

# SYNTHESIS OF MINERALS (NANO-) AND NANOPARTICLES FOR RESEARCH AND APPLICATIONS

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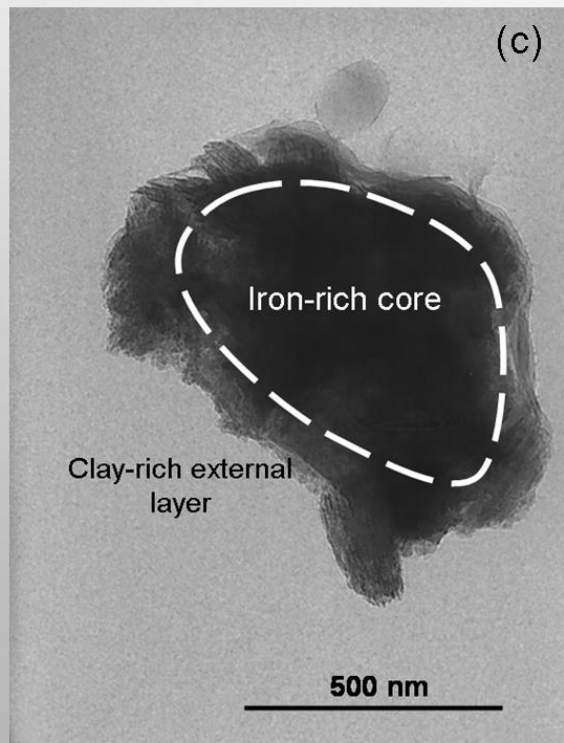
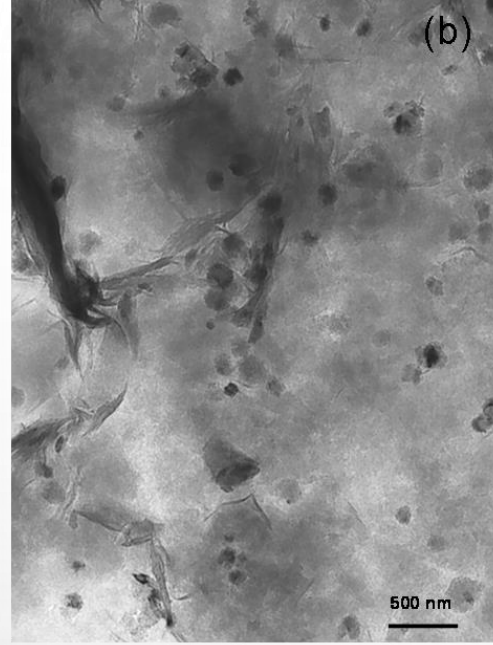
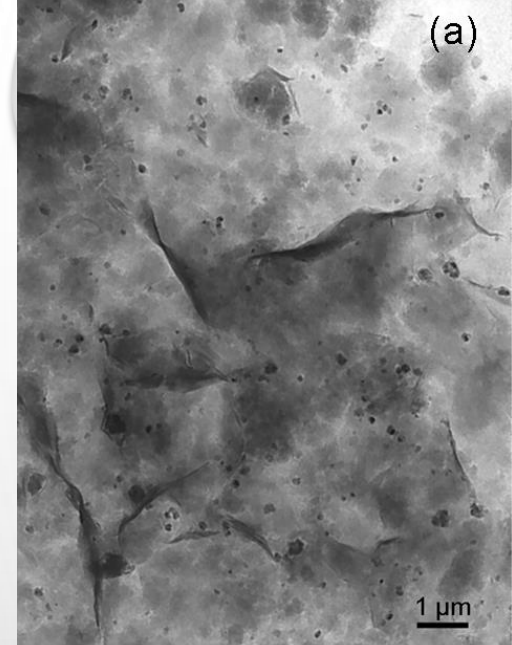
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# CATALOG

- ALL MINERALS AND PARTICLES ARE SYNTHESIZED USING IN-HOUSE METHODS AND PROTOCOLS.
- MILD AND HYDROTHERMAL CONDITIONS ARE GENERALLY USED
- CALCINATION IS SOMETIME ALSO USED
- AMOUNT FROM 5 TO 100G
- FOR BASIC AND/OR APPLIED RESEARCH
- VIA RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS
- VIA ACADEMIC CONTRACTS
- VIA EXTERNAL SERVICE

# $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ on clay

Smectite-Hematite red composite from clay alteration in presence of iron and carbon dioxide

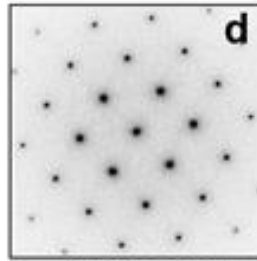
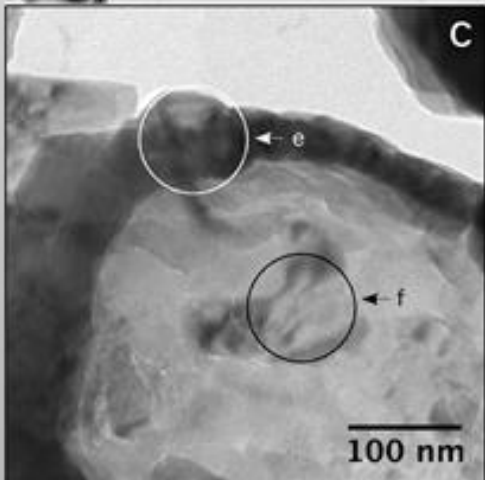
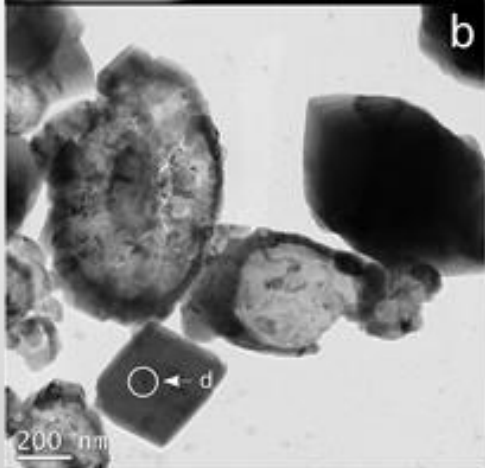
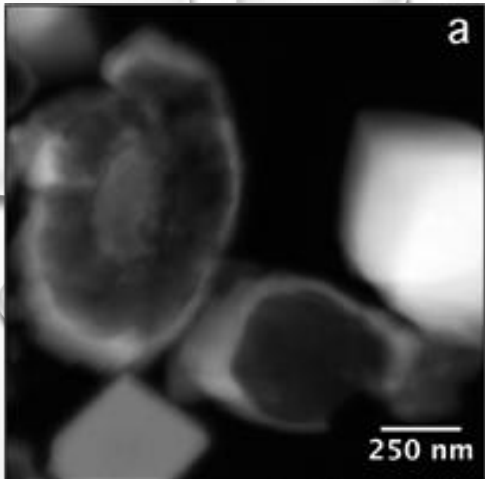


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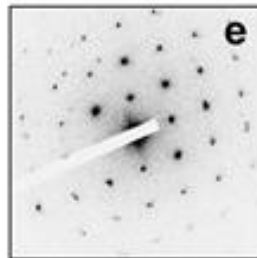


## Nano-structured calcite precipitated in presence of selenium compounds

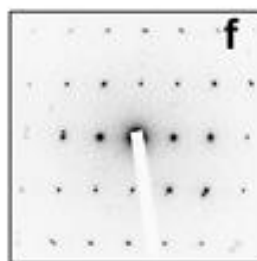
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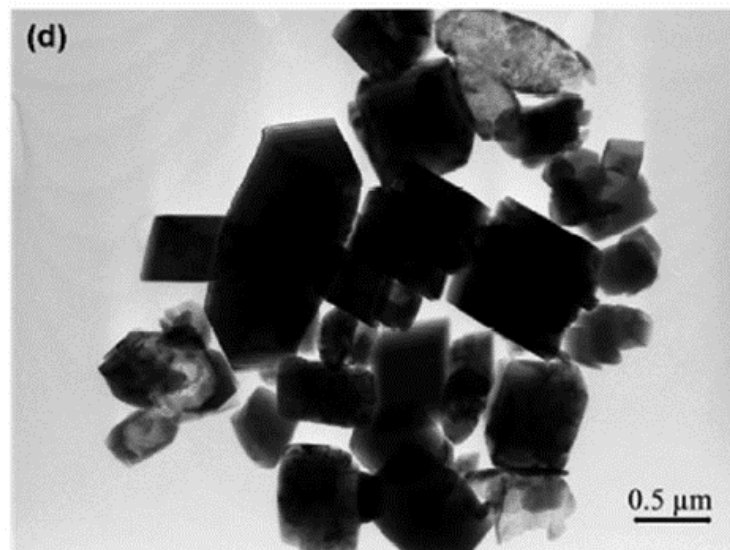
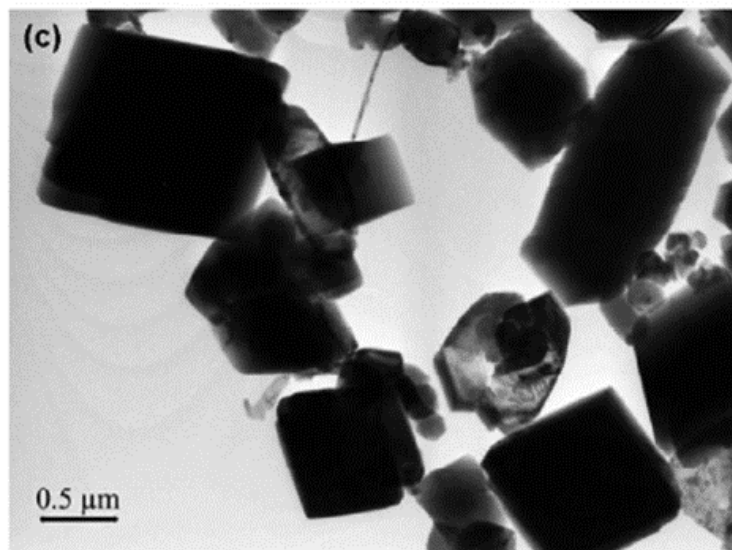
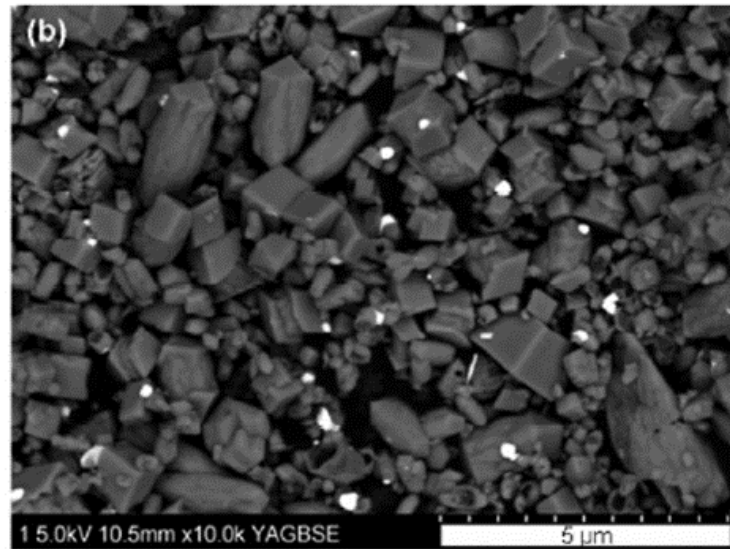
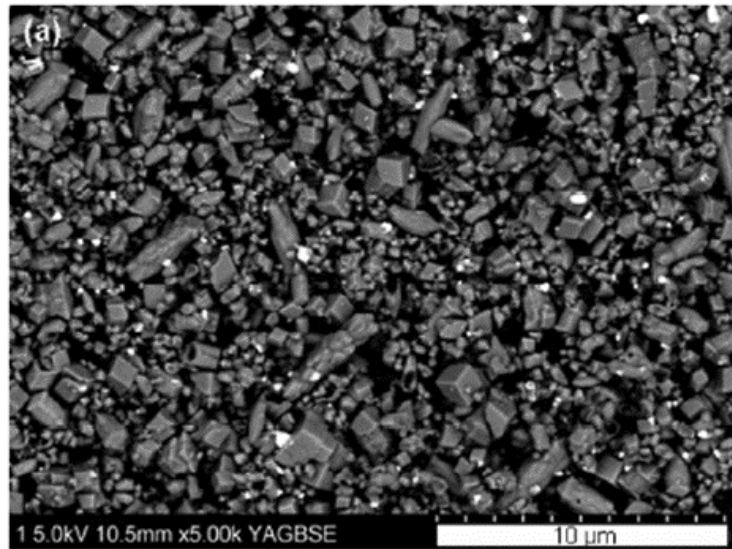


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# SeNPs-Calcite composite by oxidative fragmentation of selenocystine during portlandite carbonation

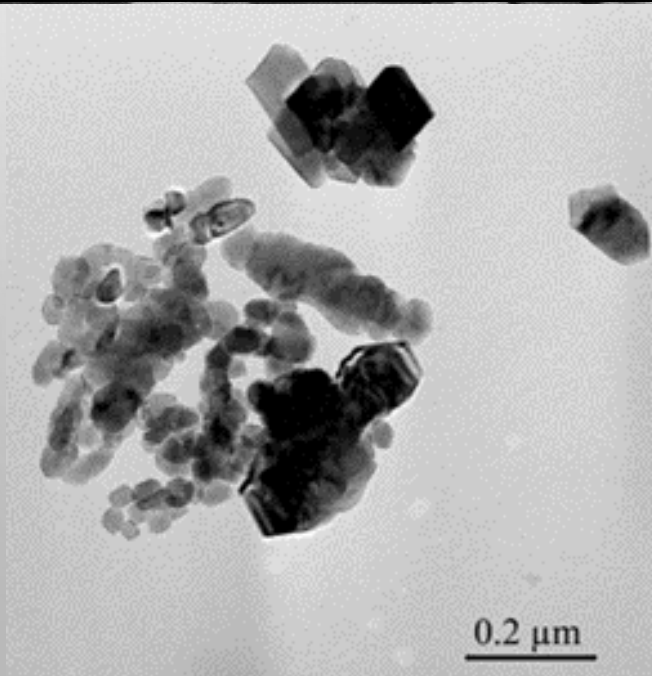
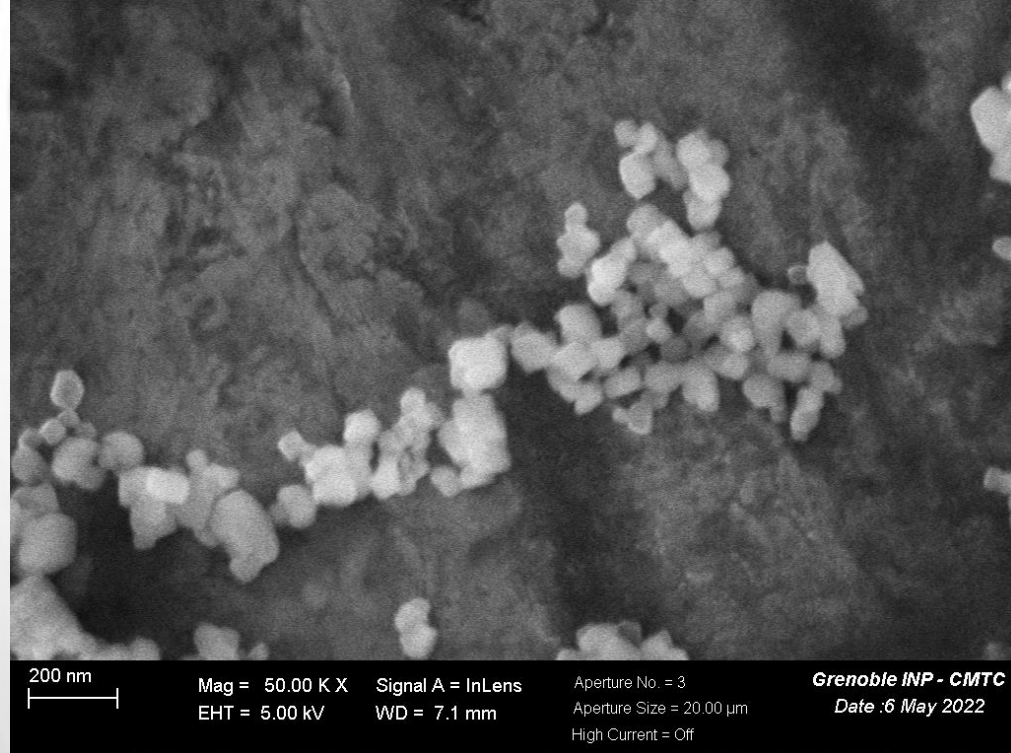


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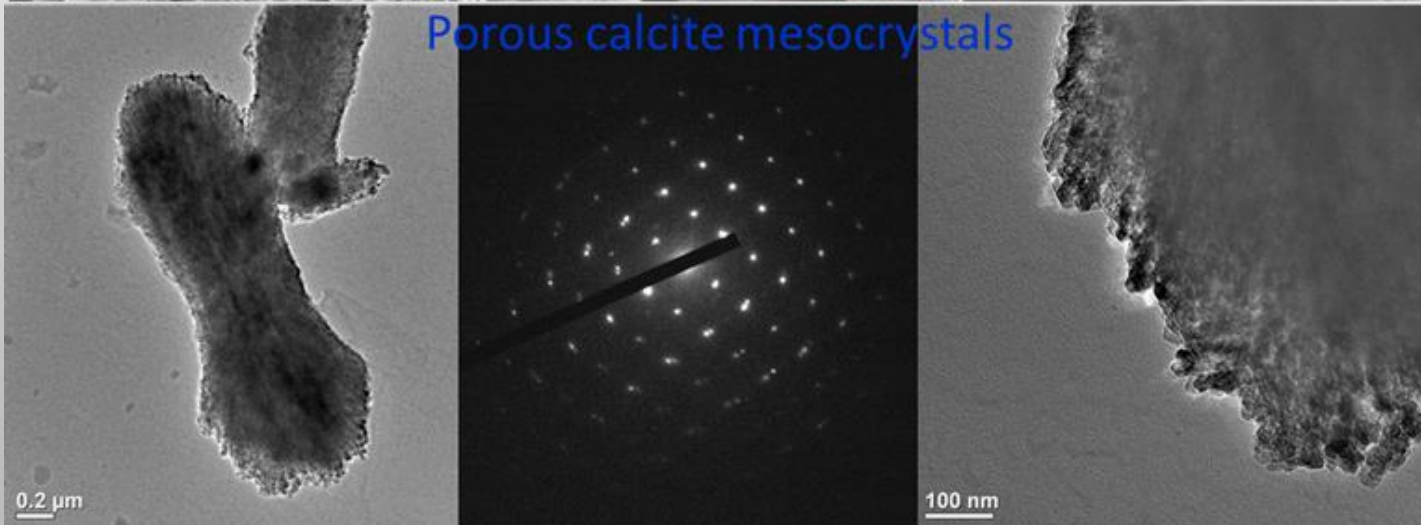
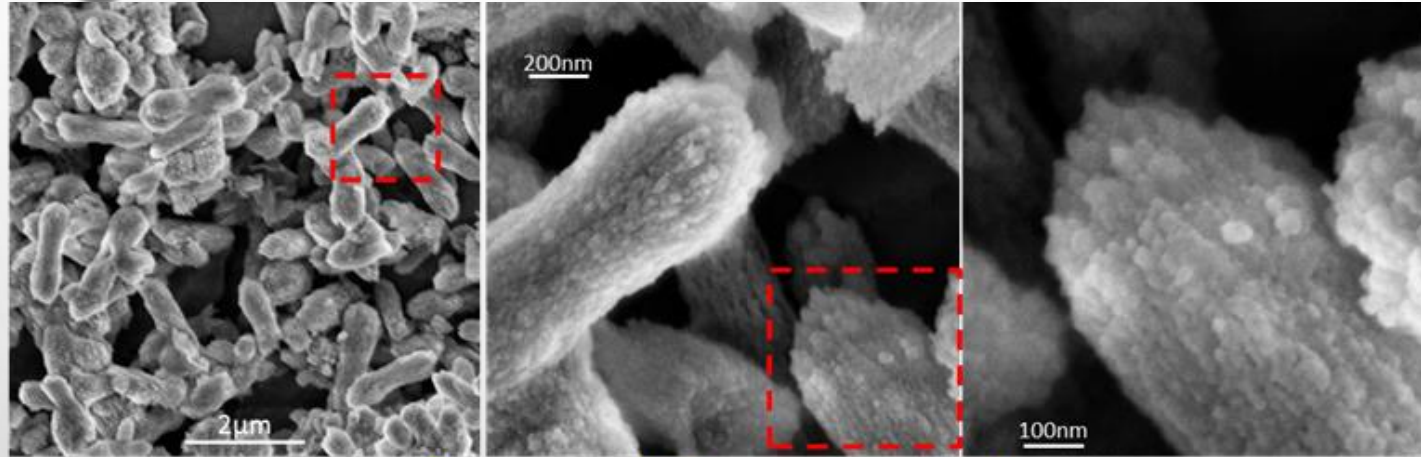


## Nano-calcite synthesis by aqueous and/or gas-solid carbonation

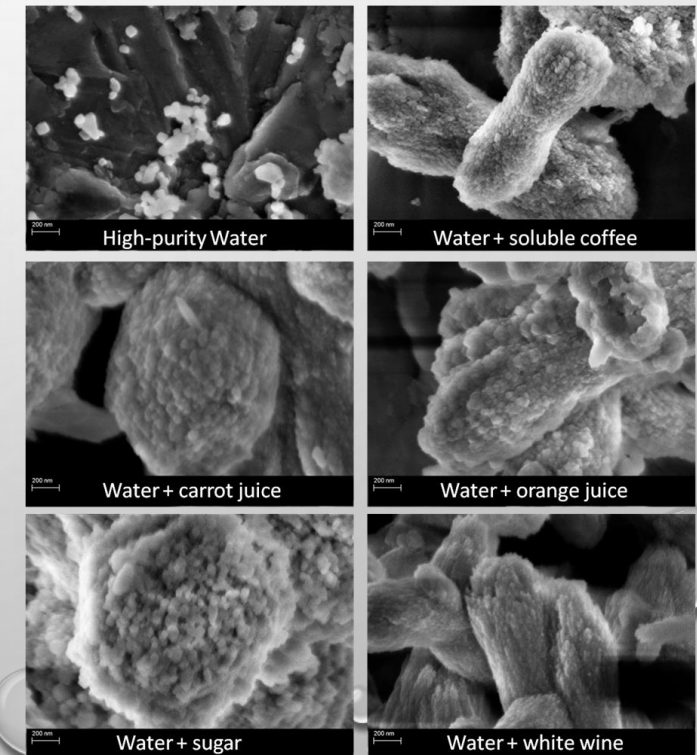
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# Porous calcite mesocrystals by portlandite carbonation in presence of organic additives

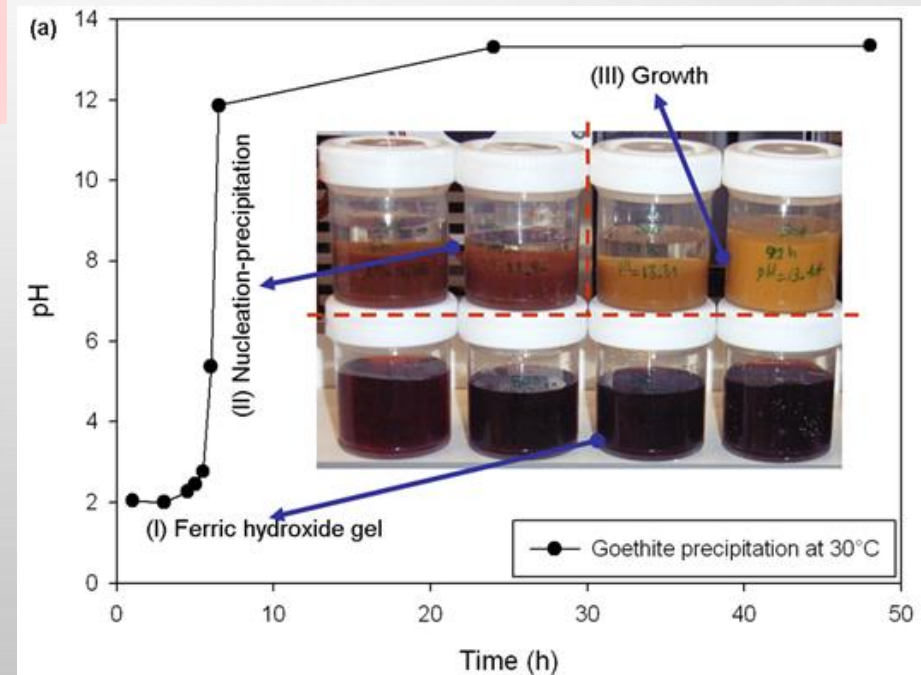
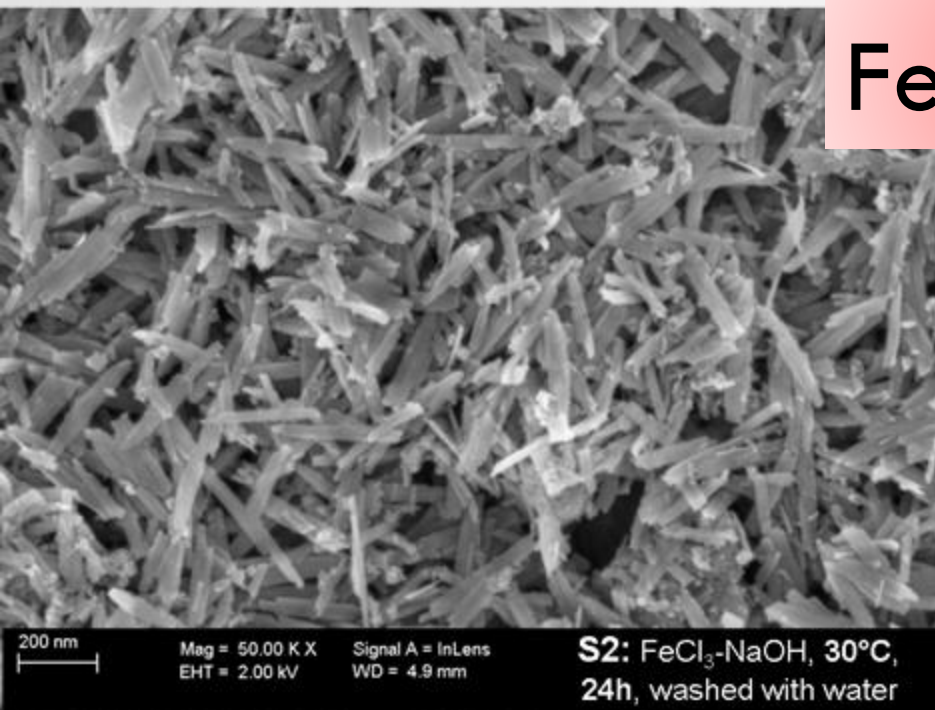
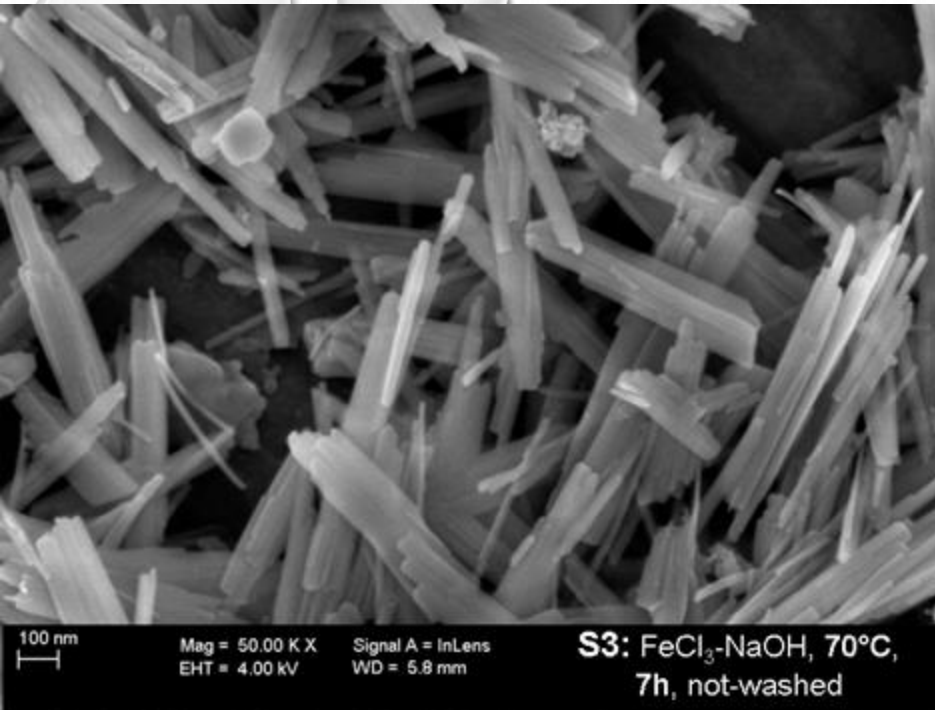


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# Acicular goethite synthesis with high specific surface area

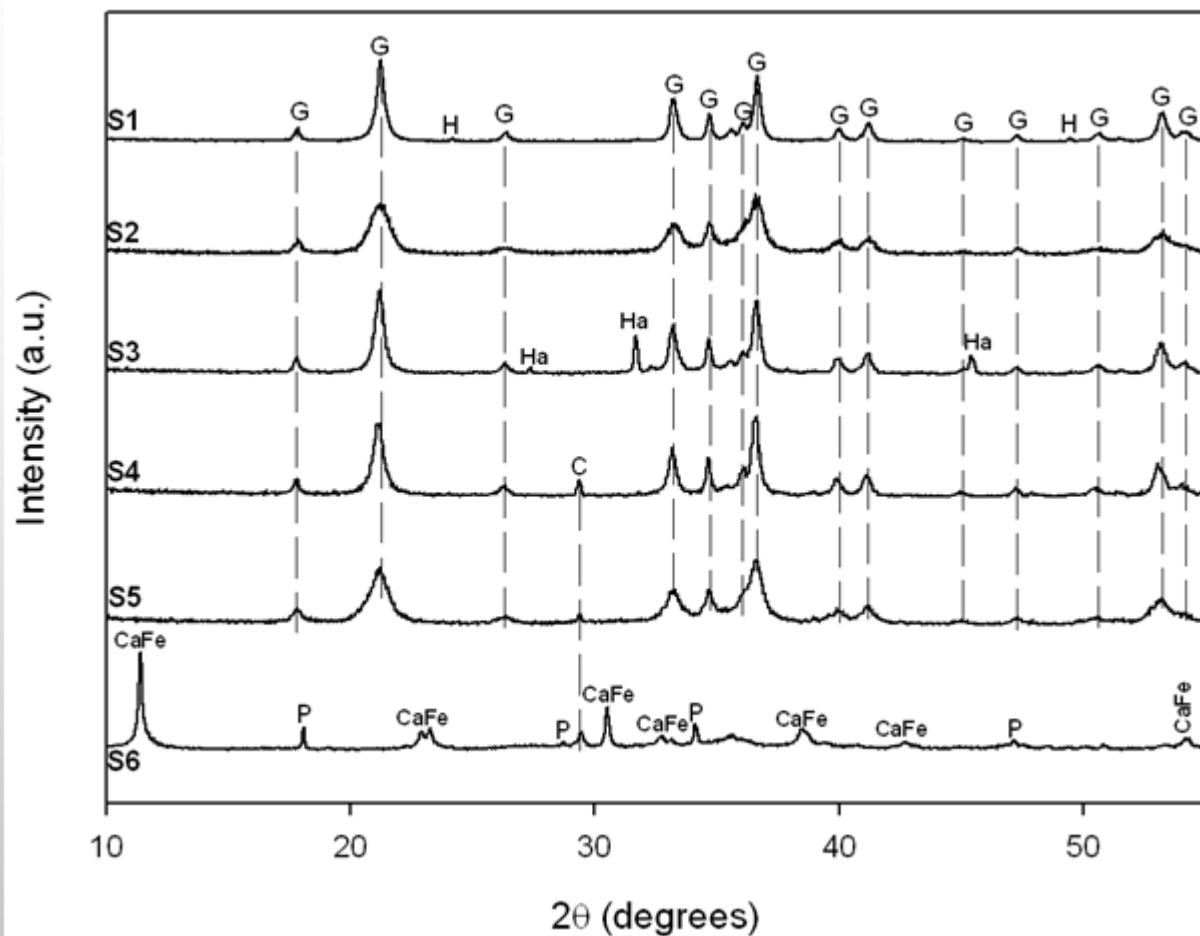
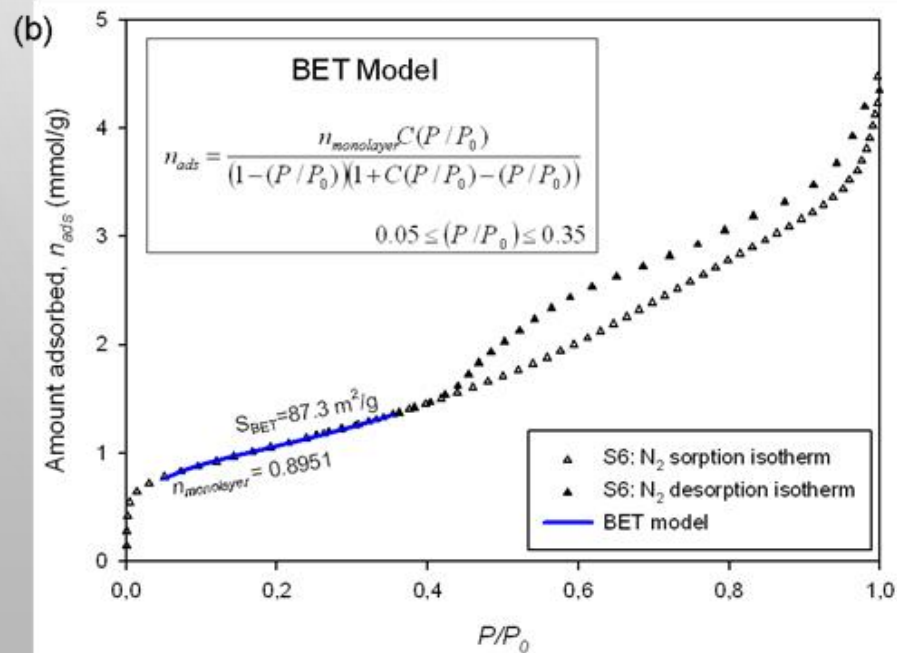
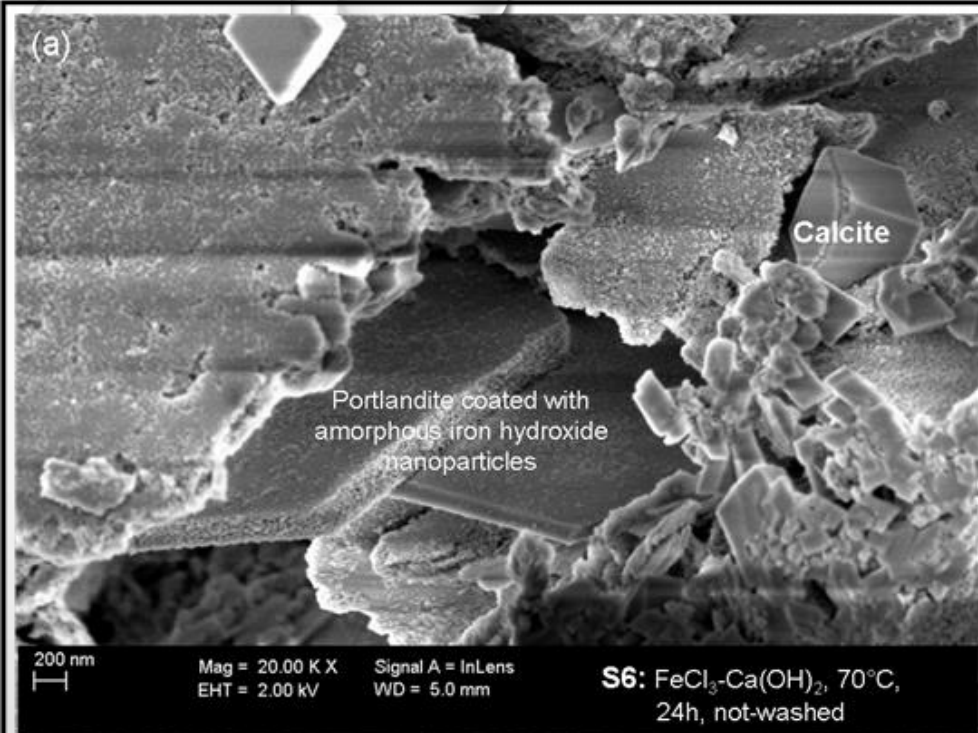
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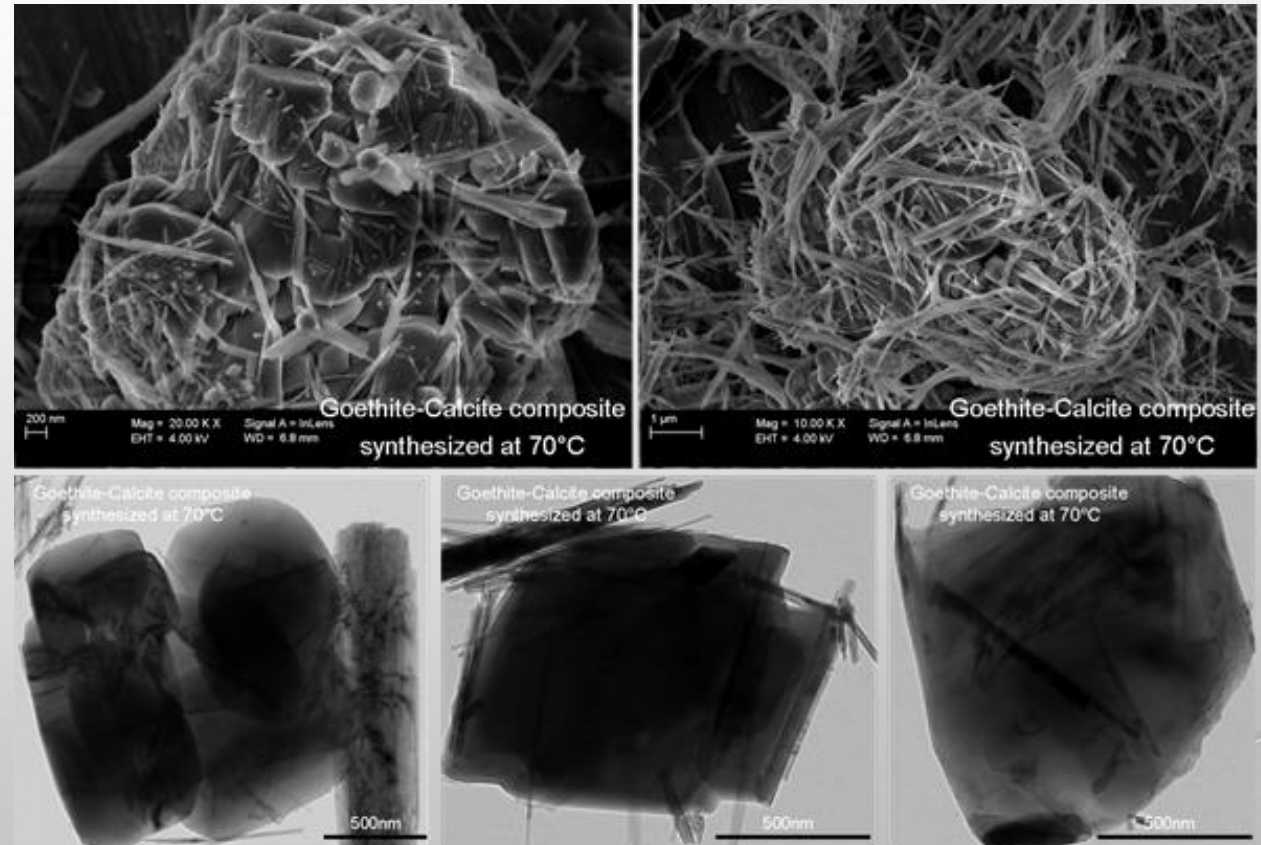
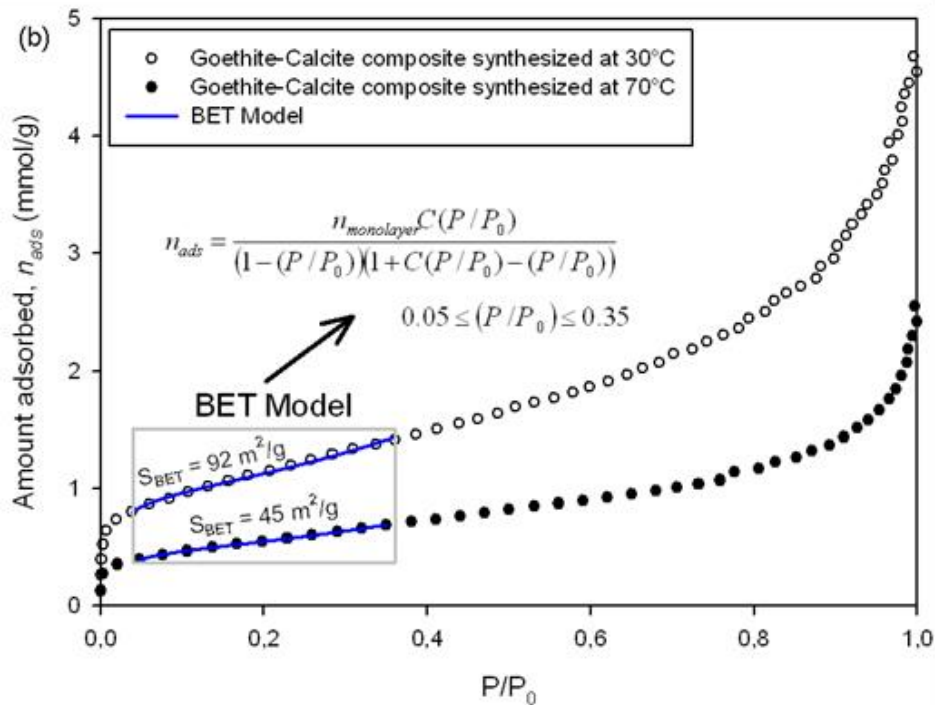
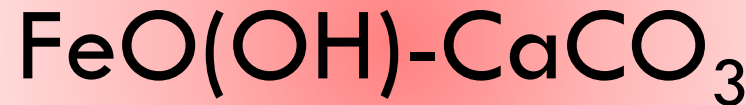
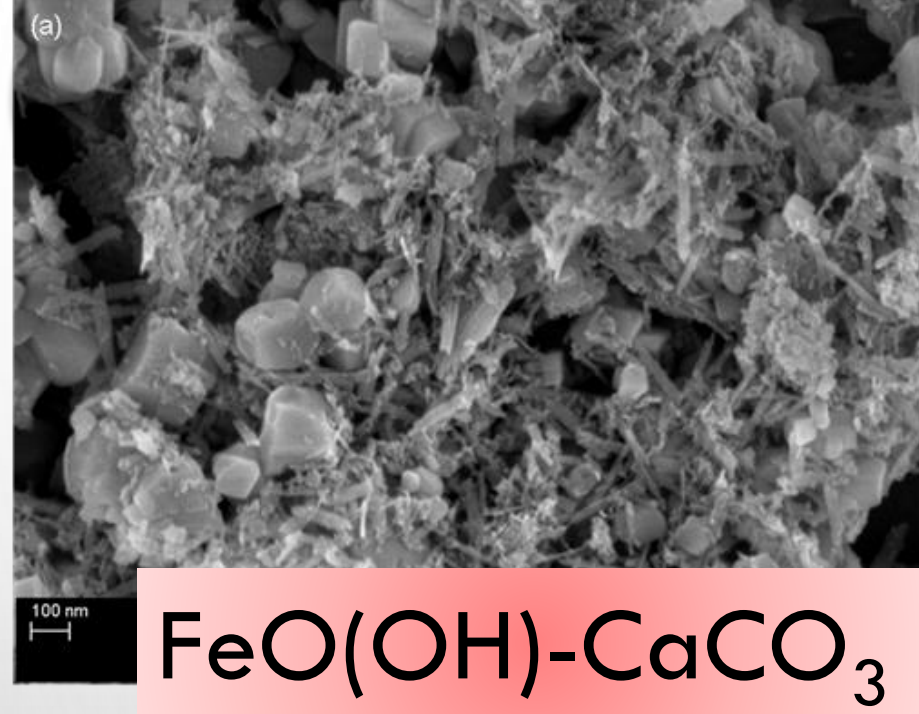
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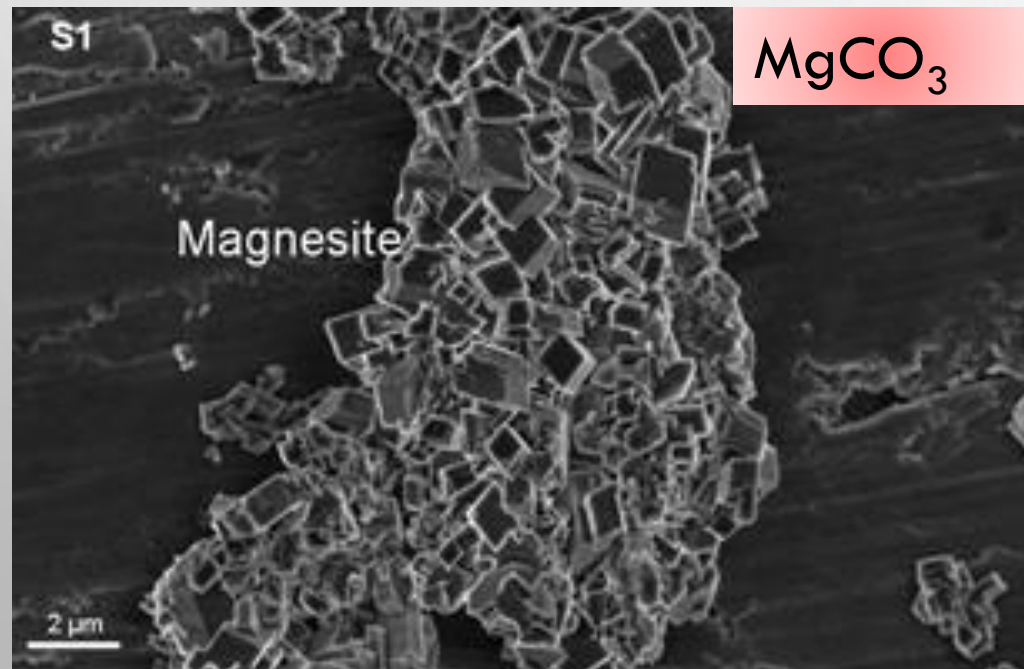
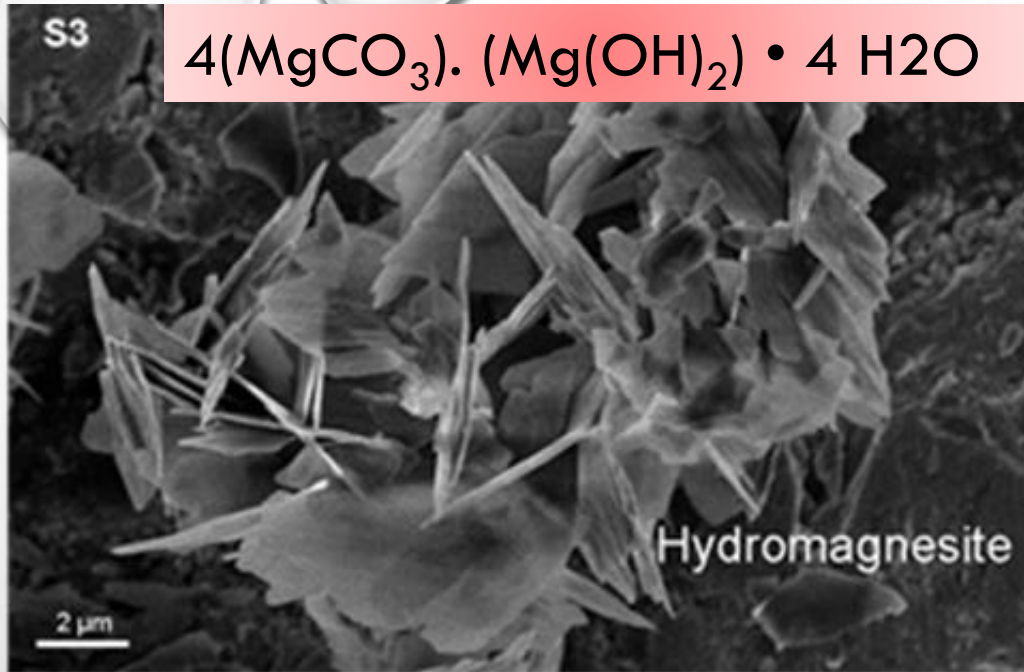


# Synthesis of goethite-calcite composite with high $S_{BET}$

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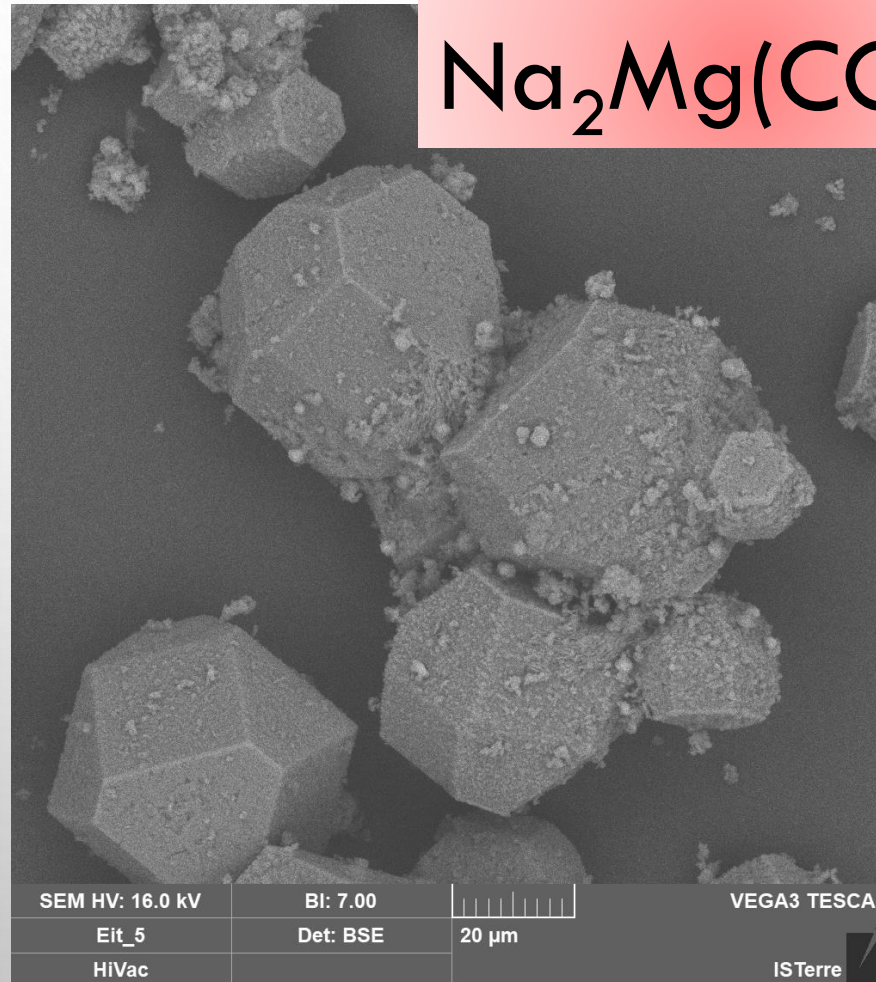
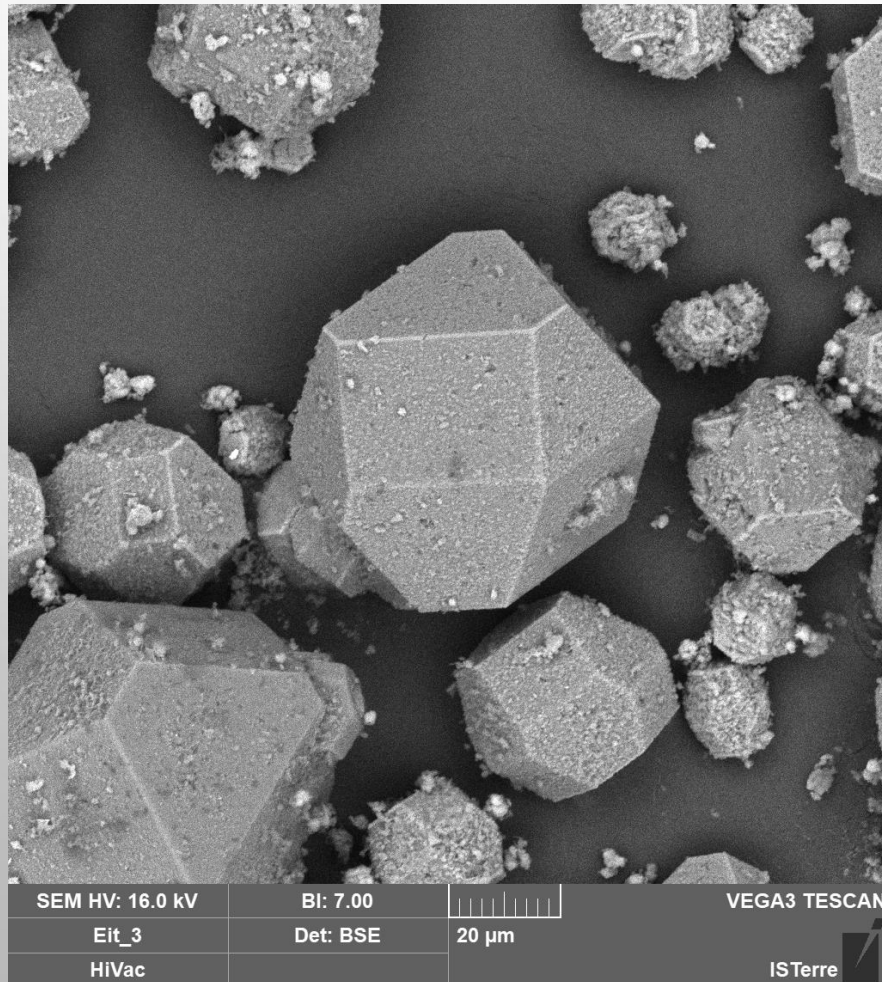


## Synthesis of hydromagnesite and magnesite under mild conditions ( $T \leq 90^\circ\text{C}$ )



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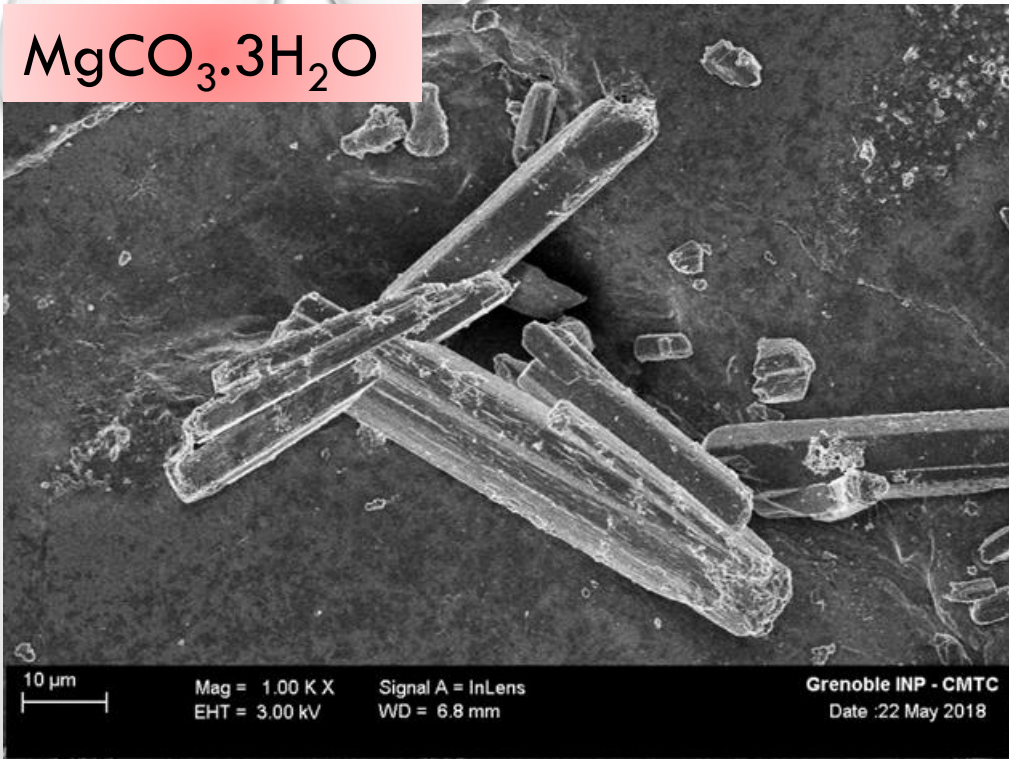
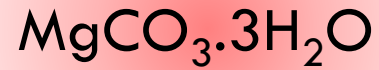
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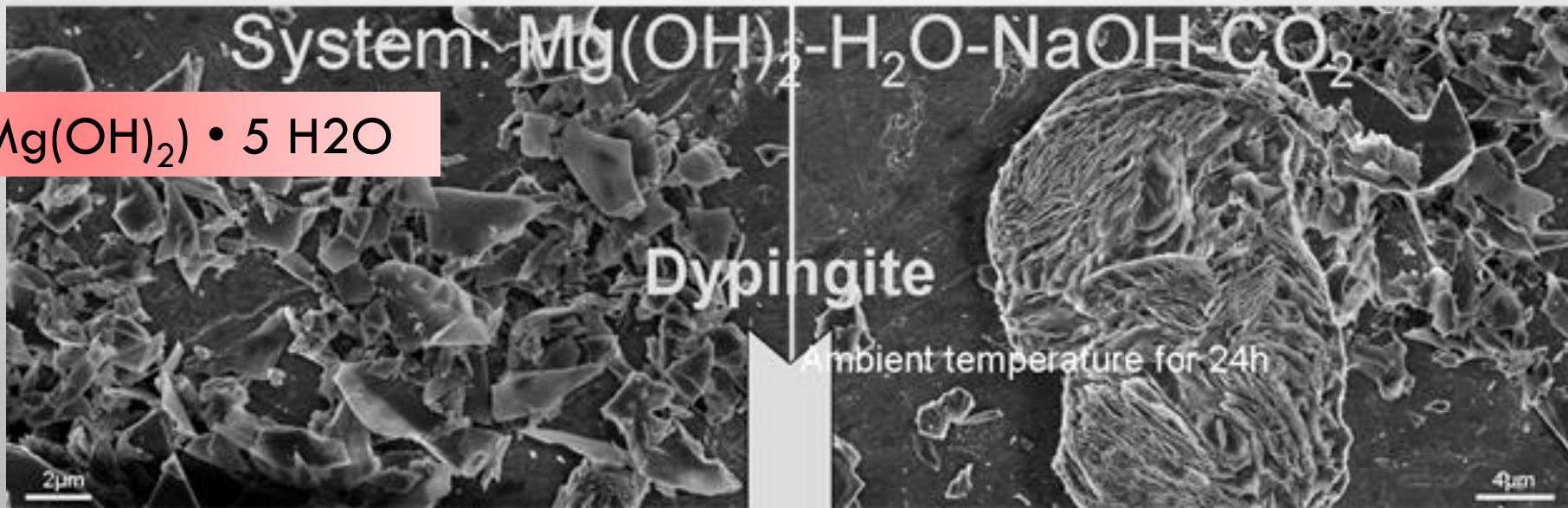
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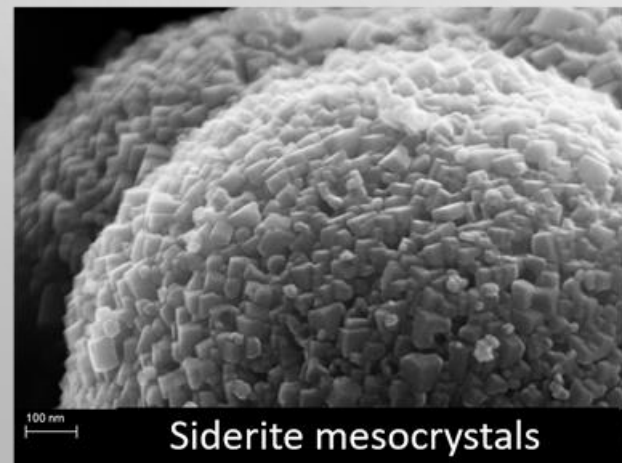
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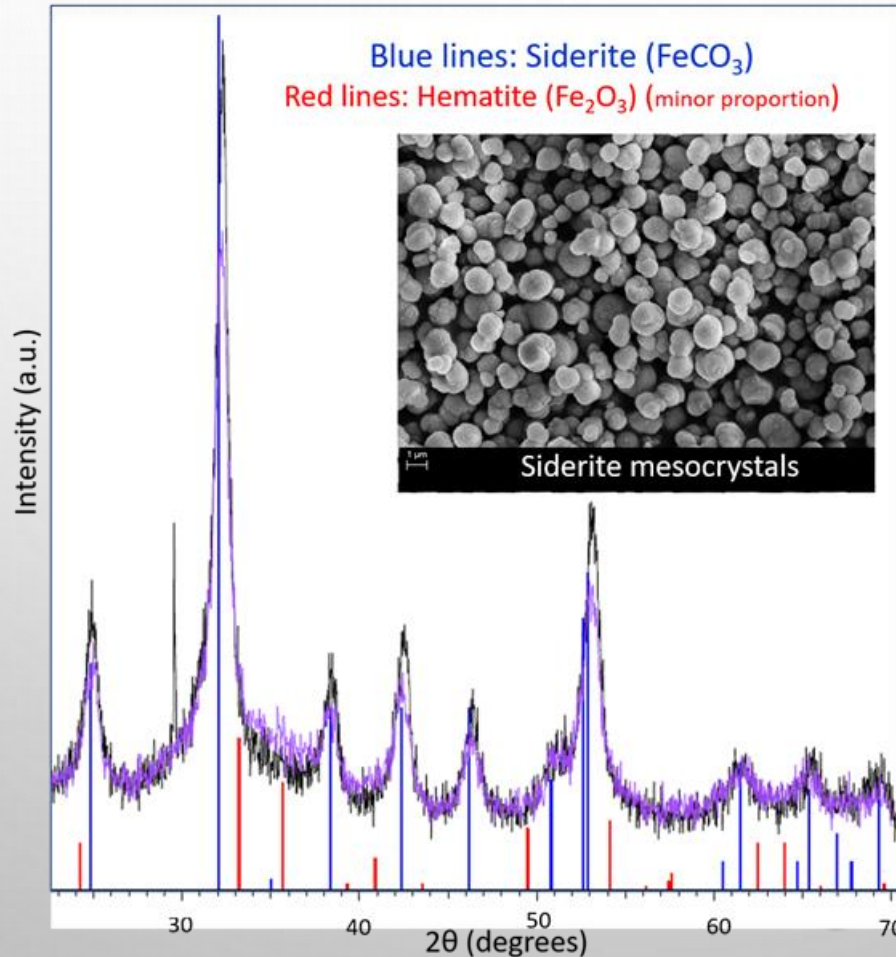
# Synthesis of Siderite by precipitation at room T



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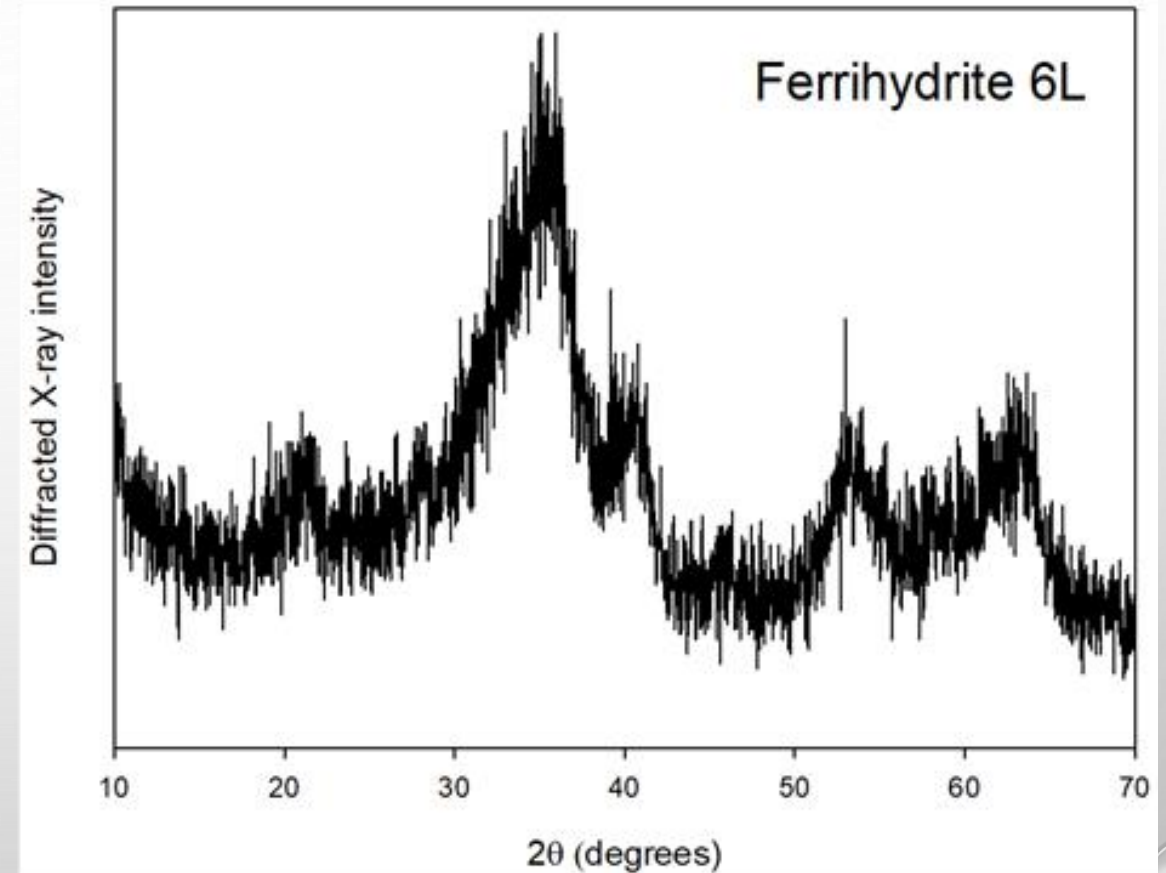
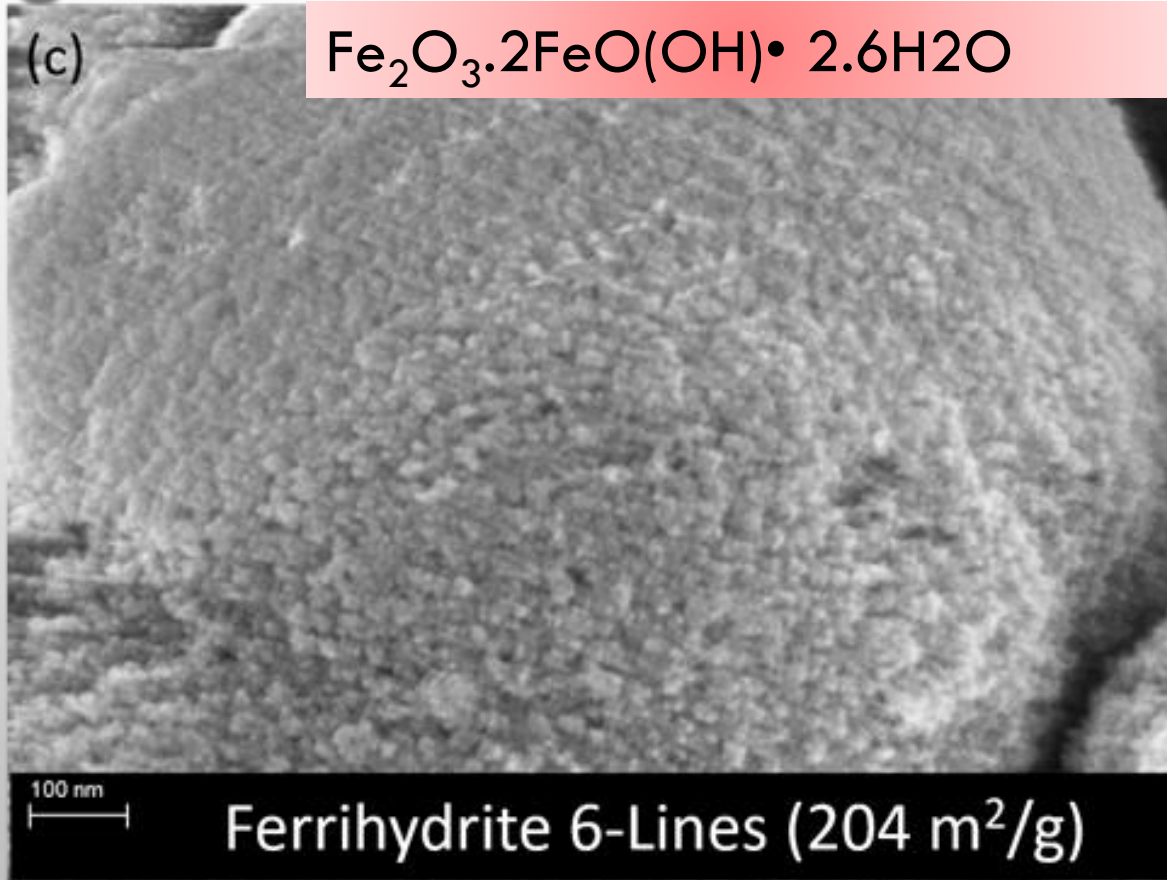


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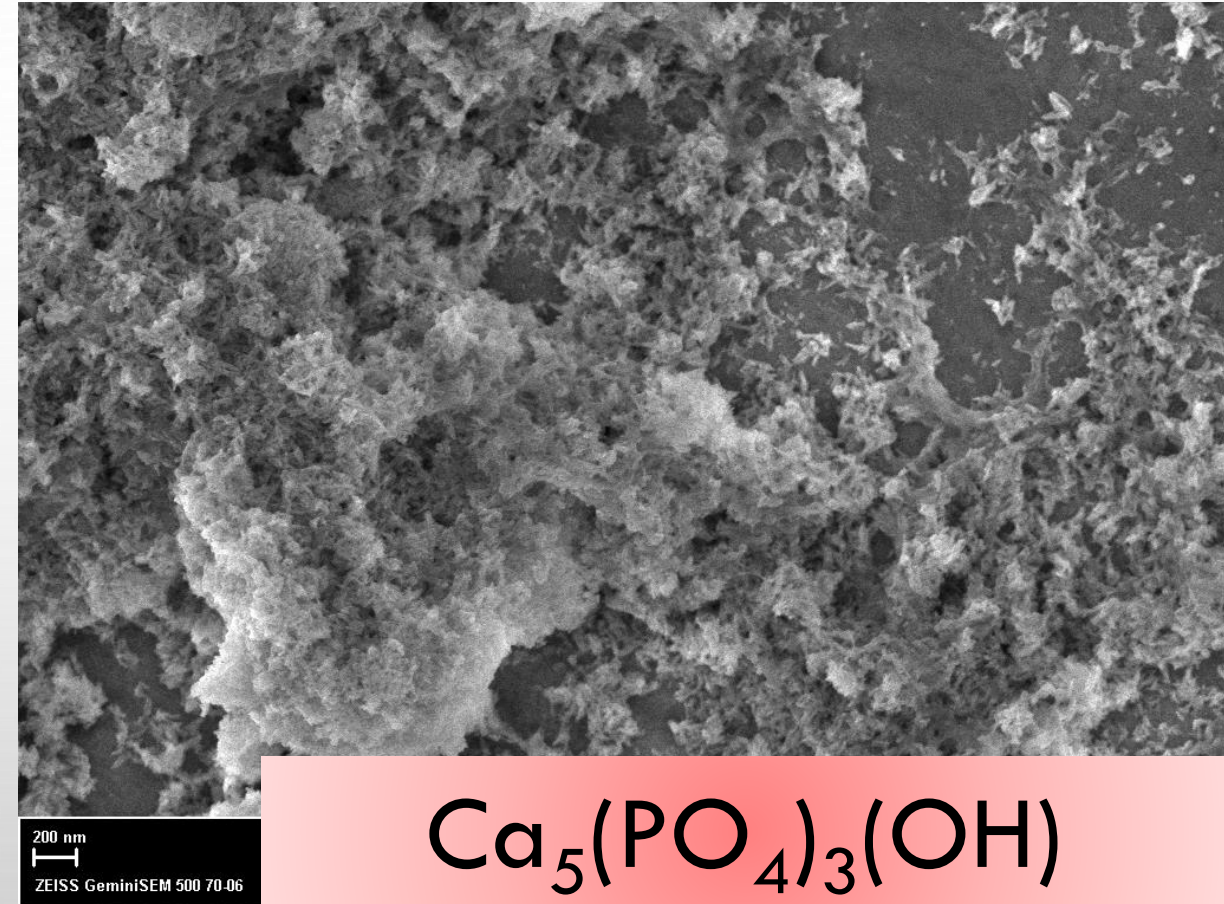
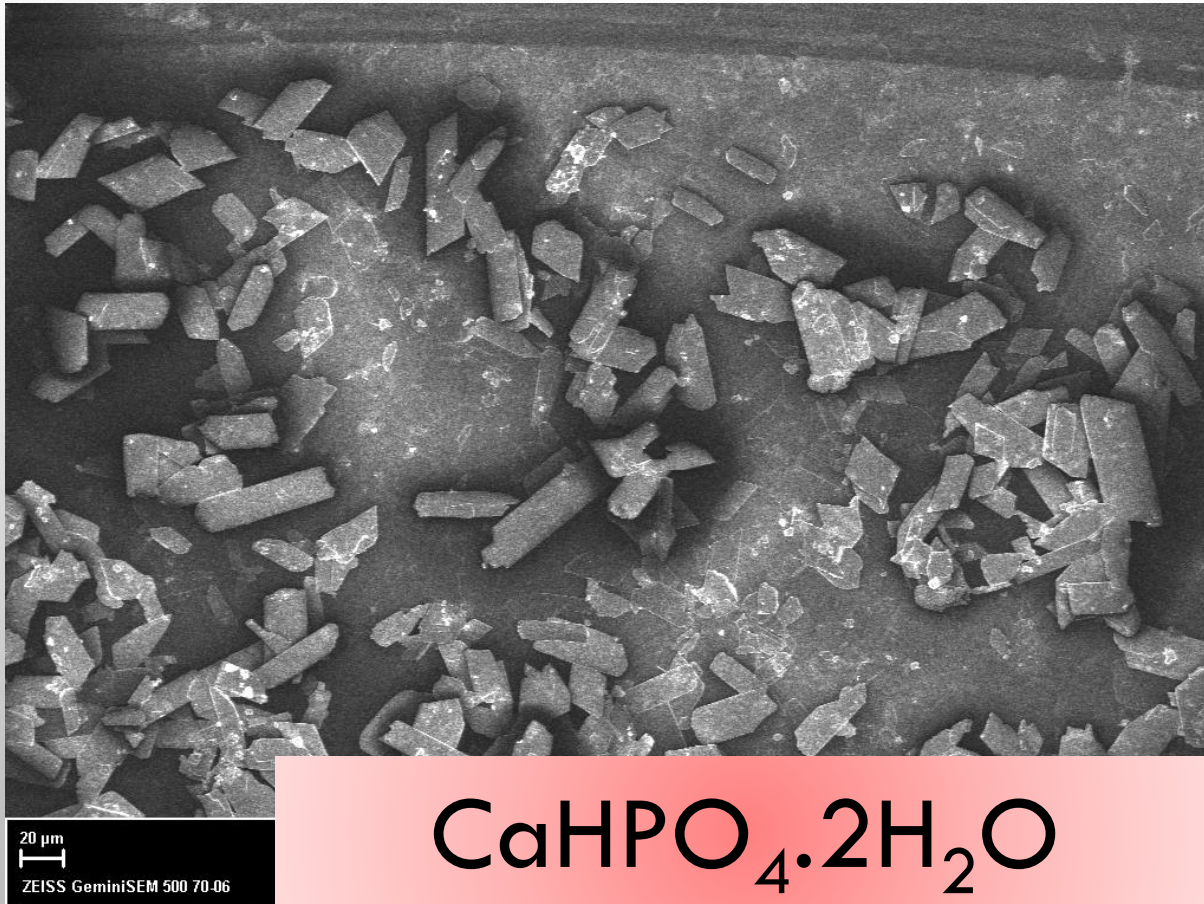
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# Synthesis of ferrihydrite 6L by oxidative decomposition of siderite at 60°C in oven



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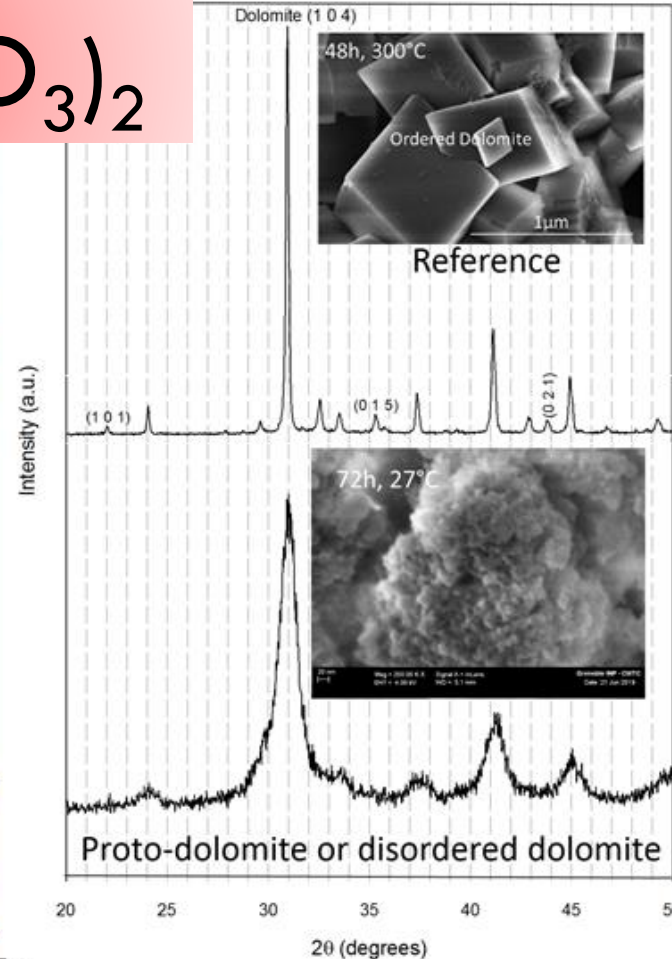
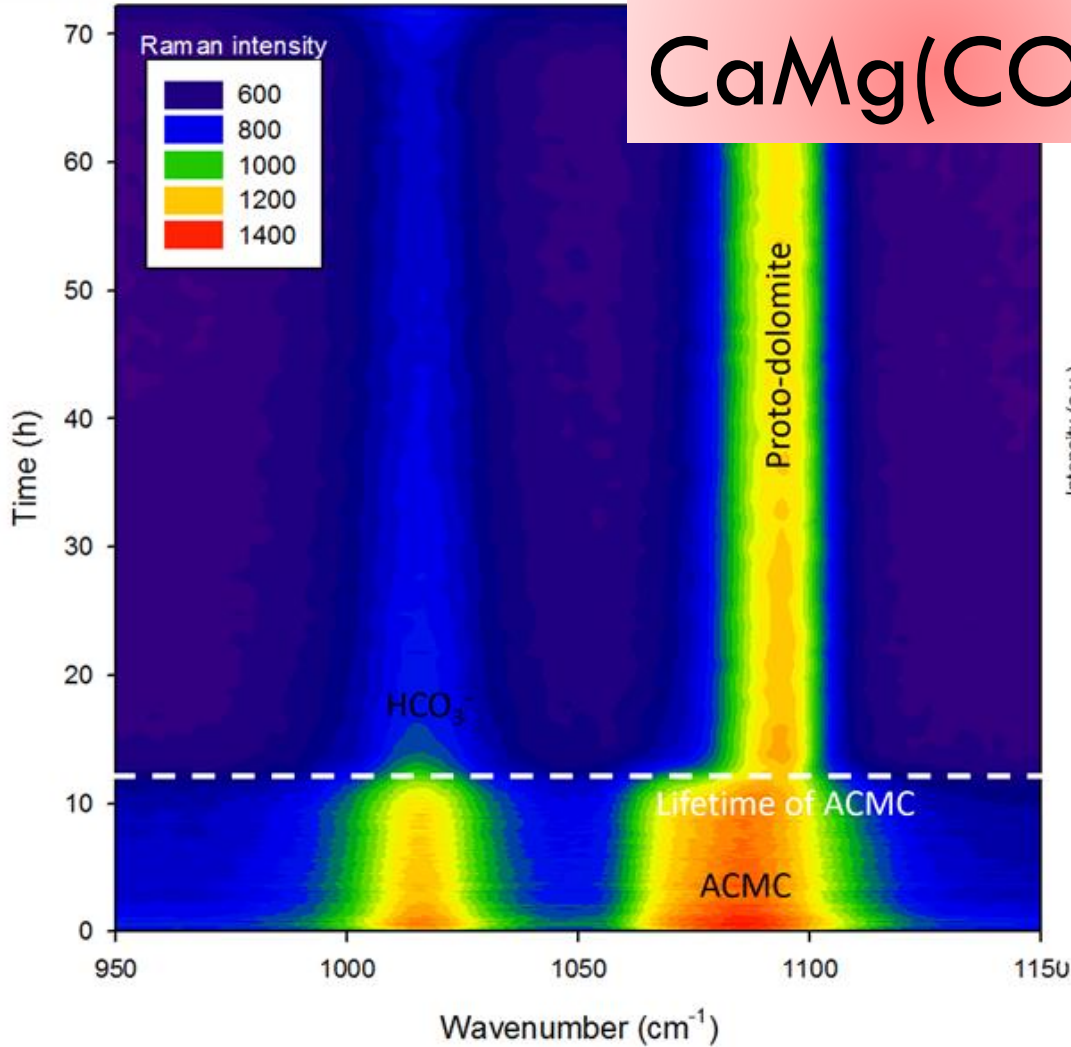
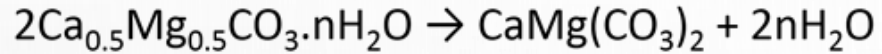
# Synthesis of Brushite and hydroxyapatite at room T



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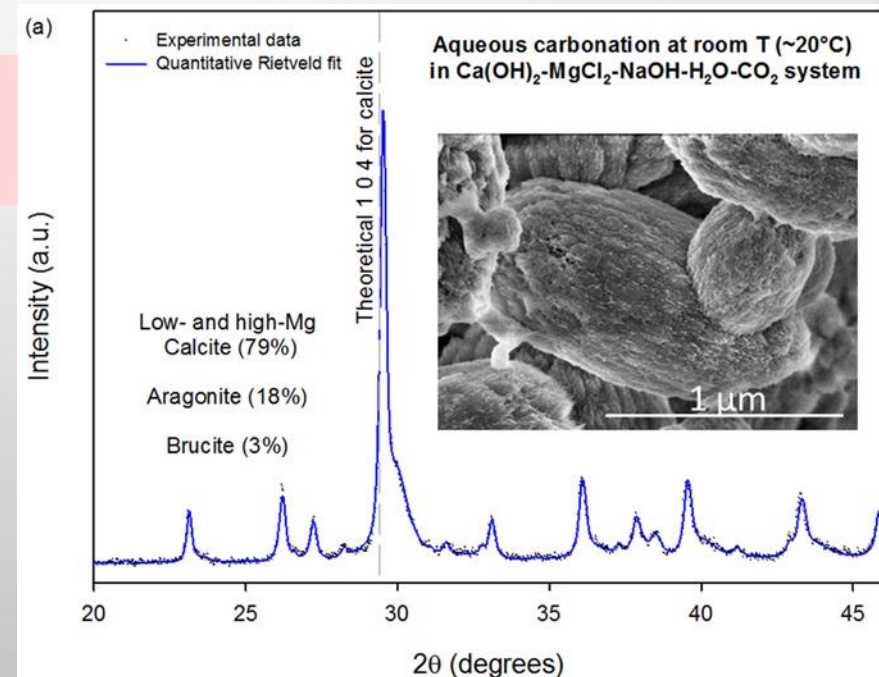
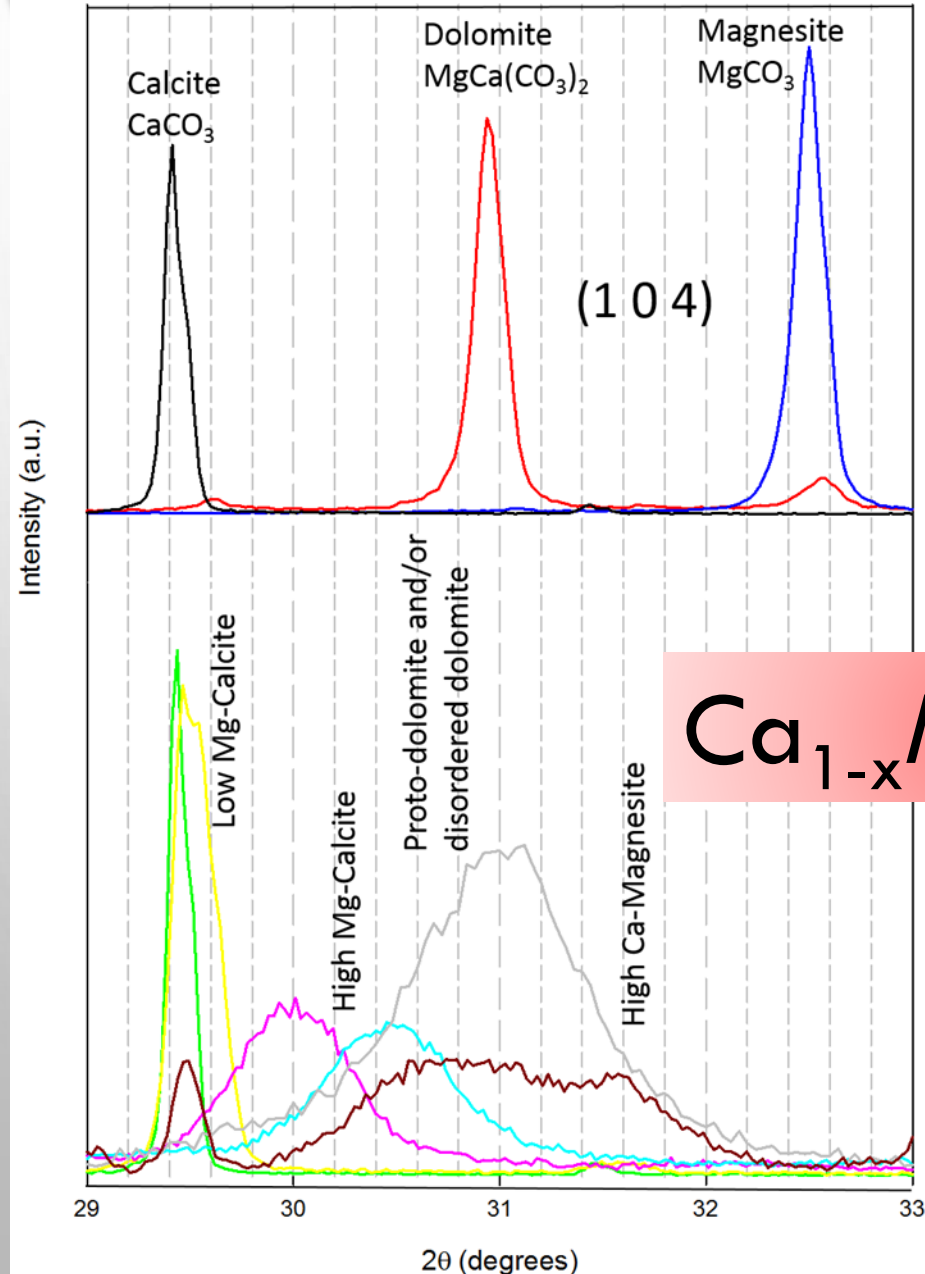
# Synthesis of proto-dolomite and dolomite at room T or under hydrothermal conditions



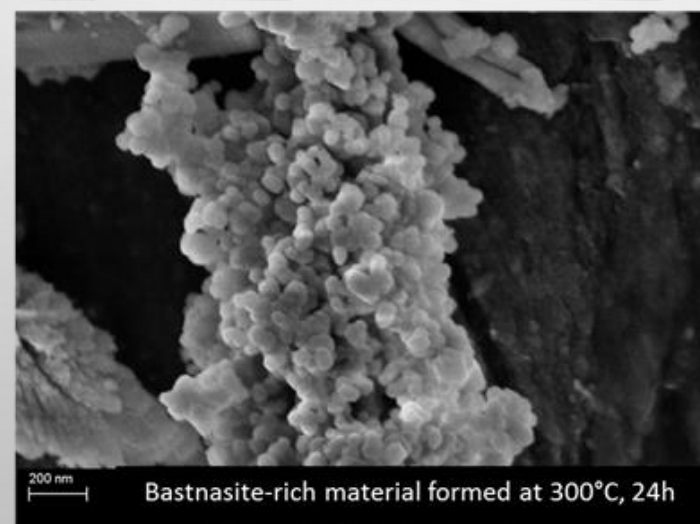
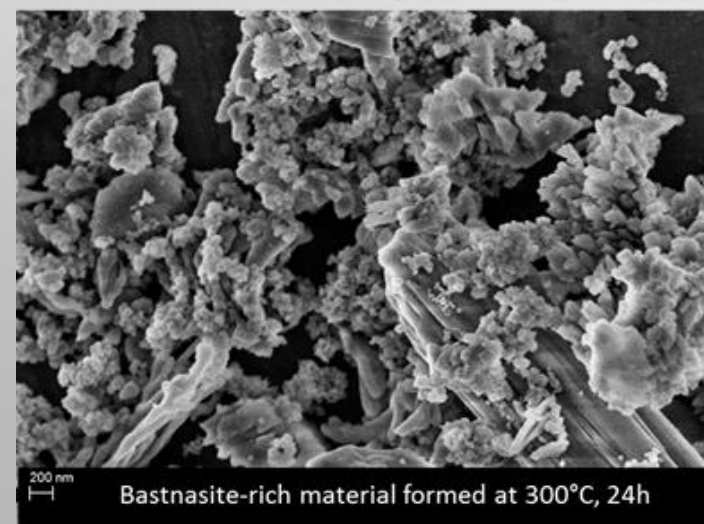
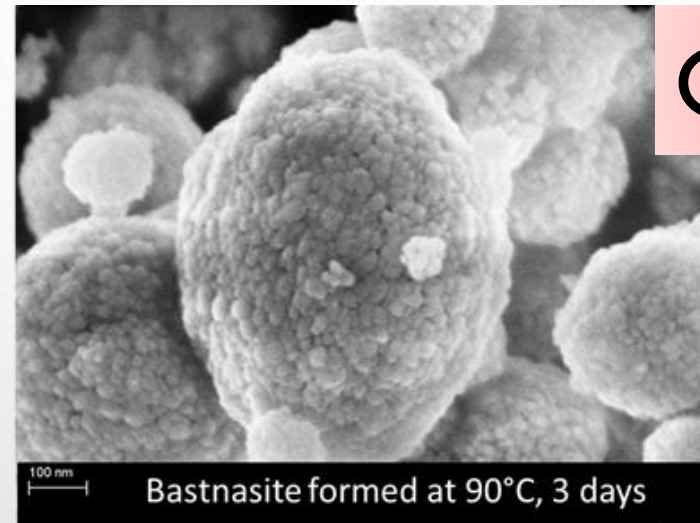
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# Synthesis of low and/or high Mg-Calcite and high Ca-magnesite

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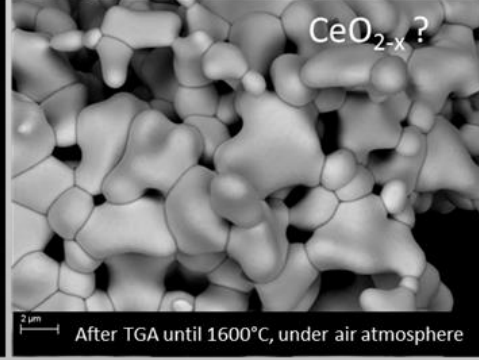
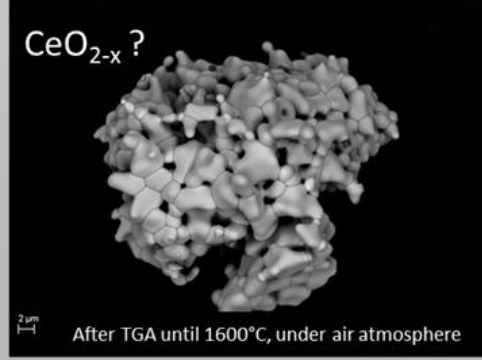
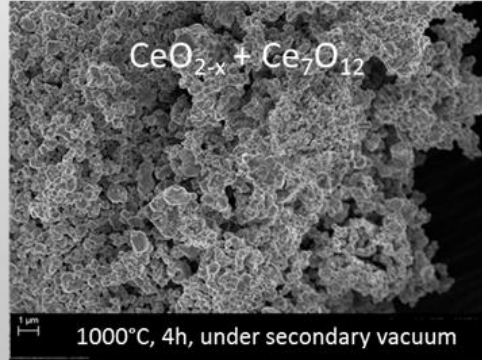
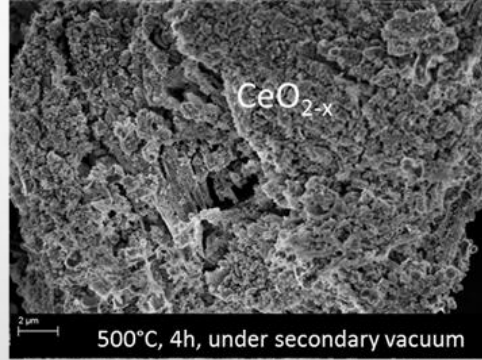
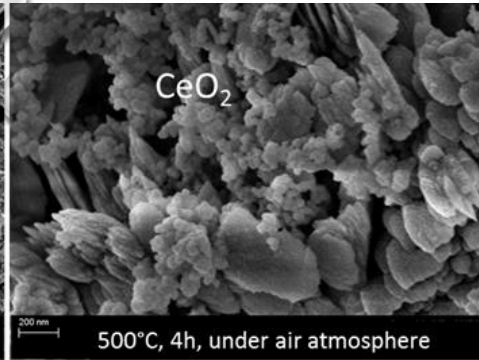
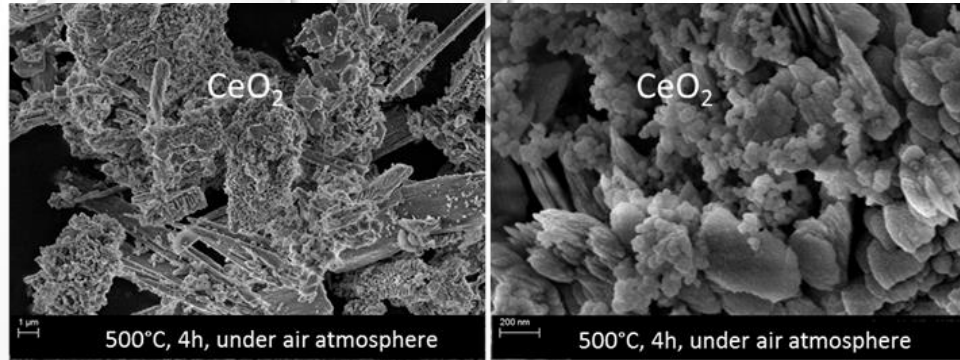


# Synthesis of bastnäsite under mild and hydrothermal conditions

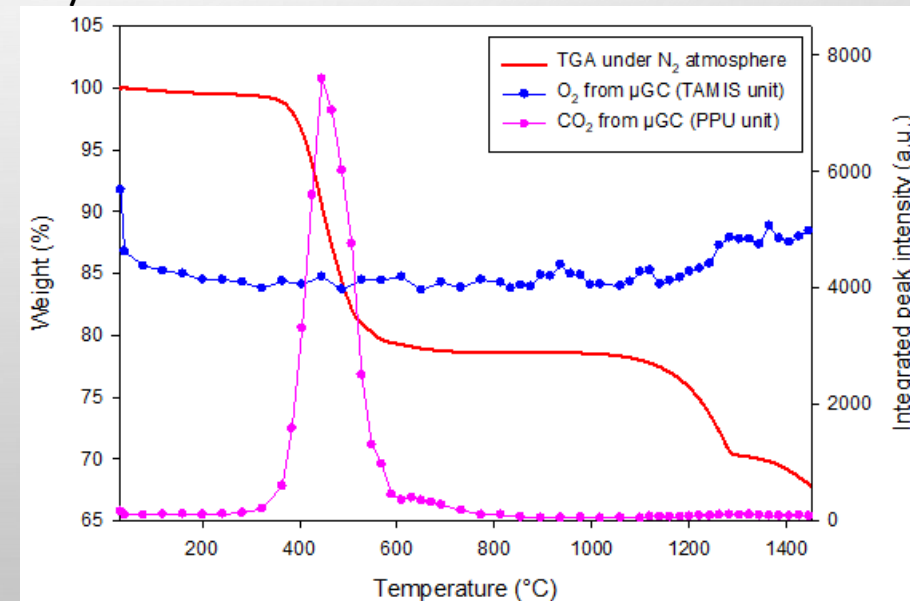


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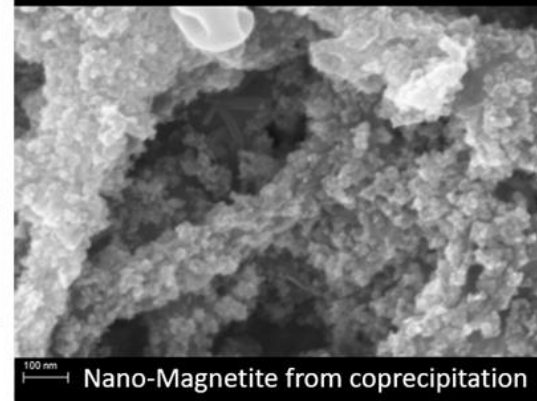
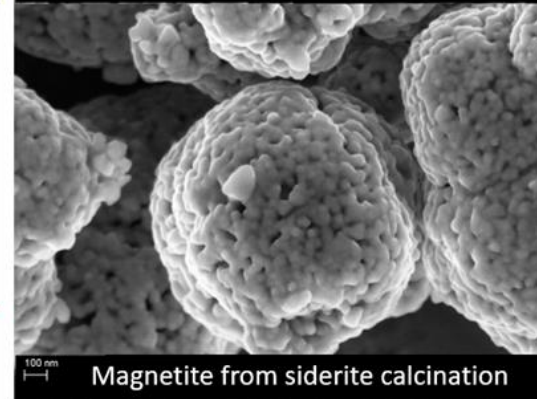
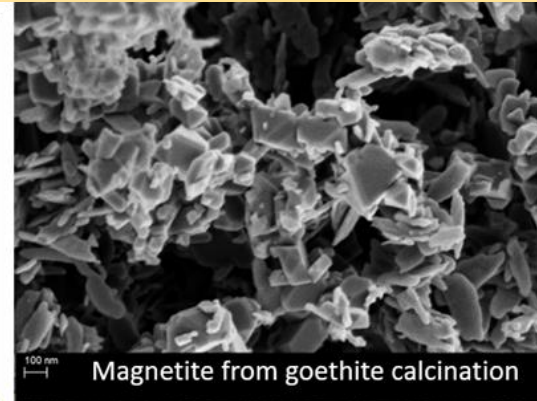
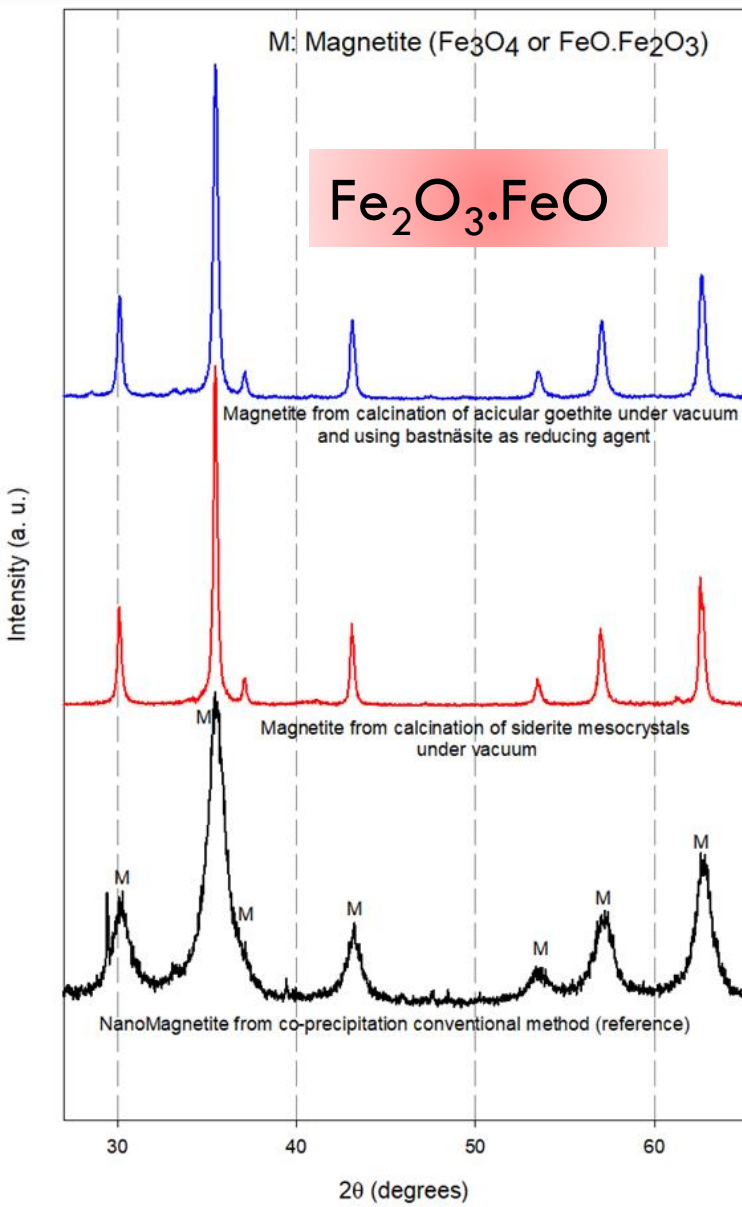
# Synthesis of ceria by calcination of bastnäsite with and without secondary vacuum



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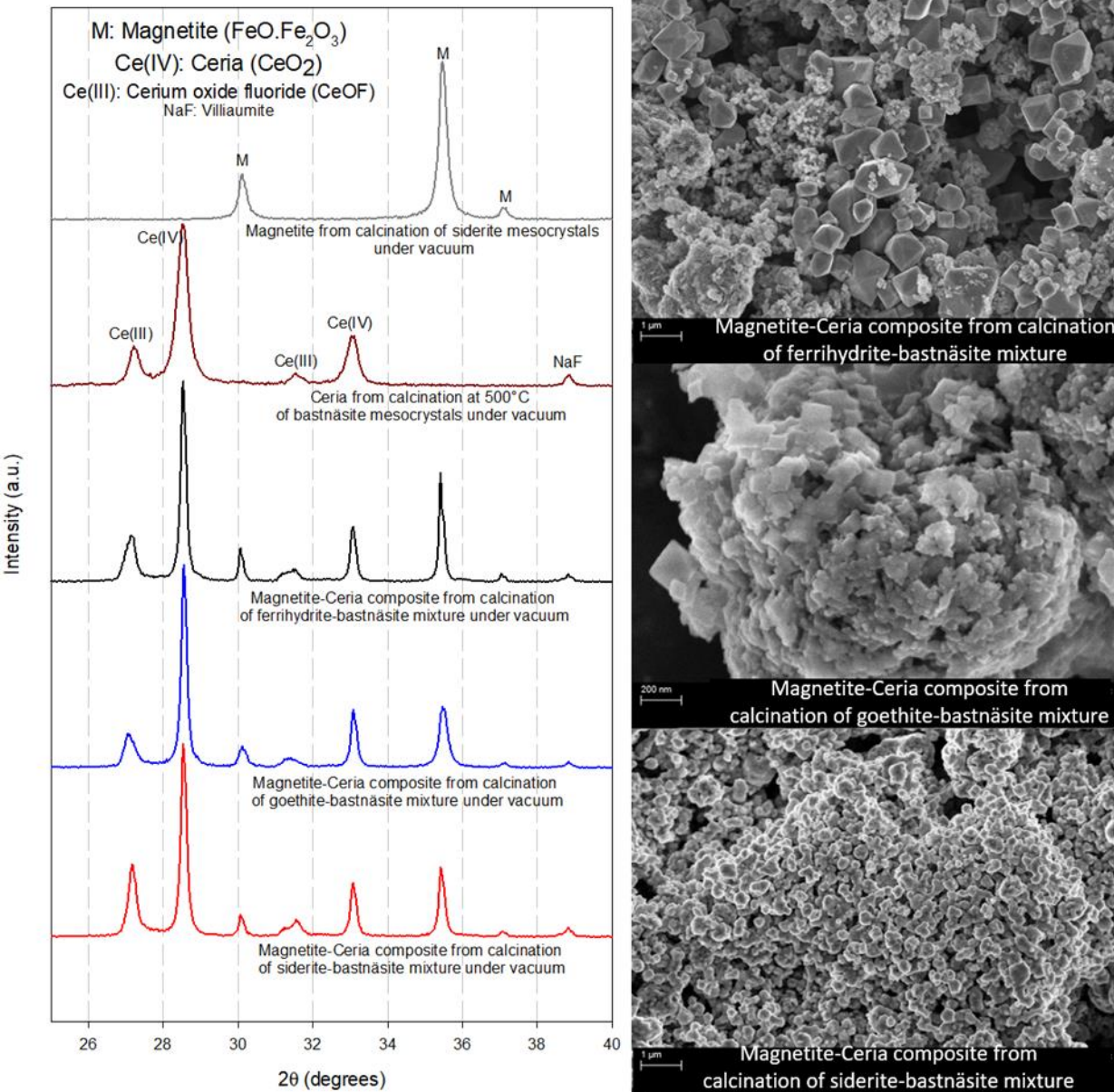


# Synthesis of magnetite by partial Fe(III) reduction during calcination



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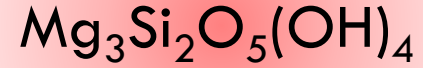
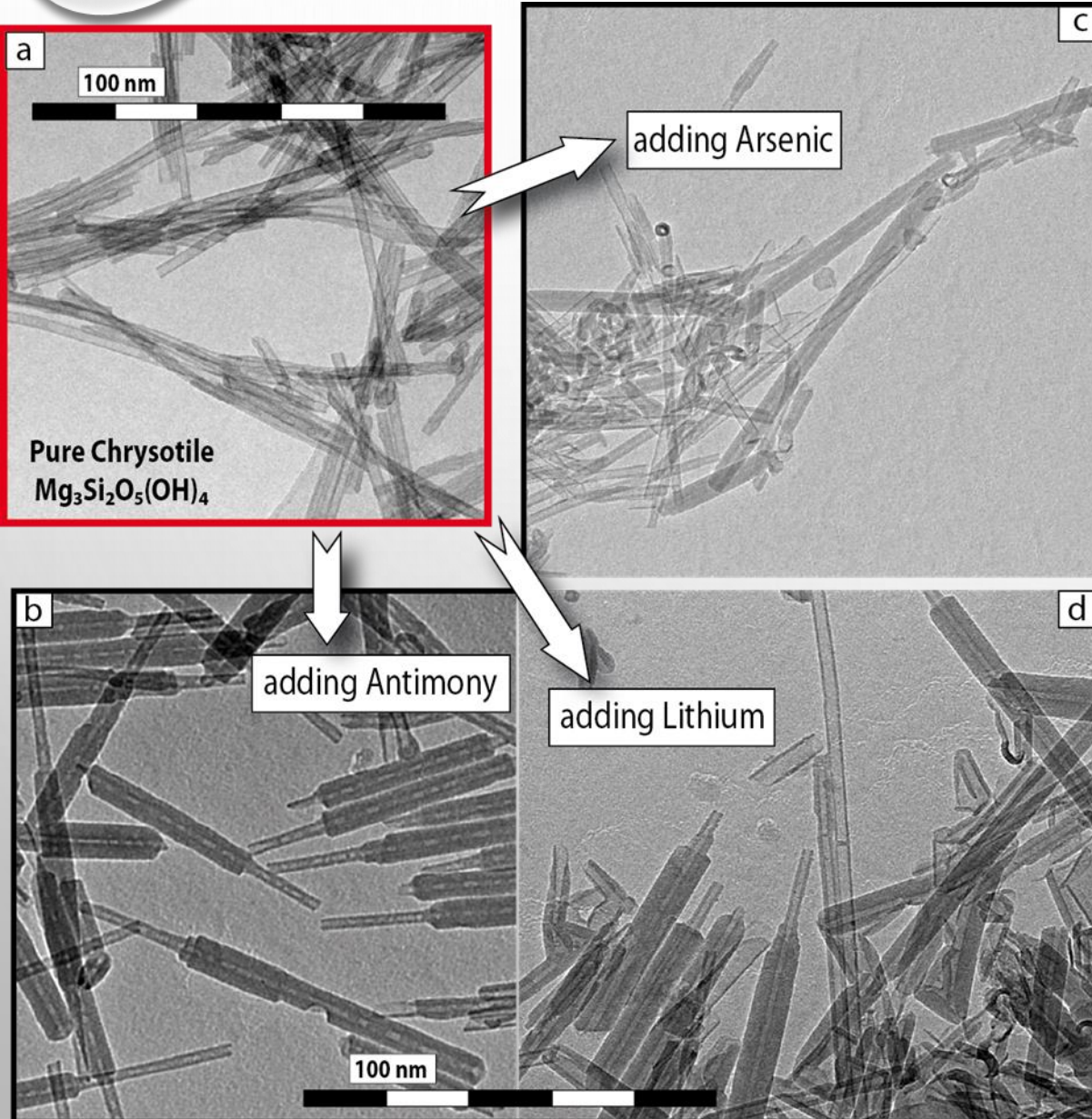
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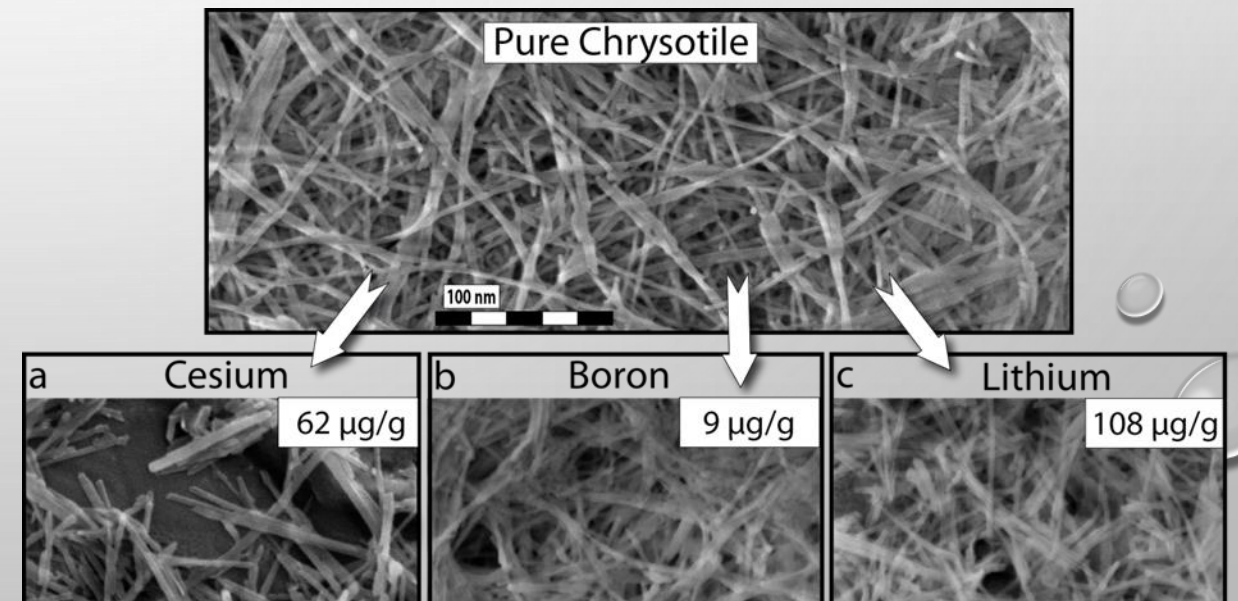
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# Synthesis of tubular chrysotile under hydrothermal conditions

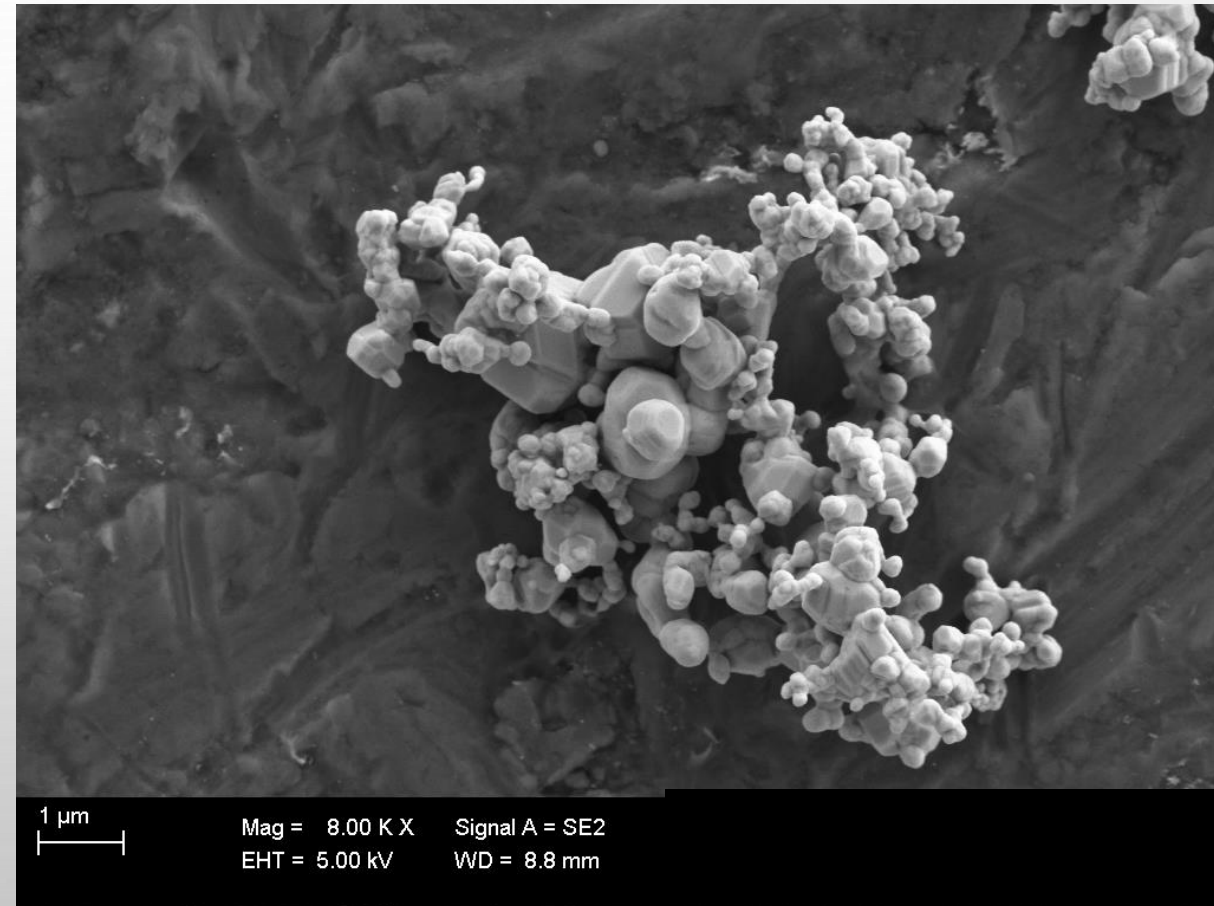
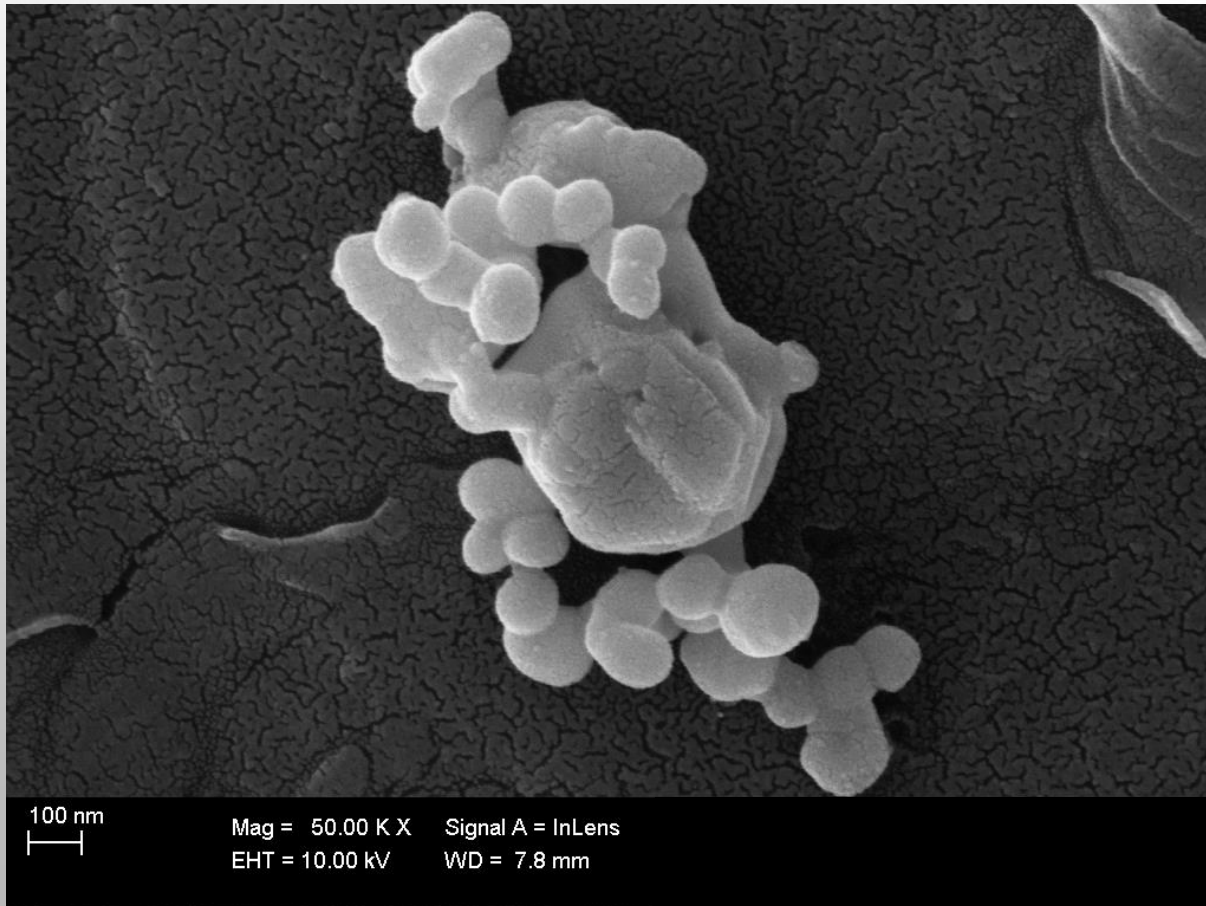


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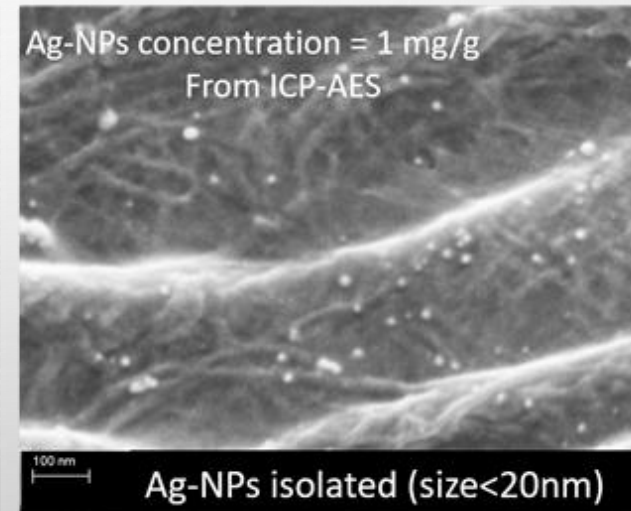
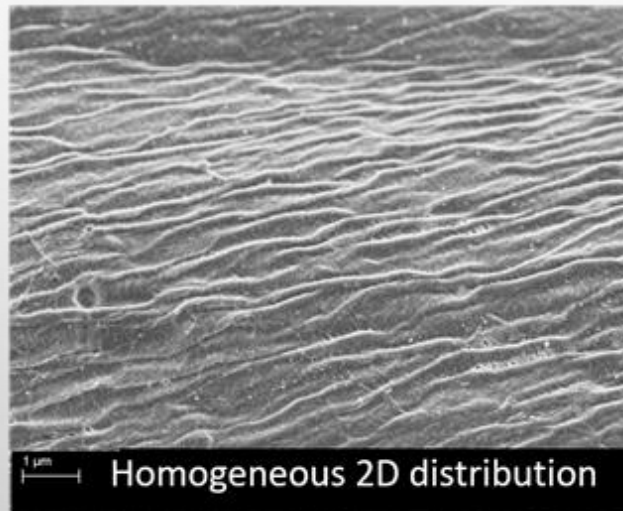
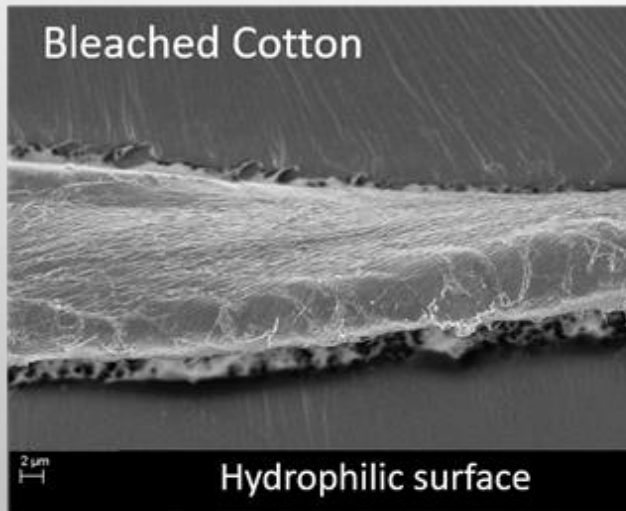
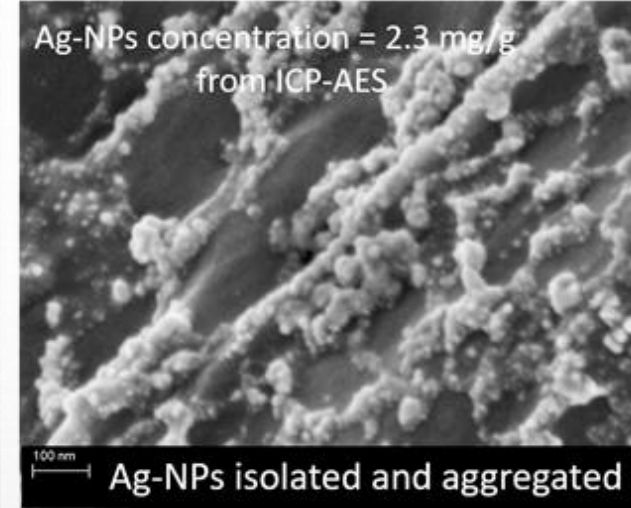
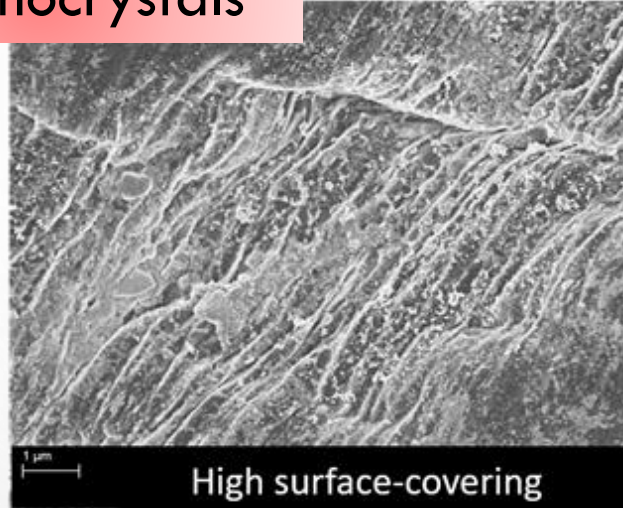
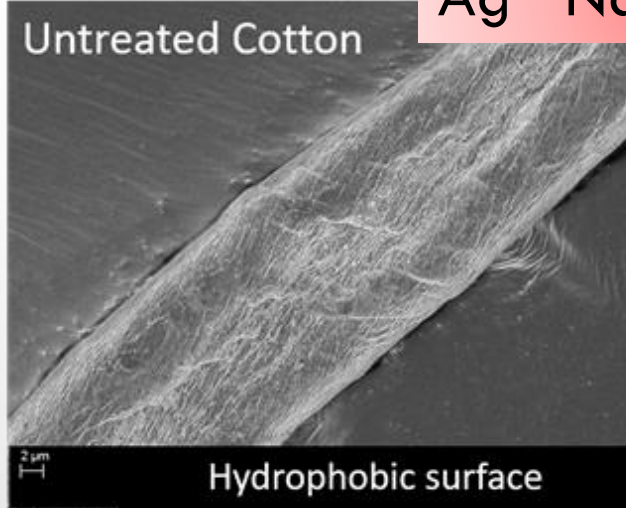
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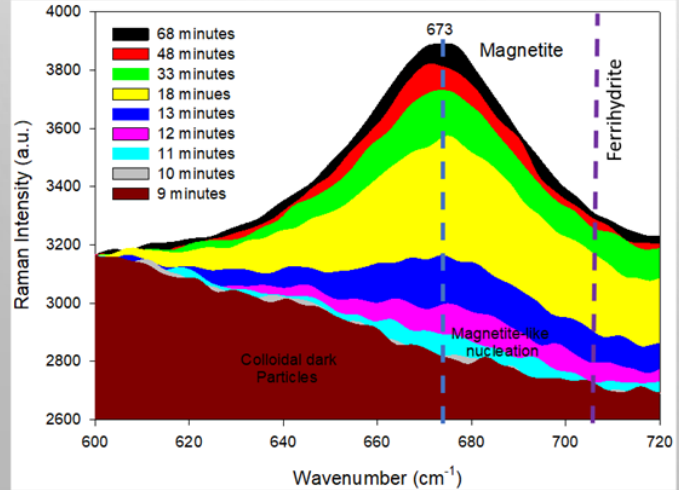
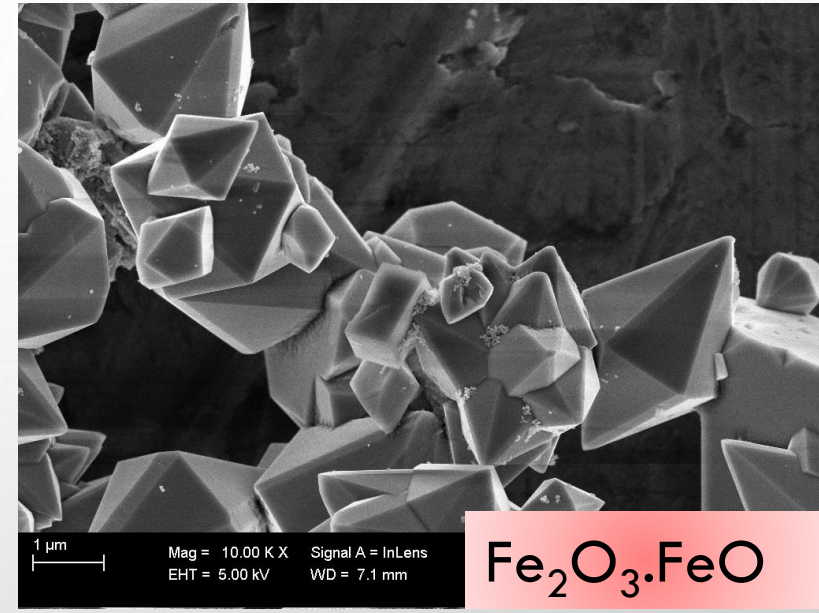
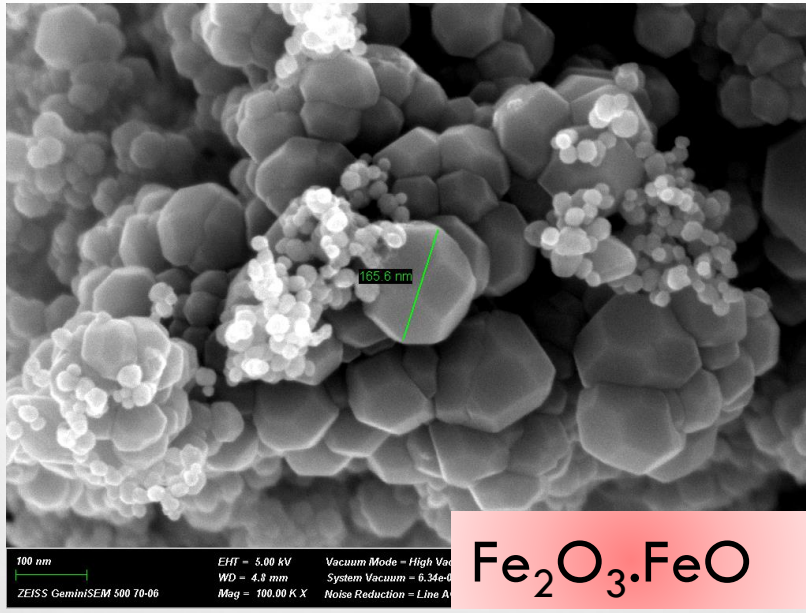
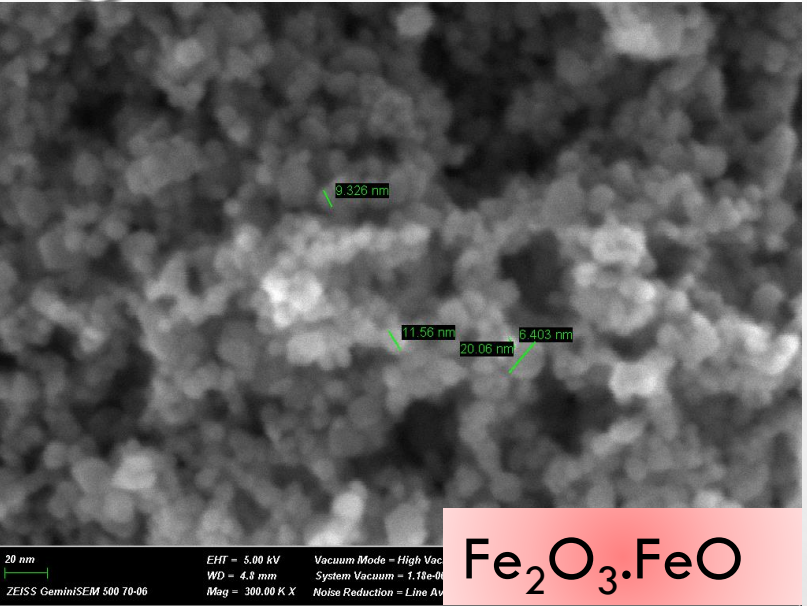
# Ag Nanoparticles by simple reduction process in textile fibers

## Ag<sup>0</sup> Nanocrystals



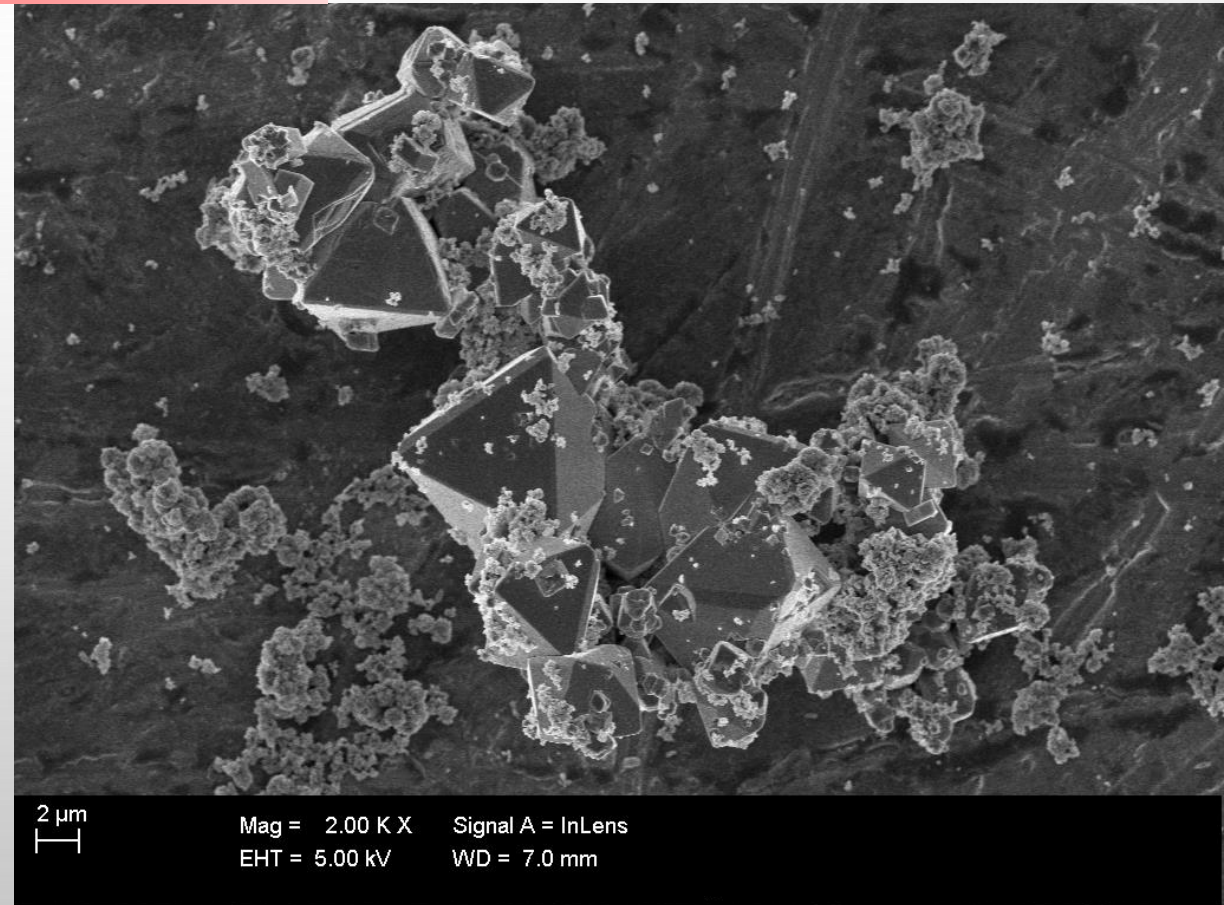
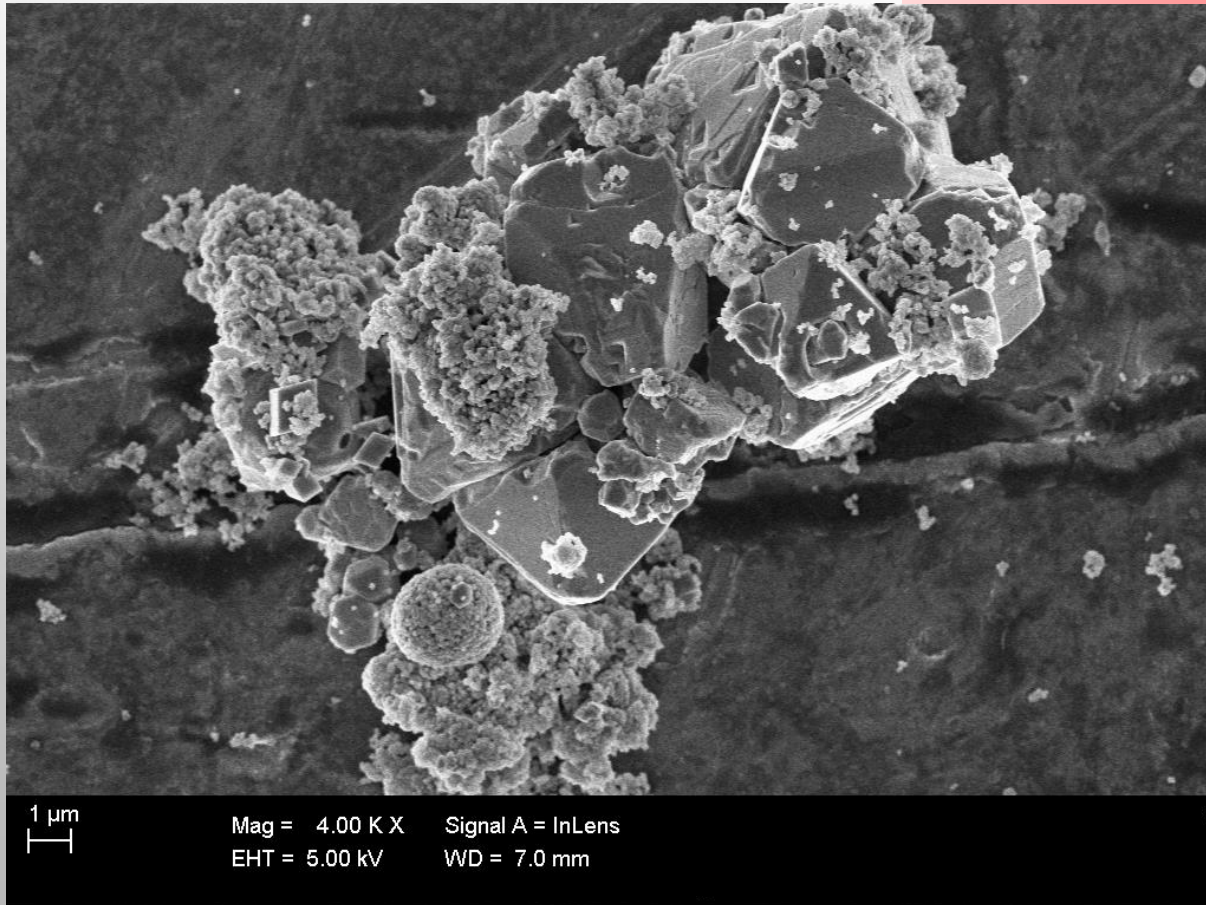
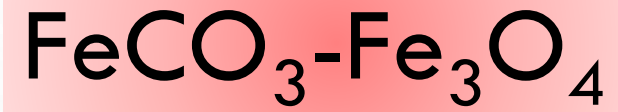
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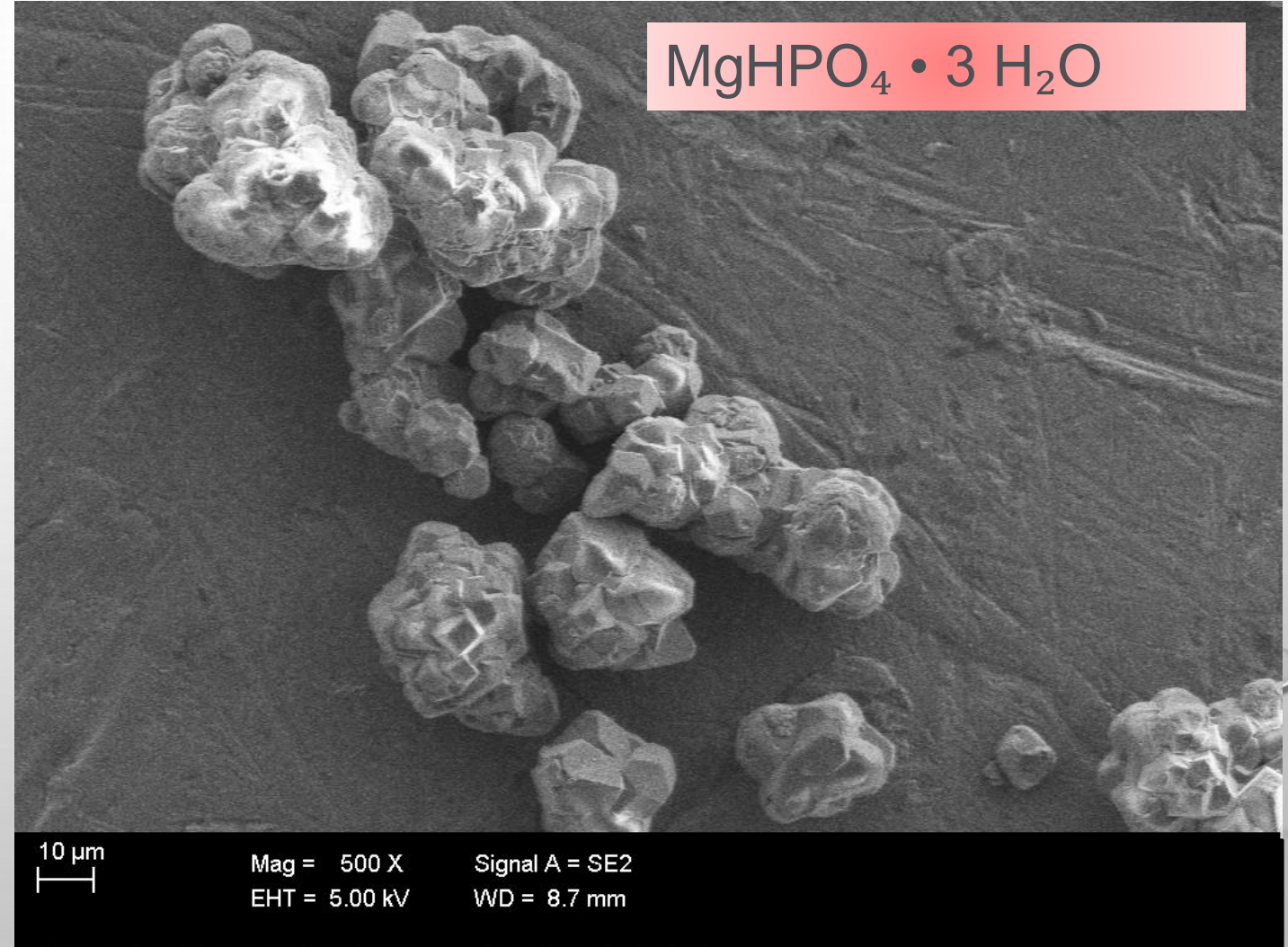
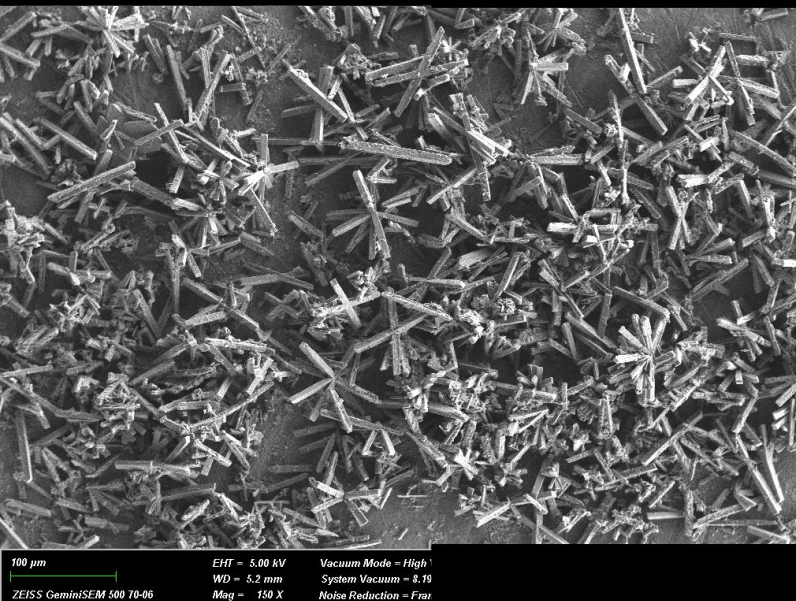
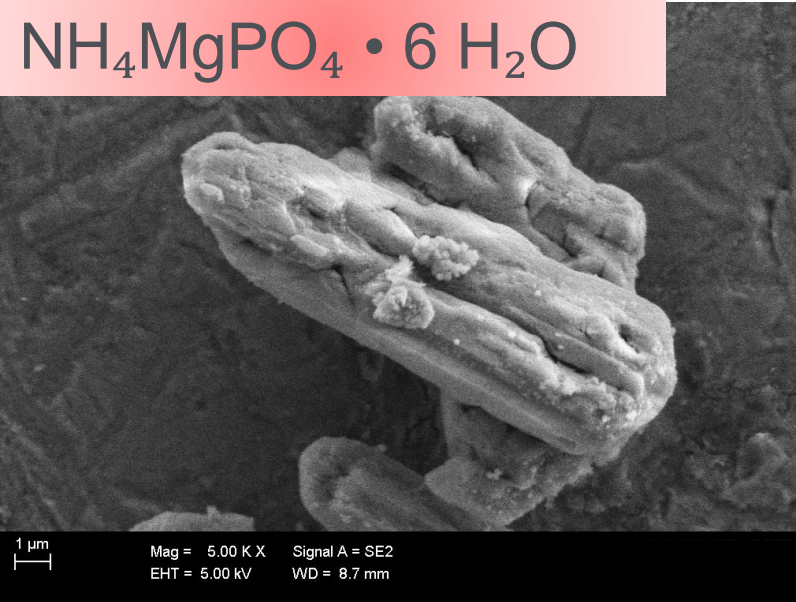


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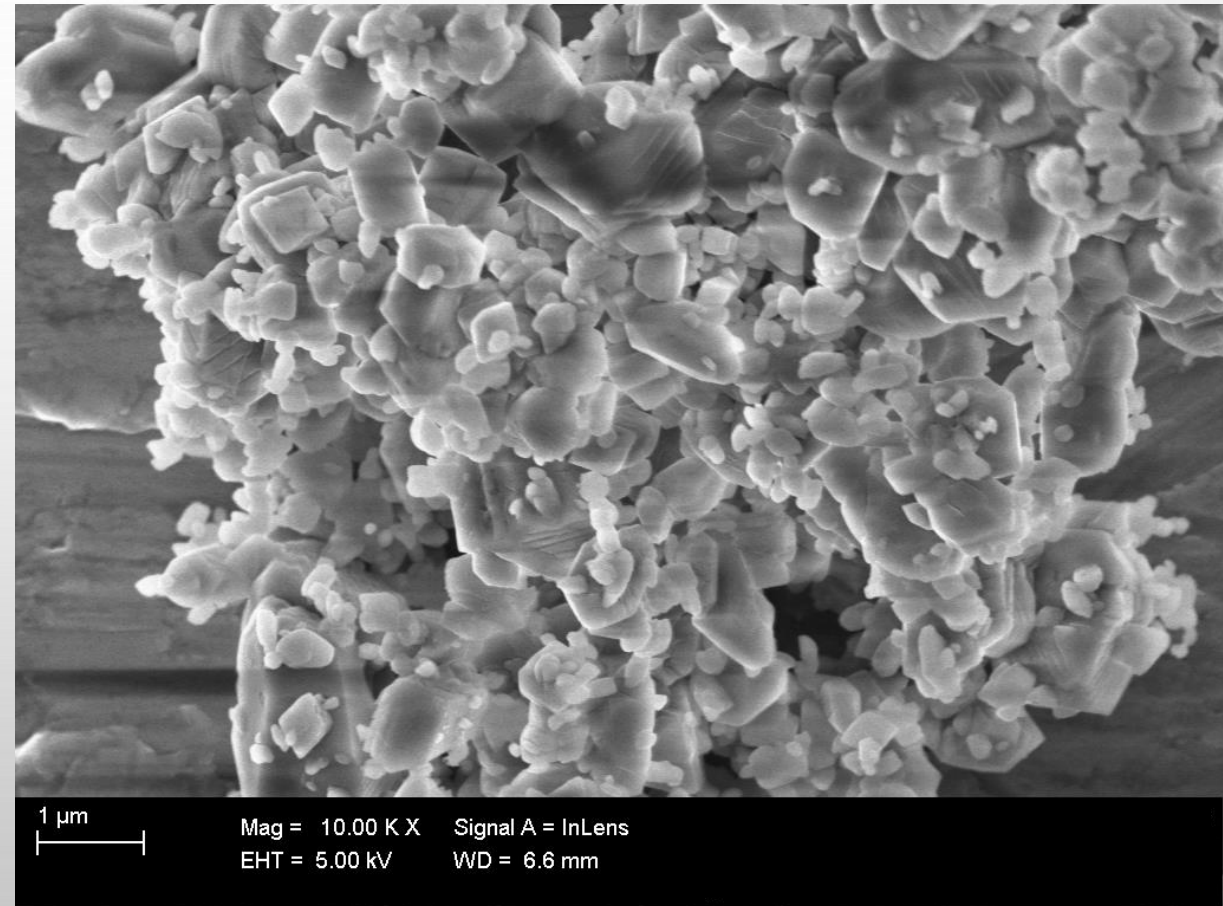
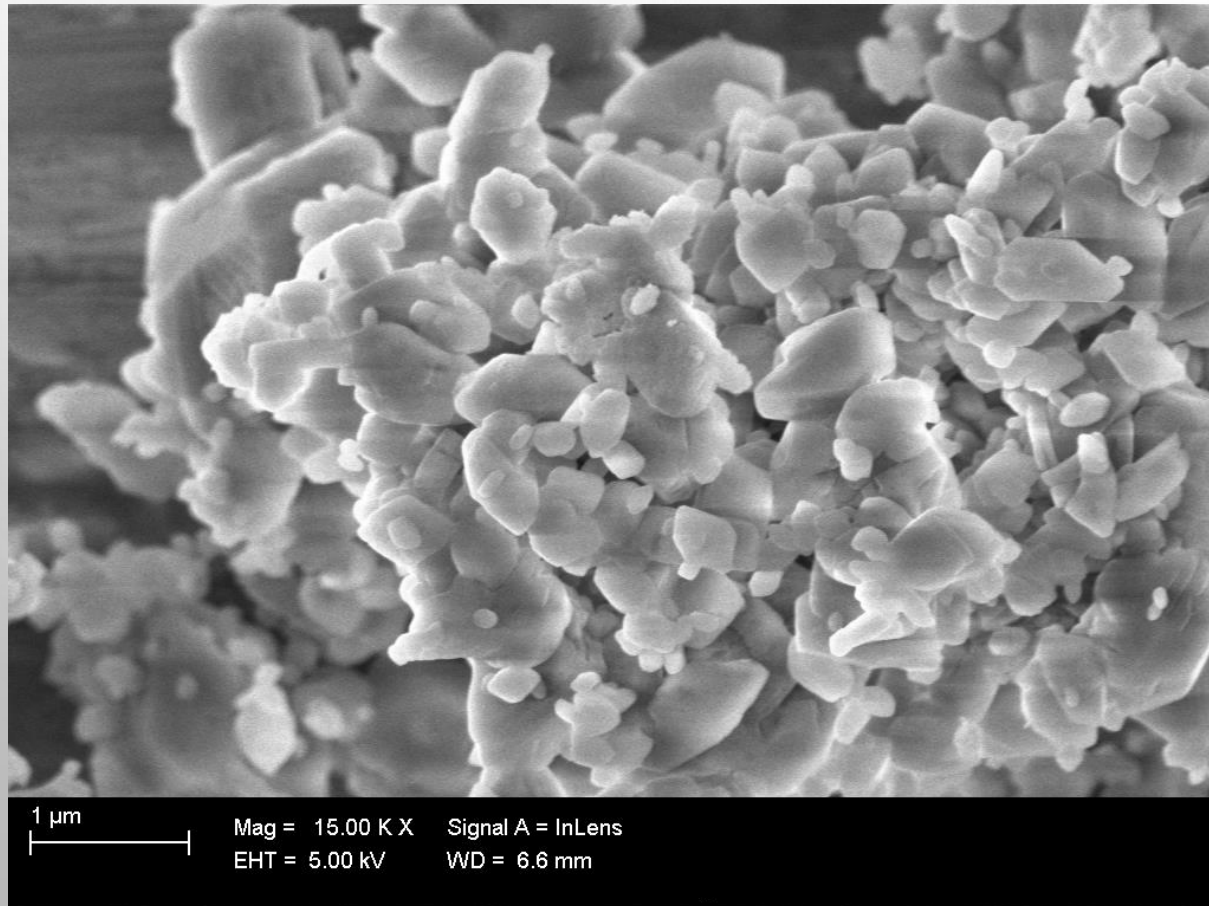
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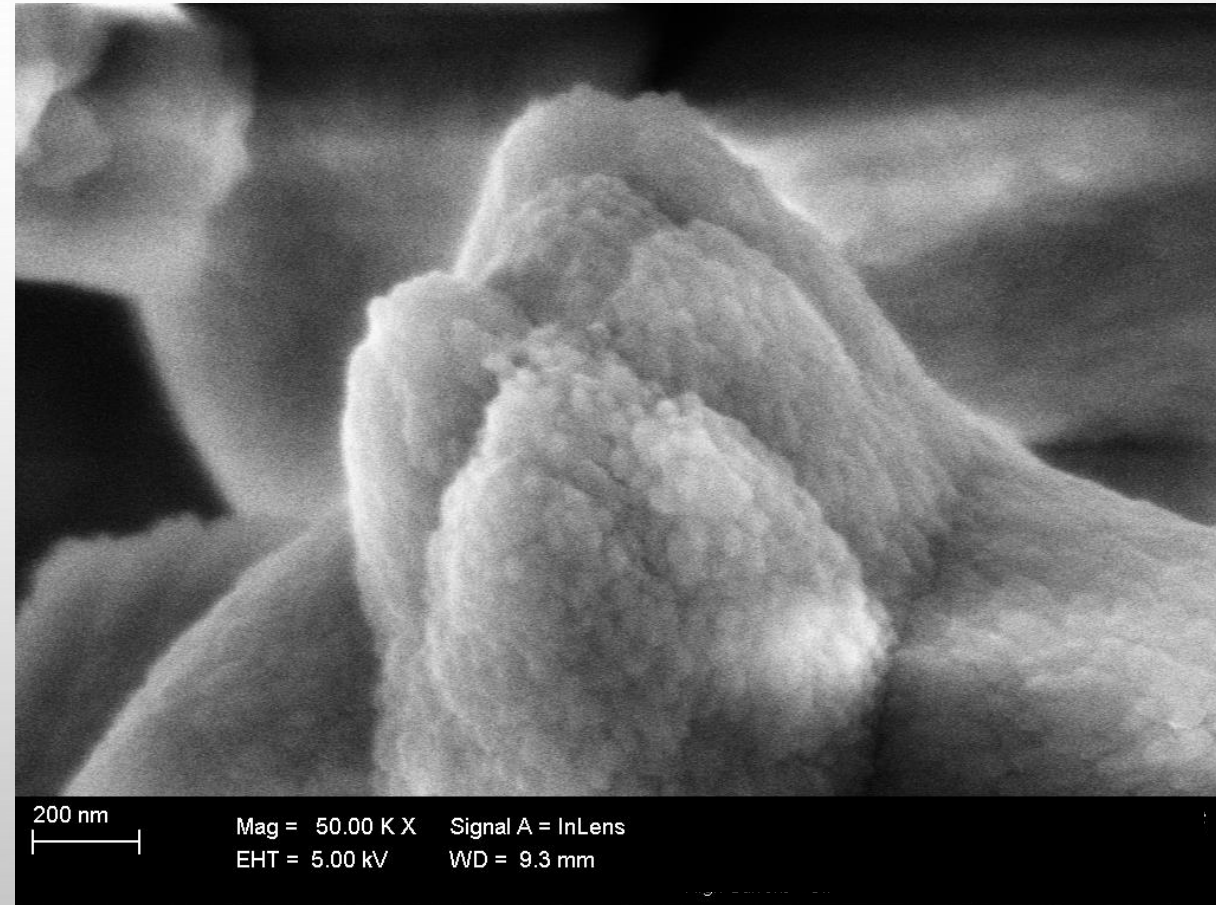
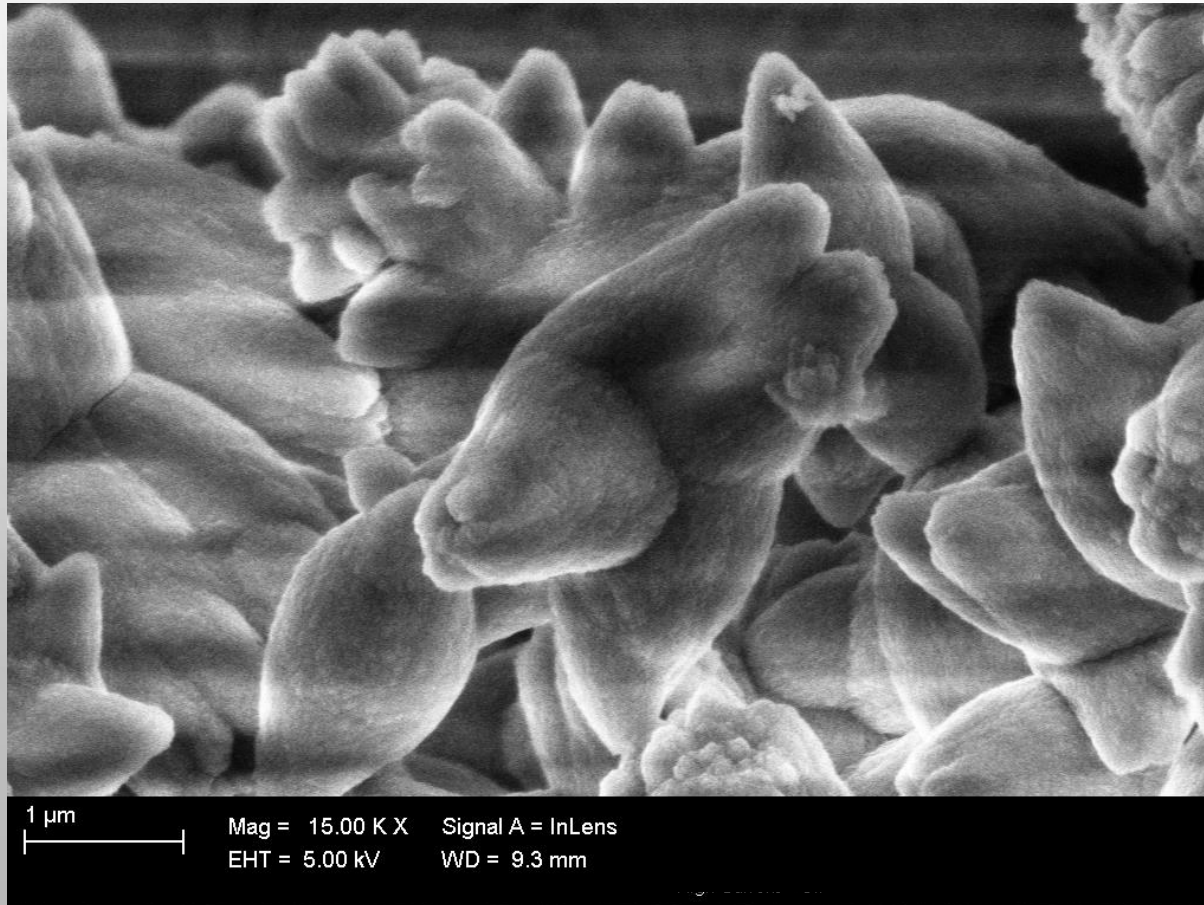
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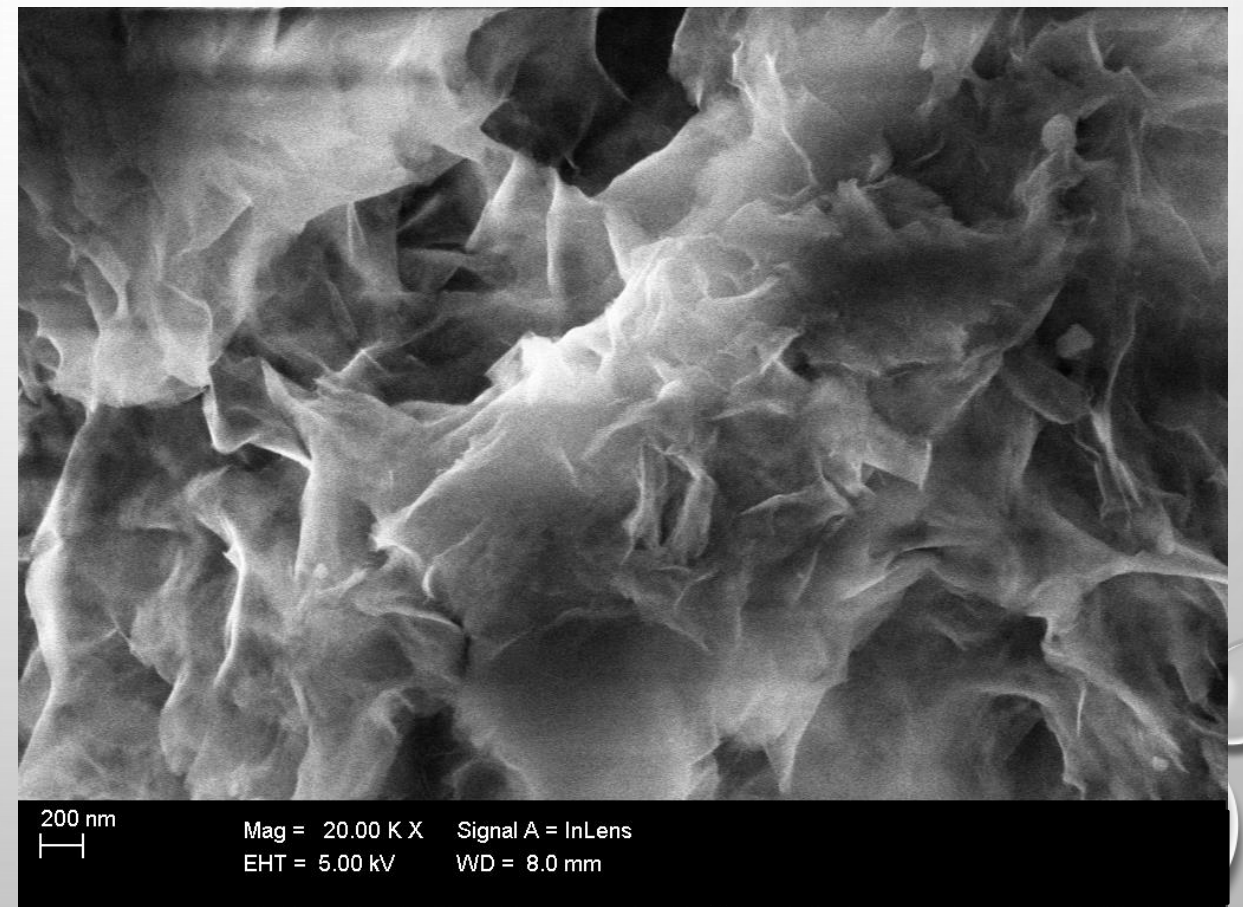
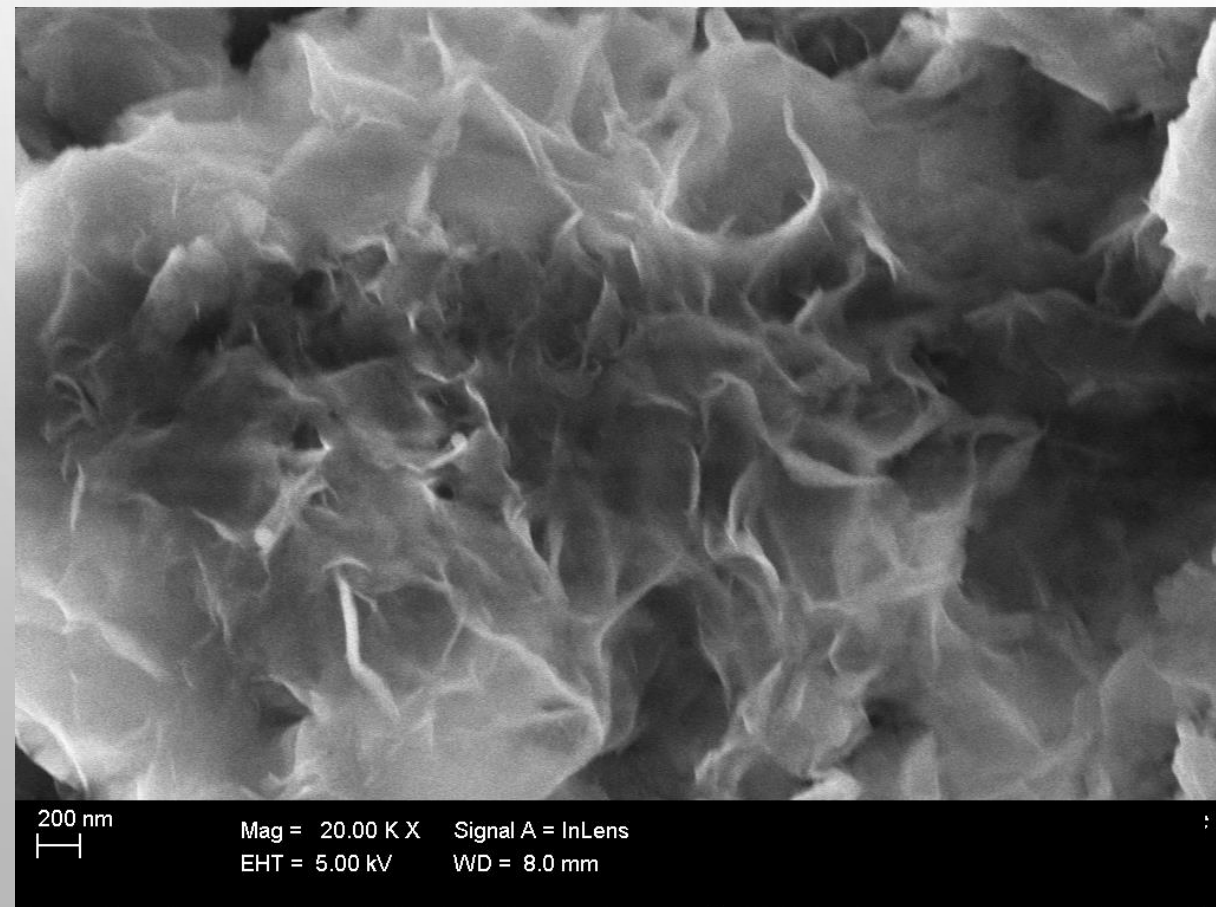
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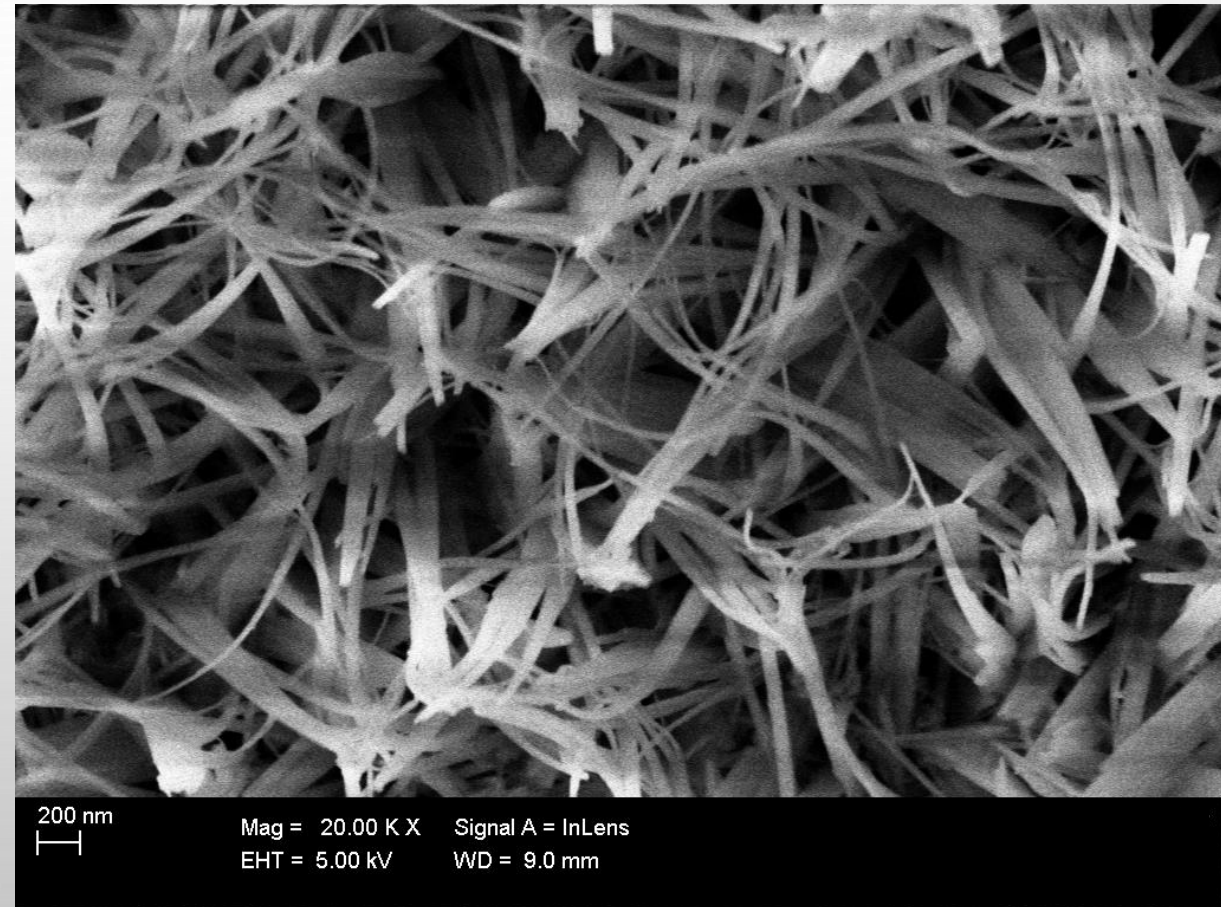
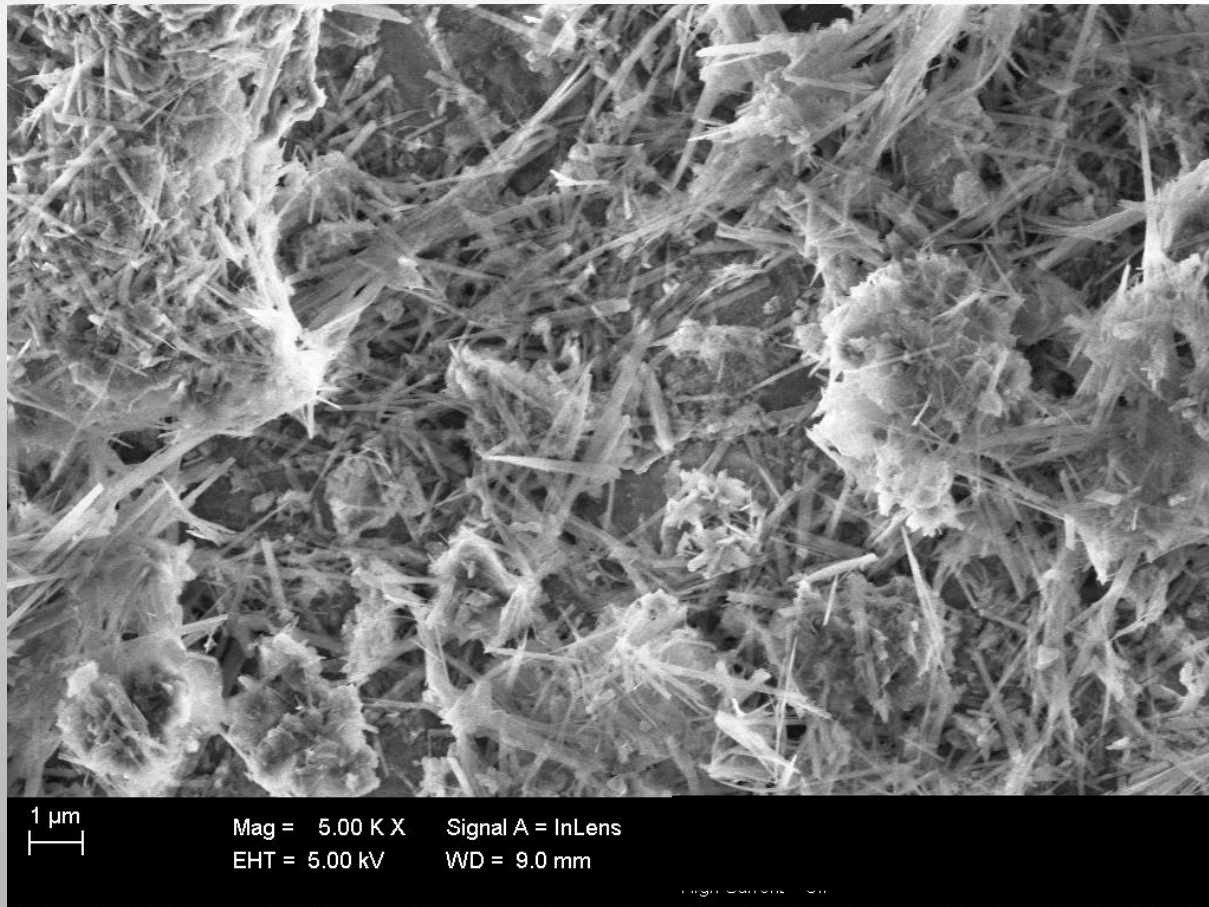
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# Synthesis of Mg-clay by glass alteration in Mg-carbonate media under mild conditions (confidential)



# Synthesis of xonotlite by a hydrothermal method (confidential)





# Au Nanoparticles by simple reduction process at room T (confidential)

## Au<sup>0</sup> Nanocrystals

