fs-laser-driven dynamics of CO on Ru(0001)

a computational study using electronic friction (MDEF) and the generalized Langevin oscillator (GLO)

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General motivation

Why investigate fs-laser-driven surface dynamics?

- gain fundamental understanding of adsorbate bonding
  $\Rightarrow$ additional tool besides scattering experiments and STM
- possible direct application in catalysis: “femtochemistry”
  $\Rightarrow$ new reaction pathways opened up by fs-lasers

CO/O-coadsorbate @ Ru(0001)

M. Bonn *et al.*, *Science* 1999

Specific motivation for the CO/Ru-System

CO/Ru system important for catalysis

e. g. Fischer-Tropsch synthesis

Experimentally well studied system

- especially regarding fs-laser irradiation e.g.:
  Bonn *et al.*, *Science* 1999; Funk *et al.*, *JChemPhys* 2000
  (both Ertl group - chemistry Nobel prize 2007).
- recently, time resolved x-ray spectra (XAS and XES)
  $\Rightarrow$ “movie” of changes in orbital DOS

Details of the time-resolved x-ray experiment

What was done?

- pump: *vis*-fs-laser
- probe: x-ray free electron laser (K edge of O-atom)

What is observed?

- orbital density of states at O
- energies shift towards gas-phase values of CO
- intensities change
  - $2\tilde{\pi}^* \Rightarrow$ increase by $\sim 30\%$
  - $\tilde{d}_\pi \Rightarrow$ decrease by $\sim 30\%$
  - participator peak appears

What happens after fs-laser excitation of the metal?

Coupling between three different kinds of degrees of freedom:

- electron gas (T_{el})
- lattice vibrations (T_{ph})
- adsorbate movement (T_{ads})

Ab-initio-based, full-dimensional (6D) potential energy surface (PES)

Two-Temperature Model

$$C_{\mathrm{el}} \frac{\partial T_{\mathrm{el}}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \kappa \frac{\partial}{\partial z} T_{\mathrm{el}} - g(T_{\mathrm{el}} - T_{\mathrm{ph}}) + S(z,t),$$

$$C_{\mathrm{ph}} \frac{\partial T_{\mathrm{ph}}}{\partial t} = g(T_{\mathrm{el}} - T_{\mathrm{ph}}).$$

Non-adiabatic coupling

Langevin Dynamics

$$\underbrace{m_k \frac{d^2 \underline{r}_k}{dt^2}}_{\text{Force on Atom } k} = \underbrace{-\underline{\nabla}_k V(\underline{r}_1, \underline{r}_2)}_{\text{Force due to PES}} \underbrace{- \eta_{\mathrm{el},k}(\underline{r}_k) \frac{d\underline{r}_k}{dt}}_{\text{Friction force slows movement}} + \underbrace{\underline{R}_{\mathrm{el},k}(t)}_{\text{Random force from e-h pairs}}.$$

- $R_{\mathrm{el},k}(t)$ = Gaussian white noise
  - describes excitation by hot electron-hole pairs
  - dependent on: $\eta_{\mathrm{el},k}(\underline{r}_k)$ and T_{el}

Local density friction approx. plus independent atoms

Generalized Langevin Oscillator

$$m_s \frac{d^2 \underline{r}_s}{dt^2} = \underbrace{-\underline{\nabla}_s V(\underline{r}_1 - \underline{r}_s, \underline{r}_2 - \underline{r}_s)}_{\text{Force due to PES}} \underbrace{- m_s \underline{\underline{\Omega}}^2 \underline{r}_s}_{\text{Harmonic oscillator}} \underbrace{+ m_s \underline{\underline{\Lambda}}_{gs} \underline{r}_g}_{\text{Coupling to ghost oscillator}}$$

$$m_s \frac{d^2 \underline{r}_g}{dt^2} = \underbrace{-m_s \underline{\underline{\Omega}}^2 \underline{r}_g}_{\text{Harmonic oscillator}} \underbrace{+ m_s \underline{\underline{\Lambda}}_{gs} \underline{r}_s}_{\text{Coupling to surface oscillator}} \underbrace{- \eta_{\mathrm{ph}} \frac{d\underline{r}_g}{dt}}_{\text{Friction force}} \underbrace{+ \underline{R}_{\mathrm{ph}}(T_{\mathrm{ph}})}_{\text{Random forces}}$$

Laser-Driven Diffusion

Fluence-dependence of desorption yield P_{des}

Anisotropic diffusion + dynamical trapping

Suprising patterns in XY-distribution

- preferation of **hcp-site** after 5-7 ps, **despite** it being a local **maximum**!

⇒ dynamical trapping (see also 30 ps)

- effect dependent on fluence

⇒ consistent with experiment (less "precursor" for low fluence)