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# NAPP Near Ambient Pressure Photoemission at ALBA

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BL24 - CIRCE BEAMLINE

QUANTY, CRISPY AND CTM4XAS WORKSHOP

ALBA Synchrotron Light Source

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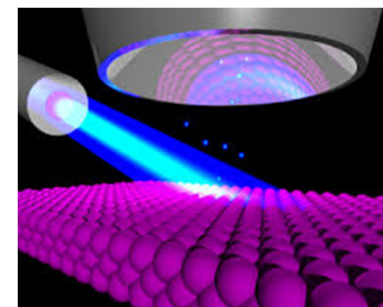
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# Outline

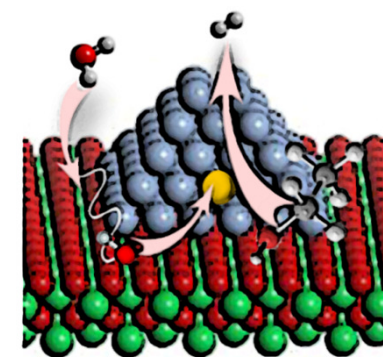
- **BL24- CIRCE: Near Ambient Pressure Photoemission (NAPP)**

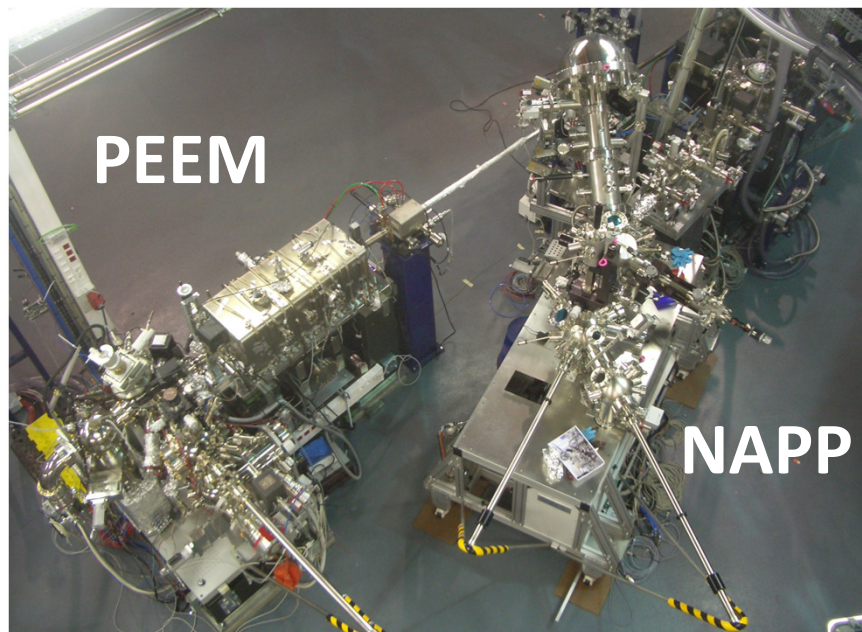
- NAPP at ALBA synchrotron, description and capabilities



- **NAPP, scientific applications**

- Water adsorption
- In situ studies of Electrochemical Promotion Of Catalysts
- Surface rearrangement of bimetallic NPs in real catalysts
- Soot oxidation studies with  $\text{CeO}_2$

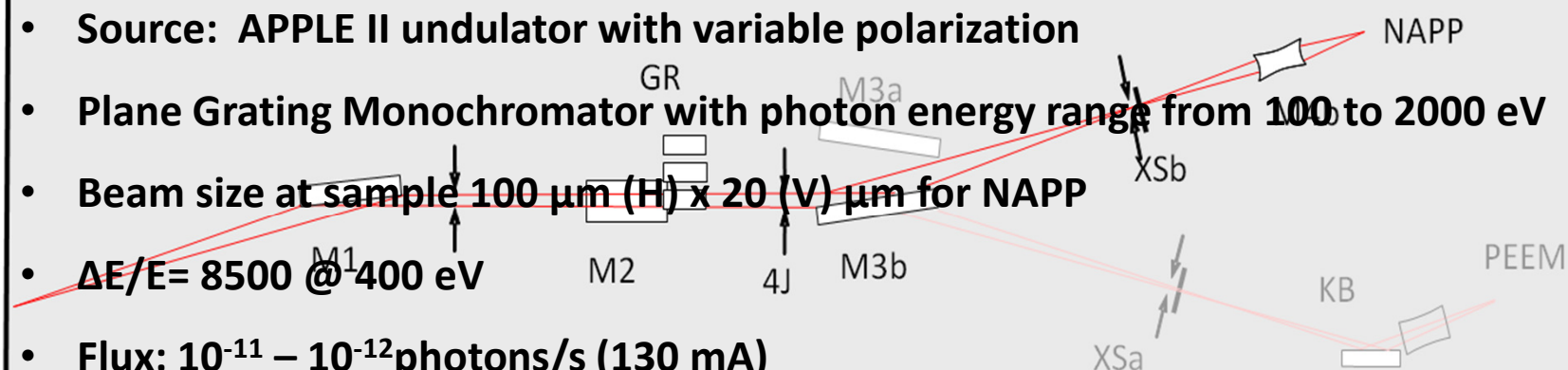




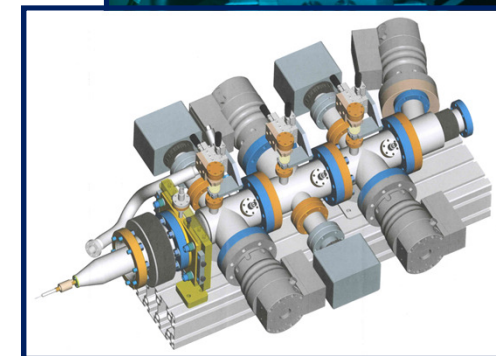
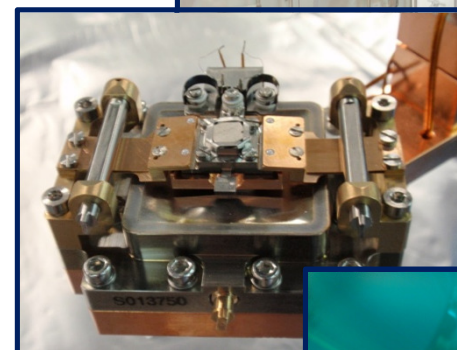
**PEEM: PhotoEmission  
Electron Microscopy**

**NAPP: Near Ambient  
Pressure Photoemission**

- Source: APPLE II undulator with variable polarization
- Plane Grating Monochromator with photon energy range from 100 to 2000 eV
- Beam size at sample 100  $\mu\text{m}$  (H) x 20  $\mu\text{m}$  (V) for NAPP
- $\Delta E/E = 8500$  @ 400 eV
- Flux:  $10^{-11} - 10^{-12}$  photons/s (130 mA)

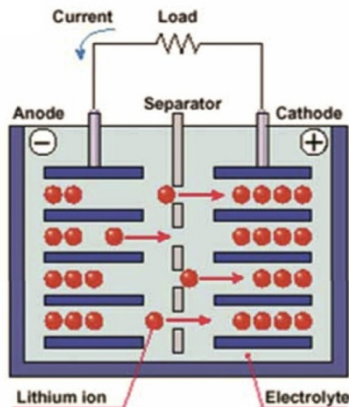


- XPS measurements under gas mixtures  
*up to  $\approx 20$  mbar, with and without flow control*  
*Gas monitoring by RGA spectrometer*  
 Gases:  $O_2$ ,  $CO$ ,  $CO_2$ ,  $H_2$ , Hydrocarbons,  $N_2$ , He  
 Vapors:  $H_2O$ , MeOH, EtOH
- Peltier manipulator for sample cooling  
*down to  $-22.3^\circ C$  (UHV) in 10 min*  
*down to  $-13^\circ C$  (1 mbar  $H_2O_v$ ) in 10 min*
- Sample heating by resistive heater or IR laser  
*With button resistive heater up to  $900^\circ C$  in UHV) and  $700^\circ C$  (20 mbar  $N_2$ )*  
*With IR laser heater up to  $1200^\circ C$  in UHV) and  $900^\circ C$  (20 mbar  $N_2$ )*
- UHV suitcase for sample transfer under vacuum
- Possibility of fully horizontal sample transfer
- PBE, photon beam entrance system  
*differential pumping system,  $10^9$  P drop*  
*Adjustable apertures*

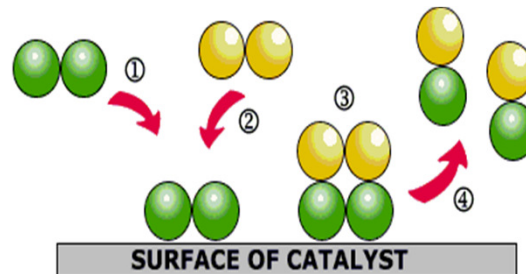


# NAPP: scientific applications

Energy generation



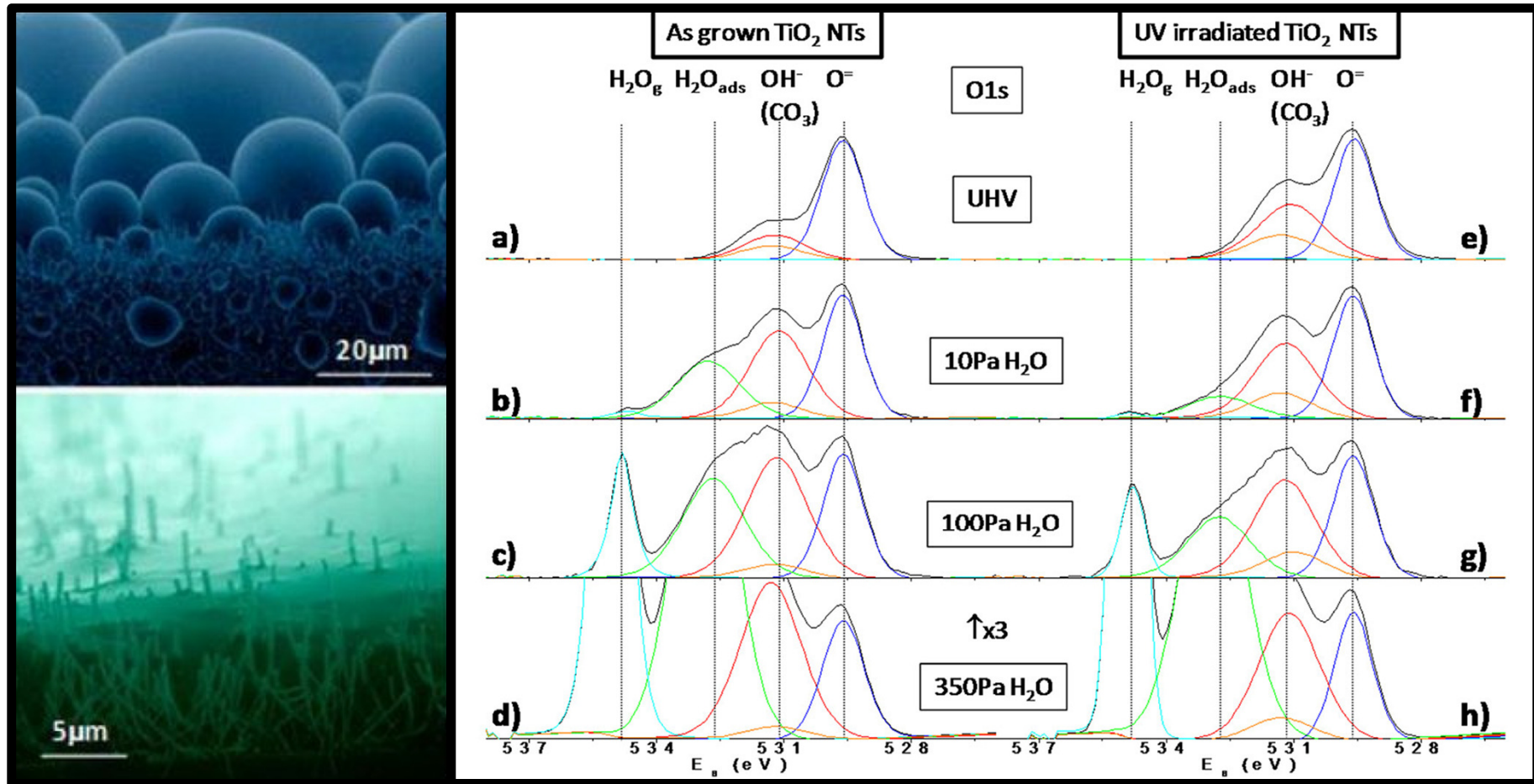
Heterogeneous Catalysis



Environmental Science



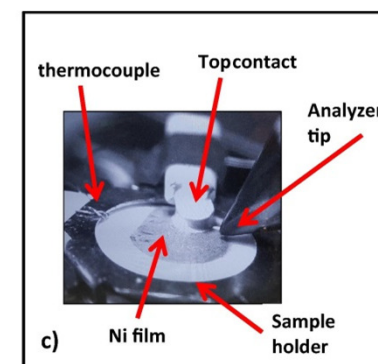
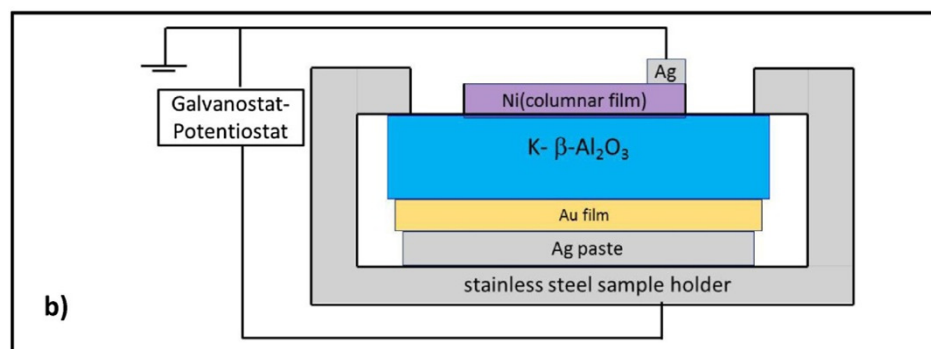
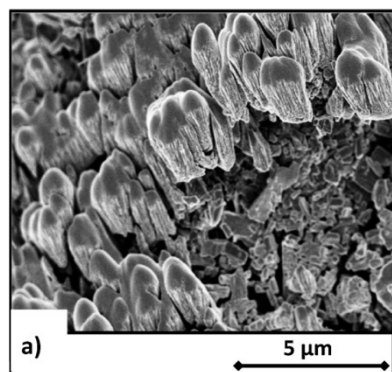
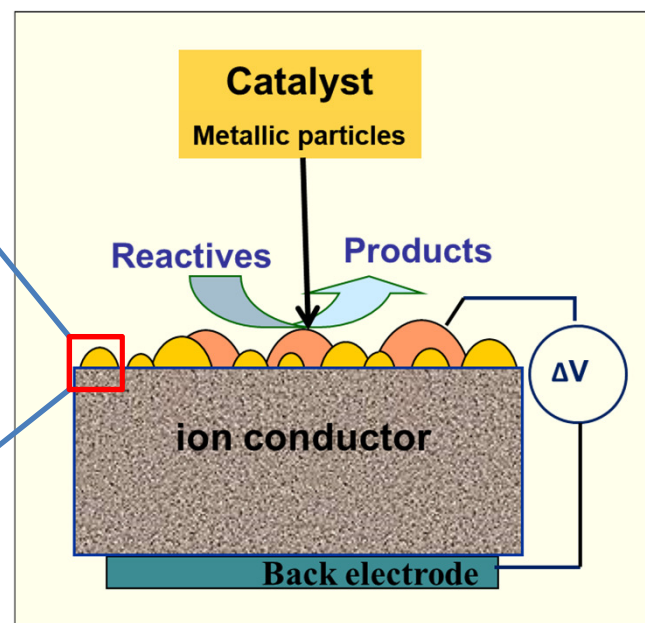
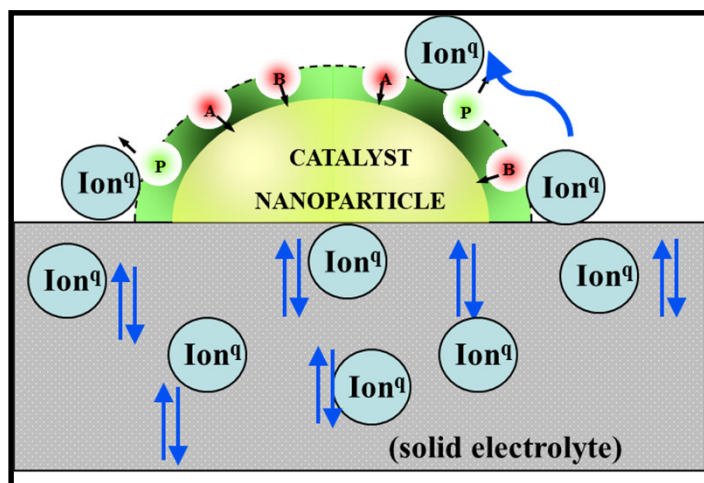
# Water Condensation Mechanisms on Superhydrophobic and Superhydrophilic Titanium Dioxide Nanotubes



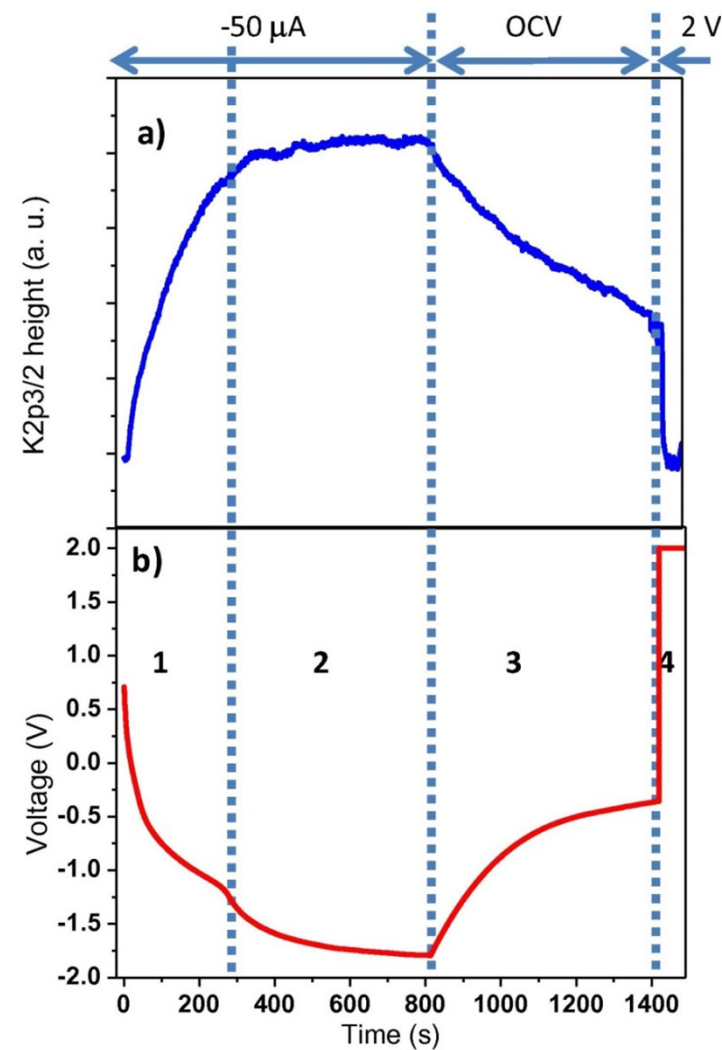
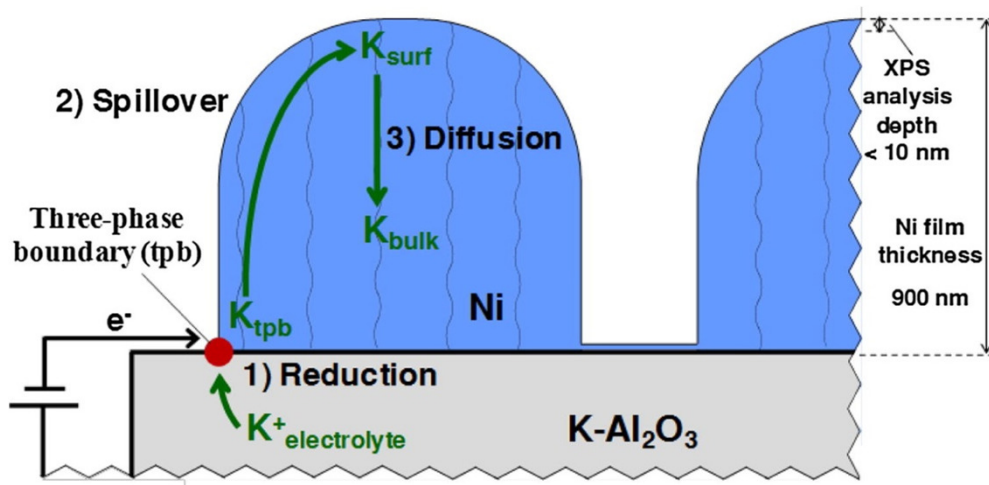
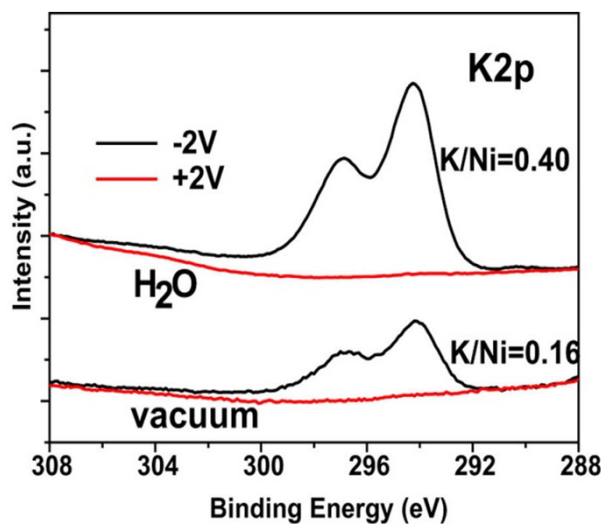
M. Macias-Montero et al., *Langmuir* 33, p.6449 (2017)

# In situ monitoring of the phenomenon of Electrochemical Promotion Of Catalysis

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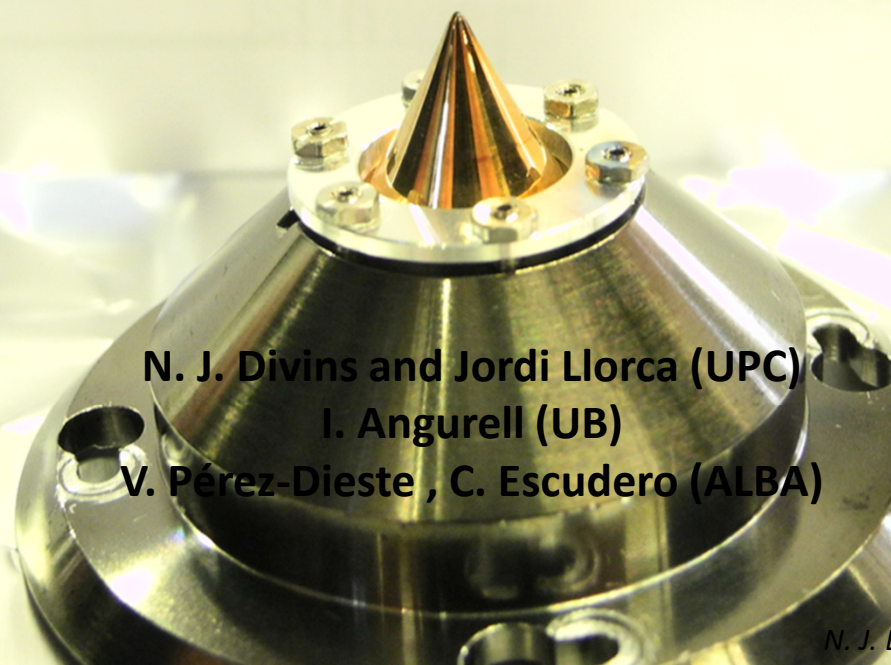


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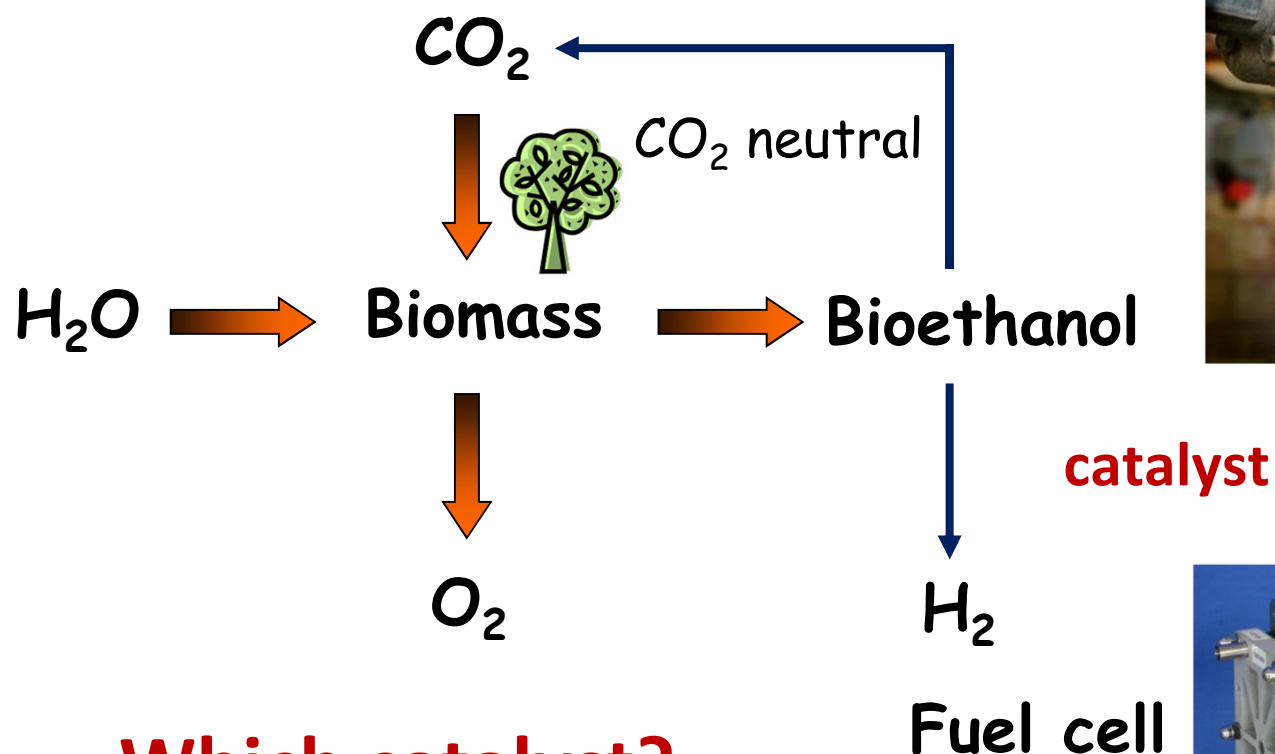
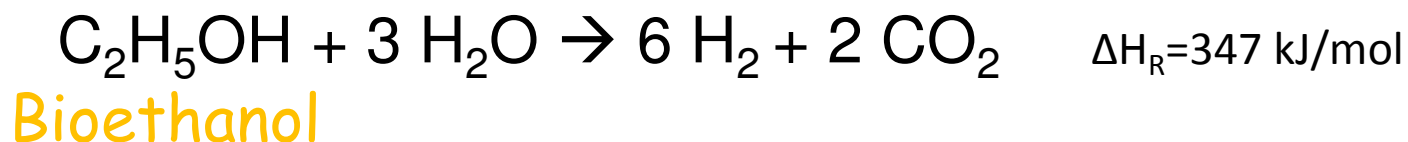
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# Influence of the support on surface rearrangements of bimetallic nanoparticles in real catalysts



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*N. J. Divins et al., Science 346, p.620 (2014)*



Which catalyst?

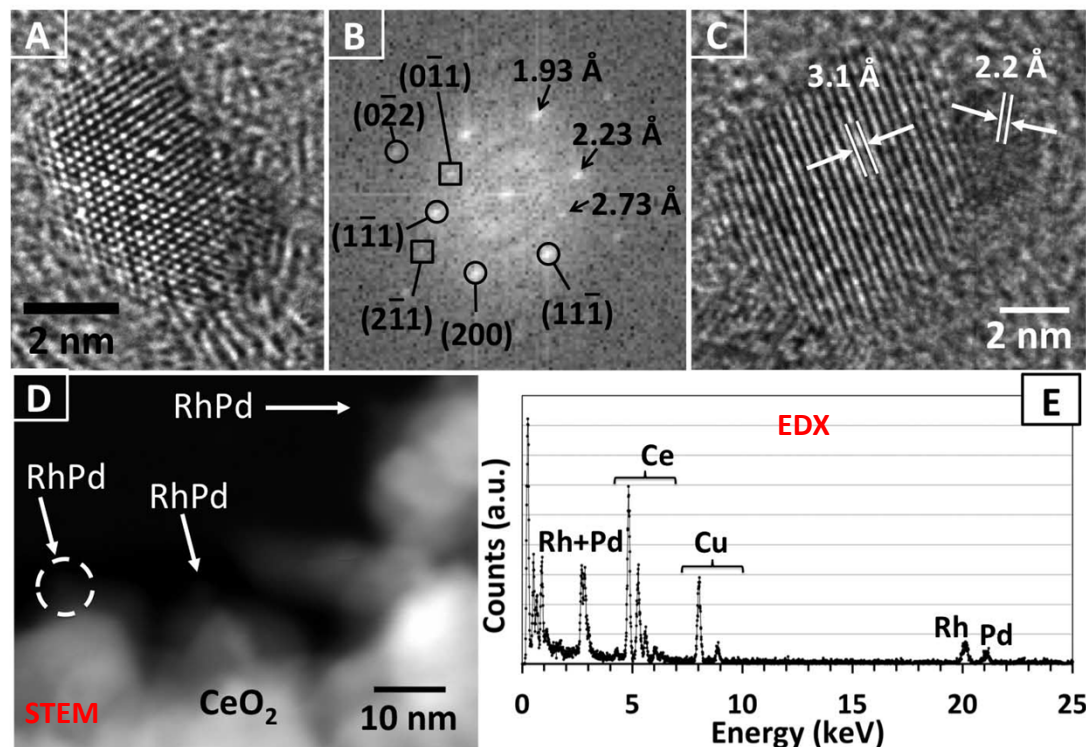
# Rh<sub>0.5</sub>Pd<sub>0.5</sub> Nanoparticles (NPs) for Ethanol Steam Reforming (ESR)

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## Why Rh<sub>0.5</sub>Pd<sub>0.5</sub> NPs?

- Rh **breaks** C-C bond and sp<sup>3</sup> C-H bond
- Pd efficiently **recombines** H-H
- CeO<sub>2</sub> redox properties and oxygen storage capacity

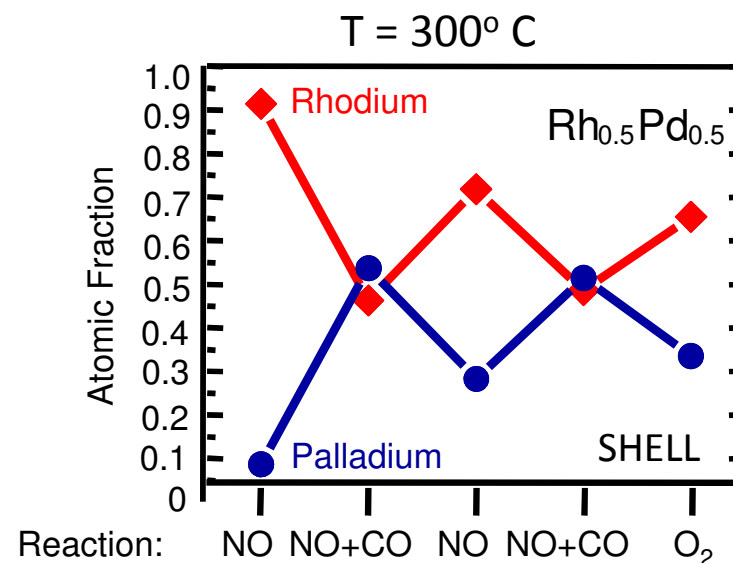
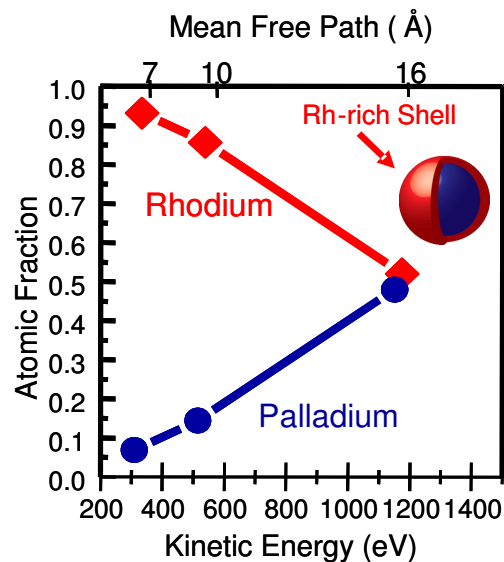
## HRTEM characterization



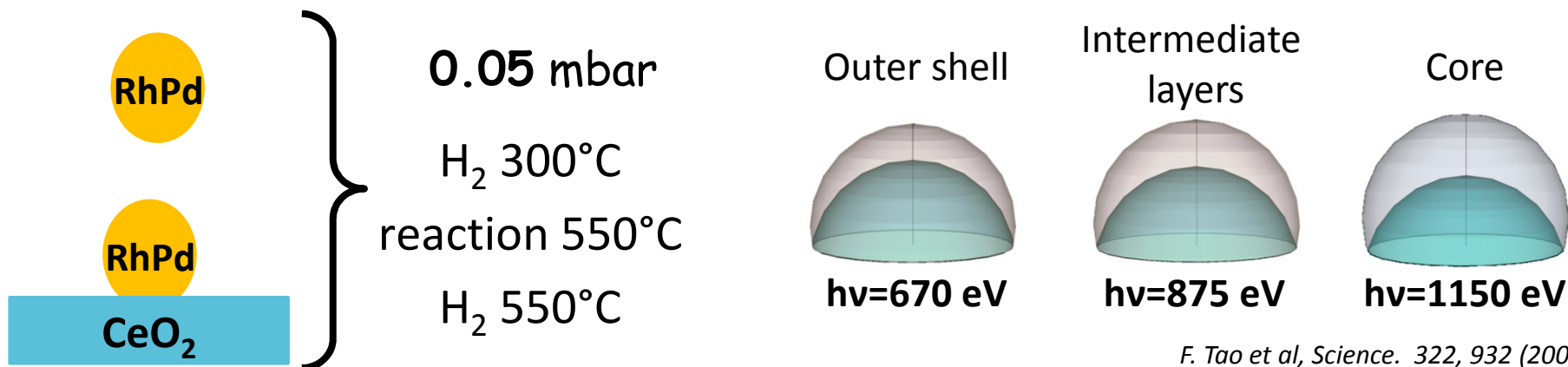
- Mean nanoparticle diameter = 4 ± 1 nm
- Rh and Pd are alloyed
- Atomic ratio Rh/Pd=1

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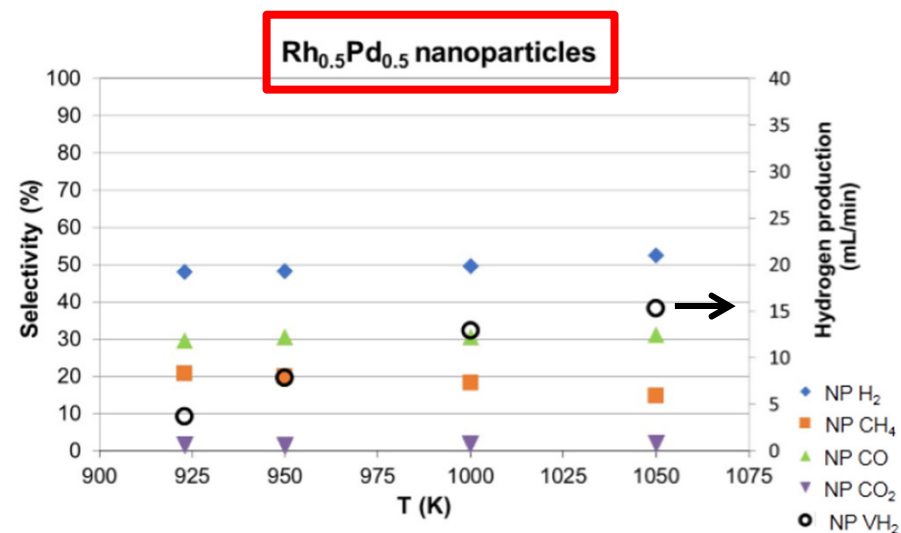
**Rh<sub>0.5</sub>Pd<sub>0.5</sub>  
NPs**



**How does CeO<sub>2</sub> influence the surface rearrangement of NPs in real catalysts?**

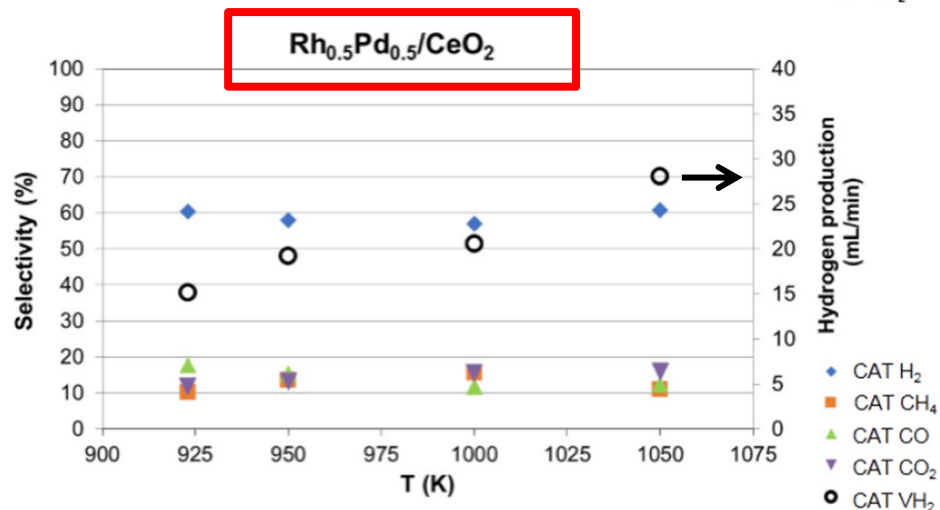


*F. Tao et al, Science. 322, 932 (2008)*

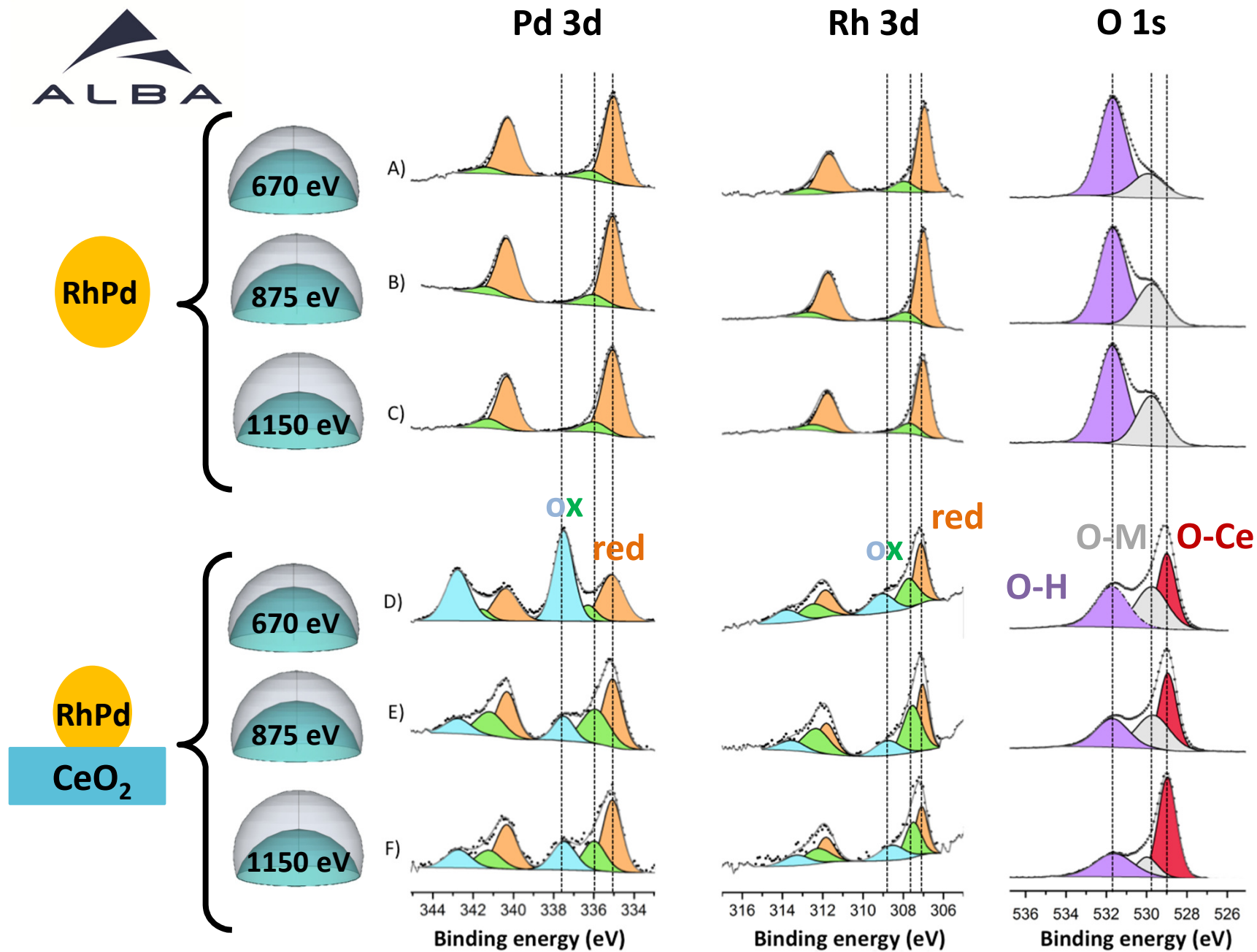


H<sub>2</sub> production by  
Rh<sub>0.5</sub>Pd<sub>0.5</sub>/CeO<sub>2</sub> is twice than  
by model Rh<sub>0.5</sub>Pd<sub>0.5</sub> NPs  
(open black circles)  
Less CO, less CH<sub>4</sub>

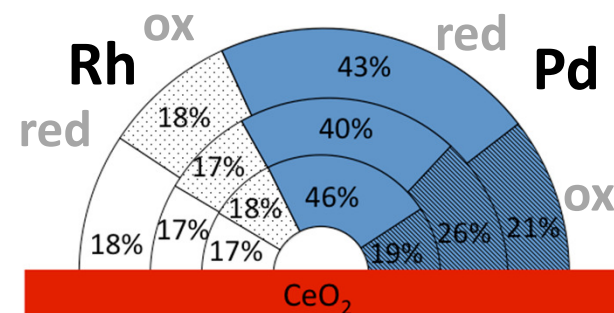
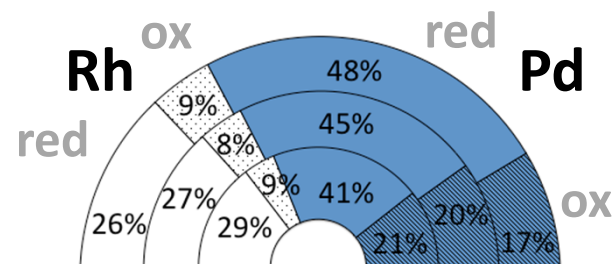
**ESR reaction steps with noble metals:**



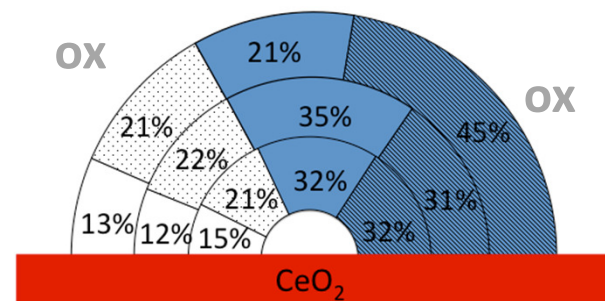
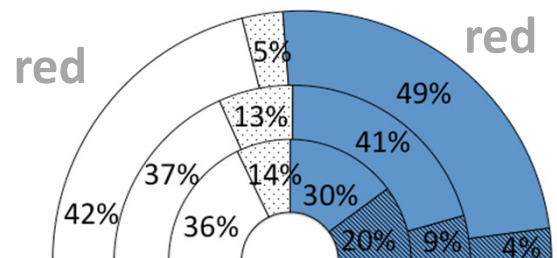
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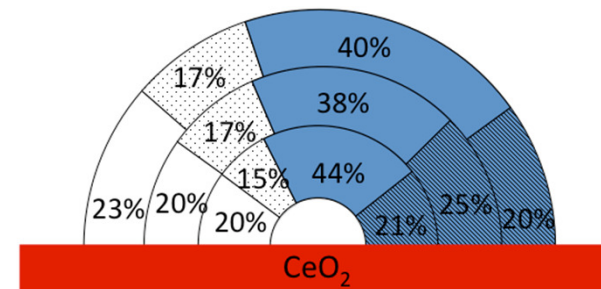
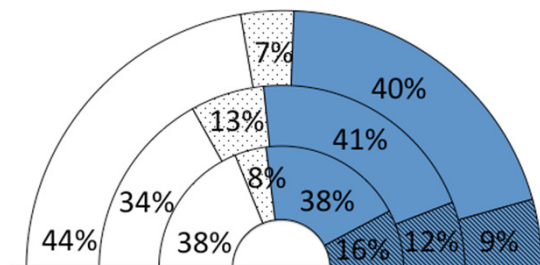
H<sub>2</sub> 300°C



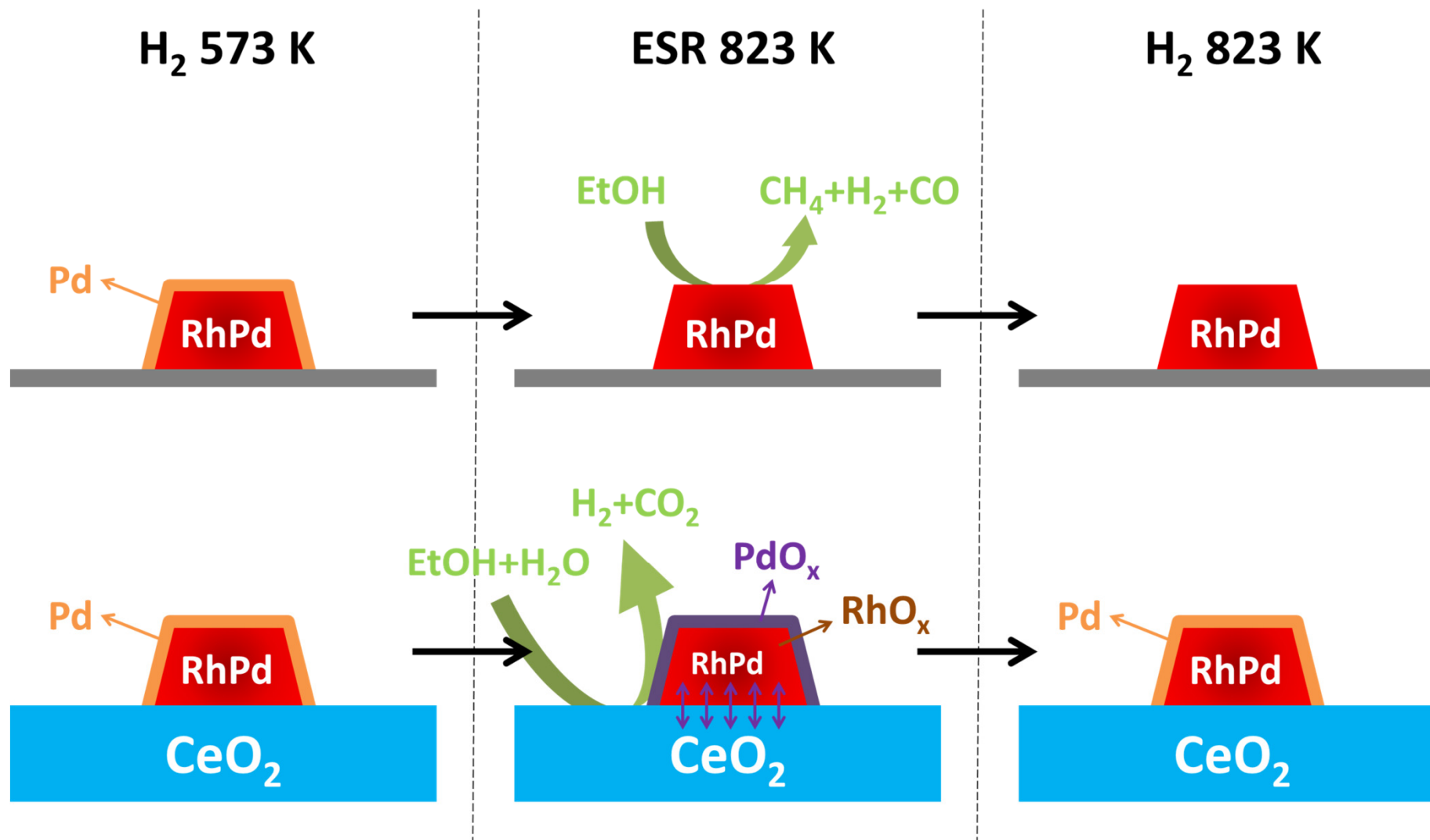
ESR reaction  
550°C



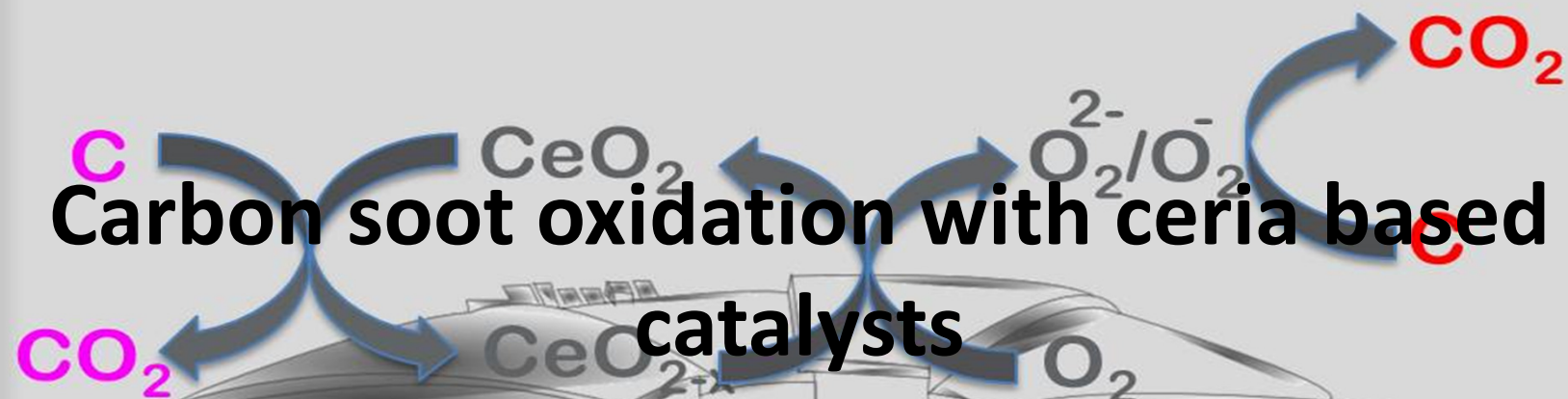
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*L. Soler et al., ChemCatChem 8, p.2748 (2016)*

# Soot, a serious environmental and health concern



Soot combustion requires  $T > 600\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , therefore catalysts are required to lower this  $T$

$\text{CeO}_2$  based catalysts are among the most effective\*

- Capacity to store and release oxygen
- Redox properties of the  $\text{Ce}^{3+/4+}$  couple
- Structural integrity

\* $\text{CeO}_2$  based catalysts are used in Three-Way Catalytic converters (TWC) for cars pollution control since mid 1980's

A. Bueno López, *Appl. Cat. B: Environmental* 146, p.1 (2014)

# Reaction mechanism

- Soot oxidation proceeds through a Mars-Van Krevelen mechanism

A. Bueno López et al., *J Catal.* 230, p.237 (2005)

B. K. Harada et.al., *J. Phys. Chem. C* 118, p559 (2014)

- The mechanism is also associated with the availability of adsorbed active oxygen species that spill over onto the soot surface

A. Bueno López et al., *J Catal.* 230, p.237 (2005)

G. Mul et.al., *J. Catal.* 179, p258 (1998)

G. Preda et. al., *J. Phys. Chem. C* 115, p.5817 (2011)

J. Kullgren et. al., *J. Phys. Chem. Lett.* 4, p.604 (2013)

- Formation of  $O_2^-$  and  $O_2^{2-}$  are suggested as precursor surface species responsible for soot oxidation

J. Xu et. al., *Chem. Commun.* 46, p.1887 (2010)

J. Soria et. al., *J. Chem. Soc. Trans.* 91, p.1669 (1995)

V. Pushkarev et.al., *J. Phys. Chem. B* 108, p.5341 (2004)

E. Saab et. al., *Carbon* 45, p.561 (2007)

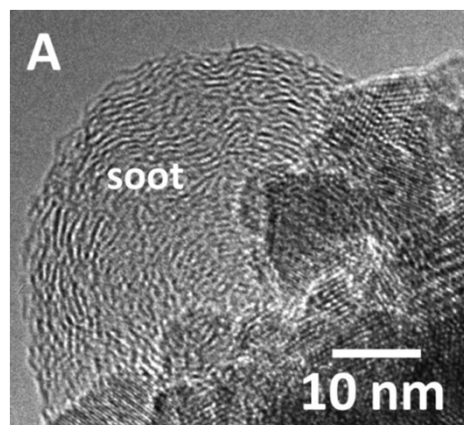
# NAPP experiments: CeO<sub>2</sub> soot vs bare CeO<sub>2</sub>

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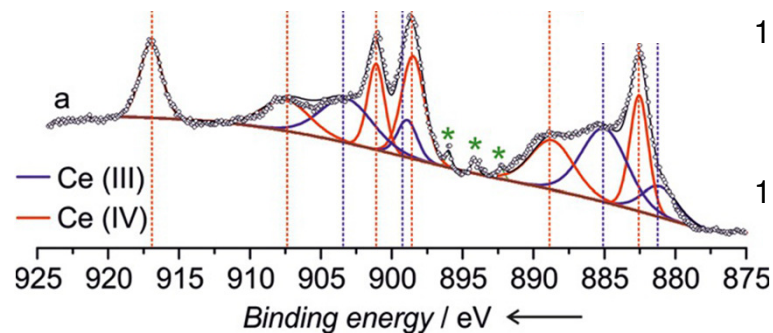
Ce 3d

CeO<sub>2</sub>-soot

*prepared by tight compact mode*



Weight ratio catalyst-soot 20:1



C/Ce

**CeO<sub>2</sub>-soot**  
1 mbar O<sub>2</sub>, 550 °C

**2.9**



**CeO<sub>2</sub>-soot**  
1 mbar Ar, 550 °C

**16.0**



**CeO<sub>2</sub>-soot**  
1 mbar Ar, 450 °C

**24.4**

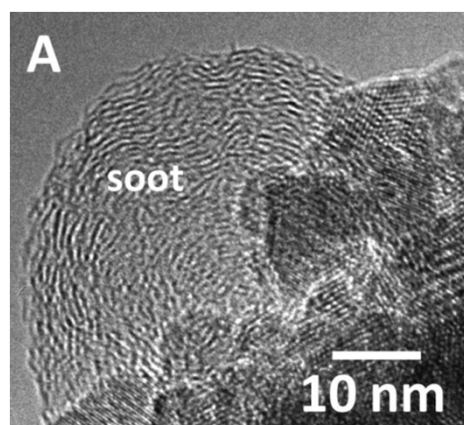
**Bare CeO<sub>2</sub>**  
1 mbar Ar, 450 °C

L. Soler et al., *ChemCatChem* 8, p.2748 (2016)

# $\text{CeO}_2$ soot vs bare $\text{CeO}_2$

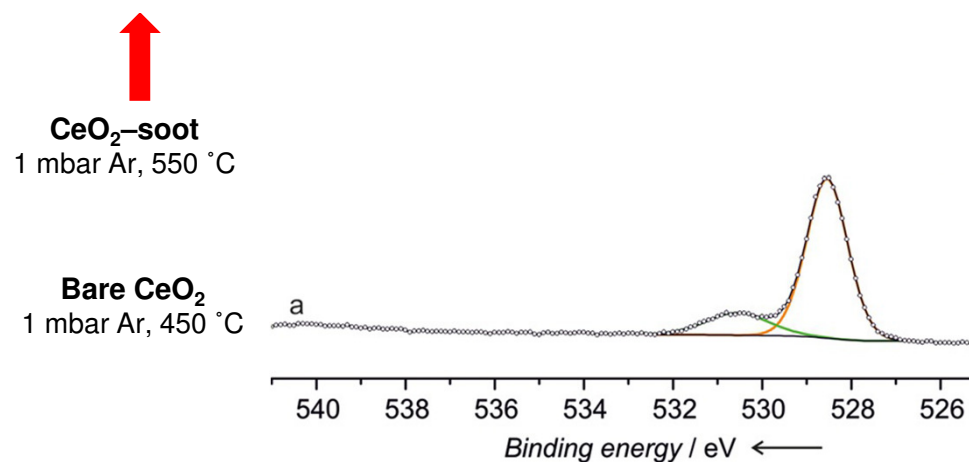
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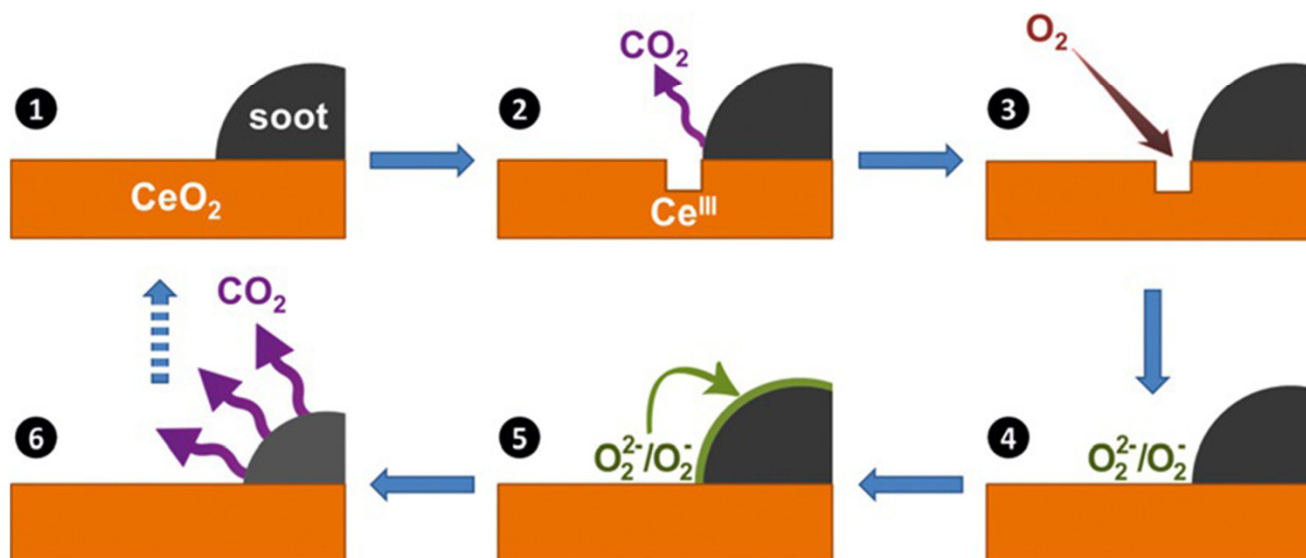
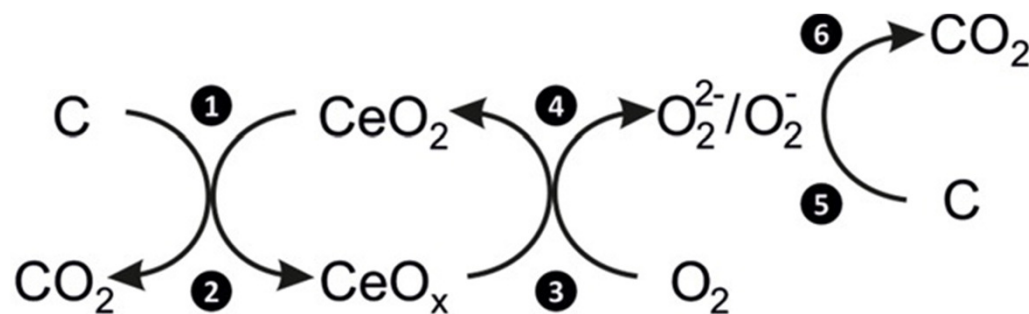
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# Scheme of the mechanism for soot oxidation over ceria-based catalysts



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# Thanks to all ALBA staff



# ... And thank you for your attention!