



# Investigación fundamental en materiales: desde aplicaciones en energía a las grandes facilidades en América Latina (Sirius-LAHN)

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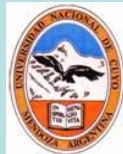


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# Outline

## **R&D at the Materials Characterization Department**

- R&D in SOFC: Solid Oxide Fuel Cells
- Materials in SOC: solid oxides ionic or mixed conductors.
- One example: Cathode/Anode Nano LSTC for symmetric cells

## **New Latin-American Big Science Facilities**

- Why BIG SCIENCE facilities in LA (Latin-America)?
- Big science projects
  - The LAHN Project
  - The SIRIUS Project

## **Remarks**



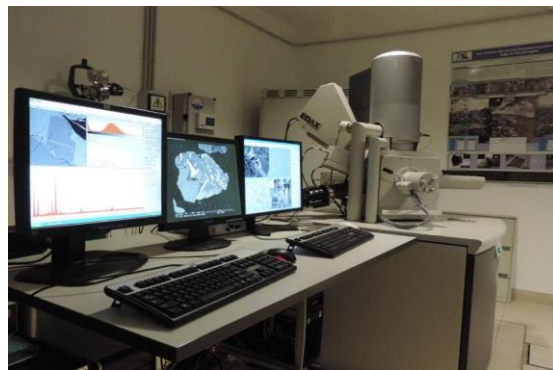


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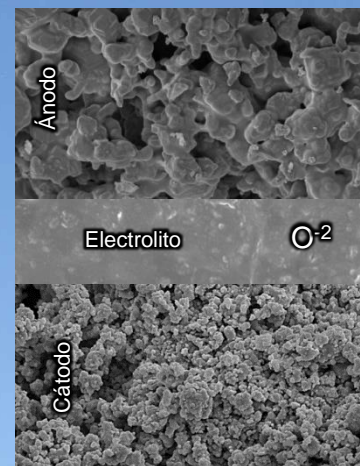
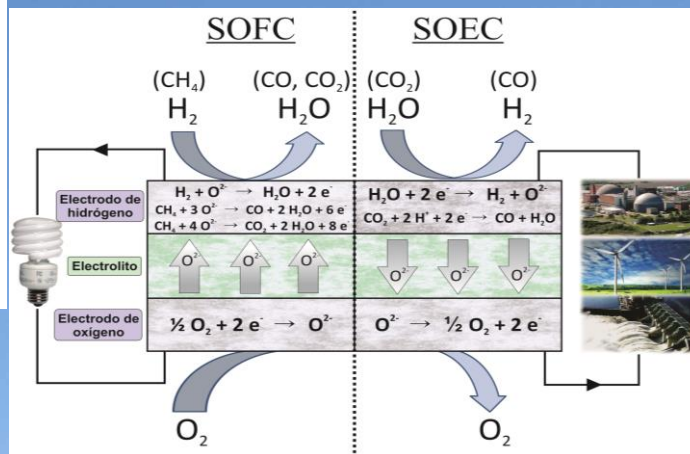
## SERVICIOS

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Scanning  
Electron  
Microscope

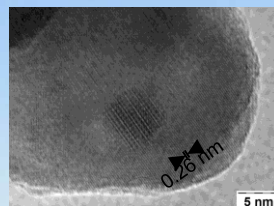
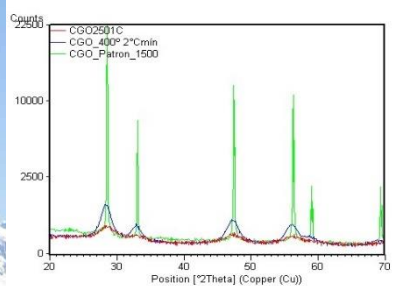
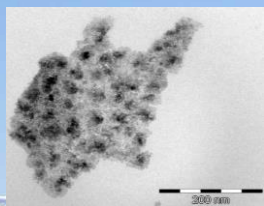
XRD  
Powder X-  
ray  
diffraction



Desarrollo y síntesis de NUEVOS materiales (en particular óxidos cerámicos y composites Me/óxido y óxido/óxido con diferentes micro y nanoestructura porosos, densos)

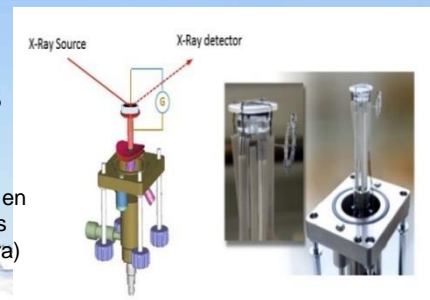


Aplicaciones : energía, producción y almacenamiento



Diseño y construcción de equipos/sistemas de medición

específicos para estudiar propiedades de materiales en condiciones no ambientales (alta temperatura, atmósfera) acoplados con técnicas de sincrotrón

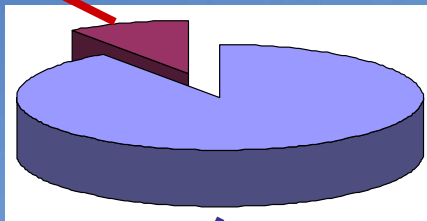


# Por qué materiales para energías limpias

Los combustibles fósiles tienen que ser reemplazados

Generación Argentina\*

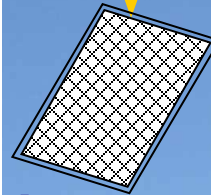
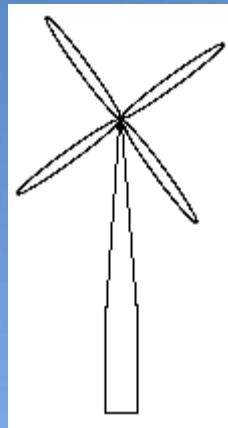
Otros



Petróleo, gas (carbon) 90%

No -  
renovables

Emisión de gases de  
efecto invernadero



intermitentes

$H_2$

Producción

Almacenamiento

Uso

Electrolizadores

Pilas de  
combustible

Conversión de  
energía  
eficiente

\* Fuente Secretaría de Energía Argentina (2015)

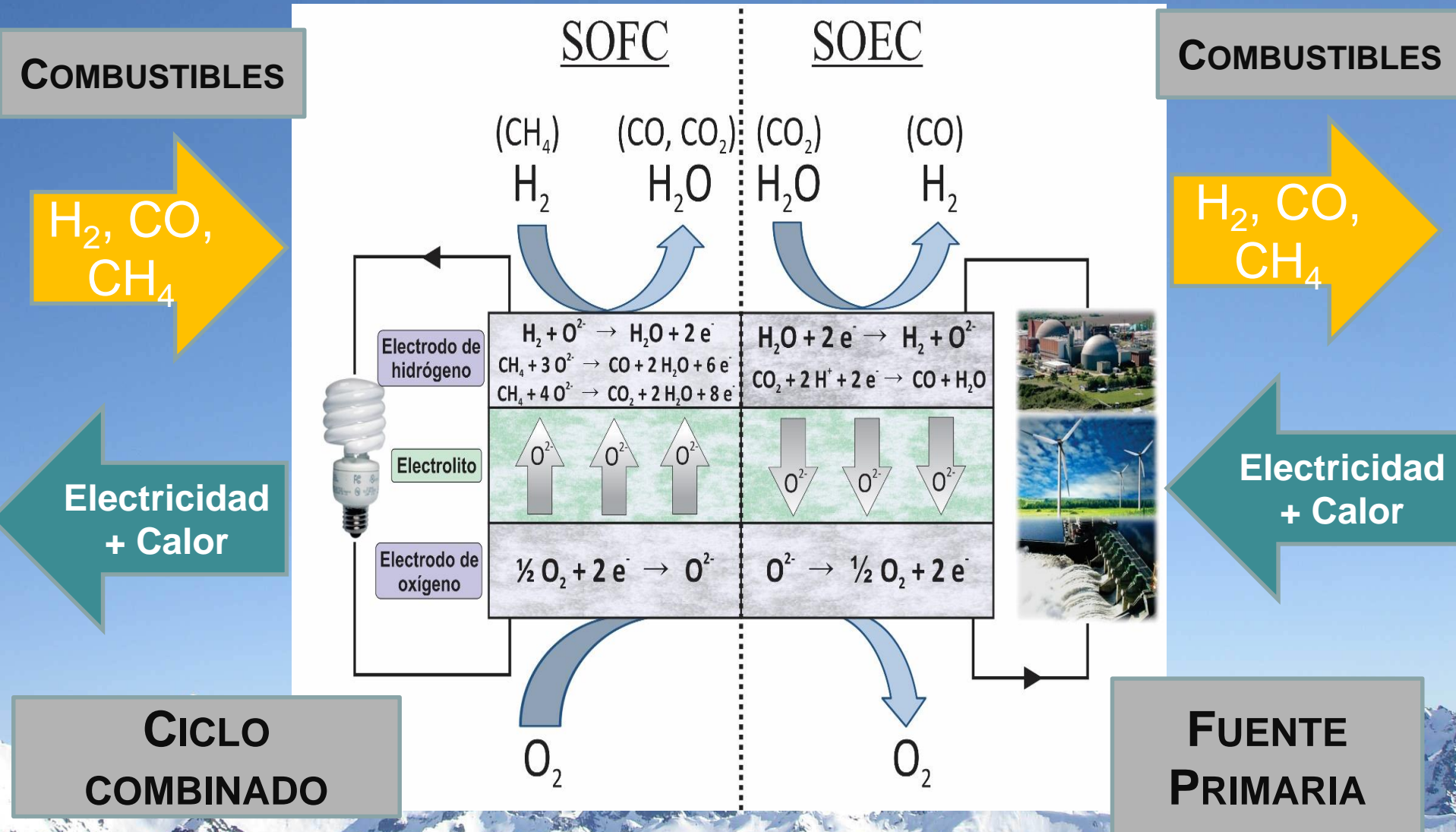


# Reversible! SOC

# (Solid Oxide Cell)

MODO COMBUSTIBLE

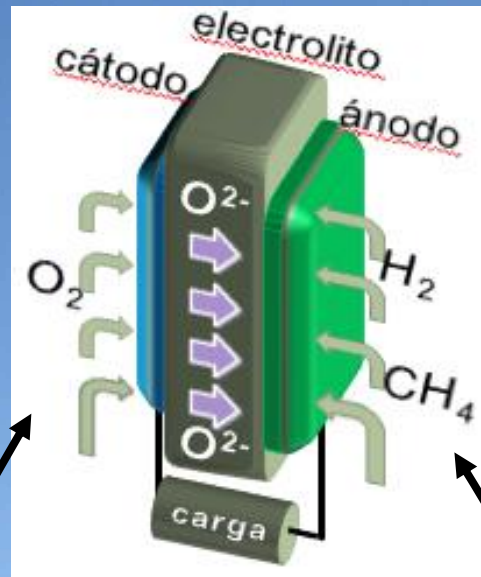
MODO ELECTROLIZADO



# Electrodos: SOFC

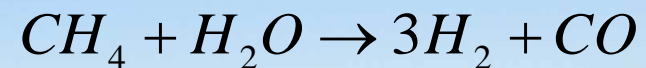
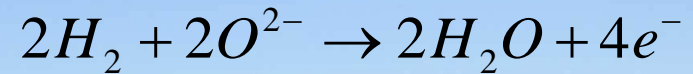
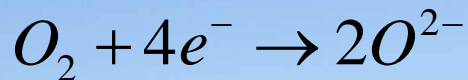
## Cátodo

- Catalizador de reacción de reducción de O<sub>2</sub>
- Buen conductor electrónico
- Buen conductor iónico



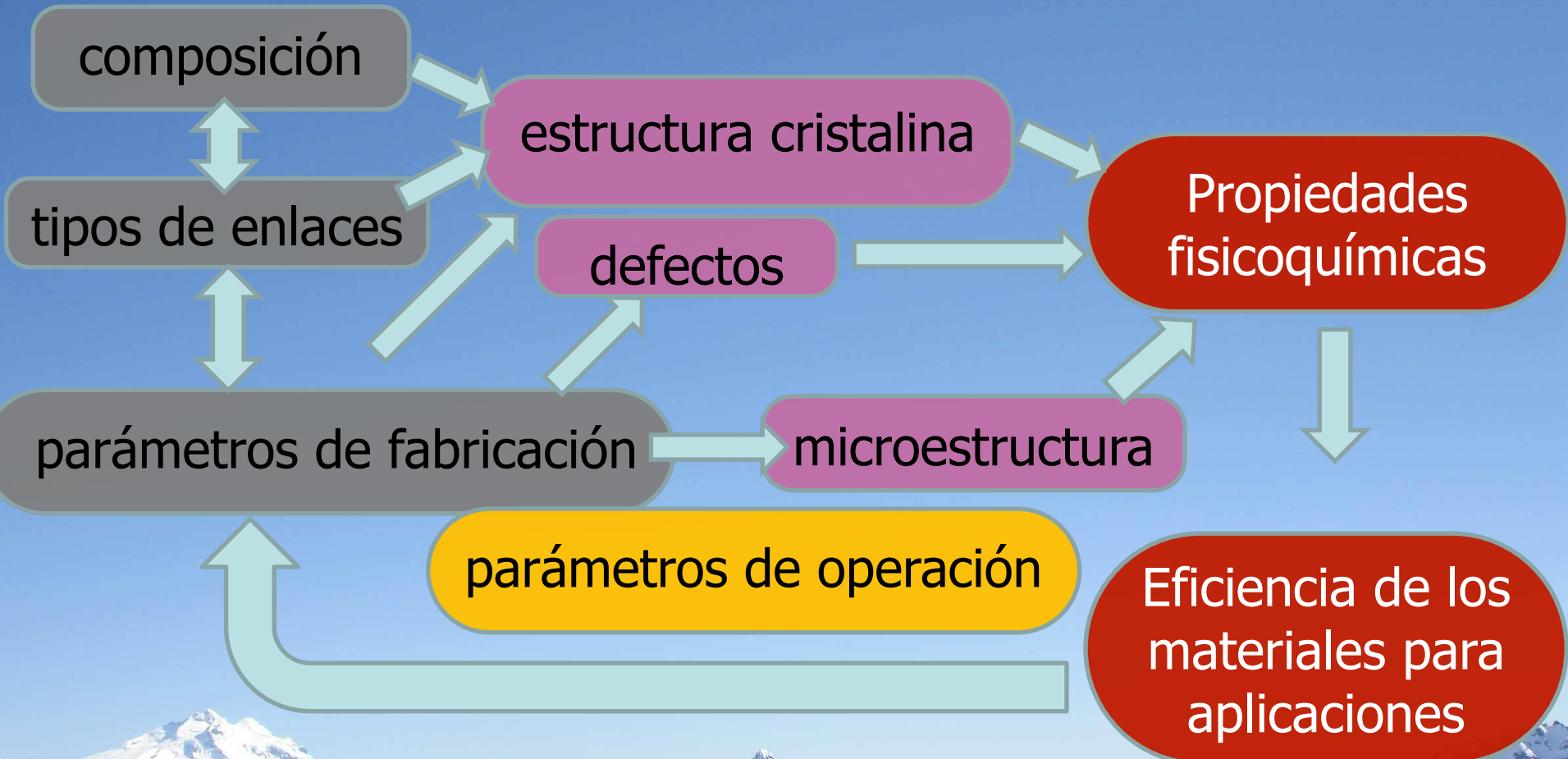
## Ánodo

- Catalizador de reacción de oxidación del combustible
- Buen conductor electrónico
- Buen conductor iónico





# R&D en materiales



# R&D en materiales

Óxidos

- perovskitas
- fluoritas
- Ruddlesden
- Popper

Caracterización  
cristalográfica

Microscopía electrónica (SEM, TEM)  
Difracción de Rayos-X y Neutrones  
Métodos de radiación sincrotrón  
(XANES, EXAFS, etc)

Propiedades  
electroquímicas

técnicas  
in-situ/in-operando

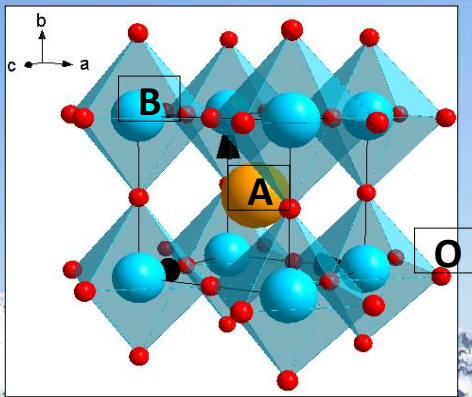
SOC: celdas  
de óxido  
sólido



# R&D en materiales

Búsqueda  
(de nuevos  
materiales)

Perovskita  $ABO_3$

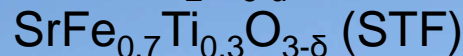
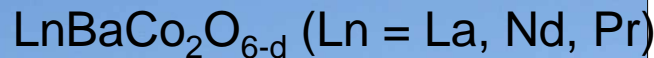


Nuevos métodos:

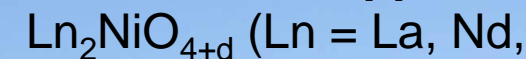
**Perovskitas**



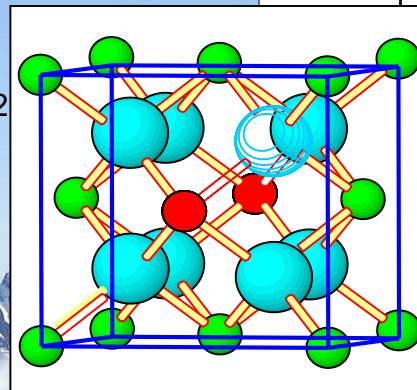
**Double perovskites**



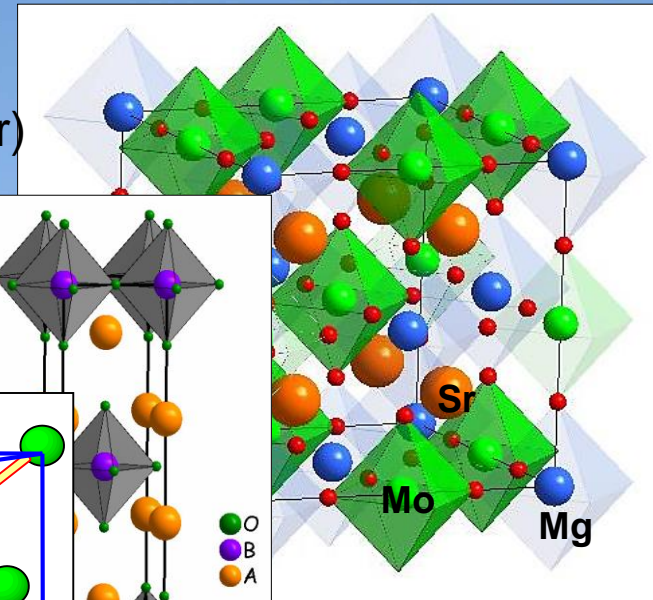
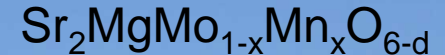
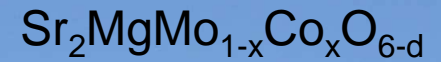
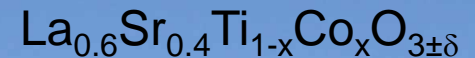
**Ruddlesden-Popper**



**Fluorites**



Nuevos compuestos:

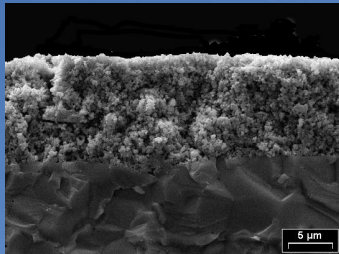




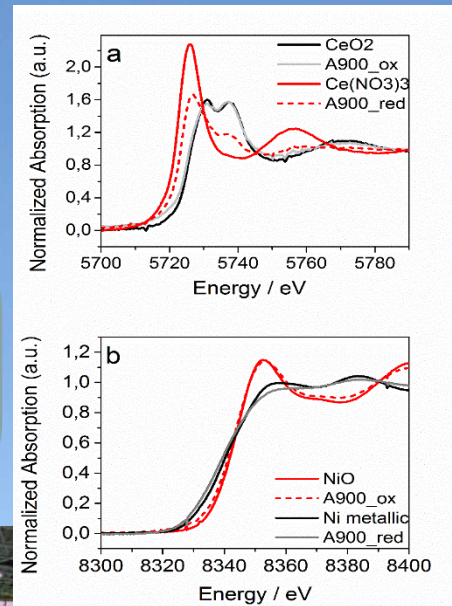
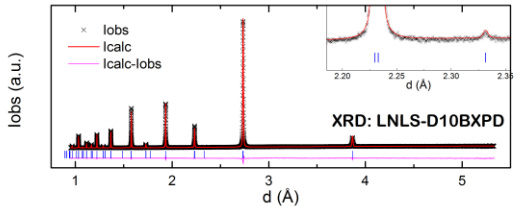
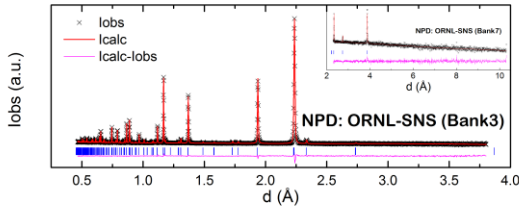
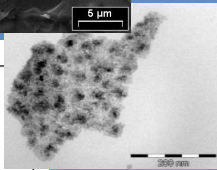
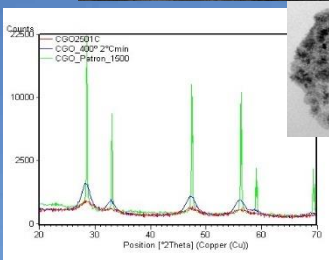
# R&D en materiales

## Caracterización cristalográfica

Microscopía electrónica (SEM, TEM)  
Difracción de RX (XRD)  
Difracción de neutrones (NPD)  
Métodos de radiación sincrotrón  
(XANES, EXAFS, etc)



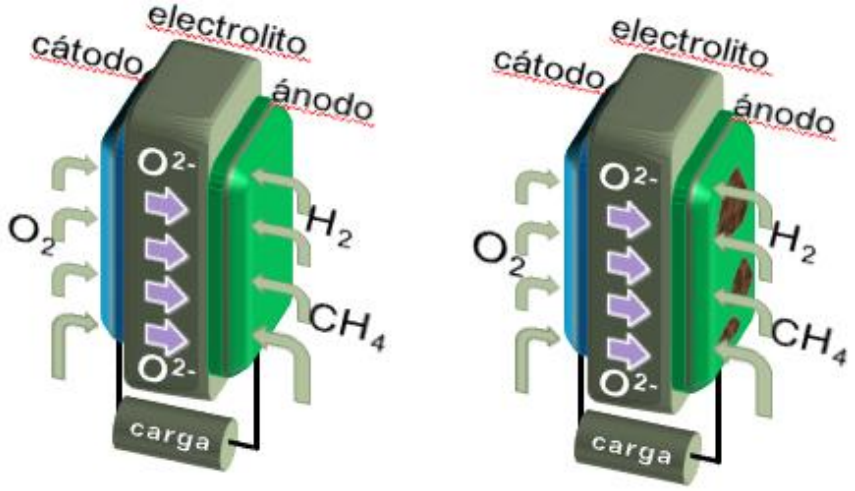
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D10B-XPD  
D08B-XAFS2

# Un ejemplo: SOFC Simétricas

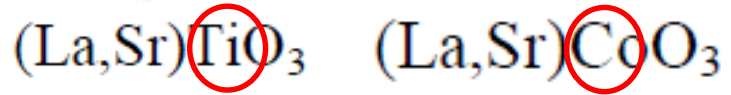
S  
O  
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C



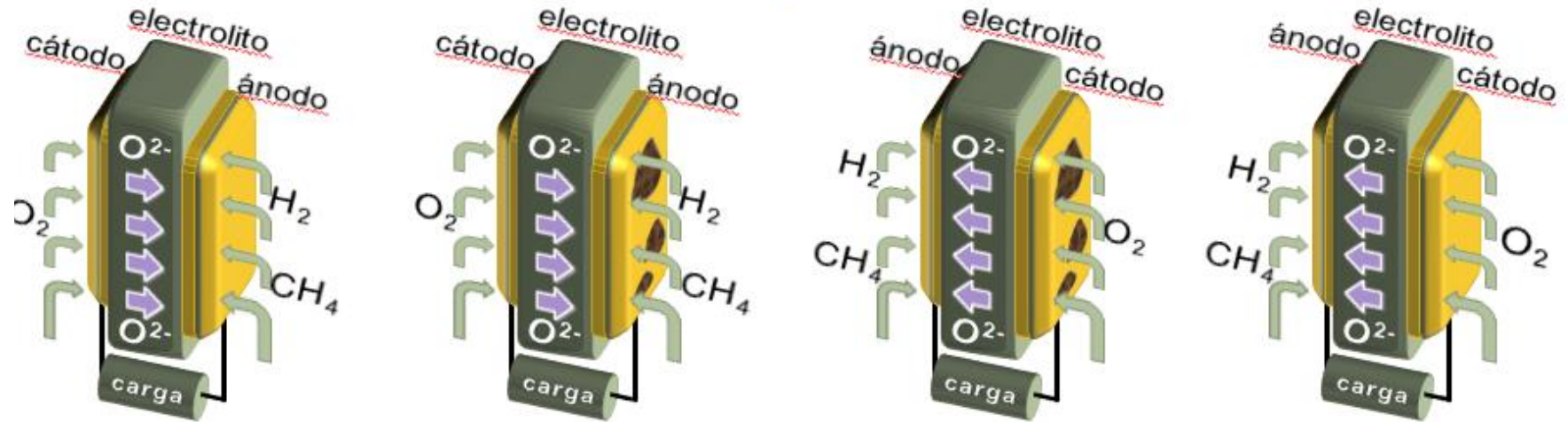
Las SFC tienen la capacidad inherente de invertir la función de los electrodos

**ánodo** ↔ **cátodo**

Lo cual permite remover el C depositado en el ánodo durante la operación



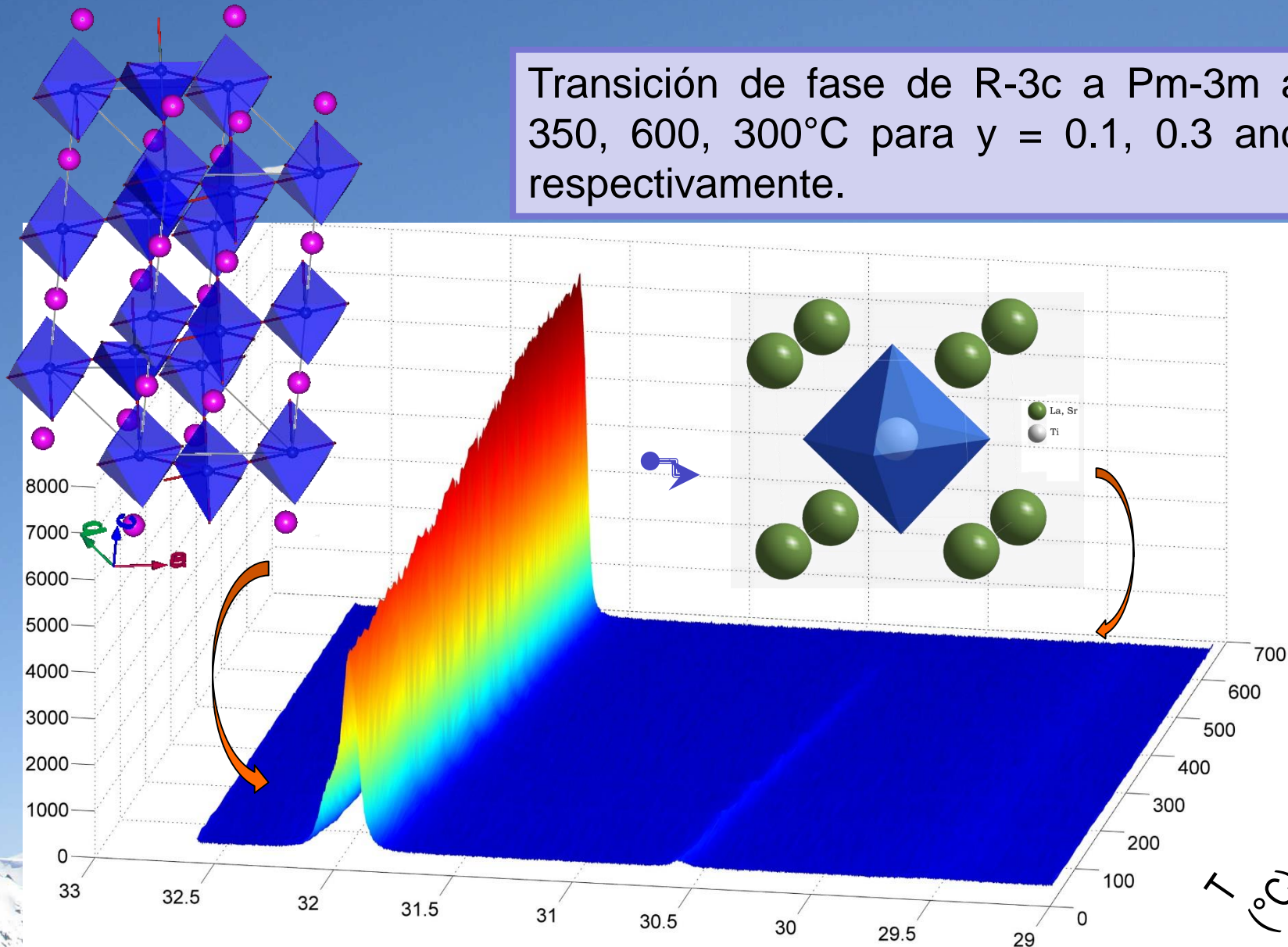
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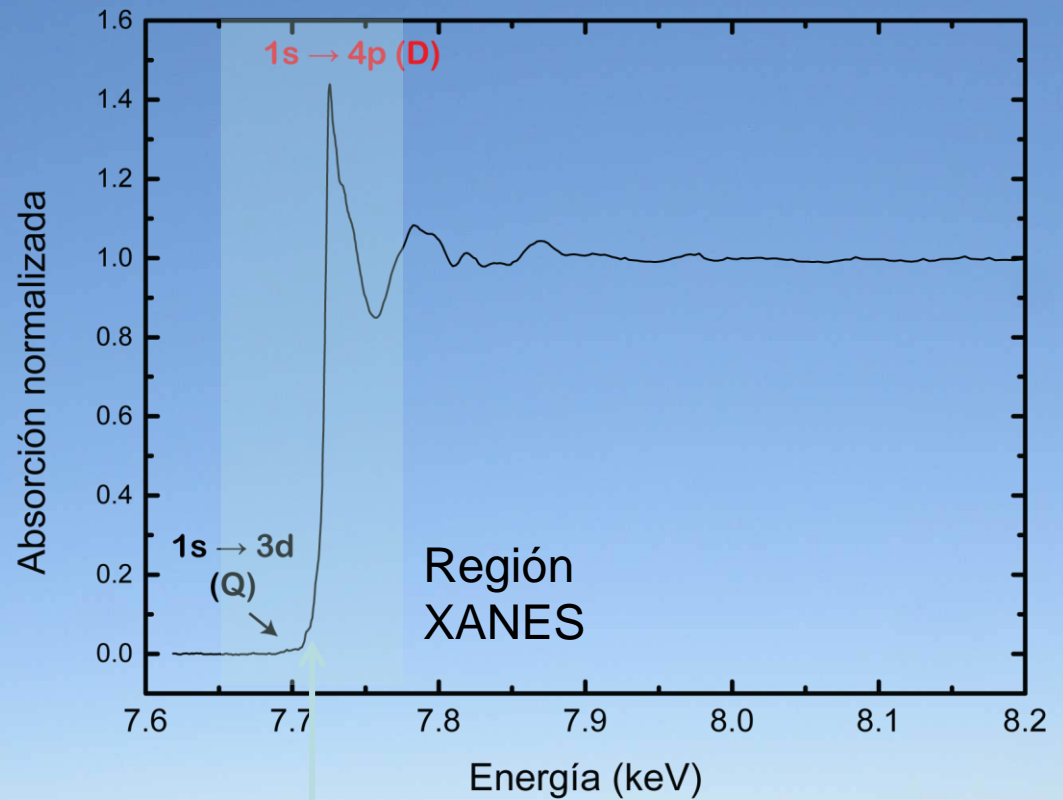
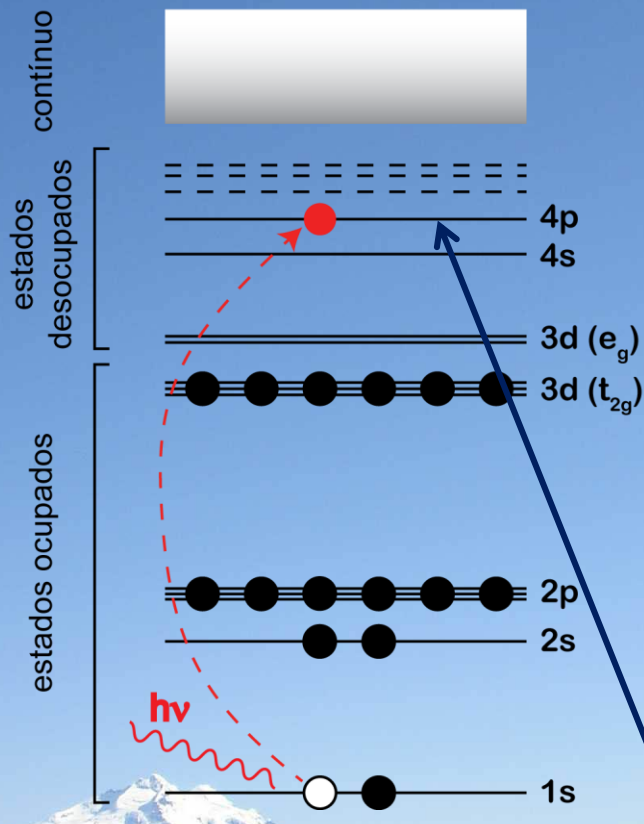
# Determinación de estructura

Transición de fase de R-3c a Pm-3m a  $T \sim 350, 600, 300^\circ\text{C}$  para  $y = 0.1, 0.3$  and  $0.5$ , respectivamente.





# Espectroscopía de Absorción (XANES)

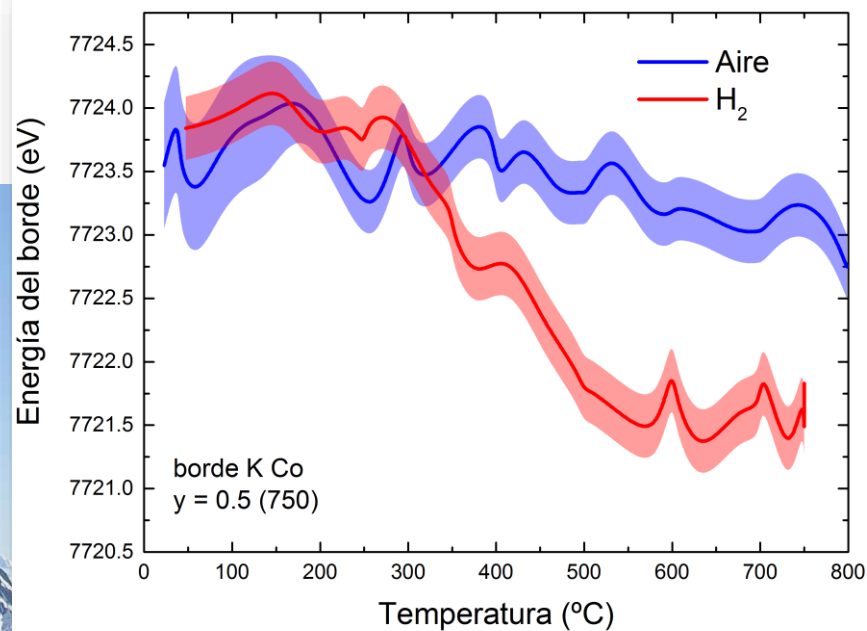
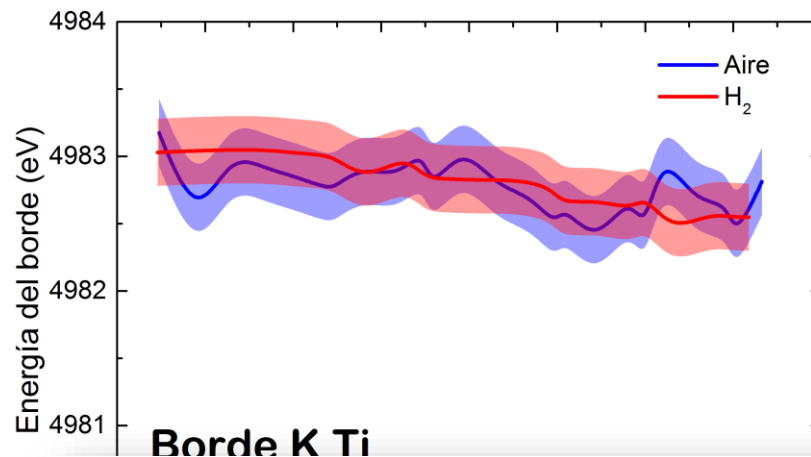
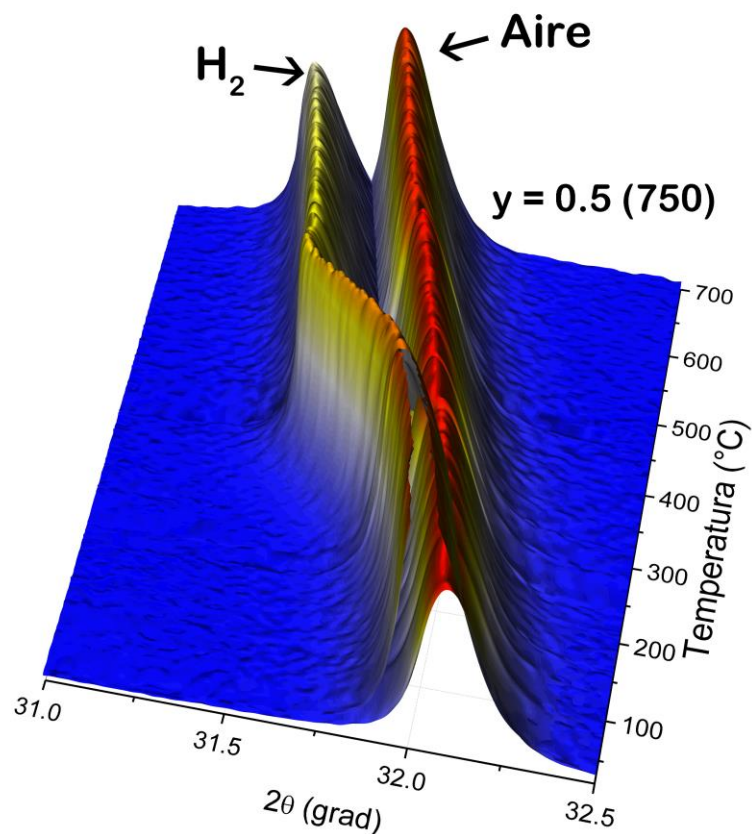


Depende del entorno local del átomo absorbente

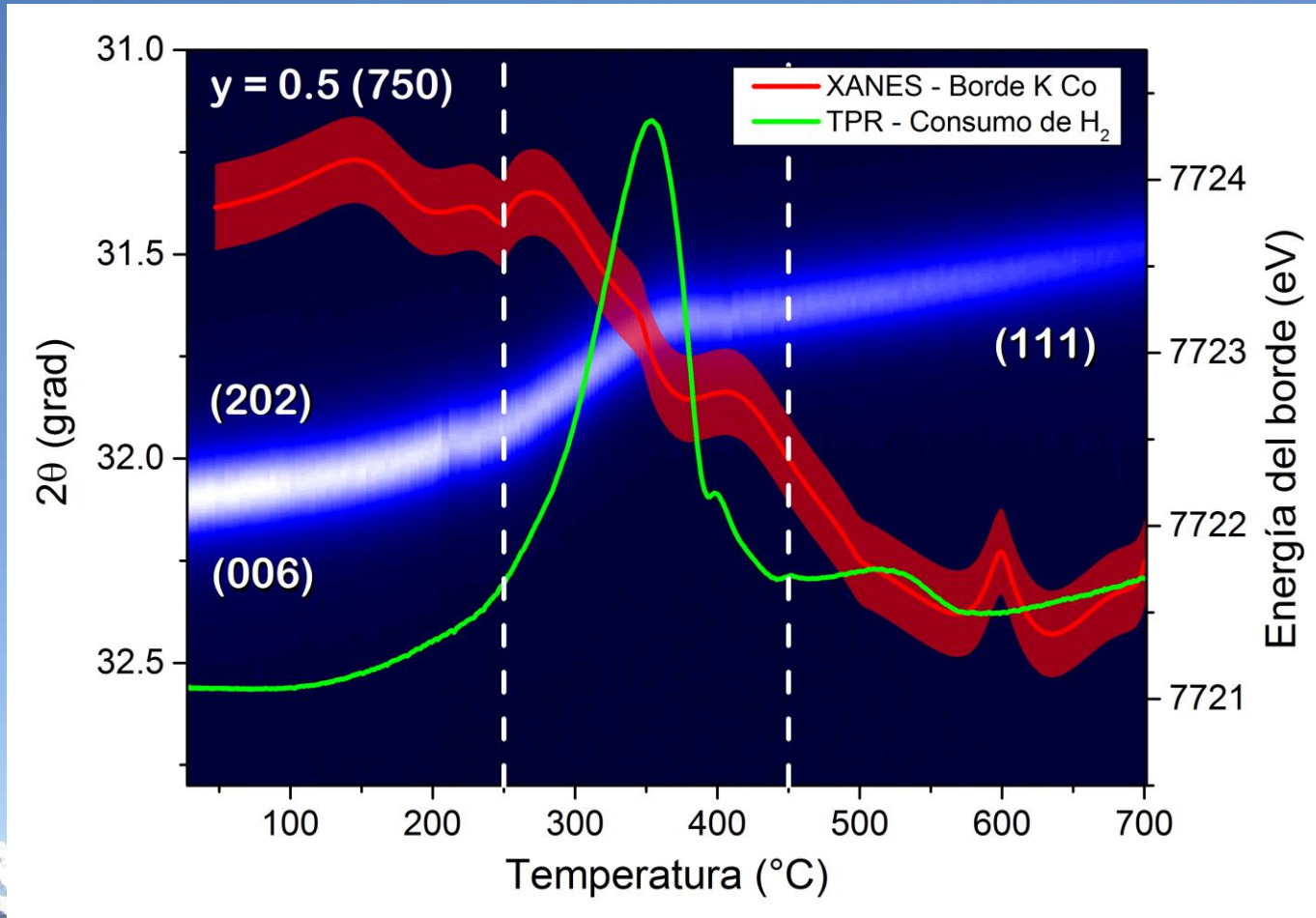
# XRD y XANES *in-situ*

## XANES

### XRD



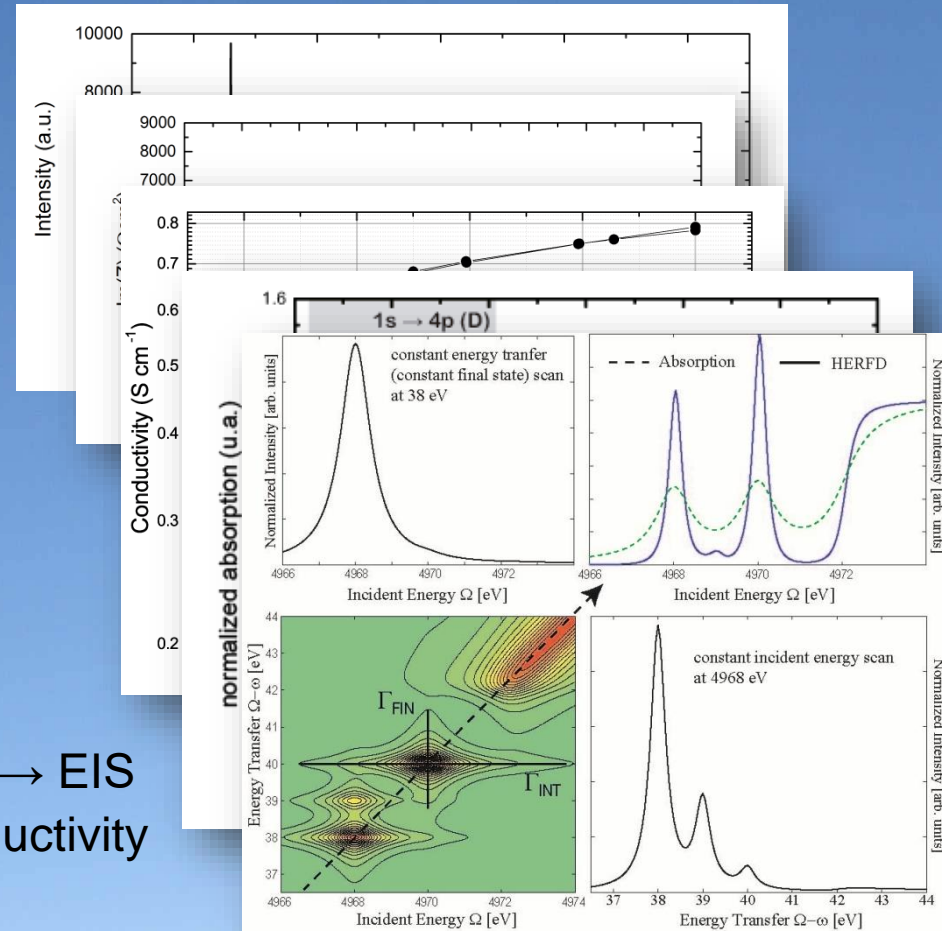
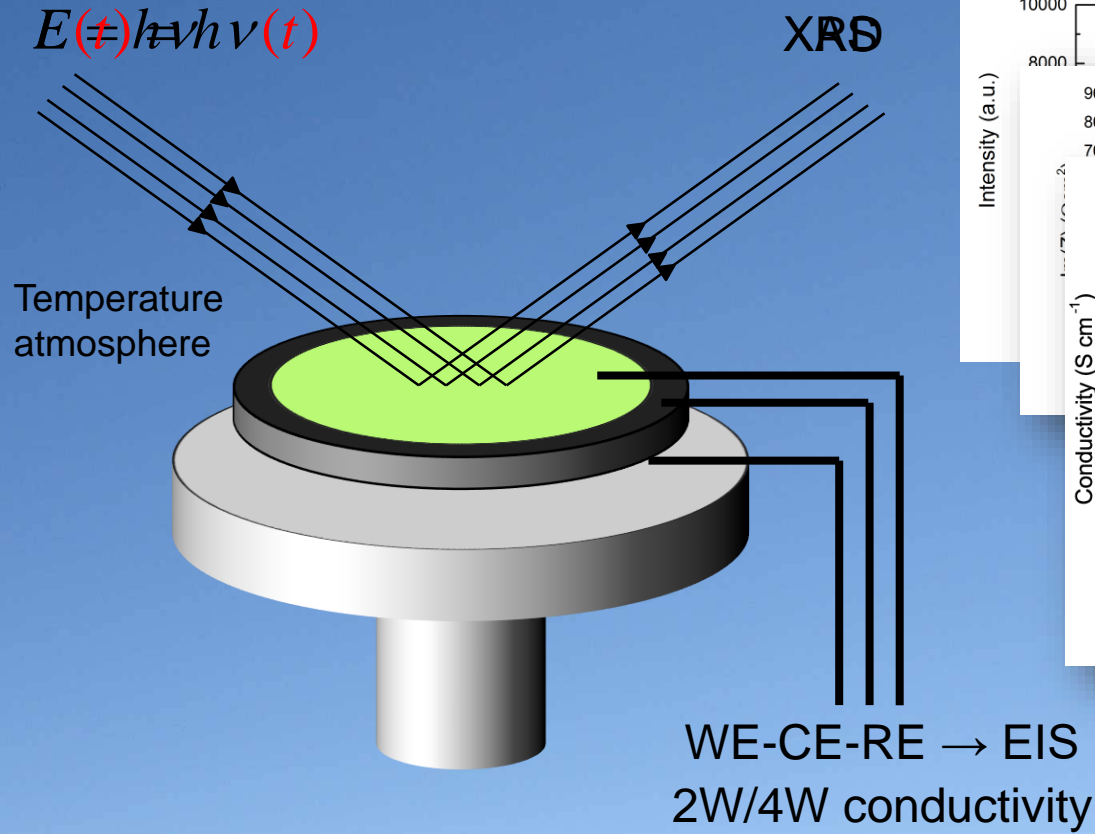
# Correlación resultados XRD – XANES – TPR





# GOAL

# From *in-situ* measurements to *in-operando*



- **XRD**: Volume averaged crystallography
- **XAS**: element specificity (electronic structure, local environment)
- **IXS**: electronic structure, DOS
- **EIS**: Electrochemical characterization
- **Electrical conductivity**: transport properties, charge carrier identification
- **Full cell measurements**

# 2do lugar concurso de planes de negocios

SÉPTIMA EDICIÓN  
**IB50k**  
2017



## SOFC

### GENERADORES ELÉCTRICOS PARA APLICACIONES REMOTAS





# 2do lugar concurso de pla

SÉPTIMA EDICIÓN  
**IB50K**

21/11/2017 | IB50K - CONCURSO DE PLANES DE NEGOCIO DEL INSTITUTO BALSEIRO

## Investigadores y becarios del CONICET premiados en el IB50K

Un dispositivo láser para "escribir" a escala microscópica y el desarrollo de un generador eléctrico recibieron el primer y segundo premio, respectivamente.



GENE

MOTAS

AIRE

FUEL





# A modo de resumen...

- Las celdas de combustible son dispositivos que permiten transformar energía química en eléctrica de manera muy eficiente
- El desarrollo de nano materiales deberá permitir resolver los desafíos planteados para su comercialización masiva:
  - Costo
  - Confiabilidad
  - Durabilidad
- Para comprender los efectos es necesario una variedad de técnicas de caracterización **in-situ e in-operando** tanto estructural (XRD, microscopías) como su correlación con propiedades electrónicas y de transporte (EIS, XANES, etc)



# New Latin-American Big Science Facilities (\*)



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## Argentina



**LAHN: The Argentinean  
Neutron Beams  
Laboratory**



## Brazil

**Laboratório Nacional  
de Luz Síncrotron**

(\*)Presented at the IBSP (International Basic Science Program) Unesco, Marzo 2018

# Why BIG SCIENCE?

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## BIG SCIENCE FACILITIES

- ❖ (according to DOE) were changing from high-energy and nuclear physics to BASIC ENERGY and LIFE SCIENCES,
- ❖ may be defined as fundamental research to understand, predict, and ultimately control matter and energy at the electronic, atomic, and molecular levels in order to provide the foundations for new energy, life and environment technologies





# Today, in an world ever more competitive scientifically and technologically, **deep knowledge of materials properties** is fundamental

NANOTECHNOLOGY

ENERGY

CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

NEW MATERIALS

BIOTECHNOLOGY

CIVIL CONSTRUCTION

AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

HEALTH

ENVIRONMENT

AGRICULTURE

AEROSPACE INDUSTRY

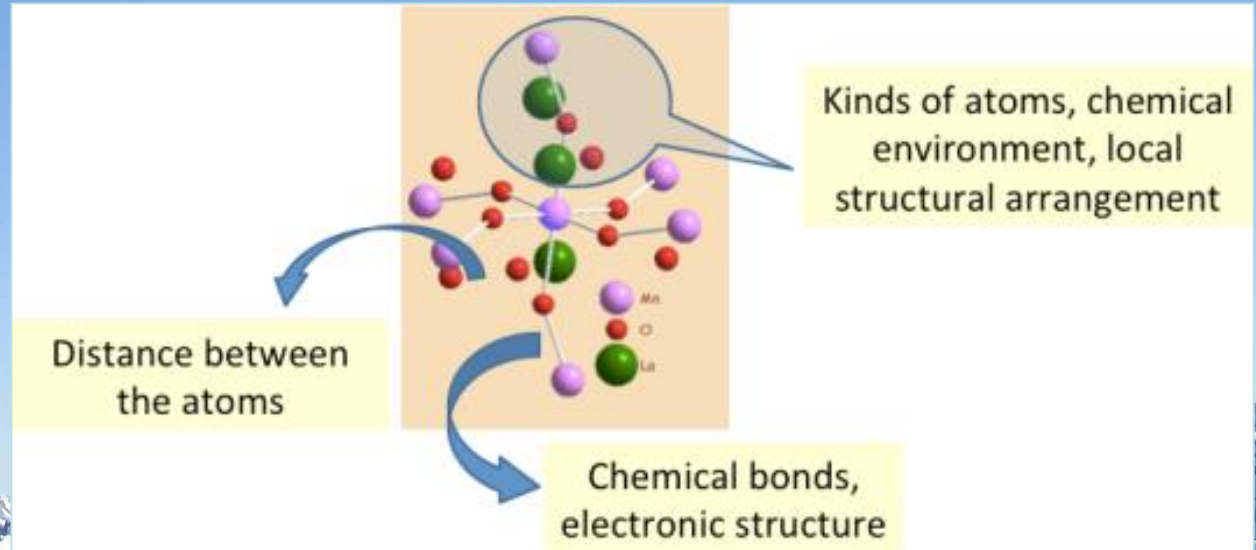
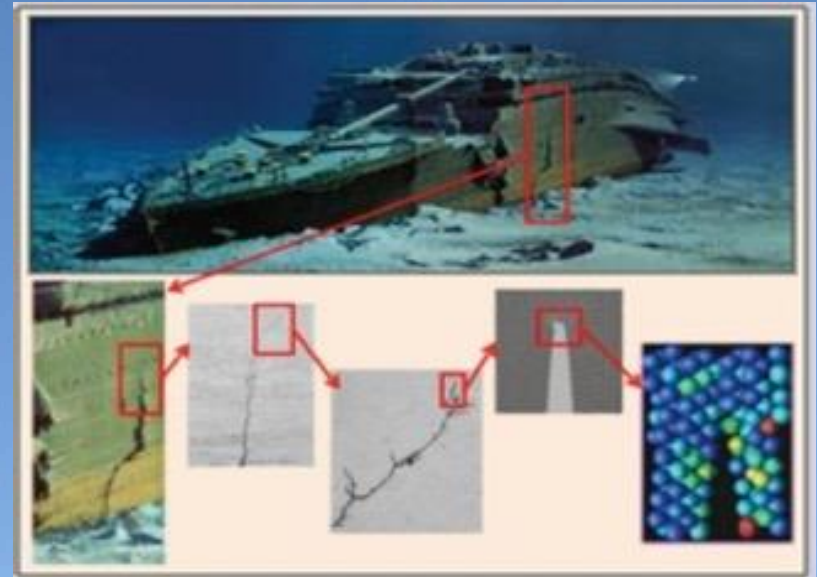
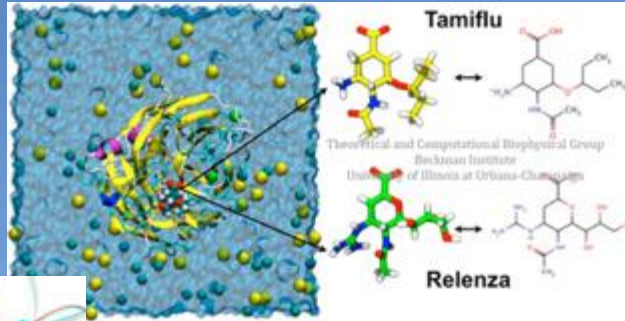
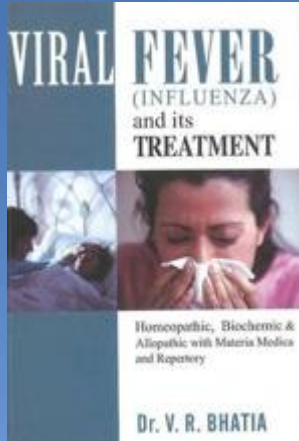
TEXTILE INDUSTRY

SECURITY

DEFENSE



**We need to obtain information about materials and processes at the atomic level, and in real conditions → special tools are needed**

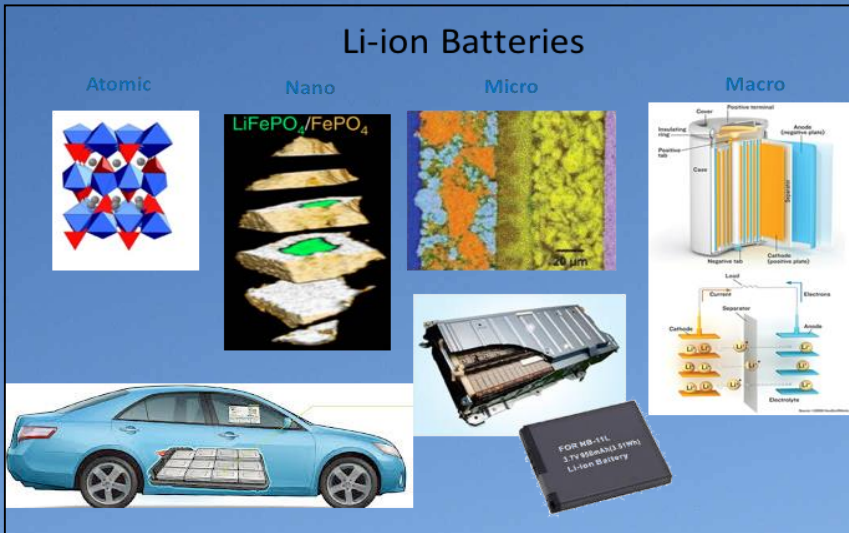




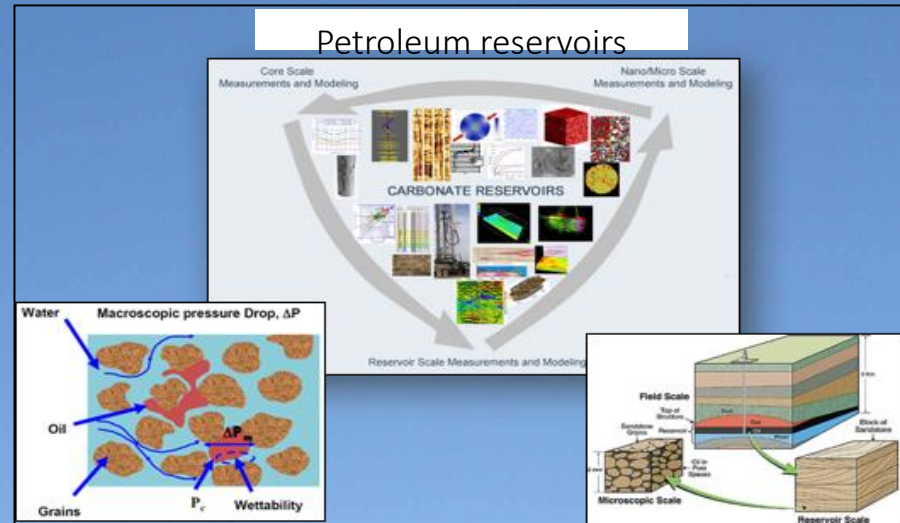
# GREAT CHALLENGES OF TODAY AND THE FUTURE

Important and challenging materials and systems are **Inhomogeneous, Hierarchic, Composites** with distinct spatial and time scales

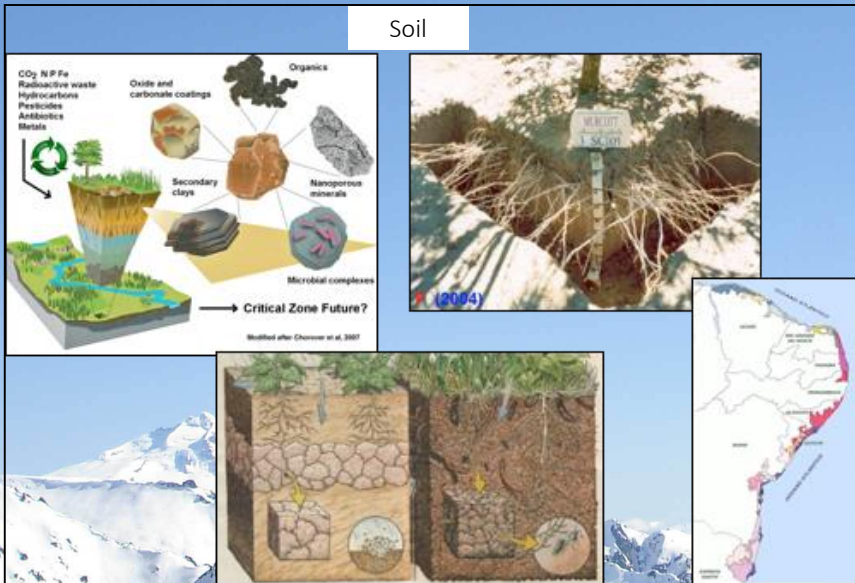
## Li-ion Batteries



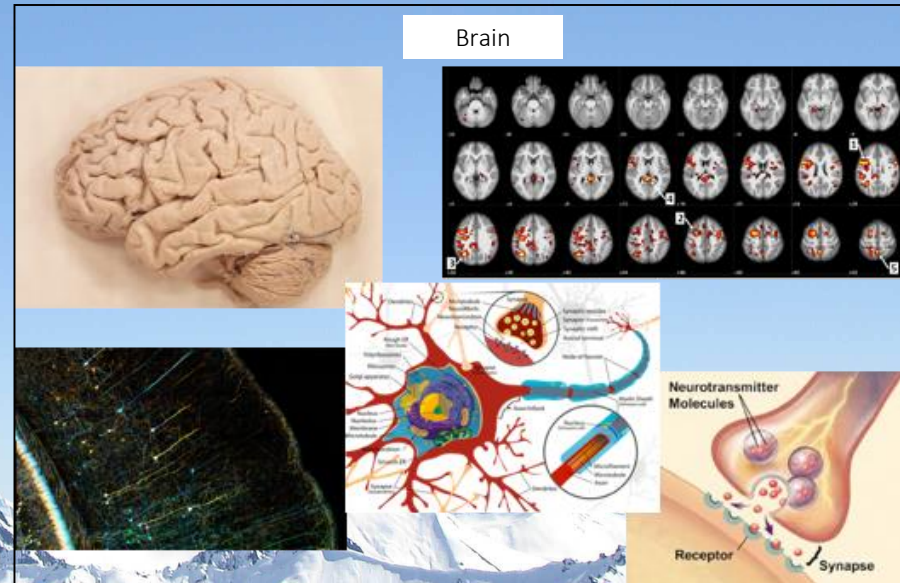
## Petroleum reservoirs



## Soil



## Brain





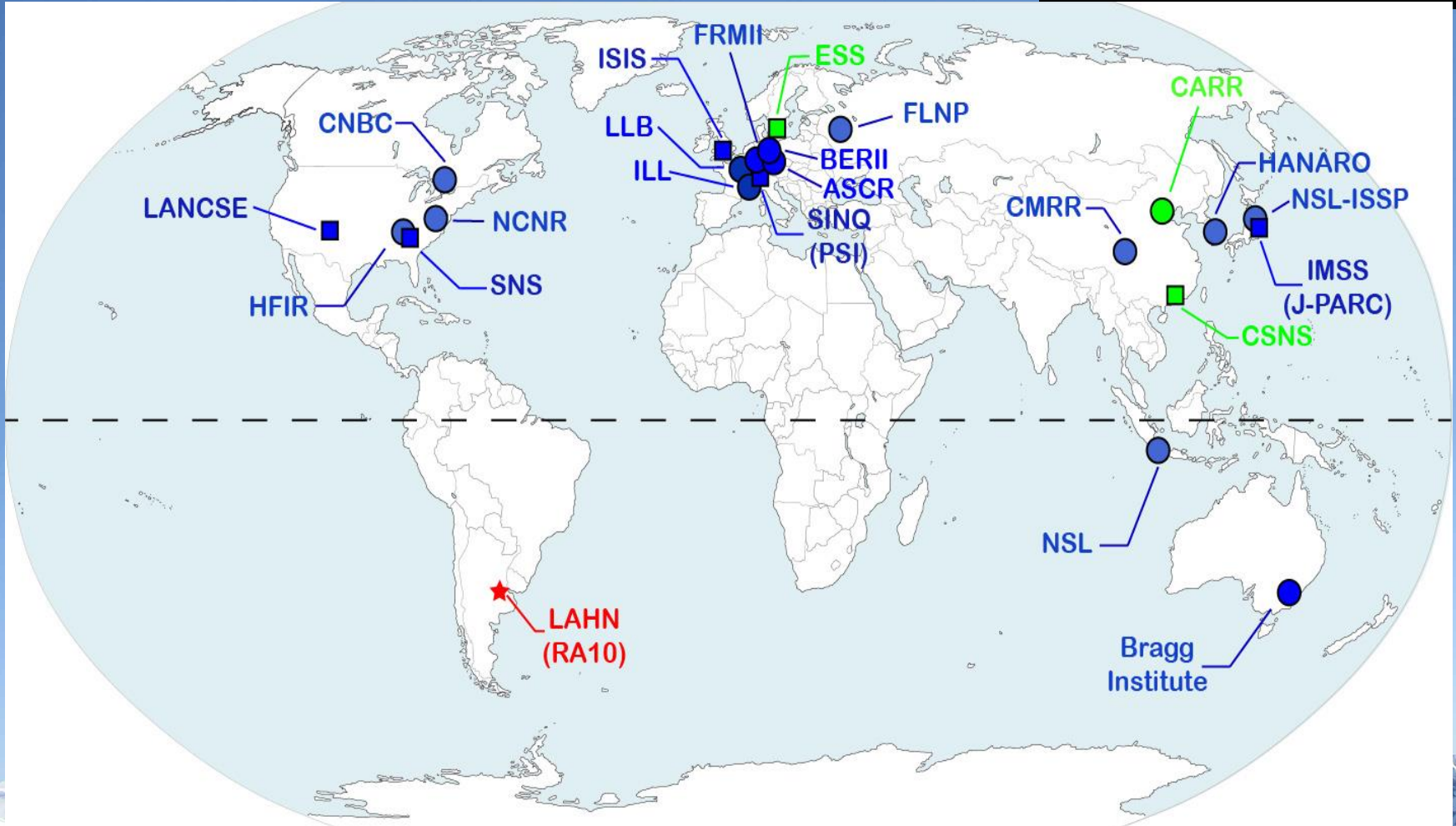


# Why in LA?

# Neutron sources around the world

Third neutron source in the southern hemisphere

None in Latin America





# Why in LA?



**LNLS – A pioneering lab in Brazil**  
First synchrotron light source in the southern hemisphere

**Still the only one in Latin America**

**Built between 1987-1997**

**Around 85% built in house**



**Training of human resources**





# Why in LA?



In **Ezeiza, Argentina**, the construction of a (RA-10) nuclear reactor will be completed 2019, and available as a neutron source open to users 2021.

In **Campinas, Brazil**, the operation of the 3GeV fourth generation synchrotron source Sirius will start by 2019.

## REGIONAL COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITY



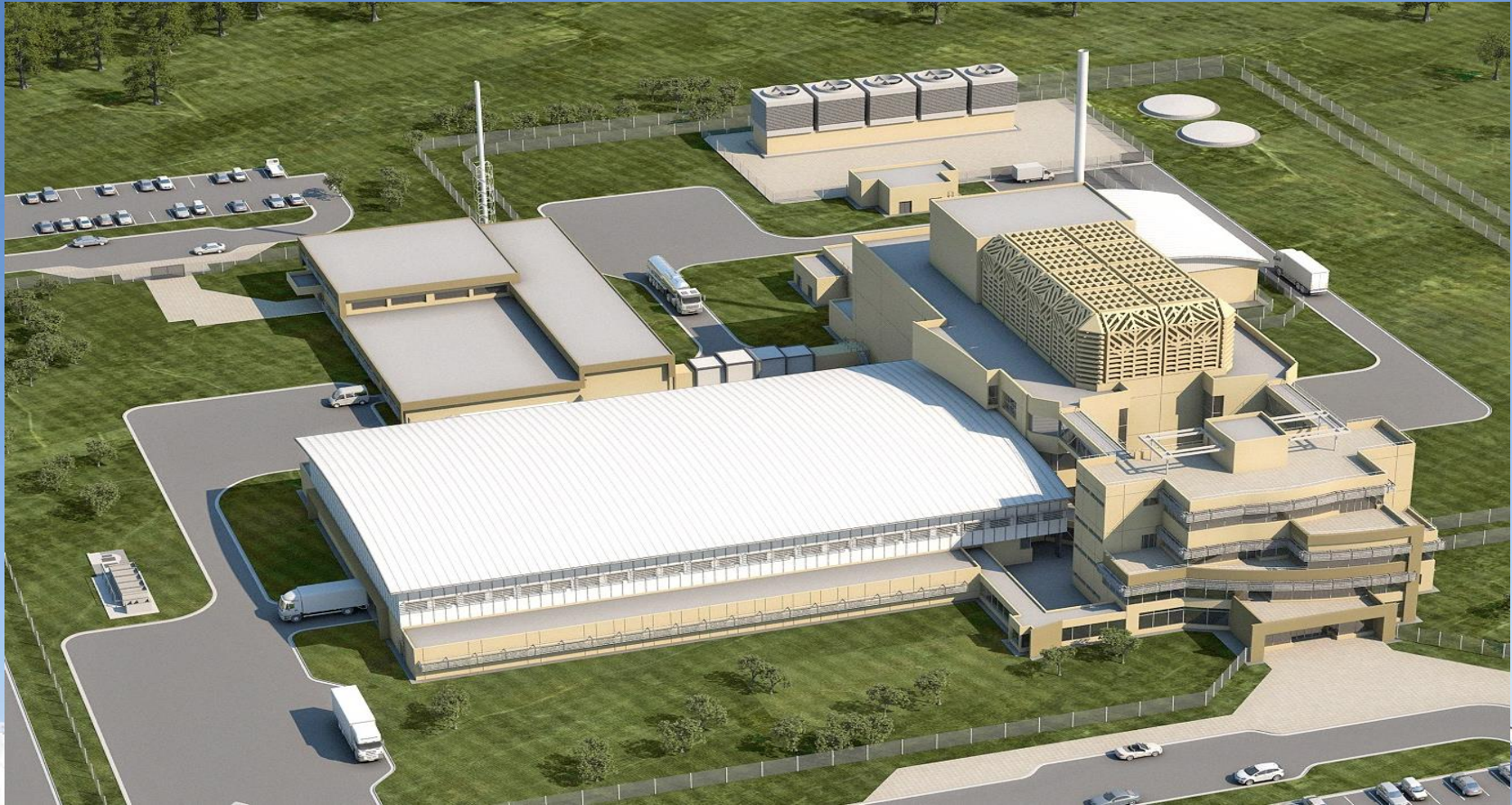
*“Both new (light and neutron) sources will be open to Latin-American users and also to those from other countries. It is expected that the operation of these two new and modern facilities will enhance the already strong collaboration between scientists from Brazil and Argentina, and also with scientists from other Latin-American countries.”*

Aldo Craievich- 2017 IUCr Meeting



# The RA-10 Reactor

- Novel multipurpose research reactor under construction
- Located at Centro Atómico Ezeiza (close to Buenos Aires international airport)
- Will provide high fluxes of thermal and cold neutrons.



Artistic view of RA-10 buildings



# THE LAHN PROJECT



## GOAL:

To become a **National Laboratory** providing state-of-the art neutron techniques to the academy, to technological users and industry from Argentina and Latin-American region.

# PLANNING

2017

- Promotion with Industry
- Agreements with national institutions
- Definition of Phase II
- Start of Training Program

2019

- RA-10 civil work ends
- Starts construction of ANDES
- ASTOR assembly begins
- Preliminary Design Review of Phase II instruments

2021

- RA-10 in operation
- ASTOR beamline in operation
- ANDES beamline commissionings

2018

- Starts construction of ASTOR
- Agreements with national institutions
- Starts design of instruments for Phase II (external funds)

2020

- RA-10 commissioning
- ASTOR beamline commissioning
- Hosting of ITMNR-9 conference
- ANDES assembly begins
- Design review of Phase II instruments

2016

- Promotion and Awareness in CNEA
- Starts National and Intl. Promotion Program
- Starts design of Instruments for Phase I
- International Agreements
- Preliminary Design Review for Phase I Instruments



# SCIENTIFIC CASES FOR PHASE II

6 ADDITIONAL INSTRUMENTS WERE PROPOSED DURING A WORKSHOP JOINTLY ORGANISED WITH THE NATIONAL MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



Next instruments will result as outcome from user community interests and will be externally funded. So far, six scientific cases

have been proposed, for:

- Dedicated powder diffractometer
- Reflectometer (with polarized neutrons)
- SANS
- Quasi-Laue diffractometer
- Triple-axes spectrometer
- Cancer research (BNCT) instrument



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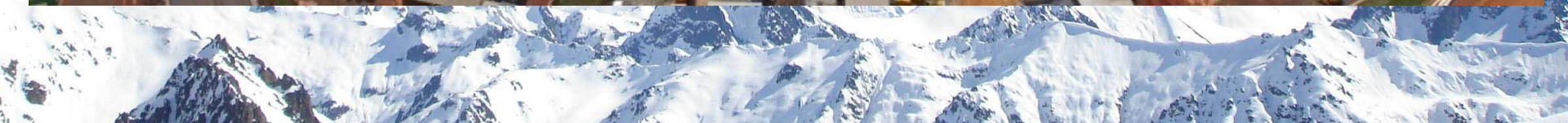


# A HUGE OPPORTUNITY FOR LATINAMERICAN REGION



- LAHN will be the first and unique large-scale neutron beams facility in Latinamerica
- It will complement perfectly with the novel 4th generation synchrotron SIRIUS in Sao Pablo, Brazil
- Together they may become the most multidisciplinary hub in the region; similar to ILL+ESRF in France, J-Parc in Japan, PSI in Switzerland, ISIS+Diamond in UK, MAXIV + ESS in Sweden, Argonne in USA.

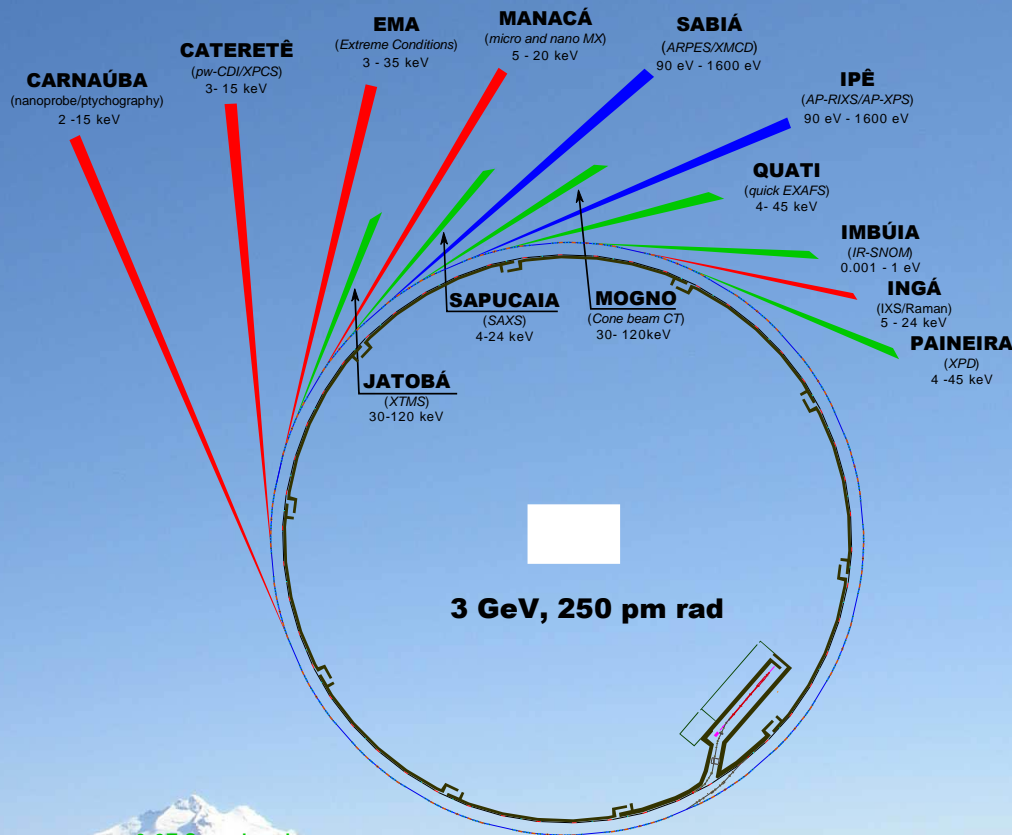
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# Sirius: 13 initial phase beamlines (2018-2020)

## – Experimental Programs



- Tender nano-probe for spectro-ptychography
- Large FOV (30  $\mu\text{m}$ ) Coherent Diffraction Imaging
- Bragg CDI/XRD/XAFS under extreme conditions
- Serial micro and nano MX
- Tender x-ray RIXS
- AP-RIXS/XPS
- ARPES/PEEM
- Cone beam High Energy Tomography
- Quick-EXAFS
- 3D X-Ray Diffraction Microscopy
- High-Throughput SAXS
- Time Resolved Powder Diffraction
- nano-FTIR

# REMARKS

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- ✓ Two new BIG SCIENCE facilities in LA (Latin-America)
  - ✓ Neutrons: LAHN (Argentina)
  - ✓ Light source: SIRIUS (Brazil)
- ✓ These facilities are within the best in the world
- ✓ UNESCO support is needed to encourage the local governments to improve and continue this unique opportunity
  - ✓ for scientists from latin america to increase collaborations and develop basic science
  - ✓ training human resources are invaluable

“HOW CAN A COUNTRY RAPIDLY IMPROVE ITS CAPACITY IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND INNOVATION?”

**Invest in people, as Latin America is doing.”**

Latin America must continue to strengthen the internationalization of its science, as well as exploit its local excellence through intracontinental collaborations, positioning the continent to become a global leader in science, technology, and innovation. Indeed, every nation can benefit by growing a capable and knowledgeable workforce.

– Celia R. S. Garcia, Armando J. Parodi, Glaucius Oliva



# GRACIAS

THANK YOU



During the conference, the Argentinean Society for Neutron Scattering, **ATENA**, was founded. Dr. Rolando Granada was elected president, and Dr. Raúl Bolmaro vice-president.



Argentina

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Neutron Beams  
Laboratory**



Thank you



Brazil

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**Gracias**

