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***Neueste Methoden der Analytik und deren
industriell nutzbares Anwendungspotential***

Struktur und Zusammensetzung von Nanopartikeln

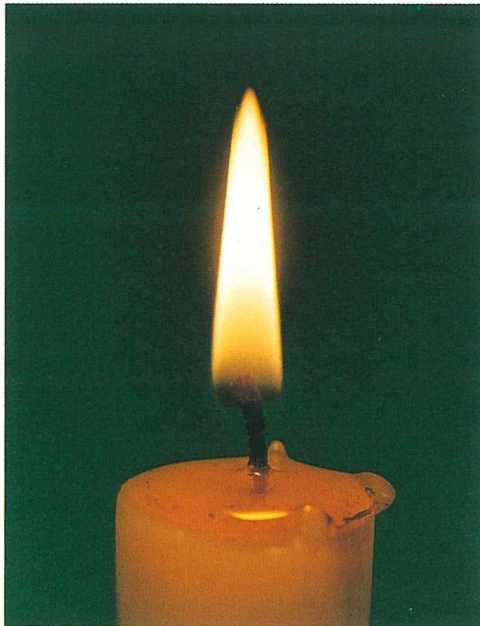
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Struktur und Zusammensetzung von Nanopartikeln

1. **Industrieruße: Verstärkerfüllstoffe für Polymersysteme**
2. **Edelmetalle auf Ruß: Brennstoffzellenkatalyse (PEM)**
3. **Palladium auf Aktivkohle: Heck Reaktion**
4. **Hydrierkatalysatoren: der Lindlar Katalysator und Pd/C**
5. **Para-Wasserstoff als Oberflächensonde**
6. **Zusammenfassung**

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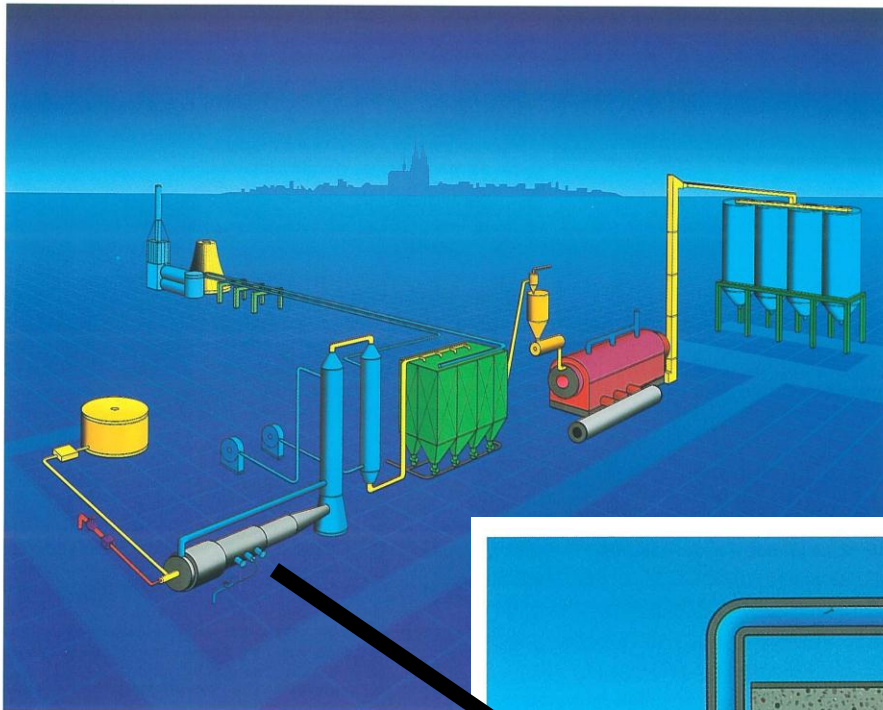
Soot



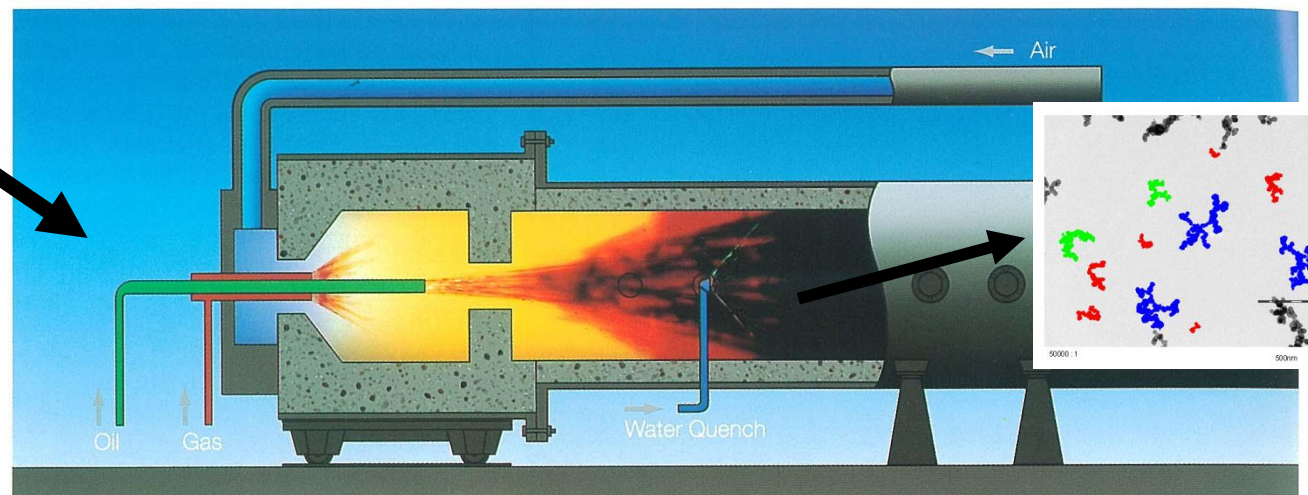
Carbon Blacks



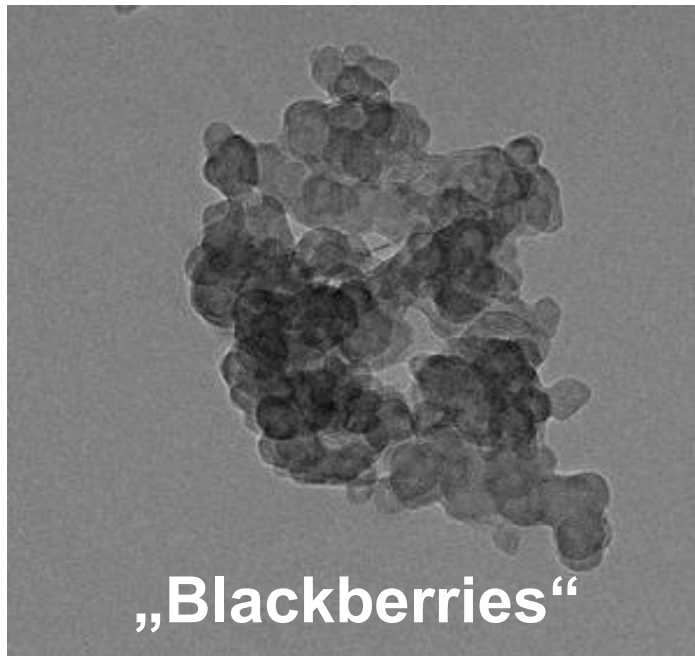
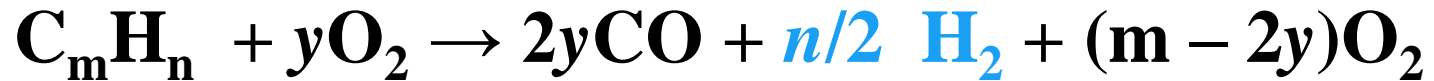
Production Plant of Industrial Carbon Blacks: „Gas, Oil, Air minus Hydrogen“ → Tailored Particles



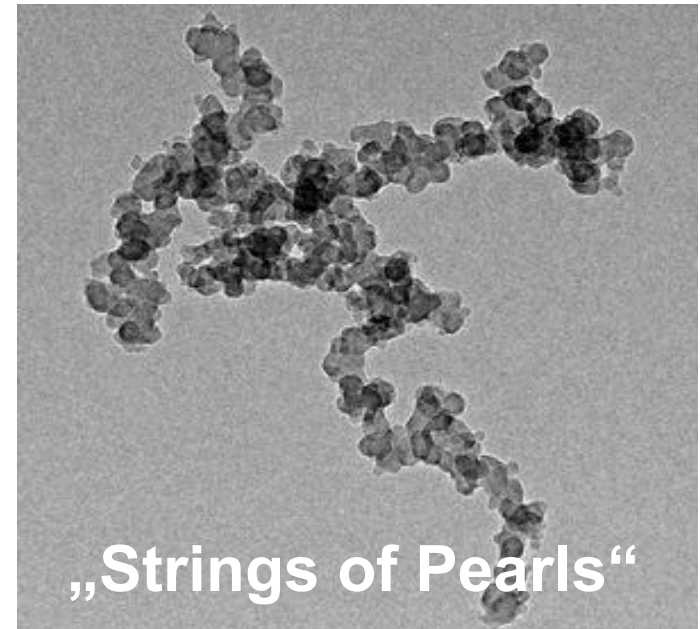
Ca. 8 Mio t/y Worldwide
> 90% Reinforcing Fillers
(+ special Applications)



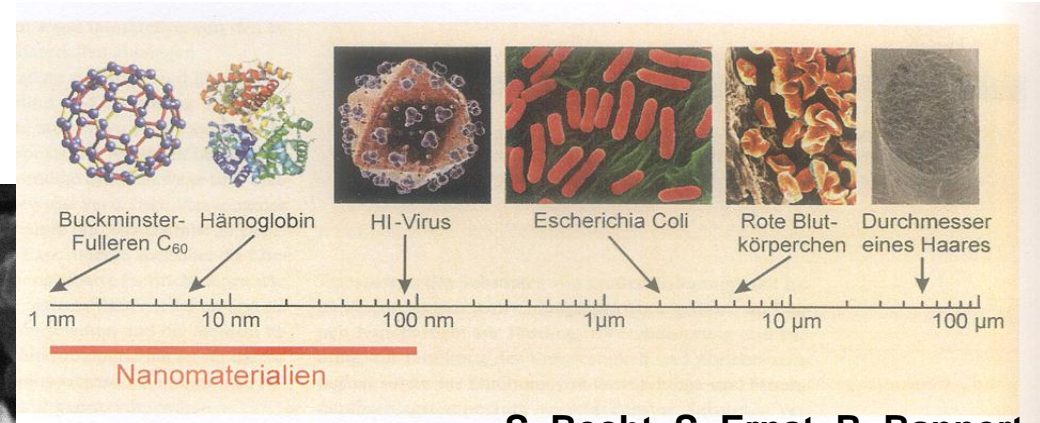
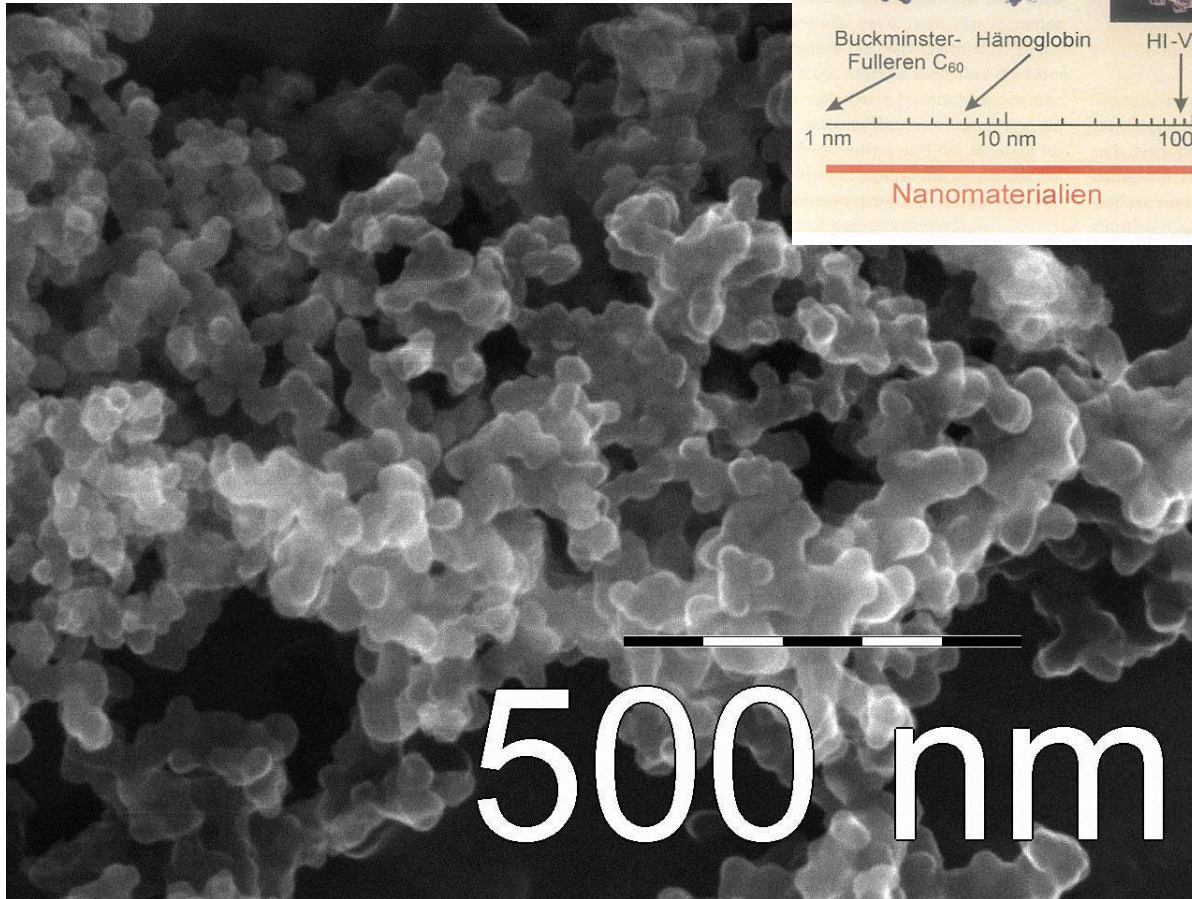
Production of Carbon Black: Abstraction of **Hydrogen** from Feedstocks; Supervision of Morphological Parameters by Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM)



$m > 2y$
 $C/O > 1$



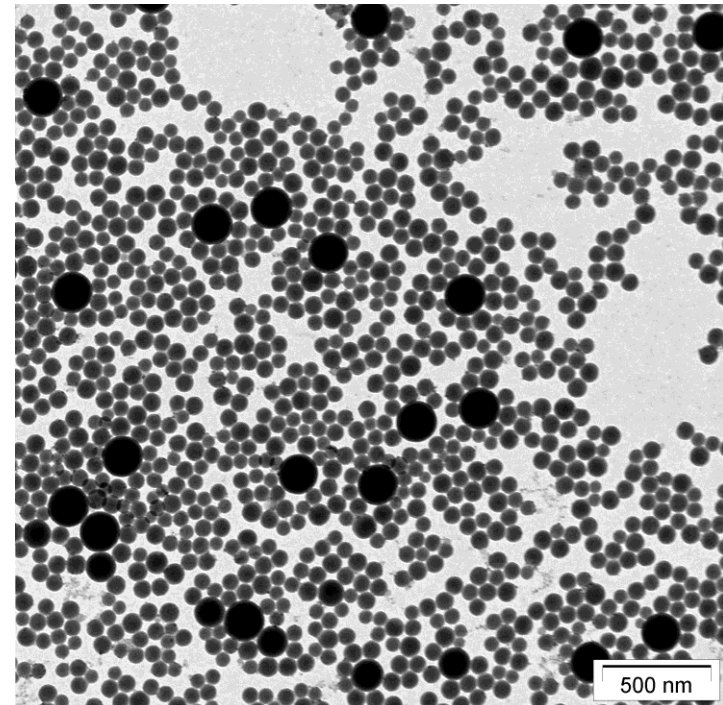
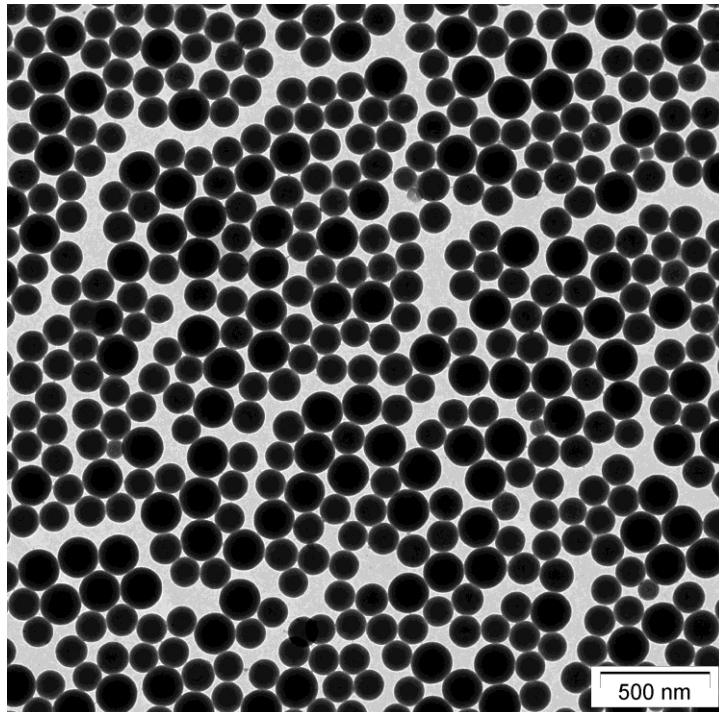
Nanoparticles or nanostructured Particles ?



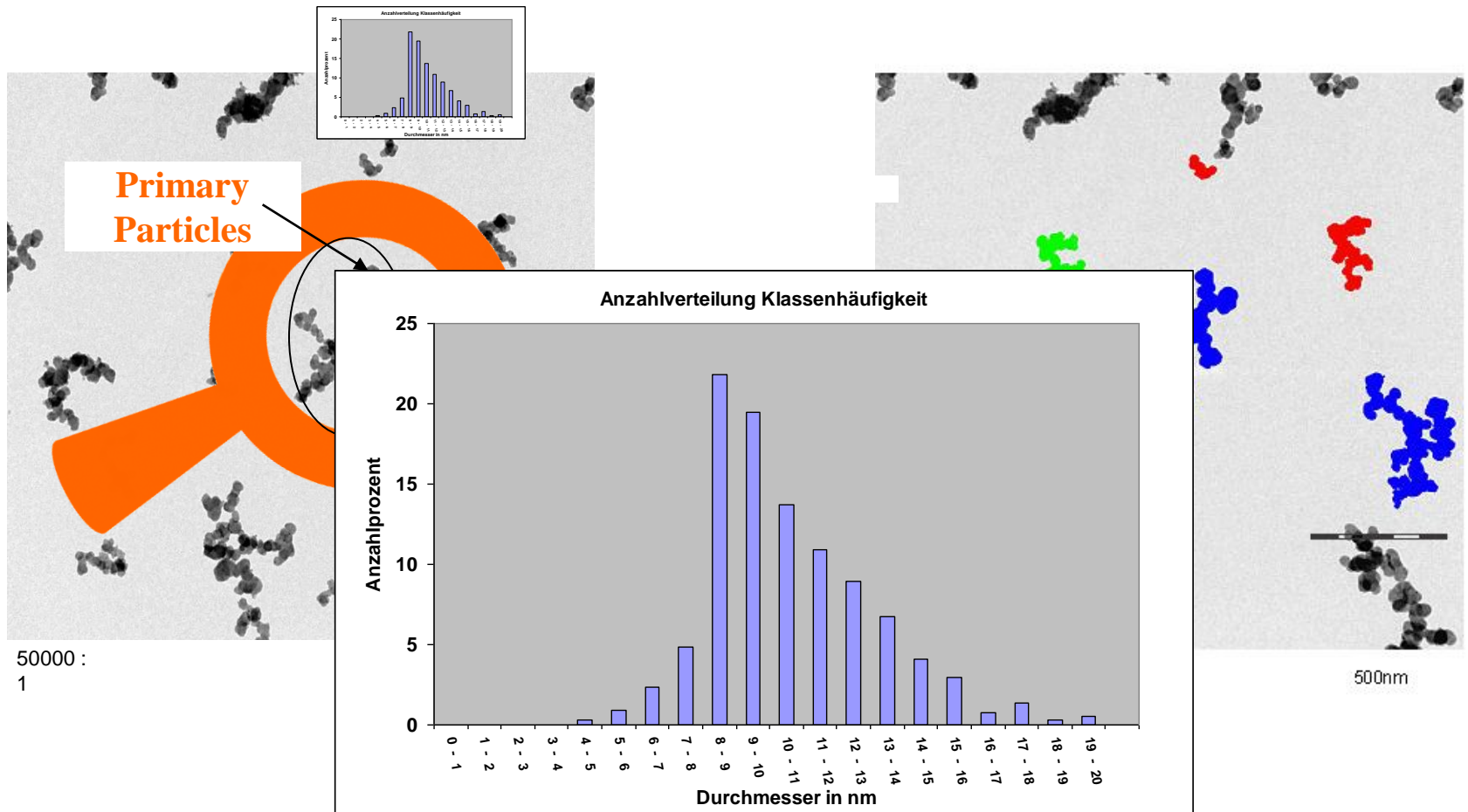
S. Becht, S. Ernst, R. Bappert,
C. Feldmann, Chem. in unserer
Zeit, 2010, 44, 14.

Nano ?

TEM: Particle Size Distribution, Polymer Latices, Bi-Modal Size Distribution, „Easy“-Case



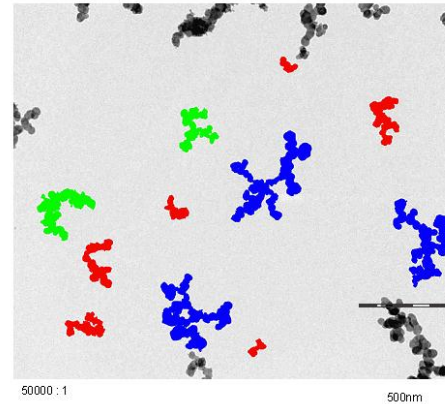
TEM: Characterisation of Primary Particles and Aggregates; Particle Statistics and Classification Analysis; **Supervision needed** (Carbon Blacks, Silicas, Speciality Oxides....)



On Focus:

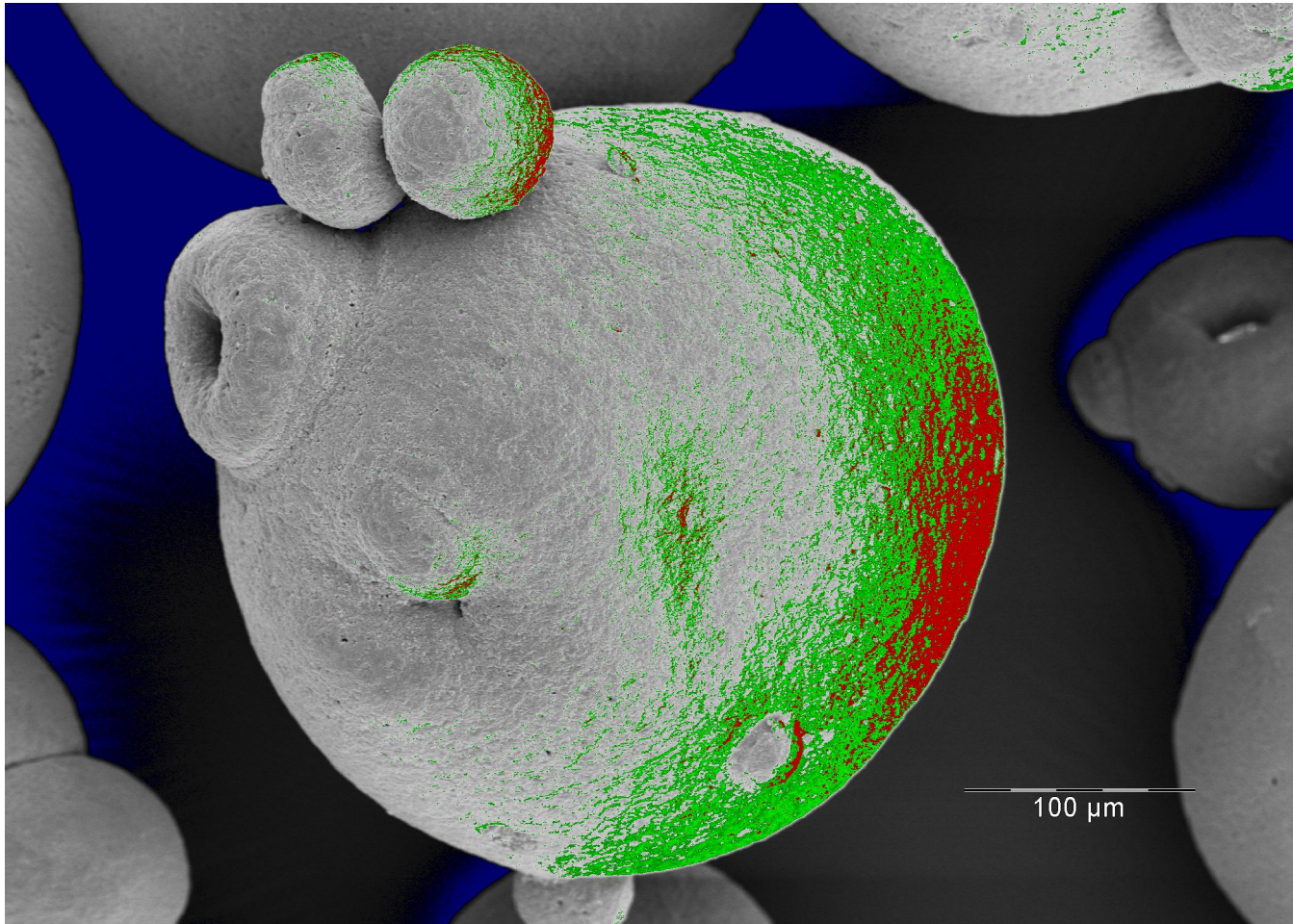
Structure / Morphology

Chemical Composition / Purity

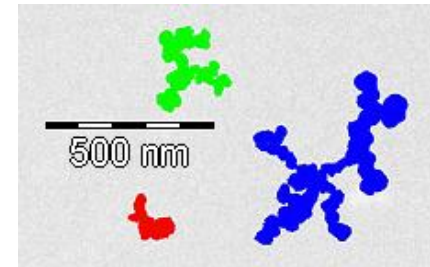


- **Structure Inside of the Primary Particles (Sub-nanometer Range)**
- **Primary Particle Size / Particle Size Distribution**
- **Aggregate Size, Aggregate Shape, Aggregation / Agglomeration**
- **Surface Chemistry and Structure at the Nanoscale (Surface Functional Groups: H, O, N, S...)**
- **Rheological Properties (in-rubber)**
- **Dispersability in Non-polar or in Polar Media**

Statistical Relevance ???

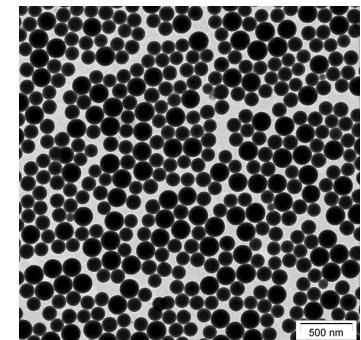


→ Statistically Relevant Data Needed

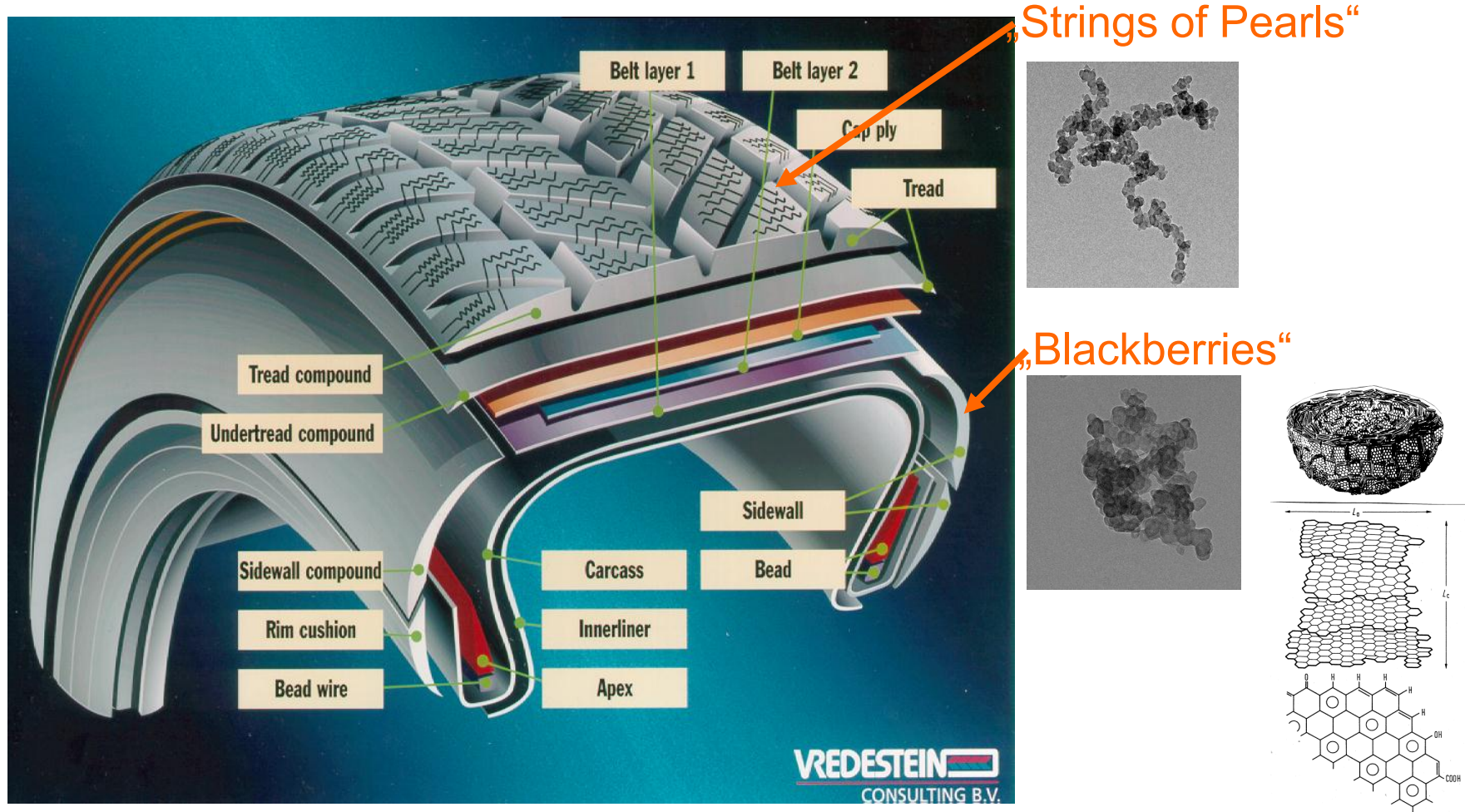


Average Values for 2000-10000 Particles:

- **Primary Particle Size / Particle Size Distribution / Polydispersity**
- **Projected Area of Aggregates**
- **Circumference / Convex Circumference**
- **Equivalent Circle Diameter (ECD)**
- **Minimum / Maximum Diameter, Feret Min. / Max. Diam.**
- **Shape Factors**
- **Void Volume / „Structure“**
- **Number of Primary Particles/Aggregate ...**



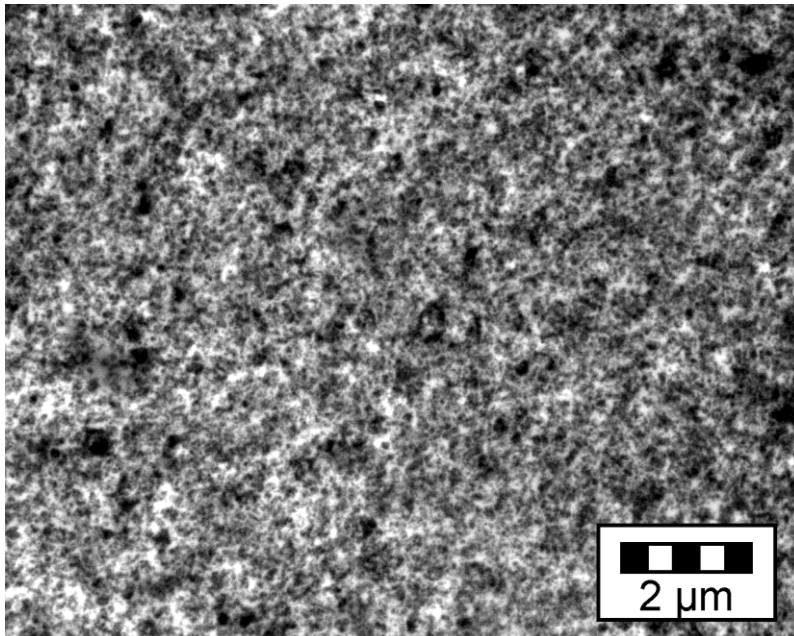
Correlation between Morphology and Surface-Chemistry of Carbon Blacks and their In-Rubber Performance



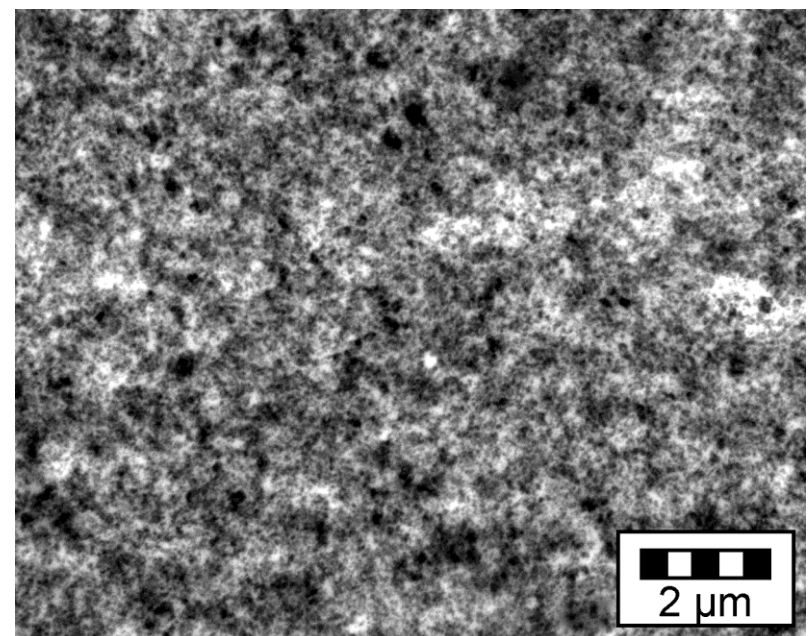
TEM of Cryo-Ultramicrotome Sections of Rubber: Control for Fine-Tuning Product Performance

- Dispersion Techniques
- Dedicated Adjustment of Filler/Matrix-Interactions,
Filler/Matrix-Cross-Linking

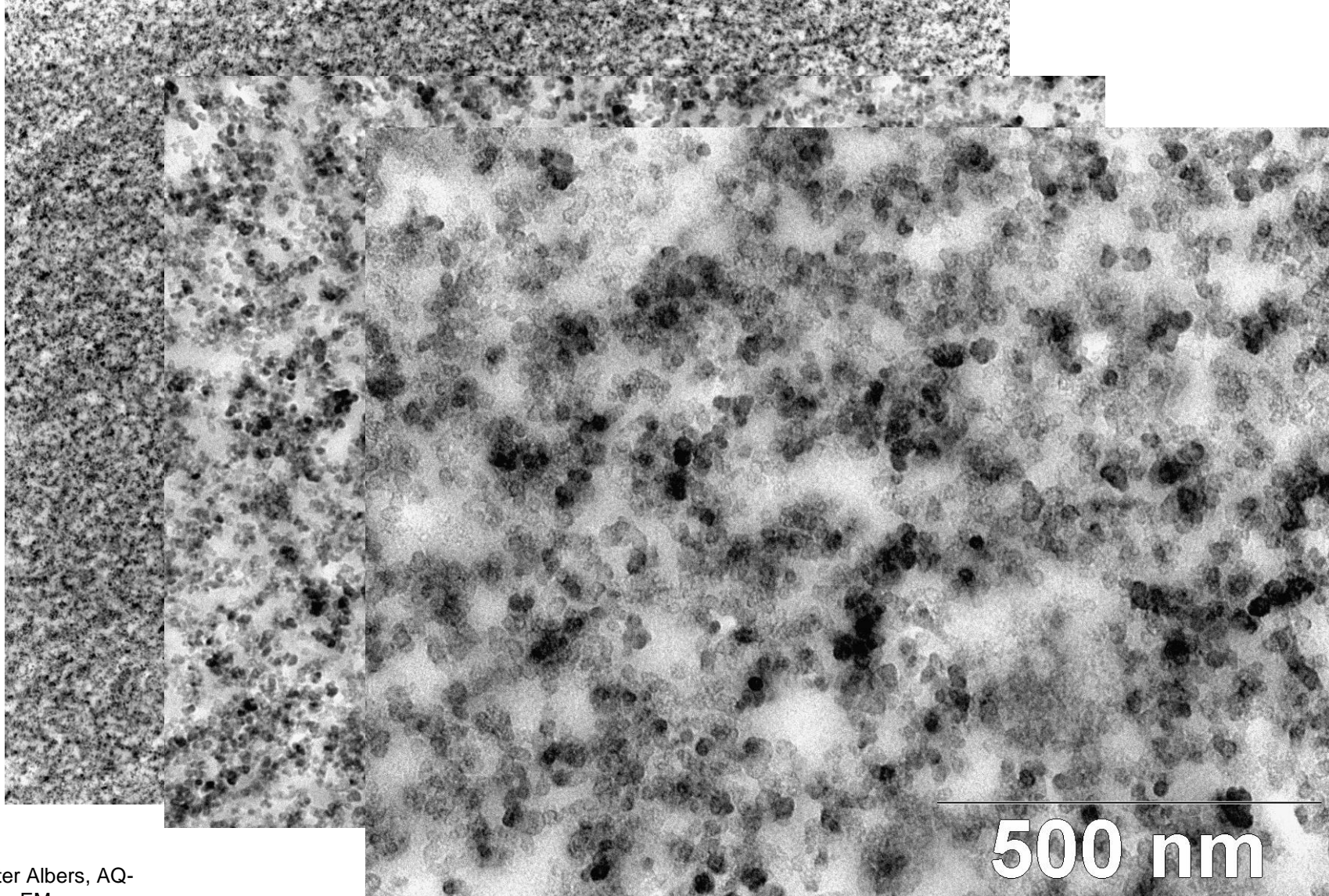
Adequate



To be improved



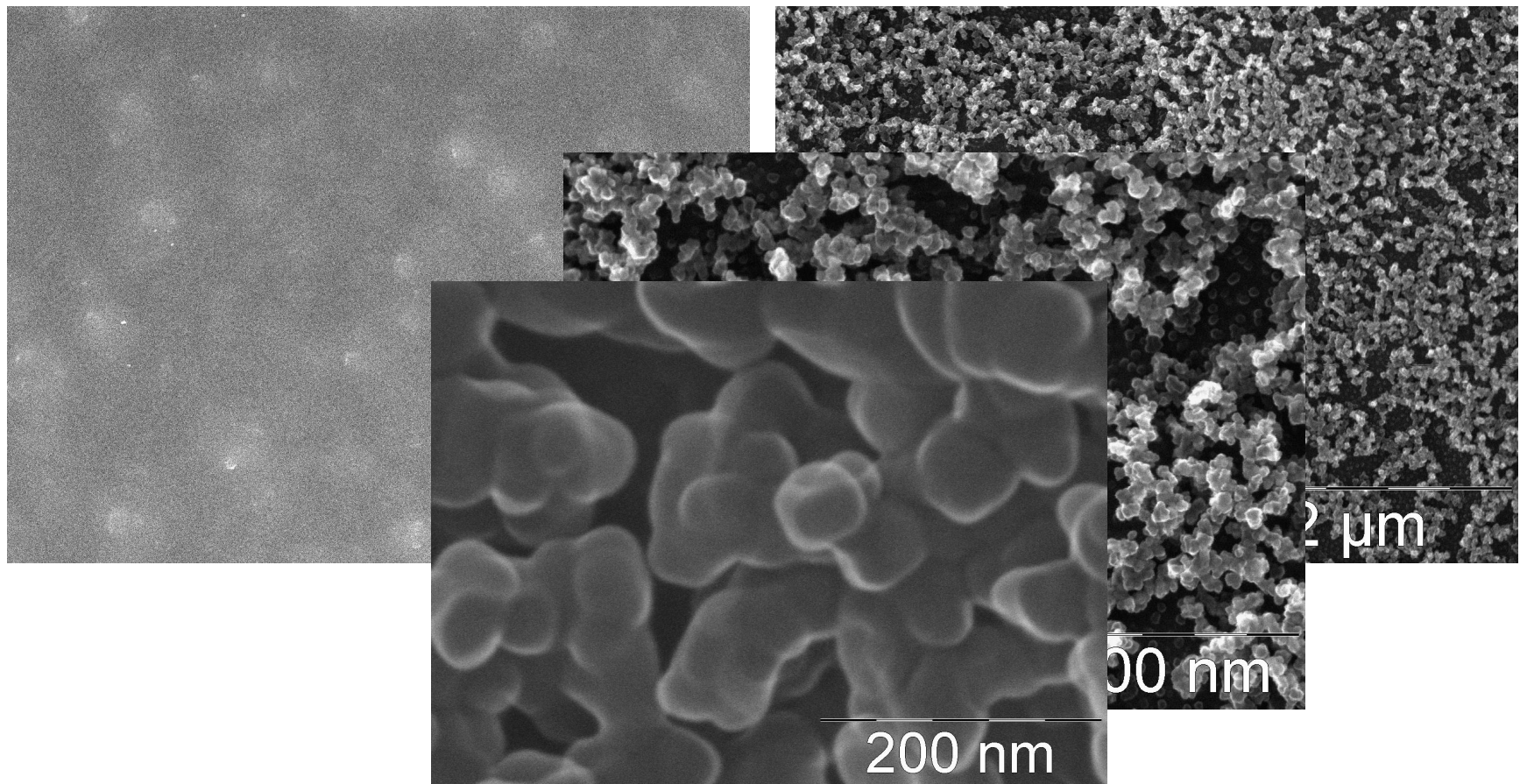
Reinforcing Fillers: Macro-/Micro-Dispersion in the Rubber Matrix; check by TEM of Cryo-Sections



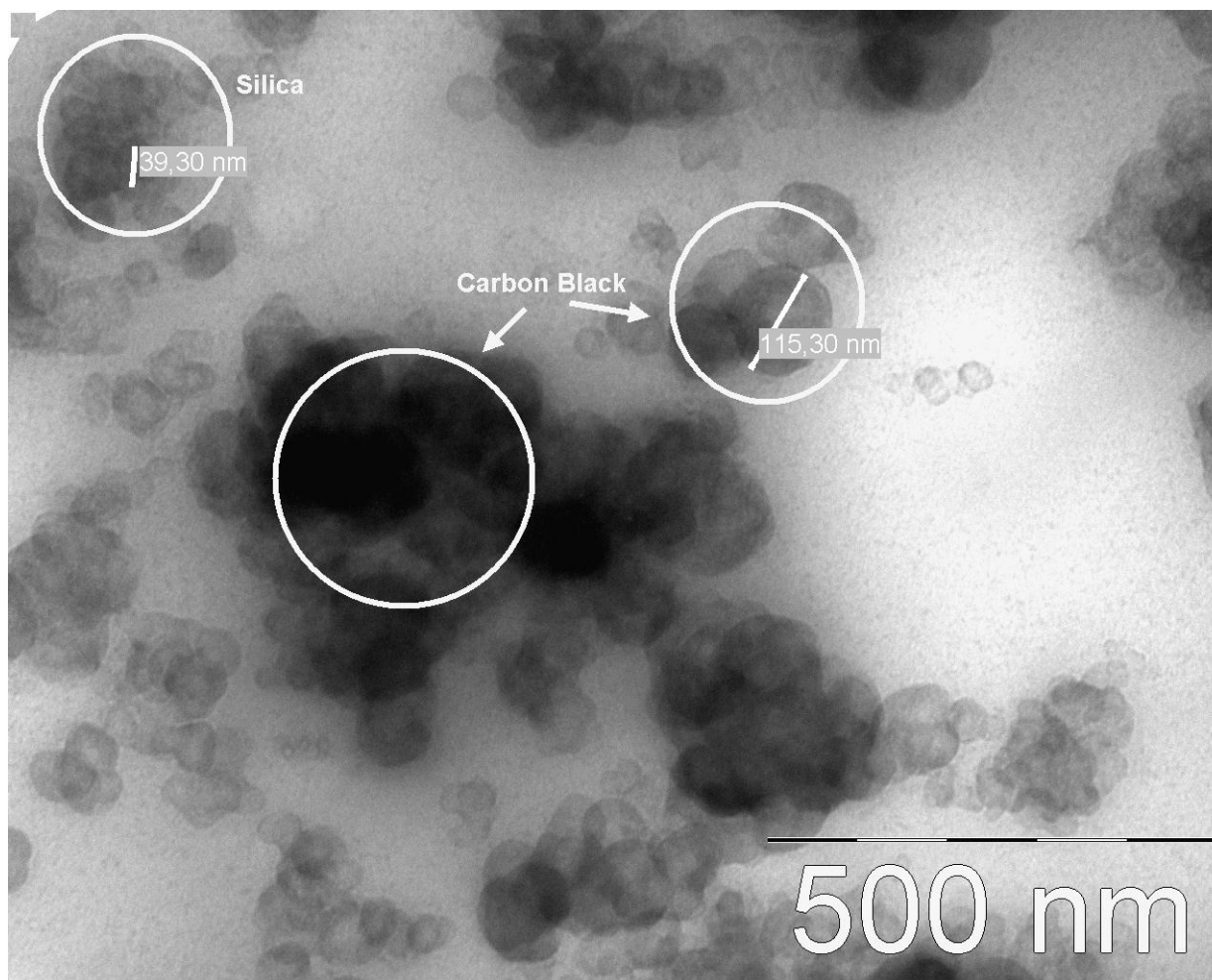
**SEM of Tyre Tread before and after Plasma Erosion:
Visualisation of the Interpenetrating Network of Aggregates/
Agglomerates of Carbon Blacks (Silicas, ZnO etc.)**

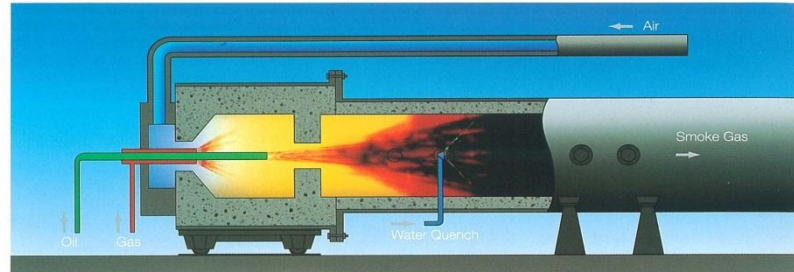
→ Elasticity Module, Energy Storage, Payne-Effect / Temperature- and Frequency-
Dependence of Elastic Properties / Enhanced Adsorption Power of CB

→ Lower Dynamic Stress Softening; passenger car / lorry



TEM/EDX: Aggregates consisting of 40 nm silica or 115 nm CB primary particles → local composition





Parameters to be changed:

Gas / Oil / Air ratio

Reactor geometry

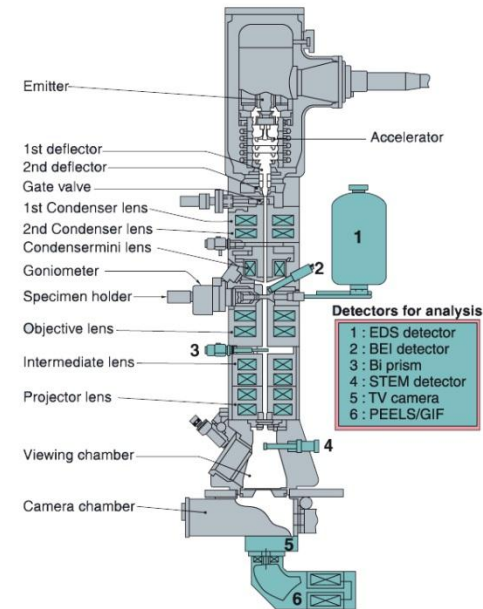
Choke properties

Quench position

→ Fine Structure of the Carbon Black Aggregates

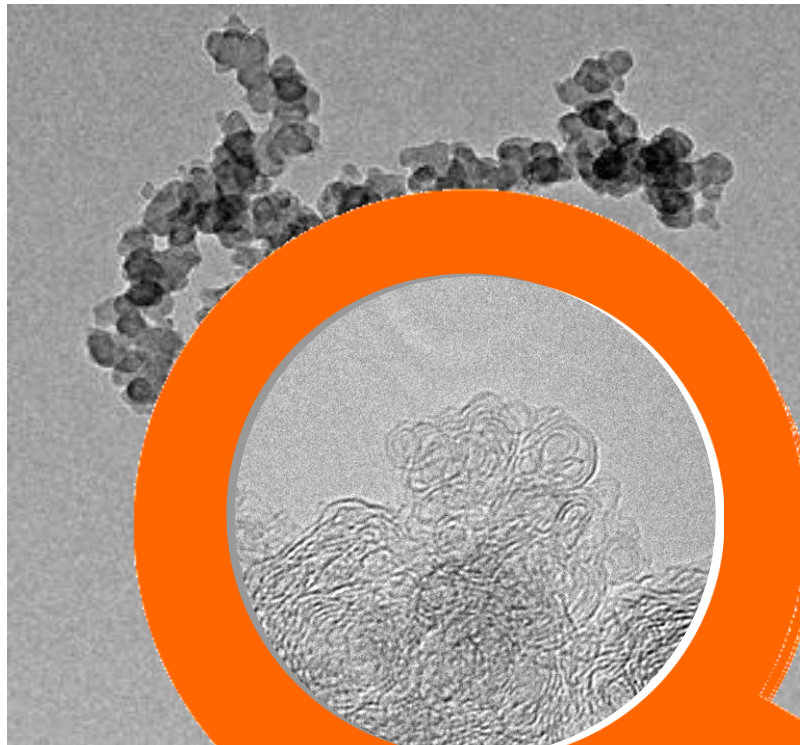
→ Nanostructure at the Surface of the Primary Particles

Morphology of CB: High Resolution Transmission Electron Microscopy (HR-TEM), Field Emission Gun

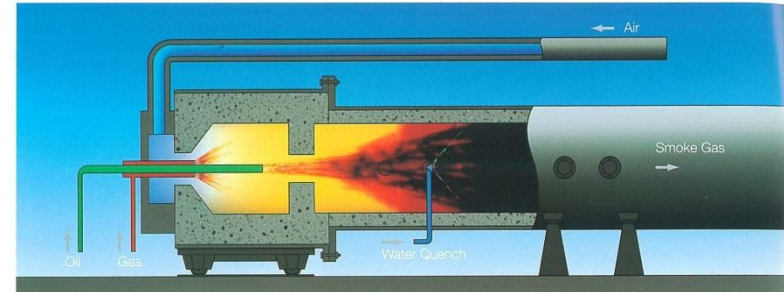


+ Nanoscale-EDX
→ Discrimination between
C, ZnO, SiO₂ & others

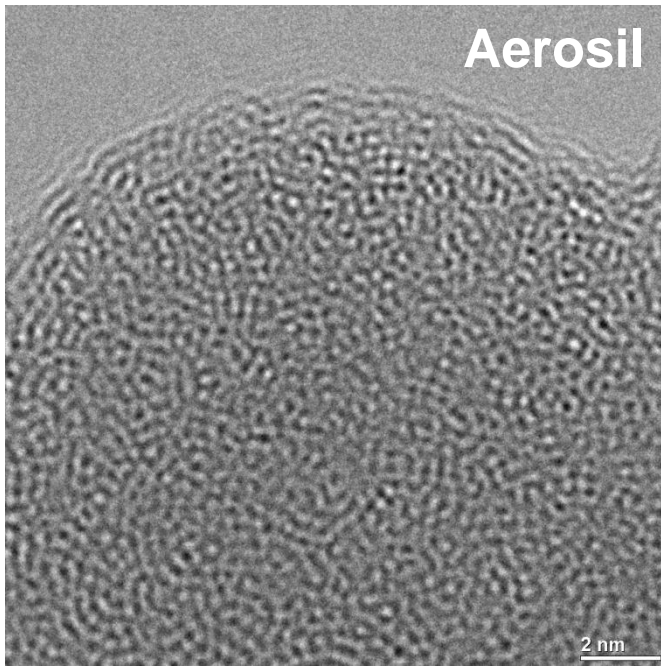
- 1) Size, Shape and Structural Complexity of the Aggregates
- 2) Controlled variation of Surface Structure at the Nanoscale;
size of basic structural units: ca. 1.2 nm \rightarrow 0.7 nm



Changing Surface Structure of Carbon Blacks by varying Quench Parameters in the Reactor

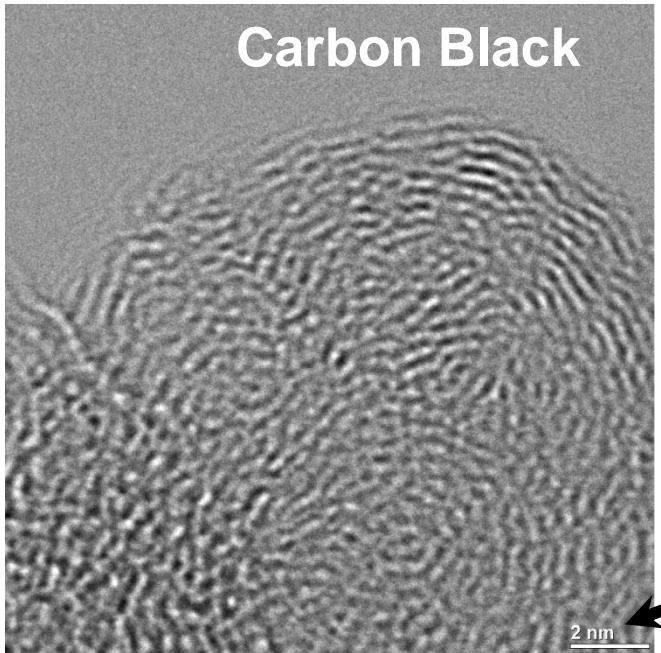
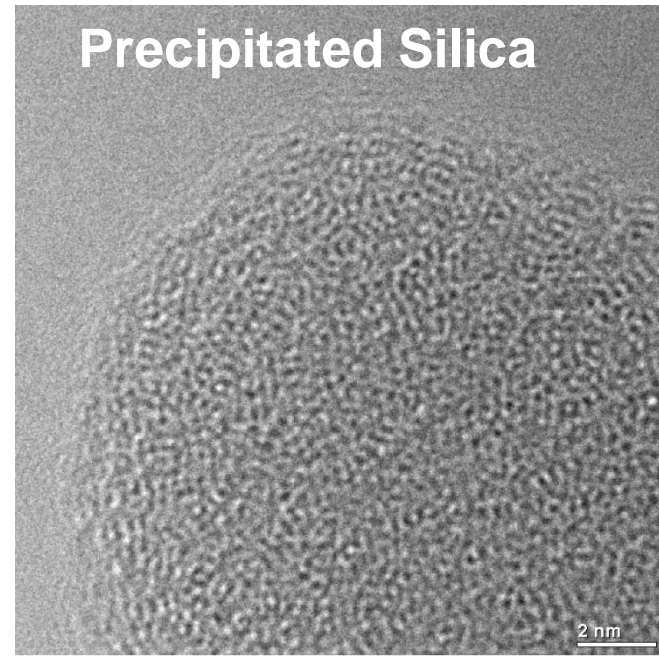


Carbon Black: strongly modified surface



HR-TEM

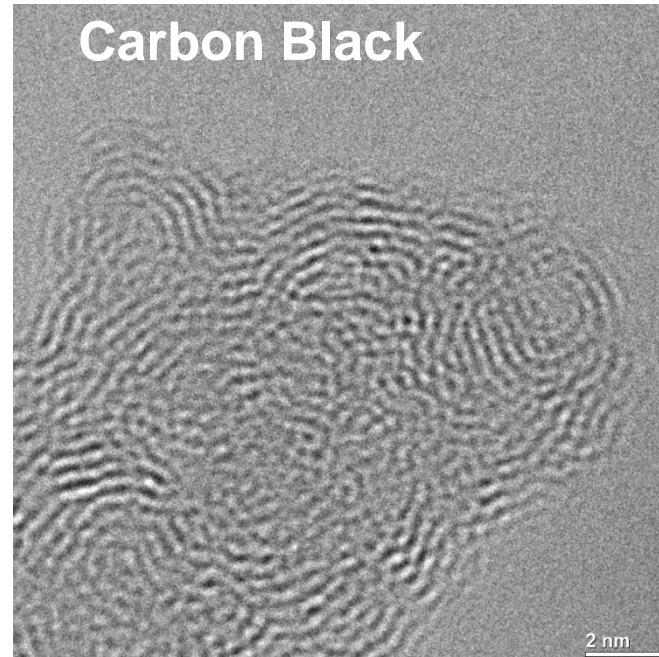
Amorphous,
short-range
order



Paracrystalline



Scale bar: 2 nm

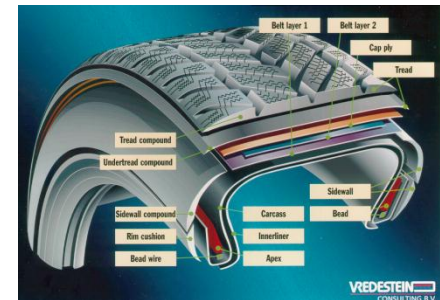


Optimization of the Surface Properties of Carbon Blacks for Tyres: Nanostructure Blacks with enhanced Number of Edges and High-Energic Sites

Lower rolling resistance (EC legal limits) → saves fuel

Improved wet traction, grip → enhanced safety

Reduced abrasion → enhanced time of operation

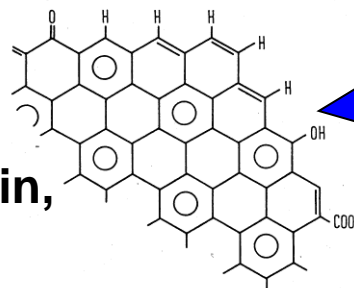
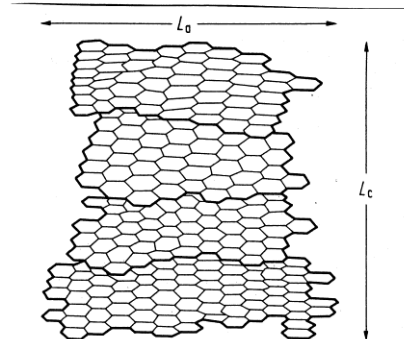
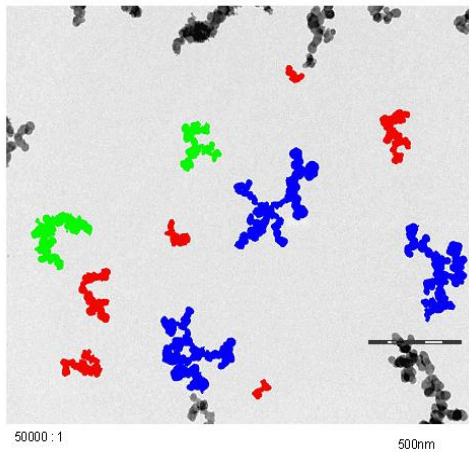
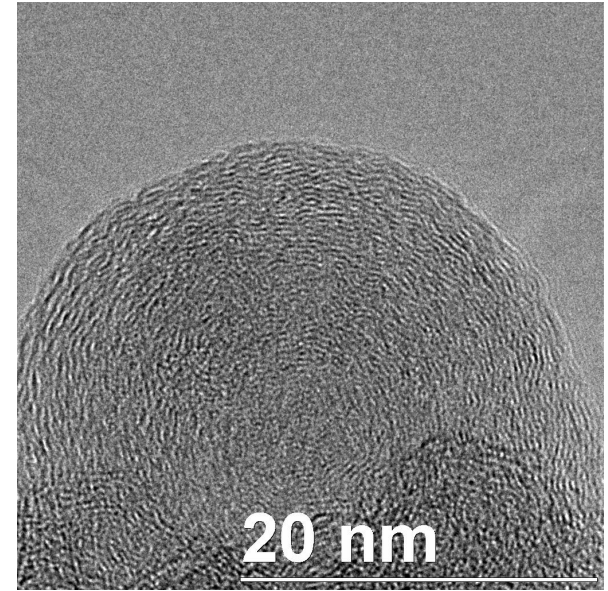
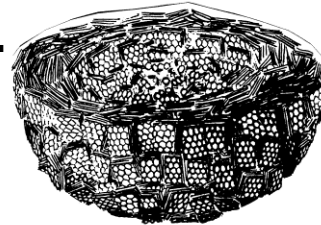


Even a few percent of further improvement of tyre performance by advanced reinforcing carbon blacks and also precipitated silicas and other additives are of high economic relevance and substantially contribute to fuel economy → „Green Tyre Mixtures“, ECORAX / Nanostructured Blacks...

- UN forecast: 2005-2030 No. of passenger cars and heavy trucks worldwide will double
- Fuel consumption: largest variable cost factor in operating a fleet on tyres

Nanostructure of Carbon Black: Spherical Arrangement of Basic Structural Units (BSU's) in Turbostratic Disorder

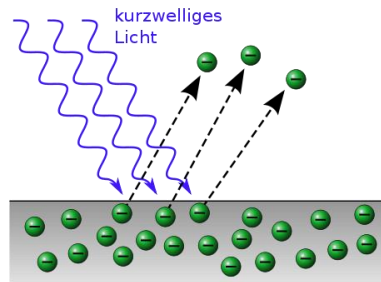
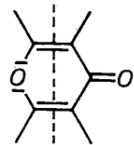
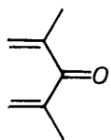
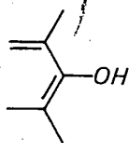
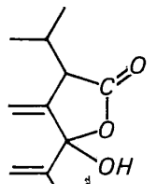
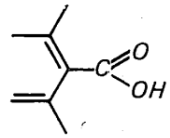
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(TEM) :



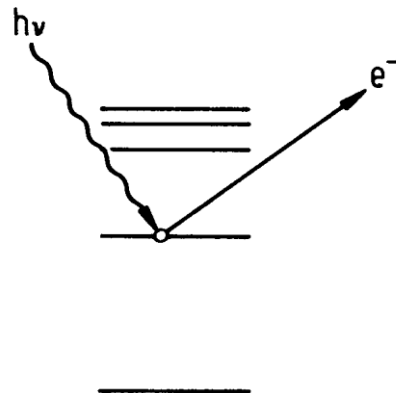
E. Koberstein,
M. Voll :

Oxygen-, Nitrogen-, Sulphur-
containing Surface Groups
and „Terminating Protons“

Surface Analysis by XPS and SIMS: Chemical Properties of the Topmost Atomic Layers, the first Nanometers, of Carbon Blacks



XPS

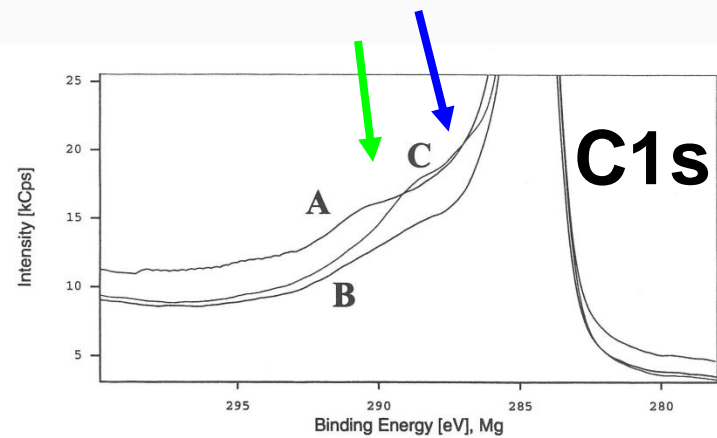
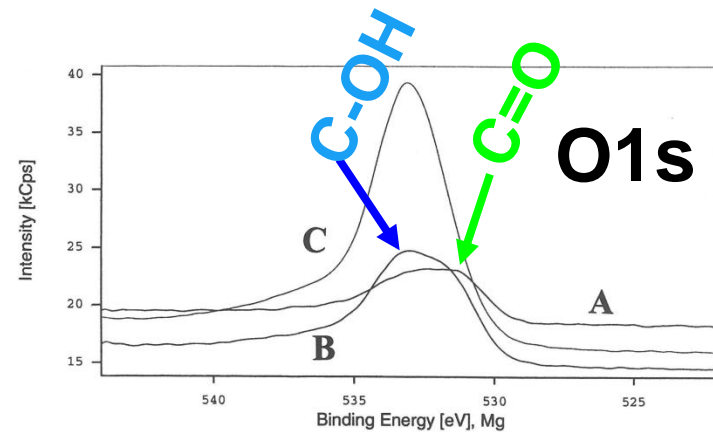
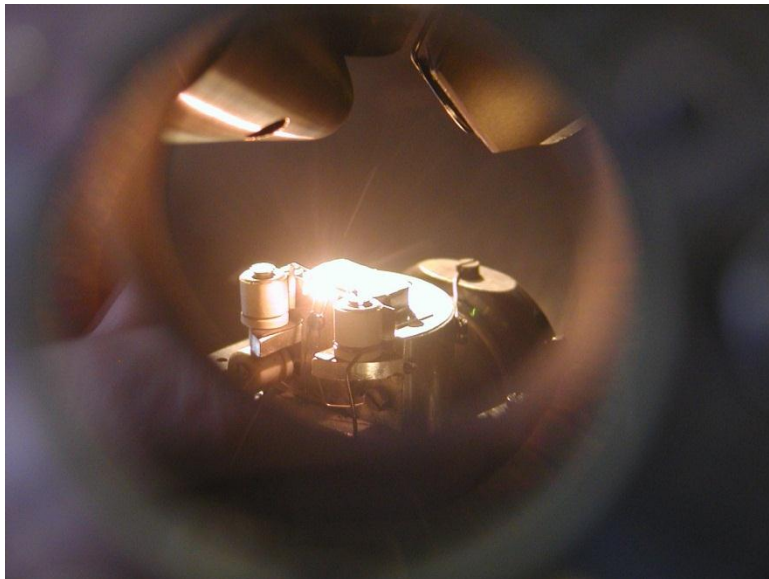


XPS: X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy

(ESCA: Electron Spectroscopy for Chemical Analysis)

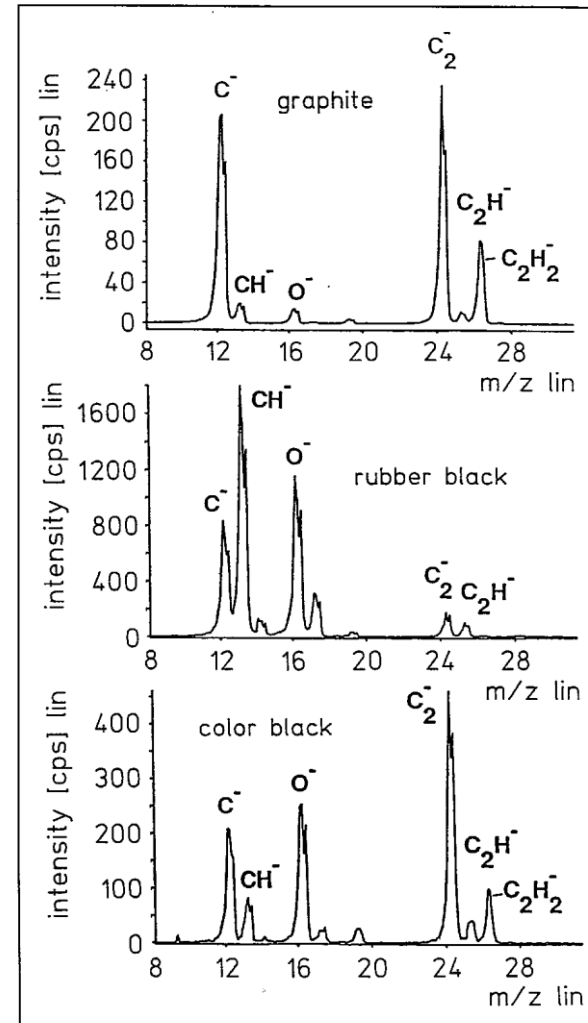
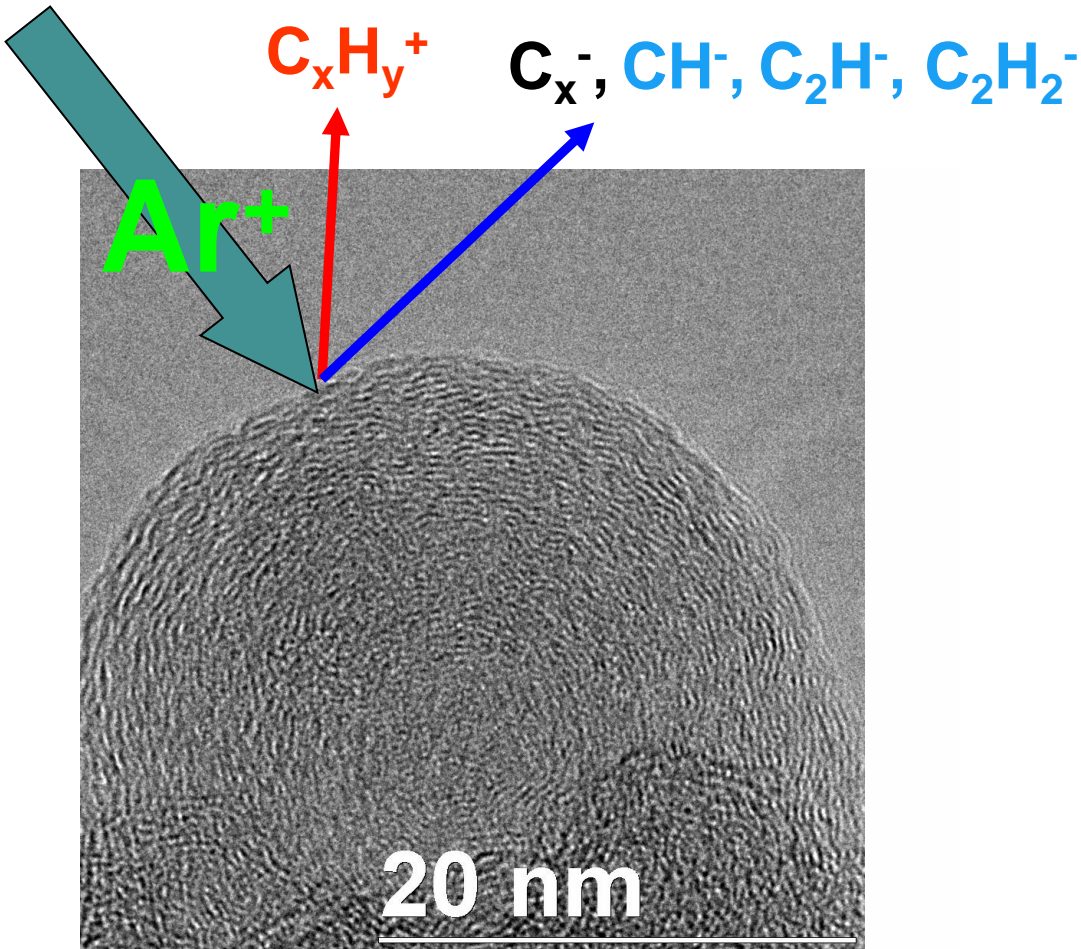
O1s- and C1s-XPS-Signals (+ N1s, S2p) of Carbon Blacks

ca. 531 eV **C=O** groups
 ca. 532-533 eV **C-OH** groups
 ca. 534-535 eV **H₂O_{ads.}**



Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry (SIMS)

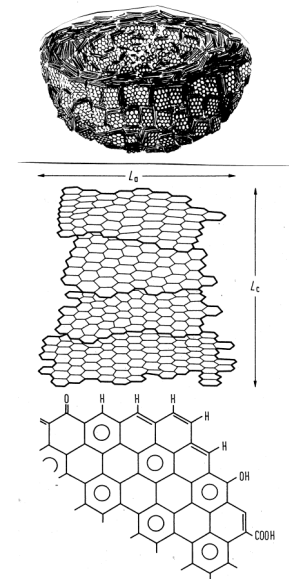
static → dynamic mode: ion induced degradation of carbon blacks, measuring aliphatic- and aromatic/graphitic-type fragments – fingerprints for sp^2 / sp^3 character in surface and selvedge regions of CB



How to further Optimize the Properties of Carbon Black Surfaces? Adjusting the Degree of Filler/Polymer Interaction by controlled Enhancement of sp^2 -type Surface-ruggedness. Analytical Proof and Indicator: **Terminating Protons**

Terminating Protons at the Edges of the BSU's are relevant and sensitive indicators for

- **Enhanced Physical Interaction** with the Polymer Chains of the Rubber Mixtures: Surface Roughness/Ruggedness
- **Surface Reactivity, Chemical Interaction:** Conjugated/Non-conjugated Double Bonds, „Bound Rubber Effect“, Vulcanization / Metathesis Reactions....

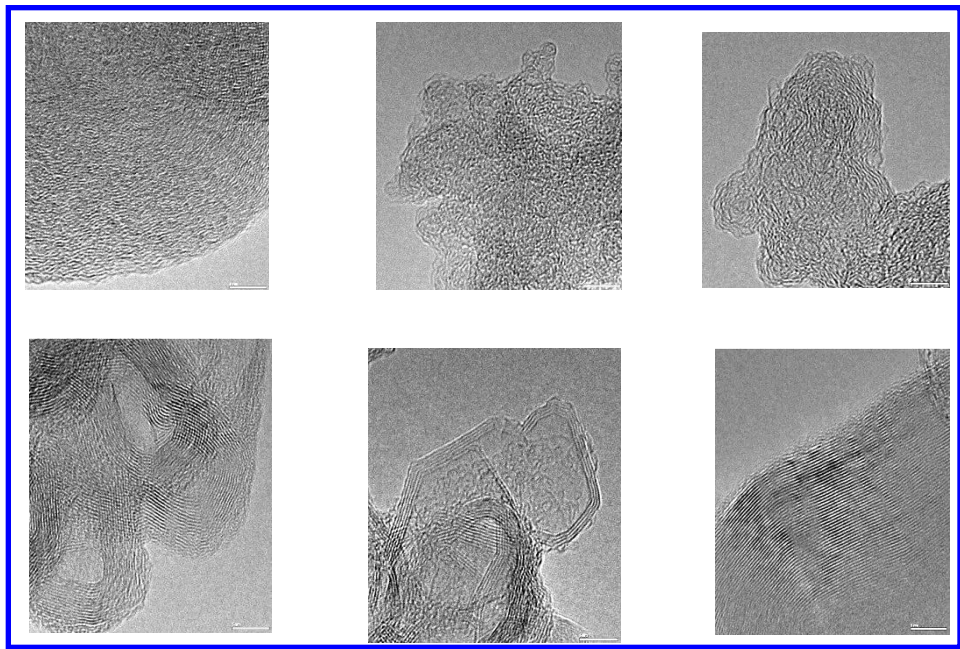
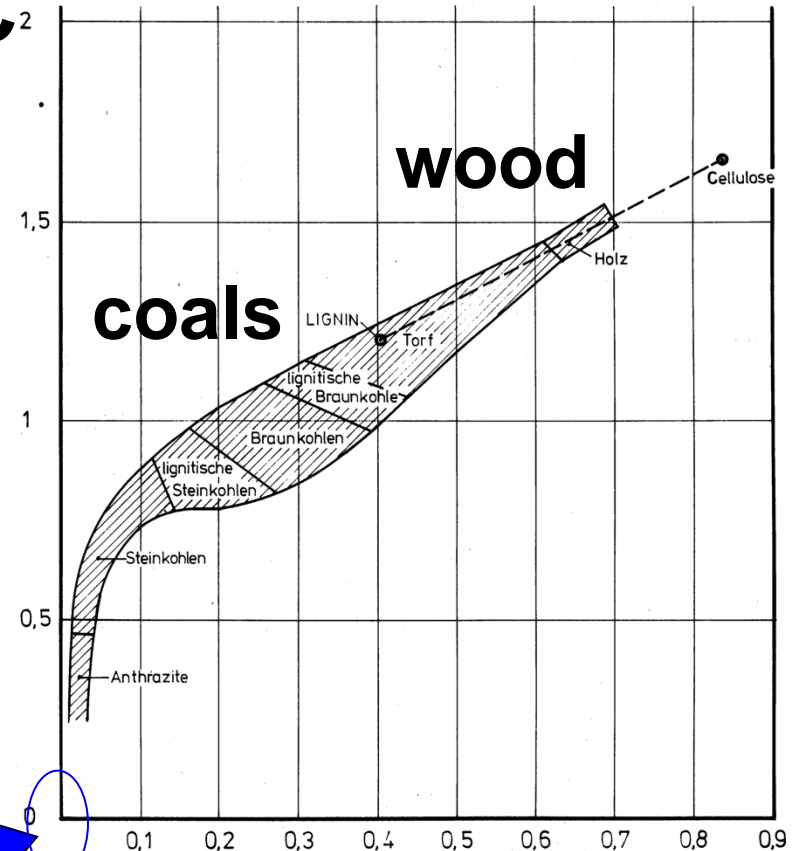


Challenge: Determination of Proton Dynamics

of Carbon Blacks at ca. 4000 $\mu\text{g/g H}$

(gas blacks, furnace blacks, graphitic matter 6000 \rightarrow 4000 \rightarrow 100 $\mu\text{g/g H}$ etc.)

H/C_2



Carbon blacks

O/C

- + TEM: imaging at the nanoscale
- + XPS: C-OH, O=C-OH...
- + SIMS: C/H-fragmentation characteristics

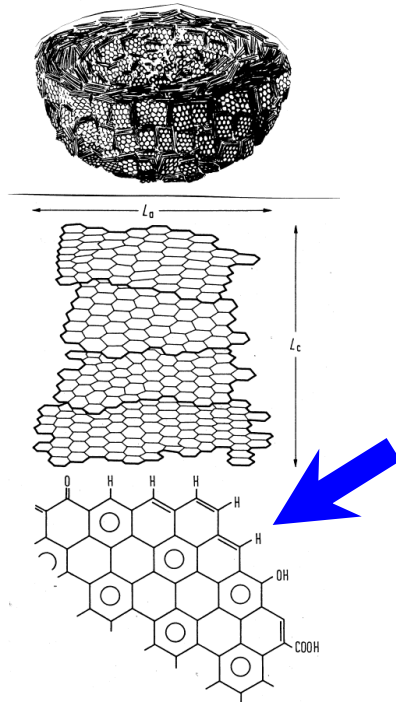
How to Analyze the **Hydrogen Bonding** on CB? Spectroscopic techniques? **Terminating Protons ???**

**Carbon Blacks: Very Finely Divided Materials,
Electrically Conductive Powders :**
**Infrared-Spectroscopy or NMR may come to Physical
Limits: „Carbon Black is Black...“**

Solution:
IINS Inelastic Incoherent Neutron Scattering

Scattering Cross Sections of Some Elements

X-rays: Electron Shell, Neutrons: Atomic Nucleus



ATOM	Z	$f_x^2/100$	b_{COH}^2	b_{INC}^2
H	1	.	●	○
D	1	.	○	○
C	6	○	○	○
N	7	○	○	○
O	8	○	○	○
Na	11	○	○	○
Si	14	○	○	○
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Ti	22	○	●	○
V	23	○	●	○
Ni	28	○	○	○

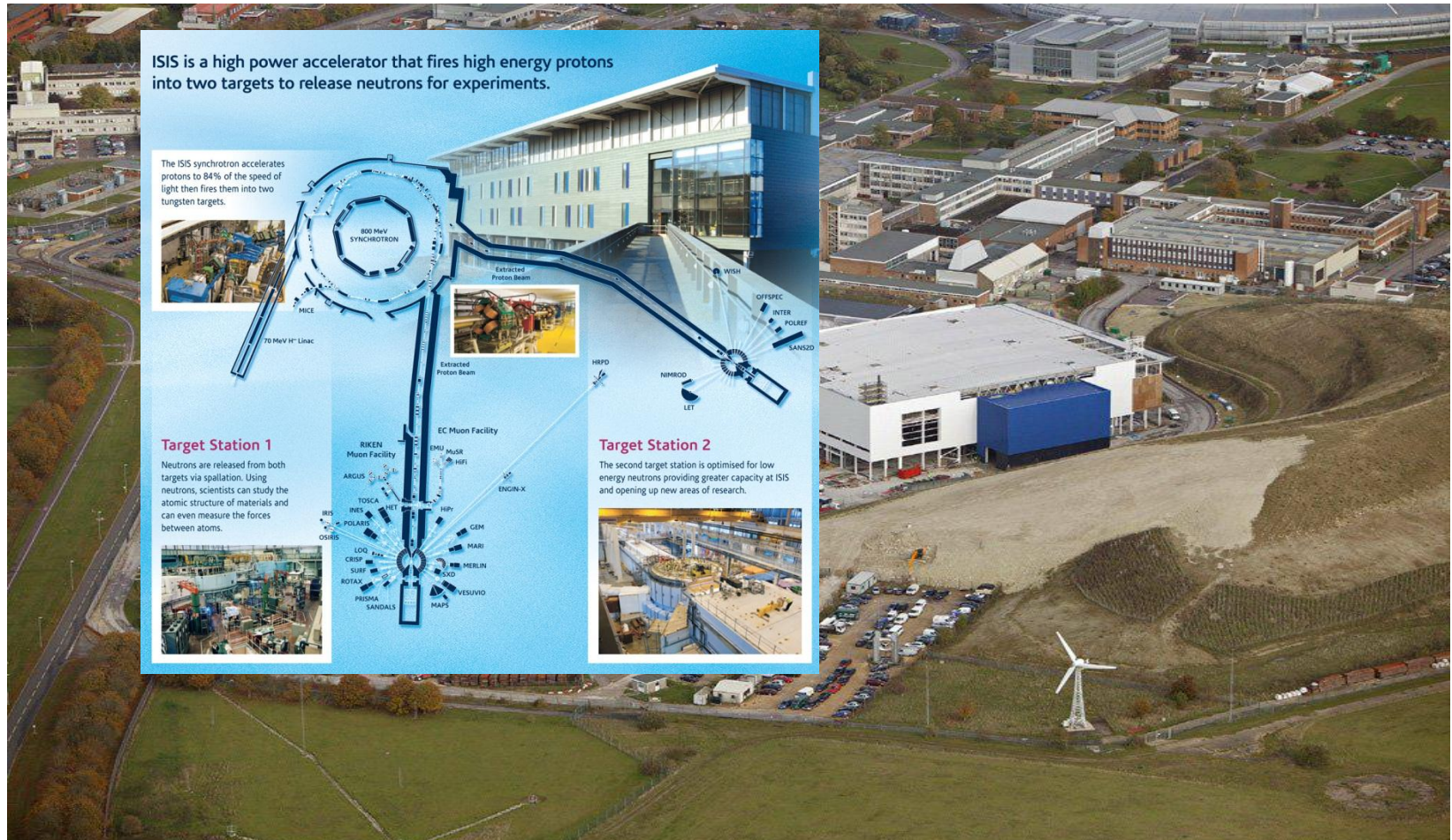
H

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**„Carbon Black is NOT Black“
– for Neutrons**

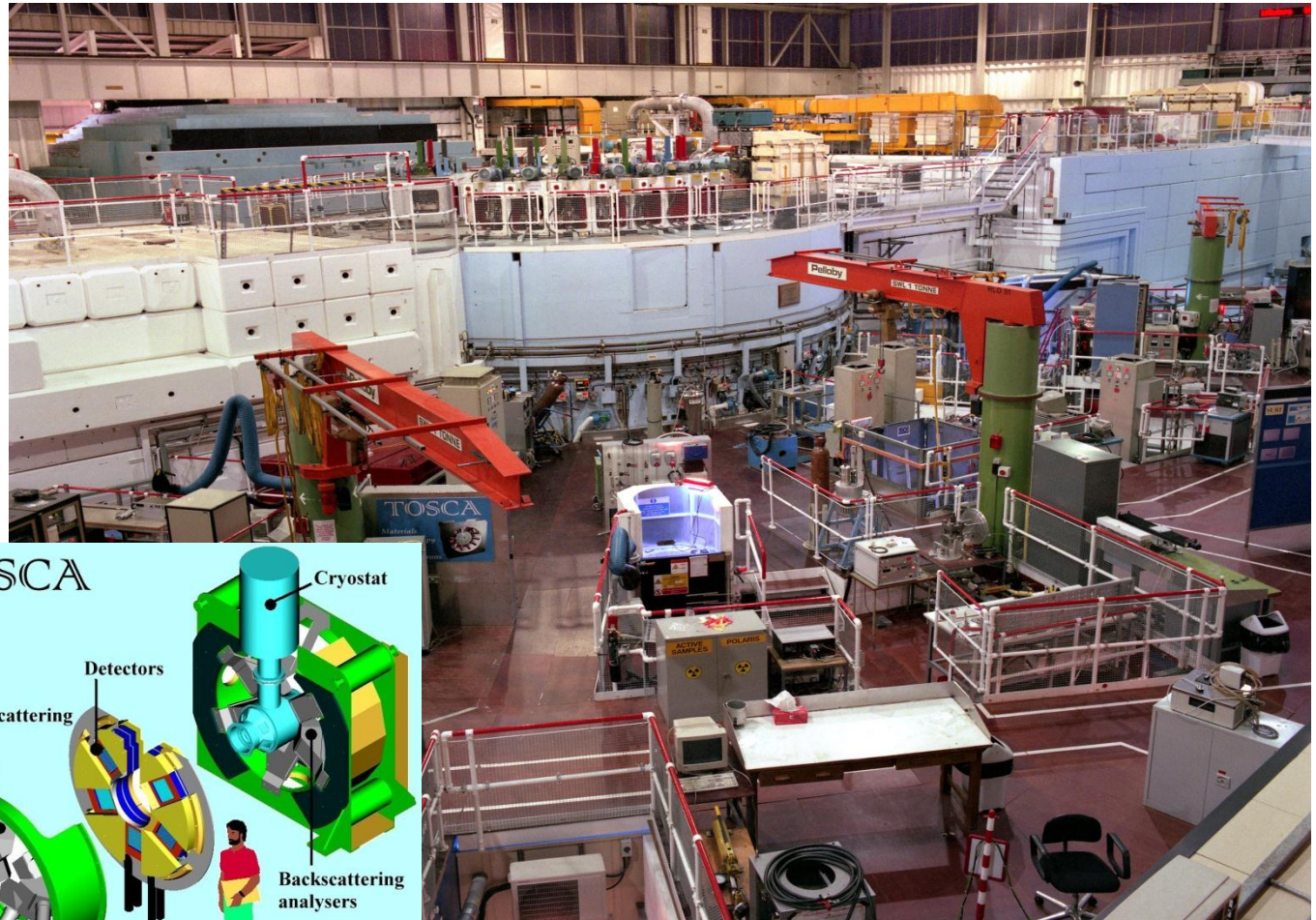
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Spallation Neutron Source ISIS, (UK) Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Chilton/Oxfordshire

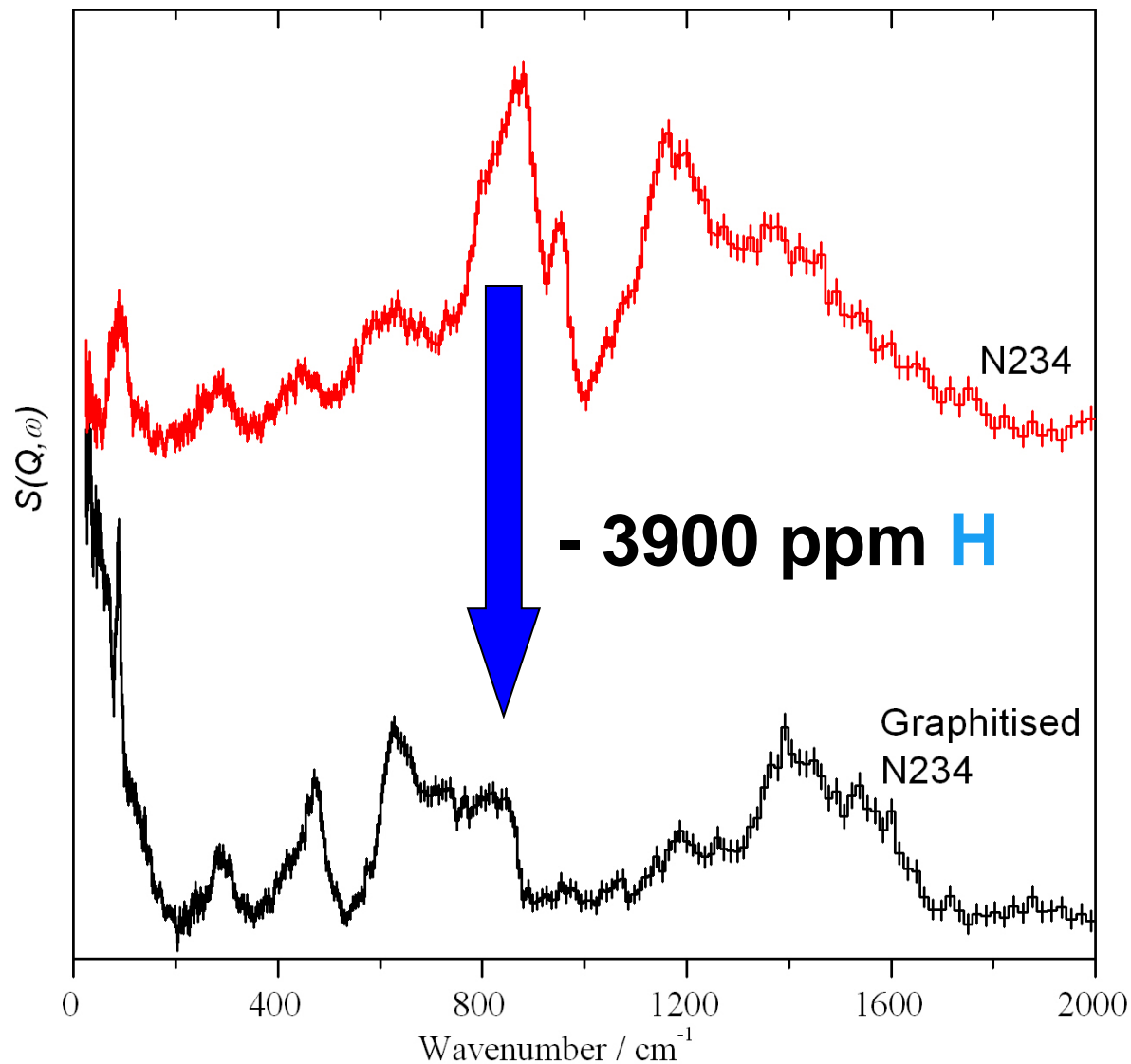
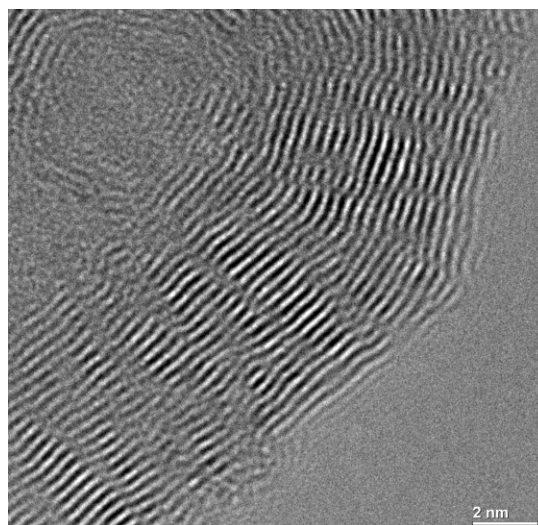
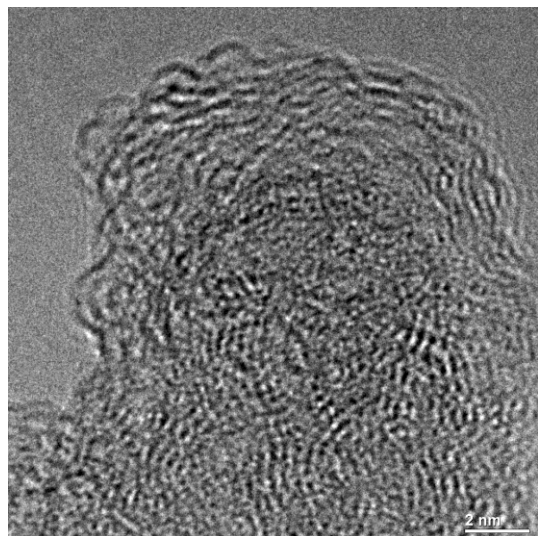


ISIS Target Region and Spectrometer Hall

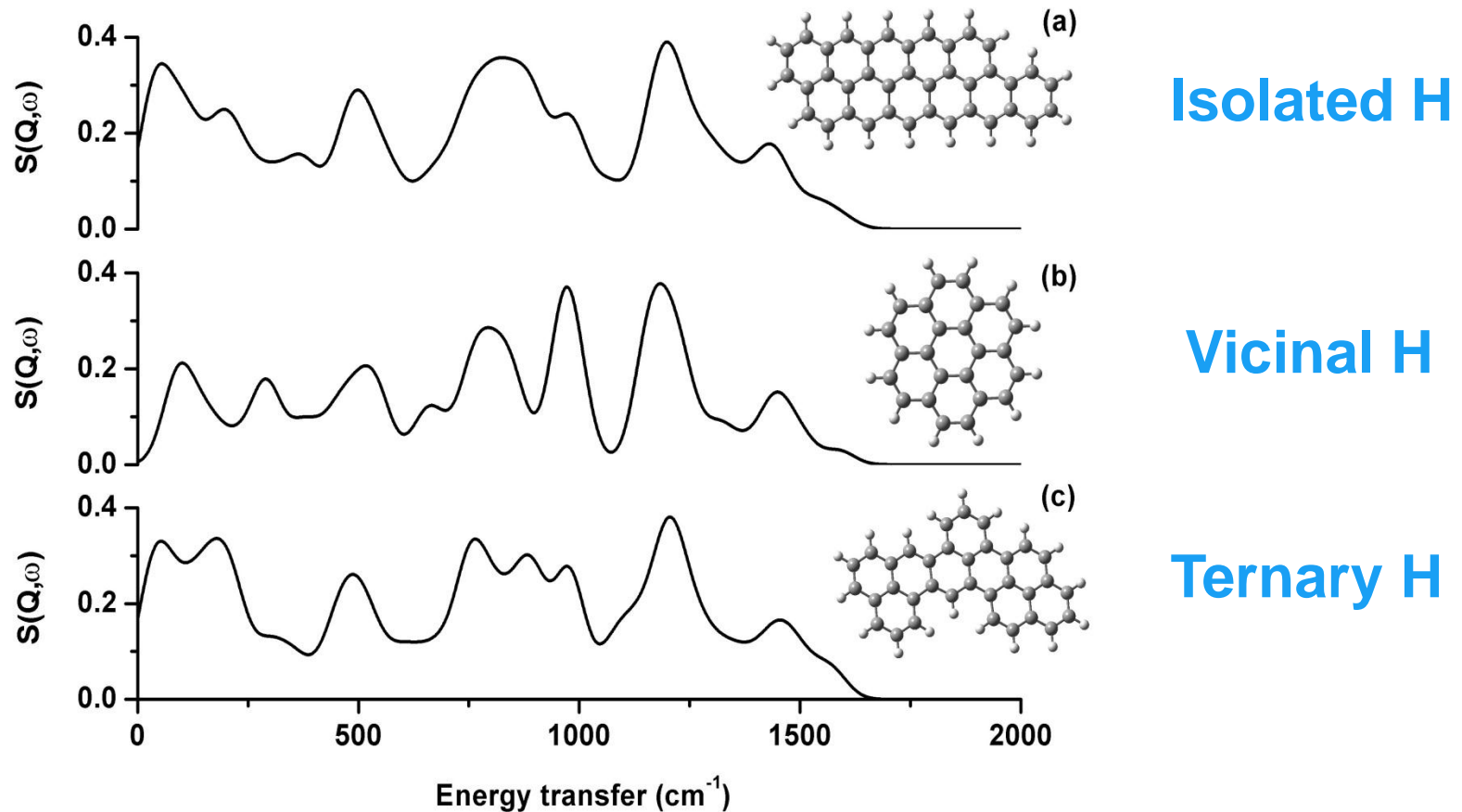
**CB Sample
Size 10-20 g**



IINS spectra of N234; red: as produced, 4200 $\mu\text{g/g H}$
black: after graphitisation treatment, 290 $\mu\text{g/g H}$

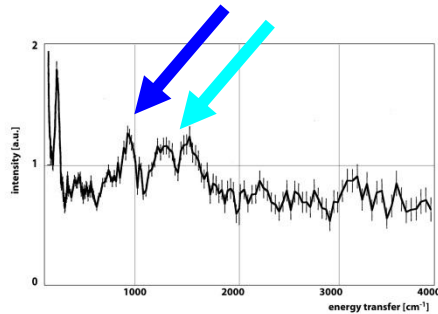


Spectra Simulations of Structures with Different Amount of Isolated (a), Vicinal (b) and Ternary (c) Neighbouring of Hydrogen Entities

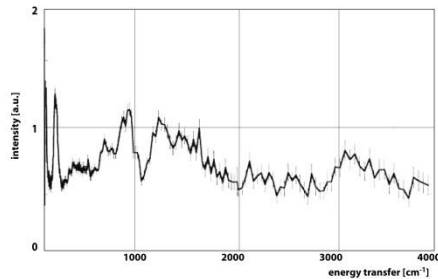


IINS Spectra of Carbon Blacks of Slightly Different Hydrogen Content: Out-of-plane and In-plane C-H Deformational Modes (Aryl C-H wagging) of Basic Structural Units (BSU's)

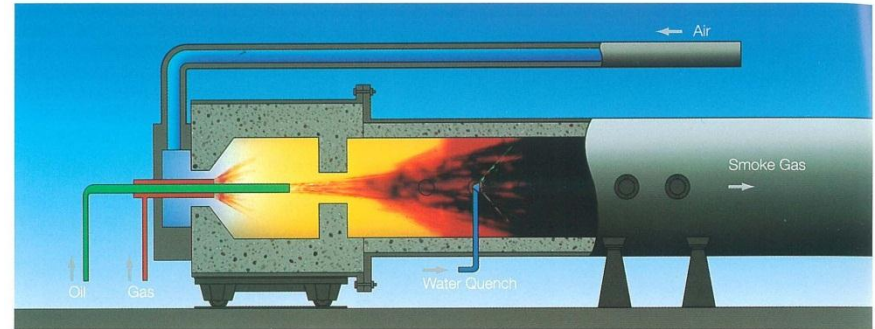
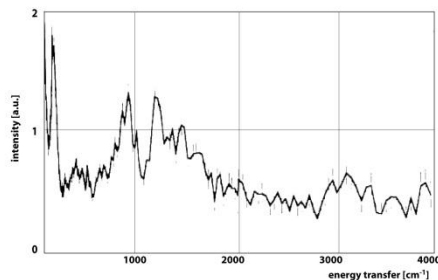
4400 $\mu\text{g/g H}$



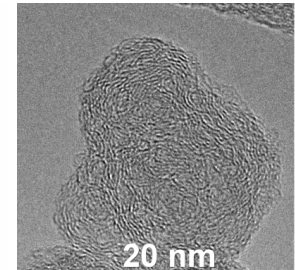
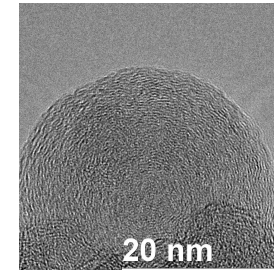
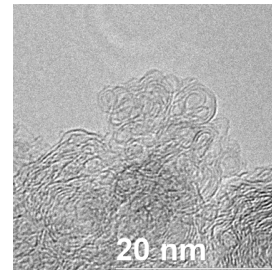
3100 $\mu\text{g/g H}$



4200 $\mu\text{g/g H}$

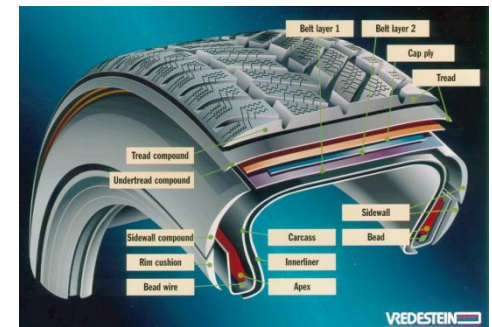
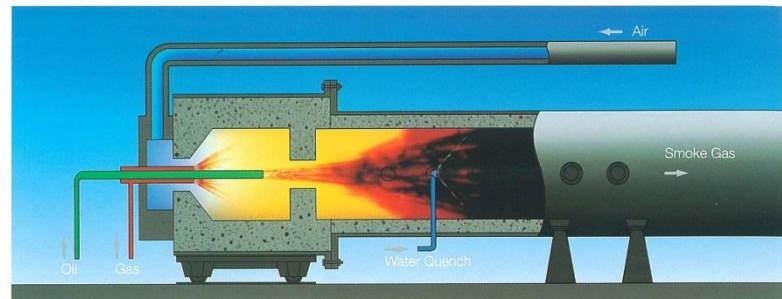
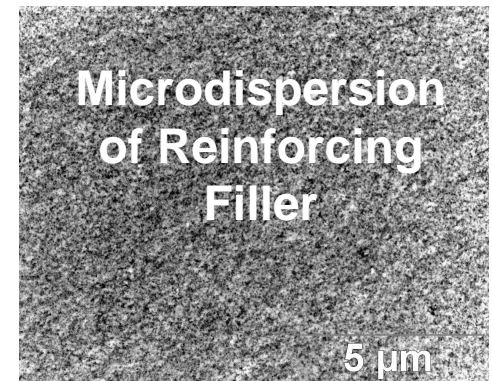
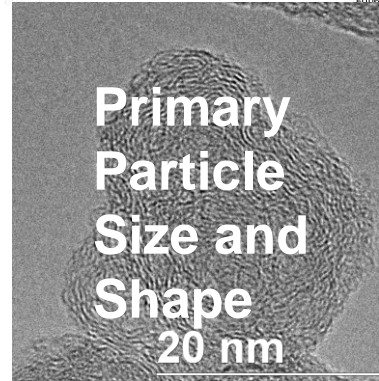
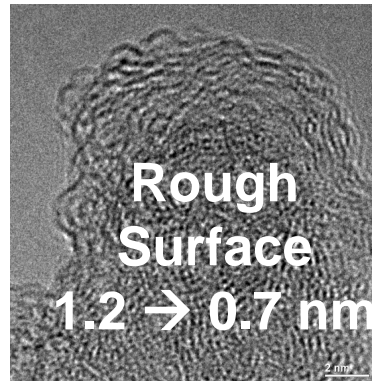
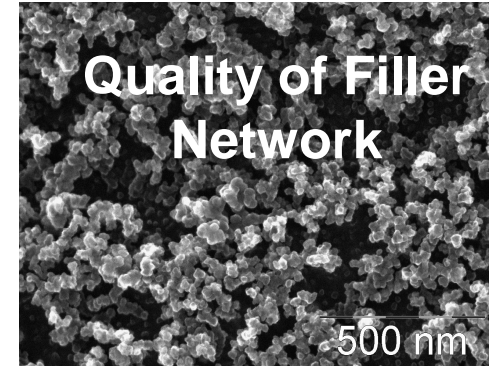
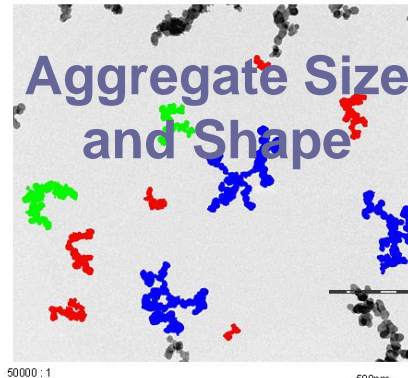
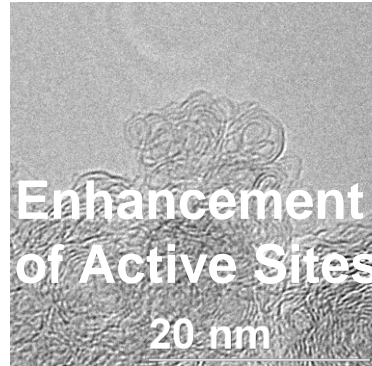
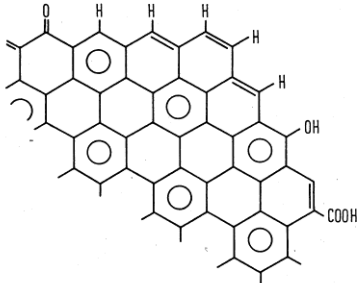
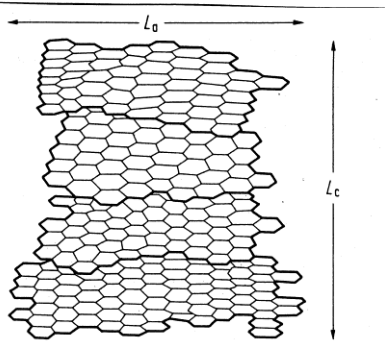
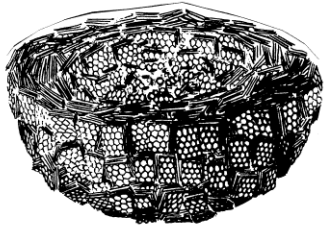


→ Analytical information for filler/rubber interaction to improve efficiency and product performance:
Terminating protons

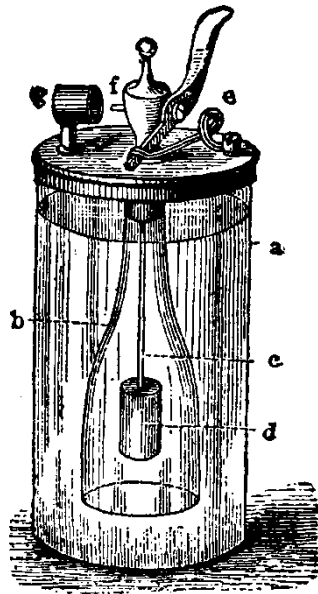


Conclusion: HR-TEM, SEM, XPS, SIMS, IINS are needed – complementary - to obtain a complete coherent picture:

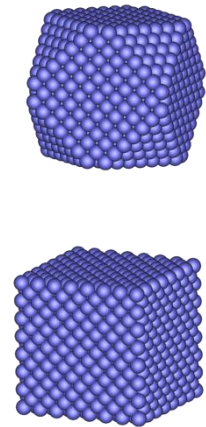
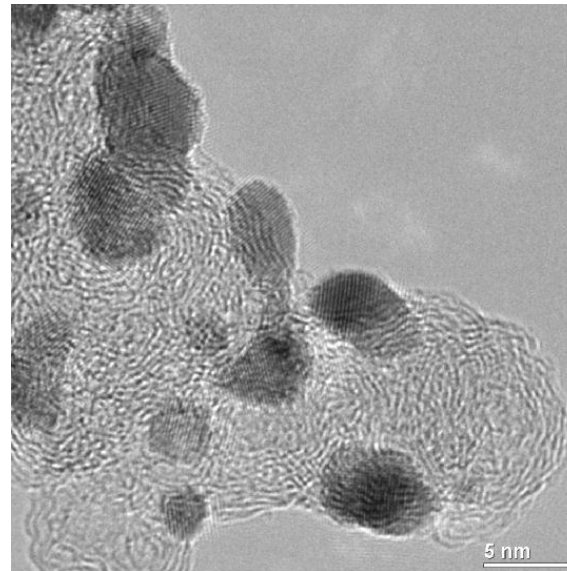
Proton Dynamics



2. Edelmetalle auf Ruß: Brennstoffzellenkatalysatoren (PEM)



**Platinum sponge
→ Döbereiner
Feuerzeug**



**Platinum and Platinum/Ruthenium on
Carbon Black**

Hydrogen on Metals / Hydrogen in Metals Platinum / Palladium

„Das Verhalten von H₂ und Pt zueinander ist wenig untersucht, obwohl es durchaus von praktischem Interesse ist, z.B. für den Gebrauch von Pt als Elektrodenmaterial in der Elektrochemie.“ E. Raub

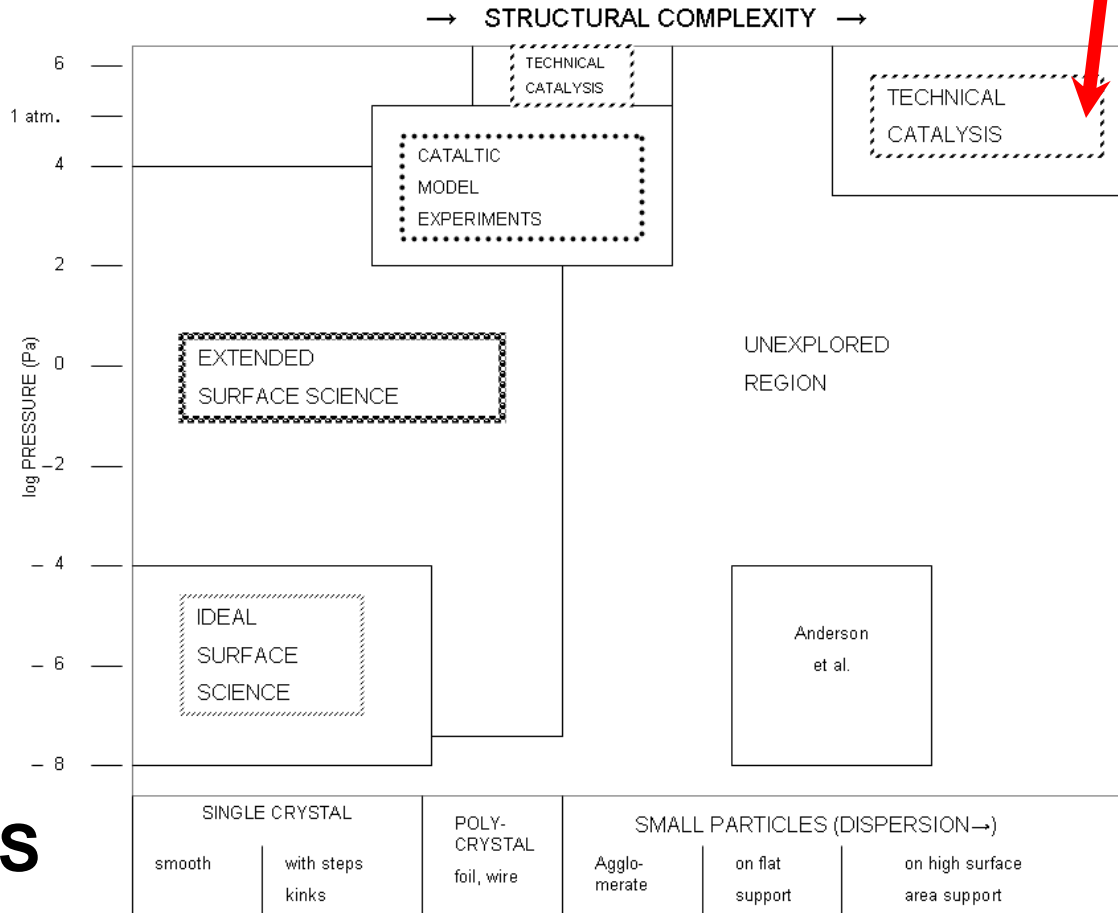
Gase und Kohlenstoff in Metallen

Hrsgb. E. Fromm, E. Gebhardt, Springer Verlag 1976, S. 648

Reine und angewandte Metallkunde in Einzeldarstellungen, Band 26.

Example supported Platinum and Palladium
H.P. Bonzel: 'Pressure Gap Concept',
Surf. Sci. 68 (1977) 236-258.

Powder,
800 m²/g,
1 bar H₂

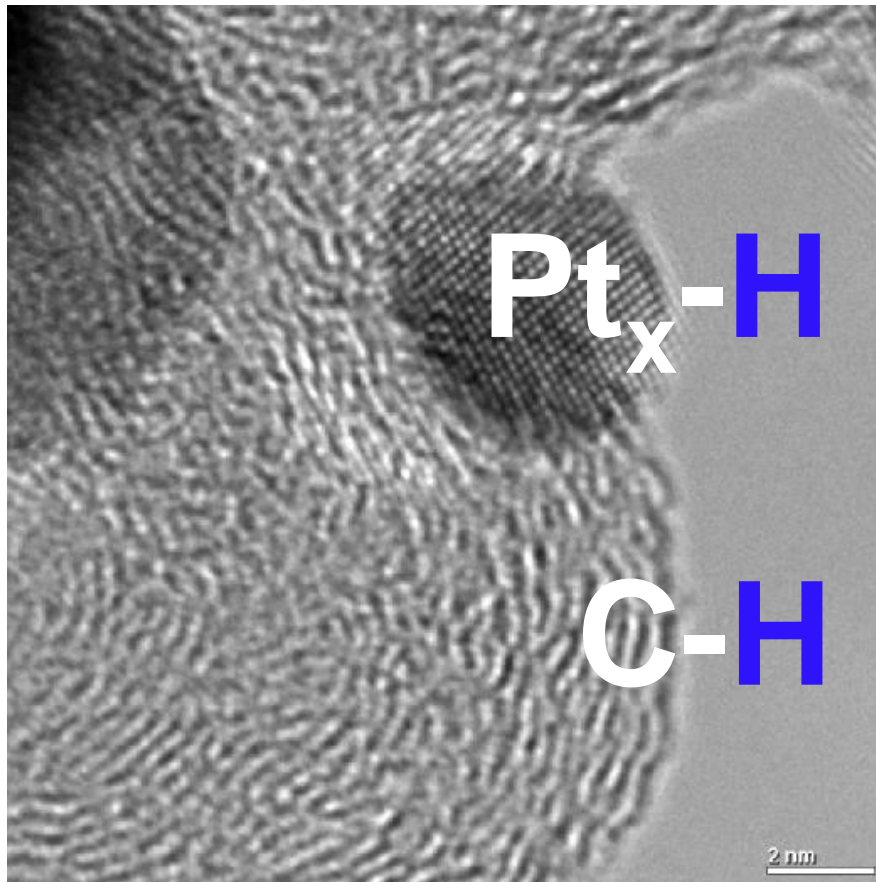


IINS, ND

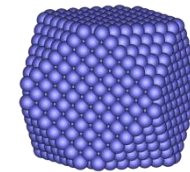
HR-EELS

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Fuel Cell Catalysis: Formation of Atomic H, Site Occupation Pt_x-H ?



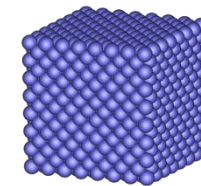
‘ideal’ / ‘real’ cubo-
octahedra ?



Pt-H Distance by ND:

0.188 nm

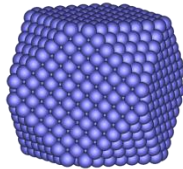
Chem. Commun. 2010



Scale Bar: 2 nm

WANTED: ALIVE (!)

→ In-situ-conditions, Surface Science Measurements under 1 bar
Hydrogen Pressure?



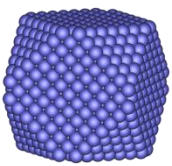
H₂ ?

H₂O ?

Pt-OH ?

Pt/Ru-OH ?

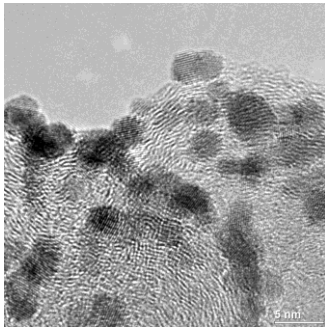
Atomic H: Pt_x-H ? → IINS



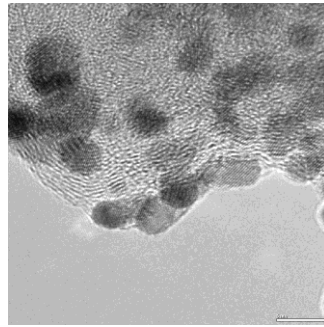
Changes of the relative contributions of (100) and (111) faces on platinum-nanoparticles with increasing particle size (2, 4, 6, 8 nm), detection of Pt_x-H and Pt-OH. IINS → HREELS on single crystal surfaces; Cs-corrected TEM ...

J. Catal. **223**, 44 (2004)

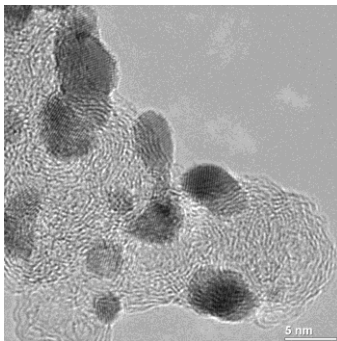
(a) 2 nm



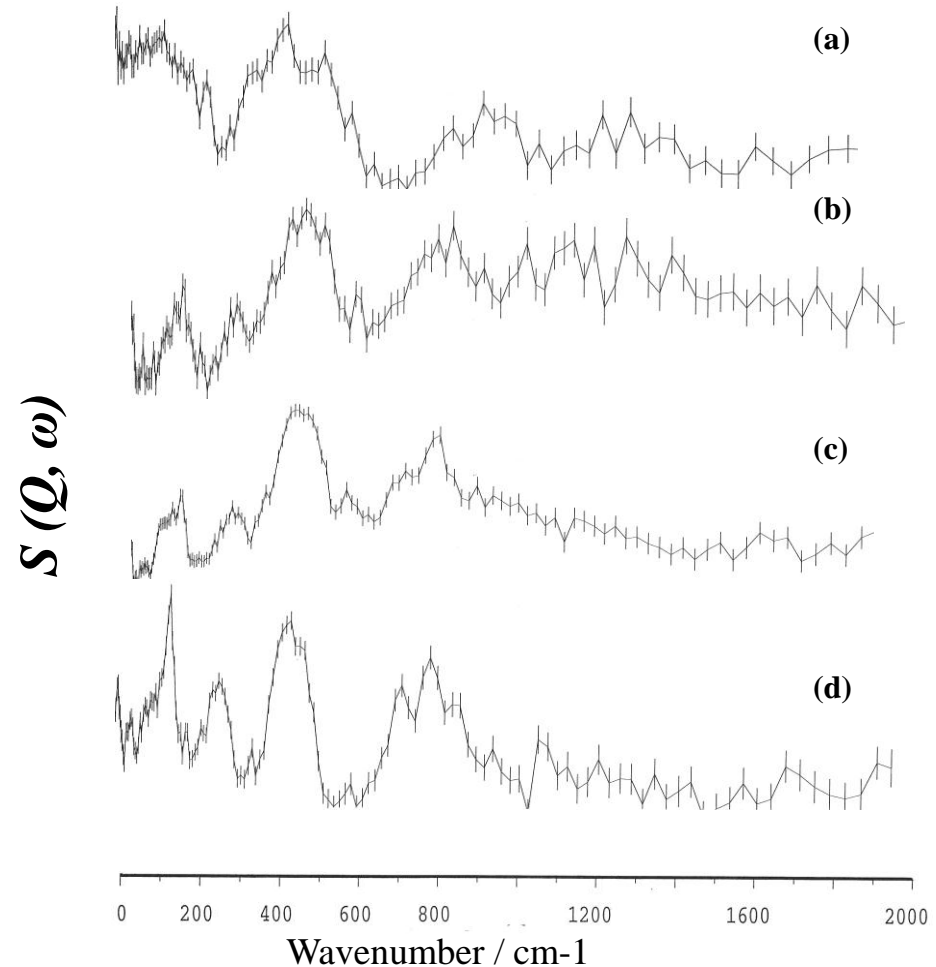
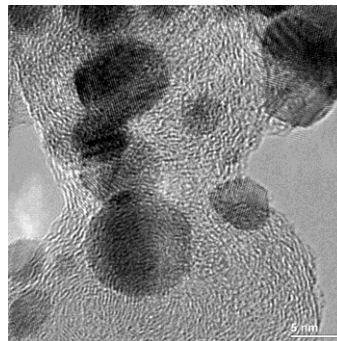
(b) 4 nm

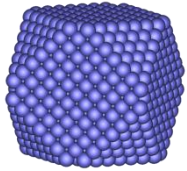


(c) 6 nm

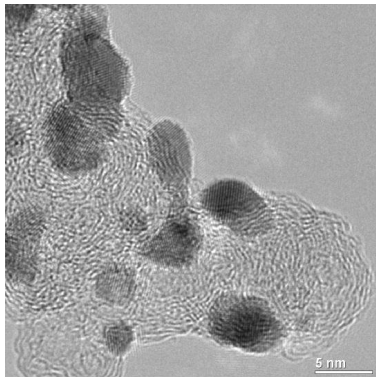


(d) 8 nm

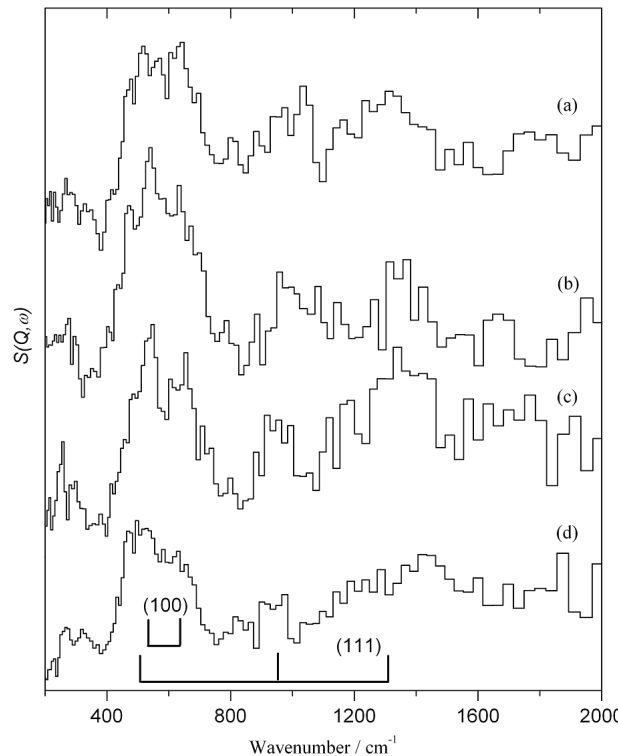




Ptx-H Vibrations on 4 nm Platinum Particles/C Obtained by Different Preparation Techniques

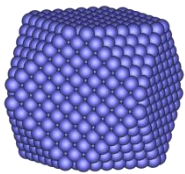


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418 (2006)



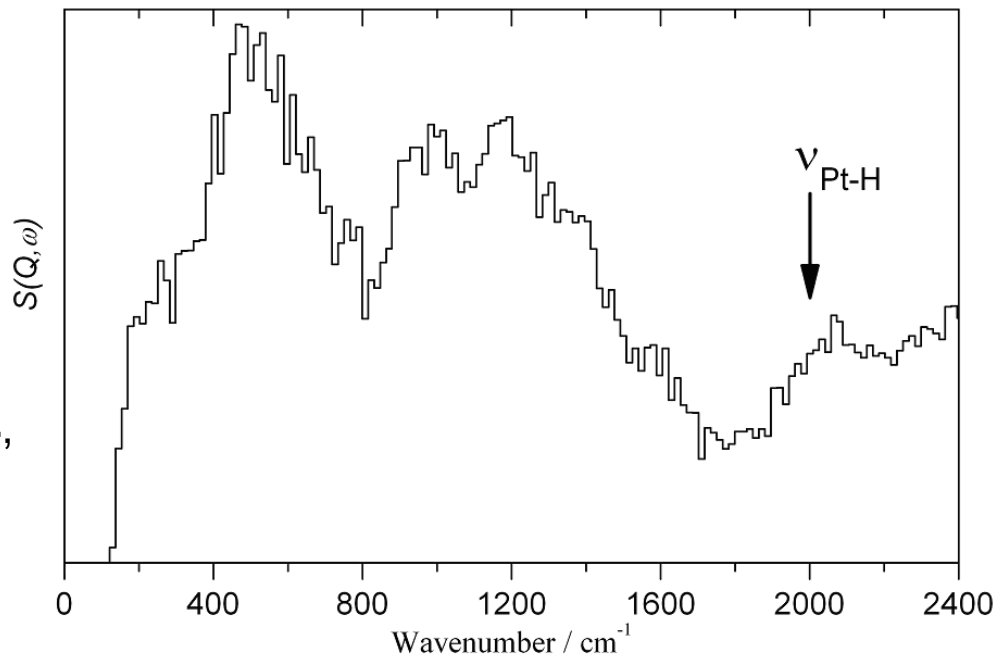
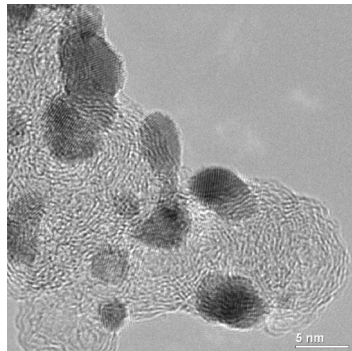
→ Target of IINS:
Fingerprints for certain
surface properties of
finely divided,
supported, non-ideal,
real catalyst particles

→ G.A. Somorjai:
„heterogeneous solid
surfaces with different
surface sites and
different next
neighbours“



In-situ IINS of a Fuel Cell Catalyst under 1 bar Hydrogen
On-top Pt-H Valence Vibration at 2020 cm⁻¹

Focus: Catalytically Active Centers ? / „Spectator“ Sites ? Who is who ?
How to improve catalyst properties and save/ spare bound capital?
How to promote the formation of the relevant sites?

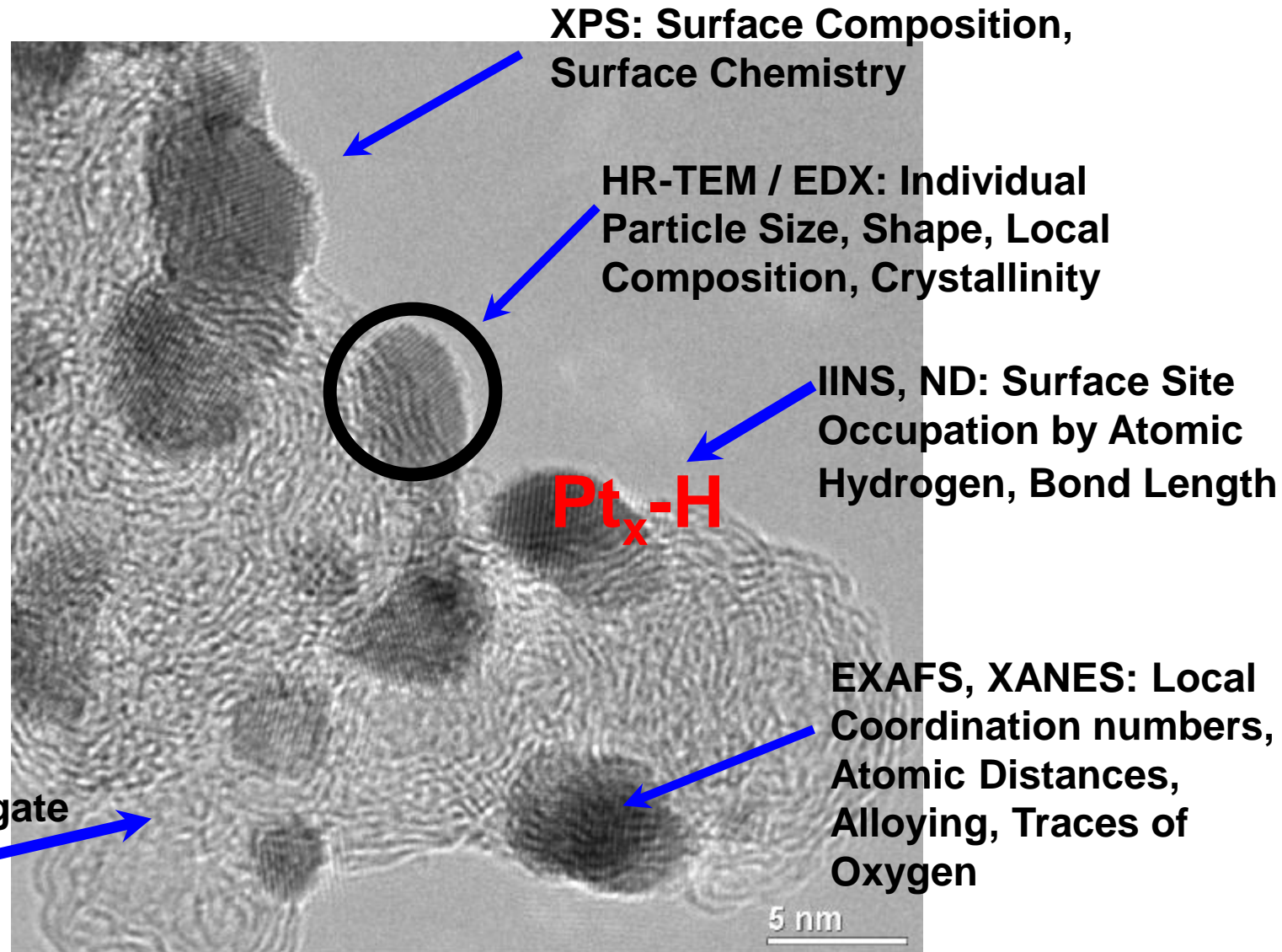


1 : 100 ?
1 : 10000 ?
1 : 1000000 ?
1 : 10ⁿ ???

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418 (2006)

Supported Nano-Particles: Nano-Analytcs!

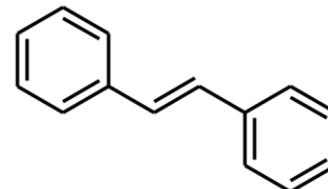
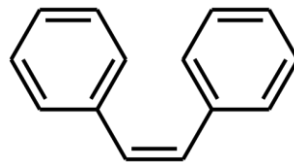
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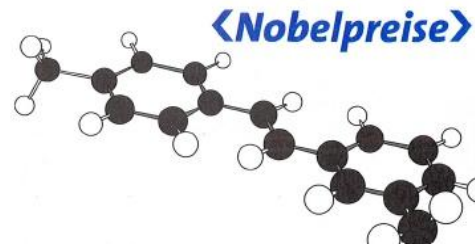
3. Palladium auf Aktivkohle: Heck Reaktion

C-C Coupling by Heck reaction of Bromobenzene and Styrene to Stilbene

- Heterogenization of homogeneous catalysts
- Improved recovery of precious metal inventory
- Checking open questions on catalyst selectivity

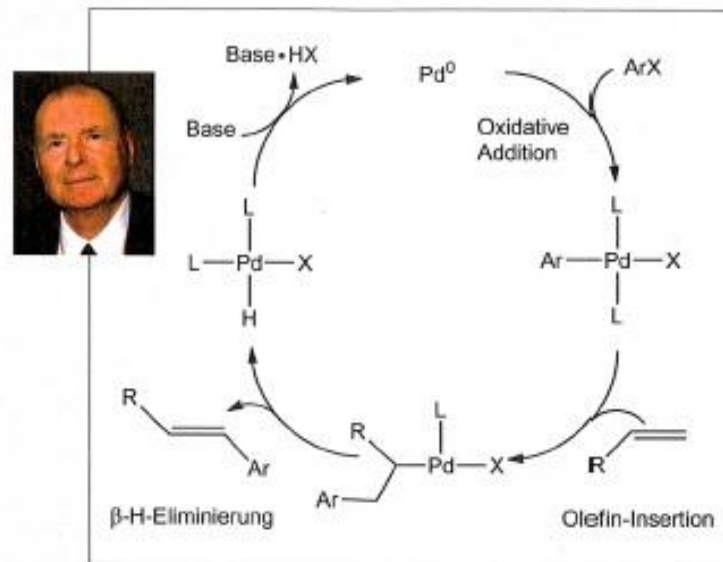


Kuppler unter sich



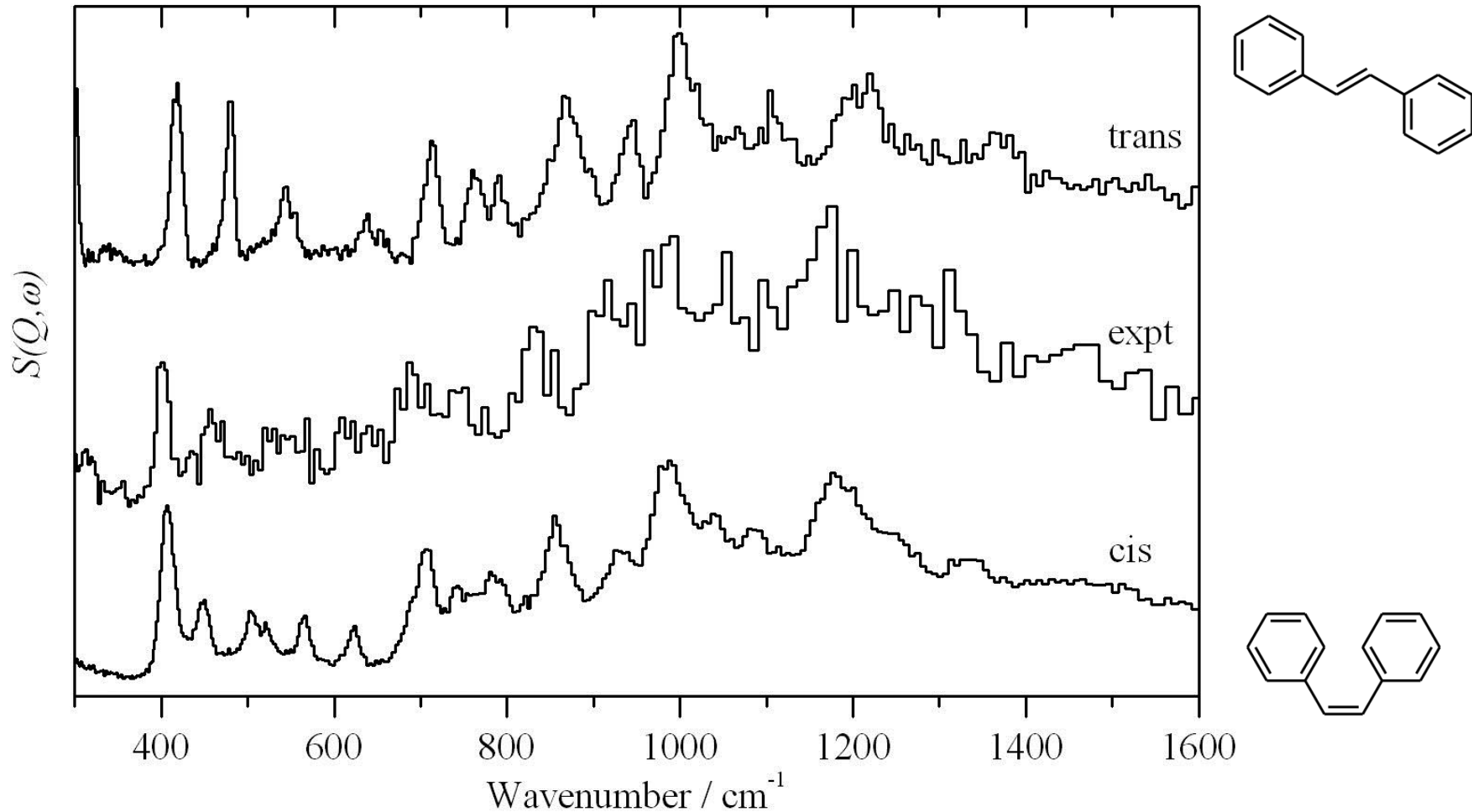
Heck-Reaktion:

Matthias Beller, Nachrichten aus der Chemie, November 2010, S. 1105

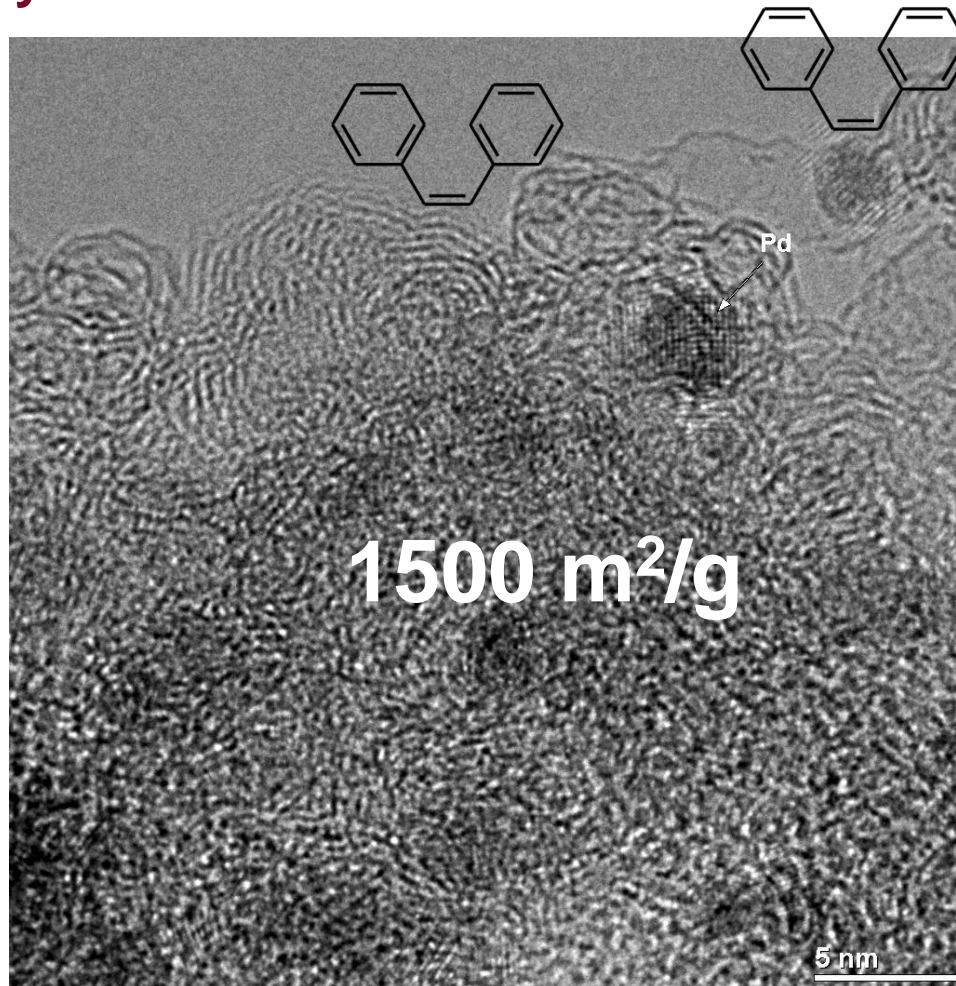


Mizoroki-Heck-Reaktion: Sie verknüpft Aryl-, Alkenyl- und Benzylhalogenide mit Alkenen zu substituierten Alkenen. Richard F. Heck (Foto) und der verstorbene Tsutomu Mizoroki haben die Reaktion unabhängig voneinander in den 1970er Jahren entwickelt.

IINS: Mirror image to organic phase. What is present at the catalyst surface after the organic phase is removed?



Heck reaction: Bromobenzene and Styrene to Stilbene
Supervision of liquid phase: Yield 90% of trans-
product; IINS: cis-Stilbene isomer enriched on Pd/C
catalyst surface

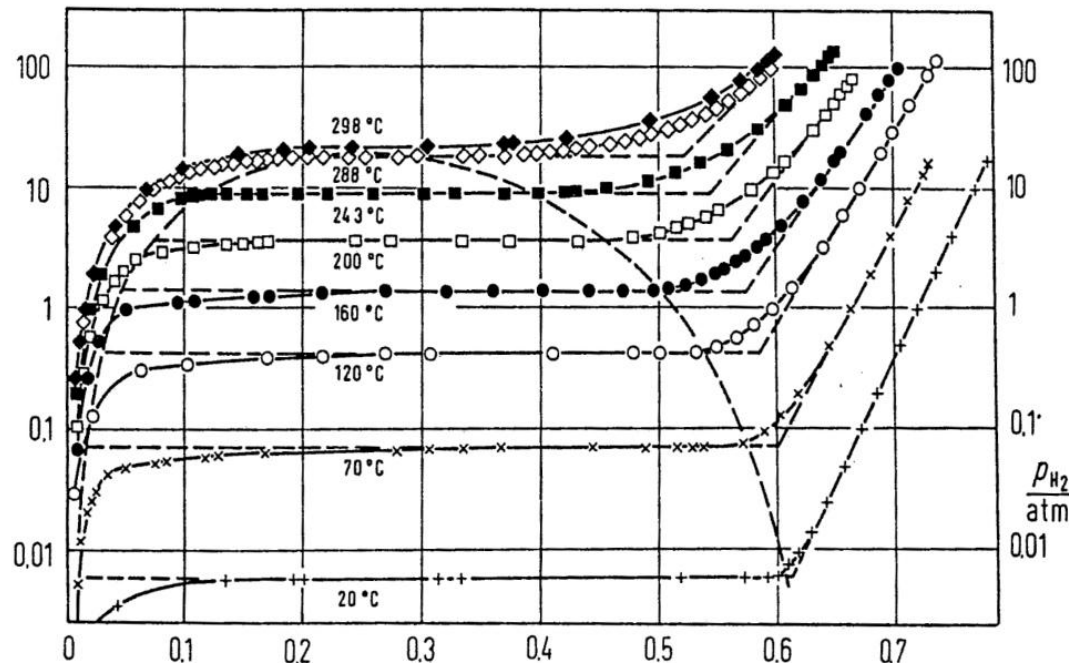


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5 nm

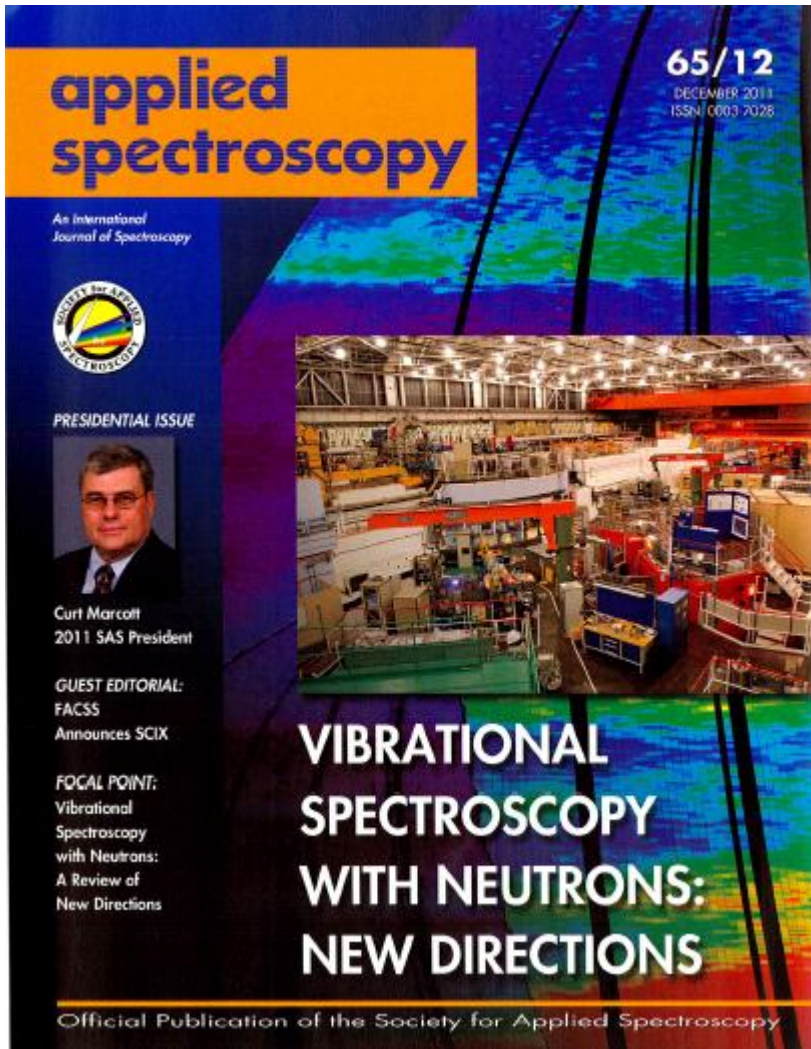
4. Hydrierkatalysatoren: der Lindlar Katalysator und Pd/C

„Lindlar catalyst“ (Pd/Pb/CaCO₃): used for selective catalytic hydrogenation of triple bonds to double bonds; this catalyst is moderated by addition of lead and quinolines to generate the best selectivity for a given process;
Example: **Production of Vitamin A**

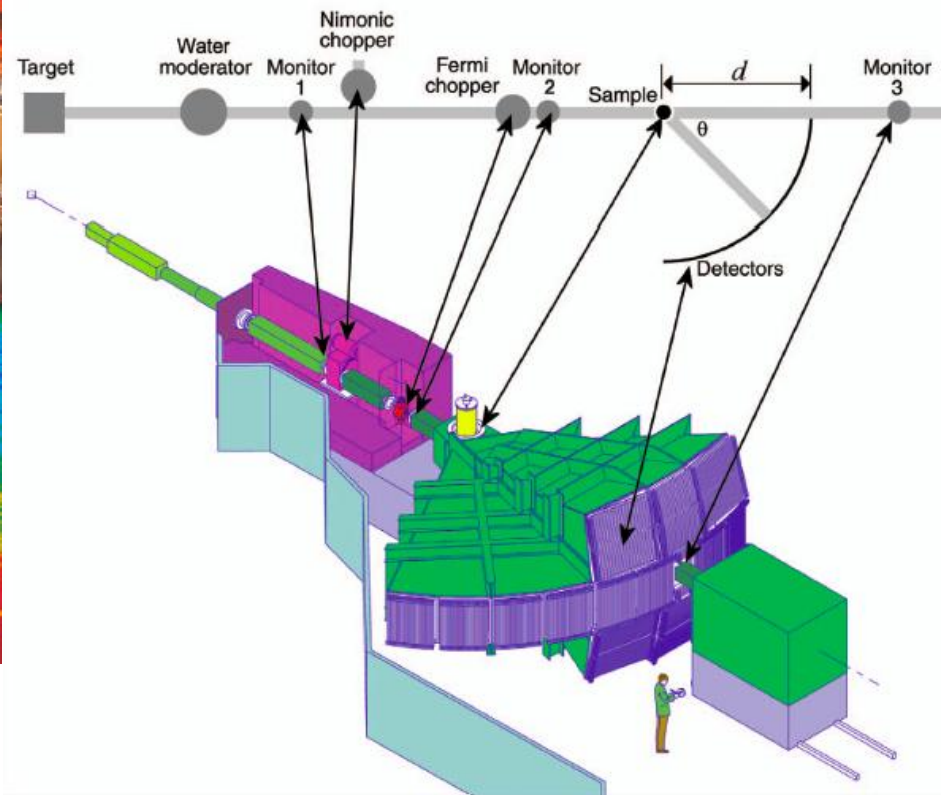
Under the access of hydrogen: Palladium forms α - and β -phase hydride but: very small particles show different hydrogen absorption properties compared to large particles (Kirchheim, Reetz et.al.)



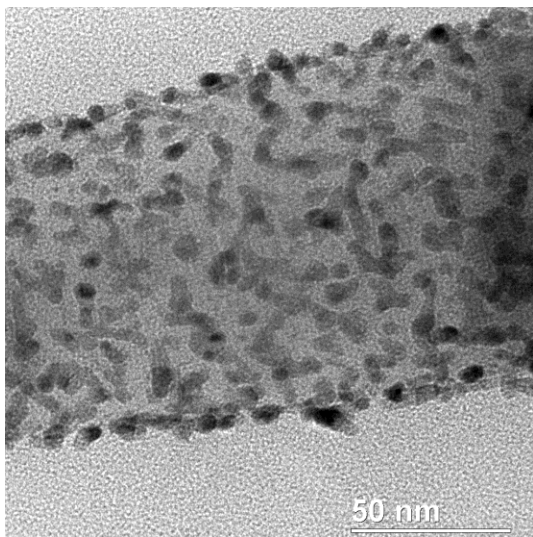
Pd/H phase diagram



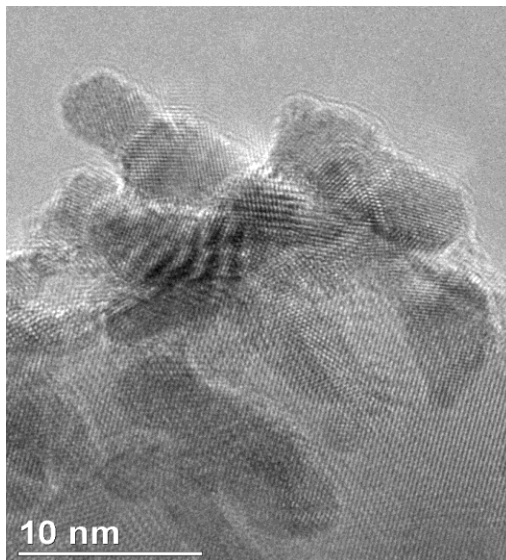
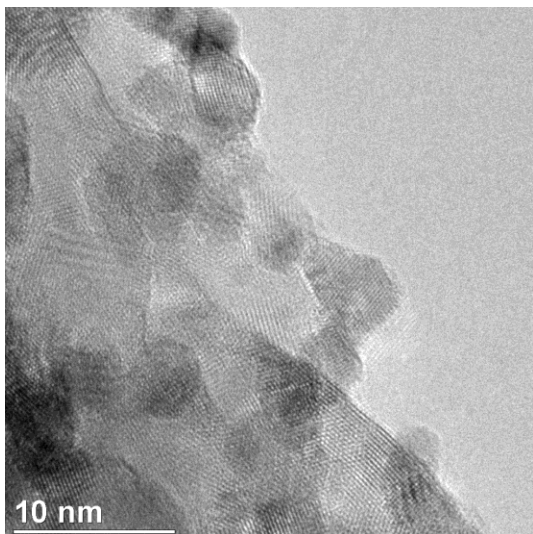
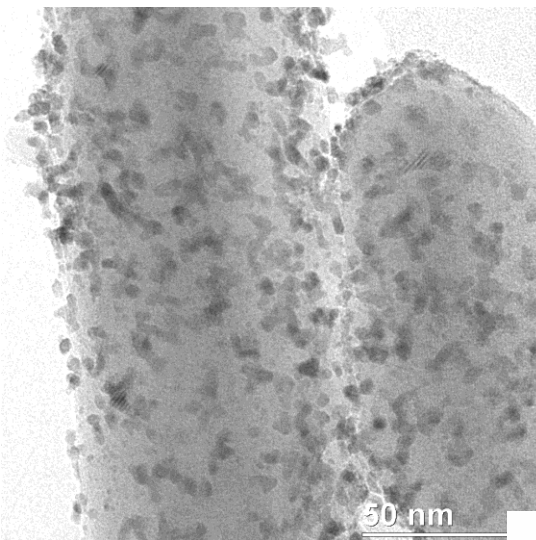
MAPS Spectrometer → 1 mol.-% H



Pd-only/CaCO₃

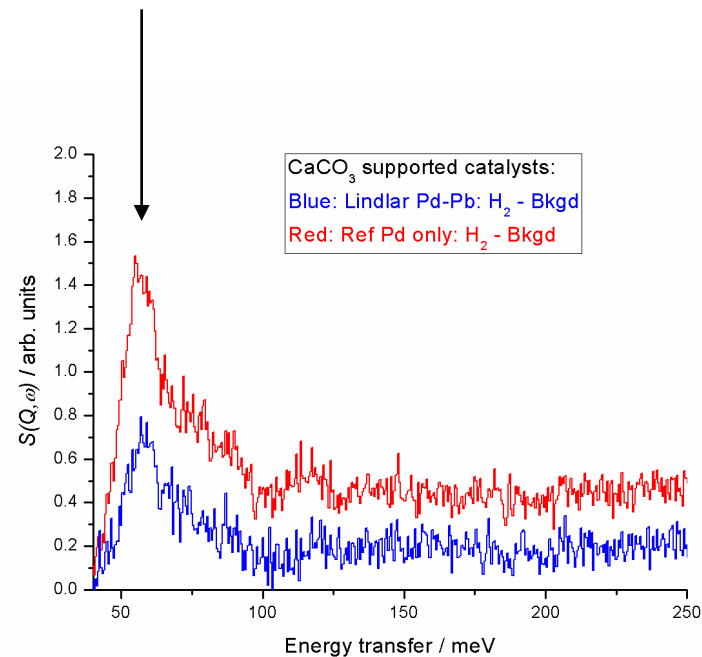


Pd/Pb/CaCO₃



Pb reduces the hydrogen storage capability of Pd in the Lindlar catalyst

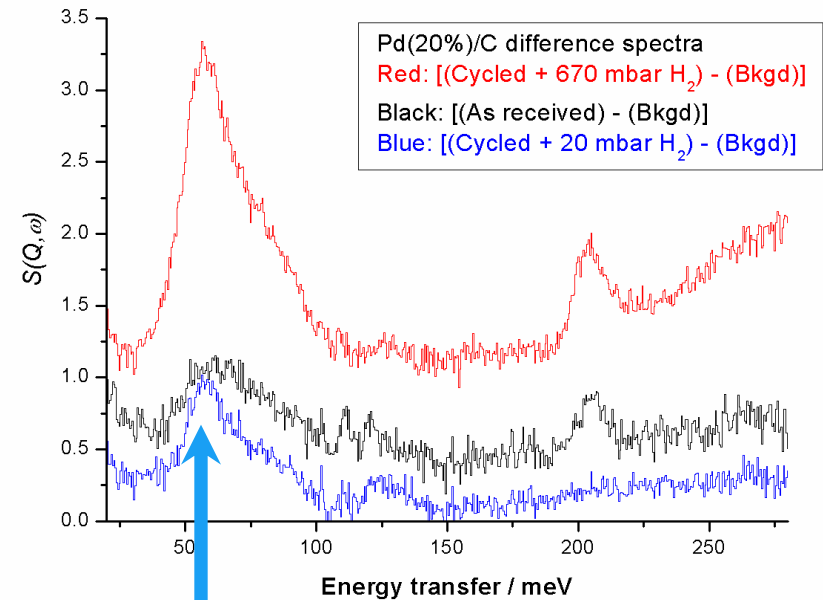
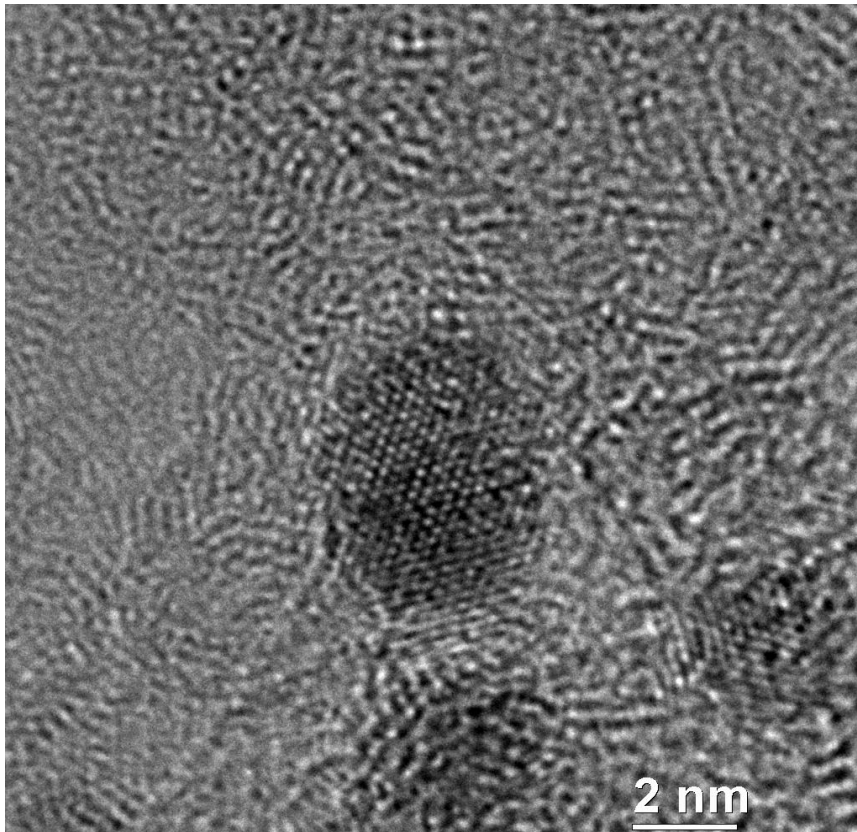
β -palladium hydride



Lindlar Catalyst

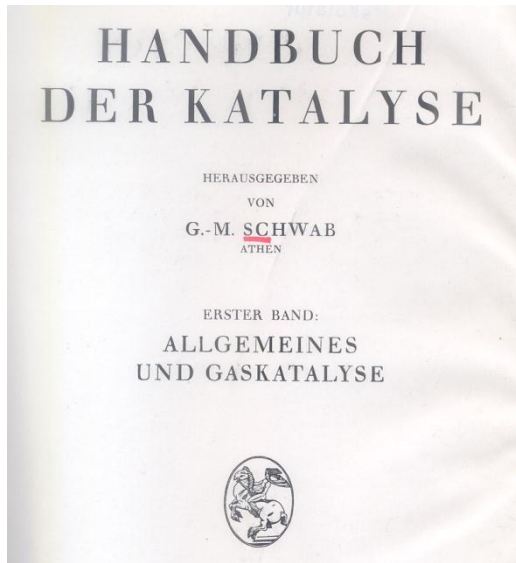
- **Moderation of the Lindlar catalyst by lead improves the selectivity by blocking certain surface sites and also by changing the hydrogen storage capacity of the supported Pd/Pb particles**
- **Lower amounts of β -palladium hydride are formed**
- **It is reported that α - and β - phase hydride show different selectivity in catalytic hydrogenations: the α - phase provides selectivity, the β - phase provides activity but low selectivity**
- **Controlled changing the β - phase formation allows to enhance and fine-tune the selectivity in more detail**

**Pd/C – Hydrogenation Catalyst: 3 nm isolated primary particles show 3.5x lower β -phase Pd/H than 10-15 nm Pd aggregates of 3.7 nm particles
 → lowering long range phase coherence for α/β -phase transition**



β -Palladium Hydride

5. Para-Wasserstoff als Oberflächensonde



Homogene Ortho- und Parawasserstoffkatalyse.

Von
E. CREMER, Berlin-Dahlem.¹

**Eucken; Bonhoeffer,
Harteck... :**

I. Kapitel.
**Allgemeines zur Theorie der Ortho-Para-Wasserstoff-
Umwandlung.**

1. Theoretische Grundvorstellungen.

Die Existenz von zwei verschiedenen Wasserstoffmolekülarten ist von der Quantenmechanik vorausgesagt worden (HEISENBERG,¹ DIRAC,² HUND³).

Für den Bau des Wasserstoffmoleküls liefert die quantenmechanische Behandlung zwei wichtige Aussagen:

1. Der Wasserstoffkern besitzt einen Spin, dem ein magnetisches Moment zuzuordnen ist und der sich beim Zusammentreten mit einem zweiten Kern entweder gleichsinnig (*parallel*) oder entgegengesetzt (*antiparallel*) einstellen kann.
2. Es sind in dem einen der beiden Molekülsysteme nur *ungerade*, im anderen nur *gerade* Rotationsquantenzahlen erlaubt.

Die Zuordnung der Spinorientierungen zu der Rotationsquantenzahl läßt sich durch die Anwendung des PAULI-Prinzips treffen.

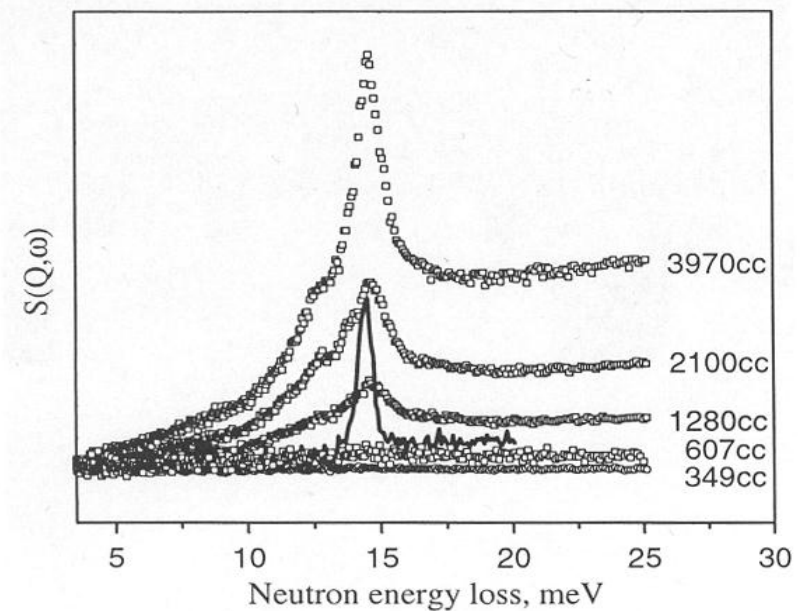
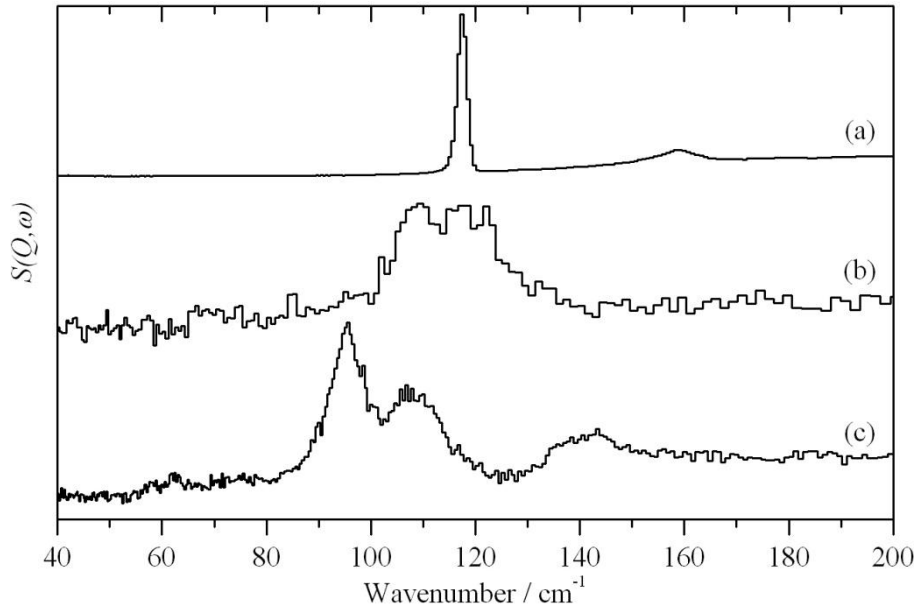
Es ergibt sich folgendes Schema:

Modifikation	Orthowasserstoff	Parawasserstoff
Eigenfunktion der Kerne	symmetrisch	antisymmetrisch
Kernspin	parallel ↓↓	antiparallel ↓↑
Rotationsquantenzahl	ungerade	gerade
	1, 3, 5, ...	0, 2, 4, ...
Statistisches Gewicht	3	1
Gleichgewichtskonzentration beim absoluten Nullpunkt	0%	100%
Gleichgewichtskonzentration bei hoher Temperatur (Zusammensetzung des „normalen“ Wasserstoffs)	75%	25%

Das Paramolekül hat bei tiefen Temperaturen kein nach außen wirksames magnetisches Moment, da sich die Komponenten des Kernspins durch die anti-

¹ W. HEISENBERG: Z. Physik **38** (1926), 411; **41** (1927), 239.
² P. DIRAC: Proc. Roy. Soc. (London), Ser. A **112** (1926), 661.
³ F. HUND: Z. Physik **42** (1927), 93.

Molecular hydrogen (p-H₂) as a sensitive surface probe



J=0 → J=1 rotational transition of H₂, IINS allowed due to nuclear spin flip in neutron scattering

a) Solid H₂ at 13 K b) H₂ adsorbed on carbon nano-tubes c) H₂ adsorbed on CoAlPO

J. Phys. Condens. Matter 16, L73 (2004)

J. Mol. Catal. A: Chemical 167, 217 (2001)

H₂ adsorbed in activated carbon, occupation of ultra-micropores, new aspects for characterizing porous matter (catalyst supports, zeolites..), supplementing gas adsorption techniques (BET..)
13 meV Rotational Splitting in 0.6 nm pores → isosteric heat of adsorption
Carbon 44, 2724 (2006)

6. Zusammenfassung

*If the Focus is Set on **Hydrogen**-containing Entities in-situ-INS is the Method of Choice:*

- **Utilization of Covalently Bound, of Atomically Chemisorbed and of Physisorbed Molecular Hydrogen and Hydrogen-containing Molecular Species**
- **A Selective, Local Probe for the Adsorption/ Absorption Characteristics of Particles of Varying Size, Morphology and Surface Properties**
- **In-situ Surface Titration of Nanoparticles / Assessment of Catalytically Active Centres**
- **Complements: Microscopies (Aberration-corrected TEM), Surface- and Bulk-Analytical Techniques**

Many thanks for Your Attention !

