Modelling heterogeneous catalysis: what challenge for first principle calculations?



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Making chemical reactions easier with catalysis

Lowering the energy barrier, finding an easy path



Ecoefficient chemistry with catalysis ... and simulations

Chemical plant of the 21st century



- •Softs conditions
- total selectivityNo waste

Design of efficient catalysts Understanding mechanisms at the molecular scale Molecular simulation is a key approach

Reaction pathways at surfaces





H_2 on Cu(100): hybrid approach



ONIOM type embedding

Potential energy surface







CCSD(T)/PBE



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MRCI+Q/PBE





H₂ on Cu(100)



- Hybrid QM/QM' scheme
- Cluster energies need to be corrected
- Much broader barrier with explicitly correlated calculations
- Activation energy with MRCI+Q / PBE in excellent agreement with best estimate of experimental value
- DFT/PBE is (only) 0.18 eV away

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Pt particles on γ-alumina



Particle size 0.6 - 1.1 nm



A. Jael et al, J. Catal. 272 (2010) 275

 $Pt_{10} - Pt_{20}$

Supported particles: open questions

- Influence of size
- Shape, various sites
- Influence of support Electronic transfer
- Specific chemisorption properties
- Catalytic reactivity



Nano-particle of Pt on Alumina



Theoretical Methods

- Catalyst: nanoparticle deposited on extended support
- Density functional theory GGA: Perdew-Wang 91 or PBE
- Structural exploration with MD
- Combination with thermodynamics



Pt_{13} particles on the γ -Al₂O₃ support



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Realistic
RelevantModeling catalysis underOperando conditions

Conditions: T, P, rate, flow, liquid

Insight

Model: catalyst nature and geometry: slab, supported cluster Kinetic model, KMC lattice Reactor model

T, P : structure of catalyst in situ (Ab initio atomistic thermodynamics) Relation with experimental characterisation



Pt₁₃ on γ-Al₂O₃ under a pressure of H₂



Number of H atoms as a function of (P, T)?

$Pt_{13} + 6 H on \gamma - Al_2O_3 (100)$



Pt₁₃ and alumina frozen

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Hydrogen adsorption: $Pt_{13}/(100) \gamma - Al_2O_3$



Strong structural deformation of the Pt₁₃ cluster Weakening of the metal support interaction

 $\Rightarrow Change of the morphology under reductive environment$ $\Rightarrow Cuboctahedron is stabilized at high <math>p(H_2)$

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Hydrogen adsorption: structural reconstruction

Gas phase molecular dynamic at n(H)=24



From BP to CUB transformation

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Effect of Hydrogen: structural reconstruction



Influence of H₂ on the structural properties of Pt₁₃/ γ -Al₂O₃-(100)

Phase diagram of Pt_{13} - $H_n/(100)$ Al_2O_3 as a function of T and P





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- Third step: specific optimizations
 - EDDAV
 - EDDIAG and RMMDIIS
 - POTLOK, ORTHCH and CHARGE
 - \Rightarrow Take home: Fill the GPU as much as possible
 - using "streams"

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Conclusion/Perspectives

- On penultimate generation of GPUs (Fermi):
 - No loss in scalability
 - Acceleration between 5.7 and 8.0
- Project with G. Kresse and Nvidia (Leader P. Fleurat-Lessard)
 - Merging our code with GPU exact exchange (M. Hutchinson, M. Widom)
 - Going to VASP 5.3, CUDA 5. to use fully the latest GPUs (K20)
 - Porting post-HF: MP2 and RPA

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