# BORESKOV INSTITUTE OF CATALYSIS

# PHYSICOCHEMICAL METHODS OF RESEARCH

#### Preface



The Boreskov Institute of Catalysis is a unique team of highly qualified specialists successfully addressing challenges in the field of catalysis, from fundamental problems to catalyst design and development of industrial catalytic processes. Fundamental scientific studies performed by BIC team are the basis of many existing catalytic technologies implemented at largest companies in Russia and other countries. Many applied investigations are carried out within the framework of the most important federal programs and aimed to maintain the economic stability of Russia.

Scientific research at the highest world level certainly implies the availability of advanced state-of-the-art technologies. Indeed, the level of fundamental and applied studies in a chemical research institute is largely determined by the physicochemical methods at its disposal. That is why BIC pays a particular attention to the development and application of sophisticated physicochemical methods at the atomic and molecular level. The Boreskov Institute of Catalysis is one of the best equipped chemical institutions in Russia and possesses a unique complex of the most advanced equipment that allows our highly qualified specialists to obtain the world-level results in the field of catalysis. Some of these results can be found in numerous high-ranking publications in the top-level peer reviewed journals.

One of the highest priority of Boreskov Institute of Catalysis is the development of physicochemical methods for *in situ* studies of catalyst properties and mechanism of catalytic reactions. To investigate an actual catalytic process, to look at the catalyst at work in real time used to be a long-held dream of many generations of scientists, which comes true today. The knowledge and exceptional information obtained via one-of-a-kind equipment is a powerful tool for the research and development of catalysts and catalytic processes.

The unparalleled equipment and physicochemical methods available at Boreskov Institute of Catalysis are used in the major joint multidisciplinary projects that consolidate the experts in various fields of science and technology. BIC participates in a number of large international and national projects and collaborates with numerous manufacturers of catalysts, factories, plants in Russia and abroad. Boreskov Institute of Catalysis has a rich and long-term experience of close cooperation with many international majors working in the field of chemistry, petrochemistry, oil and gas processing, etc. Suffice it to say that the Institute is involved in different forms of international collaboration with 8 out of 10 top ICIS chemical companies worldwide. Boreskov Institute of Catalysis is always open for the cooperation and ready for the global challenges of present-day high-tech world!

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# X-Ray Diffraction and Scattering

### X-Ray Powder Diffraction (XRD)

#### Scientific and analytical tasks

- Study of the phase composition of a wide range of polycrystalline materials and catalysts
- Determination and refinement of unit cell parameters
- Determination of coherent scattering domain values and microstrains
- Full-profile quantitative phase analysis of polycrystalline materials
- Refinement of the atomic structure parameters using a Rietveld method
- Determination of the degree of crystallinity using an internal standard method
- Development and application of methods for a structural analysis of disordered materials and nanocrystals

#### Equipment

#### X-ray Powder Diffractometer Bruker D8

- CuKα<sub>1,2</sub> (1.5418 Å) radiation source
- Linear positive-sensitive detector LynxEye (simultaneous measurement of intensity in the range  $2\theta = 2.9^{\circ}$  using 192 detector channels)
- Fluorescence and air-scattering filtration
- Bragg-Brentano geometry, the maximum angle interval 5° < 20 < 140°
- Configuration:  $\Theta$ - $\Theta$ , horizontal sample alignment
- Accuracy of the reflection position ±0.01° 2Θ for a standard configuration if the sample position corresponds to the focal plane
- Tube operation mode: **35 κB, 35 mA**
- Sample holders: single-crystal silicon cuvette, plastic cuvettes with various pocket diameters, dome-type sample holder for the samples unstable in ambient atmosphere
- The various standard plastic cuvettes allow XRD measurements for well-ground powders with a mean particle size 50 100 μm. Sample volume 0.2 0.5 sm<sup>3</sup>. Samples should be stable under ambient conditions at least for 2 hours
- ICDD PDF-2 database of organic and inorganic compounds is used for a qualitative phase analysis
- TOPAS 4.3 (Bruker) program suite is used for a full-profile analysis

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X-ray Powder Diffractometer Bruker D8

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# X-Ray Diffraction and Scattering

### In Situ X-Ray Diffraction

#### Scientific and analytical tasks

- Development and application of *in situ* X-ray diffraction for the study of physical and chemical processes in various atmospheres and temperatures
- The study of phase composition, structural (unit cell parameters, crystal structure) and microstructural characteristics of catalysts and functional materials during *in situ* measurement

#### Equipment

#### Diffractometer Bruker D8 Advanced equipped with reactor chamber

#### Anton Paar XRK 900 or high-temperature strip heater chamber Anton Paar HTK 16N

- Radiation: CuKα (40 kV, 40 mA)
- Detector: linear Lynxeye
- Geometry: focusing Bragg-Brentano and parallel-beam geometry with Göbel Mirror
- Configuration: Θ-Θ
- Accuracy of alignment: 0.002°
- Shooting mode: Single-step or continuous
- Tube mode: 40 kV, 40 μa

#### Reactor Chamber: Anton Paar XRK 900

- Operating temperature: 25 °C to 900 °C
- Atmospheres: vacuum (1mbar), air, inert gas, reactive gas
- Max. housing temperature: 150 °C
- Angle of incidence: 0 to + 165° 2Θ
- Max. operating pressure: 1 mbar to 10 bar

#### High-Temperature Strip Heater Chamber Anton Paar HTK 16N

- Operating temperature (vacuum, air, inert gas): 25 °C to 1600 °C
- Nitrogen: 1400 °C
- Helium: 1300 °C
- Atmospheres: vacuum (10<sup>4</sup> mbar), air, inert gas
- Max. operating pressure: 0.5 bar above atmospheric pressure
- Angle of incidence: 4 to 164° 20



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# X-Ray Diffraction and Scattering

### X-Ray Diffraction Research Complex on Synchrotron Radiation

#### Scientific and analytical tasks

- Determination and refinement of phase composition, structure and microstructure parameters of polycrystalline functional materials
- *In situ* studies of structure transformation of functional materials under high temperature and reaction media

#### Equipment

The Research Complex comprises two experimental stations mounted on No.2 and No.6 SR Beamlines of VEPP-3 electron storage ring at Siberian Synchrotron and Terahertz Radiation Center, Budker Institute of Nuclear Physics SB RAS.

• The station at No.2 Beamline is designed for high precision studies of the structure of functional materials under normal condition

#### Station parameters:

- Working photon energy range 5 ÷ 20 keV
- Energy resolution of monochromator  $E/E^{(1+5)} \cdot 10^{4}$ ; ability to use resonant effects for structure investigation
- High instrumental resolution  $d/d^{5} \cdot 10^{-5}$  at photon energy  $^{10}$  keV
- Exposure time for X-ray diffraction pattern 0.1 ÷ 6 hours depending on angular range, scan step and point exposure
- The station at No.6 Beamline is designed for studies of structure and structure transformation of functional materials under high temperature and reaction media with time-resolved experiments

#### The station is equipped with:

- X-ray one-coordinate position sensitive detector OD-3M-350
- High temperature X-ray diffraction chamber Anton Paar HTK-2000
- X-ray diffraction reactor chamber Anton Paar XRK-900
- Flow-mass controllers Sierra SmartTrack 50
- Gas mixture pressure gauge
- Mass spectrometer SRS UGA100
- Hydrogen generator

#### The station parameters:

- Single-fold reflection monochromator with Ge(111), Si(111), Si(220), Si(311) crystals
- Working photon energies 7.16, 7.46, 12.2 and 14.6 keV, respectively
- Monochromator energy resolution  $E/E^{(2 \div 5)} \cdot 10^{-4}$
- Registration of X-ray diffraction patterns simultaneously over angular range of ~30° with resolution of ~0.01° and time resolution of several microseconds up to several minutes
- Temperature range of high temperature X-ray diffraction chamber Anton Paar HTK-2000 from RT up to 1400 °C in air and up to 2000 °C in vacuum
- Pressure range within chamber from 10<sup>-7</sup> mbar to 1 bar
- Temperature range of X-ray diffraction reactor chamber Anton Paar XRK-900 from RT up to 750 °C in hydrogen or helium and up to 900 °C in reaction mixture
- Gas mixture pressure range within reactor chamber from 1 mbar up to 10 bar



Experimental station at No.2 SR Beamline



Peak shape of SRM640 (Si) reflection (533)



High resolution XRD study of variation of lattice constant and phase composition of  $SrCo_{\rm 0.6}Fe_{\rm 0.2}Nb_{\rm 0.2}O_{\rm 3.6}$  oxygen conductor with temperature of calcination in vacuum



Experimental station at No.6 SR Beamline



Thermal expansion of corundum while heated in inert atmosphere



Self-sustained kinetic oscillations in the catalytic oxidation of methane over Pd

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The filamentous carbon material produced via decomposition of 1-iodobuthane on the Ni ribbon at 600 °C

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## X-Ray Diffraction and Scattering

X-Ray Absorption Spectroscopy: Extended X-Ray Absorption Fine Structure (EXAFS) X-Ray Absorption Near Edge Structure (XANES)

#### Scientific and analytical tasks

• Determination of the local geometric and electron structure of amorphous and well crystallized materials in solid or liquid state. Analysis of EXAFS spectra allows us to determine the radii of coordination spheres, coordination numbers, and Debye-Waller factors

#### Equipment

EXAFS spectroscopy station consists of a monochromator based on a precision goniometer RV240-HAHLT (Newport), X-ray detectors, and an automated data accusation system. The stations are mounted at VEPP-3 electron storage ring at Budker Institute of Nuclear Physics SB RAS

#### Station parameters:

- Energy range is 4.5 35 keV
- Intrinsic energy resolution
   (ΔE/E) is 2.0 x 10<sup>-4</sup> for Si(111)

#### Techniques for recording spectra:

The spectra recording by total external reflection, in transmission mode and by the registration of X-ray fluorescence photons in account mode



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Platinoid gauzes containing Pt (81 wt %), Pd (15 wt %), Rh (3.5 wt %), and Ru (0.5 wt %) for industrial ammonia oxidation in air

# X-Ray Diffraction and Scattering

### Small Angle X-Ray Scattering (SAXS)

#### Scientific and analytical tasks

- Investigation of particle sizes, shapes, and size distributions for liquid and solid dispersed systems (supported catalysts, composite materials (including bio and natural materials), sols, gels, crude oils, etc.)
- In situ study of the particle aggregation processes in liquids
- Study of ordered porous system (mesoporous oriented materials, MOF)

#### Equipment

#### Diffractometer HECUS S3 Micro

- CuKα radiation with a point collimation
- The scattering intensity is measured in the range of the scattering vector magnitudes  $0.01 < q < 0.6 \text{ Å}^{-1}$ . The scattering vector magnitude  $q = 4\pi \sin(\theta)/\lambda$  (where  $2\theta$  is the scattering angle, and  $\lambda = 1.541 \text{ Å}$  is the radiation wavelength) is used as the scattering coordinate
- Possible sample heating: up to 300 °C
- As an additional feature a liquid masking technique can be used, which allows obtaining a scattering signal from active component in multi-component systems selectively

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Diffractometer HECUS S3 Micro

# Microscopy

### Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM)

#### Scientific and analytical tasks

- The study of the microstructure and properties of solids, including catalyst and other functional materials using scanning electron microscopy
- The investigation of the morphology and microstructure of solid surface materials with measurement of the size of objects in the range of 50 to 10<sup>7</sup> nm in the secondary electron (SE) mode
- The study of the phase distribution on the surface and in the bulk materials, including sections (slices) of pellet catalysts in backscattering electron (BSE) mode
- The qualitative and quantitative chemical analysis using energy dispersive spectroscopy (EDS) to determine the chemical composition of the surface layers of materials with a spatial resolution of ≤1 micron. Qualitative analysis involves the identification of chemical elements from Be<sup>4</sup> to U<sup>92</sup>. Quantitative analysis allows determining the amount of chemical elements with an accuracy as high as ±1 2% with a minimum element content of 0.1 wt.%
- Mapping of the distribution of chemical elements with analysis of phases on the surface and in the bulk materials, including sections (slices) of catalyst pellets



Scanning Electron Microscopes JEOL JSM-6460LV





### Equipment

### Scanning Electron Microscopes JEOL JSM-6460LV

- Resolution	HV mode 3.0 nm (30 kV), 20 nm (1 kV) / LV mode 4.0 nm (30 kV)
<ul> <li>Magnification</li> </ul>	× 8 to × 300,000 / × 5 to × 7 available
<ul> <li>Preset magnifications</li> </ul>	5 steps, user selectable
<ul> <li>User options</li> </ul>	Optics, Specimen stage, Image mode, LV pressure, Standard options
<ul> <li>Image mode</li> </ul>	Secondary electron image, Composition, Topography, Shadowed
<ul> <li>Accelerating voltage</li> </ul>	0.3 kV to 30 kV
– Filament	Factory pre-centered filament
<ul> <li>Electron gun</li> </ul>	Fully automated, manual override
- Condenser lens	Zoom condenser lens
<ul> <li>Objective lens</li> </ul>	Super conical objective lens
<ul> <li>Electrical image shift</li> </ul>	±50 μm (WD = 10 mm)
<ul> <li>Specimen stage</li> </ul>	Large eucentric type, X: 125 mm, Y: 100 mm, Z: 5 mm to 80 mm, Tilt: -10° to +90°, Rotation: 360°
<ul> <li>Specimen exchange</li> </ul>	Through the front door
<ul> <li>Maximum specimen</li> </ul>	200 mm diameter × 80 mm height
<ul> <li>Pumping</li> </ul>	Fully automated, DP: 1. RP: 1 or 2*
<ul> <li>Switching of vacuum mode</li> </ul>	Through the menu, less than 1 minute
– LV Pressure	1 to 270 Pa

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The carbon material obtained by polyvinyl chloride decomposition over the bulk iron item in a closed reactor system at 600 °C

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# Microscopy

## Scanning Tunneling Microscopy (STM)

#### Scientific and analytical tasks

- Visualization of the surface topography for conductive or semiconductor specimens
- Monitoring the structure alterations of model metal catalysts (catalytic corrosion, faceting, adsorbate-induced single crystal surface reconstruction, etc.)
- Detection of nanoscale topographic features (nanoparticles, pitches) at the surface of the model supports and catalysts. Evaluation of particle size distribution (optionally *in situ*)
- The studies of thermal and catalytic stability of metal nanoparticles the active component of the supported metal catalysts

#### Equipment

3 various STM machines (one - on the bench, two - UHV set-ups).

The champion is UHV 7000 VT STM (RHK, USA) - Variable Temperature (170K - 800K) UHV STM

#### UHV 7000 VT STM Complete System (RHK, USA)

- Separate thermally isolated scanner and sample holder
- Scanning field of 0.5 cm<sup>2</sup>
- Max scan size 8 × 8 × 1 mkm<sup>3</sup>. Atomic resolution at Si(7 × 7)
- Scanning Tunneling Spectroscopy measurements (recording I-V curves in predetermined positions at topographic scan)
- Exchangeable Pt-Ir cut tips (Probe exchange duration 5+ min). Tip conditioning unit (combined radiation and e-Beam heating design)
- Three-level vibration isolation system
- e-Beam or bulb heating from the back side of the specimen. LN cooling of sample stage
- Integrated ion + sublimation pump station in STM chamber (basic pressure of 1 × 10<sup>-8</sup> Pa) Preparation and Load Lock pumping by turbomolecular pumps (residual gases pressure of 10<sup>-7</sup> Pa)
- Auxiliary equipment includes: XPS subsystem PHOIBOS-100 MCD-5 analyzer (SPECS, Germany) and non-monochromatic AlKα/MgKα primary excitation source (up to 200 W) XR-2 (VG Scientific, UK)
- IQE 11/35 ion source for the surface cleaning by ion ( $Ar^{+}$ ,  $He^{+}$ ) etching
- e-Beam heating (up to 1000 K) and LN cooling (down to 170K) sample stages both in Analysis and Prep chambers for UHV conditions
- Irradiation (bulb) heating (up to 700 K) in the reaction mixtures at 10<sup>-3</sup> Pa (optional)

STM scanner positioned on Sample holder

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# Microscopy

### Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM)

#### Scientific and analytical tasks

- Investigation of a microstructure of catalysts and adsorbents using a method of transmission electron microscopy with the spatial resolution of atomic level and electron diffraction: supported metal and oxide systems, mesoporou substances, carbon nanomaterials, colloids, etc.
- Use of built-in an energy-dispersion X-ray spectrometer (with Silicon Drift Detectors for TEM) allows the element analysis of samples with localness up to 10 nanometers

#### Microscope in Boreskov Institute of Catalysis

#### Equipment

#### Electron microscope JEM 2010 (JEOL Ltd., Japan)

The JEM-2010 instrument incorporates multiple additional functions such as a transmission electron microscope (TEM) image observation device and an energy dispersive X-ray spectrometer (EDS)

#### JEM 2010 Main Characteristics:

- Diffraction contrast
- High resolution image observation
- Selected area diffraction. Camera Length: 80 to 8000 mm
- EDX module, chemical analysis with locality up to 10 nm
- Accelerating voltage 200 kV
- Cathode: LaB<sub>6</sub> monocrystal
- Beam tilt: ±5°
- Minimal spot size: 1 nm
- Objective lens: Focus: 1.8 mm, Cs: 0.5 mm, Cc: 1.0 mm
   Minimal focus step: 1 nm. Type of pole piece: UD-UHR
- Stability of lens current: 10<sup>-6</sup>
- Magnification range: 2000 to 1.5 M
- Low magnification range: 50 to 6000
- Diffraction chamber length: 80 to 1500 mm
- Point resolution: 0.194 nm
- Line resolution: 0.140 nm
- Goniometer tilt along two axes: ±15°



Center of Collective Use (Novosibirsk State University)

Field emission energy filter electron microscope JEM 2200FS with spherical aberration (Cs) corrector system (JEOL Ltd., Japan)

#### JEM-2200FS Main Characteristics:

- Accelerating voltage: 200 kV
- Electron gun Schottky emitter: ZrO/W (100)
- Intensity: 4 × 108 A/cm<sup>2</sup>/sr. or more
- Ultrahigh resolution in TEM. Pole piece configuration: URP
- Objective lens: focus 1.9 mm, Cs: 0.5 mm, Minimal focus step: 1 nm
- Spot Size (diameter): 2 5 nm (TEM), 0.5 2.4 nm (EDS, NBD, CBD)
- STEM mode. Detectors: HAADF, BF
- SA diffraction, Camera Length: 150 to 1,500 mm
- EDS: JED-2300T, from B to U, mapping
- Stability of lens current:  $1 \times 10^{-6}$ /min
- Magnification range: 2000 to 1.5 M
- Low magnification range: 50 to 1500
- Point resolution: 0.19 nm
- Line resolution: 0.1 nm
- Diffraction chamber length: 150 to 1500 mm
- EELS energy resolution: 0.8 eV
- EELS dispersion on final image plane: 50 to 300  $\mu m/eV$  at 200 kV
- Energy shift 3,000 V, maximum (in 0.2 V steps)
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Copper catalyst for oxidation of ethylene glycol to glyoxal in laboratory reactor

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## Surface Science X-Ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS) Electron Spectroscopy for Chemical Analysis (ESCA)

#### Scientific and analytical tasks

- Elemental analysis (except for H) of both the surface composition of solids and adsorbed layers (at bulk specimens). Investigation of chemical states of the detected elements as well as *in situ* monitoring of its alterations. Depth profiling measurements either during ion etching (destructive) or by application of the alternative X-ray excitation and Angle Resolved XPS (non-destructive)
- The studies (including *in situ*) of the active sites composition and chemical states of the model bulk (single crystals and foils) and supported metal and metal-oxide catalysts for total or partial hydrocarbon and CO oxidation, DeNOx, etc. to achieve the solution of the following scientific tasks:
- exploration on the effects of catalyst elemental composition, structure and reaction conditions on the rate of catalytic reactions
- understanding of the catalyst active sites nature, surface states and other peculiarities of the detailed mechanism of catalytic reactions
- the studies of thermal and catalytic stability of metal nanoparticles the active component of the supported metal catalysts
- development of synthesis and activation protocols to prepare the improved supported metal catalysts
- Chemical analysis of the multi-phase composites utilized in semiconductors, fuel cells, etc.
- Evaluation of chemical composition and amounts of biologically important species (proteins, polysaccharides, etc.) anchored at the surface of biodegradable substrates

#### Equipment

6 various experimental machines equipped with XPS. The flagship is PHOIBOS-150 MCD-9 spectrometer (SPECS, Germany)

#### PHOIBOS-150 MCD-9 electron spectrometer (SPECS, Germany)

- 9 channeltrons detector (up to 3 × 10<sup>6</sup> cps)
- Monochromatic AlKα/AgLα and non-monochromatic AlKα/MgKα primary excitation sources (up to 400 W).
   Flood Gun FG 15/40
- Turbomolecular pumping 4 chambers set up (residual gases pressure of  $10^{-7} \div 10^{-8}$  Pa)
- IQE 11/35 ion source for the surface cleaning by ion (Ar<sup>+</sup>, He<sup>+</sup>) etching
- e-Beam heating (up to 1000 K) and LN cooling (down to 170 K) sample stages both in Analysis and Prep chambers for UHV conditions

- Irradiation (bulb) heating (up to 700K) in the reaction mixtures at 10<sup>-3</sup> Pa (optionally)
- Omicron EFM-3 evaporator for thermal vacuum deposition of metal particles / layers (optionally)
- High Pressure cell for the sample treatments (up to 700 K at 3 bar)
- He / ultra pure nitrogen filled Glove Box sample loading system (optionally)



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# Surface Science

### High Pressure X-Ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (HP XPS)

#### Scientific and analytical tasks

- Elemental analysis (except for H) of both the surface composition of solids and adsorbed layers (at bulk specimens). Investigation of chemical states of the detected elements as well as *in situ* monitoring of their alterations at elevated (up to 20 Pa) reaction mixture pressure over the specimen
- The studies (including *in situ*) of the active sites composition and chemical states of the model bulk (single crystals and foils) and supported metal and metal-oxide catalysts for total or partial hydrocarbon and CO oxidation, DeNOx, etc. to achieve the solution of the following scientific tasks:
- exploration on the effects of catalyst elemental composition, structure and reaction conditions on the rate of catalytic reactions
- understanding of the nature of the catalyst active sites, surface states and other peculiarities of the detailed mechanism of catalytic reactions
- the studies of thermal and catalytic stability of nanoparticles of the active component of the supported metal catalysts
- development of synthesis and activation protocols to prepare the improved supported metal catalysts

#### Equipment

#### VG ESCALAB High Pressure electron spectrometer (VG Scientific, UK)

- Differentially pumped hemispherical electron analyzer (up to 3 × 10<sup>5</sup> cps)
- Non-monochromatic AlKa/MgKa primary excitation source XR-3 (up to 300 W) with by-pass pumping line
- Diffusion oil pumps with LN traps in each of 4 chambers (residual gases pressure of  $10^{-7} \div 3 \times 10^{-8}$  Pa)
- Resistive heating of the specimen spot-welded to sample holder (up to 1300 K in UHV). Modified resistive heating set up for sample treatment in reaction mixtures (up to 900 K at 20 Pa)
- Detachable high pressure cell (volume < 0.5 L) acting as continuous flow reactor (optionally)
- 3 flow-mass controllers (10 mL/min) and Baratron pressure meter to produce stable feed reaction mixture
- Quadrupole mass-spectrometer (200 m.e.) Pfeiffer Prisma within by-pass pumping line for the analysis reaction cell gas phase during temperature-programmed reaction experiments. Alternatively, in UHV conditions thermodesorption spectroscopy measurements could be performed (at specimen heating rates up to 20 K/s)
- Omicron EFM-3 evaporator for thermal vacuum deposition of metal particles / layers (optionally)
- AG-3 ion source for the surface cleaning by ion (Ar<sup>+</sup>, He<sup>+</sup>) sputtering



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### Surface Science Polarization Modulation InfraRed Reflection Absorbtion Spectroscopy (PM IRRAS)

#### Scientific and analytical tasks

- **Operando** study of the mechanisms of heterogeneous catalytic reaction over single-crystal model catalysts by IR spectroscopy and mass spectrometry in a wide pressure range from UHV to 1 bar; to identify surface intermediates and products in the gas phase
- *In situ* study of adsorption of simple molecules on single-crystal model catalysts in a wide temperature range between 80 and 1000 K in vacuum or at ambient pressure
- *In situ* preparation and characterization of thin films or nanoparticles on the surface of single-crystal model catalysts
- Investigation of surface composition of bimetallic systems using X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy and FTIR analysis of adsorbed probe molecules

#### Equipment

#### FT-IR Spectrometer VERTEX 80v (Bruker, Germany)

- Spectral range 850 8000 cm<sup>-1</sup> (liquid N<sub>2</sub> cooled MCT detector)
- Standard spectral resolution better than 0.2 cm<sup>-1</sup>
- Nominal modulation frequency of the IR beam polarization 42 kHz
- Pressure range in catalytic cell equipped by  $BaF_2$  windows during *operando* study between  $10^{-7}$  mbar and 1 bar. The cell is equipped with a gas inlet system (CO, O<sub>2</sub>, Ar, H<sub>2</sub>O, and ethanol)

# X-ray photoelectron spectrometer based on a PHOIBOS 150 hemispherical analyzer with a MCD-9 multichannel detector (SPECS Surface Nano Analysis, Germany)

- Non-monochromatic Mg Ka (1256.6 eV) and Al Ka (1486.6 eV) X-ray sources
- Sample temperature in the range between 80 and 1200 K
- Background pressure better than 10<sup>-9</sup> mbar

# E-Beam Evaporator EBE-1 (SPECS Surface Nano Analysis, Germany) for deposition of films with different chemical composition or metal nanoparticles

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# Magnetic Resonance

### Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Spectroscopy

#### Scientific and analytical tasks

#### Homogeneous catalysis:

- The multinuclear NMR spectroscopic study of the structure and reactivity of transition metal complexes the active species of homogeneous catalytic oxidation and polymerization
- Analysis of complex mixtures of the products of catalytic transformations by means of <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectroscopy. The control of the process of organic and organometallic synthesis of the catalysts. Analysis of the structure of copolymers of ethylene and propylene with α-olefins

#### Heterogeneous catalysis:

- Study of the structure of the active surface sites of solid catalysts (bulk and supported) by modern multinuclear SSNMR spectroscopy (MAS with rotation frequencies up to 70 kHz, SATRAS, MQMAS, MASSA, TRAPDOR, HETCOR, CPMAS)
- NMR-crystallography approach merging state-of-the-art multinuclear SSNMR spectroscopy with state-of-the-art DFT computations (GIPAW)
- NMR of alloys (up to 650 °C)
- Internal field <sup>59</sup>Co NMR
- <sup>129</sup>Xe NMR of adsorbed xenon

#### Equipment

Bruker AVANCE-400 (magnetic field 9.4 T) NMR spectrometers for liquid-state and solid-state spectroscopy with a representative set of probe heads for any applications

- high-resolution probeheads for liquids for the whole range of frequencies;
   BRUKER BBO W1 5 mm and BBO W1 10 mm
- broadband high-power probeheads for the whole range of frequencies and temperatures from +300 to -150 °C; C BRUKER HP WB 73 A/BB SOL10 HT
- multinuclear X/<sup>1</sup>H dual-channel probe heads for cross-polarization/magic angle spinning (CP/MAS) experiments BRUKER:
   HP WB 73B MAS 7Bl CP WVT: rotation frequency up to 7 kHz
   HP WB 73B(A) MAS 4Bl CP WVT: rotation frequency up to 15 kHz

#### Additional features

- Home-built high-temperature (up to 600 °C) probe heads for studies of molten state
- High-speed MAS probes BRUKER WB CP
- HP WB 73 MAS 2.5Bl CP DVT: rotation frequency up to 35 kHz
- HP WB 73 MAS 1.3Bl CP DVT: rotation frequency up to 70 kHz
- Solid-state NMR technique for quadrupolar nuclei with a half-integral spin
- SATRAS SAtellite TRAnsition Spectroscopy
- MQMAS Multiple-Quantum MAS NMR
- MASSA Magic Angle Spinning and Static Spectra Analysis





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Platinoid gauzes containing Pt (90 wt %), Pd (5 wt %) and Rh (5 wt %) after ammonia oxidation by air in industrial reactor during 3000 hours
## Magnetic Resonance In Situ Magic Angle Spinning Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (MAS NMR) Spectroscopy

### Scientific and analytical tasks

- Characterization of solids (qualitative and quantitative analysis, chemical environment of a given atomic nucleus on the basis of characteristic chemical shifts in the NMR spectrum)
- In situ investigation of chemical reactions under continuous flow and static conditions, identification of the nature and structure for intermediates and products during chemical transformation of the adsorbed substances, kinetic measurements, monitoring of the selective isotope labels (<sup>13</sup>C, <sup>2</sup>H, <sup>15</sup>N) redistribution in molecules, determination of the mechanisms of chemical reactions
- Study of the molecular dynamics by modeling of <sup>2</sup>H NMR spectra and temperature dependence of the relaxation times T<sub>1</sub>, T<sub>2</sub> (peculiarities of molecular mobility in solids or adsorbed molecules)

### Equipment

### NMR spectrometer Bruker Avance-400

- Ultrashield cryomagnet 9.4 T
- Fourier-NMR spectrometer
- Two RF channels (nuclei X, <sup>1</sup>H) with high-power (1 kW) amplifiers
- Broad-band NMR probes with X-channel frequencies spanned from <sup>105</sup>Pd (18.3 MHz) to <sup>31</sup>P (161.9 MHz)
- Pneumatic MAS unit for registering NMR spectra with rotation under magic angle, MAS NMR probes with rotor's diameter 7, 4, 2.5, 1.3 mm (max speed of rotation 7, 18, 35, 67 kHz, correspondingly)
- Temperature unit BVT 3000, temperature range from -140 °C to +300 °C, precision of temperature adjustment 0.1 °C



- Sample preparation system for *in situ* MAS NMR under controlled atmosphere in highly symmetrical sealed glass ampoules
- System for registration in situ MAS NMR spectra under continuous flow of reagents
- System for compressed inert gas (nitrogen) preparation ensuring MAS NMR experiments in the wide temperature range (from low to high temperatures)

• Setup *in situ* CFMAS NMR conducting experiments with continuous flow of gas-phase reagents through catalyst and simultaneous magic angle spinning [1]



- NMR rotors (4 mm, 7 mm) and sealed glass ampoules prepared for MAS NMR experiments under controlled atmosphere
- Specially designed highly symmetrical ampoules are used (tightly inserted into MAS NMR rotor)
- A sample (0.050.20 cm<sup>3</sup>) is prepared in the special device connected to vacuum system; finally, ampoule with the sample is sealed off thus becoming a mini-reactor for *in situ* MAS NMR experiments
- Vacuum setup allows treatment of the samples under vacuum (or in the specified gaseous atmosphere) and quantitative adsorption of gas/liquid substances on the catalyst





### Capabilities of the techniques applied

- <sup>1</sup>H MAS NMR method is applied for surface proton sites characterization in zeolite and oxide catalysts and adsorbents. For example, it is possible quantitatively establish distribution of OH-groups of different acidity for zeolites H-ZSM-5 (a) and H-BEA (b)
- <sup>1</sup>H{<sup>27</sup>Al} MAS NMR TRAPDOR method allows observation of OH groups bound to aluminum atoms (spectra (c) and (d) recorded for zeolite H-BEA) [2]
- <sup>27</sup>Al MAS NMR method gives data on structure of zeolite catalysts and metal-organic frameworks, enables to distinguish structural and non-framework aluminum in zeolitic structures and to monitor structural changes in metal-organic frameworks (MOF) induced by different factors. For example, <sup>27</sup>Al MAS NMR spectrum parameters ( $\delta$ , C<sub>q</sub>,  $\eta_q$ ) are significantly altered when transformation between open (a) and closed (b) structure of metal-organic framework MIL-53(Al) is occurred due to water adsorption







<sup>29</sup>Si MAS NMR method is applied for zeolite catalysts characterization showing NMR signal with characteristic chemical shift for each type of tetrahedron Si(nAl), n = 0,1,2,3,4, in the zeolite structure. Relation between intensity of different signals gives relative fractions of the Si(nAl) species that allows determination of the ratio Si/Al in different zeolites



• Two-dimensional exchange <sup>1</sup>H MAS NMR spectroscopy investigates dynamic equilibrium between gas phase and adsorbed species in zeolites. For example, the presence of crosspeaks in 2D NMR (NOESY) spectrum indicates chemical exchange between methane in the gas phase and in adsorbed state on  $Zn^{2+}/H-ZSM-5$ catalyst with characteristic rates of 10 - 60 s<sup>-1</sup> at T = 353 - 363K [3]

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• <sup>2</sup>H NMR spectroscopy for investigation molecular dynamics in micro-mesoporous materials and massive solids. Line shape of solid-state <sup>2</sup>H NMR spectrum is sensitive to geometry of molecular motion. Application of computer modeling allows establishing peculiarities of molecular dynamics with characteristic times 10 ÷ 10<sup>-3</sup> s (<sup>2</sup>H NMR stimulated echo), 10<sup>-4</sup> ÷ 10<sup>-7</sup> s (<sup>2</sup>H NMR solid echo), 10<sup>-6</sup> ÷ 10<sup>-11</sup> s (anisotropic and isotropic T<sub>1</sub>, T<sub>2</sub> spin relaxation)

### Objects of research:

molecular crystals and crystalline hydrates (tert-butyl alcohol [4], methylimidazole [5], crystalline hydrates CaCl<sub>2</sub>nH<sub>2</sub>O [6], etc.); for example, from temperature dependence of the line shape in the <sup>2</sup>H NMR spectra it has been established that methyl groups in tert-butyl alcohol rotate about two axes, C<sub>3</sub> and C<sub>3</sub>' [4]





- guest molecules in the porous adsorbents and catalysts of different nature (zeolites, metal-organic frameworks); for example, peculiarities of molecular dynamics of benzene in pores of MOF ZIF-8 have been established on the basis of temperature dependence of spin relaxation [7]





structural dynamics of different metal-organic frameworks, including those containing diamagnetic cations UiO-66(Zr)[8](a) or paramagnetic cations MIL-53(Cr)[9](b). Data on dynamics for particular fragments of metal-organic frameworks helps to reveal their structure as well as the mechanism of interaction between framework and guest molecules



dynamics of protons in solid acid catalysts, conductivity mechanisms in solid protonic conductors. For example, line shape in the<sup>2</sup>H NMR spectrum (a)[10] and temperature dependence of relaxation times (b)[11] enable analysis of proton mobility for 12-tungstophosphoric acid



In situ monitoring of reaction kinetics is realized by means of sealed NMR ampoules and capability of NMR probe to maintain high temperature (up to 573K) for prolonged times (up to several days [12, 17]). For example, kinetics of <sup>13</sup>C label transfer from  $CH_2$  group to  $CH_3$  group in propane molecules adsorbed on zeolite H-ZSM-5 can be analyzed with <sup>1</sup>H MAS NMR (a)[13] or <sup>13</sup>C MAS NMR (b) [14]



*In situ* <sup>13</sup>C CP/MAS NMR method combining crosspolarization technique and high-power proton decoupling allows identification of intermediates formed in small concentrations on the surface of the catalysts during chemical reaction [15, 16]. Thus, a mechanism of chemical transformation can be established. For example, successive formation of intermediates, methoxy-group (59 ppm), ethane (4 ppm), and ethylene (109 ppm), has been observed during methane transformation into benzene on the surface of Ag<sup>+</sup>/H-ZSM-5 zeolite [15]



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# Magnetic Resonance

### Electron Spin Resonance (ESR) Spectroscopy

### Scientific and analytical tasks

- The study of physicochemical processes at elevated temperatures and pressures, including suband supercritical media, via ESR *in situ*
- The investigation of the formation (including the earliest stages) and evolution of active sites of catalysts based on magnetic nanoparticles or paramagnetic ions via ESR *in situ*
- The investigation of structure and properties of the catalysts and other functional materials using spin probes, labels and spin trapping via ESR including *in situ* regime
- The study of the mechanism of catalytic reactions via registration of active intermediate paramagnetic (radical) species (intermediates)
- The study of the intermolecular interactions and mobility of paramagnetic particles, dynamics of their local environment in different media, including multicomponent hydrocarbon species (heavy oils, asphaltenes, resins etc.) via ESR *in situ*
- Determination of concentration and properties of different types of active sites over oxide catalysts

### Equipment

### ESR spectrometer Bruker ELEXSYS 500

- Spectra registration in a wide range of temperatures (77 ÷ 1200 K) and pressures (up to 300 bar) *in situ* provided by specially designed accessories
- External magnetic field value: from -17 to 17 kOe
- High accuracy of the external magnetic field setup: **10**<sup>-3</sup> **Oe** provided by special teslameter E 035M
- X and Q modes with 10 and 34 GHz frequencies of MW irradiation
- High Q-value of the cavities and microwave circuit providing **3000** : **1** "weak" pitch signal to noise ratio. The sensitivity is up to  $10^{10}$  electron spin (1/2) for paramagnetic and  $10^{7}$  electron spin for ferromagnetic (superparamagnetic) species
- Special mutual geometry of MW and external magnetic fields to study "forbidden" transitions having weak intensity
- Rapid scan regime with **200 Hz** frequency and **200 Oe** amplitude with the possibility of synchronous or direct detection to study fast physicochemical processes
- The single measurement of the signal with the time resolution of 8 nanoseconds and amplitude of 14 bits

- The registration of up to five derivatives of the EPR signal; registration of the dispersion signal from conductivity electrons
- Digital automatic goniometer to study orientation behavior of ESR spectra with an angular resolution of **0.125 degree** and a reproducibility of **0.5 degrees**, independent of the direction of rotation



ESR spectrometer Bruker ELEXSYS 500

#### The cavities and accessories available

- ER 4102ST Standard Resonator: The universal X-Band resonator
- ER 5106QT Q-Band Resonators: CW-EPR at 34 GHz
- ER 4103TM Cylindrical mode resonator: for aqueous and high-dielectric samples
- ER 4104OR Optical transmission resonator: correlate EPR and optical signals
- ER 4105DR Double rectangular resonator: quantitative EPR and precise g-factor measurements
- ER 4116DM Dual mode resonator: separate allowed and forbidden transitions
- ER 4117MX Mixing cell resonator: measure transient paramagnetic species
- ER 4122SHQE Super high-Q resonator
- ER 4114HT High temperature resonator: CW-EPR at extreme temperatures

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# Fourier-Transformed Infrared Spectroscopy (FT-IR)

### Fourier-Transformed Infrared Spectroscopy (FT-IR)

### Scientific and analytical tasks

- *In situ* study of the kinetics and mechanisms of heterogeneous catalytic reactions including analysis of the gas phase
- Ex situ analysis of molecular structure of gases, liquids, and solids
- The study of the structure of molecular and ionic crystals

### Equipment

- FT-IR spectrometer Cary 660 (Agilent Technologies)
- Attenuated Total Reflection (ATR) accessory GladiATR (PIKE Technologies)

#### In situ measurements

- Transmittance regime of spectral measurement
- Spectral range: 4000 1000 cm<sup>-1</sup>
- Spectral resolution: 4 cm<sup>-1</sup>
- Number of scans: 5 40
- Cell volume: 1.5 ml
- Flow rate: 50 300 ml/min
- Sample wafers: 1 cm × 3 cm, 30 70 mg
- Activation condition: 200 300 °C, air flow
- Temperature of experiments: 20 400 °C

### Ex situ measurements

- Transmittance and ATR regimes of spectral measurement
- Spectral range: 14000 250 cm<sup>-1</sup>
- Spectral resolution: ≥0.5 cm<sup>-1</sup>
- Scanning rate: 1 scan/sec at spectral resolution of 4 cm<sup>-1</sup>



FT-IR spectrometer Cary 660 (Agilent Technologies)

# Fourier-Transformed Infrared Spectroscopy (FT-IR) Fourier-Transformed Infrared Spectroscopy in Supercritical Fluids (SCF) In Situ

### Scientific and analytical tasks

- Study of molecular structure of gases, liquids, and solids Including at high temperature and high pressure
- Obtaining of FT-IR images of polymers, mixtures, composites and biological tissues in addition study of dynamic systems, such as dissolution, diffusion, microfluidics, etc.
- In situ study of samples, sorption processes and catalytic reactions at supercritical fluid temperature and pressure condition also in the FT-IR imaging regime

### Equipment

- FT-IR spectrometer VERTEX 70v (Bruker) equipped with DLaTGS and MCT detectors
- Attenuated Total Reflection (ATR) accessory High Temperature Golden Gate ATR and Super Critical Fluids Golden Gate ATR (Specac)
- IMAC imaging macro chamber (Bruker) equipped with a focal plane array (FPA) detector with 64 x 64 pixels [a multi-channel mercury cadmium telluride (MCT) detector] and Imaging Golden Gate diamond ATR accessory (Specac)



### In situ measurements

- ATR regime of spectral measurement
- Spectral range: 5000 500 cm
- Spectral resolution: ≥0,4 cm
- Cell volume: 28 µl
- Flow rate: 0.1 100 ml/min
- Temperature of experiments: 20 300 °C
- Pressure: up to 400 atm (6000 p.s.i.)

### FT-IR imaging measurements

- Transmittance and ATR regime of spectral measurement
- Spectral resolution: 4 cm<sup>-1</sup>
- Lateral resolution: 10 15 µm (ATR)
- Spectral range: 3800 900 cm<sup>-1</sup>
- Field of View (FOV) / image: 625 × 625 µm (ATR)

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# Fourier-Transformed Infrared Spectroscopy (FT-IR)

Wide Temperature FT-IR Spectroscopy of Adsorbed Molecules Using Transmission, Diffusion Reflection, and Attenuated Total Reflection (ATR) Technique

#### Scientific and analytical tasks

- Quantity measurements of acid-base properties of catalyst surface
- In situ study of mechanisms of heterogeneous catalytic reactions

#### Equipment

The available FTIR spectrometers are characterized by a resolution of 1 to 16 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the range of 5000 - 350 cm<sup>-1</sup>: **Shimadzu FT-IR 8300, 8400,** and **IR prestige.** The methods of acid-base measurement are unique and allow quantitative measuring of the strength and concentration of Lewis and Broensted acid, as well as the basic sites. The minimum concentration of sites can be measured at the level of 0.05  $\mu$ mol/g.

In situ study of catalytic reaction mechanisms at temperatures 77 - 773 K



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Homemade high-tempetature flow IR cell with gas path way 0.5 mm for a temperature range of 25  $^-$  400  $^\circ C$ 



High-tempetature flow IR cell with gas path way 5 mm in sample chamber of spectrometer IR-Prestige (Shimadzu) for a temperature range of 25 - 400 °C



Wide temperature IR cell Working temperature range is 77 - 773 K

# Raman Spectroscopy

### Scientific and analytical tasks

- The study of the structure of oxide and sulfide catalysts, including supported and bulk materials
- The study of the structure of molecular and ionic crystals
- The study of the structure of some complex compounds in aqueous and non-aqueous solutions

#### Equipment

### Fourier-Raman spectrometer Bruker RFS-100/S

- 1064 nm line of Nd-YAG laser as source of Raman effect
- Power: 0 500 mW
- Laser spot: 50 µm
- InGaAs detector
- Raman scattering geometry: 90 and 180°
- Spectral resolution: ≥0.5 cm<sup>-1</sup>
- Spectral range: 100 3700 cm<sup>-1</sup>



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# Ultraviolet-Visible (UV-Vis) Spectroscopy

### Ultraviolet-Visible Diffuse Reflectance Spectroscopy (UV-Vis DRS)

### Scientific and analytical tasks

- In situ study of the formation and evolution of active species of homogeneous catalysts
- The study of homogeneous and heterogeneous catalytic reactions
- The determination of the content of d-metals in solutions using the transmission spectra of their colored complexes
- The determination of the structure of impurity sites on the surface and in the bulk of support (oxidation state, coordination number, nature of the ligand), establishing the structure, particle size, band gap of semiconductors and dielectrics
- The investigation of the electronic state (the coordination number, ligand environment, band gap) of cations of d-metals stabilized in oxide and zeolite matrix to identify the catalytically active states (isolated ions, associated ions, oxide clusters, oxide nanoparticles) of heterogeneous catalysts
- The study of optical properties of Cu, Ag, and Au nanosized particles in heterogeneous catalysts and colloidal solutions using plasmon resonance spectra
- The study of band gap of catalysts based on semiconductor oxides (TiO<sub>2</sub>, CeO<sub>2</sub>, SiO<sub>2</sub>, CuO, etc.)
- The study of changes (genesis) in the electronic state (valence state, coordination number, band gap) of cations of d-metals and semiconductors in heterogeneous catalysts caused by structural and structural-phase and polymorphic transformations, processes of hydration and dehydration, reactions of oxidation and reduction as a result of influence of different reaction media and temperature

### Equipment

- Shimadzu UV-2501 PC spectrophotometer with ISR-240A diffuse reflectance unit
- Wavelength range: 190 900 nm (performance guaranteed range)
- Monochromator system: Double monochromator with a high-performance double-blazed holographic grating in the aberration corrected Czerny-Turner mounting
- Resolution: 0.1 nm
- Spectral bandwidth: 0.1, 0.2, 0.5, 1, 2 and 5 nm
- Wavelength repeatability: ±0.1 nm
- Wavelength accuracy: ±0.3 nm
- Photometric mode: Absorbance (Abs.), transmittance (%), reflectance (%) and energy (E)
- Photometric range: Absorbance: -4-5 Abs. (0.001 Abs. increments)

- Transmittance: 0 999.9% (0.01% increments)
- Reflectance: 0 999.9% (0.01% increments)
- Photometric accuracy: ±0.002 Abs. (0 0.5 Abs.); ±0.004 Abs. (0.5 1 Abs.)
- Photometric repeatability: ±0.001 Abs. (0 1.0 Abs.) ±0.1 %T
- Baseline flatness: Within ±0.001 Abs. (excluding noise; 2 nm slit width and slow wavelength scanning speed)
- Drift: Less than 0.0004 Abs. per hour (after 2 hours warm-up)



• ISR-240A Integrating Sphere Attachment, 60 mm dia (P/N206-23860-91)

This attachment is used for measurement of diffuse and total reflectance and measurement of transmission of liquid or solid sample:

- Wavelength range: 220 800 nm
- Integrating sphere: 60 mm in inner diameter, equipped with a photomultiplier
- Maximum size of reflection sample: 40 × 70 mm wide, 10 mm thick or 70 × 70 mm wide, 5 mm thick
- Incident angle: 90 deg

### Optical cells for ex situ studies of powders and solutions



### Flow optical cells for in situ studies of powders



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# Ultraviolet-Visible (UV-Vis) Spectroscopy

### Photoluminescence Spectroscopy

### Scientific and analytical tasks

- Investigation of the structure of liquids and solids by fluorescent probes (molecules, ions of impurity and intrinsic defects for oxides)
- Identification of substances: the high sensitivity of the method can be used for detecting small concentrations. For substances with a quantum yield F > 0.5 the detection limit is about pmol/L

### Equipment

### Spectrofluorimeter Cary Eclipse Agilent

- 2 super-fast scanning monochromators
- Wavelength range: 200 900 nm
- Fluorescence, phosphorescence, chemi- and bioluminescence measurement modes
- For measurements in the temperature range 77 500K at vacuum conditions fluorescence spectrophotometer equipped with cryostat Optistat<sup>®</sup>DN-V (Oxford Instruments, UK) with an oil-free Turbopumping system TS75D2001 (EDWARDS)
- Light source: Xenon flash lamp
- The pulse frequency: 80 Hz
- The pulse width at half maximum: 2 ms, the peak power: 75 kW
- Monochromators: Czerny-Turner 0.125 m
- The spectral width of the slit:
  Excitation: 1.5, 2.5, 5, 10, 20 nm and 10 nm round
  Emission: 1.5, 2.5, 5, 10, 20 nm and 10 nm round
- Spectral accuracy: ±1.5 nm
- Reproducibility of wavelength: ±0.2 nm
- Scan speed: 0.01 24 000 nm/min
- Averaging the signal:
  Fluorescence with 0.0125 999 s
  Phosphorescence of 1 ms 10 s
- Bio- and chemiluminescence: 40 ms 10 c
- Sensitivity: 0.48 pM for fluorescein in 0.01 M NaOH
- 20 nM benzopyrene
- Accuracy of the cryostat temperature range: 77 500 K  $\pm 0.1$  K



Spectrofluorimeter Cary Eclipse Agilent

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# **Elemental Analysis**

## X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF)

### Scientific and analytical tasks

Non-destructive analytical method suitable for quantitative and semi-quantitative elemental analysis of liquid and solid samples of functional materials and catalysts in the range of elements from F (No9) to transuranic elements (>No103). The range of determined concentrations from ppm to 100 % allows one to quickly and efficiently perform the analysis of solid, liquid or dispersed samples

#### Equipment

### X-ray fluorescence spectrometer ARL Perform'X (Thermo Scientific)

- Highly efficient tube 4GN with Rh anode and thin mechanical Be window (75 microns)
- Microprocessor-controlled universal goniometer without gears
- 7 flat crystals:

crystal	2d spacings
1 LiF200	4.0267
2 PET	8.7518
3 Ax06	57.8000
4 LiF220	2.8480
5 Ge111	6.5320
6 AXBeB	165.0000
7 AX16c	170.4000

- 4 primary collimators: 0.25°, 2.60°, 0.60°, 0.15°
- 2 detectors: scintillation and flow proportional
- The maximum angular velocity of 4800° 2Θ/min
- Angular accuracy on LiF crystals: +0,015°
- Angular reproducibility: <+0.0002°</li>
- The total angular range: from 0° 153° 2Θ (flow-proportional counter: 17° 153°, scintillation counter: from 0° 115°)
- Continuous digital scanning: from 0.25°/min to 327°/min depending on the time and measurement step

- Range scan step: tick: 0.001°. Maximum practical: 1.00°. Time of measurement for each step: from 0.1 to 655 seconds
- Multi-channel analyzer for the separation of high-energy peaks. Digital Automatic Gain Control (AGC) for the correction of pulse compression. Automatic dead time correction ensures linearity of response up to 2 M pulses per second on flow-proportional and 1.5 M pulses on a scintillation counter
- Basic Sample changer: 16 cassettes
- Cassettes for samples. Maximum size of sample: height 30 mm, diameter 52 mm. The hole diameter of 29 mm. Rotation of cassettes: 30 rpm
- Programmable 3-position filter of the primary radiation to optimize the X-ray excitation, Cu 0.25 mm: analysis of Ru, Rh, Pd, Ag and Cd (elements that are interfered by Rh line X-ray tube) and light variable matrices; Al 0.5 mm to improve peak to background ratio on Pb or As in light matrices; dust filter Be 0.127 mm
- Solid-state high-frequency X-ray generator with capacity of 3.6 kW, maximum voltage 60 kV and maximum current of 100 mA. Any combination of voltage kV and mA current should not exceed 3.6 kW



# **Elemental Analysis**

### Inductive-Coupled Plasma Mass-Spectrometry (ICP-MS)

### Scientific and analytical tasks

Investigation of elemental composition (in the range from Li to U) of liquid samples and solid samples which can be dissolved. This includes analysis of catalysts, functional materials and reaction mixtures as well as the initial components and reaction products

#### Equipment

#### Agilent 7700 ICP-MS System

- Low-flow nebulizer and Peltier-cooled Scott spray chamber
- The nebulizer and spray chamber and quartz, injection system for samples with a high content of matrix (HMI)
- One-piece quartz torch with wide diameter (2.5 mm) injector
- 3-channel, 10-roller peristaltic pump
- Interface
- Ni interface cones
- Dual on-axis extraction lenses
- Vacuum System
- Single, 2-stage turbomolecular pump
- Floor-mounted rotary pump
- Gas Flow Control: controls plasma, auxiliary, makeup, and carrier gas and Octopole Reaction System (ORS) reaction gas lines
- Plasma and Ion Optics
- Plasma stabilization system
- Torch xyz Position system
- Solid state, digitally-driven 27 MHz RF generator
- Off-axis Omega lens
- Octopole reaction system
- Mass-analyzer: mass range 2 260 AMU, RF frequency: 3 MHz, minimum dwell time 100 μs, abundance sensitivity < 5 × 10<sup>-7</sup> for low mass, for high mass <1 × 10<sup>-7</sup>
- Dual-Mode Detection System
- Dual-mode discrete dynode detector with nine orders of linear dynamic range
- Log amplifier circuit with a high-speed analog mode for transient signals (nine orders dynamic range)
- Water cooler (input pressure 230 400 KPa, min flow rate 15 l/min, input temperature 15 40 °C)



Agilent 7700 ICP-MS System

# **Elemental Analysis**

## Inductively Coupled Plasma Optical Emission Spectroscopy (ICP-OES)

### Scientific and analytical tasks

- Qualitative and quantitative analysis of up to 70 elements in the concentrations of dry matter from tens % to 0.0001 %. The analysis is performed from a solution
- Determination of the phase composition of solids by differential dissolution method

### Equipment

### ICP-Optical emission spectrometer OPTIMA 4300 DV PerkinElmer

- The wavelength range: 180 800 nm
- Resolution of the spectrometer: 0.006 nm at 200 nm
- 40-MHz, free-running solid state (no power amplifier tube needed) RF generator, adjustable from 750 to 1500 watts, in 1 watt increments
- The system can routinely handle 50 % (w/v) solutions of HCl, HNO<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, 20 % (v/v) HF and 30 % (w/v) NaOH
- A three-channel, computer-controlled pump with speed variable from 0.2 to 5 mL/minute in 0.1-mL/min increments using 0.76 mm (0.030") i.d. tubing
- The computer-controlled, pneumatically operated shutter automatically opens and closes for each sample
- Simultaneous determination of several elements in 1 2 min





ICP-Optical emission spectrometer OPTIMA 4300 DV PerkinElmer

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# Chromatography

### Gas Chromatography (GC) Systems (>300 units)

### Scientific and analytical tasks

- Separation of the complex mixtures of low weight substances on capillary columns
- Capillary columns testing
- Multicapillary columns testing
- Separation of the complex mixtures by comprehensive two-dimensional chromatography
- Quality and quantity analysis of different substances

### Equipment

Agilent 7890A Gas Chromatographic System with a flame ionization detector, Agilent G4513A autosampler and flow modulator for comprehensive two-dimensional chromatography

### Column Oven:

Sets the temperature: 25 - 380 °C Temperature program speed: 0.1 - 48 C/min Injector: Split/splitless mode Injector temperature: 30 - 400 °C Detector: FID

Comprehensive two-dimensional GC

Modulator: flow-type Modulation period: 1 - 10 s First column: capillary 1<sup>st</sup> column carrier gas flow: 0.7 - 1.0 ml/min Second column: capillary or multicapillary 2<sup>nd</sup> column carrier gas flow: 15 - 60 ml/min Data frequency: up to 200 Hz



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### Gas Chromatography - Mass-Spectrometry (GC-MS) System

### Scientific and analytical tasks

- · Component identification in complex mixtures of organic compounds
- · Qualitative and quantitative analysis of the various classes of chemical compounds
- · Determination of trace impurities in mixtures

### Equipment

### Agilent 7000B Triple Quadrupole GC/MS/MS System with Agilent 7890A Gas Chromatograph

- Mode: electron impact
- Ion source temperature: 100 to 350 °C
- Electron energy: 10 to 300 eV
- Mass range: 10 1050 m/e



- Mass axis stability: <±0.10 u over 24 hours (10 to 40 °C)</li>
- Quadrupole temperature: 106 200 °C
- Resolution selectable: 0.7 to 2.5 Daltons, default tune
- Scan rate: up to 6.250 u/sec
- Tuning: autotune or manual
- MRM speed: 800 transition/sec
- Minimum MRM dwell: 0.5 msec
- Collision cell: linear hexapole
- Collision cell gas: nitrogen with helium quench gas
- Collision energy selectable: up to 60 eV
- Vacuum system: dual-stage turbomolecular pump
- Software: Agilent MassHunter

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### High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC)

### Scientific and analytical tasks

- Separation of complex mixtures of small and macromolecules on the semimicropacked and monolithic columns
- Monolithic columns testing
- Quality and quantity analysis of different substances

### Equipment

### UltiMate 3000 UHPLC system (Thermo Scientific, USA)

- Detector: Corona Ultra charged aerosol detector (CAD)
- **Pump:** Dual ternary gradient pump DGP-3600SD
- Autosampler: Integrated autosampler WPS-3000SL
- Column: Compatibility with any of columns, operating at pressures: up to 620 bar
- Column Oven: Sets the temperature 5 °C above ambient 80 °C


#### Varian ProStar 500 Series liquid chromatograph (Varian B.V., USA)

- Detector: Refractometric detector (ProStar 355 RI Detector), UV detector
- Column: 250 × 4,6mm ×1,4"
  PetroSpher 5 A, B
- Column Oven: Sets the temperature 40 °C



- Detector: double-beam, multiwavelength UV-spectrophotometer
   Wavelength range: 190 - 360 nm
   Supporting up to 1 - 8 simultaneous wavelengths
   Flow cell volume: 1.2 µl
- Pump: double syringe
  Volume: 2 × 2500 µl
- Autosampler: programmable
  Number of samples: 46
  Sample volume: 1 99 µl
- Column Oven:
  Sets the temperature 35 90 °C









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# **Textural Methods of Investigation**

# Static Vacuum Volumetry, Gas Adsorption, Low Temperature Gas Adsorption

### Scientific and analytical tasks

- · Studies of texture of catalysts and adsorbents
- · Measurements of surface area, pore volume and pore size distribution

### Equipment

Autosorb-iQ2-MP/AG (Quantachrome Instruments, USA)

#### Features

- Fully automatic analysis of surface area, pore volume and pore size
- High-resolution isotherm for accurate refinement of pore structure
- High performance and analysis flexibility with dedicated P and analysis stations: Micropore analysis station with P/P 10<sup>-7</sup> - 0.9995 Mesopore analysis station with P/P 10<sup>-3</sup> - 0.9995
- Various dosing methods for best accuracy and performance

## Specifications

- Surface area range: from 0.01 m<sup>2</sup>/g to no known upper limit (nitrogen)
- Low limit of pore volume (liquid volume): 1 × 10<sup>-6</sup> ml/g
- Pore size range: 0.35 500 nm
- Coolant dewar: 1 (3L), up to 100 hours of unattended operation

#### Pressure transducers specifications

- Upper pressure limits: 1000, 10 and 1 Torr
- Pressure resolution (1 Torr): 0.00000026 Torr
- Accuracy (1000 Torr): 0.11 % (full range)
- Accuracy (10 and 1 Torr): 0.15 % of readings
- Quadrasorb evo (Quantachrome Instruments, USA)

#### Features

- Fully automatic analysis of surface area, pore volume and pore size. High-resolution isotherm for accurate refinement of pore structure
- High performance and analysis flexibility with dedicated  $P^{\circ}$  and analysis stations (4 stations with  $P/P^{\circ} 10^{-3} 0.9995$ )
- Various dosing methods for best accuracy and performance

## Specifications

- Surface area range: from 0.01 m<sup>2</sup>/g to unknown upper limit (nitrogen)
- Low limit of pore volume (liquid volume): 1 × 10<sup>-6</sup> ml/g
- Pore size range: 0.35 500 nm
- Coolant dewars: 4 (2L), up to 30 hours of unattended operation

# Pressure transducers specifications

- Upper pressure limits: 1000 Torr
- Pressure resolution: 0.00026 Torr
- Accuracy: 0.11 % (full range)
- Autosorb-6B-Kr (Quantachrome Instruments, USA)

## Features

- Fully automatic analysis of surface area, pore volume and pore size
- High-resolution isotherm for accurate refinement of pore structure
- High performance and analysis flexibility with dedicated P and analysis stations: six stations equipped with 1000 Torr transducers and one 1 Torr transducer onto manifold

# Specifications

- Surface area range: from 0.1 m<sup>2</sup>/g to no known upper limit (nitrogen)
- Low limit of pore volume (liquid volume):  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  ml/g
- Pore size range: 0.35 400 nm
- Coolant dewar: 1 (2.5 L), up to 35 hours of unattended operation

# Pressure transducers specifications

- Upper pressure limits: 1000 and 10 Torr
- Pressure resolution (10 Torr): 0.0000026 Torr
- Accuracy (1000 Torr): 0.11 % (full range)
- Accuracy (10 Torr): 0.15 % of readings
- Accuracy (1000 Torr): 0.1 % (full range)



Autosorb-iQ2-MP/AG, Quadrasorb evo



Autosorb-6B-Kr





• ASAP-2400 (Micromeritics Corp., USA)

#### Features

- Fully automatic analysis of surface area, pore volume and pore size
- High performance and analysis flexibility with dedicated P and six analysis stations: six stations equipped with 1000 Torr transducers

### Specifications

- Surface area range: from 1 m<sup>2</sup>/g to no known upper limit (nitrogen)
- Low limit of pore volume (liquid volume): 1 × 10<sup>-3</sup>ml/g
- Pore size range: 0.35 200 nm
- Coolant dewar: 6 (2 L), up to 24 hours of unattended operation

### Pressure transducers specifications

- Upper pressure limits: 1000 Torr
- Accuracy (1000 Torr): 0.1 % (full range)

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# **Mercury Porosimetry**

### Scientific and analytical tasks

- Characterization of material's porosity by applying various levels of pressure to a sample immersed in mercury. The pressure required to intrude mercury into the sample's pores is inversely proportional to the size of the pores
- Mercury porosimetry is used as an analytical technique for studies of porous structure of solid catalysts, adsorbents, rocks and other materials. The range of pore sizes: 3 nm - 1 mm, the range of pore volumes: 0.05 - 0.30 cc/g with a step of 0.001 cc



#### Equipment

- Measuring pore diameters from 0.003 to 1000 μm
- Low noise, high-pressure generating system
- Enhanced data reduction package; includes calculation of tortuosity, permeability, compressibility, pore-throat ratio, fractal dimension, Mayer-Stowe particle size, and more
- Operates in scanning and time/rate equilibrated modes
- Collects extremely high-resolution data; better than 0.1 µL for mercury intrusion and extrusion volumes
- Controlled evacuation prevents powder fluctuation

# Chemical Adsorption and Temperature-Programmed Reactions

#### Scientific and analytical tasks

- Qualitative estimates of metal dispersion and active area in supported catalysts with Group VIII elements [1-4] and Ag [5]
- Studies of the state of supported nanoparticles and sub-nanoclusters, the metal-support interaction, and structural changes under the influence of adsorbate [1]

#### Equipment

# Chemisorption Analyzer AutoChem II 2920 (Micromeritics)

- The instrument performs pulse chemisorption, temperature-programmed desorption, reduction, and oxidation (TPD, TPR, TPO) automatically
- Three independent gas lines with twelve gas inlets provide the capability to perform *in situ* pretreatments and sequential experiments with the same sample in different gas media
- The internal temperature-controlled zones can be heated independently up to 150 °C, which prevents any condensation in the flow path
- Four high-precision, independently calibrated mass flow controllers provide extremely accurate, programmable gas control (in the range of 1 100 ml/min)
- The instrument is provided with highly sensitive linear thermal conductivity detector (TCD) which assures the calibration volume remains constant over the full range of peak amplitudes
- Clamshell furnace can heat the quartz sample reactor to 1100 °C at a constant ramp rate (1 50 K/min)

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# Temperature-Programmed Methods (Reduction, Oxidation, Desorption), TPX (X=R, O, D, SR)

## Scientific and analytical tasks

- Chemisorption/physisorption for B.E.T. surface area and pore volume
- Determination of relative acid strengths
- Calculation of activation energies for a given reaction
- Quick screening of experimental catalysts, evaluation of efficiency of regeneration of used catalysts, determination of optimal catalyst preparation conditions for industrial use

### Equipment

# Automatic Chemisorption Analyzer ChemBET Pulsar TPR/TPD (Quantachrome, USA) with Cirrus-2 quadrupole mass-spectrometer (MKS, USA)

- ChemBET:
- Two-station set up (Outgas/preparation station + analysis station)
- 3 exchangeable injection loops with volume of 0.05, 0.1 and 0.25 mL
- Quartz glassware with self-sealing cell holders
- In line cold trap with bypass line
- 5 gas input ports + gas mixer & linear mass flow controller
- High temperature heating mantle (450 °C) and furnace (1100 °C)
- Software controlled temperature ramping, °C/min: 100 / 50 / 30 / 20 within the ranges of 500 °C / 750 °C / 1000 °C / 1100 °C
- Surface area range: 0.1 280 m<sup>2</sup>
- Pore volume range: 0.0001 0.15 mL
- Reproducibility: 0.5 %
- Chemically resistant set up for analyzing: H<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, CO, NO, SO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub> (chemisorption) N<sub>2</sub>, Ar, Kr, CO<sub>2</sub> +He (physical adsorption)
- Corrosion resistant thermal conductivity detector Cirrus-2:
- 200 amu mass range
- Dual Faraday Cup/SEM detector
- Tungsten cathode
- Heated fused silica capillary inlet
- Nominally atmospheric pressure
- Pumping stand equipped with turbomolecular pump



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# Steady-State Isotopic Transient Kinetic Analysis (SSITKA)

# Determination of Kinetics and Catalyst Surface Reaction Intermediates In Situ

#### Scientific and analytical tasks

- Study of ionic mobility and surface reactivity of materials
- Study of gas-phase and vapour-phase catalytic reactions mechanisms

#### Equipment

#### Setup with a fixed-bed reactor

- Flow Mass Controller (Kvarta, Novosibirsk) with ChemLab 3 software
- Tube furnace equipped with Miniterm PID controller allowing to work in isothermal and programmed mode at temperature up to 800 °C
- UGA-200 mass-spectrometer (Stanford Research Systems, USA) with UGA3 and RGA3 software

#### Specifications:

http://www.thinksrs.com/downloads/PDFs/ Manuals/UGAm.pdf



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# Calorimetry

# **Calorimetry. Thermal Analysis**

## Scientific and analytical tasks

Determination of thermal effects of adsorption, chemical reactions, and individual reaction stages

#### Equipment

# Differential Scanning Calorimeter Setaram SENSYS DSC TG

It includes calorimetric unit coupled with microbalance. It is possible to work in flow reactor mode in combination with chromatographic analysis.

- 3D Calvet sensor
- Temperature range: to 830 °C
- Programmable temperature scanning rate: 0.01 30 °C / min
- Crucibles: to 150 µl
- TG Resolution: to 0.02 µg

## Pulse kinetic installation

Designed to supply gas-phase reagents in continuous or pulse mode

- Pulse volume 0.85 3.6 mL
- Up to six reagents can be plugged



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Remarks