# Single Atom Catalysts for Sustainable Conversion of Synthetic Chemicals

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Storage from intermittent sources of power.

Heavy long-distance travel.

Transfer of energy between regions.

Chemical industry - 10% of Europe's consumption of fossil resources.

Energy dependence.





Atomically dispersed iron hydroxide anchored on Pt for preferential oxidation of CO in  $H_2$ 

PROX reaction:  $1\% \text{ CO} + 0.5\% \text{ O}_2 + 48\% \text{ H}_2 + \text{He}$  (balance)



on Pt for preferential oxidation of CO in H2. Nature 2019 (7741) 631-5.

Chunlei Wang<sup>1</sup>, Heloise Tissot<sup>1</sup>, Markus Soldemo<sup>2</sup>, Junling Lu<sup>3</sup>, Jonas Weissenrieder, Inverse single-site Fe<sub>1</sub>(OH)<sub>v</sub>/Pt(111) model catalyst for preferential oxidation of CO in H<sub>2</sub>, Nano Research 15 (2022) 709-715

#### Ferrocene (FeCp<sub>2</sub>), steric hindrance, isolated sites

# In situ studies of 1c-Fe on Pt(111)



Fe1(OH)3@Pt(111)

Reducible to Fe<sup>2+</sup>. Formation of a Fe(OH)<sub>3</sub> under PROX conditions



# In situ XPS 1c-Fe on Pt(111)







Fe <sub>1</sub> (OH) <sub>3</sub> @Pt(100)	Binding energy (eV)
1-OH	531.30
2-OH	531.21
3-OH	531.29



Reducible to Fe2+. Formation of a Fe(OH)3 under PROX conditions



#### Reaction pathway for CO oxidation during PROX





Fe(OH)<sub>3</sub> and Pt collaborate

## Selective ALD deposition of Fe on $Cu_2O(100)$





#### STM of catalyst preparation





APXPS (MAX IV) of catalyst preparation

High-Density Isolated  $Fe_1O_3$  Sites on a Single-Crystal  $Cu_2O(100)$  Surface Chunlei Wang, Heloise Tissot, Joakim Halldin Stenlid, Sarp Kaya, and Jonas Weissenrieder J. Phys. Chem. Lett. 2019, 10, 23, 7318–7323

#### Formation of stable isolated Fe centers

(a) Co 2p

Intensity (a.

800

795

1100 eV

Clean Cu<sub>2</sub>O(111)

779.6

785

Binding energy (eV)

Co 2p (MAX IV)

790

CoCp, adsorption 298 K

10<sup>-6</sup> mbar O, 473 K

780

775





#### STM of catalyst preparation



Stabilization of Cu2O through Site-Selective Formation of a Co1Cu Hybrid Single-Atom Catalyst C Wang, Y Kong, M Soldemo, Z Wu, H Tissot, B Karagoz, K Marks, et al, Chemistry of Materials 34 (2022) 2313-2320



APXPS (MAX IV) and simulated reaction pathways

Stabilization of reactive Cu<sup>+</sup> sites .

WISE PhD project



# In-Cu mixed oxides for CO<sub>2</sub> conversion



Cu<sub>2</sub>O(110) surface structure

ALD precursors

Copper dimers at the  $Cu_2O(110)$  surface

Cu<sup>+</sup> sites

Structure, stability, chemical properties

Link to application portal: https://kth.varbi.com/en/what:job/jobID:588420/where:4/

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Thank you for your attention.