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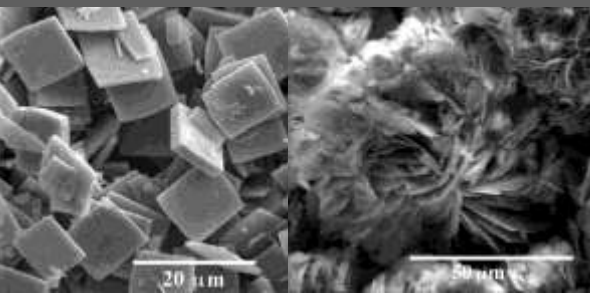
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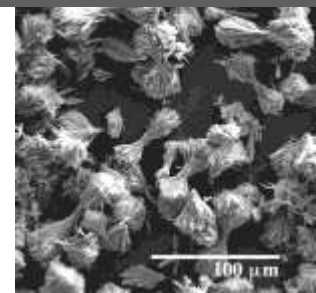
Metal oxide nanoparticles: Synthesis and Reactivity

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Stage 1: List of Endpoints

- Nanomaterial Information/Identification
- **Physical-Chemical Properties and Material Characterization**
- Environmental Fate
- Environmental Toxicology
- Mammalian Toxicology
- Material Safety

ORGANISATION
FOR ECONOMIC
CO-OPERATION
AND DEVELOPMENT



List of Manufactured Nanomaterials (14)

- Fullerenes (C60)
- Single-walled carbon nanotubes (SWCNTs)
- Multi-walled carbon nanotubes (MWCNTs)
- Silver nanoparticles
- Iron nanoparticles
- Carbon black
- **Titanium dioxide**
- **Aluminium oxide**
- Cerium oxide
- Zinc oxide
- Silicon dioxide
- Polystyrene
- Dendrimers
- Nanoclays

**Soft
Chemistry**

Morphology and Nanoparticles

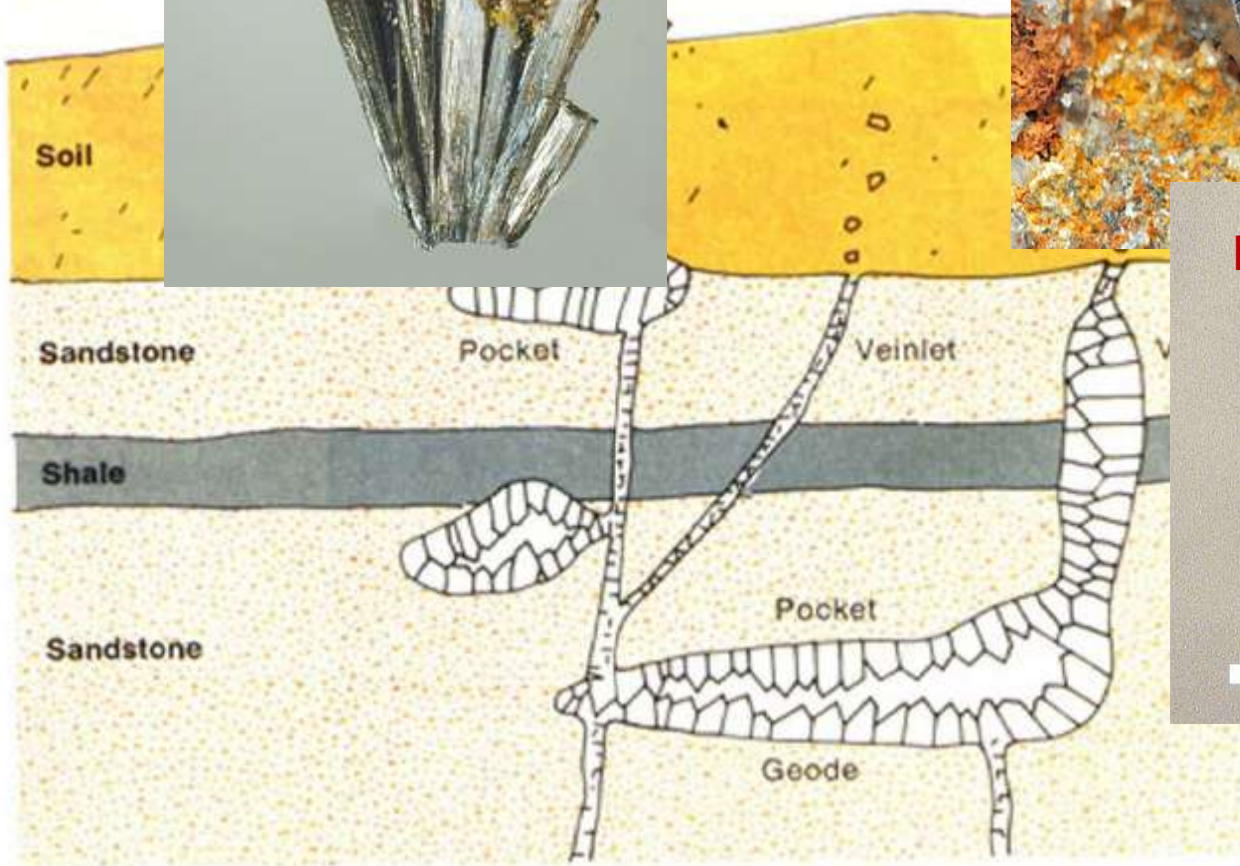
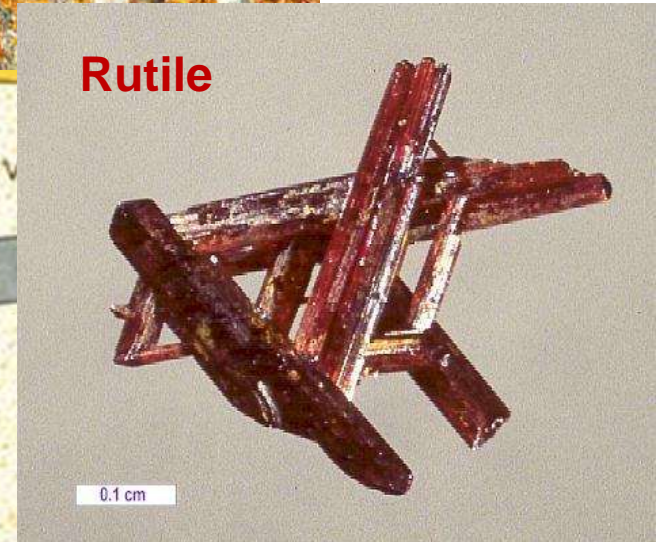
Goethite



Anatase

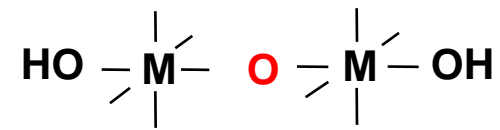
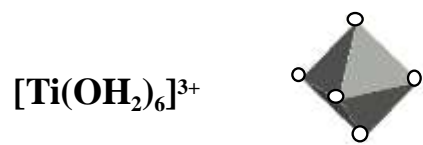


Rutile

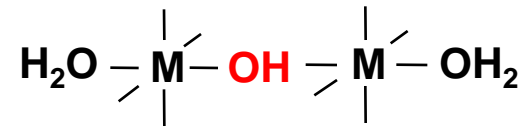
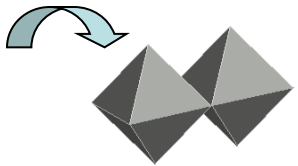
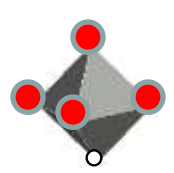


Formation of natural crystals in geological conditions

Aqueous Sol-Gel Process for nanoparticle synthesis

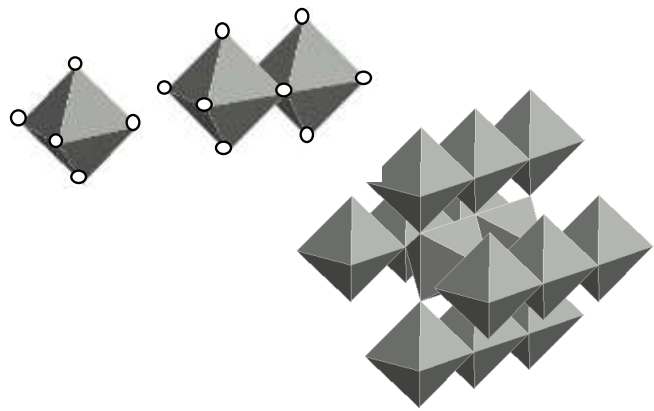


hydrolysis

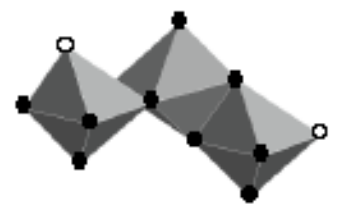
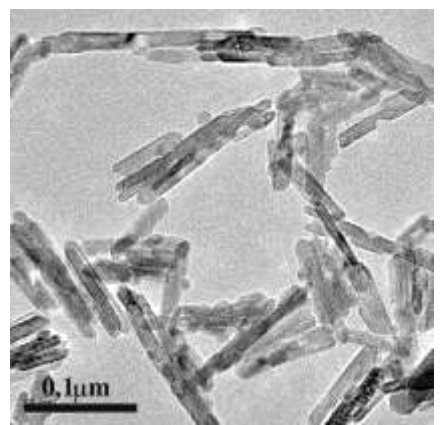


Condensation : olation

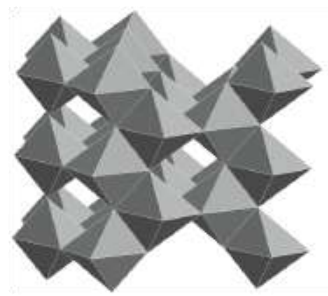
Strong acidity : Catalysis of oxolation



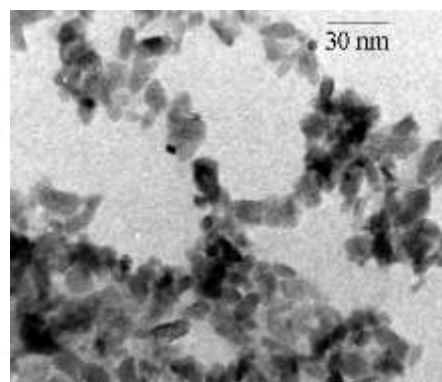
Rutile



Weak acidity: olation then oxolation

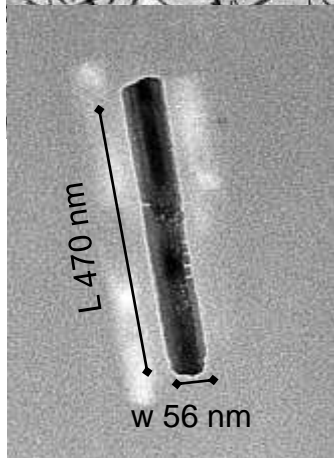
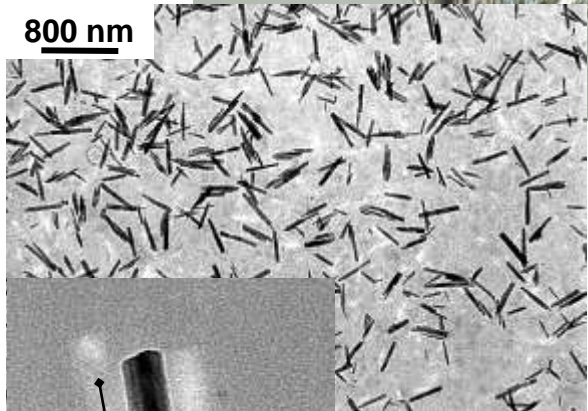


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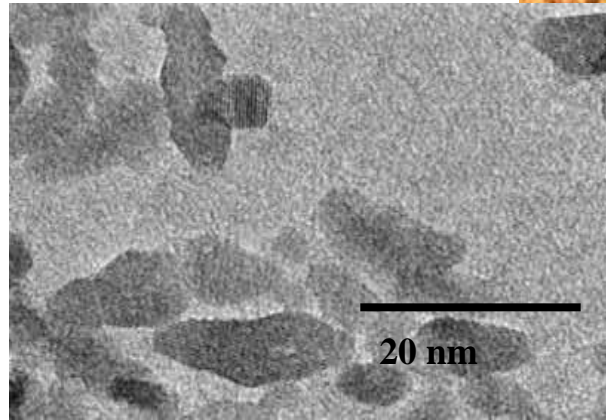


Bottom-up Approach

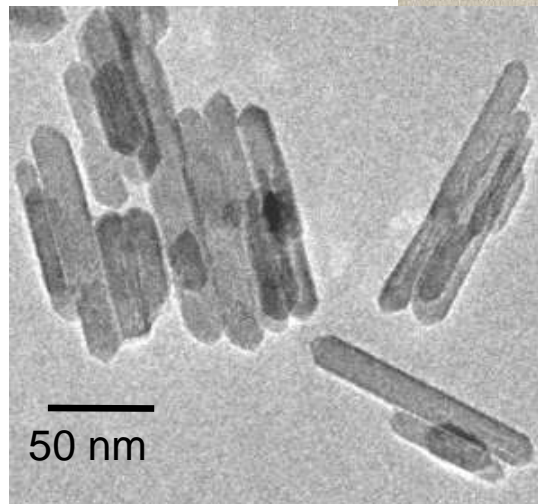
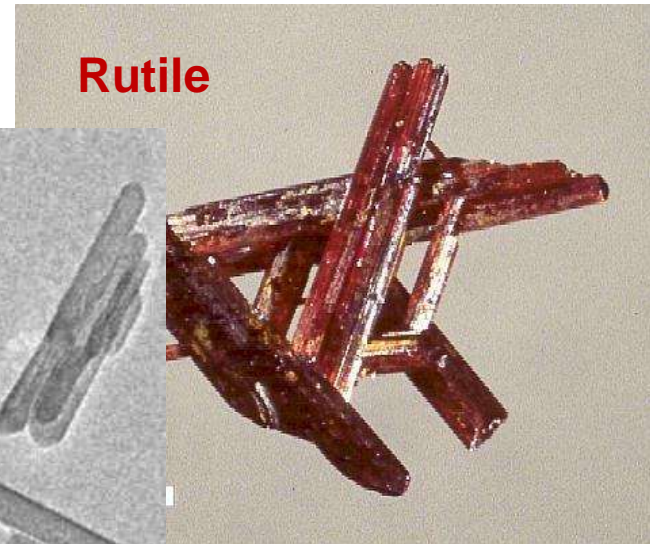
Morphology and Nanoparticles



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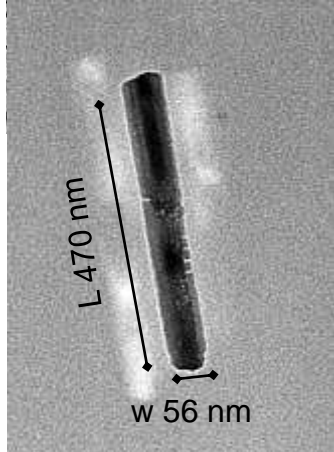
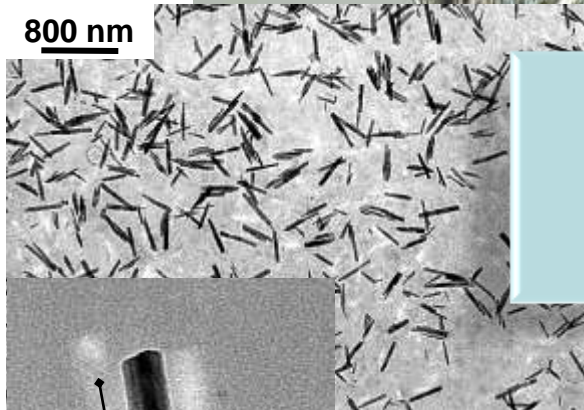
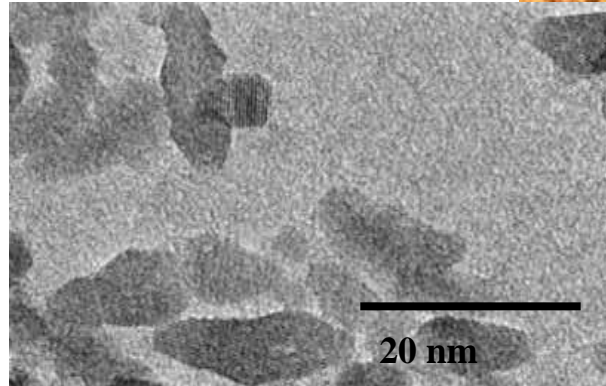
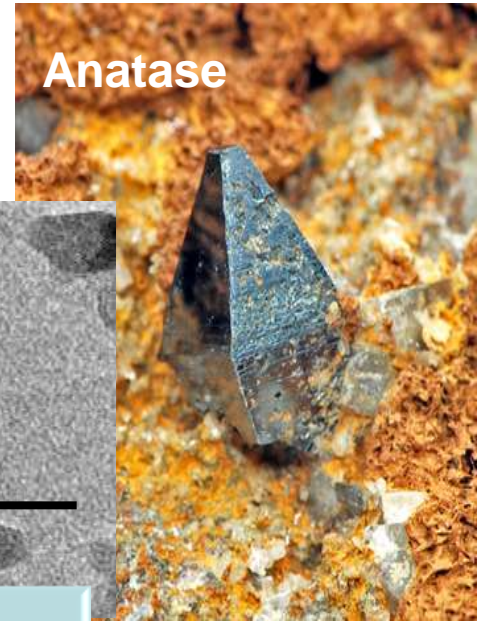


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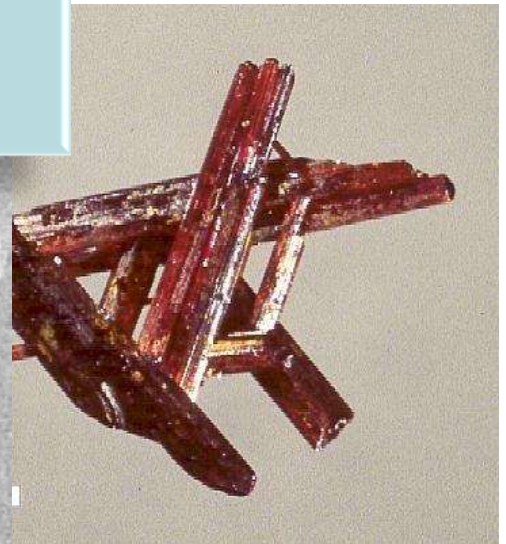
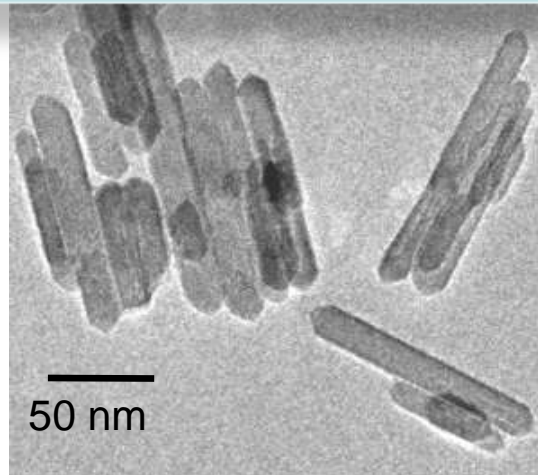


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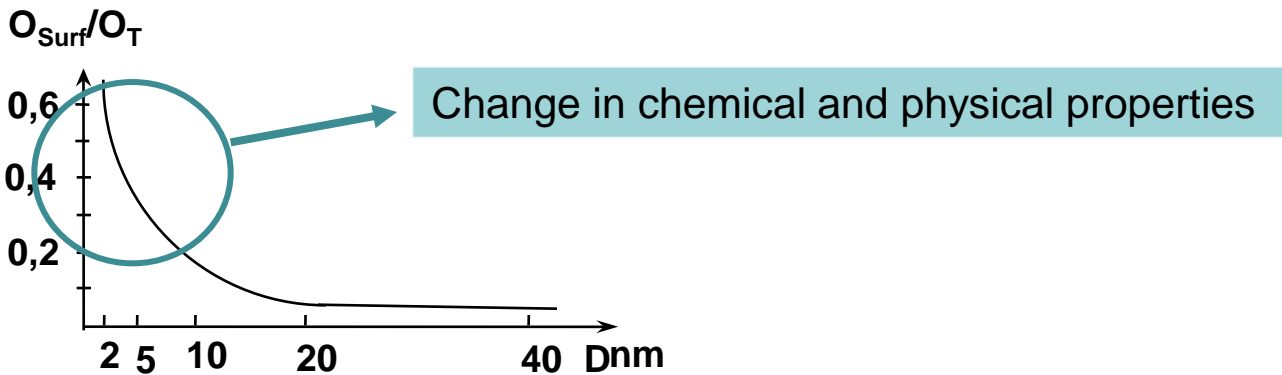
Morphologie et Nanoparticules



How control the nanocrystal growth?



Surface energy : origin

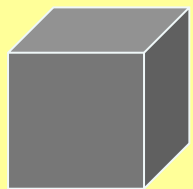


Solid formation

$$\Delta G_{\text{formation}}^{\circ} = n\Delta G_{\text{Bulk}}^{\circ} + \Delta G_{\text{surface}}^{\circ} > 0$$

Variation of surface energy with the particle size (Sodium Chloride):

Side (cm)	Total Surface area (cm ²)	Surface Energy (J/g)
0,1	28	5,6. 10 ⁻⁴
0,01	280	5,6. 10 ⁻³
10 ⁻⁴ (1μm)	2,8. 10 ⁴	0,56
10 ⁻⁷ (1nm)	2,8. 10 ⁷	560



Calculation for a cube of Sodium Chloride

Surface Sci. 60, 445, 1976

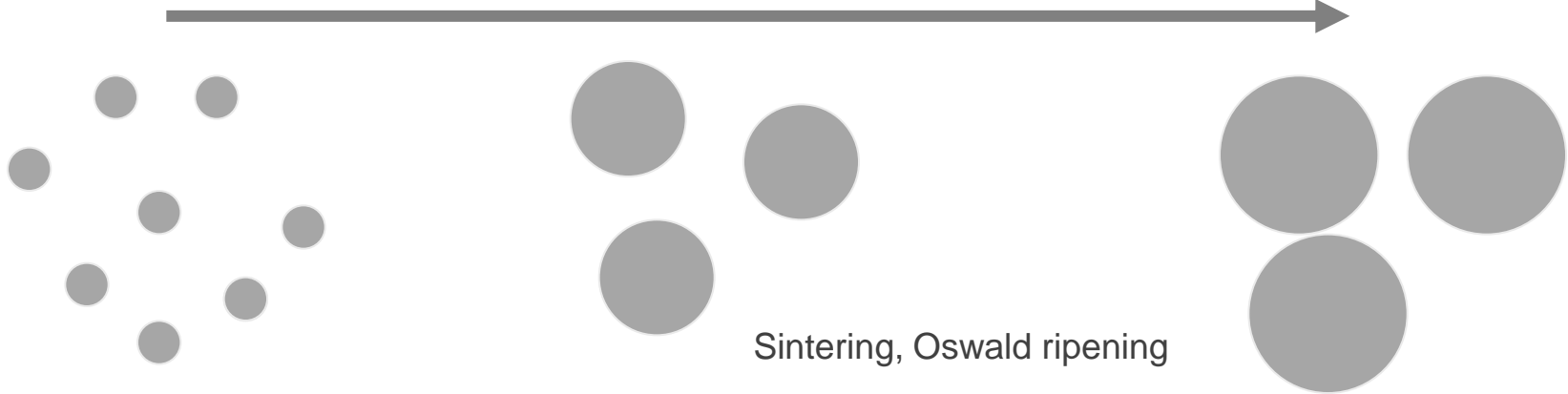
Huge surface energy for nano-solids - Thermodynamically unstable system

Surface energy : origin

Unstability of nanometric colloidal dispersion:

$$\Delta G^\circ = n\Delta G^\circ_{\text{Bulk}} + \Delta G^\circ_{\text{surface}}$$

E surface ↘ : stability ↗



Spontaneous evolution of nanoparticles to minimise the surface contribution

Surface : motive power of growth

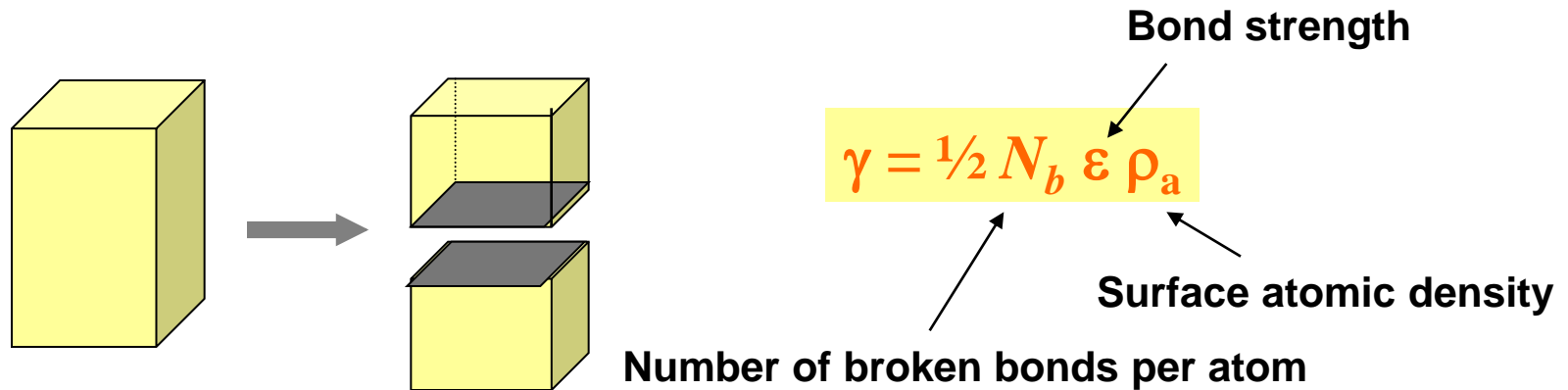
How determine the surface energy?

Surface energy : origin

$$\Delta G^\circ = n\Delta G^\circ_{\text{Bulk}} + \Delta G^\circ_{\text{surface}}$$

$$\gamma = (\delta G / \delta A)_{n, T, P}$$

γ : surface energy
energy required to create an unit of area

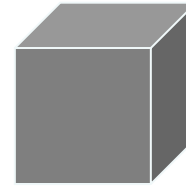


Rough estimation of surface energy:

- surface relaxation
- surface restructuring with formation of new chemical bond
- same value of ϵ for all the atoms
- no entropic consideration/ pressure or volume

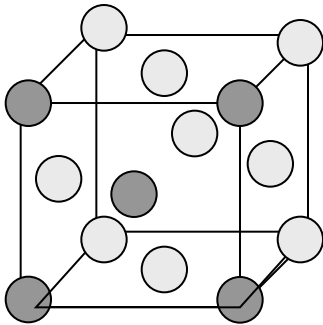
Origine de l'énergie de surface

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{2} N_b \varepsilon \rho_a$$



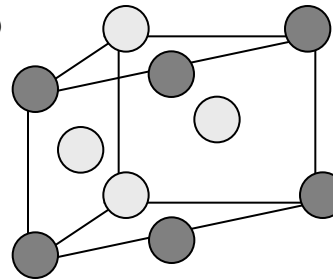
FCC Structure
Coordination number of 12
Lattice parameter a

$N_b = 4$



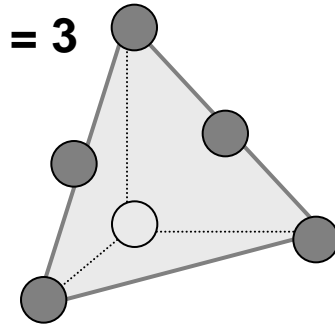
$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_{\{100\}} &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{2}{a^2} \cdot 4 \cdot \varepsilon \\ &= 4 \varepsilon / a^2\end{aligned}$$

$N_b = 5$



$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_{\{110\}} &= \frac{5\varepsilon}{\sqrt{2} a^2} \\ &= 3,52 \varepsilon / a^2\end{aligned}$$

$N_b = 3$



$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_{\{111\}} &= \frac{2\sqrt{3}\varepsilon}{a^2} \\ &= 3,46 \varepsilon / a^2\end{aligned}$$

Surface energy depends of the index of facets :

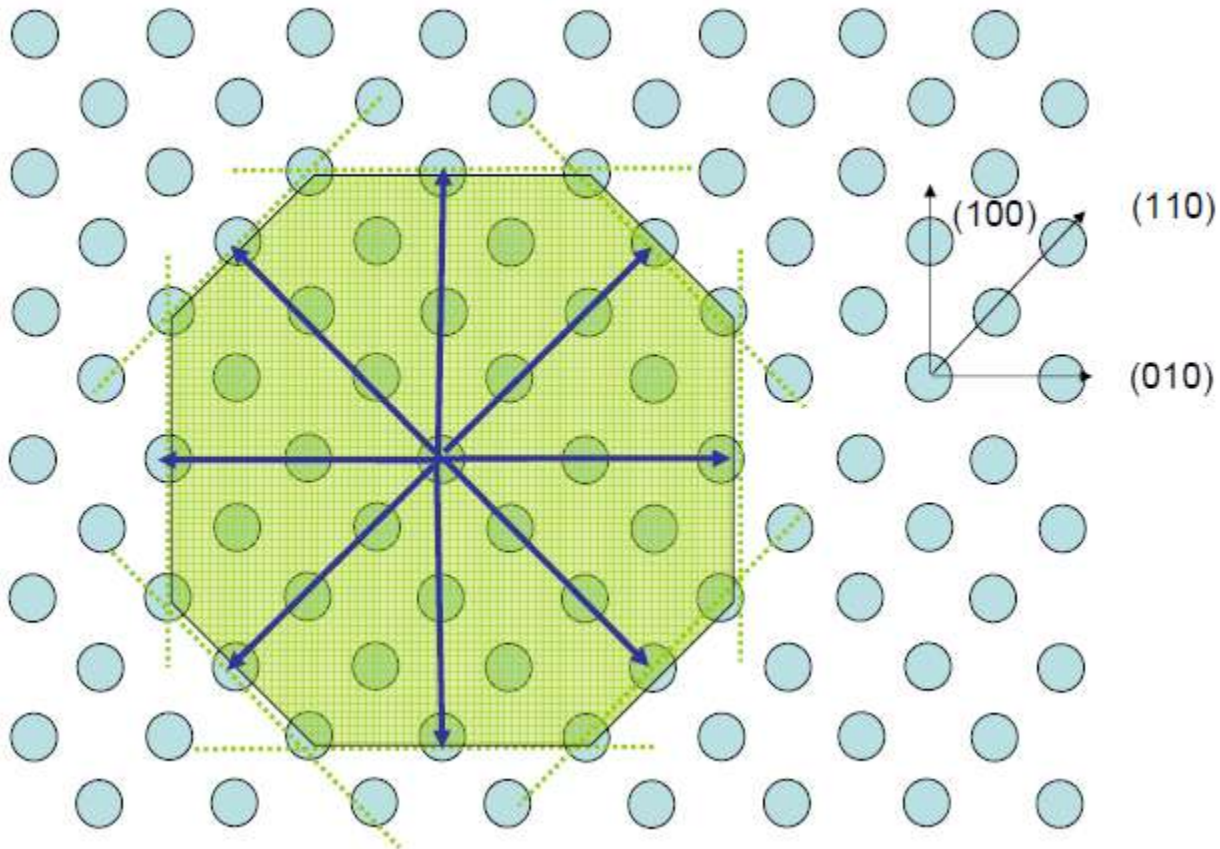


low index facets = low surface energy

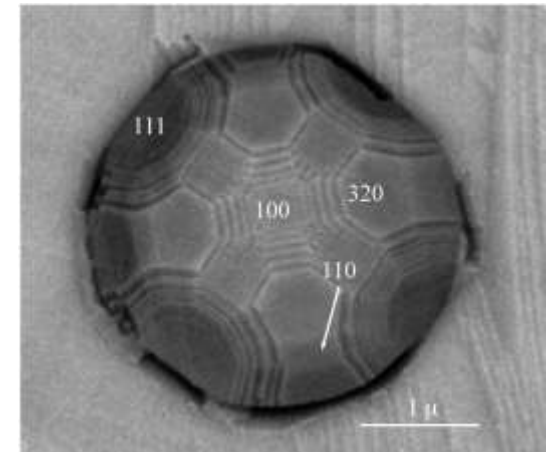
Relation between surface energy and crystal shape

Shape of nanoparticle : total surface energy reaches minimum

→ Wulff construction



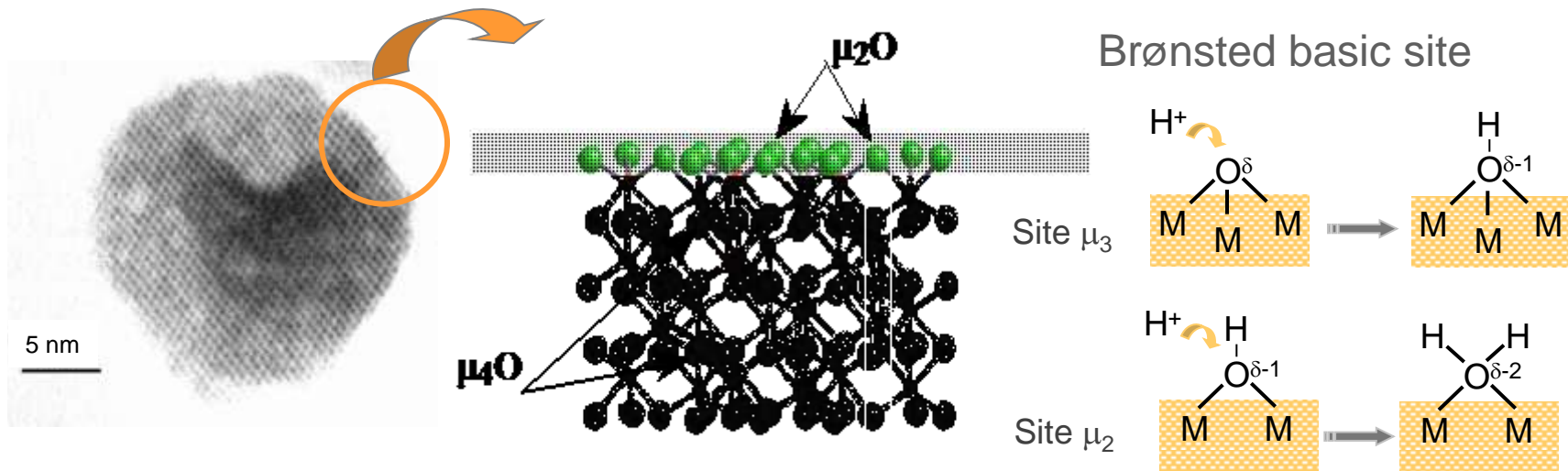
Equilibrium crystal



Bi doped with Cu

Morphologies for a 2D crystal for 10 and 11 faces

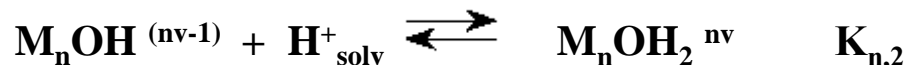
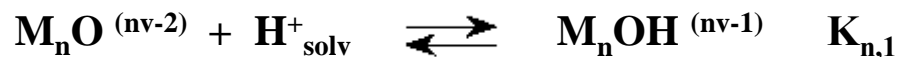
Surface energy at the atomic scale



T. Hiemstra et al., J. Colloid Interface Sci. 184, 680 (1996)

Model of multisite complexation, MUSIC²

$$K_{\text{protonation}} = f(\text{structure, hydration})$$



$$-\ln K_{n,x} = -A(\sum S_j - 2 + m)$$

$$A = 19,8$$

$$\text{OH } \mu_1 \quad p+m = 2$$

$$\text{OH } \mu_2 \quad p+m = 1 \text{ ou } 2$$

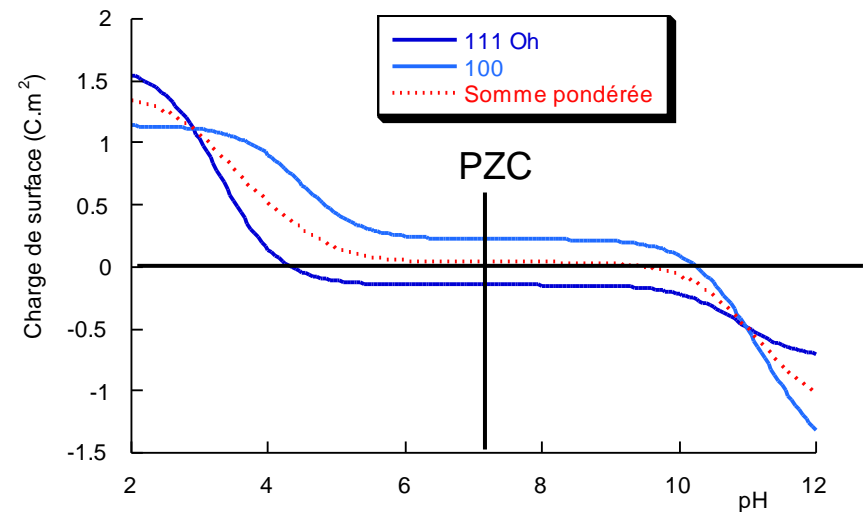
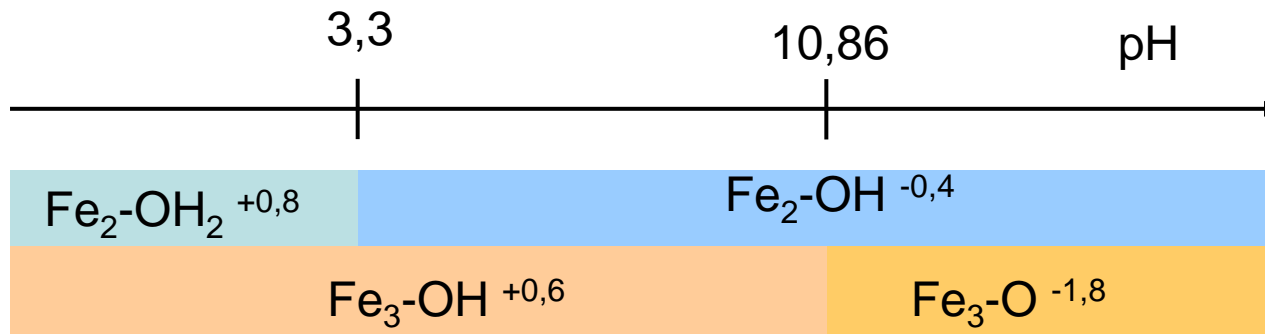
$$\text{OH } \mu_3 \quad p+m = 1$$

$$\sum S_j = \sum_i S_{Me} + p S_H + m(1 - S_H)$$

$$S_H = 0,8$$

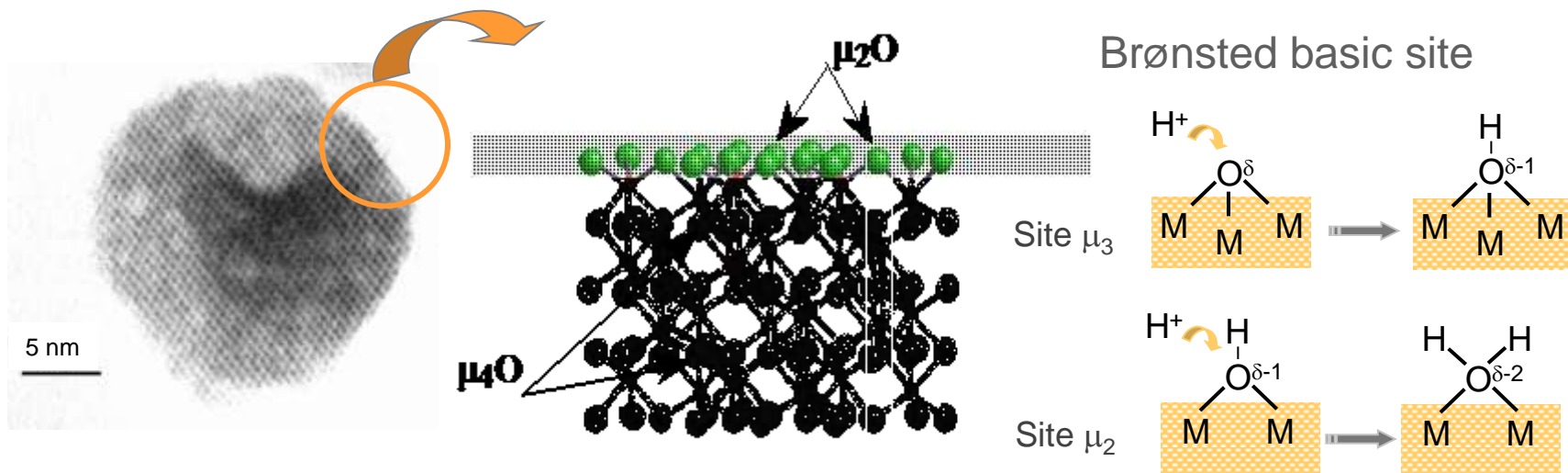
Model of multisite complexation , MUSIC²

Example : face 111_{Oh} of magnetite, 2 sites μ_2 and μ_3



Good valuation of surface charge and of point of zero charge

Surface energy at the atomic scale



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Gibbs's Law : $\Delta\gamma = -\sum_{\kappa} \Gamma_{\kappa} d\mu_{\kappa}$

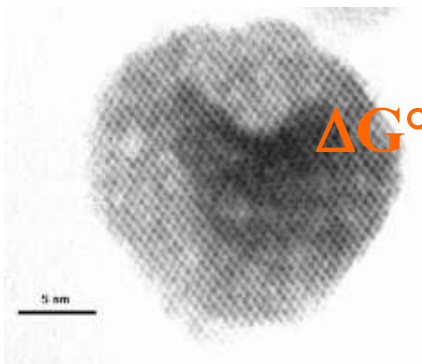
$$\Delta\gamma = \gamma - \gamma_0 = \frac{RT}{F} \left(0.22 \sqrt{I} - 2 \sqrt{0.0136 I + \sigma^2} - \sigma_{\max} \right) \ln \left(1 - \frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{\max}} \right)$$

Surface charge density

J.P. Jolivet et al., J. Mater. Chem., 2004, 14, 3281

Surface Energy Effect

Metastable Object



$$\Delta G^\circ = n\Delta G^\circ_{\text{Bulk}} + \Delta G^\circ_{\text{surface}}$$

> 0

Two ways

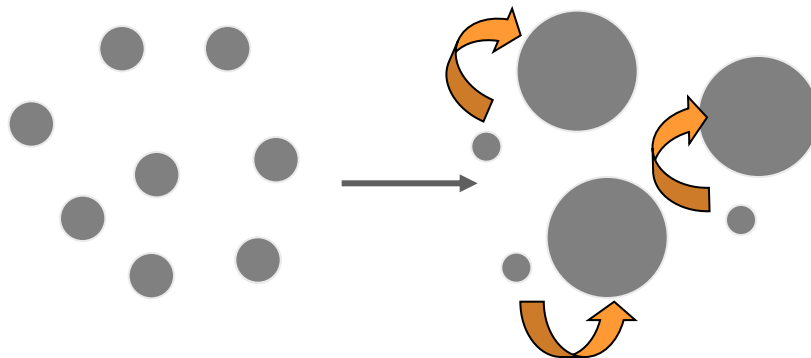
γA

(γ , surface energy)

(A , surface area)

Decrease of γ

Decrease of A : Oswald ripening



Gibbs Law : $\Delta\gamma = -\sum_{\kappa} \Gamma_{\kappa} d\mu_{\kappa}$

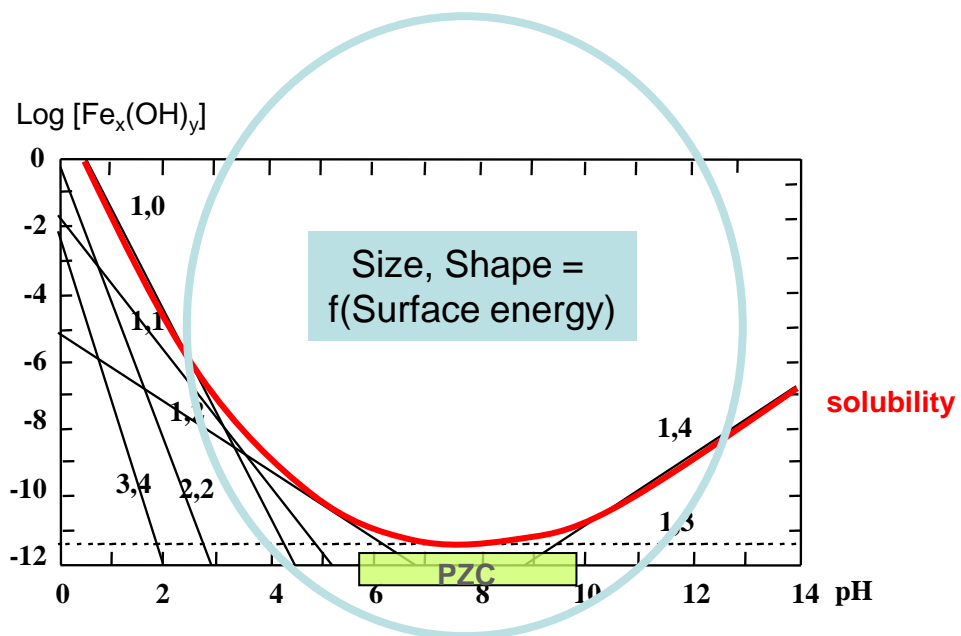
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Density of Surface charge
Previously described

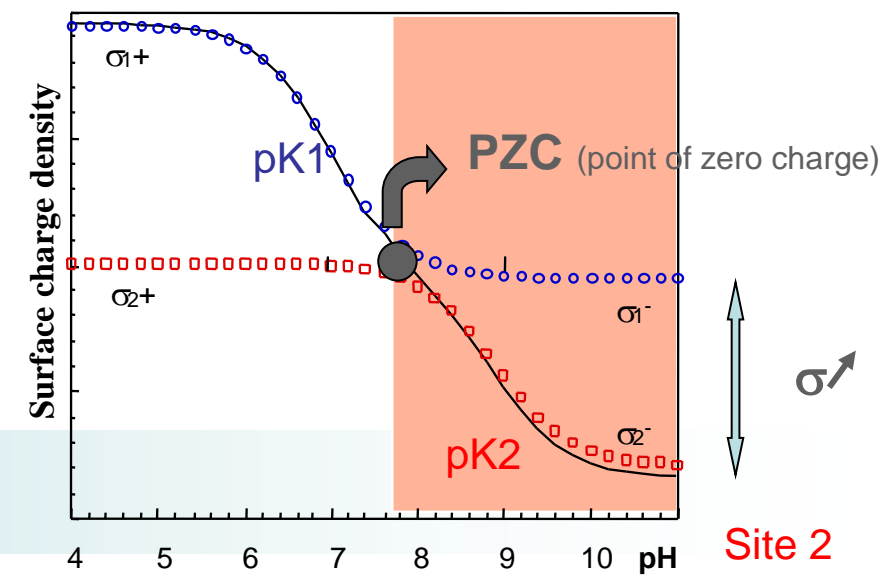
For $H > PCN$

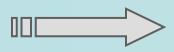
γ decreases when the charge density, σ , increases

Surface Energy Effect



As $\sigma = f(\text{pH})$ Site 1

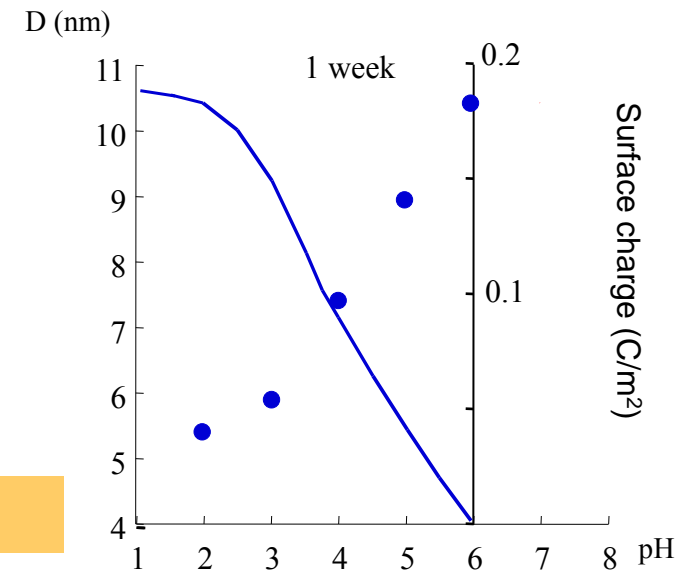
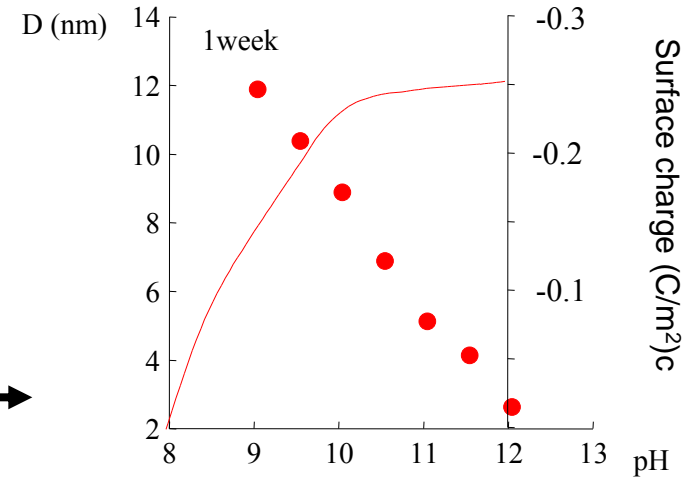
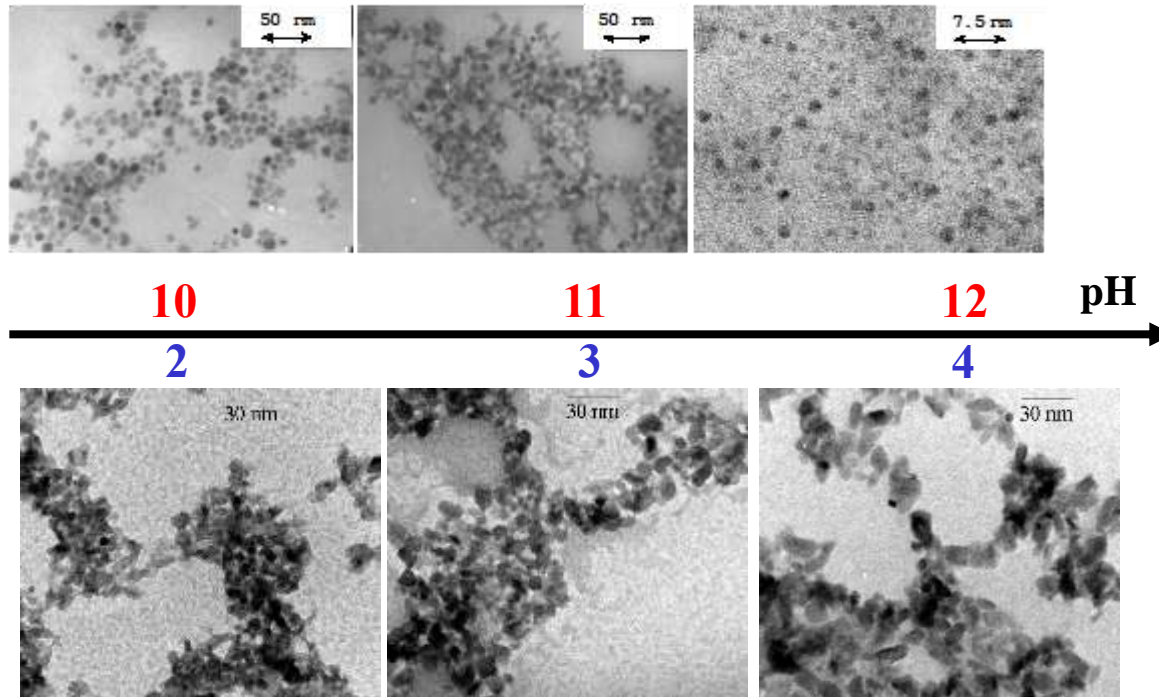


 The surface energy is lesser far from the PZC

Isotropic Nanoparticles

$$\text{Size} = f(\text{Surface Energy})$$

Precipitation of $\text{FeCl}_2 / \text{FeCl}_3$: Fe_3O_4 magnetite
IRM, Hyperthermia



Precipitation of TiCl_4 : TiO_2 anatase

Photocatalysis, Photovoltaic

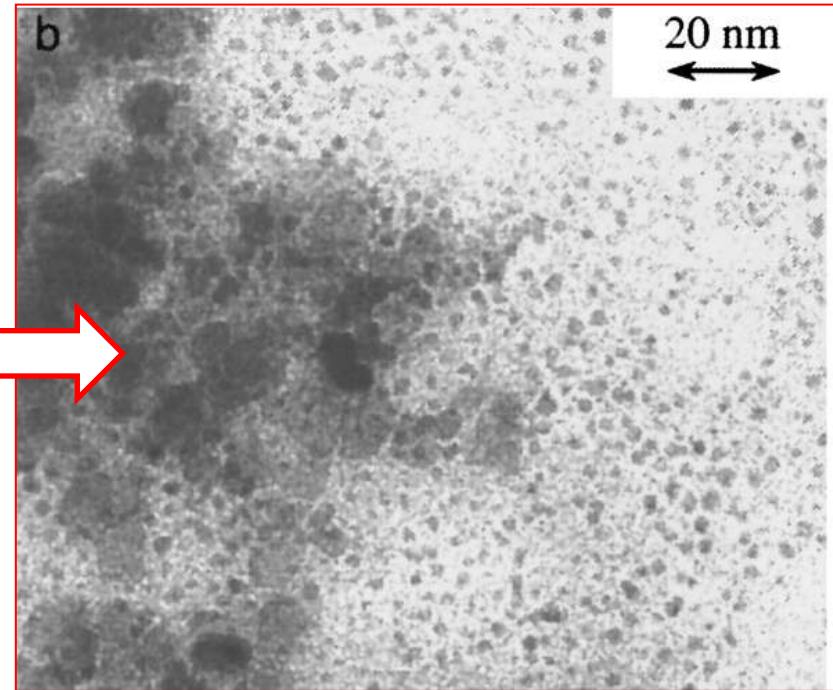
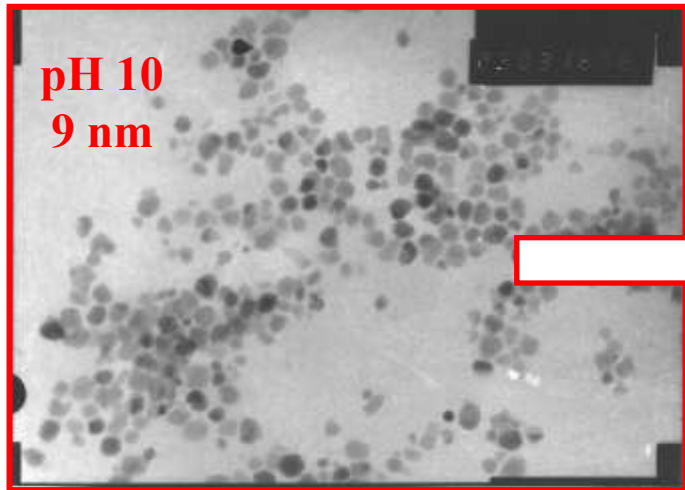
Pottier A. (1999), Thèse UPMC, Paris 6

Charged surface = stopped growth

Isotropic Nanoparticles

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Precipitation of $\text{FeCl}_2 / \text{FeCl}_3 : \text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ magnetite
IRM, Hyperthermia



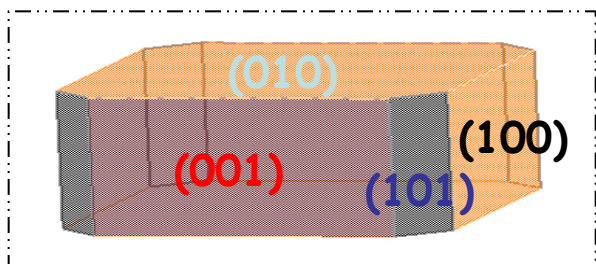
After 3 weeks aging at pH 13.5 at 25°C

Stability of nanoparticle = $f(\text{solution acidity})$, reversible phenomena

Anisotropic Nanoparticles

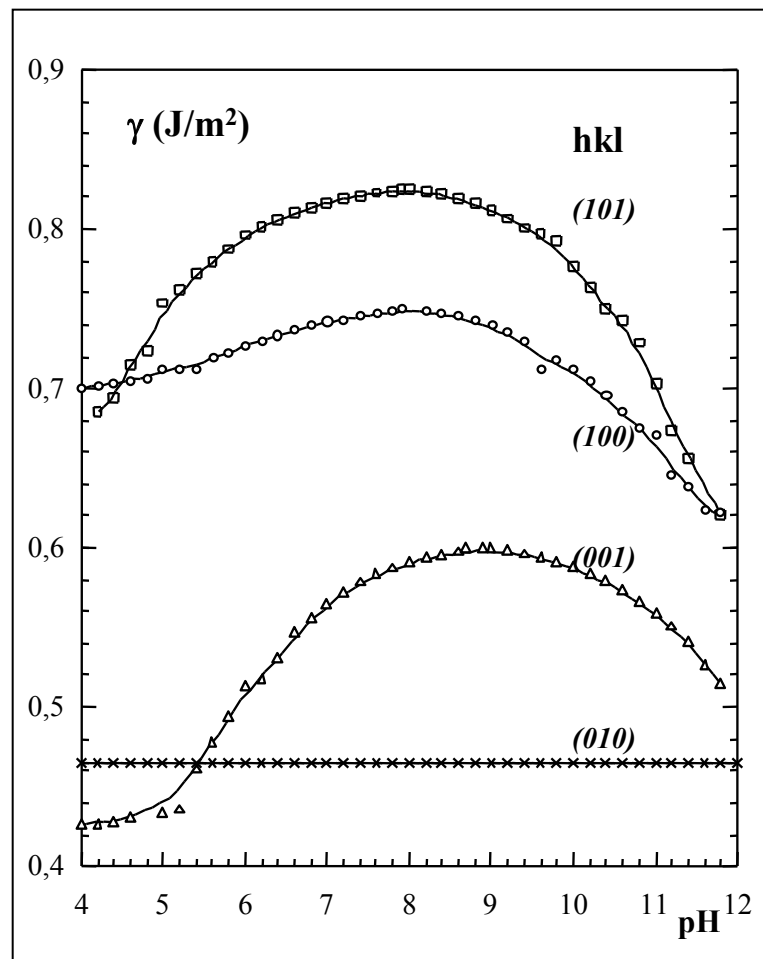


Precipitation of $\text{Al}(\text{NO}_3)_3$: $\gamma\text{-AlO}(\text{OH})$ boehmite



Wulff construction :
Equilibrium crystal = faces of lesser energy

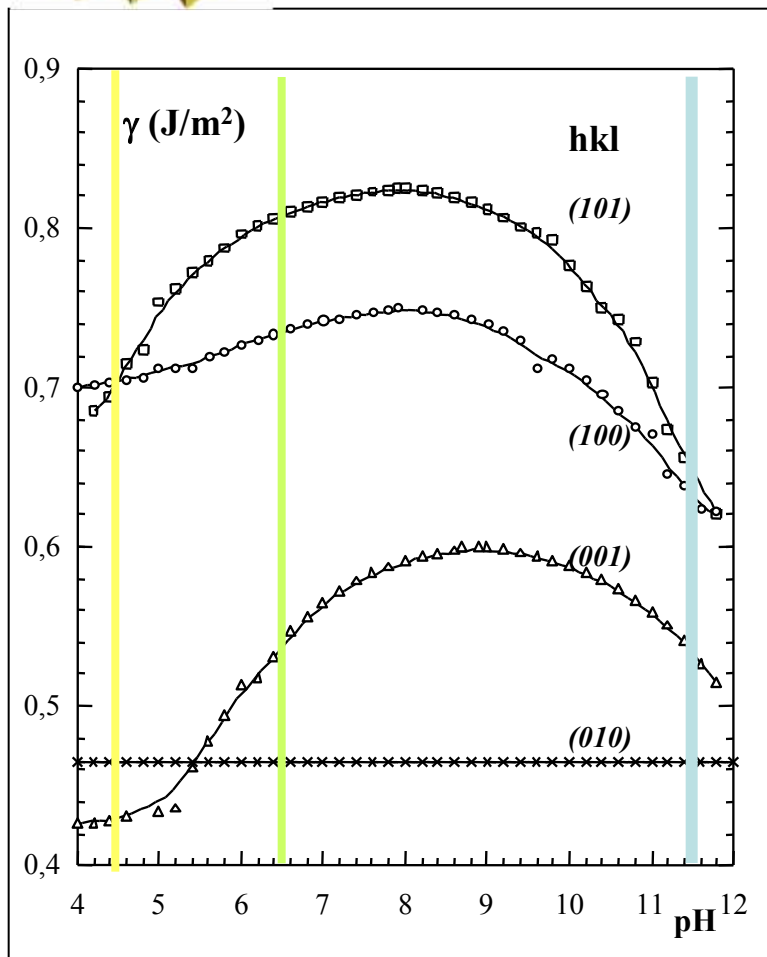
Morphology
= f(Surface Energy of each face)



Anisotropic Nanoparticles

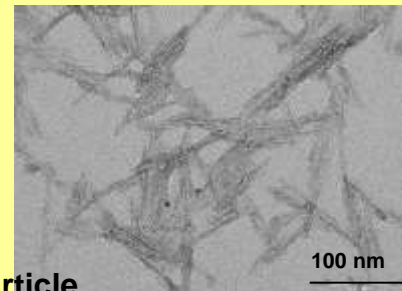
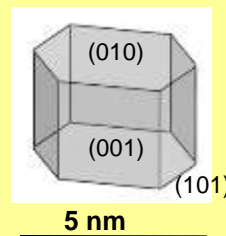


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pH = 4.5

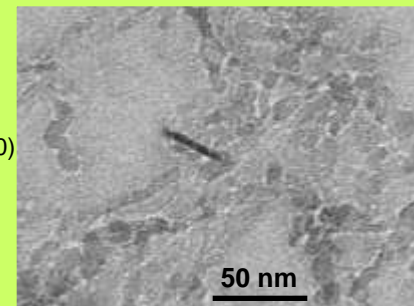
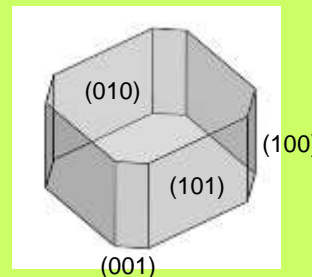
$L = 4,5 \text{ nm}$
 $e = 3.7 \text{ nm}$



small aggregated pseudo-isotropic particle

pH = 6.5

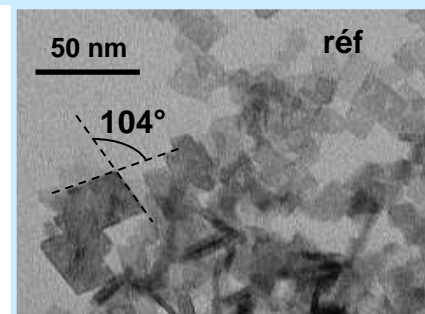
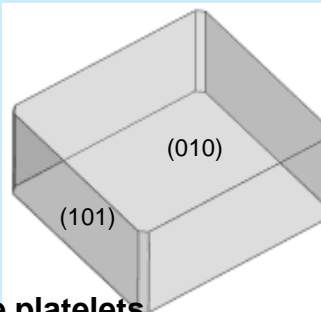
$L = 8 \pm 1 \text{ nm}$
 $e = 3.7 \text{ nm}$



pseudo-hexagonal platelets

pH = 11.5

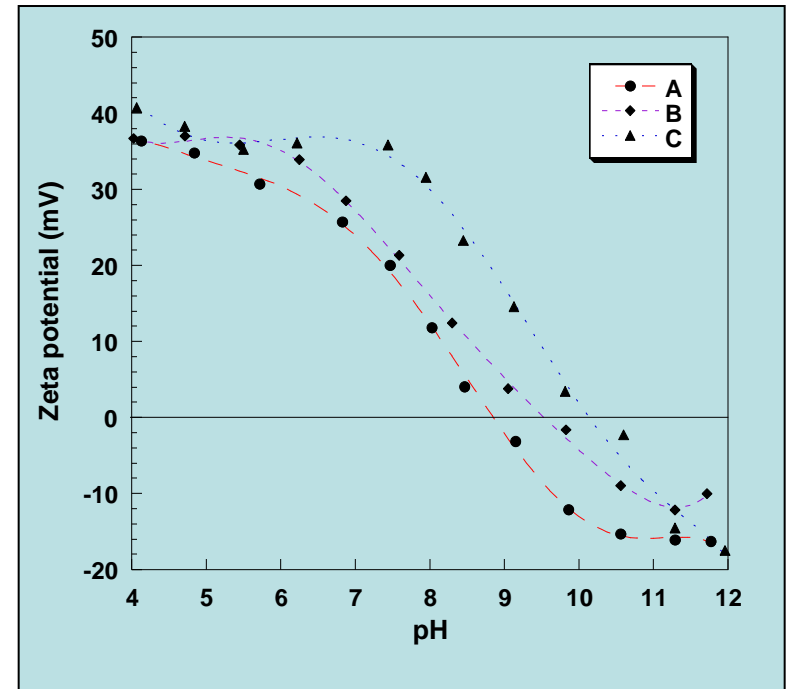
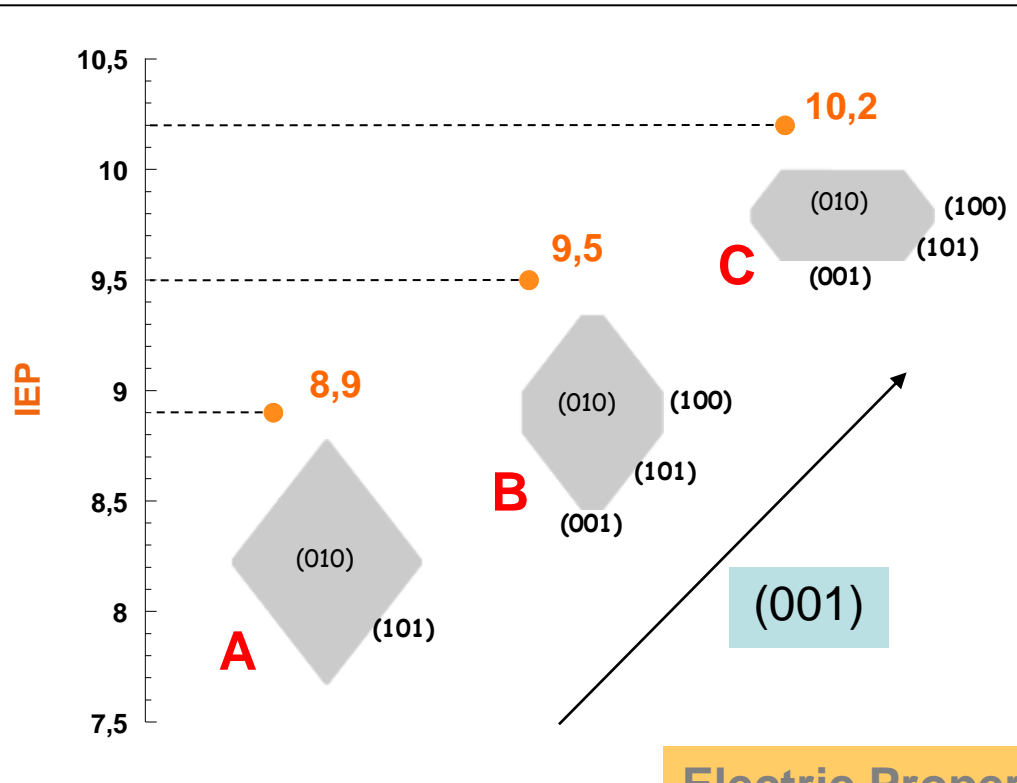
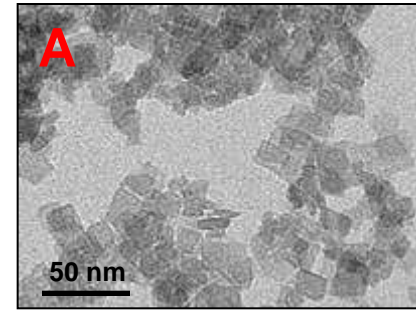
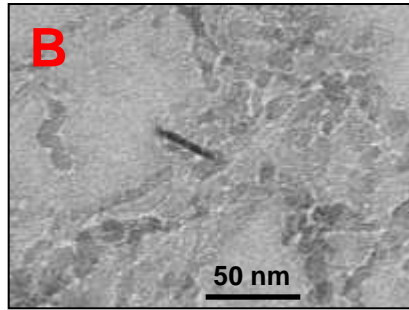
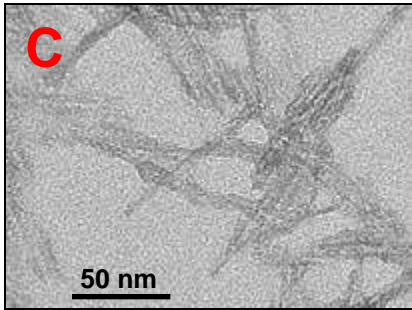
$L = 13 \pm 4 \text{ nm}$
 $e = 4.9 \text{ nm}$



diamond shape platelets

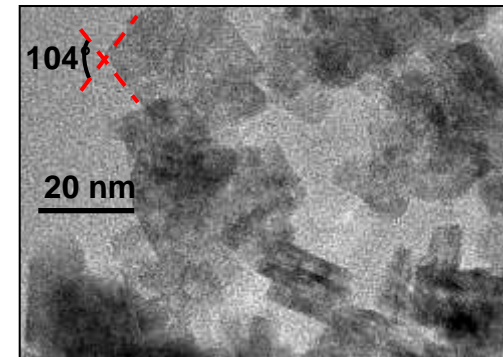
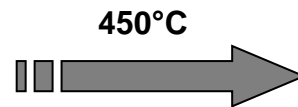
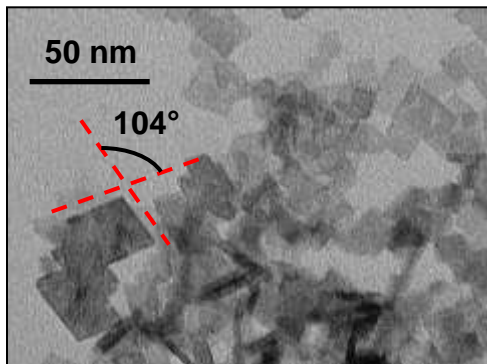
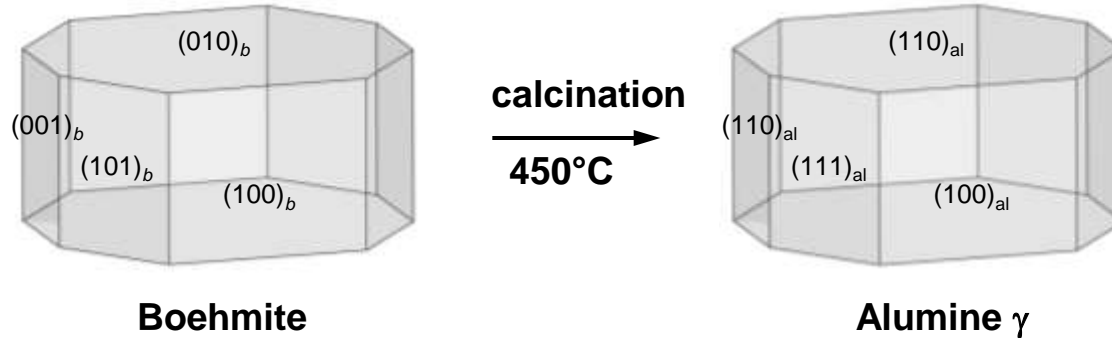
Anisotropic Nanoparticles

Precipitation of $\text{Al}(\text{NO}_3)_3$: $\gamma\text{-AlO}(\text{OH})$ boehmite



Electric Properties = f(Morphology)

Boehmite → Gama Alumina : **topotactic transformation**



↳ **Morphology is kept after the heat treatment**

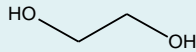
Complexing molecules and growth of cristallites

Precipitation of $\text{Al}(\text{NO}_3)_3$ with polyols: $\gamma\text{-AlO}(\text{OH})$ boehmite

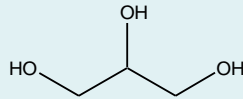
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Polyols

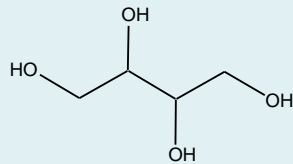
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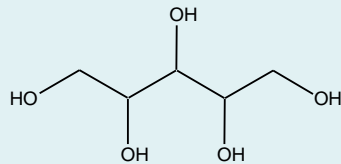
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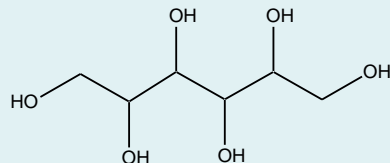
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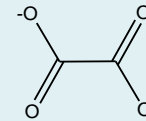


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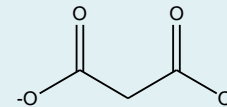


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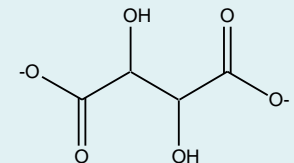
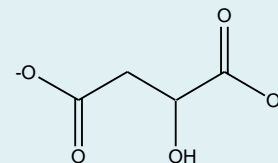
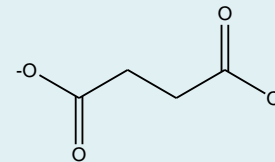
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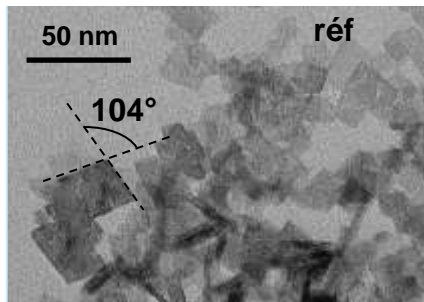


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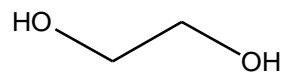
Surface complexation by polyols

Precipitation of $\text{Al}(\text{NO}_3)_3$ with polyols: $\gamma\text{-AlO}(\text{OH})$ boehmite

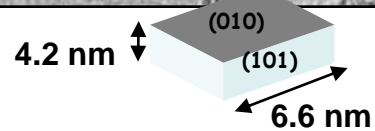
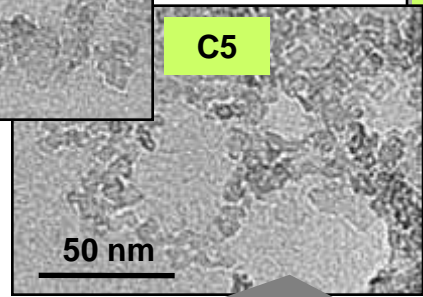
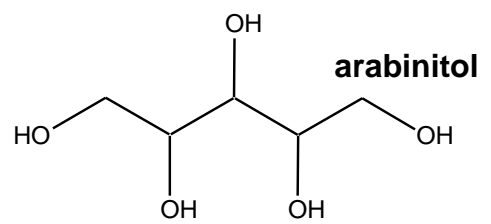
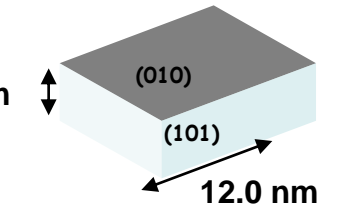
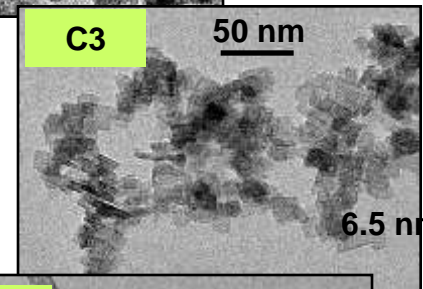
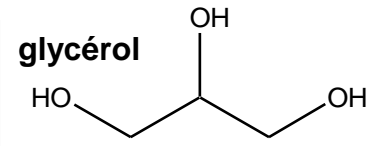
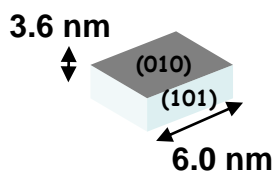
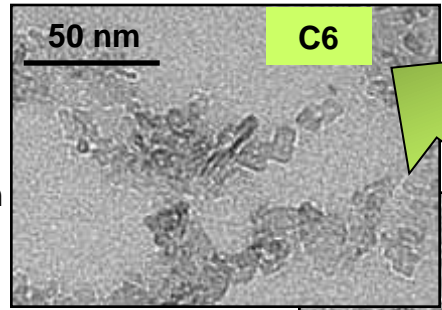
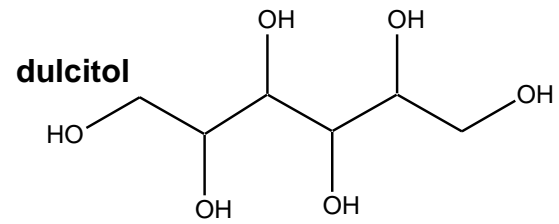
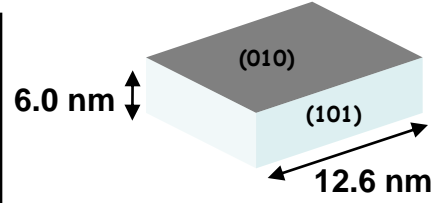
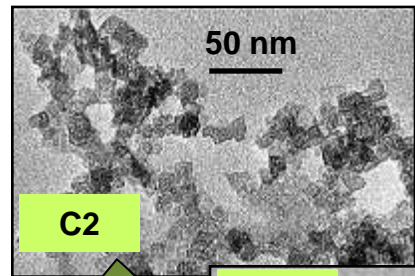
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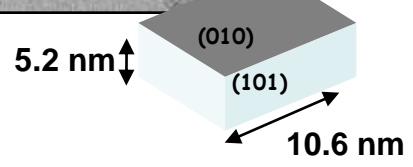
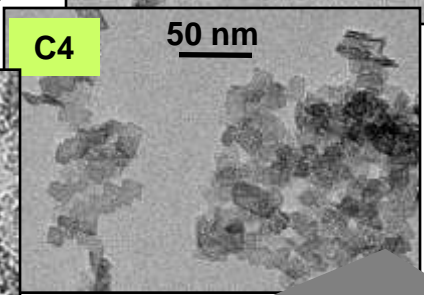
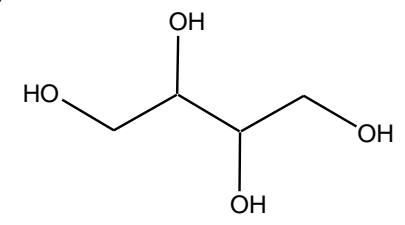
[polyol] = 0.007M



éthylène glycol



erythritol

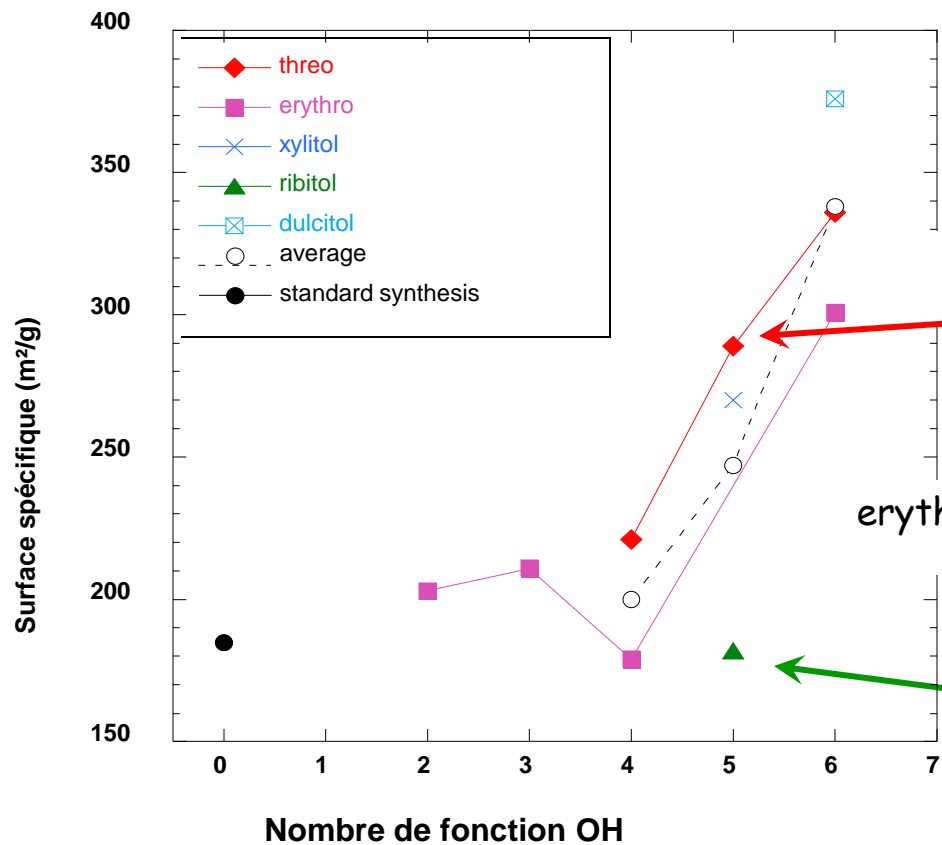


The size of nanoparticles decreases with the length of polyols

Surface complexation by polyols

Precipitation of $\text{Al}(\text{NO}_3)_3$ with polyols: $\gamma\text{-AlO}(\text{OH})$ boehmite

[polyol] 10 % mol



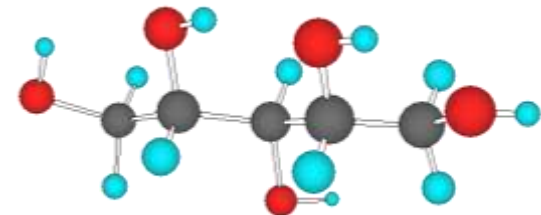
Xylitol : 290 m²/g



threo

Stereochemistry effect

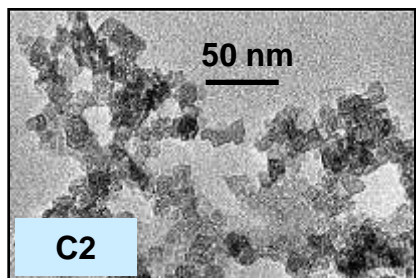
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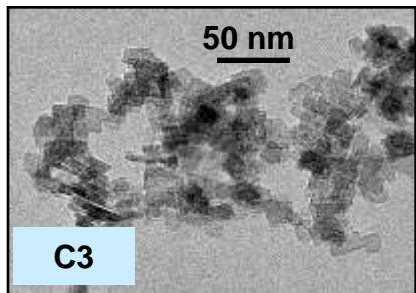
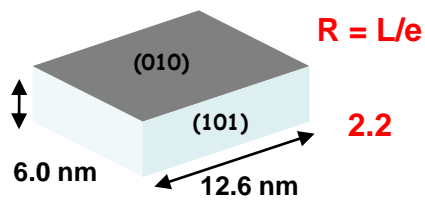
Ribitol : 180 m²/g

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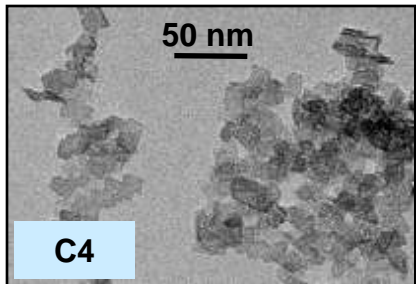
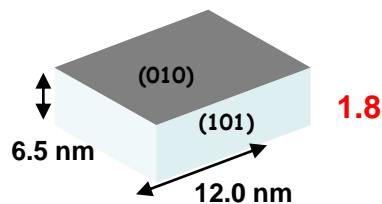
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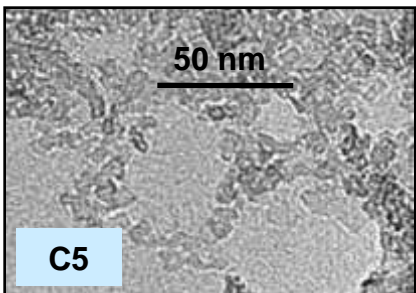
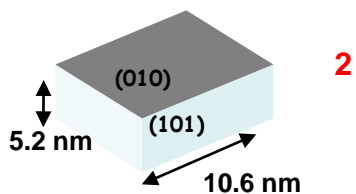
ethylene glycol



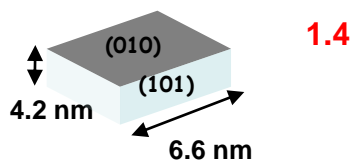
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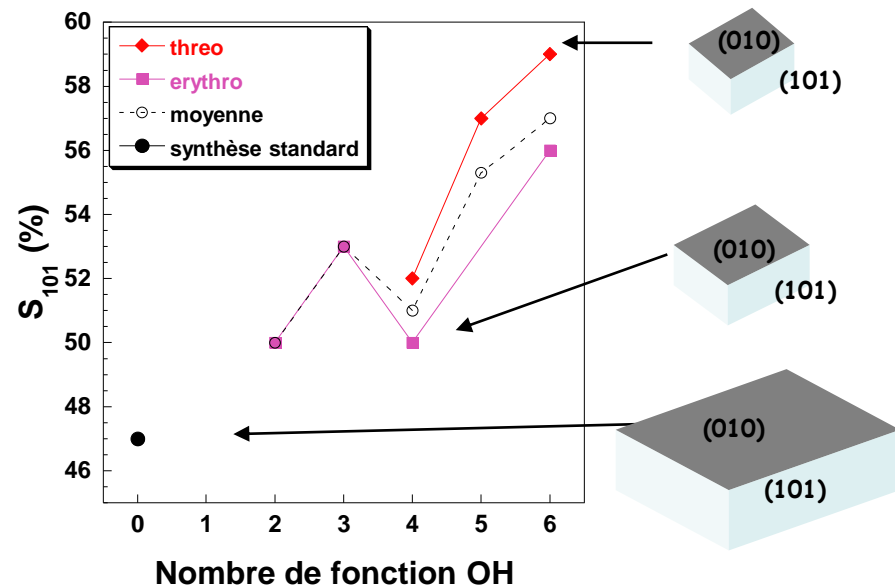
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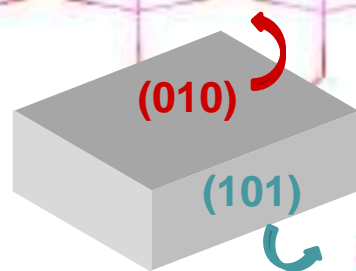
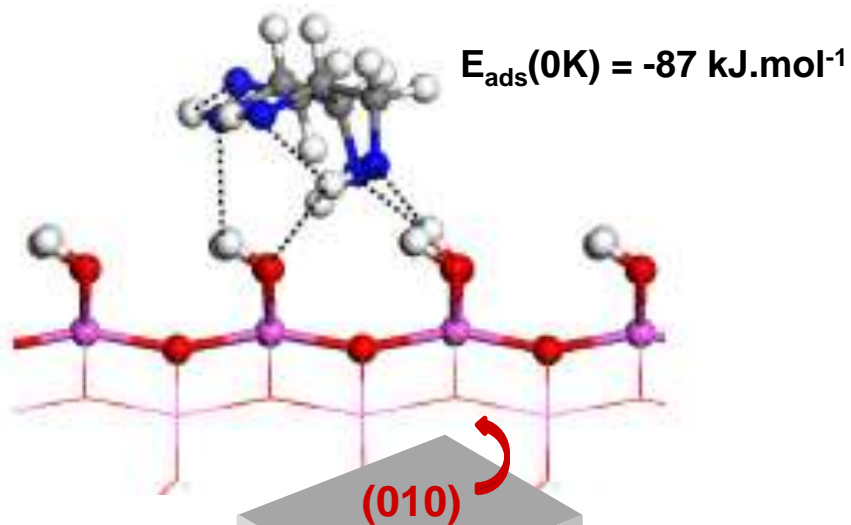
Stabilisation énergétique des faces (101)



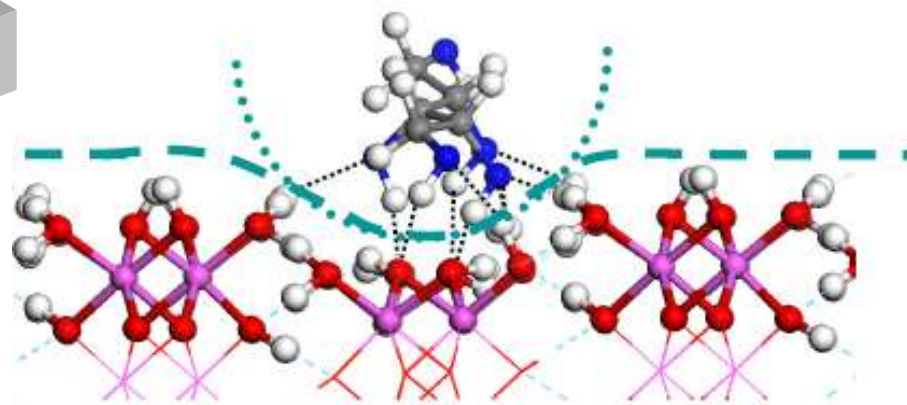
Aspect ratio evolution :
Preferential adsorption upon
lateral surfaces

**Specific adsorption of Polyols
on (101) face:
Selectivity of adsorbed species**

Surface complexation by polyols



« Nest » effect

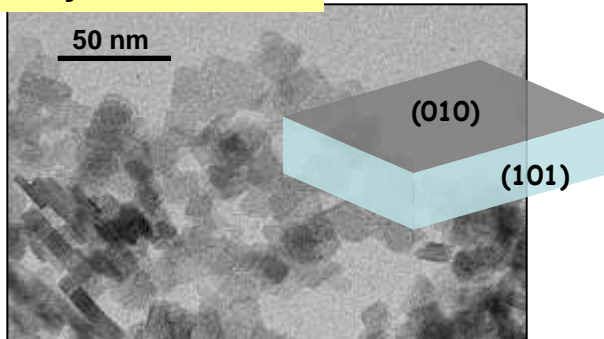
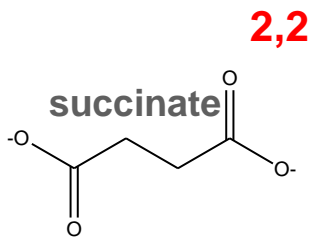


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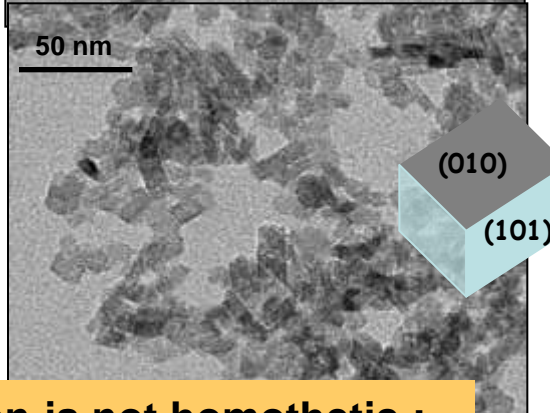
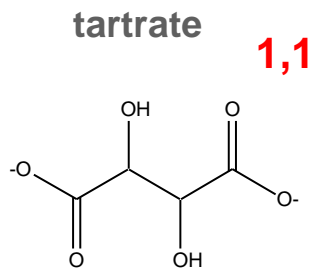
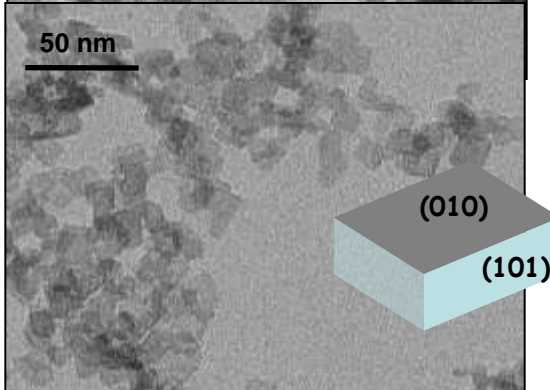
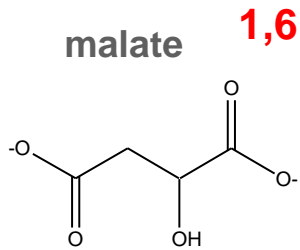
Preferential adsorption upon lateral surfaces : concavities and stabilisation

Surface complexation by hydroxy carboxylate

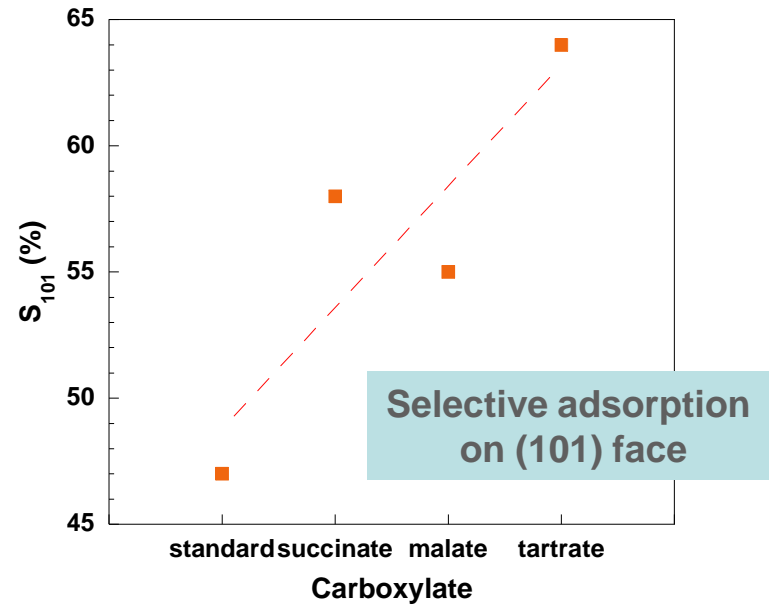
poly(hydroxy)carboxylates 0.007M



R = l/e

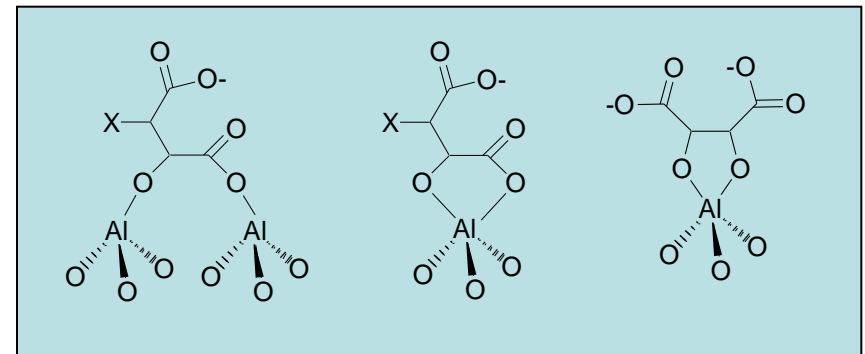


**Size variation is not homothetic :
Strong decrease of anisotropy**



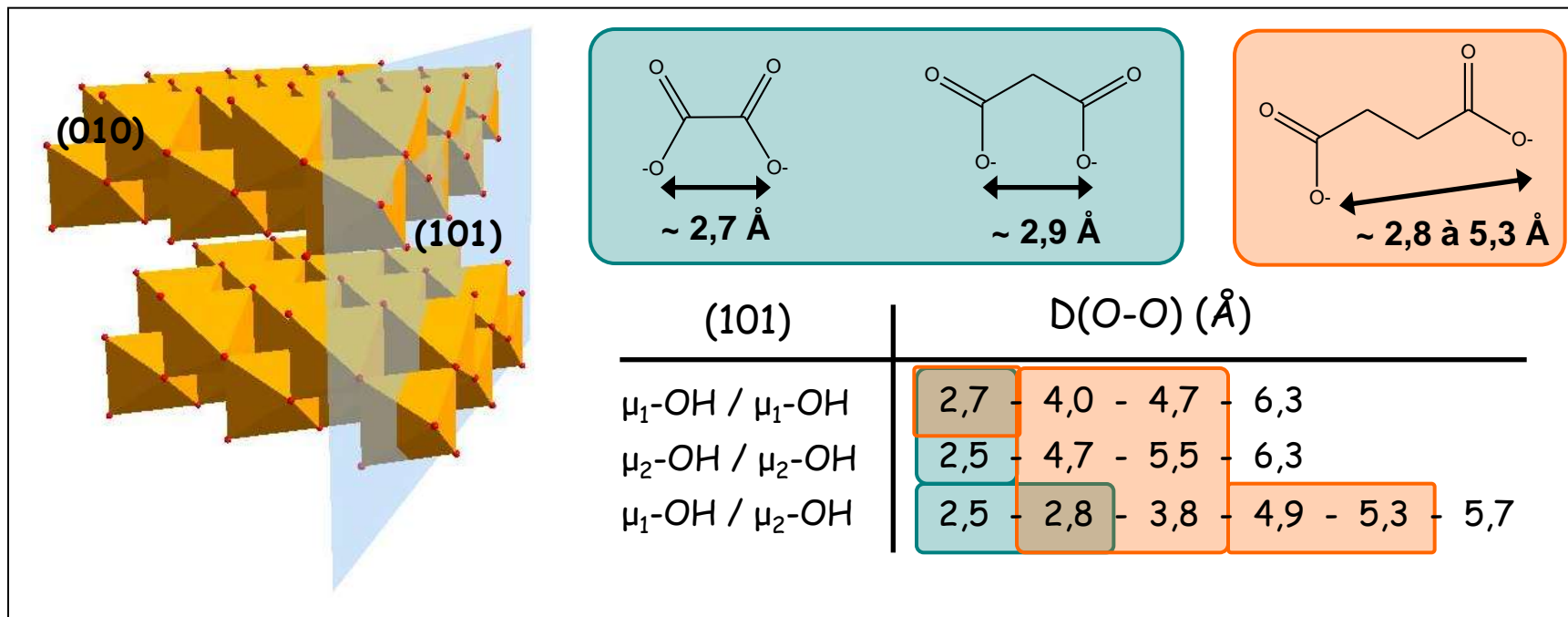
Hydroxy carboxylate chemisorption

Geffroy 1999, Haines 1974, Martell 1984



Acidity of OH groups is strengthened by the complexation

Surface complexation by hydroxy carboxylate



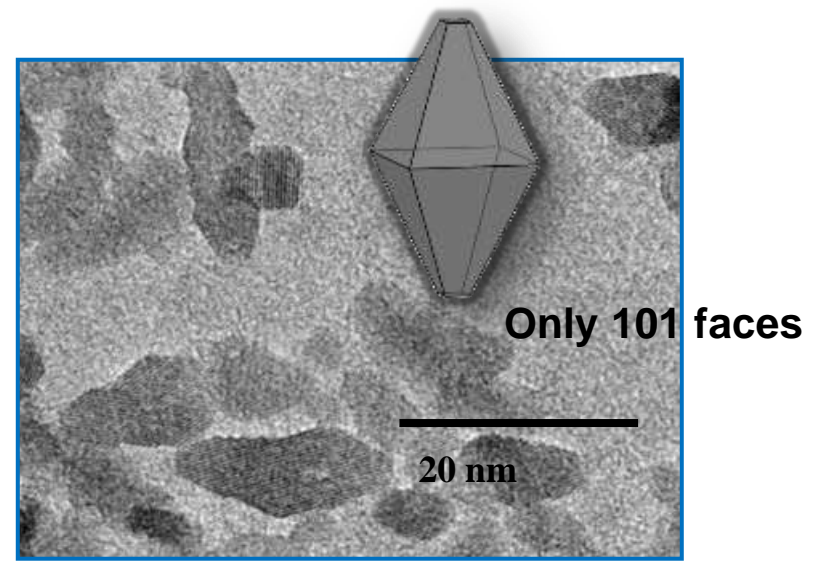
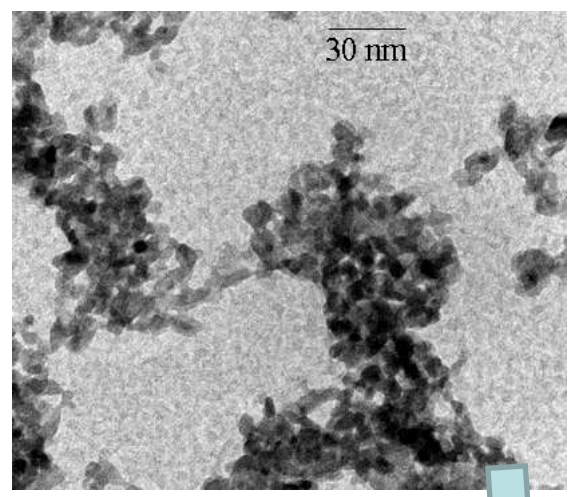
Lower reactivity of (010) face due to $\mu_2\text{-OH}$ sites.

Increase of (101) face stabilization with the distance between -COOH groups: more available adsorption sites.

Surface complexation and shape of anatase nanoparticles

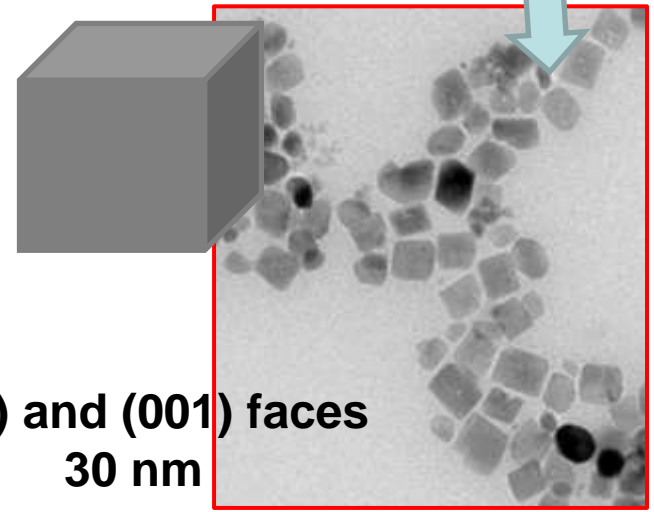
In presence of glutamic acid

Anatase nanoparticles
obtained without complexant



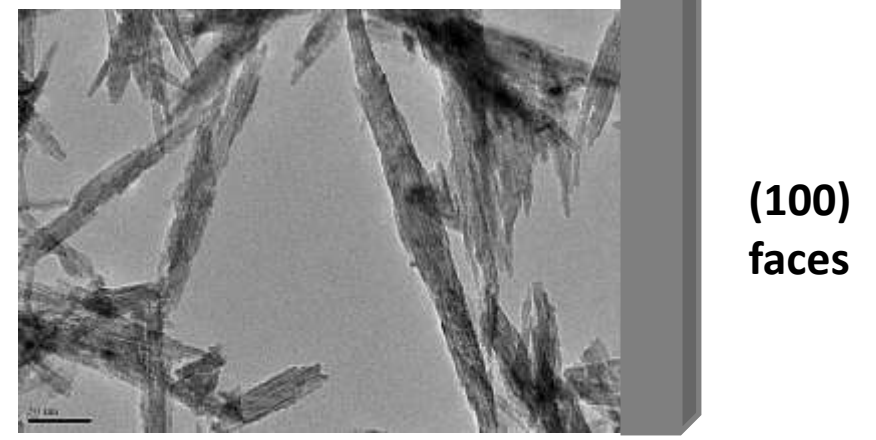
Durupthy, O.; Bill, J.; Aldinger, F. Cryst. Growth Des. 2007, 7, 2696

In presence of oleic acid



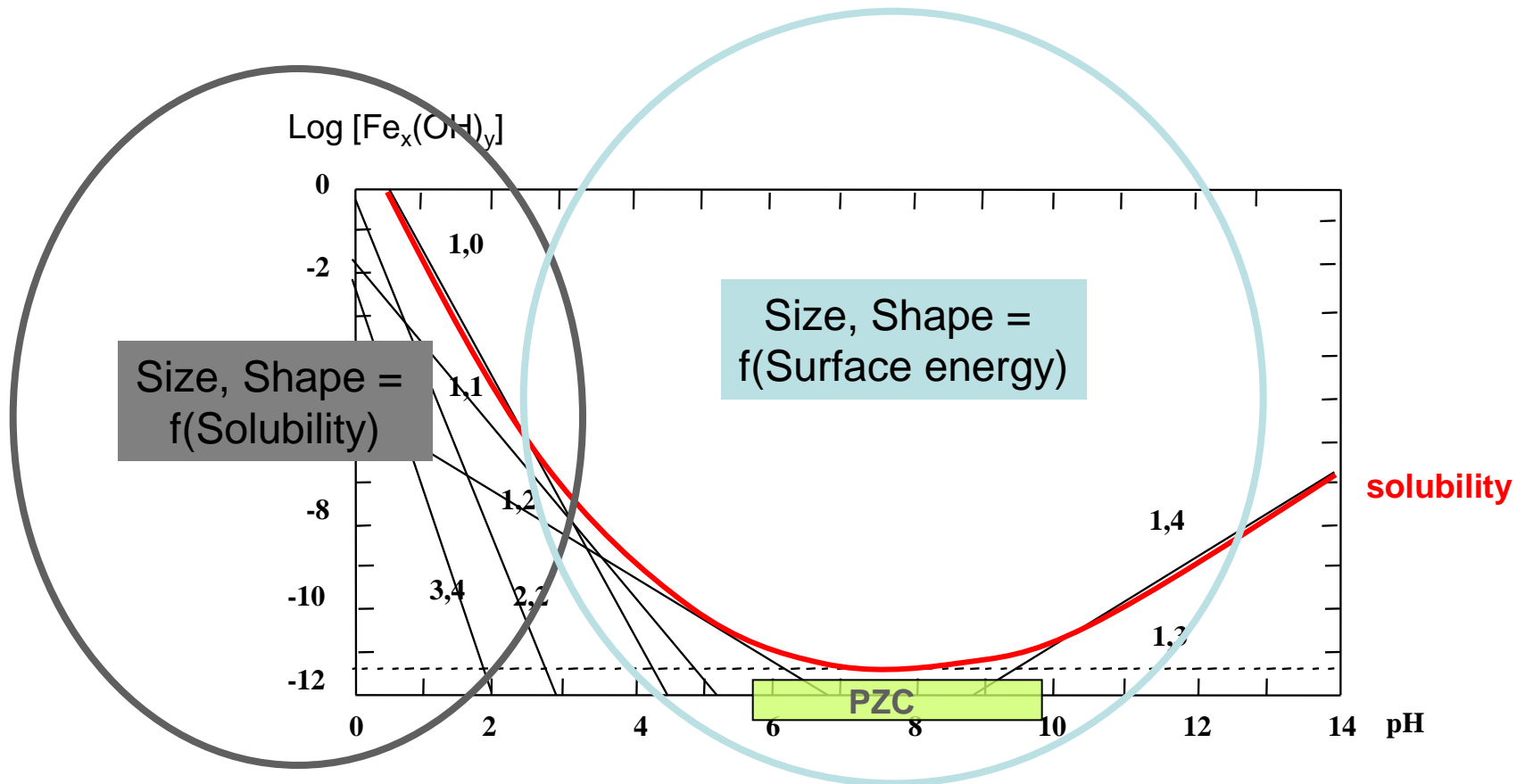
Matijevic, J. Colloid Interface Sci. 103 (1985)

Ethylenediamine



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What are the relevant parameters to control the growth of nanoparticles ?

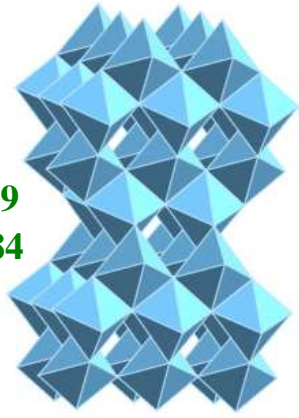
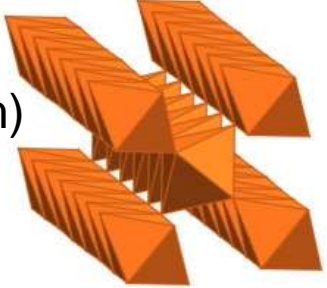


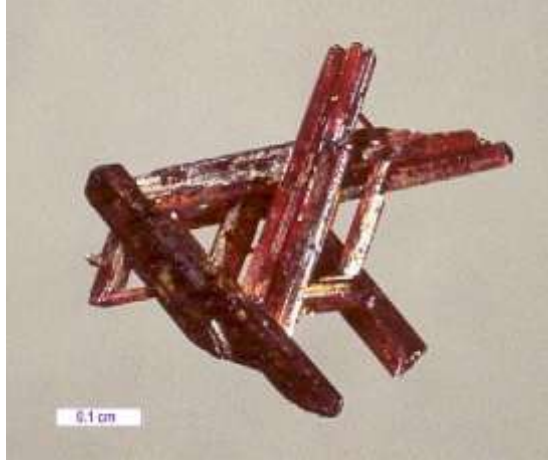


Titanium oxide Nanoparticles

Pigment : paints, papers, plastics, cosmetic and pharmacy
Photocatalysis, photovoltaic ...

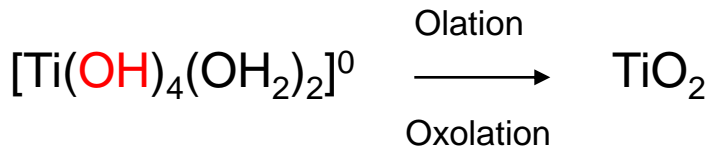
3 polymorphs

Anatase	Brookite	Rutile
($I4_1/amd$)	($Pcab$)	($P4_2/mnm$)
$\Delta H^{\circ}f$ (kJ.mol ⁻¹) -939	-941	-944
ρ (g/cm ⁻³) 3,84	4,17	4,26

		
		
Mine Falls Park, Nashua, NH	Mina Maria, Caneca, Sonora, Mexico	Stony Point, Alexander County, NC

Cristalline structure depends on synthesis conditions

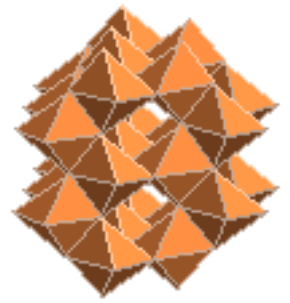
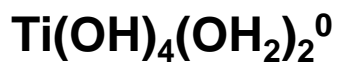
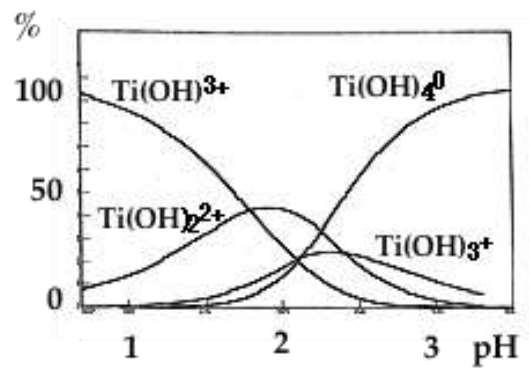
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Alcalinisation
 $2 \leq \text{pH} \leq 6$



Thermolysis in acidic medium
 $\text{Ti}(\text{OH})_2(\text{OH}_2)_4^{2+}$
 $\approx 100^\circ\text{C}$



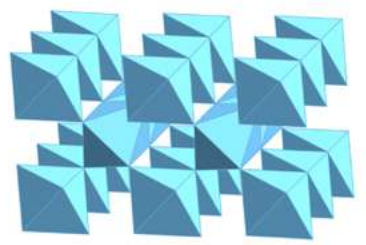
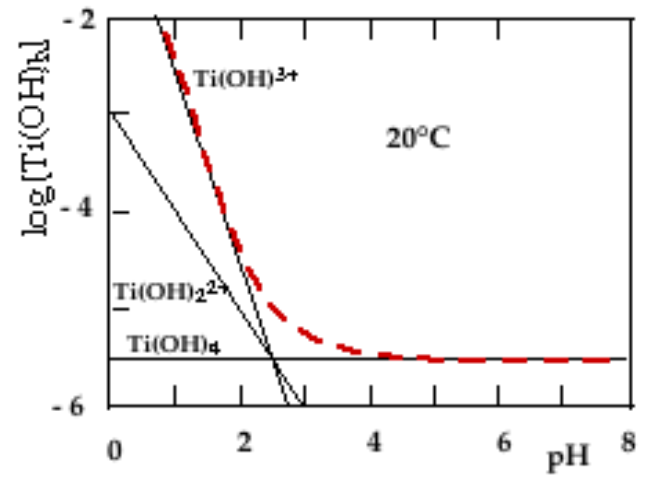
TiO₂ anatase

$\text{Ti}(\text{OH})_2\text{X}_2(\text{OH}_2)_2^0$

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brookite

Thermolysis with chlorides

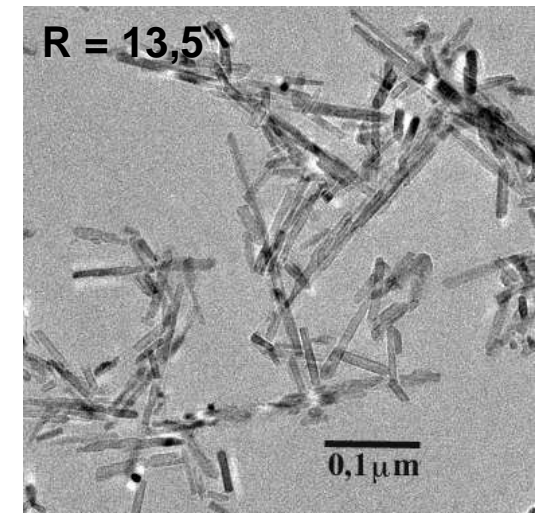
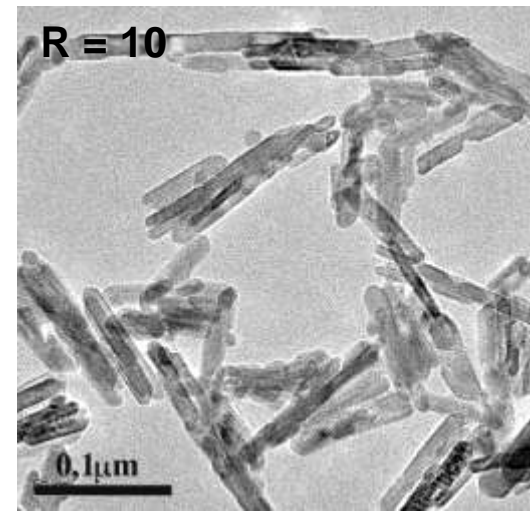
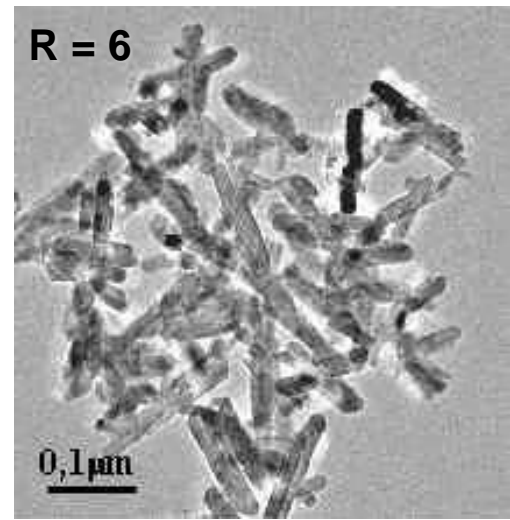


rutile

Thermolysis of TiCl_4 : TiO_2 rutile

Weak nucleation : slow precipitation
High solubility : favour the growth

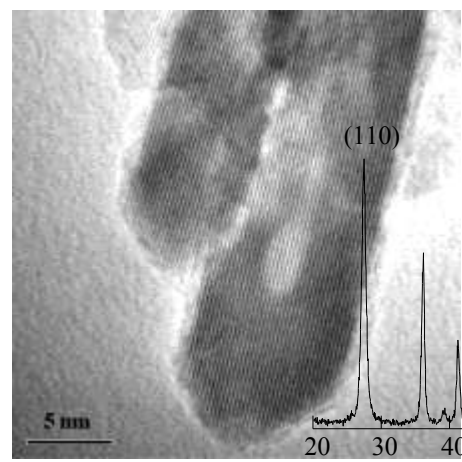
$$R = \frac{\text{length}}{\text{wide}}$$



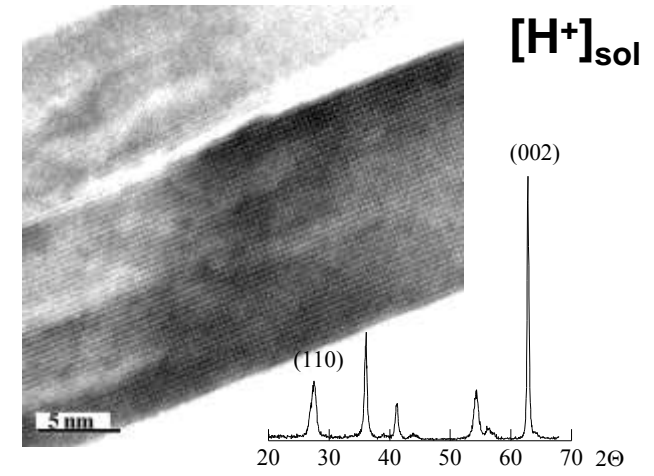
1 M

2 M

4M



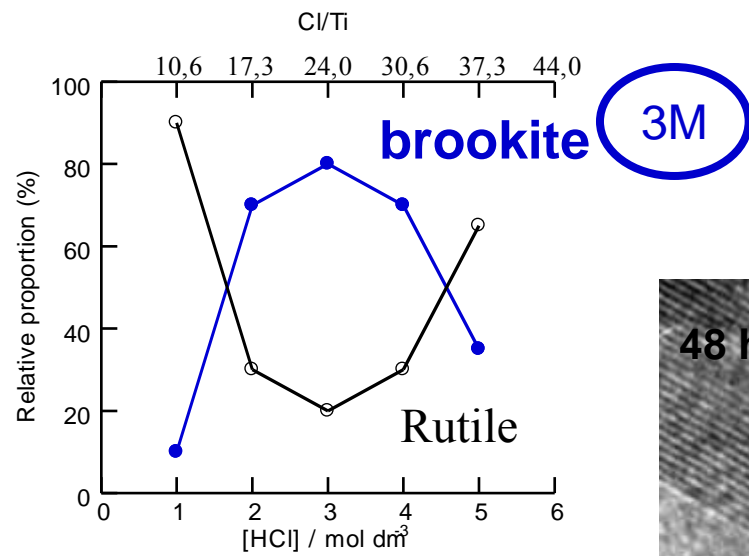
solubility increase



$[\text{H}^+]_{\text{sol}}$

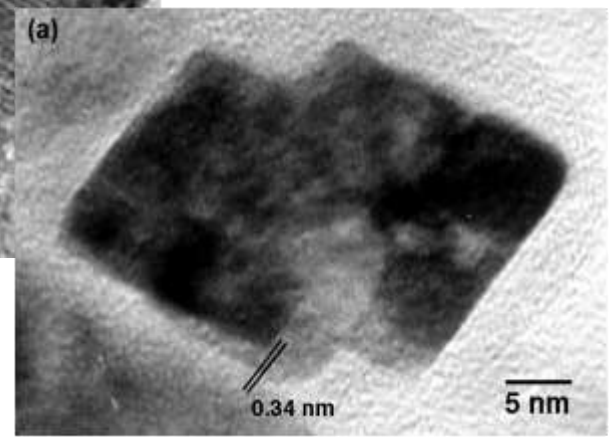
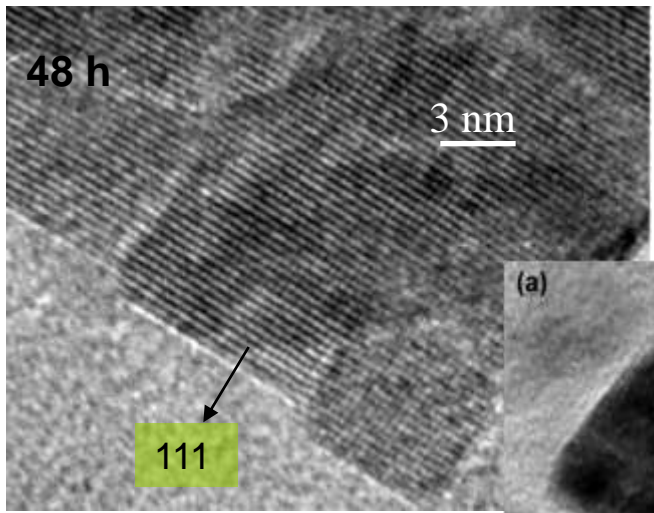
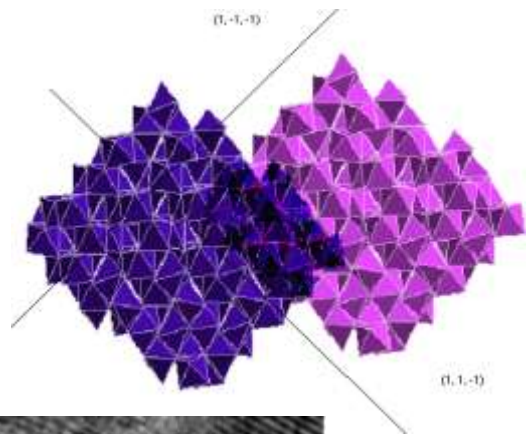
Thermolysis of TiCl_4 with chloride : TiO_2 brookite

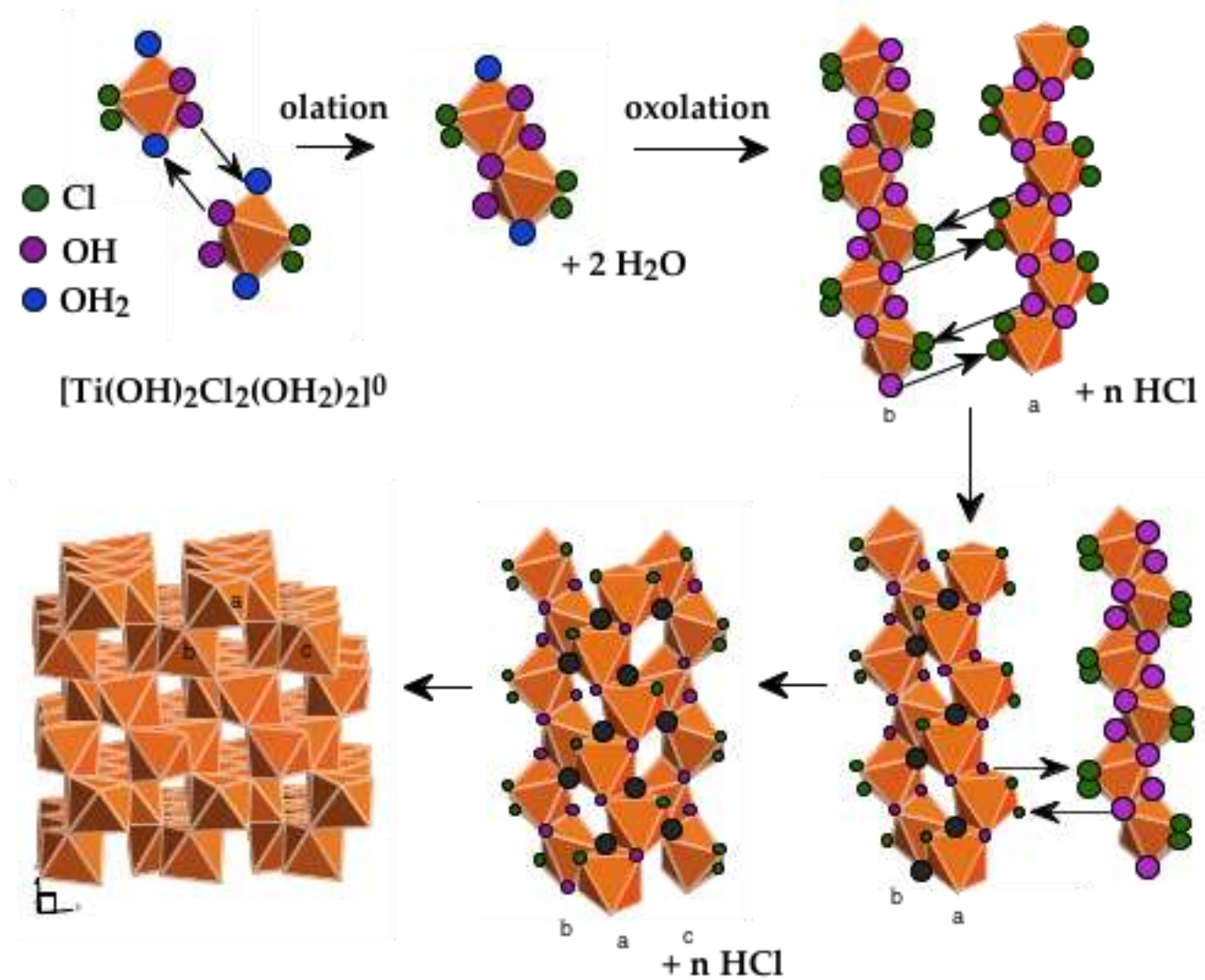
TiCl_4 0,15 M / HCl / 95°C 48 hours



3M

$17 < \text{Cl/Ti} < 35$

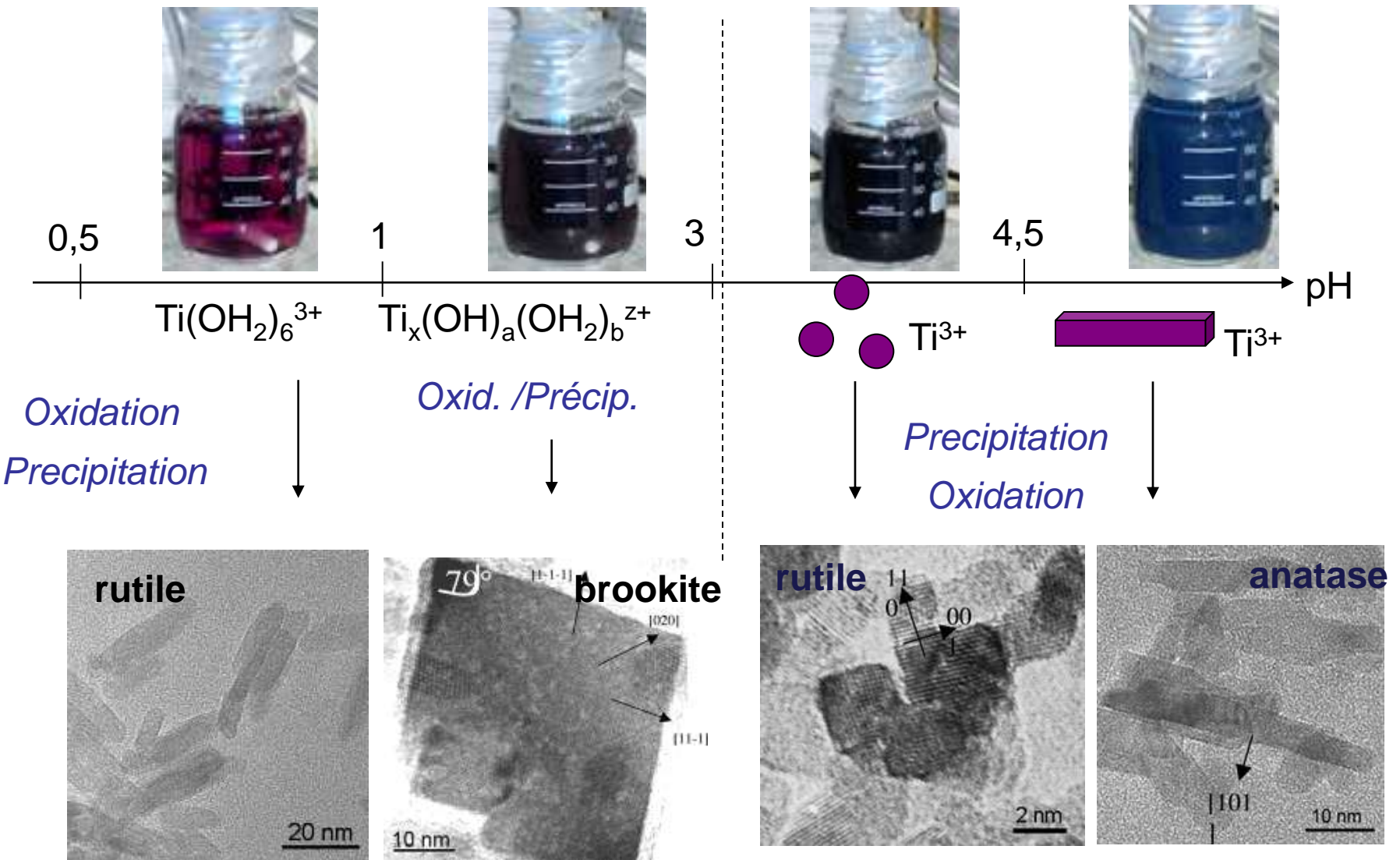




➡ Structure control by a complexing agent

Titanium oxide Nanoparticles

Hydrolysis of Ti(III)

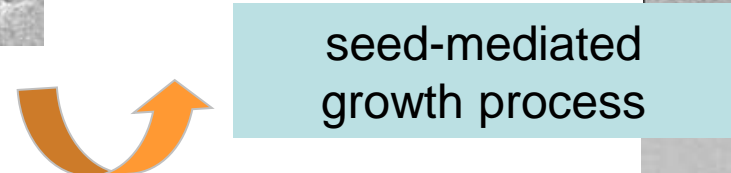
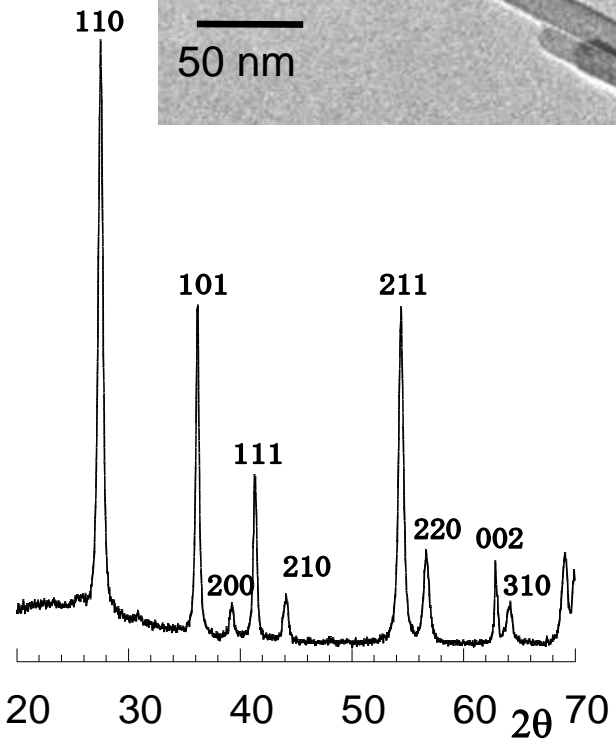
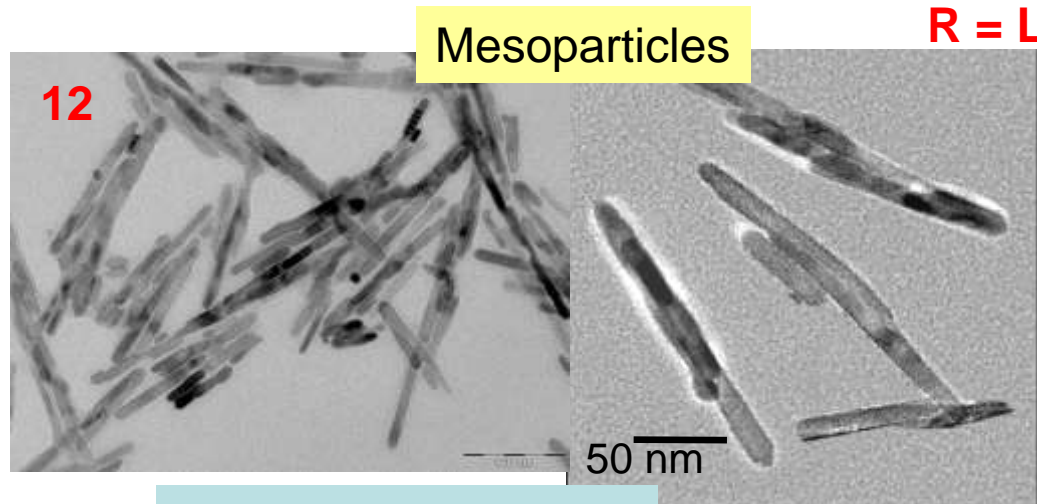
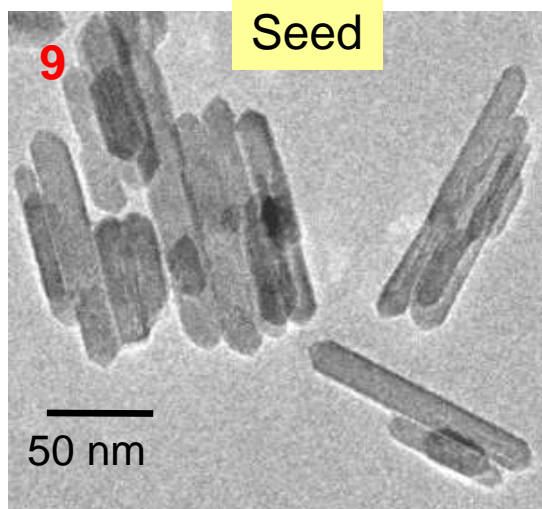


New Morphologies for TiO₂

Growth control and Seeding

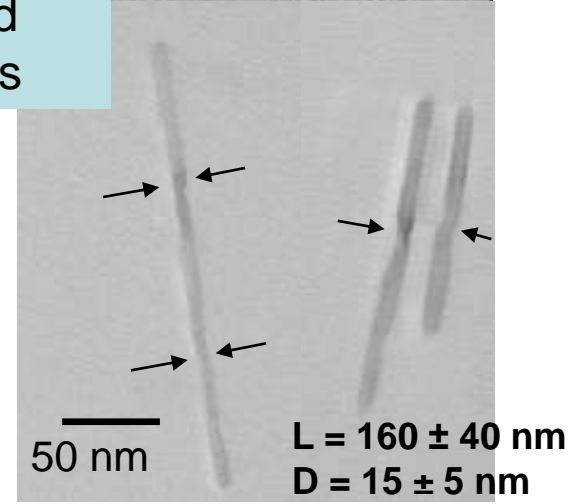
TiO₂ Rutile : TiCl₄ 3 M / HNO₃ 15M / 120°C 24 hours

Q. Huang, L. Gao, Chem. Letters, 2003, 32,7



**+ Growth solution :
C(Ti⁴⁺)=0,3M**

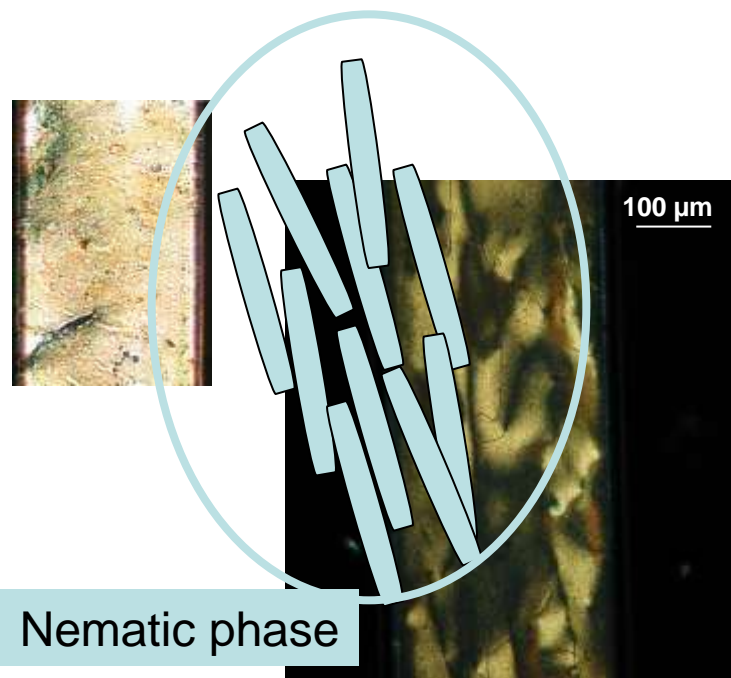
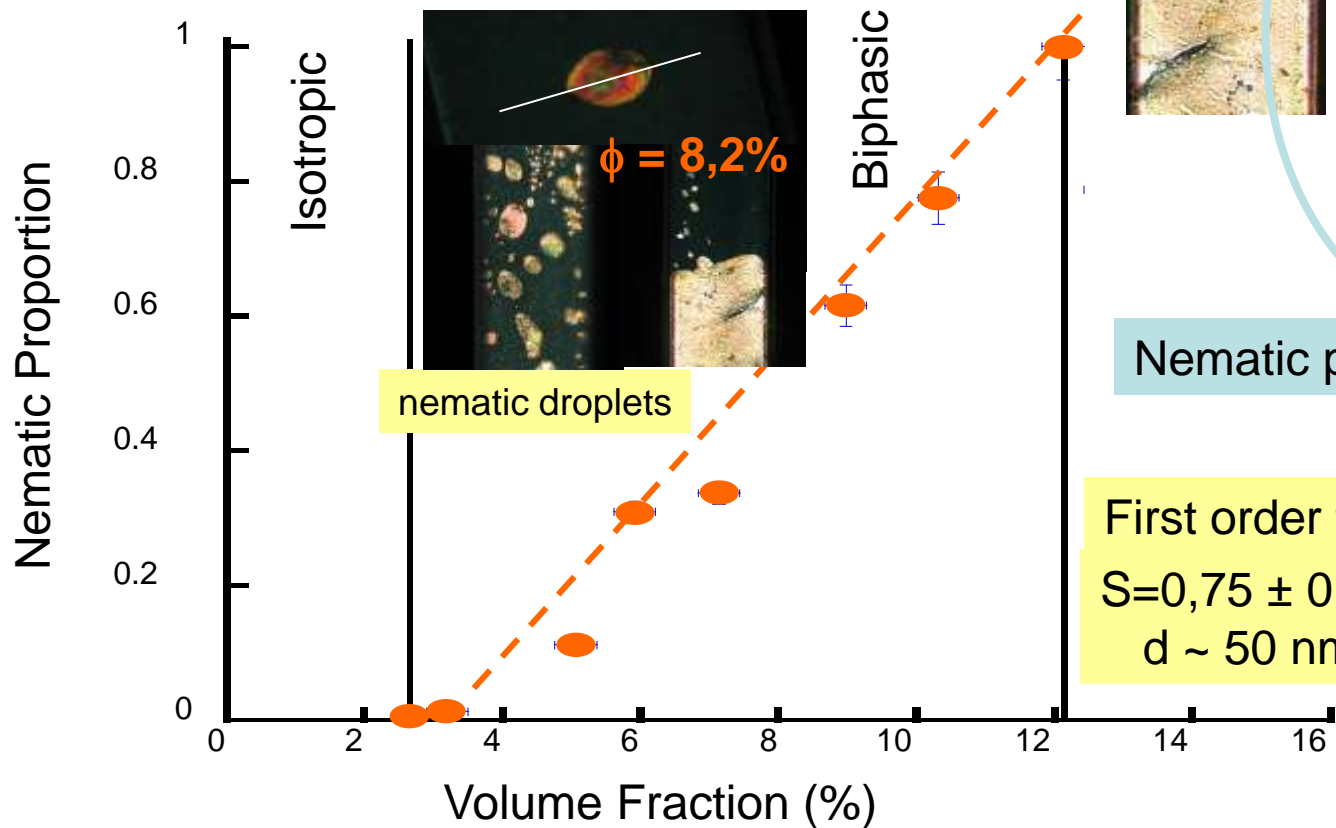
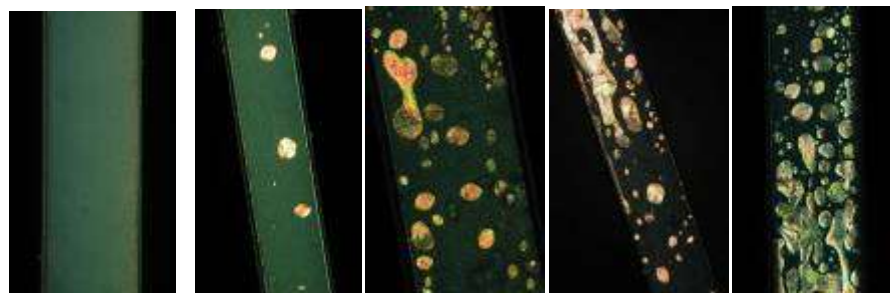
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Volume fraction : f = 13,3%

Properties of long nanorods

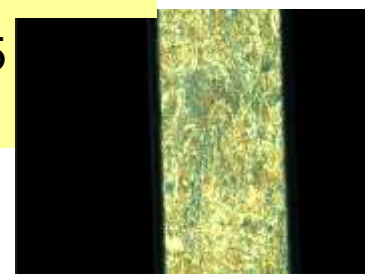
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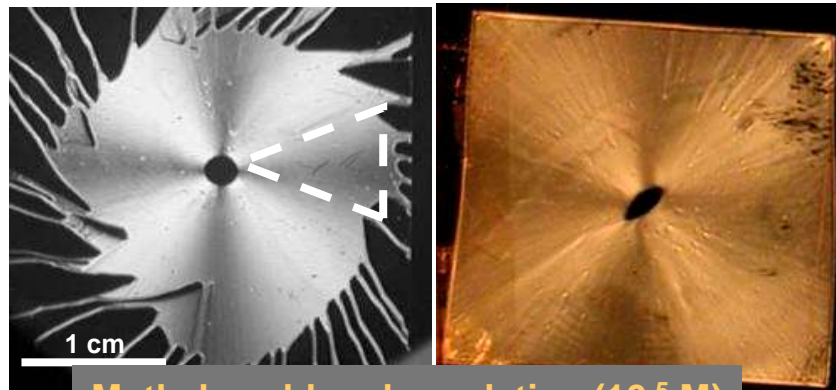
Nematic phase

$\phi = 10,6\%$

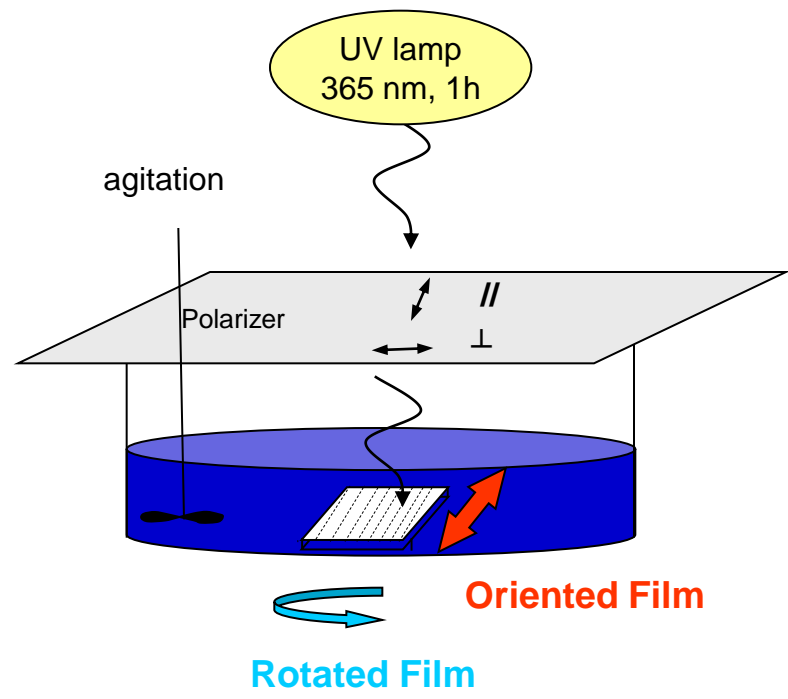
First order transition
 $S = 0,75 \pm 0,05$
 $d \sim 50 \text{ nm}$



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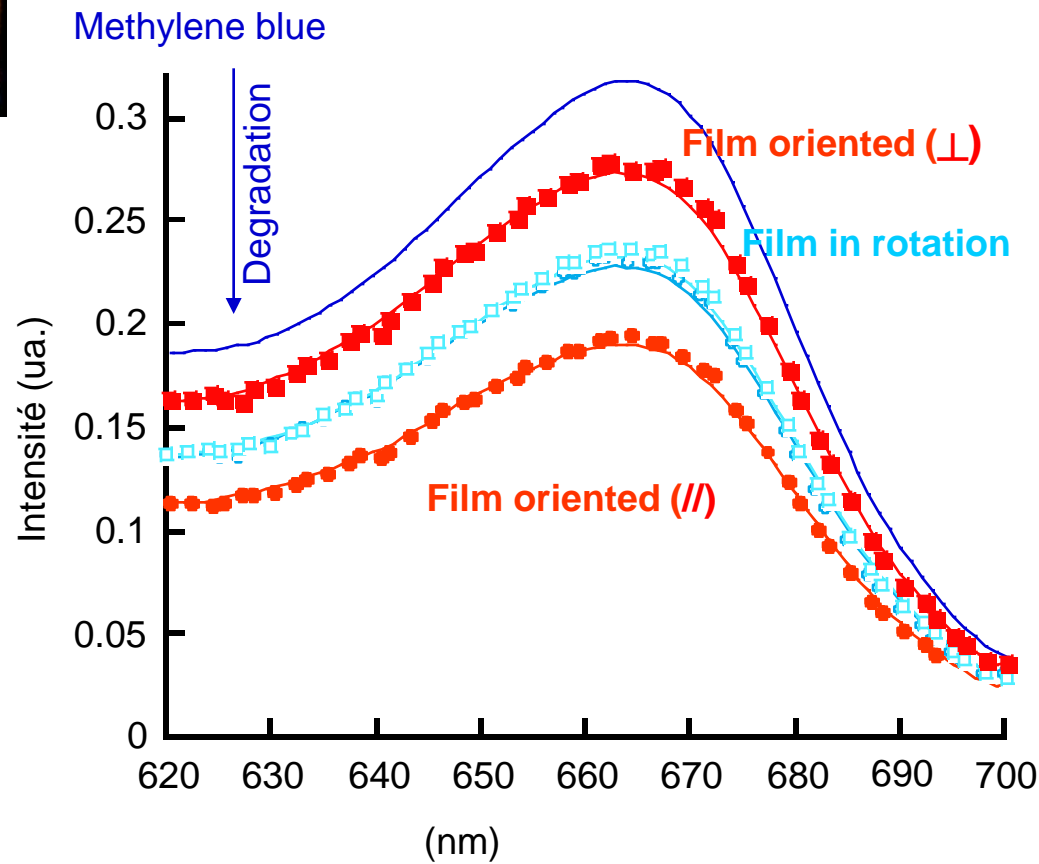


Methylene blue degradation (10^{-5} M)



Photocatalysis study

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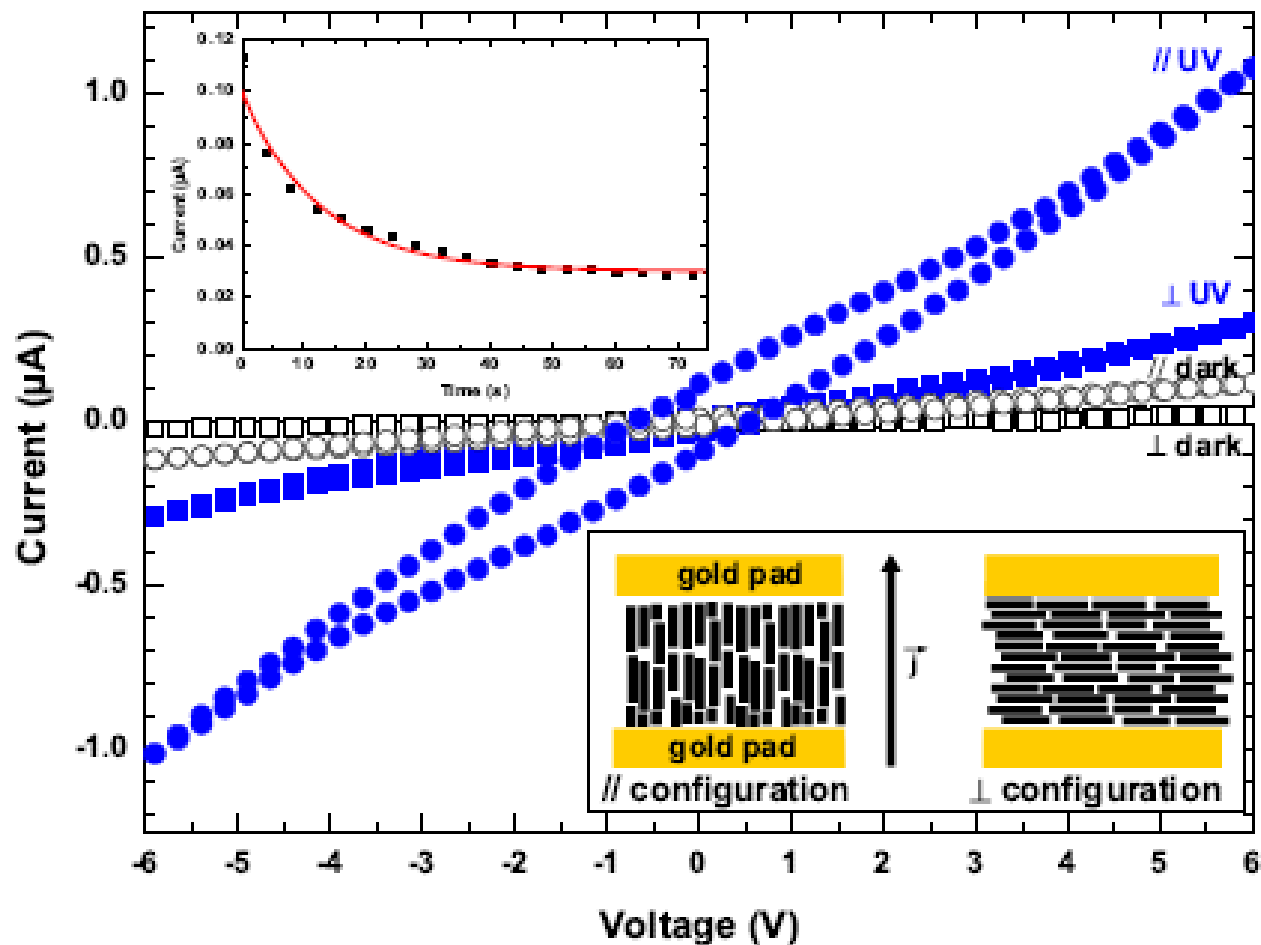


Oriented aggregation: Increase of the photocatalytic activity

JACS, 2007, 129 (18), 5904

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Properties of long nanorods



Anisotropy of electric properties; Photoactivation of current

Conclusion

- **Aqueous chemistry of metal cations: environmentally friendly, Low cost**
- **Versatile way to tune oxide nanoparticles**
Size, shape and crystalline structure
- **Identification of relevant synthesis parameters to tune size and shape:**
pH and acidity,
used of polyfunctionnal complexant : Polyols, Polycarboxylates

Surface energy and solubility of nanoparticles are the driving force of their evolution

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