

Supporting Information

Structural evolution of amorphous calcium sulfate nanoparticles into crystalline gypsum phase

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Calculation of Supersaturation Index. The saturation indexes (SI) for the three crystalline phases of calcium sulfate on the condition of mixing of the preheated CaCl_2 (3.0 M, 115 mL, 90 °C) and NaSO_4 (50 mM, 10 mL, 90 °C) solutions were calculated with PHREEQC. The solubility data used and the calculated SI values are as follows:

Phase	SI**	log IAP	log K(363 K, 1 atm)
Anhydrite	1.61	-3.51	-5.12
Bassanite	1.254	-3.56	-4.814
Gypsum	1.013	-3.71	-4.723

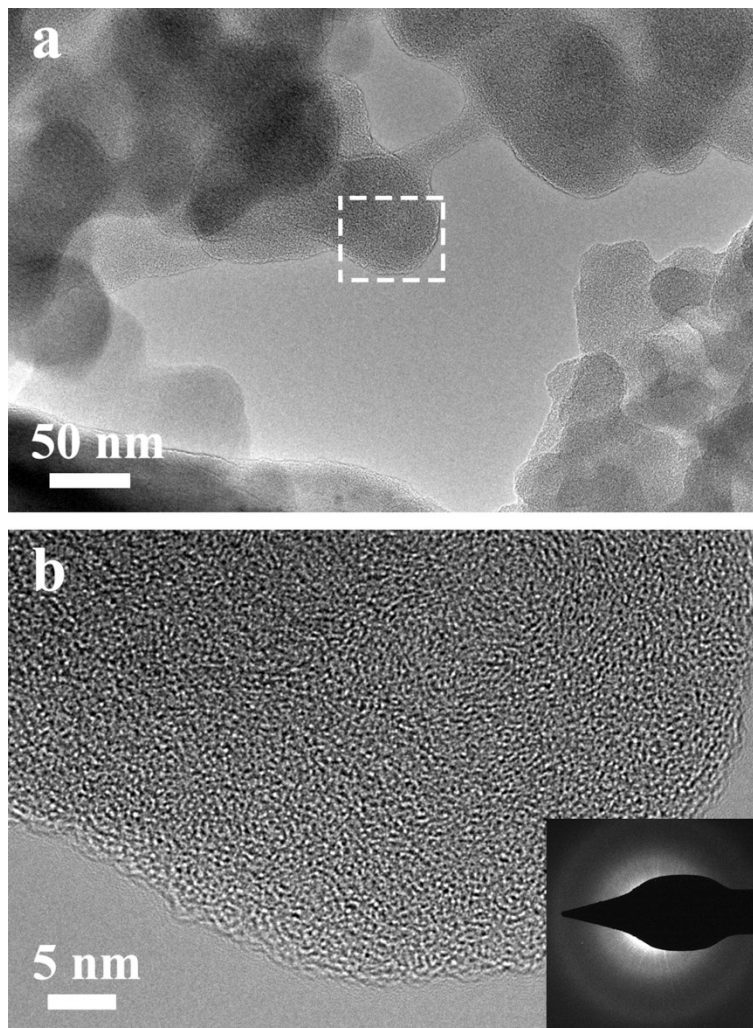


Fig. S1 Spheroidal particles with an amorphous structure. (a) TEM image of the particles precipitated at CaSO_4 concentration of 5.52 mM and reaction time of 10 min. (b) HR-TEM image of the particle marked by white square in (a) and low-dose SAED pattern (inset). It is confirmed that the attached particles are amorphous and no nanocrystalline domain is formed.

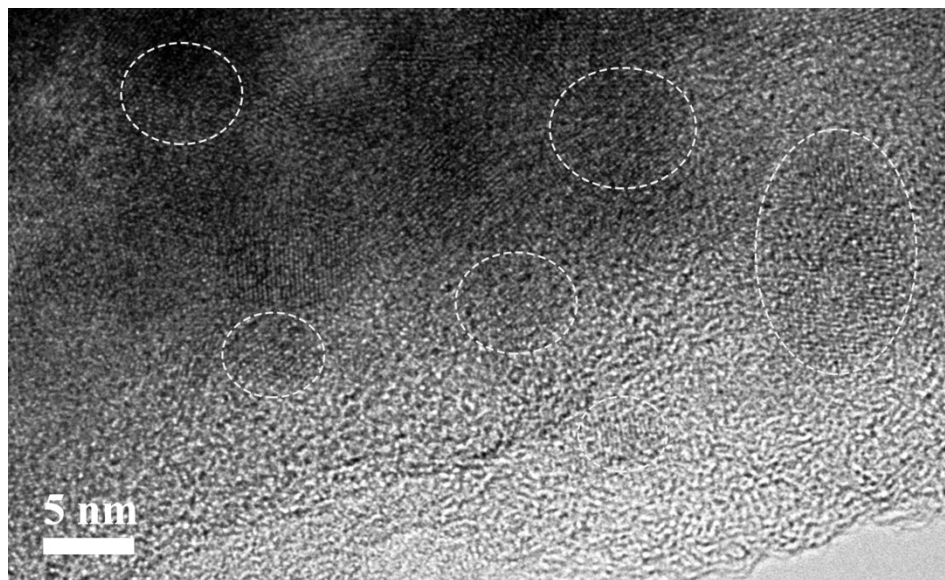


Fig. S2 HRTEM image of gypsum particle with prevalent growth of crystalline domains.

The areas highlighted by white curves show that the isolated crystalline domains grow close to each other with multiple crystallographic orientations of the lattice fringes.