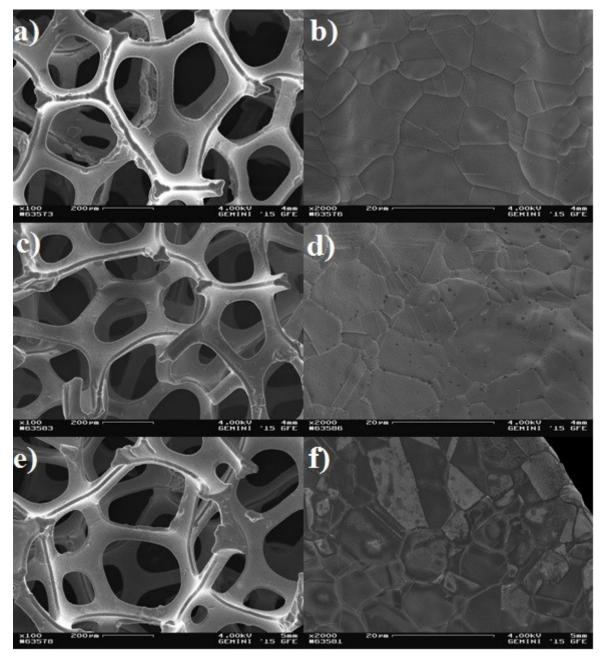
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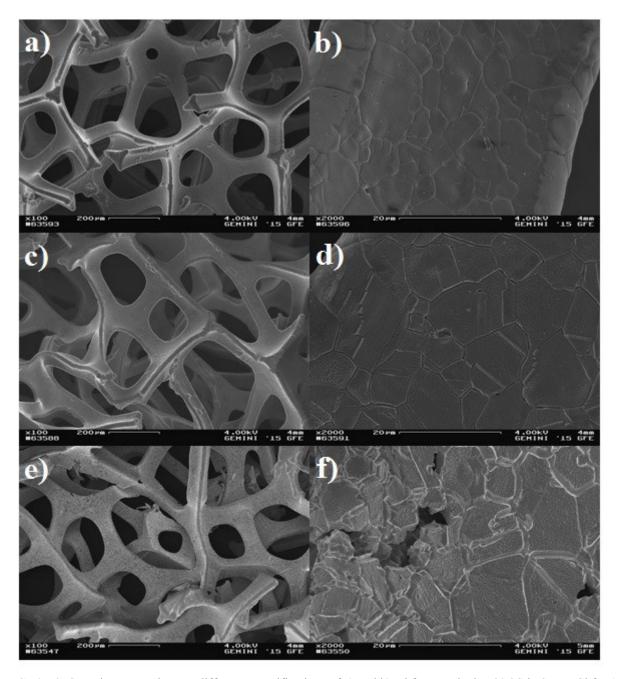
## Design of modular Ni-foam based catalysts for dry reforming of methane

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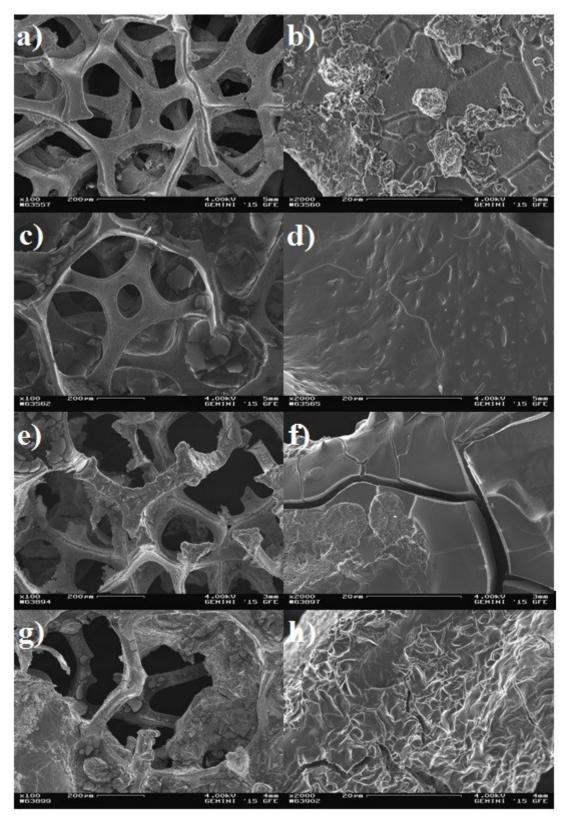
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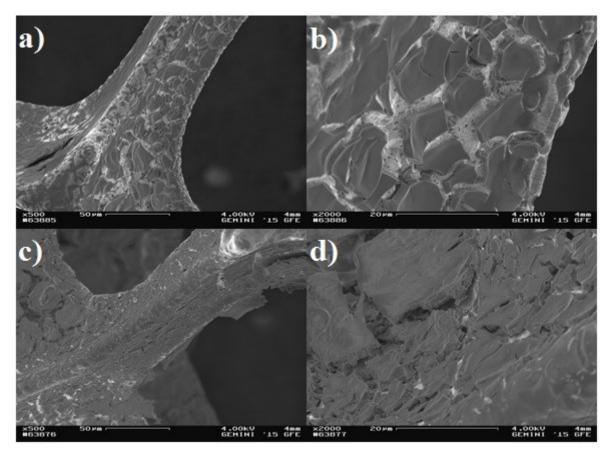
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S.Fig. 2: SEM images under two different magnifications of a) and b) Ni foam etched at 80 °C in 2 M HCl for 15 min, c) and d) Ni-foam etched at 80 °C in 3M HCl for 15min, and e) and f) Ni-foam etched at 85 °C in 6M HCl for 15min.



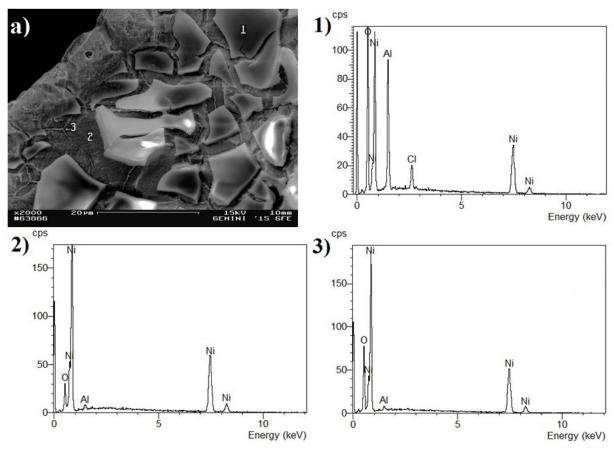
<u>S.Fig. 3:</u> SEM images under two different magnifications of a) and b) Ni foam coated with AlIP uncalcined, c) and d) Ni foam coated with AlSB uncalcined, e) and f) Ni foam coated with AlSB+MgO uncalcined and g) and h) Ni foam coated with AlSB+SiO<sub>2</sub> uncalcined.



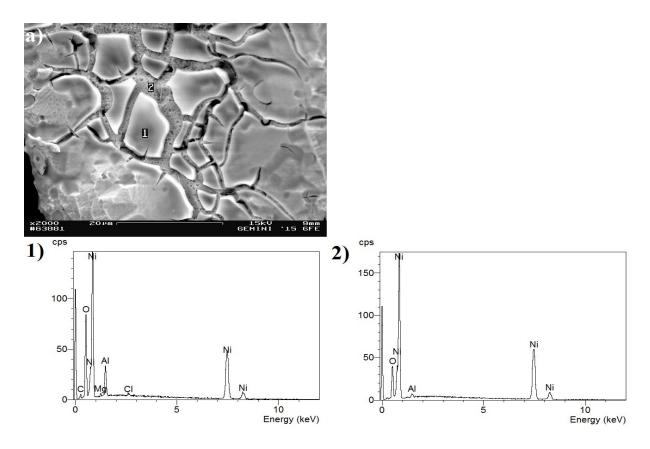
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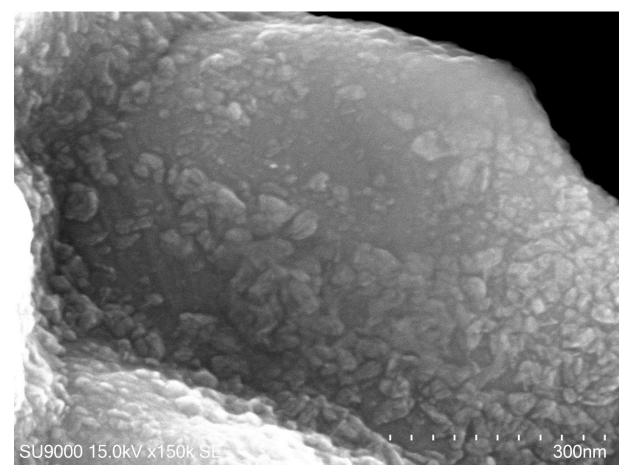
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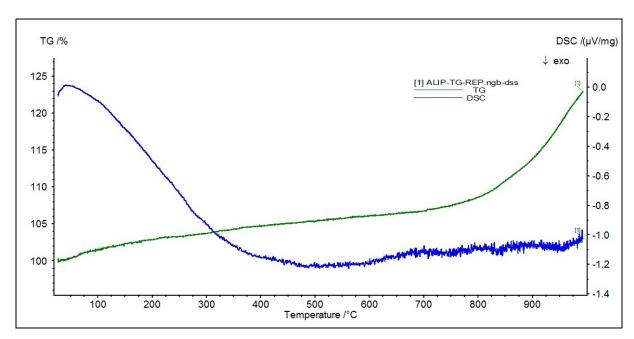
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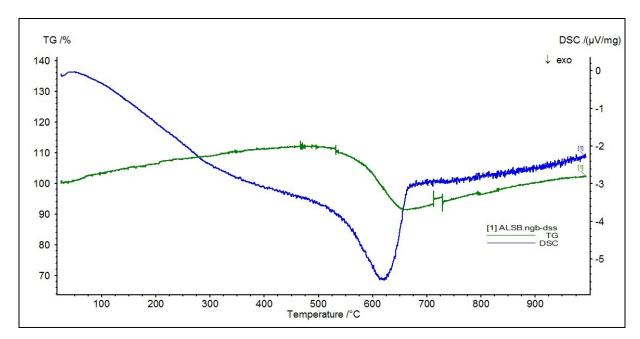
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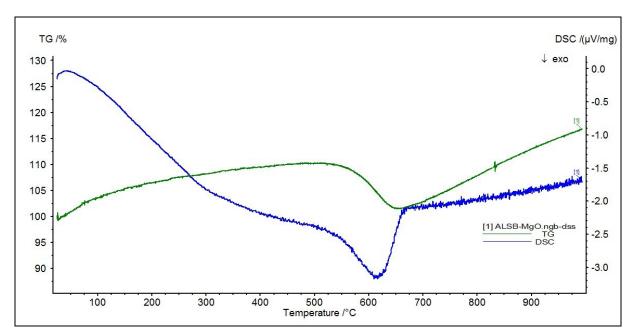
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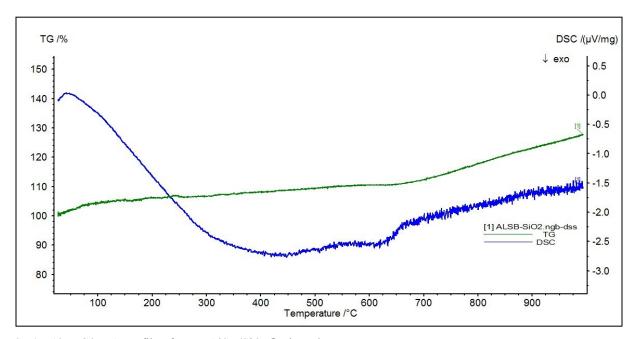
**S.Fig. 9:** TG/DTA profile of spent AlIP@Ni catalyst.



**S.Fig. 10:** TG/DTA profile of spent AlSB@Ni catalyst.



S.Fig. 11: TG/DTA profile of spent AlSB/MgO@Ni catalyst.



**S.Fig. 12:** TG/DTA profile of spent AlSB/SiO<sub>2</sub>@Ni catalyst.