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PŘÍSTROJOVÉ TECHNIKY

Akademie věd České republiky



**Precizní analýza pokročilých nanomateriálů
pomocí pomalých elektronů**

**Nízkonapěťová rastrovací (prozařovací)
elektronová mikroskopie**

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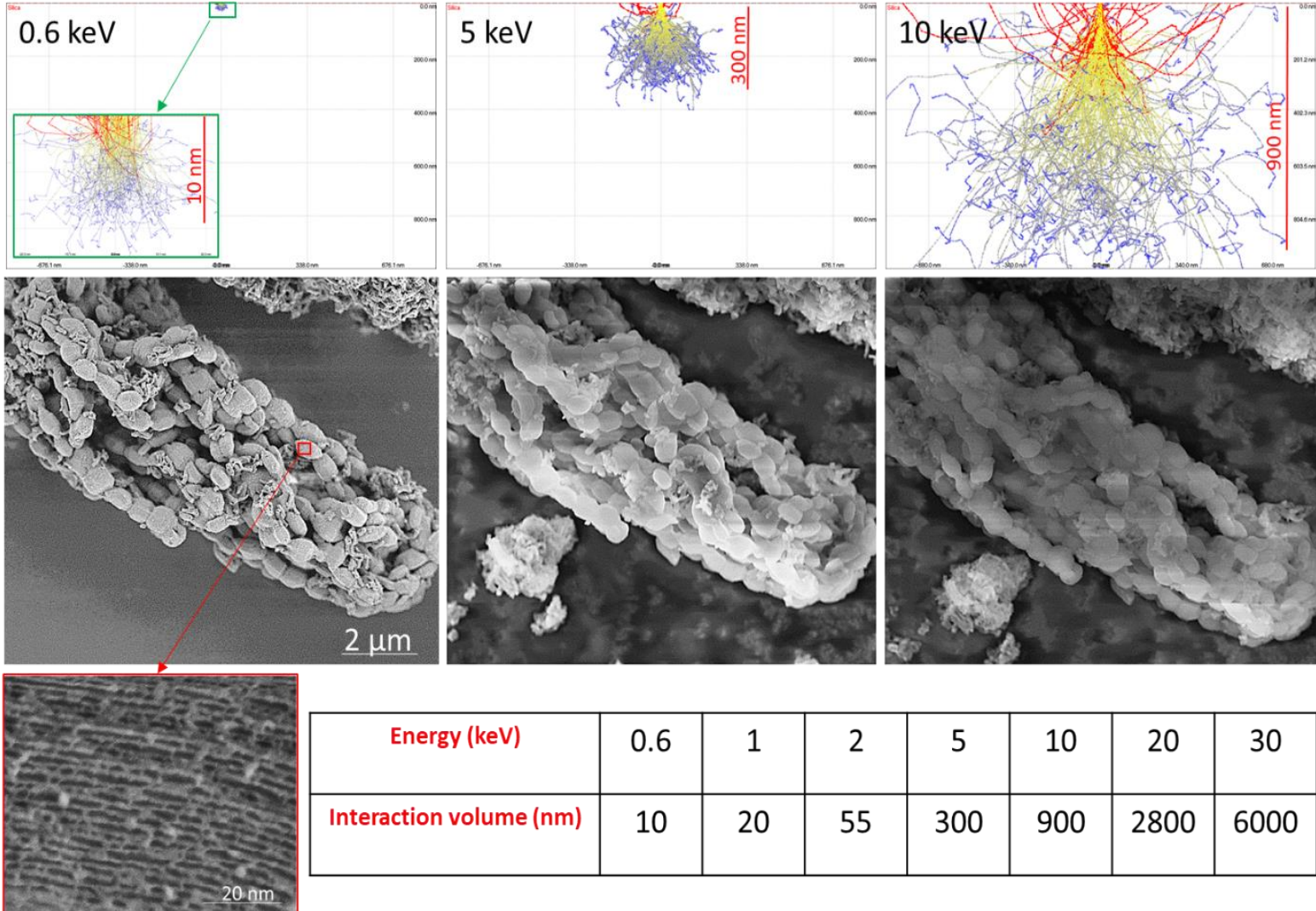
- **Scanning Low Energy Electron Microscopy (SLEEM)**
- **Low Voltage Scanning Transmission Electron Microscopy (LV STEM)**

Výhody

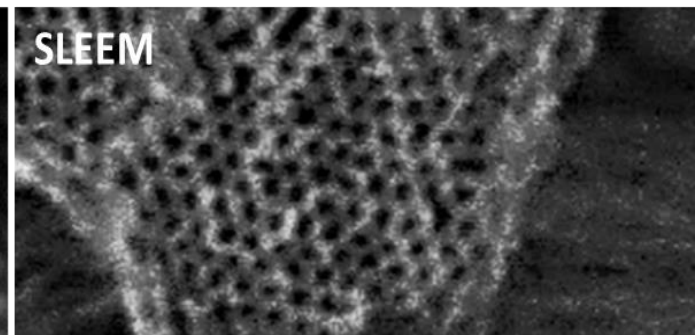
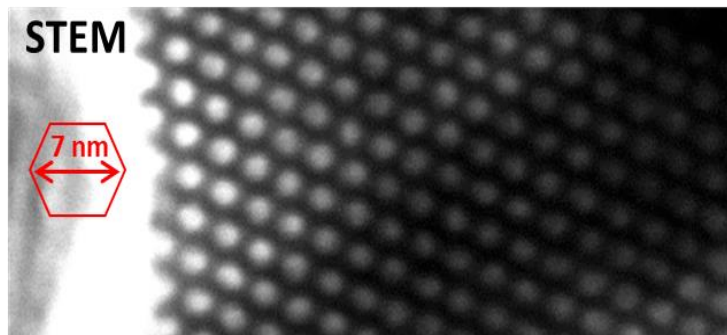
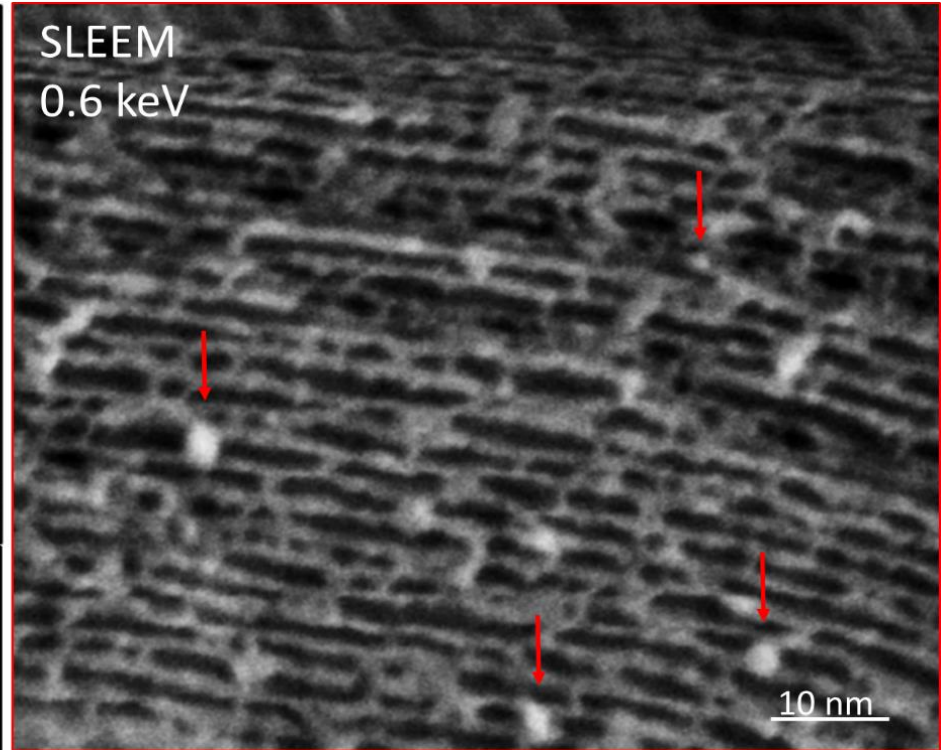
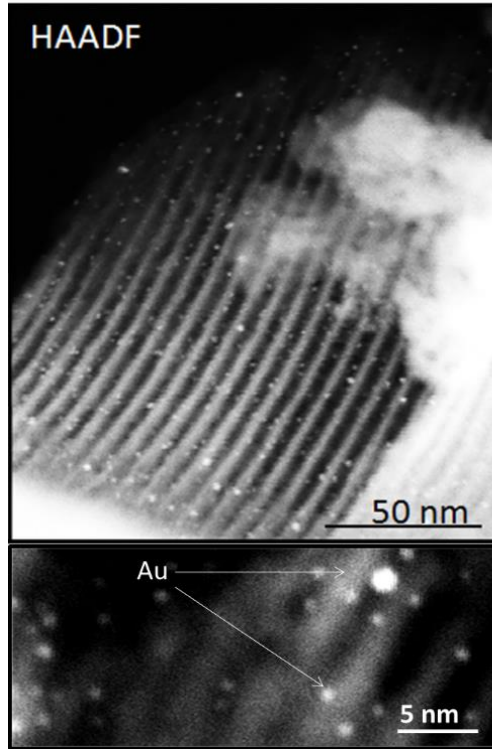
- Vysoká povrchová citlivost.
- Vysoký materiálových kontrast (např. zvýraznění nanočástic).
- Možnost studia nevodivých povrchů bez pokovení (pozorování v nativním stavu).
 - Zachování vysokého rozlišení (pod 1 nm).

*(prezentováno na mezoporézní silice dopované Au nanočásticemi)**

Nižší dopadová energie elektronů = menší interakční objem = větší povrchová citlivost

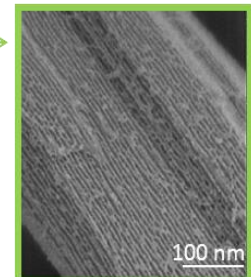
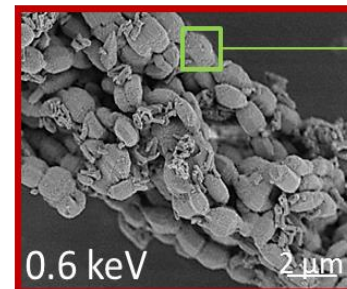
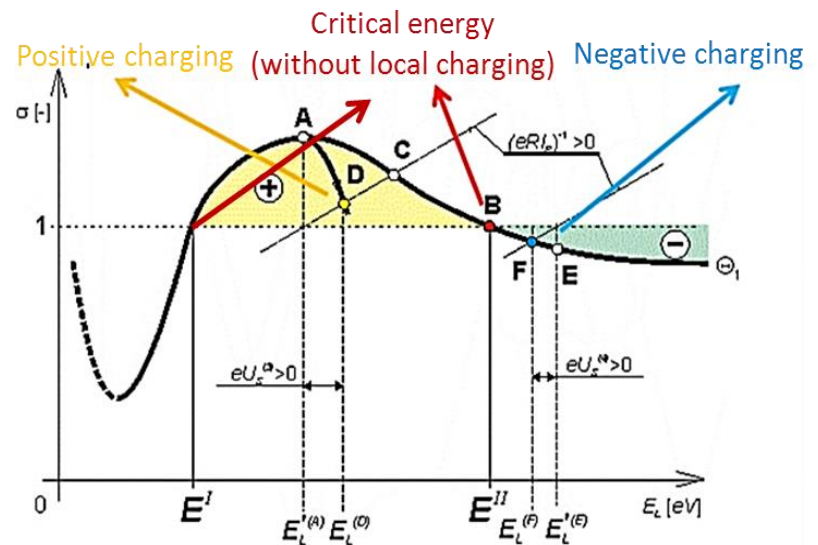
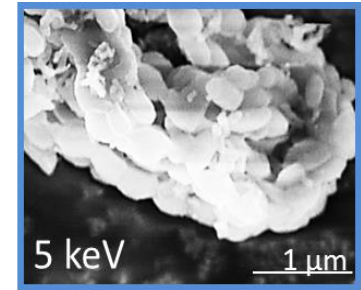
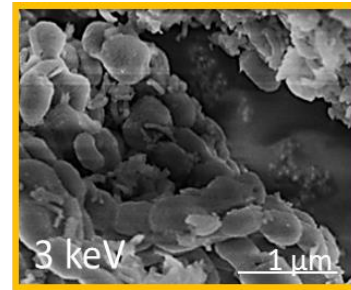


Nižší dopadová energie elektronů = lepší kontrast mezi nanočásticemi a strukturou + zachování vysokého rozlišení (0.6 nm STEM, 0.8 nm SLEEM).



Zobrazení nevodivých preparátů při optimální energii elektronů nevyvolávající lokální nabíjení ani ve vysokém vakuu (tzv. kritická energie, kdy počet dopadajících elektronů se rovná počtu elektronů emitovaných ze vzorku).

Lze pozorovat nevodivé vzorky v nativním stavu, bez pokovení vodivou vrstvou, a takto předejít případné ztrátě detailů či dokonce poškození preparátu.



VYBRANÉ APLIKACE

Hydrogen Evolution Reaction

Cobalt-Embedded Nitrogen-Rich Carbon Nanotubes Efficiently Catalyze Hydrogen Evolution Reaction at All pH Values**

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Abstract: Despite being technically possible, splitting water to generate hydrogen is still practically unfeasible due mainly to the lack of sustainable and efficient catalysts for the half reactions involved. Herein we report the synthesis of cobalt-embedded nitrogen-rich carbon nanotubes (Co-NRCNTs) that can efficiently catalyze the hydrogen evolution reaction (HER) with activities close to that of Pt and 2) function well under acidic, neutral or basic media alike, allowing them to be coupled with the best available oxygen-evolving catalysts—which also play crucial roles in the overall water-splitting reaction. The materials are synthesized by a simple, easily scalable synthetic route involving thermal treatment of Co²⁺ catalyze the half reactions involved in the water-splitting reaction.^[1] The water-splitting reaction can be viewed as a combination of two half reactions: the hydrogen evolution reaction (HER) and the oxygen evolution reaction (OER).^[2] To conduct electrochemical water splitting, voltages above the thermodynamic potential values corresponding to the intrinsic activation barriers present in both half reactions (also known as overpotential, η) must be applied. Hence, reduction of both overpotentials using HER or OER catalysts, respectively, is essential to make the water-splitting reaction less energy-intensive. Unfortunately, it is difficult to find suitable

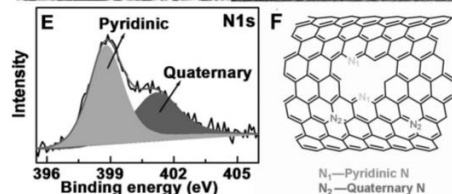
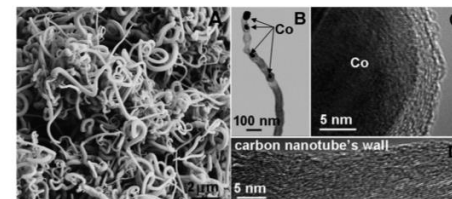
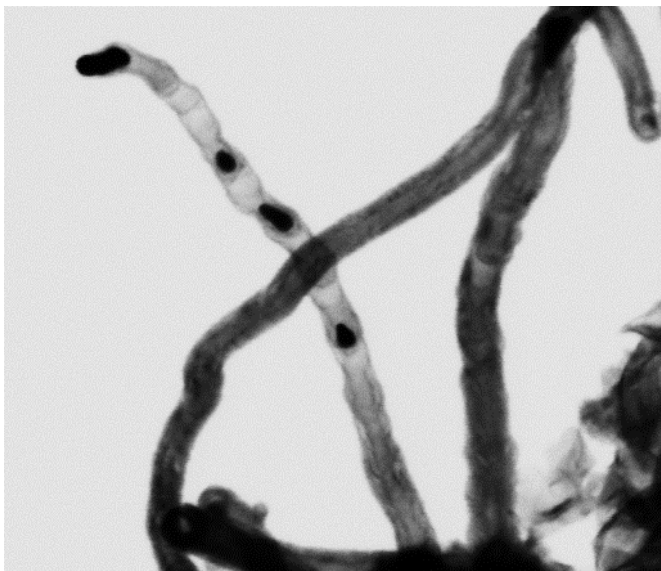
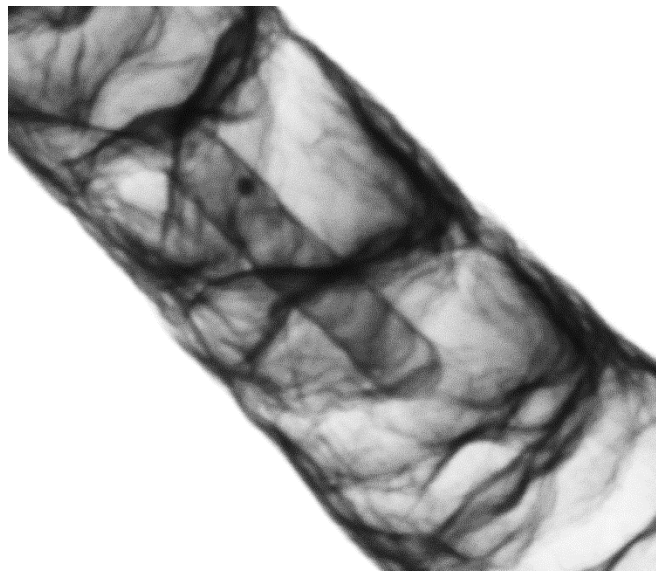


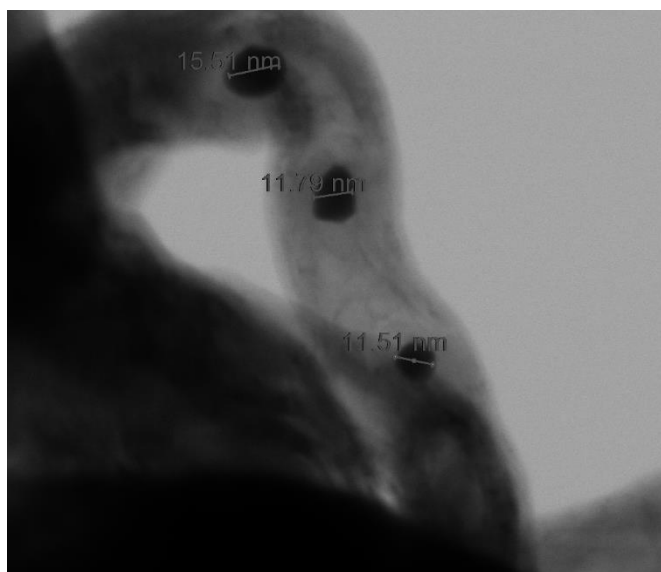
Figure 2. A) SEM image, B–D) STEM images, and E) N1s XPS spectrum of Co-NRCNTs. In the XPS spectrum, the raw curve (black) is peak-fitted into two curves (indicated by light gray and gray shaded areas) that correspond to two different types of N species (pyridinic and quaternary), and the sum of the two peak-fitted curves is shown with the gray curve. F) Representation of the two types of N dopants present in the Co-NRCNTs based on XPS results.



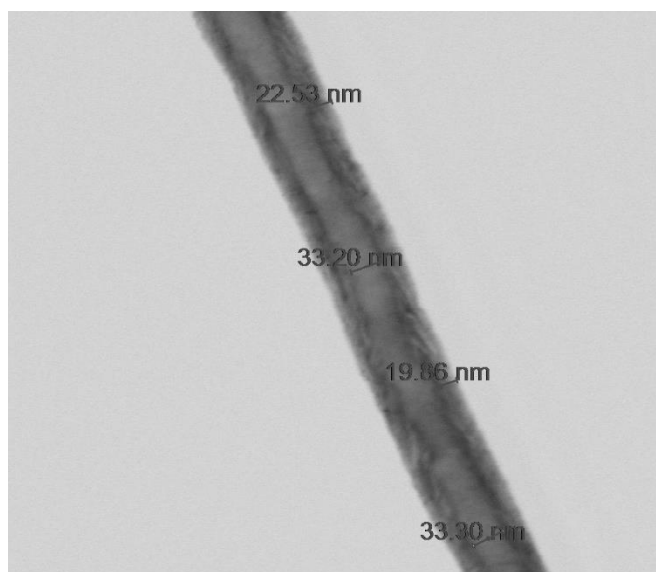
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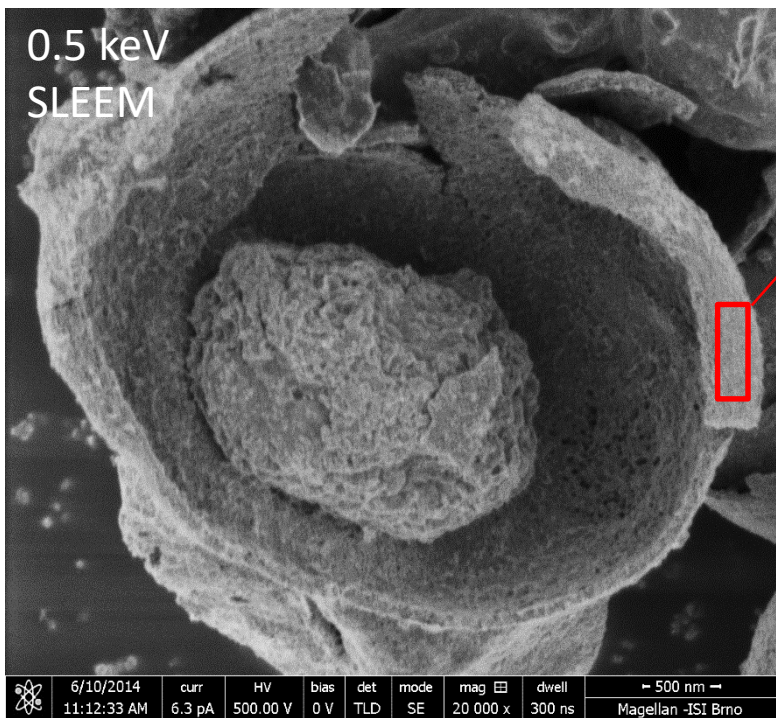
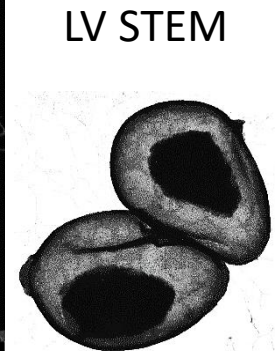
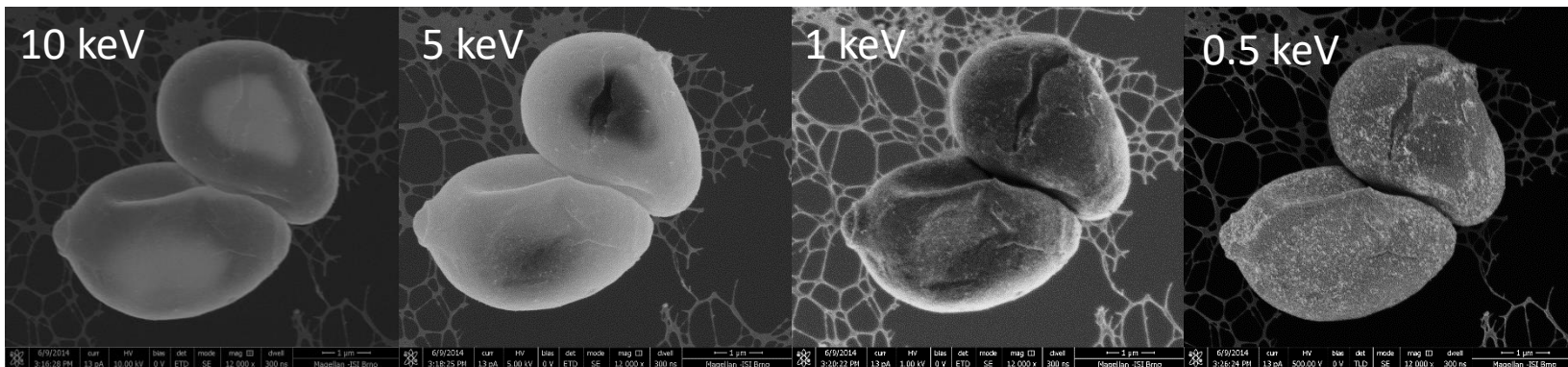
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Yeast Cells-Derived Hollow Core/Shell Heteroatom-Doped Carbon Microparticles for Sustainable Electrocatalysis

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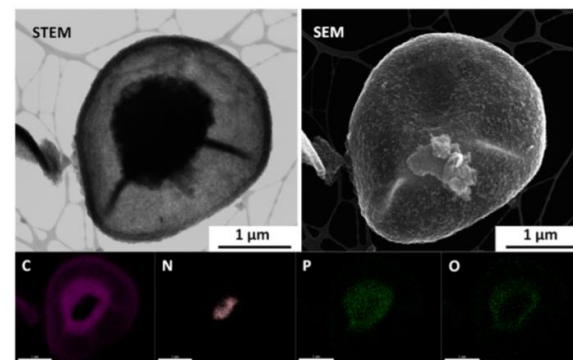
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[Supporting Information](#)



Reductive Deprotection of Monolayer Protected Nanoclusters: An Efficient Route to Supported Ultrasmall Au Nanocatalysts for Selective Oxidation

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Bulk gold has long been considered too inert to be a catalyst until the discovery that Au nanoparticles (AuNPs) supported on metal oxides such as TiO₂, CeO₂ and Fe₂O₃ could be very active for CO oxidation.^[1] Supported Au and other NPs have now been successfully shown to catalyze various chemical reactions.^[2] AuNP-catalyzed oxidation reactions, in par-

to adsorb reactants relatively more strongly^[7] and the magnitude of their HOMO-LUMO energy gaps.^[8] Among many oxidation reactions attempted using small Au NPs as catalyst, styrene oxidation is one of the most notable examples; although the reaction gives valuable oxygenated compounds, which can serve as precursors for many

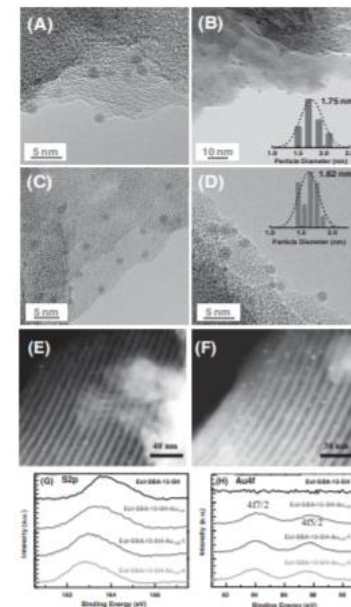
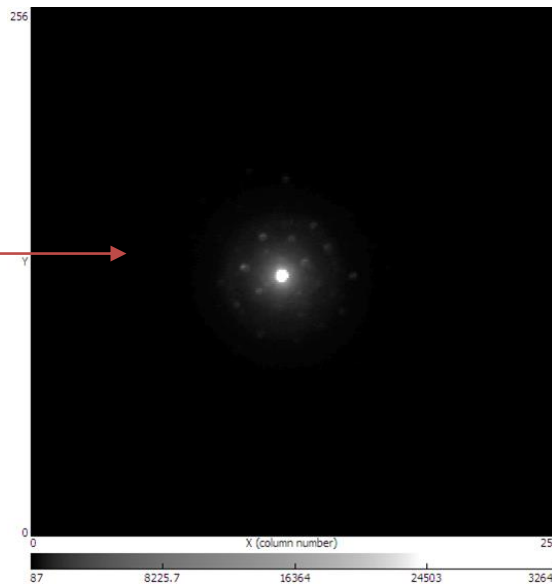
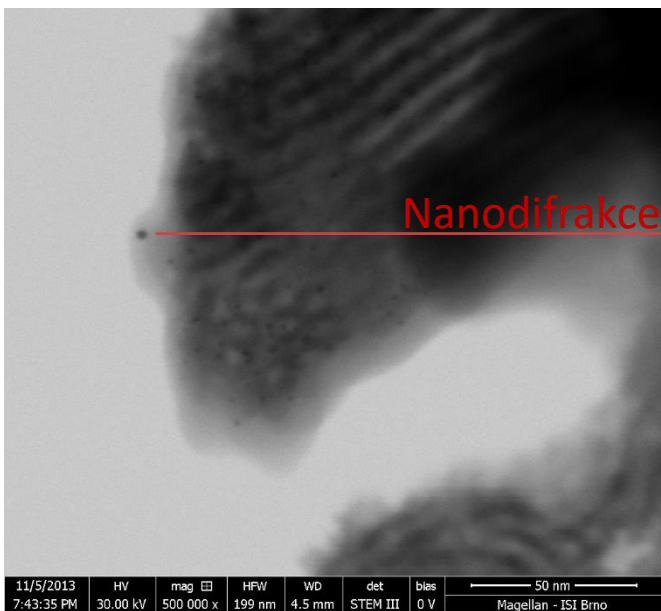
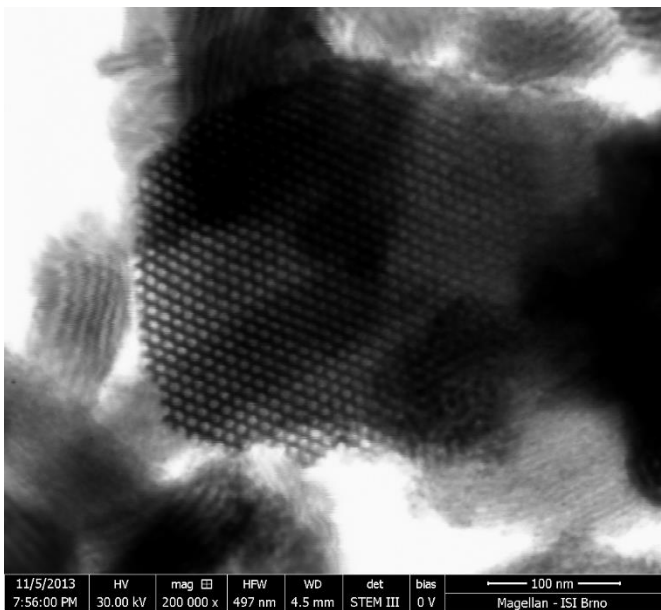
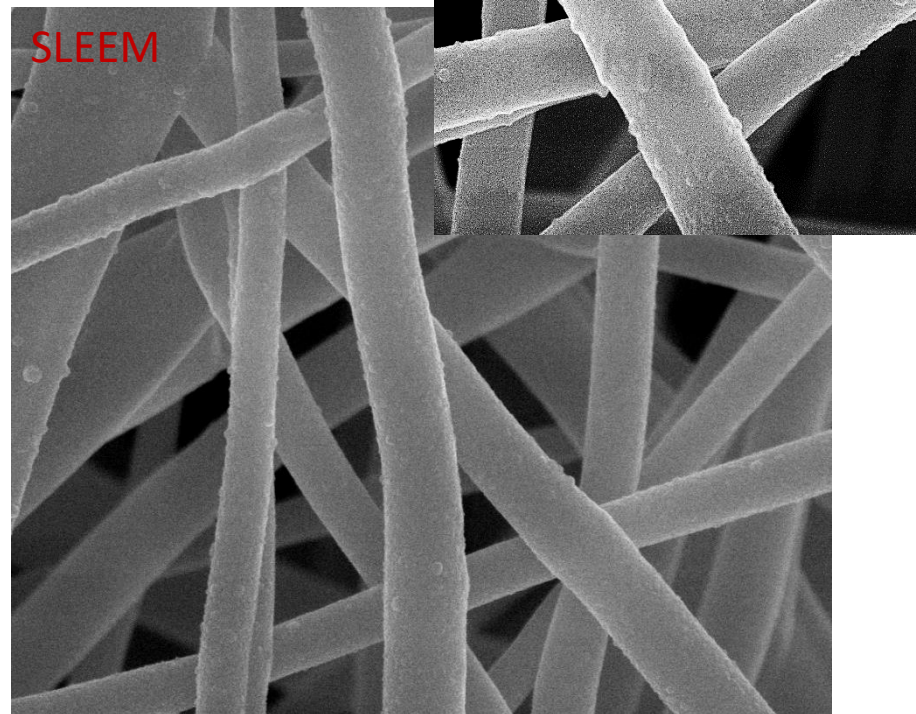
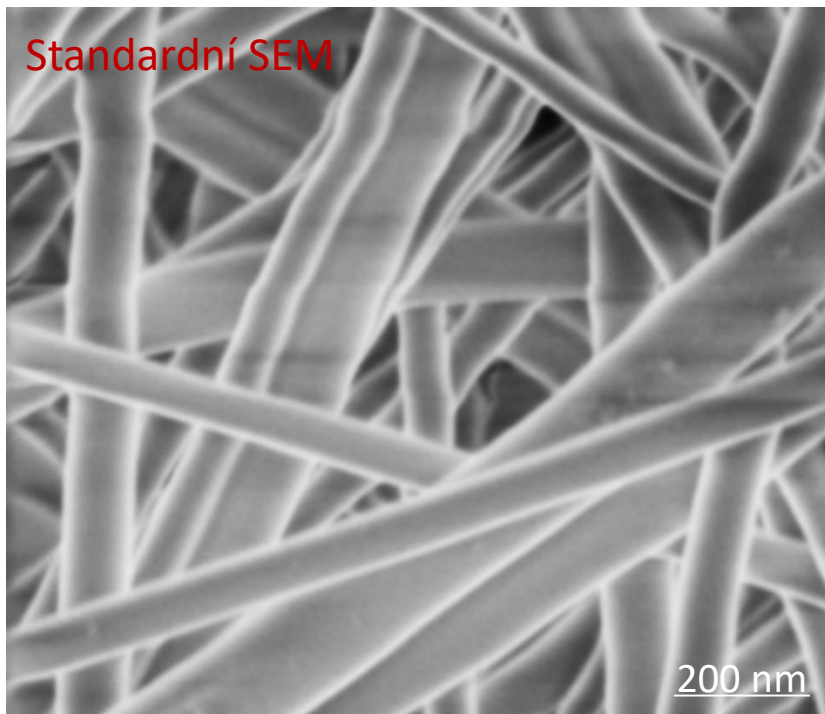
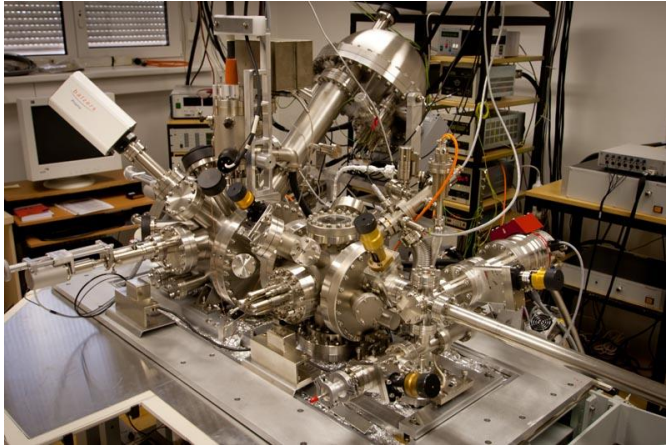


Figure 8. TEM images of (A,B) Ext-SBA-15-SH-Au₁₀₀ and (C,D) Ext-SBA-15-SH-Au₁₀₀²⁺, with the corresponding size histograms, (E,F) HAADF-STEM images of Ext-SBA-15-SH-Au₁₀₀ and Ext-SBA-15-SH-Au₁₀₀²⁺, and XPS spectra of (G) 5p and (H) Au 4f peaks of Ext-SBA-15-SH, Ext-SBA-15-SH-Au₁₀₀, Ext-SBA-15-SH-Au₁₀₀²⁺, and Ext-SBA-15-SH-Au₁₀₀²⁺.



Smluvní výzkum pro skupinu doc. Lenky Zajíčkové (CEITEC MU Brno)



SLEEM LV STEM



Nabízíme **precizní nedestruktivní zobrazovací techniku**, nízko-napětovou rastrovací (prozařovací) elektronovou mikroskopii (SLEEM, LV STEM), pro studium pokročilých nano-materiálů. Pozorování s rozlišením **pod 1 nm, s vysokým materiálovým kontrastem a povrchovou citlivostí, technika vhodná i pro nevodivé vzorky**. Chemická analýza z povrchu (Augerova spektroskopie) nebo z objemu (EDX), je možná in-situ.



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