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#### A Multi-Site Kinetic Model for NH<sub>3</sub>-SCR over Cu/SSZ-13

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## Objective

The objective of this study was to develop a kinetic model for ammonia SCR over Cu/SSZ-13 in a broad temperature interval from 100 to 600°C.



# Heat of adsorption of NH<sub>3</sub> on Cu-SSZ-13 using micro-calorimetry

- Total flow: 20 ml/min
- Catalyst mass: 100 mg
- Ammonia adsorption using 1000 ppm at each temperature
- 500, 450, 400, 350, 300, 250, 200, 150, 100, 50°C



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# - Heat of adsorption: 163.4\*(1-0.596\*θ<sub>NH3</sub>)

- Total flow: 3500 ml/min (30 300 h<sup>-1</sup>)
- Monolith: 2 cm in length, 2.1 cm in diameter
- Ammonia adsorption using 400 ppm NH<sub>3</sub> +5 % H2O



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#### **Reaction rates versus Cu loading, Cu/BEA**



- Over-exchanged Cu sites are more active for ammonia and NO oxidation
- Low and medium loaded Cu-BEA are more active for SCR
- 2 different Cu sites

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#### Ammonia TPD, for different Cu loading, Cu/BEA



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#### Site description

- S1: Copper in the six-membered rings. Lumped together with Brönsted acid sites.
  - Main NH<sub>3</sub> desorption peak
- S2: Copper in the larger cages. Lumped together with Brönsted acid sites.
  - High temperature shoulder in the NH<sub>3</sub> desorption peak
- S3: Sites for physisorption of ammonia
  - NH<sub>3</sub> desorption at low temperature.

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#### Micro calorimetry and storage model



- S1: Heat of adsorption: 149.0\*(1-0.20\*θ<sub>NH3</sub>)
- S2: Heat of adsorption: 137.8 kJ/mol (from DSC 450°C)
- S3: Heat of adsorption: 72.6 kJ/mol (from DSC 50°C)

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## **Kinetic model of NH<sub>3</sub> TPD**



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## **Arrhenius plots**



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#### **Ammonia SCR**



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#### **Ammonia SCR**



<u>400 ppm NO, 400ppm</u> <u>NH<sub>3</sub>, 8% O<sub>2</sub>, 5% H<sub>2</sub>O</u>		
	$4 S1 - NH_3 + 4NO + O_2 \stackrel{\overline{r}_6}{\Rightarrow}$ $4N_2 + 6H_2O + 4S1$ $4 S2 - NH_3 + 4NO + O_2 \stackrel{\overline{r}_7}{\Rightarrow}$ $4N_2 + 6H_2O + 4S2$ $\overline{r_8}$	
	$S2 - NH_3 + NO \Leftrightarrow$ $S2 - NH_3 - NO$ $2 S2 - NH_3 - NO + O_2 \Rightarrow$	
	$N_2O + N_2 + 3H_2O + 2S2$ $2 S2 - NH_3 + 2NO + O_2 \stackrel{F_{10}}{\Rightarrow}$ $N_2O + N_2 + 3H_2O + 2S2$	

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## Conclusions

- A kinetic model for NH<sub>3</sub>-SCR over Cu/SSZ-13 catalyst was developed. Three-sites were needed.
- Site description:
  - S1: Cu in the six-membered rings. Lumped together with Brönsted acid sites.
  - S2: Cu in the larger cages. Lumped together with Brönsted acid sites.
  - S3: Sites for physisorption of ammonia
- The main SCR reaction in the model occurs on S1 sites and the main ammonia oxidation reaction on S2 sites.
- An extra step was needed for ammonia-SCR on S2, to describe SCR at high temperature.



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