

#### EUROPEAN TRAINING NETWORK Novel catalysts for CD<sub>2</sub> Hydrogenation and Electro-reduction





Aim: Study of Interaction between free [mono-/bi-]metal oxide clusters and  $CO_2$ ,  $H_2$  based on

- Cluster size
- oxygen content

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## **Cluster mass spectra**









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## Optimized geometries of Copper oxide species







\*note that the spectra were obtained by adding oxygen to the system

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Structures shown are calculated with:

*a)* B3LYP hybrid functional with *def2-TZVP* basis set

b) aug-cc-pVTZ for the O atoms, and the aug-cc-pVTZ-PP for the Cu atoms<sup>[2][3]</sup>



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# **Going forward**





- Calculation of anion and neutral forms of these clusters, and transition states
- Training in investigation of spin densities and bond orders and large clusters
- Working on a laser vaporization Time-of-flight setup and an ion trap setup at Ulm university
- Write a proposal for beam time at FELIX laboratory
- Planned secondment at Radboud University





Experimental setup with octopole ion trap



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