

**active site (in heterogeneous catalysis)**

The term is often applied to those sites for *adsorption* which are the effective sites for a particular heterogeneous catalytic reaction . The terms active site and active centre are often used as synonyms, but active centre may also be used to describe an ensemble of sites at which a catalytic reaction takes place.

1976, 46, 77; see also 1992, 64, 145