

New glass ceramic by Fe Ni wastes with improved structure and properties

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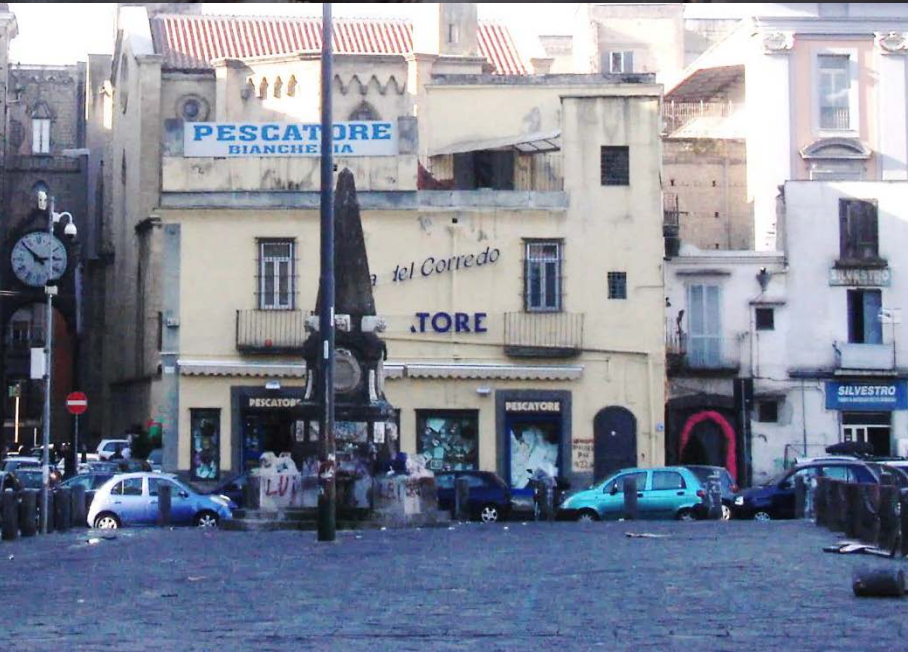
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Content :

- Basal tiles and petrological products
- Used wastes and parent glass
- Evaluation of the crystallization heat-treatment regime
- Morphology and structure by SEM and TEM
- Properties of obtained glass-ceramic

Main techniques and apparatus: **DTA-TG** (*Perkin Elmer Diamond*), **Density measurements** (*AccuPyc 1330*), **HSM** (*Misura 1400*), **XRD** (*PANalytical Empyrean*), **TEM** (*JEOL 200 kV*), **SEM-EDS** (*JEOL JSM 6390*) and **FESEM** (*Zeiss Merlin*)

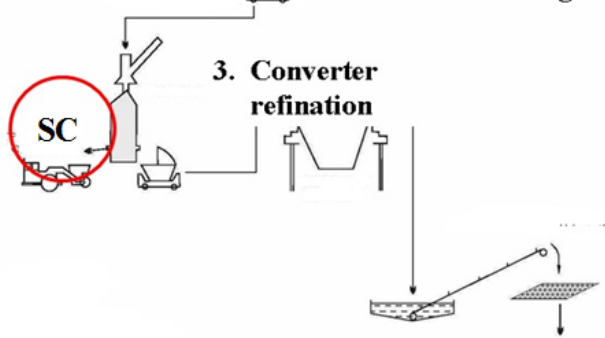
Basalt road tiles – Roman Empire and Napoli – Italy (today)



Products of the petrurgy - cast basaltic tiles

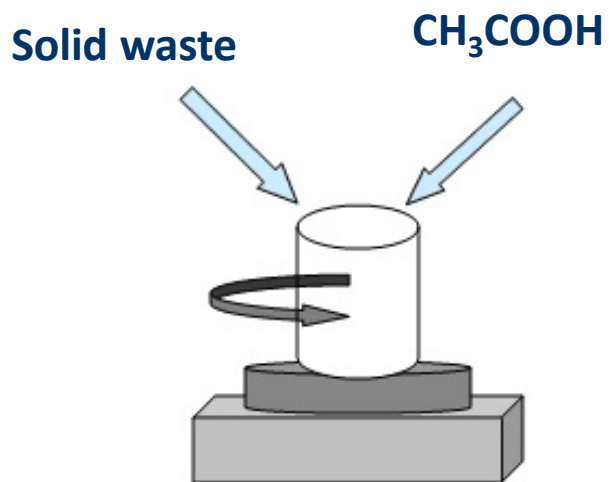


Analysis of used wastes and parent glass



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|----------------------------|-----------|
| Dust (FD) | 102 000 |
| Electro-furnace slag (SEF) | 1 135 000 |
| Converter slag (SC) | 109 000 |

Leaching test (TCLP) results for the used wastes (mg/l)



- CH₃COOH,
- pH ≤ 5,
- 24 h,
- 30 rpm,
- s/l = 1:20

| | SEF | FD | SC | Applied limits |
|----|------|------|------|----------------|
| Zn | 0.29 | 3.6 | 0.42 | 5 |
| Ni | 2.7 | 6.1 | 19.2 | 1 |
| As | 0.01 | 1.2 | 0.18 | 0.2 |
| Cr | 1.1 | 0.22 | 2.9 | 1.0 |

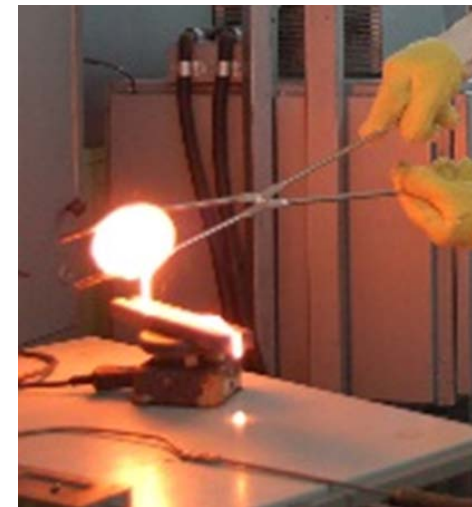
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Chemical compositions

| | SEF | FD | SC | WM | GC | WG |
|--------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| SiO ₂ | 53 | 37.5 | 1.9 | 47.8 | 71.4 | 55 |
| Al ₂ O ₃ | 2 | 1.8 | 0.3 | 1.9 | 0.6 | 1.5 |
| MgO | 16.9 | 14.5 | 6.2 | 15.9 | 3.3 | 12.1 |
| CaO | 2.4 | 2.3 | 15.9 | 3.5 | 9.8 | 5.4 |
| Cr ₂ O ₃ | 2.5 | 1 | 0.7 | 2.2 | | 1.5 |
| CoO | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | | 0.1 |
| NiO | 0.1 | 2.7 | 0.45 | 0.3 | | 0.2 |
| Fe ₂ O ₃ | 14 | 30 | 60 | 19 | | 19.8* |
| FeO | 9 | | 19 | 8.8 | | |
| Na ₂ O | | | | | 13.3 | 4 |
| K ₂ O | | | | | 1.3 | 0.4 |
| Wt % | 58 | 6 | 6 | 70 | 30 | 100 |

Melting procedure:

- ~ 0,5 kg glass
- 1400 °C
- 1.5 h

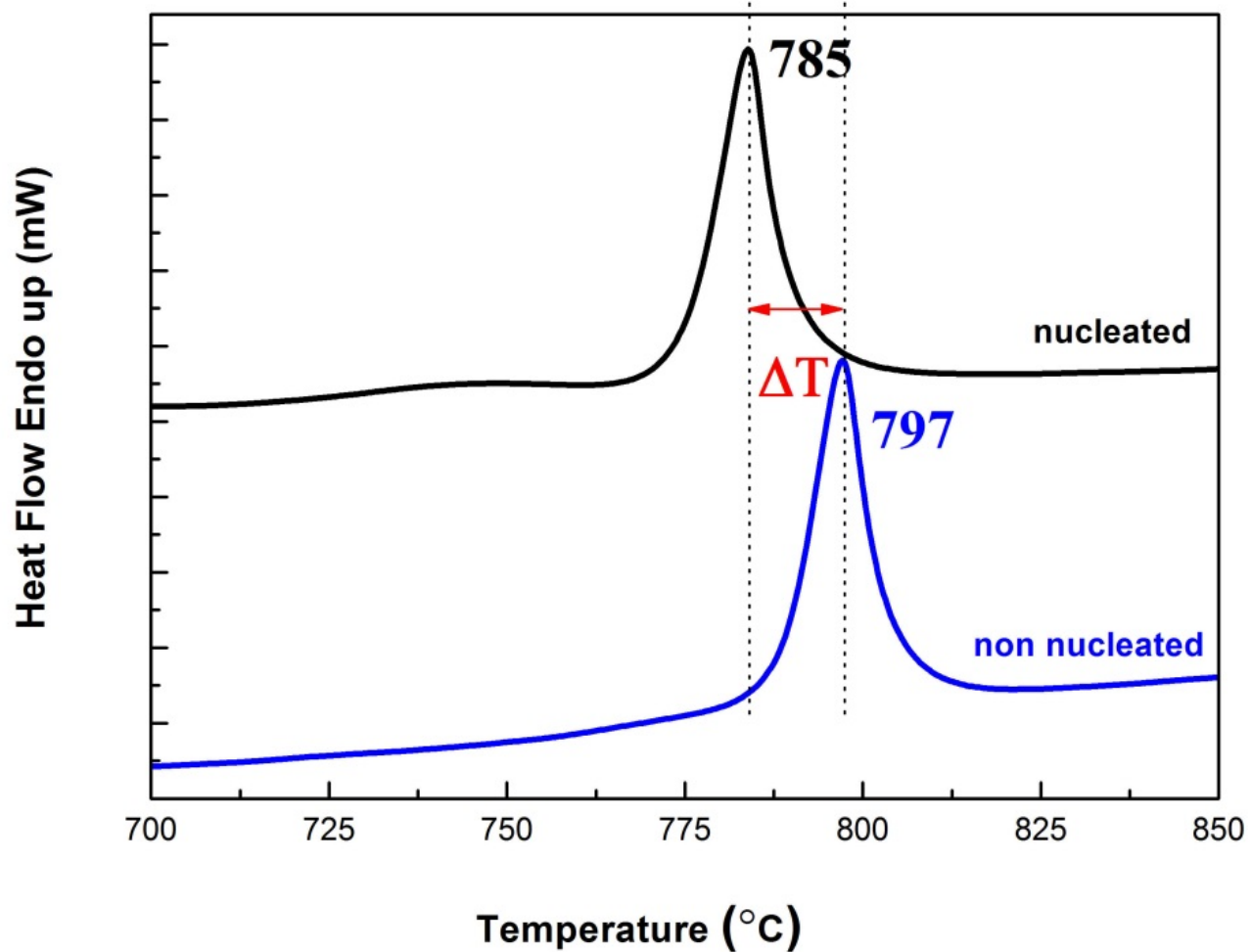


Evaluation of the heat-treatment regime

Evaluation of the optimal nucleation treatment by DTA

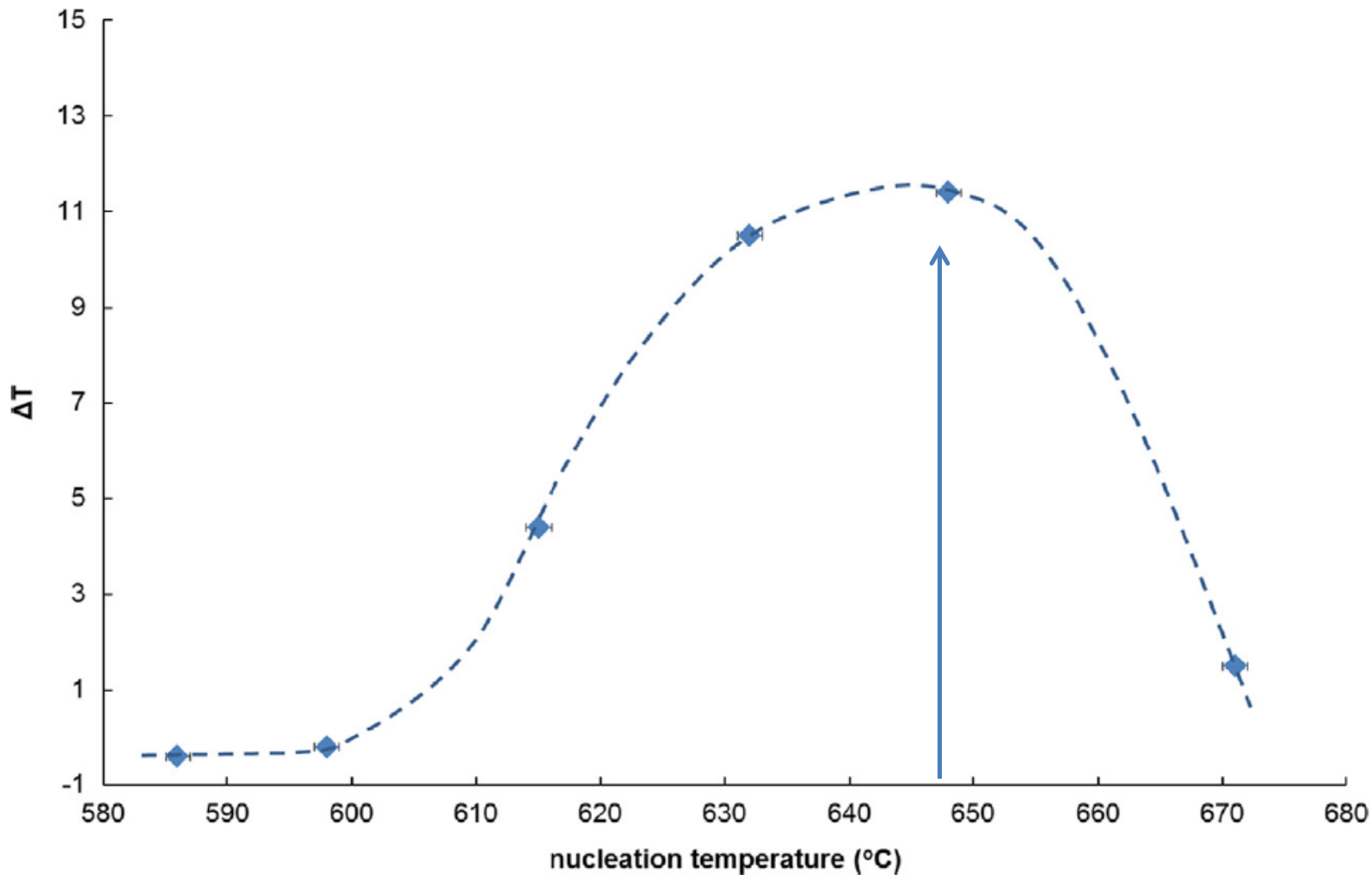
12-15 mg bulk samples, treated at 20 °C/min after various nucleation treatment (temperature and time)

The maximum temperature shift (optimal nucleation) was obtained after **45-60 min at 650 °C**.



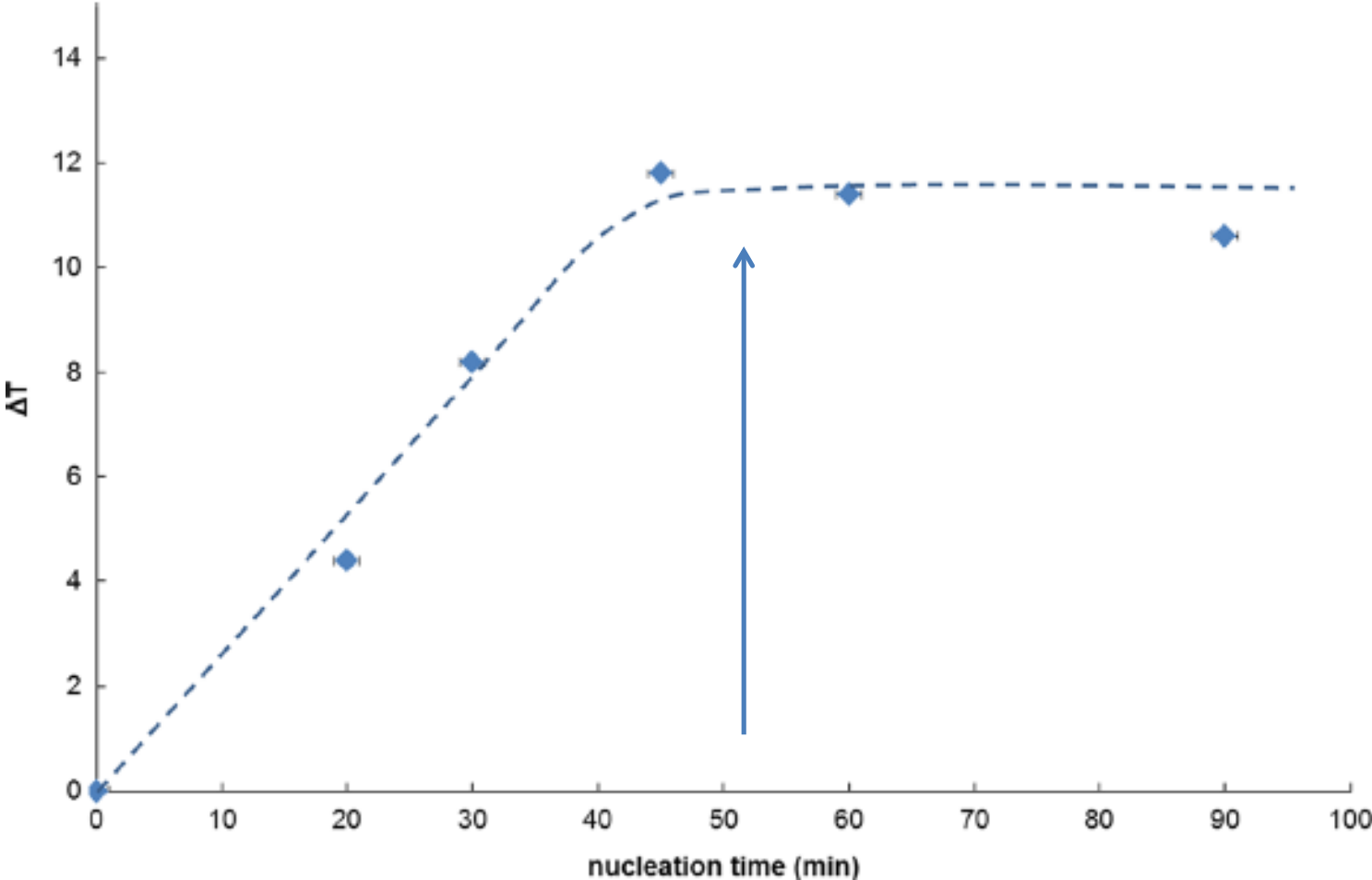
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Optimal nucleation temperature



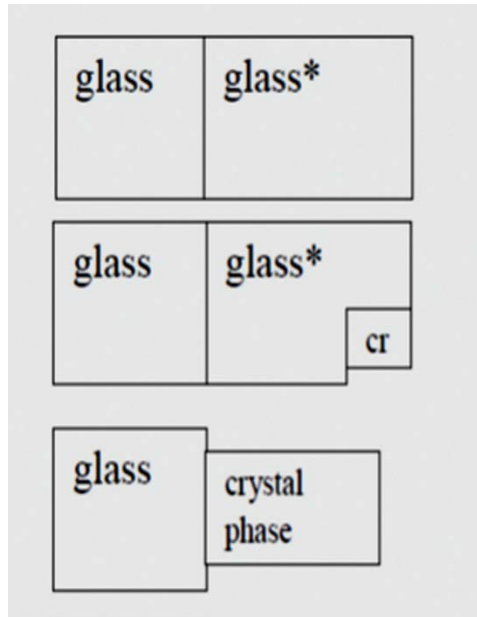
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Optimal nucleation time



Evaluation of the heat-treatment regime

Evaluation of the optimal crystallization treatment by density measurements



$$\text{vol \% crystal phase} = 100 * \frac{\frac{1}{\rho_{pg}} - \frac{1}{\rho_{gc}}}{k}$$

ρ_{pg} - parent glass density

ρ_{gc} - glass-ceramic density

$$k = \frac{1}{\rho_{g*}} - \frac{1}{\rho_{cr}}$$

ρ_{cr} - crystal phase density

ρ_{g*} - density of a glass with composition of the formed crystal phase

In the case of pyroxene crystallization $\rho_{g*}/\rho_{cr} \sim 0.84 \pm 0.1$

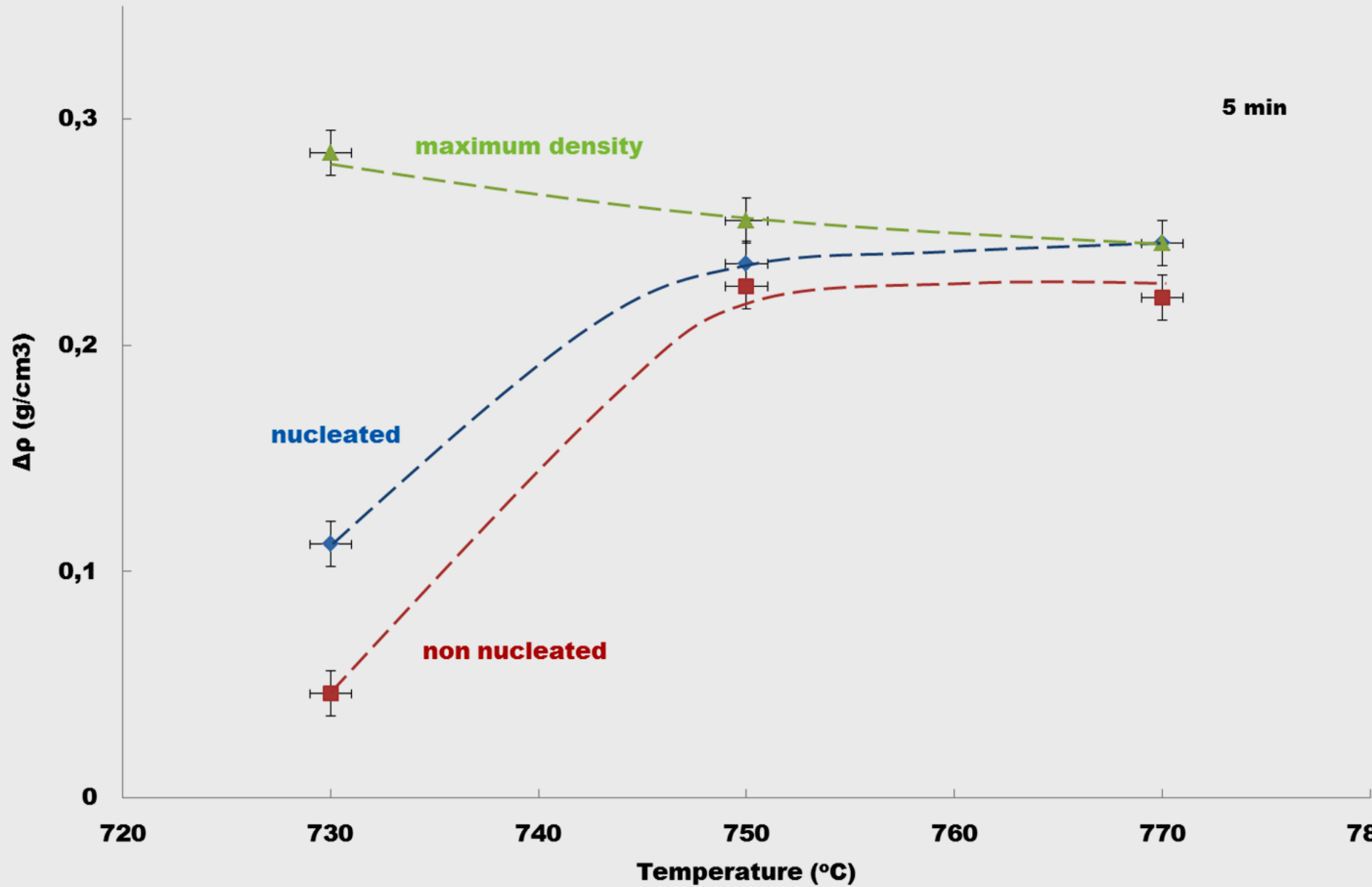
In the case of spinel crystallization $\rho_{g*}/\rho_{cr} \sim 0.82 \pm 0.2$

In our experiments:

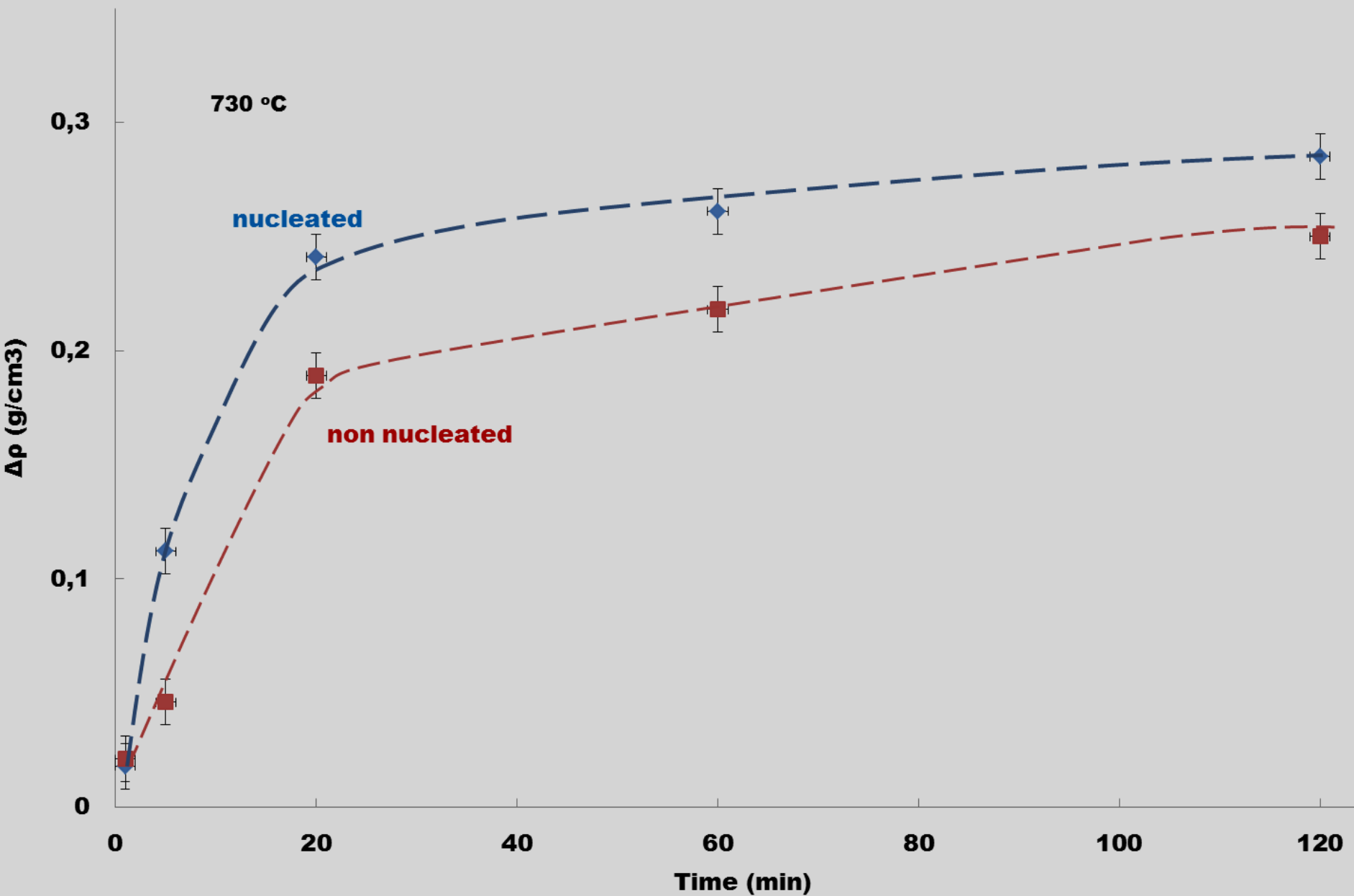
$\rho_{pg} - 2.91 \pm 0.006 \text{ g/cm}^3$

$\rho_{gc} - 3.19 \pm 0.004 \text{ g/cm}^3$, reached after 45-60 min at 730-740 ° C
(corresponding to total crystallinity of 58 ± 2)

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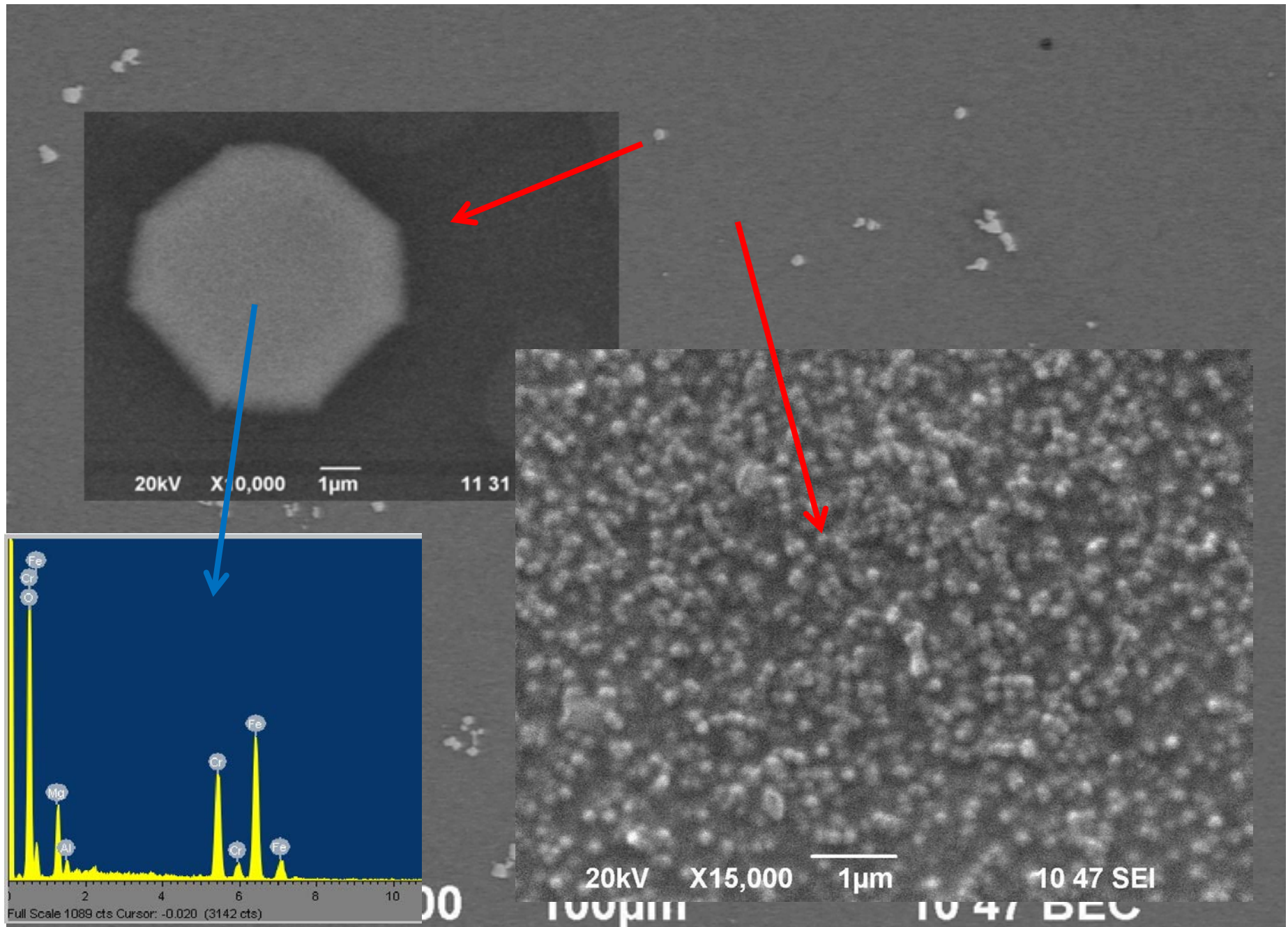


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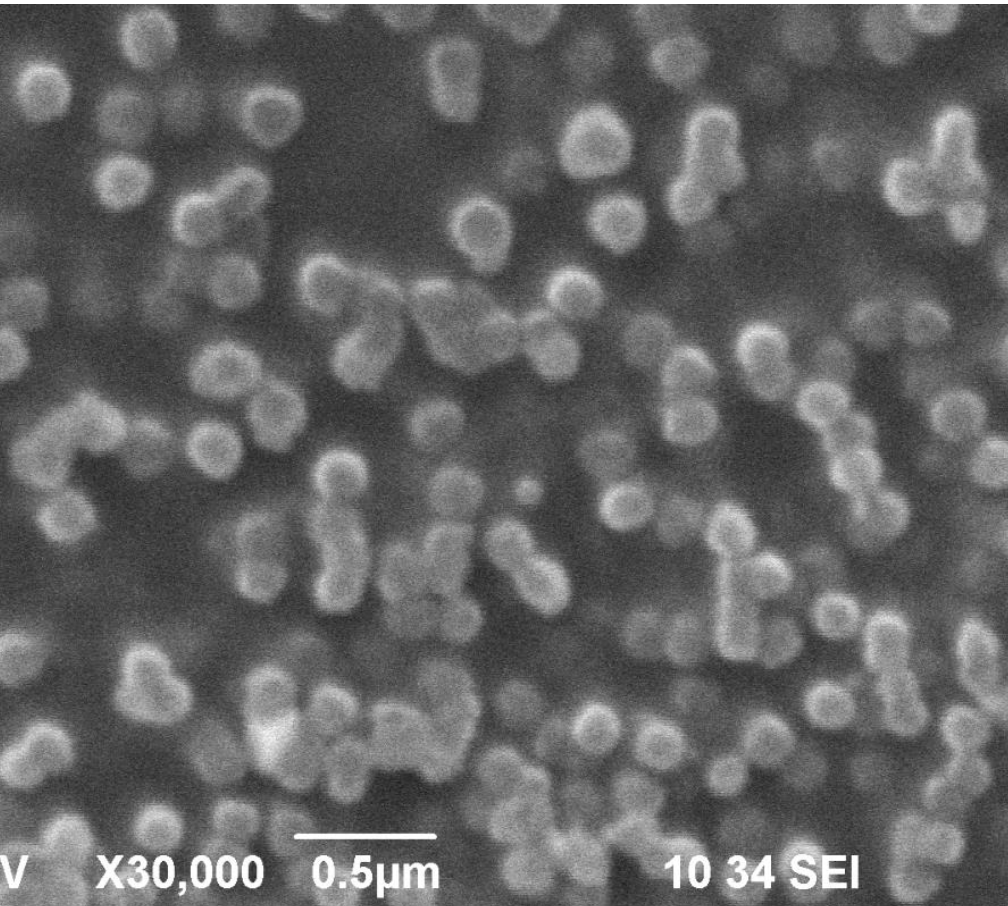
SEM - 1 min at 730 °C



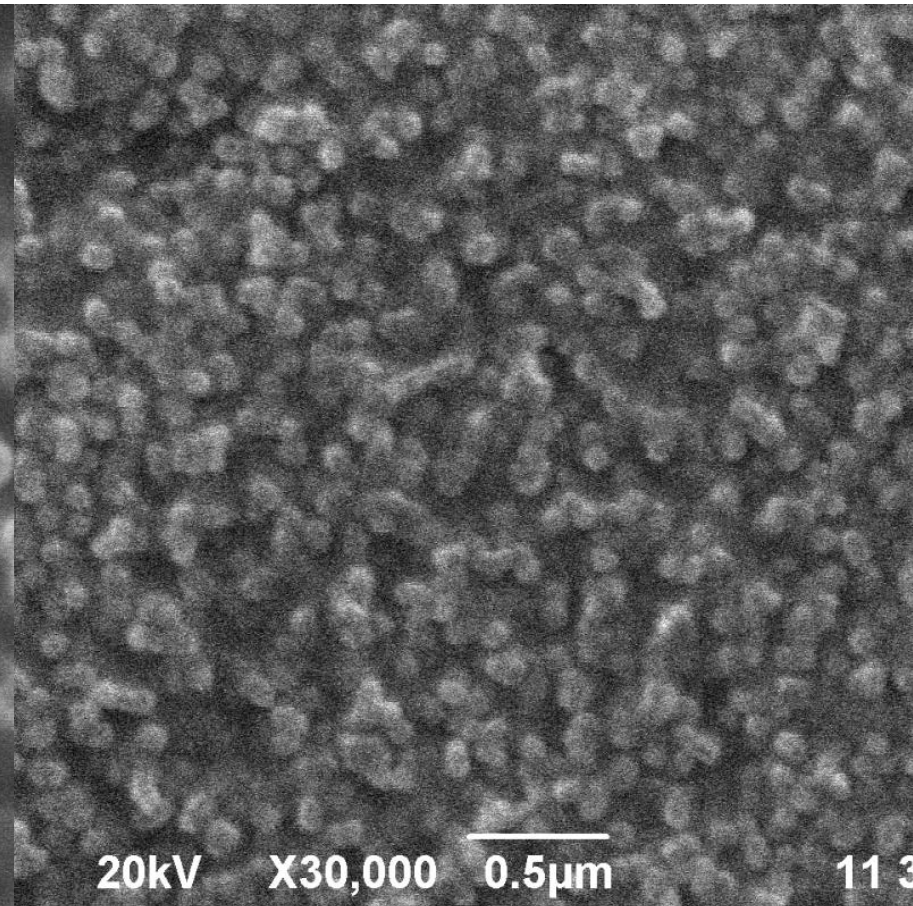
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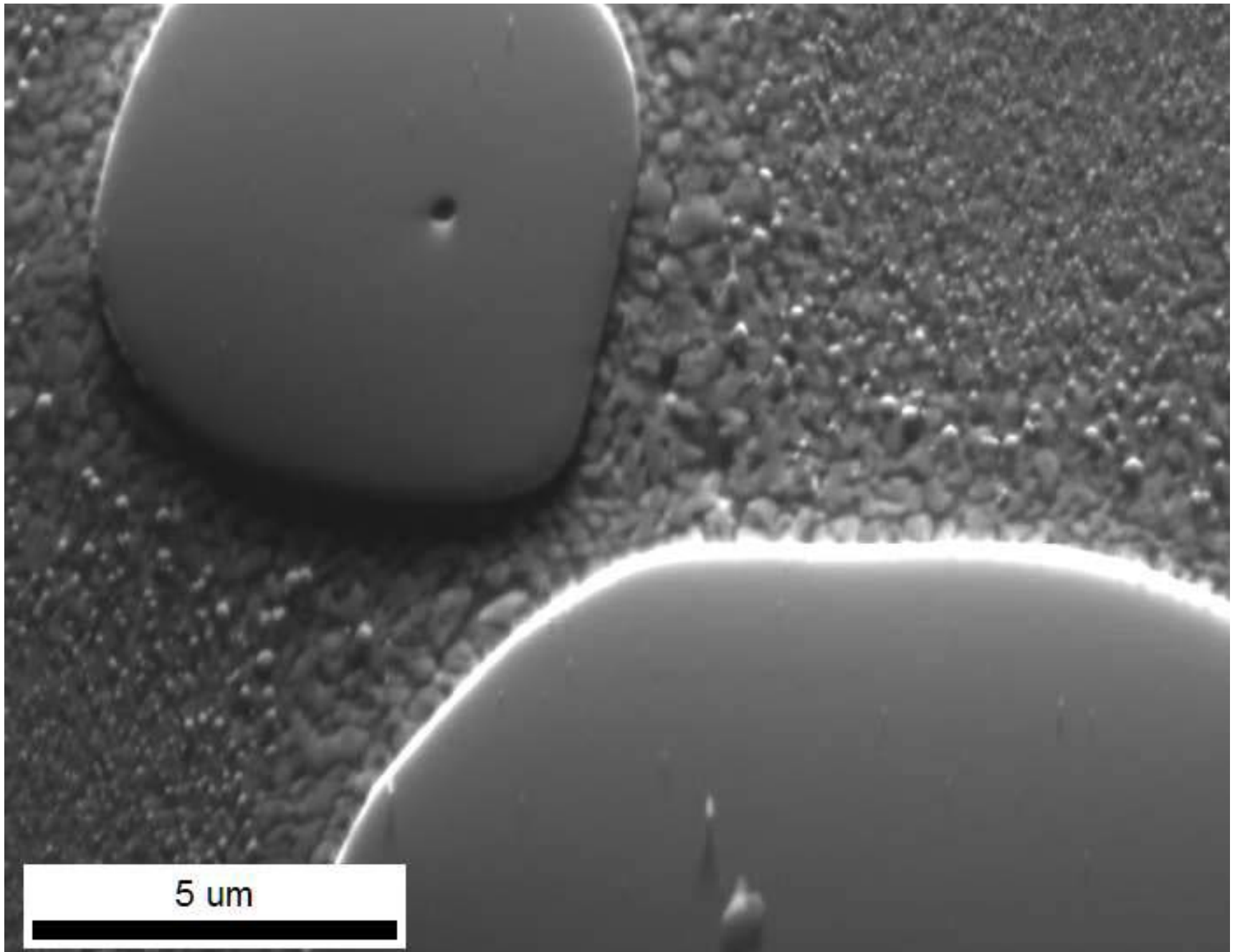
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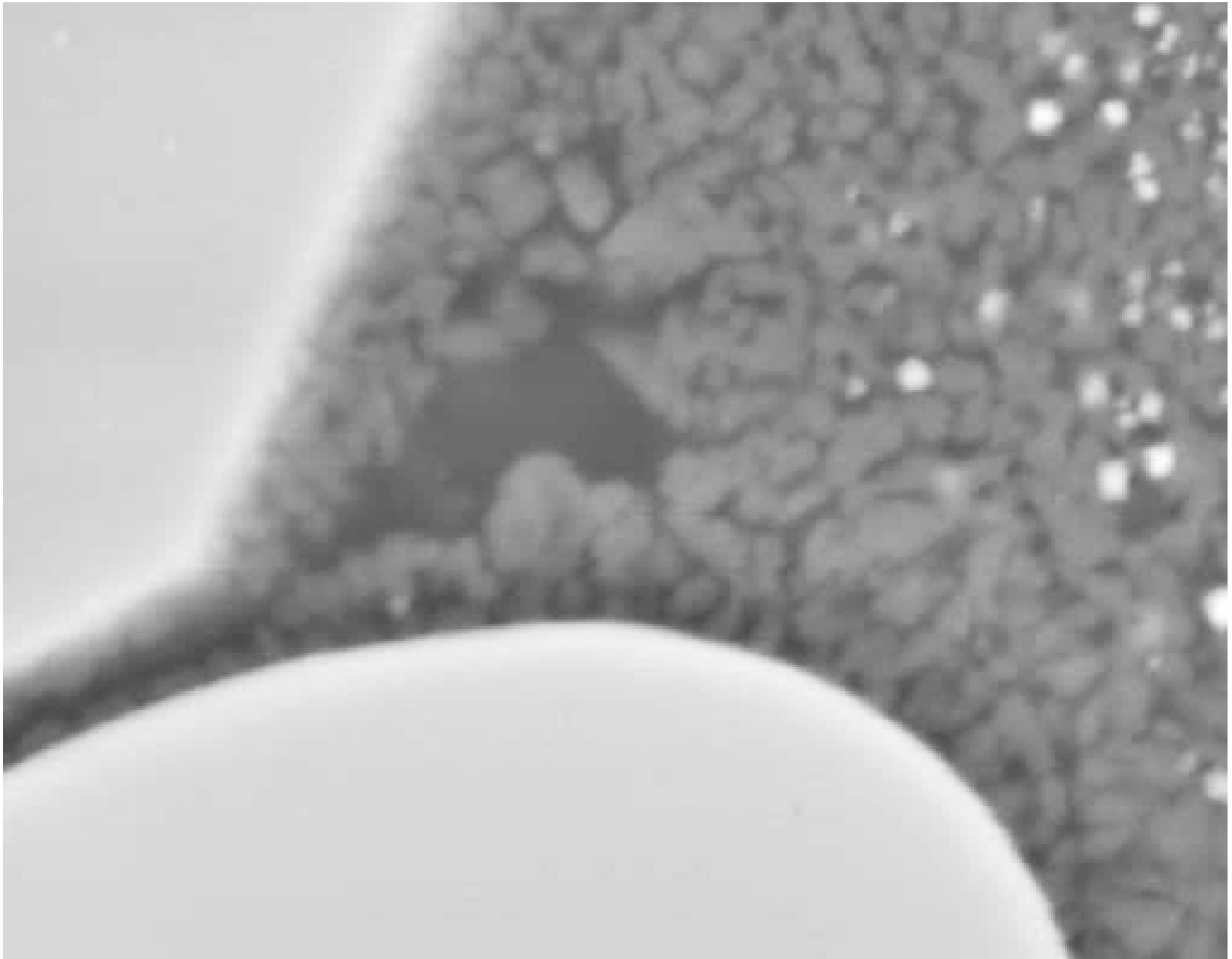
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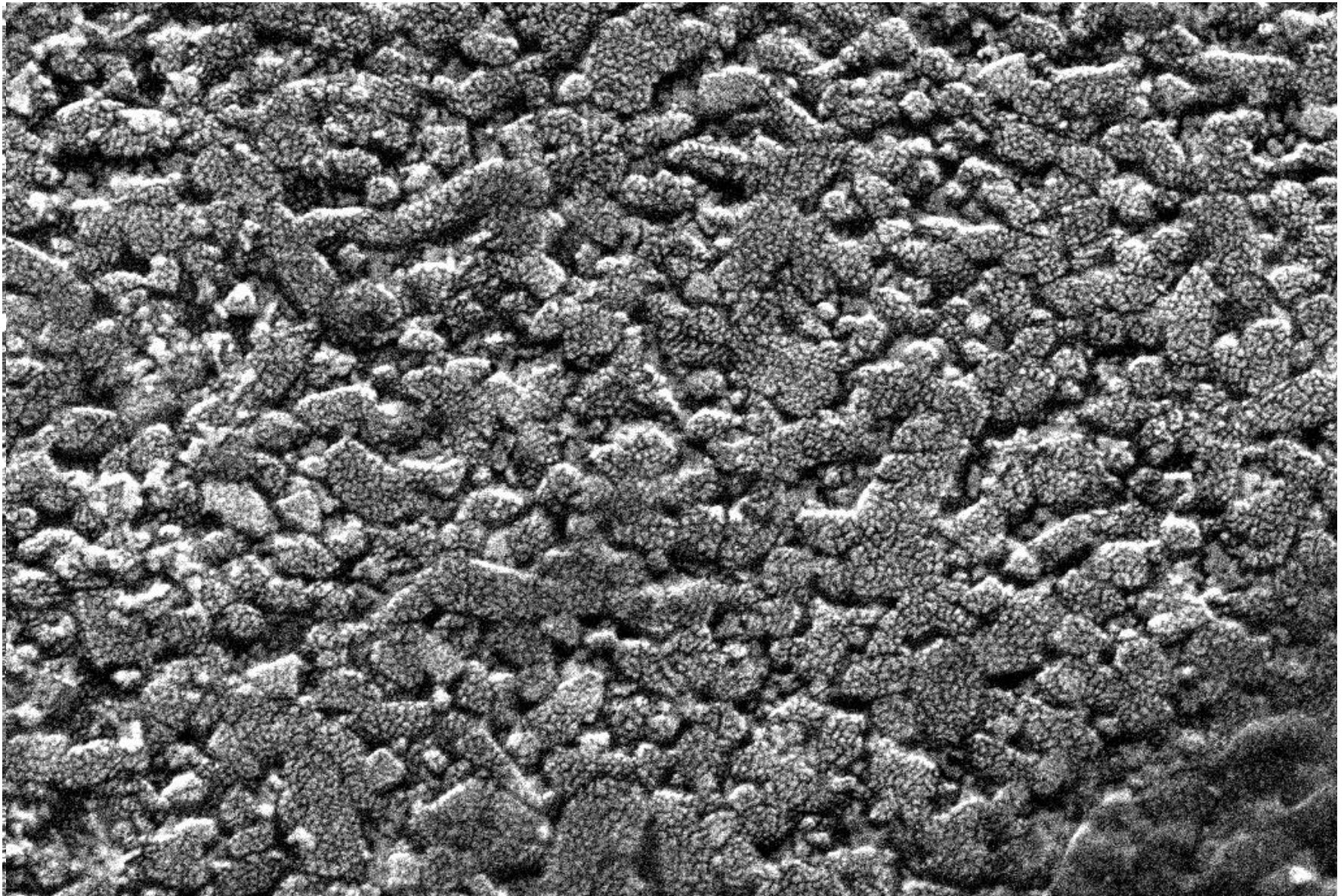


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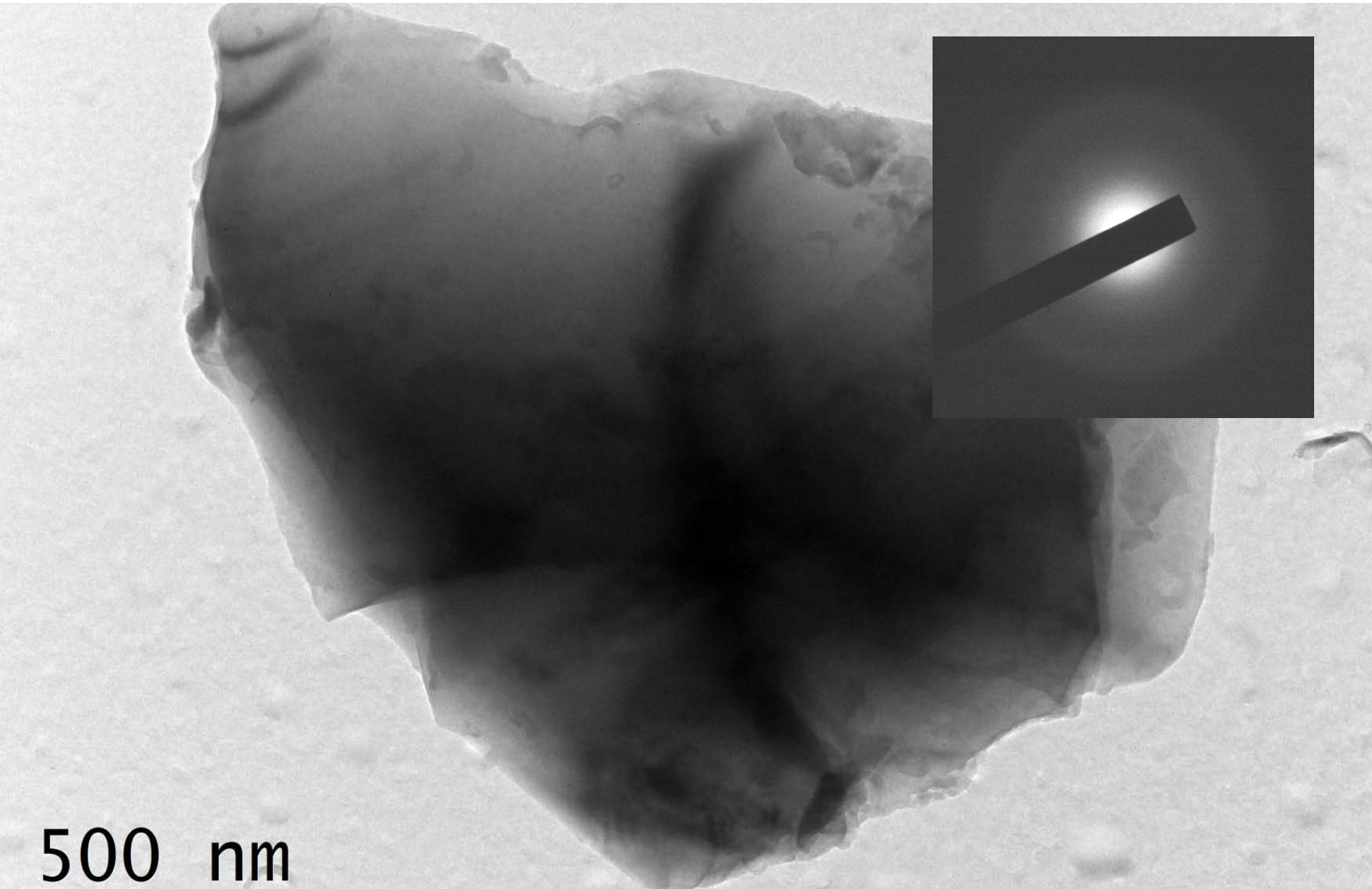
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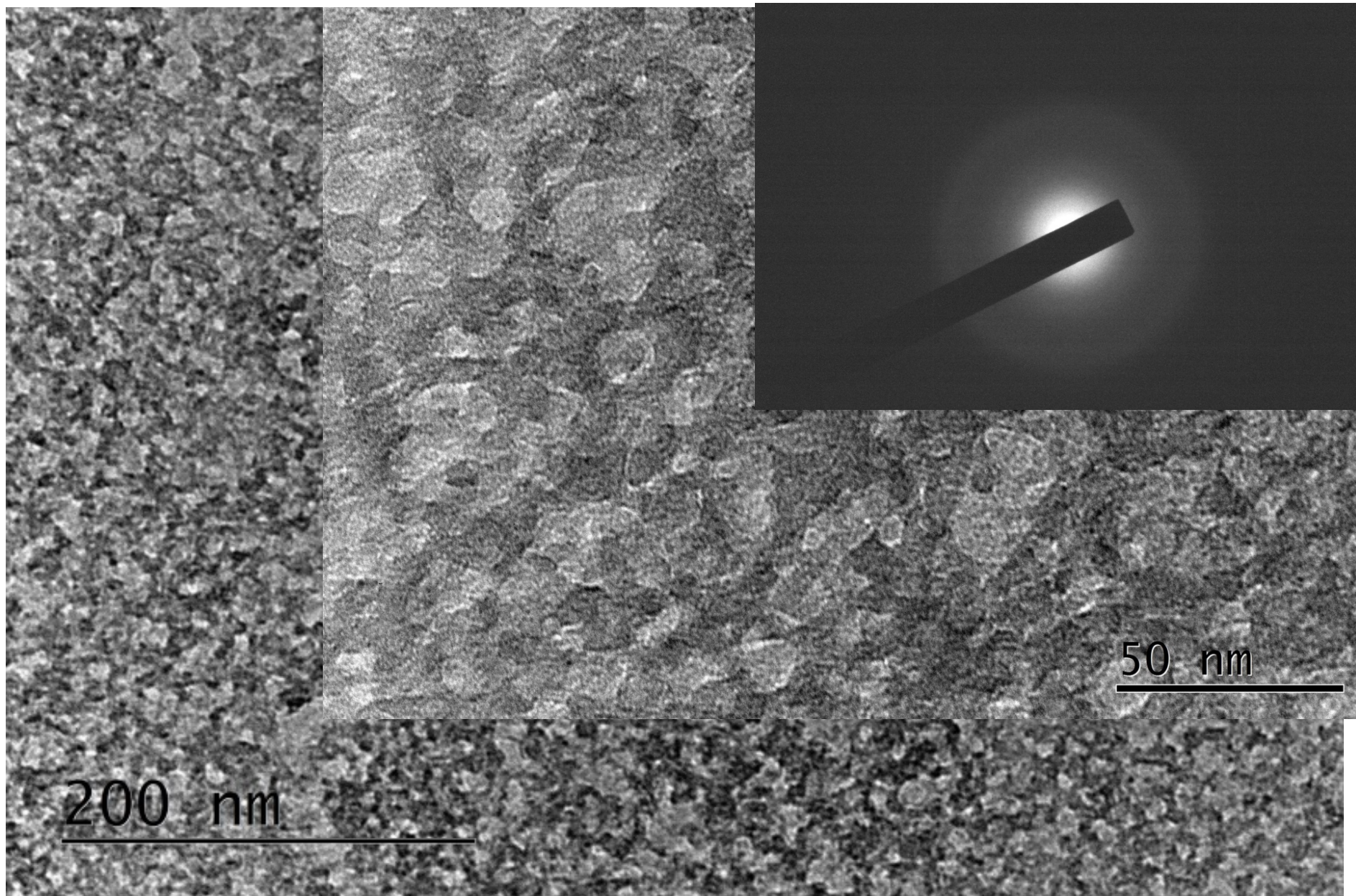
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|  |  | I Probe = 50 pA | EHT = 20.00 kV | Signal A = HE-SE2 | Stage at T = 30.0 ° |
| | Noise Reduction = Line Avg | WD = 8.9 mm | Mag = 50.00 K X | | 28 Oct 2016 |



500 nm

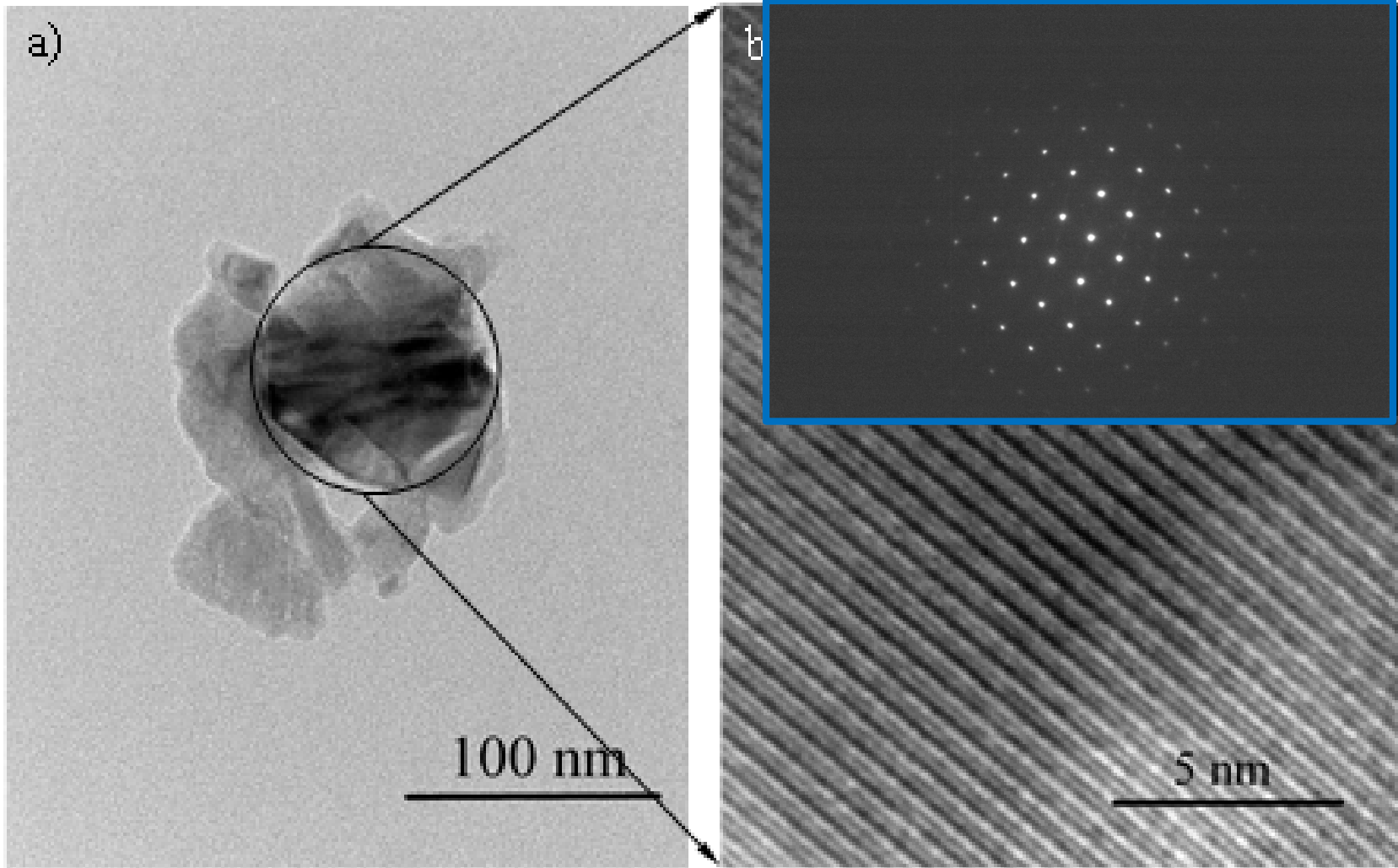
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TEM - 60 min at 650 °C and 1 min at 730 °C



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properties of obtained glass-ceramic

| Properties | Slag Sitalls | FeNi GC |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Density (g/cm³) | 2.7-2.9 | 3.1 |
| Coefficient of linear thermal expansion 20-400°C (10⁻⁷/C) | 75-90 | 71 |
| Bending strength (MPa) | 80-110 | 120 |
| Compressive strength (MPa) | 250-350 | 280 |
| Vickers Hardness (GPa) | 7.5-9 | 9 |
| Fracture toughness (MPa•m^{1/2}) | 1.2-1.5 | 1.6 |
| Main technological parameters | | |
| Melting Temperature (°C) | 1450-1550 | 1350-1400 |
| Nucleation step | 1-2 h at 750-800 °C | 0.5-1h at 650 °C |
| Crystallization step | 2-3 h at 850-950 °C | 0.5-1h at 750-760 °C |

Conclusions:

- The parent glass is obtained using huge amount of hazardous waste from ferronickel production at moderate melting temperature.
- The optimal low temperature crystallization regime (650 °C and 30-45 min crystallization at 650 °C) was estimated by alternative fast methods: the nucleation step – by pyrolysis, while the crystallization step – by pyrolysis.
- The phase formation starts during crystallization with the precipitation of preliminary Fe-Mg-Cr spinel. These crystals act as centers for epitaxial growth of pyroxene. This is formed a part of the glass-ceramic arrangement.
- The main structure (60-85 vol %) is a result of the tendency for binodal liquid-liquid phase separation. It leads to the formation of secondary magnetite spinel (50-70 nm size) and to crystallization of main phase in glass-ceramic by a new pyroxene with crystal size of 200-300 nm.

The glass-ceramic is characterized by a high chemical durability and good mechanical characteristics.

Thank you for the attention !