Elementary reactivity at the nanometer scale: the abstraction of atoms from metal surfaces

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Gas surface reactions





An atom colliding with a clean surface





An atom colliding with a covered surface





An atom colliding with a covered surface



Abstraction or Recombination

Eley-Rideal mechanism













Primary Hot-Atom (HA) mechanism





H_2 and N_2 recombination on W(100) and W(110):



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Methodology: Quasiclassical dynamics simulation

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Eley-Rideal reaction in the single adsorbate limit: Energy dissipation effects

H abstraction from H-covered W(100) and W(110): Adiabatic and non-adiabatic dynamics

Methodology: Quasiclassical dynamics simulation

1. Adiabatic DFT-based multidimensional (6D) PES

- 1.1 Extended set of DFT (GGA) energy values (VASP, PW91): Static Surface approximation
- 1.2 Fitting method / Interpolation method



Born Oppenheimer Static Surface (BOSS) model

Methodology: Quasiclassical dynamics simulation



Born Oppenheimer Static Surface(BOSS) model

Methodology: dissipation to phonons



$$M_i \frac{d^2 \mathbf{R}_i}{dt^2} = -\nabla_i V(\mathbf{R}_i - \mathbf{R}_s, \mathbf{R}_j - \mathbf{R}_s)$$

$$\frac{d^2 \mathbf{R}_s}{dt^2} = -\frac{1}{m_s} \nabla_s V^{6D} (\mathbf{R}_i - \mathbf{R}_s, \mathbf{R}_j - \mathbf{R}_s) - \hat{\omega}_s^2 \mathbf{R}_s + \hat{\lambda}_{gs} \mathbf{R}_g$$



S. A. Adelman, JCP 71, 4471 (1979) J. Tully, JCP 73,1975 (1980) H. F. Busnengo *et al.* PRB 72, 125411 (2005)

$$\frac{d^2 \mathbf{R}_g}{dt^2} = -\hat{\omega}_g^2 \mathbf{R}_g + \hat{\lambda}_{gs} \mathbf{R}_s - \hat{\gamma}_g \frac{d \mathbf{R}_g}{dt} + \frac{1}{m_s} \mathbf{F}_r(t)$$

Generalized Langevin Oscillator (GLO) model

Methodology: dissipation to e-h pairs



Local density friction approximation (LDFA) model

Methodology: dissipation to e-h pairs



LDFA-GLO model

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Dissipation to phonons

Only relevant for N abstraction

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Dissipation to e-h pairs

Low influence on cross sections

Eley-Rideal reaction in the single adsorbate limit: Energy dissipation effects



Eley-Rideal reaction in the single adsorbate limit: **Energy dissipation effects**

2

 E_i (eV)

4

1

4

 E_i (eV)

1.8 $\begin{array}{l} <\Delta E_{N} > \approx 2 < \Delta E_{H} > \\ \uparrow & \uparrow \\ <\Delta E_{ph} > & <\Delta E_{eh} > \\ + & + \\ <\Delta E_{eh} > & <\Delta E_{ph} > \end{array}$ N+N/W(100) H + H/W(100)1.6 LDFA-GLO 1.4 GLO . 1.2 $\Delta E \rangle (eV)$ LDFA 1.0 0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2 3 3 2

Eley-Rideal reaction in the single adsorbate limit: Energy dissipation effects

Results



Coupling between dissipation to phonons and electrons for N Abstraction

Eley-Rideal reaction in the single adsorbate limit: **Energy dissipation effects**

5.0

4.0

3.0

2.0

1.0

0

 $\langle Z_p \rangle$ (Å)



N+N/W(100)

Eley-Rideal reaction in the single adsorbate limit: Energy dissipation effects



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The main energy exchange with phonons occurs in the collision, whereas the energy exchan-ge with e-h pairs is distributed before and after collision

Concluding...

ER reaction dependence on E_i is unchanged when including energy dissipation to the metal. However, a relevant amount of e-h pair excitations are created in, as well as phonon excitations for N recombination

H abstraction from H-covered W(110) and W(100): Non-adiabatic dynamics



Results



Results



Results



Time (ps)

Results



Concluding...

e-h pair excitations importantly affect Hot-Atom abstraction of H adsorbed on W(100) and W(110) by H scattering. As a consequence both ER and HA processes are shown to contribute in a similar way to the total abstraction cross sections.

Thanks for your attention

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