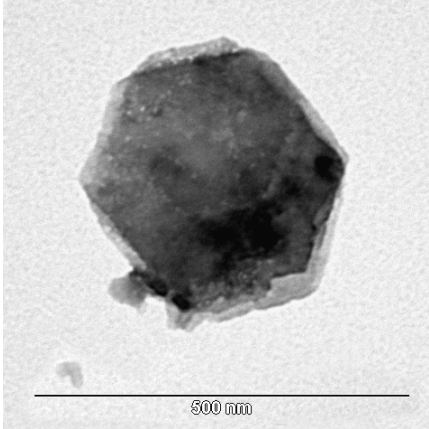
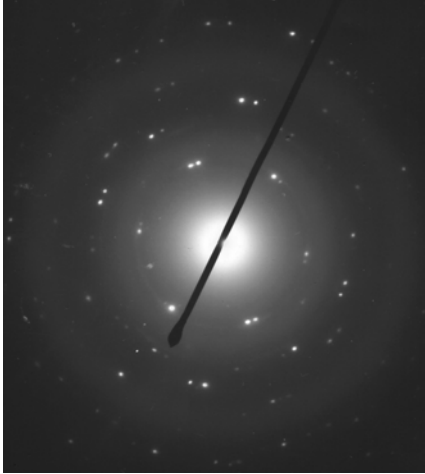
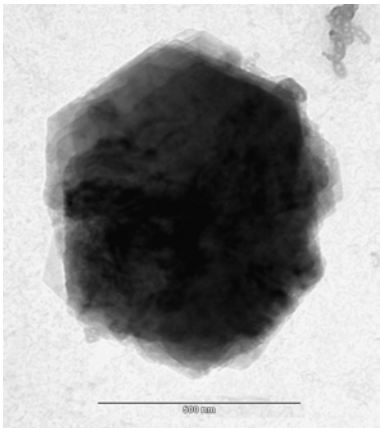

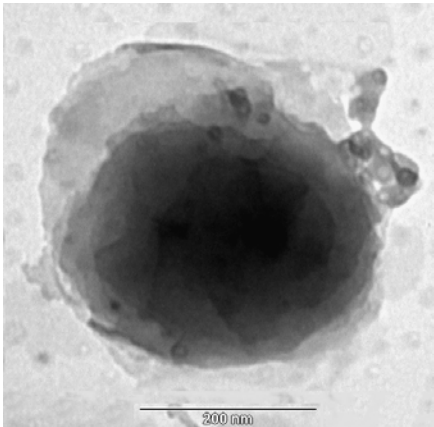
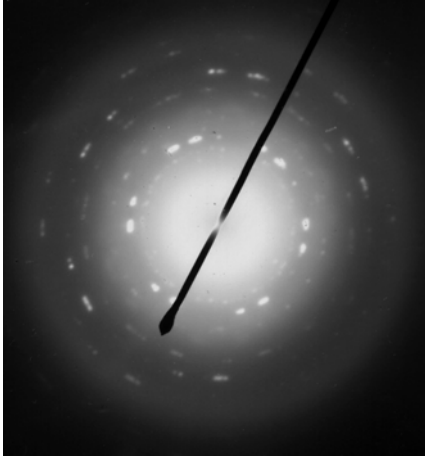
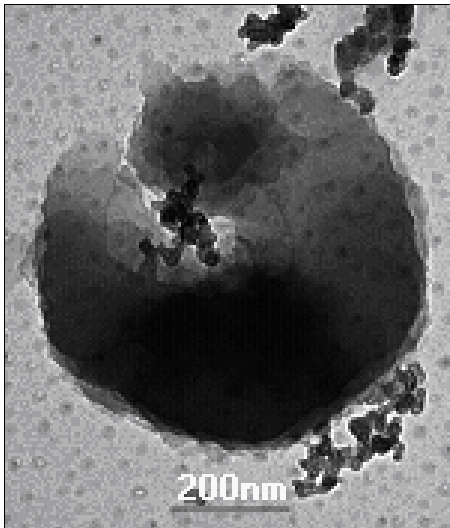
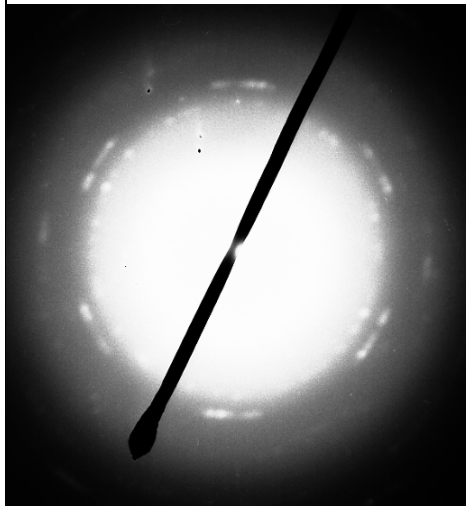


**Diffraction patterns for these plate stacks gave double spots, sometimes faint rings too**

TEM image	Electron diffraction pattern	D spacings and associated miller indices	
 <p>1-46-2 5h b two lamellae</p>	 <p>Angular deviation btn spots = 8°</p>	A. 2.538 & 2.548 & 2.540	(110/120/210)
 <p>1-47-1 3h c; three lamellae</p>		A. 2.504 B. 2.548 C. 2.543	(110/120/210)
 <p>2-19-1 1h c (2733) two/three? Ill-defined lamellae</p>	 <p>Angular deviation: Between spots = 16° Of arc = 8°</p>	1. 2.197 2. 2.496 3. 2.114 4. 1.670/ 1.649 5. 1.629 & 1.662 6. 1.444 7. 1.459 8. 1.464	- (110/120/210) (107) 2.117 - (210) 1.633 & (120) 1.633 (300) 1.440 - -

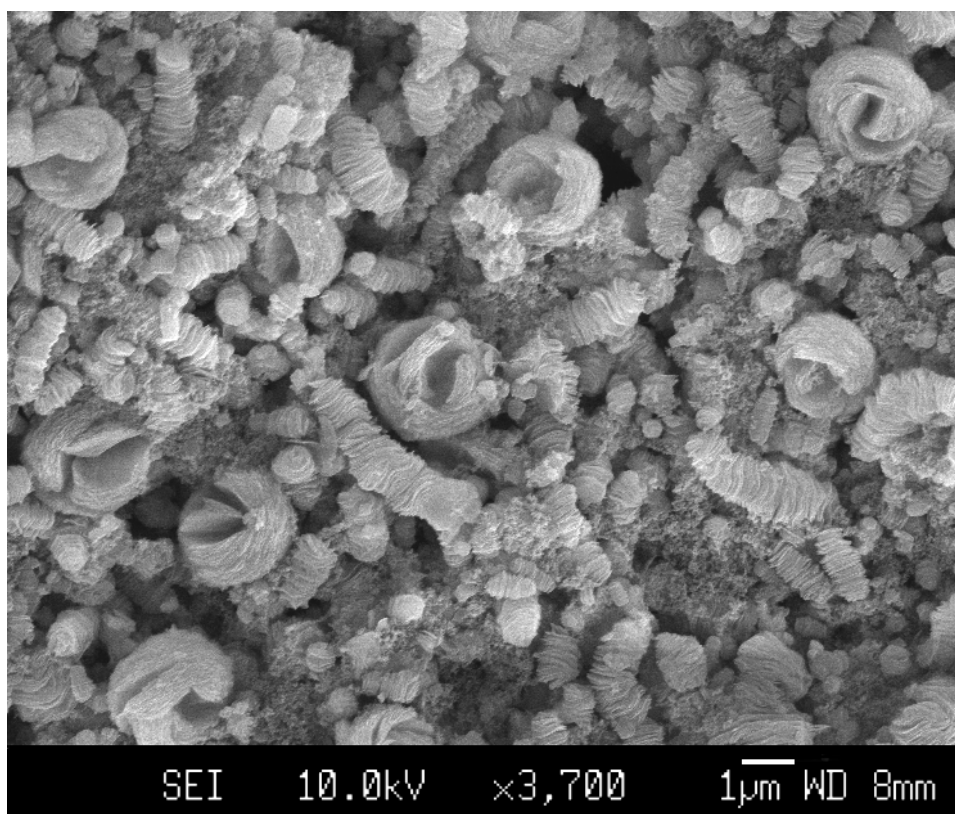


2-19-1 1h f



Angular deviation btn spots =  $13.5^\circ$   
(in inner ring)

1. 2.831	(006)
2. 2.470 & 2.509 & 2.521	(110/120/210)
3. 2.160	(200/220/020)
4. 1.590	(212) 1.604
5. 1.435	(301) 1.435



**Fig. 4**

SEM image of stacked lamellar structures of calcite and ring structures of aragonite, formed at  $w = 20$

### **Experimental methods**

† Carbonate-containing water-in-oil microemulsions were produced at  $w = 40$  and  $\text{pH} = 11.8$  by adding an appropriate amount of distilled water to microemulsion dispersions prepared at  $w = 20$ . The latter were typically prepared by addition of 72  $\mu\text{L}$  of aqueous  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  (1 M) to 2 mL of a NaAOT/isooctane solution (0.1 M) followed by sonication in a water bath for 3 min. A dispersion of calcium-containing reverse micelles was prepared by dissolving dry calcium dodecylbenzenesulfonate in toluene (0.05 M) in the presence of *n*-butanol as a co-surfactant (surfactant : co-

surfactant molar ratio = 1 : 1). Coprecipitation was induced by adding 2 mL of the carbonate-containing microemulsion to 2 mL of the reverse micelle solution to give a pH of 11 and  $[\text{Ca}^{2+}] : [\text{CO}_3^{2-}]$  molar ratio of 1.4 : 1, followed by auto-vortexing for 10 s, after which the mixture was left to stand at room temperature for up to 2 weeks. Assuming homogeneous water exchange, the  $w$  value after mixing was calculated as  $\approx 25$ .

Samples were collected for electron microscopy, XRD and spectroscopic analysis between 30 min and 2 weeks after mixing of the reagents. Excess surfactants were removed by washing and centrifugation with ethanol, followed by at least three washings with a 1 : 1 mixture of aqueous NaCl (0.1 M) and ethanol.