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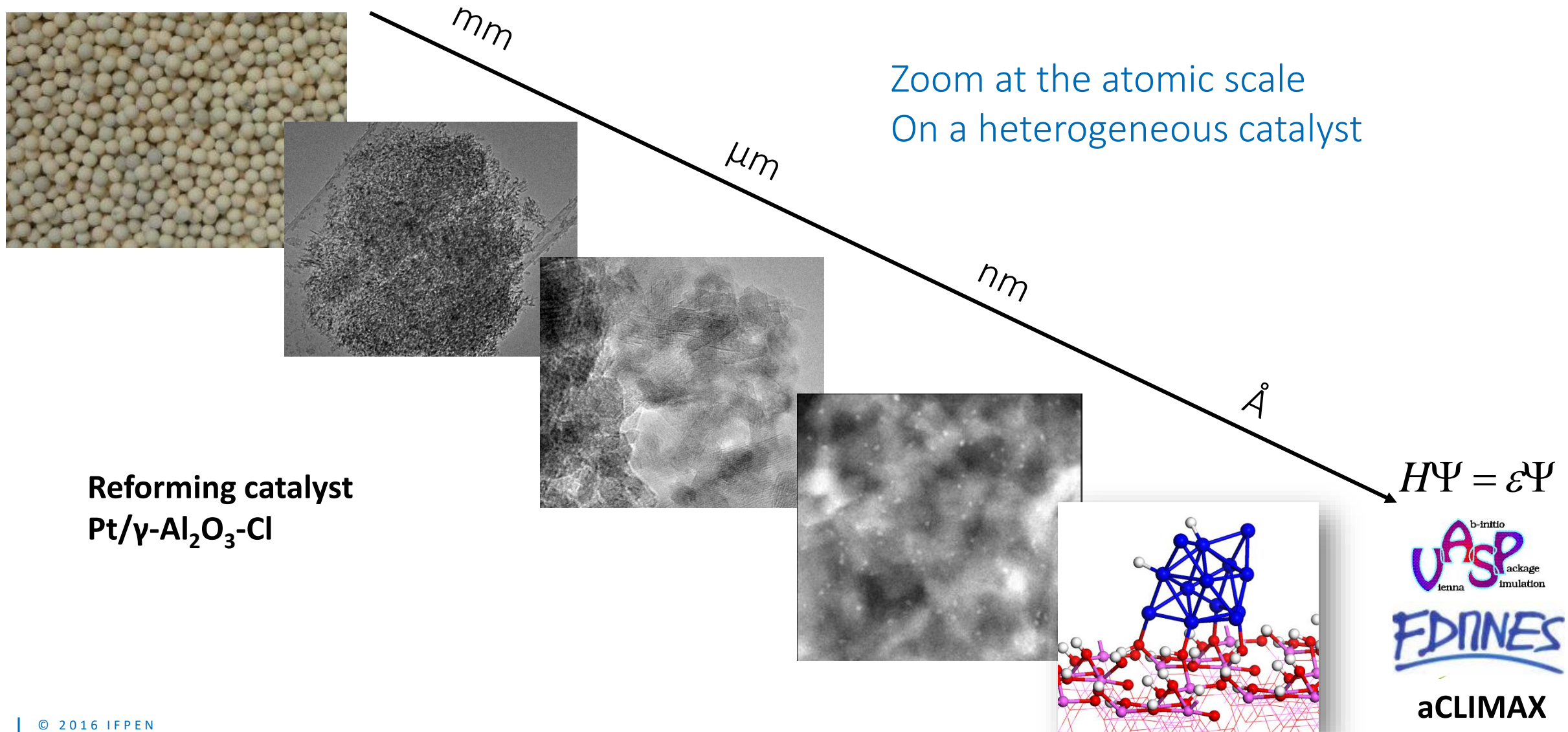
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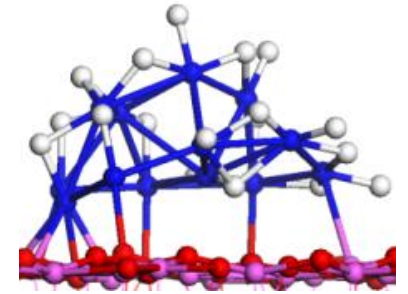


WHY DO WE NEED MOLECULAR MODELLING IN INDUSTRIAL CATALYSIS ?

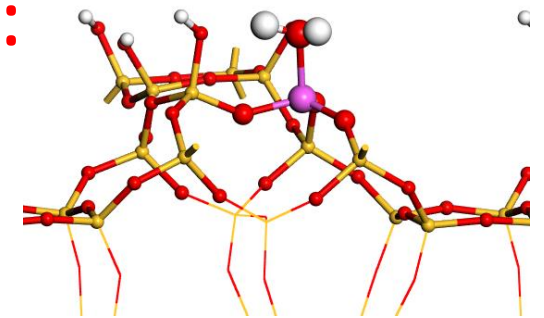


TWO FAMILIES OF CATALYTIC SYSTEMS OF INDUSTRIAL RELEVANCE

1. Models for ultradispersed Pt/ γ -Al₂O₃ catalysts in reactive environment
Ductility of the particles



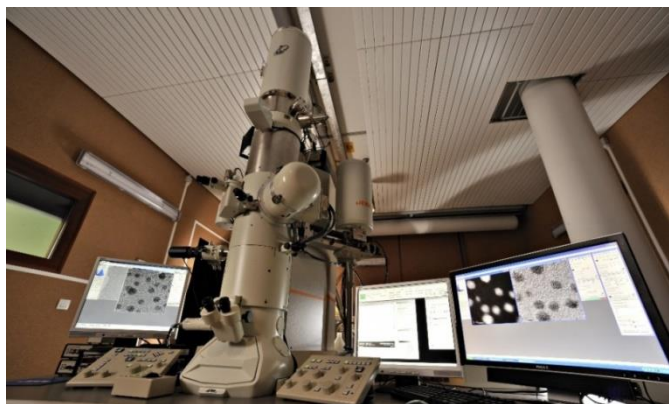
2. Models for the external surface of zeolite catalysts:
Structural sources of complexity
Variety of acid sites



FIRST EXAMPLE: SUPPORTED ULTRA-DISPERSED Pt/ γ -Al₂O₃ CATALYSTS

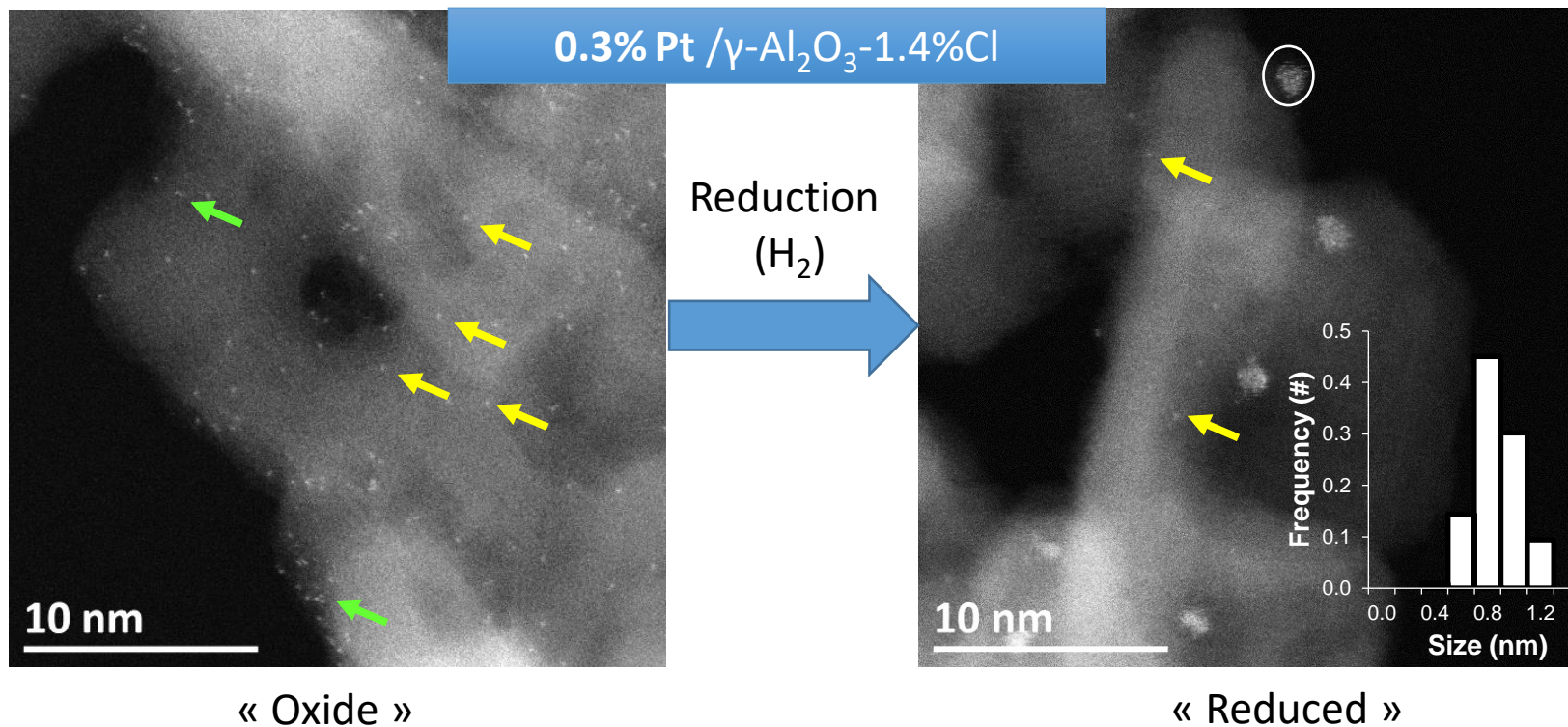
Relevant systems for PDH, catalytic reforming, etc. → importance of P(H₂)

HR-HAADF-STEM



Cs-corrected JEOL JEM 2100F
microscope (200kV)
JEOL HAADF detector
Electron probe size: 0.11 nm

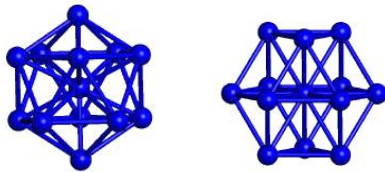
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Single atoms prevail in the
oxide state

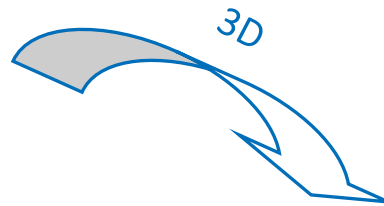
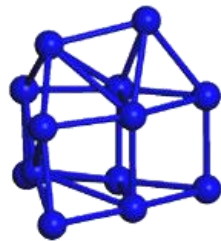
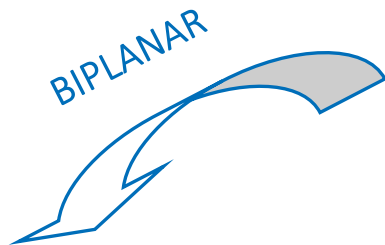
Consistent control of
nanoparticle size at 0.9 nm

ICO



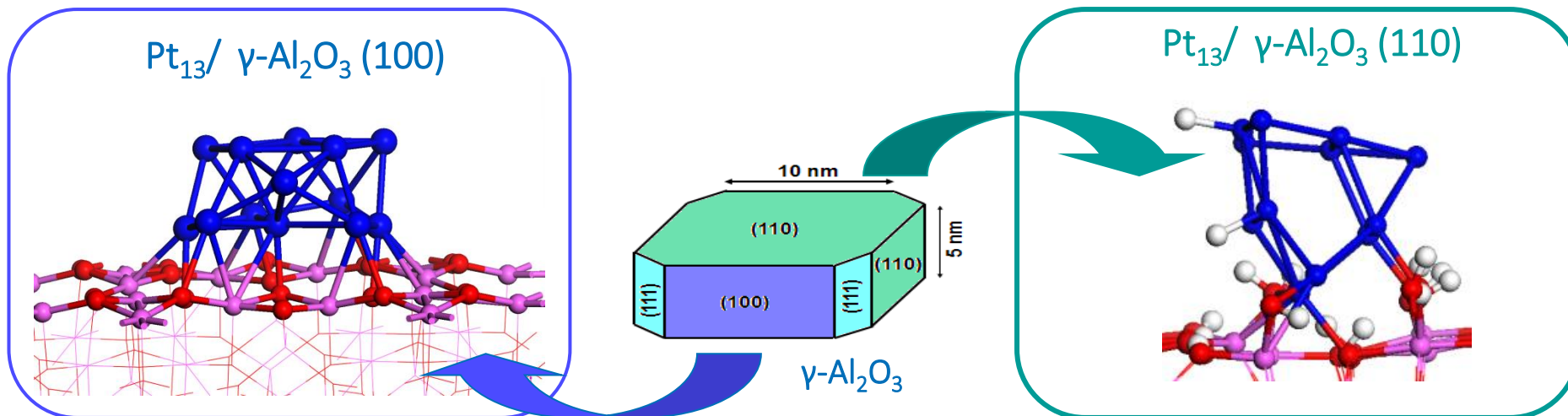
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Molecular dynamics



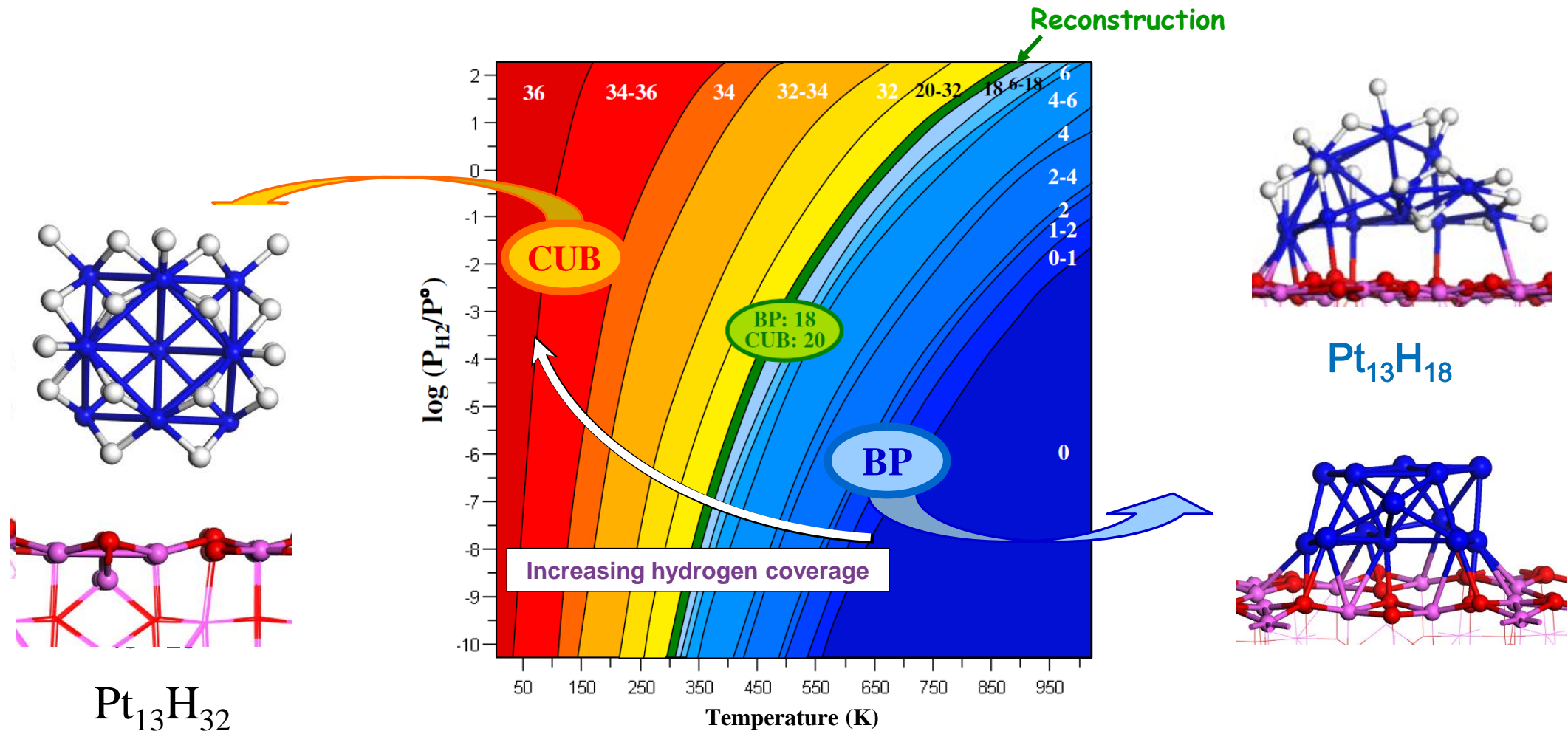
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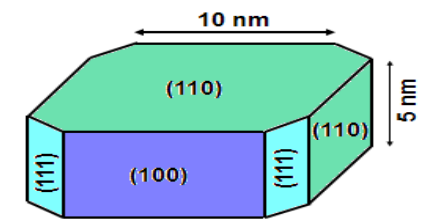
Morphology depends on the alumina facet and hydroxylation level
Far from symmetric !


RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PARTICLES UPON EXPOSURE TO H₂



C. Mager-Maury, G. Bonnard, C. Chizallet, P. Sautet, P. Raybaud, *ChemCatChem*, 3 (2011) 99

HYDROGEN INTERACTION WITH Pt/ALUMINA: XANES



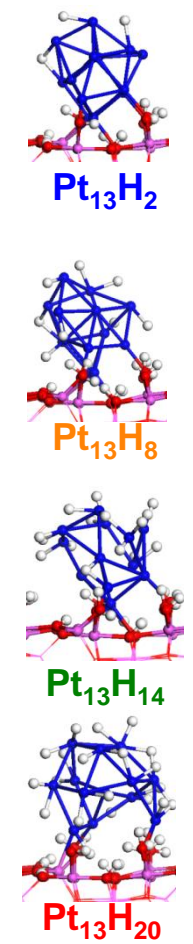


FAME
UHD

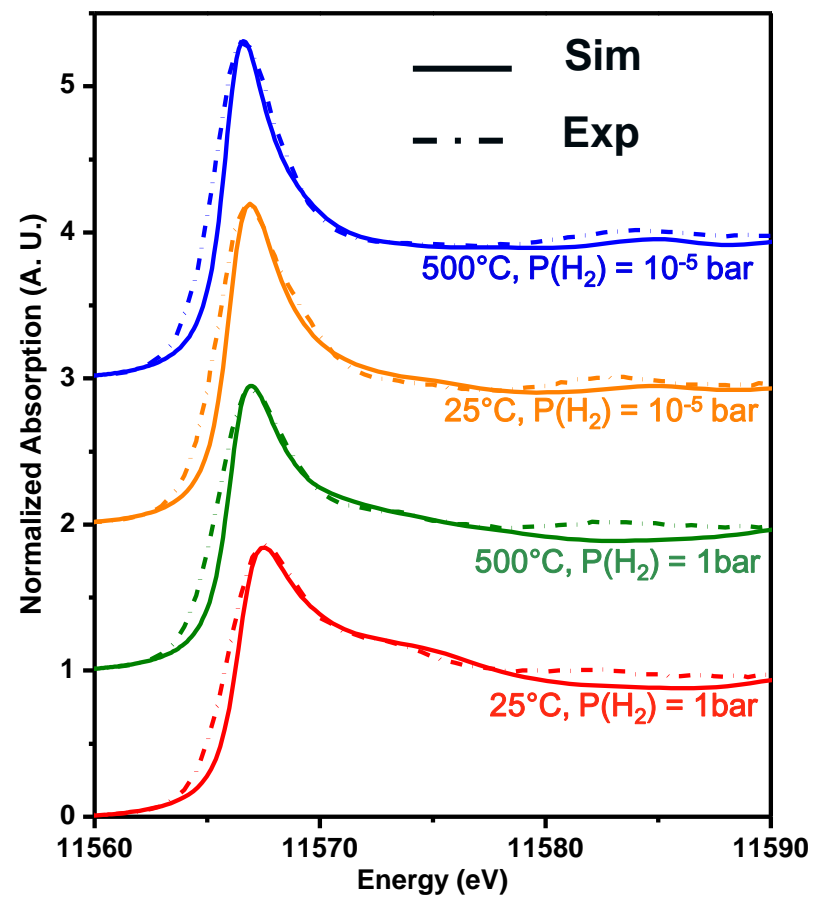
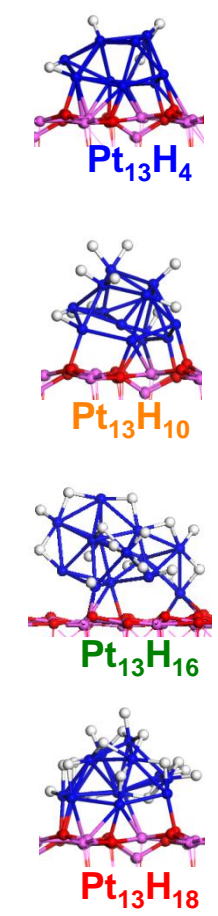
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Pt L₃ edge (11564 eV)
Double crystal Si(220) monochromator
Two Rh-coated Si mirrors
Fluorescence mode
Multi-crystal analyzer Ge(100)
+ mono-element silicon drift detector

(110)



(100)



Identification of hydrogen coverage / morphology on each surface and for each experimental condition

HYDROGEN INTERACTION WITH Pt/ALUMINA: INELASTIC NEUTRON SCATTERING



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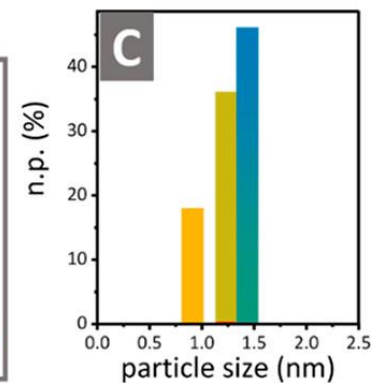
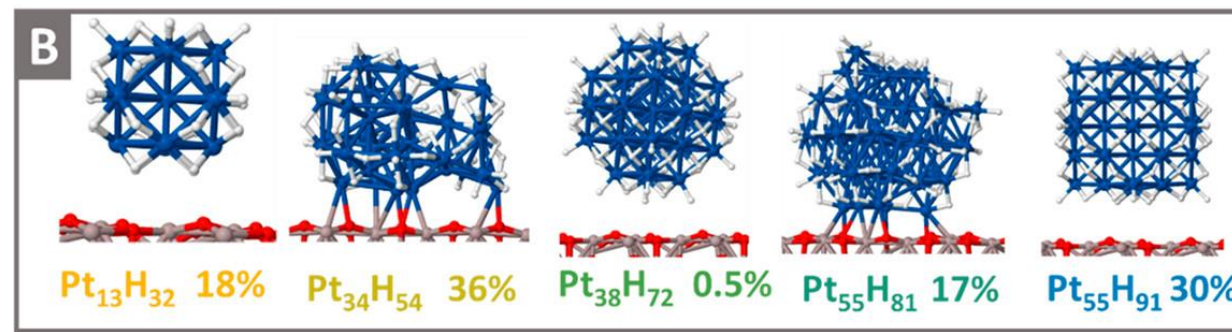
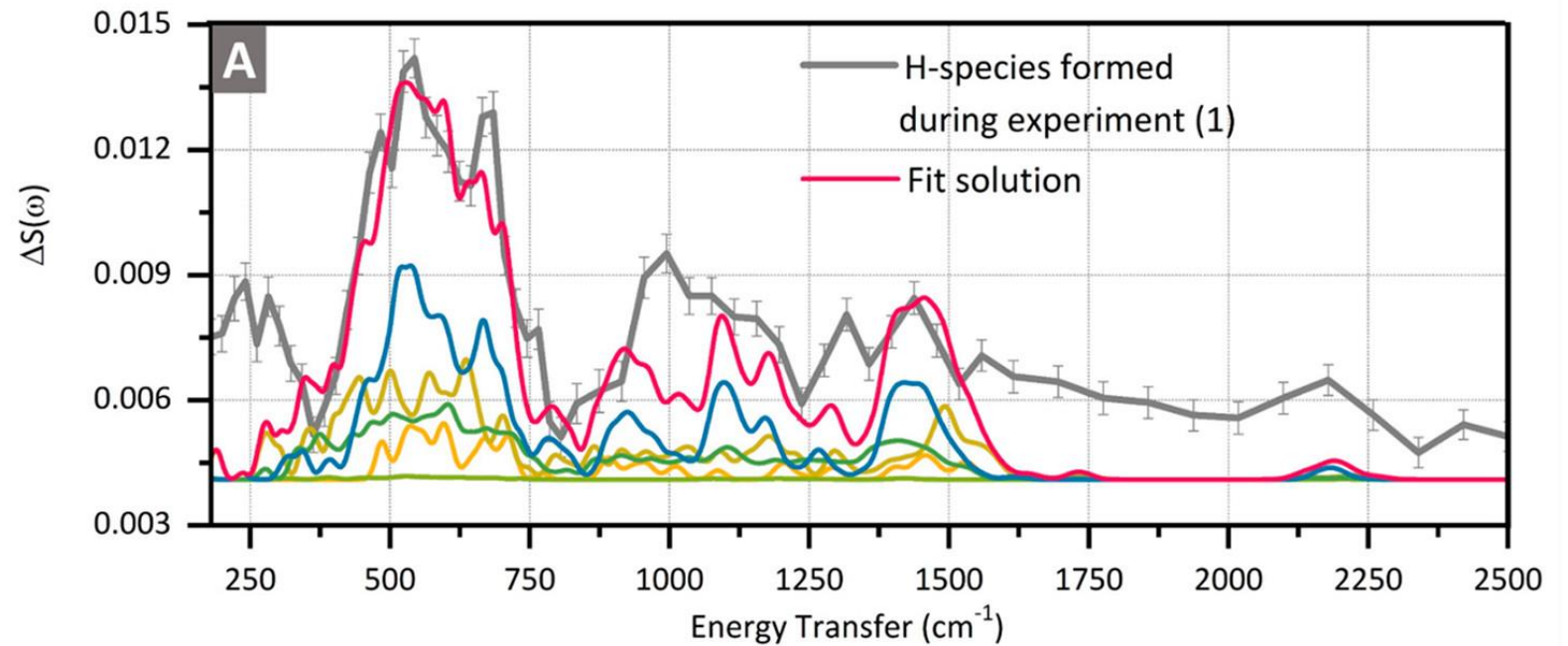
5 wt % Pt/Al₂O₃

1.4 ± 0.4 nm

393 K outgasing

IN1-Lagrange

Si311 and Cu220 monochromators

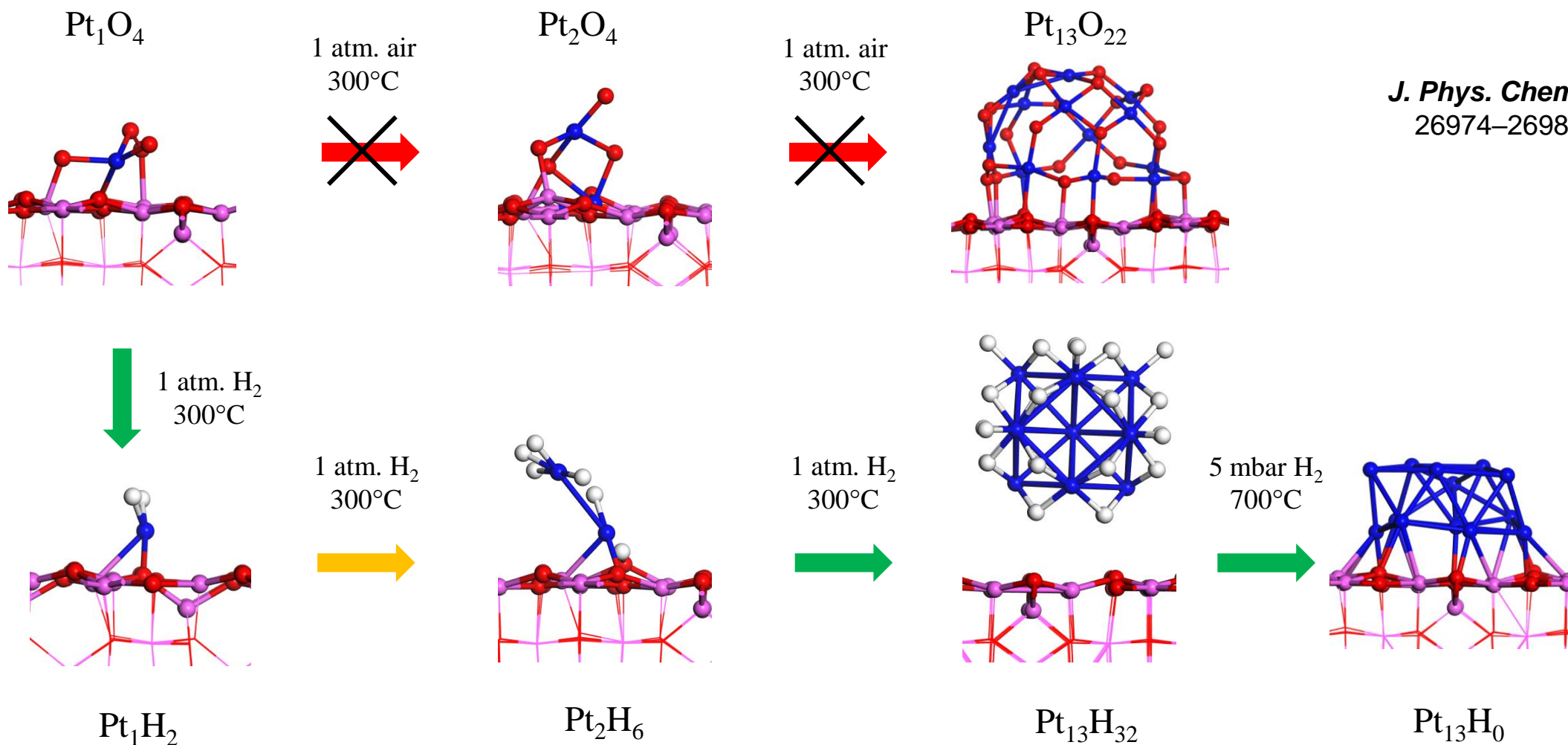


E. Vottero et al., *ACS Catal.*, 12 (2022) 5979

FROM SINGLE ATOM CATALYSTS (SACs) TO CLUSTERS: FIRST INSIGHTS ON THE ROLE OF CALCINATION/REDUCTION



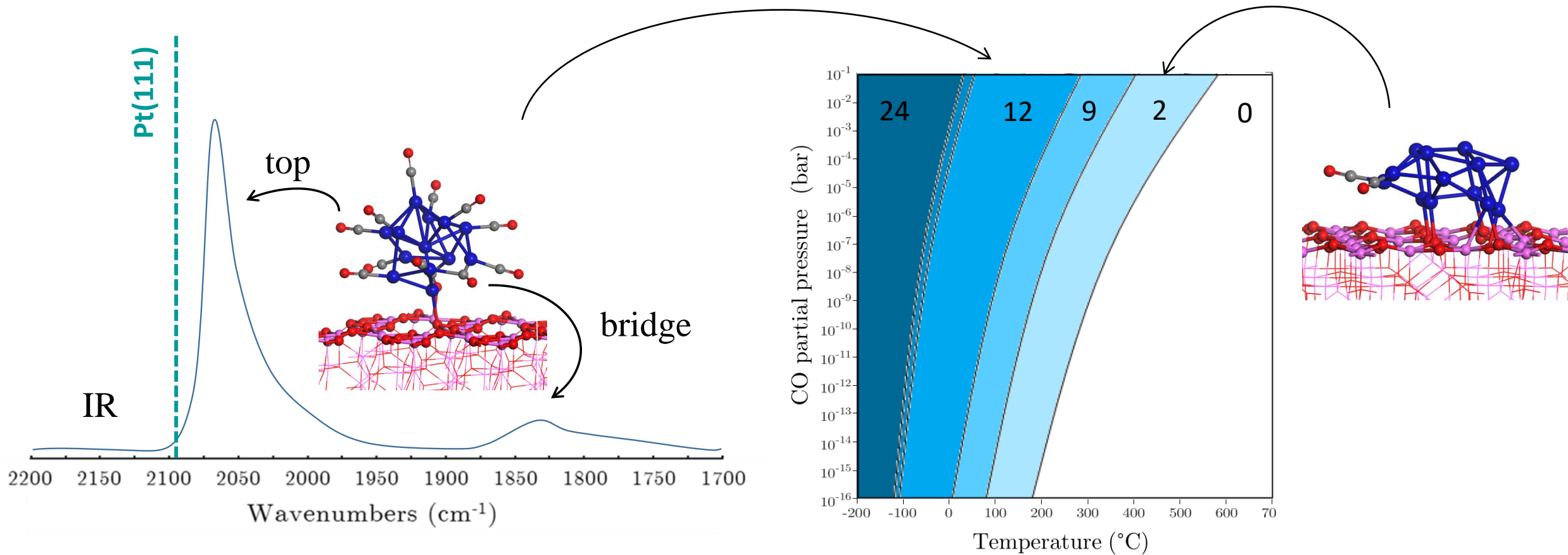
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**Pt remains in the form of single atoms under oxidizing atmosphere, mobile clusters form upon reduction
Confirmed by EXAFS and E-HR-STEM**

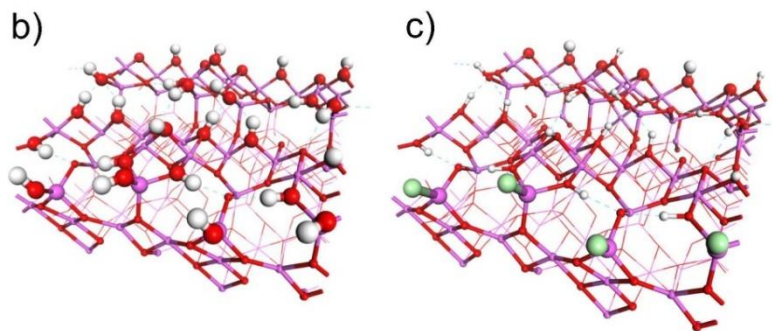
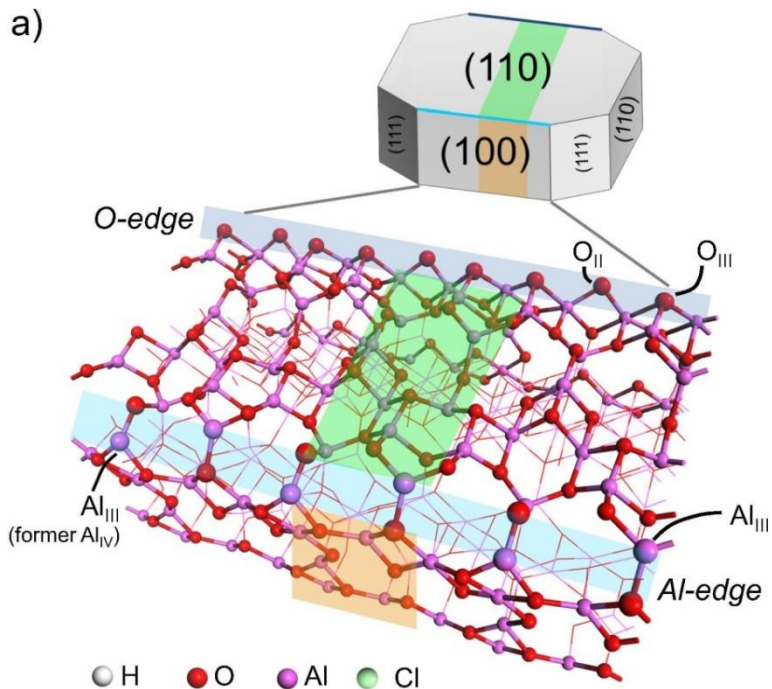
Nanoscale, 11,
6897- 6904, 2019

ADSORPTION OF CO ON SUPPORTED PLATINUM CLUSTERS



Reconstruction upon exposure to CO.
Size effect: ↗ strenght of interaction , ↘ IR frequency

IMPORTANCE OF THE EDGES OF THE ALUMINA PLATELETS

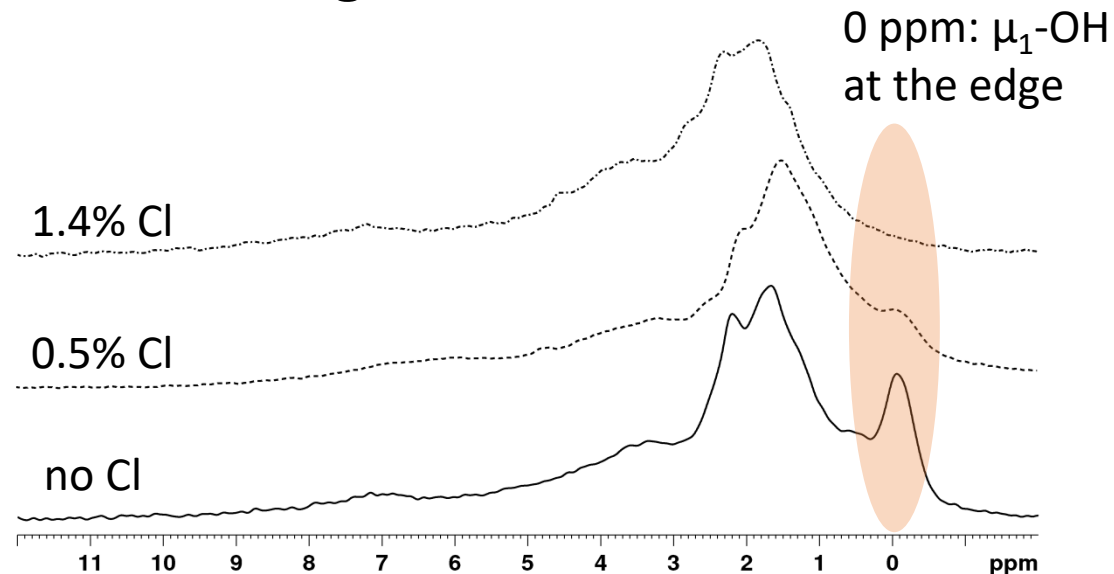


Batista et al., *J. Catal.* 2019, 378, 140

Assignment of the ¹H NMR spectra



¹H Nuclear Magnetic Resonance



Bruker Avance III 800 SB 800 MHz
30 kHz MAS
DEPTH sequence

All Cl up to 1.4% are located on the edges

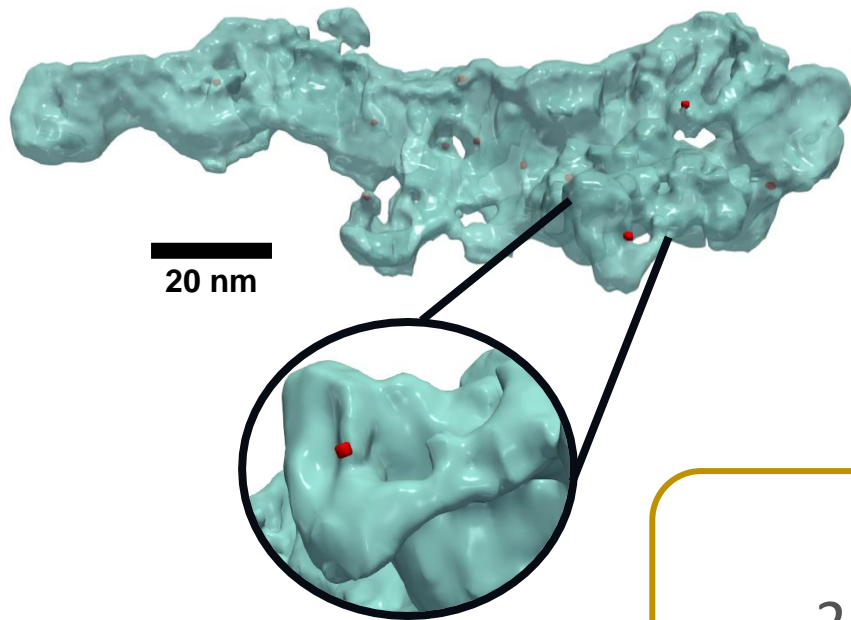
Bruker Avance III 800 SB 800 MHz
30 kHz MAS
2.5 mm rotor with Vespel® caps
DEPTH sequence



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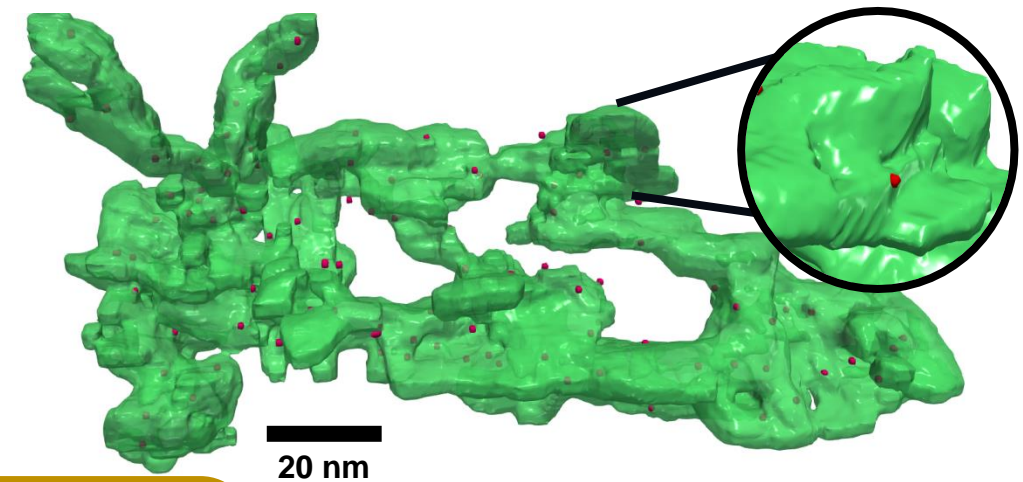
LOCATION OF PLATINUM NANOPARTICLES ON THE ALUMINA SUPPORT ELECTRON TOMOGRAPHY

0.3%Pt/ γ -Al₂O₃-1.4%Cl



■ Pt NPs
■ Alumina

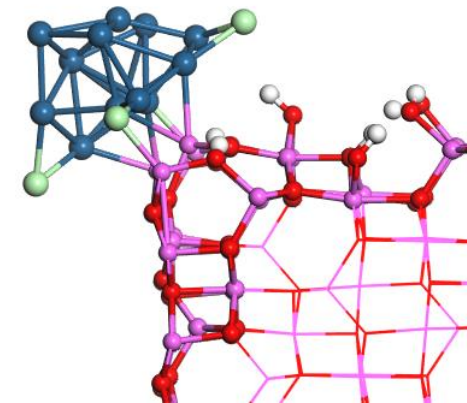
1%Pt/ γ -Al₂O₃-1.4%Cl



NP Location: n=80
22% of NPs on surfaces
78% of NPs on edges

A.T.F. Batista et al., *ACS Catal.*, 2020, 10, 4193

DFT: Pt₁₃/edge is energetically competitive with Pt₁₃/surface



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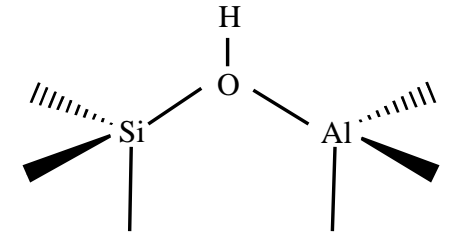


CATALYTIC ACTIVE SITE OF ALUMINOSILICATES?

* Framework and compensation cations in micropores

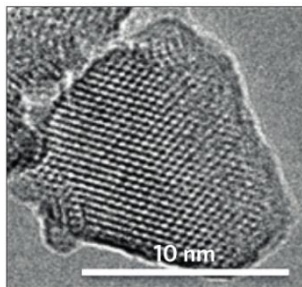
This work: protonic zeolites, Brønsted acid sites

Uytterhoeven, Christner, Hall, *JPC* 1965
 Haag, Lago, Weisz, *Nature* 1984
 Mortier, Sauer, Lercher, Noller, *JPC* 1984

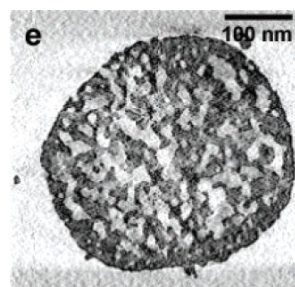


* Beyond the crystal bulk approach

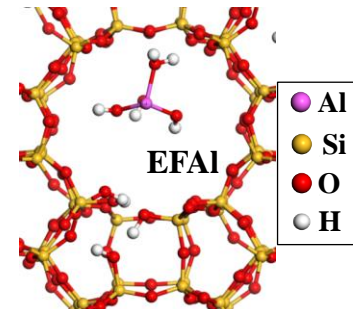
- External surface / surface at mesopores



Nano-FAU
 Mintova et al.
Nature Materials 2015



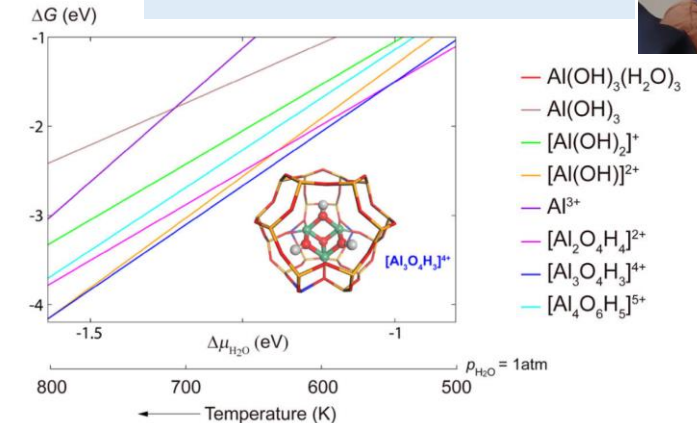
Hierarchical-MFI
 Perez-Ramirez et al.
JACS 2005



J. Catal. **2016**, 339, 242

- Defects, EFAls

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ACS Catal. **2015**, 5, 7024



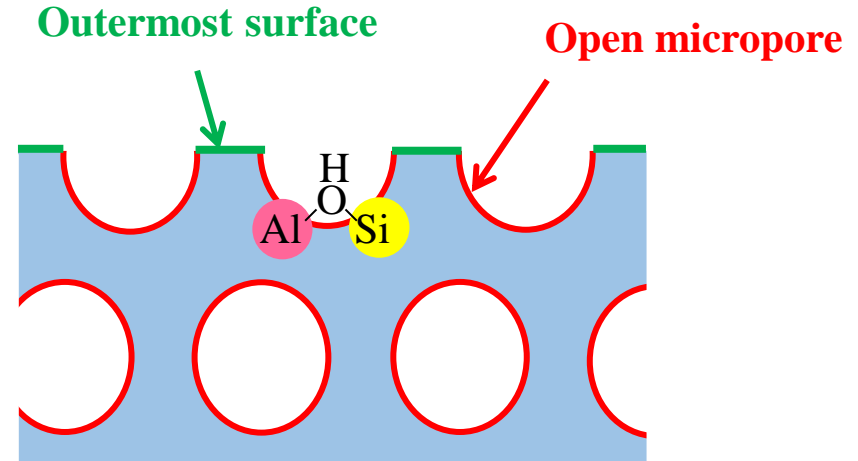
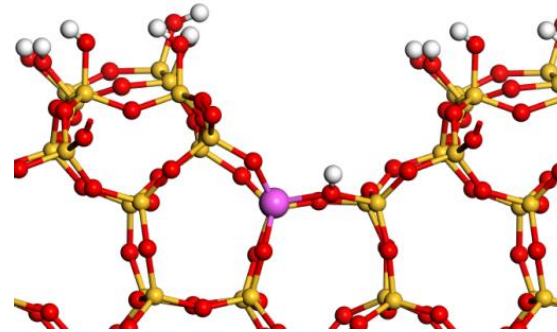
Need for molecular approaches

C. Chizallet, *ACS Catal.* **2020**, 10, 5579

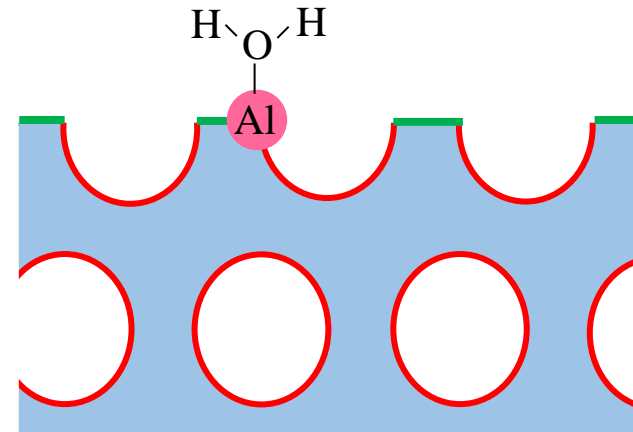
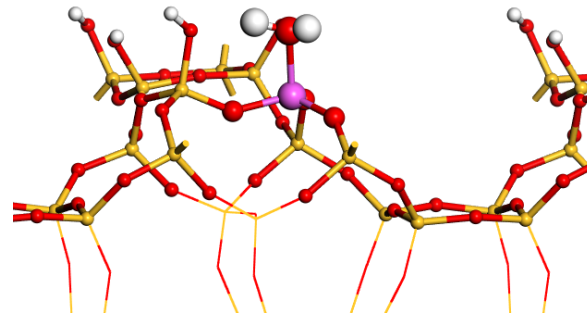
SURFACE MODELS FOR THE EXTERNAL SURFACE OF ZEOLITE BETA AND ZSM-5



Similar stability
as in bulk
micropores:



More stable by
20-60 kJ/mol
than bulk
micropores:

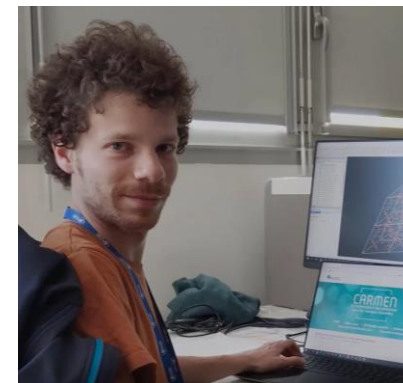


The surface promotes Al-(H₂O) at the outermost surface rather than Si-(OH)-Al

Beta: J. Rey, P. Raybaud, C. Chizallet, *ChemCatChem*, 2017, 9, 2176

ZSM-5: L. Treps, A. Gomez, T. de Bruin, C. Chizallet, *ACS Catalysis*, 2020, 10, 3297

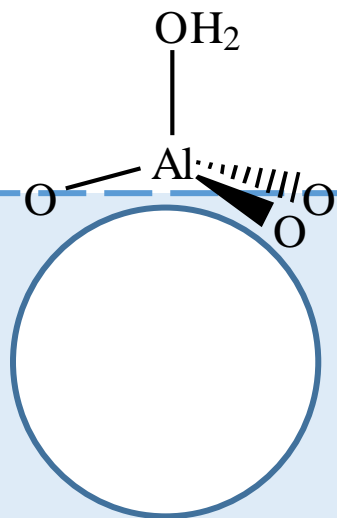
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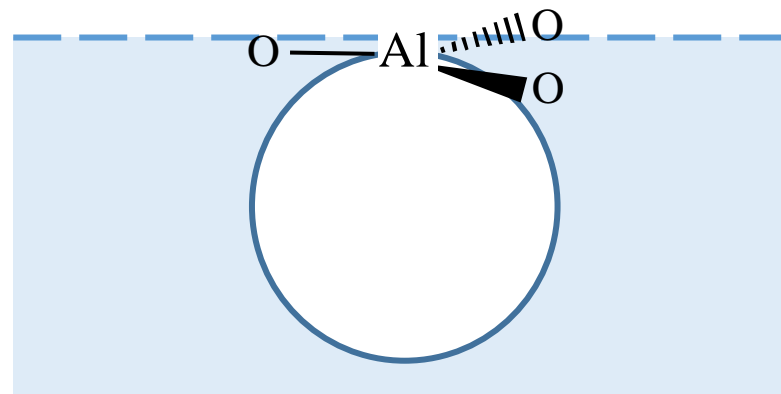
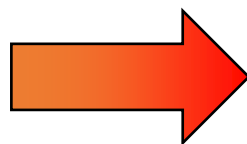
BRØNSTED (BAS) OR LEWIS (LAS) ACID SITES ?

Hydration/dehydration depends on the local topology

Weak Brønsted Acid Sites

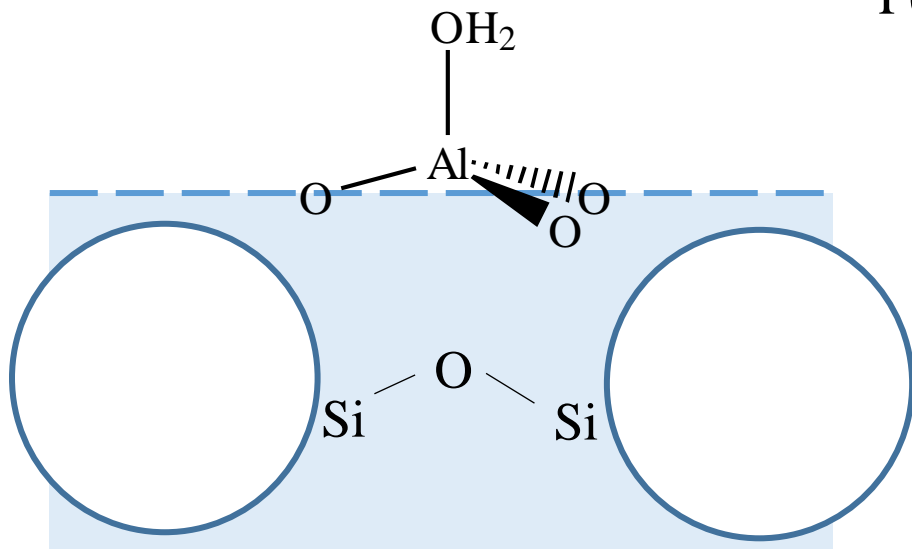


$T > 700 \text{ K}$

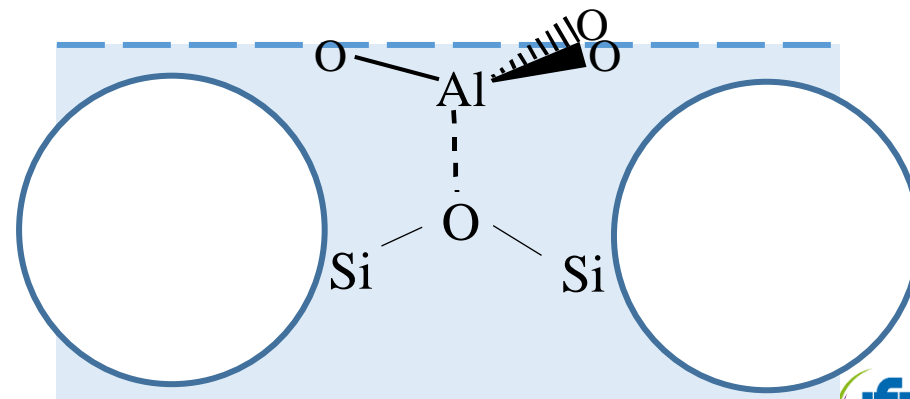
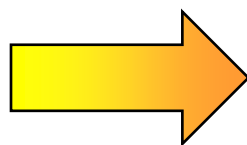


$P(\text{H}_2\text{O}) = 10^{-4} \text{ mbar}$

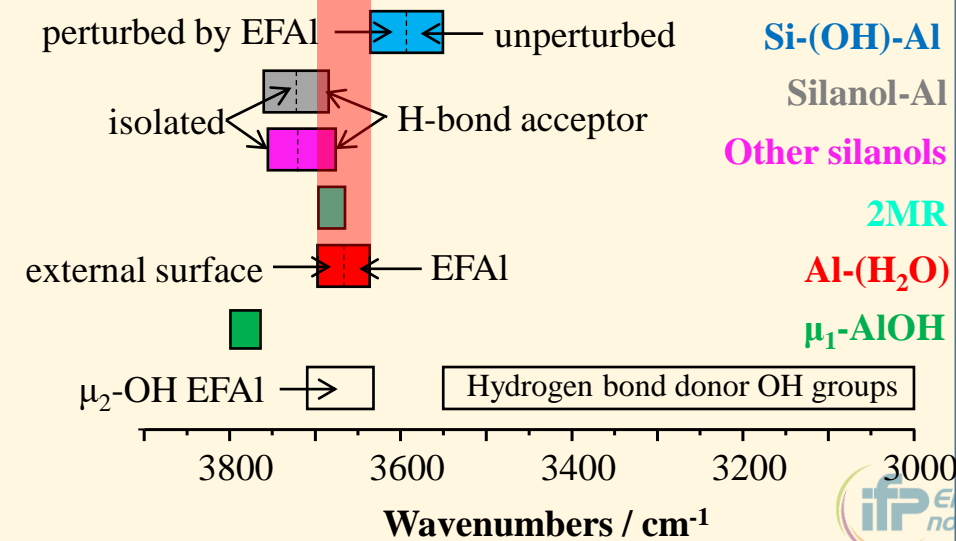
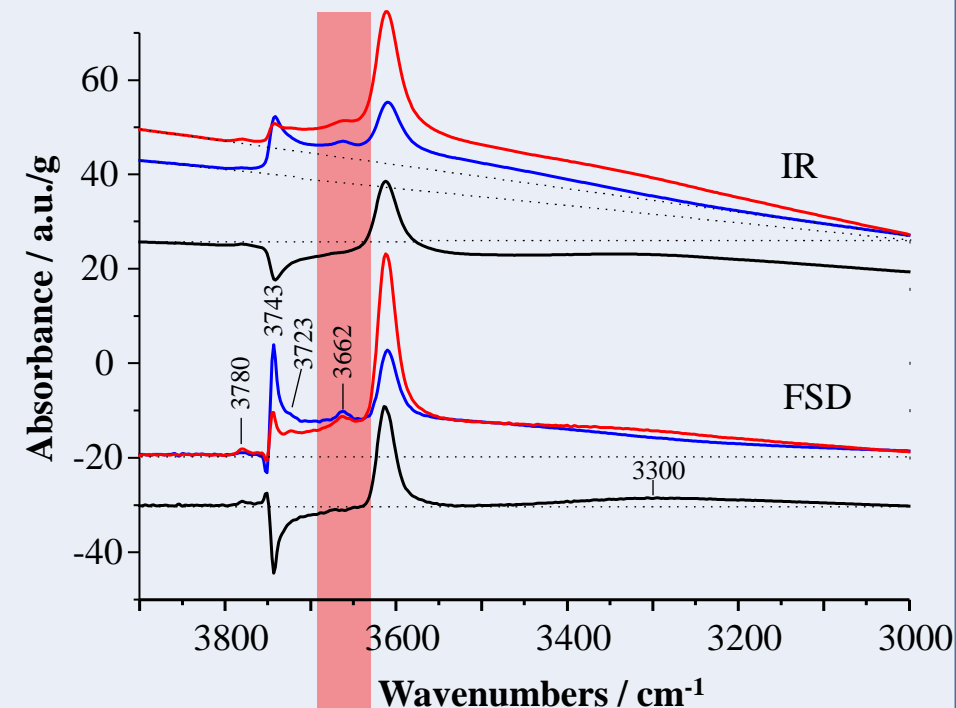
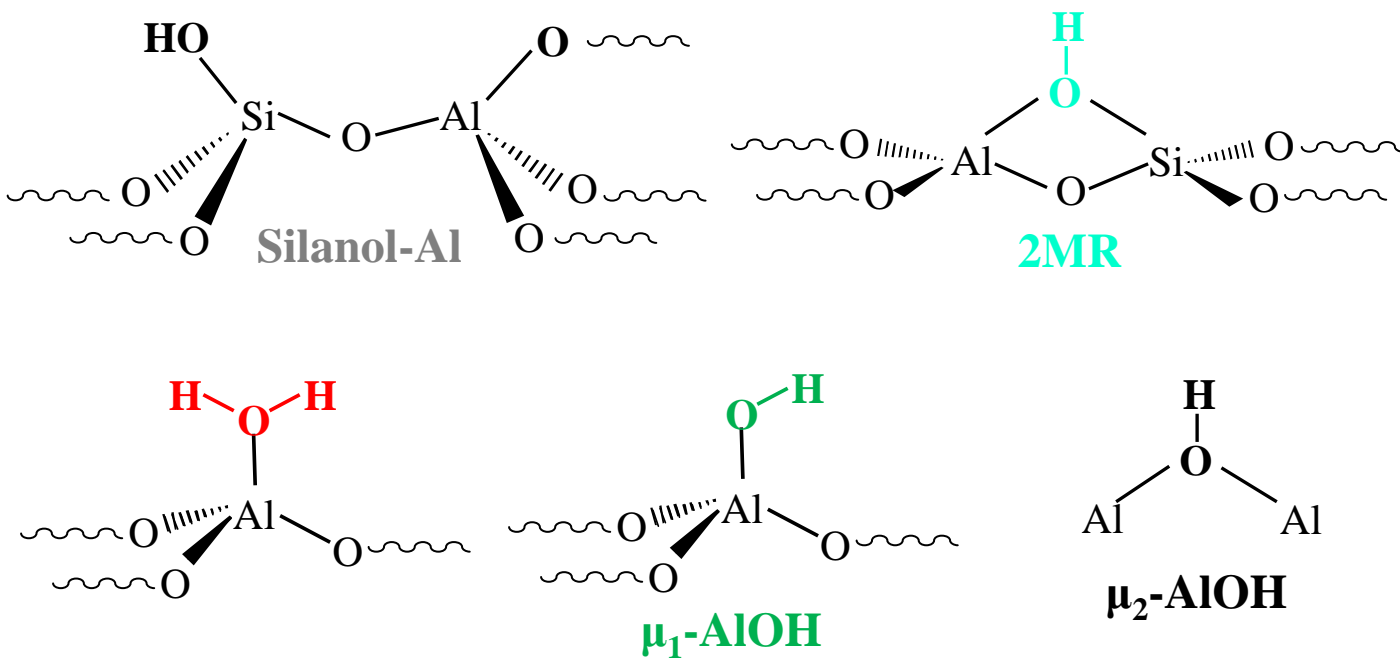
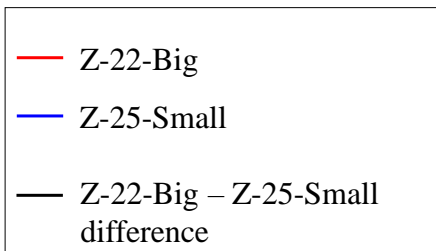
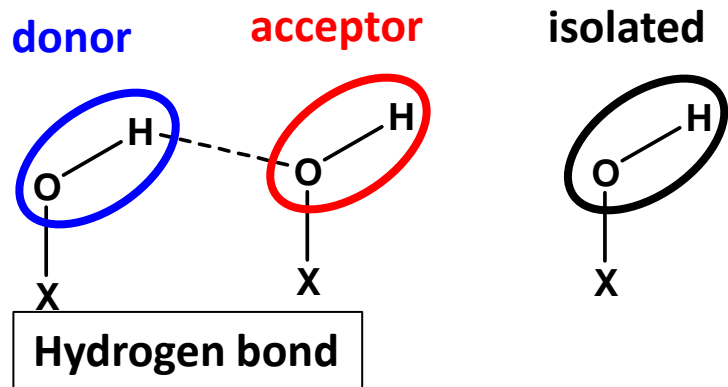
Mild Lewis Acid Sites



$T < 500 \text{ K}$



ASSIGNMENT OF FTIR SPECTRA



Experimental spectra

Assignments from DFT

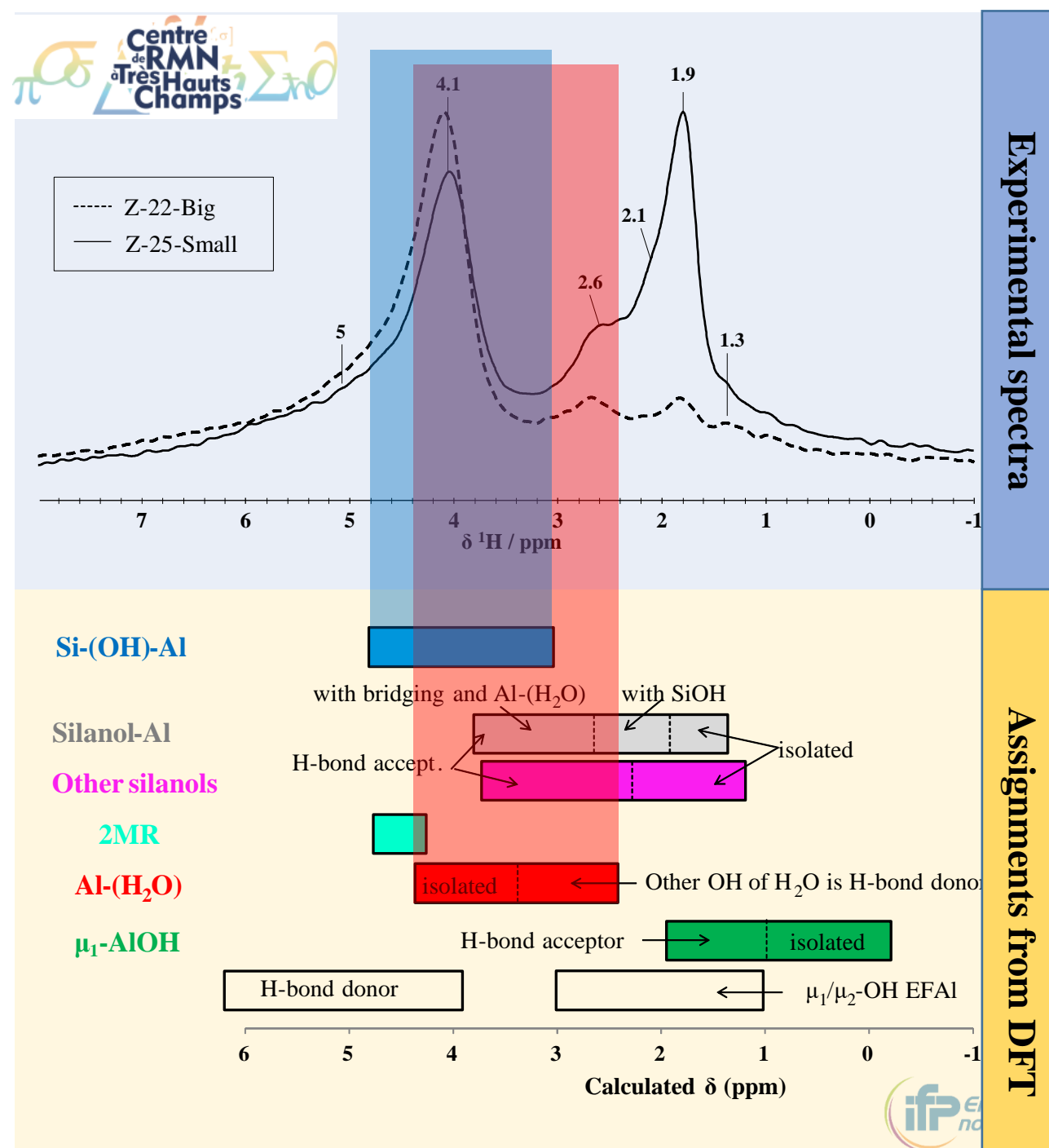
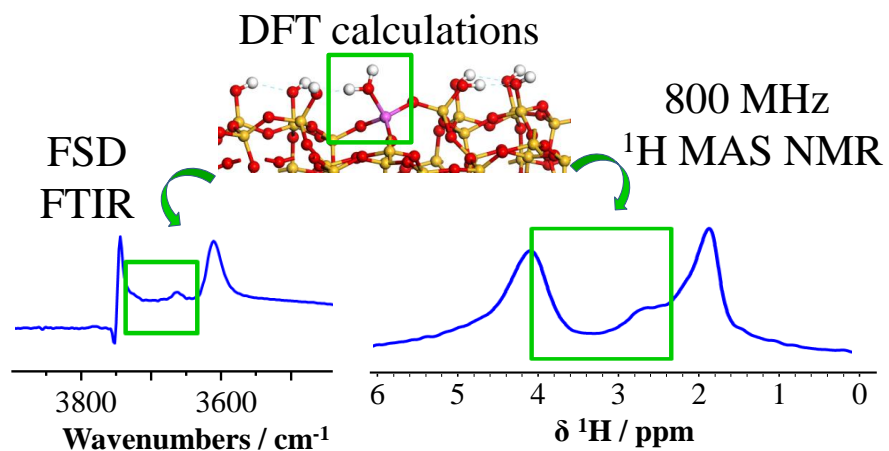
ASSIGNMENT OF ^1H NMR SPECTRA

FTIR and ^1H NMR are sensitive to:

- similar parameters: H-bond, bridging versus silanols
- but not exactly overlapping structure parameters: 2MR, Al-(H₂O)

Zones usually assigned to EFALS are not exclusively due to EFALS

^1H NMR: bands usually assigned to Si-(OH)-Al groups are also due to Al-H₂O



TOWARDS SHAPING: SYNERGY OF FLUORESCENCE MICROSCOPY AND DFT

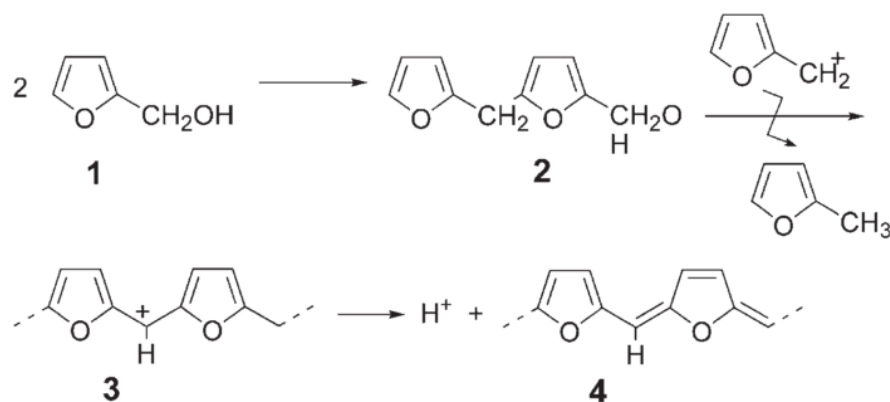
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K. Kennes, A. Kubarev, M. Roeffaers

Confocal laser-scanning microscopy (CLSM)

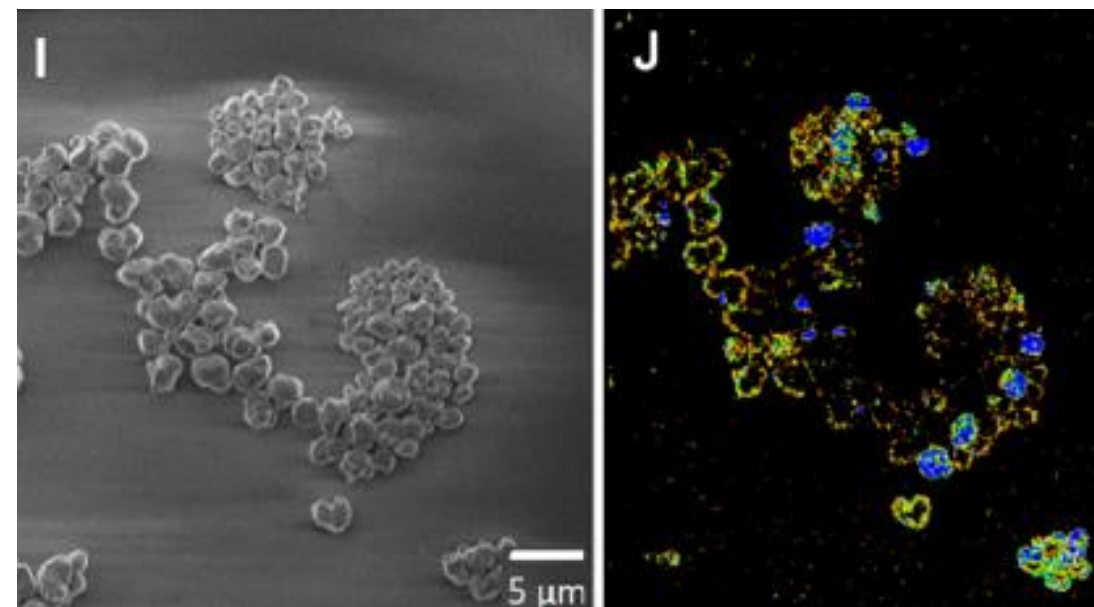
Nanometer accuracy by stochastic chemical reactions (NASCA)

Furfuryl alcohol oligomerization generates fluorescent molecules on acid sites



M.B.J. Roeffaers et al., *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, **2007**, 46, 170

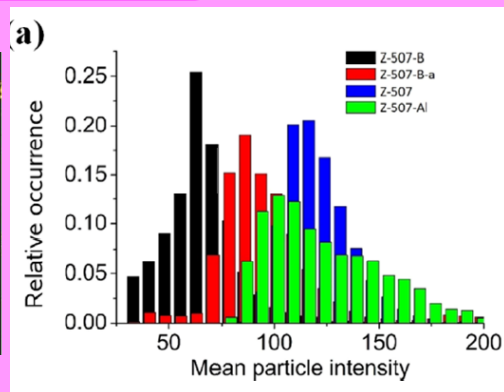
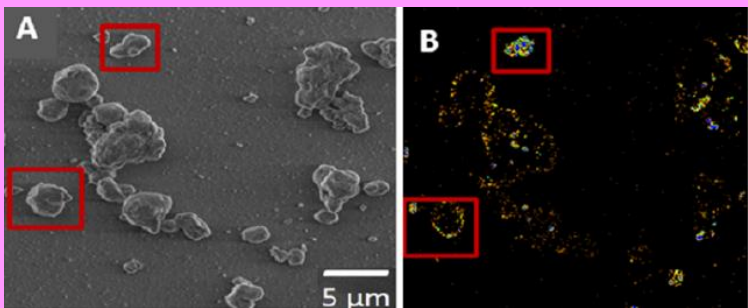
H-ZSM-5, Si/Al = 507



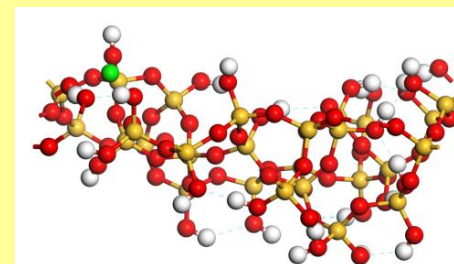
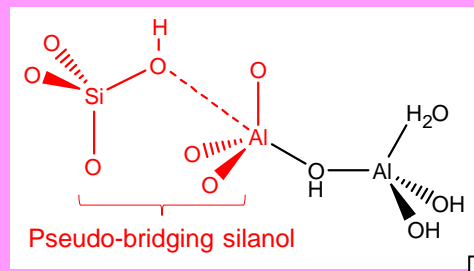
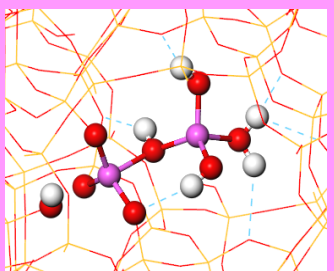
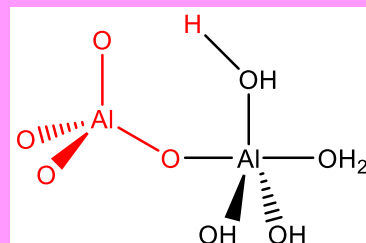
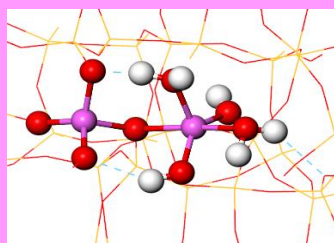
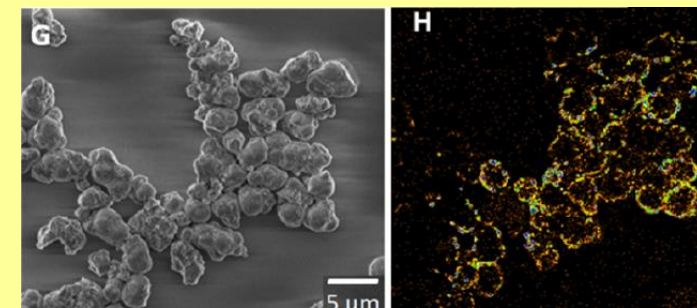
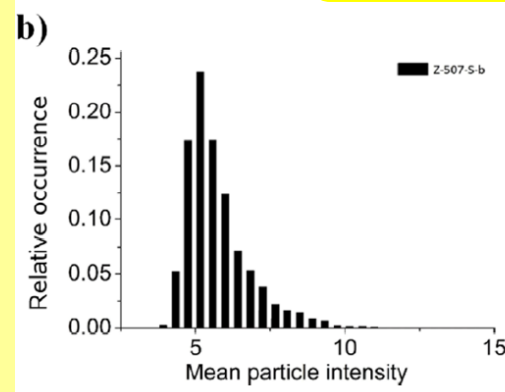
Kennes et al., *ChemCatChem* **2017**, 9, 3440

TOWARDS SHAPING: SYNERGY OF FLUORESCENCE MICROSCOPY AND DFT

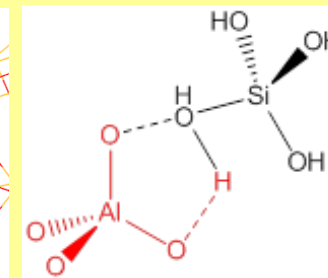
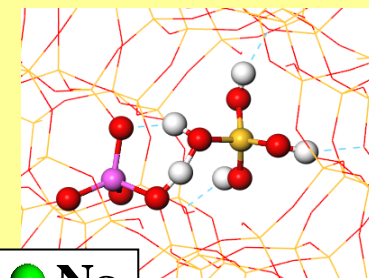
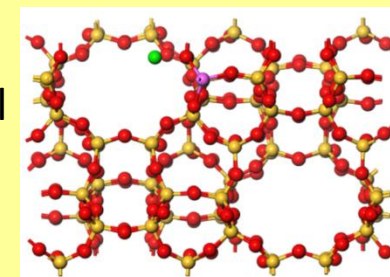
Alumina binders



Silica binder

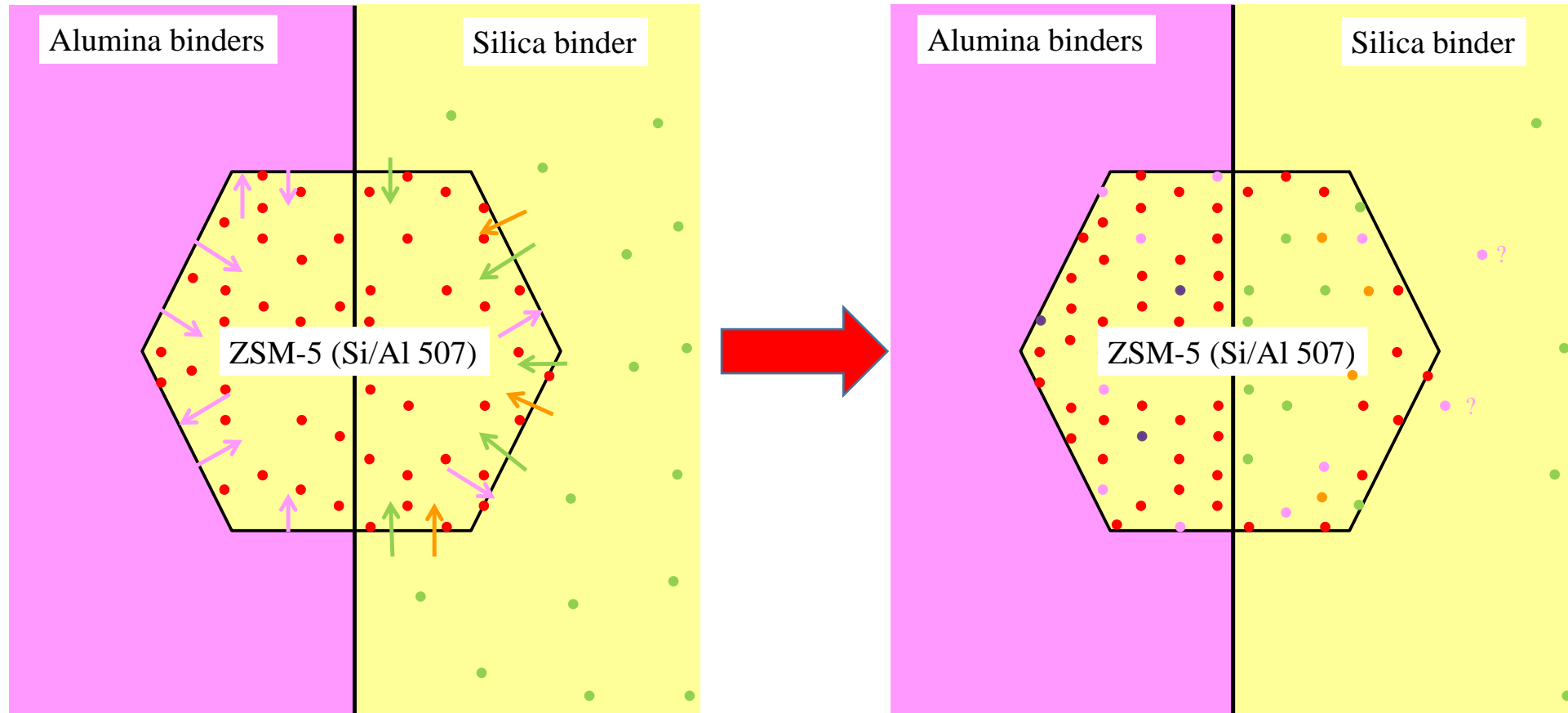


-63 kJ/mol



● Al ● Si ● O ● H ● Na

MECHANISMS INTO PLAY DURING SHAPING



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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| ● Framework Brønsted acid site | → Na ⁺ migration | ● Al ³⁺ inducing pore blockage / possibly weak acid sites |
| ● Na ⁺ | → Al ³⁺ migration | ● Al ³⁺ inducing neutralization / possibly pore blockage |
| | → Si ⁴⁺ migration | ● Si ⁴⁺ inducing pore blockage / possibly weak acid sites |

TAKE HOME MESSAGES

- Quantum chemistry helps for assignment of spectra (IR, NMR, XANES, INS, etc.)
- Synergy effect: comparison with experiments as a validation tool of the models
- More and more feasible to introduce more and more complexity in the models
- Scale change for the simulation of materials: use of forcefields/machine learning as a perspective
- DFT + characterization required as a first step for reactivity investigation by DFT

I- Structure understanding

- **Model** construction for active sites
- Electronic and stability analysis
- Comparison with experimental **spectral feature**



II- Chemical reactivity investigations

- Simulation of the adsorption of **reactants**
- Determination of **intermediates** and **transition structures**
- Calculation of **free energy profiles** and full reaction **pathways**



III- Performance prediction

- Multiscale modeling : prediction of macroscopic **activity** / **selectivity**
 - Identification of relevant catalytic **descriptors** for the prediction of **new active phases**

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