



# B2/B6: $V_xO_y$ ( $Ti_xO_y$ ) in SBA 15:

**SFB  
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Synthesis  
Structure  
ODH of propane

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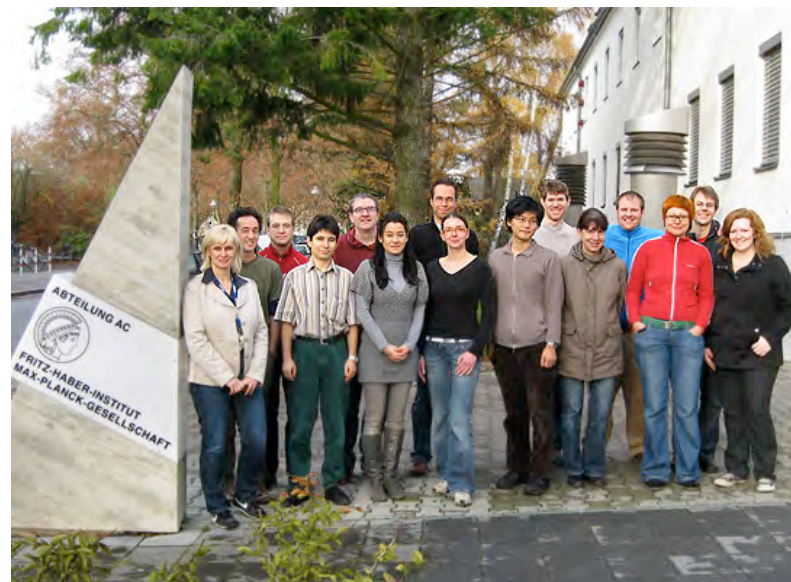
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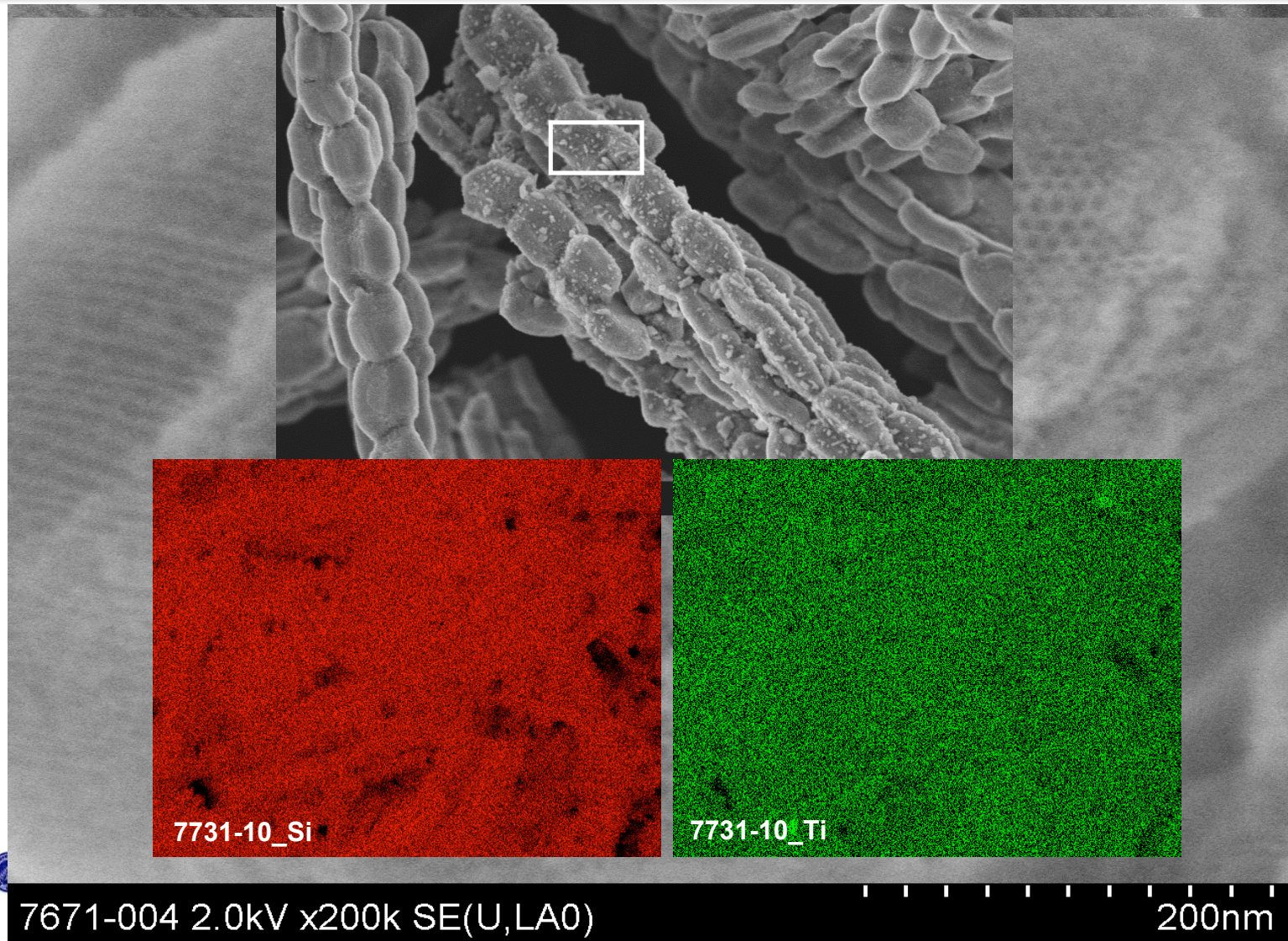
# Targets

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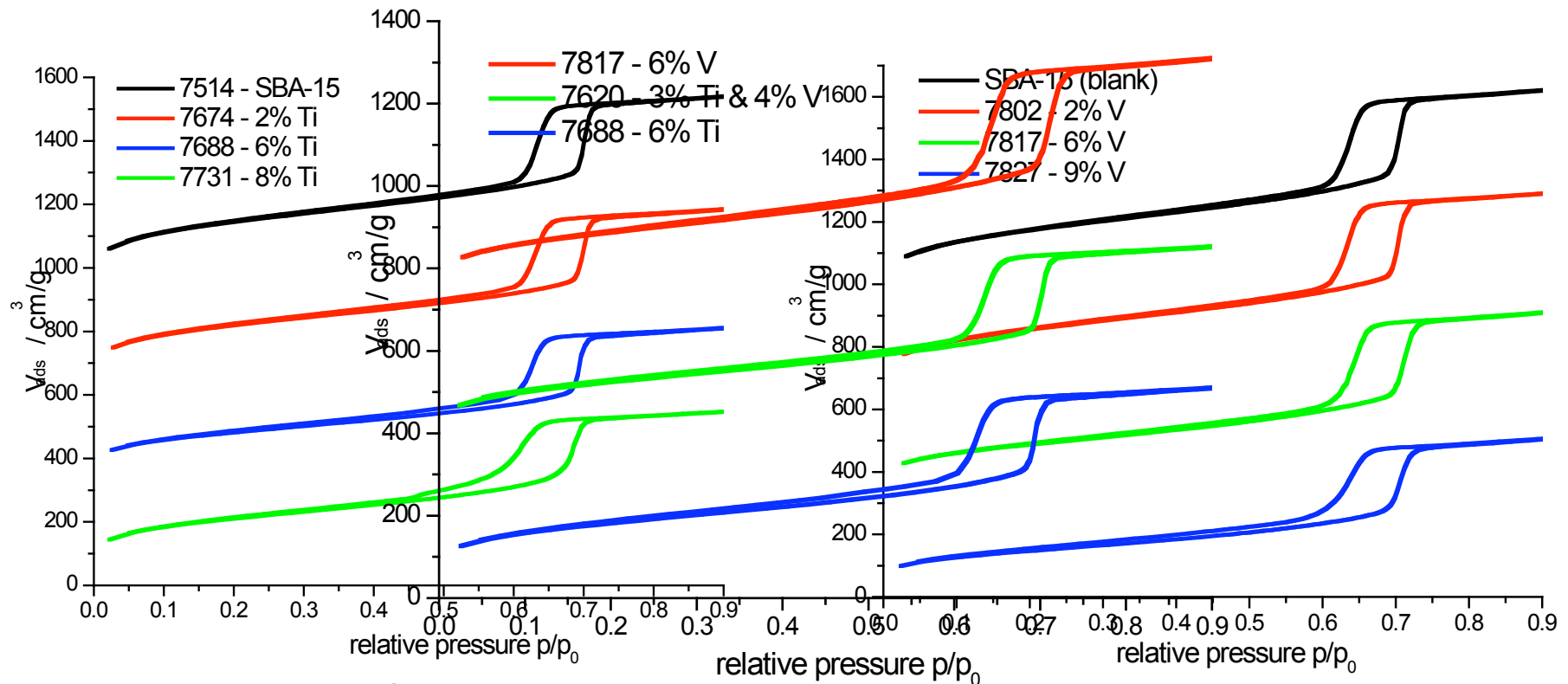
- Synthesize families of title catalysts in reproducible and large quantities.
- Characterize geometric and electronic structures.
- Share with K. Dinse for in-depth electronic structure analysis by EPR.
- Share with R. Schomäcker for kinetic testing.
- Compare with other systems in C3 ODH.
- Identify generic data for comparison with theory.

sample	% wt V set	% wt V from EDX	% wt V from XRF	BET surface / m <sup>2</sup> /g (16.2nm <sup>2</sup> /N <sub>2</sub> )	S(micropore) [m <sup>2</sup> /g]	XRD	S(micro)/S(BET)	DFT (equ.) pore size d <sub>0</sub>	a0 [nm]	wall thickness [nm]
sample	% wt Ti/V set	% wt Ti from EDX / XRF	% wt V from EDX / XRF	BET surface / m <sup>2</sup> /g (16.2nm <sup>2</sup> /N <sub>2</sub> )	S(micropore) [m <sup>2</sup> /g]	XRD	S(micro)/S(BET)	DFT (equ.) pore size d <sub>0</sub> [nm]	a0 [nm]	wall thickness [nm]
7495	0/0			978	427	no peaks	43,7%	7.59	11.22	3.63
7569	3/0	"3.4"/ 3.45		823	316	no peaks	38,4%	7.31	10.97	3.66
7606	3/0.8	"3.4"/ 3.29	0.98	761	293	no peaks	38,5%	7.31	10.96	3.65
7620	3/4	3.4	3.9	629	192	no peaks	30,5%	7.31	10.94	3.63
7622	15/0	"7.5"/ 8.83		809	292	no peaks	36,1%	7.03	10.96	3.93
7624	15/4	7.5	3.6	319	79	no peaks	24,8%	7.03	10.84	3.81
7841	20	13,0	13.66	200	39	Peak 22.6°	"19.5%"	Macro poren		

# Structural integrity



# Textural integrity



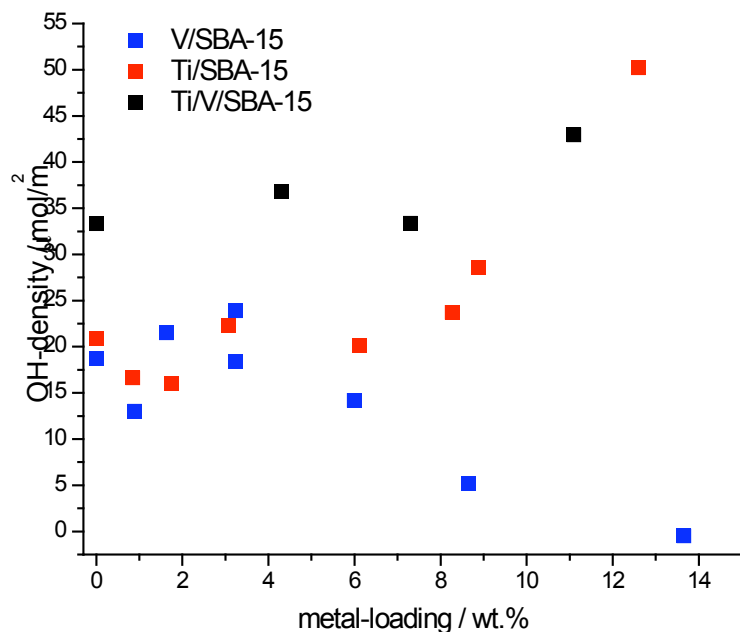
Vanadia localizes preferentially in micropores

Titania localizes on massive wall parts

Integrity of pore system maintained

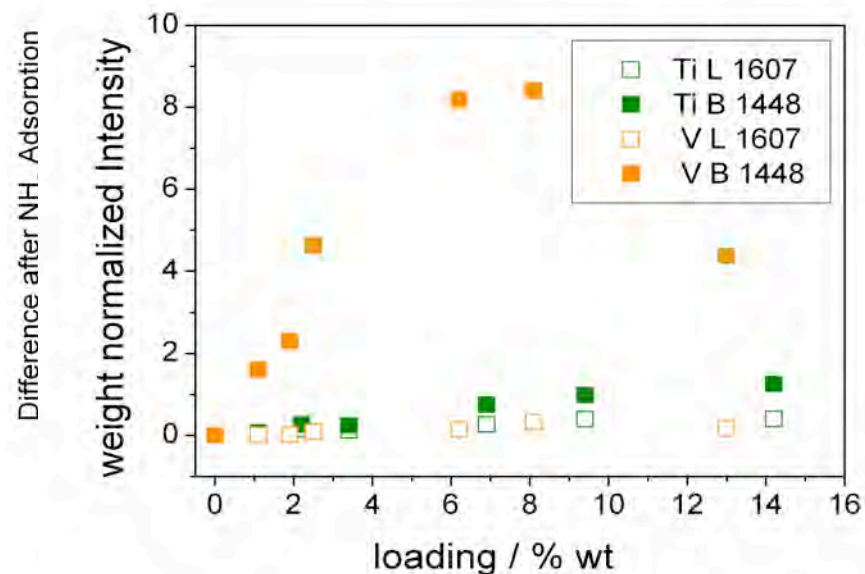
V on Ti localizes substantially on Ti Crystallization of oxides easily detected (not shown)

# OH groups and acid-base chemistry



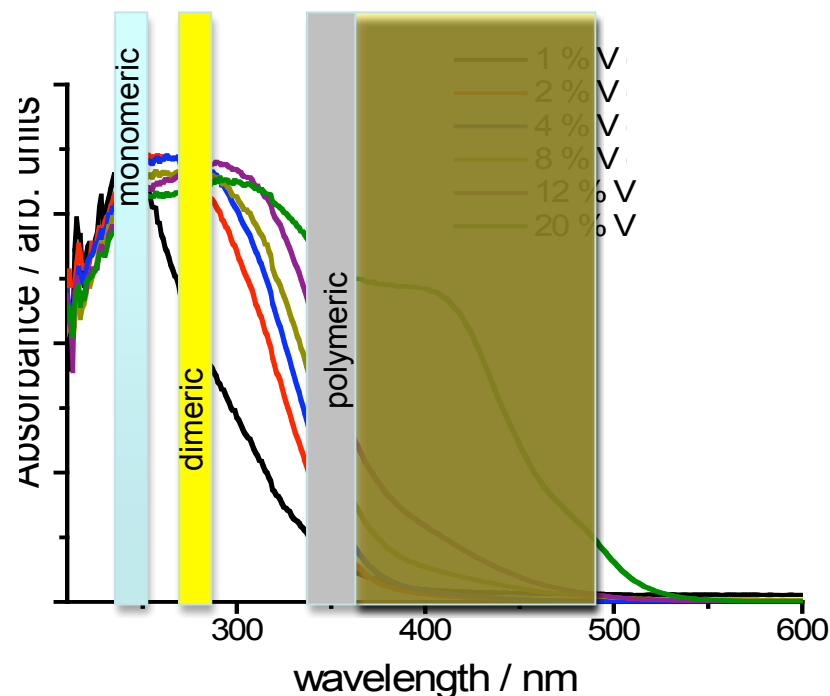
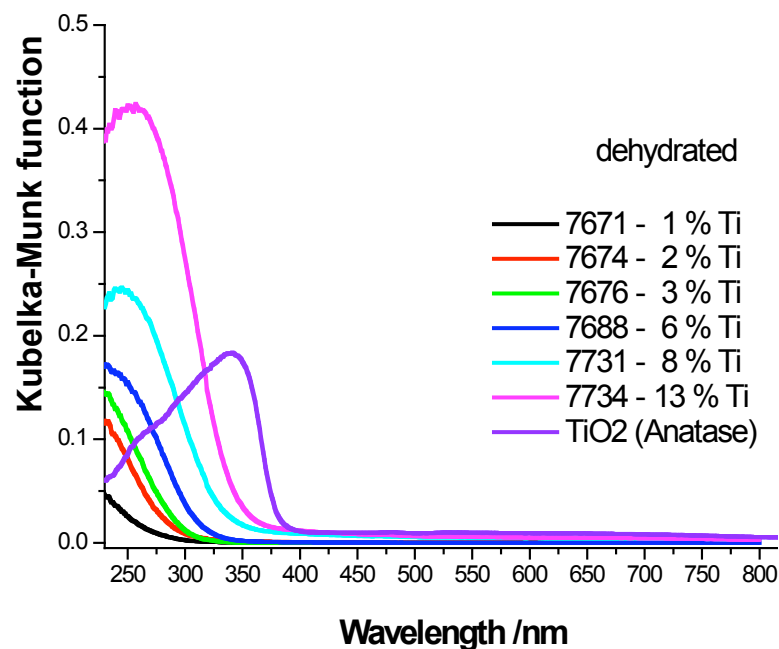
V reacts with all OH groups available (micropores!)

Ti adds more OH groups to the system



Metal loading creates acidity.  
Ti-bonded OH weakly acidic.  
V-bonded OH strongly acidic.

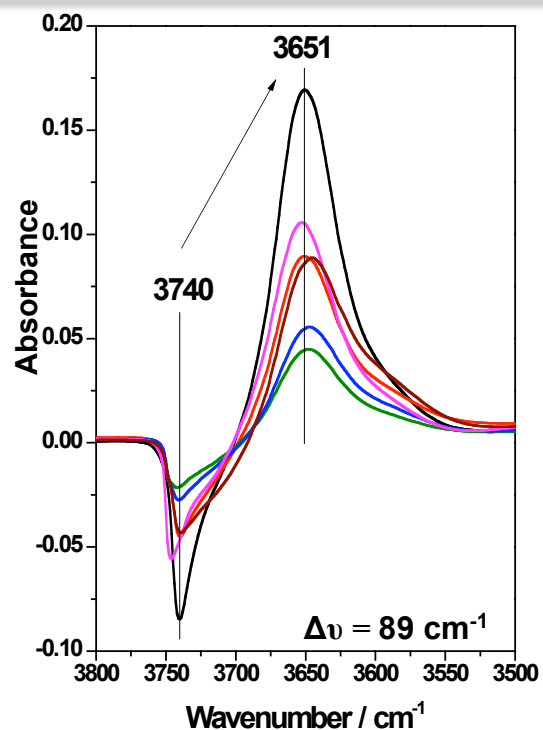
# Structure and the metal species



Titania forms tetrahedral distorted species at all loadings (NEXAFS)  
 Vanadia oligomerizes with increasing loading to a mixture of species (NEXAFS, K.Hermann)  
 The combination of V+Ti suppresses the structural dynamics of V and leads to mixed oligomers.

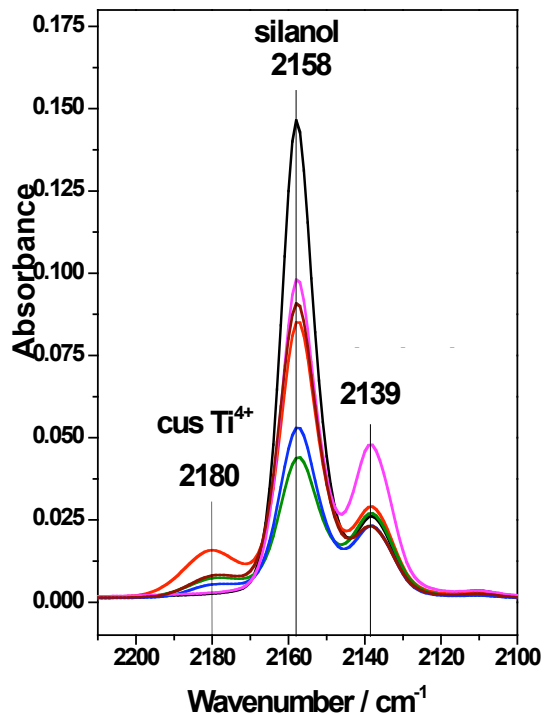


# Structure of the metal species



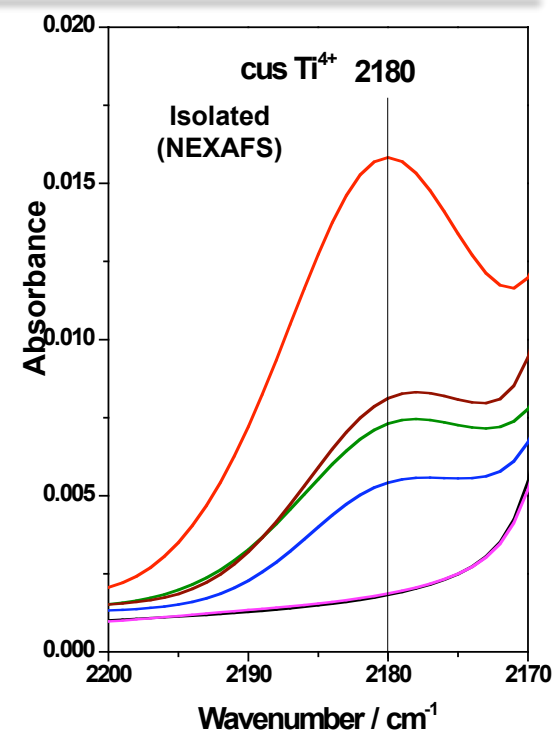
77 K, 0.04 mbar

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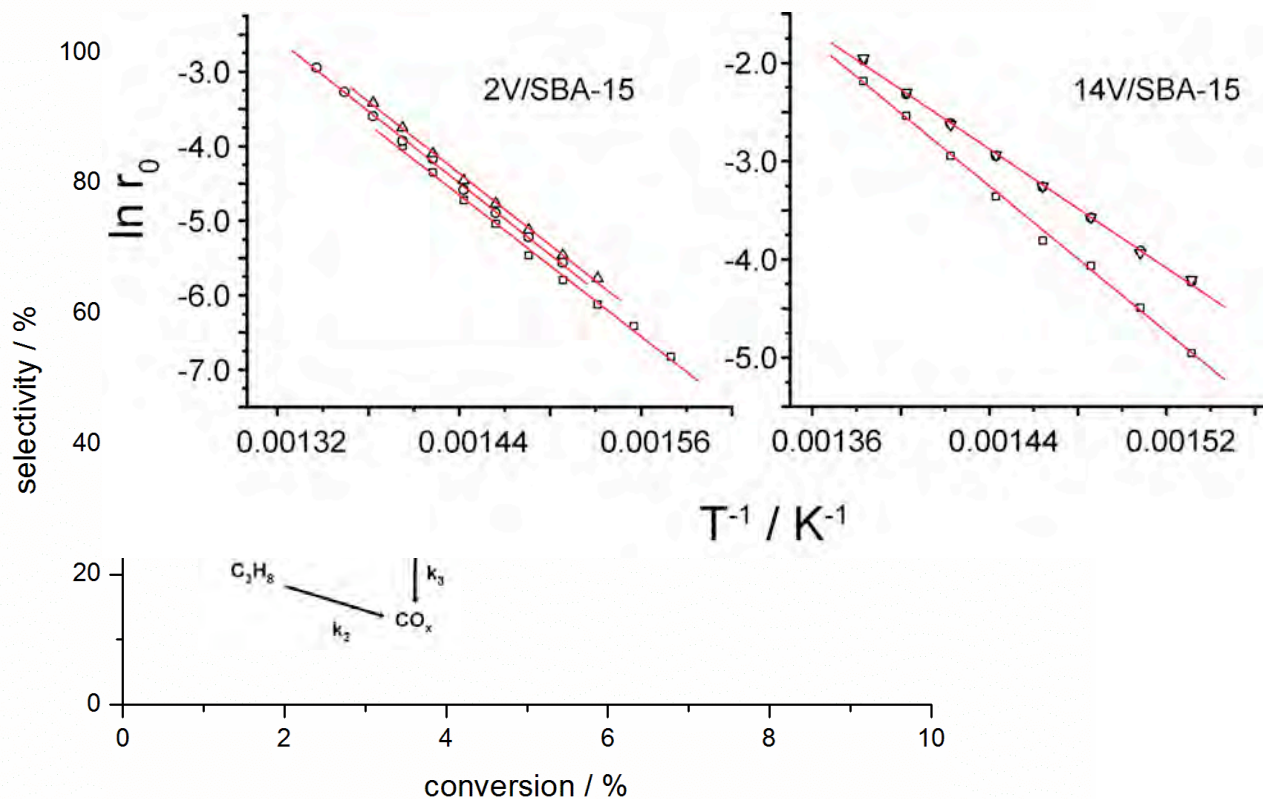
SBA-15, #7495, 0.044 mbar  
 8Ti/SBA-15, #7622, 0.044 mbar  
 4V/8Ti/SBA-15, #7624, 0.040 mbar  
 4V/3Ti/SBA-15, #7620, 0.041 mbar  
 0.8V/3Ti/SBA-15, #7606, 0.047 mbar  
 4V/SBA-15, #7815, 0.042 mbar

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Anchoring of V on Ti but  
 no coverage:  
 Non-planar arrangement,  
 micropore location of V.

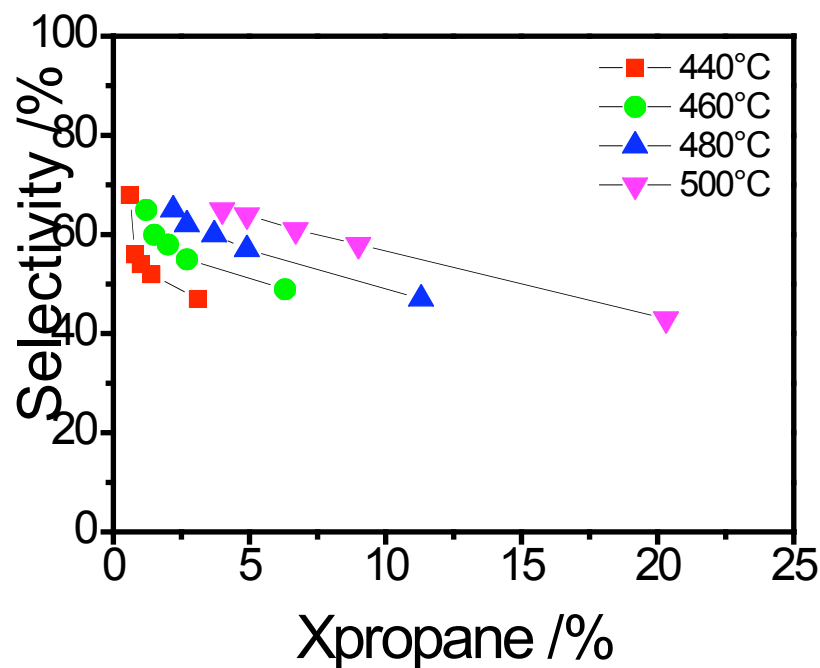
# Catalysis



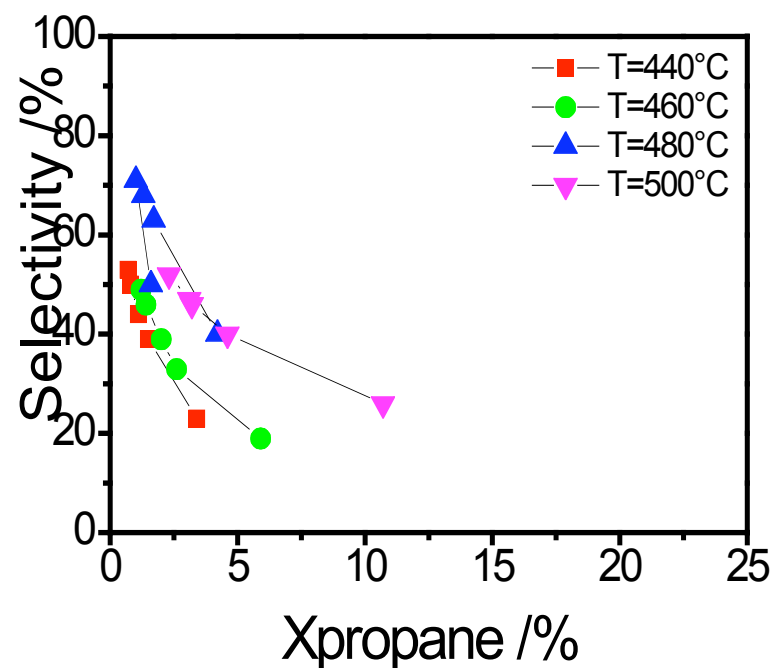
The system is structurally stable at very low loading but becomes gradually dynamical at higher loading

# Catalysts: VO<sub>x</sub>/SBA15

## 2% VO<sub>x</sub>/SBA15

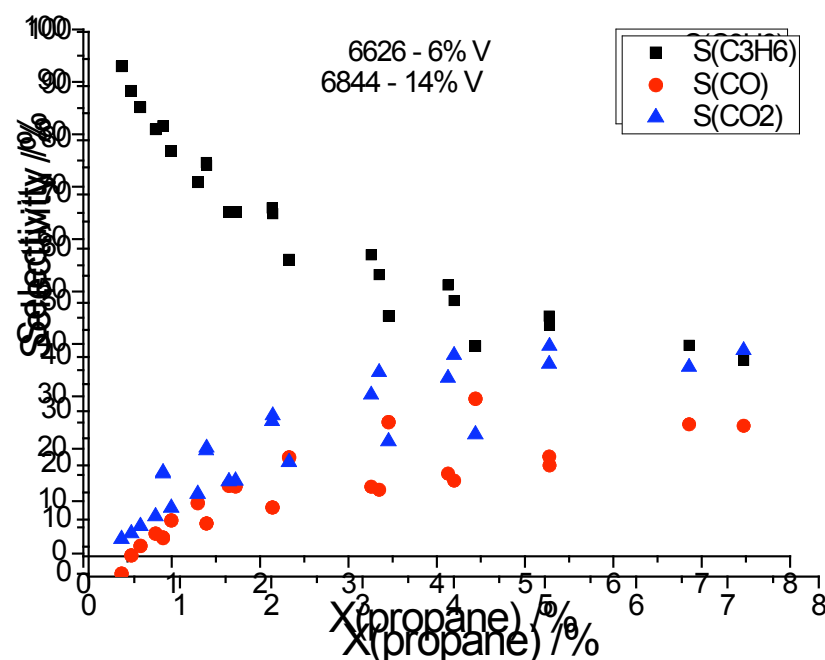
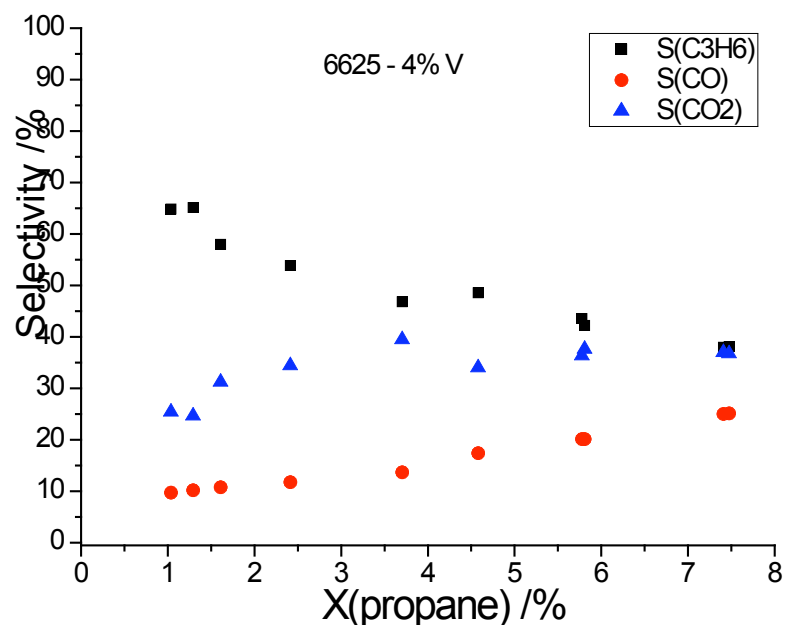


## 13% VO<sub>x</sub>/SBA15



Selectivity-conversion trajectories for 2% VO<sub>x</sub>/SBA15 and 13% VO<sub>x</sub>/SBA15 catalyst.  
 $C_3H_8/O_2/N_2 = 17.2/8.6/34.3$ . Catalysts mass = 300 and 30 mg Flows = 20- 100 cc/min

# Multiple reaction pathways: “simple” reaction network?

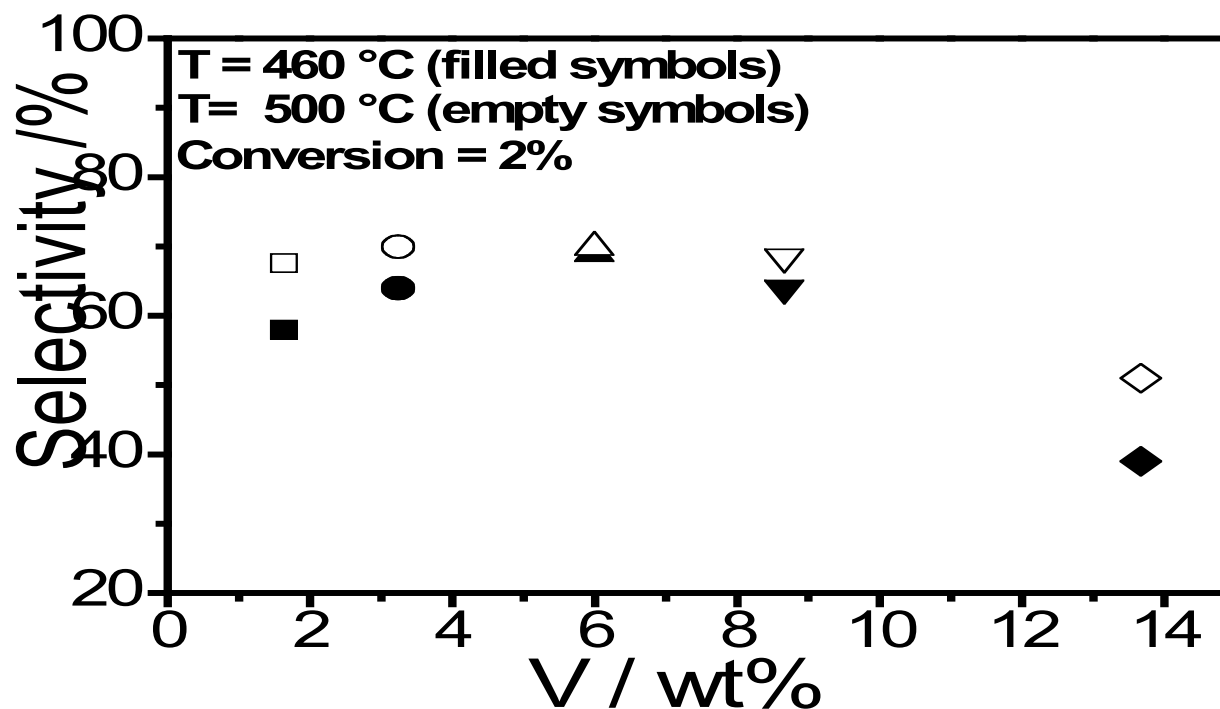


Different loadings (differing species distributions) exhibit in the details of their conversion-selectivity profiles substantial differences:

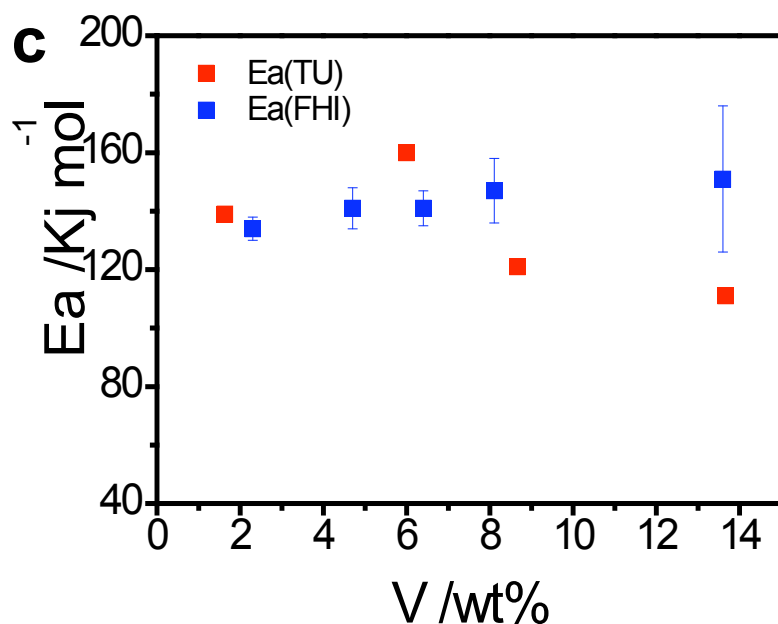
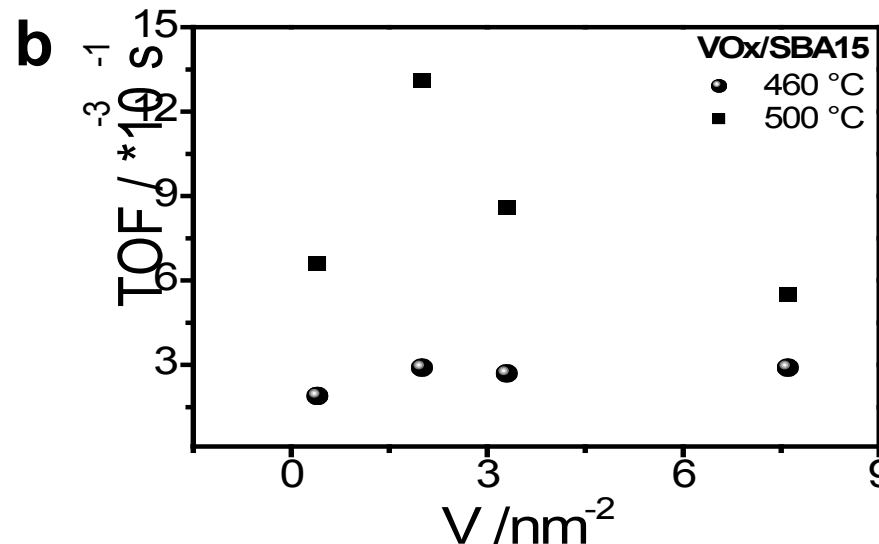
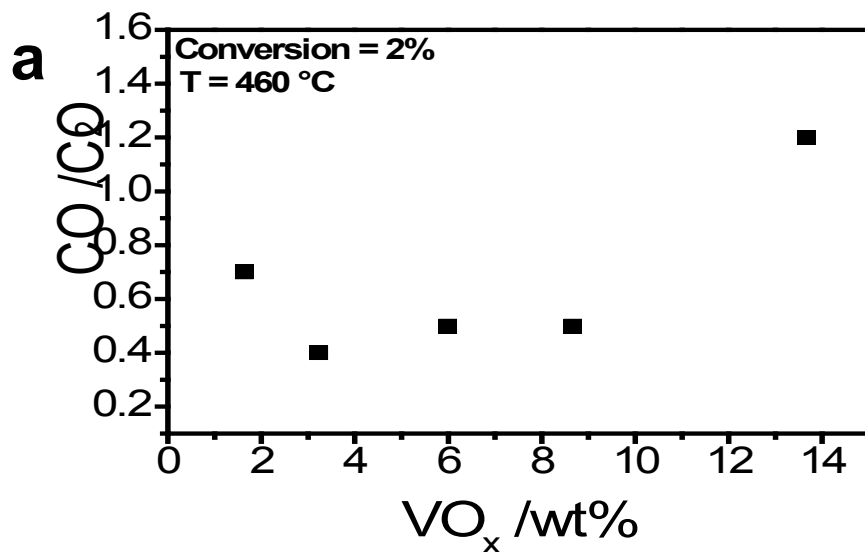
multiple sites in action

The “noise” in some catalytic data arises from the species interconversion (structural dynamics) with time constants of the catalysis experiments.

# Catalyst: VO<sub>x</sub>/SBA15



Selectivity fixed at 2 % of conversion for VO<sub>x</sub>/SBA15 catalysts at 460 and 500°C.  
 C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub>/O<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub> = 17.2/8.6/34.3 Catalyst mass= 30- 300mg. Flows= 20 – 100 ml/min.

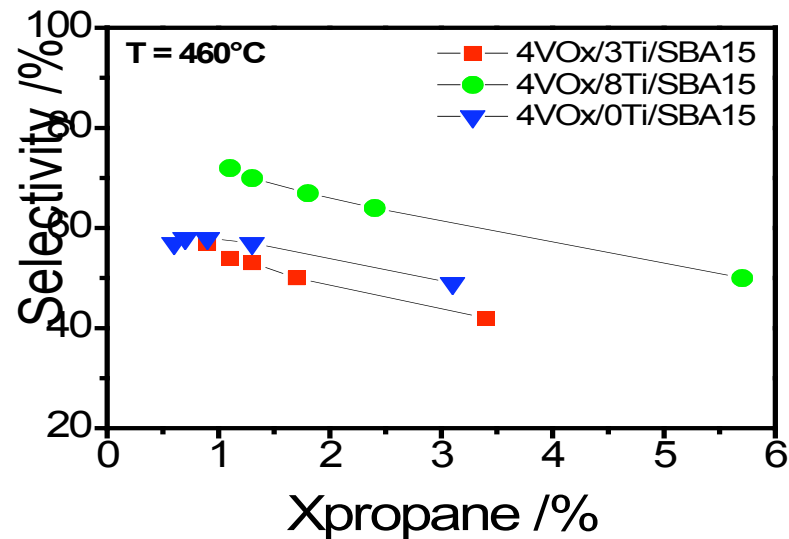


CO/CO<sub>2</sub> ratio **(a)** TOF **(b)** and activation energy **(c)** as a function of the vanadium loading. C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub>/O<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub> = 17.2/8.6/34.3 Catalyst mass = 30 – 300 mg.

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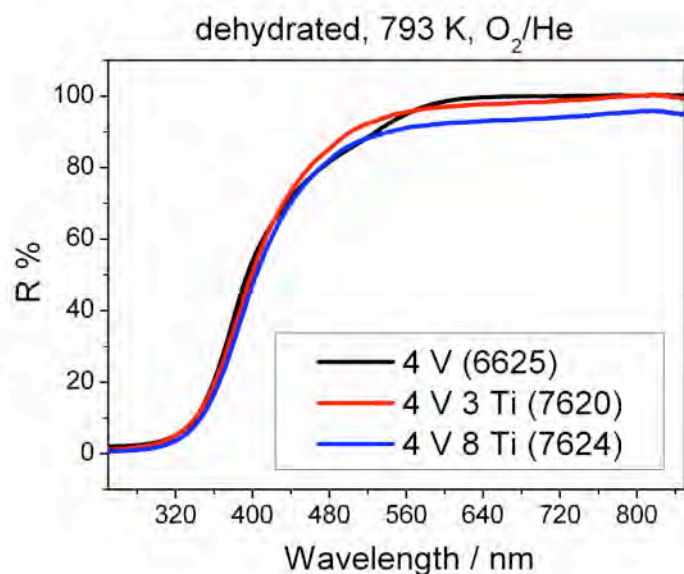
# Catalysts: VO<sub>x</sub>/Ti/SBA15

“Grading” of catalysts depends much on conditions!



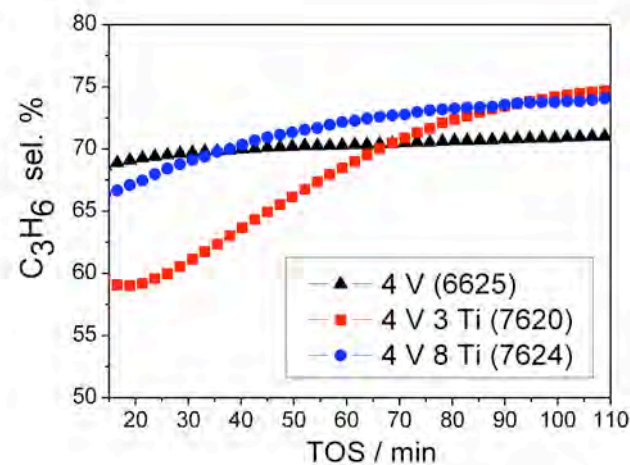
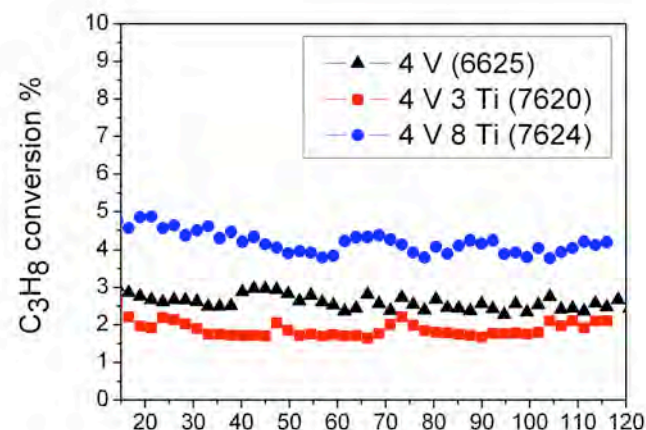
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# Electronic structure and reactivity



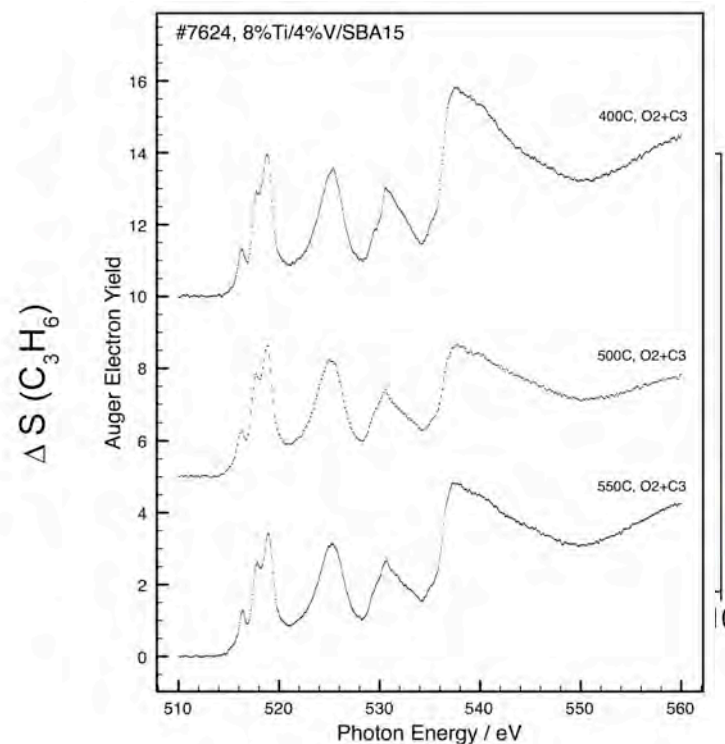
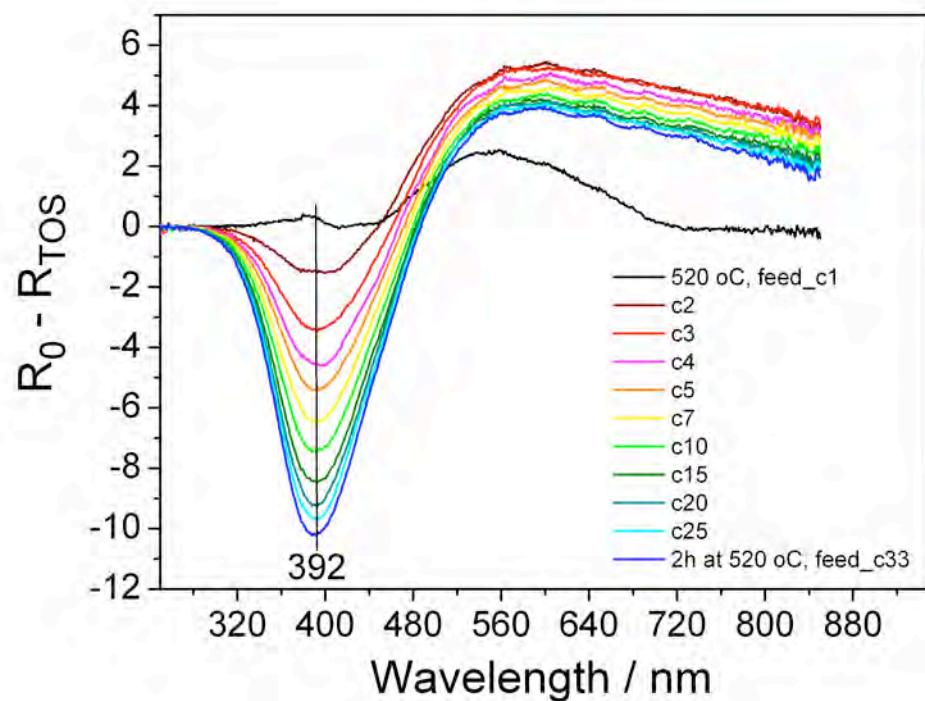
In-situ UV-Vis reveals similar initial electronic structure of the V species:

In feed a differentiation occurs reflecting the presence of the Ti species.



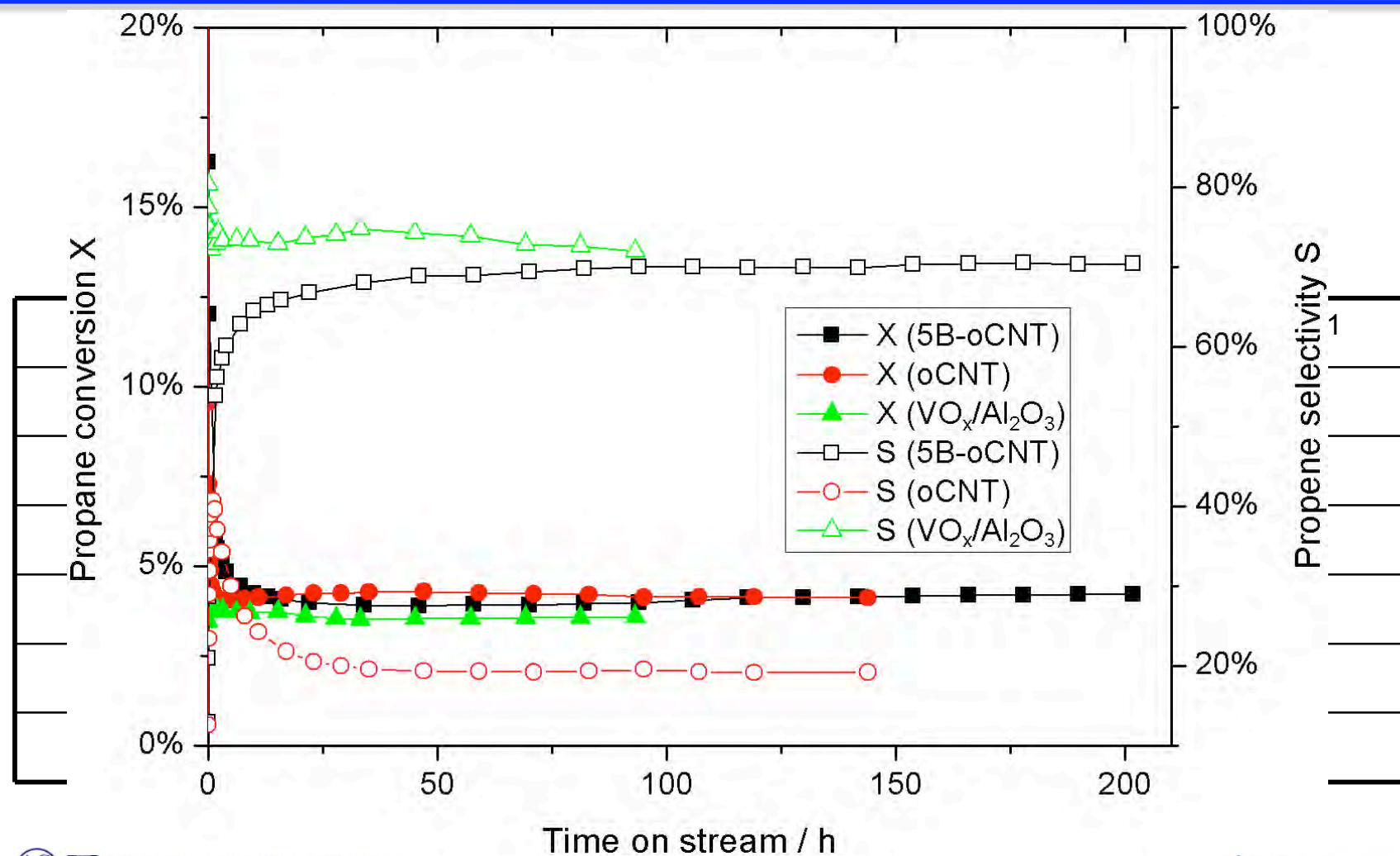


# Structural dynamics

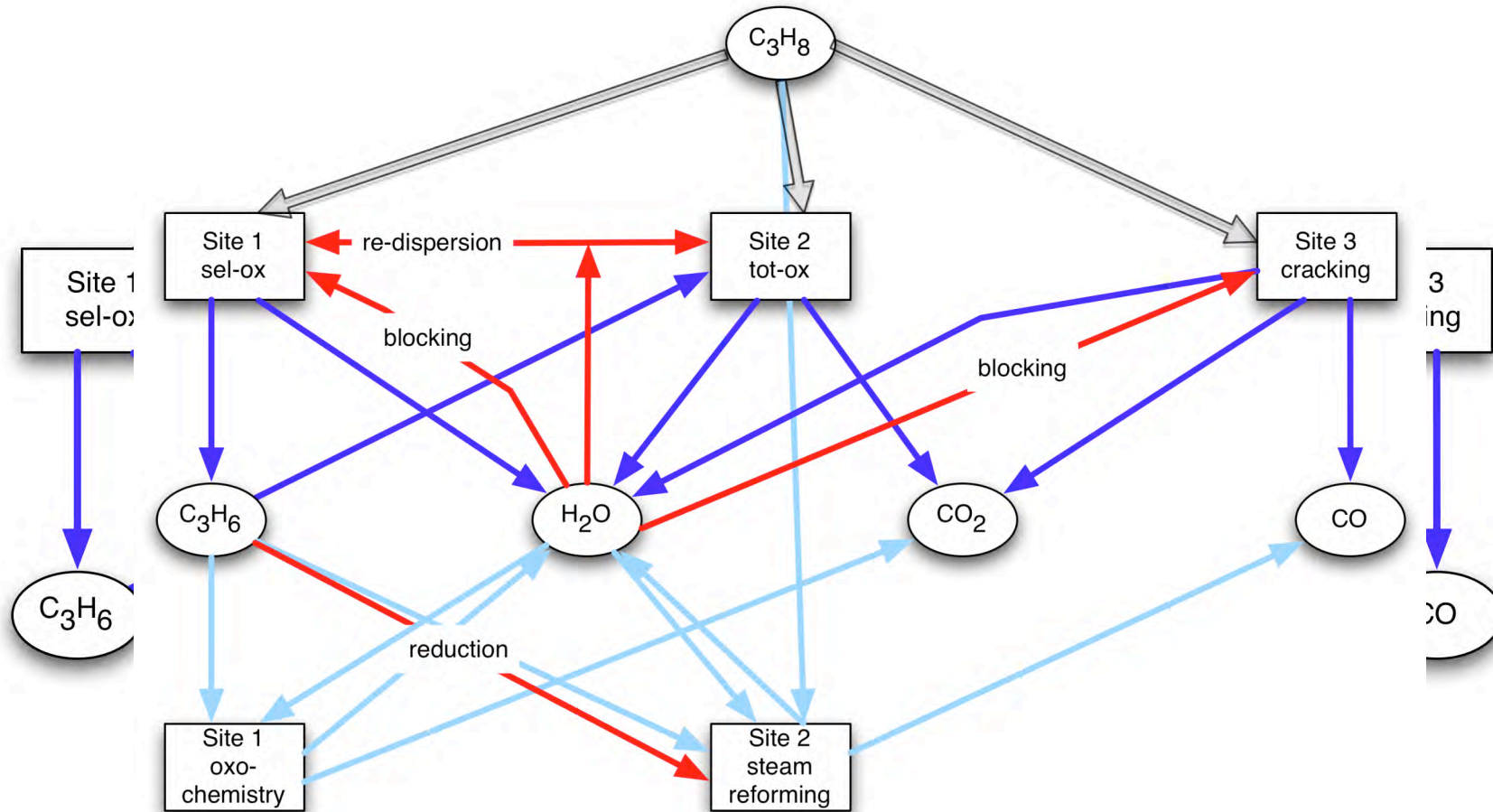


The catalyst becomes more selective when  
The species at 392 nm (larger V-O-V arrays (RAMAN)) disappear; The reducibility (d-d-transitions) remains limited.  
In NEXAFS spriting of V on Ti is detected, the average oxygen coordination changes.

# Reaction rate constants for C3 ODH



# A reaction network



# Results and future activities

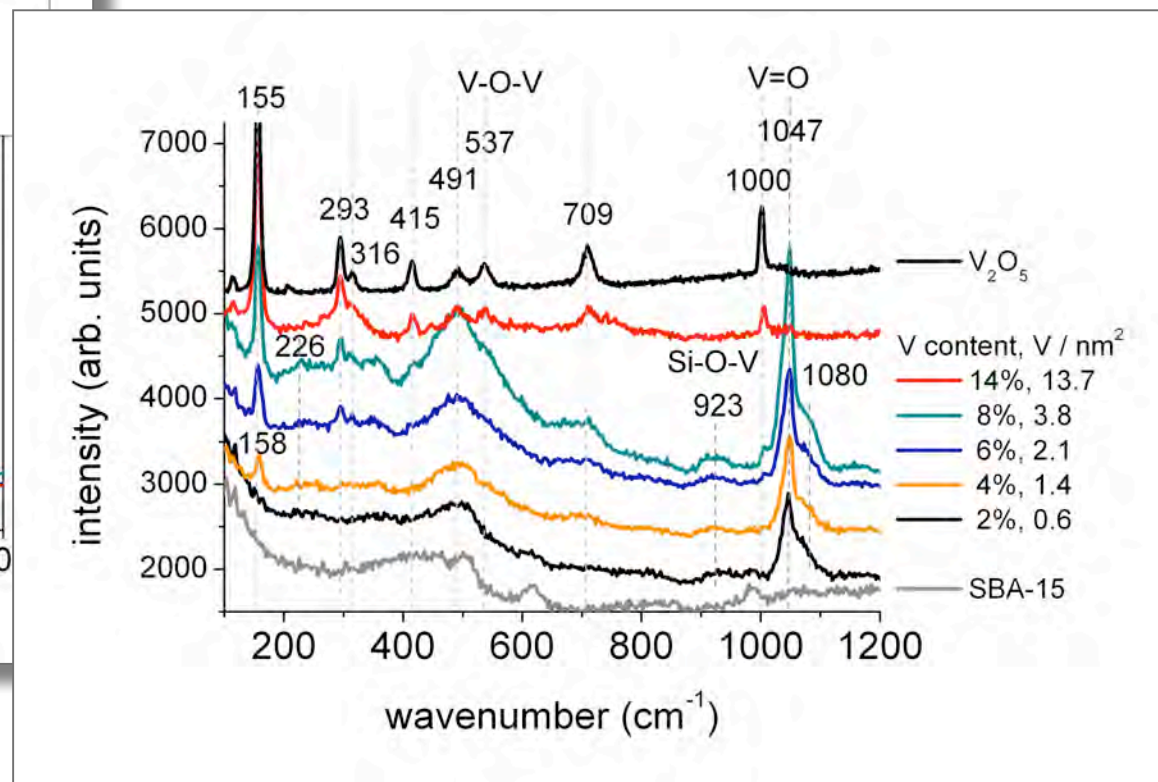
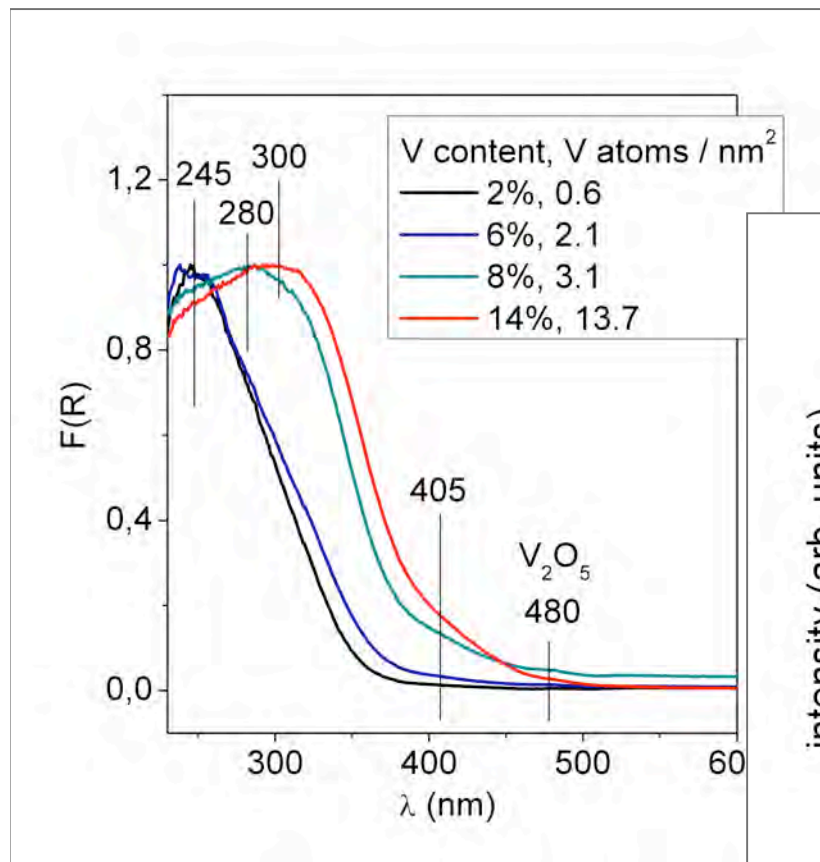
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- V is dynamical.
  - Static diluted and static crystalline are not desired.
  - Rapid dynamics is detrimental.
  - Redox dynamics requires an optimum.
- Multiple active sites for different reactions: kinetic parameters are intermixed.
- Beware of tof!
- Ti (mixed species) suppresses polymeric species and its mobility.
- Gas phase chemistry?
- CO<sub>x</sub> chemistry.
- Kinetics of temporal changes.
- Complete Ti/V matrix.
- Create Ce/V matrix.



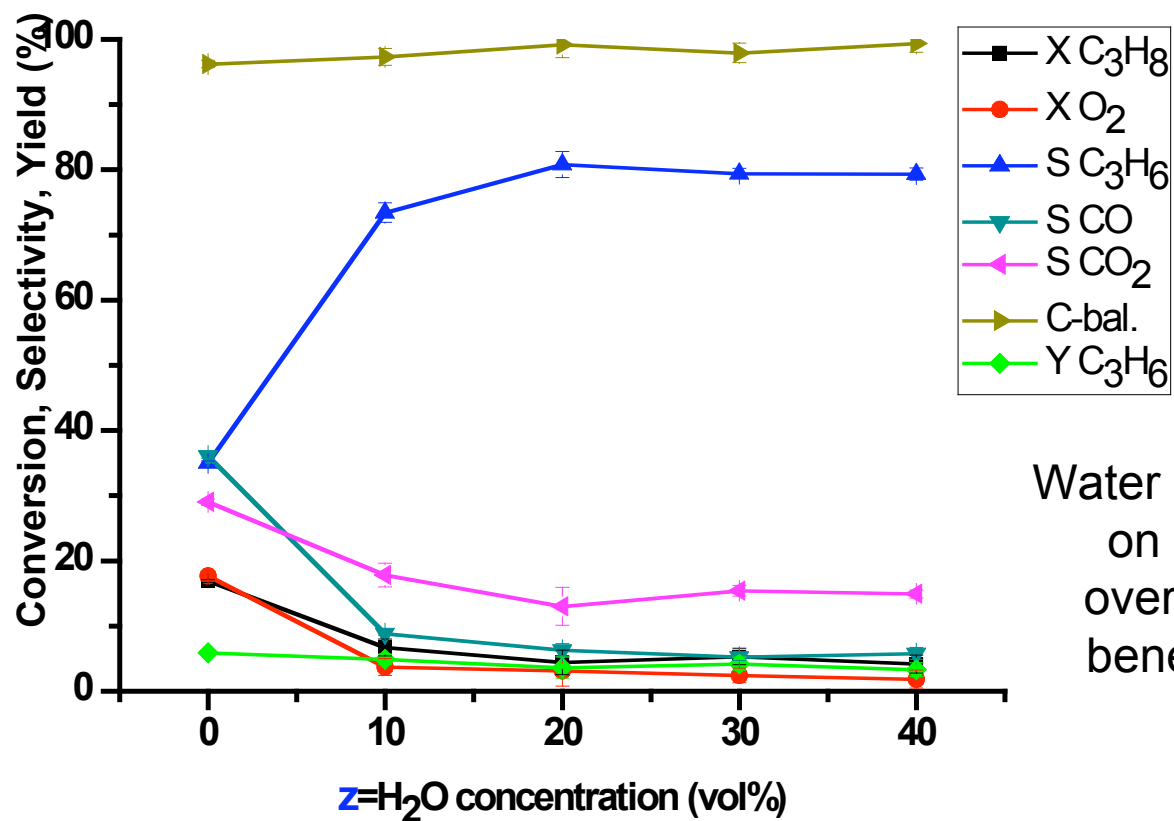
# Structure of the metal species

UV-Vis and RAMAN are differently sensitive to the aggregation and coordination of the metal species



# Process under severe conditions

#7964,  $C_3H_8/O_2/H_2O/N_2=3/6/z(91-z)$  vol%, GHSV=1200  $h^{-1}$ , 450°C 8V/SBA 15



Water has a different effects  
on several site types:  
overall site blocking but  
beneficial for selectivity