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# Atomically Precise Metal Clusters

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# Quantum Dots – Seeds of Nanoscience

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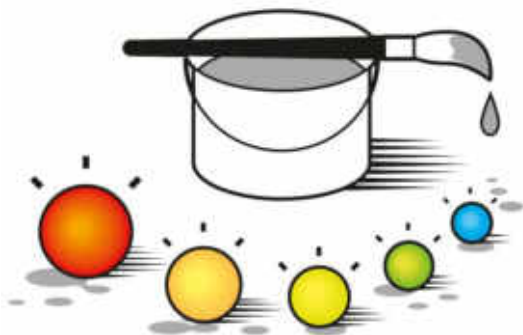
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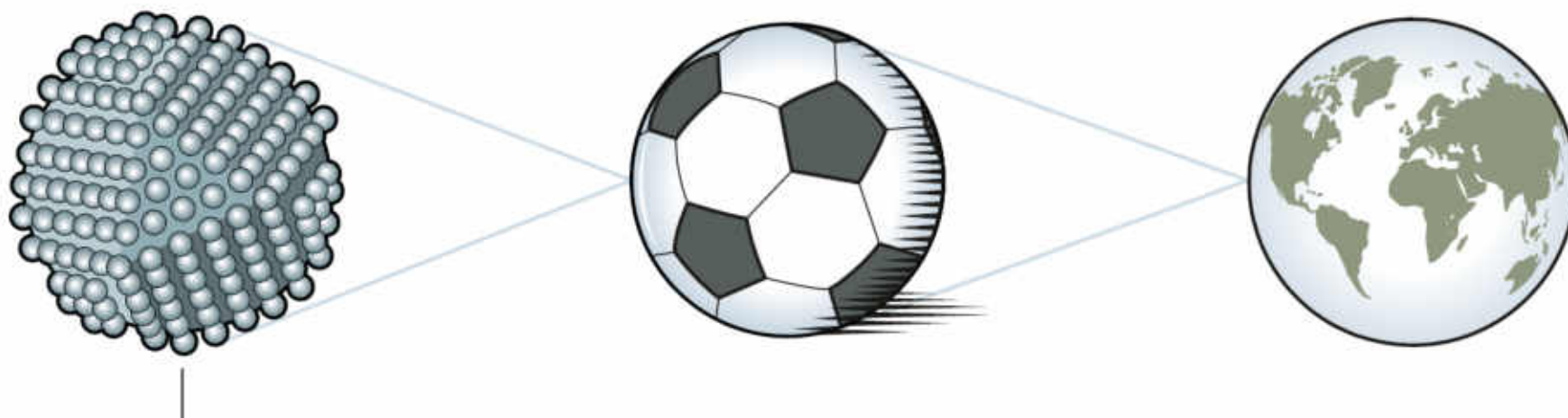
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*‘for the discovery and synthesis of quantum dots’*

## How small are these 'Quantum Dots'?



A quantum dot is a crystal that often consists of just a few thousand atoms. In terms of size, it has the same relationship to a football as a football has to the size of the Earth.

## Remembering pioneers



**Michael Faraday** – Divided metals

**Lord Kelvin** – Melting depends on size?



**Richard Feynman**, Nobel Prize 1965 –  
Plenty of room at the bottom

**Robert F. Curl, Harold W. Kroto and Richard E. Smalley** Nobel Prize 1996



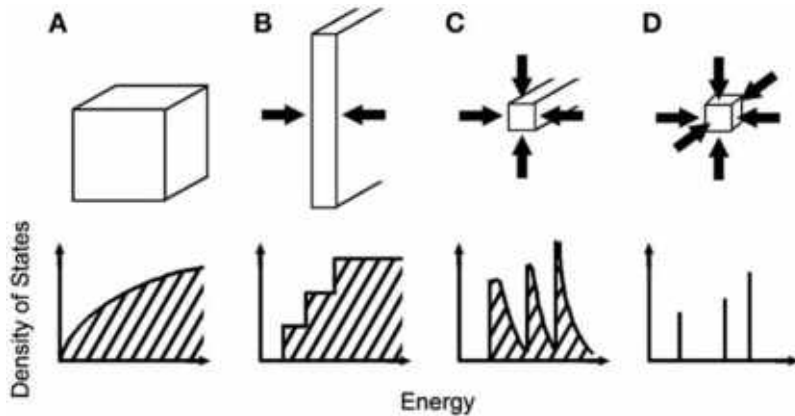
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## Quantum effects arise when particles shrink in size



Energy levels of semiconductor crystallites with different dimensionalities.

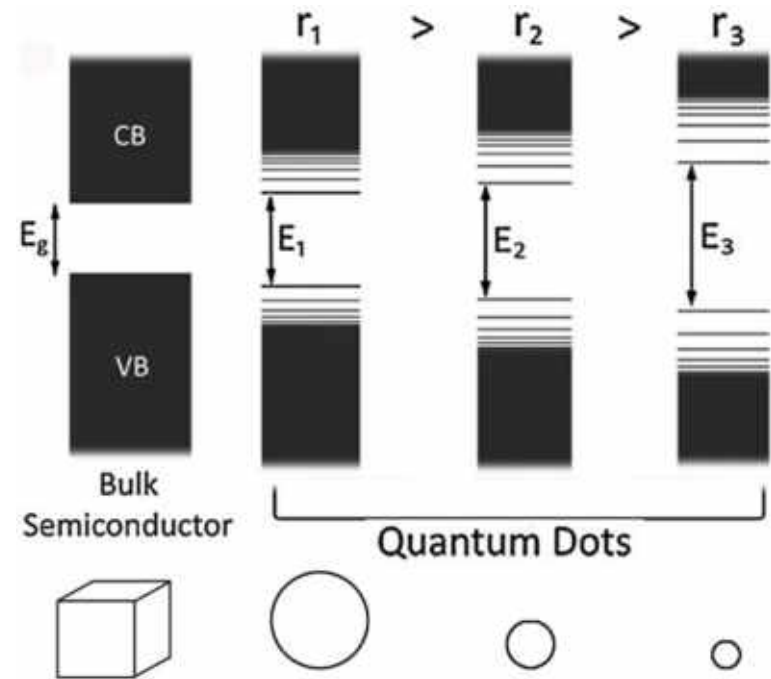
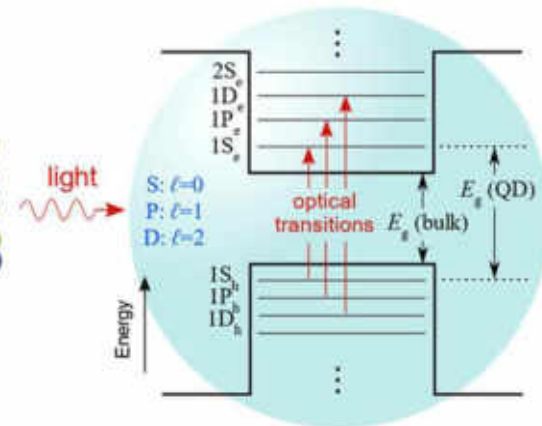
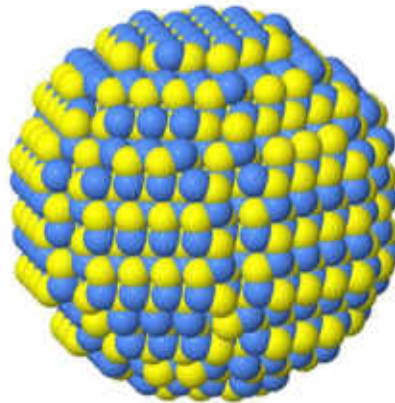
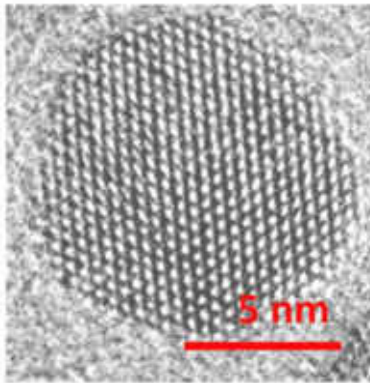


Illustration of size-dependent bandgap.

# Illustration of quantum dots



Left: transmission electron microscope image of a CdSe nanocrystal. Centre: Atomic structure of a nanocrystal. Right: Electronic states in a core-shell quantum dot, with the dot itself in the centre bracketed by a wide-bandgap shell.

A. L. Efros and L.E. Brus, ACS Nano 15, 6192 (2021).

**Today, 'quantum dot' refers to a nanostructure in which quantum mechanical effects manifest themselves in the electronic structure.**

- Either through quantum size effects, many-body interactions (excitonic states) or high surface-to-volume ratio such that surface states dominate the electronic structure.
- In addition to a small size comparable to the carriers' de Broglie wavelength, it is now recognized that the quantum phase coherence length (typically limited by inelastic scattering) needs to exceed the system size.

## Gas phase

### PRODUCTION OF LARGE SODIUM CLUSTERS ( $\text{Na}_x$ , $x \leq 65$ ) BY SEEDED BEAM EXPANSIONS

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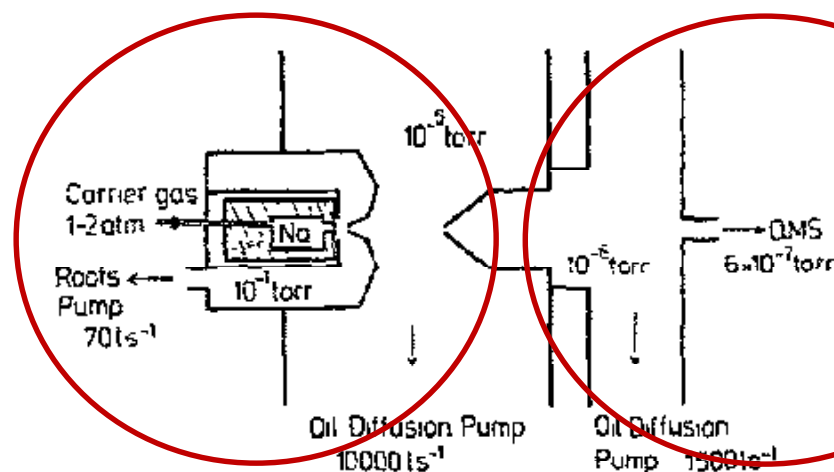


Fig. 1 Schematic of the seeded-beam apparatus.

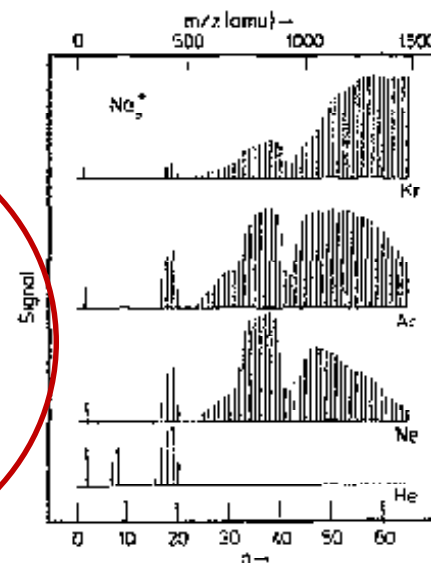
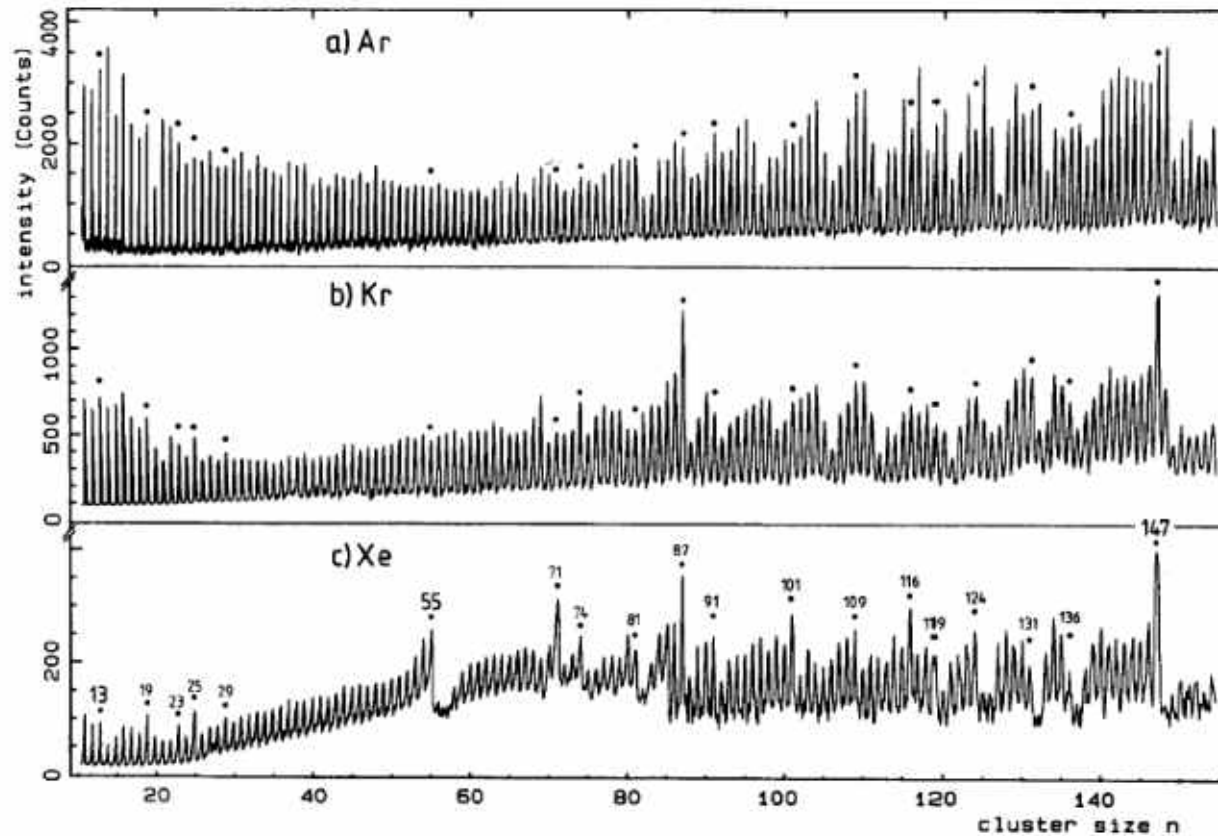


Fig. 3. Data sets showing the results of high-mass scans measured for four different backing gases. The mass spectra upon which these representations are based were obtained at a resolution ( $m/\Delta m$ ) of 400 and a maximum signal-to-noise ratio of 20. Backing pressures were 1-3 atm for all three gases. A 1.5 mm aperture skimmer was used. With krypton, argon and neon, ions were detected up to  $m/z = 1495$  corresponding to  $\text{Na}_{65}^+$ .



## Gas phase cluster spectroscopy

Gas phase



$\text{Ti}_8\text{C}_{12}$   
Fe, Al clusters

Mass spectra of positively charged Ar, Kr, Xe clusters, W. Miehle, O. Kandler, T. Leisner, and O. Echt. (1989) *J. Chem. Phys.*, 91, 5940.

## Gas phase

*International Journal of Mass Spectrometry and Ion Processes*, 74 (1986) 33-41  
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### MASS DISTRIBUTIONS OF NEGATIVE CLUSTER IONS OF COPPER, SILVER, AND GOLD

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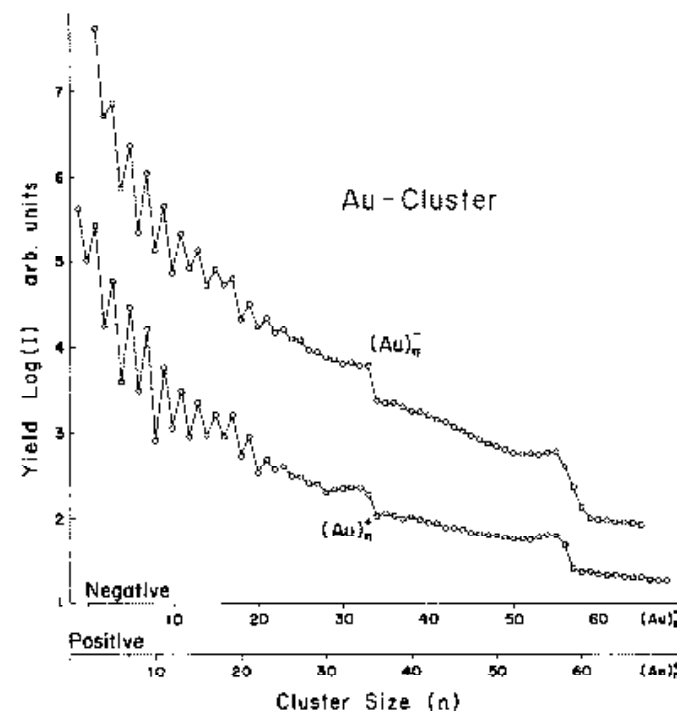


Fig. 2. Size distributions of gold clusters.  $(Au)_n^-$  (upper curve) and  $(Au)_n^+$  (lower curve), plotted on a logarithmic scale.

## Magic clusters

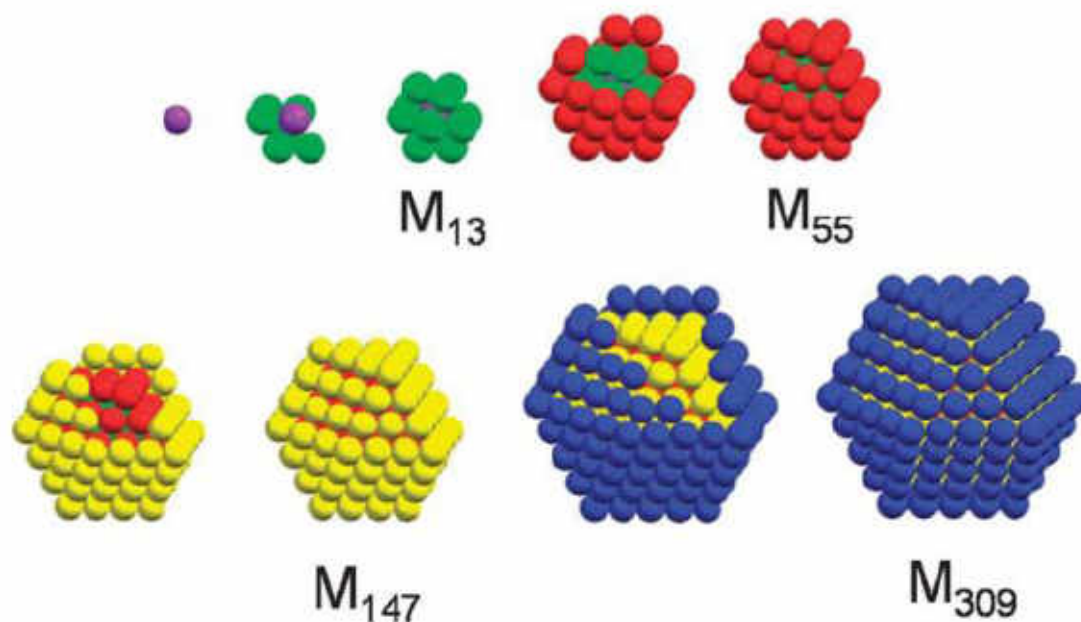


Fig. 1 Organization of full-shell clusters: a first single atom (purple) is surrounded by 12 others (green) to give a one-shell cluster  $M_{13}$ . 42 atoms (red) can be densely packed on the 12 green atoms ending with the  $M_{55}$  two-shell cluster, followed by 92 atoms (yellow) and 162 atoms (blue)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

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

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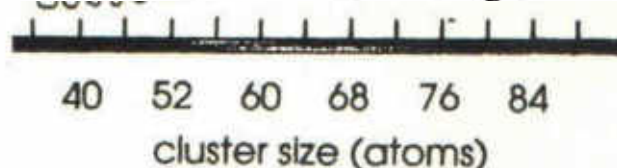
During experiments aimed at understanding the mechanisms by which long-chain carbon molecules are formed in interstellar space and circumstellar shells<sup>1</sup>, graphite has been vaporized by laser irradiation, producing a remarkably stable cluster consisting of 60 carbon atoms. Concerning the question 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.

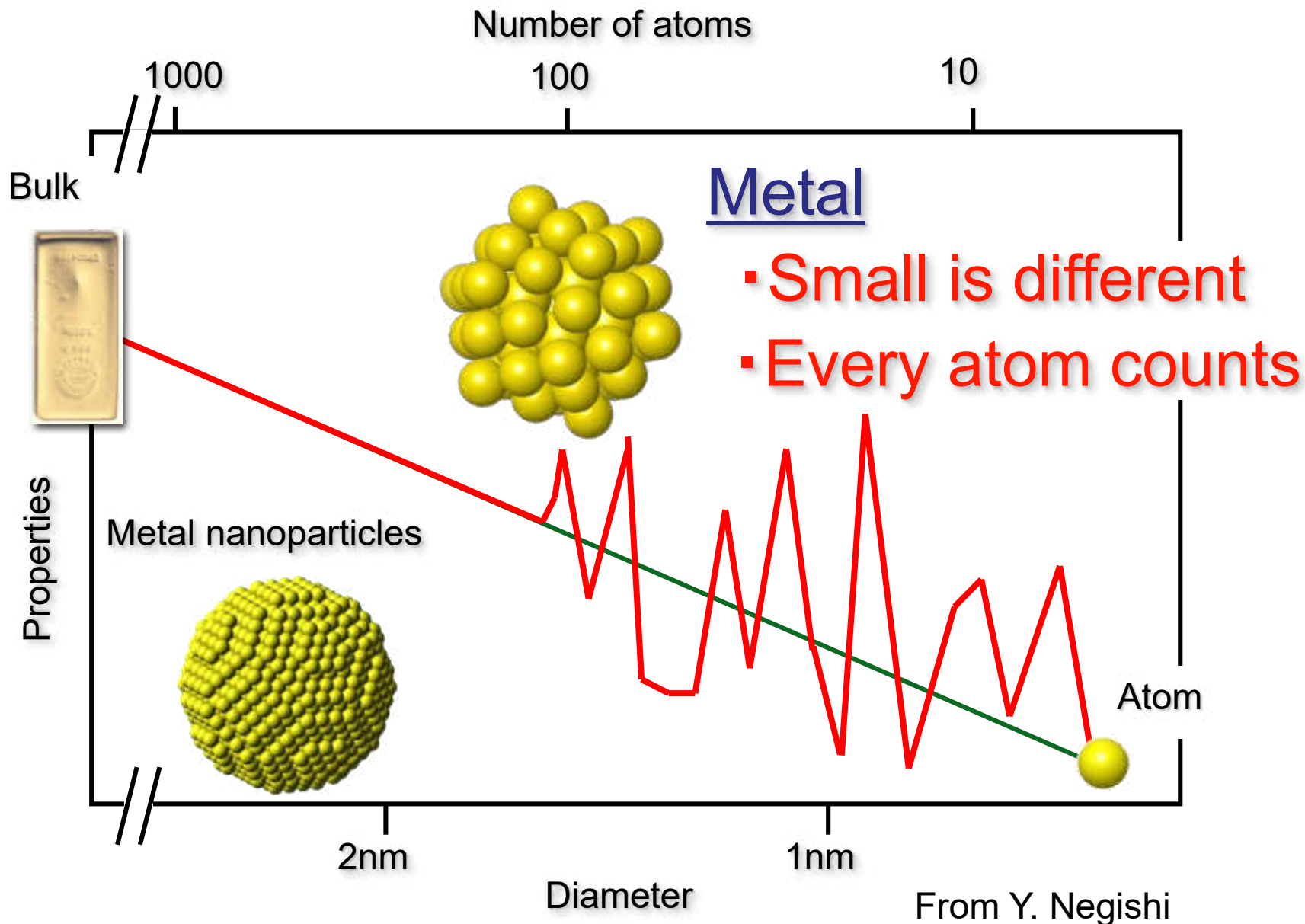
**Fig. 1** A football (in the United States, a soccerball) on Texas grass. The C<sub>60</sub> molecule featured in this letter is suggested to have the truncated icosahedral structure formed by replacing each vertex on the seams of such a ball by a carbon atom.



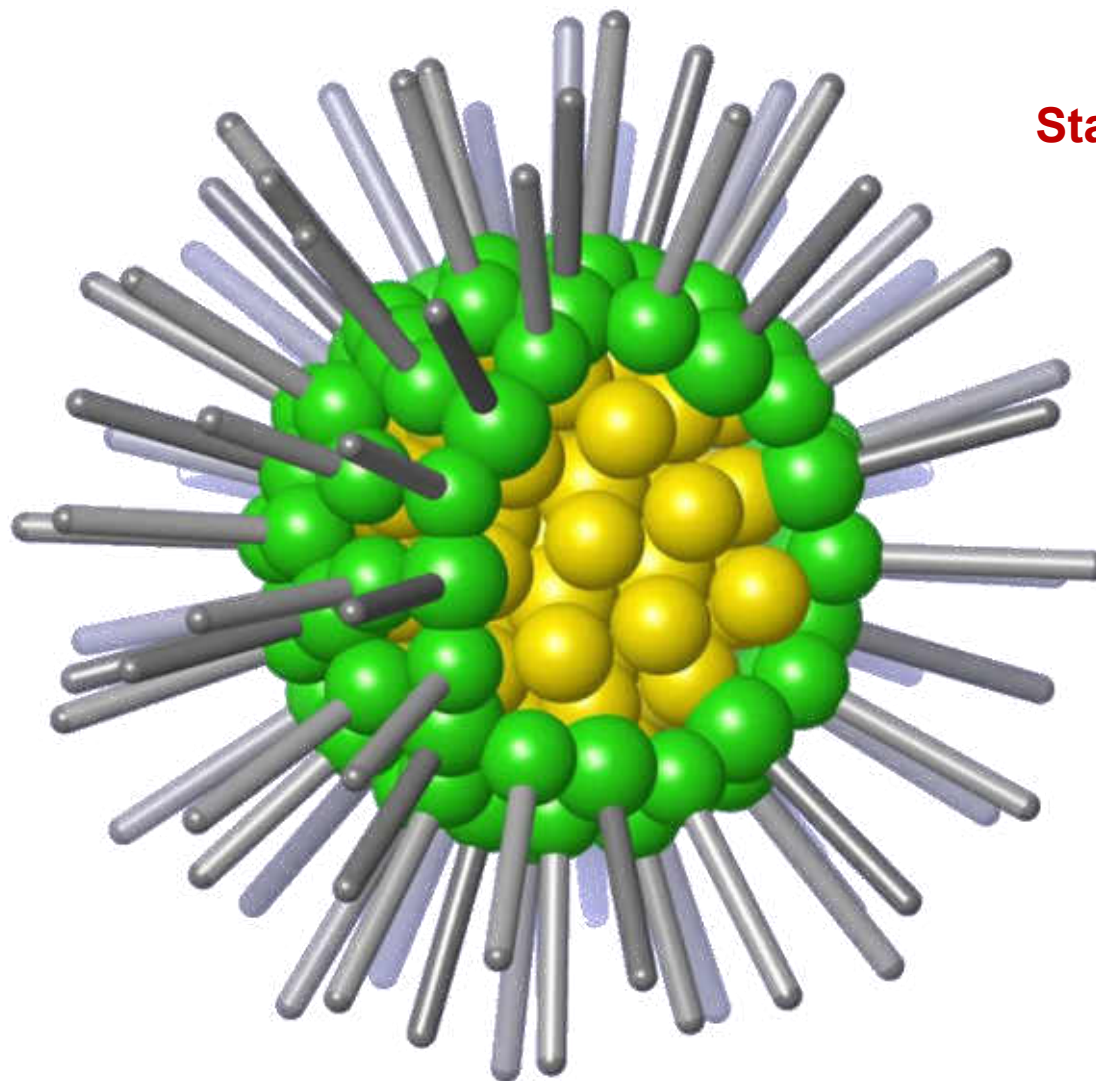
graphite fused six-membered ring structure. We believe that the distribution in Fig. 3c is fairly representative of the nascent distribution of larger ring fragments. When these hot ring clusters are left in contact with high-density helium, the clusters equilibrate by two- and three-body collisions 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









**Stable clusters**

From Y. Negishi



# How do we know that they exist?

**Table 1** Landmark events in the history of mass spectrometry and their importance in enabling the characterization of materials

| Progress in instrumentation |                                                                                                                        | Systems studied by MS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Resolution <sup>6,134*</sup>                                        | Mass range (m/z) <sup>134,*</sup>                         |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1912                        | Measurement of m/z values by Thomson <sup>3</sup>                                                                      | Isotopes of elements<br>Atomic weights using MS <sup>6</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | ← 100<br>Aston (130) <sup>5</sup>                                   | ← 100<br>Aston (~100) <sup>5</sup>                        |
| 1918                        | Electron ionization <sup>135</sup>                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                     |                                                           |
| 1936-37                     | Secondary ion MS <sup>136</sup>                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                     |                                                           |
| 1946                        | Time of flight <sup>139</sup>                                                                                          | 1940s Organic mass spectrometry, Mixture of organic analytes could be separated by GC-MS <sup>6</sup>                                                                                                                                                                         | ← 1,000<br>TOF (4000-5000 at m/z ~100) <sup>137</sup>               | ← 1,000<br>Magnetic sector (~2000) <sup>138</sup>         |
| 1952                        | Double-focussing instruments <sup>140</sup>                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                     |                                                           |
| 1955                        | Advanced TOF <sup>141</sup>                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                     |                                                           |
| 1956                        | GC-MS, <sup>7,8</sup> high-resolution MS <sup>142</sup>                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                     |                                                           |
| 1953-58                     | Quadrupole analyzers <sup>143</sup>                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                     |                                                           |
| 1962                        | Ion mobility <sup>144</sup>                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                     |                                                           |
| 1966                        | Chemical ionization <sup>145</sup>                                                                                     | 1980s high molecular-weight polymers, peptides, proteins, nucleic acids, ESI for macromolecules <sup>6</sup><br>1996 Analysis of intact live viruses <sup>156</sup>                                                                                                           | ← 10,000<br>W geometry ortho-TOF (70,000 at m/z 316) <sup>147</sup> | ← 10,000<br>FTICR (~29,000) <sup>148</sup>                |
| 1967                        | Tandem MS <sup>146</sup>                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                     |                                                           |
| 1968                        | Electrospray ionization (ESI) <sup>149</sup>                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                     |                                                           |
| 1974                        | Fourier transform (FT) Ion cyclotron resonance <sup>13</sup> , Atmospheric pressure chemical ionization <sup>150</sup> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                     |                                                           |
| 1975                        | Surface-induced dissociation <sup>151</sup>                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                     |                                                           |
| 1978                        | Triple quadrupole <sup>152</sup>                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                     |                                                           |
| 1981                        | Fast atom bombardment MS <sup>153</sup>                                                                                | 1985 Discovery of fullerenes by laser-induced vaporization <sup>38</sup><br>1996 LDI for characterization of thiol-protected clusters <sup>47</sup><br>2008 MS of intact Au <sub>25</sub> (PET) <sub>18</sub> clusters <sup>52</sup><br>2018 MS of Au-2000 NPs <sup>124</sup> | ← 1,00,000<br>Orbitrap (6,00,000 at m/z 195) <sup>15</sup>          | ← 1,00,000<br>MALDI TOF (~2,00,000) <sup>158</sup>        |
| 1987                        | MALDI <sup>10,154</sup>                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                     |                                                           |
| 1999                        | Orbitrap <sup>14</sup>                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                     |                                                           |
| 2004                        | Desorption electrospray ionization <sup>155</sup>                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                     |                                                           |
|                             |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                     |                                                           |
|                             |                                                                                                                        | Analysis of materials with MS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | ← 10,00,000<br>FTICR (20,00,000 at m/z 66,000) <sup>157</sup>       | ← 10,00,000<br>Cryo MALDI TOF (~20,00,000) <sup>159</sup> |
|                             |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                     |                                                           |

## Charge detection MS

\*Does not strictly correspond to the time evolution presented in the left column



# Synthetic methods

## Synthesis of Thiol-derivatised Gold Nanoparticles in a Two-phase Liquid-Liquid System

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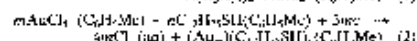
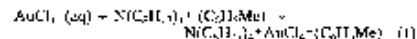
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Using two-phase (water-toluene) reduction of  $\text{AuCl}_4^-$  by sodium borohydride in the presence of an alkanethiol, solutions of 1–3 nm gold particles bearing a surface coating of thiol have been prepared and characterised; this novel material can be handled as a simple chemical compound.

Colloidal solutions of metals have been known for a long time<sup>1</sup> and a large variety of preparative techniques is now available.<sup>2,3</sup> Depending on the preparative conditions, the particles have a tendency to agglomerate slowly, eventually losing their disperse character and flocculate. The removal of the solvent generally leads to the complete loss of the ability to reform a colloidal solution. Preparation of colloidal metals in a two-phase system was introduced by Fajana,<sup>4</sup> who reduced an aqueous gold salt with phosphorus in carbon disulphide and obtained a ruby coloured aqueous solution of dispersed gold particles. Combining this two phase approach with the more recent techniques of ion extraction and monolayer self-assembly with alkane thiols,<sup>5</sup> a one-step method for the preparation of an unusual new metallic material of derivatised monolayer-coated gold particles is described.

The strategy followed consisted in growing the metallic clusters with the simultaneous attachment of self-assembled thiol monolayers on the growing nuclei. In order to allow the

surface reaction to take place during metal nucleation and growth, the particles were grown in a two-phase system. Two-phase redox reactions can be carried out by an appropriate choice of redox reagents present in the adjoining phases.<sup>6</sup> In the present case,  $\text{AuCl}_4^-$  was transferred from aqueous solution to toluene using tetrabutylammonium bromide as the phase-transfer reagent and reduced with aqueous sodium borohydride in the presence of dodecanethiol ( $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{25}\text{SH}$ ). On addition of the reducing agent, the organic phase changes colour from orange to deep brown within a few seconds. The overall reaction is summarized by eqns. (1) and (2), where the



source of electrons is BHT.<sup>7</sup> The conditions of the reaction determine the ratio of thiol to gold, i.e. the ratio  $m/n$ . The preparation technique was as follows. An aqueous solution of hydrogen tetrachloroaurate (20 ml, 0.1 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) was mixed with a solution of tetrabutylammonium bromide in toluene (80 ml, 50 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>). The two phase mixture was vigorously stirred until all the tetrachloroaurate was transferred into

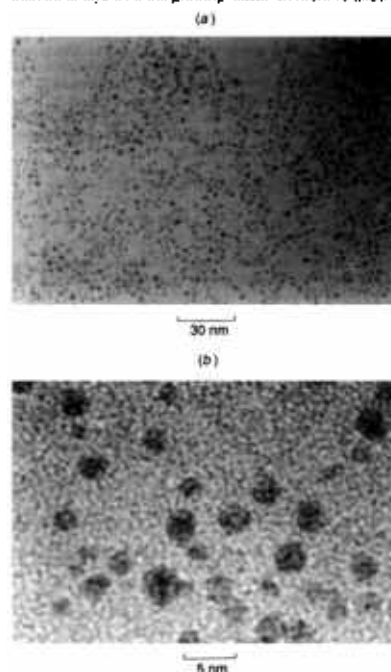


Fig. 4 TEM pictures of the thiol derivatised gold nanoparticles: (a) low and (b) high magnification

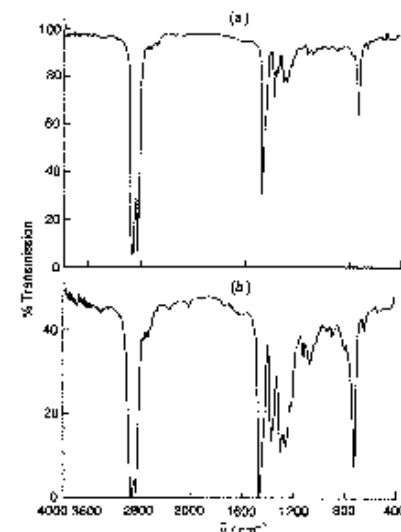
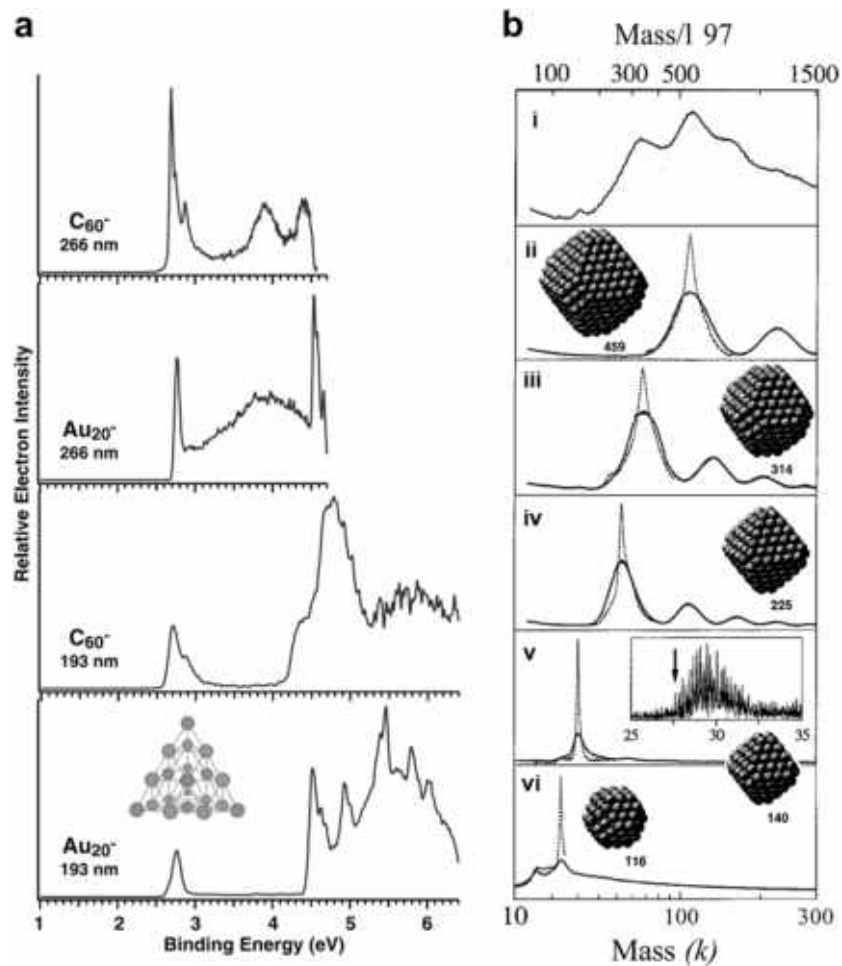


Fig. 2 IR spectra of (a) dodecanethiol and (b) nanoparticles prepared in toluene solvent. The particles were deposited on an NaCl disc by evaporation of a drop of a toluene solution.

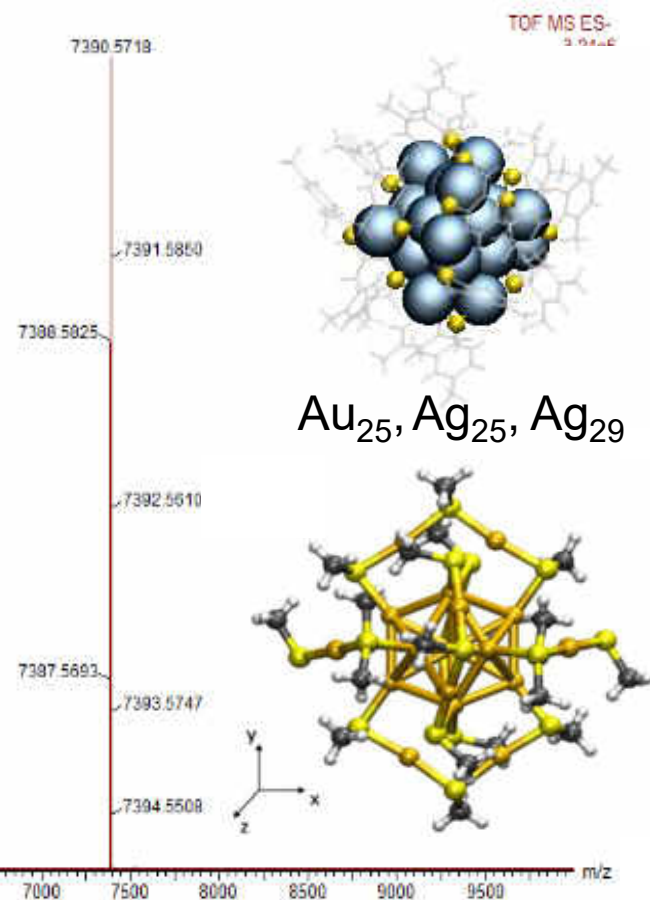
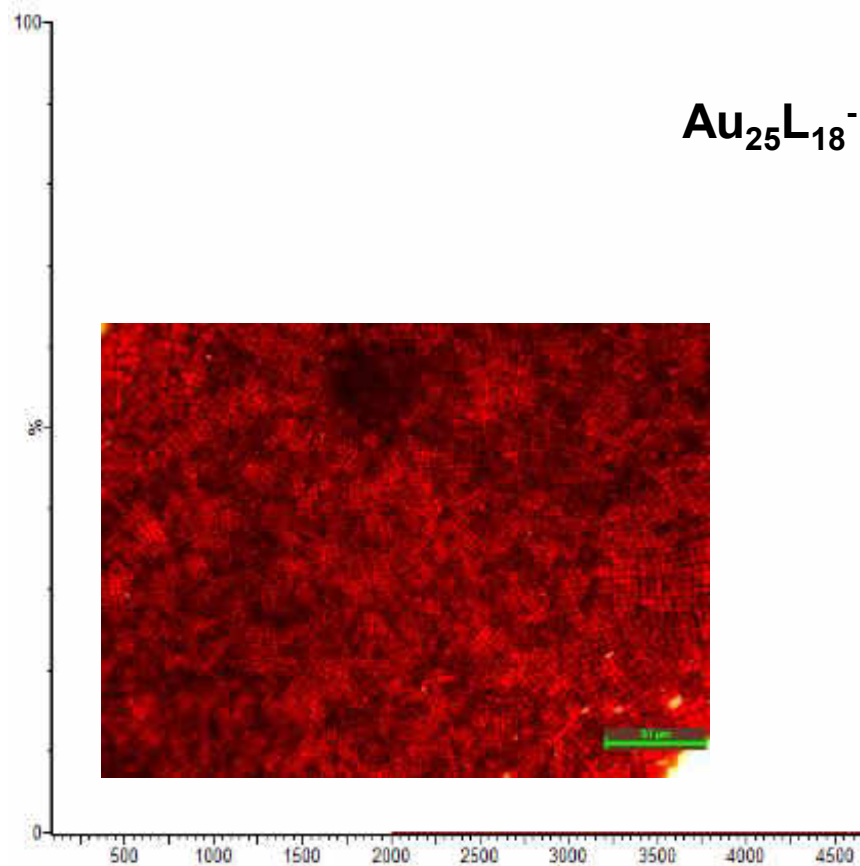
## Observing such clusters



**Fig. 2 Early stages of MS of noble metal clusters.** **a** Photoelectron spectra of  $\text{Au}_{20}^-$  cluster compared with  $\text{C}_{60}^-$  at 193 nm and 266 nm<sup>45</sup>. (Copyright© 2003 the American Association for the Advancement of Science) **b** Mass spectra obtained by laser desorption ionization of dodecanethiol thiol-protected gold clusters, (i) crude mixture of clusters and (ii–vi) separated fractions<sup>47</sup>. (Copyright© 1996 John Wiley and Sons)

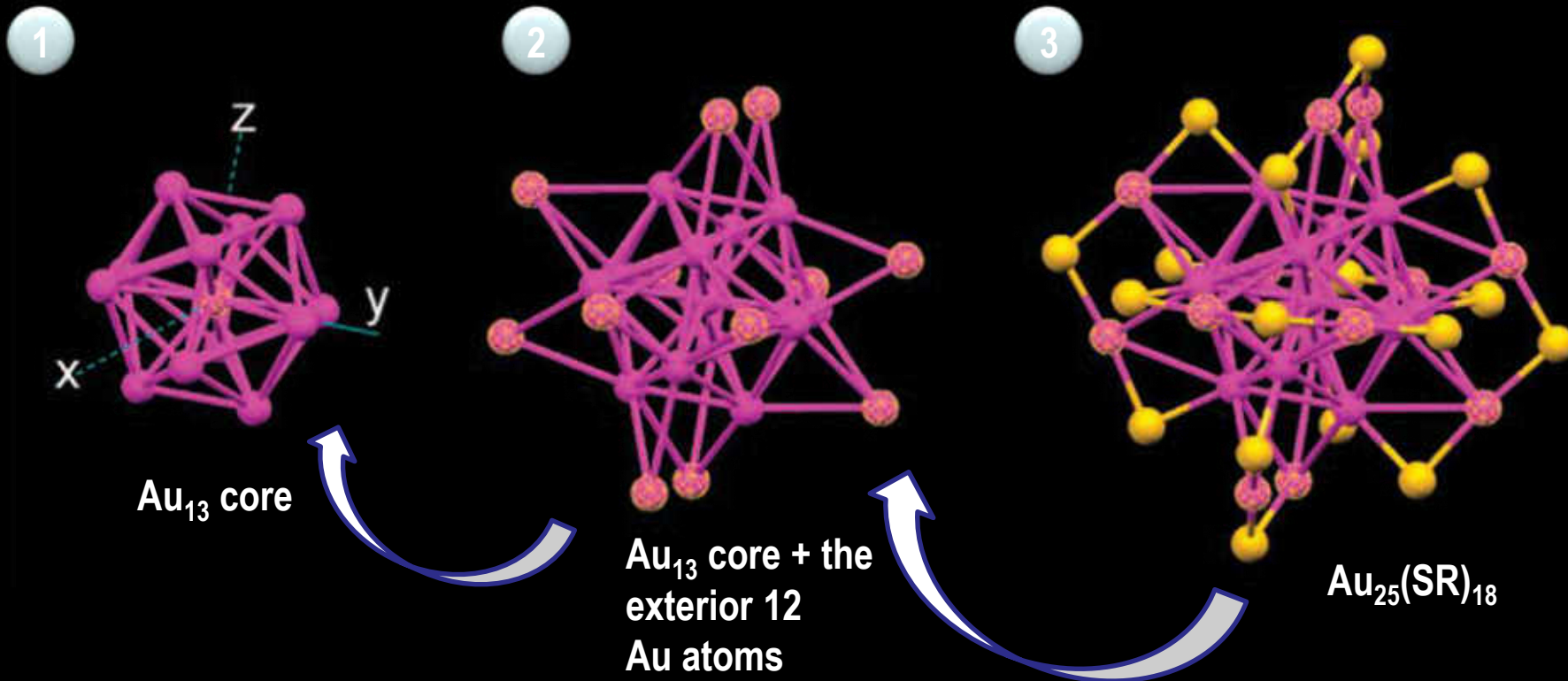
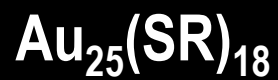
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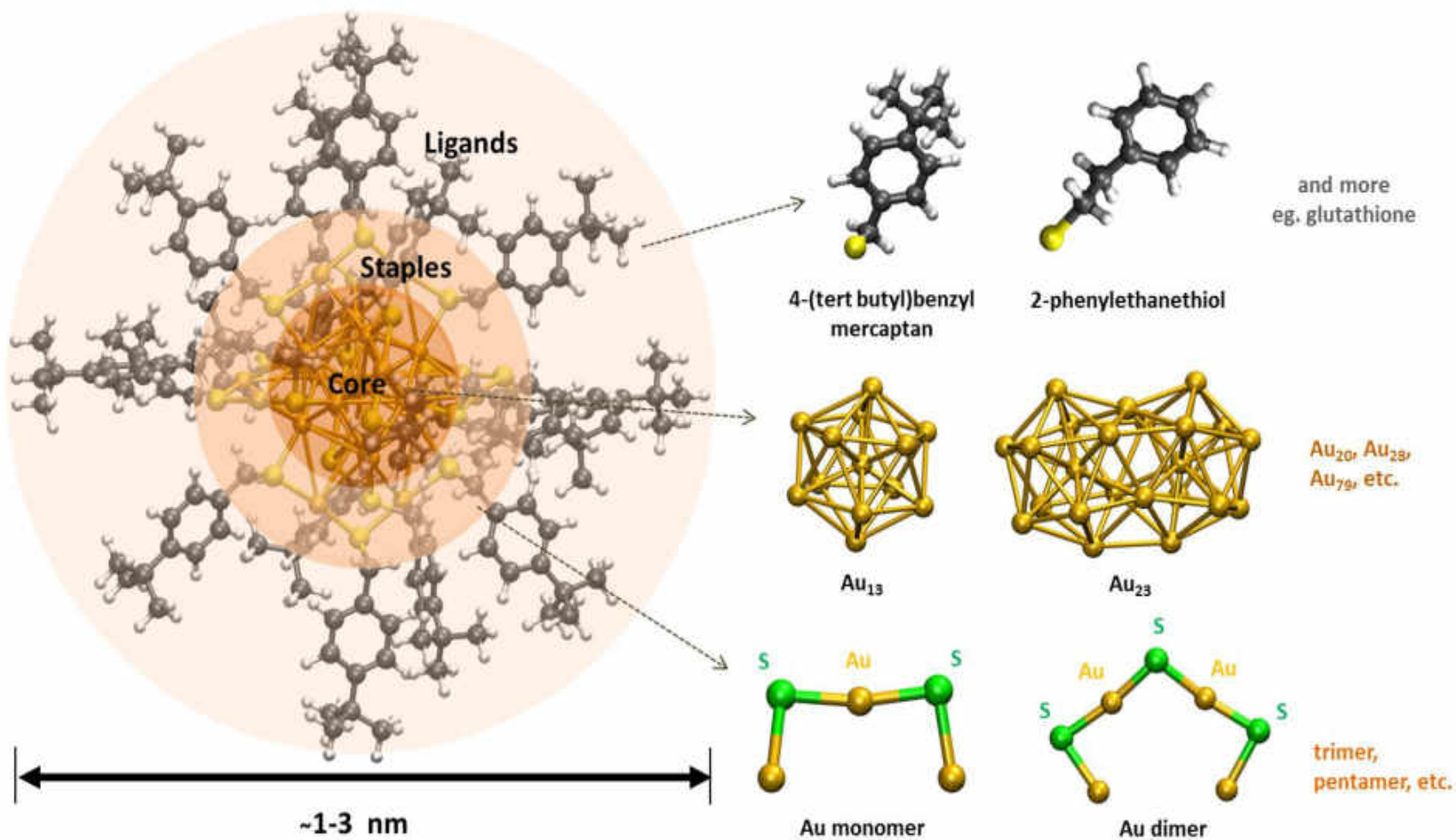


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## Structures

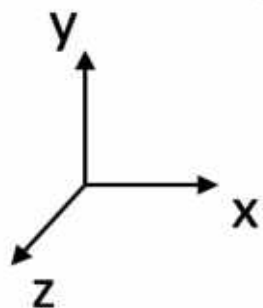
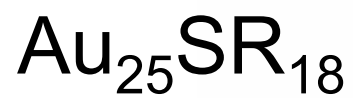


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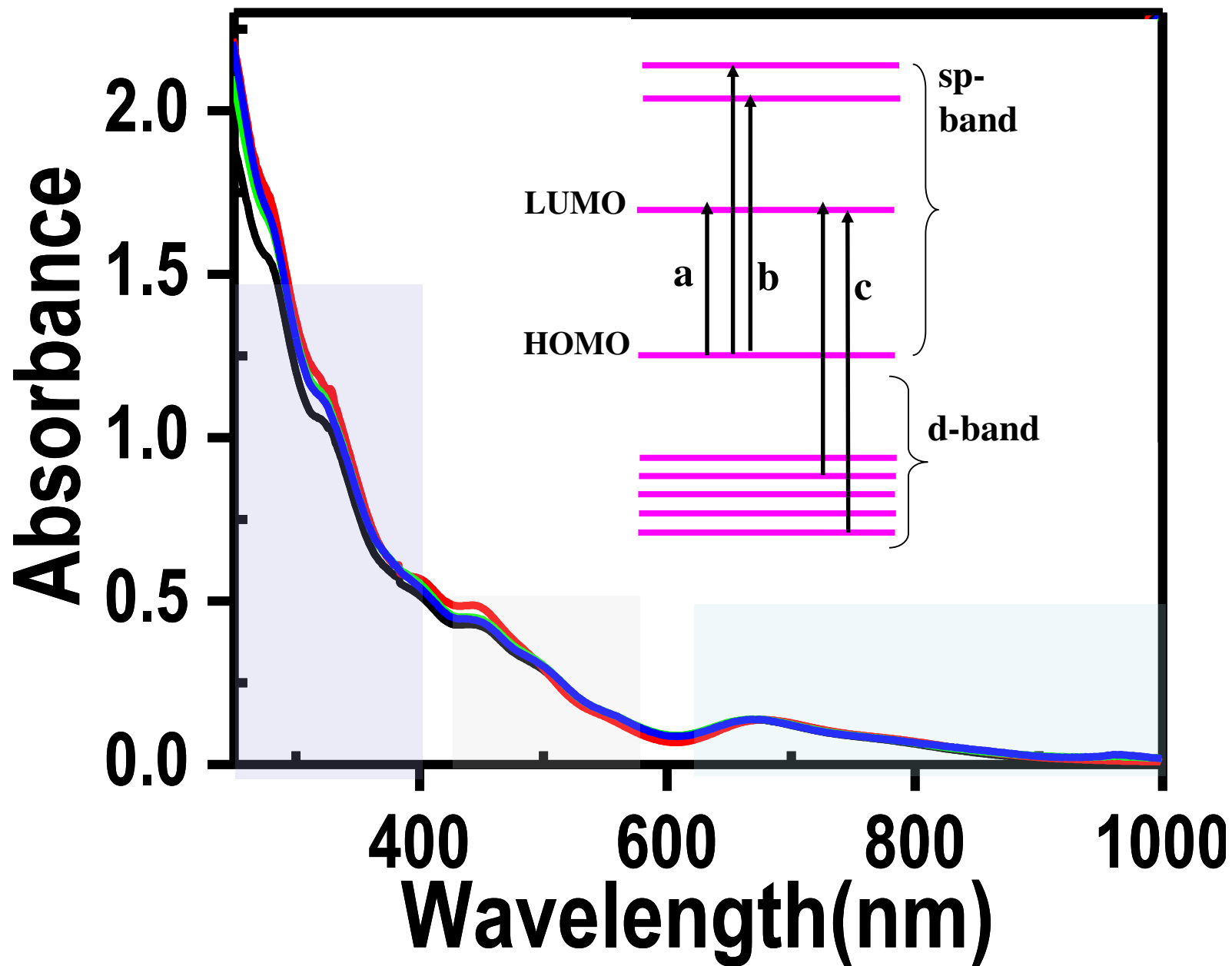


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Geometric and electronic stability



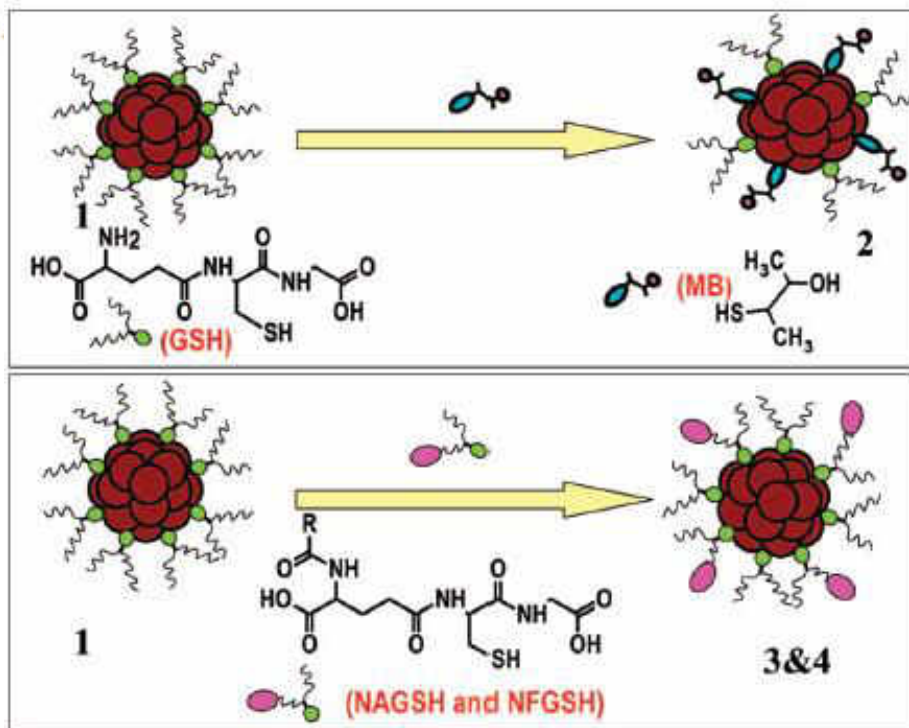


# Ligand Exchange of Au<sub>25</sub>SG<sub>18</sub> Leading to Functionalized Gold Clusters: Spectroscopy, Kinetics, and Luminescence

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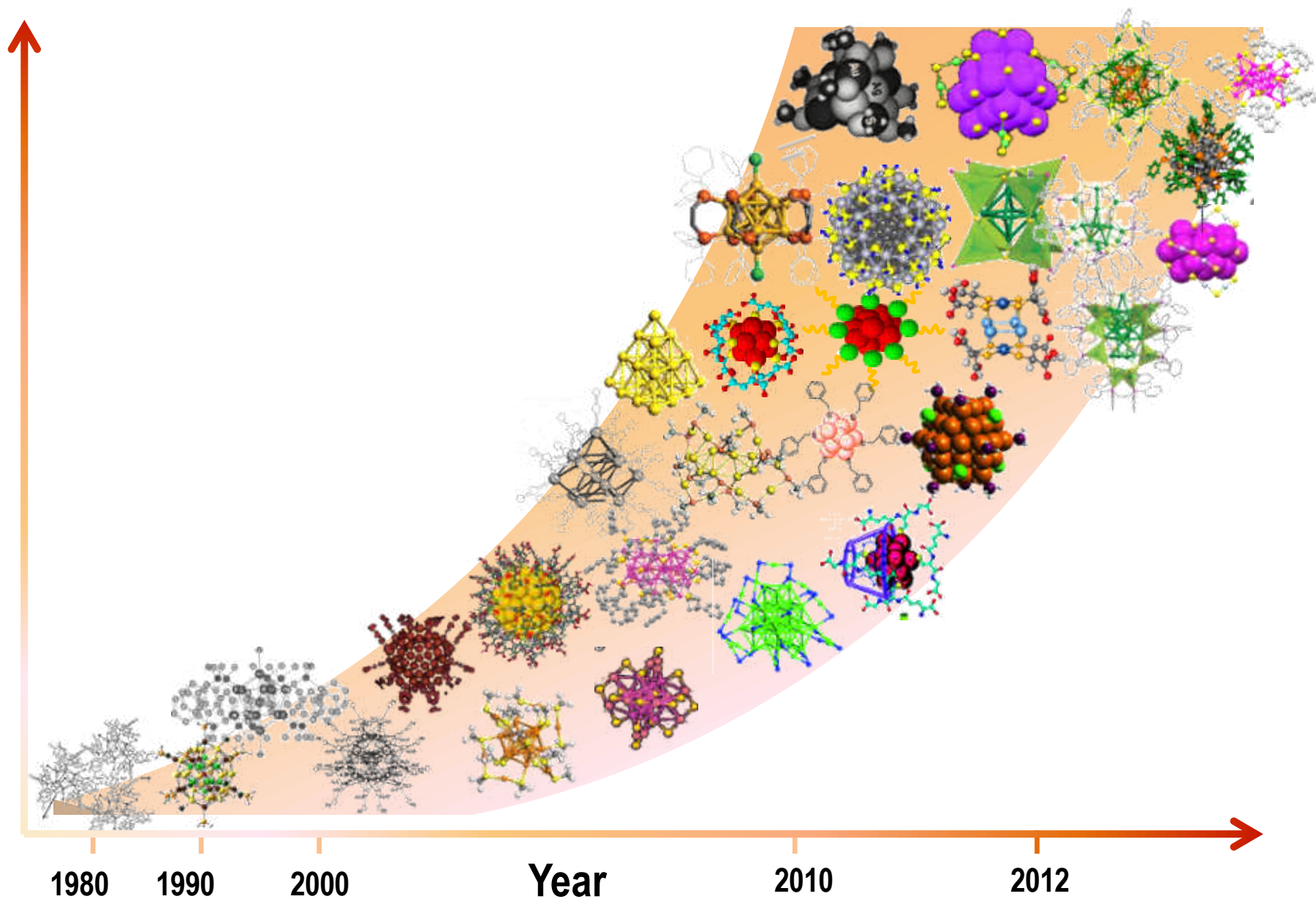
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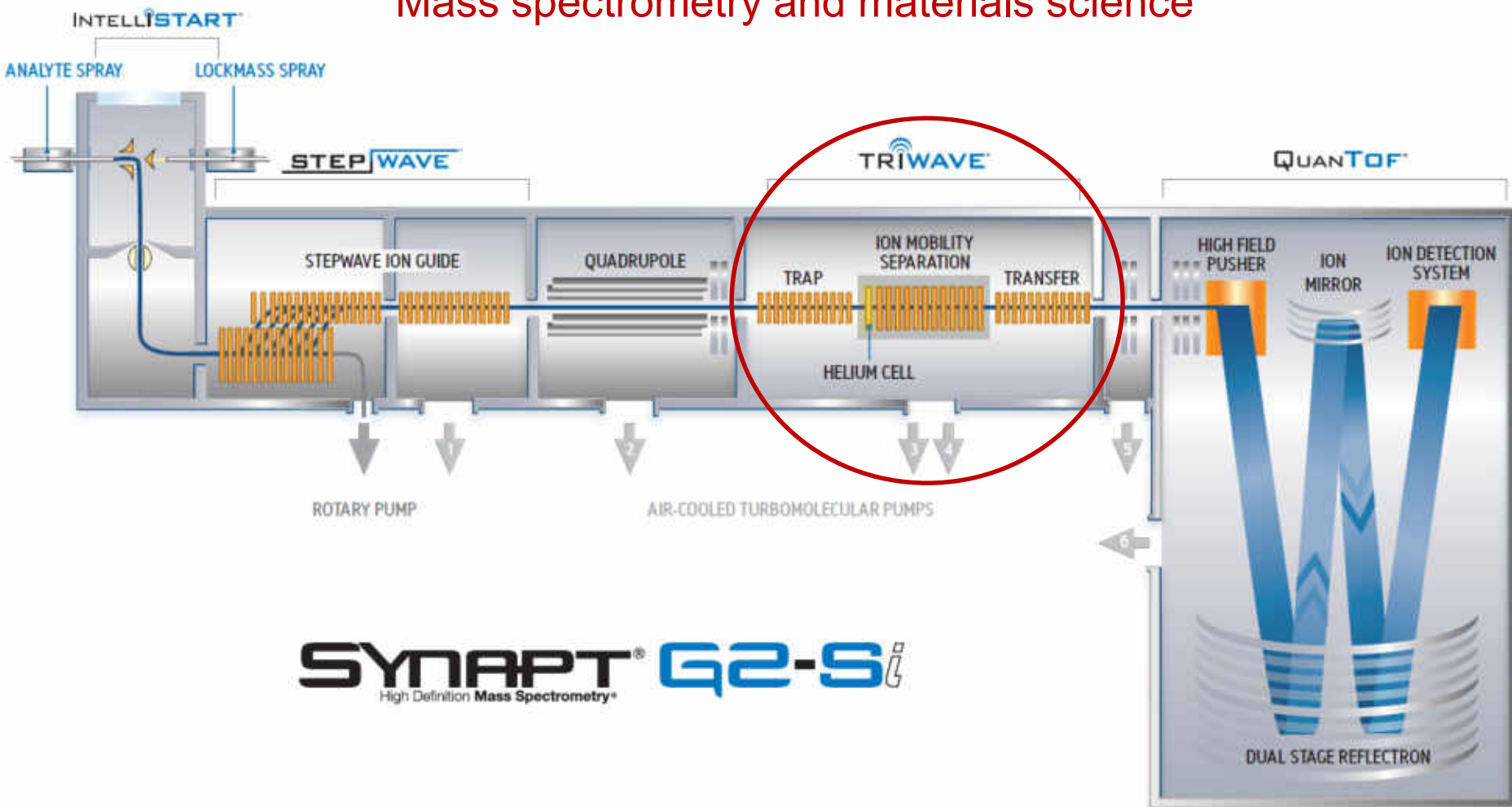


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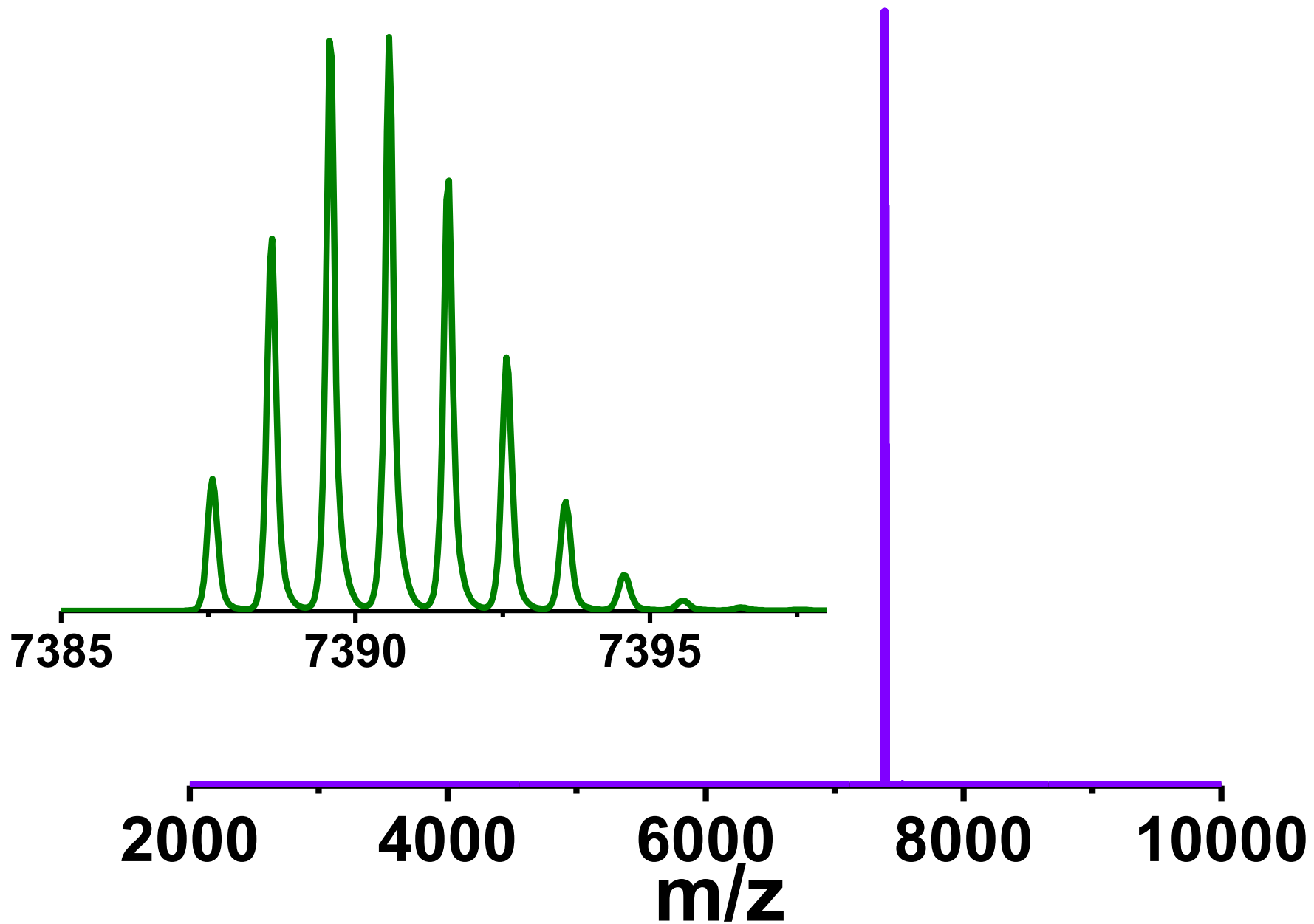
# Evolution of noble metal clusters



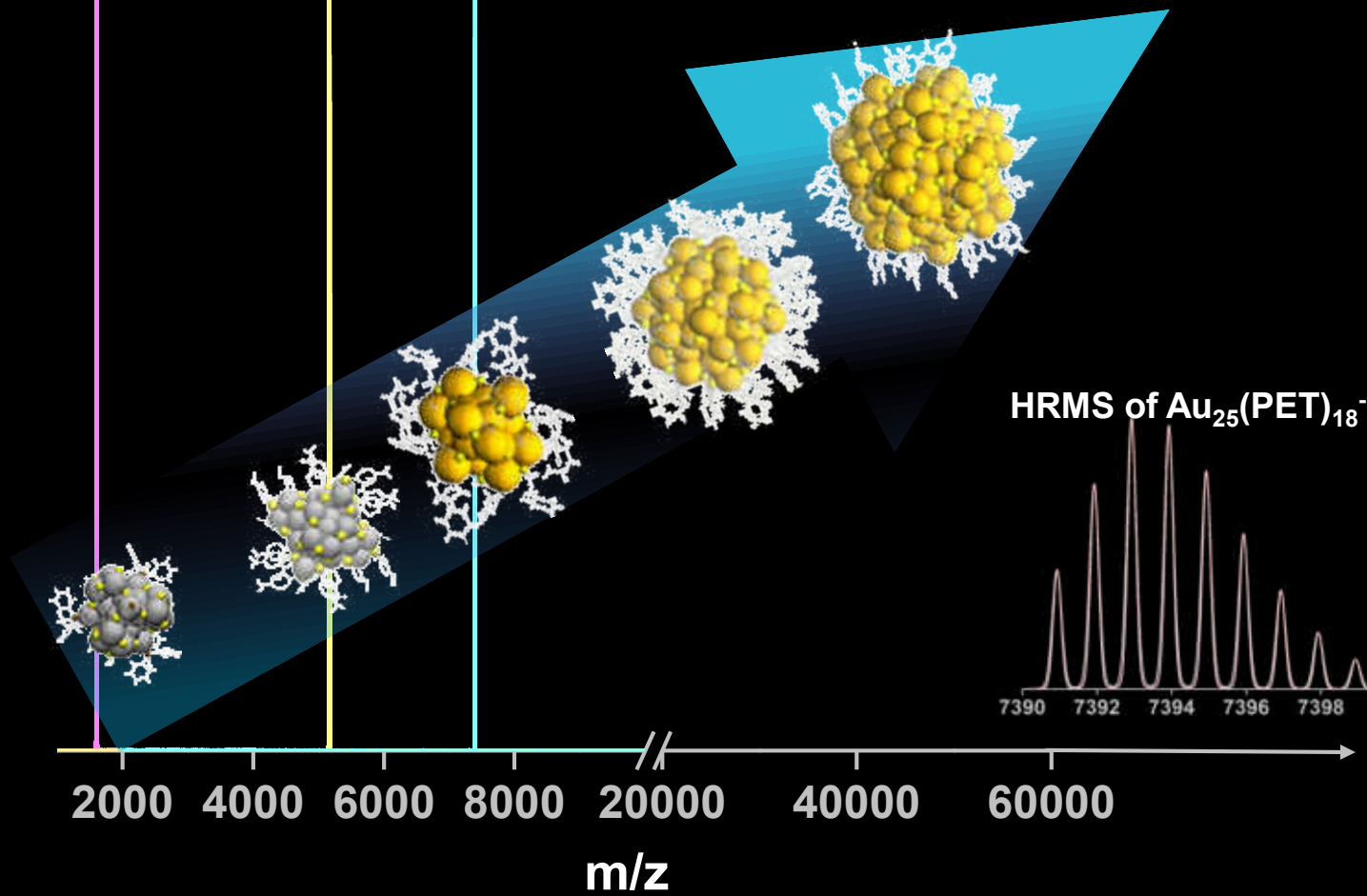
## Mass spectrometry and materials science



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



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





# Molecular materials

## ACCOUNTS

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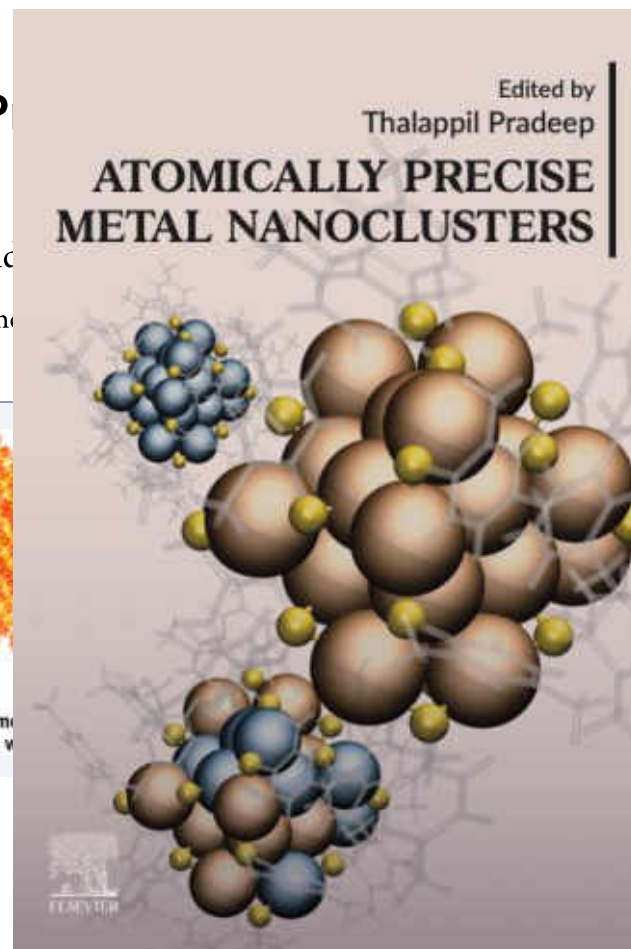
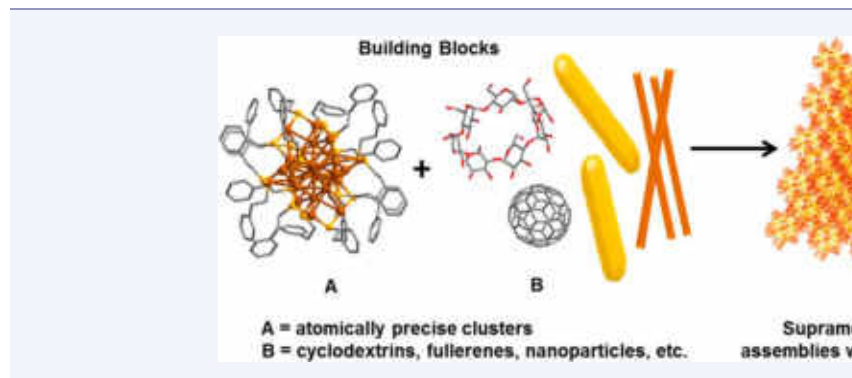
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### 1 Approaching Materials with Atomic P 2 Cluster Assemblies 3

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# Molecules and their properties

|                                        |                                            |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Chemical formula                       | H <sub>2</sub> O                           |
| Molecular weight                       | 18.0148                                    |
| Critical temperature                   | 373.91°C                                   |
| Critical pressure                      | 22.05 MPa                                  |
| Critical density                       | 315.0 kg/m <sup>3</sup>                    |
| 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 <sup>3</sup>                    |
| Maximum density, 3.98°C                | 999.973 kg/m <sup>3</sup>                  |
| Viscosity, 25°C                        | 0.889 mN s/m <sup>2</sup>                  |
| 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 <sup>-12</sup> m <sup>2</sup> /N |
| Coefficient of thermal expansion, 25°C | 256.32 × 10 <sup>-6</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>  |
| 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

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Phases - phase transitions

Physical properties

Electrical, magnetic

Mechanical properties

Electrochemical properties

Future?

# Molecular reactions

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Reactions on clusters  
Reactions between clusters

# Inter-cluster reactions



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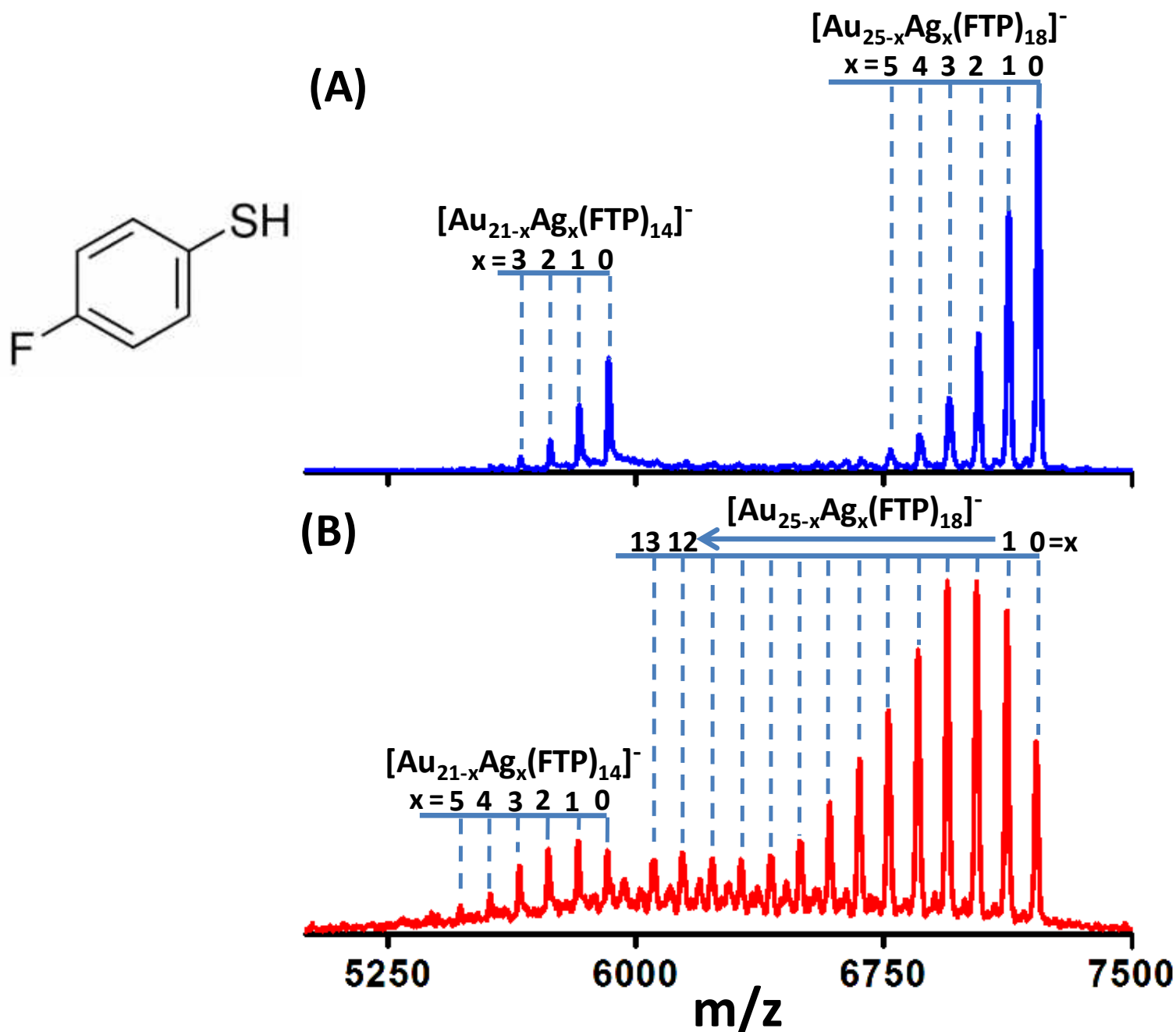
## Intercluster Reactions between $\text{Au}_{25}(\text{SR})_{18}$ and $\text{Ag}_{44}(\text{SR})_{30}$

K. R. Krishnadas, Atanu Ghosh, Ananya Baksi, Indranath Chakraborty,<sup>†</sup> Ganapati Natarajan, and Thalappil Pradeep<sup>\*</sup>

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 Supporting Information





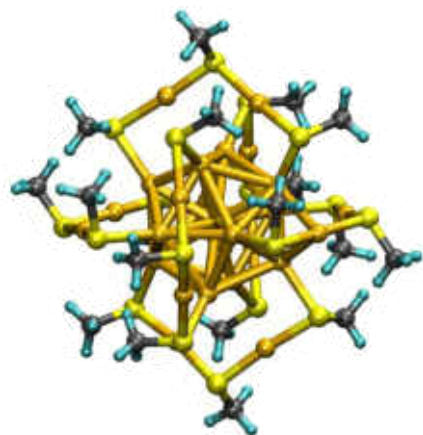
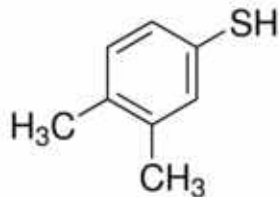
## **Ag<sub>25</sub>-Au<sub>25</sub> experiments**

K. R. Krishnadas et al. *Nature Commun.* 2016

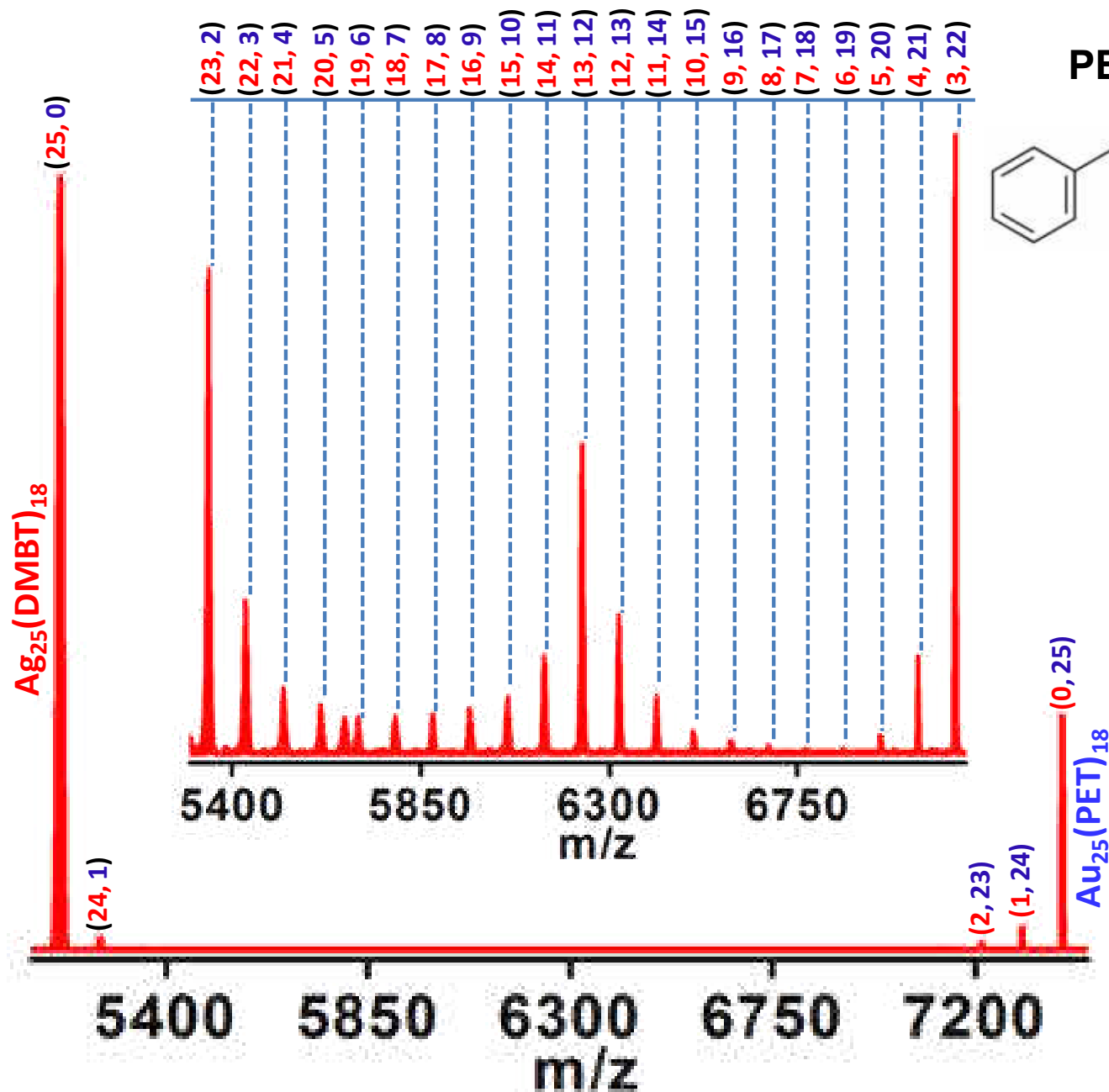
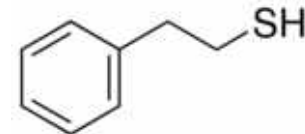


# Reaction between $\text{Au}_{25}(\text{PET})_{18}$ and $\text{Ag}_{25}(\text{DMBT})_{18}$

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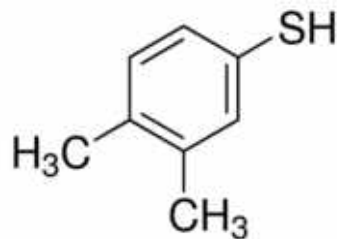


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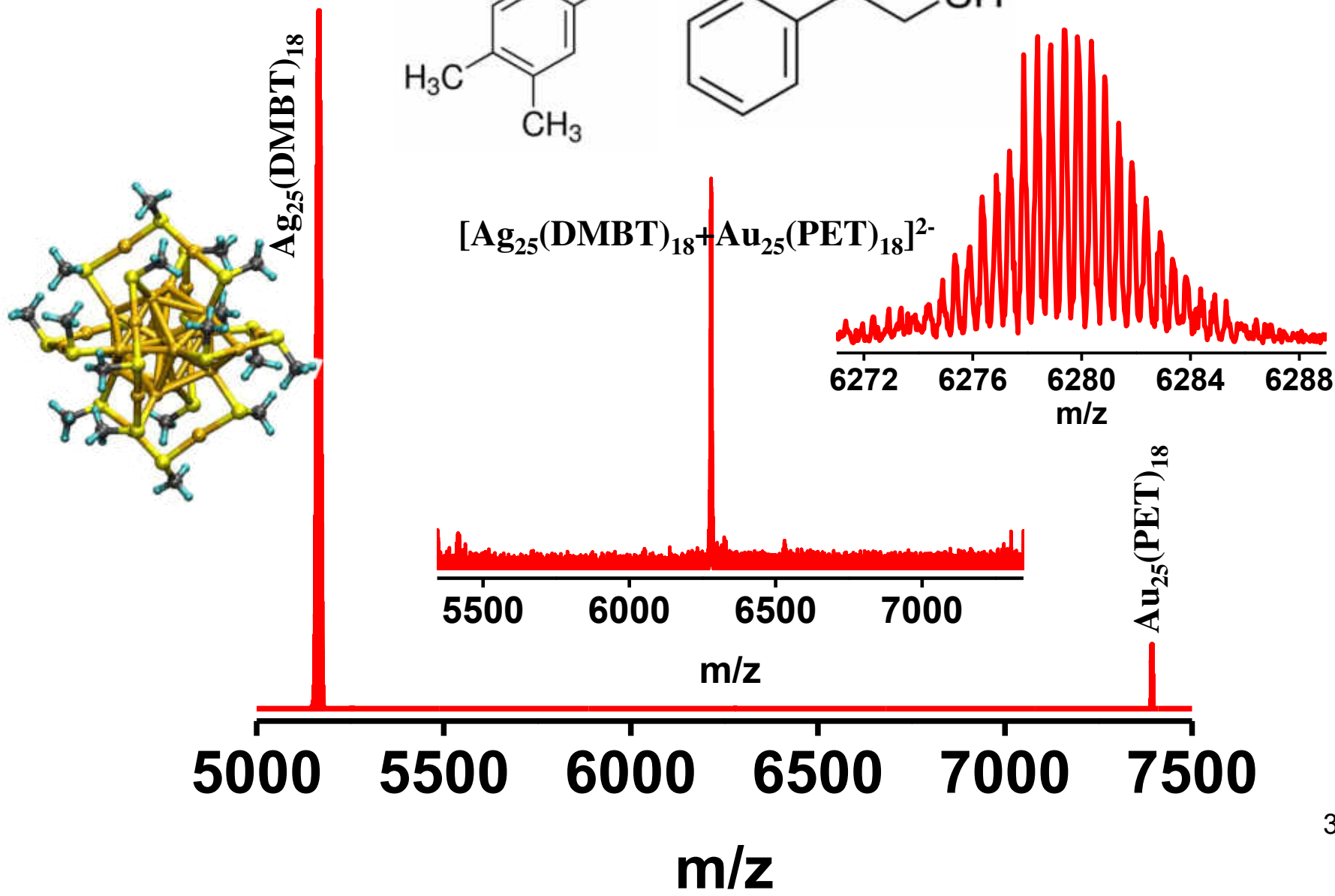
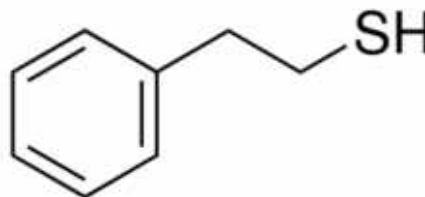




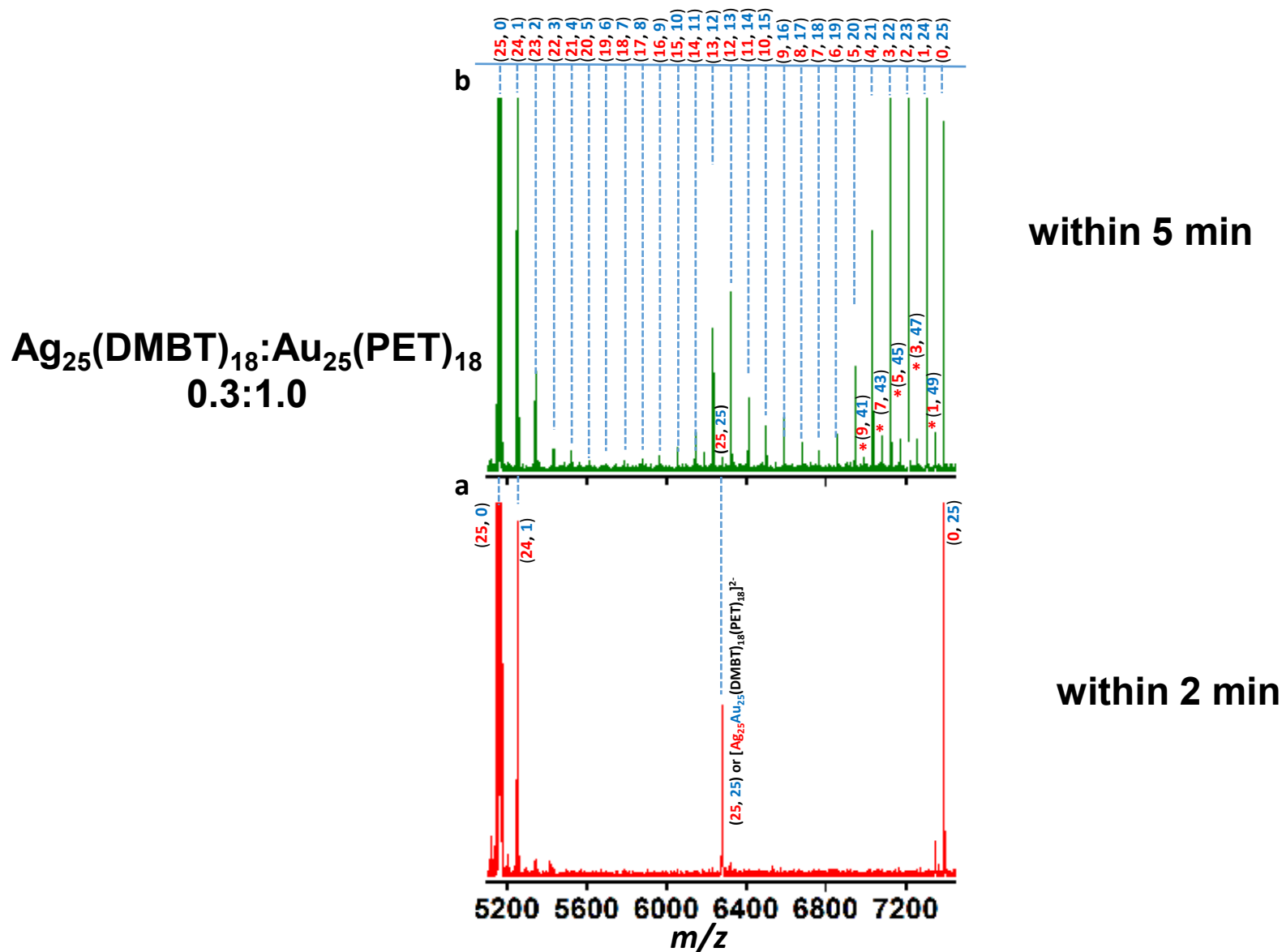
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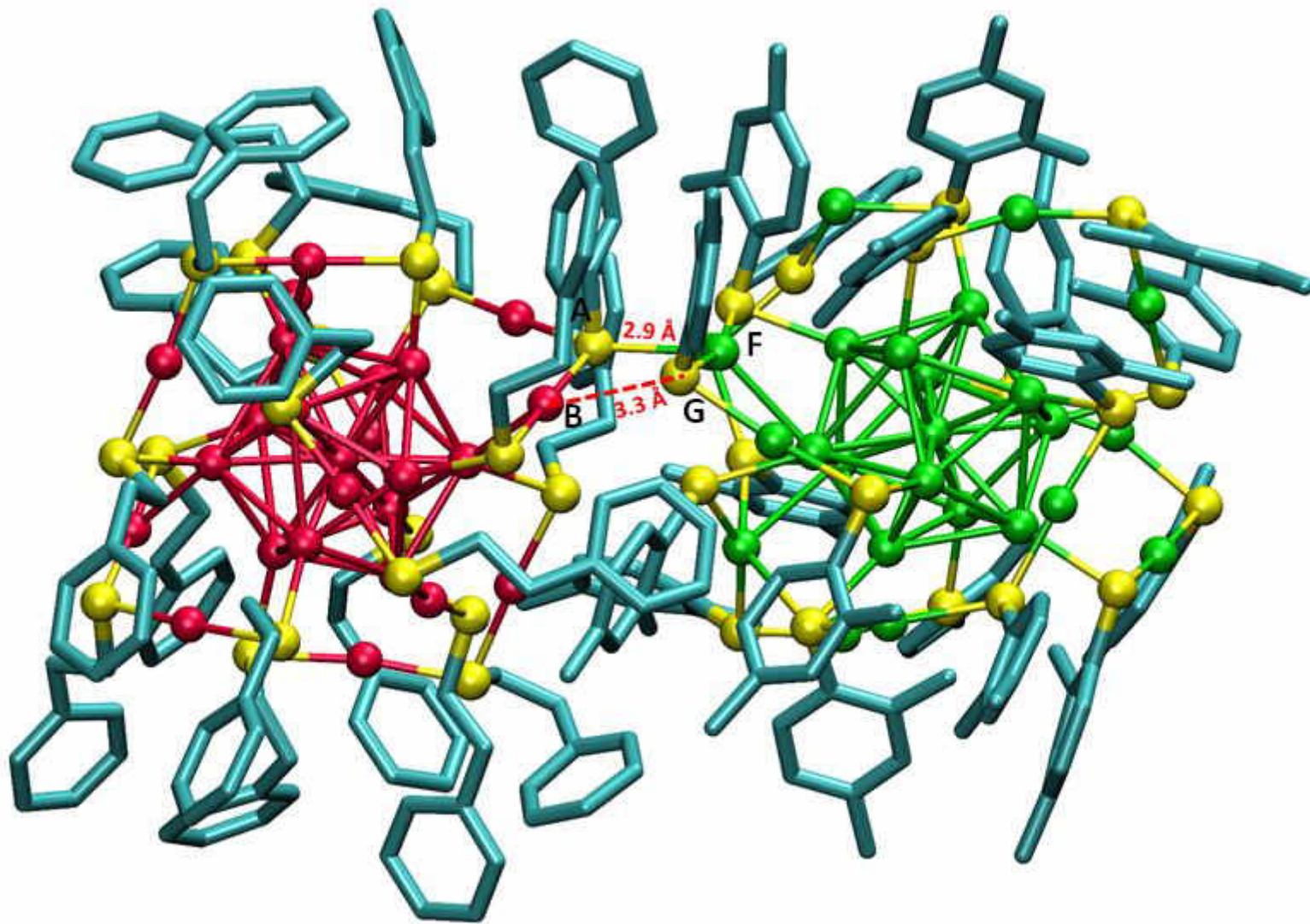
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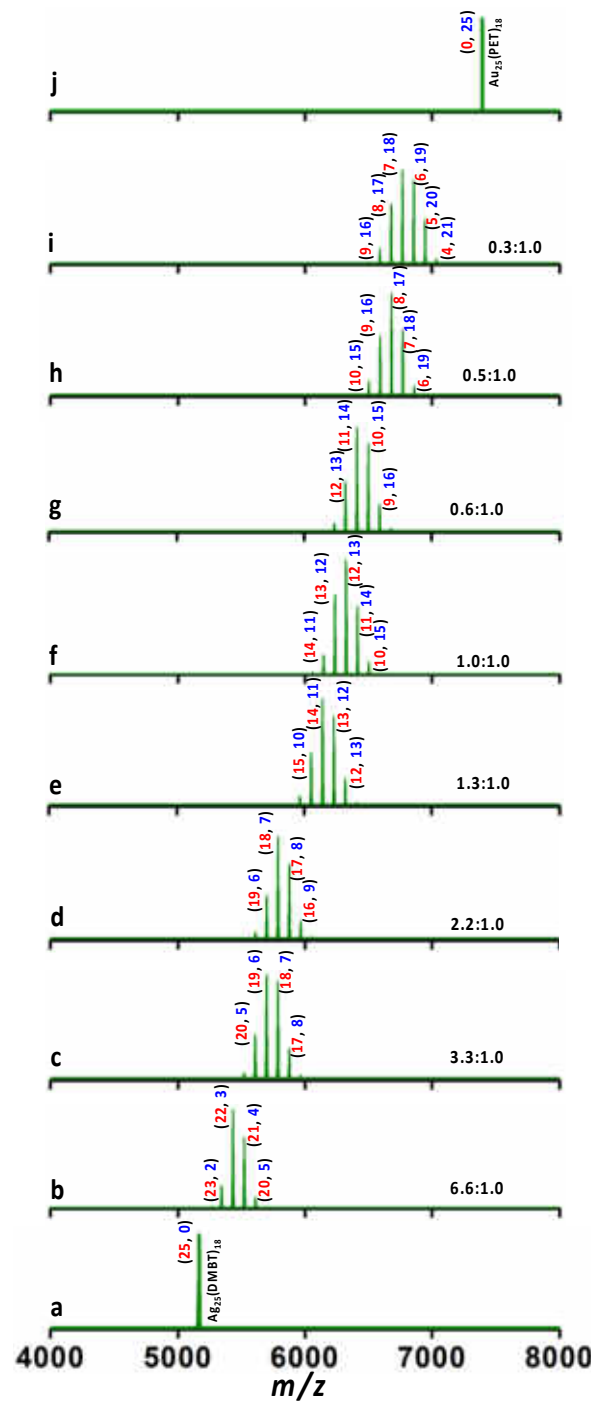


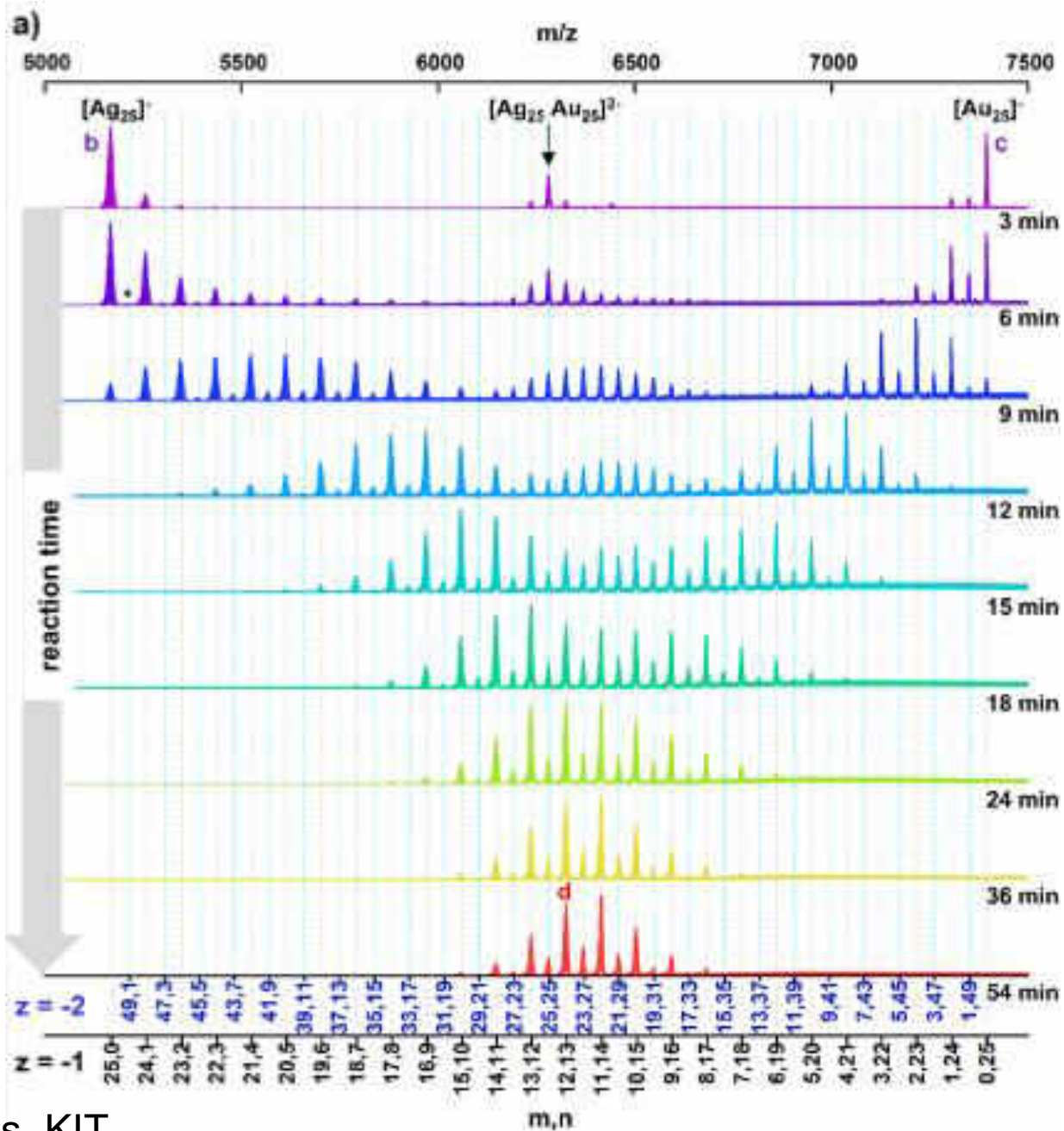
# Evolution of alloy clusters from the dianionic adduct, $[\text{Ag}_{25}\text{Au}_{25}(\text{DMBT})_{18}(\text{PET})_{18}]^{2-}$



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

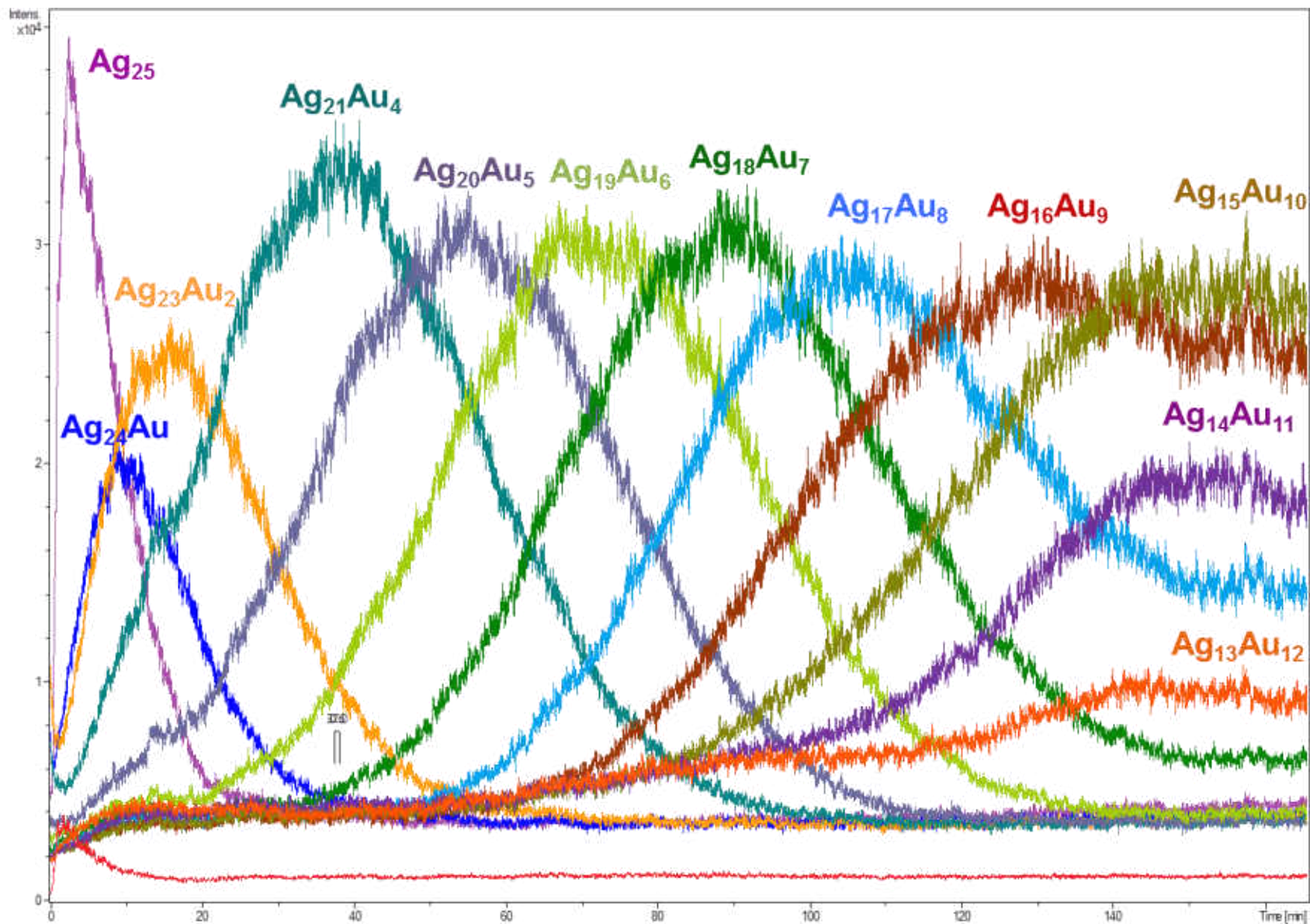




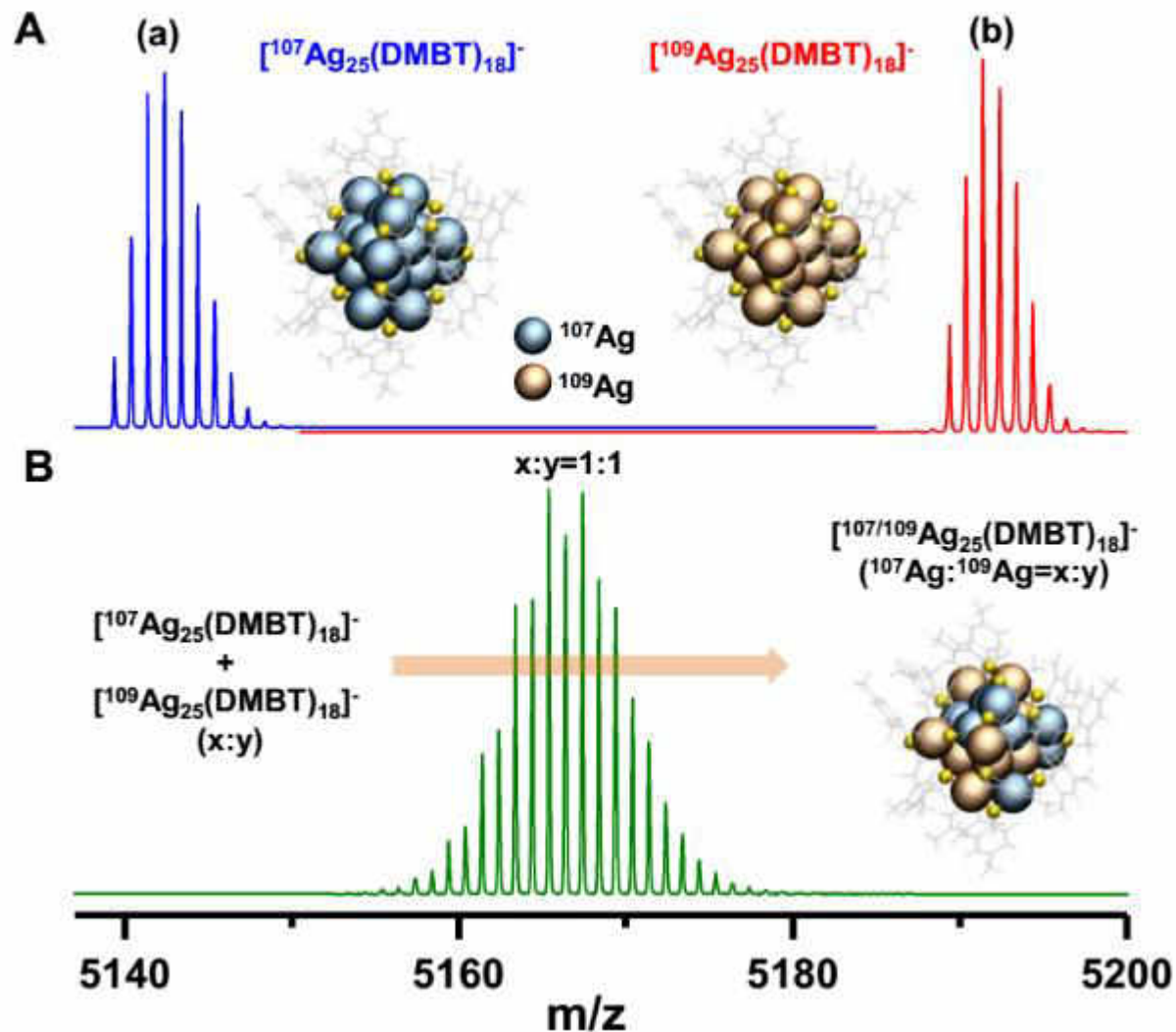




## Kinetics of the exchange (monitored on the Ag<sub>25</sub> side)

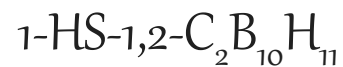
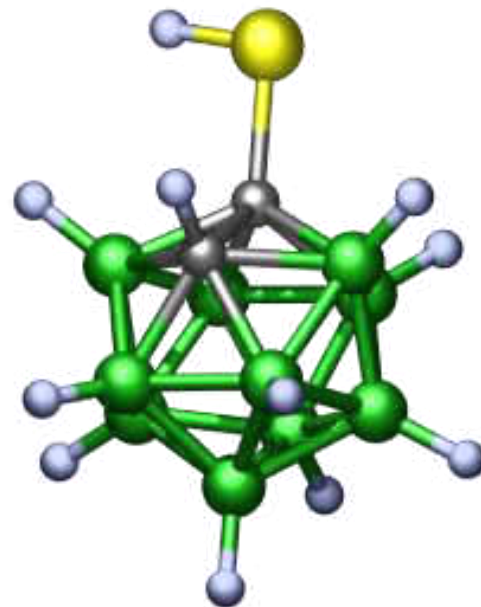
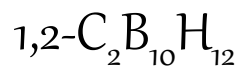
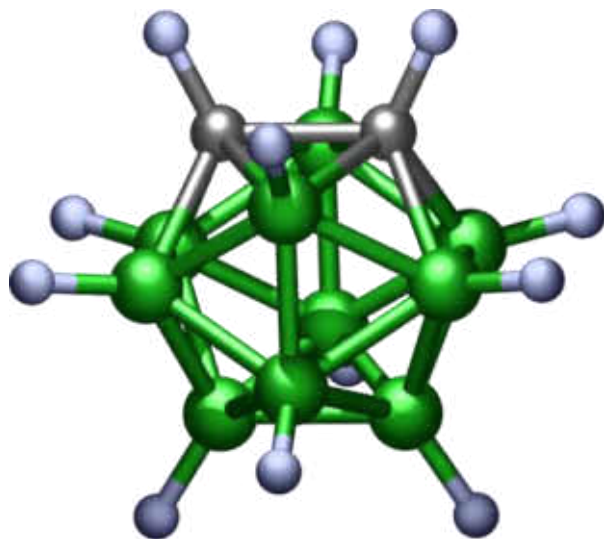


# Isotopic exchange



Papri Chakraborti, et. al. Science Advances, 2019.

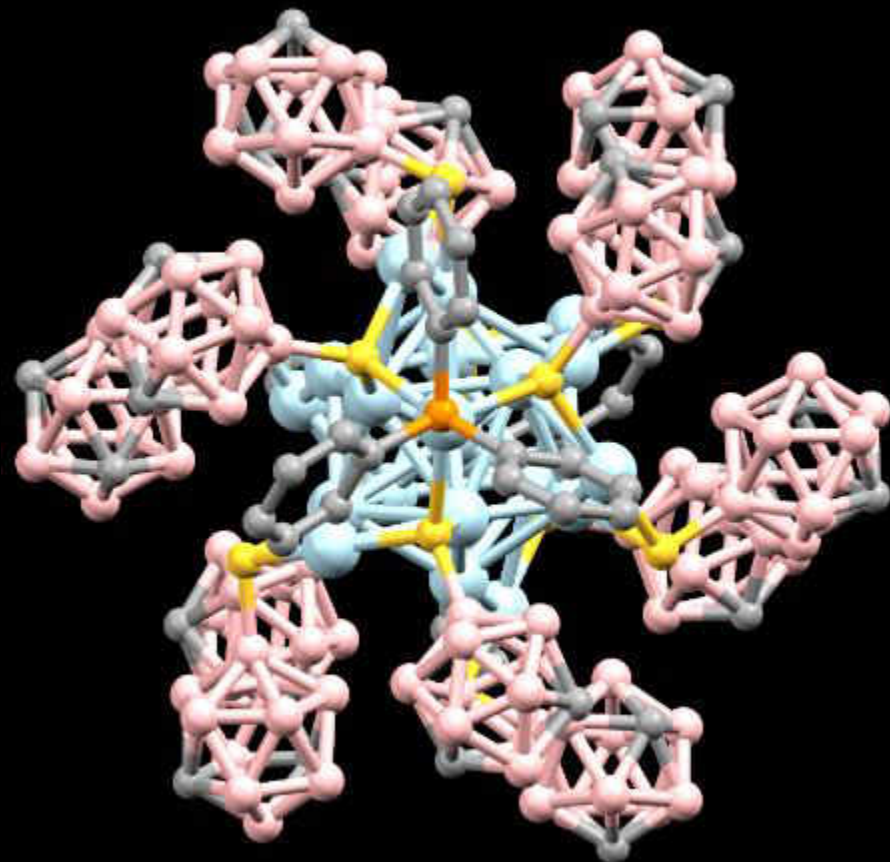
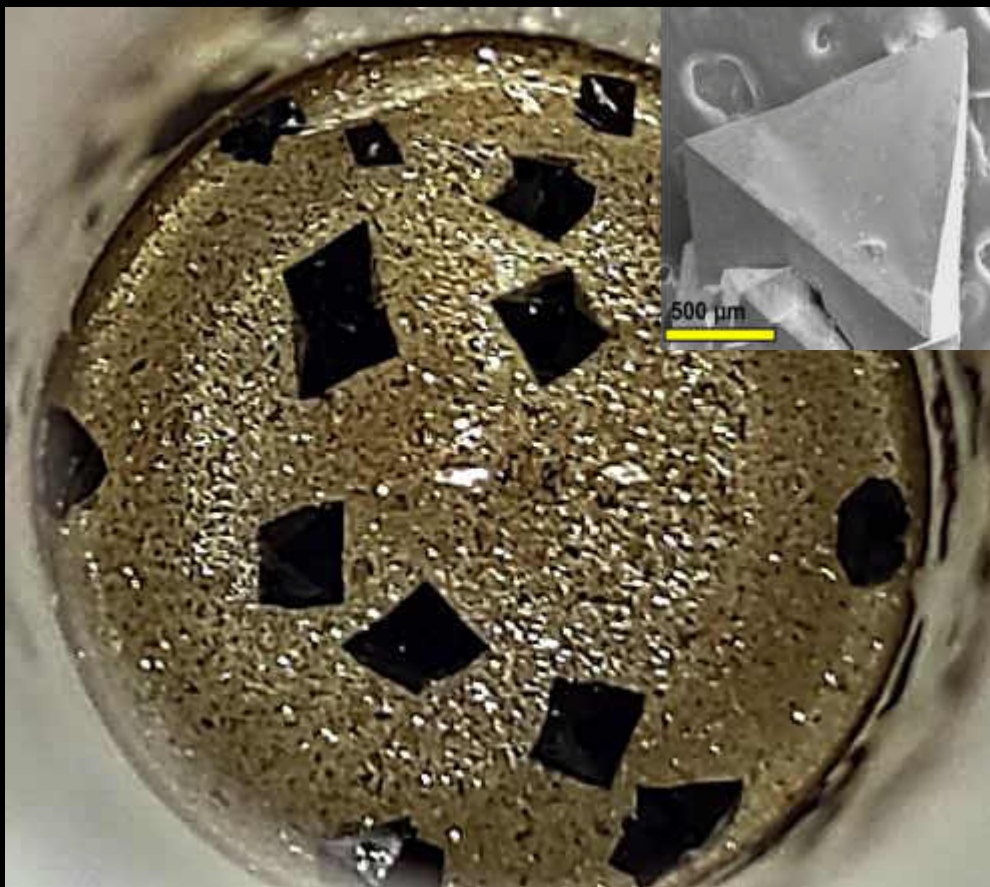
## New Clusters and new Ligands



Vivek Yadav, et. al., *Nature Communications*, Revised and submitted



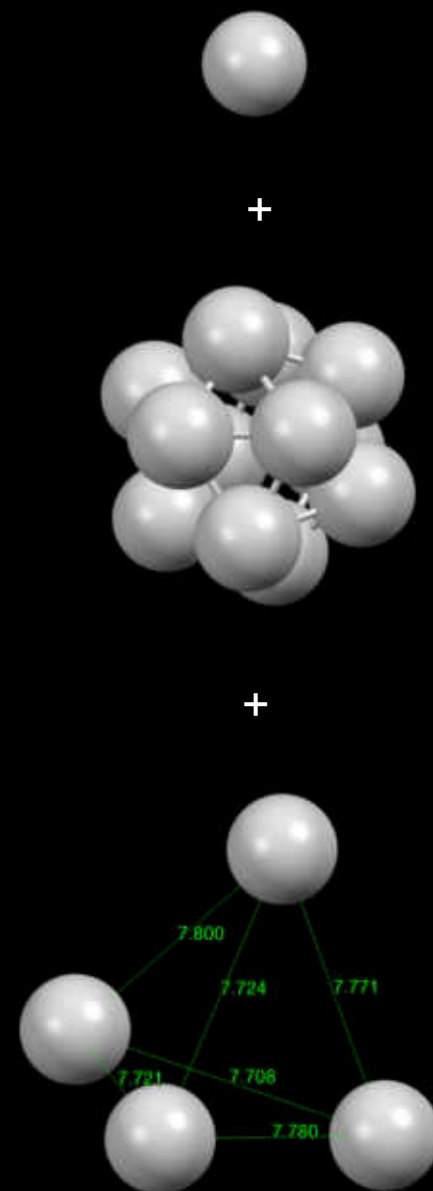
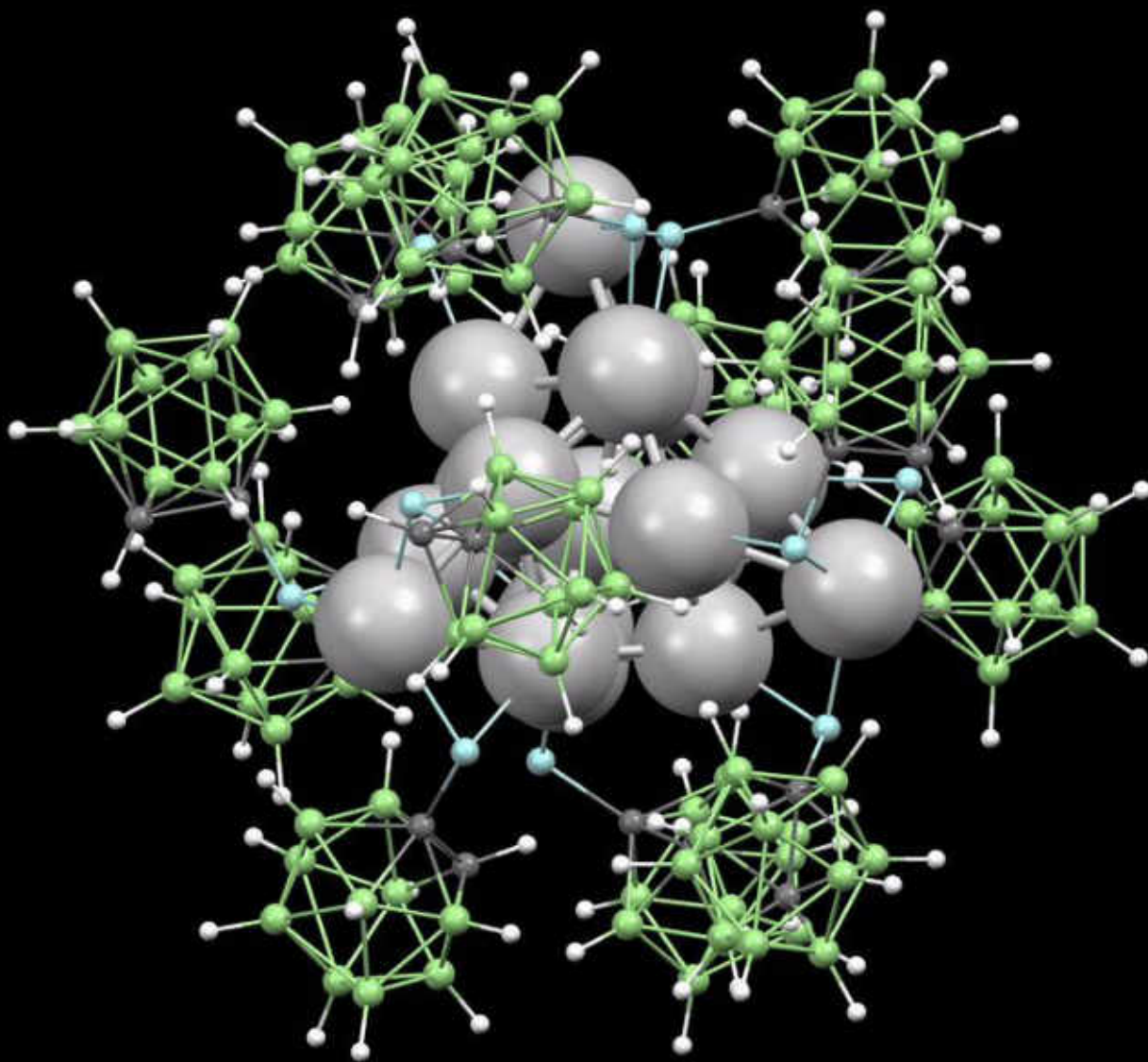
# Clusters stable up to 300 °C!



With Tomas Base

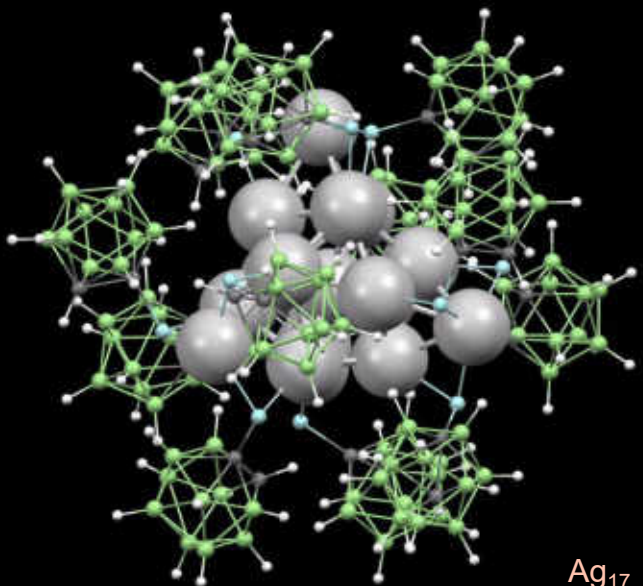
Jana *et. al*, Inorganic Chemistry (2022)

# Structure of $[\text{Ag}_{17}(\text{o}_1\text{-CBT})_{12}]^{3-}$ Nanocluster

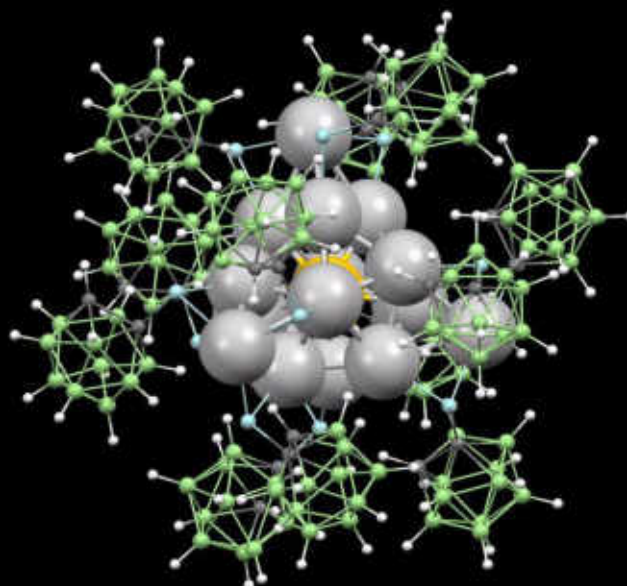




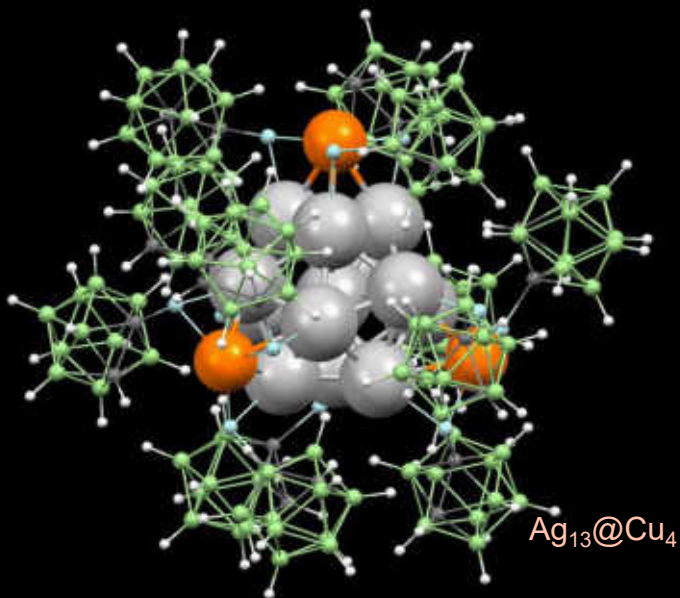
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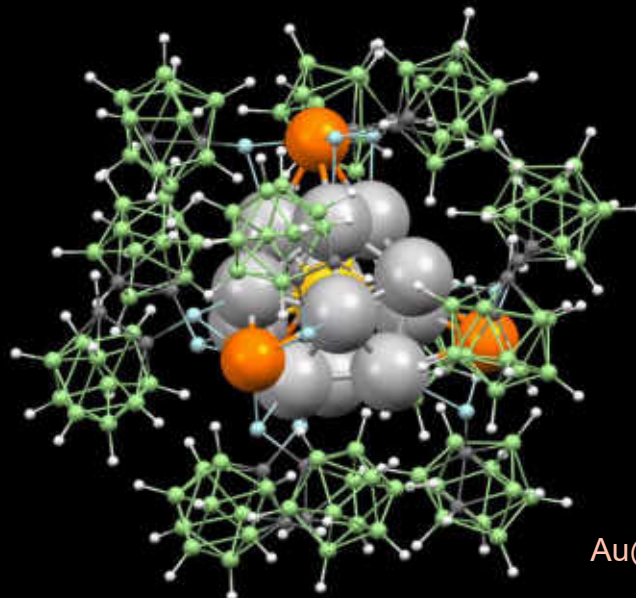
$Ag_{17}$



$Au@Ag_{16}$



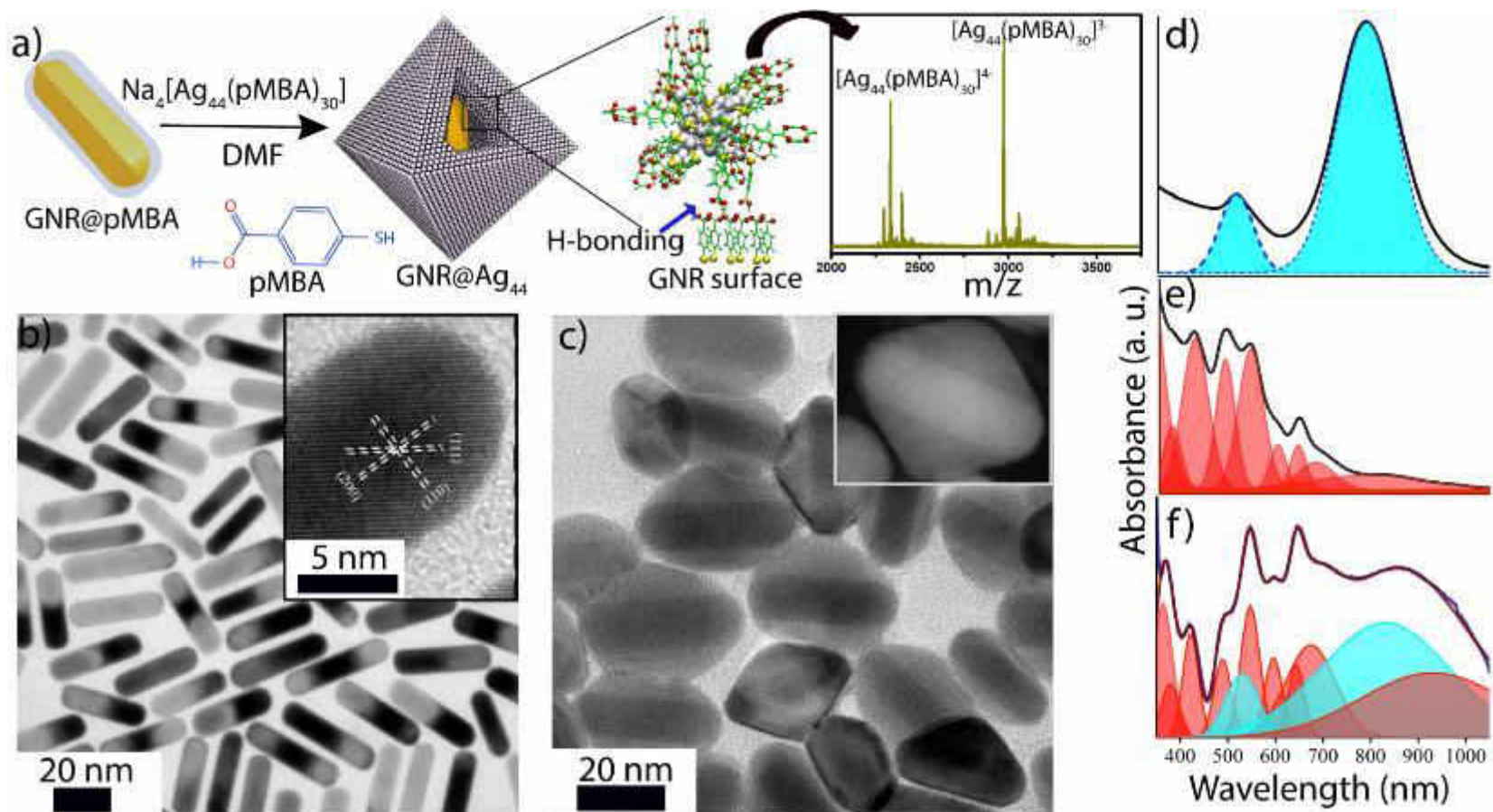
$Ag_{13}@Cu_4$



$Au@Ag_{12}@Cu_4$



# Atomically precise nanocluster assemblies encapsulating plasmonic gold nanorods



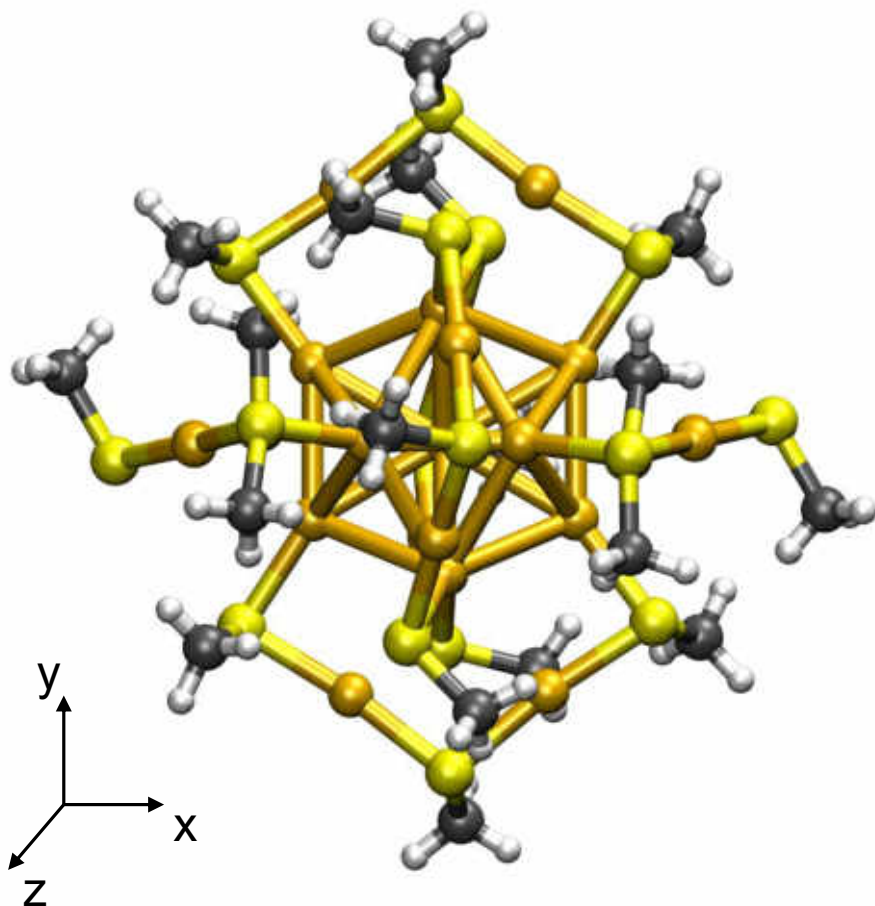
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A system of nomenclature

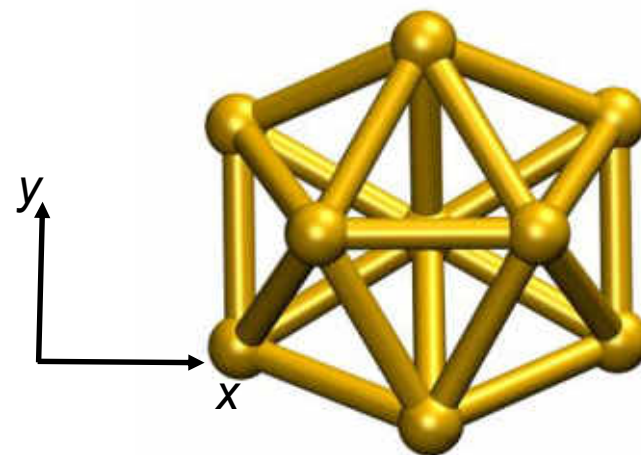
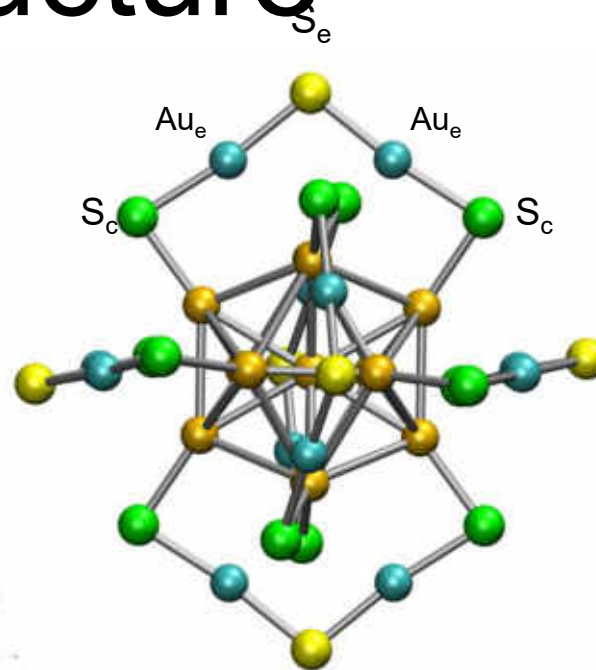
# Aspicules



# Ball and stick structure



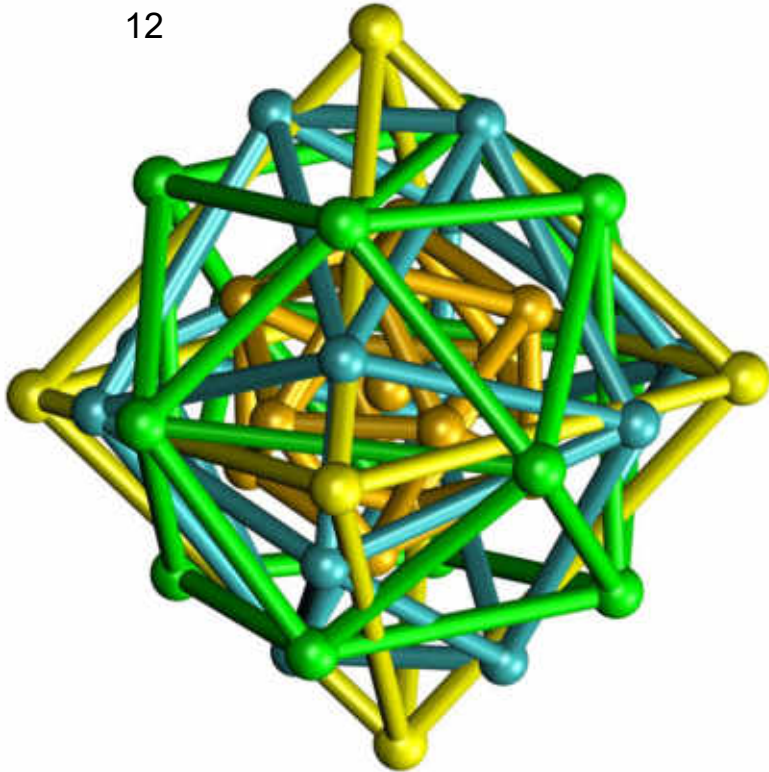
A view of gold methyl thiolate [25]aspicule ( $\text{Au}_{25}(\text{SMe})_{18}$ ). Gold atoms colored gold, sulfur atoms by yellow, carbon dark gray, hydrogen atoms as white and (b) with the gold and sulfur atoms alone .



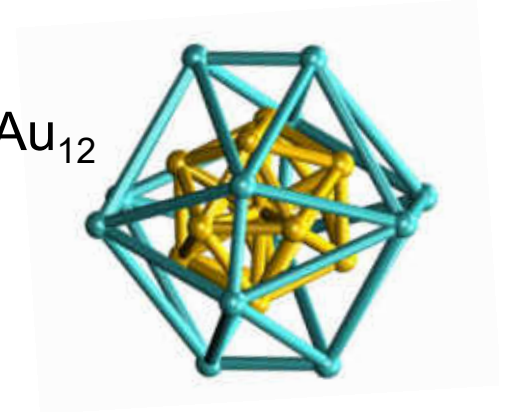
# Shell Structure

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

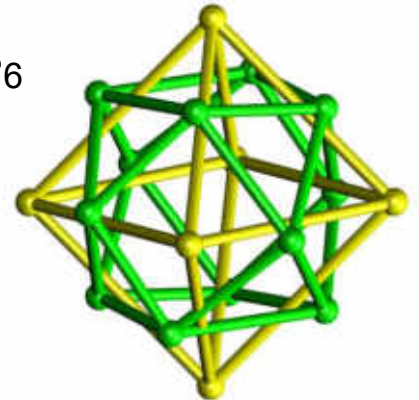
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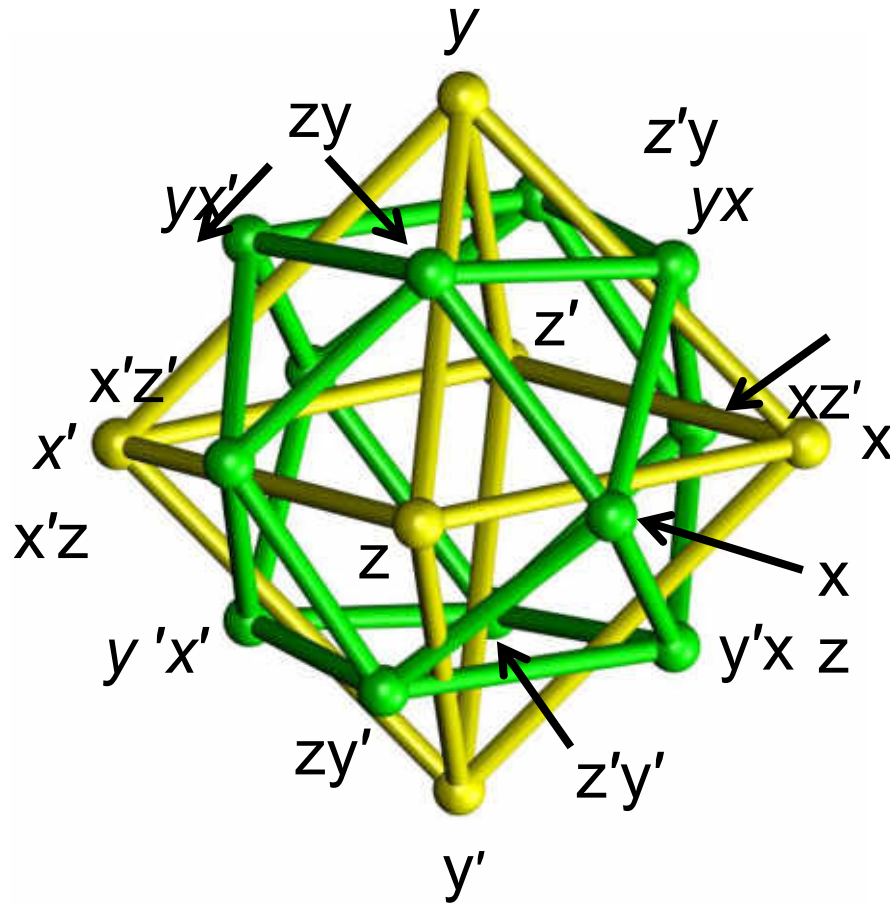
(b)  $\text{Au}_{12}@_{12}\text{Au}_{12}$



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

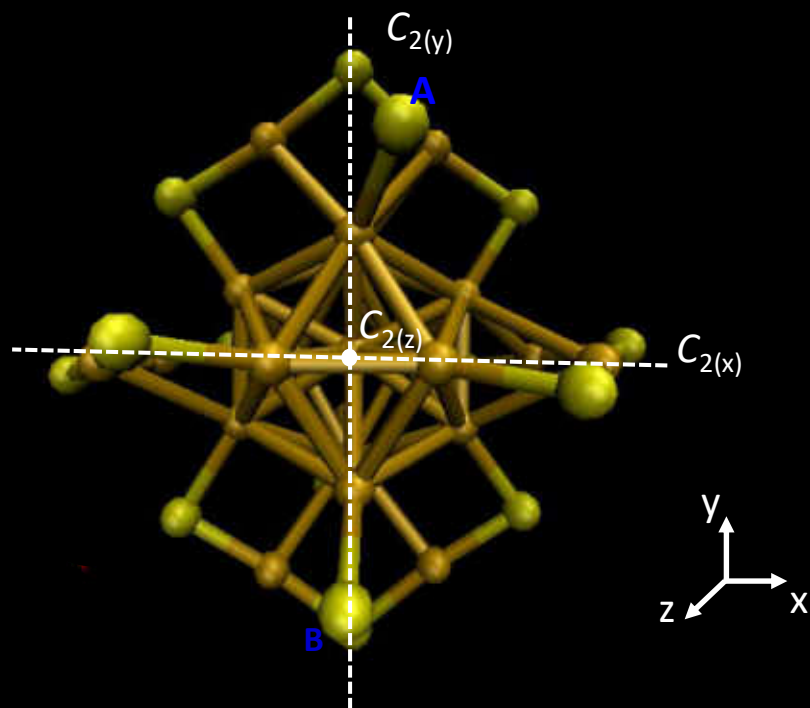


# Terminologies

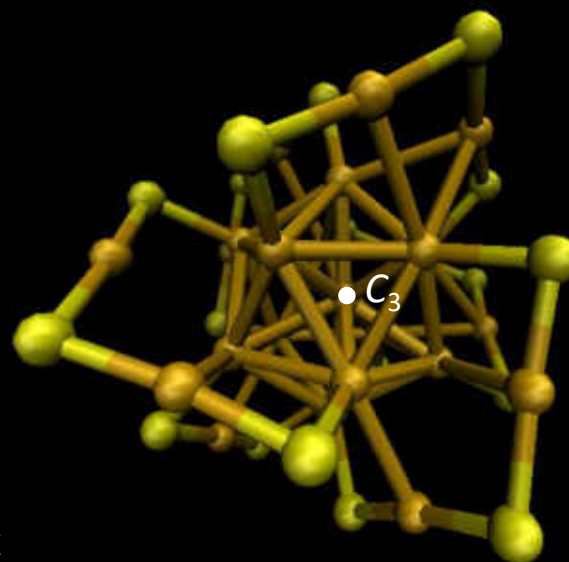




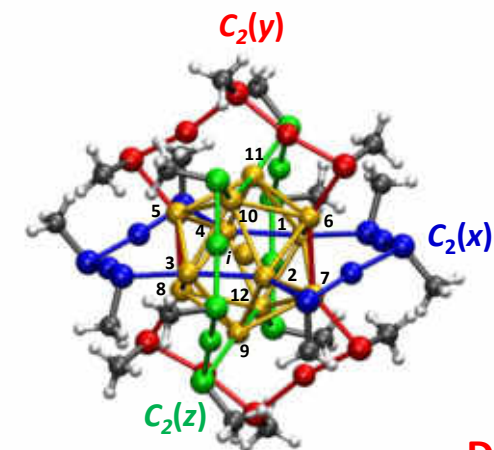
## 1) Edge projection



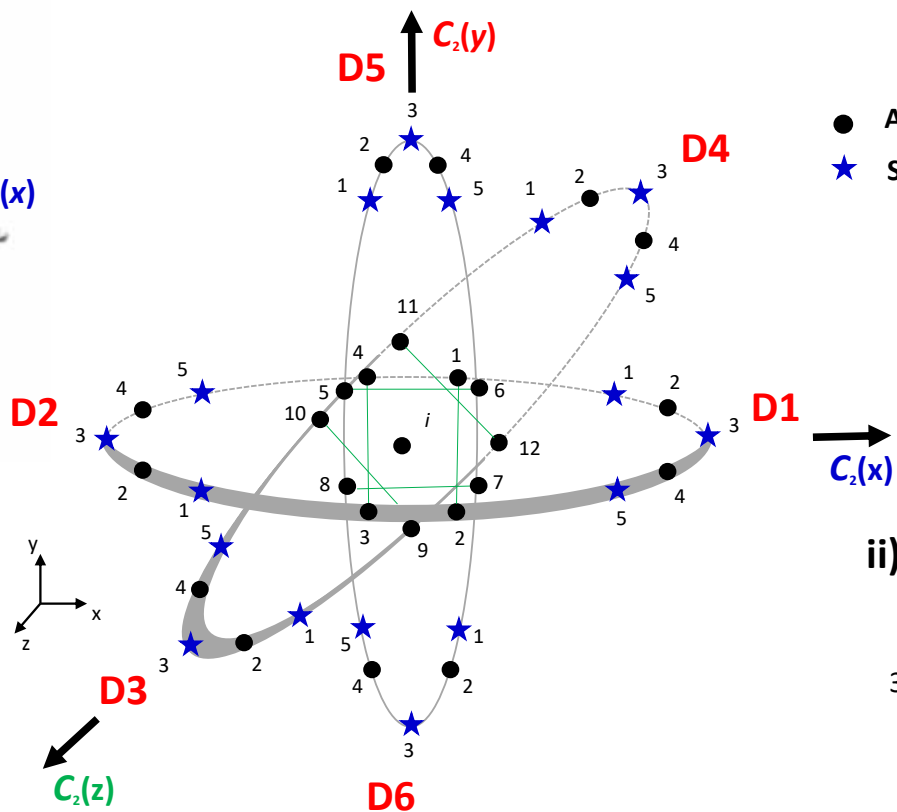
## 2) Face Projection



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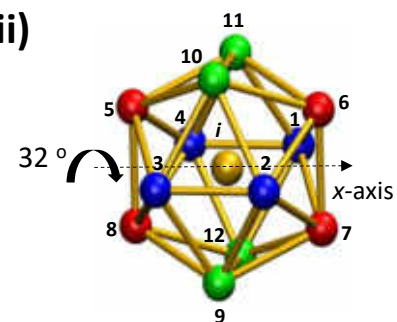


18(methylthiolato)-auro-25  
aspicule(1-)



● Au  
★ SMe

ii)



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

(D1-3,D2-3)-di(2-phenylethylthiolato),16(methylthiolato)-auro-25 aspicule(1-)  
(D1-3,D2-3)-(PET)<sub>2</sub>,(SMe)<sub>16</sub>-auro-25 aspicule(1-)

**Ligand Exchange & Alloy**  
**cluster**



isomer 1 (c)

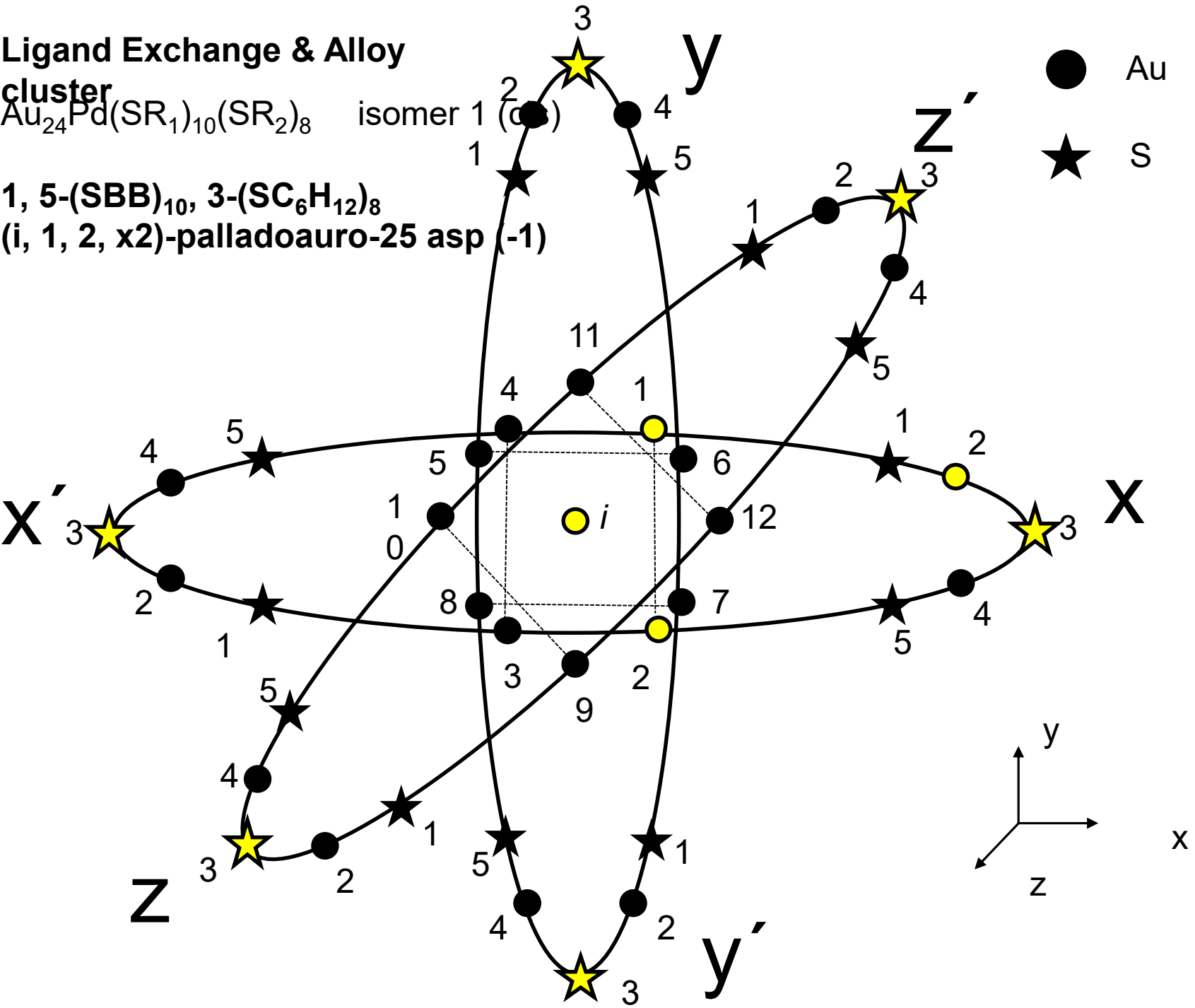
1, 5-(SBB)<sub>10</sub>, 3-(SC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>)<sub>8</sub>  
(i, 1, 2, x2)-palladoauro-25 asp (-1)

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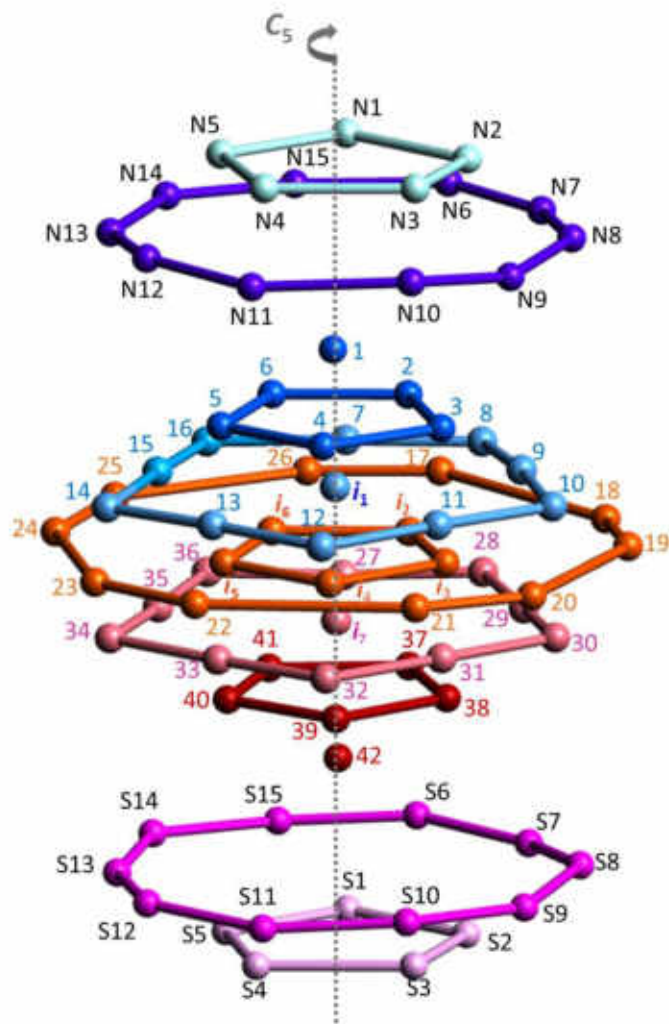
Au

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(A)





# Biopolymer-reinforced nanocomposite for water purification

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Creation of affordable materials for water is one of the most promising drinking water for all. Combining composites to scavenge toxic species and other contaminants along with the affordable, all-inclusive drinking water without electricity. The critical property synthesis of stable materials that are usually in the presence of complex drinking water that deposit and form 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 been used as a sand-like properties, such as high permeability forms. These materials have been used as a water purifier to deliver clean drinking water. The ability to prepare nanocomposites at ambient temperature has wide implications for water purification.

hybrid | green | appropriate technology



Work was featured in several journals



Nature Nanotechnology, July 2014 issue



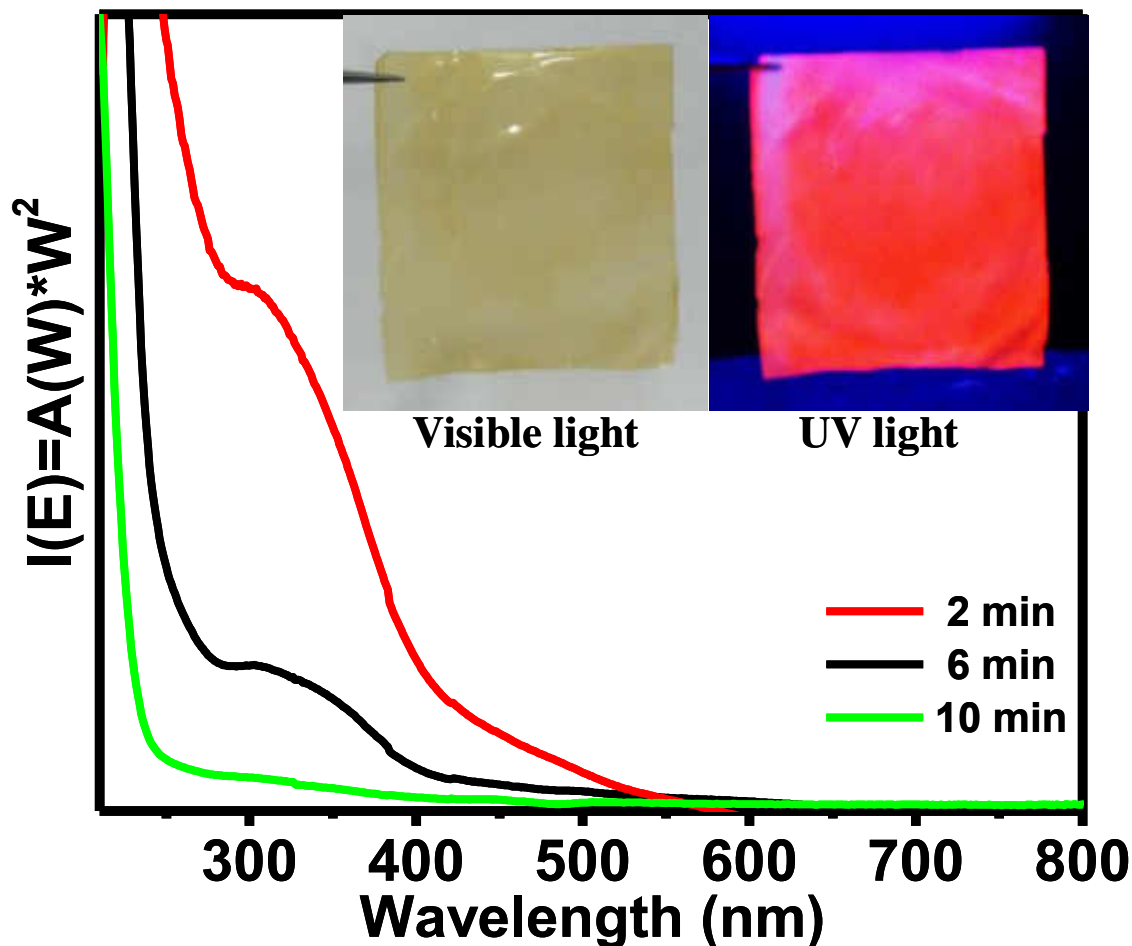
We developed environmentally friendly water positive nanoscale materials for affordable, sustainable and rapid removal of arsenic from drinking water.

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



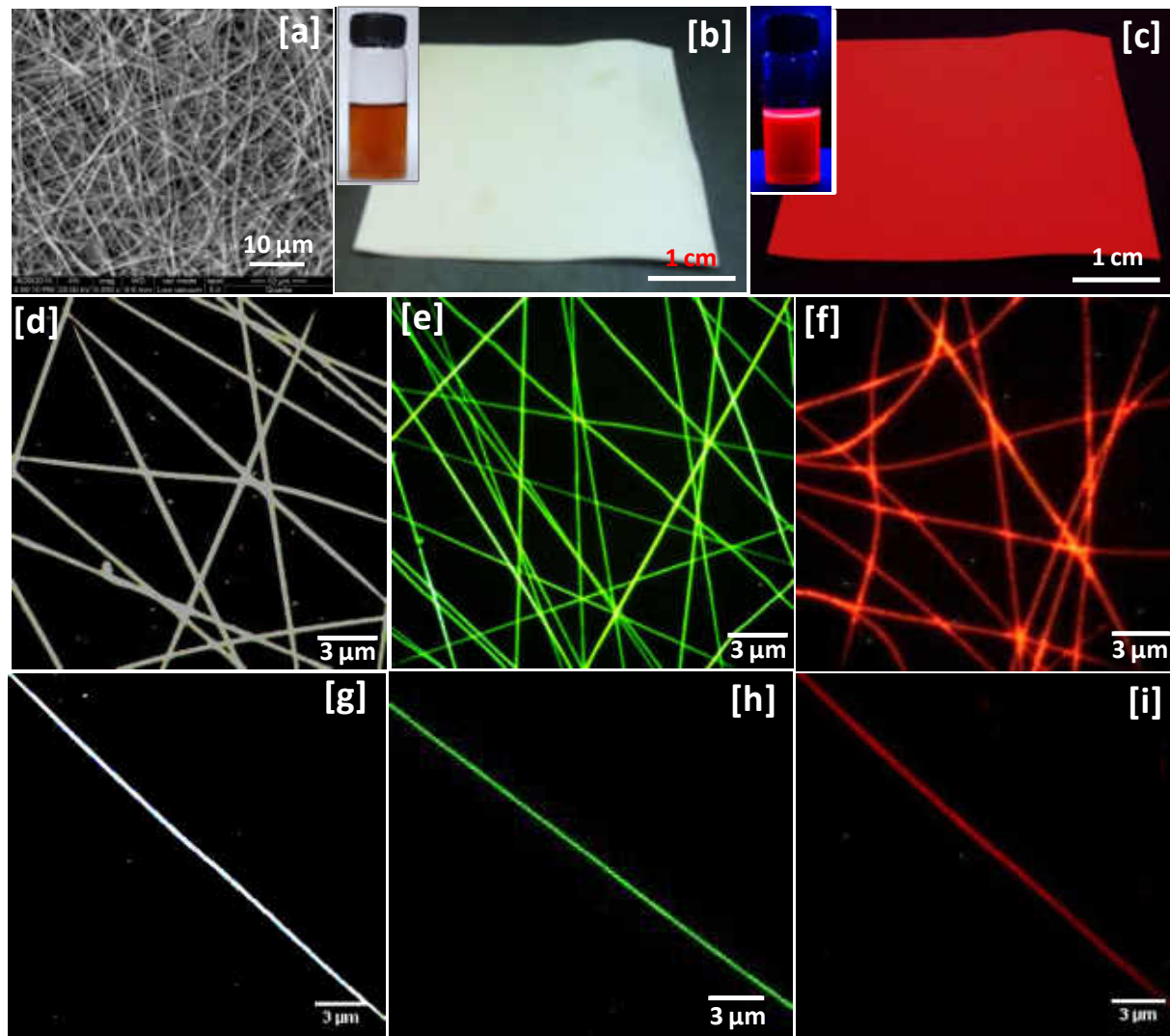
# Quantum cluster based metal ion sensing paper

## Large area uniform illumination using quantum cluster



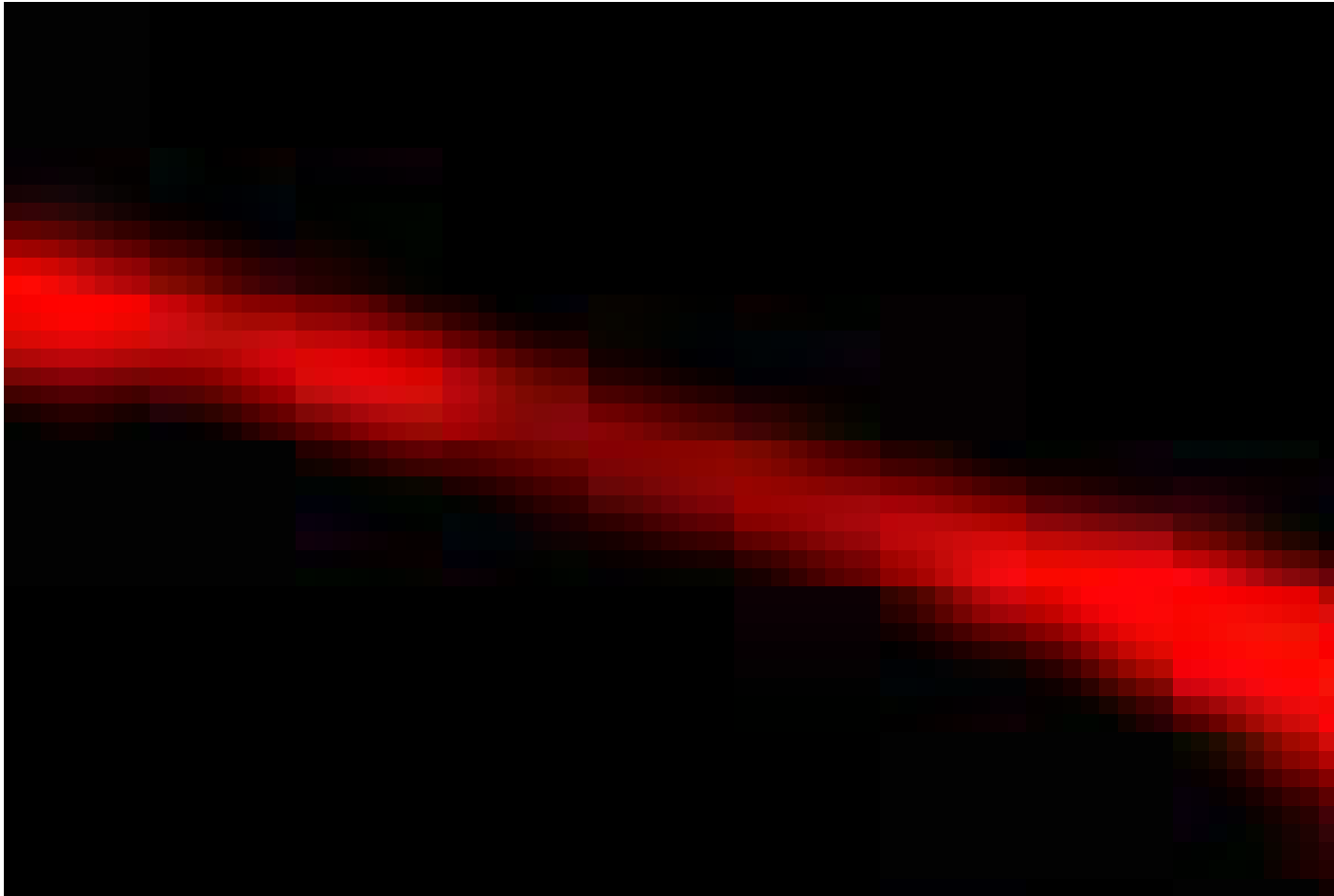
Decrease in the absorption of  $Au_{15}$  as a biofilm is dipped into the cluster solution. Inset: Free standing quantum cluster loaded film in visible light and UV light.

# Approaching detection limits of tens of $\text{Hg}^{2+}$



Atanu Ghosh et al. Anal. Chem. 2014.

## Video of mercury quenching experiment using the nanofiber





# Sensors and new opportunities

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Analog/Grating  
Equipment  
\$ 5~6 Billion (2017)  
a few **100k units** (2017)



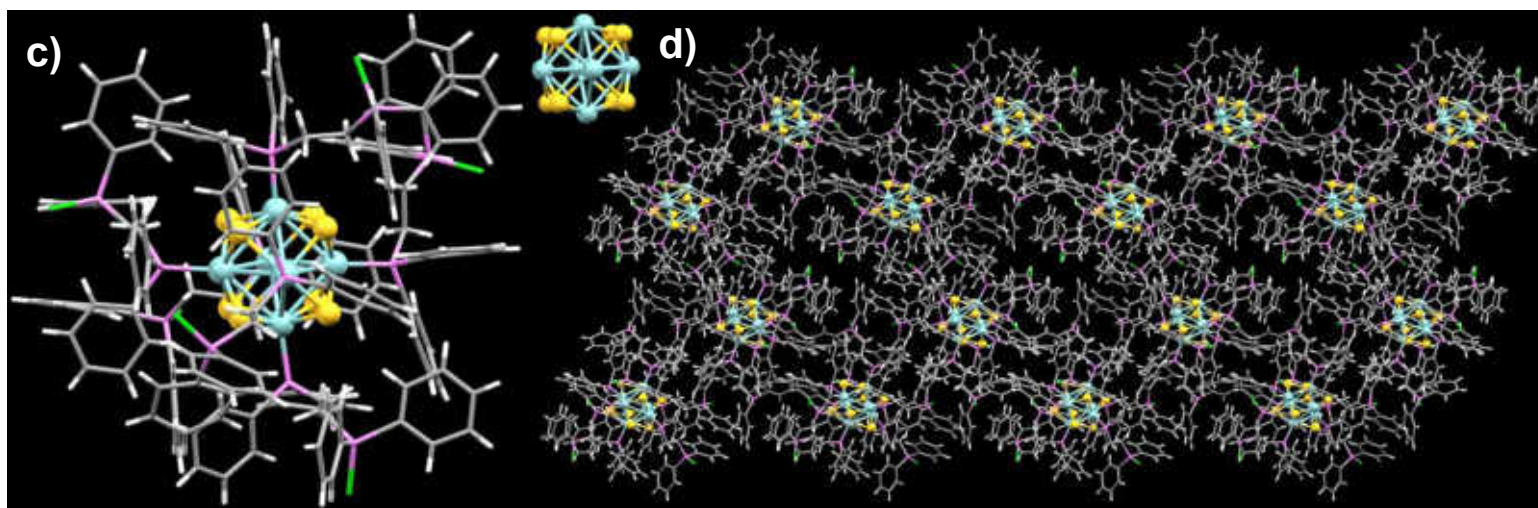
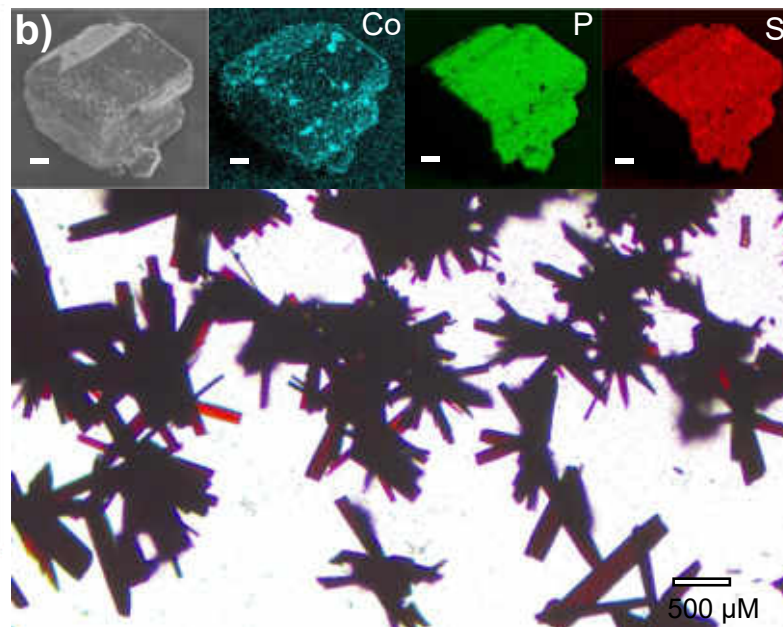
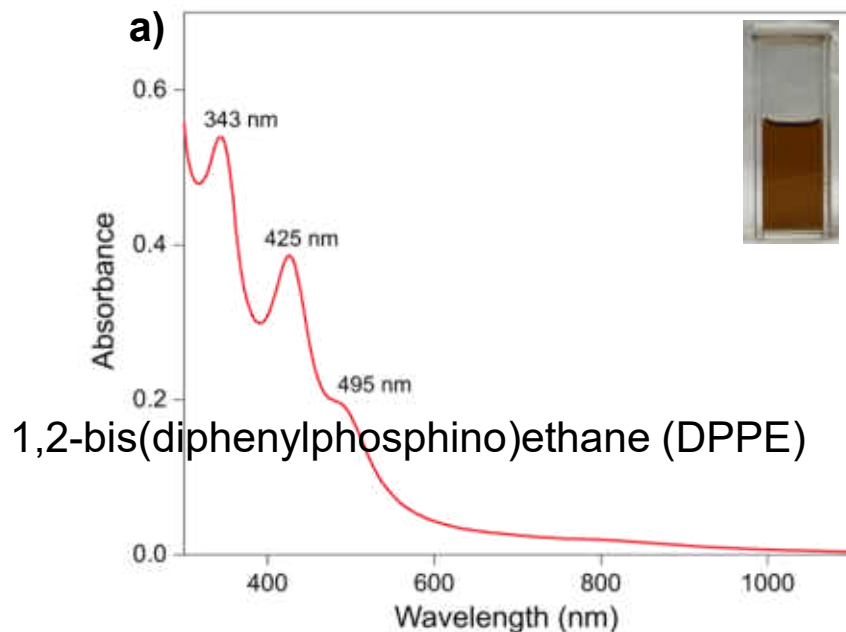
**Ultra compact Low Cost  
Spectral Sensor Module**  
~ **Billions units** ( ? 2027 )



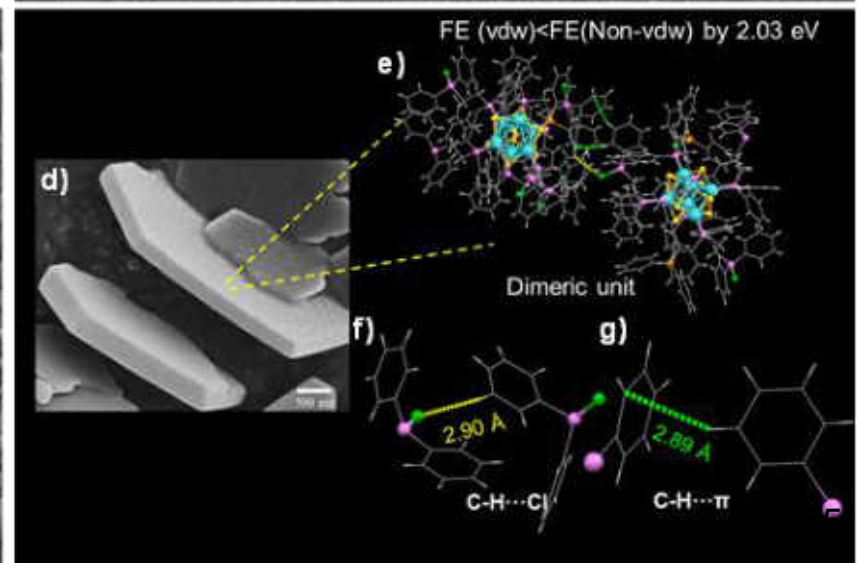
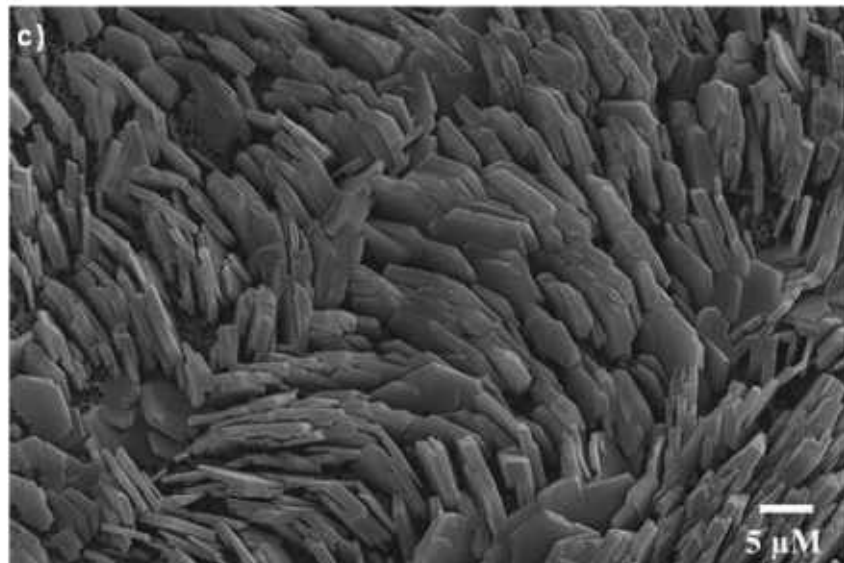
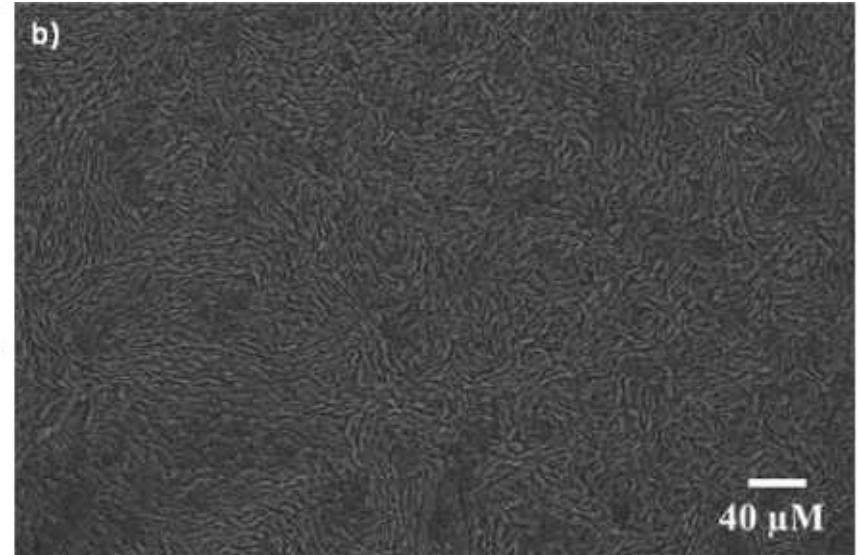
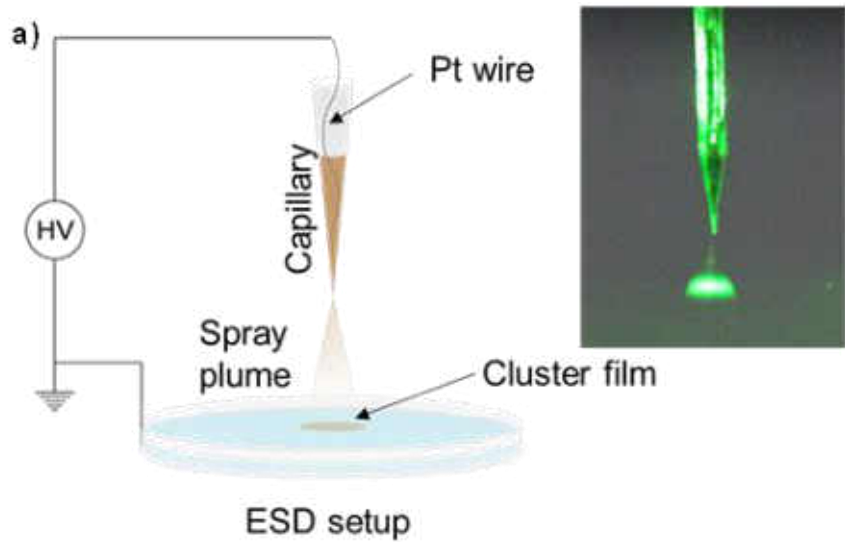
Water quality measurement – In the pipeline

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# New electrodes - Aligned nanoplates of $\text{Co}_6\text{S}_8$

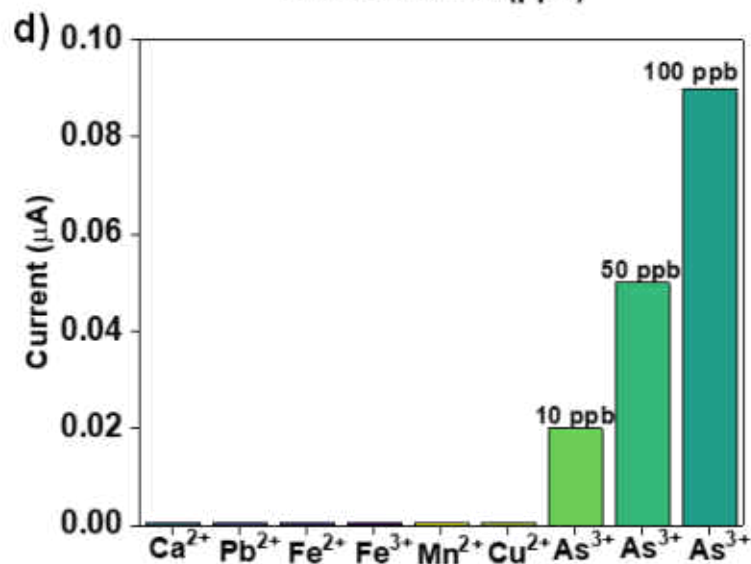
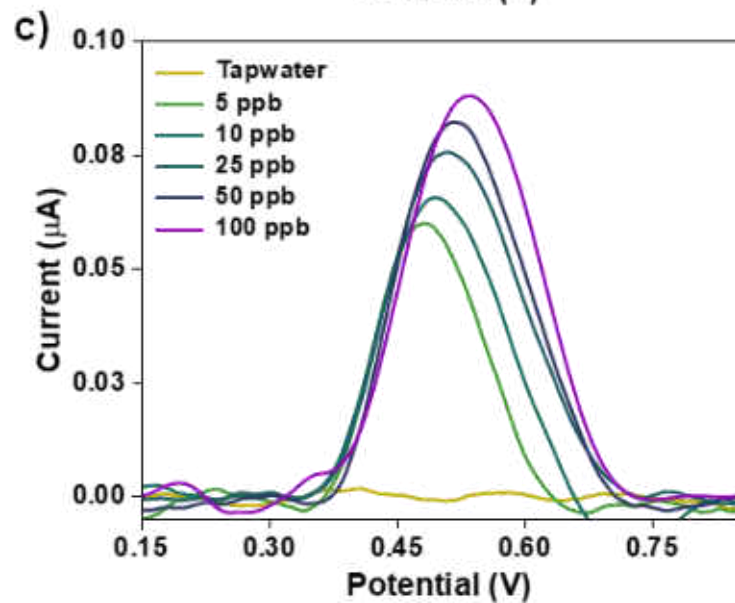
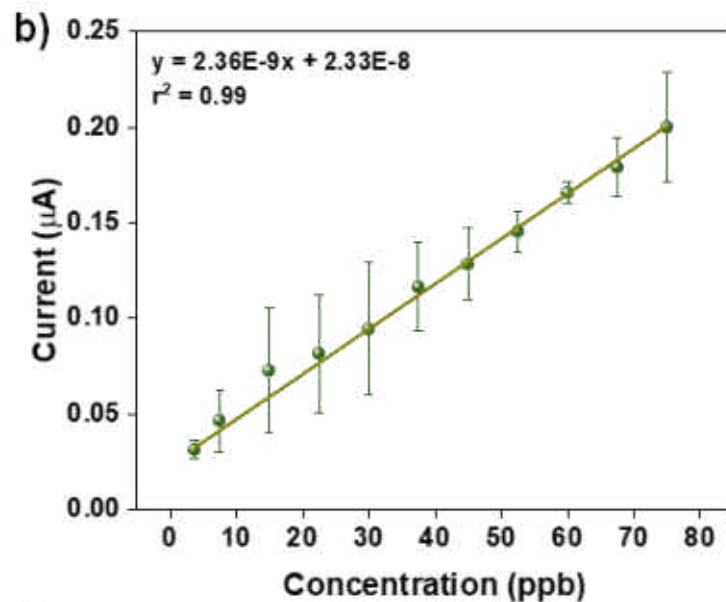
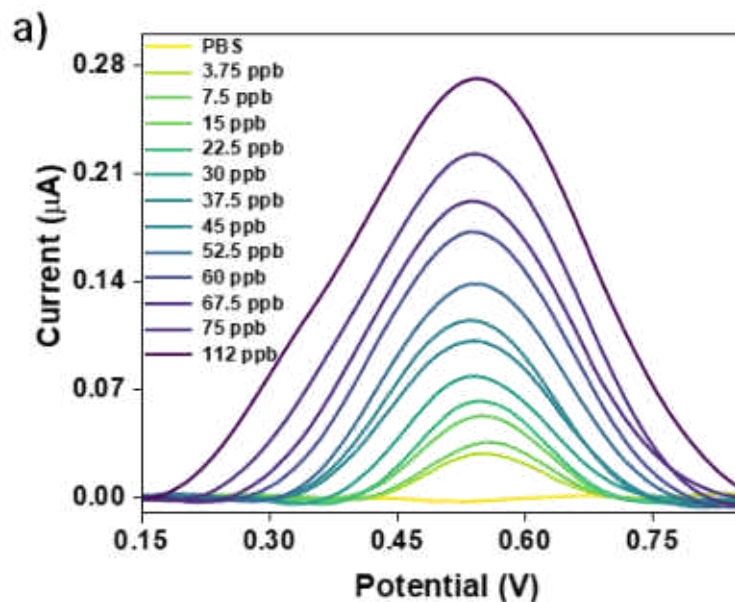


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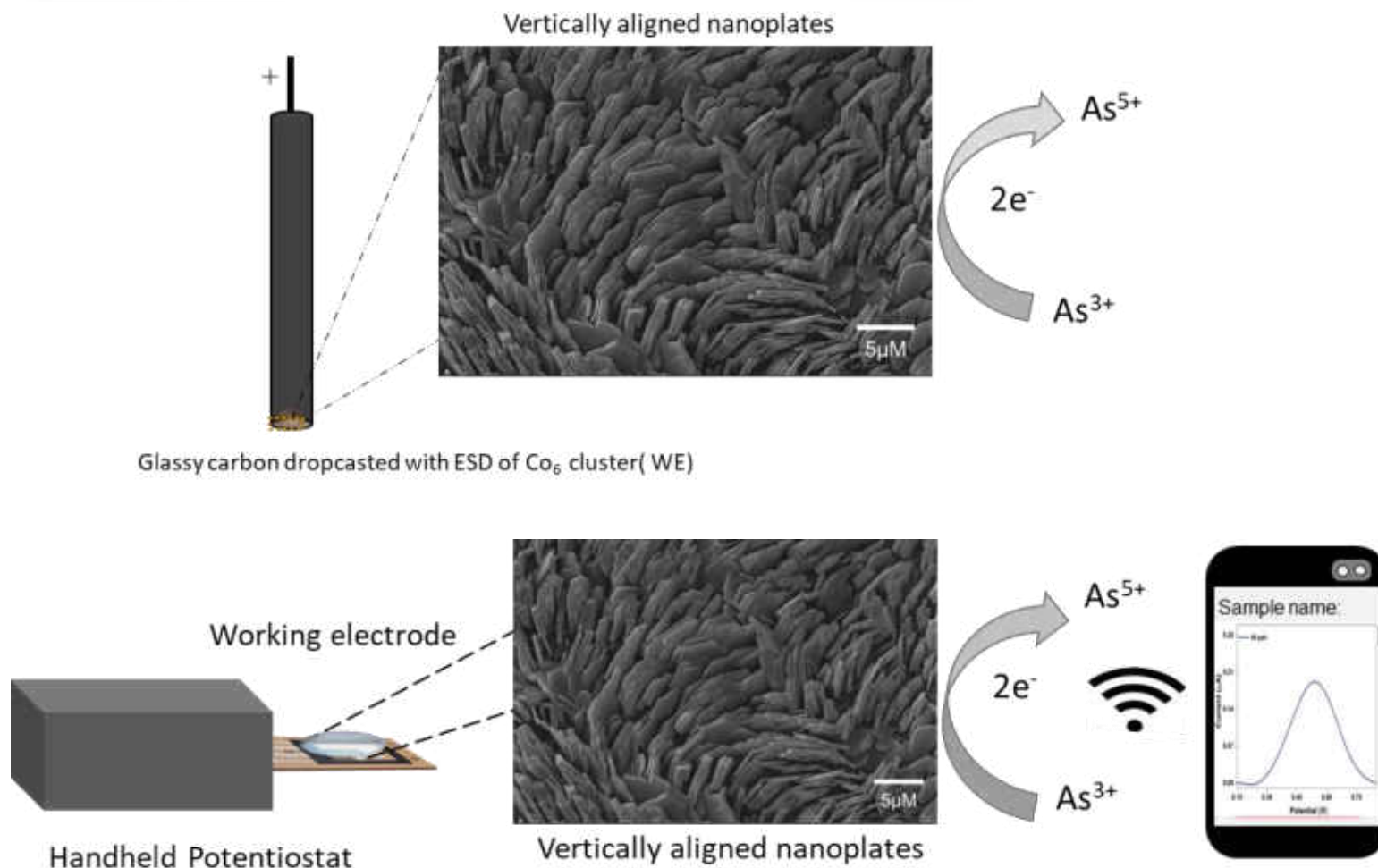




# Sensing

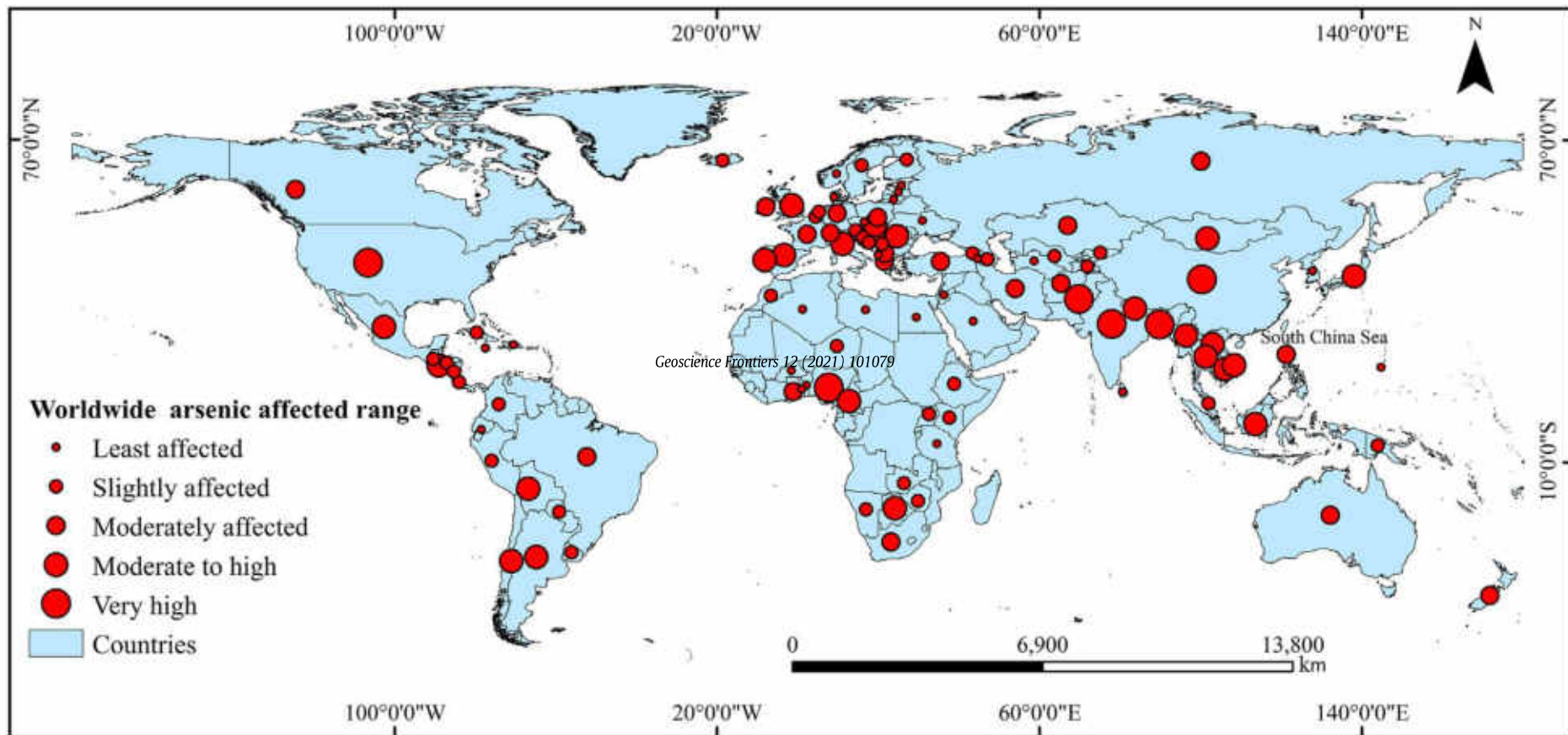


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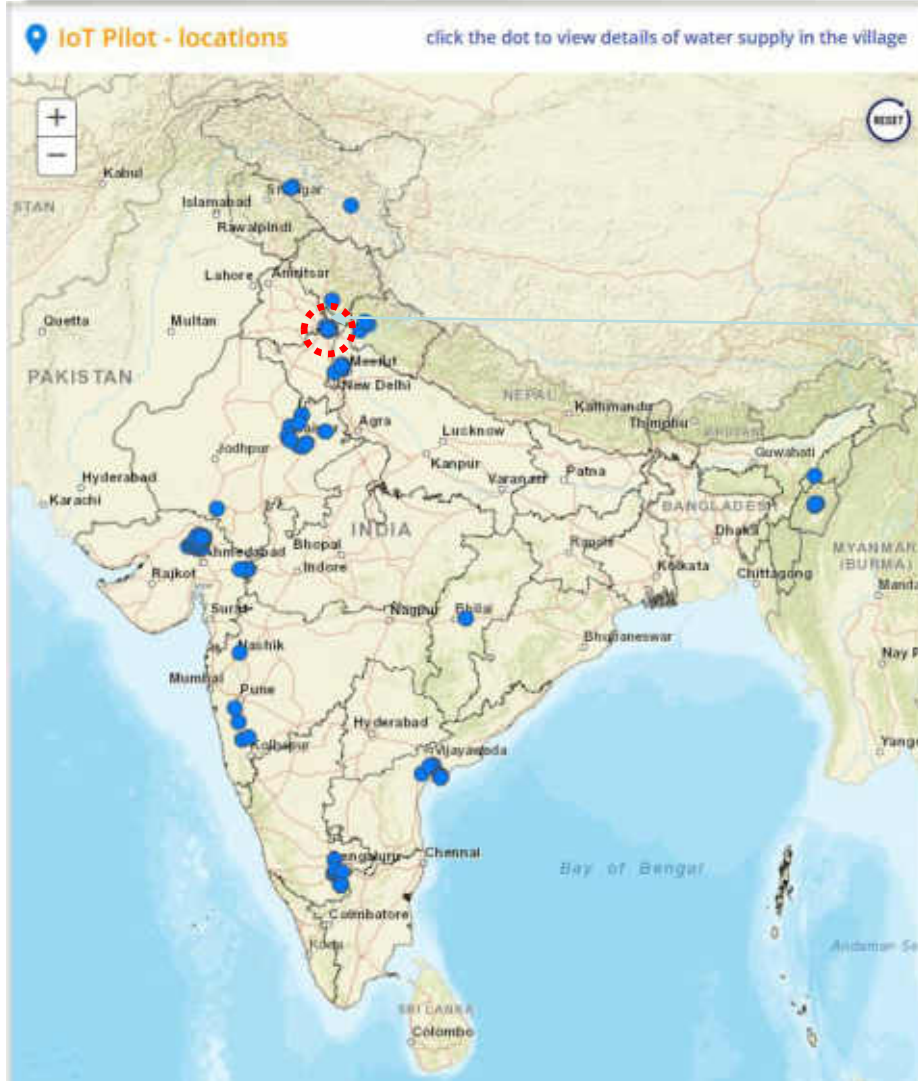




# Arsenic poisoning across the world

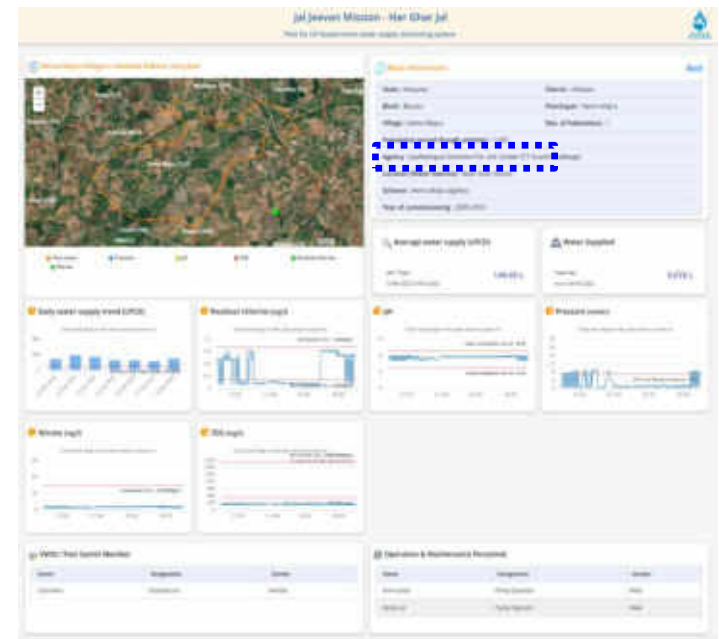


# India's water is being monitored



IITM/IISc

Installations made by four companies







International Centre for Clean Water





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