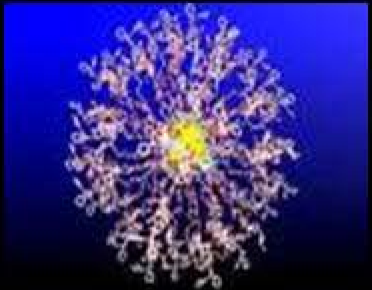

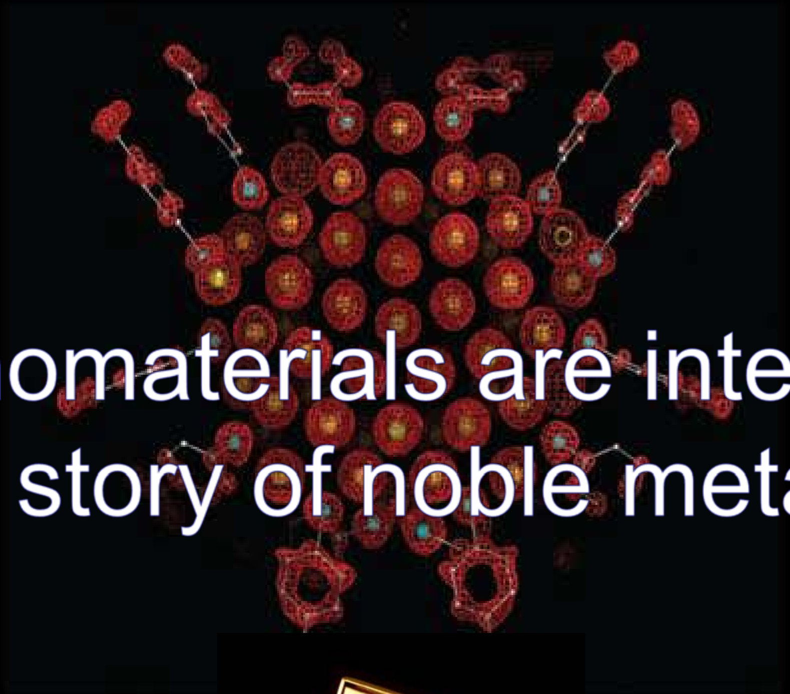

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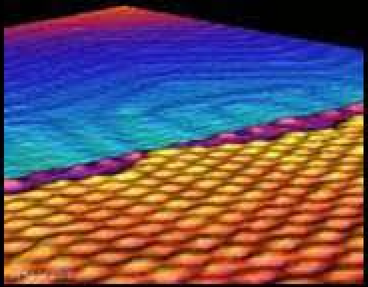

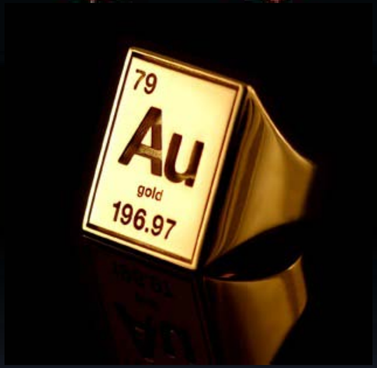

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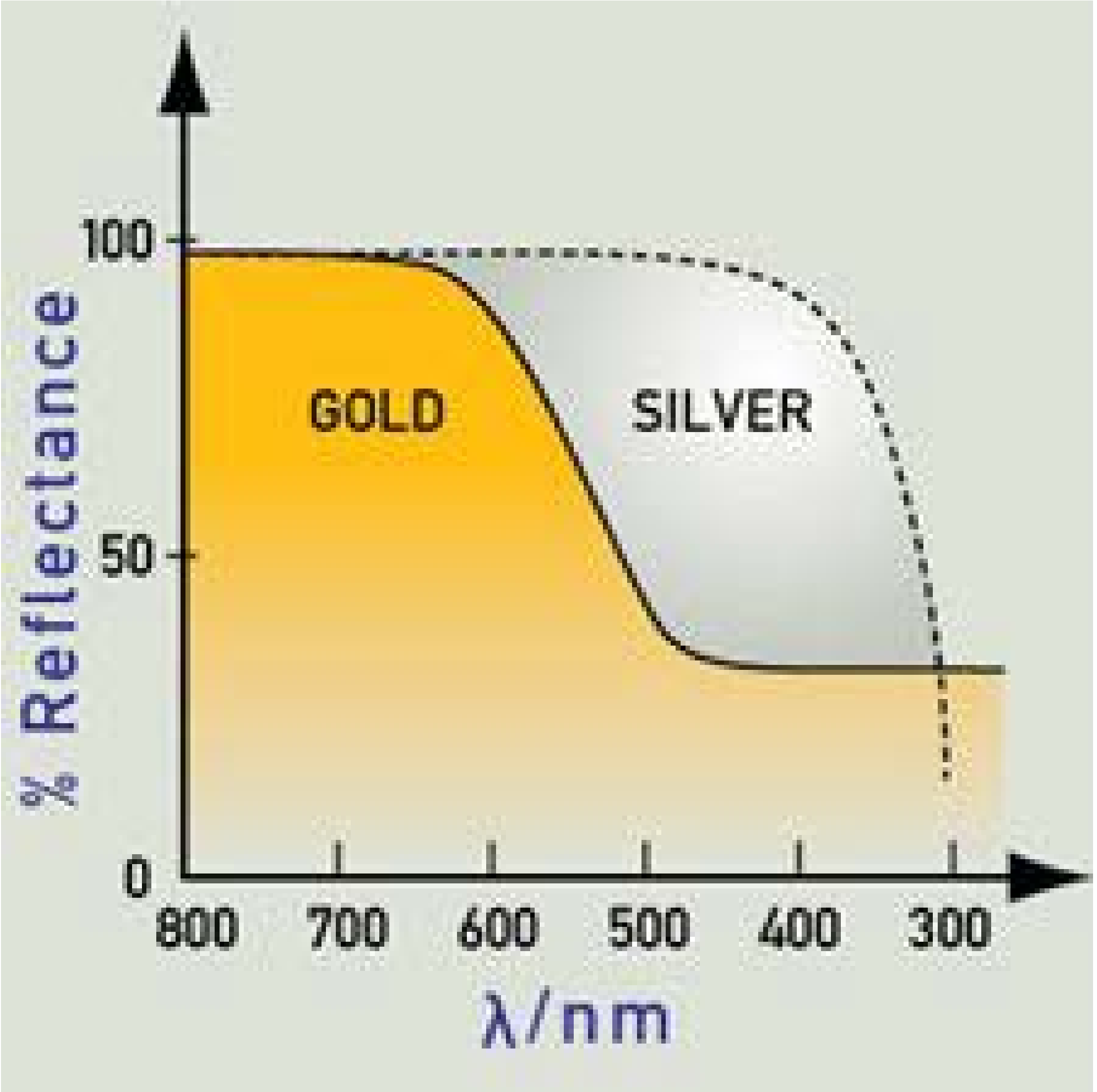

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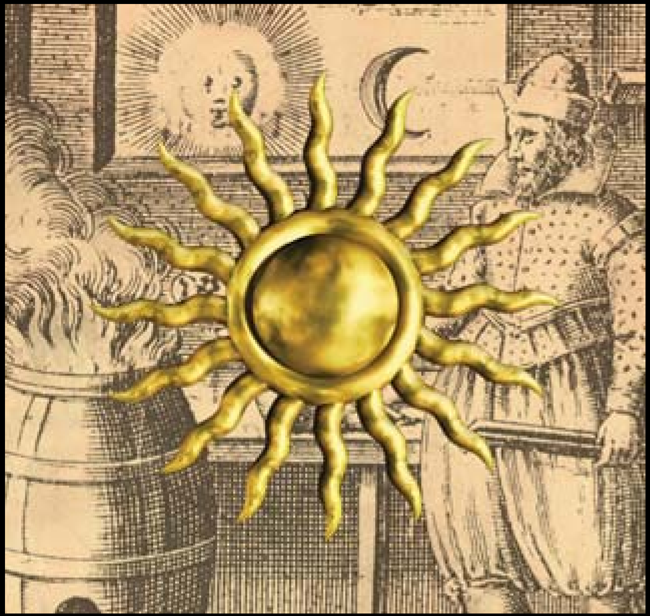

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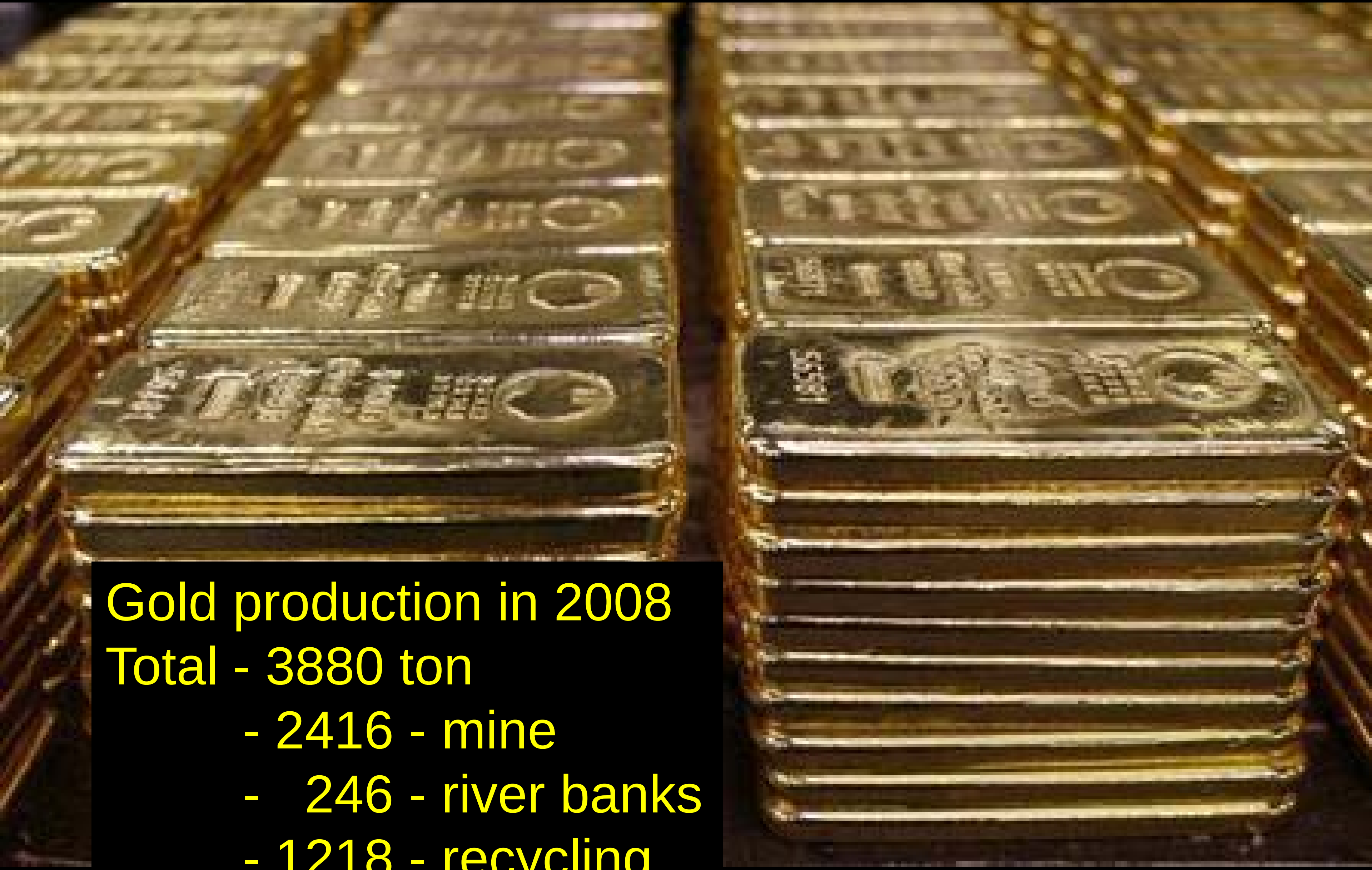

Gold production in 2008

Total - 3880 ton

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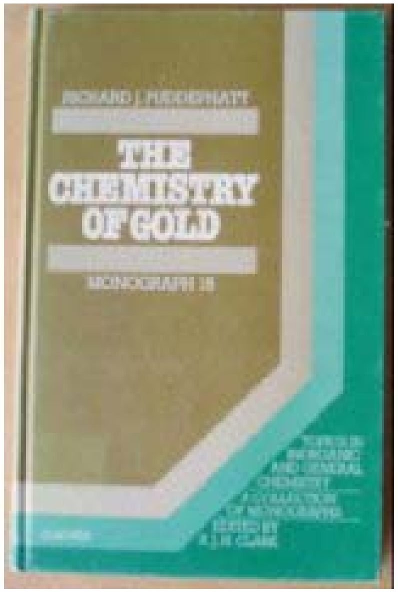
- 246 - river banks
- 1218 - recycling



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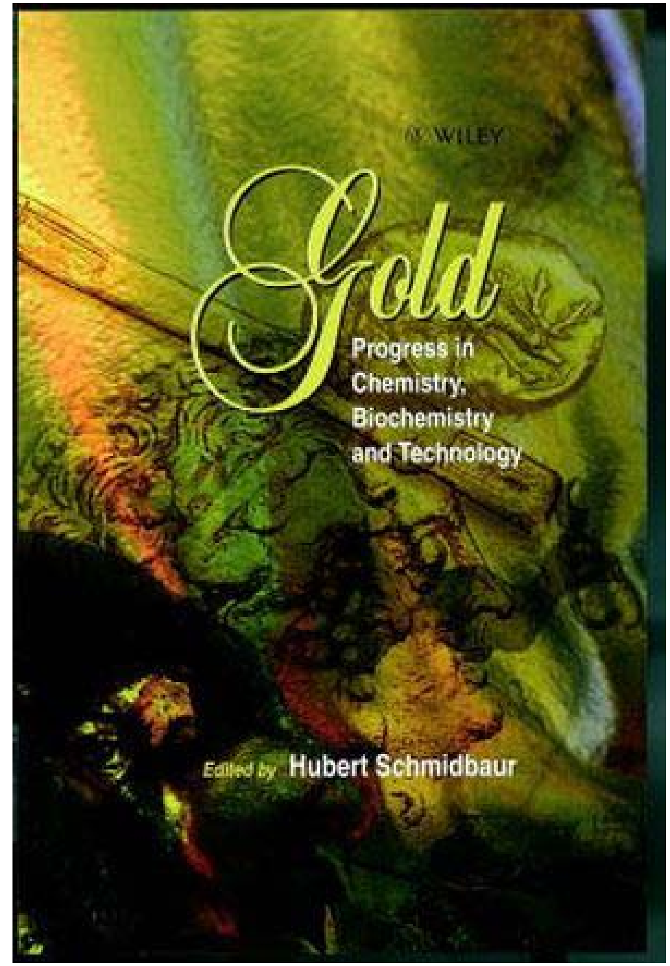

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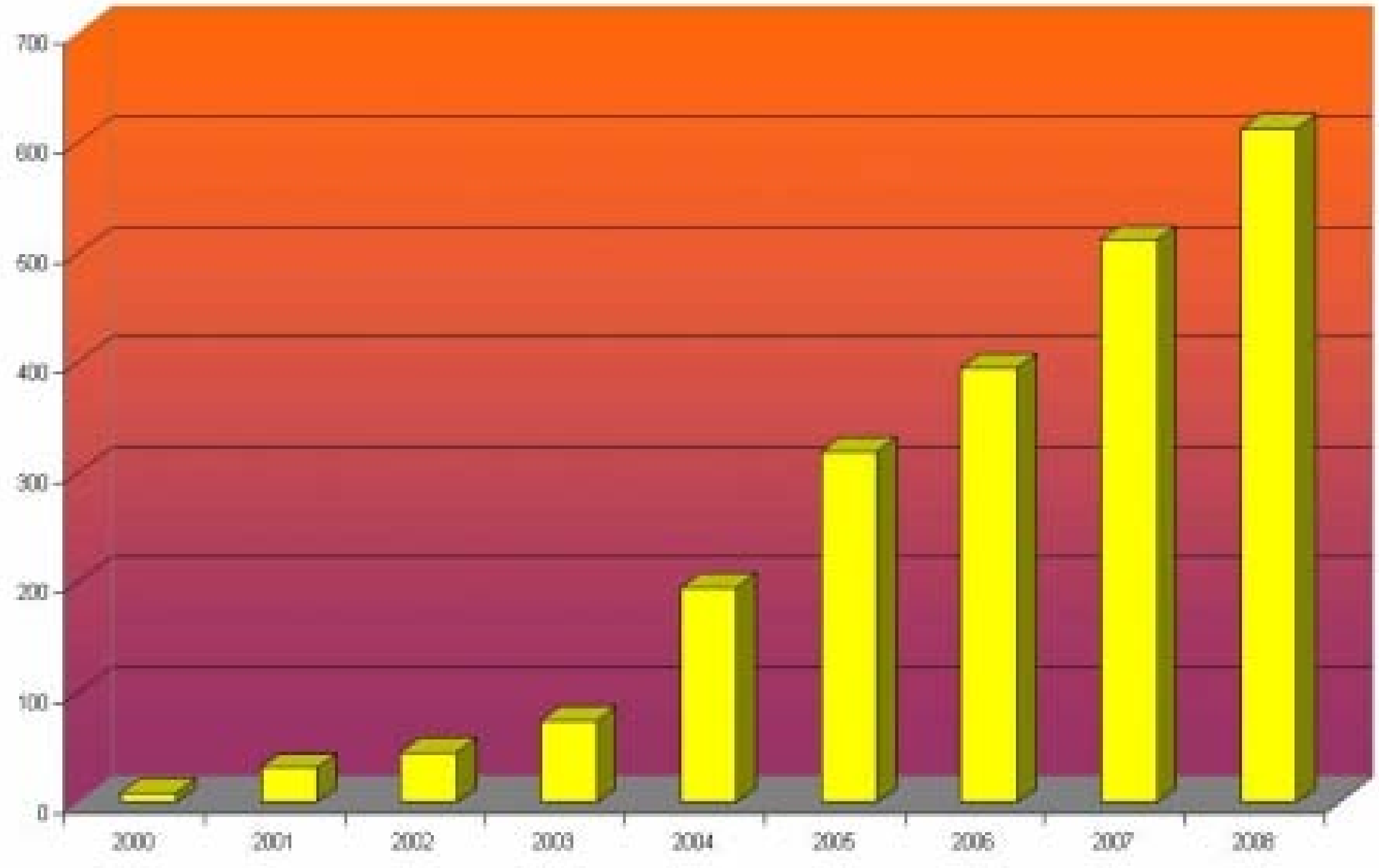

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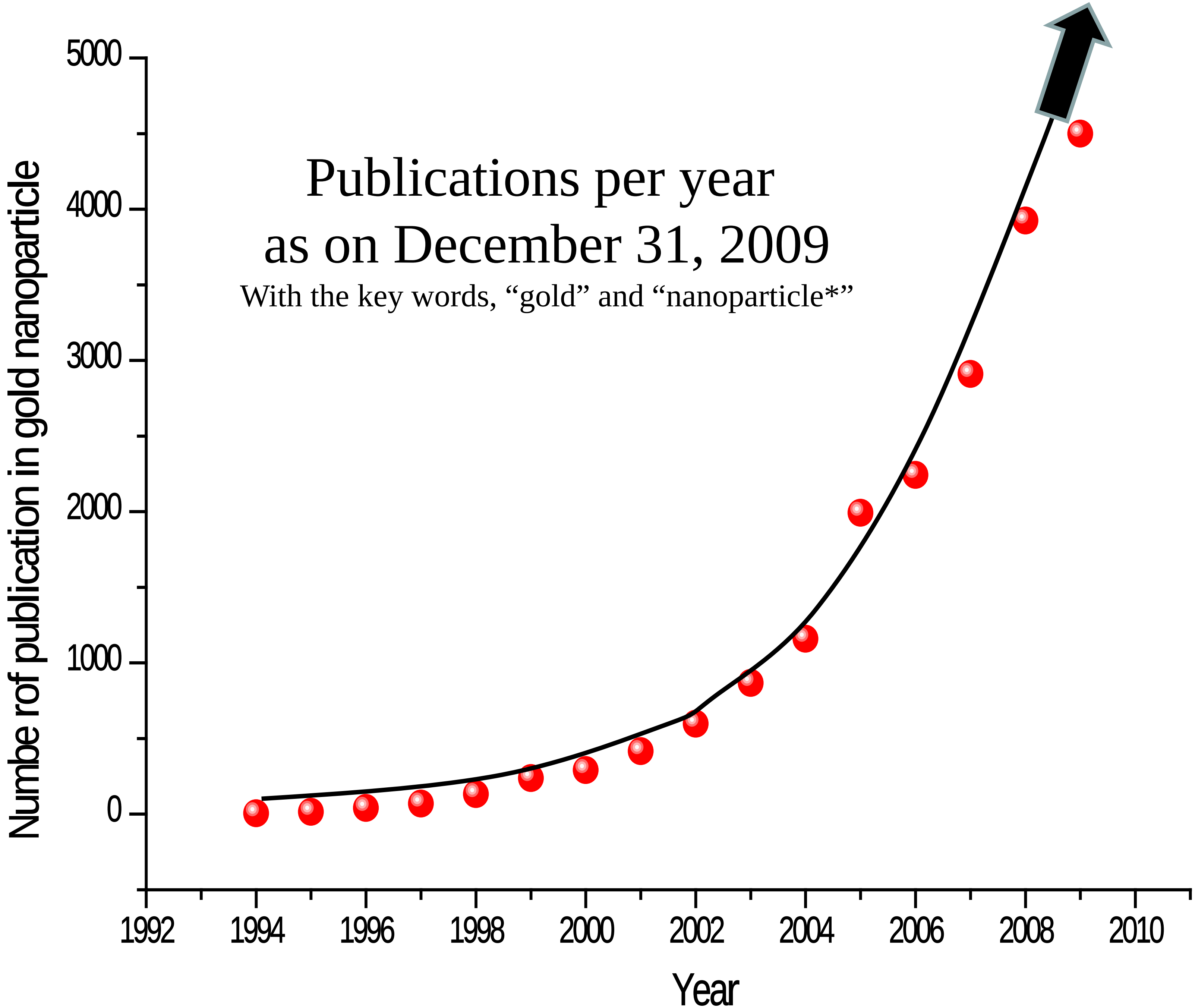

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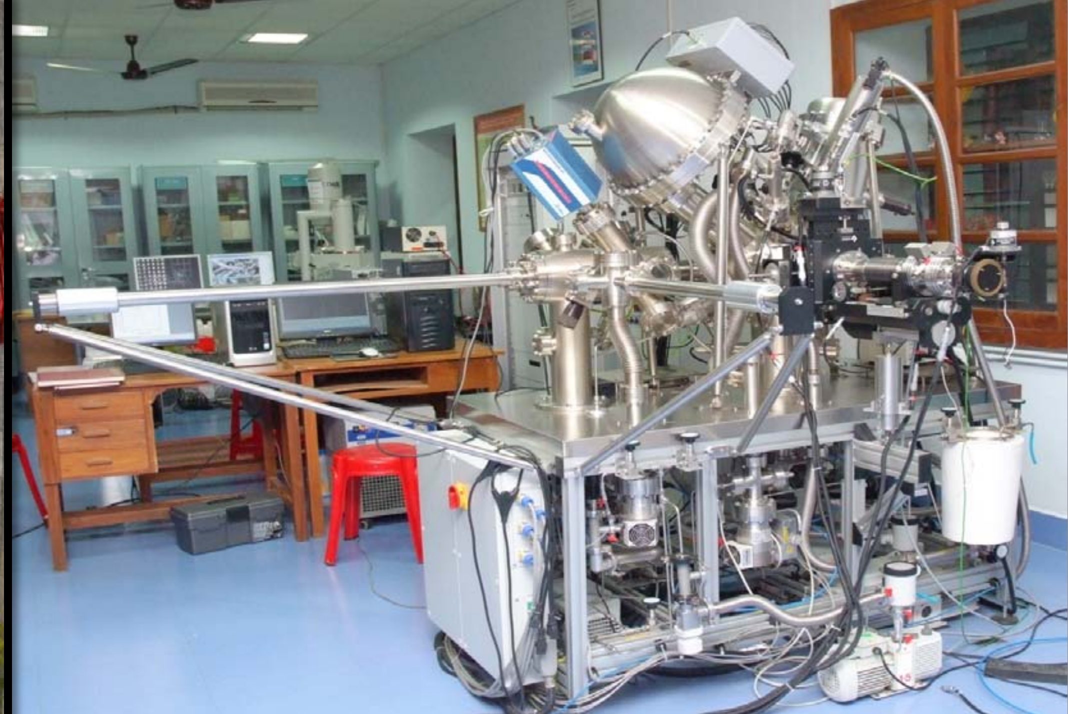
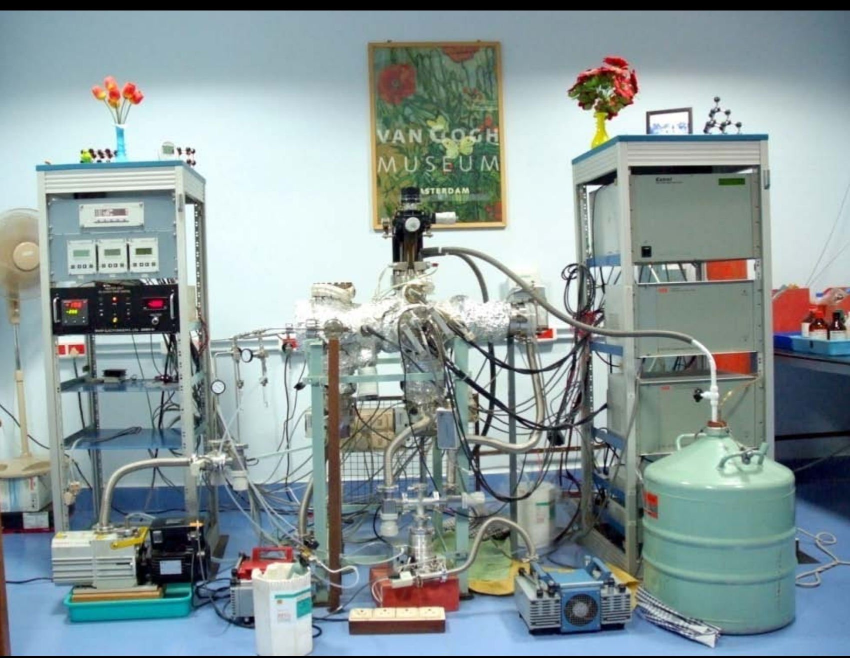
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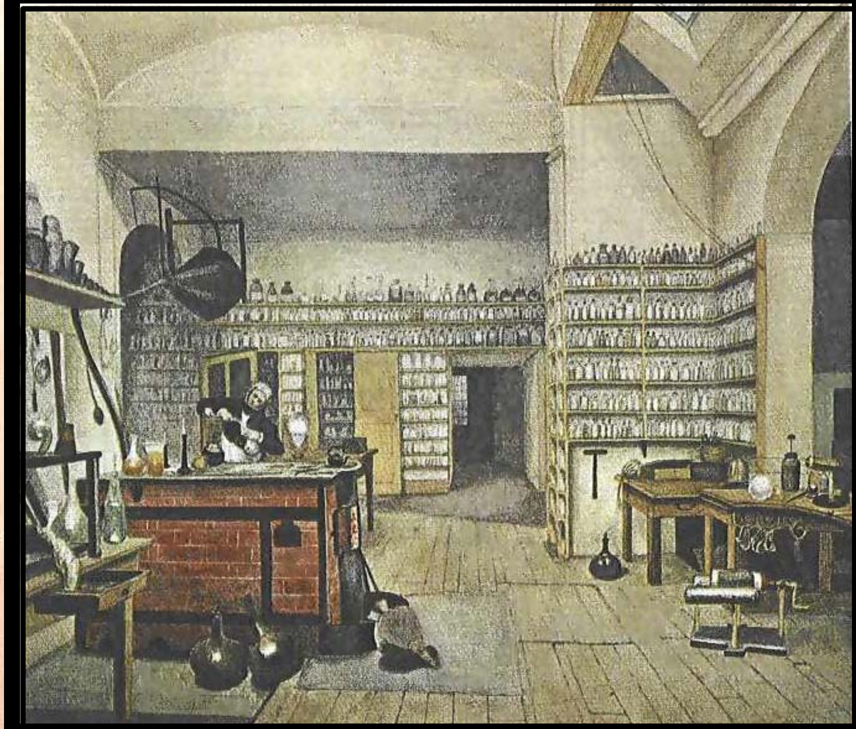

Faraday in his laboratory
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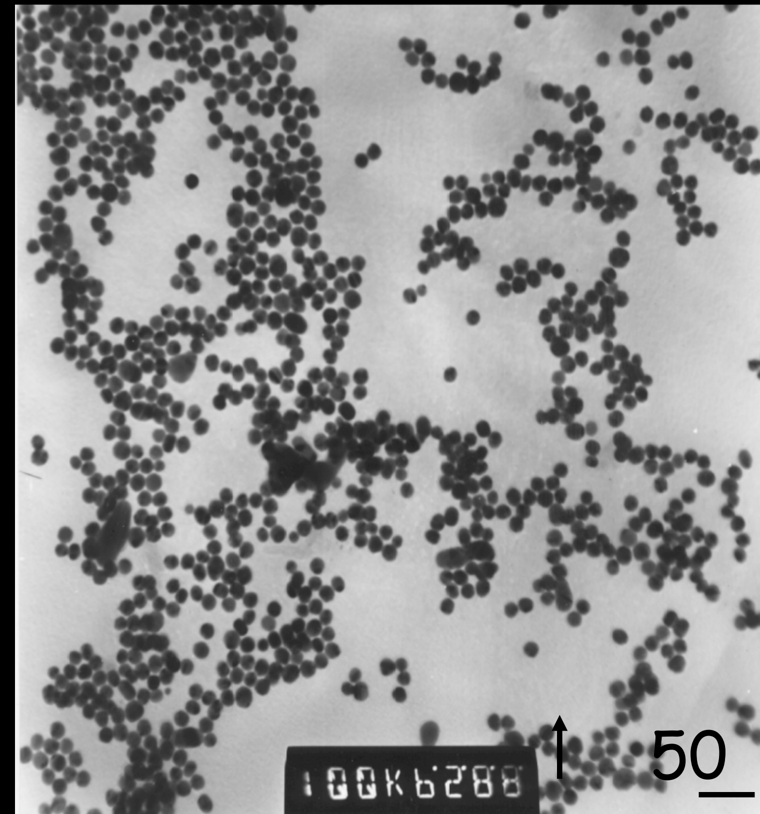

Faraday's gold preserved in Royal Institution. From the site,
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“With regard to *gold-leaf* no question respecting its metallic nature can arise, but it offers evidence reaching to the other preparations. The green colour conferred by pressure, and the removal of this colour by heat, evidently belong to it as a metal; these effects are very striking and important as

…they are simply cases of pure gold in a divided state; yet I have come to that conclusion, and believe that the differently-coloured fluids and particles are quite analogous….

reactions of gold, being so finely divided, insoluble in the fluids that refuse to act on the massive metal, and soluble in those that dissolve it, producing the same result. Heat makes these divided particles assume a ruby tint, yet such heat is not likely to take away their metallic character, and when heated they still act with chemical agents as gold. Pressure then confers the green colour, which heat takes away, and pressure reconfers. All these changes occur with particles attached to the substances which support them by the slightest possible mechanical force, just enough indeed to prevent their coalescence and to keep them apart and in place, and yet offering no resistance to any chemical action of test agents, as the acids, &c., not allowing any supposition of chemical action between them and the body supporting them. Still this gold, unexceptionable as to metallic state, presents different colours when viewed by transmitted light. Ruby, green, violet, blue, &c., occur, and the mere degree of division appears to be the determining cause of many of these colours. The ...ons by the voltaic battery lead to the same ...n.

...*old films* produced by phosphorus have every ... belonging to the metallic state. When ...ey are in colour, lustre, weight, &c., equal ...af, but in the unpressed state, their trans- ...lour is generally grey, or violet-grey. The ...on of their lustre and colour is gradual from ...est to the thinnest, and the same is generally ...thick films are gradually thinned and dis- ...hilst floating on solvents; the thick and the ...s must both be accepted as having the same ...of evidence for their metallic nature. When ... to chemical agents, both the thick and the ...s have the same relations as pure metallic gold.

“It may be thought that the *fluid preparations* present more difficulty to the admission, that they are simply cases for pure gold in a divided state; yet I have come to that conclusion, and believe that the differently-coloured fluids and particles are quite analogous to those that occur in the deflagrations and the films. In the first place they are produced as the films are, except that the particles are separated under the surface and out of the contact of the air; still, when produced in sufficient quantity against the side of the containing vessel to form an adhering film, that film has every character of lustre, colour, &c., in the parts differing in thickness, that a film formed at the surface has.”

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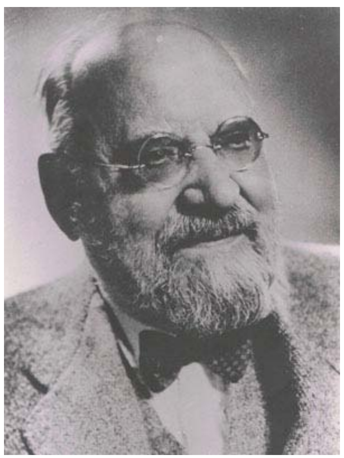

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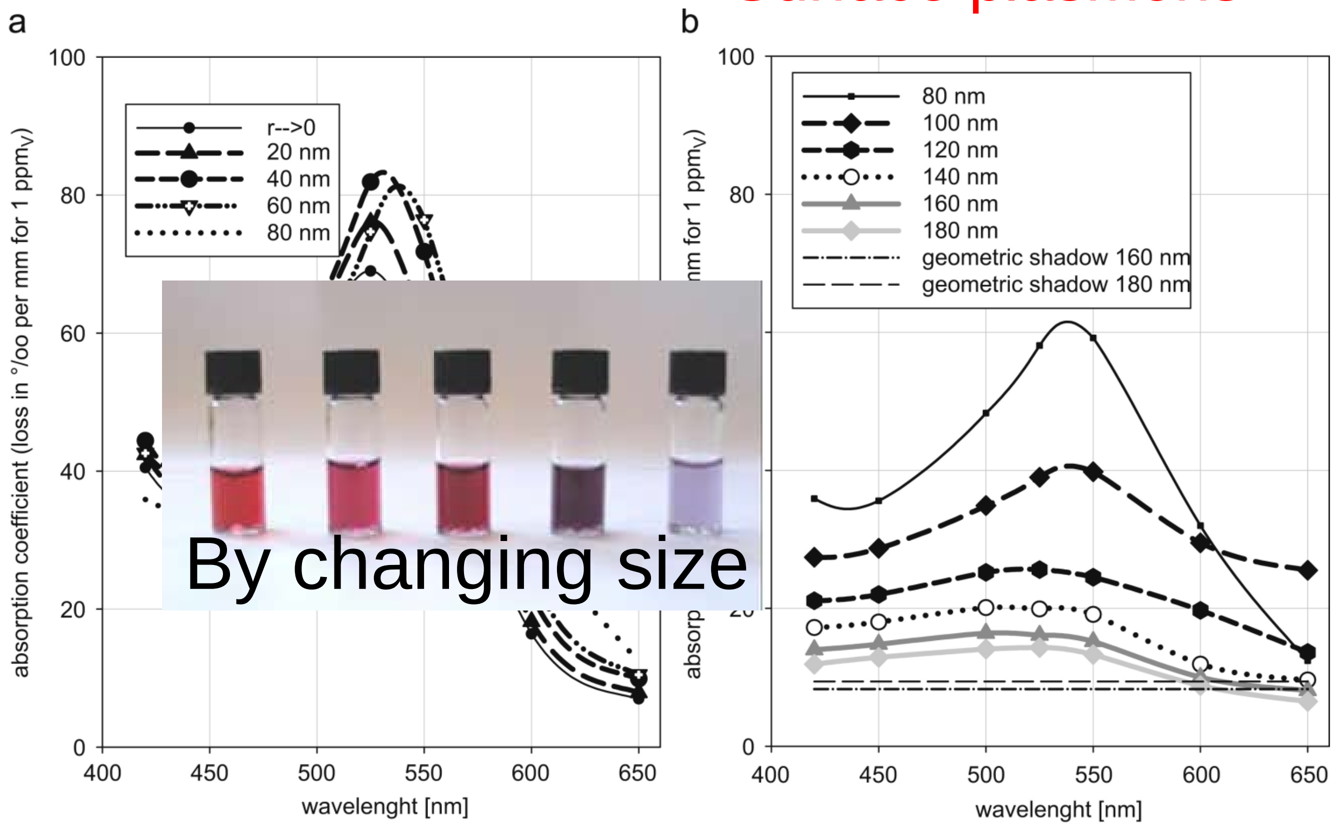

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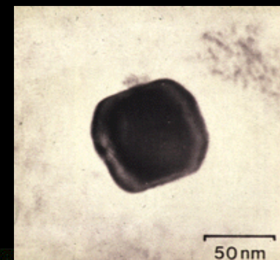


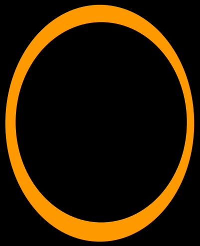
Silicon dioxide in Lycurgus cup = 73%
Silicon dioxide in Modern Glass = 70%
Sodium oxide in Lycurgus cup = 14%
Sodium oxide in Modern Glass = 15%
Calcium oxide in Lycurgus cup = 7%
Calcium oxide in Modern Glass = 10%

So why is it coloured? The glass contains very small amounts of gold (about 40 parts per million) and silver (about 300 parts per million)

Lycurgus cup; in transmitting light (left) and in reflected light (right). From the site, http://www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk.

Colours by changing shape

Shells



Gold shells. Nanoshells designed to absorb various wavelengths of light (the six vials on the right), including infrared (vial at far right) compared to gold colloid (far left). Used with permission from www.ece.rice.edu/people/faculty/halas.

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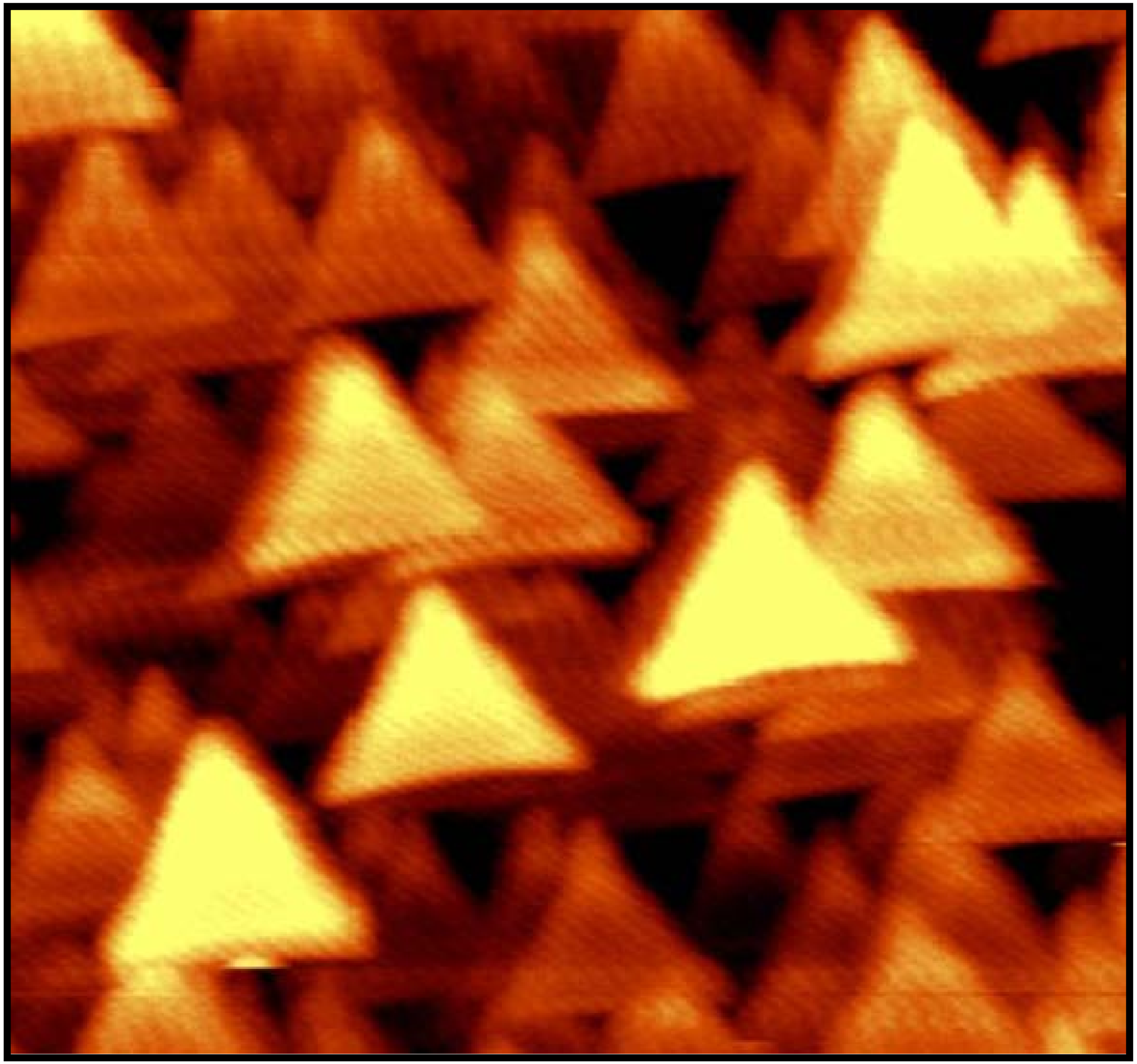

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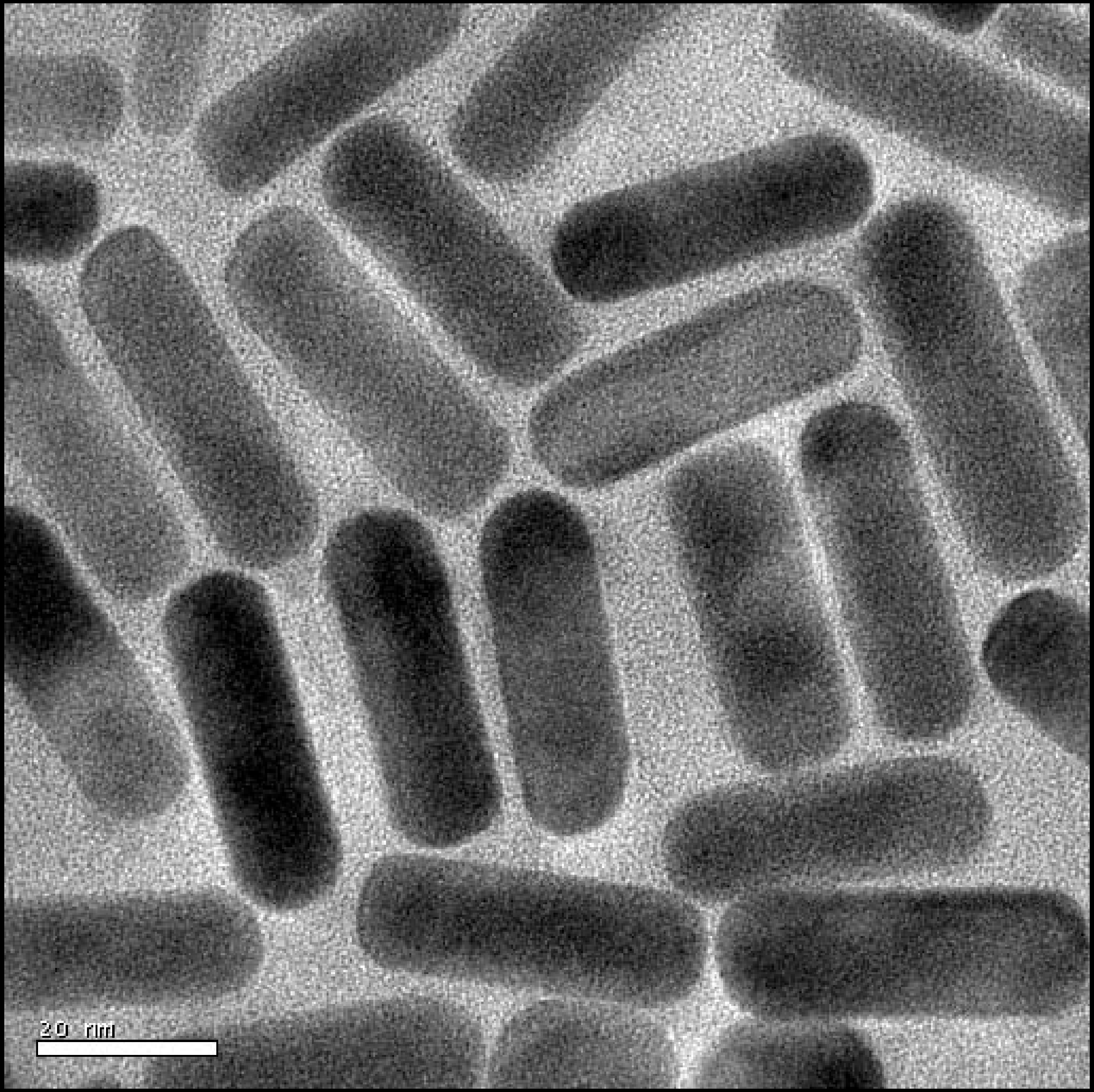

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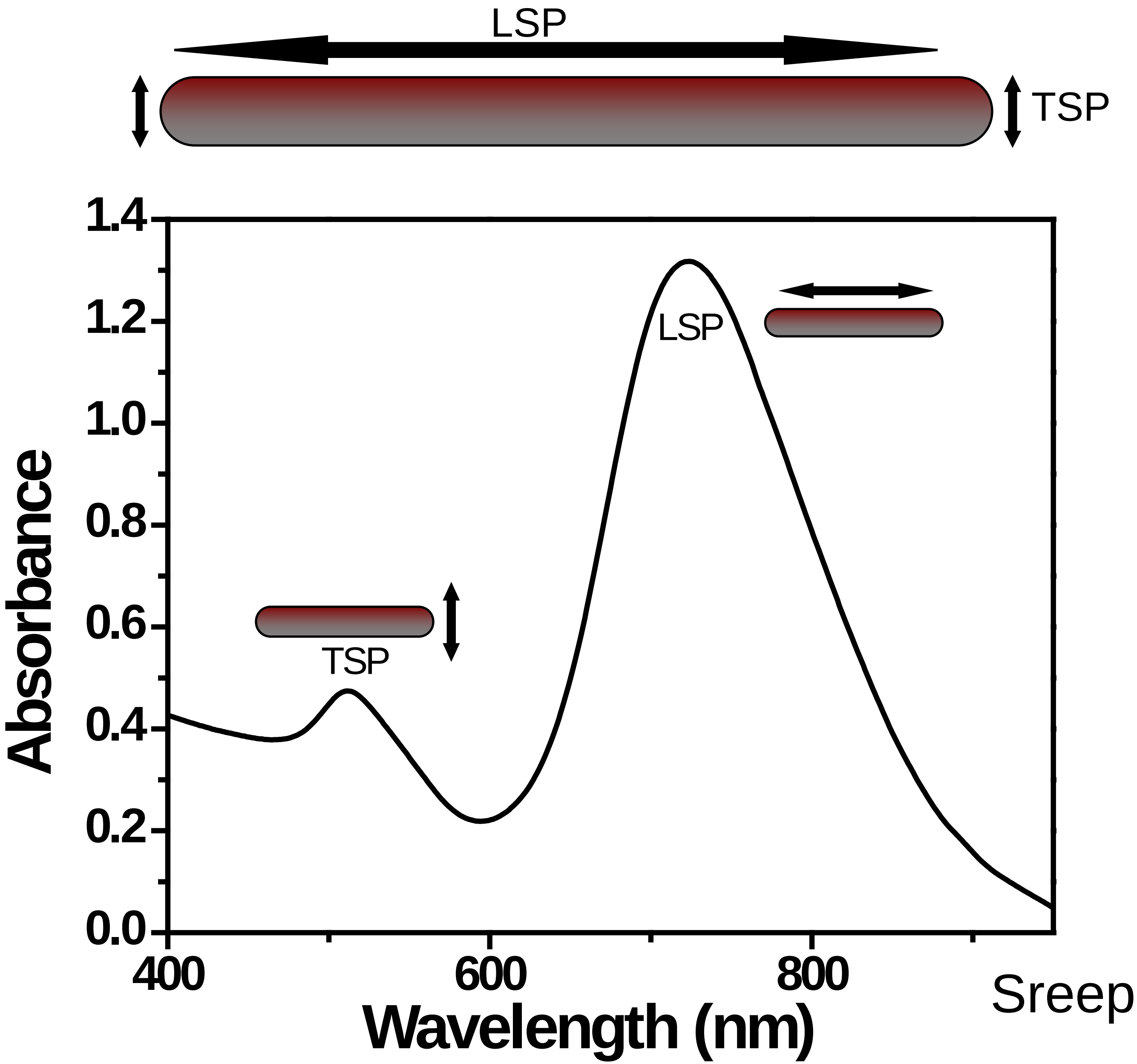
Materials are needed for chemistry

Nanorod Solution

Nanorod Powder

Changing length by reaction



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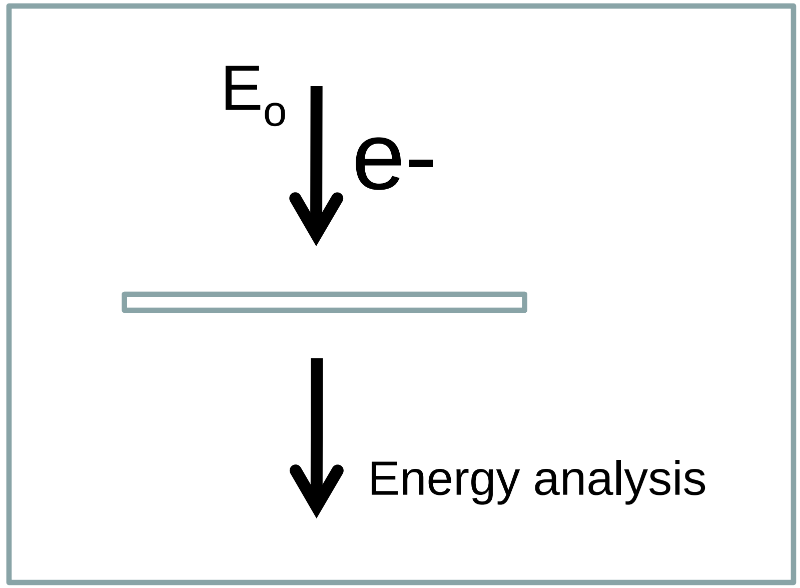

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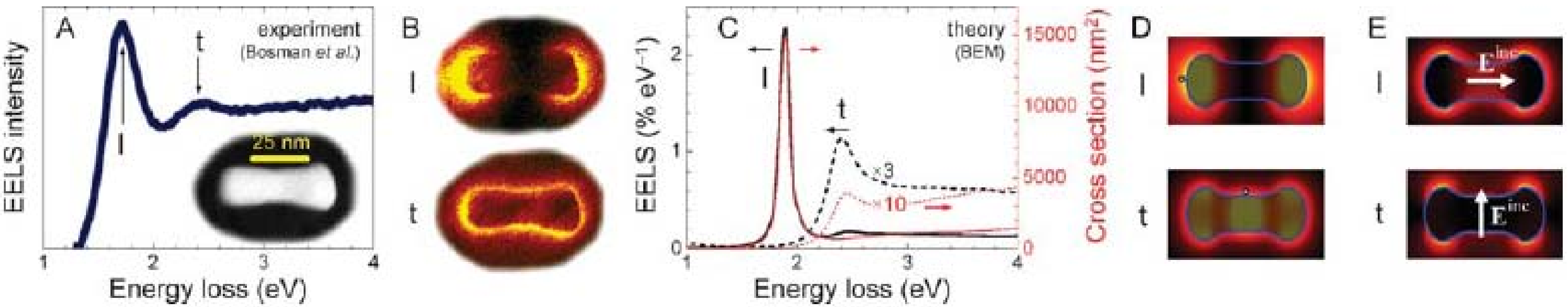

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The reaction

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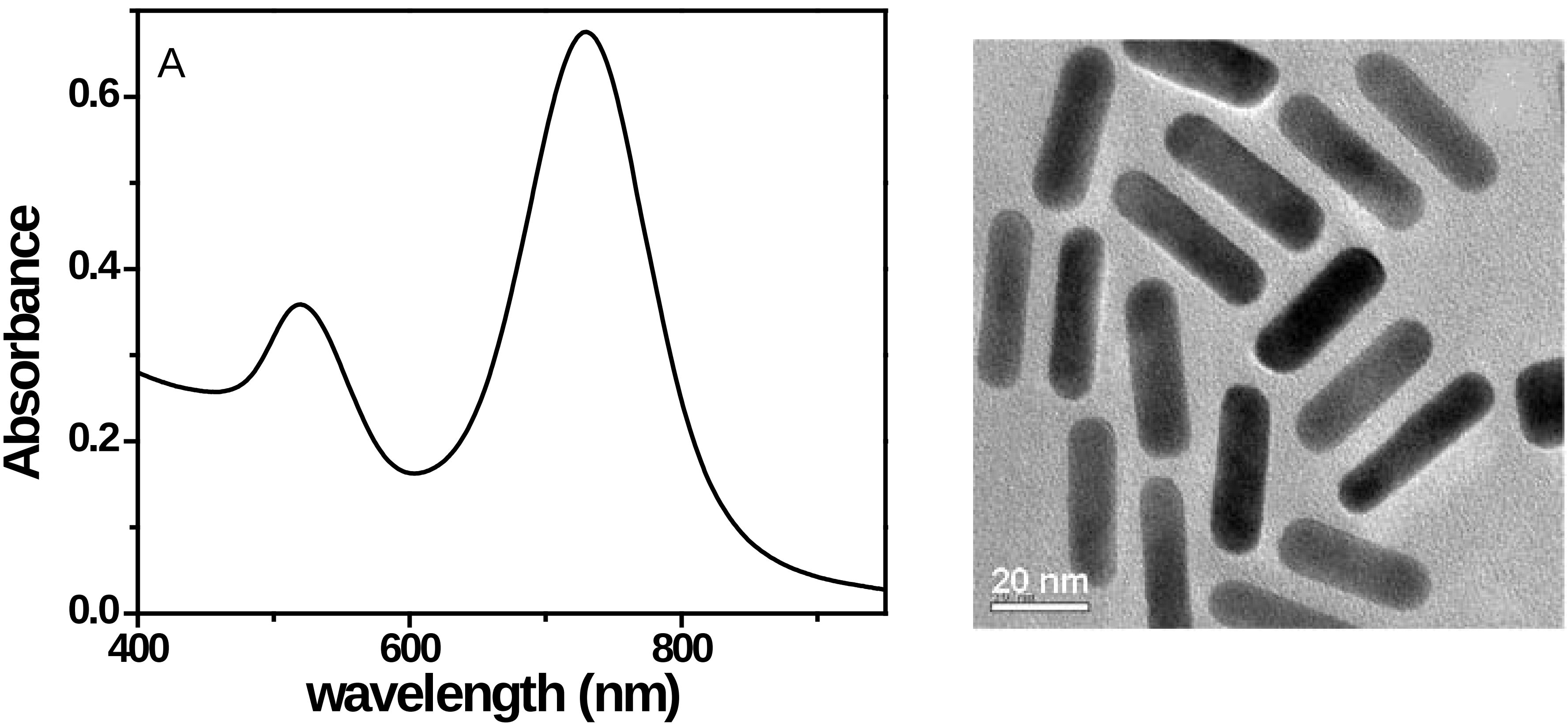

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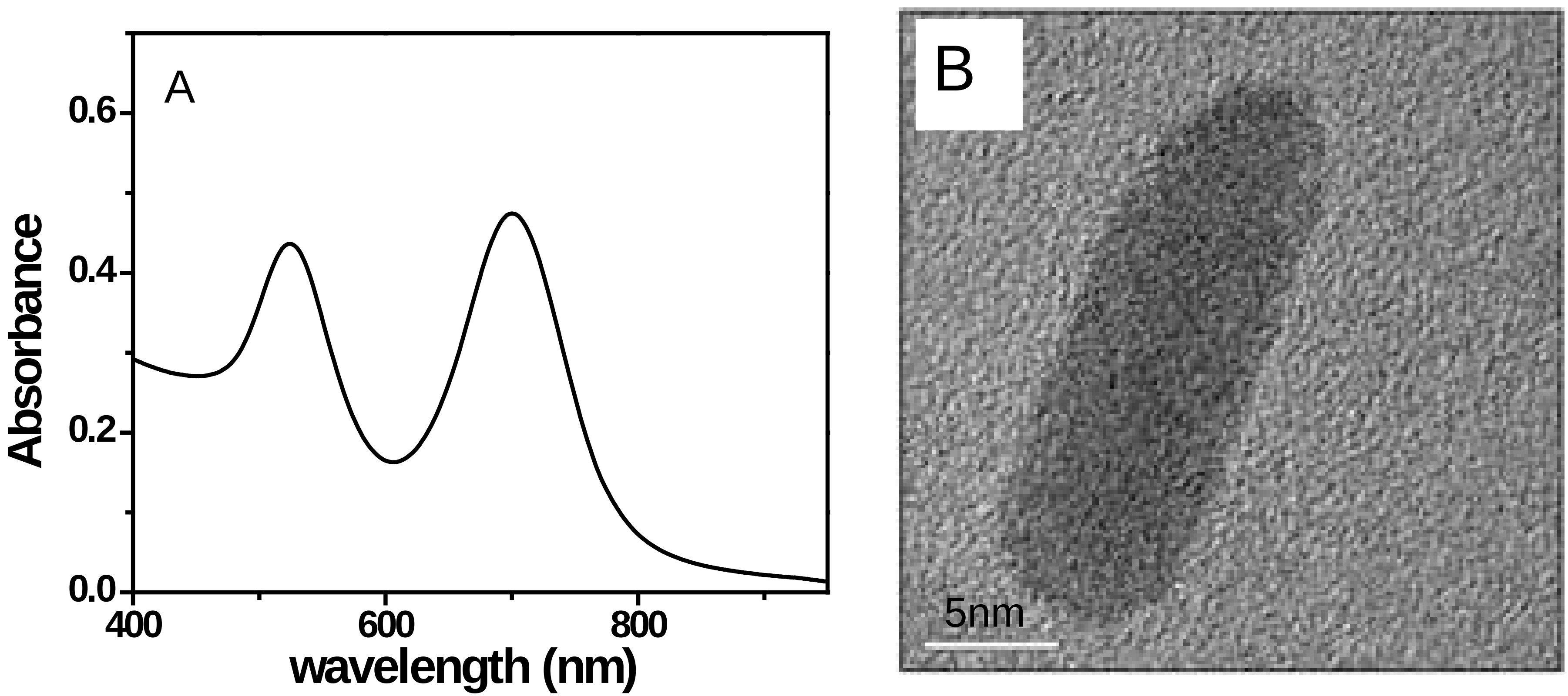

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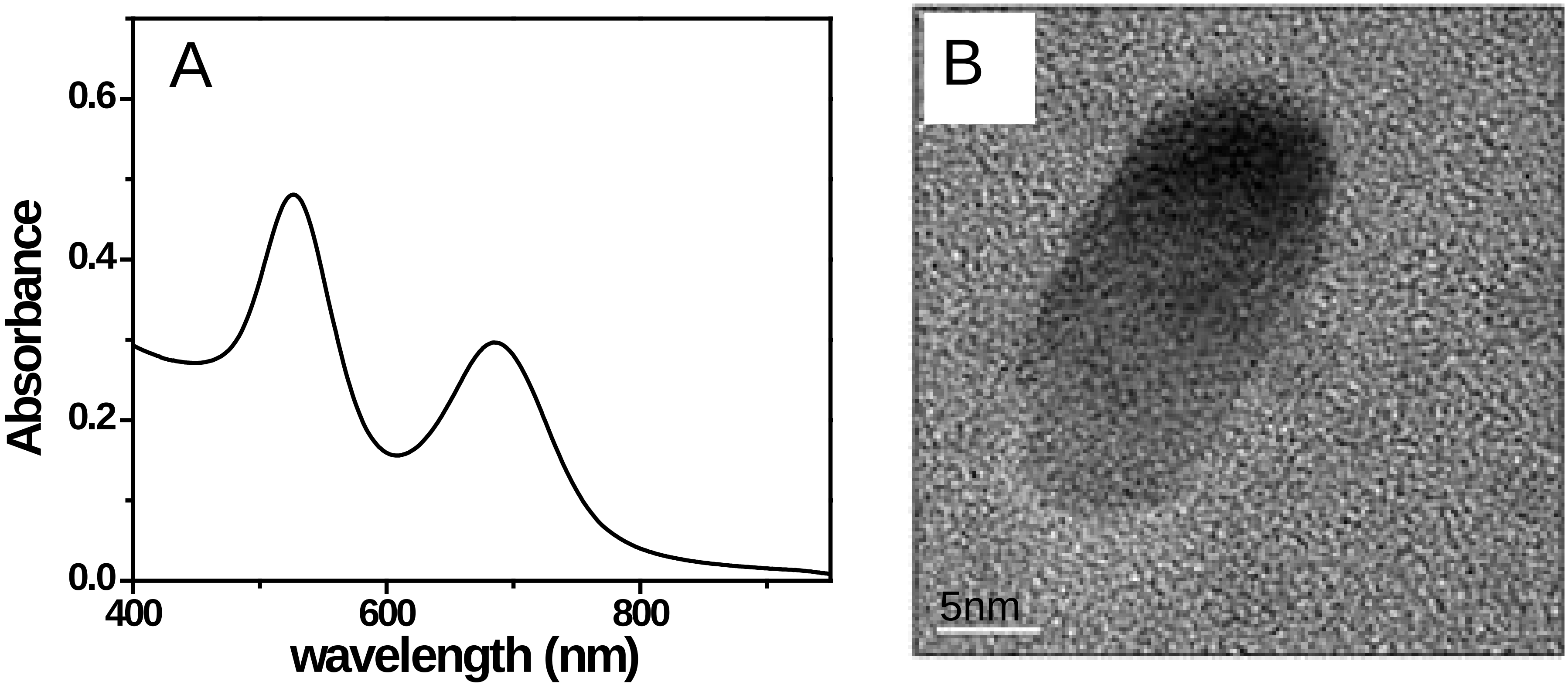

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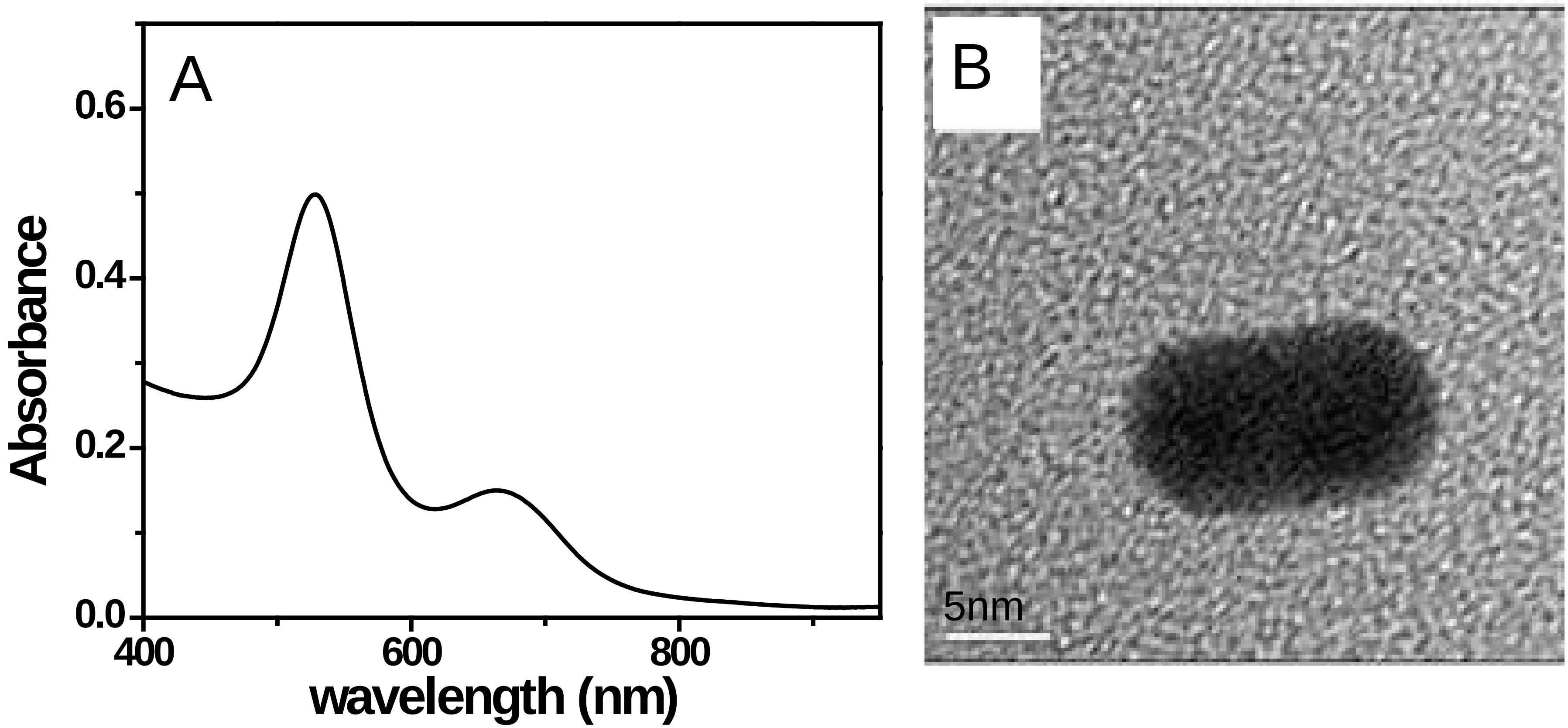

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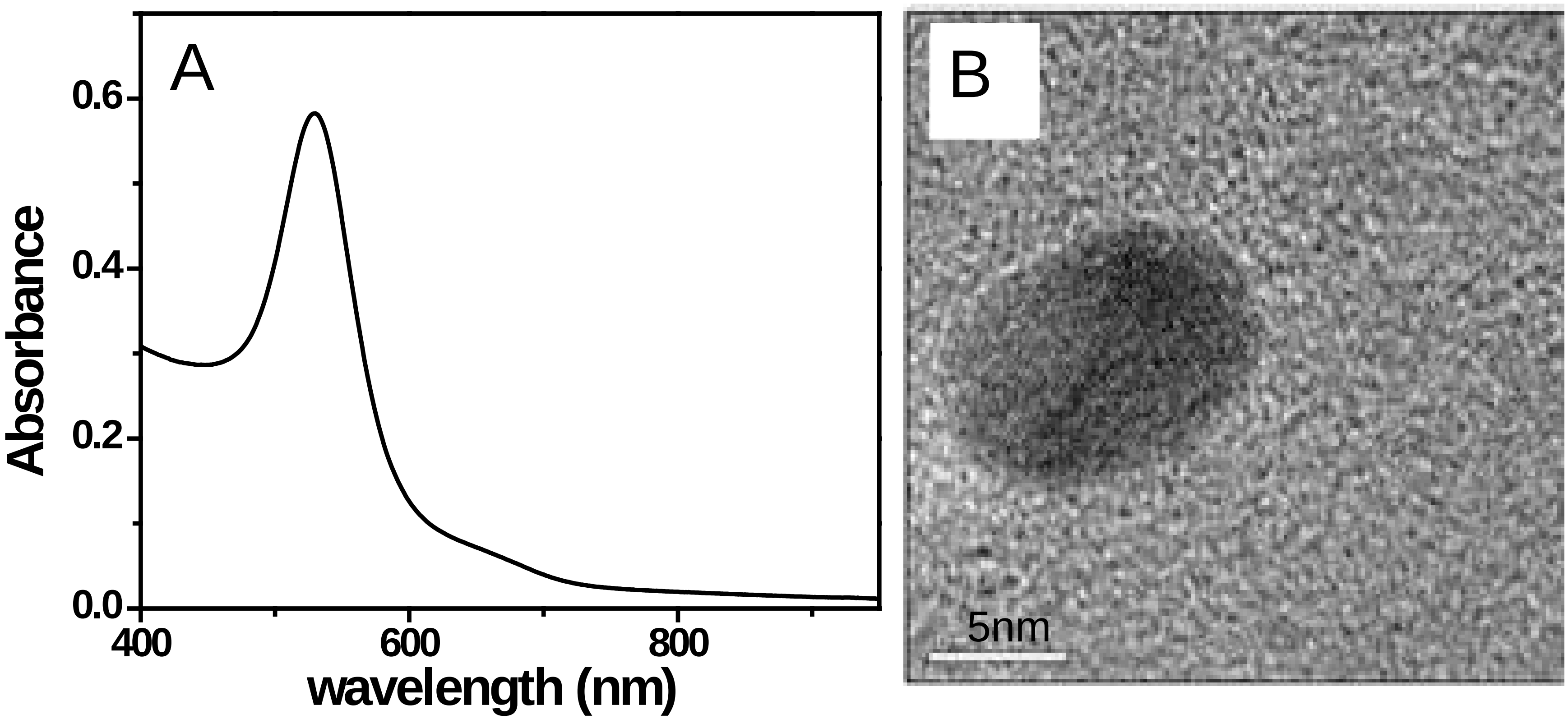

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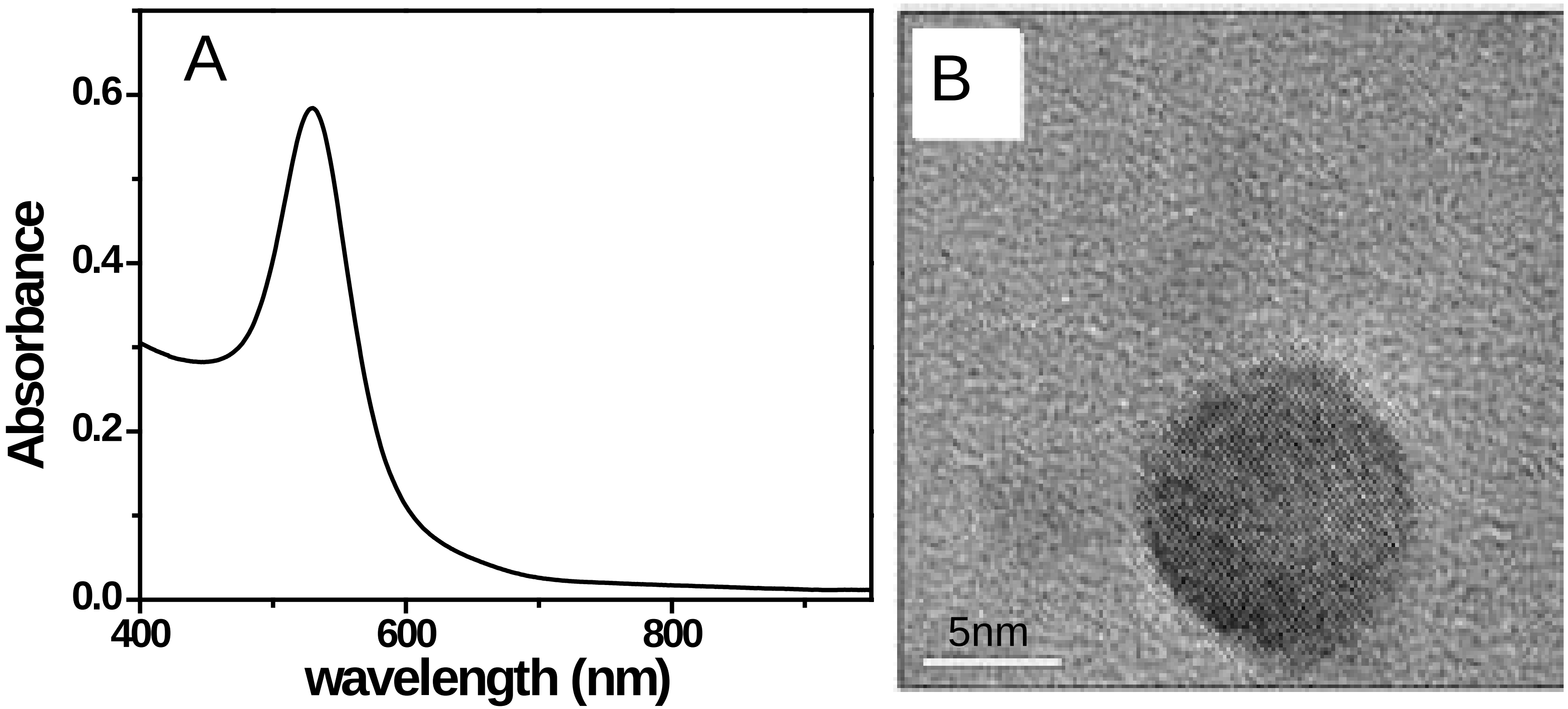

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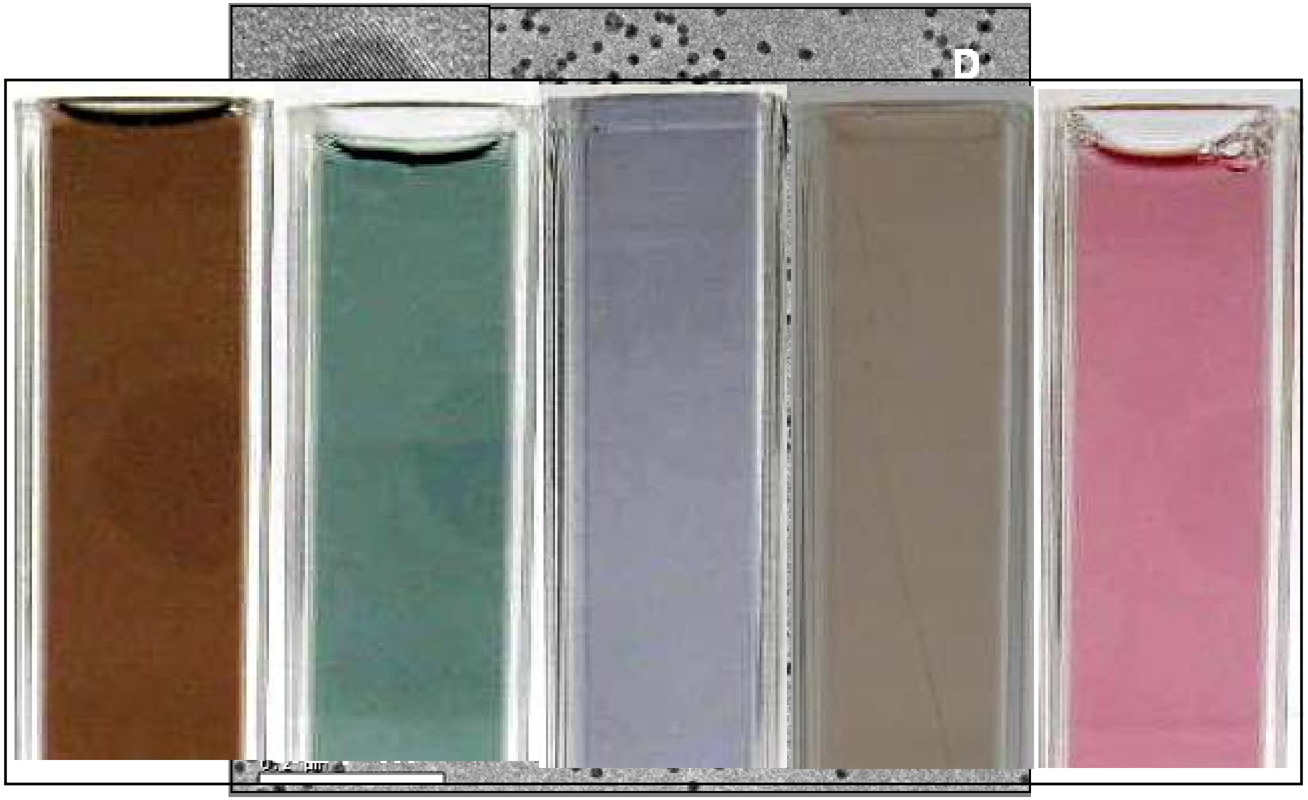
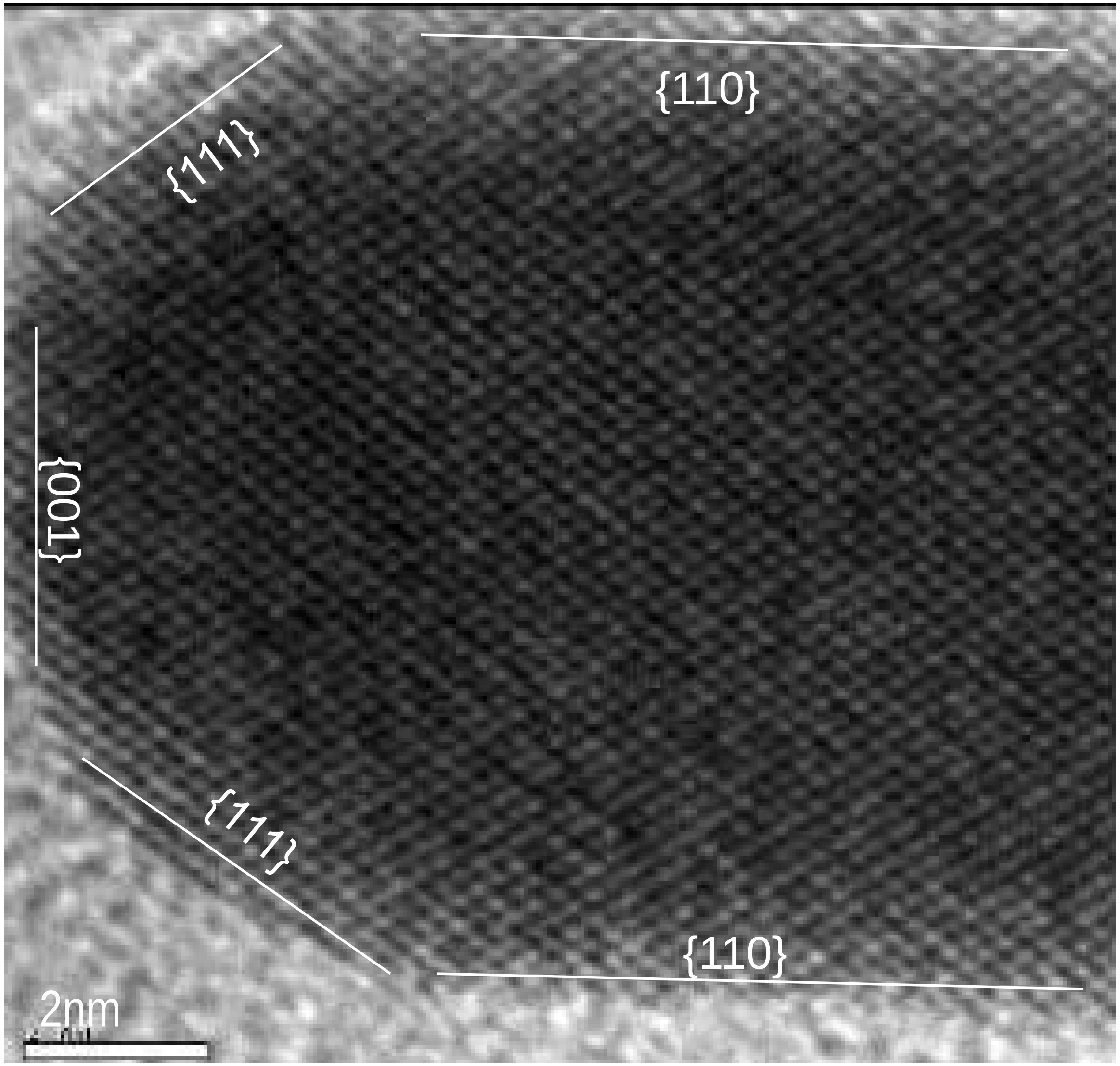
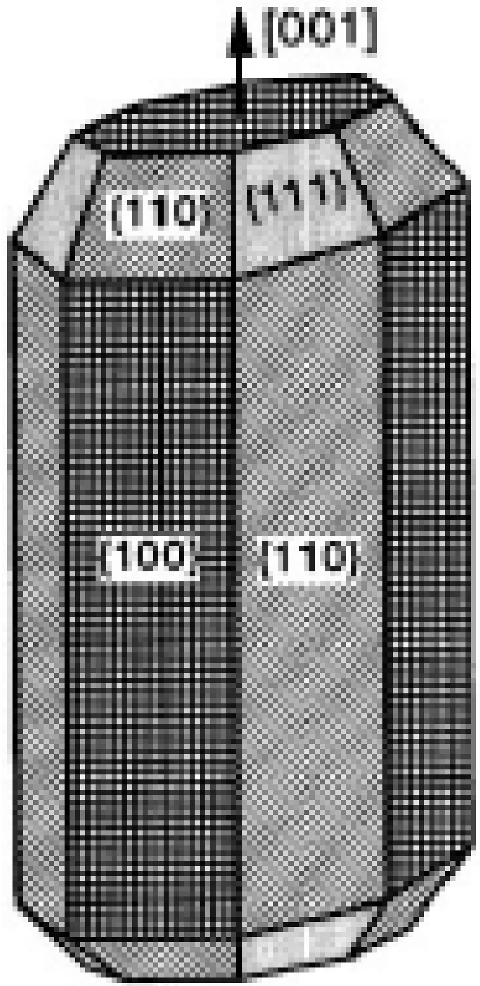


Any shape can be prepared by arresting the reaction

Why should the rod do that?





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Reconstruction

Surface Energies

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(110) — $0.70\ J\ m^{-2}$

(111) — $0.58\ J\ m^{-2}$

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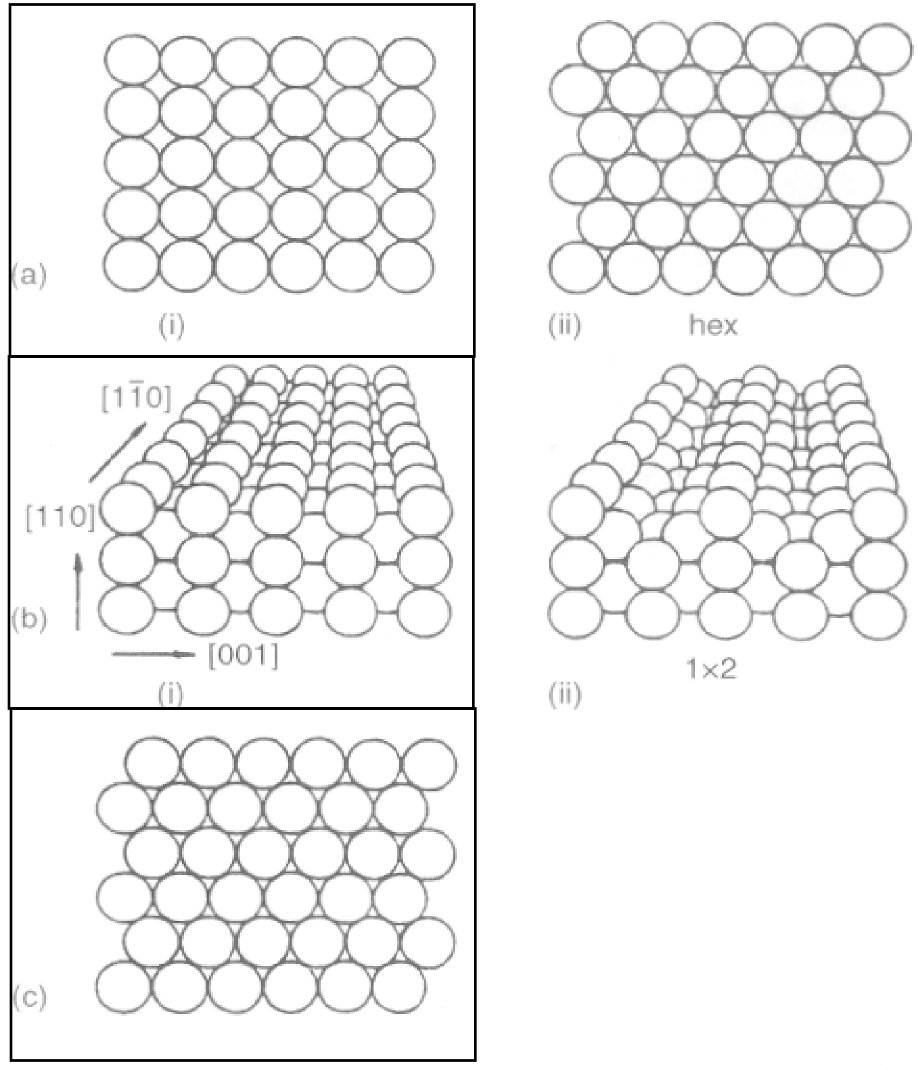

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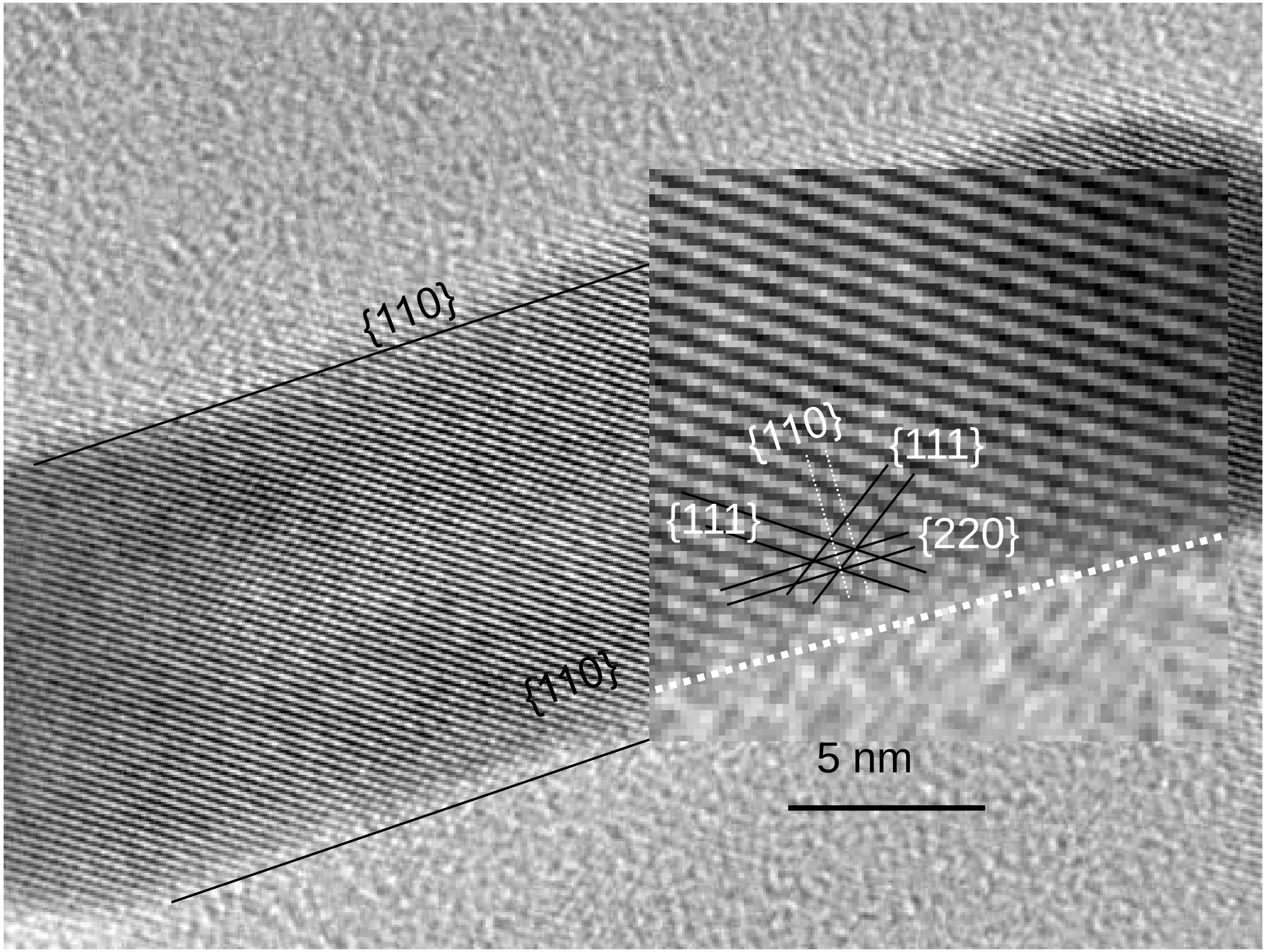
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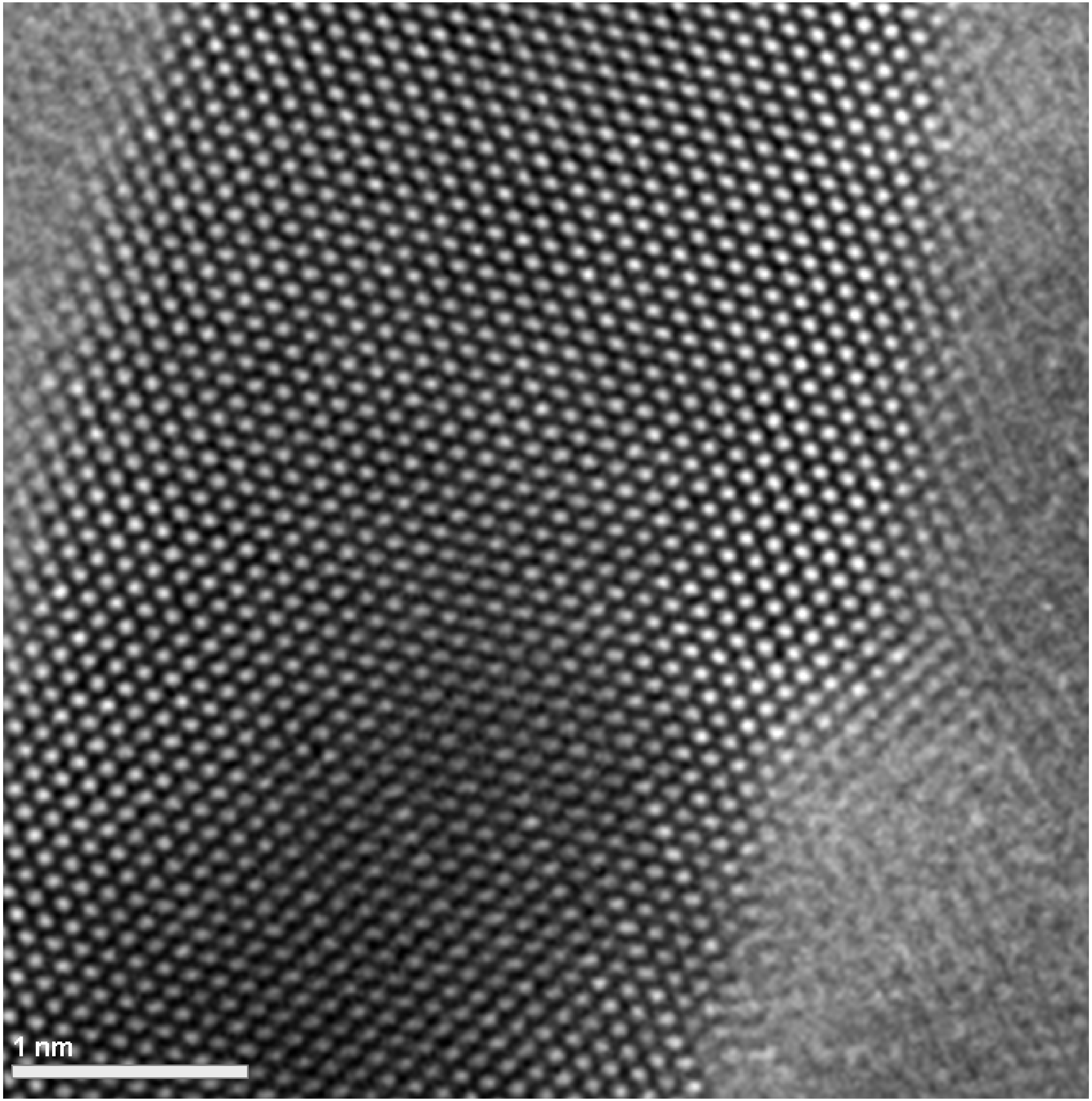
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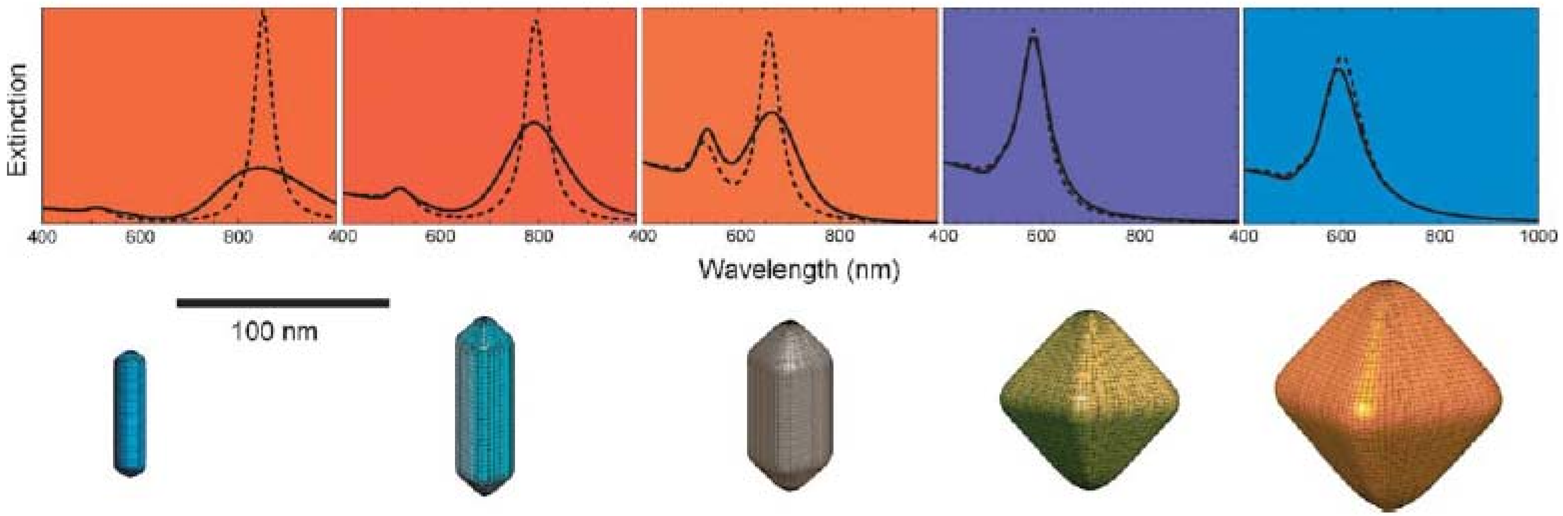

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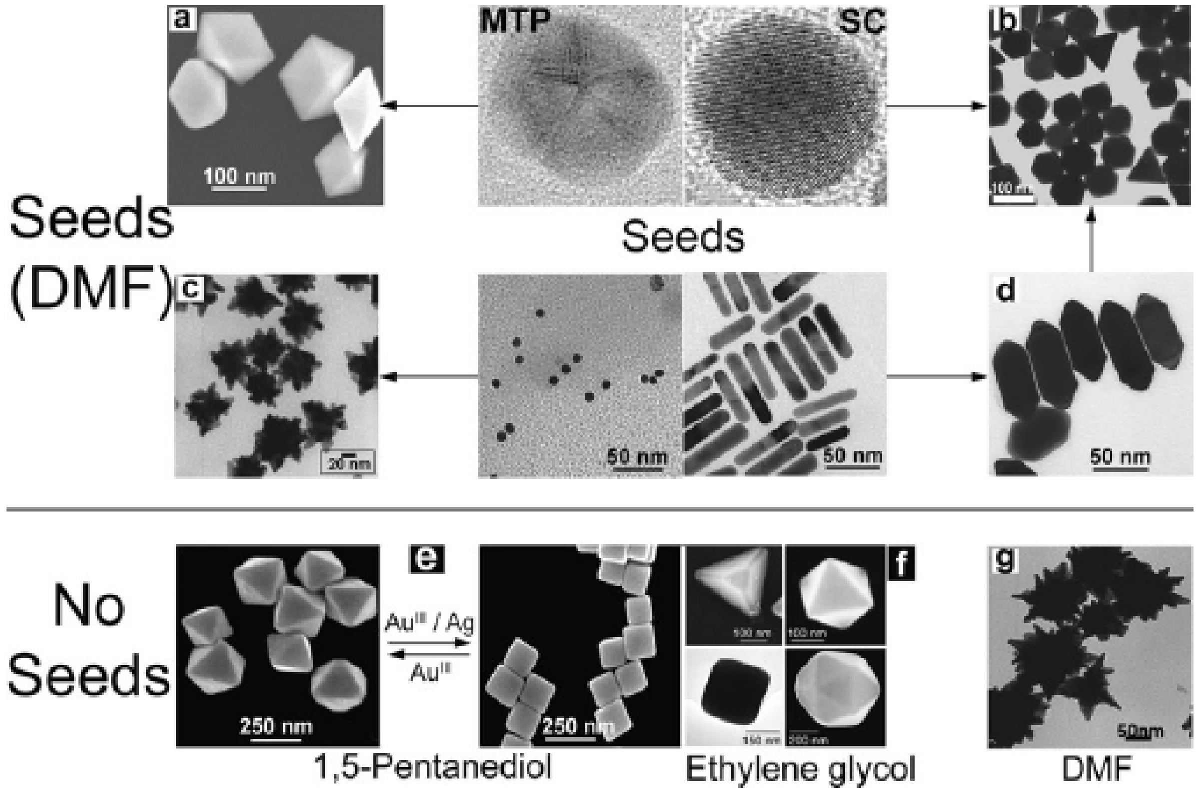

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Colour by surface modification

Color of gold nanoparticles with endosulfan

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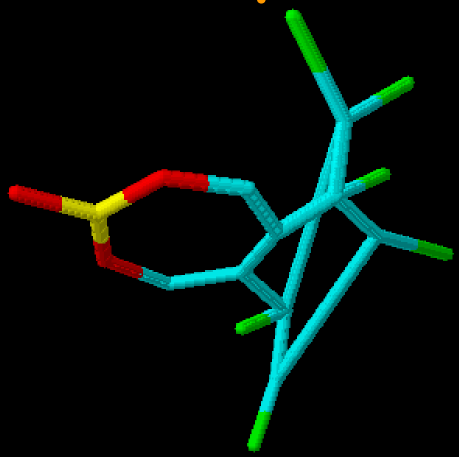

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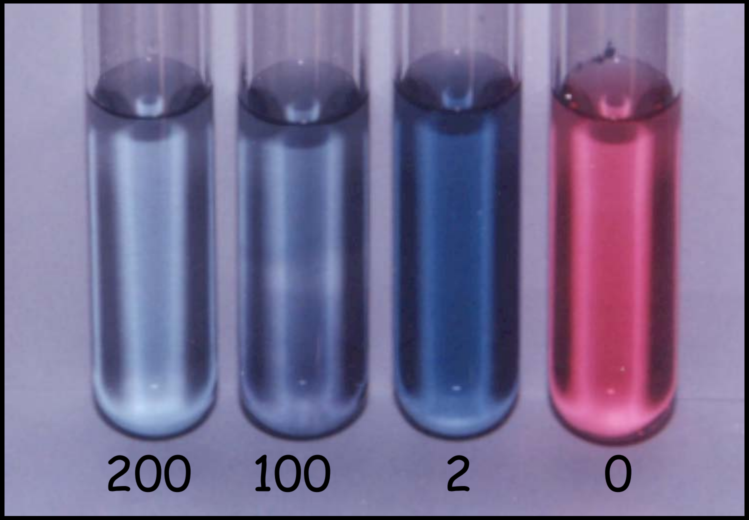
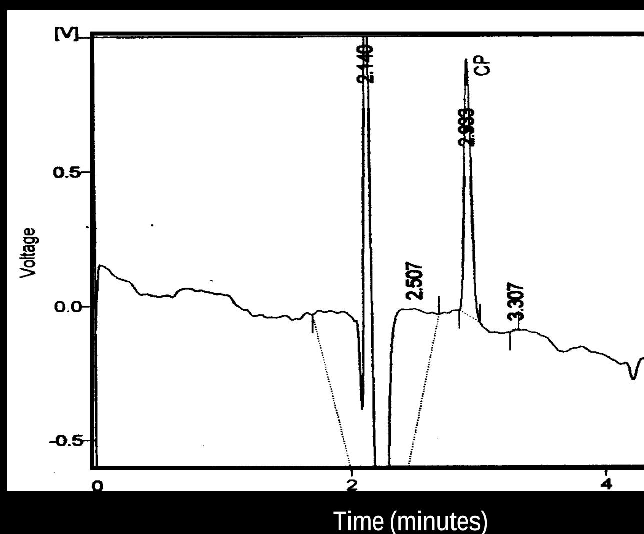


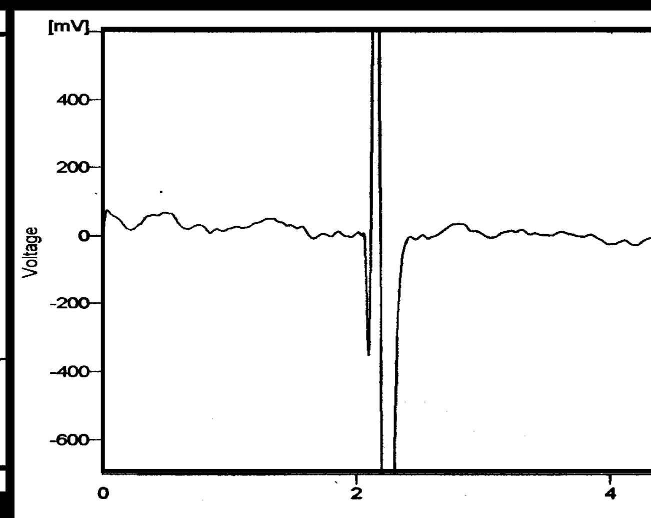
Endosulfan concentration in ppm

Color changes with pesticide concentration
Good response at lower concentrations
Down to 0.1 ppm
Adsorbed pesticides can be removed from solution

J. Environ. Monitoring. 2003

Pesticide removal from drinking water





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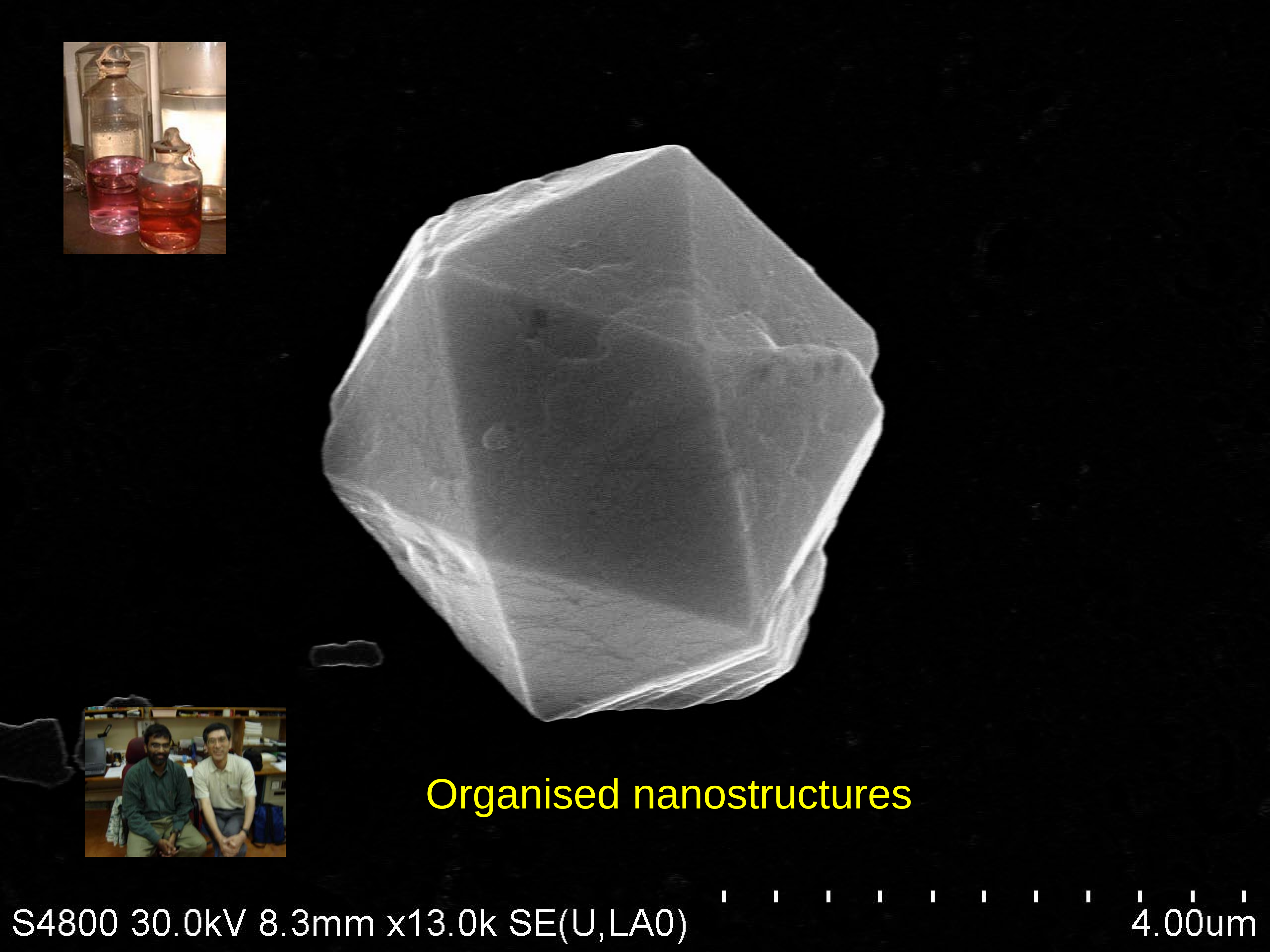
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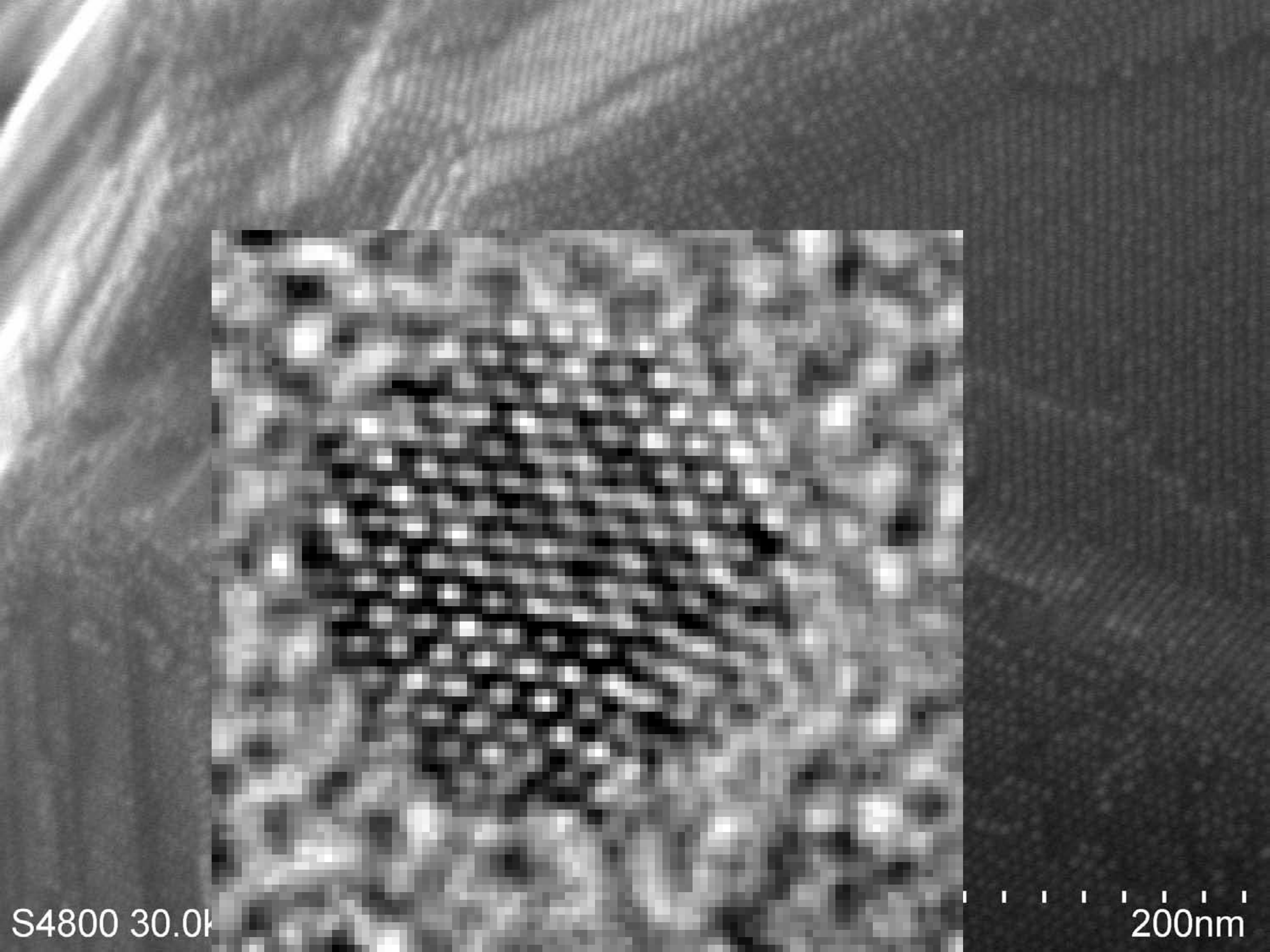
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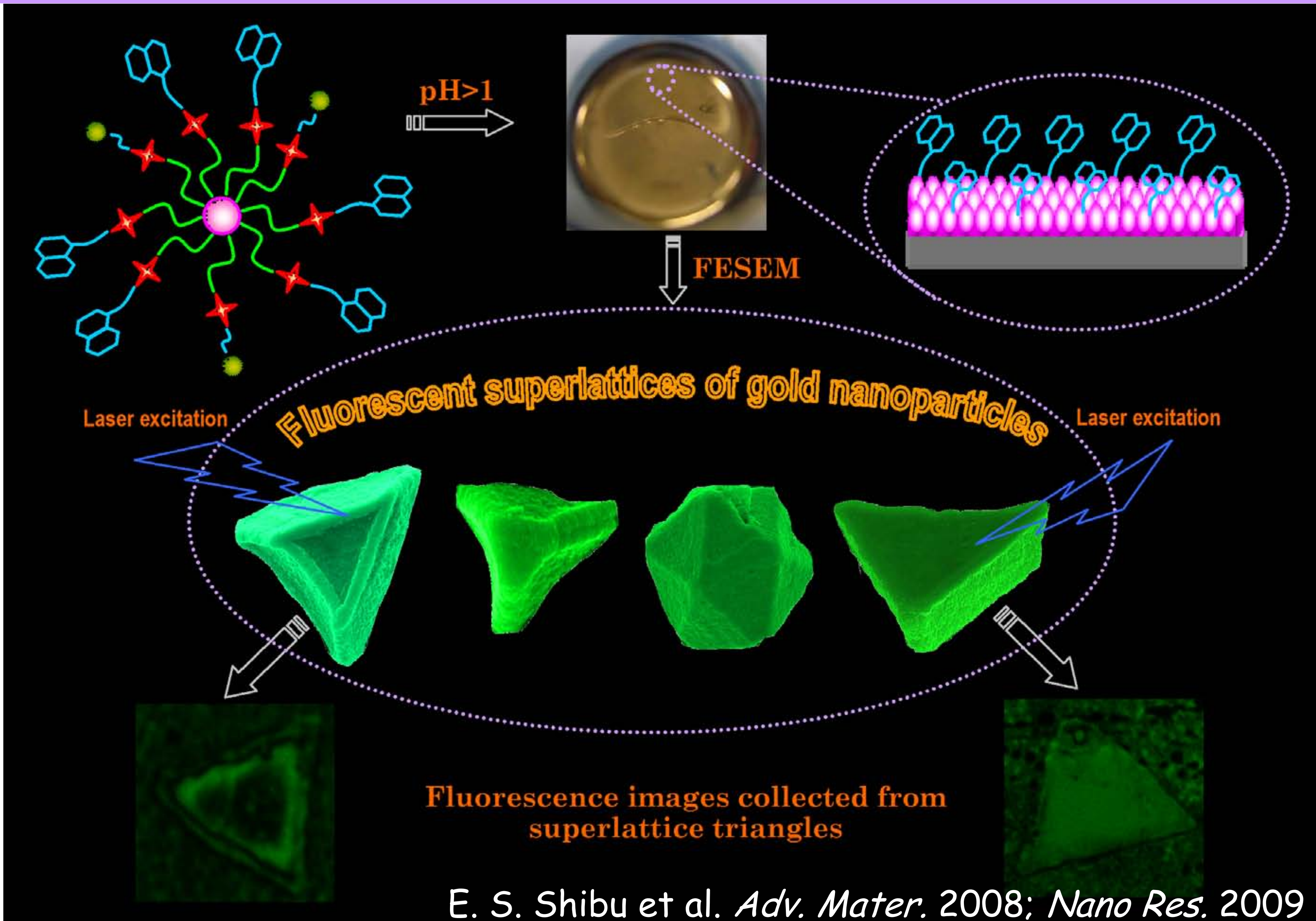

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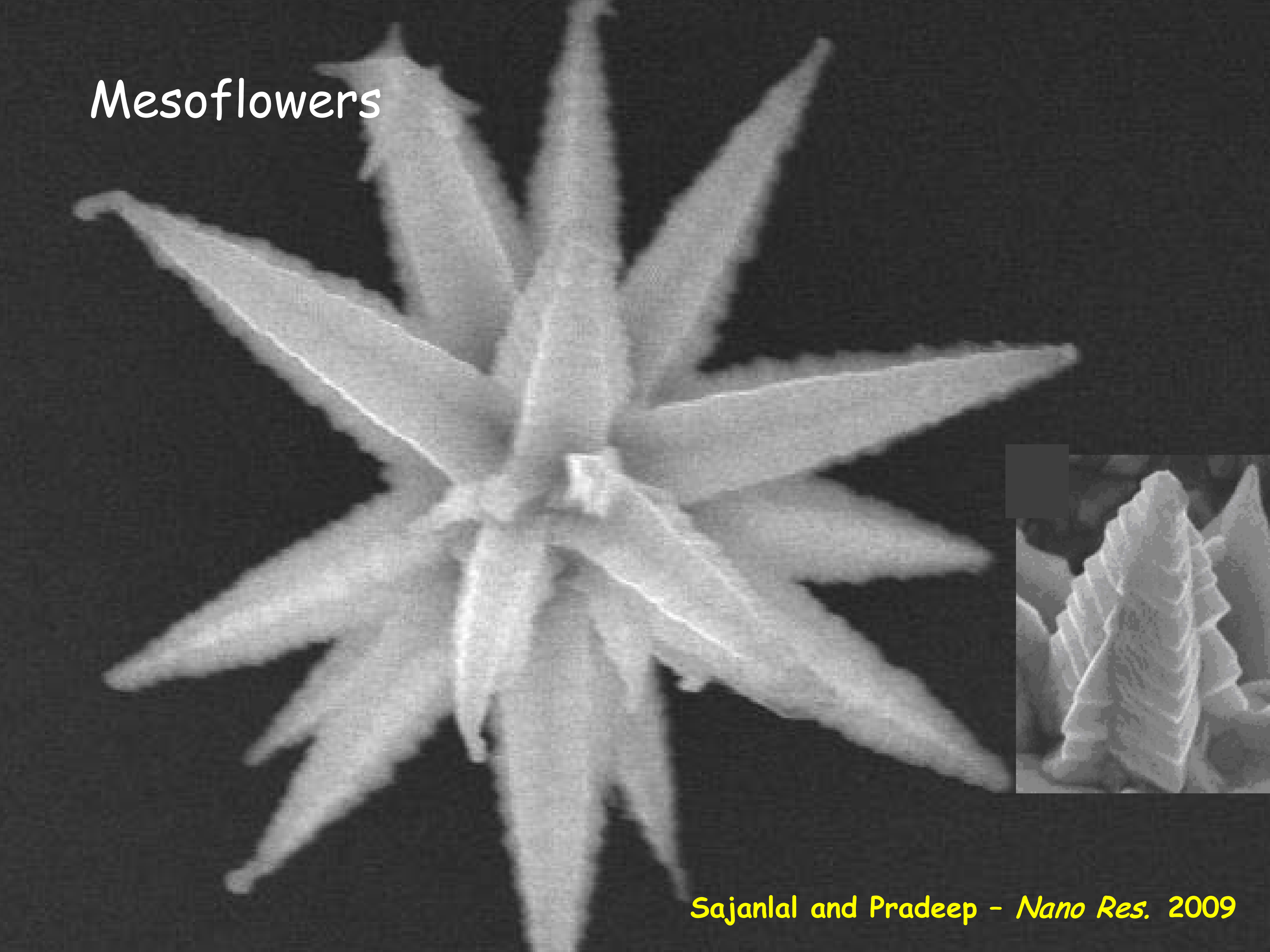
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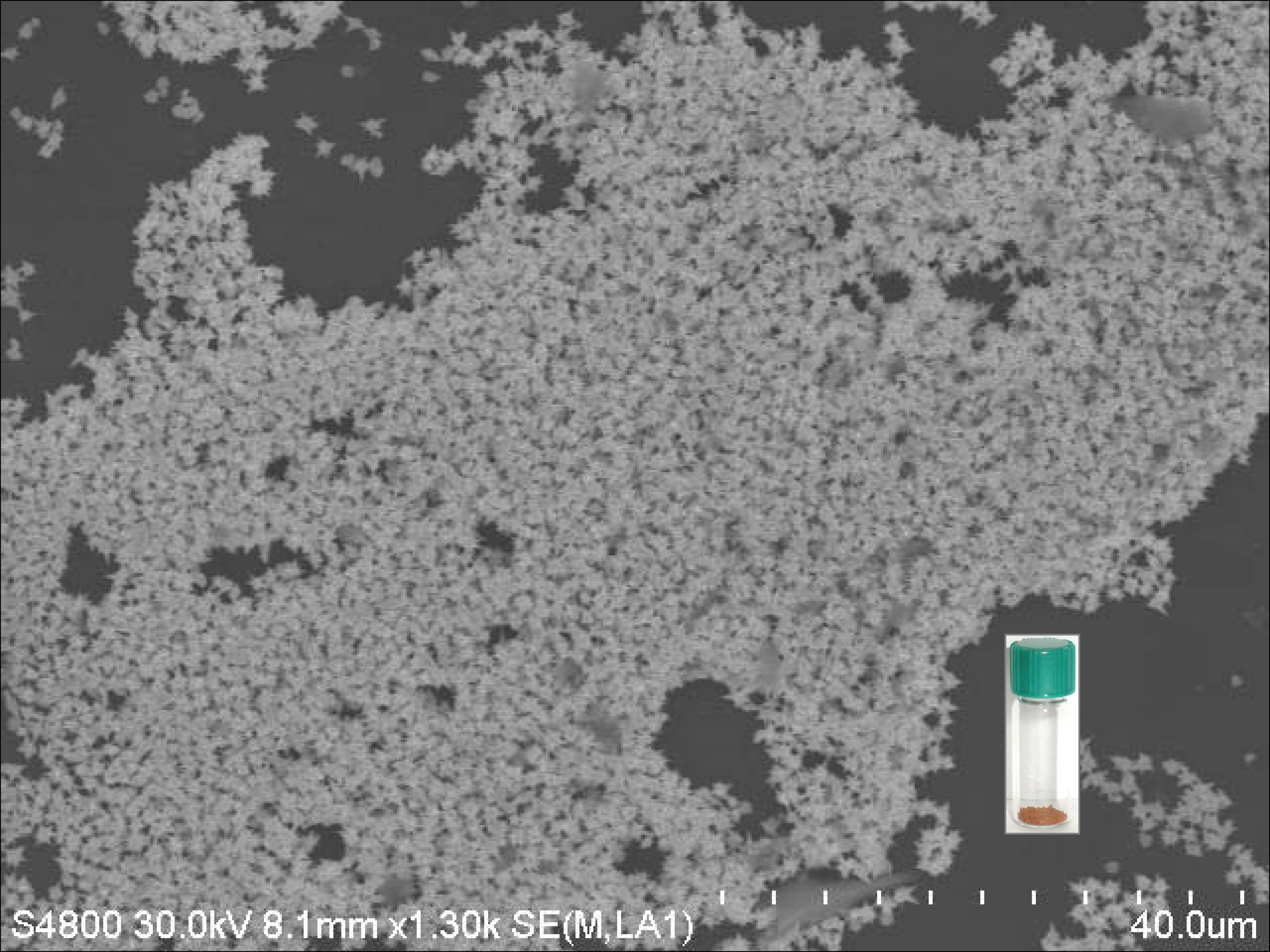
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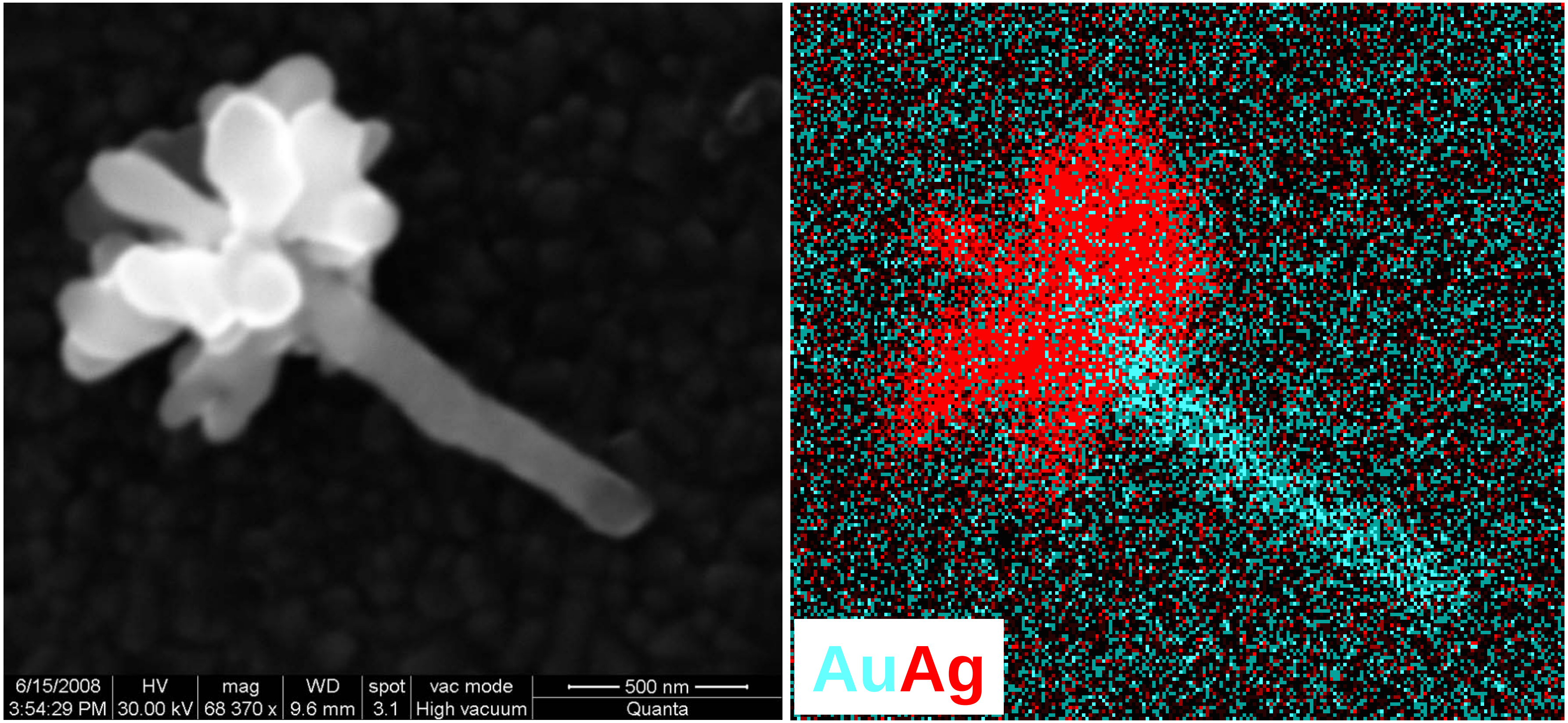

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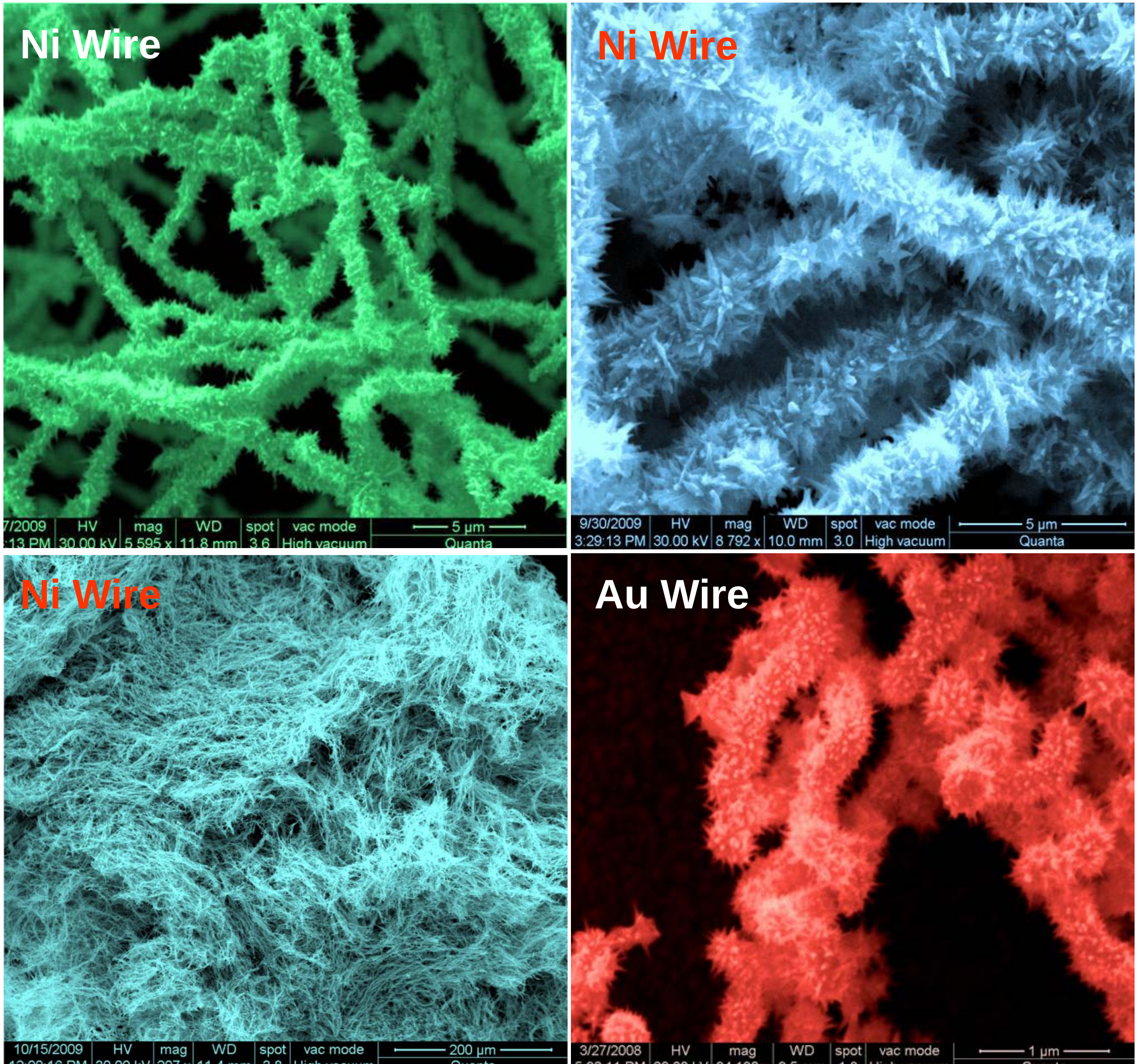

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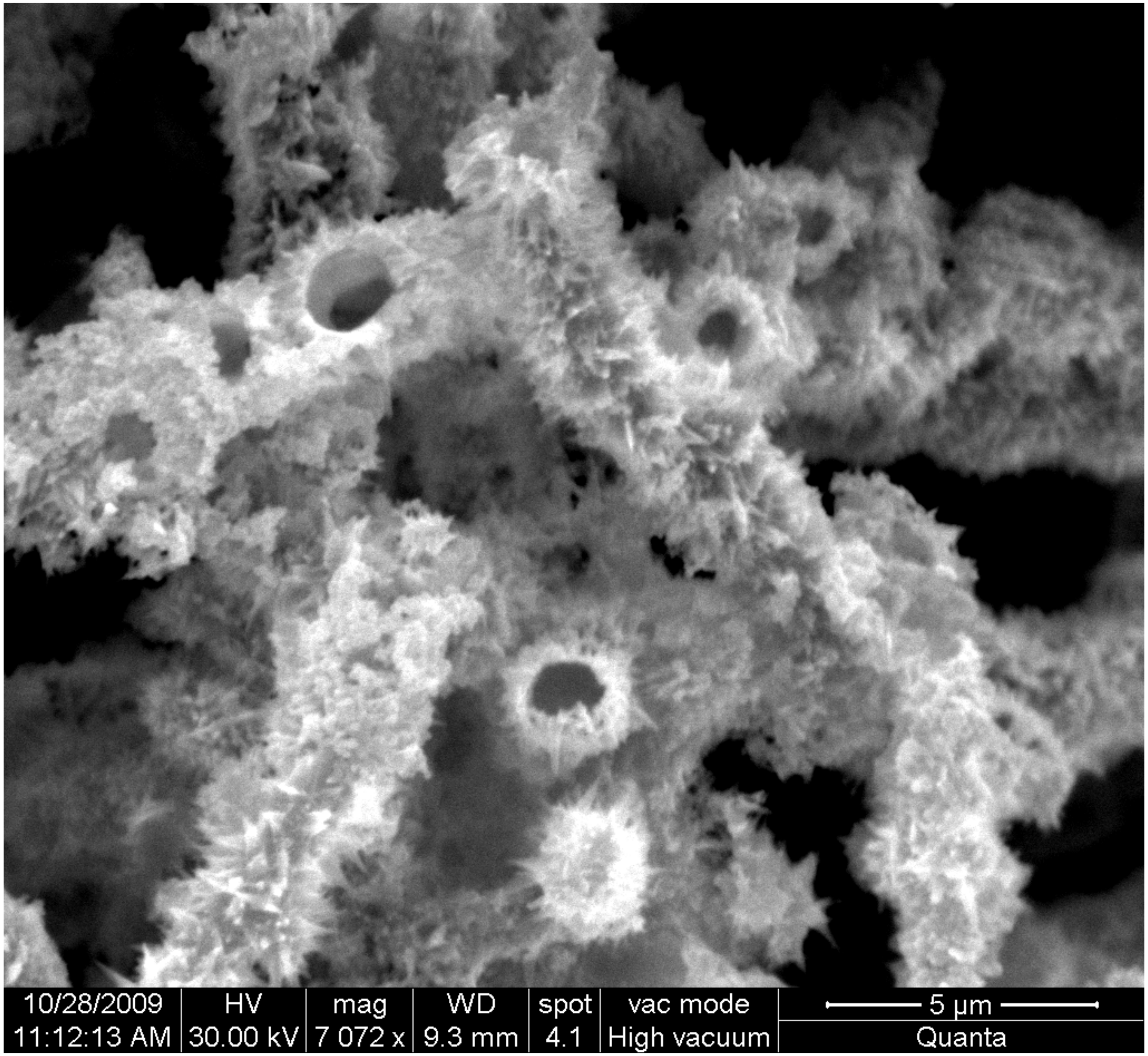

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Gold Catalysts Prepared by Coprecipitation for Low-Temperature Oxidation of Hydrogen and of Carbon Monoxide

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Novel gold catalysts were prepared by coprecipitation from an aqueous solution of $HAuCl_4$ and the nitrates of various transition metals. Calcination of the coprecipitates in air at 400°C produced ultrafine gold particles smaller than 10 nm which were uniformly dispersed on the transition metal oxides. Among them, Au/α-Fe_2O_3, Au/Co_3O_4, and Au/NiO were highly active for H_2 and CO oxidation, showing markedly enhanced catalytic activities due to the combined effect of gold and the transition metal oxides. For the oxidation of CO they were active even at a temperature as low as −70°C. © 1989 Academic Press, Inc.

INTRODUCTION

During the course of an investigation into new oxide catalysts useful for the low-temperature catalytic combustion of hydrogen (*1–4*), it became evident that the catalytic activities of transition metal oxides for hydrogen oxidation had a volcano-like relation with the heat of formation of oxides per gram-atom of oxygen (*5*). The volcano relation indicates that the formation of metal–oxygen (*M*–O) bonds is rate determining for the oxides of Ag and Au, which are located on the left side, while the breaking of *M*–O bonds is the slow step for the other metal oxides located on the right side. Therefore, an attempt was made to develop composite oxides of Ag with the 3*d* transition metals, for which an enhancement in both catalytic activity and thermal stability was expected.

Our earlier paper (*5*) reported that an appreciable enhancement in catalytic activity was, in fact, achieved in some composite oxides of silver with 3*d* transition metals which were prepared by coprecipitation. Specifically, a mixed oxide composed of Co, Mn, and Ag (20 : 4 : 1 in atom ratio) was both thermally stable and highly active for the oxidation of H_2 and CO. The successful results obtained for these composite oxides of silver led us to expect that a significant enhancement in catalytic activity might also be exhibited by composites of gold and the other metal oxides. The present investigation into gold-based oxide catalysts was undertaken to test this hypothesis.

Previous work on gold catalysts has been reviewed by several authors (*6–10*). All the gold catalysts investigated so far are gold supported on inactive ceramic oxides, such as SiO_2 (*11–17*), Al_2O_3 (*14–16, 18*), MgO (*15–17, 19*), and TiO_2 (*20*), or unsupported gold filaments (*21*), powder (*22, 23*), sponges (*24*), filings (*25*), and gauze (*26*).

The chemical reactivity of gold catalysts has been studied for the oxidation by oxygen or nitrogen oxides of CO (*11, 22, 24, 26*) and H_2 (*12, 15, 17, 21–23*), selective oxidation of organic compounds by nitrogen dioxide (*13*), hydrogenation of alkenes (*7*), and so on. However, the conventional gold catalysts prepared by impregnation have been reported to be usually far less active than platinum-group metal catalysts, although they are superior in selectivity for only a few reactions such as the oxidation

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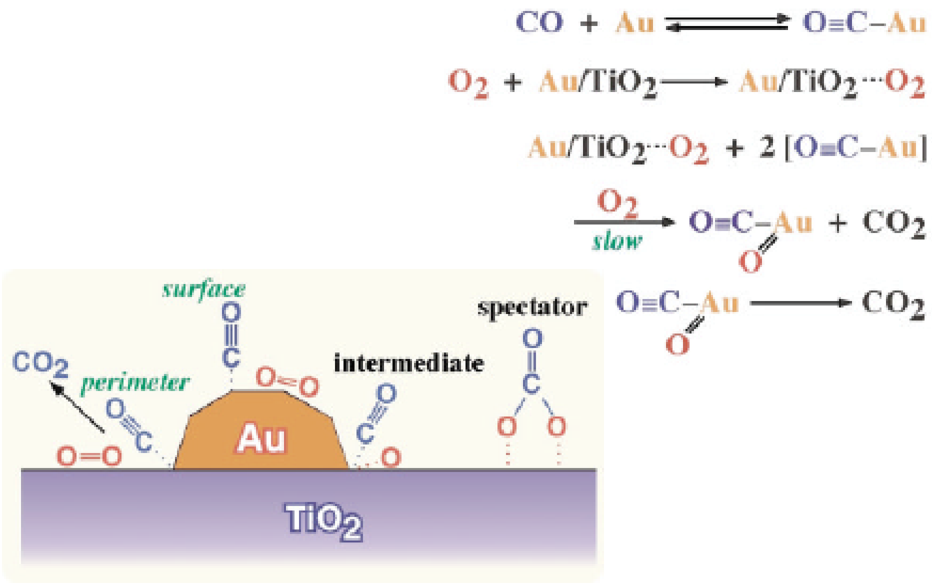

Schematic representation for CO oxidation pathways over Au/TiO2.

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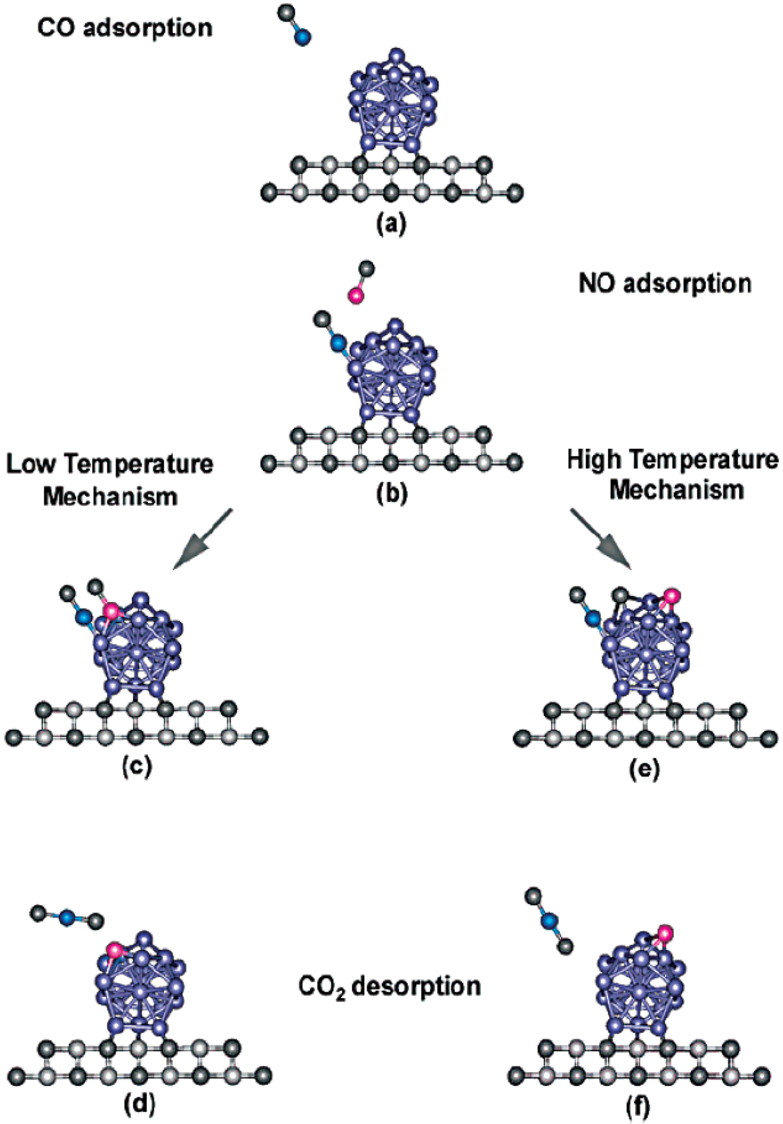

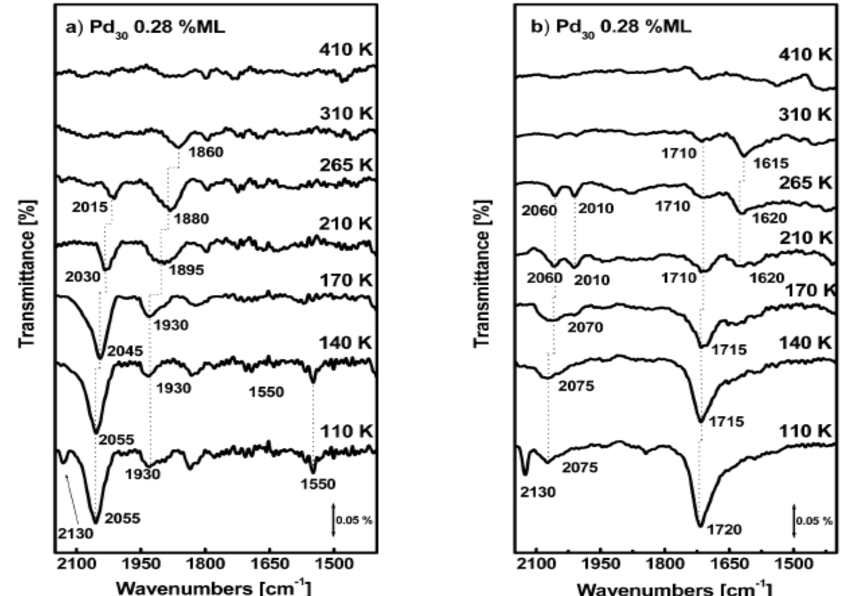

IR-spectra of 13CO and 15NO adsorbed on Pd30 (Figure 3a/b) and Pd8 (Figure 3c/d) clusters. Figure 3a/c shows the spectra if 13CO was predosed for both cluster sizes. Figure 3b/d shows the spectra if 15NO was predosed. All of the spectra were taken at 90 K after annealing the cluster samples to the indicated temperatures.

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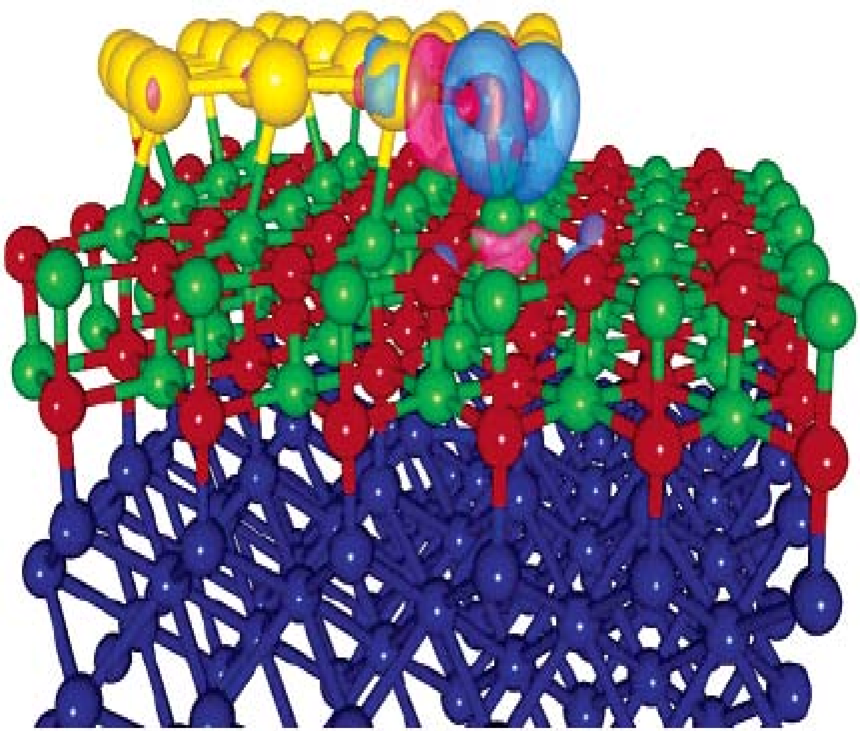
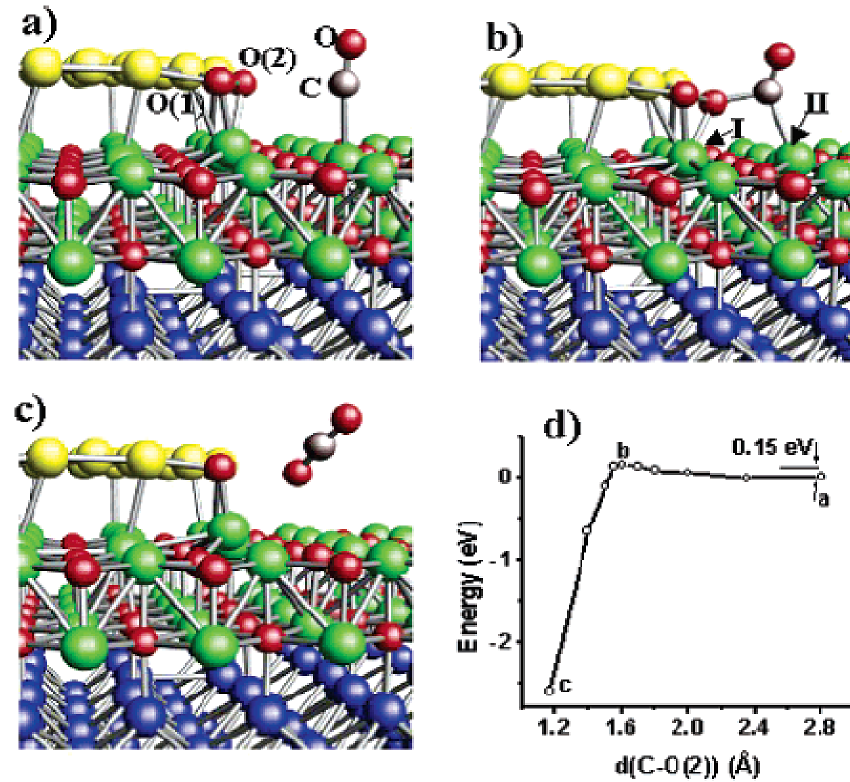


Two-dimensional Au20 island (yellow on line) adsorbs on a two layer MgO film (O atoms in red and Mg in green) supported on Mo(100) (blue on line), with a coadsorbed O2 molecule. Superimposed we show an isosurface of the excess electronic charge (light blue on line) illustrating activation of the adsorbed molecule through population of the antibonding $2\pi^*$ *orbital.*



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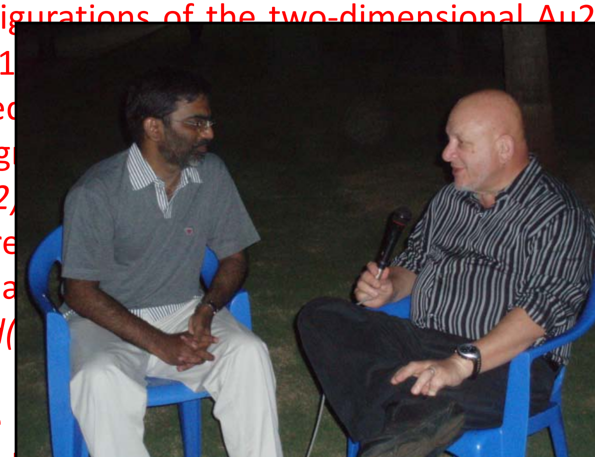

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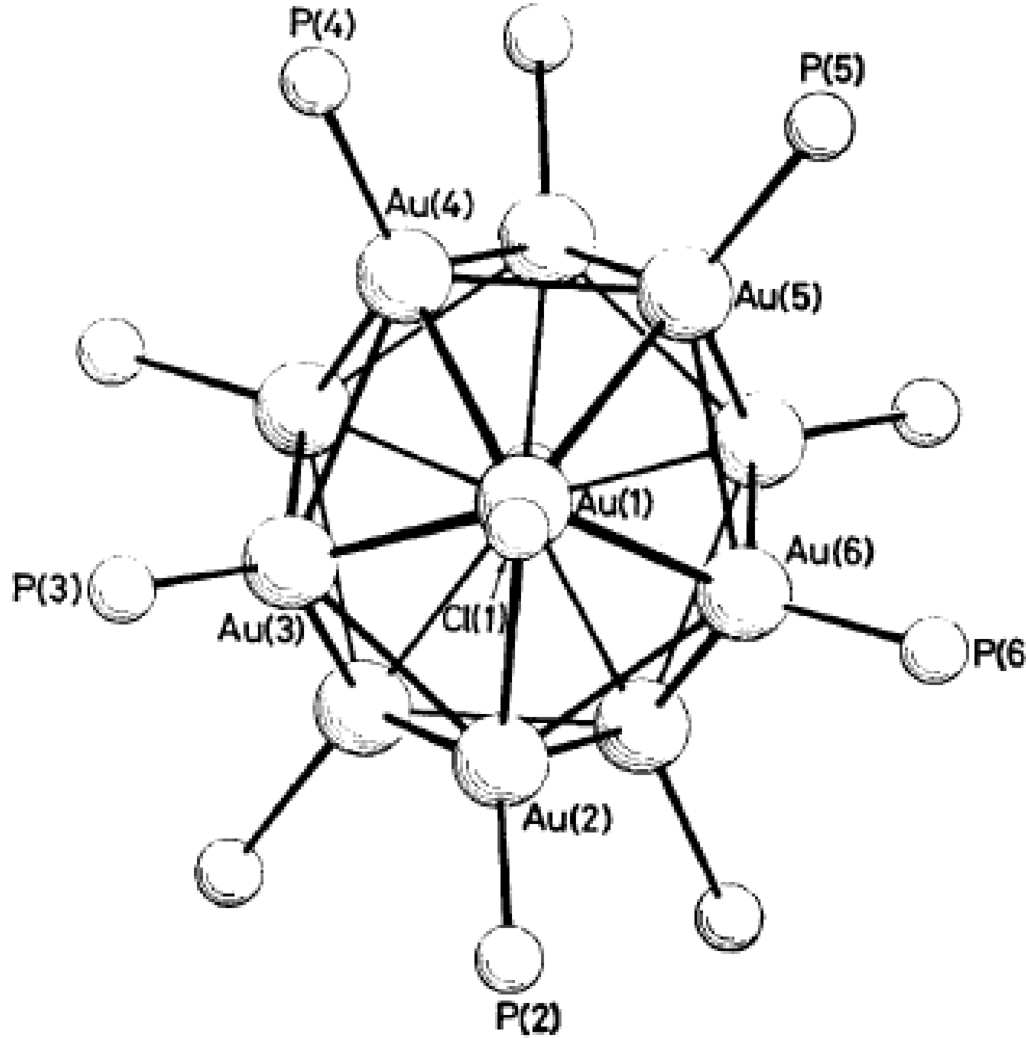
Au_{13}

$[Au_{13}(PPhMe_2)_{10}C1_2]^{3+}$



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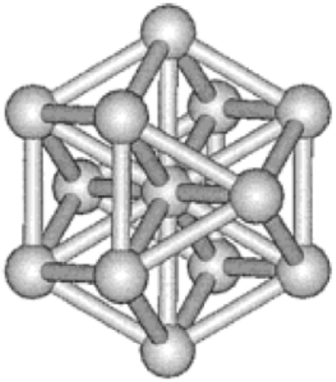
Gold clusters



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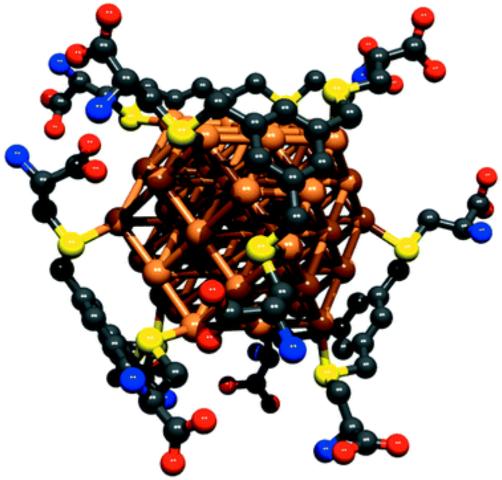

Au_{55}

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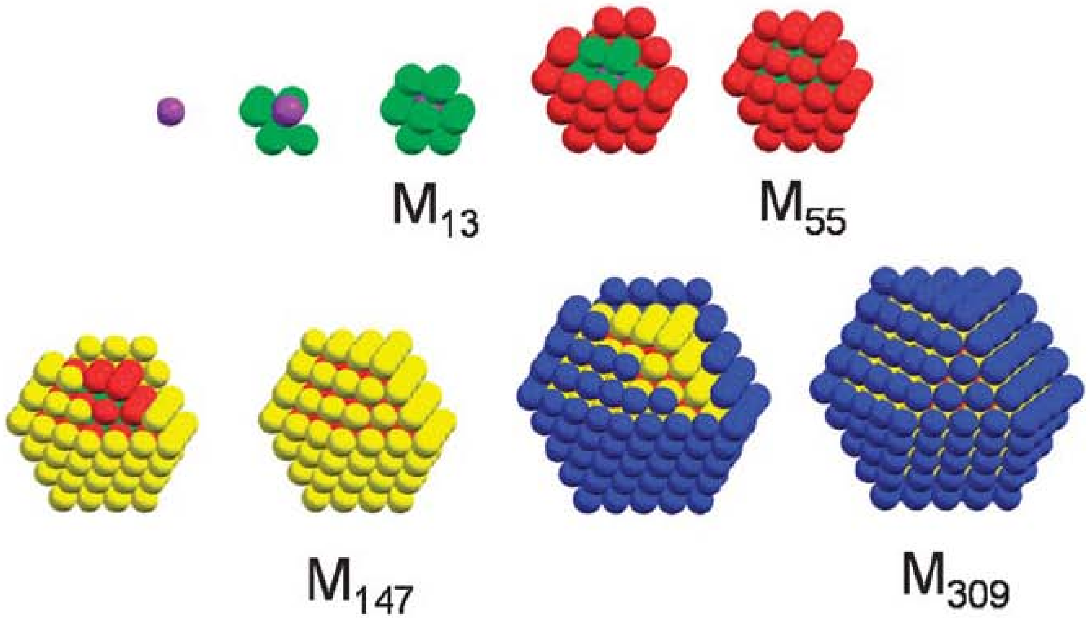

Fig. 1 Organization of full-shell clusters: a first single atom (purple) is surrounded by 12 others (green) to give a one-shell cluster M_{13}. 42 atoms (red) can be densely packed on the 12 green atoms ending with the M_{55} two-shell cluster, followed by 92 atoms (yellow) and 162 atoms (blue) to give M_{147} and M_{309}, respectively.

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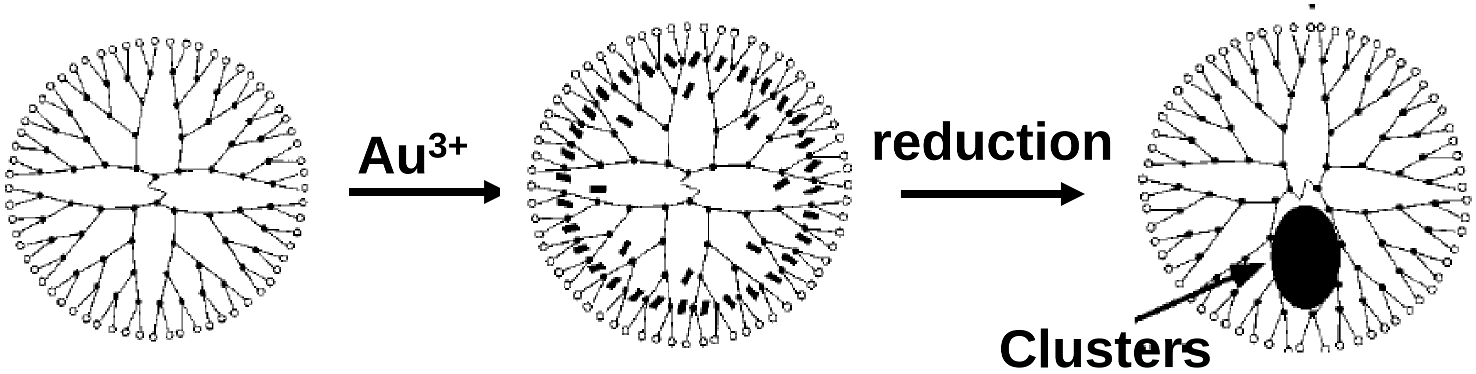
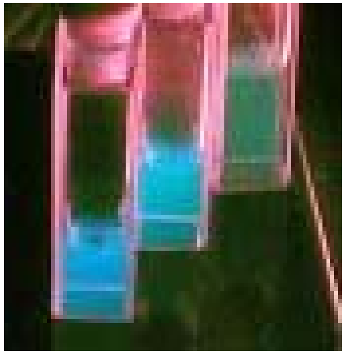
Dendrimer encapsulated clusters





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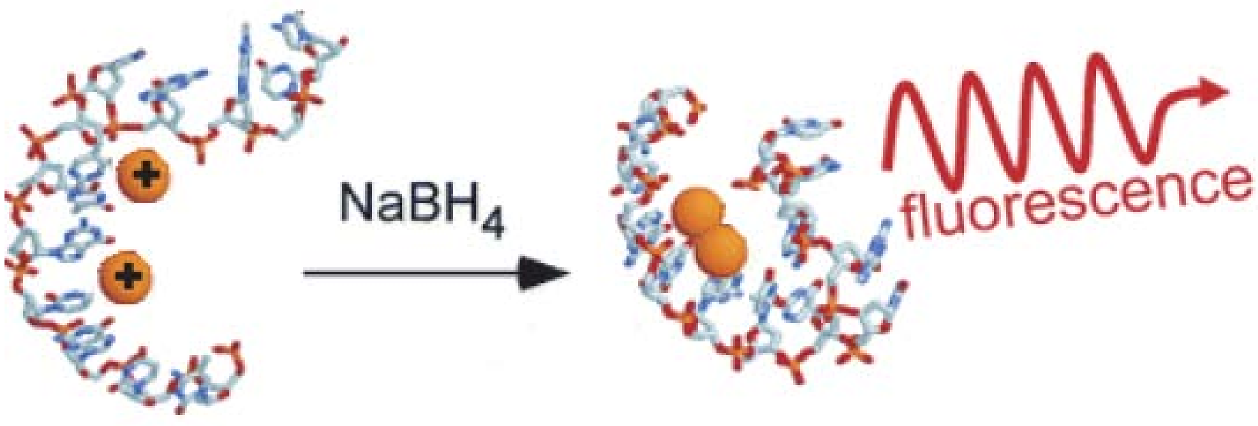
DNA encapsulated clusters



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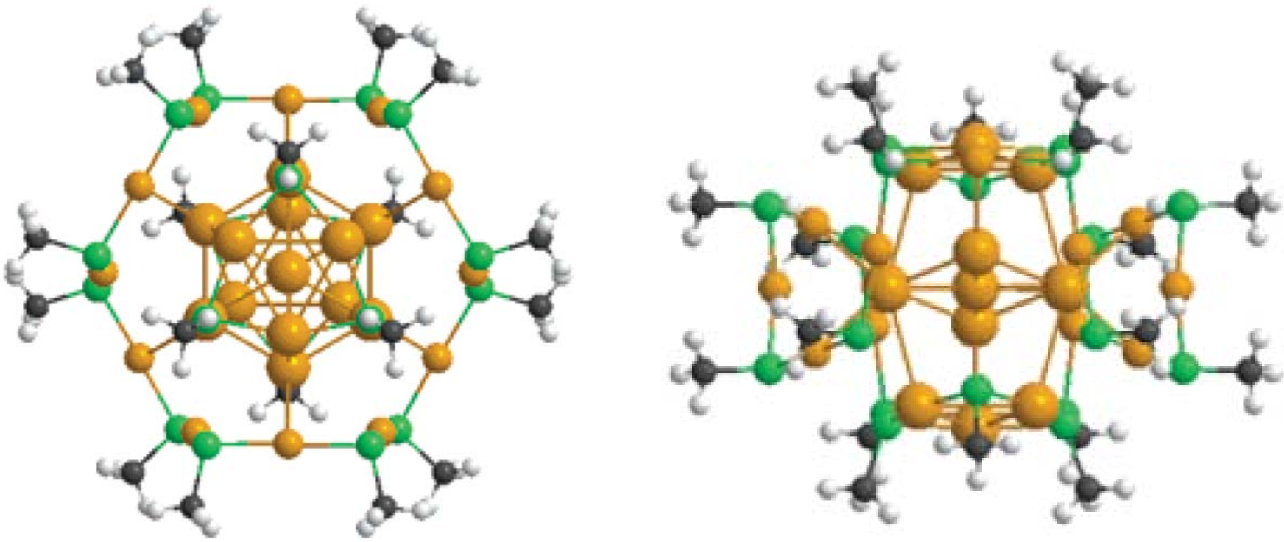

Top and side view of $[Au_{25}(SCH_3)_{18}]^+$

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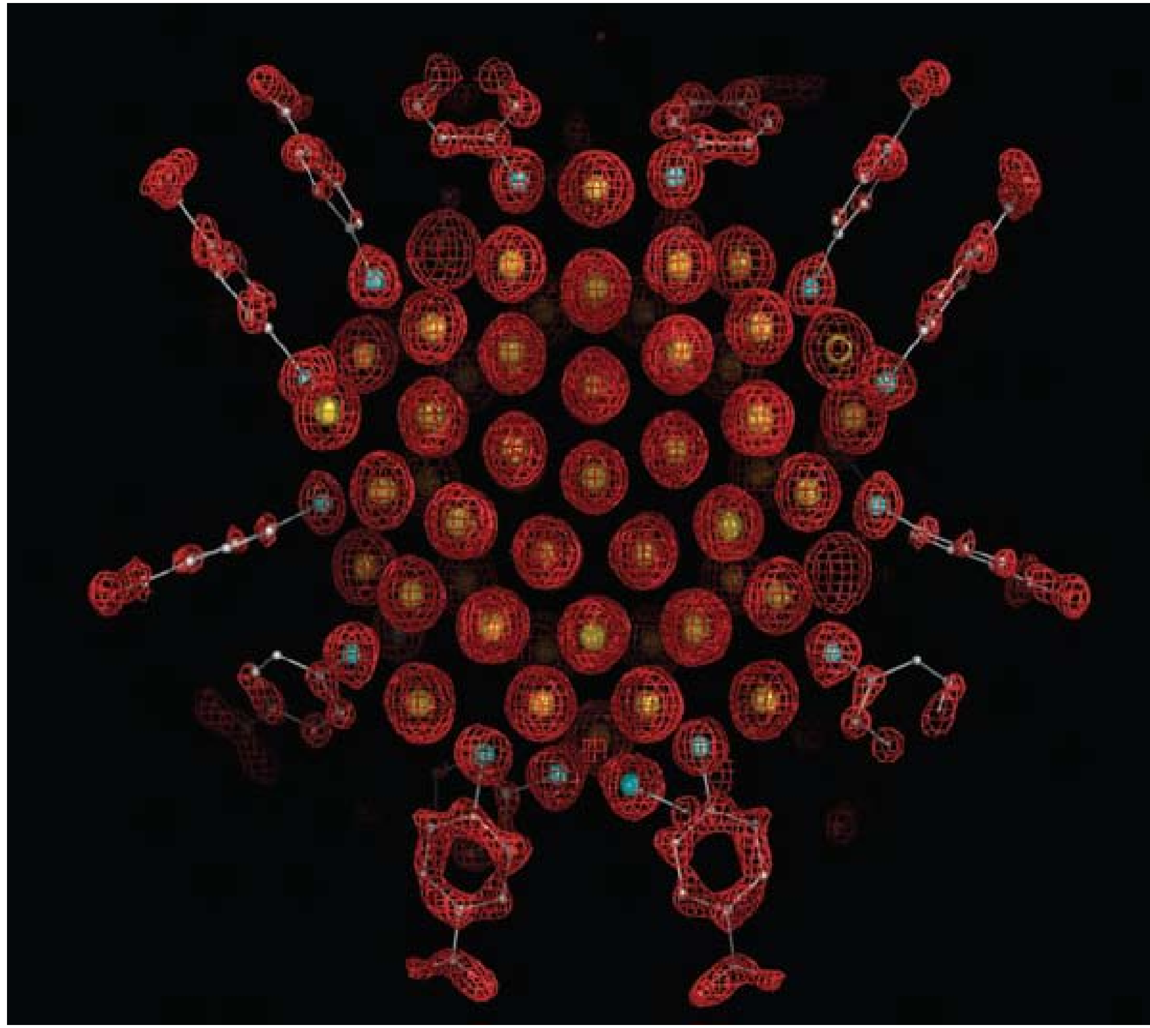
Au_{102}

Au_{102}(p-MBA)$_{44}$



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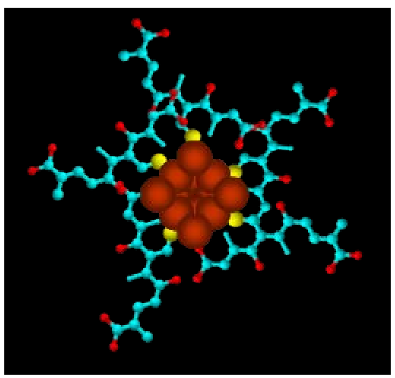

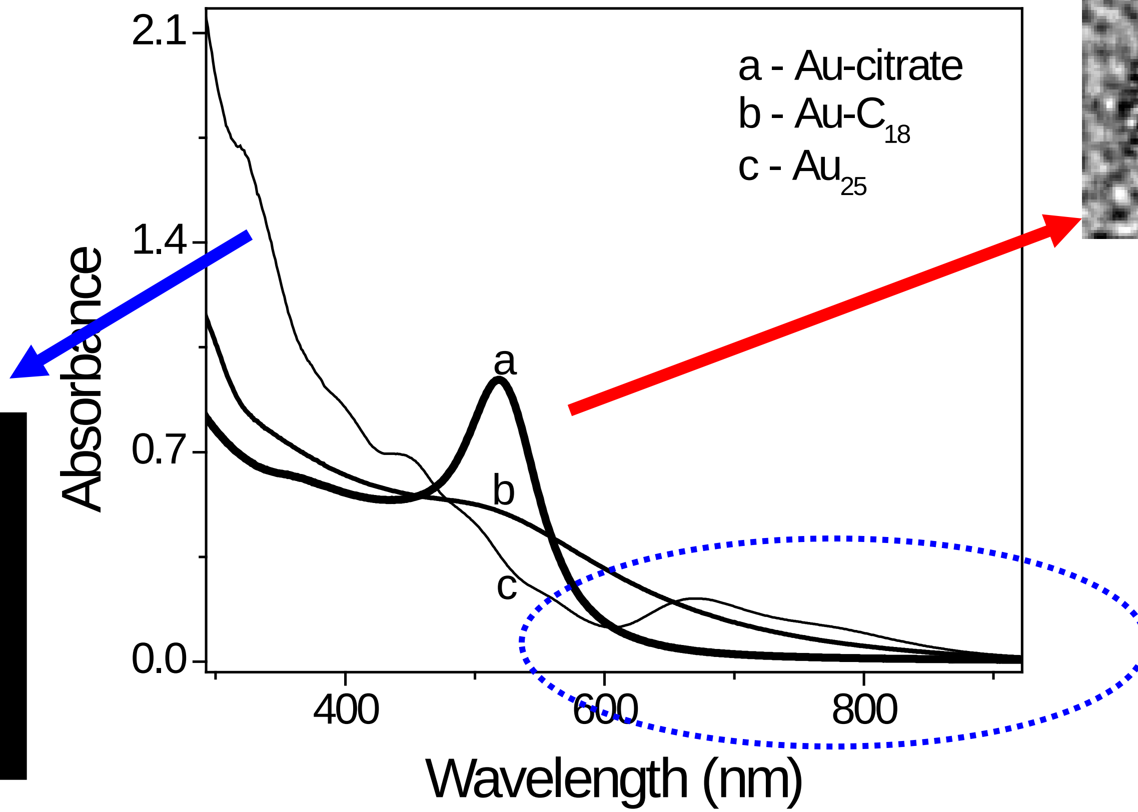

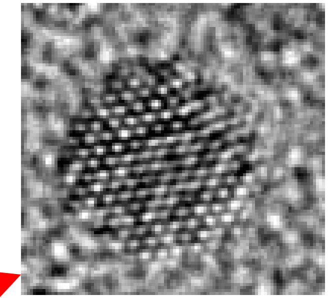

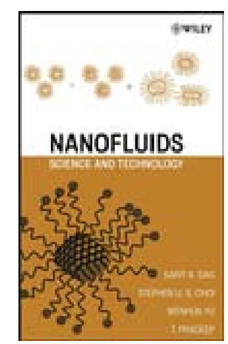

Optical absorption (extinction) spectrum of (a) 15 nm gold particles in aqueous solution (labeled Au@citrate). The spectrum of (b) 3 nm particles in toluene is also shown. See the broadening of the plasmon feature. The spectrum of (c) Au_{25} in water. In this, there is no plasmon excitation and all the features are due to molecular absorptions of the cluster.

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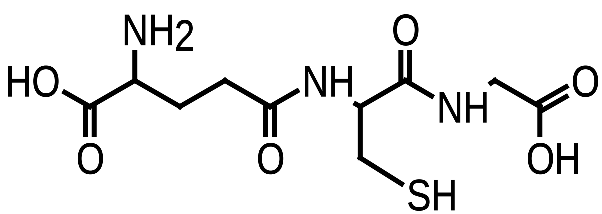
Polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (PAGE)

How to make them?

Au^{3+}



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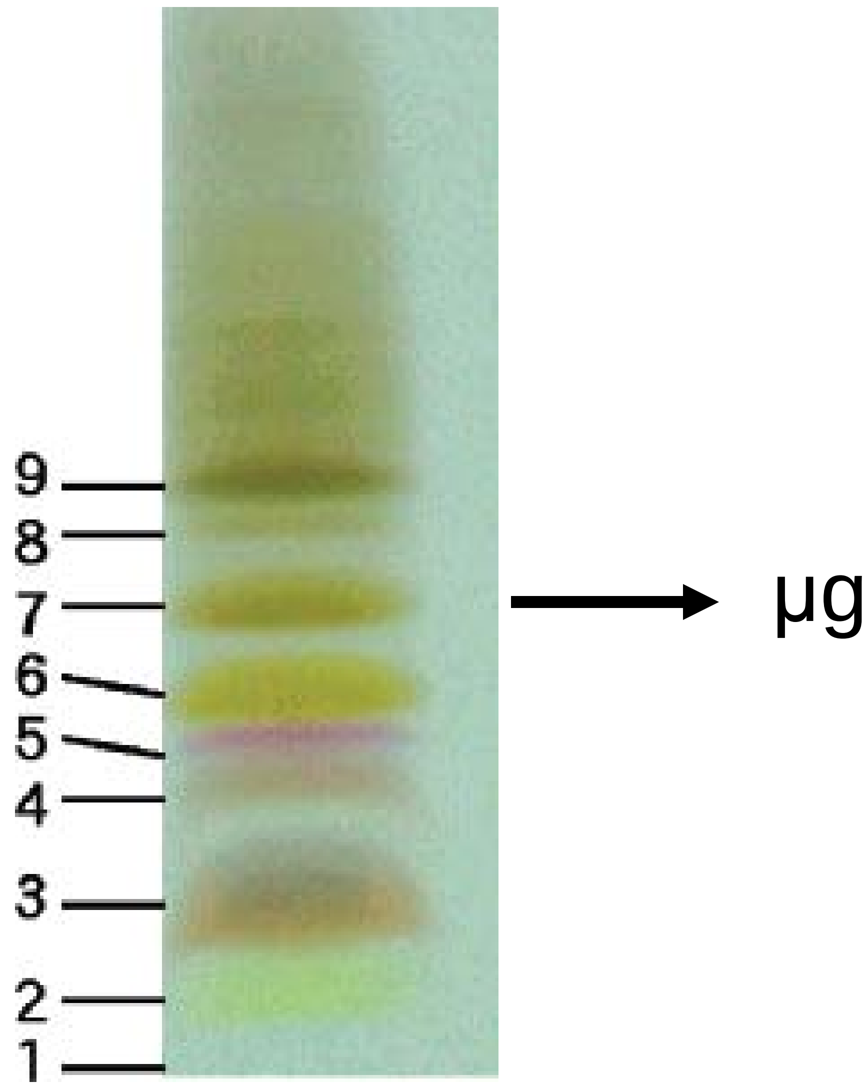

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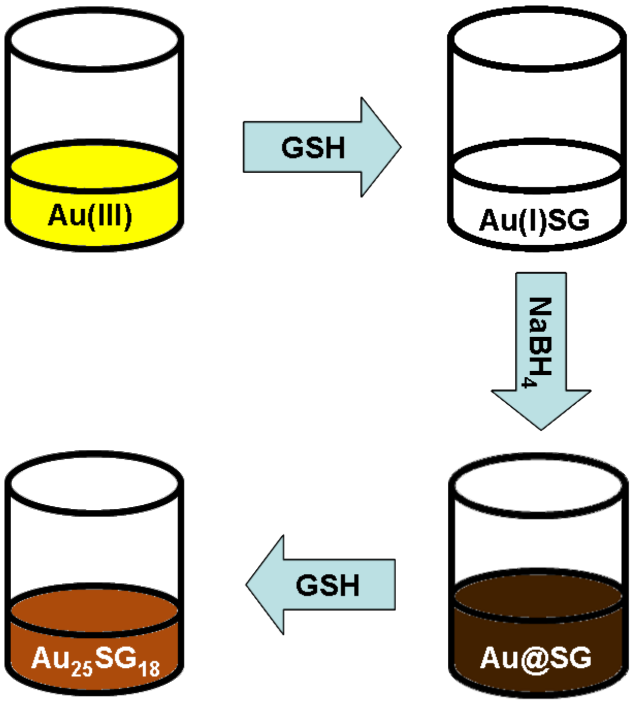
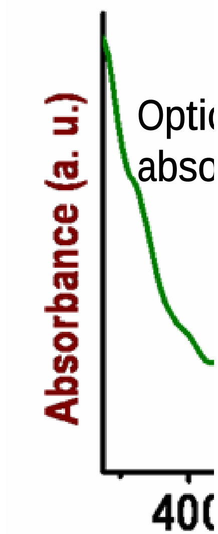
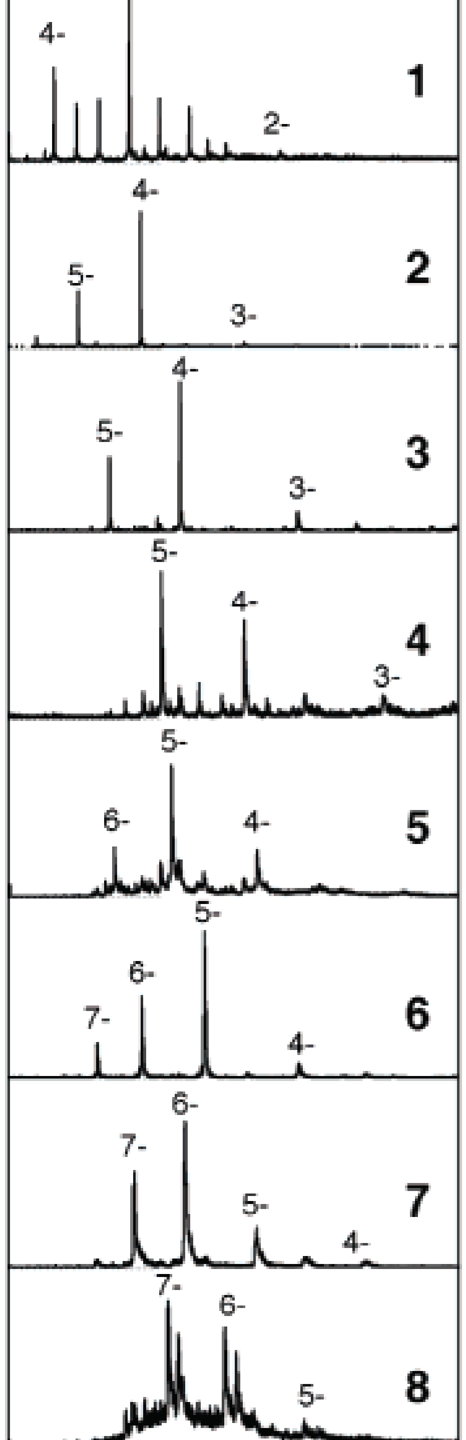
$Au_{25}SG_{18}$

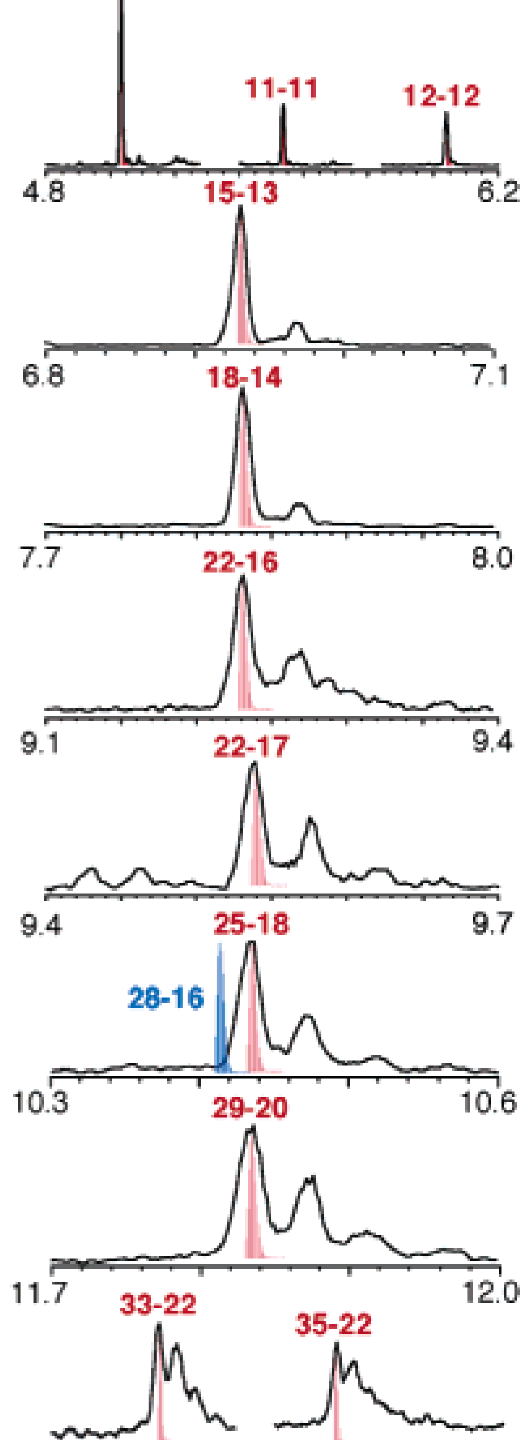
Synthesis: Au_{25} clusters can be preferentially populated by dissociative excitation of larger precursors

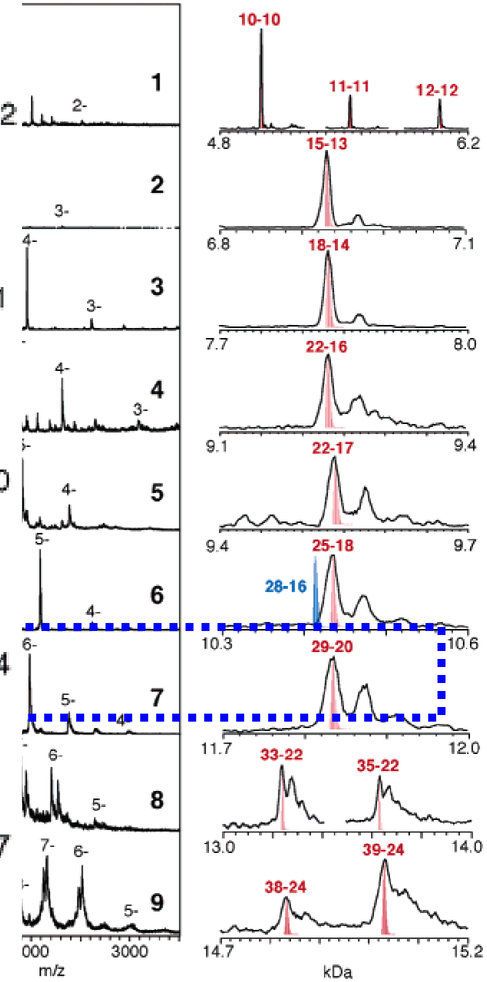


Scheme showing the synthesis of $Au_{25}SG_{18}$ clusters









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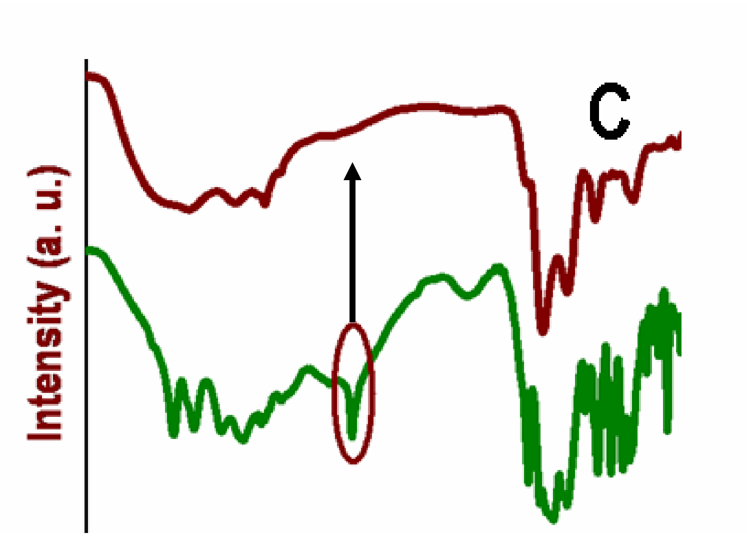
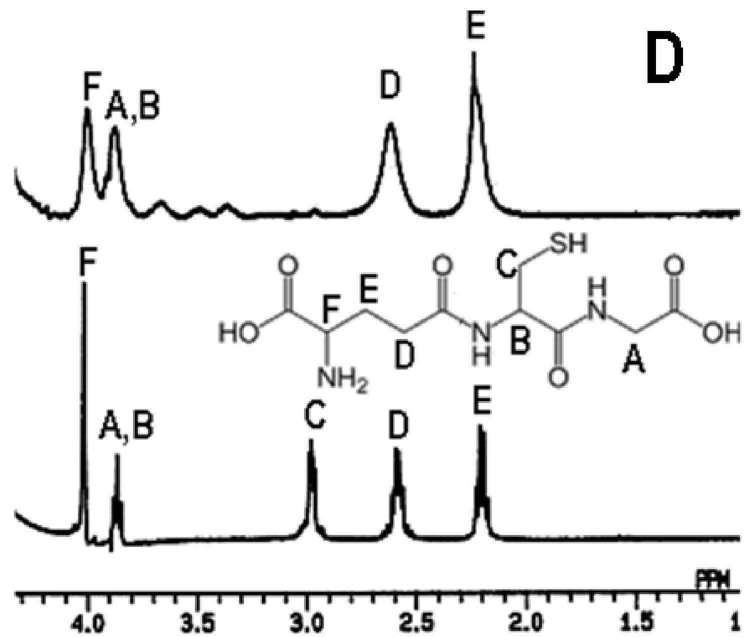
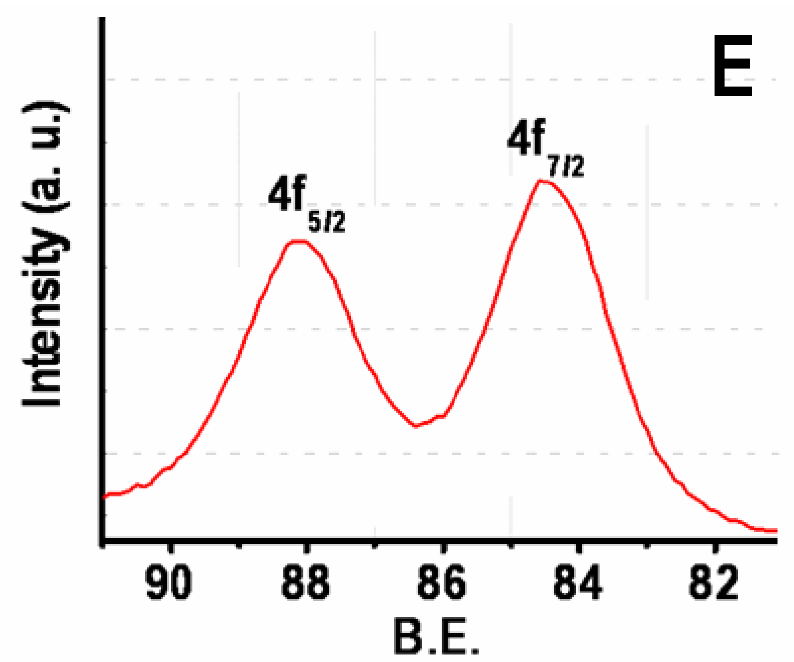


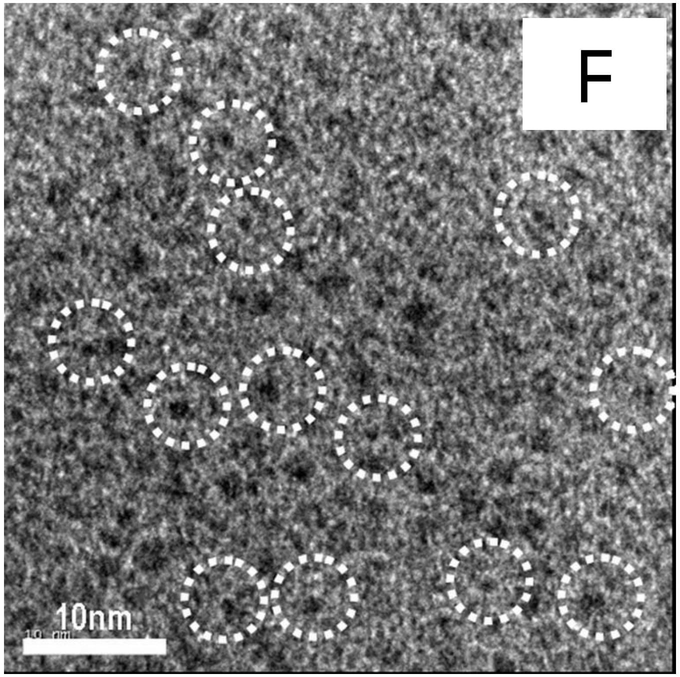


FTIR spectrum: The peak at 2526 cm^{-1} of glutathione due to –SH stretching frequency is absent in IR spectrum of Au_{25} suggesting the ligand binding on cluster surface.

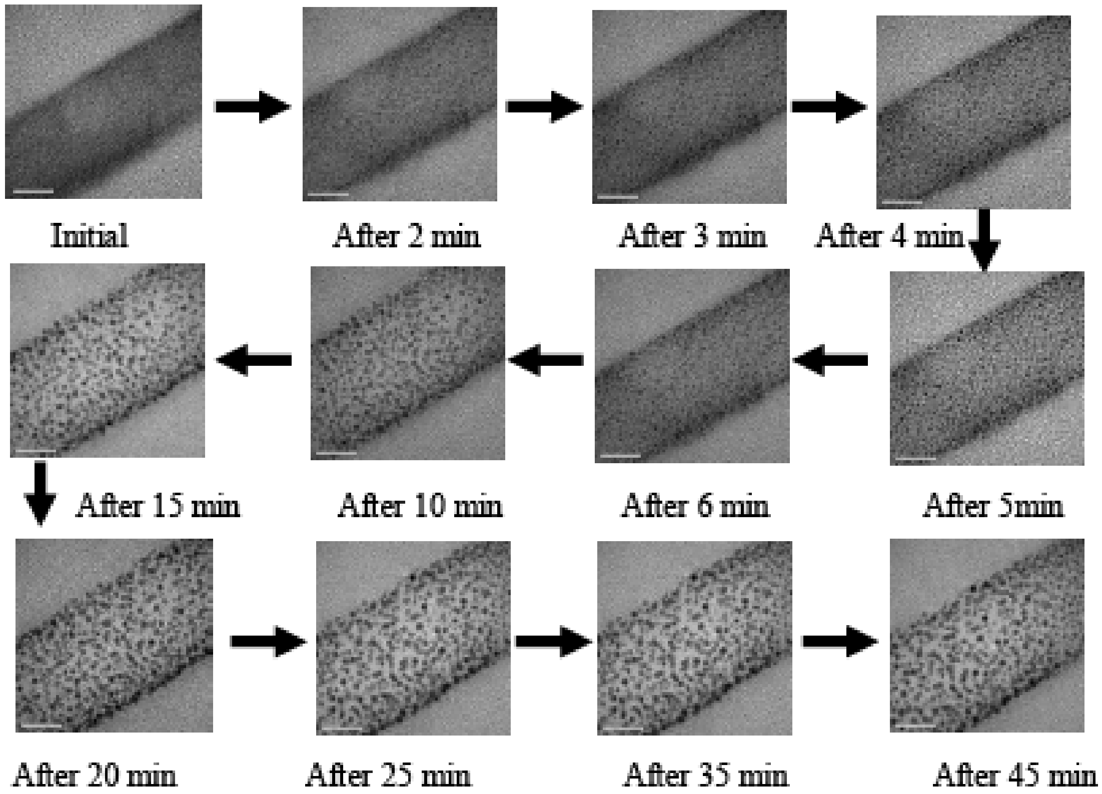
1H NMR spectrum: There is one-to-one correspondence between the two spectra, except that the **β**CH_2 resonance (labeled as C) disappears completely in the cluster which is expected as it is close to the cluster surface. All the observed resonances have been broadened in view of their faster relaxation and non-uniform distribution of ligands.

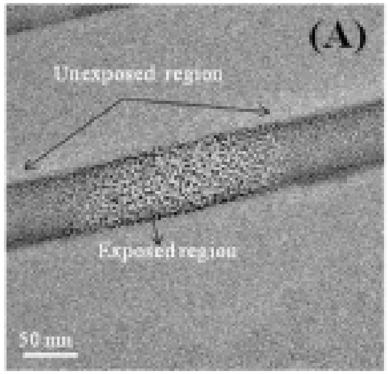


XPS spectrum



TEM image: The clusters are seen only faintly since the size is ~1 nm. Some of the individual clusters are shown by circles. There are also cluster aggregates which upon extended electron beam irradiation fuse to form bigger particles





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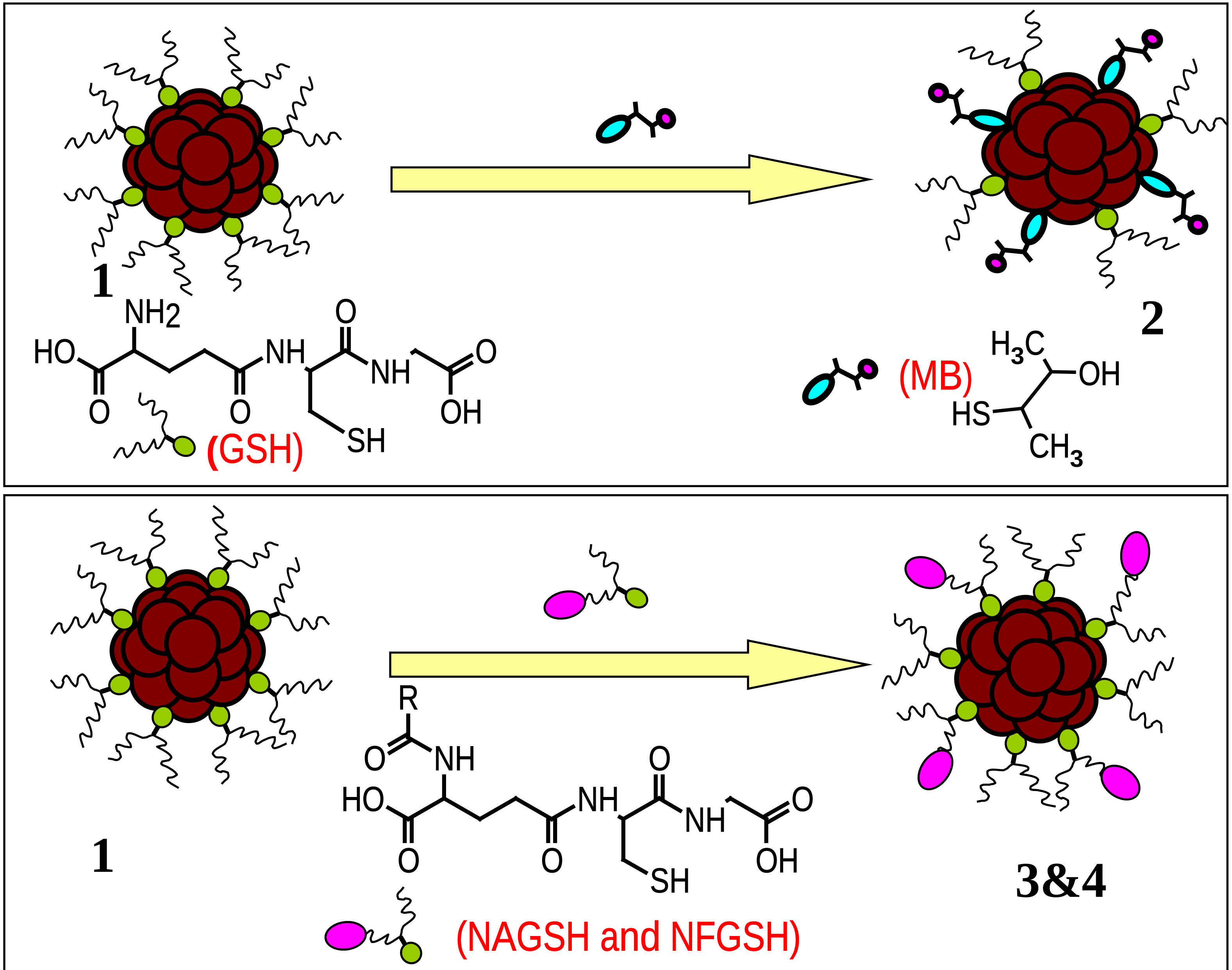
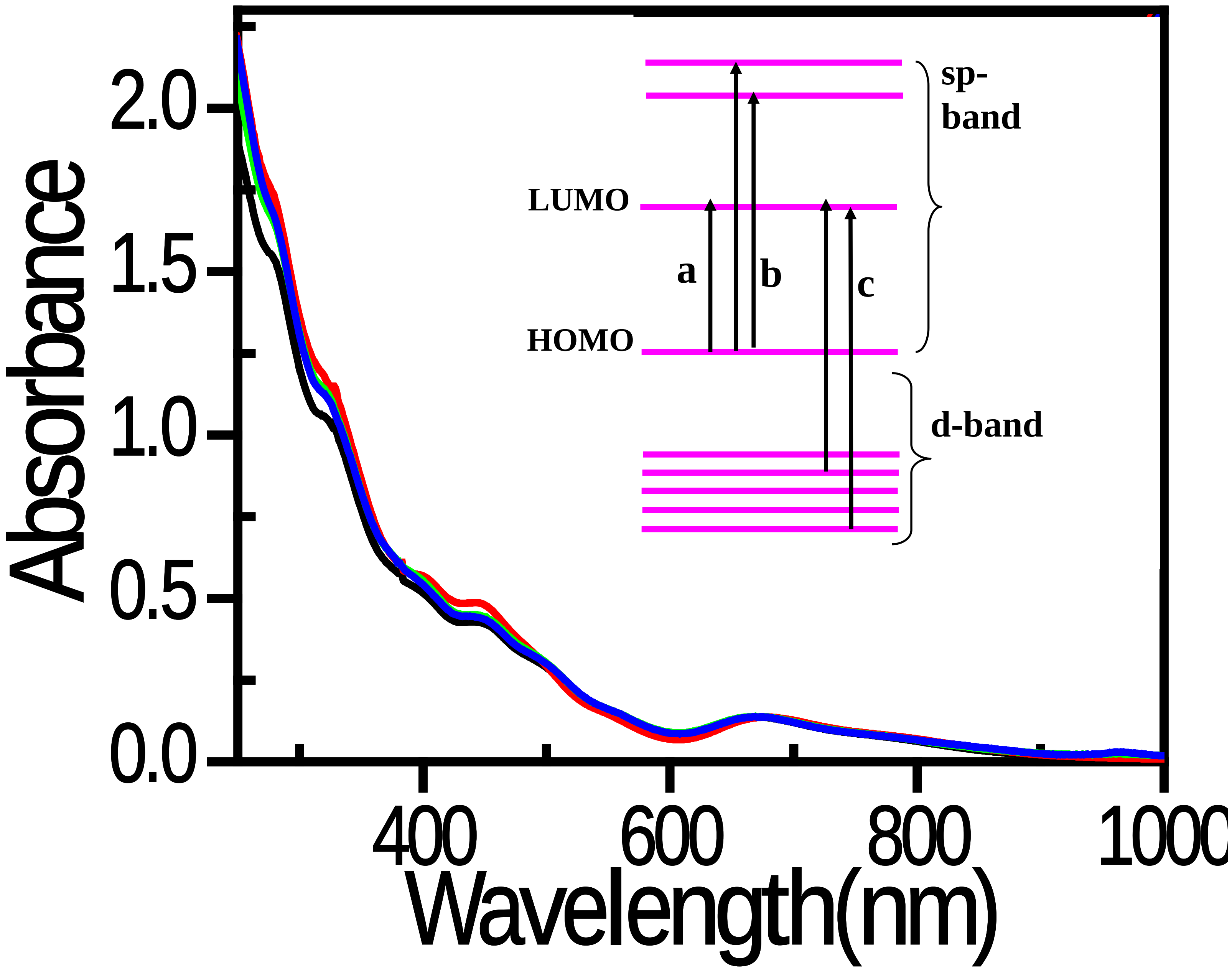
Ligand exchange of Au_{25}





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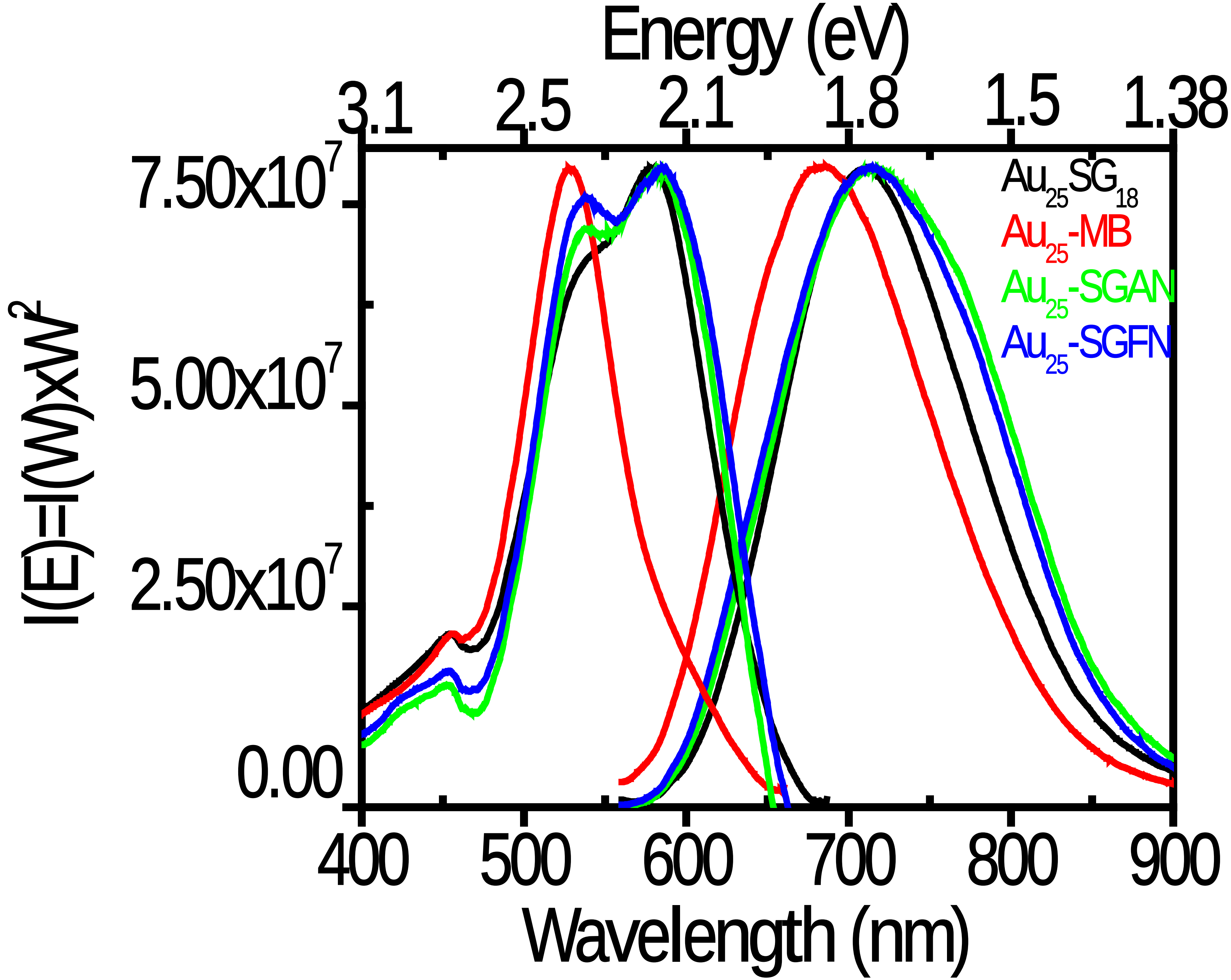

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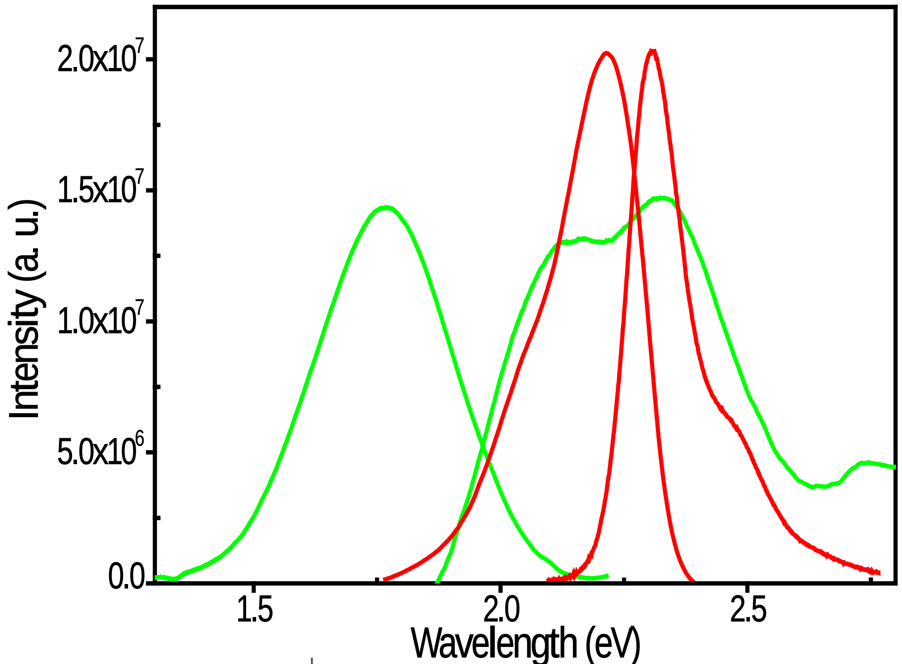

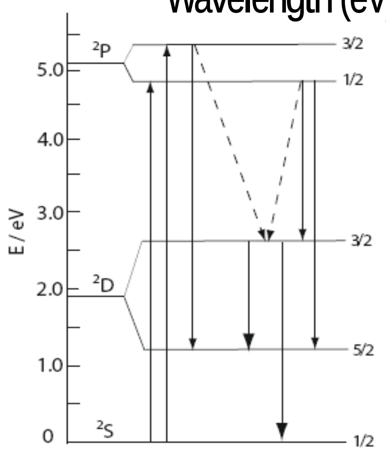

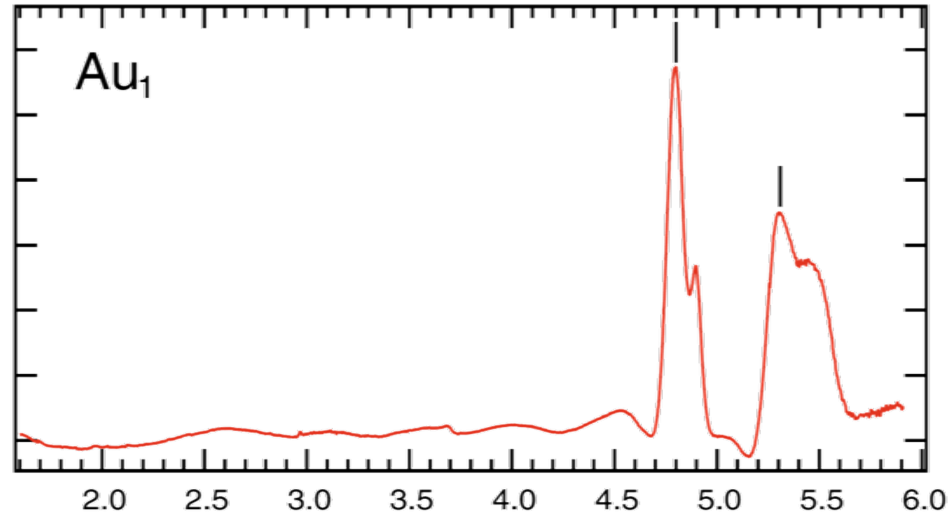

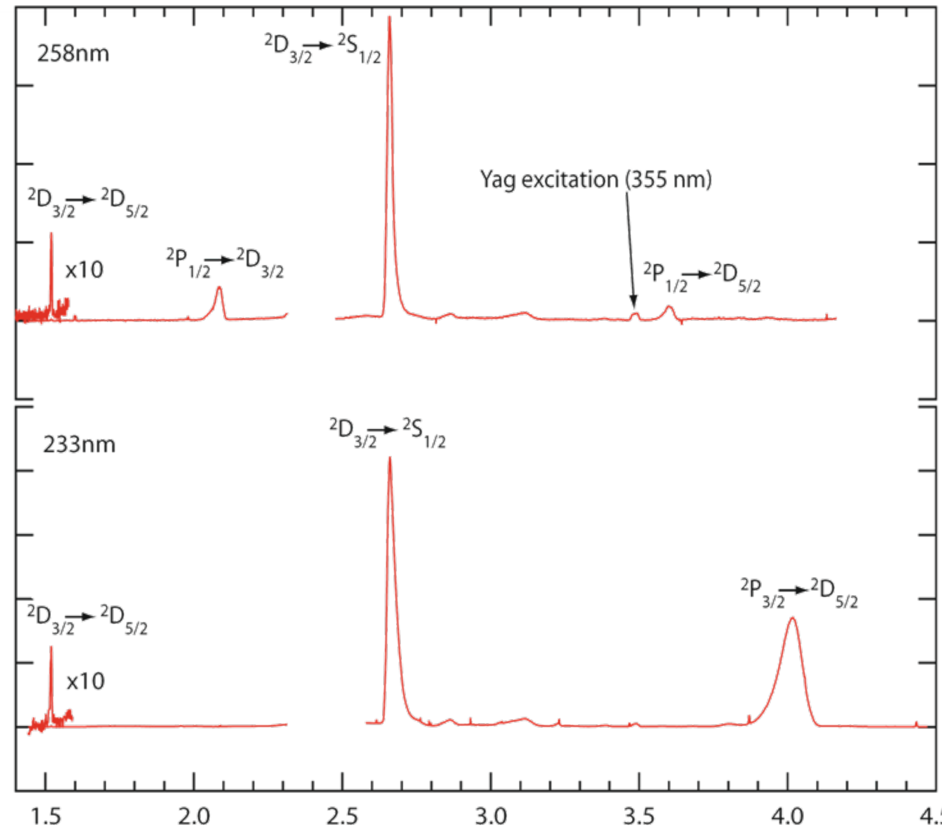

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Cluster	Q.Yield
$Au_{10}(SG)_{10}$ $Au_{11}(SG)_{11}$ $Au_{11}(SG)_{11}$	$1*10^{-4}$
$Au_{15}(SG)_{13}$	$2*10^{-4}$
$Au_{18}(SG)_{14}$	$4*10^{-3}$
$Au_{22}(SG)_{16}$	$4*10^{-3}$
$Au_{22}(SG)_{17}$	$2*10^{-3}$
$Au_{25}(SG)_{18}$	$1.9*10^{-3}$
$Au_{29}(SG)_{20}$	$3*10^{-3}$
$Au_{33}(SG)_{22}$ $Au_{35}(SG)_{22}$	$2*10^{-3}$
$Au_{38}(SG)_{24}$, $Au_{39}(SG)_{24}$	$2*10^{-3}$
Gold nanoparticles	$1*10^{-10}$

Recently developed clusters using Au_{25} as precursor

Precursor

Using other ligands

Cluster	Q. Yield
Au_{22}	$4.0*10^{-2}$
Au_{23}	$1.3*10^{-2}$
Au_{31}	$1.0*10^{-2}$
$Au_8(SG)_8$	$1.5*10^{-1}$

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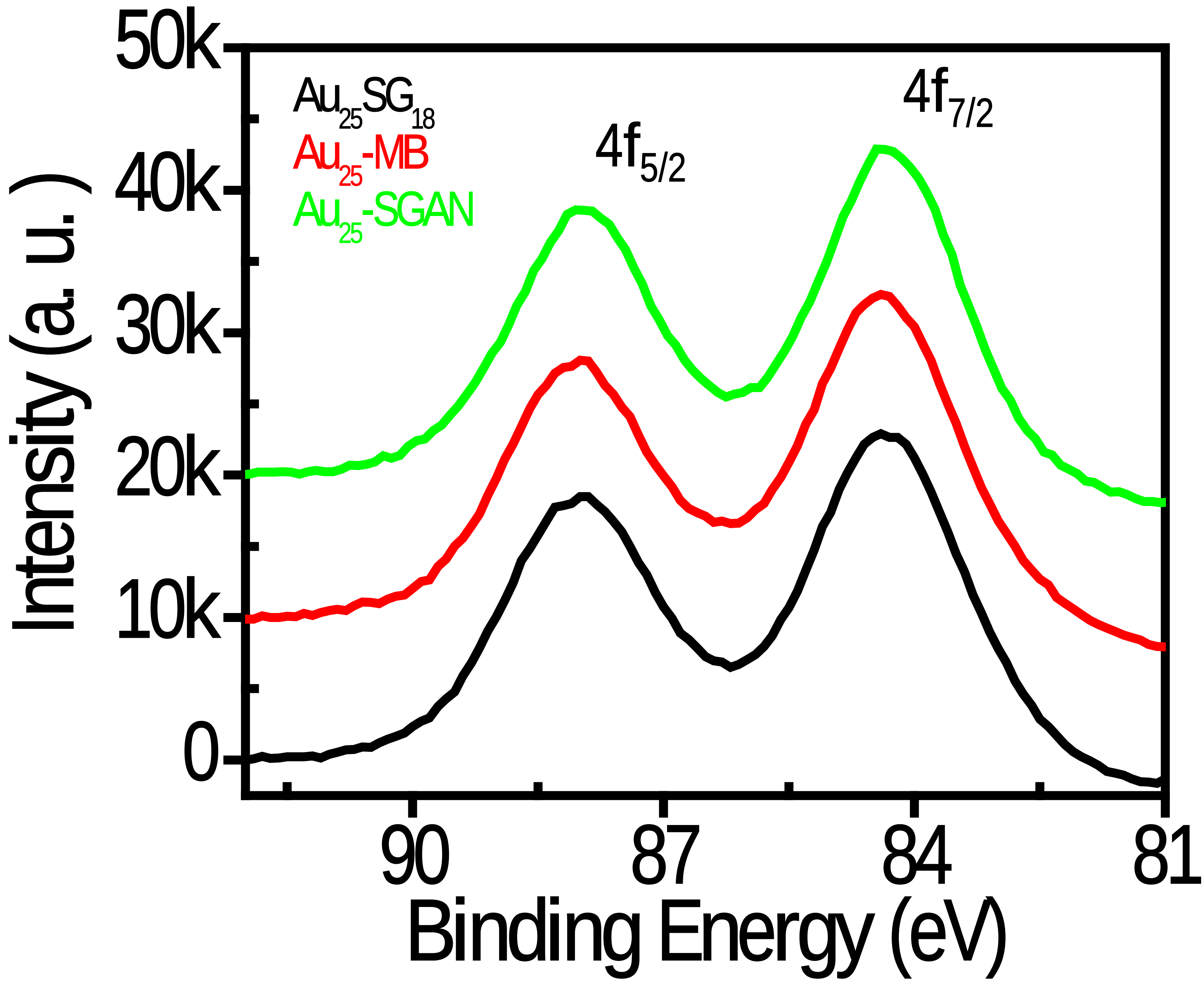

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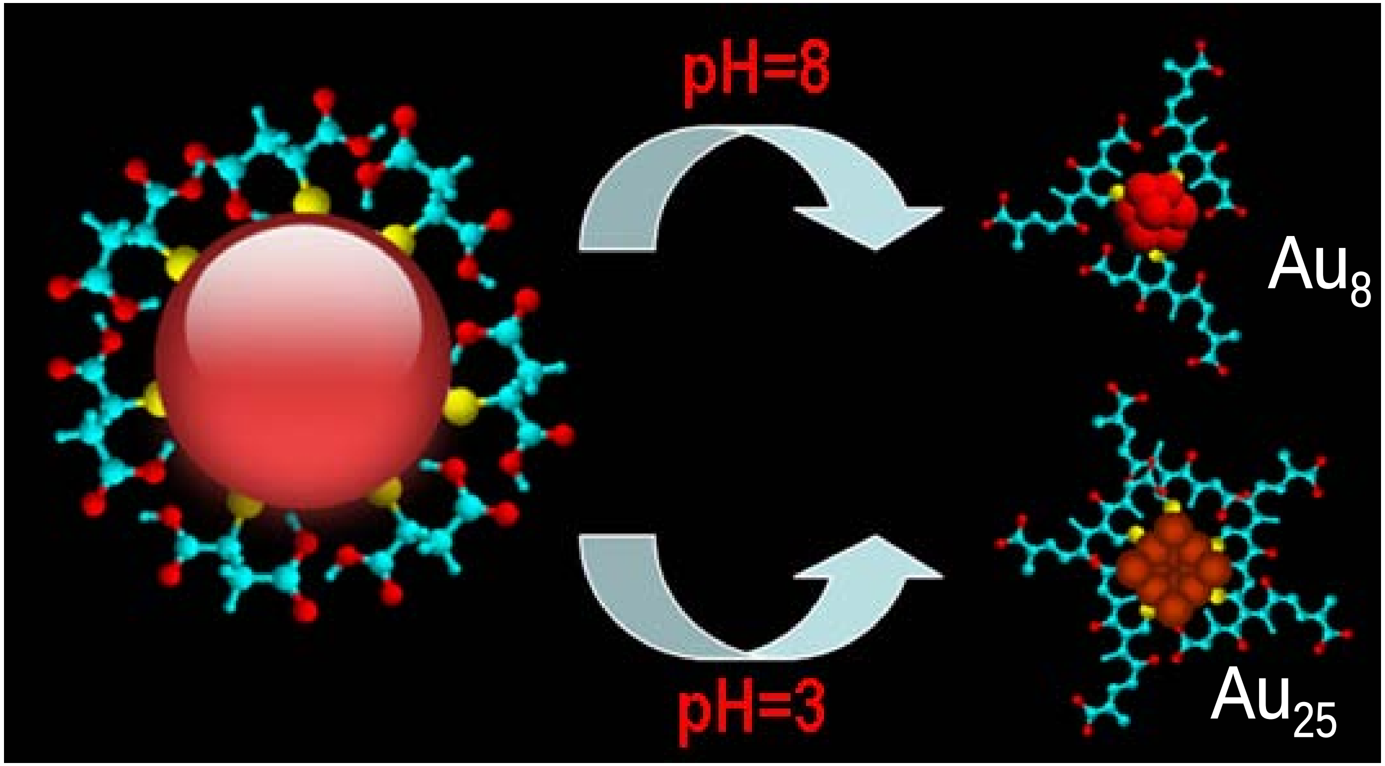
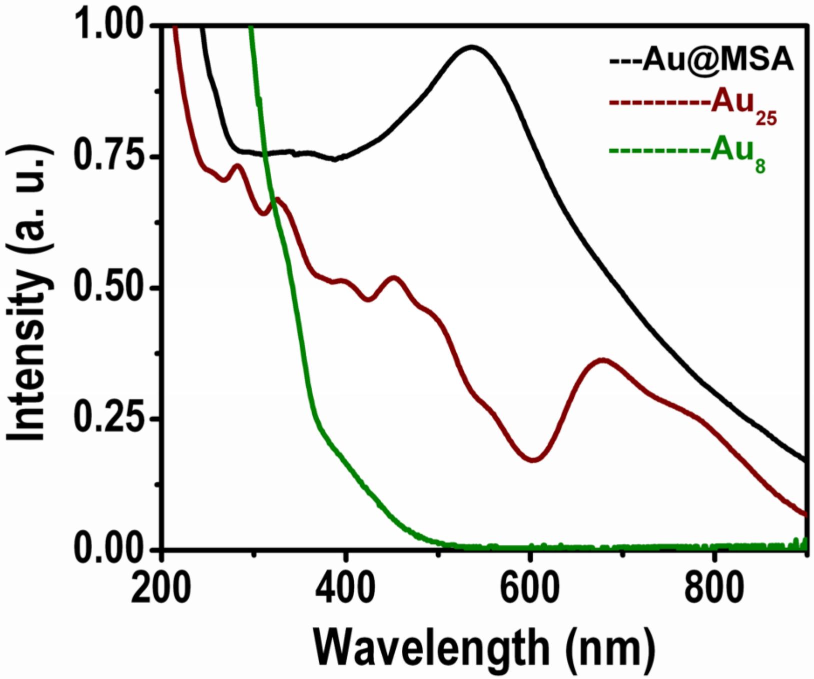
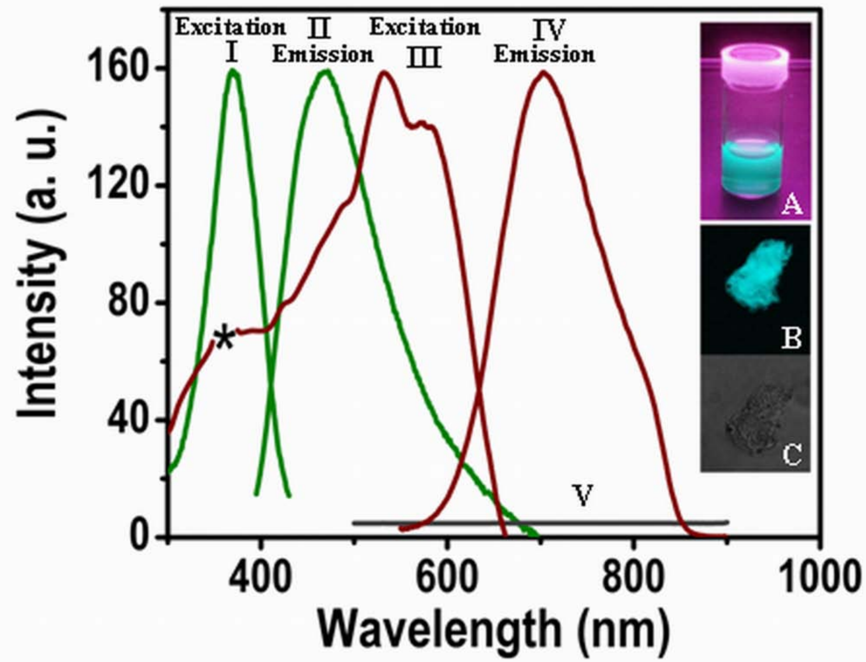




Comparison of the optical absorption profiles of Au@MSA, Au_{25} and Au_8.



Comparison of the photoluminescence profiles of the clusters with Au@MSA. Traces I and II are the excitation and emission spectra of Au_8, respectively. Traces III and IV are the excitation and emission spectra of Au_{25}, respectively and trace V is the emission spectrum of Au@MSA.

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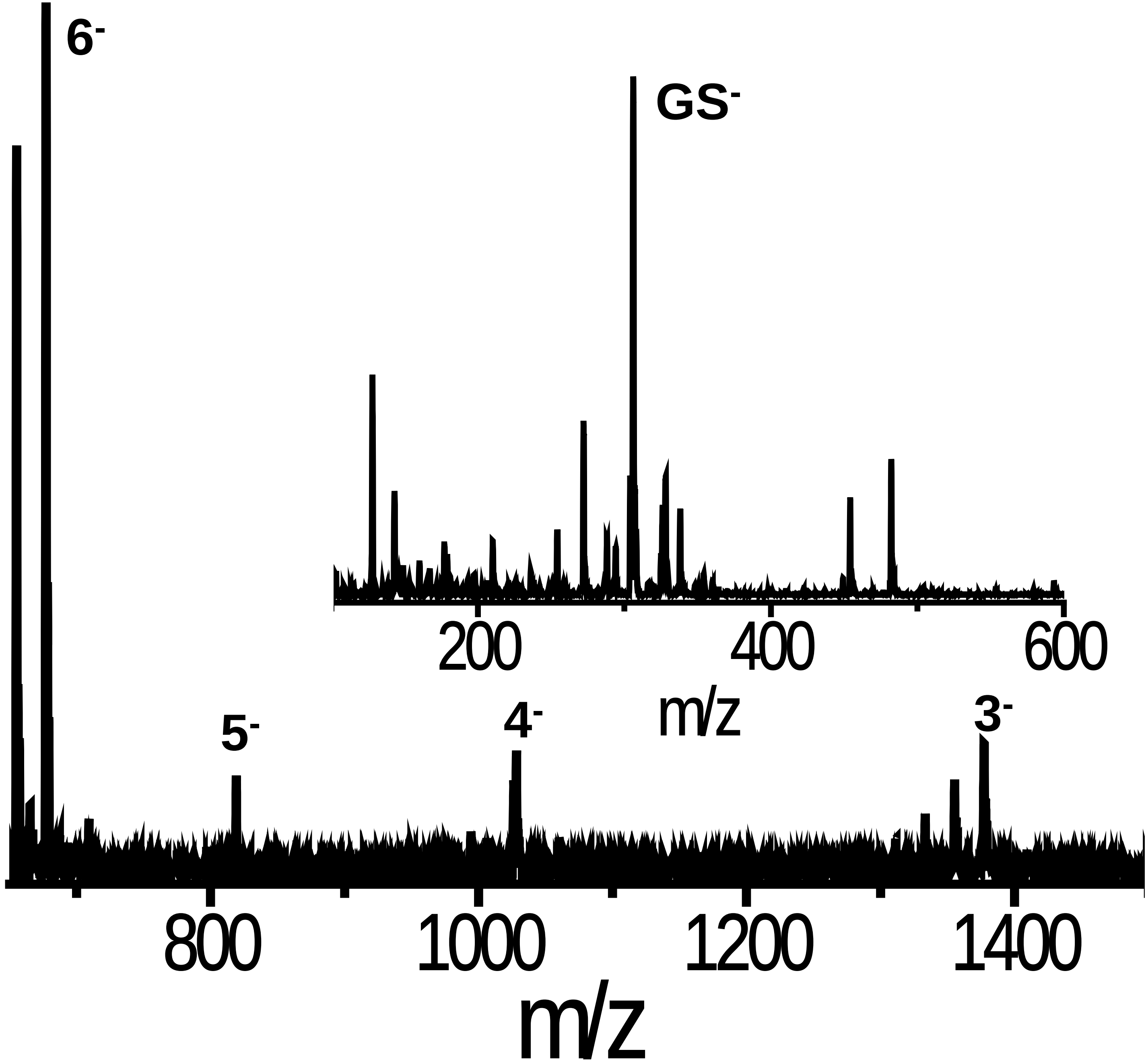

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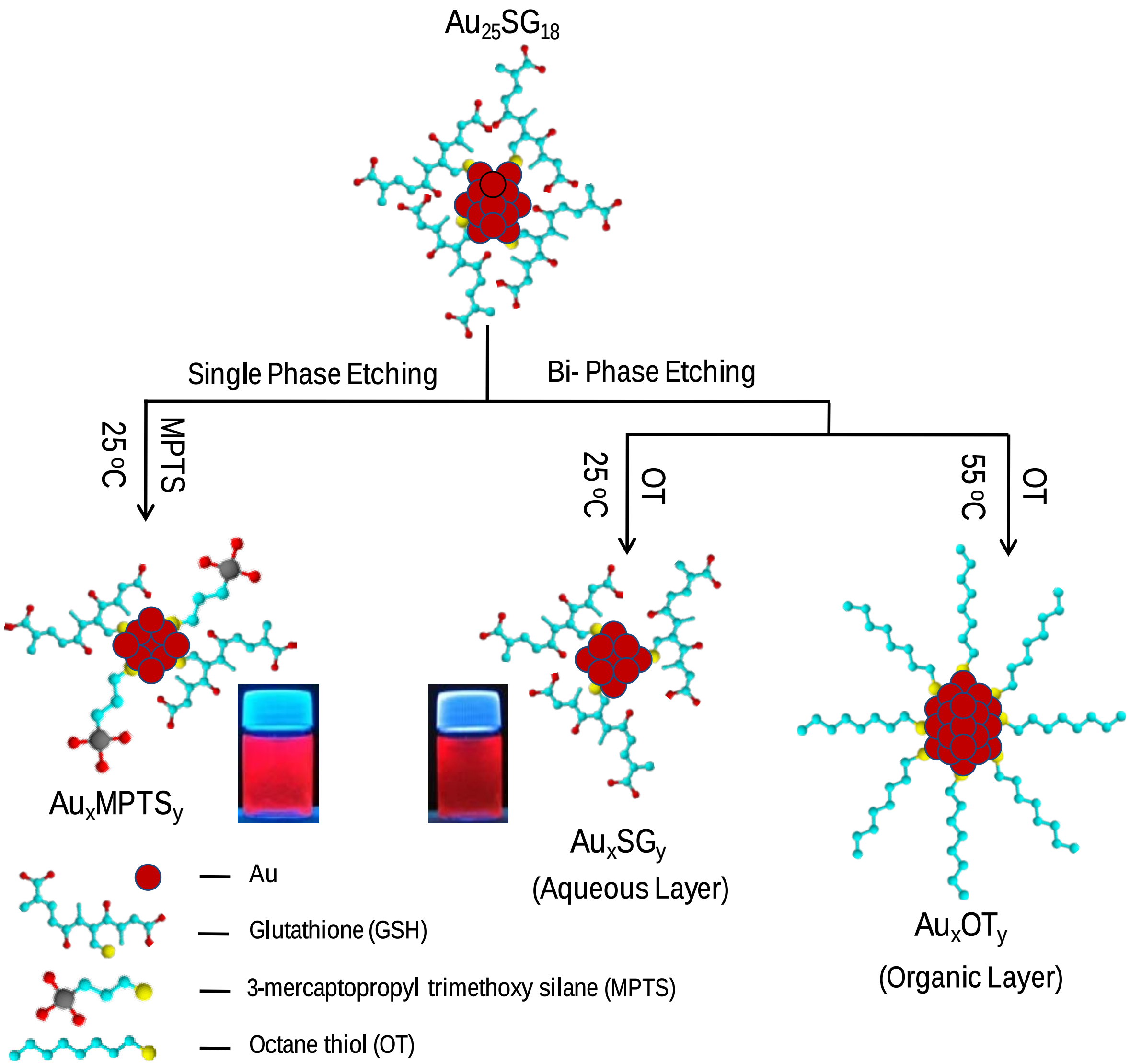

Scheme 1. Formation of the three sub-nanoclusters from $Au_{25}SG_{18}$ by core etching by two routes. Photographs of the cluster aqueous solutions under UV light are also given.

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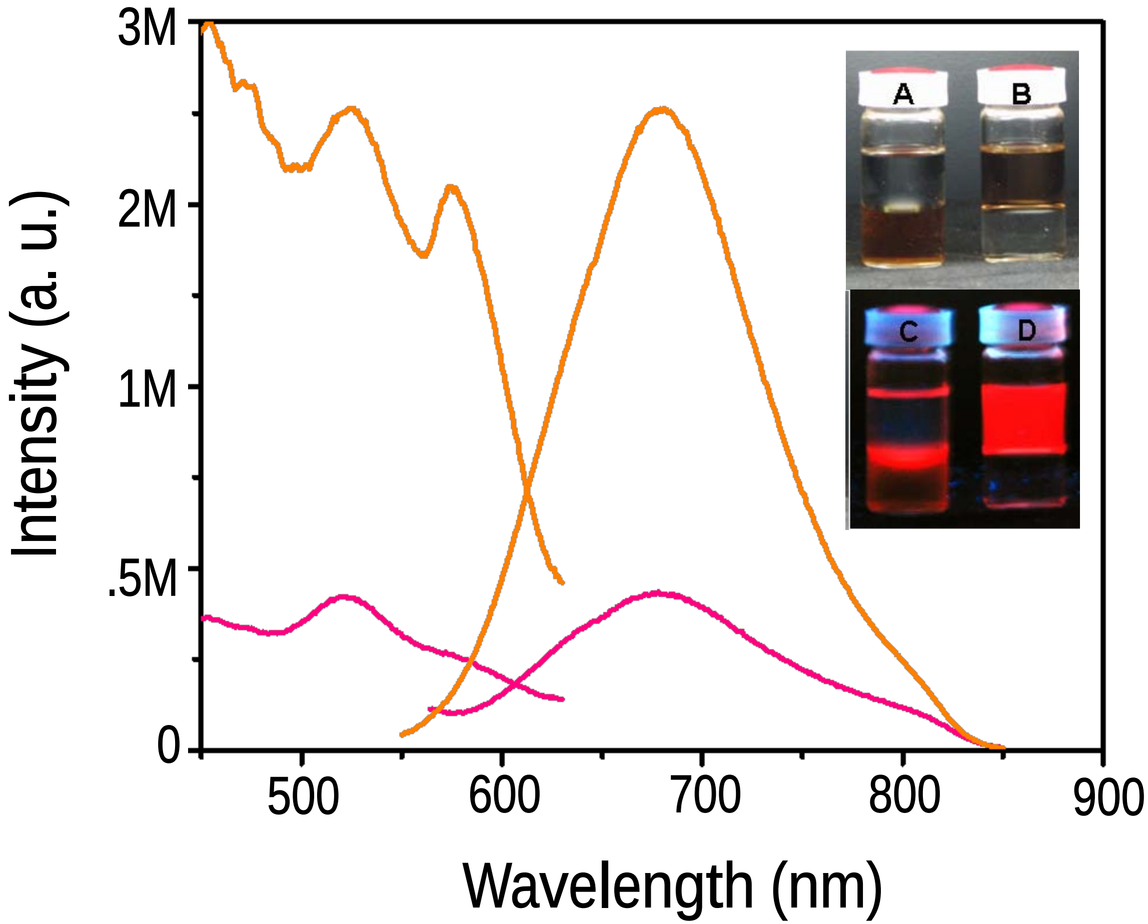
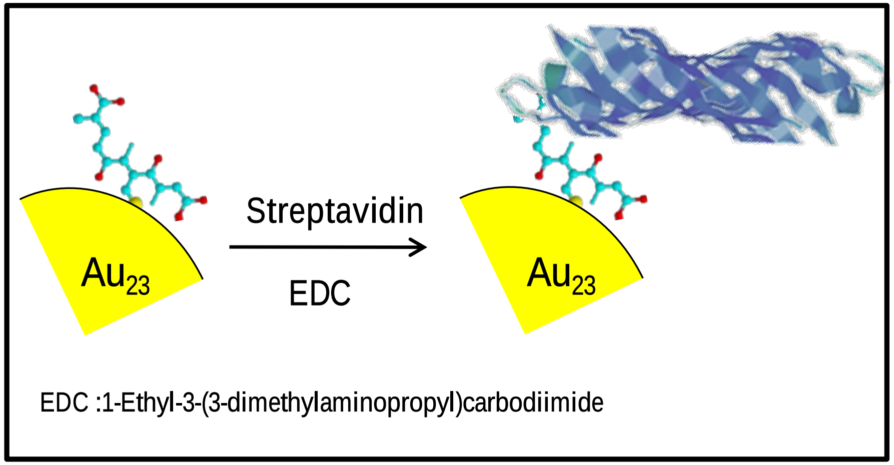
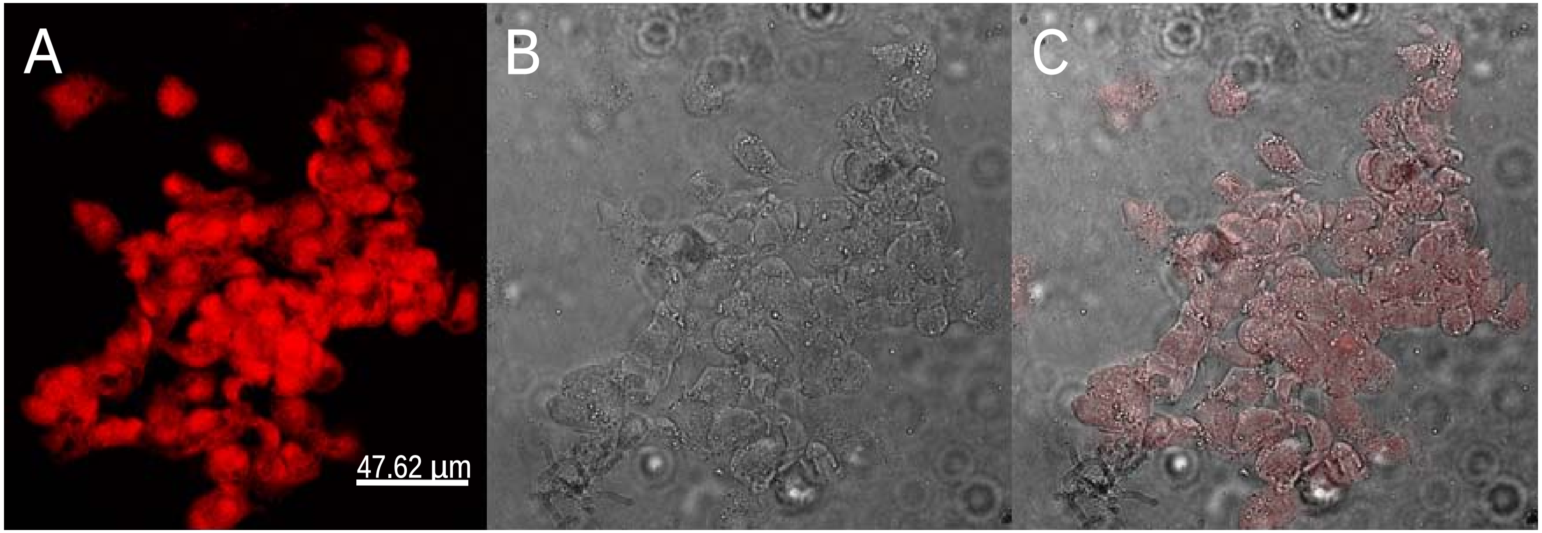


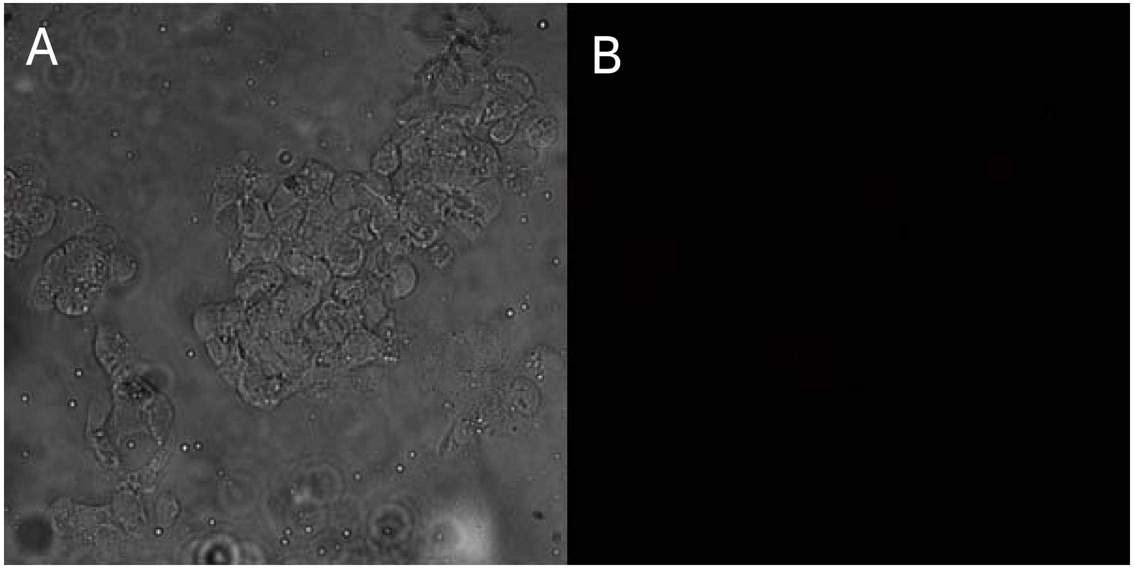
Photoluminescene profile of Au_{23} cluster before (pink trace) and after (orange trace) phase transfer. Emission of the cluster enhances considerably after the phase transfer. Photographs of the aqueous-toluene mixture containing the cluster before and after phase transfer under white light (A and B, respectively) and UV light (C and D, respectively). In C, only the interface is illuminated as the UV is attenuated as the sample was irradiated from the top



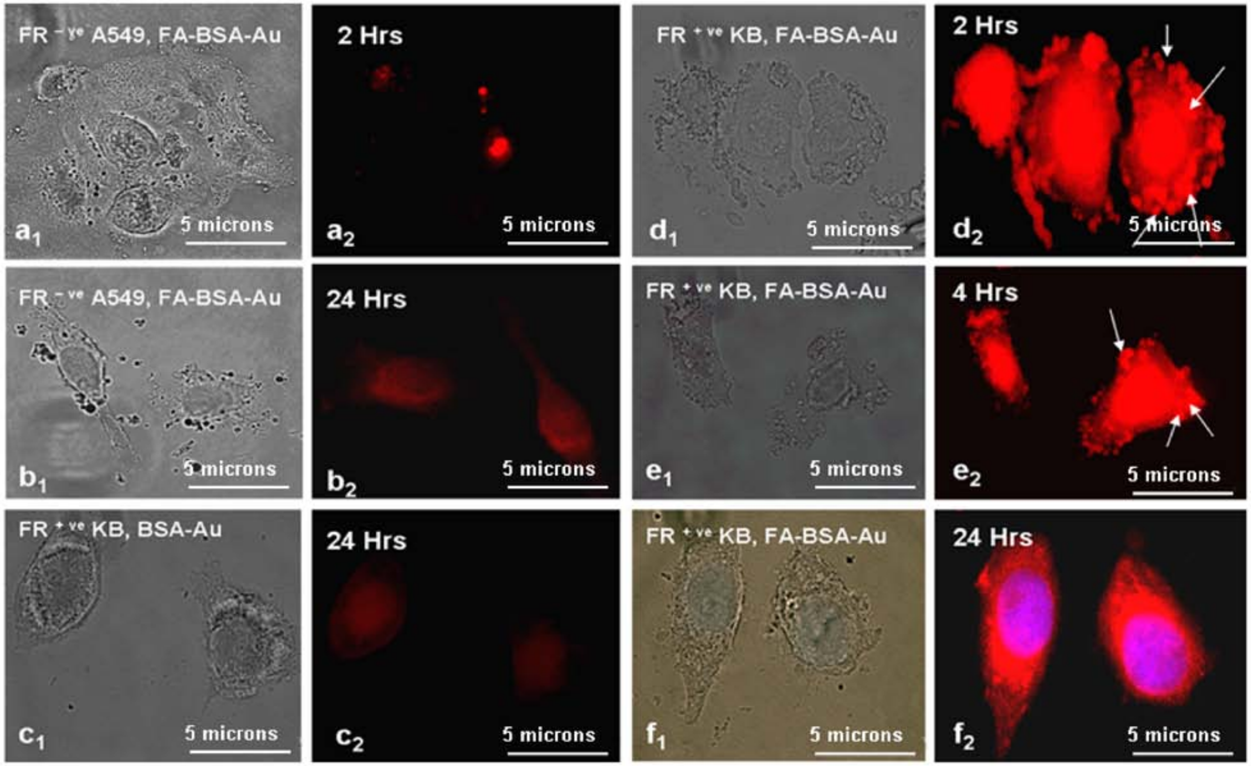
Schematic representation of the conjugation of streptavidin on $Au_{23}SG_{18}$ by EDC coupling.



Fluorescence (A), bright field (B) and overlay of fluorescent and bright field images (C) of human hepatoma (HepG2) cells stained with streptavidin conjugated Au_{23}.



Bright field (A) and fluorescence (B) images of HepG2 cells stained with unconjugated Au_{23} clusters. No fluorescence was observed from the cells after washing



Fluorescent microscopic images showing interaction of Au-BSA-FA NCs with different types of cell lines: a1-a2) FR-ve lung carcinoma A549 after 2 hours of incubation, b1-b2) FR-ve lung carcinoma A549 after 24 hours of incubation, c1-c2) FR+ve KB cells with unconjugated Au clusters, d1-d2) FR+ve KB cells with FA conjugated Au clusters at 2 hrs, e1-e2) 4 hrs and f1-f 2) 24 hrs of incubation [Archana R, Sonali S, Deepthy M et al (2009) Molecular Receptor Specific, Non-toxic, Near-infrared Emitting Au Cluster-Protein Nanoconjugates for Targeted Cancer Imaging. Nanotechnology (in press)]

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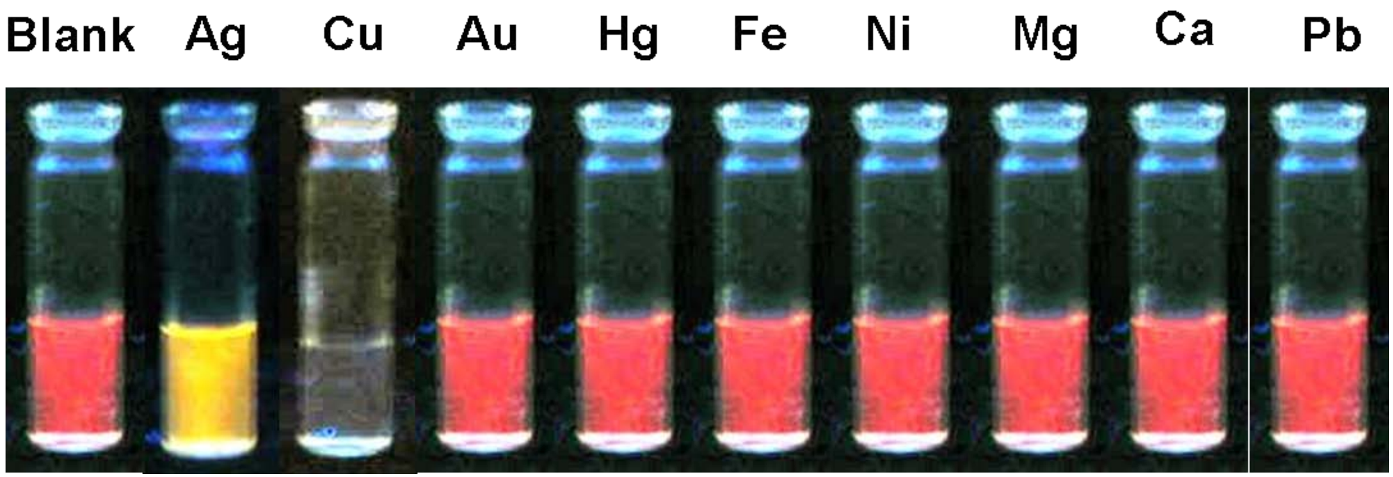
Clusters for metal ion detection



Water soluble red emitting clusters where treated with various metal ions with a final Concentration of 25 ppm. The emission was shifted to lower wavelength in case of silver ions and quenched completely in case of copper ions. The emission was an altered in case of other ions.

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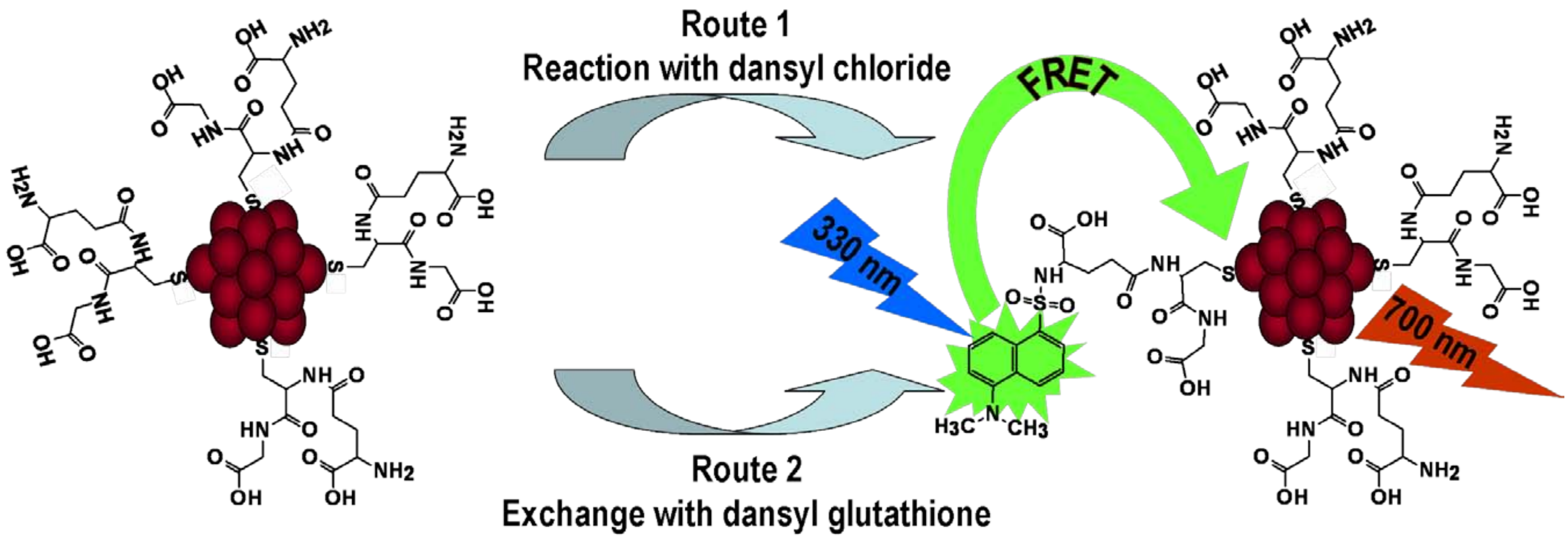
FRET between Au_{25} and Dansyl Chromophore



Approaches Used for the Functionalization of Dansyl Chromophore on the Au_{25} Cluster.

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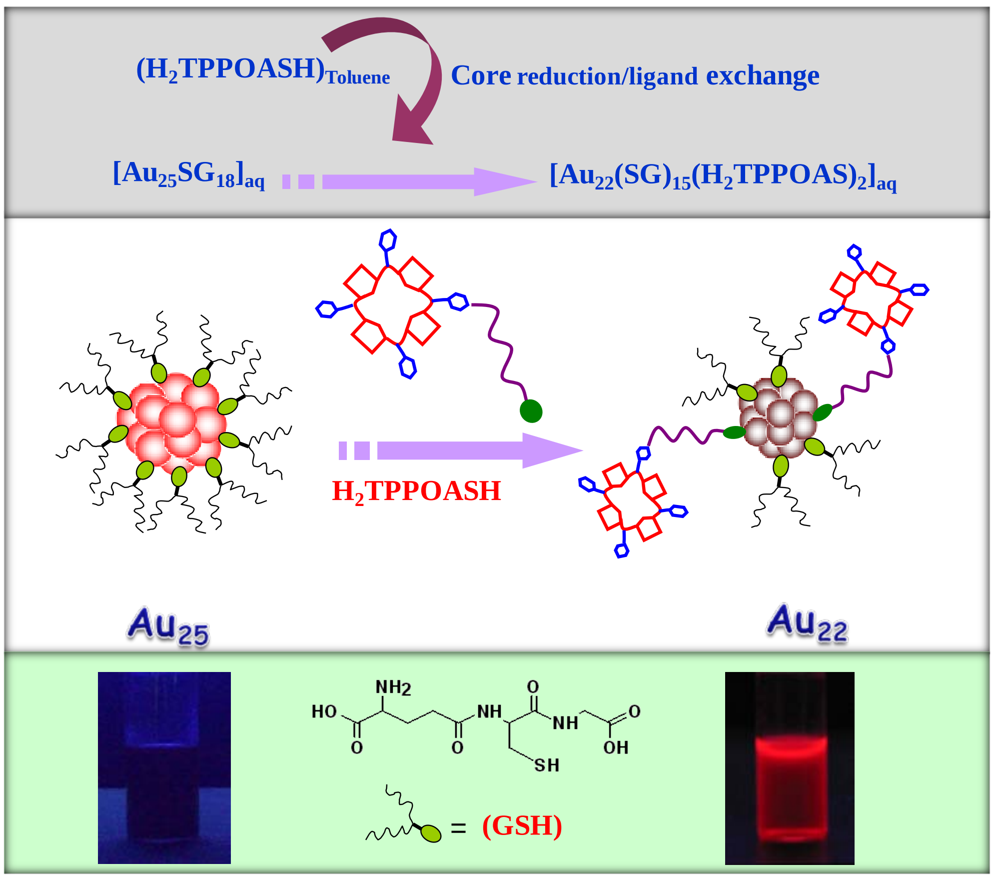
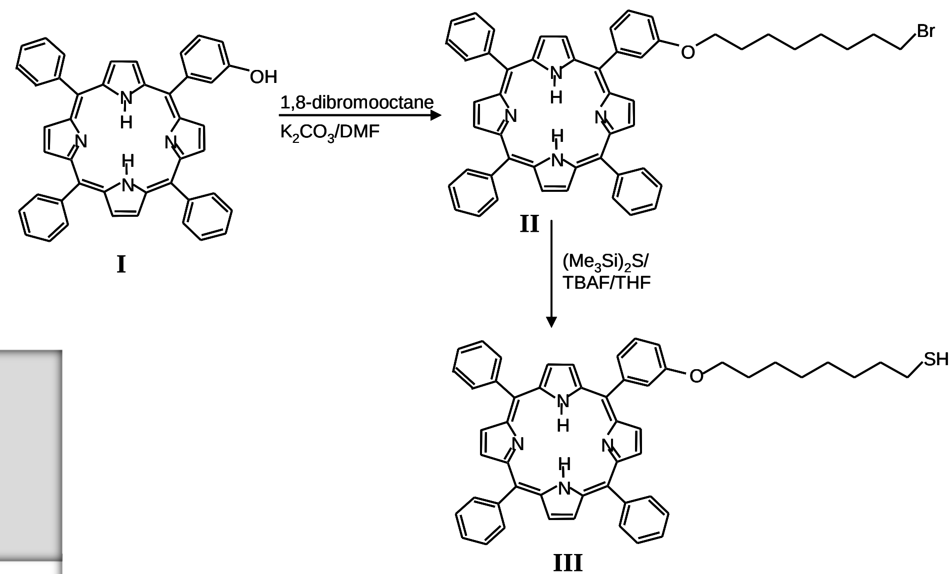
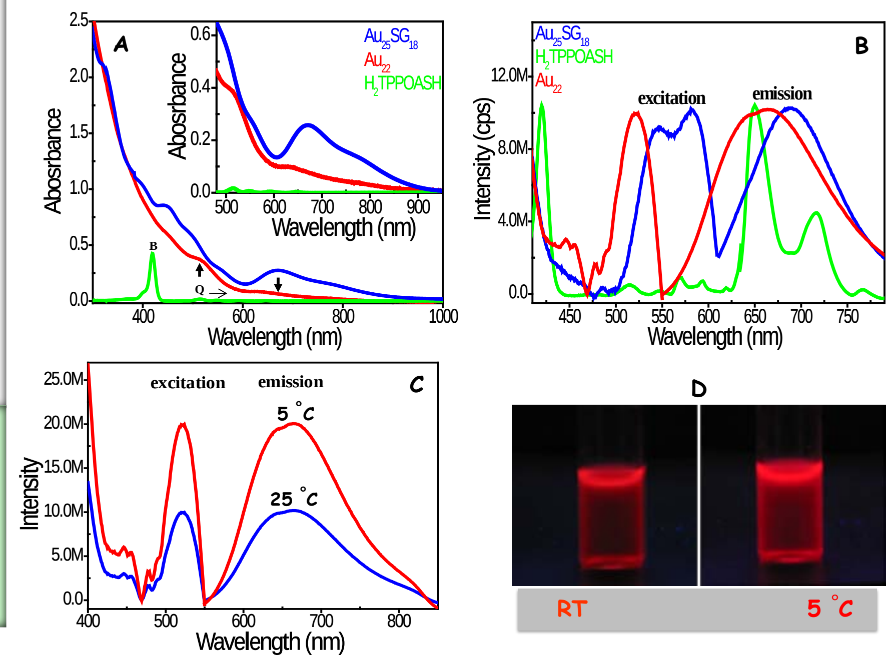
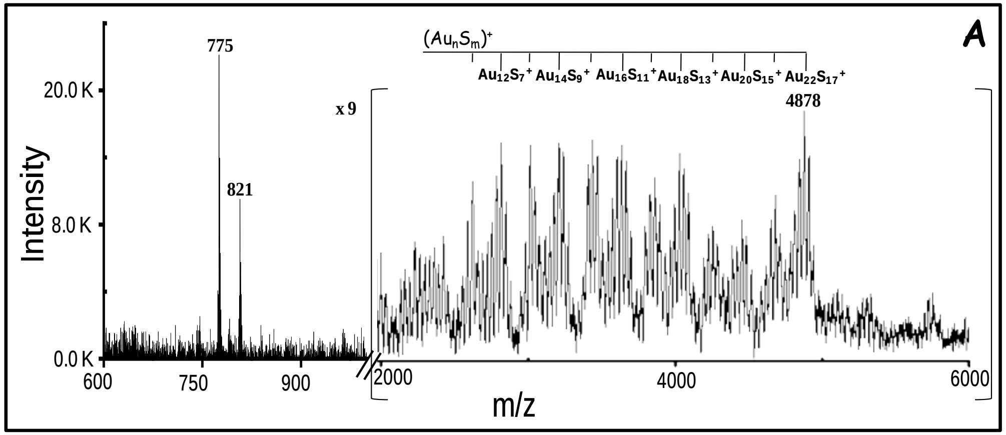
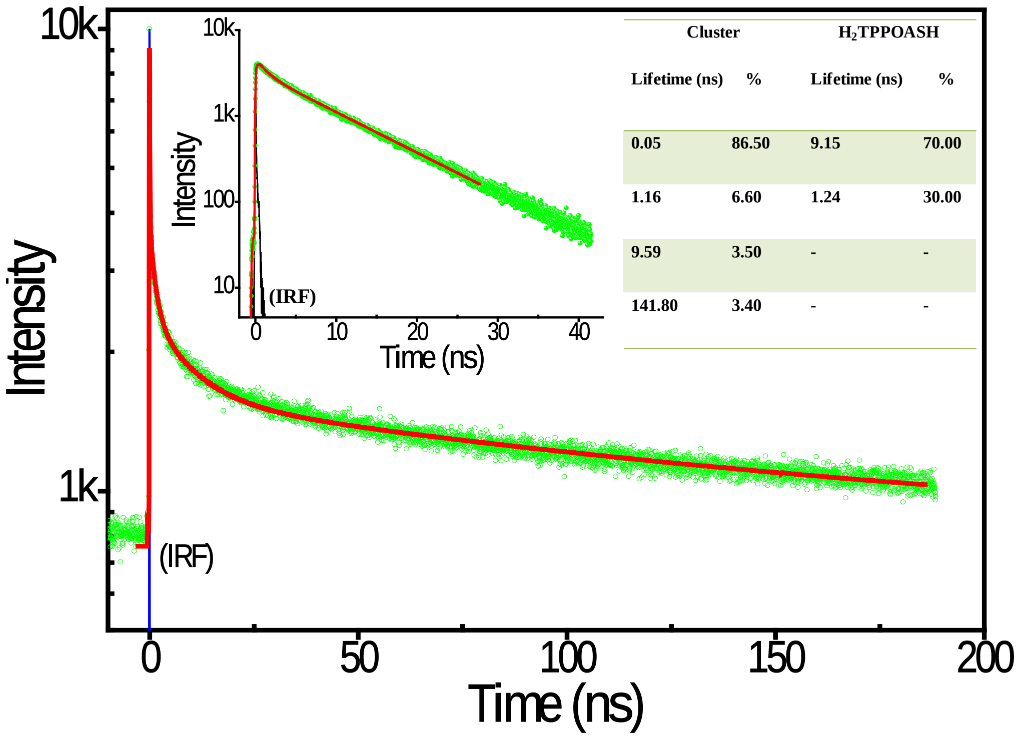
Cluster based patterns



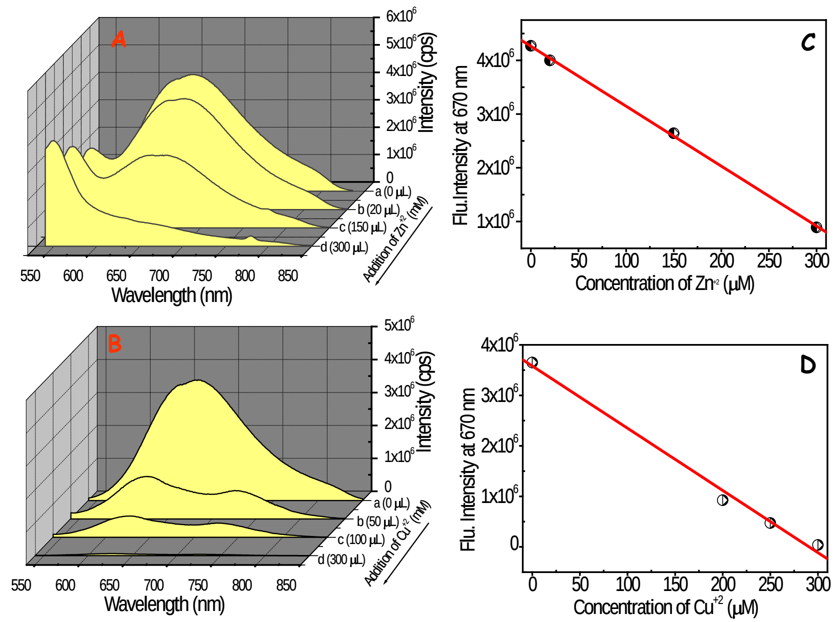








Cluster		$H_2TPPOASH$	
Lifetime (ns)	%	Lifetime (ns)	%
0.05	86.50	9.15	70.00
1.16	6.60	1.24	30.00
9.59	3.50	-	-
141.80	3.40	-	-



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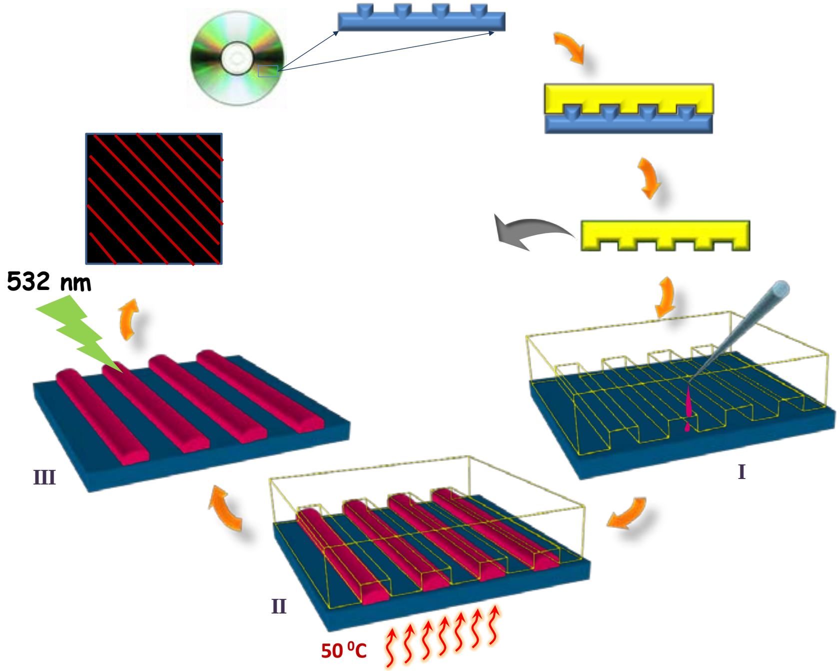

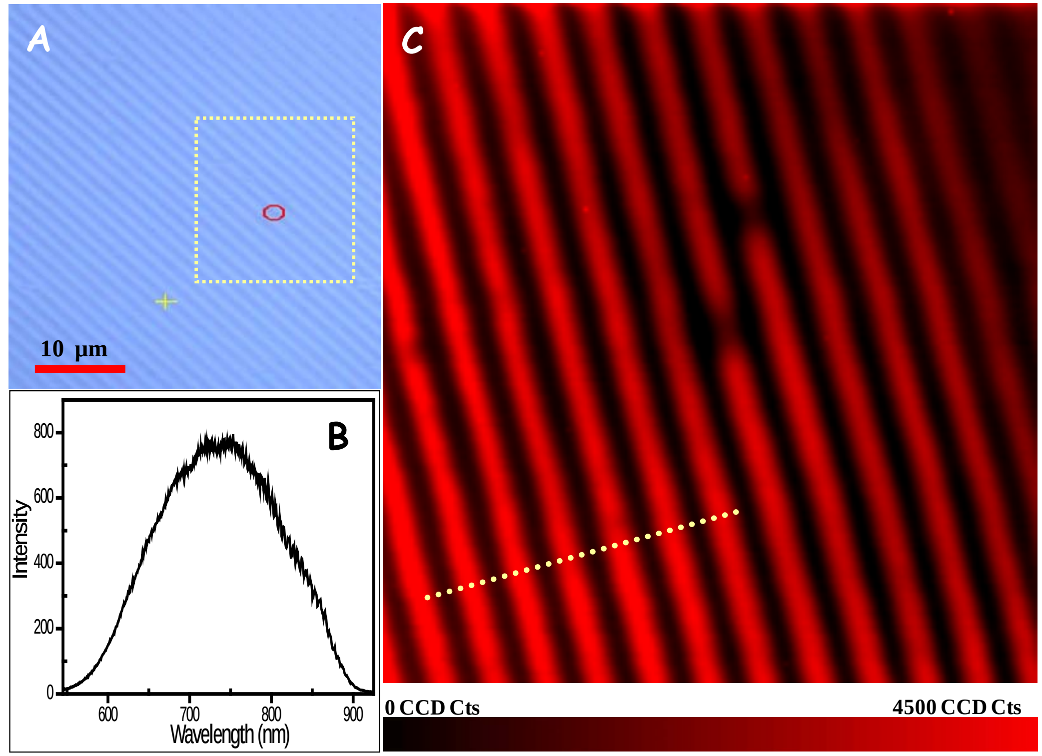

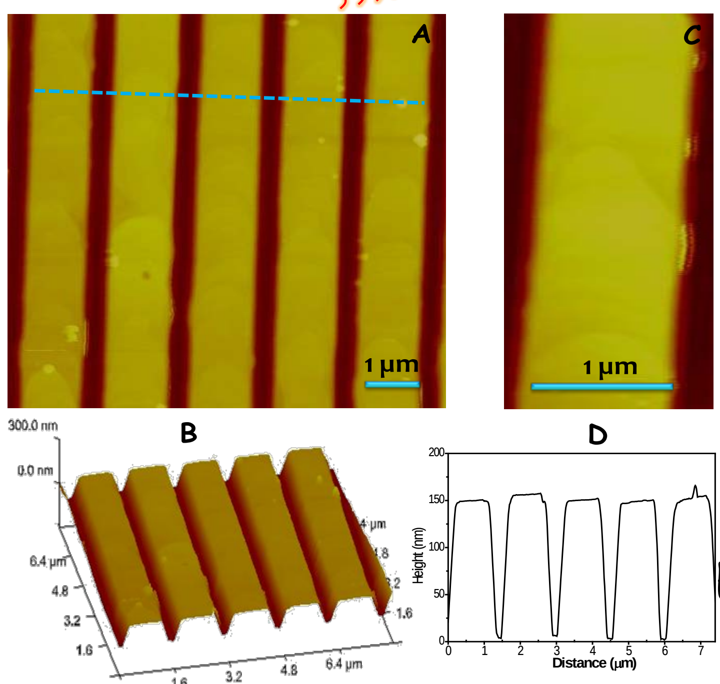

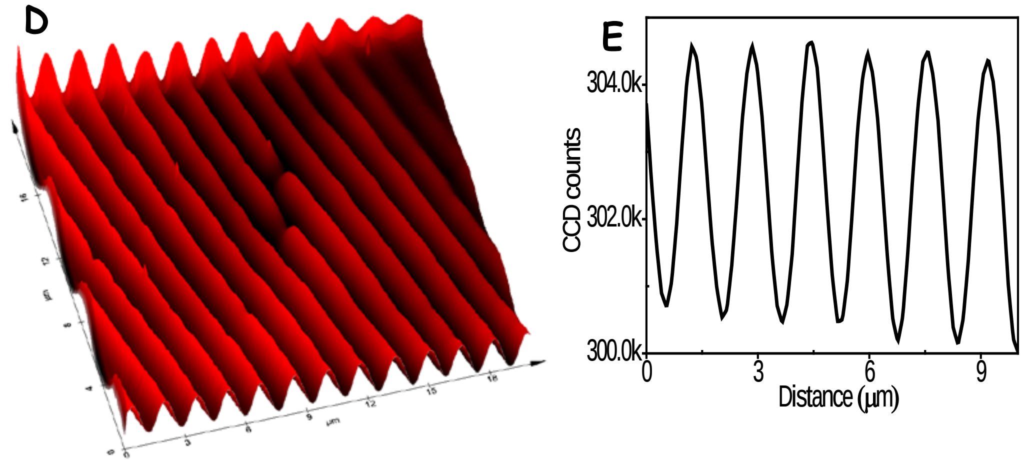

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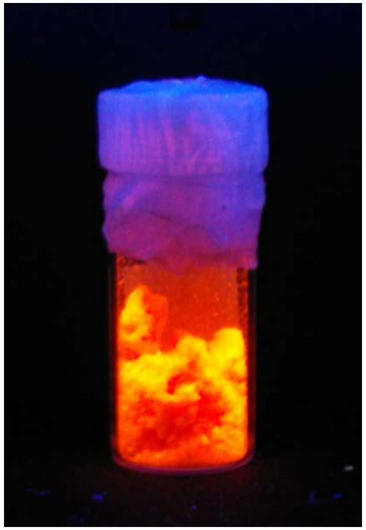
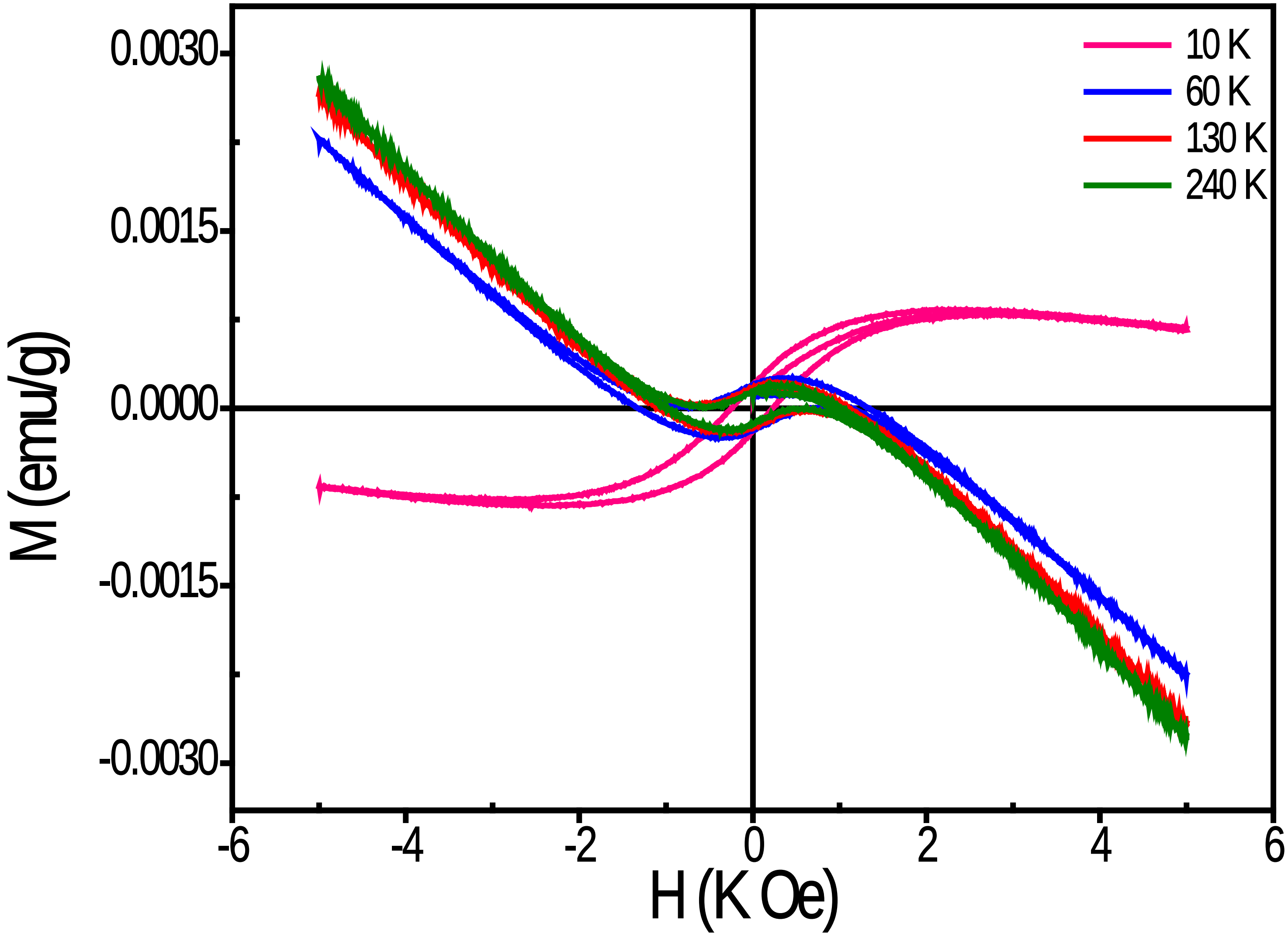
Magnetism in Au_{15} cluster





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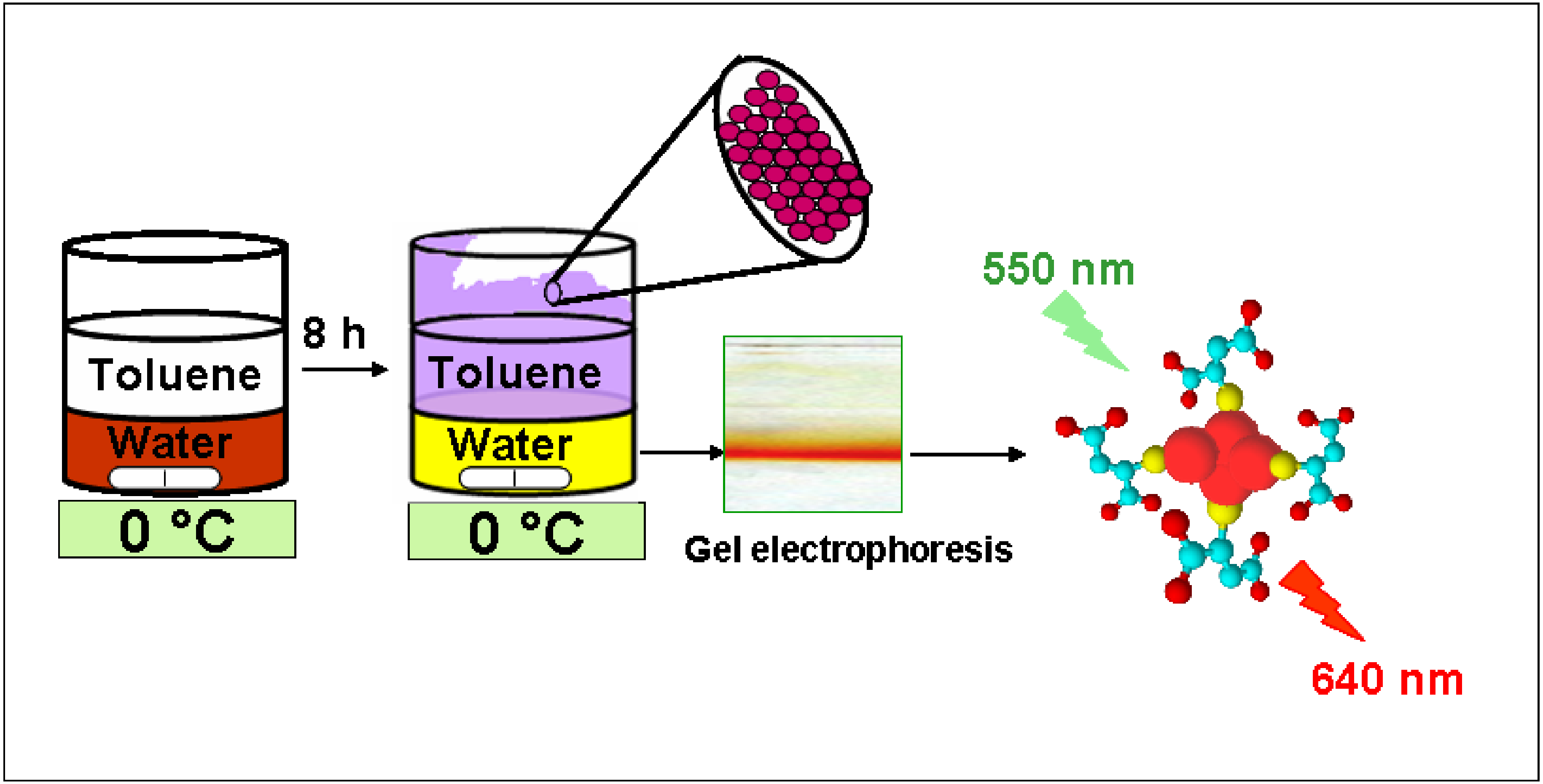
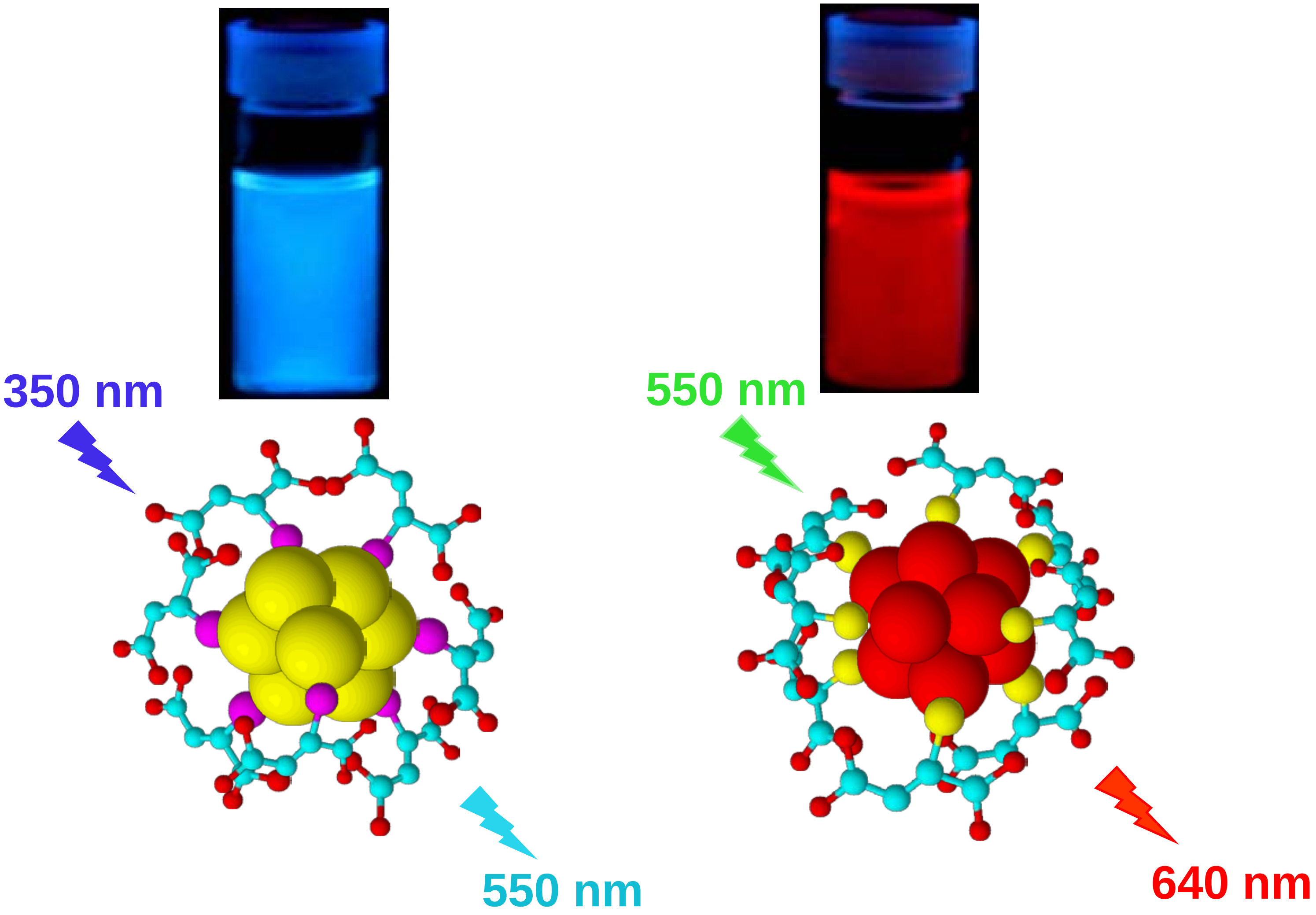
Interfacial etching





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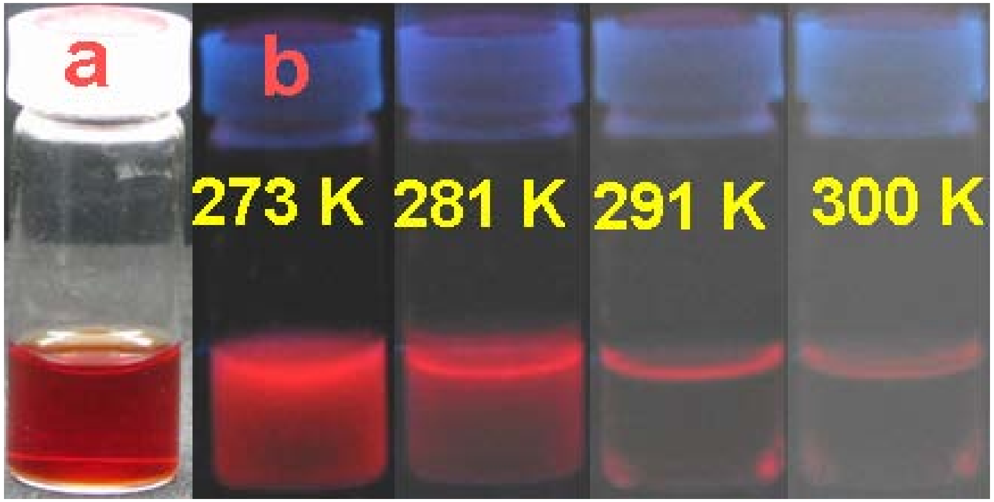
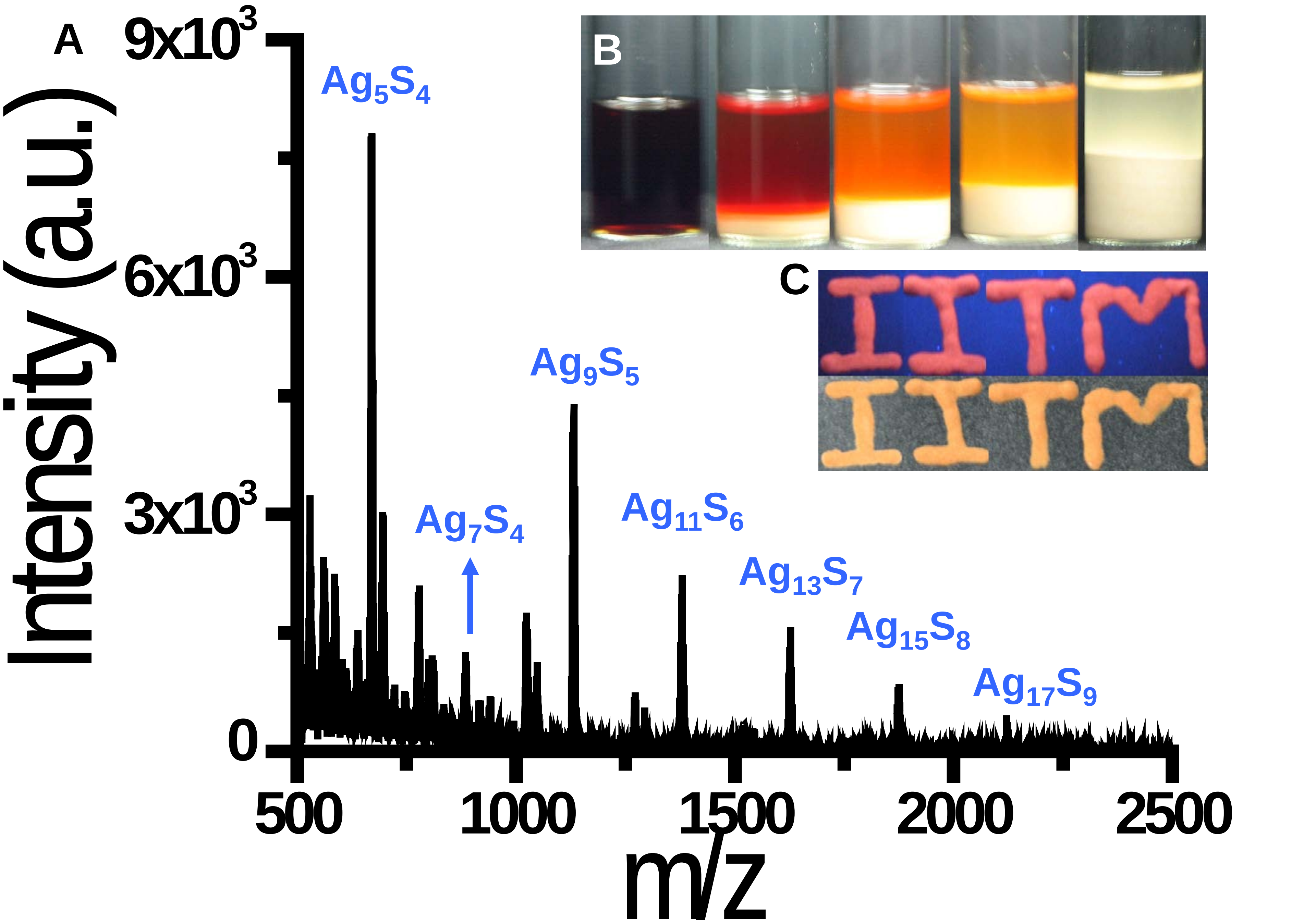


White light
RT

UV light T →


A
B
C
Intensity (a.u.)
m/z
9x10^3
6x10^3
3x10^3
0
500
1000
1500
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2500
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Ag7S4
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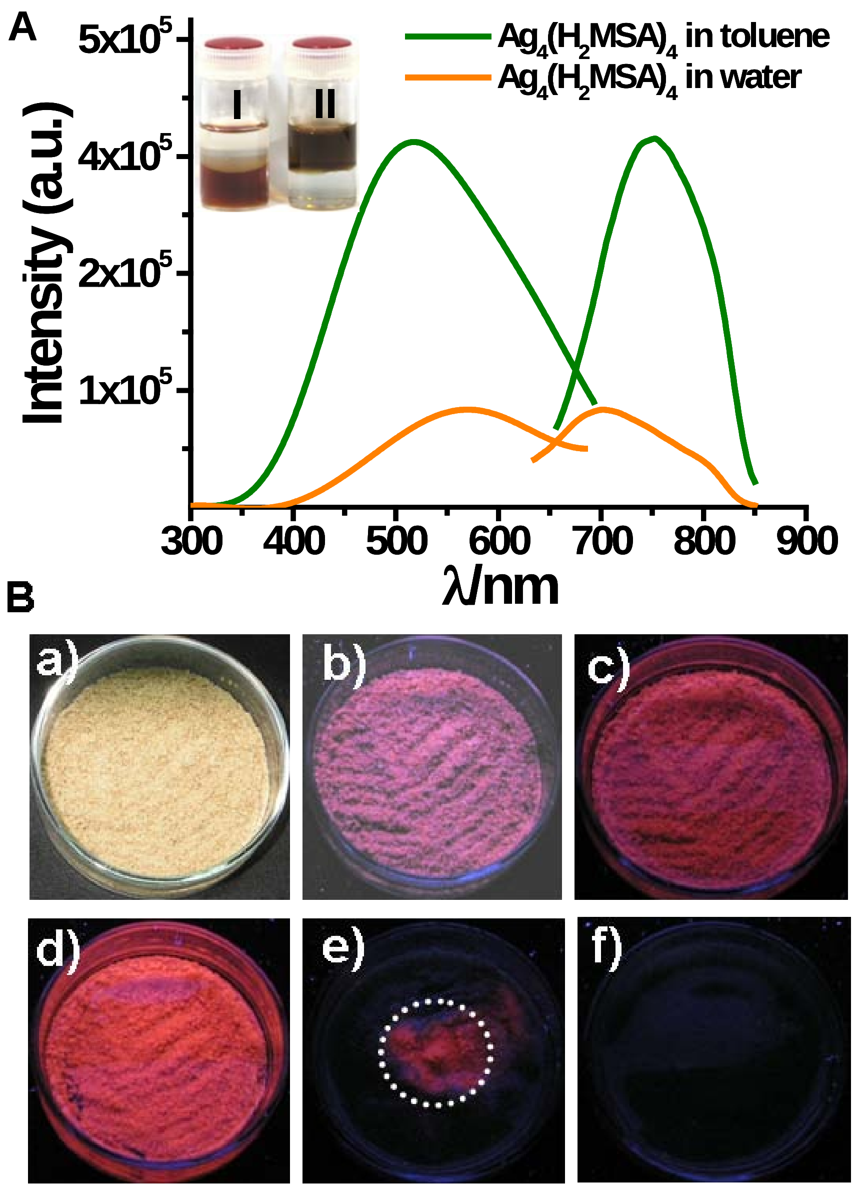
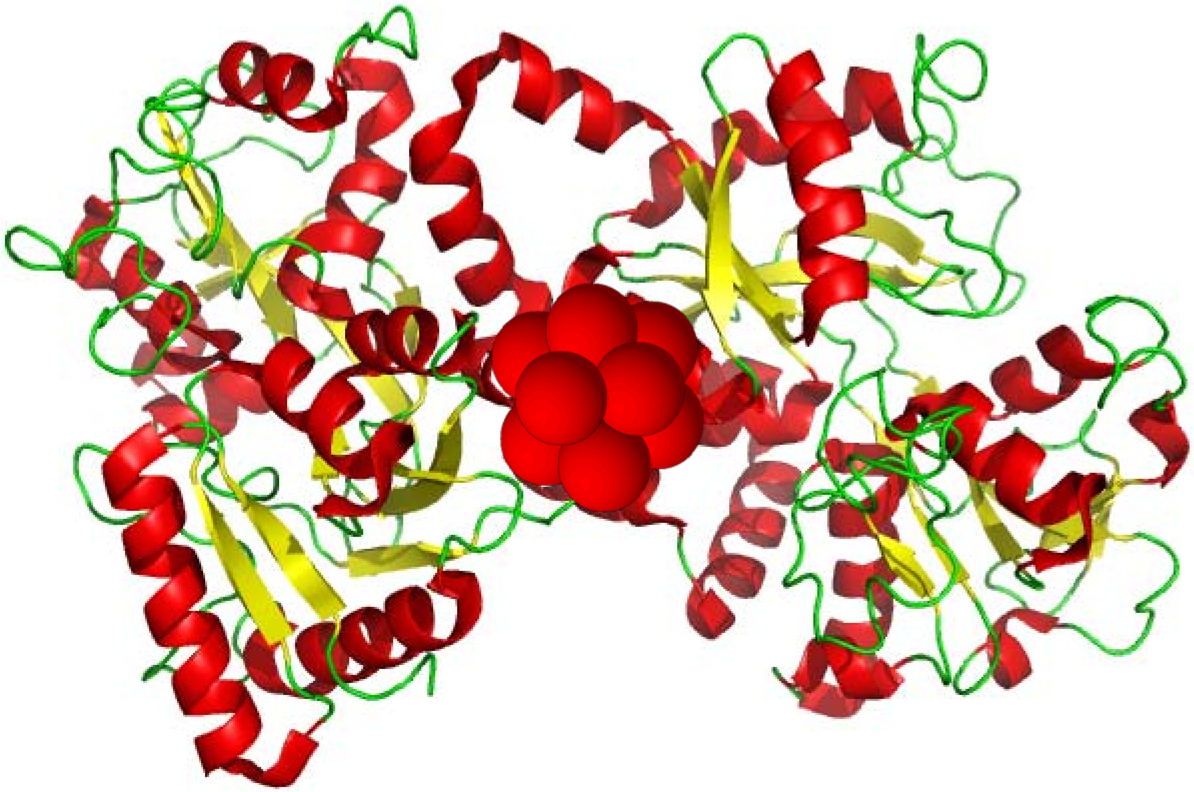

A
B
Intensity (a.u.)
λ/nm
Ag4(H2MSA)4 in toluene
Ag4(H2MSA)4 in water
I
II
5x10^5
4x10^5
2x10^5
1x10^5
300
400
500
600
700
800
900
a)
b)
c)
d)
e)
f)

Clusters in proteins



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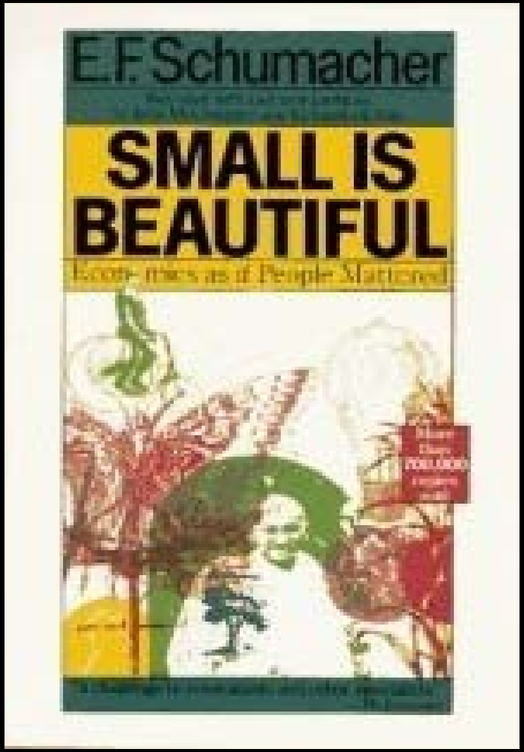
Nothing Gold Can Stay

Robert Frost (1923)

Nature’s first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf’s a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.



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