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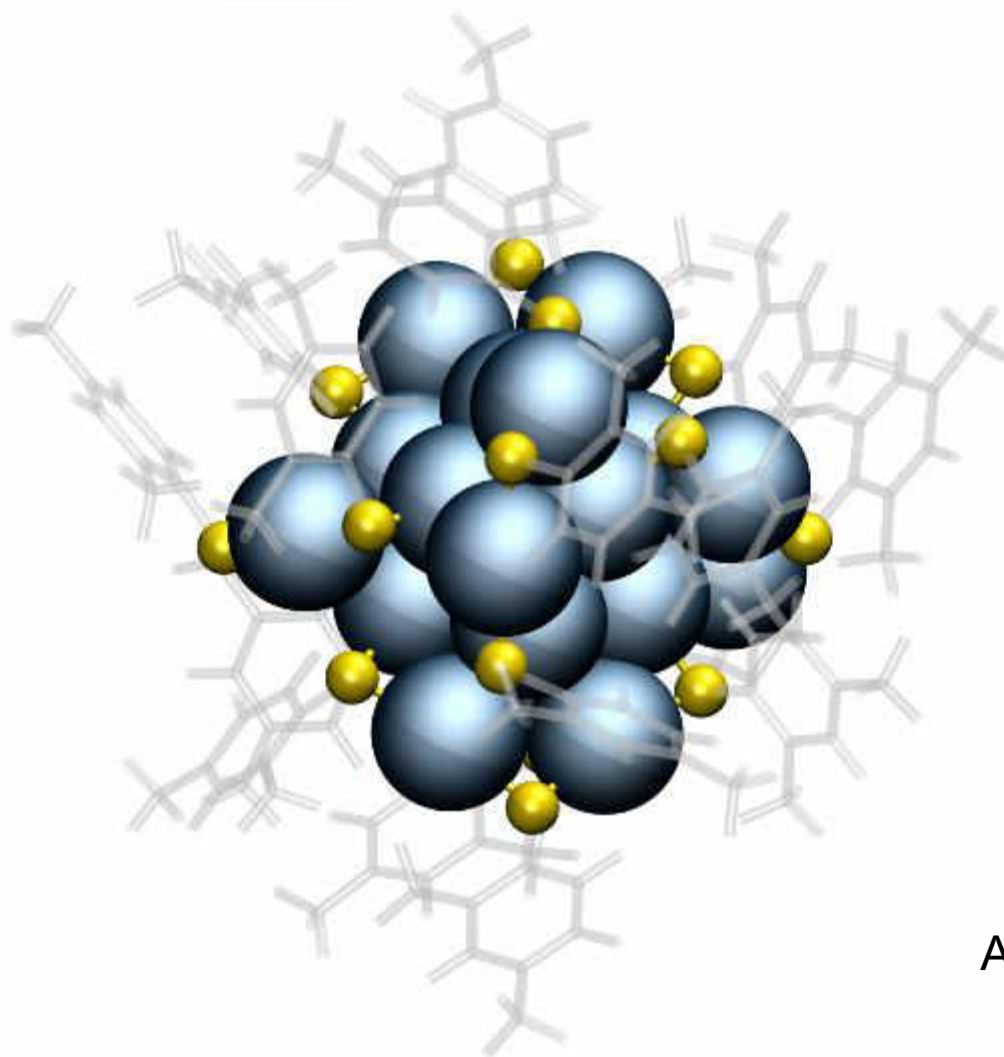
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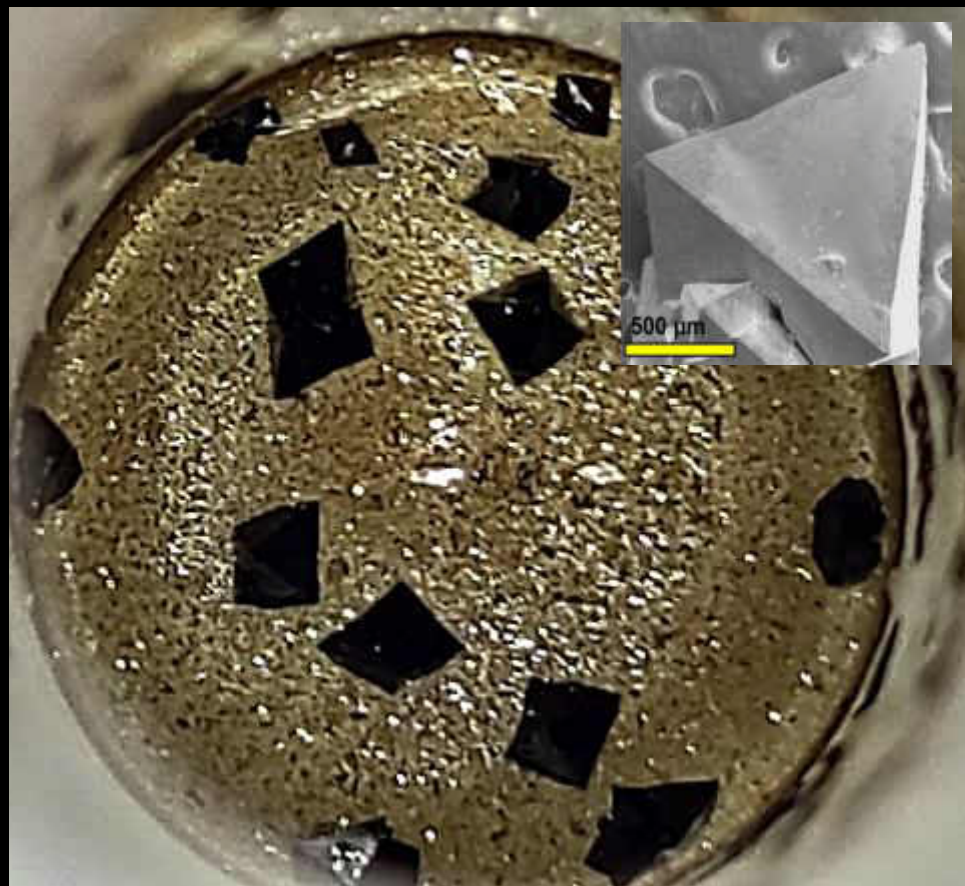
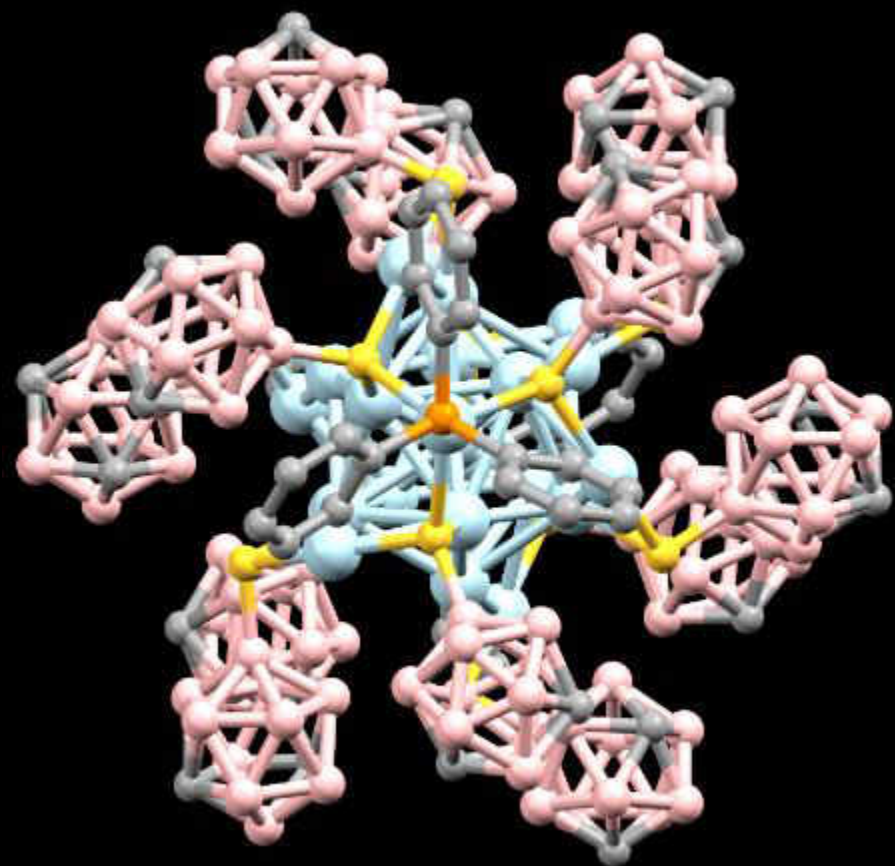
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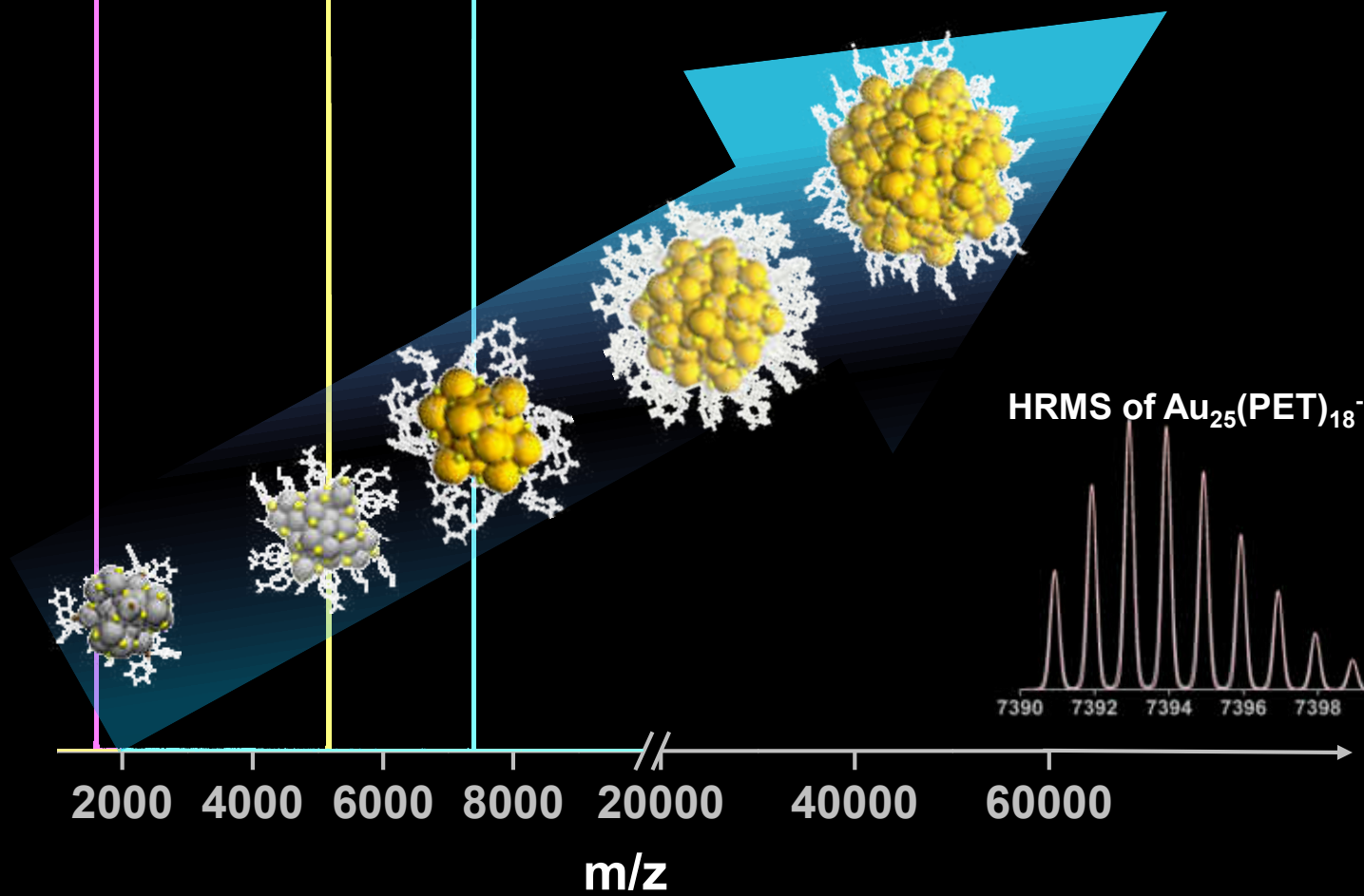
New molecules



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



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



Molecular materials

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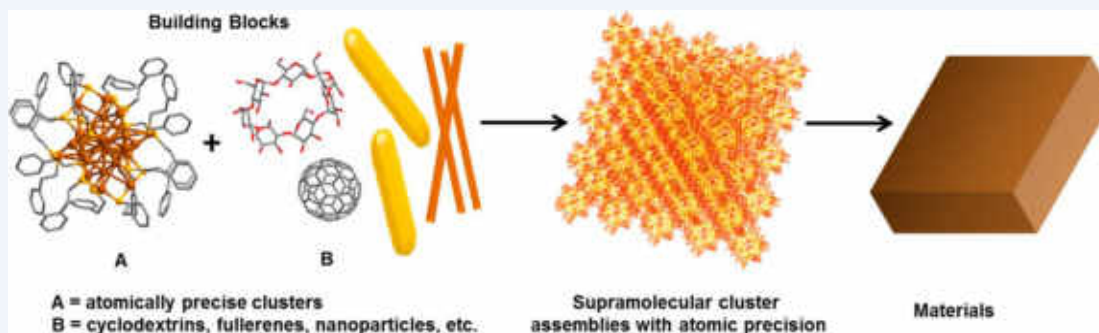
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Approaching Materials with Atomic Precision Using Supramolecular Cluster Assemblies

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Molecular materials 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

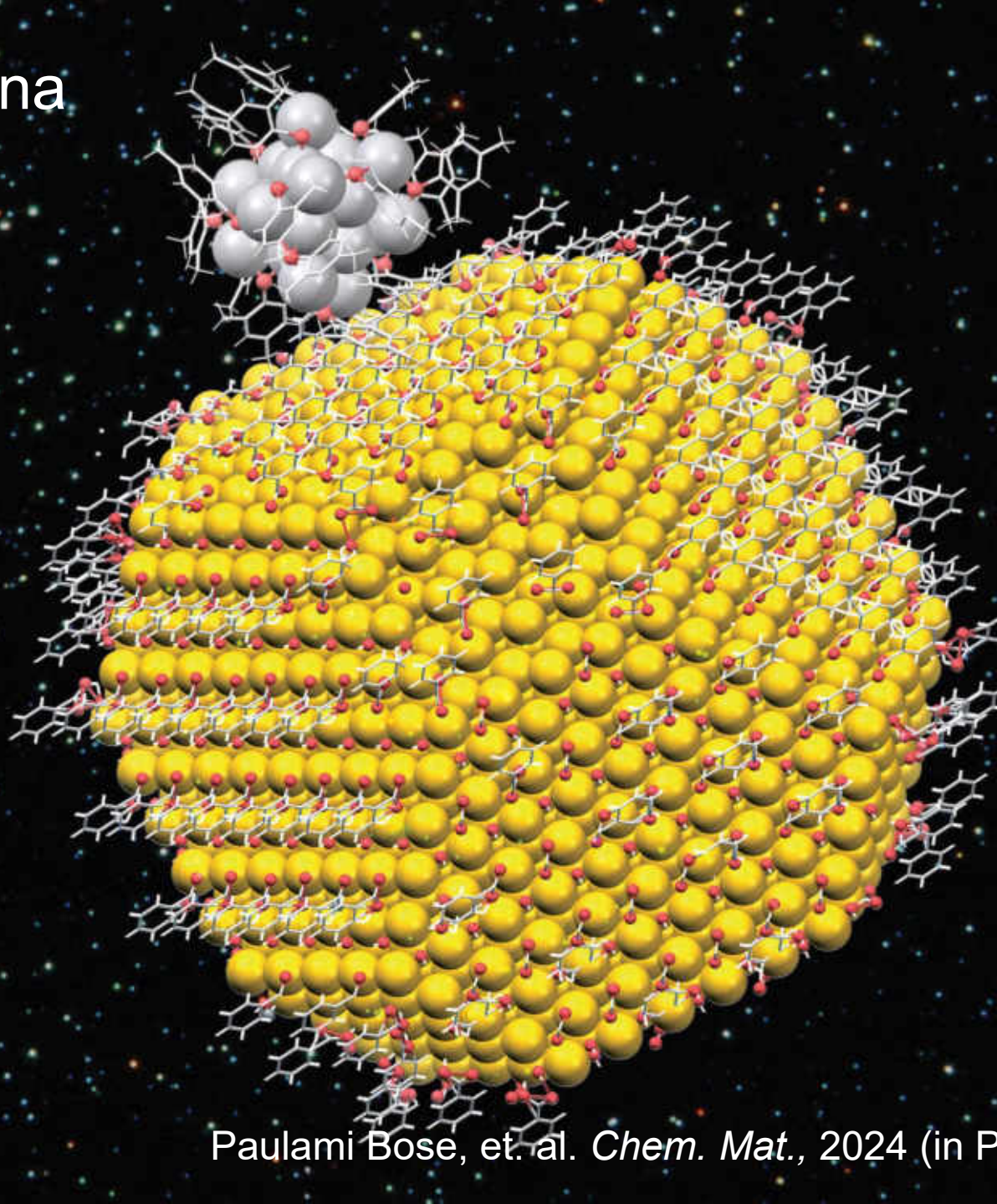
Electrical, magnetic

Mechanical properties

Electrochemical properties

Future?

New phenomena



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Advanced materials for clean water

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

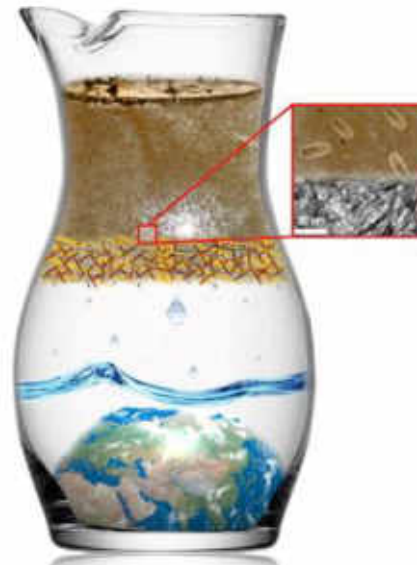
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Creation of affordable materials for clean drinking water is one of the most promising ways to provide drinking water for all. Combining the composites to scavenge toxic species and other contaminants along with the ability to provide affordable, all-inclusive drinking water without electricity. The critical problem is the synthesis of stable materials that can function in the presence of complex contaminants in drinking water that deposit and cause fouling on surfaces. Here we show that such composites 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 strength. 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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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 on 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. To reactivate the silver nanoparticle-based antimicrobial activity in drinking water purifiers, we have developed composites that can be used in water. We demonstrate an affordable device based on such composites designed for the spread eradication of the waterborne

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Clean water for everyone



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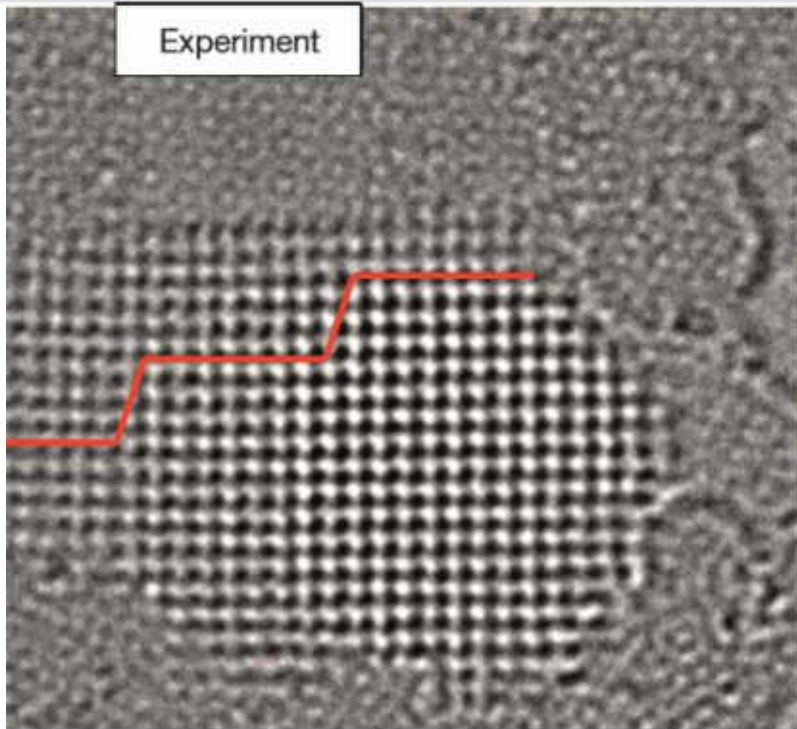


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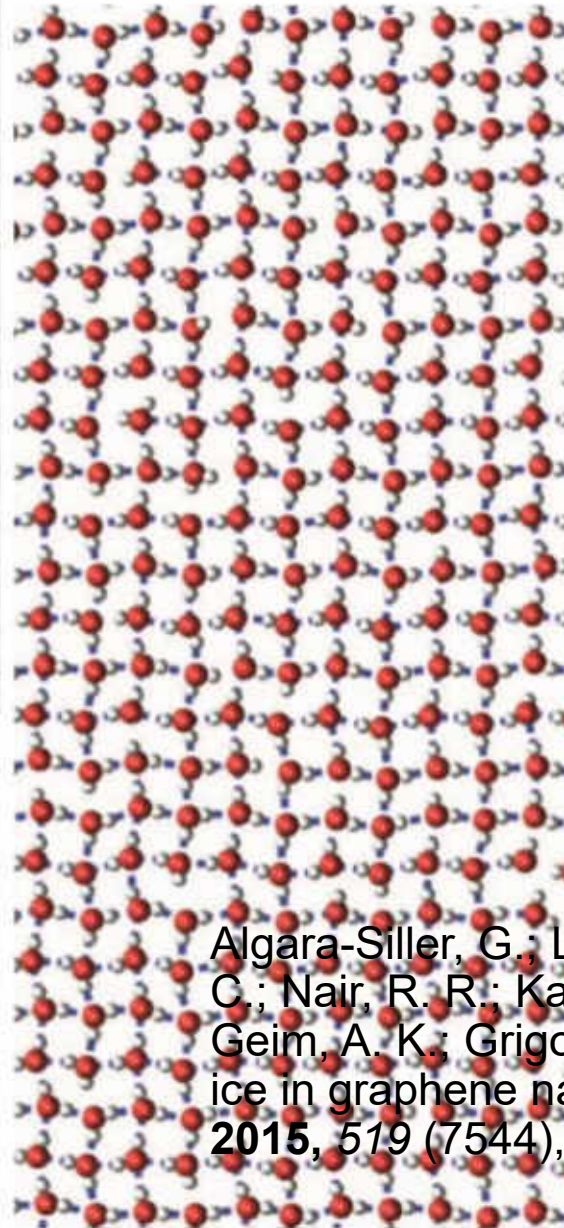
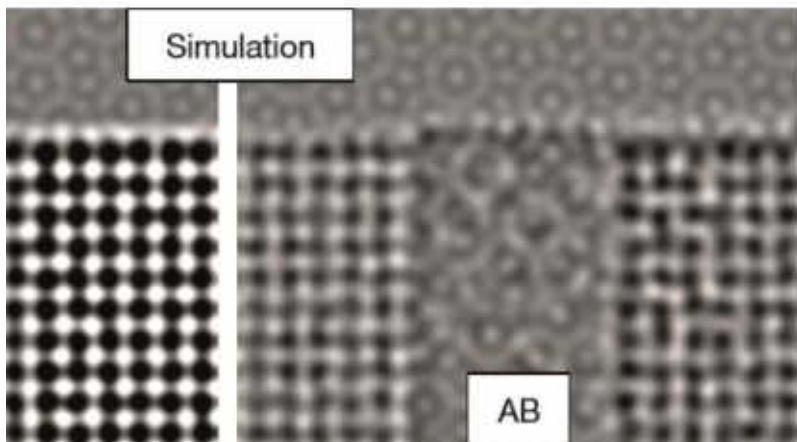


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An ocean of
opportunities

Water presents a unique
opportunity to find a
purpose in life.



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