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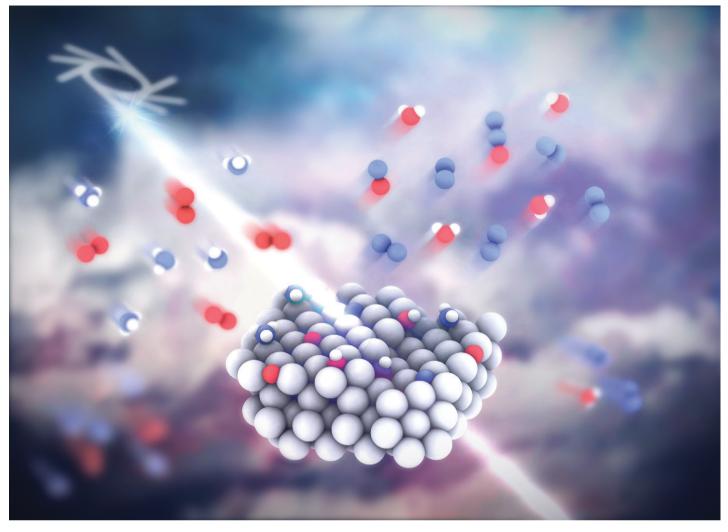
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Structure sensitivity of alumina- and zeolite-supported platinum ammonia slip catalysts

The use of ammonia as a potential hydrogen carrier and sustainable fuel would require efficient ammonia slip catalysts. To understand structure-activity relationships in these systems, ammonia slip catalysts with varying particle sizes were synthesised, tested, and studied with operando XAS. Different mechanisms were found to govern ammonia oxidation depending on Pt dispersion. Ammonia is effectively oxidised on Pt via Ostwald process mechanism when a minimum particle size to contain a favourable surface atom configuration is reached. For smaller particles, slower NH₃ to NO oxidation with subsequent SCR reaction occurs.

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