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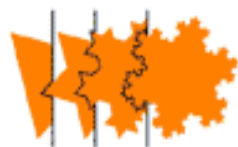
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# ***Catalysis with SR: ex-situ, in –situ and Operando conditions***

***C. Lamberti***

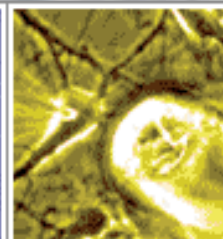
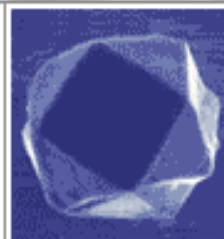
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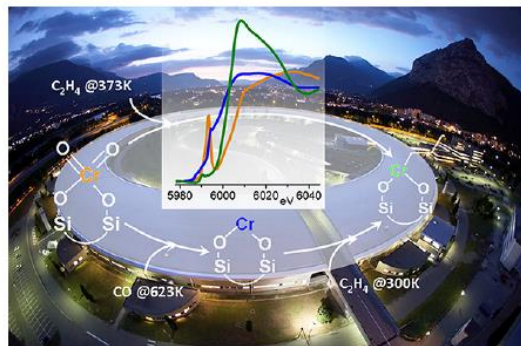
### Reactivity of Surface Species in Heterogeneous Catalysts Probed by In Situ X-ray Absorption Techniques

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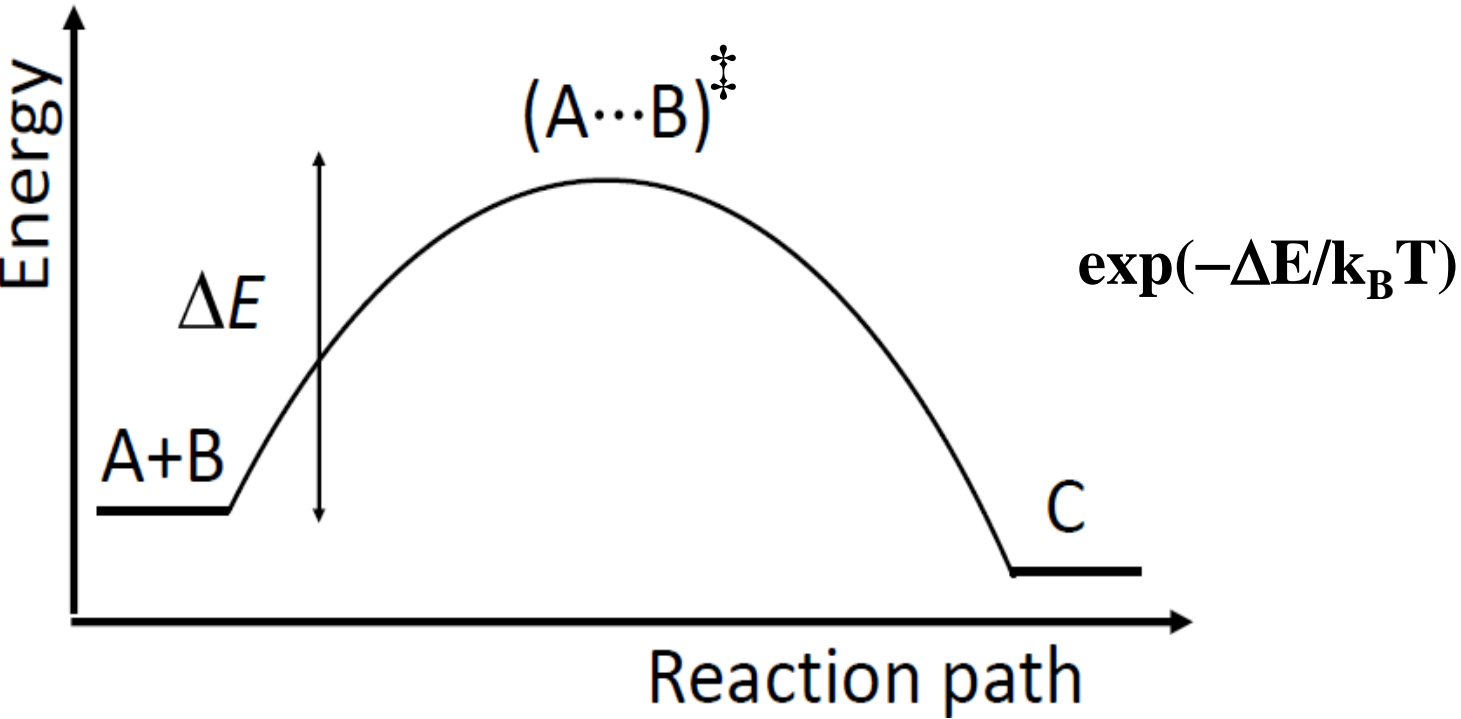
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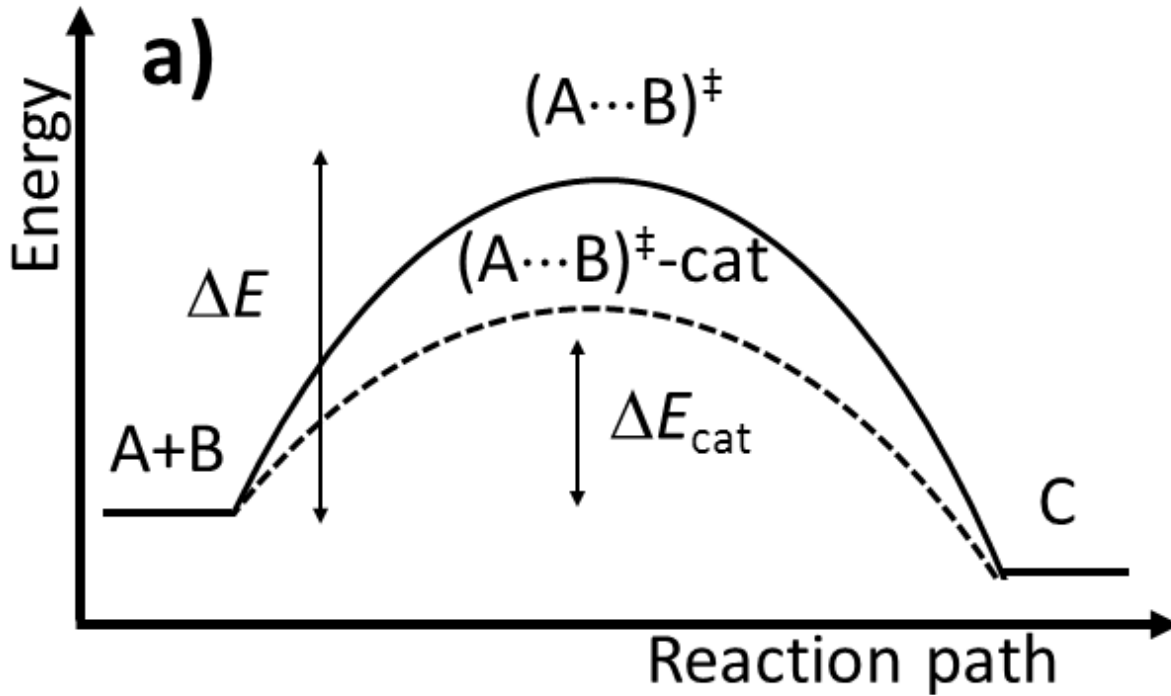
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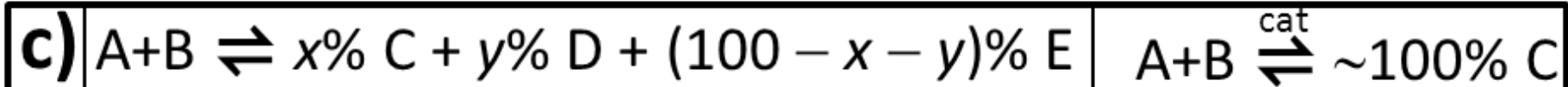
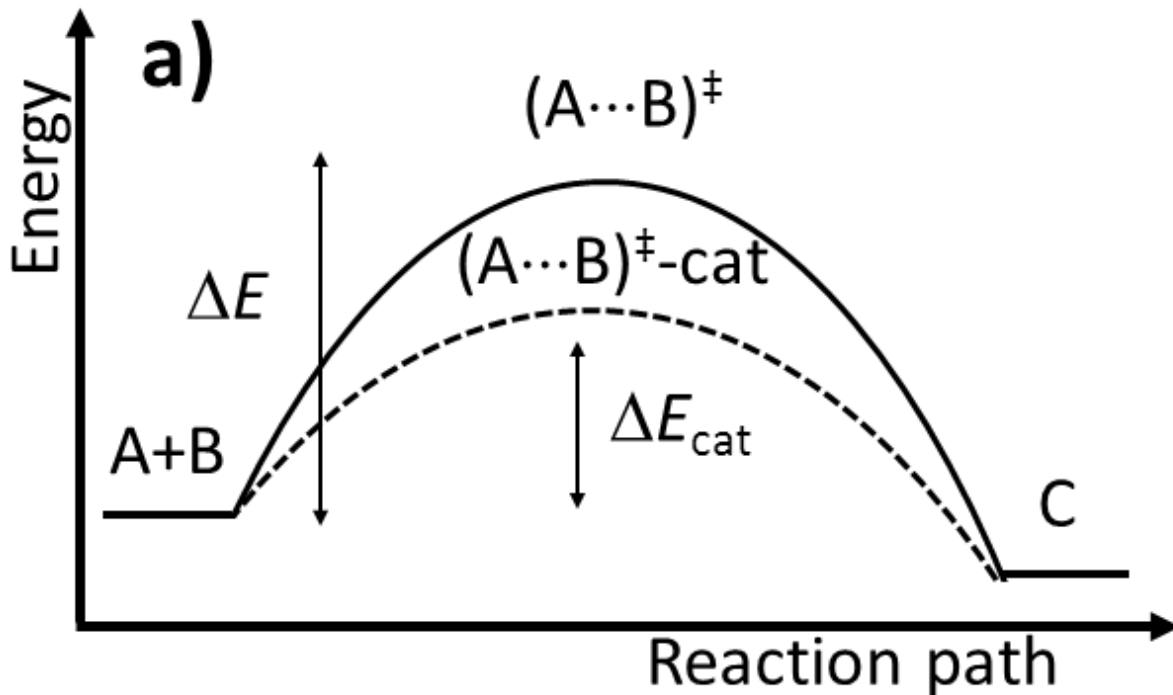
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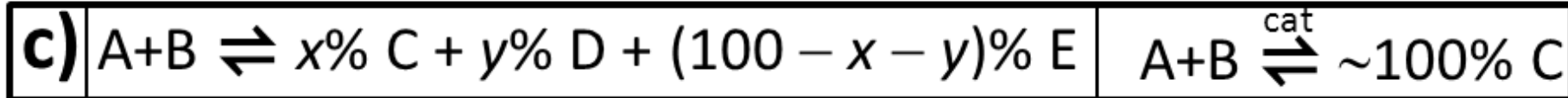
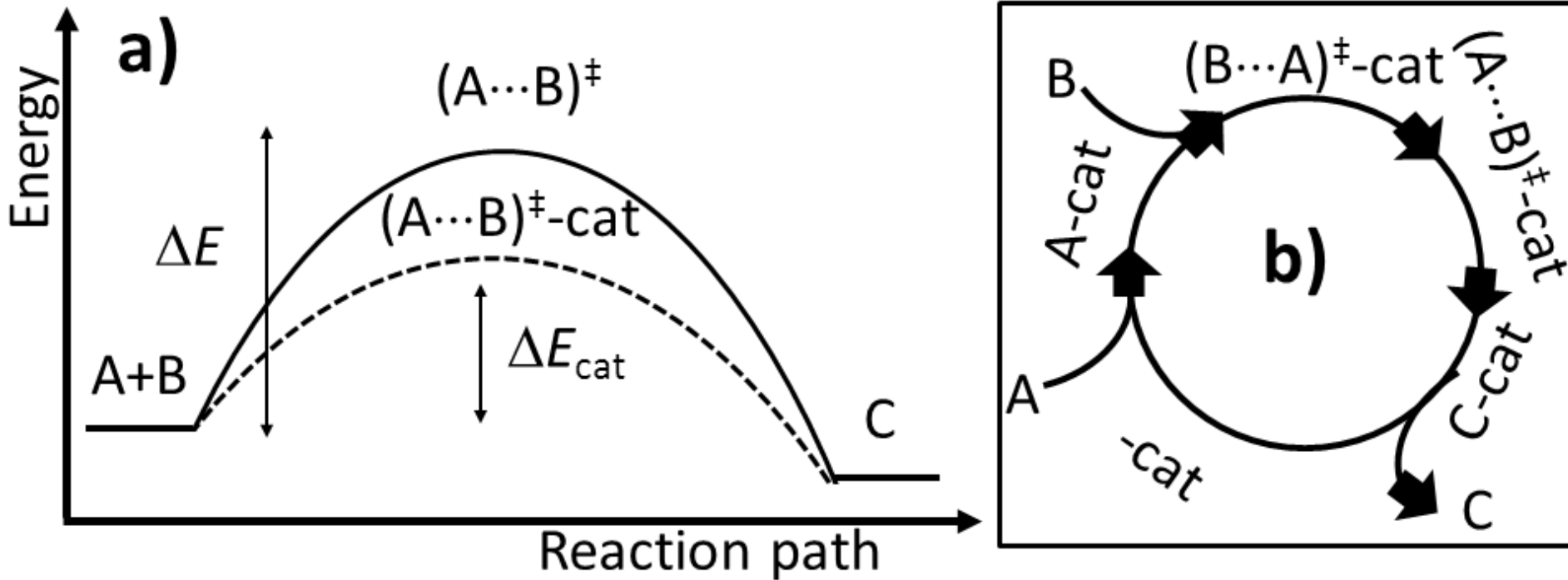
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# The complexity of a catalyst:

Nature of the support

Concentration of the active phase

Deposition methods

Addition of dopants

P, T

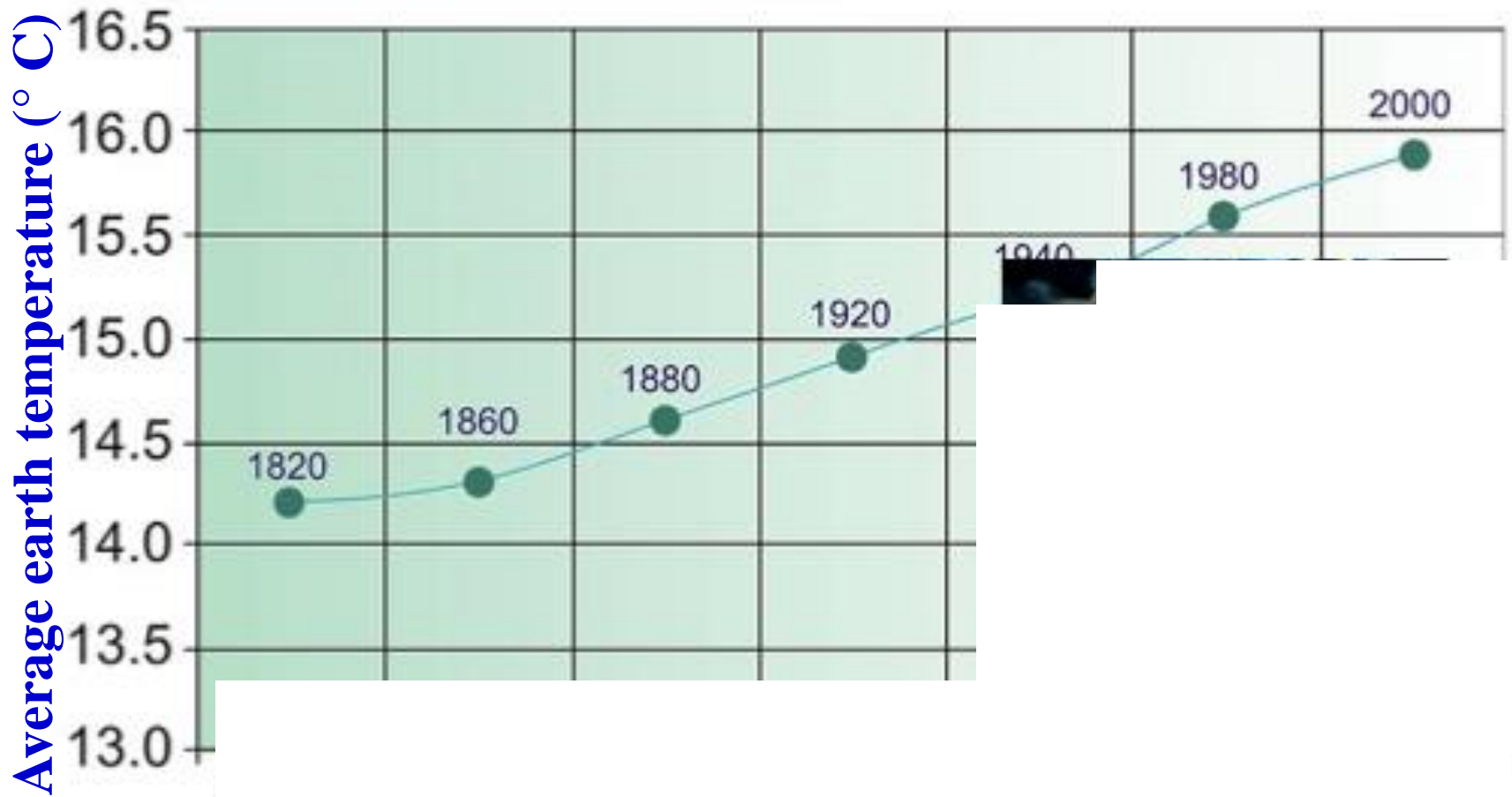
Possible presence of spectators

Aging effects

Poisoning

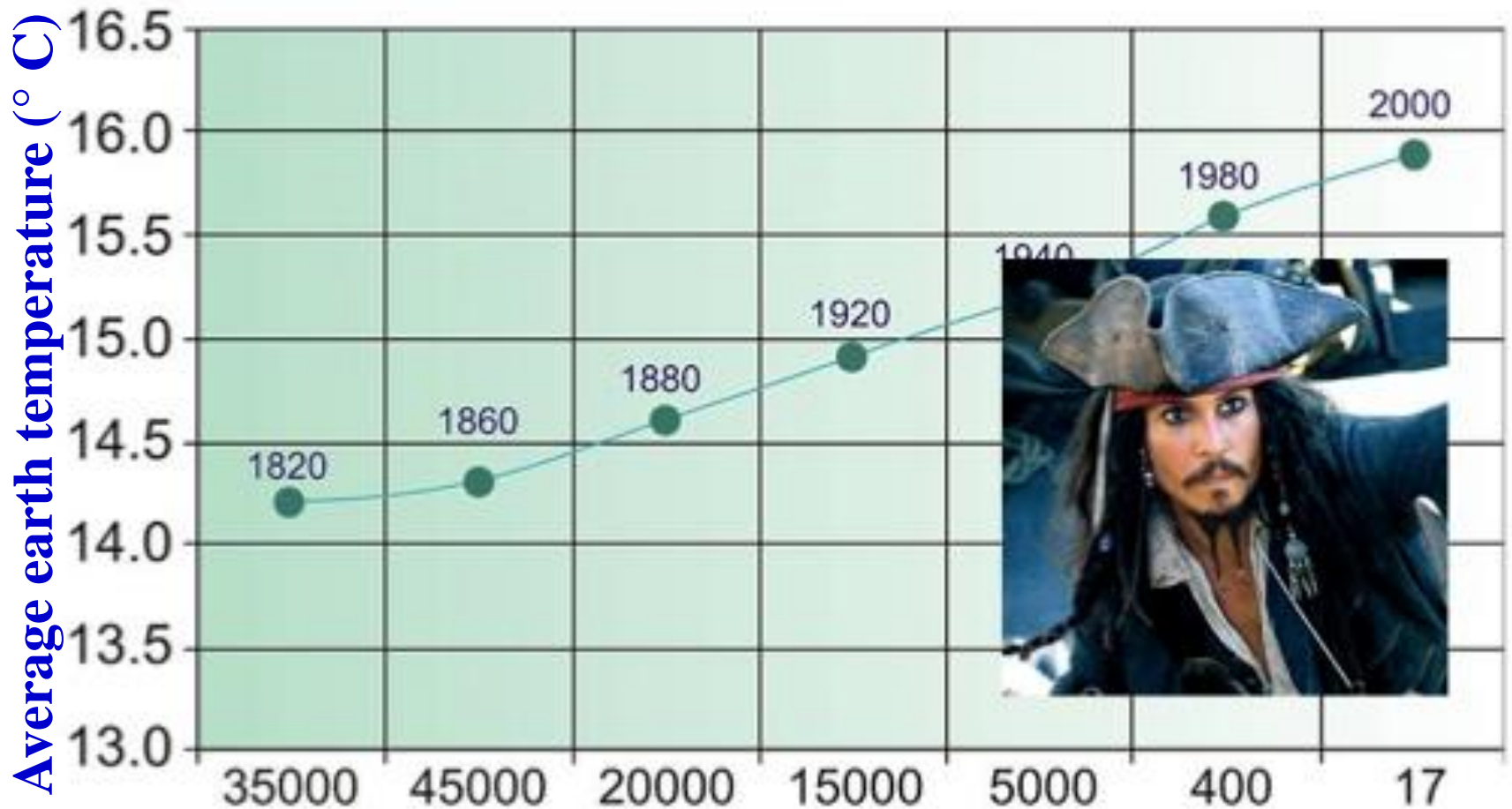
Deactivation

# New researchs discover the actual cause of the global warming



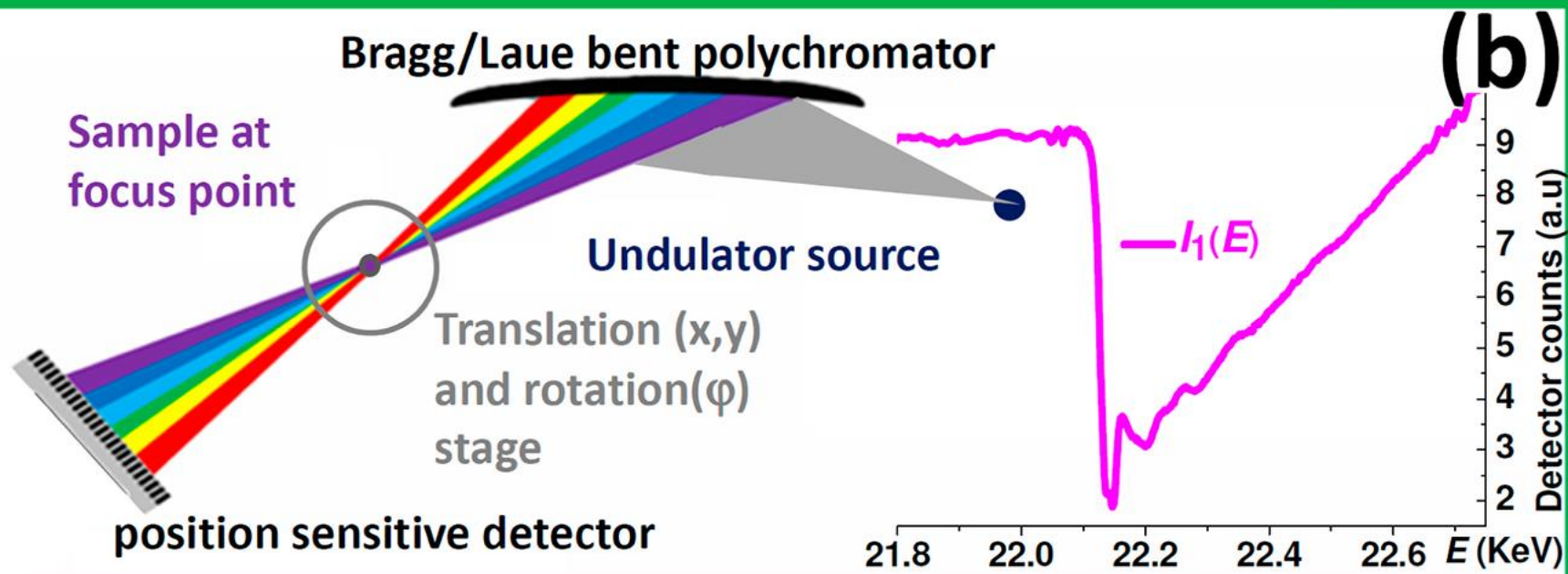
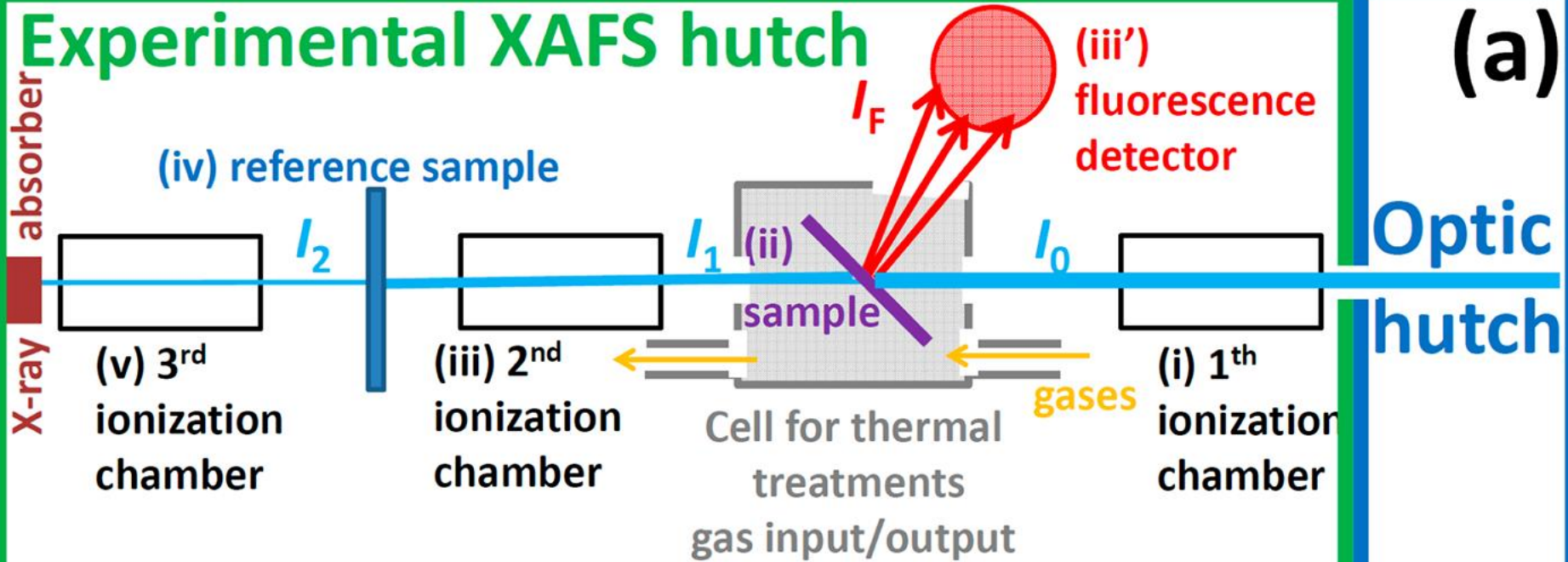


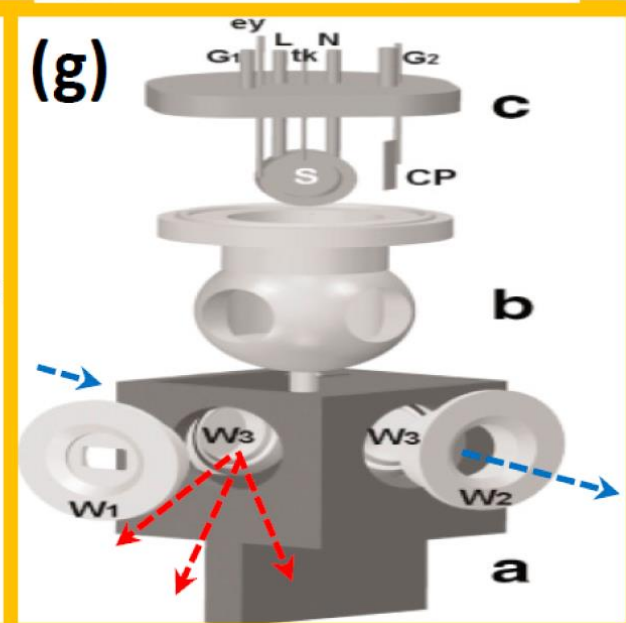
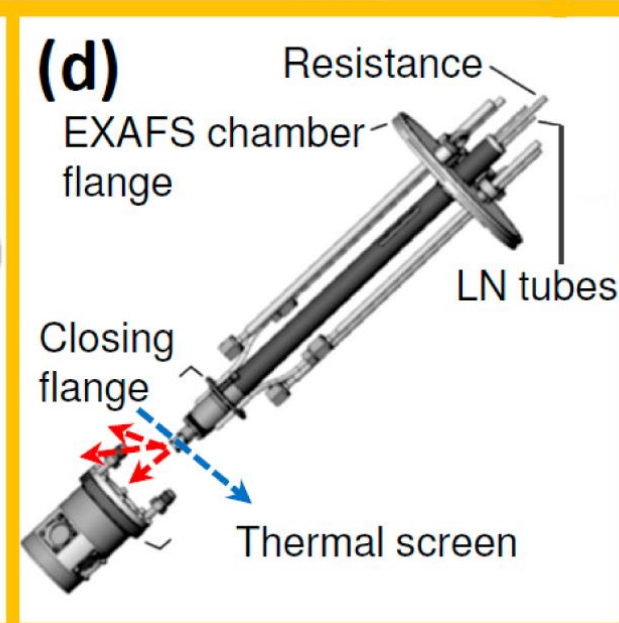
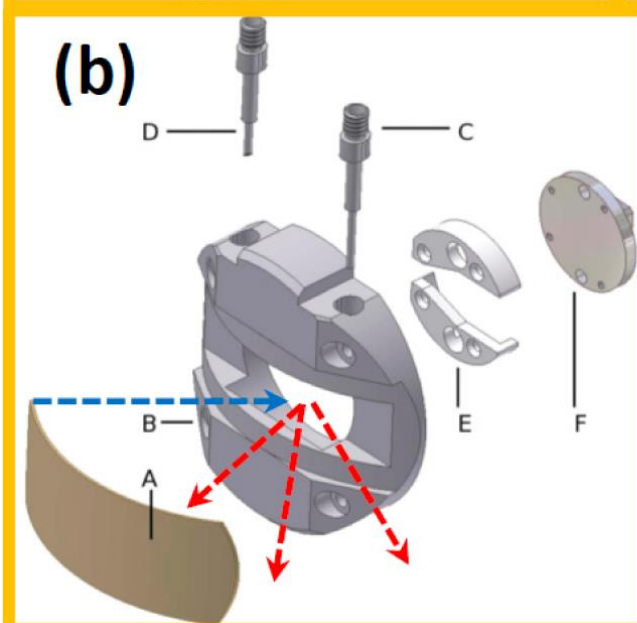
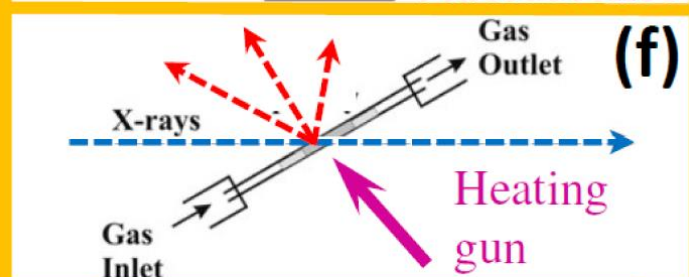
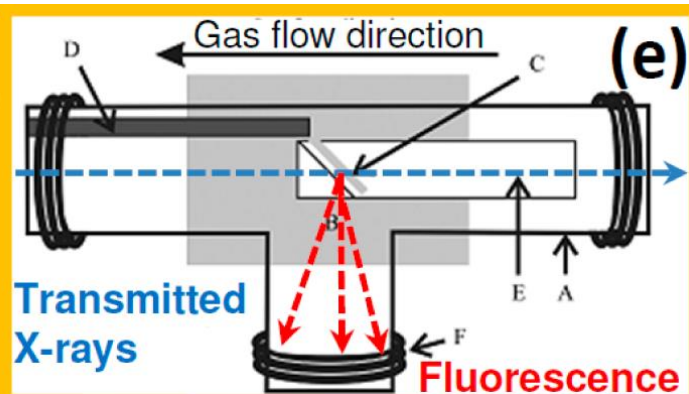
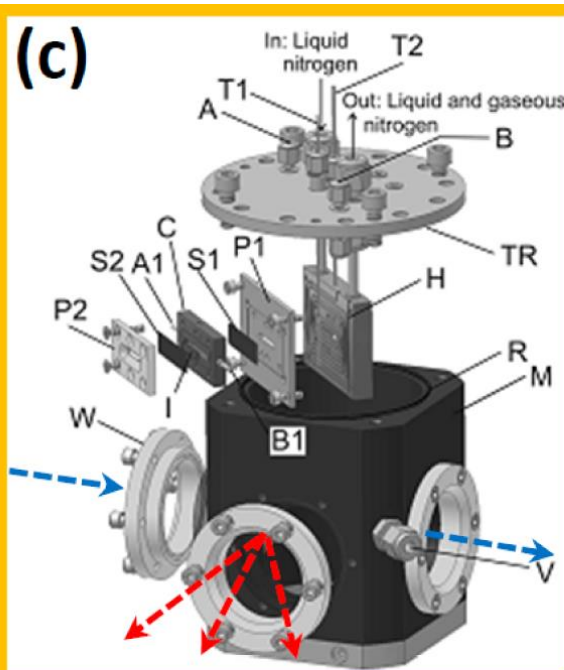
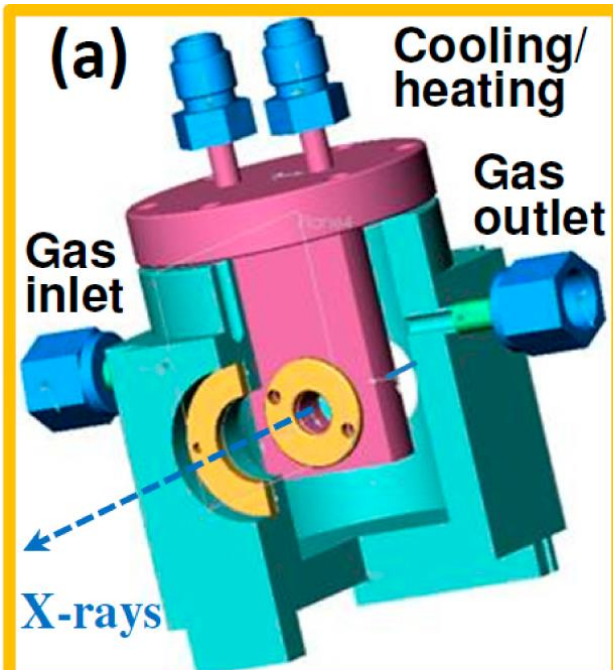
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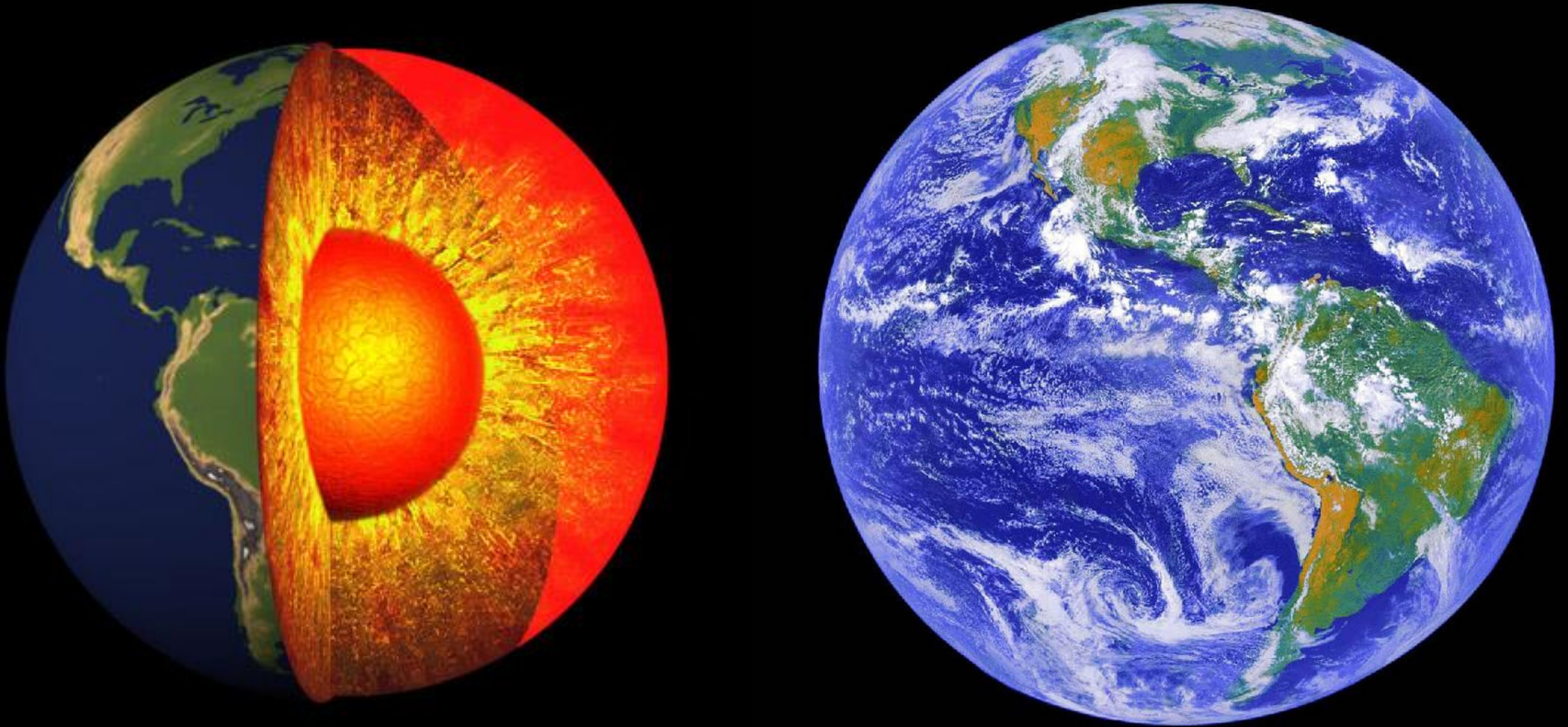
Number of Pirats actives in the caribbean sea

# Experimental XAFS hutch





# The relevance of surfaces

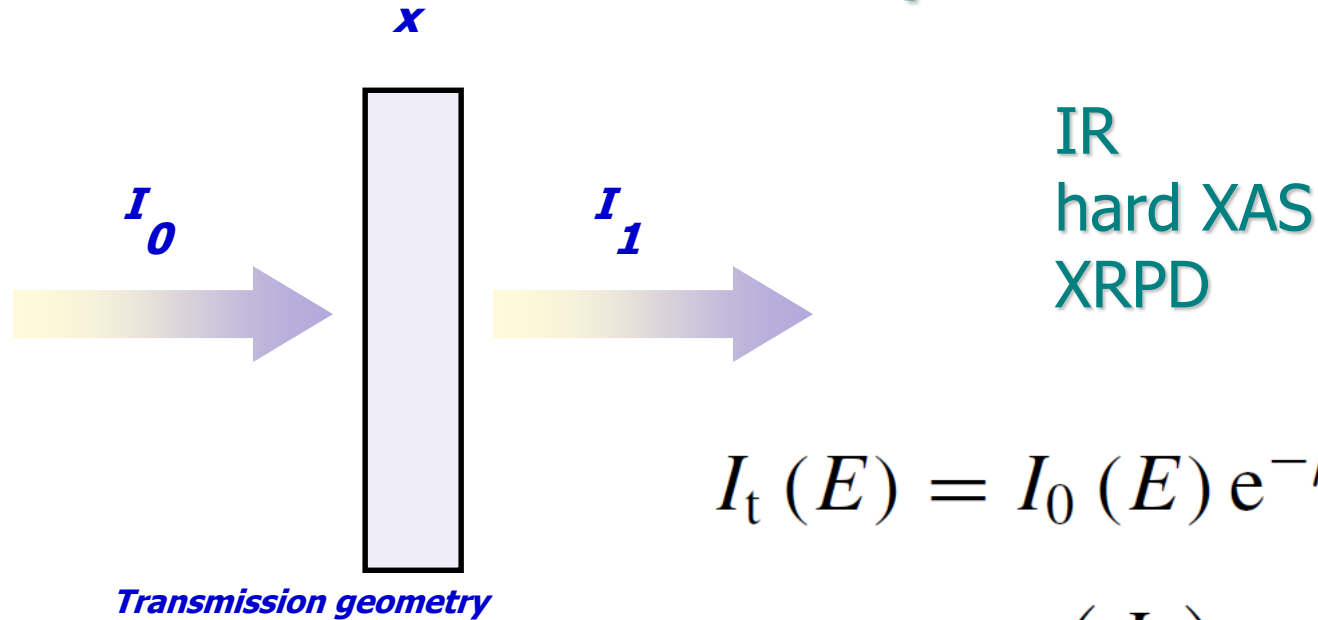


There is NO life on earth !  
NO, it is a surface phenomenon !

We avoided an invasion because aliens had no surface sensitive techniques



# Transmission techniques are basically bulk techniques



$$I_t(E) = I_0(E) e^{-\mu(E)x}$$

$$\mu(E)x = -\ln\left(\frac{I_t}{I_0}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{I_0}{I_t}\right)$$

*... but catalysis is related with surface sites*

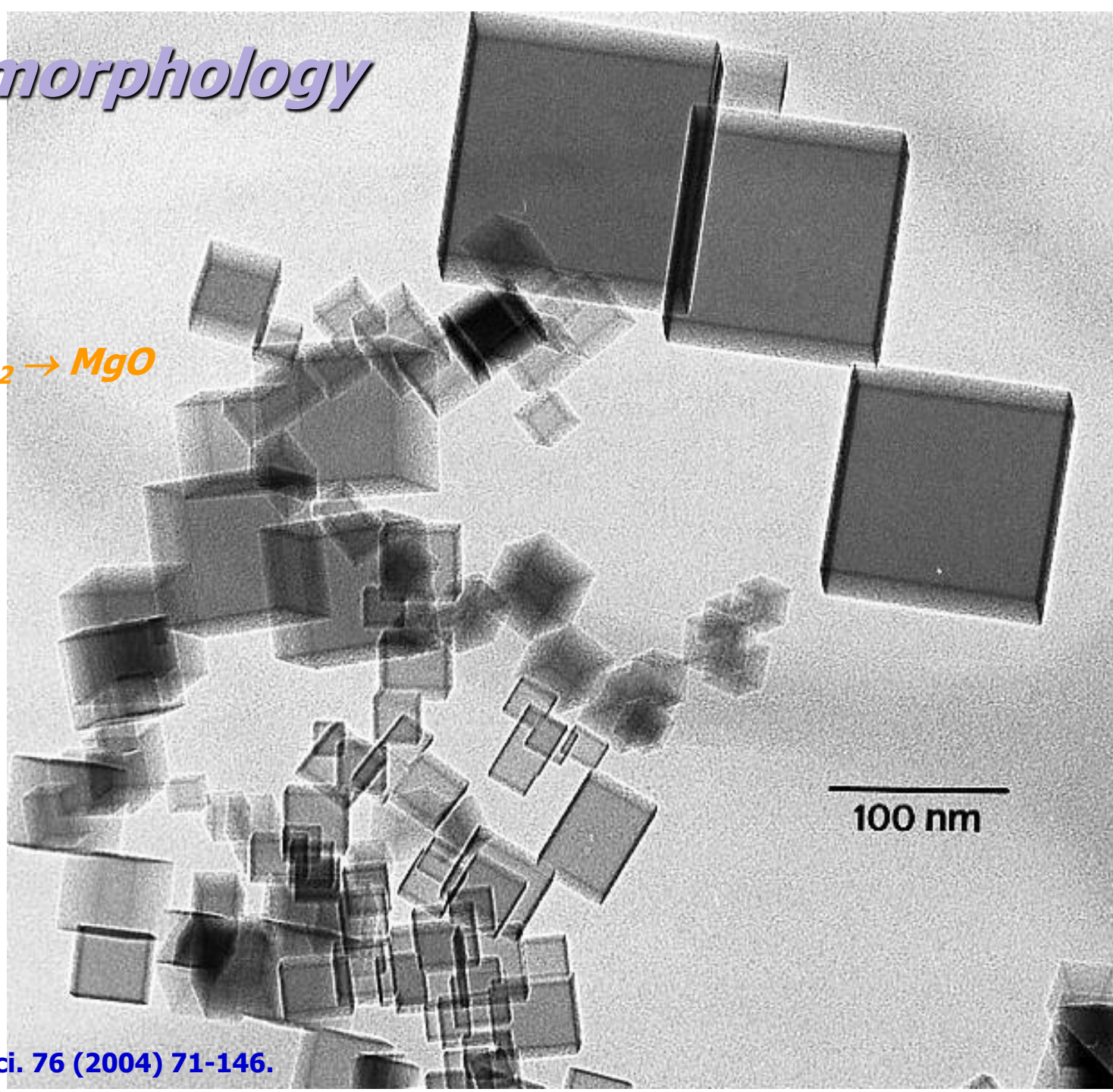
XPS; UPS; soft-XAS; hard XAS detected in EY

# *MgO morphology*

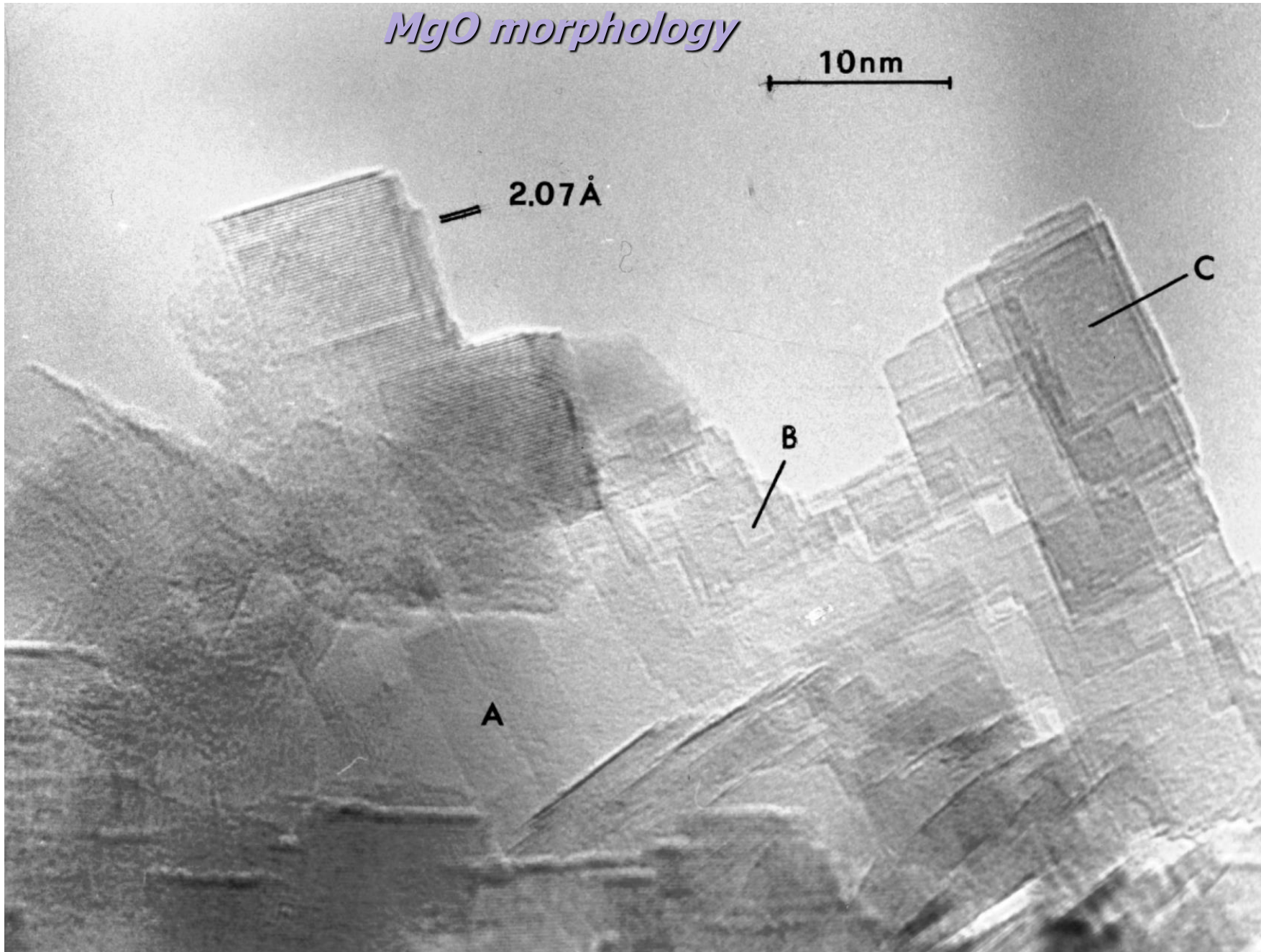
*MgO smoke*



*(< 1 m<sup>2</sup>/g)*

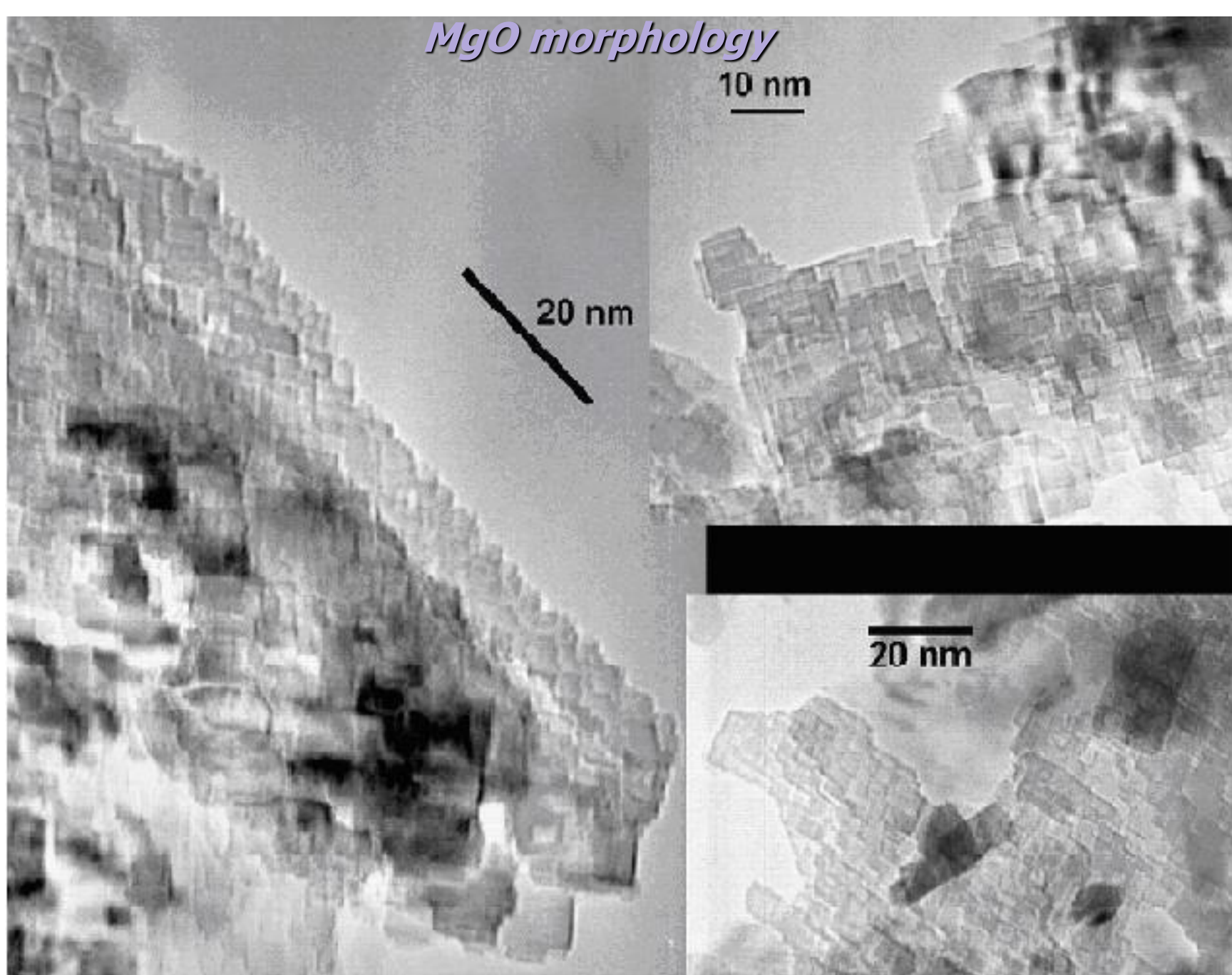


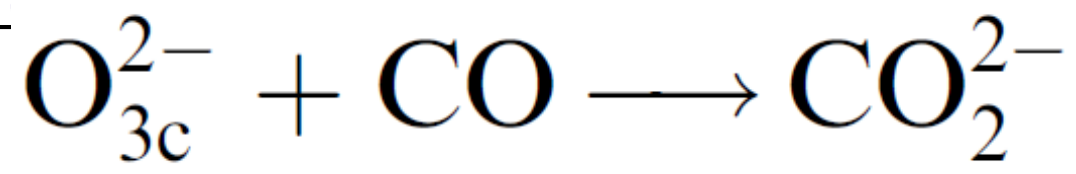
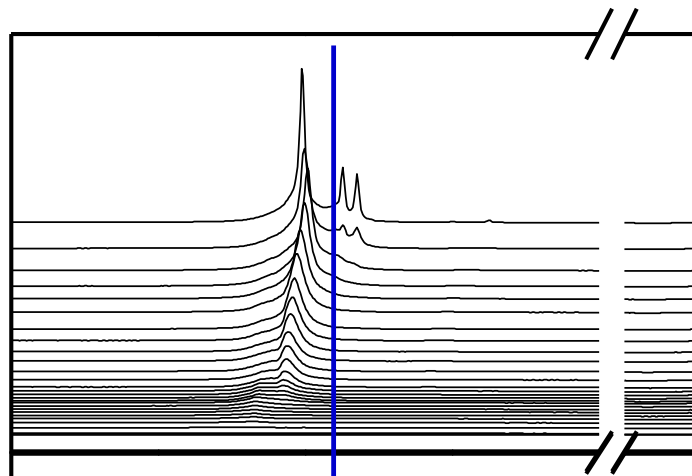
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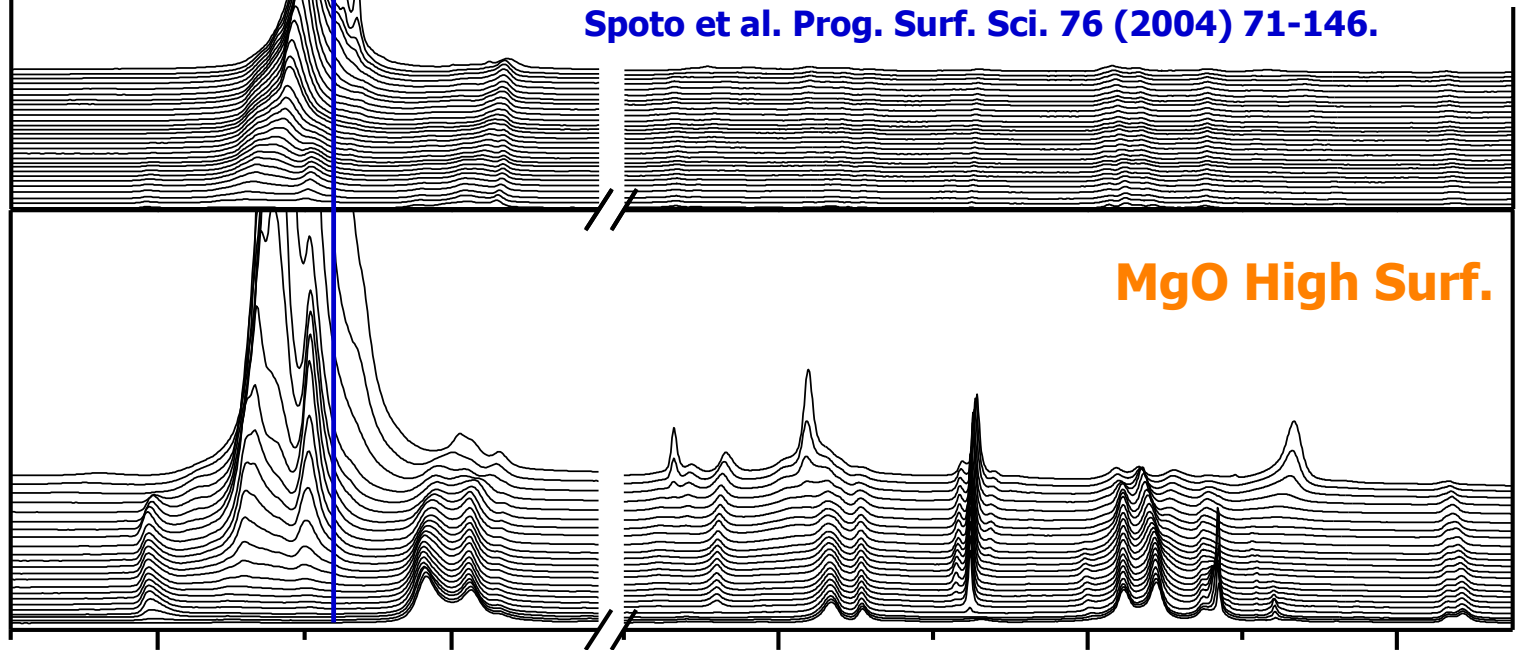


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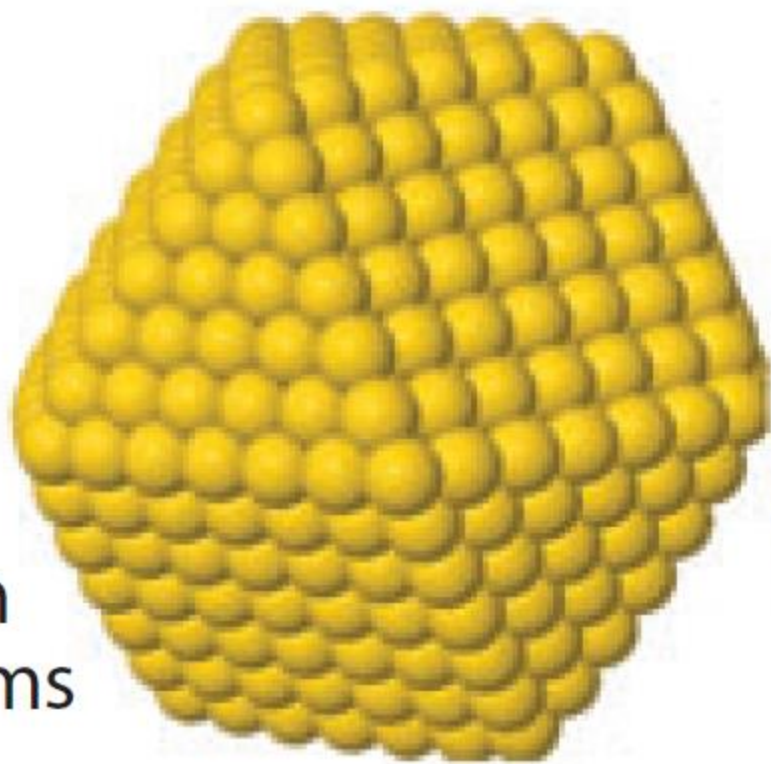
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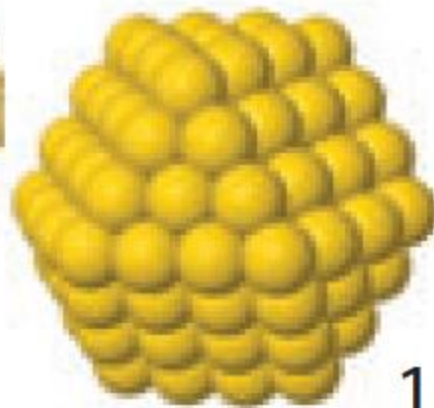
MgO High Surf.

2200      2100      1600      1400      1200

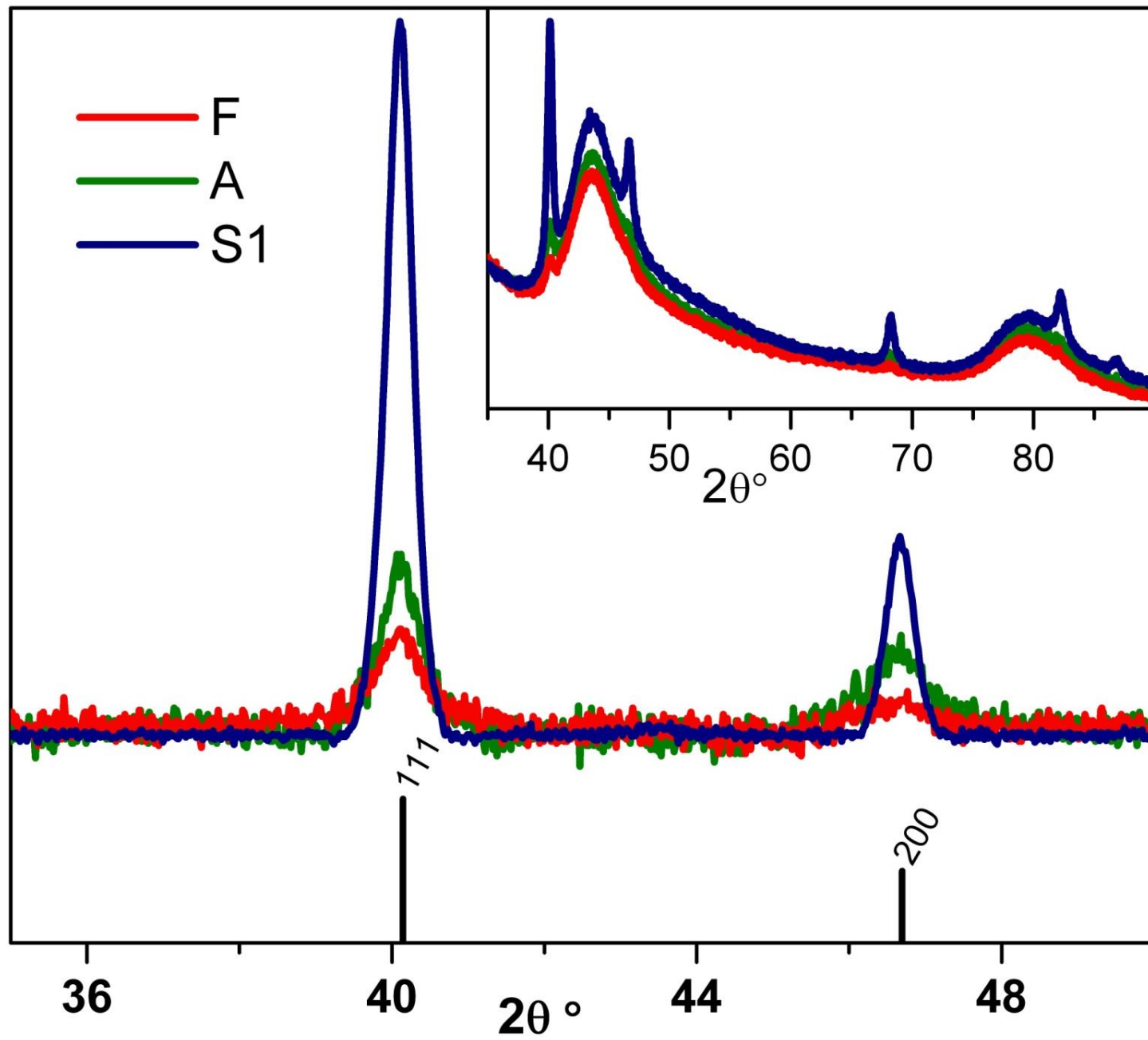
3.4 nm  
923 atoms

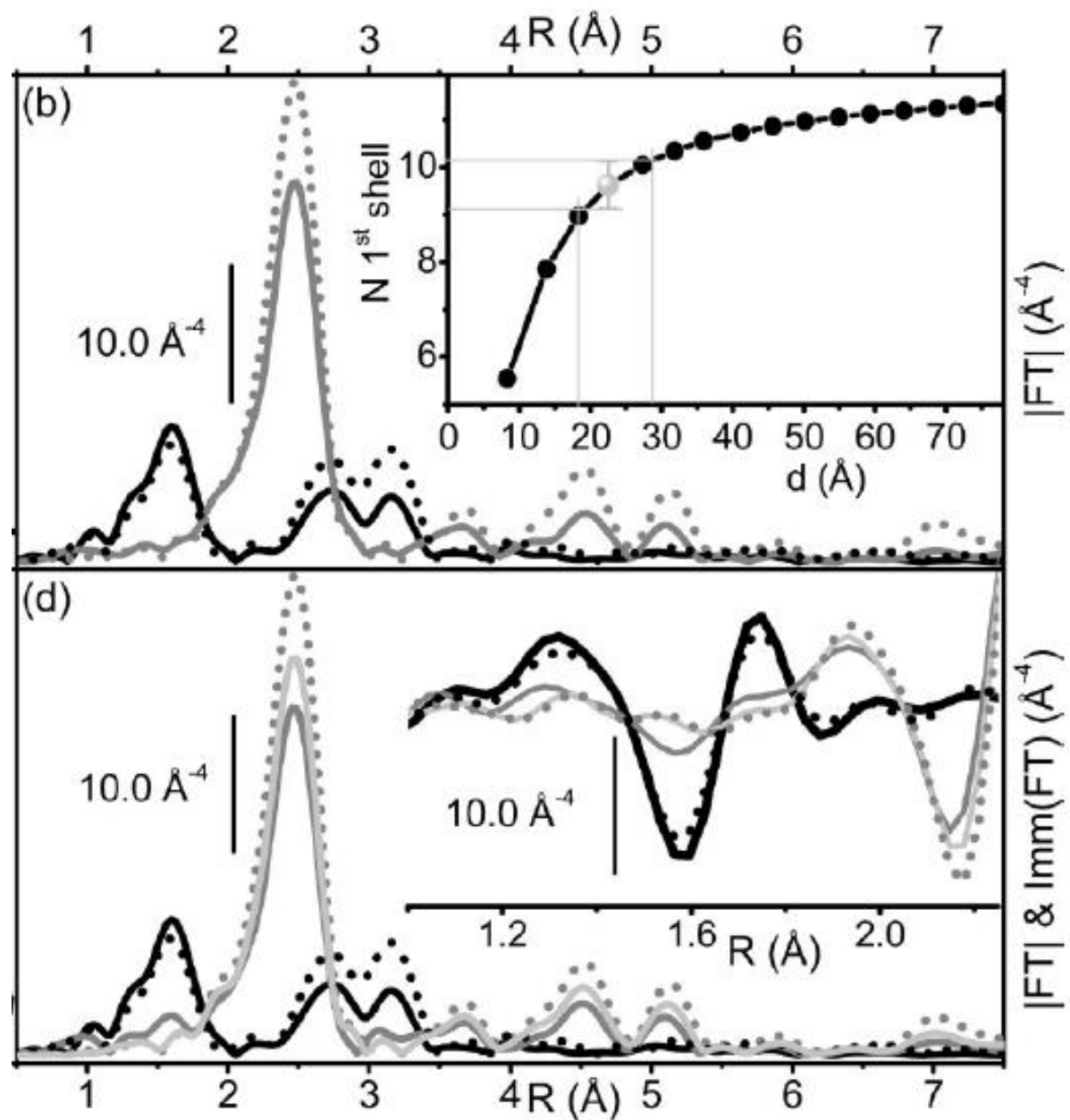


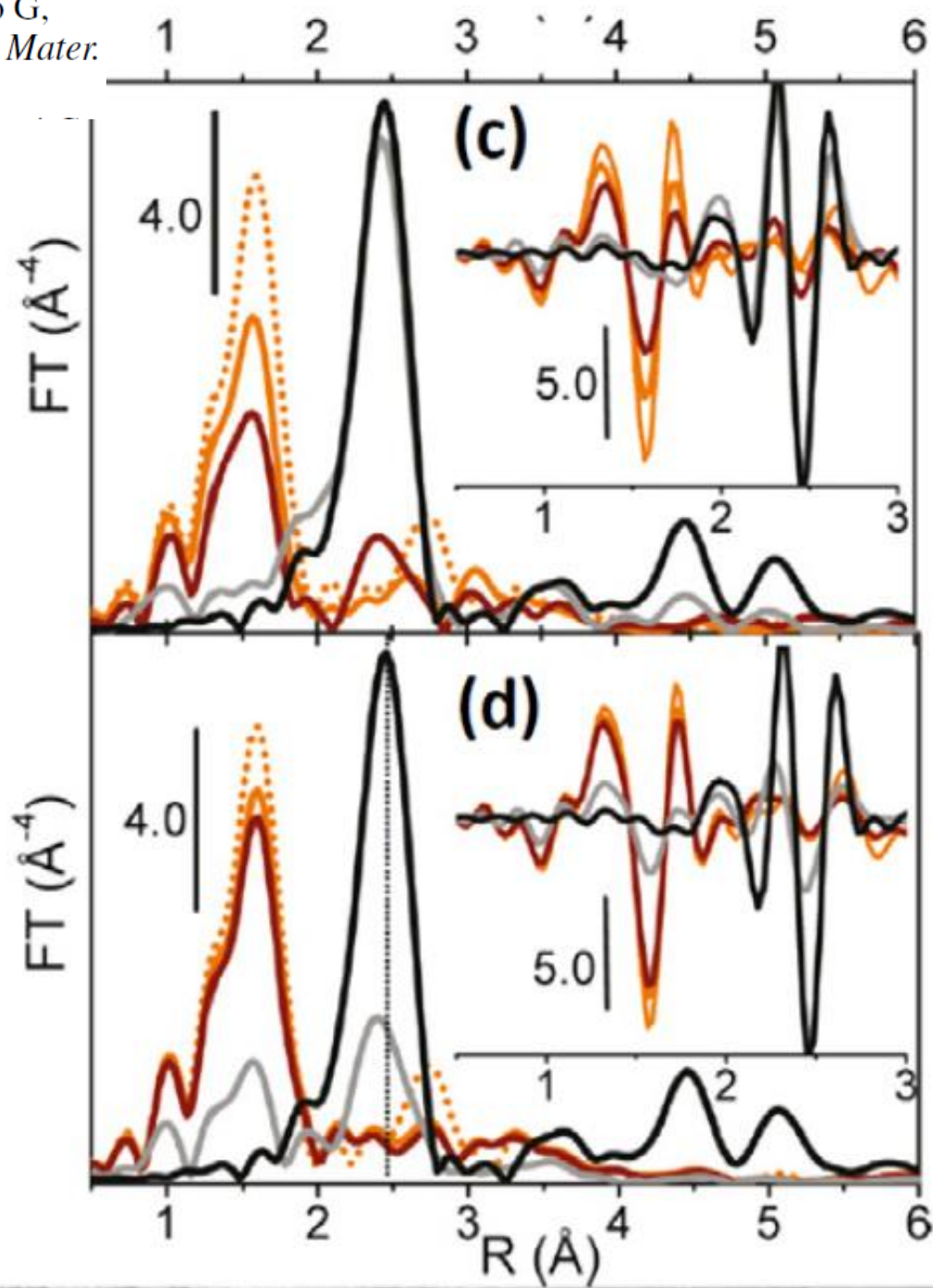
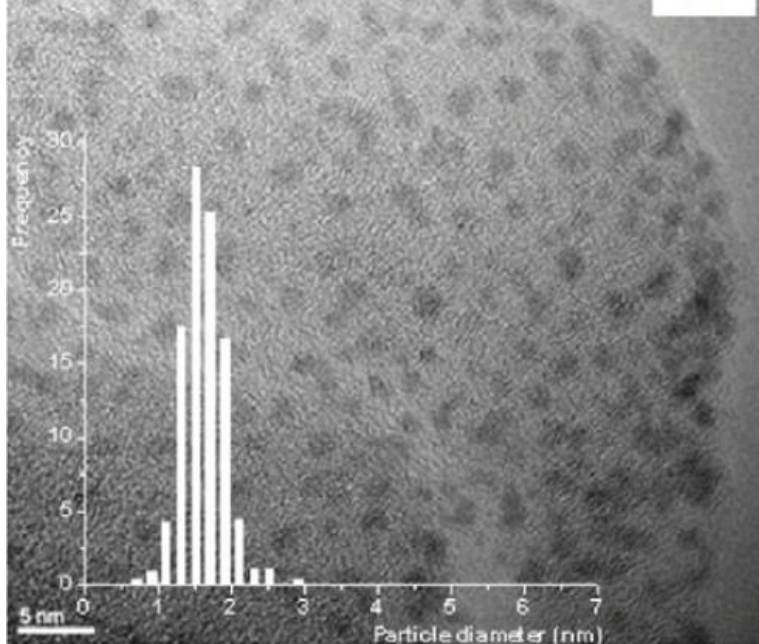
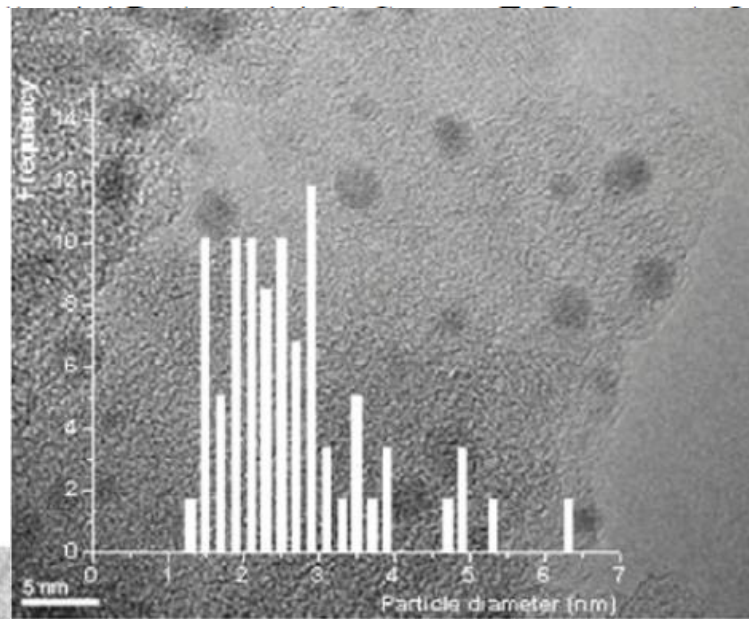
1.7 nm  
147 atoms

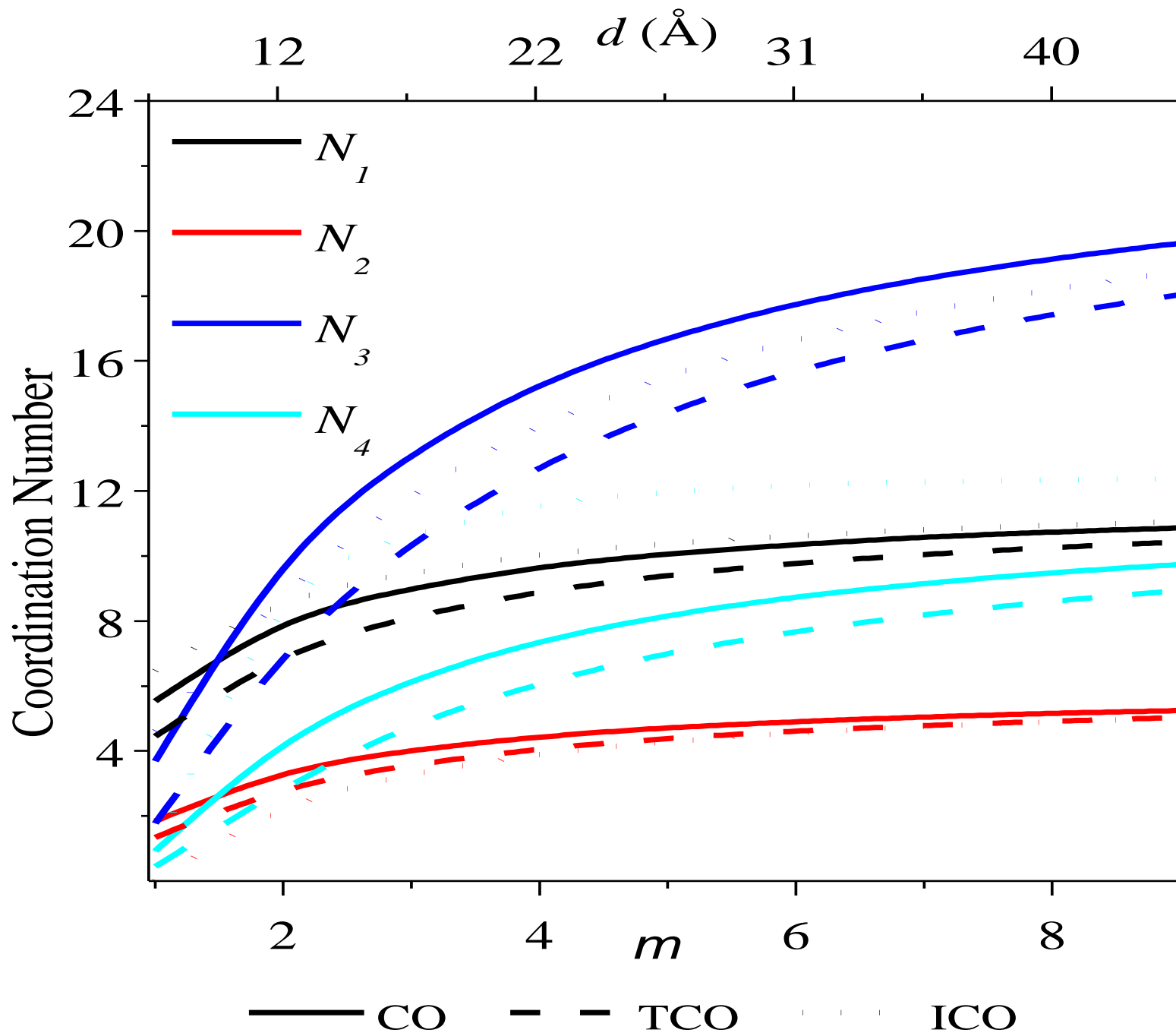


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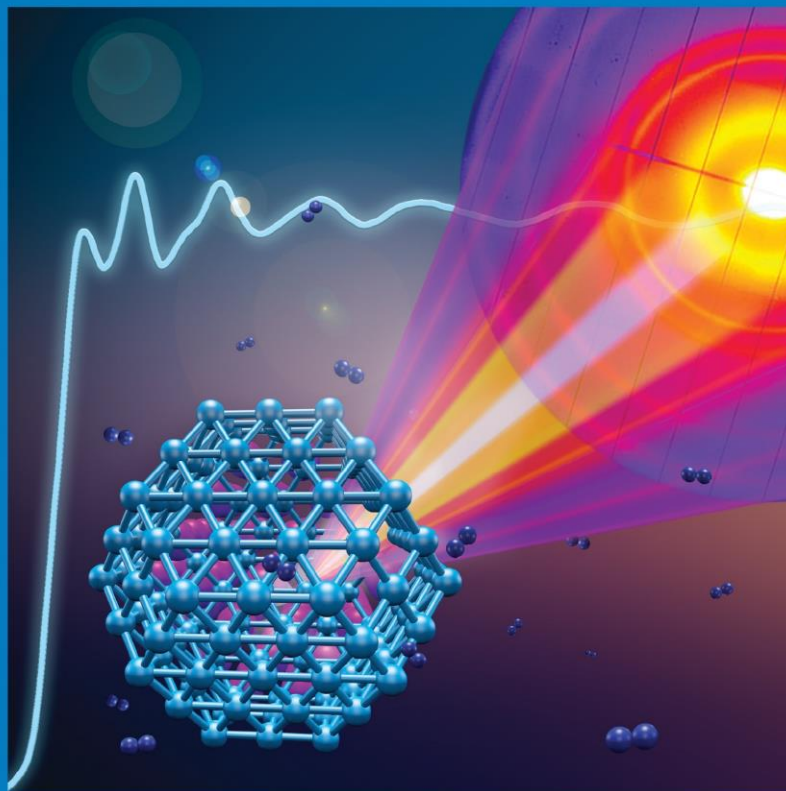




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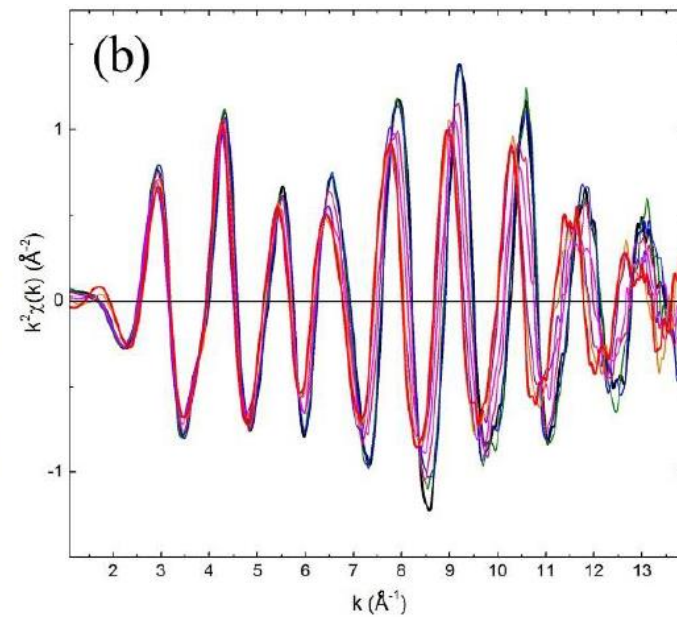
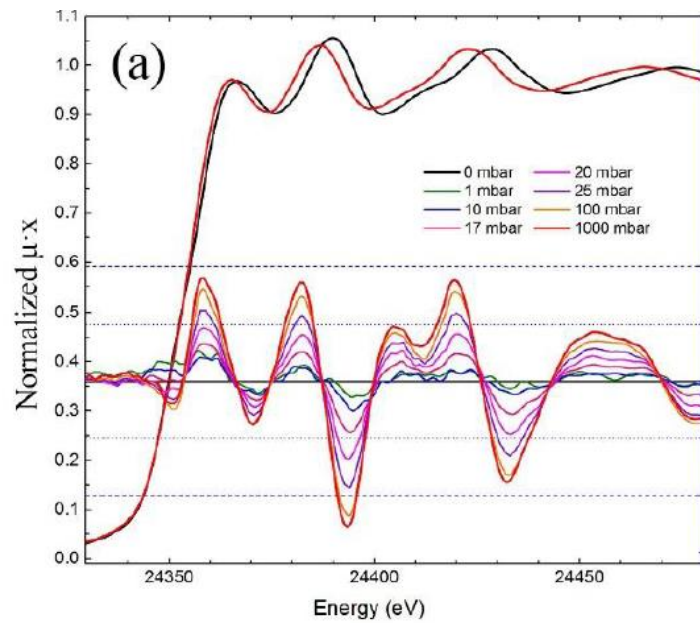
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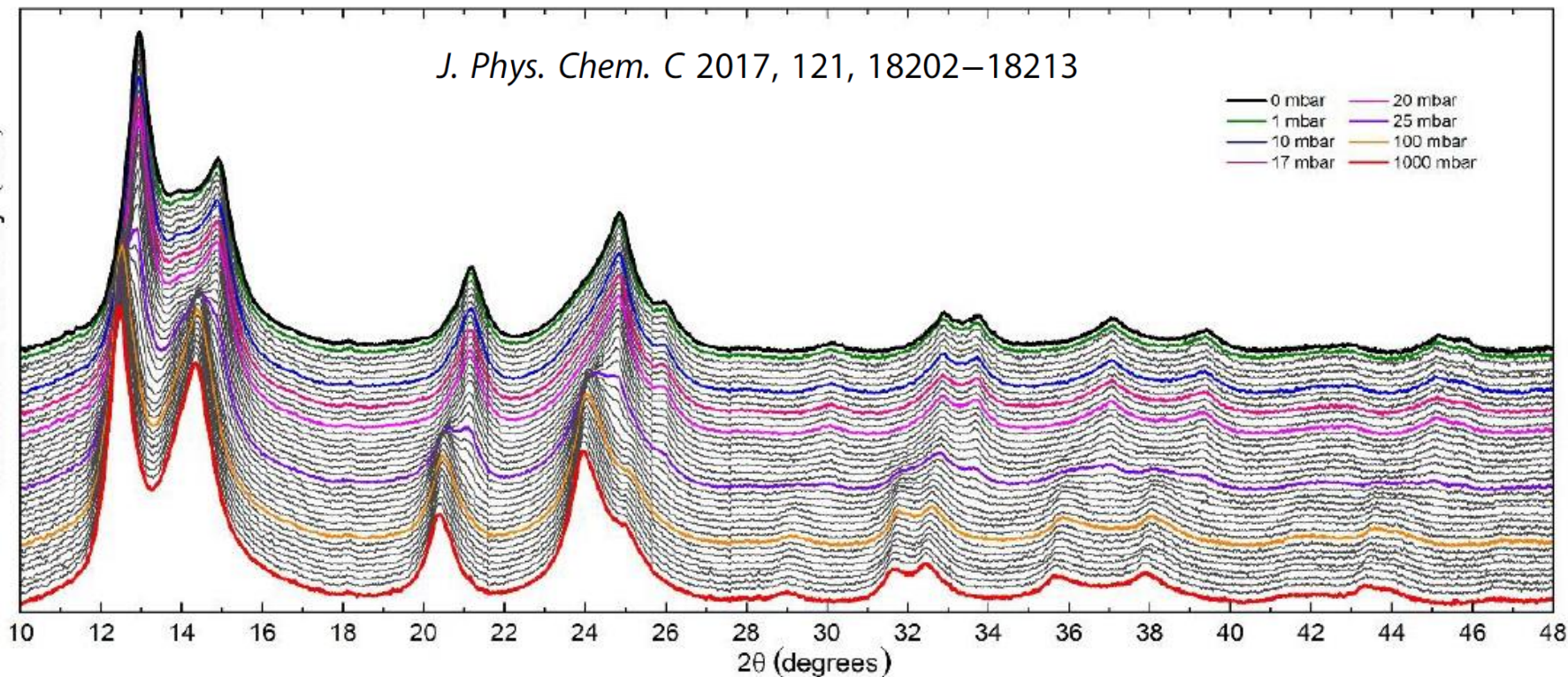
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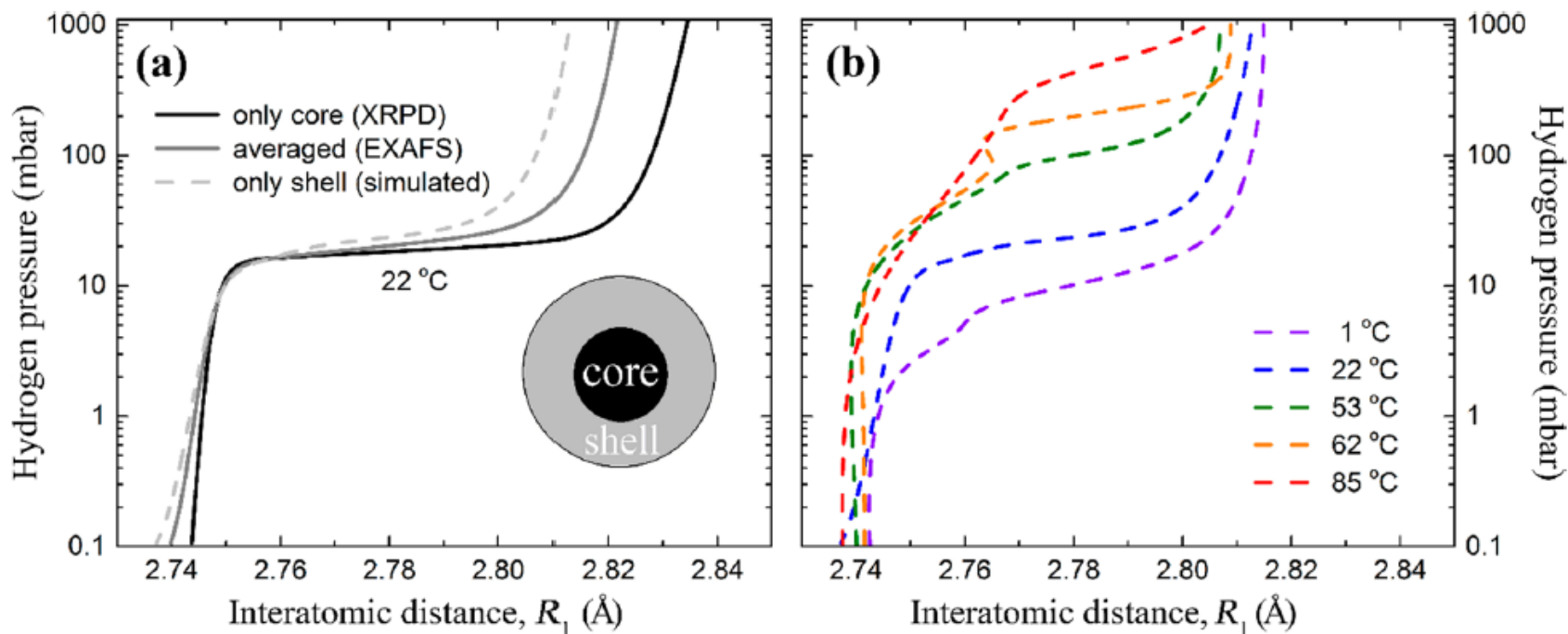
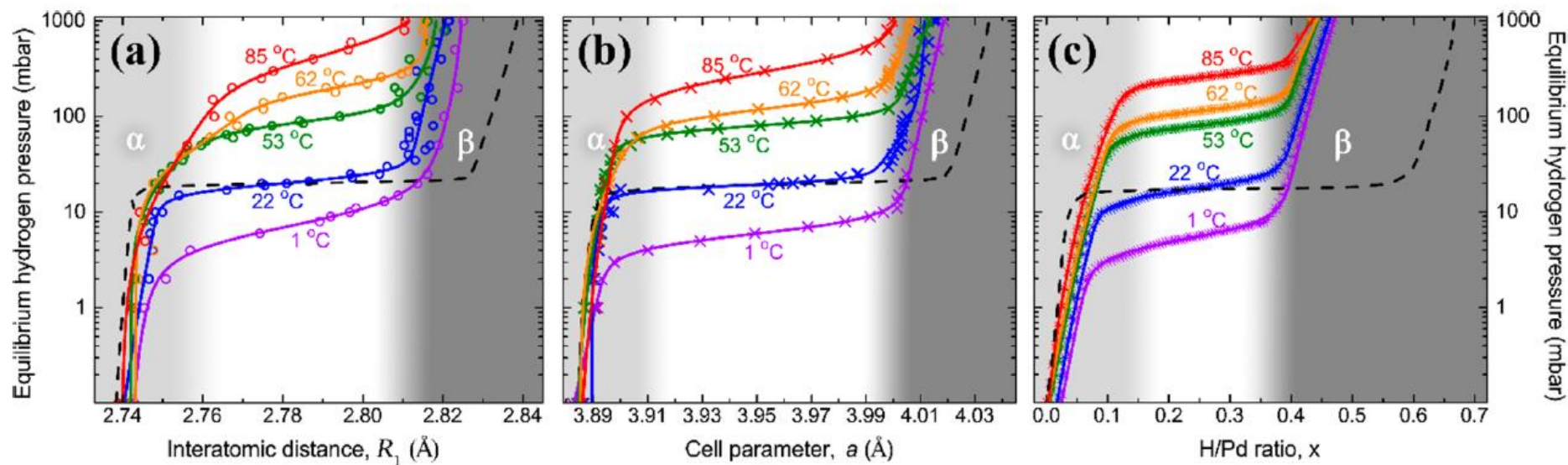




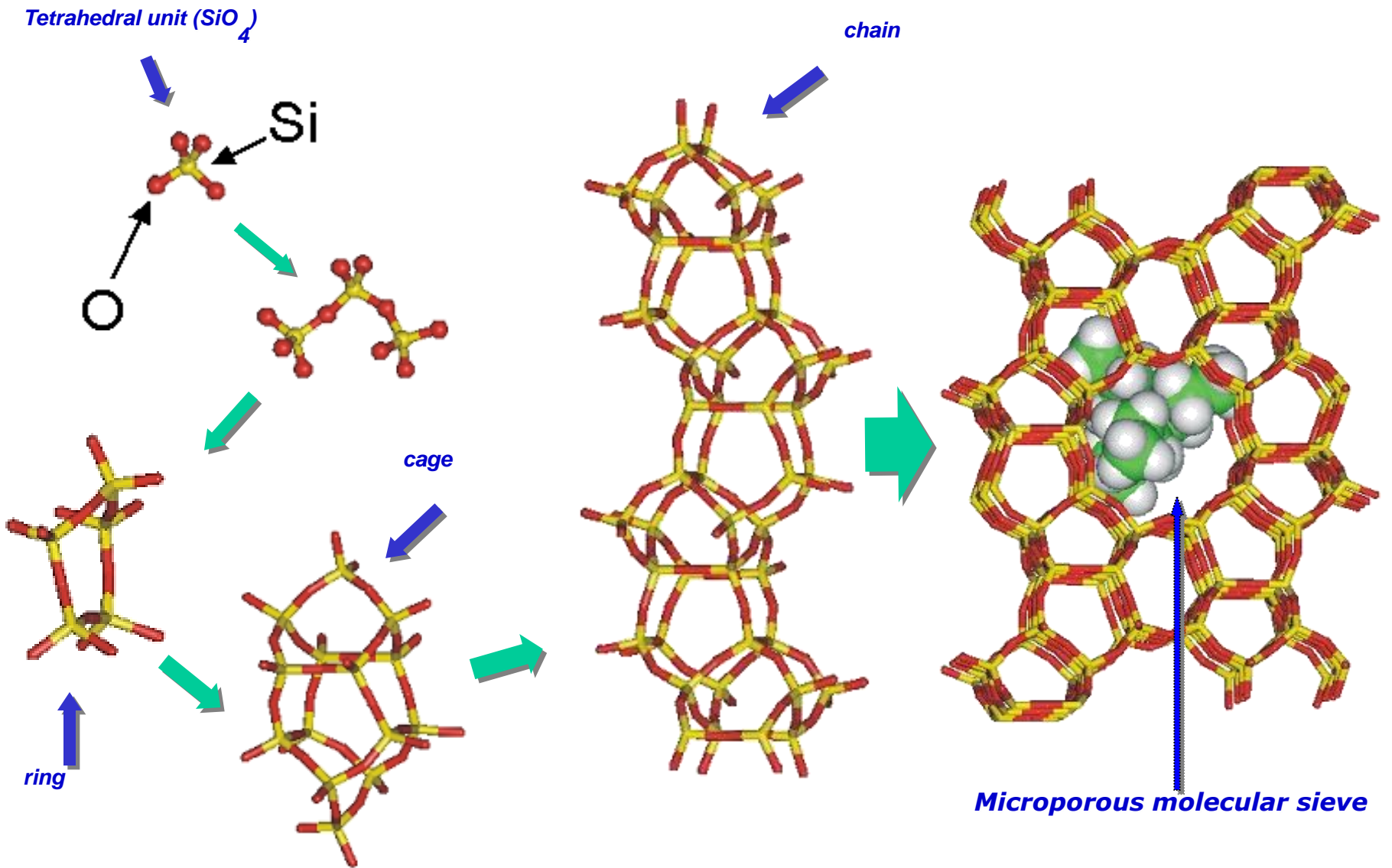
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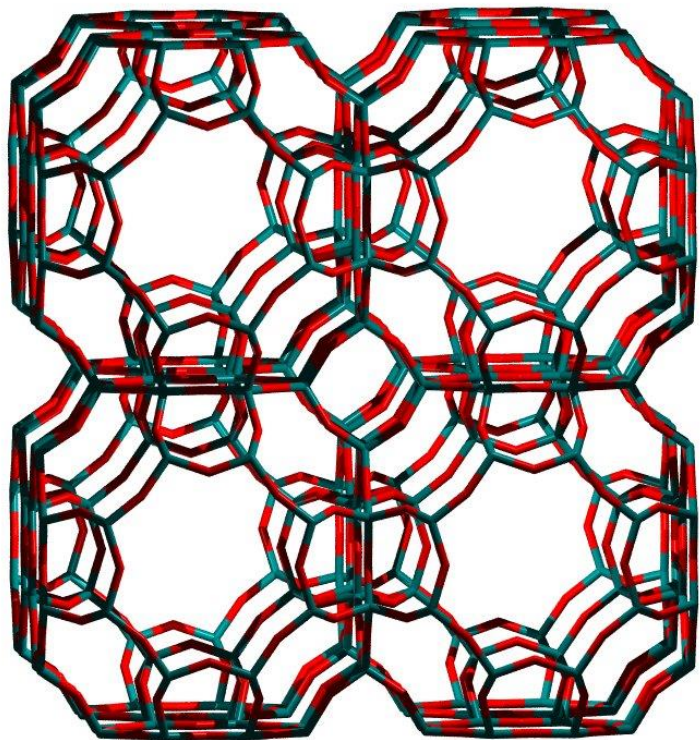
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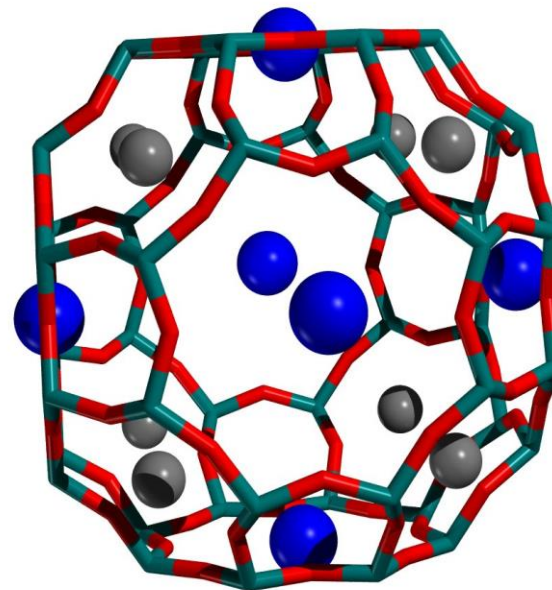


# The building-up of a zeolitic framework

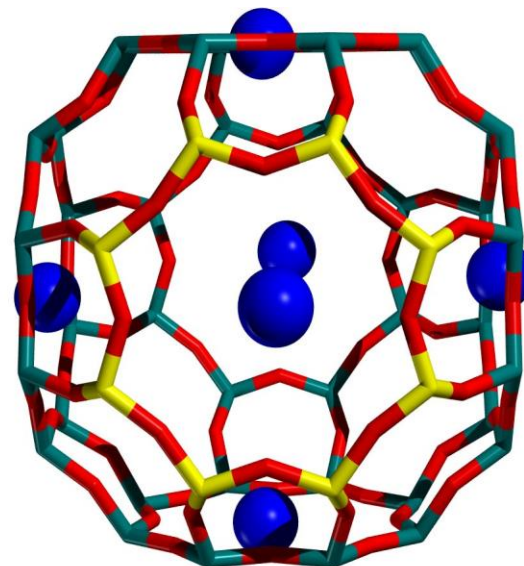
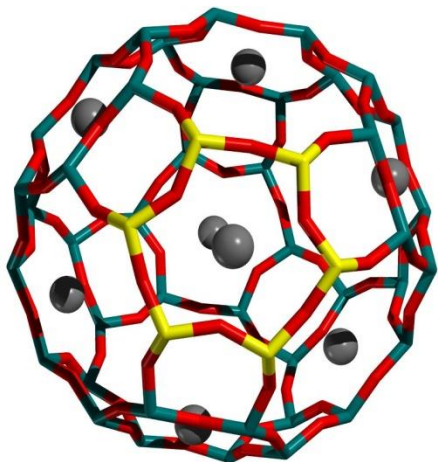


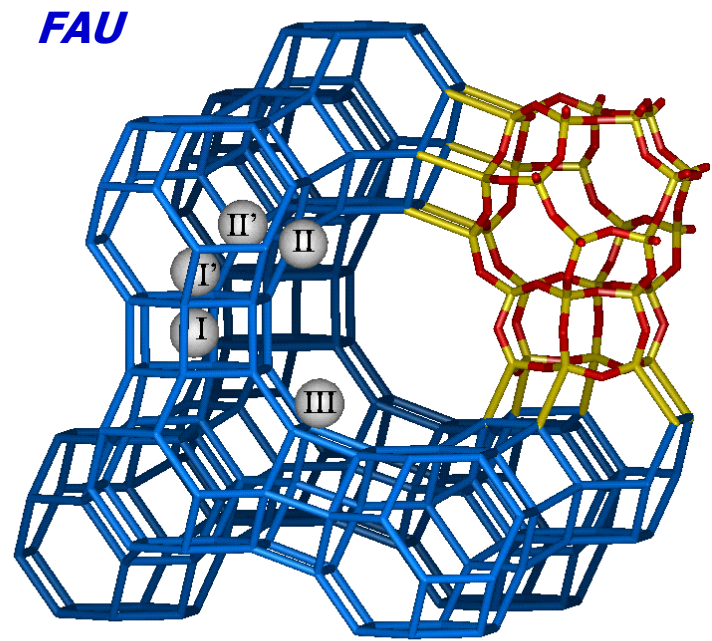
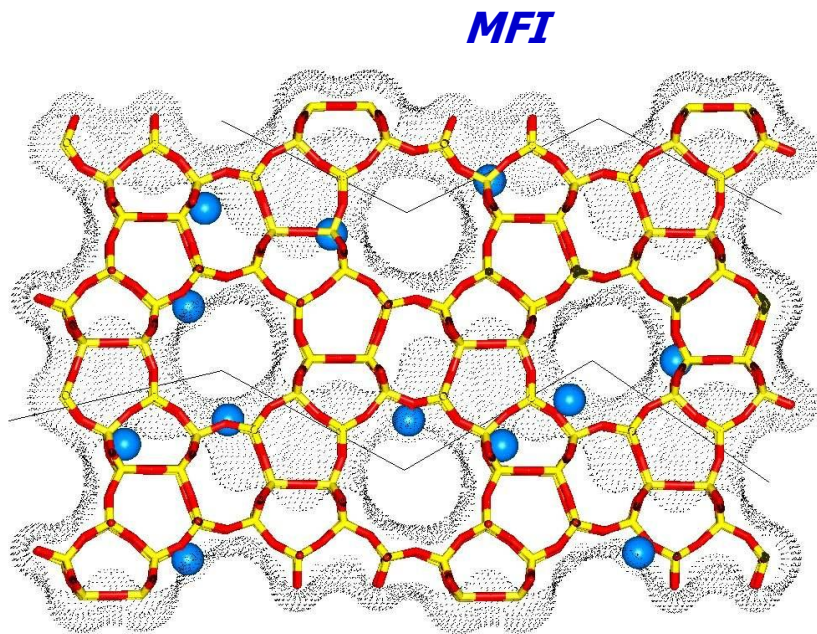
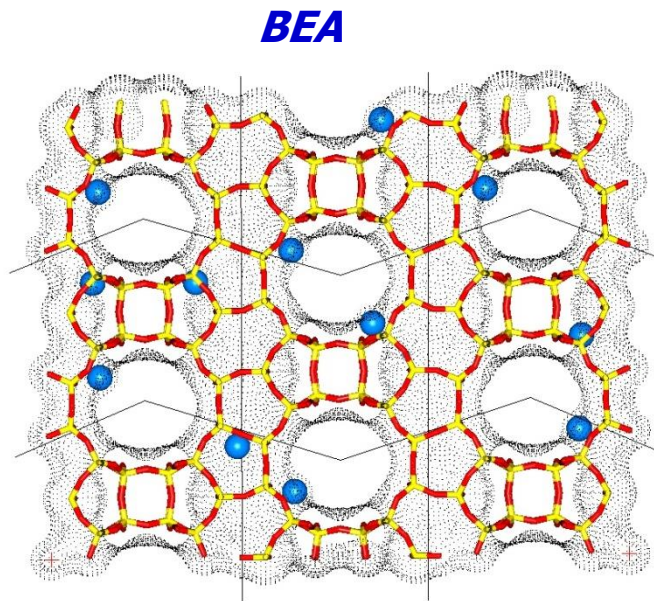
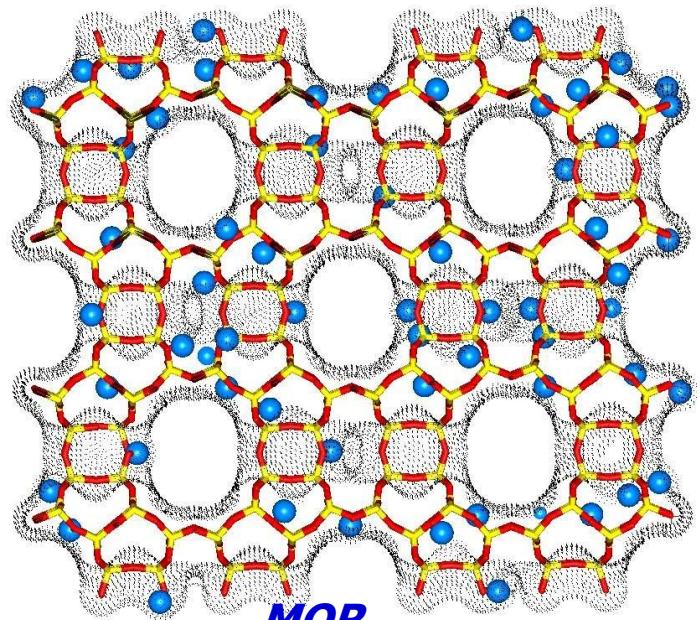


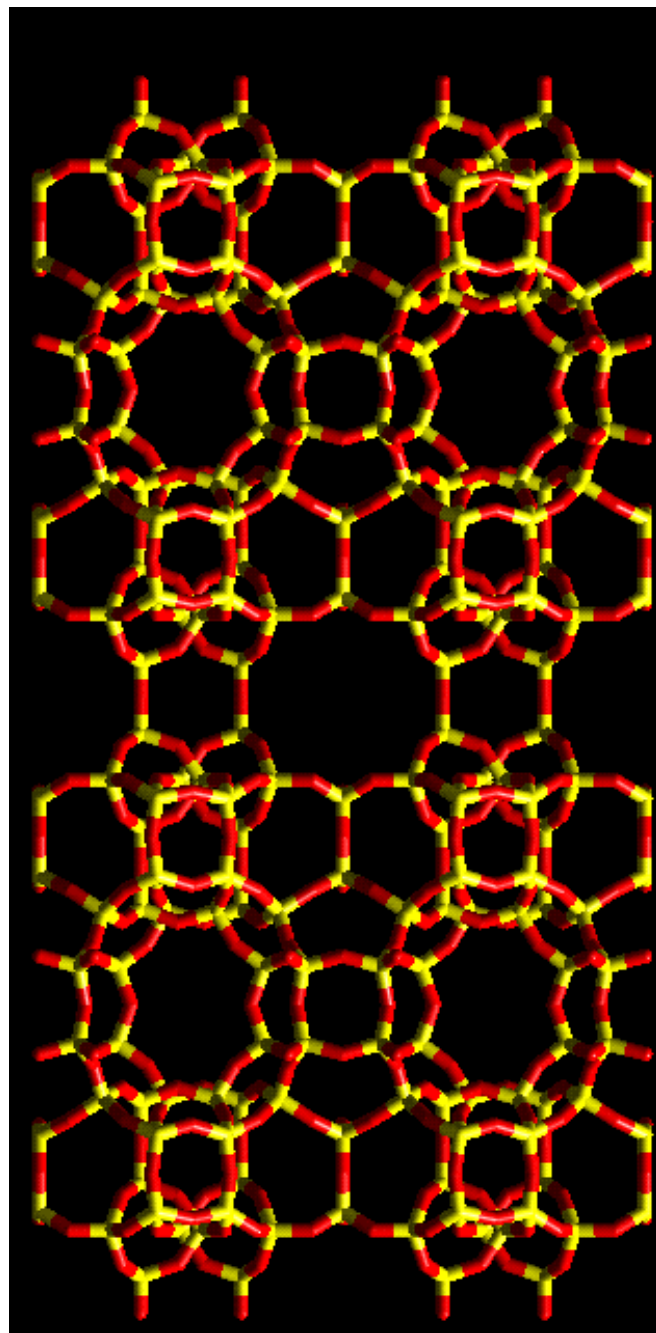
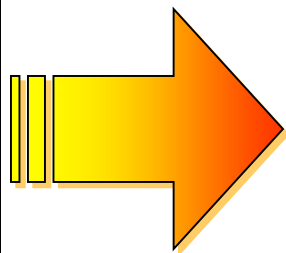
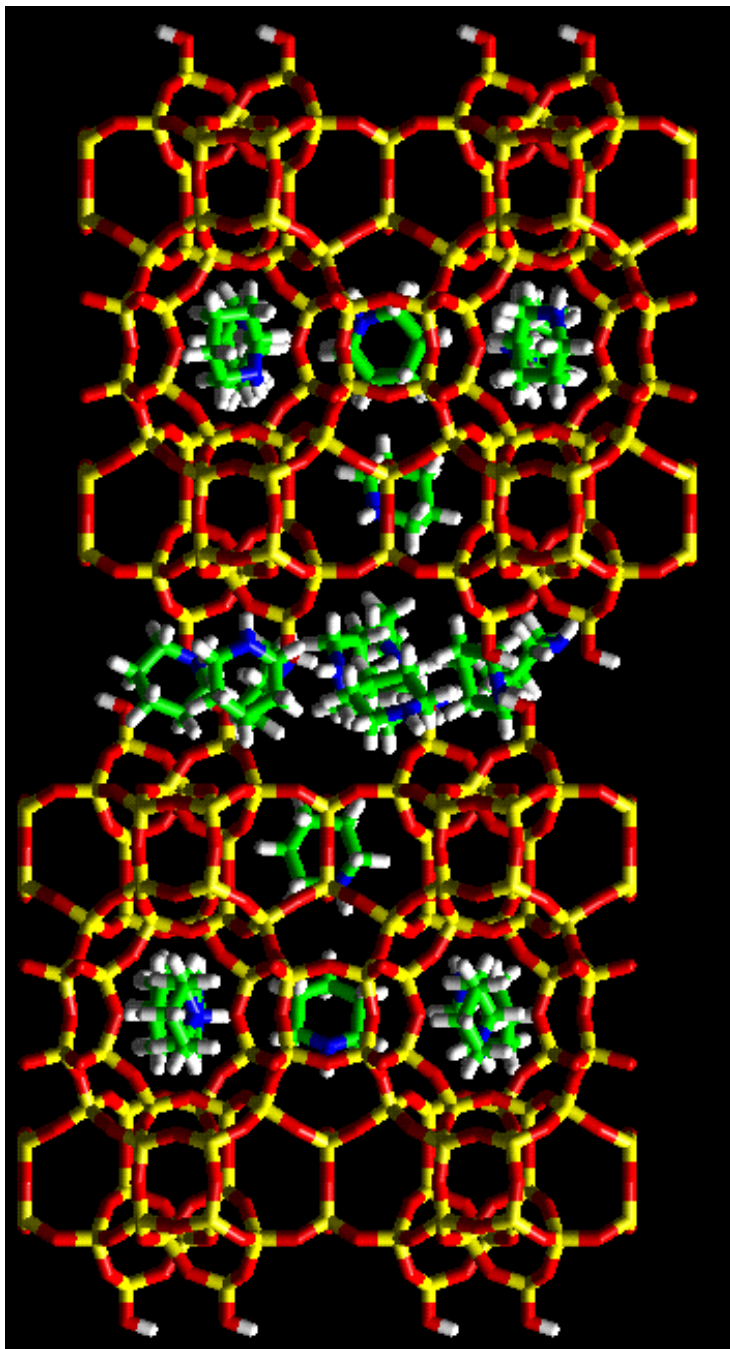
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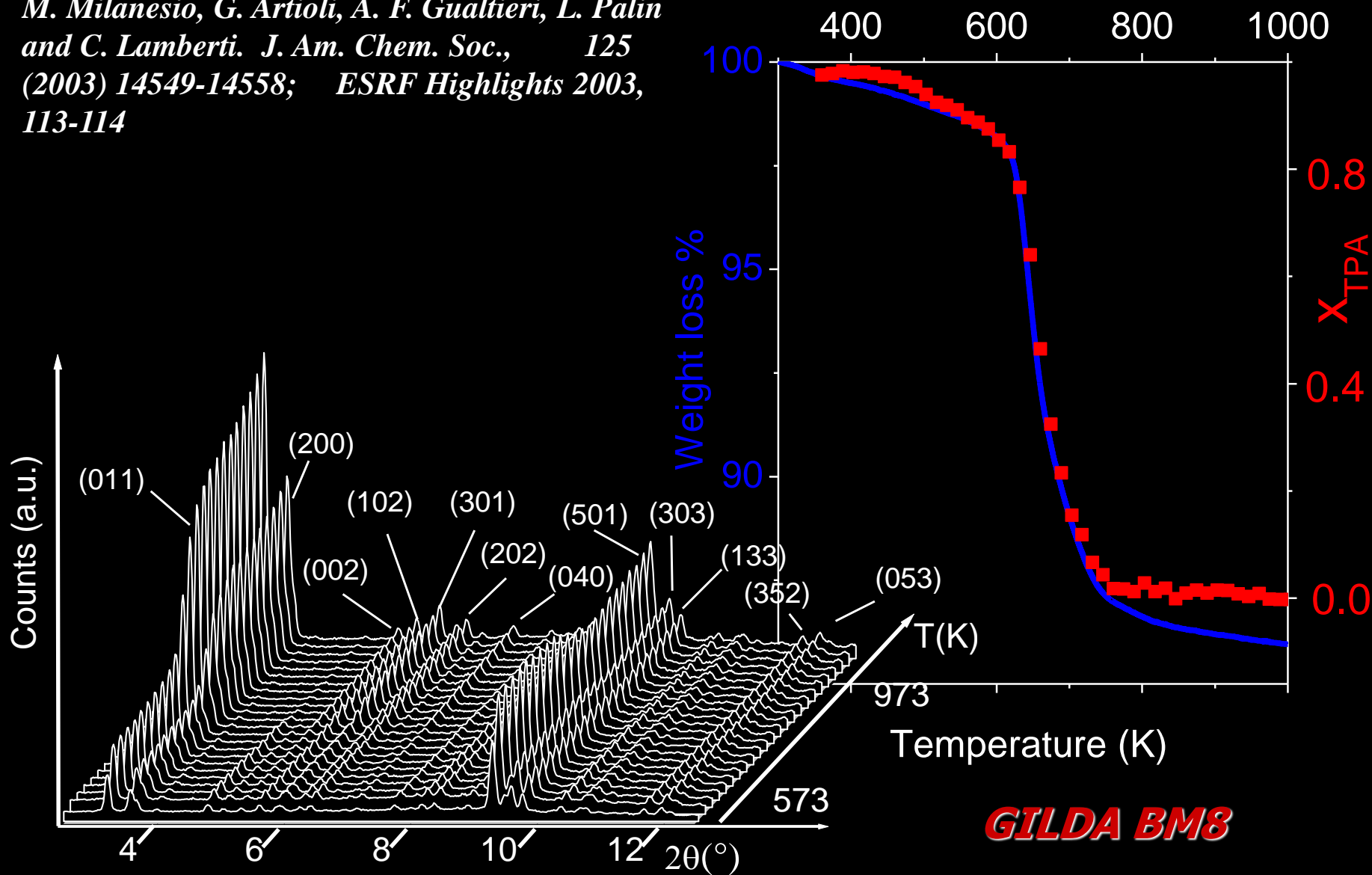


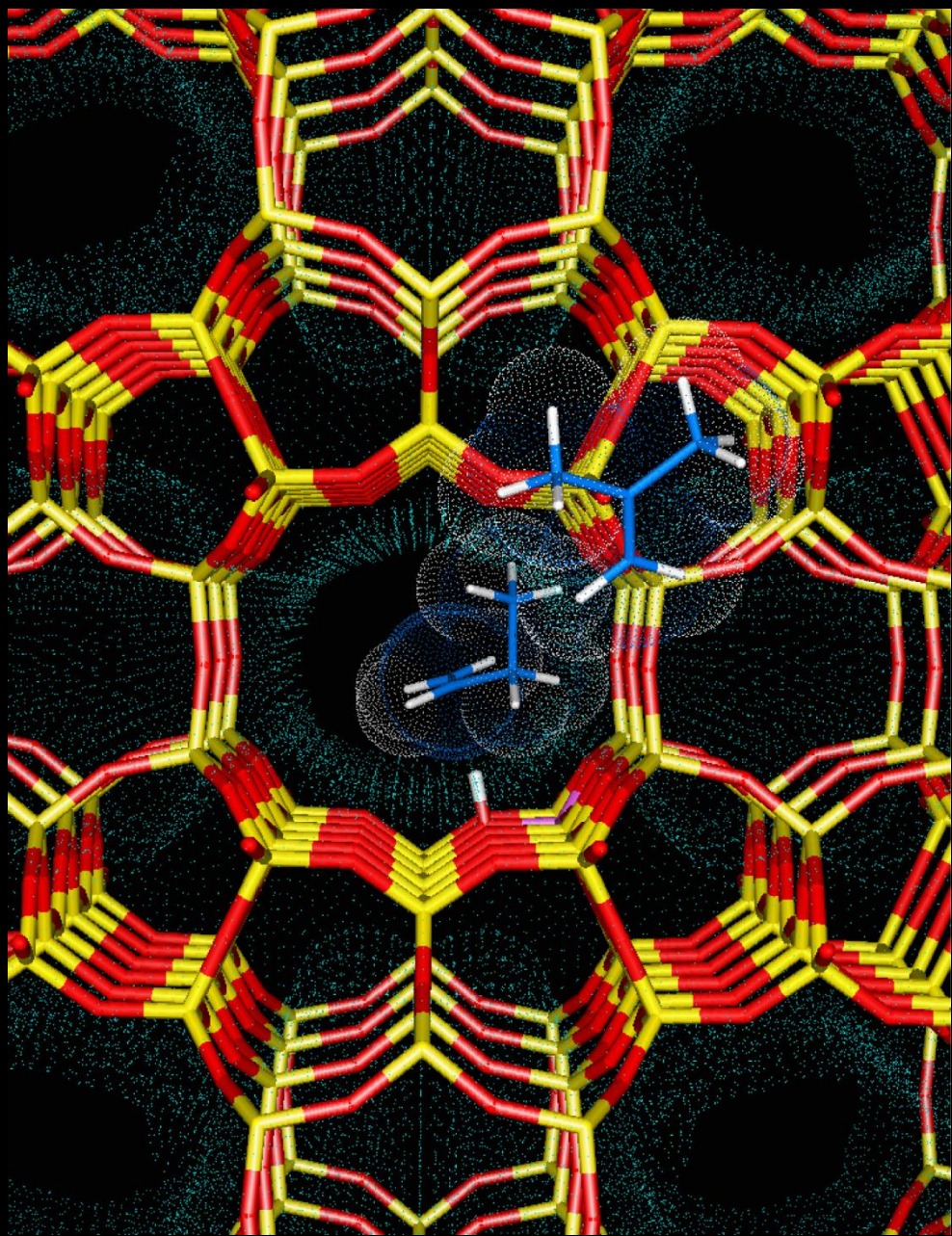
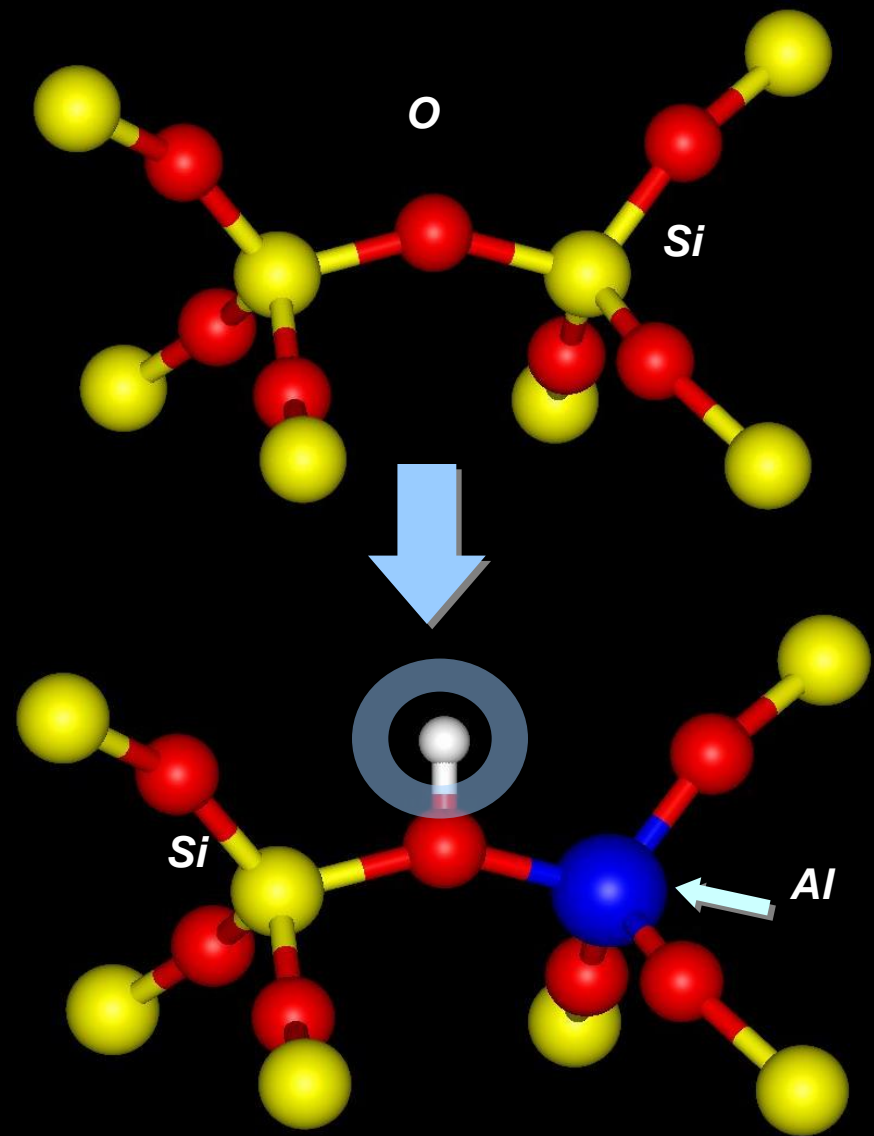




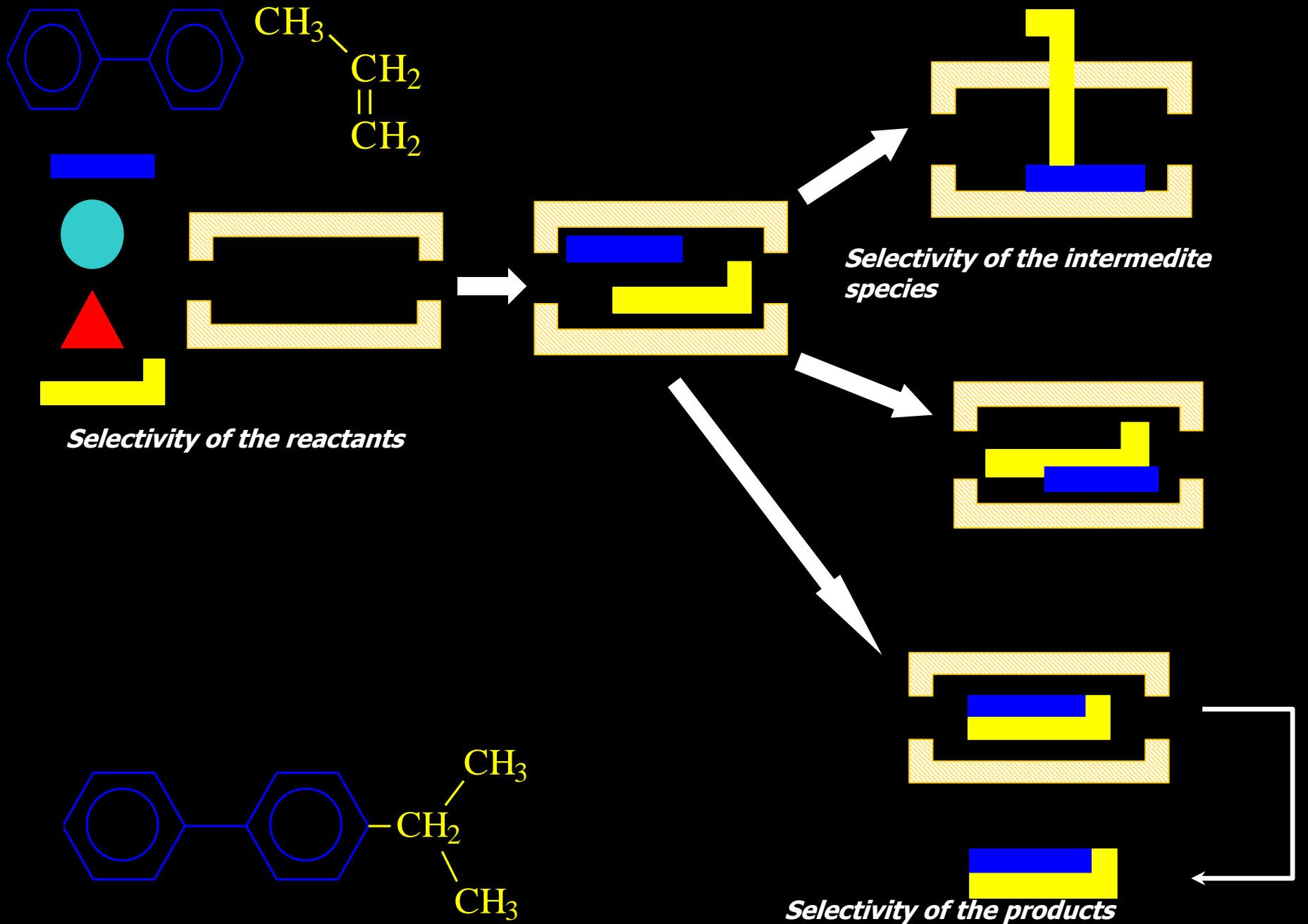
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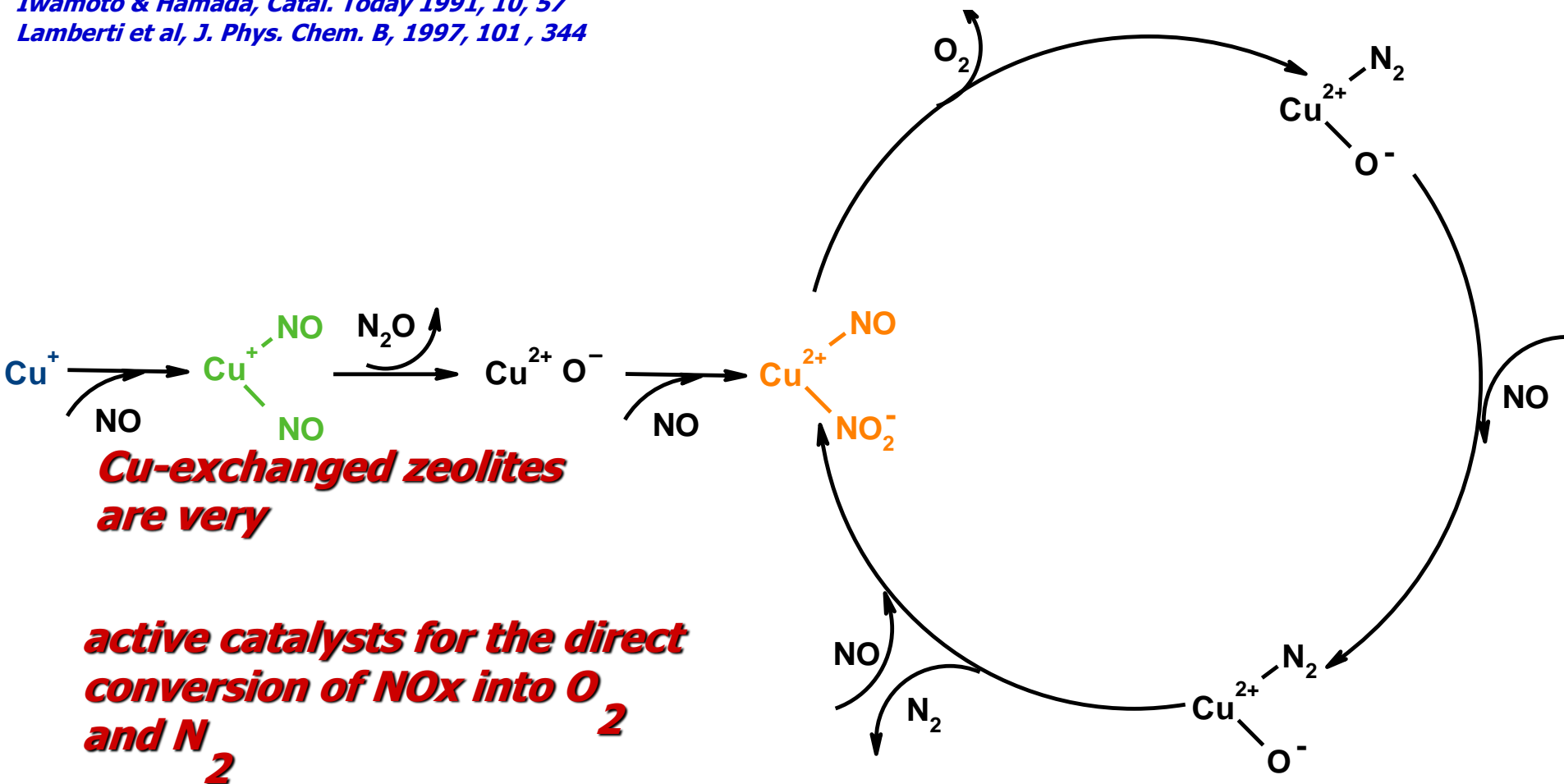






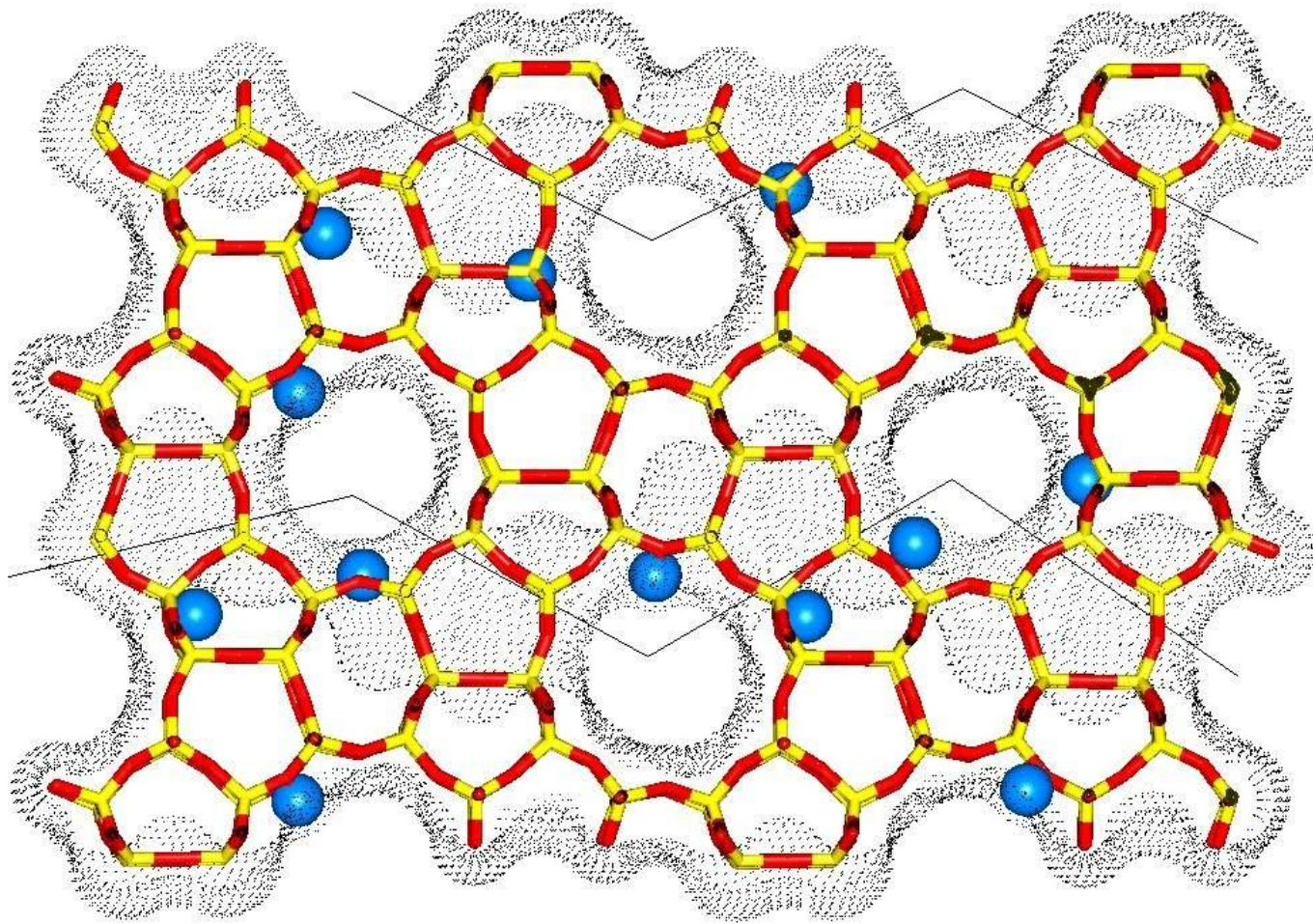
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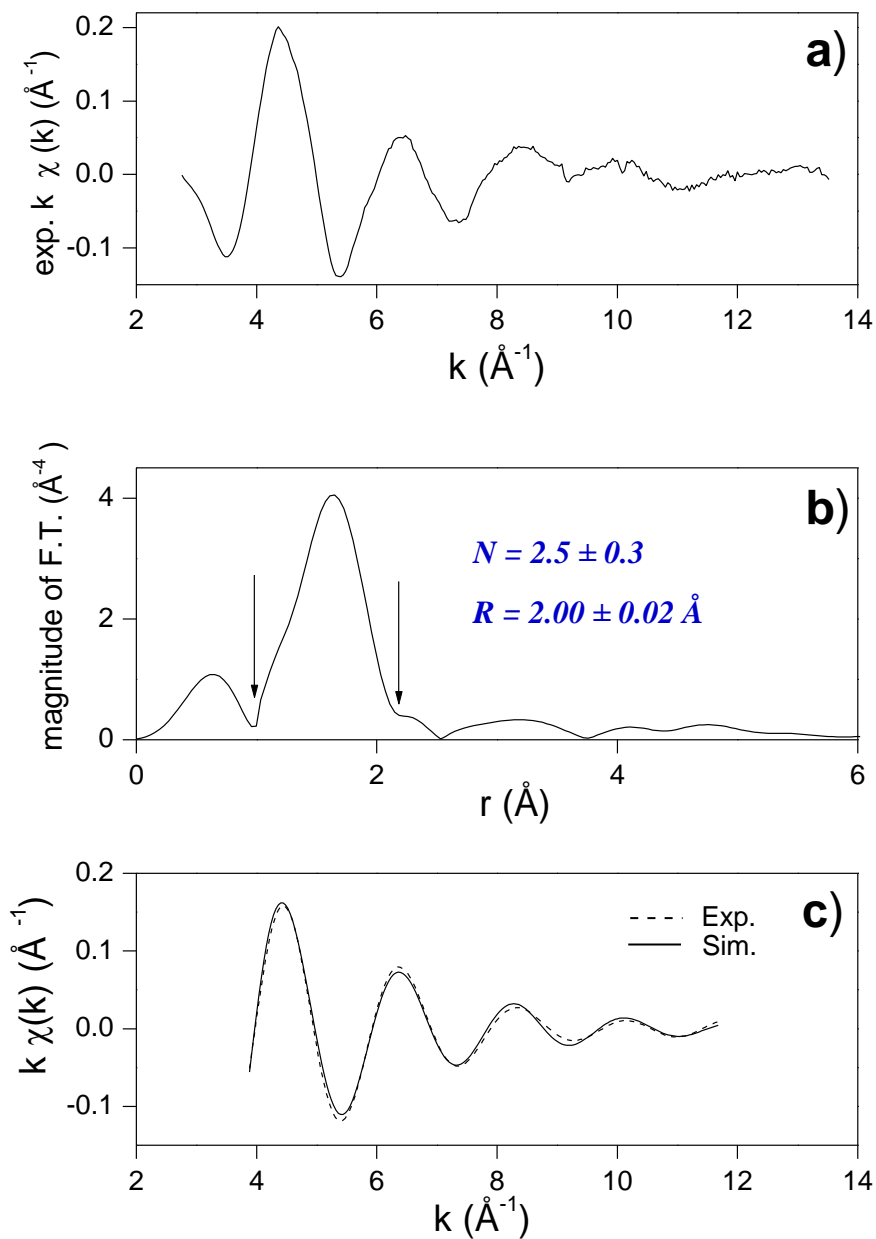
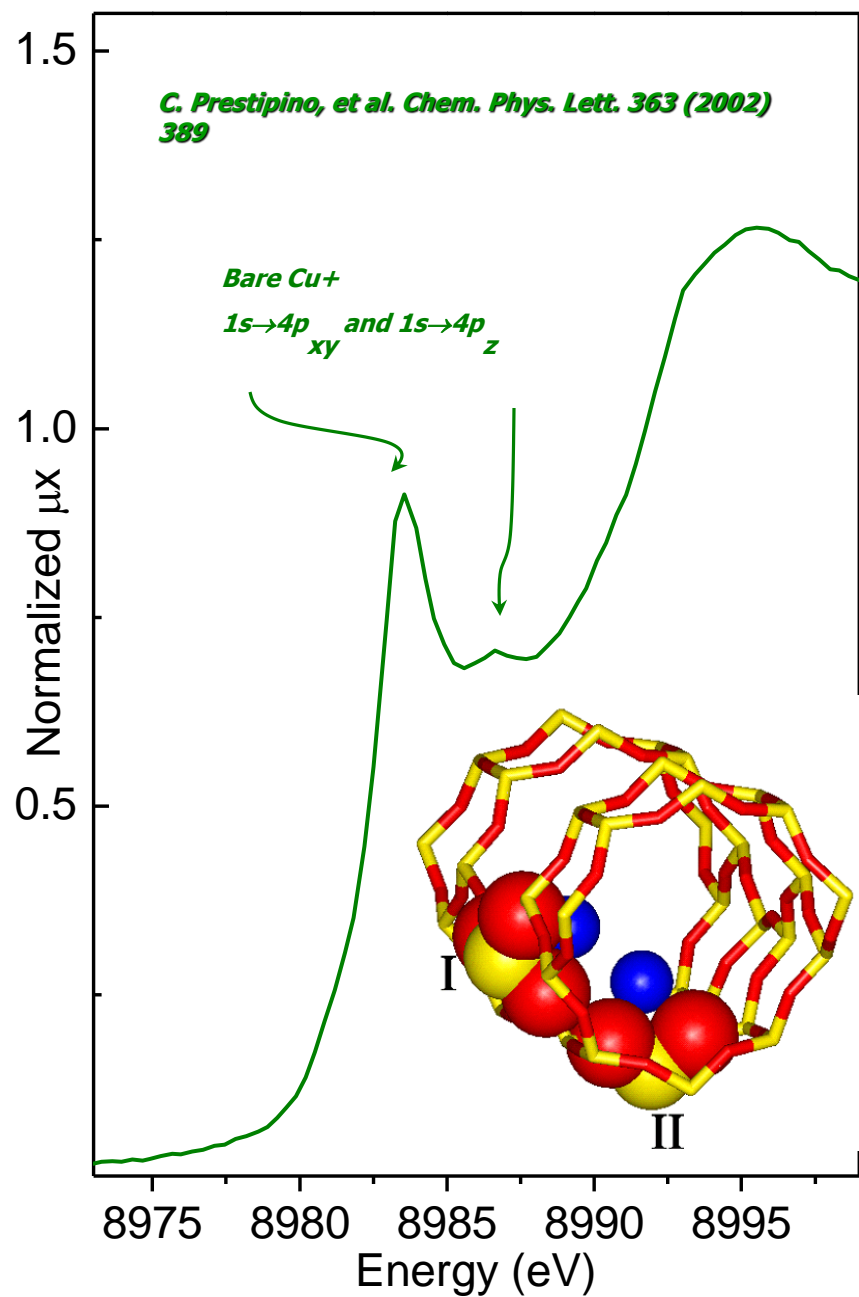
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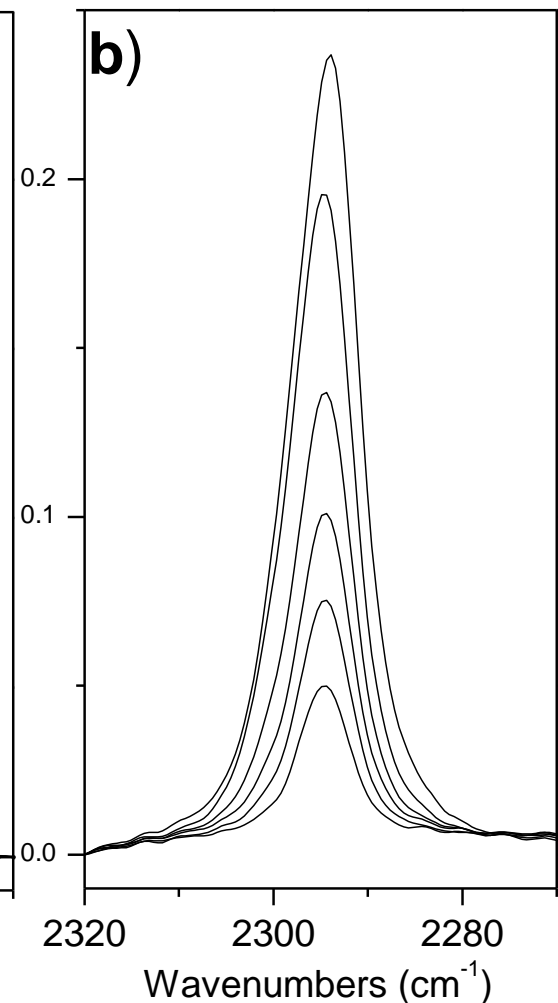
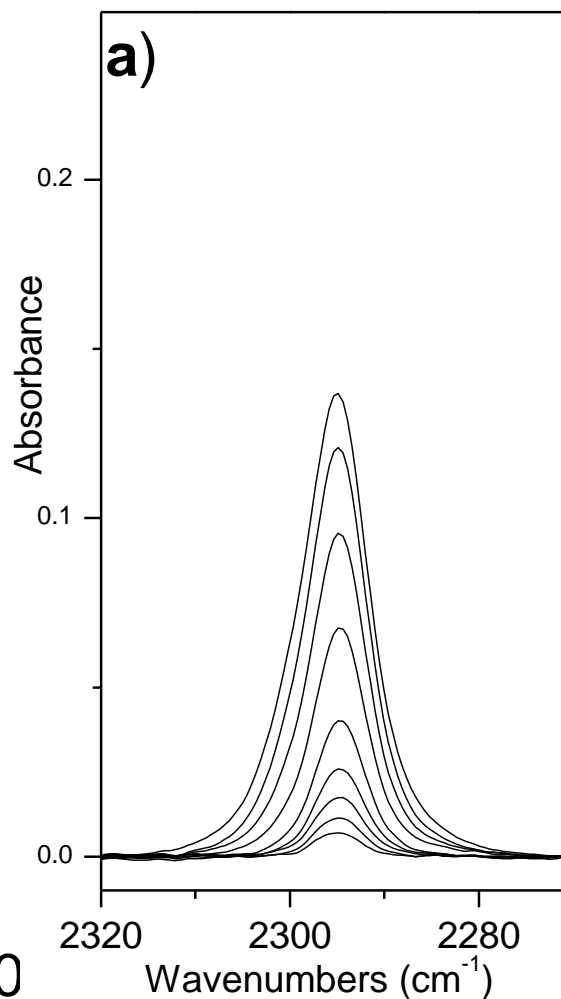
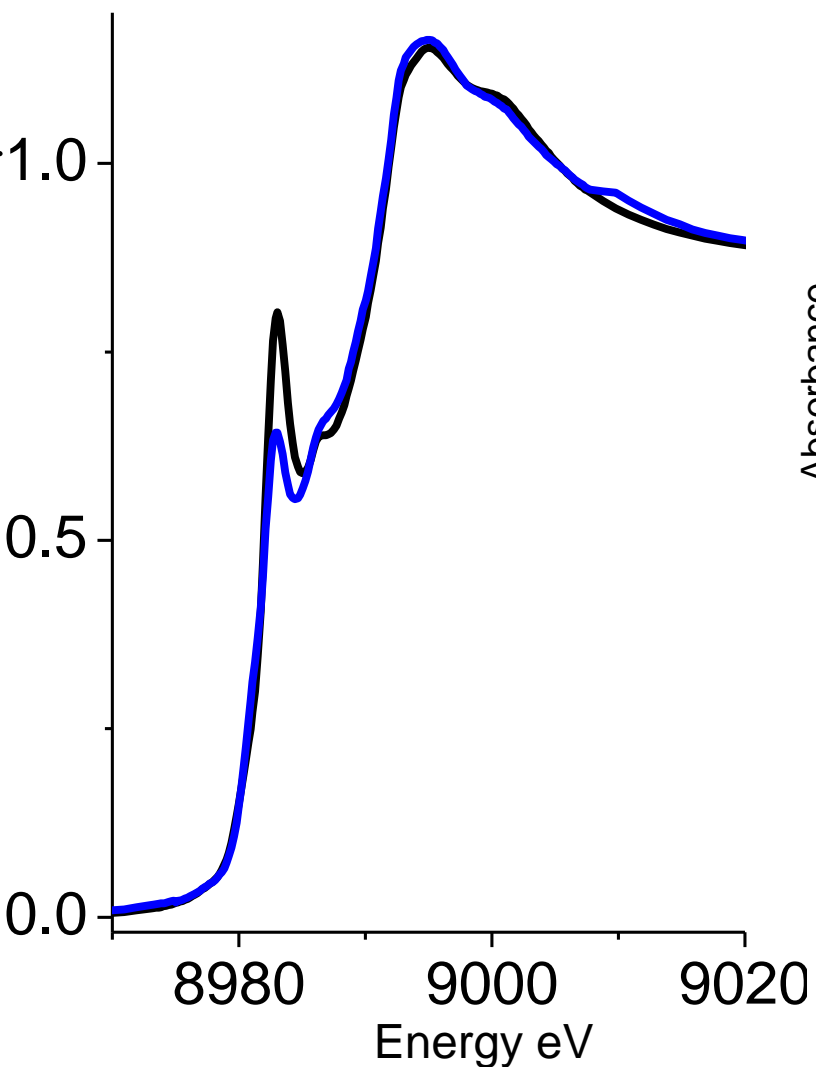
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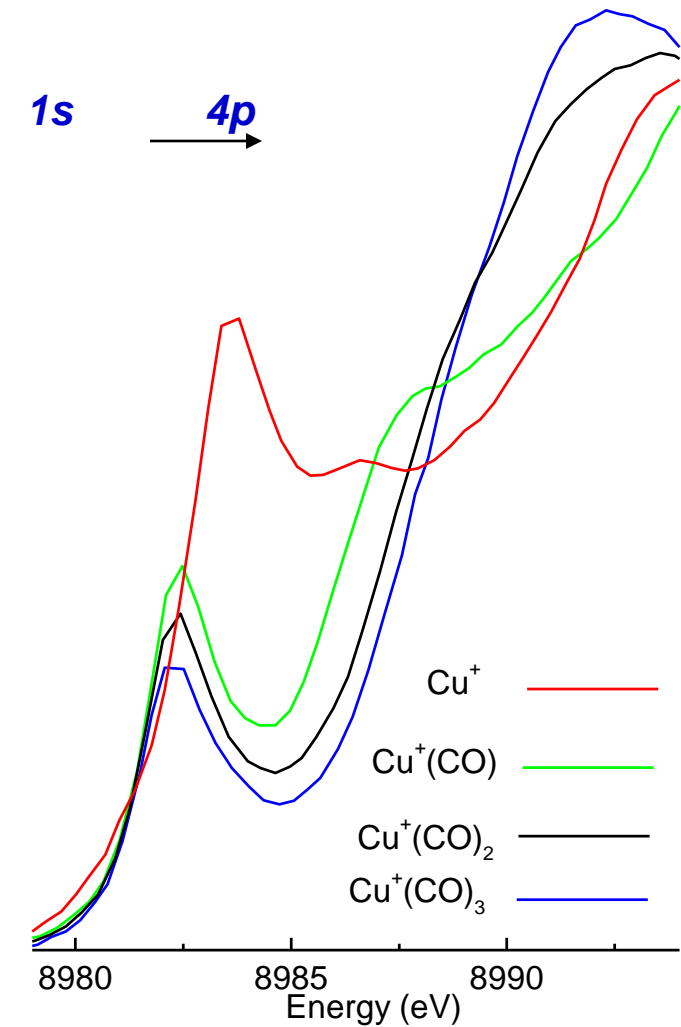
# $N_2$ on Cu+-ZSM-5



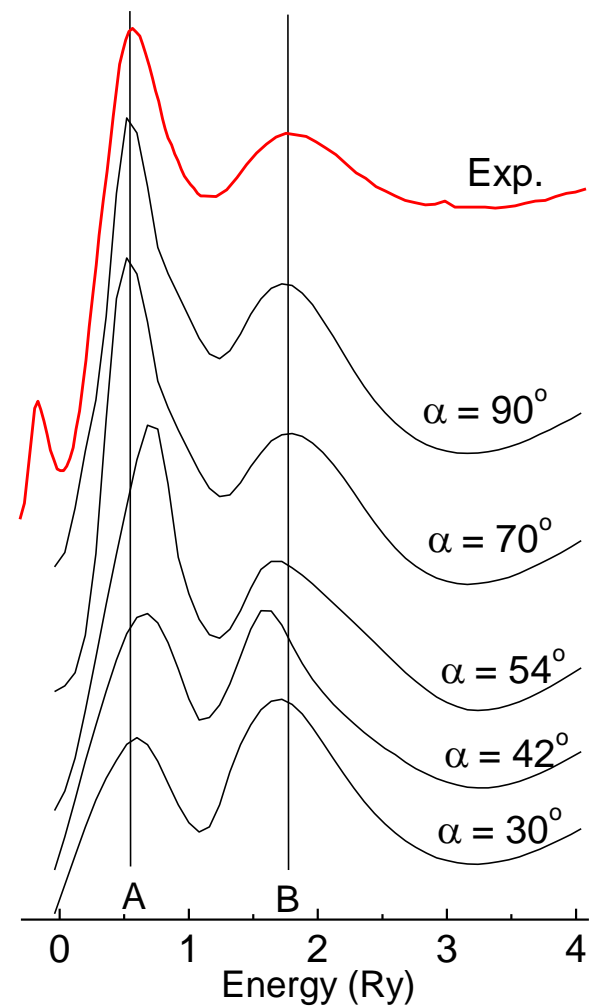
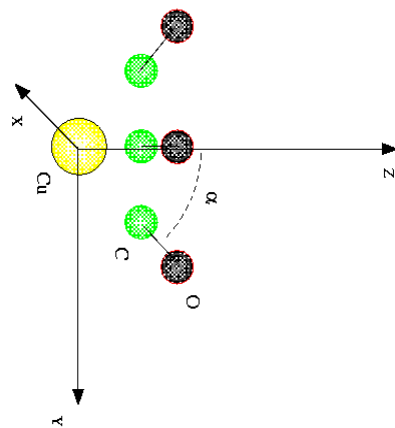
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# Geometry of the $\text{Cu}^+(\text{CO})_3$ complex in ZSM-5: XANES spectra

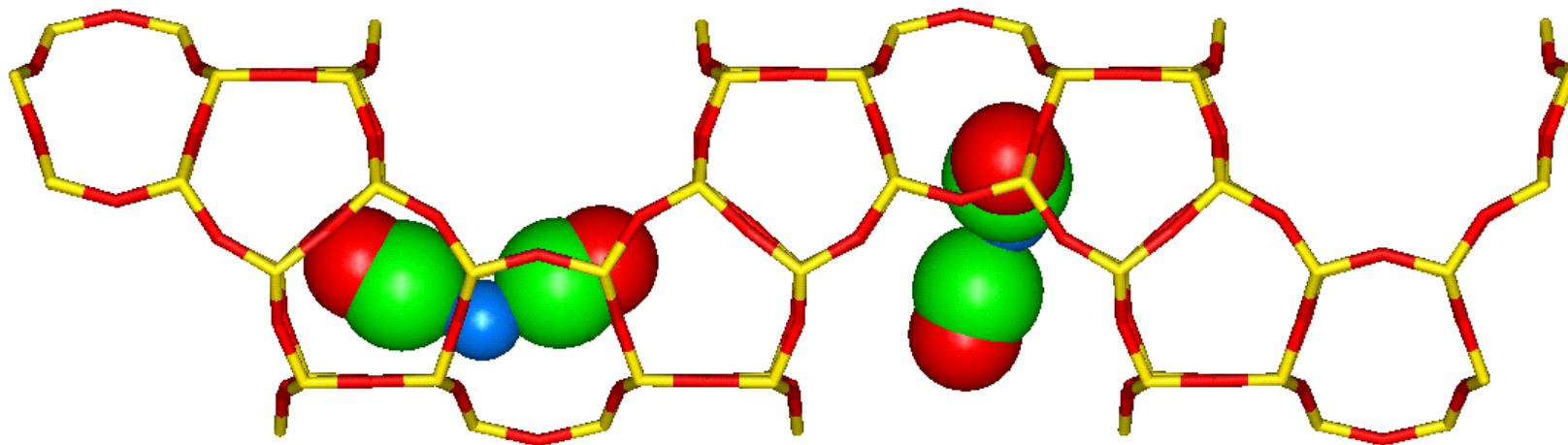
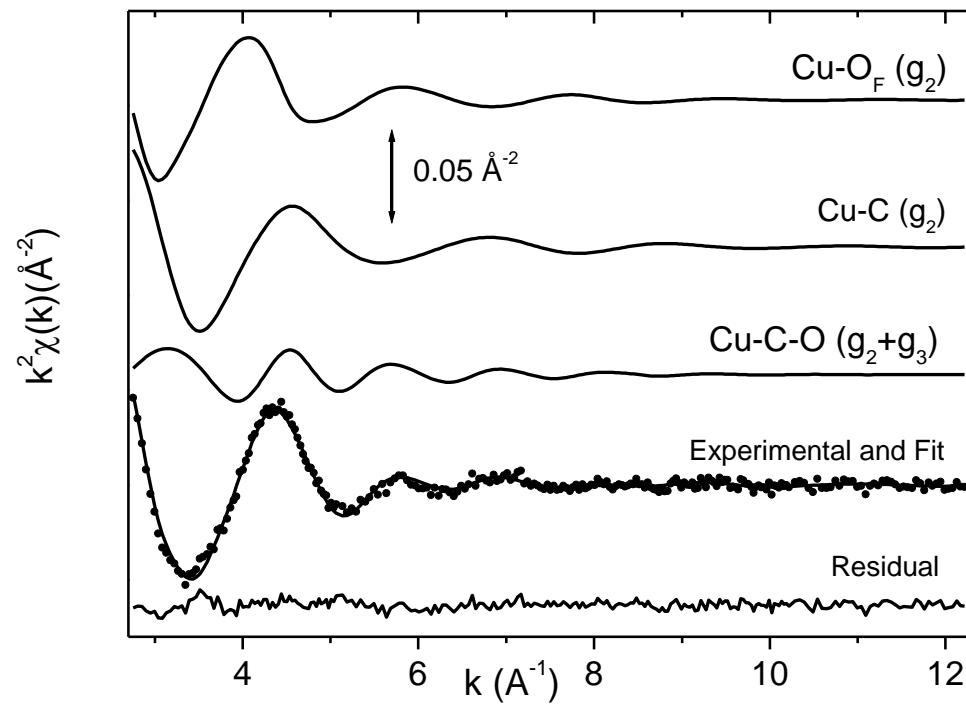


Formation of  $\text{Cu}(\text{CO})_n$   $\xrightarrow{\text{electron transfer from CO to Cu}}$

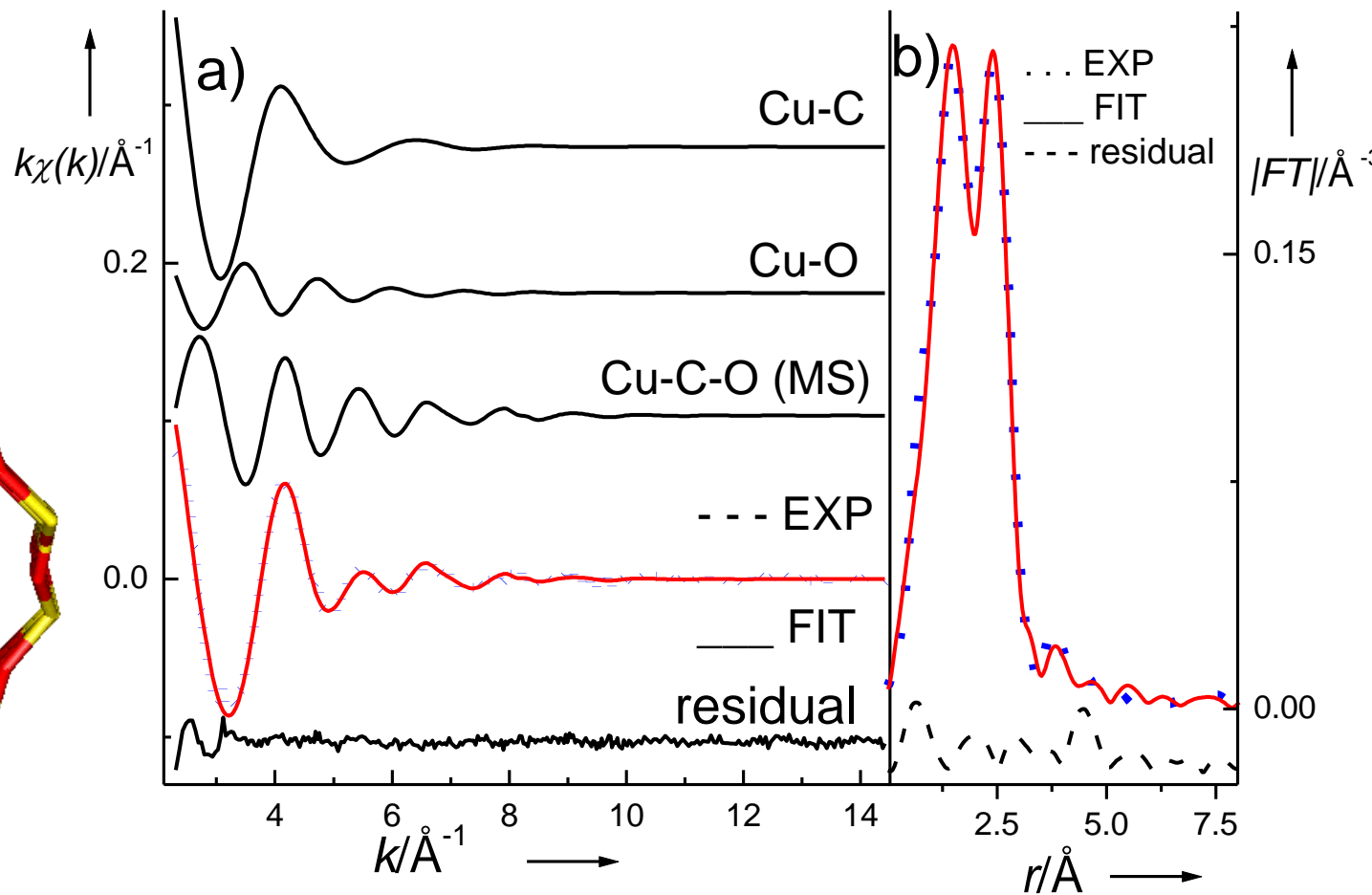
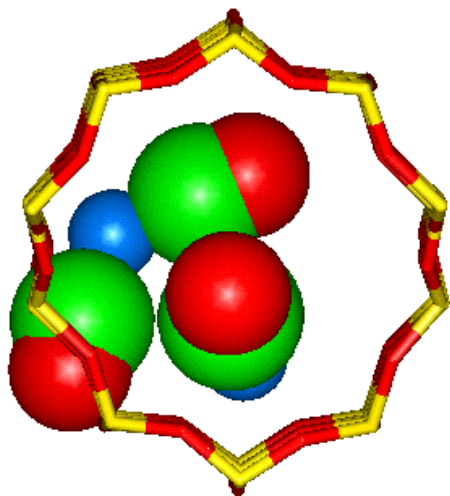


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*Local structure of  $[\text{CuI}(\text{CO})_2]^+$  adducts  
hosted inside ZSM-5 zeolite*



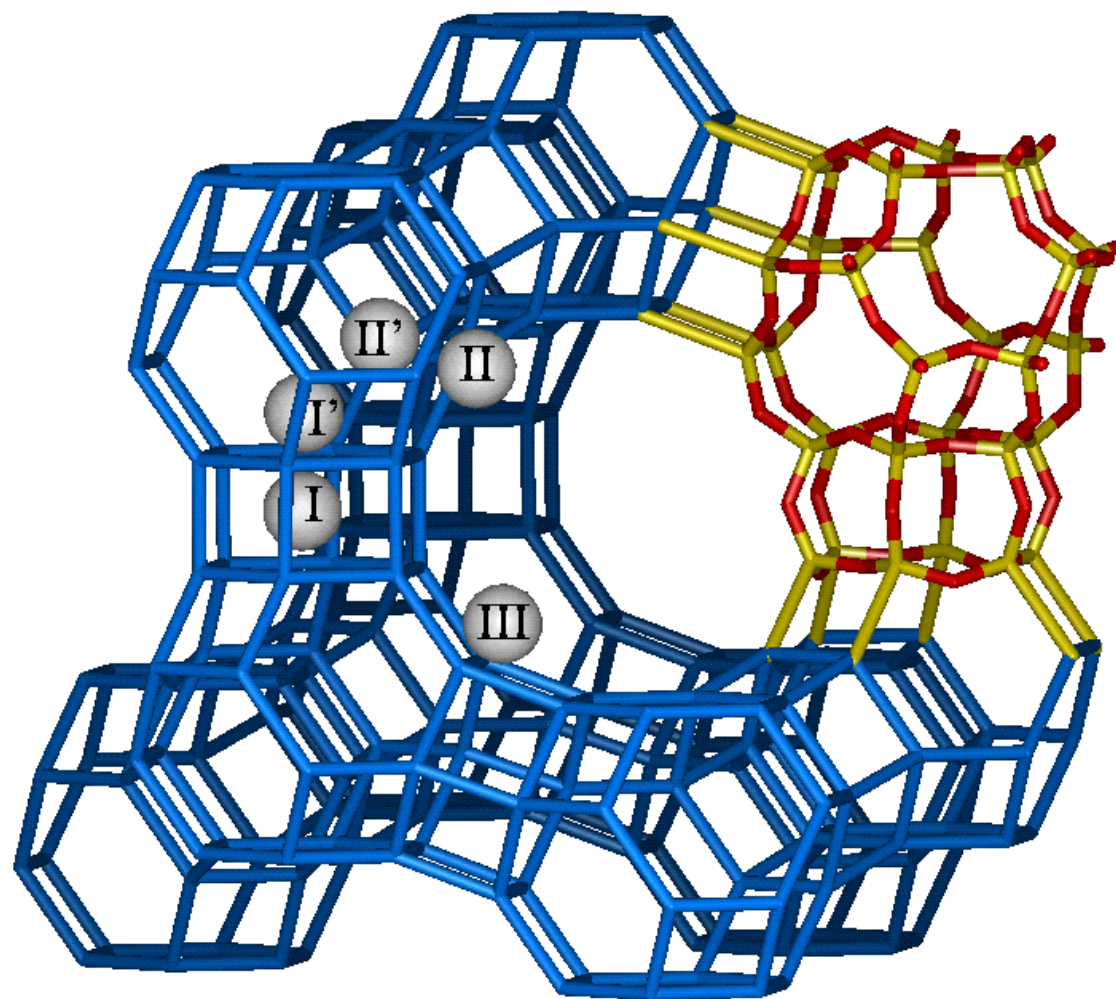
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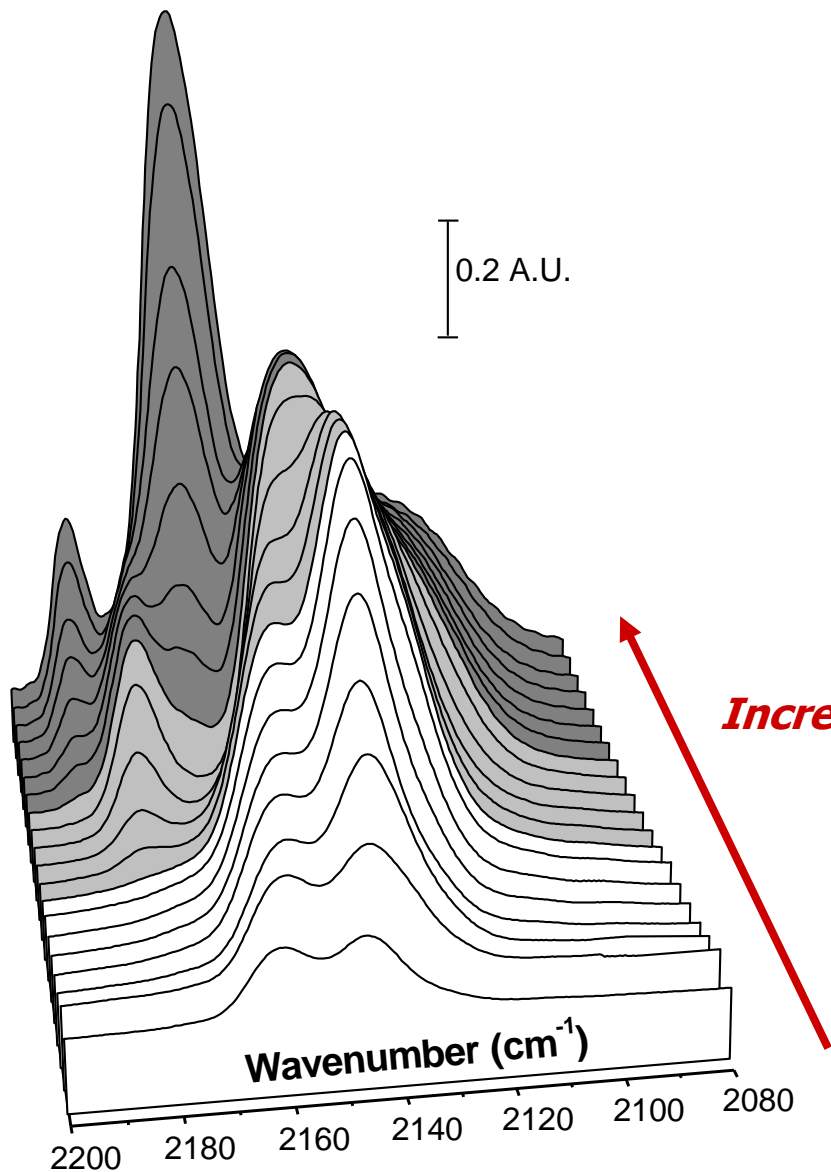
$\text{Cu}^+$ complexes	$N_{\text{CO}}$	$R_{\text{Cu-OF}} (\text{\AA})$	$R_{\text{Cu-C}} (\text{\AA})$	$R_{\text{C-O}} (\text{\AA})$	$\theta_{\text{Cu-C-O}} (^\circ)$
$\text{Cu}^+$	—	$2.00 \pm 0.02$	—	—	—
$\text{Cu}+(\text{CO})_2$	$1.8 \pm 0.3$	$2.11 \pm 0.03$	$1.88 \pm 0.02$	$1.12 \pm 0.03$	$170 \pm 10$
$\text{Cu}^+(\text{CO})_3$	3 (fixed)	—	$1.93 \pm 0.02$	$1.12 \pm 0.03$	$180 \pm 10$



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# ***Cu+-Y: IR spectroscopy of CO at 80 K***



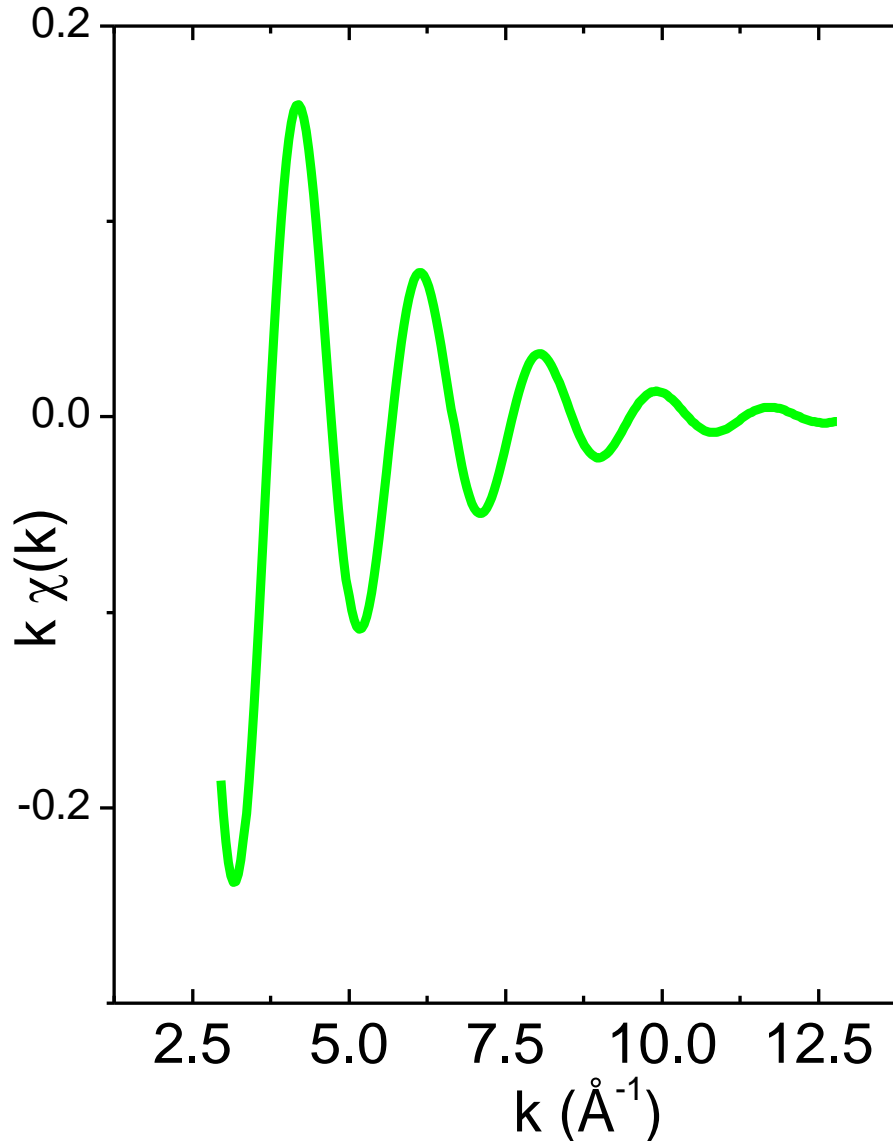
***Low  $P_{CO}$  2 bands: 2 Cu+ sites?***

***Medium  $P_{CO}$  4 bands: 4 Cu+ sites?***

***High  $P_{CO}$  3 bands: ????????????***

***Increasing  $P_{CO}$***

## ***Cu+-Y:EXAFS data: GILDA BM8 @ ESRF***



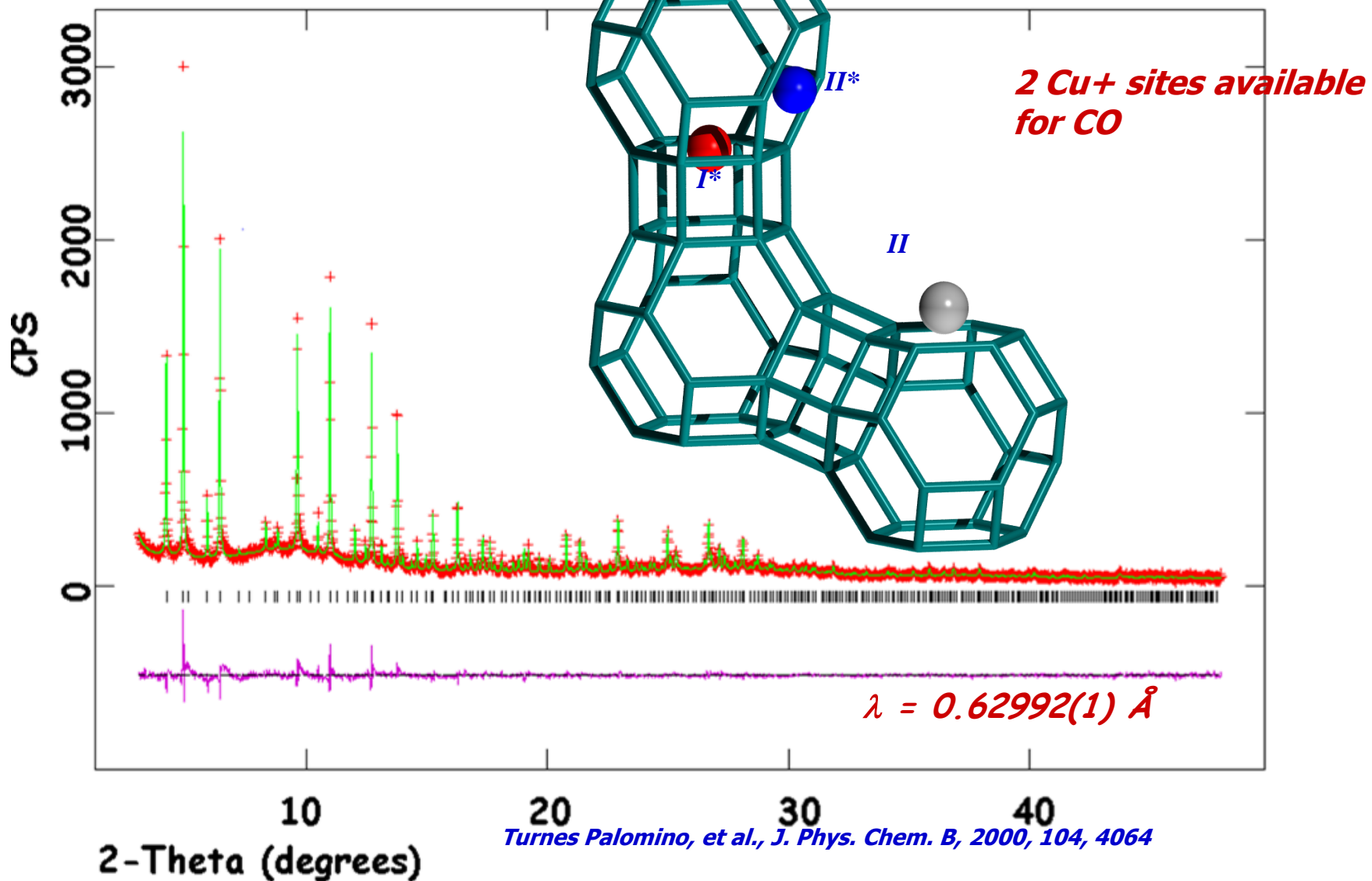
***It was not possible to refine the EXAFS data neither assuming one single Cu+ site nor assuming two different Cu+ environments***

***Cu+-Y still remains a puzzle***

# *Cu+-Y: in situ XRPD data @ ESRF (80 K)*

Cu Y 80K in vacuum

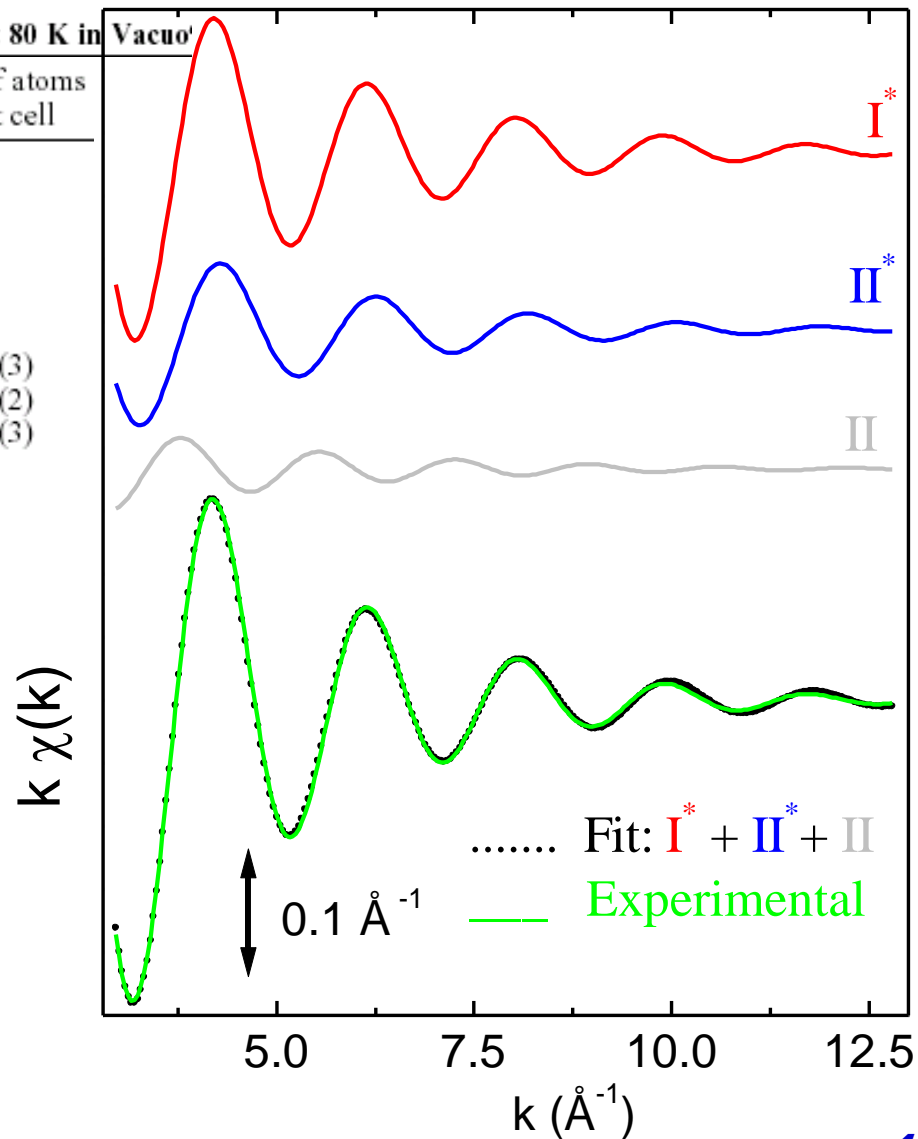
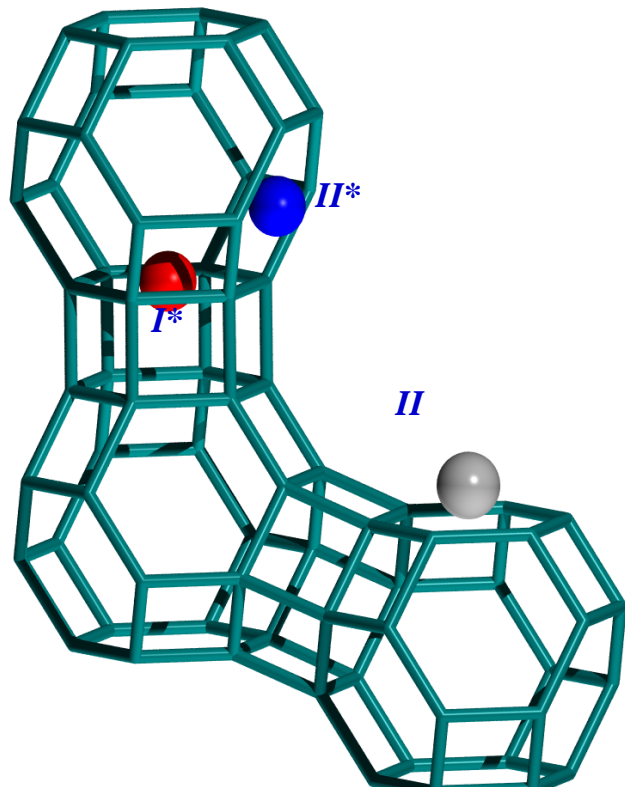
Obs. and diff. profiles



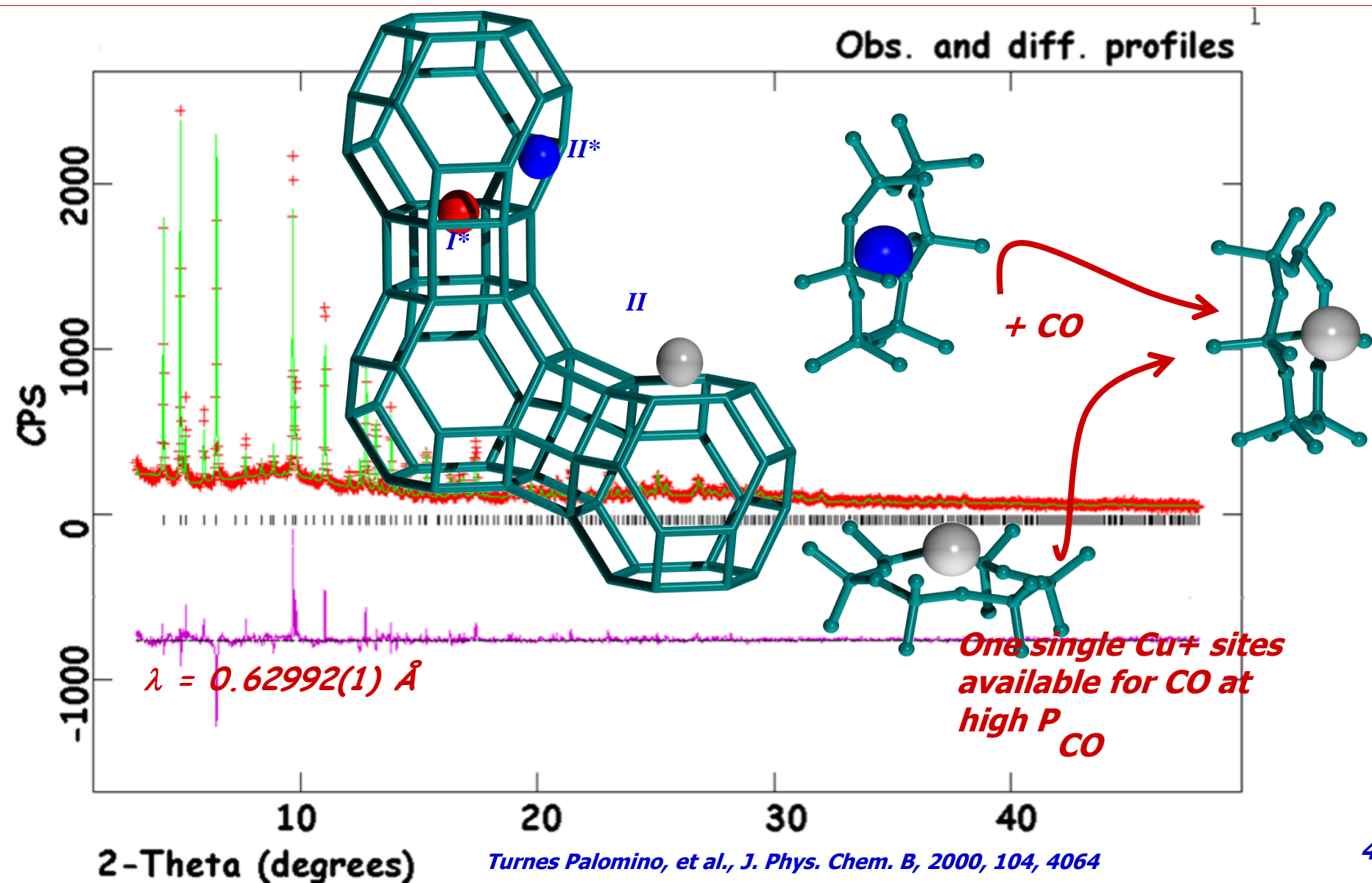
# Cu+-Y: XRPD explains EXAFS data

Atomic Parameters Resulting from the Rietveld Refinement of the Zeolite at 80 K in Vacuum

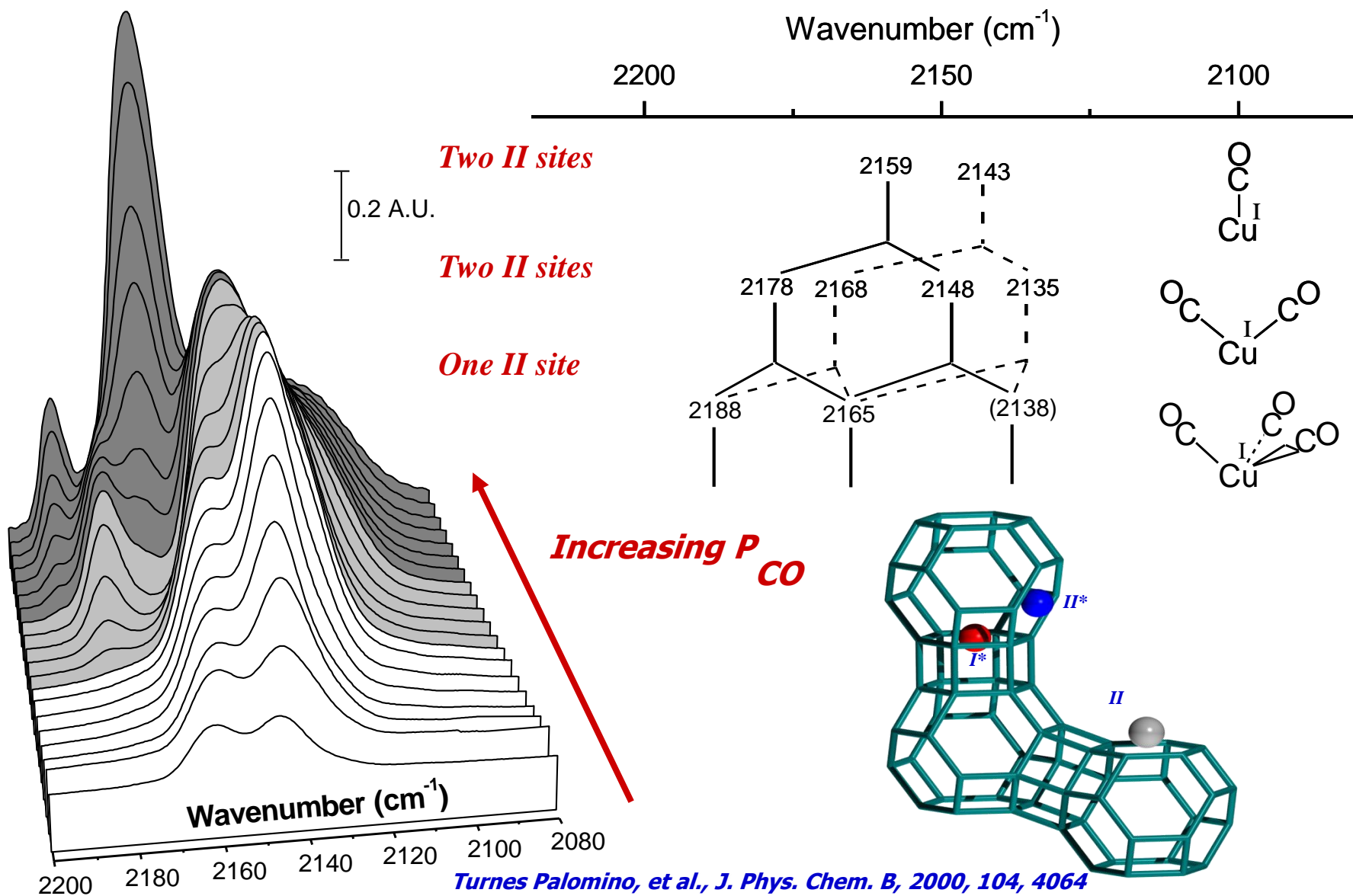
atom	x	y	z	number of atoms per unit cell
Si	0.1238(1)	0.9474(1)	0.0356(1)	140.2
Al	0.1238(1)	0.9474(1)	0.0356(1)	51.8
O1	0.1038(2)	-x	0	96
O2	1.0010(3)	x	0.1484(3)	96
O3	0.1768(2)	x	0.9743(3)	96
O4	0.1732(3)	x	0.3218(4)	96
Cu (II)	0.2360(8)	x	x	6.1(3)
Cu (I*)	0.0377(1)	x	x	23.4(2)
Cu (II*)	0.2171(4)	x	x	11.5(3)



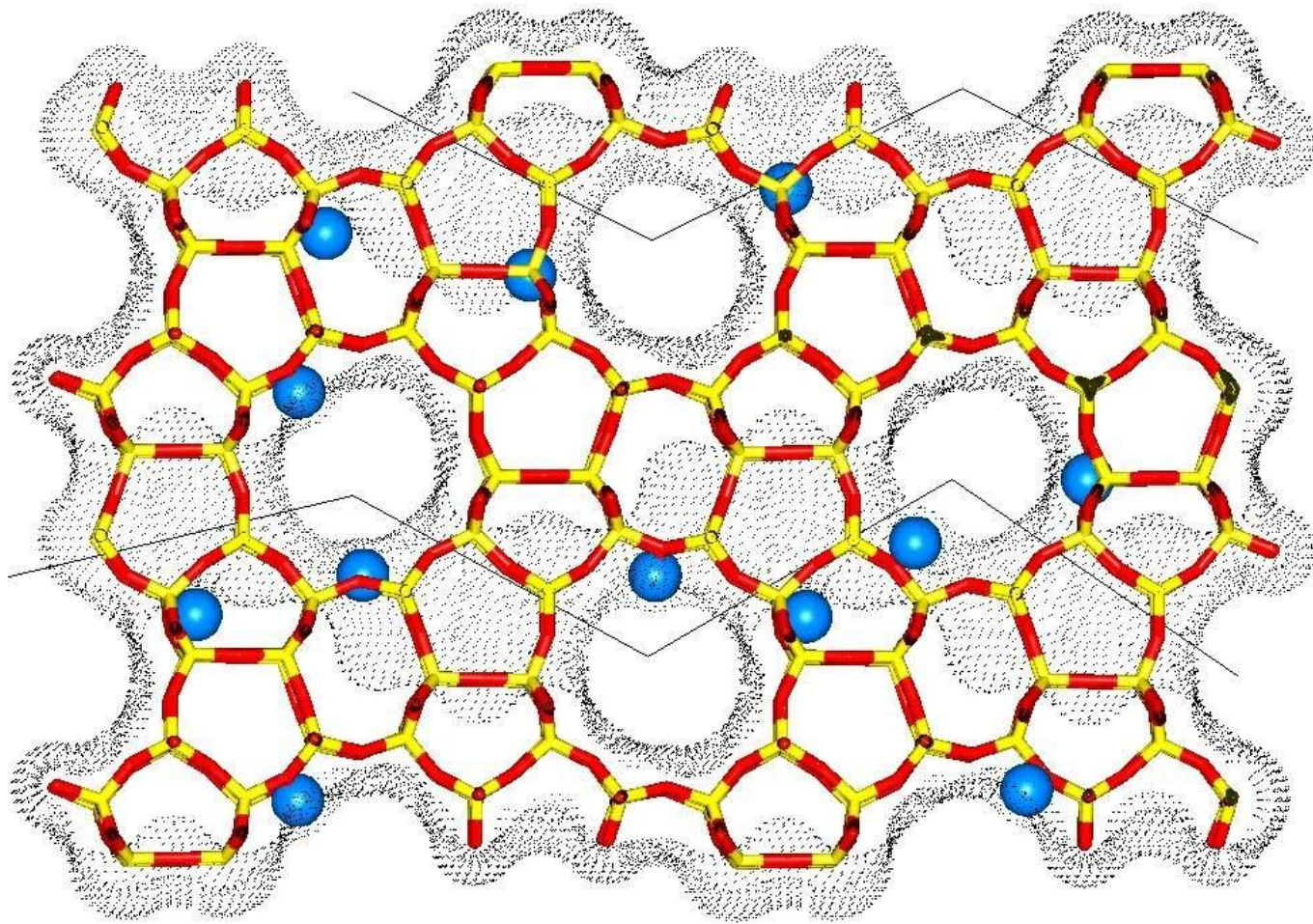
# *Cu+-Y:XRPD interaction with CO at 80 K*



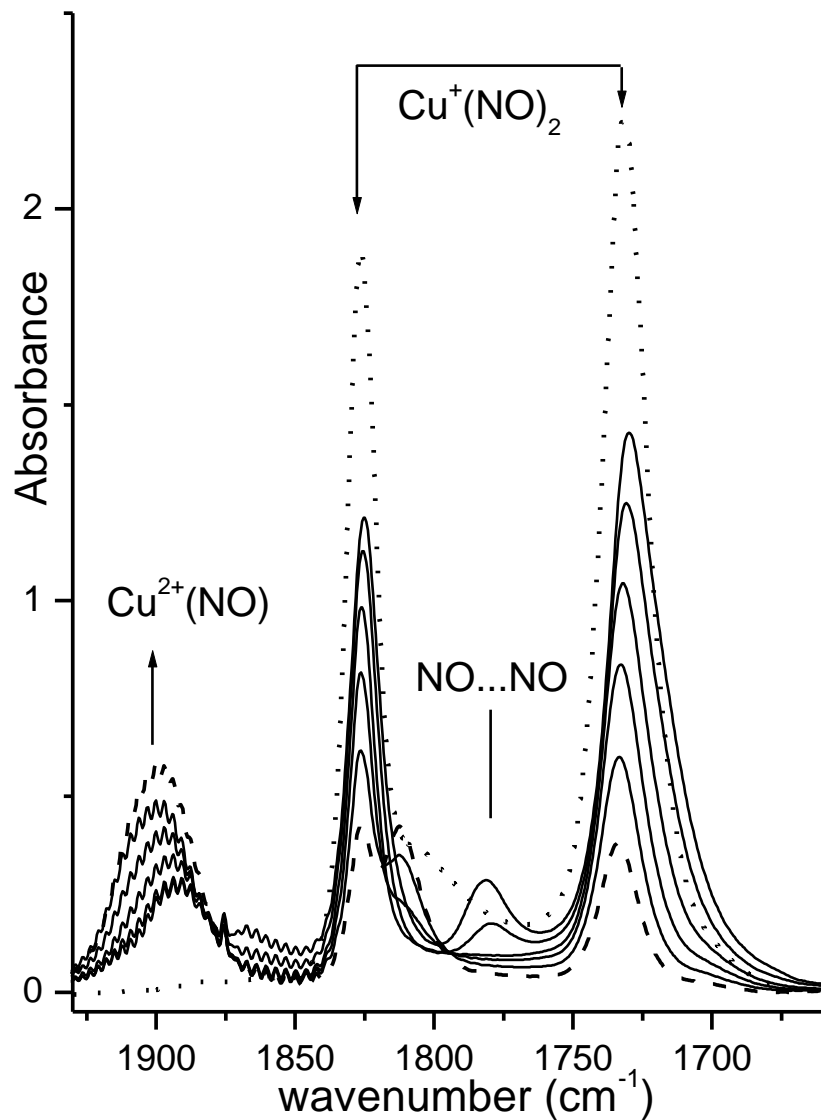
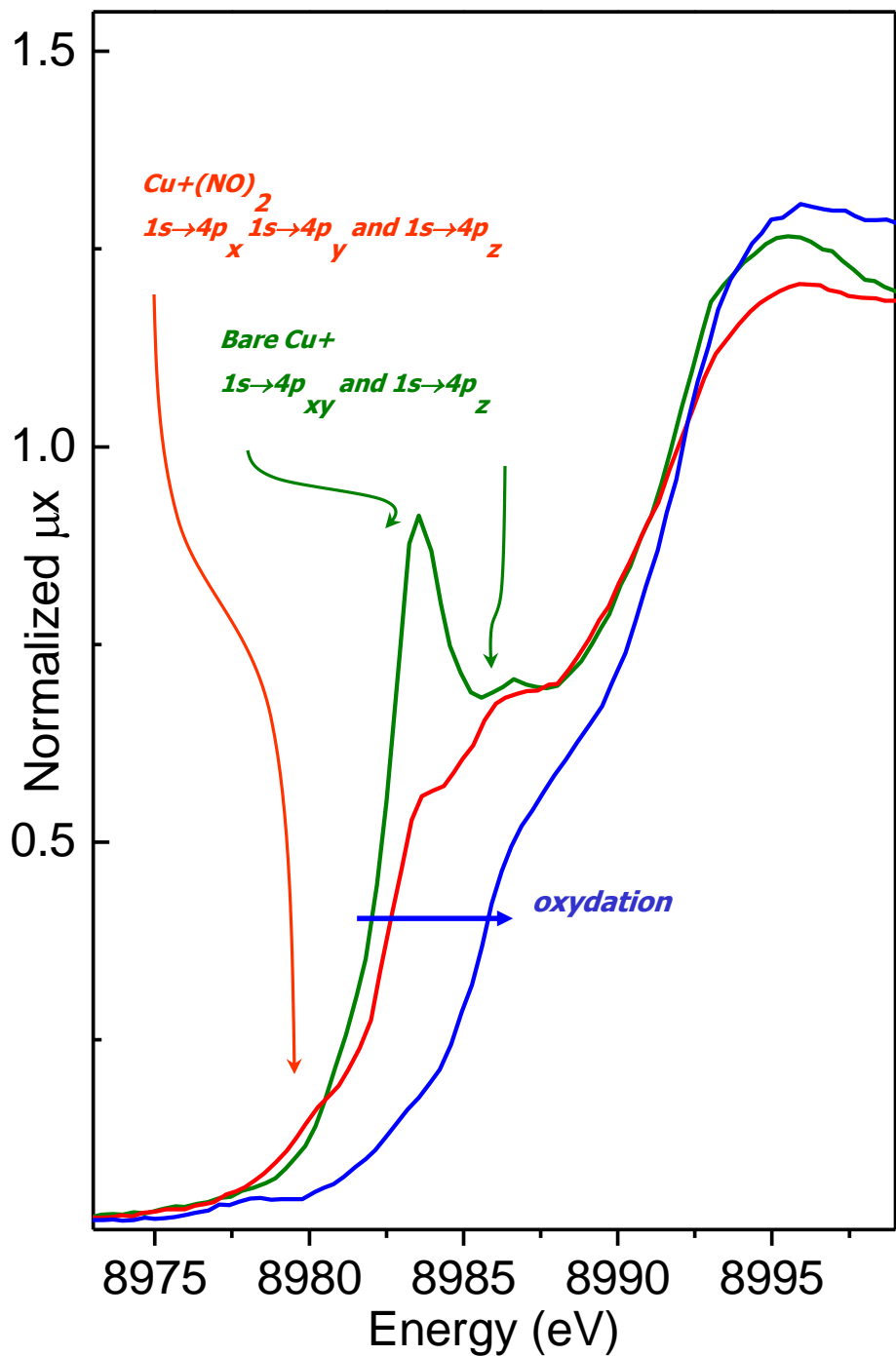
# *Cu+-Y: XRPD explains IR data*



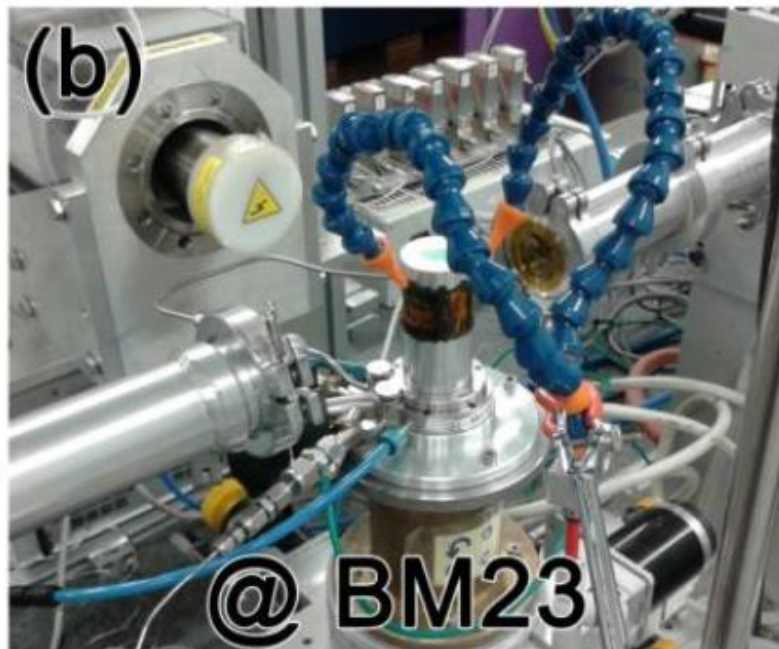
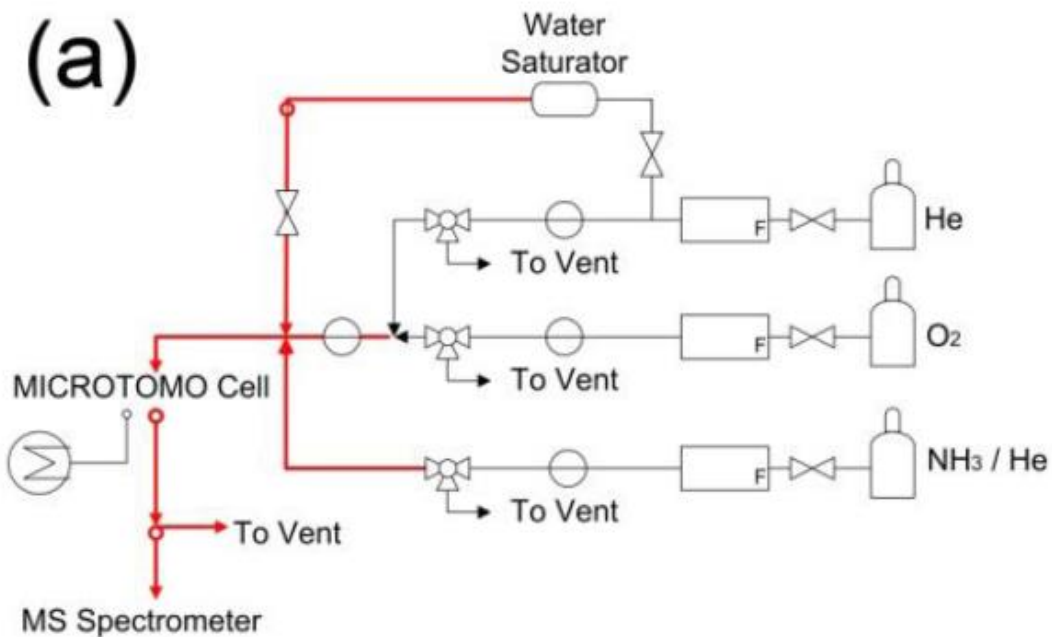
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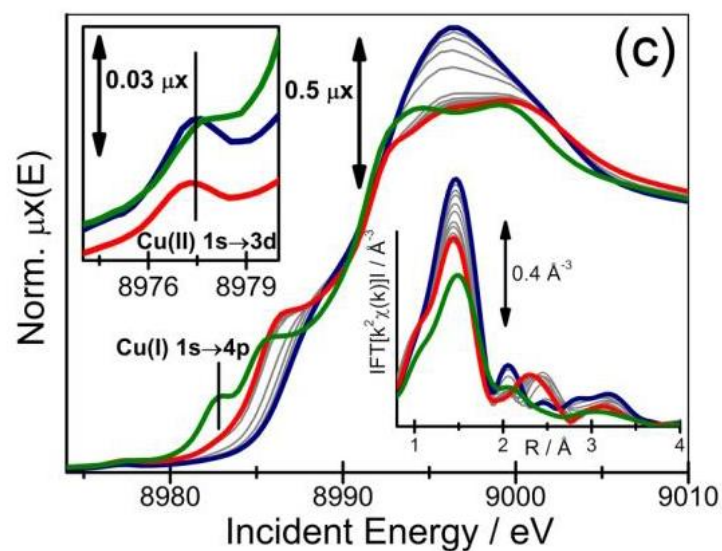
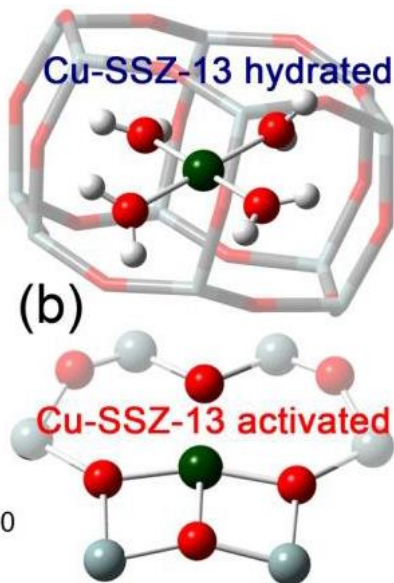
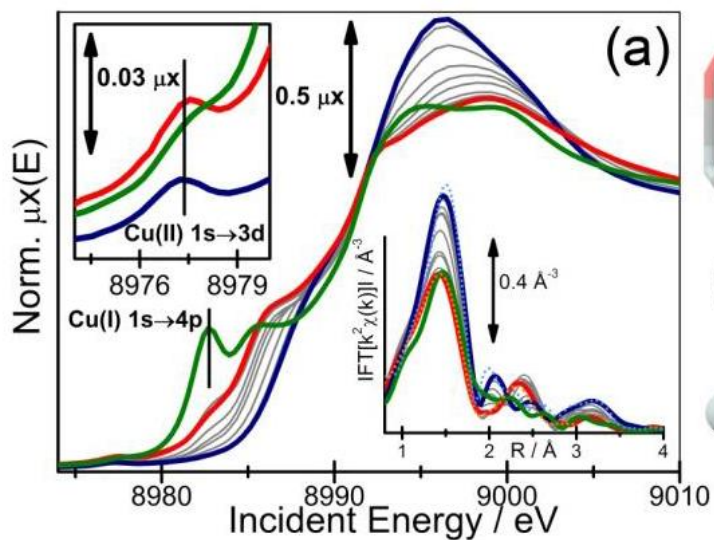
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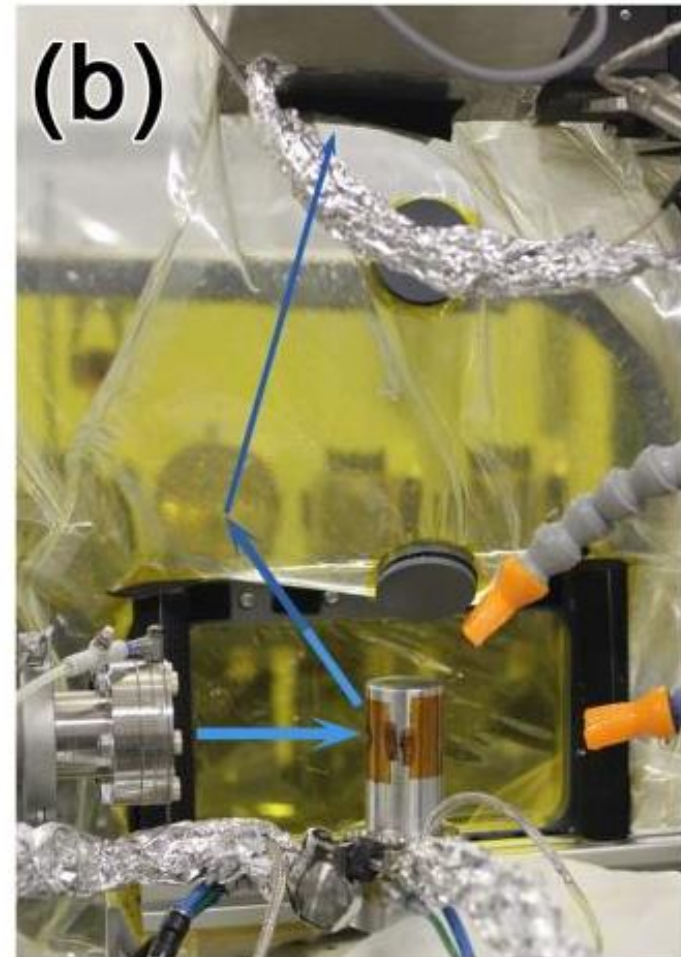
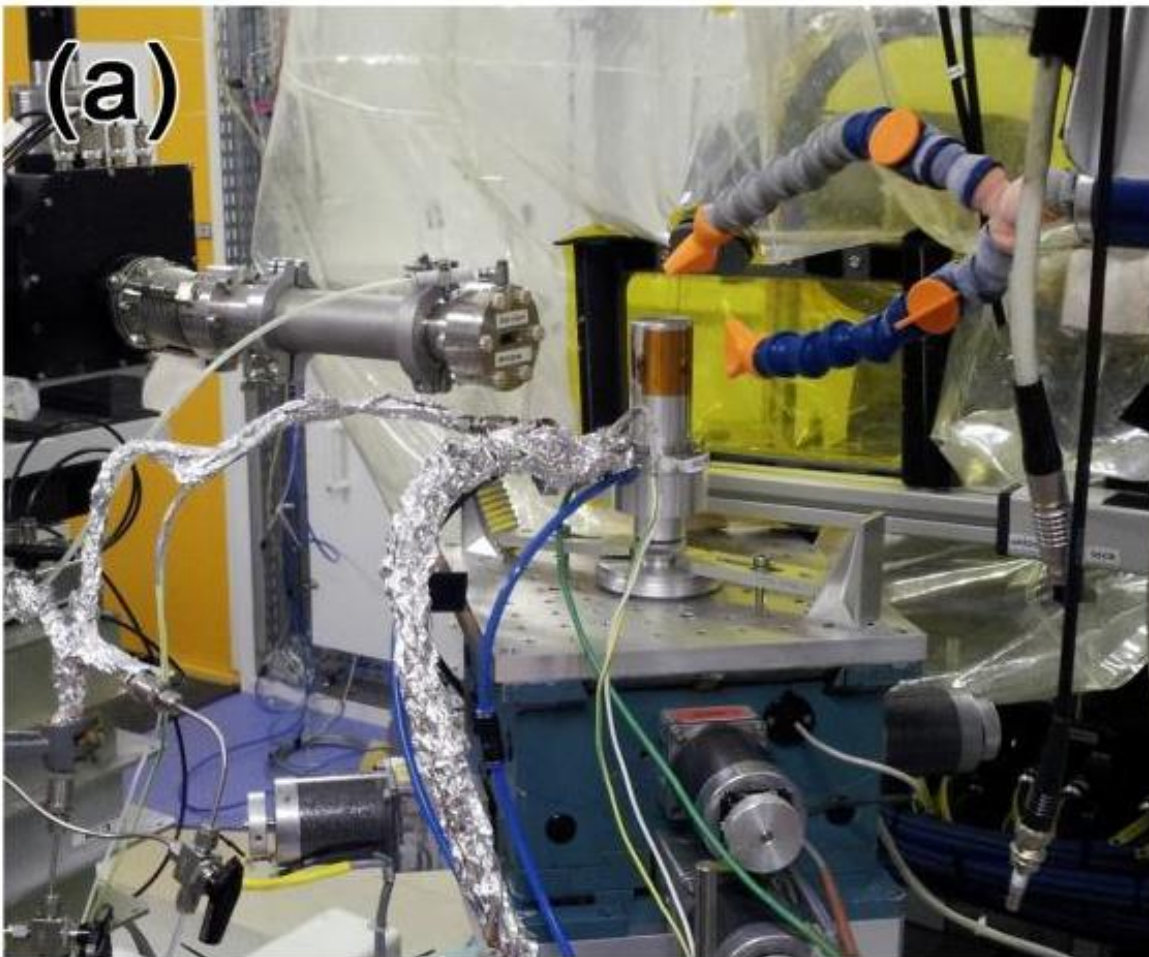
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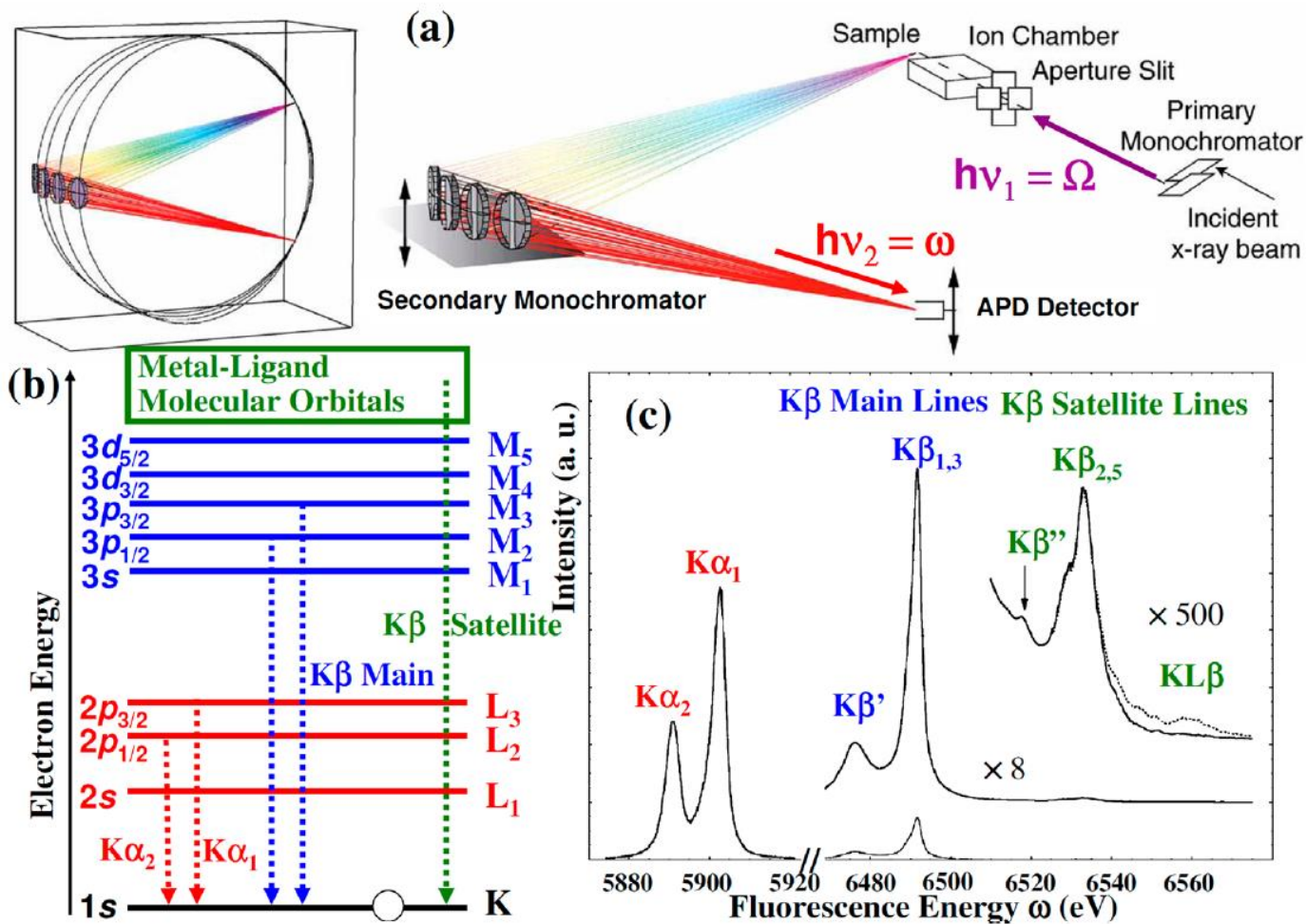
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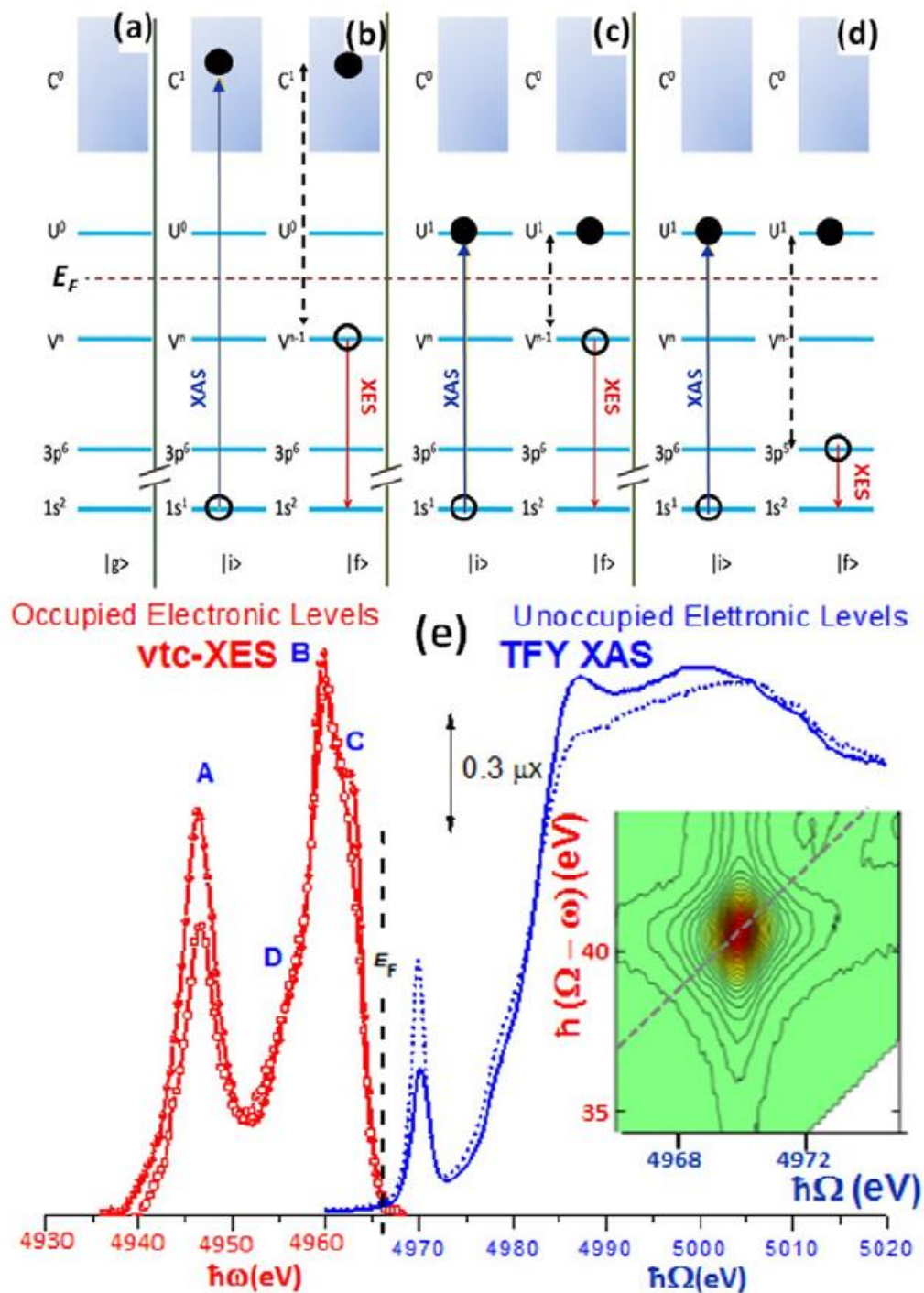
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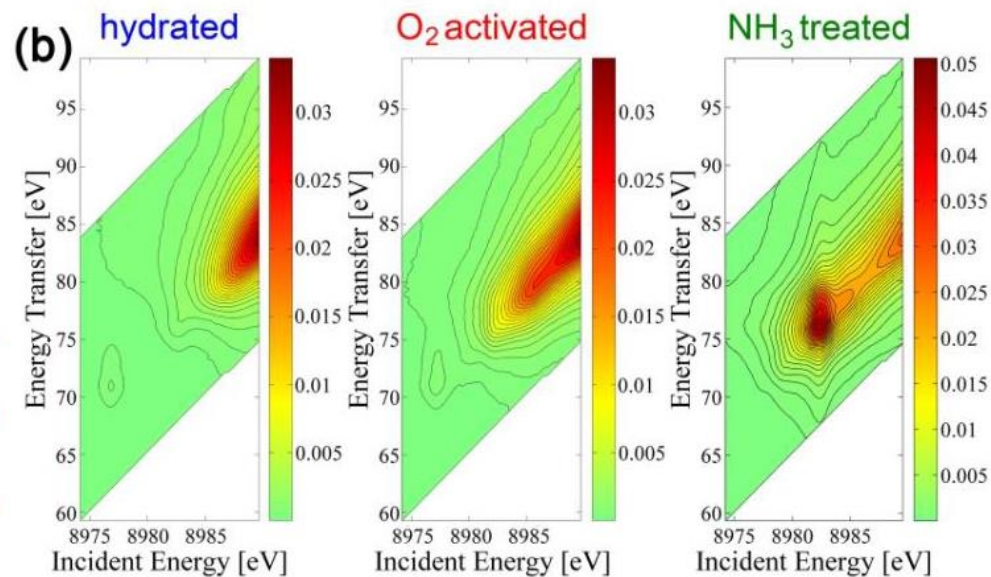
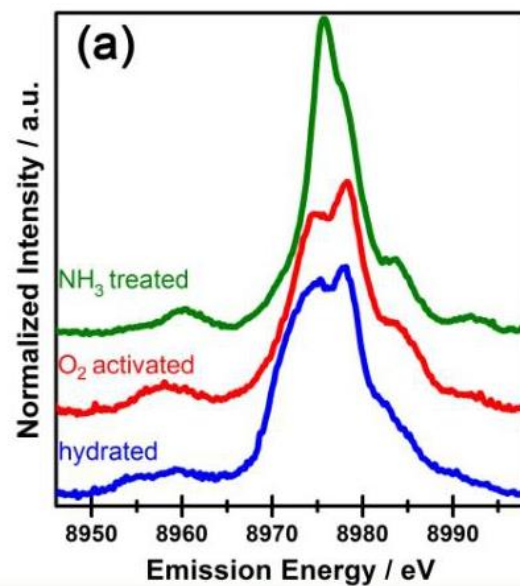
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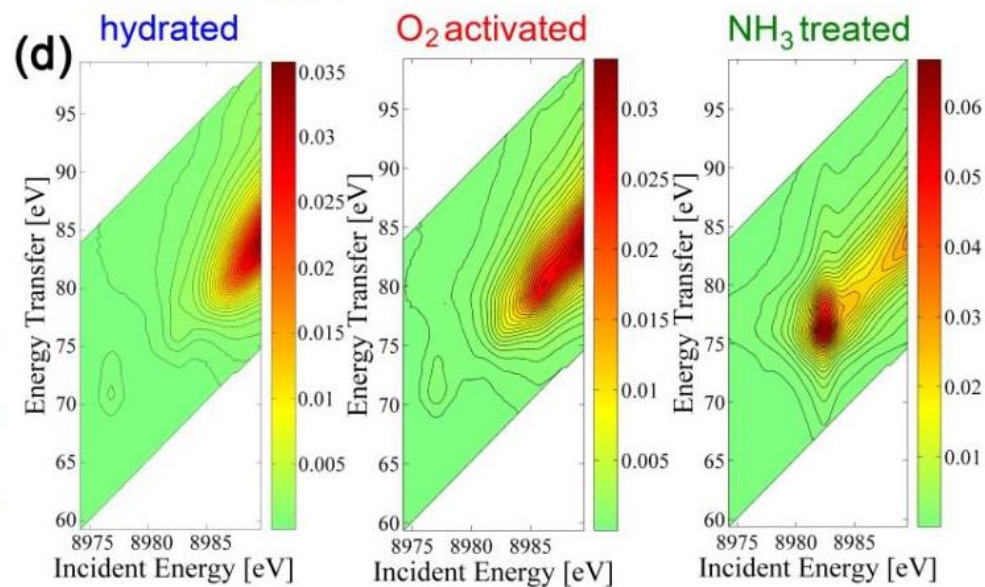
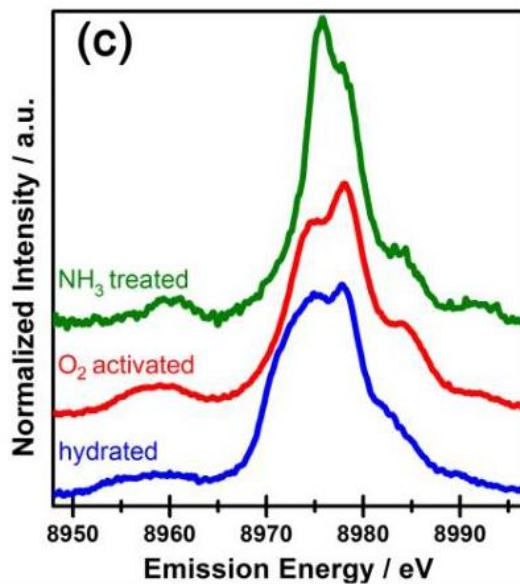




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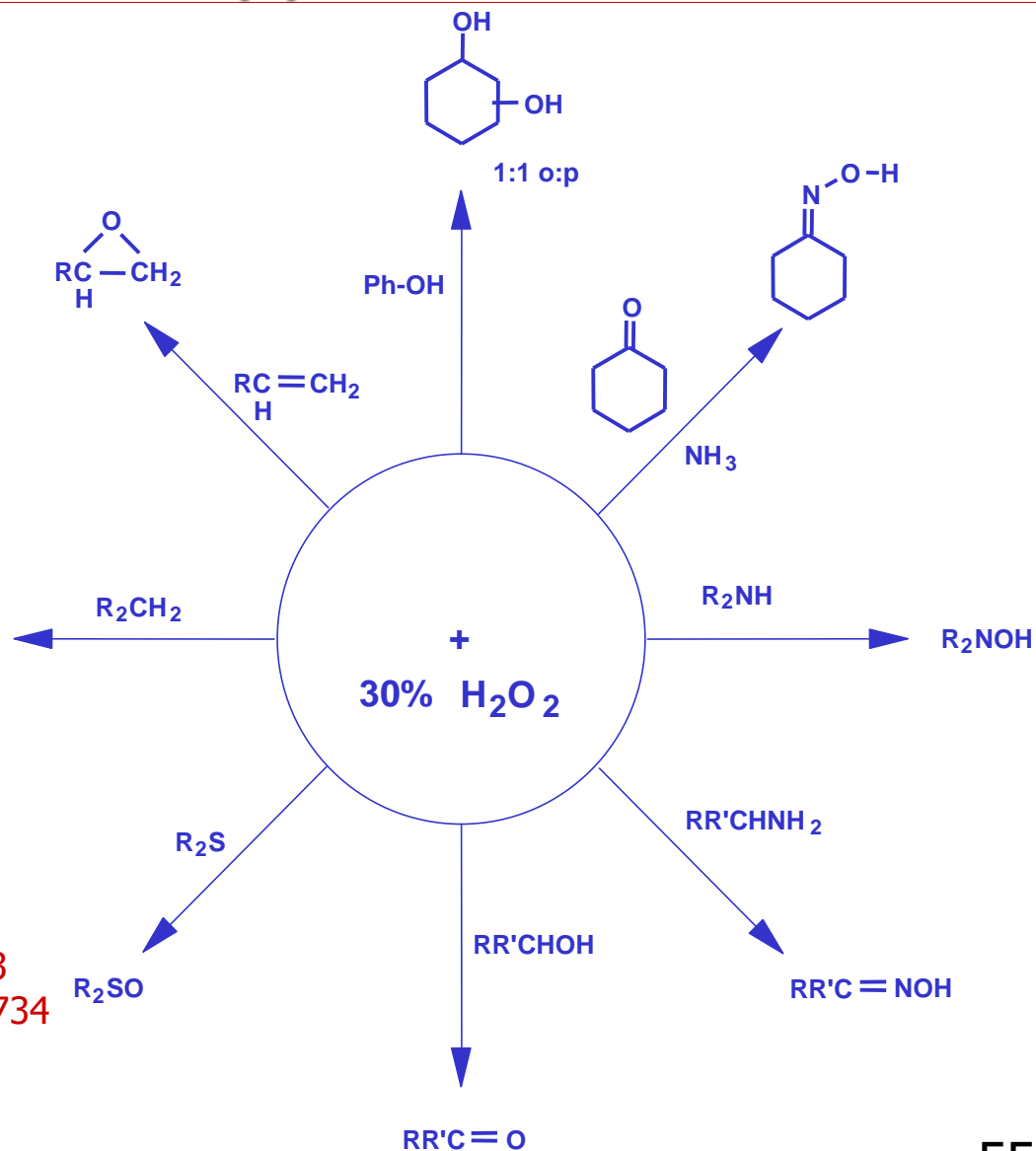


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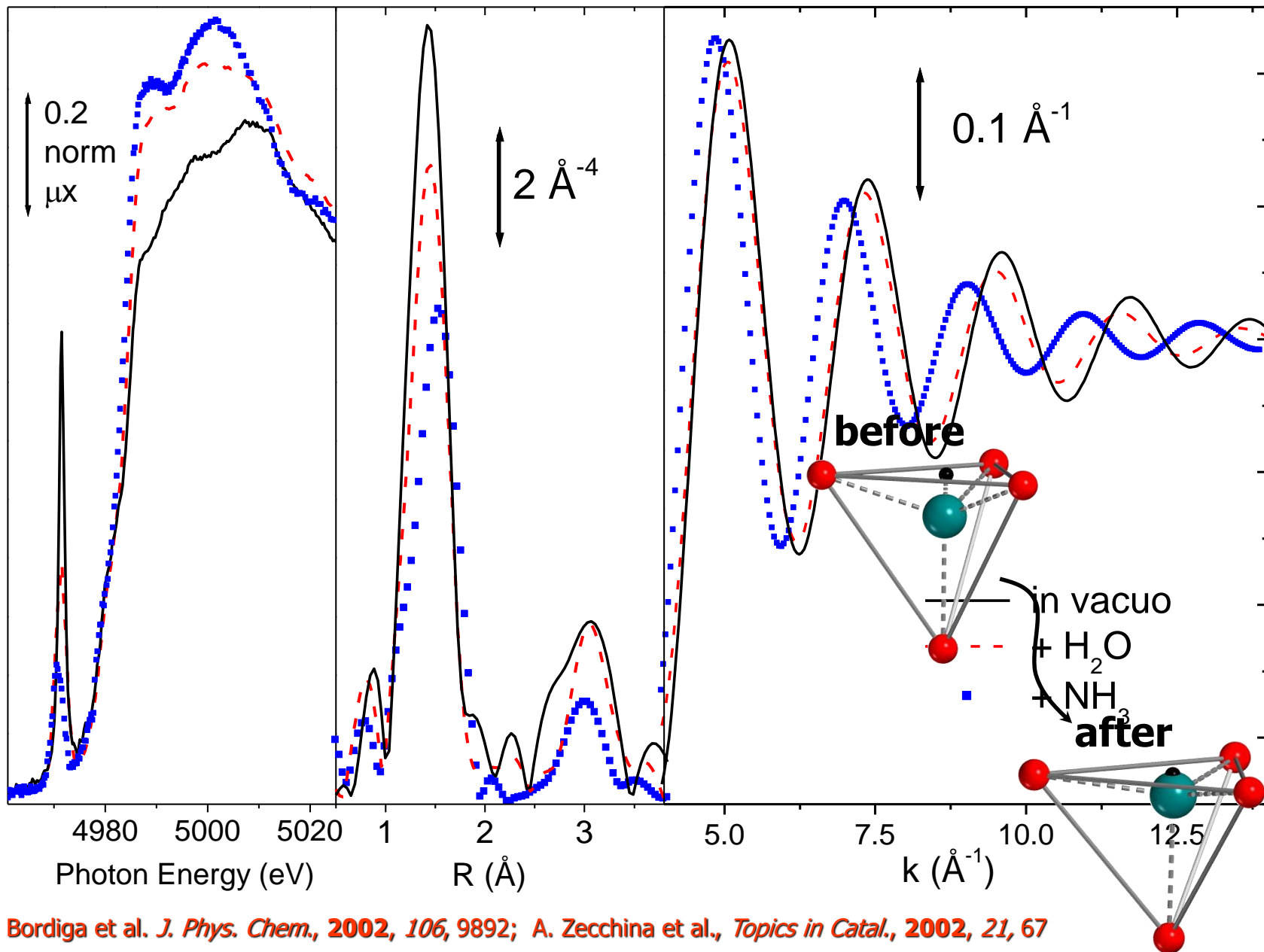
# TS-1: Interest & Applications

Highly active and selective catalyst for oxidation reactions using hydrogen peroxide as oxidizing agent: Industrial plants in Europe and Japan



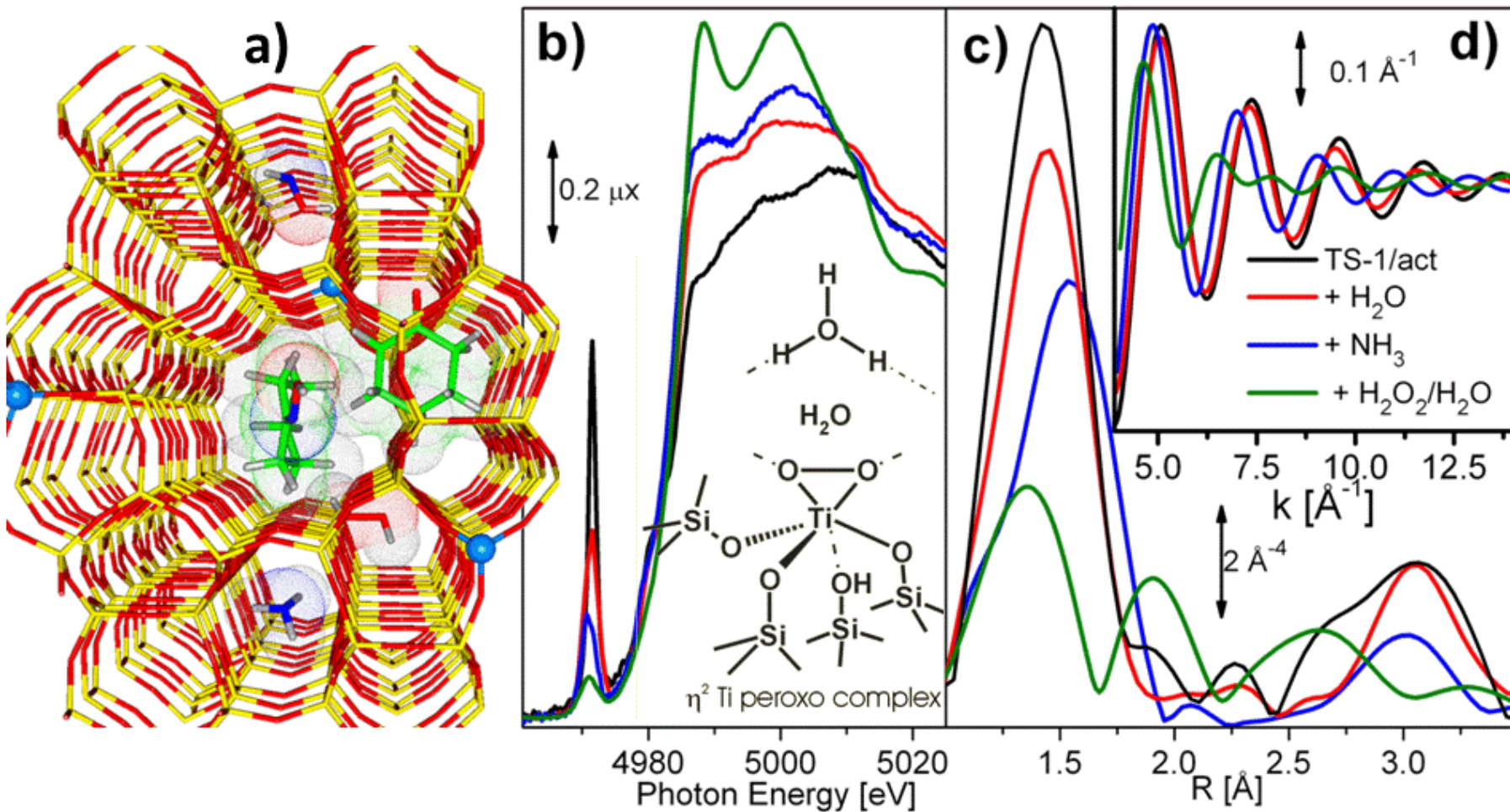
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# TS-1: XAFS data @ ESRF BM8 GILDA





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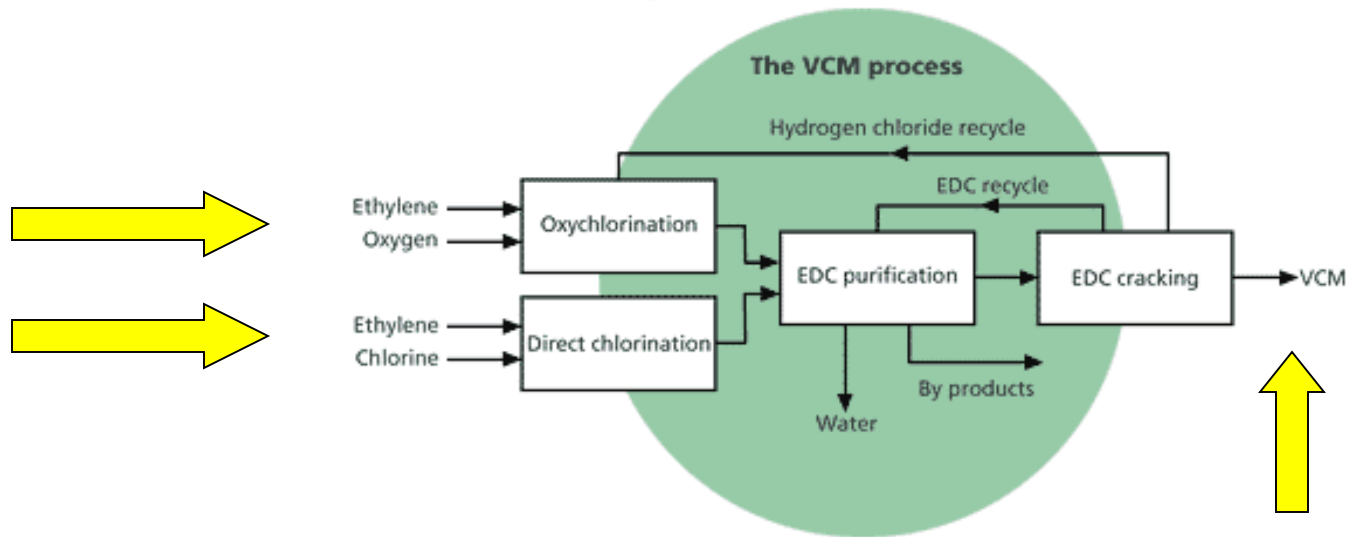


# The PVC $[-\text{CH}_2-\text{CHCl}-]_n$



- A wide use polymeric material
- It used in electronic, building, farmaceutic, and in several different kind of applications

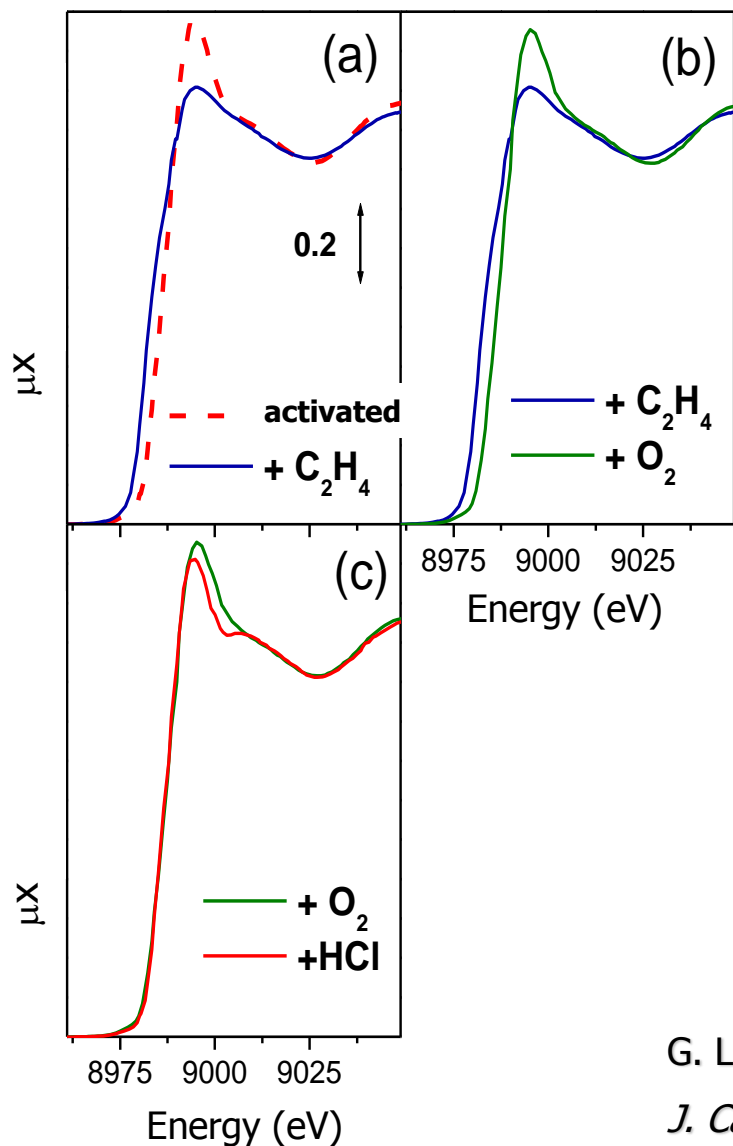
# The chemistry of PVC



***The oxychlorination reaction ( $\text{CuCl}_2$ ):***  
 **$\text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + 2\text{HCl} + \frac{1}{2} \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{Cl}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$**

***The cracking of 1,2-dichloroethane:***  
 **$\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{Cl}_2 \rightarrow \text{CH}_2=\text{CHCl} + \text{HCl}$**

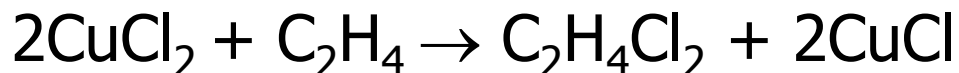
# Understanding the basic reactions



Catalyst:  $\text{CuCl}_2/\gamma\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$

Evolution of the XANES spectra after interaction with reactants

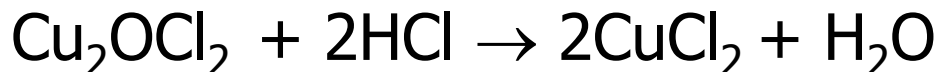
**a) Reduction of CuCl<sub>2</sub> to CuCl by C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> :**



**b) Re-oxidation of CuCl by oxygen:**



**c) Closure of the catalytic cycle by re-chlorination by HCl yielding CuCl<sub>2</sub> :**



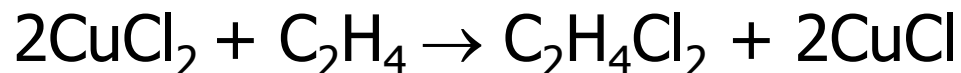
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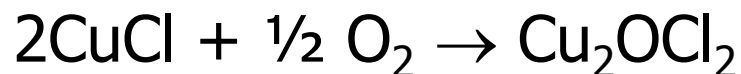
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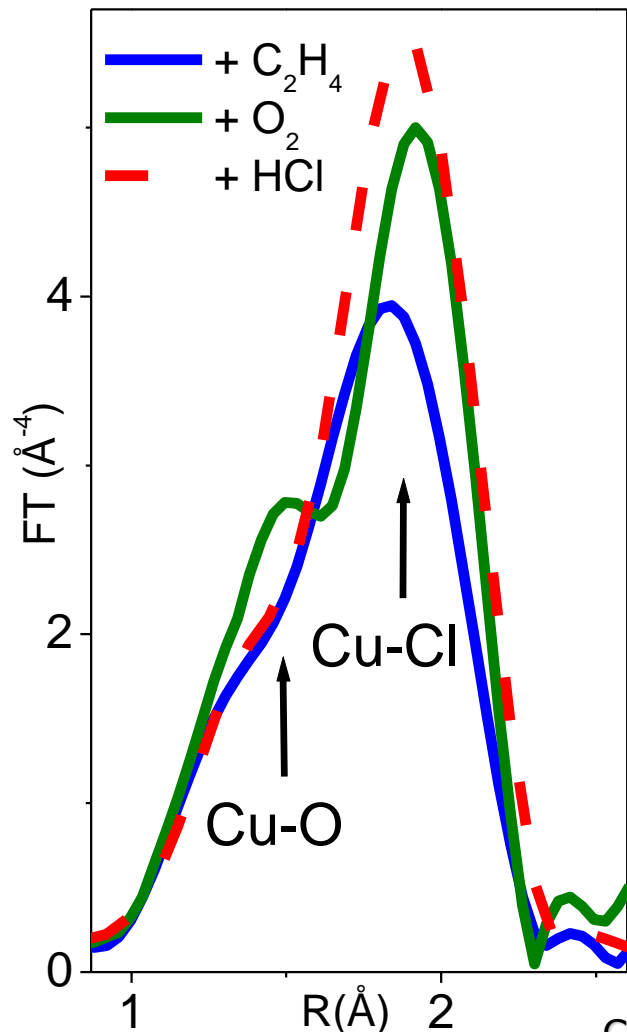
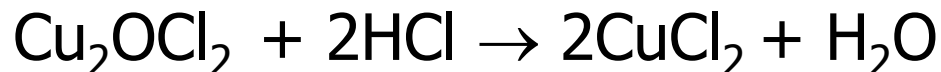
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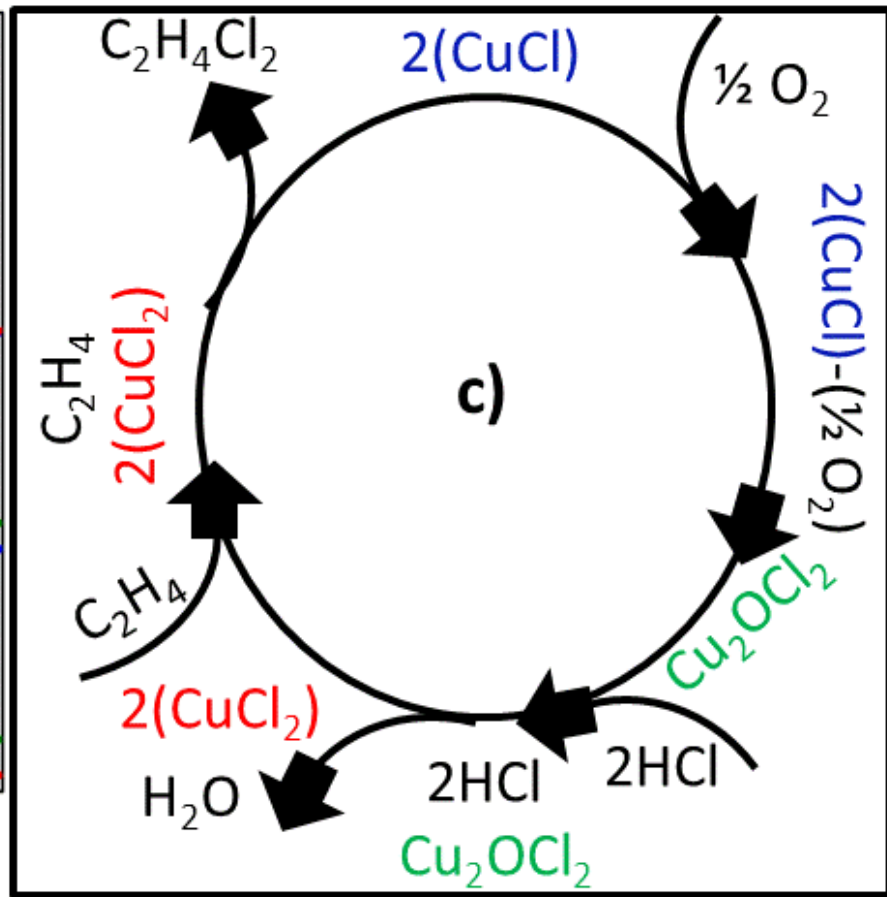
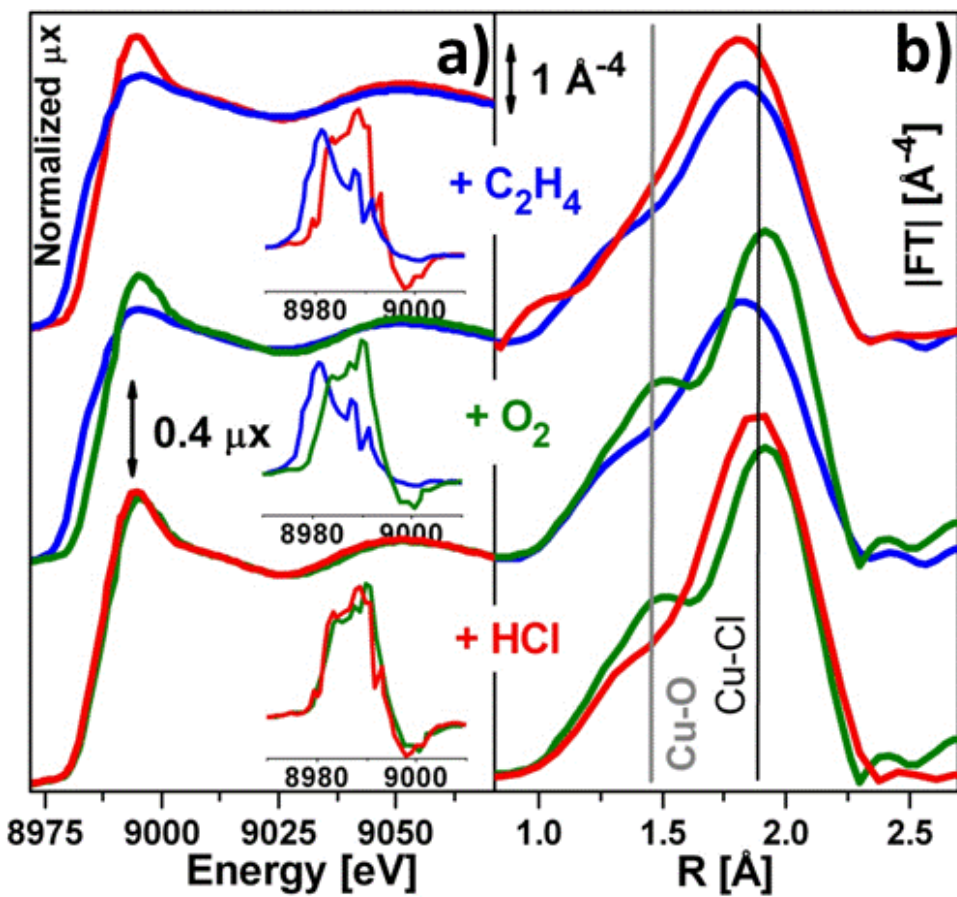
**b) Re-oxidation of  $\text{CuCl}$  by oxygen:**



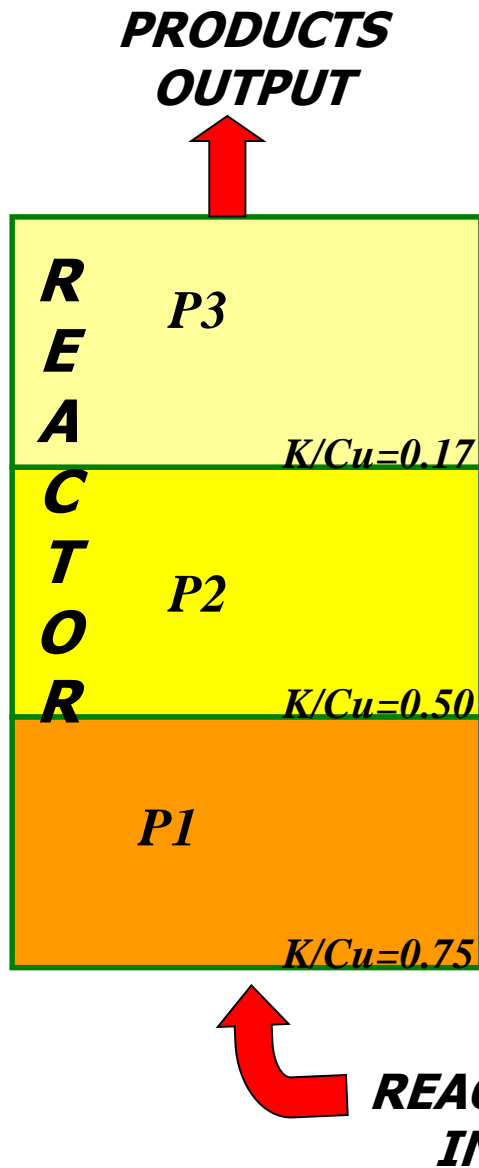
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# The use of additives in the industrial catalysts



**Base catalyst:  $CuCl_2/\gamma-Al_2O_3$**

**Fixed bed reactors** → **Potassium**

**Fluid bed reactors** → **Magnesium**

**Other additives : Li, Cs, Ce, La**

# GOALS and TECHNIQUES

## First goal:

The study of the effects of  
**additives**  
and of their concentration

**dispersive  
XAS**

## Second goal:

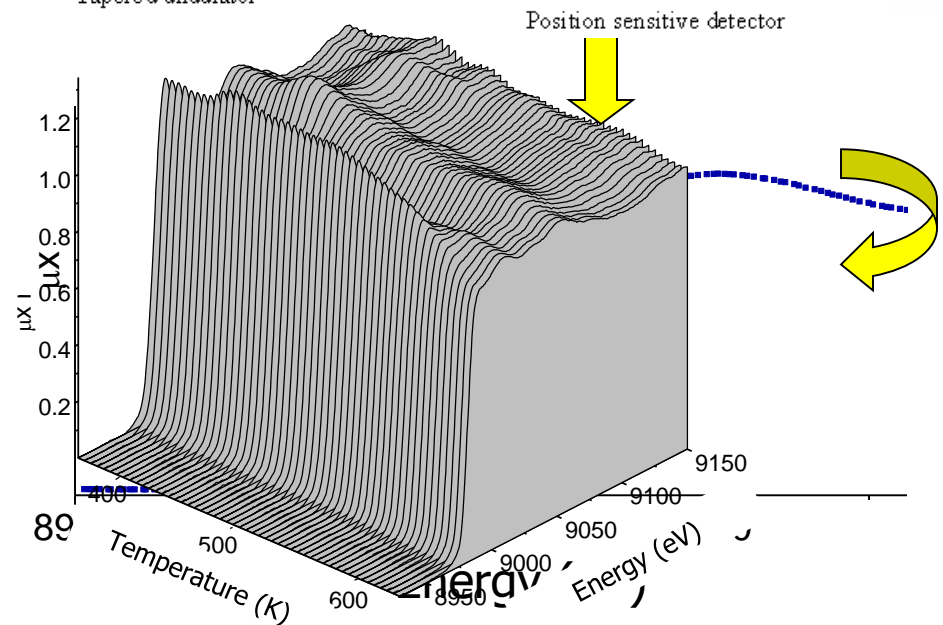
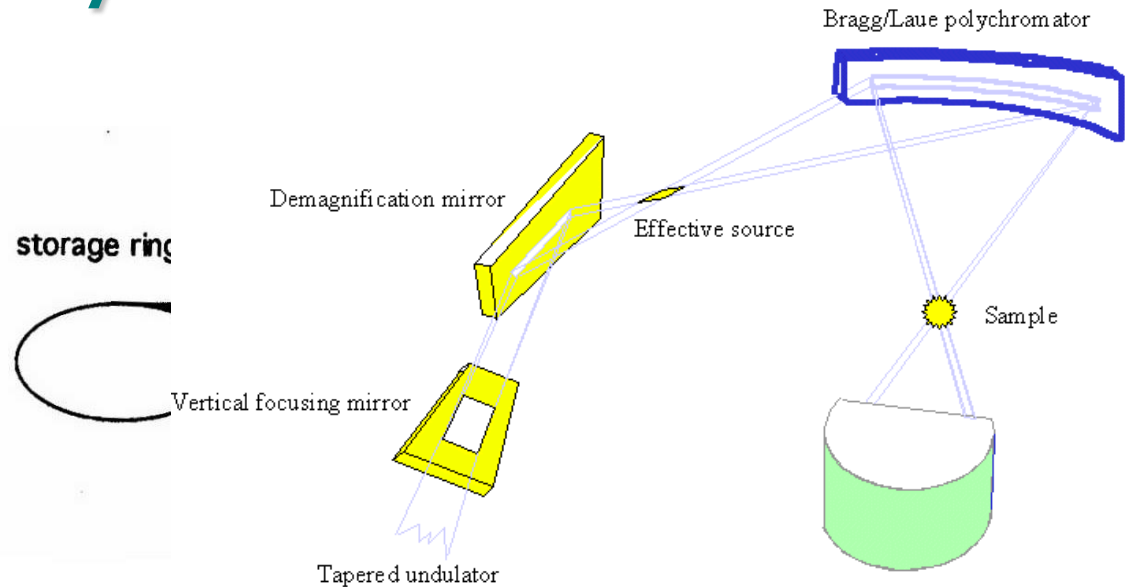
Determination of the  
**rate determining step**  
Of the ethylene  
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reaction



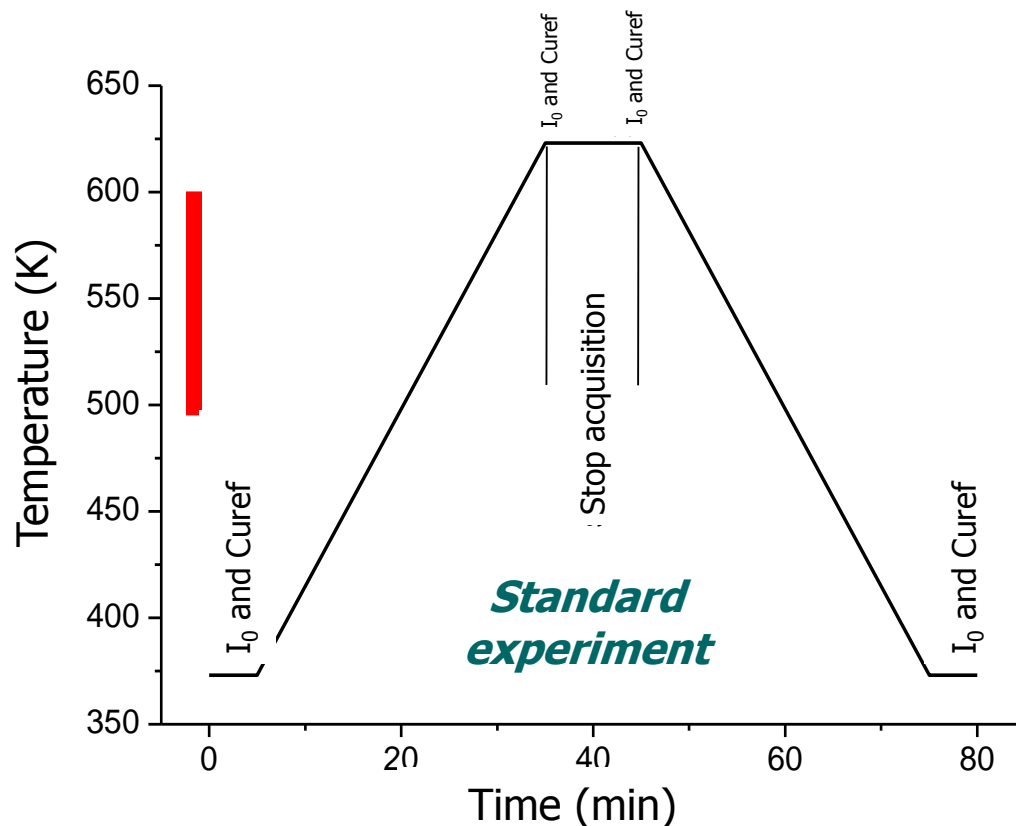


# Different X-ray absorption techniques

Dispersive  
Classical  
monochromatic  
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geometry



# Experiment description @ ID24

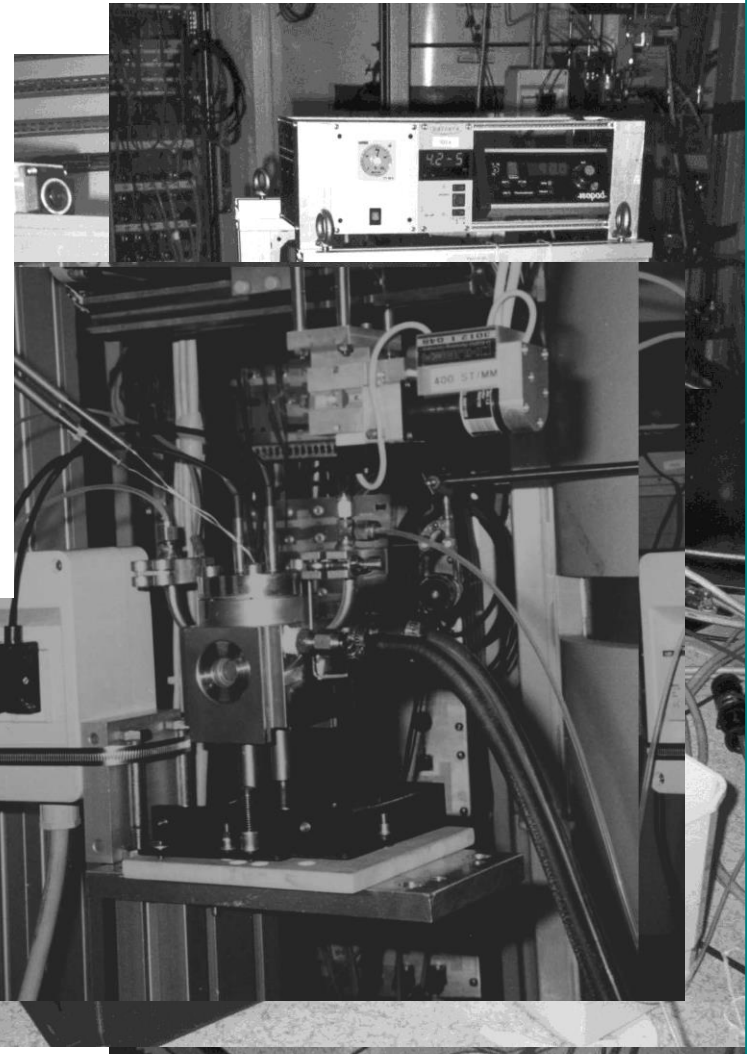
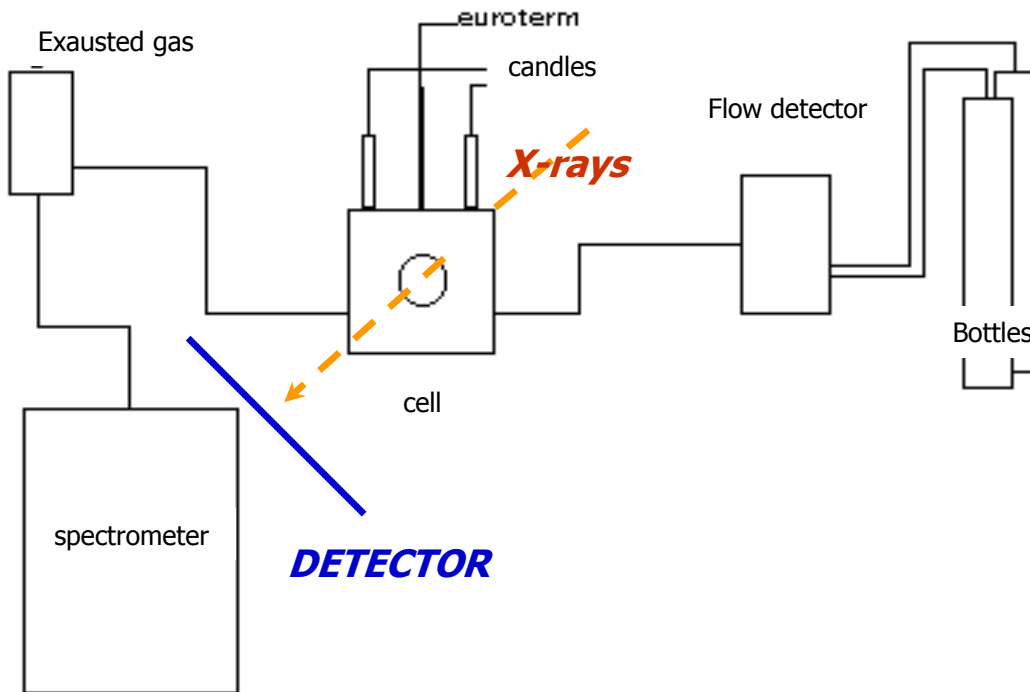


## Composition of the reactant flux:

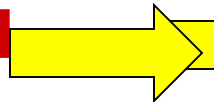
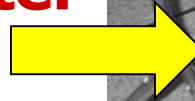
$N_2$	13cc/min.
$C_2H_4$	100cc/min.
HCl	36.1cc/min.
$O_2$	7.6cc/min.

- Ramp up from 373 to 623 K
- Isotherm at 623 K
- Ramp down from 623 back to 373 K

# Description of the experimental set-up @ ID24

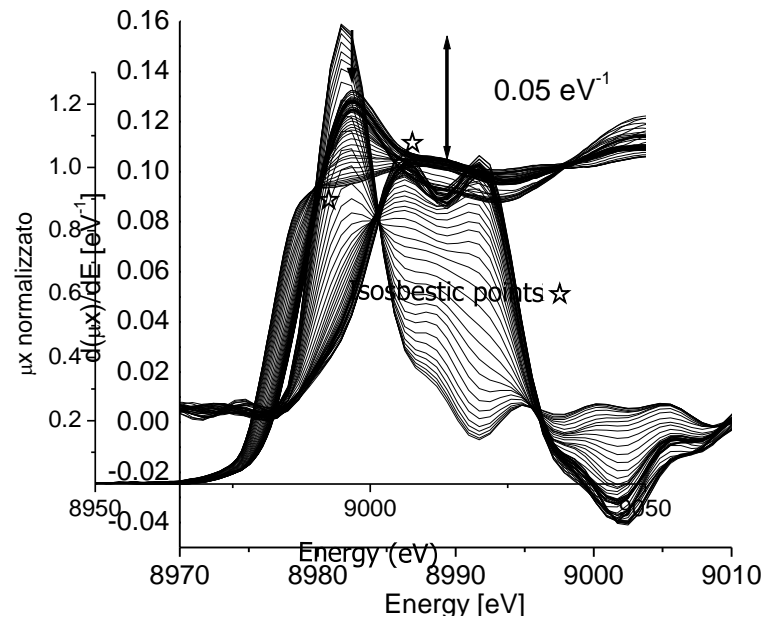
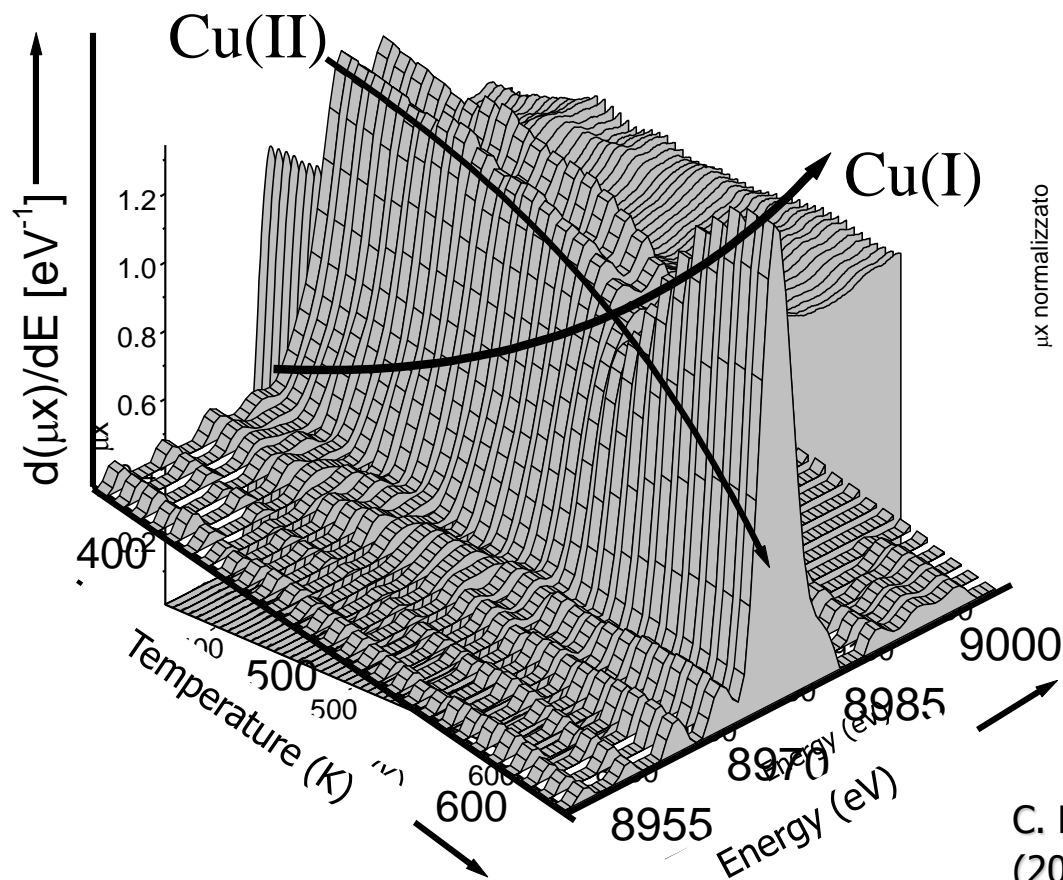


**Mass spectrometer  
Zoom on the  
Exhaust  
cell and  
gases  
positioning  
elimination  
motors**



# Base catalyst $\text{CuCl}_2/\gamma\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$

Ramp up:  $\text{Cu(II)} \rightarrow \text{Cu(I)}$

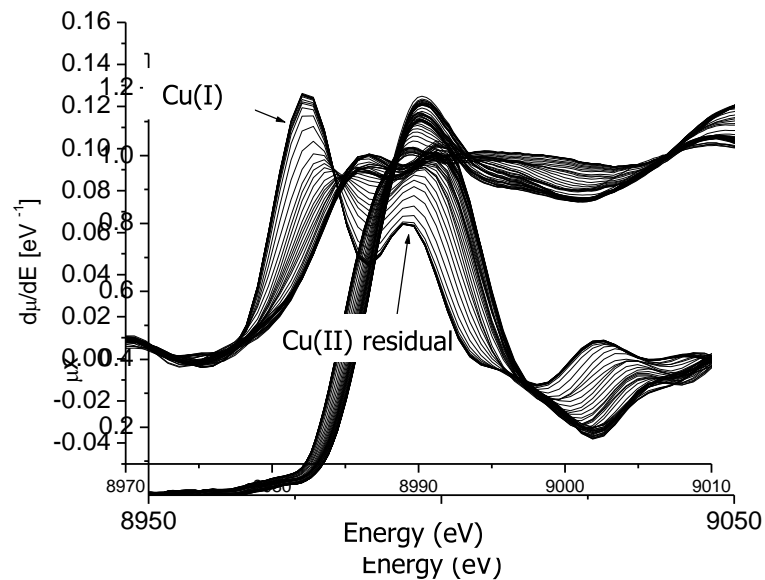
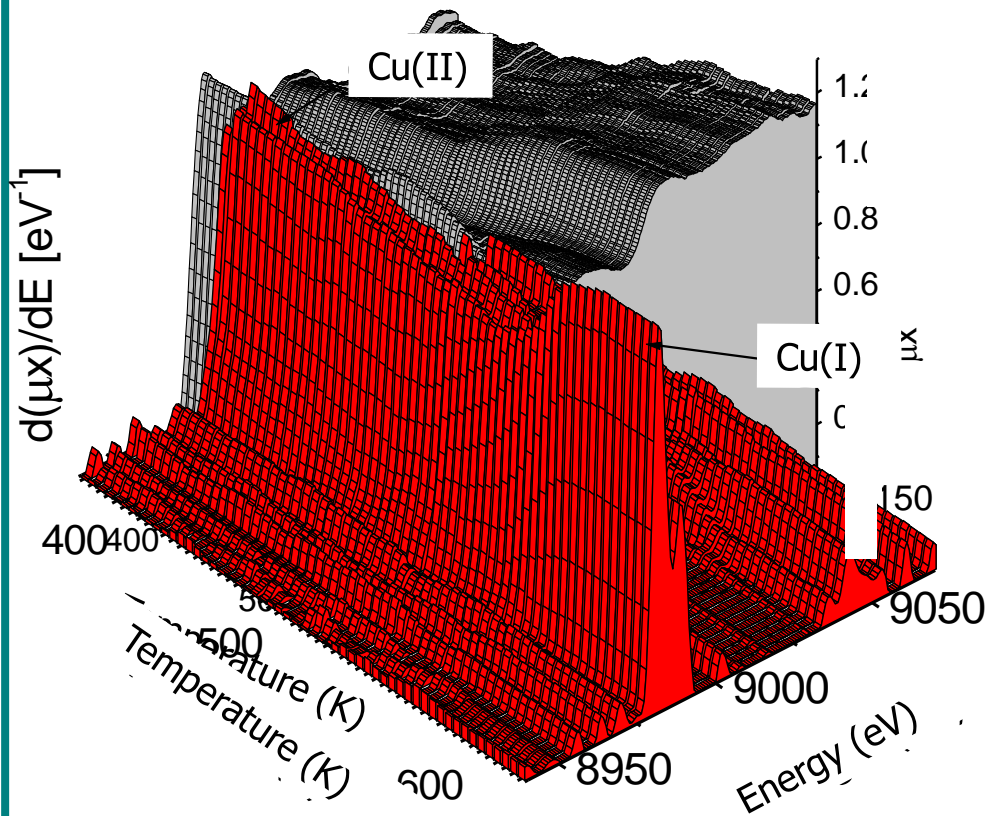


**XANES spectra**  
**First derivative spectra**

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# K-CuCl<sub>2</sub>/γ-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalyst

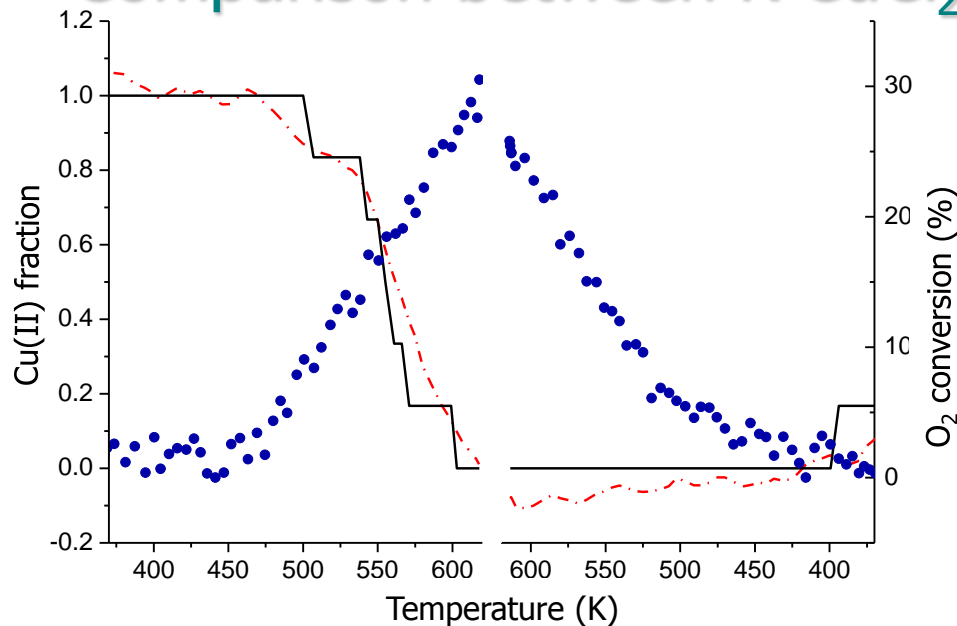
Ramp up: Cu(II) → Cu(II)+Cu(I)



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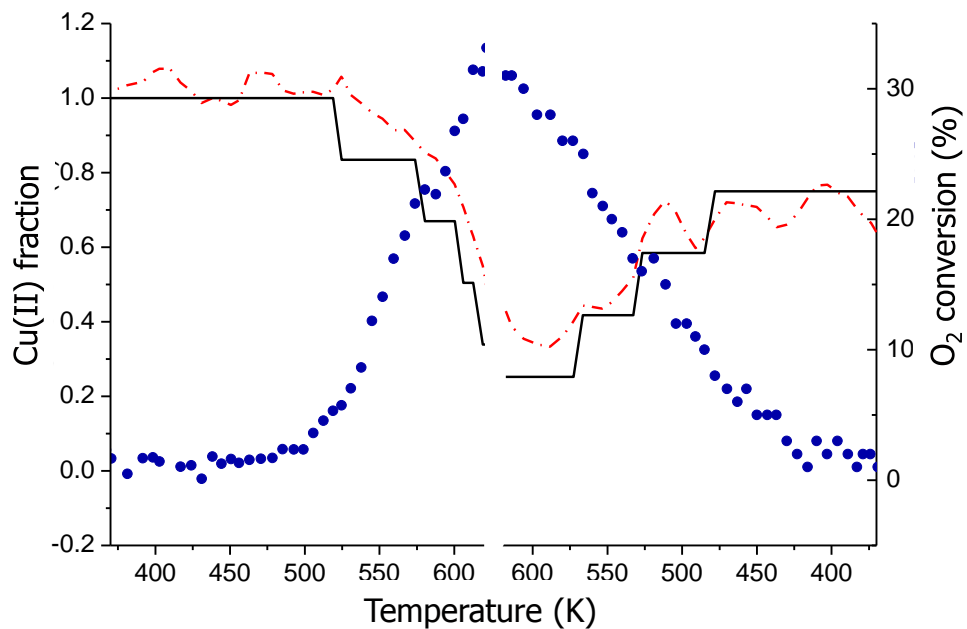
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# Comparison between $K\text{-CuCl}_2/\gamma\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$ and $\text{CuCl}_2/\gamma\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$



## **$\text{CuCl}_2/\gamma\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$**

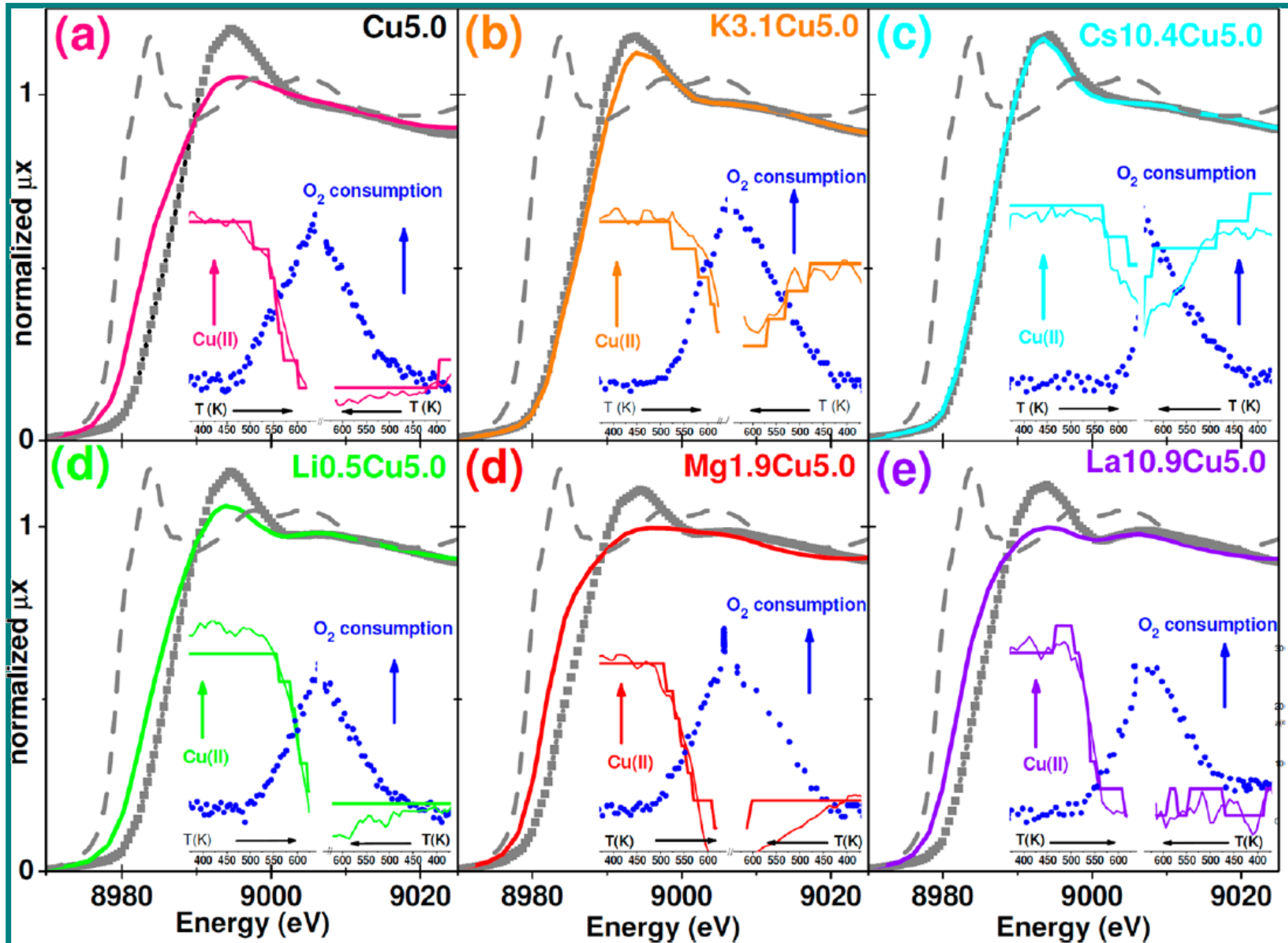
- Totally reduced at the end of the ramp up
- Not re-oxidized during the ramp down
- The activity of the catalysts starts with the reduction, within our accuracy ( $\pm 10$  K)



## **$K\text{-CuCl}_2/\gamma\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$**

- Partially reduced at the end of the ramp up
- Re-oxidized during the ramp down
- The activity starts before the reduction

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*“That’s all Folks!”*



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