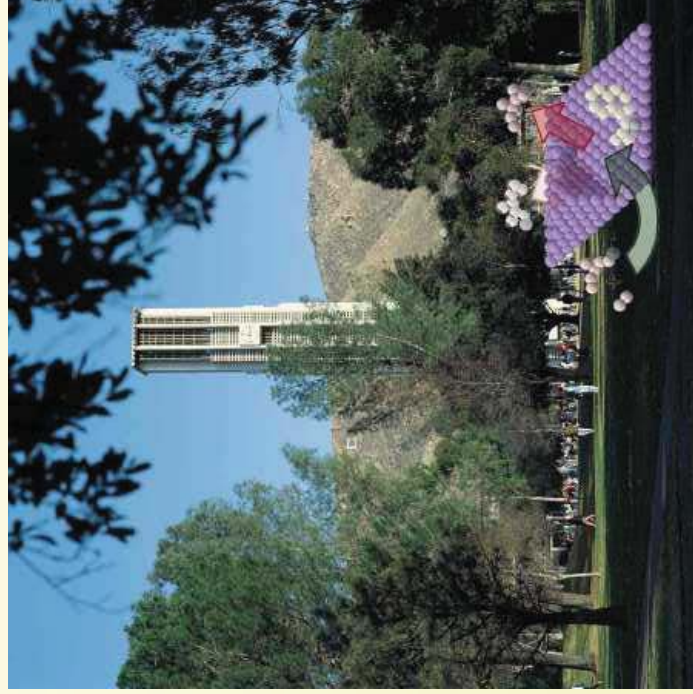




# Surface Chemistry of Copper Precursors in Connection with Atomic Layer Deposition (ALD) Processes



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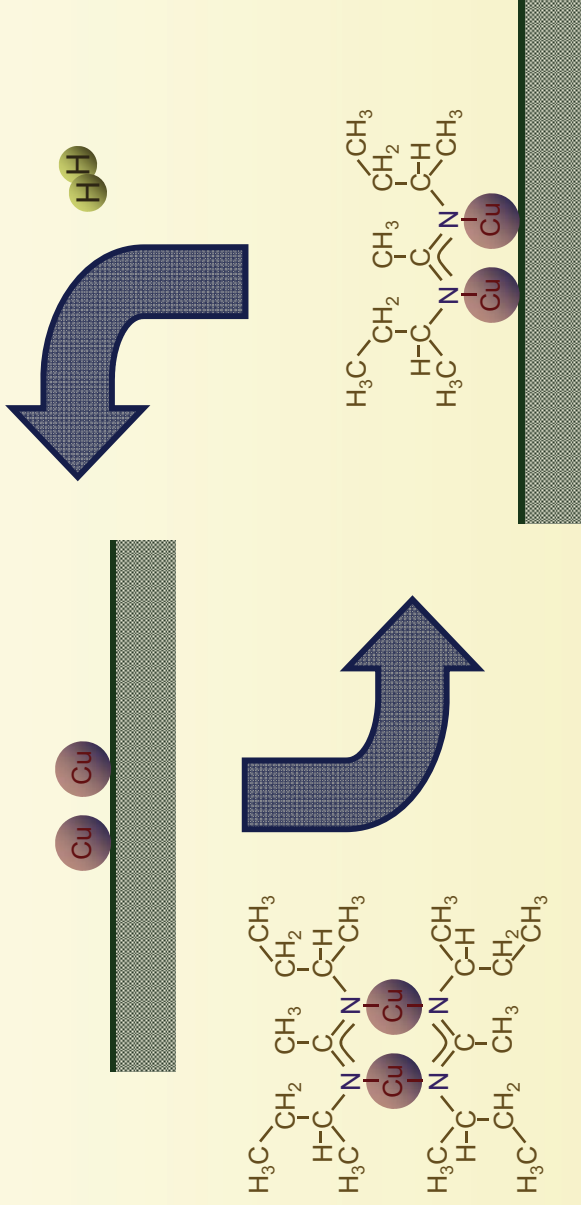


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# Introduction

## Atomic Layer Deposition

ALD: Separate chemistry into two self-limiting and complementary reactions for more control



Copper Acetamidate: Promising ALD precursor

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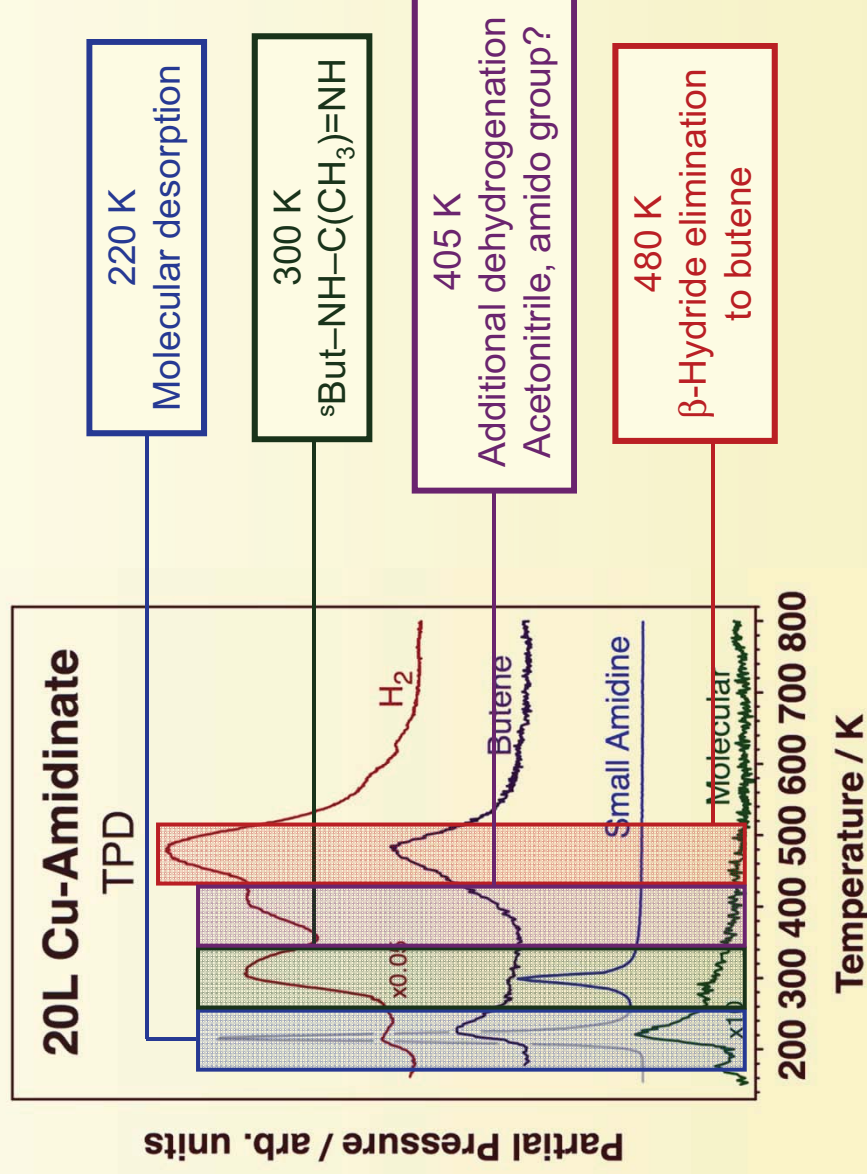
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Stepwise Decomposition, TPD on Ni(110)



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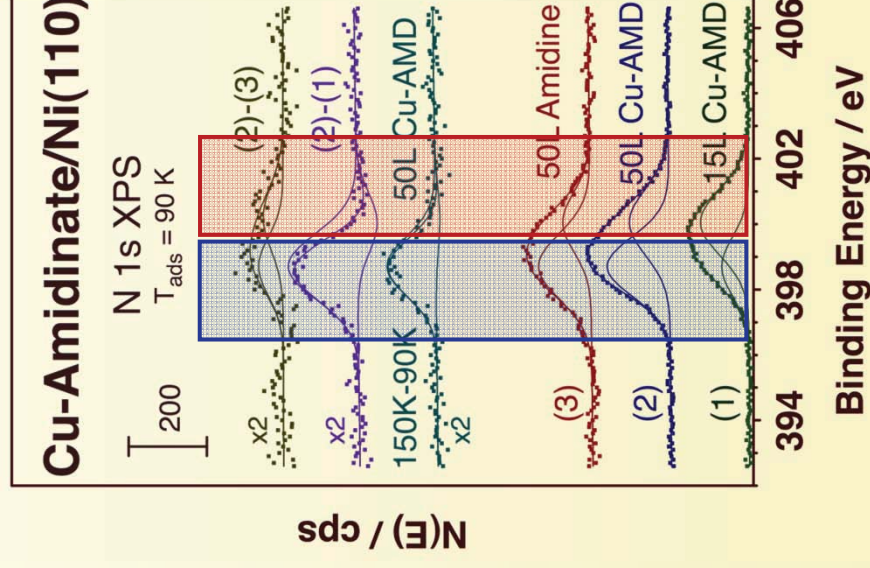
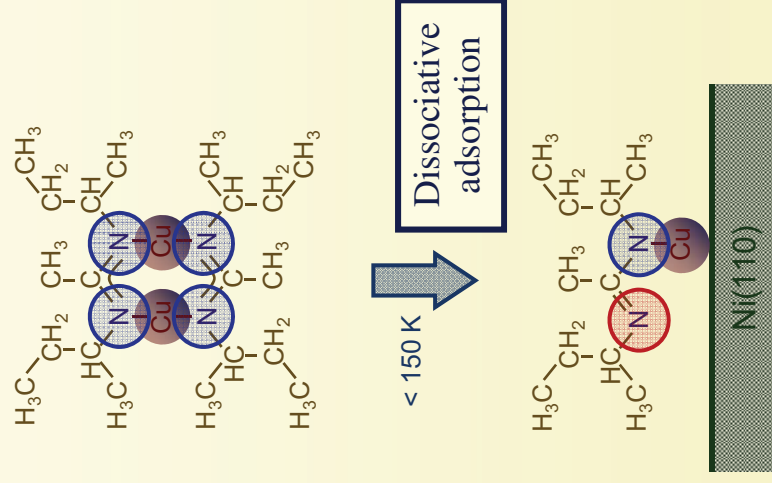


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## Dimer Dissociation upon Adsorption



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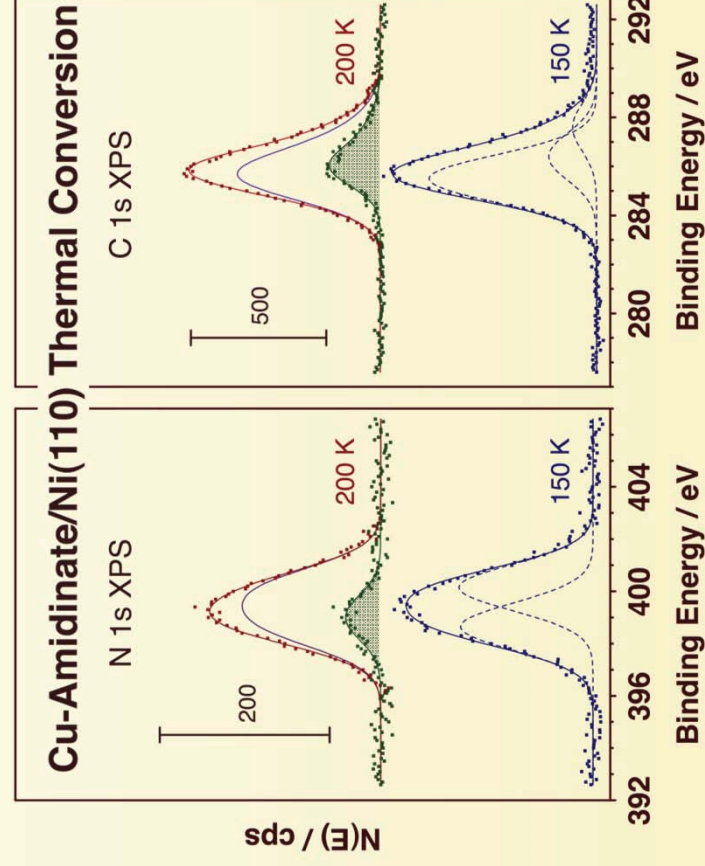
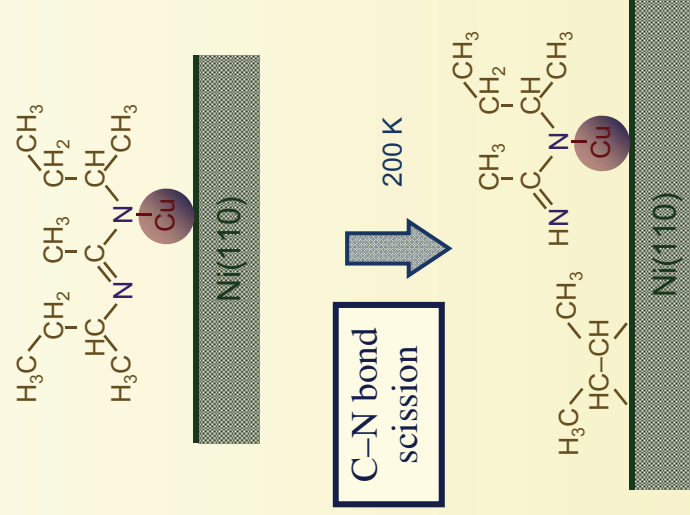
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First C–N Bond Dissociation,  $T \sim 200$  K



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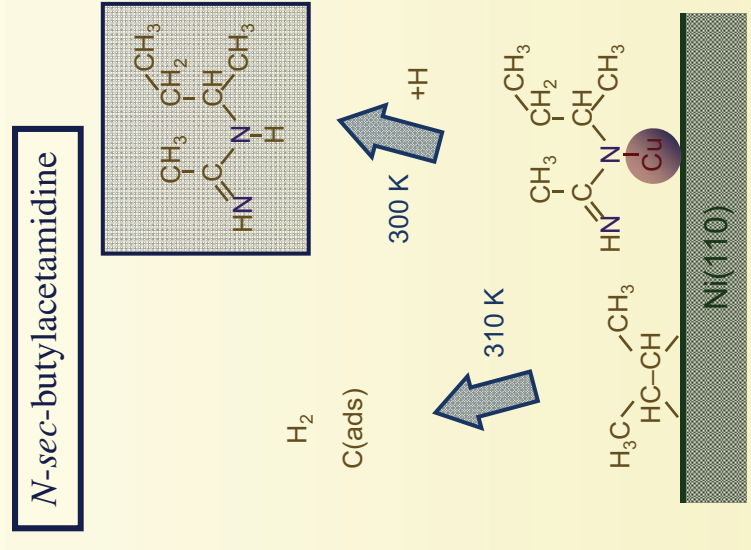
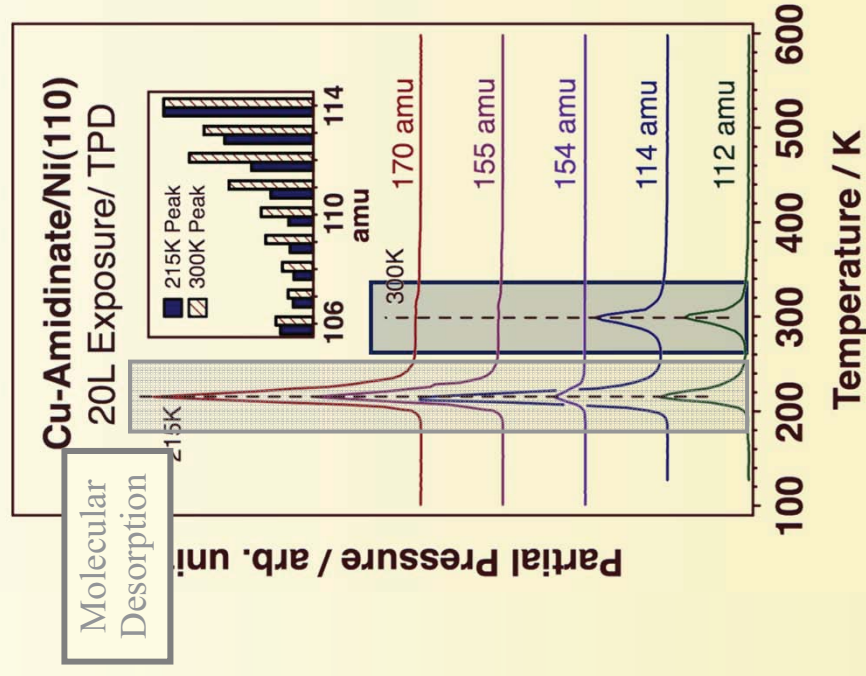
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## *N*-*sec*-Butylacetamidine Formation



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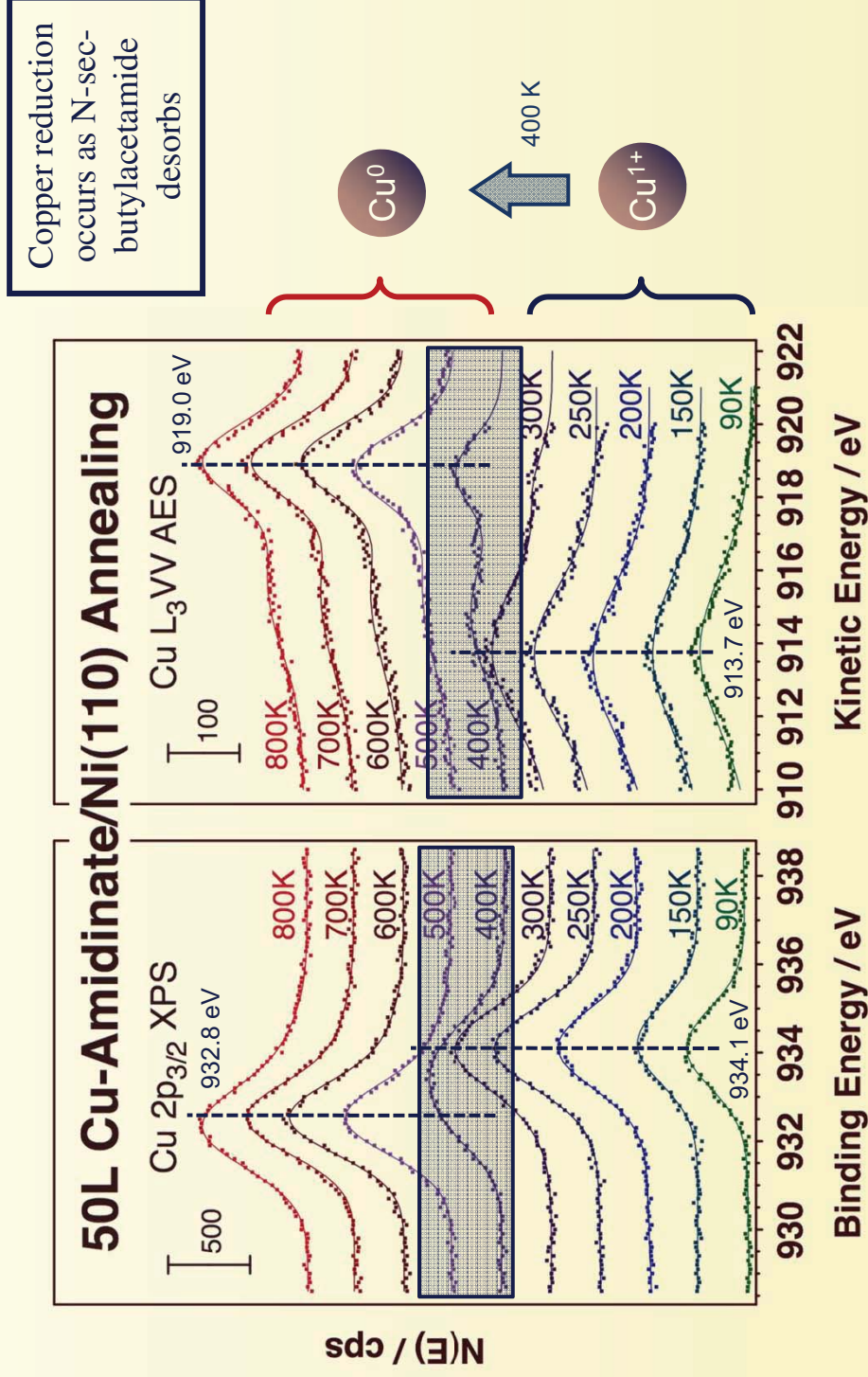
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## Cu Reduction



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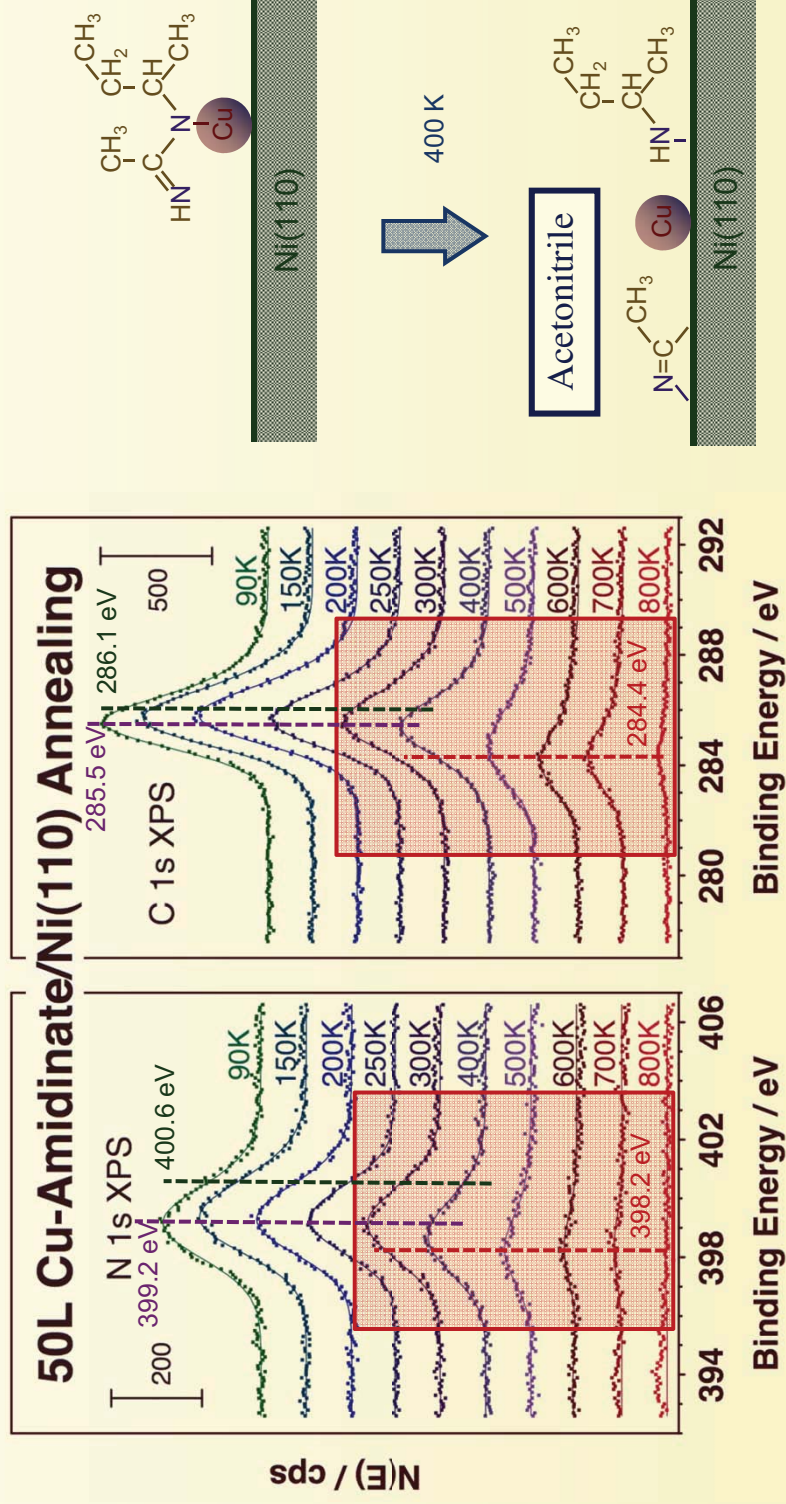
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High Temperature Conversion, C 1s and N 1s XPS



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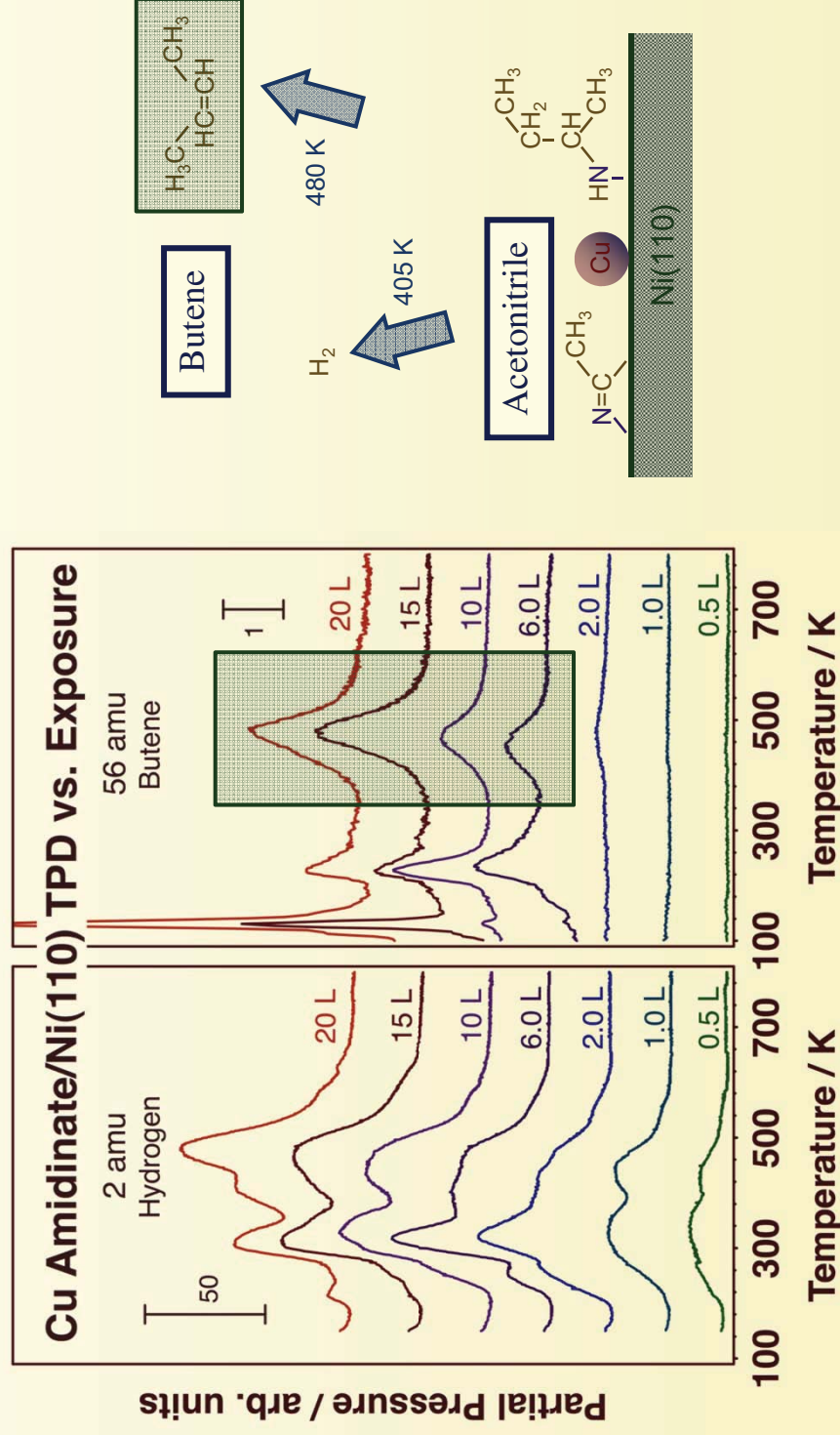


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Butene Formation and Further Dehydrogenation



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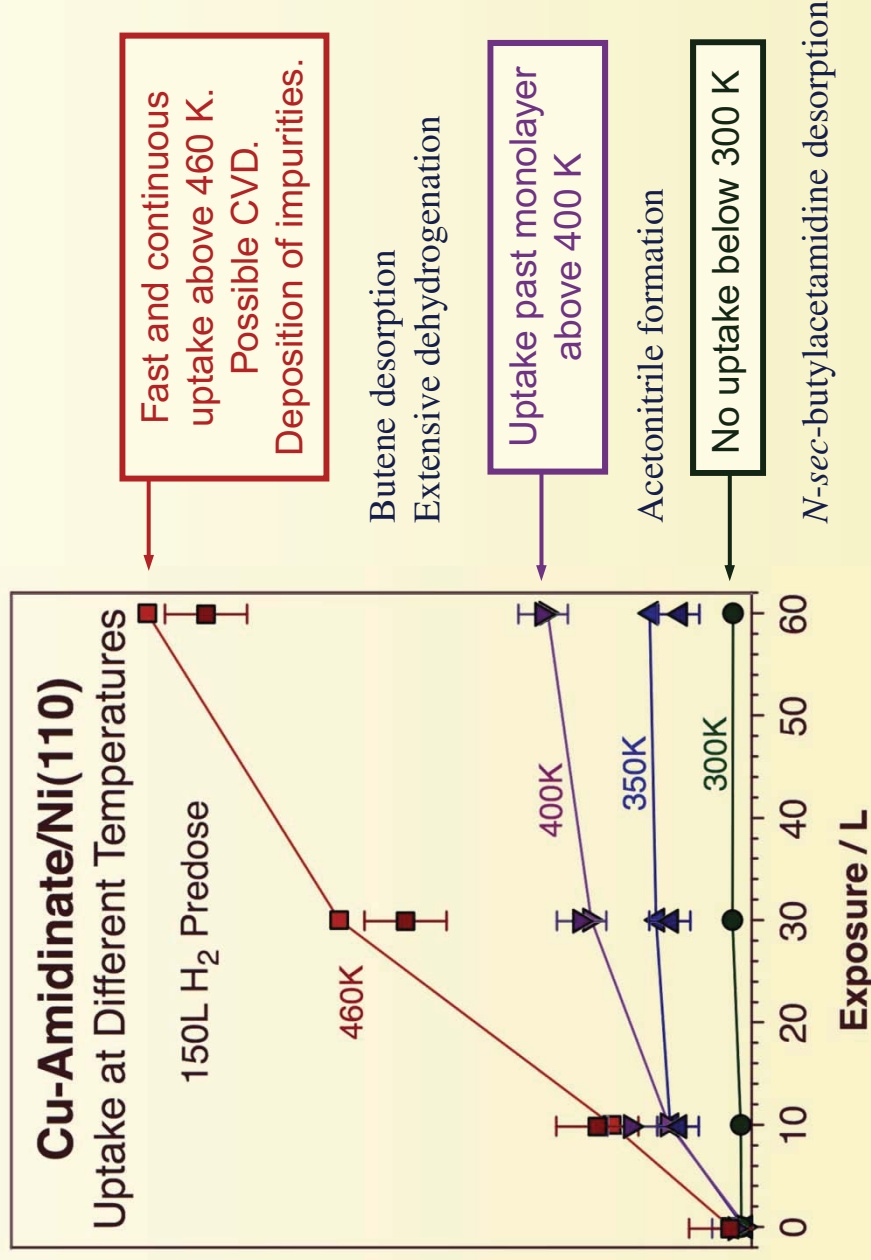






# Cu Amidinate Uptake

Effect of Temperature and Hydrogen



No appreciable changes seen with hydrogen surface presaturation

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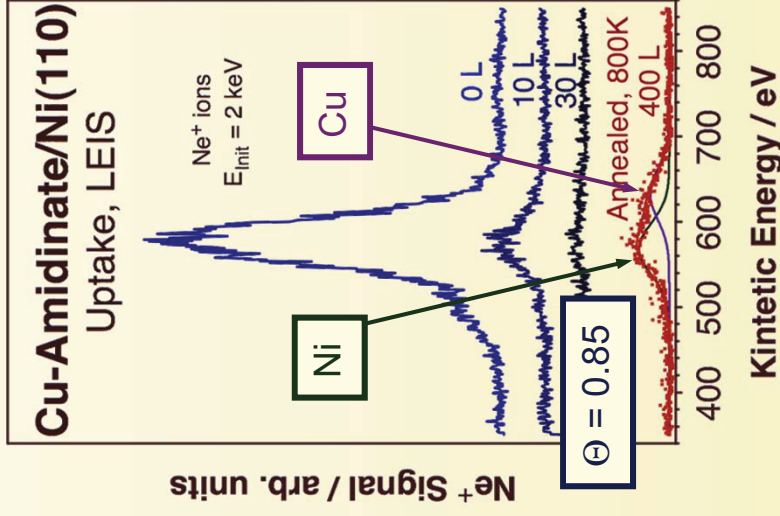
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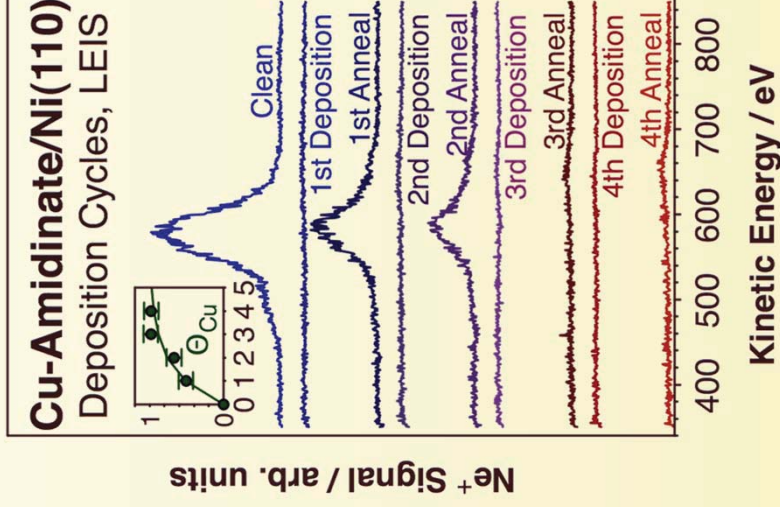


# Cu Amidinate Uptake

Growth Rate, LEIS



Saturation at ~ 15 L  
Some surface uncovered upon annealing



~ 3 Cycles/Cu ML  
in ALD mode

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