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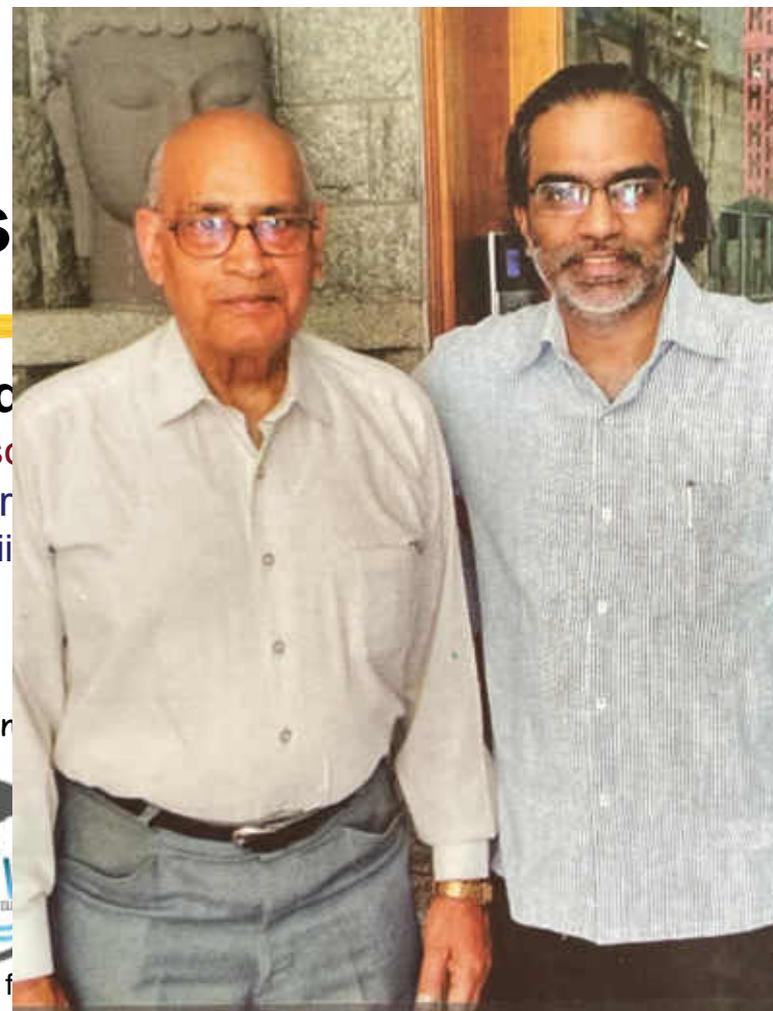
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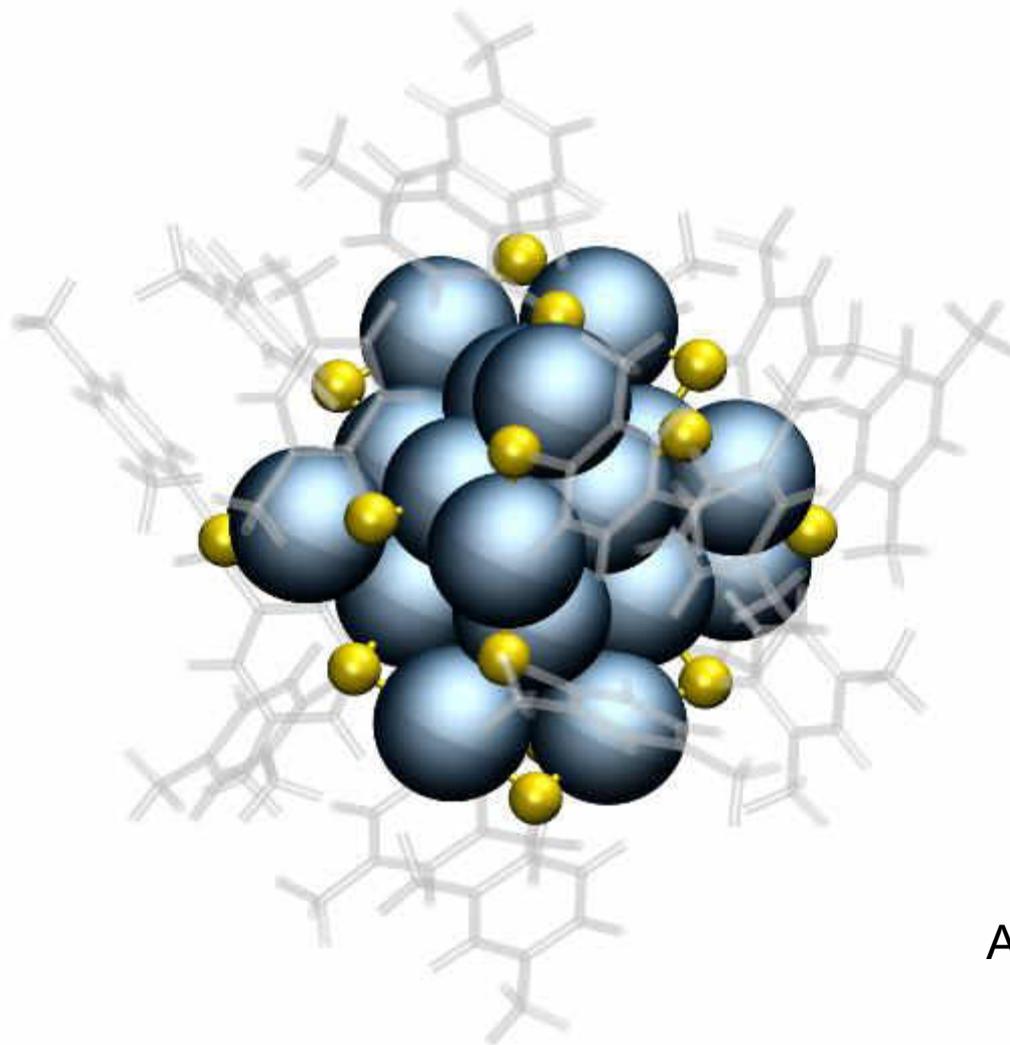


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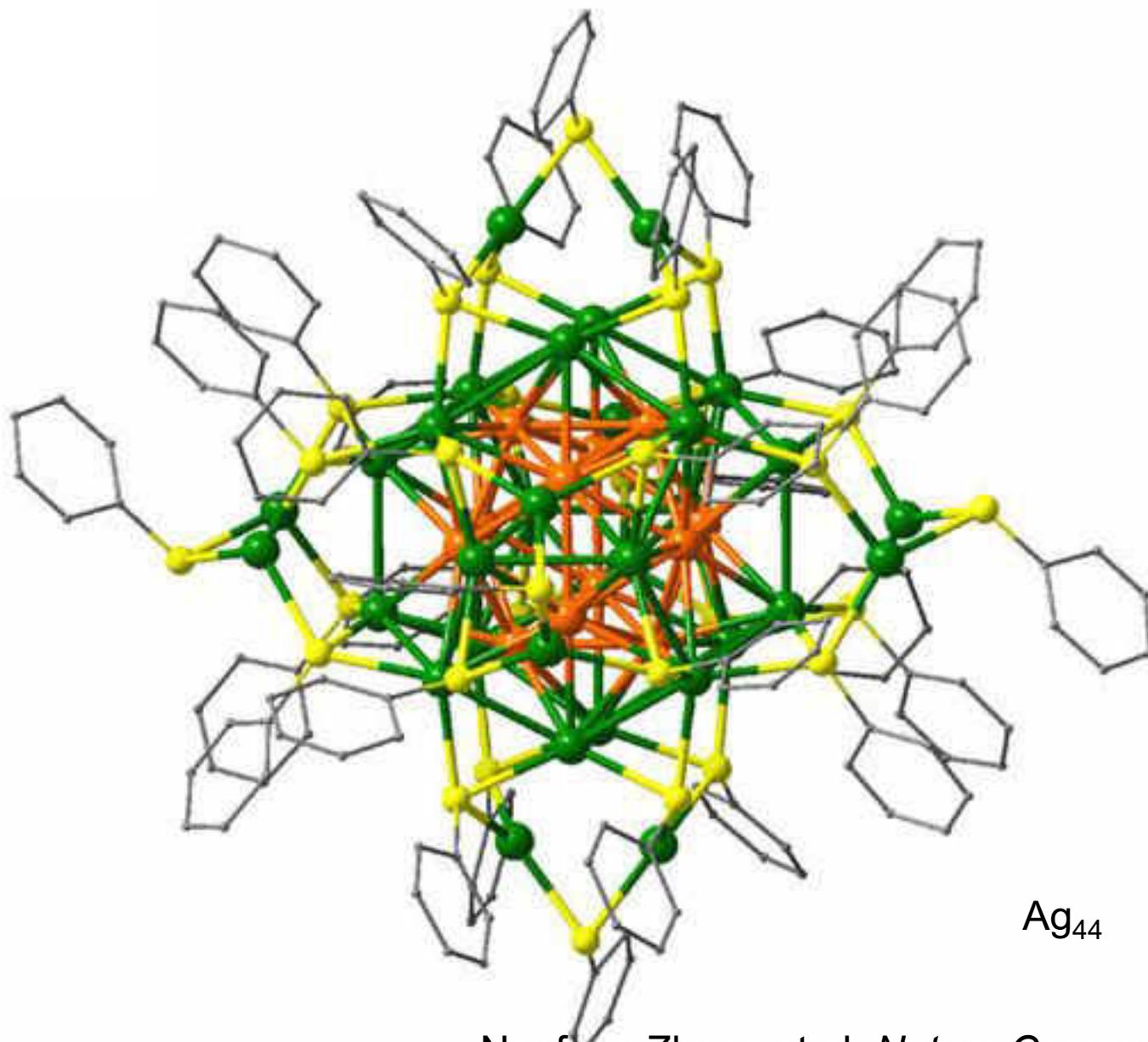
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New molecules

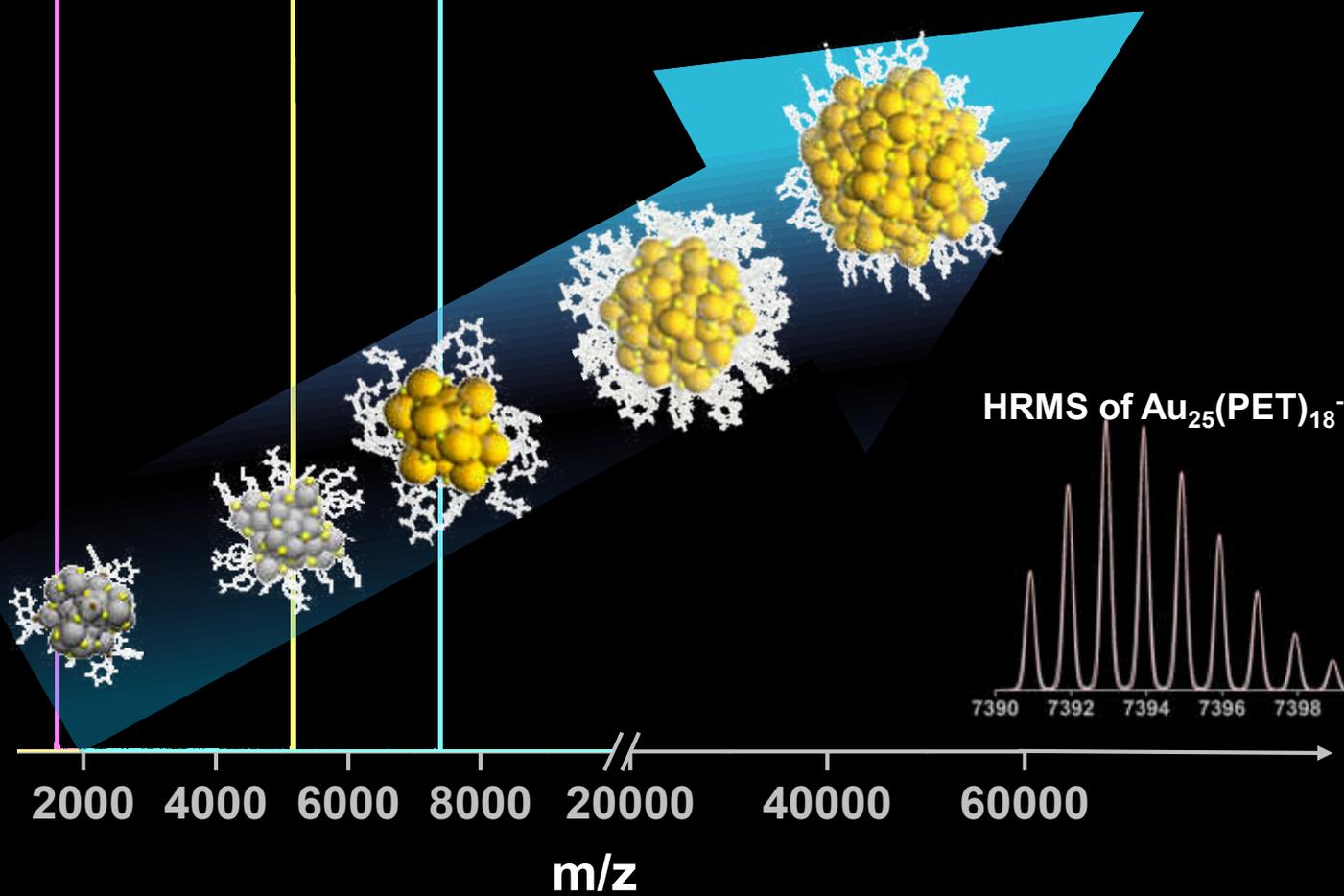


$\text{Au}_{25}, \text{Ag}_{25}, \text{Ag}_{29}$

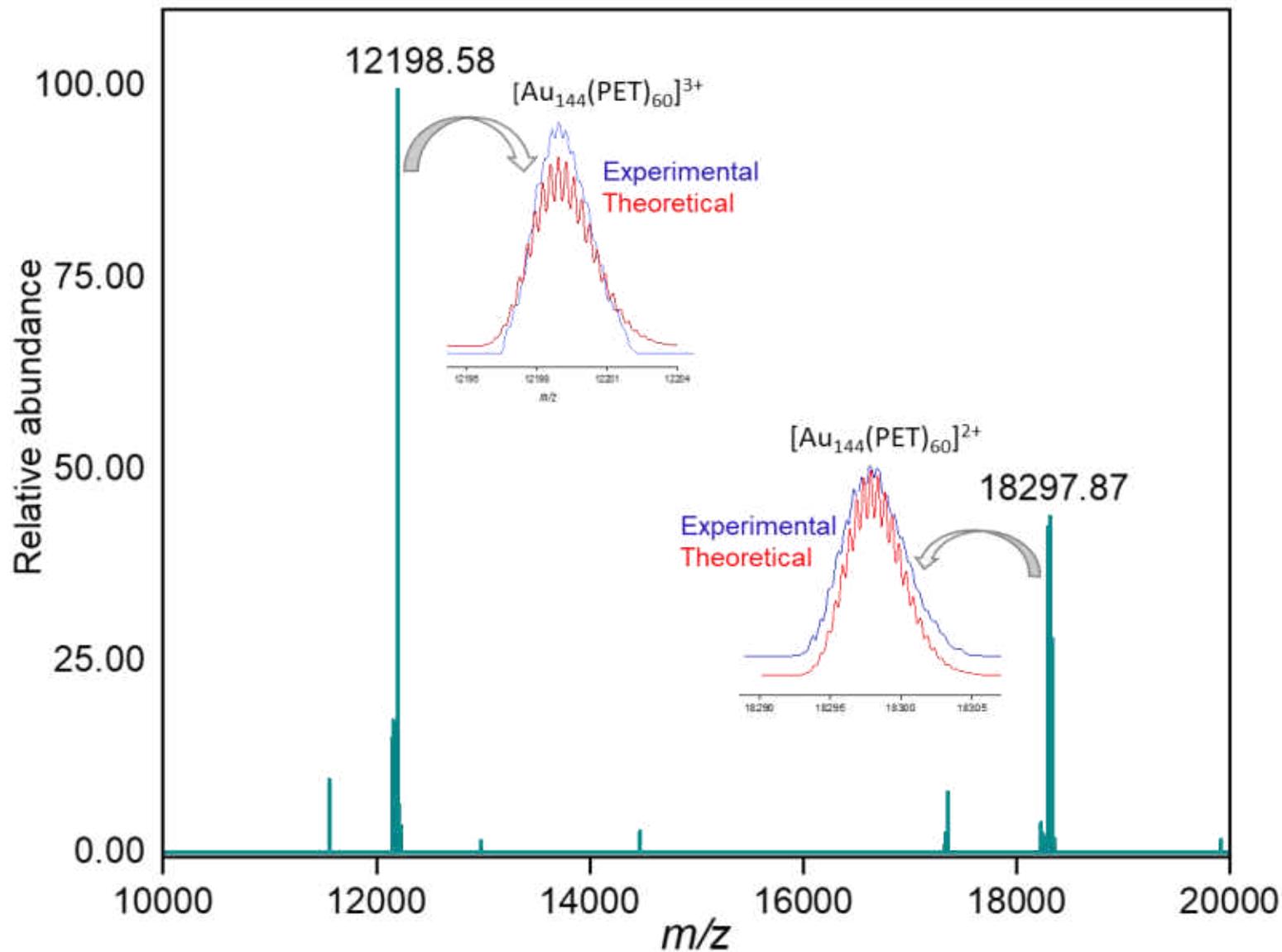


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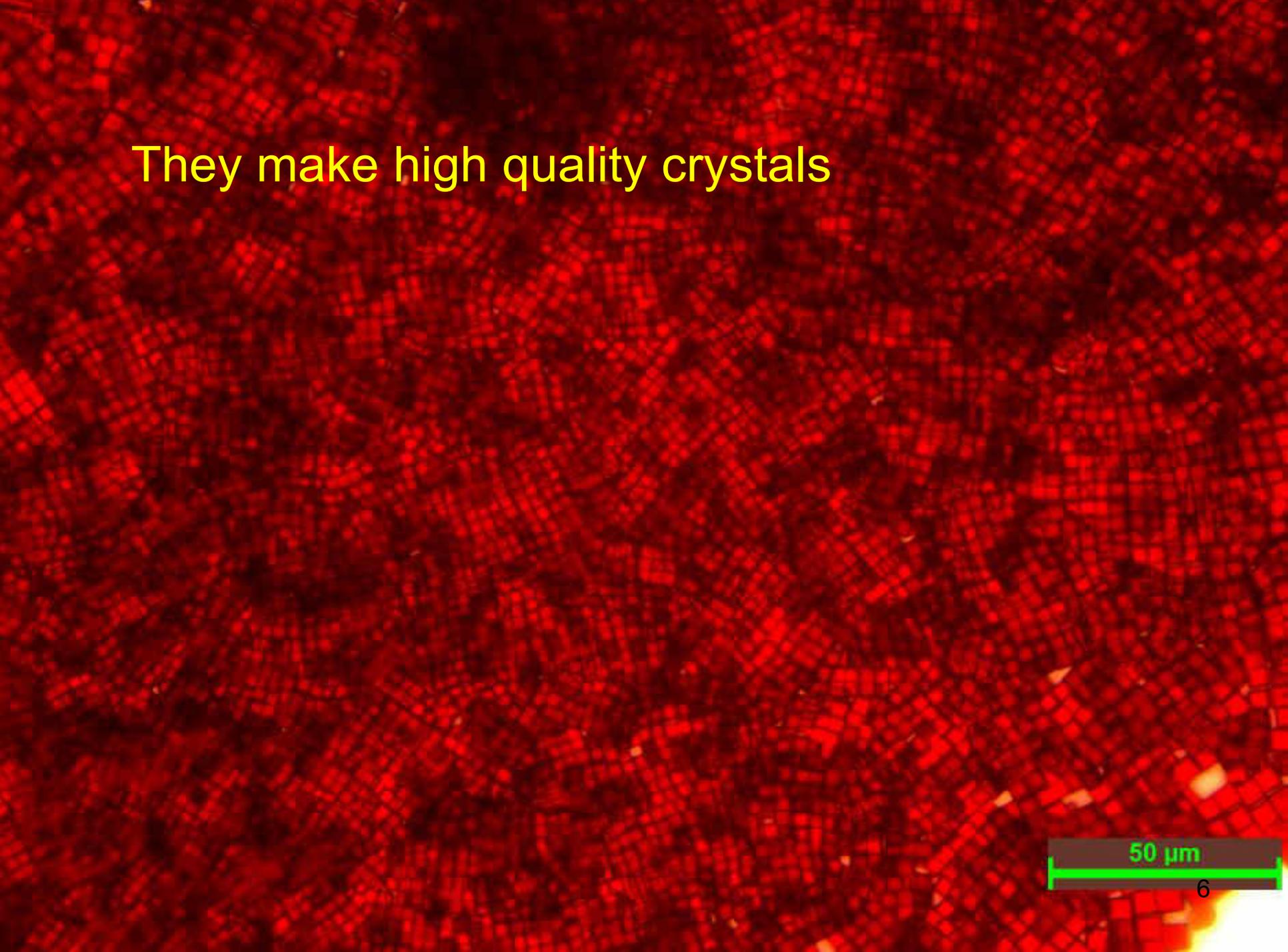
$\text{Ag}_{29}(\text{BDT})_{12}^{3-}$ $\text{Ag}_{25}(\text{DMBT})_{18}^{-}$ $\text{Au}_{25}(\text{PET})_{18}^{-}$



$\text{Au}_{144}(\text{PET})_{60}$

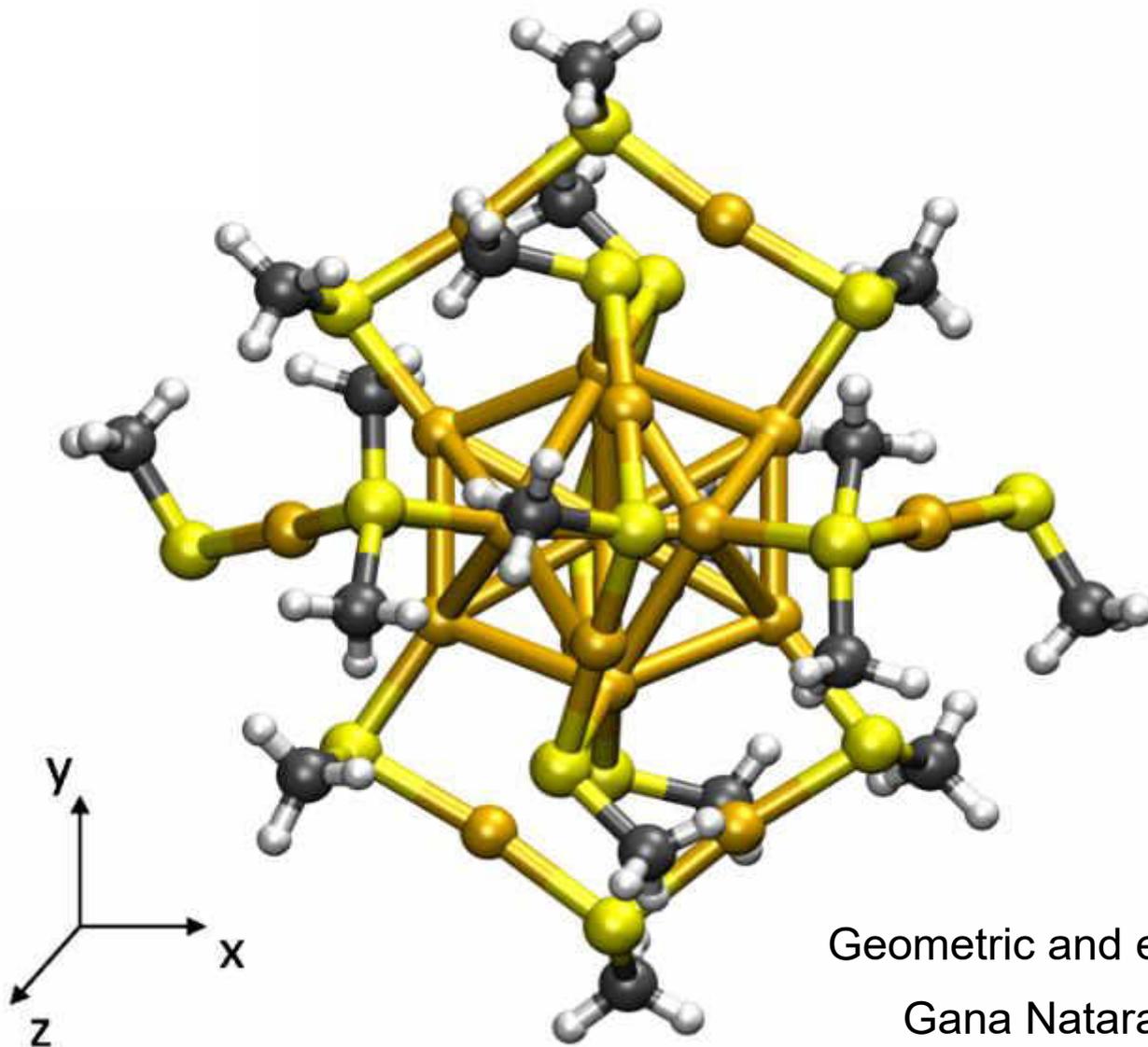


They make high quality crystals



50 μm

Molecular structure



Geometric and electronic shells

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Molecular materials

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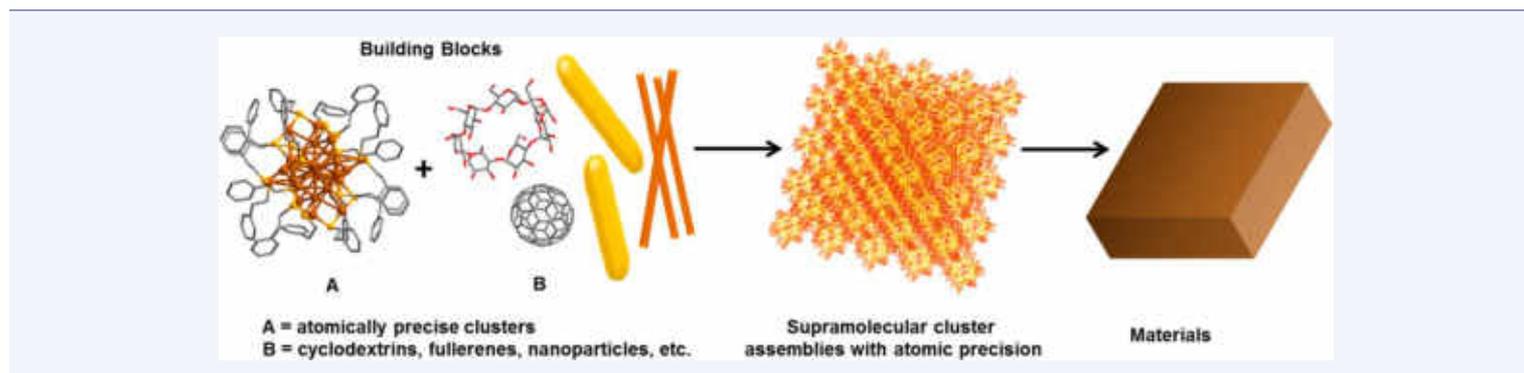
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1 Approaching Materials with Atomic Precision Using Supramolecular 2 Cluster Assemblies 3

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Molecules and their properties

Chemical formula	H ₂ O
Molecular weight	18.0148
Critical temperature	373.91°C
Critical pressure	22.05 MPa
Critical density	315.0 kg/m ³
Triple point temperature	0.01°C
Triple point pressure	615.066 Pa
Normal boiling point	100.0°C
Normal freezing point	0.0°C
Density of ice at normal melting point	918.0 kg/m ³
Maximum density, 3.98°C	999.973 kg/m ³
Viscosity, 25°C	0.889 mN s/m ²
Surface tension, 25°C	72 mN/m
Heat Capacity, 25°C	4.1796 kJ/kg.K
Enthalpy of vaporisation, 100°C	2,257.7 kJ/kg
Enthalpy of fusion, 0°C	333.8 kJ/kg
Velocity of sound, 0°C	1.403 km/s
Dielectric constant, 25°C	78.40
Electrical conductivity, 25°C	8 μS/m
Refractive index, 25°C	1.333
Liquid compressibility, 10°C	480. × 10 ⁻¹² m ² /N
Coefficient of thermal expansion, 25°C	256.32 × 10 ⁻⁶ K ⁻¹
Thermal Conductivity, 25°C	0.608 W/m.K

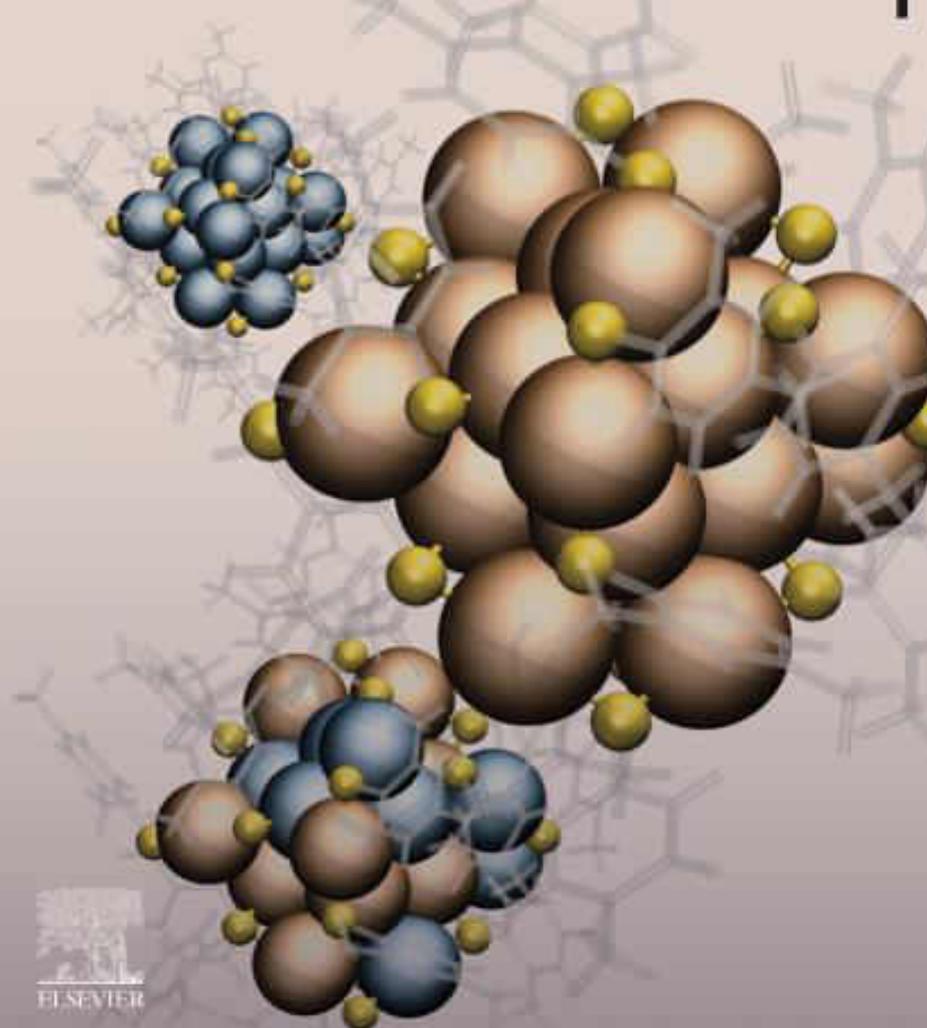
Molecular formula
Molecular weight
Molecular structure
Molecular absorption and emission
Molecular reactions
Molecular assembly
Molecular co-crystals
Ionization potential
Electron affinity

Phases - phase transitions
Physical properties
Electrical, magnetic
Mechanical properties
Electrochemical properties

Future?

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Molecular reactions



Reactions on clusters
Reactions between clusters

Inter-cluster reactions

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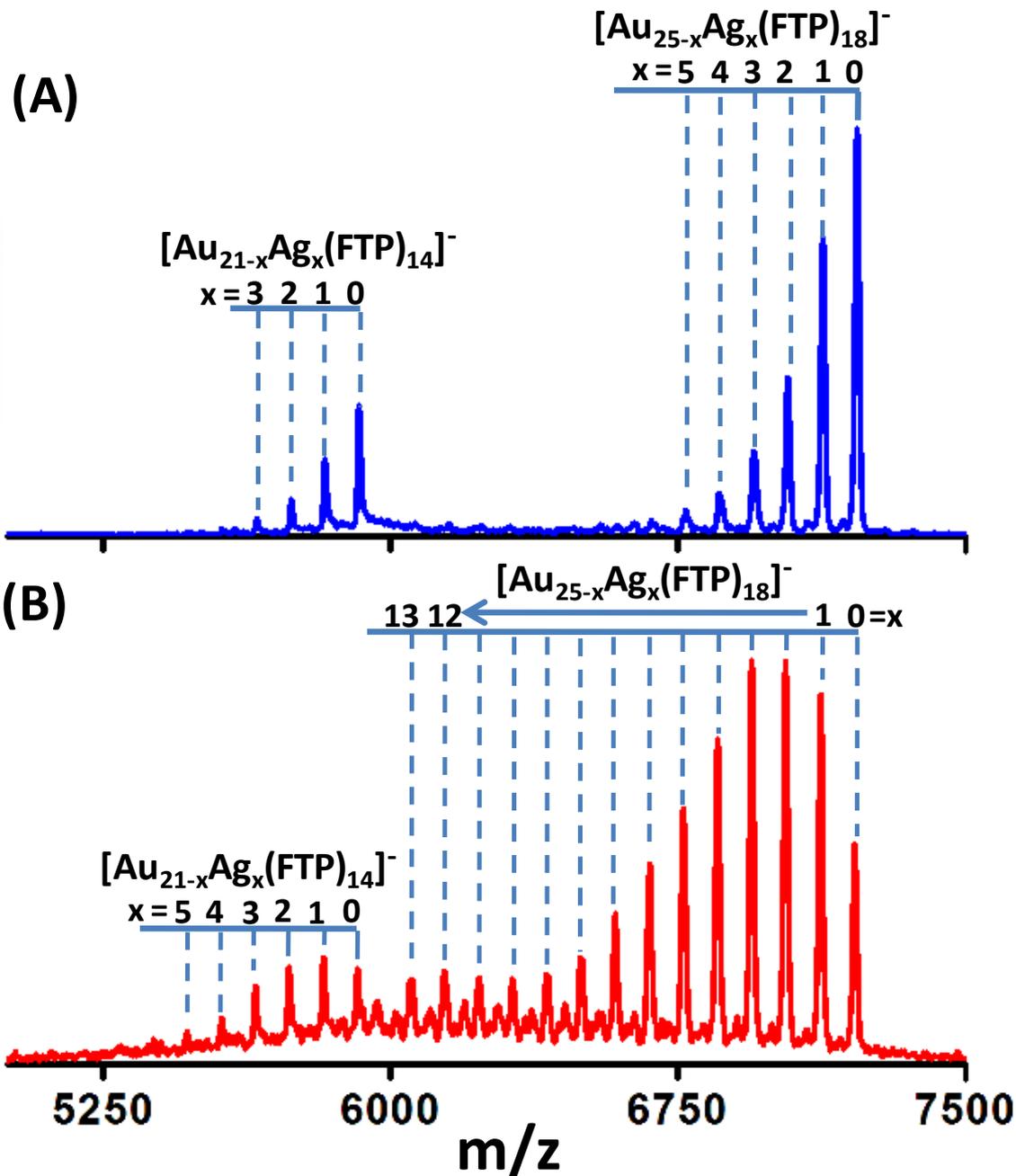
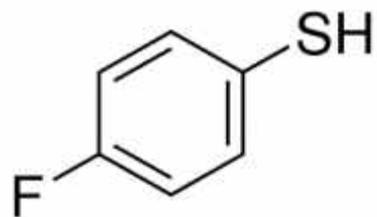
Intercluster Reactions between $\text{Au}_{25}(\text{SR})_{18}$ and $\text{Ag}_{44}(\text{SR})_{30}$

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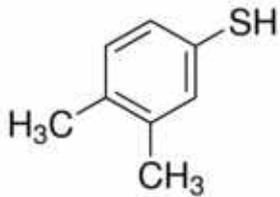


Ag₂₅-Au₂₅ experiments

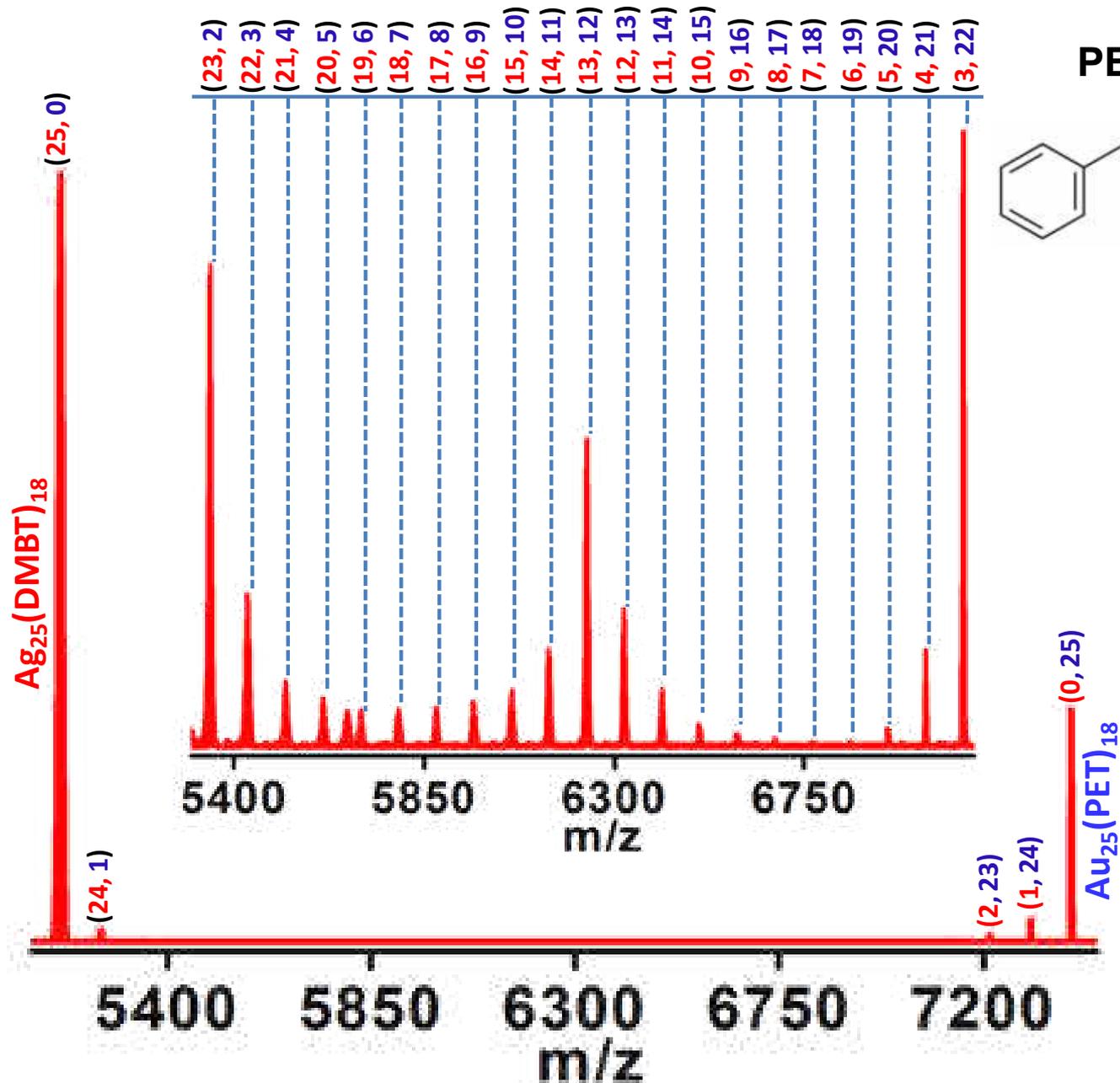
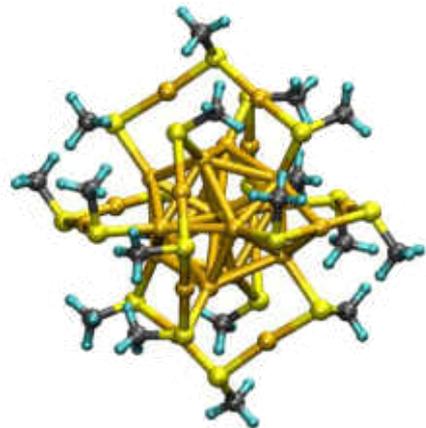
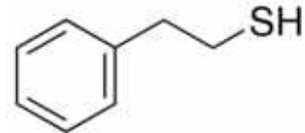
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Reaction between $\text{Au}_{25}(\text{PET})_{18}$ and $\text{Ag}_{25}(\text{DMBT})_{18}$

DMBT

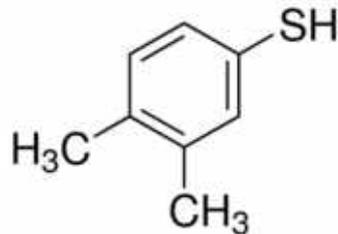


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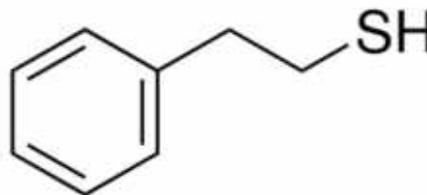


$[Ag_{25}(DMBT)_{18}+Au_{25}(PET)_{18}]^{2-}$

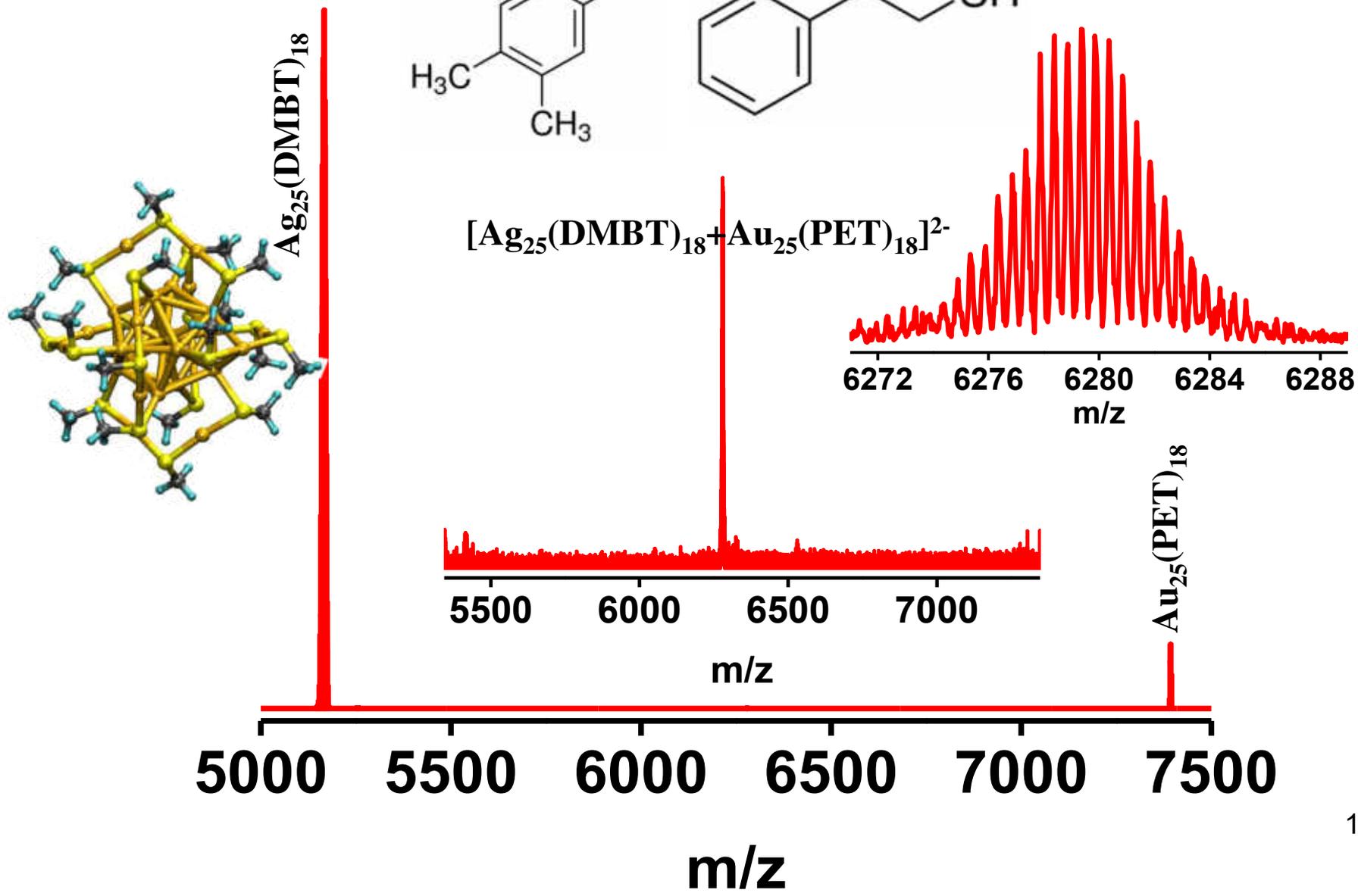
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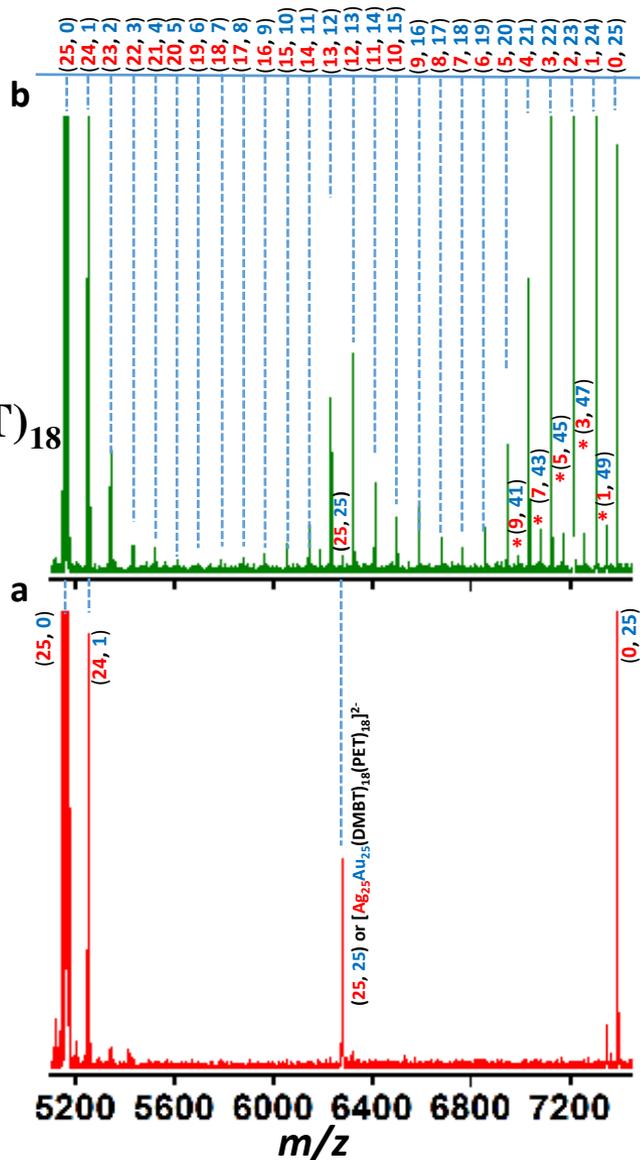


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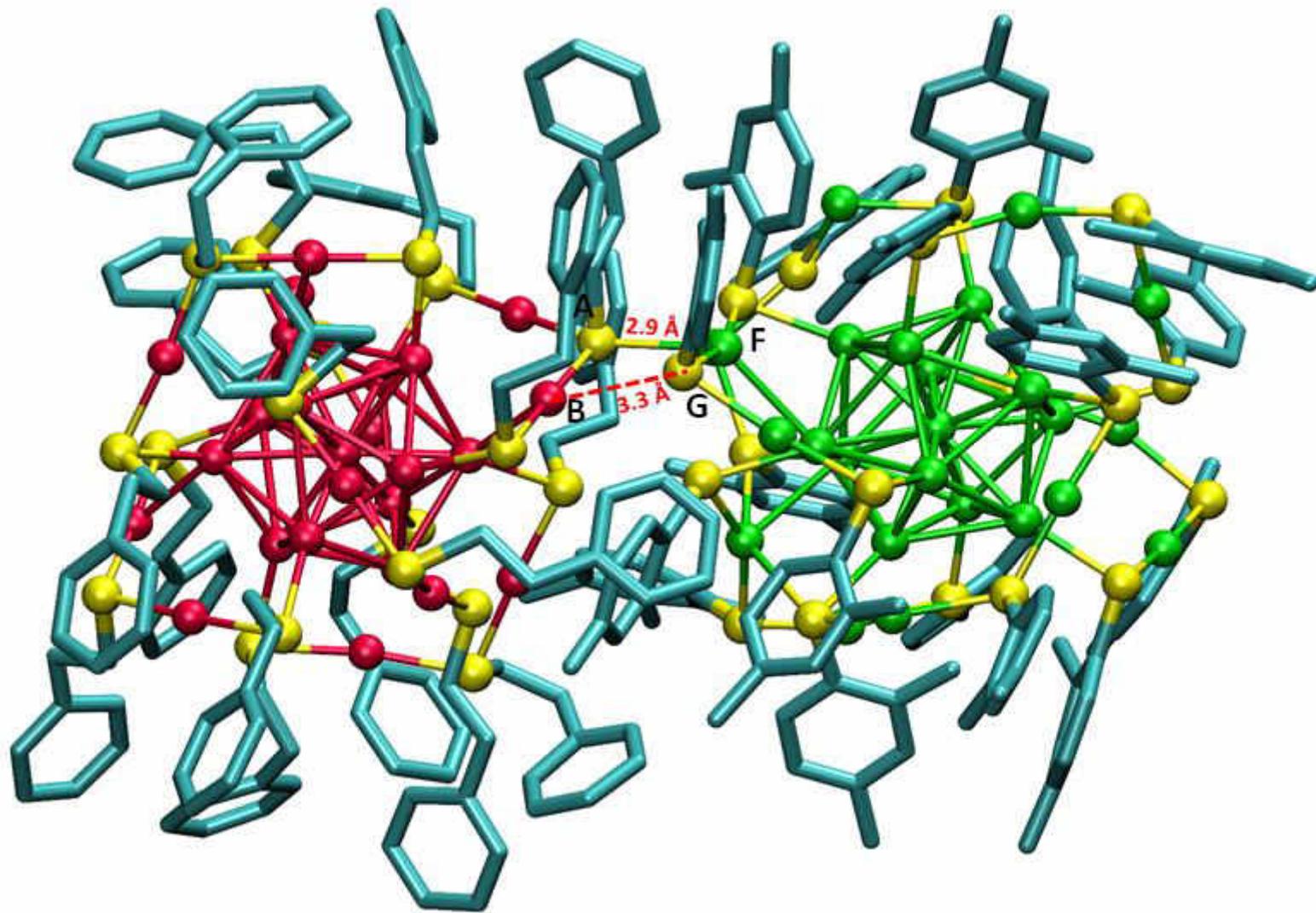
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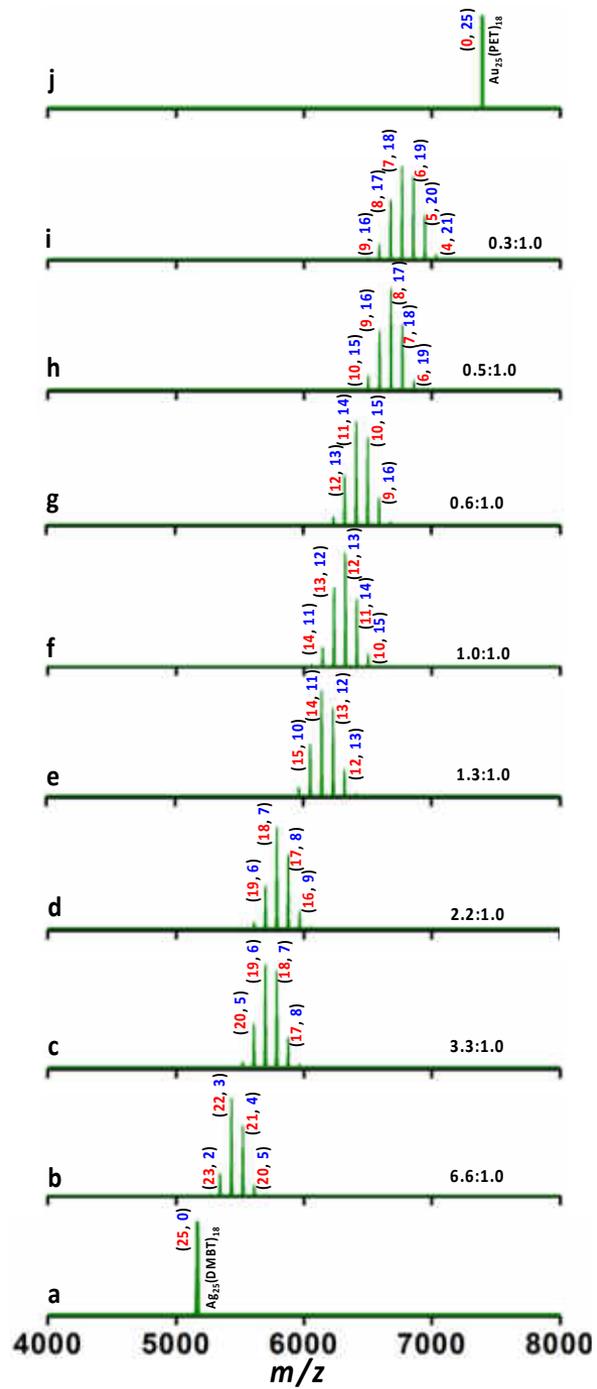


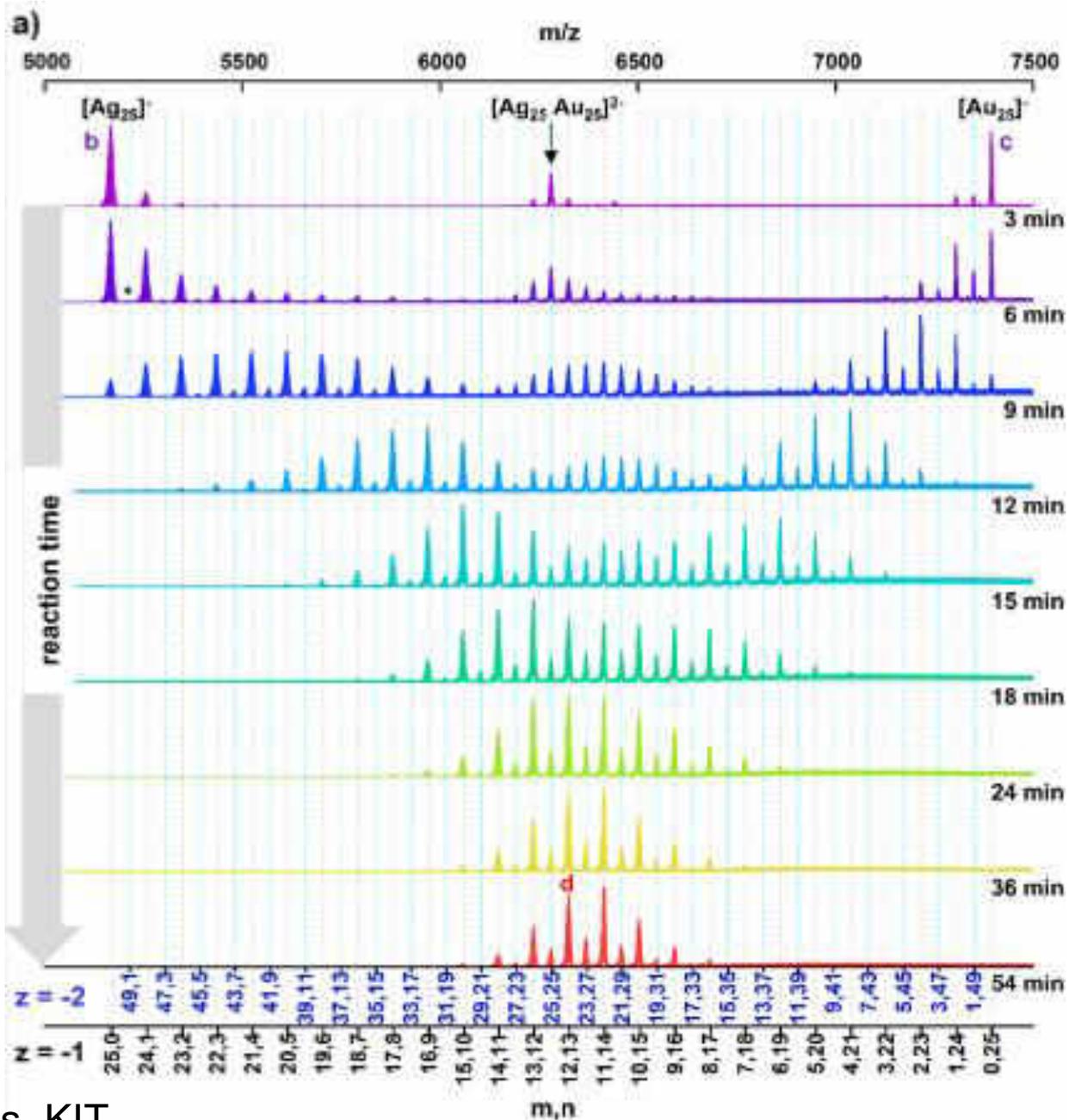
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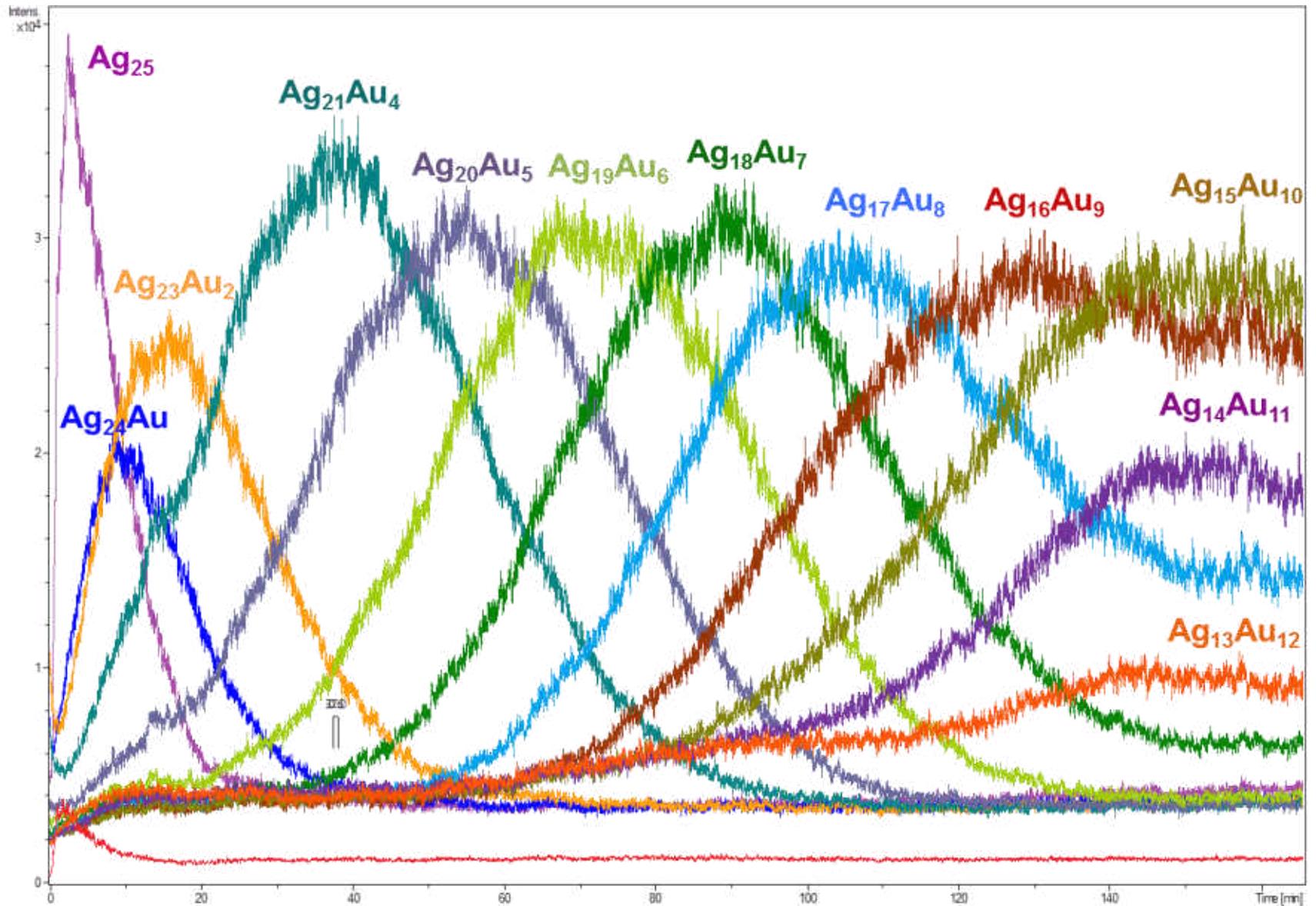
Optimized structure of $[\text{Ag}_{25}\text{Au}_{25}(\text{DMBT})_{18}(\text{PET})_{18}]^{2-}$



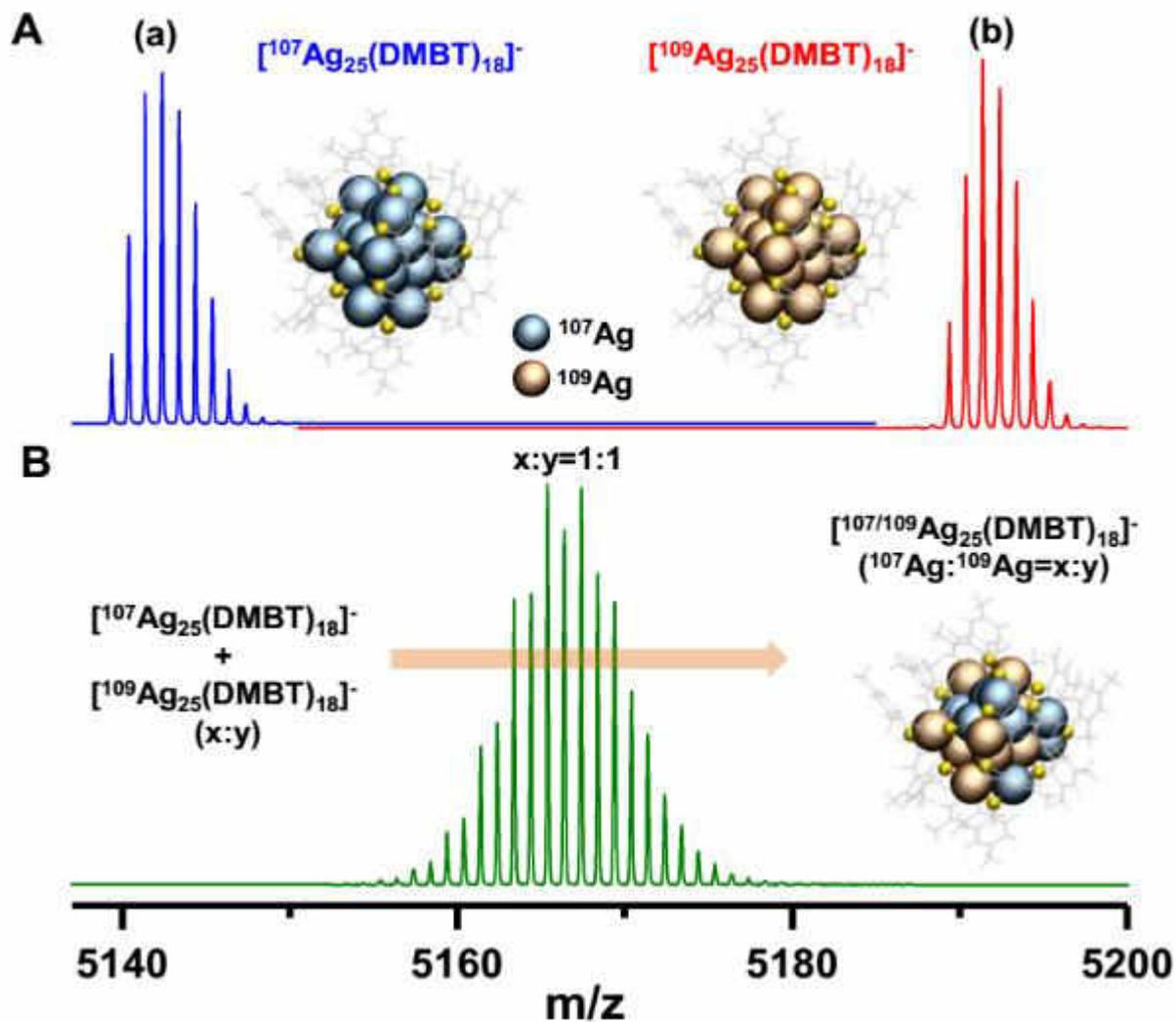




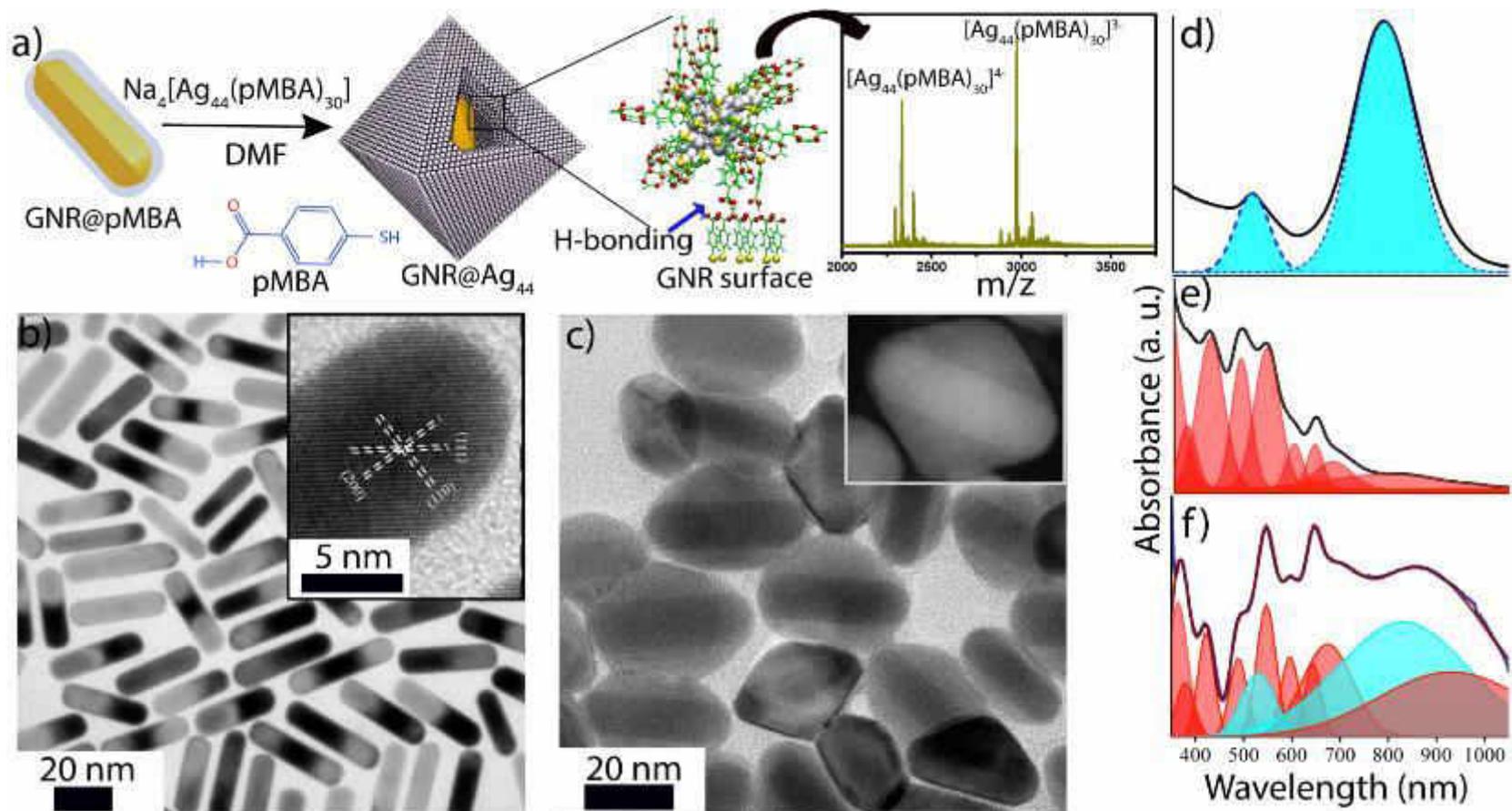
Kinetics of the exchange (monitored on the Ag_{25} side)



Isotopic exchange



Atomically precise nanocluster assemblies encapsulating plasmonic gold nanorods



Chakraborty, A. et al., *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2018**, 57, 6522–6526.

Biopolymer-reinforced synthetic granular nanocomposites for affordable point-of-use water purification

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

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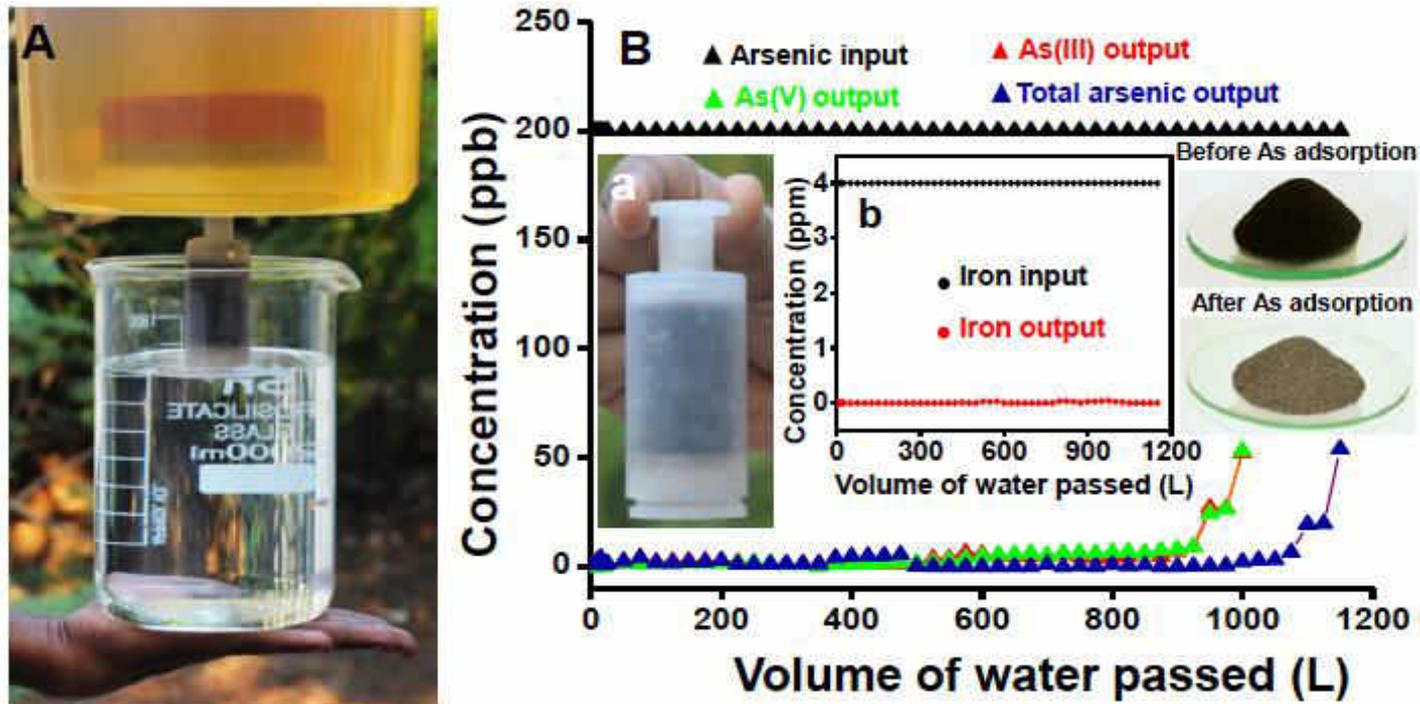
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available; and (c) continued retention matrix is difficult. We have developed a unique family of nanocrystalline granular composite materials prepared through an aqueous route. The composition is attributed to abundant -OH groups on chitosan, which help in the crystallization of silver nanoparticles and also ensure strong covalent bonding between the silver nanoparticles and the surface to the matrix. X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) confirms that the composition is rich in silver. Using hyperspectral imaging, the leaching of silver in the water was confirmed. The nanocomposites are able to reactivate the silver nanoparticle antimicrobial activity in drinking water. Such nanocomposites have been developed that can be used in water. We demonstrate an affordable device based on such composites designed for widespread use and undergoing field trials in India, to spread eradication of the waterborne

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Range of materials, their affordability and safety



Safety of spent media, TCLP

A. Anil Kumar, et. al. *Adv. Mater.*, 29 (2016) 1604260.

Clean water for everyone



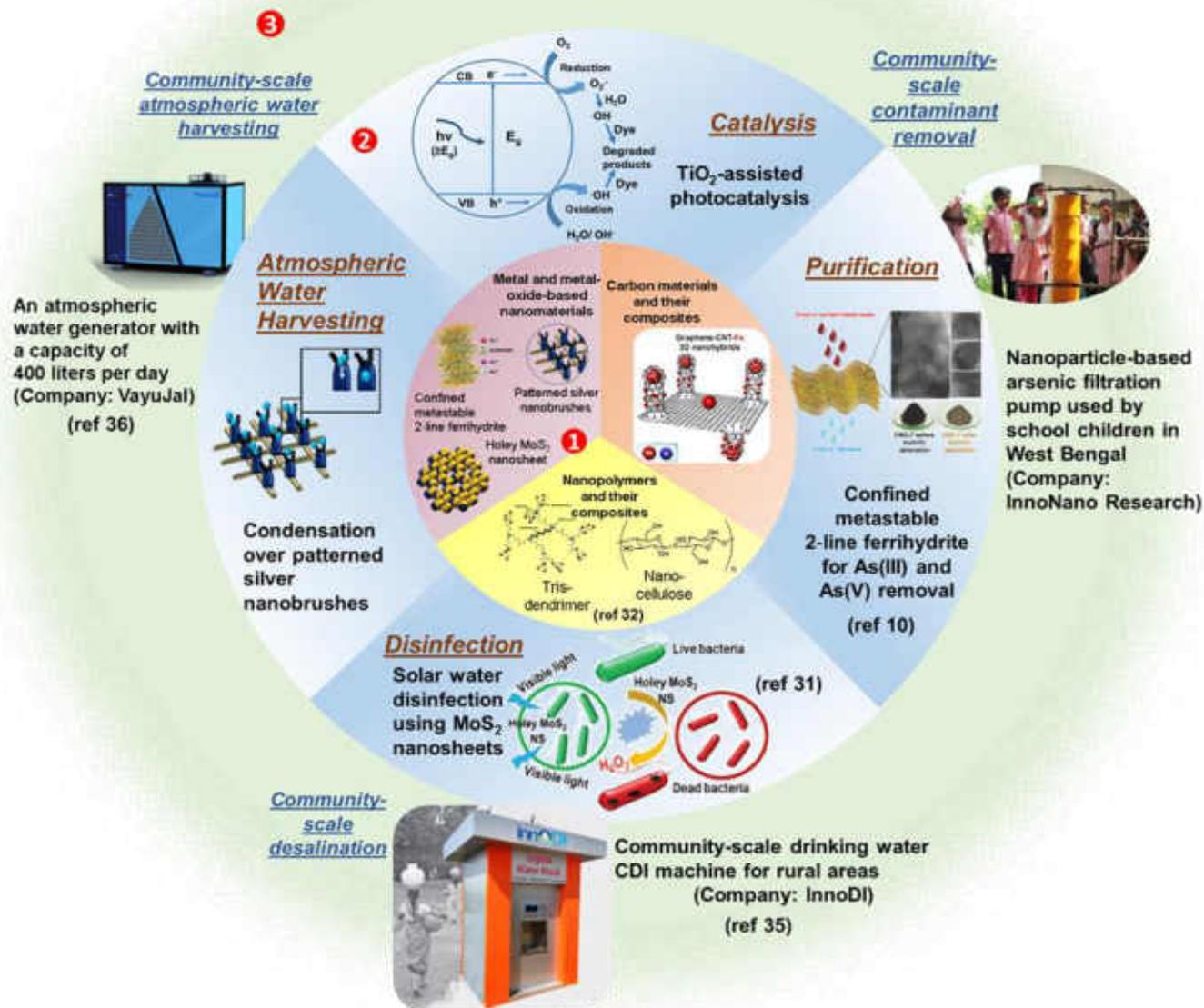
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We developed environmentally friendly water positive nanoscale materials for affordable, sustainable and rapid removal of arsenic from drinking water.

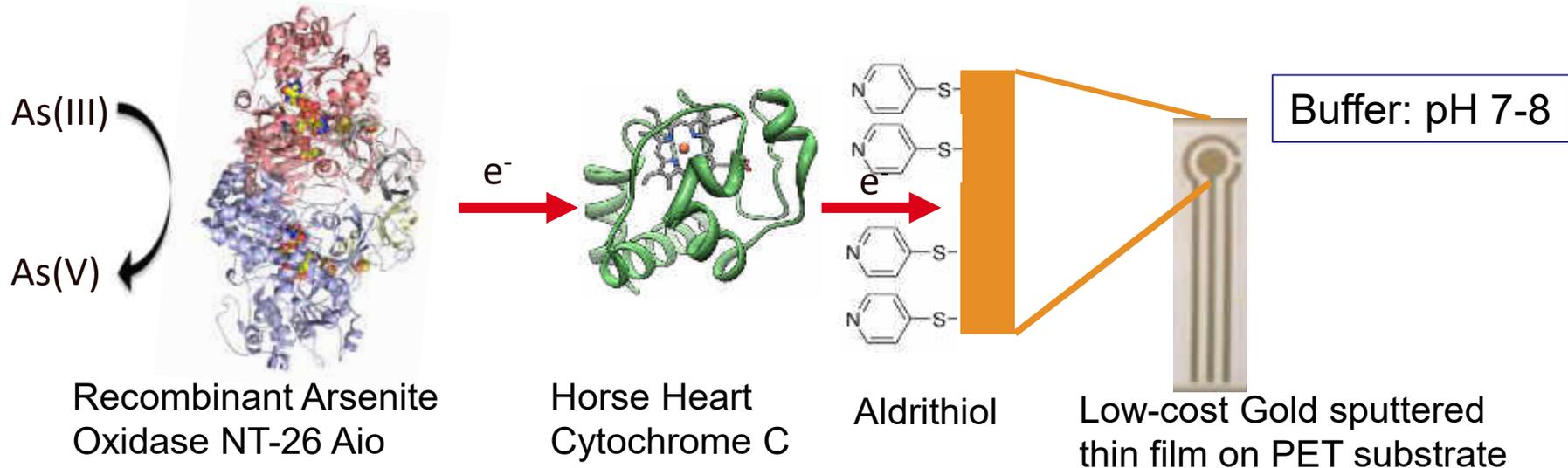
There are over 1700 community installations across the country, serving 1.3 million people with arsenic and iron-free water every day.

Evolution of materials to products

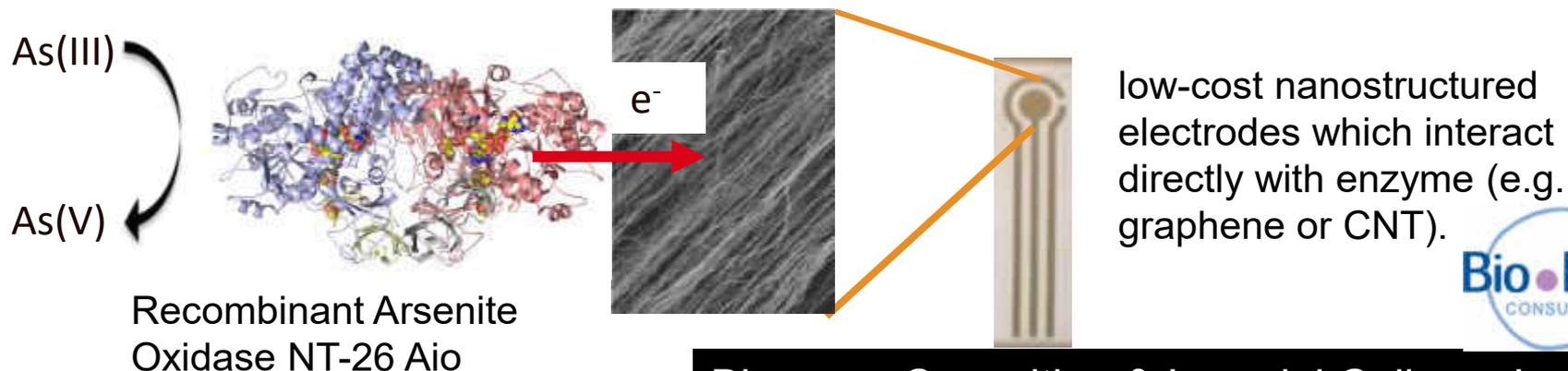


Biosensor Design

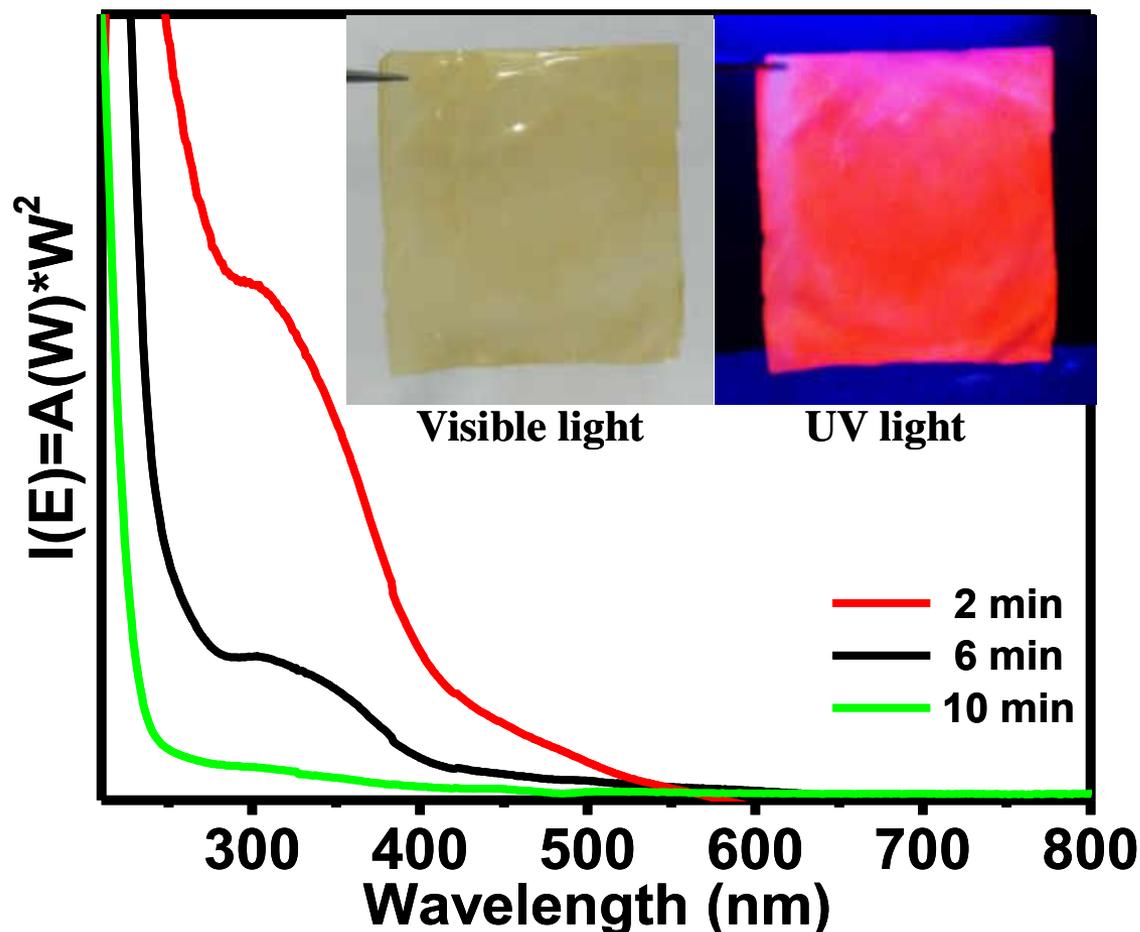
1st Generation Design (Mediated Electrochemistry)



2nd Generation Design (Direct Electron Transfer)

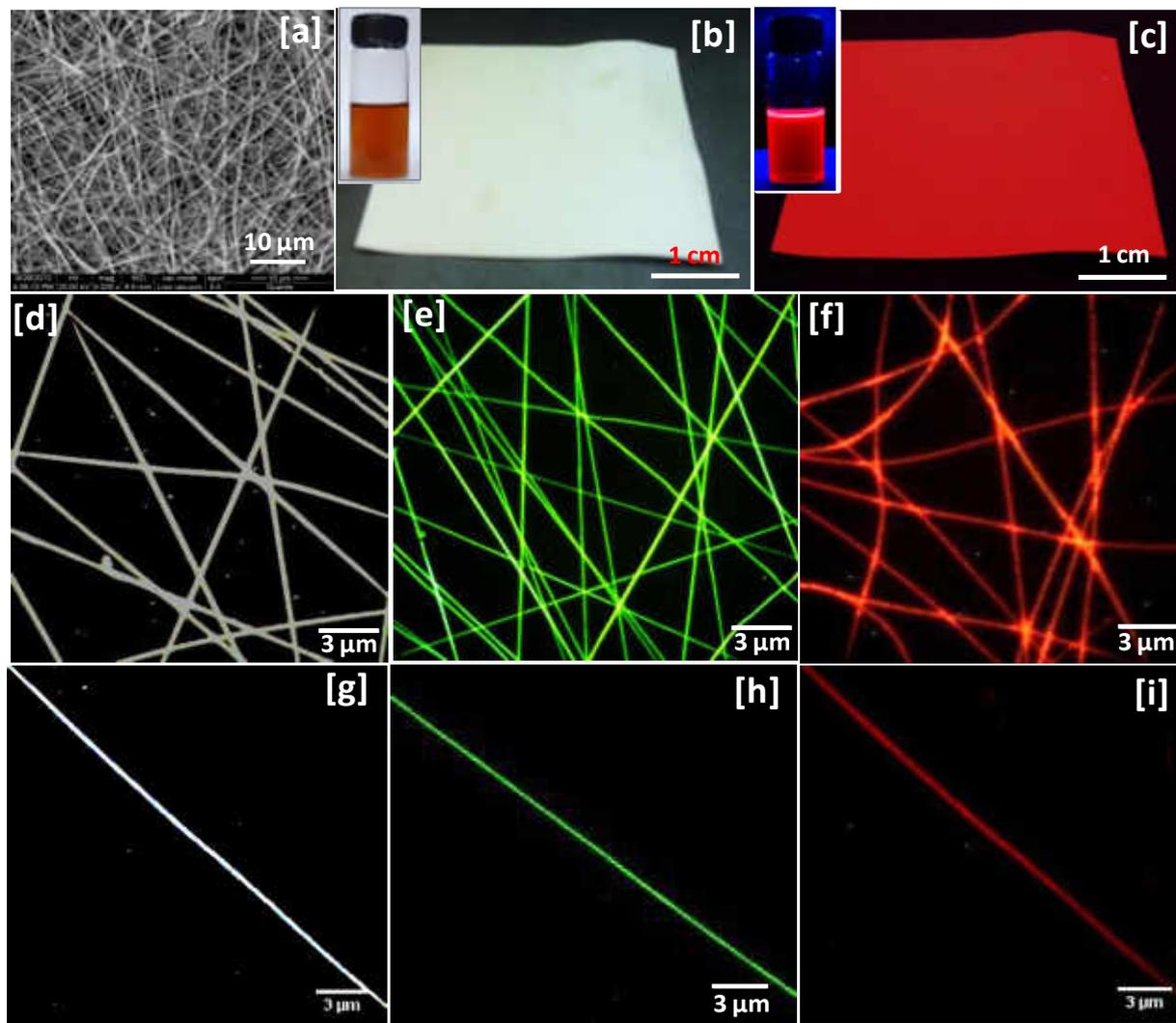


Cluster-based metal ion sensing

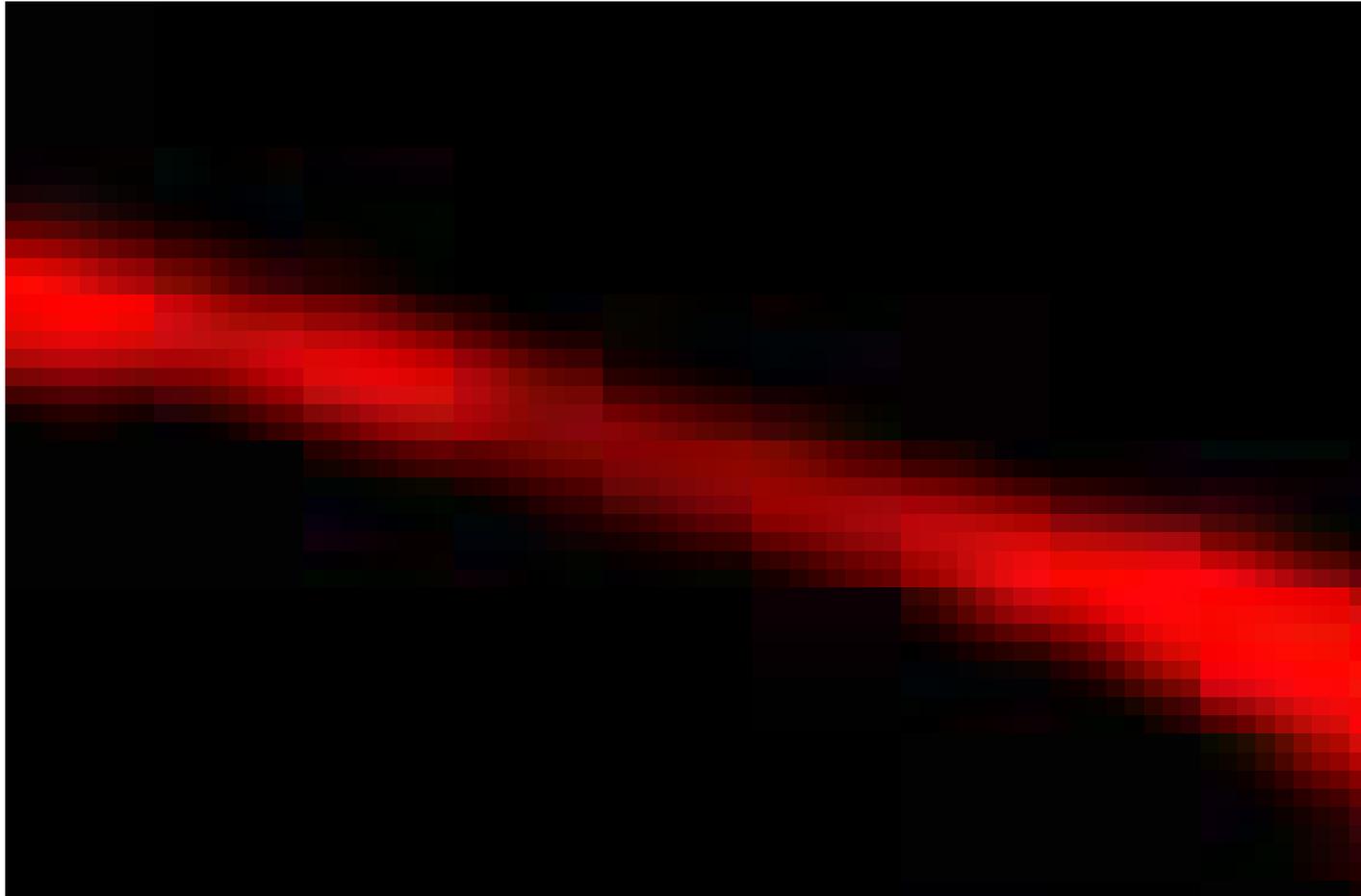


Decrease in the absorption of Au_{15} as a biofilm is dipped into the cluster solution. Inset: Free standing quantum cluster loaded film in visible light and UV light.

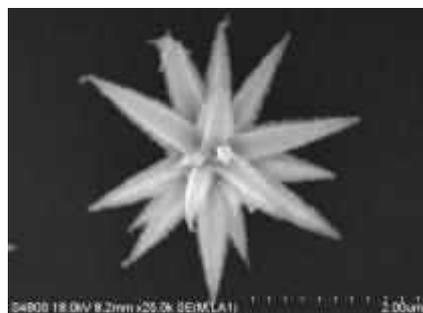
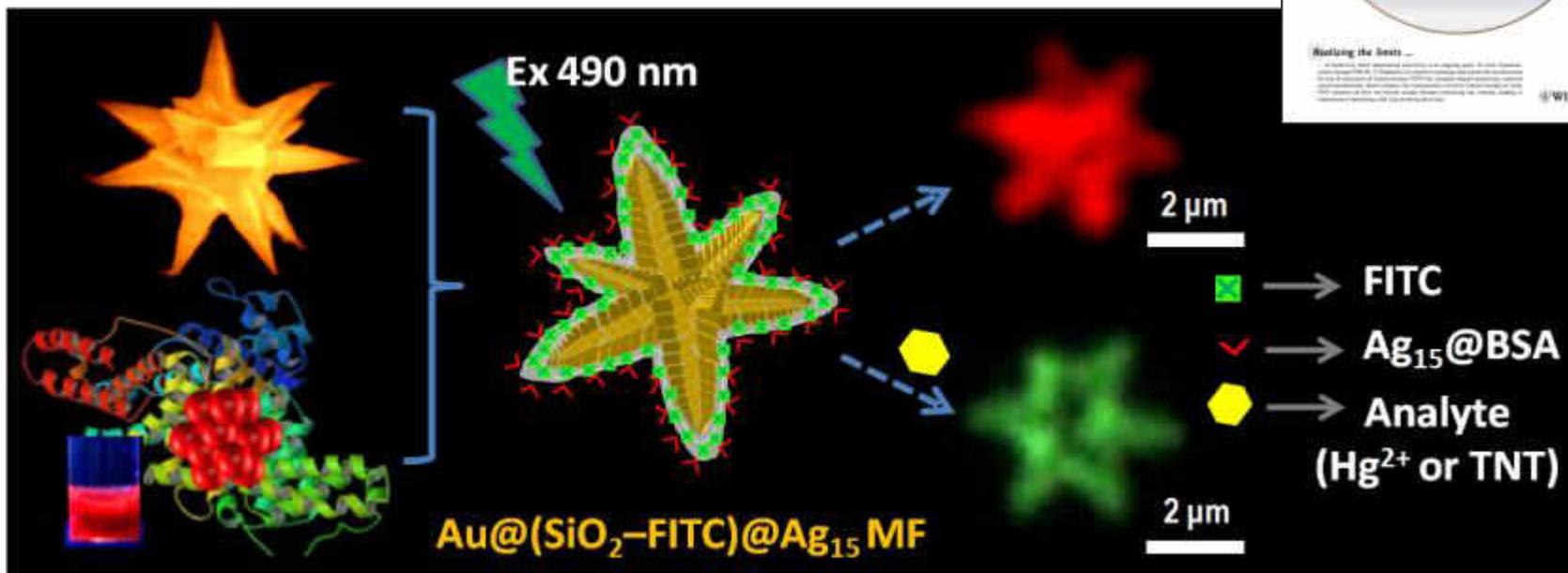
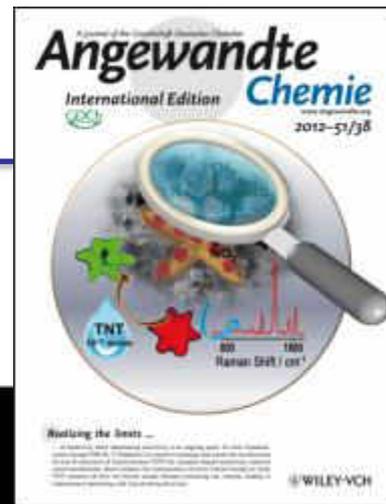
Approaching detection limits of tens of Hg^{2+}



Mercury quenching experiment using nanofiber



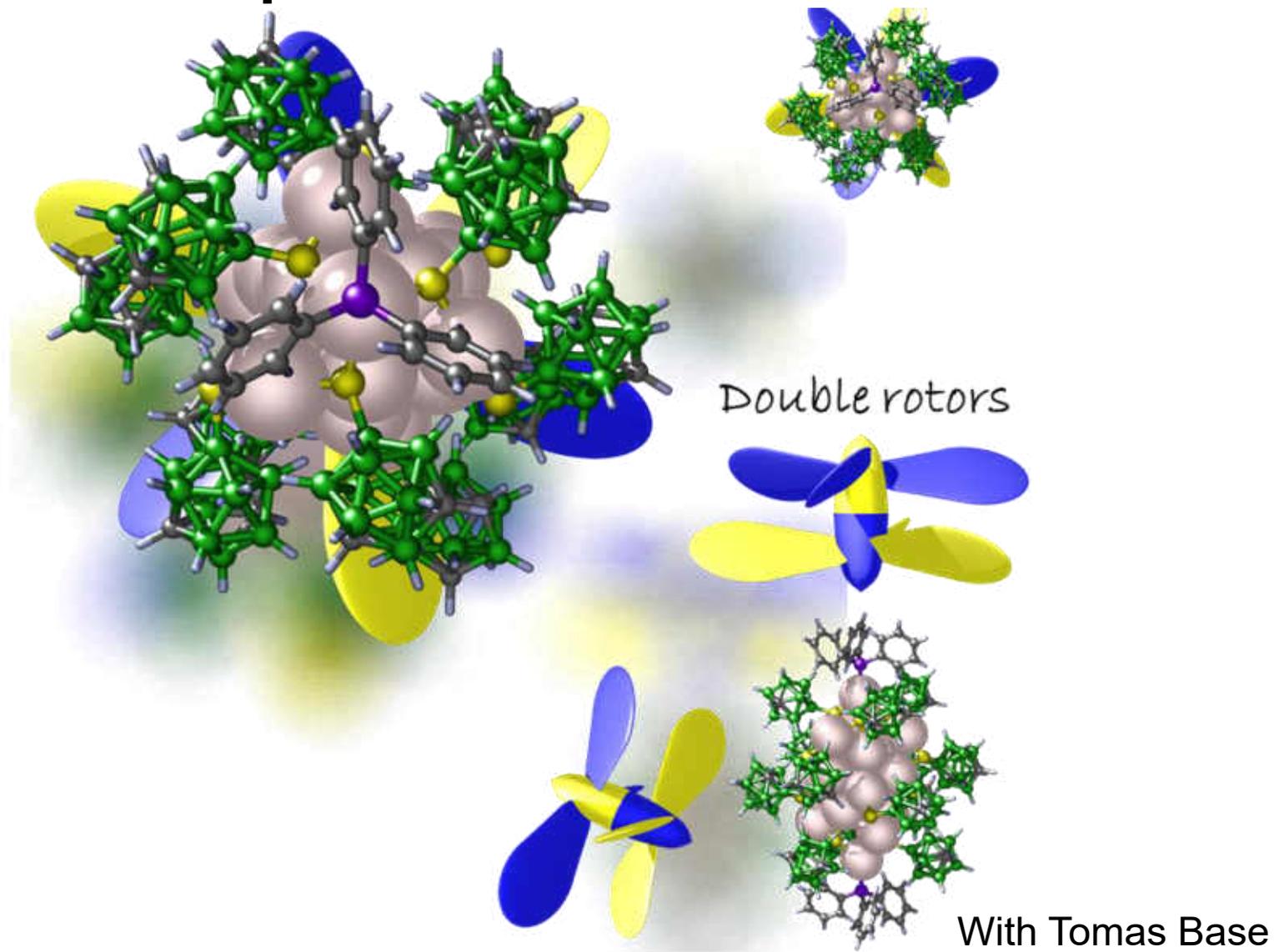
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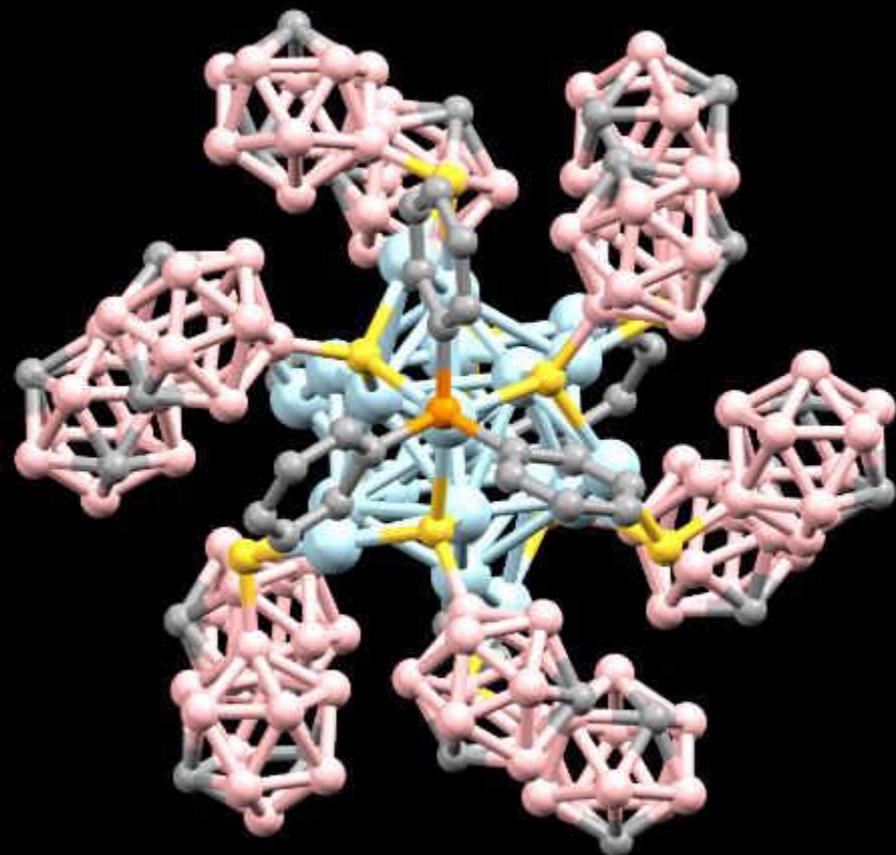
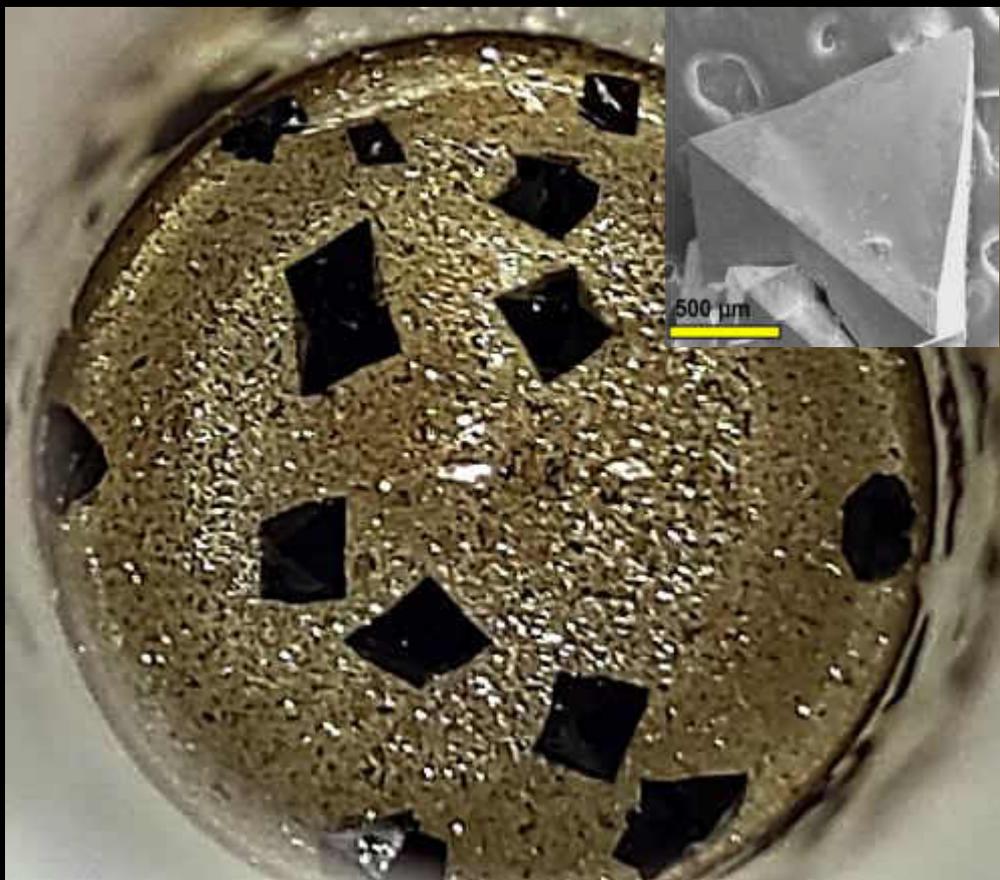


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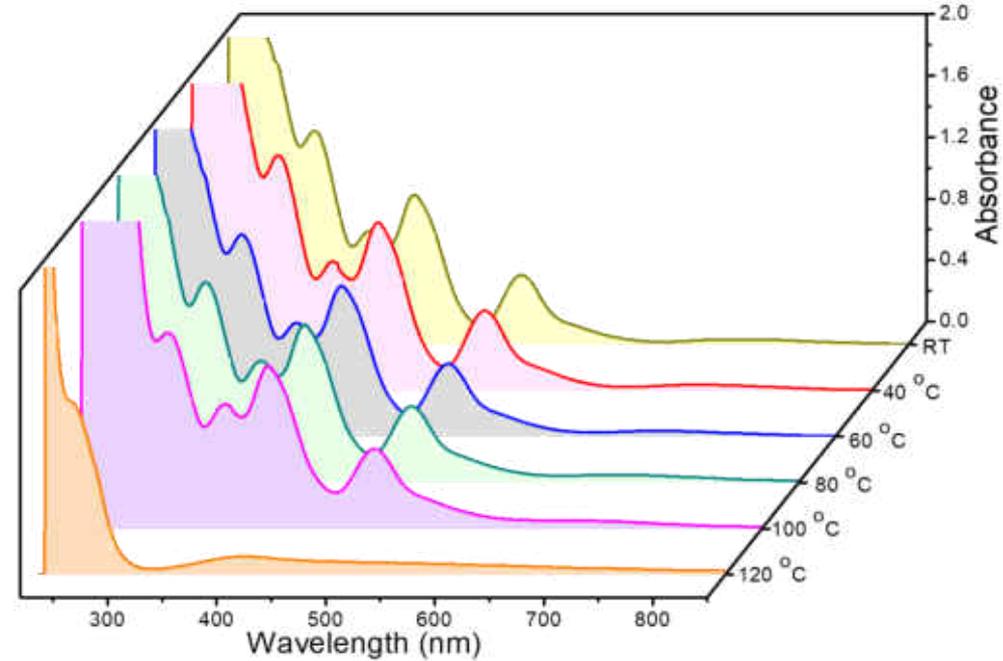
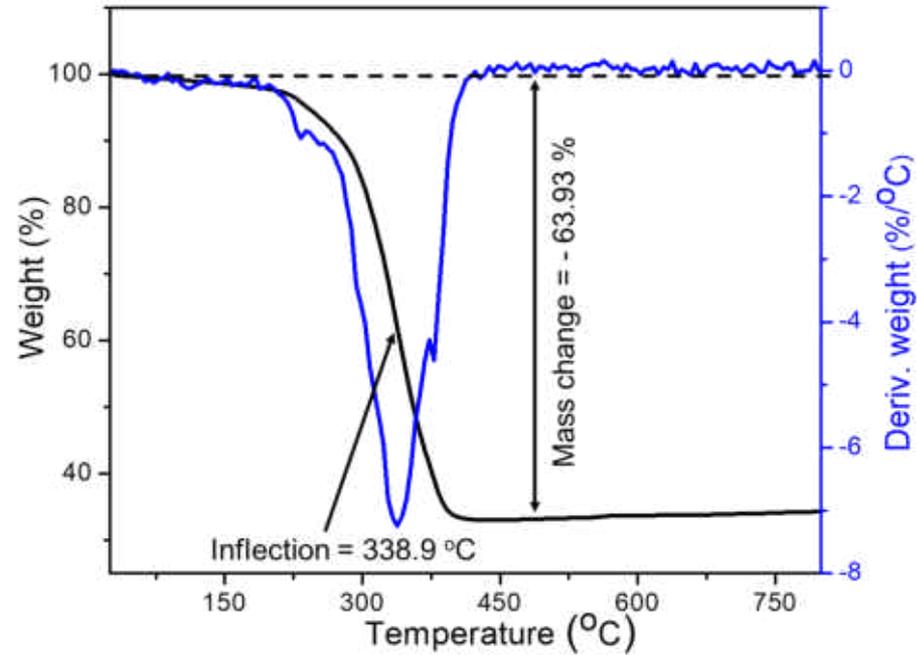
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Carborane-thiol protected silver nanomolecule

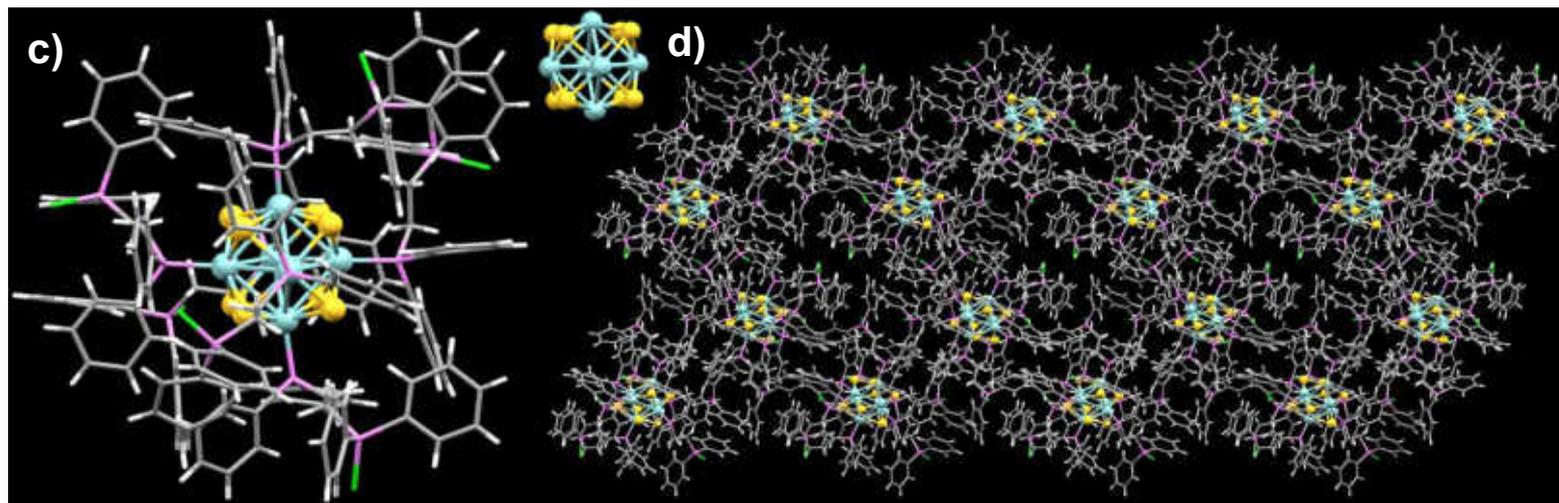
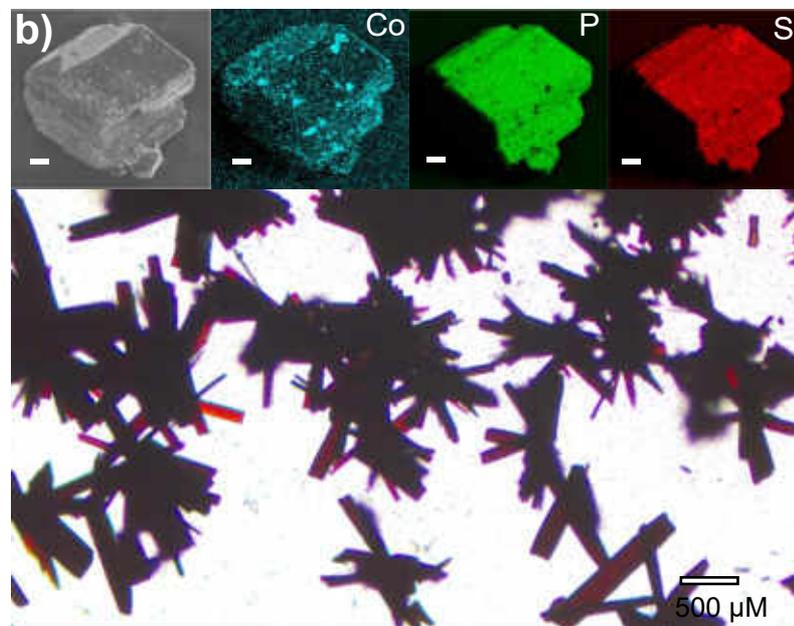
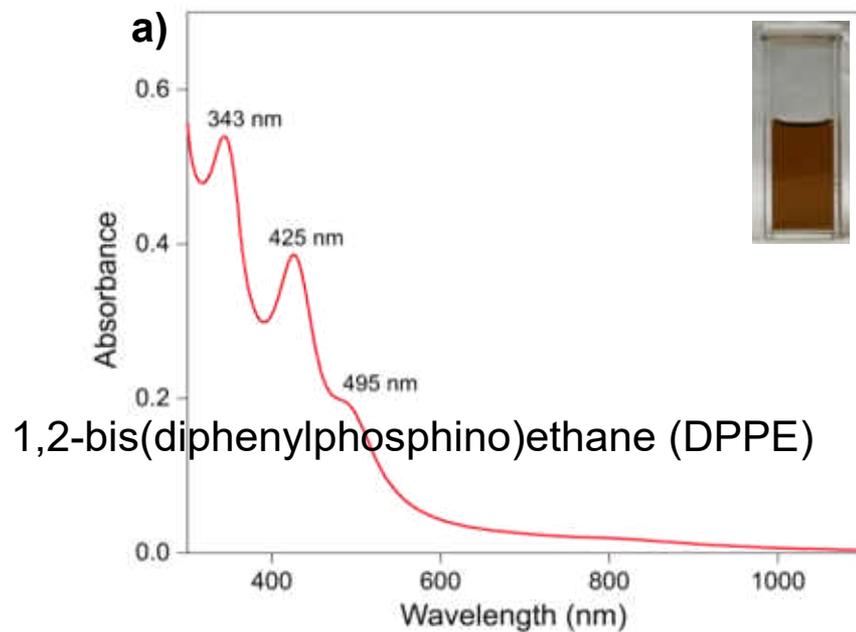




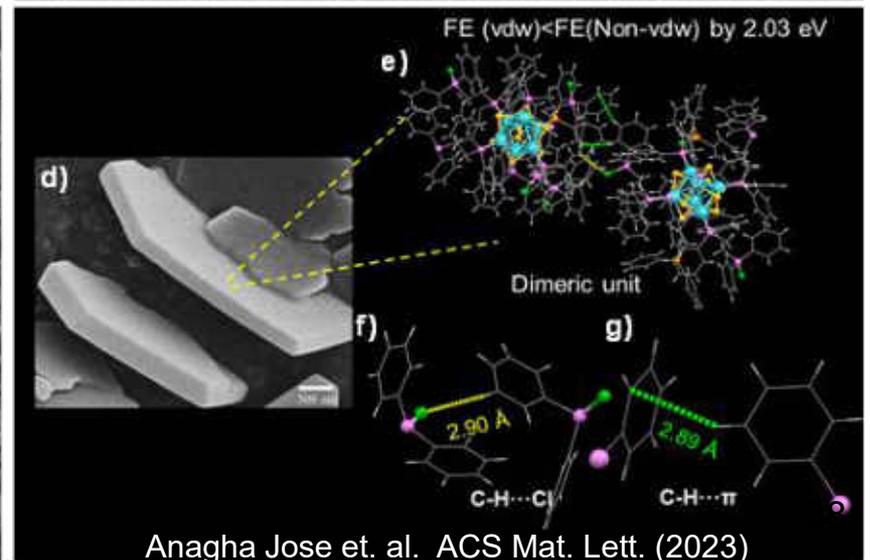
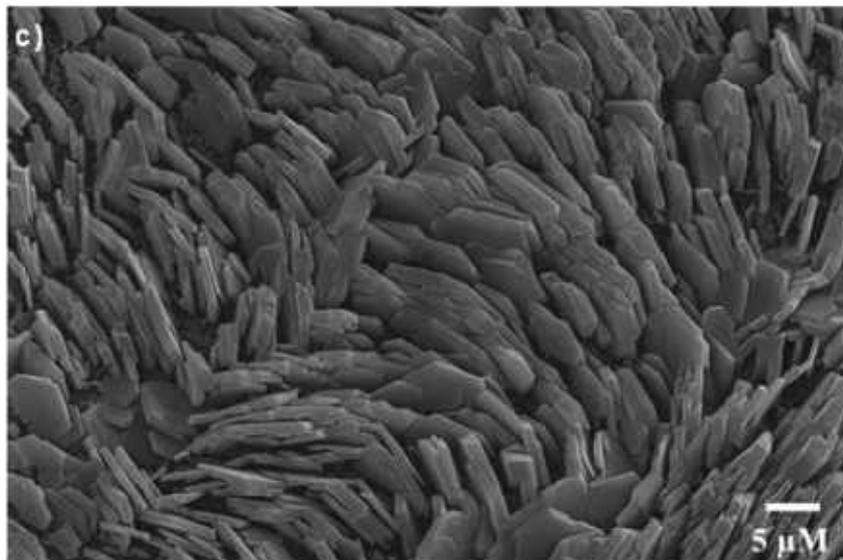
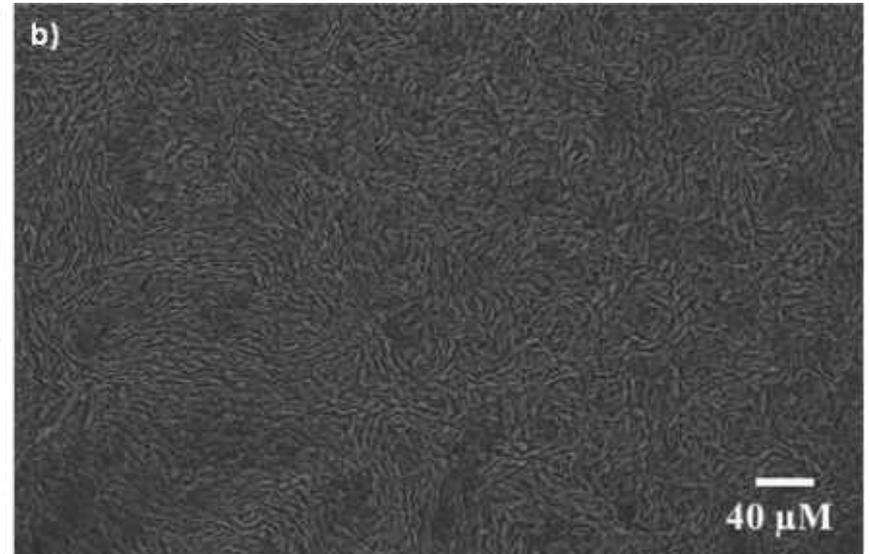
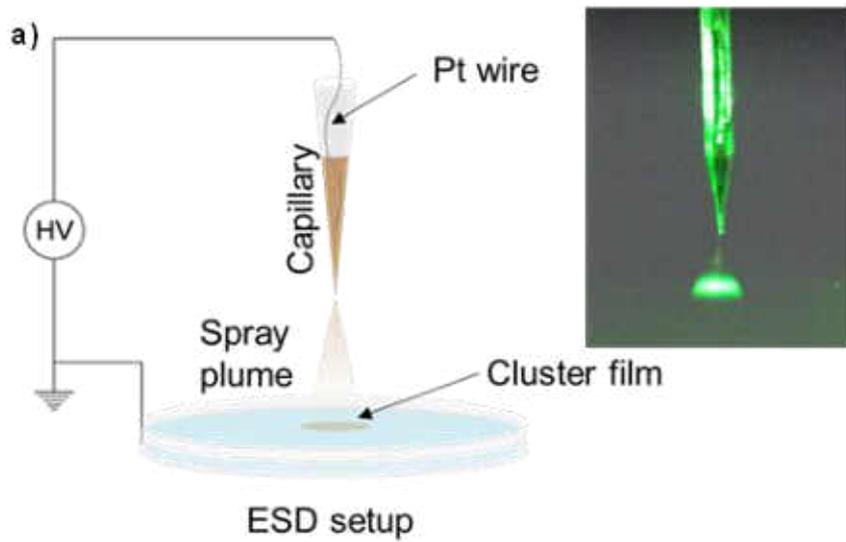
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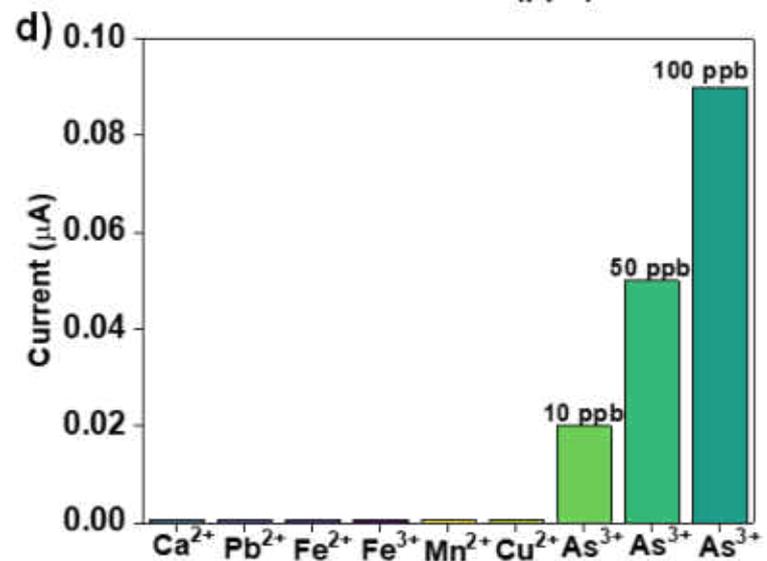
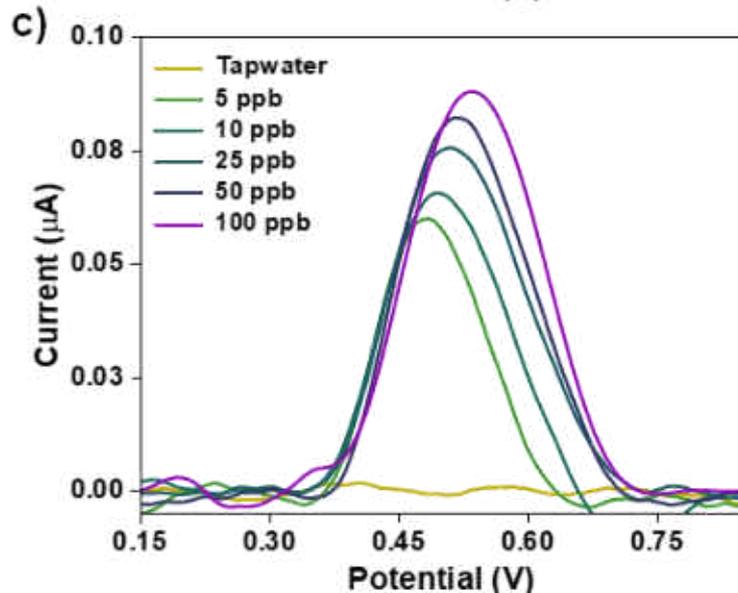
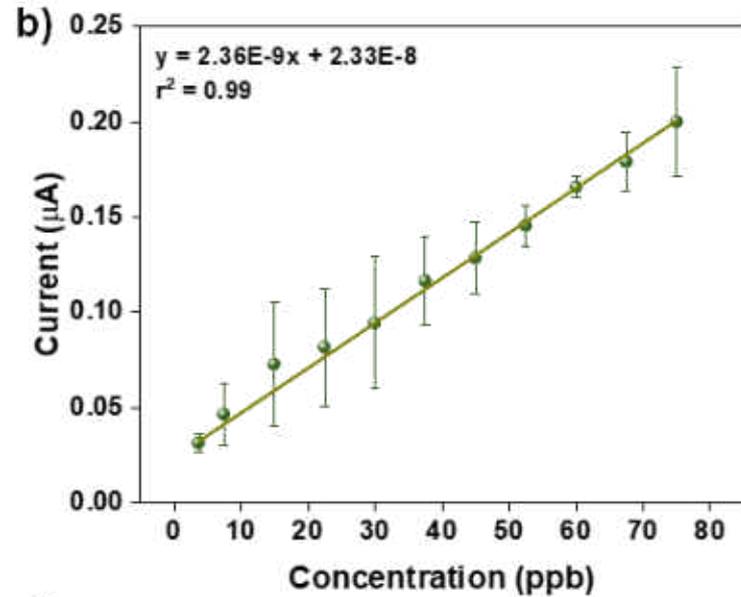
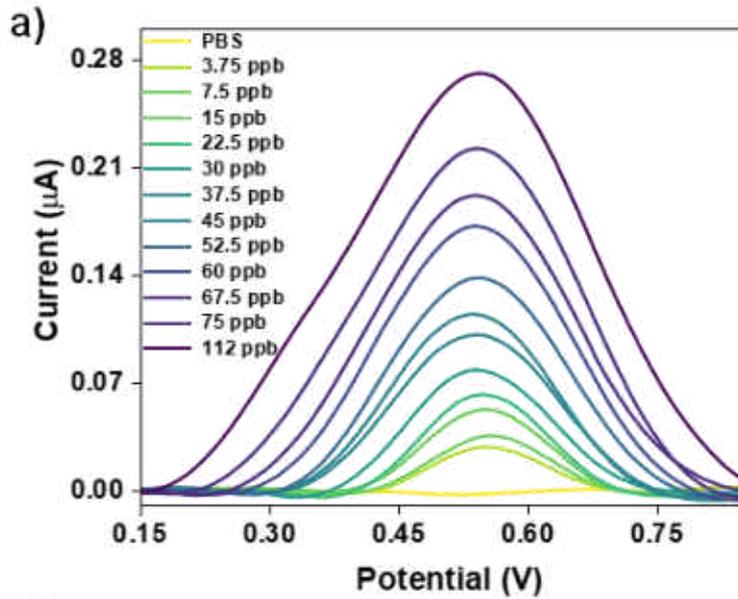
New electrodes - Aligned nanoplates of Co_6S_8



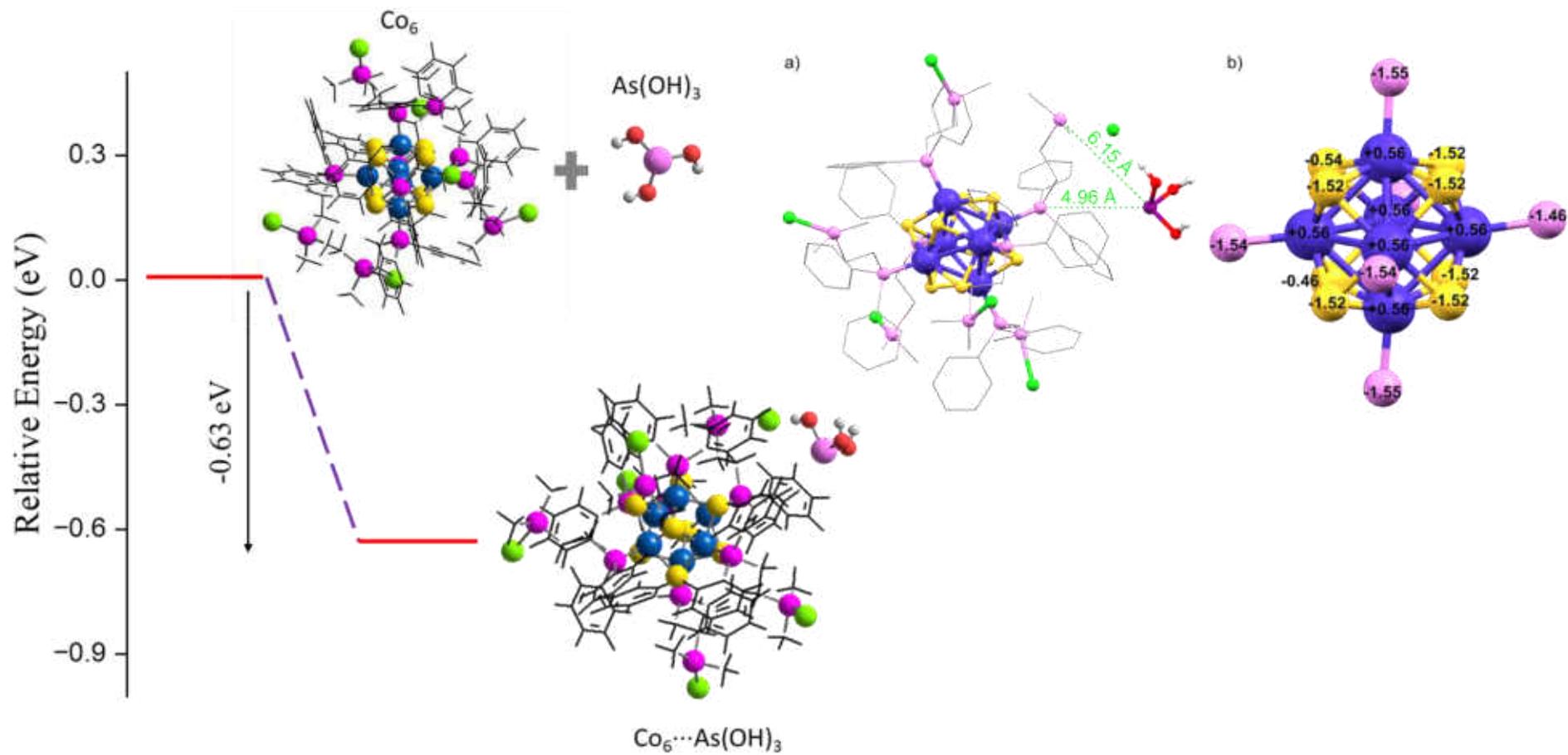
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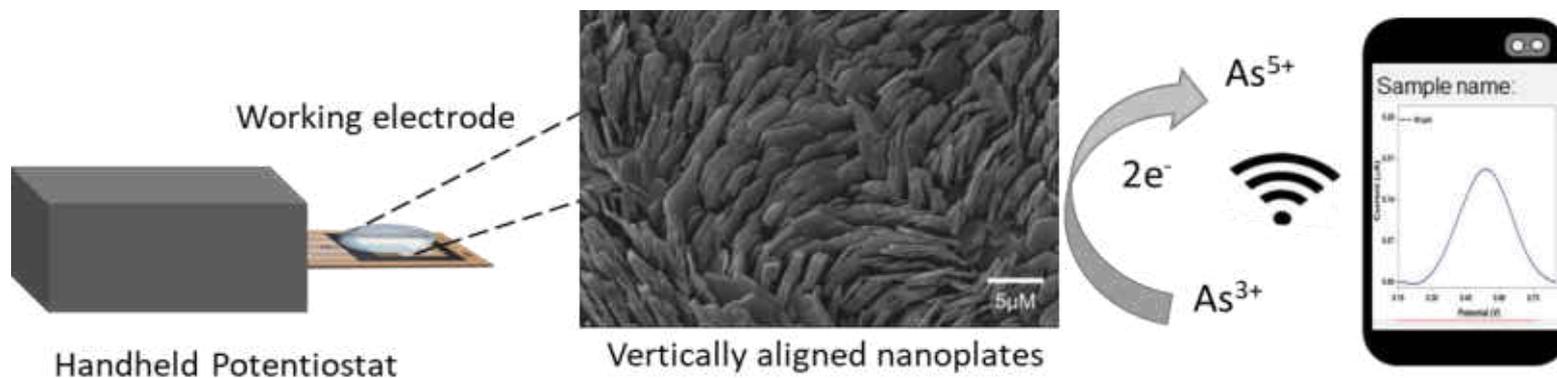
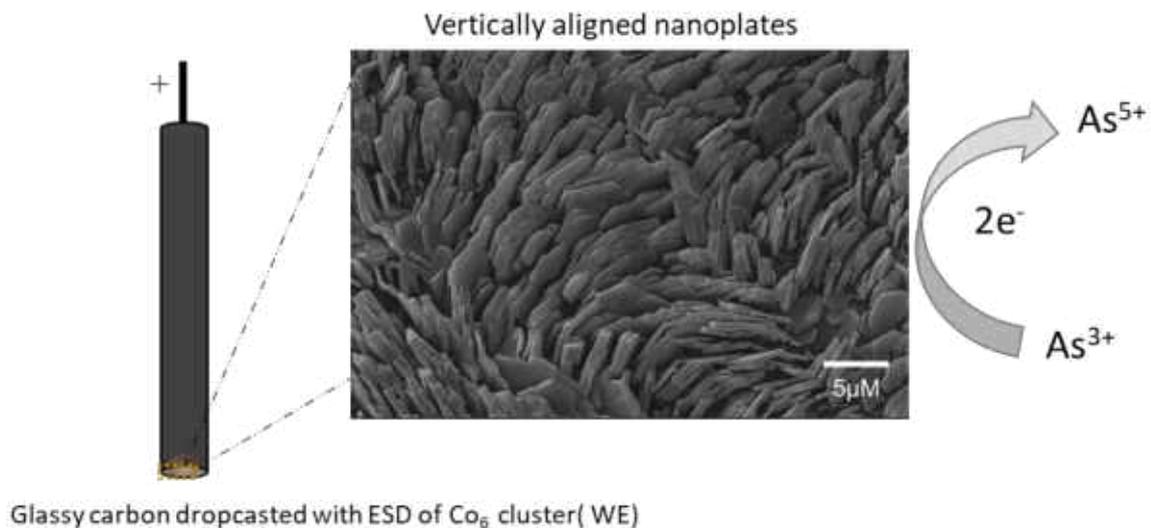
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Computational insights

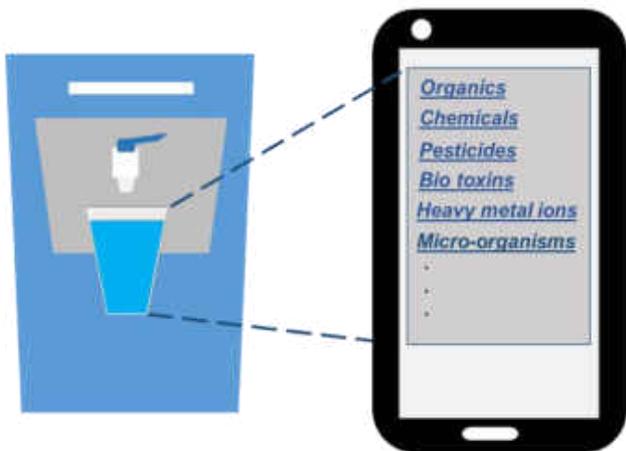


Working electrode



Smart water purifiers and big data

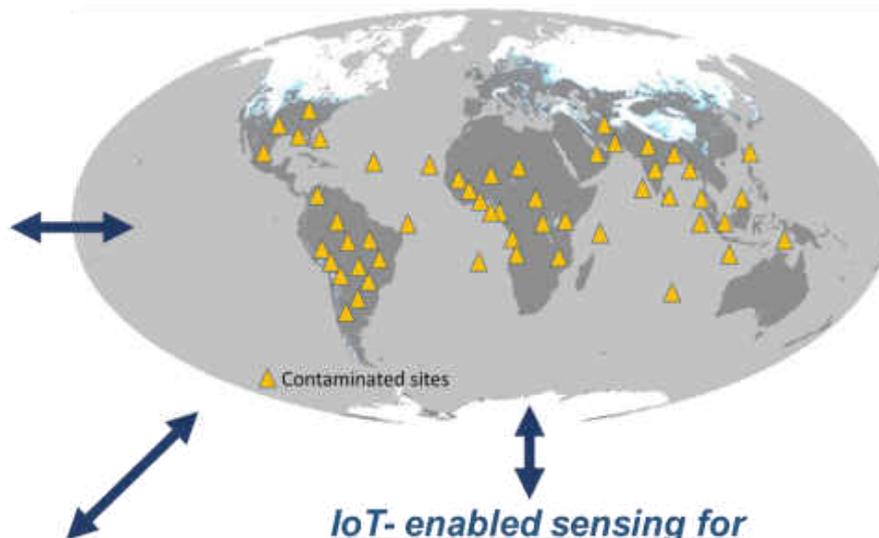
Smart Water Purifiers linked to IoT



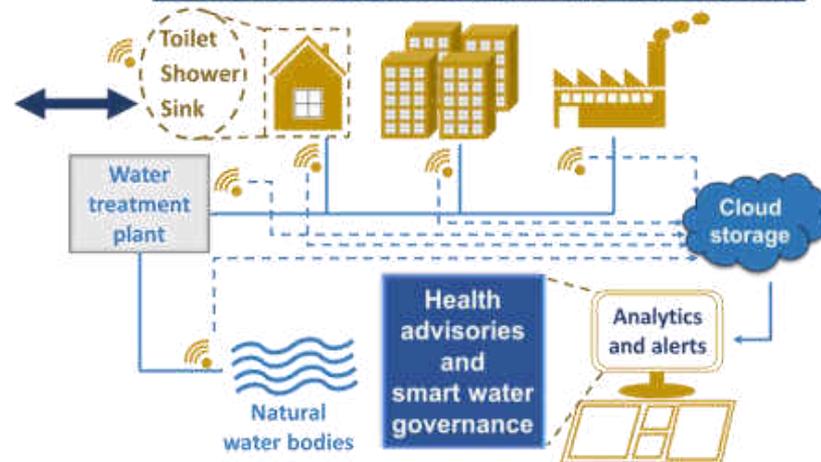
Cost-effective sensor accessory for point-of-use applications



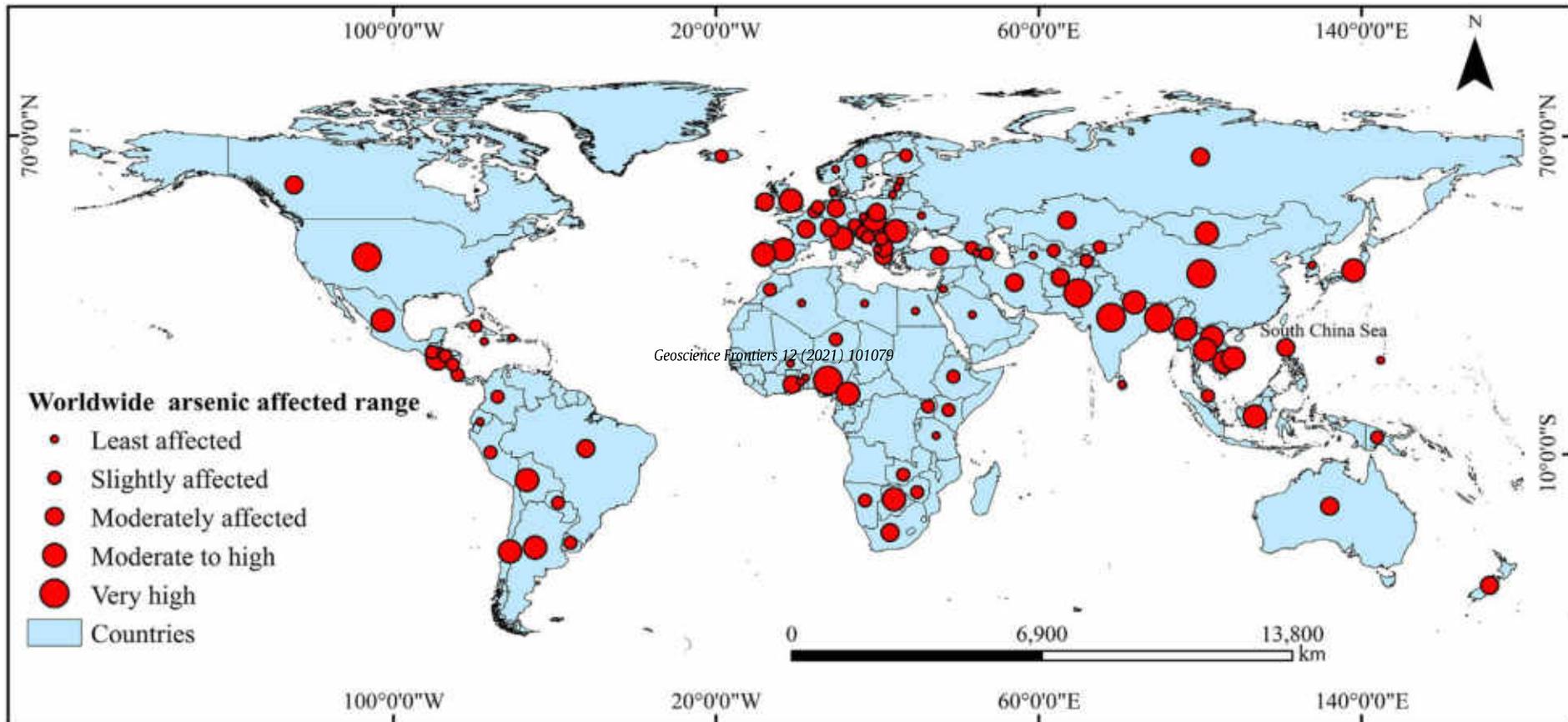
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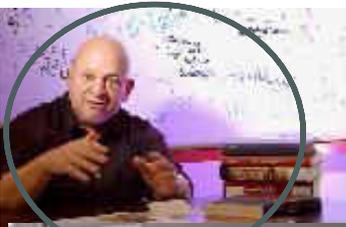
IoT-enabled sensing for households and distribution networks



Arsenic poisoning across the world



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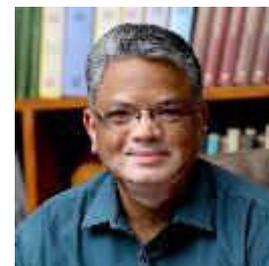


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