

IAP Seminar



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Hematite as a Support Material for Single Atom Catalysis

Iron oxides have been used as support materials in some of the most influential papers on single atom catalysis, and remain a popular choice due to their low cost and high stability. In the literature, the FeO_x catalysts are often modelled as hematite (α -Fe₂O₃), specifically the (0001) facet. However, this surface remains poorly understood: The most commonly observed termination in experiment is a superstructure with unknown atomic configuration, and stabilizing any monophase surface appears to be challenging. Adatom adsorption has not been experimentally investigated in any detail. I will discuss both the (0001) facet and the less investigated (1 $\bar{1}$ 02) surface, which exposes either a simple bulk-truncated termination or a reduced (2 × 1) reconstruction. I will present experimental results on the stabilization of adatoms on the (1 $\bar{1}$ 02) surface and discuss the suitability of the two facets as model systems.

All interested colleagues are welcome to this seminar lecture (30 min. presentation followed by discussion).

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