

Supporting information

Self-assembly of iron oxide precursor micelles driven by magnetic stirring time in sol-gel coatings

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Morphological and structural properties:

AFM measurements

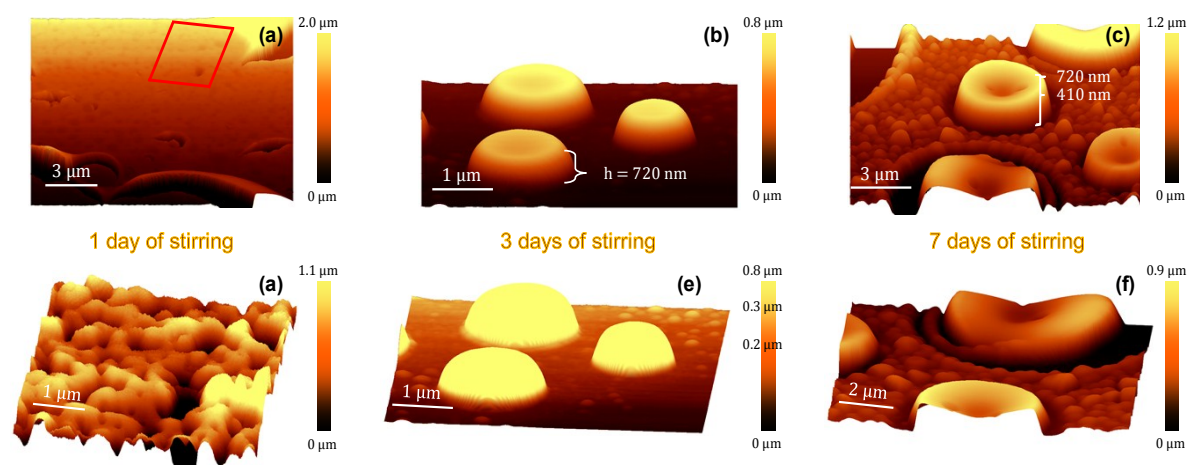


Figure S1. AFM images obtained with the CRM system presented with perspective in height of the surface and islands formed for samples prepared at 960 °C for (a) 1 day, (b) 3 days and (c) 7 days of magnetic stirring, respectively. Figure (d) represents the swept area indicated with a red rectangle in the upper image, Figures (e-f) represent another degree of inclination, and another contrast compared to Figures (b-c) respectively.

XRD results

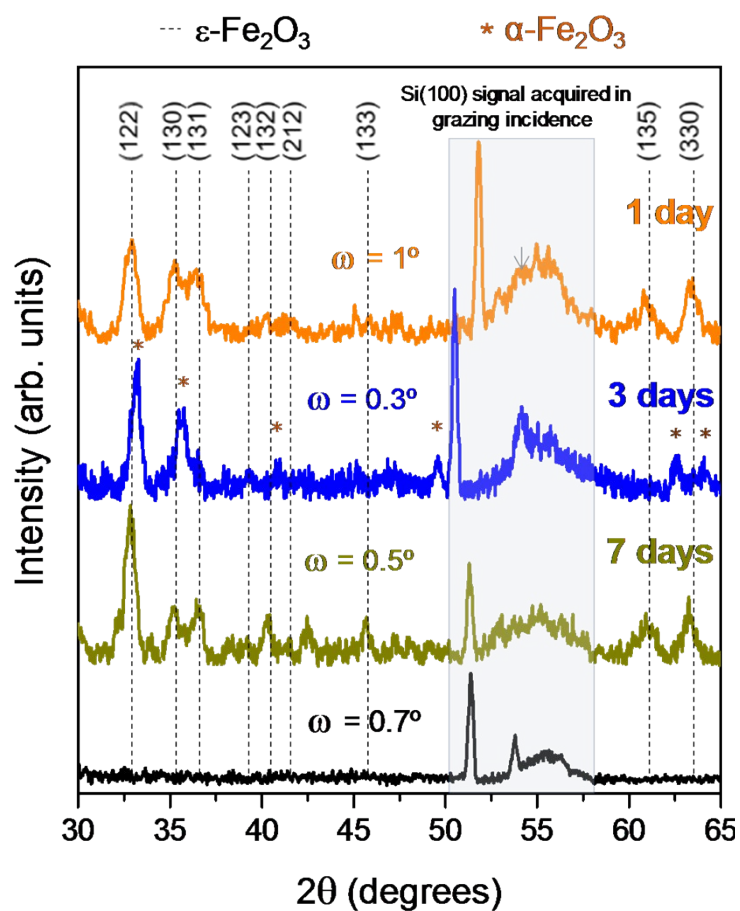


Figure S2. XRD patterns of samples related to 1, 3 and 7 days of magnetic agitation, respectively. The X-ray diffraction peaks characteristic of the $\epsilon\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ phase are indexed and indicated with black dotted lines. The peak diffractions attributed to the hematite phase are indicated with red asterisks. The grey shaded area corresponds to the signal contribution from the Si(100) substrate. ω represent the X-ray incidence grazing angle.