

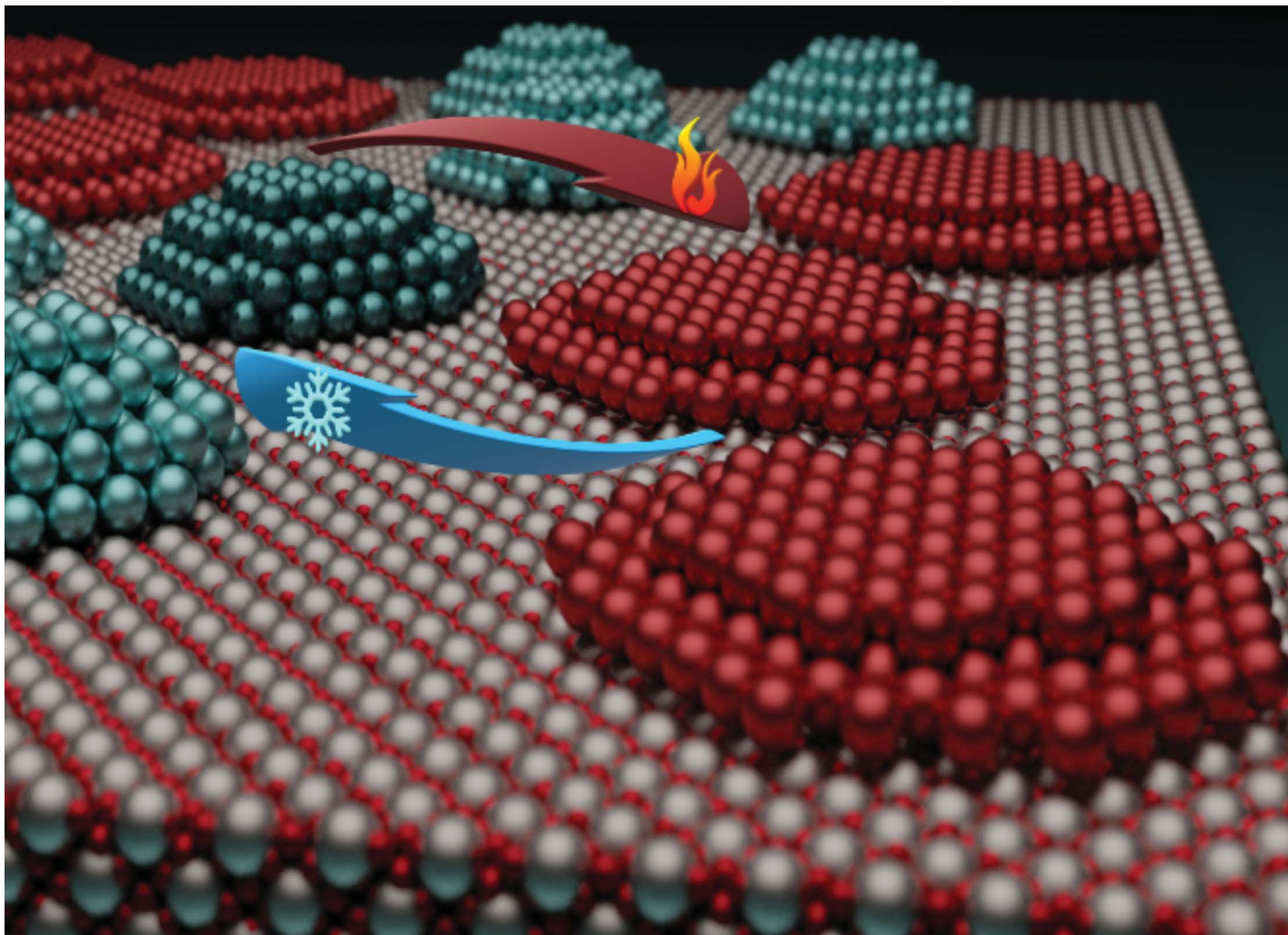
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Reversible temperature-induced shape transition of Pt nanoparticles supported on Al_2O_3

Supported Pt nanoparticles are used in many industrial applications and their properties strongly depend on shape. Using in-situ spectroscopy and microscopy coupled with theoretical calculations, the shape of Pt nanoparticles supported on Al_2O_3 is shown to strongly depend on temperature. The nanoparticles adopt a hemispherical shape at low temperature and increasing temperature results in flattening and increased interface/interaction with the Al_2O_3 support leading to increased charge transfer.

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