

Development and Application of Condense Phase Cavity Ring Down Spectroscopy

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INTRODUCTION

There are many theoretical and experimental studies done to inspect the physical and chemical properties of silica surface. The main properties of silica surface are adjusted by the silanol group (SiOH). The average surface density of silanol groups on the surface is $\sim 4.9 \text{ nm}^{-2}$, which corresponds to an average surface area of 20.4 \AA^2 per silanol group. In chromatography, the ionization degree of silanol group plays a great role for separation efficiency. From some other reports, these results pointed out that there are at least two types of silanol groups on the silica surface which contacts with water, with different pKa and different population. One has pKa=4.9 with 19% in surface population and another one has pKa=8.5 with 81% in surface population. A study done by Dong, Pappu, and Xu using crystal violet to probe the local density distribution of isolated silanol groups on silica surface had pointed out that the isolated silanol group has been surrounded by a large empty surface area ($\geq 120 \text{ \AA}^2$) and the surface density of this type is about $1.1 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-2}$. In this experiment, the silanol group properties has been studied by evanescent wave cavity ring down spectroscopy in which the adsorption process in CH_3CN /Fused silica interface.

Basic equations

1. Empty Cavity

$$I(t) = I_0 \exp\left[-(1-R)\frac{tc}{L}\right]$$

$$\tau_0 = \frac{L}{2(1-R)} \quad (\text{Ring down time constant})$$

R: Reflectivity of mirror
c: Speed of velocity
L: Length of cavity
t_r = 2*L*/*c* Round-trip time

2. Analyst Presence

$$I(t) = I_0 \exp\left[-(1-R+aL)\frac{tc}{L}\right]$$

$$\tau_1 = \frac{L}{2(1-R+aL)}$$

3. Absorbance

$$A = \sigma N_s L_s = \alpha L_s = \frac{L}{c} \left(\frac{1}{\tau_1} - \frac{1}{\tau_0} \right)$$

* Langmuir adsorption model:

$$\theta = \frac{N}{N_0} = \frac{KC}{1+KC}$$

N: surface density, *N₀*: saturation surface density
K: equilibrium constant
C: bulk concentration of sample

$$N = N_0 \cdot \frac{KC}{1+KC}$$

$$\frac{1}{\theta} = \frac{1+KC}{KC} = 1 + \frac{1}{KC}$$

* Orientation Information:

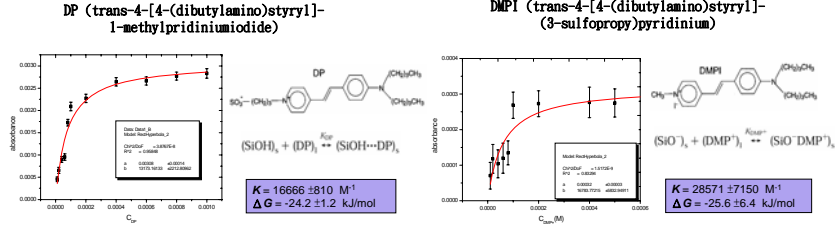
$$A_p \propto \alpha \pi \mu^2 \left[(\cos^2 \theta) E_z^2 + \frac{1}{2} (2 - \cos^2 \theta) E_x^2 \right]$$

$$A_s \propto \frac{\alpha \pi \mu^2}{2} \left[2 - (\cos^2 \theta) \right] E_x^2$$

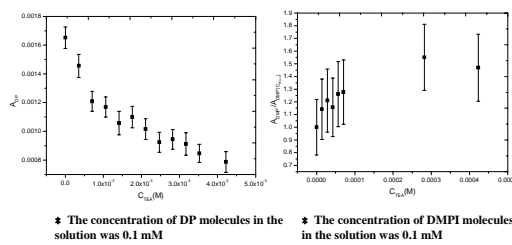
$$\langle \cos^2 \theta \rangle = \frac{2A_p E_z^2 - 2A_s E_x^2}{2A_p E_z^2 - A_s E_x^2 + A_s E_z^2}$$

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

I. Langmuir Adsorption:



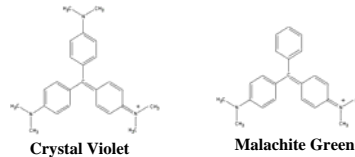
Effect of triethylamine:



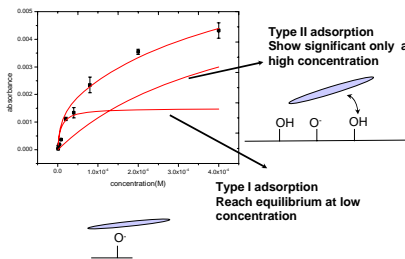
Triethylamine could abstract the protons on the surface and increase the population of SiO^- , therefore the available adsorption site for H.B. would become less so that absorbance of DP on the fused silica surface is getting small.

It is an indirect evidence that the dominant force for DP is H.B but electrostatic force for DMP^+ .

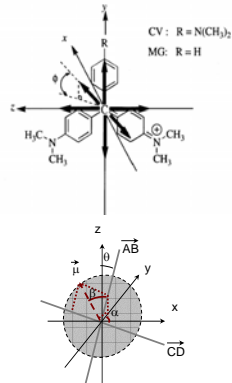
II. Orientation Information:



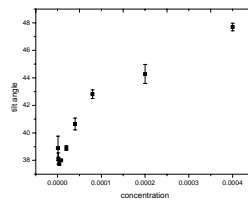
Two sites Langmuir adsorption plot for CV⁺ at CH₃CN/fused silica surface:



	Type I K(M ⁻¹)	Type I ΔG(kJmol ⁻¹)	Type II K(M ⁻¹)	Type II ΔG(kJmol ⁻¹)
This Work	$(1.7 \pm 0.15) \times 10^5$	-30.1 ± 0.2	$(1.3 \pm 0.21) \times 10^3$	-17.7 ± 0.4
Zhi Xu et. al. ^a	1.7×10^5	-29.5	1.5×10^2	-12.3



Angle Plot:



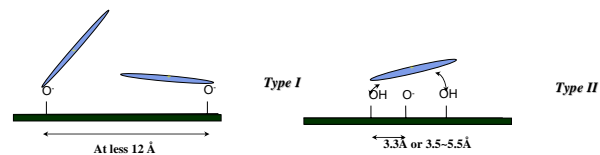
$$\langle \cos^2 \theta \rangle = \frac{2A_p E_z^2 - 2A_s E_x^2}{2A_p E_z^2 - A_s E_x^2 + A_s E_z^2}$$

From literatures:

There are some experiments showed that when the surface density increases, the tilt angle for CV^+ will increase to reduce contact area between adjacent dye molecules

Literatures:
Langmuir 1994, 10, 3988-3993.
J. Colloid Interface Sci. 1998, 198, 337-346.

Adsorption Model:



From the Langmuir plot and angle plot, the conclusion that the adsorption for CV^+ on type I silanol group could be more free no matter for the distance aspect and orientation aspect could be made. However, the adsorption between CV^+ and type II silanol group could be more restrictedly.

EXPERIMENT

