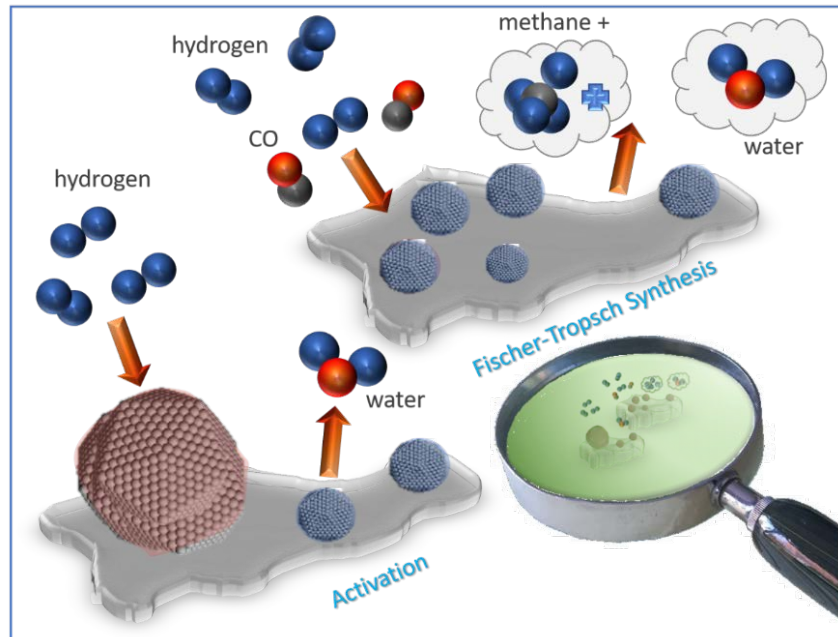


# Microscopie électronique en temps réel et corrélative pour l'étude de la matière : naissance, vie et transformation des nanomatériaux

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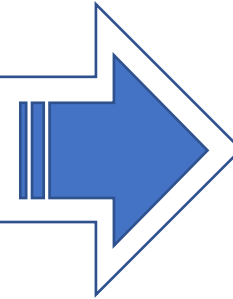
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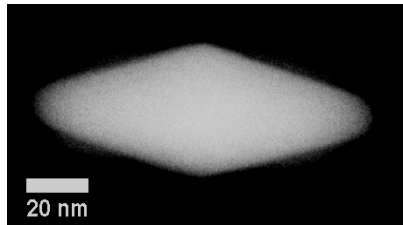
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# Porous materials & materials for new energies

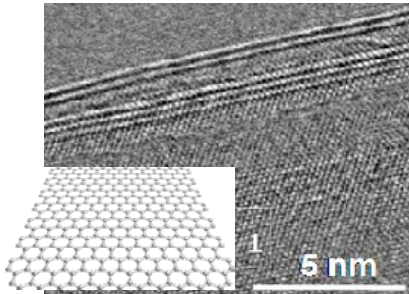


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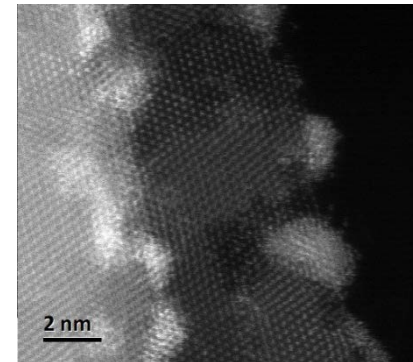
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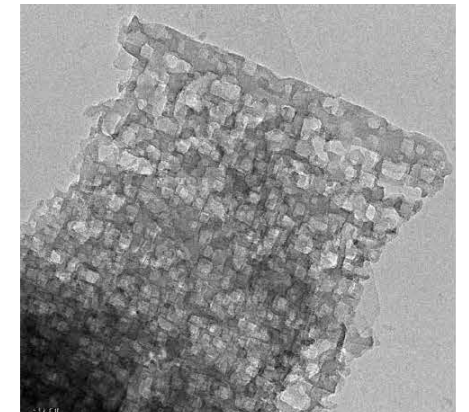
1-,2-,3-D Carbon  
nanostructures



Nanomaterials for catalysis



Porous materials

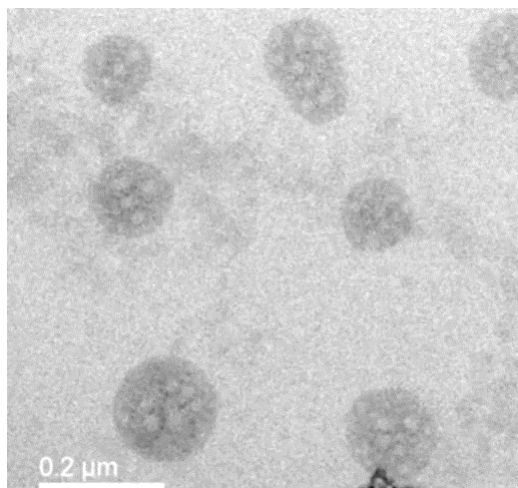
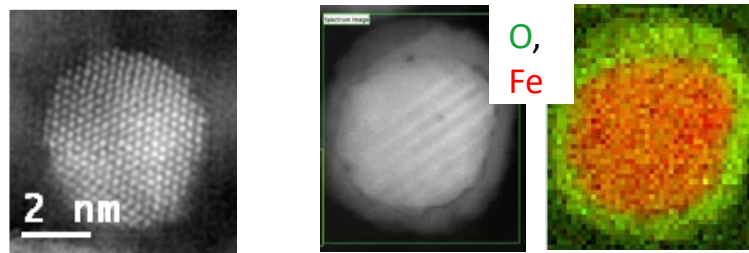


Properties of interest: *morphology, shape, 3D architecture, electronic and crystallographic structures.....*

*In situ: structural evolution, reactivity, phase transformation, restructuring, growth, synthesis ...*

# Why electron microscopy?

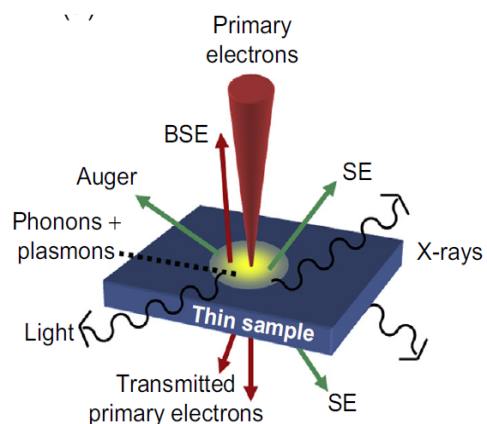
- Resolution:  $\mu\text{m} \rightarrow \text{\AA}$
- « Real space » images
- Very localized information
- Possibility to combine with various “in-situ” approaches



*In situ* TEM under temperature, electric potential and/or specific environment

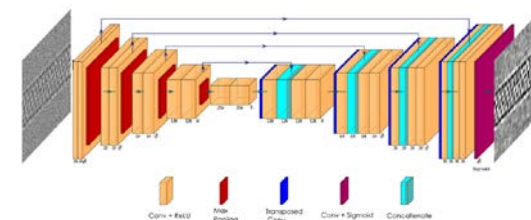
“Operando” TEM to mimic the “real” conditions

- Strong interaction electron beam & specimen → various types of information



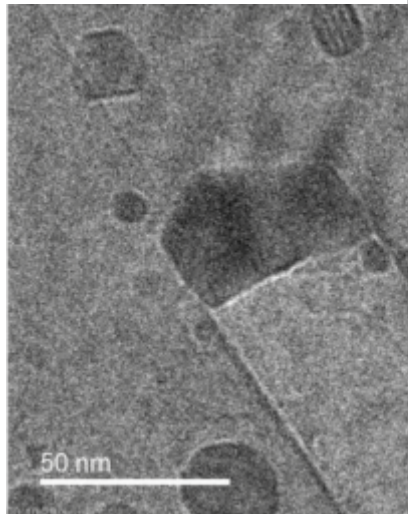
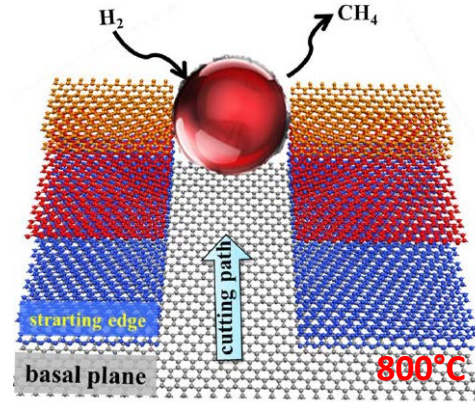
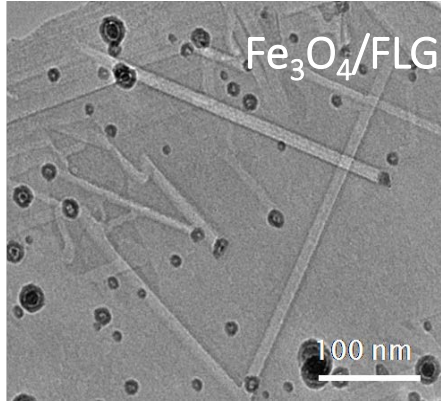
- LARGE AMOUNT OF DATA

Machine Learning-based tools (ANR ARTEMIA)

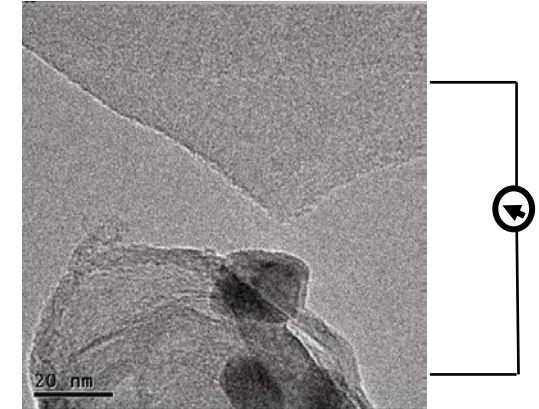
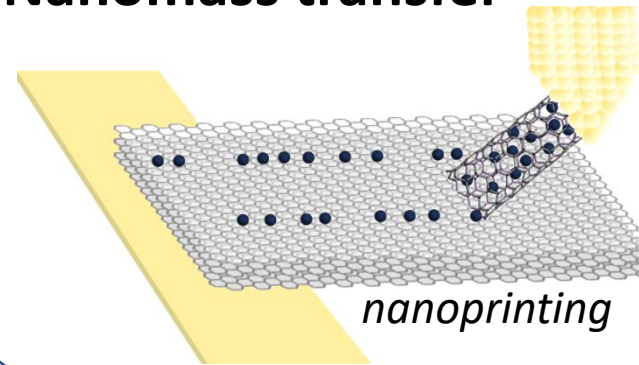


# Examples of advanced TEM studies

## In situ nanostructuring process

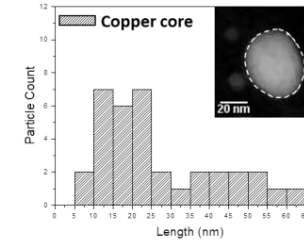
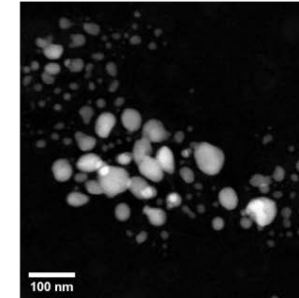


## Nanomass transfer

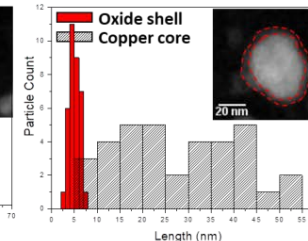
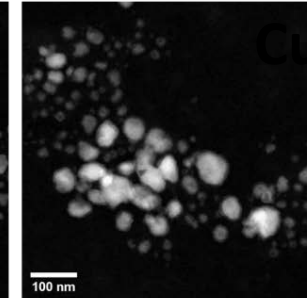


## Measure of physical properties

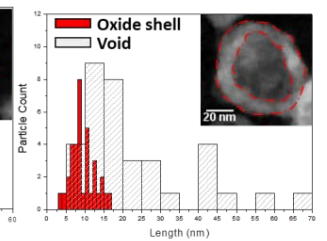
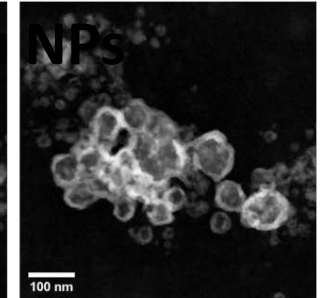
a) H<sub>2</sub> - 500 °C



b) O<sub>2</sub> - 150 °C, 20 min



c) O<sub>2</sub> - 300 °C, 50 min



Diffusion coefficient (@150°C):  $9.5 \times 10^{-19}$   
Activation energy : 31.4 kJ/mol



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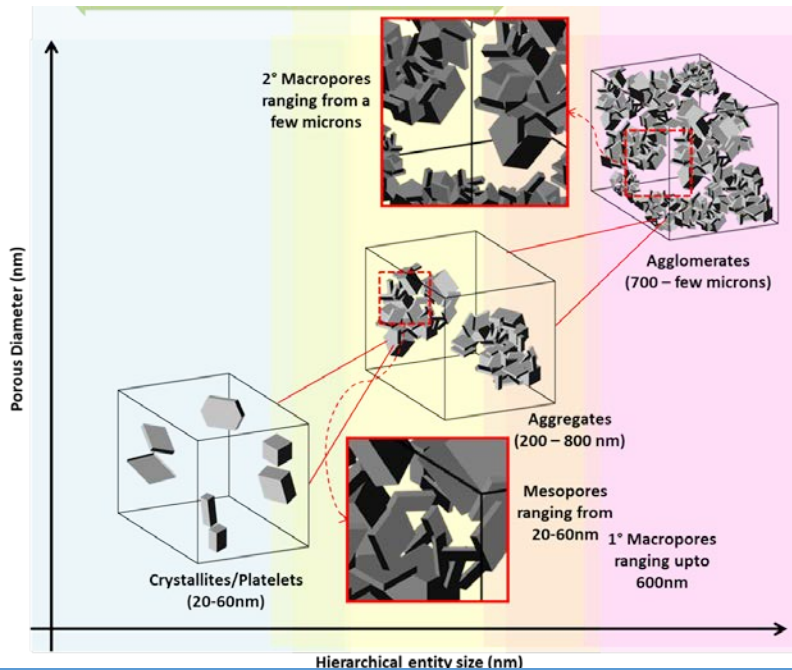


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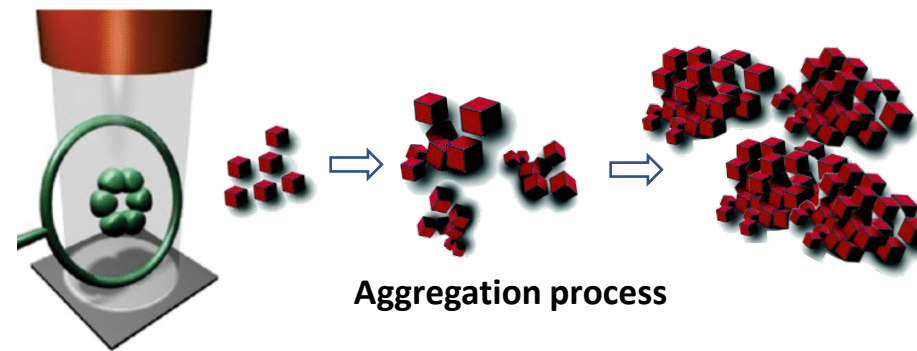


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## Multiscale analysis

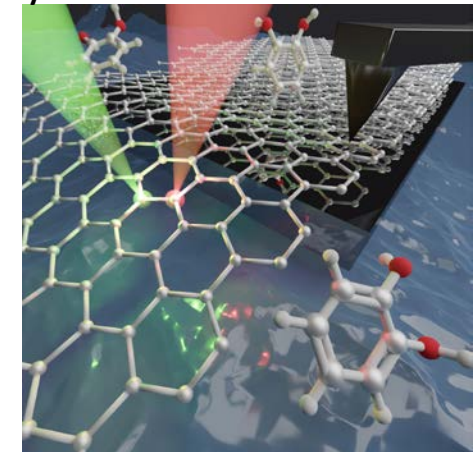


## In situ, real time monitoring



## Correlative study

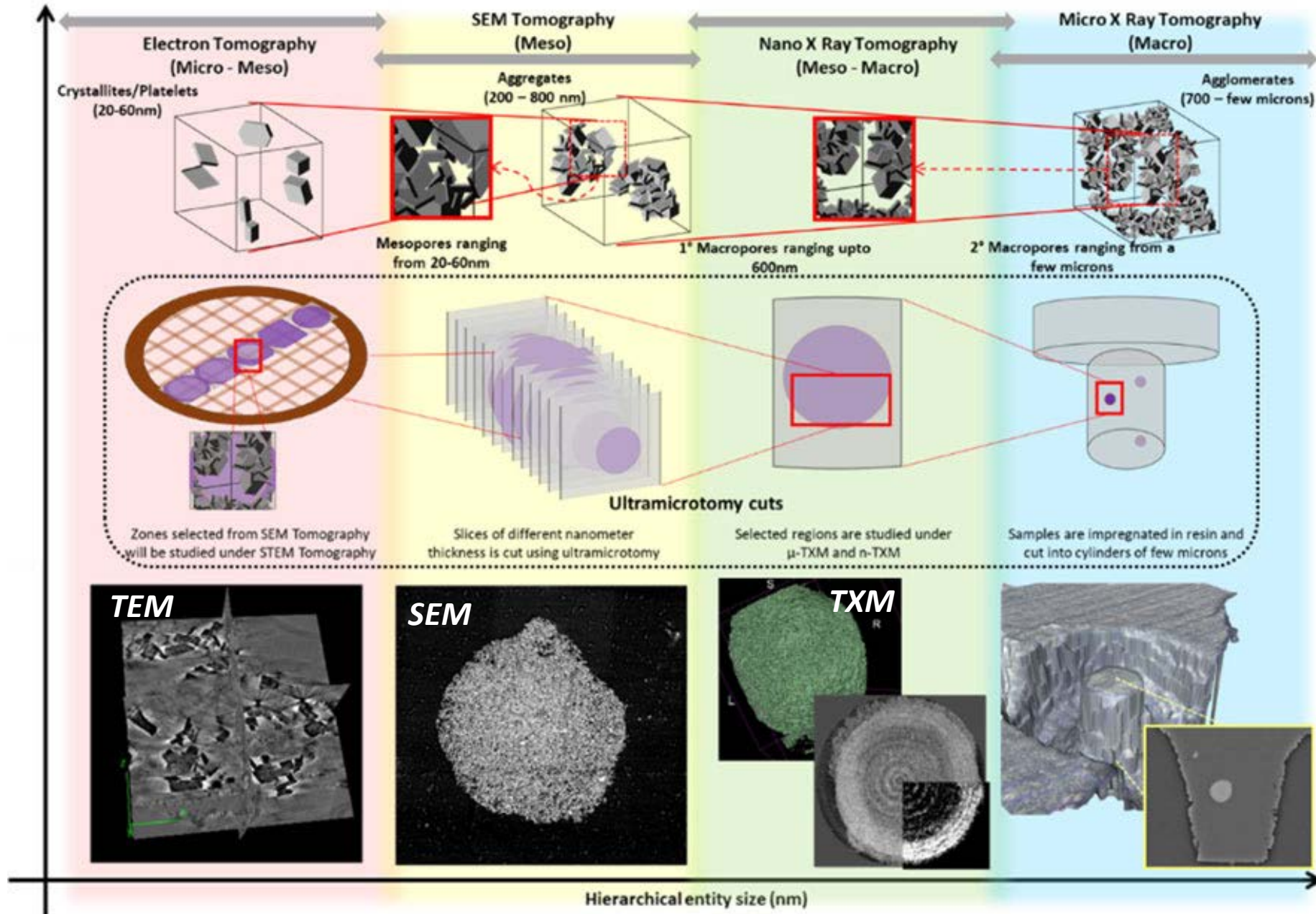
X-rays electrons AFM tip



# Electron microscopy in CARMEN: mutiscale analysis



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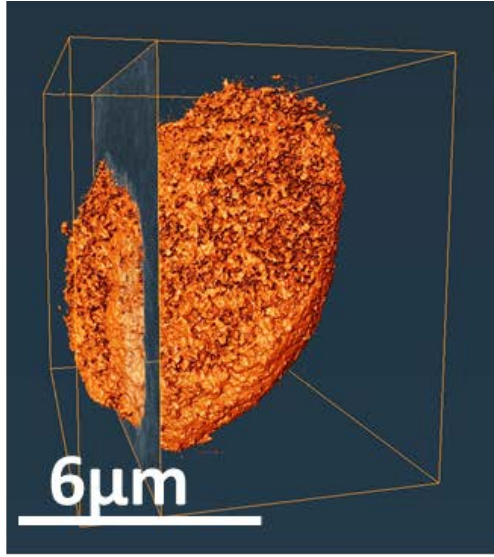


# Electron microscopy in CARMEN: mutiscale analysis



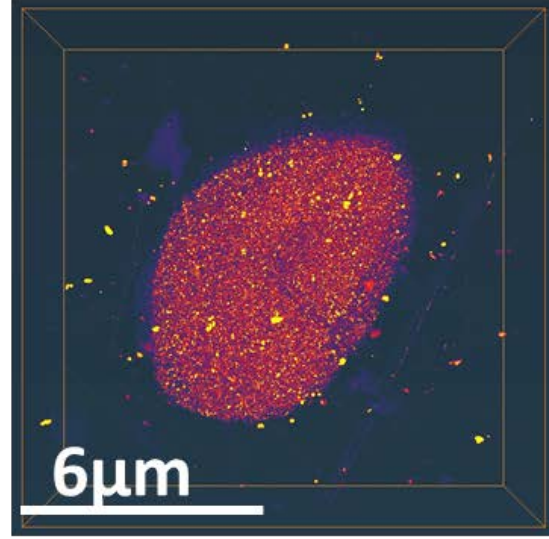
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TXM Tomography

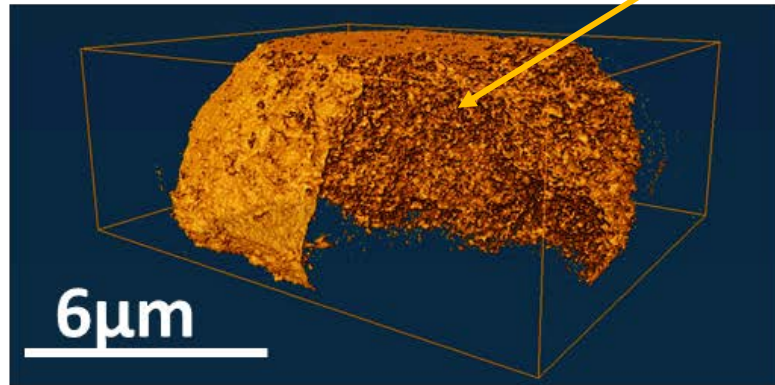


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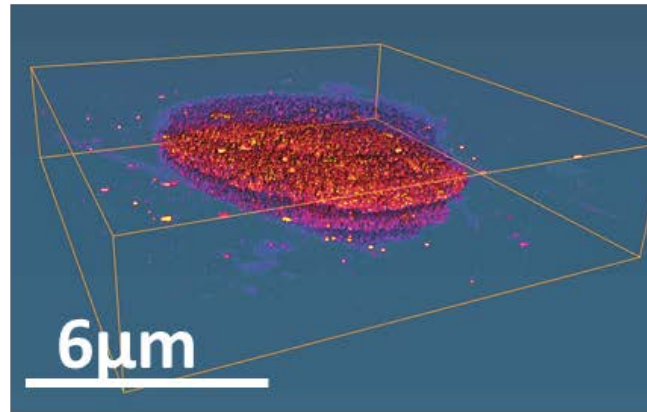
SEM Tomography



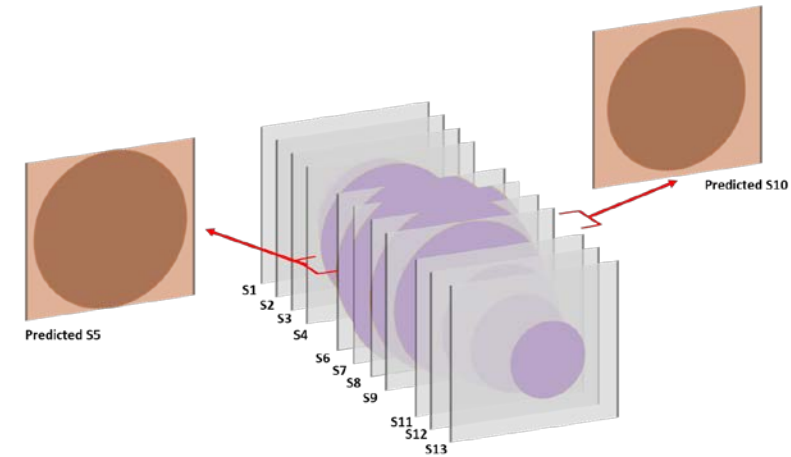
Observations of volume being hollow due to artifacts



Pixel Size = 4nm



**FILLING THE PLOT HOLES :  
IMPLEMENT DEEP LEARNING**



→ Super resolved n-TXM volumes

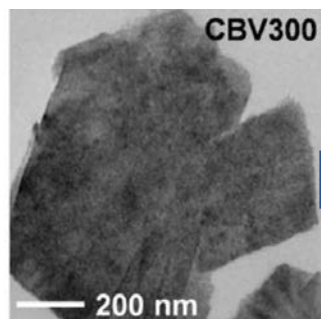
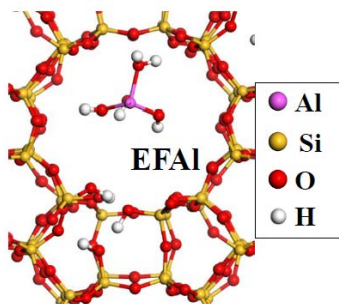


# Electron microscopy in CARMEN: in situ study

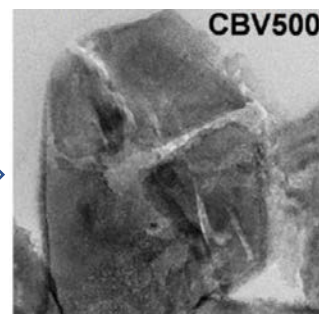


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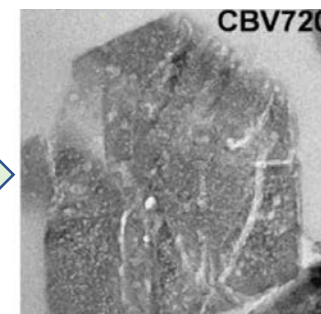
## Zeolites



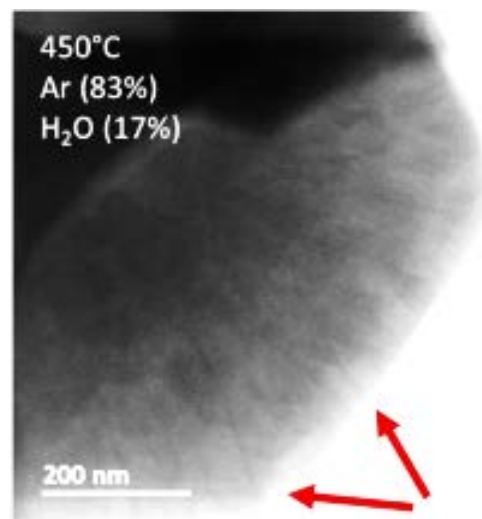
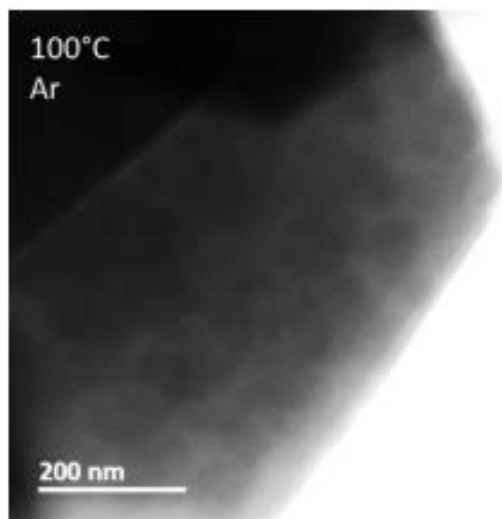
H<sub>2</sub>O vapors



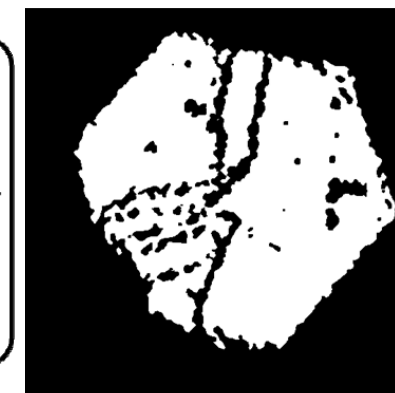
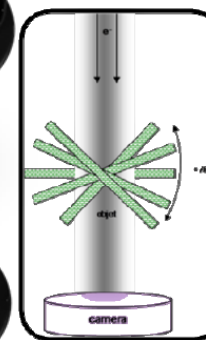
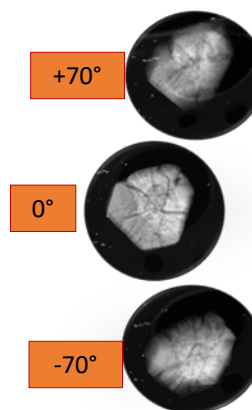
leaching



## In situ TEM



## Electron tomography



- Porous Volume
- Specific Surface
- Types of porosity

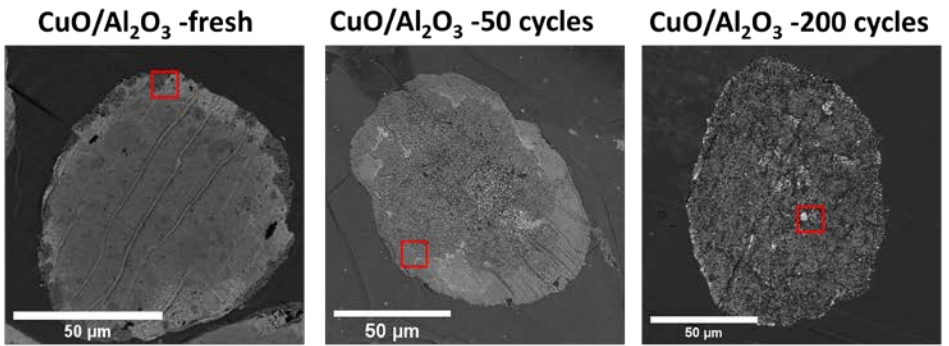
**Combine spatial resolution, time resolution and 3D information !**

# Electron microscopy in CARMEN: correlative study

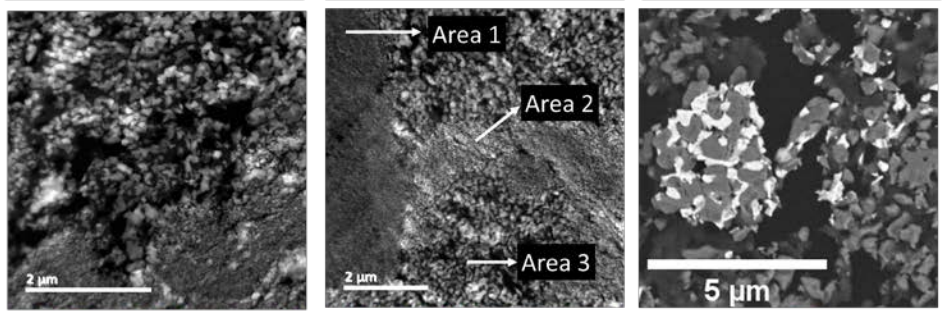


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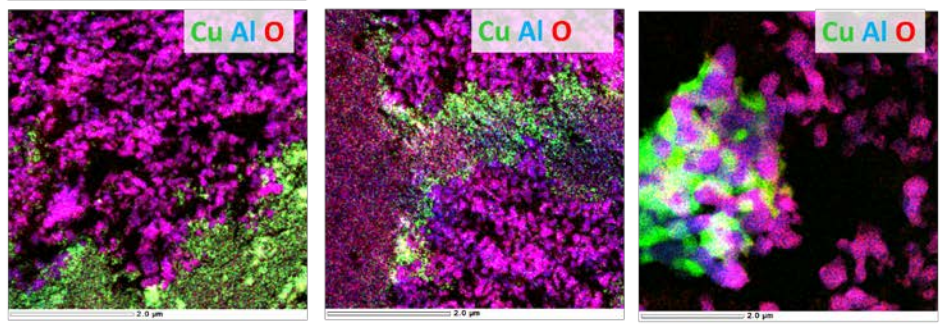
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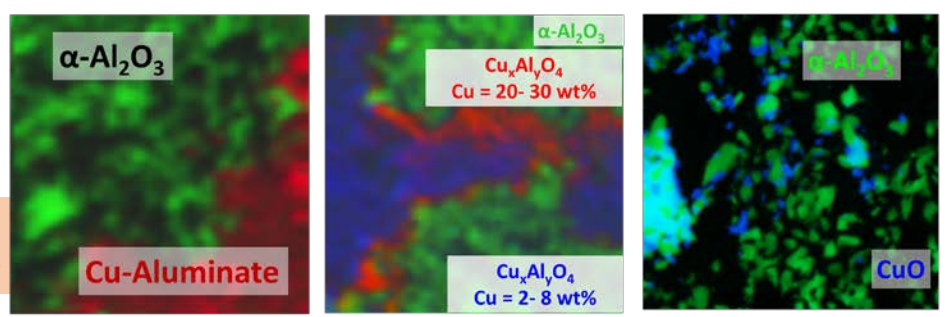
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STEM EDS

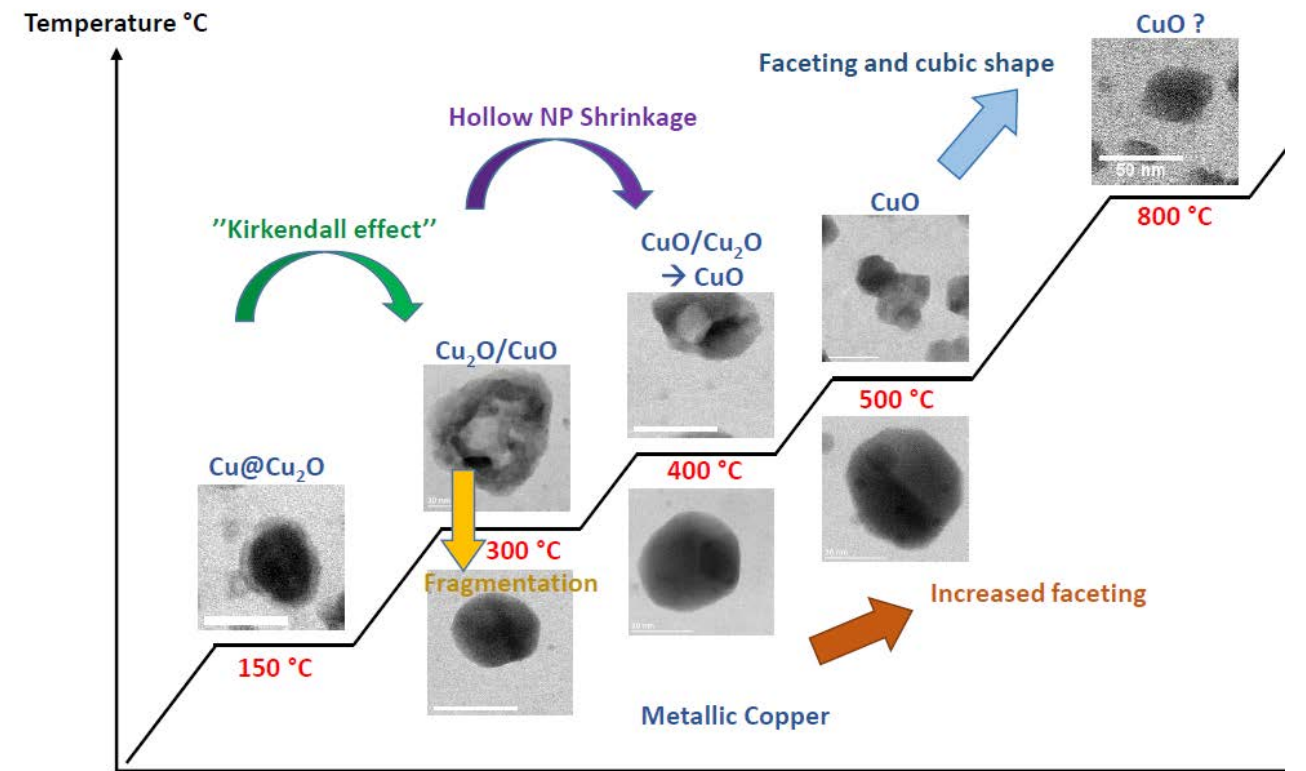
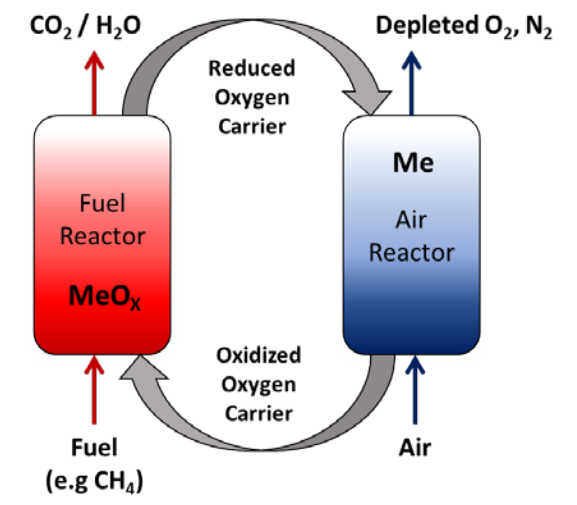


STXM XANES



Cu L-edge and Al K-edge

## CuO/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> oxygen carriers Chemical Looping Combustion (CLC)



# Electron microscopy in CARMEN: correlative study



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## TEM experiment

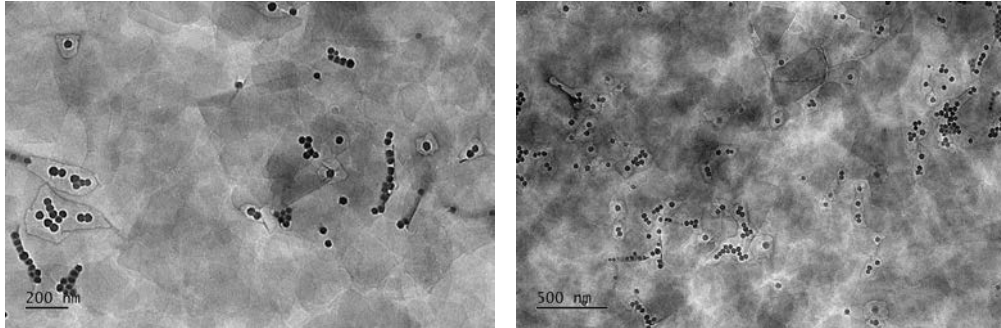
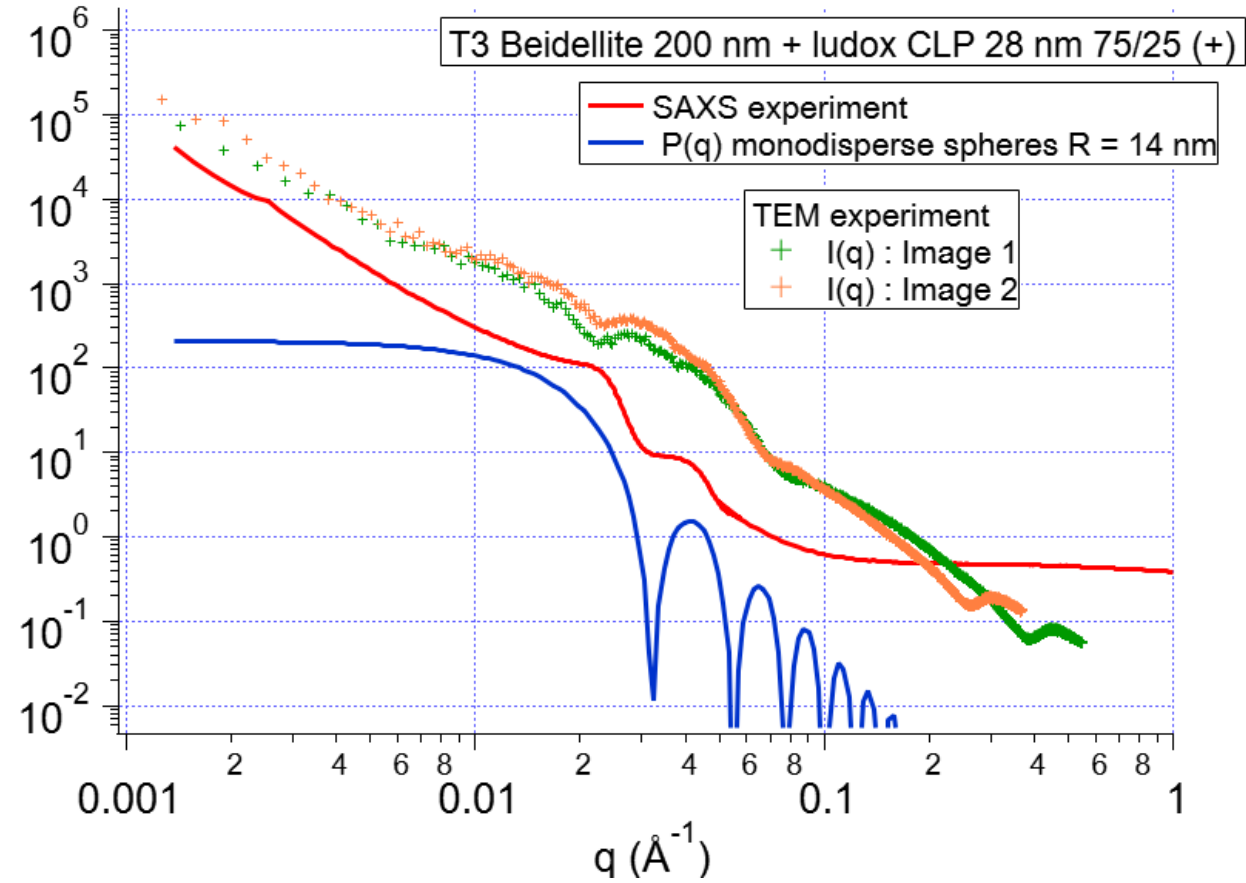
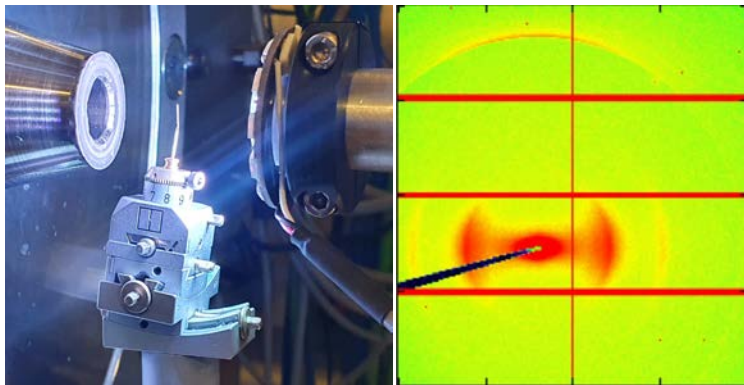


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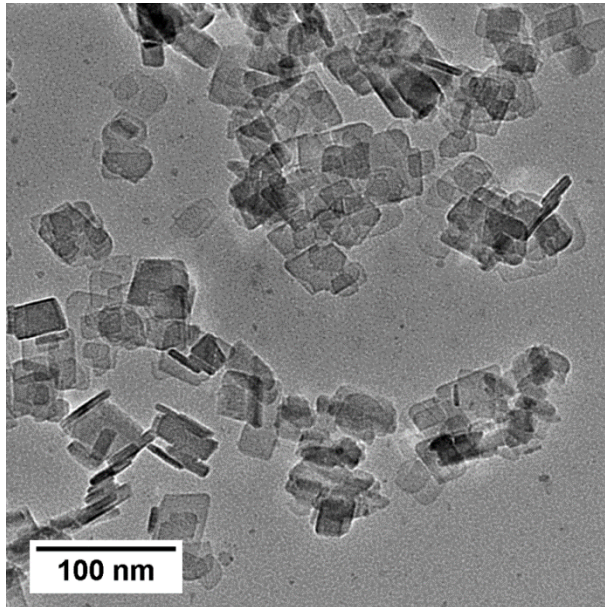
Image 2

## SAXS experiment



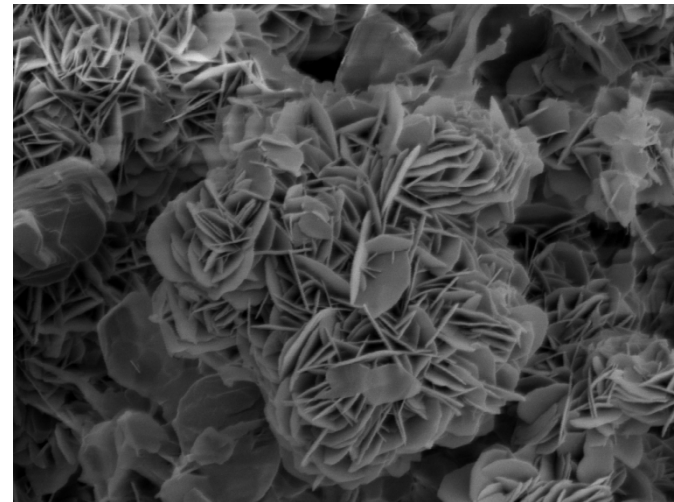
## COMPARISON IN THE RECIPROCAL SPACE

## Bohemite $\Rightarrow$ Alumina



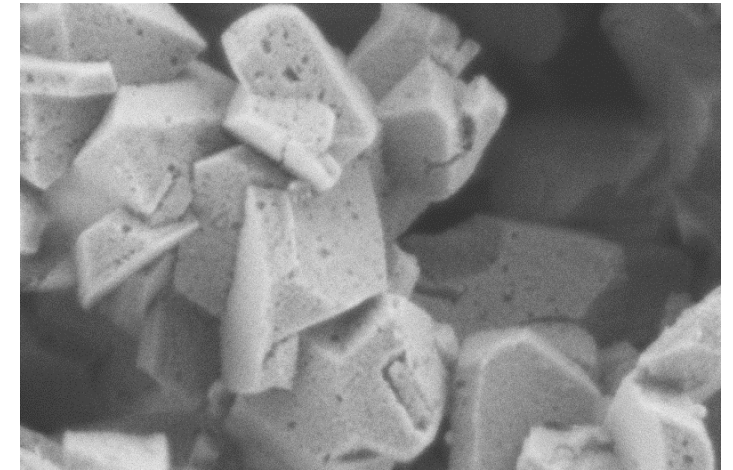
- understanding the formation of the structure

## Clay-like systems



- solve the structure and the relative distribution of constituents

## Zeolites



- modify the internal structure and the chemical composition

# Electron microscopy @ IPCMS



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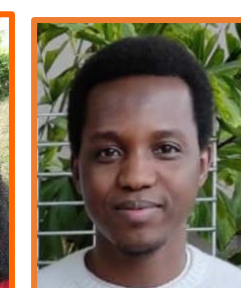
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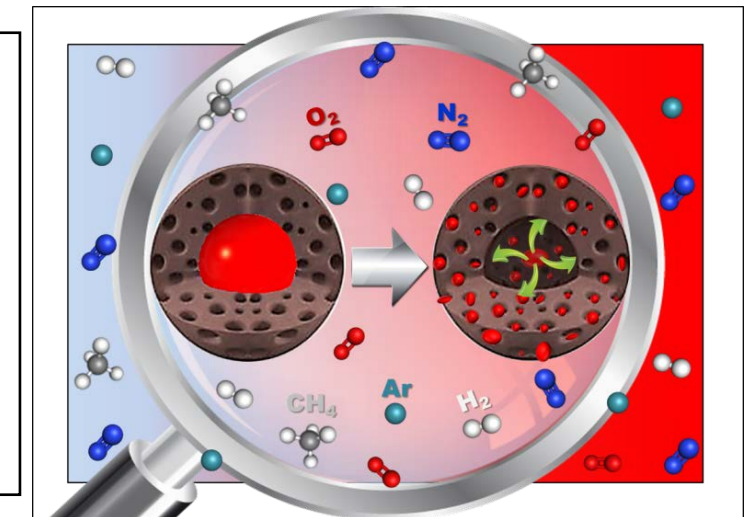
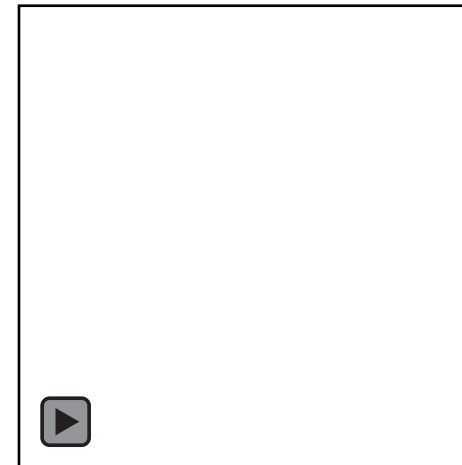
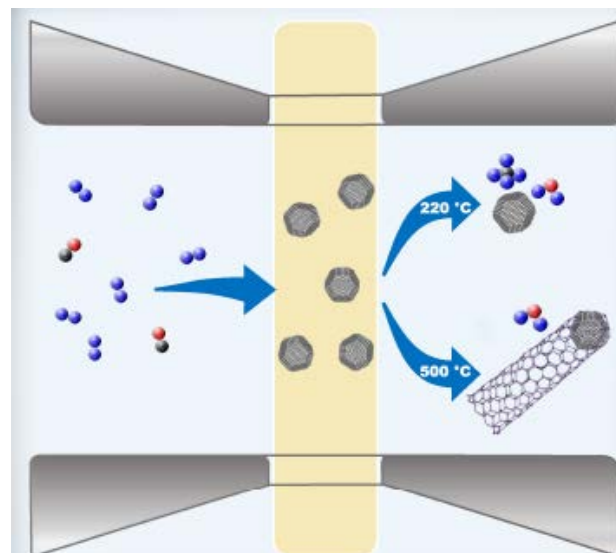
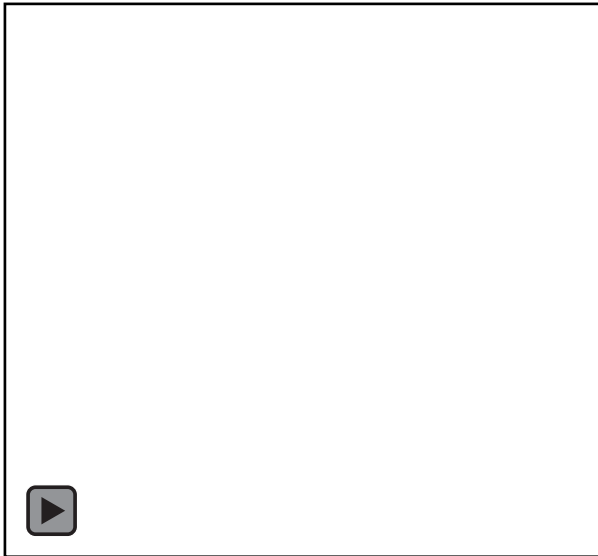
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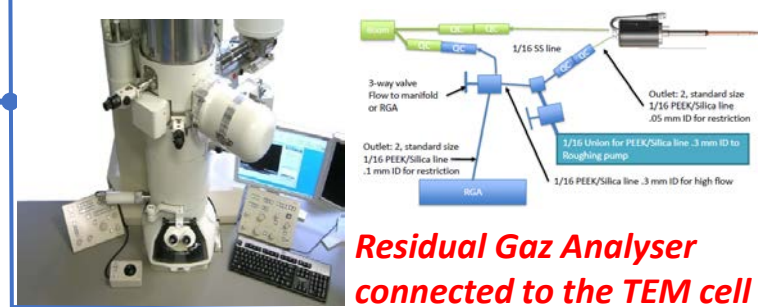
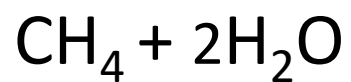
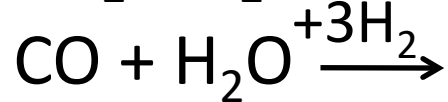
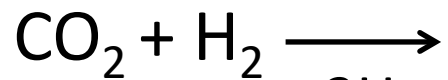


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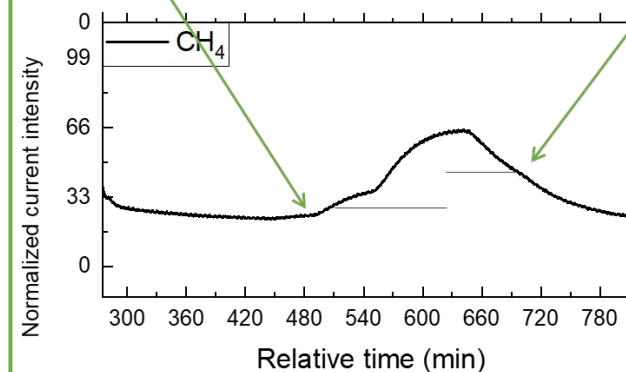
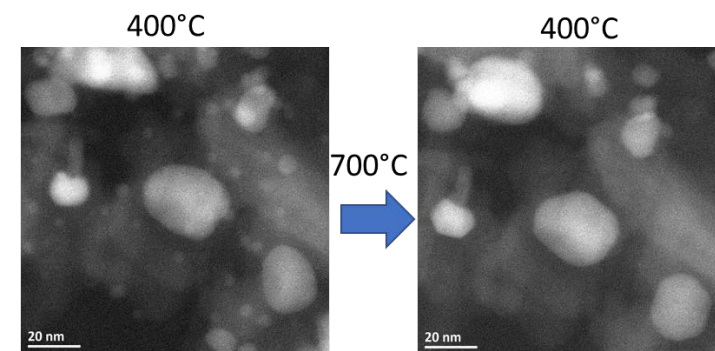
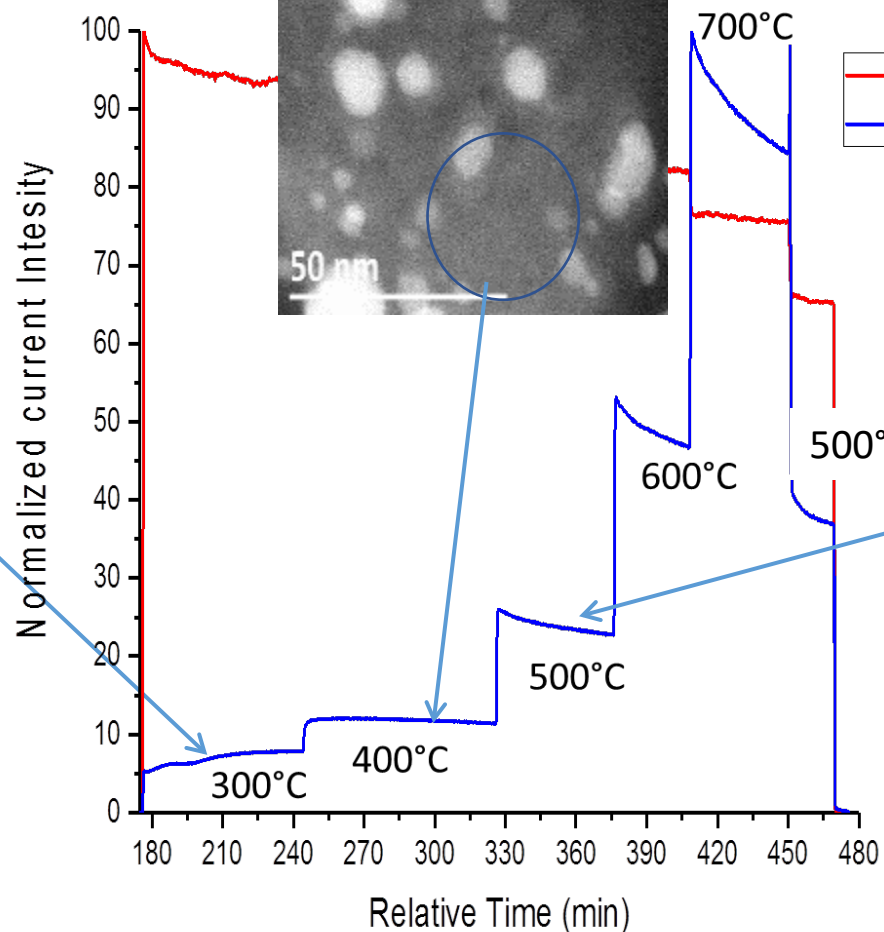
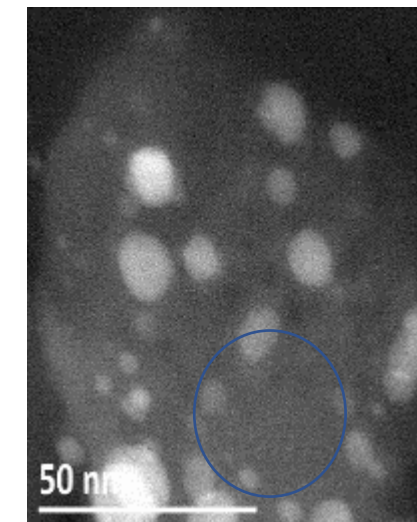
# Operando TEM for catalysis

## Ni catalysts for CO<sub>2</sub> methanation



## NPs fragmentation

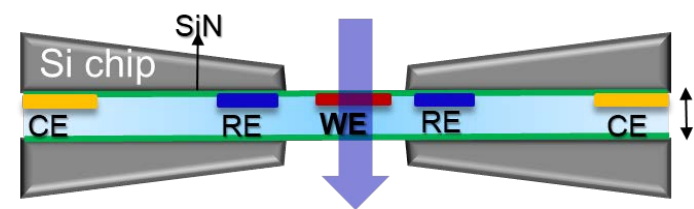
## NPs facetting



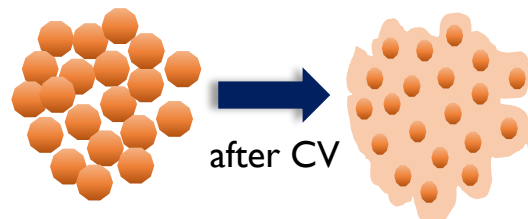
Fragmentation of NPs (presence of water) → higher Co surface → better catalytic activity

# Operando TEM for electrocatalysis

**Electrocatalysis** : in-situ study of nanocatalysts for the HER, OER, RRR reaction

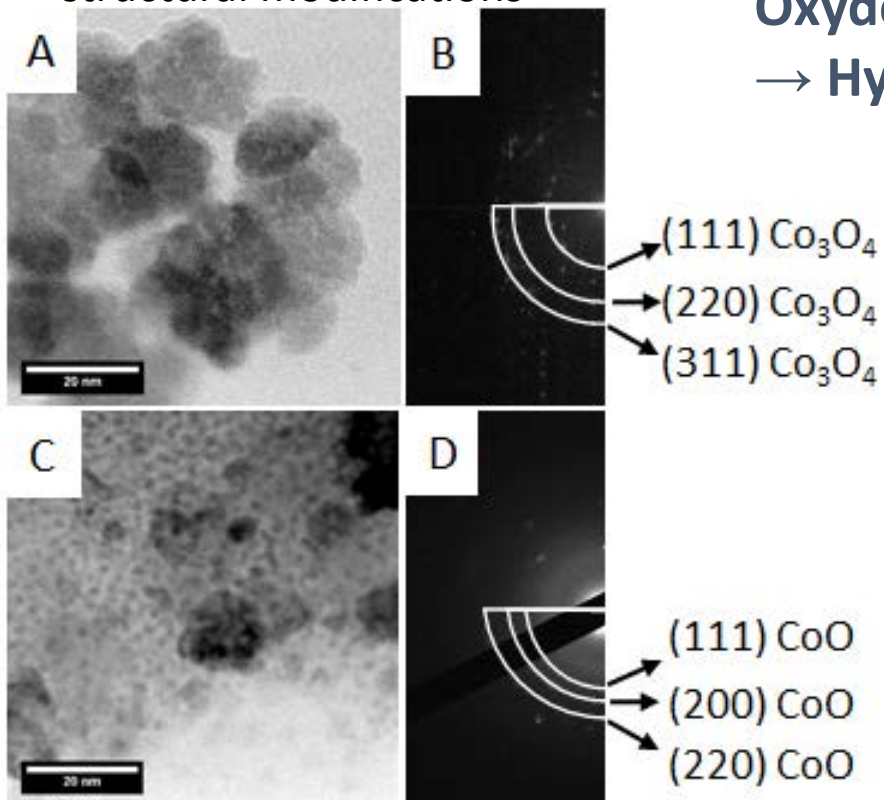


**Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles**

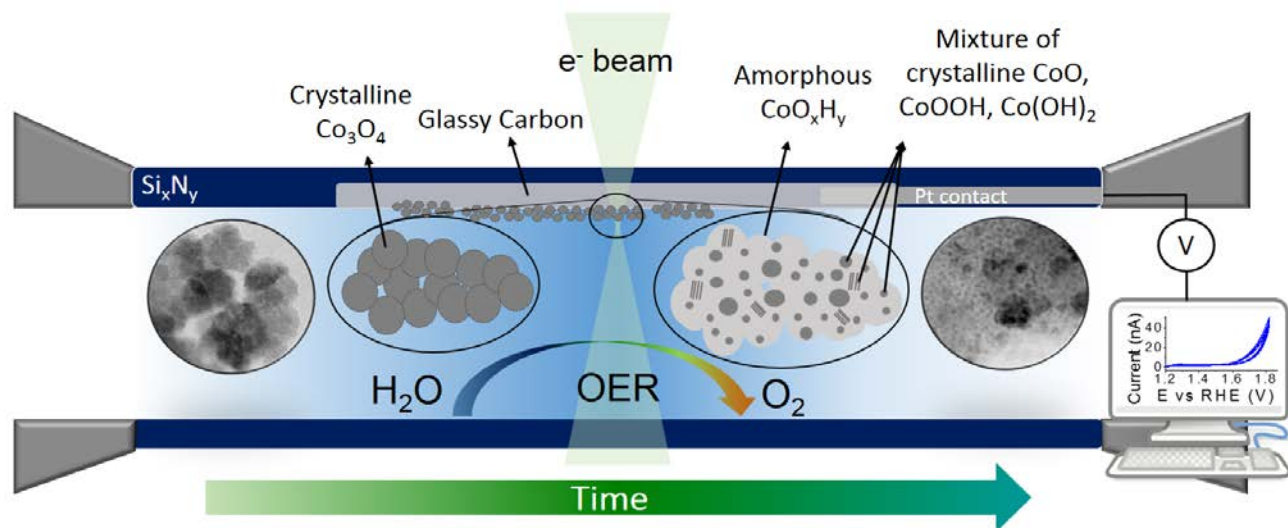
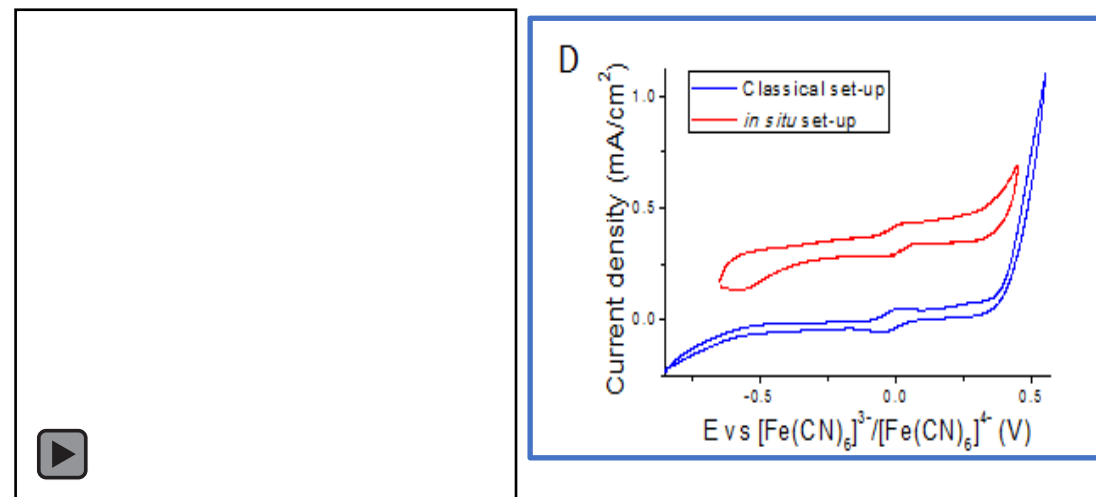


**Oxide**  
→ **Hydroxide**

structural modifications



during 1 cycle

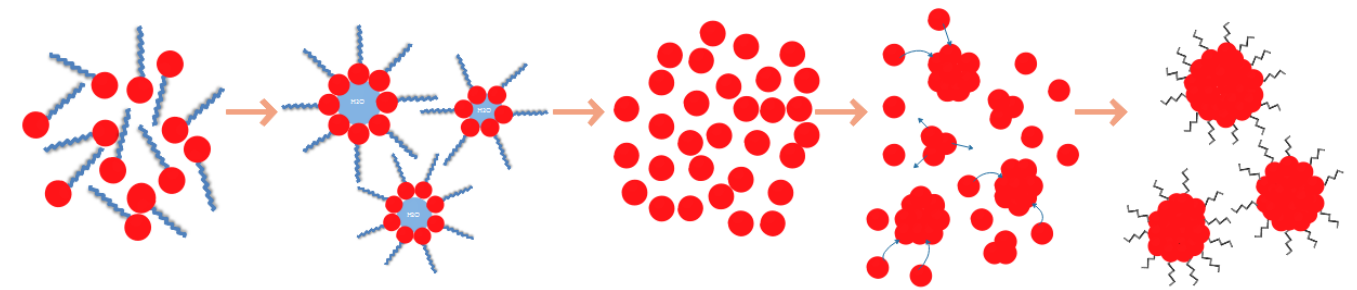
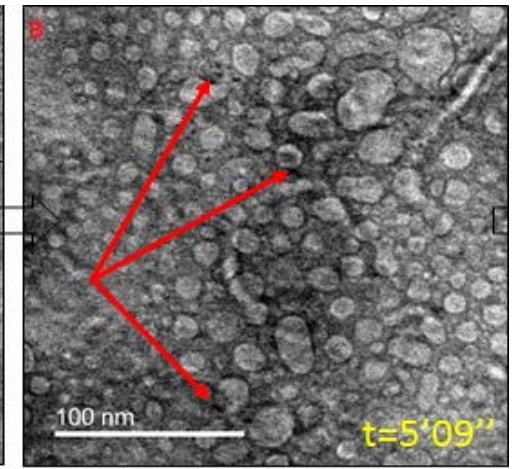
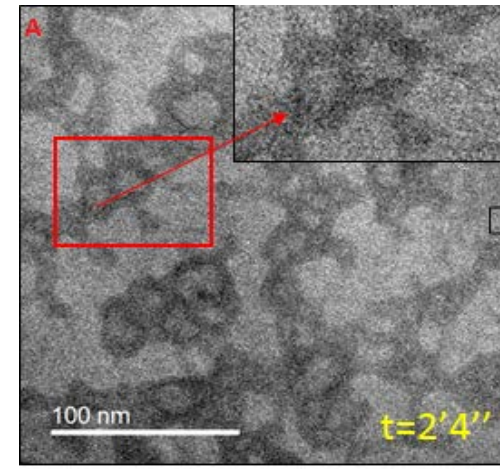
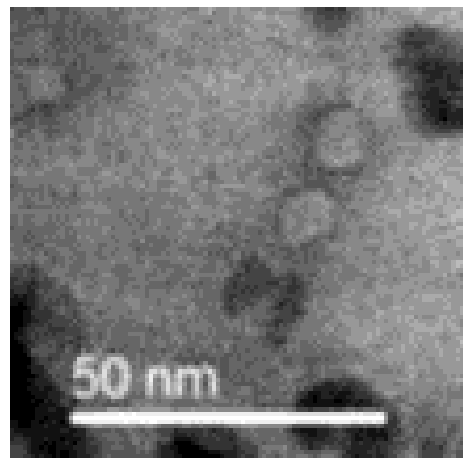
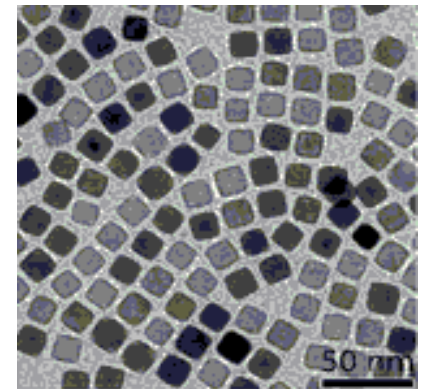
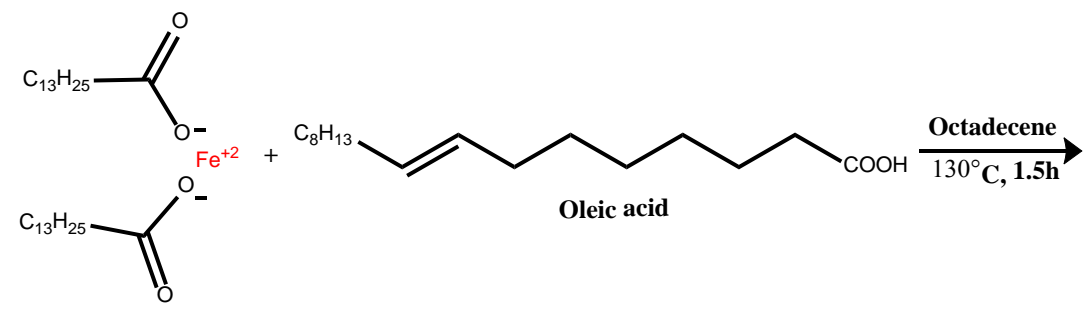


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# In situ TEM: growth & synthesis processes

Liquid phase

**Nucleation and growth of Fe-based NP by *thermal decomposition***



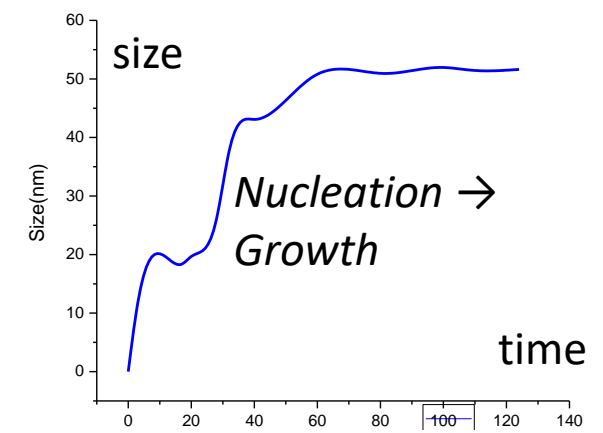
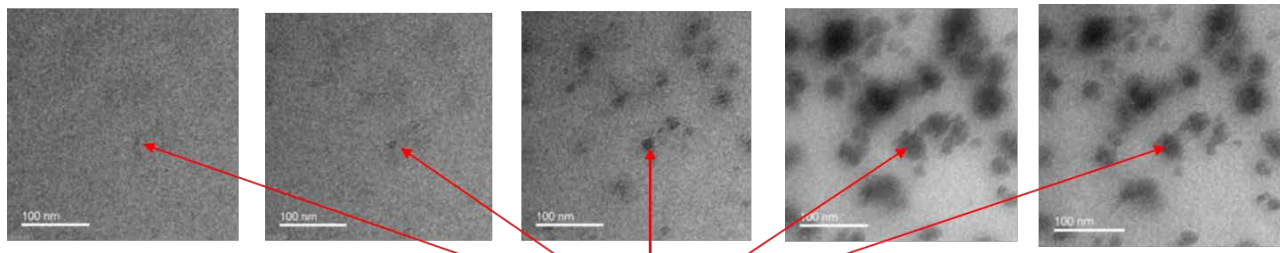
Seed nucleation ↔  
↔ micellar structure



## Nucleation and growth of Fe-based NP by *thermal decomposition*

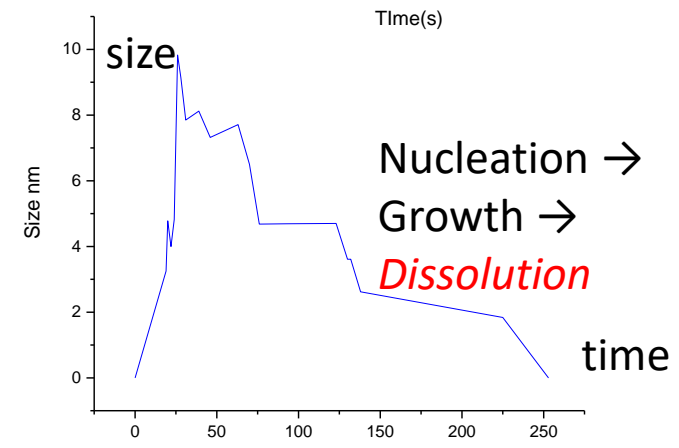
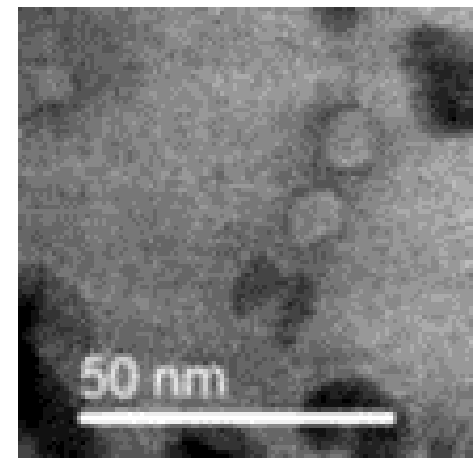
Energy provided by the electron beam → Decomposition of molecules, Nucleation, Growth

High energy (electron dose: 250 e-/A<sup>2</sup>.s)



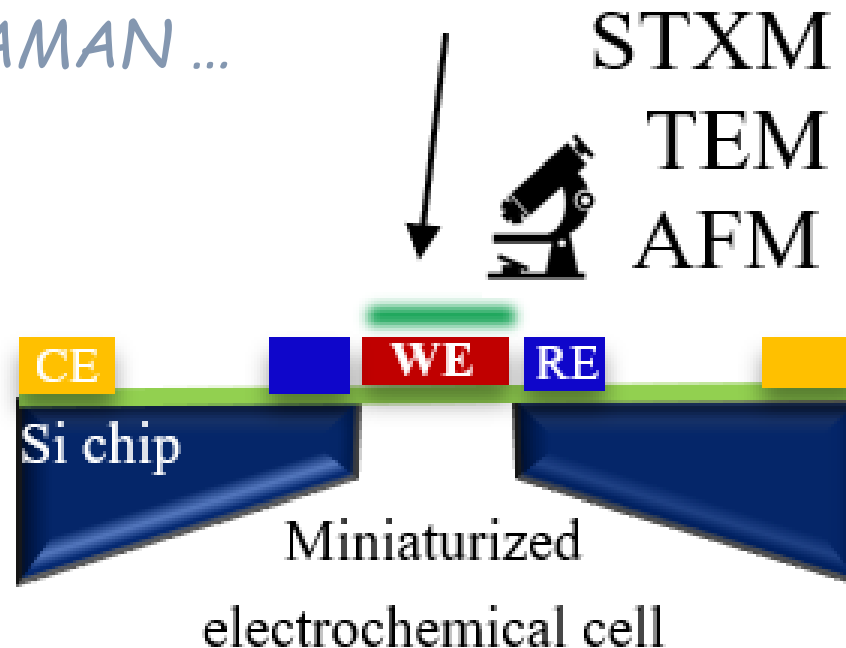
Low energy

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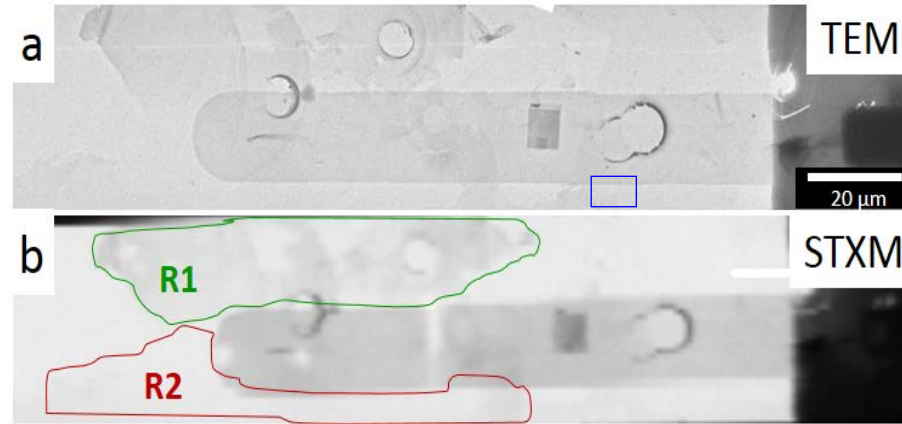
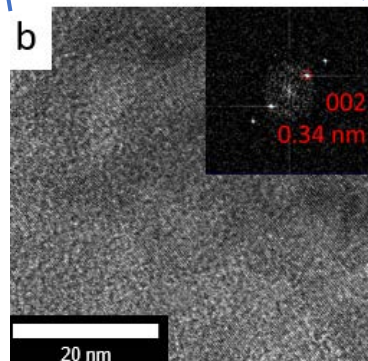
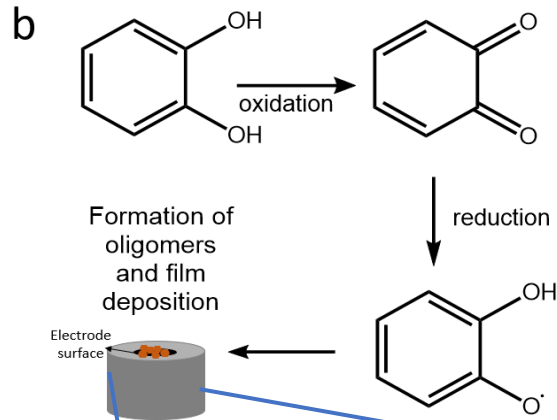
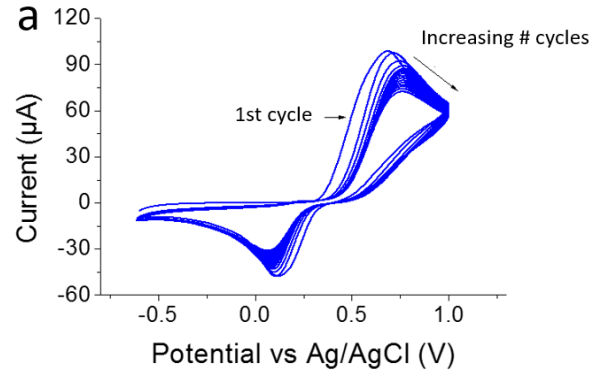


## Correlative approaches: *in situ* TEM & others techniques:

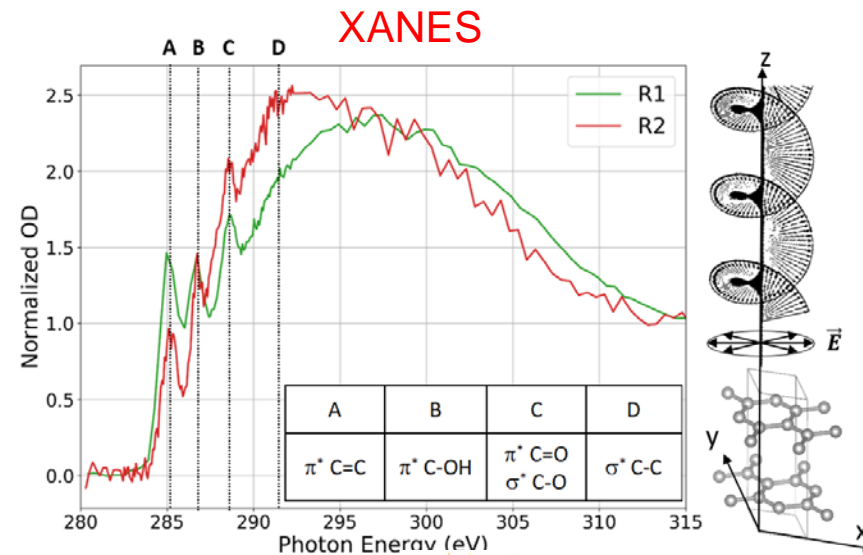
- X-ray-based: XAS, EXAFS, STXM ...
- other imaging modes: AFM ...
- spectroscopies: RAMAN ...



# Correlative Insight on Electrodeposited Graphite Oxide Films



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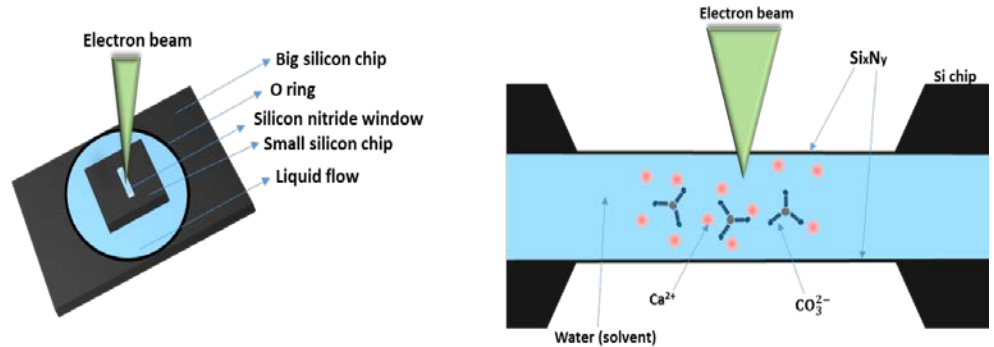
# Nucleation and growth of $\text{CaCO}_3$ : influence of L-asp



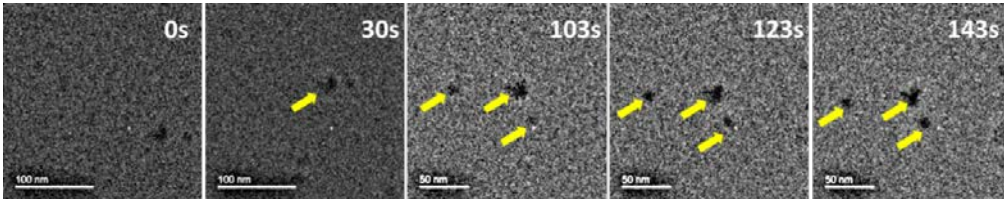
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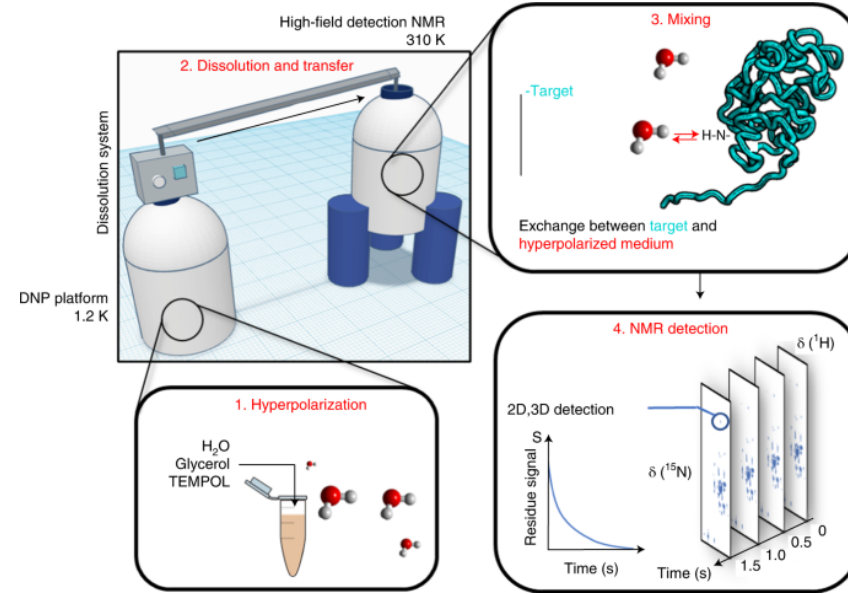
## Liquid phase TEM



Real time visualisation of prenucleation events

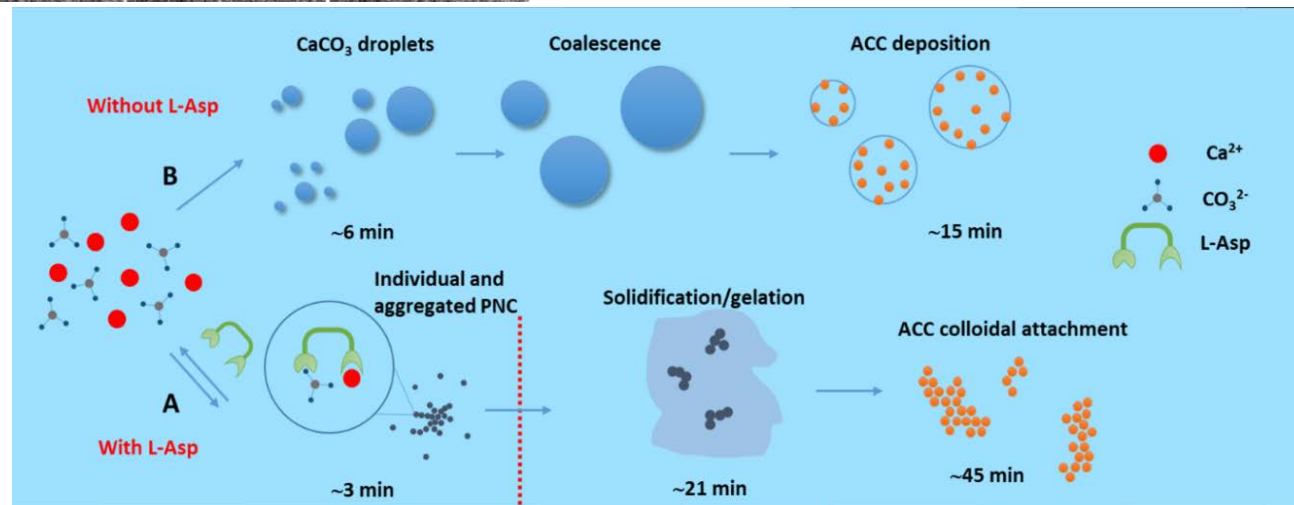
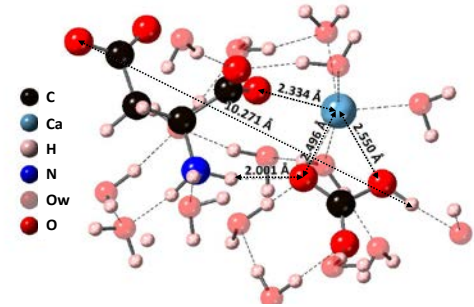


## Hyperpolarized NMR



Structural characterization of prenucleation species

+  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  potentiometric titrations  
+ DFT calculations

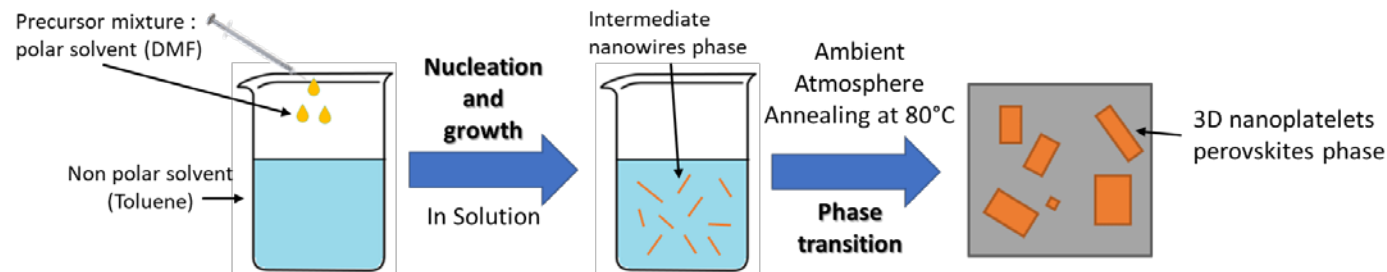


# Growth of hybrid perovskites: a correlative study

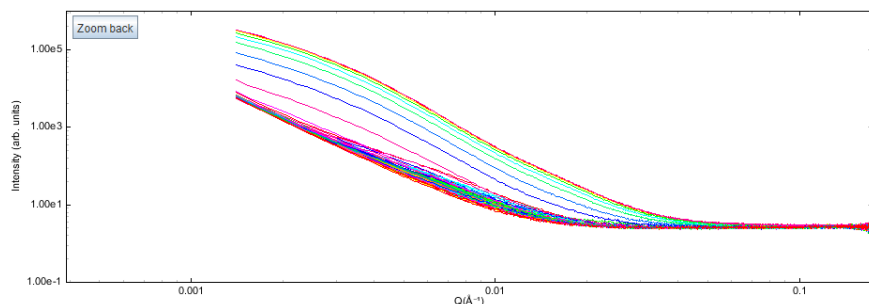
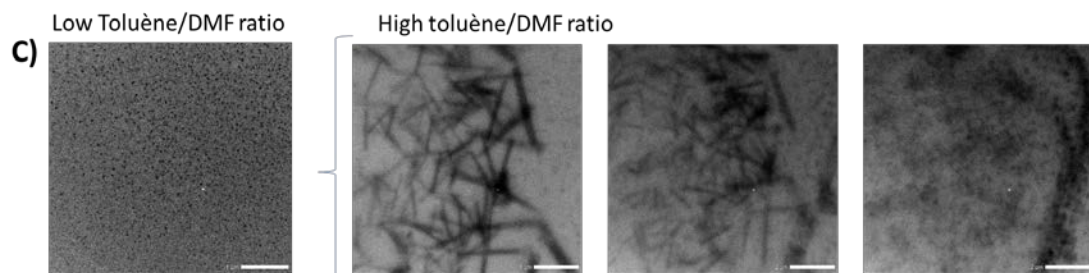
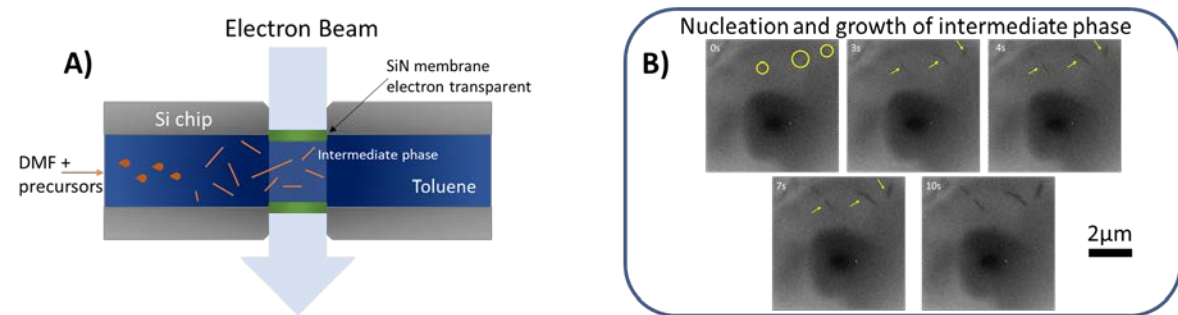


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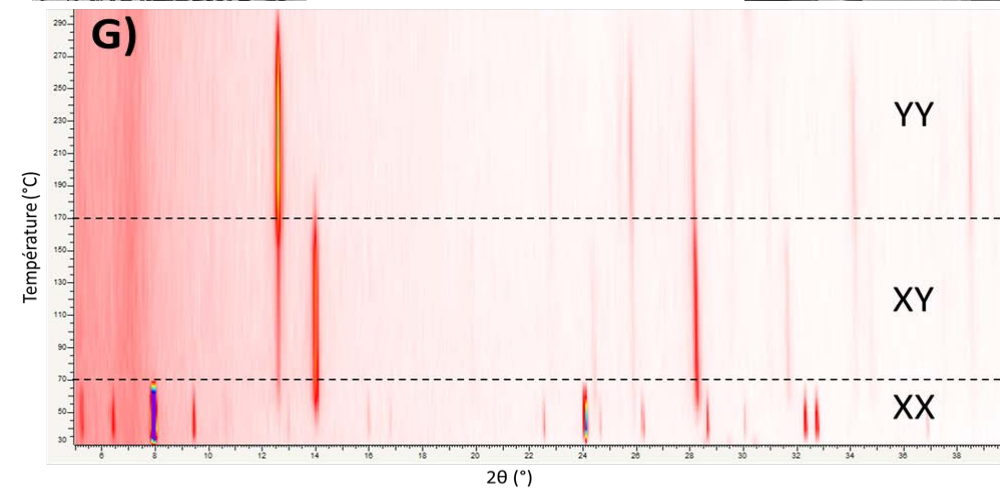
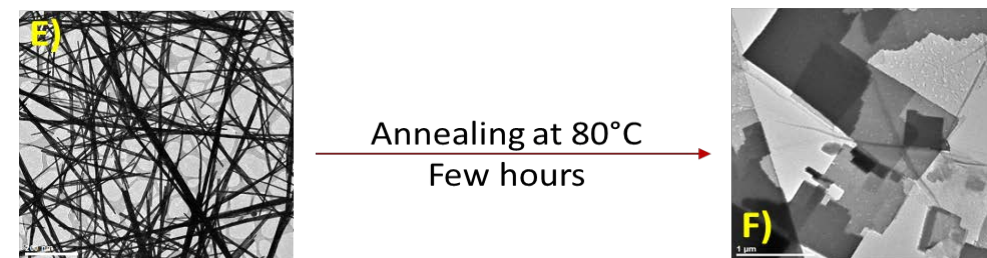
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## Liquid In Situ TEM & SAXS (SOLEIL)



## Gas In Situ TEM & In Situ XRD

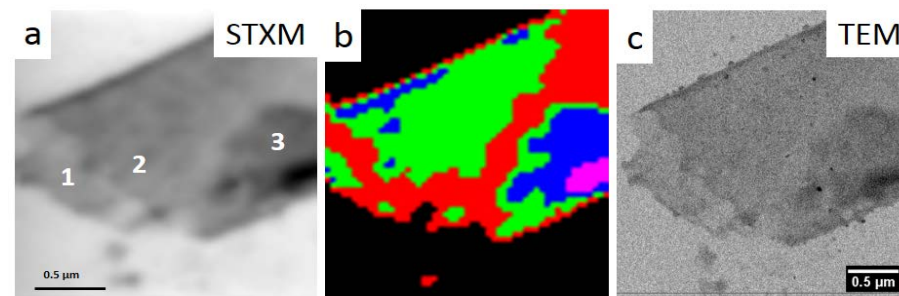


- XX : Intermediate phase MAI – PbI<sub>2</sub> – DMF
- XY : 3D Perovskite MAPI
- YY : Decomposition into PbI<sub>2</sub>

# In situ TEM: new developments and perspectives

## Data acquisition:

- new detectors
- correlative approaches: TEM + STXM

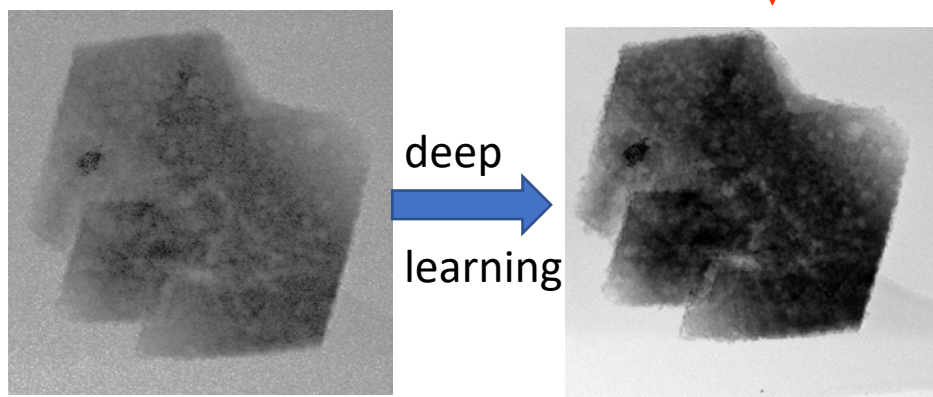


## Reducing electron dose and beam influence

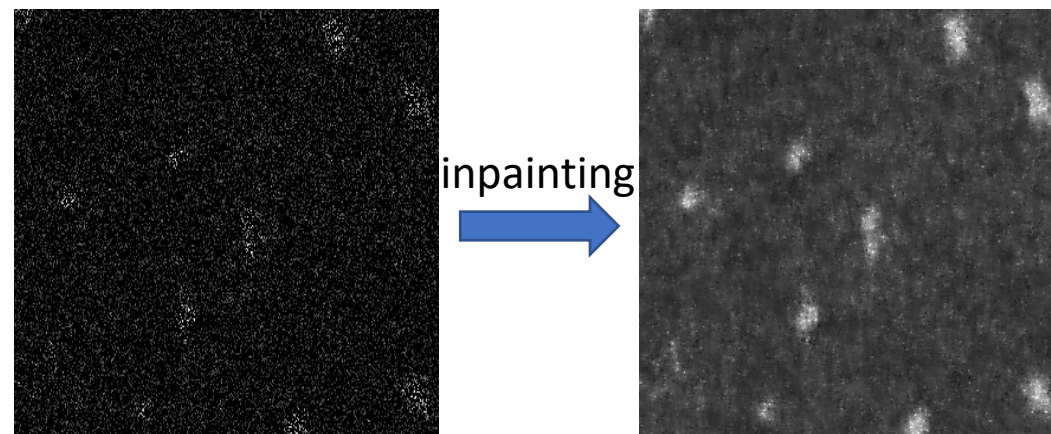
- dedicated acquisition software for “in situ”
- “inpainting” methods
- deep learning approaches

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# In situ TEM: new developments and perspectives

## Data analysis

➤ Deep learning approaches to manage a large amount of data and provide

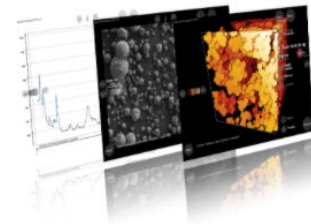
a) quantitative results

b) statistically representative information



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1	202	15,18	1,1	13,42	17,89	1,33	1,58
2	125	11,74	1,26	8,94	14,42	1,61	1,86
3	164	13,61	1,44	10,77	16,49	1,53	1,86
4	492	24,23	2,79	20	30,27	1,51	1,86
5	199	15,04	1,32	12,65	17,89	1,41	1,61
6	91	9,94	1,24	8	12,81	1,6	1,8
7	447	23,09	2,45	19,7	28,64	1,45	1,83
8	94	10,06	0,76	8,25	11,66	1,41	1,45
9	649	29,72	3,94	18,87	50	2,65	3,85
10	46	6,81	0,79	5,86	8,25	1,46	1,48
11	567	18,34	2,51	11,66	37,78	1,38	2,80

x N images



plugim!

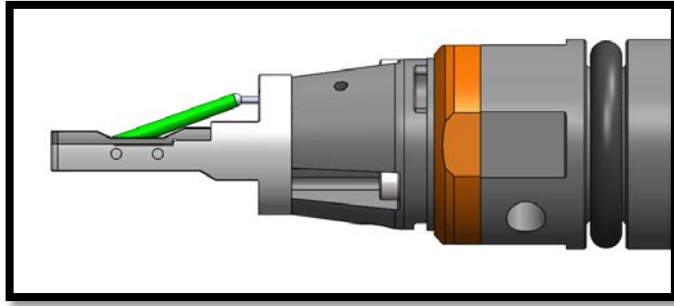
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**Deep learning – based data analysis**

# In situ TEM: new developments and perspectives

## Instrumental developments

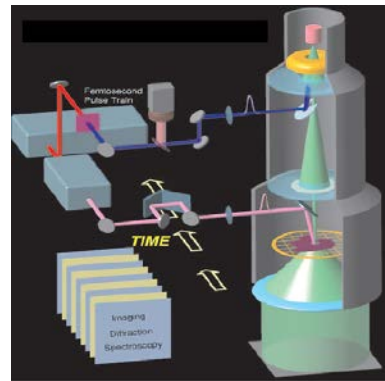
- Development of new specimen holders



### Optical environmental holder

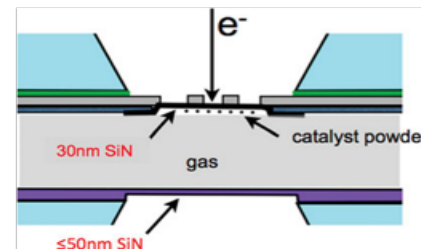
*specimen in gas or liquid and under light exposure*

- Combining spatial and time resolution  $\Rightarrow$  kinetics of processes (Brownian motion)



### UTEM + ETEM

- $\Rightarrow$  dynamic of nano-objects in specific environments

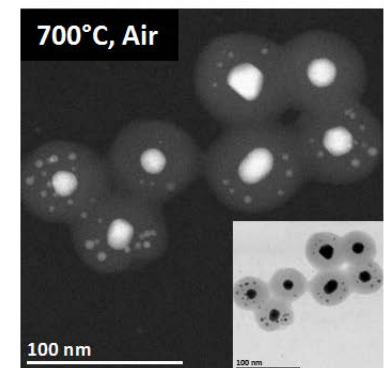
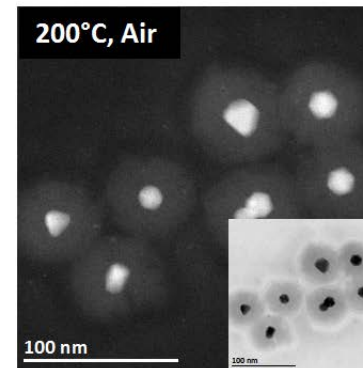
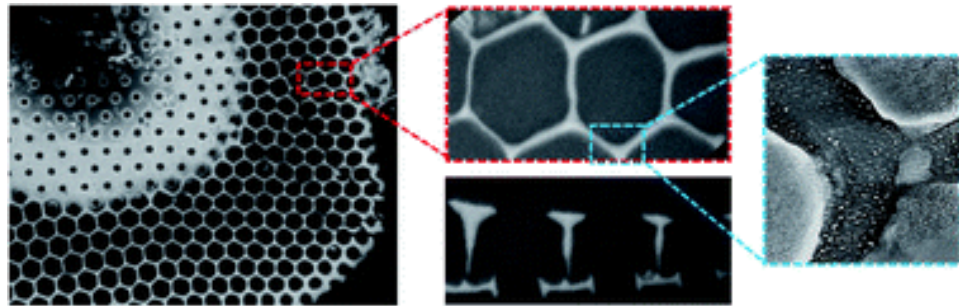




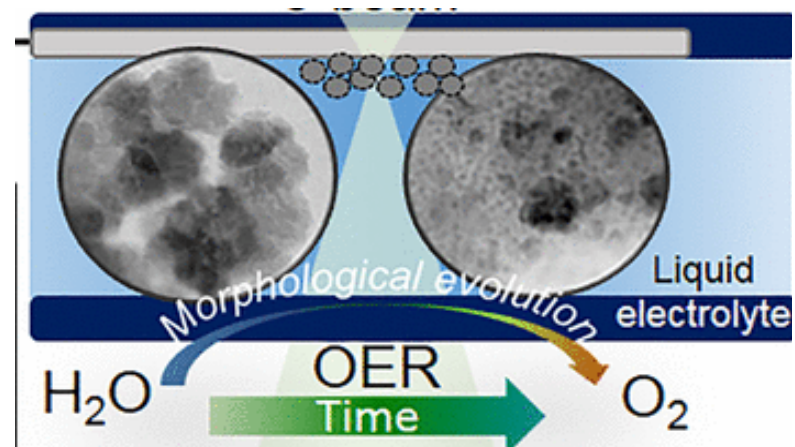
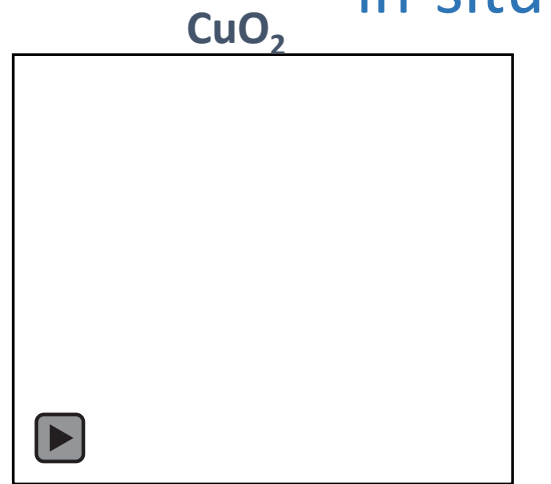
# TEM: very useful, multi-task characterization tools in material science

combined spatial and time resolution

multiscale analysis

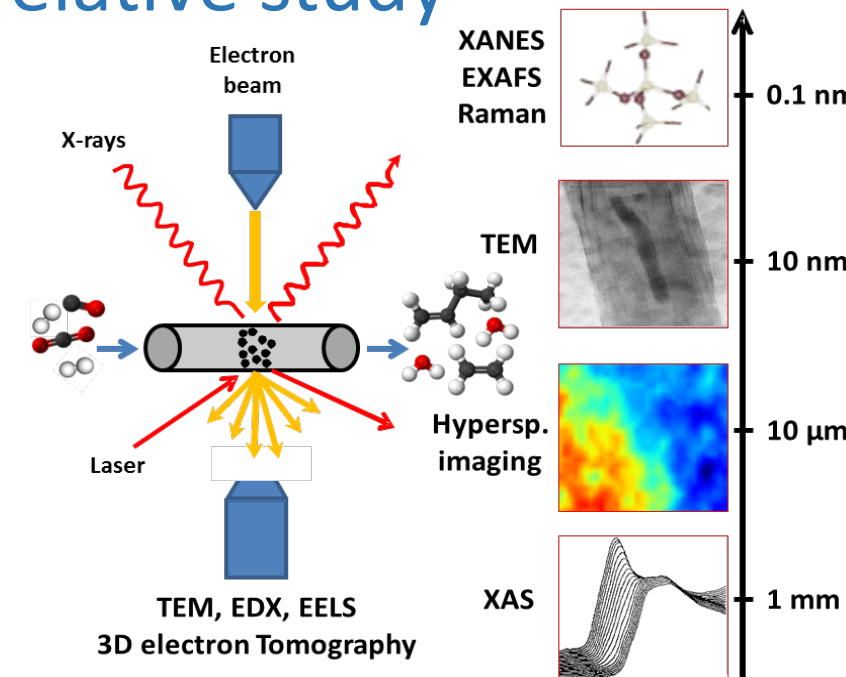


in-situ and operando technique



1 atm H<sub>2</sub>, 200-400°C

correlative study



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