## Hydrogen H/D Exchange and Activation of C<sub>1</sub>–*n*-C<sub>4</sub> Alkanes on Ga-Modified Zeolite BEA Studied with <sup>1</sup>H MAS NMR In Situ

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### **Supporting Information**

# TABLE 1S: Exchange Reactions Used for Simulating the Kinetics of the H/D Exchange for C<sub>2</sub>–*n*-C<sub>4</sub> alkanes on H-BEA and Ga/H-BEA Zeolites

no.	Exchange reaction	Rate expression
1	$CD_3CD_3 + OH \leftrightarrows CD_2HCD_3 + OD$	$R_1 = k_a \left[ \text{CD}_3 \text{CD}_3 \right] [\text{OH}] -$
-		$-(1/6) k_a [CD_2HCD_3][OD]$
2	$CD_2HCD_3 + OH \leftrightarrows CDH_2CD_3 + OD$	$R_2 = (1/3) k_a [CD_2HCD_3][OH] -$
		$-(1/3) k_a [CDH_2CD_3][OD]$
3	$CD_2HCD_3 + OH \leftrightarrows CD_2HCD_2H + OD$	$R_3 = (1/2) k_a [CD_2HCD_3][OH] -$
		$-(1/3) k_a [CD_2HCD_2H][OD]$
4	$CDH_2CD_3 + OH \leftrightarrows CH_3CD_3 + OD$	$R_4 = (1/6) k_a [CDH_2CD_3][OH] -$
		$-(1/2) k_a [CH_3CD_3][OD]$
5	$CDH_2CD_3 + OH \leftrightarrows CDH_2CD_2H + OD$	$R_5 = (1/2) k_a [CDH_2CD_3][OH] -$
		$-(1/6) k_a [CDH_2CD_2H][OD]$
6	$CH_3CD_3 + OH \leftrightarrows CH_3CD_2H + OD$	$R_6 = (1/2) k_a [CH_3CD_3][OH] - (1/C) l_1 [CH_2CD_3][OH]$
	CU CD U + OU ← CU CDU → OD	$-(1/6) k_a [CH_3CD_2H][OD]$
7	$CH_3CD_2H + OH \leftrightarrows CH_3CDH_2 + OD$	$R_7 = (1/3) k_a [CH_3CD_2H][OH] - (1/3) k_a [CH_3CDH_2][OD]$
0	$CH_3CDH_2 + OH \leftrightarrows CH_3CH_3 + OD$	$R_8 = (1/6) k_a [CH_3CDH_2][OH] -$
8	$c_{113}c_{2112} + o_{11} \rightarrow c_{113}c_{113} + o_{22}$	$-k_a [CH_3CH_3][OD]$
9	$CD_2HCD_2H + OH \leftrightarrows CDH_2CD_2H + OD$	$R_9 = (2/3) k_a [CD_2HCD_2H][OH] -$
9		$-(1/3) k_a [CDH_2CD_2H][OD]$
10	$CDH_2CD_2H + OH \leftrightarrows CH_3CD_2H + OD$	$R_{10} = (1/6) k_a [CDH_2CD_2H][OH] -$
10	v _	$-(1/2) k_a [CH_3CD_2H][OD]$
11	$CDH_2CD_2H + OH \leftrightarrows CDH_2CDH_2 + OD$	$R_{11} = (1/3) k_a [CDH_2CD_2H][OH] -$
		$-(2/3) k_a [CDH_2CDH_2][OD]$
12	$CDH_2CDH_2 + OH \leftrightarrows CH_3CDH_2 + OD$	$R_{12} = (1/3) k_a [CDH_2CDH_2][OH] -$
		$-(1/2) k_a [CH_3CDH_2][OD]$

15	$-CD_2CD_2 + OH \leftrightarrows -CDHCD_2 + OD$	$R_{15} = k_c \left[ \text{CD}_2 \text{CD}_2 \right] \left[ \text{OH} \right] -$
		$-(1/4) k_c [CDHCD_2][OD]$
16	$-CDHCD_2 - + OH \leftrightarrows -CH_2CD_2 - + OD$	$R_{16} = (1/4) k_c [\text{CDHCD}_2][\text{OH}] -$
		$-(1/2) k_c [CH_2CD_2][OD]$
17	$-CDHCD_2 + OH \leftrightarrows -CDHCDH + OD$	$R_{17} = (1/2) k_c [\text{CDHCD}_2][\text{OH}] -$
		$-(1/2) k_c $ [CDHCDH][OD]
18	$-CH_2CD_2 - + OH \leftrightarrows -CH_2CDH - + OD$	$R_{18} = (1/2) k_c [CH_2CD_2][OH] -$
	2 2 2	$-(1/4) k_c [CH_2CDH][OD]$
19	$-CH_2CDH - + OH \leftrightarrows -CH_2CH_2 - + OD$	$R_{19} = (1/4) k_c [CH_2CDH][OH] -$
		$-k_c  [CH_2CH_2][OD]$
20	-CDHCDH- + OH $\leftrightarrows$ -CH <sub>2</sub> CDH- + OD	$R_{20} = (1/2) k_c \text{ [CDHCDH][OH]} -$
		$-(1/2) k_c [CH_2CDH][OD]$

For kinetics modeling the H/D exchange in alkanes the following reactions from Table 1S were taken into account:

- **ethane-***d*<sub>6</sub>: reactions 1-12 with OH represented by SiOHAl ( $k_a = k_{SiOHAl}$ ) and the same reactions 1-12 with OH represented by SiOH (i.e.  $k_a = k_{SiOH}$ );
- **propane-** $d_8$ : reactions 1-12 to describe the exchange in the methyl groups ( $k_a = k_{CH3}$ ) and reactions 13-14 to describe the exchange in the methylene groups ( $k_b = k_{CH2}$ );
- *n*-butane-*d*<sub>10</sub>: reactions 1-12 to describe the exchange in the methyl groups ( $k_a = k_{CH3}$ ) and reactions 15-20 to describe the exchange in the methylene groups ( $k_c = k_{CH2}$ );

#### (1) H/D exchange in C<sub>1</sub>,C<sub>2</sub> alkanes.

On the base of correspondent reactions from Table1 and Table 1S the following kinetic equations are derived for SiODAl and SiOD groups

$$\frac{d[\text{SiODAl}]}{dt} = k_{\text{SiOHAl}} \left\{ [\text{CD}_{n}]_{0} [\text{SiOHAl}]_{0} - [\text{CD}_{n}]_{0} [\text{SiODAl}] - \frac{1}{n} [\text{X}_{\text{CHn}}] [\text{SiOHAl}]_{0} \right\}$$
(1S)  
$$\frac{d[\text{SiOD}]}{dt} = k_{\text{SiOH}} \left\{ [\text{CD}_{n}]_{0} [\text{SiOH}]_{0} - [\text{CD}_{n}]_{0} [\text{SiOD}] - \frac{1}{n} [\text{X}_{\text{CHn}}] [\text{SiOH}]_{0} \right\}$$

where  $[CD_n]_0$  is the initial concentrations of alkane;  $[X]_{CHn}$  is the concentration of protium in alkane calculated as following

$$[\mathbf{X}_{\text{CHn}}] = \sum_{k=1}^{n} k [\text{CD}_{n-k}\mathbf{H}_k]$$

The system of differential equations (1S) is easily transformed into system (2), assuming that  $[X_{CHn}]=[SiODAI]+[SiOD]$  and mole fractions of D isotope are determined via equalities

$$F_{\text{SiODAl}} = \frac{[\text{SiODAl}]}{[\text{SiOHAl}]_0}, \qquad F_{\text{SiOD}} = \frac{[\text{SiOD}]}{[\text{SiOH}]_0}.$$

### (2) H/D exchange in C<sub>3</sub>, *n*-C<sub>4</sub> alkanes.

On the base of correspondent reactions from Table 1S the following kinetic equations are derived for concentration of protium in the methyl groups  $[H]_{CH3}$  and the methylene groups  $[H]_{CH2}$ :

$$\frac{d[X_{\rm H}^{a}]}{dt} = k_{\rm CH3} \left\{ [RD_{a}^{(\rm CH3)}]_{0} [OH]_{0} - [RD_{a}^{(\rm CH3)}]_{0} [OD] - \frac{1}{a} [X_{\rm H}^{a}] [OH]_{0} \right\}$$

$$\frac{d[X_{\rm H}^{b}]}{dt} = k_{\rm CH2} \left\{ [RD_{b}^{(\rm CH2)}]_{0} [OH]_{0} - [RD_{b}^{(\rm CH2)}]_{0} [OD] - \frac{1}{b} [X_{\rm H}^{b}] [OH]_{0} \right\}$$
(2S)

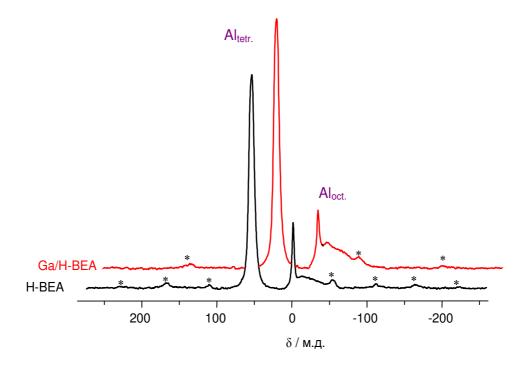
where  $[RD_a^{(CH3)}]_0$  and  $[RD_b^{(CH2)}]_0$  represent the initial concentrations of the methyl and the methylene groups (in µmol g<sup>-1</sup>), respectively; *a* and *b* is the total number of hydrogen atoms in methyl groups and methylene groups of a hydrocarbon, respectively;  $[OH]_0$ =[SiOHAl]\_0+[SiOH]\_0 is the total initial concentration of zeolitic OH groups.

Protium concentrations [H]<sub>CH3</sub>, [H]<sub>CH2</sub> correspond to

$$[H]_{CH3} = \sum_{k=1}^{a} k [RD_{a-k}H_k], \qquad [H]_{CH2} = \sum_{l=1}^{b} l [RD_{b-l}H_l]$$

The system of differential equations (2S) is easily transformed into system (6), assuming that  $[OD]=[H]_{CH3}+[H]_{CH2}$  and mole fractions of H isotope are determined via equalities

$$F_{\rm H}^{a} = \frac{[{\rm H}]_{\rm CH3}}{a[{\rm RD}_{a}^{({\rm CH3})}]_{0}}, \qquad F_{\rm H}^{b} = \frac{[{\rm H}]_{\rm CH2}}{b[{\rm RD}_{b}^{({\rm CH2})}]_{0}}.$$



**Figure 1S.**<sup>27</sup>Al MAS NMR spectra of zeolites H-BEA and Ga/H-BEA. Asterisks \* belong to spinning sidebands.

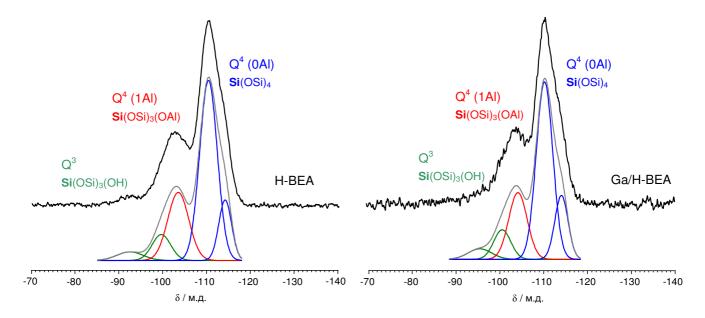


Figure 2S. <sup>29</sup>Si MAS NMR spectra of zeolites H-BEA and Ga/H-BEA.

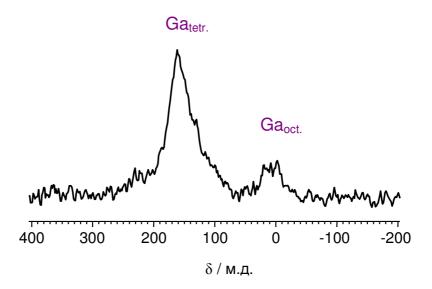


Figure 3S. <sup>71</sup>Ga MAS NMR spectrum of zeolite Ga/H-BEA.