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## **Conductivity of supported $\text{VO}_x$ catalysts:**

Impedance spectroscopy, oxygen vacancy formation enthalpy and correlation to catalytic properties

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**B6**      **C. Carrero (Catalytic Testing)**  
**C11**     **R. Mitdank (Oxidation State of  $\text{V}_x\text{O}_y$ )**

SFB 4th period:

**Poly B,**

## **Redox state**

XRD, SEM, TEM (B2),  
RBS (C11)  
ASAXS (HZB)

C11  
**Winter  
Mitdank**

## **Volume Properties**

thermal (XRD)  
mechanical  
electrical (impedance, DC,  
RBS, UV-Vis, XRD, microscopy)

### **1. Introduction**

### **2. Impedance spectroscopy**

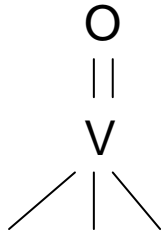
### **3. Results**

1. Determination of  $\Delta H_f$
2. Oxygen vacancies and catalytic properties

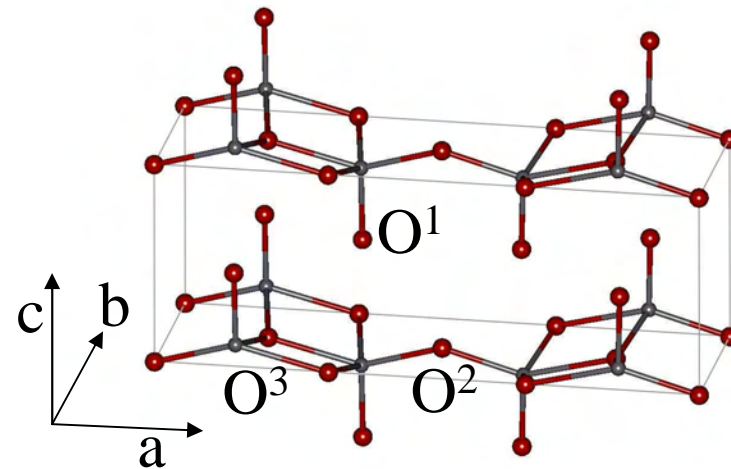
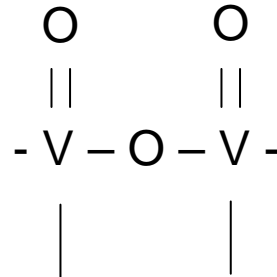
### **4. Conclusion and Outlook**

## Crystals

Single Sites



Polymers



Percolation needed for Conductivity via  $VxOy$  ?

Support  
Assumed  
non conducting

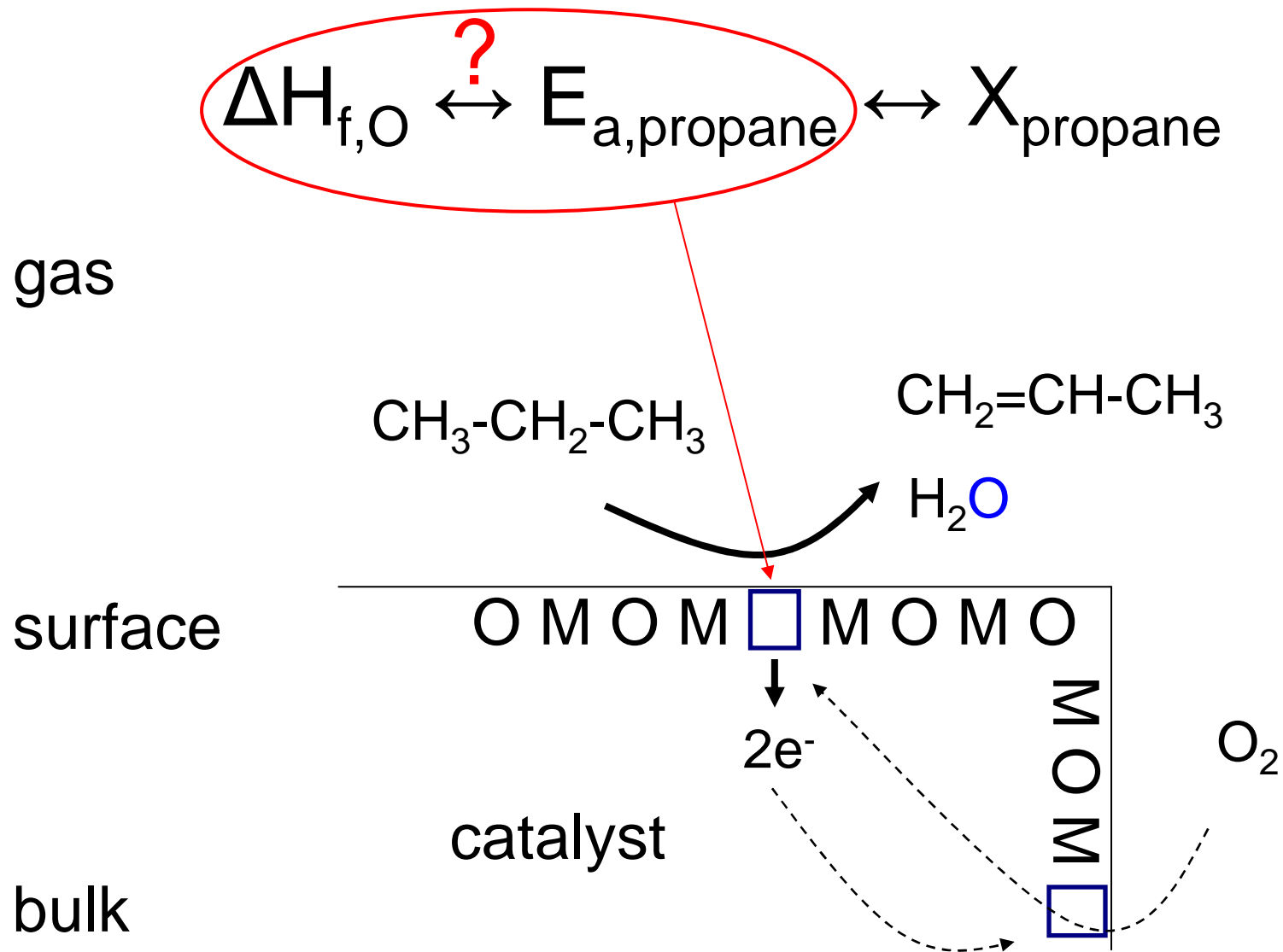
Poly B  
B2, amorphous on SBA

B6 amorphous,  
Dinse

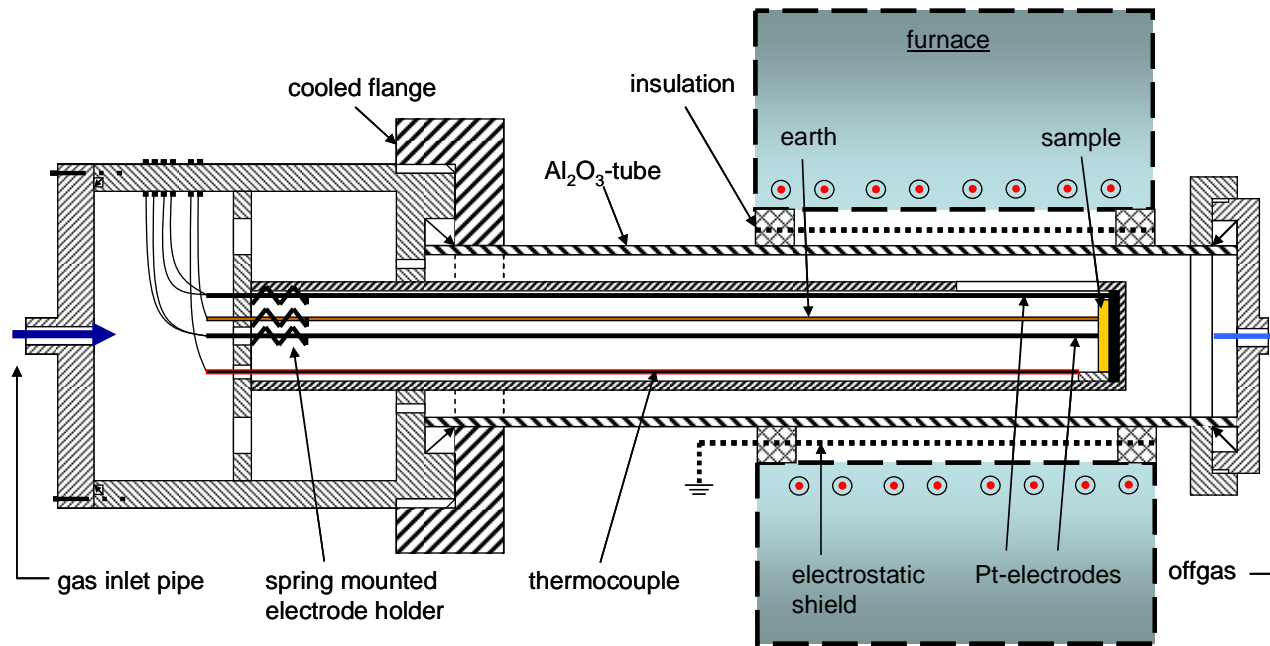
TiO<sub>2</sub>, SiO<sub>2</sub>, alpha, kappa Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, CeO<sub>2</sub>, ZrO<sub>2</sub>

B7 , crystalline

# 1. Introduction



## 2. Impedance Spectroscopy - Setup



**Frequency Generator and Analyzer:**

**Frequency range**

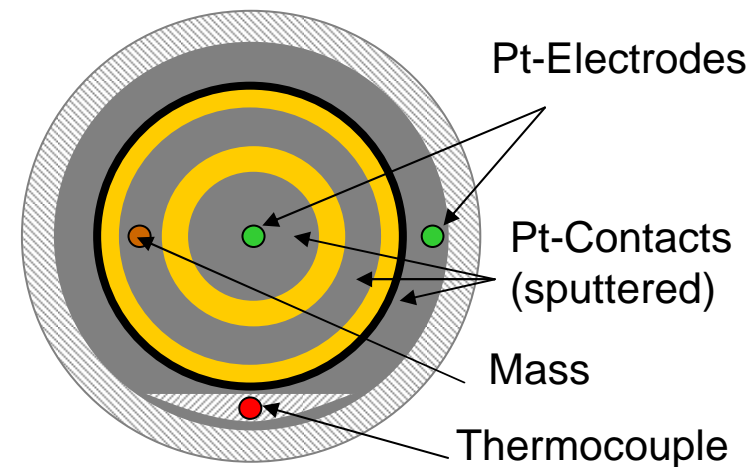
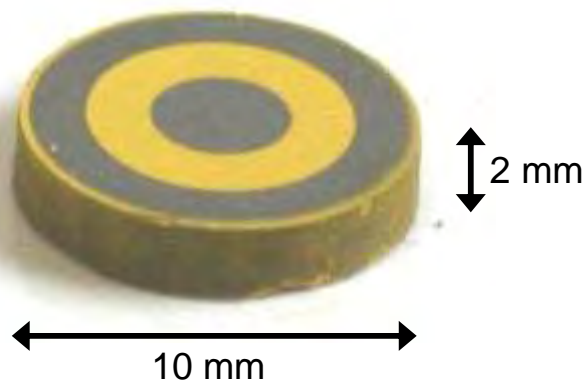
10  $\mu$ Hz to 3 MHz

**AC-amplitude range**

1 mV to 1 V

**Impedance range**

1 mOhm to 1G Ohm ( $\pm$  2%)



## 2. Impedance Spectroscopy - Method

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**DC experiments exhibit often polarization effects**

**AC methods give possibility to determine influences on overall conductivity**

**Apply an electrical stimulus and observe the response (current or voltage)**

**Different mechanisms show different time relaxation times  $\tau$  and can therefore be resolved**

- **polarization**
- **electrode reaction**
- **different charge carriers**
- **bulk / grain boundary mechanism**

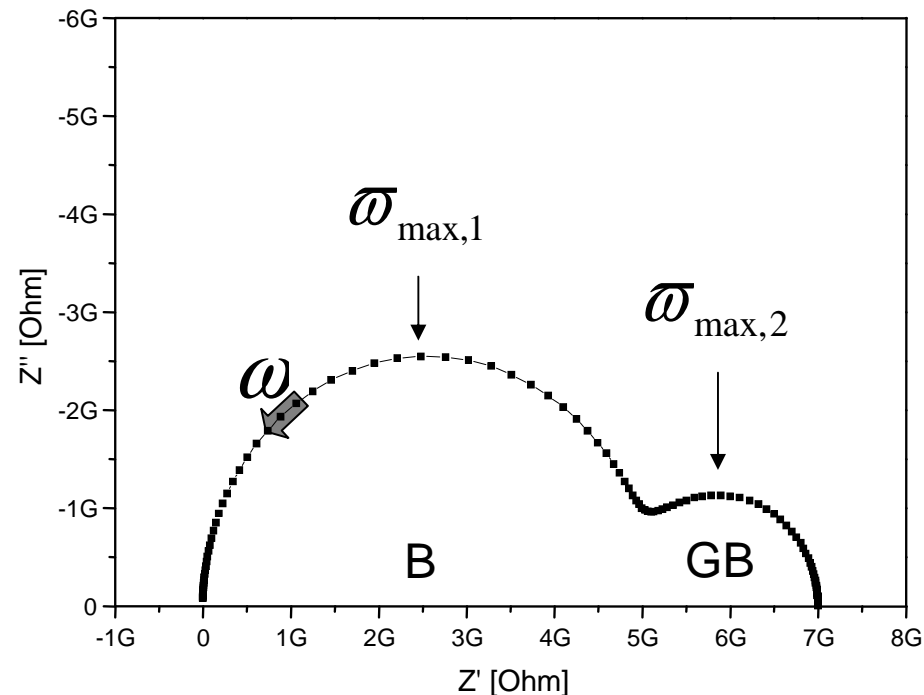
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Different regions of sample characterized by R and C often placed in parallel  
characteristic relaxation time of each RC element given by product of R and C

$$\tau = RC$$

$$\omega_{\max} RC = 1$$

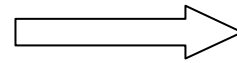


Frequency scan resolves the different relaxation times:  
Distribution of relaxation time. B: bulk, GB grain boundary

John T. S. Irvine et al., *Advanced Materials* 2 (1990) 132

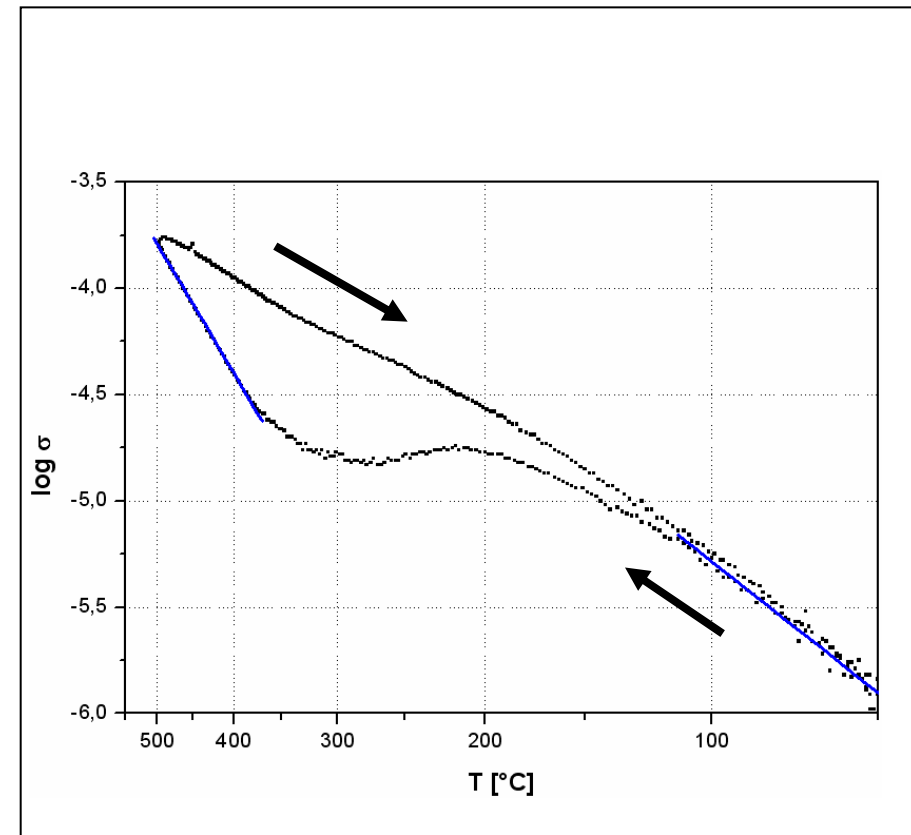
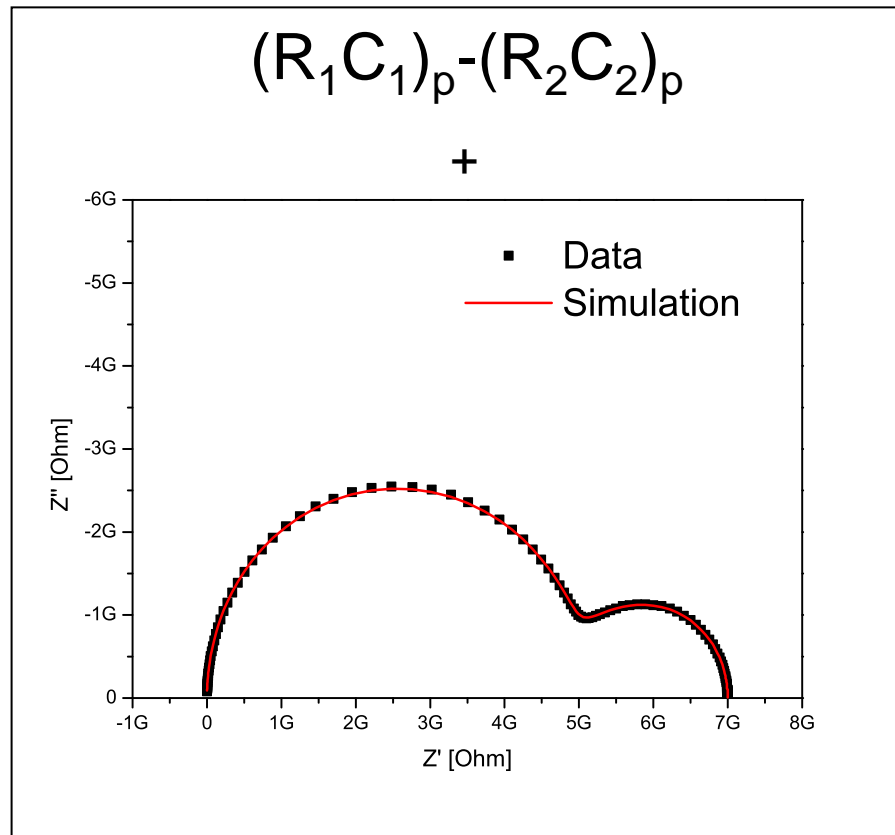
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data + model



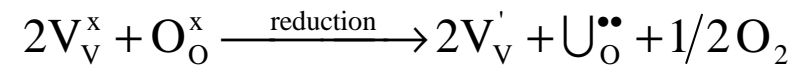
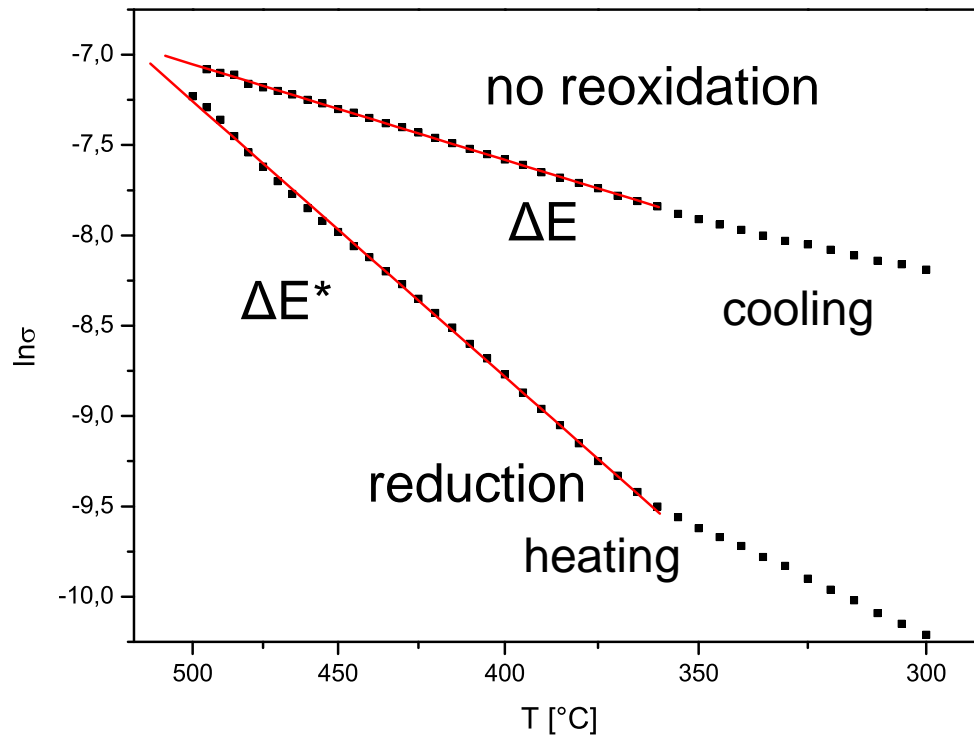
Results for  $R_1$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $C_2$

CNRLS fit





### 3. Results - Determination of $\Delta H_f$



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Reduction:  $V_2O_5$  in oxygen

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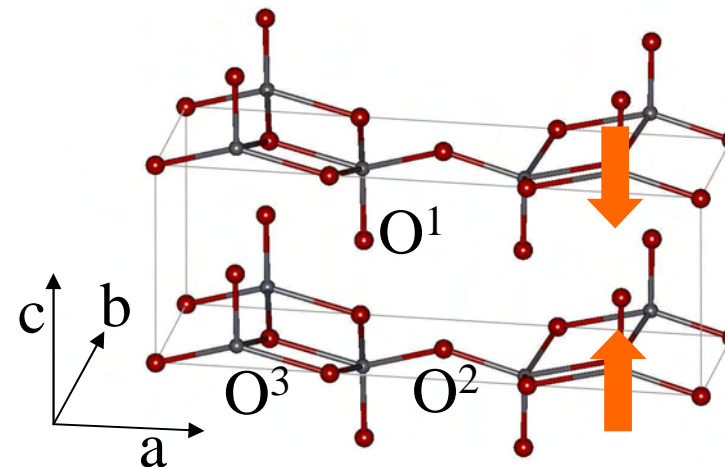
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RBS

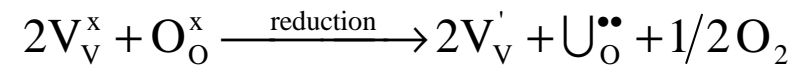
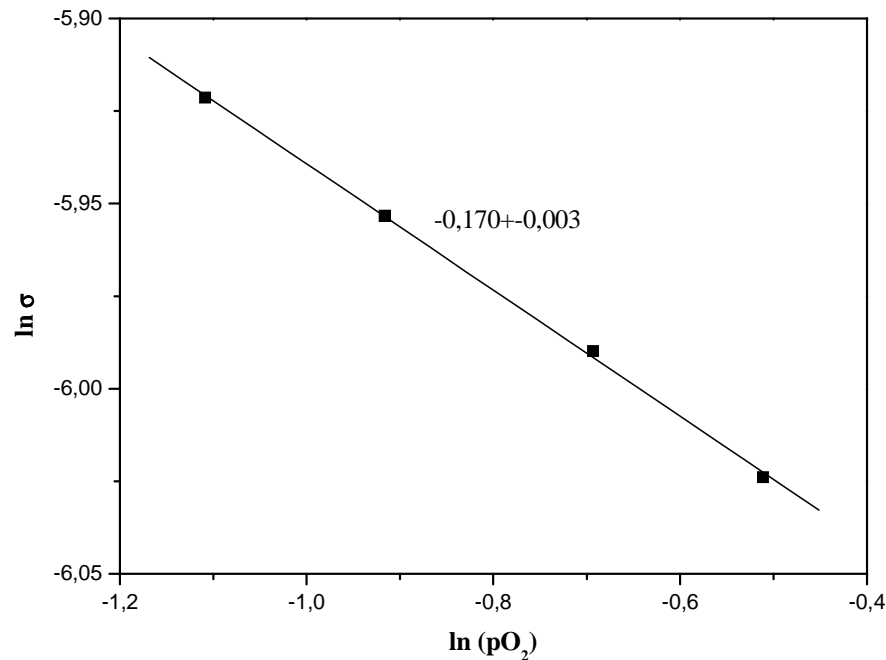
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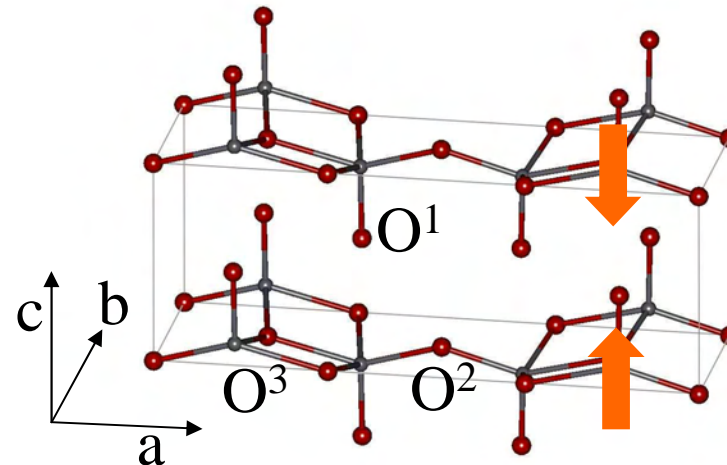
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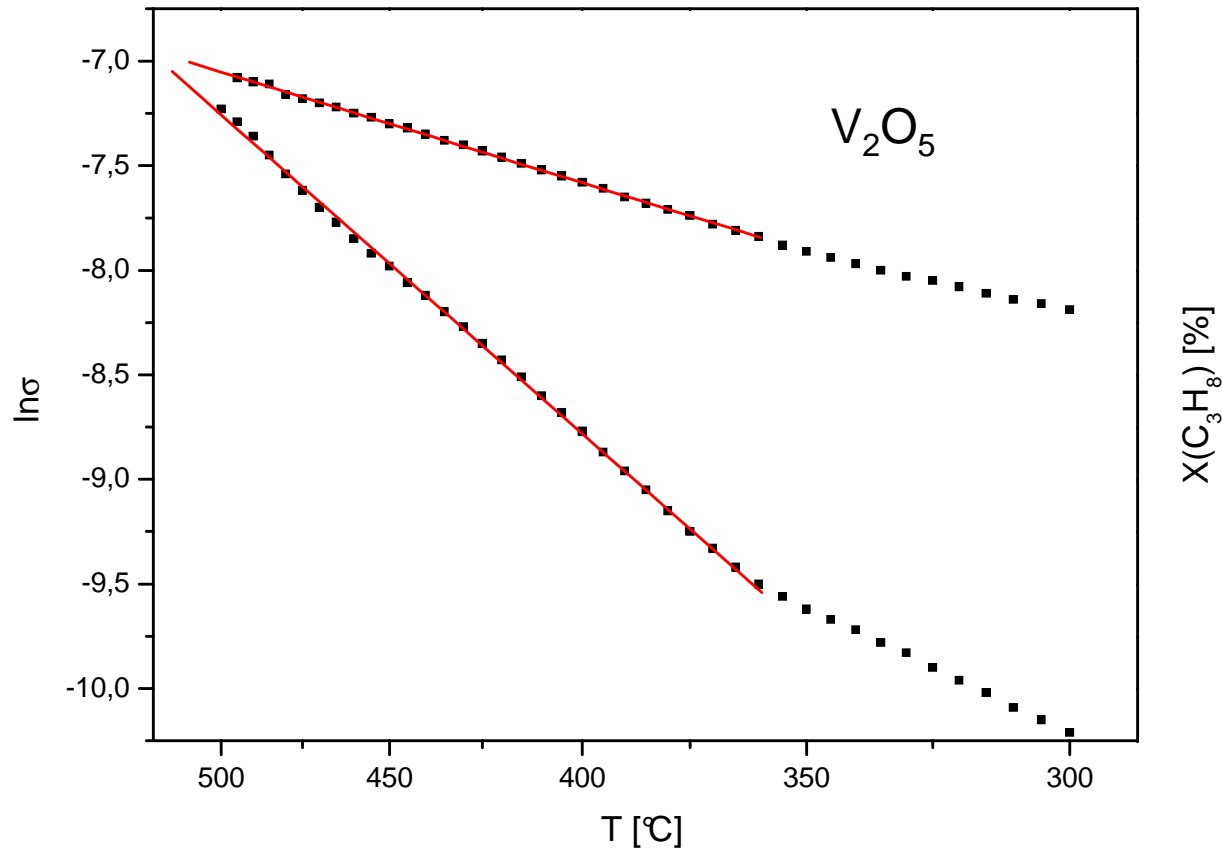
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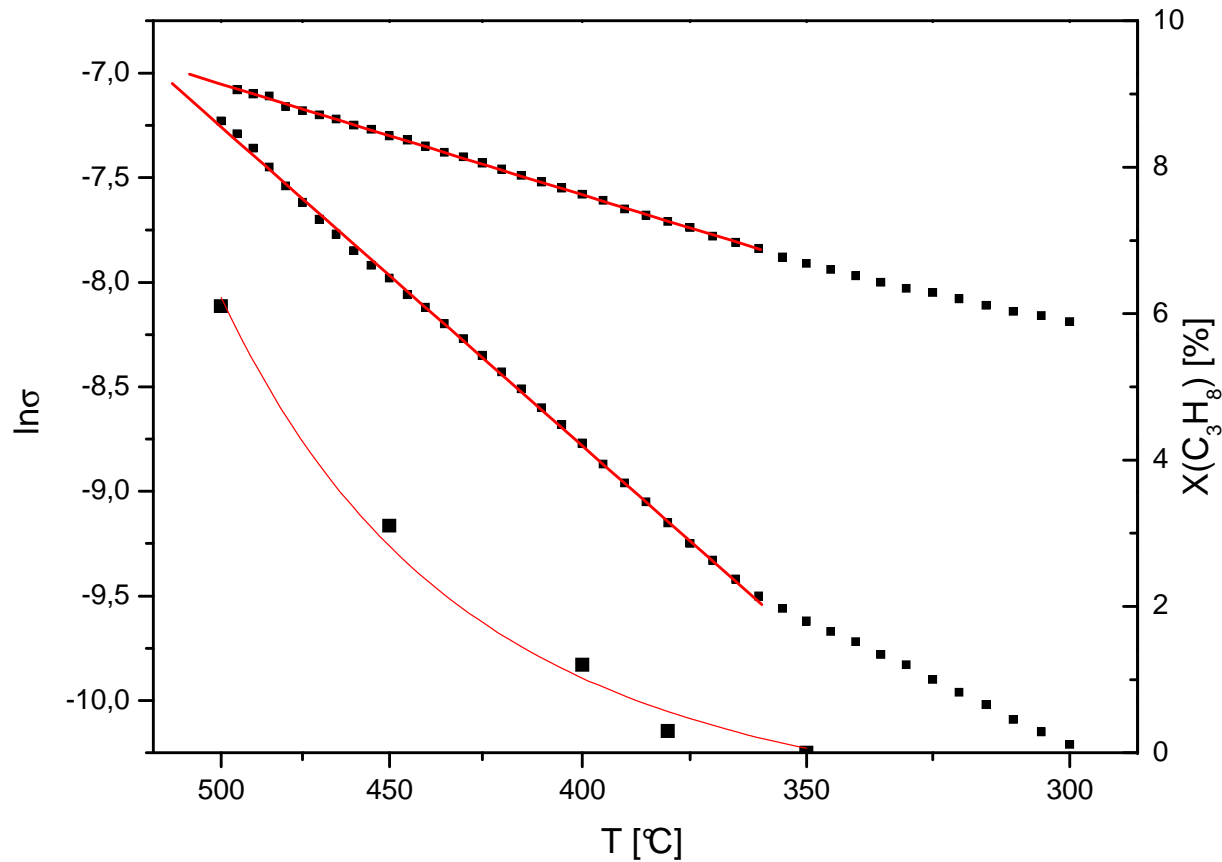


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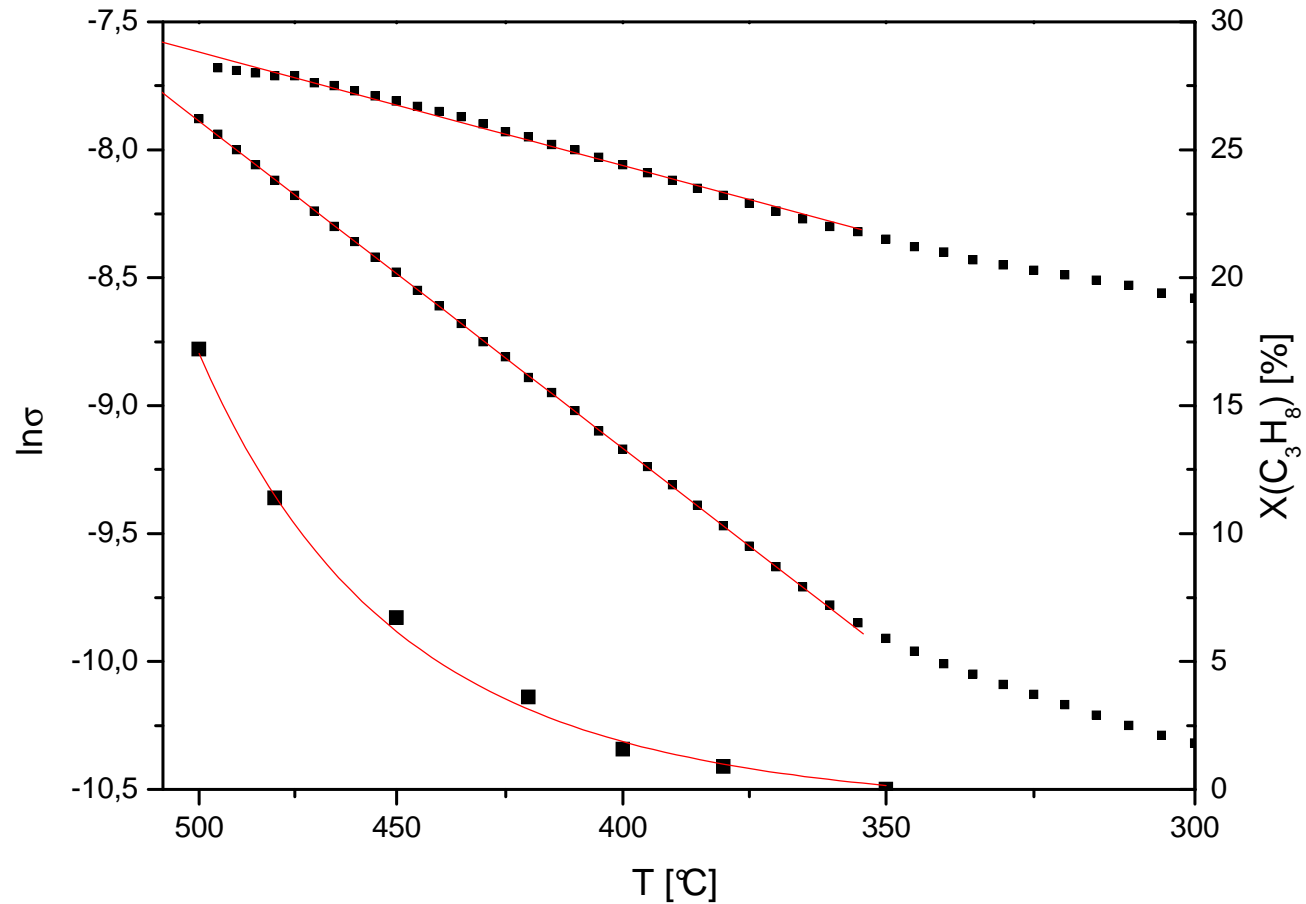
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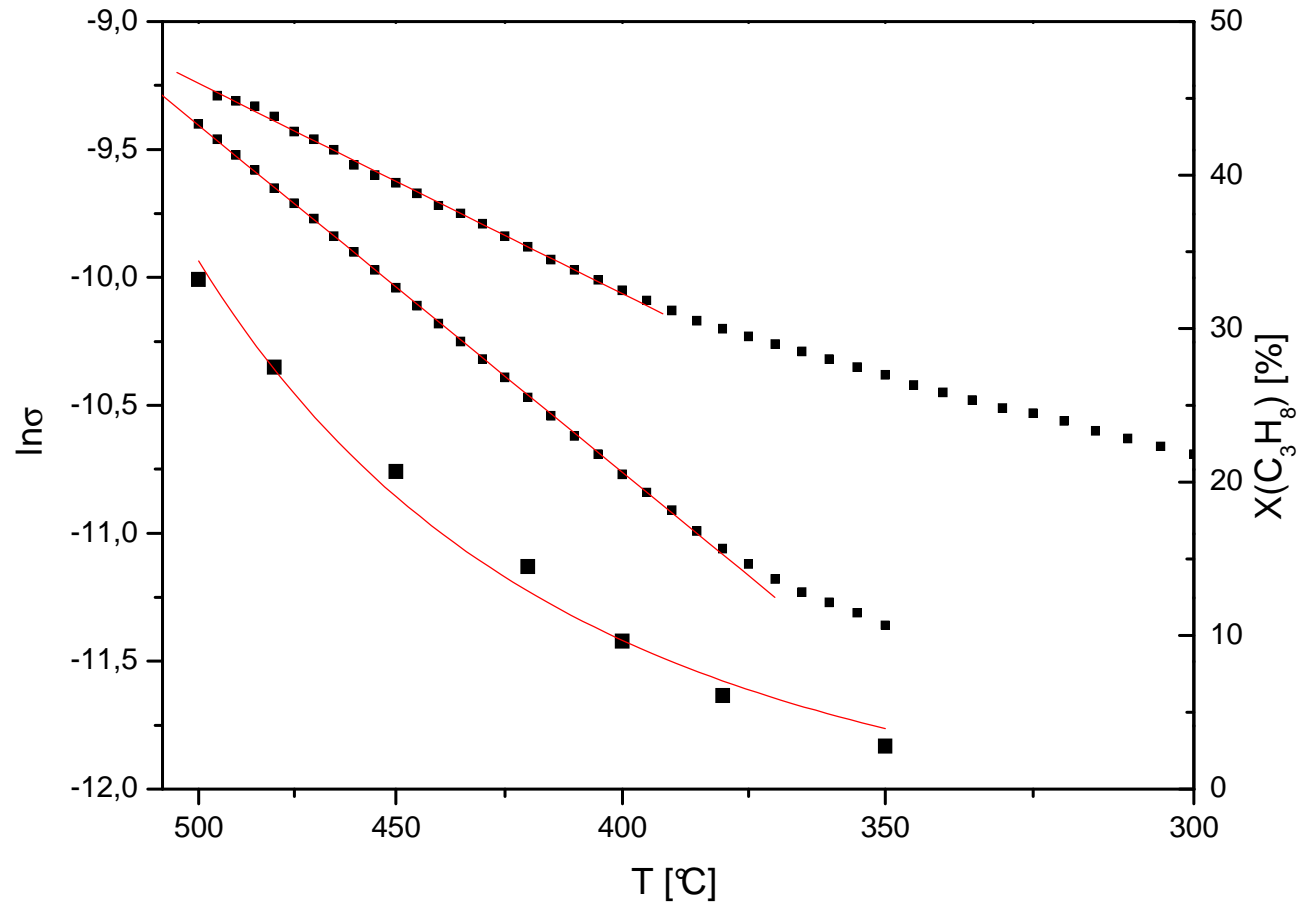
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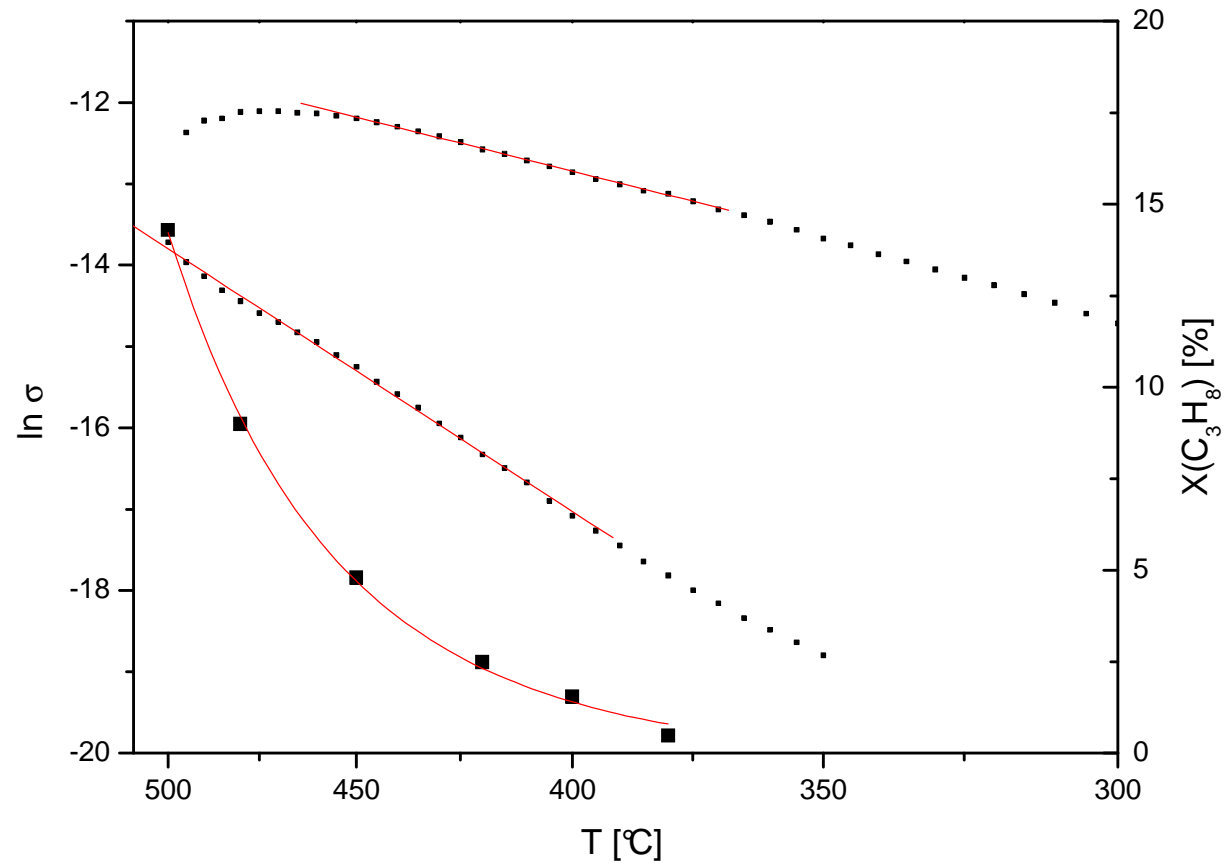
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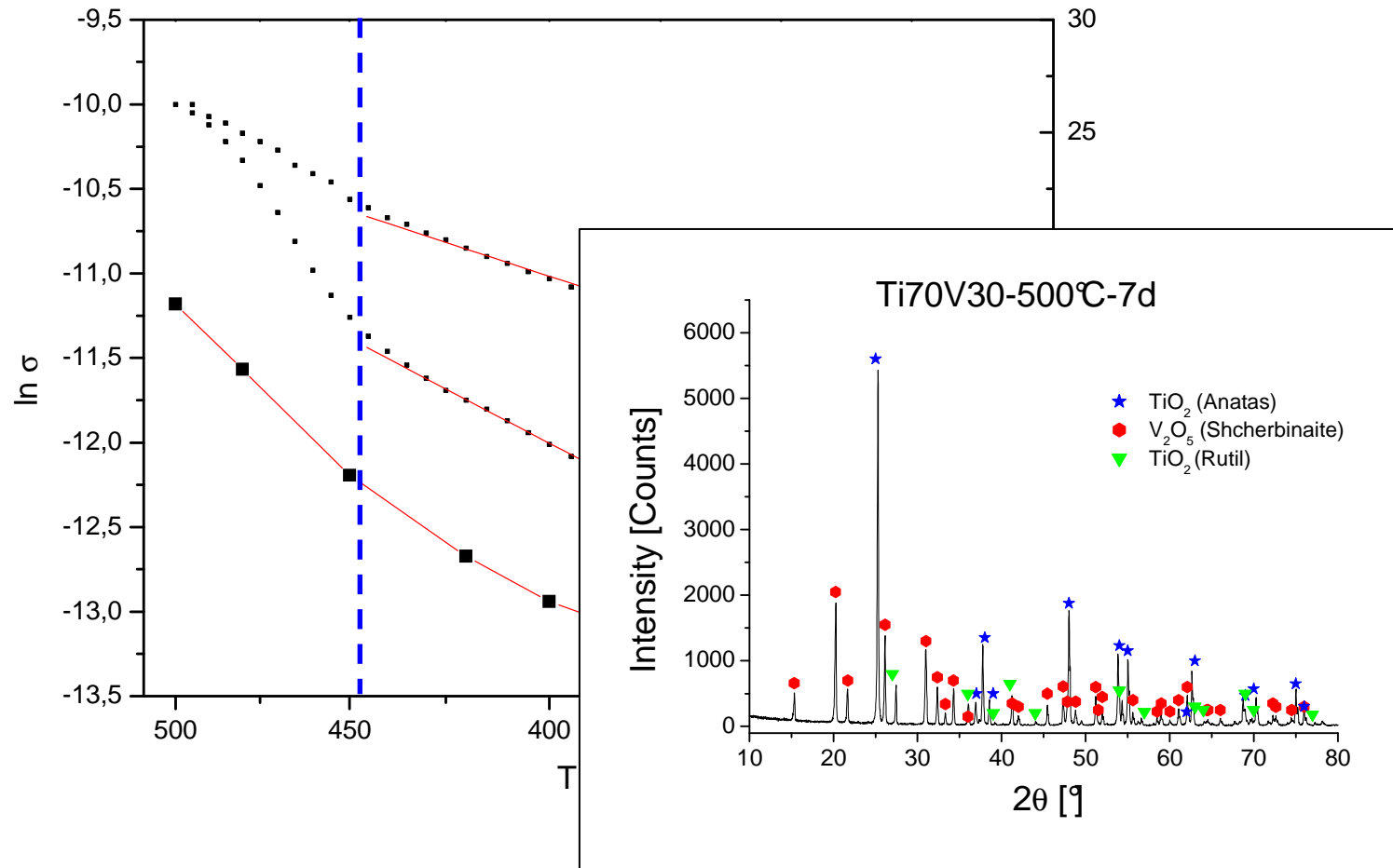
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Al70V30, O2



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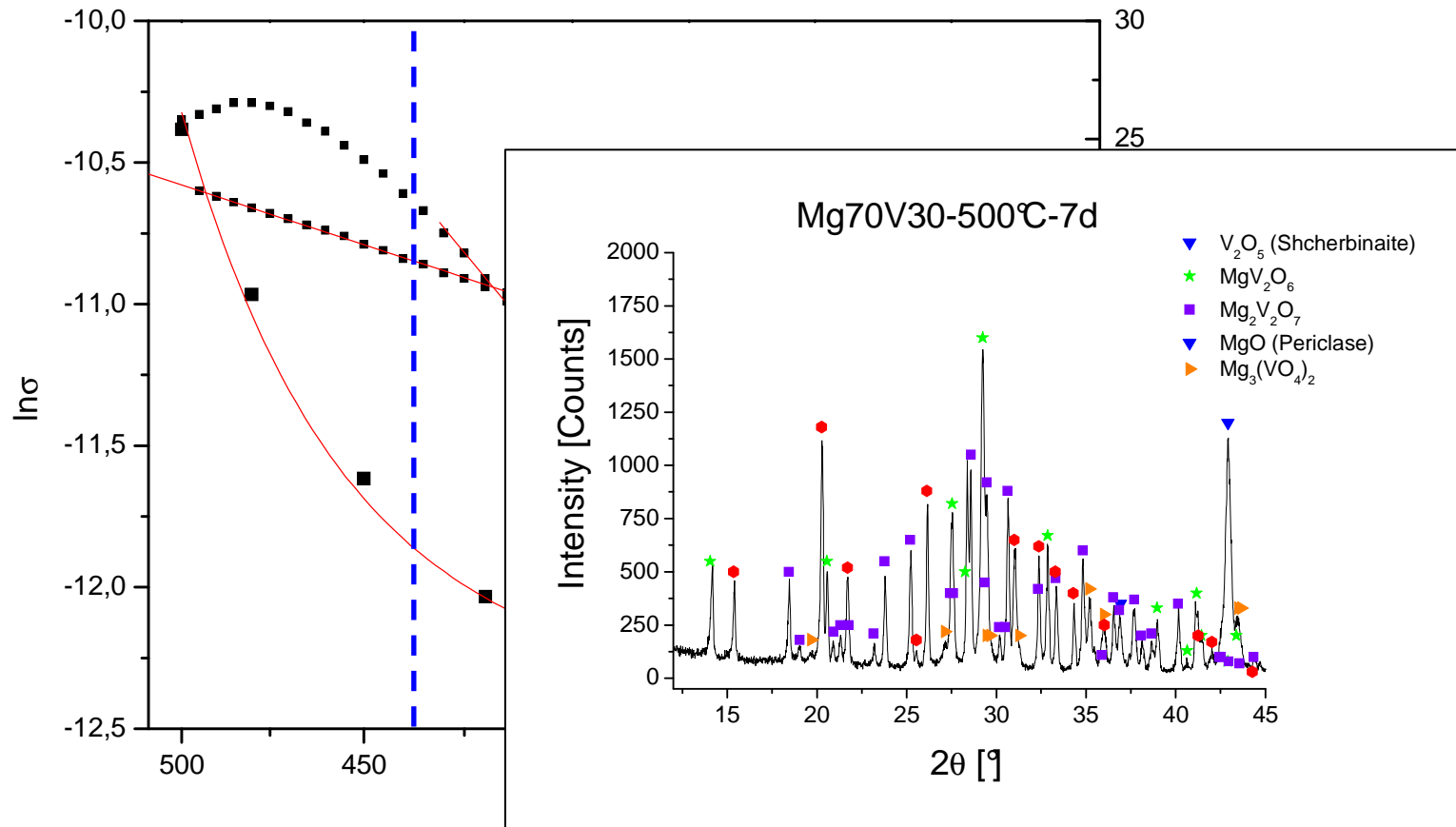
Ti70V30, O<sub>2</sub>



Ti70V30 different activation energy at high temperature:  
Phase transitions to rutile

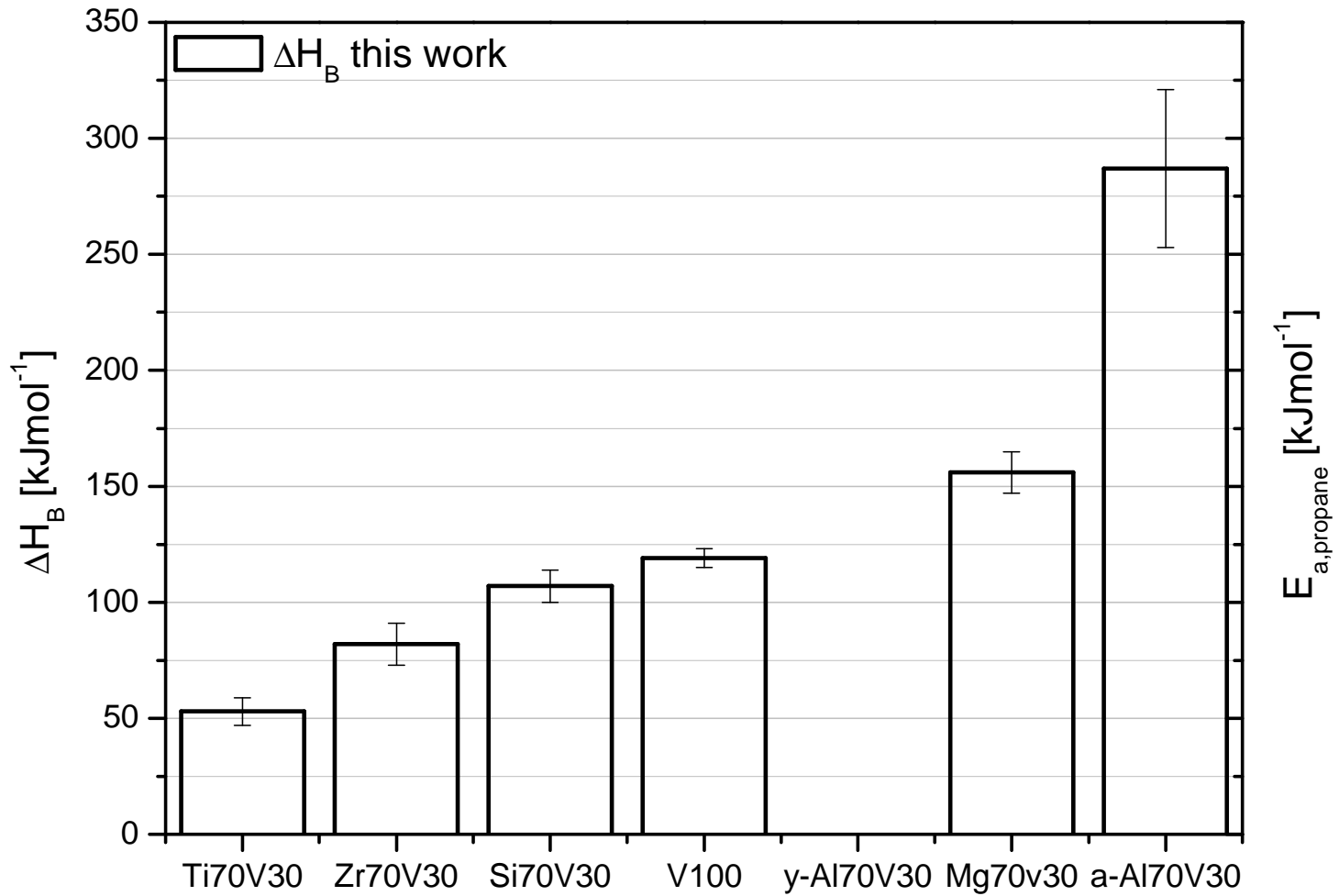


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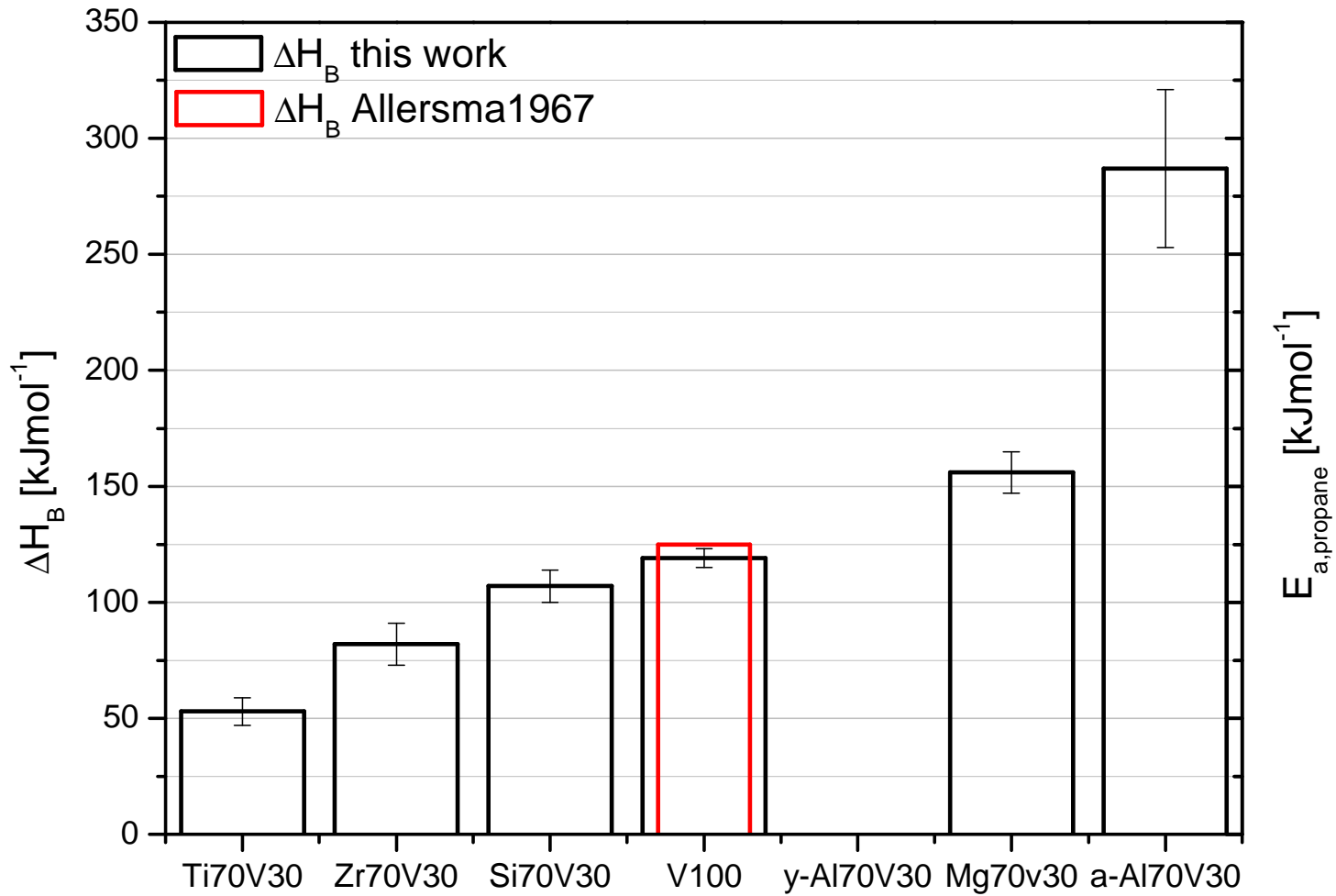


Mg70V30 starts to transform into different spinel phases

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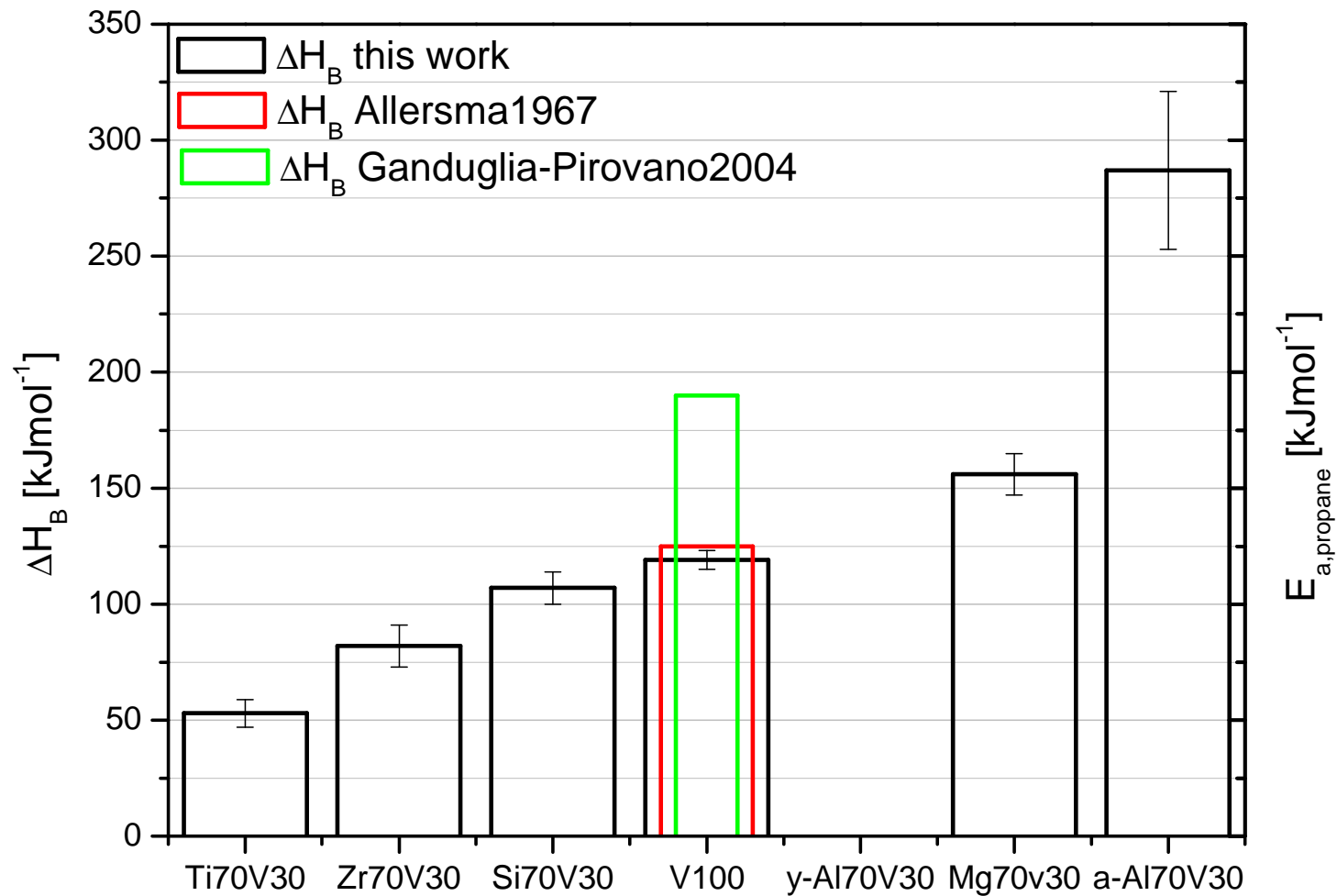


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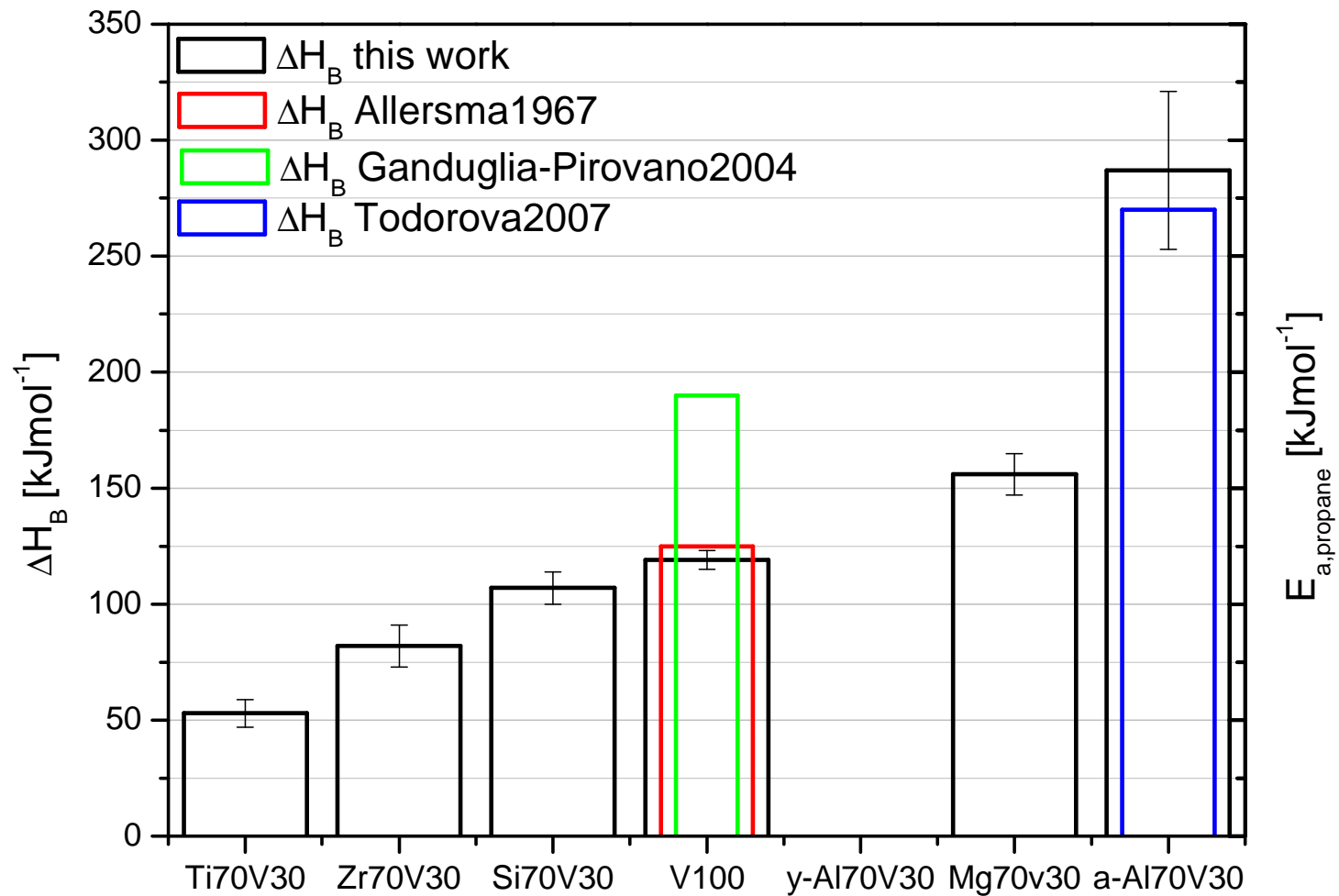
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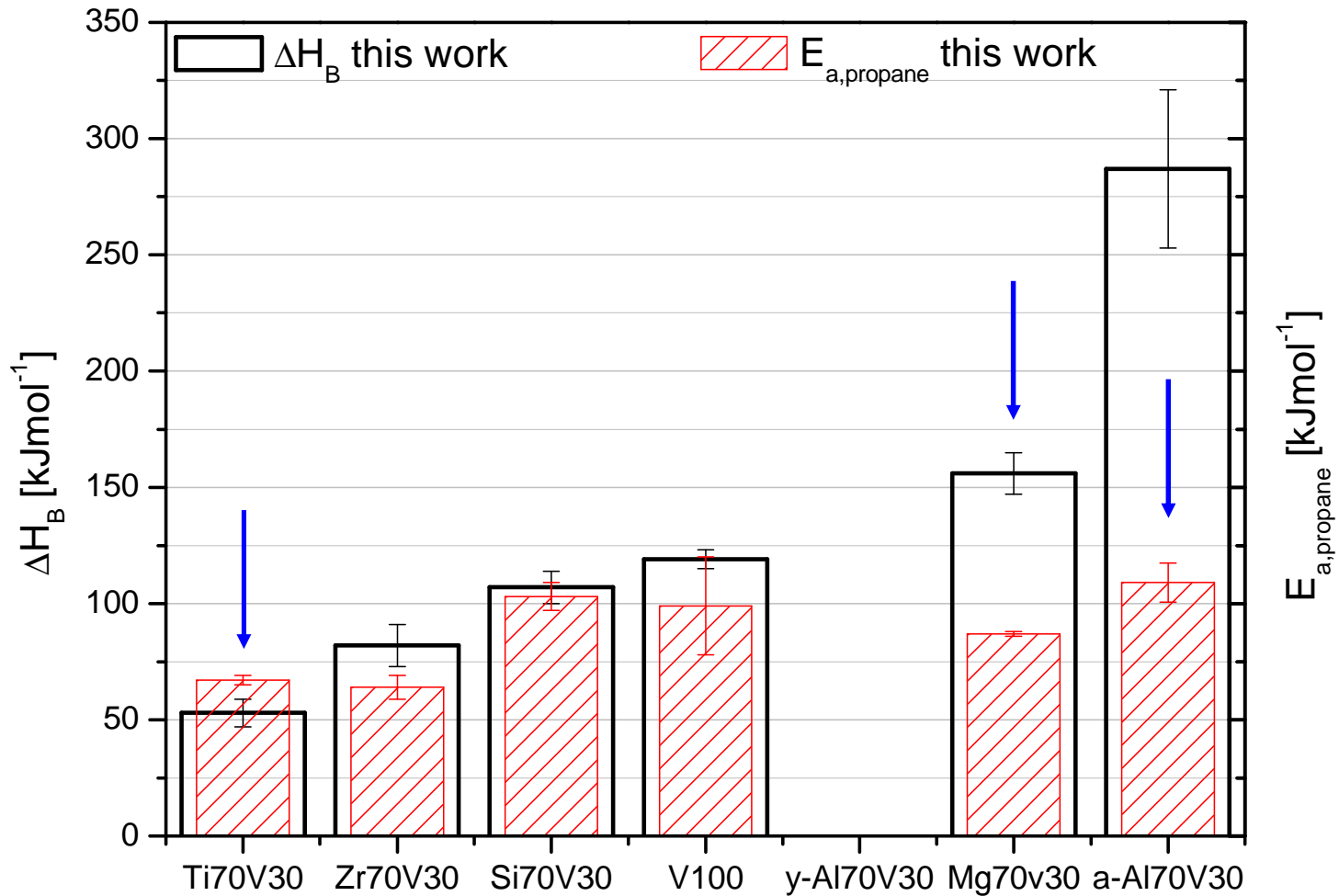
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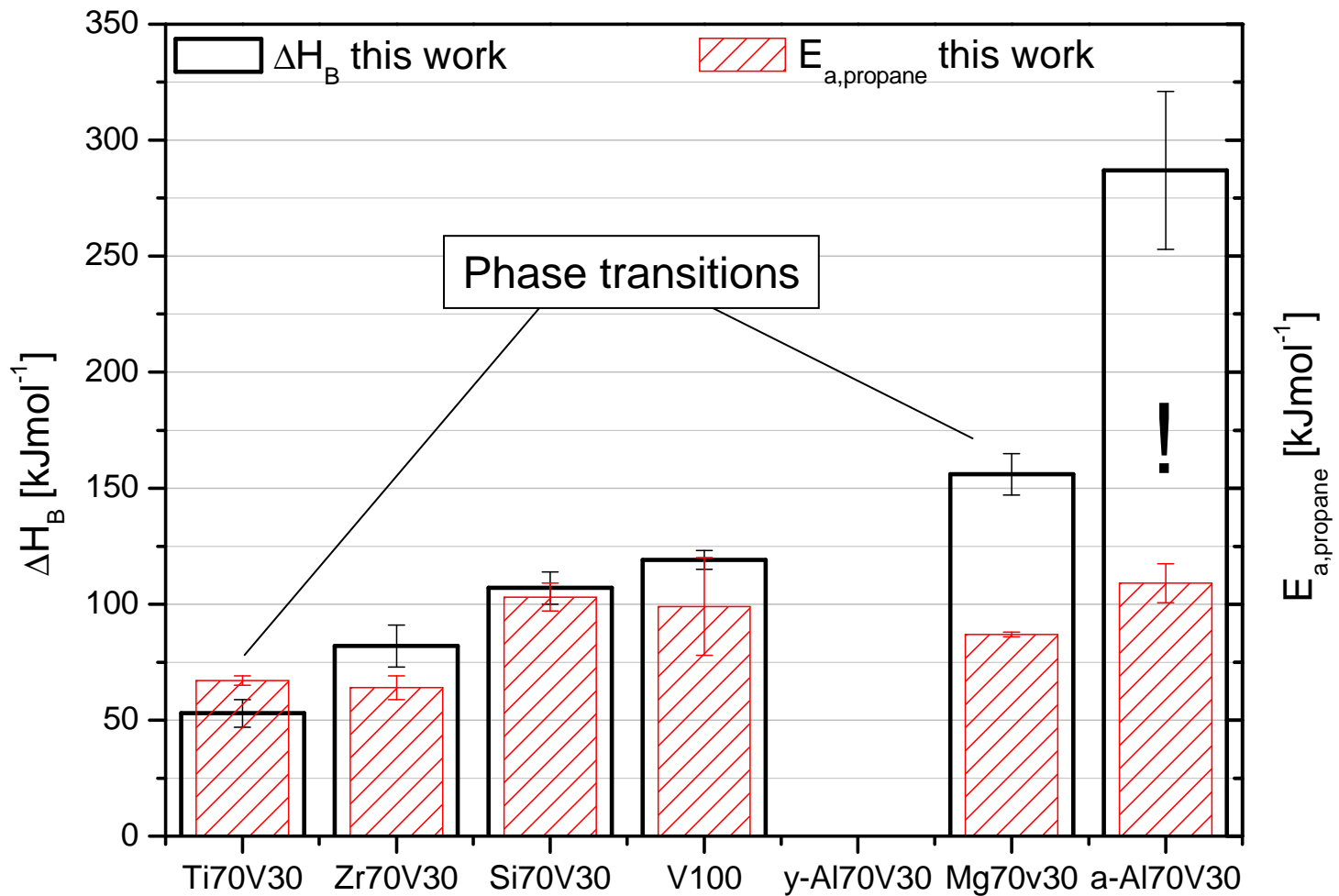
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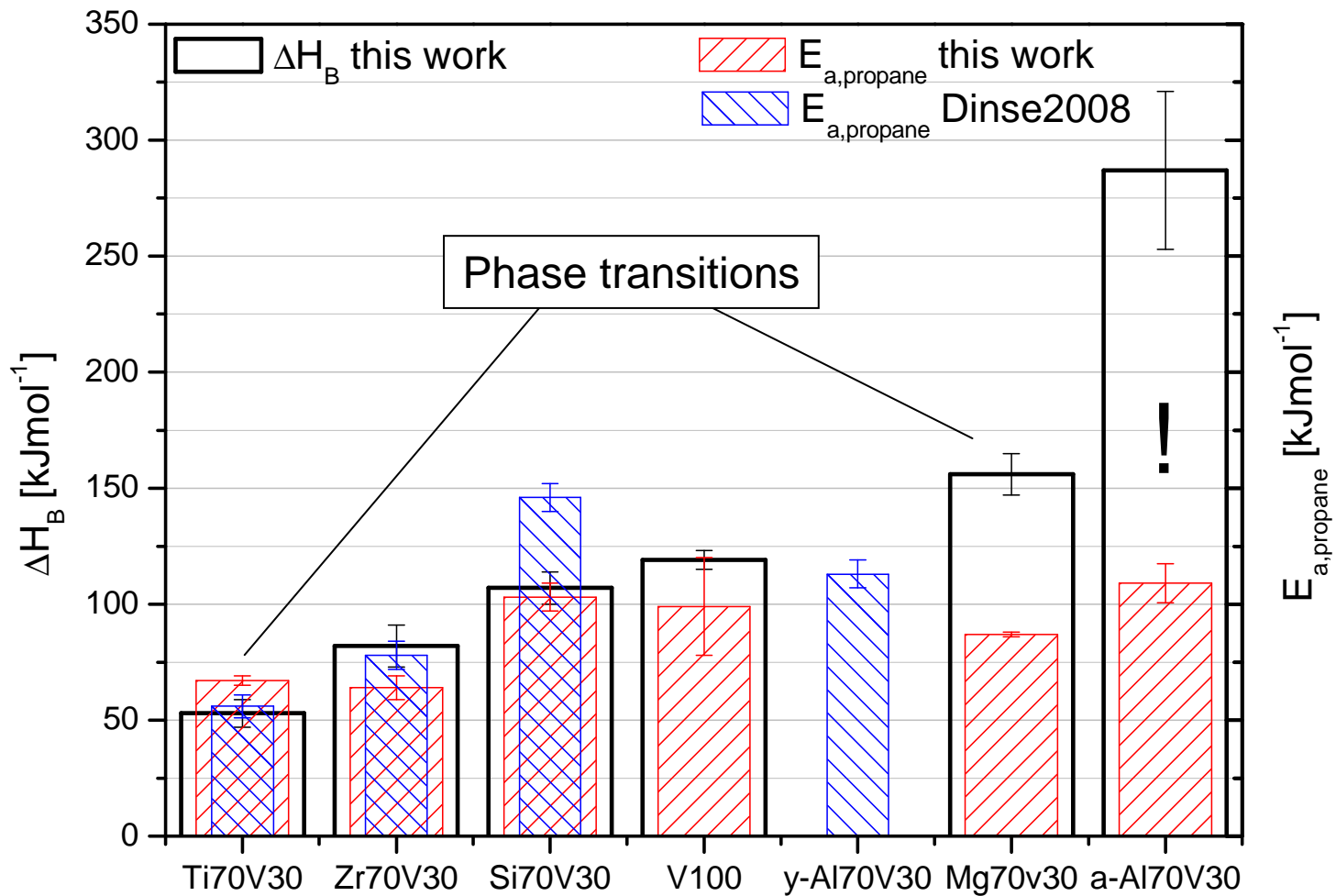
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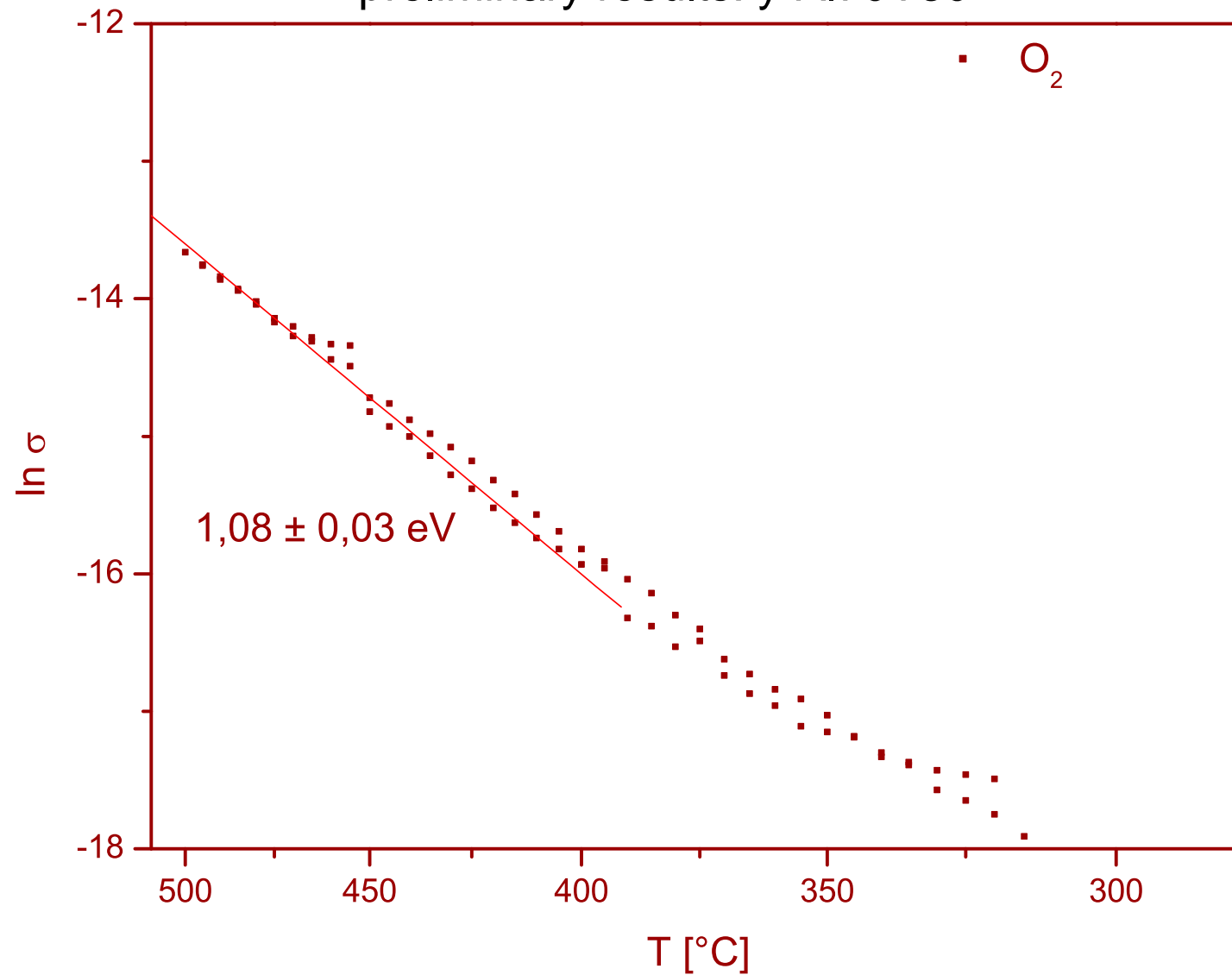


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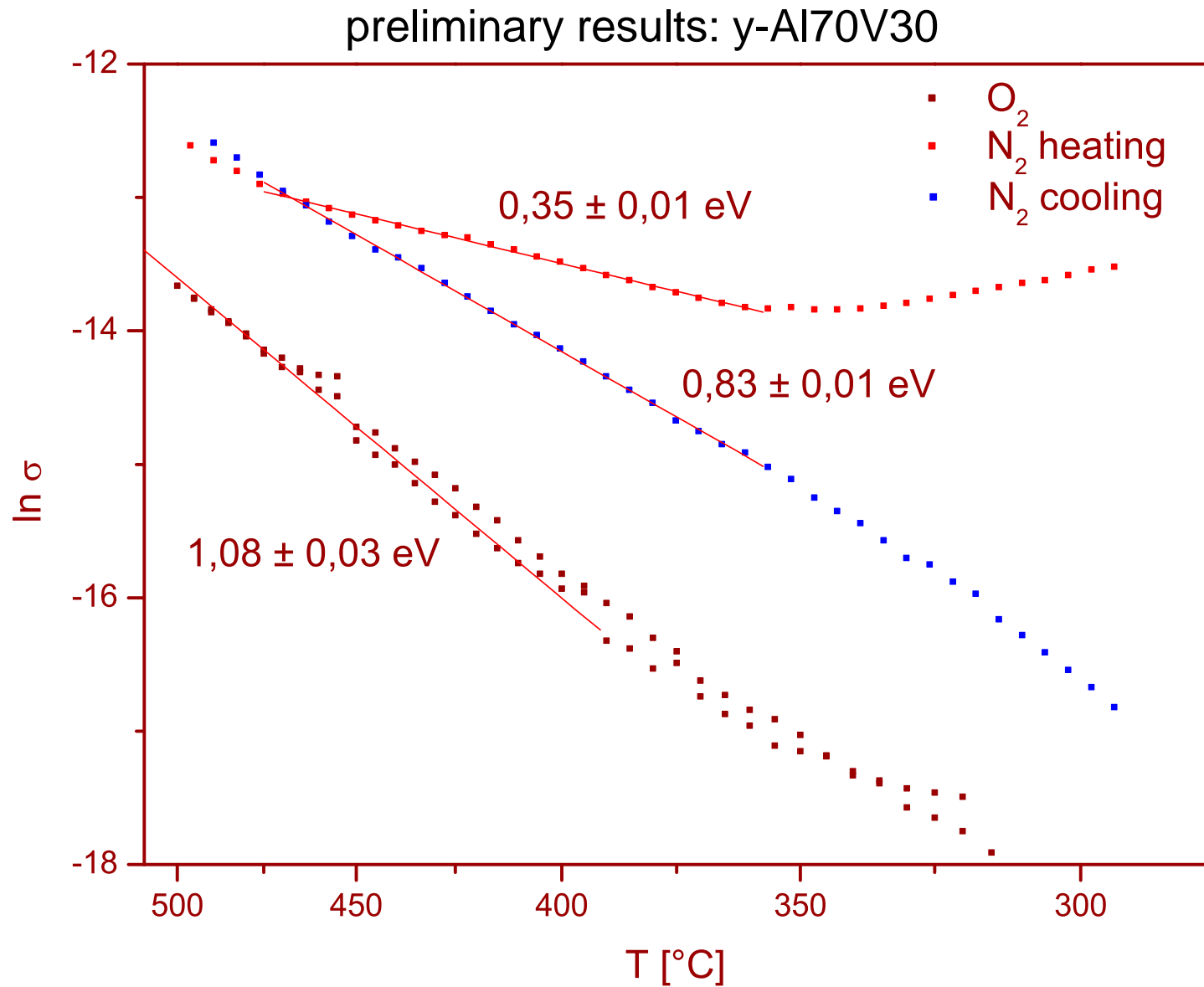


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preliminary results:  $\gamma$ -Al<sub>70</sub>V<sub>30</sub>

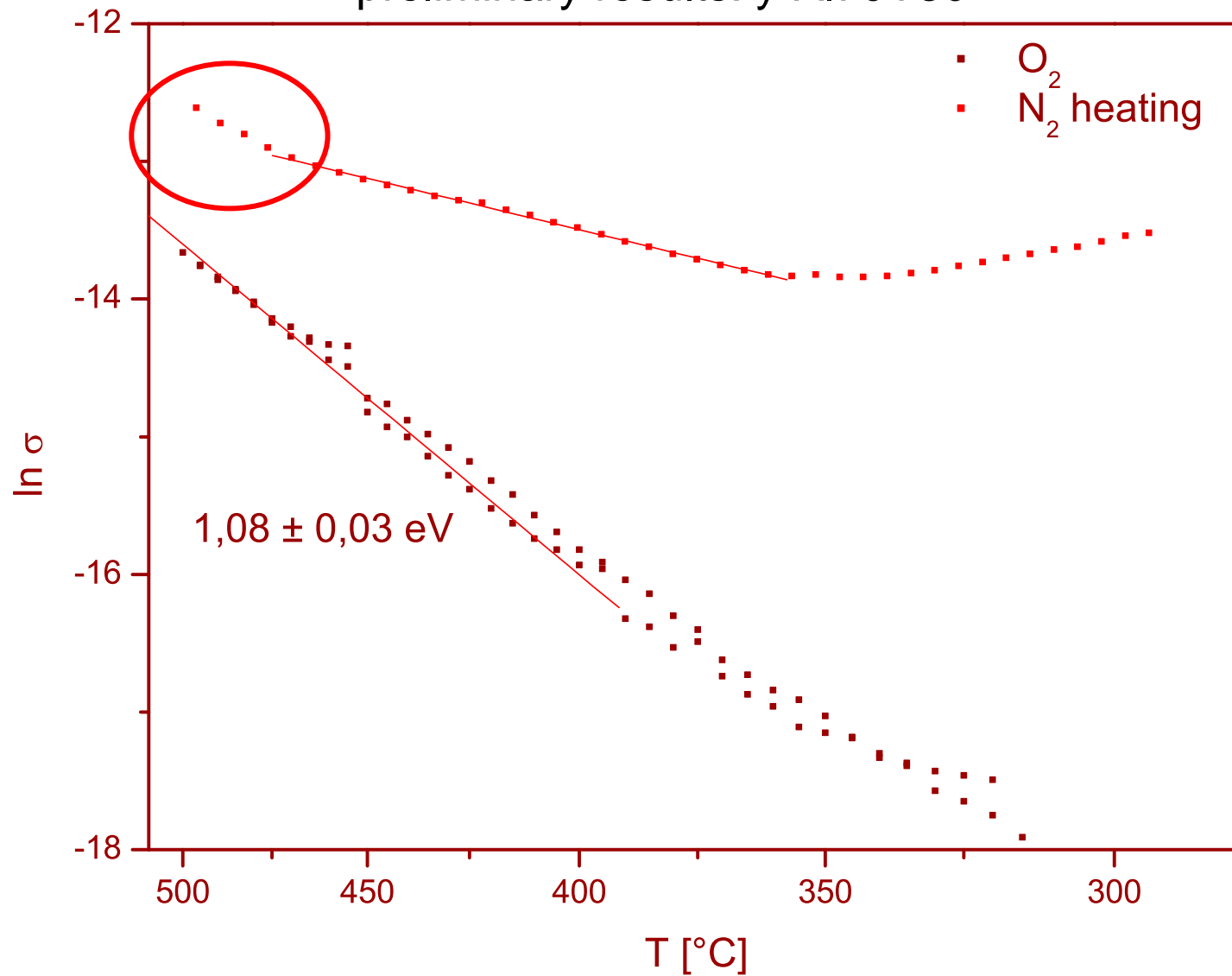


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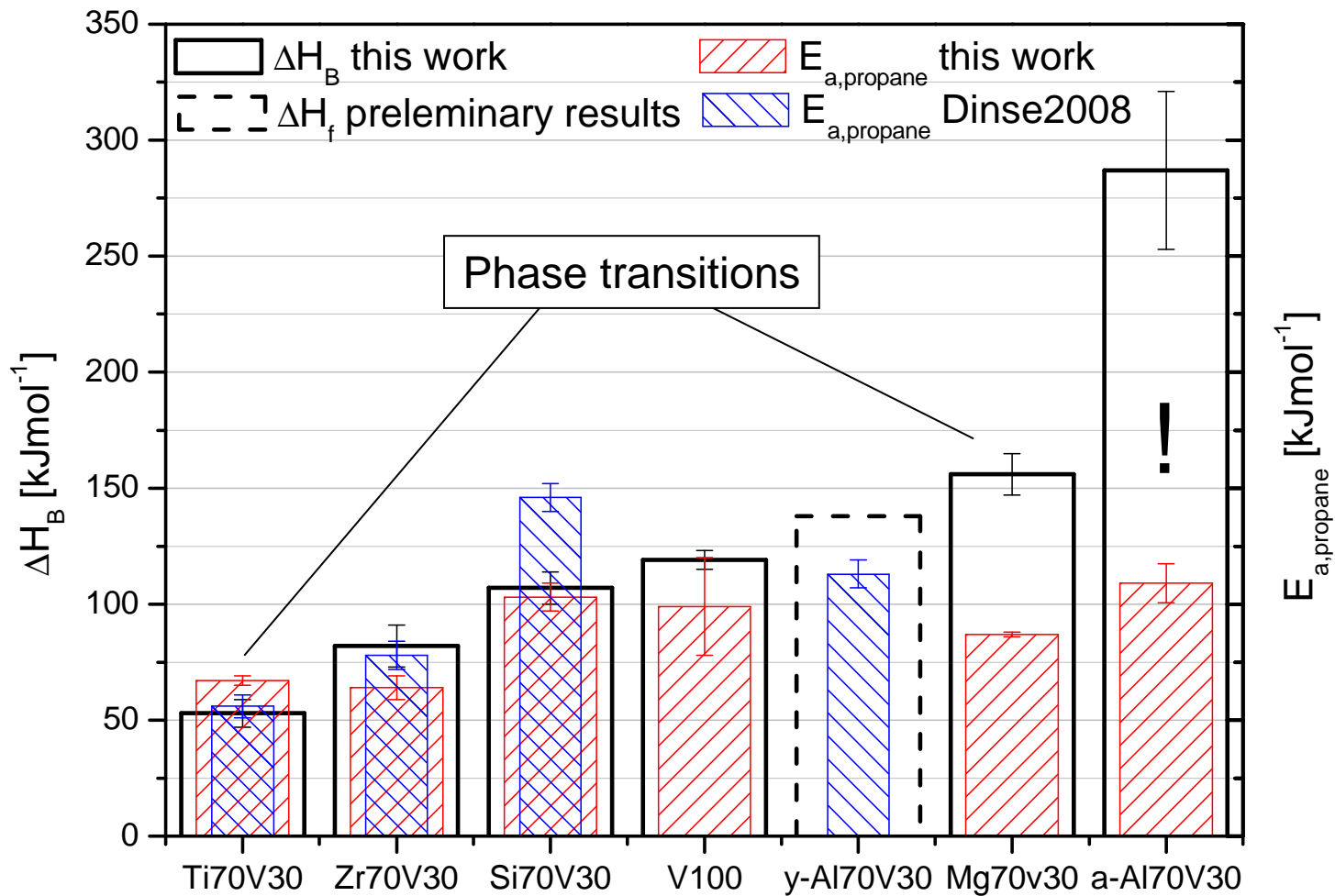


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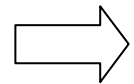


$$\Delta H_{f,O} \leftrightarrow E_{a,propane}$$

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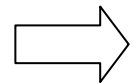
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Correlation looks promising but certain improvements necessary



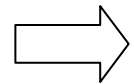
sample influence

phase transition → sample treatment  
homogeneity → new preparation method  
lower loading for stronger support effect



other steps in catalytic reaction, like H-transfer

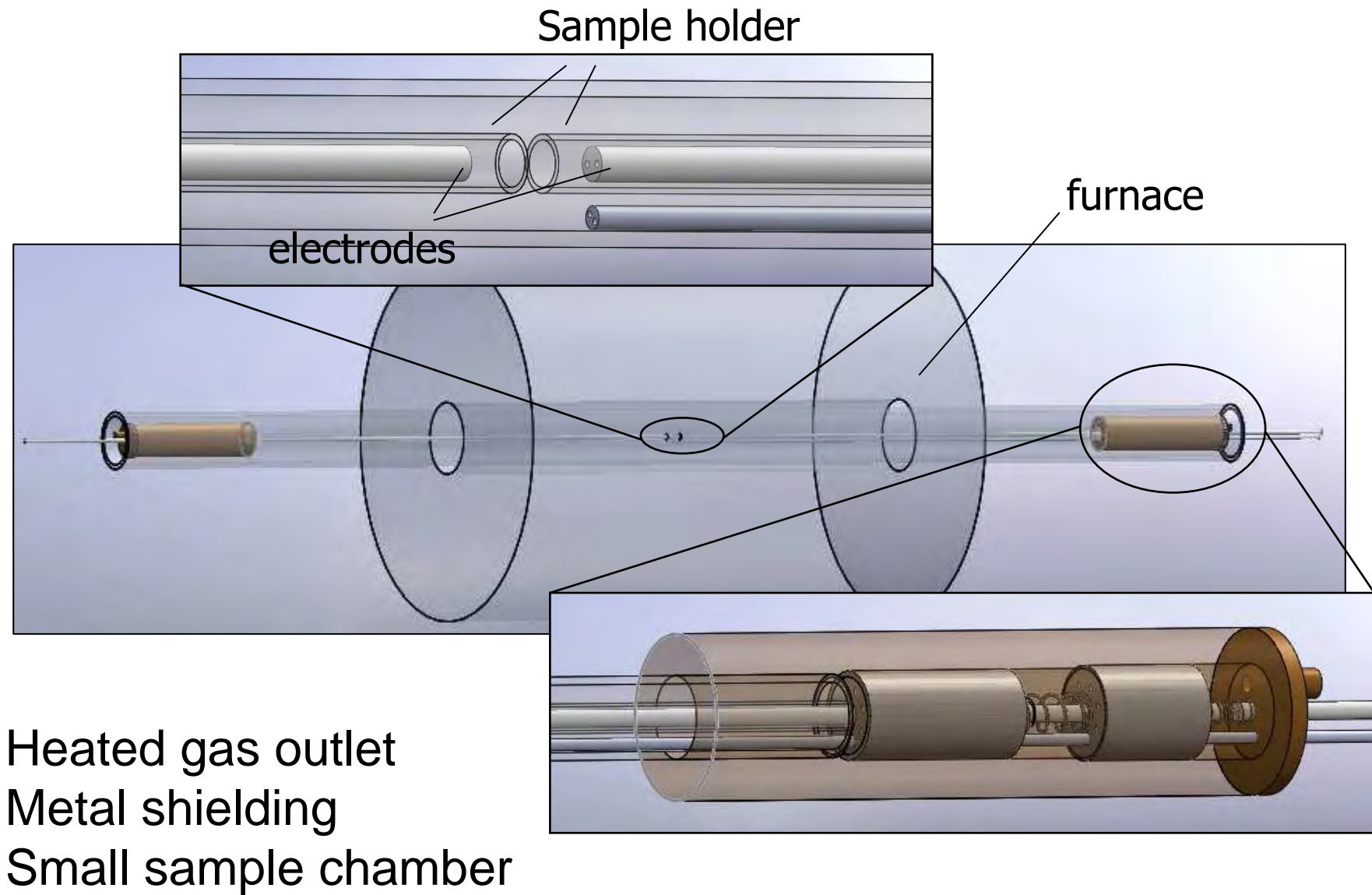
kinetic studies on conductivity samples



in-situ experiments necessary

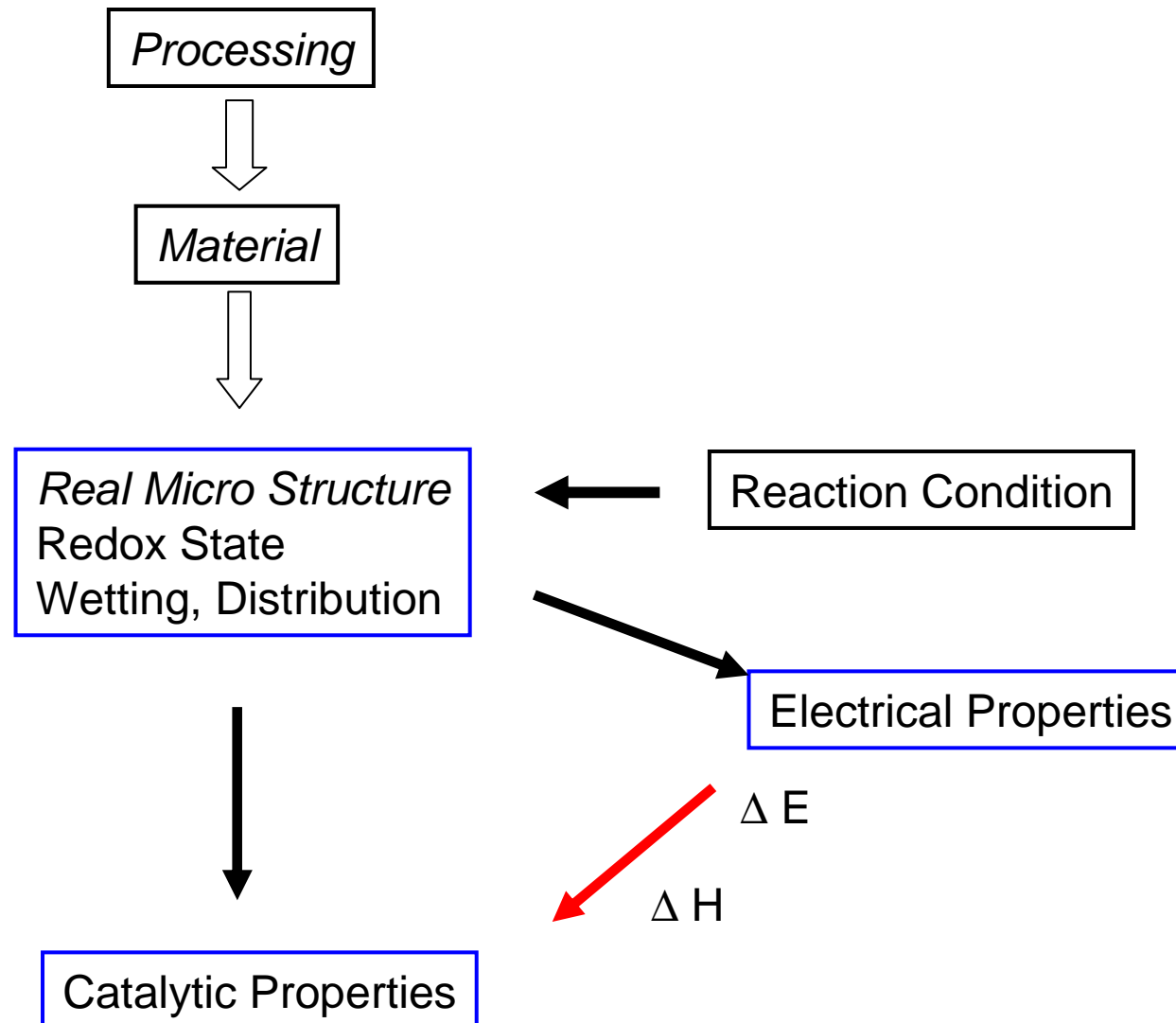
set-up constructed  
experiments this year

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Thank you for your attention



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Sample	$\Delta H_B$ [kJ/mol]	$\Delta H_B$ [eV]
Ti70V30	$53 \pm 6$	$0,55 \pm 0,06$
Zr70V30	$82 \pm 9$	$0,85 \pm 0,1$
Si70V30	$107 \pm 7$	$1,11 \pm 0,08$
V100	$119 \pm 4$	$1,23 \pm 0,04$
$\gamma$ -Al70V30	138	1,43
Mg70v30	$156 \pm 9$	$1,62 \pm 0,09$
$\alpha$ -Al70V30	$287 \pm 34$	$3,00 \pm 0,4$

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