

Selective RedOxCatalysis (SelOxCat) Group - UAB



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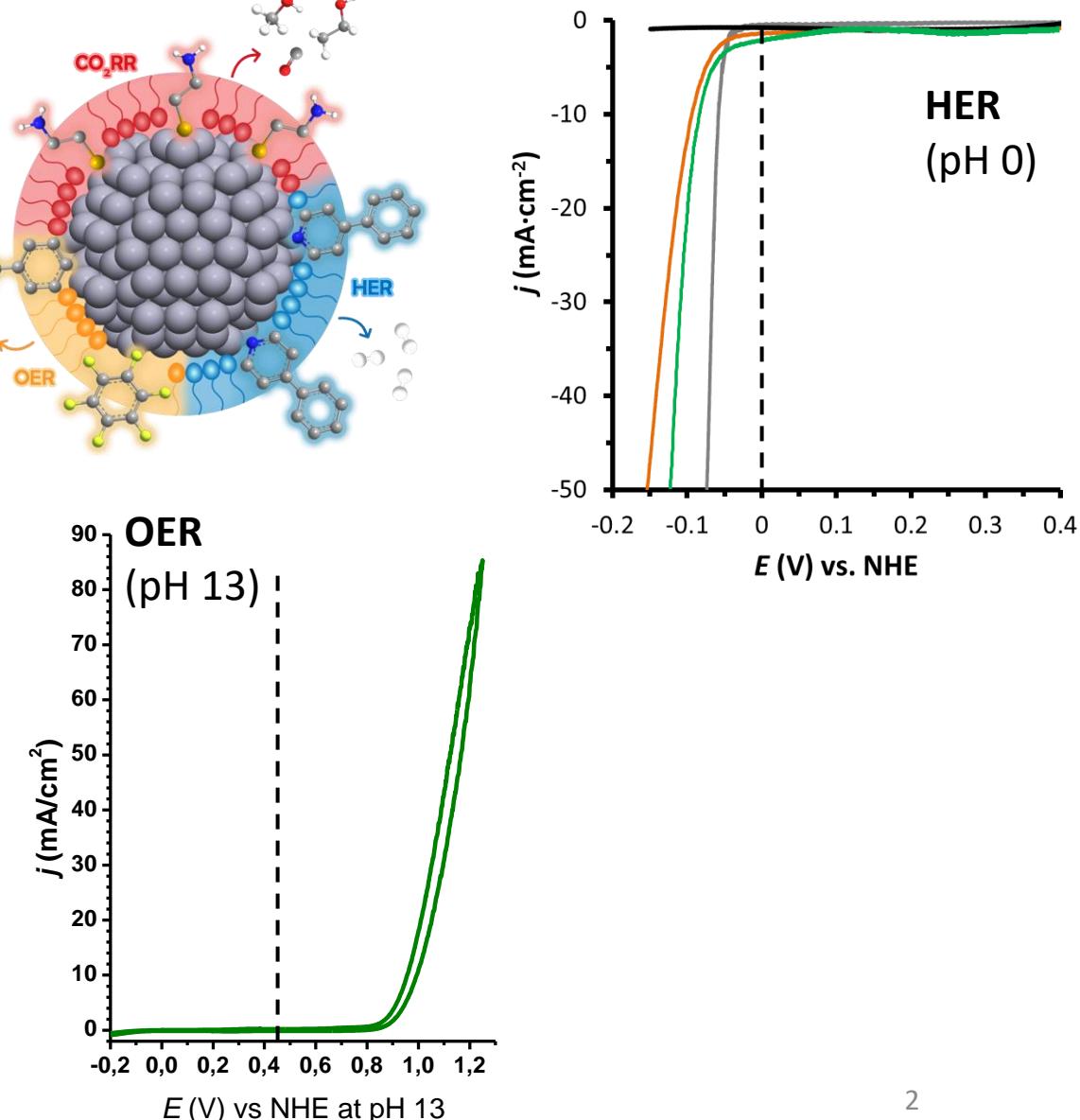
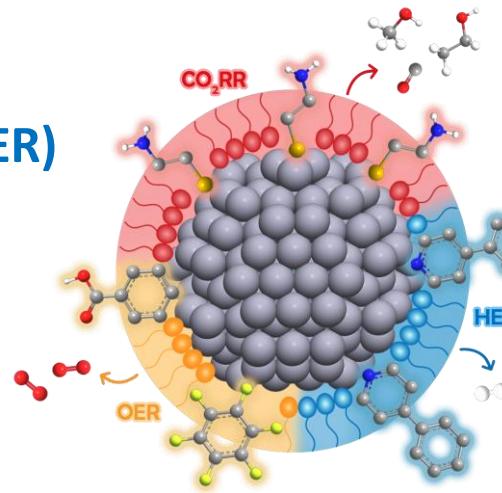
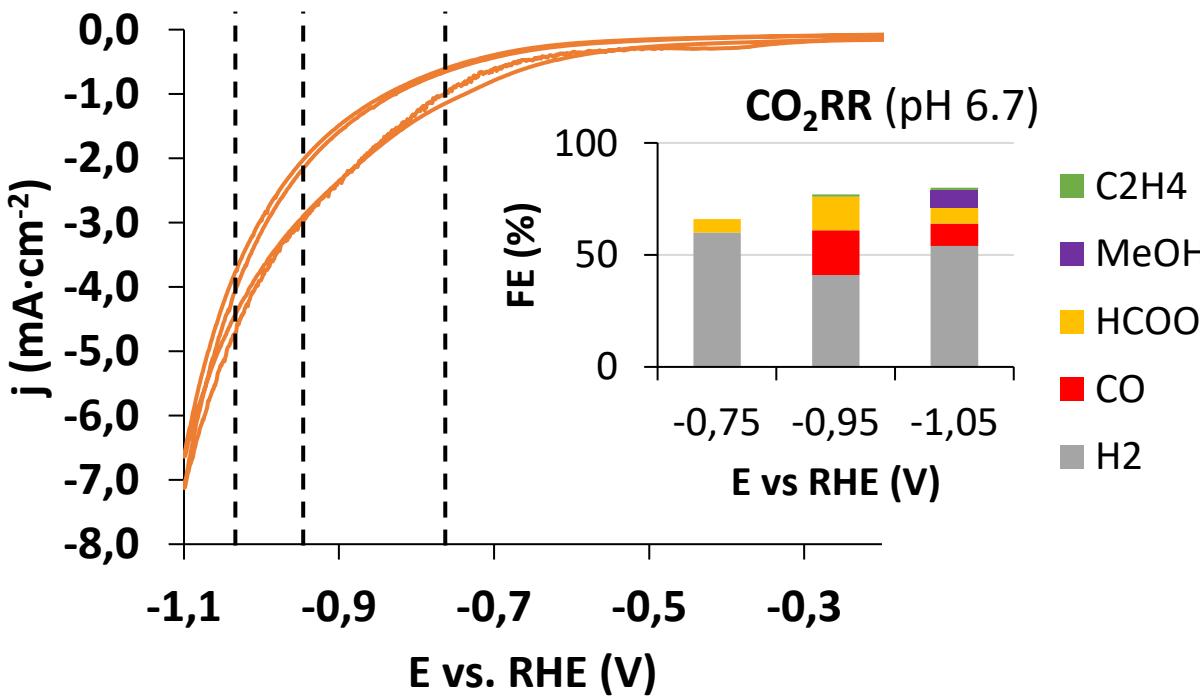
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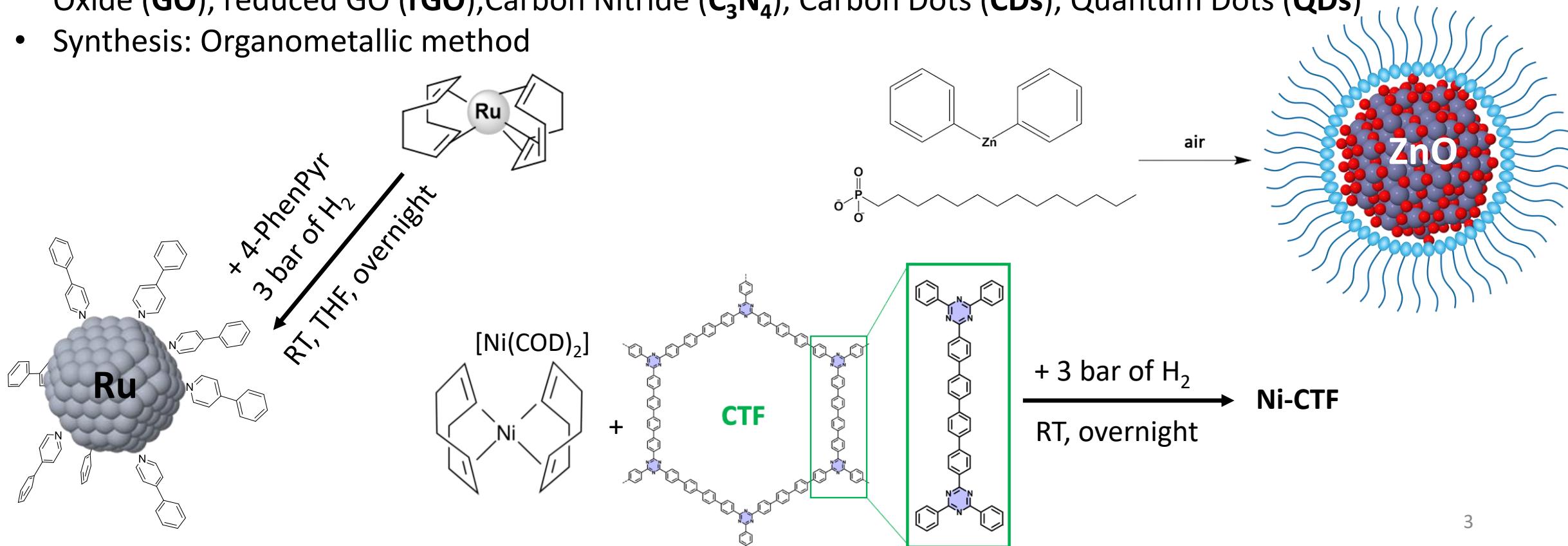
(Photo)electrocatalytic catalysis with surface-functionalized NPs

- Water oxidation (Oxygen Evolution Reaction, OER)
- Proton reduction (Hydrogen Evolution Reaction, HER)
- CO₂ reduction reaction (CO₂RR)



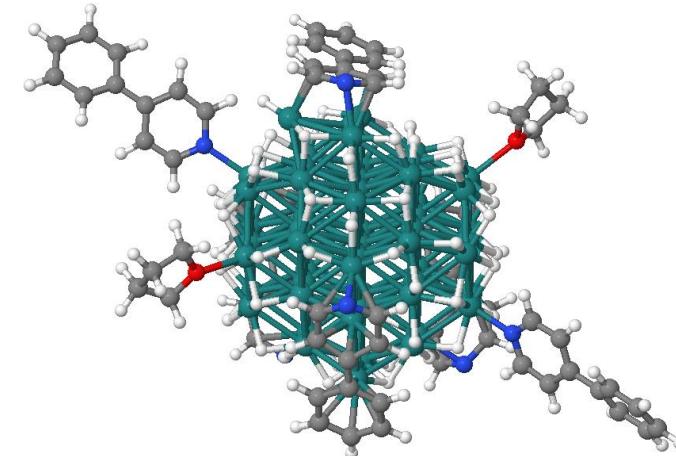
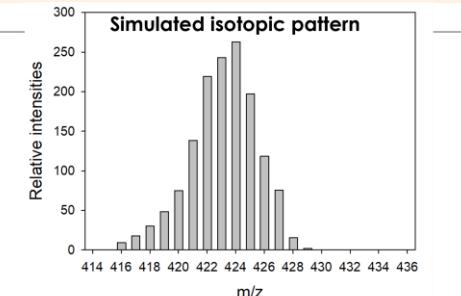
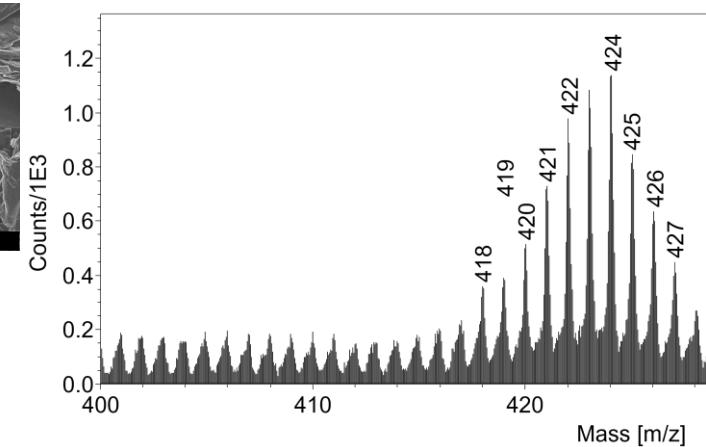
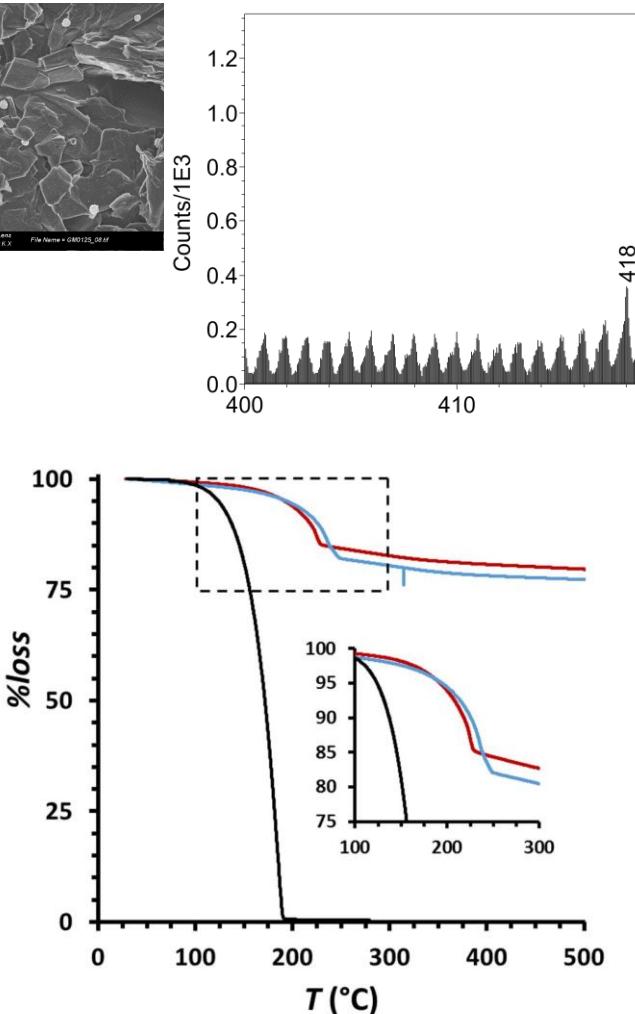
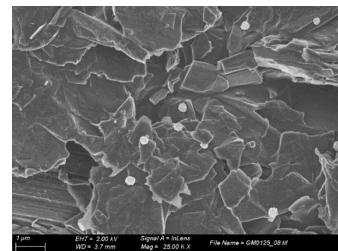
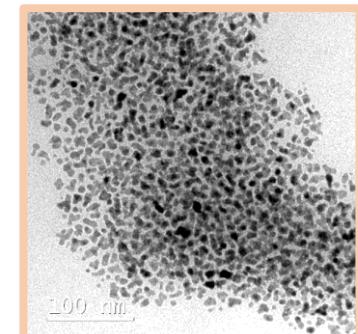
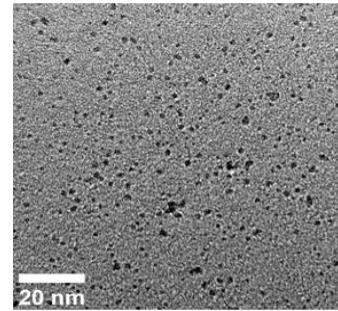
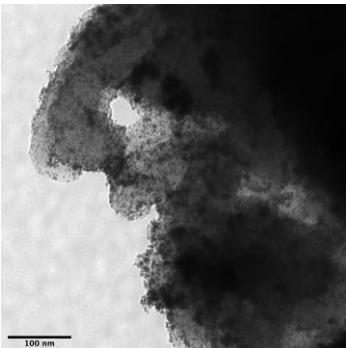
Nanoparticles (NPs) as catalysts

- Monometallic NPs: Ru, Co, Ni, Cu, Pt, Au, Cu, Cu₂O, ZnO, SnO_x, La, Mo
- Bimetallic NPs: Ru-Co, Ru-Pt, Ru-Ni, Cu-Zn
- Supported onto Glassy Carbon (**GC**), Fluorine-Tin Oxide (**FTO**), **TiO₂**, FTO-TiO₂, FTO-Nafion, TiO₂-Rutile, Carbon Paper (**CP**), Ni foam, Carbon Nanotubes (**CNTs**), multiwalled CNTs (**MWCNTs**), Metal Organic Frameworks (**MOFs**), Covalent Organic Frameworks (**COFs**), Covalent Triazine Frameworks (**CTFs**), Graphene Oxide (**GO**), reduced GO (**rGO**), Carbon Nitride (**C₃N₄**), Carbon Dots (**CDs**), Quantum Dots (**QDs**)
- Synthesis: Organometallic method



Characterization techniques

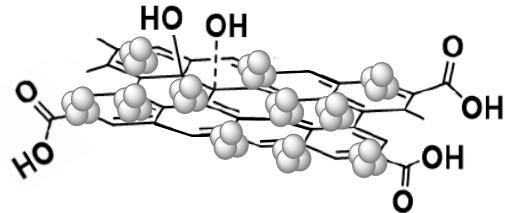
- SEM, TEM & HR-TEM, STEM-HAADF, APT
- TGA, ICP-OES, EA
- Cyclic Voltammetry, DPV, LSV
- Spectroelectrochemistry
- UV-Vis, IR, ATR-IR, Raman, Fluorescence, TAS
- Solution & Solid State NMR
- XPS, EDX, WAXS, **XANES, FT-EXAFS**
- MS, ToF-SIMS
- GC, Clark Electrodes (H_2, O_2), manometry
- DFT calculations



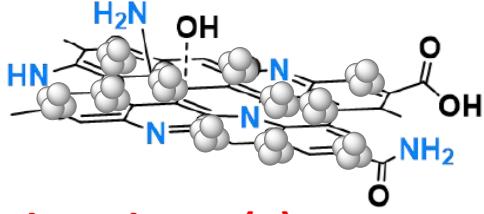
Selected examples

Supported Ru NPs on reduced Graphene Oxide for electrocatalytic HER

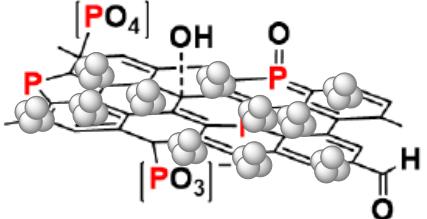
rGO (1)



N-doped rGO (2)

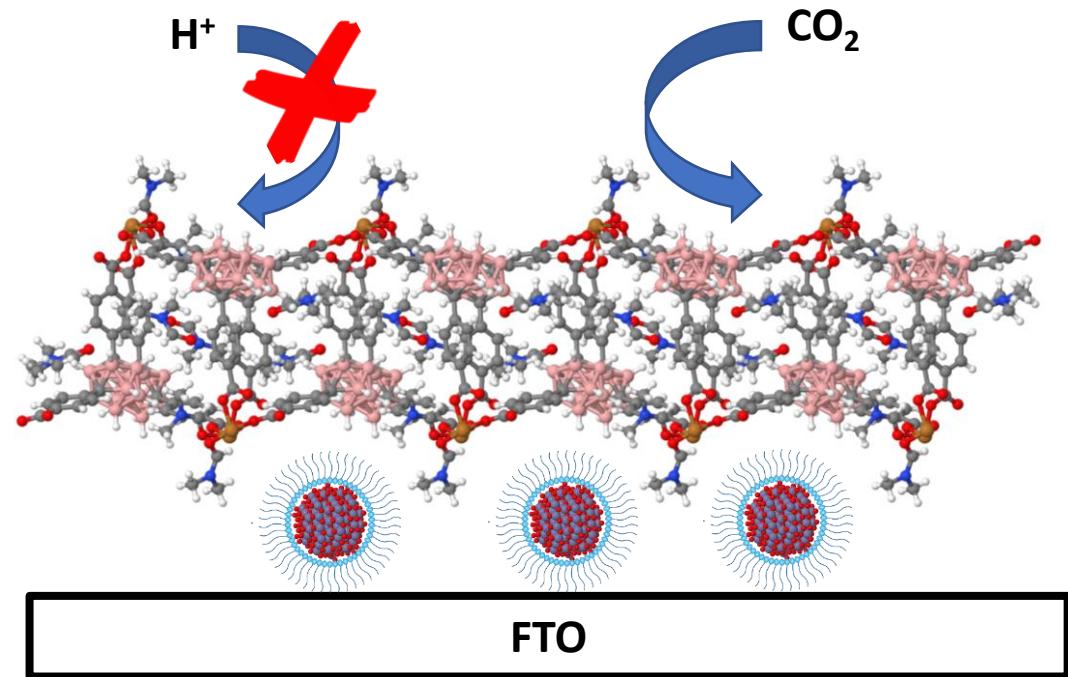


P-doped rGO (3)



Entry	System	η_{10} (mV)
1	Ru@rGO	71
2	Ru@NH ₂ -rGO	30
3	Ru@P-rGO	2

ZnO NPs on Cu-MOF@FTO for electrocatalytic CO₂RR



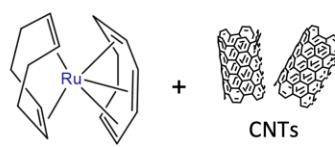
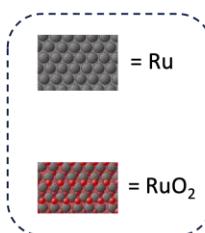
In collab. with Dr. José Giner Planas (ICMAB-CSIC)

In collab. with Dr. Luis Miguel Martínez Prieto (U. Sevilla); DFT calculations in collab. with Prof. Romuald Poteau (UPS, Toulouse)

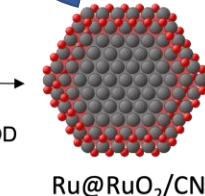
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Ru/RuO₂ core/shell NPs supported on CNTs for electrocatalytic HER

Entry	System	NP composition	η_0 (mV)	η_{10} (mV)
1	Ru@RuO ₂ /CNT	Ru/RuO ₂ core/shell	200	272
2	r-Ru@RuO ₂ /CNT	Ru ⁰	150	222
3	RuO ₂ -10'/CNT	RuO ₂	130	319
4	r-RuO ₂ -10'/CNT	RuO ₂ /Ru core/shell	50	115



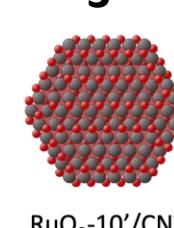
1) H₂ (3 bar), THF, R.T. 2 h
2) Air



Ru@RuO₂/CNT

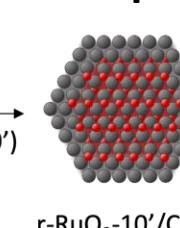
T = 300 °C,
10 min, air

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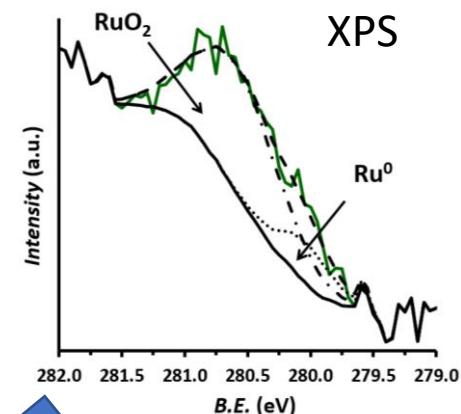
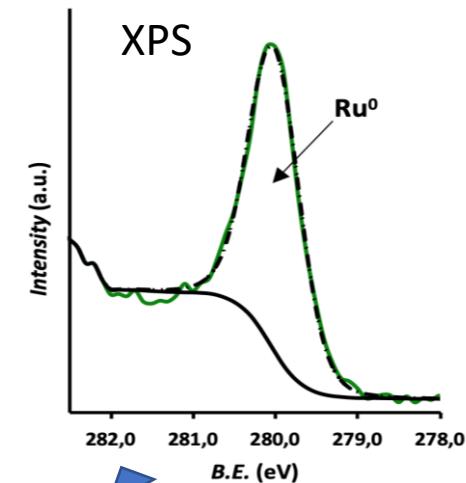
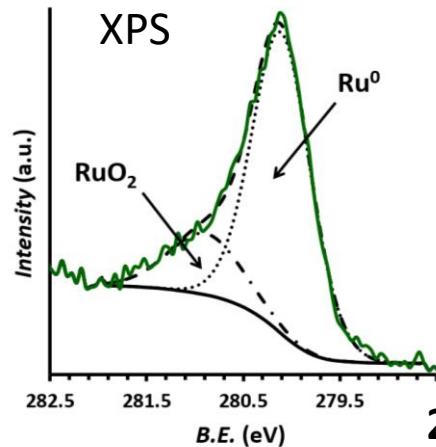
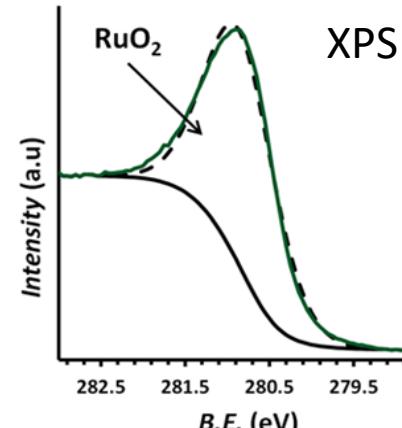


1 M H₂SO₄
CP (-10 mA·cm⁻², 20')

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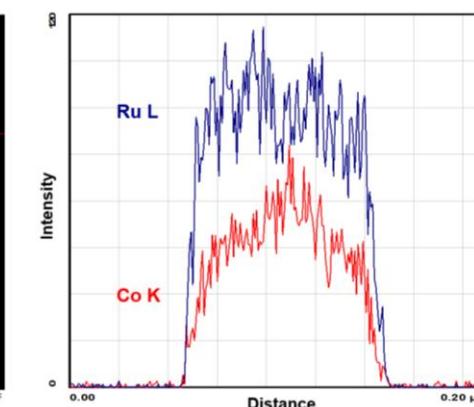
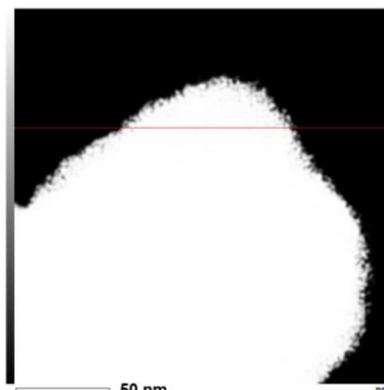
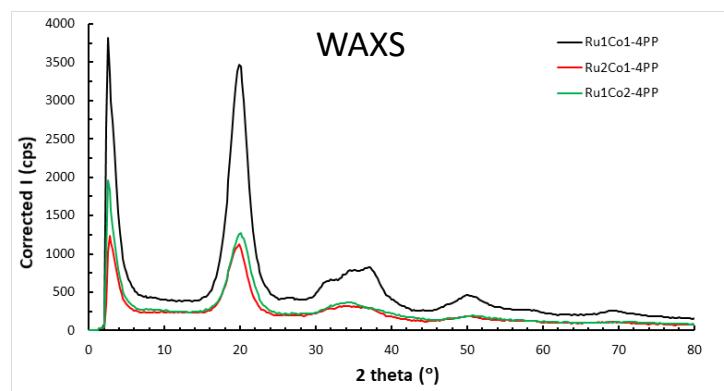
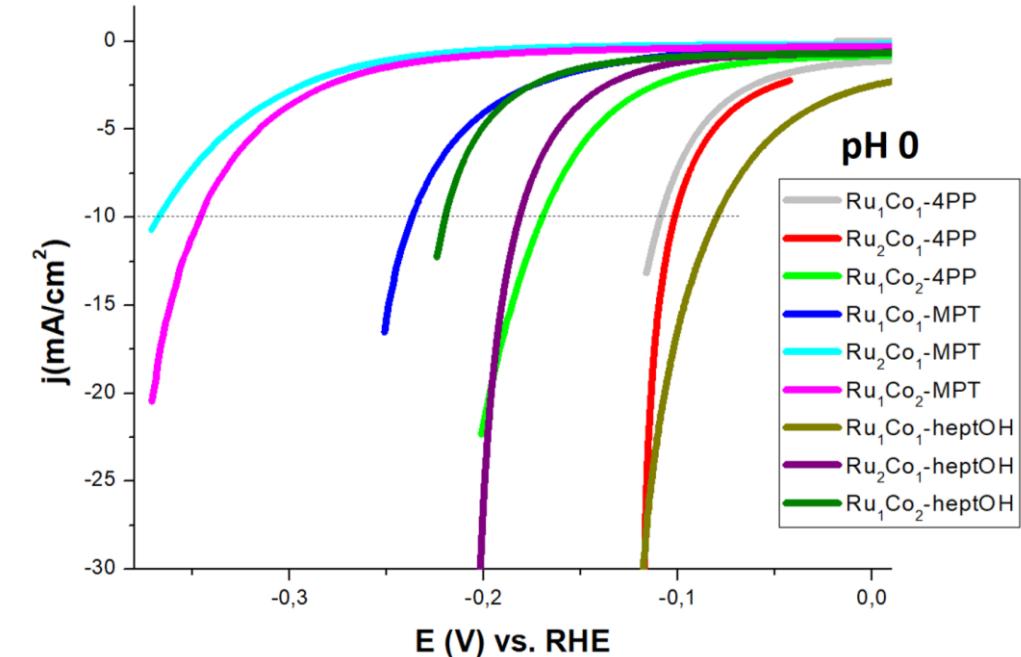
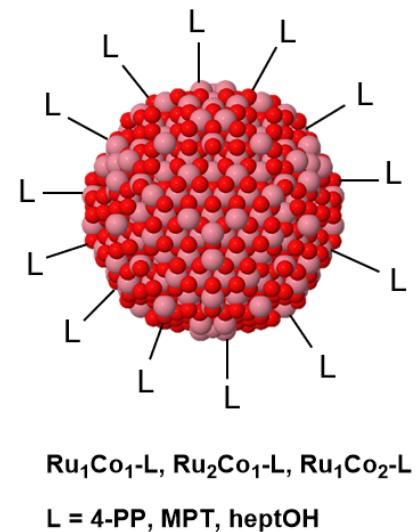
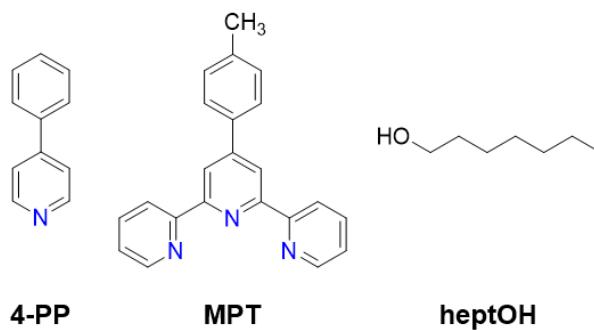
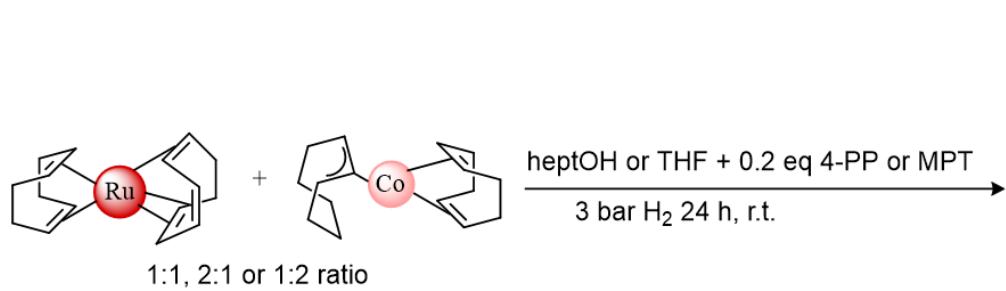
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DFT calculations in collab. with
Dr. Xavier Solans and Prof.
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Selected examples

Bimetallic Ru-Co NPs for electrocatalytic HER

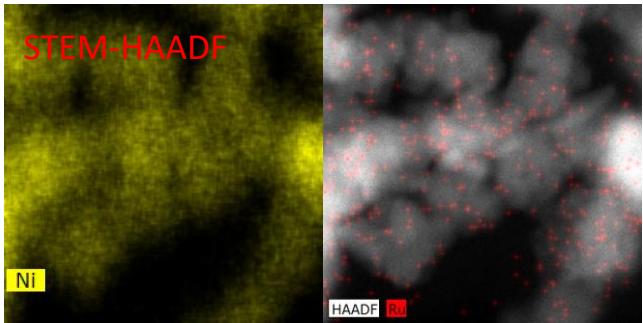
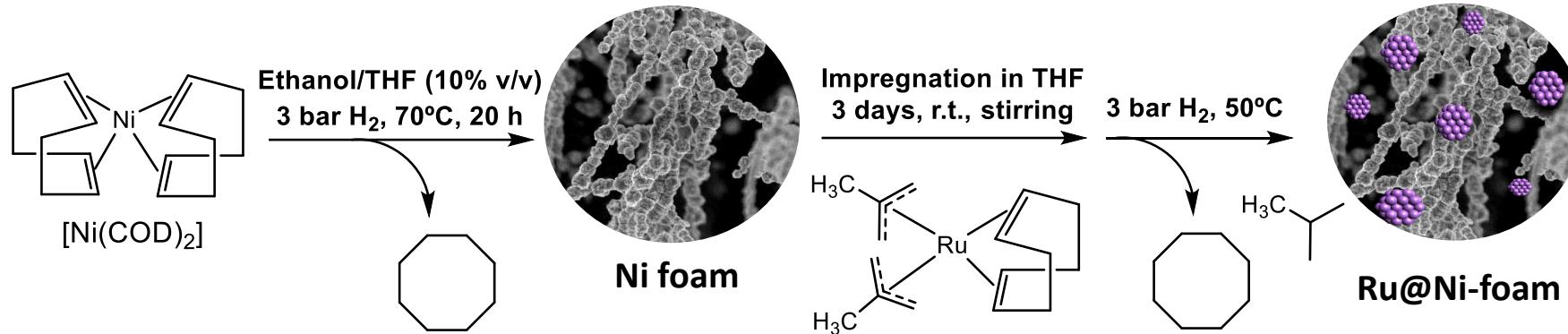


In collab. with Dr. Karine Philippot (LCC-UPS Toulouse)

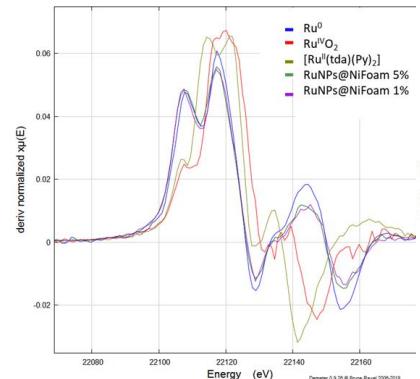
STEM-HAADF image of
 $\text{Ru}_1\text{Co}_1\text{-4PP}$

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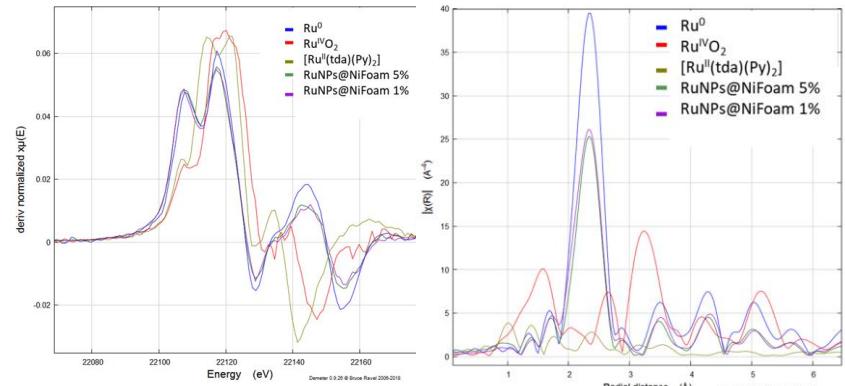
Ru NPs deposited on Ni foam for electrocatalytic HER



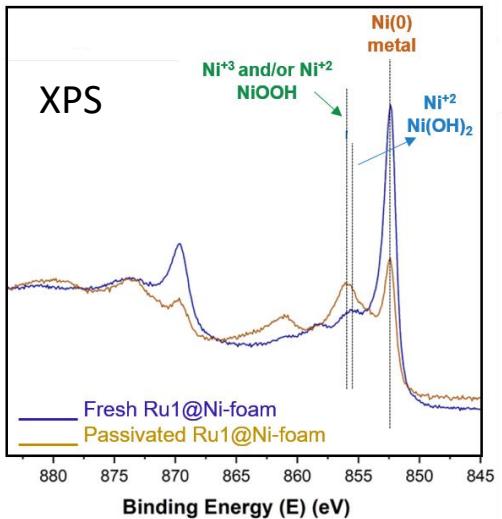
Ru K-edge_XANES_1ST derivate



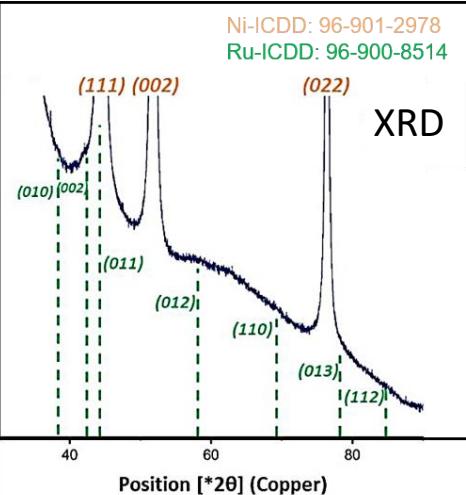
FT-EXAFS



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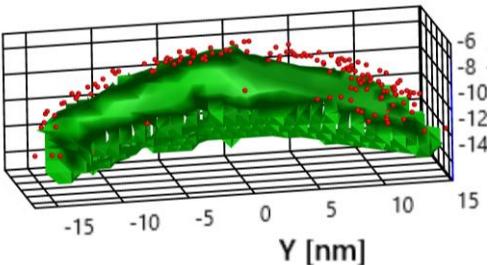


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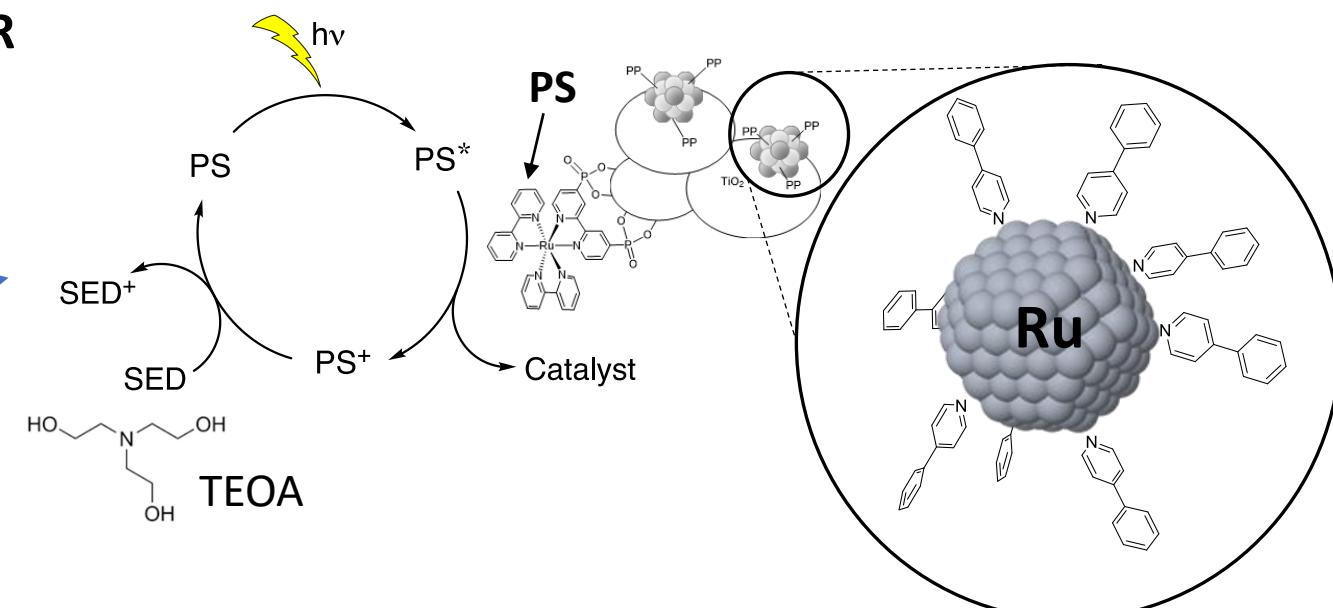
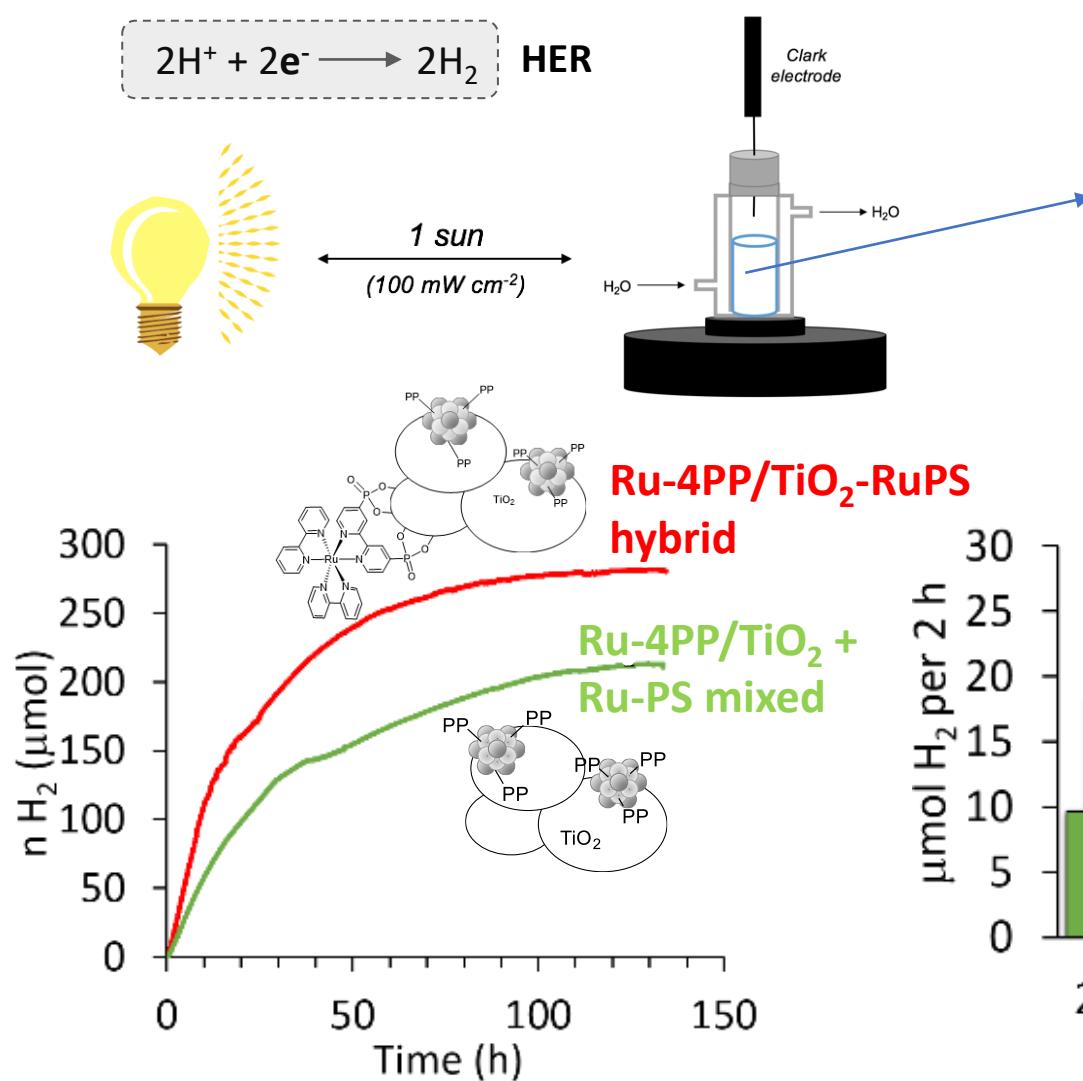
APT



Ru is probably located at the Ni surface as atoms (SAC sites)

Selected examples

Ru-4PP NPs/TiO₂-RuPS hybrids for photocatalytic HER



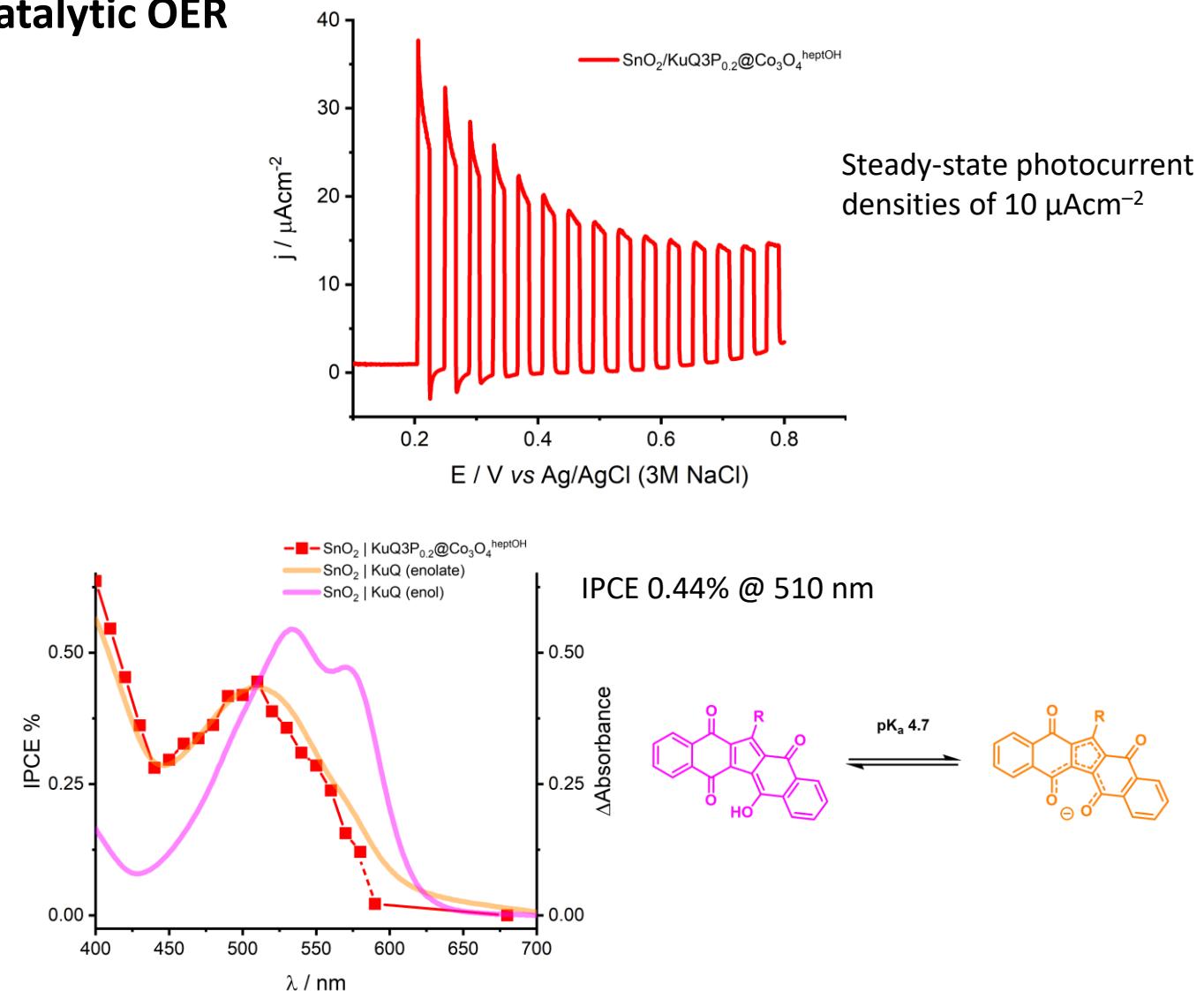
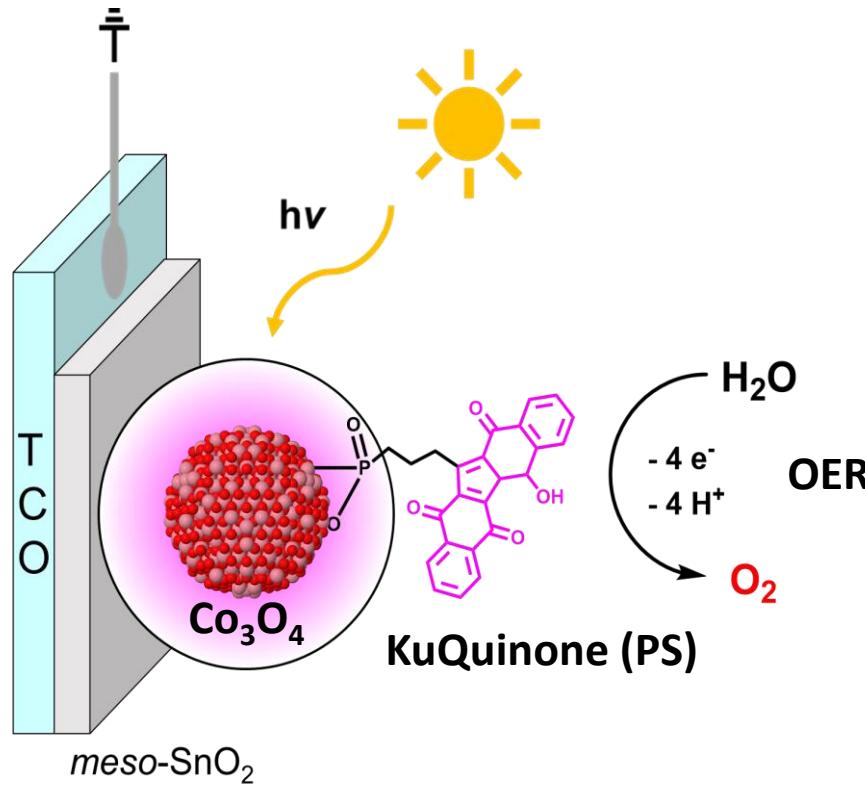
Double role of TiO₂ as a support and electron-mediator

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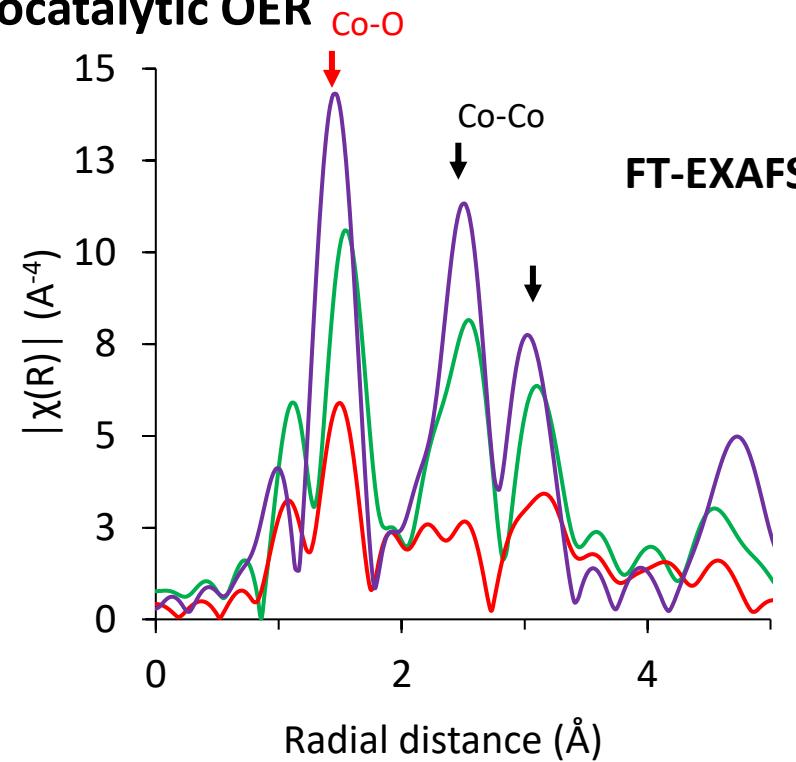
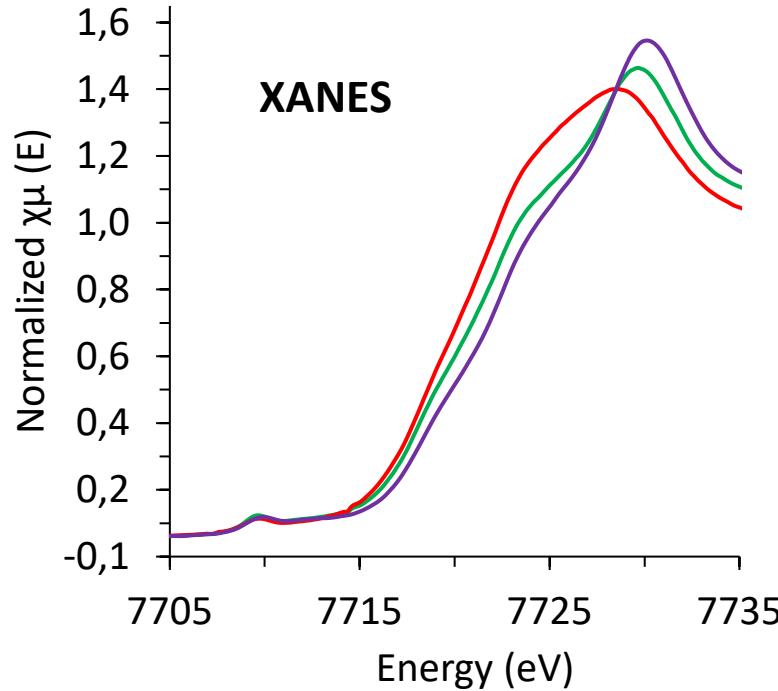
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XANES + EXAFS after catalysis: **recovered Co-Co distance** but slightly different spectra, suggesting mixtures of Co_3O_4 and CoOOH

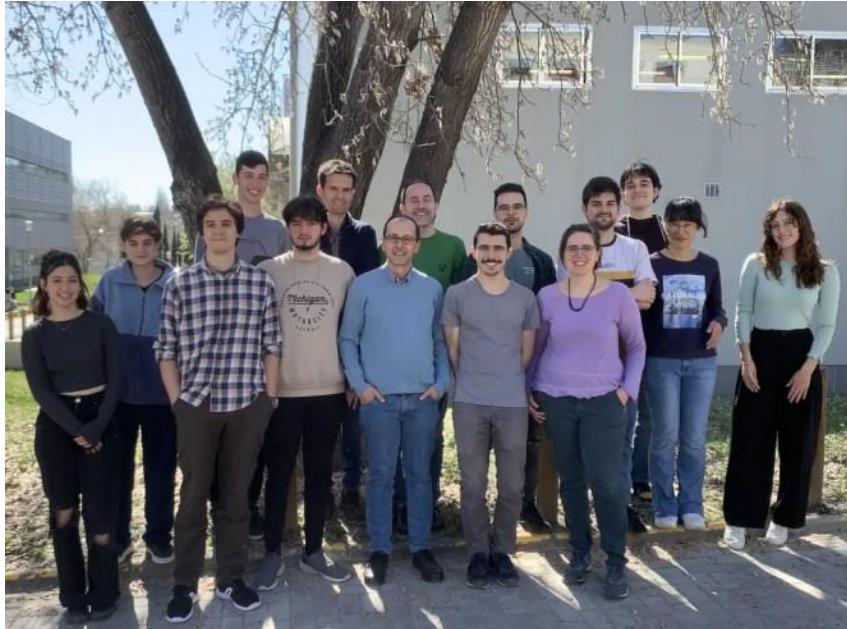
CoOx as catalytic active species after fast decomposition of "Co-atoms" (SACs) under irradiation

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