

# Real time 3D Environmental TEM in-depth study of catalytic soot combustion on Zirconia-based catalysts

## *Fast Operando Environmental Tomography*



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Several hundreds of projections recorded in less than 10 s and even 1 s over continuously repeated sweeps of 180°

[www.psi.ch](http://www.psi.ch) (P. Scherrer Inst., Switzerland)



R. MOKSO et al., *Sci.Reports* **5** (2015) 8727

[als.lbl.gov](http://als.lbl.gov) (Advanced Light Source, USA)



H.S. BARNARD et al., *J. Phys. Conf. Series* **849** (2017) 012043

[www.diamond.ac.uk](http://www.diamond.ac.uk) (Diamond Light Source, UK)



B. CAI et al., *Acta Mater* **105** (2016) 338-346

[www.synchrotron-soleil.fr](http://www.synchrotron-soleil.fr) (Soleil, France)



K. MEDJOUB et al., *J. Synchr. Rad.* **20** (2013) 293-299

[www.esrf.eu](http://www.esrf.eu) (European SRF, Eu)



J. VILLANOVA et al., *Mat. Today* (2017), on line, DOI/ 10.1016/j.mattod.2017.06.001

[ssrf.sinap.ac.cn](http://ssrf.sinap.ac.cn) (Shanghai SRF, China)



L. XU et al., *J. Inst.* **10** (2015) C03010

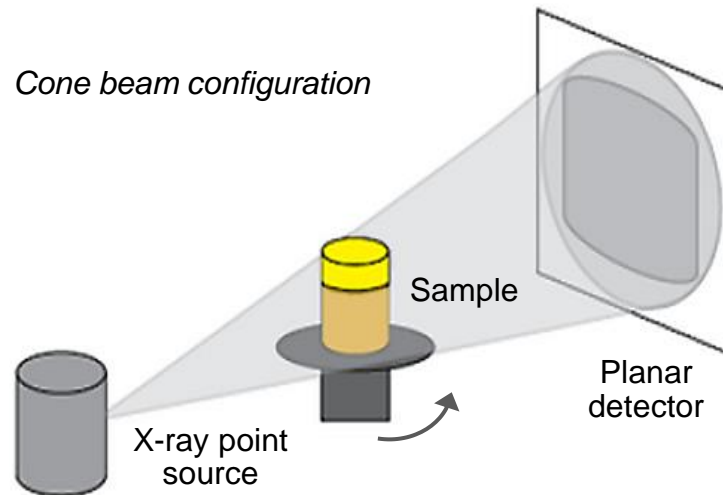
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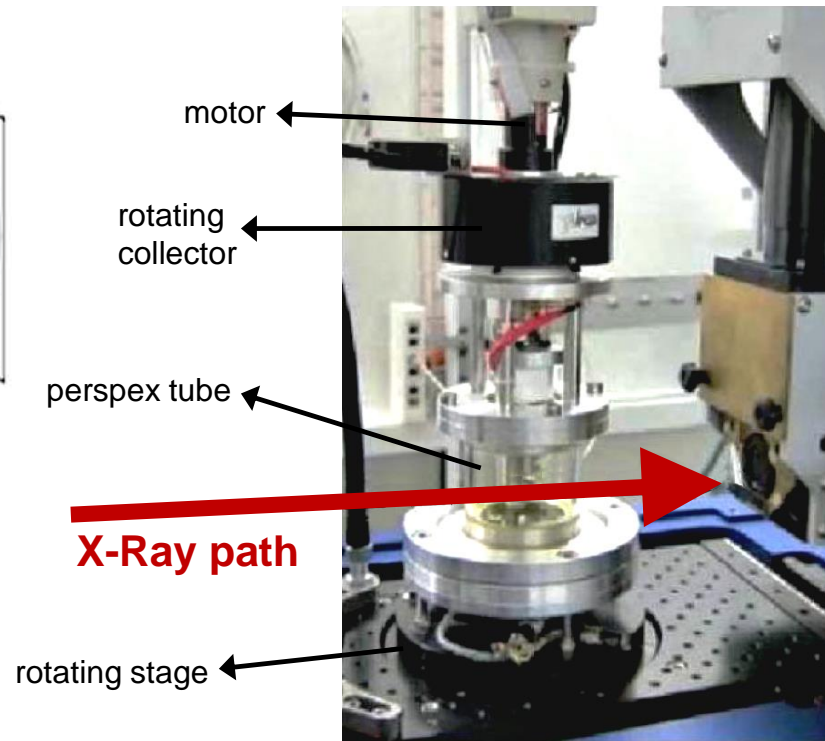
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Tensile test (Al alloy)  
10 rps (20 x 180° / s)



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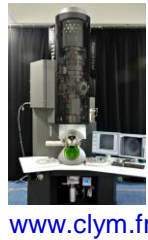
E. MAIRE et al., *Int. J. Fract.* (2016)

# Fast tomography in Materials Science at the nm level in a TEM: *the current and in progress situation*

## Bright Field CONTINUOUS ROTATION AND RECORDING ELECTRON TOMOGRAPHY in a FEW MINUTES

- **First attempts...** T. EPICIER et al., Prague IMC2014 ([www.microscopy.cz/abstracts/2812.pdf](http://www.microscopy.cz/abstracts/2812.pdf))

Ag@silicalites, High Vacuum at 20°C

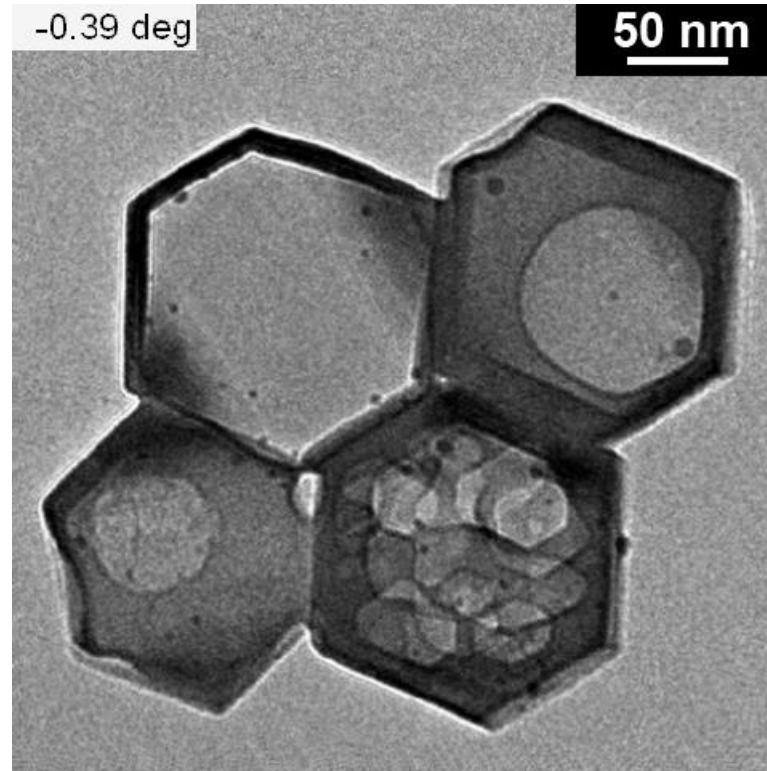


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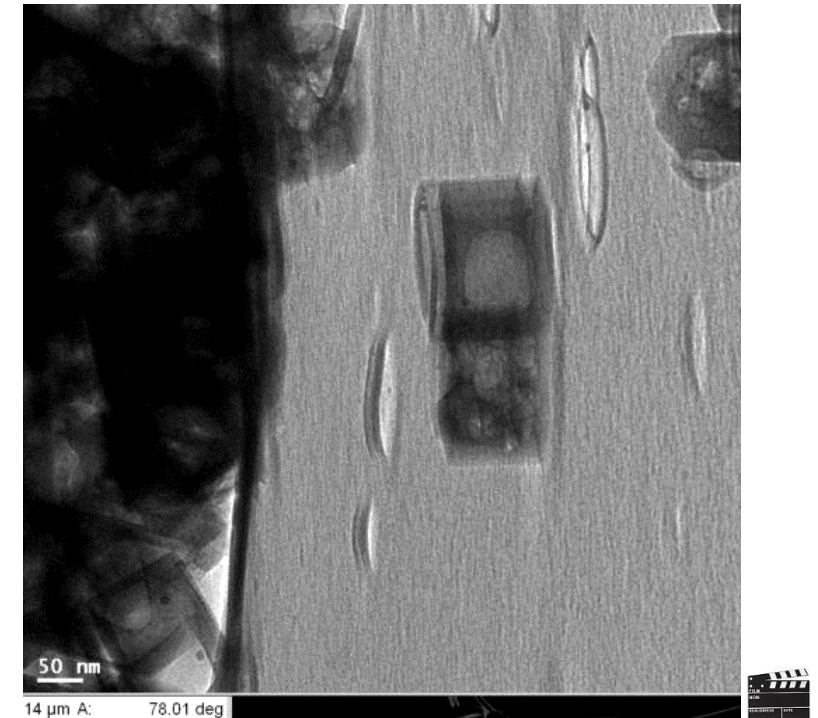
Manual continuous tilt  
from 78° to -38° in **3'40"**

UltraScan 2K US1000XP-P  
Gatan CCD camera GATAN

screen video capture



328 aligned frames from a  
1584 frames video sequence



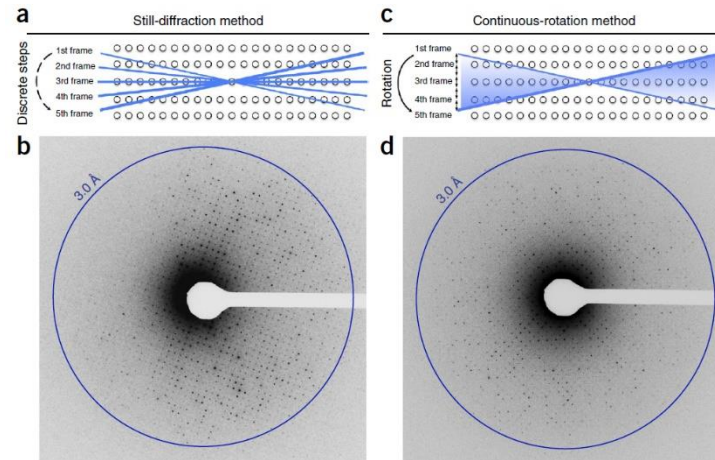
speed x20

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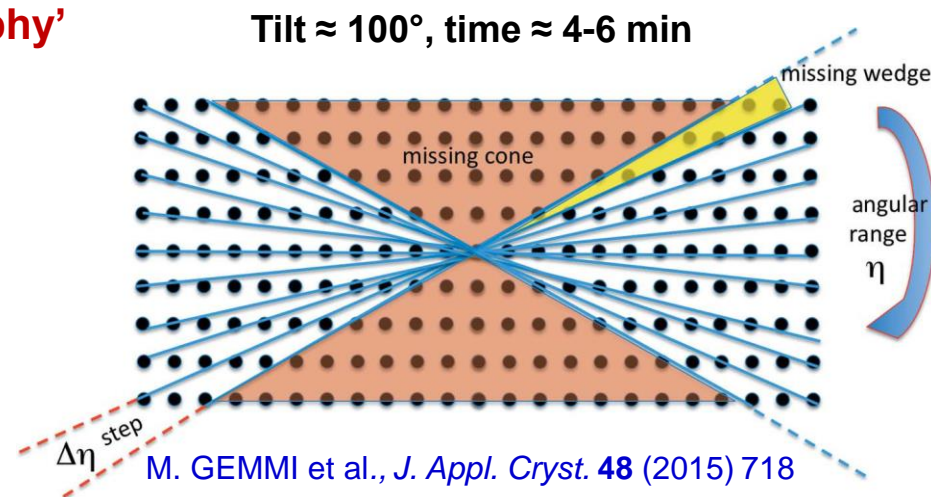
### • Other applications in diffraction...

- **continuous-rotation data collection in MicroED**

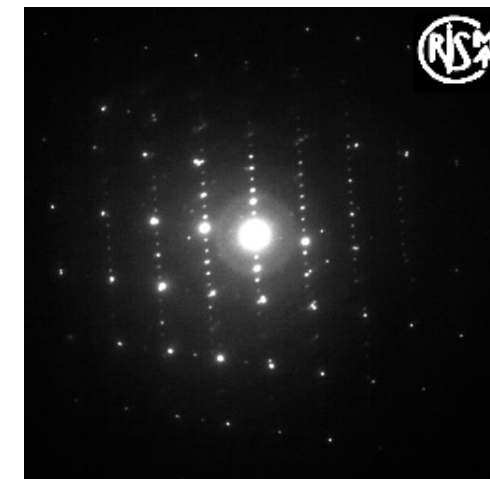


B.L. NANNENGA et al., *Nature Methods* 11 (2014) 927-930

- **'Fast diffraction tomography'**



M. GEMMI et al., *J. Appl. Cryst.* 48 (2015) 718

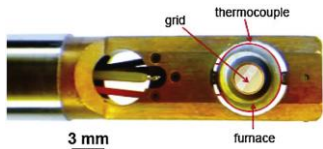


Courtesy Philippe Boullay, *ENSI Caen, F*

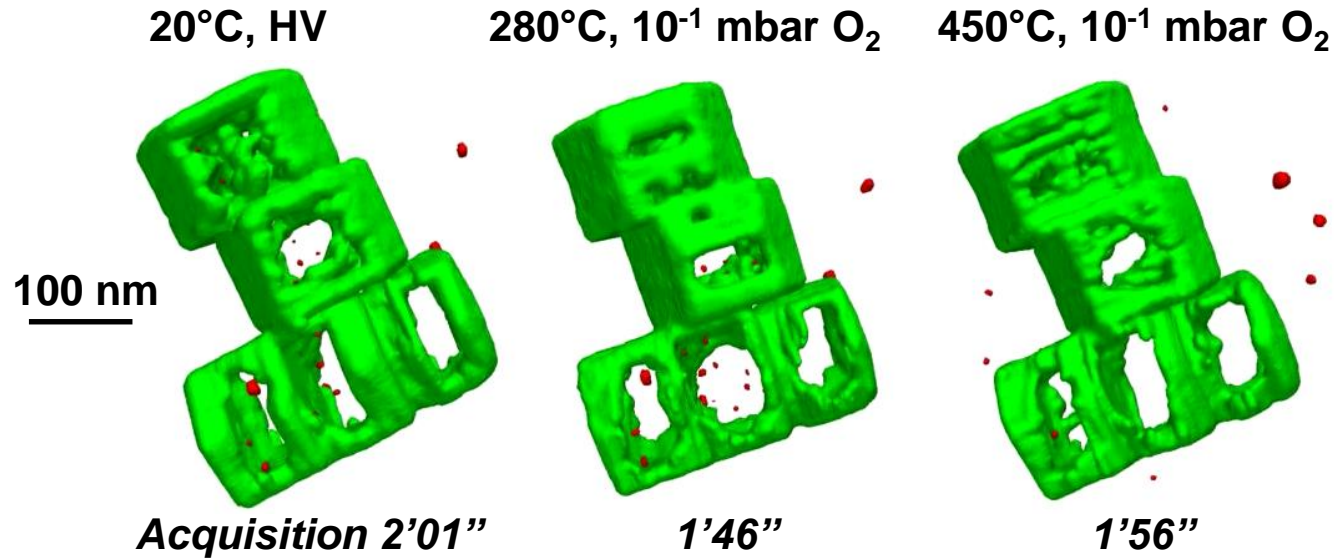
• Other applications for *in situ* in Materials Science...

- Towards Operando ETEM: Calcination of Ag@silicalites nano-catalysts L. ROIBAN et al., *J. of Microscopy*, (2017)

**In situ tilt series**  
(-25° / +42°)

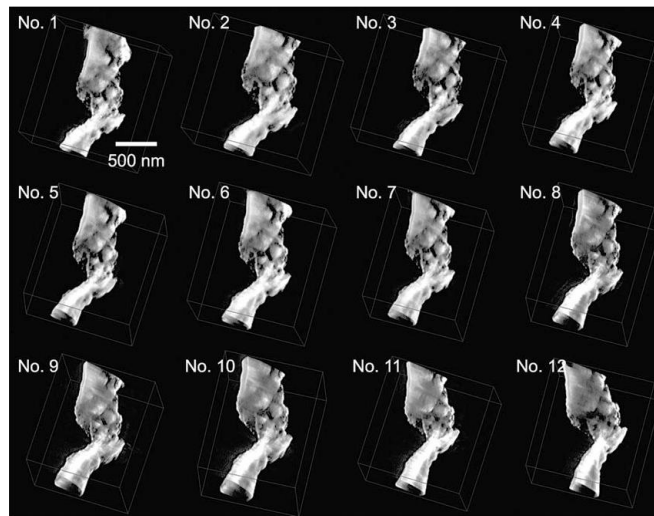


Furnace based  
GATAN™ (900°C)



- Towards *in situ* straining

Tilt up to  $\approx \pm 60^\circ$ ,  
time  $\approx 2$  min



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FACULTY OF ENGINEERING Mel-Build

S. HATA et al., *Microscopy* (2017) 143-153

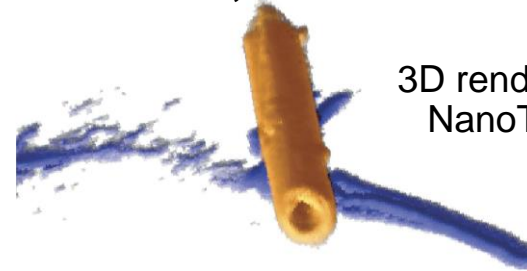
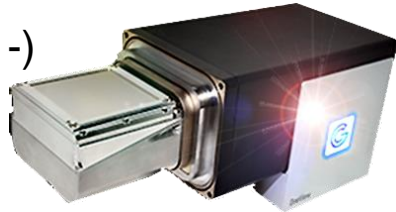
Development in progress; collaboration  
with Research Center for Ultra High Voltage  
Electron Microscopy, Osaka University  
[www.uhvem.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/what.html](http://www.uhvem.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/what.html)



• Taking profit of FAST optimized CMOS or DIRECT ELECTRON detection cameras

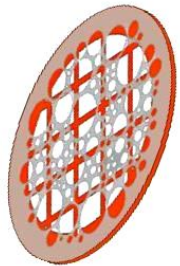
Tilt amplitude  $\approx 100^\circ$ , time 3.5-8 sec, frame acquisition time  $\approx 1 \mu\text{sec}$

Oneview  
(100 fps - 2K -)



3D rendering of a Carbon NanoTube on a C film

V. MIGUNOV et al., *Sci. Rep.*, 5 14516 (2015)



Rotation angular amplitude:  $2\alpha$

Total acquisition time:  $t_{total}$

Angular rotation speed:  $\omega = 2\alpha/t_{total}$

Number of frames per second:  $Fps$

Rotation blur / frame:  $\Delta\alpha = \frac{2\alpha}{t_{total} \cdot Fps}$

140°

5 sec

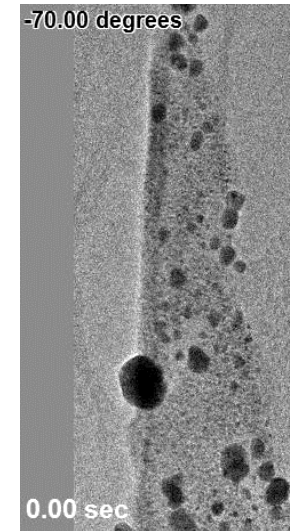
28°/sec

100

0.28°

L. ROIBAN et al.,  
*Microsc. Microanal.*  
22 5 (2016) 8

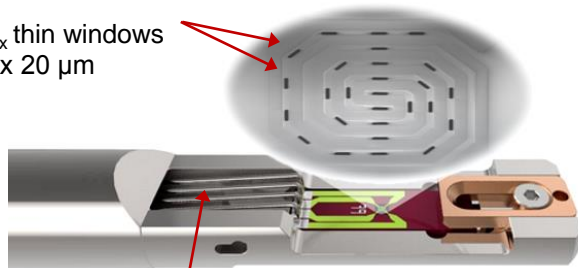
S. KONETI et al.,  
*To be published*



Au @TiO<sub>2</sub>

tilt +70° / -70°,  
**time  $\approx 5.2$  sec.**  
2K, 513 images  
 $\Delta\alpha \approx 0.27^\circ/\text{frame}$

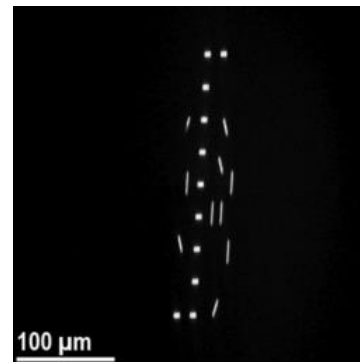
SiN<sub>x</sub> thin windows  
 $\approx 5 \times 20 \mu\text{m}$



Electric contacts  
(power/measurement)

**MEMS-based heating holder Si/Pt/SiN<sub>x</sub> nanochip 1300°C**

[www.denssolutions.com](http://www.denssolutions.com)



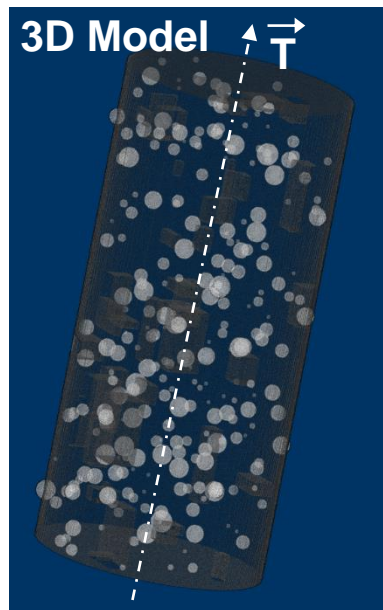
Wildfire™ S5 holder  
 $\pm 72^\circ$  rotation

# Continuous tilt and recording ET: *blur effects*

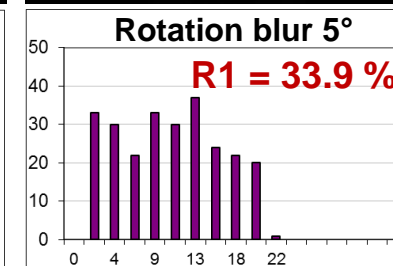
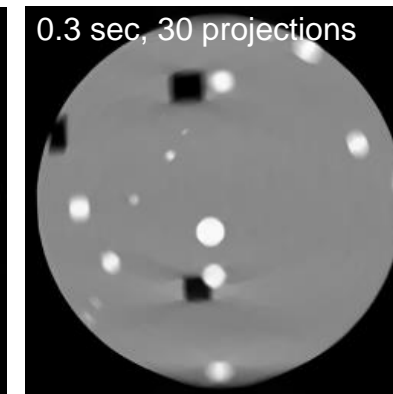
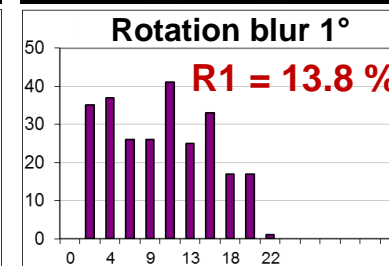
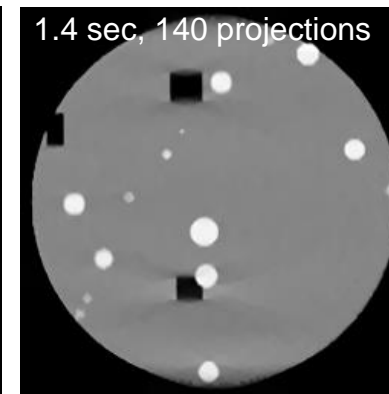
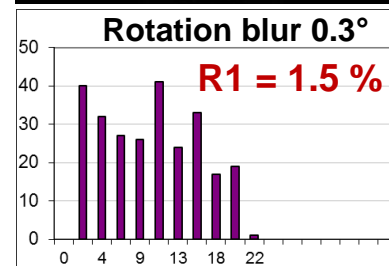
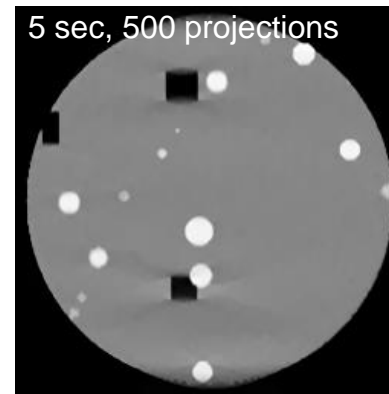
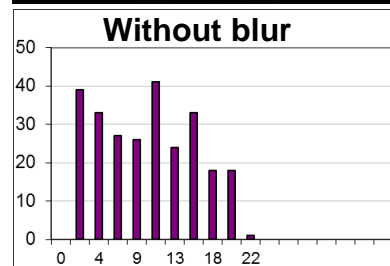
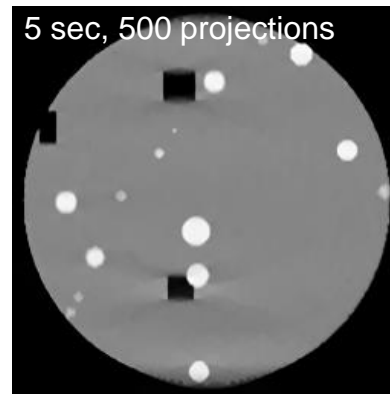
- Evaluation of rotation-induced blur effects: 2D and 3D ghosts approaches

Rotation angular amplitude: $2\alpha$	<b>140°</b>	<b>140°</b>	<b>140°</b>	<b>140°</b>
Total acquisition time: $t_{total}$	<b>10 sec</b>	<b>5 sec</b>	<b>1 sec</b>	<b>0.3 sec</b>
Angular rotation speed $\omega = 2\alpha/t_{total}$	<b>14°/sec</b>	<b>28°/sec</b>	<b>140°/sec</b>	<b>467°/sec</b>
Number of frames per second: <b>Fps</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Rotation blur / frame: $\Delta\alpha = \frac{2\alpha}{t_{total} \cdot Fps}$	<b>0.14°</b>	<b>0.28°</b>	<b>1.4°</b>	<b>4.7°</b>

SIRT-based reconstructions



"NP" size histograms



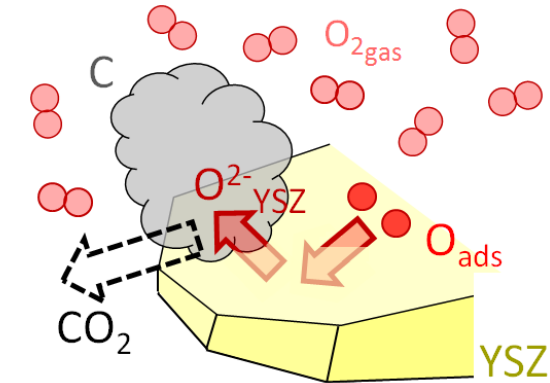
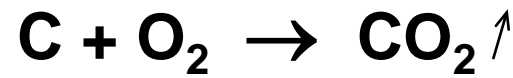


# 3D Operando electron tomography: soot oxidation on YSZ catalysts

- Diesel motors

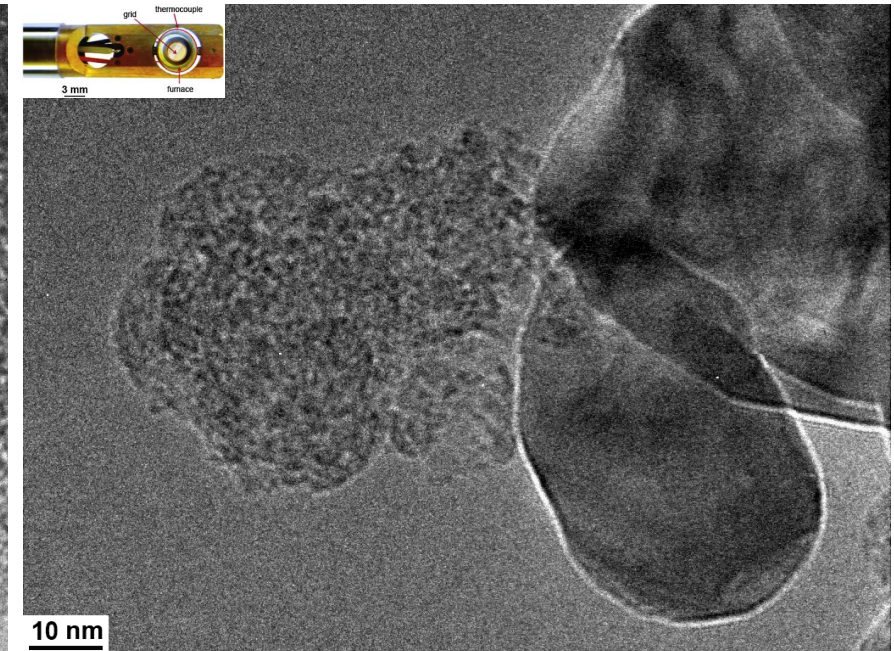
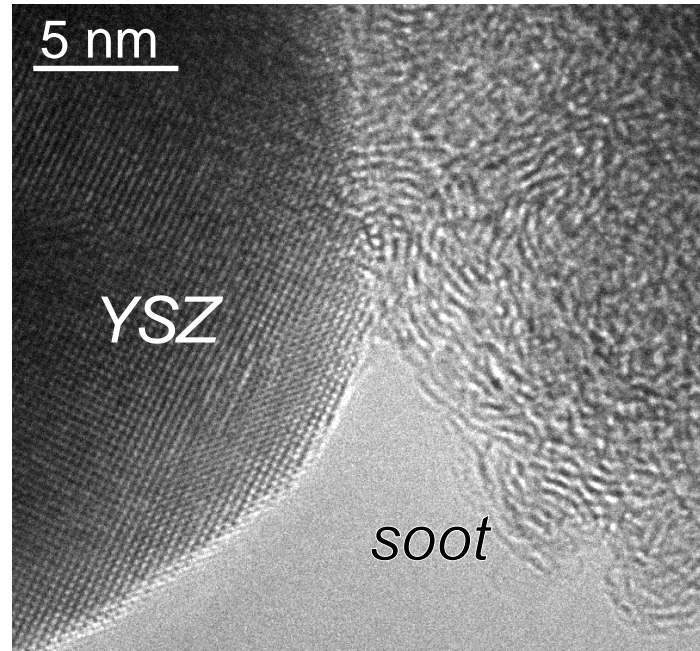
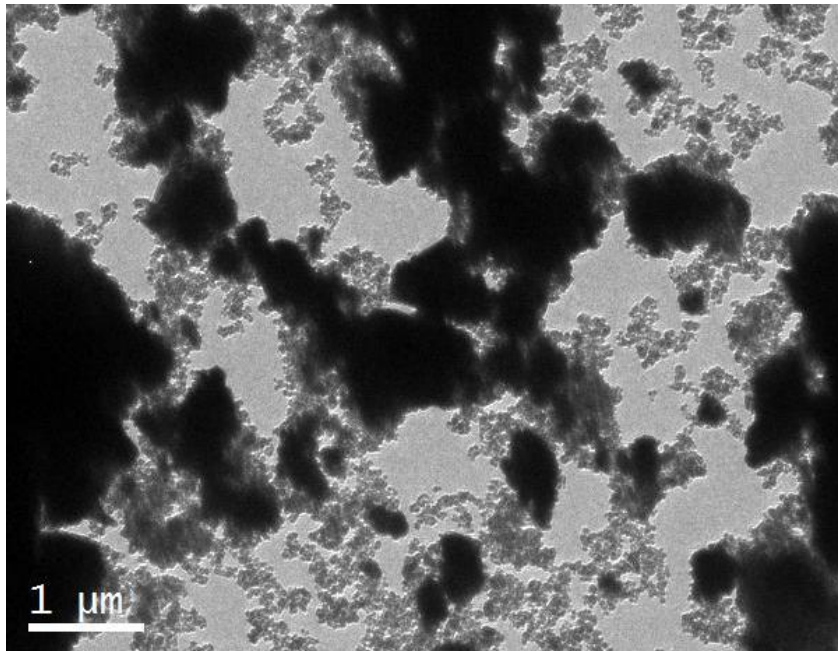
- reducing the particulate emission (~ carbon soot)
- Diesel Particulate Filter (DPF) : aims at burning the C particulates

- Use of ZrO<sub>2</sub> (YSZ) as a catalyst to promote an electrochemical oxidation (like a fuel cell)




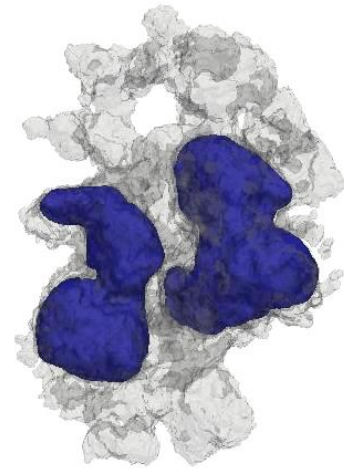
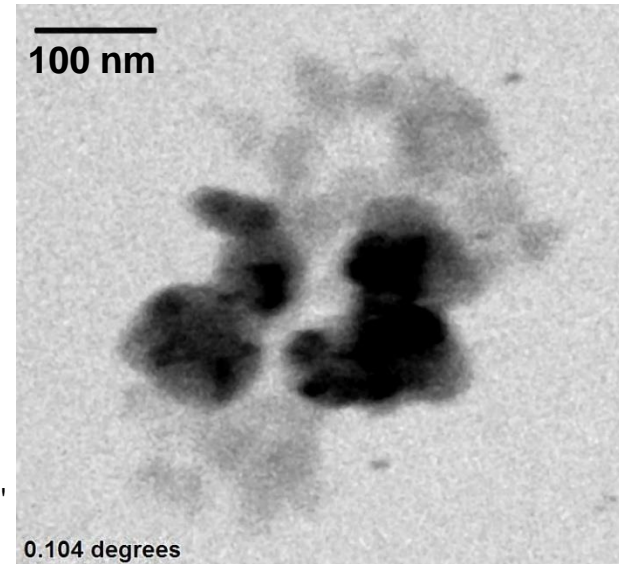
E. OBEID et al., *J. of Catalysis*, **309** (2014) 87-96; A. SERVE, *Appl. Catal. A*, **504** (2015) 74-80

**T° = 495°C, 1.2 10<sup>-2</sup> mbar O<sub>2</sub>, 300 kV**



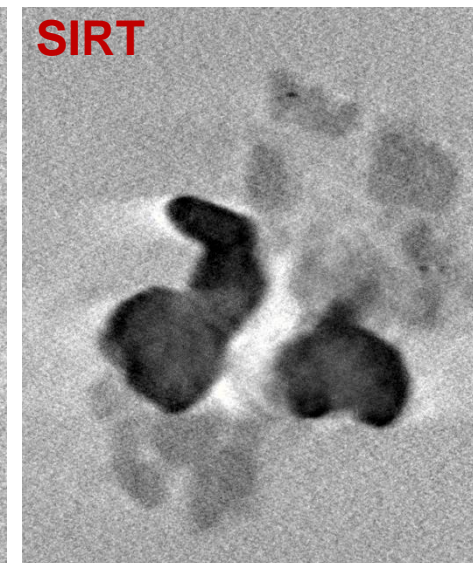
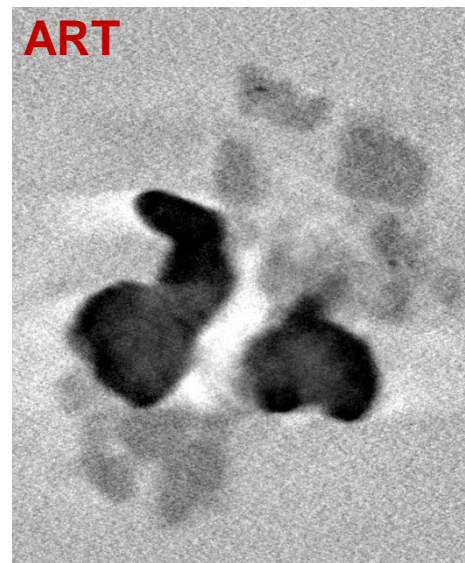
• Test of continuous rotation and recording fast tomography under *quasi*-environmental conditions

- T = 300°C, 5 10<sup>-5</sup> mbar O<sub>2</sub>
- Acquisition time: **5.1 seconds**
- Projections 2K, 100 fps
- Continuous tilt -69° to 71°, Wildfire S5 
- 309 'less-blurred' aligned projections sorted out of 507



True speed, total time 5.1"

- Reconstruction 1024<sup>3</sup> Voxels
- SIRT-FISTA-TV** H. BANJAK et al, *to be published*
- TV-minimization**  
E.Y. SIDKY, X. PAN, *Phys. Med. Biol* **53** (2008) 4777
- FISTA acceleration**  
A. BECK, M. TEBoulLE, *SIAM JIS* **2** 1 (2009) 183



• Towards 3D kinetic studies...

Activation energy of soot combustion on  $ZrO_2$  in oxygen (ETEM 1.7 mbar)

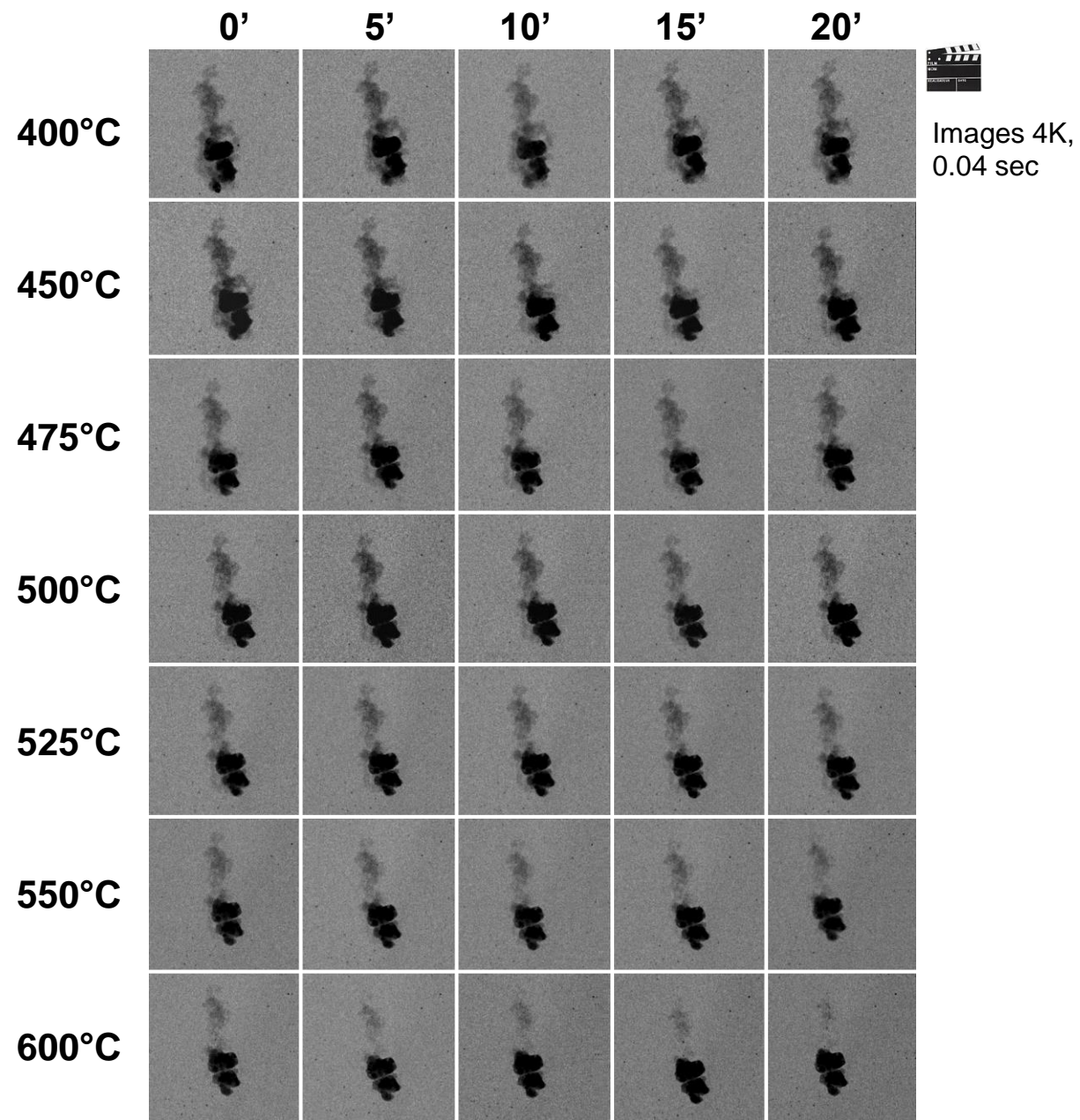
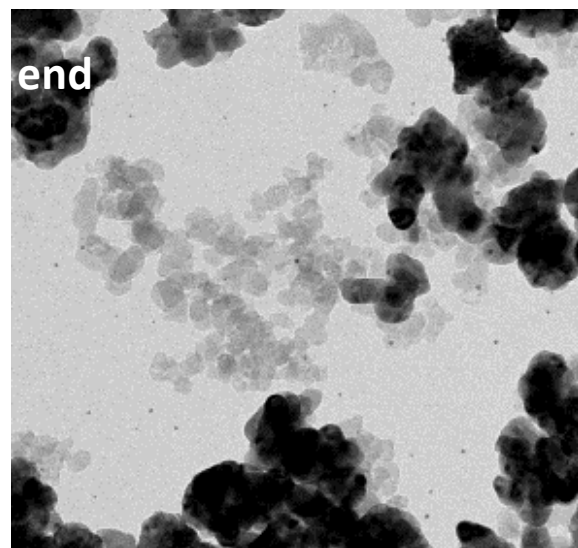
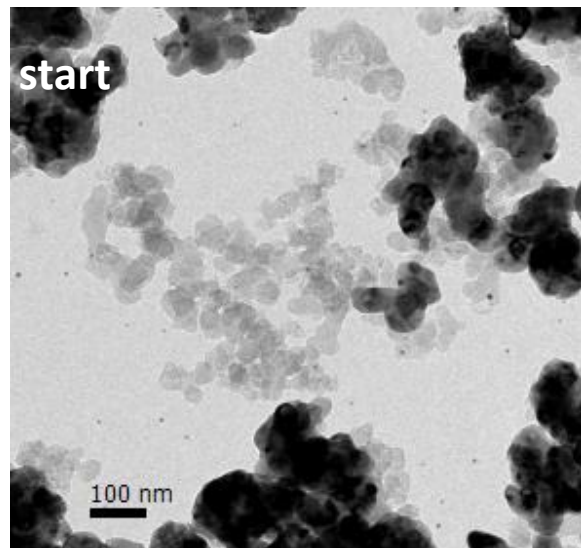
Arrhenius plot  $SPEED_{combustion} = S_0 \exp(-\Delta G/RT)$

Irradiation time  $\approx 2$  h 45 min

flux  $1.7 \text{ e}^- \cdot \text{\AA}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ , total dose  $1.7 \cdot 10^4 \text{ e}^- \cdot \text{\AA}^{-2}$

Irradiation test 5 min

flux  $56 \text{ e}^- \cdot \text{\AA}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ , total dose  $1.68 \cdot 10^4 \text{ e}^- \cdot \text{\AA}^{-2}$

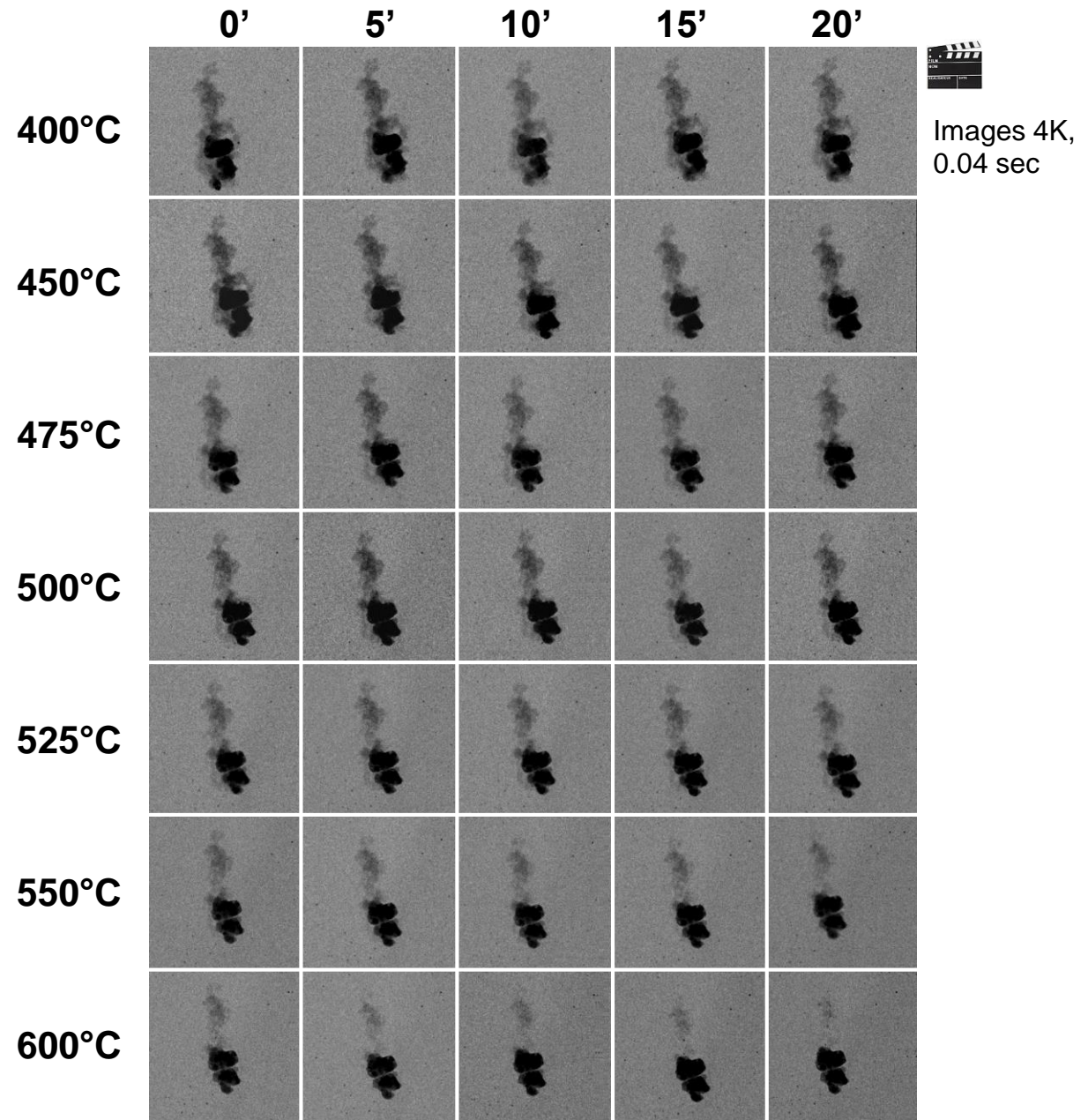
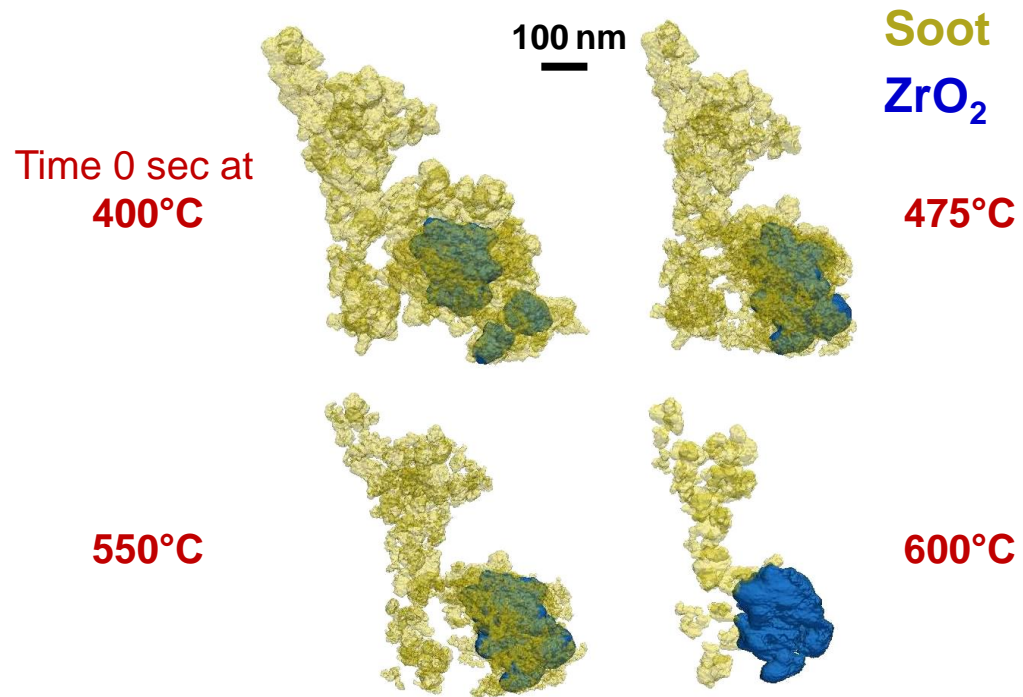


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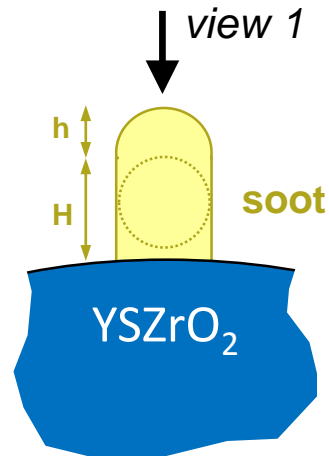
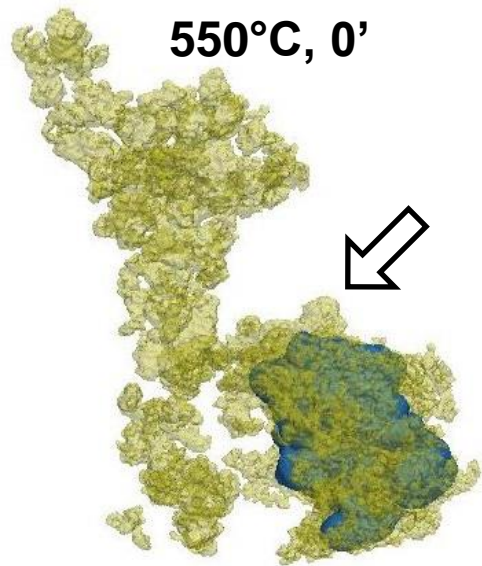
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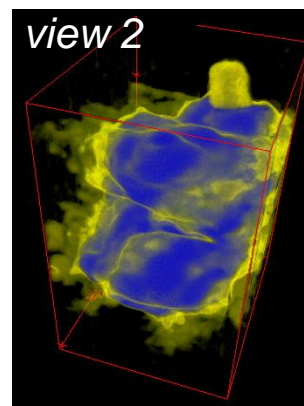
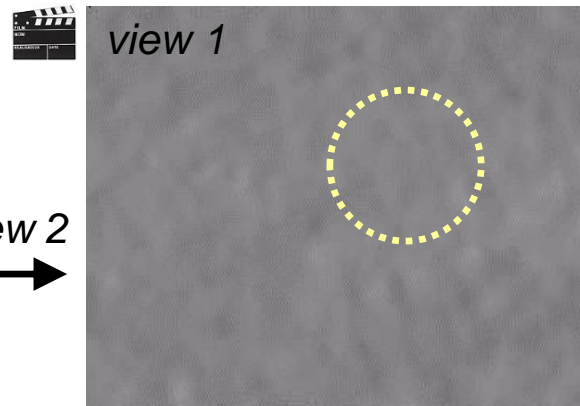
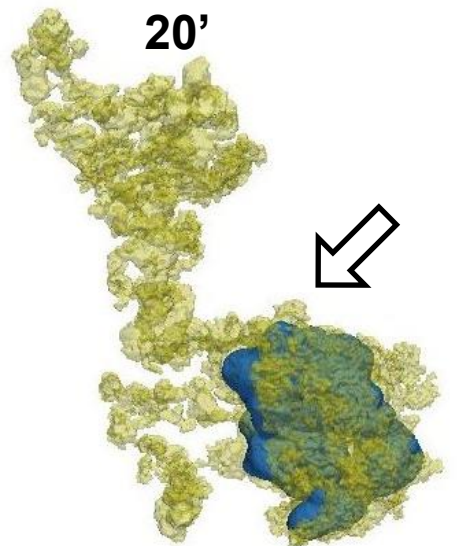
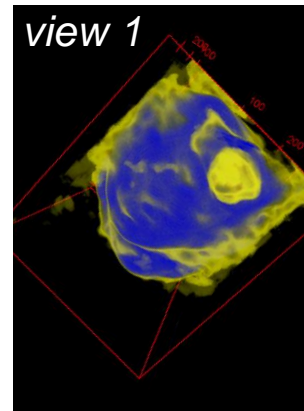
Tilting series  $+70^\circ$  to  $-71^\circ$  in  $130''$ , one tilt series every 5' at  $400^\circ C$ ,  $450^\circ C$ ,  $475^\circ C$ ,  $500^\circ C$ ,  $525^\circ C$ ,  $550^\circ C$ ,  $600^\circ C$  under 1.7 mbar  $O_2$  (total 35 tilt series  $\approx 2h45$ , irradiation controlled)



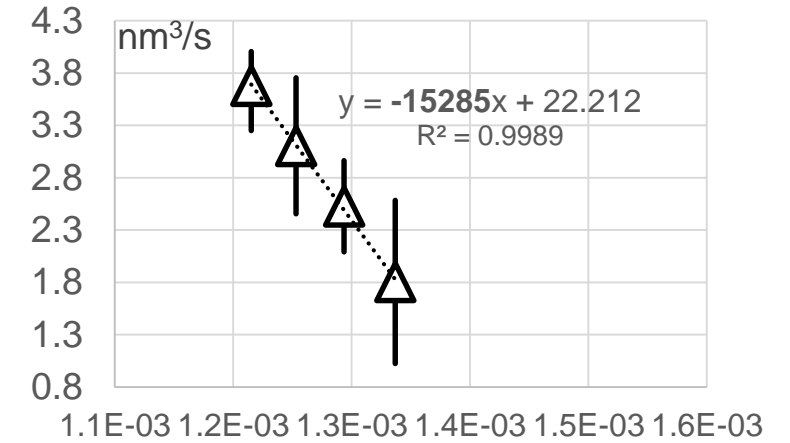
• Soot on YSZ: 3D ETEM 400-550°C, 1.7 mbar O<sub>2</sub>



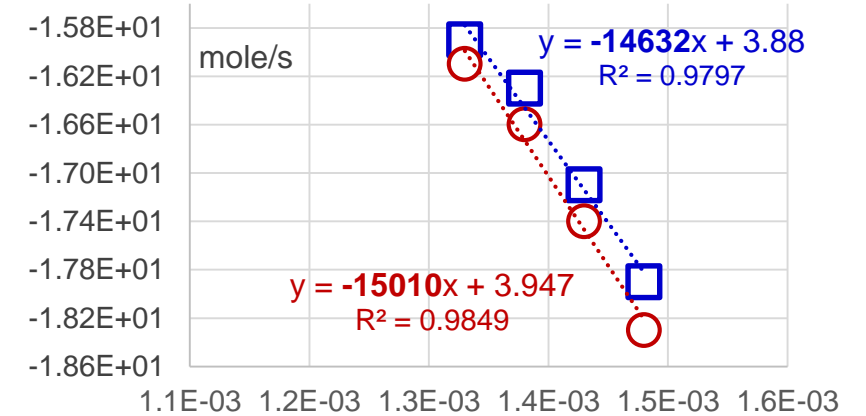
525°C, 0'



Burning Speed of Soot 'in contact' (ln(V) vs. 1/T)



CO<sub>x</sub> production (IR spectroscopy / Micro-chromatography) (ln(V) vs. 1/T)



$\Delta G \approx 127.1$  kJ/mole (IR 121.7, MC 124.8)

Soot oxidation below 527°C: 148 kJ/mole

H. Jung et al., *Combustion and Flame* **136** (2004) 445-456

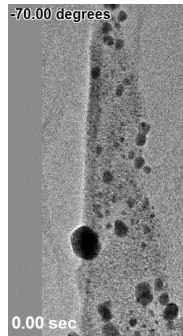
Burning of Carbon black on Ceria: 133 kJ/mole

S.B. Simonsen et al., *J. Catalysis* **255** (2008)

# Conclusions and perspectives

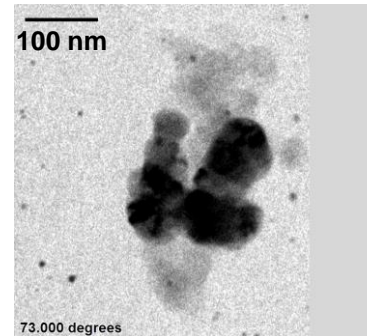
- **Bright Field TEM Electron Tomography is possible down to the few seconds range owing to fast CMOS and direct electron cameras**

**NPs Au @ TiO<sub>2</sub>, 20°C**  
**High Vacuum**  
 (deposition at 400°C)  
 P. VAZ et al., (2016)



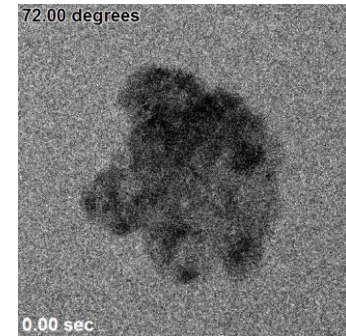
tilt series -70° / +70°,  
**Total time ≈ 5.2 sec.**  
 2K, 513 images  
 $\Delta\alpha \approx 0.27^\circ/\text{frame}$

**Soot @ YSZ (ZrO<sub>2</sub>),**  
**5 10<sup>-5</sup> mbar O<sub>2</sub>, 300°C**



tilt series +73° / -70°,  
**Total time ≈ 5.3 sec.**  
 2K, 527 images  
 $\Delta\alpha \approx 0.27^\circ/\text{frame}$

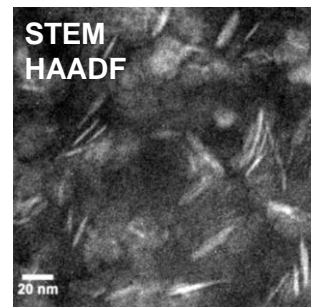
**Pd @ δ-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>,**  
**600°C 0.4 mbar H<sub>2</sub>**  
 (after 20 min)



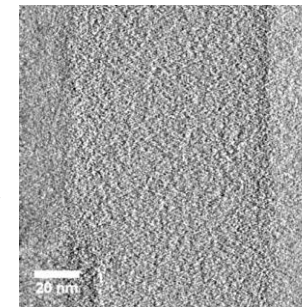
tilt series +72° / -79°,  
**Total time ≈ 3.4 sec.**  
 2K, 338 images  
 $\Delta\alpha \approx 0.45^\circ/\text{frame}$

- **Rotation blur due to continuous rotation during video recording is not *strictly speaking* a limiting factor**
- **Even at a 1 or 2 minute(s) level, fast approaches offer advantages for beam sensitive samples (e.g. polymers) and to follow kinetics especially in the Environmental TEM**

**POLYMER NANOCOMPOSITE:**  
**Mg<sub>3</sub>AlCO<sub>3</sub> Layer-Double Hydroxide**  
**nanoplatelets in P(MA-co-BA) latex**



+70 to -70°,  
**Total time 200 sec.**  
 (2K images, 0.2 sec,  
 total electron dose  
 $\approx 2.4 \cdot 10^4 \text{ e}^-/\text{Å}^2$  validated  
 by an irradiation test)



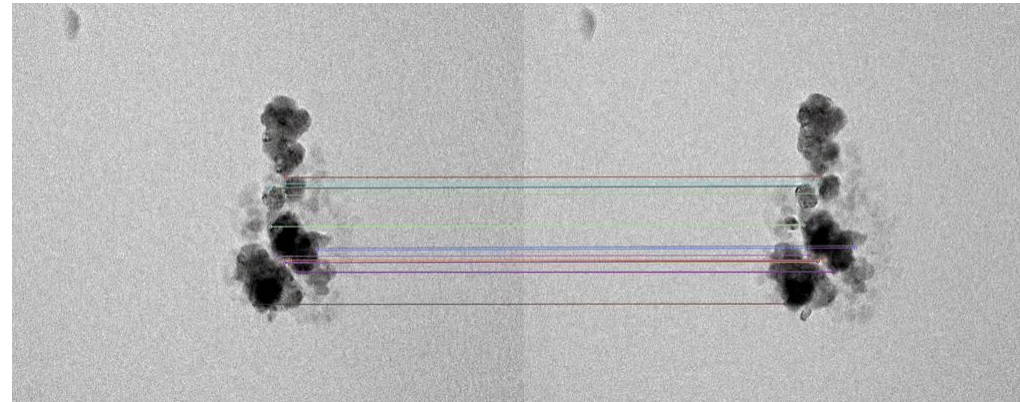
3D model (Mg<sub>3</sub>AlCO<sub>3</sub>  
 LDH nanoplatelets)

F. DALMAS et al.,  
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- **Improvement of the goniometer rotation speed and stability is needed to achieve *sub-second* time resolution**

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Frame n

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