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The main focus of the presentation is set upon theoretical and direct instrumental identification of so-called active catalytic centers at the electrode surfaces. Identification of such active sites is not a trivial task nowadays. While recent theoretical approaches can be relatively simple [1], they require experimental verification. The latter can be in some cases done in-situ under reaction conditions using common electrochemical scanning tunneling microscopes (see Figure 1) [2]. Reactions, which are important for sustainable energy provision, such as hydrogen evolution reaction, oxygen reduction reaction and CO oxidation are used as illustrative examples.

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