

### What happens inside? Spatial resolution techniques for catalytic reactors

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# Challenge: Multi-scale interaction of physical and chemical processes: From 10<sup>-10</sup> m and 10<sup>-13</sup> s to 1 m and 10 s







Understanding and optimization of catalytic reactors demands the knowledge of

What happens inside?



- Approaches discussed here: Monitoring spatial and temporal profiles
  - Experimental observation

Numerical simulation



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# Spatially resolved surface coverage by DRIFTS and Raman analysis



CO oxidation over Pt fixed bed reactor window(CaF 2) o-ring GAS GAS INLET OUTLET reactor-housing heating cartridges microchannel 0.8 -٠ 250°C 275°C normalized absorbance or surface coverage 0.6 -300°C ◀ 0.4 0.2 В 0.0 0 5 10 15 20 25 30 axial position (mm)

### NOx storage reduction catalyst



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### Modeling of DOC light-off in laboratory test bench: Temporal variation of axial profiles







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### Modeling NOx storage reduction catalyst Spatial resolved axial profiles







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# Kinetic Monte Carlo Simulation of surface reactions and diffusion: CO oxidation on Pt nanoperticle





 $2 \text{ CO} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2 \text{ CO}_2$ CO: blue O: red Catalyst atom (Pt): white Washcoat molecule (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>): grey Adsorption sites: yellow

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### Spatial resolution of the catalytic particle Characterization by TEM and EDX after 100 h TOS

$$CH_4 + 2 O_2 \xrightarrow{Pd/Pt_{0.1}} CO_2 + 2 H_2O$$

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  - Homogenous alloy (Pd<sub>100</sub>Pt<sub>0</sub> - Pd<sub>89±5</sub>Pt<sub>11±2</sub>)
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- Few large particles d > 30 nm
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70 nm





### Oxidation state of the catalytic particle Characterization by XANES



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Micro-reactor for X-ray spectroscopy



- PdO domintnt species in fresh and deactivated catalyst
- PdO stable under reaction conditions up to ~800 °C
- Pt present as metallic Pt and PtO<sub>2</sub> or PtO
- Reduction of PtO<sub>x</sub> species at higher temperature



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### Oxidation state of the catalytic particles spatially resolved: Transients in oxidation states during ignition





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### Coke formation in steam reforming of natural gas: **Characterization by Atomic Force Microscopy (AFM)**



$$CH_4 + H_2O \xrightarrow{Rh/Al2O3} CO + 3 H_2$$



### From the chemist's lab to the industrial plant: Dry-reforming of methane







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# Micro kinetic model helps to understand the coking propensity in the different regions of the catalytic bed





K. Herrera Delgado, H. Stotz, L. Maier, S. Tischer, A. Zellner, O. Deutschmann. Catalysts 5 (2015) 871. L.C.S. Kahle, T. Roussière, L. Maier, K. Herrera Delgado, G. Wasserschaff, S.A. Schunk, O. Deutschmann. Industrial & Engineering Chemistry Research 52 (2013) 11920.

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# Dry-reforming of CH<sub>4</sub>: Small olefins can lead to gas-phase molecular-weight growth and carbon deposits





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# Isothermal flat bed reactor: Spatially and time-resolved exhaust-gas composition in catalyst channel





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### Spatially resolved profiles by moving a capillary: Autothermal conversion of methane in catalytic foams





R. Horn, N. J. Degenstein, K. A. Williams, L. D. Schmidt. Catal. Lett. 110 (2006) 169.

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# In-situ probe technique: Resolution in flow direction with movable capillaries







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# Oxidative reforming of jet fuel surrogates in a Rh/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> coated monolith: Spatial concentration profiles



0.06 CATALYST H<sub>2 (equil)</sub> 0.05 CO<sub>(equil)</sub> FHS CATALYST BHS 0.05 Molar Fraction 0.03 0.05 dodecane - 0.00 - 0.00 - 0.00 - 0.00 - 0.00 Η, Η, CO 10 ppm S Su 0 aromatics Su 17 CO Su 100 H<sub>2</sub>O - Su 17\_10 0.01 H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>(equil)</sub> 0.01 0.00 0.00 -10 2 6 8 -10 -5 5 10 15 Ω Axial Position [mm] Axial Position [mm]

Effect of aromatics and sulfur





# Impact of capillary position on volumetric flux though probe channel



Impact of radial position of capillary on axial velocity and volumetric flux



Impact of axial position of the tip for central location on volumetric flux



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# Two-dimensional spatial resolution of the gas-phase of catalytic reactors by laser spectroscopy



In-situ analysis of spatial and temporal profiles of species concentration and temperature in the gas phase above a catalytic surface using Raman and LIFspectroscopy









### NO reduction by $H_2$ to $NH_3$ over Pt - DOC catalyst: LIF monitored NO conversion Flow = 0.5 I/minFlow = 1 I/minT=200°C 37% 20% T=250°C 40% 22% T=300°C 46% 26% $T = 200 - 300^{\circ}C$ NO [ppm] p = 1 atmFlow = 0.5 - 1 l/min NO = 100 pmm 35.00 51.25 67.50 83.75 100.0 $H_2 = 1.000 \text{ ppm}$ A. Zellner, R. Suntz, O. Deutschmann, Angew. Chem. 54 (2015) 2653

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# Homogeneous ignition in catalytic combustion of methane in a platinum coated channel



Comparison of experimentally observed (PLIF) and numerically predicted (2D NS model with detailed gas phase and surface kinetics) OH profiles in a laminar plane channel flow



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# DETCHEM<sup>MONOLITH</sup>: Computer program for the numerical simulation of transients in catalytic monoliths





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# Syngas Formation in CPOX of $CH_4$ on Rh: CFD simulation using OpenFoam and DETCHEM





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### Potential route for butadiene production from n-butane: Two zone fluidized bed reactor with Mo-V catalysts





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### Two zone fluidized bed reactor setup: Axial and radial species profiles by capillary sampling





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### NMR imaging of gas-phase concentrations: Hydrogenation in a packed bed flow reactor





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## Monitoring and modeling gas bubbles in liquids



### Hydrodynamics and mass transfer in Taylor flow







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### Spatial resolution of gas-liquid-solid interactions: Numerical simulation of wetting phenomena



- Phase-field method in OpenFOAM<sup>®</sup> with adaptive mesh refinement near interface
- Method can handle real gas-liquid density and viscosity ratios



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