

# Plasmonic sensing to follow the reactivity on Pt NPs and clusters

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## Nanosensors based on the LSPR (Localized Surface Plasmon Resonance)

Understanding how gas molecules interact with NPs :

→ essential challenge in atmospheric chemistry and catalysis

Extraordinary optical properties of noble-metal nanoparticles :

→ development of (chemical, biological, ...) sensitive nanosensors



LSPR extinction peak : collective oscillation of electrons of an illuminated metal nanoparticle

The minimum of reflected light corresponds to a maximum of absorbance



# Indirect nanoplasmonic sensing: INPS



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powder catalysts and Pt(100) single crystals.

Wavelength (nm)



# **Pt NP's fabrication**



*TEM pictures JEOL JEM 2010* 

- Chemical synthesis (plasmonic sample immersed in Pt(acac)2 + chloroform)
- Reduction (CO, H<sub>2</sub>) + heating treatment (200 °C)  $\rightarrow$  transfer HV reactor - Pt NPs cubic shape
  - *d* = **3.0** ± 1 nm
  - $a_s = n_s d^2 = 0.52$  % (very low !)

# **Oxygen adsorption: INPS** $vs \Delta \Phi$



- INPS on our sample:
  Δλ > 0 and increases with oxygen coverage
  Error bars =
  lower limit of detection =
  0.04 ML !!!
- Literature → work function measurements on polycrystalline Pt\*
   <u>ΔΦ > 0</u> and increases with oxygen coverage

 → oxygen is irreversibly adsorbed on Pt NPs until the saturation coverage Θ ~ 0.4 ML

## **CO adsorption: INPS** $vs \Delta \Phi$



INPS on our sample:
 Δλ < 0 and increases when</li>
 0.3 < Θ < 0.5 ML</li>
 Error bars =

*lower limit of detection = 0.04 ML !!!* 

 Literature → work function measurements on Pt(111)\*:
 <u>ΔΦ < 0</u> and increases when 0.3 < Θ < 0.5 ML</li>

→ CO is reversibly adsorbed on Pt NPs until the saturation coverage θ ~ 0.5 ML

## **QMS coupling: quantitative measurements**



• QMS  $\rightarrow$  monitoring the CO<sub>2</sub> production during CO oxidation on Pt NPs T = 443 K, **X**<sub>CO</sub> = **P**<sub>CO</sub> / (**P**<sub>CO</sub> + **P**<sub>O2</sub>) = 0.25

• CO<sub>2</sub> production by the plasmonic sample itself (contribution from the bare HV reactor has been subtracted)

## **QMS / INPS to follow the CO oxidation**





# To go further...

0.5% of the sensor surface is covered by Pt nanocubes

detection of a few hundredths of a monolayer

#### Work on size-sorted Pt clusters (10 to 20 atoms)

- Decrease the amount of Pt (rare and expansive)
- > INPS measurable ?
- Sensitivity vs the Pt cluster size ?

Collaboration with

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Combination of the condensation of metal atoms from the gas phase by means of Gas Aggregation Cluster Source and Quadrupole Mass Selection

## Pt 10 deposited directly onto the INPS sensor 10 % at. ML eq.









# **Conclusions and outlooks**

- > INPS = non destructive probe on large (P, T) domains
- > With cubic Pt NP's: quantitative + very sensitive probe
- > With Pt10 clusters: first results on CO adsorption ...

#### **Outlooks**:

- > Pt10 at lower P<sub>CO</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, and CO oxidation + Mass Spectrom.
- Increase the Pt cluster size
- > Measure the isosteric heat of adsorption