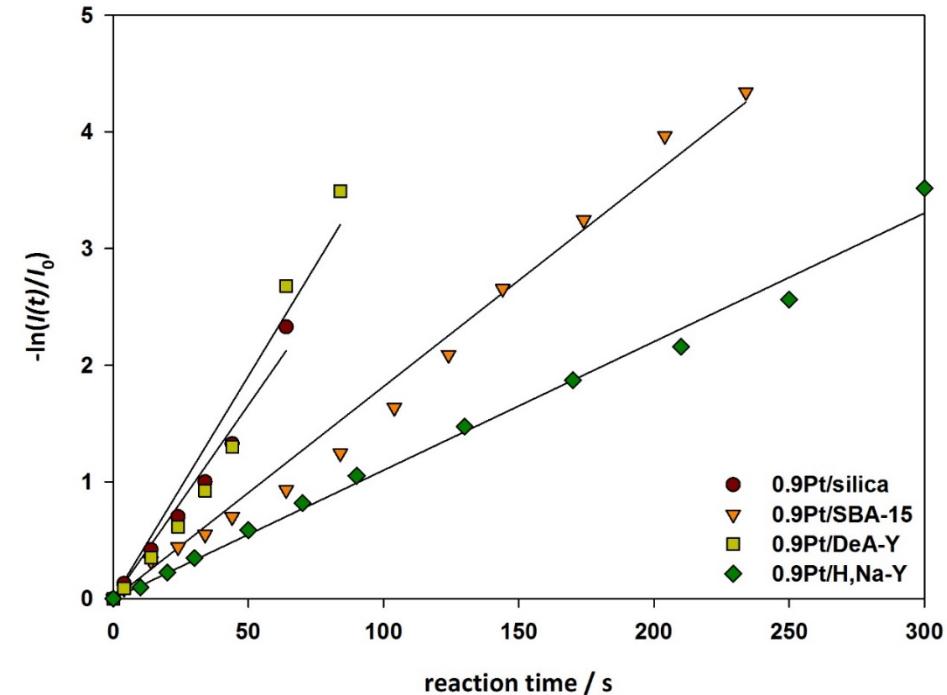
determination of the velocity constants k of the intrinsic hydrogenation of **acrylonitrile**



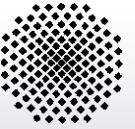
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catalyst	$n_{\text{Si}}/n_{\text{Al}}$	noble metal content / wt %	dispersion / %
0.9Pt/silica	∞	0.85	83
0.9Pt/SBA-15	199	0.78	68
0.9Pt/DeA-Y	93	0.96	72
0.9Pt/H,Na-Y	2.7	0.82	73
0.3Rh/silica	∞	0.29	59
0.3Rh/SBA-15	209	0.33	60
0.4Rh/DeA-Y	112	0.37	68
0.4Rh/H,Na-Y	2.7	0.42	63
0.8Ir/H,Na-Y	2.7	0.84	121
0.4Pd/H,Na-Y	3.0	0.40	43

determination of the velocity constants k of the intrinsic hydrogenation of acrylonitrile on Pt containing solid catalysts



Bruker Avance III 400WB spectrometer, modified 4 mm MAS NMR probe, ν_{rot} ca. 4 kHz, 1 FID per spectrum, D1 = 6 s



Study of the intrinsic acrylonitrile hydrogenation rate on noble metal containing porous solids

velocity constants ***k*** and reaction rates ***r*** of the intrinsic hydrogenation of **acrylonitrile** on noble metal containing solid catalysts

catalyst	acrylonitrile / mmol	<i>k</i> / s ⁻¹	<i>r</i> / mmol s ⁻¹
0.9Pt/silica	0.023	(3.3 ± 0.3) × 10 ⁻²	(7.6 ± 1.1) × 10⁻⁴
0.9Pt/SBA-15	0.018	(1.8 ± 0.2) × 10 ⁻²	(3.2 ± 0.5) × 10⁻⁴
0.9Pt/DeA-Y	0.018	(3.8 ± 0.4) × 10 ⁻²	(6.8 ± 0.9) × 10⁻⁴
0.9Pt/H,Na-Y	0.021	(1.1 ± 0.1) × 10 ⁻²	(2.3 ± 0.3) × 10⁻⁴
0.4Rh/H,Na-Y	0.020	(3.4 ± 0.3) × 10 ⁻²	(6.8 ± 1.0) × 10⁻⁴
0.8Ir/H,Na-Y	0.017	(6.7 ± 0.7) × 10 ⁻⁴	(0.11 ± 0.02) × 10⁻⁴
0.4Pd/H,Na-Y	0.027	1.1 ± 0.3	(270 ± 50) × 10⁻⁴

- same kind and numbers of noble metals on different porous support materials lead to similar hydrogenation rates (same order of magnitude)
- sequence of ***r*** values catalysts (H,Na-Y) loaded with different noble metals:
0.4Pd/H,Na-Y > 0.4Rh/H,Na-Y > 0.9Pt/H,Na-Y > 0.8Ir/H,Na-Y

Comparison of the hydrogenation and dehydrogenation activities of noble metal containing zeolites Y

Comparison of the hydrogenation and dehydrogenation rates of noble metal containing zeolites Y

dehydrogenation of **propane** in a standard fixed-bed reactor at 828 K, under atmospheric pressure, propane/N₂ mixture of 2:1, WHSV_{C3} = 3 h⁻¹ and after TOS = 35 min

catalyst	X _{C3} / %	S _{C3=} / %	Y _{C3=} / %	TOF / s ⁻¹
0.4Pd/H,NaY	2	49	1	1.03
0.4Rh/H,NaY	2	73	1	1.13
0.8Pt/H,NaY	18	69	12	8.39
0.8Ir/H,NaY	6	63	4	2.68
2.8Pd/H,NaY	3	62	2	0.20
2.3Rh/H,NaY	3	80	2	0.20
4.5Pt/H,NaY	33	51	17	2.71
4.7Ir/H,NaY	8	57	5	0.67

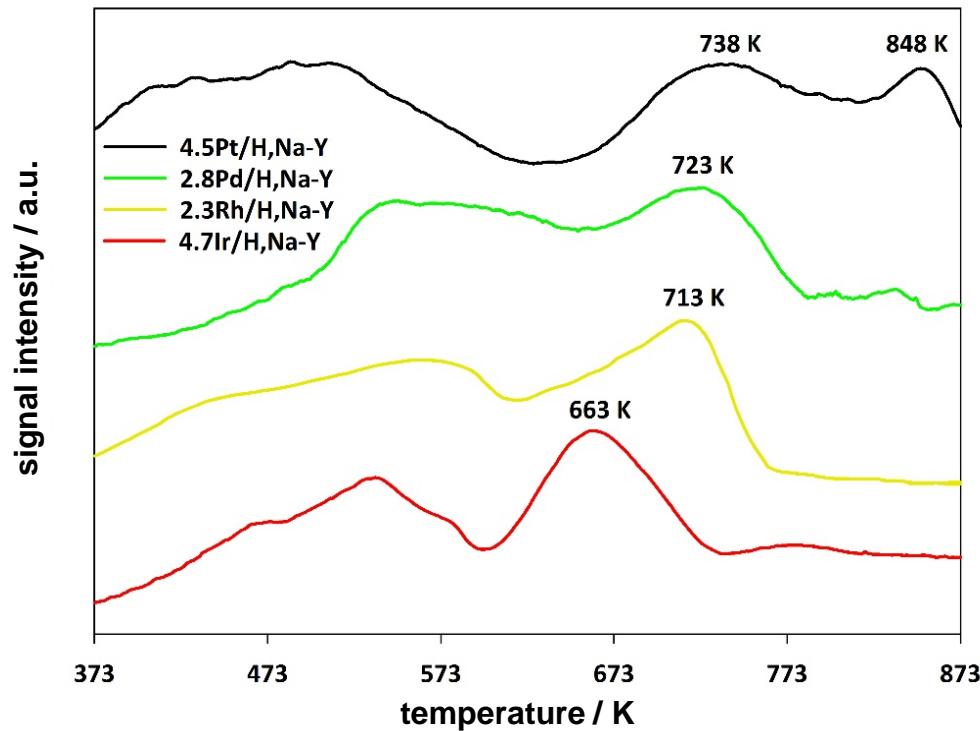
- sequence of *r* values (hydrogenation of acrylonitrile):

$$0.4\text{Pd/H,Na-Y} > 0.4\text{Rh/H,Na-Y} > 0.9\text{Pt/H,Na-Y} > 0.8\text{Ir/H,Na-Y}$$
- sequence of turn-over-frequencies **TOF** (dehydrogenation of propane):

$$0.4\text{Pd/H,Na-Y} < 0.4\text{Rh/H,Na-Y} < 0.8\text{Ir/H,Na-Y} < 0.8\text{Pt/H,Na-Y}$$

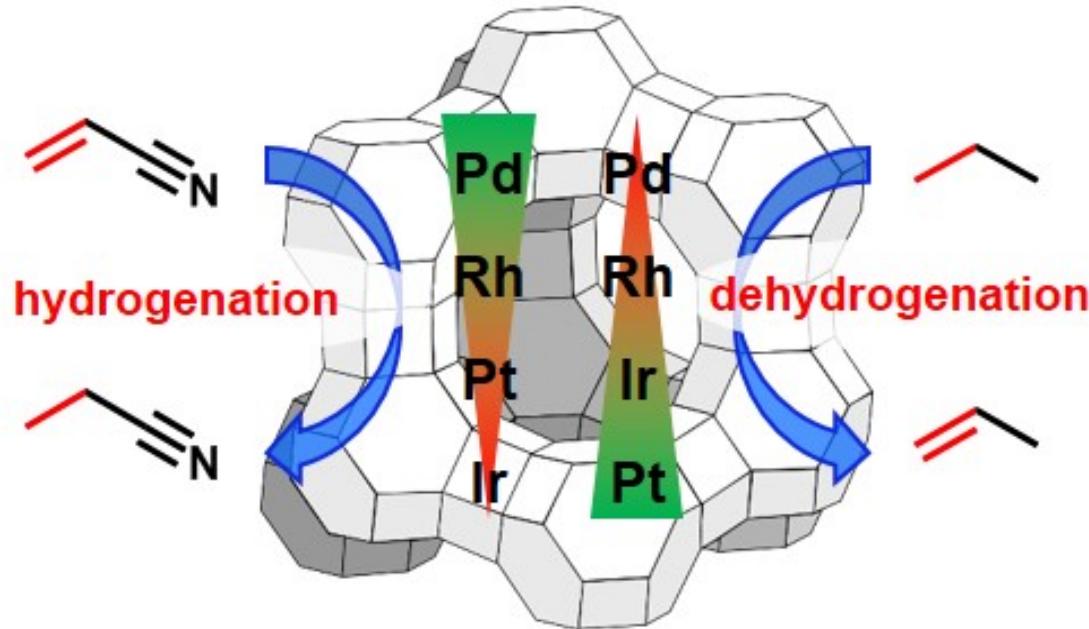
$$2.8\text{Pd/H,Na-Y} = 2.3\text{Rh/H,Na-Y} < 4.7\text{Ir/H,Na-Y} < 4.5\text{ Pt/H,Na-Y}$$

Comparison of the hydrogenation and dehydrogenation rates of noble metal containing zeolites Y



- high-temperature peaks T_{HT} of H_2 desorption (TPD):
 $Pd/H,Na-Y (T_{HT} = 723\text{ K}) > Rh/H,Na-Y (T_{HT} = 713\text{ K}) > Ir/H,Na-Y (T_{HT} = 663\text{ K})$
- $T_{HT} = 738\text{ K}$ and 848 K for Pt/H,Na-Y:
may be explained by strong H chemisorption inside Pt clusters

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strong H chemisorption inside Pt clusters may enhance dehydrogenation

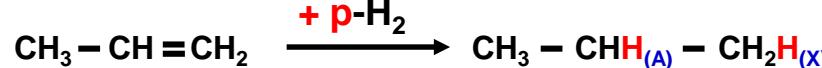
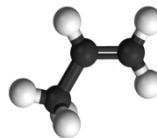


Parahydrogen induced polarization in porous solids studied by *in situ* MAS NMR spectroscopy

Parahydrogen induced polarization (PHIP) on porous solids

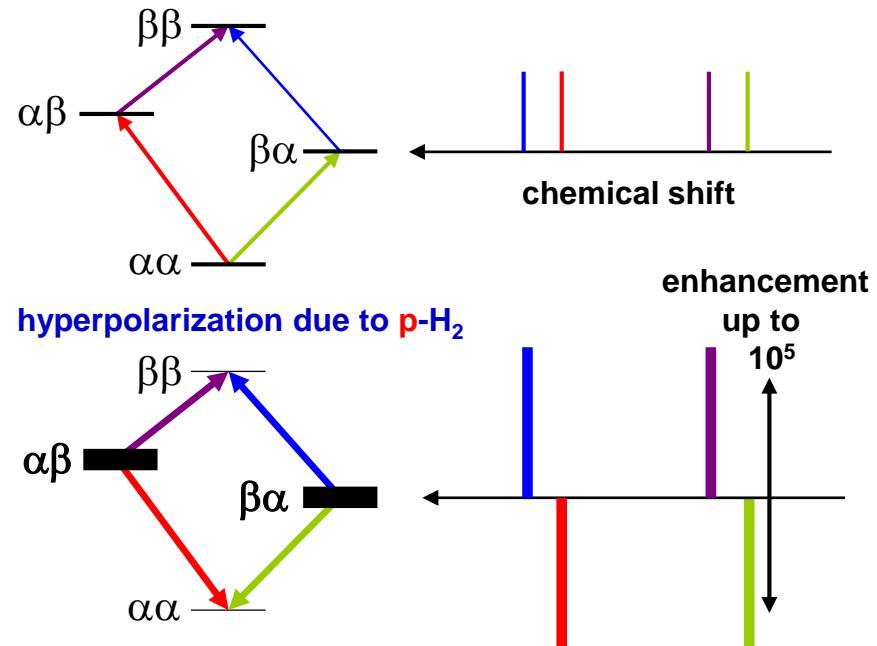
PASADENA: Parahydrogen And Synthesis Allow Dramatically Enhanced Nuclear Alignment ($p\text{-H}_2$ incorporation inside a strong B_0 field)

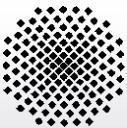
hydrogenation of propene with para-enriched H_2



- pairwise incorporation of the two H atoms of $p\text{-H}_2$ causes large non-equilibrium spin polarization
- ^1H MAS NMR signals due to a pairwise incorporation of $p\text{-H}_2$ into reactants have typical anti-phases (bottom)

thermally polarized AX spin system with spin states α, β



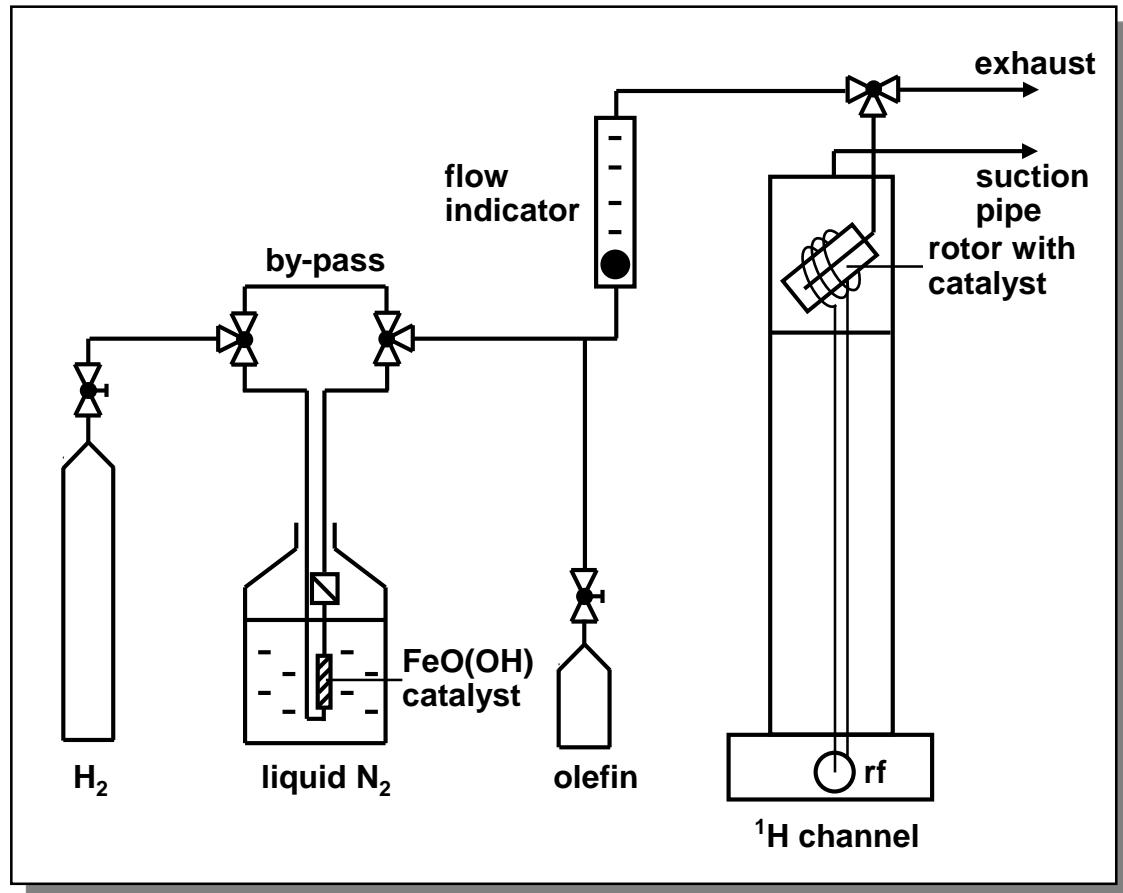


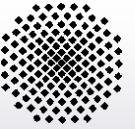
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in situ ^1H MAS NMR studies

of PHIP:

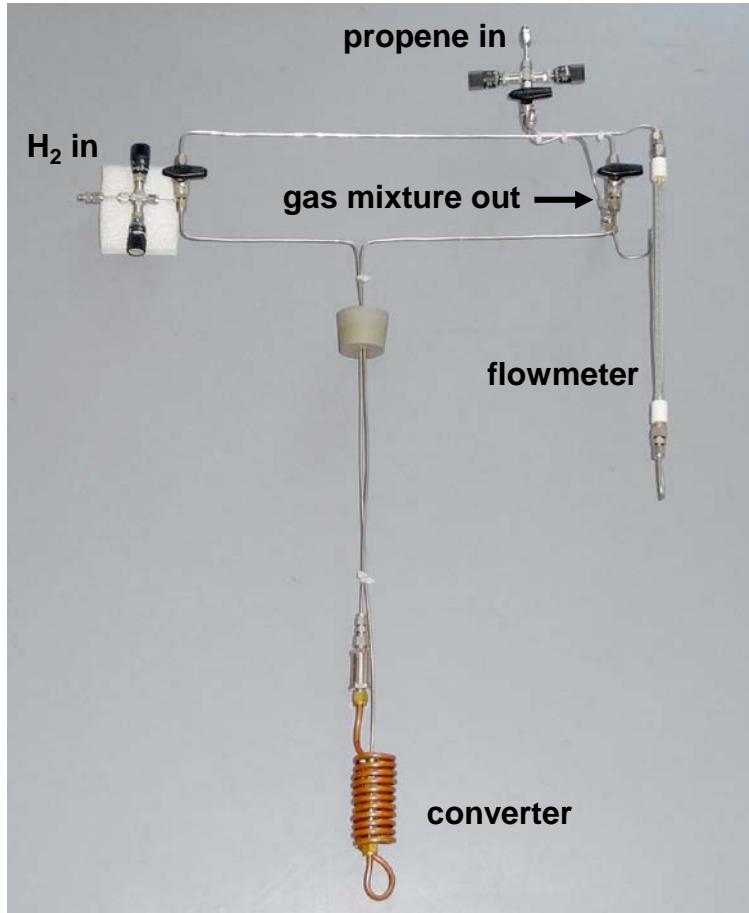
- modified 4 mm Bruker MAS NMR probe
- at $\nu_0 = 400.13 \text{ MHz}$, ν_{rot} ca. 4 kHz, $\pi/4$ pulses, $NS = 96$,
- $D1 = 0.1 \text{ s}$
- para : ortho ratio of 1 : 1 (p-H_2) obtained by contact with FeO(OH) (Sigma-Aldrich) placed in liquid nitrogen
- propene and p-H_2 flows of 40 and 30 ml/min, respectively





Parahydrogen induced polarization (PHIP) on porous solids

equipment utilized for *in situ* ^1H MAS NMR studies of PHIP:



p-H₂ converter and gas mixing system



flow MAS NMR probe



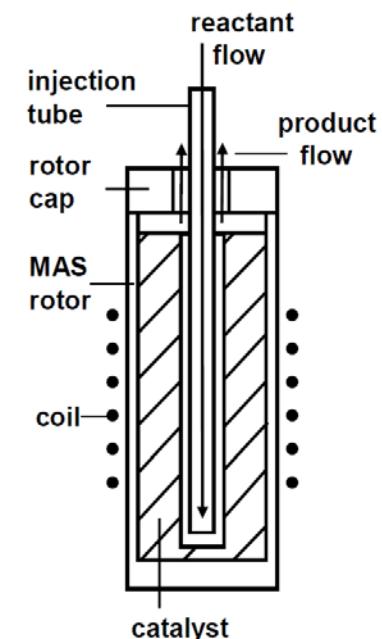
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hydrogenation catalysts

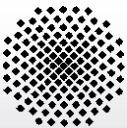
catalyst	$n_{\text{Si}}/n_{\text{Al}}$	noble metal content / wt %	BET surface / $\text{m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$	total pore volume / $\text{cm}^3 \text{ g}^{-1}$	pore size / nm
0.9Pt/silica	∞	0.85	277	0.31	4.55 ^a
0.9Pt/SBA-15	199	0.78	420	0.36	3.43 ^a
0.9Pt/DeA-Y	93	0.96	721	0.42	0.74 ^b
0.9Pt/H,Na-Y	2.7	0.82	937	0.47	0.74 ^b
0.3Rh/silica	∞	0.29	282	0.27	3.77 ^a
0.3Rh/SBA-15	209	0.33	690	0.72	4.07 ^a
0.4Rh/DeA-Y	112	0.37	749	0.39	0.74 ^b
0.4Rh/H,Na-Y	2.7	0.42	1012	0.54	0.74 ^b
0.8Ir/H,Na-Y	2.7	0.84	1050	0.52	0.74 ^b
0.4Pd/H,Na-Y	3.0	0.40	913	0.45	0.74 ^b

a) average pore size determined by N_2 adsorption

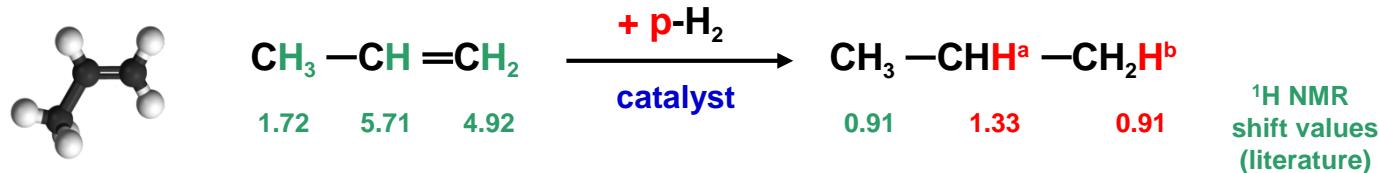
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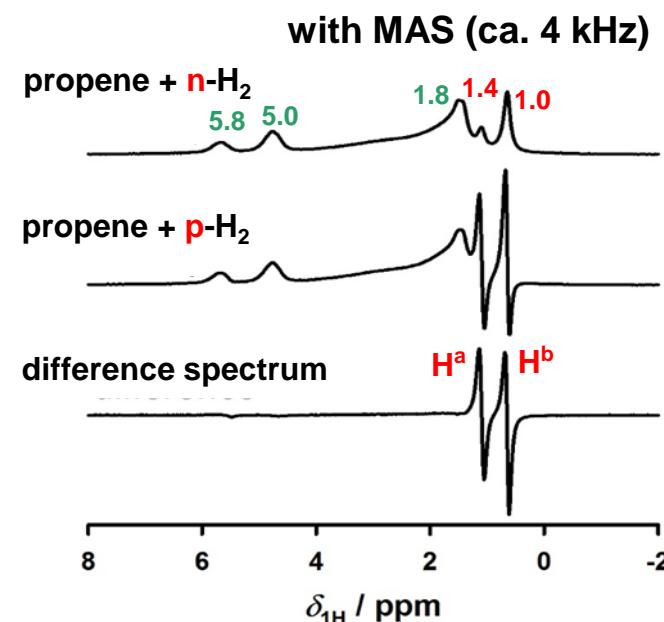
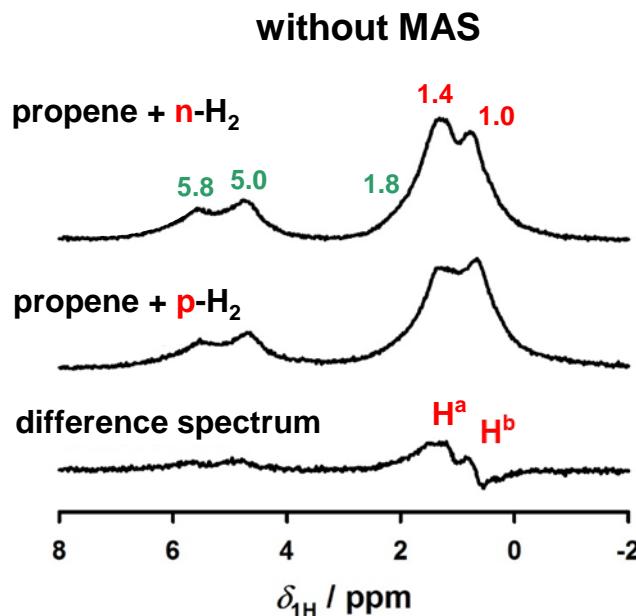
ca. 40 mg catalyst
filling factor ca. 80 %



Parahydrogen induced polarization (PHIP) on porous solids



in situ ¹H MAS NMR investigation of PHIP on 0.9Pt/silica at T = 298 K

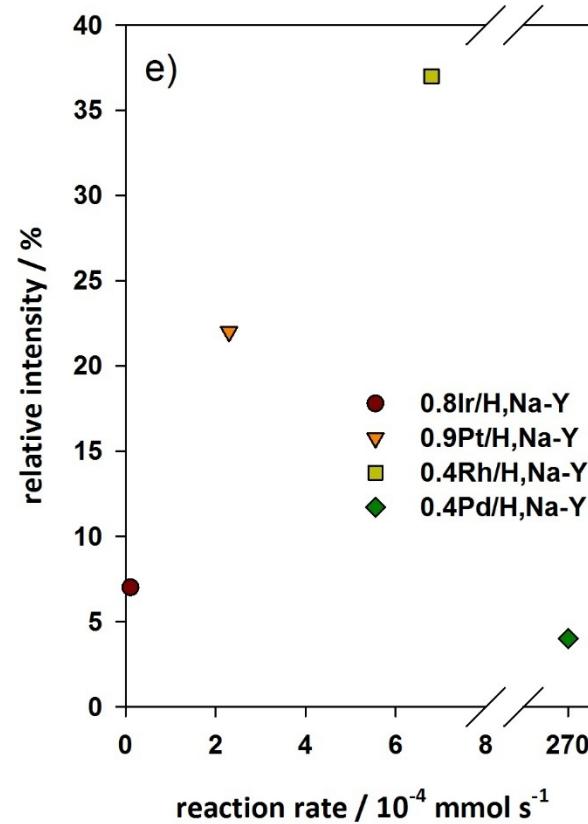
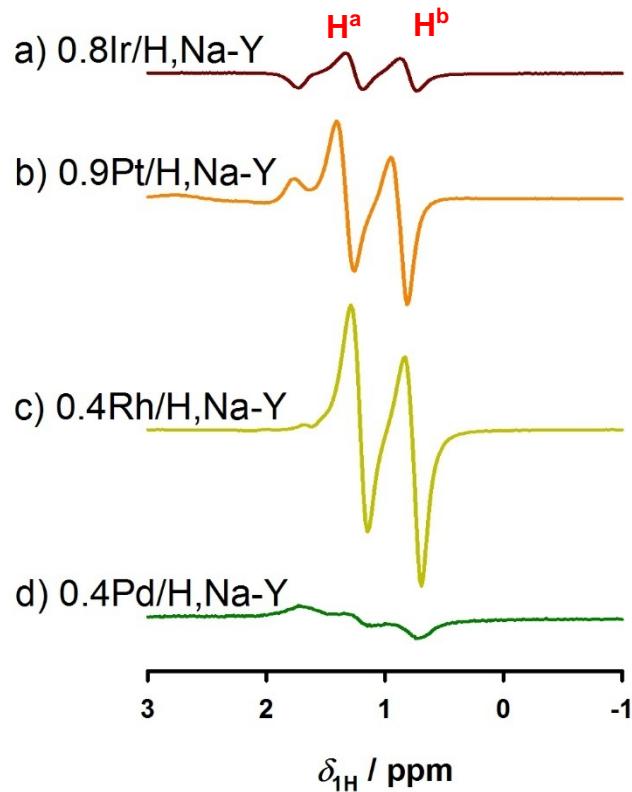


- anti-phase signals indicate pairwise incorporation of p-H₂ into propene
- signal narrowing by MAS hints at dipolar interactions of reactants inside pores



Parahydrogen induced polarization (PHIP) on porous solids

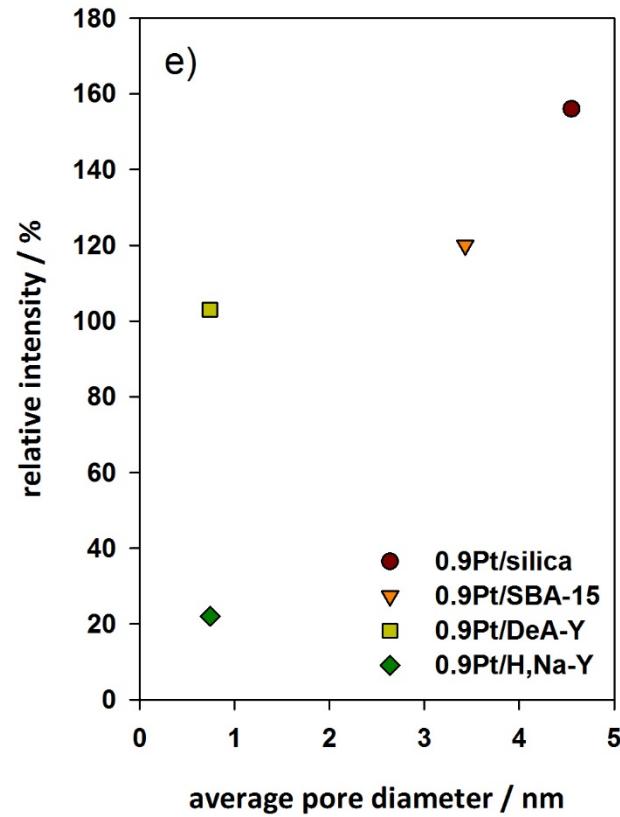
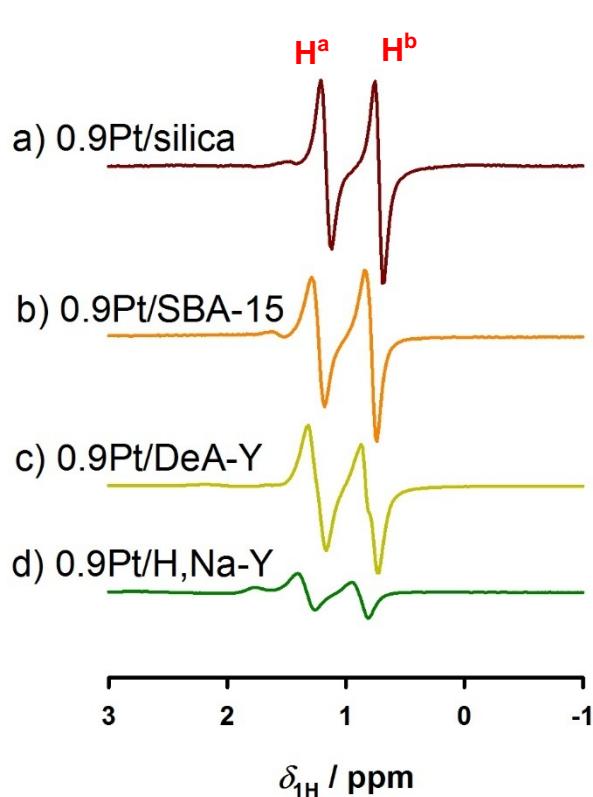
in situ ^1H MAS NMR investigation of PHIP on zeolite H,Na-Y



- moderate hydrogenation activities (acrylonitrile) are suitable for PHIP formation, while a too high activity (0.4Pd/H,Na-Y) suppresses the pairwise p-H₂ incorporation

Parahydrogen induced polarization (PHIP) on porous solids

in situ ^1H MAS NMR investigation of PHIP on Pt containing porous solids

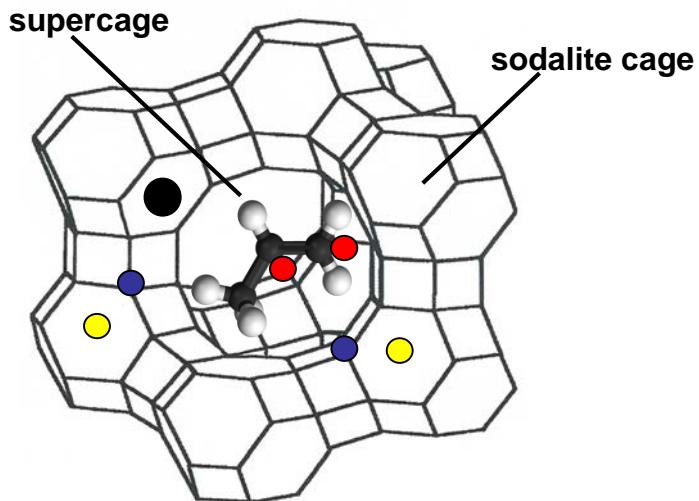


- intensities of the anti-phase signals depend slightly on pore size and strongly on presence of framework Al and Na⁺ cations

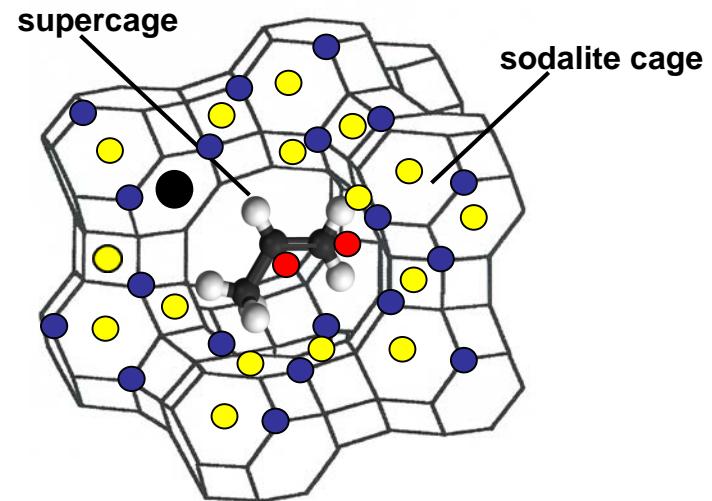
Parahydrogen induced polarization (PHIP) on porous solids

possible spin interactions of hyperpolarized propane in zeolite Y

0.9Pt/DeA-Y ($n_{\text{Si}}/n_{\text{Al}} = 93$)



0.9Pt/H,Na-Y ($n_{\text{Si}}/n_{\text{Al}} = 2.7$)



- hyperpolarized H atom
- Pt atom ($I = 1/2$, 34 %)
- Al atom ($I = 5/2$, 100 %)
- Na⁺ cation ($I = 3/2$, 100 %)

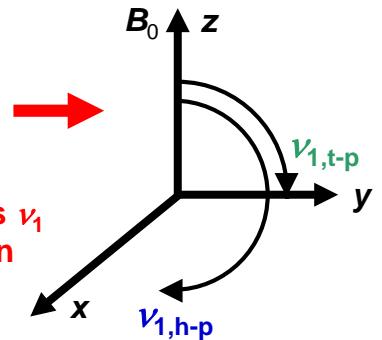


Parahydrogen induced polarization (PHIP) on porous solids

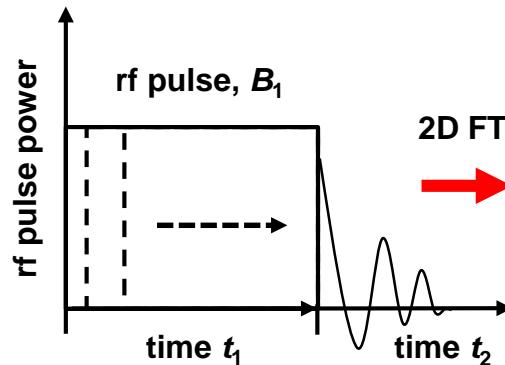
optimum excitation of thermally polarized spins: $\pi/2$ pulse ($\nu_{1,t-p}$)

optimum excitation of hyperpolarized spins [1]: $\pi/4$ pulse ($\nu_{1,h-p}$)

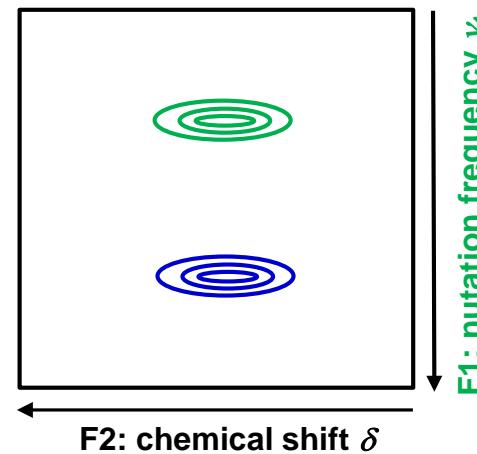
different nutation frequencies ν_1
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2D nutation NMR experiment [2]



2D nutation spectrum



2D nutation analysis of chemically induced dynamic nuclear polarization in Ref. [3]

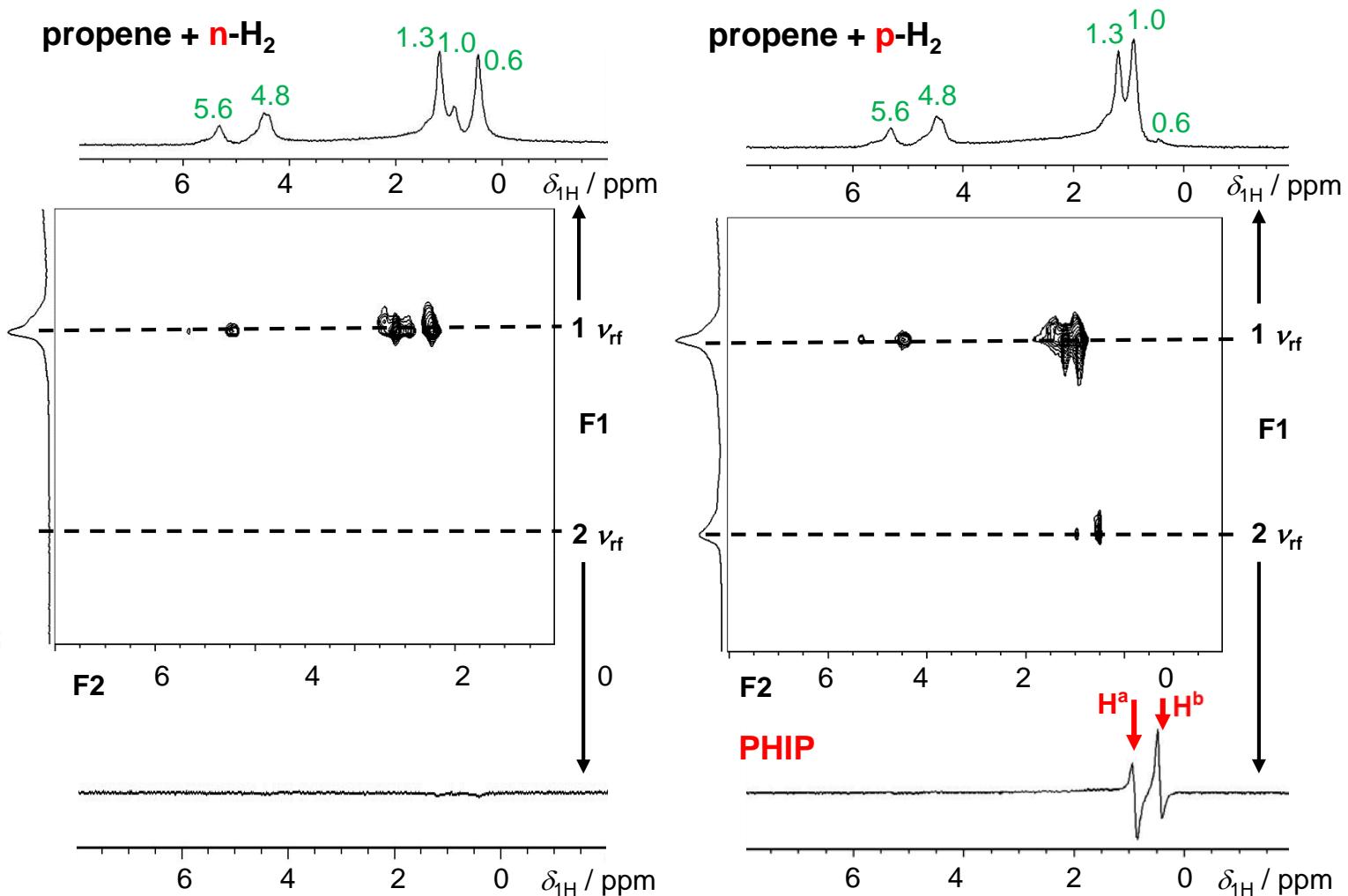
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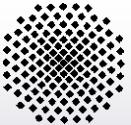
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in situ 2D ^1H nutation MAS NMR on 0.9Pt/silica

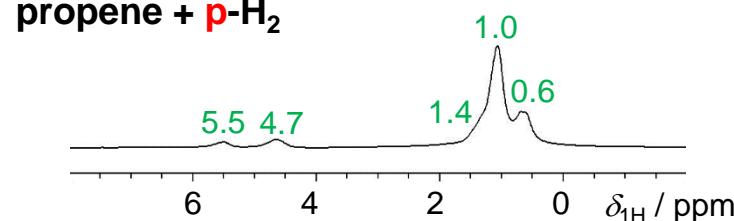




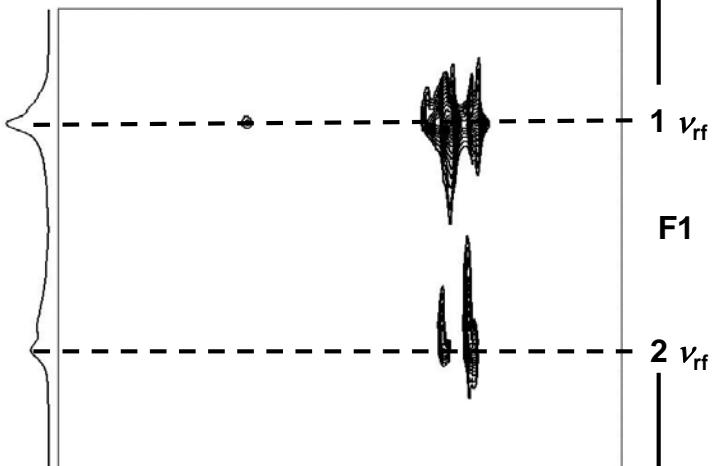
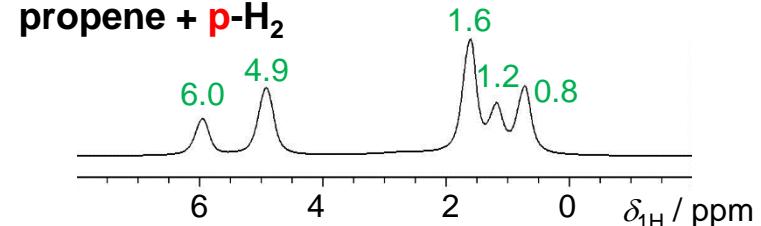
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in situ 2D ^1H nutation MAS NMR on 0.9Pt/DeA-Y (left) and 0.9Pt/H,Na-Y (right)

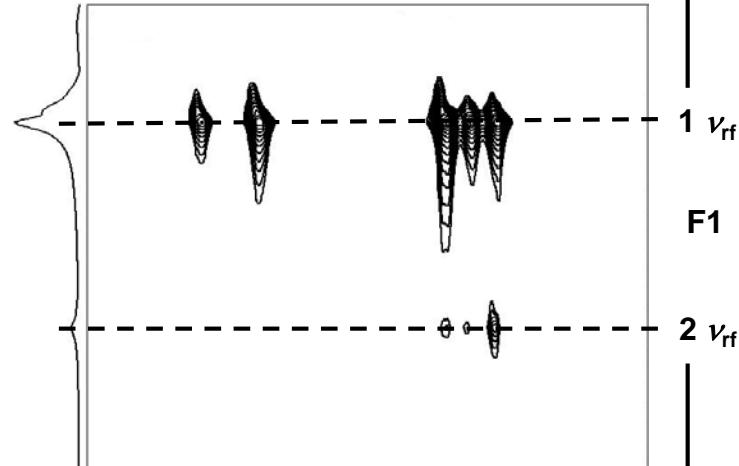
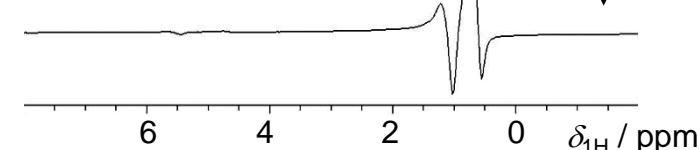
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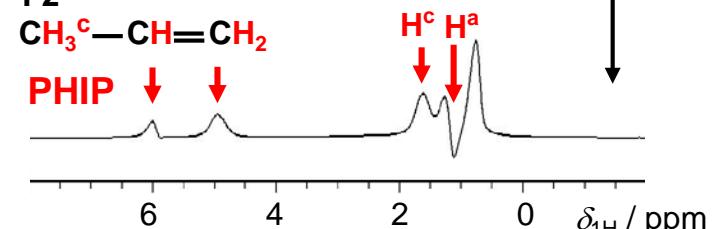
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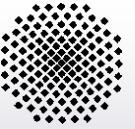


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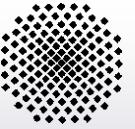


Effect of noble metal loading and pore size on the hydrogenation behaviour of solid catalysts

Summary

- reduction of noble metals (NM) in H₂ at 623 K leads to formation 0.3 to 1.3 acOH/NM, which are characterized by a medium acid strength for Pd- and Pt-loaded zeolites Y
- intrinsic hydrogenation rates *r* of noble metal containing zeolites Y:
 $Pd/H,Na-Y > Rh/H,Na-Y > Pt/H,Na-Y > Ir/H,Na-Y$
- dehydrogenation rates (*TOF*) have opposite sequence:
 $Pd/H,Na-Y < Rh/H,Na-Y < Ir/H,Na-Y \ll Pt/H,Na-Y$
- H₂-TPD indicates a positive effect of a hydrogen reservoir on the noble metals for the hydrogenation ($T_{HT} = 738$ K and 848 K for Pt/H,Na-Y, H sink in Pt clusters?):
 $Pd/H,Na-Y (T_{HT} = 723\text{ K}) > Rh/H,Na-Y (T_{HT} = 713\text{ K}) > Ir/H,Na-Y (T_{HT} = 663\text{ K})$
- Rh and Pt containing porous solids are suitable catalysts for the formation of parahydrogen induced polarization (PHIP):
i.e. pairwise incorporation of p-H₂, in contrast to Pd containing catalysts
- weak effect of the pore size (0.7 to 4.5 nm) on the formation of PHIP, but strong decrease of PHIP in the presence of potential relaxation centers





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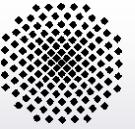
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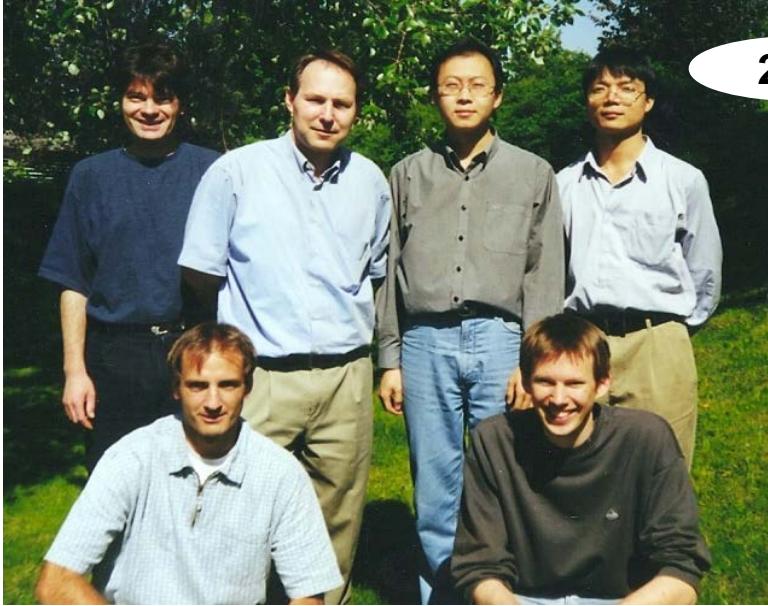
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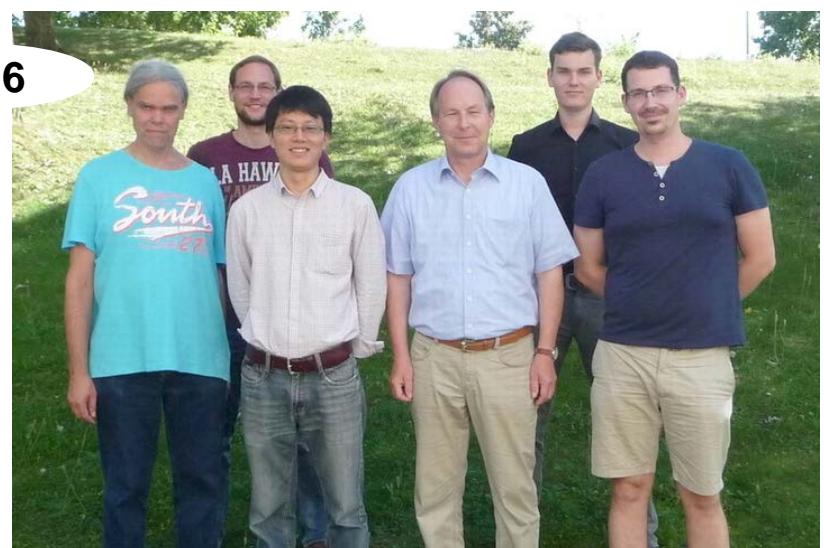
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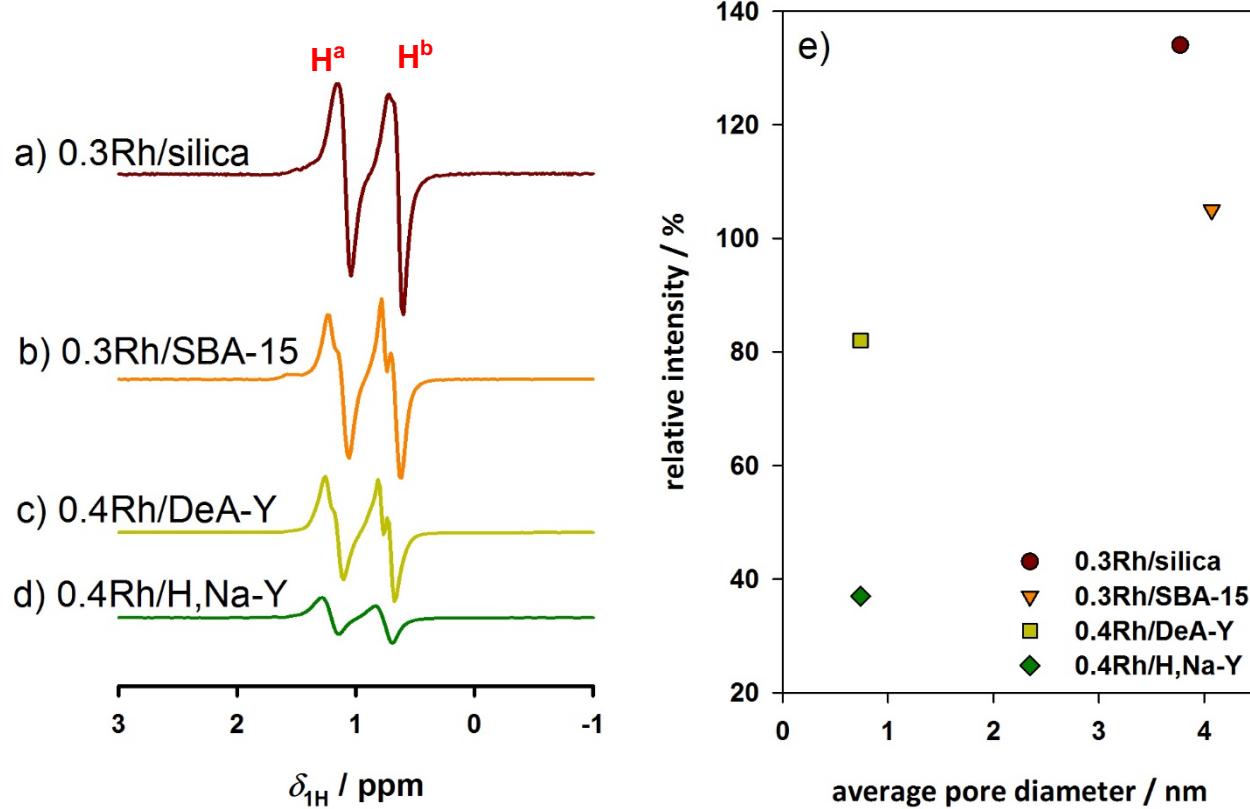


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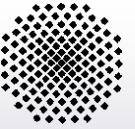


Parahydrogen induced polarization (PHIP) on porous solids

in situ ^1H MAS NMR investigation of PHIP on Rh-containing porous solids



- intensities of the anti-phase signals depend slightly on pore size and strongly on presence of relaxation centers (framework Al, Na^+ cations)



Conditions of optimum PASADENA experiments

- pairwise incorporation of p-H₂ into the reactants is required for reaching hyperpolarization (isolated hydrogenation sites?),
- highly mobile product molecules having low relaxation rate (\rightarrow low number of strong adsorption sites; large pores; sites at outer particle surface; elevated temperature?),
- the A₂ spin system must be converted into an AX spin system (chemically non-equivalent ($\Delta\nu$) H atoms),
- high ratio of $\Delta\nu/J$ improves the observability of the anti-phase signals,
- excitation by $\phi = \pi/4$ pulses because of the density operator
$$\rho(\phi) \propto \cos(\phi)\sin(\phi) \cdot \mathcal{F}(I_1, I_2)$$
- no gaseous oxygen in the flow system (O₂ is paramagnetic; causes p-H₂ to o-H₂ conversion; relaxation of hyperpolarized reactants),
- p-H₂ : reactant ratio of > 1 and elevated temperature may accelerate hydrogenation with p-H₂,
- signal intensity has no explicit dependence on T inside the NMR probe since the enhancement factor

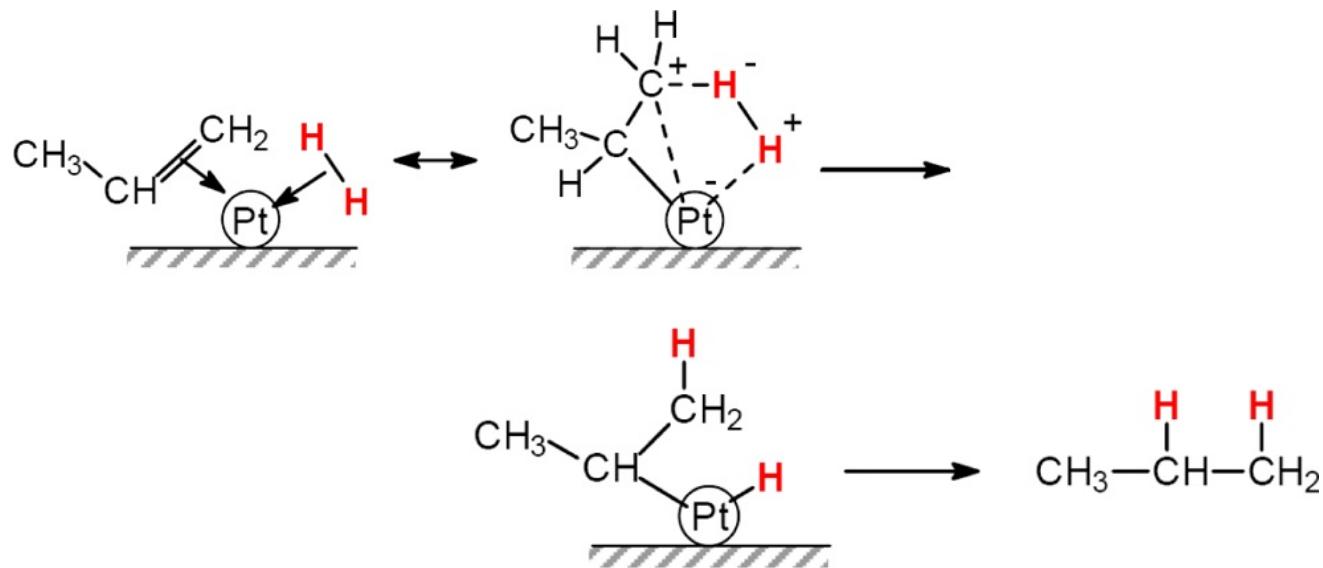
$$\eta = kT(1 - 4a) / (6\gamma_{\text{det}} \hbar B_0)$$

leads to an intensity proportional to $N\gamma_{\text{det}}^{3/2}B_0^{1/2}$ (a: p-H₂ content, γ_{det} : γ of detected nuclei)



Suggested transition state

Pairswise incorporation of p-H₂ into propene at Pt clusters after Scheme 1 of Ref. [1]



[1] S.S. Arzumanov, A.G. Stepanov, J. Phys. Chem. C 117 (2013) 288-2892.