

Gas Phase Synthesis of Metal sulfides

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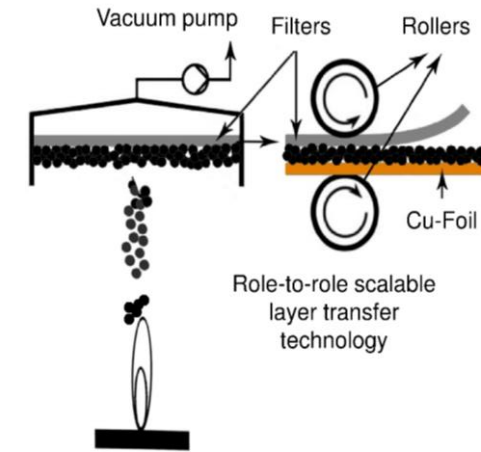
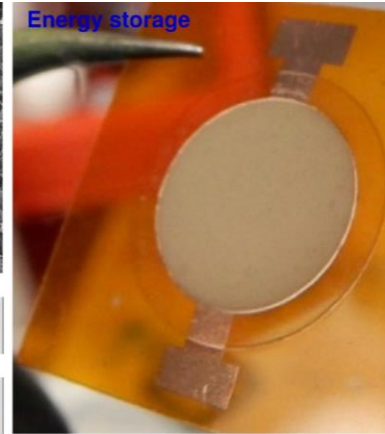
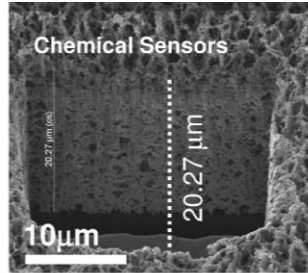
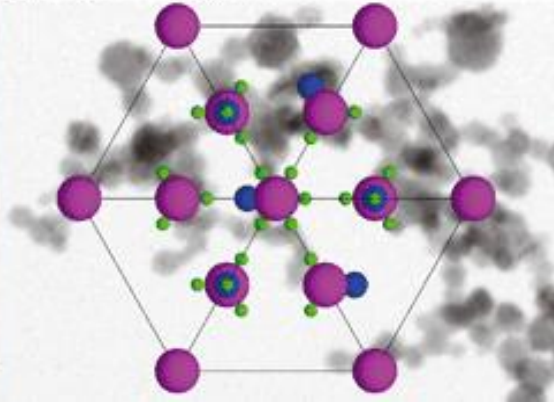
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Flame-Made Metal Oxides: State-of-the-Art Applications

Flame spray pyrolysis → single crystal δ - Bi_2O_3 stabilized with Mn and/or Ti



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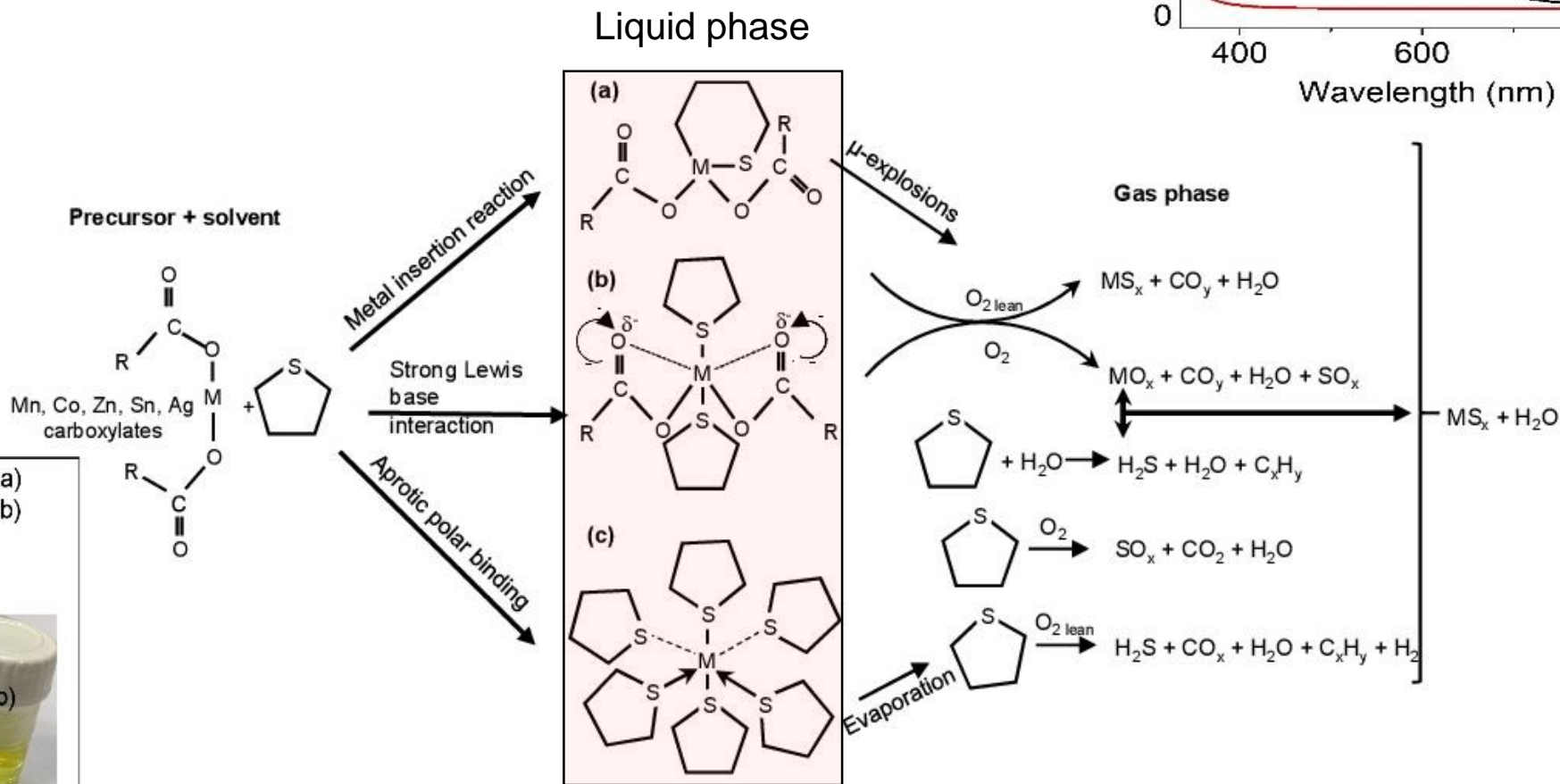
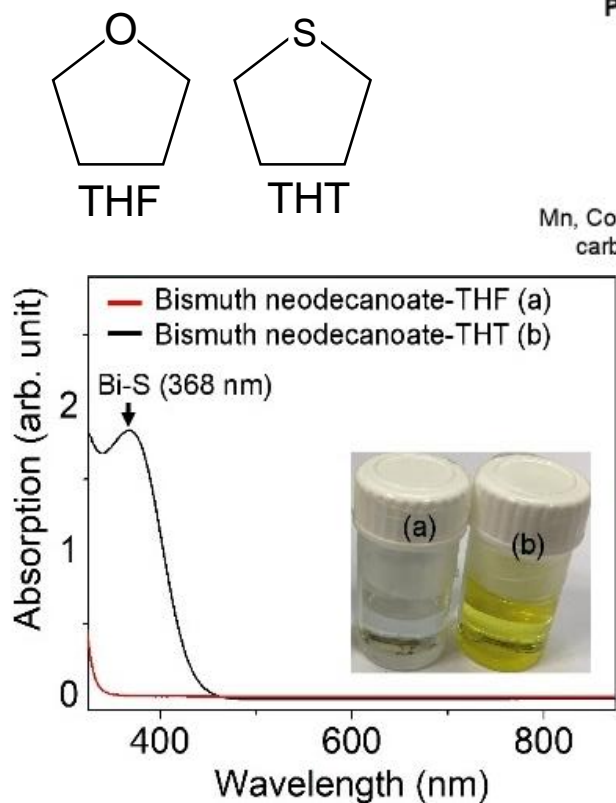
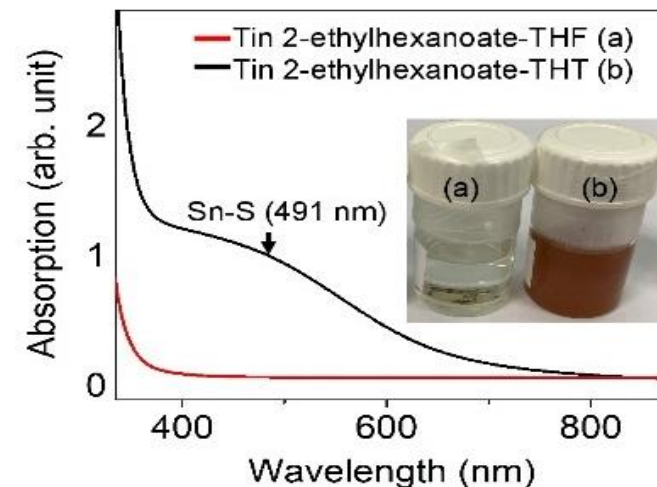
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In-Situ M-S Interaction in the Liquid Phase



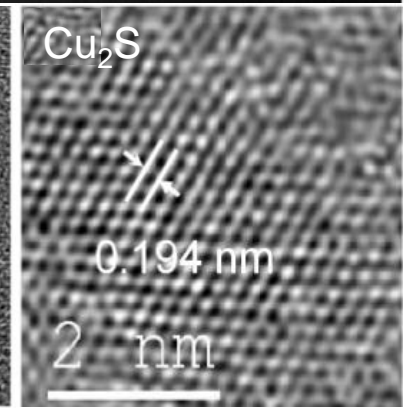
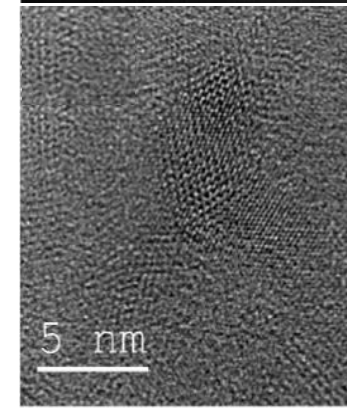
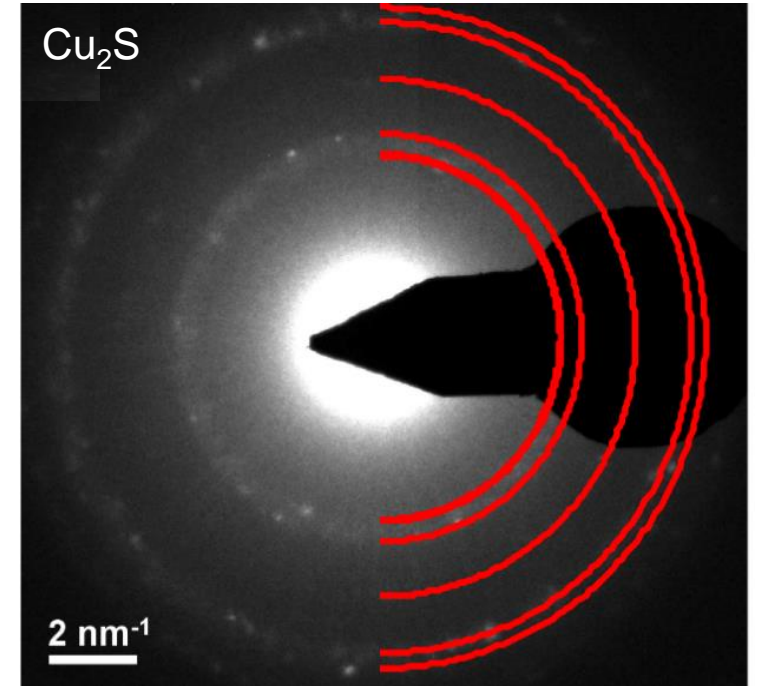
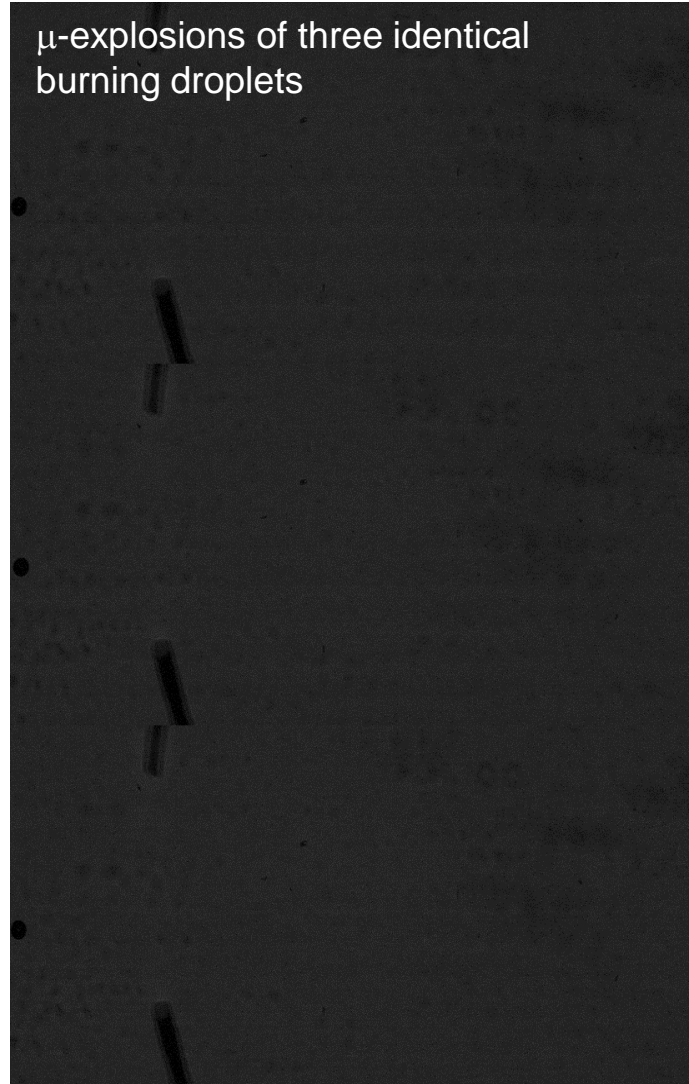
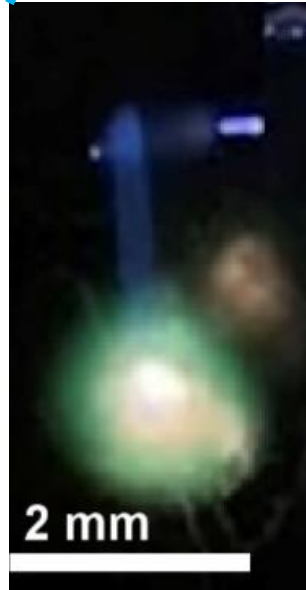
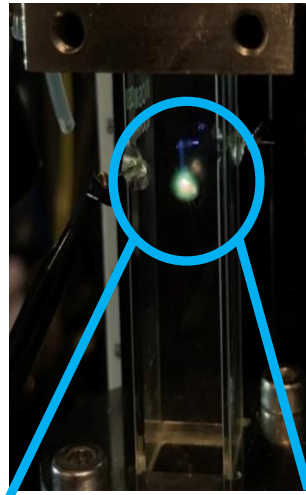
Color change of the precursor-solvent mixture: M-S coordination

Single Droplet Combustion: THT+ Copper Naphthenate

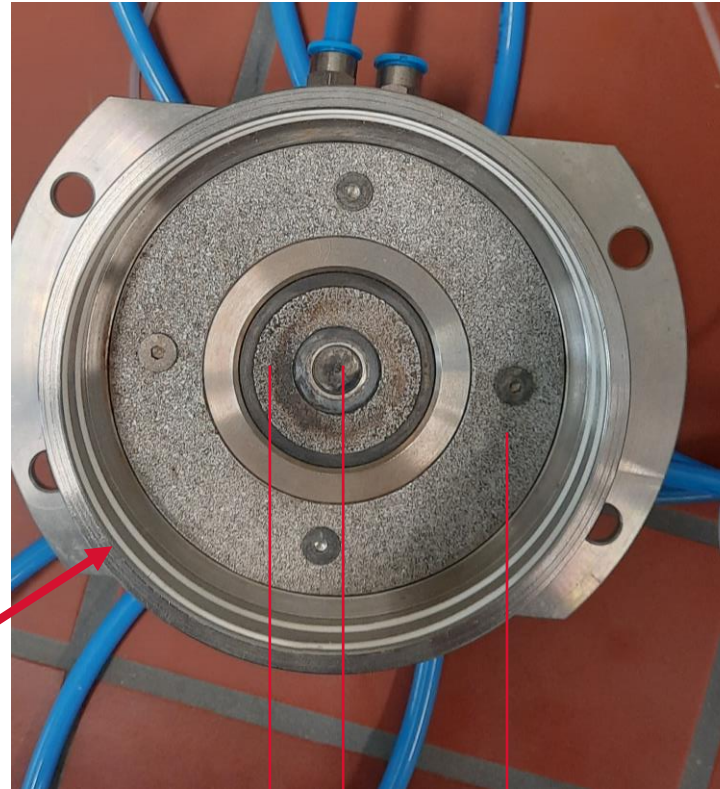
- ❖ Centered downward trajectory of the droplet in an enclosed cuvette
- ❖ Droplet combustion at the electrode spark



Can we apply this knowledge in the reactive spray?



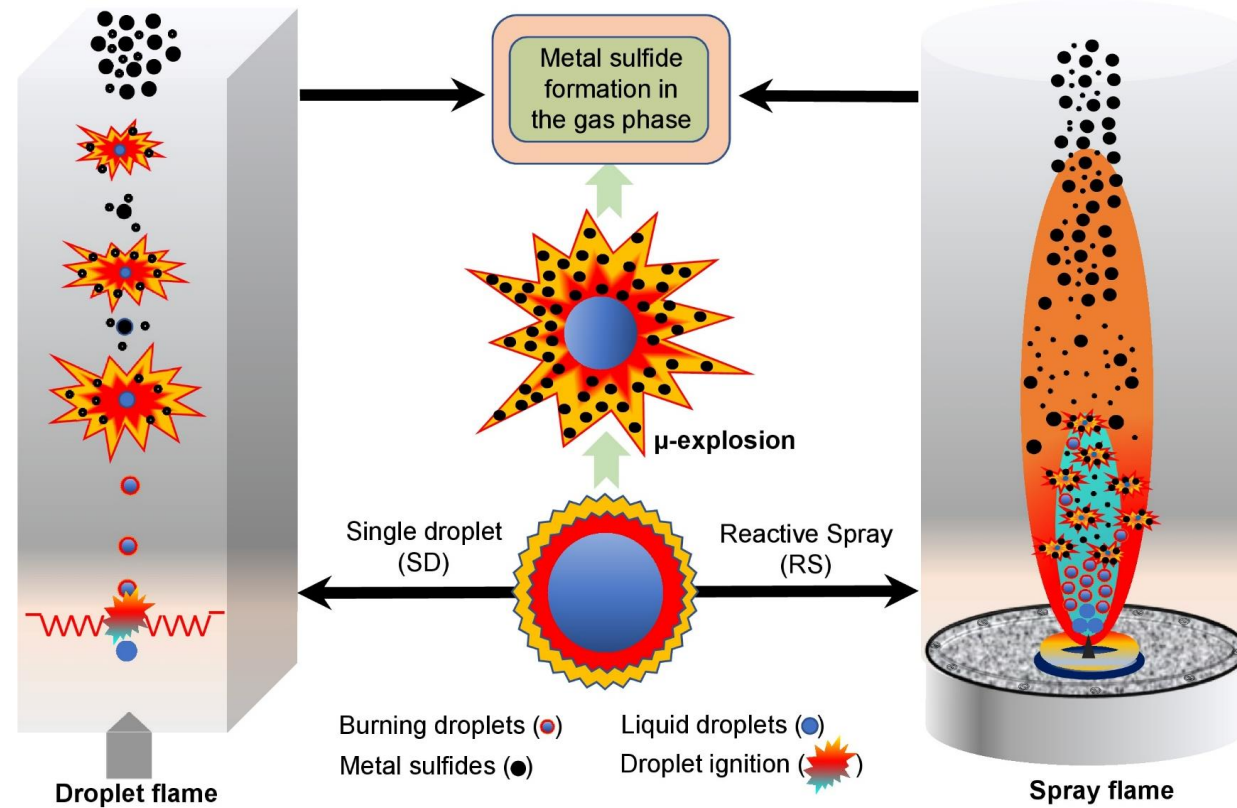
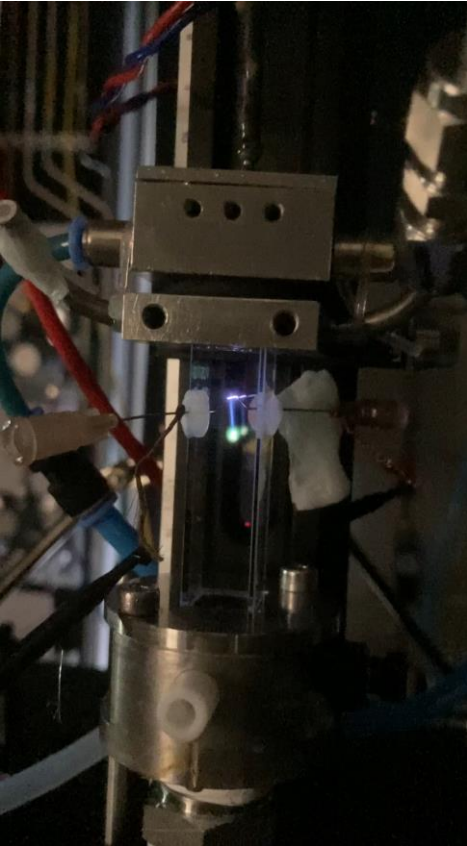
Enclosed Flame Reactors for Metal Sulfide Particle Synthesis



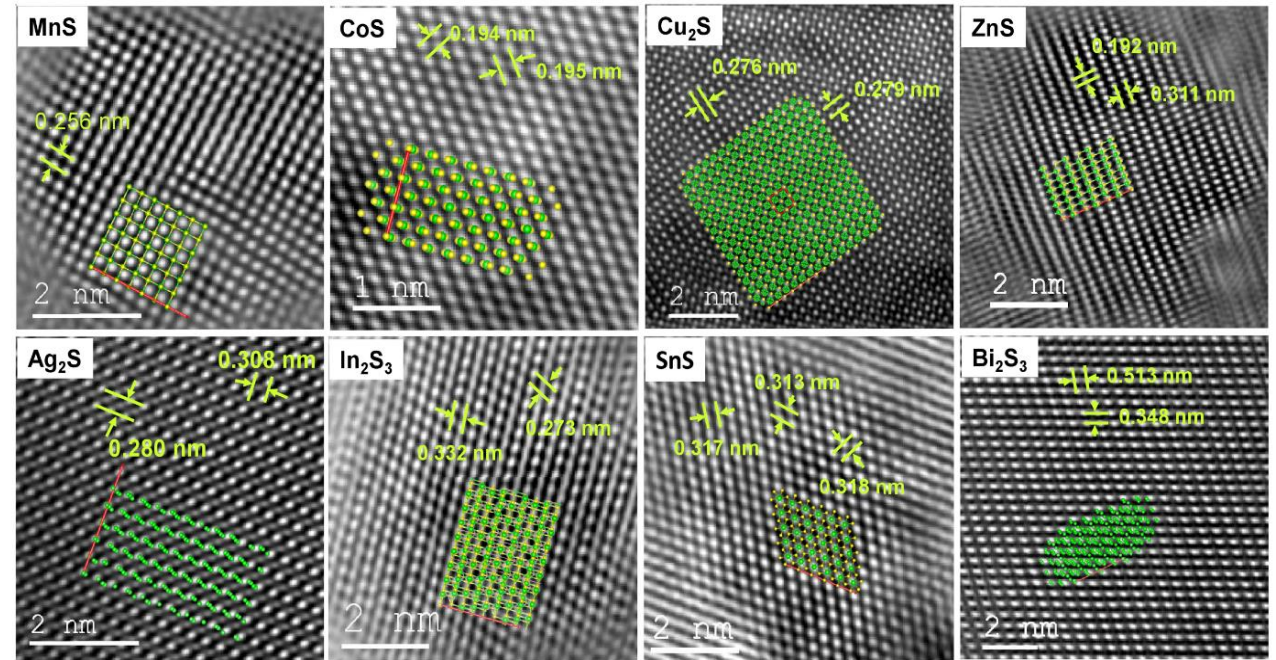
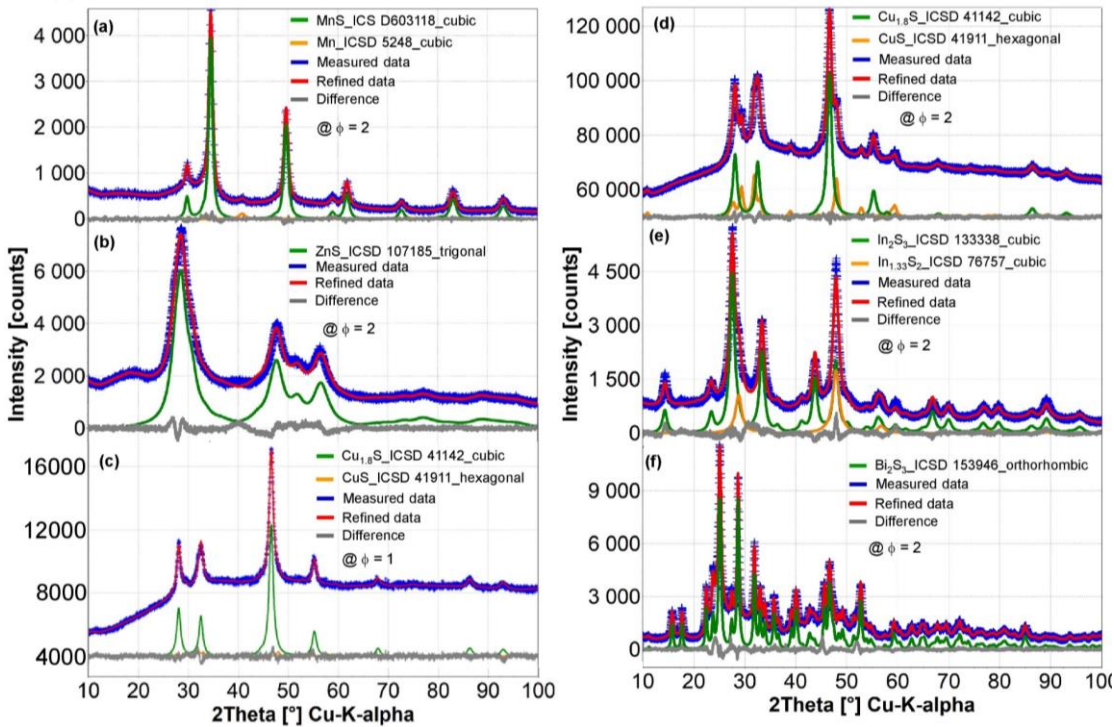
feed N₂ co-flow base plate
Premixed gas flow

- ❖ Flame enclosing tube Length = 25-30 cm
- ❖ Tube diameter = 10 cm
- ❖ large N₂ co-flow (100-400L/min)
- ❖ Particle deposition on the reactor wall is negligible

Metal Sulfide Particle Formation Pathways

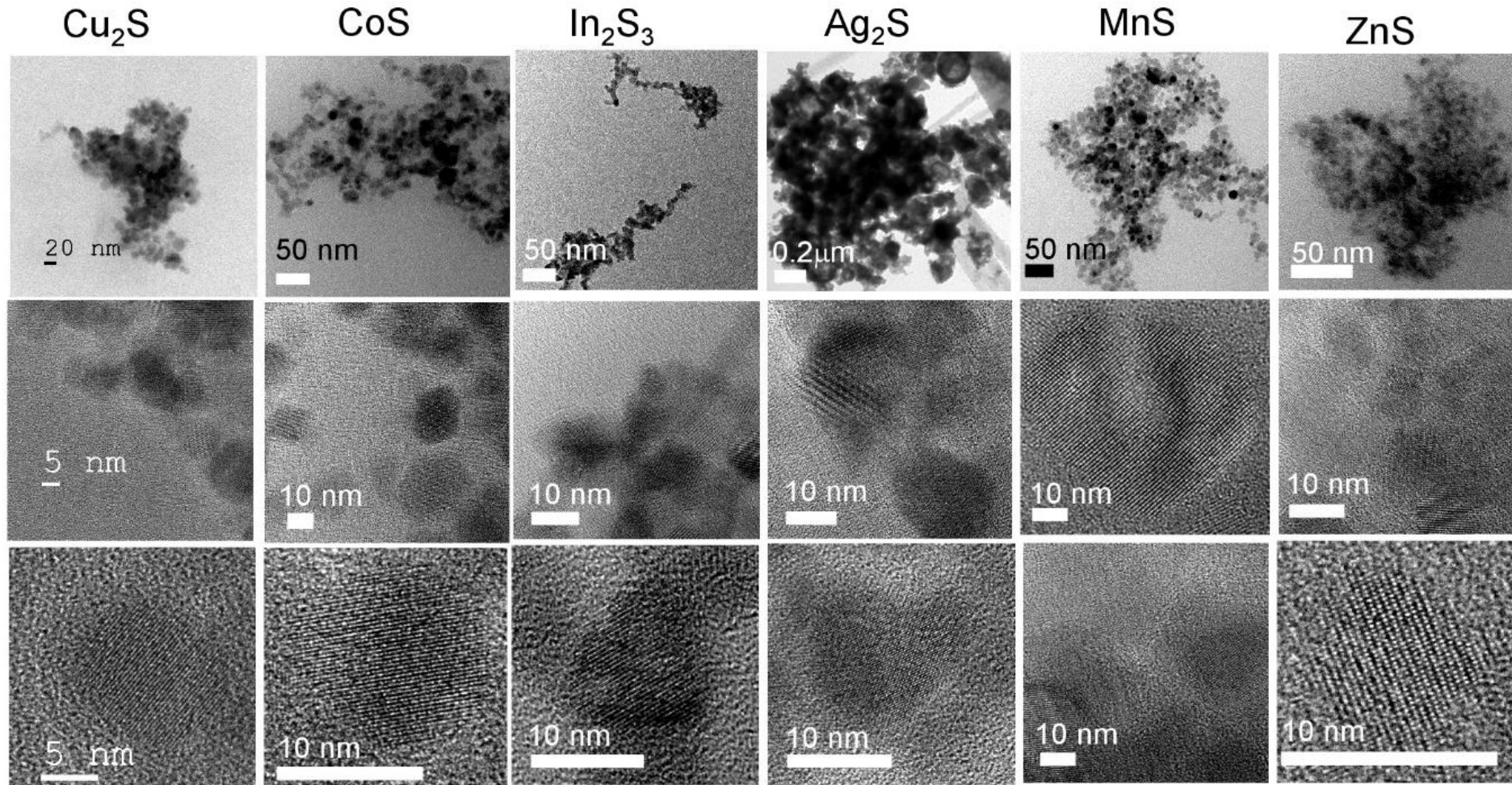


Fourier-Filtered Images: Matching Metal Sulfide Structures



- Lattice distances (from XRD and TEM) matches i.e. formation of phase pure metal sulfides; Highly crystalline particles

Morphology of Metal Sulfides Obtained in O₂-Lean Atmosphere



- ❖ Particles look similar to flame-made oxides
- ❖ Agglomerated particles
- ❖ Agglomerate size vary

Acknowledgement

Now our sulfides are ready for further investigations!!!
Looking for EU project participation
Delivery 1g/ batch (Highly crystalline, surface area is ~ 70-140 m²/g)

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