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SYNTHESIS OF SILICON NANOPARTICLES THROUGH THE DECOMPOSITION OF AN AZADIPYRROMETHENE SILICON COMPLEX

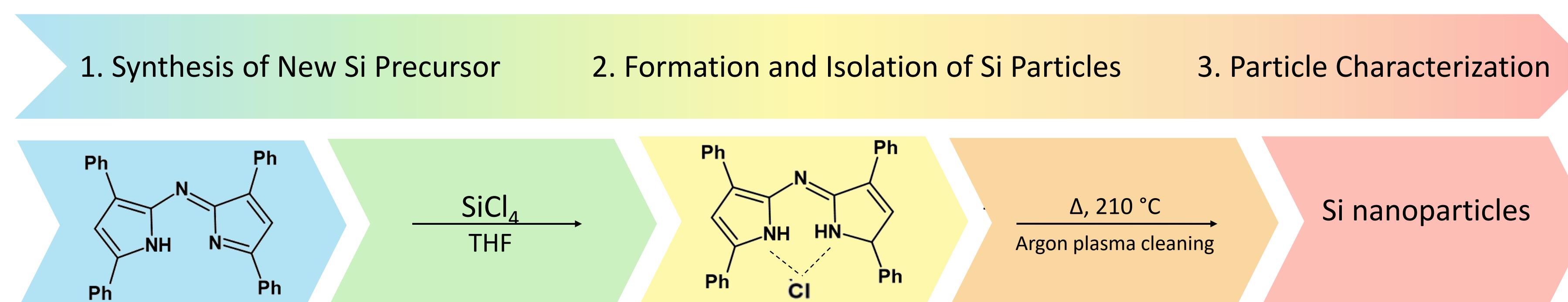


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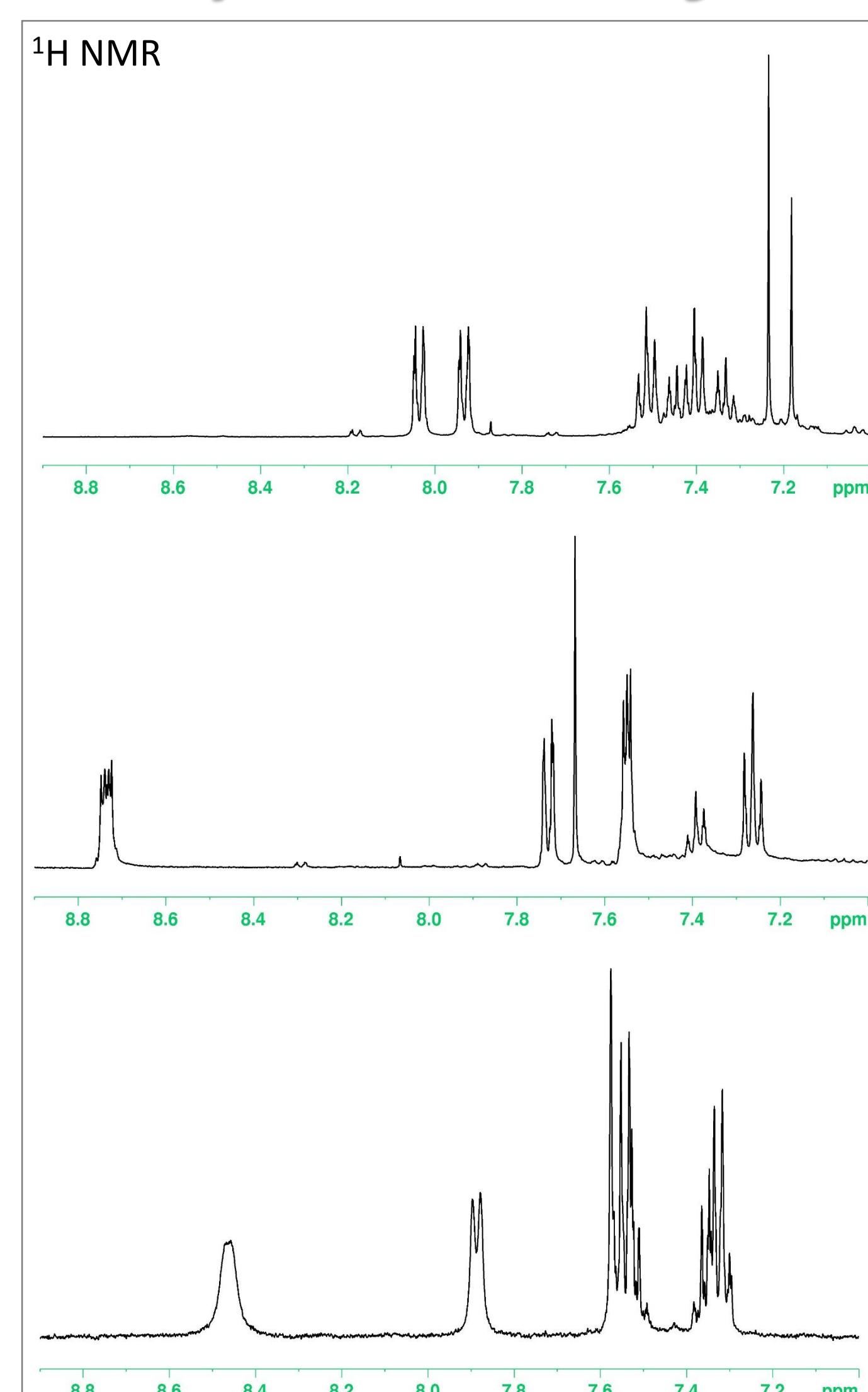


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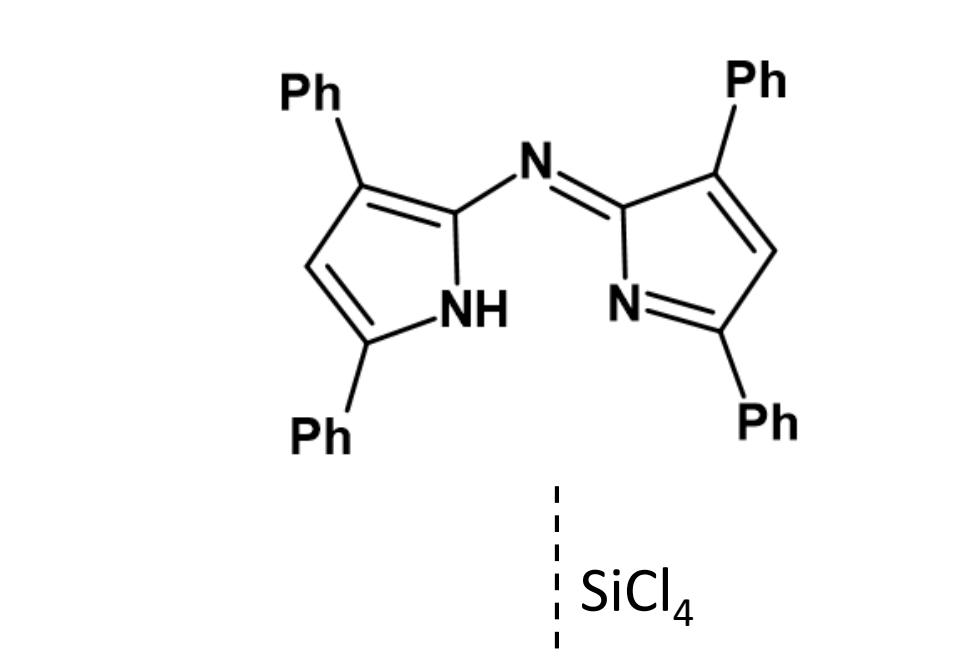
Silicon particles are used in dielectric metamaterials because of their high refractive index and low absorption coefficient for visible light¹. While crystalline silicon has exceptional optical properties in comparison to other materials, it is very difficult to synthesize stable silicon nanomaterials². This poster presents a more flexible bottom-up synthesis method to produce silicon. The route involves a multi-step synthesis of an azadipyrromethene (Azadpm) coordination complex³, followed by its thermal decomposition to afford silicon nanoparticles. Thermal decomposition is carried out using three methods to explore the effect of gases and heating conditions on the resulting silicon nanoparticles. The three methods involve: microwave heating under argon, heating in an oil bath under argon, and heating in an oil bath under hydrogen. Under each condition the silicon precursor decomposes to silicon nanoparticles; however, microwave heating and oil bath heating under hydrogen gas both favor nanoparticle nucleation, resulting in a paucity of precursor available for particle growth. Microwave heating under argon promotes the growth of larger, cubic nanoparticles, that are 25-35 nm in diameter.



1. Synthesis of New Si Precursor

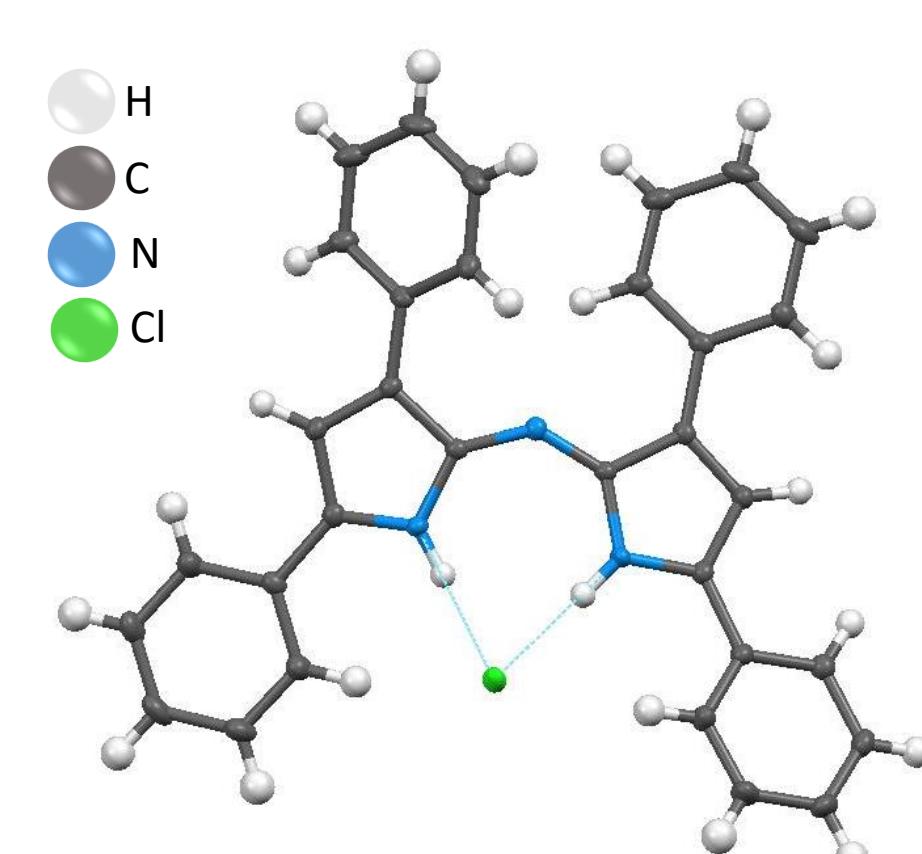


Starting Material: Azadipyrromethene

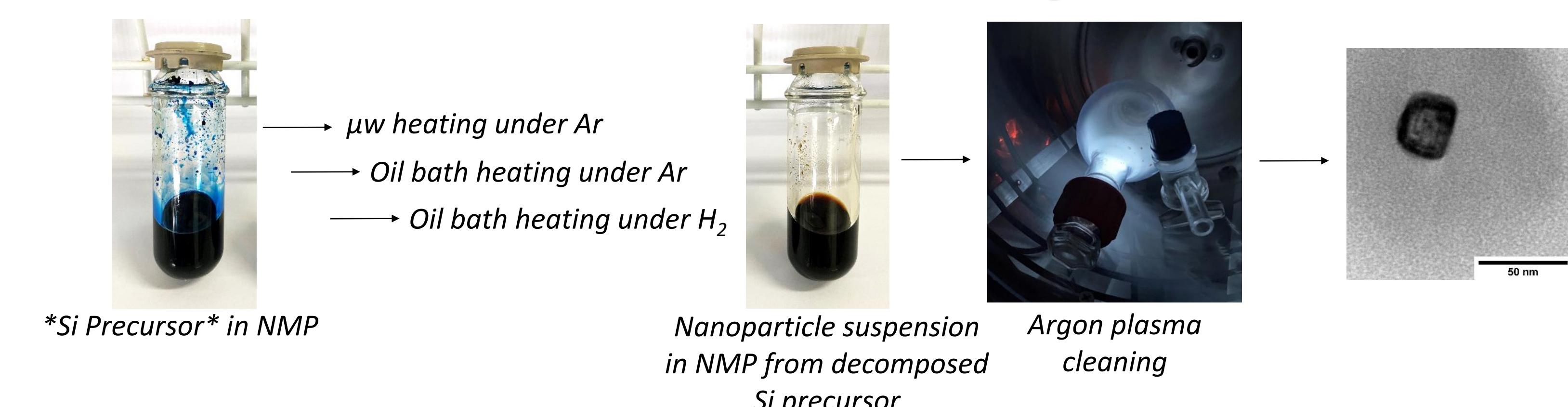


$^{*}\text{Si Precursor}^{*}$ (Isolated Powder)

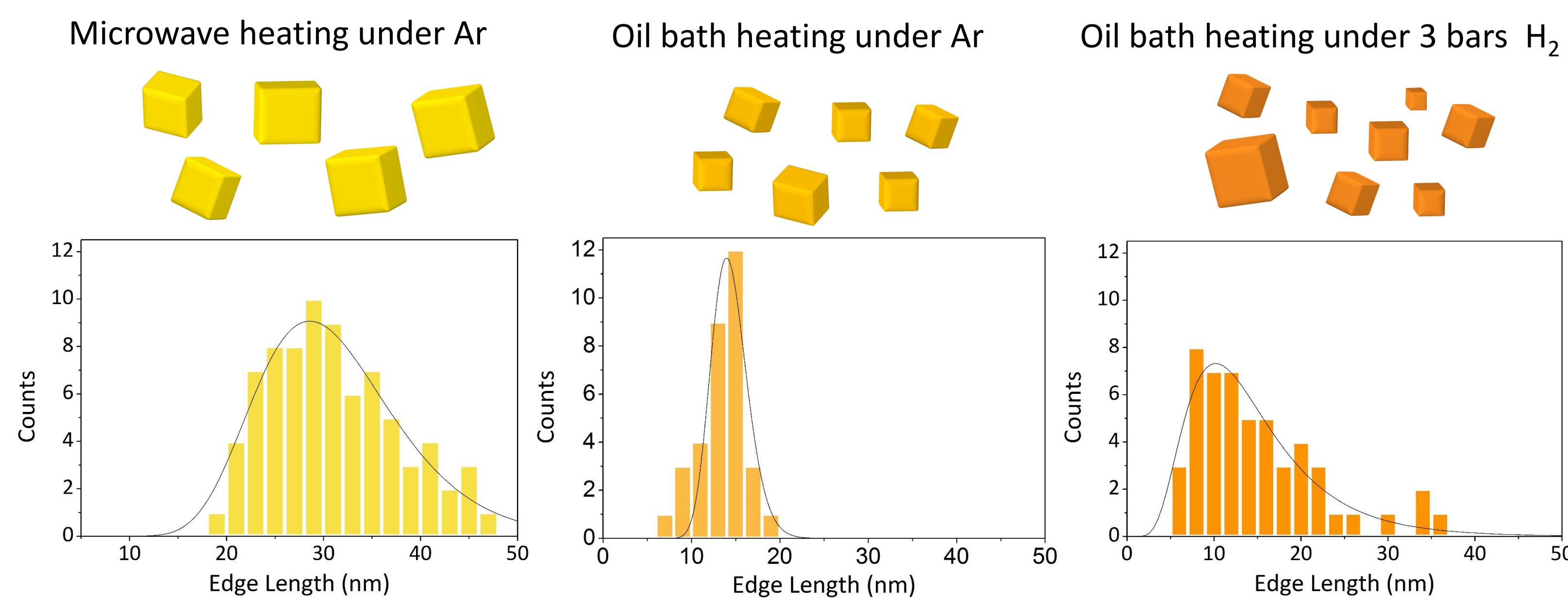
Crystallized $^{*}\text{Si Precursor}^{*$



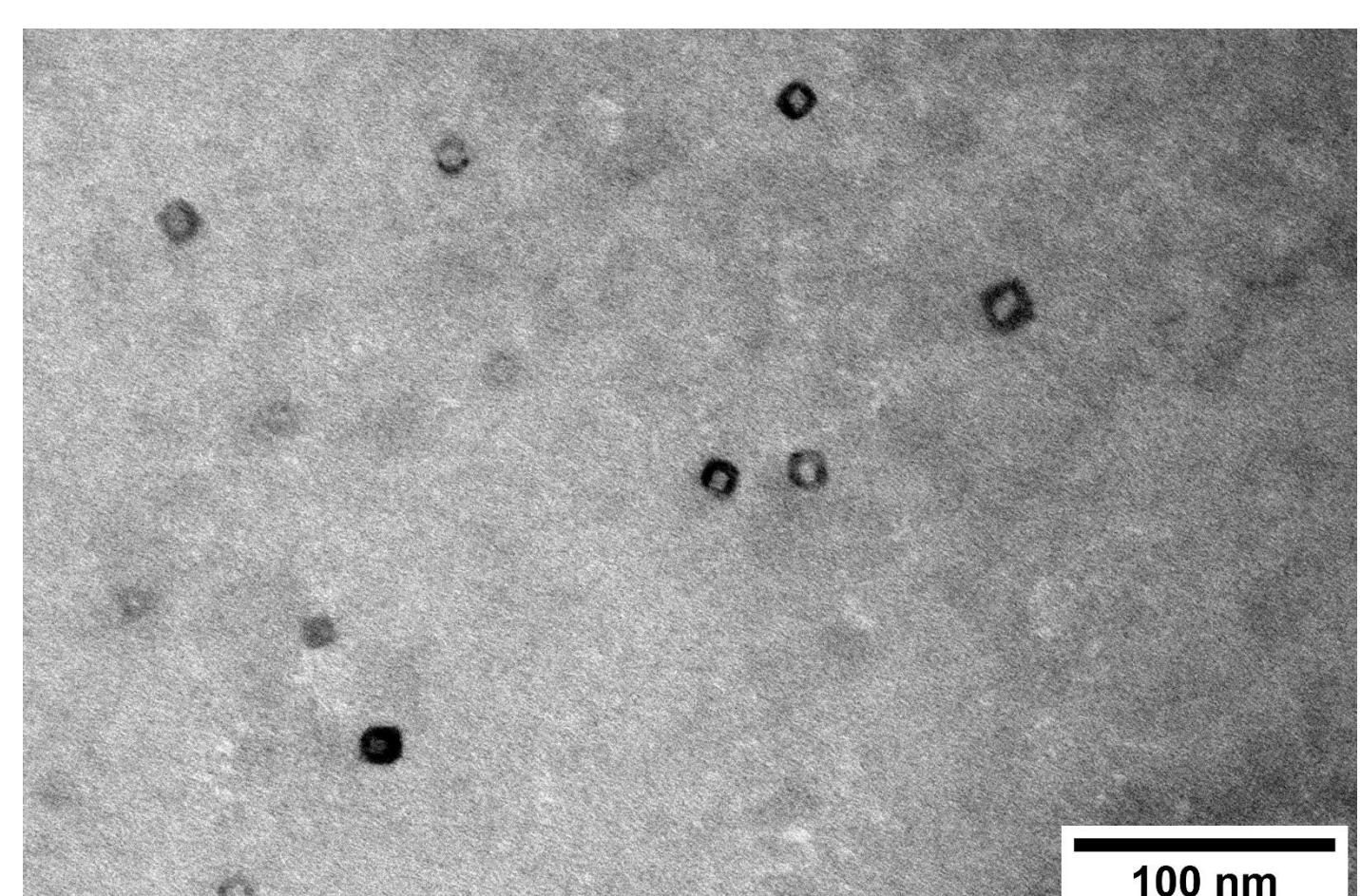
2. Formation and Isolation of Si Particles



Resulting Particle Size Distributions



3. Particle Characterization

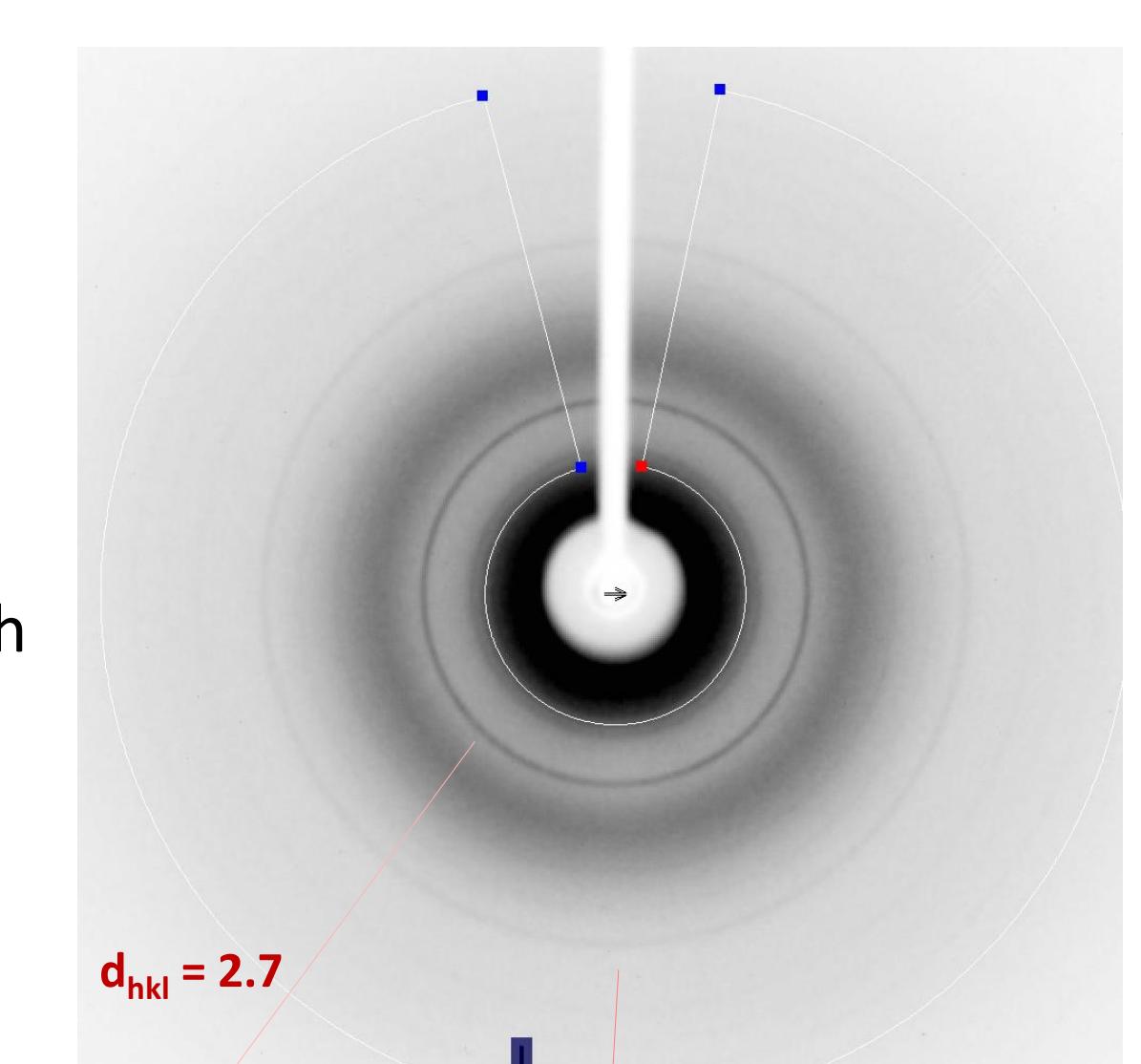


Particles:

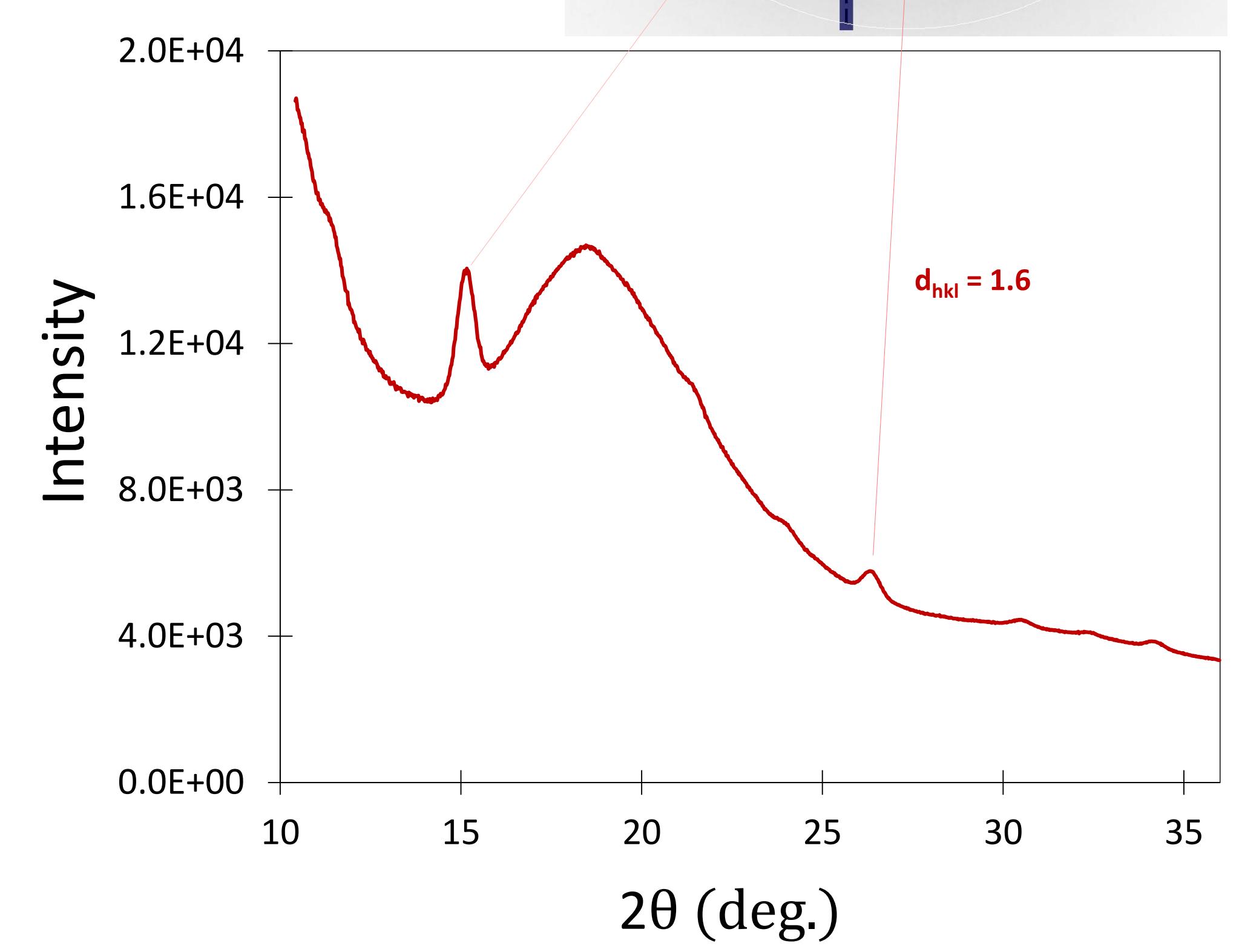
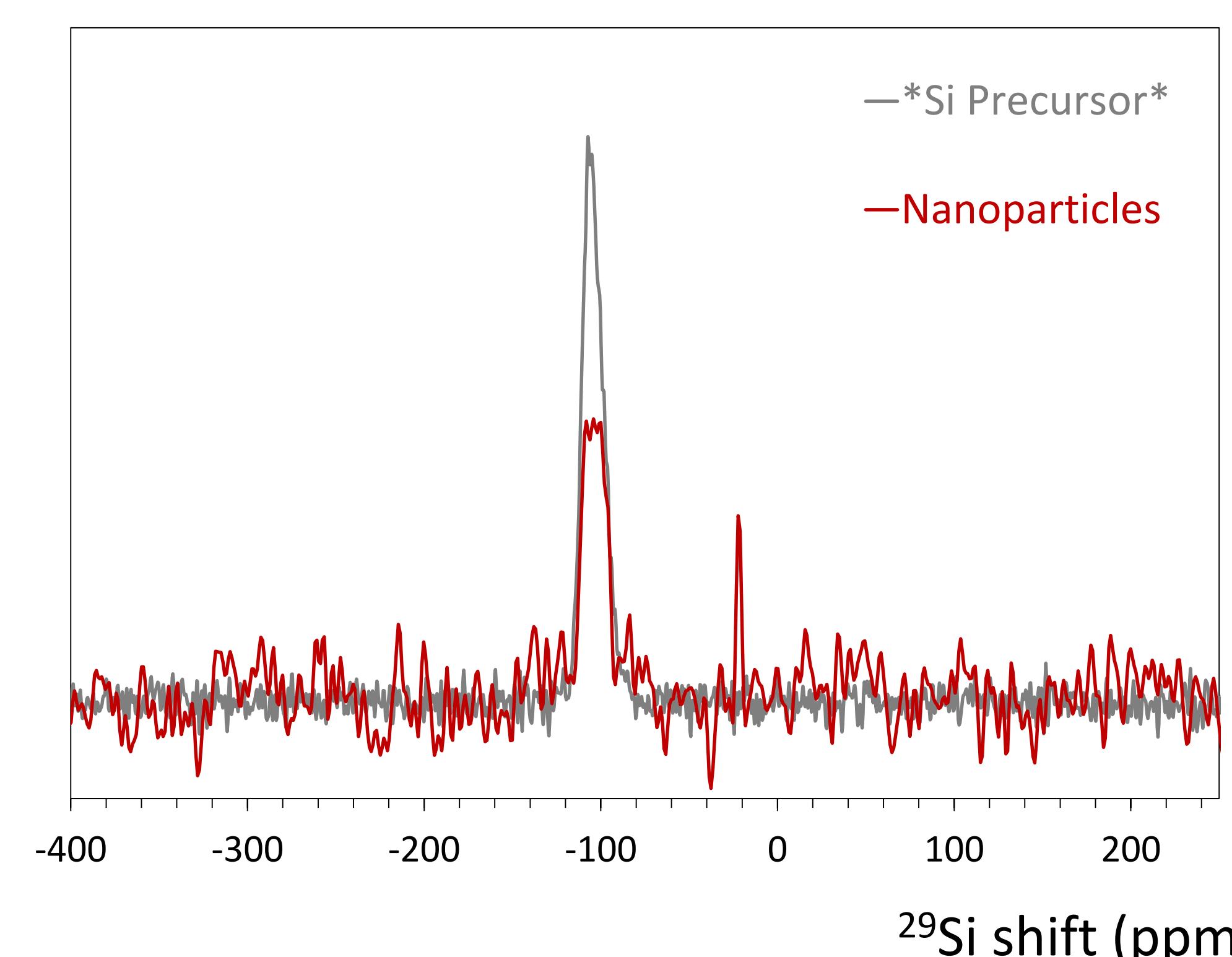
- Cubic
- $\leq 45\text{nm}$ in edge length
- Pure Si

XRD:

- Particles diffract well
- Diffraction pattern does not match any existing in the literature



^{29}Si MAS NMR



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