

# LASER-BASIERTE NANOPARTIKELSYNTHESE UND IHRE HERAUSFORDERUNGEN FÜR DIE RFA

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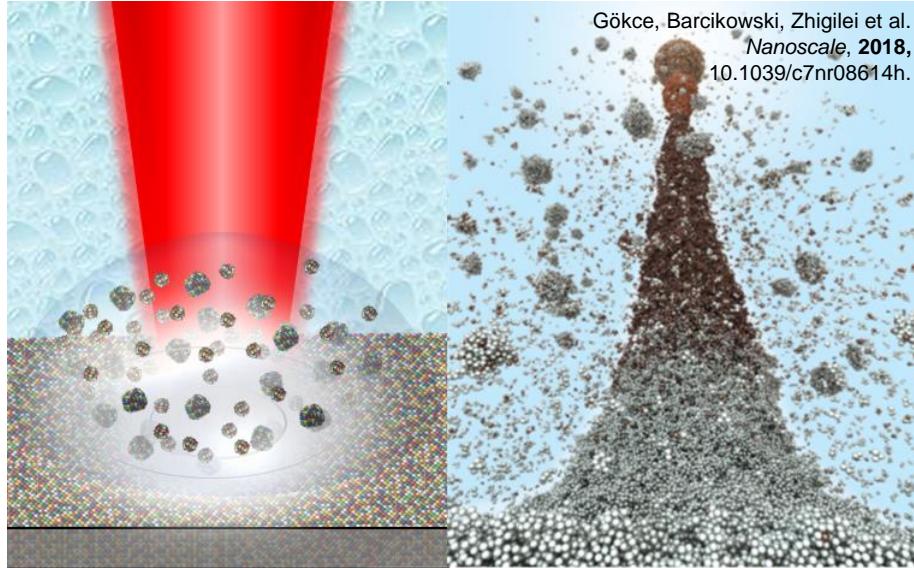
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# Im Herzen Europas

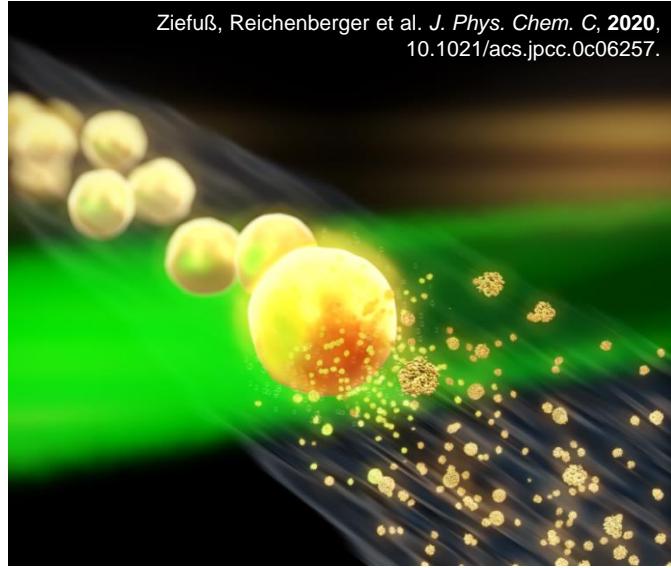


# Laser Synthesis and Processing of Colloids (LSPC)

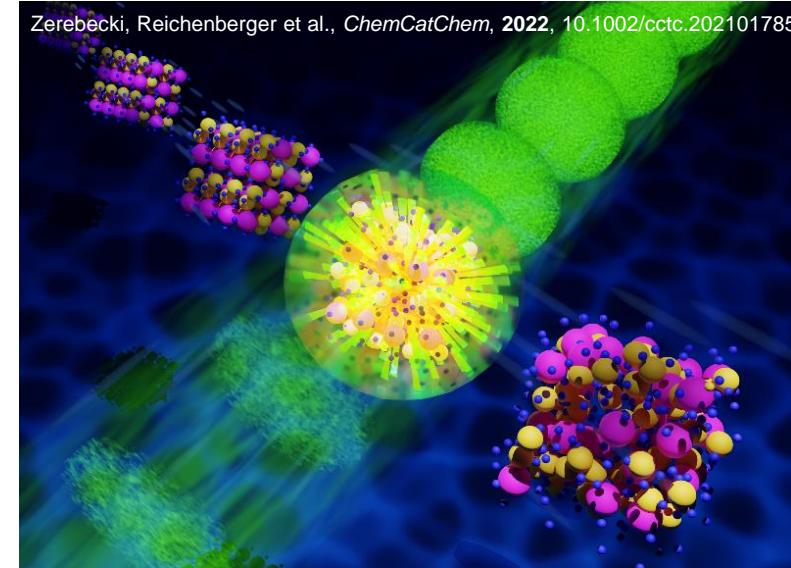
Laser ablation in liquid (LAL)



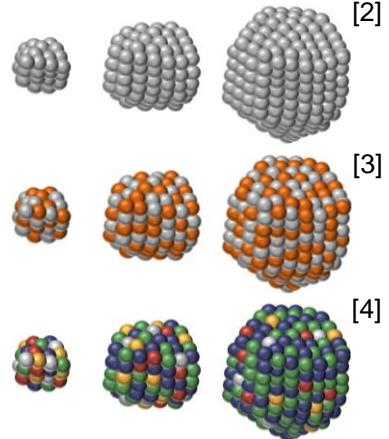
Laser fragmentation in liquid (LFL)



Laser defect-engineering and surface doping in liquid

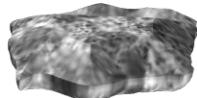


## Laser-based Synthesis<sup>[1]</sup>



## Support material

Oxide

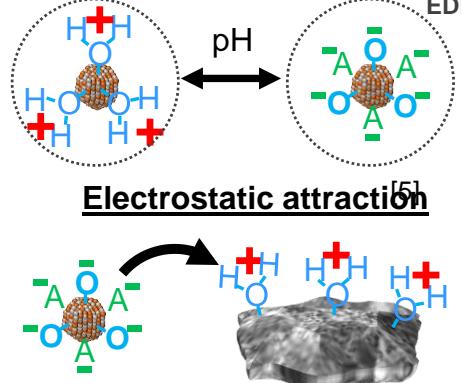


Carbon / Graphene



... others

## Colloidal deposition pH-dependence of zetapotential



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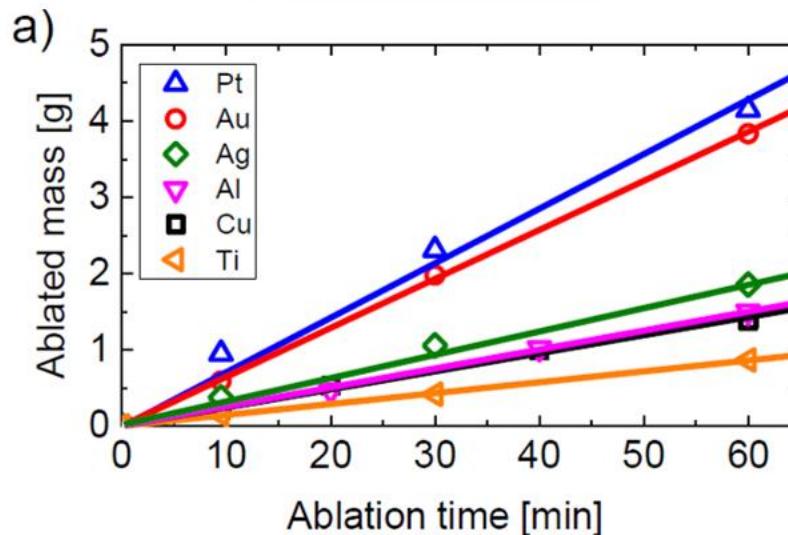
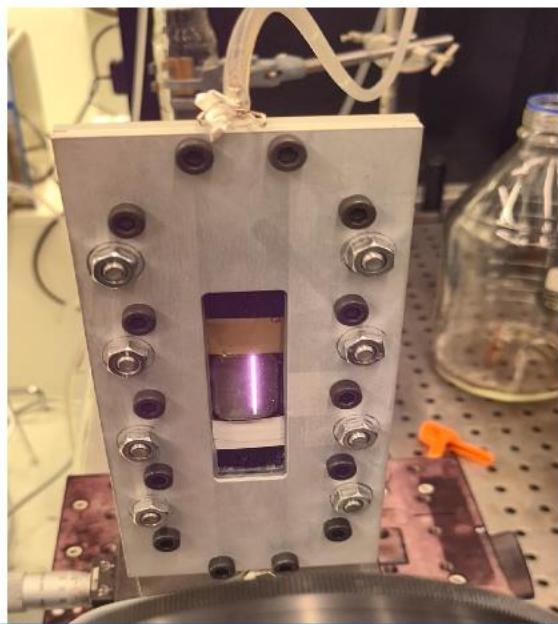
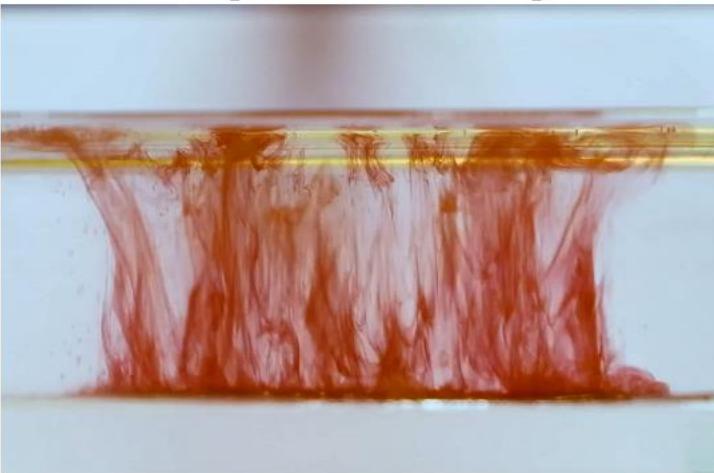
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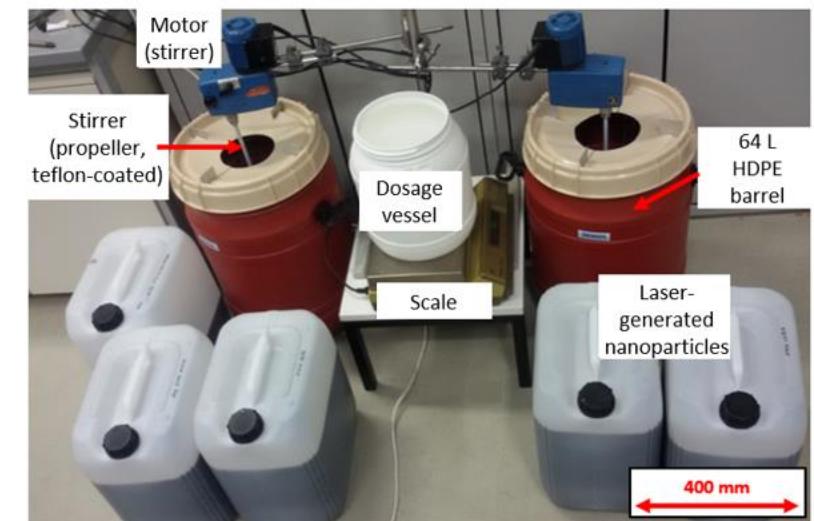
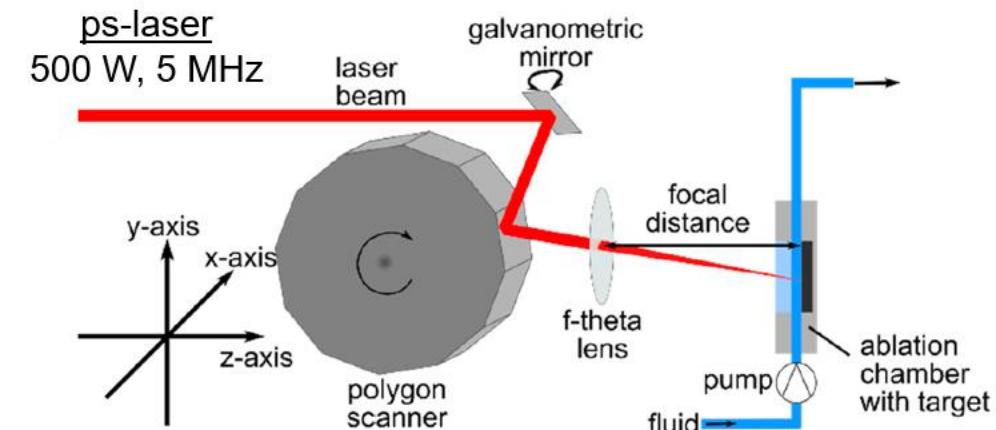
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# Scalability and kg-scale synthesis of het. catalysts

## Scale up of laser power

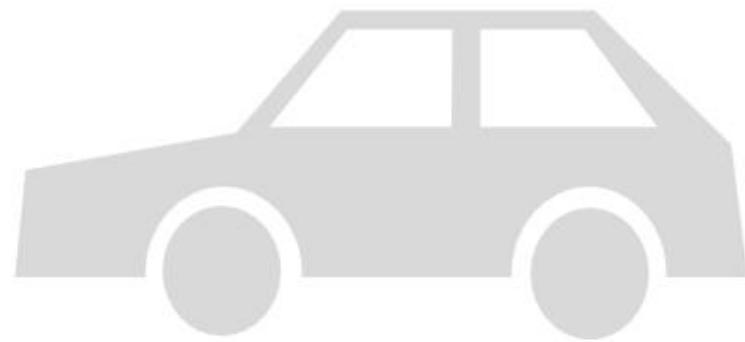


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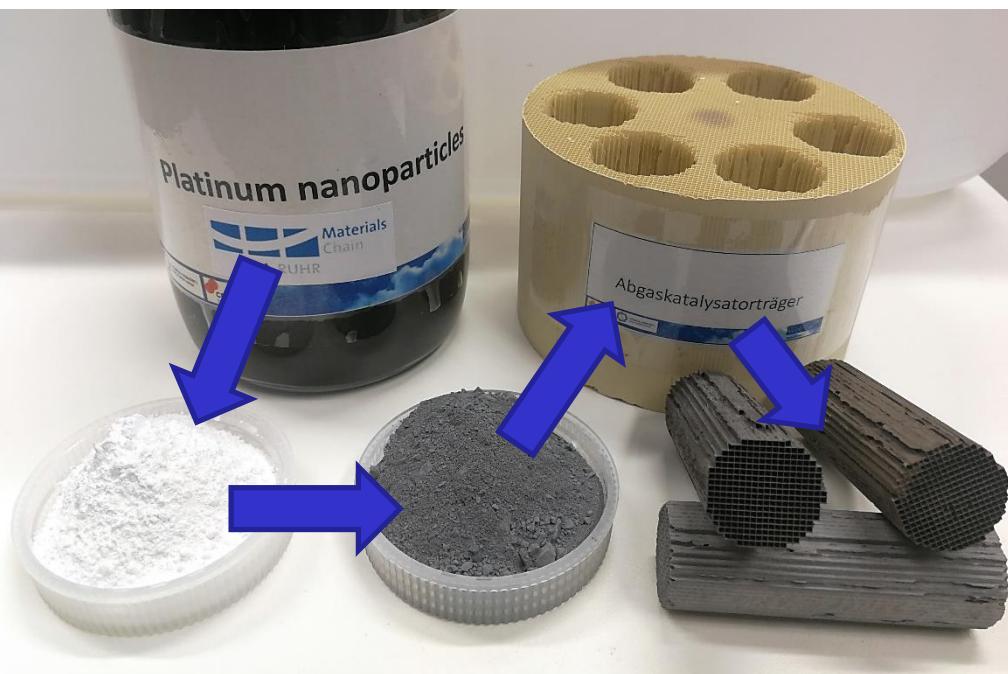


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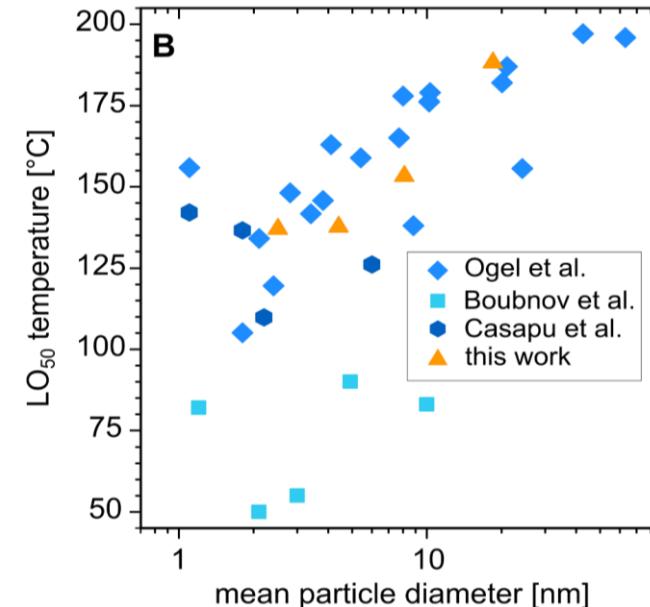
# Laser-generated benchmark catalysts: exhaust gas treatment



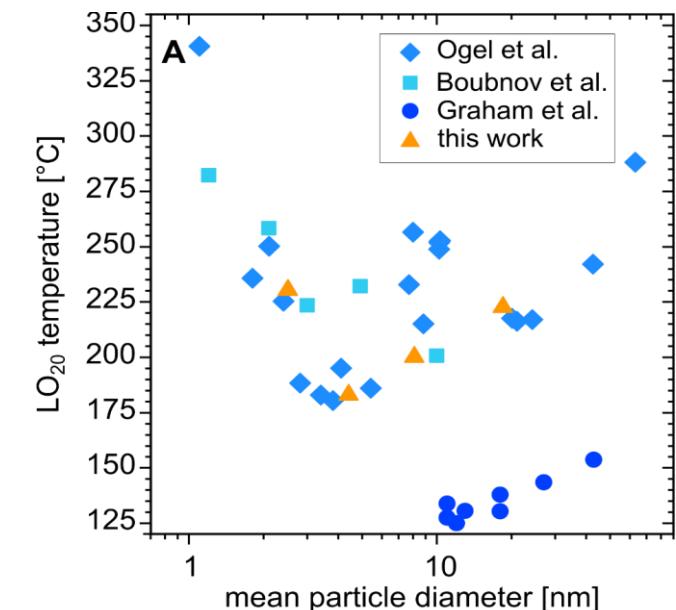
2 kg of catalyst



## CO conversion

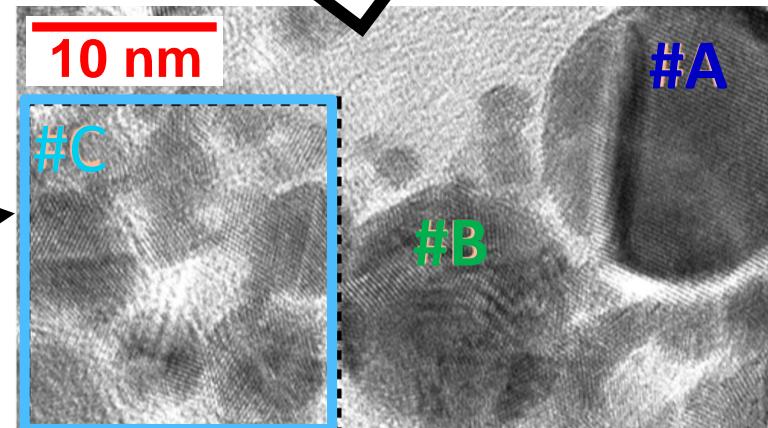
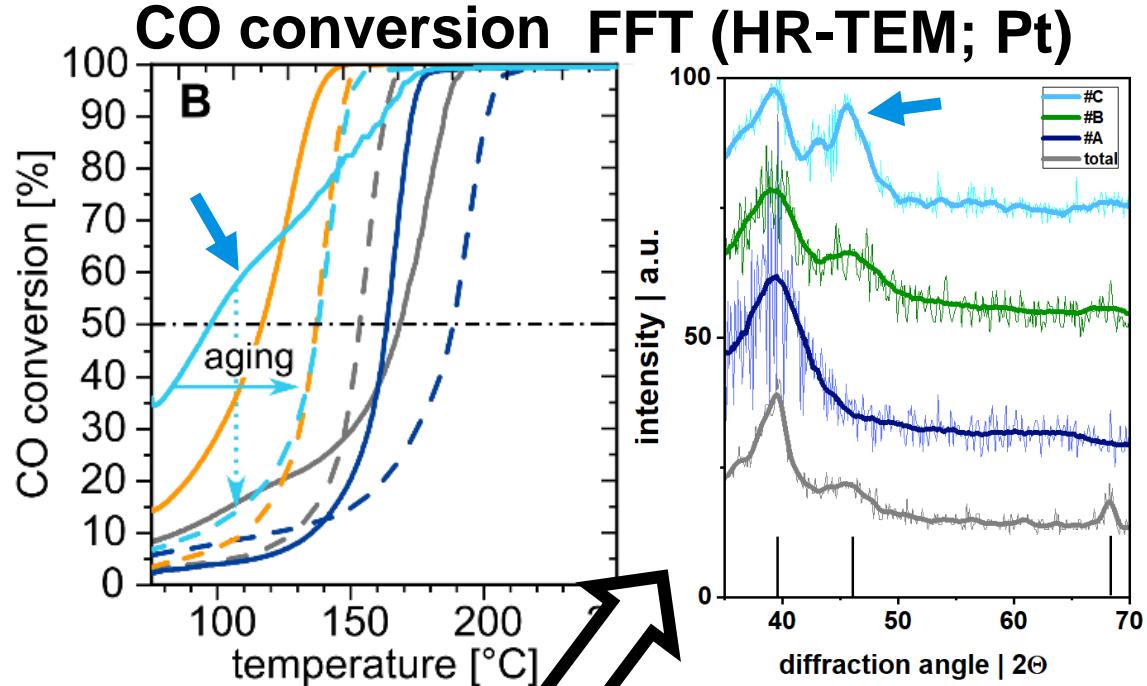
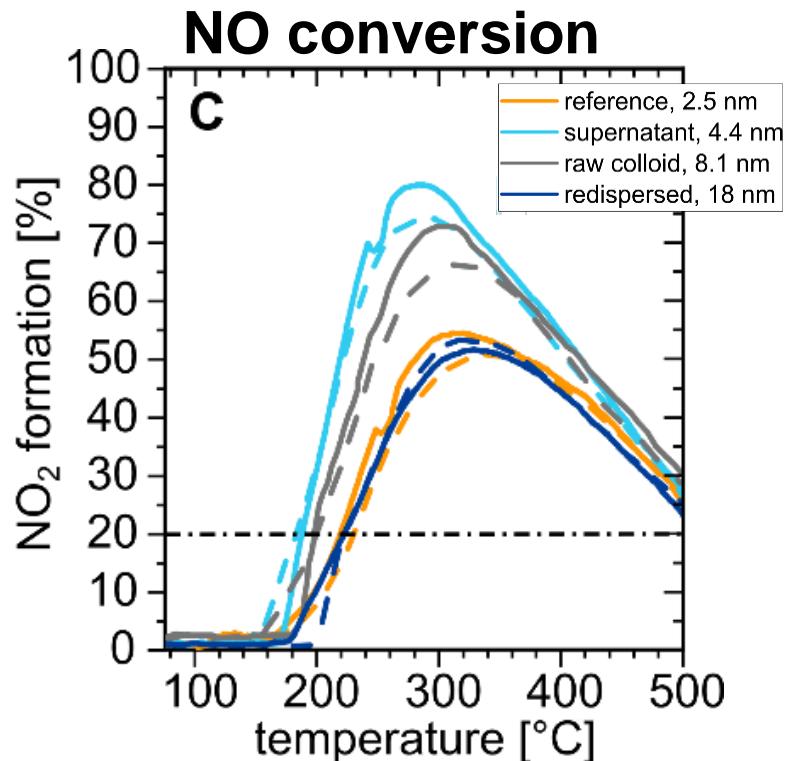


## NO conversion



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# Features of laser-generated catalysts



**NO: active and stable catalysts!**

**CO: dynamic active sites with low temp. activity** (higher order facets & defects for NP < 5 nm)

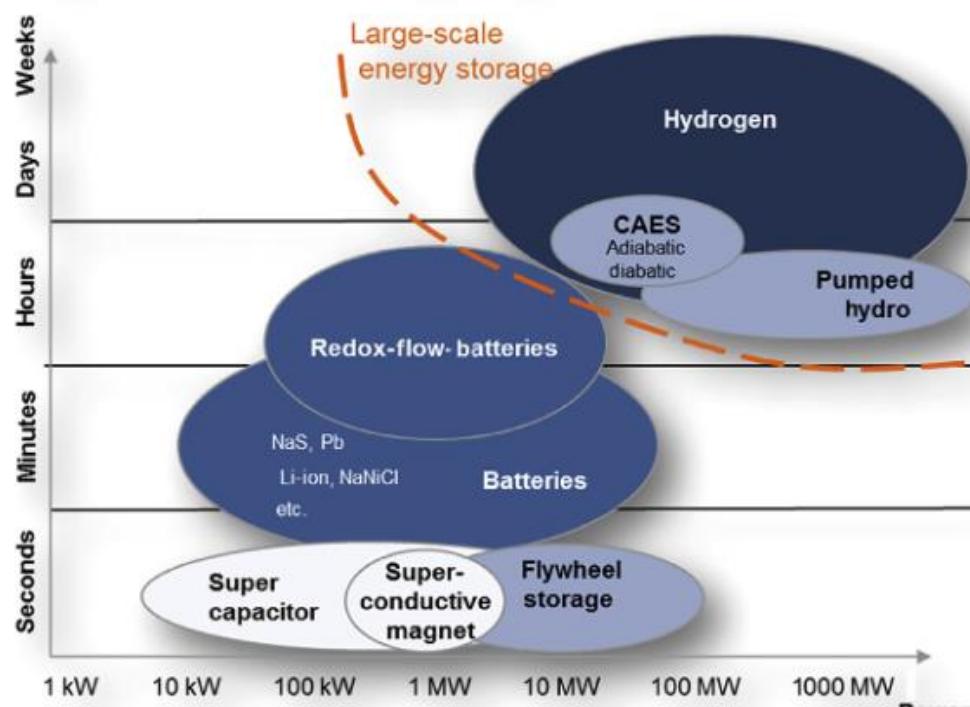
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# Nanoparticle design

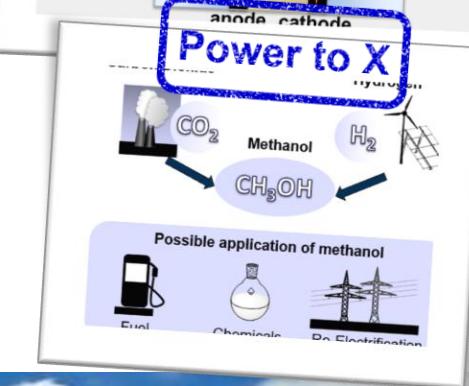
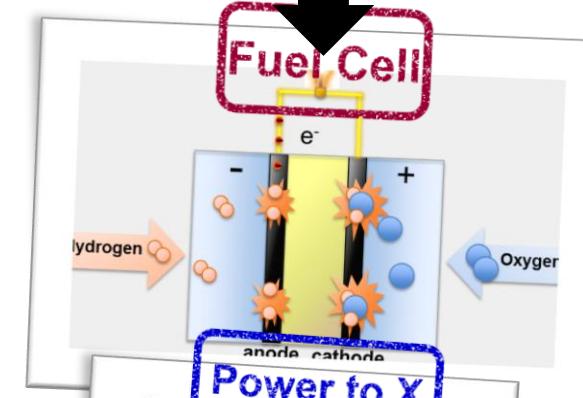
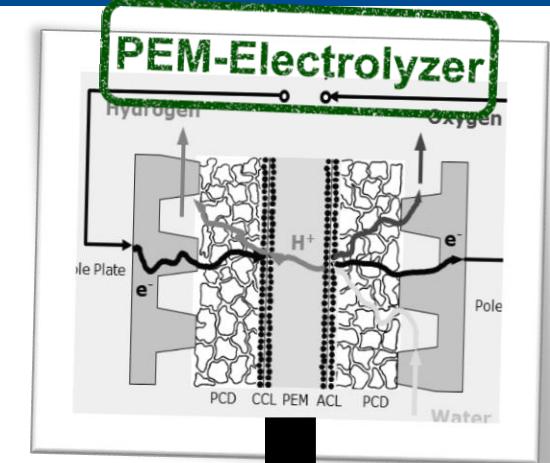


# The Noble Metal-Challenge of Hydrogen-based Technologies



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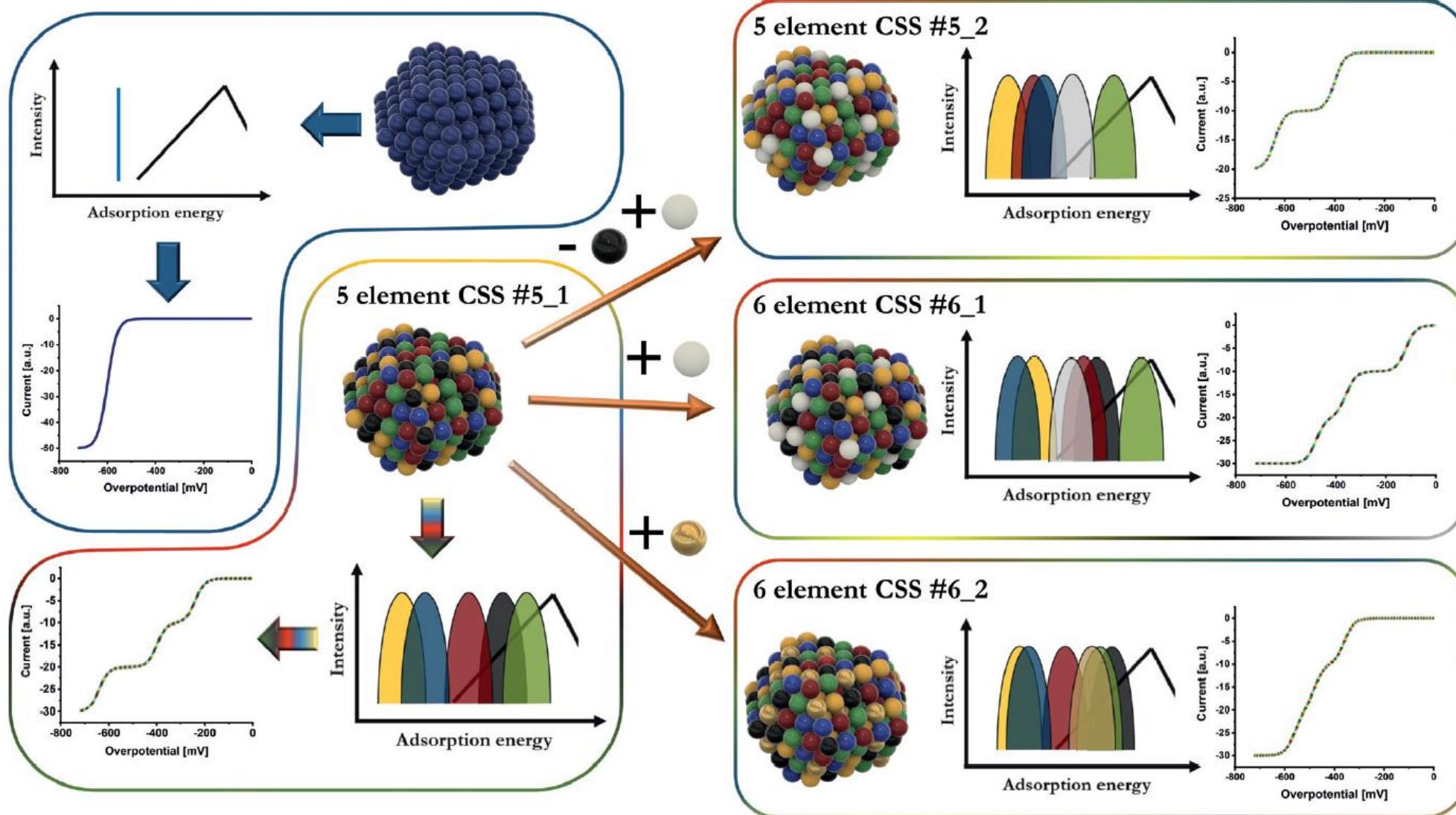
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## Challenge: Demand for expensive catalysts

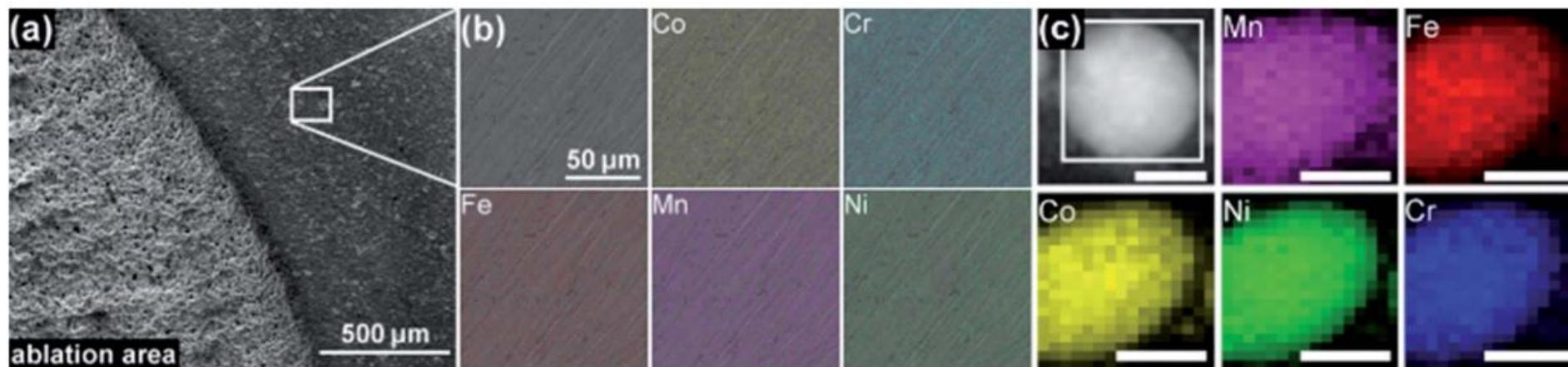
- Iridiumoxide (Oxygen evolution reaction)
- Platinum (Oxygen reduction reaction)

# Discovering New Active Sites for Noble Metal-free Electrocatalysts

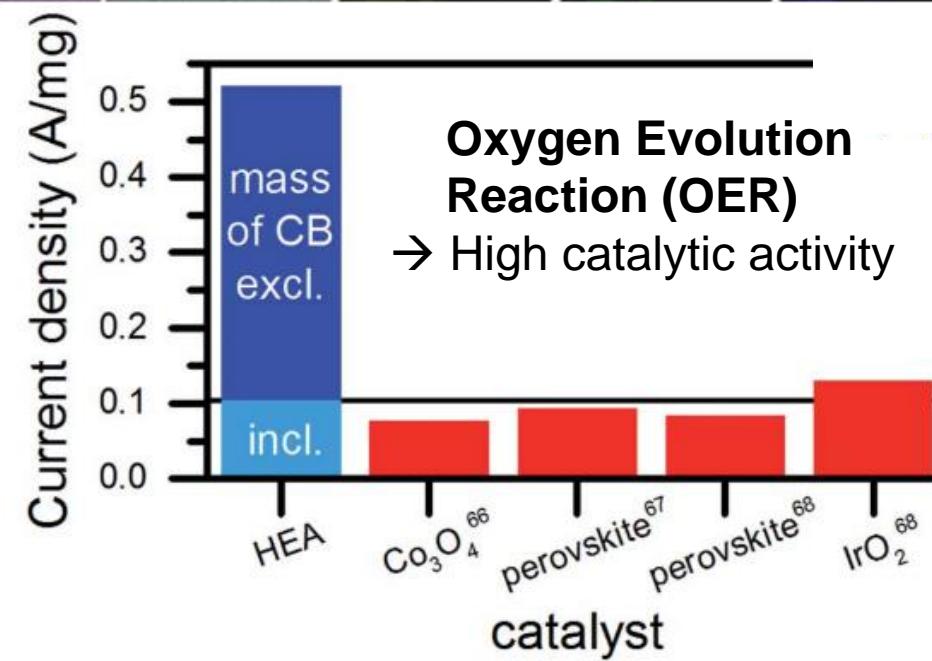
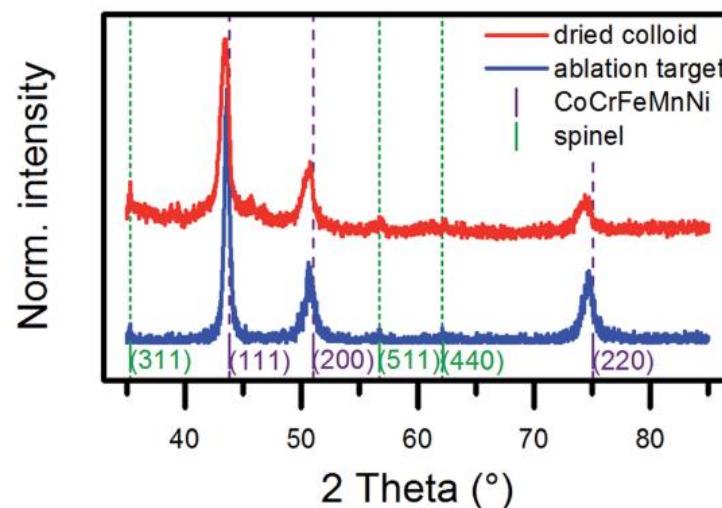


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# Laser-based Synthesis of Active HEA-based Electrocatalysts

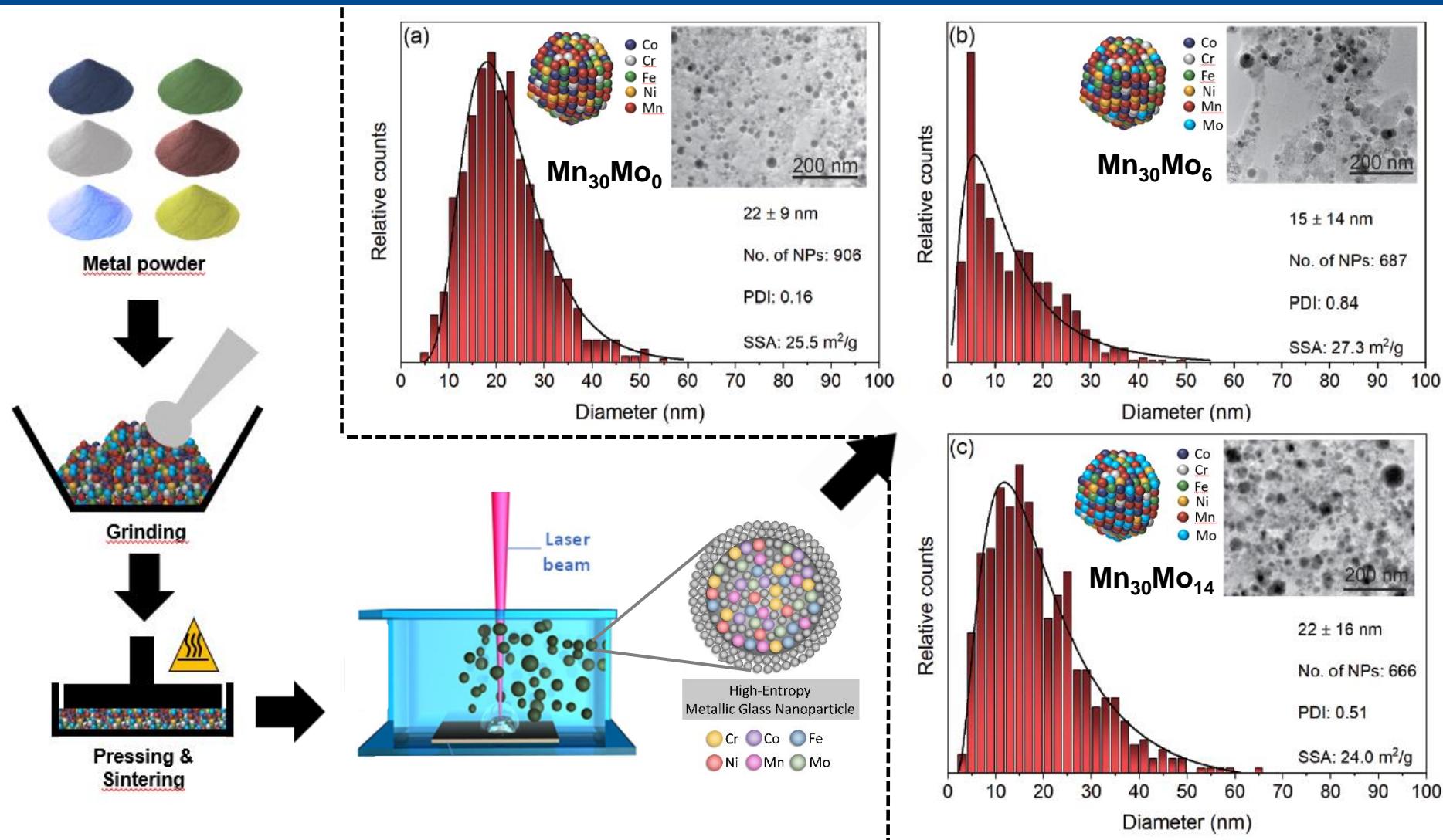


## Crystalline Alloy Nanoparticles



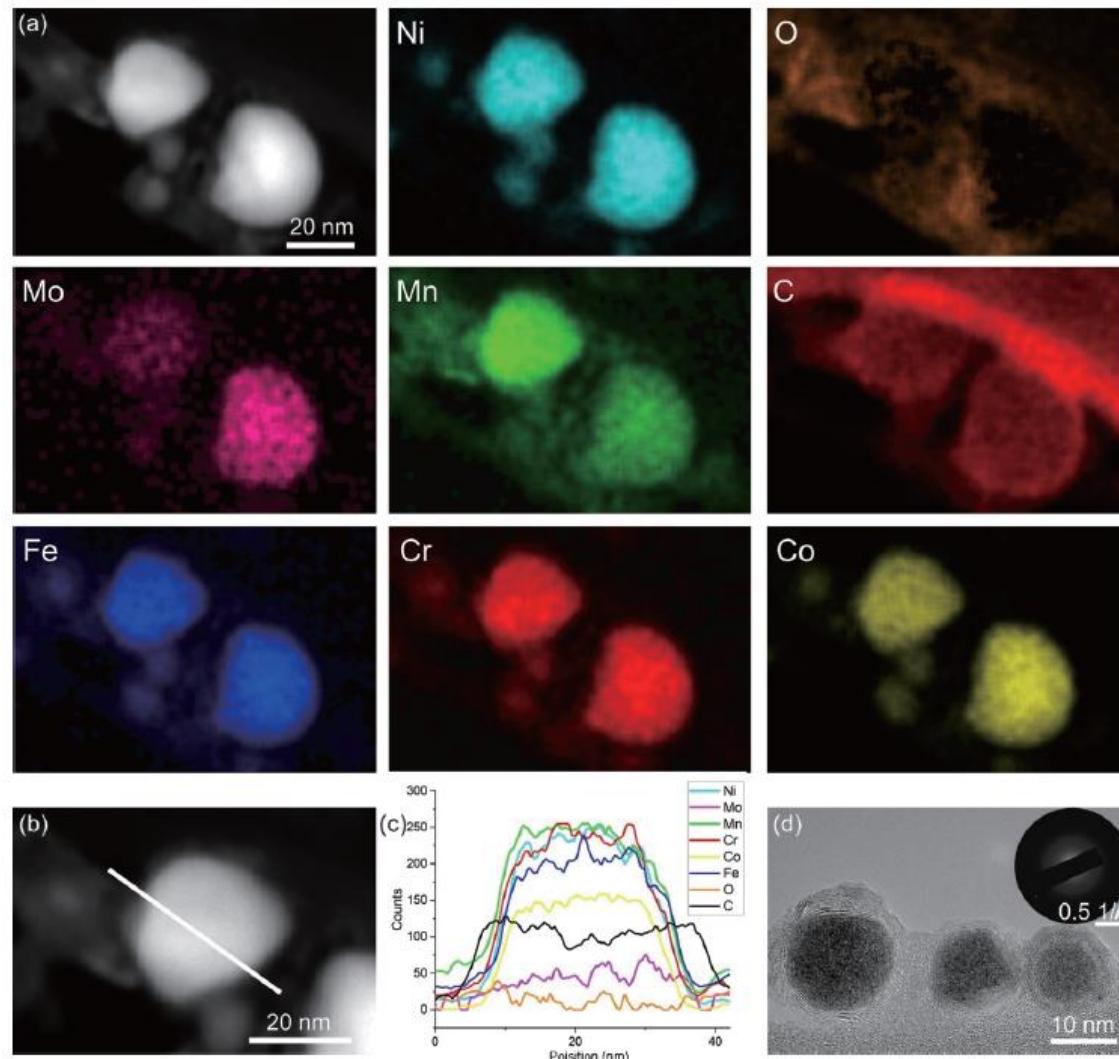
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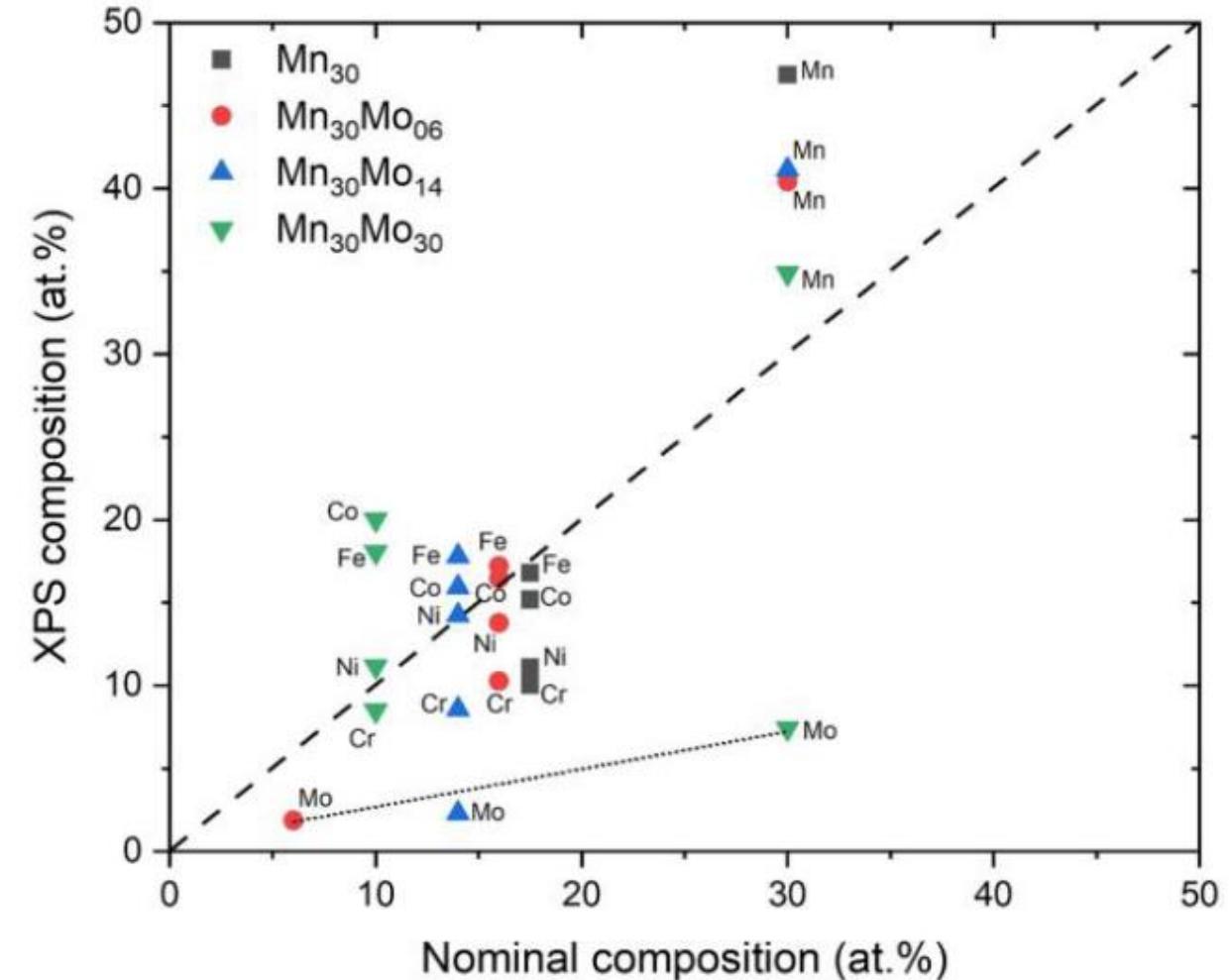
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Mn-enriched / Mo depleted surface

→ Linear increase of Mo content in the nanoparticle surface

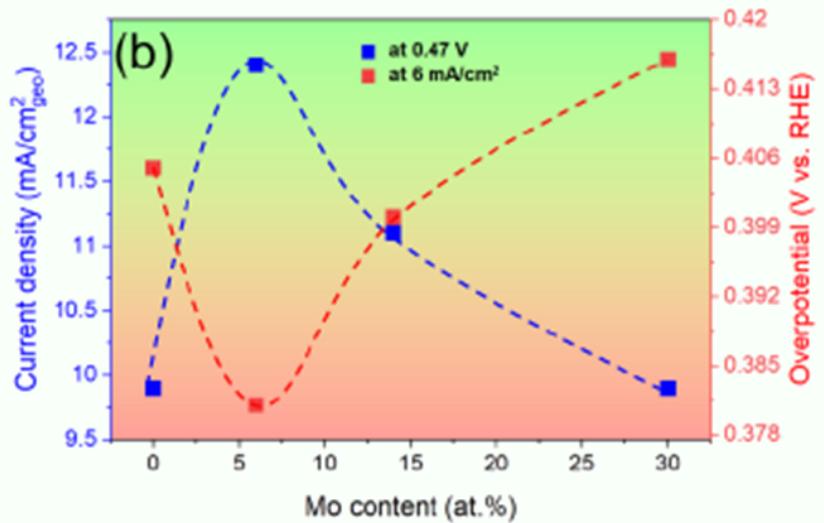
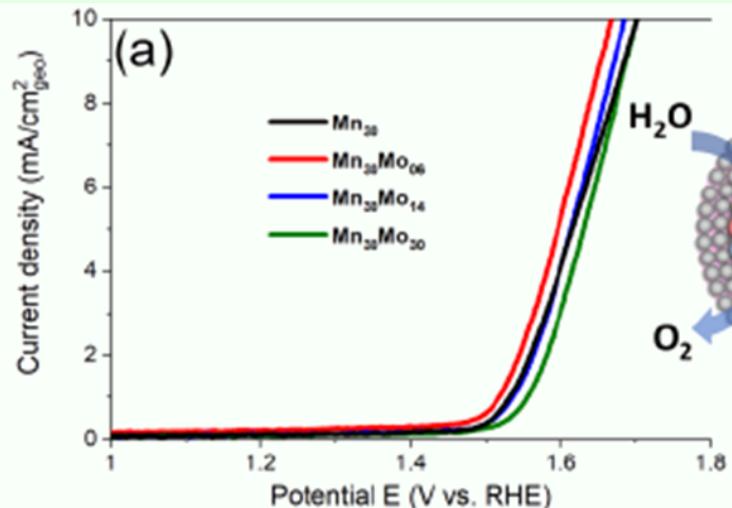


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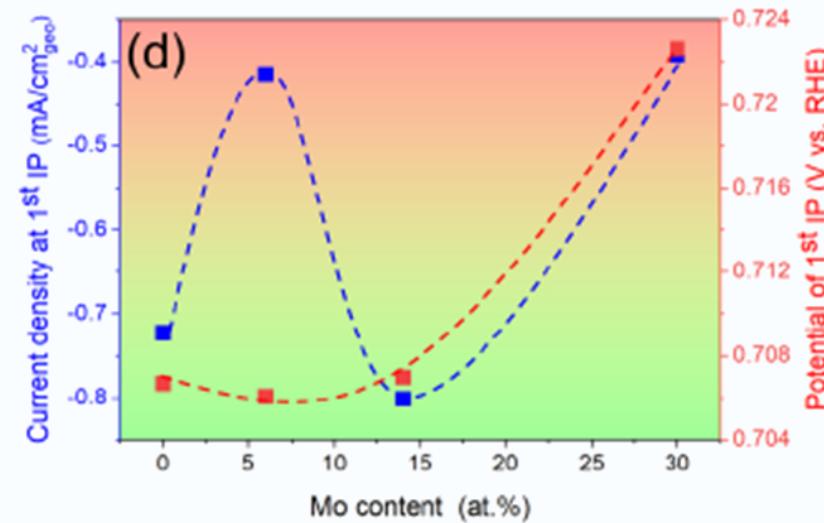
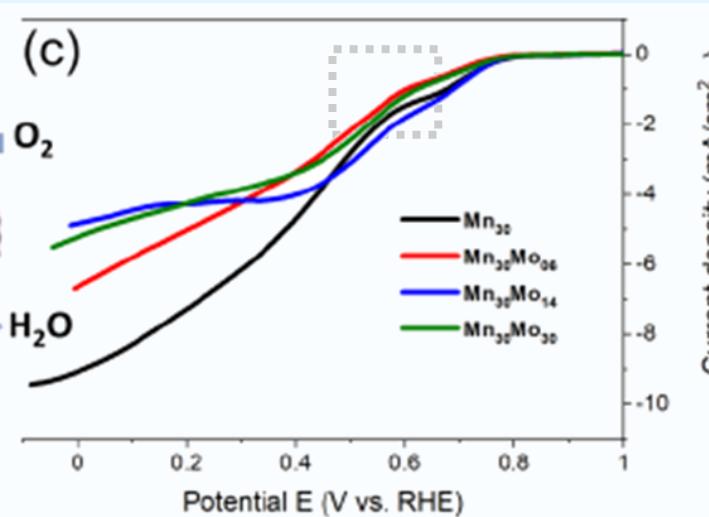
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Relevant for Fuel Cell

## Oxygen Evolution Reaction



## Oxygen Reduction Reaction

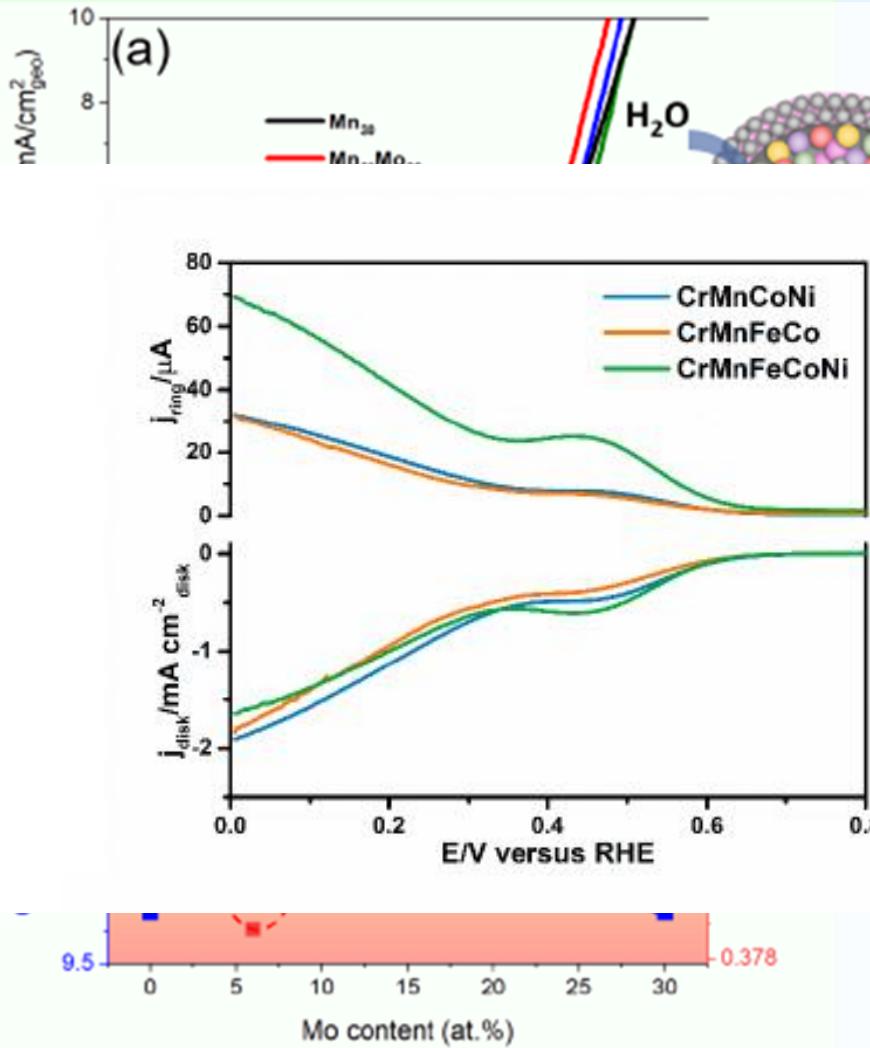


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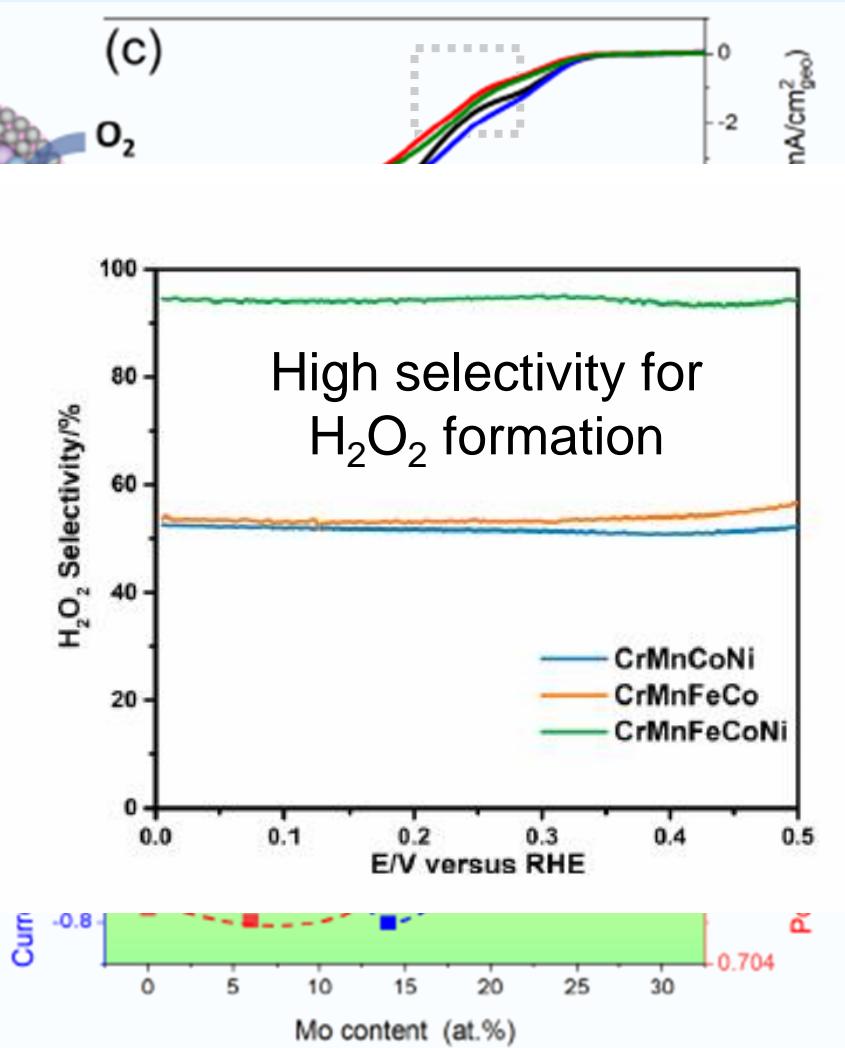
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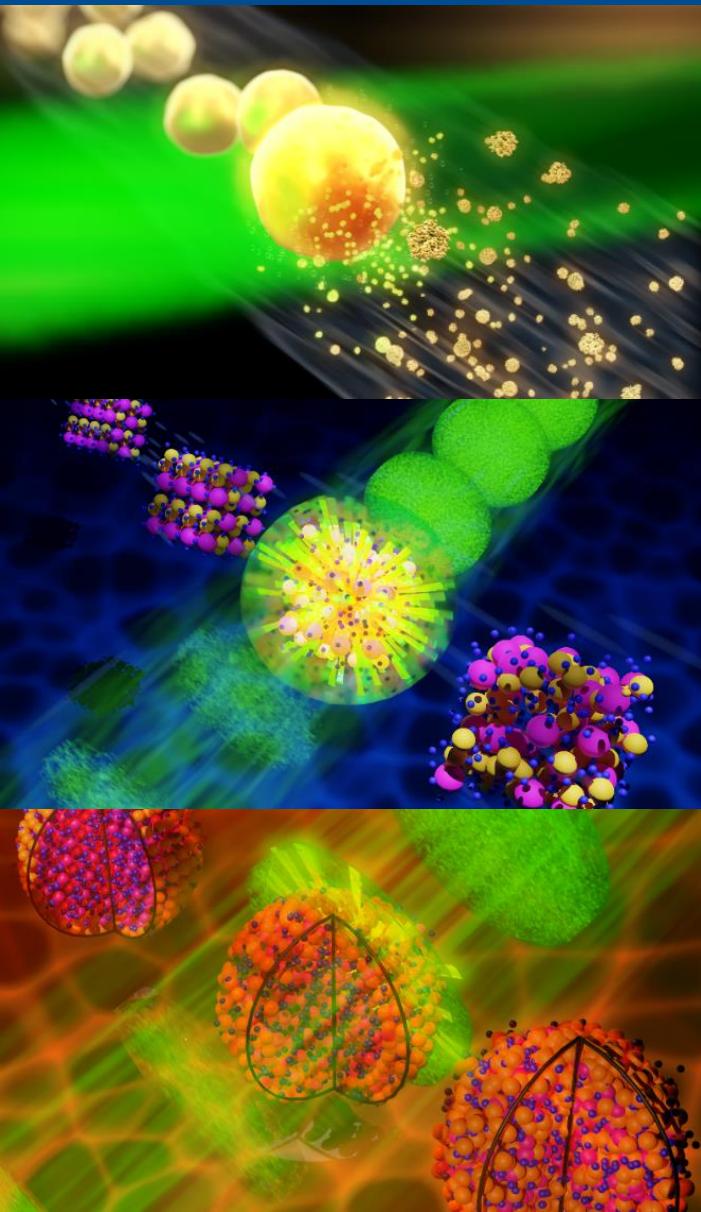
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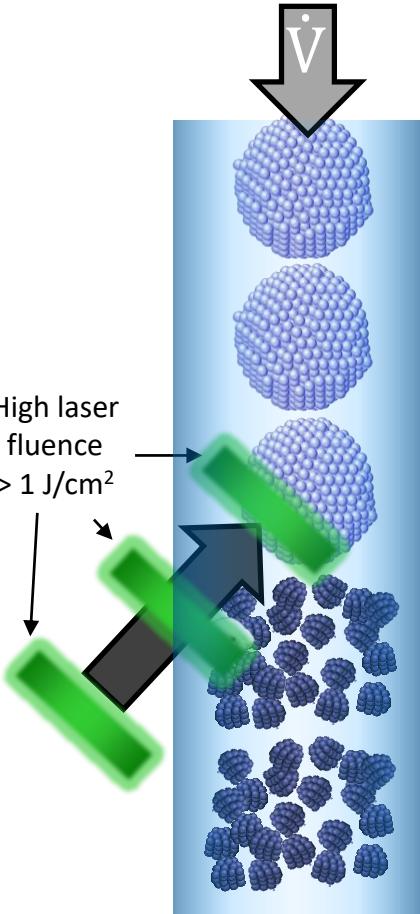
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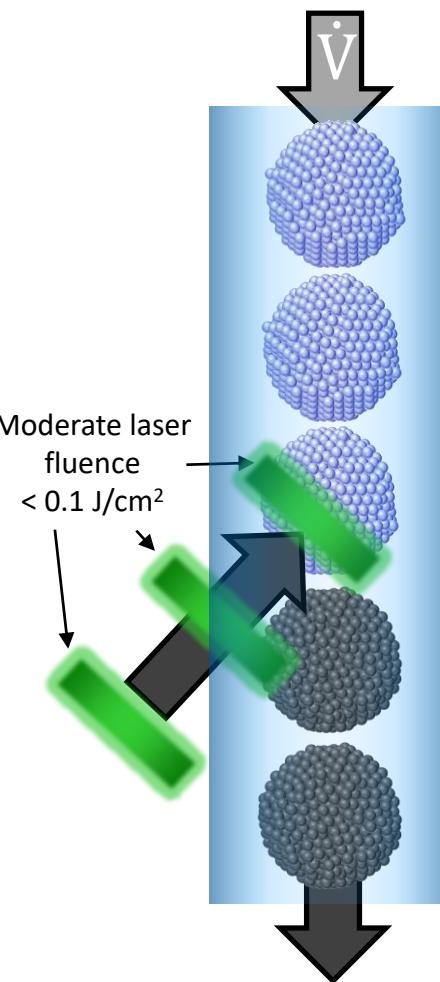
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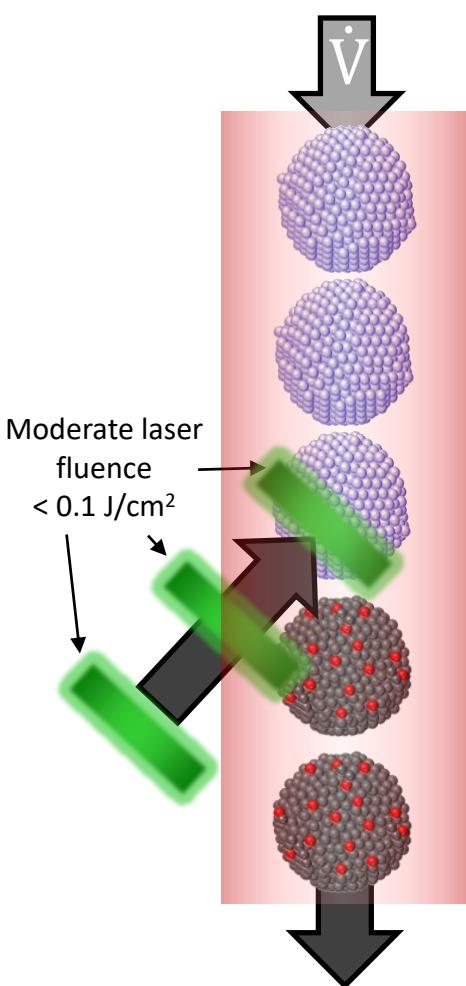
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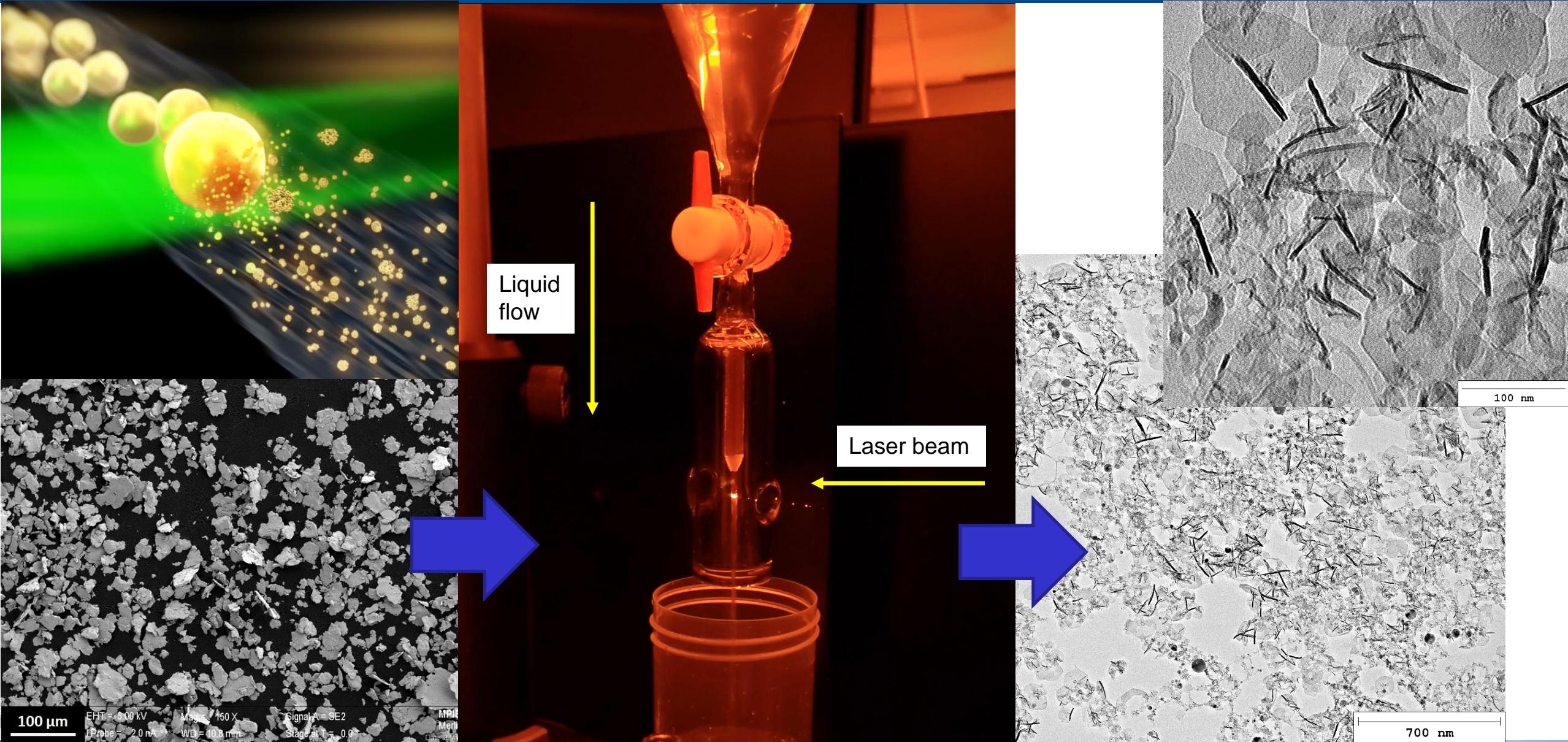
## Laser Defect Engineering



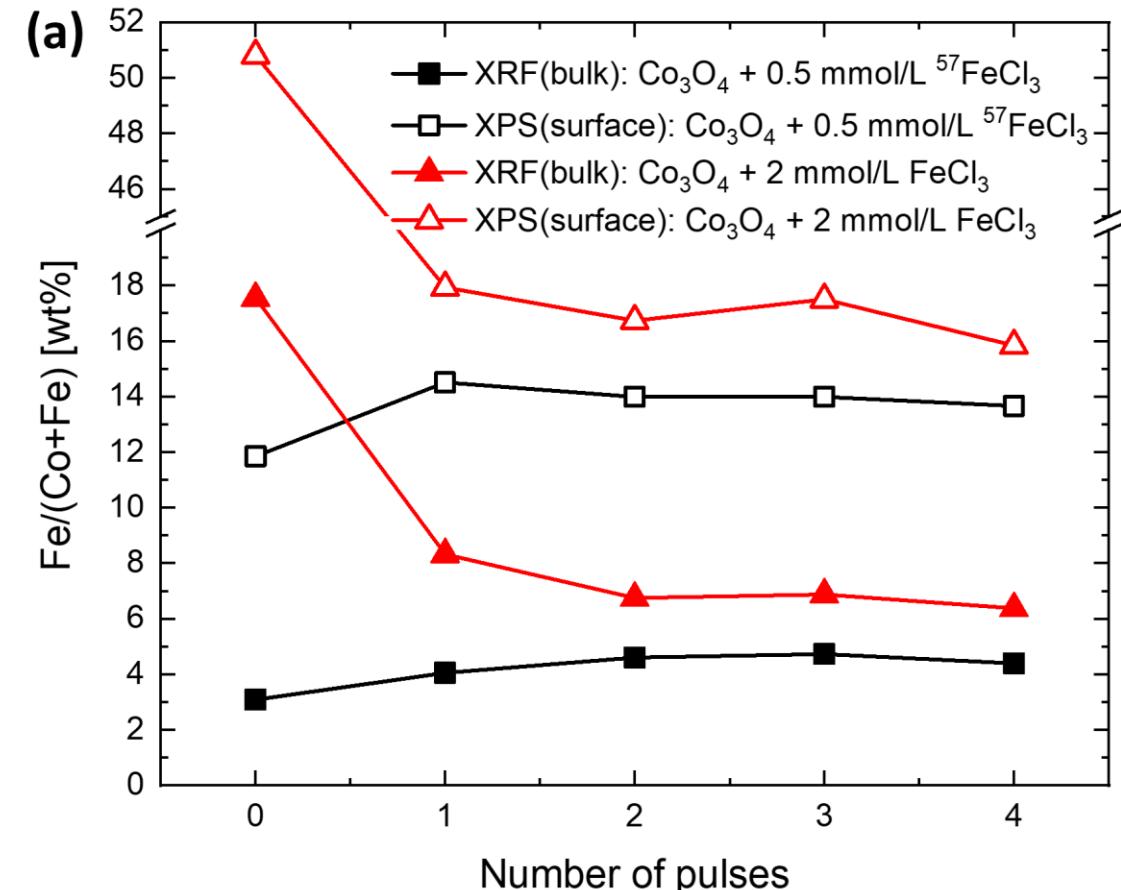
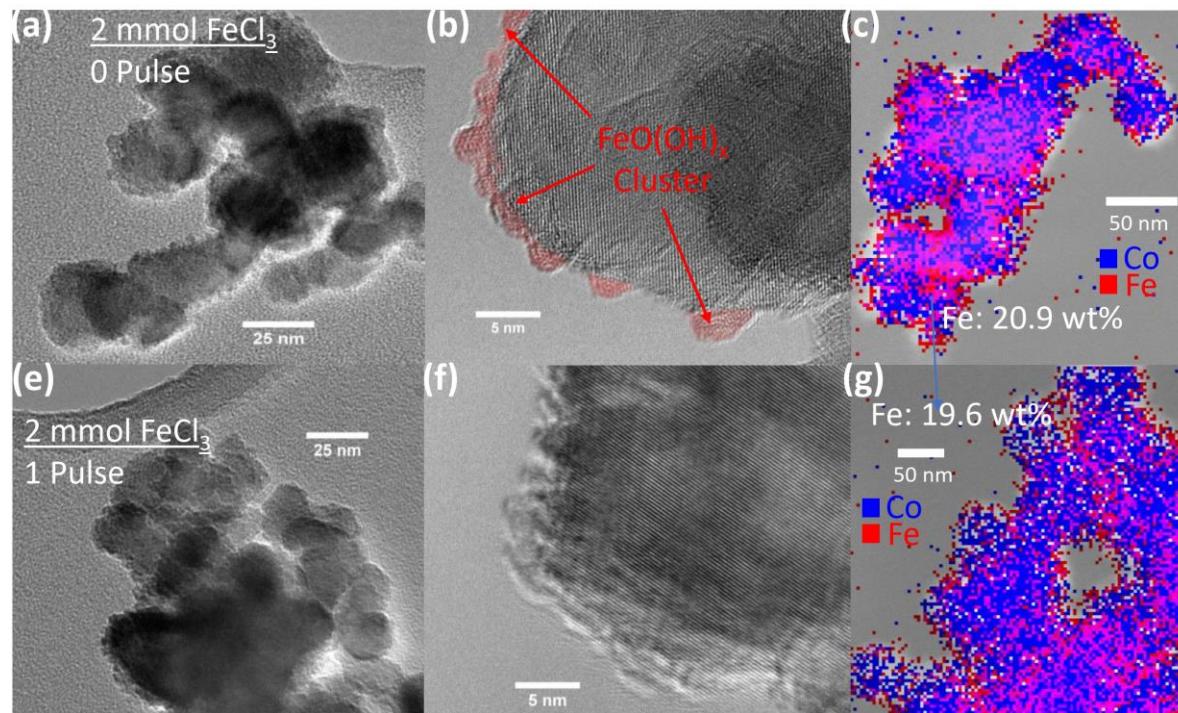
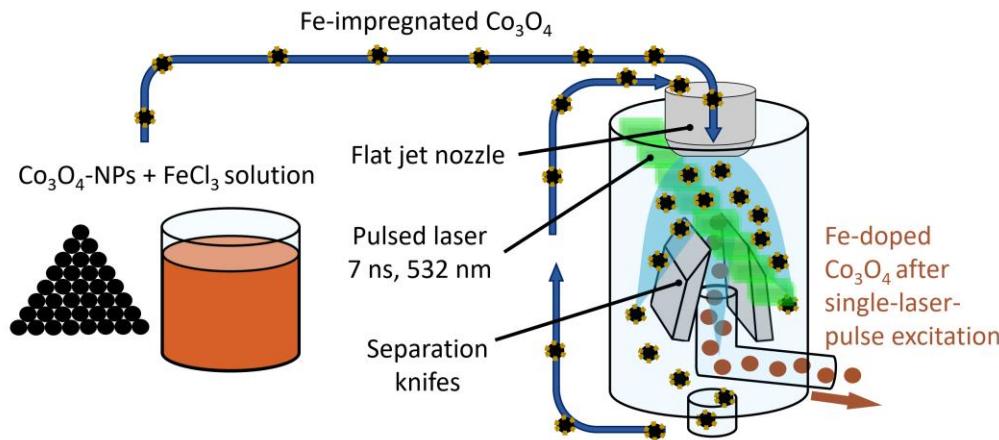
## Laser-induced Doping



# Laserfragmentation of Microparticles (here: CoFeMnNiGa)



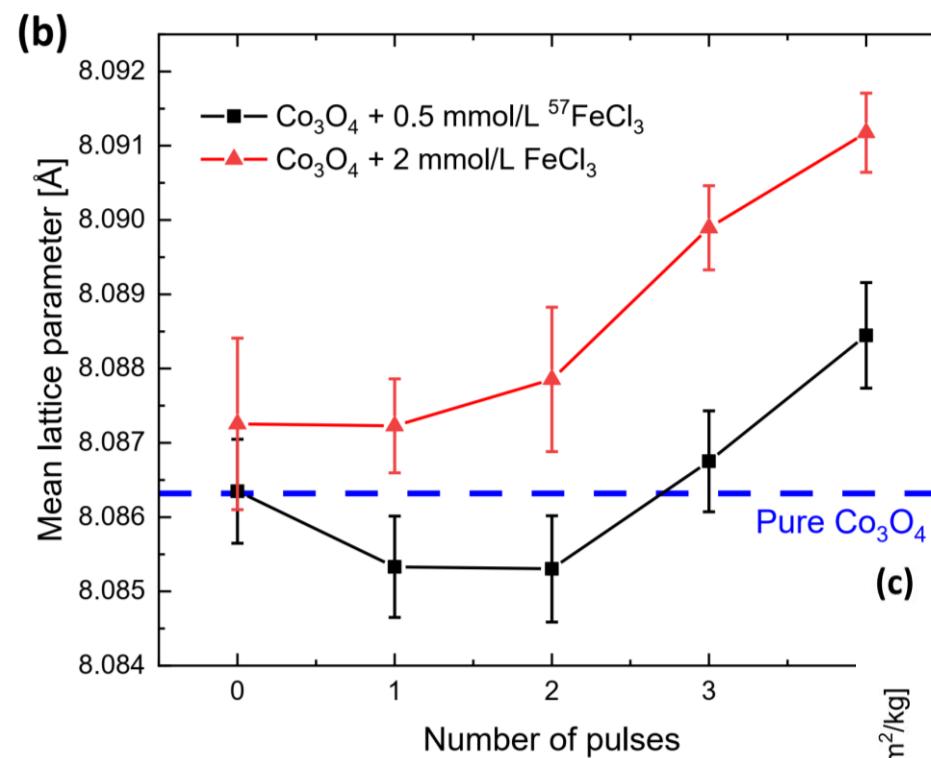
# Cation doping by thermal cation diffusion initiated by repeated application of single laser pulses



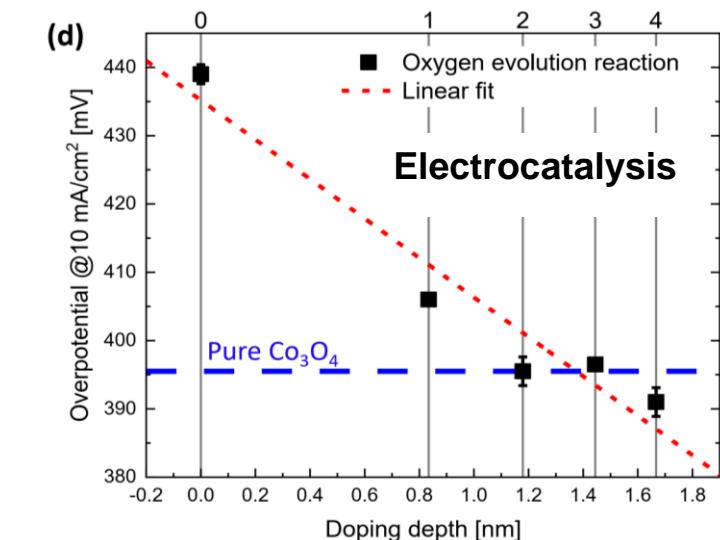
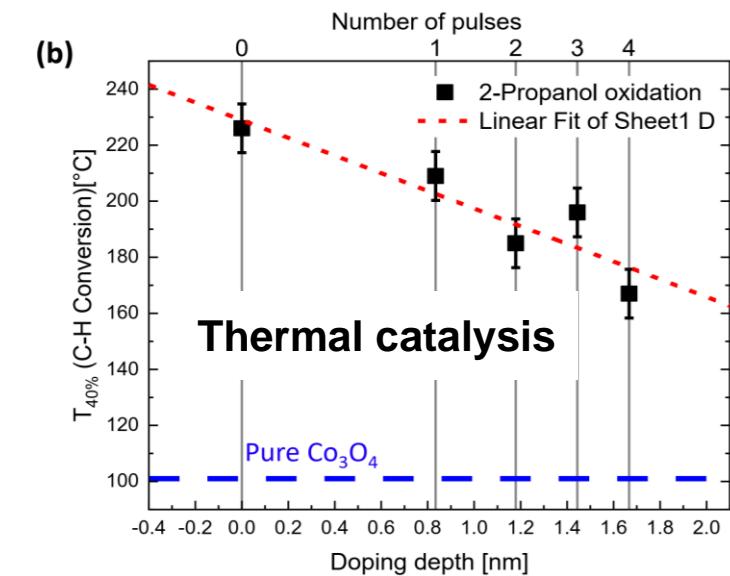
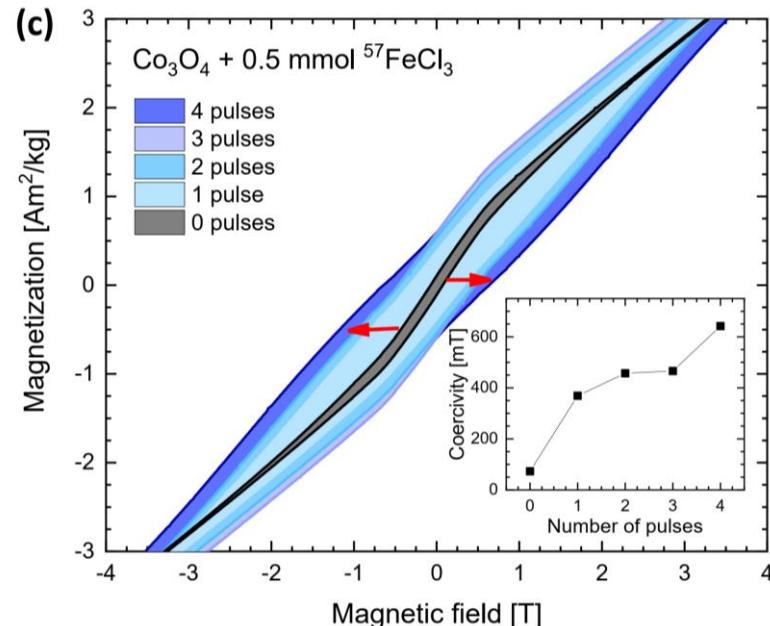
- Adsorption of iron precursor
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# Gradual modification of physical and catalytic properties by laser doping



Doping of uncompensated  
Fe<sup>57</sup> magnetic moments  
into antiferromagnetic  
Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> spinel

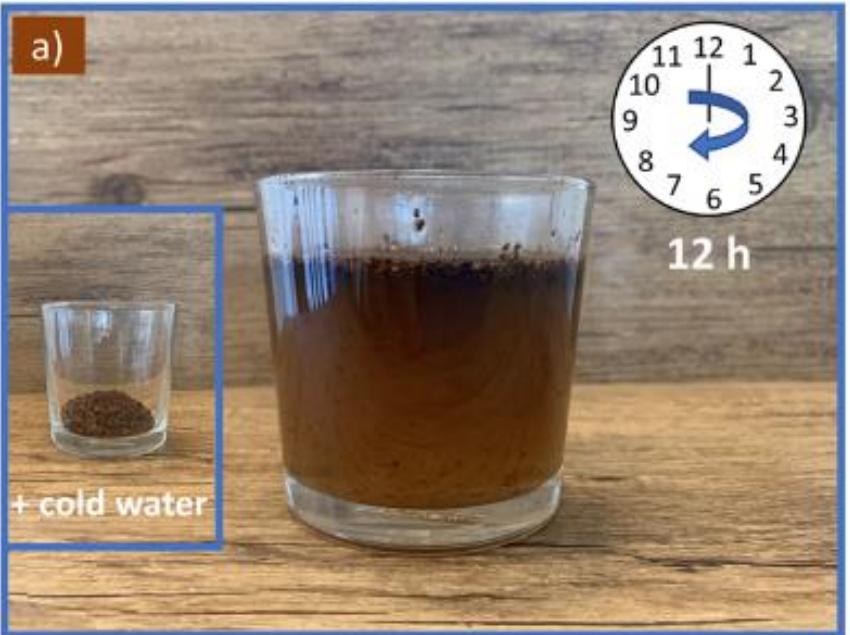


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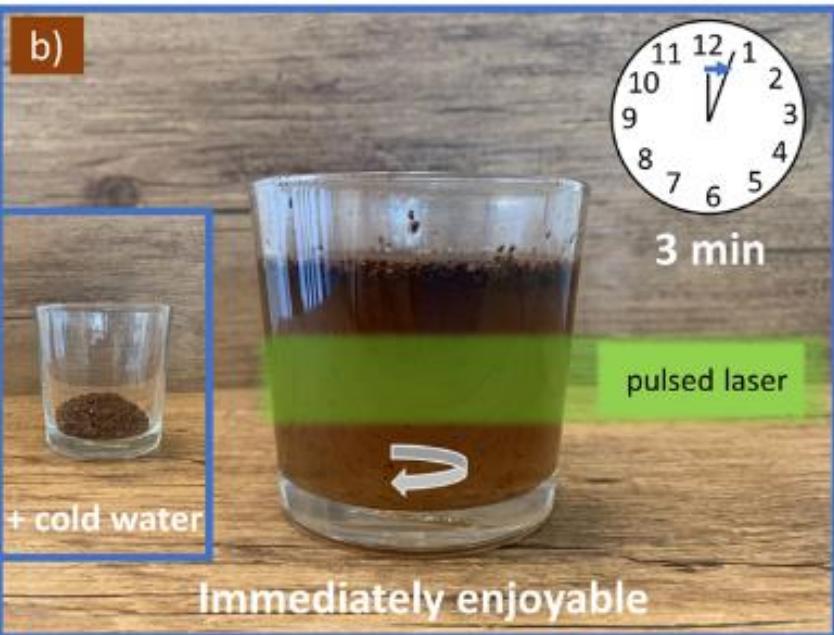
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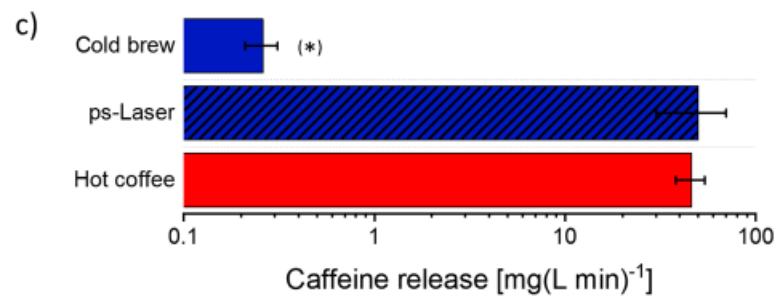
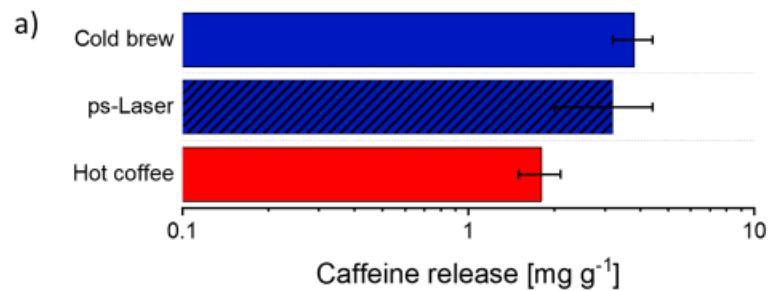
## Cold-brewed coffee



## ps-Laser



## Hot-brewed coffee

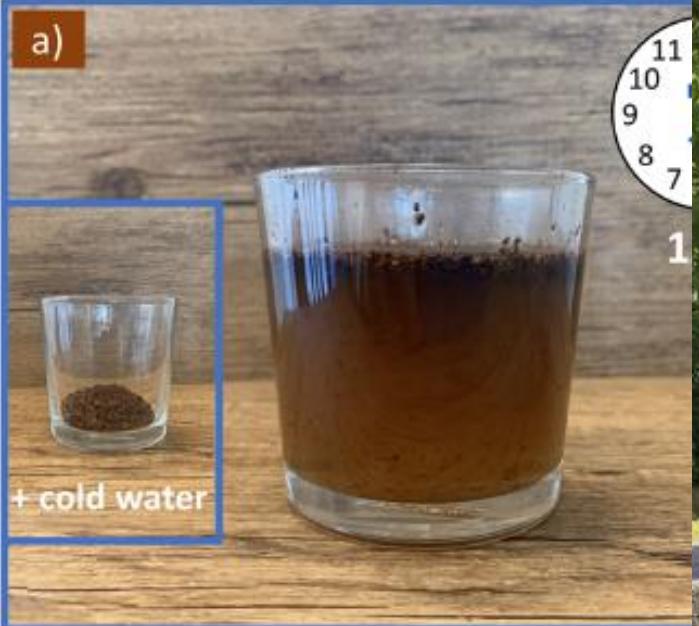


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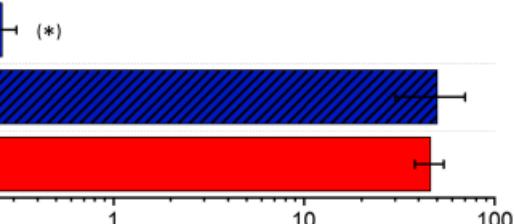
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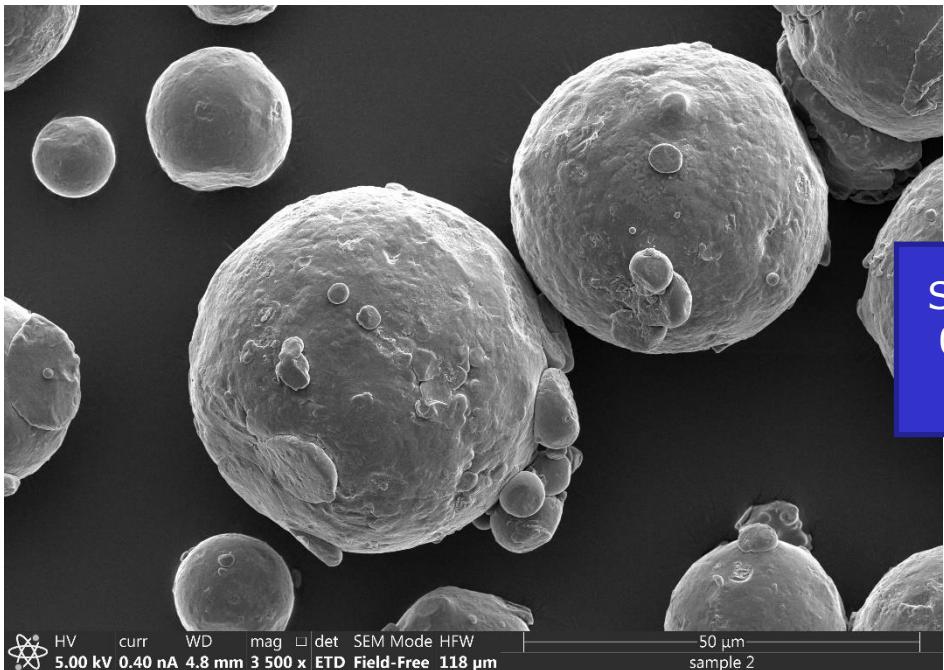
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# XRF measurement of nanoparticle supported metallic powders

Fe<sub>80</sub>Cr<sub>20</sub> micropowder



Surface support by  
0.8wt% ZrOx NPs  
(<100nm)

0.8wt%ZrOx on  
Fe<sub>80</sub>Cr<sub>20</sub> powder



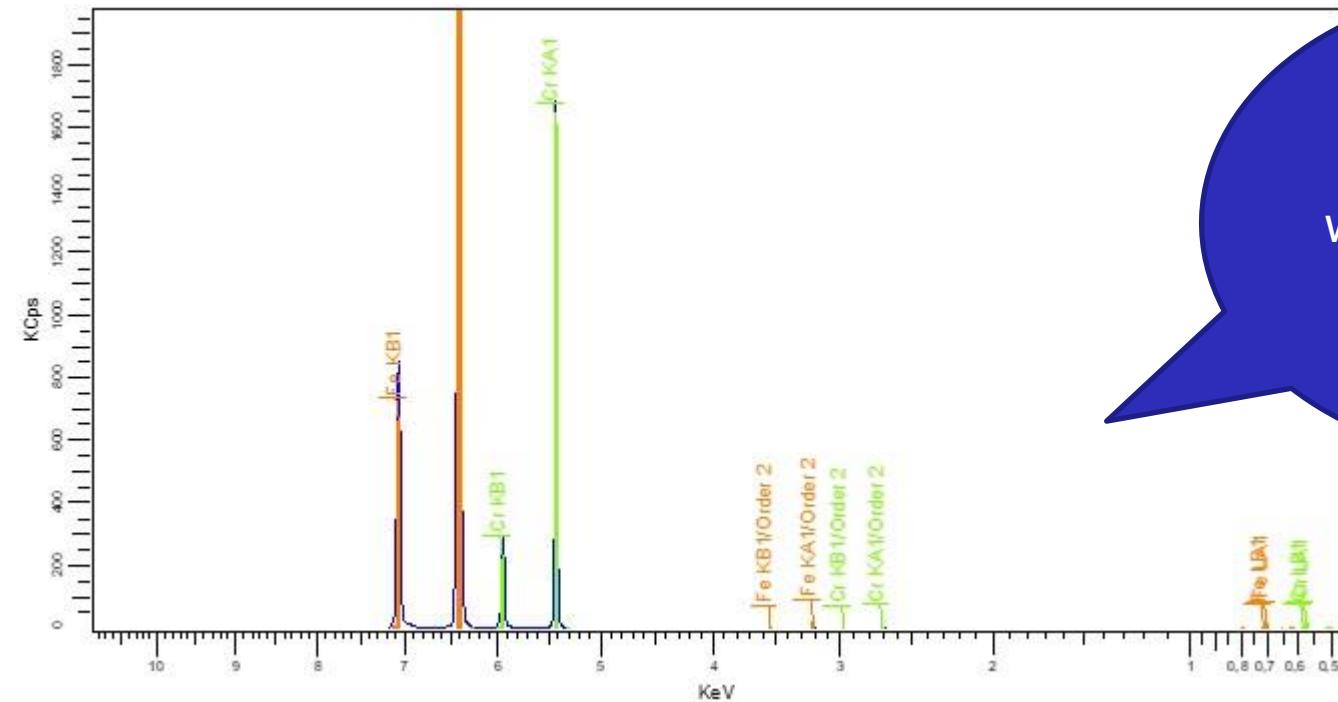
# XRF measurement of nanoparticle supported metallic powders



ZrOx on  
Fe<sub>80</sub>Cr<sub>20</sub> powder



# Direct powder measurement of Fe<sub>80</sub>Cr<sub>20</sub> powder(QuantExpress)



How to decide which status (XRF1-3) and which line to use if the material composition is unknown?

The first outcome of the software



Formula	Concentration	Status	Line 1
Cr	90,20%	XRF 2	Cr KB1-HR-Tr
Fe	9,68%	XRF 3	Fe LA1-HR-Tr
Si	605 PPM	XRF 1	Si KA1-HR-Tr
Ni	524 PPM	XRF 1	Ni KA1-HR-Tr
Cu	287 PPM	XRF 1	Cu KA1-HR-Tr

Calculates Cr with KB lines and Fe with LA lines

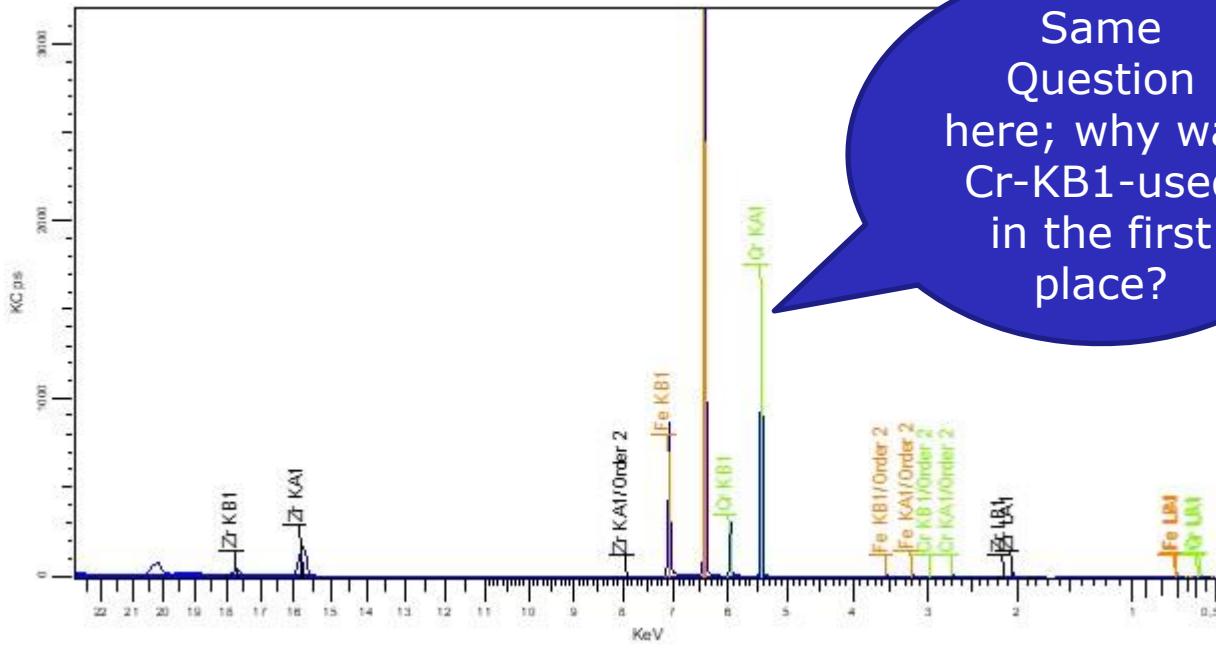
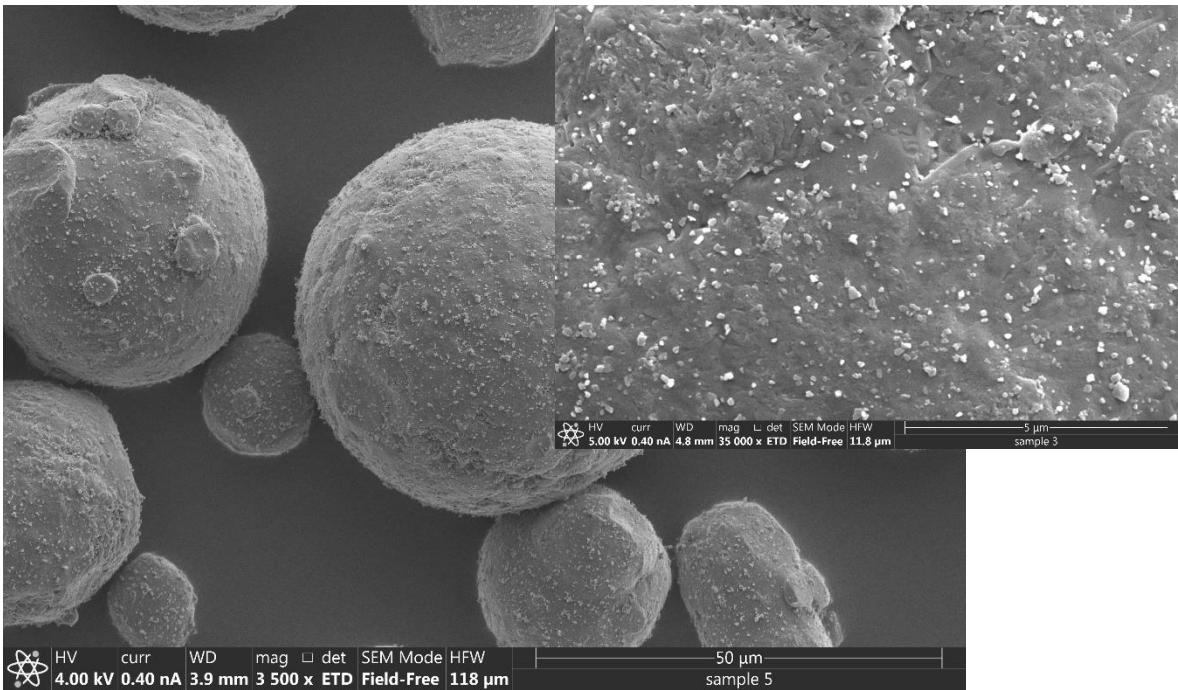
We know that Fe<sub>80</sub>Cr<sub>20</sub> composition is around 80wt% Fe and 20wt% Cr



Formula	Concentration	Status	Line 1
Fe	78,70%	XRF 1	Fe KA1-HR-Tr
Cr	21,20%	XRF 1	Cr KA1-HR-Tr
Si	244 PPM	XRF 1	Si KA1-HR-Tr
Ni	198 PPM	XRF 1	Ni KA1-HR-Tr
Cu	113 PPM	XRF 1	Cu KA1-HR-Tr

Cr and Fe recalculated with KA lines

# Direct powder measurement of 0.8 wt% ZrO<sub>x</sub>-Fe<sub>80</sub>Cr<sub>20</sub> powder(QuantExpress)



The first outcome of the software



Formula	Concentration	Status	Line 1
Cr	91,40%	XRF 2	Cr KB1-HR-Tr
Fe	6,11%	XRF 3	Fe LA1-HR-Tr
Zr	2,01%	XRF 1	Zr KA1-HR-Tr
Si	0,29%	XRF 1	Si KA1-HR-Tr
Ni	573 PPM	XRF 1	Ni KA1-HR-Tr
Cu	359 PPM	XRF 1	Cu KA1-HR-Tr
Hf	117 PPM	XRF 1	Hf LA1-HR-Tr

Calculates Cr with KB lines and Fe with LA lines

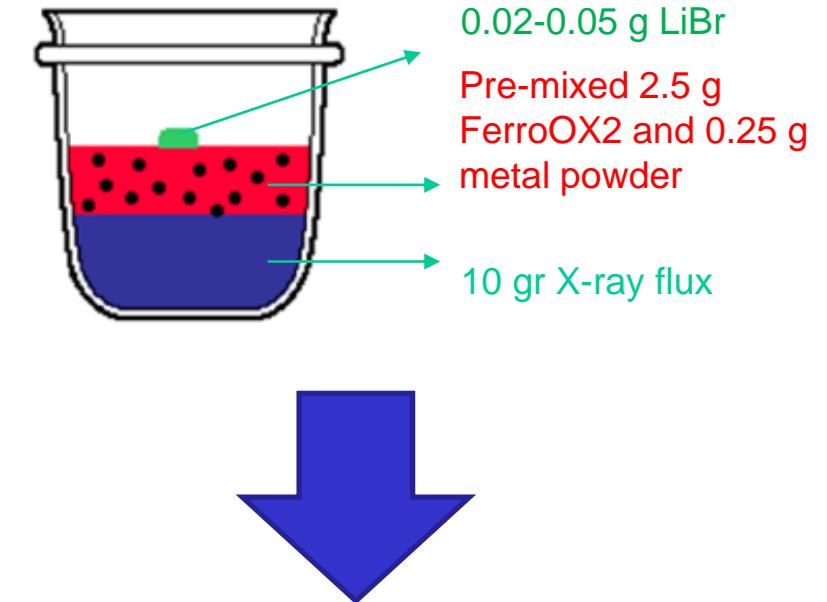
Recalculation with K-Alpha lines of Cr and Fe

Formula	Concentration	Status	Line 1
Fe	78,10%	XRF 1	Fe KA1-HR-Tr
Cr	20,80%	XRF 1	Cr KA1-HR-Tr
Zr	0,79%	XRF 1	Zr KA1-HR-Tr
Si	0,12%	XRF 1	Si KA1-HR-Tr
Hf	496 PPM	XRF 1	Hf LA1-HR-Tr
Ni	221 PPM	XRF 1	Ni KA1-HR-Tr
Cu	144 PPM	XRF 1	Cu KA1-HR-Tr

Cr and Fe recalculated with KA lines



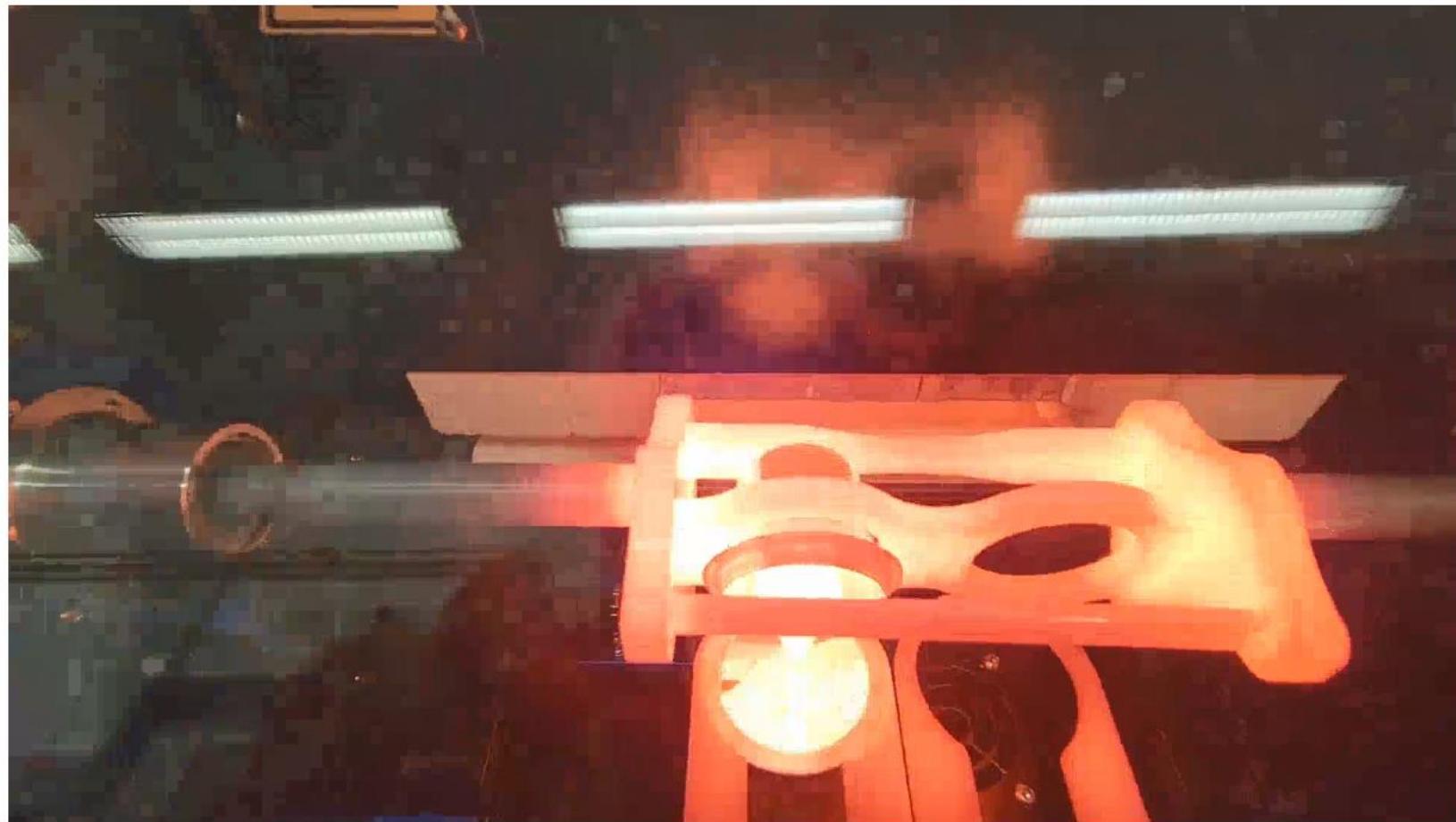
# Sample preparation for Glass bead measurements



Fuser unit to produce glass beads

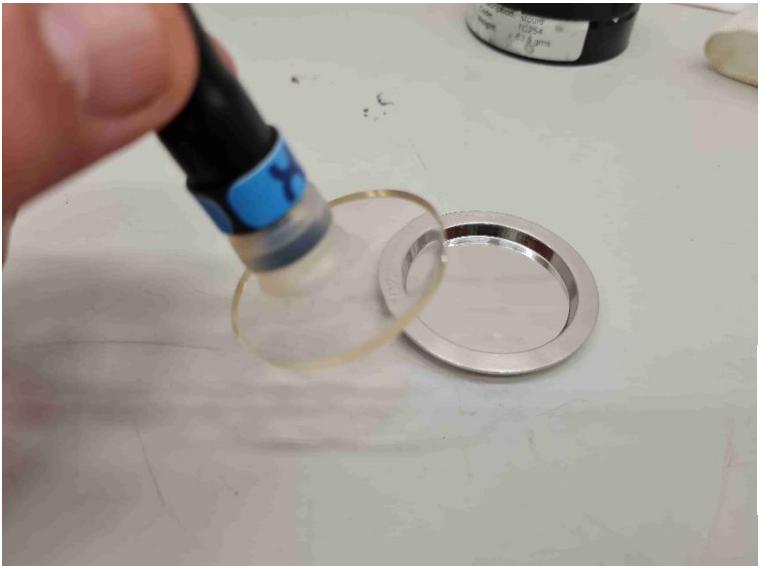
# Glass bead production

SELECTED PROGRAM	
FeOx-powder	
CHAMBER PV	1,122°C
OVER TEMP PV	1,135°C
TEMPERATURE SP	1,185°C
PREHEAT TIME	45m 00s
MELT TIME	04m 00s
SHAKE TIME	08m 00s
AI INJECTION TIME	00m 00s
STAND TIME	00m 10s
STAGE 1 COOLING TIME	02m 00s
STAGE 2 COOLING TIME	06m 00s
SHAKE ANGLE	40°
SHAKE SPEED %	90



Preheating to oxidize metal powder, melting stage, shake procedure, and moulding glass bead

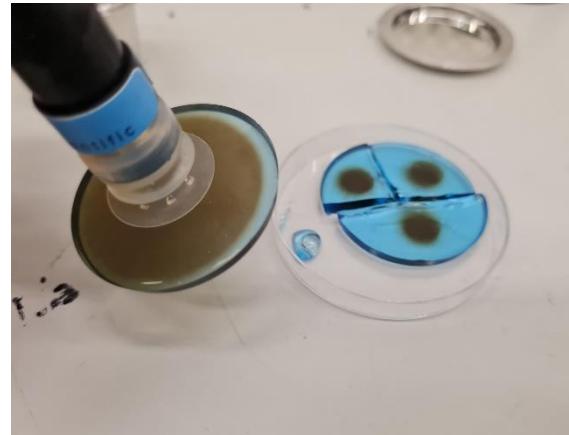
# Glass bead handling and measurement



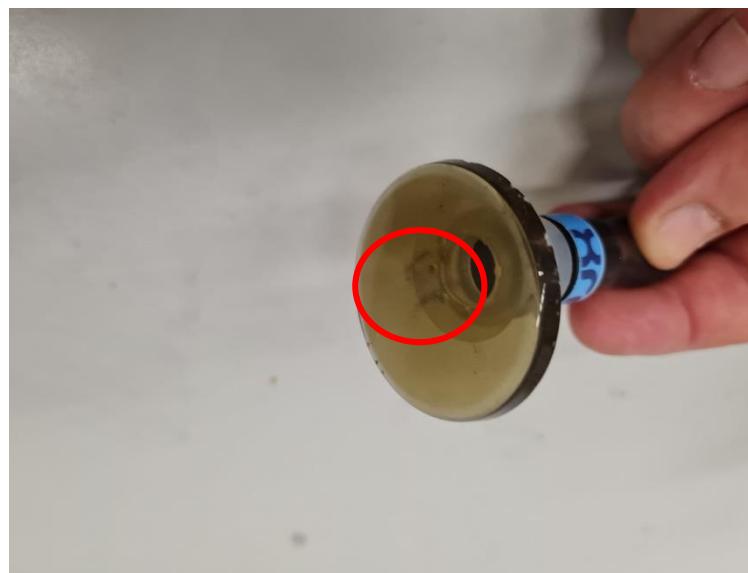
Do not touch  
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of the glass  
bead and place  
to XRF sample  
holder



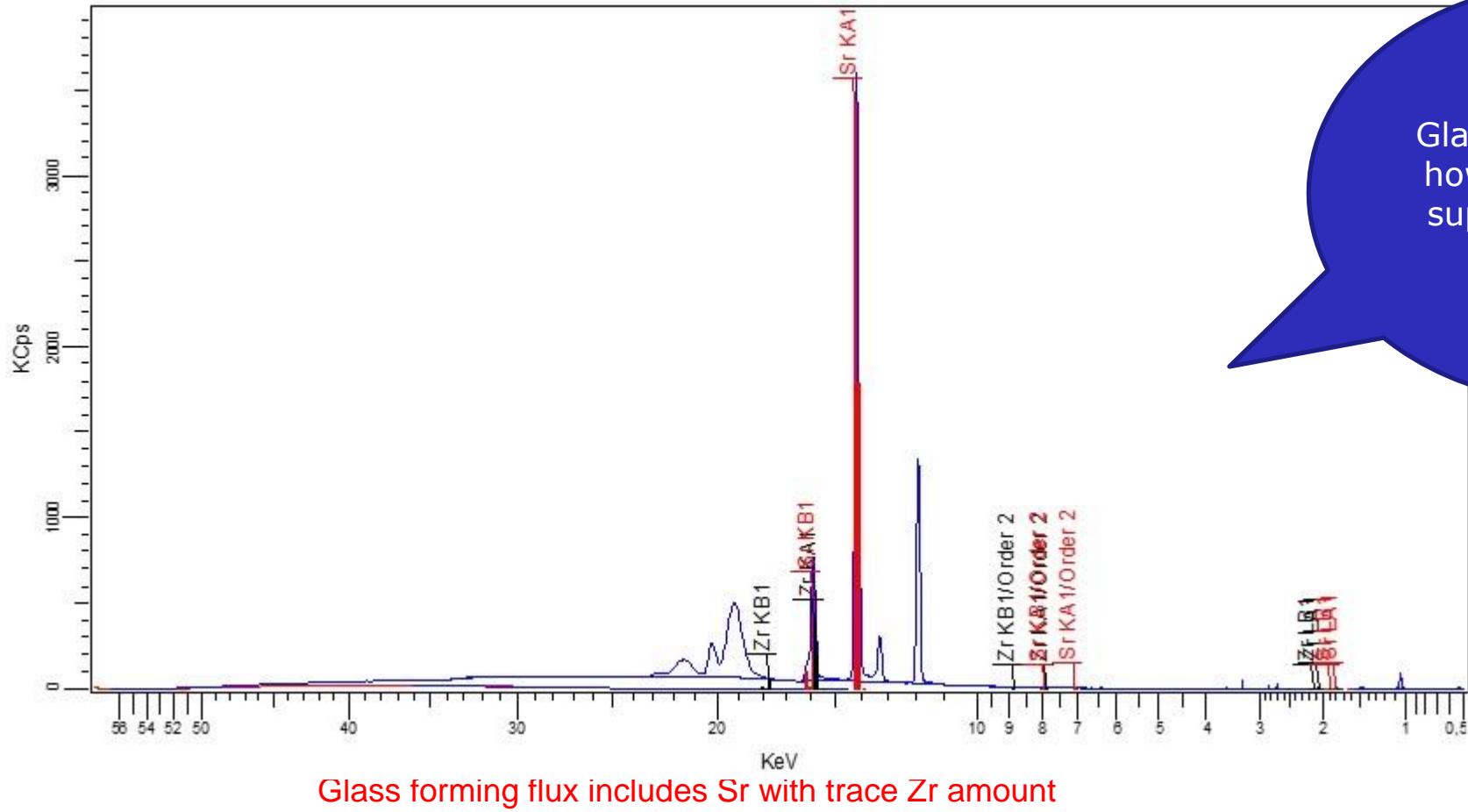
Wrong setup in fusion process forms crack



The color of glass bead changes after XRF measurement



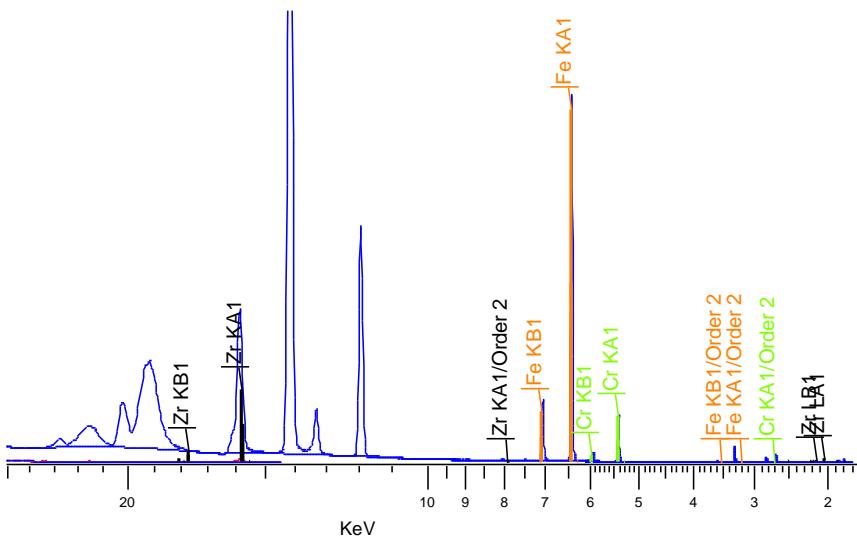
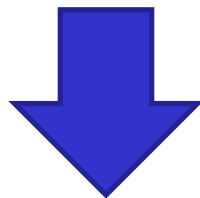
# Glass bead analysis ( $\text{Fe}_{80}\text{Cr}_{20}$ ) (QuantExpress)



# Glass bead analysis (0.8wt% ZrO<sub>x</sub> @ Fe<sub>80</sub>Cr<sub>20</sub>) (QuantExpress)

Digested Fe<sub>80</sub>Cr<sub>20</sub> powder without ZrO<sub>x</sub> NPs in glass bead

Formula	Concentration	Status	Line 1
Fe	81,00%	XRF 1	Fe KA1-HR-Tr
Cr	18,30%	XRF 1	Cr KA1-HR-Tr
Si	0,21%	XRF 1	Si KA1-HR-Tr
Ni	0,19%	XRF 1	Ni KA1-HR-Tr
Zr	0,16%	XRF 2	Zr KB1-HR-Tr
Cu	0,11%	XRF 1	Cu KA1-HR-Tr



How to measure Zr correctly by using glass bead method? Which lines (KA, KB, LB) should be take in to account?

Calibration series with varying sample content?  
→ Not applicable for larger sample series  
→ Other ideas?

Digested 0.8 wt% ZrO<sub>x</sub> @ Fe<sub>80</sub>Cr<sub>20</sub> in glass beads

Formula	Concentration	Status	Line 1
Fe	80,90%	XRF 1	Fe KA1-HR-Tr
Cr	18,40%	XRF 1	Cr KA1-HR-Tr
Zr	0,19%	XRF 2	Zr KB1-HR-Tr
Ni	0,18%	XRF 1	Ni KA1-HR-Tr
Si	0,15%	XRF 1	Si KA1-HR-Tr
Cu	0,12%	XRF 1	Cu KA1-HR-Tr

Zr is detected with K-beta lines. Let's set measuring with K-alpha lines



Zr is detected with K-alpha lines

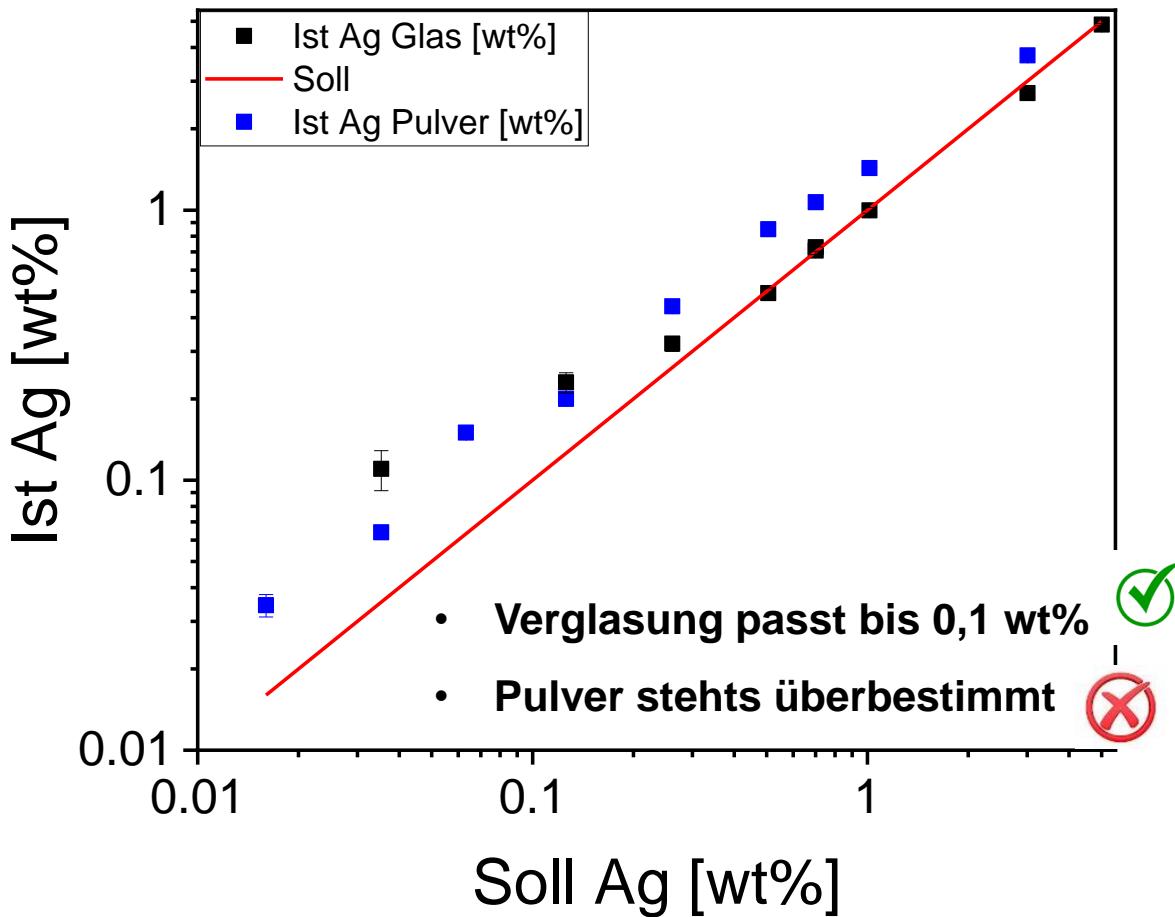
Formula	Concentration	Status	Line 1
Fe	75,40%	XRF 1	Fe KA1-HR-Tr
Cr	17,30%	XRF 1	Cr KA1-HR-Tr
Zr	6,85%	XRF 1	Zr KA1-HR-Tr
Ni	0,17%	XRF 1	Ni KA1-HR-Tr
Si	0,14%	XRF 1	Si KA1-HR-Tr
Cu	0,11%	XRF 1	Cu KA1-HR-Tr



# Verwendung von Metallsalzen als potentielle Kalibrationsstandards

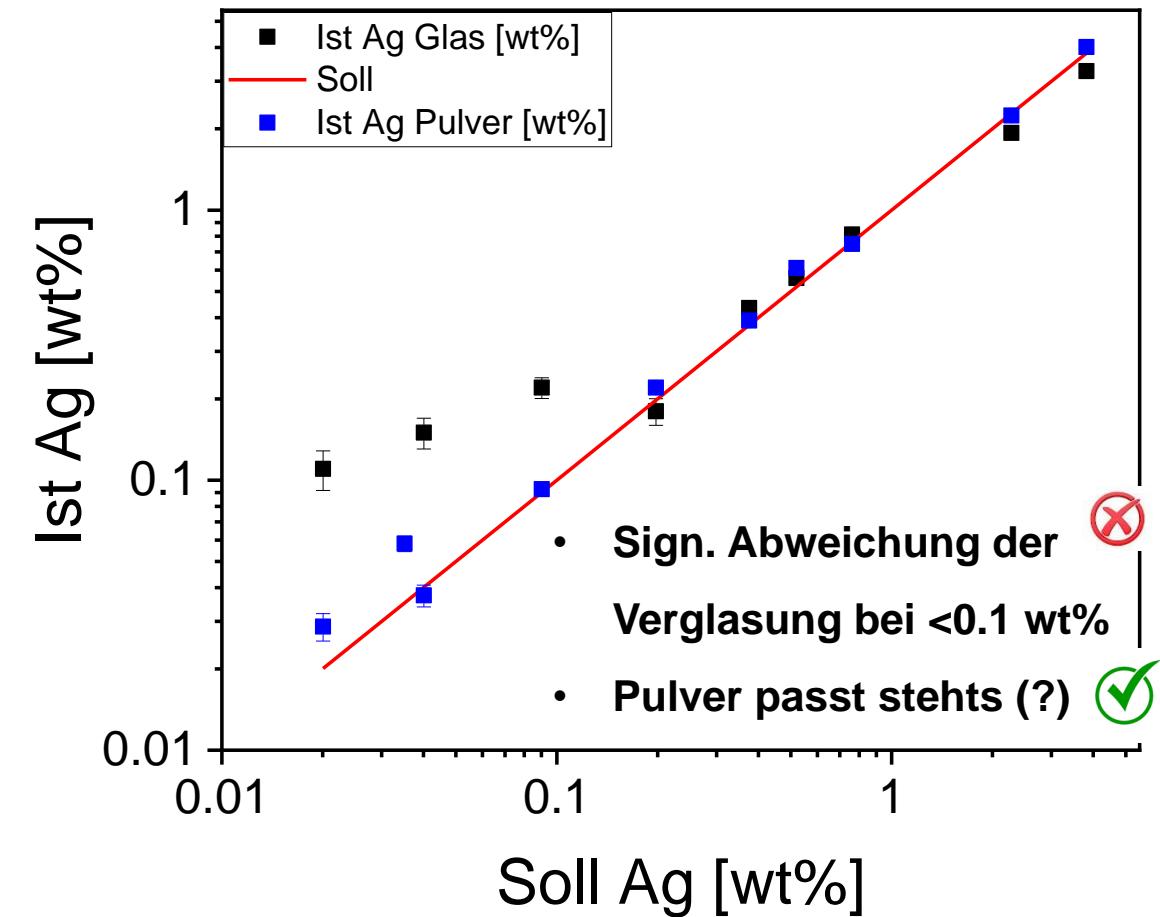
## Kalibration: Realprobe

Ausgangsmaterial: Ag NP auf MQP-S Mikropulver  
(MQP-S: magnetische Nd-Pr-Fe-Co-Ti-Zr-B Legierung)

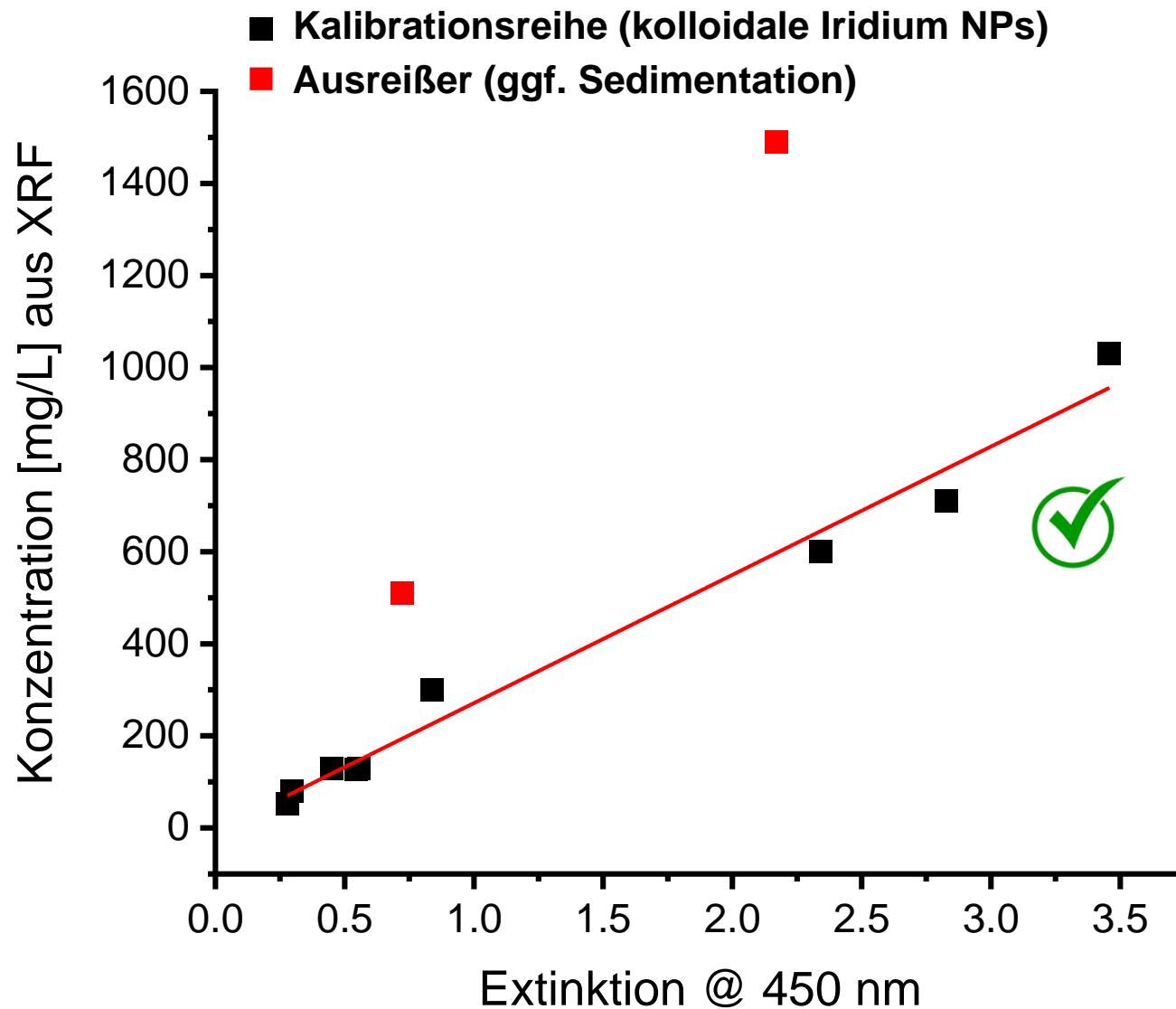


## Kalibration: Referenz

AgCl auf MQP-S Mikropulver



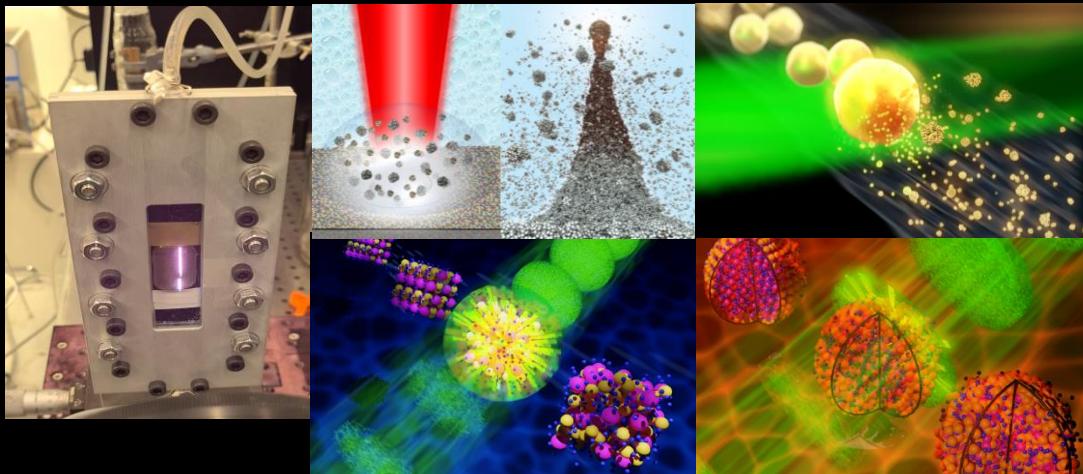
# Analyse von kolloidalen Nanopartikeln



- Alternativer Quantifizierungsansatz:  
Eintrocknen eines definierten  
Volumens auf Substrat (Boratglas?)
  - gleichzeitige Verwendung eines internen  
Metallsalzstandards
  - Oder Spiken der Probe mit Metallsalz des  
gleichen Elements?

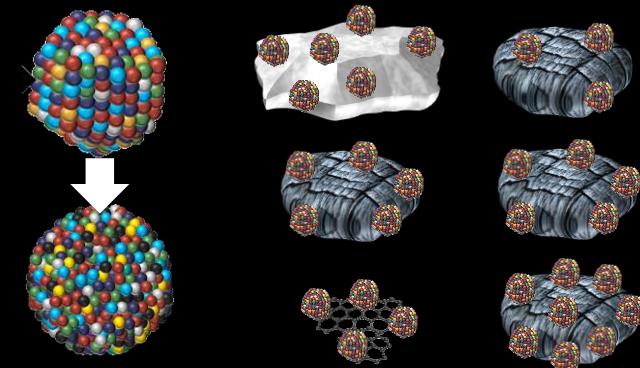
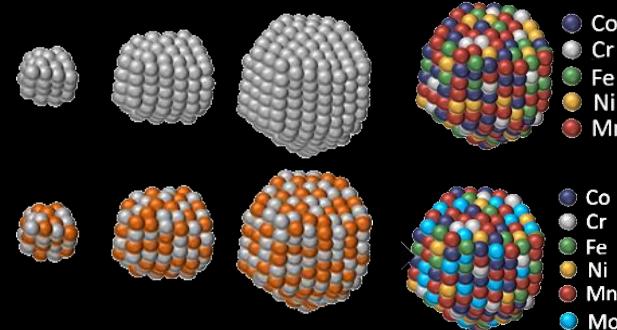
# Conclusion: Laser Synthesis of Nanomaterials and Quantification with XRF

## Scalable synthesis



## Material design

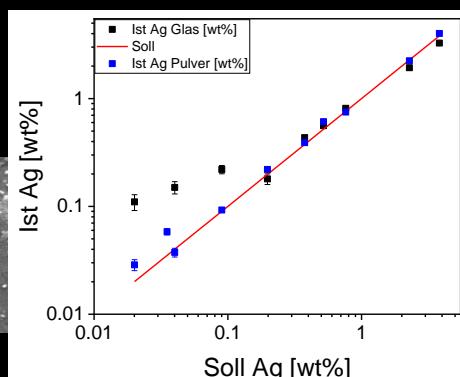
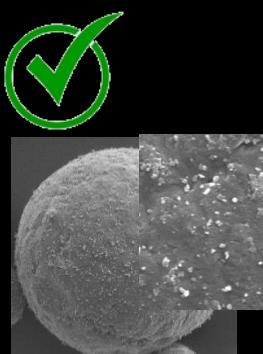
Size, Composition, crystallinity, NP loading



## Successful quantification and calibration



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## Open questions: Best practice?

- How to choose the correct XRF line for the quantification when no calibration is available?
- Calibrations with metal salts transferable to nanoparticle-loaded samples?
- Usage of metal salts as internal standards?
- Spiking of samples with metal salts of quantified elements?

Nature

Engineering  
(currently)



# Acknowledgement

