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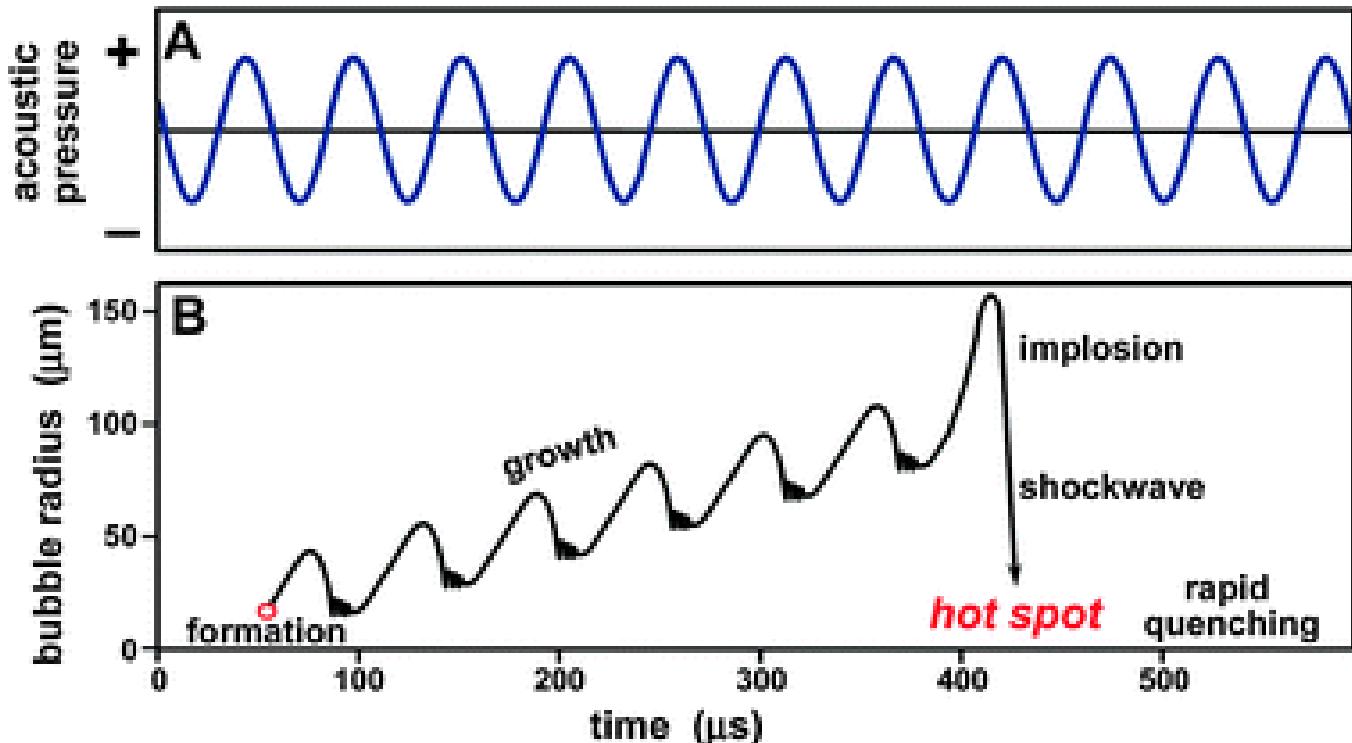


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# What is sonochemistry?

## Acoustic cavitation

Nucleation >growth> implosive collapse of micro-bubbles



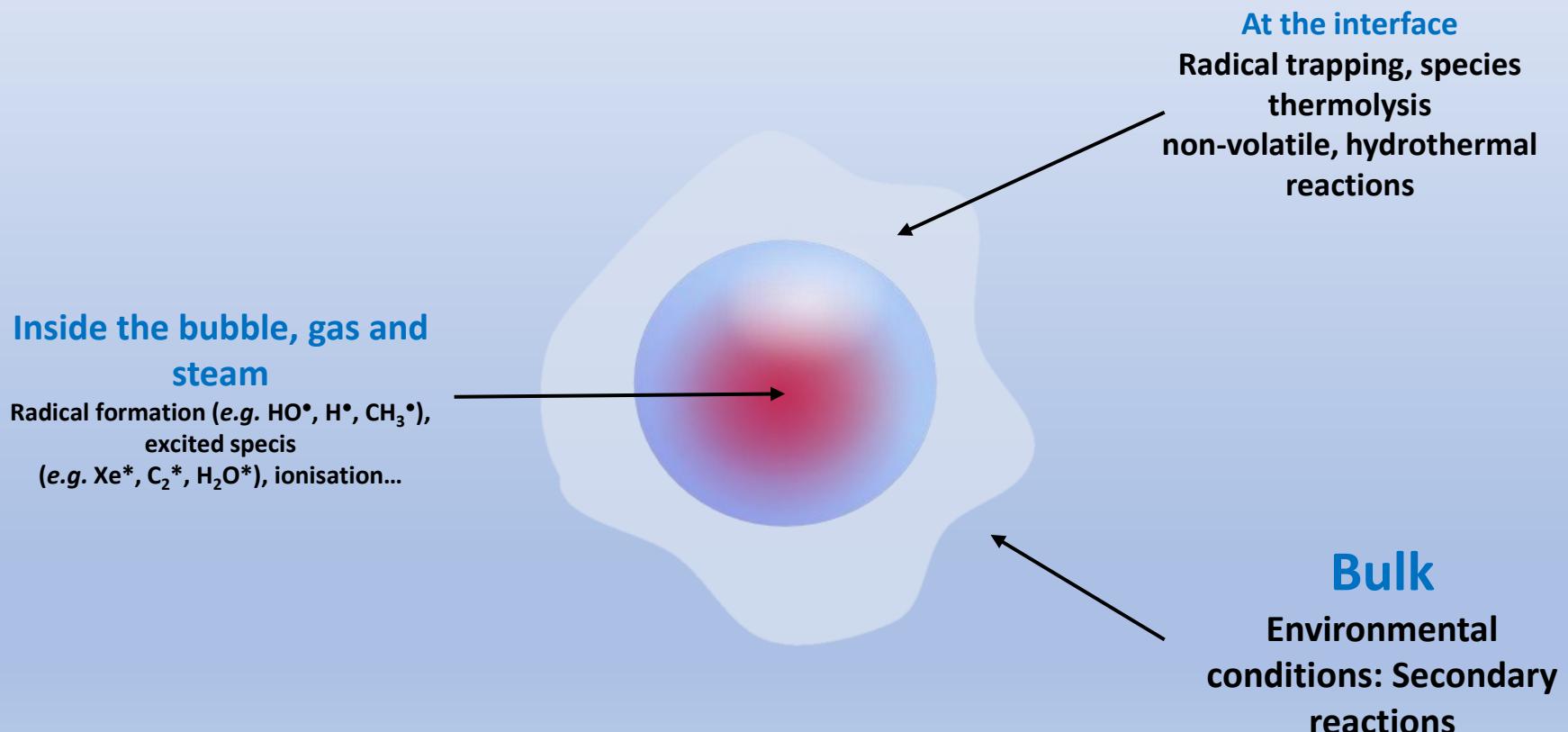
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$T \sim 5000 \text{ K}$

$P \sim 1000 \text{ bars}$

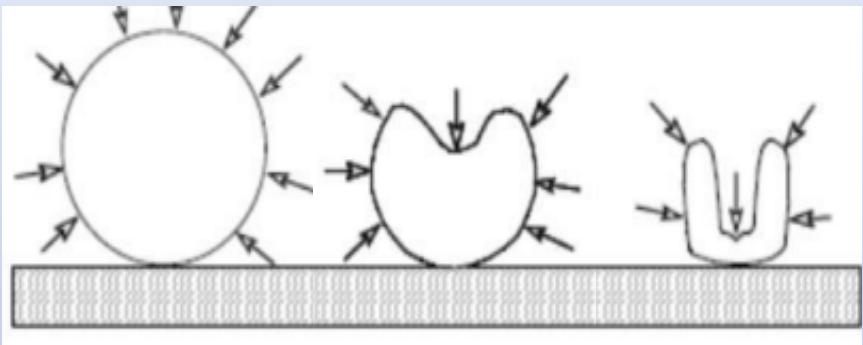
# Sonochemistry

## chemical effect



# Sonochemistry

## Physical effects



Implosion of a cavitation bubble near an extended surface

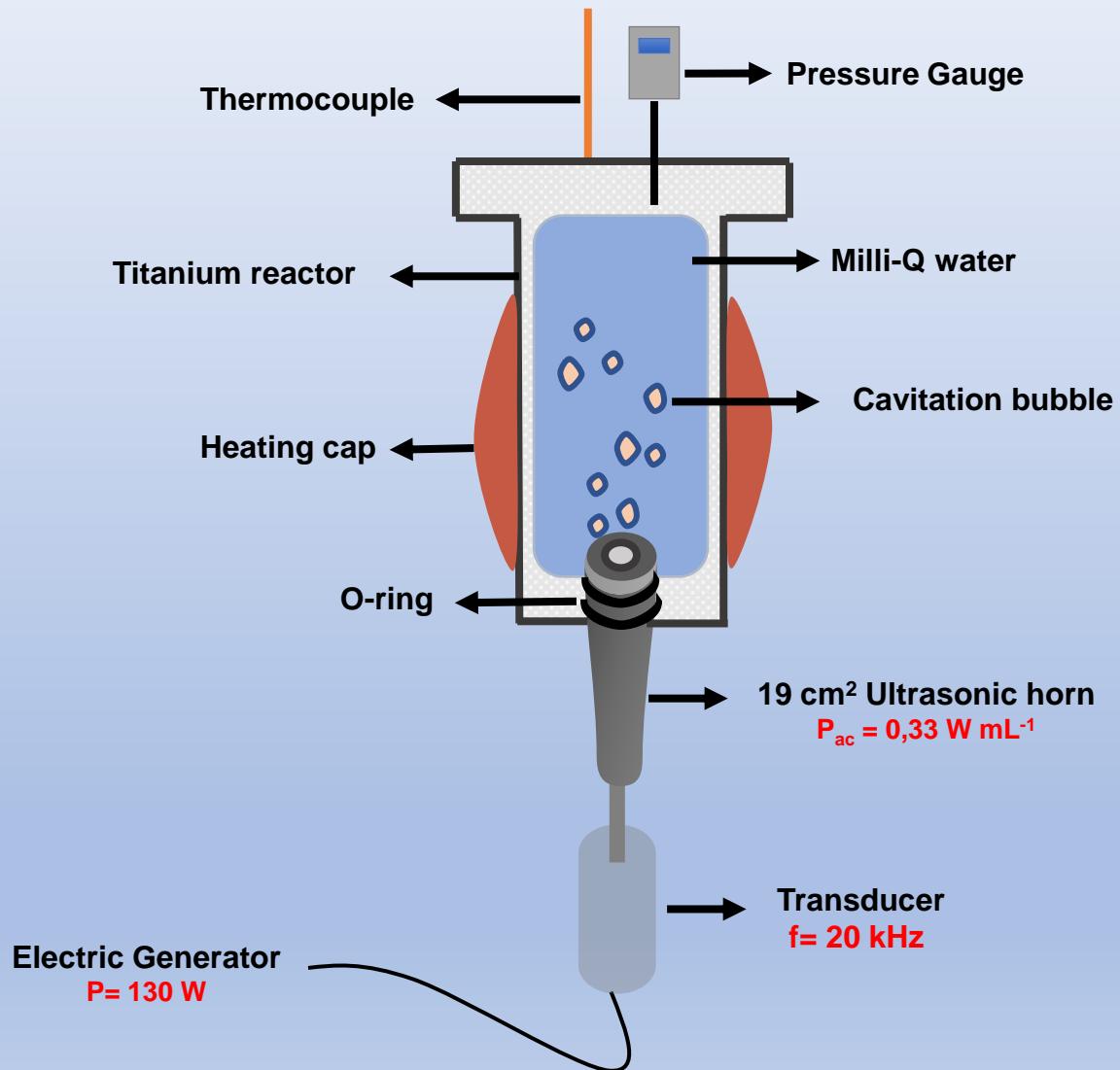


Erosion of a glass surface by micro-jets



Micro-jet:  $\sim 150 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  à 20 kHz

# Sonochemical Reactor (SHT)

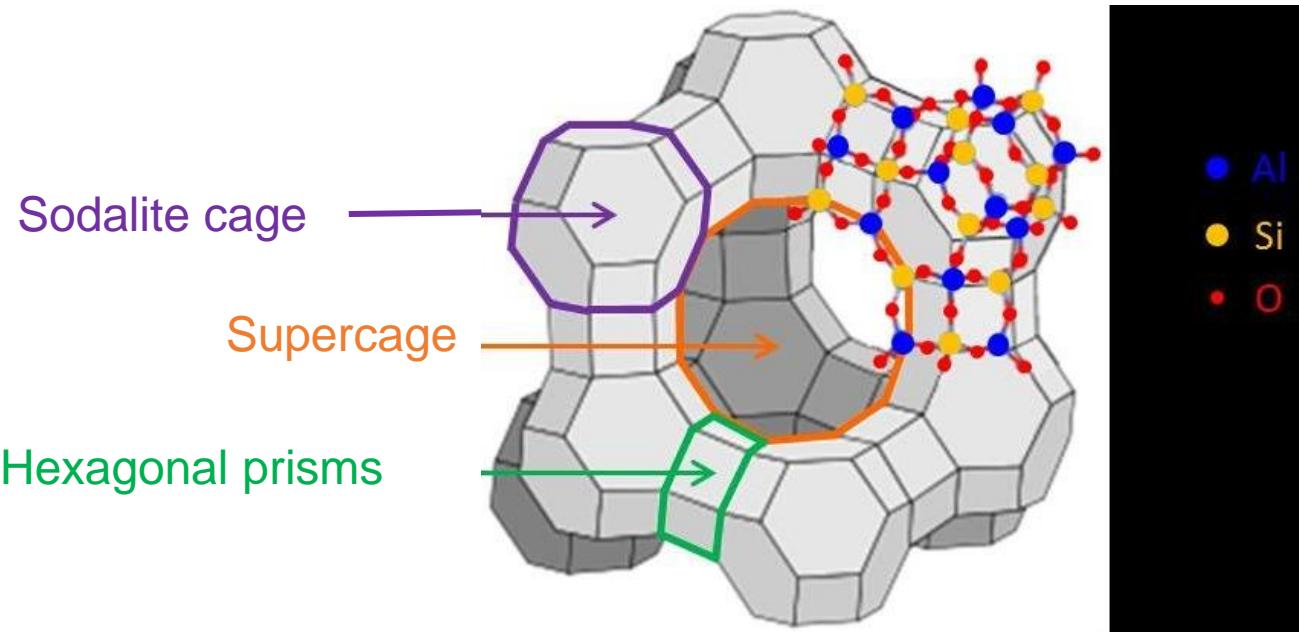


Ultrasonic coupling  
and hydrothermal  
conditions

C.Cau & al, J phys Chem  
C117(44)(2013) 22827-  
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# What is a zeolite?

# Zeolite is :



1756: discovered by the Swedish mineralogist **Axel Frederik Cronstedt**

General formula of a zeolite :  
 $M_xD_y[Al_{x+2y}Si_{n-(x+2y)}O_{2n}] \cdot mH_2O$

Eur. J. Mineral. 1998, 10, 1037-1081

The Crystal Chemistry of Zeolithe, E. Paaglia et Richard A. Sheppard

# Zeolite application



Water waste and air  
deppolution

Pétrochemistry

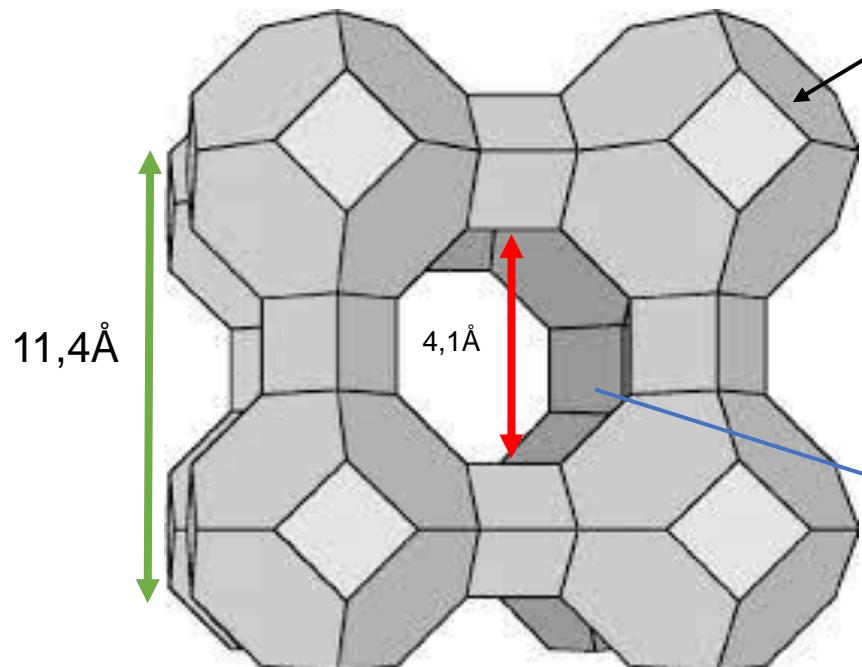
Industrial  
applications

Heterogeneous  
catalysis

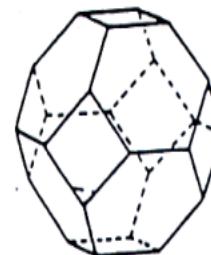
CO<sub>2</sub> Capture

# LTA zeolite

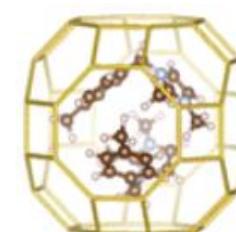
LTA formula



LTA structure

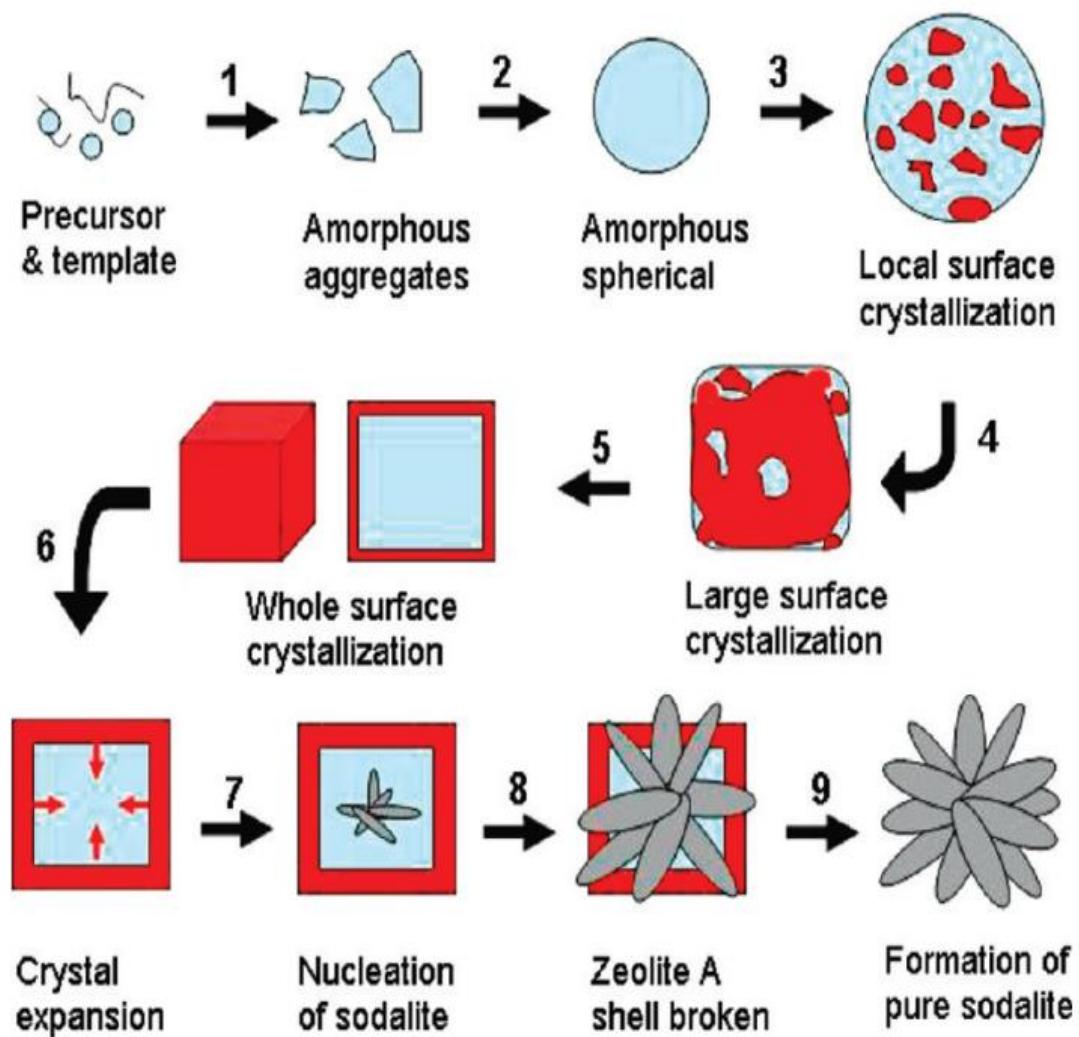


Sodalite



α-cage

# NEW ZEOLITE CRYSTAL GROWTH PATH AND ZEOLITE PHASE TRANSFORMATION



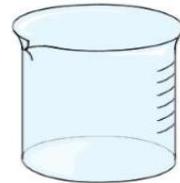
Greer, et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 131, 17986–17992 (2009).

# Experimental section

# Zeolite LTA synthesis



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## Silica solution:

- 1.6 g fumed silica
- 21 mL of 3 M sodium hydroxide solution

## Aluminium solution

- 4.7 g sodium aluminate
- 27 mL milliQ water

Mechanical shaking 30 minutes (25 °C) or 20 kHz US, 70% amplitude, 30 minutes (70 °C), Pac: 30W



SHT reactor



Hydrothermal

## SHT experimental conditions:

20 KHz , 100 °C

Autogenous pressure(1,4 atm)

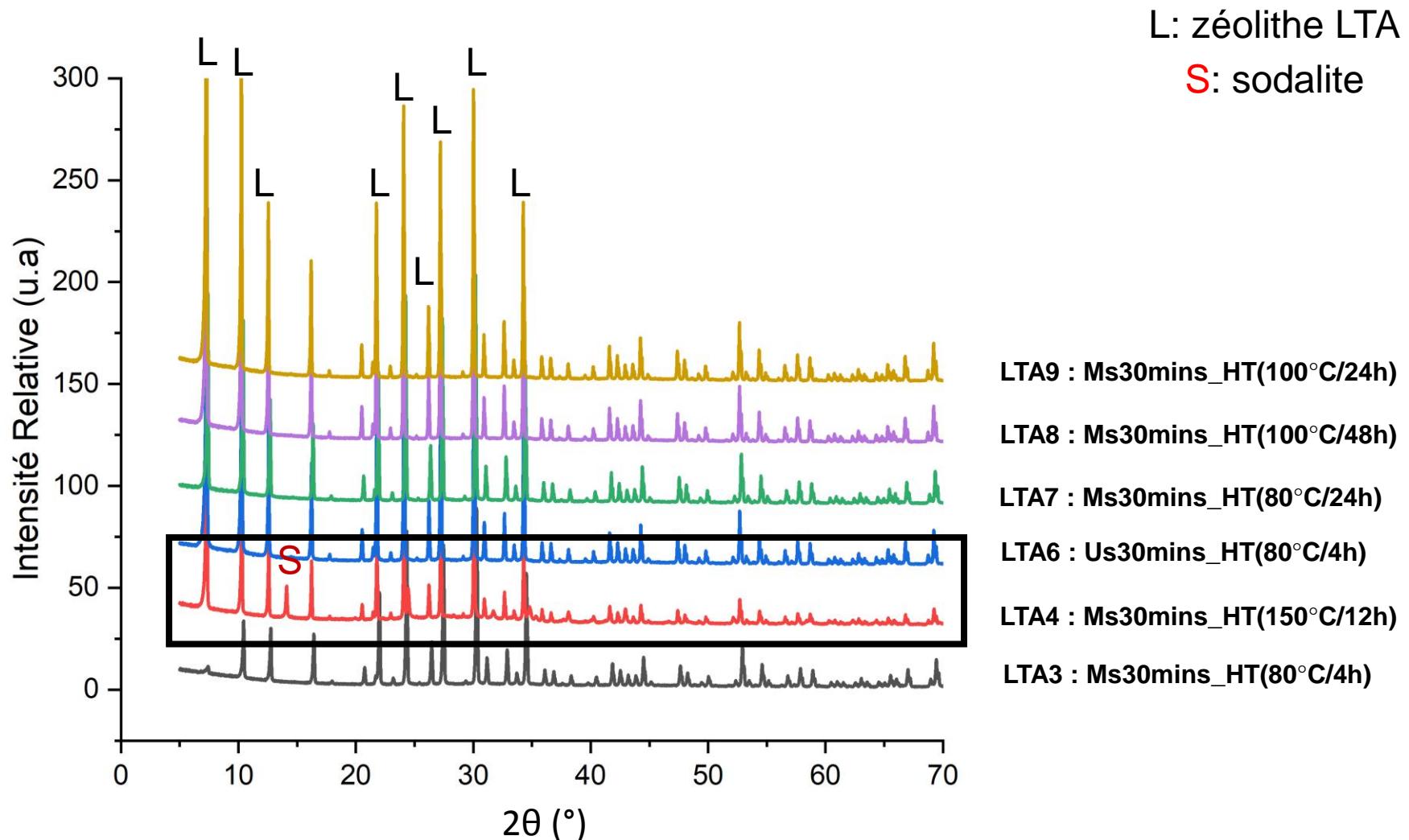
50mL gel

Pac: 10W

## Hydrothermal (Parr reactor) experimental conditions

80 °C to 150 °C, 4 h to 12 h

# Diffractograms of hydrothermal compounds



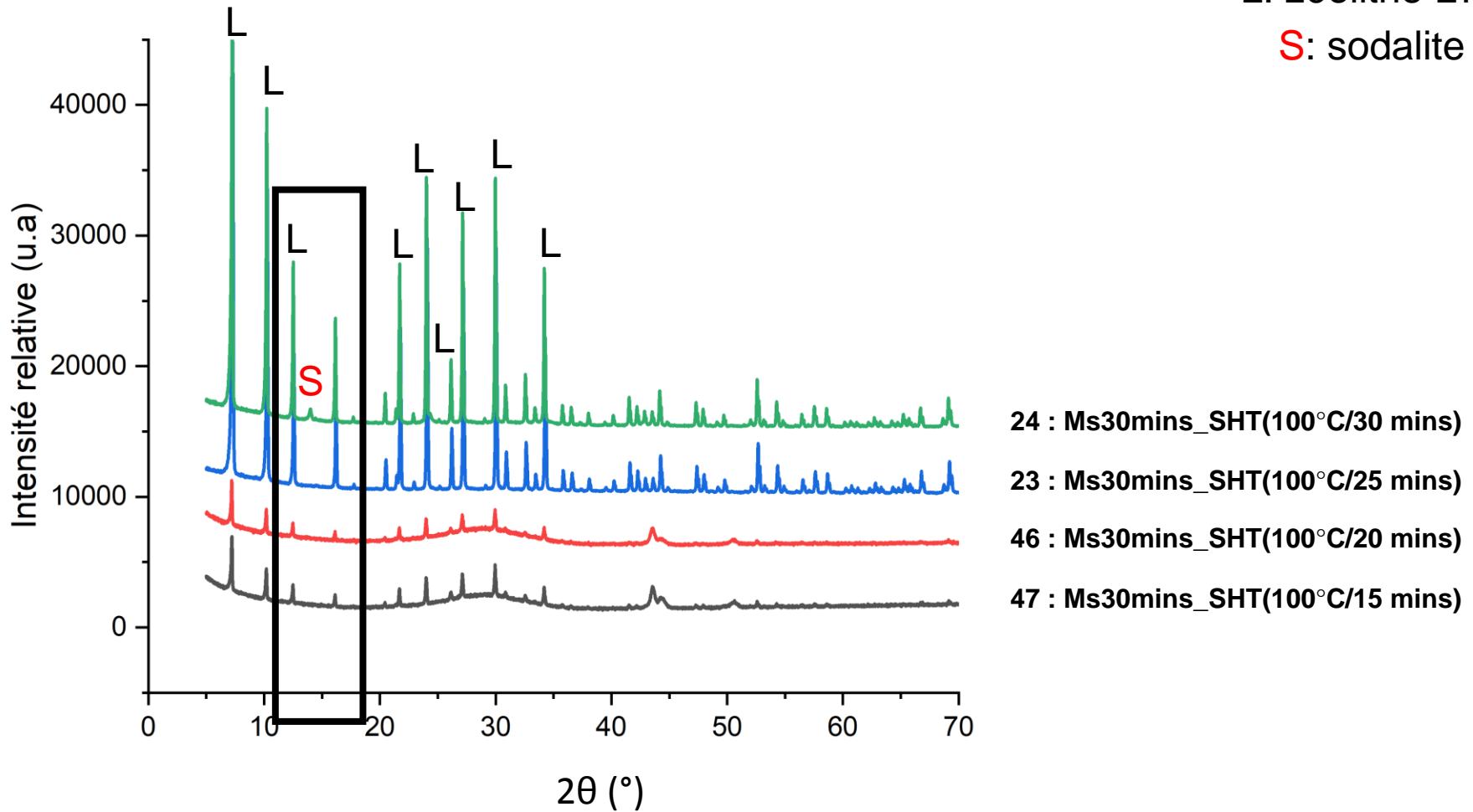
In hydrothermal applications, sodalite forms at high temperatures over long periods of time.

# Diffractograms of SHT compounds



L: zéolithe LTA

S: sodalite



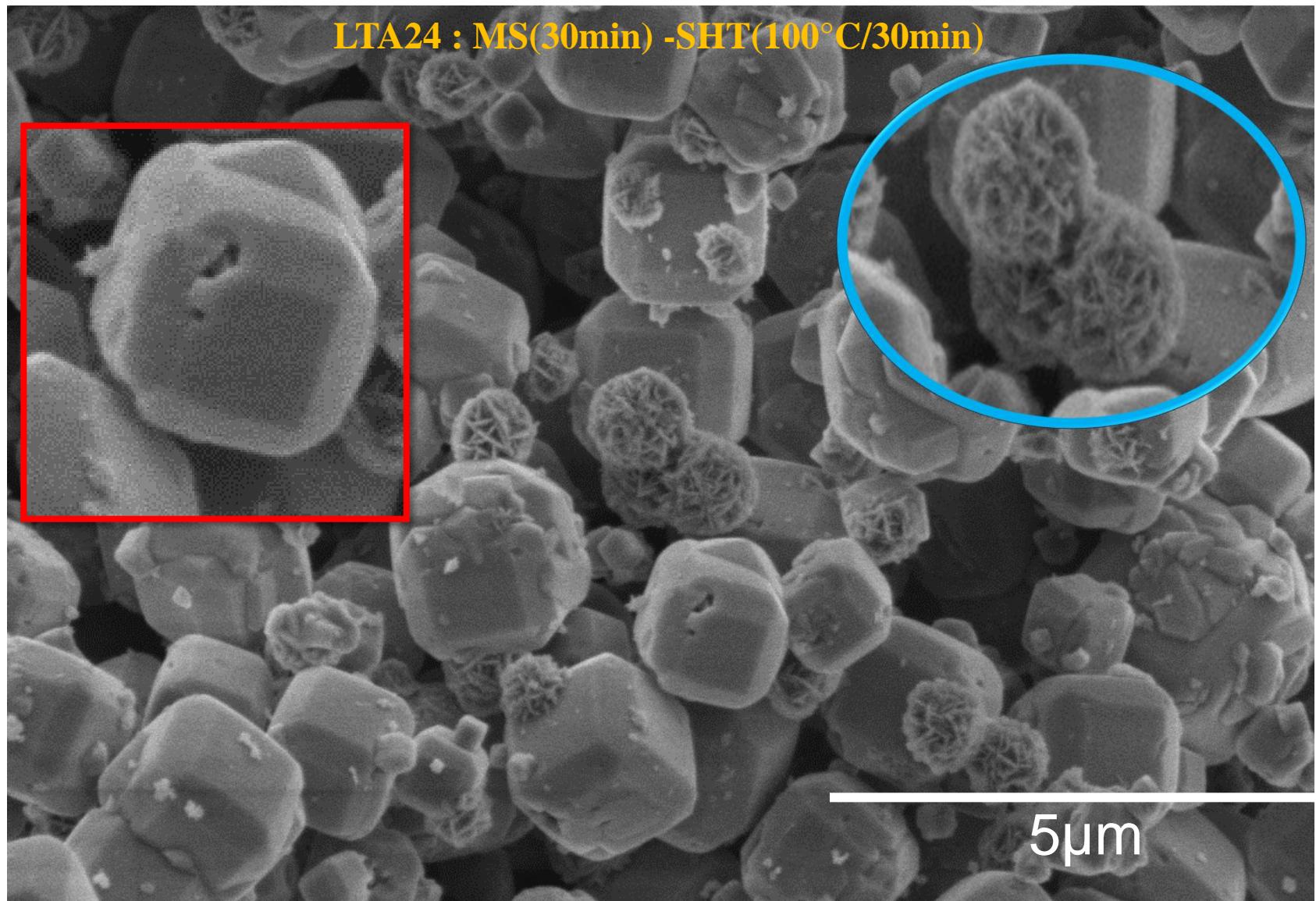
In SHT

- LTA crystallizes well before 15 minutes
- Sodalite forms after 30 minutes

# SEM image of compound LTA 24



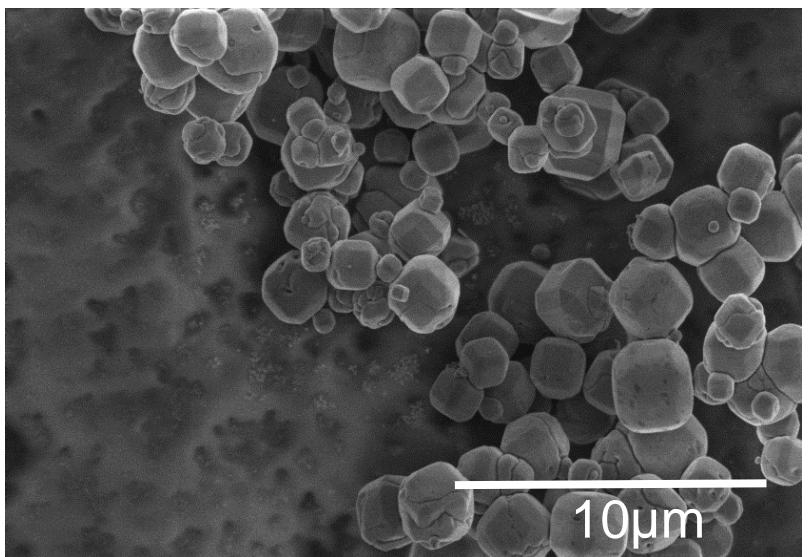
LTA24 : MS(30min) -SHT(100°C/30min)



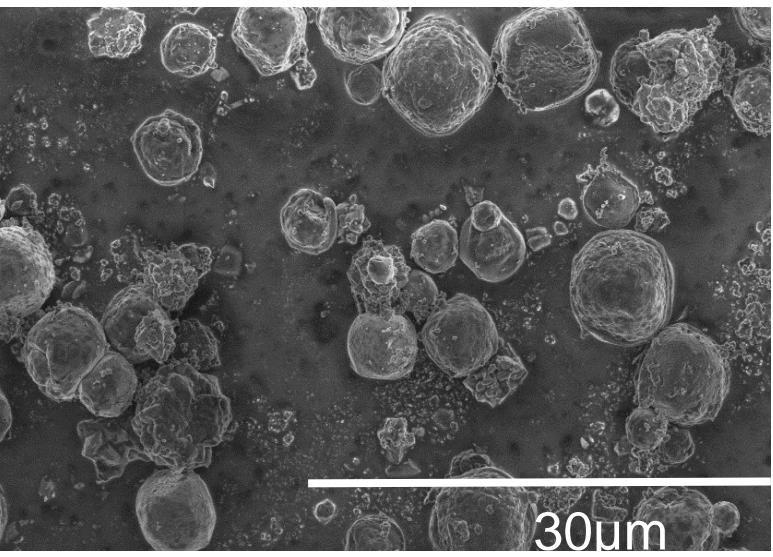
5μm

# Hydrothermal partial size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )

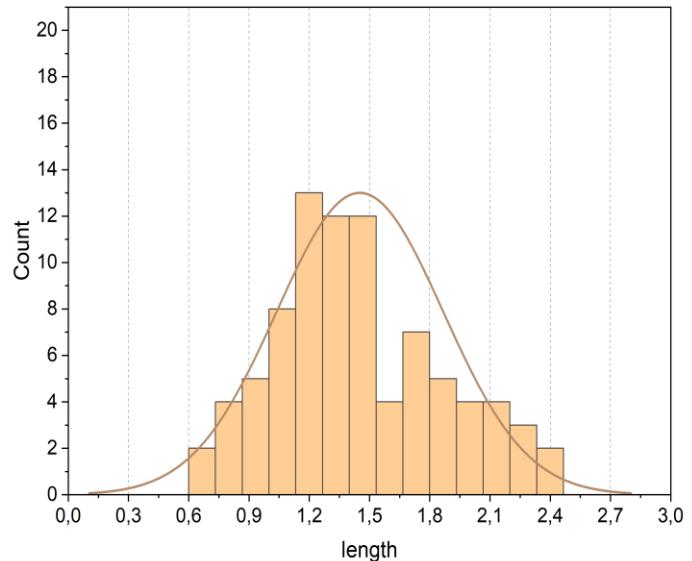
LTA8 : Ms30mins\_HT(100°C/48h)



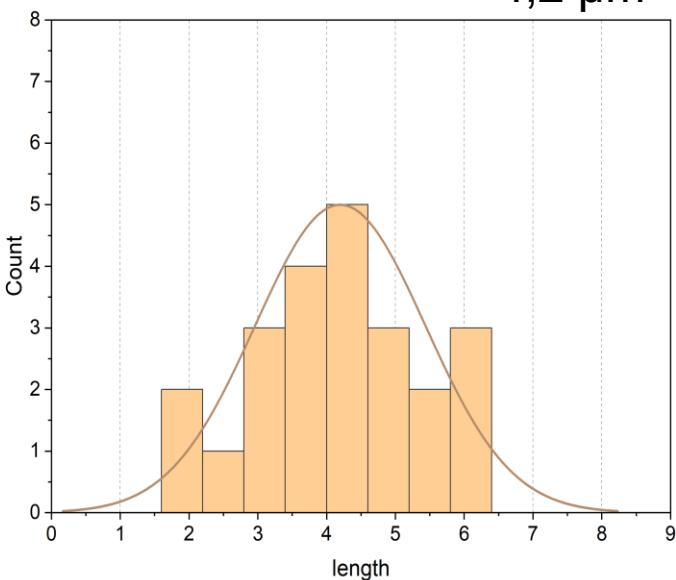
LTA4 : Ms30mins\_HT(150°C/12h)



1,45  $\mu\text{m}$

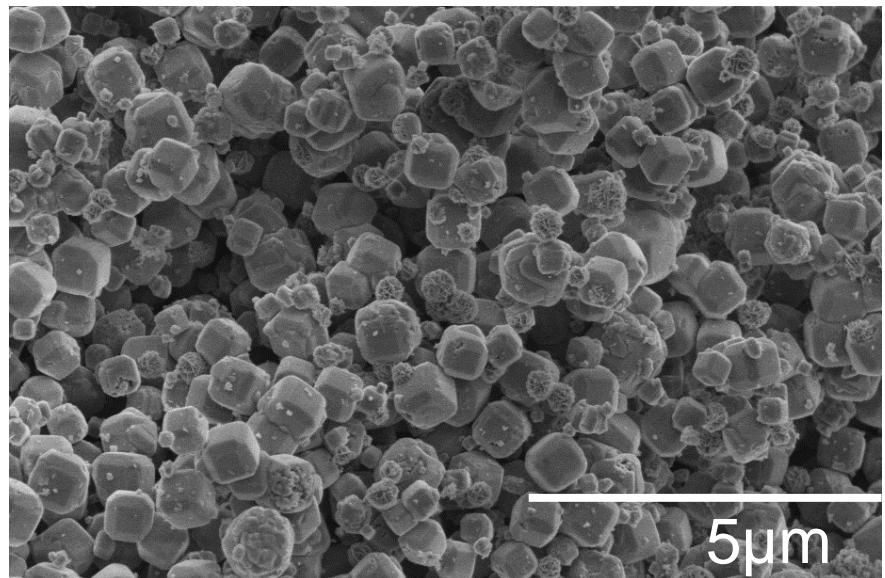


4,2  $\mu\text{m}$

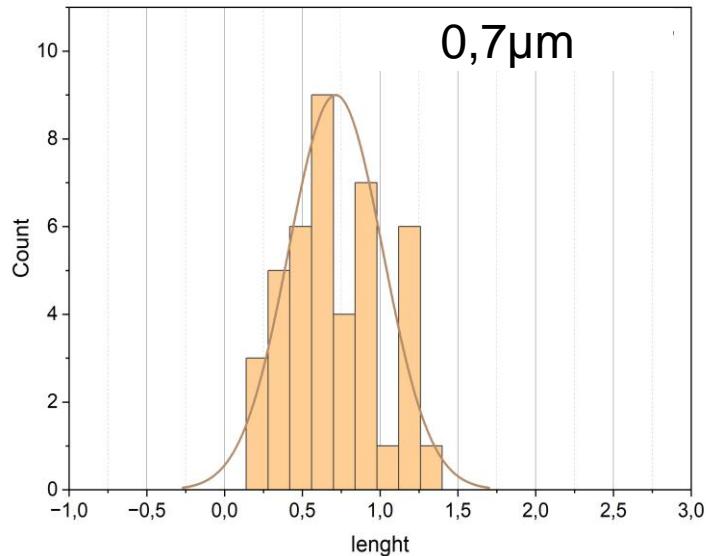
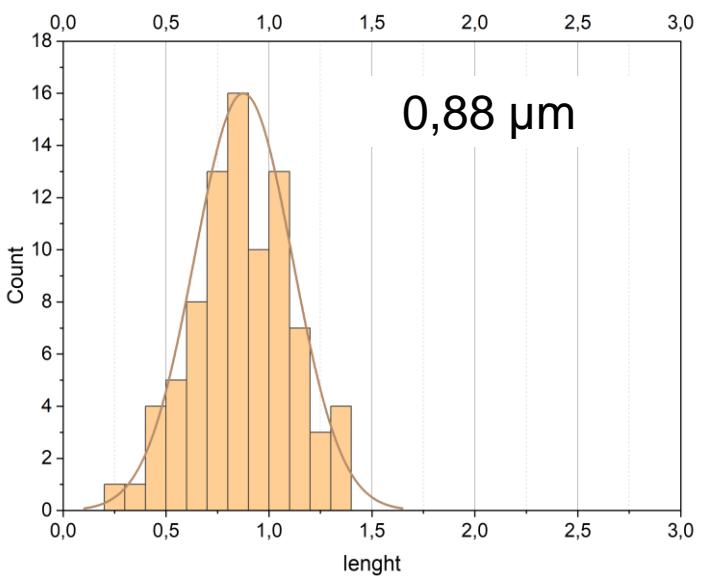
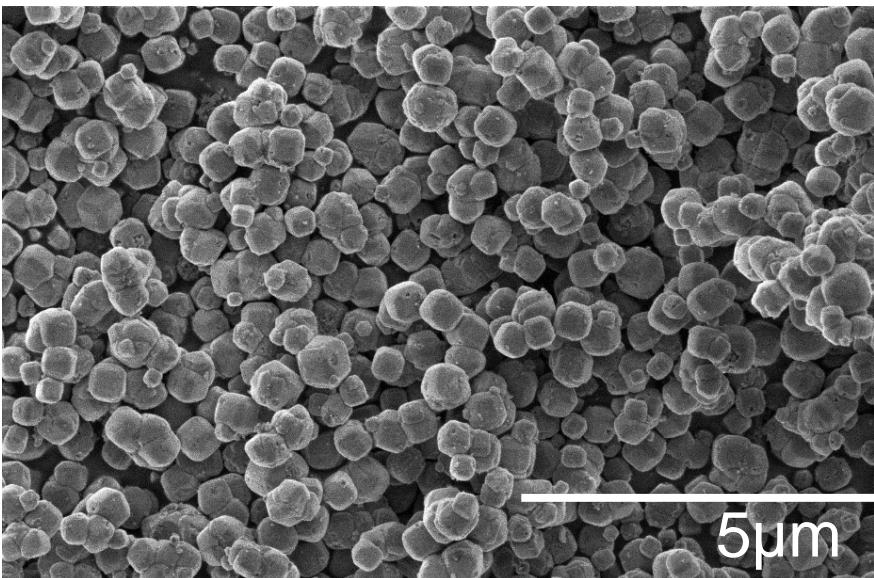


# SHT particle size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )

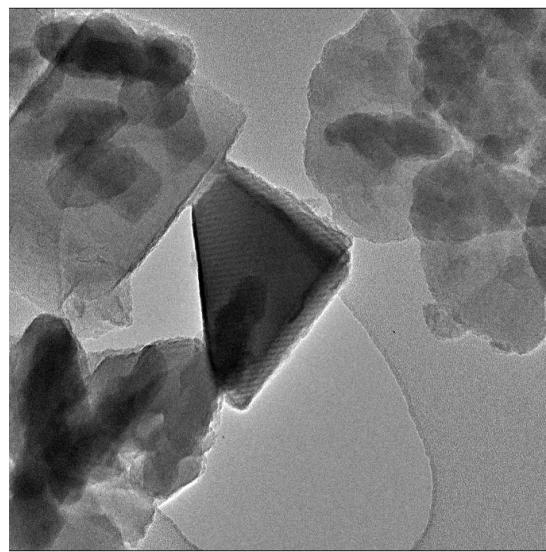
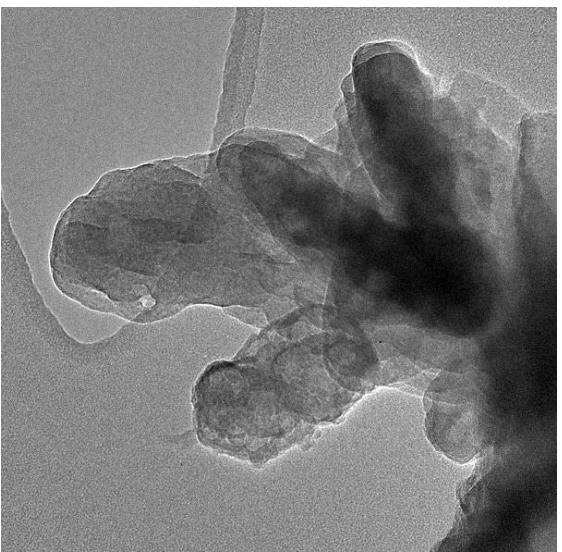
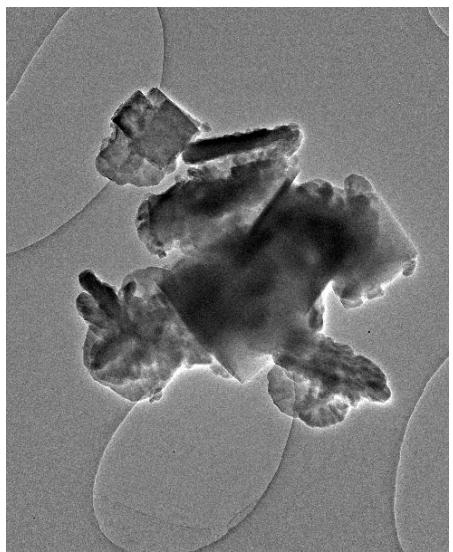
LTA23 : MS(30mins) -SHT( $100^\circ\text{C}$ /30mins)



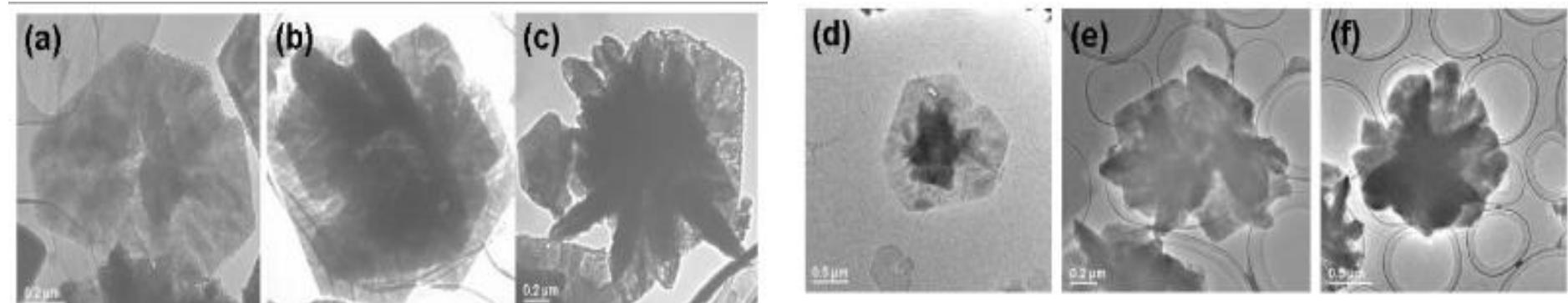
LTA24 : MS(30mins) -SHT( $100^\circ\text{C}$ /25mins)



# TEM Images



LTA21 : MS(30mins) -SHT(100°C/30mins)



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SHT treatment accelerate the kinetic of LTA conversion into sodalite by factor about 48

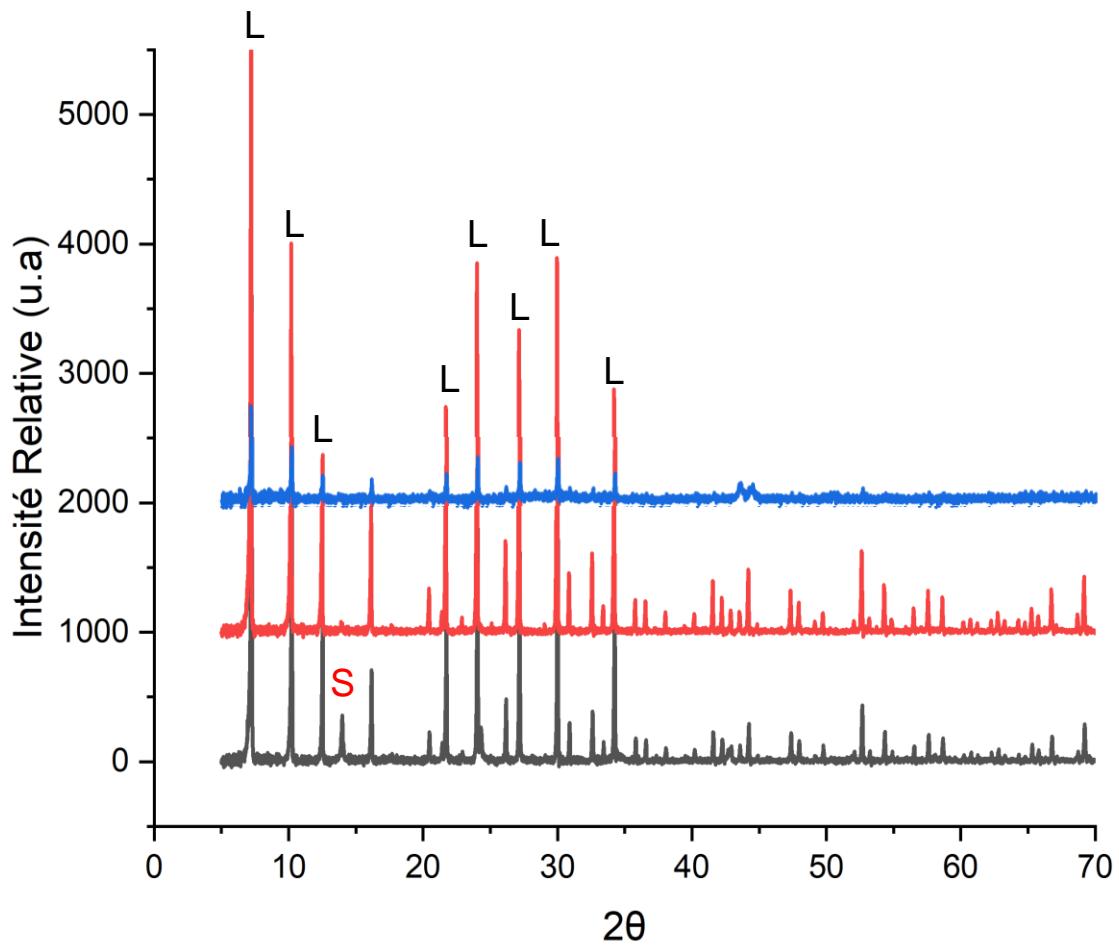
Compounds from the SHT reactor are smaller in size



# Influence of acoustic power

# Diffractograms of SHT compounds

SHT 100 °C\_1H  
Variation in reactor fill rate



L: zéolithe LTA

S: sodalite

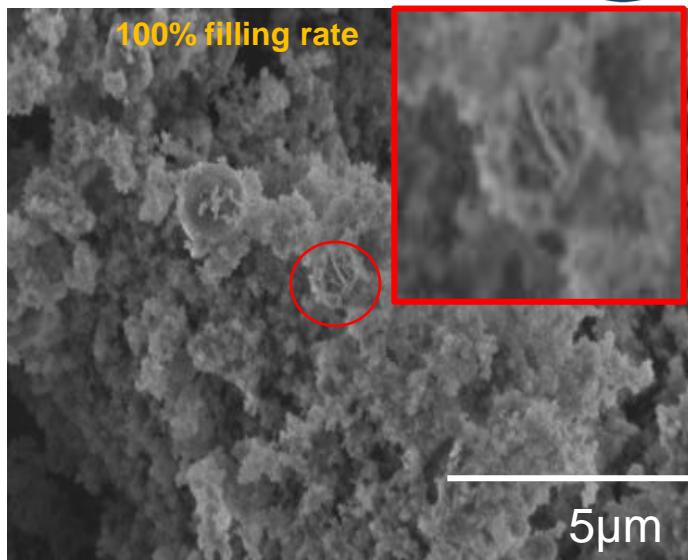
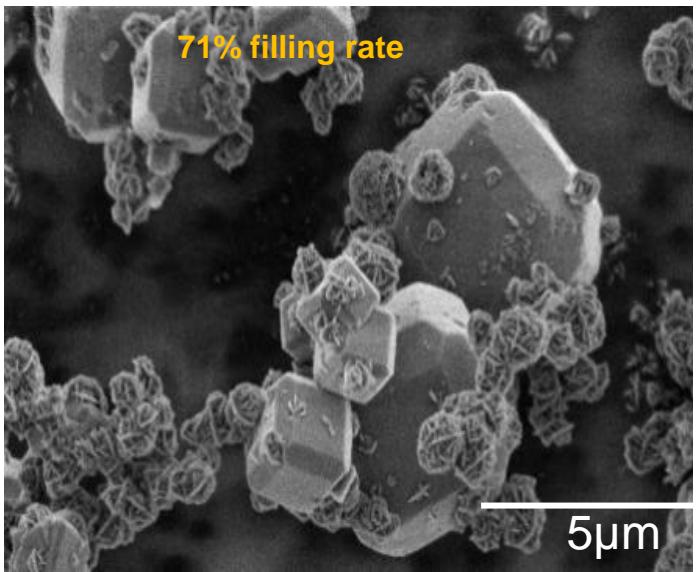
100% filling rate (80mL)

81% filling rate (64mL)

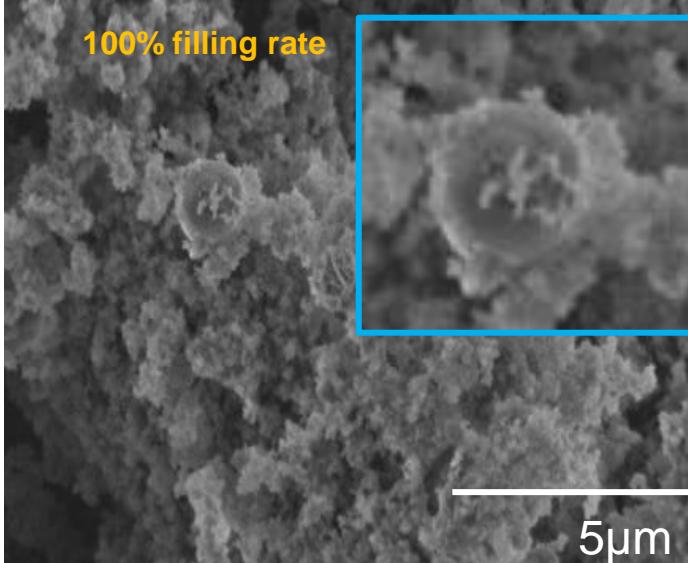
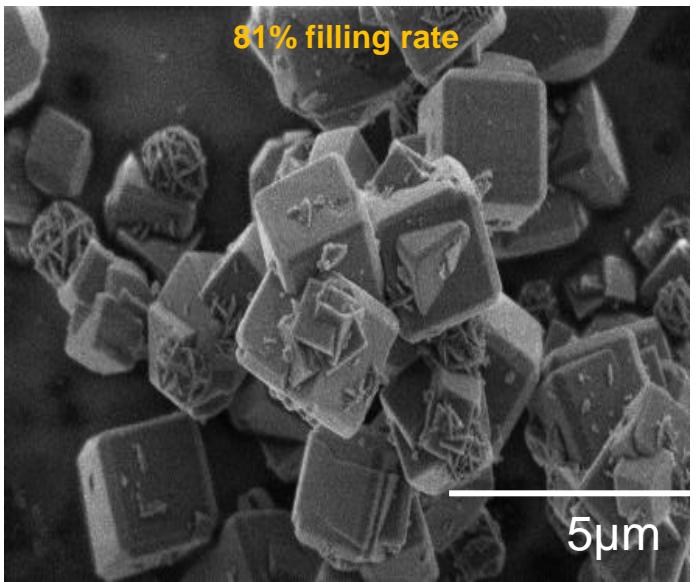
62% filling rate (50mL)

Reduced conversion of amorphous gel to LTA and LTA to sodalite

# SEM SHT images 100 °C\_1H



SHT 100 °C\_1H



Decreasing acoustic power influences the conversion rate of amorphous gel to LTA and of LTA to sodalite



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# Influence de la densité du gel

# Diffractogrammes des composés obtenus en SHT

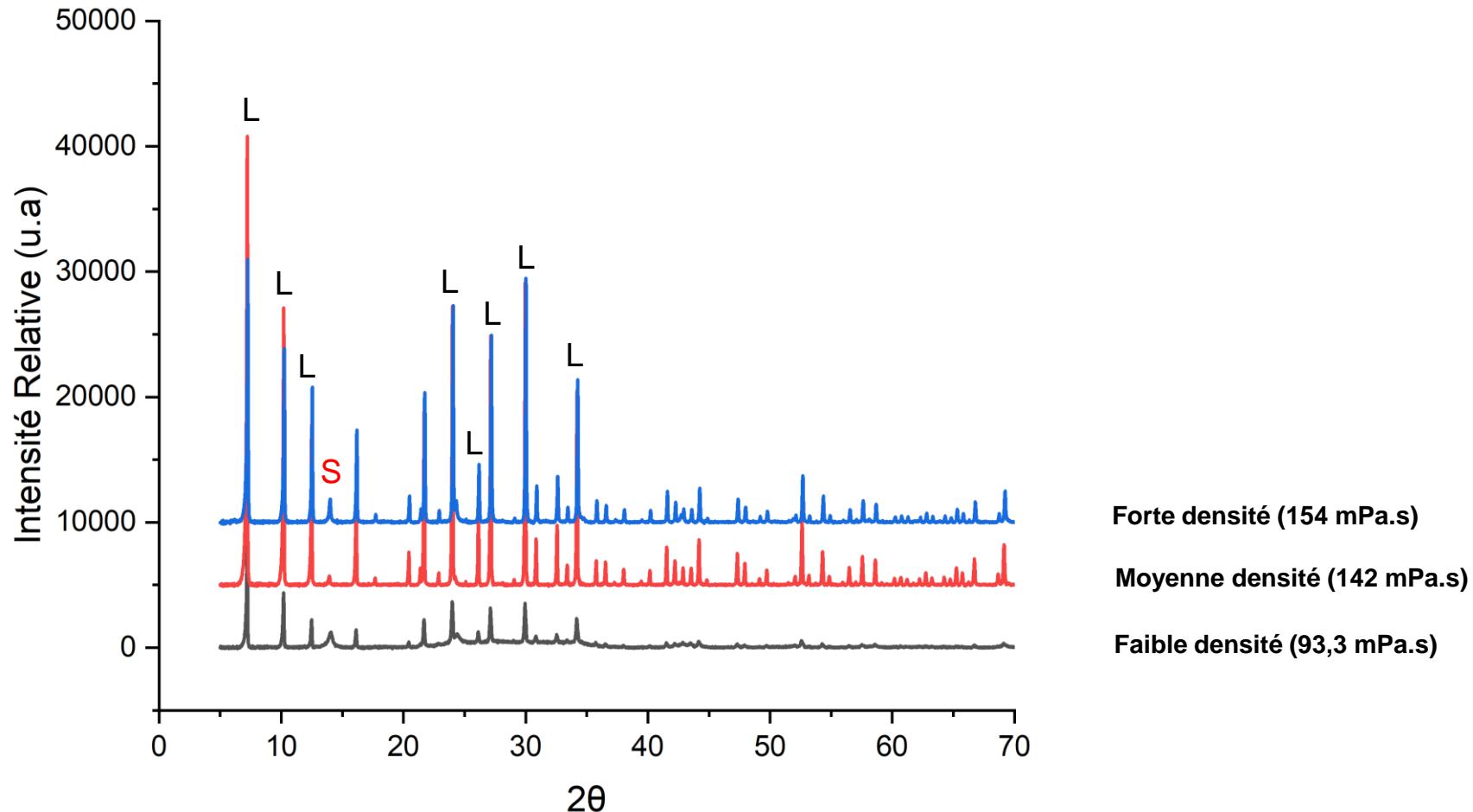
SHT 100 °C\_1H

Conservation du volume (50mL)

Variation de la quantité de matière

L: zéolithe LTA

S: sodalite



Lorsque la viscosité augmente, le taux de conversion de la LTA en sodalite augmente

# Clichés MEB

SHT 100 °C \_1H

Moyenne viscosité (142 mPa.s)

Forte viscosité (154 mPa.s)

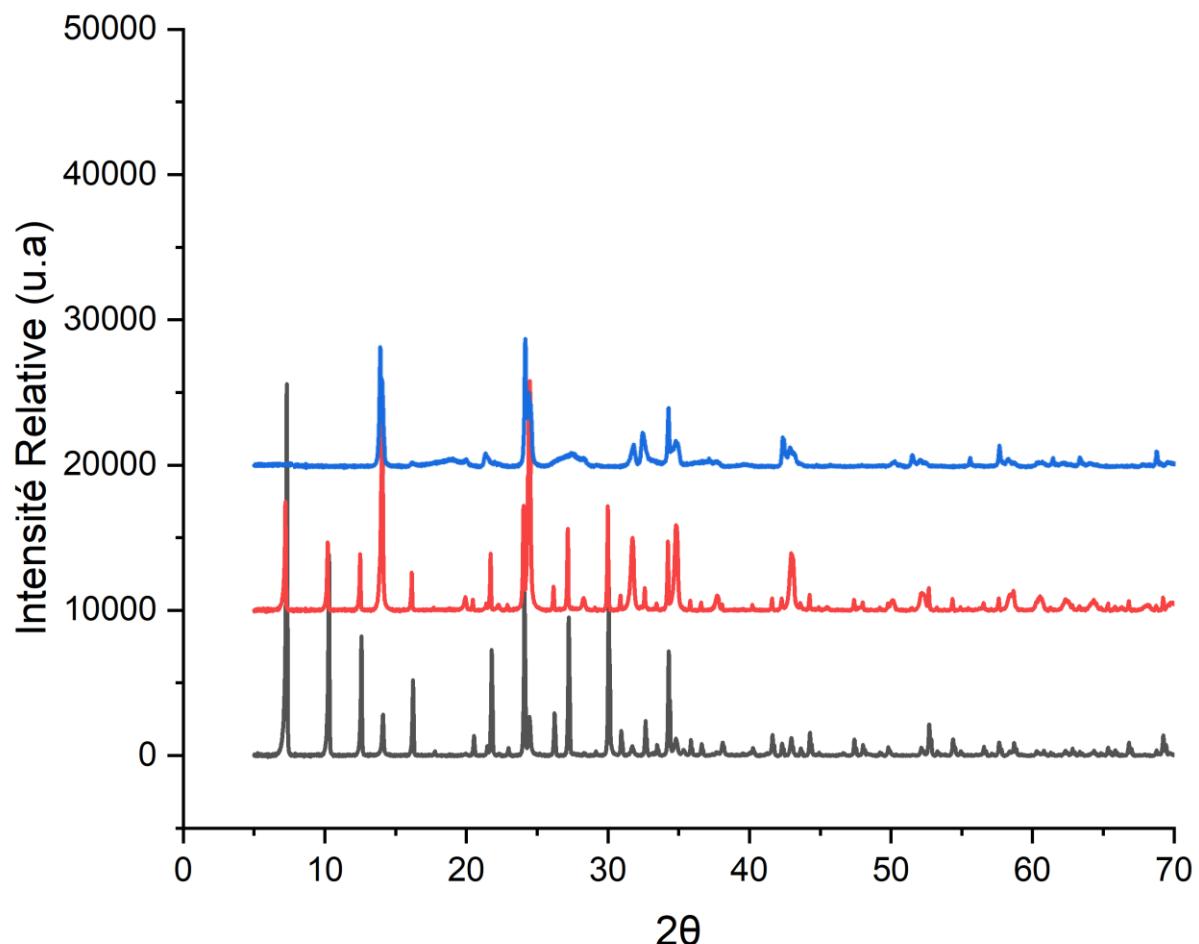
10µm

10µm

# Diffractogrammes des composés obtenus en hydrothermal

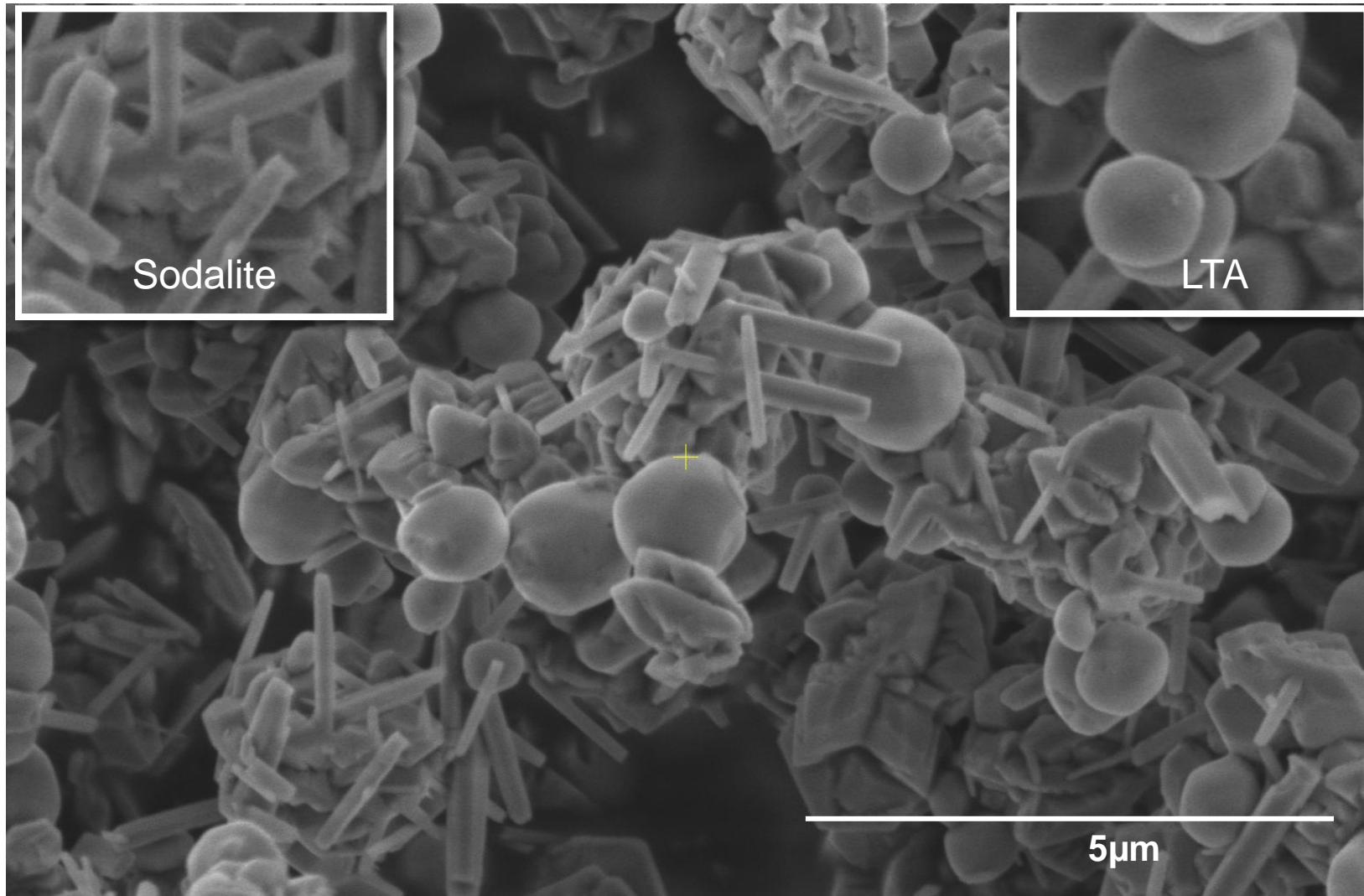


HT 150 °C\_12H sans agitation  
Conservation du volume  
Variation de la quantité de matière

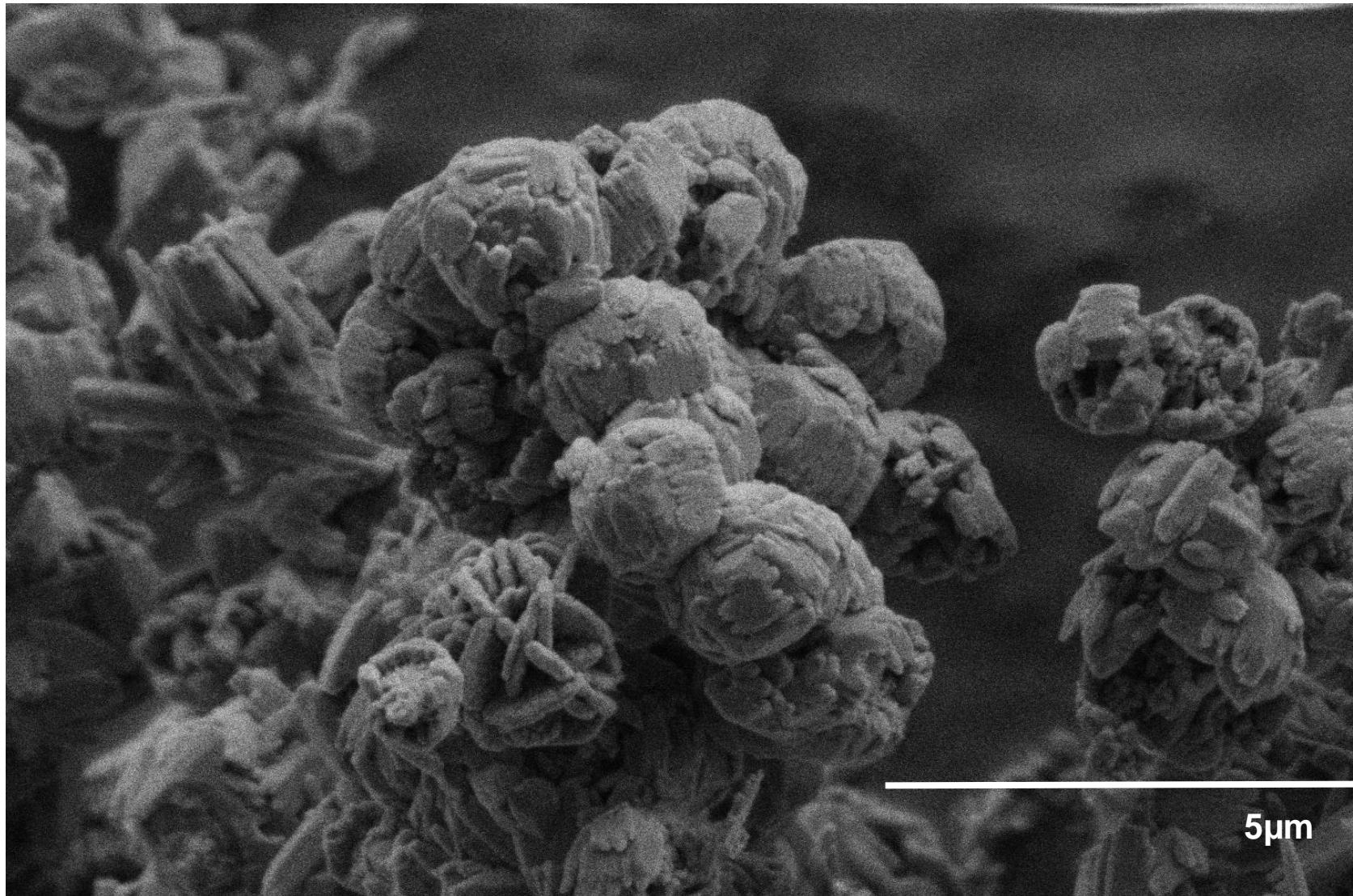


L: zéolithe LTA  
S: sodalite

Lorsque la viscosité est trop importante, la LTA est totalement convertie en sodalite

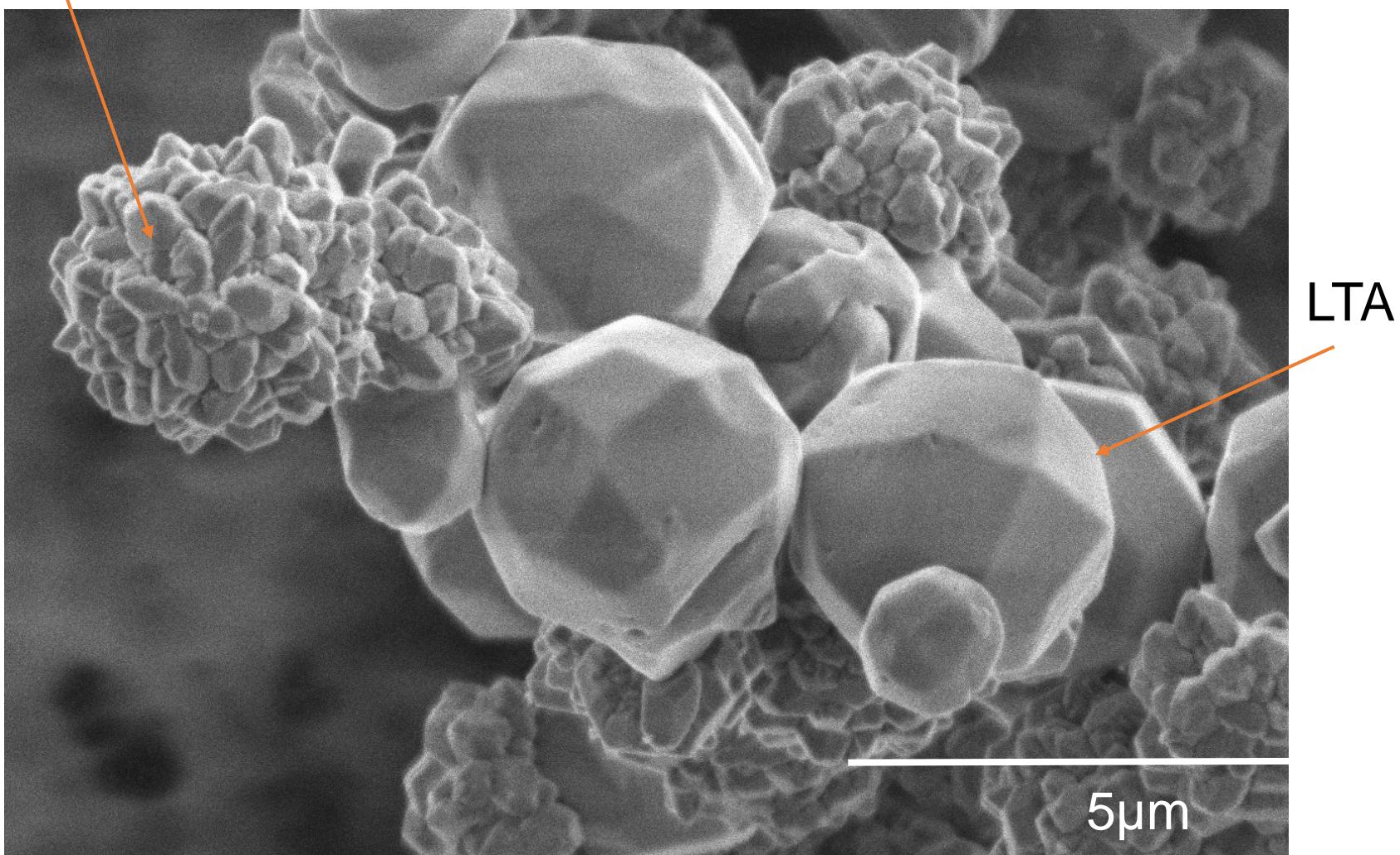


Changement de morphologie de la LTA et de la Sodalite



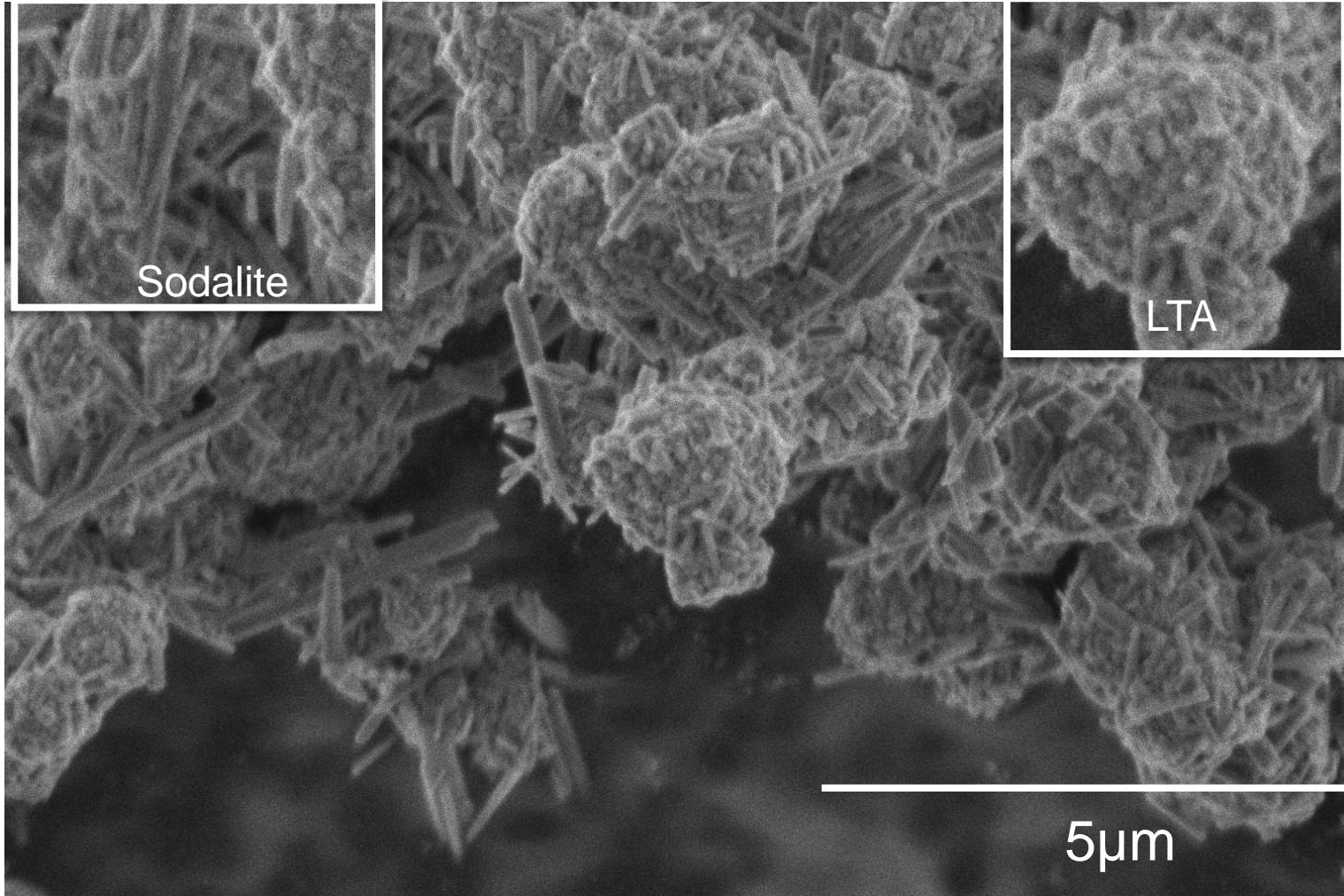
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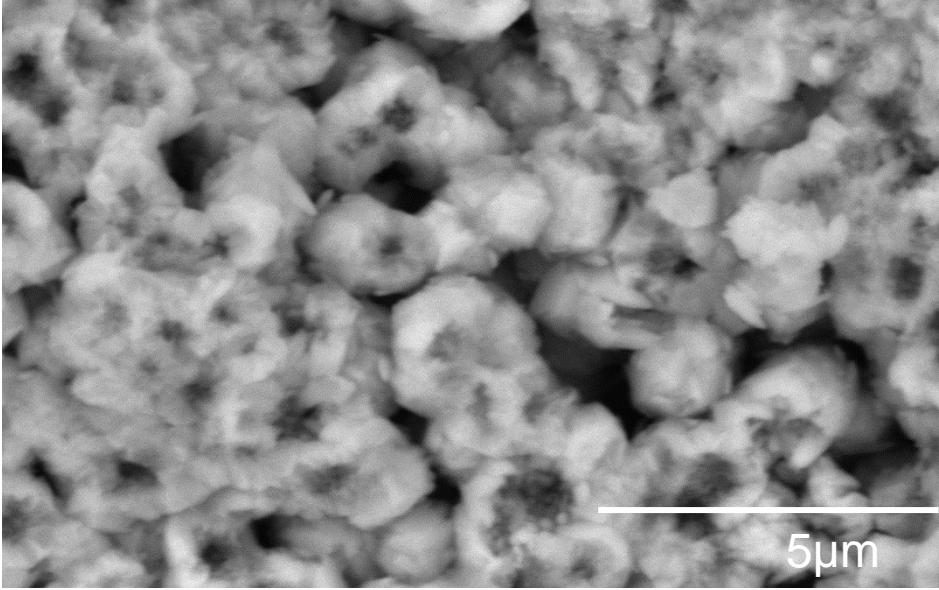
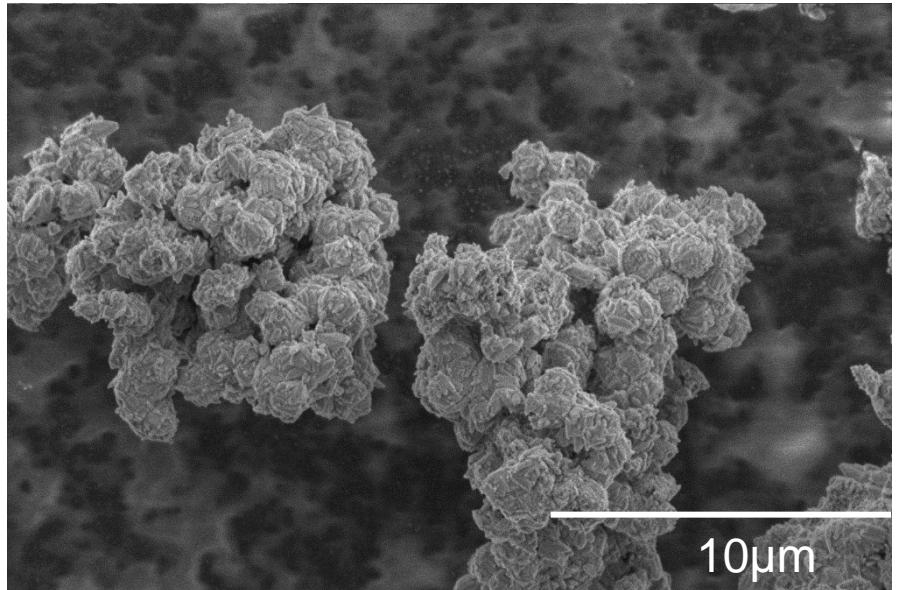
Sodalite



Changement de morphologie de la LTA et de la  
Sodalite

Cliché MEB moyenne densité (142 mPa.s)  
HT 150 °C\_12H avec agitation





Mode BSE

Sphère creuse de sodalite

La densité a une influence non négligeable sur la morphologie du composé obtenu en fin de synthèse



Comment expliquer tous  
ces changements?

# Rapport Si/H<sub>2</sub>O : Etat de l'art

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## Nucleation and crystal growth of zeolite A synthesised from hydrogels of different density

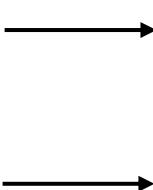
Ana Palčić,<sup>a</sup> Boris Subotić,<sup>a</sup> Valentin Valtchev<sup>b</sup> and Josip Bronić<sup>\*a</sup>

Various factors affect the process of zeolite formation and thus the characteristics of the ultimate material. The present study is devoted to the influence of the density of the starting aluminosilicate hydrogels, *i.e.* the amount of the solid phase in the system, on the characteristics of the final product. Different density (viscosity) of the five aluminosilicate gels was obtained by changing the ratio SiO<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O, while the ratios Na<sub>2</sub>O/H<sub>2</sub>O and SiO<sub>2</sub>/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> remained constant. The freshly prepared hydrogels were hydrothermally treated at 80 °C under static conditions. The reaction course was followed by a set of complementary analyses including XRD, chemical analysis, microscopy and thermogravimetry. The linear rate of crystal growth was calculated according to Zhdanov and Samulevich's method. The crystal size distribution curves of the end products were measured and the corresponding curves of nuclei distribution within gel matrix and specific number of crystals were calculated. The observed effect of "local ordered structure" (potential nuclei) formation was commented on from the viewpoint of the autocatalytic nucleation theory.

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Modification du taux de croissance cristalline

Impacter la taille des particule

Changement de morphologie de la mordenite lorsque le rapport Si/H<sub>2</sub>O diminue



## Scale-up of high performance mordenite membranes for dehydration of water-acetic acid mixtures

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### ABSTRACT

Mordenite membranes have been successfully synthesized on 80-cm-long mullite supports by secondary growth method. The morphology and quality of mordenite membrane were greatly affected by fluoride concentration, water content and crystallization mode. Compact and high-flux mordenite membranes were obtained with the addition of NaF in precursor gel, which also exhibited a long-term acid stability for a 90 wt% HAc/H<sub>2</sub>O mixture at 75 °C. Typically, 80-cm-long mordenite membrane prepared with transverse crystallization displayed a permeation flux of ca. 0.97 kg m<sup>-2</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> and separation factor of ca. 1200 for separating a 90 wt% HAc/H<sub>2</sub>O mixture at 75 °C. The pervaporation performance was better than that of membranes prepared with vertical crystallization due to the negligible impact of gravity and temperature gradients. These scaled-up mordenite membranes with high reproducibility showed a promising industrial application for dehydration of water-acetic acid mixtures.



# Évolution du rapport Si/H<sub>2</sub>O en fonction de la viscosité



	93,3mPa.S	142mPa.S	154mPa.S
Si/H <sub>2</sub> O	9.10 <sup>-3</sup>	0,2	0,4

Le SHT:

- accélération la cinétique de formation e la LTA ainsi que sa conversion en sodalite
- Réduction de la taille des particules par rapport à la synthèse hydrothermale

La puissance acoustique a un effet sur le taux de conversion du gel amorphe en LTA ainsi que sa conversion en sodalite

La densité du gel influence la morphologie du composé obtenue en synthèse hydrothermale

La variation du rapport Si/H<sub>2</sub>O induit une modification de la morphologie des composés obtenus

