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Activation energies for thermal ionic and neutral desorptions from thin films of lithium halides

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Abstract

To clarify the mechanism of positive-ionic and neutral desorptions from heated lithium halide (LiX, X = F, Cl, Br or I), a small amount (approx. 10^{-12} – 10^{-7} mol) of LiX was deposited on a platinum plate (ca. 0.03–0.04 cm²) to prepare a thin film $(\theta_0 = 10^{-1} - 10^3 \text{ molecular layers at the start})$, and it was heated up to ca. 1500 K at a constant rate ($\beta = 0.4 - 140 \text{ K/s}$) in vacuum (approx. 10^{-4} Pa) using our dual-ion source system which made it possible to measure simultaneously the desorption rates (D^0 and D^+) of neutral molecule (LiX⁰) and ion (Li⁺). The temperature-programmed desorption spectra thus obtained were different in pattern from that observed previously with NaX where each of NaX^0 and Na^+ had only one peak. Namely, the high peaks (P_1^0 and P_2^+) of LiX⁰ and Li⁺ appeared at a temperature generally lower and higher than the melting point (T_m) of each LiX, respectively, while low peaks $(P_1^+, P_2^0, P_3^0 \text{ and } P_3^+)$ appeared usually above T_m . Theoretical analysis of the β dependence of peak appearance temperatures yields the activation energies $(E_1^{0+}-E_3^{0+})$ for desorption of LiX⁰ (or Li⁺) giving $P_1^{0+} - P_3^{0+}$, respectively, and also the frequency factors $(\nu_1^{0+} - \nu_2^{0+})$ corresponding to respective peaks. With respect to LiF $(\theta_0 \approx 13 \text{ molecular layers})$, for example, E_1^0 and E_1^+ were 220 and 167 kJ/mol, respectively, while ν_1^0 and ν_1^+ were respectively 1×10^{17} and 8×10^{10} /s. In conclusion, (1) each desorption obeys the first-order kinetics, (2) $P_1^0 - P_3^0$ originate from the desorption from LiX at the state of physical adsorption, crystal or chemisorption, (3) $P_1^+ - P_3^+$ are due to the desorption from active sites (high work function sites; e.g., 724 kJ/mol for LiC1) on the heterogeneous surface of LiX itself or Pt, and (4) the ionization efficiency (D^+/D^0) even at $P_1^+ - P_3^+$ is usually less than 1% mainly because the fraction of the active sites is less than 1% of the desorbing surface area. (C) 2000 Elsevier Science B.V. All rights reserved.

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1. Introduction

By using our dual-ion source connected with a temperature-programmed heating system [1,2], we have been studying the thermal desorption of both

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positive ion (M⁺) and neutral molecule (MX⁰) from a film of alkali halide (MX) deposited on a metal surface (ca. 10^{-2} cm² in sample coating area) heated up to ca. 1500 K in vacuum (ca. 10^{-4} Pa). Up to date, the desorption rates (D^+ and D^0) of M⁺ and MX⁰ have been measured as a function of sample temperature (T) increased at a constant rate ($\beta \approx 10^{-1} - 10^2$ K/s) or the initial film thickness ($\theta_0 \approx 10^{-1} - 10^4$ molecular layers) of NaC1, NaBr, NaI, RbC1 or LiC1, and both activation energies (E^+ and E^0) and frequency factors

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 $(\nu^+ \text{ and } \nu^0)$ have been determined with each sample [3–5]. In the present work, four species of lithium halides (LiX) have been employed as samples to obtain further information about the desorption, thereby yielding that each of Li⁺ and LiX⁰ has two or three peaks in contrast to each of Na⁺ and NaX⁰ having only one peak at a temperature above or below the melting point of NaX [2,3].

This paper summarizes the data on D^{0+} , E^{0+} and ν^{0+} together with the work function (ϕ^+) effective for the desorption of Li⁺ from each LiX and also discusses the mechanism of ionic and neutral desorptions from LiX.

2. Experimental method

A schematic diagram of the dual-ion source [2] is shown in Fig. 1, where F_1 , F_2 and G are the platinum plate (0.03–0.04 cm² in surface area), a coiled platinum wire (0.02 cm in diameter and 4 cm in total length) and grid wires for retarding the ions desorbed from F_1 or F_2 . With regard to the earth, F_1 , F_2 and G were held at +16, +50 and +30 V, respectively. With a hypodermic microsyringe, a definite volume (typically 1.00 µl) of an aqueous solution $(10^{-5}-10^{-1} \text{ mol/1})$ of LiX (above 99.9% in purity) was transferred to F₁, thereby preparing a thin film $(\theta_0 \approx 10^{-1} - 10^3 \text{ molecular layers at the start}).$

In a high vacuum (ca. 10^{-4} Pa) attained with an oil diffusion pump system with a liquid nitrogen trap, F₁ was heated with a coiled rhenium wire (H, 0.02 cm in diameter and 4 cm in total length) up to ca. 1500 K at a constant heating rate ($\beta \approx 0.4-140$ K/s) using a temperature controller. The sample temperature (*T*) was monitored with a calibrated alumel–chromel thermo-



Fig. 1. Dual-ion source system developed in our laboratory.

couple (A). A part of the neutral molecules (LiX⁰) evaporating from F₁ was directed onto F₂ (usually kept at ca. 1200 K), from which Li⁺ was emitted after surface ionization [6,7] of LiX⁰. The primary and secondary positive ion currents $(i_1^+ \text{ and } i_2^+)$ of Li⁺ thus desorbed from F₁ and F₂ were directly collected with Faraday cups of C₁ and C₂, respectively, and recorded with a microcomputer system. The efficiencies $(\eta^+ \text{ and } \eta^0)$ of the primary ion collection by C₁ and of the secondary ion collection by C₂ after surface ionization of LiX⁰ were usually 0.34 ± 0.02 and typically ca. 10⁻⁶, respectively, which were determined by our simple method [1].

A typical spectrum of the temperature-programmed desorption (TPD) from LiF is shown in Fig. 2, where the initial sample amount and thickness (N_0 and θ_0) are 6.02×10^{15} molecules and 128 molecular layers (ML), respectively, and β is 3.4 K/s. The current of i_1^+ has two peaks (P_1^+ and P_2^+) at the temperatures ($T_{P_1}^+$ and $T_{P_2}^+$) of 861 and 1162 K, respectively, while i_2^+



Fig. 2. Typical spectrum obtained with LiF ($\theta_0 = 128$ ML) at $\beta = 3.4$ K/s. For further information, see row 4 in Table 1.

shows P_1^0 at $T_{P_1}^0 = 900$ K and P_2^0 at $T_{P_2}^0 = 1168$ K. It should be noted that both $T_{P_2}^+$ and $T_{P_2}^0$ are higher than the melting point ($T_m = 1121$ K) of LiF.

The numbers of Li^+ and LiX^0 desorbed from F_1 per second are readily evaluated from

$$n^+ = i_1^+ / e \eta^+ \text{ ions/s}, \tag{1}$$

and

$$n^0 = i_2^+ / e \eta^0 \quad \text{molecules/s}, \tag{2}$$

where *e* is the elementary electric charge. The amount (N) and the mean film thickness (θ) of the sample remaining on F₁ at a given time (t) after starting the programmed heating are calculated from

$$N = N_0 - \sum n^+ t - \sum n^0 t,$$
 (3)

and

$$\theta = \frac{L^2 N}{2S}.$$
(4)

Here, *L* is the lattice constant of LiX, ranging from 4.01×10^{-8} to 6.01×10^{-8} cm, and *S* is the surface area (0.0340–0.0425 cm²) of F₁. Therefore, the monolayer (θ_1) of LiX on F₁ corresponds to $N_1 = 2S/L^2$ molecules. Even at $\theta \approx 5$ ML, however, a part of the surface of F₁ may be left below 1 ML because the surface roughness factor of F₁ is generally larger than unity and also because the thickness of sample layers prepared from any aqueous solution is usually far from uniformity.

In this way, we measured the absolute (not relative) values of (1) the layer desorption rates $(D^{0+} \equiv n^{0+}/\theta_1 \text{ ML/s})$ of LiX⁰ or Li⁺, (2) the ionization efficiency $(\varepsilon^+ \equiv n^+/(n^0 + n^+) \approx n^+/n^0 = D^+/D^0)$ of LiX and also (3) both *N* and θ of LiX remaining on F₁ at a given time (*t*) and hence at a given temperature (*T*).

3. Results and discussions

3.1. TPD spectra

Firstly, the effect of initial film thickness (θ_0) upon a TPD spectrum was examined with LiF with β fixed at 3.4 K/s. The results thus obtained are shown in Fig. 3 and Table 1. As θ_0 increases from 0.13 to 1280 ML, (1) the appearance temperature ($T_{P_1}^0$) of P_1^0 , for example,



Fig. 3. TPD spectra of LiF⁰ and Li⁺ desorbed from various values of thickness ($\theta_0 = 0.13-1280$ ML) of LiF at a common heating rate ($\beta = 3.4$ K/s). For further information, see Table 1.

shifts from 826 to 910 K, (2) the film thickness $(\theta_{P_1}^0)$ at $T_{P_1}^0$ increases from 0.07 to 684 ML, and (3) the desorption rate $(D_{P_1}^0)$ expressing the height of P_1^0 increases from 0.001 to 36.6 ML/s. A similar tendency is found with both $T_{P_1}^+$ and $D_{P_1}^+$, too, although the ionization efficiency $(\varepsilon_{P_1}^+)$ at $T_{P_1}^+$ decreases from ca. 10^{-4} to 10^{-7} with an increase in θ_0

Secondly, the effect of heating rate (β) was studied with LiF at $\theta_0 = 128$ ML, thereby yielding the results summarized in Fig. 4 and Table 2. With an increase in β from 3.4 to 139.6 K/s, (1) $T_{P_1}^0$ and $T_{P_1}^+$ increase from 900 to 981 K and 861 to 986 K, respectively, (2) $D_{P_1}^0$ and $D_{P_1}^+$ also increases from 5.17 to 73.6 ML/s and from 0.088 × 10⁻⁴ to 21.4 × 10⁻⁴ ML/s, respectively, but (3) $\varepsilon_{P_1}^+$ does not monotonically increase. Such a complicated dependence upon β is observed with $D_{P_2}^0$ and $D_{P_2}^+$ and $\varepsilon_{P_2}^+$, too.

The same examination was made with LiC1, LiBr and LiI, thus yielding Figs. 5–10 and Tables 3–5.

Table 1

Summary of the data obtained as a function of the initial amount (N_0) or layer thickness (θ_0) of LiF ($T_m = 1121$ K) deposited on a platinum surface (see Fig. 3) (the heating rate (β) is about 3.4 K/s)

Curve	N_0	θ_0 (ML)	$T_{\rm P}^0$ (K)	$T_{\rm P}^+$ (K	.)	$\theta_{\rm P}^0~({\rm ML})$)	$\theta_{\rm P}^+$ (ML)	$D_{\rm P}^0$ (ML	(s^{-1})	$D_{\rm P}^+$ (×10	$0^{-4} \mathrm{ML} \mathrm{s}^{-1}$	$\varepsilon_{\rm P}^+(\times 10^{-1})$) ⁻⁴)
(Fig. 3)	(molecules)		P_1^0	P_{2}^{0}	P_1^+	P_2^+	P_1^0	P_{2}^{0}	P_1^+	P_2^+	P_{1}^{0}	P_{2}^{0}	P_1^+	P_2^+	P_1^+	P_2^+
1	6.02×10^{12}	0.13	826	1114	_	1113	0.07	0.02	_	0.02	0.001	0.001	_	0.44	_	370
2	6.02×10^{13}	1.28	834	1140	834	1140	0.72	0.18	0.72	0.18	0.015	0.018	0.021	0.34	1.45	19.4
3	$6.02 imes 10^{14}$	12.8	870	1160	851	1159	5.42	2.34	8.14	2.34	0.011	0.125	0.087	0.36	0.19	2.89
4	6.02×10^{15}	128	900	1168	861	1162	52.6	8.23	97.1	10.70	5.17	1.41	0.088	1.73	0.027	1.24
5	6.02×10^{16}	1280	910	1210	959	1209	684	40.0	273	42.6	36.6	8.61	0.133	0.55	0.006	0.062



Fig. 4. Spectra observed with LiF ($\theta_0 = 128$ ML) at various heating rates (see Table 2).

Compared with LiF, LiI is roughly the same in pattern of TPD spectrum, but LiC1 and LiBr have the additional peaks of P_3^+ and P_3^0 , respectively. In any sample, however, it is common that P_1^0 appears below T_m while $P_2^0 - P_3^0$ and $P_2^+ - P_3^+$ exist above T_m . It should be noted that LiF alone yields P_1^+ at a low temperature below T_m . These results suggest that Li⁺ can be desorbed



Fig. 5. Spectra of LiC1⁰ and Li⁺ at $\beta = 3.7$ K/s (see Table 3).

under a special condition alone, as will be discussed below.

3.2. Activation energy and frequency factor

The data on $T_{\rm P}^0$ and $T_{\rm P}^+$ determined with LiF as a function of β (see Fig. 4 and Table 2) lead to Fig. 11,

Table 2 Summary of the data achieved as a function of the rate (β) heating LiF deposited on a surface of Pt (see Fig. 4)^a

Curve	β	η^0	$T_{\rm P}^0$ (K) $T_{\rm P}^+$ (K) $\theta_{\rm P}^0$ (ML) $\theta_{\rm P}^+$ (MI		1L)	$D_{\rm P}^0$ (M	$L s^{-1}$)	D_{P}^+ (×10	$\varepsilon_{\rm P}^+~(\times 10^{-4})$							
(Fig. 4)	(Ks ⁻¹)	(×10 ⁻⁶)	P_{1}^{0}	P_{2}^{0}	P_1^+	P_2^+	P_1^0	P_2^0	P_1^+	P_2^+	P_{1}^{0}	P_{2}^{0}	P_1^+	P_2^+	P_1^+	P_2^+
1	3.4	12.5	900	1168	861	1162	52.6	8.23	97.1	10.7	5.17	1.41	0.088	1.73	0.027	1.24
2	7.9	8.58	905	1203	_	1203	51.0	5.08	_	5.1	9.40	0.97	_	1.33	_	1.37
3	20.0	3.57	922	1239	929	1231	62.0	5.92	54.6	6.9	22.6	2.38	1.57	5.82	0.071	0.93
4	29.8	4.54	935	1247	937	1233	70.8	11.1	69.2	14.1	24.7	7.44	1.57	7.12	0.064	1.00
5	57.4	5.66	943	1262	948	1249	65.3	11.6	61.2	14.1	42.1	10.4	7.98	6.99	0.191	0.70
6	139.6	1.39	981	1297	986	1276	71.2	13.3	68.6	17.3	73.6	24.2	21.4	8.17	0.291	0.37

^aThe sample amount (N_0) and thickness (θ_0) at the start are 6.02×10^{15} molecules and 128 molecular layers (ML), respectively.



Fig. 6. Spectra achieved with LiC1 at $\theta_0 = 210$ ML (see Table 3).



Fig. 7. Spectra of LiBr^0 and Li^+ at $\beta = 3.6$ K/s (see Table 4).



Fig. 8. Spectra observed with LiBr at $\theta_0 = 22.5$ ML (see Table 4).



Fig. 9. Spectra of LiI⁰ and Li⁺ at $\beta = 3.2$ K/s (see Table 5).



Fig. 10. Spectra obtained with LiI at $\theta_0 = 28.2$ ML (see Table 5).

indicating that all the lines are well expressed by Eq. (5) [8] and hence that each desorption arises from the first-order process.

$$\ln\left(\frac{T_{\rm P}^2}{\beta}\right) = \frac{E}{RT_{\rm P}} - \ln\left(\frac{\nu R}{E}\right).$$
 (5)

Here, E and ν are the activation energy and the frequency factor for each desorption, respectively, while R is the gas constant. The values of E and ν determined from the slope and the intercept of each line in Fig. 11 are summarized in Table 6, where E_s^0 is the sublimation heat of bulk LiX at temperatures around $T_{\rm P_1}^0$, readily evaluated from thermochemical tables [9]. In the case of LiF at $\theta_0 = 12.8$ ML, for $E_1^0 = 220 \text{ kJ/mol}$ is example, smaller than $E_{\rm s}^0 = 270$ kJ/mol, strongly suggesting that LiF is desorbed from physical adsorption state rather than crystal state because θ_0 is as small as 12.8 ML. At $\theta_0 = 128$ ML, on the other hand, $E_1^0 = 281$ kJ/mol is nearly the same with E_s^0 within the experimental error of about $\pm 4\%$, showing that P_0^1 originates mainly from crystal sublimation. In the case of LiC1, E_1^0 increases



 $10^4/T_{\rm p}/{\rm K}^{-1}$

Fig. 11. Reciprocal of the peak appearance temperature (T_P) vs. the natural logarithm of T_P^2/β measured with LiF at $\theta_0 = 128$ ML (see row 2 in Table 6).

from 135 to 145 kJ/mol as θ_0 increases from 20.4 to 210 ML. At $\theta_0 = 2105$ ML, E_1^0 becomes 205 kJ/mol, exactly the same with E_s^0 . This result indicates that P_1^0 shown by curve 5 of Fig. 5A is due to sublimation not from physical adsorption state but from crystal state of LiC1 at temperatures much below T_m (883 K). Both LiBr and LiI starting at $\theta_0 = 22.5$ and 28.2 ML, respectively, show that E_1^0 is lower by about 50 kJ/mol than E_s^0 and hence suggest that any P_1^0 in Figs. 7–10 is due to desorption from physical adsorption state. On the other hand, E_2^0 and E_3^0 found with LiBr are much larger than E_s^0 , strongly suggesting that P_2^0 and P_3^0 originate from the respective chemical adsorption states.

When Li⁺ is desorbed from a catalytic metal surface at $\theta < 10^{-2}$ ML (virtually clean surface), E^+ is

Table 3 Summary of the data on LiC1 ($T_m = 883$ K) (see Figs. 5 and 6)

Summa	ary of the data	a on Lic	$I (I_{\rm m} = 8)$	83 K) (see FI	igs. 5 a	na 6)															
Curve	N ⁰	η^0	θ_0	β	$T_{\rm P}^0$ (K)	$T_{\rm P}^+$ (I	()		$\theta_{\rm P}^0~({\rm ML}$)	θ_{P}^+ (1	ML)		$D_{\rm P}^0$ (ML	s ⁻¹)	$D_{\rm P}^{+}$ (2)	$\times 10^{-4}$	$ML s^{-1}$)	$\varepsilon_{ m P}^+$ (>	<10 ⁻⁴)	
	(molecules)	(10 °)	(ML)	(Ks ⁻¹)	P_{1}^{0}	P_{2}^{0}	P_1^+	P_2^+	P_3^+	P_{1}^{0}	P_{2}^{0}	P_1^+	P_2^+	P_3^+	P_{1}^{0}	P_{2}^{0}	P_1^+	P_2^+	P_3^+	P_1^+	P_2^+	P_3^+
Fig. 5																						
1	3.01×13^{13}	-	1.05	3.7	705	1050	914	1054	1132	0.98	0.51	0.94	0.49	0.11	0.005	0.04	0.076	0.19	0.16	120	5.4	15
2	3.01×10^{14}	-	10.5	3.7	677	1128	907	1130	1186	8.6	2.5	6.5	2.4	0.27	0.18	0.26	0.37	1.2	0.46	150	4.7	20
3	6.02×10^{14}	-	21.0	3.7	698	1138	_	1154	_	14.4	9.4	_	2.6	_	0.55	0.40	_	1.1	_	-	3.0	-
4	6.02×10^{15}	-	210	3.7	734	1136	1054	1126	1206	96.4	11.3	21	13	3.9	8.8	0.71	3.9	4.8	2.9	18	7.1	16
5	6.02×10^{16}	-	2105	3.7	754	1158	1023	1138	1215	854	47.5	147	87	7.2	100	7.5	1.1	5.6	1.5	3.3	0.95	58
6	3.01×10^{17}	-	10524	3.7	804	1205	1036	1184	1276	3075	233	787	490	14	561	48	3.5	30	20	5.5	0.90	16
Fig. 6																						
1	6.02×10^{15}	13.8	210	1.76	699	1010	1014	1042	1100	117	11.5	11	8.0	3.6	3.2	0.19	3.4	2.0	2.3	17	11	24
2	6.02×10^{15}	4.0	210	3.72	734	1136	1054	1126	1206	96.4	11.3	21	13	3.9	8.8	0.71	3.9	4.8	2.9	18	7.1	16
3	6.02×10^{15}	4.7	210	14.6	766	1193	1080	1177	1265	107	11.6	27	17	1.7	25	4.5	0.65	2.0	1.0	2.0	0.52	2.1
4	6.02×10^{15}	1.4	210	29.1	781	1211	-	1198	1301	110	11.8	-	15	1.7	44	7.3	-	1.6	0.88	-	0.25	0.97
5	6.02×10^{15}	0.32	210	57.3	795	1254	-	1234	1329	120	17.1	-	23	3.5	81	17	-	1.9	0.88	-	0.13	0.22
6	6.02×10^{15}	0.16	210	76.3	794	1278	-	1294	1351	123	25.9	-	21	9.7	106	29	-	1.5	2.0	-	0.08	0.25

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Table 4 Data obtained with LiBr ($T_m = 823$ K) (see Figs. 7 and 8)

Curve	N_0	η^0	θ_0	β	$T_{\rm P}^0$ (K)		$T_{\rm P}^+$ (K	()	$\theta_{\rm P}^0~({\rm ML}$)		$\theta_{\rm P}^+$ (M	IL)		$D_{\rm P}^0$ (ML	${\rm s}^{-1}$) $D_{\rm P}^+$ ($\times 10^{-4} \mathrm{ML}$	s ⁻¹) $\varepsilon_{\rm P}^+$ ($\times 10^{-4}$)
	(molecules)	(×10 ⁻⁶)	(ML)	(K s ⁻¹)	P_{1}^{0}	P_2^0	P_{3}^{0}	P_1^+	P_2^+	P_{1}^{0}	P_2^0	P_{3}^{0}	P_1^+	P_2^+	P_{1}^{0}	P_{2}^{0}	P_{3}^{0} P_{1}^{+}	P_2^+	P_1^+	P_2^+
Fig. 7																				
1	6.02×10^{12}	_	0.23	3.6	682	1068	1168	1133	1170	0.22	0.15	0.08	0.11	0.07	0.0003	0.0013	0.004 8.0	7 7.34	3050	1839
2	6.02×10^{13}	_	2.25	3.6	700	1139	1182	1149	1182	1.99	1.05	0.68	0.99	0.67	0.016	0.0191	0.04225.6	22.6	930	534
3	6.02×10^{14}	_	22.5	3.6	677	1147	1184	1159	1191	15.8	4.21	2.73	3.76	2.43	0.59	0.147	0.16 24.7	43.5	205	272
4	6.02×10^{15}	_	225	3.6	725	1134	1180	1174	1211	123	13.5	8.51	9.26	5.99	5.5	0.509	0.42 45.0	17.0	108	79
5	$6.0 imes 10^{16}$	-	2250	3.6	753	1124	1165	1143	1198	1507	551	460	504	40.7	57.9	10.8	7.54 14.1	7.22	1.7	1.5
Fig. 8																				
1	6.02×10^{14}	4.64	22.5	0.36	626	1082	1112	1090	1128	15.2	4.1	2.8	3.8	2.1	0.07	0.019	0.018 3.9	6.5	295	557
2	6.02×10^{14}	4.76	22.5	0.81	662	1098	1139	1112	1147	15.3	5.1	3.1	4.5	2.5	0.14	0.047	0.050 7.6	16	235	299
3	6.02×10^{14}	5.84	22.5	1.20	671	1104	1141	1117	1155	15.0	3.6	2.2	3.2	1.6	0.21	0.050	0.06010	16	270	369
4	6.02×10^{14}	6.34	22.5	3.60	677	1148	1184	1159	1191	15.8	4.2	2.7	3.8	2.4	0.60	0.15	0.16 25	43	205	272
5	6.02×10^{14}	7.64	22.5	7.40	699	1163	1201	1164	1195	14.1	3.3	2.2	3.3	2.4	1.44	0.27	0.24 47	76	195	332
6	6.02×10^{14}	3.01	22.5	23.7	740	_	1228	_	1201	15.1	_	3.6	_	5.3	3.71	_	1.84 –	88	_	69.7

Table 5 Data on LiI ($T_m = 742$ K) (see Figs. 9 and 10)

Curve	N_0	η^0	θ_0	β	$T_{\rm P}^0$ (I	K)	$T_{\rm P}^+$ (1	K)	$\theta_{\rm P}^0~({\rm ML})$		θ_{P}^+ (M	L)	$D_{\rm P}^0$ (MI	(-50^{-1})	$D_{ m P}^+$ (×	10^{-4} ML s ⁻¹)	$\varepsilon_{\rm P}^+$ (×	10^{-2})
	(molecules)	(10^{-6})	(K)	$(K s^{-1})$	P_{1}^{0}	P_{2}^{0}	P_1^+	P_2^+	P_{1}^{0}	P_{2}^{0}	P_1^+	P_2^+	P_{1}^{0}	P_{2}^{0}	P_1^+	P_2^+	P_1^+	P_2^+
Fig. 9																		
1	6.02×10^{12}	-	0.366	3.2	677	1091	915	1162	0.32	0.03	0.11	0.01	0.002	0.001	2.74	0.80	8.95	16.3
2	6.02×10^{13}	_	3.53	3.2	685	1130	940	1124	2.70	0.68	1.46	0.72	0.047	0.016	1.04	1.70	1.73	0.98
3	$6.02 imes 10^{14}$	-	35.3	3.2	689	1082	934	1196	13.3	5.03	9.47	4.43	0.169	0.11	0.61	10.7	0.22	0.97
4	6.02×10^{15}	_	353	3.2	683	1100	-	1154	159	18.9	_	12.7	8.26	0.32	_	15.3	_	0.55
5	6.02×10^{16}	-	3530	3.2	709	-	-	1169	1261	-	-	18.6	72.5	133	-	6.33	-	0.17
Fig. 10																		
1	$6.02 imes 10^{14}$	30.4	28.2	0.76	589	967	910	1030	22.3	14.0	14.3	13.7	0.15	0.005	0.05	1.11	0.125	3.86
2	$6.02 imes 10^{14}$	34.8	28.2	1.02	595	980	924	1041	23.2	16.7	17.2	16.2	0.14	0.010	0.07	1.70	0.105	3.29
3	$6.02 imes 10^{14}$	8.9	28.2	3.19	608	990	923	1087	16.7	1.36	1.95	0.69	1.05	0.031	0.23	2.12	0.097	1.98
4	$6.02 imes 10^{14}$	6.7	28.2	22.2	681	1112	972	1101	14.4	1.37	2.83	1.51	6.44	0.289	0.61	1.93	0.097	0.071
5	$6.02 imes 10^{14}$	11.8	28.2	66.6	704	1164	872	1122	18.2	2.17	5.27	2.86	14.6	0.116	3.03	5.85	0.032	0.057

Table 6

Summary of the activation energies (E^0 and E^+ in kJ/mol) and frequency factors (ν^0 and ν^+ in s⁻¹) for neutral and ionic desorptions from LiX/Pt systems (here, E_s^0 is the sublimation heat (in kJ/mol) cited from literature)

Sample	θ_0 (ML)	$E_{\rm s}^0$	Molecule (Li	X^0)		Ion (Li ⁺)		
			P_{1}^{0}	P_{2}^{0}	P_{3}^{0}	P_1^+	P_2^+	P_3^+
E (kJ mol ⁻¹)							
LiF	12.8	270	220 ± 5	-	-	167 ± 5	-	_
	128		281 ± 12	396 ± 16	_	196 ± 29	326 ± 14	_
LiCl	20.4	206	135 ± 1	_	_	_	286 ± 2	_
	210		145 ± 6	277 ± 13	_	_	291 ± 7	234 ± 8
	2105		205 ± 8	365 ± 11	-	-	-	_
LiBr	22.5	190	139 ± 3	344 ± 2	377 ± 2	375 ± 2	535 ± 5	_
LiI	28.2	172	121 ± 2	_	_	_	406 ± 7	-
$\nu ({\rm s}^{-1})$								
LiF	12.8	_	$1.2 imes 10^{17}$	-	-	$7.8 imes 10^{10}$	-	_
	128		5.3×10^{15}	3.1×10^{16}	-	4.7×10^{10}	4.0×10^{13}	_
LiCl	20.4	_	$8.8 imes 10^8$	-	-	-	3.9×10^{14}	_
	210		3.9×10^{9}	4.3×10^{11}	-	-	3.2×10^{12}	1.1×10^{9}
	2105		$2.6 imes 10^{13}$	$2.8 imes 10^{15}$	-	_	_	_
LiBr	22.5	_	4.7×10^{9}	$5.8 imes 10^{14}$	6.6×10^{15}	1.4×10^{16}	5.1×10^{18}	_
LiI	28.2	-	2.1×10^9	-	-	-	$1.6 imes 10^{19}$	-

usually equal to the image force [10] given by

$$E_i^+ = \frac{e^2}{4r} = 571 \text{ kJ/mol.}$$
 (6)

Here, e is the elementary electric charge and r is the radius of Li⁺ (6.07 \times 10⁻⁹ cm) [11]. Compared with $E_i^+ = 571$ kJ/mol, any value of $E_1^+ - E_3^+$ is very small (167-535 kJ/mol, see Table 6). This may be quite natural because the peaks $(P_1^+ - P_3^+)$ employed to determine $E_1^+ - E_3^+$ appear usually at $\theta_P^+ > 1$ ML (see Table 2 and the lower halves of Tables 3-5). In other words, Li⁺ is desorbed not from an essentially bare surface of the base metal (Pt) but from the active sites of LiX with high work function, which will be described in Section 3.4. In Table 1 and the upper halves of Tables 3-5 (especially row 1 corresponding to $\theta_0 \leq 1$ ML), on the other hand, some of $P_1^+ - P_3^+$ are found to appear at $\theta_{\rm P}^+$ <1 ML. In this case, Li⁺ is desorbed mainly from the surface not of LiX but of Pt. At $\theta_0 \leq 1$ ML, however, it is very difficult for a TPD method to determine E^+ correctly.

3.3. Effective concentration

Consideration of our experimental data from the viewpoint of chemical kinetics leads to

$$D_{\rm P}^{0+} = A_{\rm P}^{0+} \nu^{0+} \exp\left[-E^{0+}/RT_{\rm P}^{0+}\right]. \tag{7}$$

Here, $A_{\rm P}^{0+}$ is the sample amount (effective concentration) actually participating in the neutral or ionic desorption at the peak appearance temperature $(T_{\rm P}^{0}$ or $T_{\rm P}^{+}$). In the case of LiF at $\theta_{0} = 128$ ML and $\beta = 3.4$ K, for example, $A_{\rm P_{1}}^{0}$ corresponding to P_{1}^{0} is evaluated from Eq. (7) to be 22.5 ML since $D_{\rm P_{1}}^{0} = 5.17$ ML and at $T_{\rm P_{1}}^{0} = 900$ K (see row 1 in Table 2) and since $E_{1}^{0} = 281$ kJ/mol and $\nu_{1}^{0} = 5.3 \times 10^{15}$ /s (see rows 2 and 8 in Table 6). On the other hand, $\theta_{\rm P_{1}}^{0}$ is evaluated to be 0.43 (see row 1 in Table 7). Consequently, the LiF molecules included in the upper layers (43%) alone participate in the neutral desorption, and only those molecules (23% of $A_{\rm P_{1}}^{0}$) satisfying $E_{1}^{0} \ge 281$ kJ/mol (see row 2 in Table 6) are desorbed from the crystal state as LiF⁰ at the rate ($D_{\rm P_{1}}^{0}$) of 5.17 ML/s at $T_{\rm P_{1}}^{0} = 900$ K, thus giving P_{1}^{0} .

With respect to P_1^{+1} in the same run, $A_{P_1}^+$ and $A_{P_1}^+/\theta_{P_1}^+$ are evaluated to be 8.7×10^{-5} ML and 9.0×10^{-7} (see row 1 in Table 7), respectively, although $\theta_{P_1}^+$ is as large as 97.1 ML (see row 1 in Table 2). Consequently, Li^+ is desorbed from the active sites (high work function spots) of LiF itself, and $A_{P_1}^+/\theta_{P_1}^+$ may be considered to represent the fractional surface area at $T_{P_1}^+ = 861$ K. After thermal dissociation (LiF \rightarrow Li + F) and ionization (Li \rightarrow Li⁺ + e) on the active sites, only those ions (~10% of $A_{P_1}^+ = 8.7 \times 10^{-5}$ ML

LiX	Curve	θ_0	β	$A_{\rm P}^0~({ m ML})$			$A_{ m P}^0/ heta_{ m P}^0$			$A_{\rm P}^+ \ (\times 10^{-2}$	⁴ ML)		$A_{\rm P}^+/\theta_{\rm P}^+~(10^{-3})$		
		(ML)	$(K s^{-1})$	P_{1}^{0}	P_{2}^{0}	P_{3}^{0}	P_{1}^{0}	P_{2}^{0}	P_{3}^{0}	P_{1}^{+}	P_2^+	P_3^+	P_{1}^{+}	P_{2}^{+}	P_3^+
LiF (Fig. 4)															
	1	128	3.4	22.5	13.4	_	0.43	~ 1	-	0.87	21.8	_	0.0009	0.20	_
	2	128	7.9	31.6	3.0	_	0.62	0.59	-	-	5.3	_	-	0.10	-
	3	128	20.0	34.4	2.4	_	0.56	0.41	_	2.12	11.1	_	0.0039	0.16	_
	4	128	29.8	21.0	6.1	-	0.30	0.55	_	1.72	12.6	-	0.0025	0.090	_
	5	128	57.4	25.8	5.5	_	0.39	0.47	-	6.52	8.4	_	0.010	0.059	-
	6	128	139.6	9.0	_	_	0.13	_	_	_	4.9	_	_	0.028	-
Mean		-	-	24 ± 8	6.1 ± 3.9	-	0.41 ± 0.16	~6		2.8 ± 2.2	10.7 ± 5.7	-	0.0044 ± 0.0035	0.11 ± 0.06	-
LiCl (Fig. 6)															
	2	210	3.7	44	9.2	-	0.46	~ 0.8	_	-	48	36	-	0.37	0.92
	3	210	14.6	47	12	-	0.44	~ 1	_	-	5.3	4.2	-	0.031	0.25
	4	210	29.1	53	12	_	0.48	~ 1	_	_	2.5	1.9	-	0.017	0.11
	5	210	57.3	66	15	_	0.55	~ 0.9	_	_	1.3	1.2	-	0.006	0.35
Mean		-	-	53 ± 8	12 ± 2	-	1.9 ± 0.5	~ 1	-	_	14 ± 20	11 ± 15	-	0.11 ± 0.15	0.41 ± 0.31
LiBr (Fig. 8)															
	1	22.5	0.36	5.7	1.3	1.4	0.37	0.31	0.51	280	430	_	7.4	20	_
	2	22.5	0.81	2.7	1.8	1.5	0.18	0.35	0.50	240	480	_	5.4	19	_
	3	22.5	1.20	3.0	1.5	1.7	0.20	0.42	0.80	270	360	_	8.5	23	_
	4	22.5	3.60	6.6	1.1	1.1	0.41	0.26	0.40	150	240	_	4.0	10	_
	5	22.5	7.40	7.5	1.3	1.0	0.53	0.39	0.43	250	360	_	7.5	15	-
	6	22.5	23.8	5.1	_	3.2	0.33	_	0.87	_	320	_	_	6	_
Mean		-	-	5.1 ± 1.8	1.4 ± 0.2	1.7 ± 0.7	0.34 ± 0.12	0.35 ± 0.06	0.59 ± 0.18	240 ± 50	370 ± 80	-	6.6 ± 1.6	16 ± 6	-
LiI (Fig. 10)															
	1	28.2	0.75	1.7	_	_	0.078	_	_	_	98.2	_	_	0.72	_
	2	28.2	1.02	1.3	_	_	0.058	-	_	_	91.3	_	_	0.56	_
	3	28.2	3.2	5.9	_	_	0.351	_	_	_	15.6	_	_	2.25	_
	4	28.2	22.2	4.1	_	_	0.287	-	_	_	8.0	_	_	0.53	_
	5	28.2	66.6	3.1	_	_	0.168	-	_	_	10.5	_	_	0.37	_
Mean		-	-	3.2 ± 1.7	-	-	0.19 ± 0.18	-	-	-	45 ± 41	-	-	0.89 ± 0.62	-

Effective amounts or "effective concentrations" $(A_P^0 \text{ and } A_P^+)$ of LiX participating in neutral and ionic desorptions and their relative values $(A_P^0/\theta_P^0 \text{ and } A_P^+/\theta_P^+)$ to the actual amounts or "actual concentrations" $(\theta_P^0 \text{ and } \theta_P^+)$ present on the platinum surface at respective peak temperatures $(T_P^0 \text{ and } T_P^+)$ listed in Tables 2–5 (see Figs. 4–10)

Table 7

Fig. 12. Temperature of LiF ($\theta_0 = 0.13$ ML) vs. (A) the sample layer thickness (θ) on Pt, (B) the ionization efficiency ($\epsilon^+ \approx n^+/n^0$) and (C) the neutral or ionic desorption rate $(n^0 \text{ or } n^+)$ measured at $\beta = 3.4$ K/s (see row 1 in Table 1).

1000

Sample temperature, T/K

Time, t/s

150

T_m

0

LiF

₋iF

750

10

10

10

5

0

8

6

4

2 0

500

θ /ML

 ε + /10⁻² 10

 $n^{0}/10^{10}$ molecules s⁻¹

50

 $\theta_0 = 0.13 \text{ ML}$

β[°]= 3.4 K/s

100

200

= 1121 K

Li '

1250

250

[B]

[C]

2

0

1500

[A]

10¹³

10¹² selonger 10¹¹ 10¹¹ 10¹⁰ N

n ⁺ /10⁹ ions s⁻¹



Fig. 13. Temperature dependence of (A) the thickness (θ) of LiF $(\theta_0 = 1.28 \text{ ML})$, (B) the efficiency (ϵ^+) and (C) the desorption rates $(n^0 \text{ or } n^+)$ at $\beta = 3.4$ K/s (see row 2 in Table 1).



Fig. 14. Temperature dependence of $\theta, \ \epsilon^+, \ n^0 \ {\rm and} \ n^+$ measured with LiF ($\theta_0 = 12.8$ ML) at $\beta = 3.4$ K/s (see row 3 in Table 1).



Fig. 15. Temperature vs., θ , ϵ^+ , n^0 and n^+ determined with LiF $(\theta_0 = 128 \text{ ML})$ at $\beta = 3.4 \text{ K/s}$ (see row 4 in Table 1).

Table 8 Summary of our experimental data (E^0 , E^+ and ϕ^+ in kJ/mol and $S_a \equiv A_p^+/\theta_p^+$, ϵ^+ , etc.) and literature values ($D^=$ and I in kJ/mol)

$\begin{array}{c} \text{LiX} \\ (\theta_0 \text{ in ML}) \end{array}$	Peaks	Т (К)	$\theta_{\rm P}^+$ (ML)	$D^{=}$ (kJ mol ⁻¹)	$I (kJ mol^{-1})$	E^0 (kJ mol ⁻¹)	E^+ (kJ mol ⁻¹)	ϕ^+ (kJ mol ⁻¹)	S _a	\bar{S}_{a}	ϵ^+	$\bar{\varepsilon}^+$
LiF (128) LiCl (210) LiBr (22.5)	$P_{2}^{0} \text{ and } P_{2}^{+}$ $P_{2}^{0} \text{ and } P_{2}^{+}$ $P_{2}^{0} \text{ and } P_{1}^{+}$	1162–1297 1010–1294 1082–1164	5–17 8–23 3–5	588 485 431	546 544 544	$396 \pm 18 \\ 277 \pm 13 \\ 344 \pm 2$	326 ± 14 291 ± 7 375 ± 2	878 ± 33 724 ± 19 569 ± 4	$\begin{array}{c} 2\times10^{-4}{-}3\times10^{-5}\\ 4\times10^{-4}{-}6\times10^{-6}\\ 4\times10^{-3}{-}9\times10^{-3} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} (1.1\pm 0.6)\times 10^{-4} \\ (1.1\pm 1.5)\times 10^{-4} \\ (6.6\pm 1.6)\times 10^{-3} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 4\times10^{-5}{-}1\times10^{-4}\\ 1\times10^{-3}{-}8\times10^{-6}\\ 3\times10^{-2}{-}2\times10^{-2} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} (9\pm3)\times10^{-5} \\ (3\pm4)\times10^{-4} \\ (2\pm1)\times10^{-2} \end{array}$

= 4.1×10^9 ions) satisfying $E_1^+ \ge 196$ kJ/mol (see row 2 in Table 6) are desorbed from the sites as Li⁺ at the rate of $D_{P_1}^+ = 8.8 \times 10^{-6}$ ML/s = 4.1×10^8 ions/s at $T_{P_1}^+$ (see row 1 in Table 2).

Quite similarly as above, both A_P^0 and A_P^+ were determined with other peaks (P_2^{0+}) of LiF and also with all the peaks of the other halides, too. The results thus achieved are summarized in Table 7, indicating that the fractional surface area (A_P^+/θ_P^+) of the active sites promoting the desorption of Li⁺ is at the most ca. 2% at P_2^+ of LiBr and at the least ca. $9 \times 10^{-5}\%$ at P_1^+ of LiF. In other words, more than 98% of the desorbing surface consist of non-active sites with low work function and hence promote the desorption of LiX⁰.

3.4. Ionization efficiency and work function

Temperature dependence of the ionization efficiency (ϵ^+) observed with LiF ($\theta_0 = 0.13-128$ ML) are shown in Figs. 12–15, which include the relation between *T* and θ , too. As θ_0 increases, ϵ^+ tends to decrease from ca. 10^{-2} to 10^{-4} at any temperature. It should be noted that ϵ^+ becomes generally larger at $\theta < 1$ ML. When θ_0 is less than ca. 1 ML or when θ becomes less than ca 1 ML at high temperatures above $T_{\rm m}$, Li⁺ is generally desorbed from the surface of Pt. Even at $\theta >> 1$ ML, however, Li⁺ can be desorbed from those active sites on the layers of LiX itself. As shown in Table 2, $\theta_{\rm P_1}^+$ is as large as 97–55 ML, but Li⁺ is desorbed at $D_{\rm P_1}^+ \ge 10^{-5}$ ML/s. The work function (ϕ^+) of the sites can be evaluated [12] from

$$\phi^+ = I + D^= + E^0 - 2E^+. \tag{8}$$

Here, *I* is the ionization energy of Li and $D^{=}$ is the dissociation energy of LiX, readily obtainable from thermochemical tables [9]. In the case of LiF ($\theta_0 = 128$ ML and $\beta = 3.4$ –140 K/s, see Table 2), each peak of P_2^+ appears at $T_{P_2}^+ = 1162$ –1276 K, well overlapping with $T_{P_2}^0 = 1168$ –1297 K. In addition, $\theta_{P_2}^+$ and $\theta_{P_2}^0$ are in the ranges of ca. 5–17 and 5–13 ML, respectively, much larger than 1 ML. Therefore, each P_2^+ originates from those active sites and hence ϕ^+ is evaluated from Eq. (8). Typical results thus obtained are summarized in Table 8. Here, \bar{S}_a is the mean value of the fractional surface area ($S_a \equiv A_p^+/\theta_p^+$) of the active sites affording the peak of P_2^+ or P_1^+ . It should be noted that ϵ^+ is strongly governed by both ϕ^+ and S_a and also that ϕ^+ depends upon E^0 and $D^=$. This is the main reason

why ϵ^+ and its mean value $(\bar{\epsilon}^+)$ rang from ca. 10^{-5} to ca. 10^{-2} depending upon the species of LiX.

4. Conclusion

The above experimental data and analytical results achieved with LiF–LiI yield the conclusions as follows. (1) The first peak (P_1^0) appearing below T_m of each LiX is partly due to the desorption from physical adsorption state of LiX. (2) The other peaks (P_2^0 and P_3^0) above T_m originates from the chemisorption states of LiX. (3) Those ionic peaks ($P_1^+ - P_3^+$) appearing at $\theta >> 1$ ML are due to the desorption from the active sites on LiX itself, while those at $\theta \le 1$ ML originate from the ion desorbed from the surface of Pt. (4) The mean fractional surface area (\bar{S}_a) of the active sites on LiX ranges from ca. 6×10^{-6} to 9×10^{-3} , depending upon the species of LiX. (5) The work function (ϕ^+) of the sites also depends upon the species of LiX, ranging from 878 to 569 kJ/mol.

However, much work is necessary to clarify both physical structure and chemical composition of the active sites and also to examine the effect of the base metal upon the ionic desorption especially at high temperatures above $T_{\rm m}$ of each sample.

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