



Material synthesis in ionic liquids – with a focus on metal nanoparticles



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Ionic liquids (ILs)

Definition:

"Ionic liquids are ionic compounds (salts) which are liquid below 100 °C."

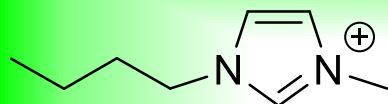
Building blocks:

weakly-coordinating cation

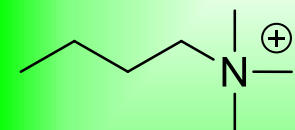
weakly-coordinating anion

Examples

Cations:



BMIm⁺
1-n-Butyl-3-Methyl-
Imidazolium

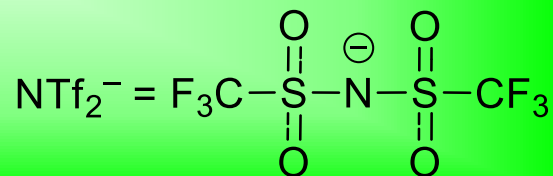
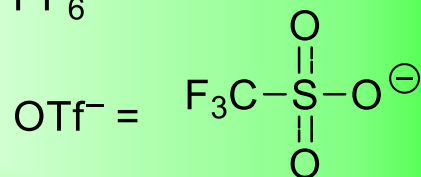
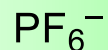
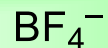


BtMA⁺
n-Butyl-tri-Methyl-
Ammonium

- ionic charge
- high polarity
- high dielectric constant
- supramolecular network



Anions:



see also: Dupont & Scholten, *Chem. Soc. Rev.* **2010**, 39, 1780.

what you often read (for example):

- ionic liquids are unique alternatives to traditional aqueous or organic solvents;
- preparation of (advanced functional) materials in ILs is very promising;
- benefits of using ILs in materials synthesis;

ionothermal synthesis

because of ILs':

- excellent solvating properties,
- negligible vapor pressure,
- high thermal stability,
- wide liquidus range,
- ability to dissolve a variety of materials.

Further reading:

J. Łuczak, M. Paszkiewicz, A. Krukowska, A. Malankowska, A. Zaleska-Medyns, Ionic liquids for nano- and microstructures preparation.

Part 1: Properties and multifunctional role,

Part 2: Application in synthesis,

Adv. Coll. Interfac. Sci. 2016, 230, 13-28;

Adv. Coll. Interfac. Sci. 2016, 227, 1-52.

Material synthesis in ionic liquids

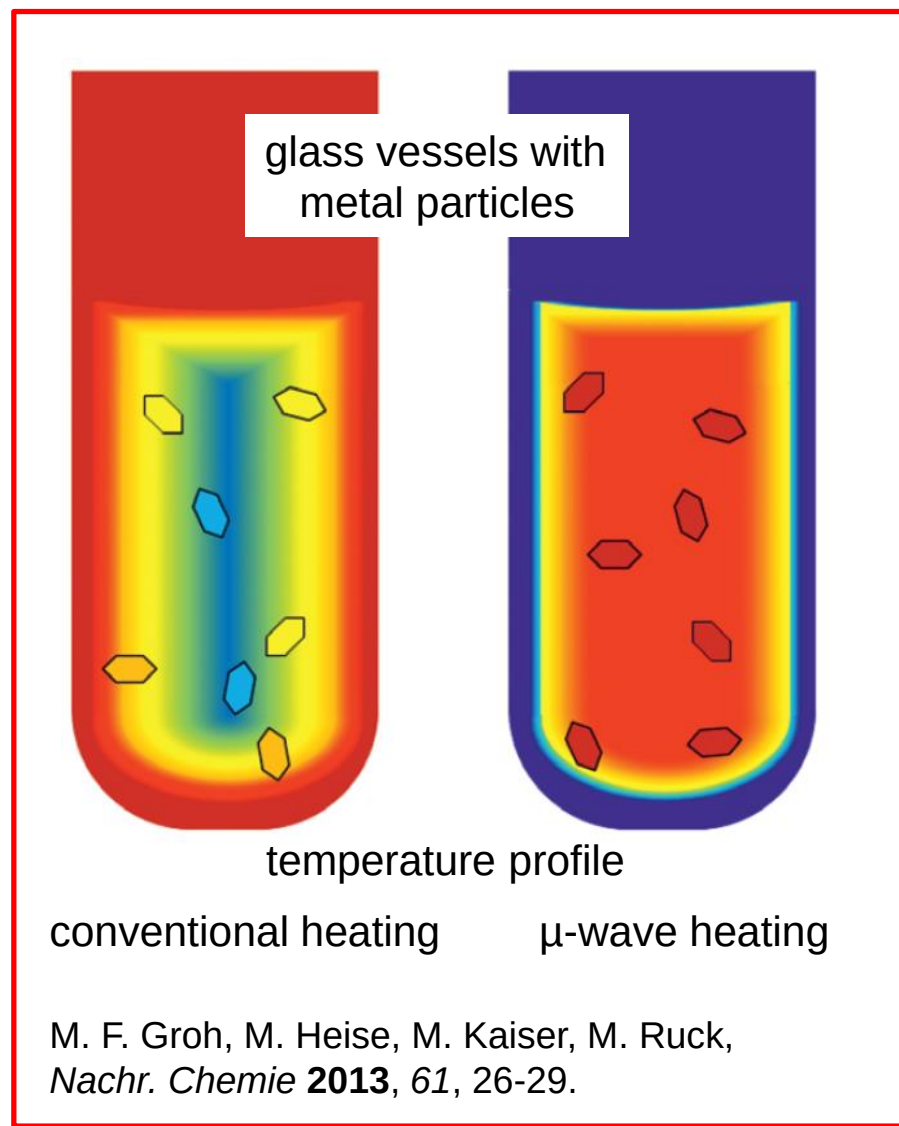
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- use of **microwave heating**

Ionic liquids (ILs) - and microwave heating

excellent absorption efficiency of ILs for microwave energy

- microwave heating is extremely rapid ("simple" and "energy saving")
- microwave radiation can interact directly with the reaction components



ionothermal synthesis is often combined with

- "nano" (including systems > 100 nm);
- use of microwave heating;
- synthesis of **new "phases"** inaccessible in conventional solvents or otherwise "standard" conditions;
- **morphology control** by ILs;
 - "the role of ILs in ionothermal syntheses can be templating, cotemplating, and no templating"; (R.E. Morris, *Chem. Commun.* **2009**, 2990.)
- ILs / ionothermal methods are employed in
 - the synthesis of zeolites, metal-organic frameworks, metal nanoparticles, metal nanorods, metal oxide NPs, semiconductors, polynuclear metal complexes, microporous and mesoporous carbon and graphene,
 - electrochemical synthesis of nanomaterials (cf. work of *Endres*)

Further reading:

- Z. Li et al., Ionic liquids for synthesis of inorganic nanomaterials, *Curr. Opinion Sol. State Mater. Sci.* **2008**, 12, 1-8.
- X. Duan et al., The art of using ionic liquids in the synthesis of inorganic nanomaterials, *CrystEngComm* **2014**, 16, 2550-2559.

Material synthesis in ionic liquids

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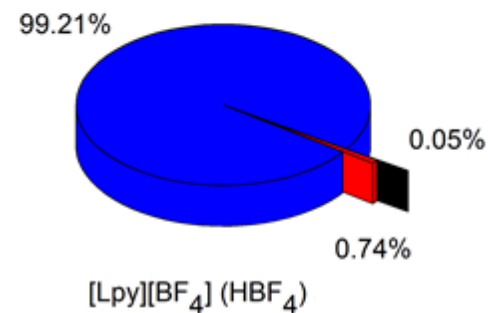
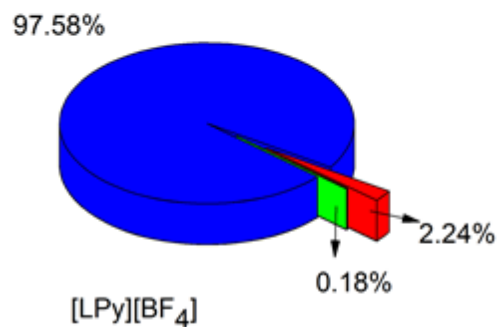
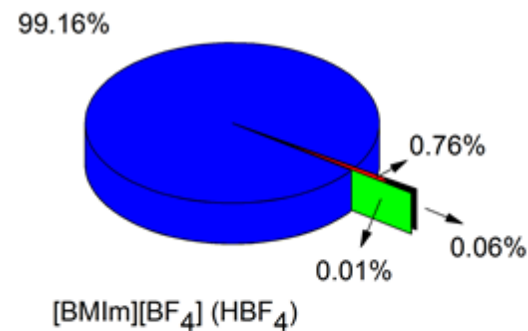
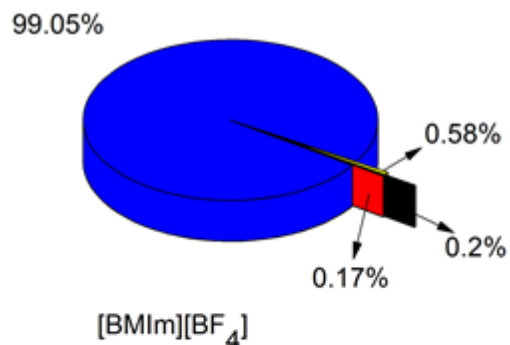
- problem of IL purity,
- IL hydrolysis and decomposition

Ionic liquids (ILs) - halide analysis

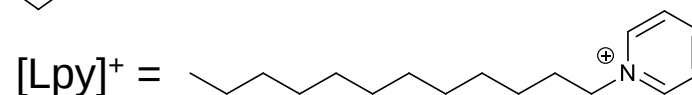
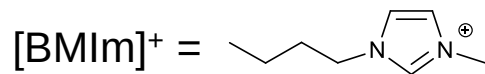


Dionex ICS-1100

+ headspace-KFT for
water content



bromide, chloride, fluoride, BF₄



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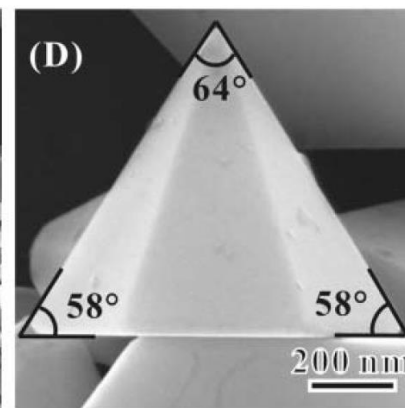
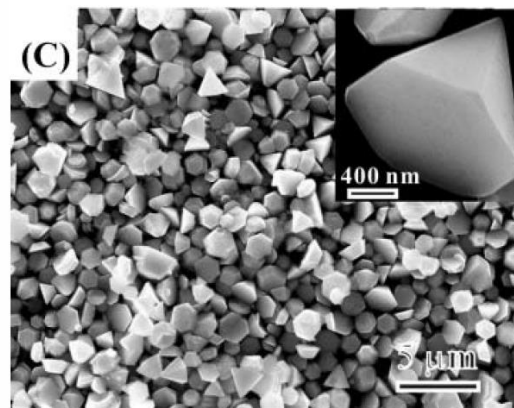
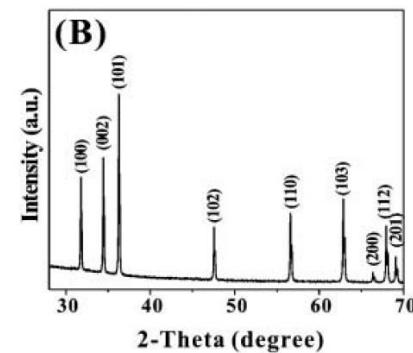
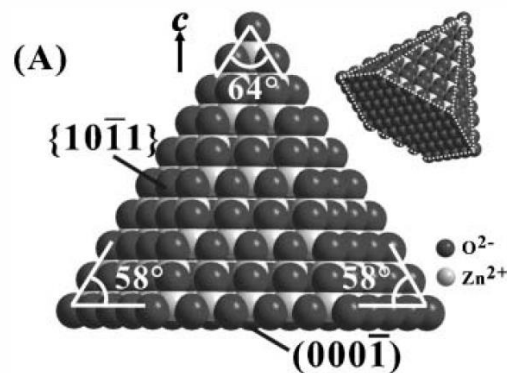
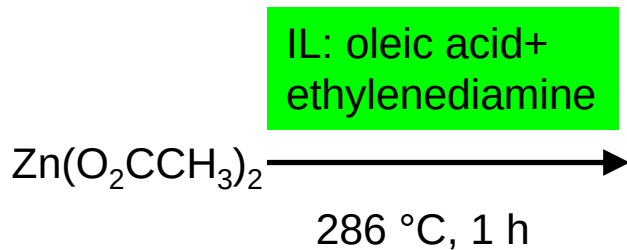
- ZnO micro-pyramids
- CdSe nanoparticles
- metal nanoparticles
 - Pt
 - CuZn
 - NiGa
 - RuSn
- metal nanoparticles deposited on "graphene"

See also:

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Ionic Liquids: Solvents for the Electro-
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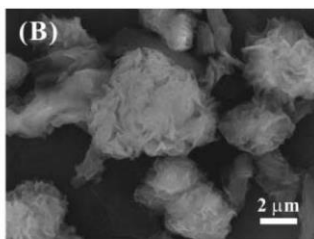
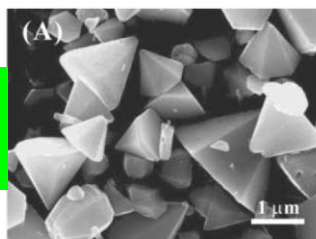
A. Panniello et al.
Semiconductor nanocrystals dispersed in
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troscopic and morphological investigation,
J. Nanopart. Res. **2013**, 15, 1567

ZnO micro-pyramids



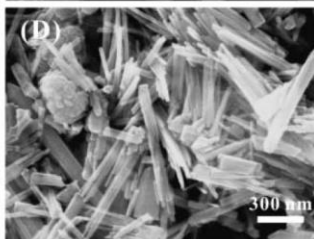
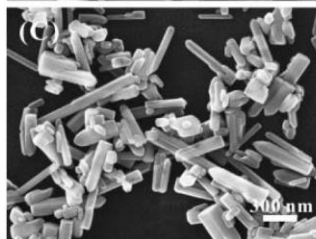
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OA

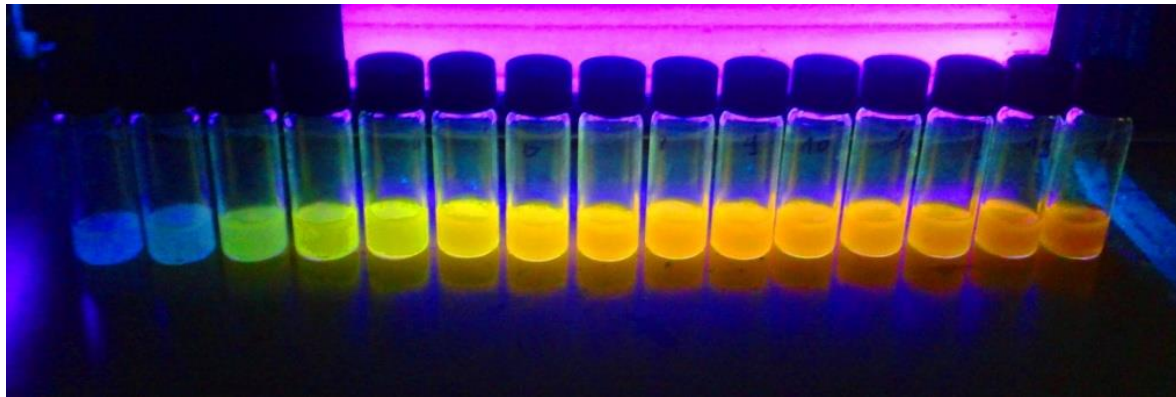
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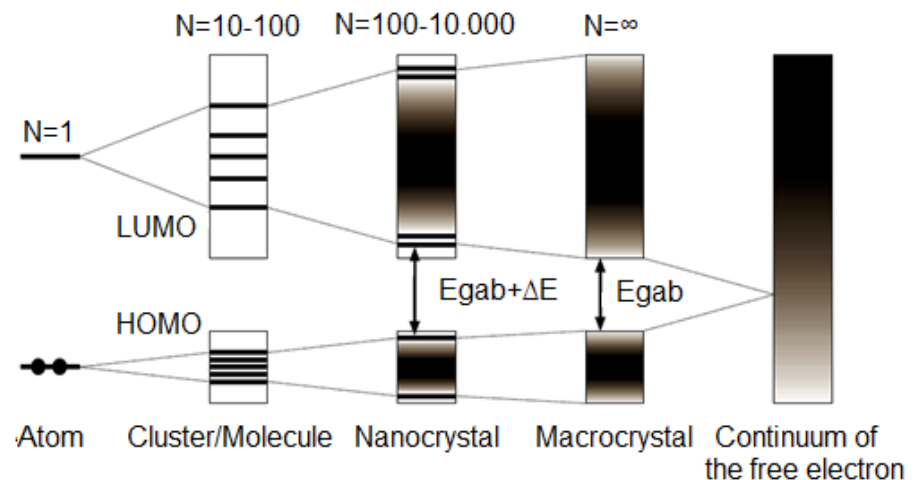
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X. Zhou, Z.-X. Xie, Z.-Y. Jiang, Q. Kuang, et al. *Chem. Commun.* **2005**, 5572–5574

CdSe nanoparticles



- Novel properties - electron tunneling, size quantization of energy levels
- Discrete electronic energy levels below 7.6 nm (particle in the box)
- Hypsochromic shift of the absorption due to quantum confinement



Synthetic methods to metal chalcogenides

- Colloidal solution methods
- **High temperature injection methods**
- Solvothermal/hydrothermal processes
- Synthesis from elemental precursors
- Pulse plasma assisted synthesis
- Sonochemical processes
- Reflux condensation methods
- Microwave assisted synthesis
- Ionic liquid assisted methods

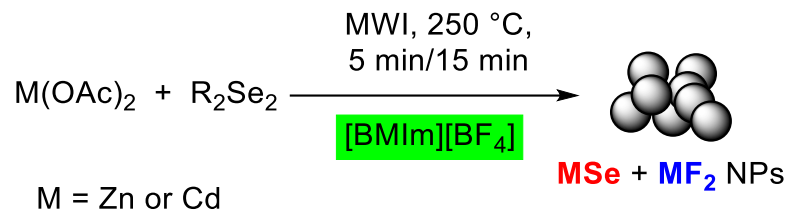
Possible advantages:
Variety of IL media,
Variety of precursors,
No stabilizing agents necessary

P.K. Bajpai, S. Yadav, A. Tiwari, H.S. Virk, *Solid State Phenomena* **2015**, 222, 187.

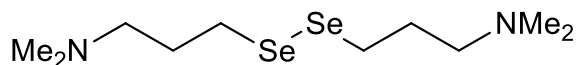
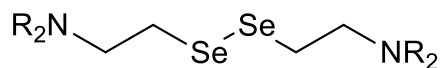
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MSe-NPs in [BMIm][BF₄]: dual-source precursor in fluoruous IL

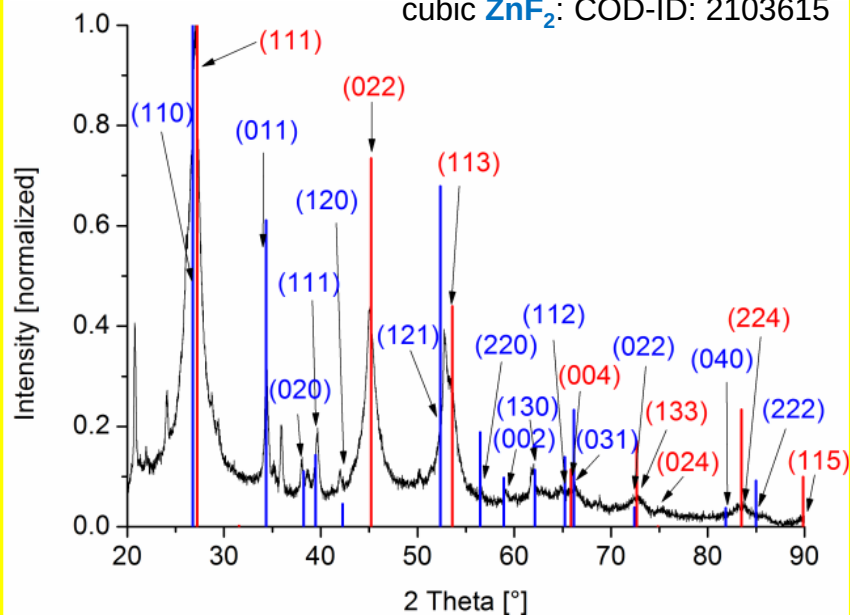


R₂Se₂ (diselenides):

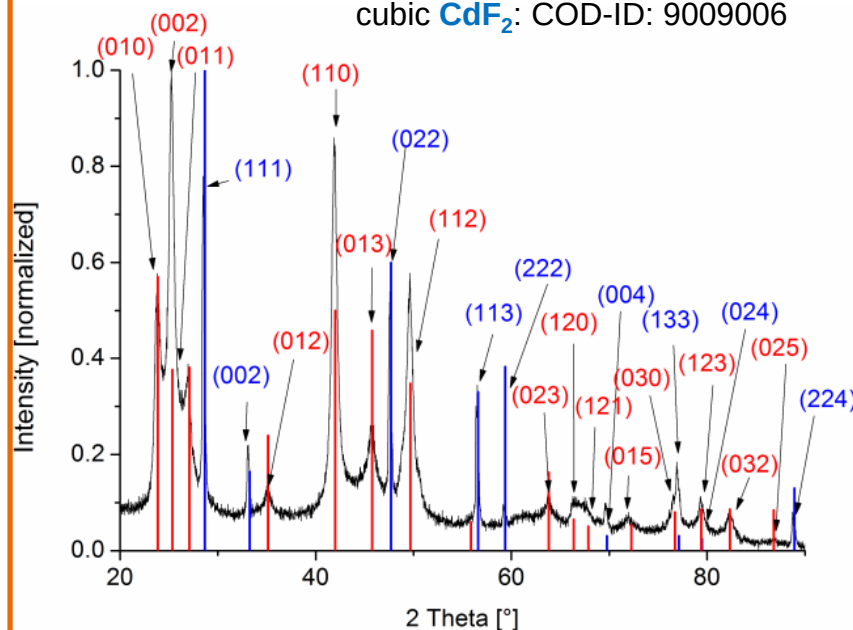


R = Me, Et

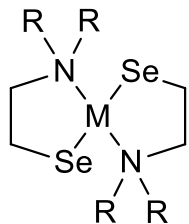
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 cubic **ZnF₂**: COD-ID: 2103615



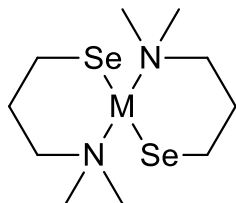
hexagonal **CdSe**: COD-ID: 9008863
 cubic **CdF₂**: COD-ID: 9009006



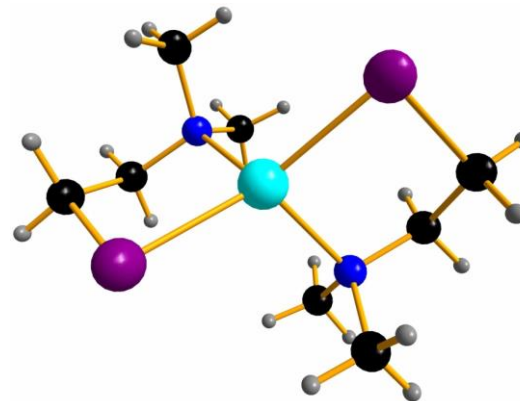
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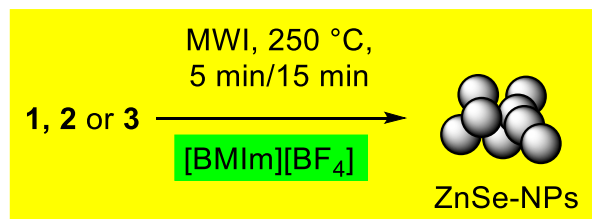
M/R	Me	Et
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Cd	4	5



M	
Zn	3
Cd	6

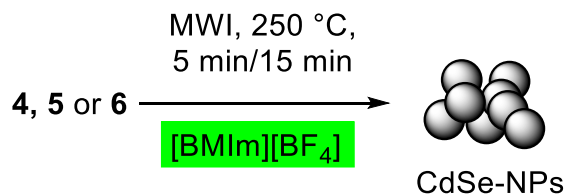


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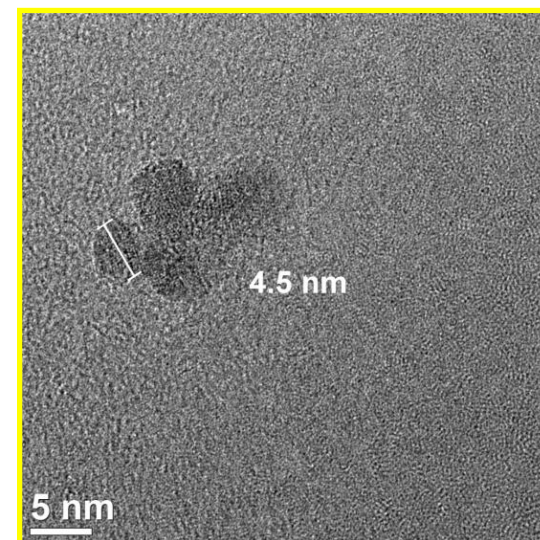
4 – 7 nm

no ZnF₂

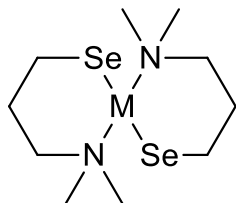
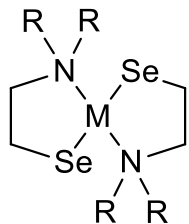


10 – 19 nm

see poster P12 of K. Klauke

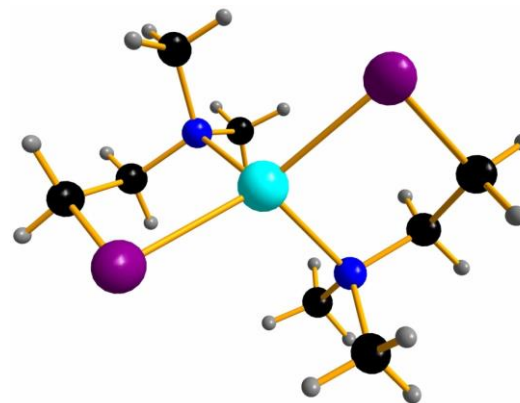


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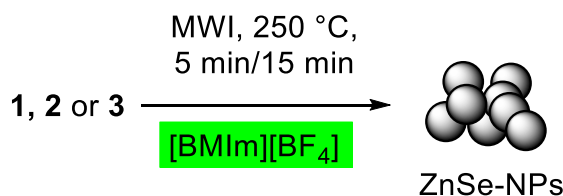


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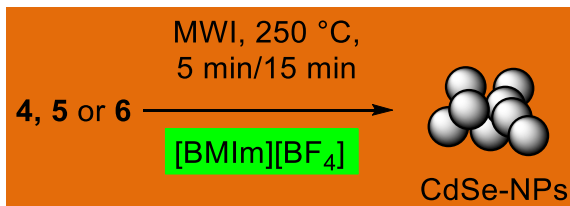
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Zn	3
Cd	6



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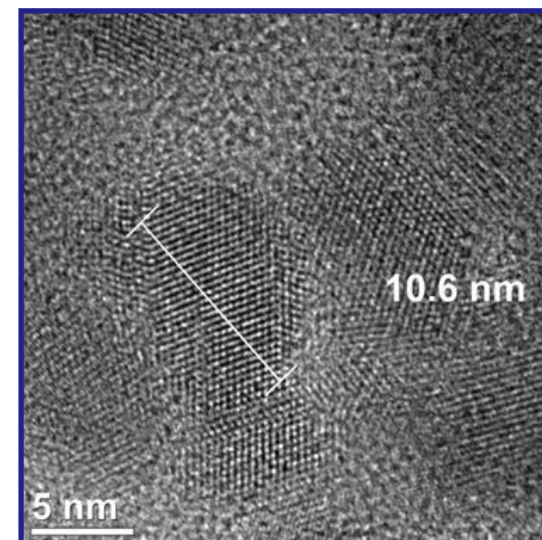
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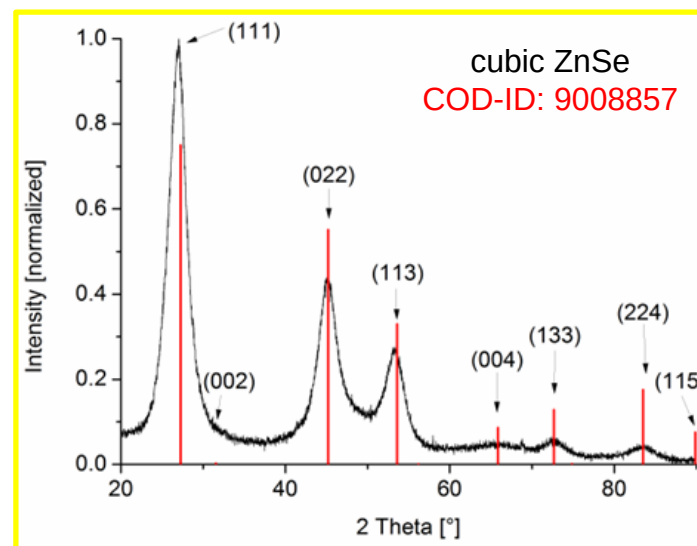
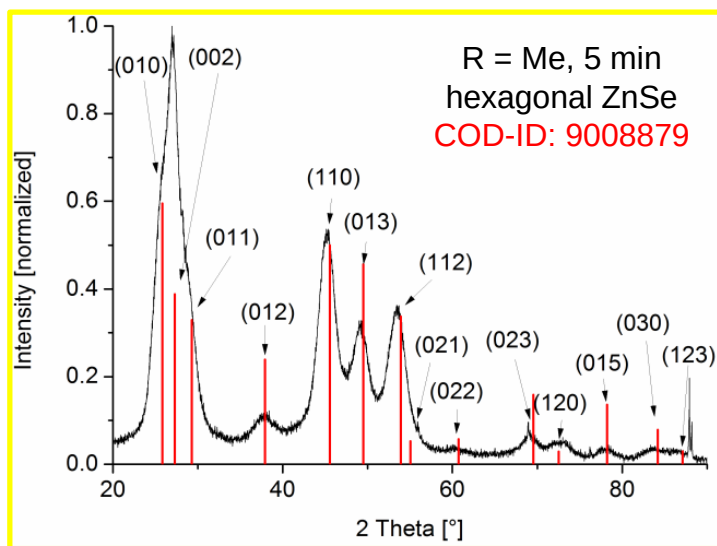
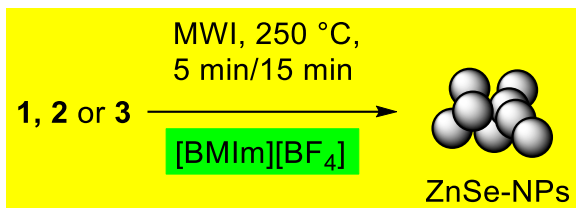
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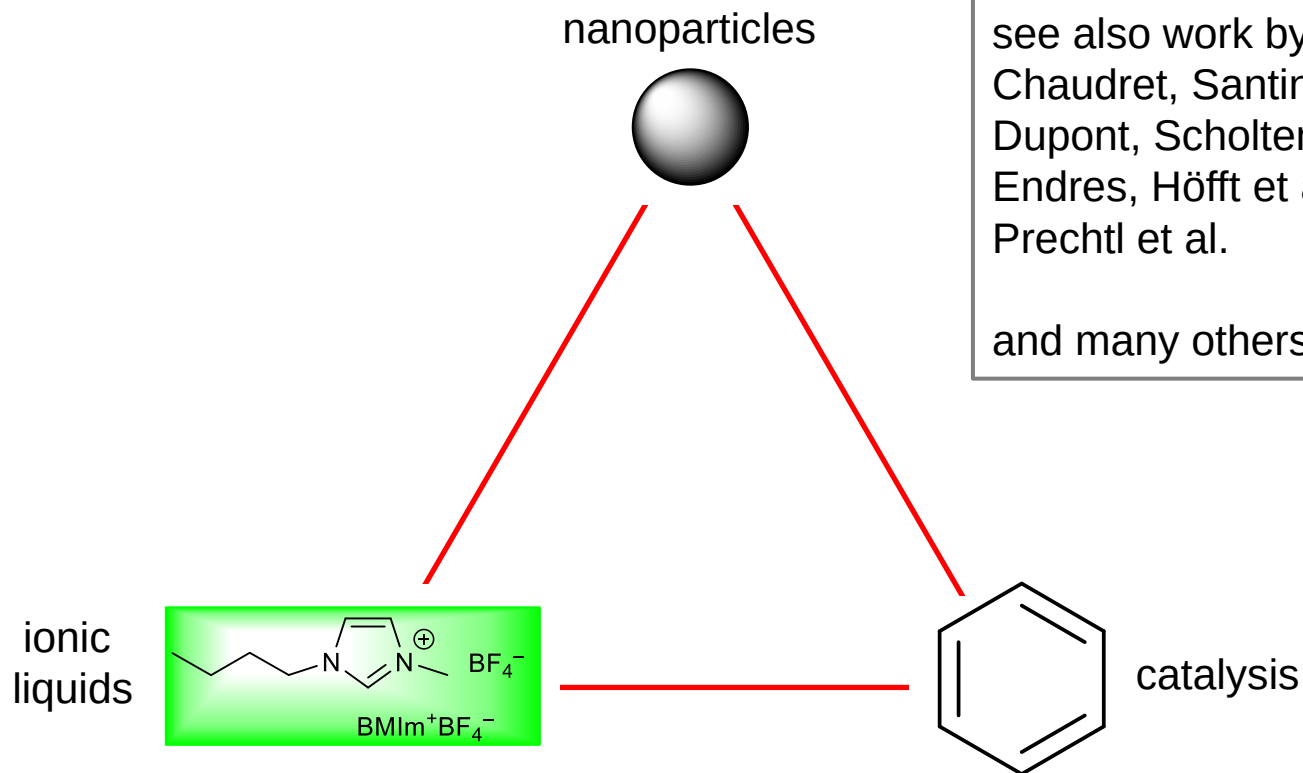
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see also work by
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and many others

Scope



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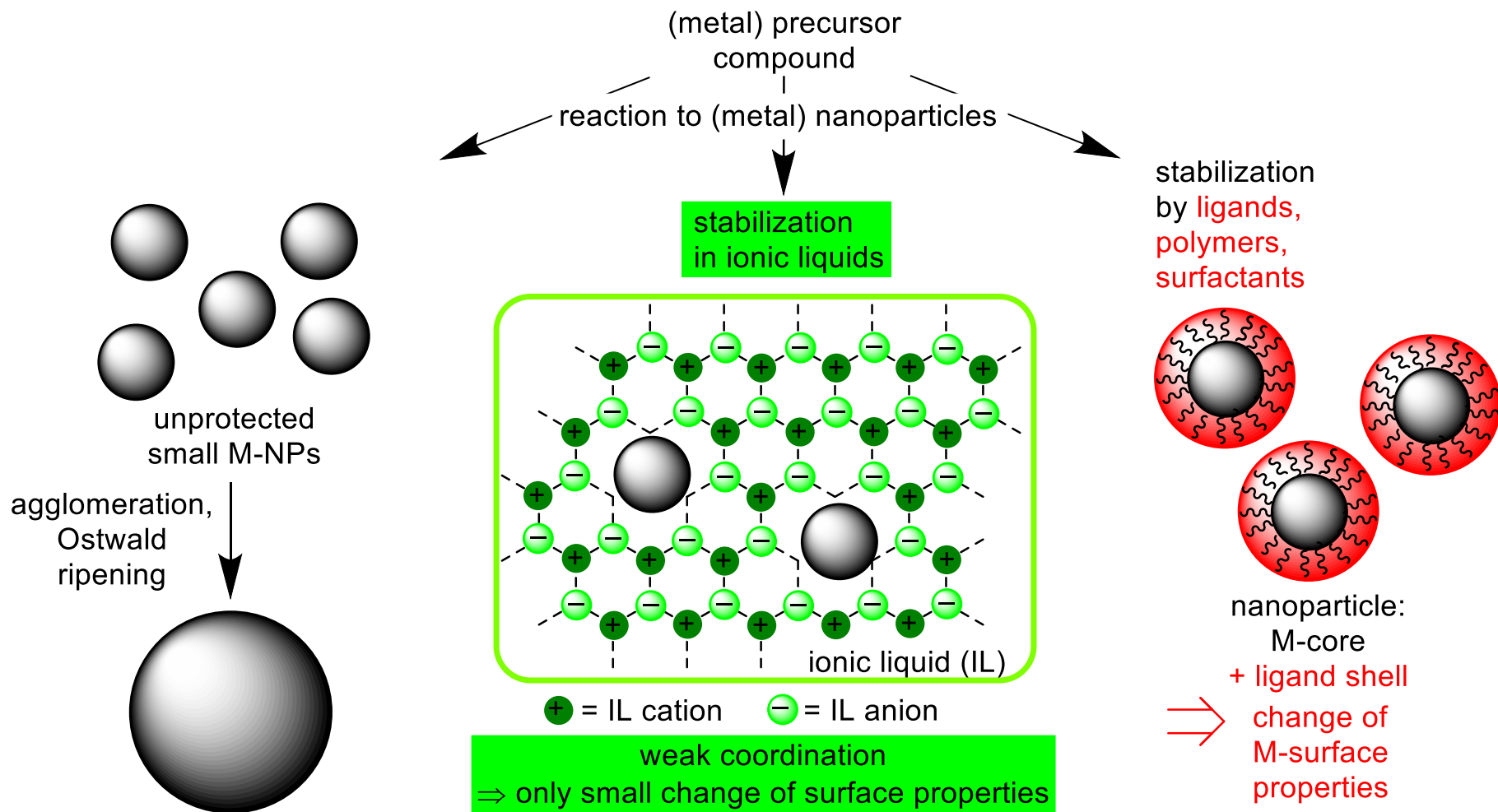
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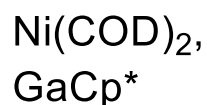
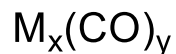
Stabilization of (metal) nanoparticles



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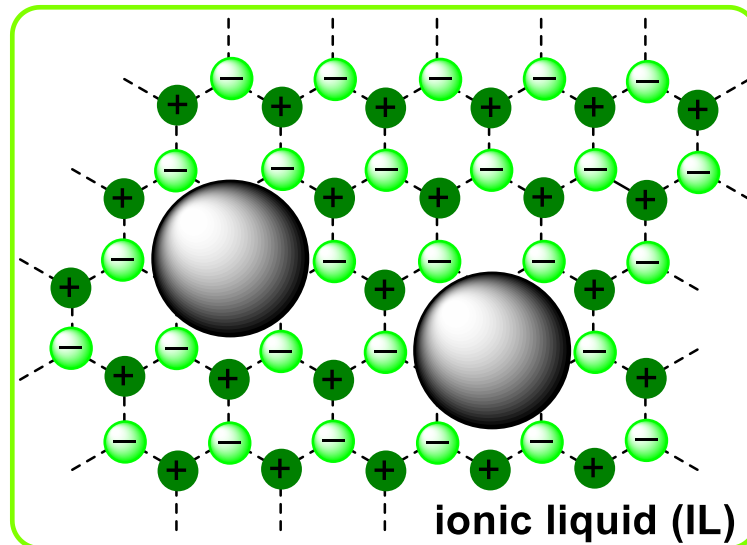
"Ligand-free" metal nanoparticles in ionic liquids

different
precursors



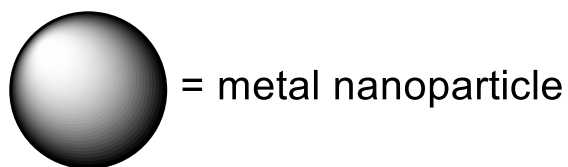
microwave
irradiation,

ΔT or $h\nu$



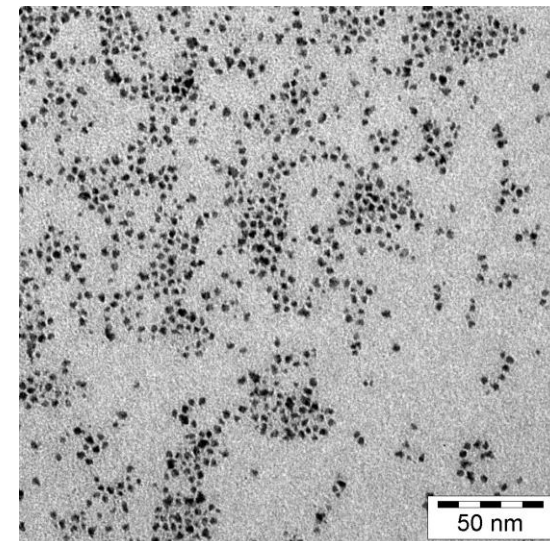
$\oplus$ = IL cation

$\ominus$ = IL anion



no stabilizing capping ligands necessary!

Example:



Re-NPs, $\varnothing$ 2.4(9) nm
from $Re_2(CO)_{10}$

Chem. Commun. **2008**, 1789.

Organometallics **2008**, 27, 1976.

J. Organomet. Chem. **2009**, 694, 1069.

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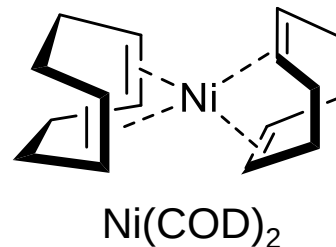
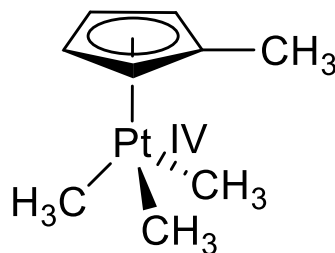
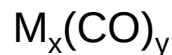
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Organometallic precursors for metal nanoparticles

Examples:



Organometallic precursors

- considered early on but less developed – need to prepare sensitive organometallics

possible advantages:

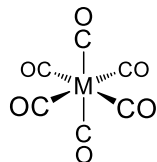
- clean and low-temperature thermolysis or photolysis
- labile M–C bond with low dissociation energy
- M–C + H₂ gives M–C bond hydrogenolysis → M–H + H–C
→ M + H₂

= "soft wet-chemical synthesis" of metal nanoparticles

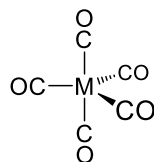
for size, shape and composition control

Further reading; review: C. Amiens, B. Chaudret, D. Ciuculescu-Pradines, V. Collière, K. Fajerwerg, P. Fau, M. Kahn, A. Maisonnat, K. Soullanticac, K. Philippot, *New J. Chem.* **2013**, 37, 3374-3401.

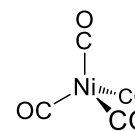
$M_x(CO)_y$ precursors



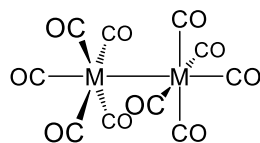
$M = V, Cr, Mo, W$



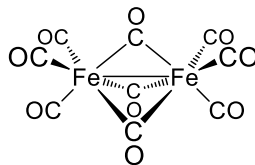
$M = Fe, Ru, Os$



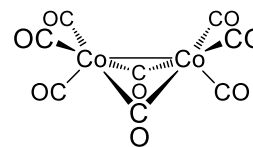
$Ni(CO)_4$



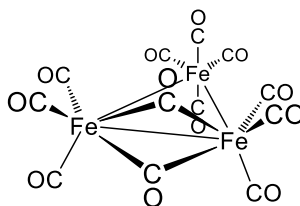
$M = Mn, Tc, Re$



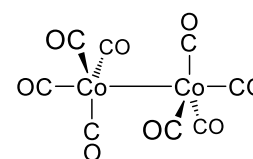
$Fe_2(CO)_9$



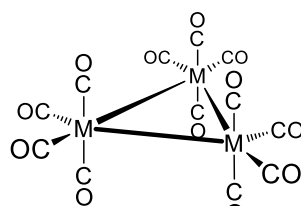
$Co_2(CO)_8$ solid state



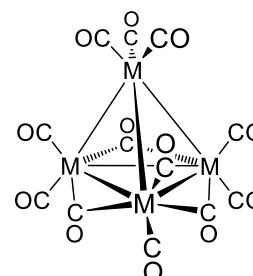
$Fe_3(CO)_{12}$



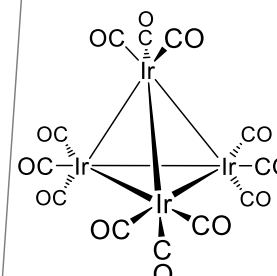
$Co_2(CO)_8$ gas phase



$M_3(CO)_{12}, M = Ru, Os$



$M_4(CO)_{12}, M = Co, Rh$

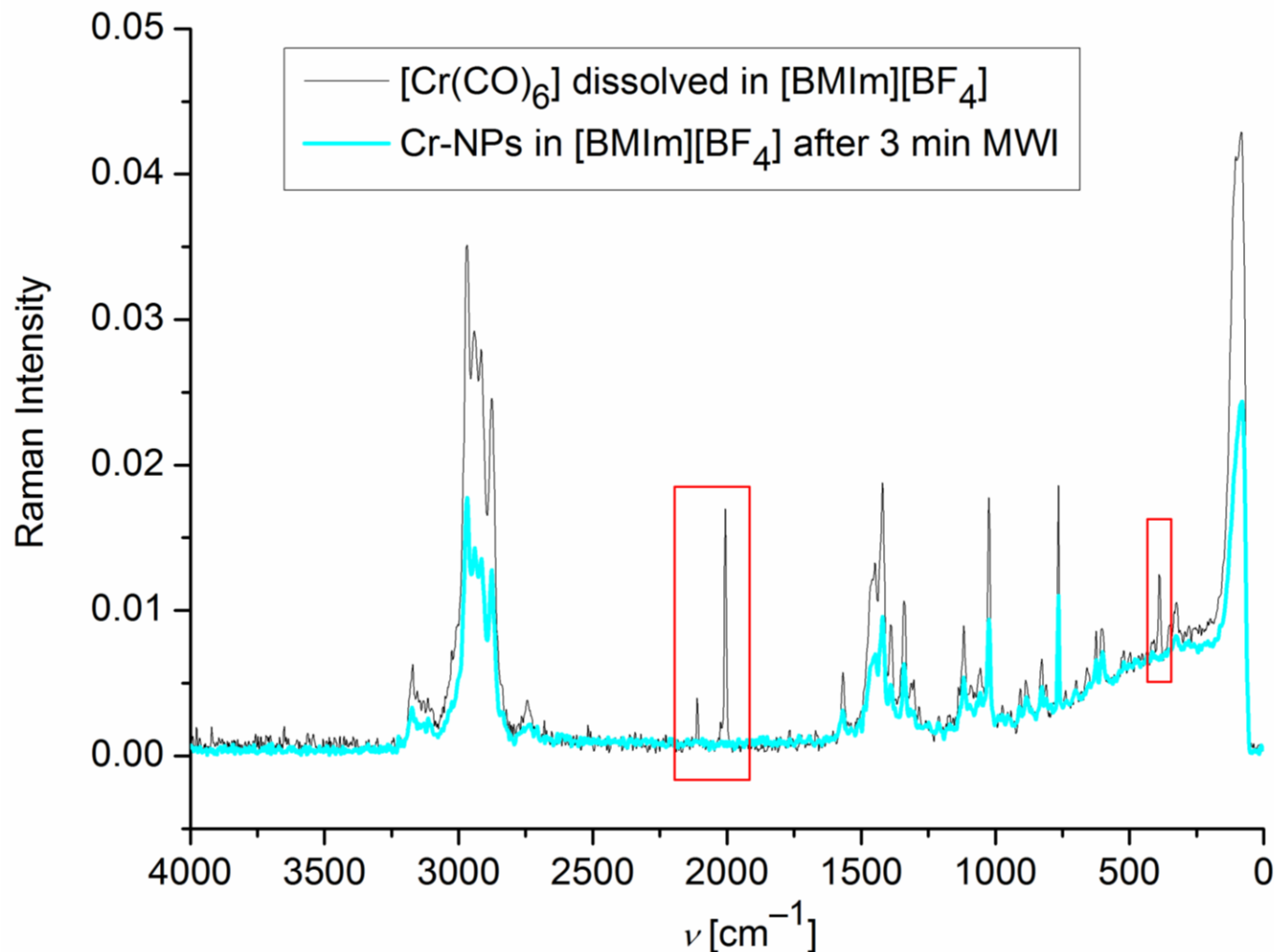


$Ir_4(CO)_{12}$

Ionic liquids for the synthesis of metal nanoparticles

– rapid synthesis by microwave irradiation (MWI)

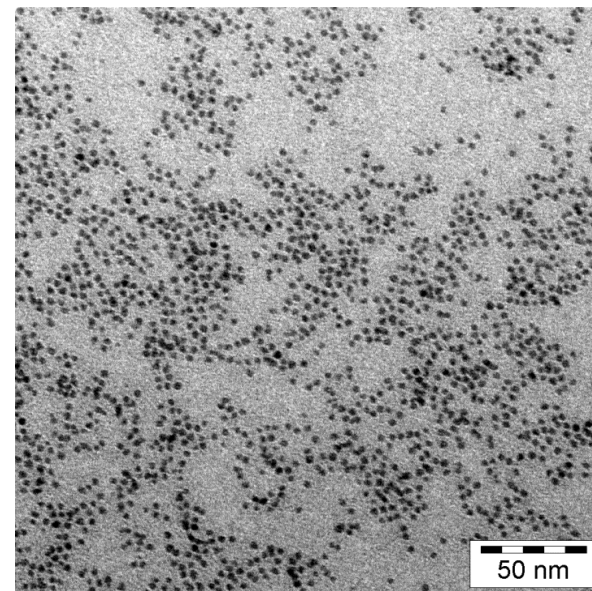
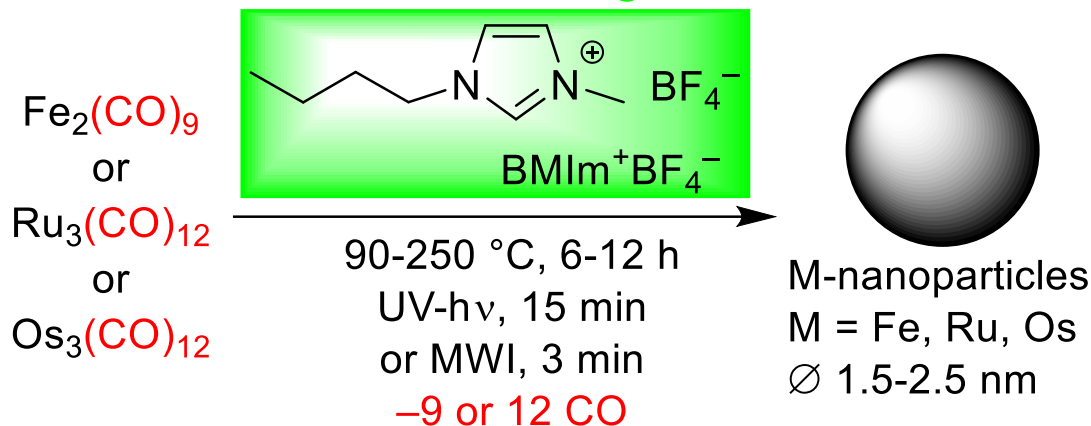
absence of CO by Raman-FT spectroscopy:



Ionic liquids for the synthesis of metal nanoparticles

- $M_x(CO)_y$ precursors

reaction and stabilizing medium:



Ru-NPs
Ø 1.6(4) nm

Ru, Rh, Ir-NP/IL dispersions are active hydrogenation catalysts for olefins and aromatics

Cr, Mo, W: *Chem. Commun.* **2008**, 1789-1791.

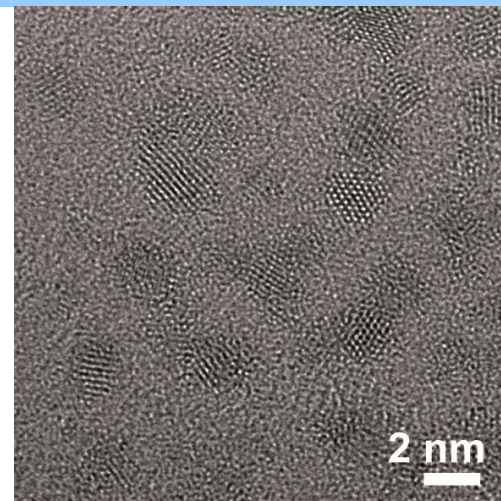
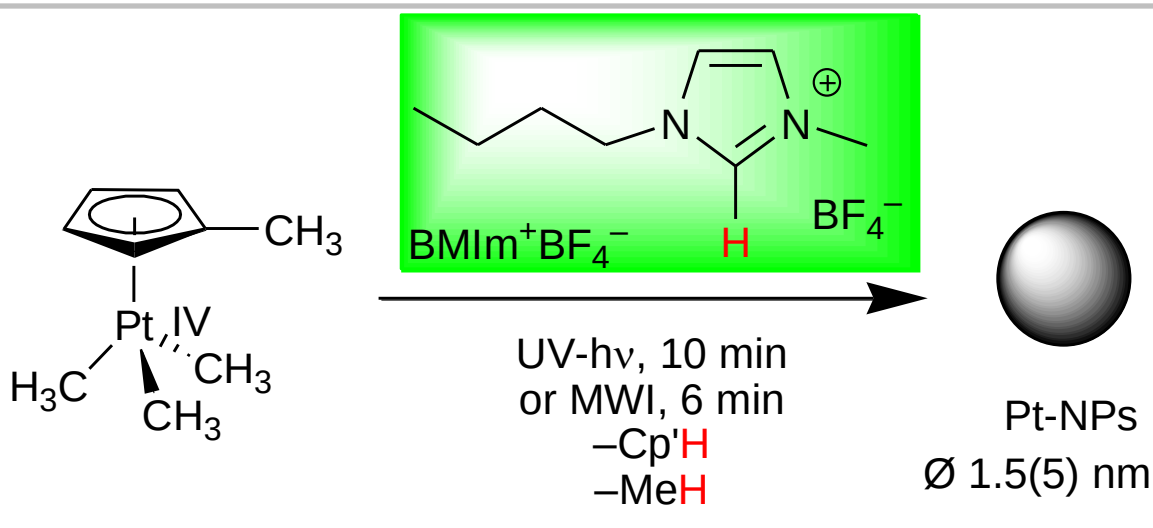
Fe, Ru, Os: *Organometallics* **2008**, 27, 1976-1978.

Co, Rh, Ir: *J. Organomet. Chem.* **2009**, 694, 1069-1075.

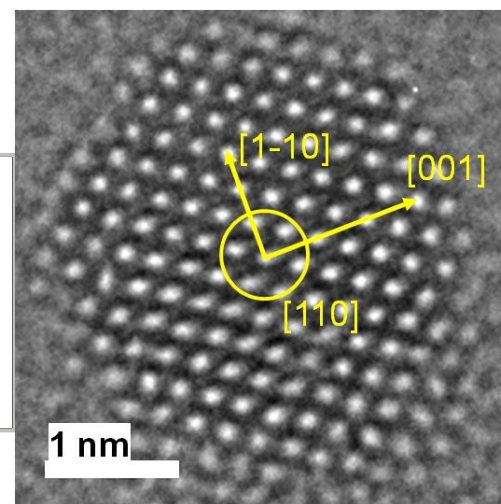
Ru, Rh, Ir et al.: *Chem. Eur. J.* **2010**, 16, 3849-3858.

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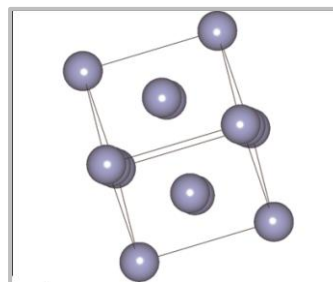
- e.g. Pt-nanoparticles



- longterm (>10 months) stable dispersions

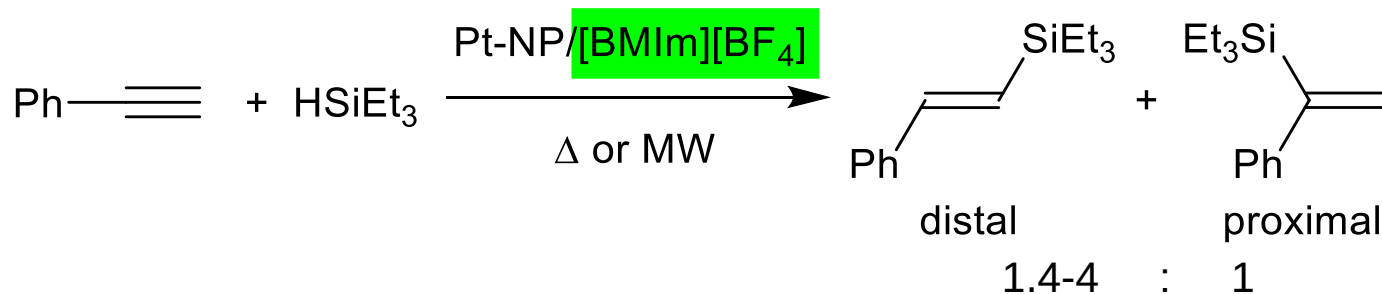


Pt-NP/IL dispersions
active hydrosilylation catalysts



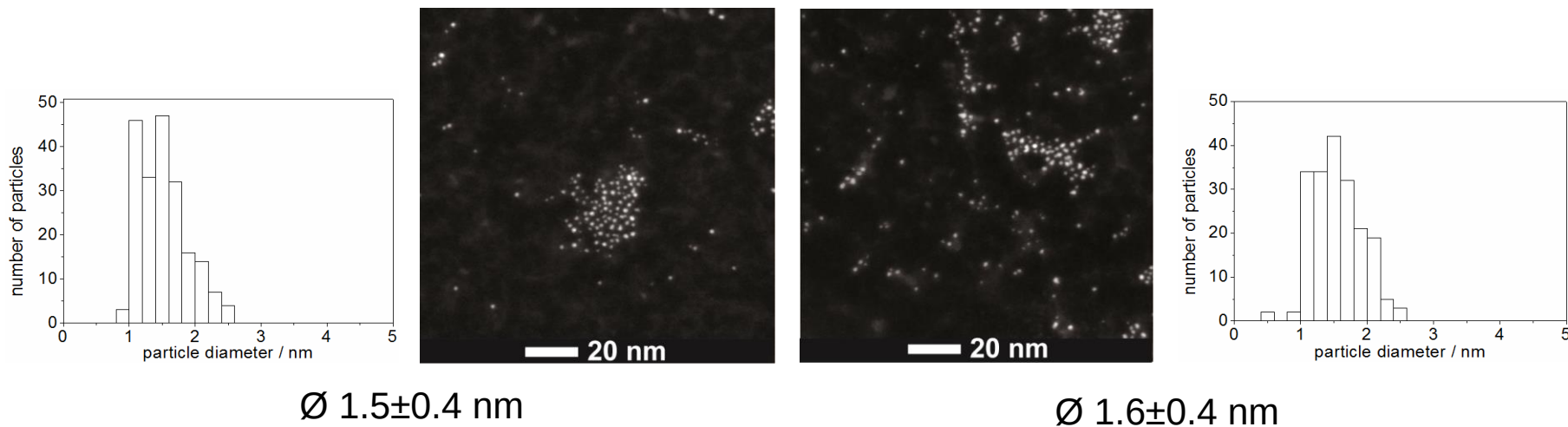
fcc lattice

Pt-nanoparticles as hydrosilylation catalyst

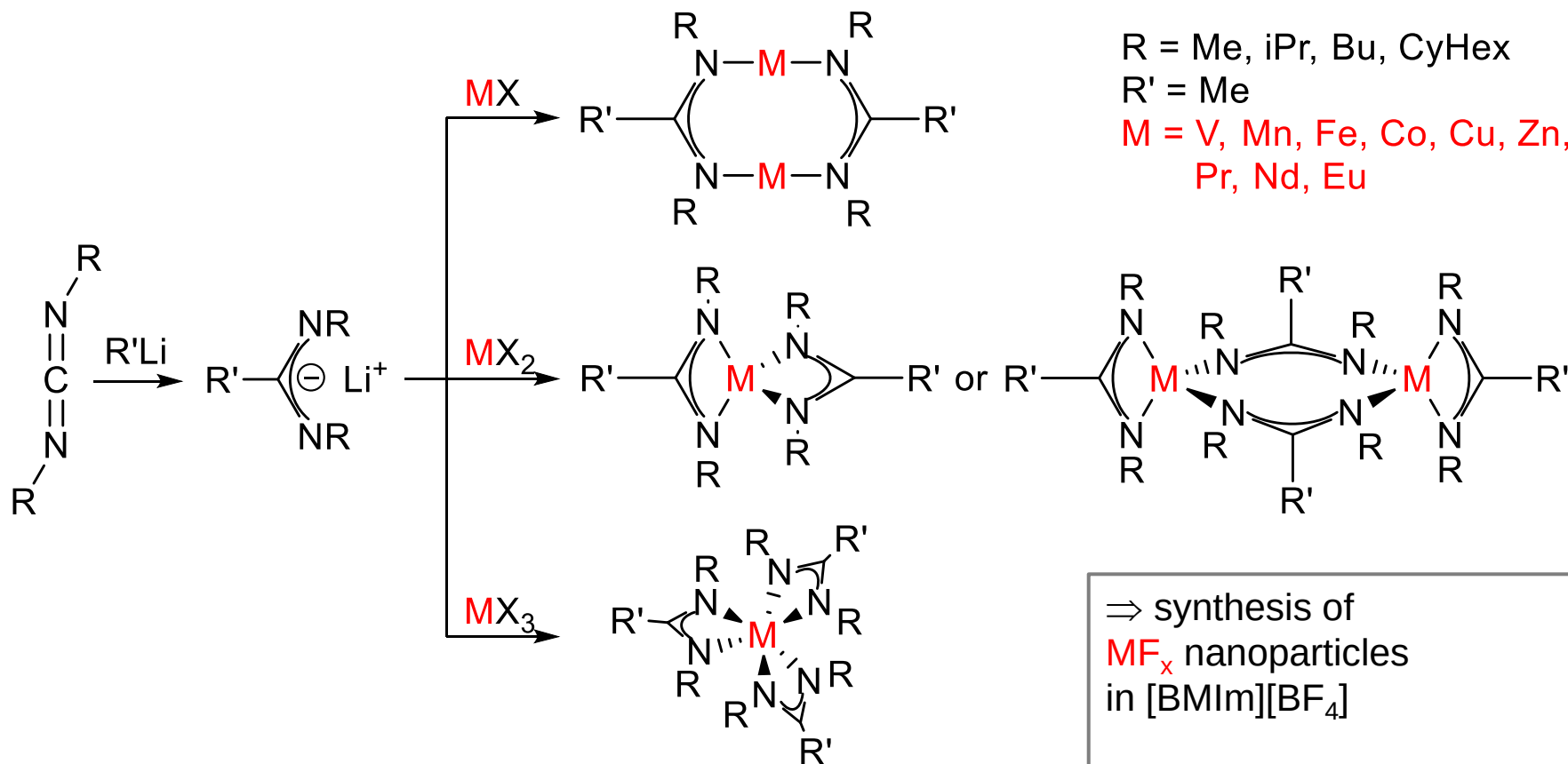


up to TOF 96000 h⁻¹ at 0.0125 mol% Pt and quantitative conversion

Pt-NPs unchanged after catalysis:



Metal-organic precursors for metal nanoparticles - metal amidinates

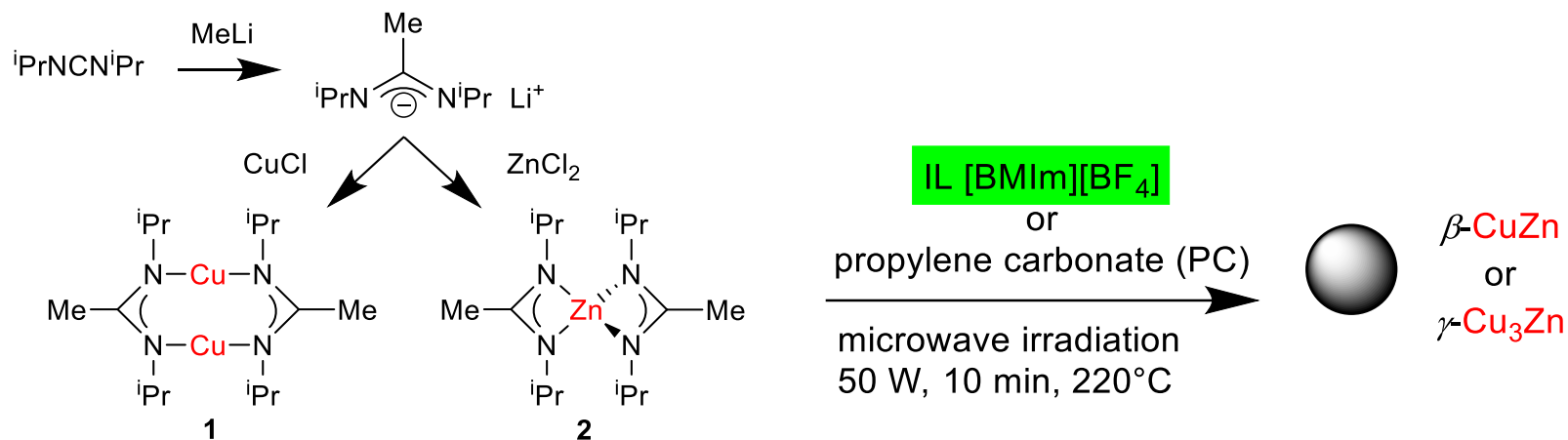


$\Rightarrow$ synthesis of
 MF_x nanoparticles
 in $[\text{BMIm}][\text{BF}_4]$

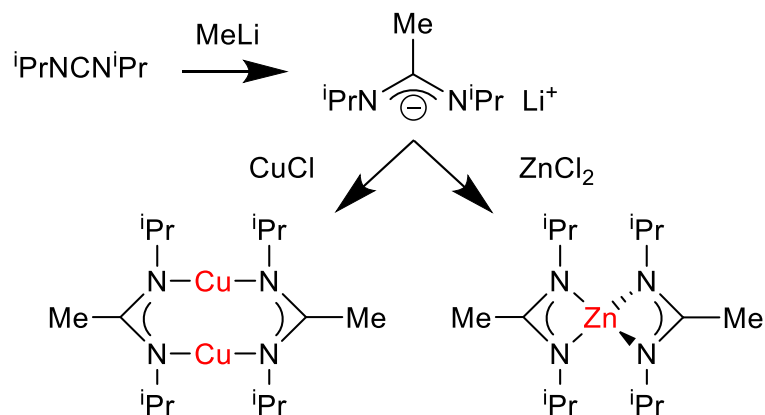
interest in electrochemical analysis

Bimetallic nanoparticles

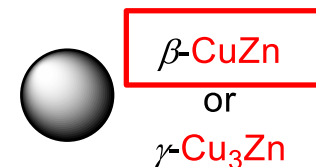
- CuZn and Cu₃Zn nanobrass



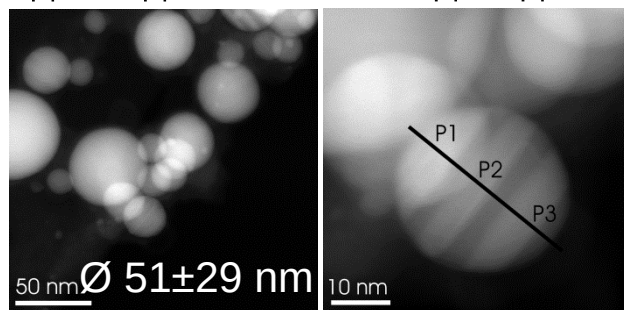
Bimetallic nanoparticles - CuZn and Cu₃Zn nanobrans



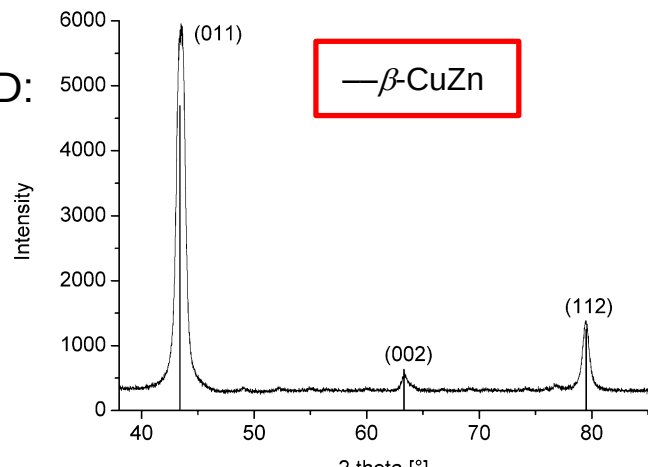
IL [BMIm][BF₄]
 or
 propylene carbonate (PC)
 microwave irradiation
 50 W, 10 min, 220°C



STEM
(with EDX):

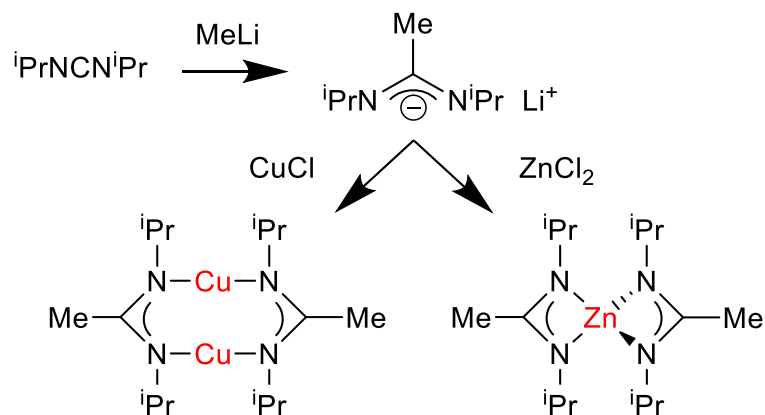


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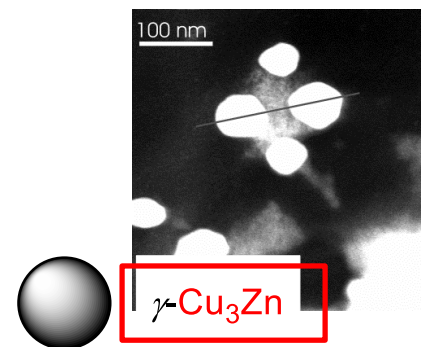
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Bimetallic nanoparticles - CuZn and Cu₃Zn nanobrass

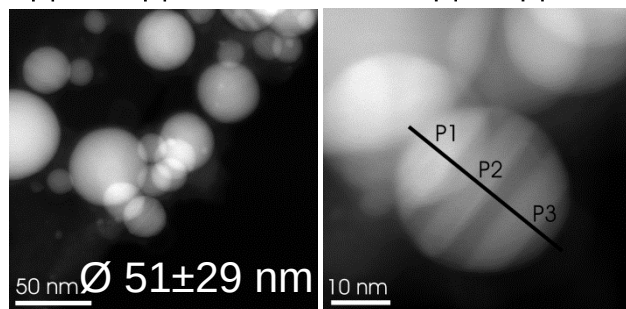


IL [BMIm][BF₄]
or
propylene carbonate (PC)

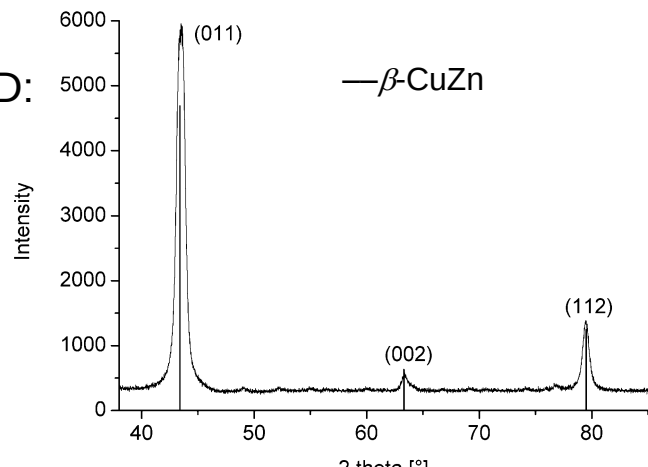
microwave irradiation
50 W, 10 min, 220°C



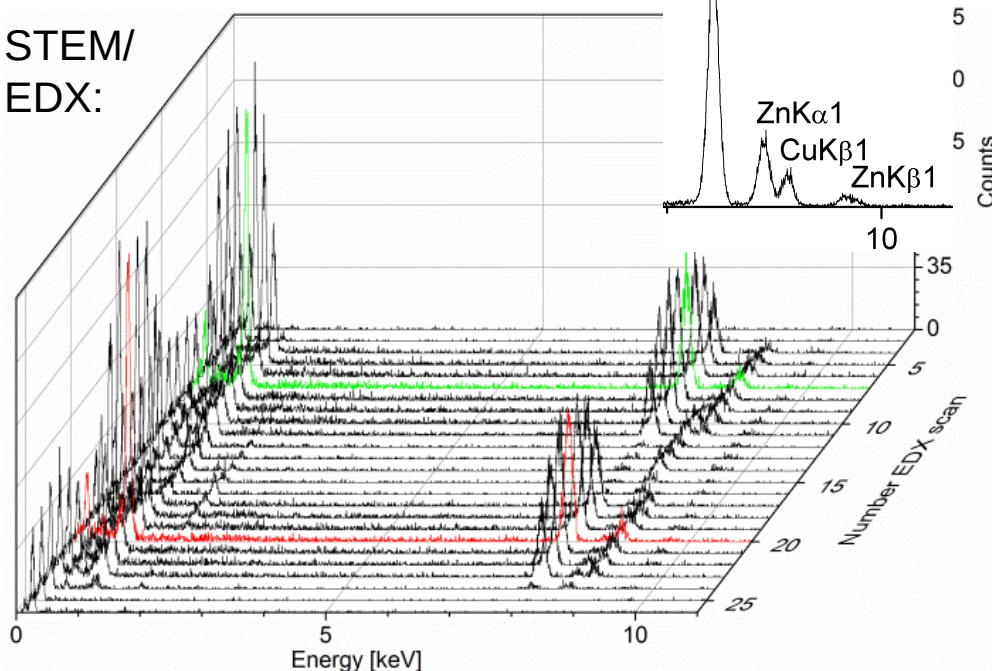
STEM
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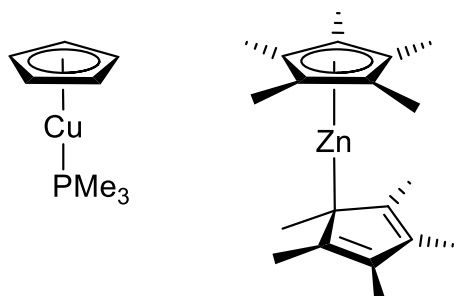
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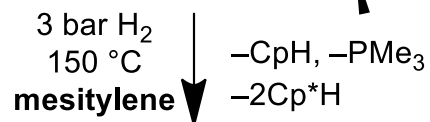
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Bimetallic alloy nanoparticles

- CuZn and Cu₃Zn nanobrass

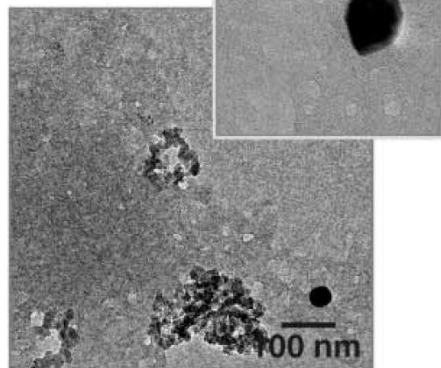


non-IL



β-CuZn ↓ agglomerate,
not redispersable

with PPO: β-CuZn

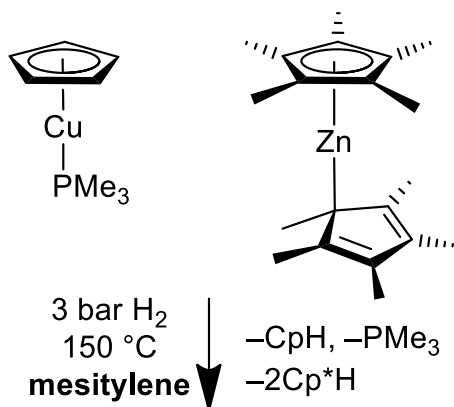


catalytically inactive

NP analysis:
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local-resolution EDX,
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PXRD,
EXAFS,
DLS

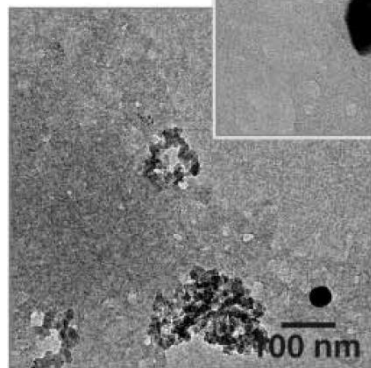
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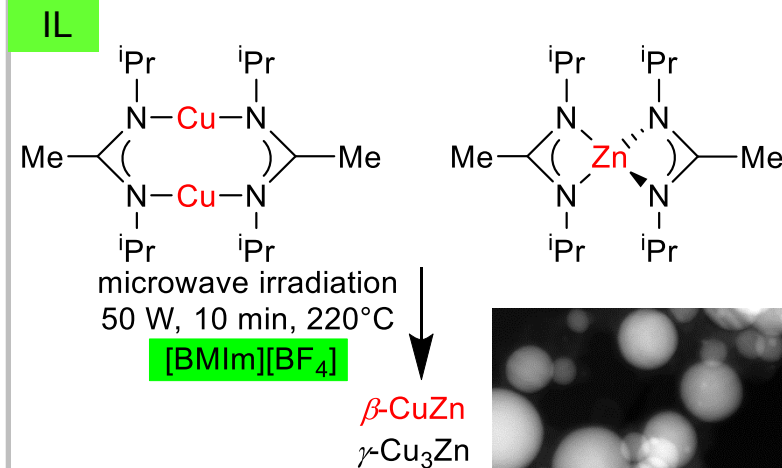
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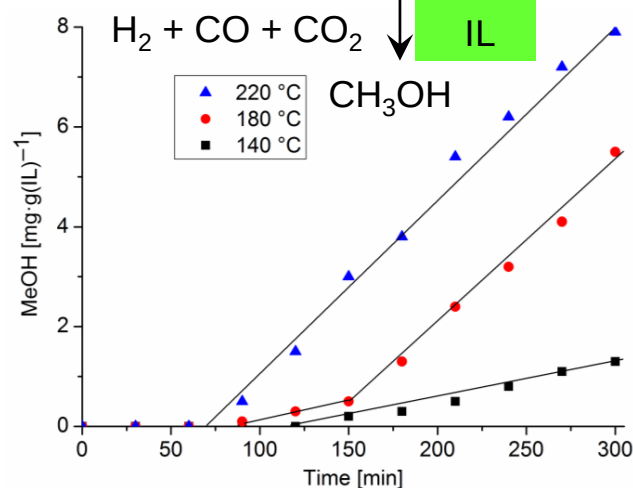
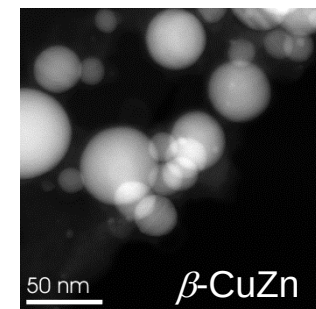


catalytically inactive

versus



catalytically active



Fischer, Janiak et al. *Nanoscale* **2014**, 6, 3116.

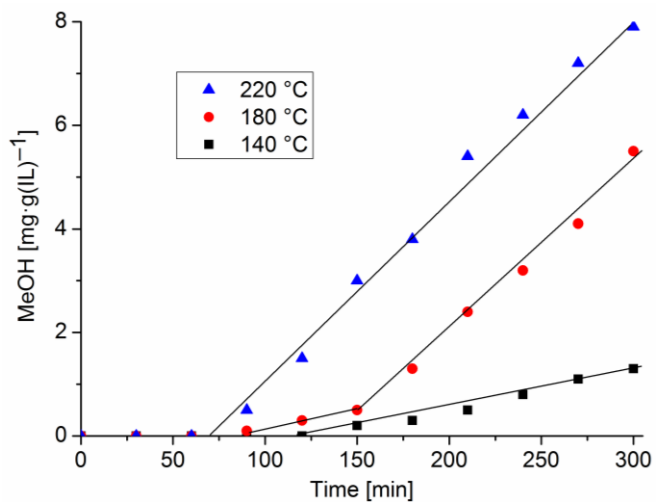
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Bimetallic nanoparticles

- "CuZn" for MeOH catalysis

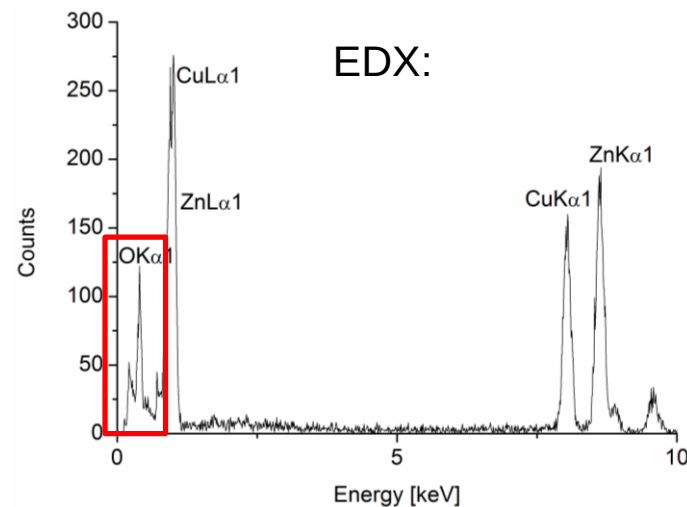
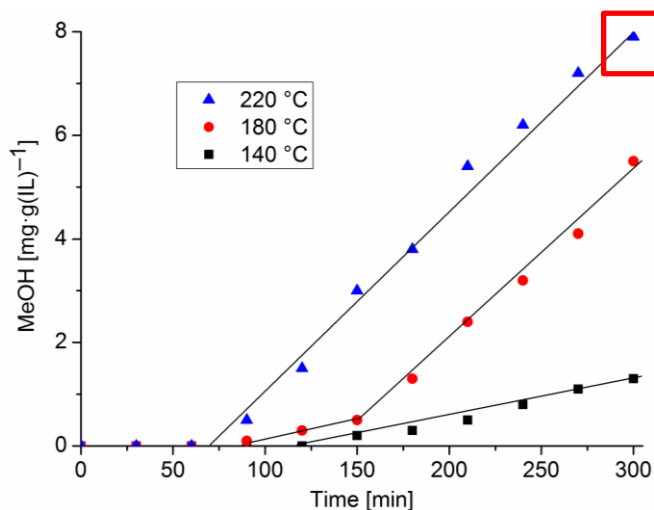
CH₃OH
formation:



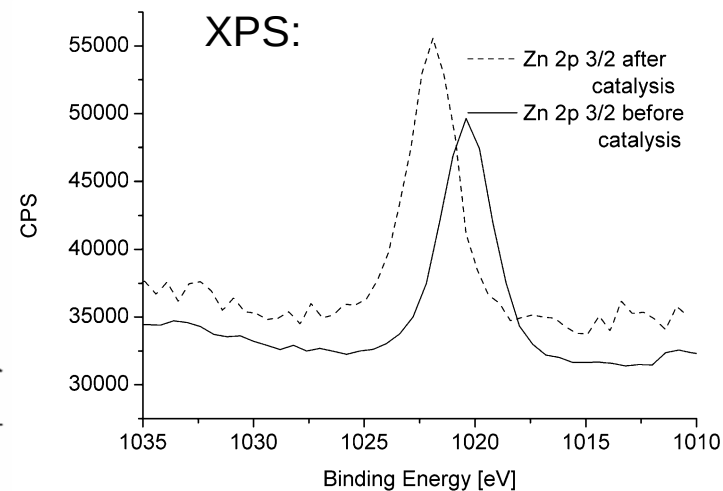
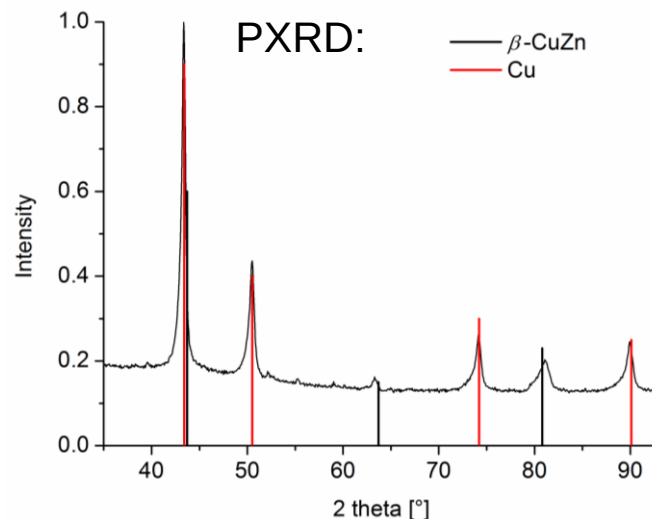
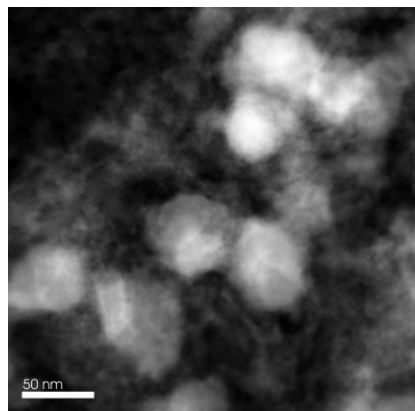
Bimetallic nanoparticles

- "CuZn" after MeOH catalysis

CH₃OH
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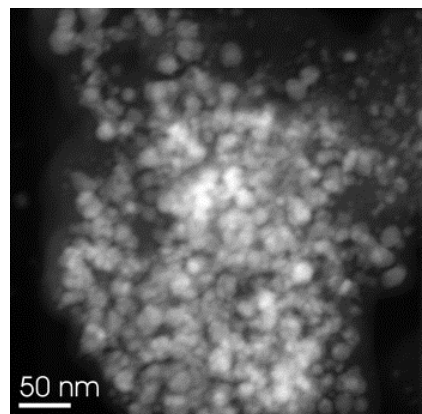
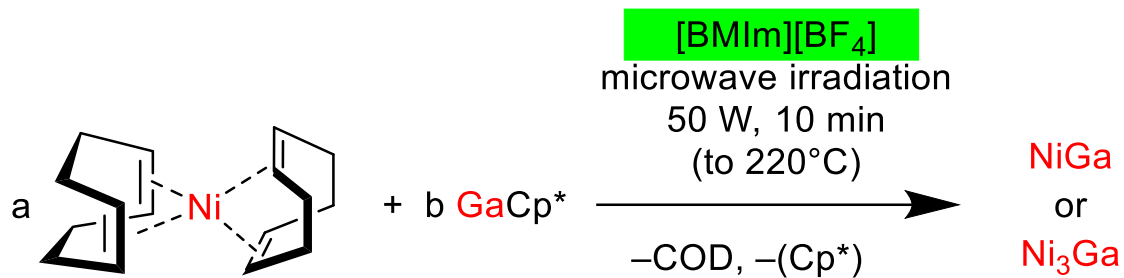
STEM:



Conclusion: β -CuZn $\rightarrow$ Cu/ZnO (+ β -CuZn)

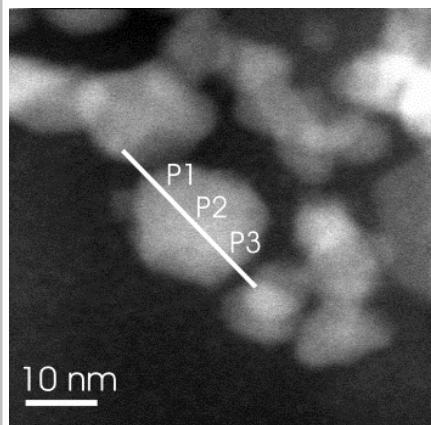
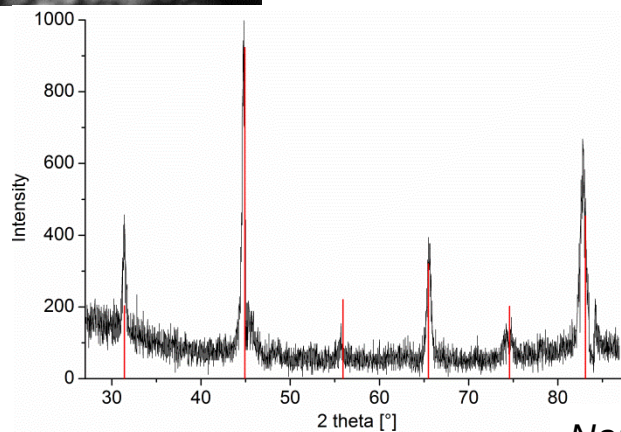
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Bimetallic nanoparticles - NiGa and Ni₃Ga



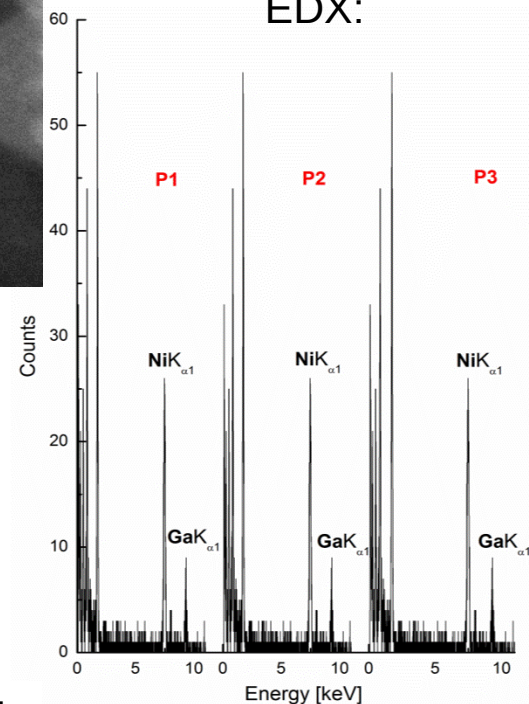
NiGa

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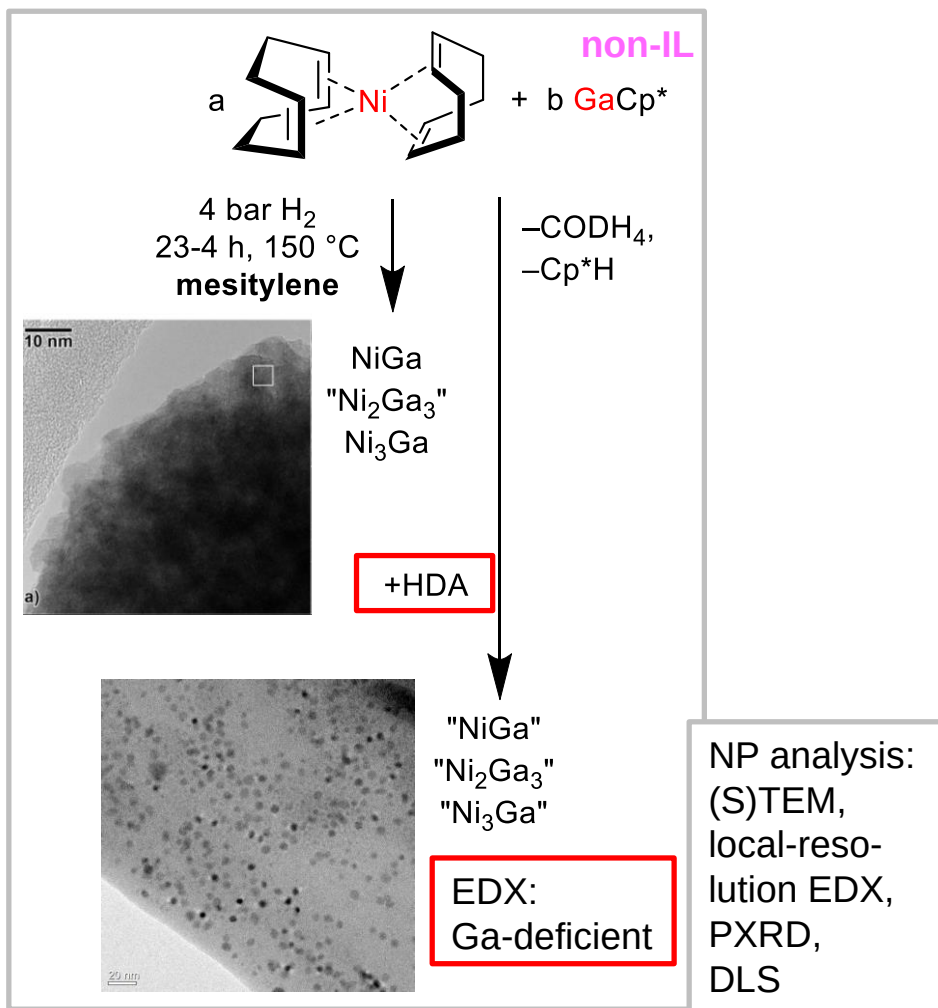
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EDX:

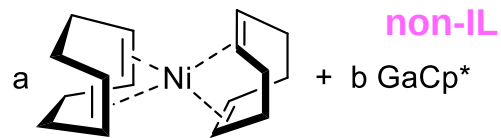


Bimetallic alloy nanoparticles

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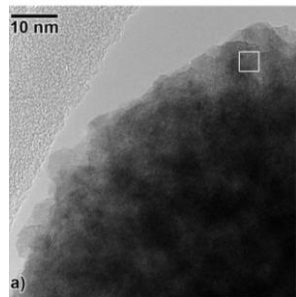


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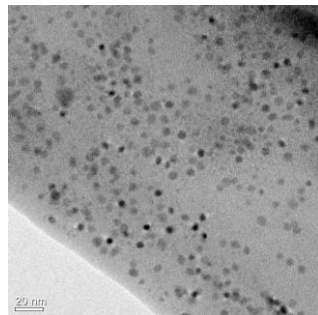
4 bar H₂
23-4 h, 150 °C
mesitylene

-CODH₄,
-Cp*H



NiGa
"Ni₂Ga₃"
Ni₃Ga

+HDA



"NiGa"
"Ni₂Ga₃"
"Ni₃Ga"

**EDX:
Ga-deficient**

versus

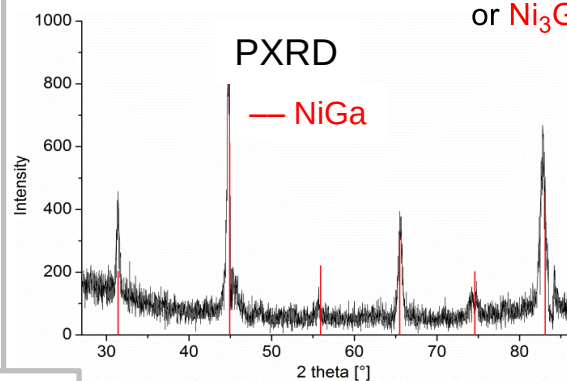
IL



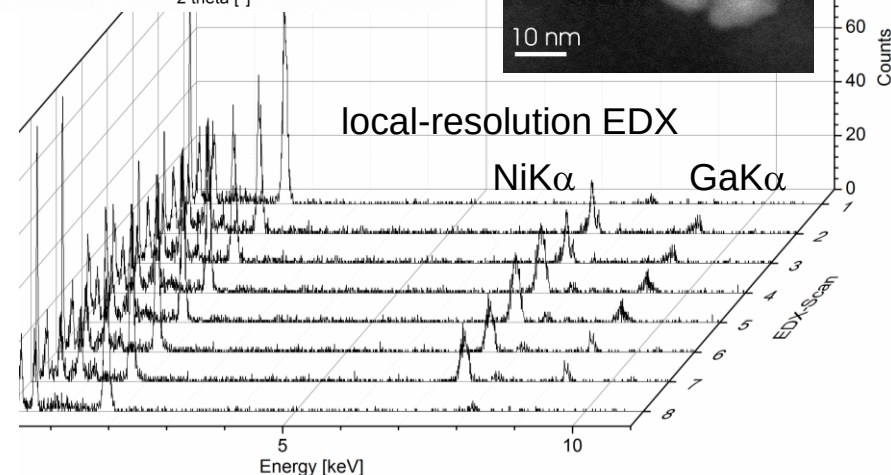
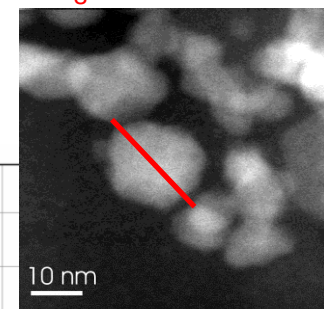
microwave irradiation
50 W, 10 min, 220 °C
[BMIm][BF₄]

-COD,
-(Cp*)

NiGa
or Ni₃Ga

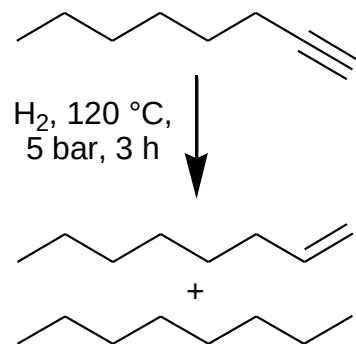


Ni₃Ga:



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NiGa/ionic liquid - catalytic semihydrogenation of alkynes



Ni-NP /[BMIm][BF ₄]	NiGa-NP /[BMIm][BF ₄]
Conversion: 96%	87-89%
Selectivity: 3%	93-94%
97%	6-7%

see poster P6 of I. Simon

Can Hume-Rothery phases
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Fischer, Janiak et al., *Nanoscale* **2014**, 6, 5532-5544.

Normally semihydrogenation
requires noble metals:

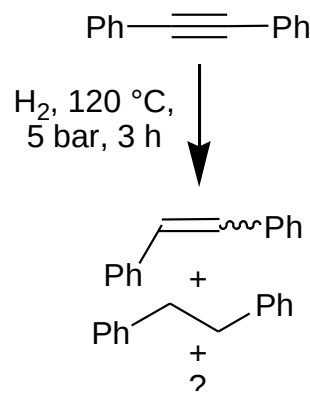
Pd: Conley, Mitsudome, Antonietti **2013**,

Pt: Attard, **2013**

Ru: Niu, **2013**

Rh: Ruck, Armbrüster, **2012**

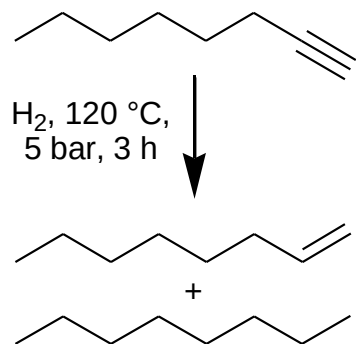
Au: Yamamoto, **2012**



Ni-NP /[BMIm][BF ₄]	NiGa-NP /[BMIm][BF ₄]
Conversion: 89%	82-90%
Selectivity: 8%	84-87%
78%	10-11%
15%	4%

Semihydrogenation with PdGa, Pd₂Ga, Pd₃Ga₇ see Armbrüster et al., *J. Phys. Chem. C* **2011**, 115, 1368;
JACS **2010**, 132, 14745; **2011**, 133, 9112;
with Fe₄Al₁₃ see Armbrüster, Schlögl, Grin et al. *Nat. Mater.* **2012**, 11, 690.

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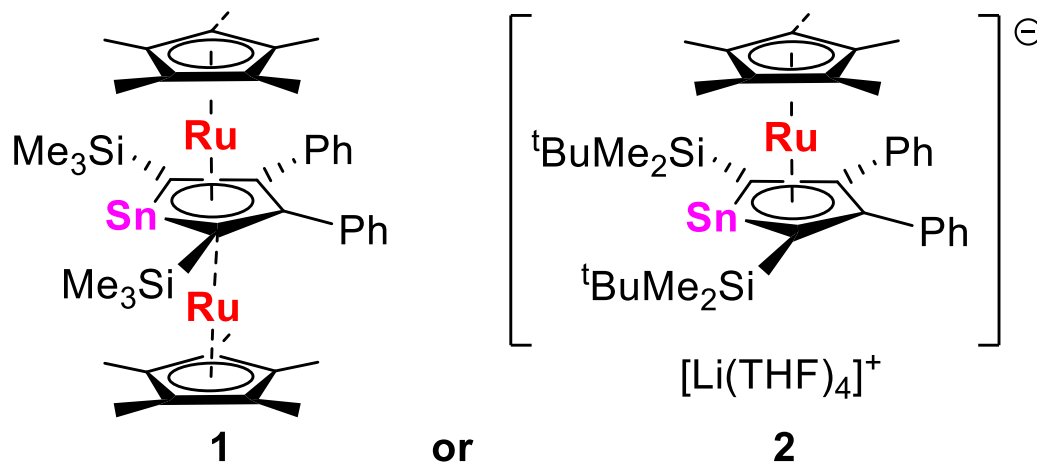
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metal classification		$T_2 + B = \text{Hume-Rothery}$													
T_1		T_2										B			
Li	Be														
Na	Mg												(Al)		
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga			
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn		
Cs	Ba	La	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	

Bimetallic alloy nanoparticles

- "Ru₂Sn" and Ru₃Sn₇

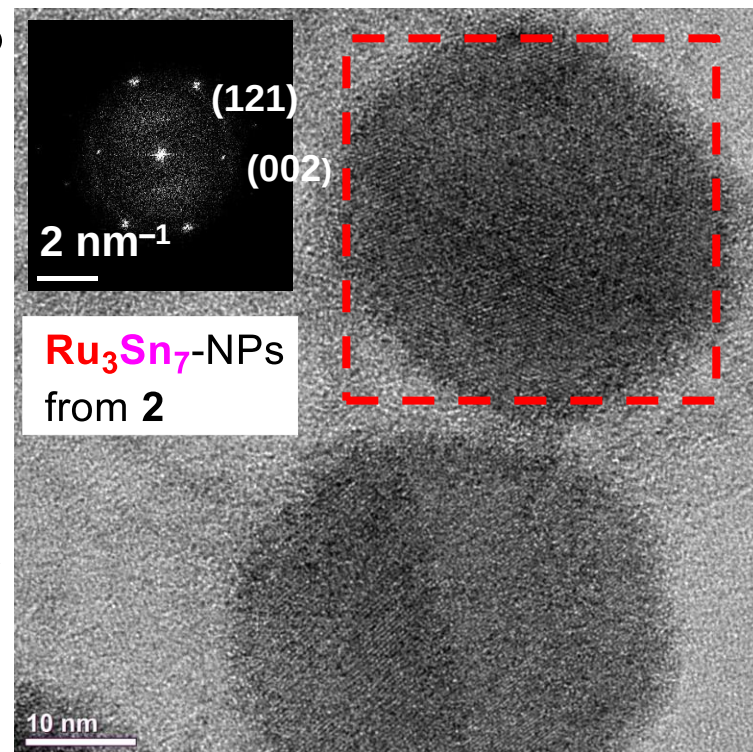
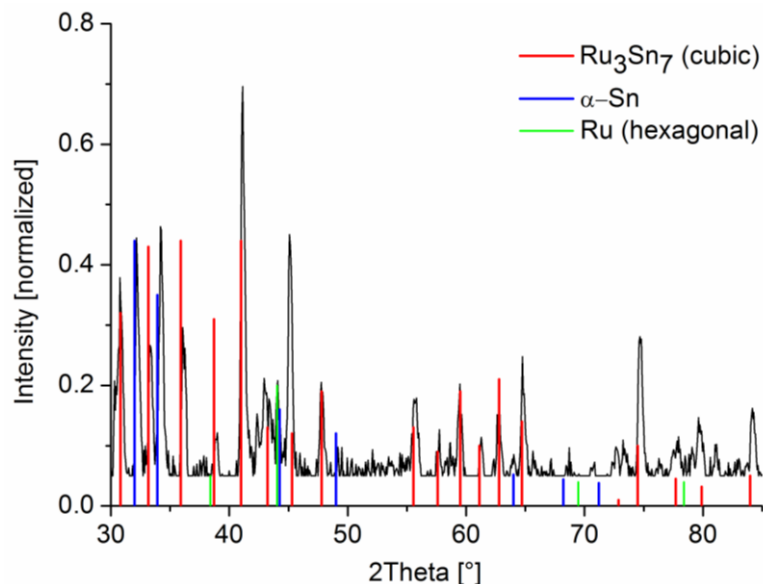


or

2

[BMIm][BF₄]

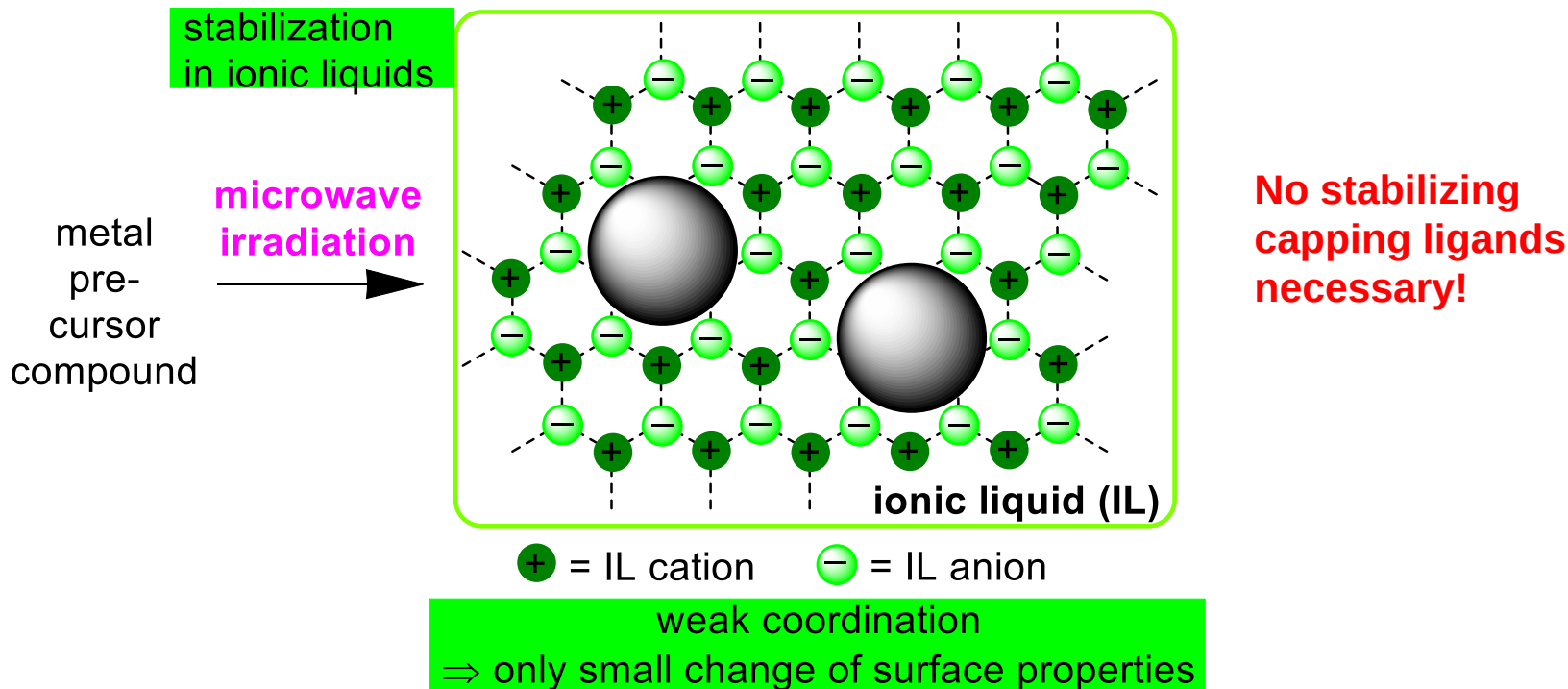
MWI, 50 W, 15 min, 220 °C



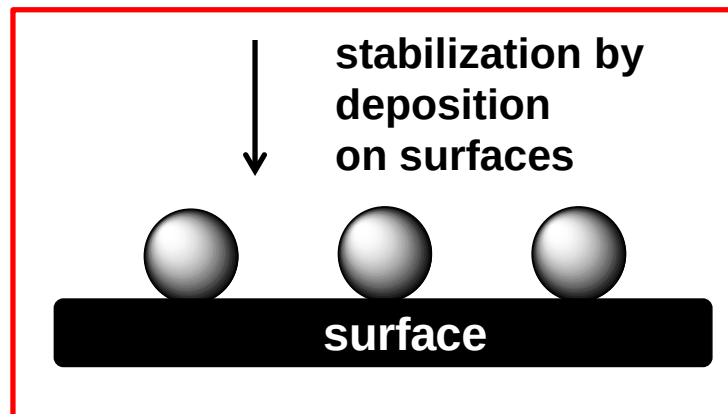
with Masaichi Saito

J. Organomet. Chem. **2016**, in press.

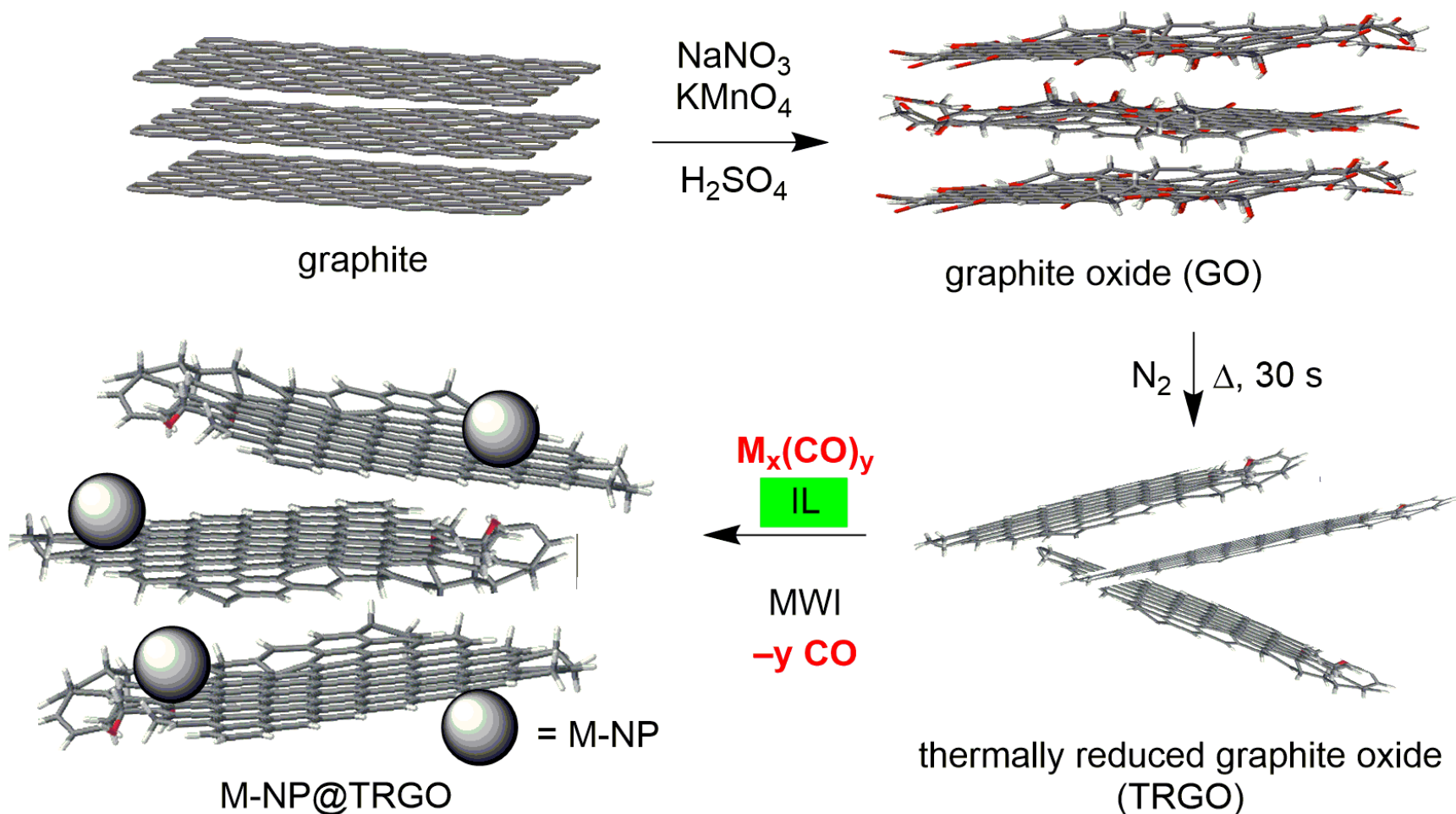
Stabilization of metal nanoparticles from IL-dispersion onto surfaces



Chem. Eur. J. **2009**, 15, 10047.
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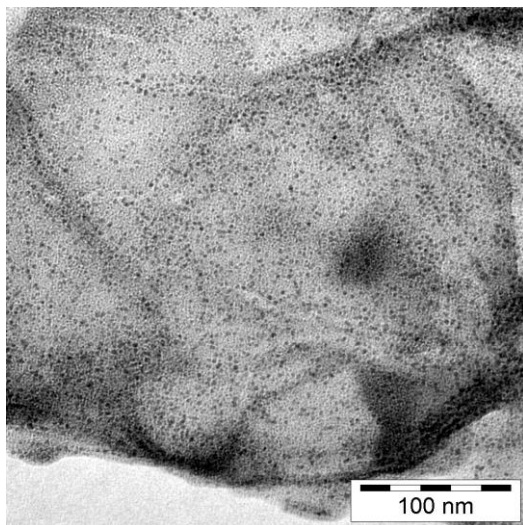
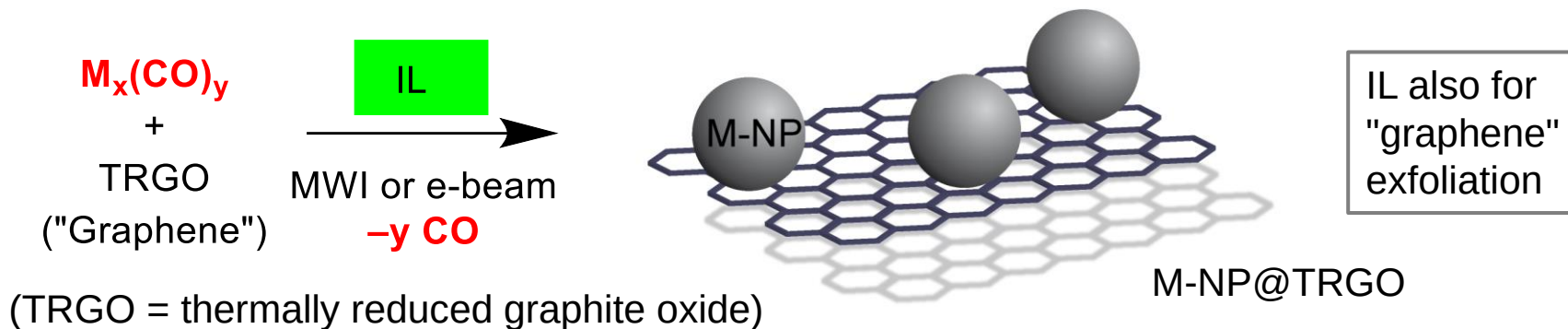


Thermally reduced graphite oxide (TRGO) as nanoparticle support

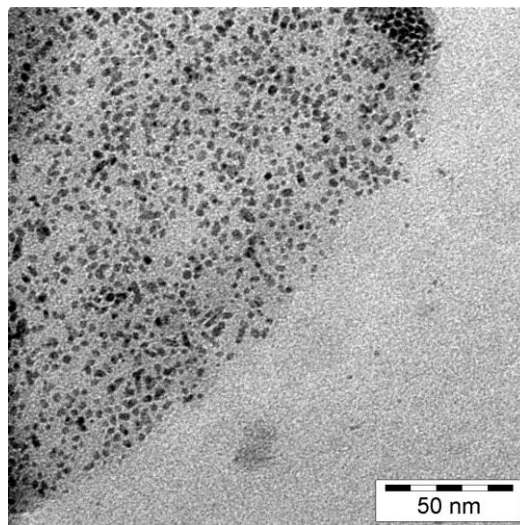


Graphite oxide, GO: Brodie, *Liebigs Ann. Chem.* **1860**, 114, 6.
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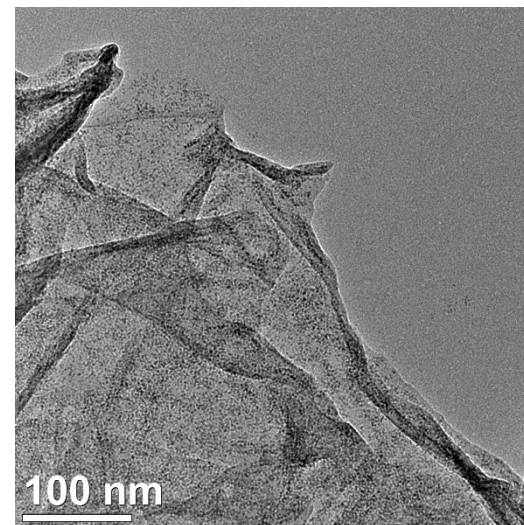
Stabilization of metal nanoparticles on graphene networks



Ru-NP@TRGO
2.2 (± 0.4) nm



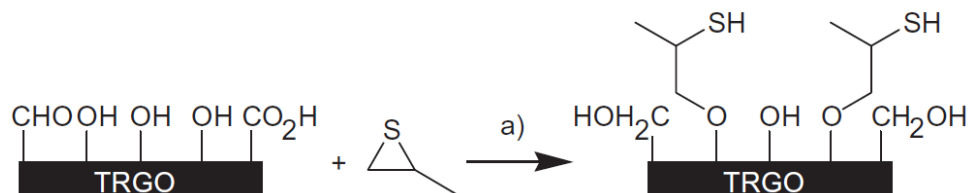
Rh-NP@TRGO
2.8 (± 0.5) nm



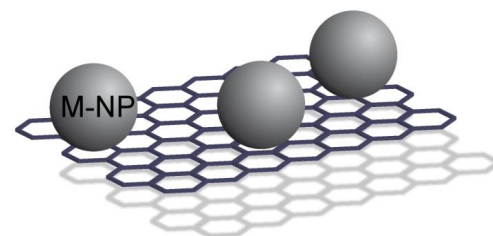
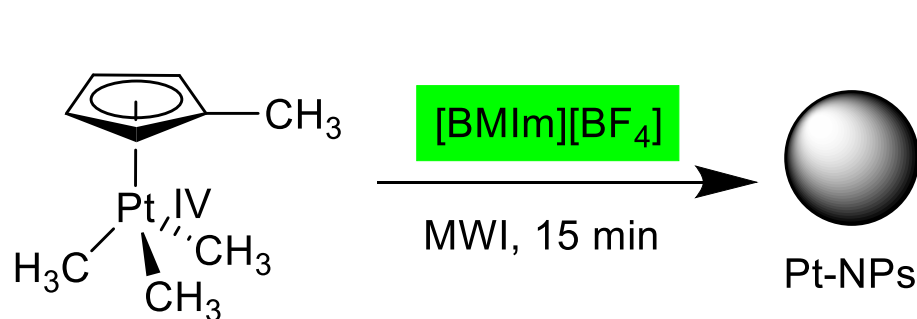
Ir-NP@TRGO
3.6 (± 1.0) nm

Metal-NPs@TRGO-SH synthesis in ILs

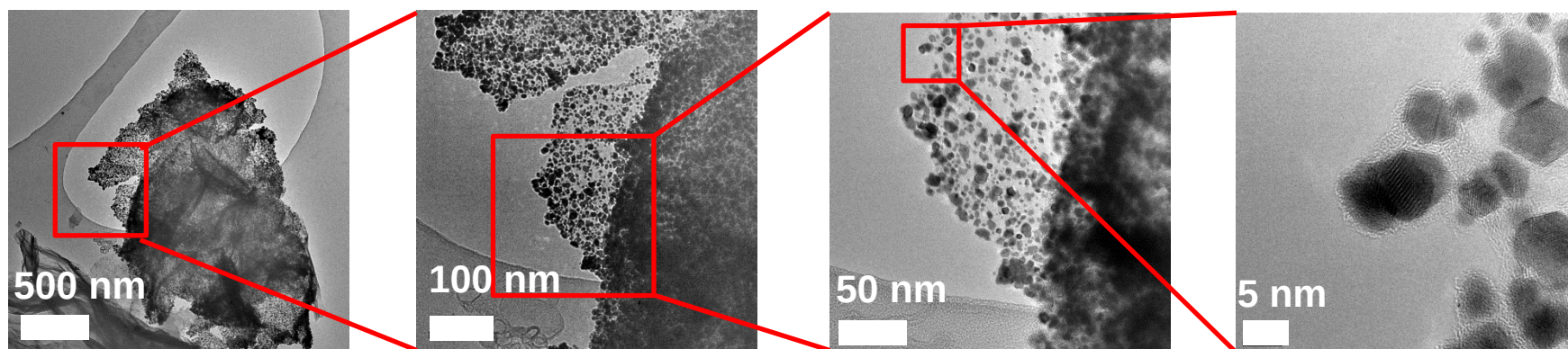
ring opening of propylene sulfide (2-methylthiirane)



(a) LDA (lithium diisopropylamide)

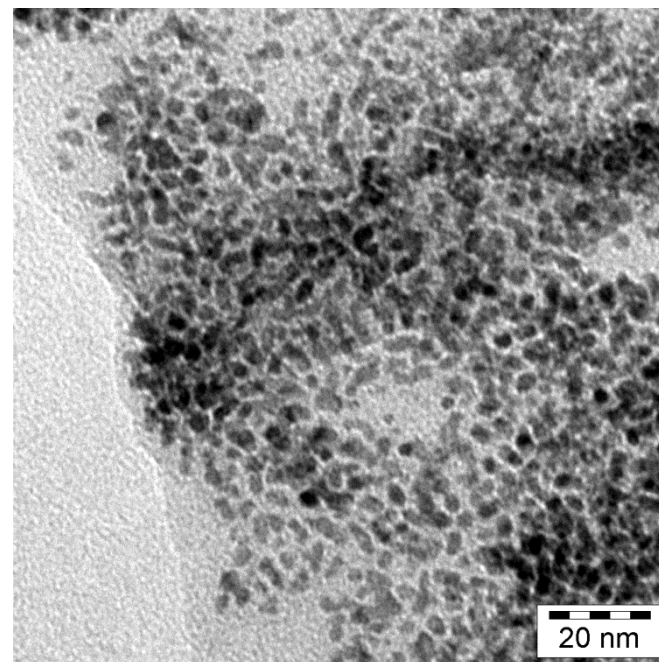
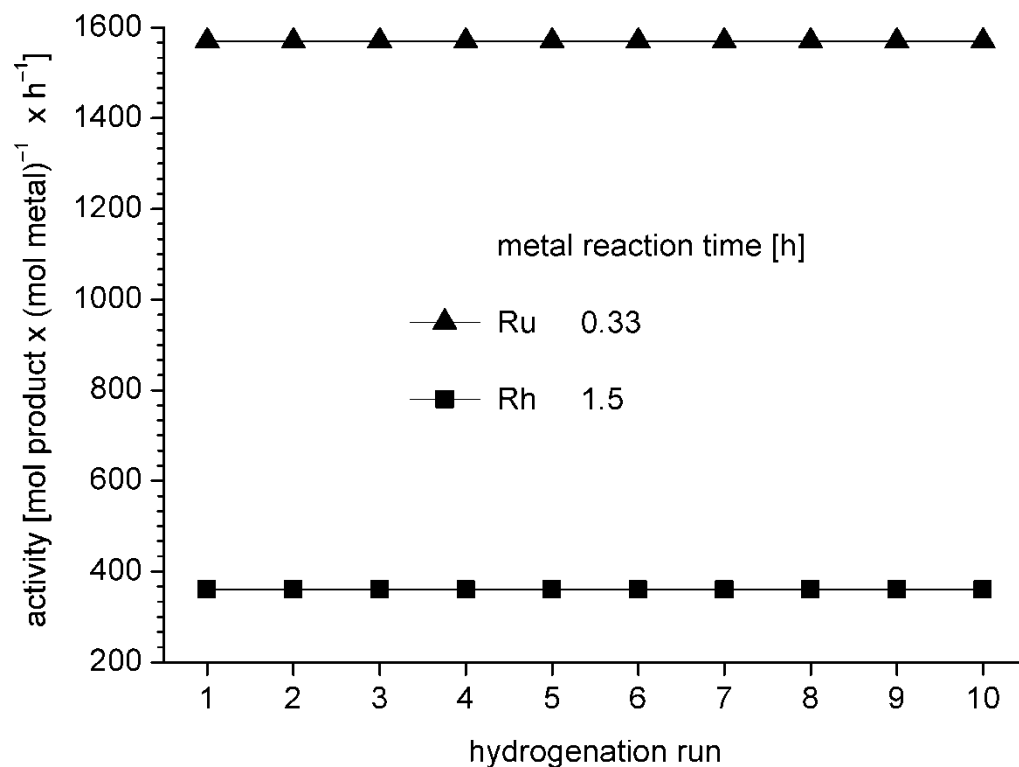
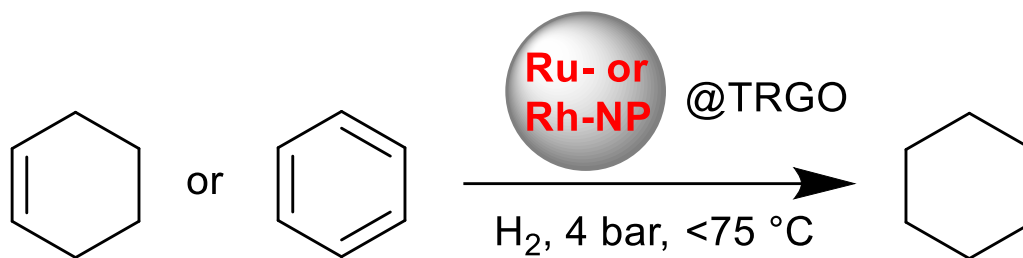


Pt-NP@TRGO-SH



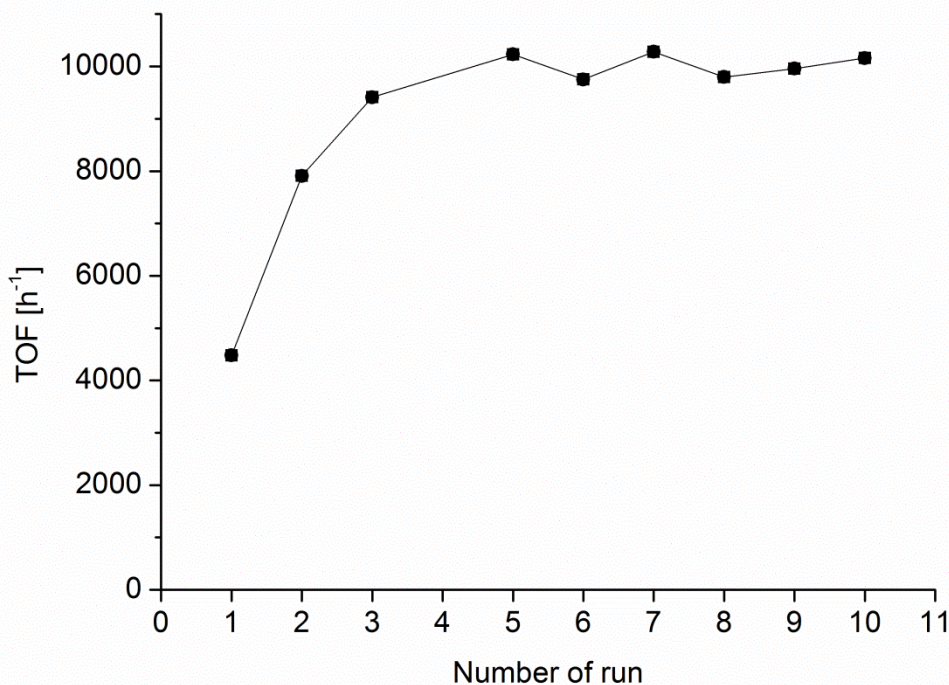
$\varnothing 9 \pm 4$ nm, 3.2 wt% Pt-NP@TRGO

M-NP@TRGO as re-usable hydrogenation catalysts under organic-solvent-free conditions

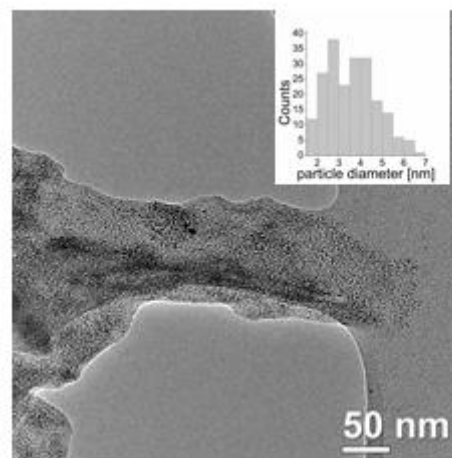
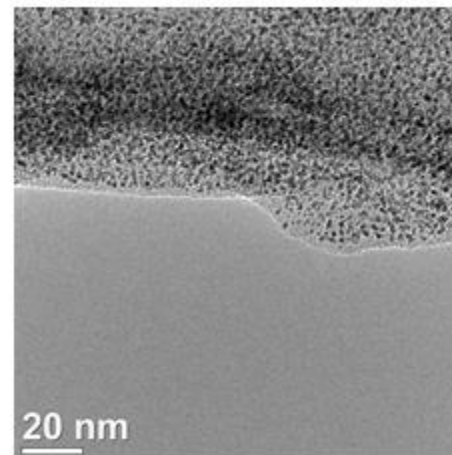


Rh-NP@TRGO after 10th run

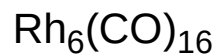
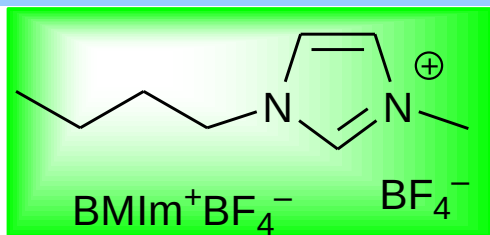
Ir-NP@TRGO as re-usable hydrogenation catalysts under organic-solvent-free conditions



after 10th run



Deposition of metal nanoparticles on Teflon!

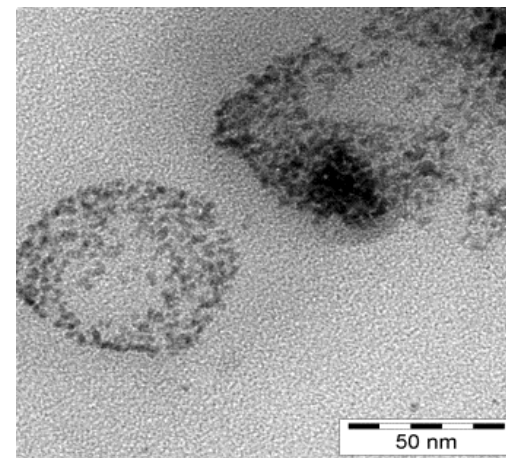
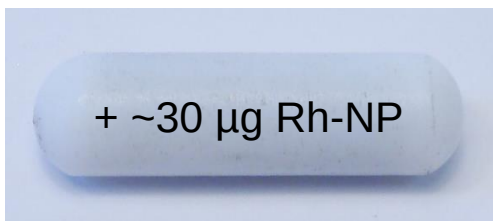
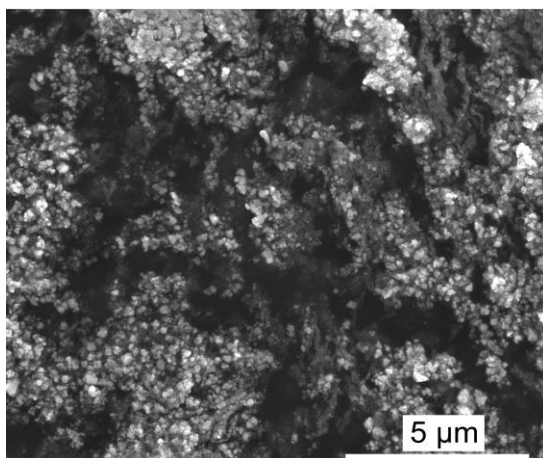


microwave irradiation
(MWI)
10 W, 6 min

(unused new stirring bar)



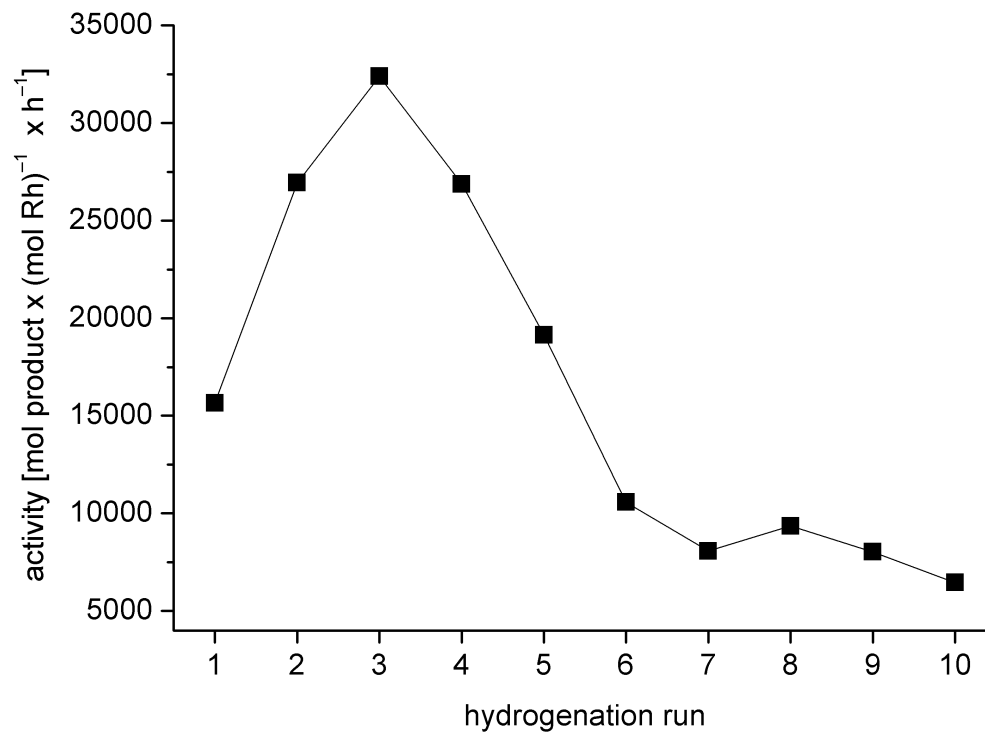
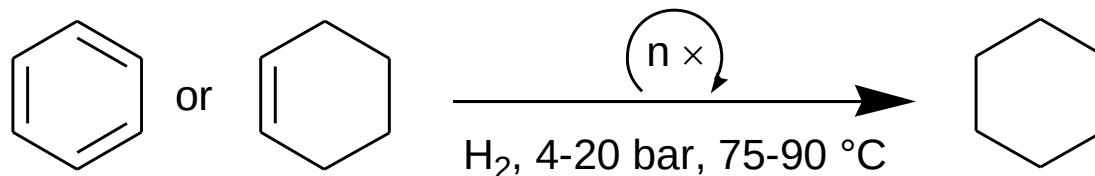
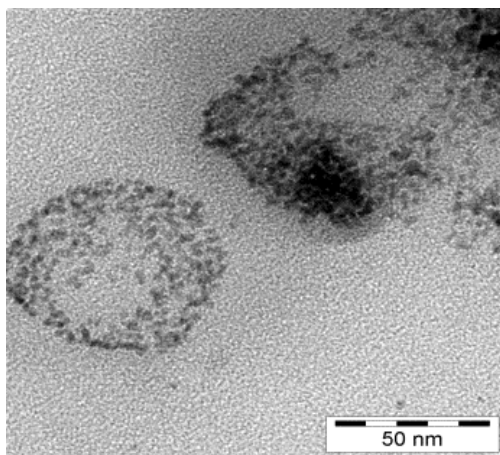
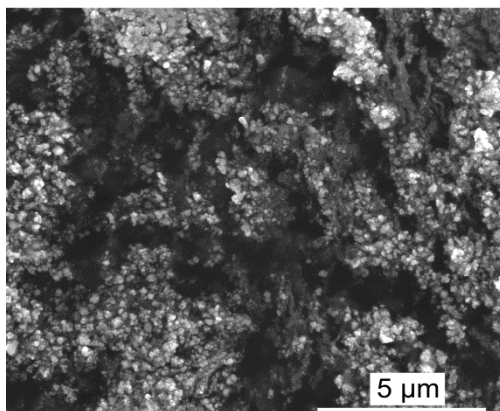
20 × 6 mm



Rh-NP@stirring bar, Ø 2.1(5) nm

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Deposition of metal nanoparticles on Teflon!



Summary

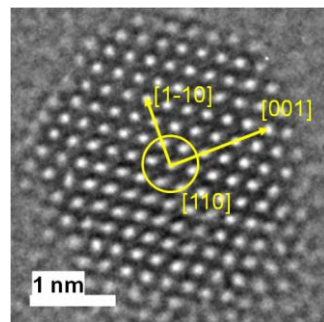
Precursors

$\text{Zn/Cd(R}_2\text{N---Se)}_2$

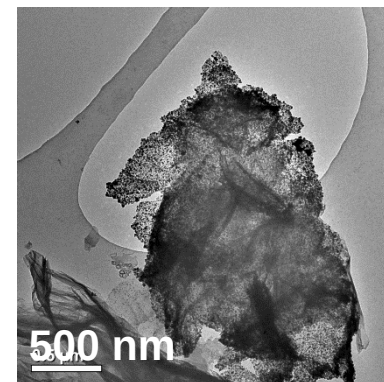
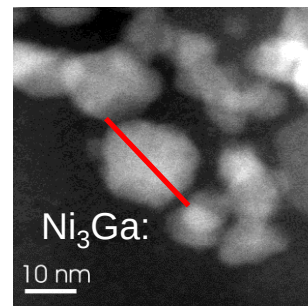
$\text{M}_x(\text{CO})_y$
 $\text{Cp}'\text{PtMe}_3$

$\text{M(R}_2\text{-Me-amidinate)}_x$
 Ni(COD)_2 , GaCp^*

Au(CO)Cl
 KAuCl_4

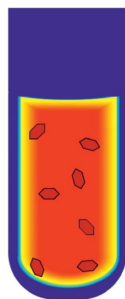
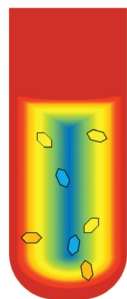


nano-
particles

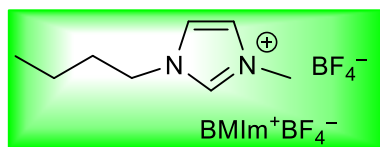


**no capping ligands
necessary!**

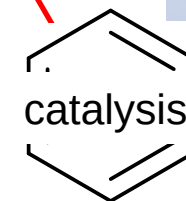
methods:
PXRD,
HR-(S)TEM,
EDX, XPS
DLS



μ -wave
heating



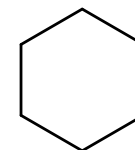
ionic liquids



catalysis

"the catalyst"

Ru, Rh@TRGO



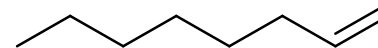
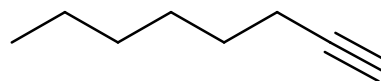
$\text{H}_2 + \text{CO} + \text{CO}_2$

Cu/ZnO-NP

CH_3OH

NiGa-NP

H_2



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