

Institut für Physikalische Chemie und Elektrochemie

## Chemische Nanomaterialien

### Womit trägt die Physikalische Chemie der Uni Hannover zum Gelingen des LNQE bei?

Die vorgestellten Arbeiten wurden  
mehrheitlich unter dem Dach des  
Zentrums für Festkörperchemie und Neue Materialien  
erarbeitet.



# Arbeitsgruppen des PCI

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Nanostrukturierte Wirt/Gast-  
Systeme und Funktionsschichten

- PD Dr. Wark
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- Dr. Feldhoff

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Dynamische und kinetische  
Prozesse an Festkörpern

## **Prof. Becker**

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Mikrowellenspektroskopie

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## **Prof. Imbihl**

Dynamische Prozesse  
an Oberflächen

## **PD Dr. Michael Wark**

Deposition of porous sol-gel layers

Functionalization of porous materials

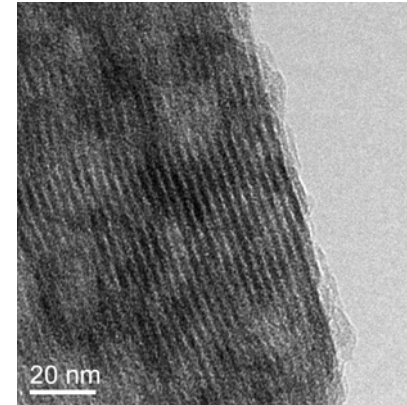
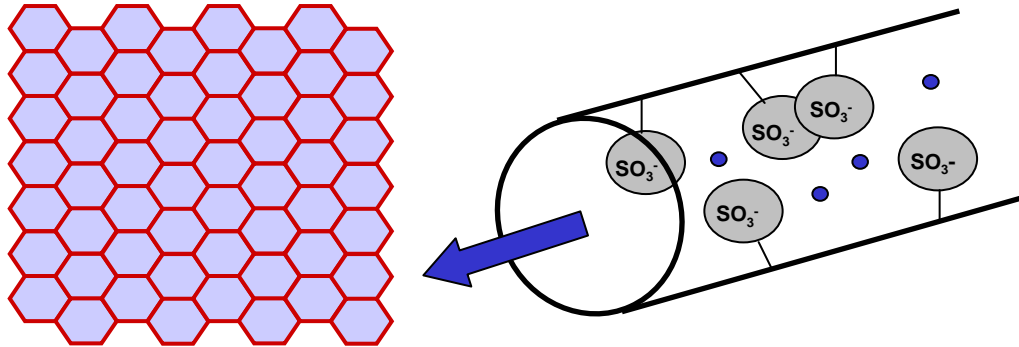
Proton conducting membranes for fuel cells

Inorganic nano-tubes

UV-vis spectroscopy of solids

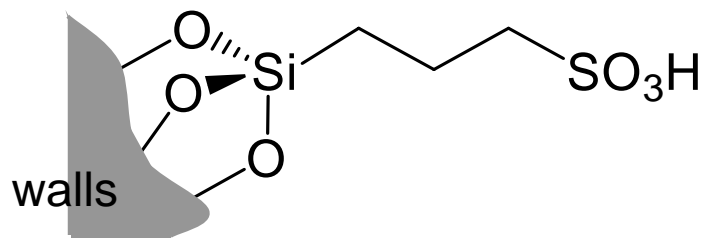
# Mesoporous $\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ -functionalized $\text{SiO}_2$ with $> 1000 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$

Functionalized mesoporous oxides ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ) for proton conductivity and water storage ( $\Rightarrow$  additives for PEM fuel cell membranes)

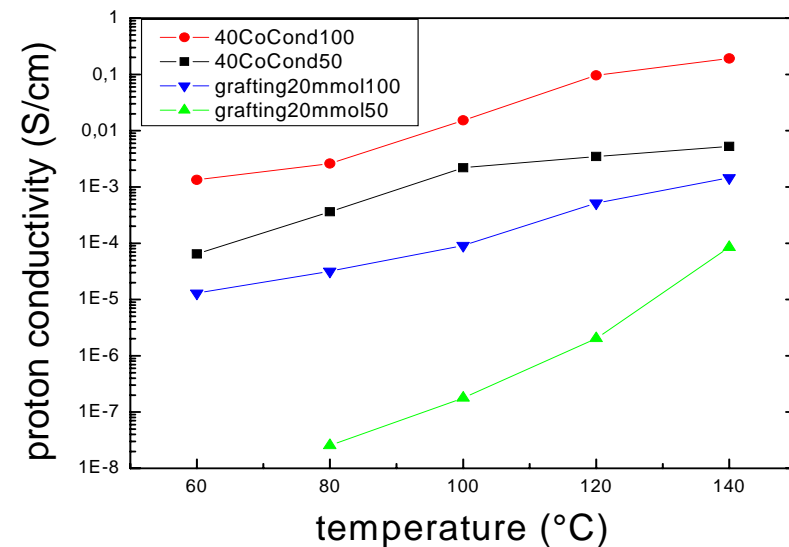


## Two methods for loading:

1. postsynthetic grafting with thiol-silane and oxidation.
2. Co-condensation: addition of thiol-silane direct to synthesis gel for mesop.  $\text{SiO}_2$ , oxidation simultaneously to template removal.



Loading and, thus proton conductivity higher for samples formed by co-condensation



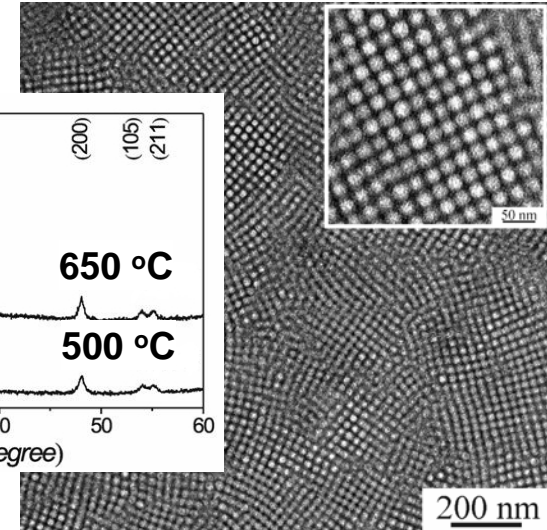
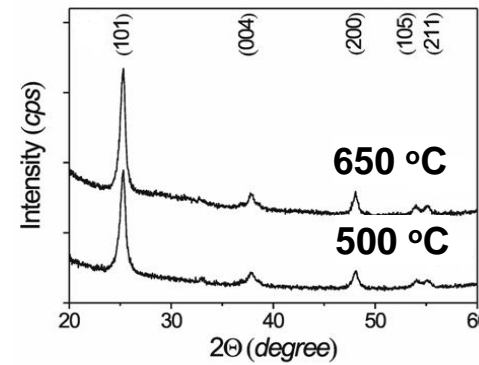
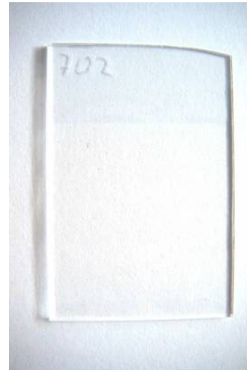
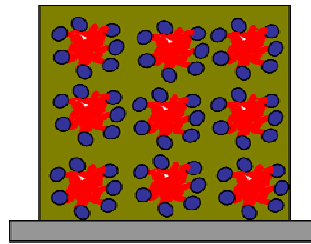
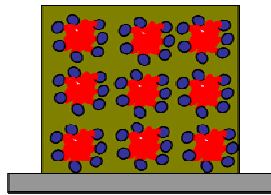
# Mesoporous TiO<sub>2</sub> films with highly crystalline walls

Mesoporous TiO<sub>2</sub> films, made by template-assisted sol-gel chemistry, dip-coating (EISA process)

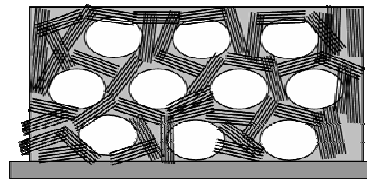
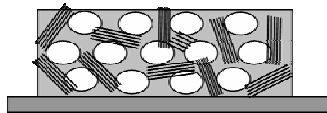
earlier films  
(template: Pluronic)

new films  
(template: KLE)

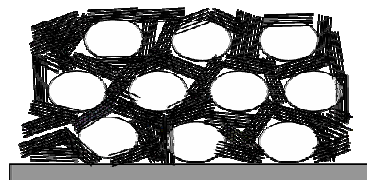
**RT**



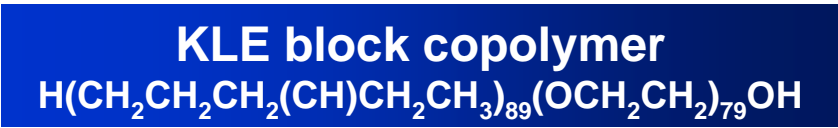
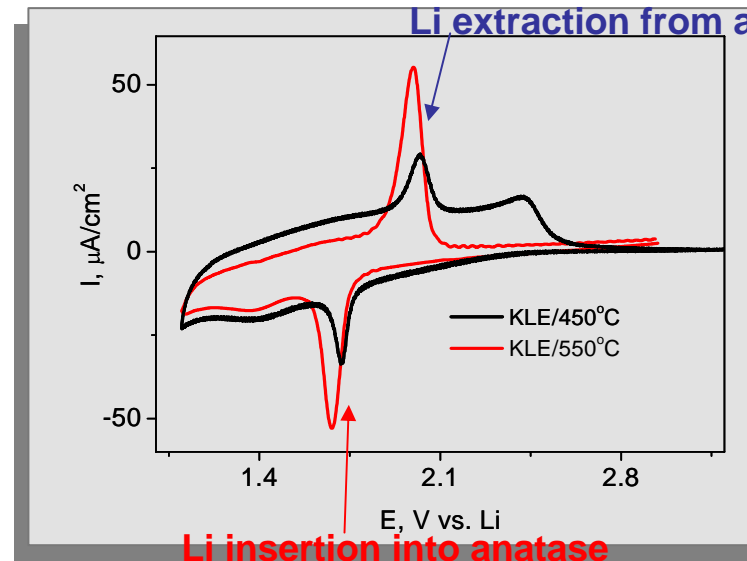
**450°C**



**600°C**

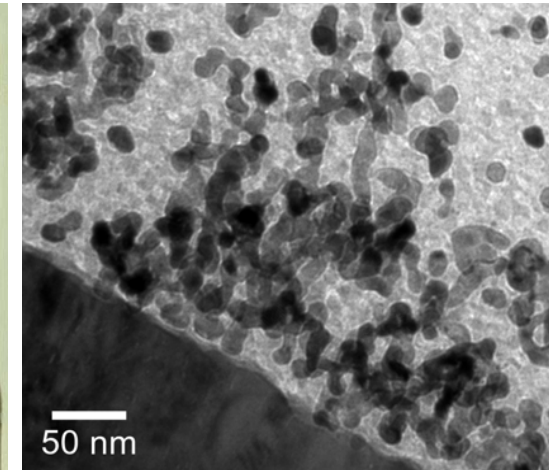
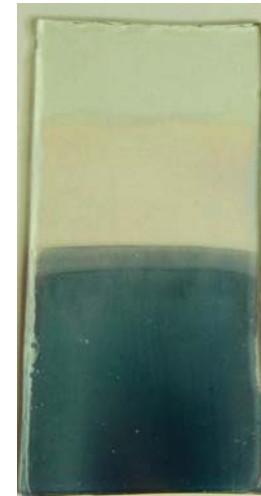
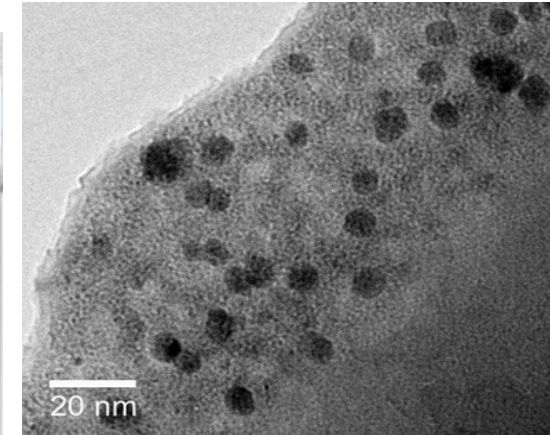
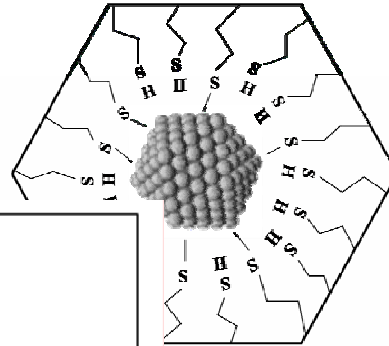
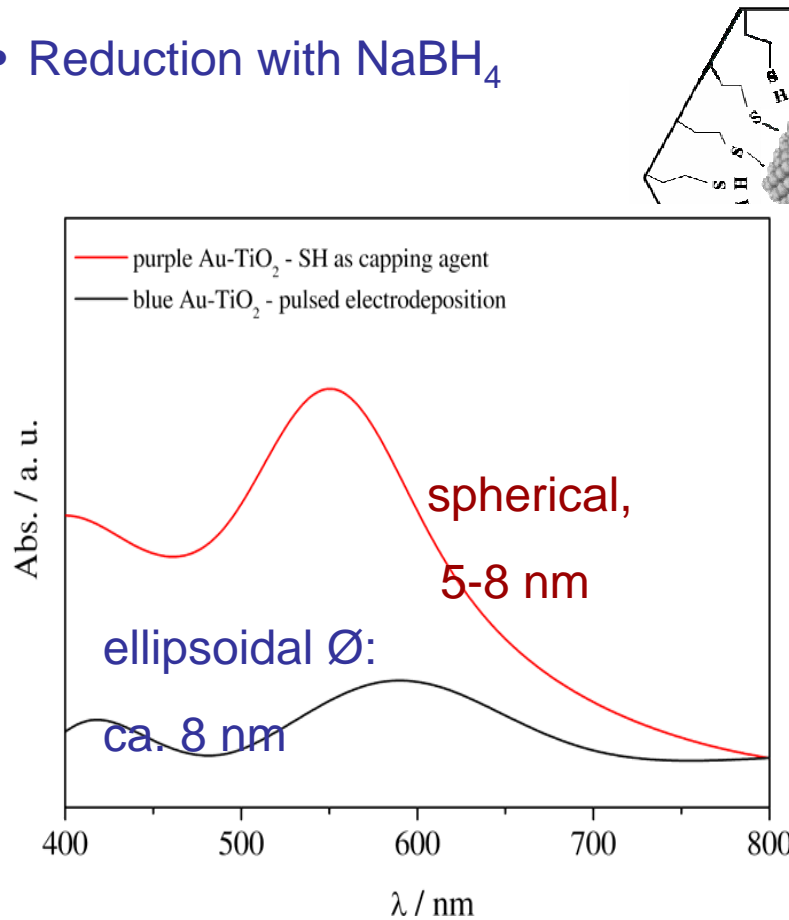


Li extraction from anatase



# Au nanostructures in mesop. TiO<sub>2</sub> films – plasmon resonance

- Anchoring of Au<sup>3+</sup> ions on thiol groups
- Reduction with NaBH<sub>4</sub>



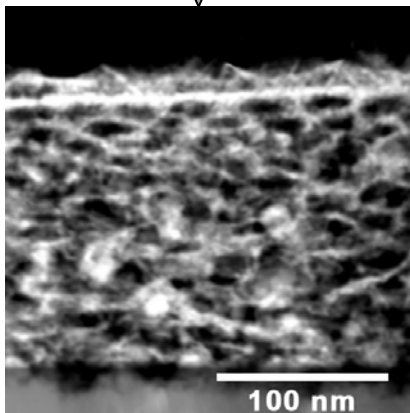
- Pulsed electrochemical deposition; starting with very short, negative potential pulse
- $\Rightarrow$  generation of worm-like Au structures possible.

# Mesoporous conductive indium-tin-oxide (ITO)

Sol-gel precursor

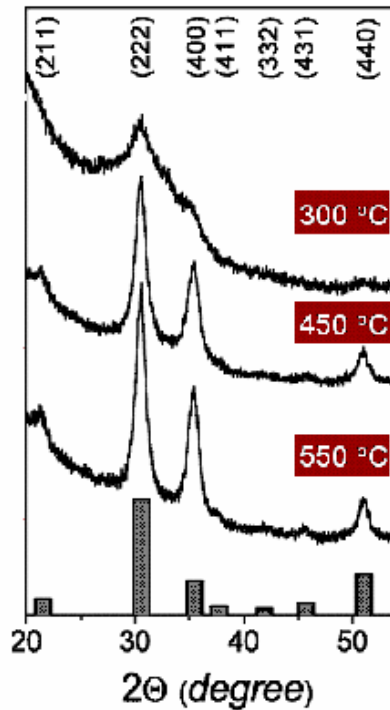
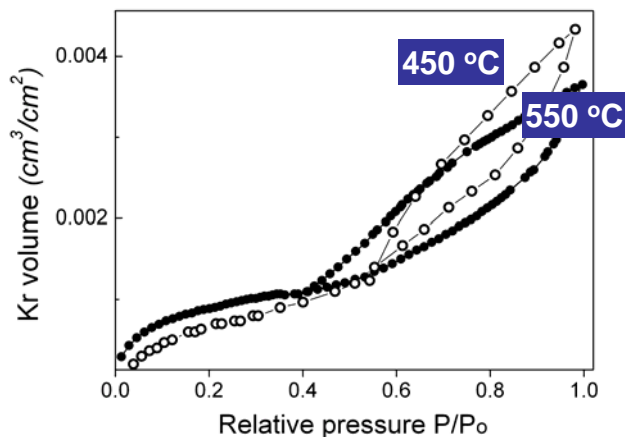
- In source: In(III) acetylacetonate (0.6 g)
- Sn source: Sn(IV) chloride (0.038 g)
- Template: KLE (0.085 g)

EISA process - Dip-coating - relative humidity 18-20 %



high porosity, but also high crystallinity of walls  
 ⇒ good electrical conductivity

Kr adsorption at 77 K



Sheet resistance $\Omega$	Specific resistivity $\Omega \text{ cm}$
<b>Non-conductive</b>	
$3 \cdot 10^5$	5
$1 \cdot 10^4$ (N <sub>2</sub> )	0.15
$1.3 \cdot 10^3$ (H <sub>2</sub> )	0.02

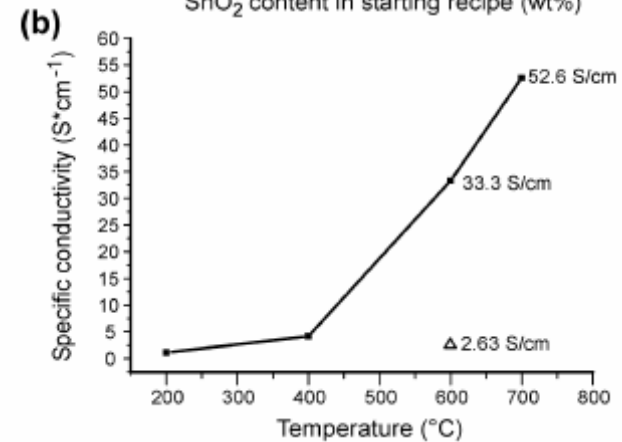
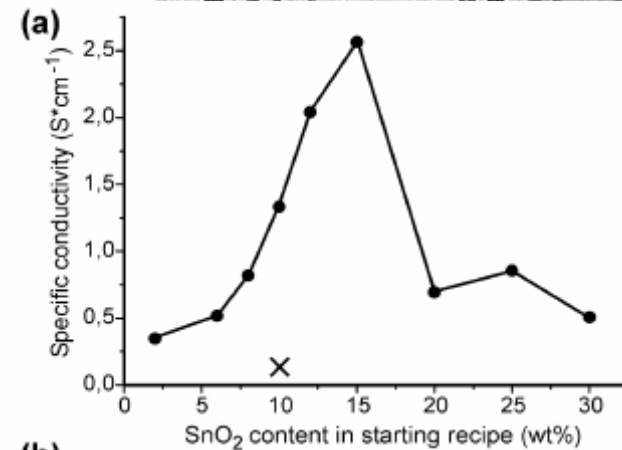
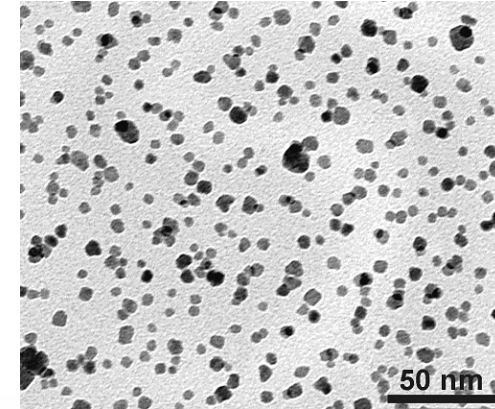
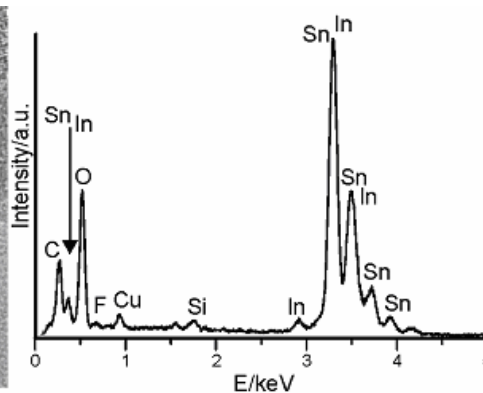
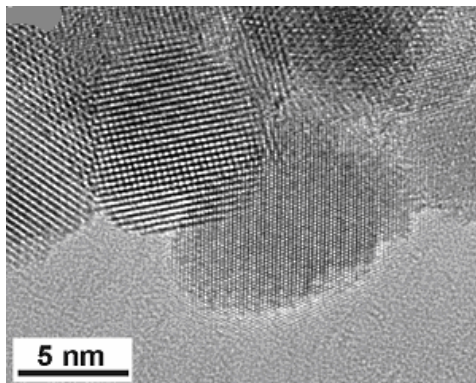
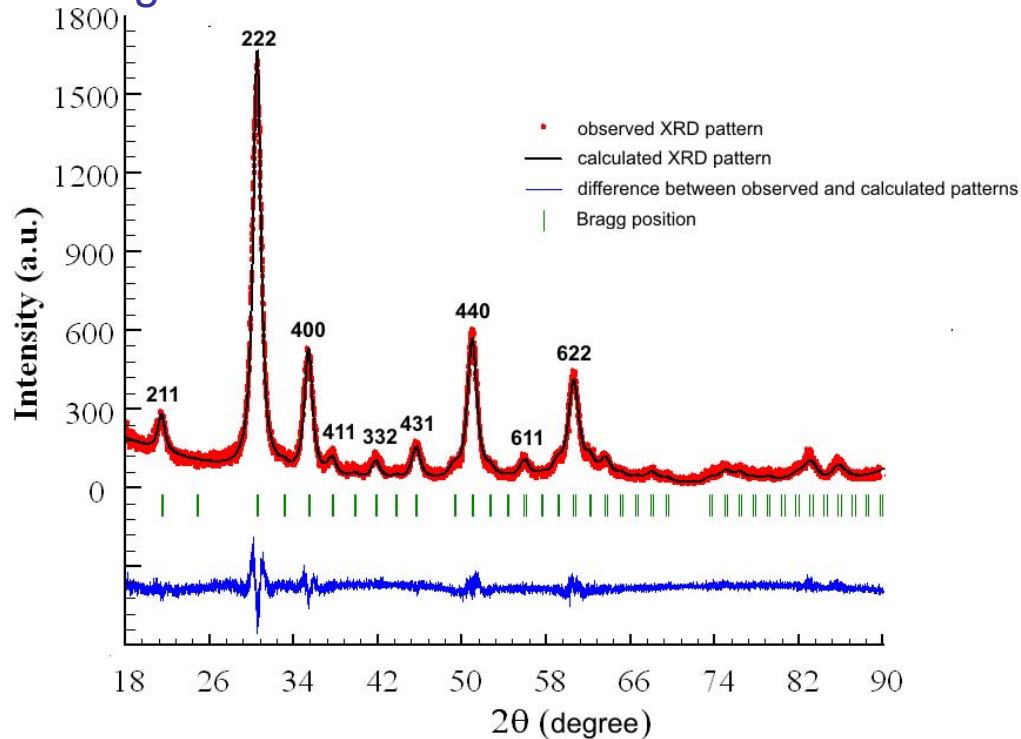
application:

new type of solar cells, electrochromism, electroluminescence, ....



# Well-crystalline ITO nanoparticles

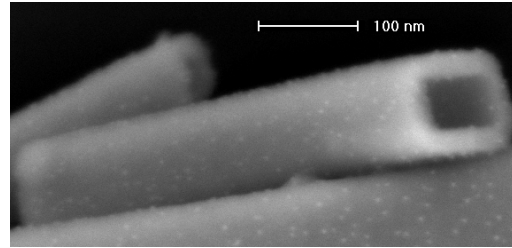
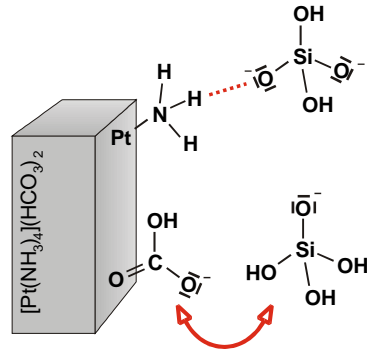
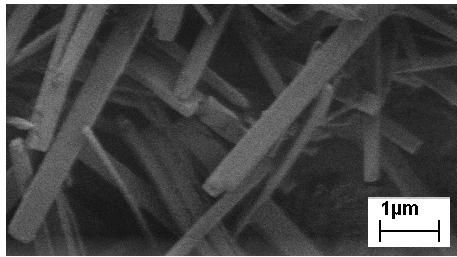
Non-aqueous synthesis of ITO nanoparticles from  $\text{In}(\text{acac})_3$  and  $\text{Sn}(\text{OtBu})_4$ , heating in autoclave to  $200^\circ\text{C}$  for 48 h.



I. Ba, M. Niederberger, M. Wark, A. Feldhoff, et al. Chem. Mater. 18 (2006), 2848.

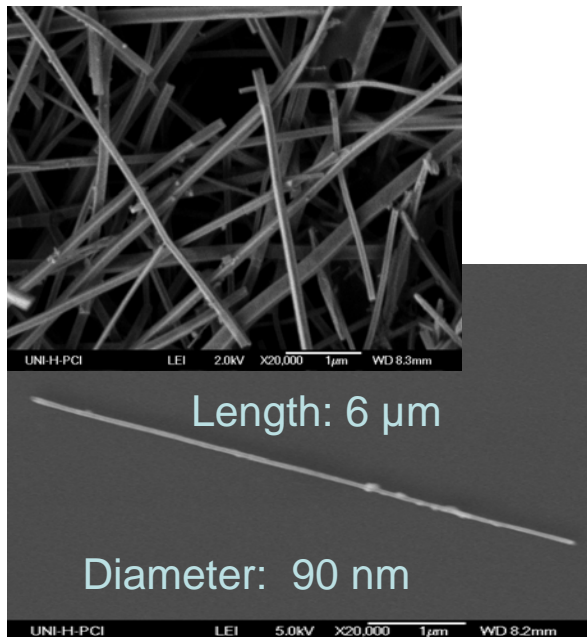


# Controlled growth of metal containing oxide nanotubes (NTs)

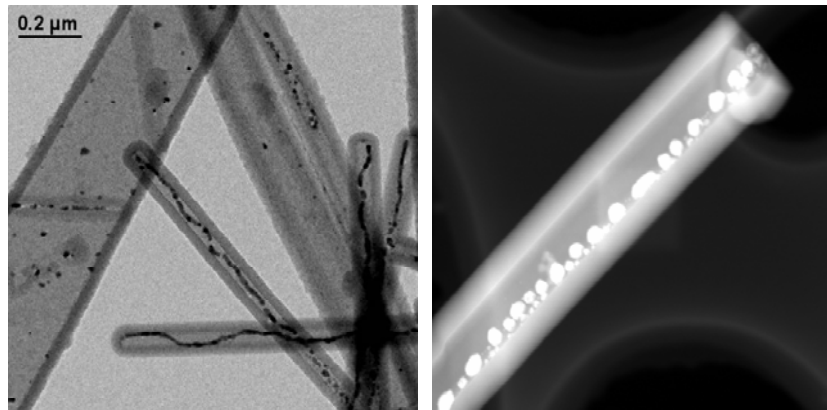


In a sol-gel process precipitated metal salt nanofibres work as templates to form NTs

Uniform  $\text{SiO}_2$  or  $\text{TiO}_2$  NTs with high aspect ratios



By reduction of the template salt, metal nanowires (but contacting of NTs difficult) or chains of nanoparticles (Co: interesting magnetic properties) form in the NTs.



$[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_6](\text{HCO}_3)(\text{CO}_3) \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$   
aqueous solution

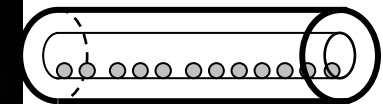
↓ (1)



↓ (2)



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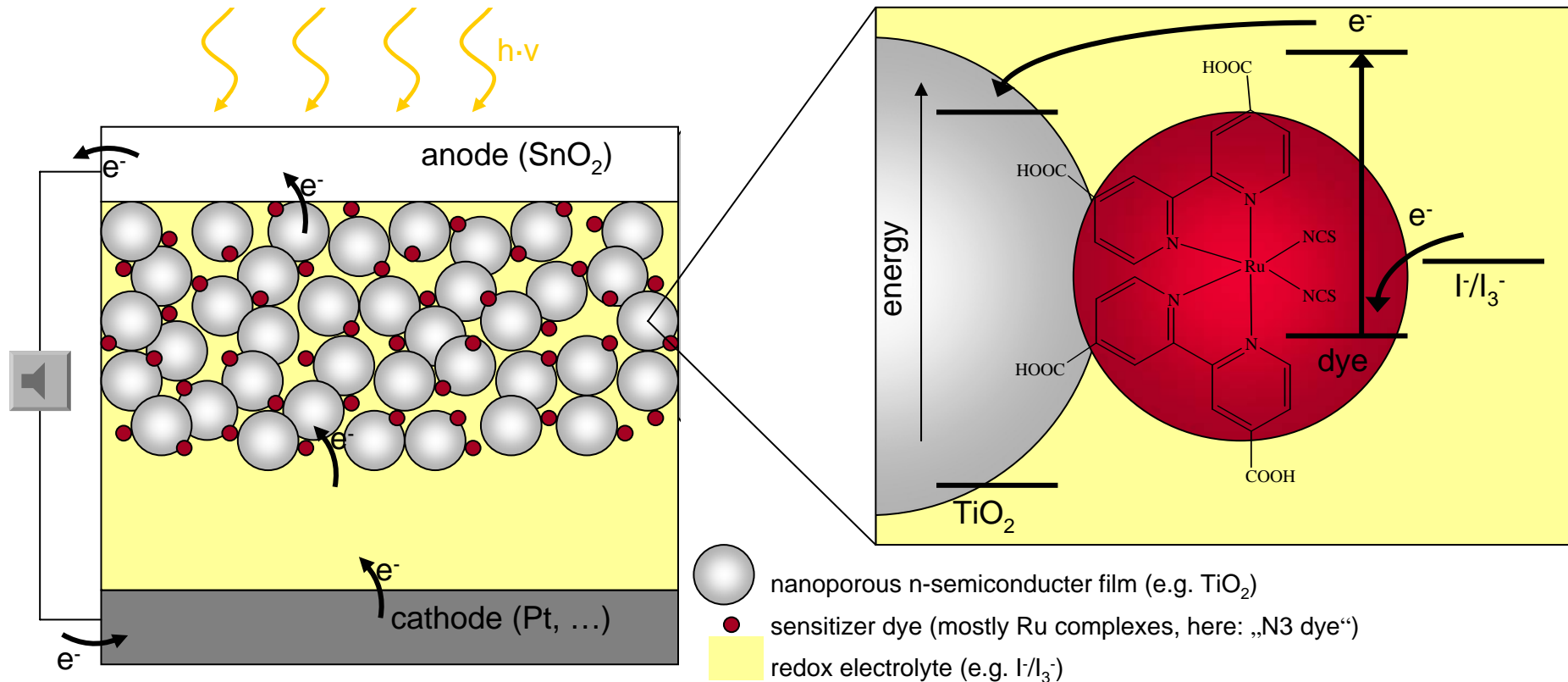


L. Ren, M. Wark,  
Chem. Mater. 17  
(2005), 5928.

## **Dr. Torsten Oekermann**

- (Photo-)Electrochemistry
- Impedance spectroscopy
- Time- and frequency-resolved photoelectrochemical methods
- Electrochemical deposition of porous layers
- Dye sensitized solar cells

# Alternative for silicon solar cells: Dye sensitized solar cell (DSSC)



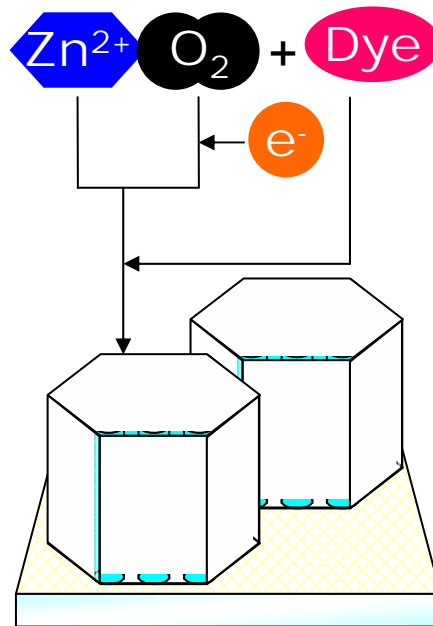
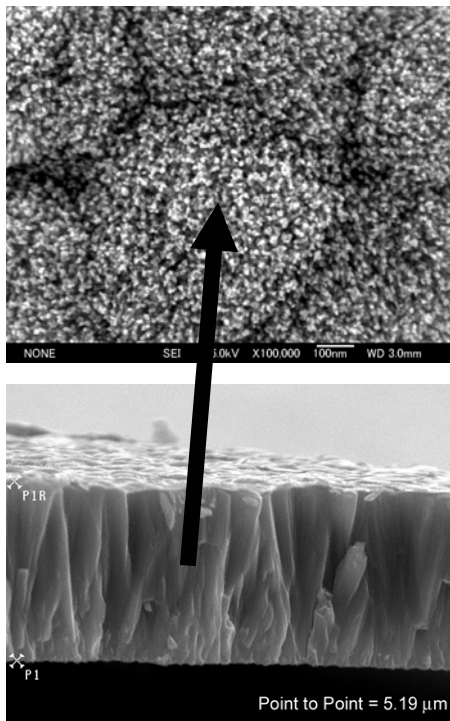
Preparation of porous semiconductor films for DSSC by

- colloid-processing from nanoparticles
- electrophoretic deposition of nanoparticles
- sol-gel methods (collaboration with M. Wark)

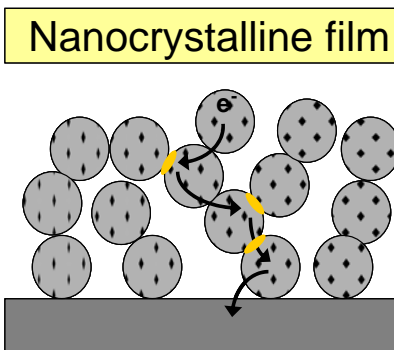
Oekermann, Wessels

# Novel method: Electrochemical preparation of porous semiconductor films for DSSC

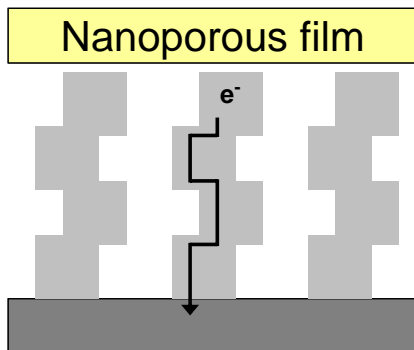
- Crystalline ZnO layer is formed by cathodic electrodeposition at  $T > 65\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Dye molecules in the electrodeposition bath adsorb to the growing film and are incorporated



Colloid-processed film made from nanoparticles  
→ slow electron transport



Electrodeposited film „porous single crystal“  
→ fast electron transport



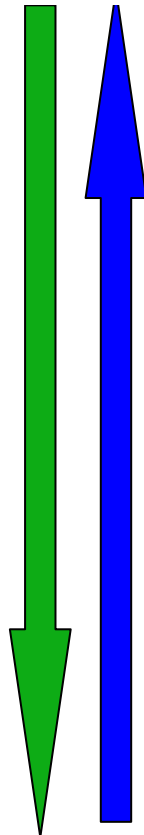
# Benchmarking: Comparison of the efficiency of three types of solar cells under realistic conditions

Si single-crystal solar cell:  
**25 %**

Dye-sensitized solar cell  
(à la Grätzel)  
**11,5 %**

Dye-sensitized solar cell with  
electrodeposition of ZnO  
(à la Oekermann, Hannover,  
and Yoshida, Gifu, Japan)  
**6 %** ⇒ **World record for  
low-T prepared DSSC**

efficiency



costs

Sliding roof of the  
AUDI car = Si single  
crystal solar cell

Commercial DSSC  
of the company  
Great Cell



Testing facility on the institut's roof:  
Cells in vertical and horizontal orientation

Oekermann, Marschall



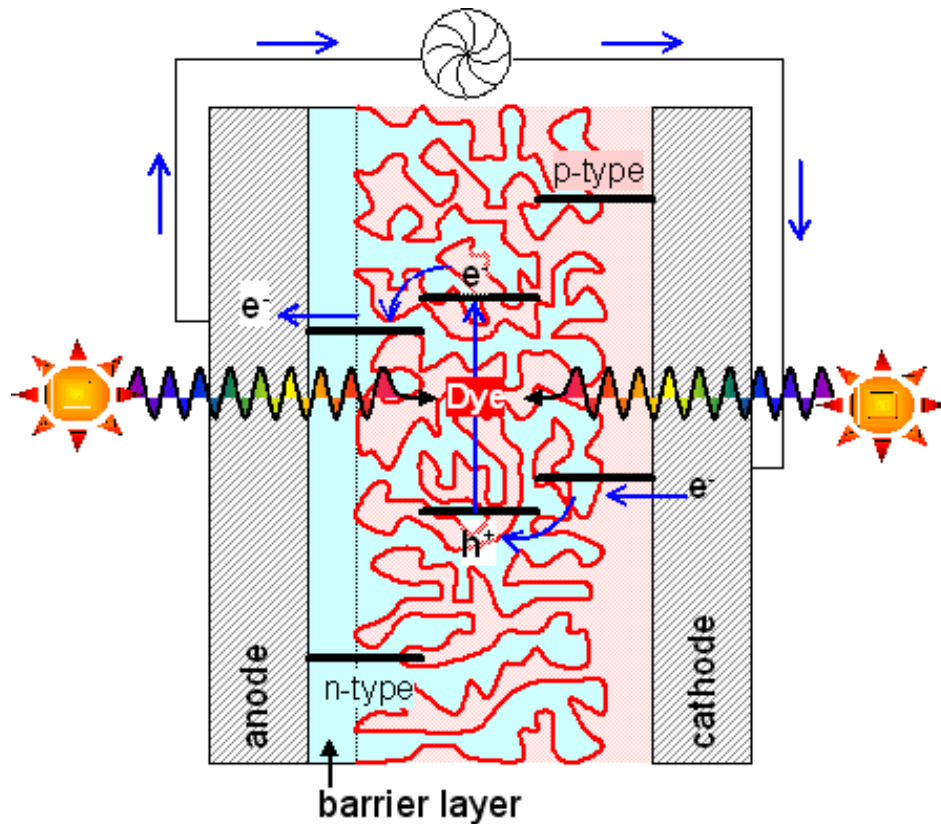
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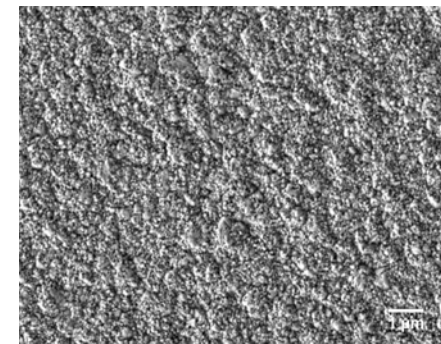
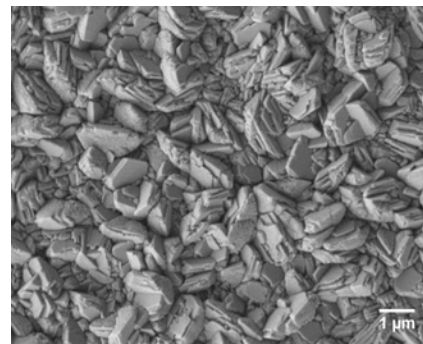
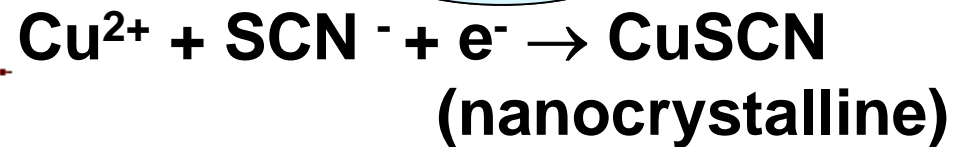
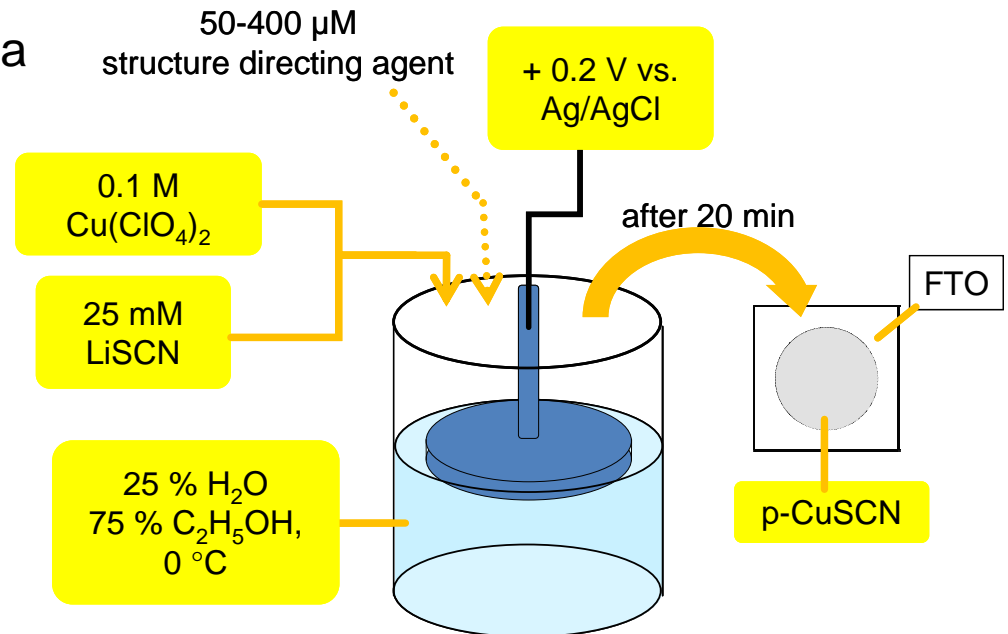


# Novel concept: Dye-sensitized p-n- solar cells

Replacement of the liquid electrolyte by a solid p-type semiconductor  
 → Improved long-term stability  
 A promising material is p-CuSCN



Oekermann, Selk



SEM images of CuSCN films deposited with and without cetyltrimethylammonium bromide



**Dr. Armin Feldhoff**

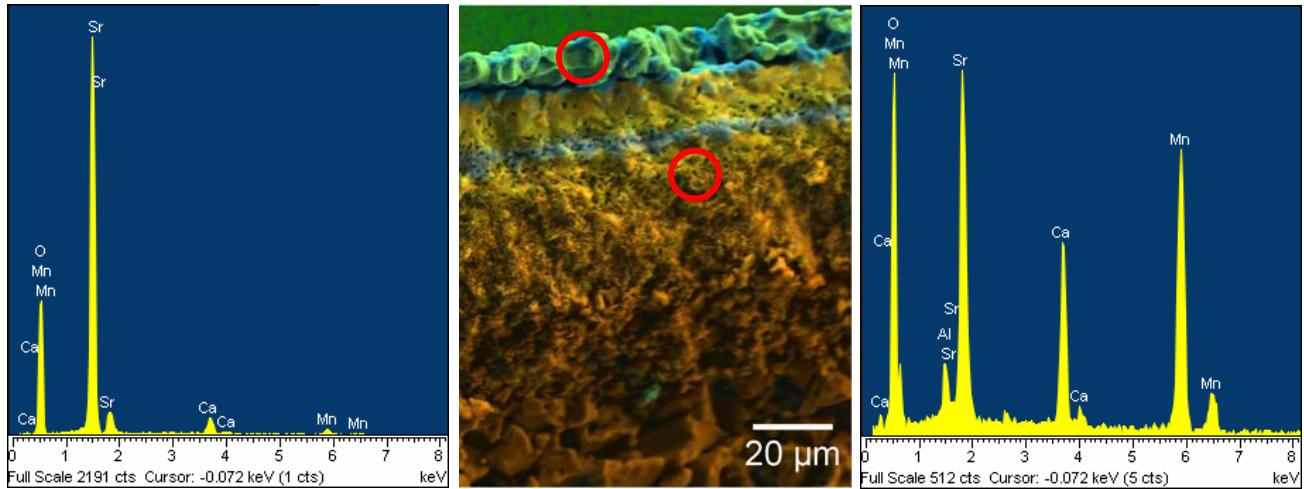
Elektron microscopy: SEM, TEM

Micro structure analysis

In situ XRD (under gas atmosphere up to 1200 °C)

- Sekundärelektronendetektor
- Semi-in-lens-Detektor für kleine Arbeitsabstände
- Rückstreuелеktronendetektor (BSE)
- Energiedispersives Röntgenspektrometer (EDXS),  
Oxford Instruments INCA 300, Detektion ab Be (Z = 4)

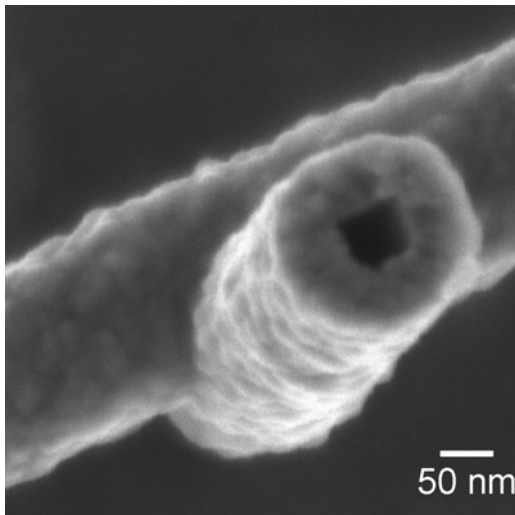
Auflösungsvermögen:  
 1,0 nm @ 15kV  
 2,2 nm @ 1kV  
 Beschleunigungsspannung:  
 0,5 - 30 kV



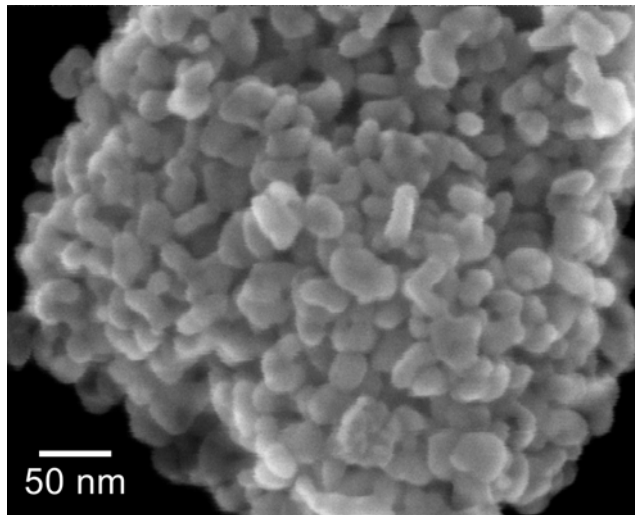
Bruchspiegel eines Perowskitrohrs (Membran zur Sauerstoffabtrennung)

Feldemissions-  
 Rasterelektronen-  
 mikroskop  
 (FE-REM)

JEOL JSM-6700F



Gekreuzte TiO<sub>2</sub>-Hohlfasern



Katalysatorträger aus TiO<sub>2</sub> (Anatas)



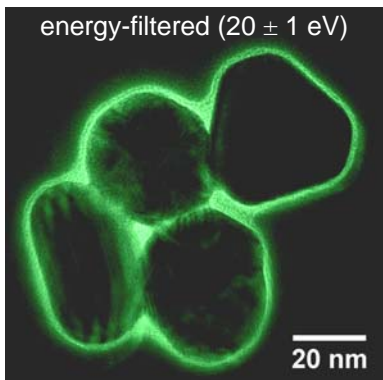
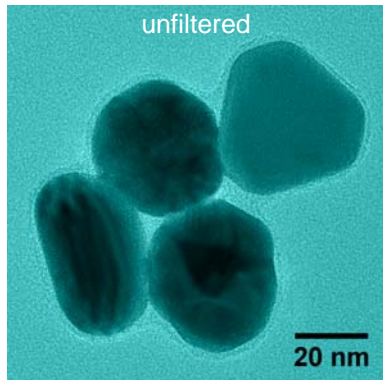
- Transmissionselektronenmikroskopie (BF, DF, HRTEM)
- Raster-Transmissionselektronenmikroskopie (STEM mit BF, HAADF)
- Elektronenbeugung (SAED, CBED, auch energiegefiltert)
- Energiegefilterte Transmissionselektronenmikroskopie (EFTEM)

- Elektronen-Energieverlust-Spektroskopie (EELS, ELNES),  
**Gatan Imaging Filter, GIF 2001, mit 1k-CCD-Kamera**
- Energiedispersive Röntgenspektroskopie (EDXS),  
**Oxford Instruments INCA 200, Detektion ab Be (Z = 4)**

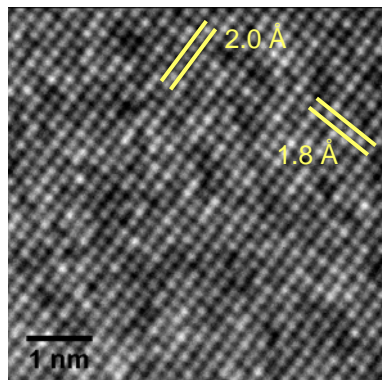
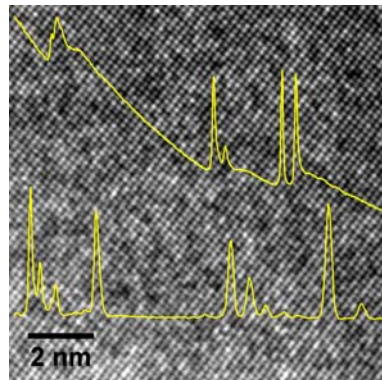
- Schottky-Feldemitter (ZrO/W(100))
- Beschleunigungsspannung: 200 kV (160 kV)
- Punktauflösung:  $\leq 0,19$  nm ( $C_s = 0,5$  mm)
- Gitterauflösung für STEM:  $\leq 0,2$  nm
- Energieauflösung für EELS:  $\leq 0,7$  eV

## Feldemissions- Transmissions- elektronenmikroskop (FE-TEM)

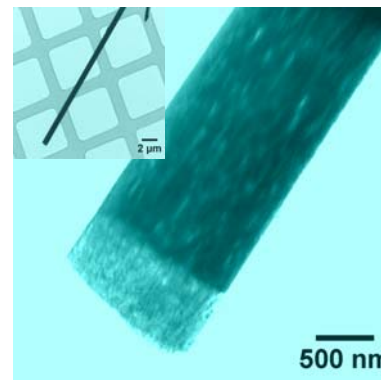
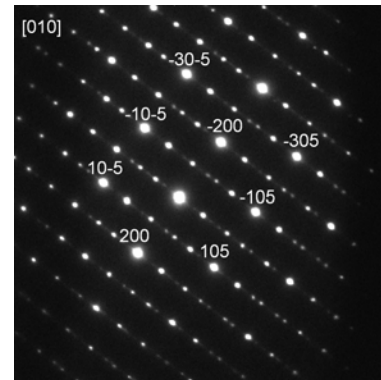
JEOL JEM-2100F-UHR



Goldteilchen, oberflächen-  
funktionalisiert mit Proteinfilm



Perowskit entlang [012]  
( $\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{Sr}_{0.5}\text{Fe}_{0.8}\text{Zn}_{0.2}\text{O}_{3-\delta}$ )

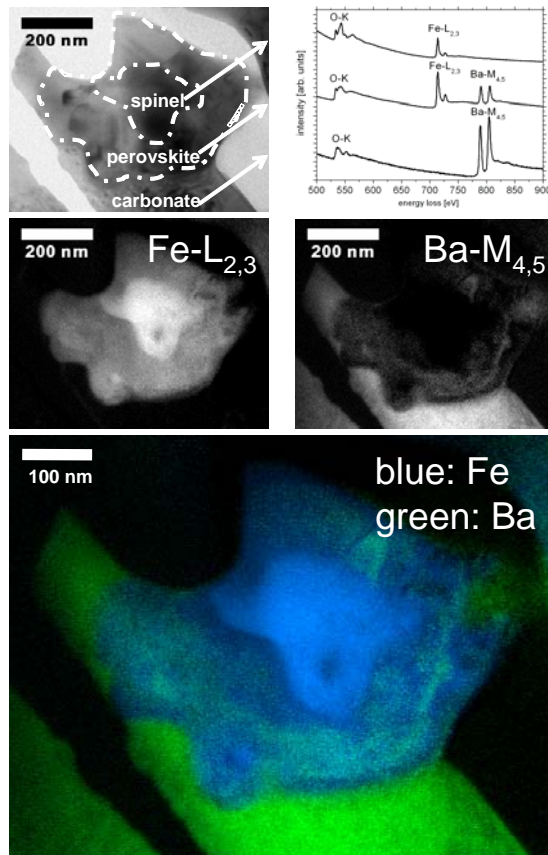


TiO<sub>2-x</sub>-Stäbchen (Anatas)  
mit planaren Defekten

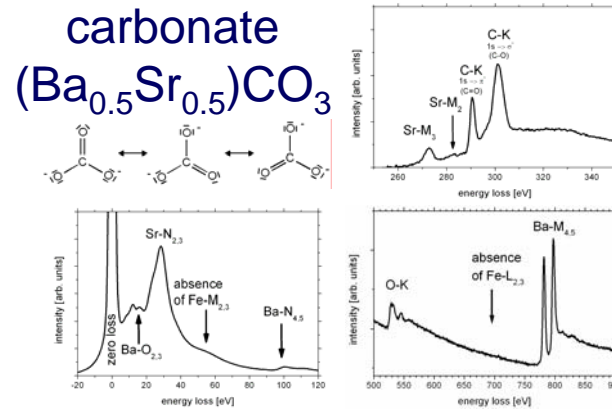


The sol-gel synthesis of perovskites involves nanoscale solid state reactions.

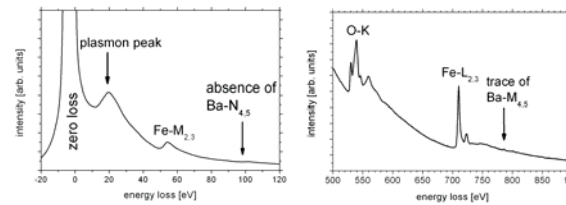
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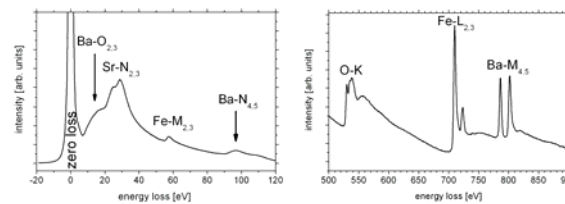
energy-filtered TEM



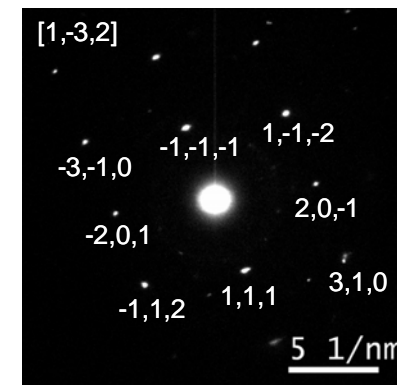
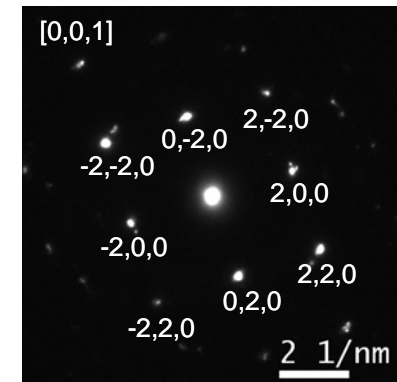
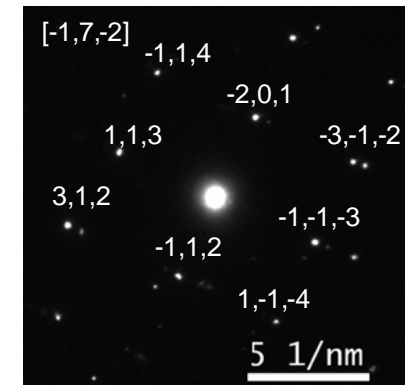
+ spinel  
(Zn<sub>0.6</sub>Fe<sub>0.4</sub>)Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>



= perovskite  
(Ba<sub>0.5</sub>Sr<sub>0.5</sub>)(Fe<sub>0.8</sub>Zn<sub>0.2</sub>)O<sub>3</sub>



electron energy-loss spectroscopy



electron diffraction

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## **AK Becker, Lehrgebiet A**

Beeinflussung der Kristallisation  
von Halbleitern und Metallen  
durch dispergierte Nanopartikel

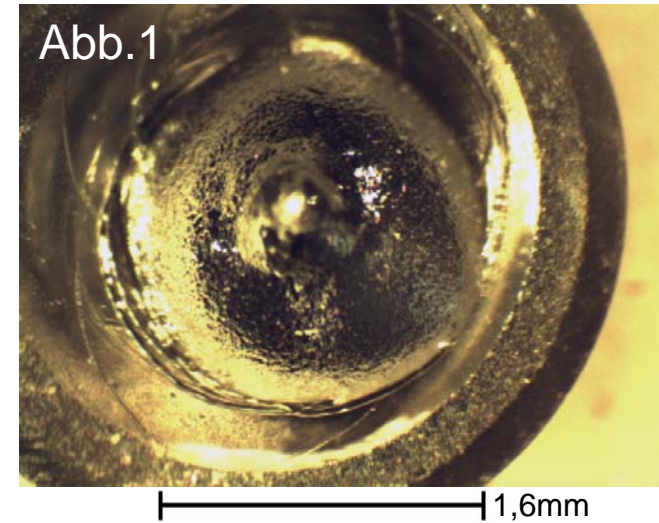
z.B. Silizium und Nanopartikel z.B.  $\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4$

Optische und NIR-Mikroskopie im Hochvakuum

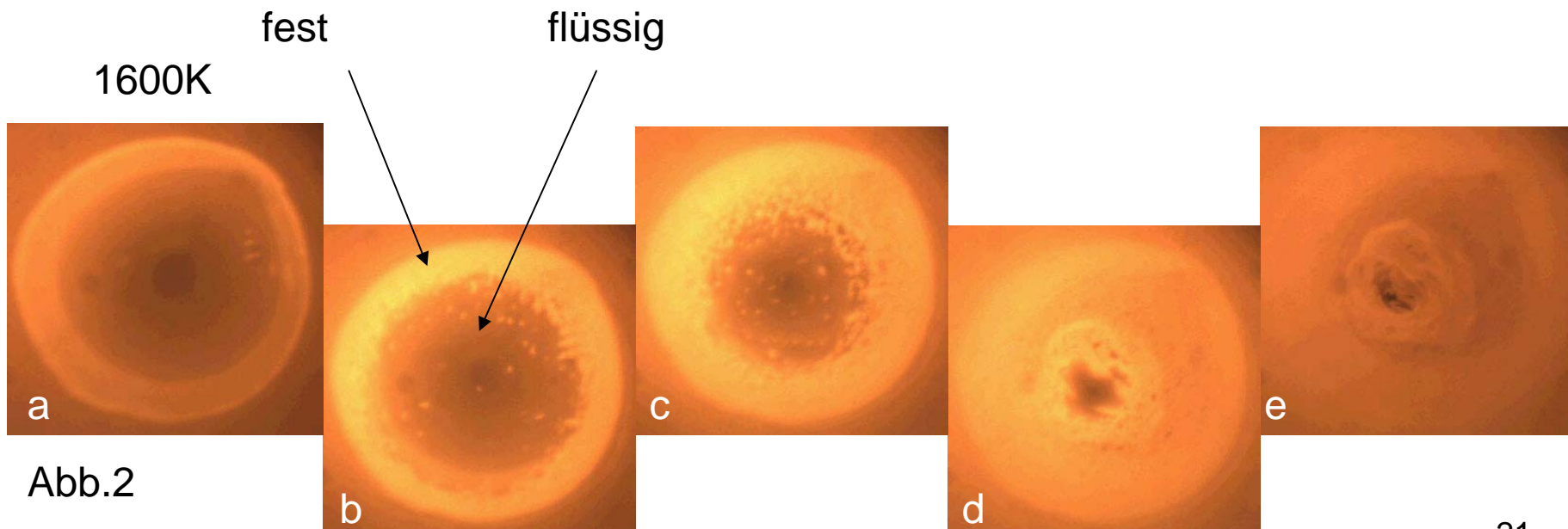


## Homogene Keimbildung

- reines Silizium ( $T_{\text{schmelz}}=1687\text{K}$ )
- Unterkühlung bis  $>100\text{K}$  möglich
- Einsetzen von homogener Keimbildung (Abb.2a-e)
- Schnelle Kristallisation ( $\sim 1$  sek)

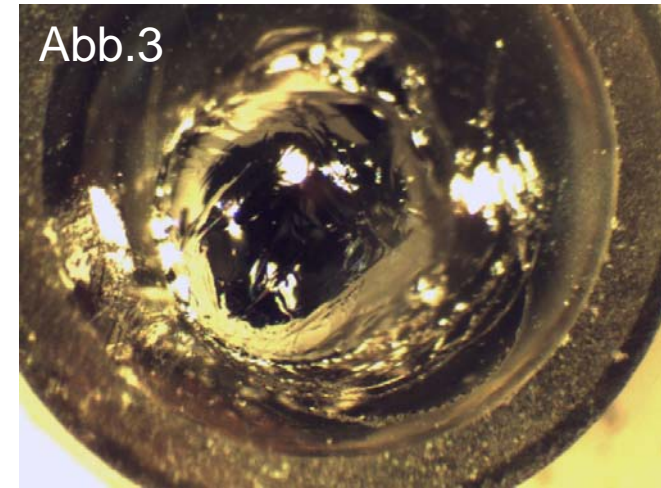


Entstehung eines polykristallinen Probenkörpers mit rauer Oberfläche (Abb.1)

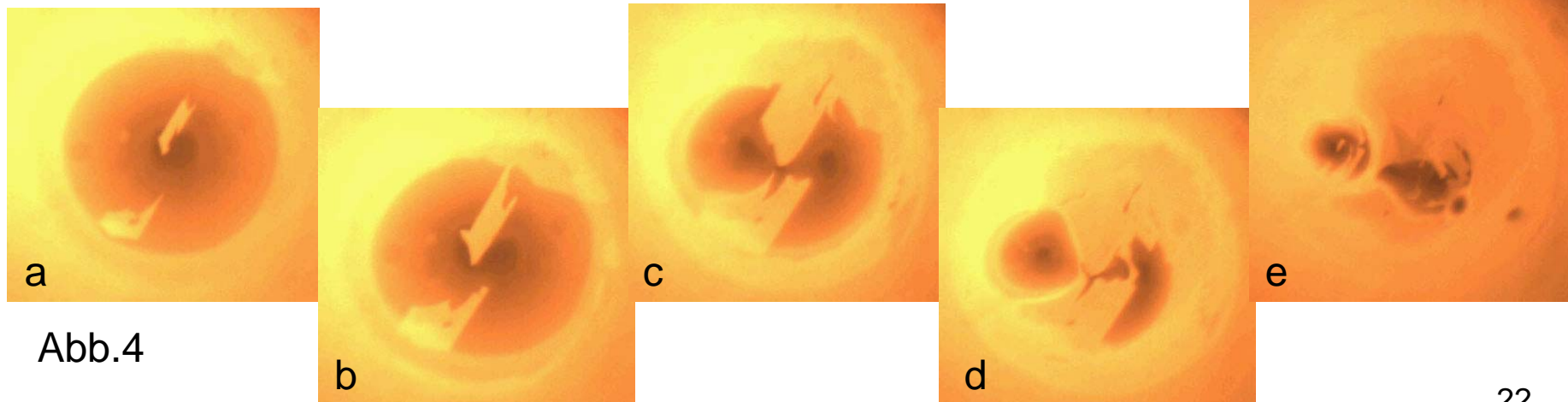


## Heterogene Keimbildung

- Silizium mit Nanopartikeln  $\langle D \rangle = 400\text{nm}$
- geringe bis keine Unterkühlung möglich ( $<1\text{K}$ )
- Kristallisation ausgehend von heterogenen Keimen (Abb.4a-e)
- langsamere Kristallisation ( $\sim 4\text{-}10\text{ sek}$ )



Probenkörper mit erkennbaren Kristalliten und glatter Oberfläche (Abb.3)



# Dr. Jens-Uwe Grabow

## - Überschallstrahl-Rotationspektroskopie:

Fourier Transform Microwave (FT-MW) Spectrometer

Experimentelle (Instrument) und Theoretische (QM) Entwicklungen

Produktion/Charakterisierung von größeren/instabilen Spezies:

- Geometrische Struktur:** Trägheitsmomente  
(isotopologe Verschiebung → Koordinaten)
- Interne Dynamik:** Drehimpulskopplung  
(Feinstruktur → Potentialbarrieren, Achsenlage,  
mehrdimensionale Tunnelpfade)
- Elektronische Struktur:** Kernspinkopplung  
(Hyperfeinstruktur → molekulare Feldgradienten),  
Stark-Effekt  
(externes elektrisches Feld → Dipolmoment)

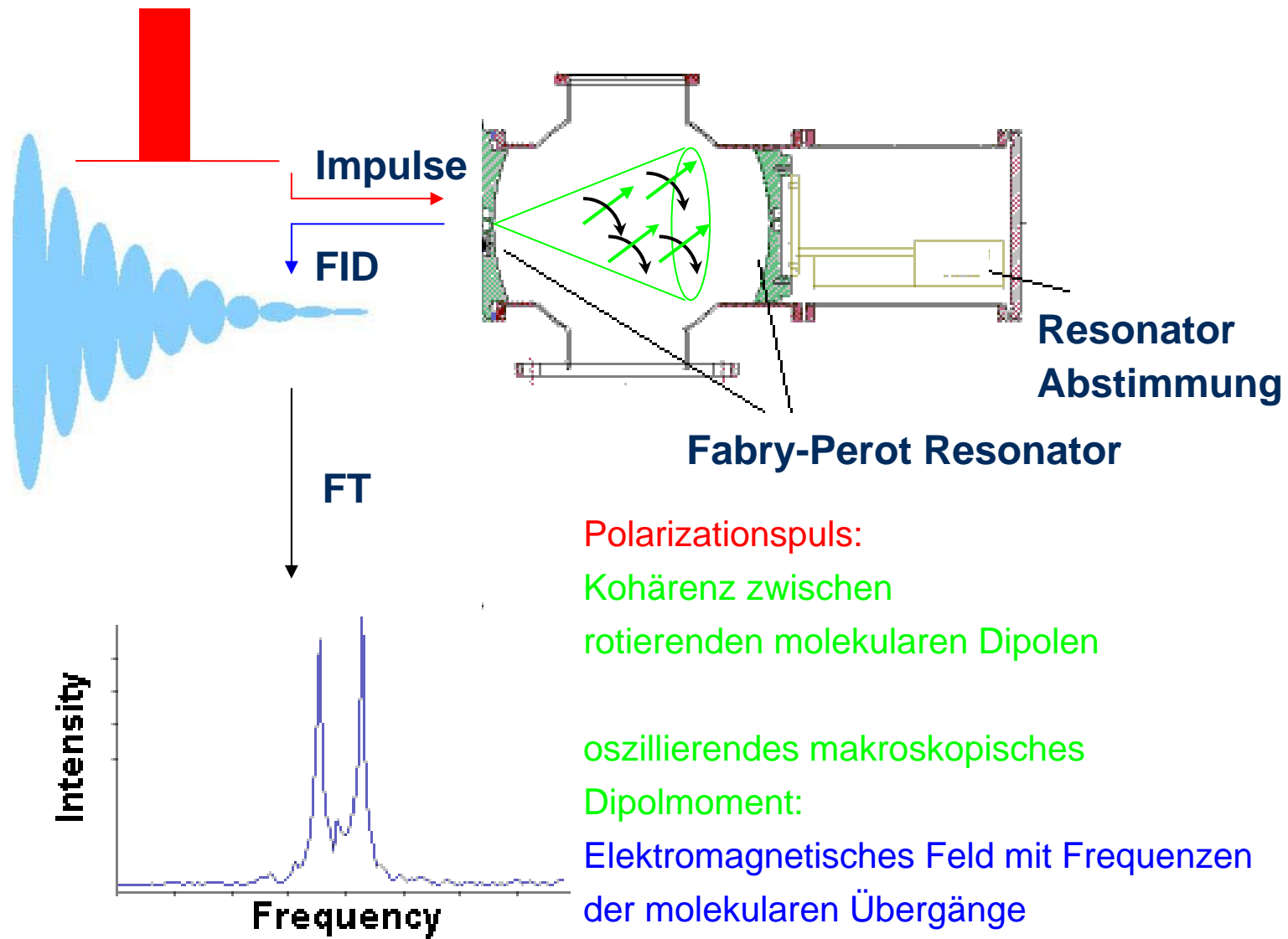
## - Hochdurchsatz-Experimente:

Scanning Probe Microwave (SP-MW) Microscope:

Experimentelle (Instrument) Entwicklungen:

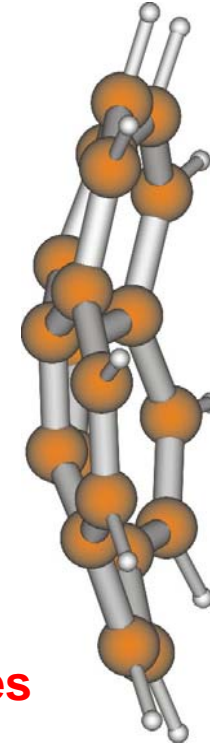
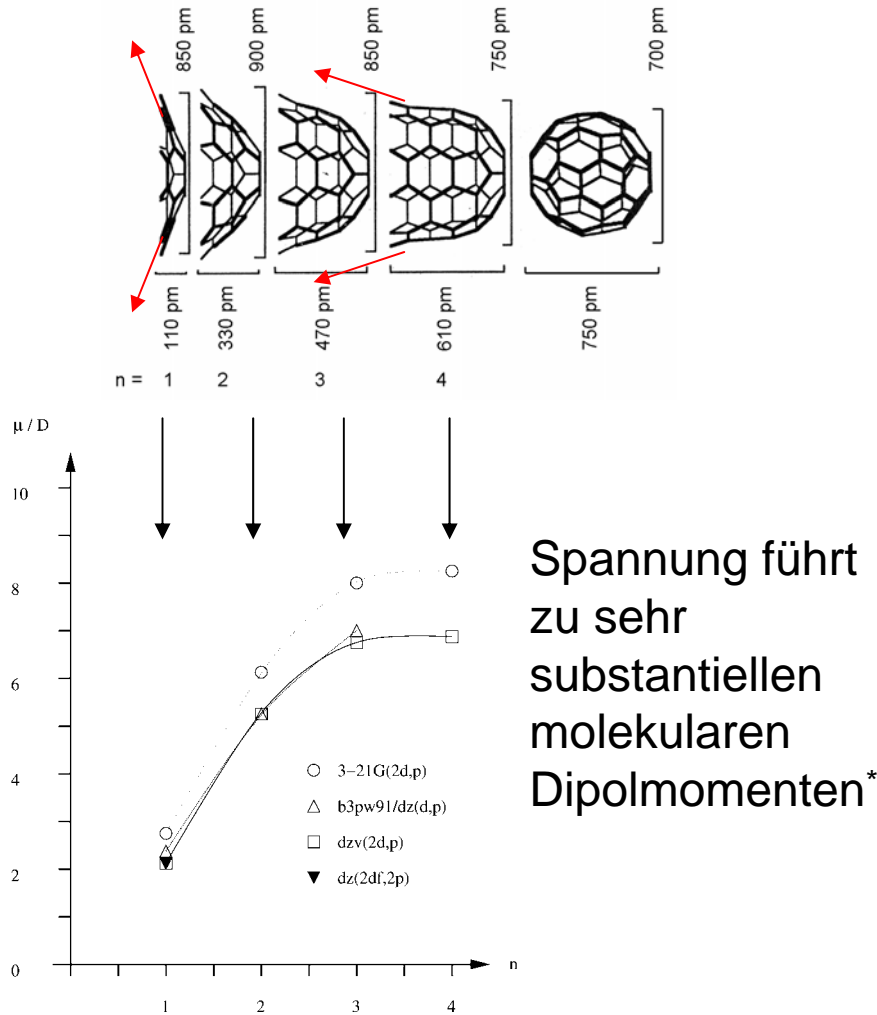
**Schnelle Charakterisierung der Eigenschaften dielektrischer Materialien**

# Molekularstrahl-Mikrowellen-Kohärenzspektroskopie



# Dipolmoment von Corannulen

## Dipolmomente von $C_{10(n+1)}H_{10}$

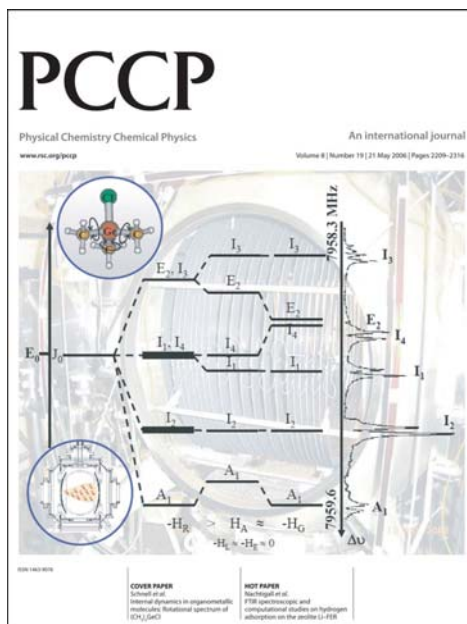


**Experimentelles Dipolmoment (über Rotations-Stark-Effekt) :**  
 $\mu = 2.071(18) \text{ D}$   
 $(= 6.908(60) \cdot 10^{-30} \text{ Cm})$   
**Größtes bekanntes Dipolmoment eines reinen, neutralen KW**

\*K.K. Baldridge, J.S. Siegel, *Theor. Chem. Acc.* **97**, 67-71 (1997).



# Mehrdimensionale Tunnelpfade



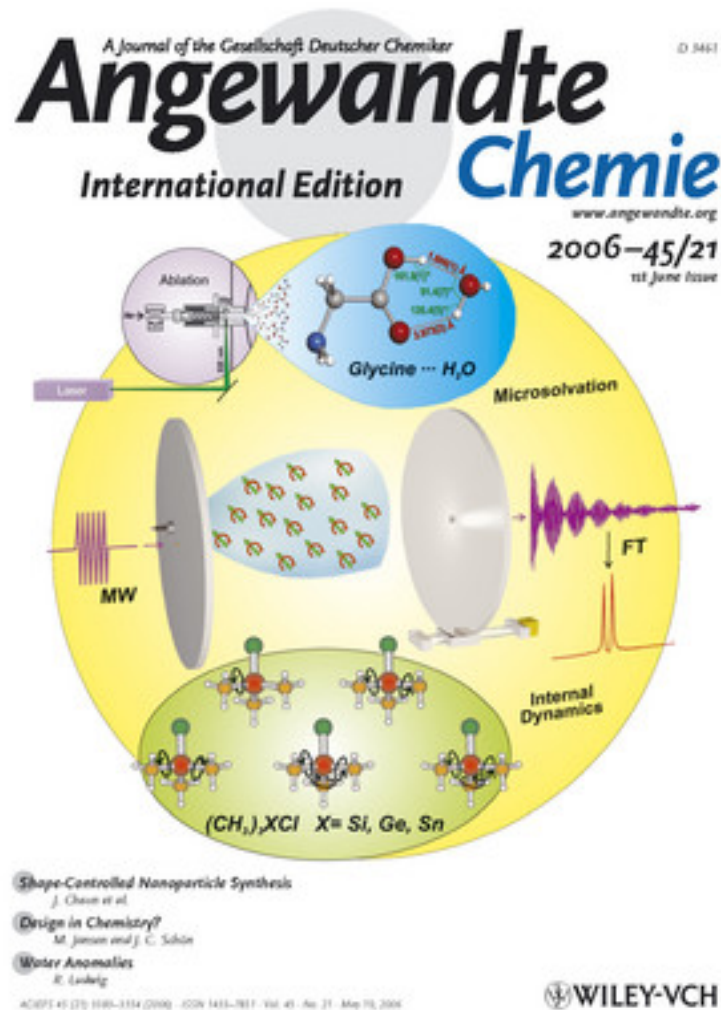
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## Molecular Dynamics

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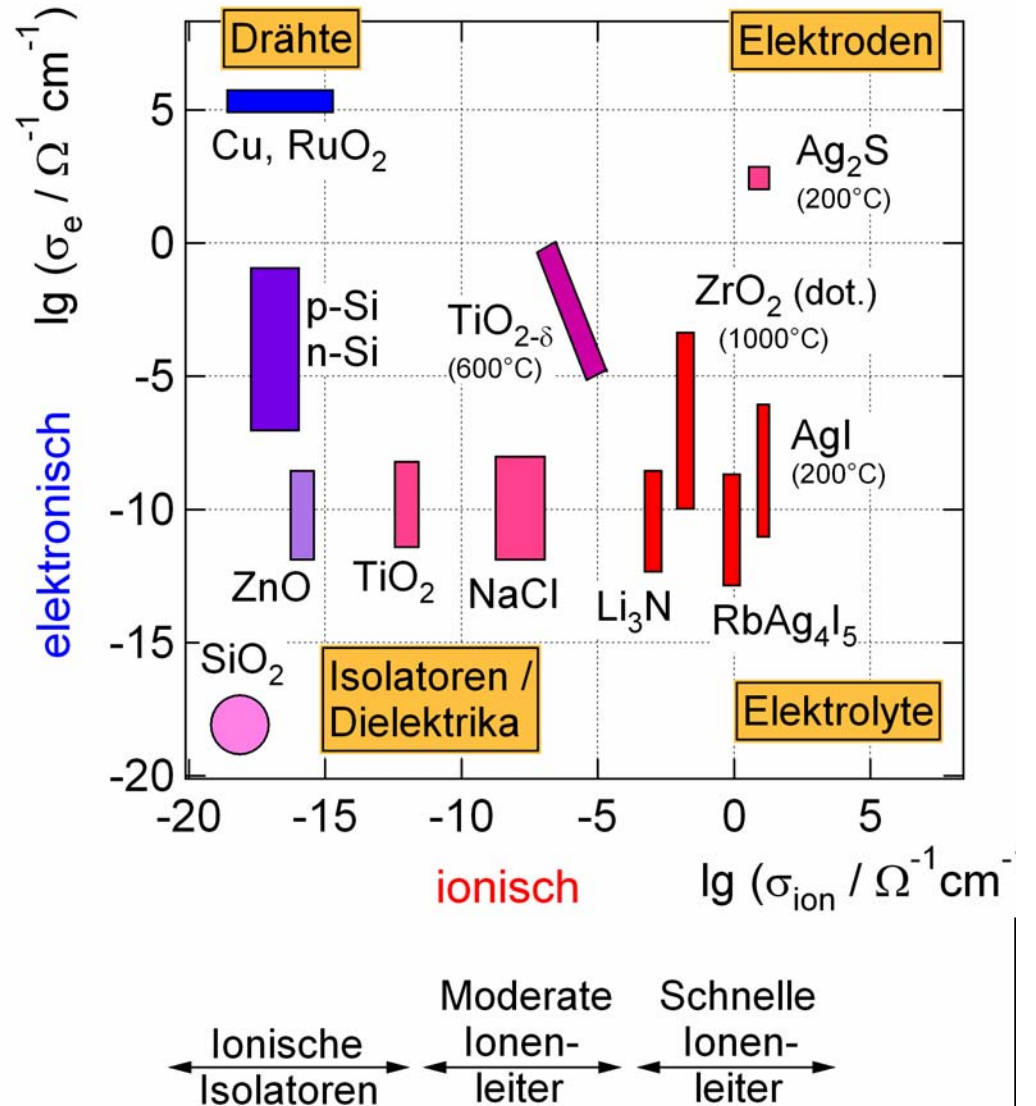
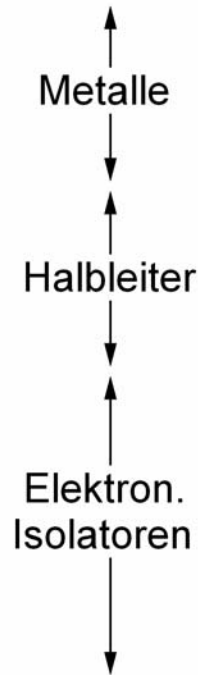
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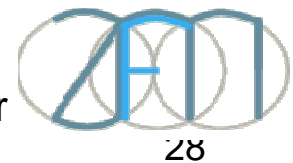
# The forgotten dimension

Nano-Engineering  
 =  
 Nano-Electronics  
 + ...  
 Nano-Ionics + ...

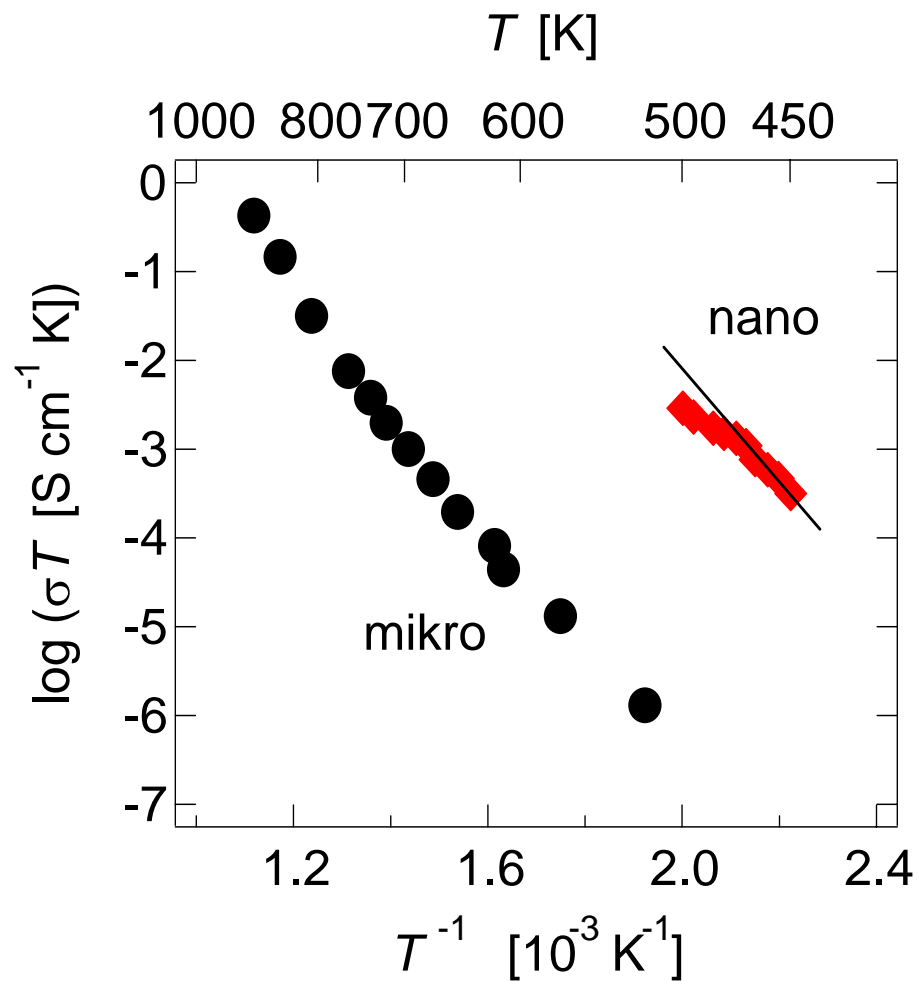


Elektrische Leitfähigkeit =  
 elektronische und ionische

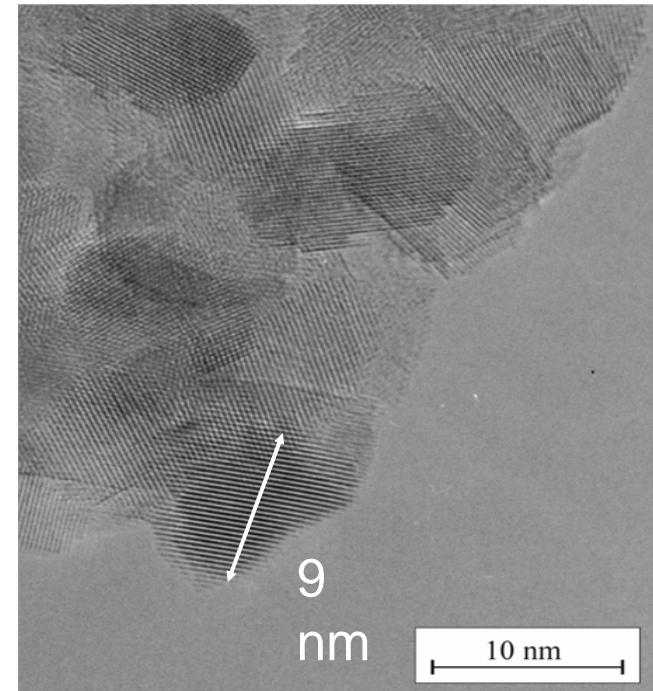
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# Nano-Ionics: F<sup>-</sup> ion conductivity of nanocrystalline and microcrystalline CaF<sub>2</sub>



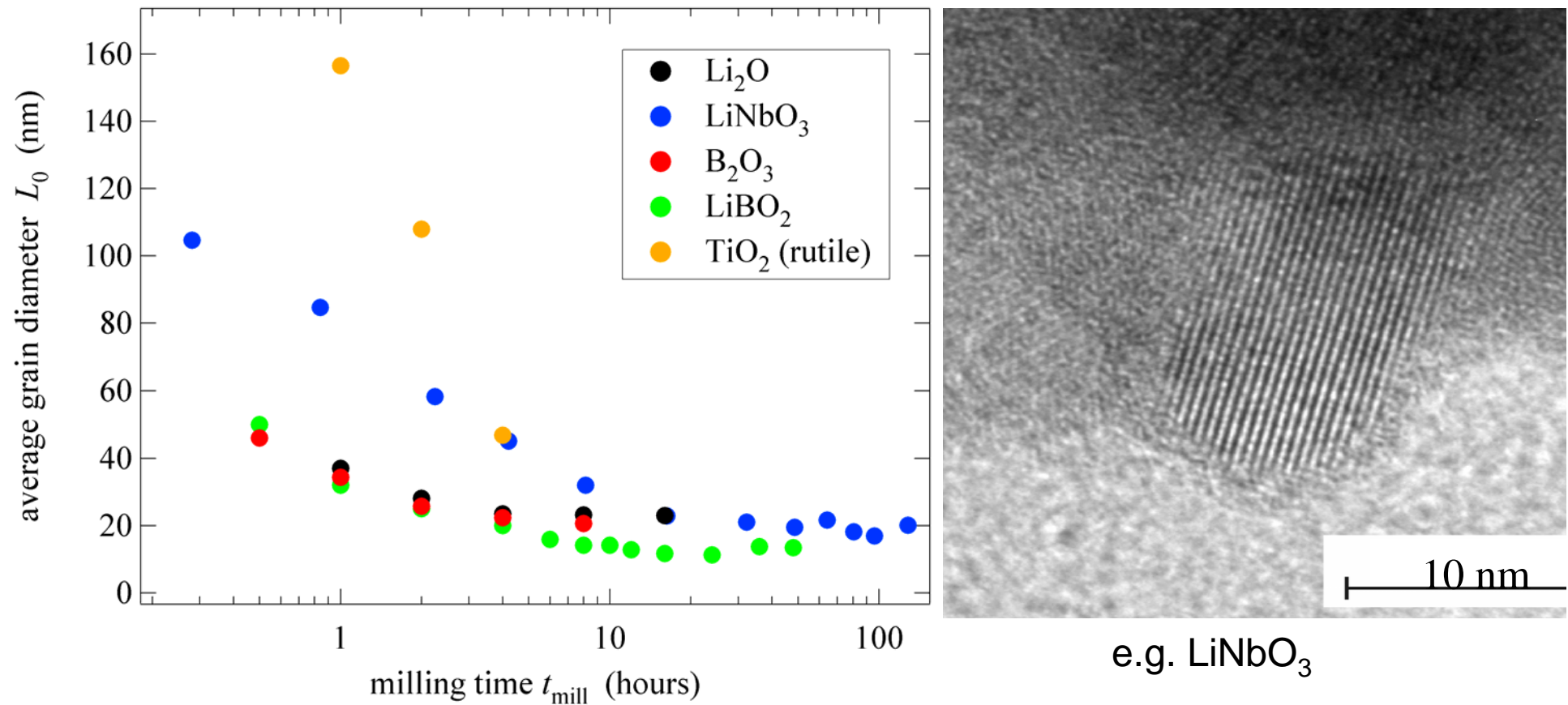
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Nanokristallines CaF<sub>2</sub>  
besitzt um 4 GO  
höhere Leitfähigkeit

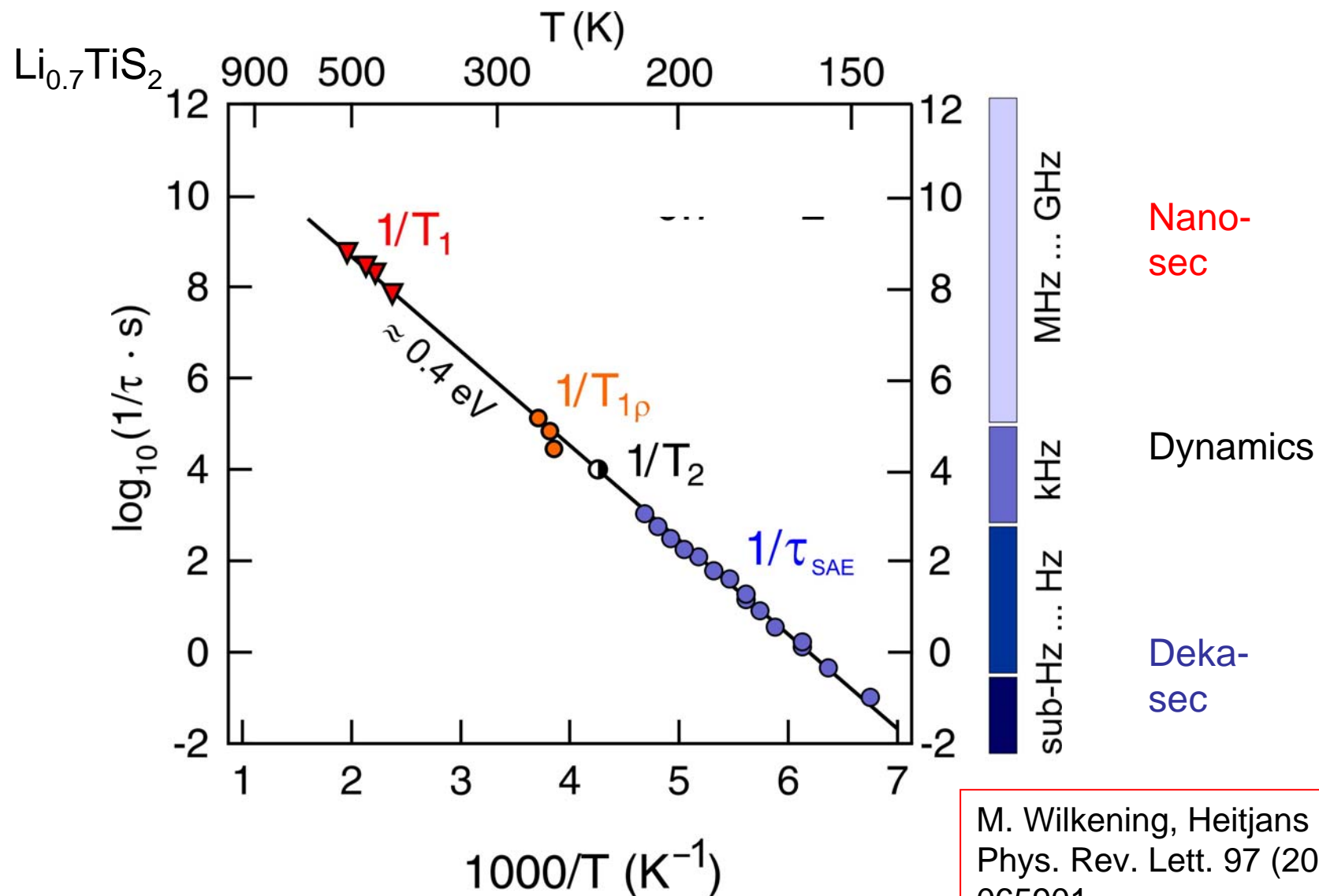
Abscheidung durch  
Edelgaskondensation

# Into the nano range by **ball milling**



P. Heitjans, S. Indris,  
J. Phys.: Condens. Matter  
15 (2003) R1257

# Motional correlation rates **over 10 decades via NMR** probing one single process



M. Wilkening, Heitjans et al.  
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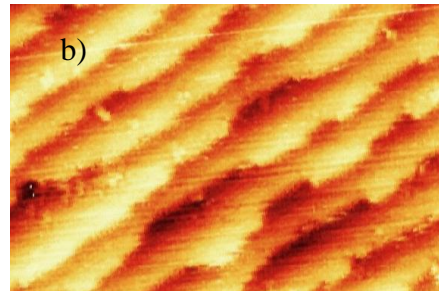
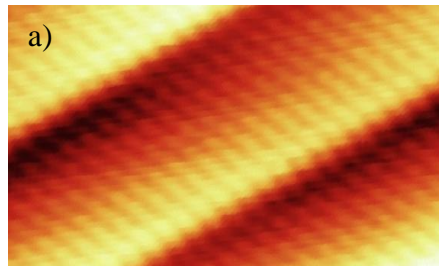
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Dynamische Prozesse  
an Oberflächen. Surface Science



# Surface Science: NH<sub>3</sub>-Induced Step Meandering on Pt(443)

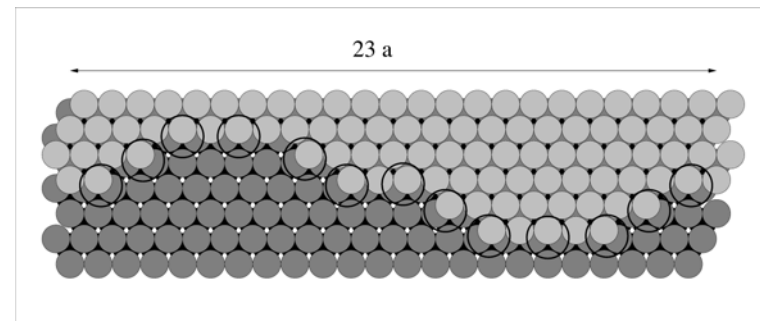
Restructuring by interaction  
NH<sub>3</sub> in catalysis (STM)



$p_{\text{NH}_3} = 1 \times 10^{-6}$  mbar  
(a) clean surface  
(b) 15 min

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Creation of new step sites and with  
kink sites due to step meandering



Energy cost for restructuring  $\Delta E_{\text{Pt}}$ :

$$J_{\text{Pt} - \text{Pt}} = \frac{\Delta H_{\text{sub}}(\text{Pt})}{12N_A} = 47 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

8 broken bonds (4 per row)

$$\Delta E_{\text{Pt}} = 8 \times 47 \text{ kJ/mol} = 376 \text{ kJ/mol}$$