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# Inter-cluster reactions between $\text{Au}_{25}(\text{SR})_{18}$ and $\text{Ag}_{44}(\text{SR})_{30}$

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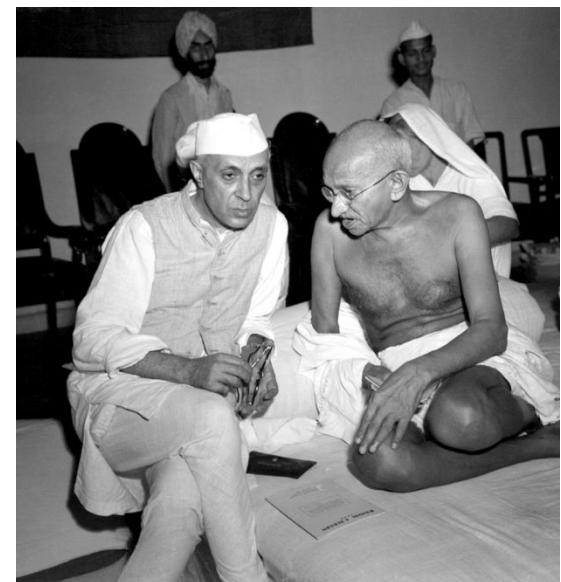


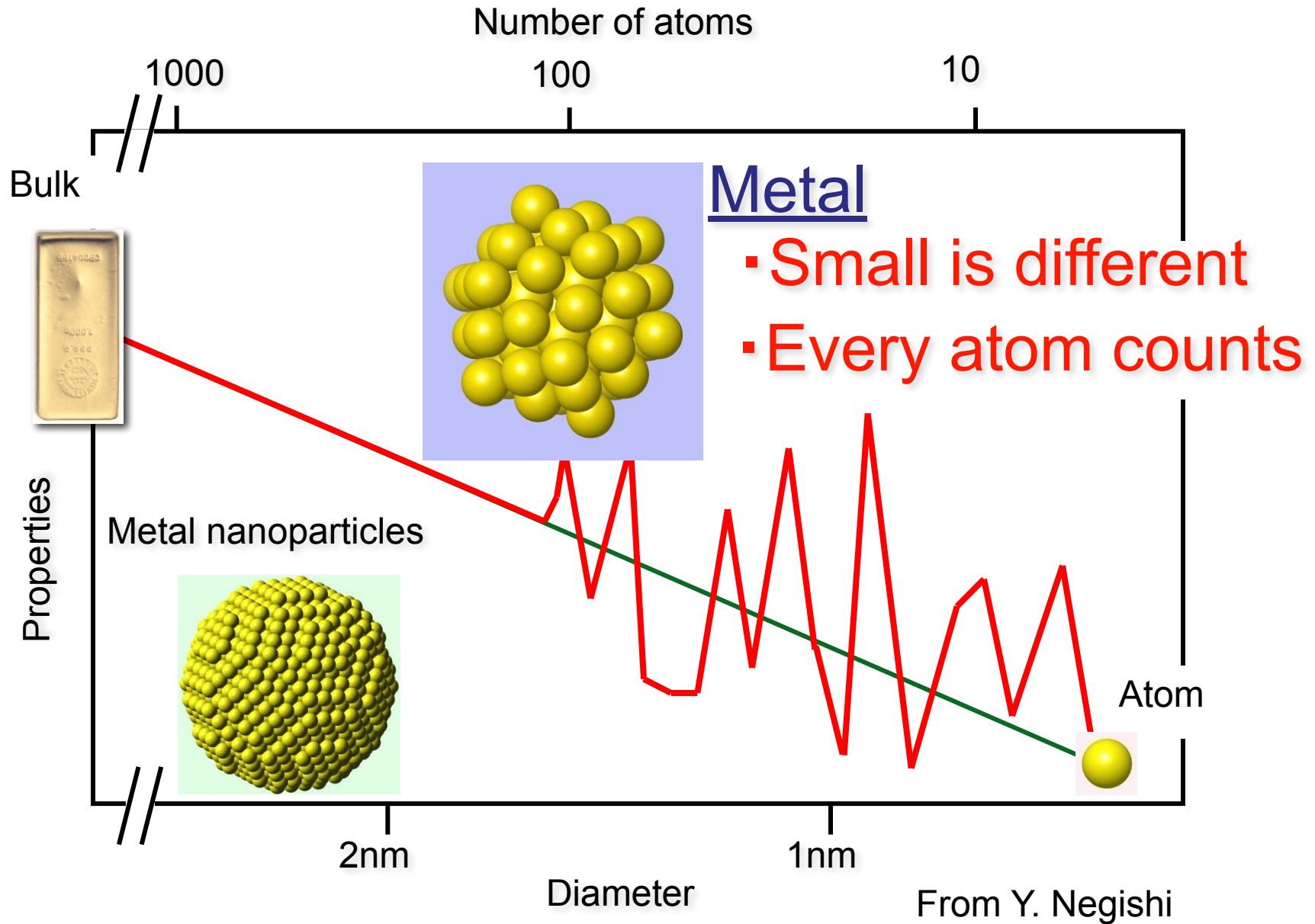
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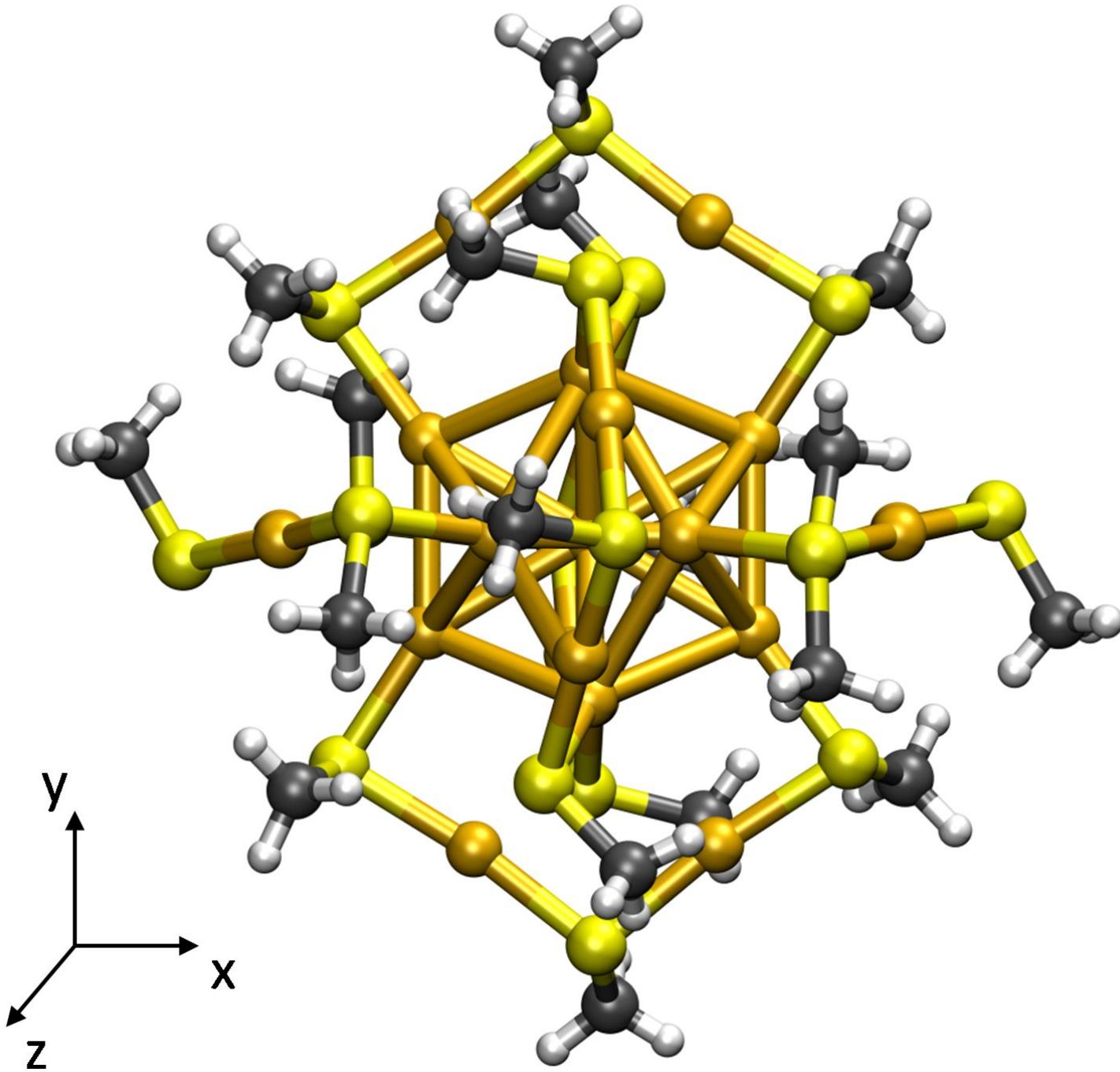
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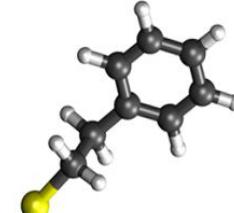
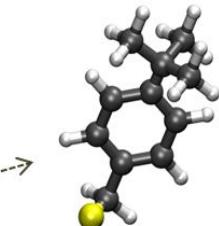
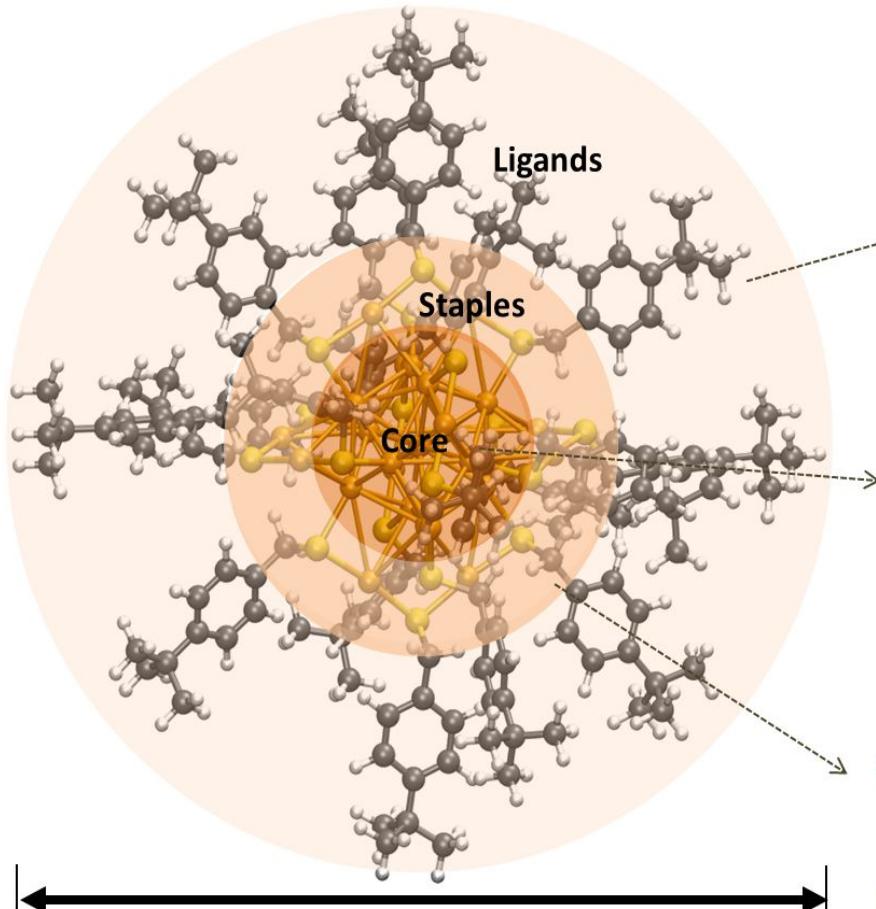


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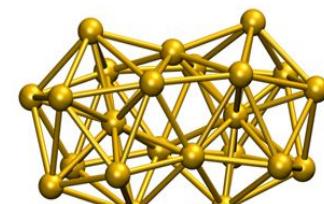
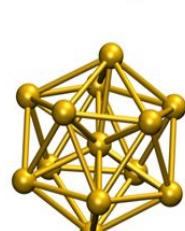




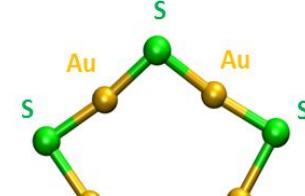
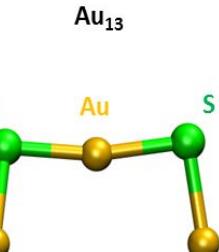




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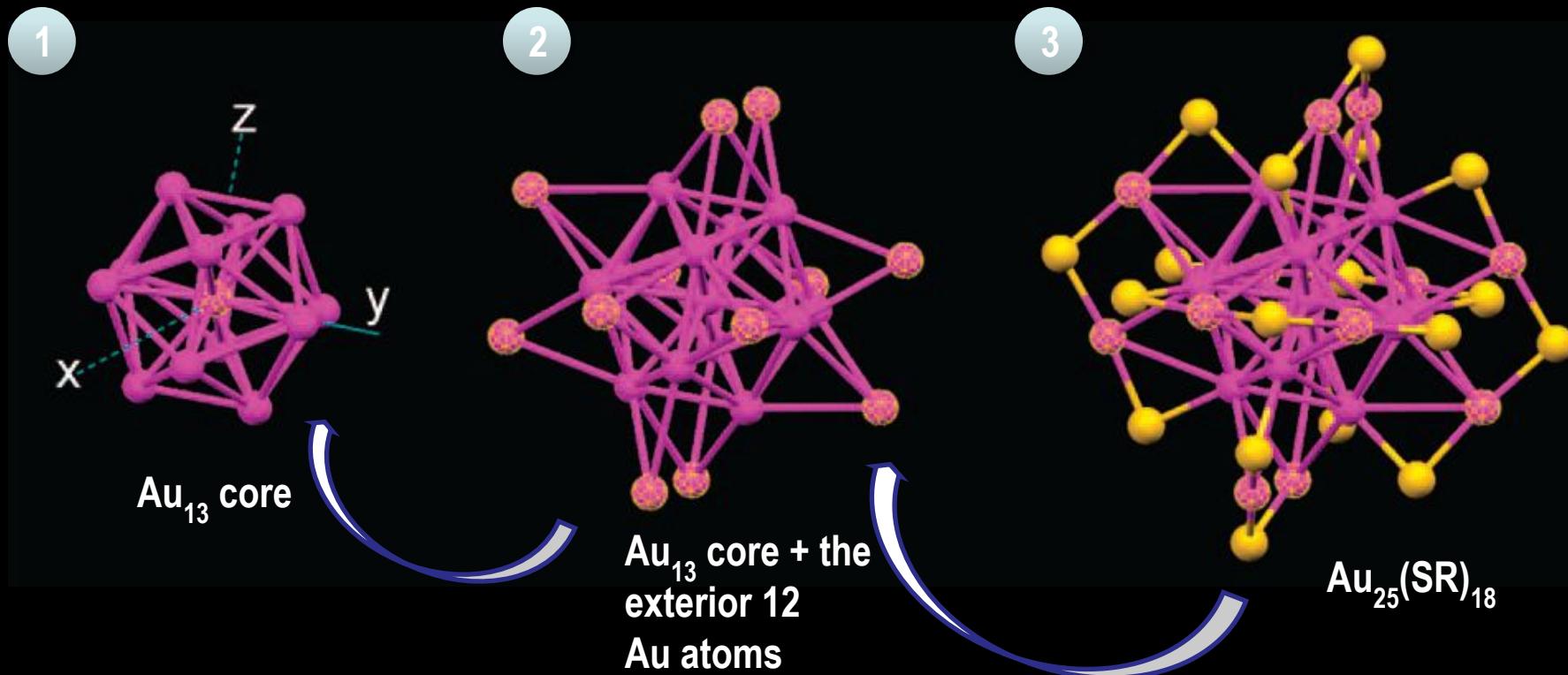


**Au<sub>20</sub>, Au<sub>28</sub>,  
Au<sub>79</sub>, etc.**



**trimer,  
pentamer, etc.**

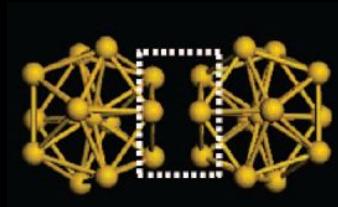
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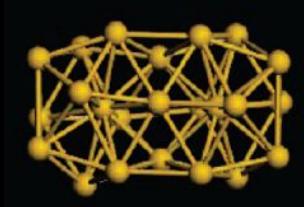


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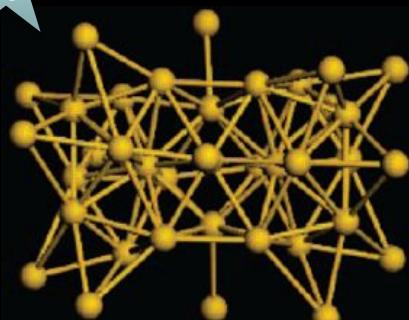
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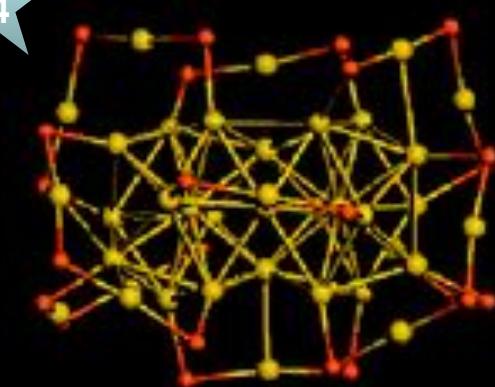
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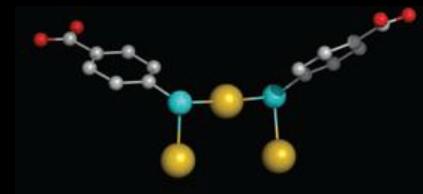


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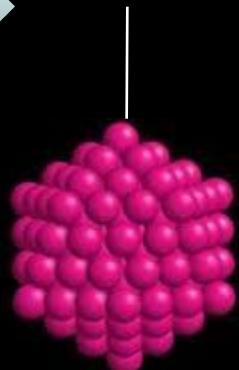


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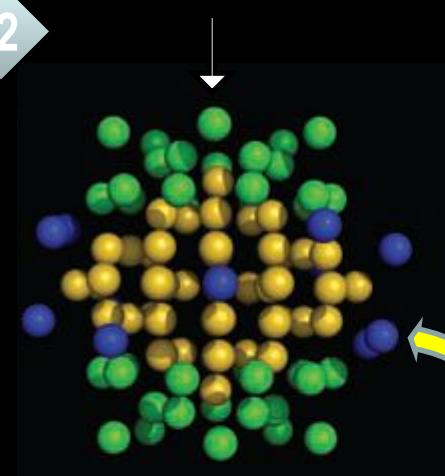


Marks decahedral (40 atoms)

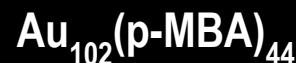
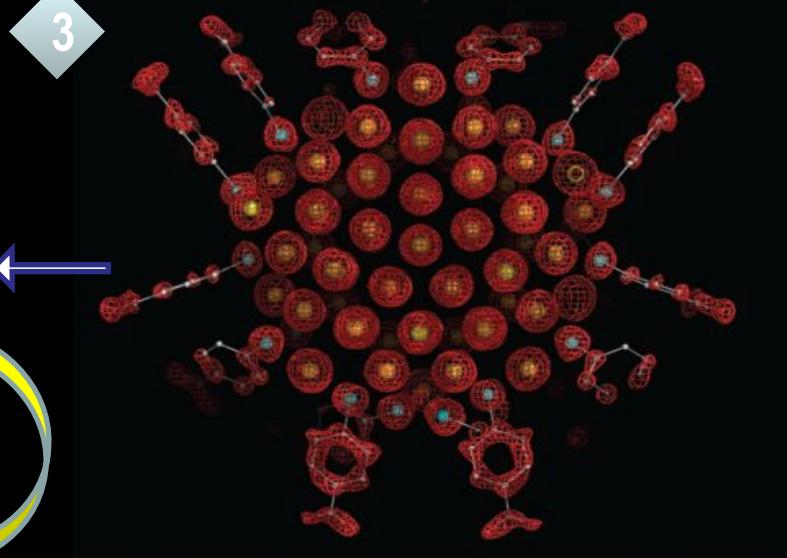
Along the axis 4 Au atoms  
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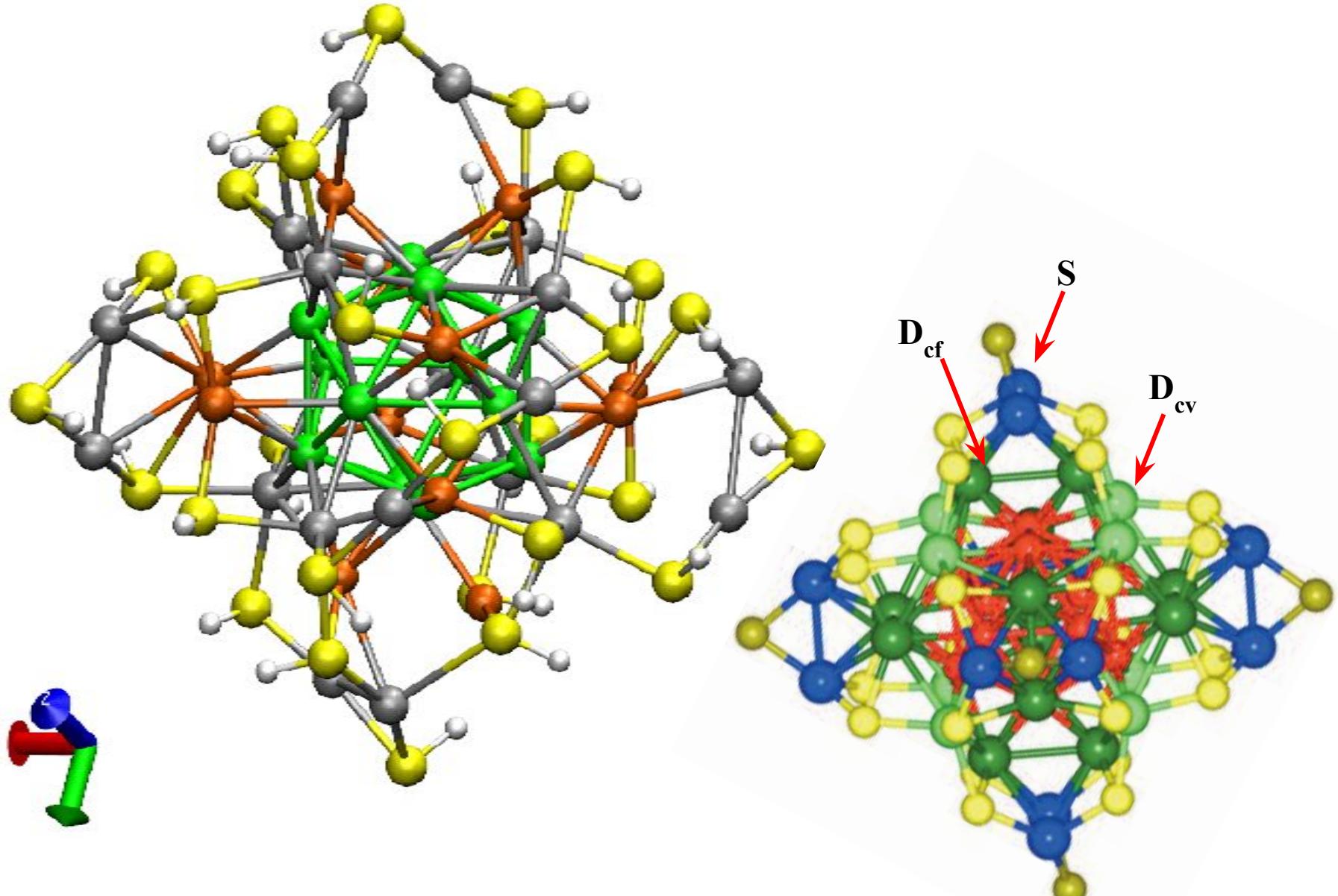
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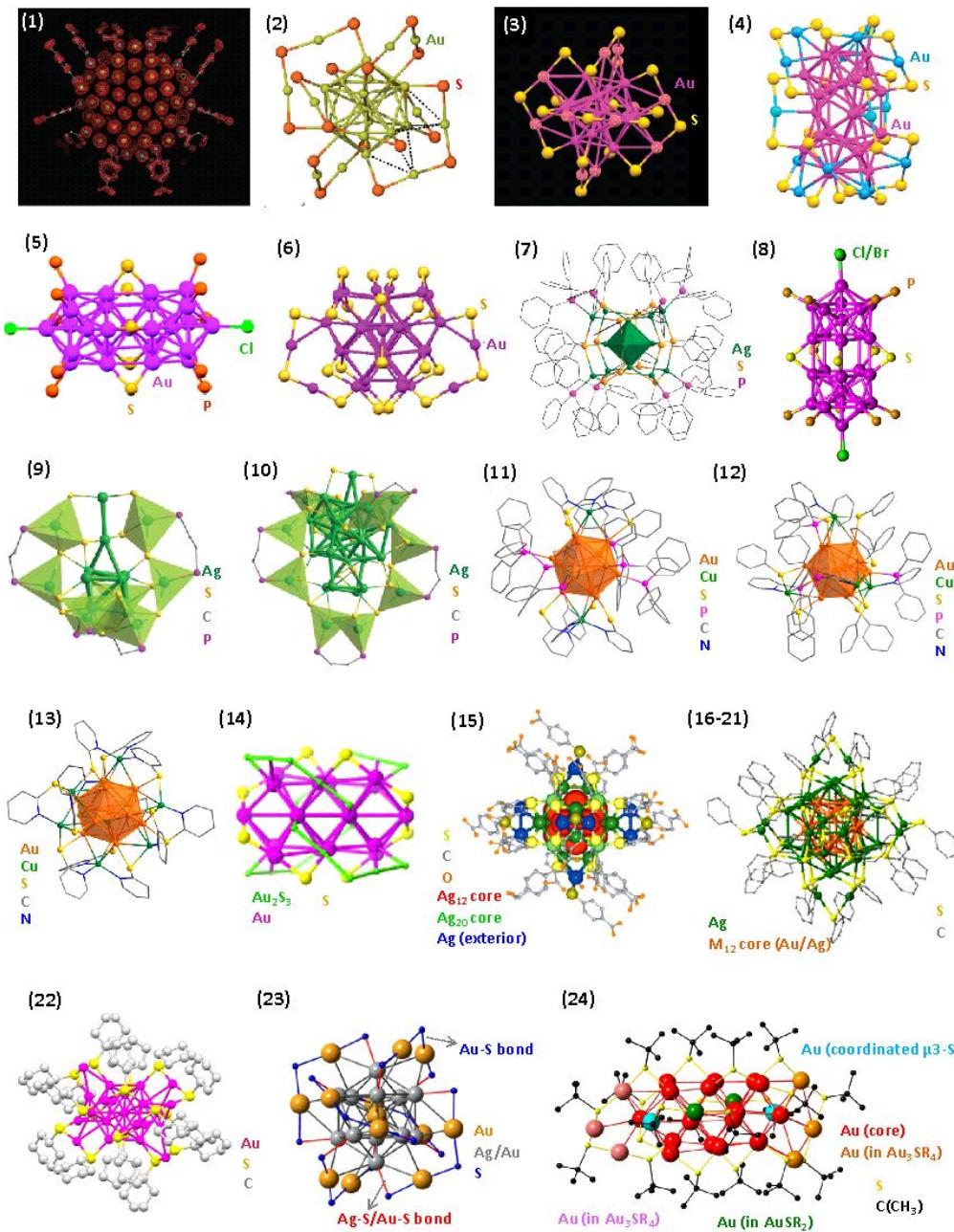
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(total 89 atoms)



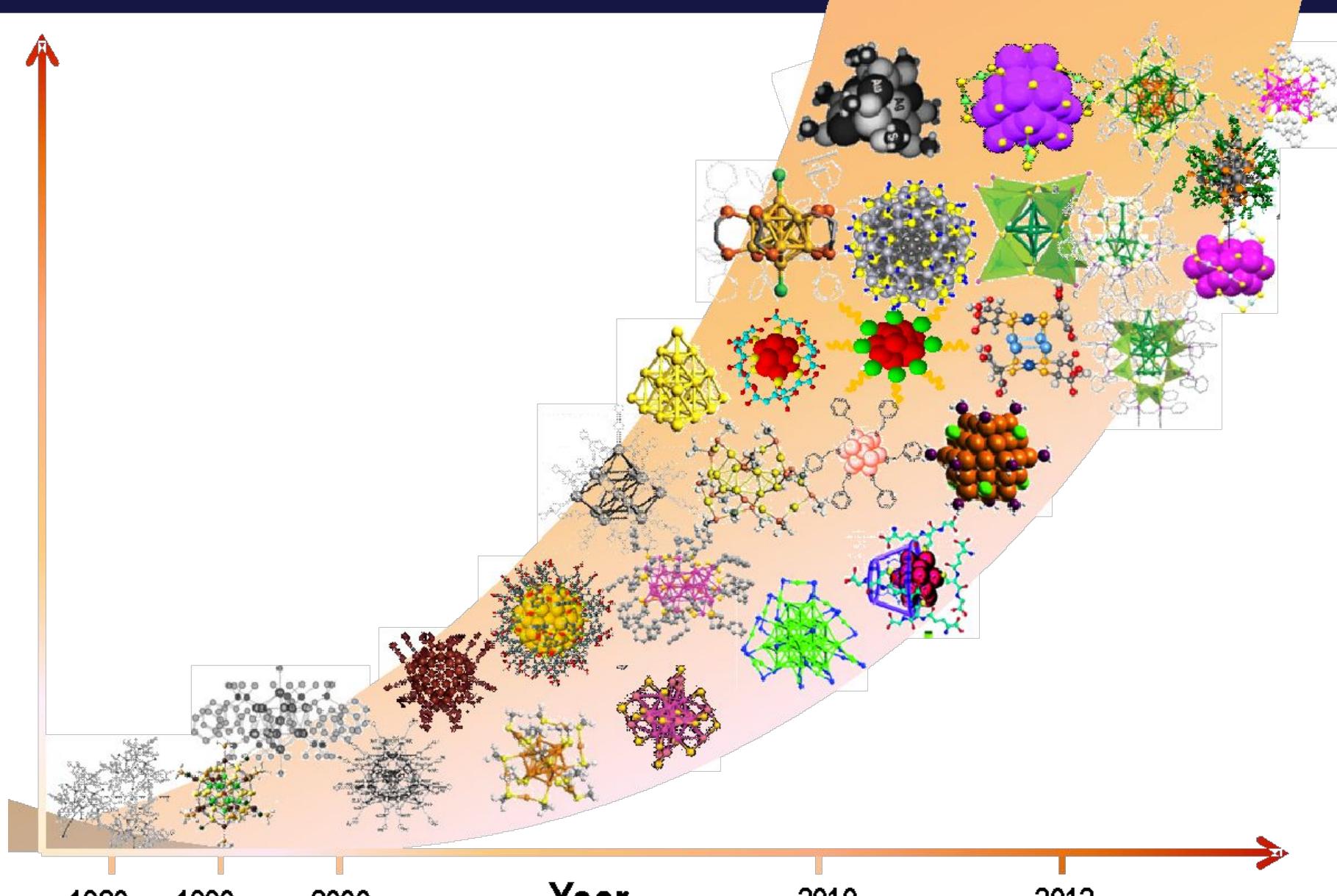
13-atom band  
(total 102 atoms)







# Evolution of noble metal clusters



# Evolving Science

Part I Cluster chemistry is getting increasingly complex

Ligand exchange

Isomers

Alloys

Supramolecular chemistry

Part II Are there pointers?

Specific examples

Part III How do we understand these systems?

## C<sub>60</sub>: Buckminsterfullerene

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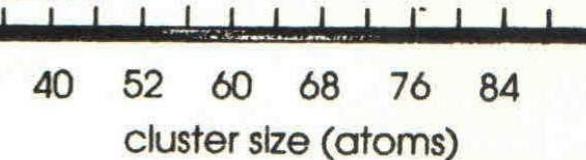
During experiments aimed at understanding the mechanisms by which long-chain carbon molecules are formed in interstellar space and circumstellar shells<sup>1</sup>, graphite has been vaporized by laser irradiation, producing a remarkably stable cluster consisting of 60 carbon atoms. Concerning the question of what kind of 60-carbon atom structure might give rise to a superstable species, we suggest a truncated icosahedron, a polygon with 60 vertices and 32 faces, 12 of which are pentagonal and 20 hexagonal. This object is commonly encountered as the football shown in Fig. 1. The C<sub>60</sub> molecule which results when a carbon atom is placed at each vertex of this structure has all valences satisfied by two single bonds and one double bond, has many resonance structures, and appears to be aromatic.

Fig. 1 A football (in the United States, a soccerball) on Texas grass. The C<sub>60</sub> molecule featured in this letter is suggested to have the truncated icosahedral structure formed by replacing each vertex on the seams of such a ball by a carbon atom.

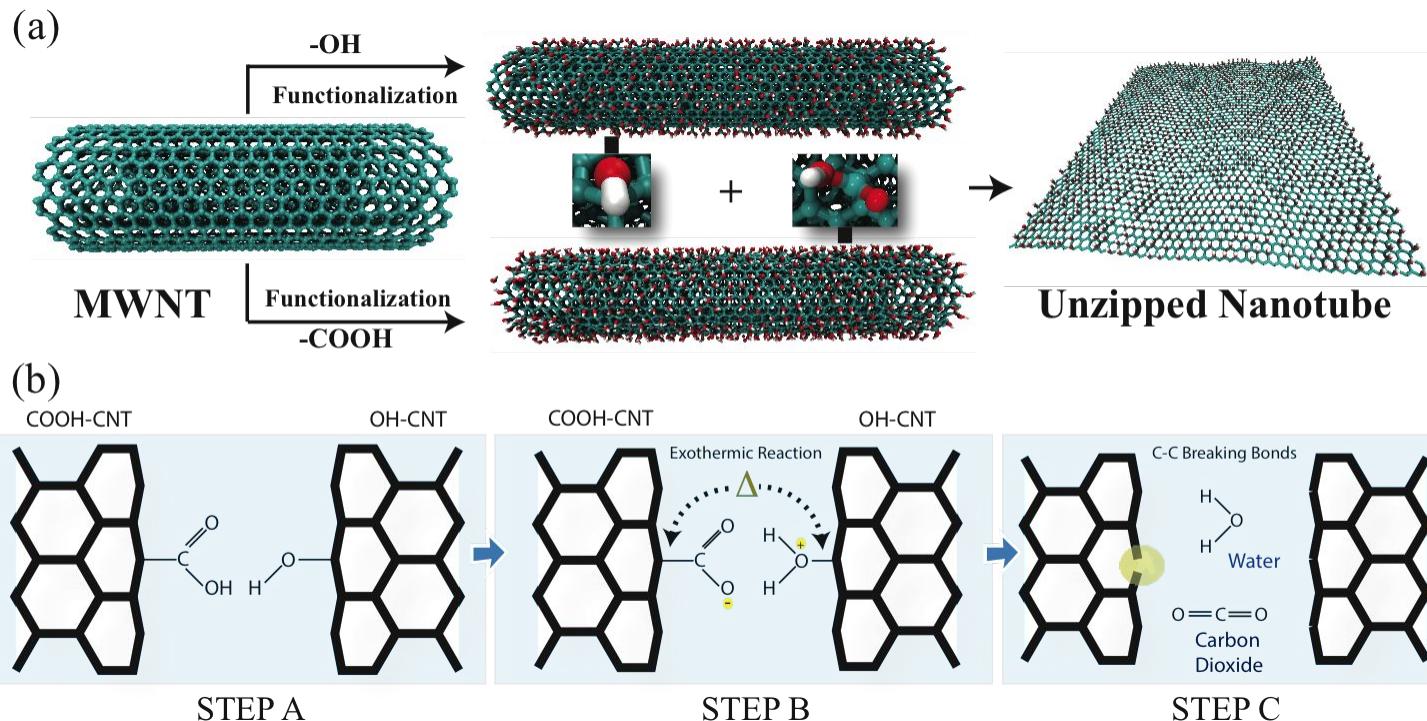


graphite fused six-membered ring structure. We believe that the distribution in Fig. 3c is fairly representative of the nascent distribution of larger ring fragments. When these hot ring clusters are left in contact with high-density helium, the clusters equilibrate by two- and three-body collisions towards the most stable species, which appears to be a unique cluster containing 60 atoms.

When one thinks in terms of the many fused-ring isomers with unsatisfied valences at the edges that would naturally arise



# Grinding nanotubes



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# Part I

## New Protocols for the Synthesis of Stable Ag and Au Nanocluster Molecules

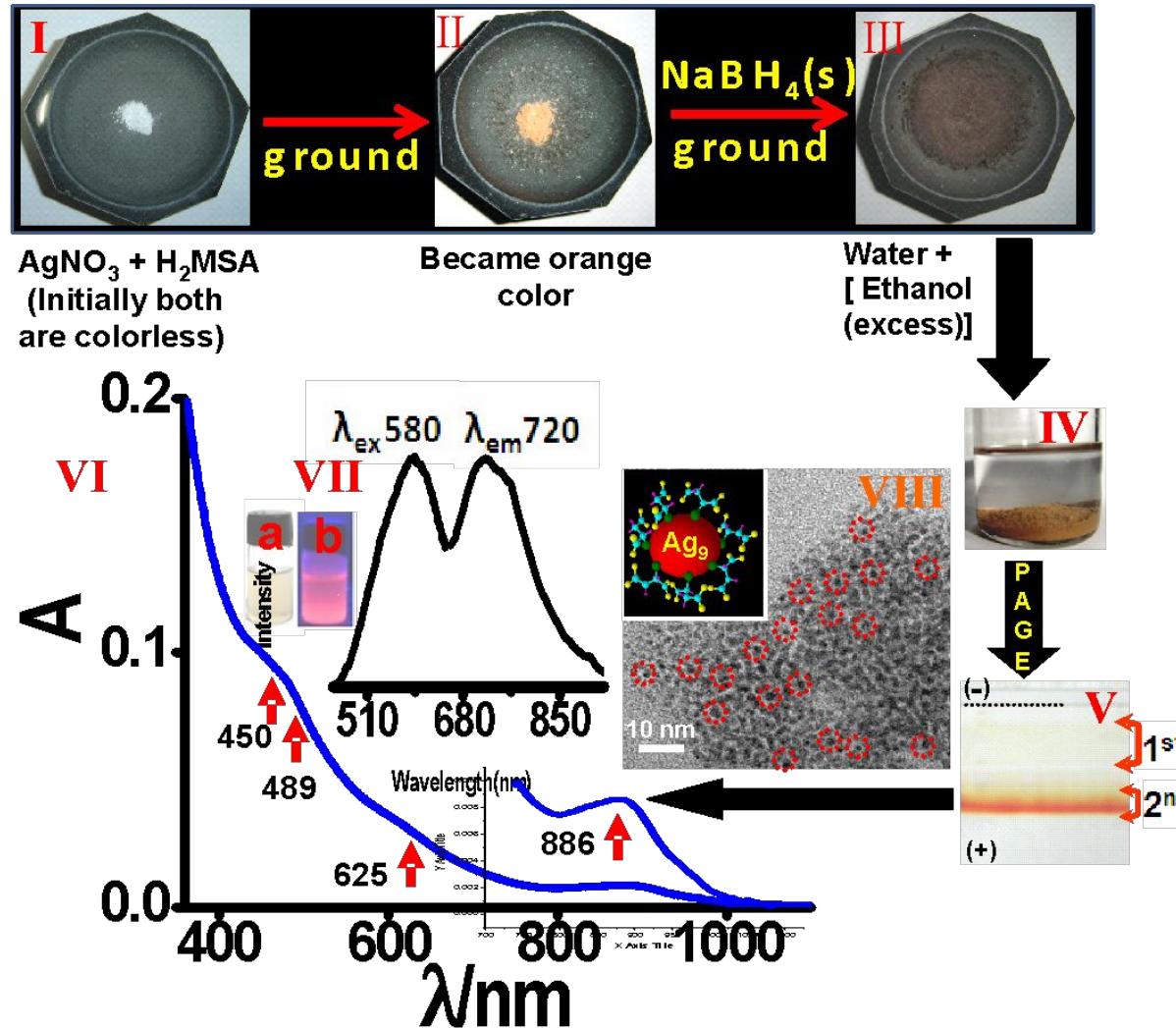
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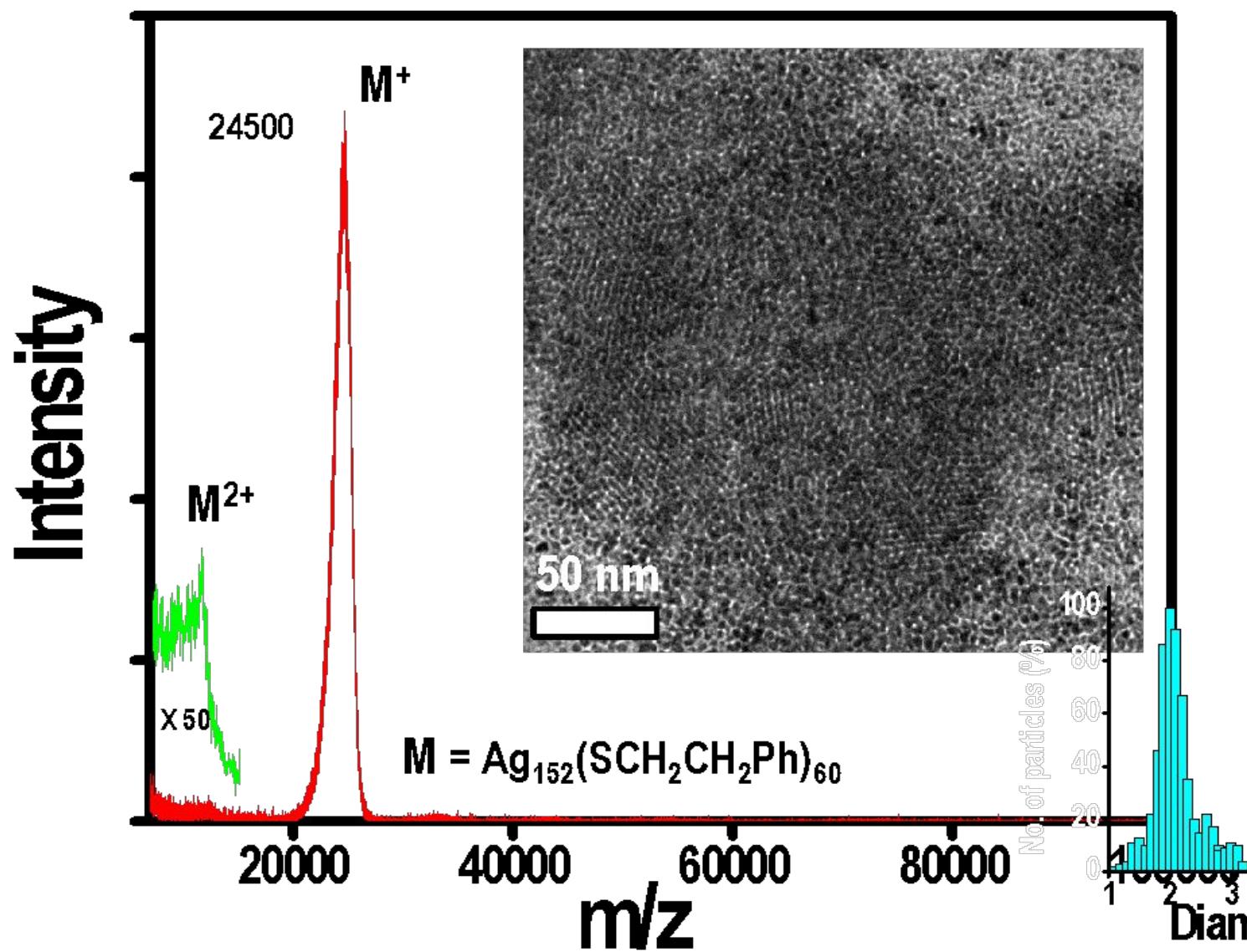
**ABSTRACT:** “Catching” metals in the nonmetallic form in solution, as they grow to bulk, is one of the most exciting areas of contemporary materials research. A new kind of stabilization to catch the nonmetallic form of noble metals with small thiols has evolved as an exciting area of synthesis during the past decade. Gold clusters stay in the frontline of this research, yielding new “molecules” composed of a few to several hundreds of atoms. By taking guidelines from gold cluster research, various new protocols for silver nanoclusters were developed. In this Perspective, we highlight the recent advances on the synthesis of atomically precise silver, gold, and their alloy clusters with a special emphasis on silver. As a result of intense efforts of the recent past, clusters such as  $\text{Ag}_{7,8}(\text{SR})_{7,8}$ ,  $\text{Ag}_7(-\text{S}-\text{R}-\text{S}-)_4$ ,  $\text{Ag}_9(\text{SR})_7$ ,  $\text{Ag}_{32}(\text{SR})_{19}$ ,  $\text{Ag}_{44}(\text{SR})_{30}$ ,  $\text{Ag}_{140}(\text{SR})_{53}$ ,  $\text{Ag}_{280}(\text{SR})_{140}$  and  $\text{Ag}_{152}(\text{SR})_{60}$  ( $\text{SR}$  and  $\text{S}-\text{R}-\text{S}$  refer to thiolate and dithiolate ligands, respectively) were added to the literature. Moreover, “silver-covered” and “gold-covered” alloy clusters have also been synthesized. Early reports of the crystallization of such clusters are available. Several of these clusters are shown to act as sensors, catalysts, and pesticide degradation agents, which suggests that these materials may find applications in daily life in the foreseeable future.



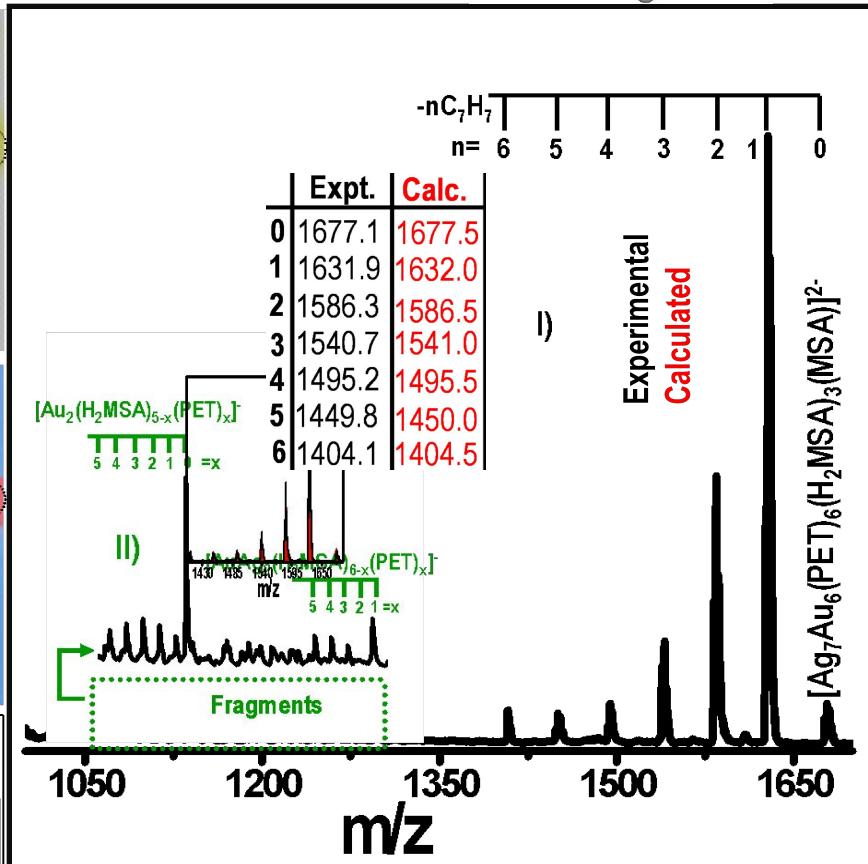
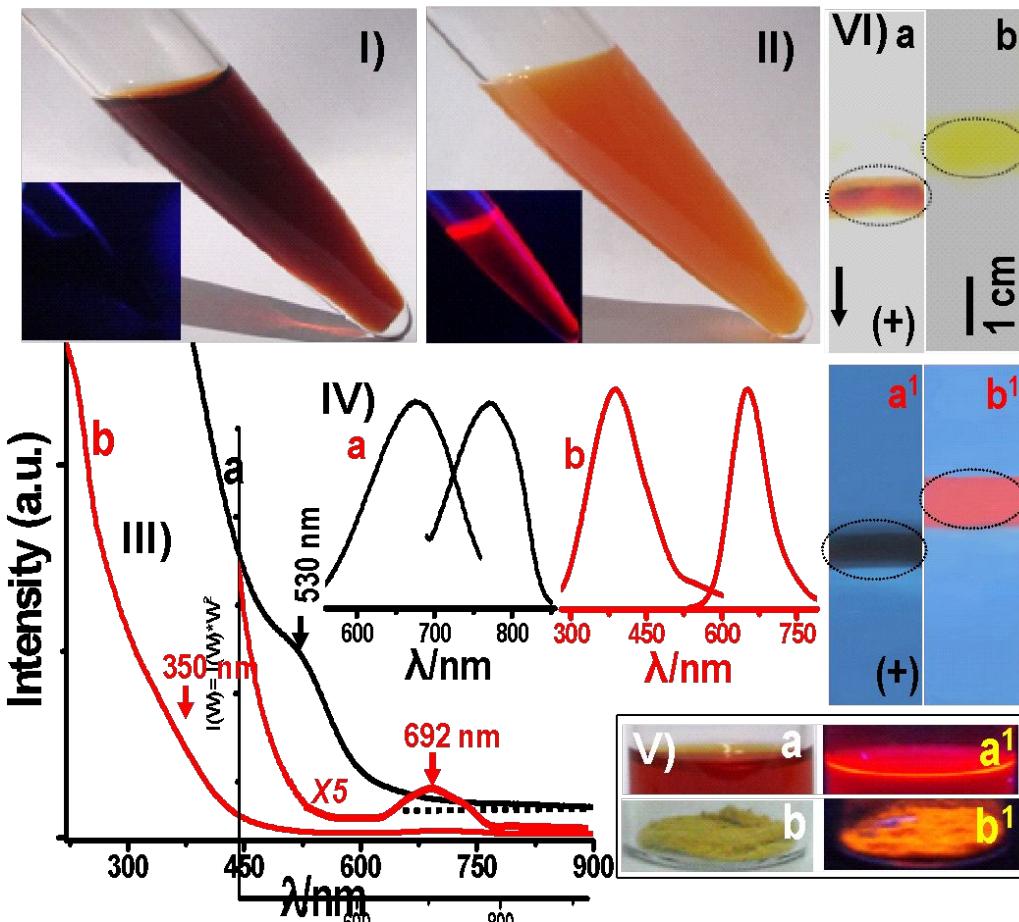
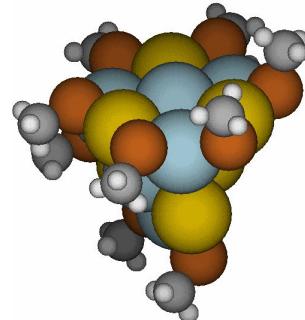
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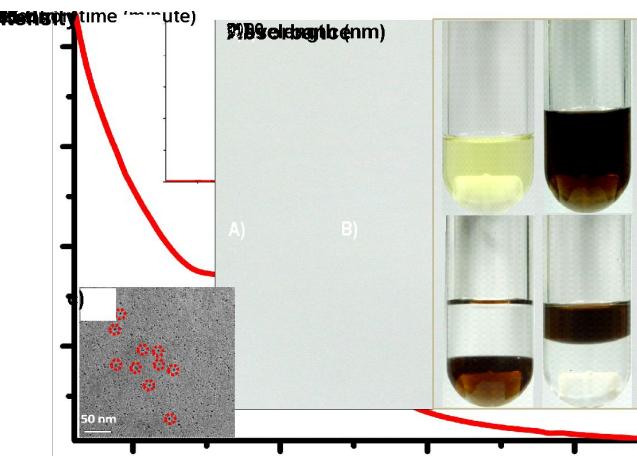


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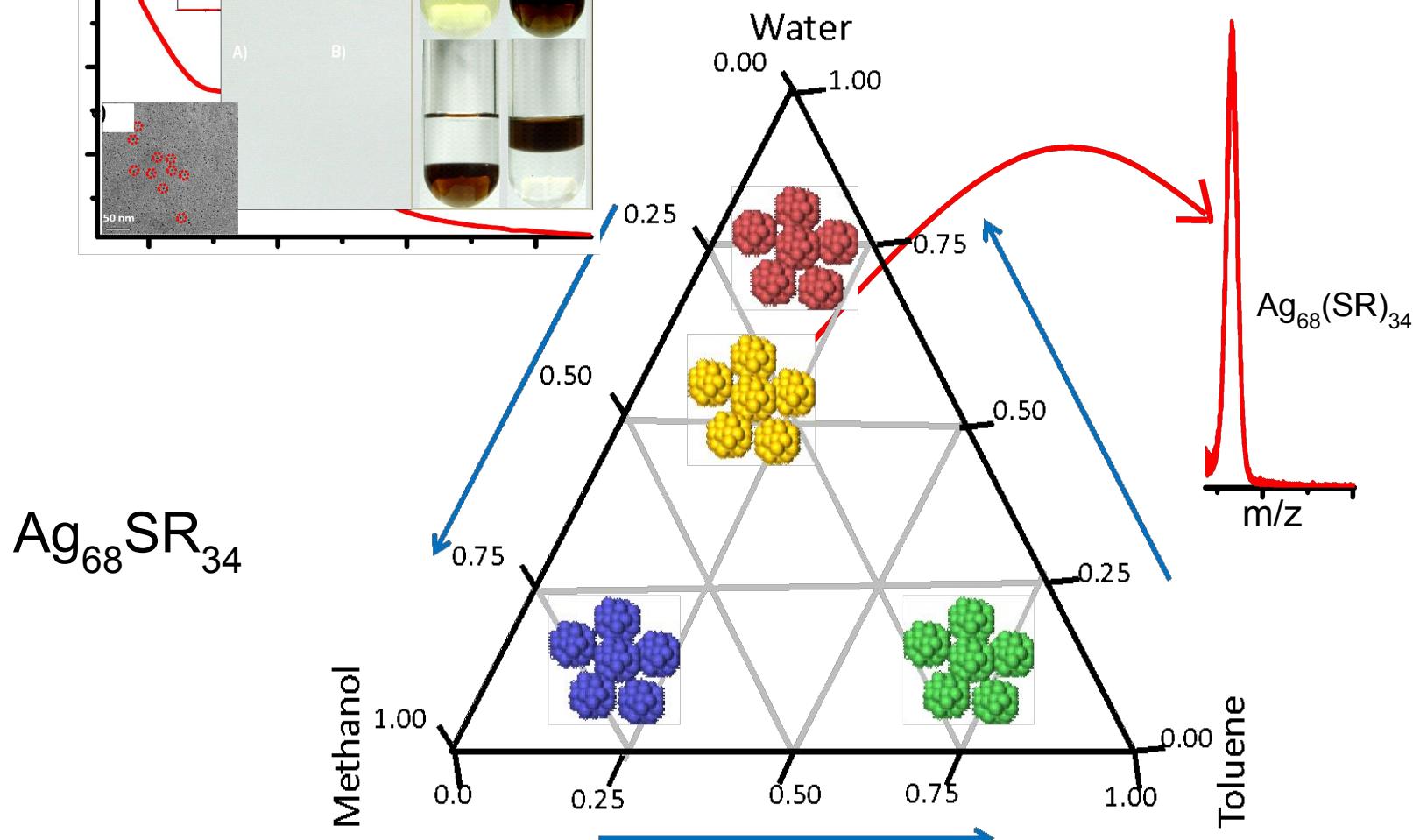


# $\text{Ag}_7\text{Au}_6$ – 13 atom alloy cluster





# Three phase synthesis





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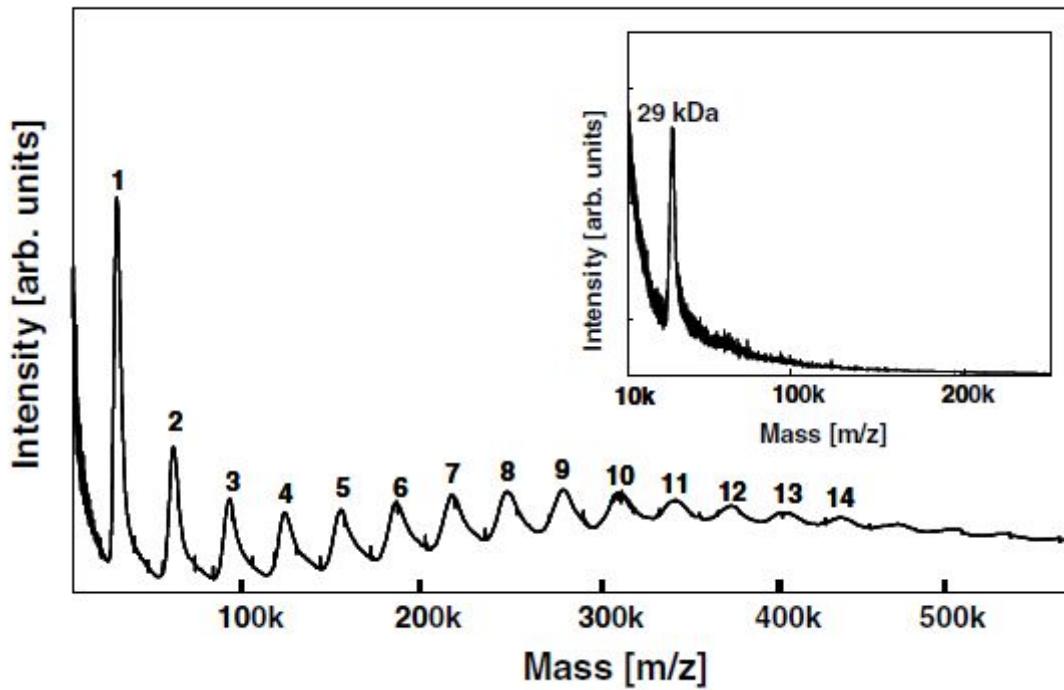
## Gas phase aggregates of protected clusters

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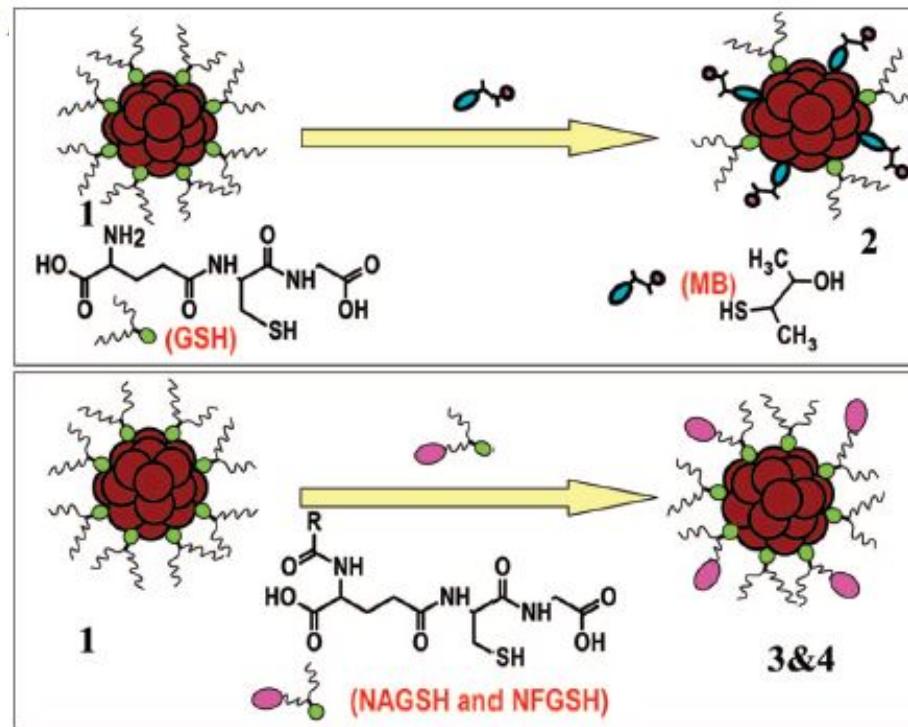
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## Ligand Exchange of $\text{Au}_{25}\text{SG}_{18}$ Leading to Functionalized Gold Clusters: Spectroscopy, Kinetics, and Luminescence

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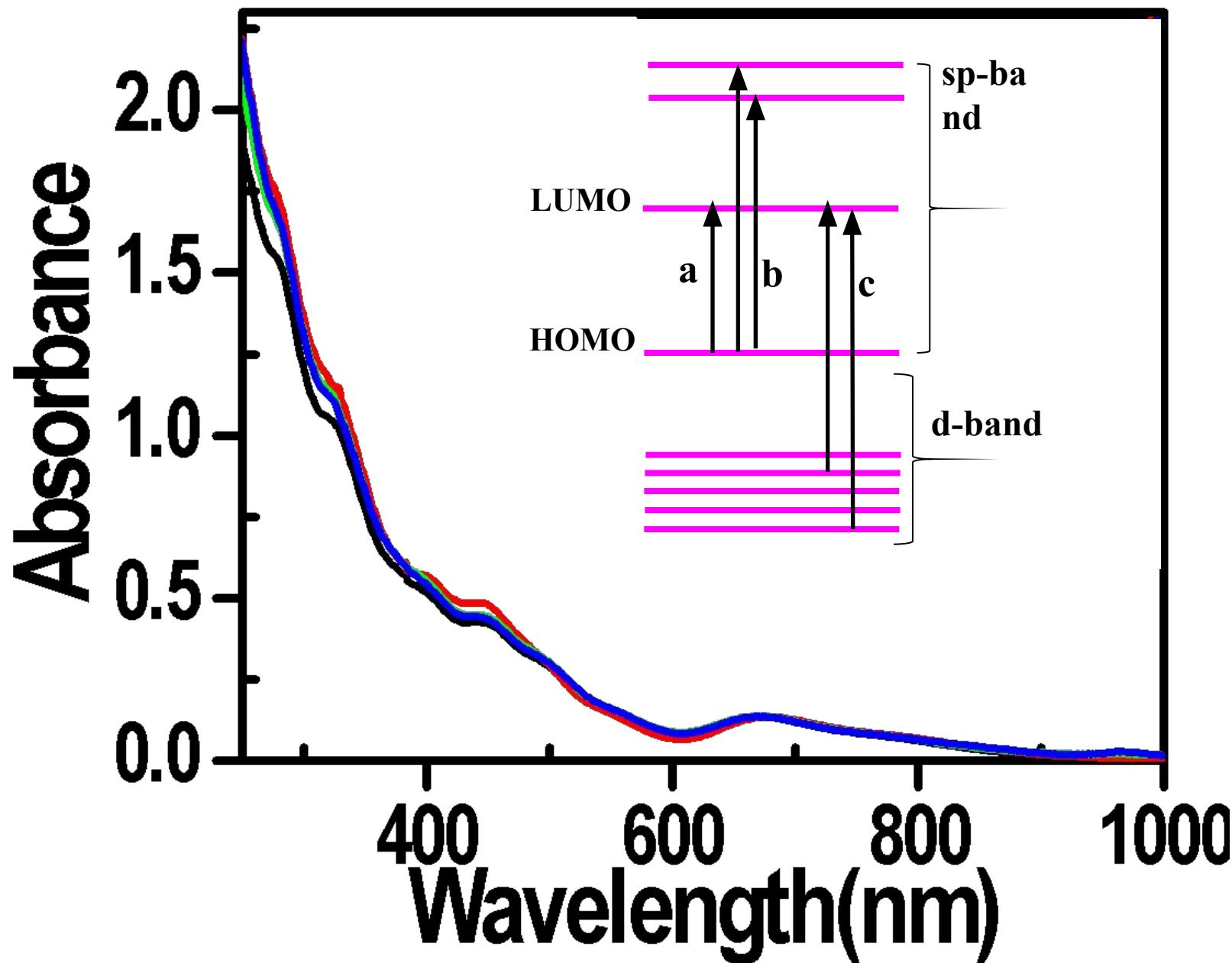


Direct synthesis from mixture of particles



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



# Quantum Clusters of Gold Exhibiting FRET

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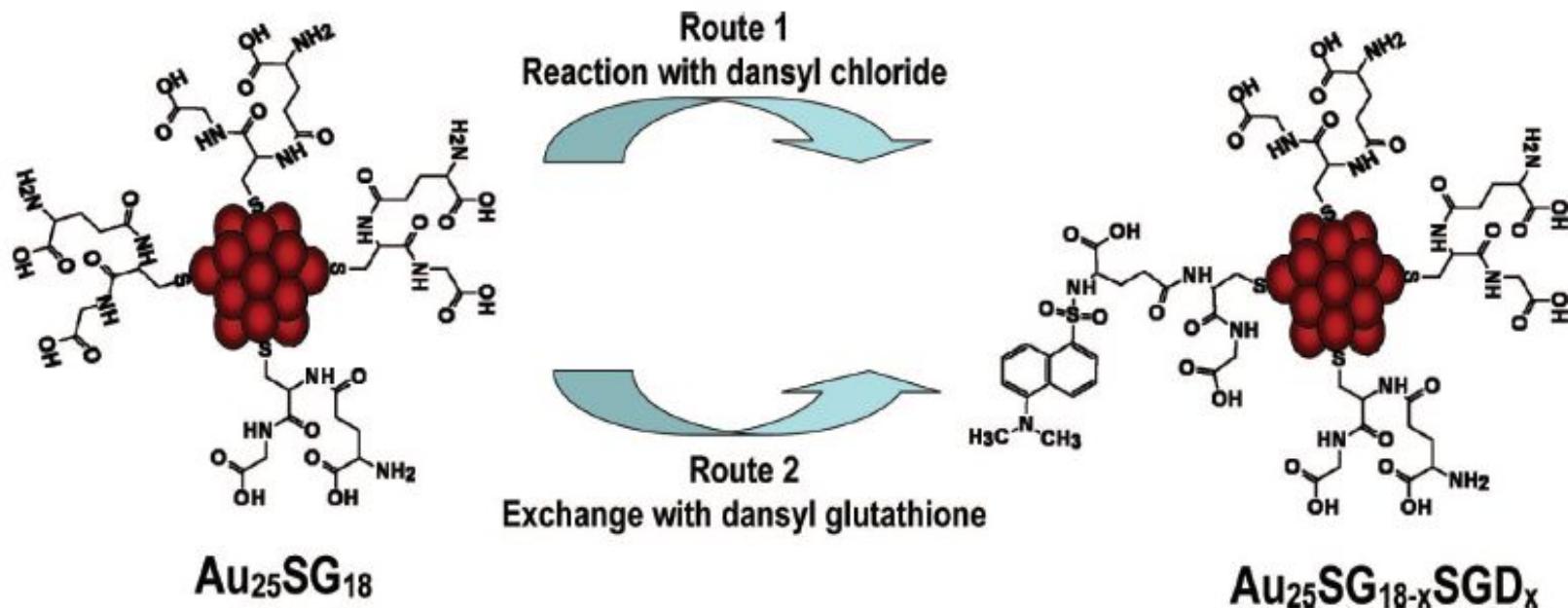
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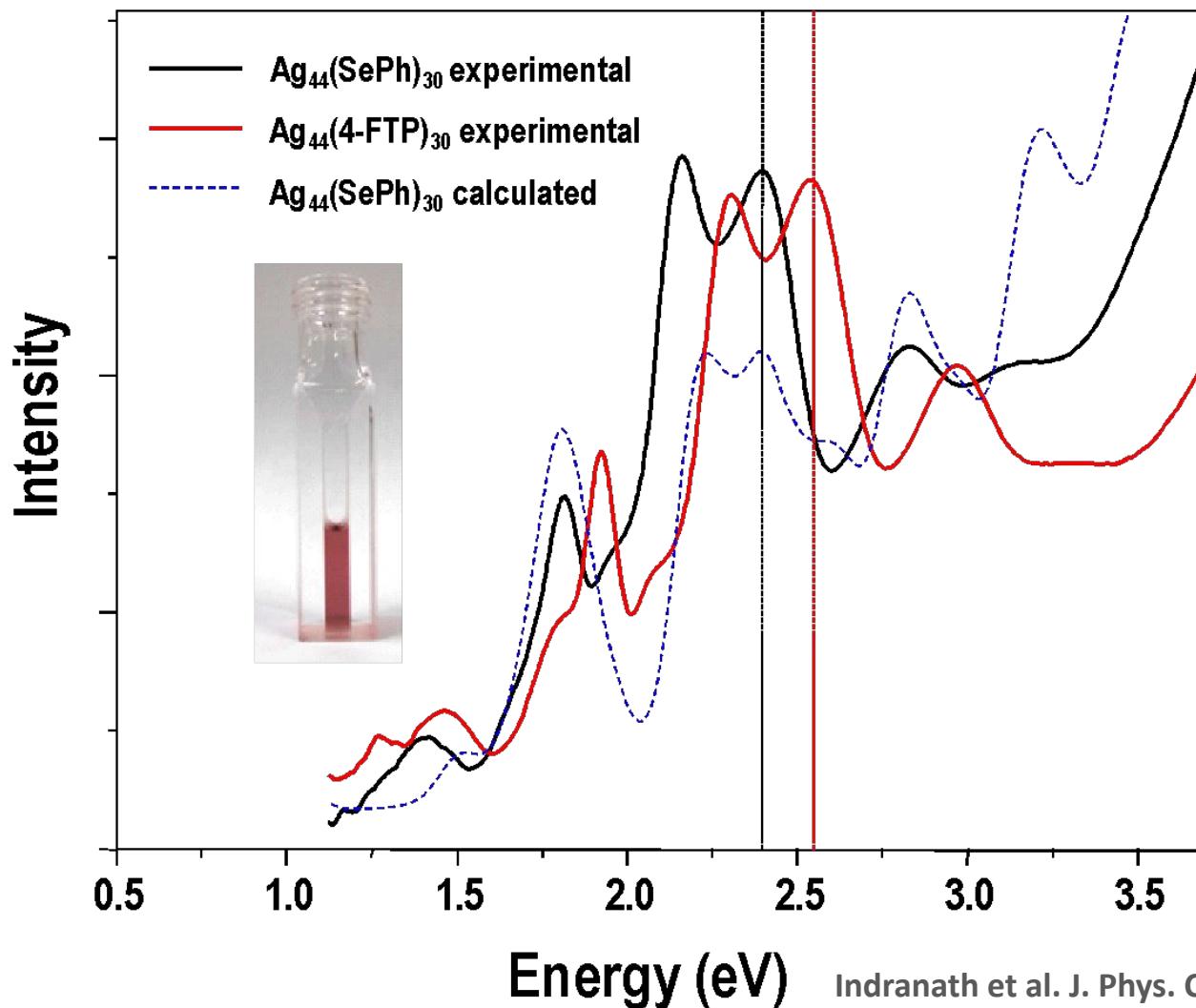
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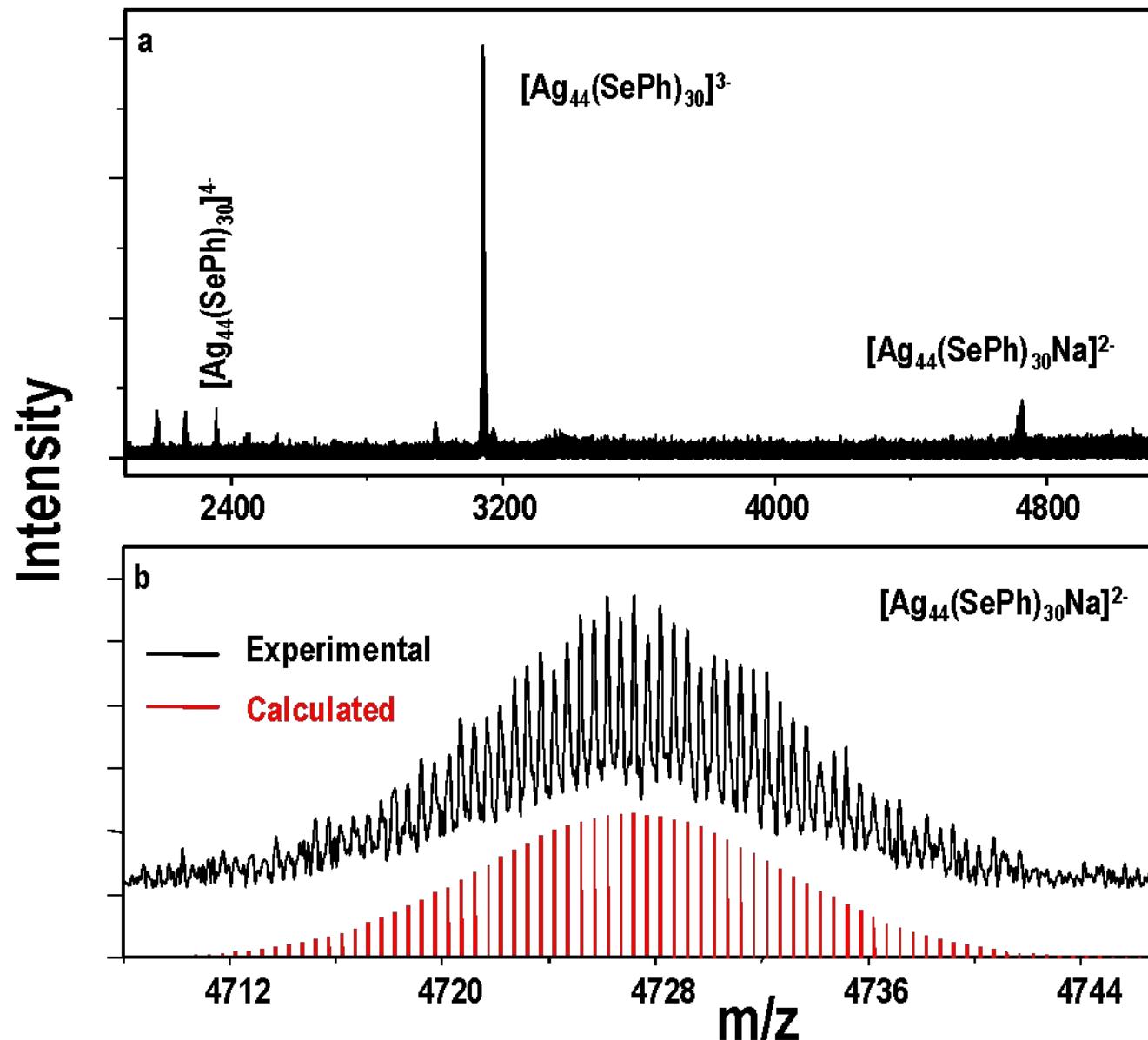


# $\text{Ag}_{44}\text{SePh}_{30}$



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(A)



Absorbance

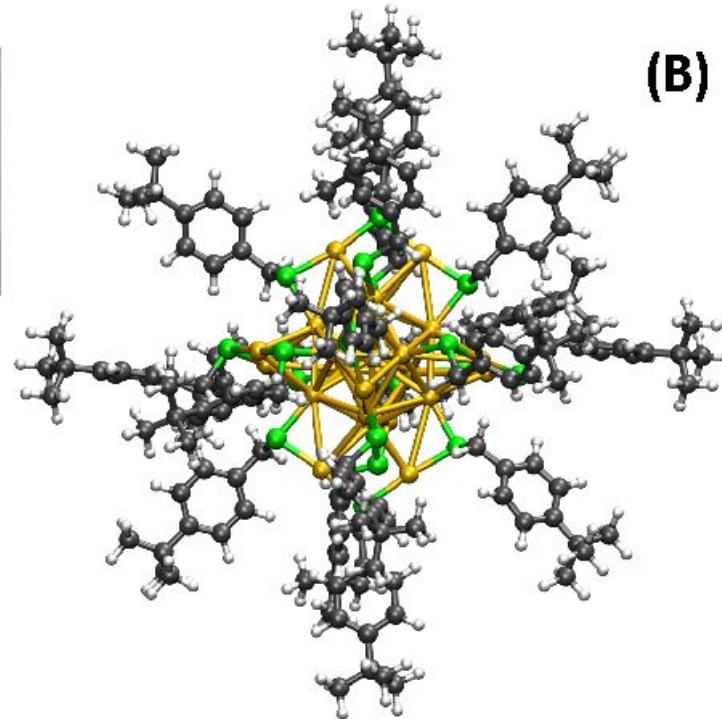
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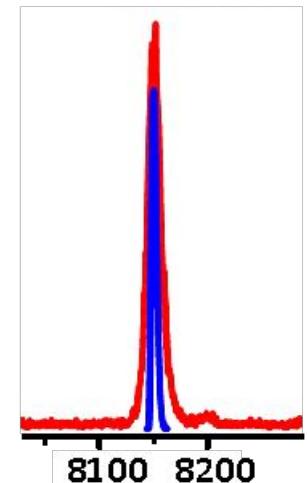


(B)

$\text{Au}_{25}\text{SBB}_{18}$



Experimental  
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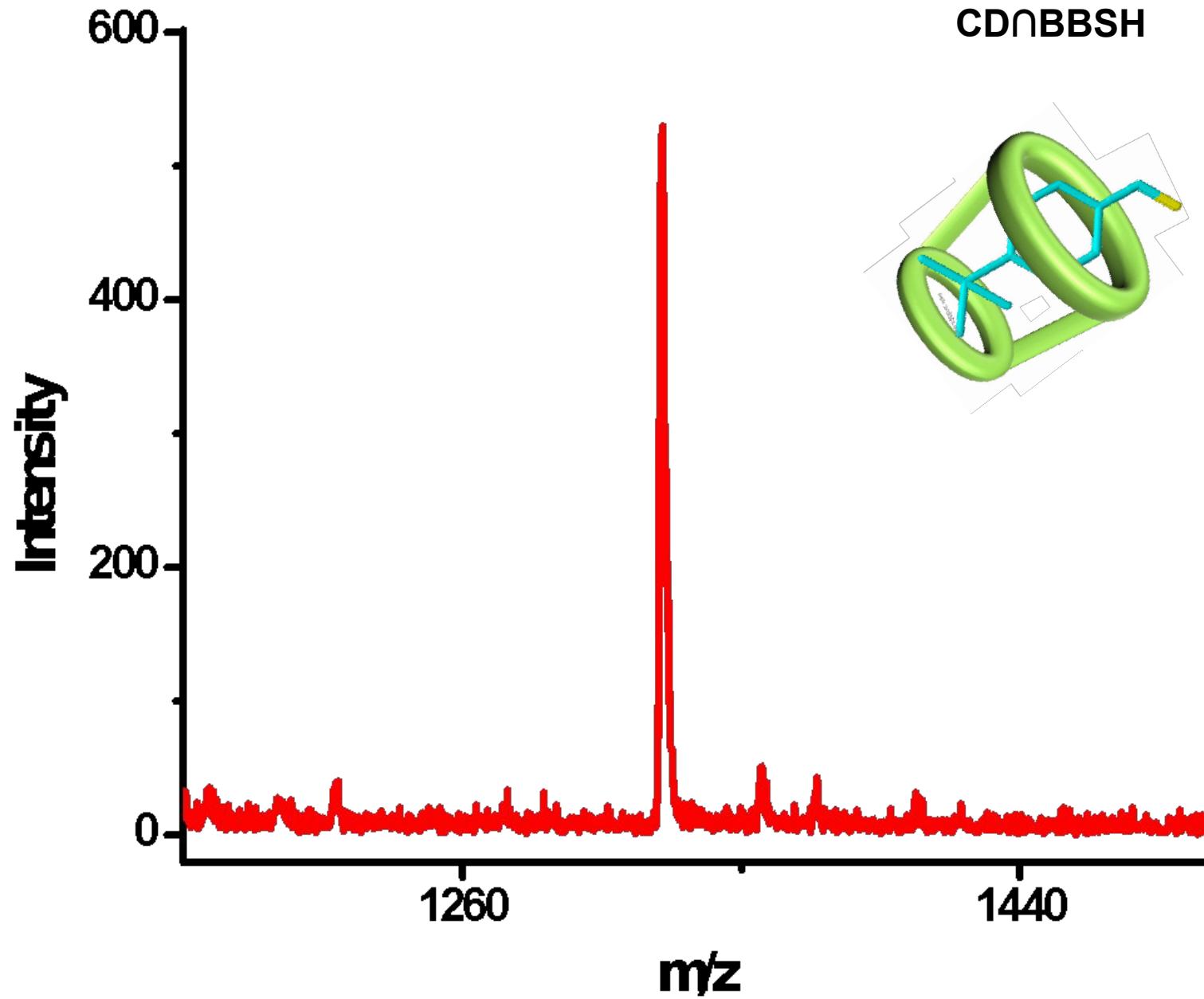


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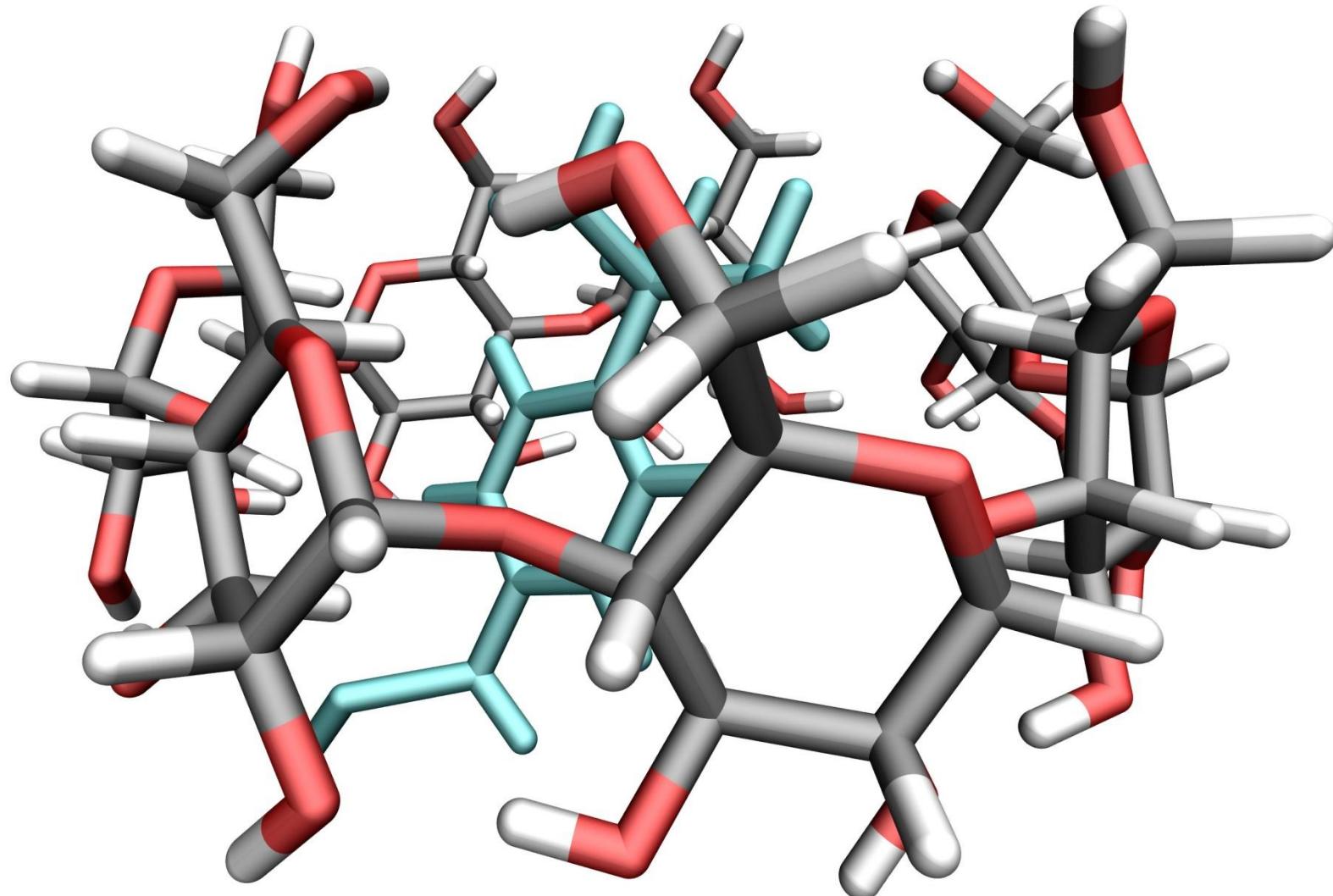
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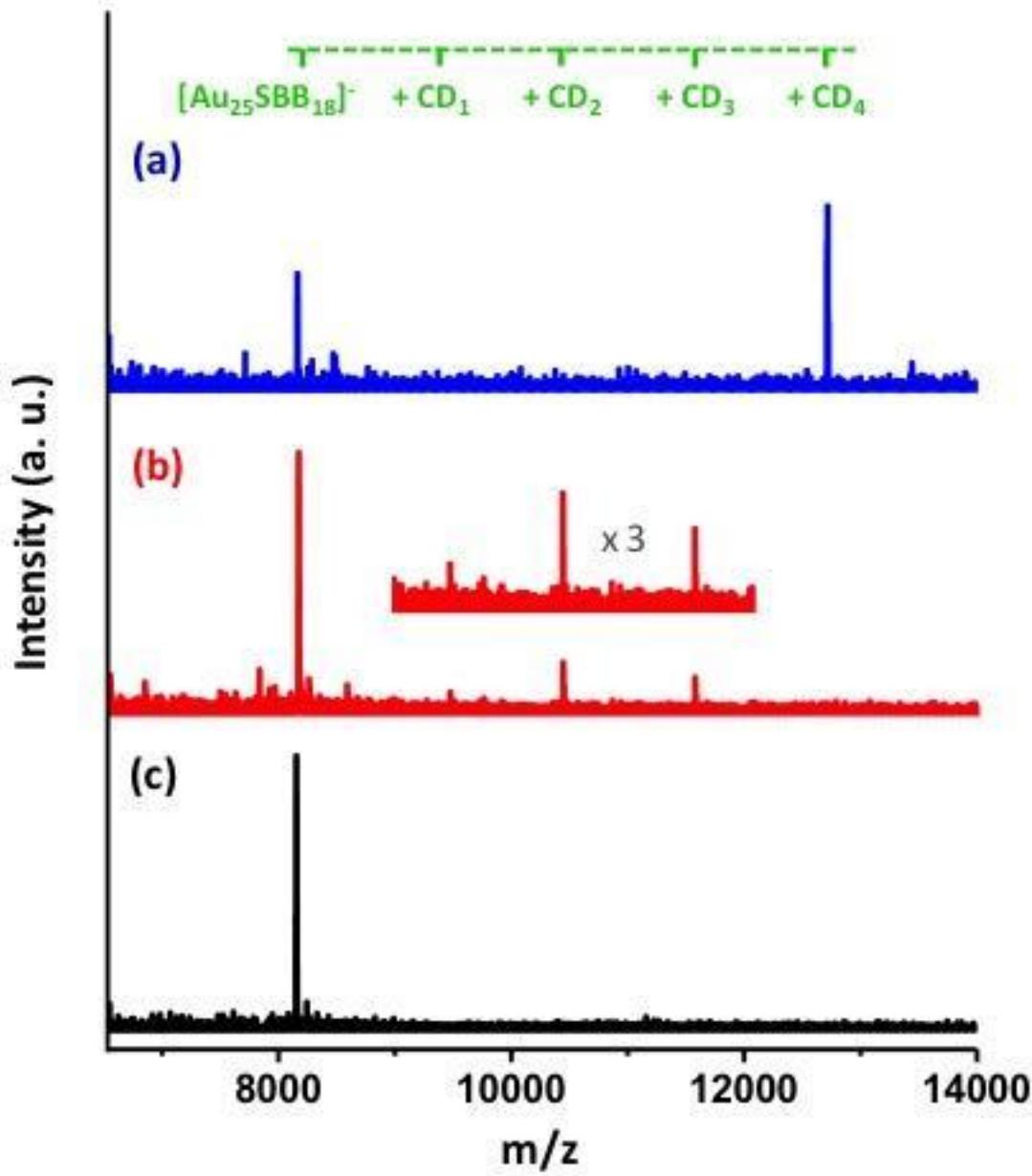
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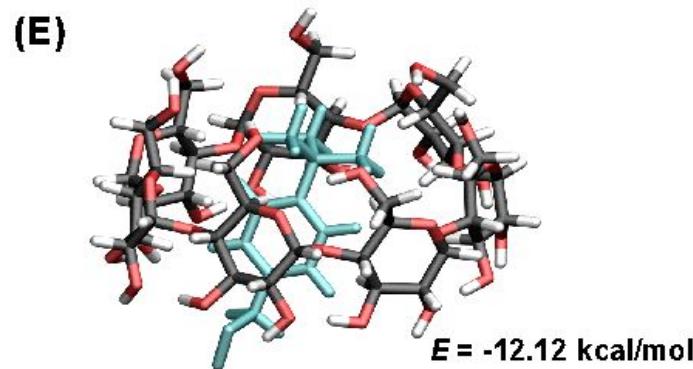
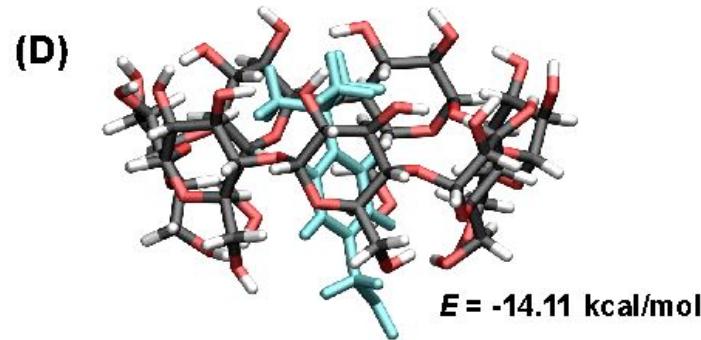
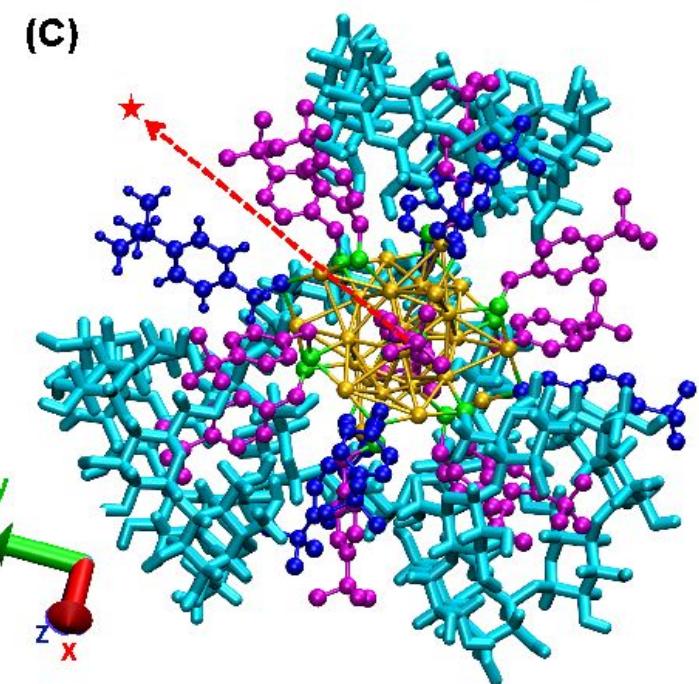
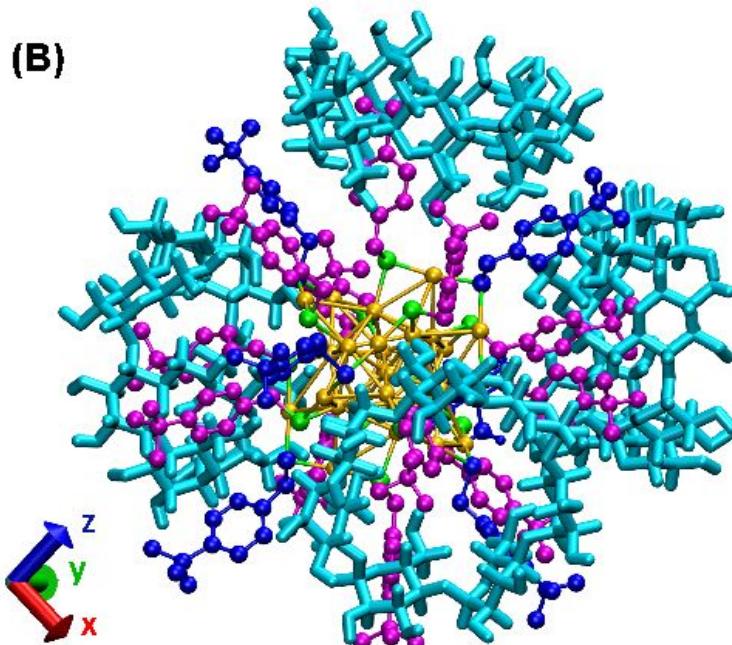
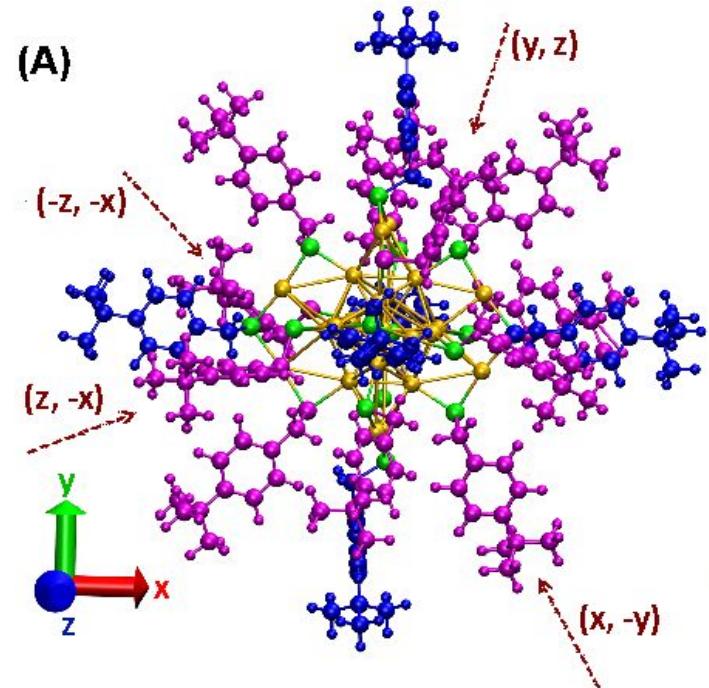
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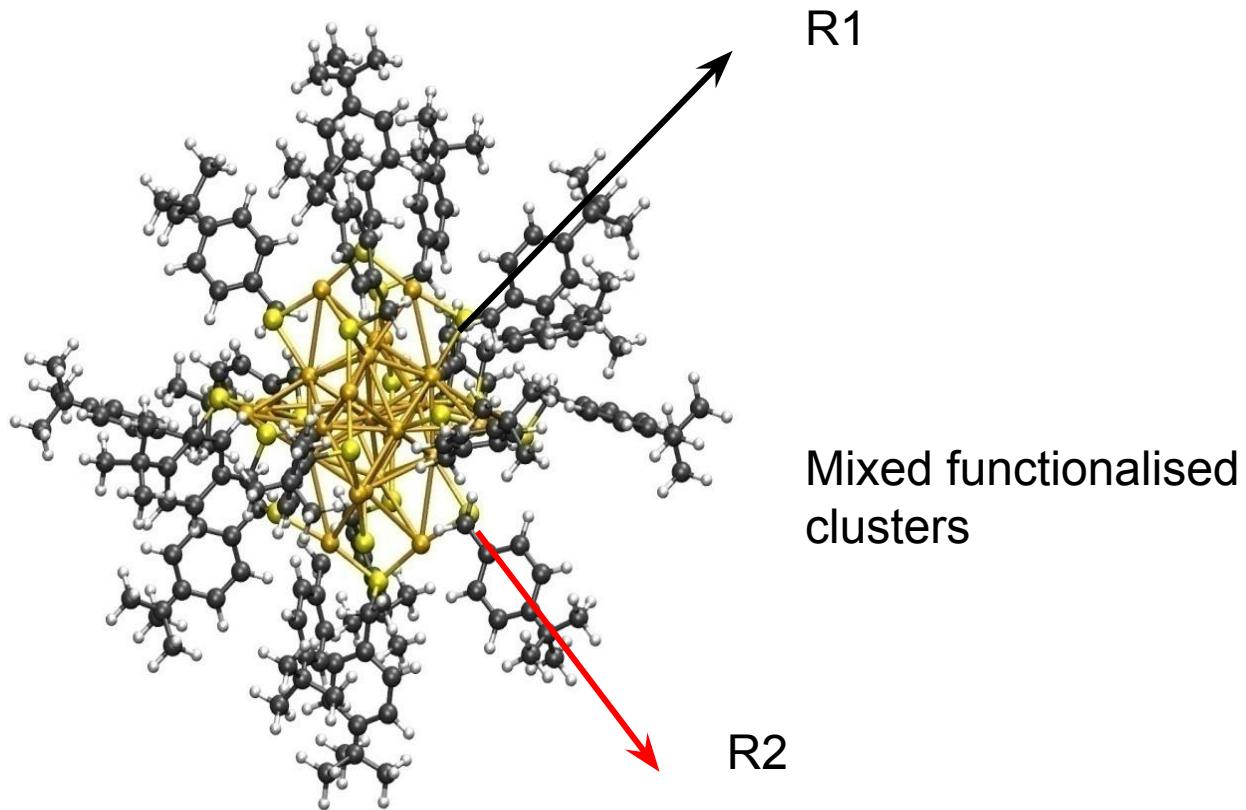
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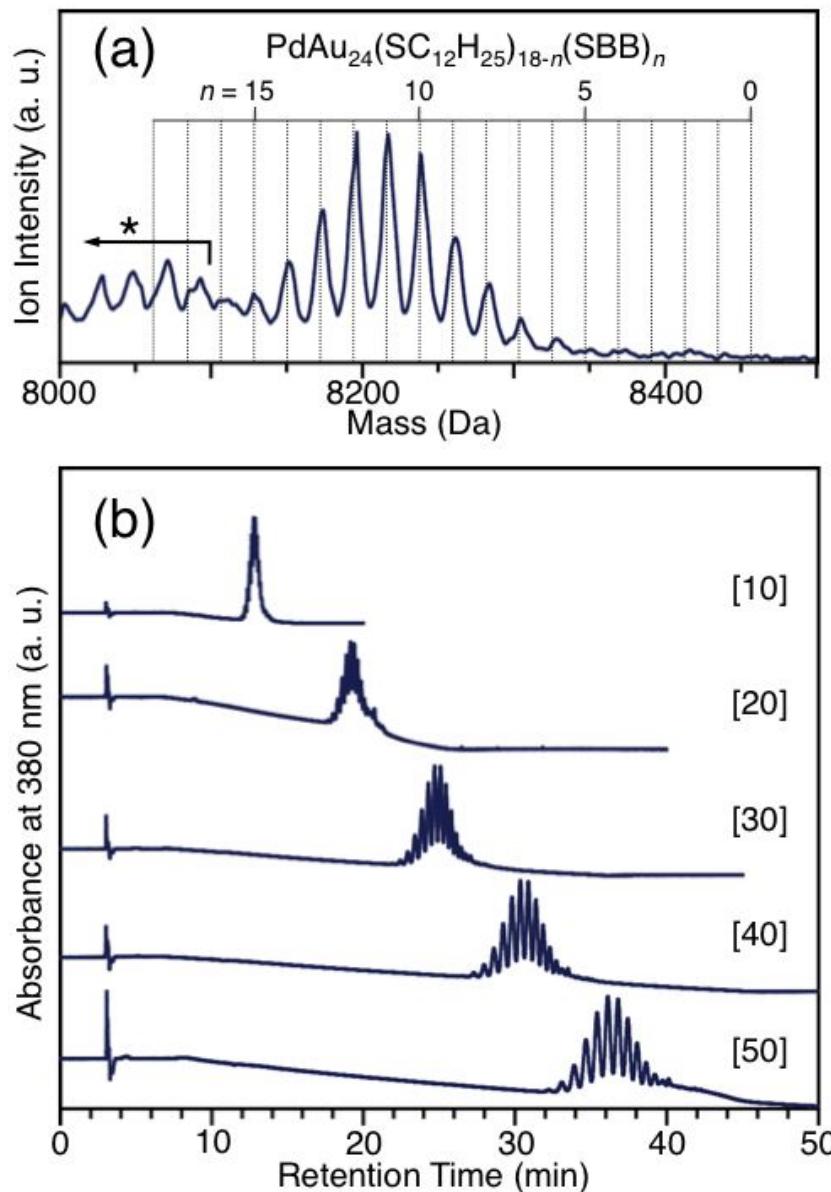




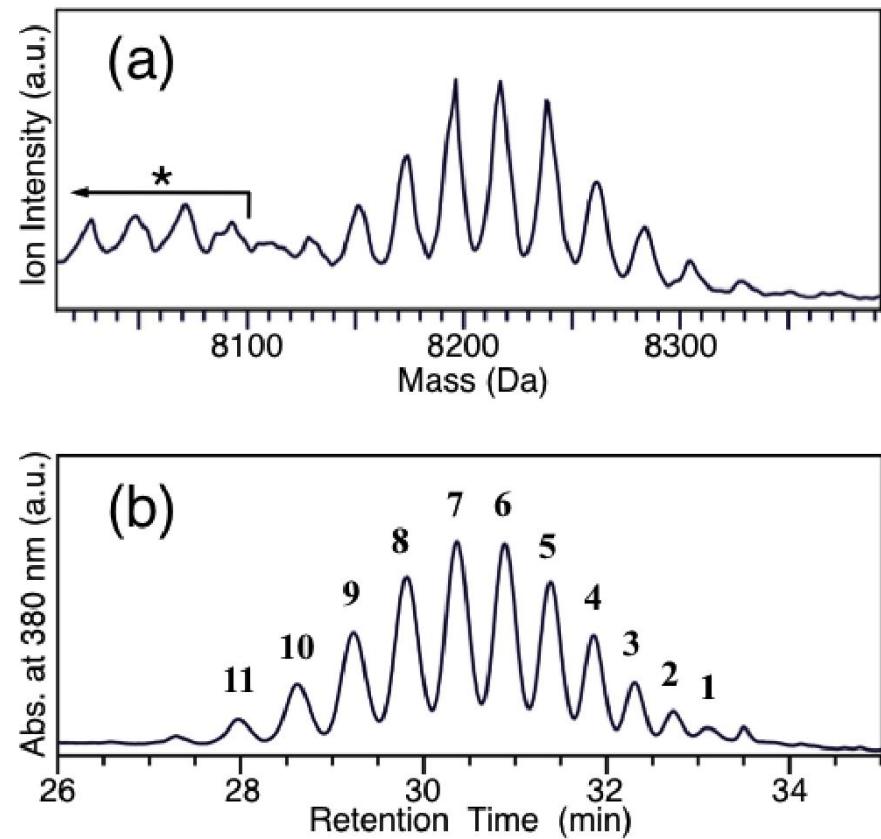
# Substitution chemistry of clusters



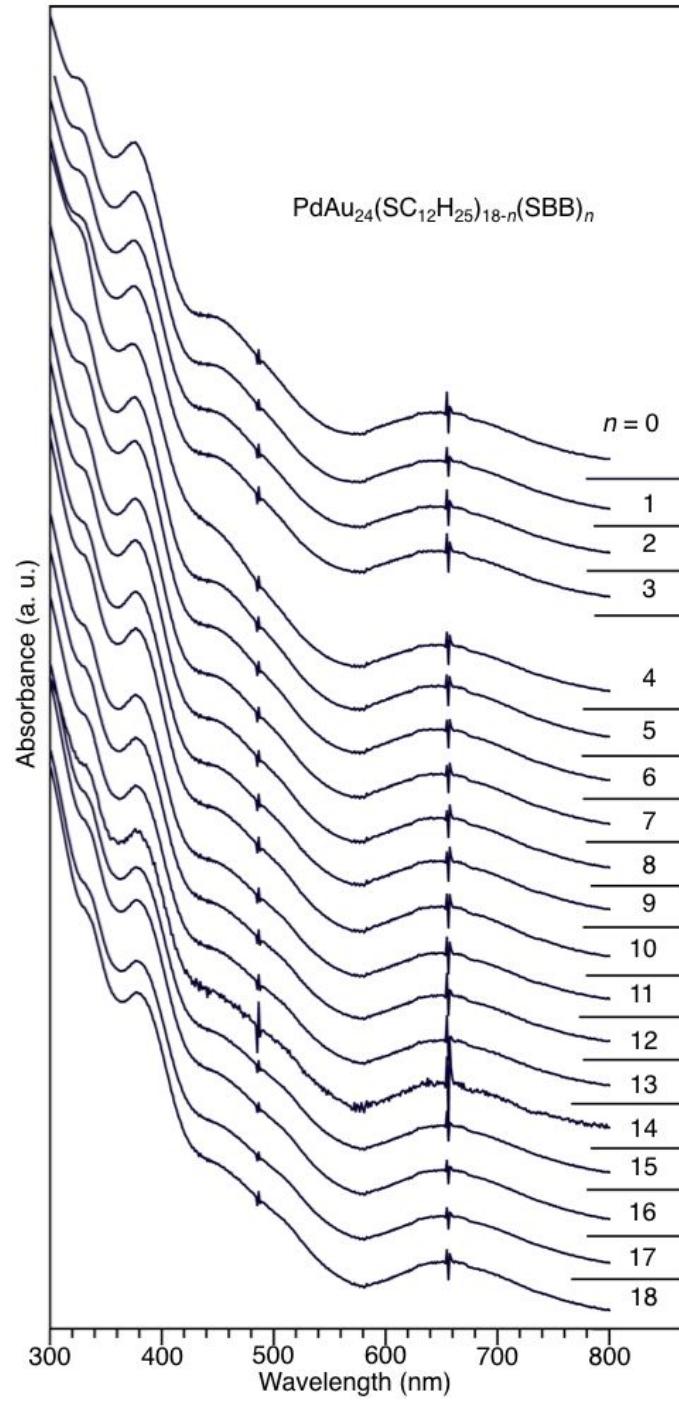
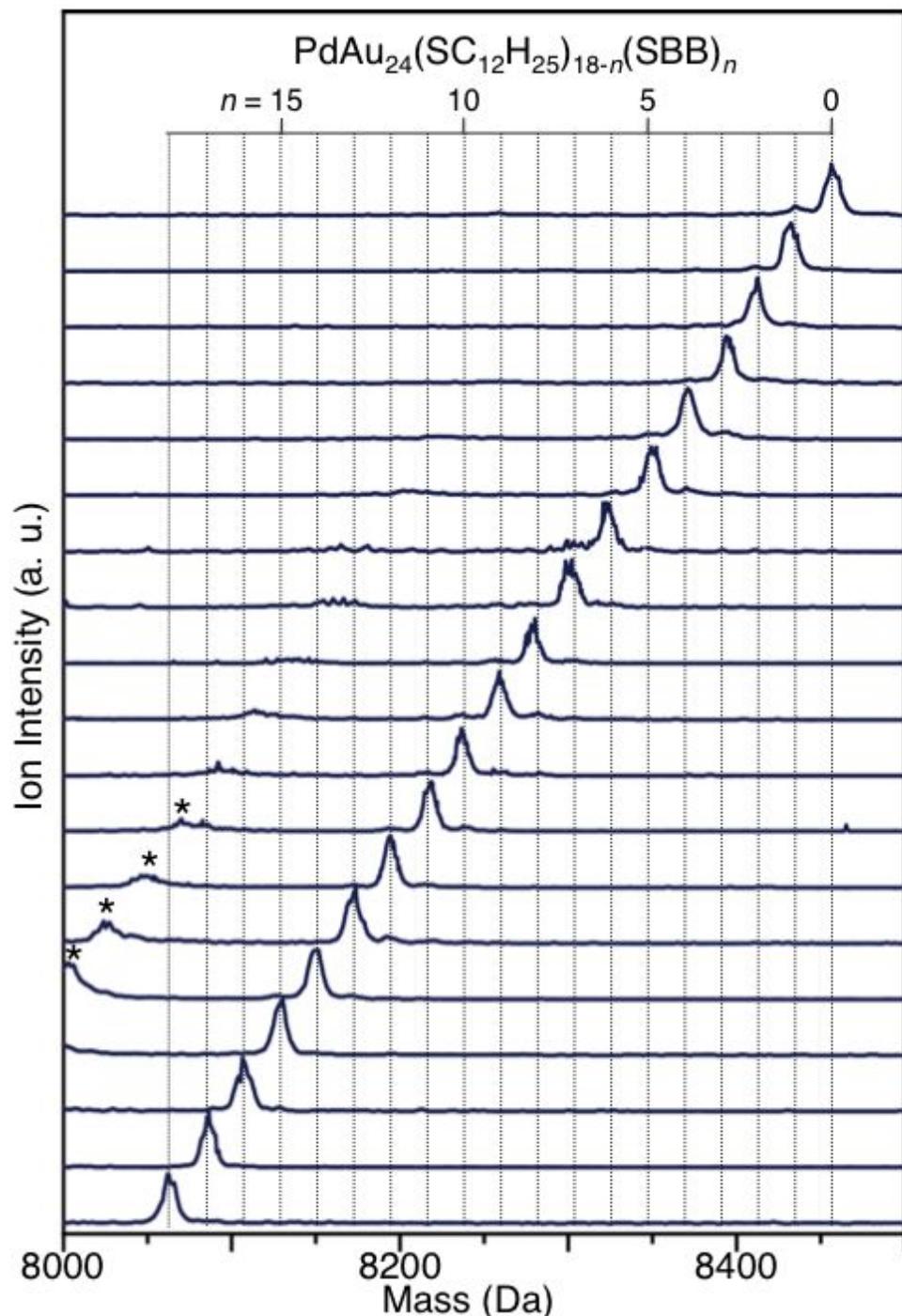
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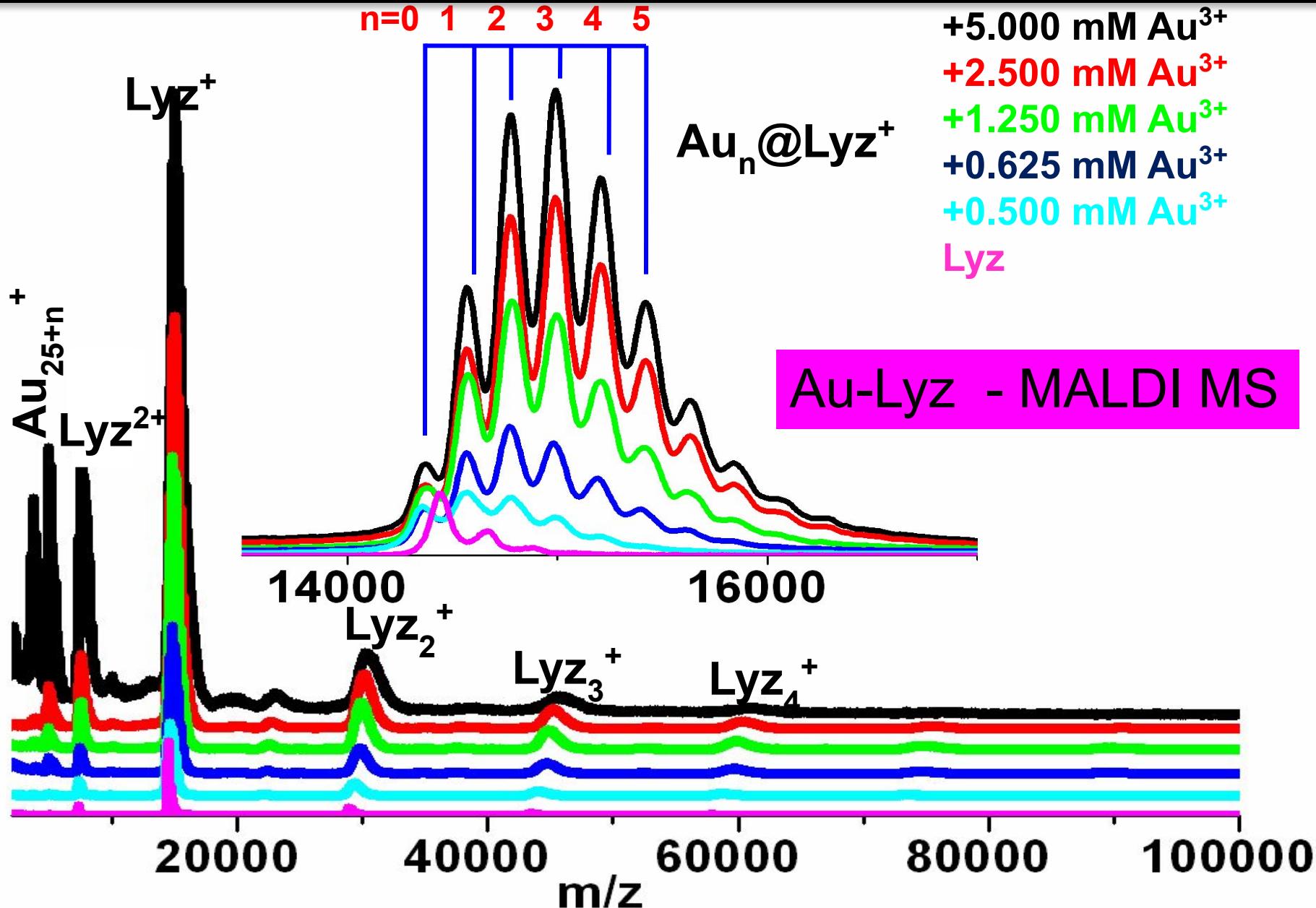
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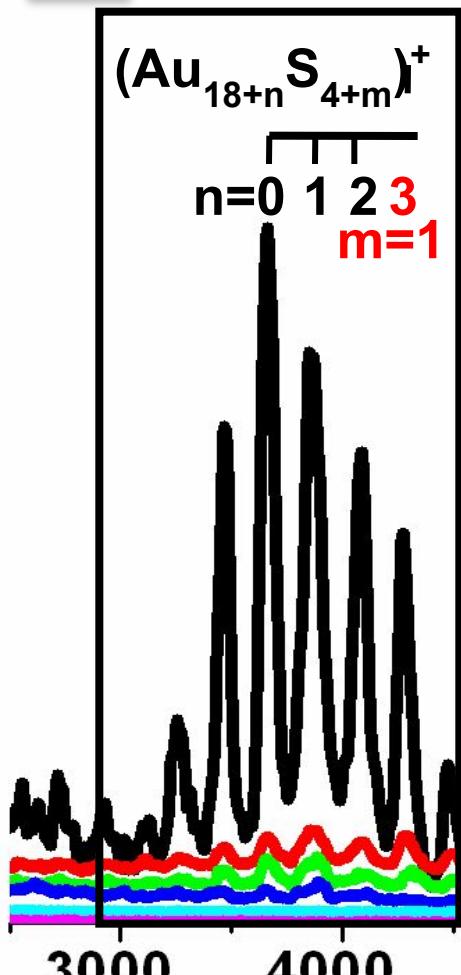
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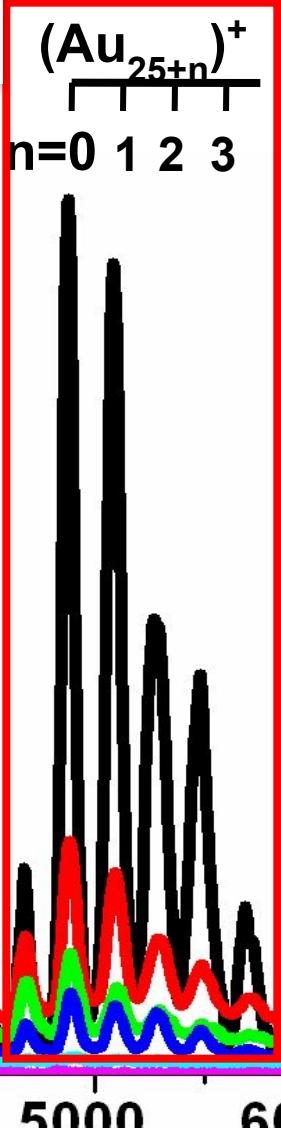
## Unprotected clusters from protein templates



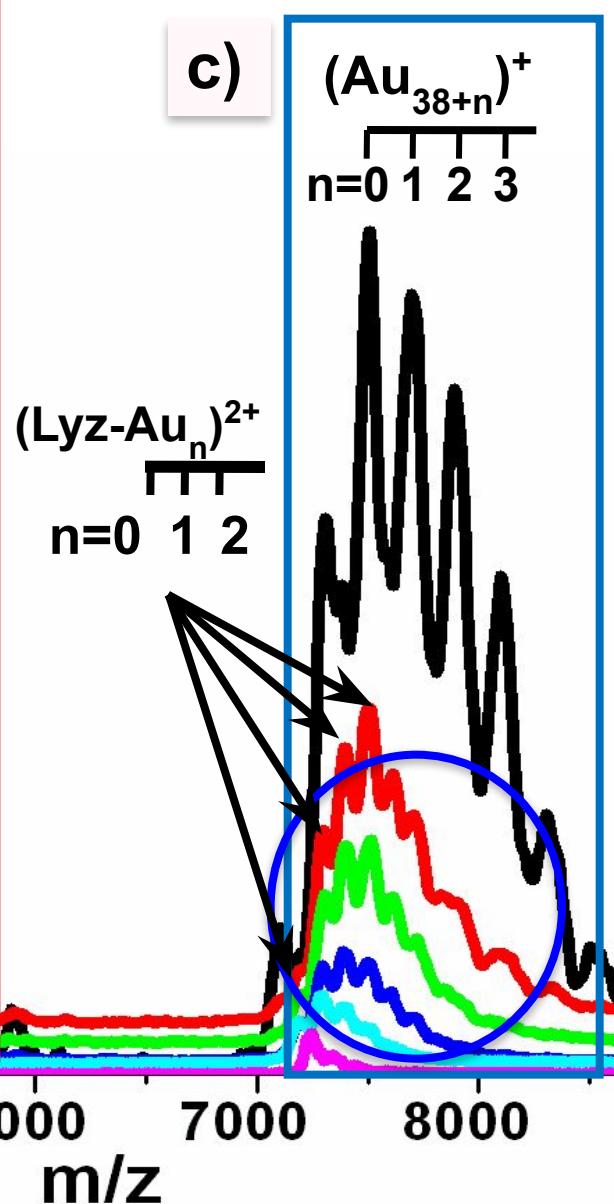
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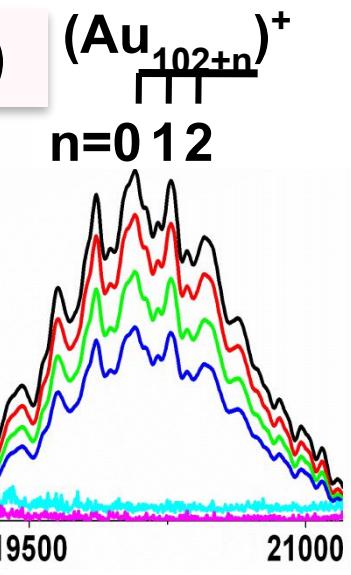


c)



+5.000 mM Au<sup>3+</sup>  
+2.500 mM Au<sup>3+</sup>  
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+0.500 mM Au<sup>3+</sup>  
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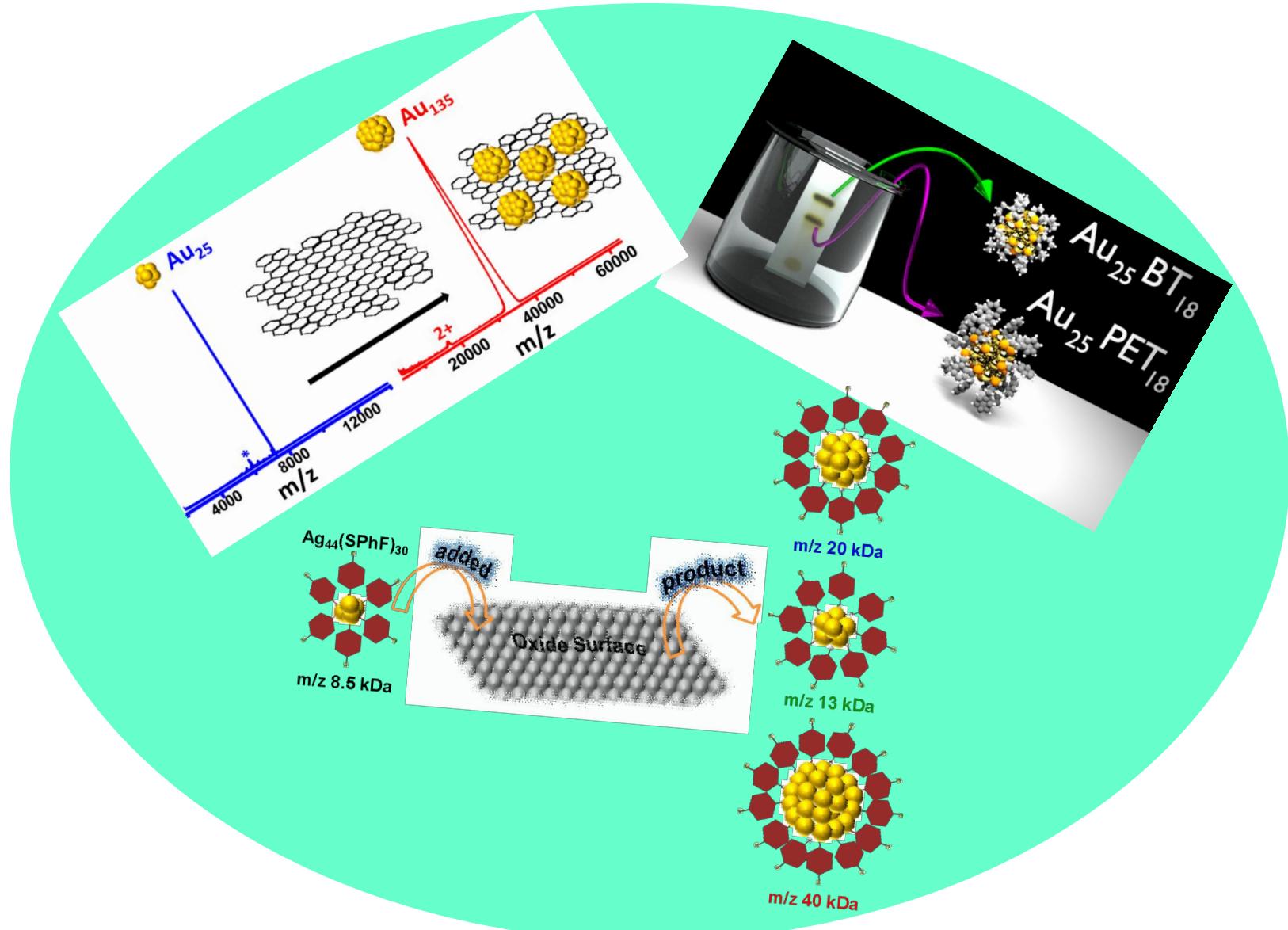
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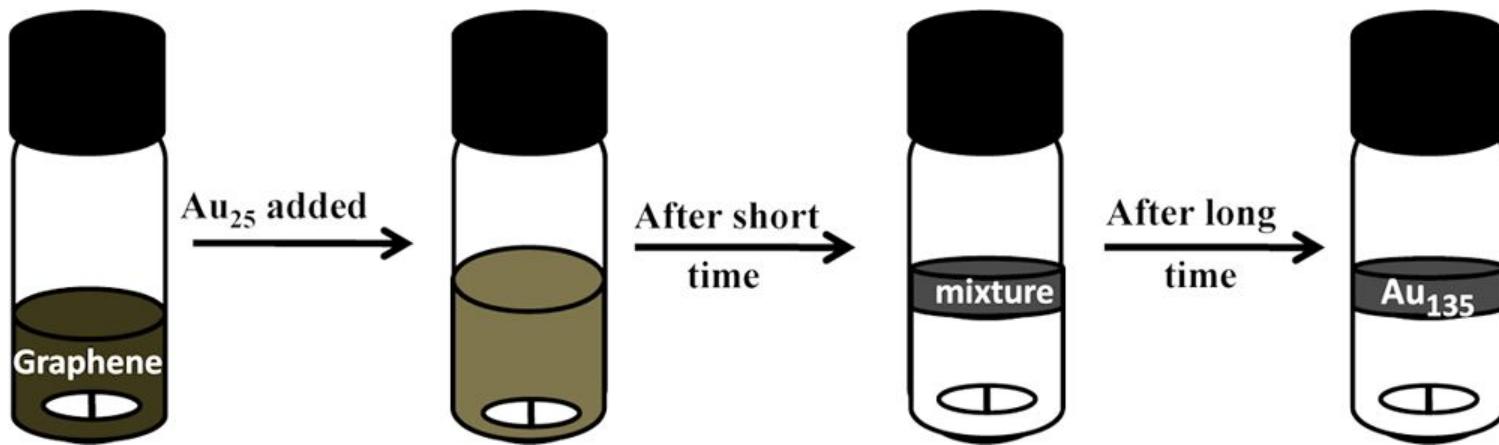
## Part II

# Some Pointers

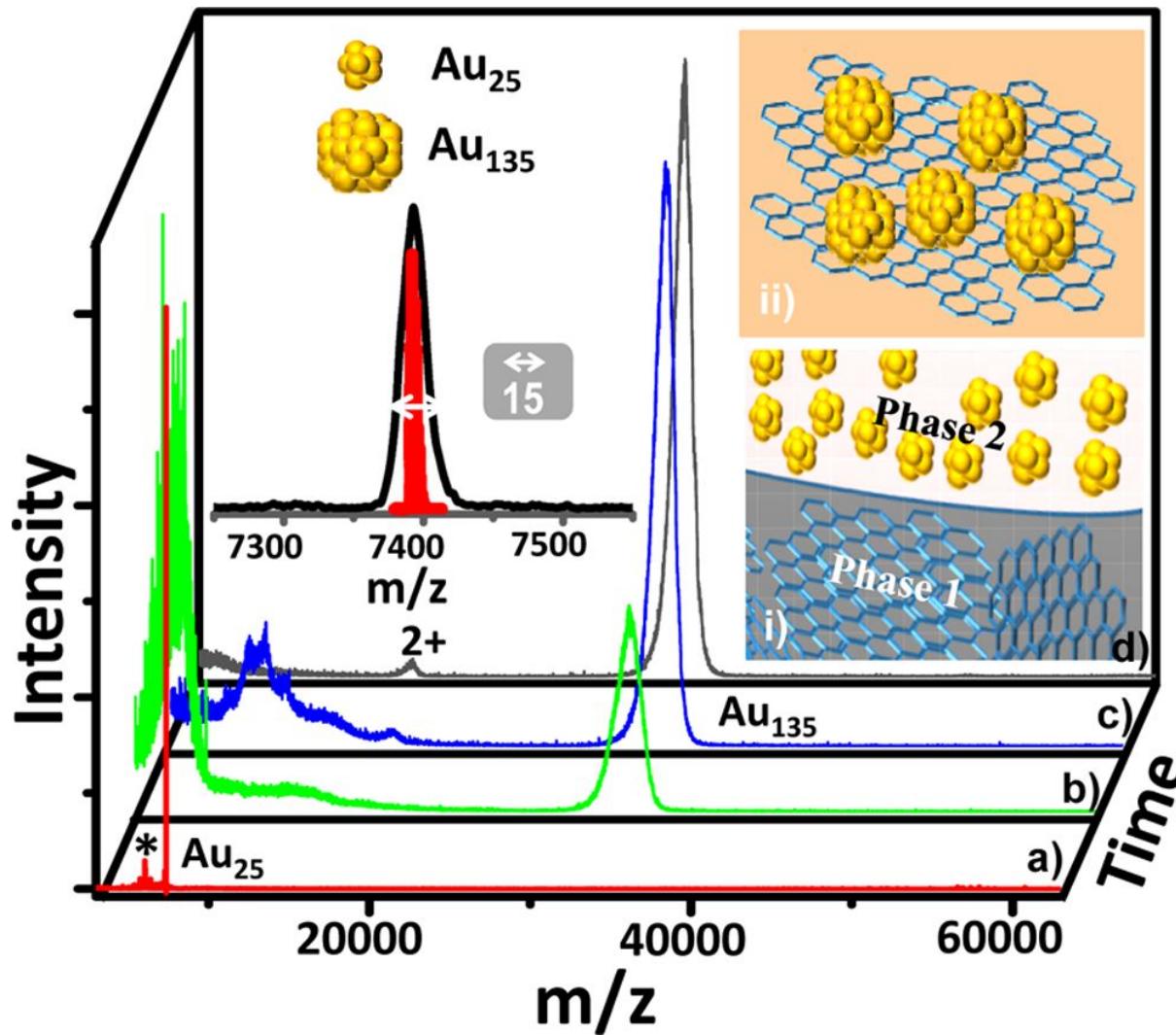
# Noble Metal Clusters Over Oxides: Aggregation, Separation and Reaction



# **Coalescence of Atomically Precise Clusters on Graphenic Surfaces**

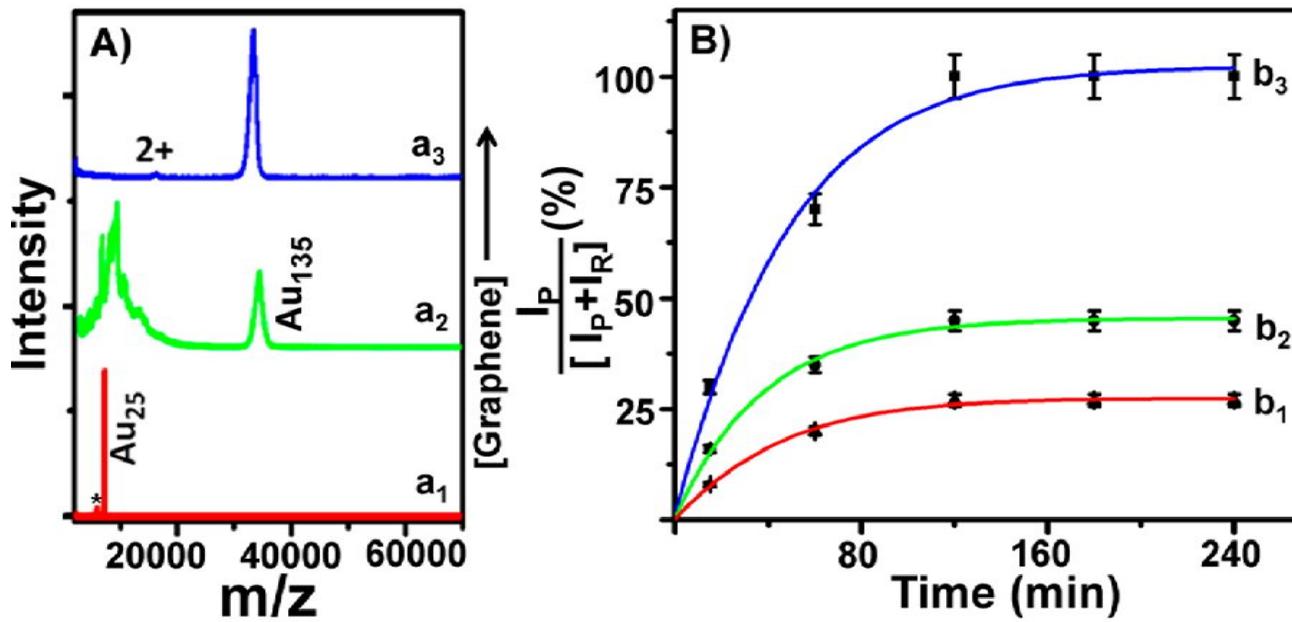


Schematic of the reaction

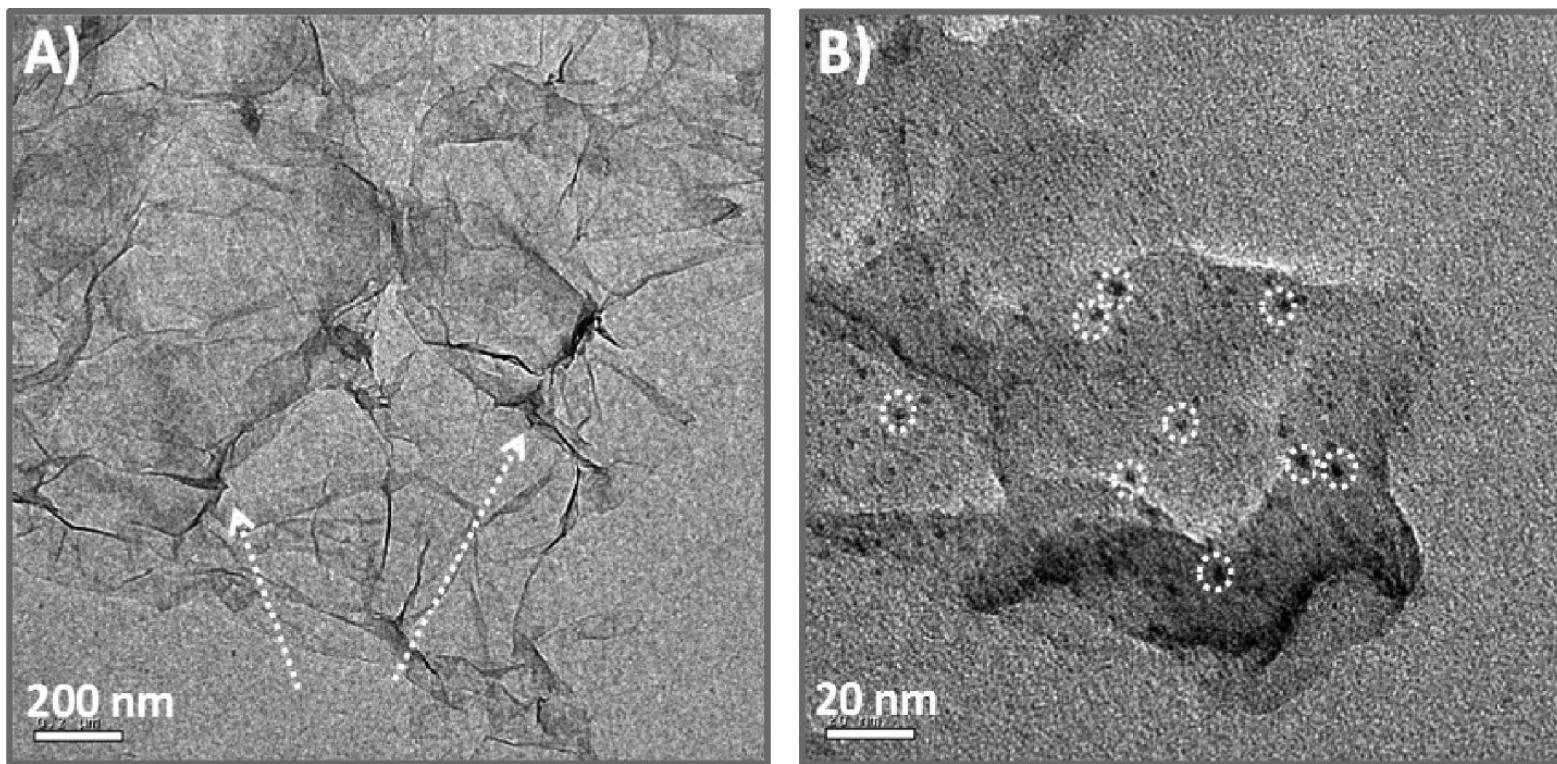


Time dependent MALDI MS study of the conversion of  $\text{Au}_{25}$ .

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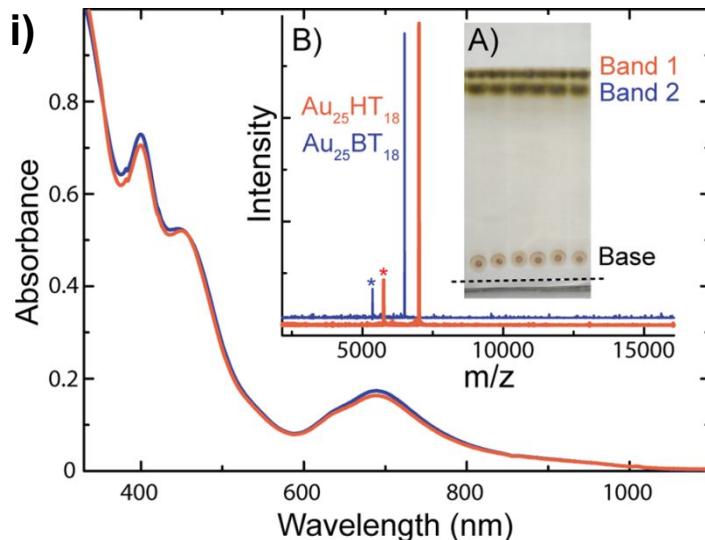
MALDI MS spectra with increasing graphene concentration for a constant  $\text{Au}_{25}$  concentration. (a<sub>2</sub>) Data at lower concentration (0.005 wt %) of graphene where complete conversion of  $\text{Au}_{25}$  to  $\text{Au}_{135}$  has not taken place. It shows some peaks at lower mass. (a<sub>3</sub>) At higher concentration (0.01 wt %) of graphene, complete conversion to  $\text{Au}_{135}$  has happened. Both the spectra were collected after 180 min of mixing the reactants. (B) Time dependent conversion of  $\text{Au}_{25}$  for a fixed graphene concentration at different  $\text{Au}_{25}$  concentrations. IP and IR represent the intensity of  $\text{Au}_{135}$  and  $\text{Au}_{25}$  in the MALDI MS spectra. Traces b<sub>1</sub>, b<sub>2</sub>, and b<sub>3</sub> represent final concentrations of  $\text{Au}_{25}$  in solutions (3.17, 1.68, and 0.87  $\mu\text{M}$ , respectively).



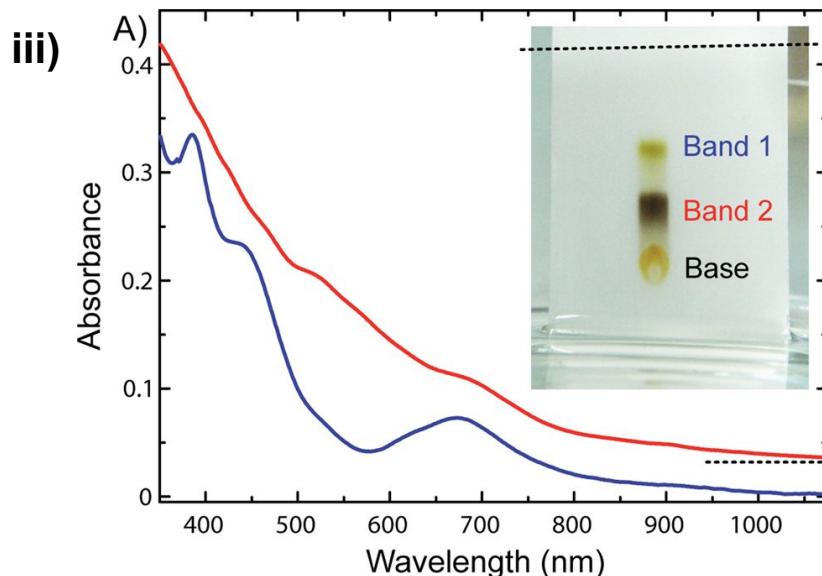
(A) TEM image of chemically synthesized graphene alone. The nanometer thin folding (marked) indicates that the sheets imaged contain two-three layers of chemically synthesized graphene. (B) Image of graphene surface containing clusters ( $\text{Au}_{135}$ ). Some clusters are marked with circles. Outside the graphene surface, there was no cluster. It proves that the conversion happened only on graphene surfaces. Number of folding has decreased significantly in panel B.

# Clusters on surfaces

# Simple and Efficient Separation of Atomically Precise Noble Metal Clusters

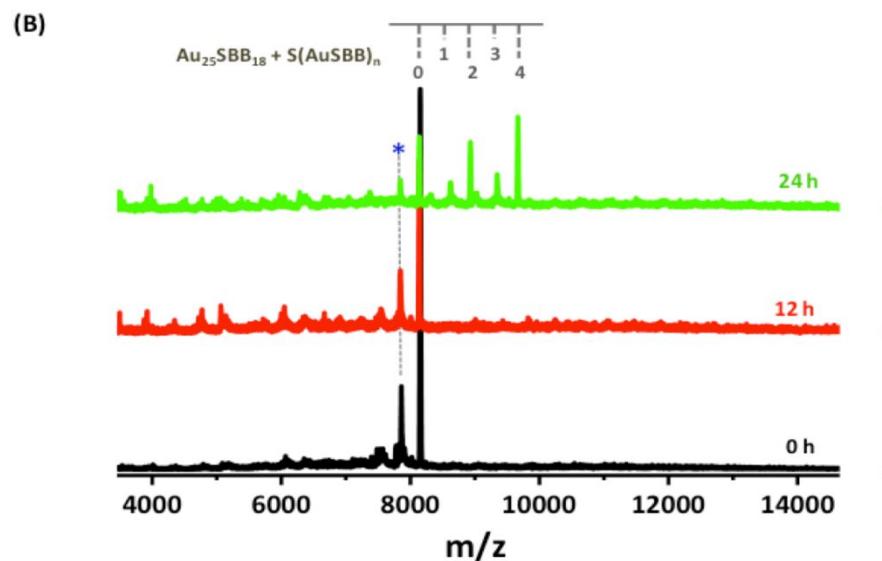
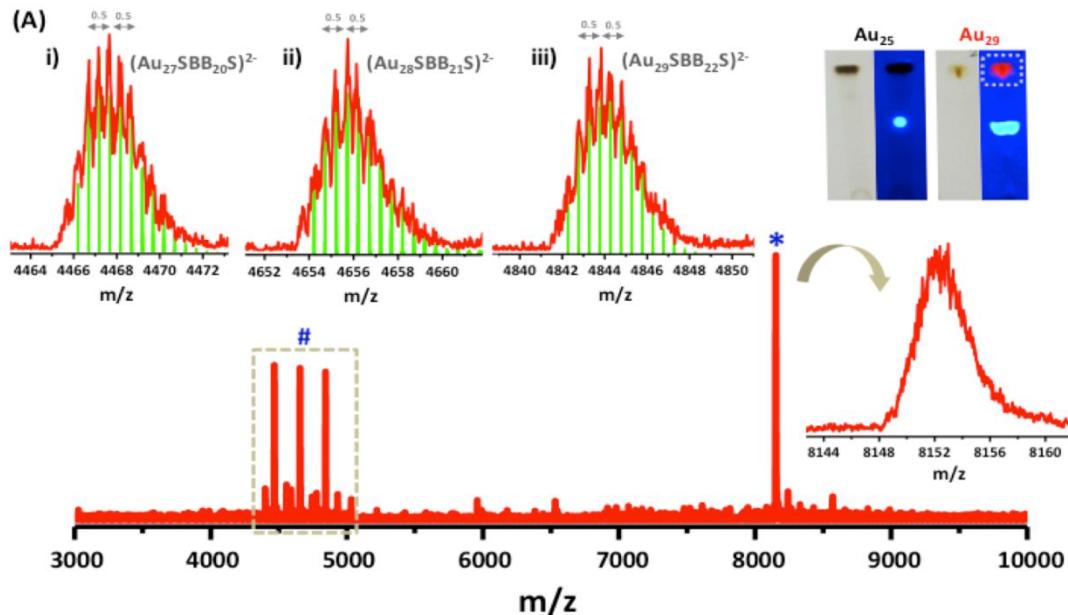


Separation of HT and BT protected  $\text{Au}_{25}$



Separation of  $\text{Au}_{25}\text{PET}_{18}$  and  $\text{Au}_{144}\text{PET}_{60}$

With Robin Ras

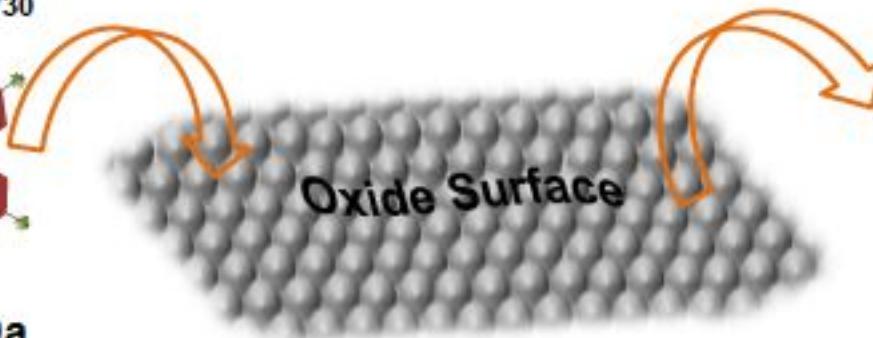


## Transformation of $\text{Ag}_{44}\text{FTP}_{30}^{4-}$

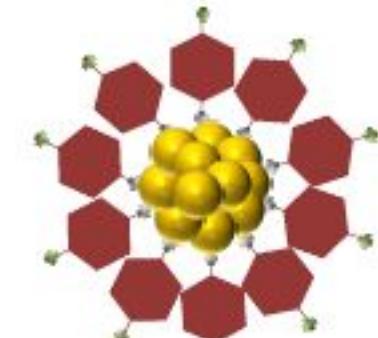
$\text{Ag}_{44}(\text{SPhF})_{30}$



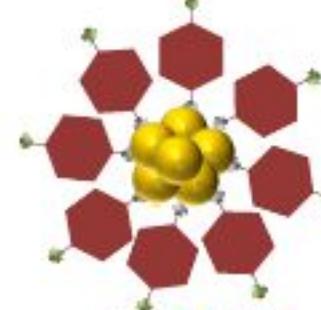
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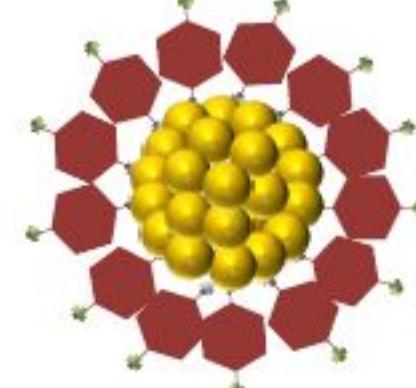
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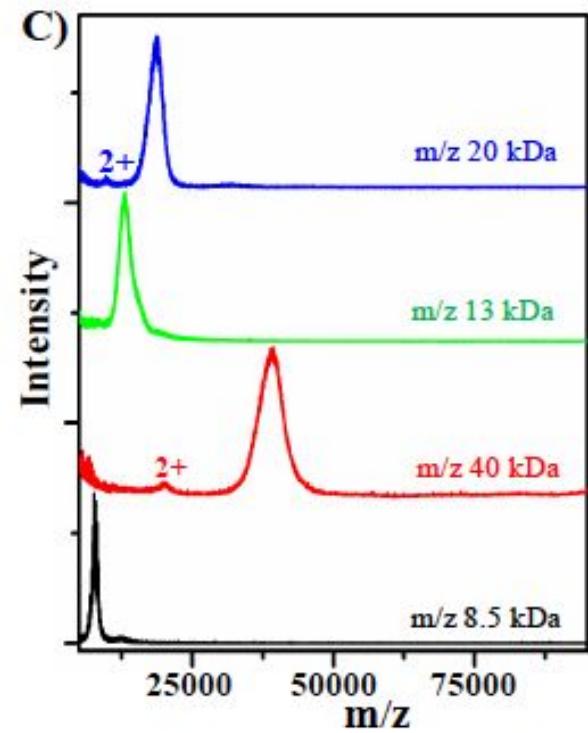
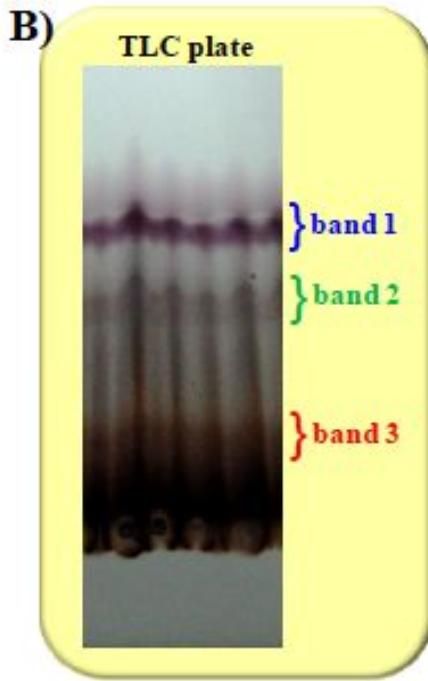
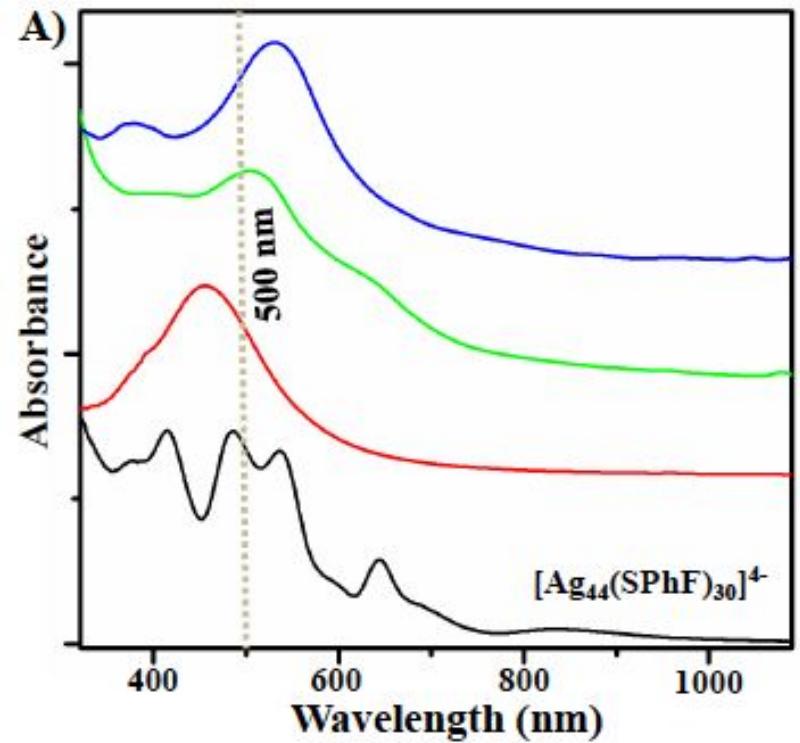


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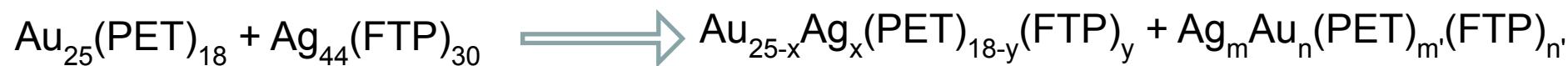


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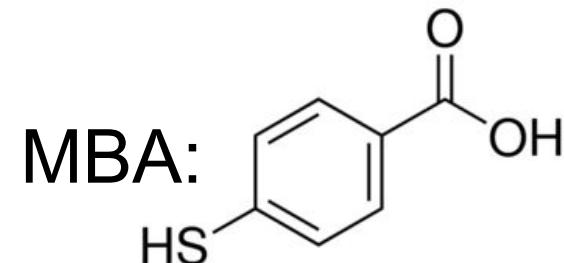
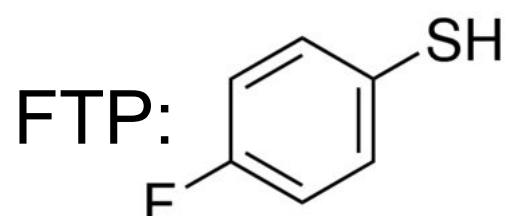
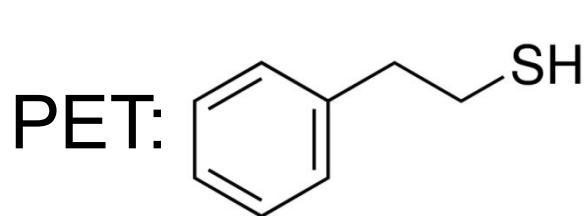
# Inter cluster exchange reaction between $\text{Au}_{25}(\text{SR})_{18}$ with $\text{Ag}_{44}(\text{SR})_{30}$

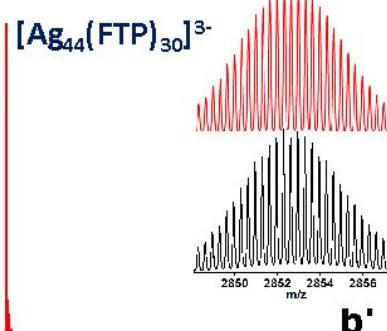
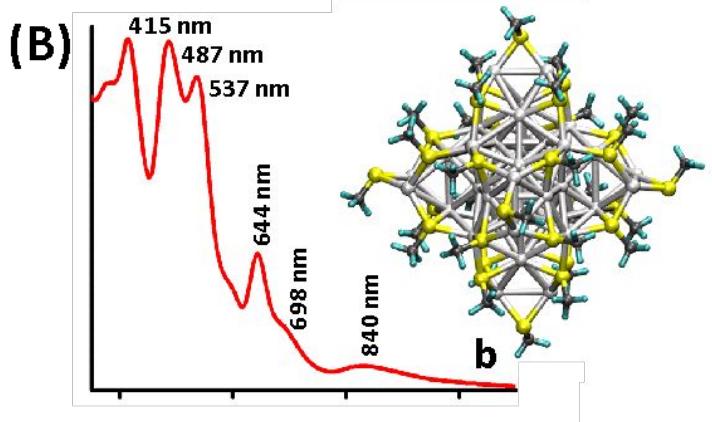
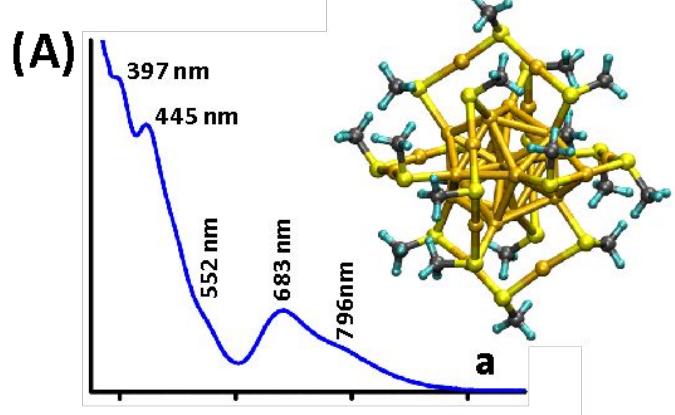


Clusters tried:

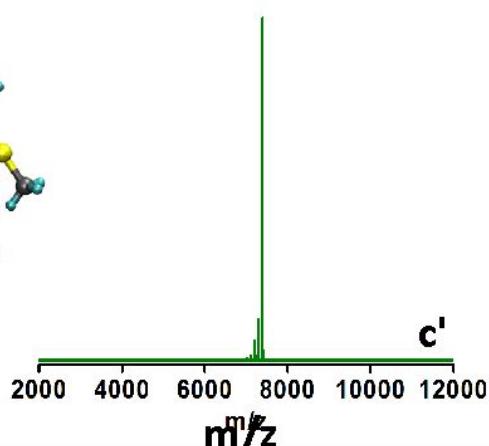
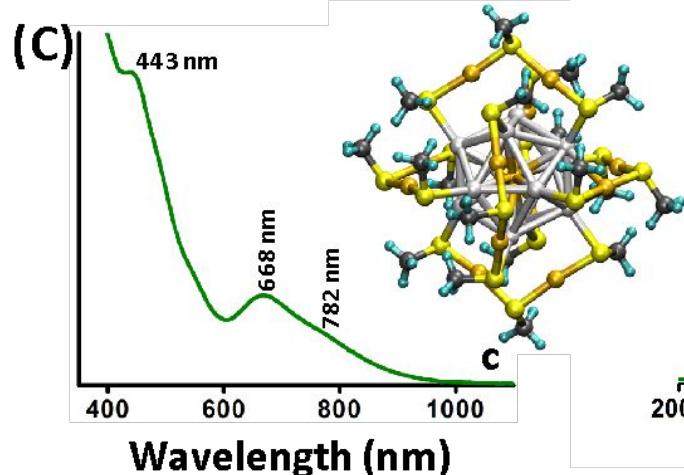
- $\text{Au}_{25}(\text{PET})_{18}$
- $\text{Au}_{25}(\text{FTP})_{18}$
- $\text{Au}_{25}(\text{nBuS})_{18}$

- $\text{Ag}_{44}(\text{FTP})_{30}$
- $\text{Ag}_{152}(\text{PET})_{60}$

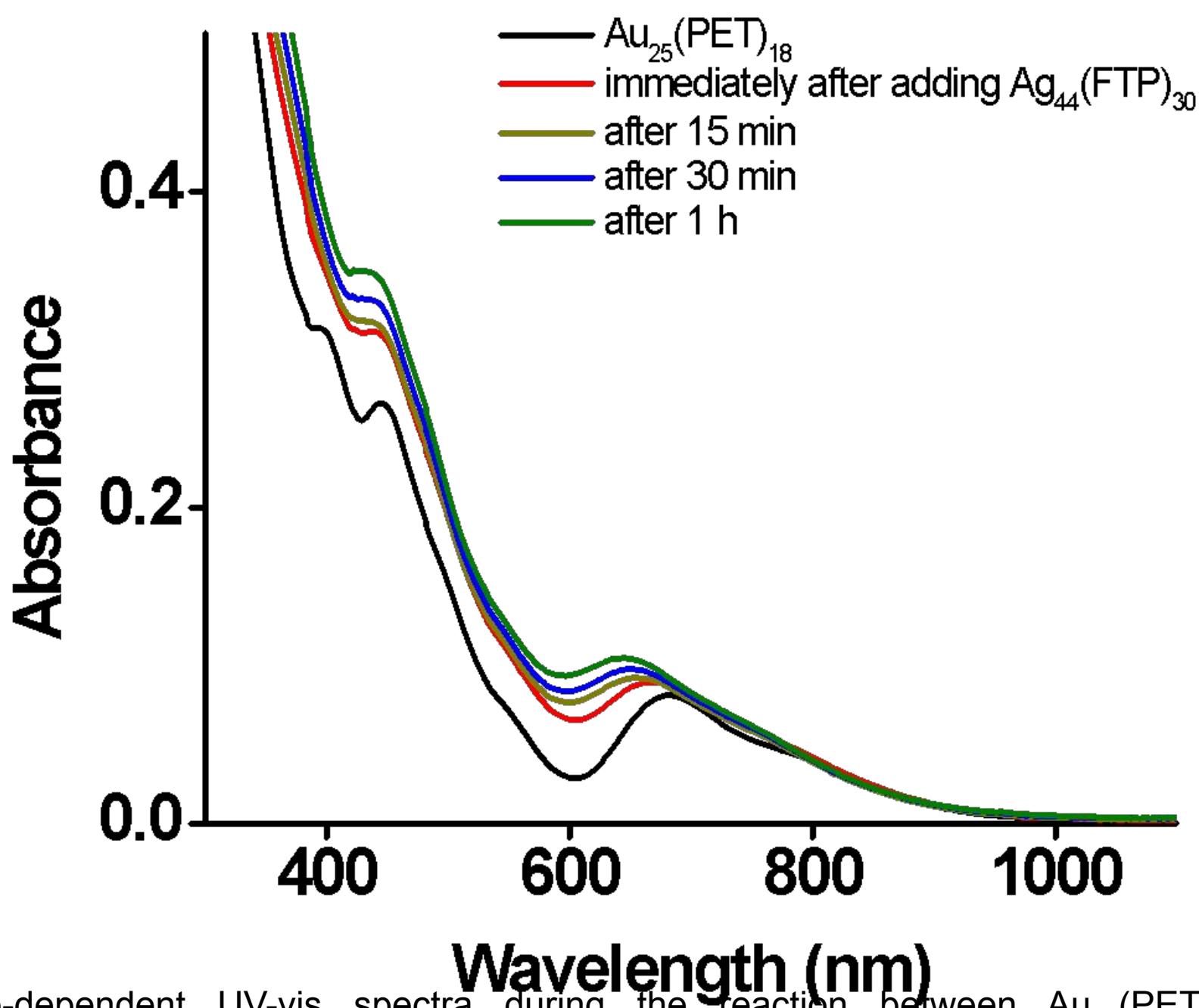




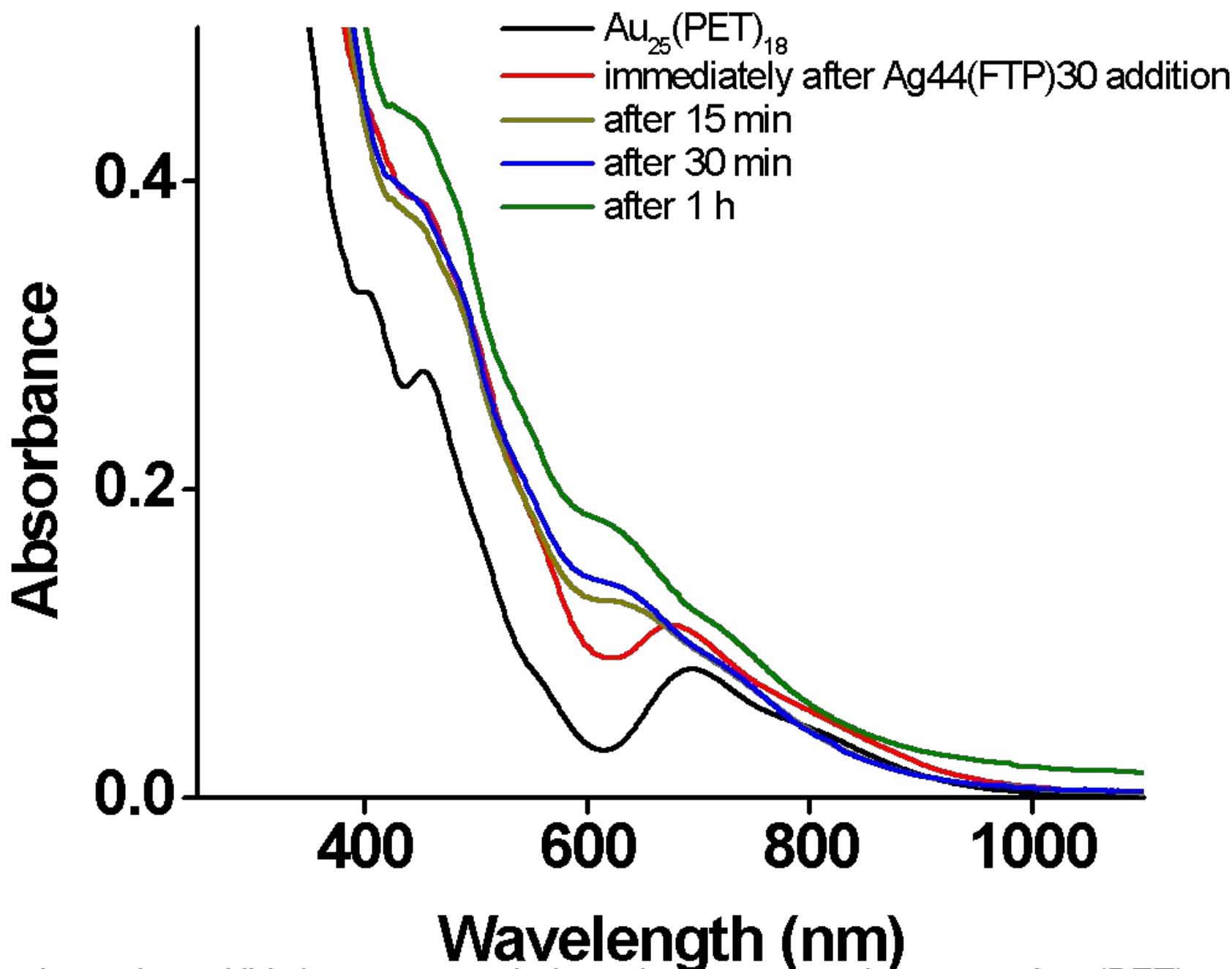
A + B □ C + D



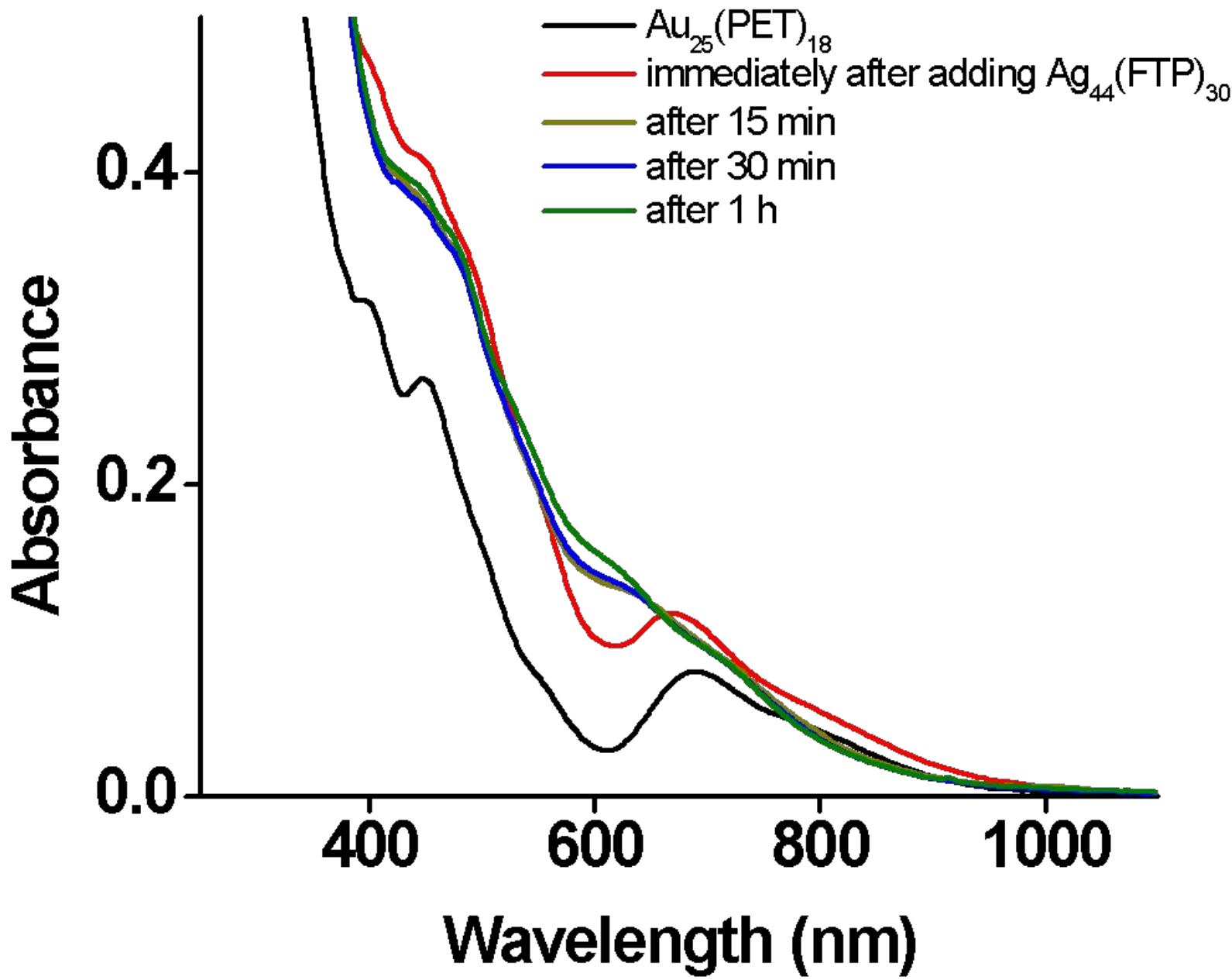
$\text{Au}_{25}(\text{PET})_{18} + \text{Ag}_{44}(\text{FTP})_{30}$



Time-dependent UV-vis spectra during the reaction between  $\text{Au}_{25}(\text{PET})_{18}$  and  $\text{Ag}_{44}(\text{FTP})_{30}$  clusters at a ratio ( $\text{Au}_{25}:\text{Ag}_{44}$ ) of 14:1.



Time-dependent UV-vis spectra during the reaction between  $\text{Au}_{25}(\text{PET})_{18}$  and  $\text{Ag}_{44}(\text{FTP})_{30}$  clusters at a ratio ( $\text{Au}_{25}:\text{Ag}_{44}$ ) of 7:1.

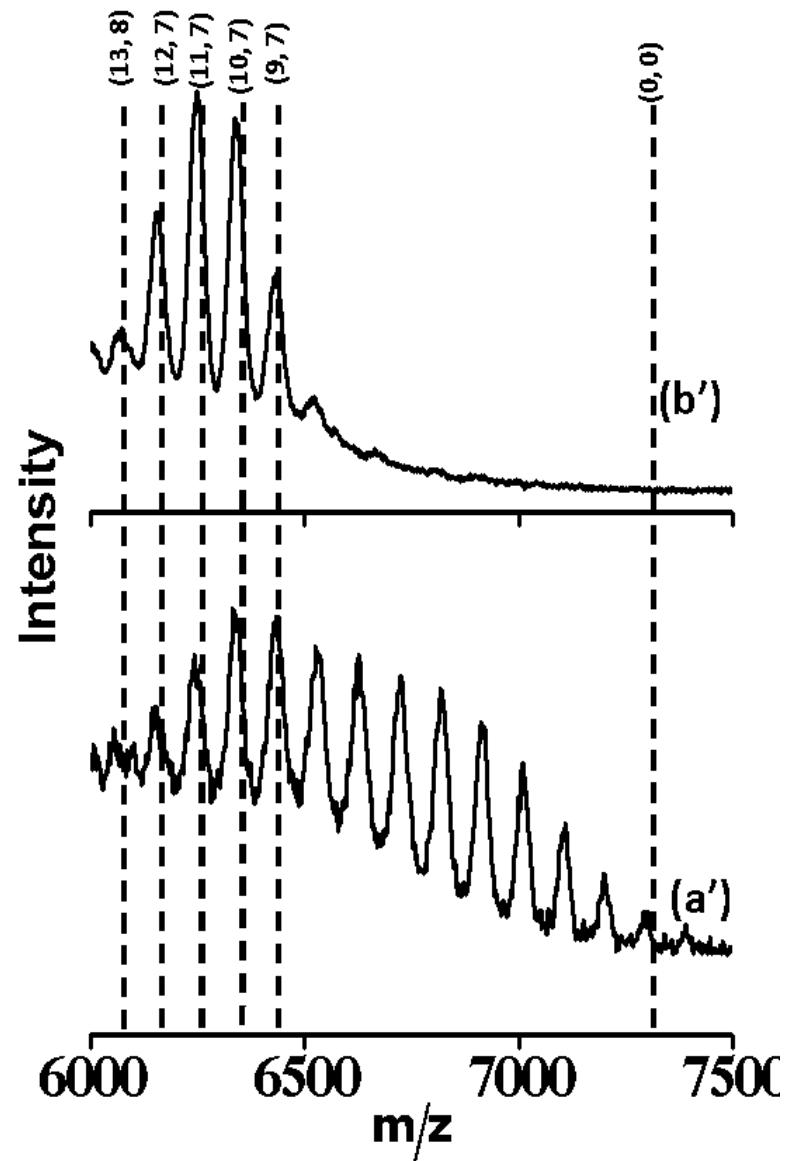
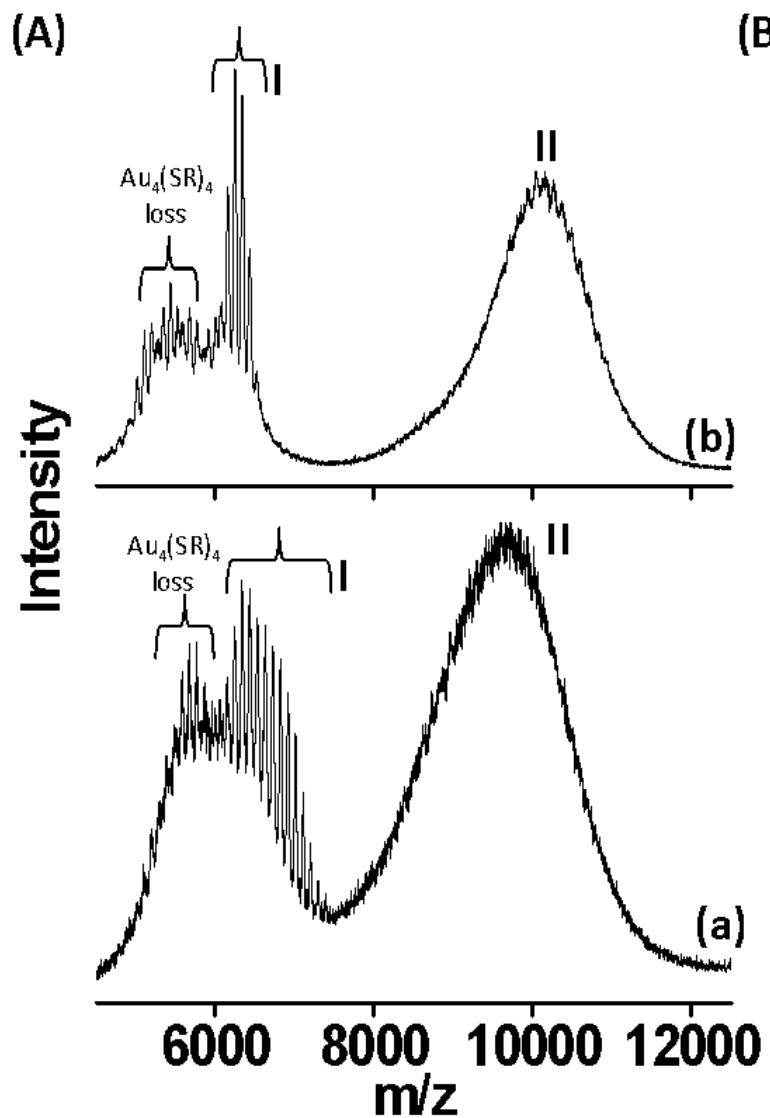


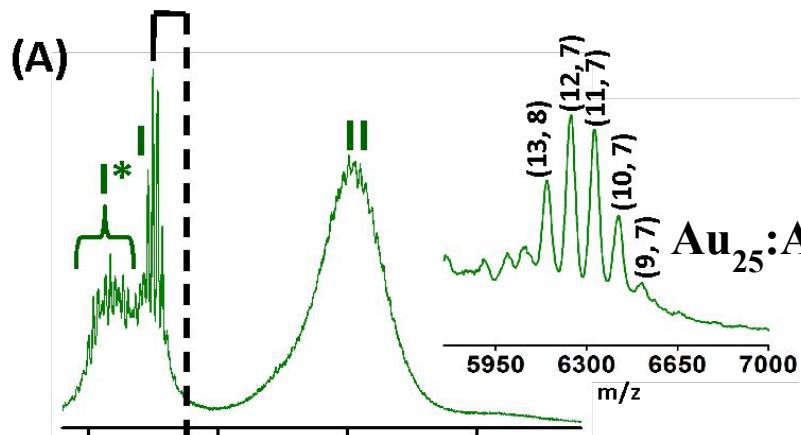
Time-dependent UV-vis spectra during the reaction between  $\text{Au}_{25}(\text{PET})_{18}$  and  $\text{Ag}_{44}(\text{FTP})_{30}$  clusters at a ratio ( $\text{Au}_{25}:\text{Ag}_{44}$ ) of 1.7:1.

Peak I:  $\text{Au}_{25-x}\text{Ag}_x(\text{PET})_{18-y}(\text{FTP})_y$

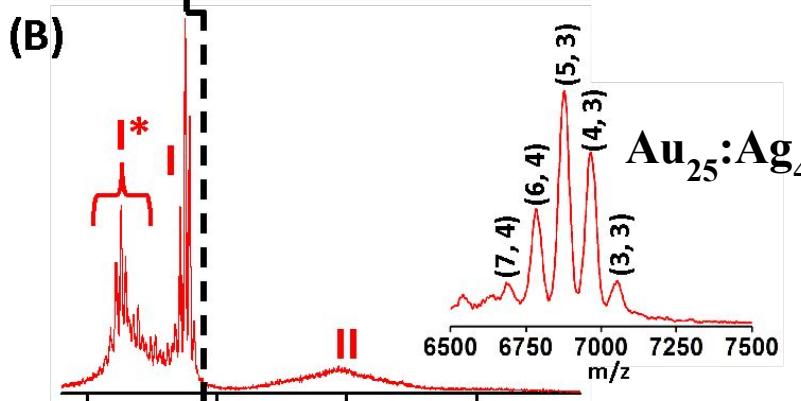
A: immediately after mixing  
B: 1h after mixing

Peak II:  $\text{Ag}_m\text{Au}_n(\text{PET})_{m'}(\text{FTP})_{n'} ??$

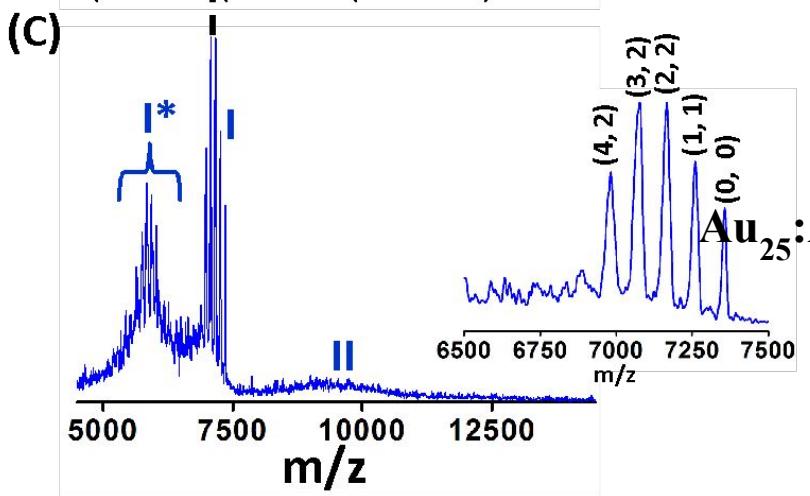




Peak I:  $\text{Au}_{25-x}\text{Ag}_x(\text{PET})_{18-y}(\text{FTP})_y$



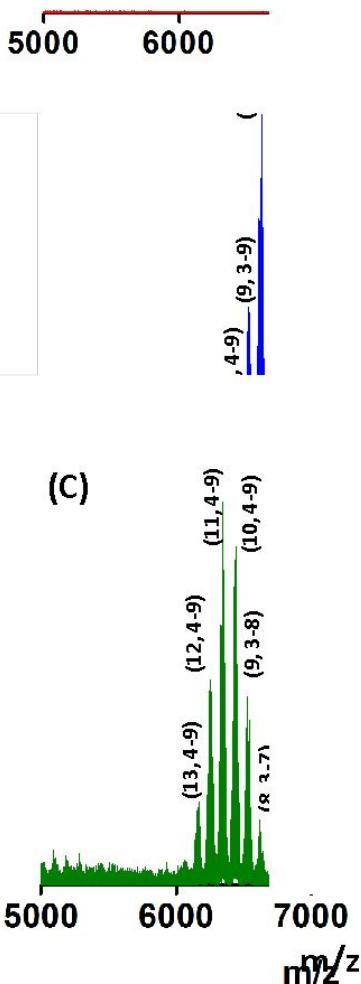
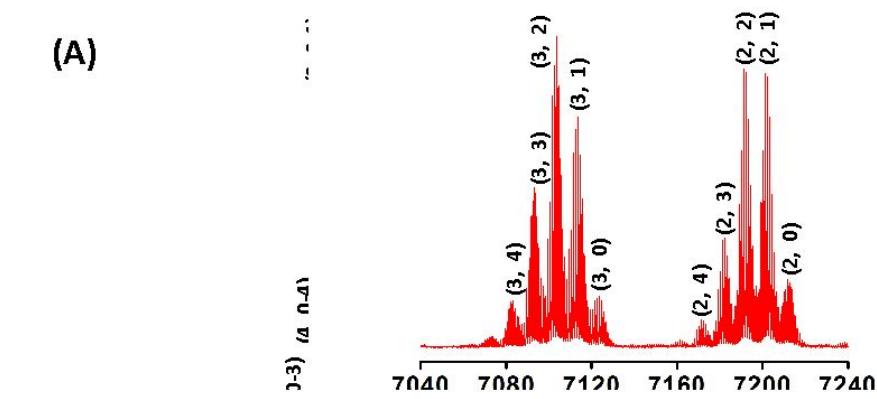
$\text{Au}_{25}:\text{Ag}_{44}$  7.0:1.0



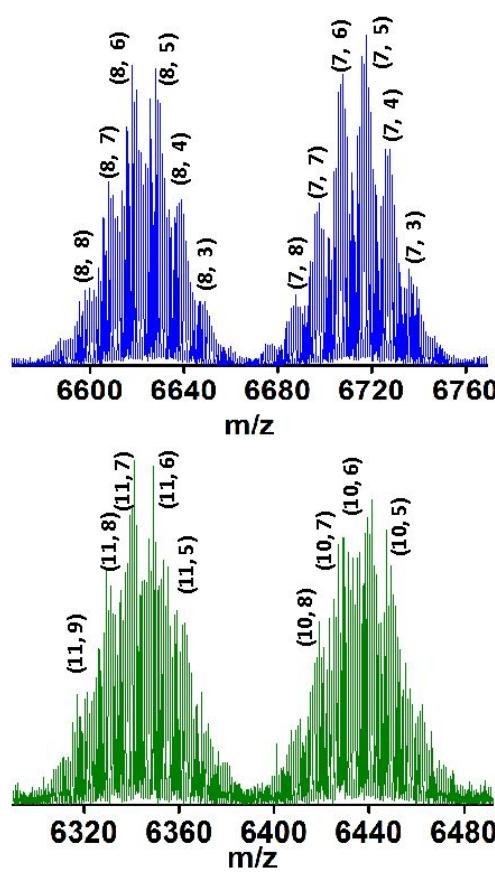
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Peak II:  $\text{Ag}_m\text{Au}_n(\text{PET})_m(\text{FTP})_n$  ??

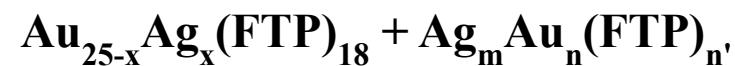
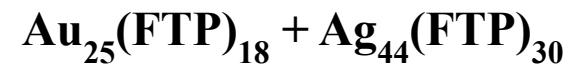
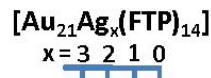
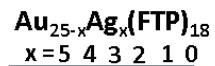
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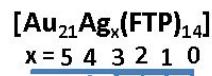
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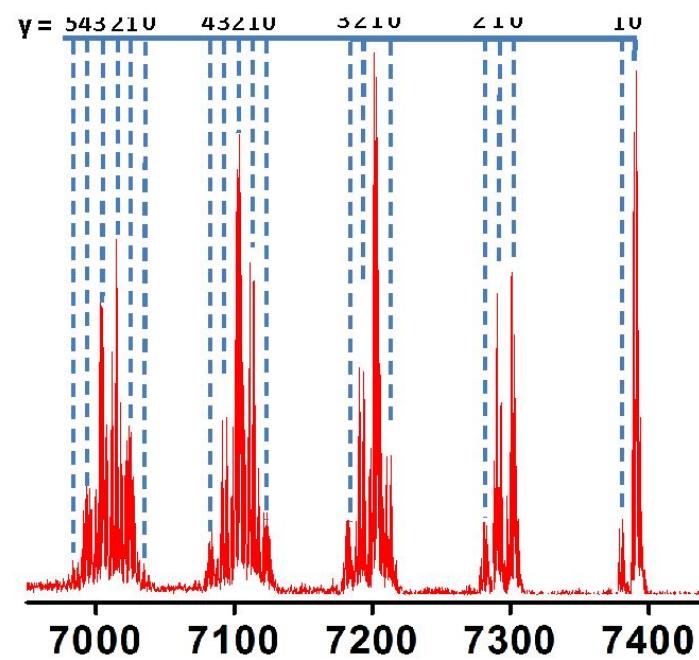
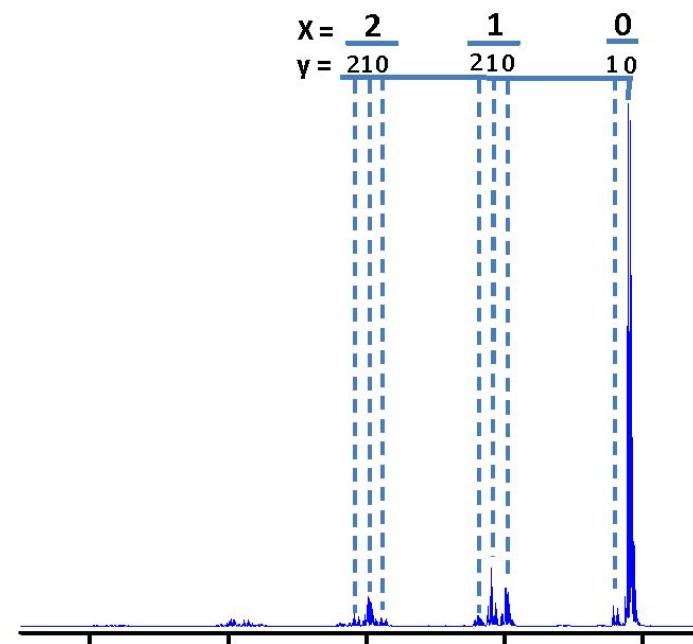
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(B)



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 $m/z$



# What does it mean?

Two kinds of chemistry

Substitution, exchange, conjugation, supramolecular, etc. chemistry

and

Cluster chemistry

Graphene reaction

No intermediates were prominent.

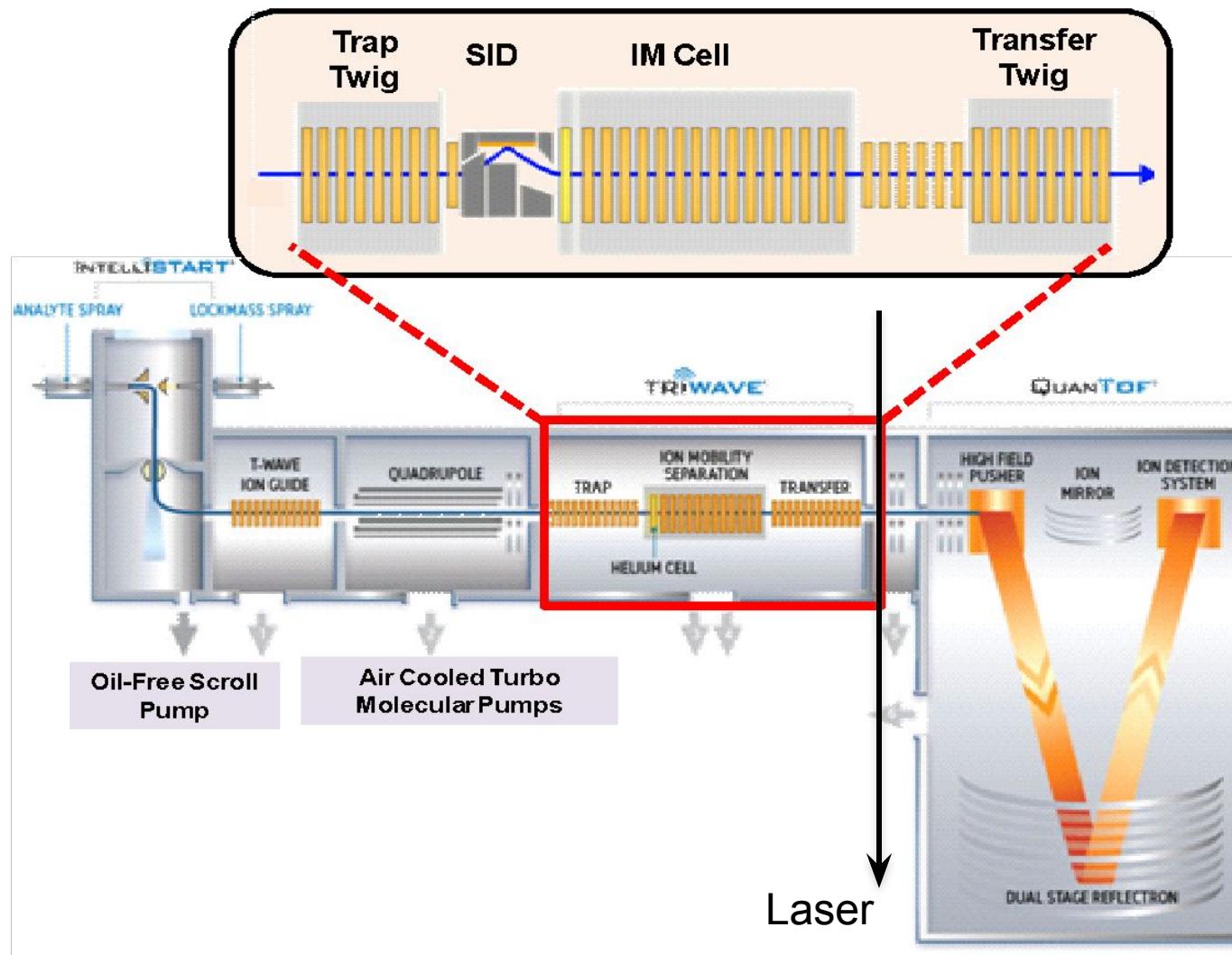
On oxide surfaces

13 kDa,  $\sim\text{Ag}_{80}$ ,  $n = 34$ ?

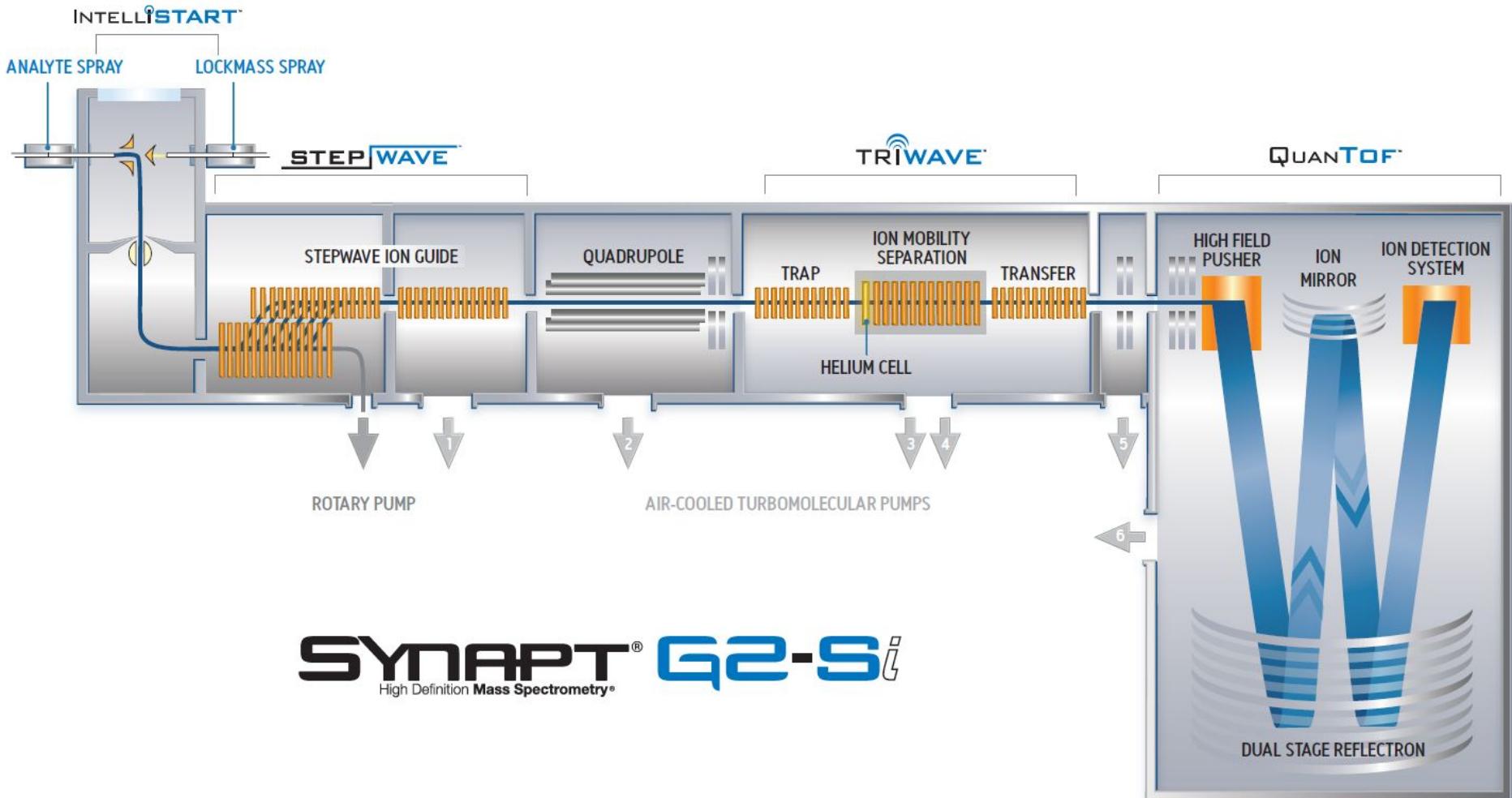
20 kDa,  $\sim\text{Ag}_{120}$ ,  $n = 58$ ?

Cluster coalescence

Unique inter-cluster reactions, simultaneous transformations



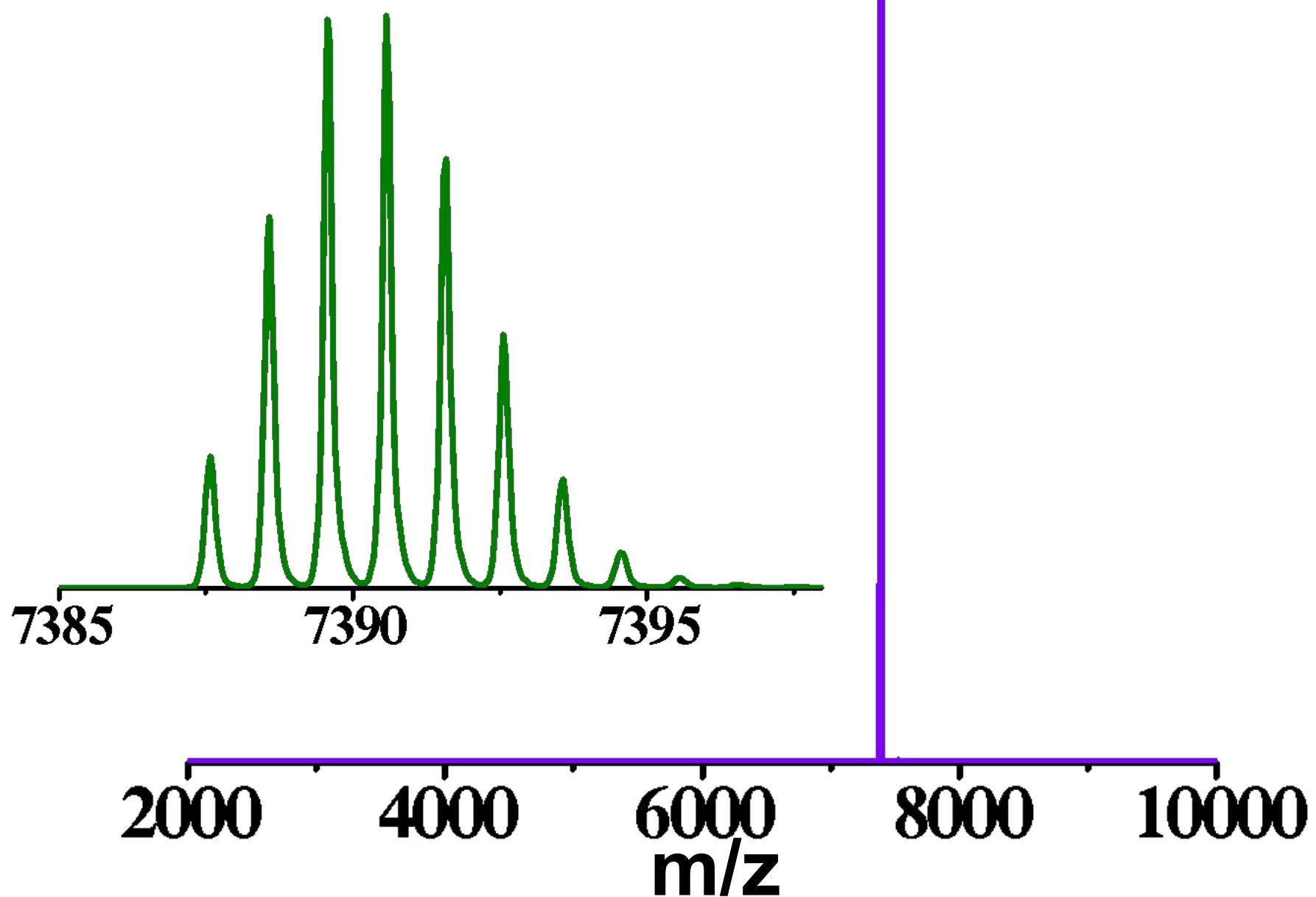
SID incorporation was introduced by Wysocki *et al.* *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2012**, *51* (18), 4336-4339.



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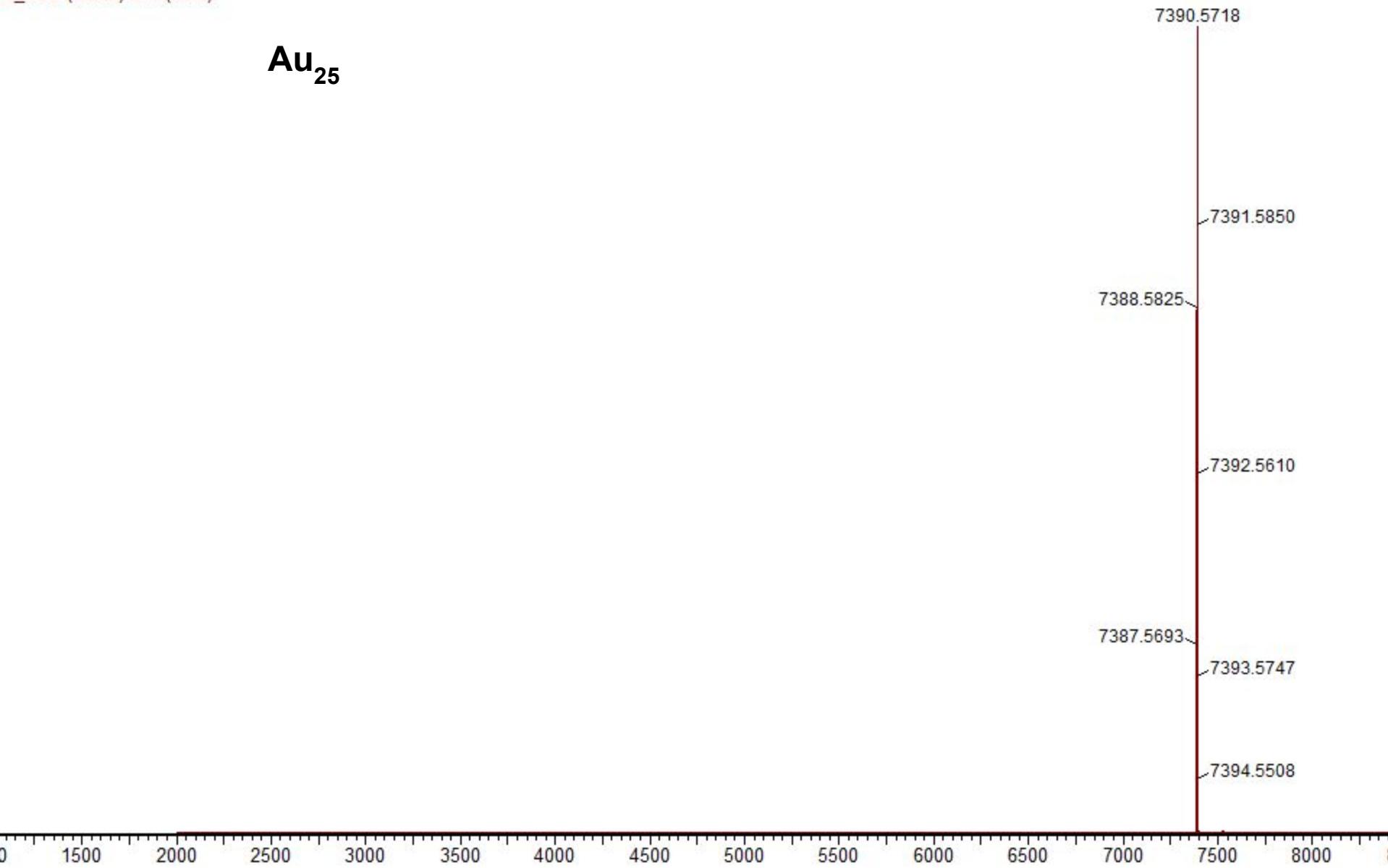
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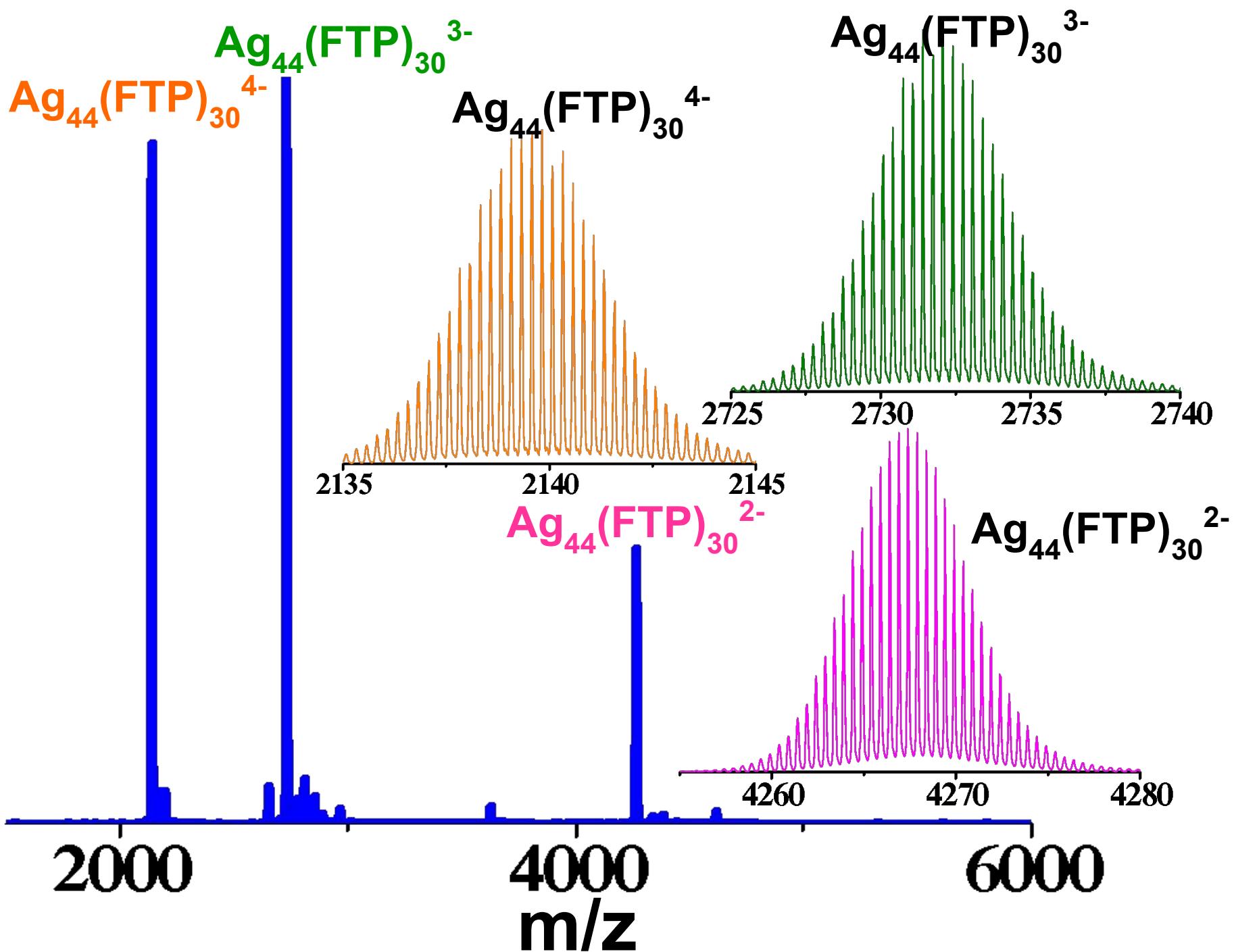
$\text{Au}_{25}(\text{PET})_{18}^-$



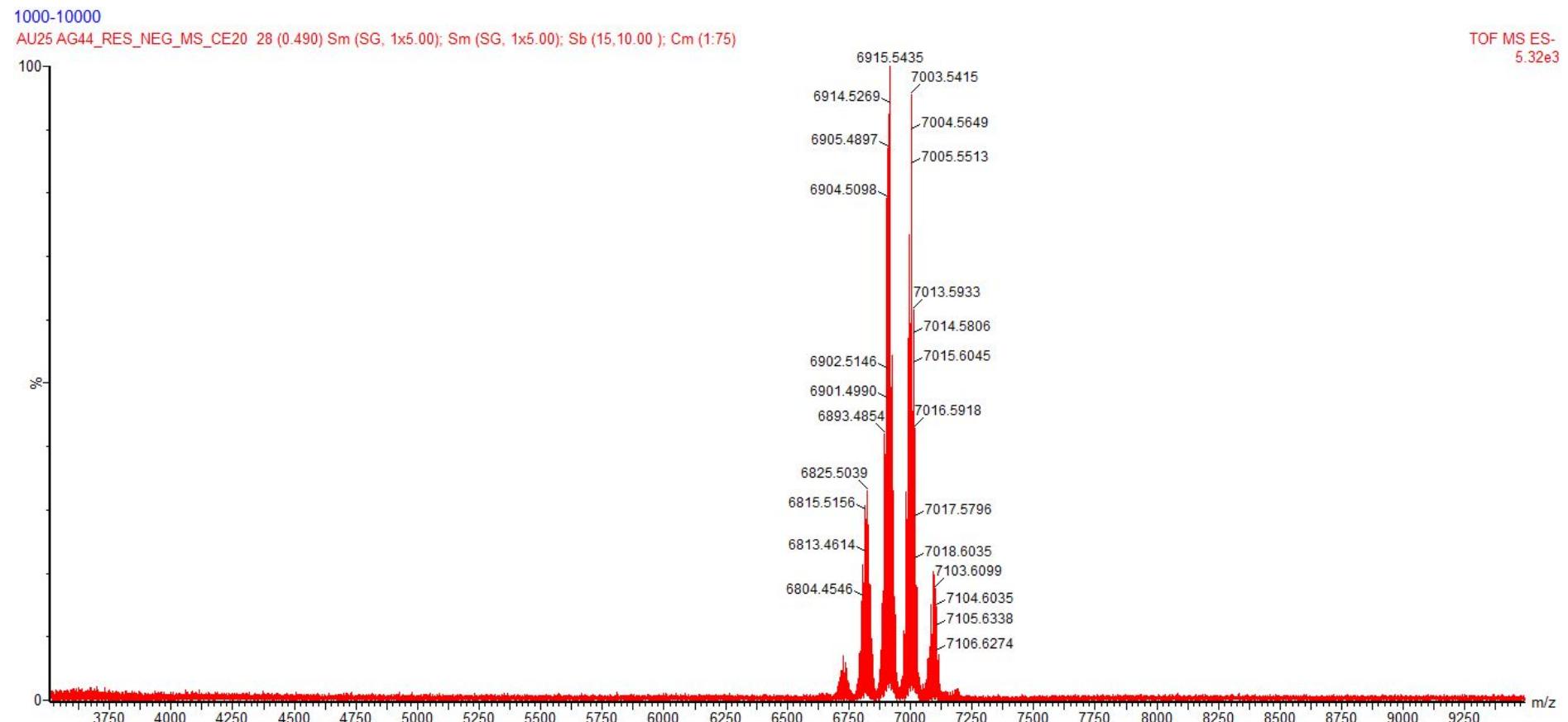
S\_3 32 (0.558) Cm (5:80)

**Au<sub>25</sub>**





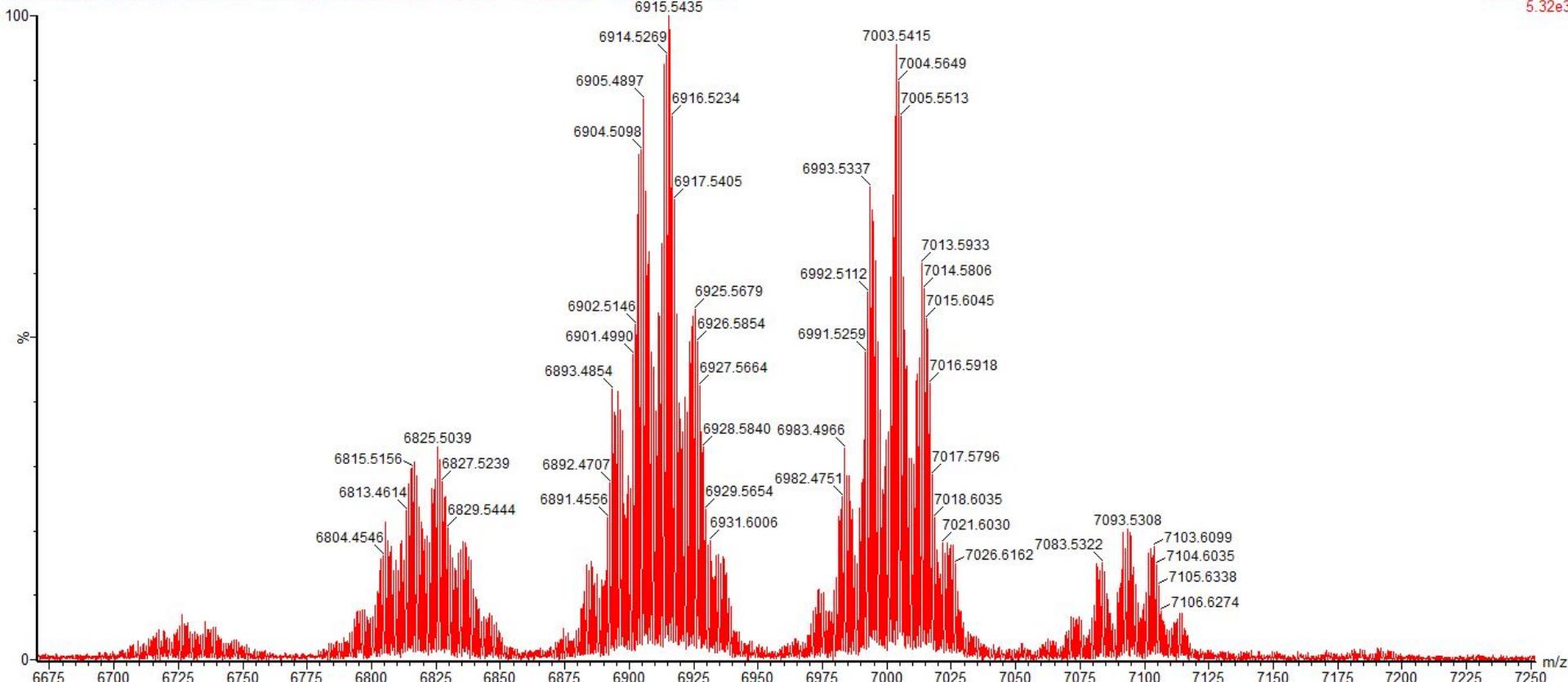
# Reaction between $\text{Au}_{25}$ and $\text{Ag}_{44}$



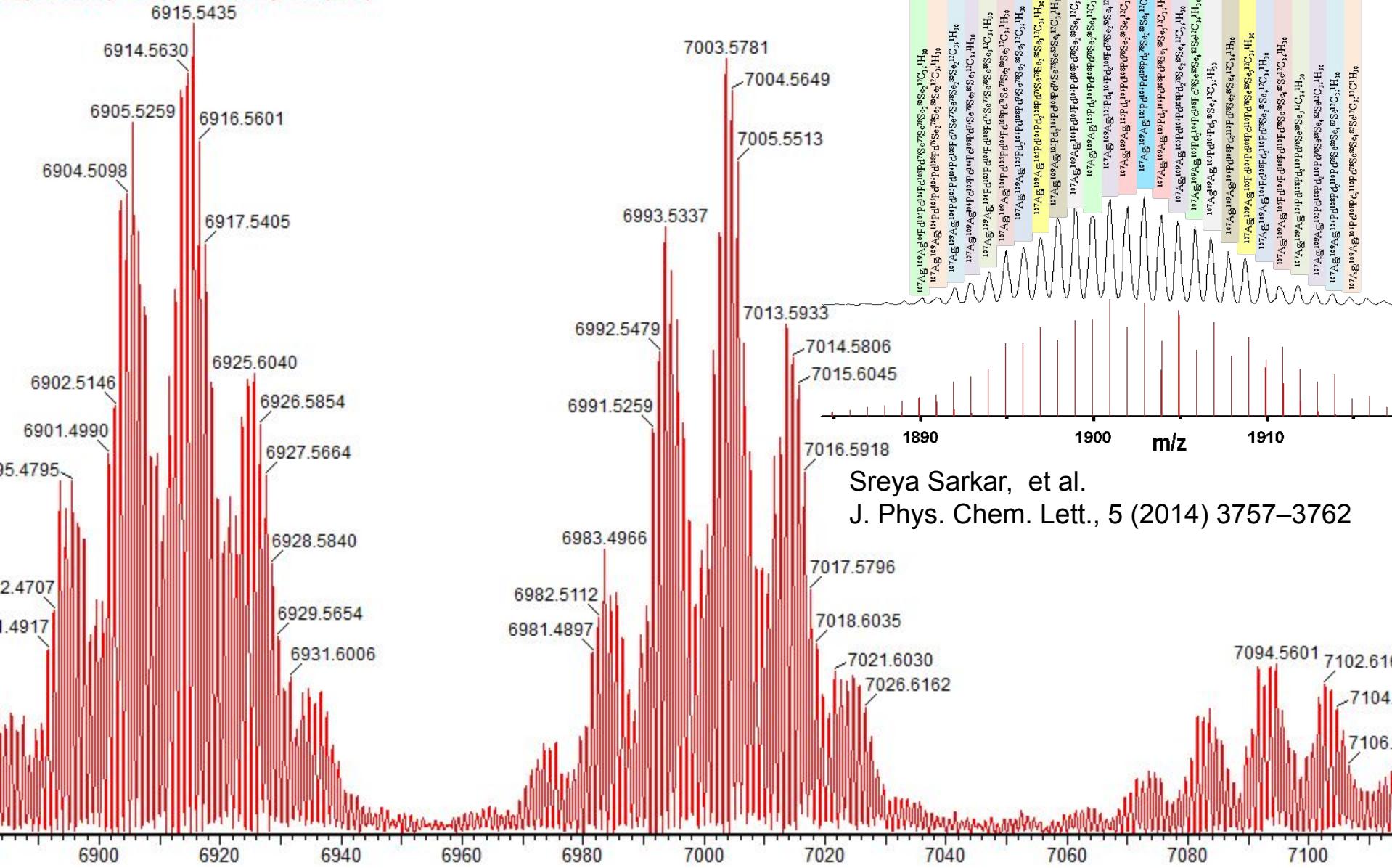
1000-10000

AU25 AG44\_RES\_NEG\_MS\_CE20 28 (0.490) Sm (SG, 1x5.00); Sm (SG, 1x5.00); Sb (15,10.00 ); Cm (1:75)

TOF MS ES-  
5.32e3



Sb (15,20.00 ); Sm (SG, 1x10.00); Cm (2:54)



Sreya Sarkar, et al.  
J. Phys. Chem. Lett., 5 (2014) 3757–3762

# Evolving Science

- Cluster science is getting increasingly complex
  - Ligand exchange
  - Isomers
  - Alloys
  - Supramolecular chemistry
- How do we comprehend them?
- We need to name them - uniquely

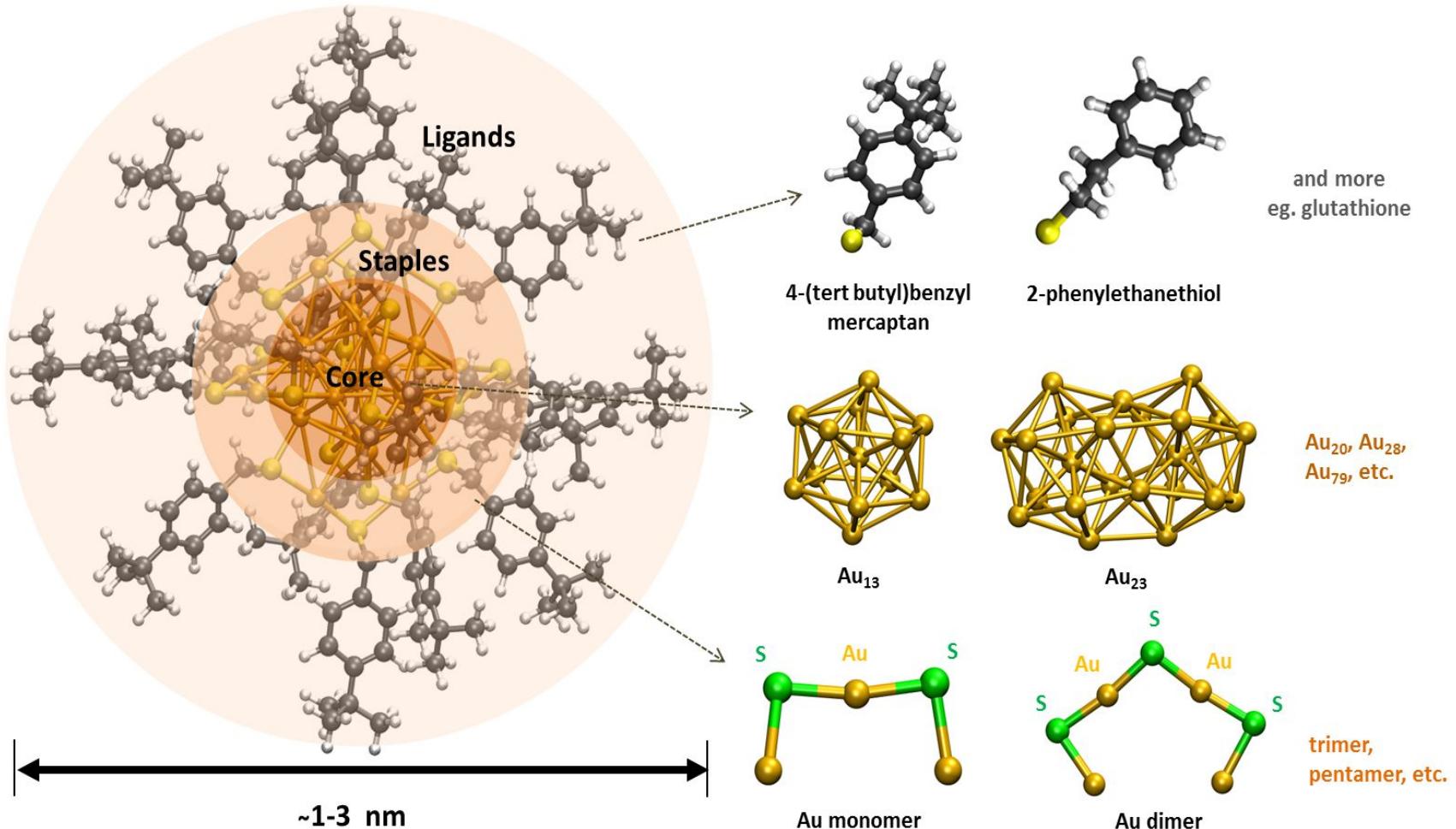
# Structure and name

- Current names
  - $\text{Au}_{25}(\text{SR})_{18}$ ,  $\text{Au}_{25}(\text{SR})_{18}$ ,  $\text{Au@R}$ , or just  $\text{Au}_{25}$
  - $\text{Au}_{25-m}\text{Pd}_m(\text{SR1})_{18-n}(\text{SR2})_n$
- Complexity: eg. Isomers and chirality
- => Nomenclature
  - Organic, inorganic, etc.
  - Fullerenes
  - Boranes

# What does it contain?

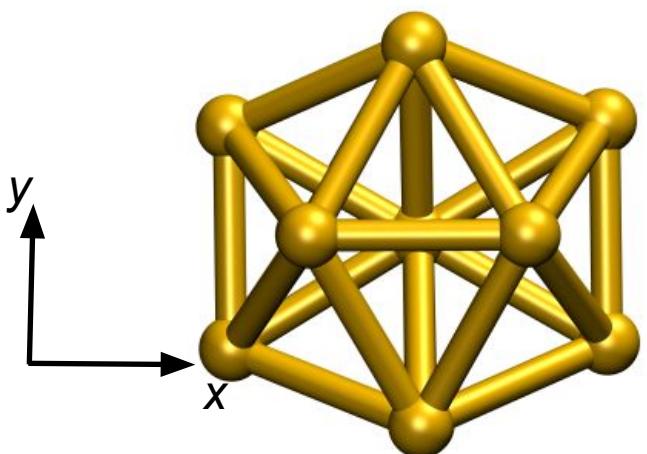
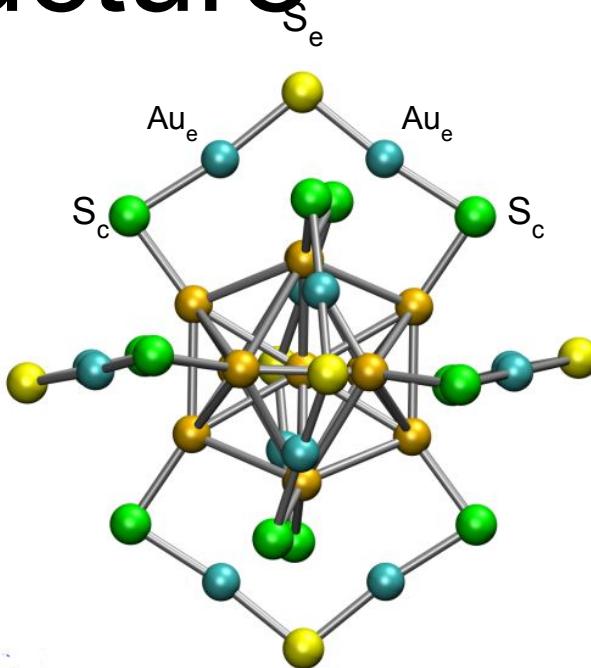
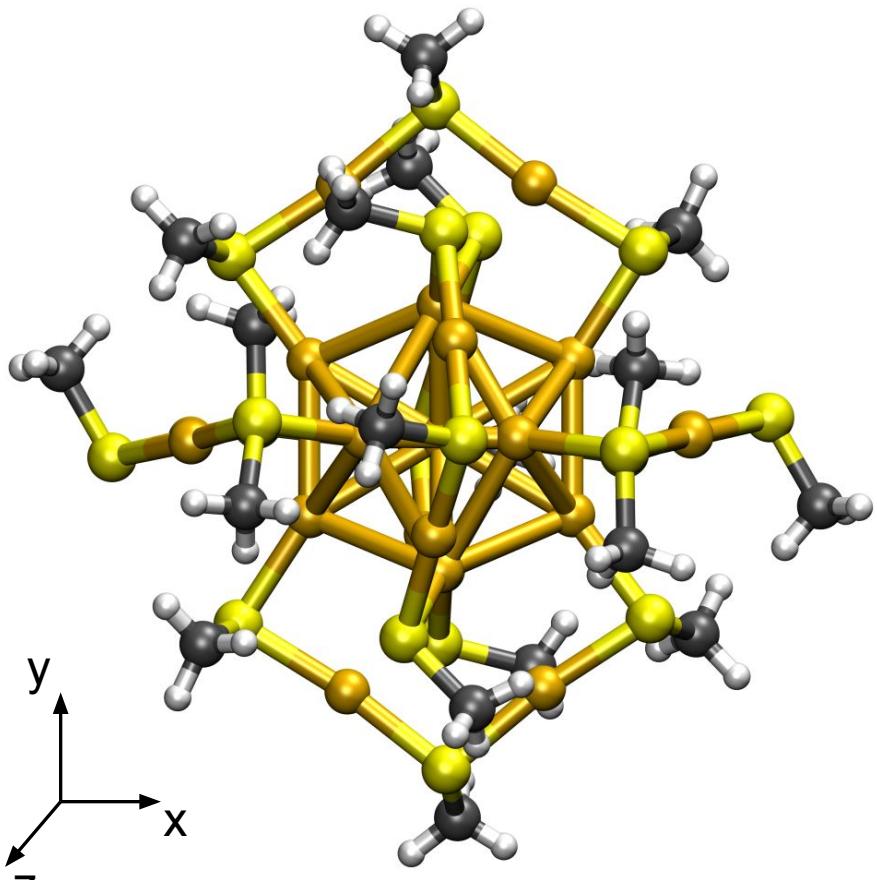
- We need:
  1. Diagram of the molecule with labels
  2. Naming scheme
    1. Flexible
    2. Unique
    3. Structural details

# What are these materials?



# Aspicules

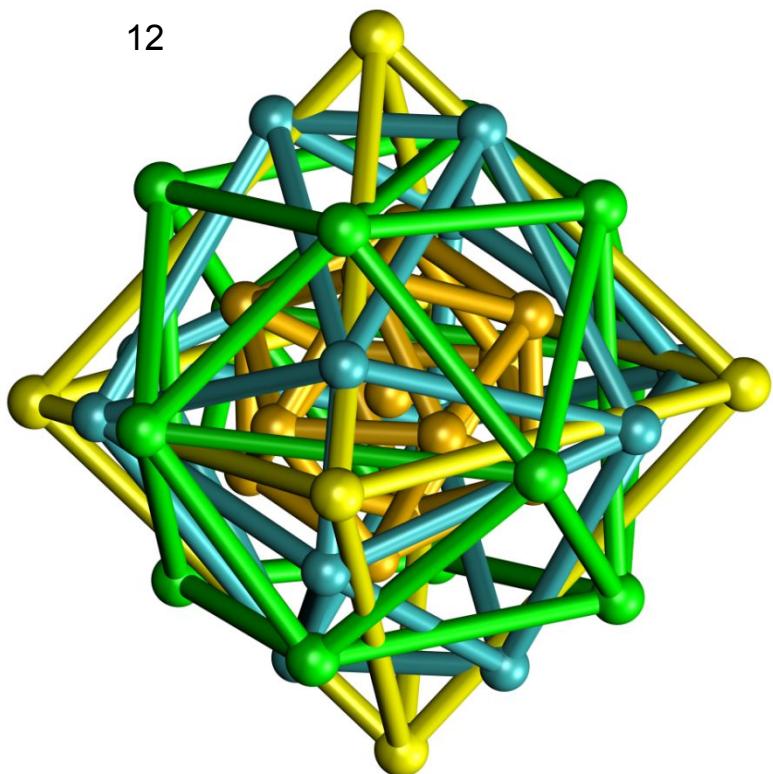
# Ball and stick structure



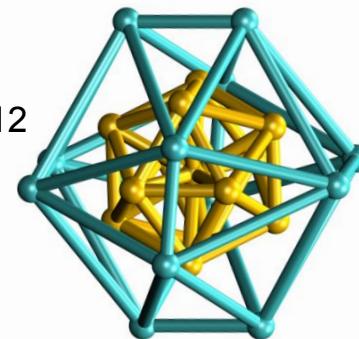
A view of gold methyl thiolate [25]aspicule ( $\text{Au}_{25}(\text{SMe})_{18}$ ). Gold atoms colored gold, sulfur atoms by yellow, carbon dark gray, hydrogen atoms as white and (b) with the gold and sulfur atoms alone .

# Shell Structure

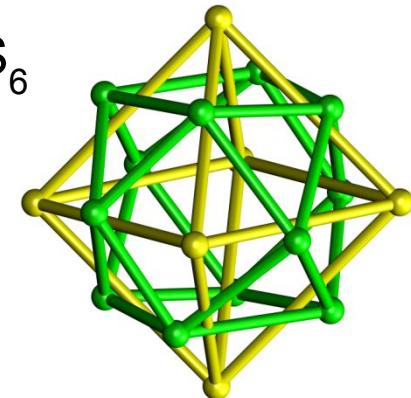
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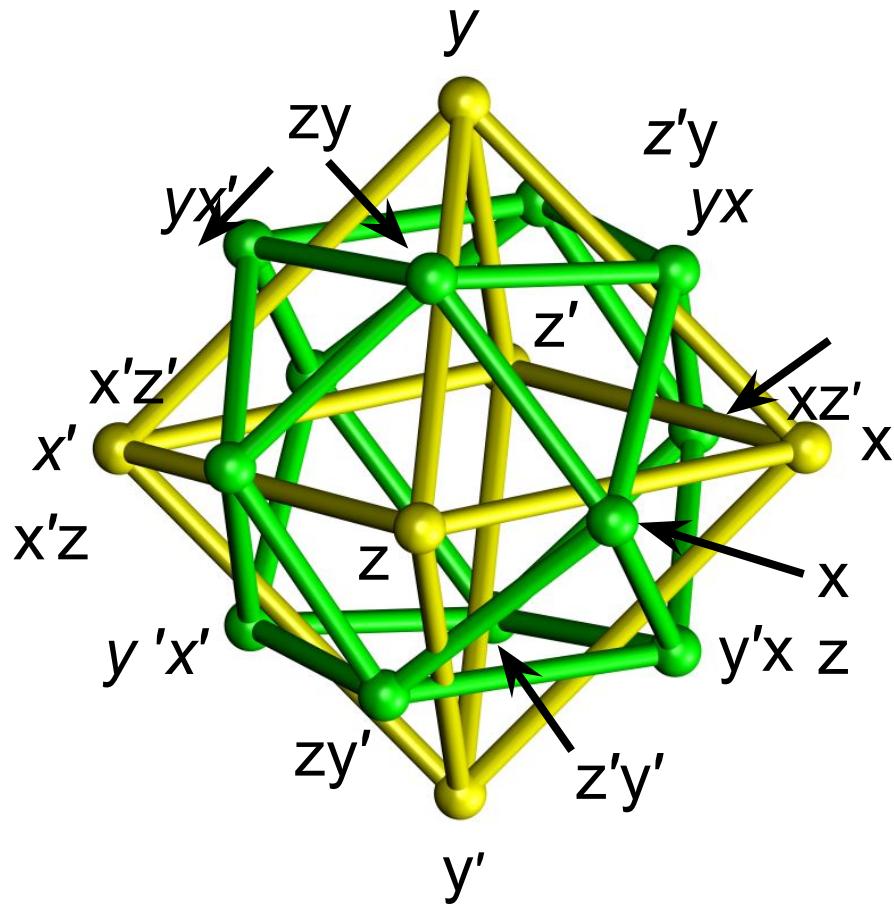
(b)  $\text{Au}_{12}@\text{Au}_{12}$



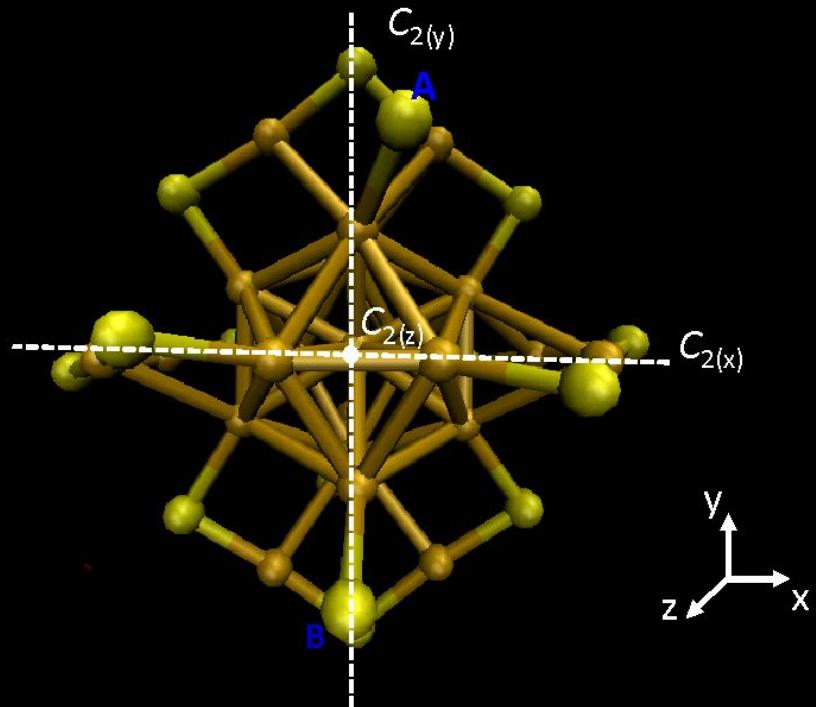
(c)  $\text{S}_{12}@\text{S}_6$



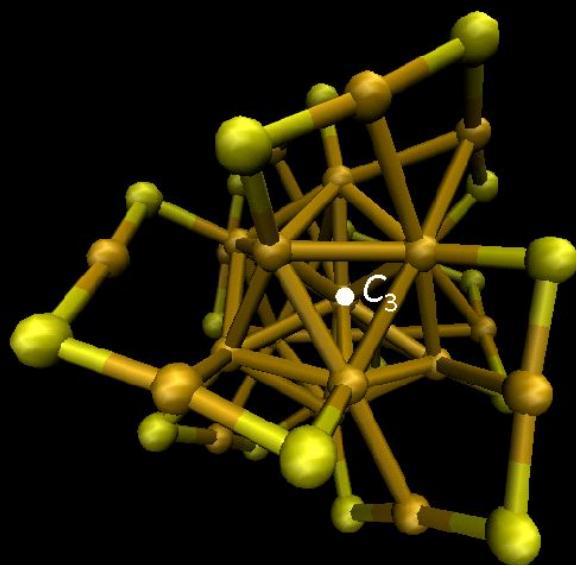
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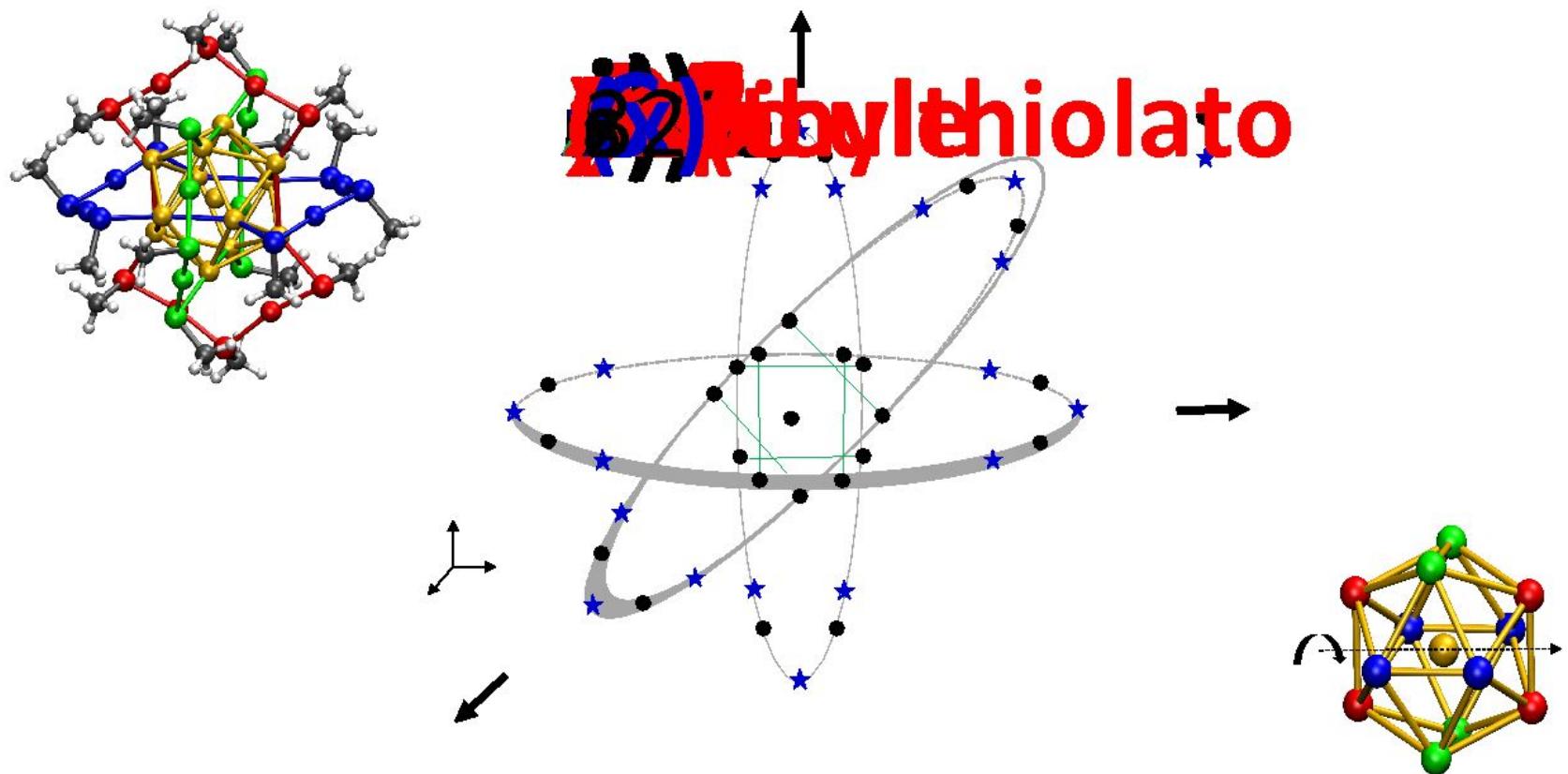


**1) Edge projection**



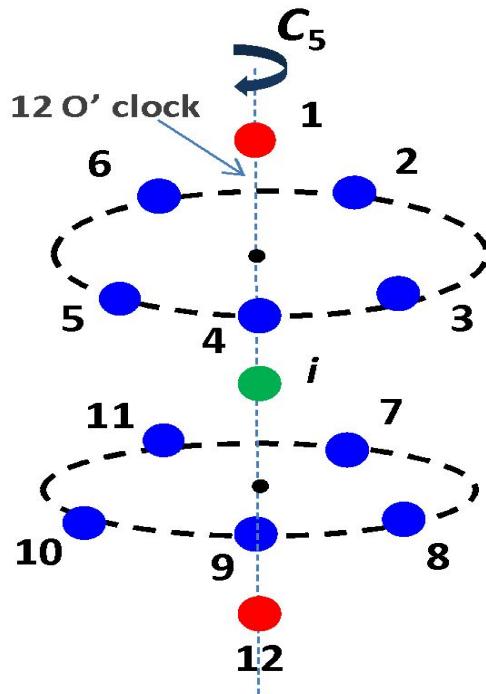
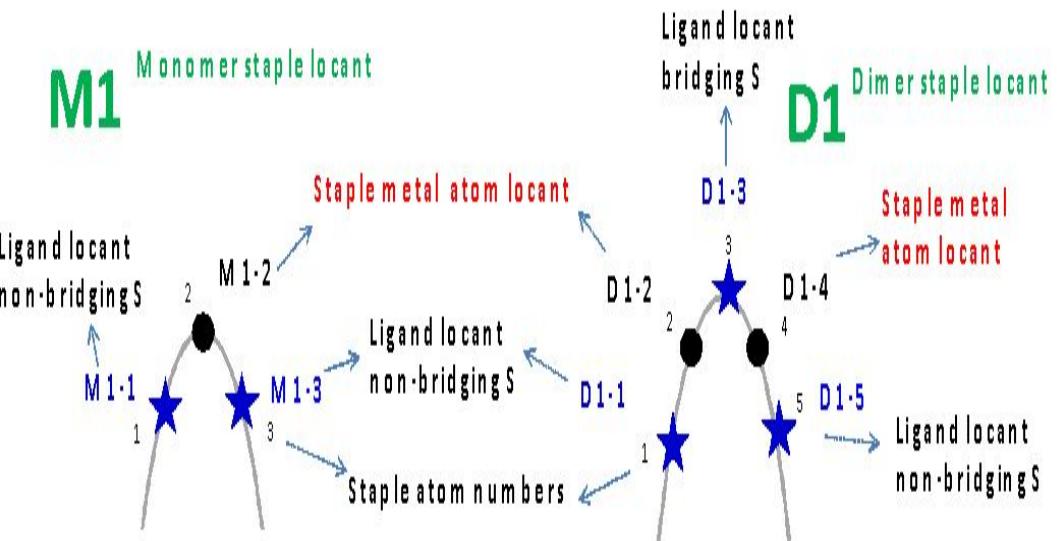
**2) Face Projection**





18(methylthiolato)-auro-25  
aspicule(1-)

Gana Natarajan et. al. JPC C. 2015



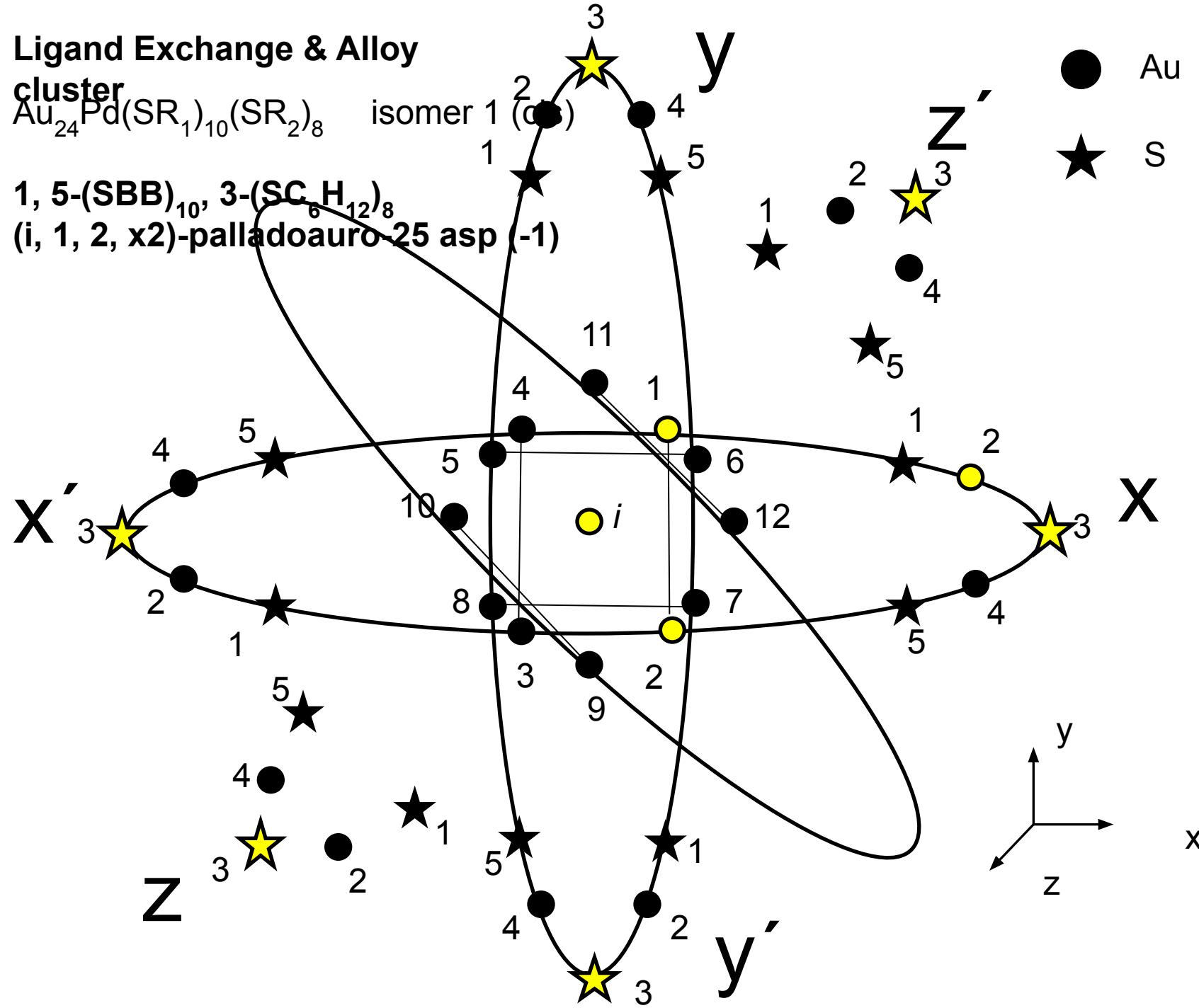
(D1-3,D2-3)-di(2-phenylethylthiolato),16(methylthiolato)-auro-25 aspicule(1-)  
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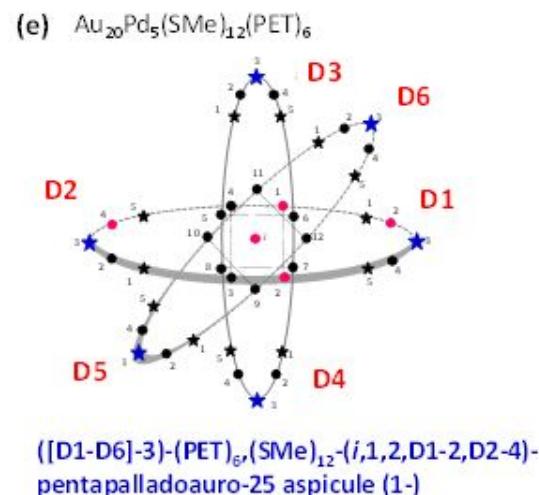
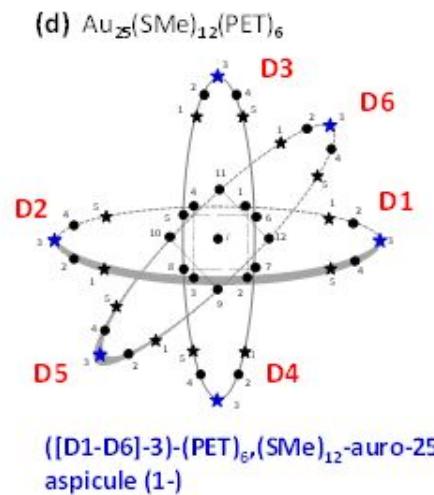
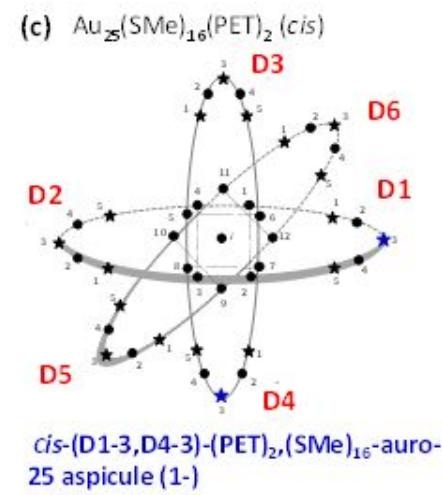
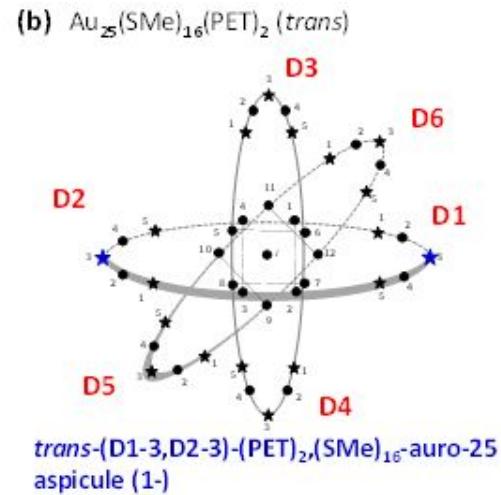
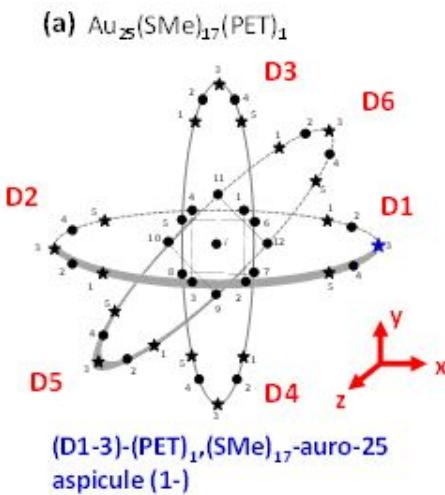
# Ligand Exchange & Alloy

cluster



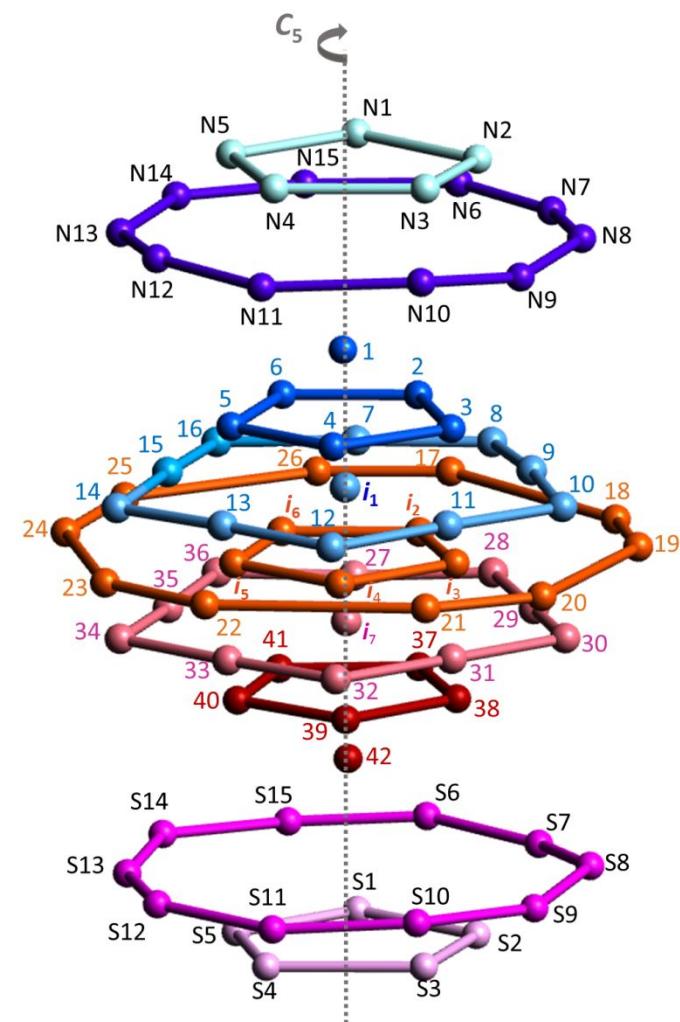
isomer 1  
 1, 5-(SBB)<sub>10</sub>, 3-(SC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>)<sub>8</sub>  
 (i, 1, 2, x2)-palladoauro 25 asp (-1)



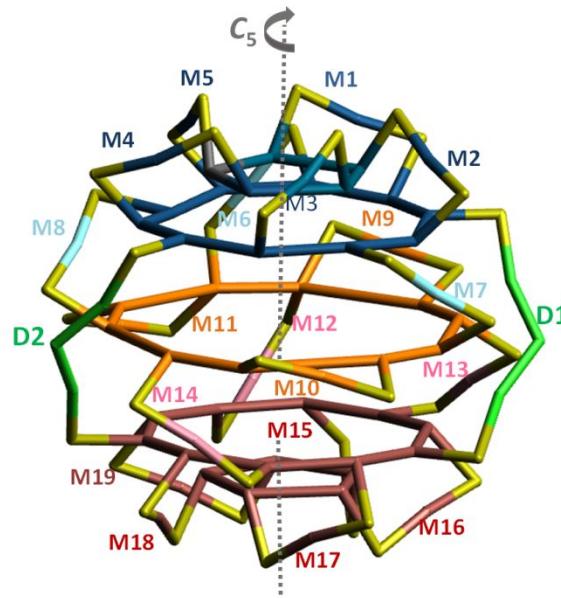


- Au
- ★ SMe
- ★ PET
- Pd

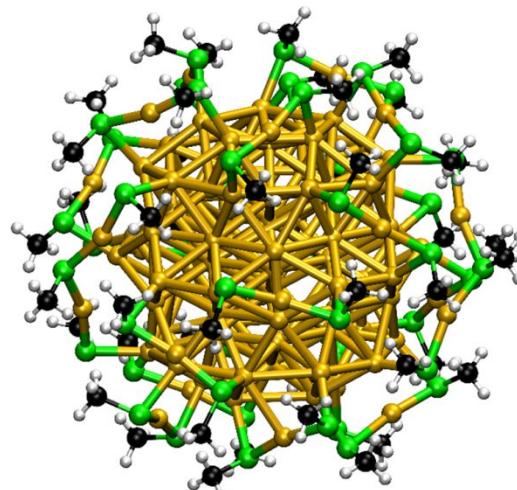
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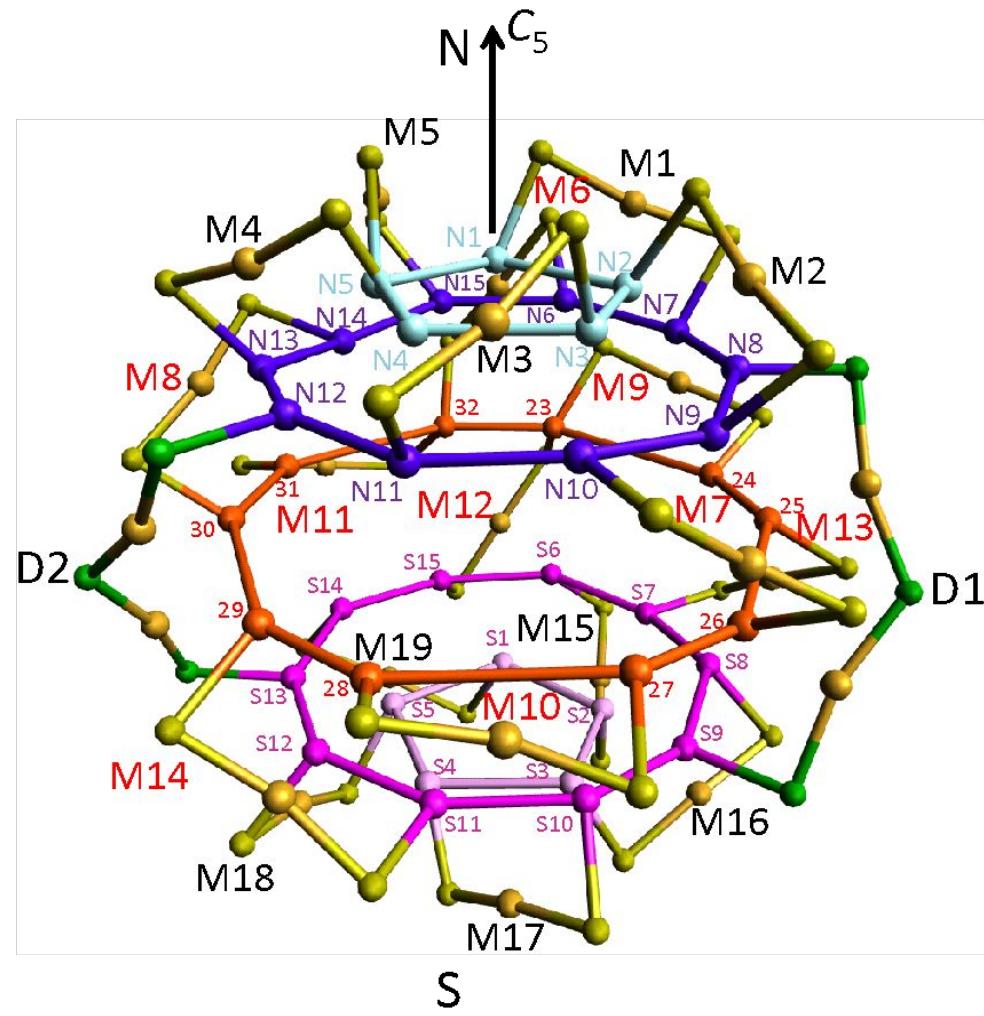


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R-44(methylthiolato)-auro-102 aspicule(0)

R-(SMe)<sub>44</sub>-auro-102 aspicule(0) and L-(SMe)<sub>44</sub>-auro-102 aspicule(0)

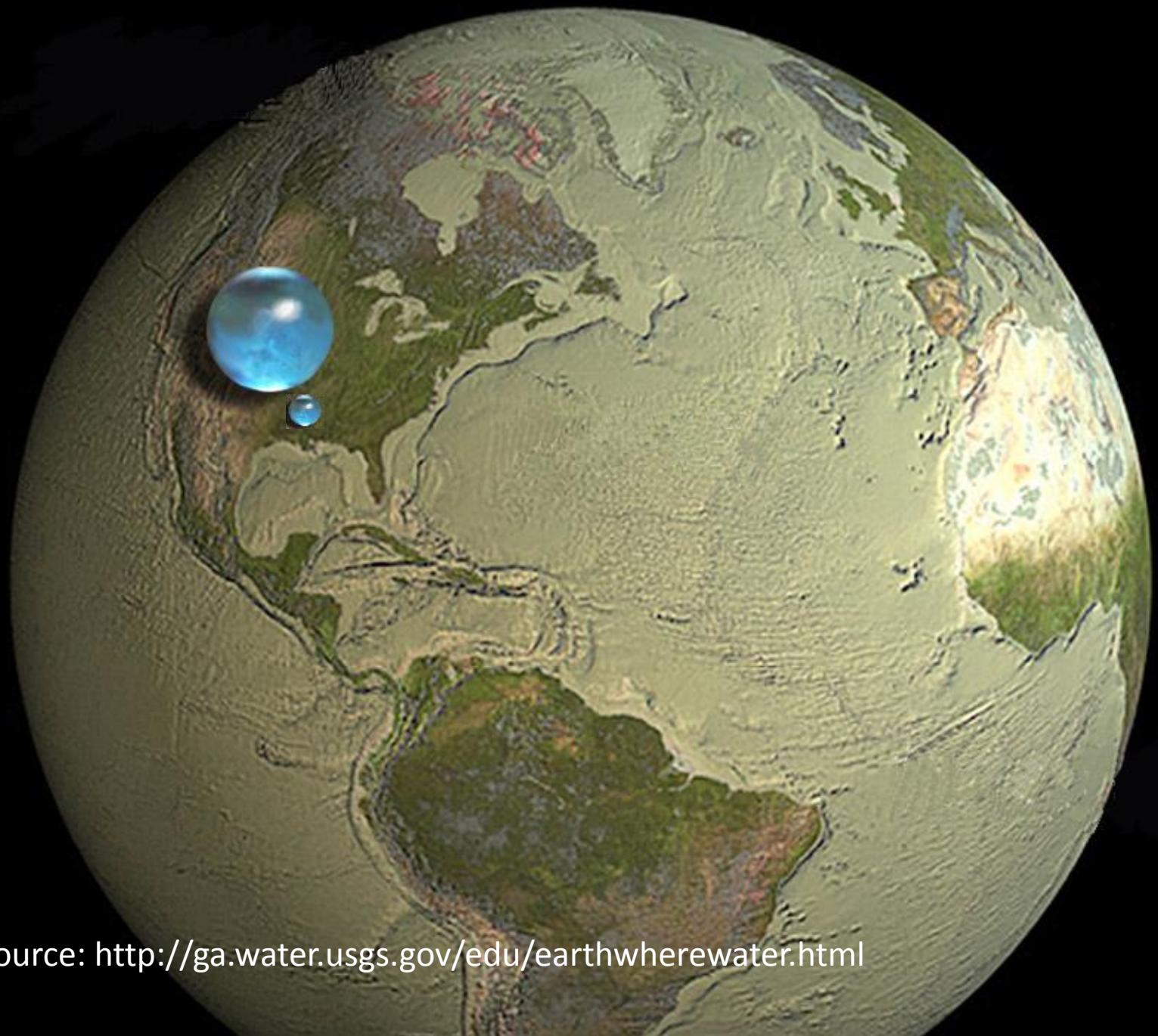


# Compact aspicule structural names for Au<sub>25</sub>, Au<sub>38</sub> and Au<sub>102</sub> aspicules and one modification of each.

Formula Name/substituent positions	Compact Aspicule Structural Name	Aspicule name
Au <sub>25</sub> (SMe) <sub>18</sub>	[D1-D6]-[1, 3, 5-Me-Au <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>6</sub> I-i-auro-25 aspicule (1-)	(SMe) <sub>18</sub> auro-25 (1-)
Au <sub>23</sub> Pd <sub>2</sub> (SMe) <sub>16</sub> (SPET) <sub>2</sub> Two Pd in the core. Two PET at the bridging ligands	D1, D2-[1, 3, 5-Me-AuPdS <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> , [D3-D6]-[1,3,5-Me-Au <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>4</sub> I-(i,2)-dipalladoauro-25 aspicule (1-)	(D1-3, D2-3)-(SPET) <sub>2</sub> , (SMe) <sub>16</sub> (i, 2)-dipalladoauro-25 (1-)
Au <sub>38</sub> (SMe) <sub>24</sub>	[D1-D6]-[1, 3, 5-Me-Au <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>6</sub> , [M1-M3]-[1, 3-Me-AuS <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> BI-(i <sub>1</sub> , i <sub>2</sub> )-auro-38 aspicule (0)	(SMe) <sub>24</sub> (i <sub>1</sub> , i <sub>2</sub> )-auro-38 aspicule (0)
Au <sub>36</sub> Pd <sub>2</sub> (SMe) <sub>22</sub> (SPET) <sub>2</sub> Two Pd atoms in interstials. Two PET ligands in dimer staples	D1, D2- [3-PET, 1,5-Me-Au <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> , [D3-D6]-[1, 3, 5-Me-Au <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>4</sub> , [M1-M3]-[1, 3 -Me-AuS <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>3</sub> BI-(i <sub>1</sub> , i <sub>2</sub> )-dipalladoauro-38 aspicule (0)	(D1-3, D2-3, M1-1, M2-3)-(SPET) <sub>4</sub> , (SMe) <sub>20</sub> (i <sub>1</sub> , i <sub>2</sub> )-dipalladoauro-38 aspicule (0)
Au <sub>102</sub> (SMe) <sub>44</sub>	[M1-M19]-[1, 3-Me-AuS <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>19</sub> , D1, D2-[1, 3-Me-Au <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> MD <sub>49</sub> @(N-RID <sub>15</sub> , S-RID <sub>15</sub> )-auro-102 aspicule (0)	(SMe) <sub>44</sub> auro-102 aspicule (0)
Au <sub>100</sub> Pd <sub>2</sub> (SMe) <sub>40</sub> (SPET) <sub>4</sub>  Two Pd atoms in the MD core. Two PET ligands at bridging ligands of the dimer staples and two on differnt monomer staples.	M1-[1-PET, 3-Me-AuS <sub>2</sub> ], M2-[3-PET, 1-Me-AuS <sub>2</sub> ], [M3-M19]-[1,3-Me-AuS <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>17</sub> , D1, D2-[3-PET, 1, 5-Me-Au <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> MD <sub>49</sub> @(N-RID <sub>15</sub> , S-RID <sub>15</sub> )-(1, 49)-dipalladoauro-102 aspicule (0)	(D1-3, D2-3, M1-1, M2-3)-(SPET) <sub>4</sub> , (SMe) <sub>40</sub> (1,49)-dipalladoauro-102 aspicule (0)

# Aspicule structural names and aspicule names for Au<sub>25</sub>, Au<sub>38</sub> and Au<sub>102</sub> and one modification of each.

Formula Name	Aspicule Structural Name	Aspicule Name
Au <sub>25</sub> (SMe) <sub>18</sub>	[D1-D6]-(1,2 : 3,4 : 5,6 : 7,8 : 9,10)-[1, 3, 5-Me-Au <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>6</sub> I-i-auro-25 aspicule (1-)	(SMe) <sub>18</sub> auro-25 (1-)
Au <sub>23</sub> Pd <sub>2</sub> (SMe) <sub>16</sub> (SPET) <sub>2</sub> Two PET on the bridging ligands, and two Pd in the core.	[D1, D2]-(1,2 : 3,4)-[1, 3, 5-Me-AuPdS <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> , [D3-D6]-(5,6 : 7,8 : 9,10 : 11,12)-[1, 3, 5-Me-Au <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>4</sub> I-(i,2)-dipalladoauro-25 aspicule (1-)	(D1-3, D2-3)-(SPET) <sub>2</sub> , (SMe) <sub>16</sub> (i, 2)-dipalladoauro-25 (1-)
Au <sub>38</sub> (SMe) <sub>24</sub>	[D1-D6]-1,9 : 2,10 : 3,8 : 14,22 : 15,23-[1,3,5-Me-Au <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>6</sub> , [M1-M3]-4,18 : 5 19 : 6,20-[1,3-Me-AuS <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>3</sub> BI-(i <sub>1</sub> , i <sub>2</sub> )-auro-38 aspicule (0)	(SMe) <sub>24</sub> (i <sub>1</sub> , i <sub>2</sub> )-auro-38 aspicule (0)
Au <sub>36</sub> Pd <sub>2</sub> (SMe) <sub>22</sub> (SPET) <sub>2</sub> Two Pd in interstitials, Two PET in dimer staples	[D1, D2]-(1,9 : 2,10)-[3-PET, 1, 5-Me-Au <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> , [D3-D6]-(3,8 : 14,22 : 15,23)-[1, 3, 5-Me-Au <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>4</sub> , [M1-M3]-4,18 : 5,19 : 6,20-[1, 3 -Me-AuS <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>3</sub> BI-(i <sub>1</sub> , i <sub>2</sub> )-dipalladoauro-38 aspicule (0)	(D1-3, D2-3, M1-1, M2-3)-(SPET) <sub>2</sub> , (SMe) <sub>22</sub> (i <sub>1</sub> , i <sub>2</sub> )-dipalladoauro-38 aspicule (0)
Au <sub>102</sub> (SMe) <sub>44</sub>	[M1-M5]-(N <sub>1</sub> ,N <sub>7</sub> : N <sub>2</sub> :N <sub>9</sub> : N <sub>3</sub> :N <sub>11</sub> : N <sub>4</sub> :N <sub>13</sub> : N <sub>5</sub> ,N <sub>15</sub> ), [M6-M8]-(N <sub>6</sub> ,S <sub>1</sub> : N <sub>10</sub> :26: N <sub>14</sub> ,S <sub>30</sub> )-[M <sub>9</sub> -M <sub>11</sub> ]-(23,24 : 27,28 : 31,32)-[M <sub>12</sub> -M <sub>14</sub> ]-(23,S <sub>15</sub> : 25,S <sub>7</sub> : 29,S <sub>1</sub> )-[M <sub>15</sub> -M <sub>19</sub> ]-(S <sub>6</sub> ,S <sub>2</sub> : S <sub>8</sub> ,S <sub>3</sub> : S <sub>10</sub> ,S <sub>4</sub> : S <sub>12</sub> ,S <sub>5</sub> : S <sub>14</sub> ,S <sub>1</sub> )-[1,3-Me-AuS <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>19</sub> , [D <sub>1</sub> ,D <sub>2</sub> ]-(N <sub>8</sub> ,S <sub>9</sub> : N <sub>14</sub> ,S <sub>13</sub> )-[1,3,5-Me-Au <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> MD <sub>49</sub> @(N-RID <sub>15</sub> ,S-RID <sub>15</sub> )-auro-102 aspicule (o)	(SMe) <sub>44</sub> auro-102 aspicule (0)
Au <sub>100</sub> Pd <sub>2</sub> (SMe) <sub>40</sub> (SPET) <sub>4</sub> Two Pd in the MD core. Two PET ligands on bridging ligands of the dimer staples and two PET ligands on different positions of monomer staples.	[M <sub>1</sub> ,M <sub>2</sub> ]-(N <sub>1</sub> ,N <sub>7</sub> : N <sub>2</sub> :N <sub>9</sub> )-[5-PET, 1,3-Me-AuS <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> , [D <sub>1</sub> ,D <sub>2</sub> ]-(N <sub>8</sub> ,S <sub>9</sub> : N <sub>14</sub> ,S <sub>13</sub> )-[5-PET, 1,3-Me-Au <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> , [M <sub>3</sub> ,M <sub>4</sub> ,M <sub>5</sub> ]-(N <sub>1</sub> ,N <sub>7</sub> : N <sub>2</sub> :N <sub>9</sub> : N <sub>3</sub> :N <sub>11</sub> : N <sub>4</sub> :N <sub>13</sub> : N <sub>5</sub> ,N <sub>15</sub> )-[M <sub>6</sub> ,⋯,M <sub>8</sub> ]-(N <sub>6</sub> ,S <sub>1</sub> : N <sub>10</sub> :26: N <sub>14</sub> ,S <sub>30</sub> )-[M <sub>9</sub> -M <sub>11</sub> ]-(23,24 : 27,28 : 31,32)-[M <sub>12</sub> -M <sub>14</sub> ]-(23,S <sub>15</sub> : 25,S <sub>7</sub> : 29,S <sub>1</sub> )-[M <sub>15</sub> -M <sub>19</sub> ]-(S <sub>6</sub> ,S <sub>2</sub> : S <sub>8</sub> ,S <sub>3</sub> : S <sub>10</sub> ,S <sub>4</sub> : S <sub>12</sub> ,S <sub>5</sub> : S <sub>14</sub> ,S <sub>1</sub> )-[1,3-Me-AuS <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>17</sub> MD <sub>49</sub> @(N-RID <sub>15</sub> ,S-RID <sub>15</sub> )-(1,49)-dipalladoauro-102 aspicule (o)	(D1-3, D2-3, M1-1 M2-3)-(SPET) <sub>4</sub> , (SMe) <sub>40</sub> (1,49)-dipalladoauro-102 aspicule (0)



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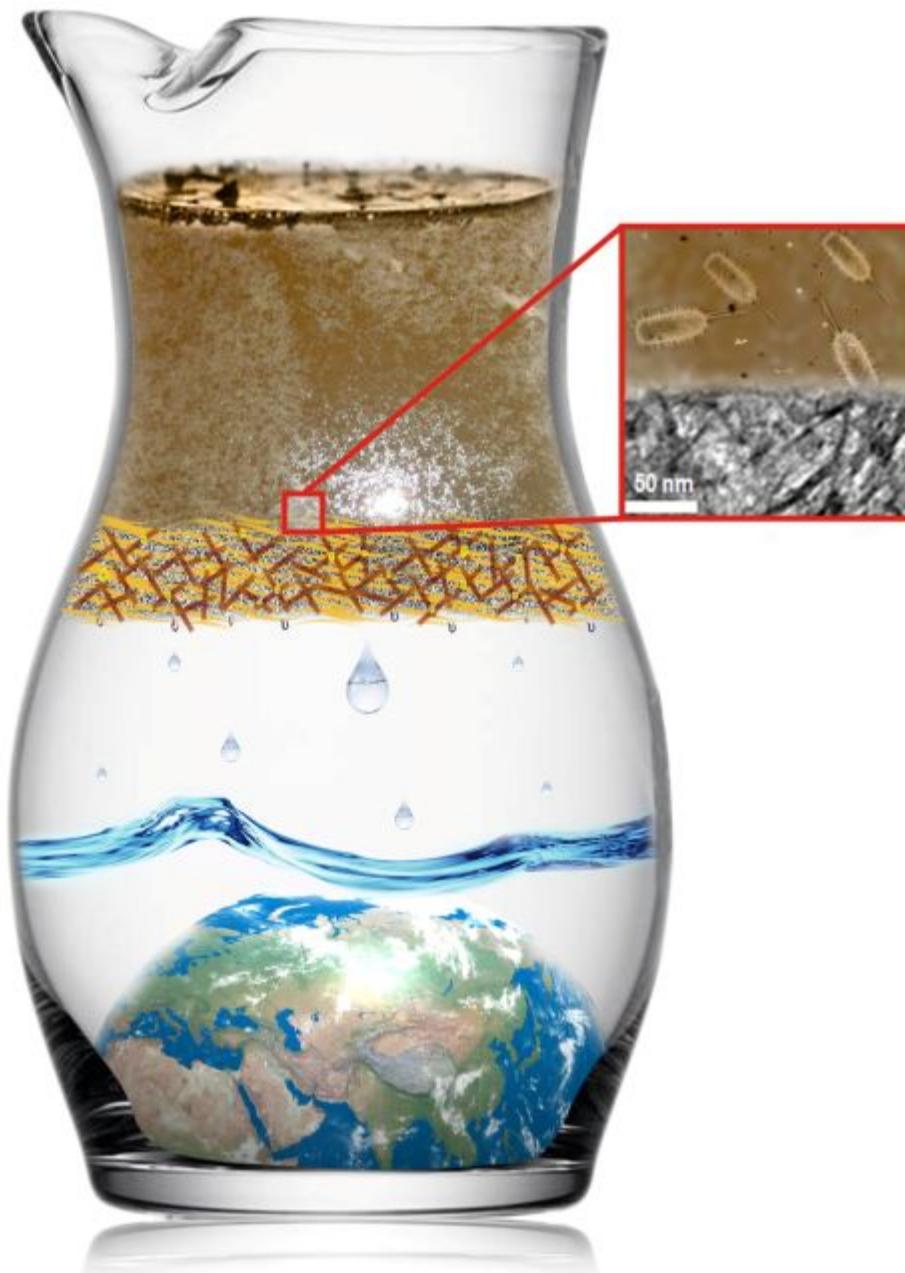
# Biopolymer-reinforced nanocomposite water purification

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Creation of affordable materials for water is one of the most promising ways to provide drinking water for all. Combining composites to scavenge toxic species and other contaminants along with the ability to affordably, all-inclusive drinking water without electricity. The critical problem is the synthesis of stable materials that can be used in the presence of competing drinking water that deposit and surfaces. Here we show that such materials can be synthesized in a simple and effective way without the use of electrical power. These materials have sand-like properties, such as higher porosity and larger pore sizes. These materials have been used as water purifier to deliver clean drinking water. The ability to prepare nanocomposites at ambient temperature has wide applications in water purification.



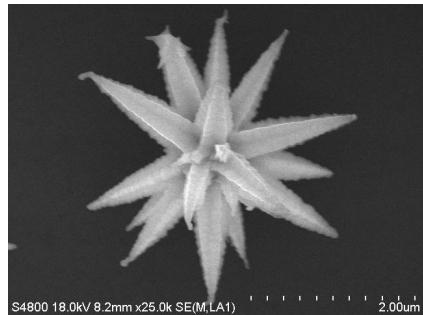
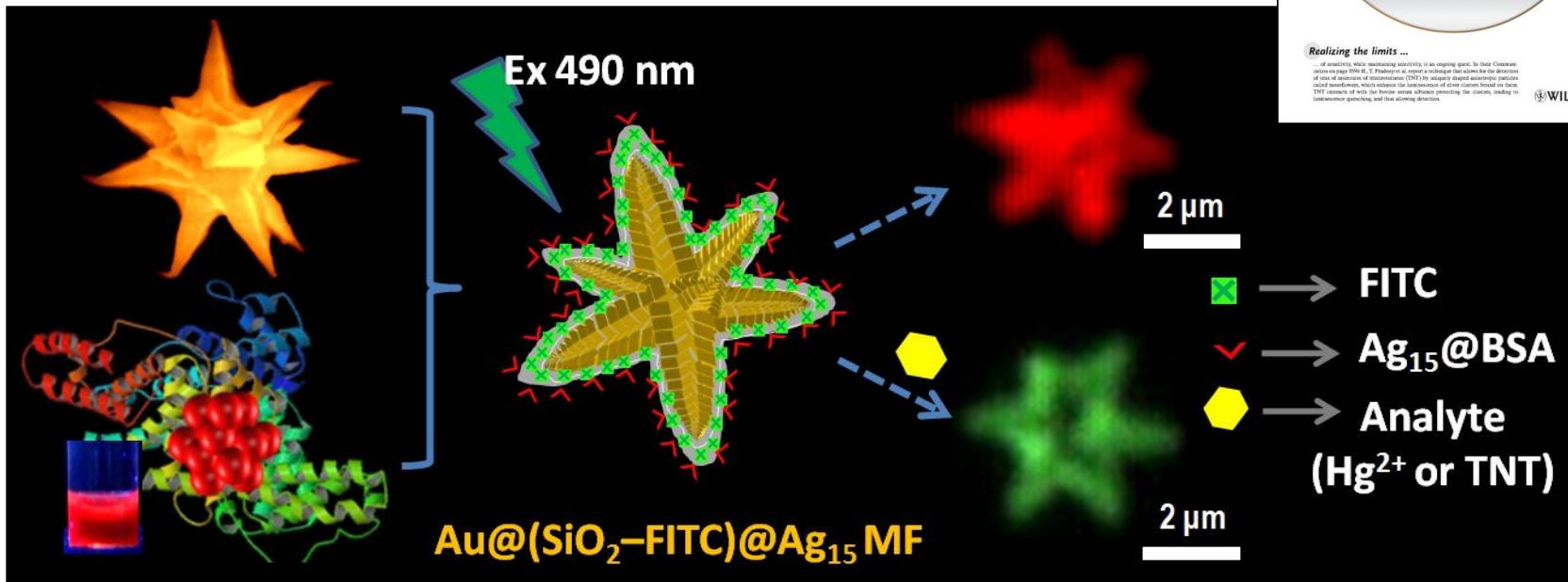
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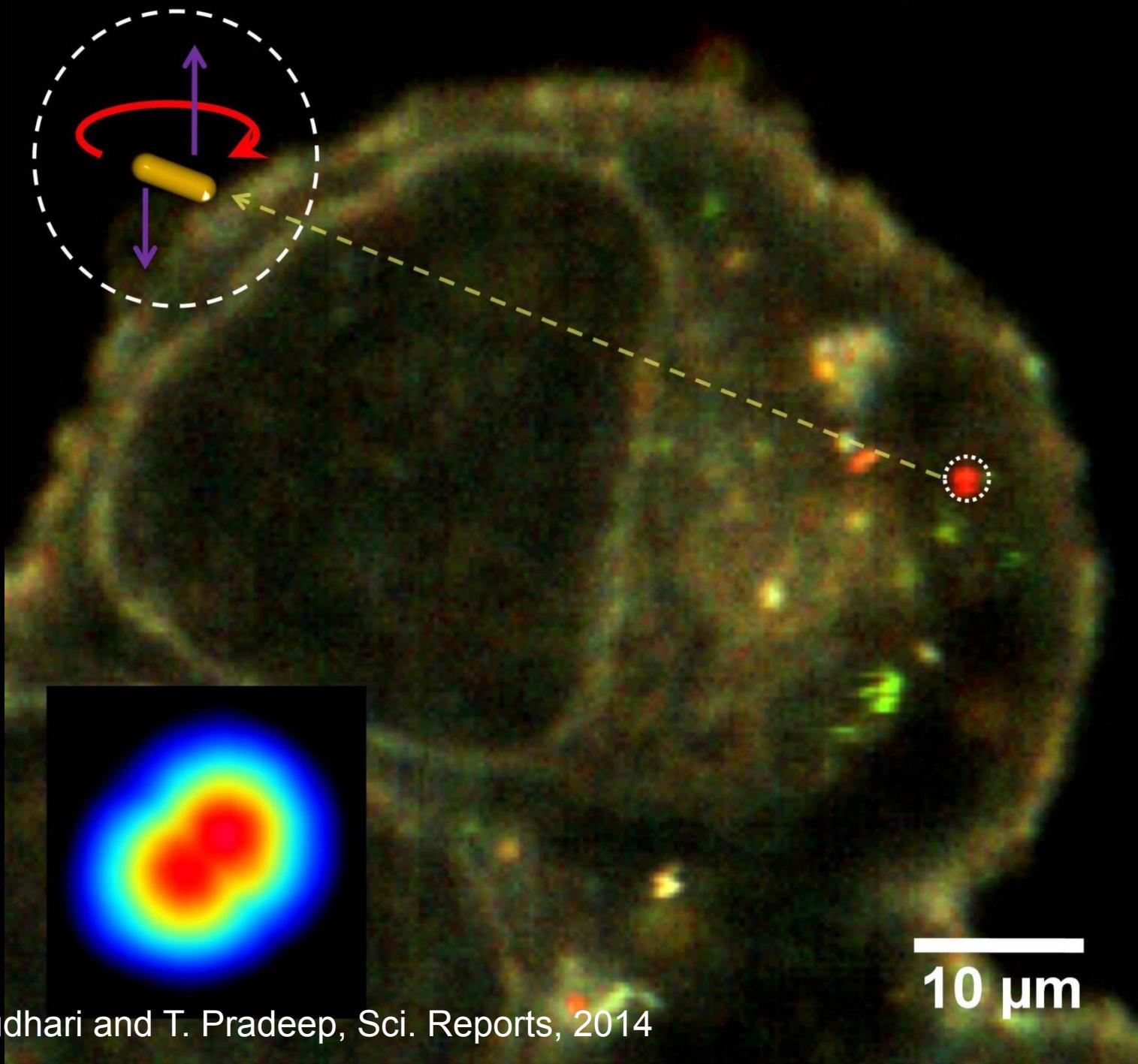


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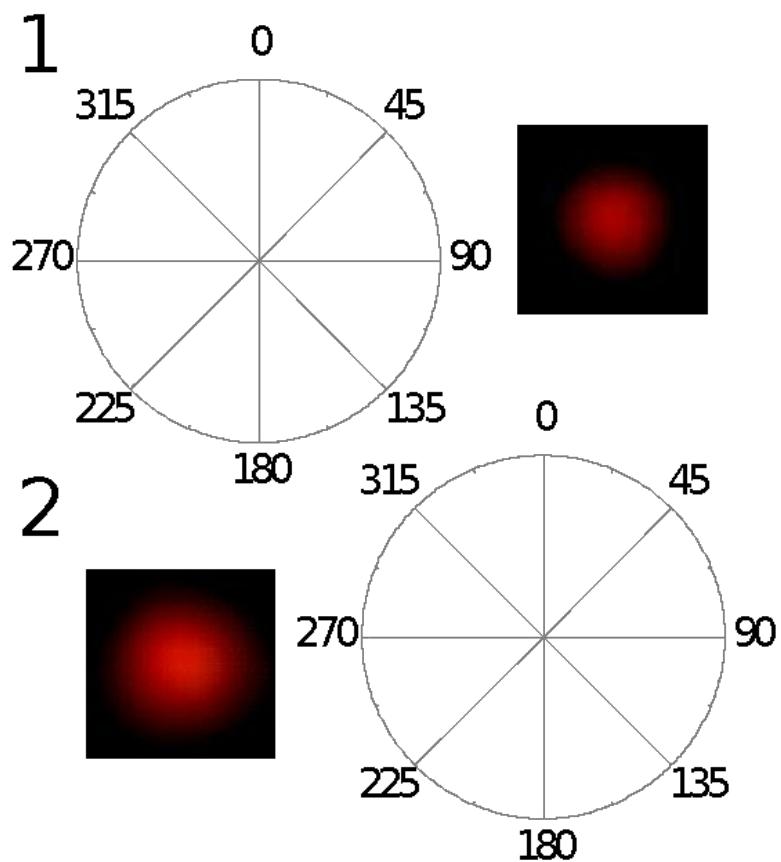
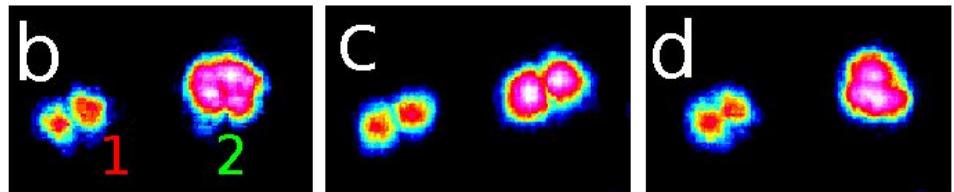
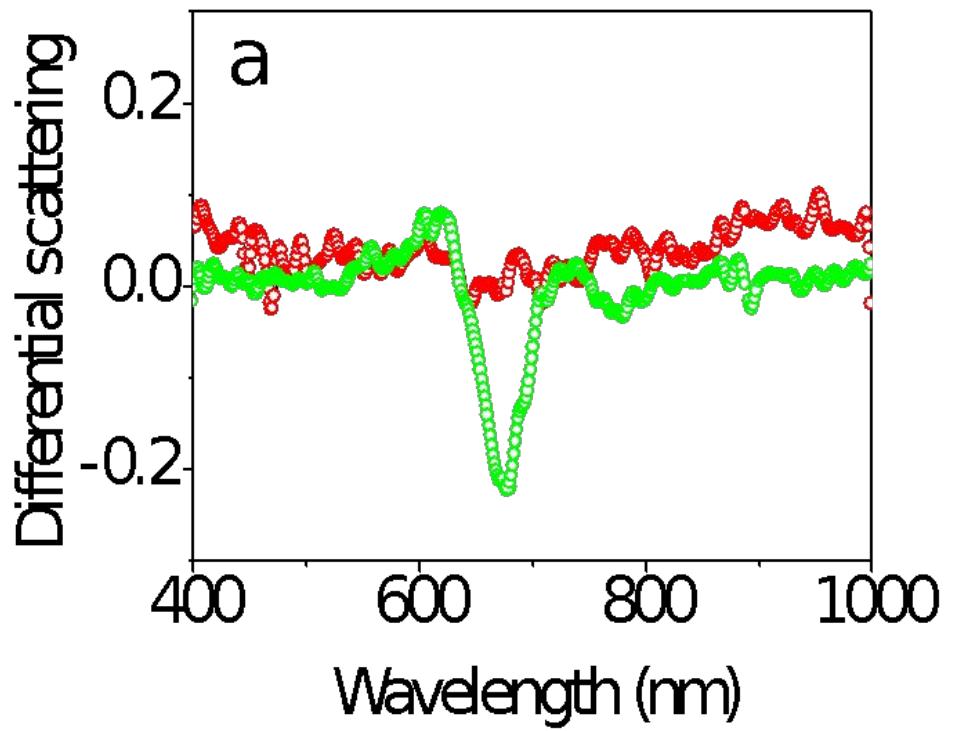
# Sub-zeptomolar detection



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# Optical rotation due to plasmonic chirality of GNR aggregates





## Molecular Ionization from Carbon Nanotube Paper\*\*

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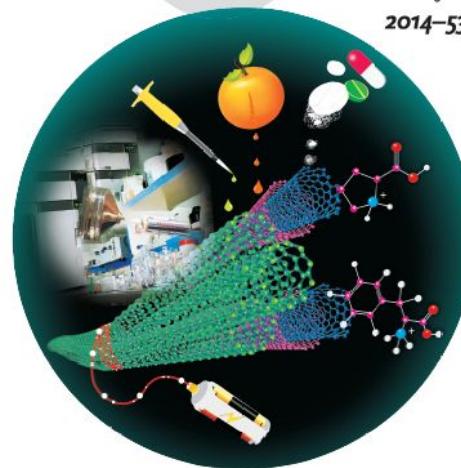
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**Abstract:** Ambient ionization is achieved by spraying from a carbon nanotube (CNT)-impregnated paper surface under the influence of small voltages ( $\geq 3$  V). Organic molecules give simple high-quality mass spectra without fragmentation in the positive or negative ion modes. Conventional field ionization is ruled out, and it appears that field emission of microdroplets occurs. Microscopic examination of the CNT paper confirms that the nanoscale features at the paper surface are responsible for the high electric fields. Raman spectra imply substantial current flows in the nanotubes. The performance of this analytical method was demonstrated for a range of volatile and nonvolatile compounds and a variety of matrices.

over the past decade has been achieved from a single-walled carbon nanotubes (CNTs) at a voltage of  $\sim 3$  V. It is believed that the high electric field is generated by the CNT protrusions on the paper surface, which appears to be composed of microdroplets.<sup>[8]</sup> With this method, organic analytes, which are usually not ionizable, are detectable in the mass spectrum. Salts appear as either cations or anions, whereas salts yield both cations and anions. It is believed that a high voltage

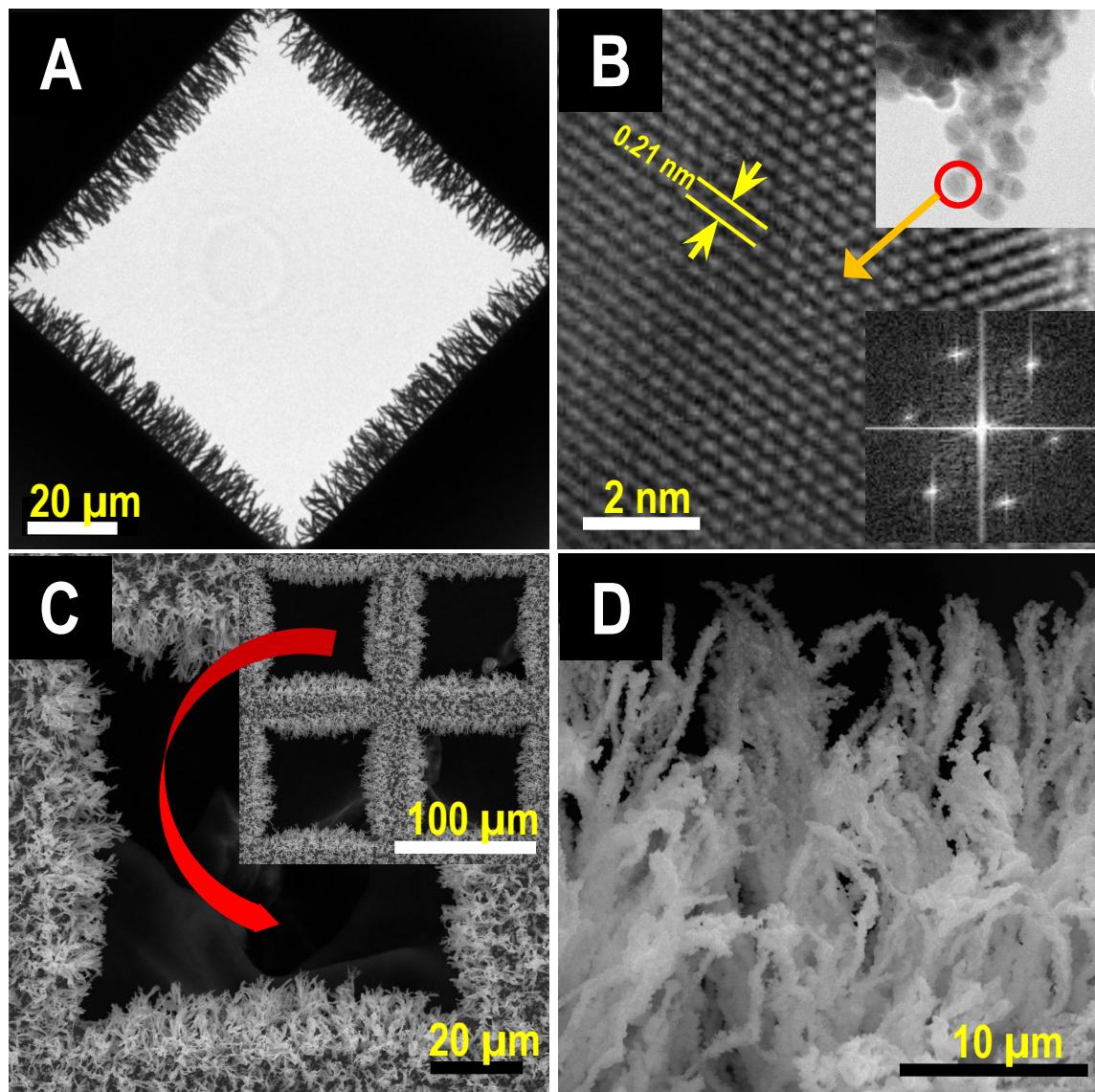
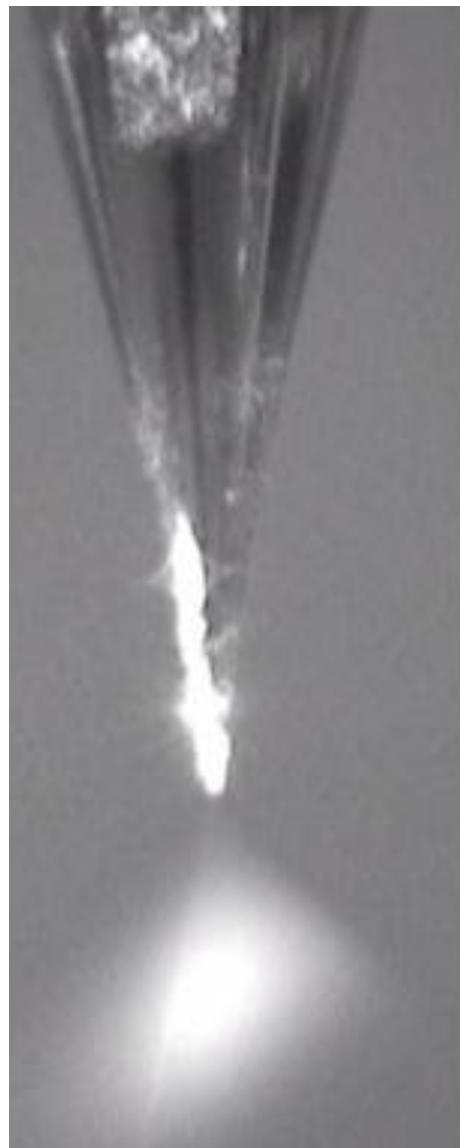
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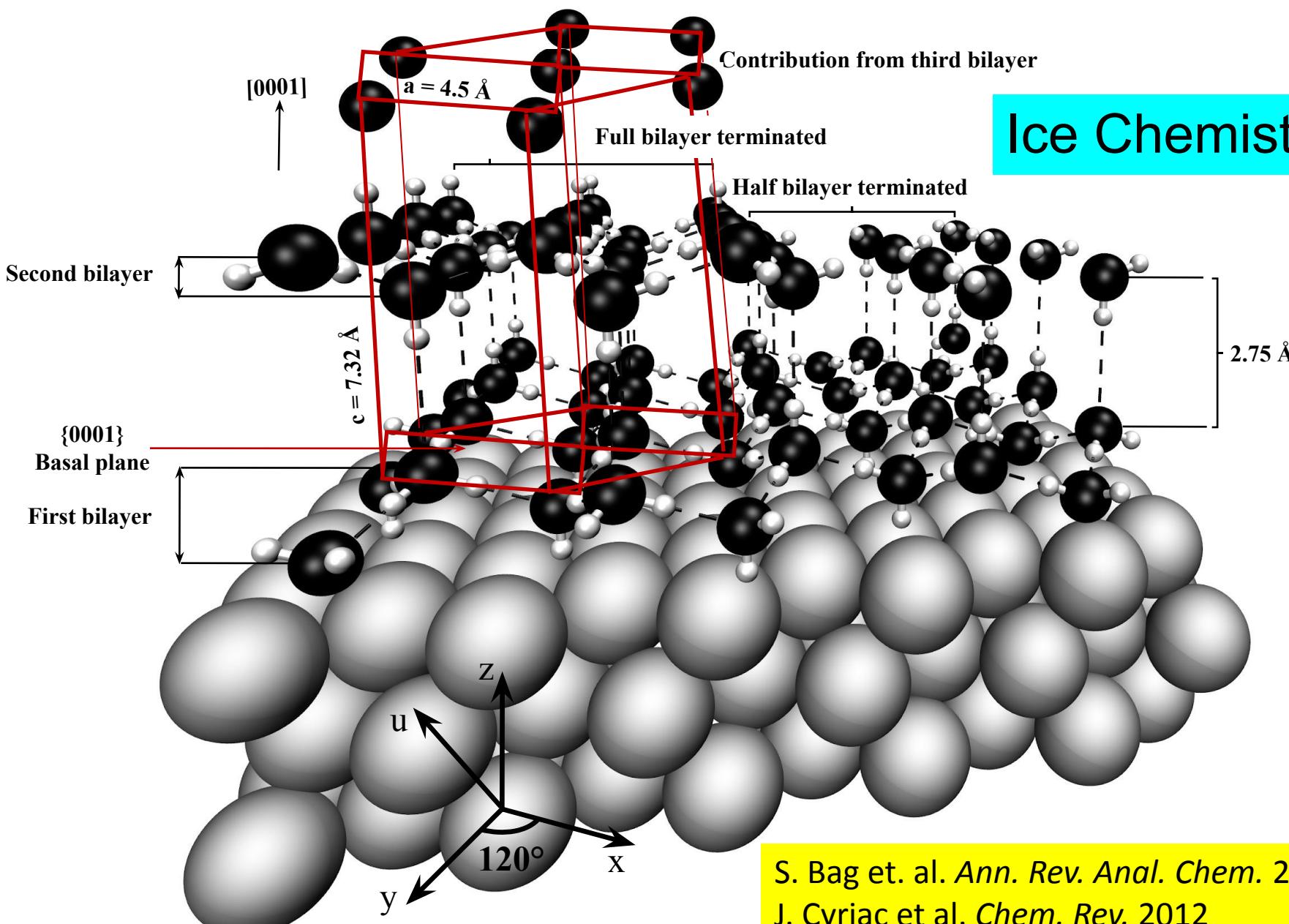


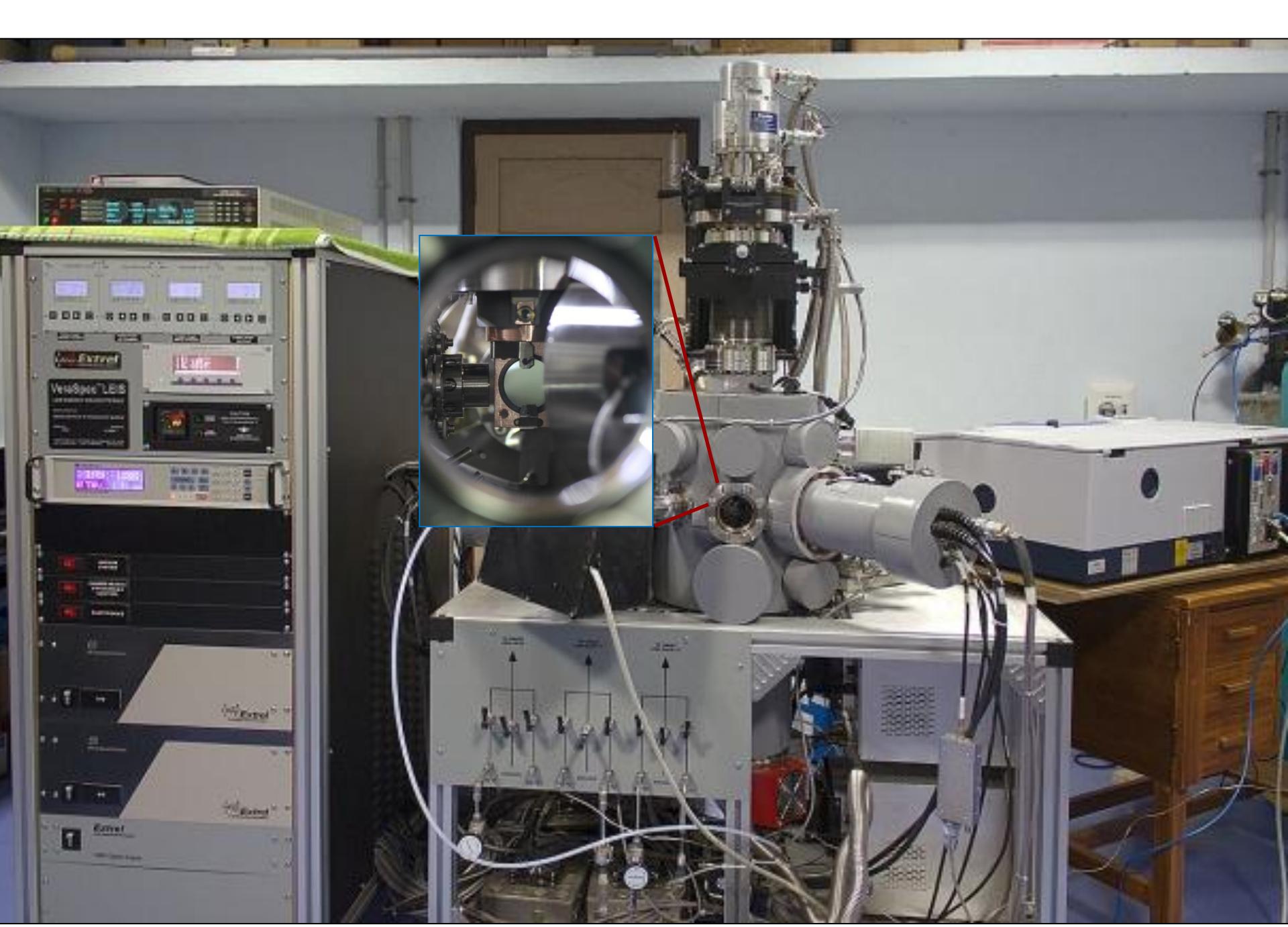
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... that is impregnated with multi-walled or single-walled carbon nanotubes generates ions from diverse analytes at voltages as low as 3 V, as T. Pradeep et al. show in their Communication on page 5396 ff. This miniaturized ion source is held in front of a mass spectrometer inlet to collect the mass spectrum. Common peptides from the surface of an orange, active molecules from tablets, and a variety of analytes, such as amino acids, can be characterized.



# Ice Chemistry





# Summary

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