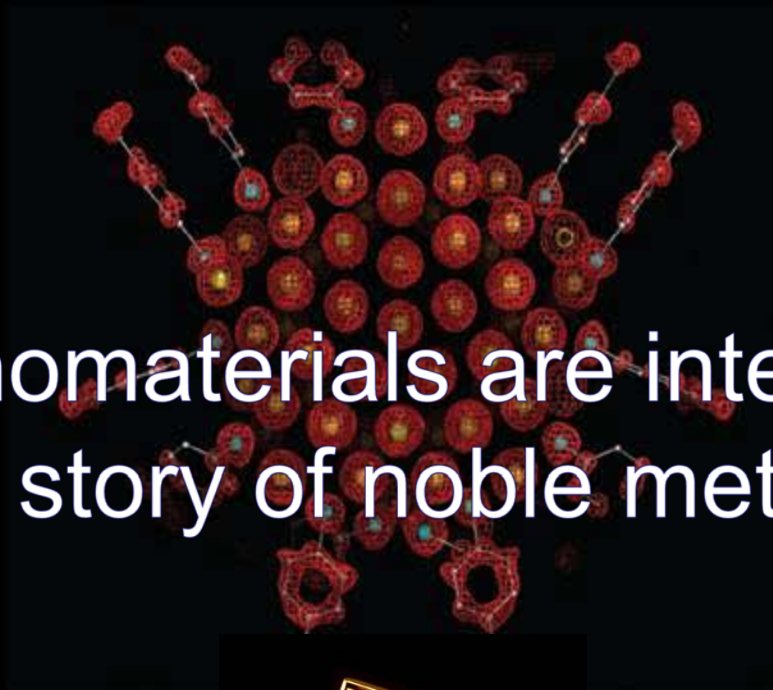
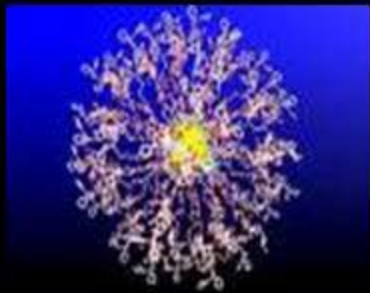
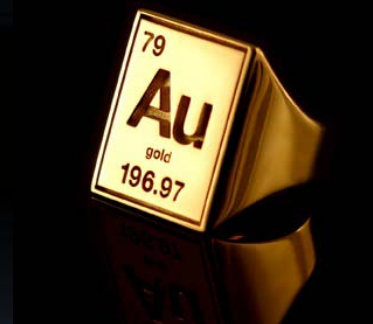


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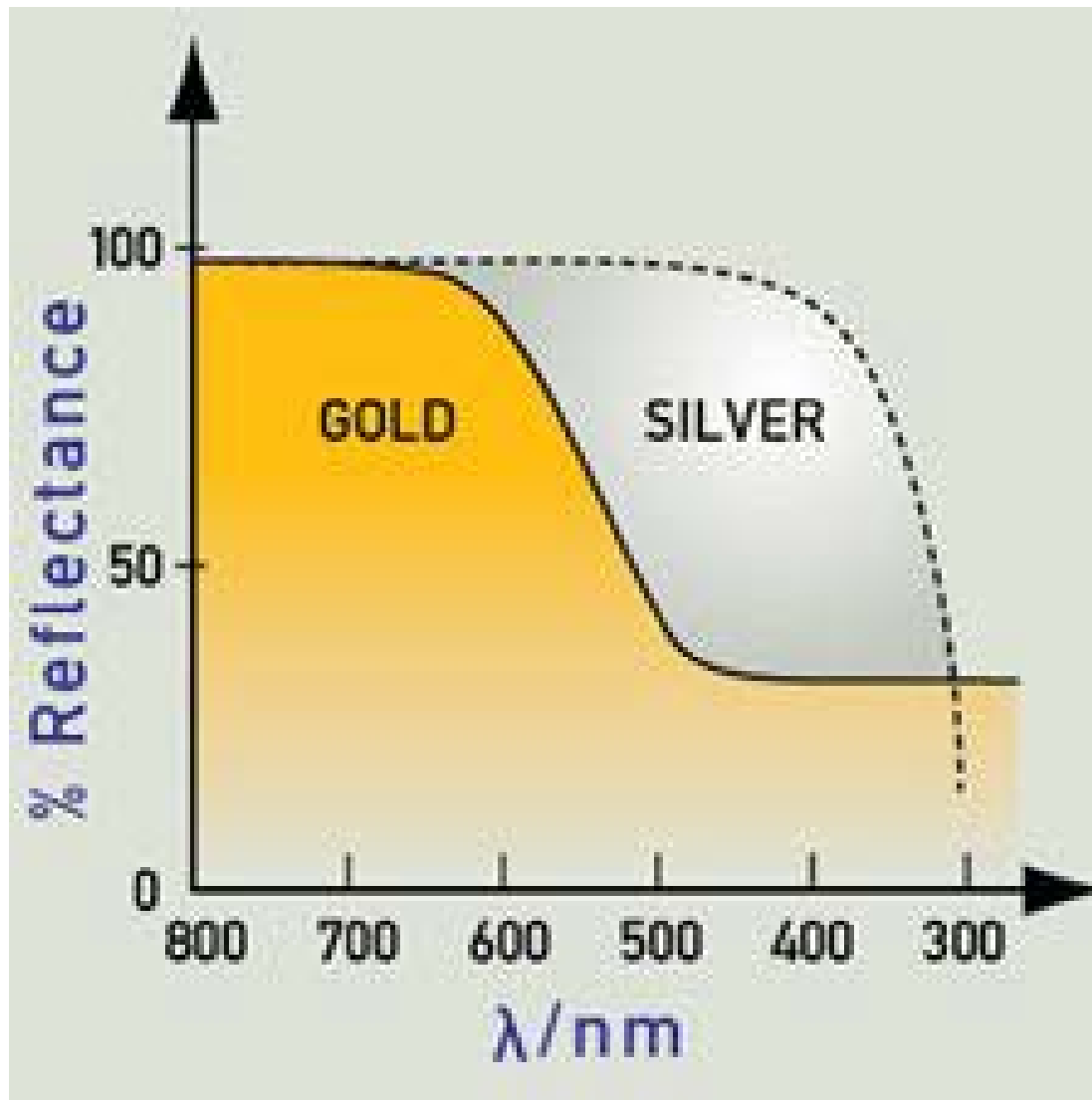


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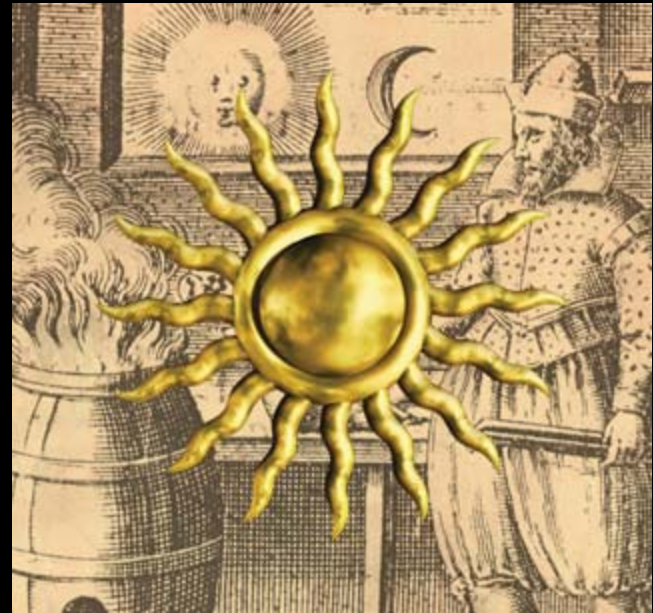
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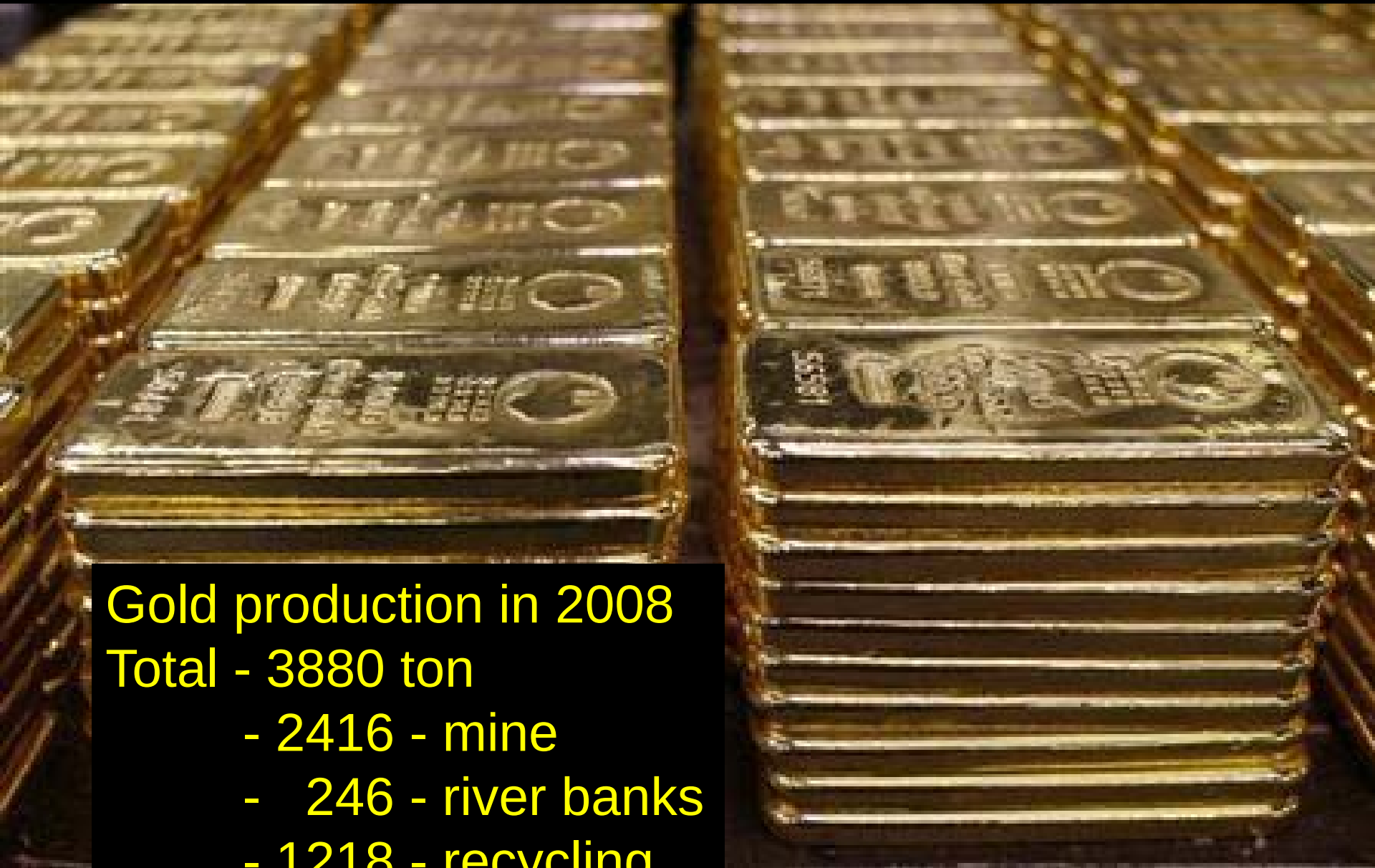
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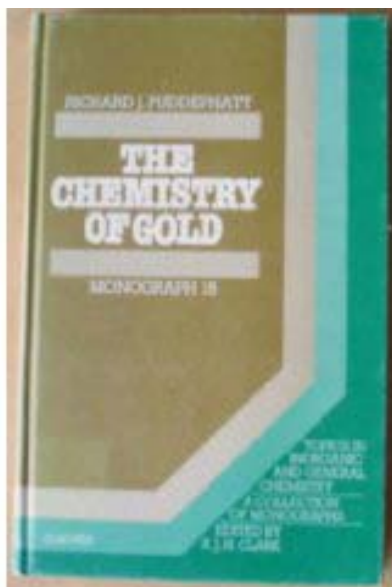
Alchemy!



Gold production in 2008

Total - 3880 ton

- 2416 - mine
- 246 - river banks
- 1218 - recycling



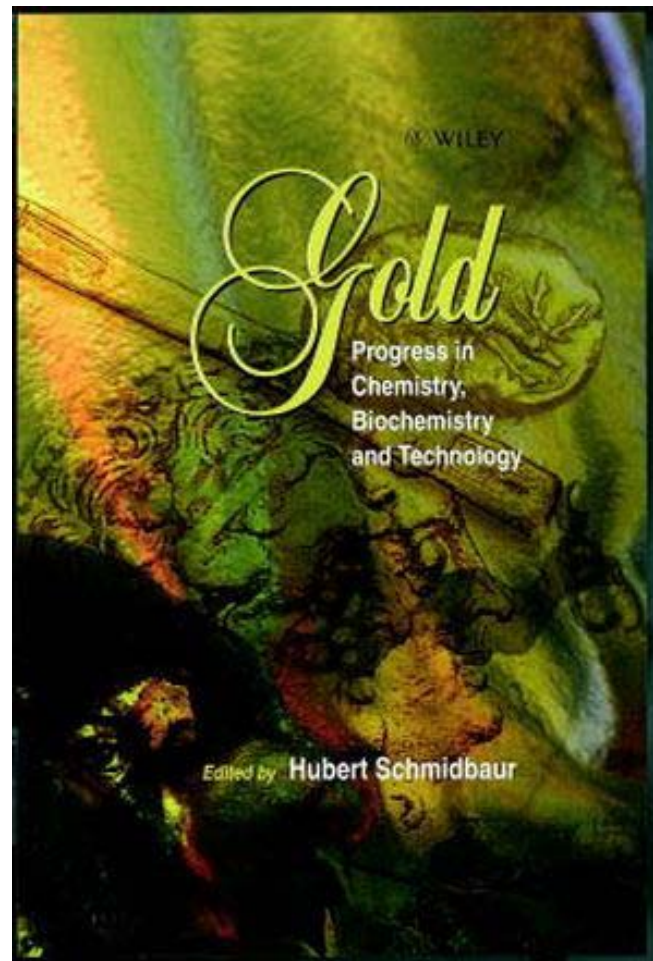
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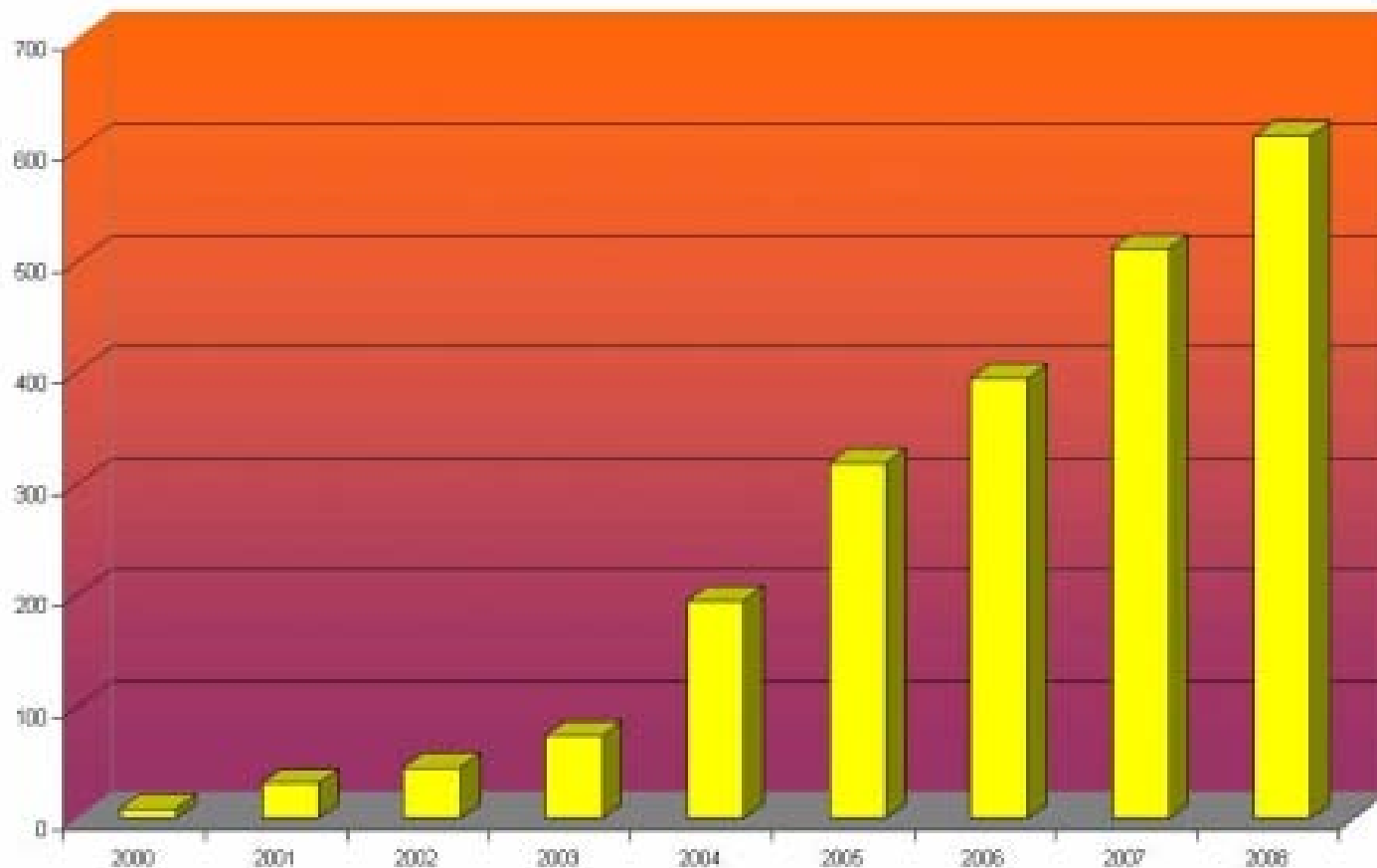
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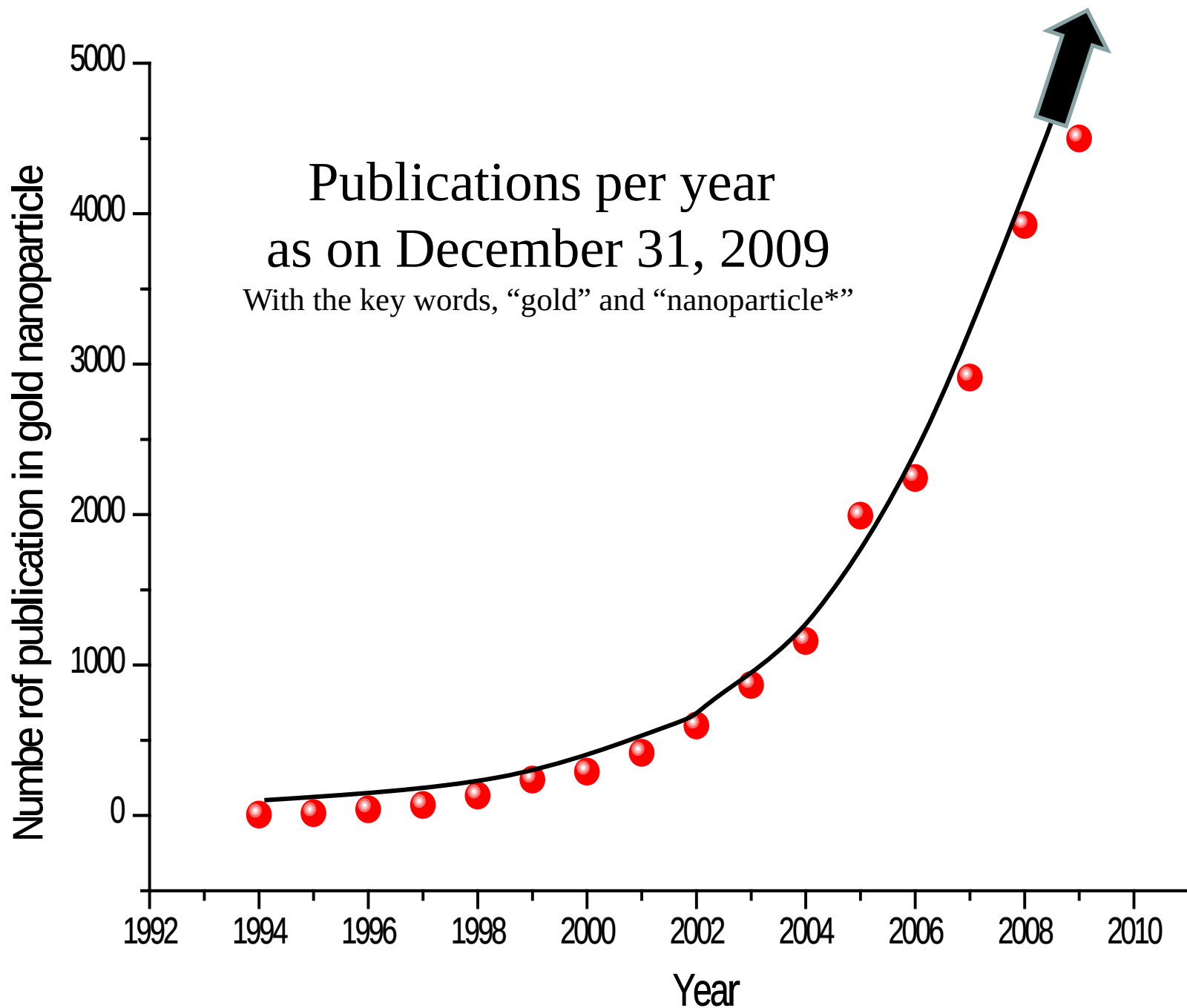
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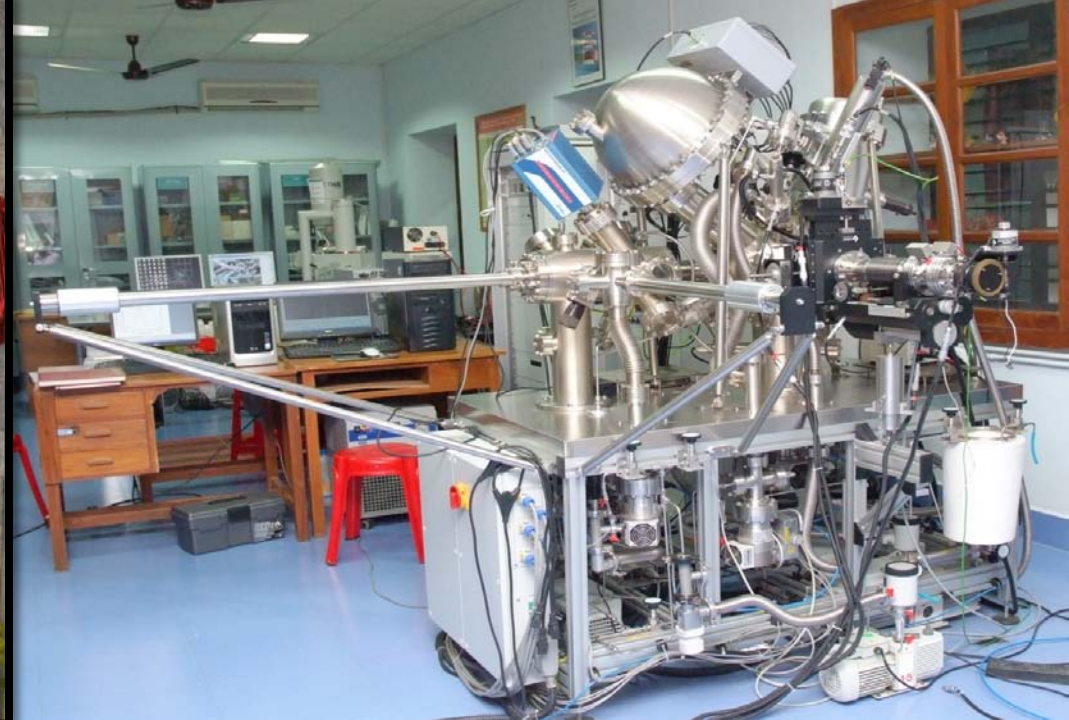
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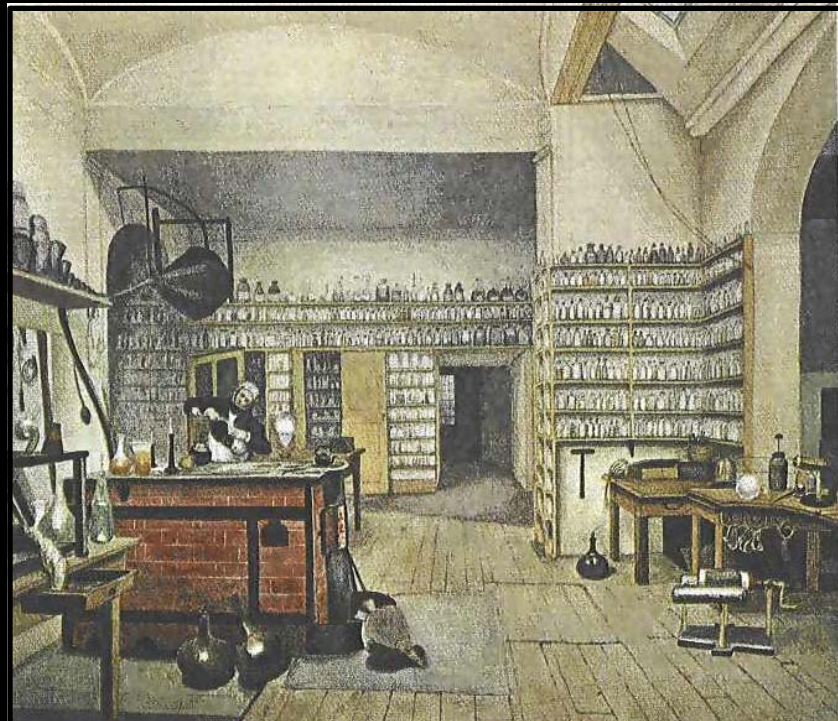
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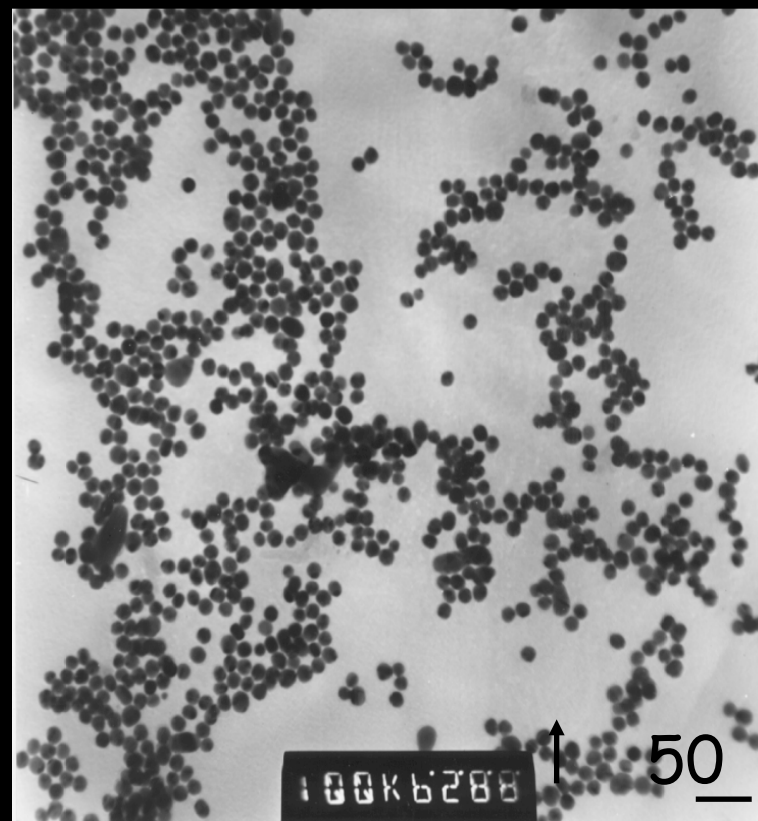


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Faraday in his laboratory
Royal Institution



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 relations by the voltaic battery lead to the same conclusions.

Gold films produced by phosphorus have every character belonging to the metallic state. When they are in colour, lustre, weight, &c., equal to *gold-leaf*, but in the unpressed state, their transparency is generally grey, or violet-grey. The change of their lustre and colour is gradual from the thickest to the thinnest, and the same is generally true of the thick films are gradually thinned and dissolved whilst floating on solvents; the thick and the thin must both be accepted as having the same metallic nature. When exposed to chemical agents, both the thick and the thin have the same relations as pure metallic

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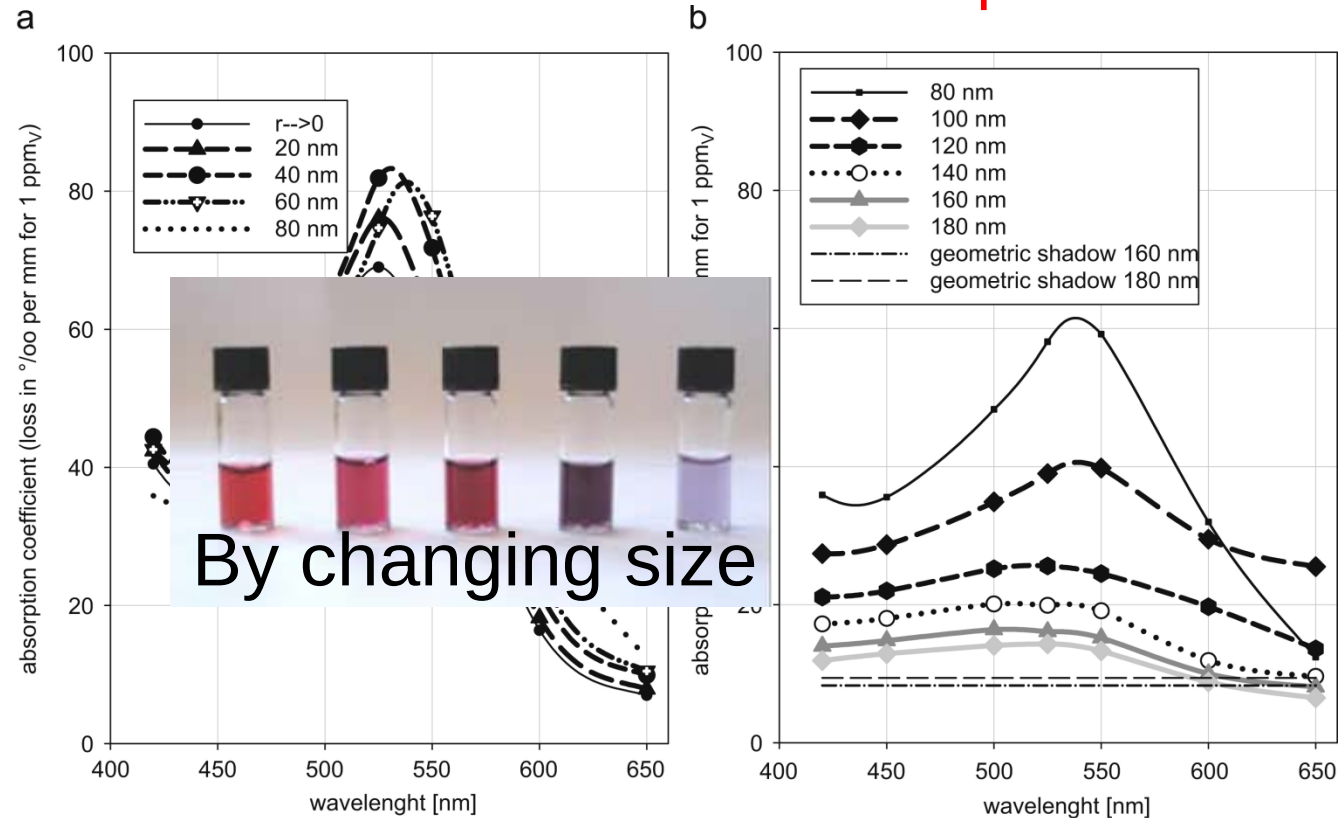
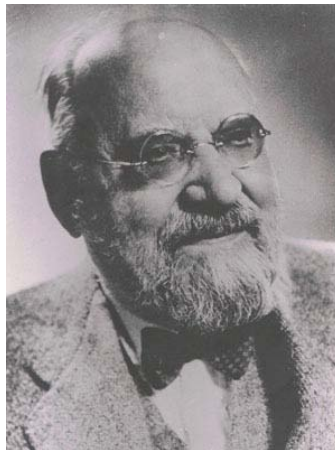
“It may be thought that the *fluid preparations* present more difficulty to the admission, that they are simply cases for pure gold in a divided state; yet I have come to that conclusion, and believe that the differently-coloured fluids and particles are quite analogous to those that occur in the deflagrations 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.”

Gustav Mie (1868 - 1957)

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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>.

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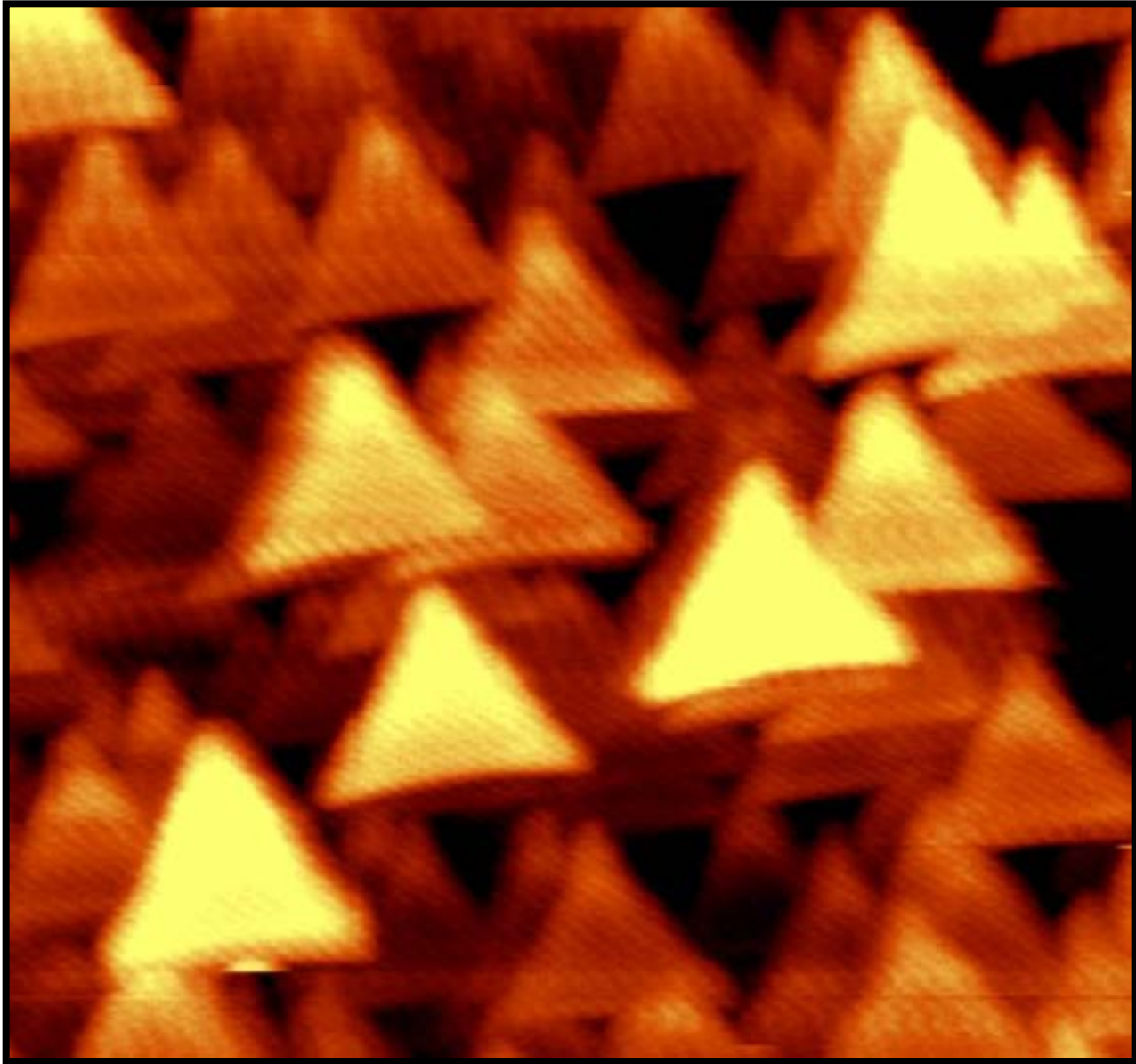


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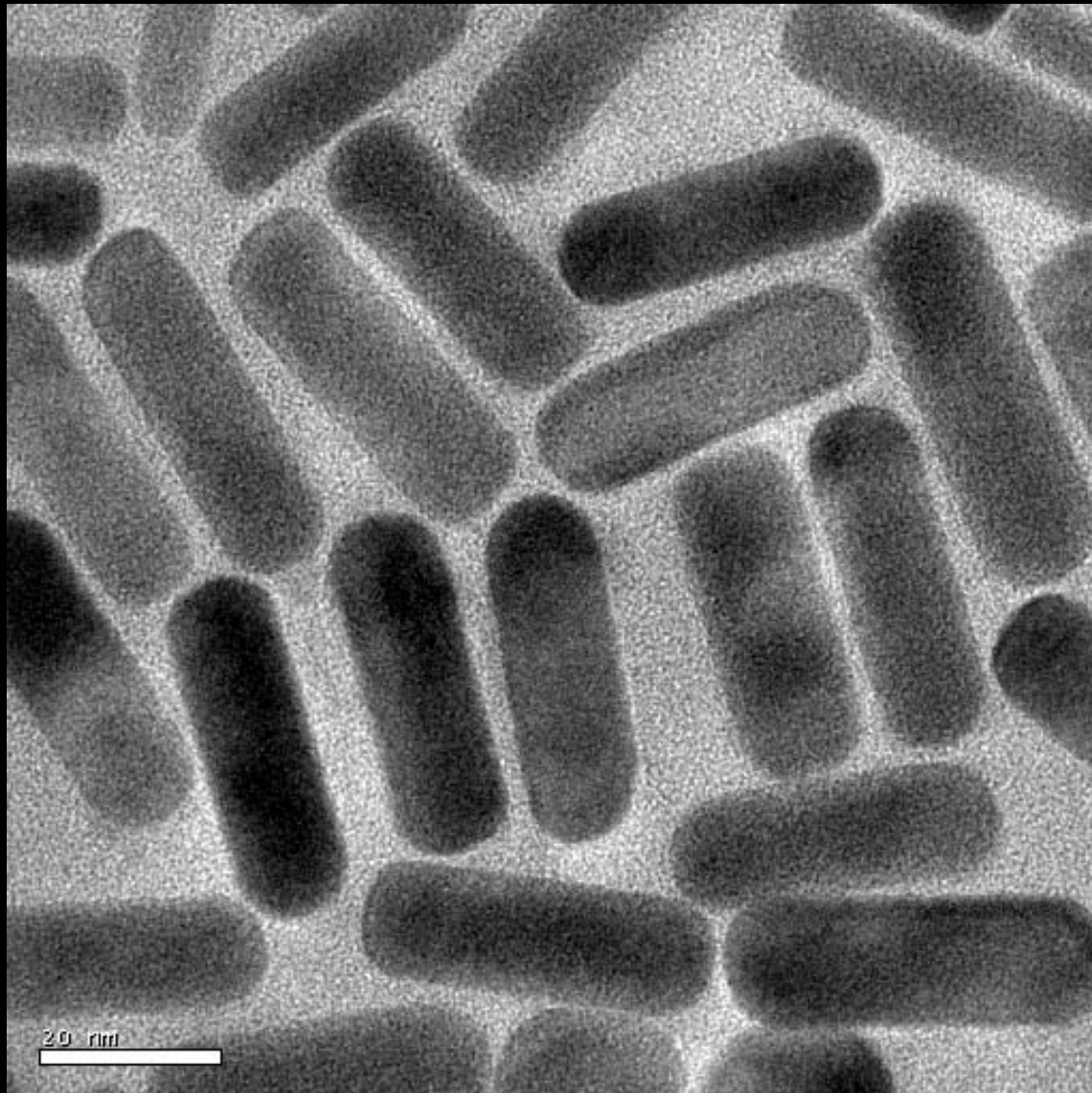


Gold shells. Nanoshells designed to absorb various wavelengths of light (the six vials on the right), including infrared (vial at far right) compared to gold colloid (far left). Used with permission from www.ece.rice.edu/people/faculty/halas.

Colours by changing shape



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Materials are needed for chemistry

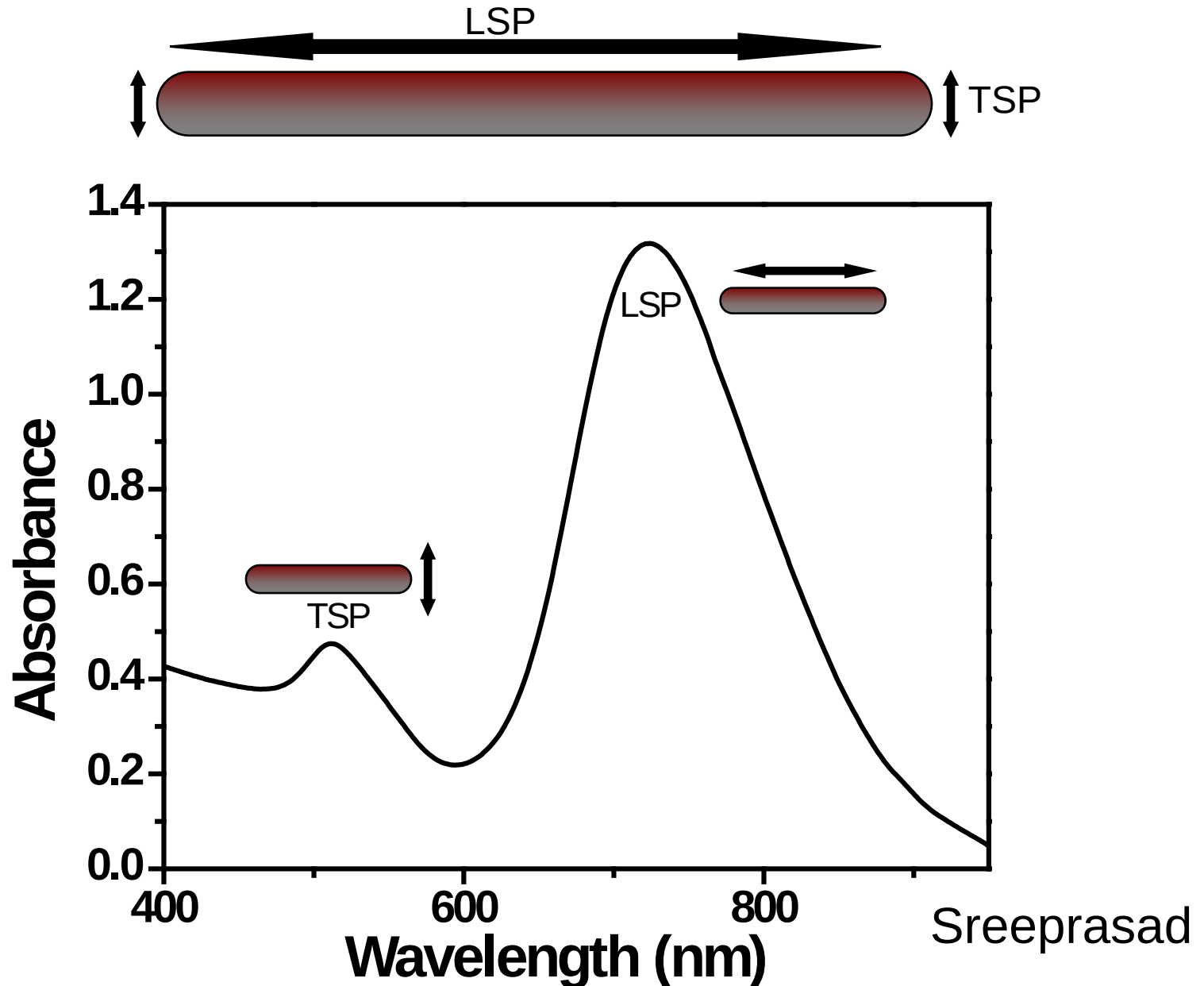


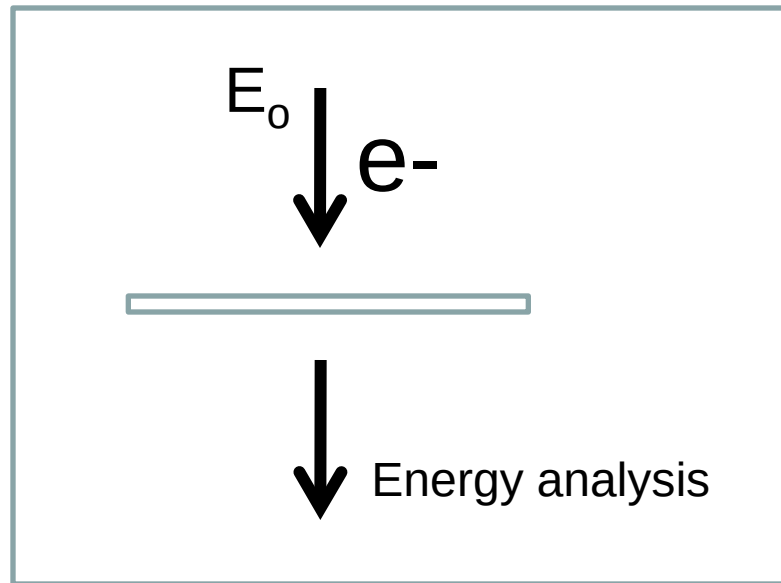
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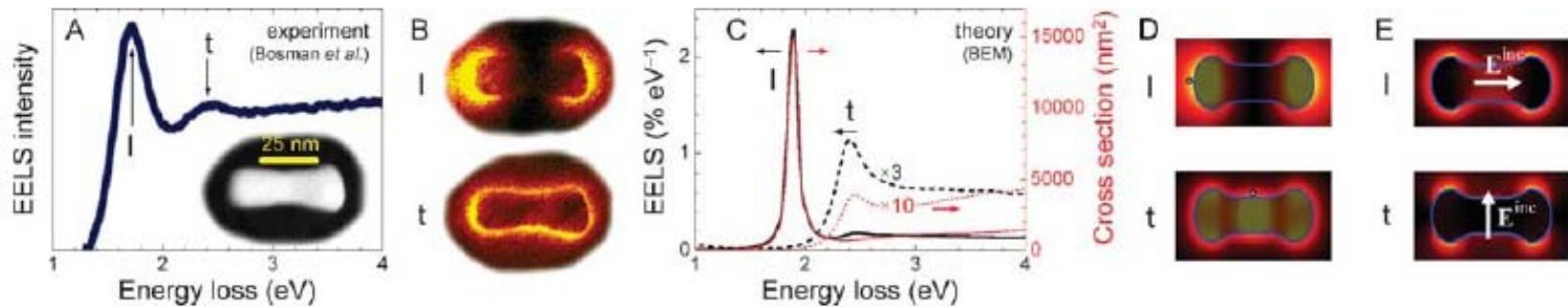
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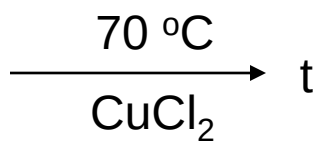
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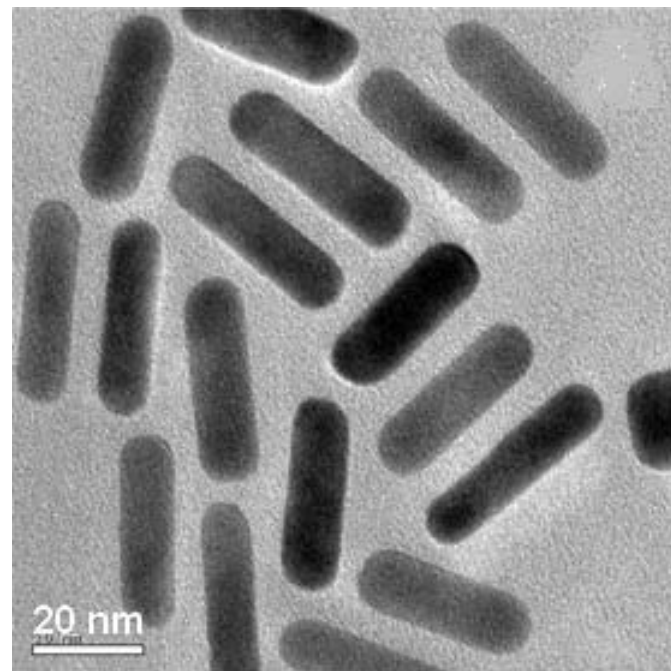
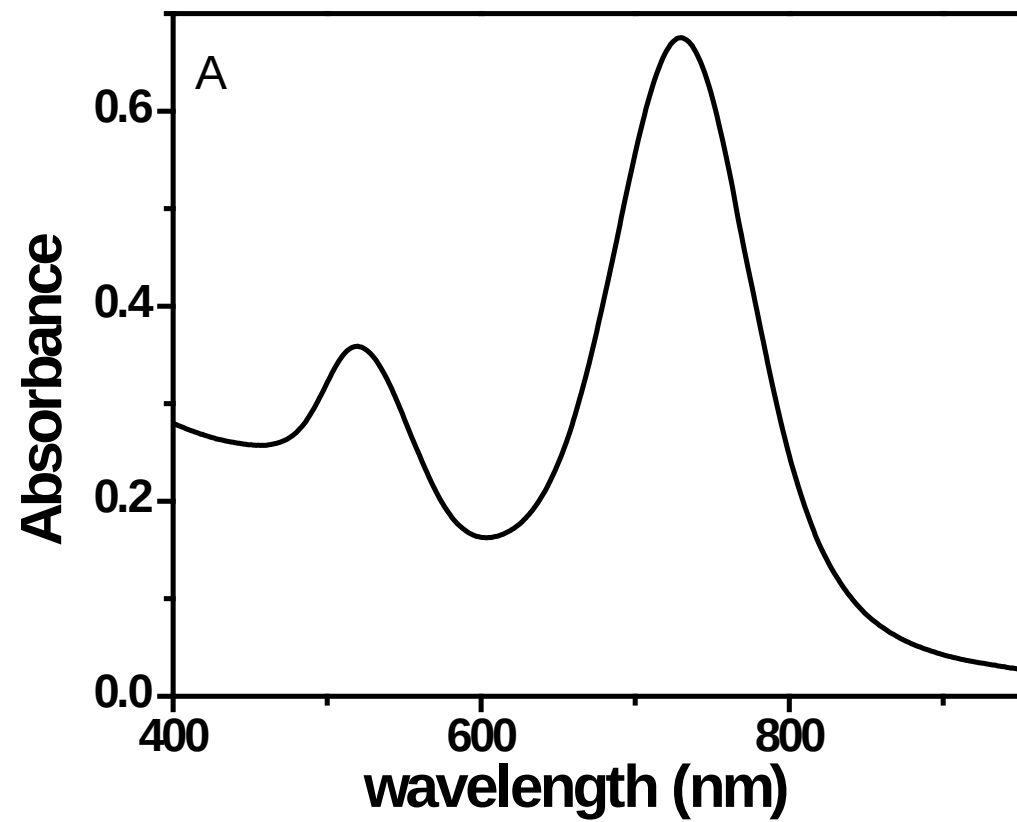
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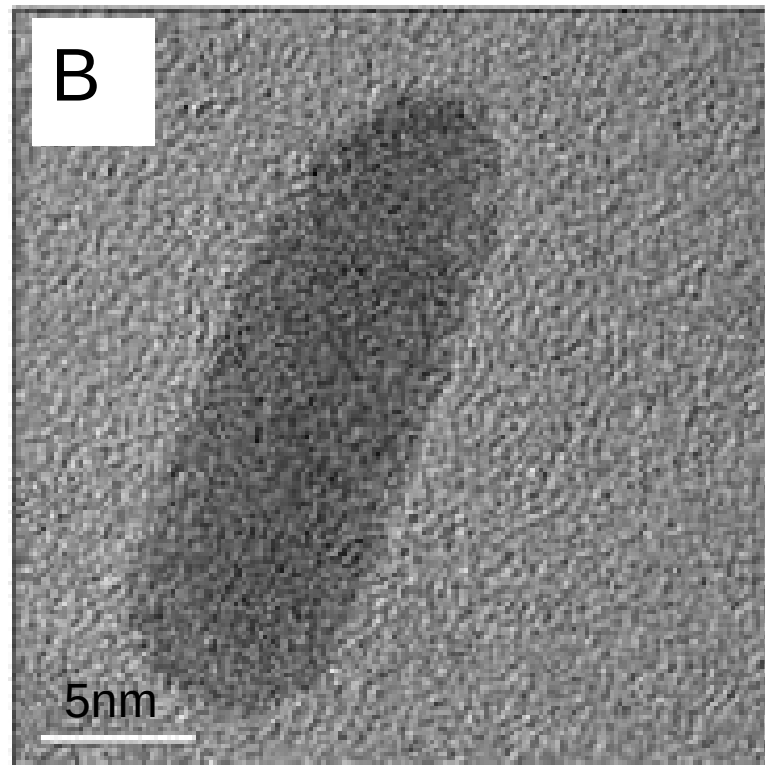
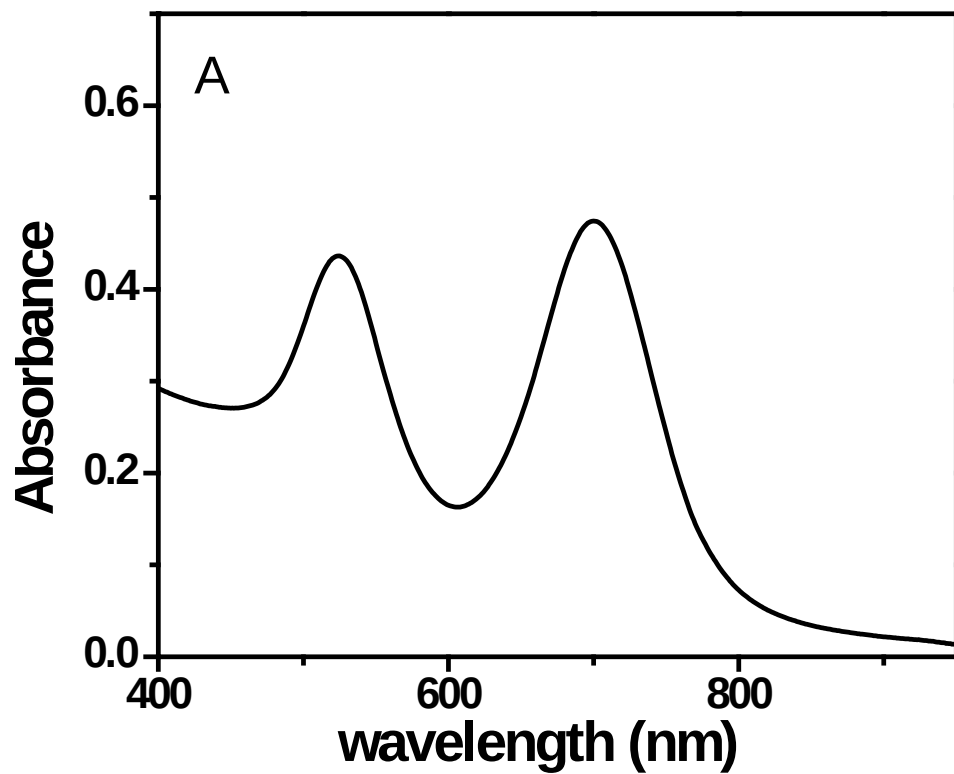
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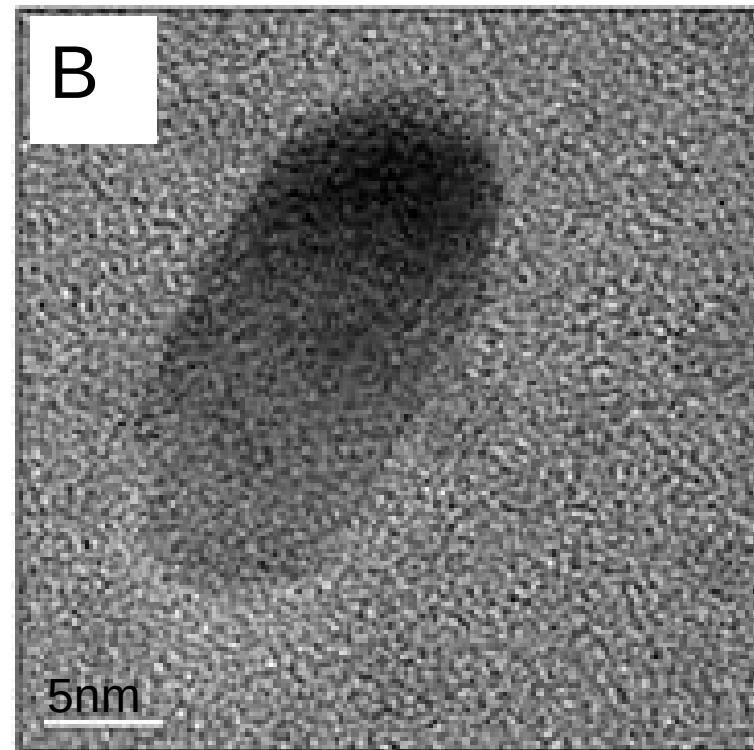
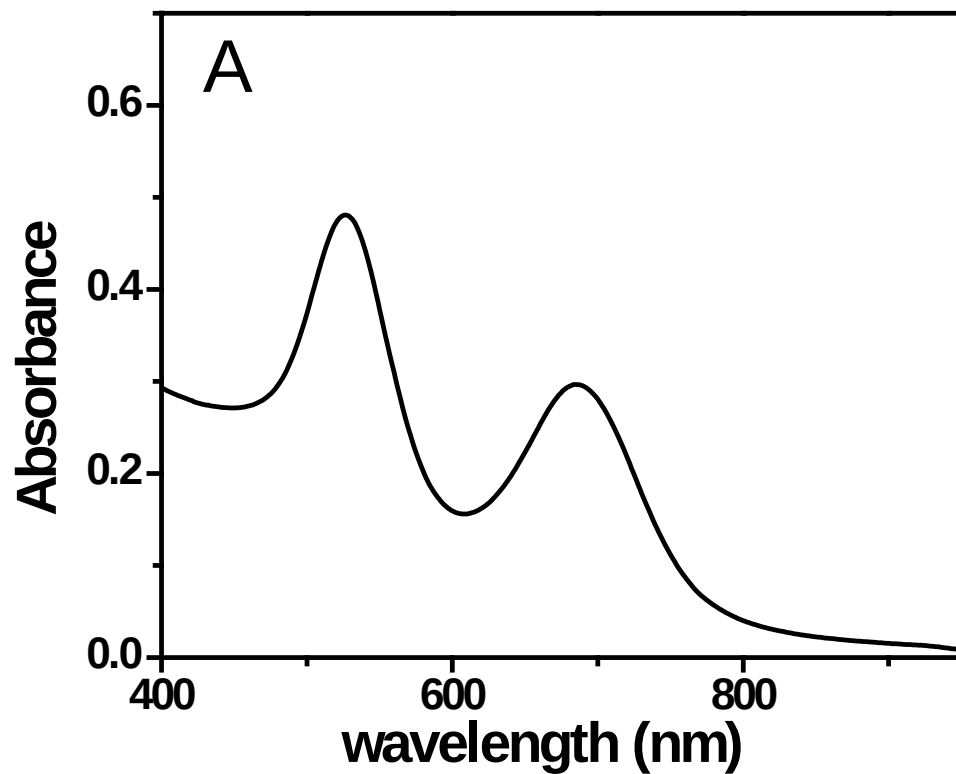
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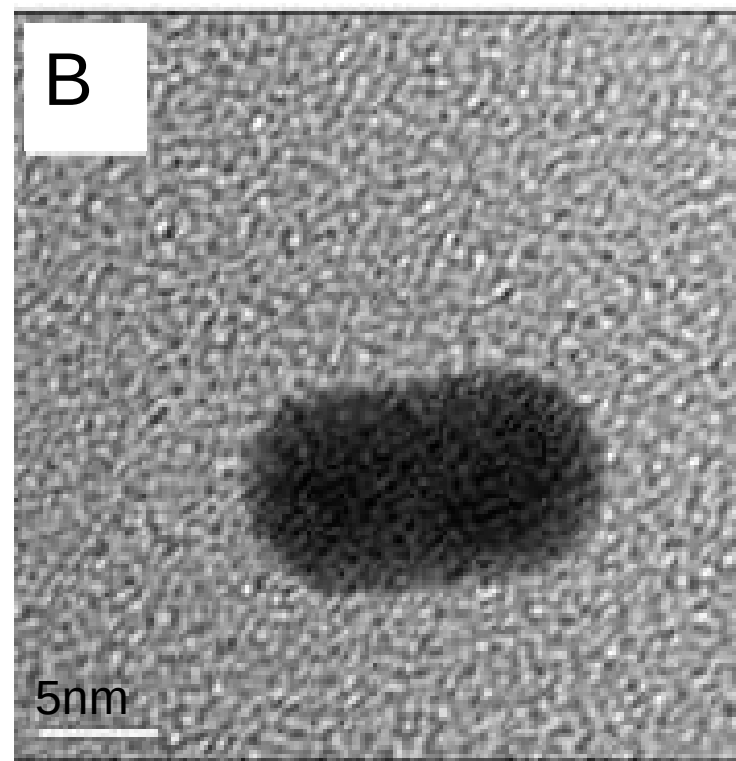
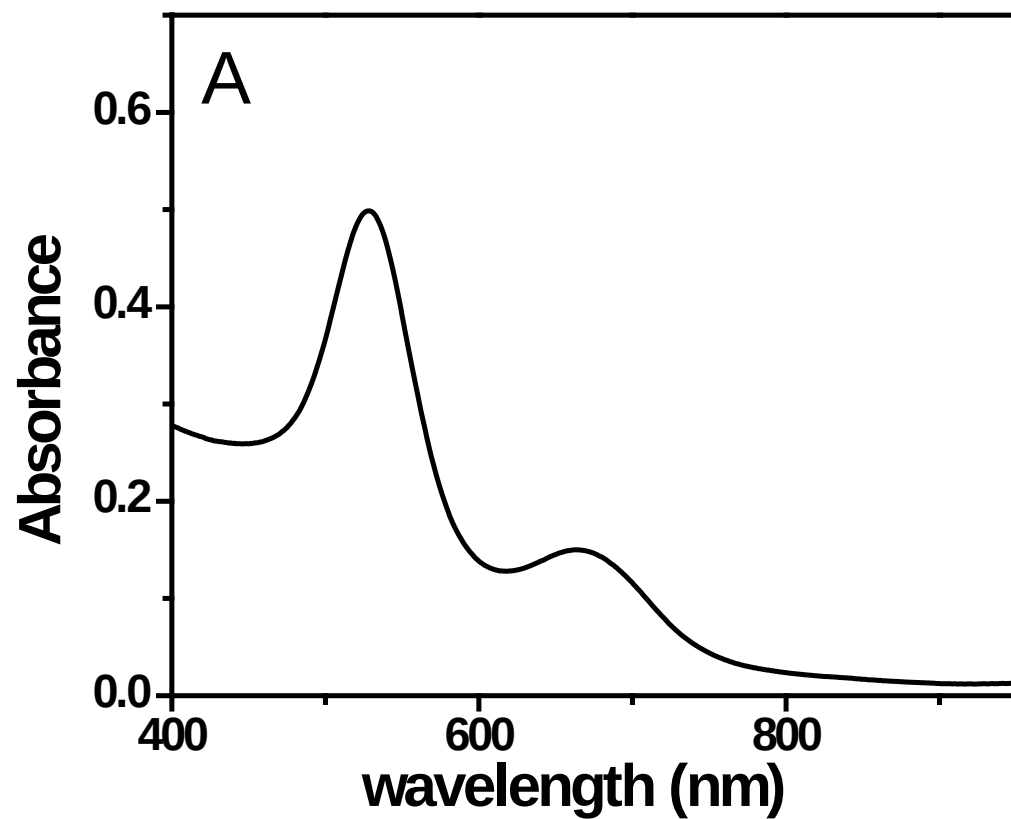
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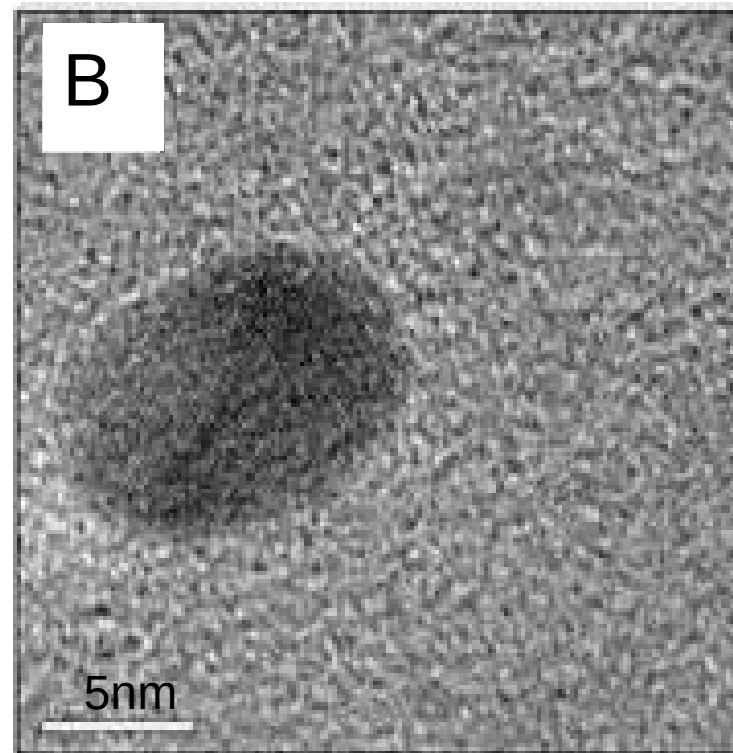
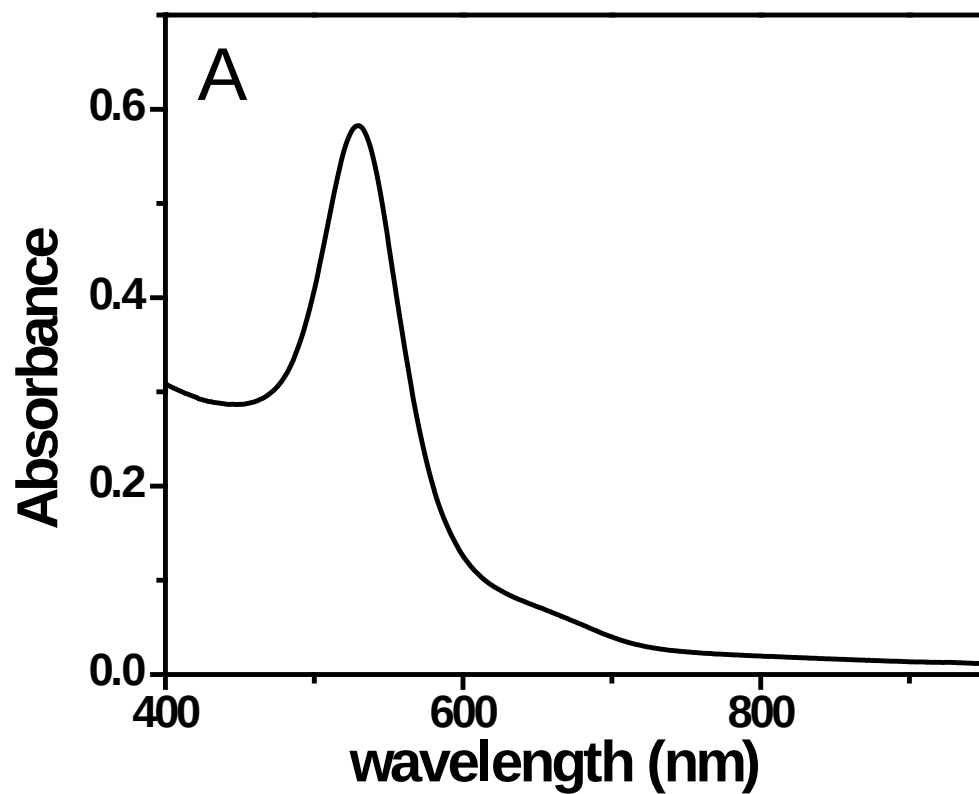
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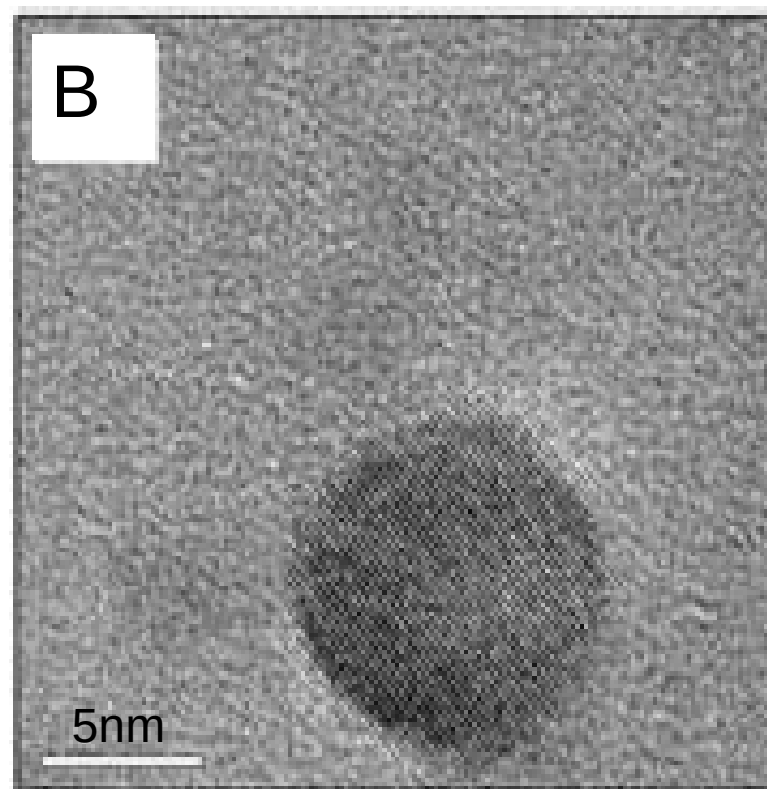
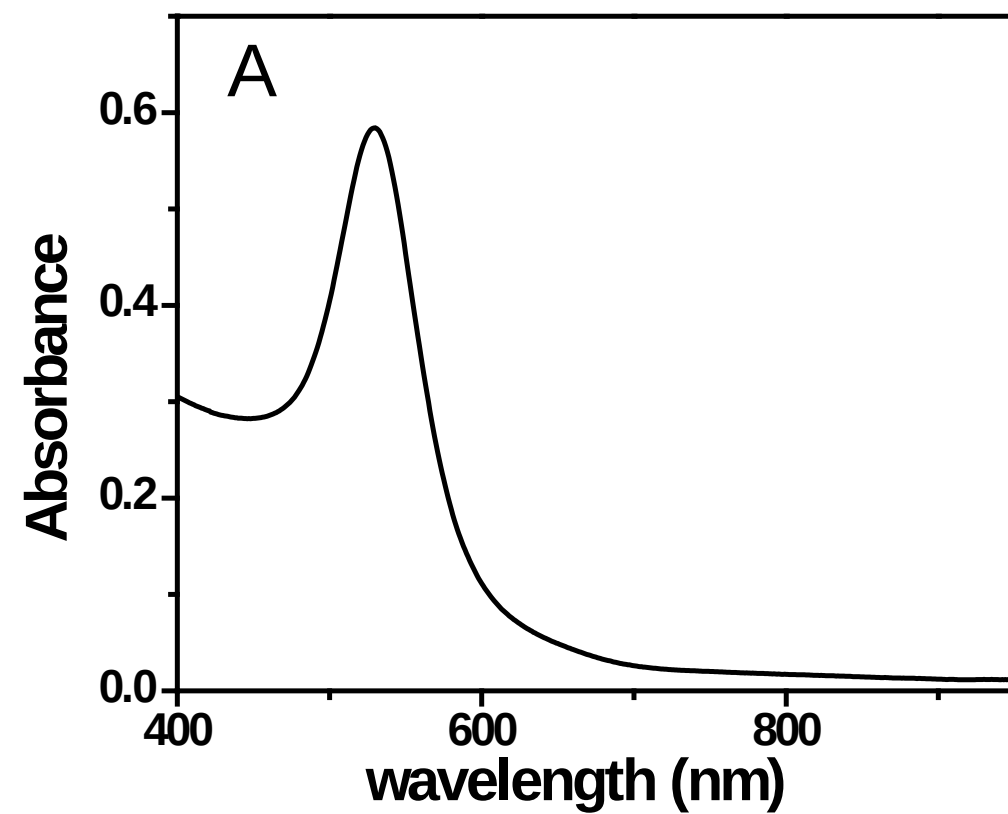
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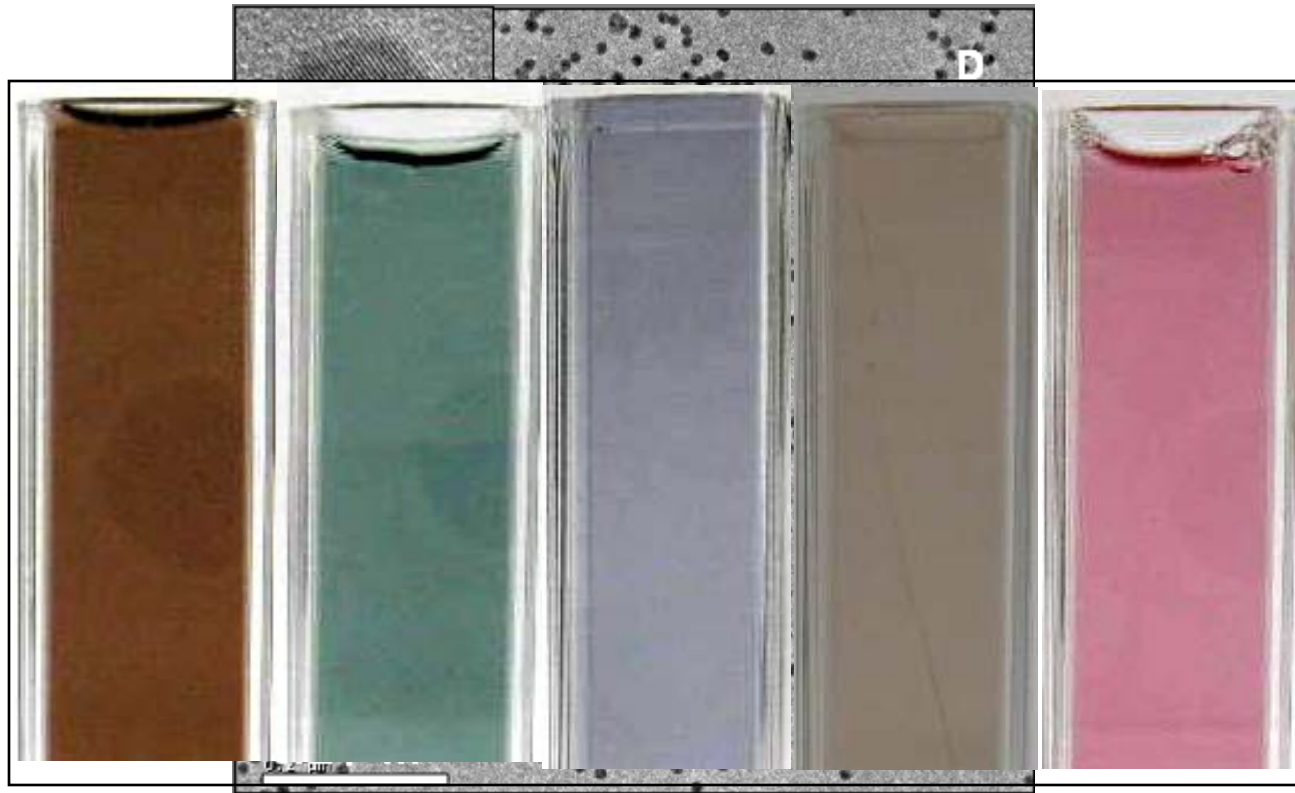
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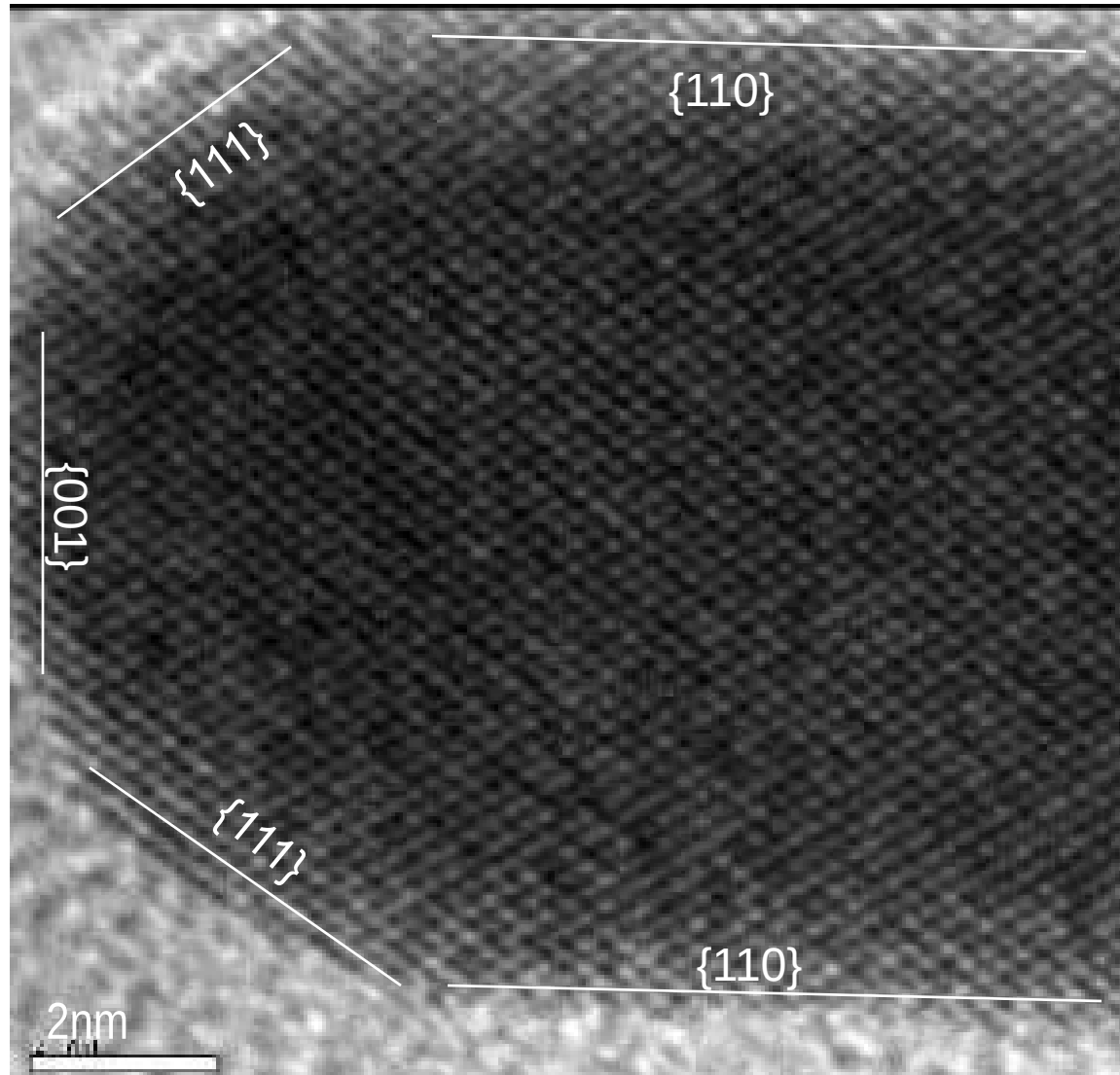


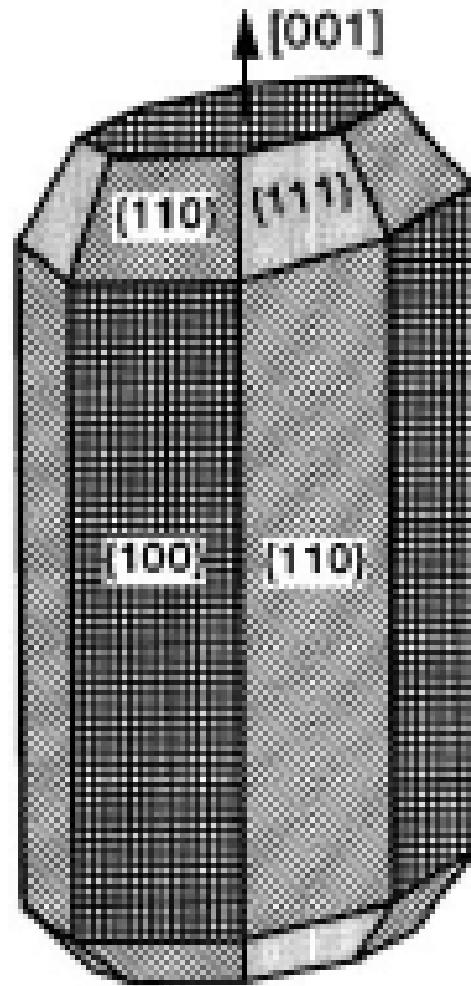
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Any shape can be prepared by arresting the reaction

Why should the rod do that?





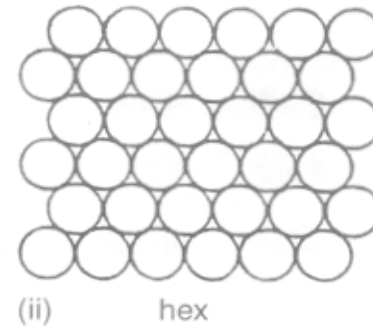
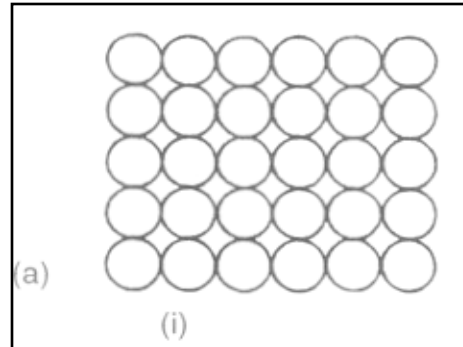
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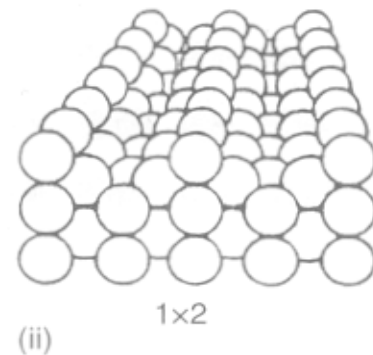
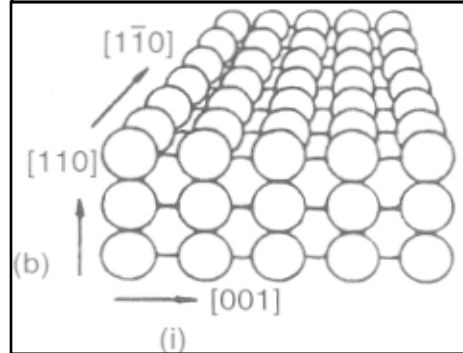
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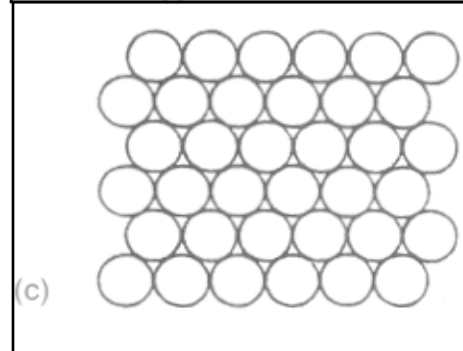
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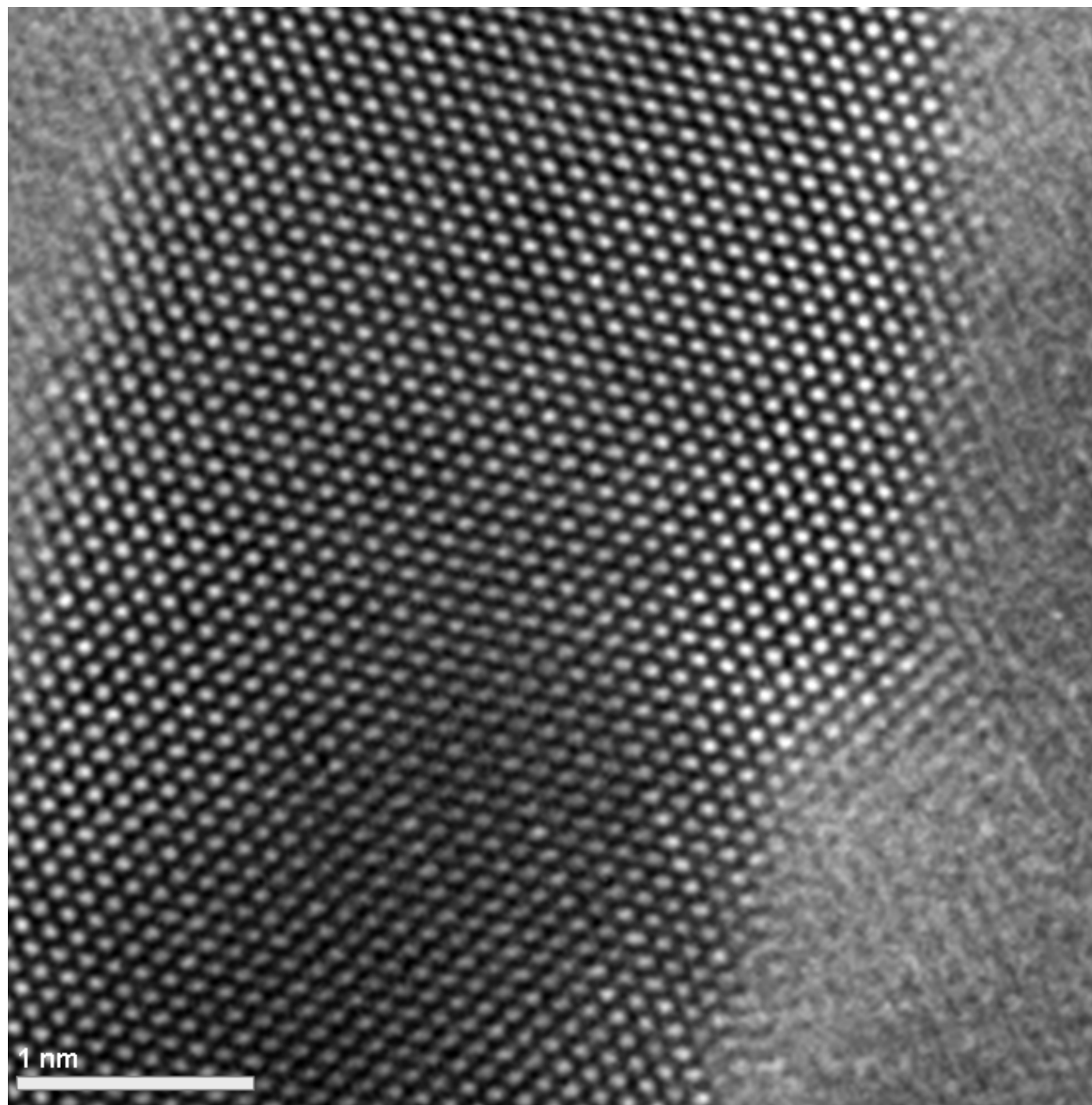
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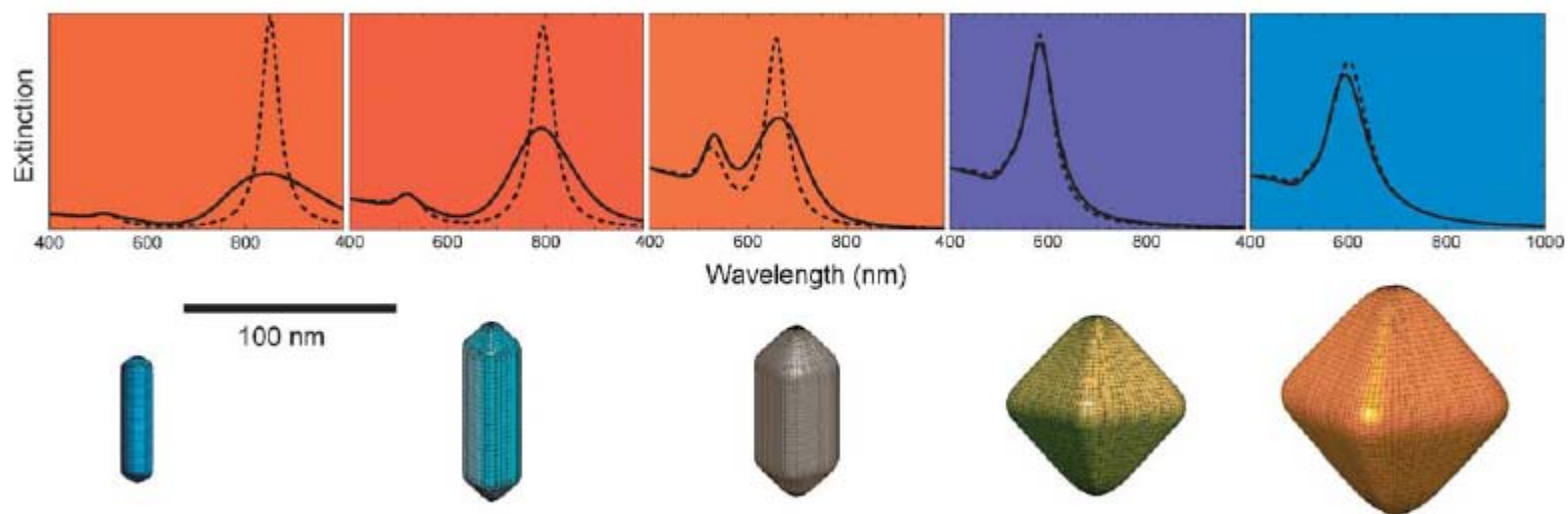


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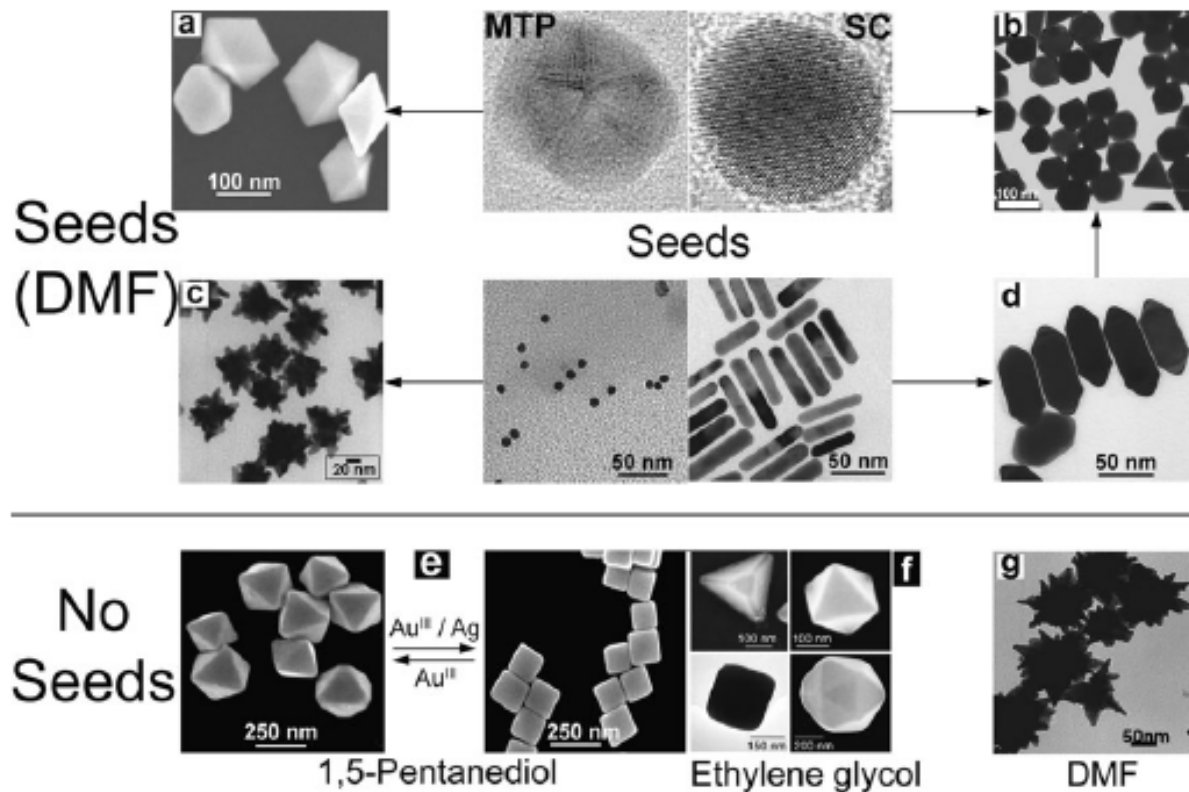


Colours with octahedra



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Colours by assorted shapes

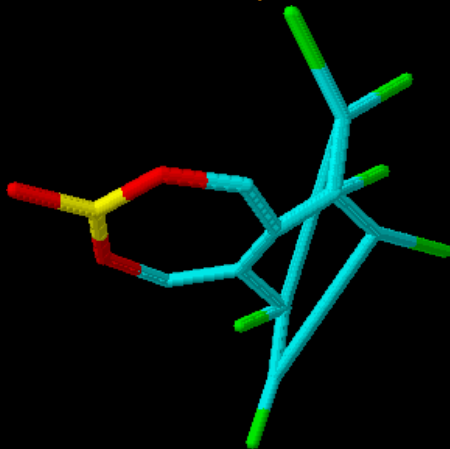


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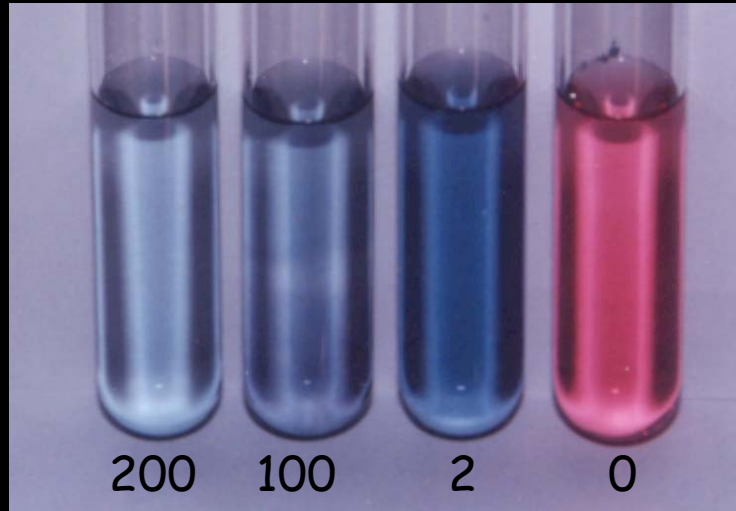
Colour by surface modification

Color of gold nanoparticles with endosulfan

Example



Endosulfan



Endosulfan concentration in ppm

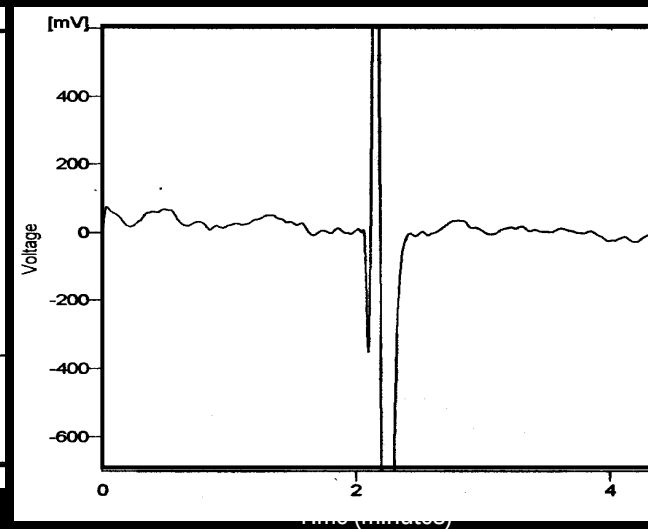
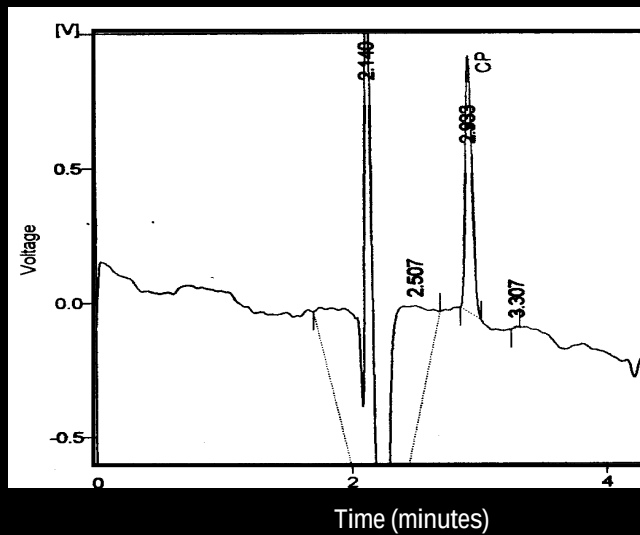
Color changes with pesticide concentration

Good response at lower concentrations

Down to 0.1 ppm

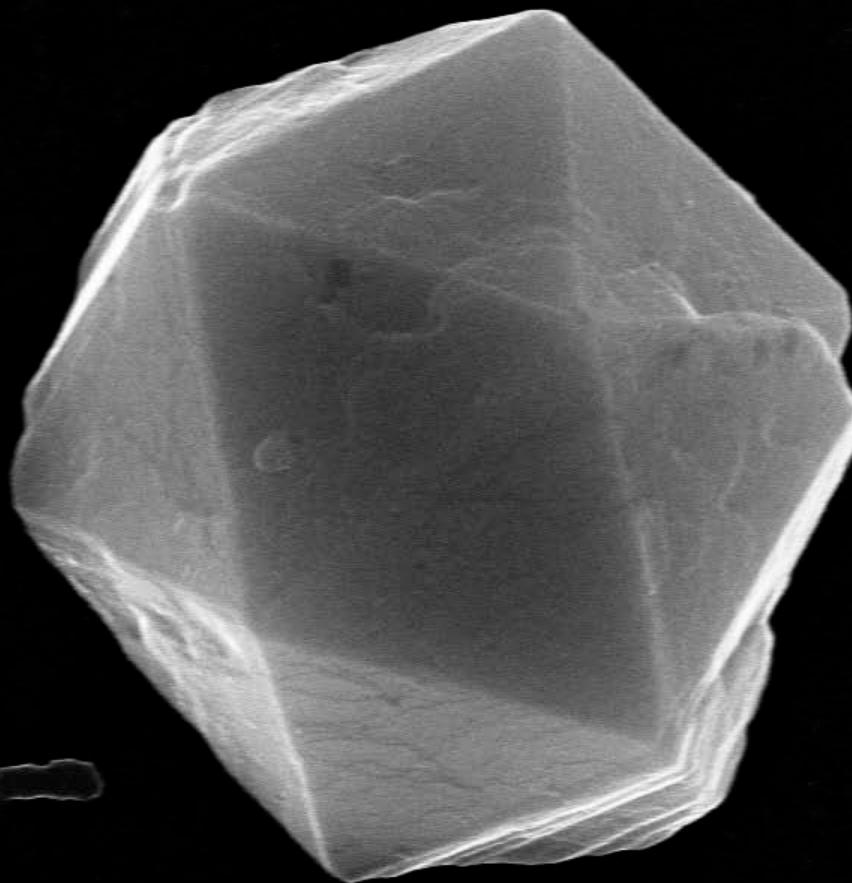
Adsorbed pesticides can be removed from solution

Pesticide removal from drinking water



Indian patent granted
PCT application filed
Technology transferred
Product is in the market



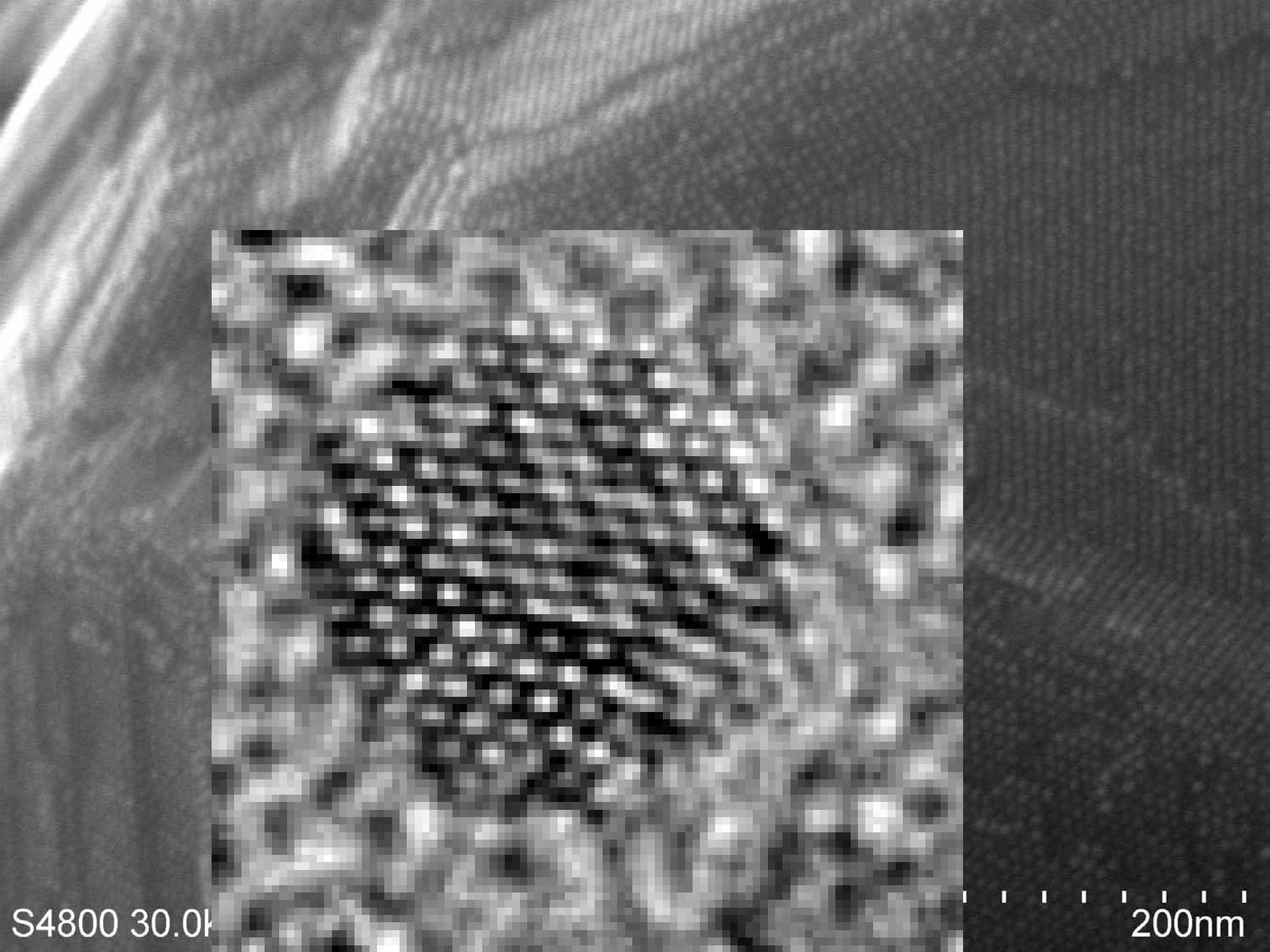


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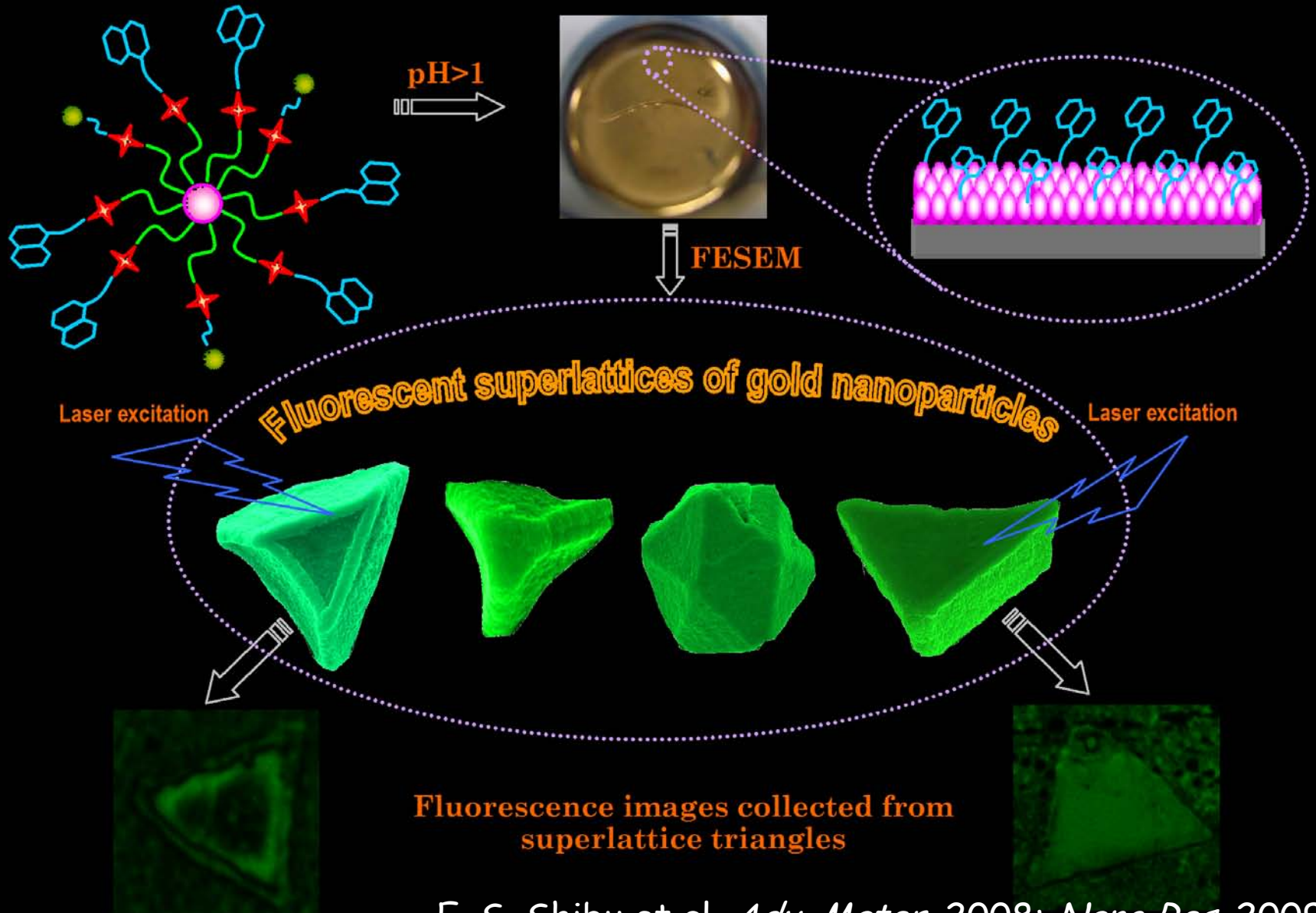
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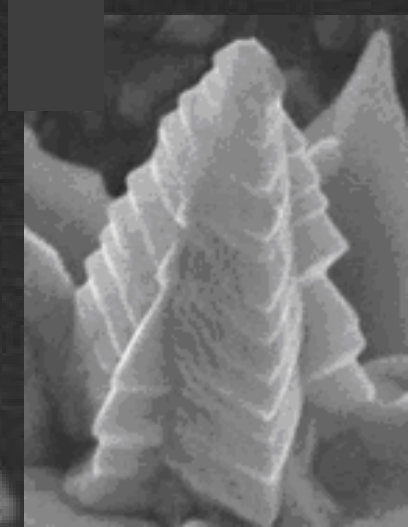
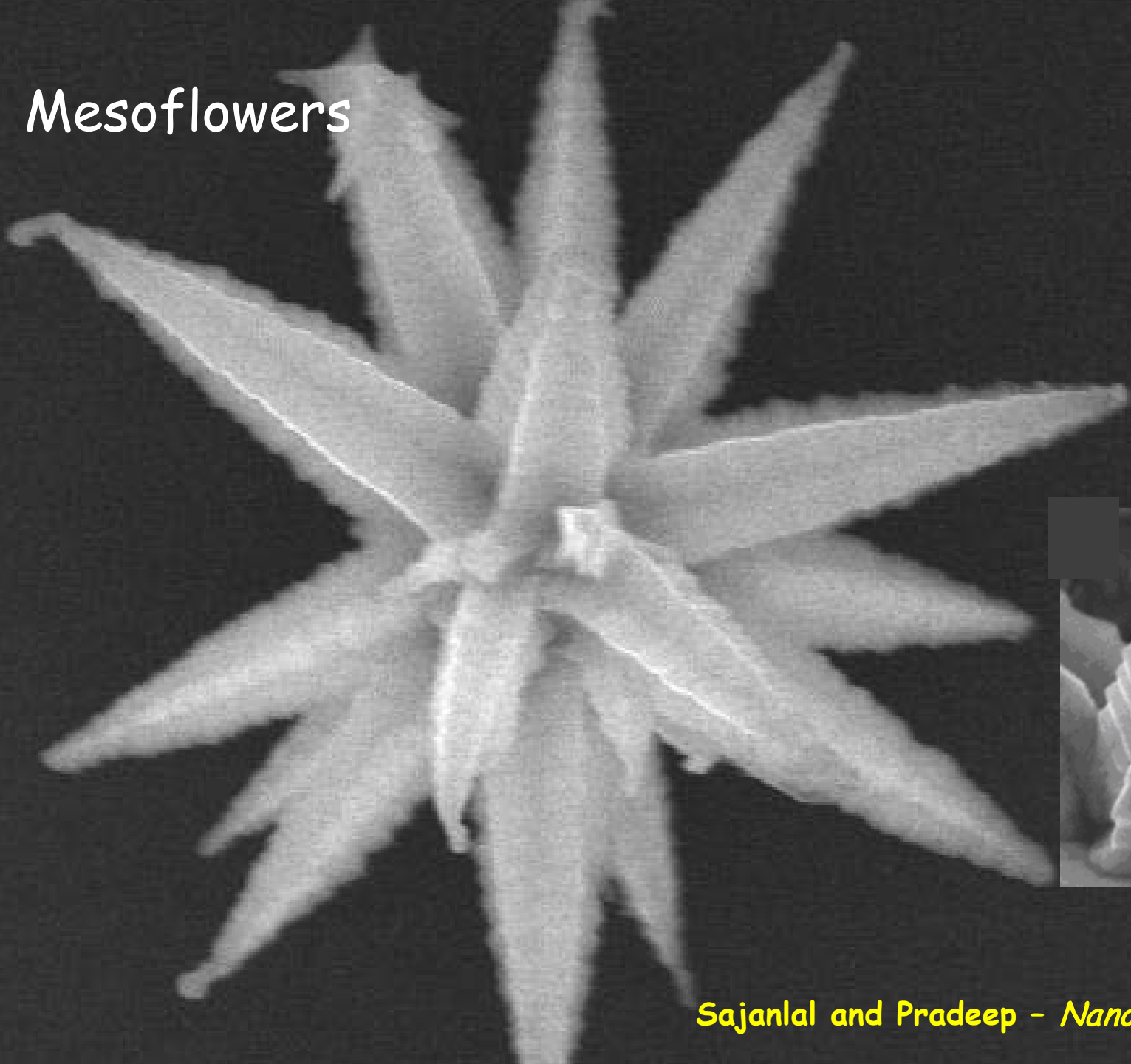
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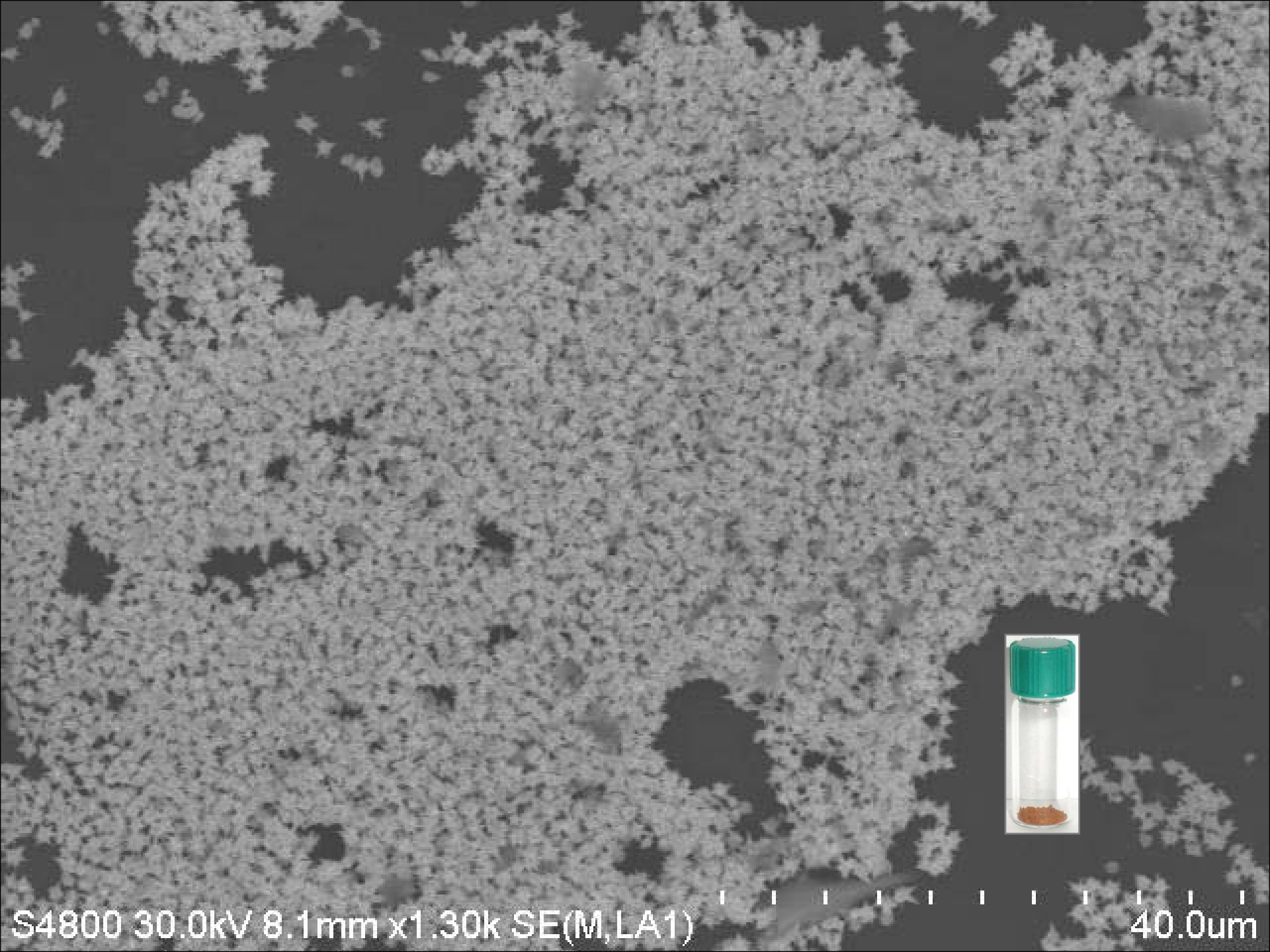
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Colours by organisation



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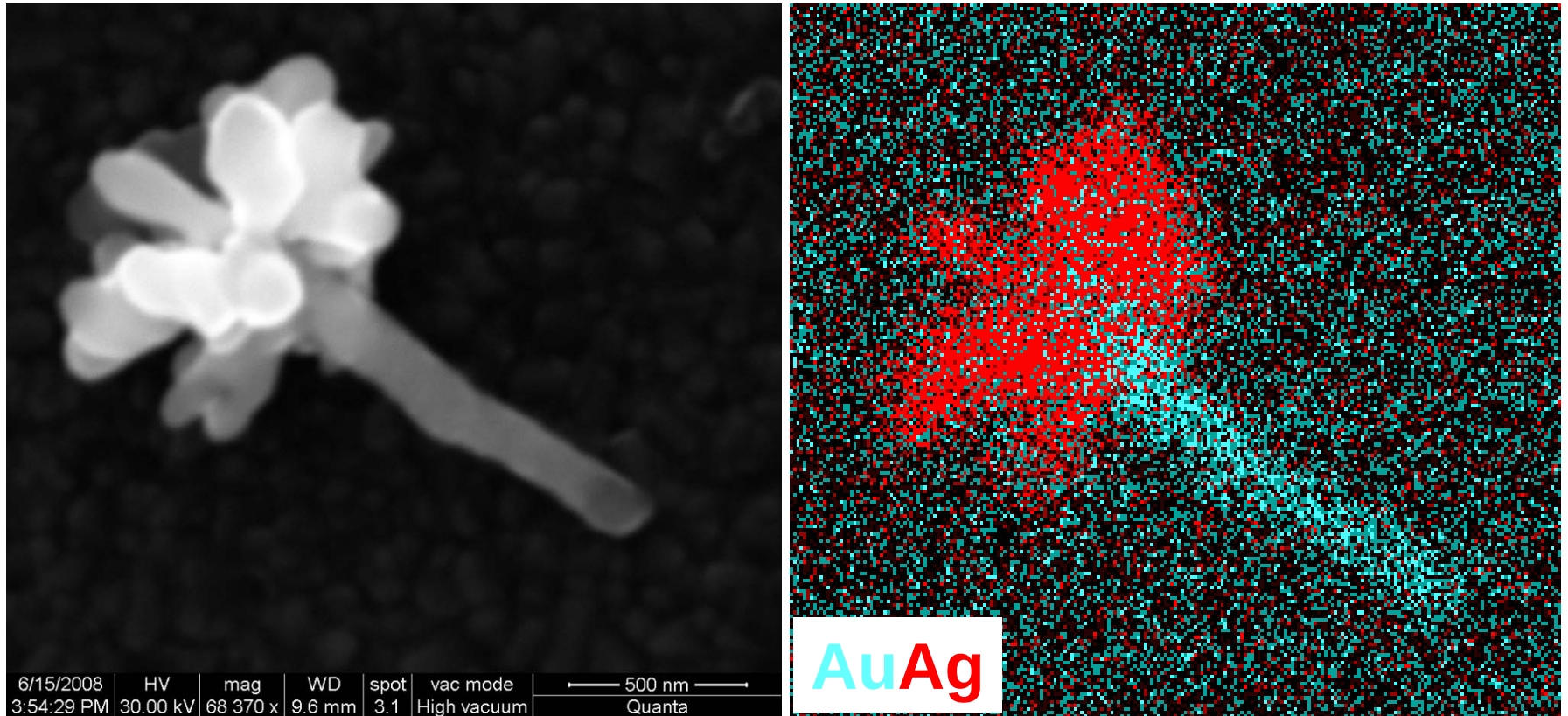




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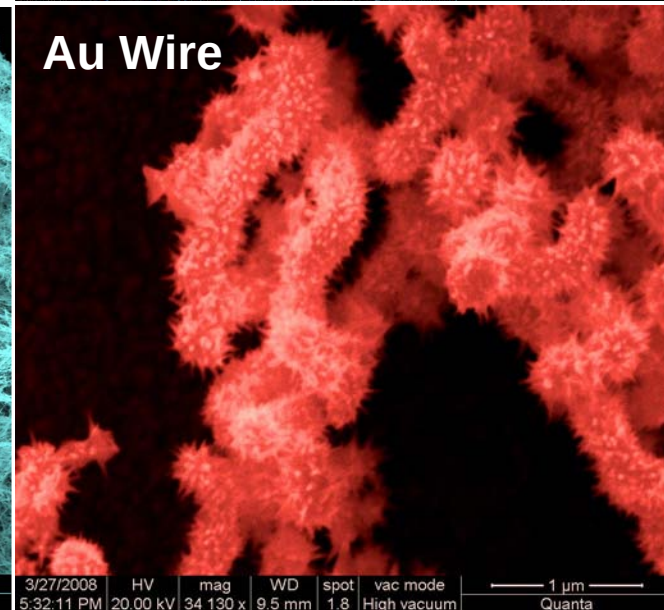
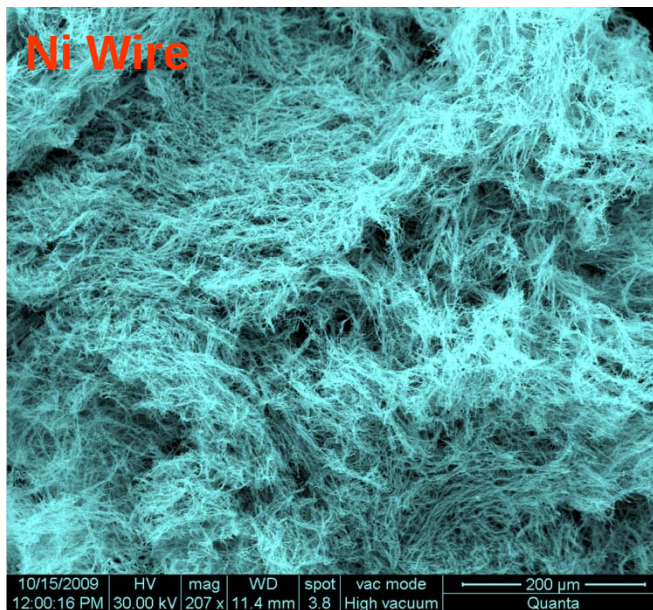
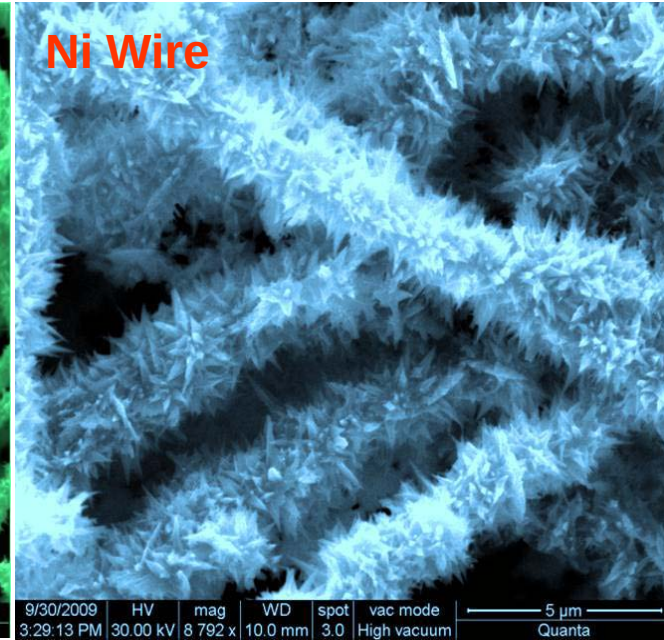
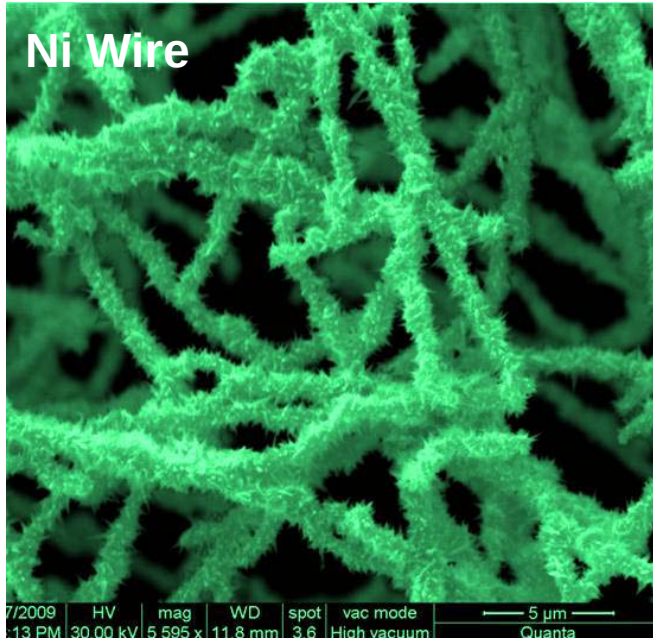
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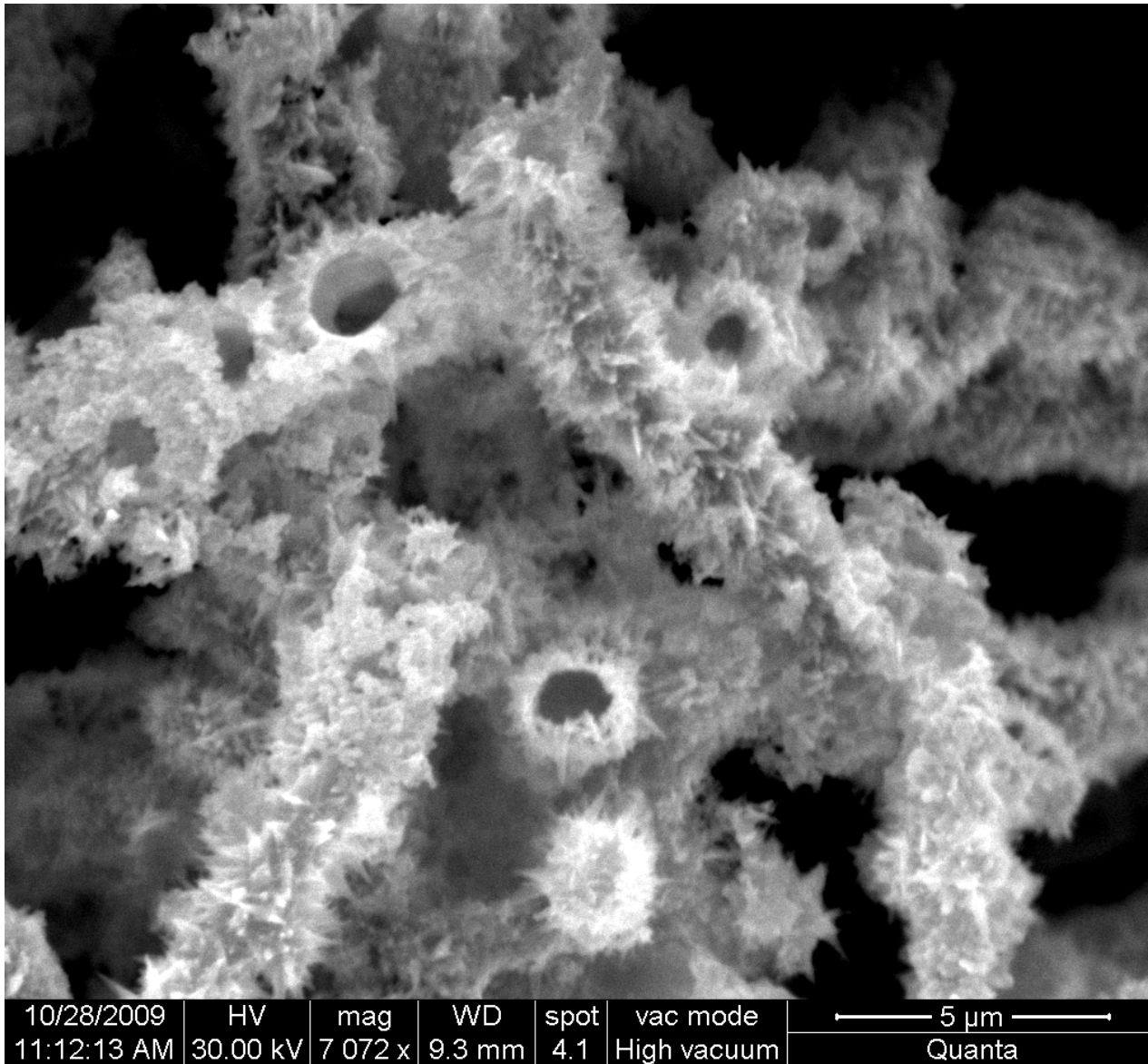
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Wire-like meso/nanostructures



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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, $\text{Au}/\alpha\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$, $\text{Au}/\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$, 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 3d 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 3d 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.

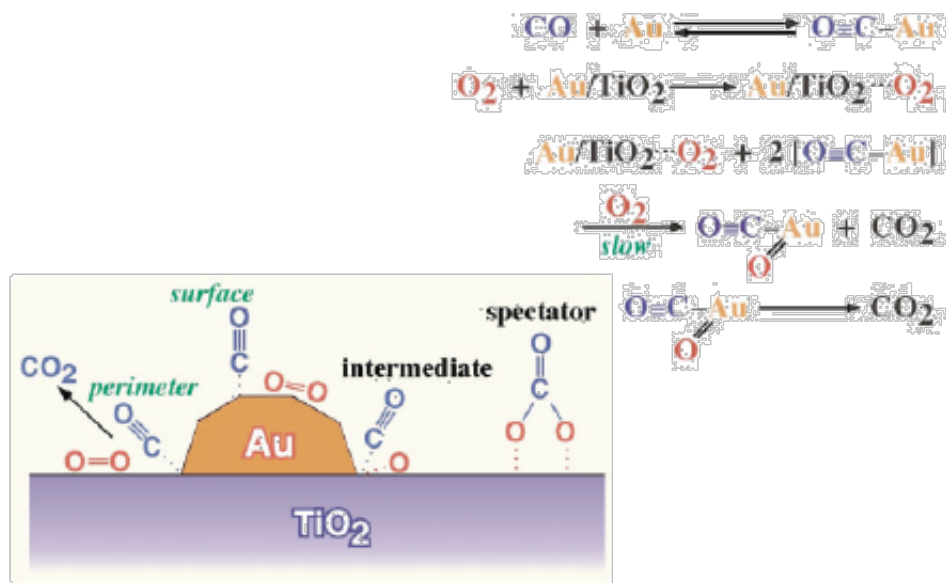
Previous work on gold catalysts has been reviewed by several authors (6-10). All the gold catalysts investigated so far are gold supported on inactive ceramic oxides, such as SiO_2 (11-17), Al_2O_3 (14-16, 18), MgO (15-17, 19), and TiO_2 (20), or unsupported gold filaments (21), powder (22, 23), sponges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

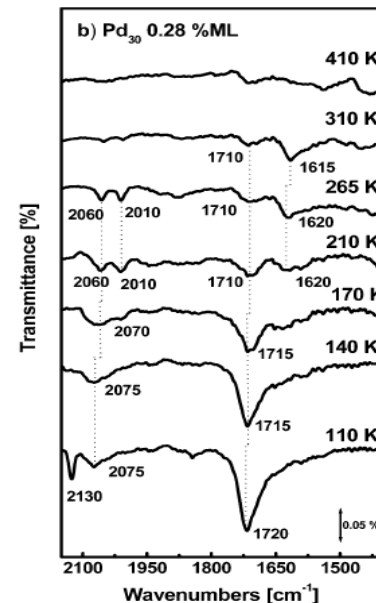
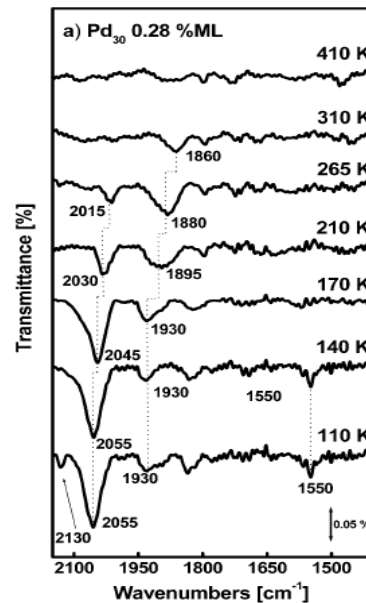
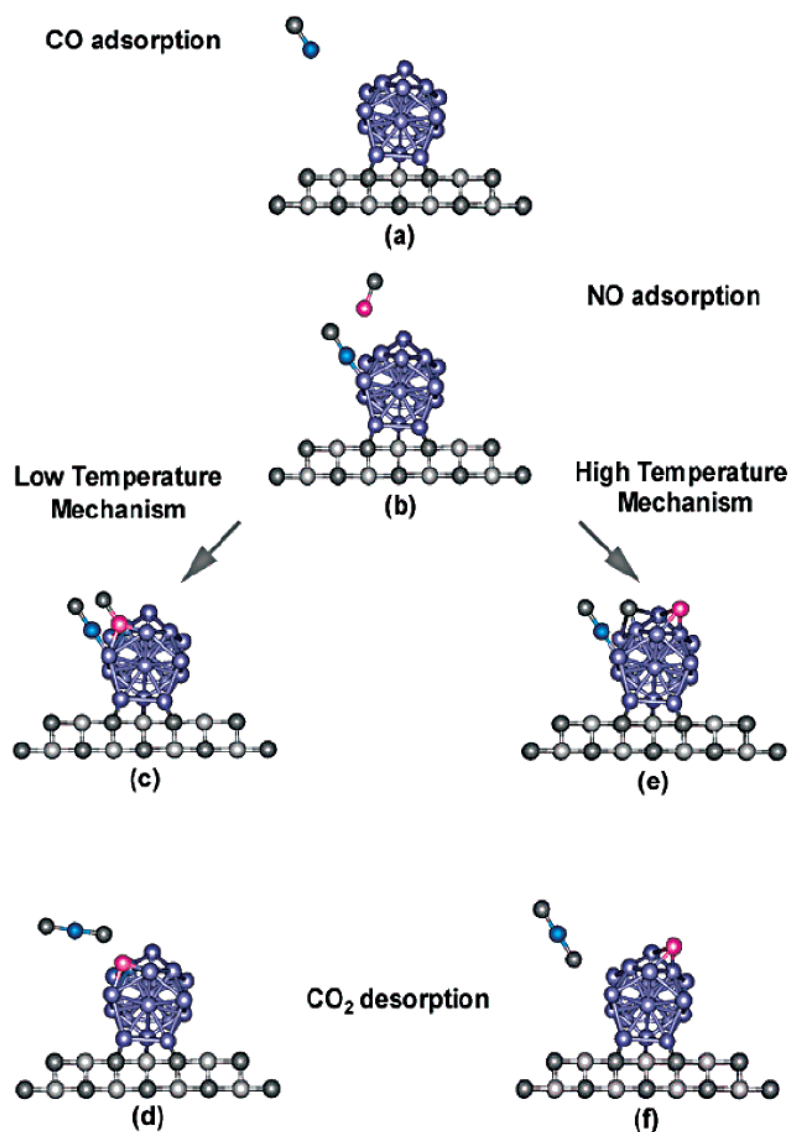
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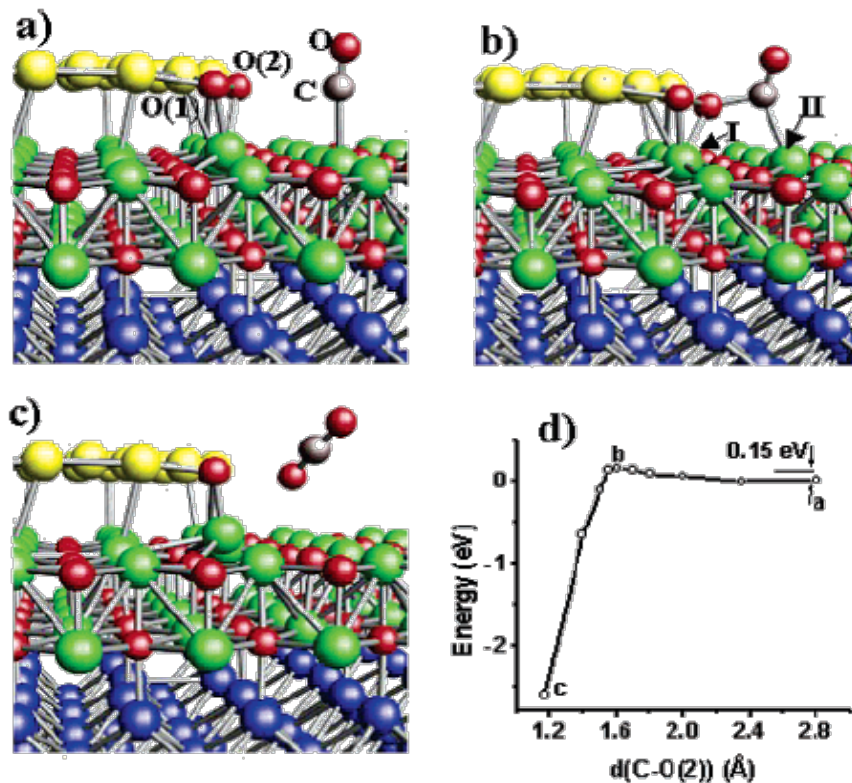
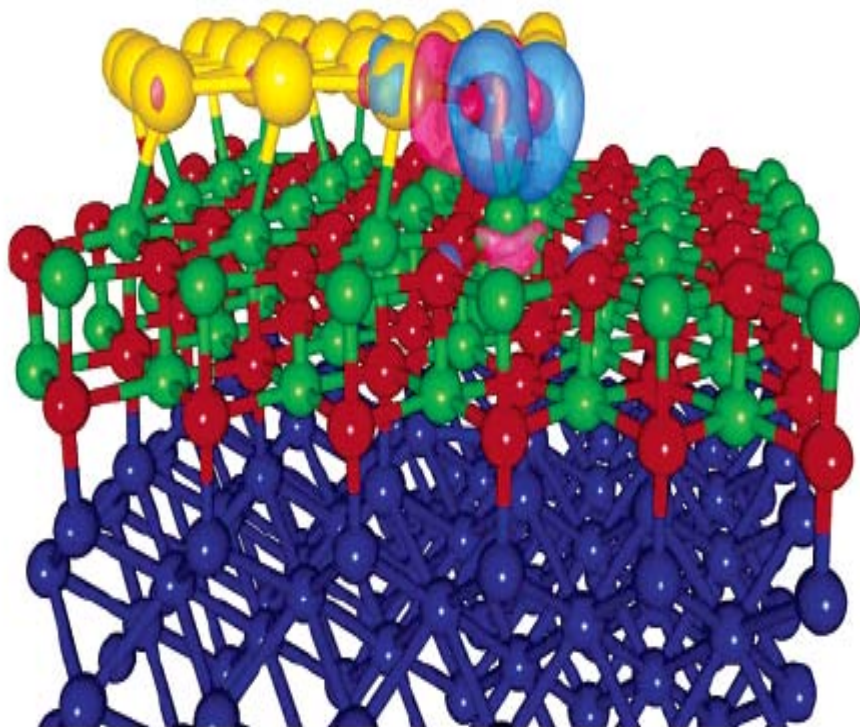


Schematic representation for CO oxidation pathways over Au/TiO₂.



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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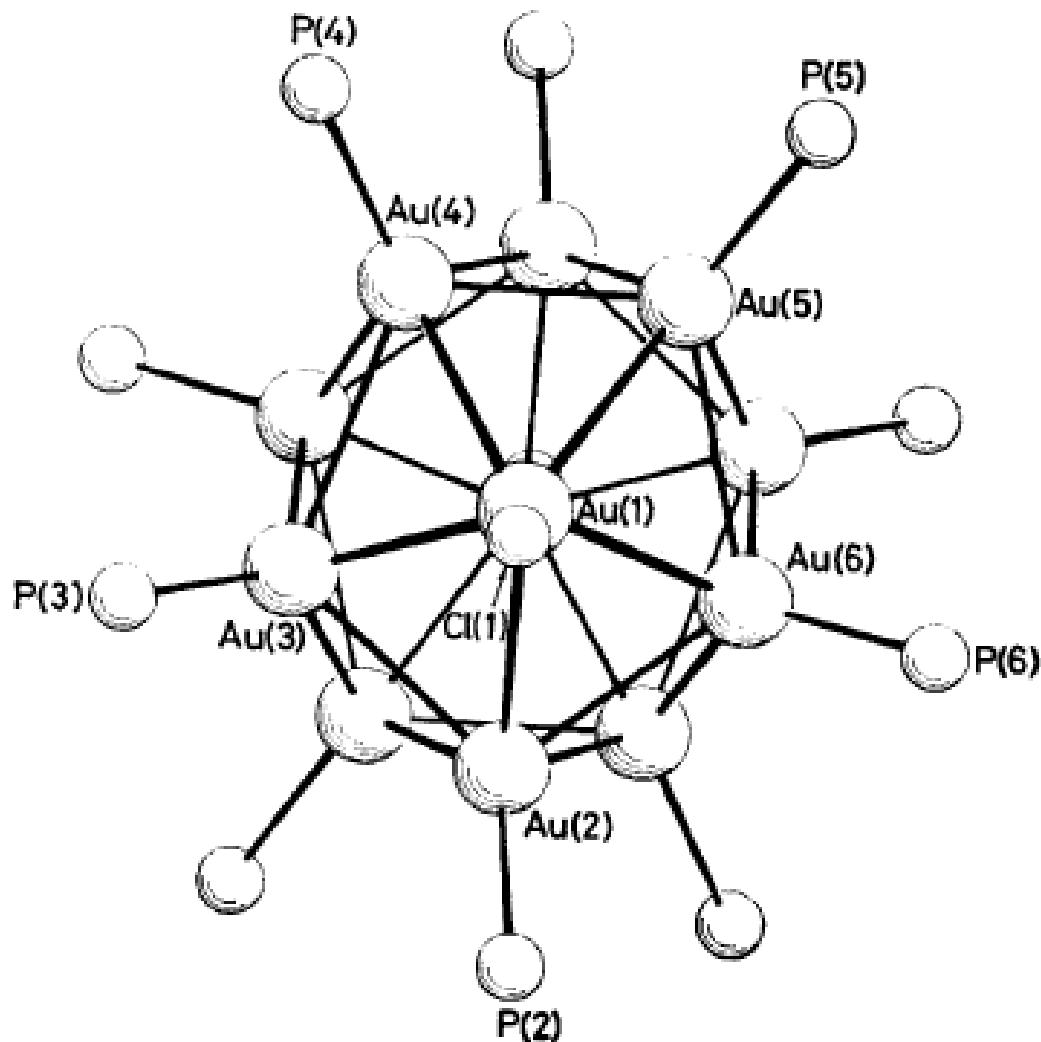
(a-c) Configurations of the two-dimensional Au₂₀ island shown in Figure 1 with coadsorbed O₂ (a), CO (b), and transition state (c). (d) Energy profile along the reaction coordinate $d(\text{C-O}(2))$ (Å). The energy scale is taken for configuration a. The sharp drop past the barrier top corresponds to CO₂ formation.



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.

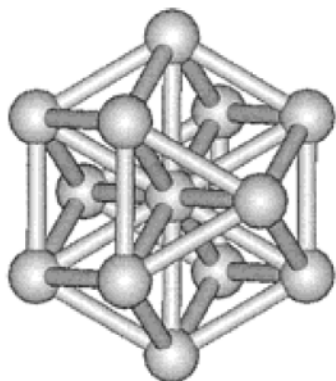
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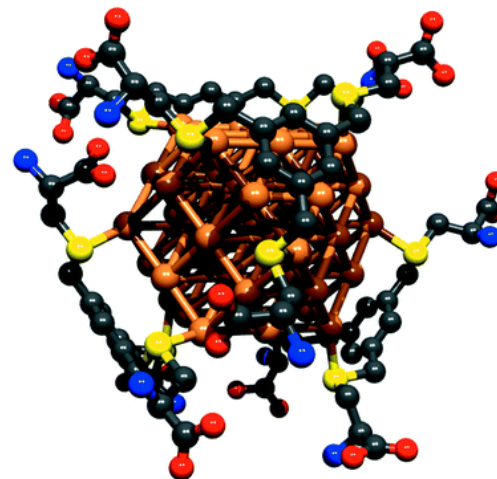


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Gold clusters



Au_{13}



Au_{55}

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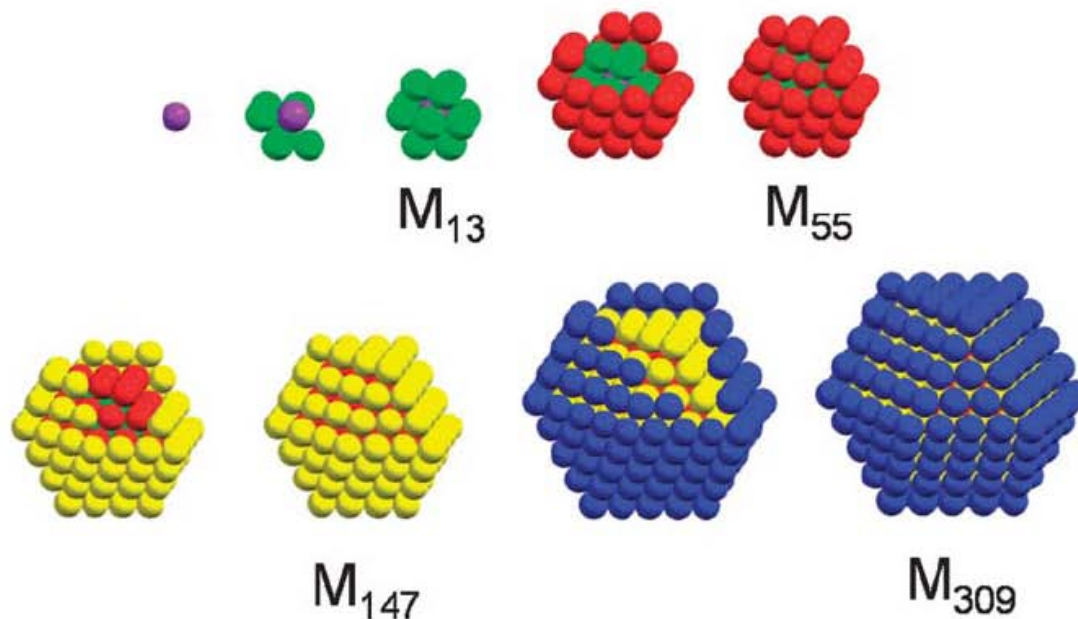
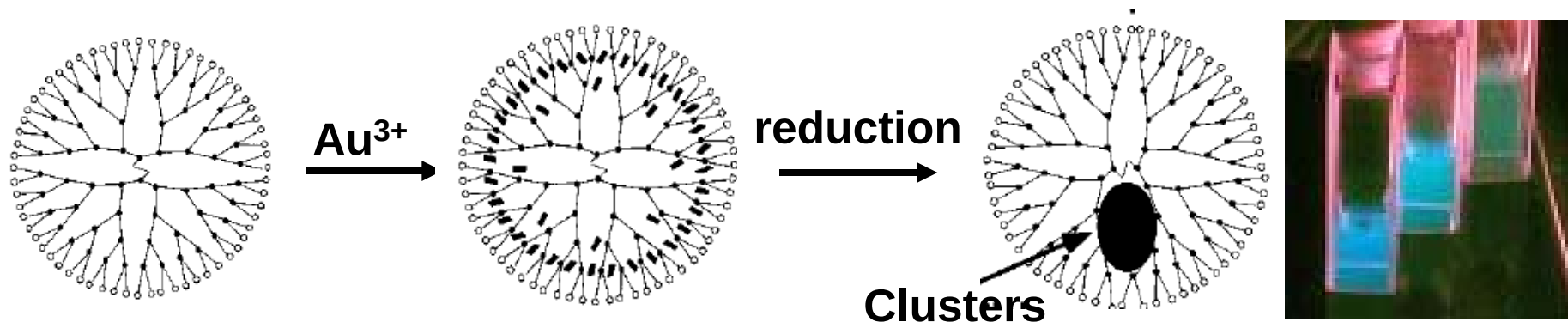


Fig. 1 Organization of full-shell clusters: a first single atom (purple) is surrounded by 12 others (green) to give a one-shell cluster M_{13} . 42 atoms (red) can be densely packed on the 12 green atoms ending with the M_{55} two-shell cluster, followed by 92 atoms (yellow) and 162 atoms (blue) to give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

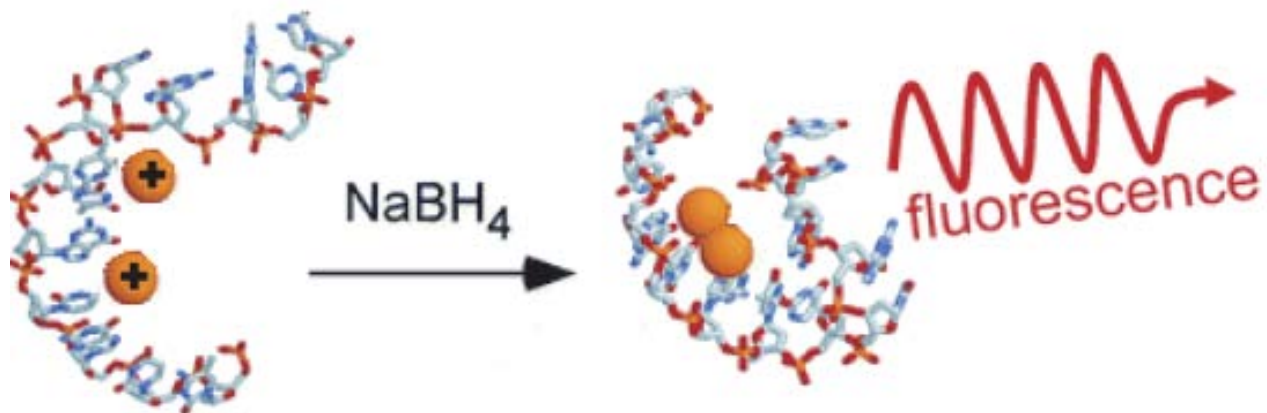
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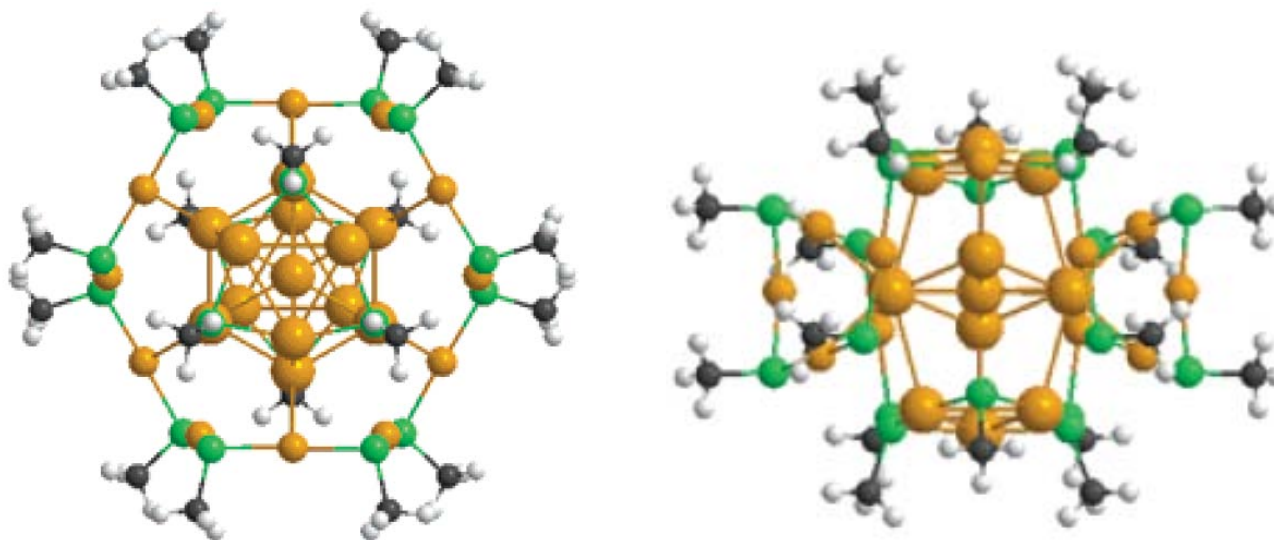


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DNA encapsulated clusters



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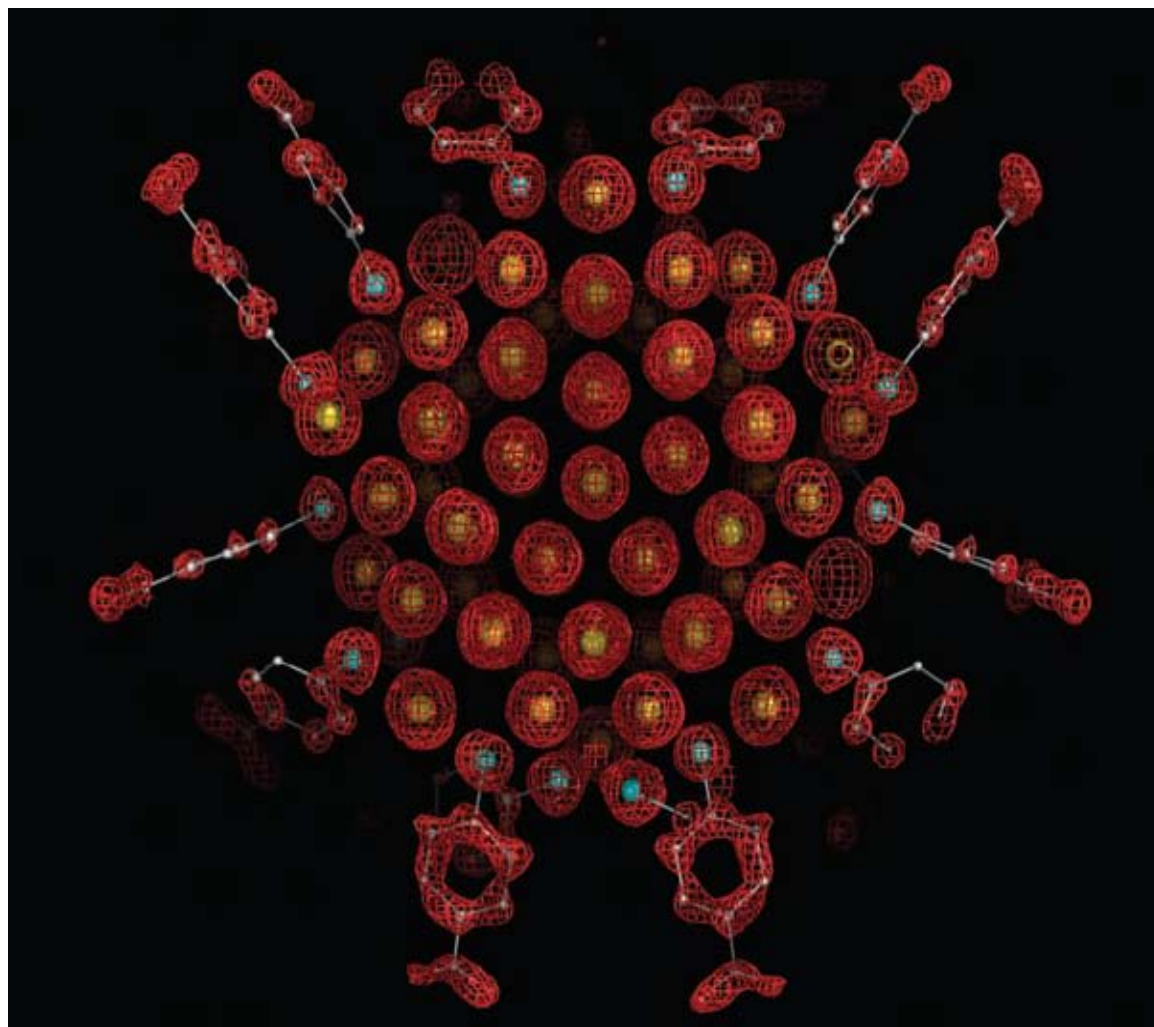


Top and side view of $[\text{Au}_{25}(\text{SCH}_3)_{18}]^+$

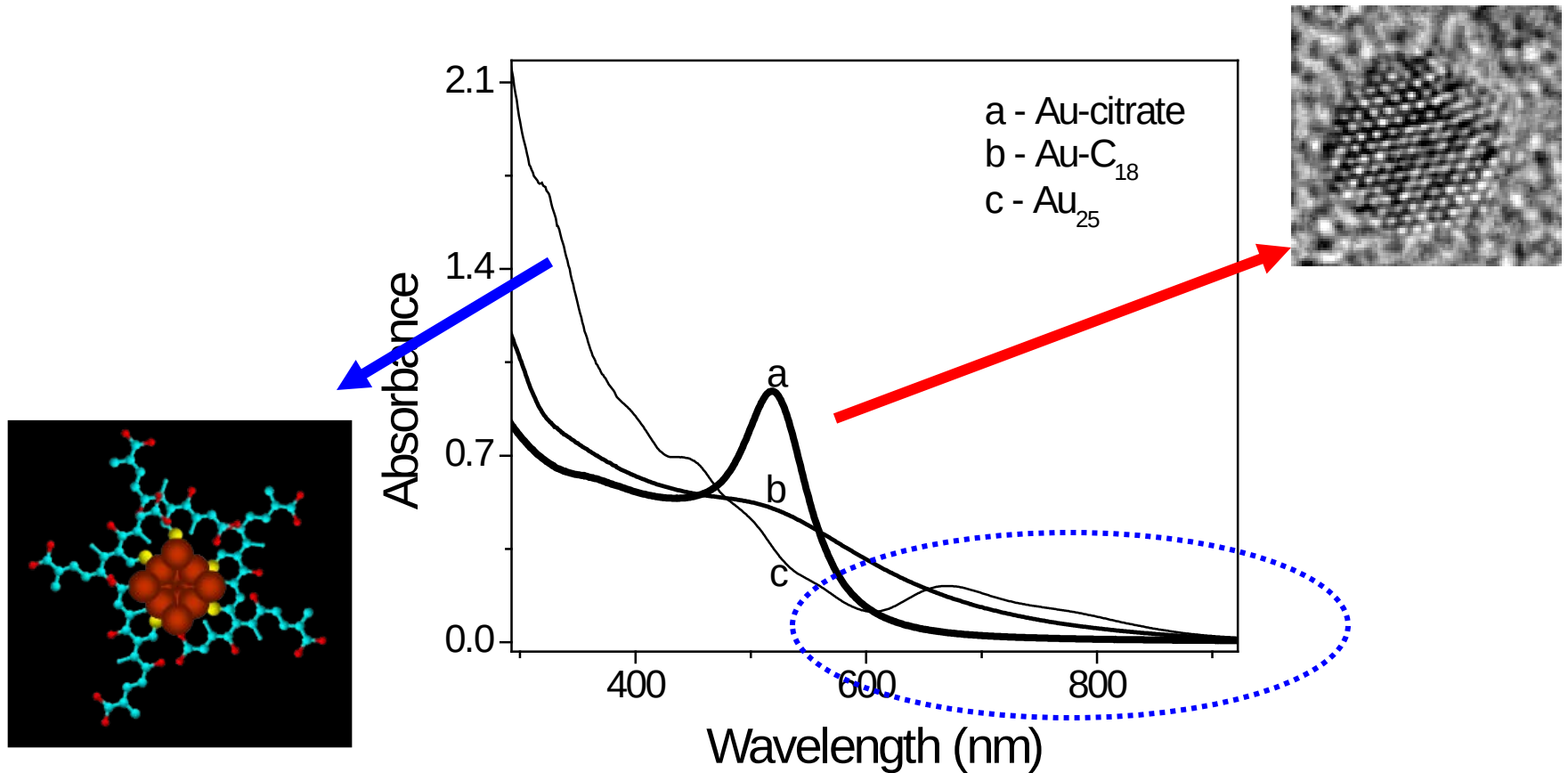
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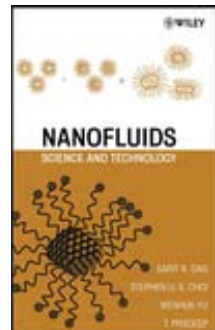
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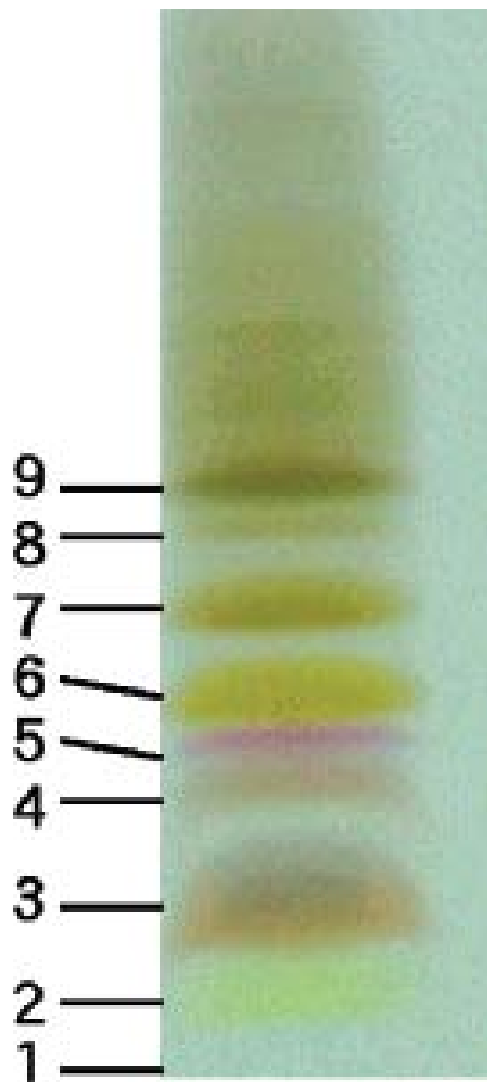
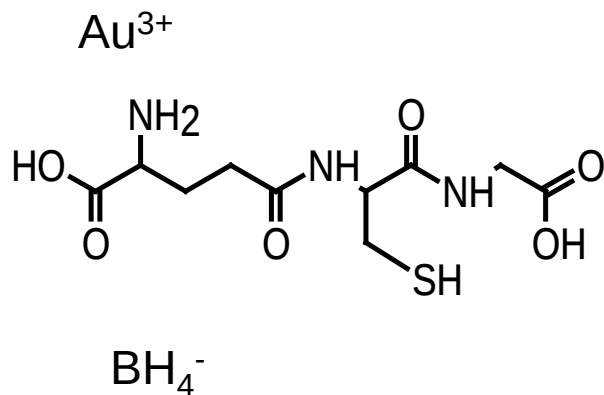


Optical absorption (extinction) spectrum of (a) 15 nm gold particles in aqueous solution (labeled Au@citrate). The spectrum of (b) 3 nm particles in toluene is also shown. See the broadening of the plasmon feature. The spectrum of (c) Au₂₅ in water. In this, there is no plasmon excitation and all the features are due to molecular absorptions of the cluster.



Polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (PAGE)

How to make them?

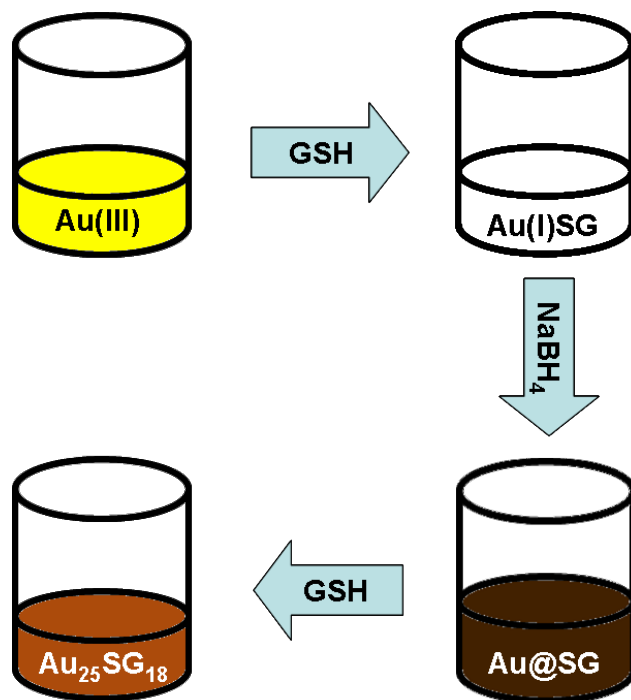


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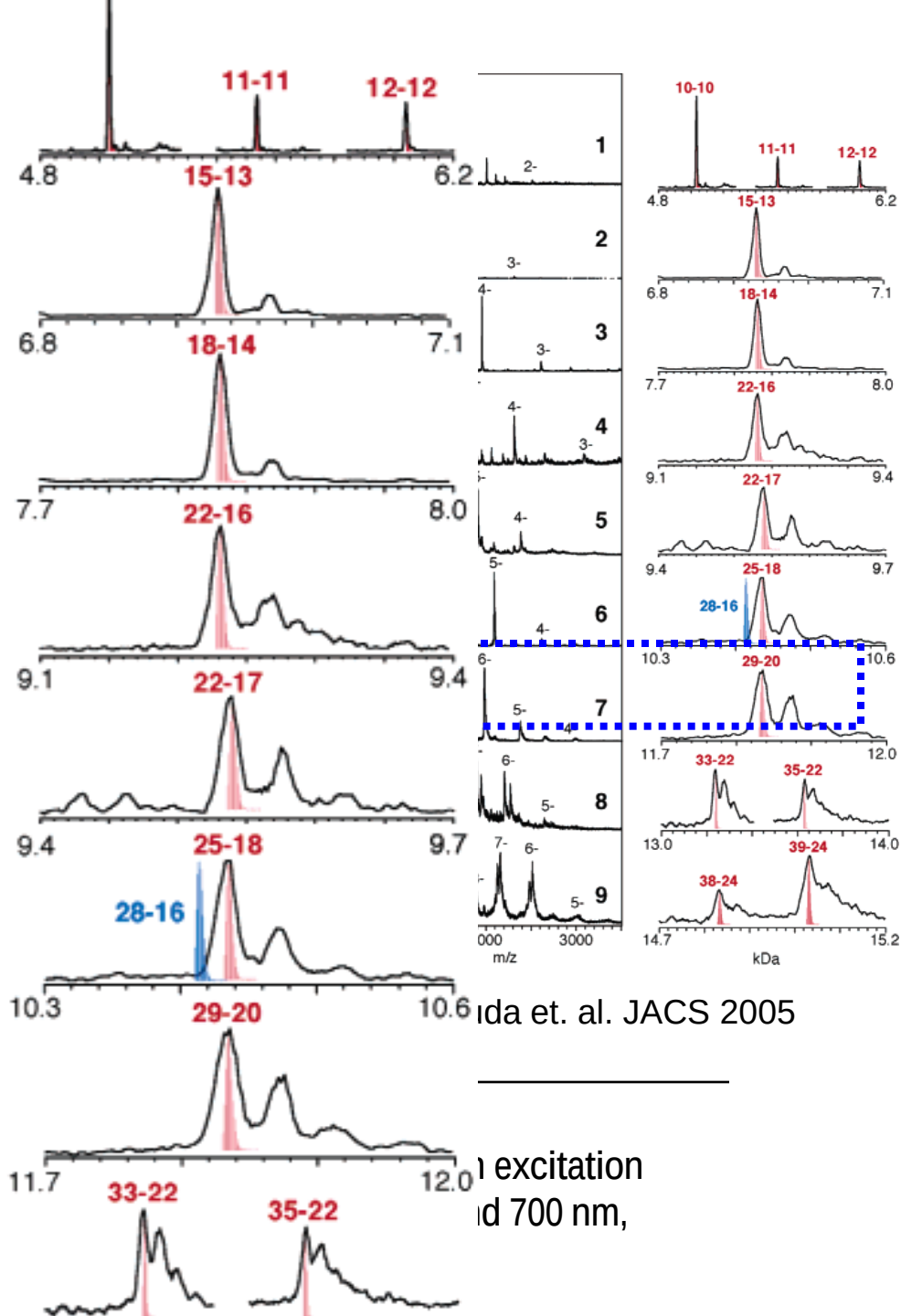
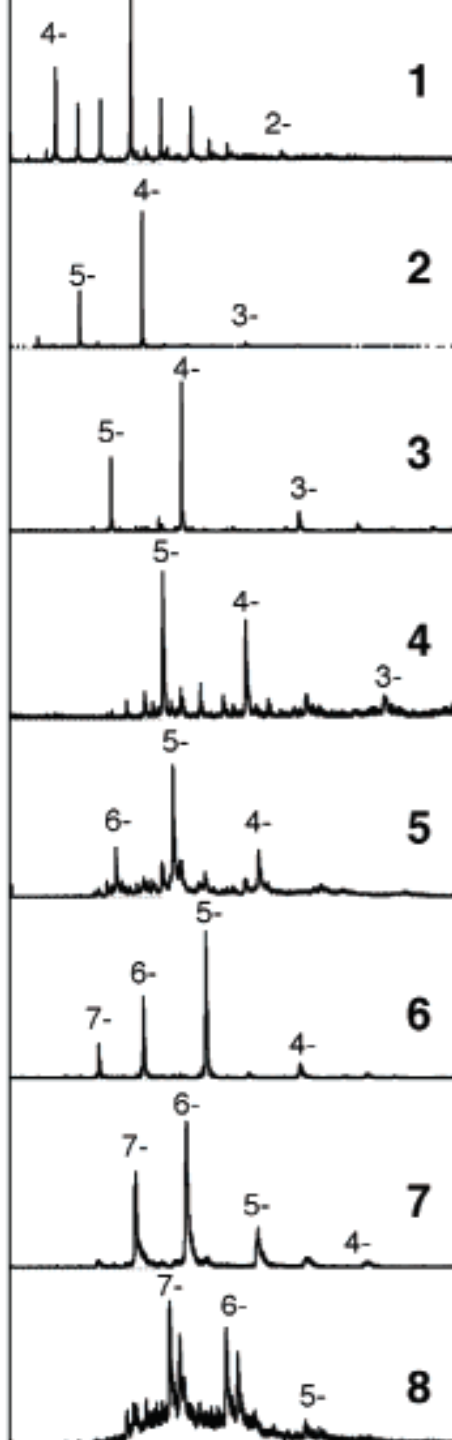
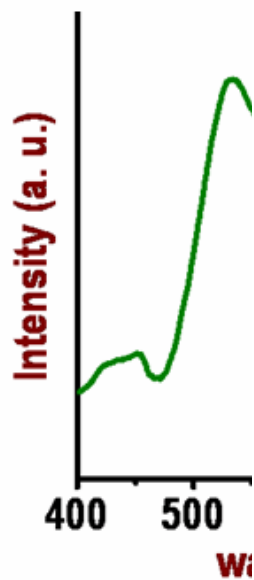
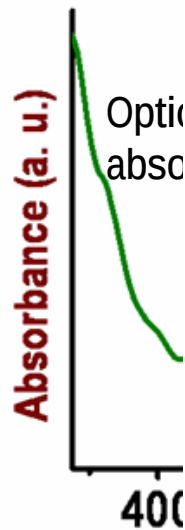
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Synthesis: Au_{25} clusters can be preferentially populated by dissociative excitation of larger precursors



Scheme showing the synthesis of $\text{Au}_{25}\text{SG}_{18}$ clusters

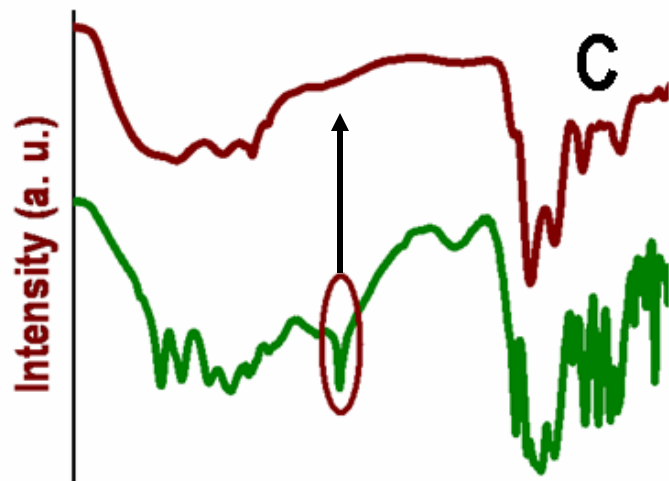


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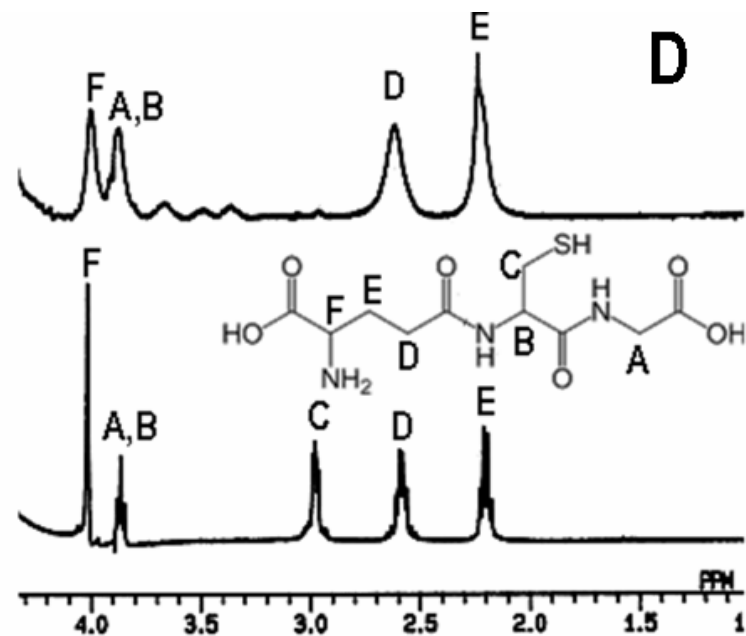
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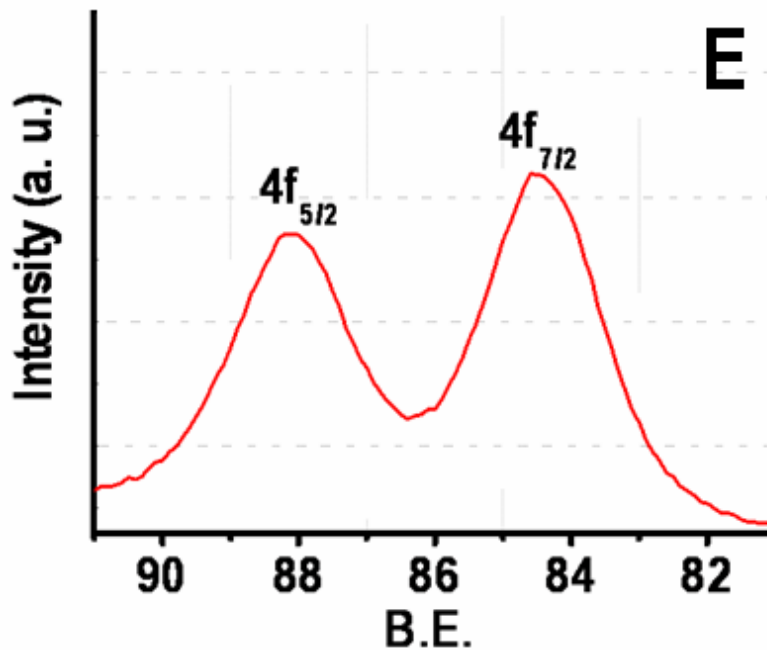




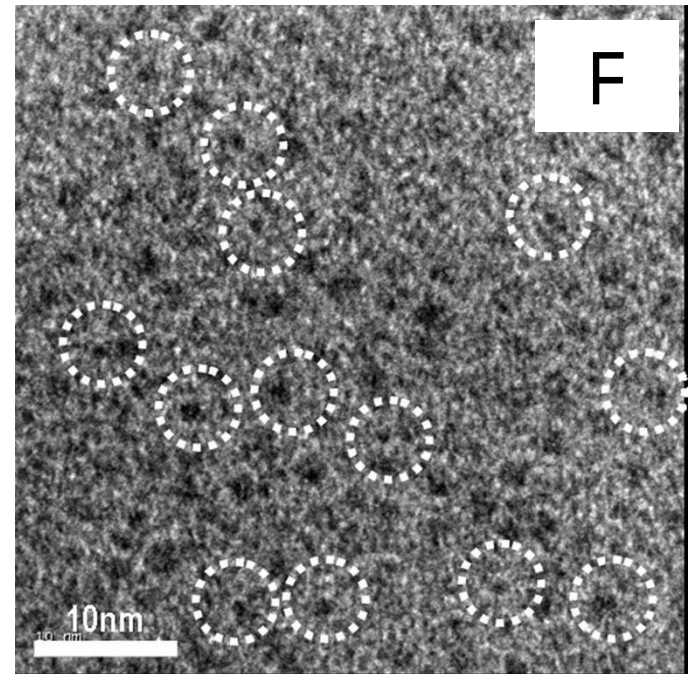
FTIR spectrum: The peak at 2526 cm^{-1} of glutathione due to $-\text{SH}$ stretching frequency is absent in IR spectrum of Au_{25} suggesting the ligand binding on cluster surface.



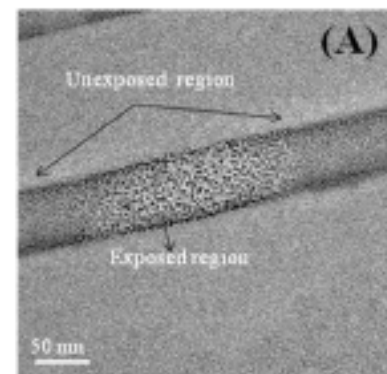
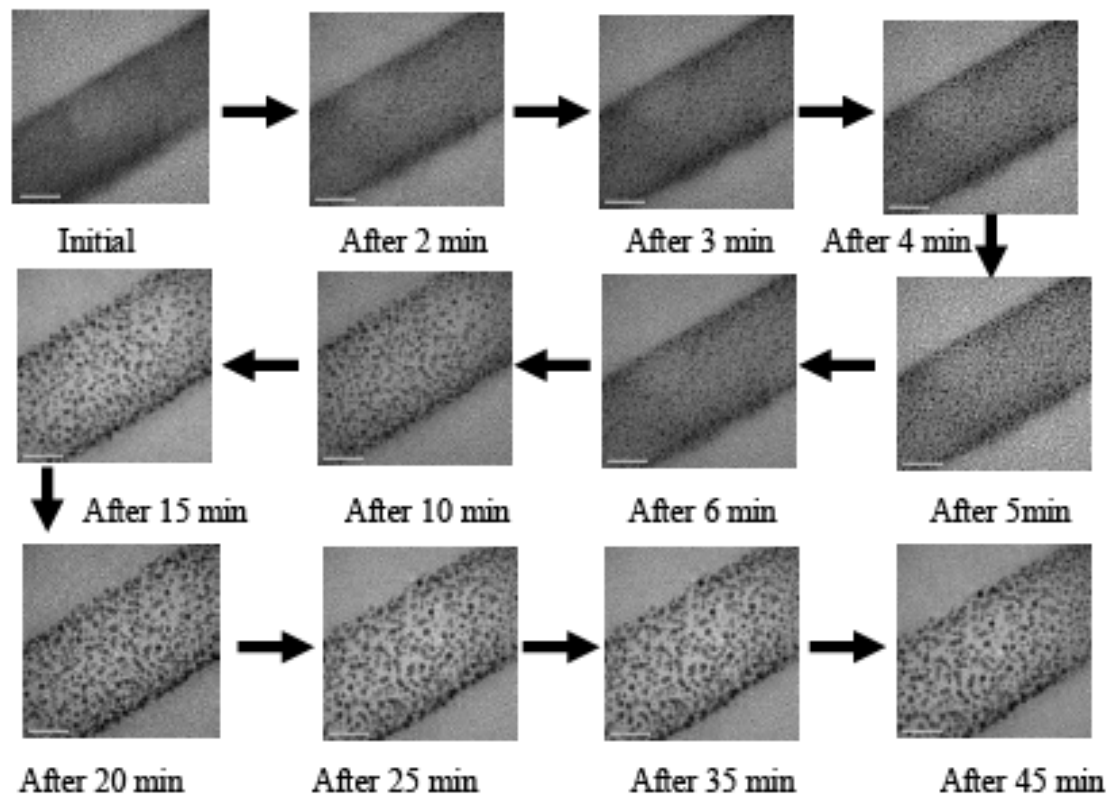
^1H NMR spectrum: There is one-to-one correspondence between the two spectra, except that the βCH_2 resonance (labeled as C) disappears completely in the cluster which is expected as it is close to the cluster surface. All the observed resonances have been broadened in view of their faster relaxation and non-uniform distribution of ligands.



XPS spectrum



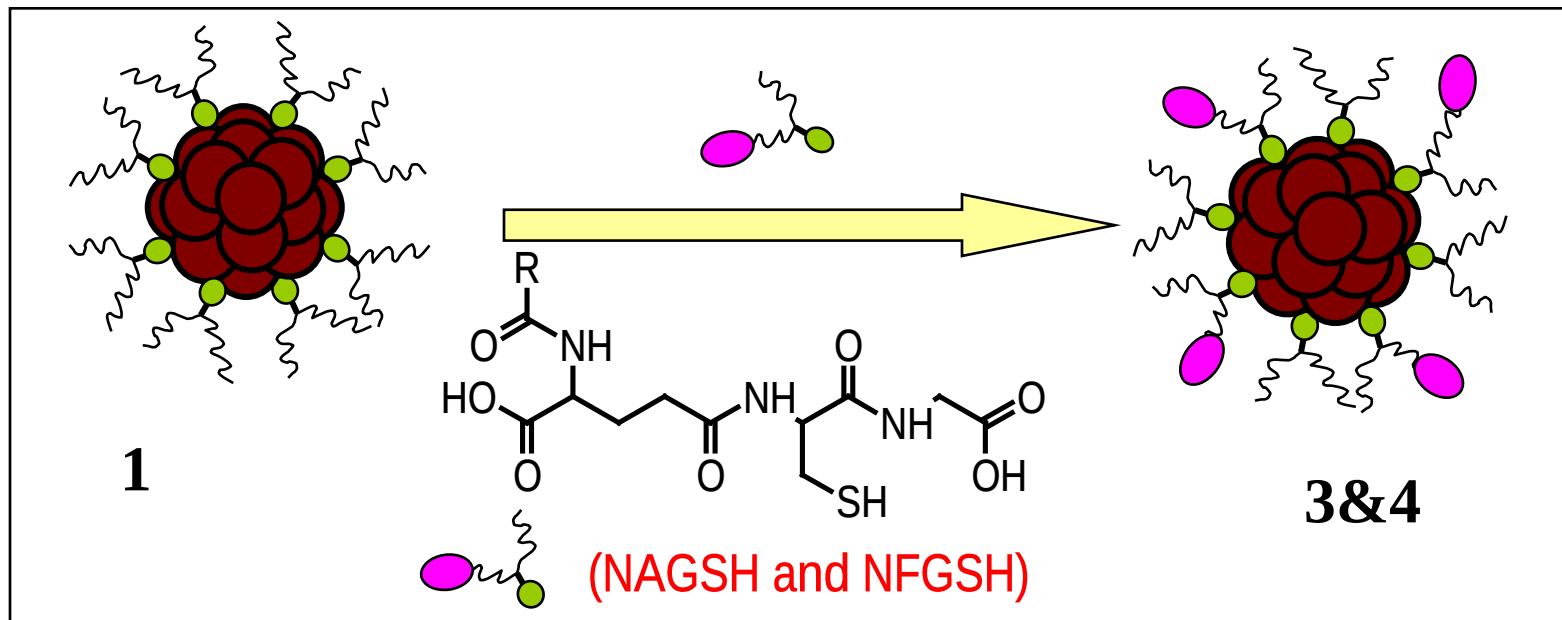
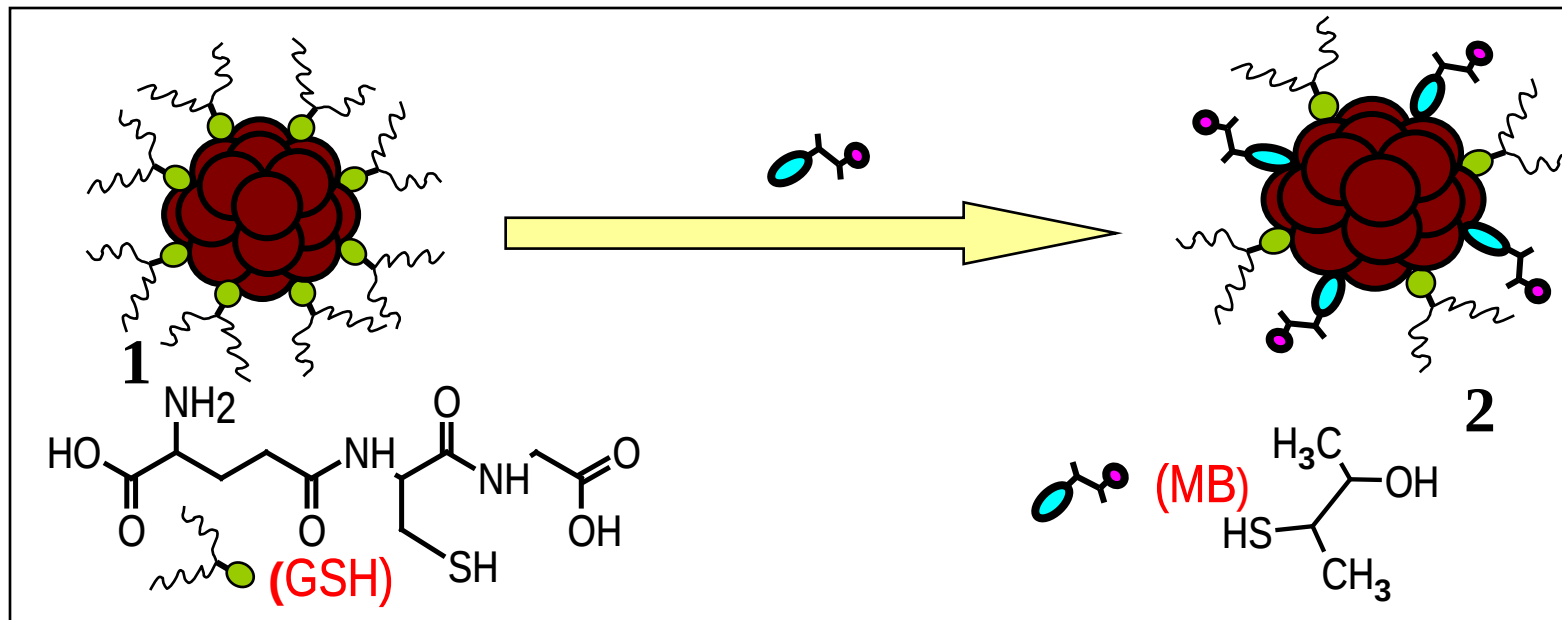
TEM image: The clusters are seen only faintly since the size is ~ 1 nm. Some of the individual clusters are shown by circles. There are also cluster aggregates which upon extended electron beam irradiation fuse to form bigger particles

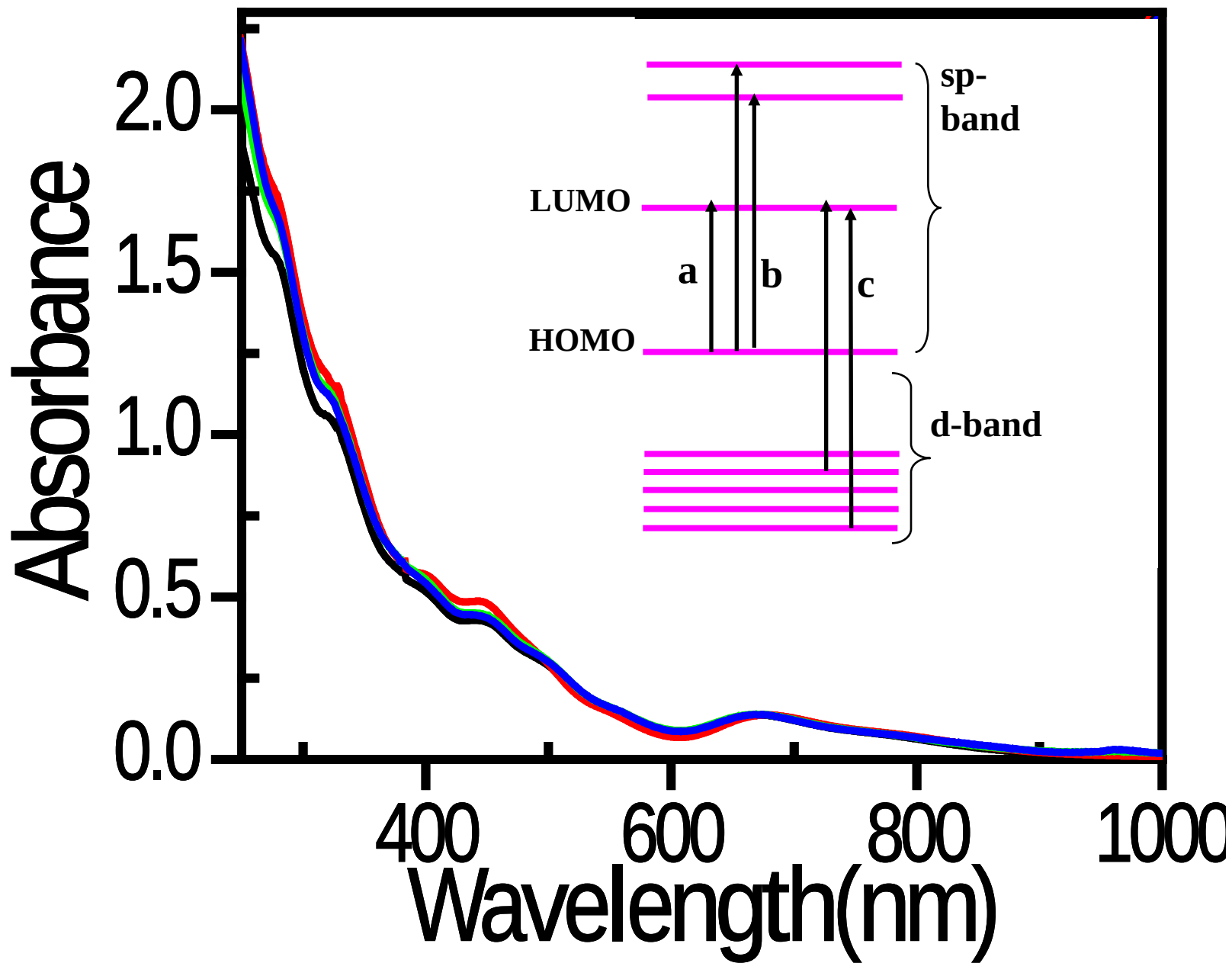


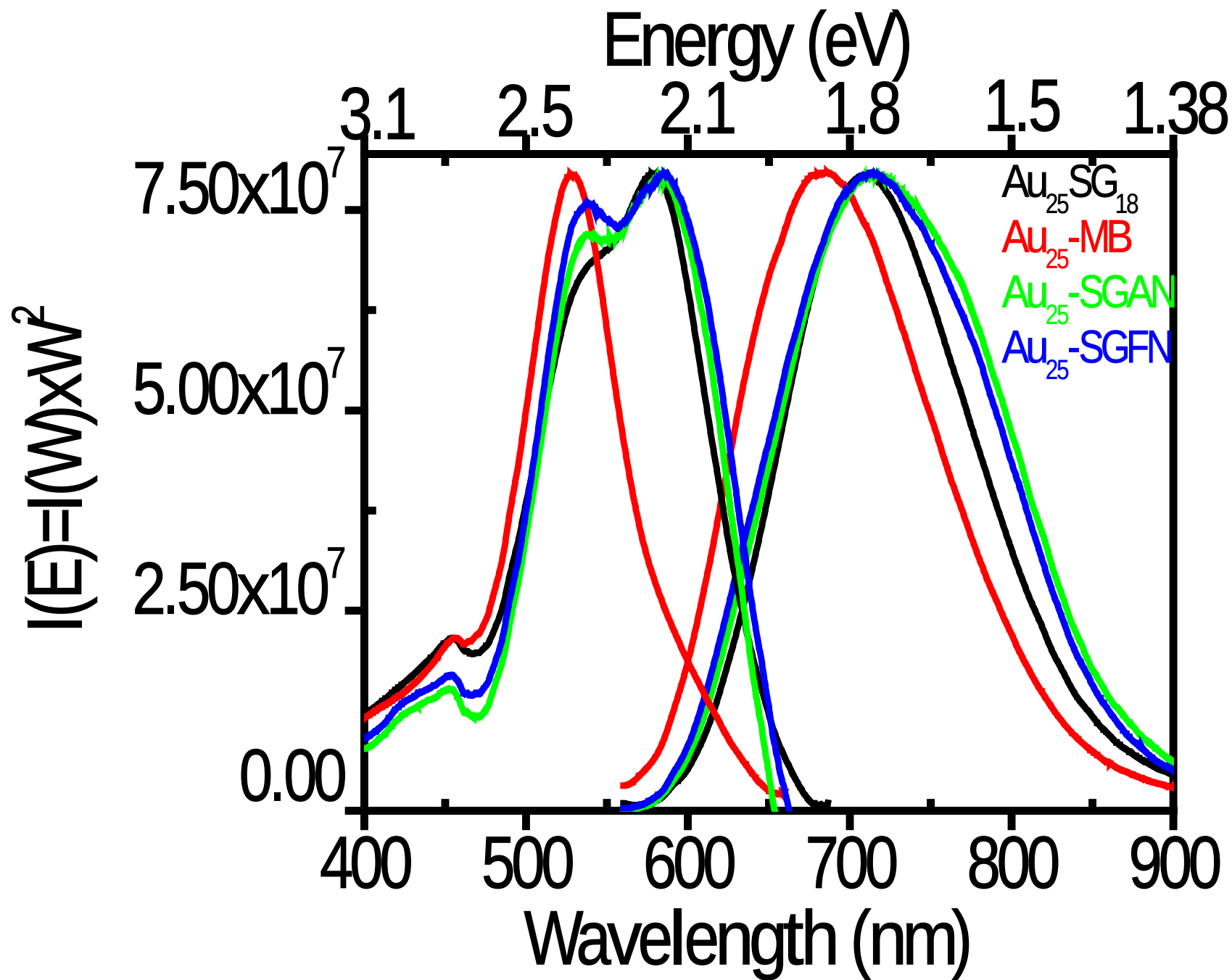
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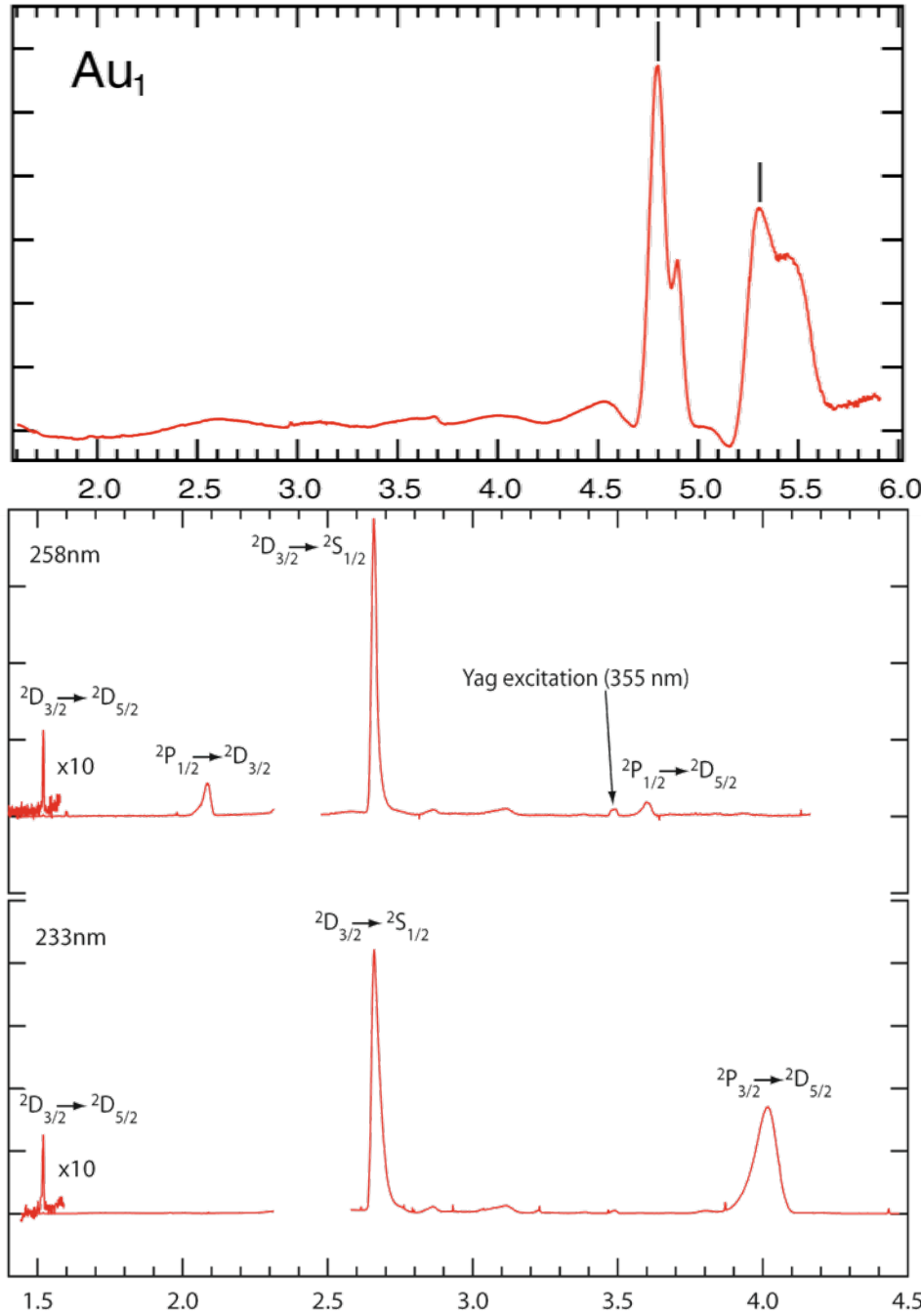
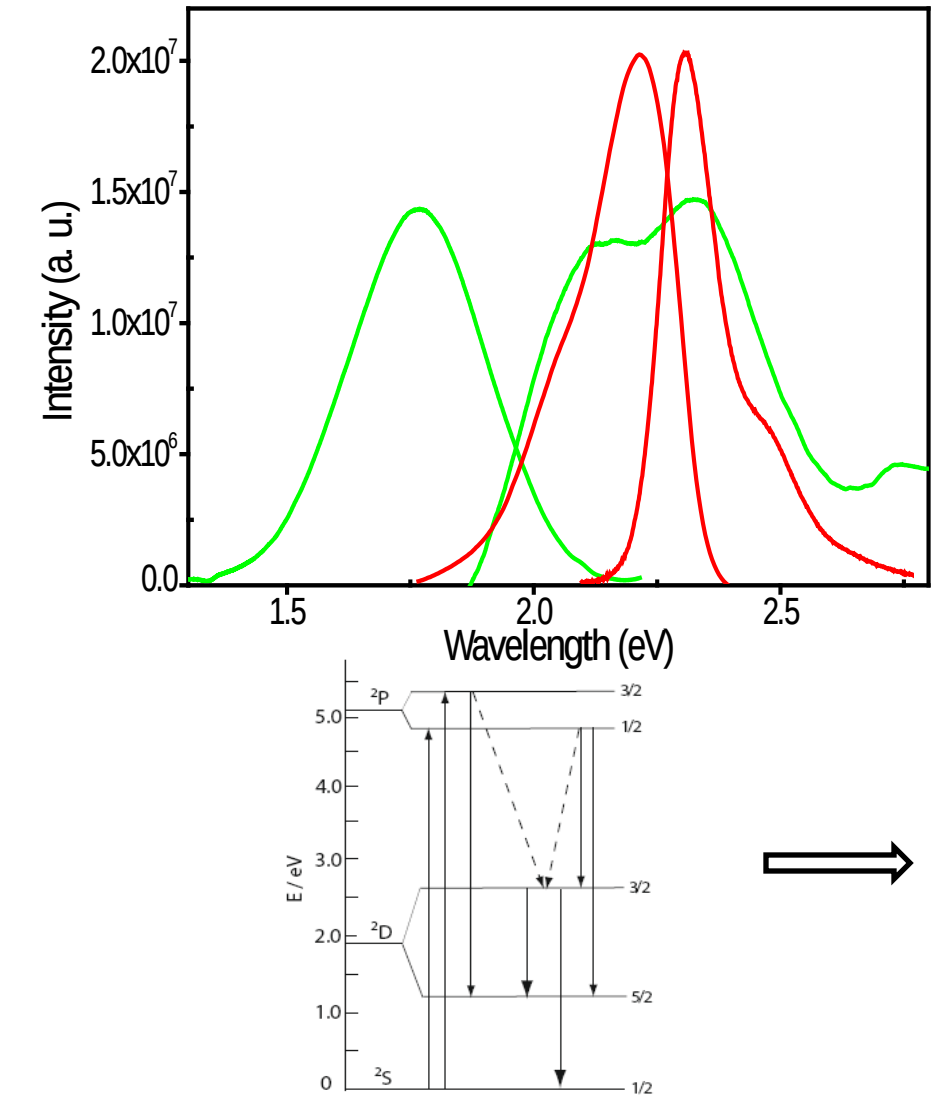
Ligand exchange of Au₂₅







Fluorescence : A comprehensive study between organic dye, gold atoms and molecular clusters of gold



Cluster	Q.Yield
Au ₁₀ (SG) ₁₀ Au ₁₁ (SG) ₁₁ Au ₁₁ (SG) ₁₁	1*10 ⁻⁴

Au₁₅(SG)₁₃ 2*10⁻⁴

Au ₁₈ (SG) ₁₄	4*10 ⁻³
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Au₂₂(SG)₁₆ 4*10⁻³

Au ₂₂ (SG) ₁₇	2*10 ⁻³
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Au ₂₅ (SG) ₁₈	1.9*10 ⁻³
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Au ₂₉ (SG) ₂₀	3*10 ⁻³
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Au₃₃(SG)₂₂ 2*10⁻³

Au₃₅(SG)₂₂

Au ₃₈ (SG) ₂₄ , Au ₃₉ (SG) ₂₄	2*10 ⁻³
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Gold nanoparticles
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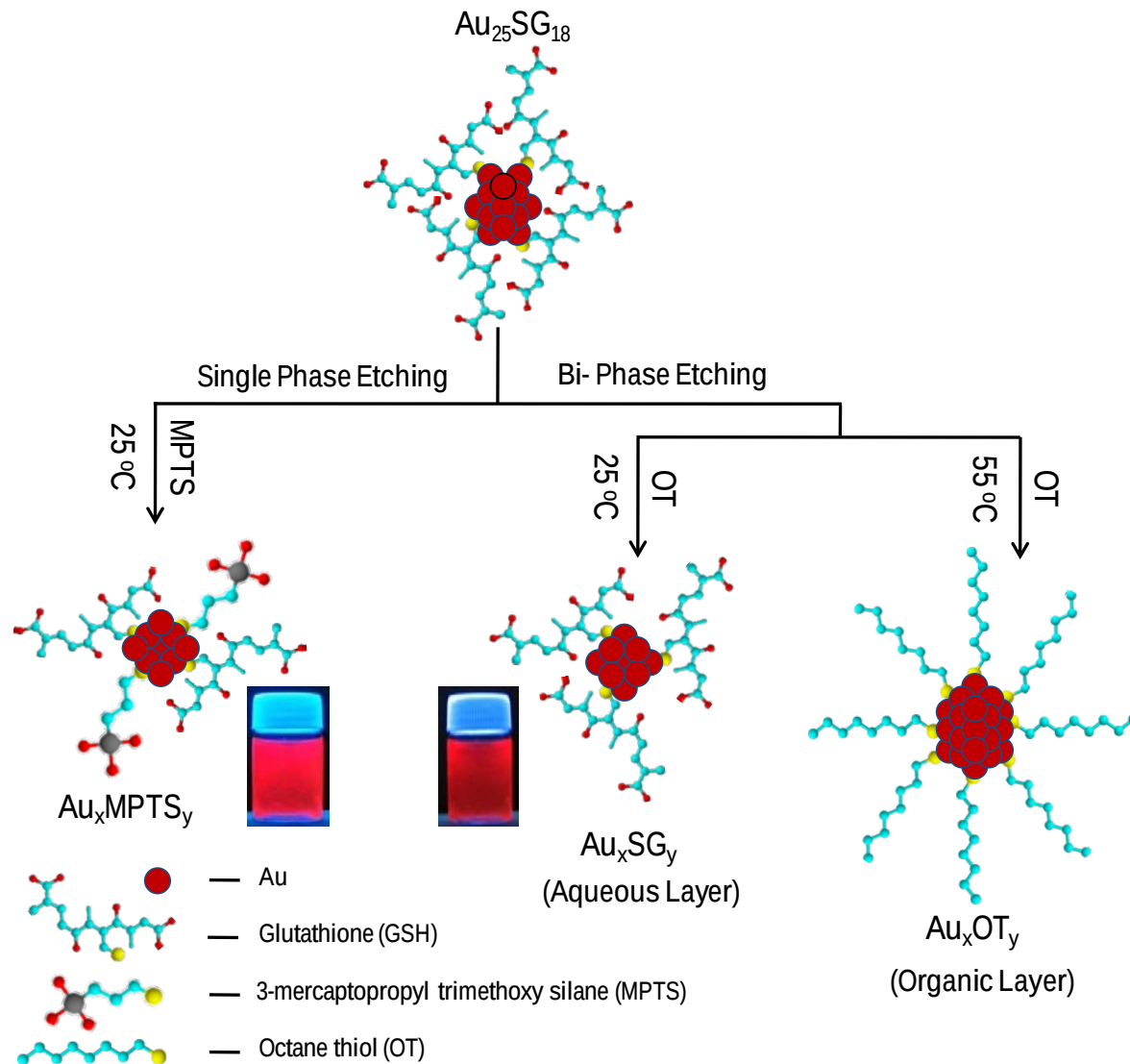
Recently developed clusters using
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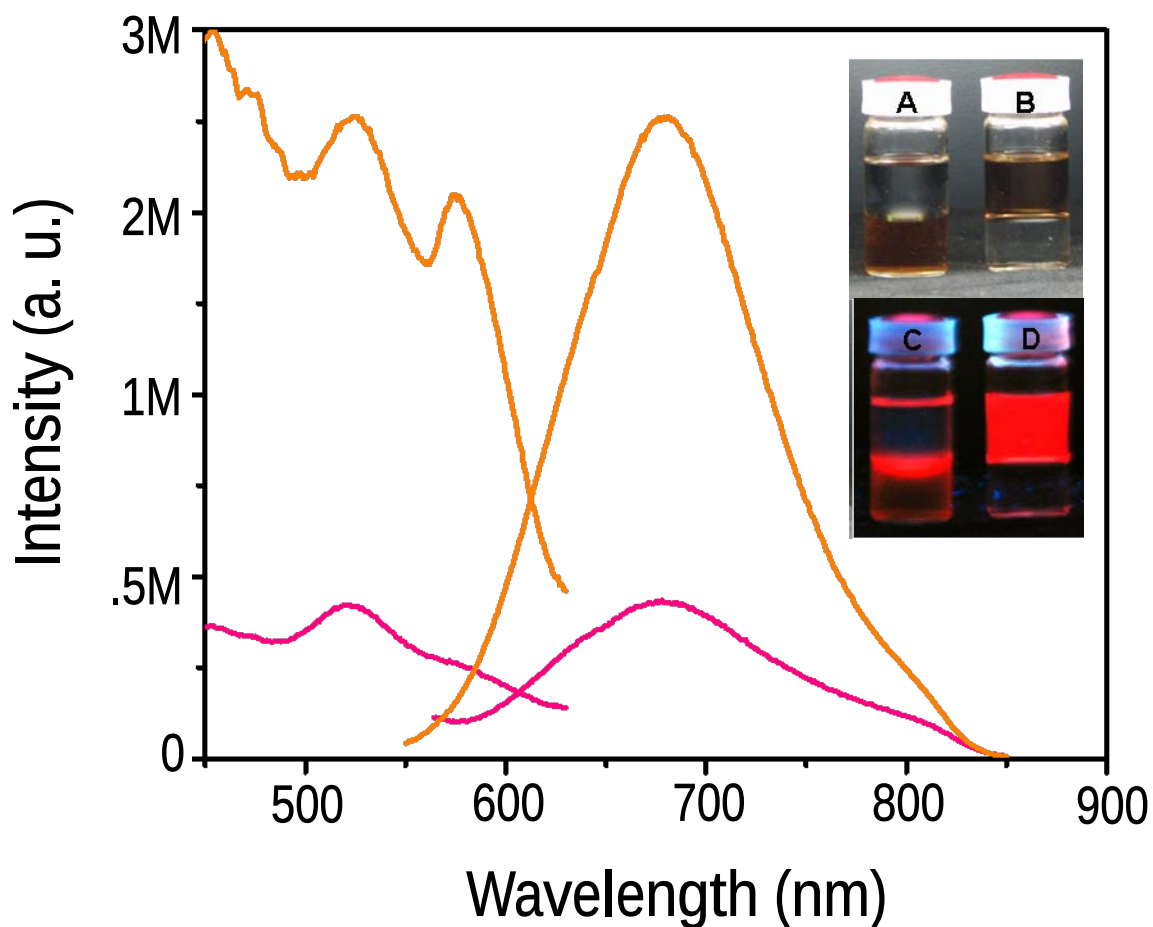
Cluster	Q. Yield
Au ₂₂	4.0*10 ⁻²
Au ₂₃	1.3*10 ⁻²
Au ₃₁	1.0*10 ⁻²
Au ₈ (SG) ₈	1.5*10 ⁻¹

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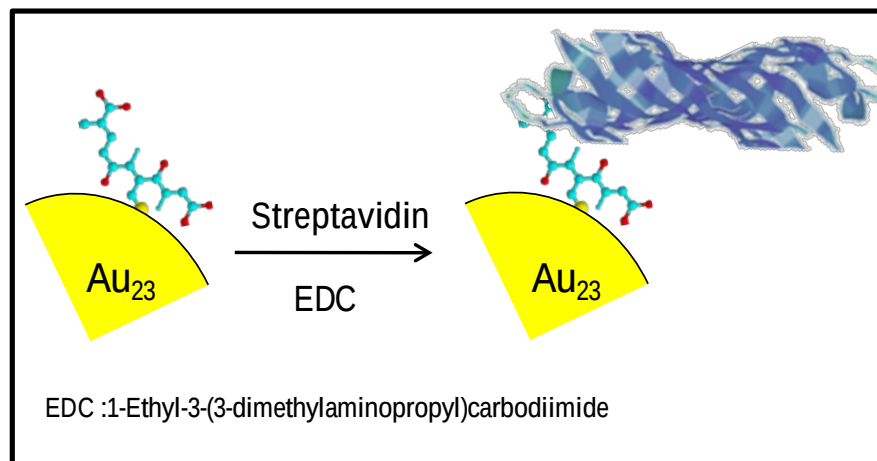
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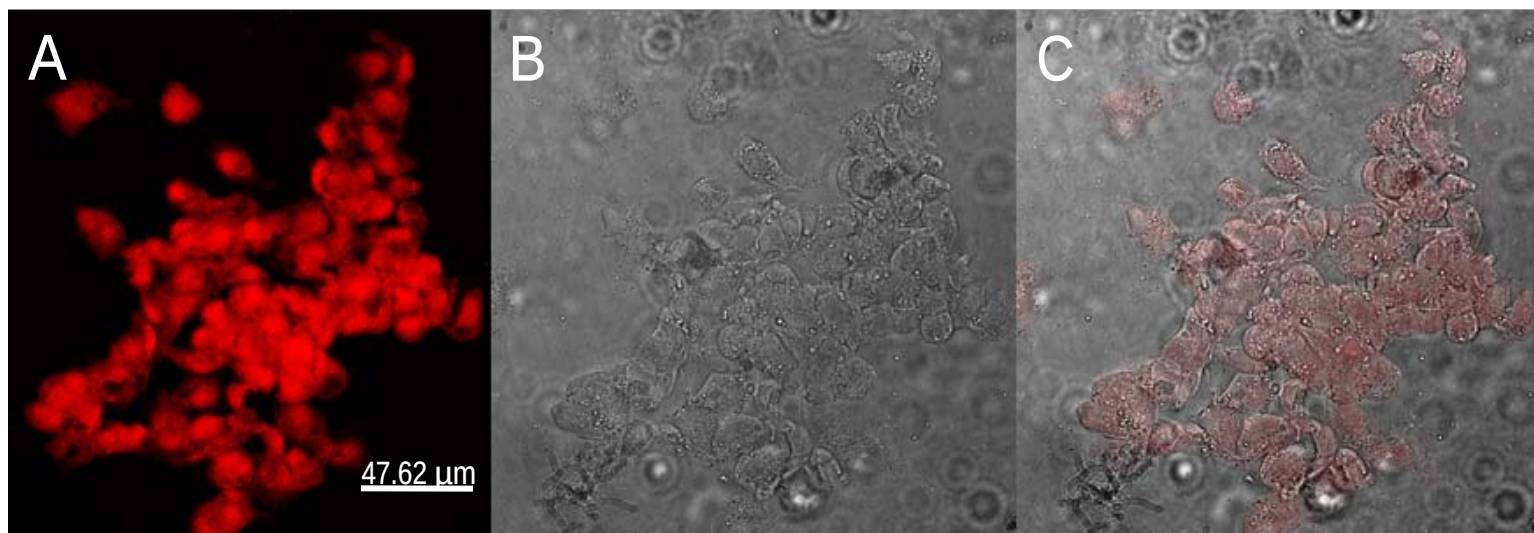
Scheme 1. Formation of the three sub-nanoclusters from $\text{Au}_{25}\text{SG}_{18}$ by core etching by two routes. Photographs of the cluster aqueous solutions under UV light are also given.



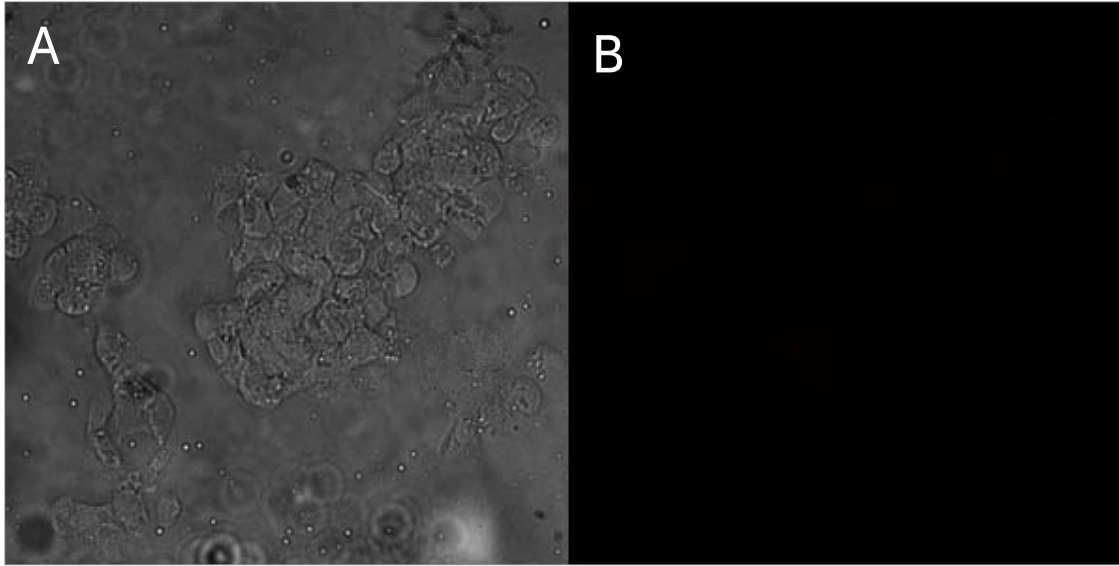
Photoluminescence profile of Au_{23} cluster before (pink trace) and after (orange trace) phase transfer. Emission of the cluster enhances considerably after the phase transfer. Photographs of the aqueous-toluene mixture containing the cluster before and after phase transfer under white light (A and 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



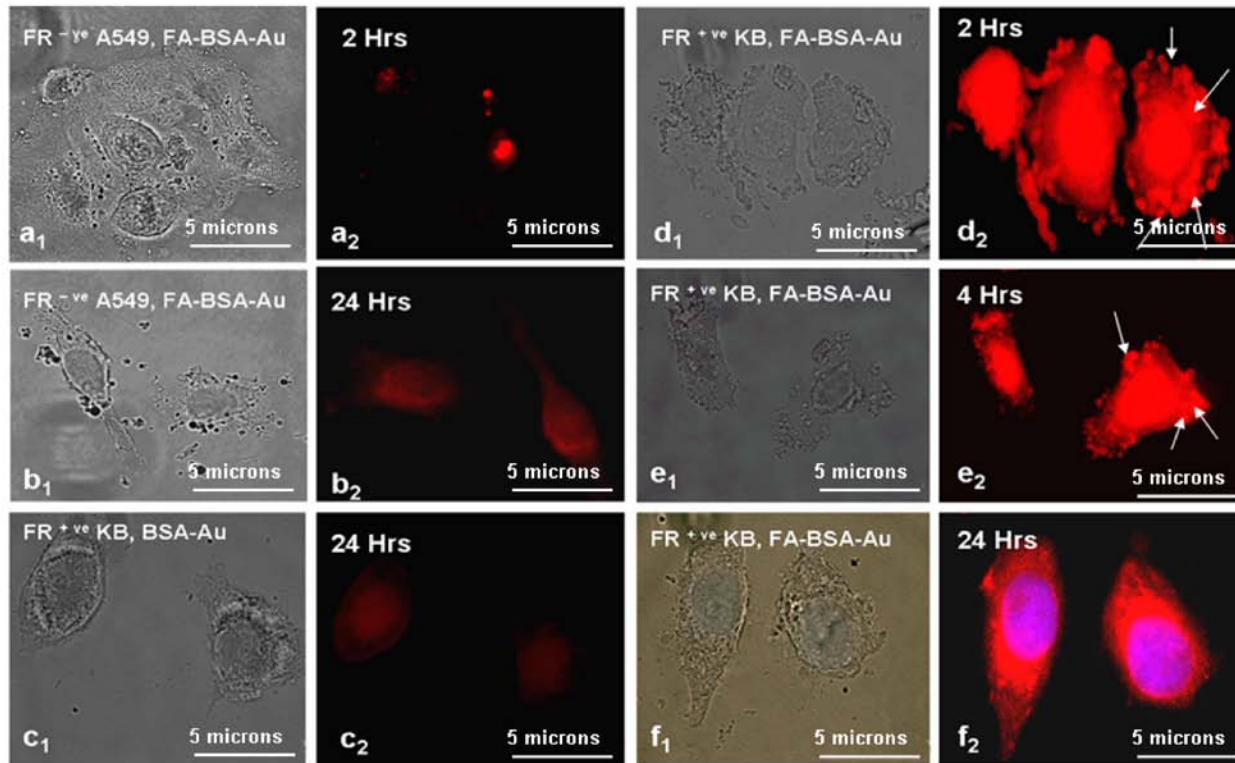
Schematic representation of the conjugation of streptavidin on $Au_{23}SG_{18}$ by EDC coupling.



Fluorescence (A), bright field (B) and overlay of fluorescent and bright field images (C) of human hepatoma (HepG2) cells stained with streptavidin conjugated $Au_{23}SG_{18}$.



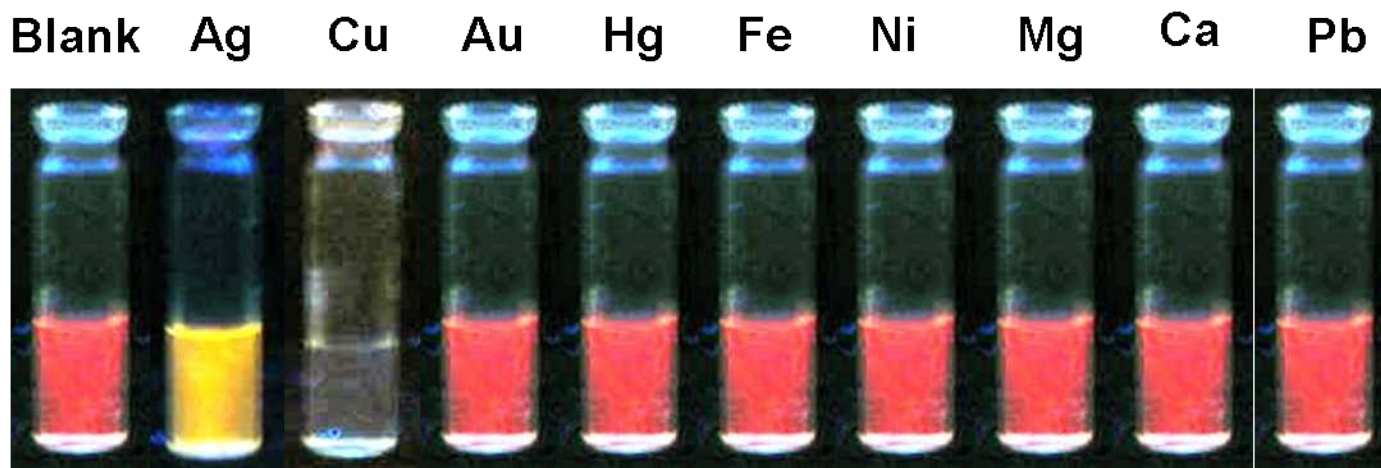
Bright field (A) and fluorescence (B) images of HepG2 cells stained with unconjugated Au₂₃ clusters. No fluorescence was observed from the cells after washing



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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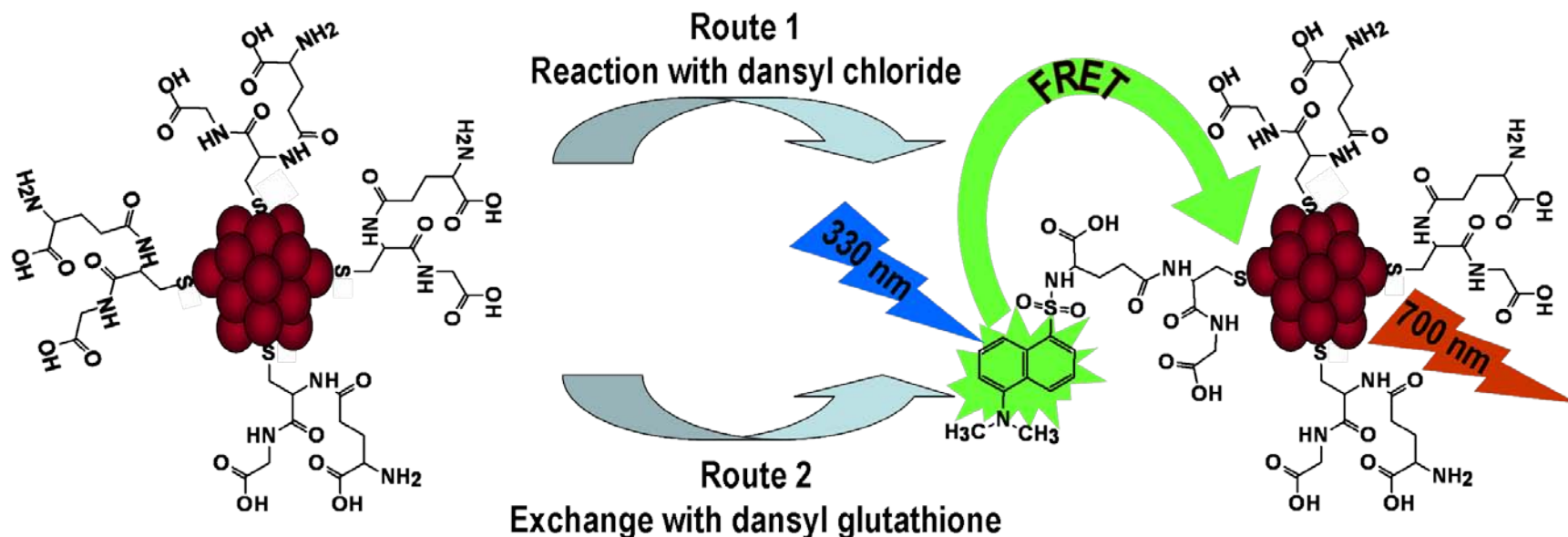
Clusters for metal ion detection



Water soluble red emitting clusters were 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 altered in case of other ions.

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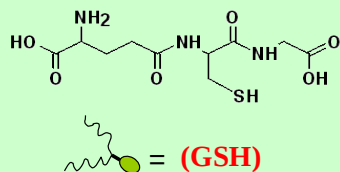
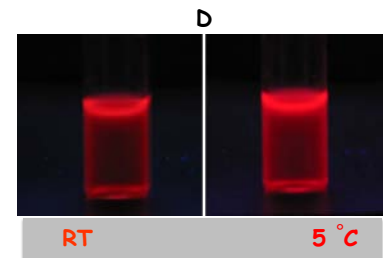
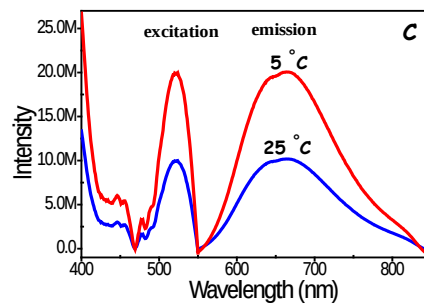
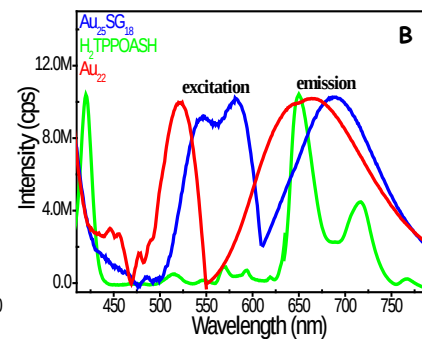
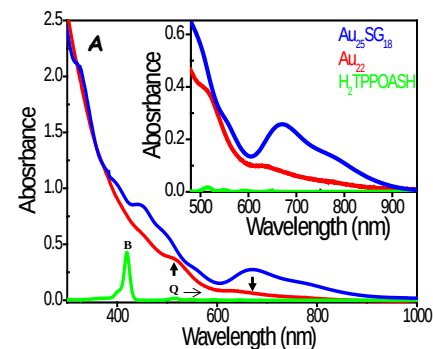
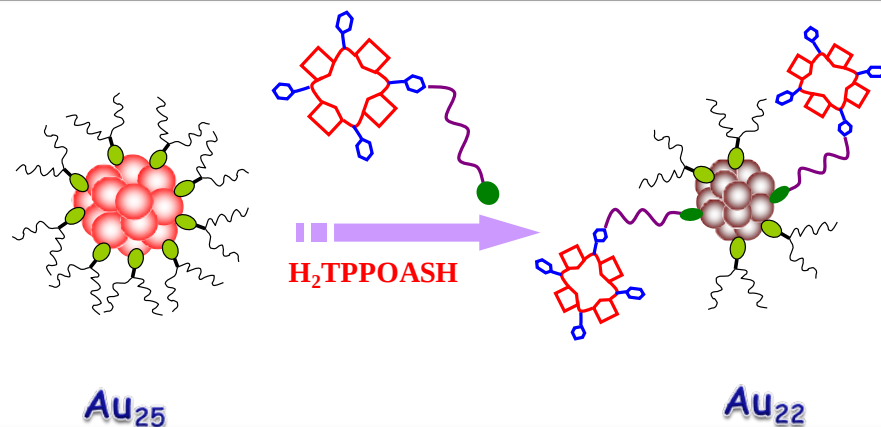
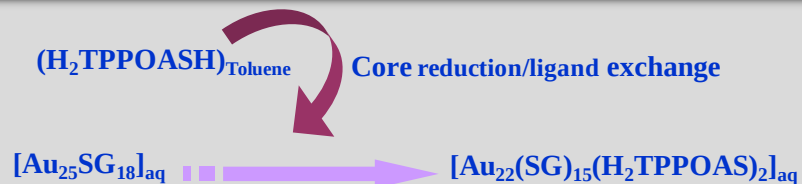
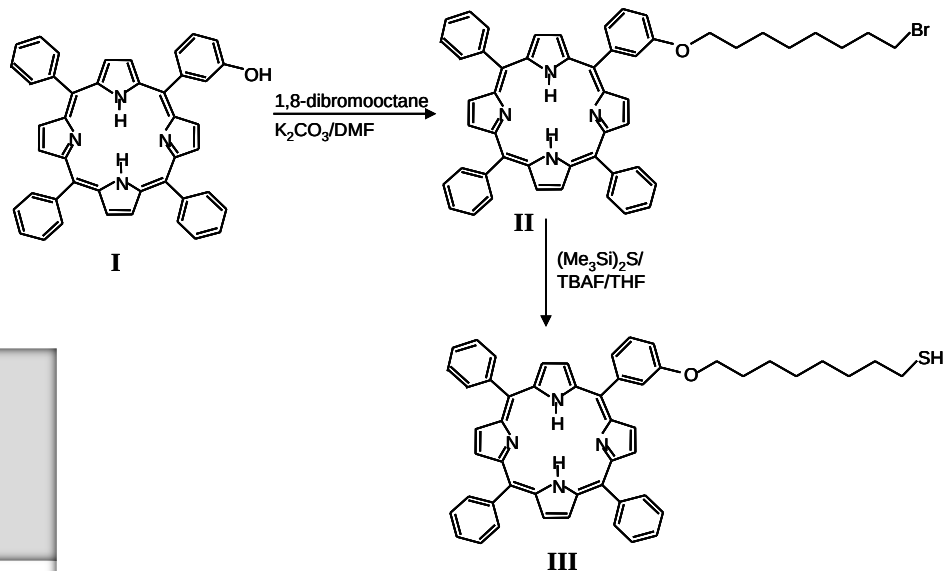
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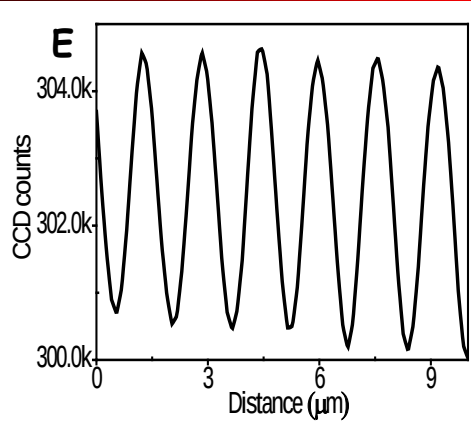
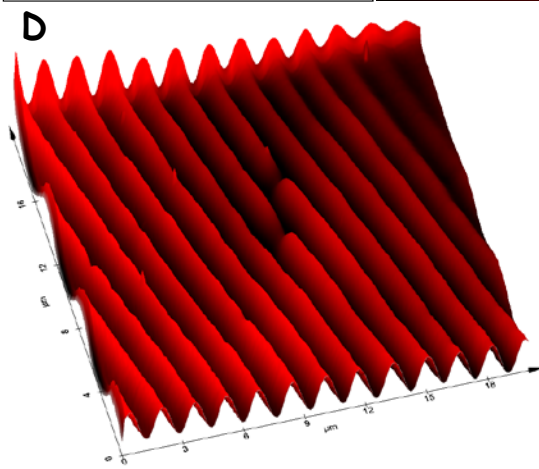
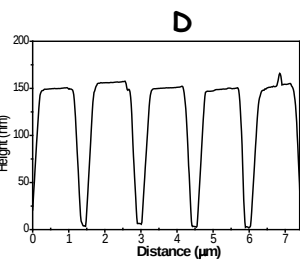
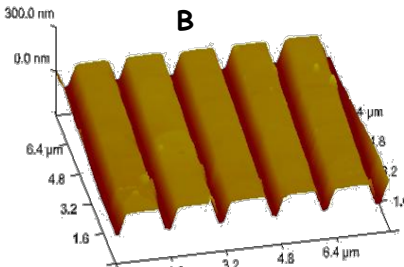
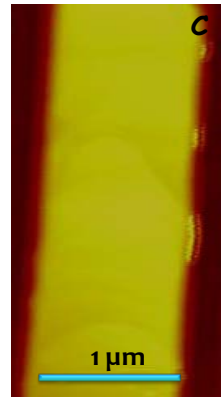
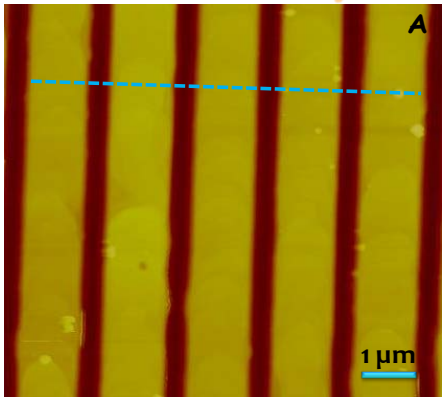
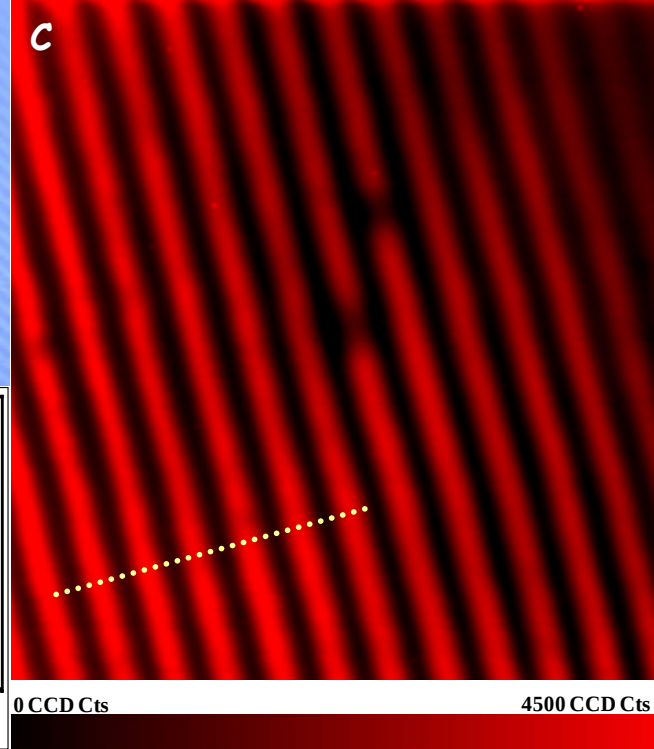
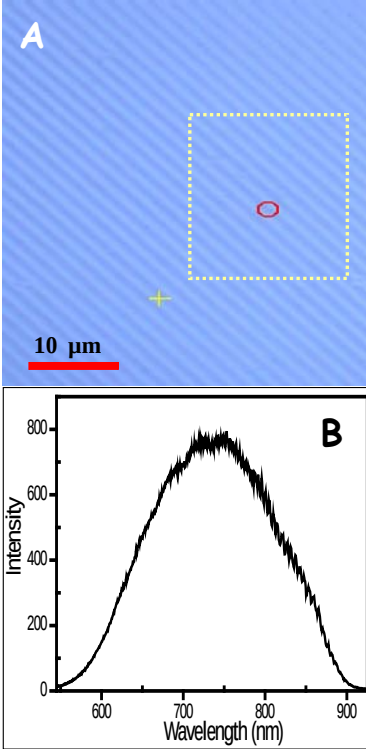
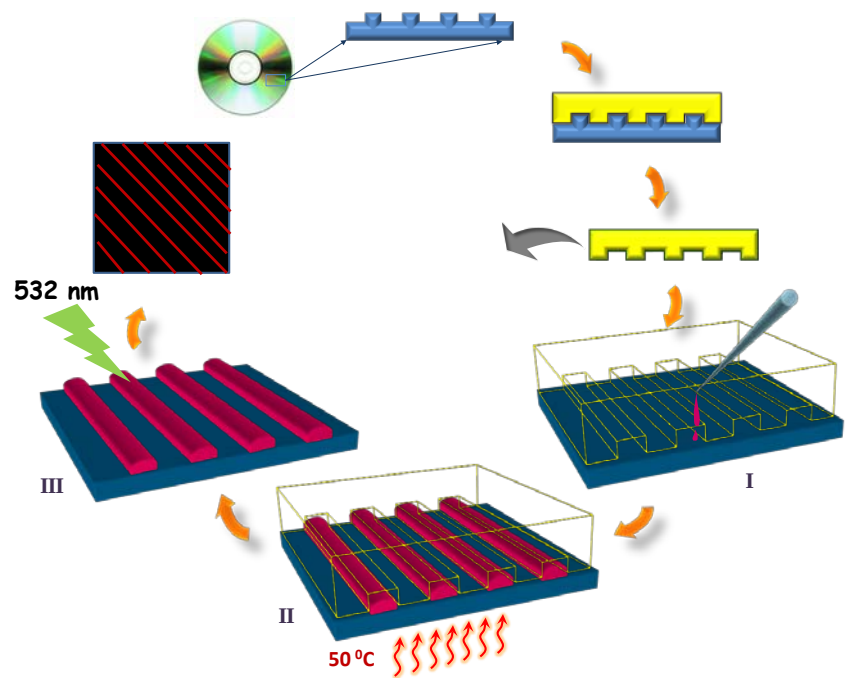
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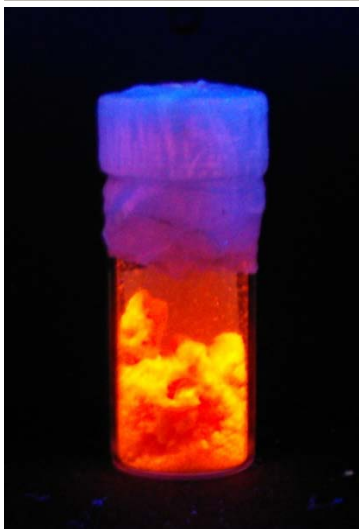


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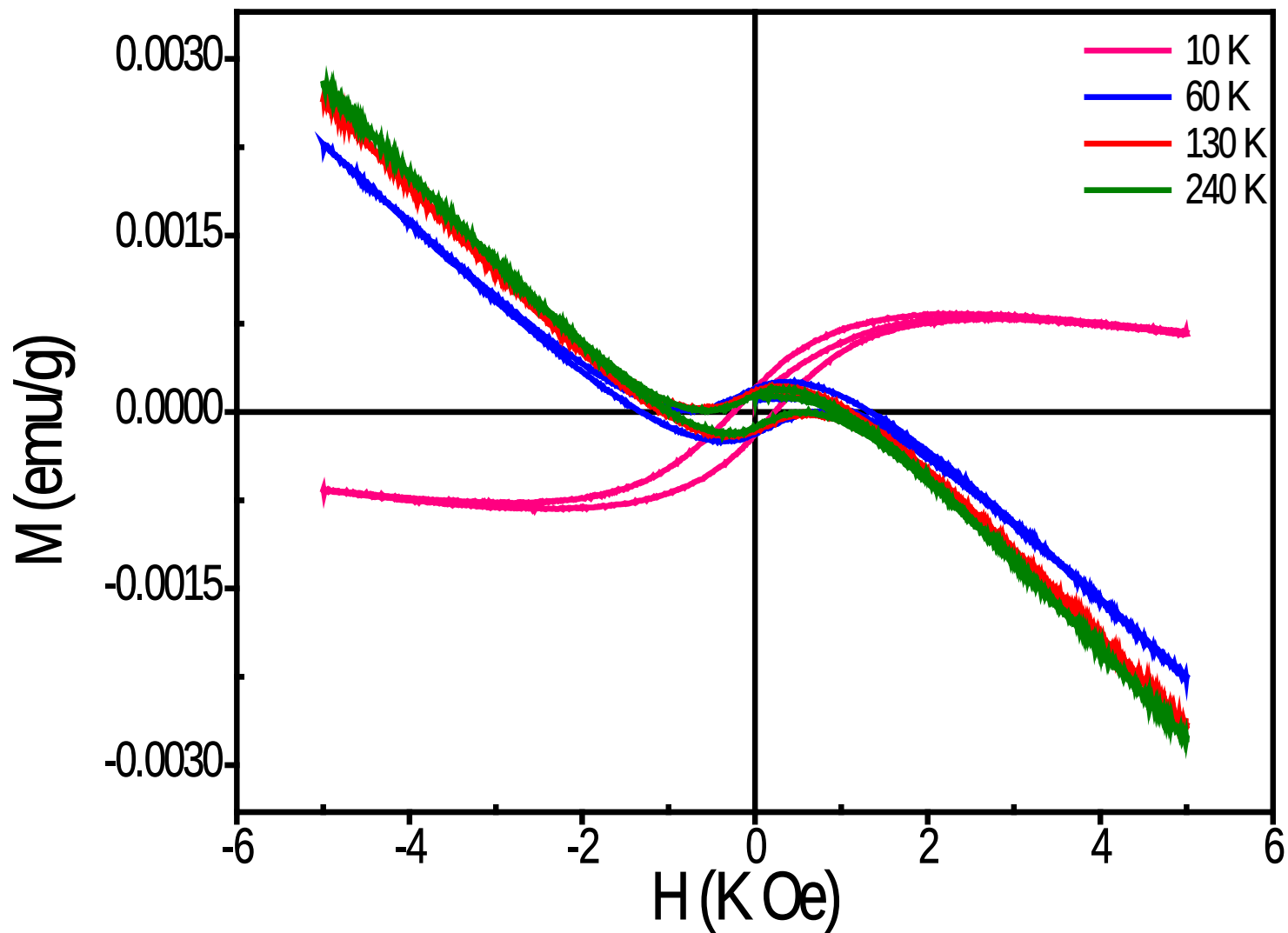


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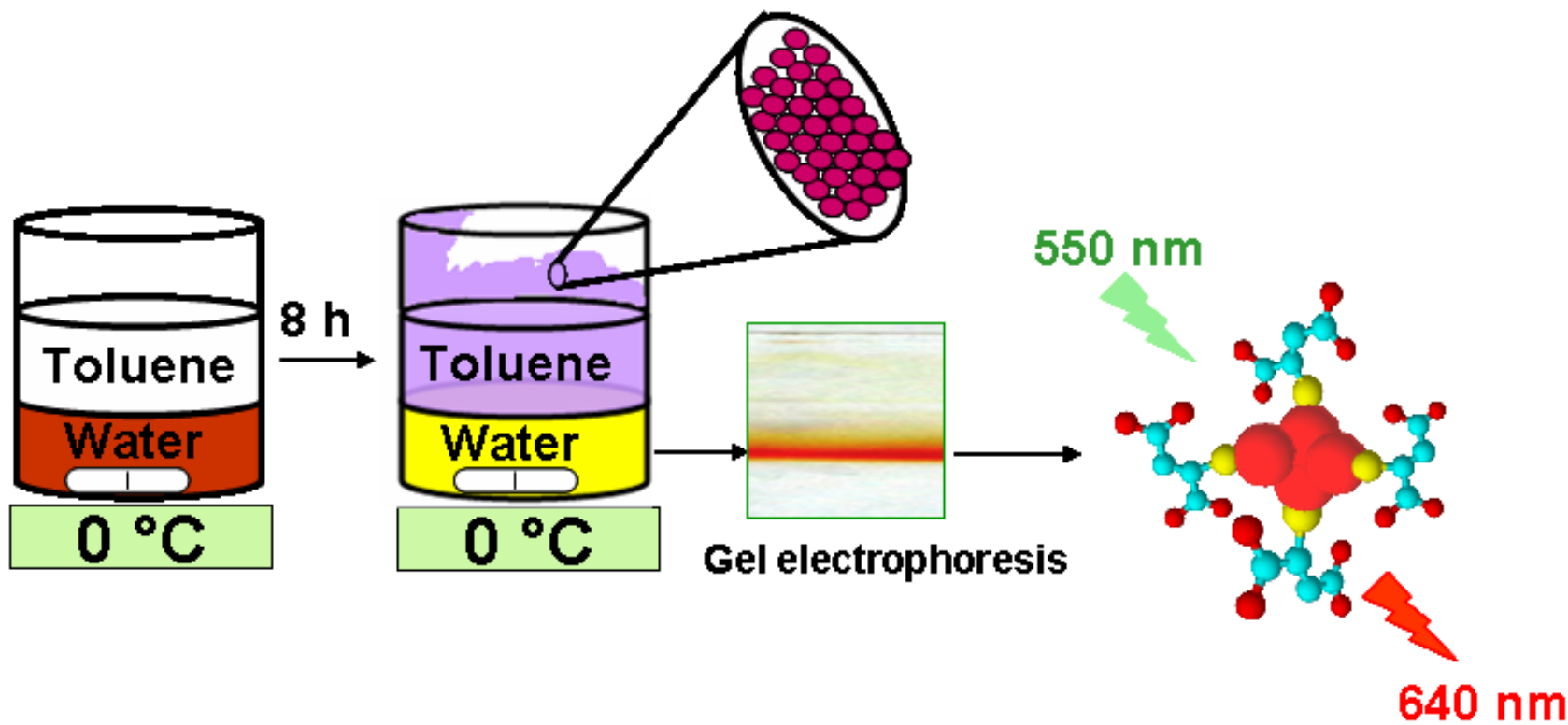


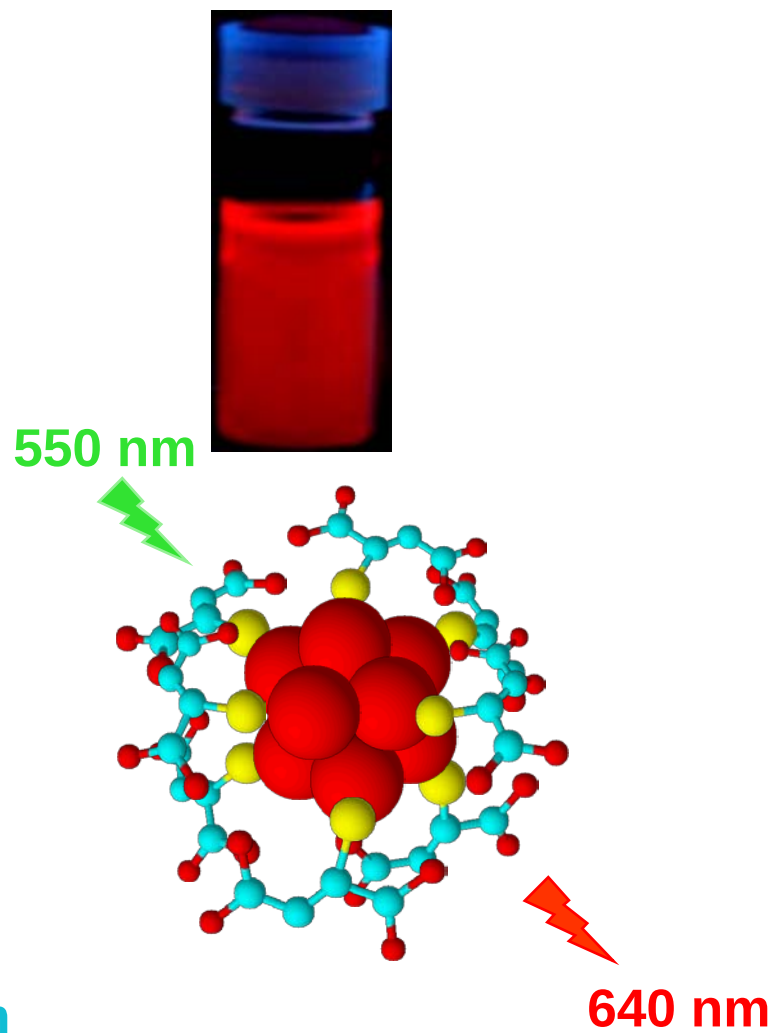
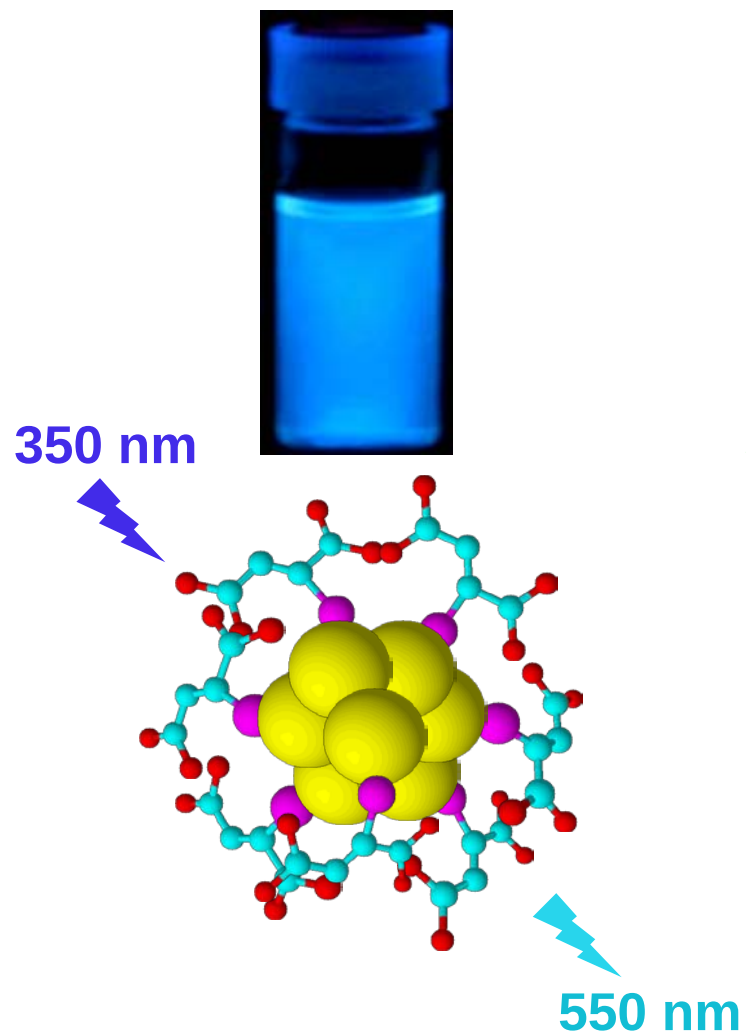
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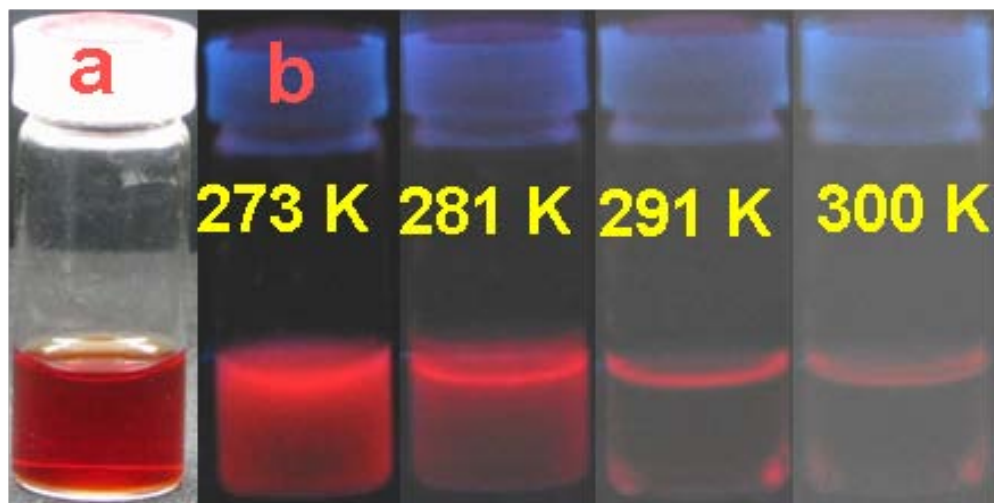


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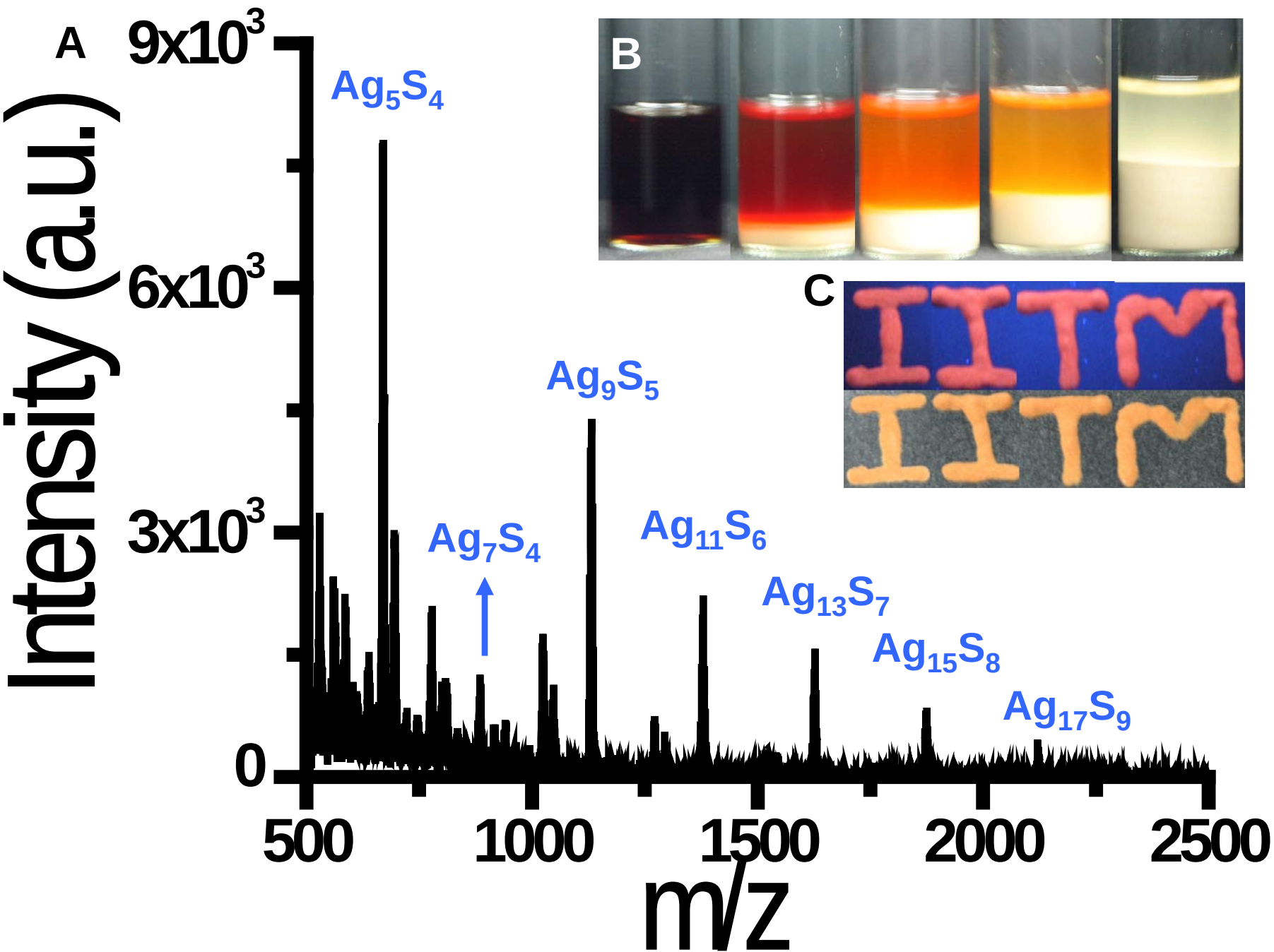
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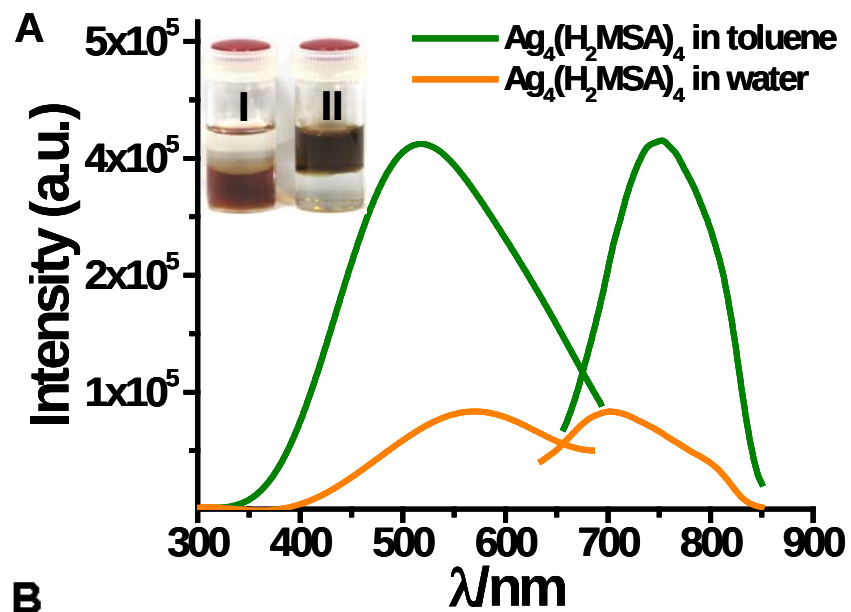




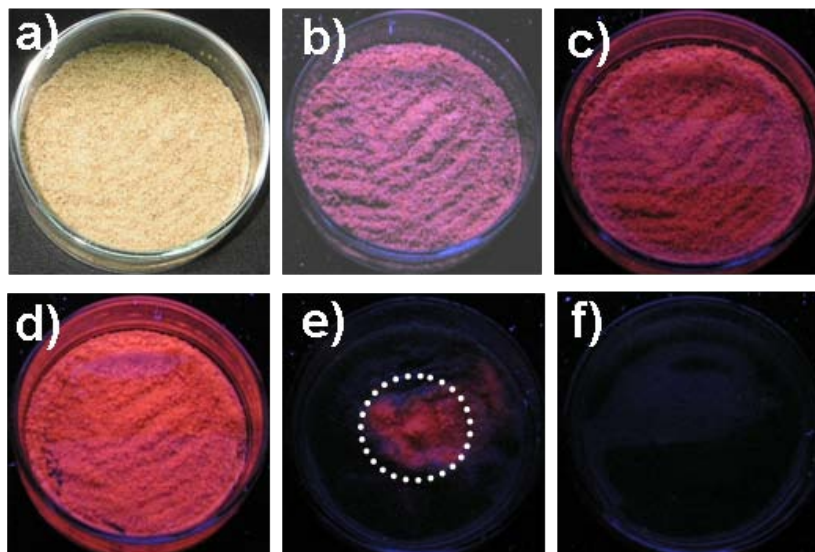


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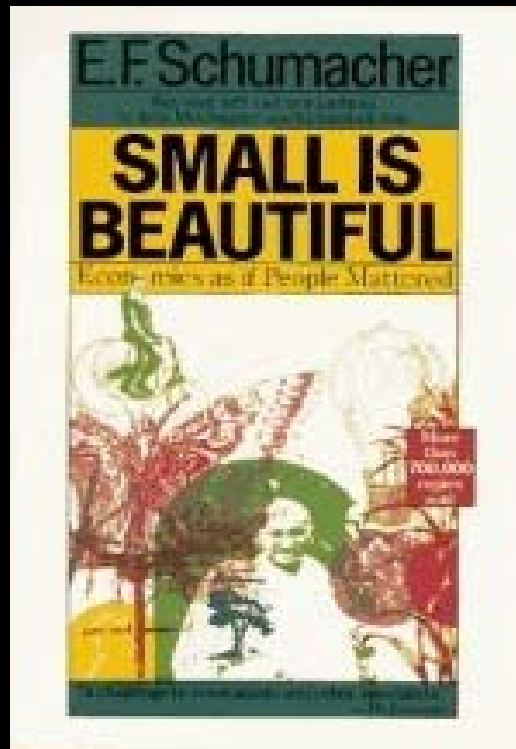
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Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.



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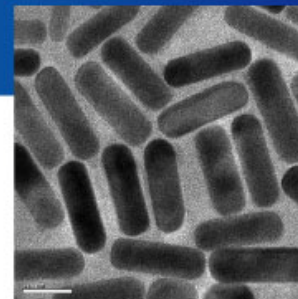
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