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Impact of exposed crystal facets on oxygen reduction reaction activity in zeolitic imidazole frameworks

This work highlights the importance of crystal facets in electrochemical performances. ZIF-67 nanocubes synthesized by an anisotropic crystal growth process exhibit excellent catalytic performance and a fast kinetic process compared to its bulk structure. DFT demonstrates that the higher performance is governed by the enriched (100) facet, which provides more exposed Co²⁺ sites and exhibits a distinguished mechanism, resulting in improved ORR performances.



