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Title: FROM SINGLE ATOM TO SUPPORTED NANOPARTICLES CATALYSTS: THE USE OF METAL COMPLEXES TO PRODUCE A NEW CLASS OF CATALYSTS FOR METHANE AND CO2

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## Project abstract:

This post-doctorate project aims to produce a new class of catalysts by using metal complexes of interest for methane and CO2 conversion. In the first part of this project, we will use metal complexes of Ni, Fe, Cu and Au that are commercially available or that can be synthesized by well-established routes, such as (cyclohexadiene) iron tricarbonyl. This will allow us to focus on the parameters that determine the successful anchoring and dispersion of the metal complexes on different supports, depending on the target reaction (zeolite; MgAl2O4, SiO2, Al2O3, ZrO2 and CeO2). Characterization techniques such as DRIFTS, XPS and state of art HAADF-STEM with aberration corrector will be used. The catalysts will be submitted to heating treatments, to decompose the metal complexes, and we will study the parameters that determine the metal species that are formed, targeting to tune from single atom to homogenous nanoparticles (<3 nm in diameter). Besides parameters such as nature of the support, pre-treatments (reducing/oxidizing), heating protocol and atmosphere during to promote the metal complex decomposition, we expect that the nature of the ligands will also contribute to the species that are formed since they will tune the overall interaction with the support. The most promising materials will be tested in the reactions involving CO2 and CH4 conversion, in collaboration with

other members of this thematic project, and their performance will be correlated to their structural and electronic properties. One important aspect will be the stability of the catalysts under reaction conditions and we will perform a detail characterization of the catalysts post-reaction. According to the results, the second part of this project will involve the synthesis of new bimetallic complexes, specially targeting to produce bimetallic supported catalysts

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