H-graphite: Adsorption / desorption / recombination

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Figure 1 Volume of 4 kg of hydrogen compacted in different ways, with size relative to the size of a car. (Image of car courtesy of Toyota press information, 33rd Tokyo Motor Show, 1999.)



Hydrogen storage for automotive applications

Interstellar Catalysis

H chemisorbed on graphite Neumann et al. Appl. Phys. A 55, 489 (1992) Jeloica & Sidis, Chem. Phys. Lett. 300, 157 (1999)



Sha et al, Surface Science 496, 318 (2002)

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H₂ (HD) formation on graphite – Eley-Rideal Abstraction

H



Zecho et al, Chem. Phys. Lett. 366, 188 (2002)

Jeloaica & Sidis (2001), Meijer et al. (2001), Sha et al. (2002), Morisset et al. (2004), Matinazzo & Tantardini (2006), Bachellerie et al. (2007), Thomas et al. (2008)

D

HD

H₂ formation on graphite - TDS



 $\frac{\mathrm{d}\Theta}{\mathrm{d}t} = -k_0 \,\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{B}}/\mathrm{k}_{\mathrm{B}}\mathrm{T}}\,\Theta^{\mathrm{n}}$

n=1 => First order desorption

490 K => 1.4 eV

580 K => 1.6 eV

Zecho et al, J. Chem. Phys. 117, 8486 (2002)

STM on graphite



‡ 2.46 Å





Hydrogen on graphite – Monomers





155 x 171 Å² , 180 K $V_t \sim -710 \text{mV}, I_t \sim -0.16 \text{nA}$

H-Dimers on graphite



Dimers: Theory vs. Experiment Ortho dimer - Dimer A Para dimer - Dimer B a. b. b. b. b. Hornekær et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 96, 156104 (2006)





$V_t=0.9 \text{ V}, \text{LDOS}=1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ (eV)}^{-1} \text{ Å}^{-3}$



Similar results for ortho dimer: *Ferro et al. Chem. Phys. Lett.* **368**, 609 (2003). *Y. Miura et al. J. Appl. Phys.* **93**, *3395 (2003).*

 $V_t = 884 \text{ mV}, I_t = 0.16 \text{ nA}$

Diffusion

Barrier to diffusion for an isolated H atom: 1.15 eV Barrier to desorption for an isolated H atom: 0.9 eV



Dimer formation



Kinetic Monte Carlo Simulations -Experimental benchmarks



Zecho et al, Chem Phys Lett, 366 (2002) 188



 ${\sim}85~\%$ of atoms in dimer conf. at 0.01 ML Hornekær et al. PRL 96, 156104 (2006)

All D abstracted at long H exposure

Thomas et al, Surf. Sci. 602, 2311 (2008)

Cuppen & Hornekær, J. Chem. Phys. 128, 174707 (2008)

Eley-Rideal Abstraction Mechanisms



H-Dimers on graphite



Dimers after Anneal

103 x 114 Å²



80 x 72 Å²



 $V_t = 884 \text{ mV}, I_t = 0.36 \text{ nA}$

 $V_t = 884 \text{ mV}, I_t = 0.19 \text{ nA}$

Recombination pathways



Hornekær et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 96, 156104 (2006)

Explaining the TDS/TPD?



 $\frac{d\Theta}{dt} = -k_0 e^{-E_B/k_B T} \Theta^n$ n=1 => First order desorption

Barrier to diffusion: 1.3 eV Barrier to desorption: 0.9 eV

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Ortho-dimer - high barrier



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Para-dimer - low barrier





Recombination pathways



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Translational energy of formed molecules



Laser QMS Laser Induced Thermal Desorption (LITD)

Nd:YAG /Alexandrite Laser

> 200 mJ /3 mJ 17 /150 ns pulse

Time of Flight Measurement

Kinetic energy of D₂ formed on graphite



S. Baouche et al. J. Chem. Phys. 125, 084712, 2006

H on HOPG

Low Coverage

Medium Coverage

171 x 155 Å²

103 x 114 Å² V_t~800mV, I_t~0.15-0.2nA

High Coverage



Extended dimers



	6×6 cell		$7{\times}7$ cell	
Config.	# of k -points		# of k -points	
	6	18	6	18
Ο	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Μ	1.26	1.22	1.22	1.17
Р	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.03
MO	1.01	0.98	0.99	0.94
OP	1.32	1.30	1.27	1.23
MP	0.65	0.63	0.64	0.61
MM	1.22	1.17	1.17	1.12
OPO	0.89	0.88	0.83	0.79
\mathbf{POM}	1.23	1.22	1.19	1.15
POP	0.64	0.59	0.69	0.67

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Extended dimers



(d) $I_t = -0.58 \text{ nA}, V_t = -312 \text{ mV}$ (e) $I_t = -0.45 \text{ nA}, V_t = -1250 \text{ mV}$ (f) $I_t = -0.43 \text{ nA}, V_t = -1250 \text{ mV}$

Also observed by Andree et al. Chem. Phys. Lett. **425**, 99 (2006)

Spin density



Similar findings for B-dopants and defects: Ferro et al, J. Nuc. Mat, 363, 1206 (2007)

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Preferential sticking and clustering



Diffusion

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Jeloaica & Sidis (2001) Meijer et al. (2001) Sha et al. (2002) Zecho et al. (2002) Matinazzo & Tantardini (2006) Morisset et al. (2004) Bachellerie et al. (2007) Thomas et al. (2008)

Random adsorption and cluster formation



In accord with LEED and UPS measurements: Neumann et al. Appl. Phys. A 55, 489 (1992) Guttler et al. Chem. Phys. Lett. 395, 171 (2004) Large cluster formation also found in HREELS and DFT studies: Allouche et al, JCP 123, 124701 (2005)

Still recombination from dimer like edges (but also atom desorption)



High coverage



High Coverage

 $V_t = -1.05 V, I_t = -0.55 nA$

80 x 72 Å²

525K anneal



Stars / trimers

Negative voltages:



I=-0.16nA, V=-874mV 0512020424



I=-0.15nA, V=-309mV 0512020422



I=-0.16nA, V=-109mV 0512020408



I=-0.16nA, V=-46mV 05120204210



I=-0.15nA, V=-23mV 0512020437

Positive voltages:



I=0.15nA, V=874mV 0512020435



I=0.15nA, V=367mV 0512020429



I=0.15nA, V=154mV 0512020431



I=0.15nA, V=46mV 0512020434



I=0.15nA, V=23mV 0512020438



L. Hornekær et al., Chem. Phys. Lett. (2007)

Binding sites on graphitic surfaces



Chemisorption

Vacancy

Physisorption: Creighan et al, J. Chem. Phys. 124, 114701 (2006) Chemisorption - basal plane: Jeloica & Sidis, Chem. Phys. Lett. 300, 157 (1999) Chemisorption at defects: Sha et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **126**, 13095 (2004) Güttler et al. Surface Science **570**, 218 (2004) Thomas et al. Surface Science.**602**, 2311 (2008)

Step edges



Kinetic energy distribution



S. Baouche et al.

Hydrocarbon formation



A. Güttler et al., Surface Science 570, 218 (2004)

H₂ Formation on hydrogenated carbon nanograins



Menella, ApJ 684, L25 (2008)

Talk by Vito Menella



H on other carbonaceous materials: **Graphene** Carbon nanotubes C60 PAHs









H on other carbonaceous materials: Graphene **Carbon nanotubes** C60 **TPD spectra of deuteium from SWNT PAHs** 20 m in D dose 40 m in D dose 80 m in D dose 1,50E-012 Signal 1,00E-012

5,00E-013

300

400

500 600 700 Temperature [K] 800

900

1000

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Graphene Carbon nand C60 PAHs



Rauls and Hornekær, Ap. J. 679, 531 (2008









Graphene Carbon nanotubes C60 PAHs

Talk by Christine Joblin



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