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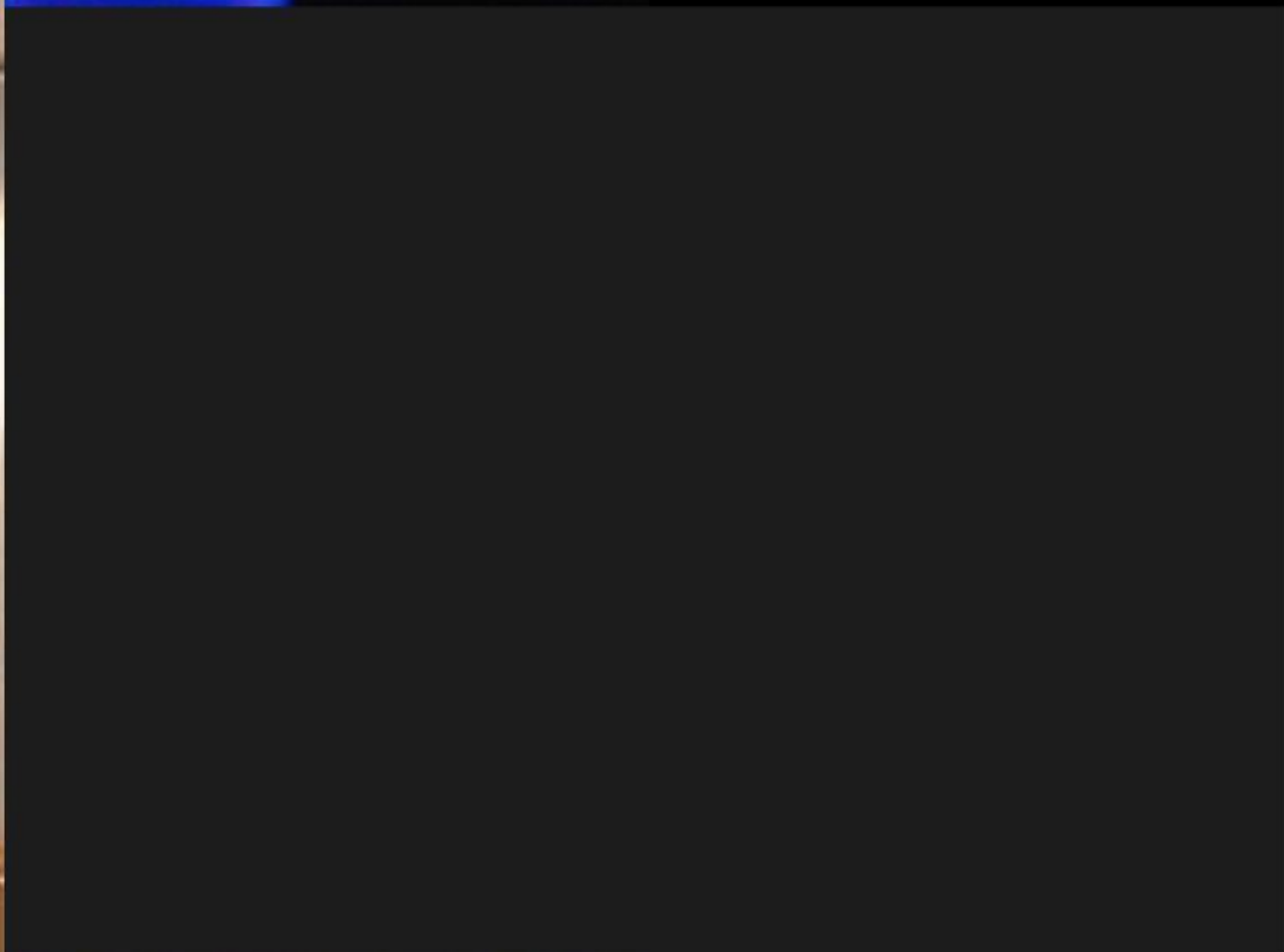
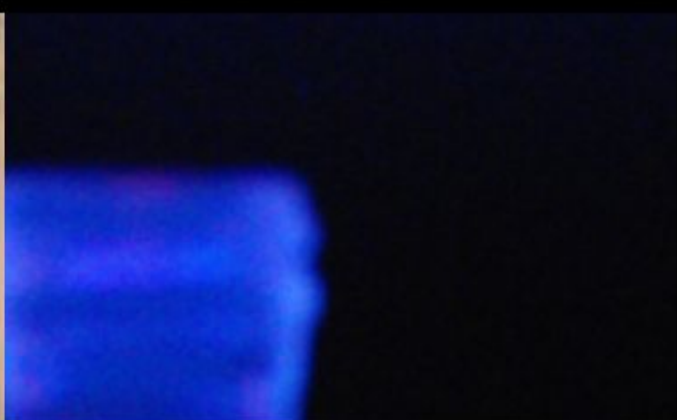
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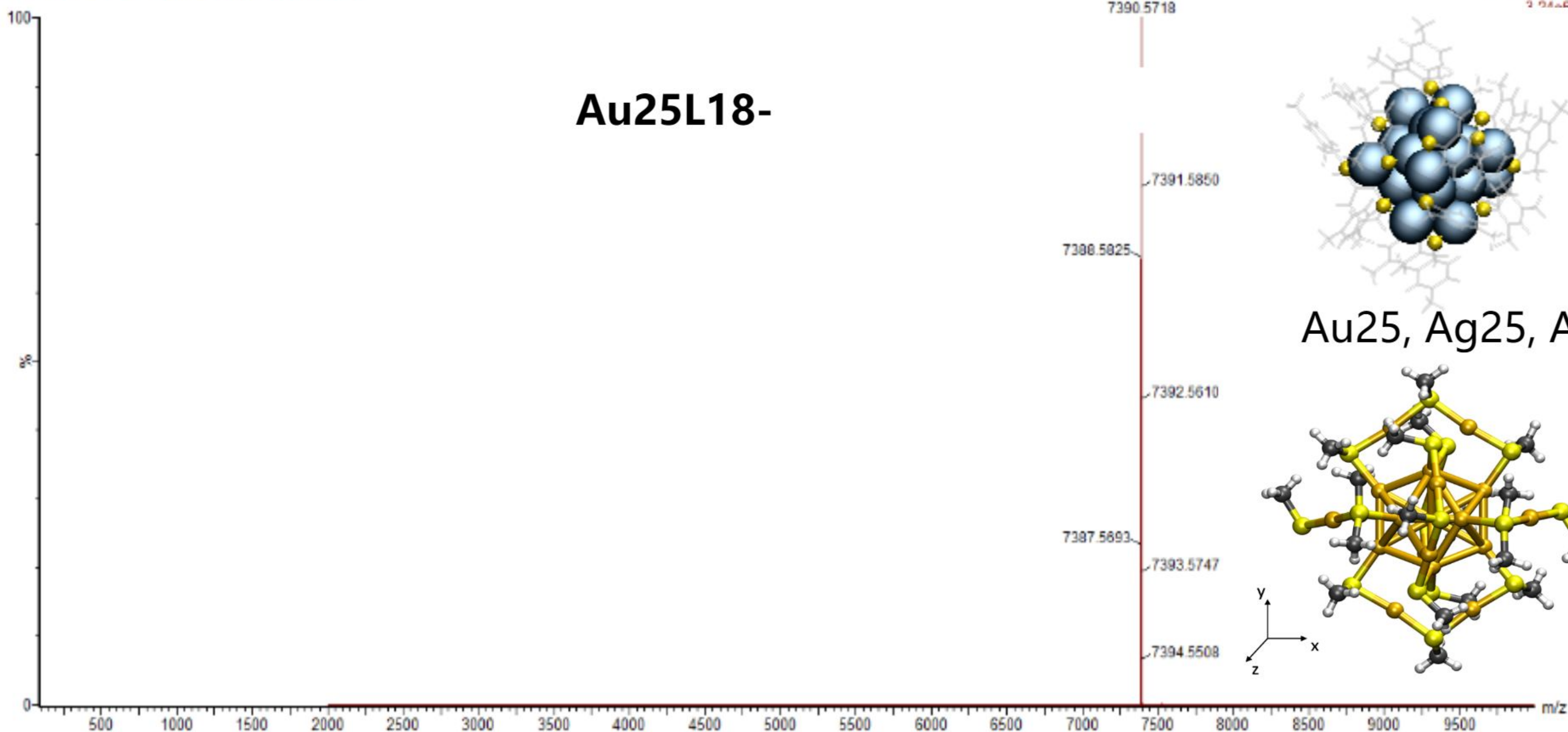




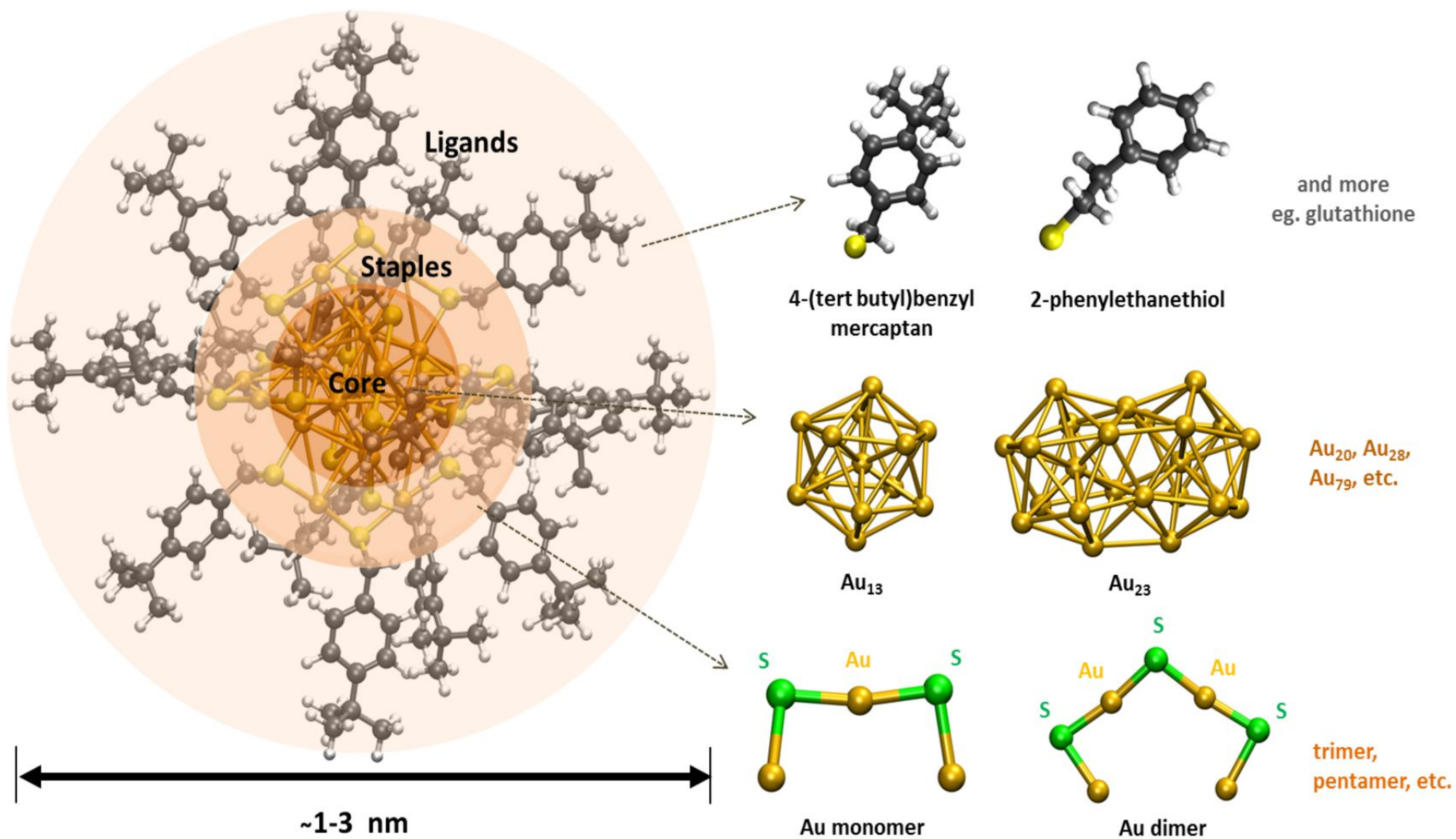
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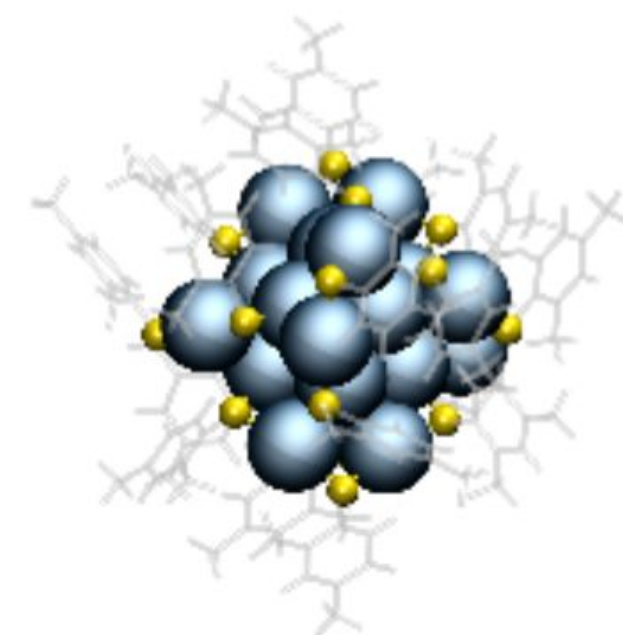
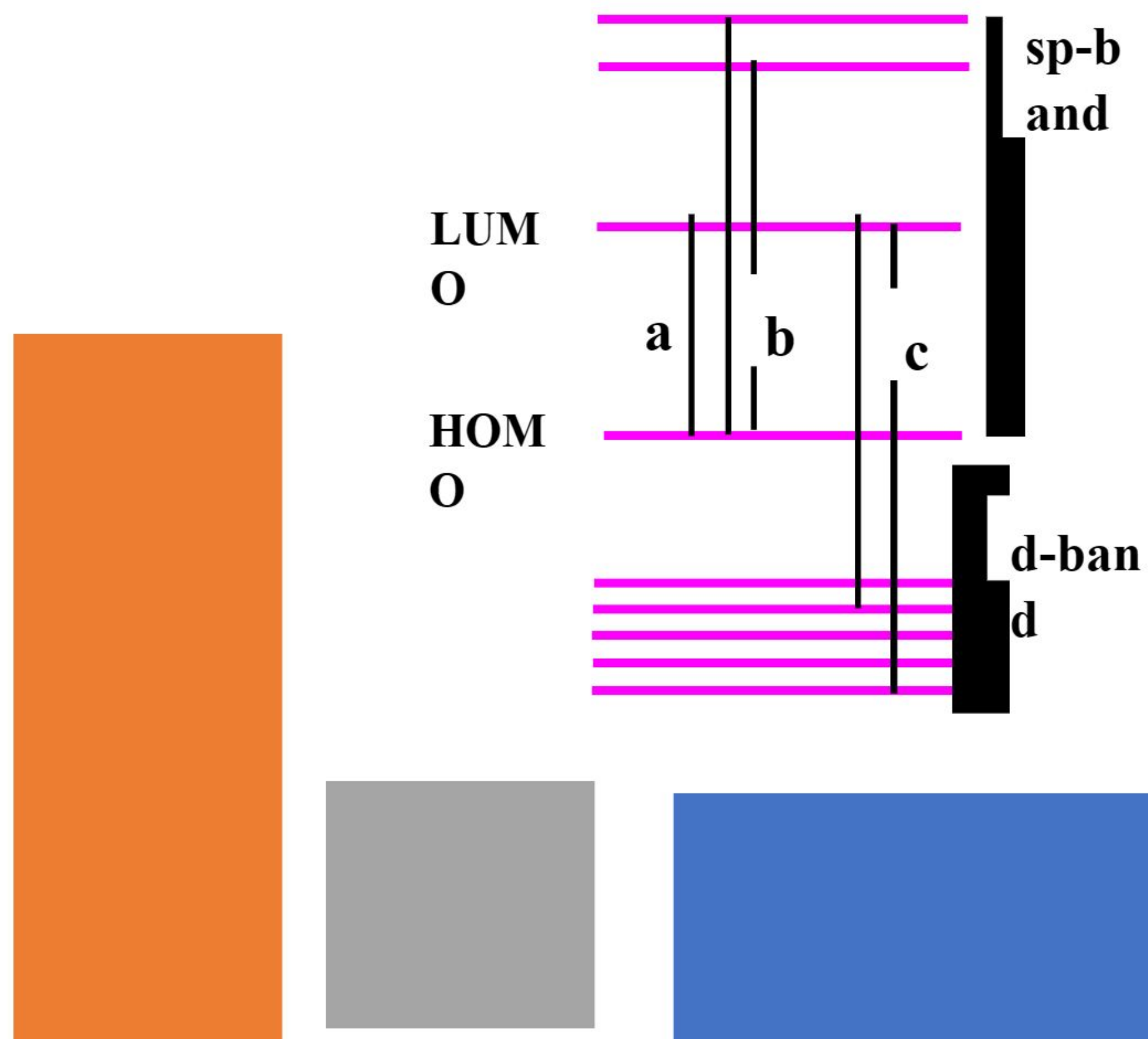
Atomically precise metal clusters as materials

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T. Pradeep et. al. *Acc. Chem. Res.* 2018; 2019.





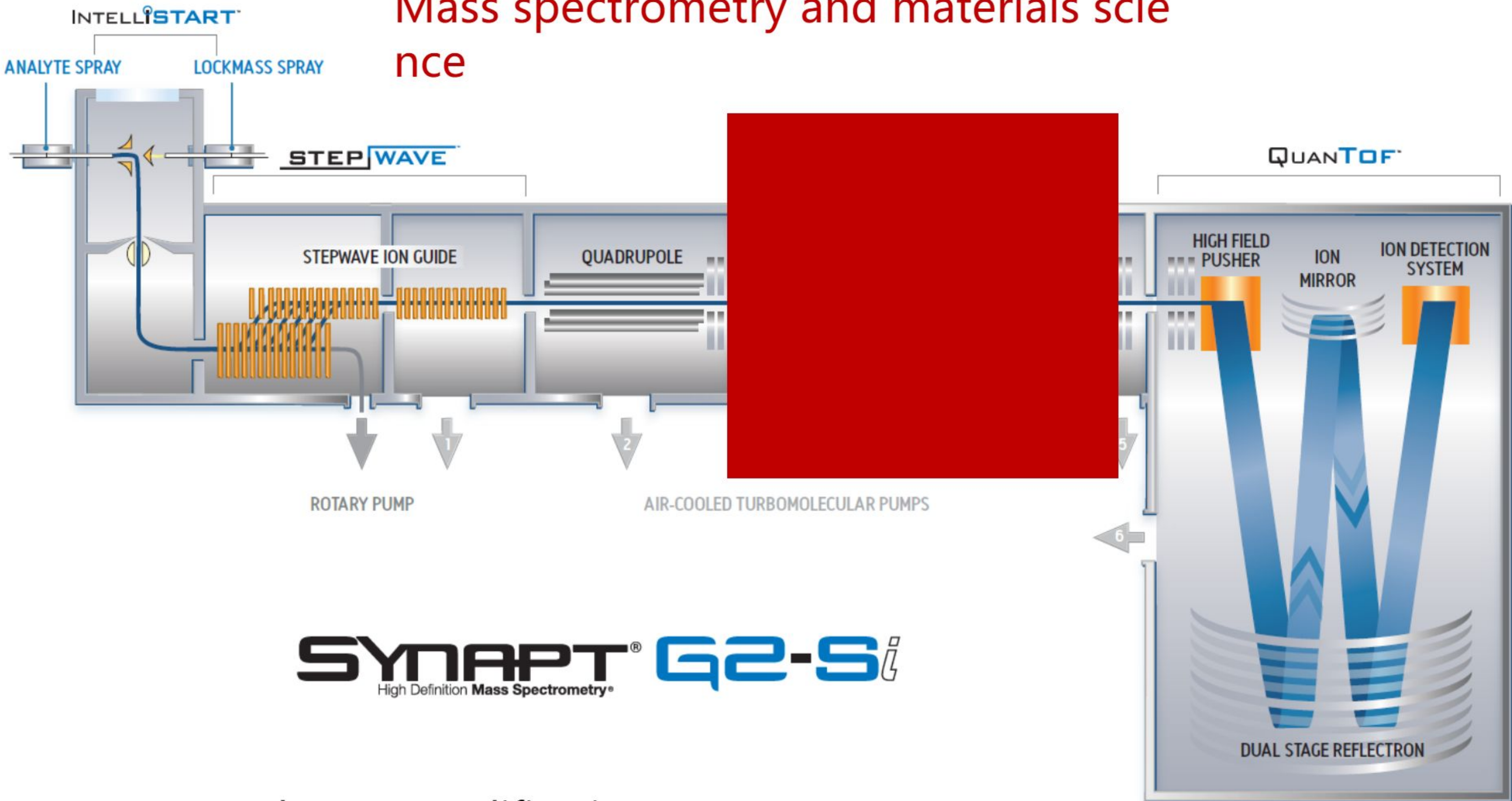
Evolution of noble metal clusters

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Also the pioneering work of R. W. Murray, Robert L. Whetten, Uzi Landman, Robert Dickson, Tatuya Tsukuda, Yuichi Negishi, Hannu Hakkinen, Rongchao Jin, Nanfeng Zheng, Terry Bigioni, Osman Bakr, Kornberg, Jianping Xie, C. M. Aikens, Thomas Buergi, Amala Dass, Ackerson, De-en Jiang, A. W. Castleman Jr., H. Schmidbauer, Robin Ras, Olli Ikkala....

Mass spectrometry and materials science

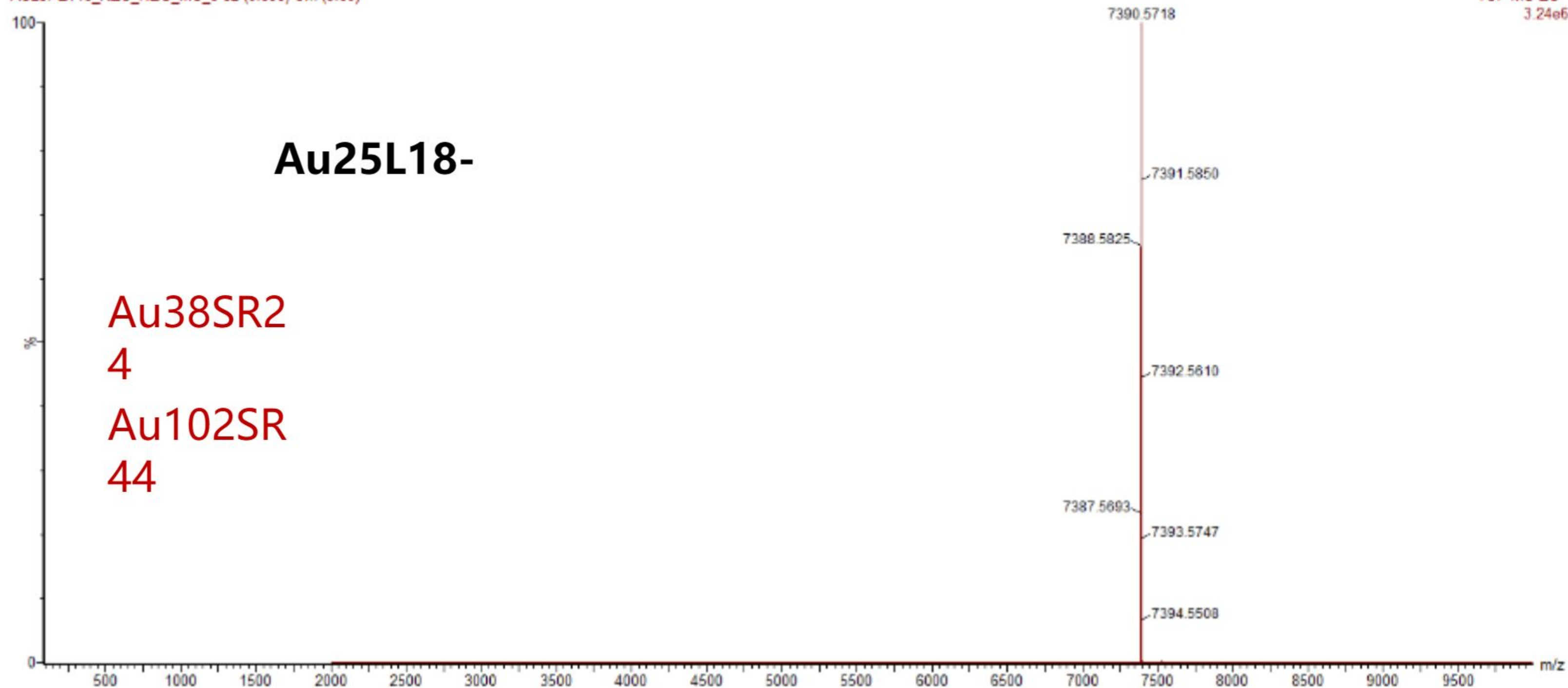


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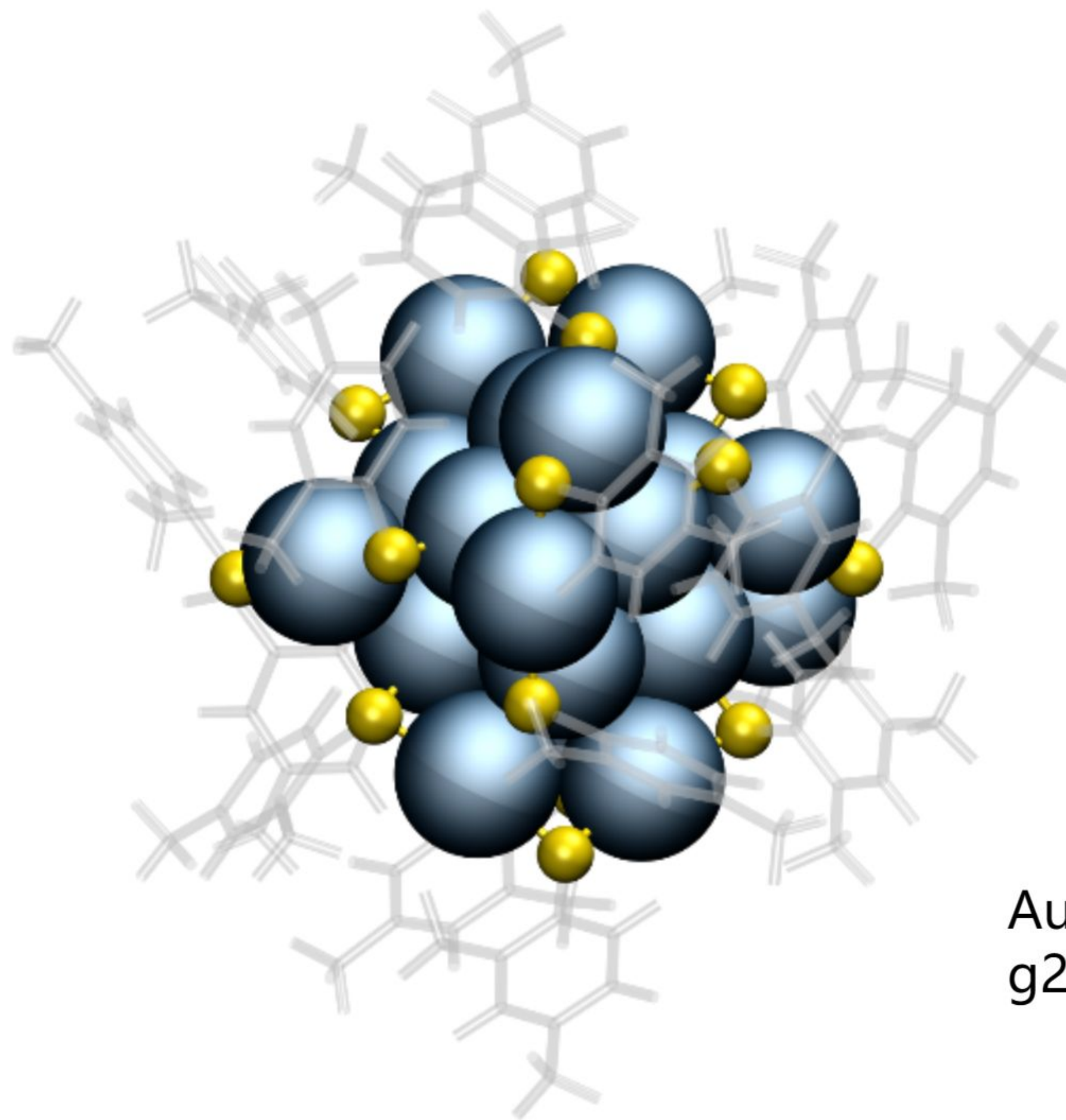
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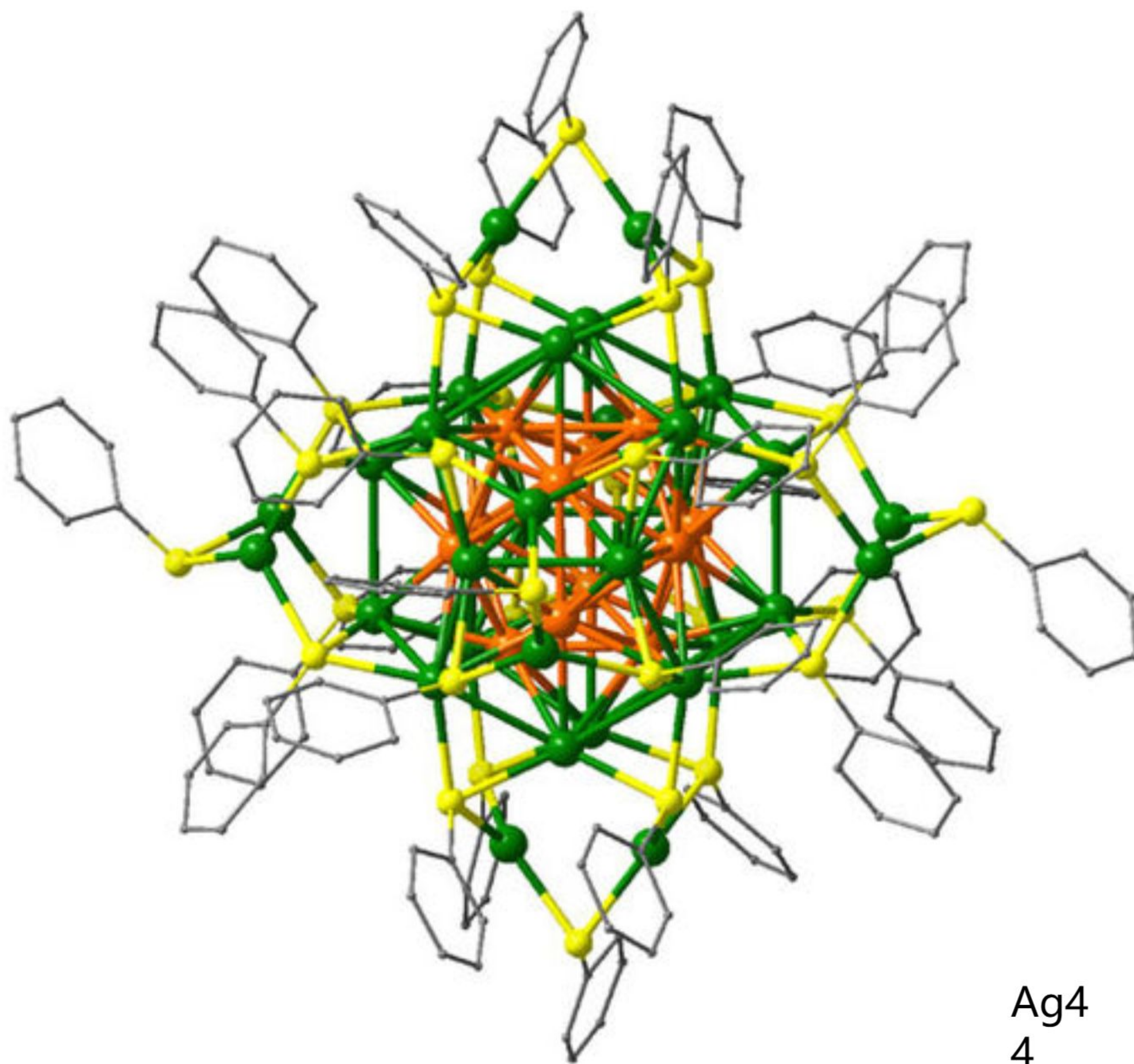
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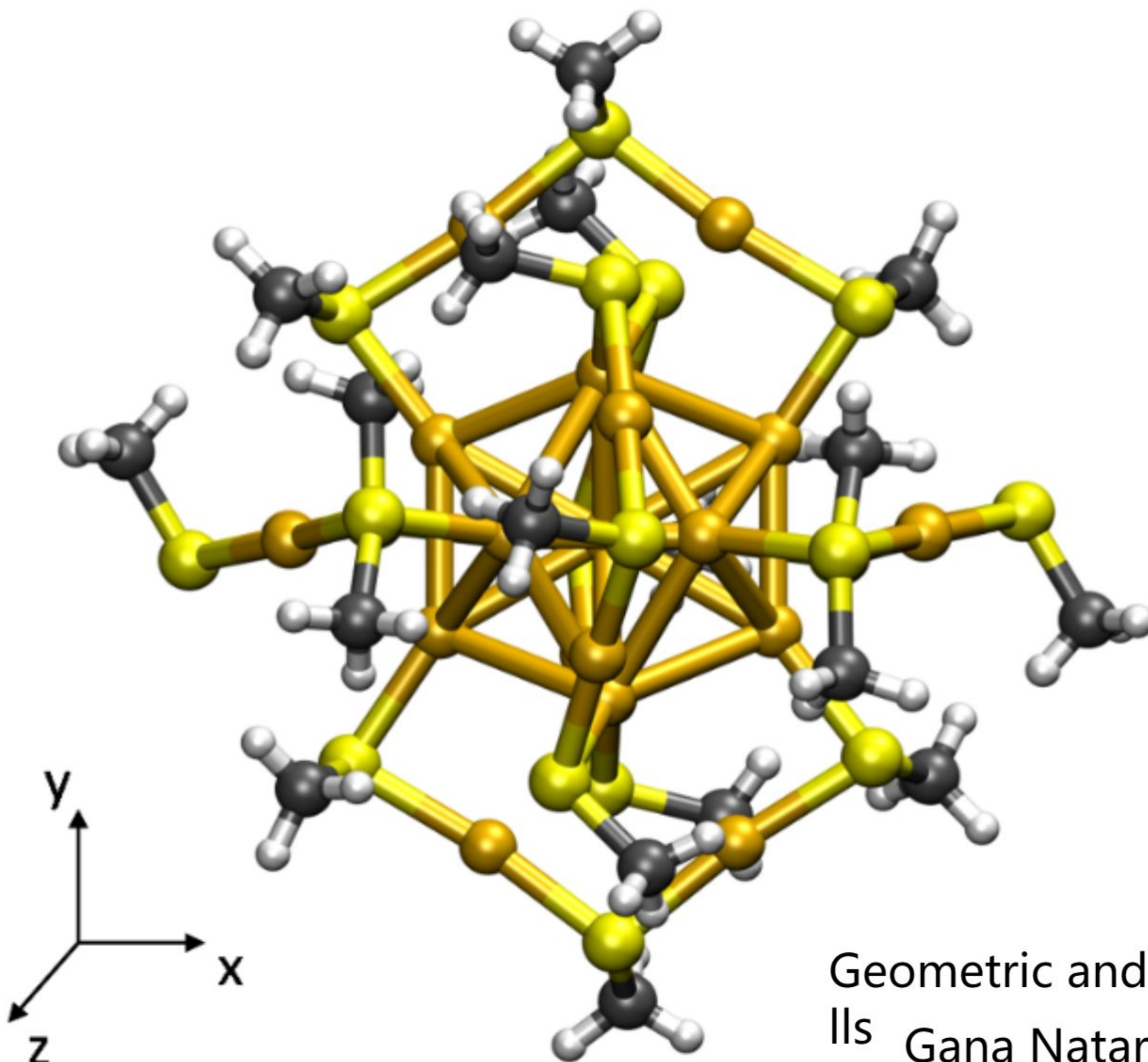


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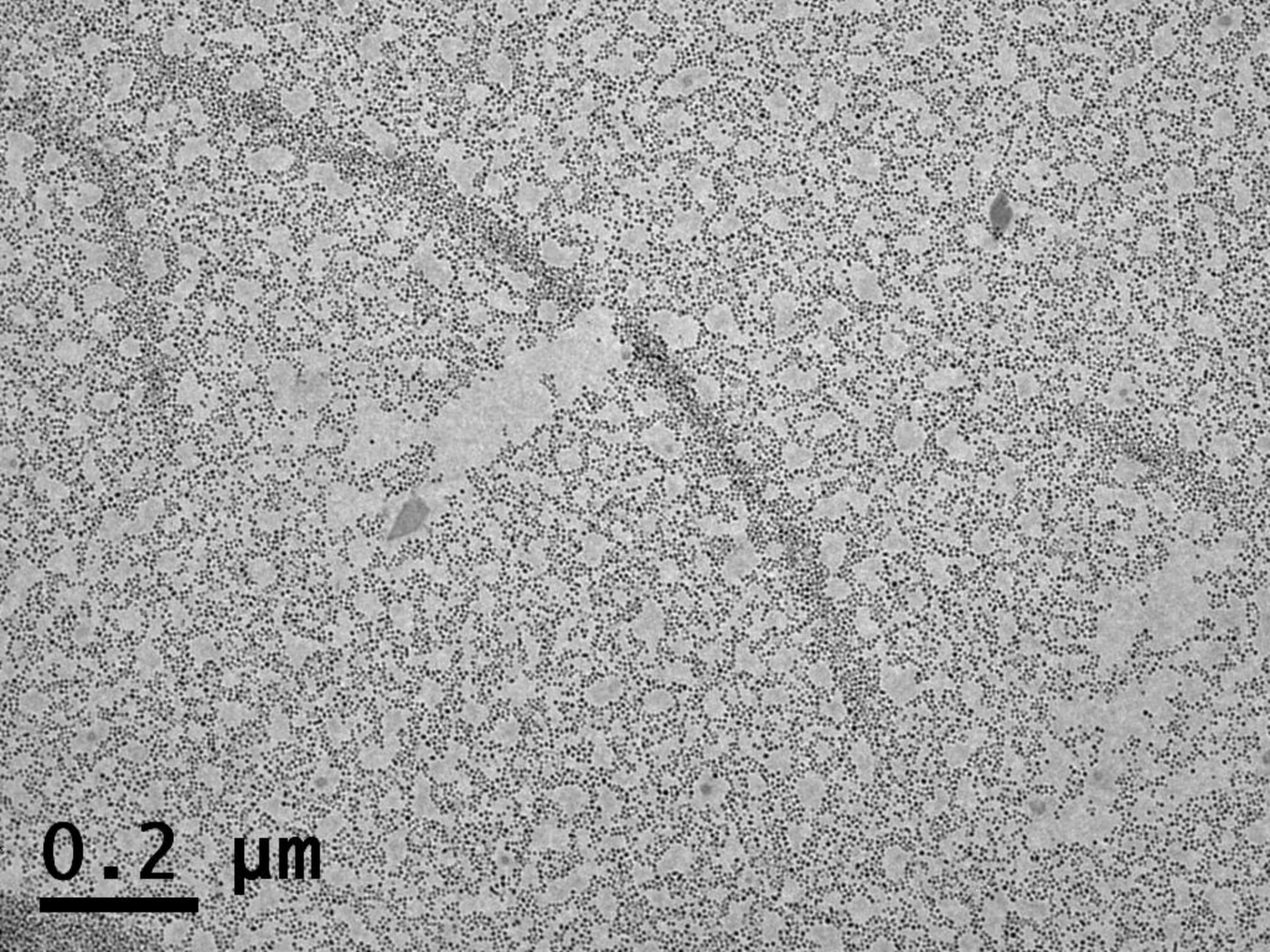


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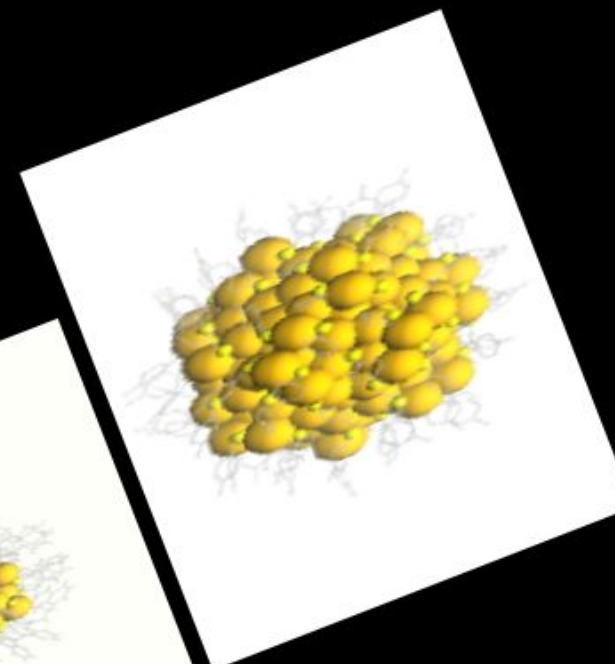
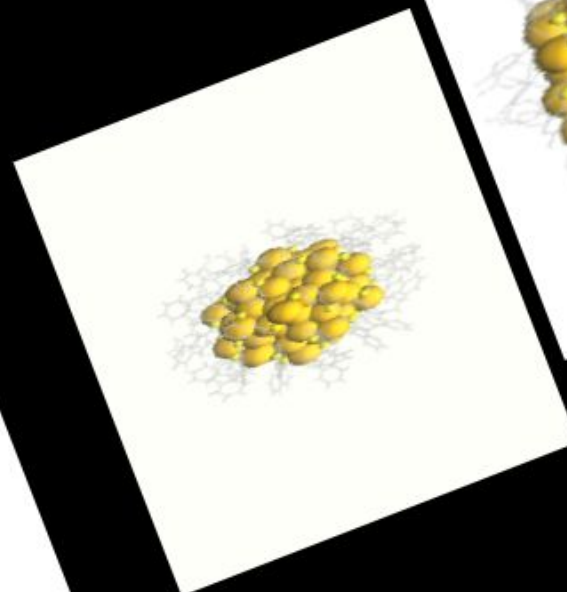
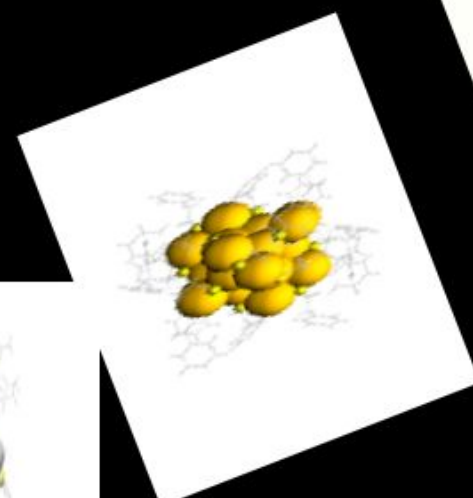
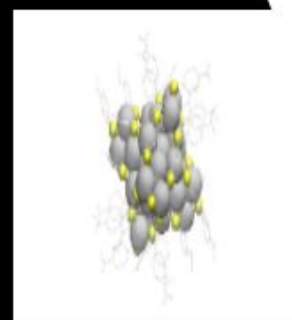


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Ag₂₉(BDT)₁₂₃Ag₂₅(DMBT)₁ Au₂₅(PET)₁₈
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HRMS of Au₂₅(PET)₁₈
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Molecular materials

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

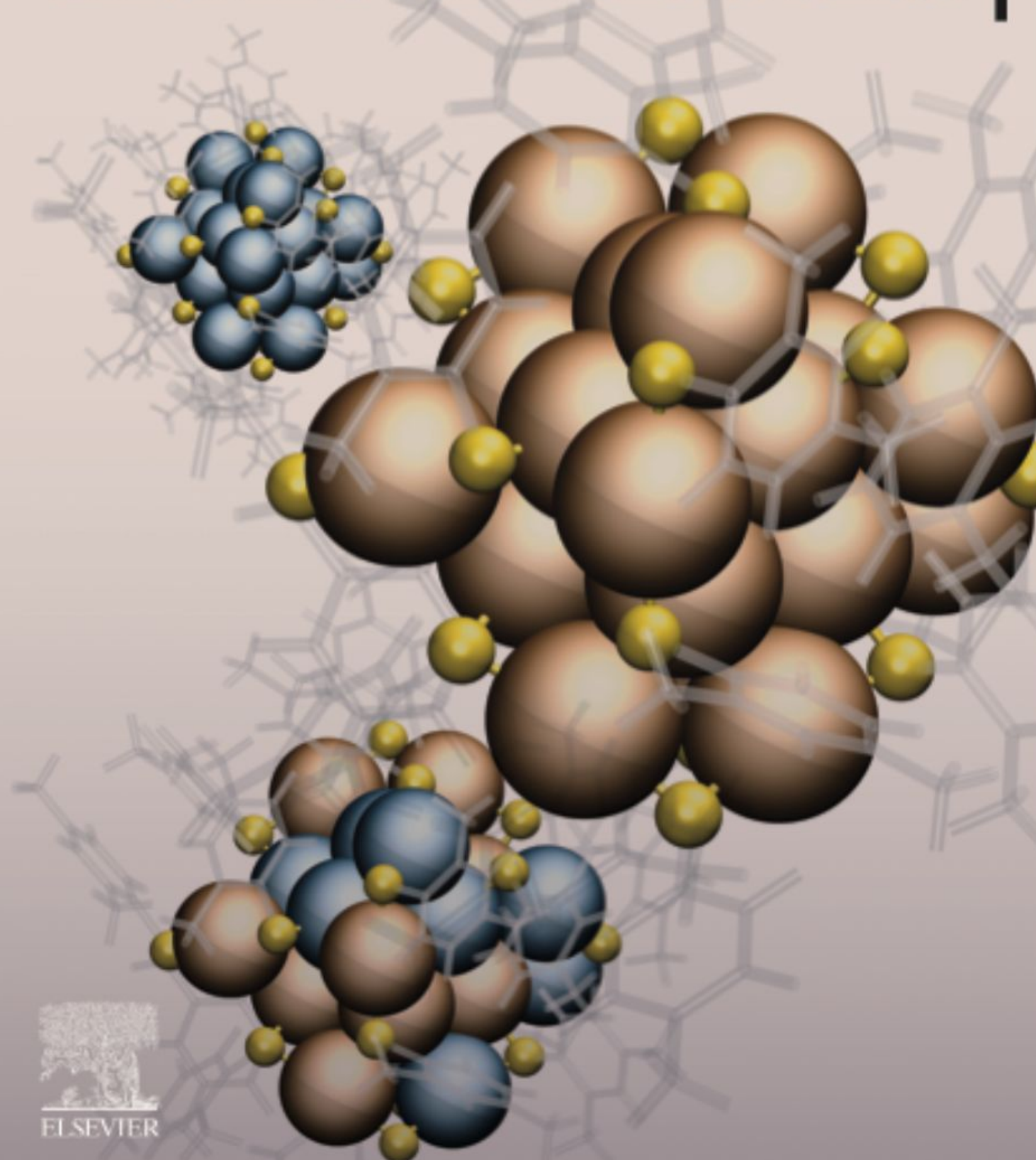
Molecular formula
 Molecular weight
 Molecular structure
 Molecular absorption and emission
 Molecular reactions
 Molecular assembly
 Molecular co-crystals

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

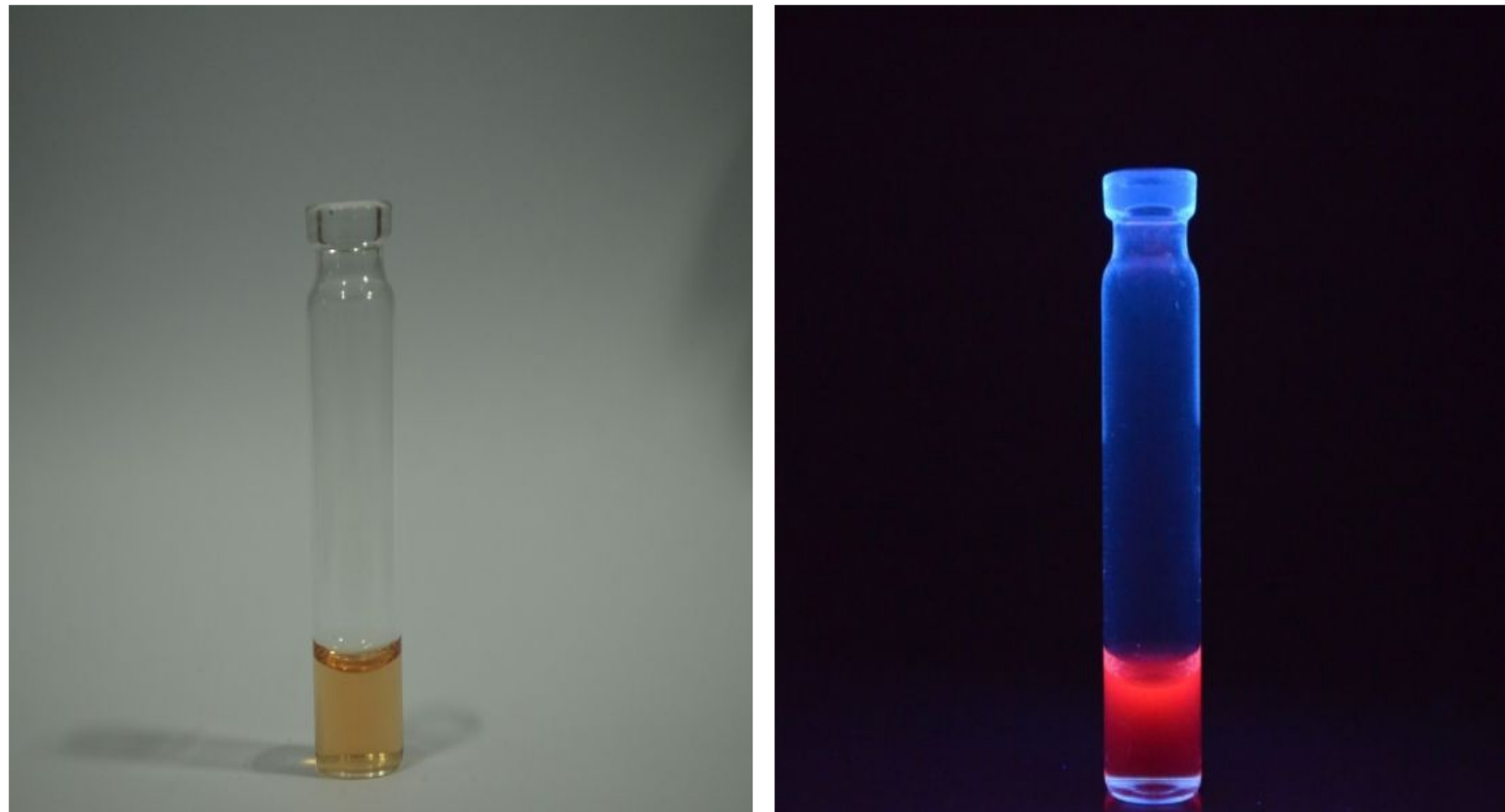
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Molecular reactions



Reactions on clusters

Reactions between clusters

Inter-cluster reactions



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

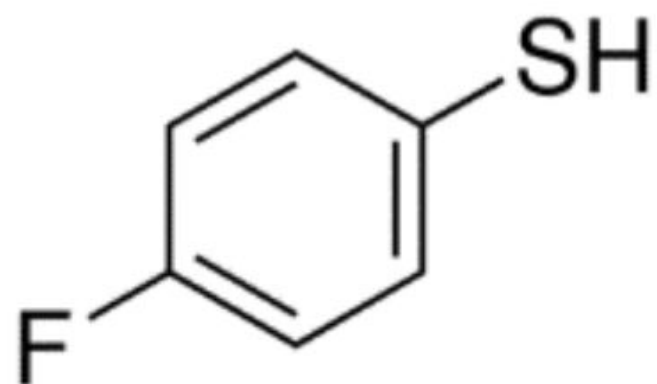
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 Supporting Information



Au₂₅(FTP)₁₈ + Ag₄₄(FTP)₃₀ XXXXXXXXXX Au_{25-x}Ag_x(FTP)₁₈



Energies for the substitution reaction of (A) Au in Ag₄₄(SR)₃₀, (B) Ag in Au₂₅(SR)₁₈ and (C) the overall reaction energies (in eV) as a function of their positions in product clusters, Au_xAg_{44-x}(SR)₃₀ and Au_{25-x}Ag_x(SR)₁₈ for x=1

Ag₂₅-Au₂₅ experiments

Reaction between Au₂₅(PET)₁₈ and Ag₂₅(DMBT)₁₈

DMBT

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

DMBT

PE
T

$\text{Ag}_{25}(\text{DMBT})_{18}$

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

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

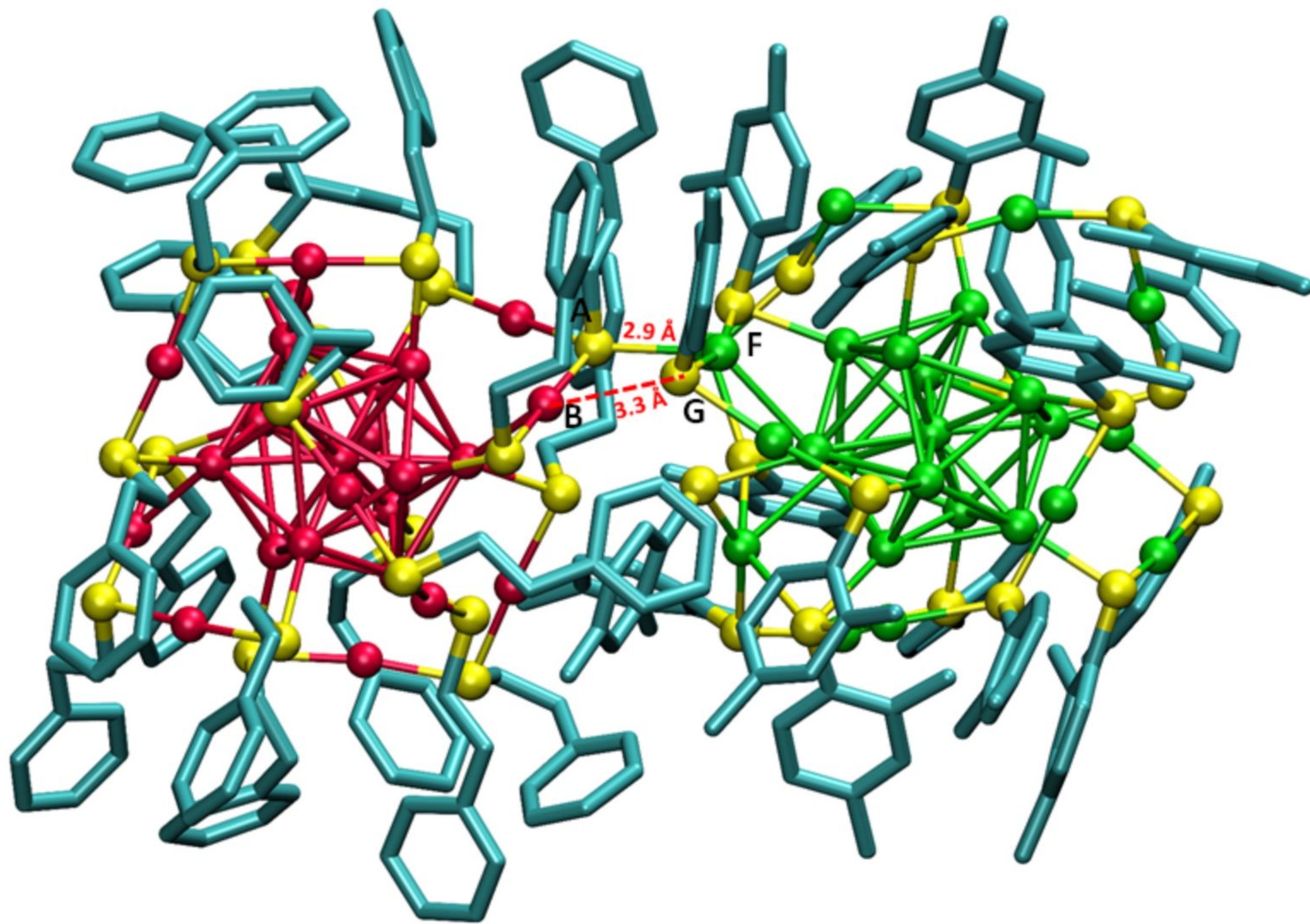
Evolution of alloy clusters from the dianionic adduct, [Ag₂₅Au₂₅(DMBT)₁₈(PET)₁₈]²⁻

within 5 min

Ag₂₅(DMBT)₁₈:Au₂₅(PET)₁₈
0.3:1.0

within 2 min

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

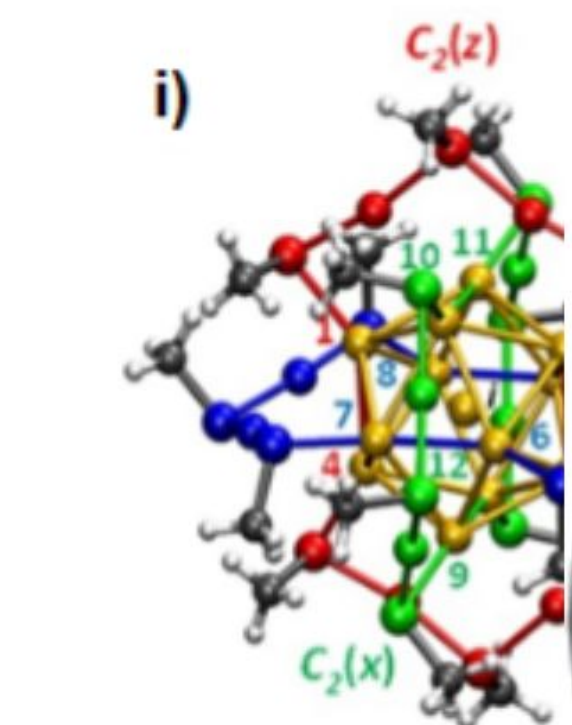


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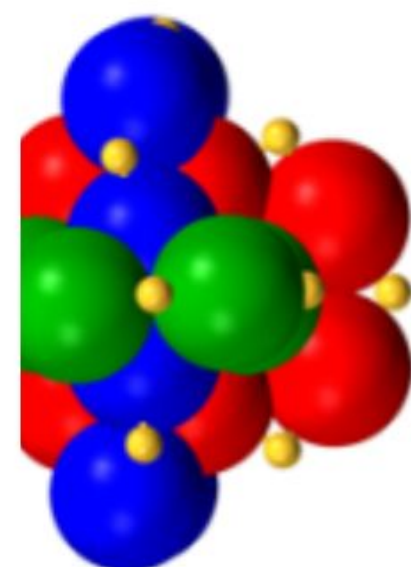
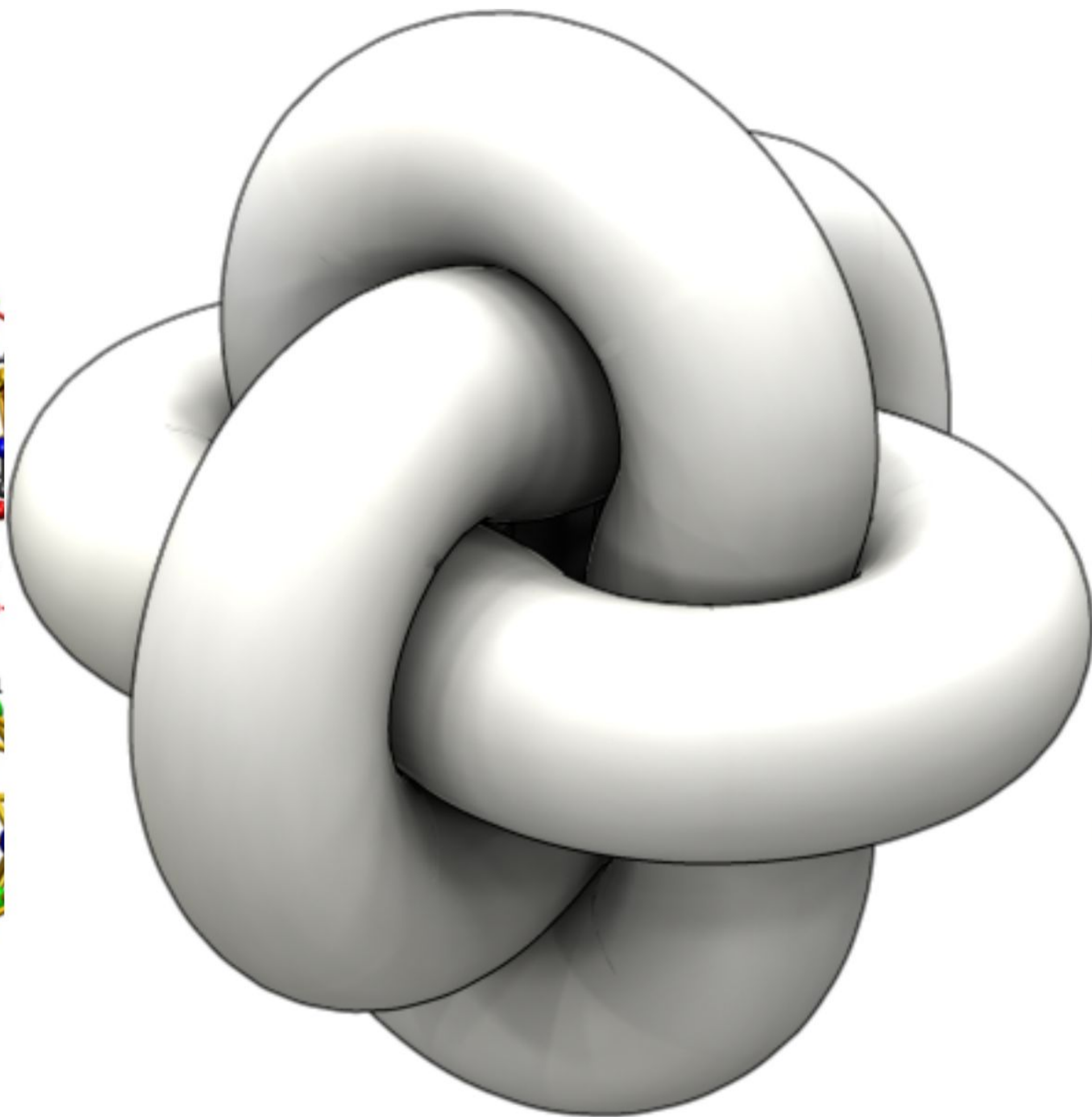
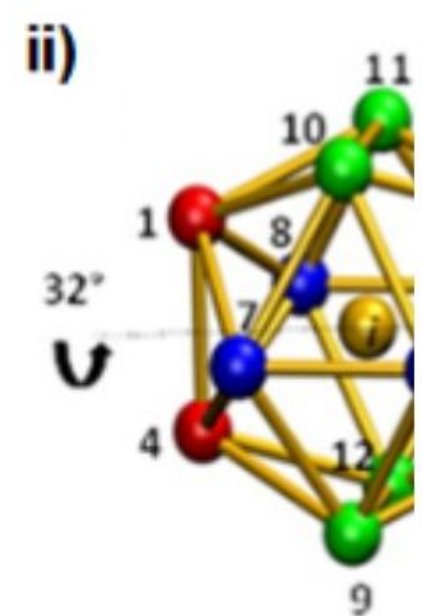
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(D1-3,D2-3)-di(2-phenylethylthiolato),16(methylthiolato)-auro-25 aspicule(1-)

(D1-3,D2-3)-(PET)2,(SMe)16-auro-25 aspicule(1-)

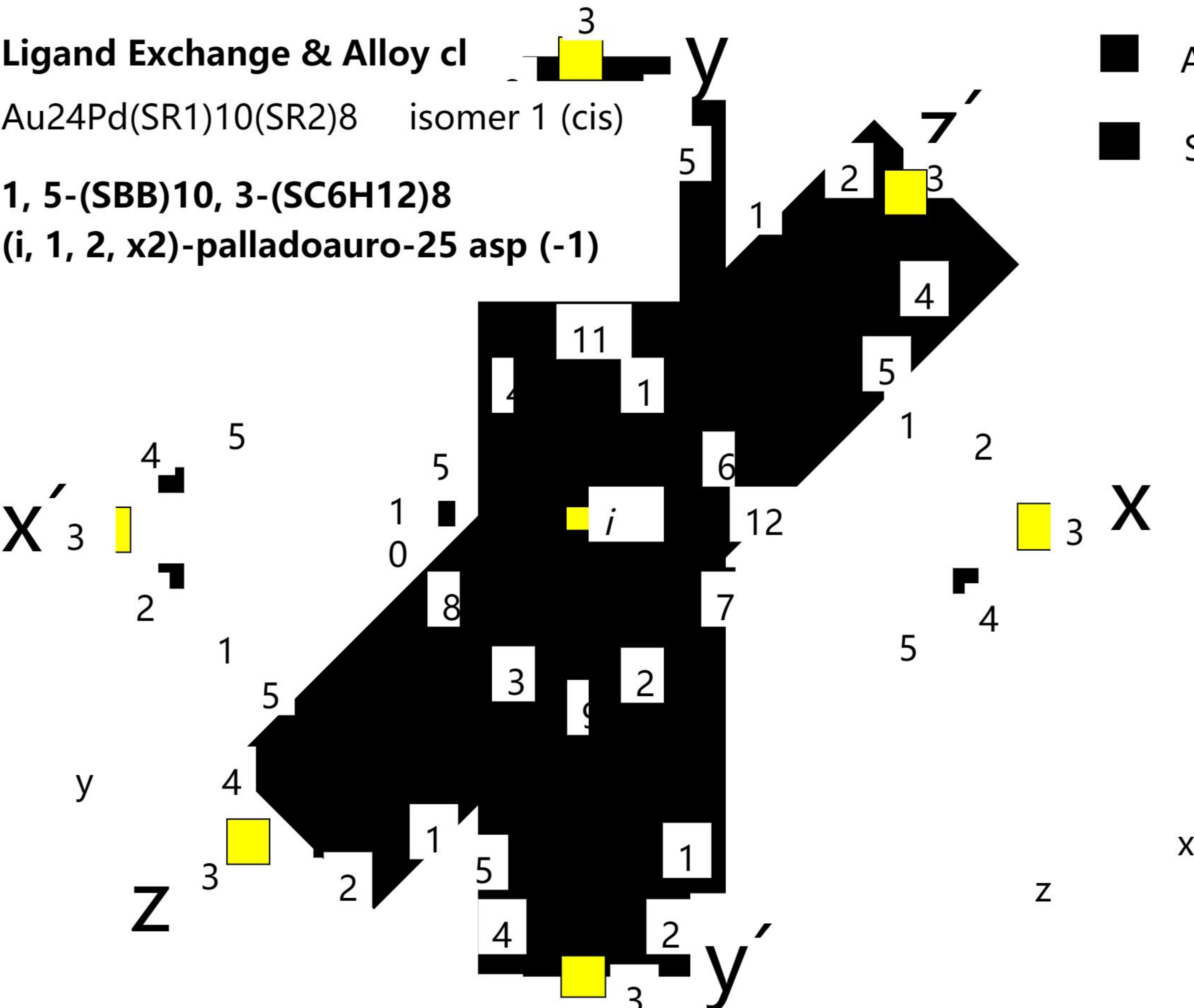
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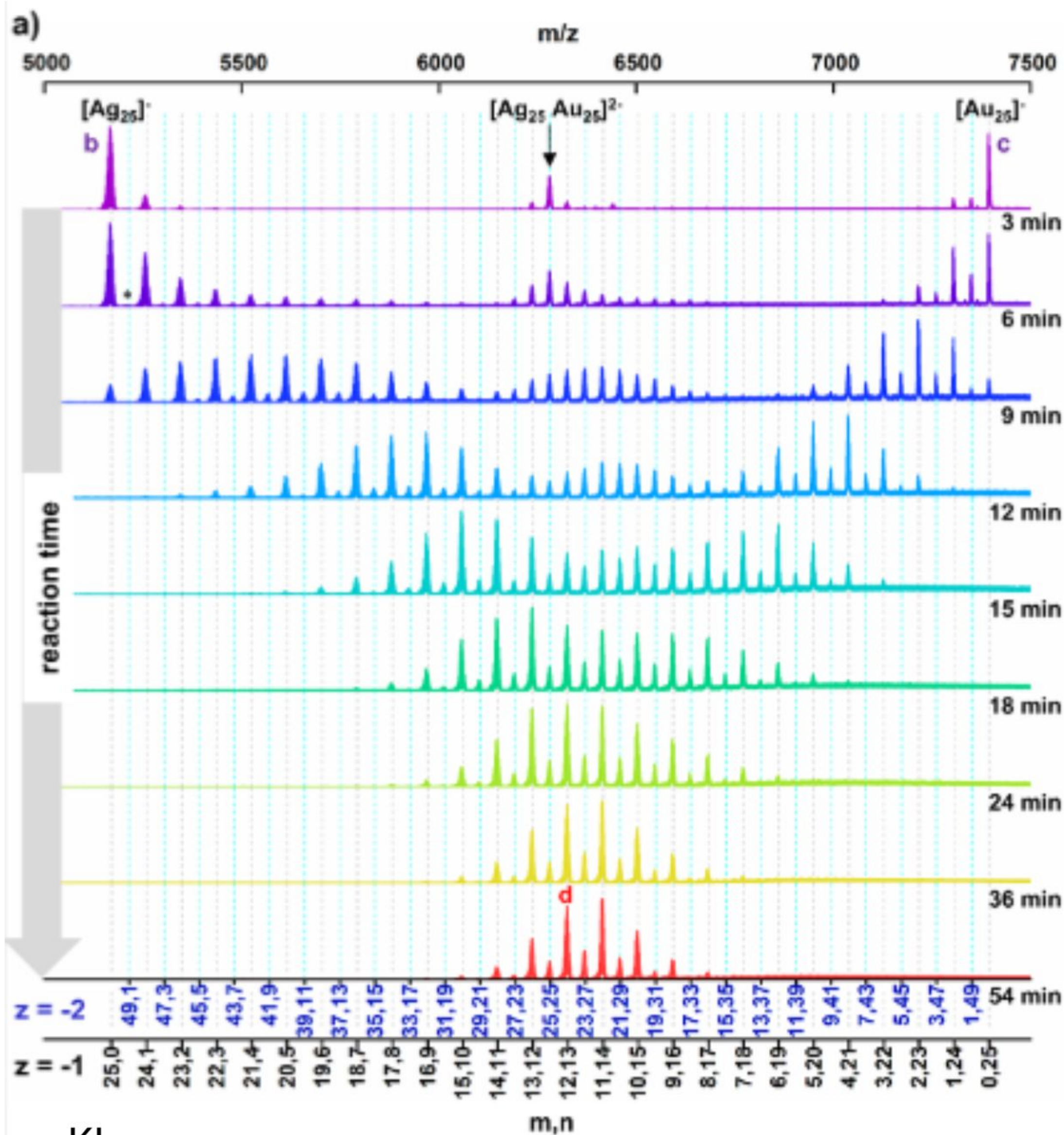
Au₂₄Pd(SR1)₁₀(SR2)₈ isomer 1 (cis)

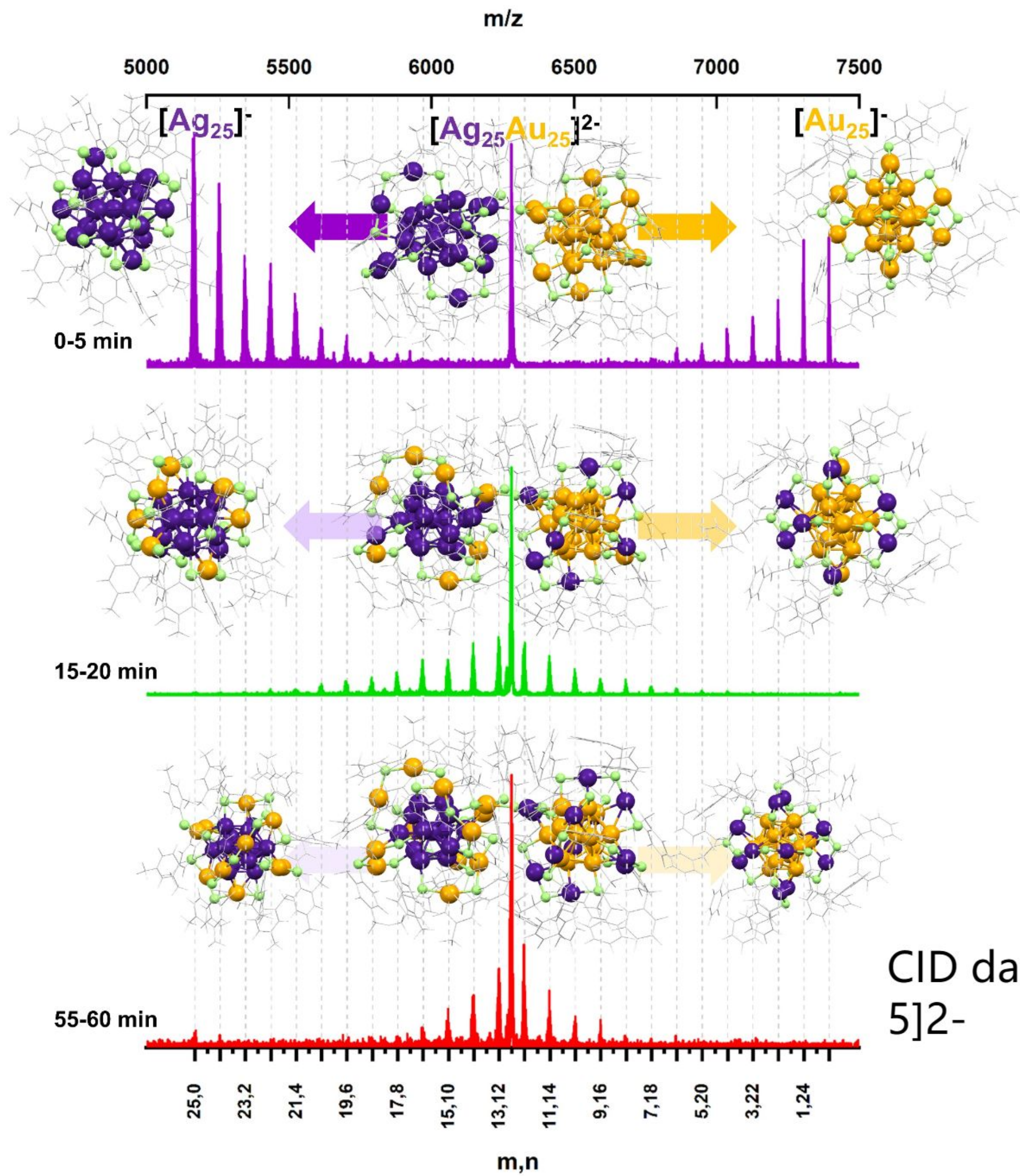
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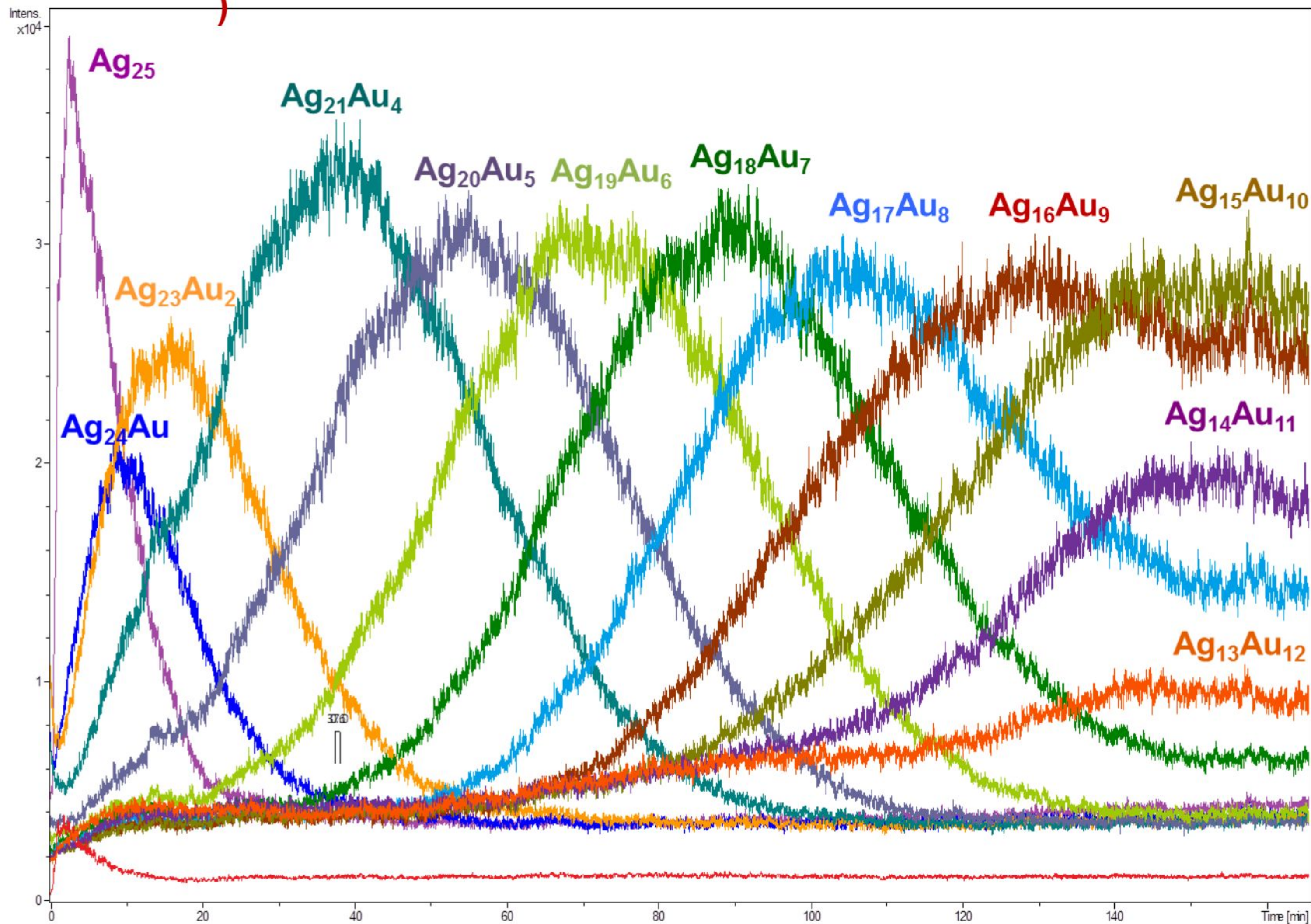
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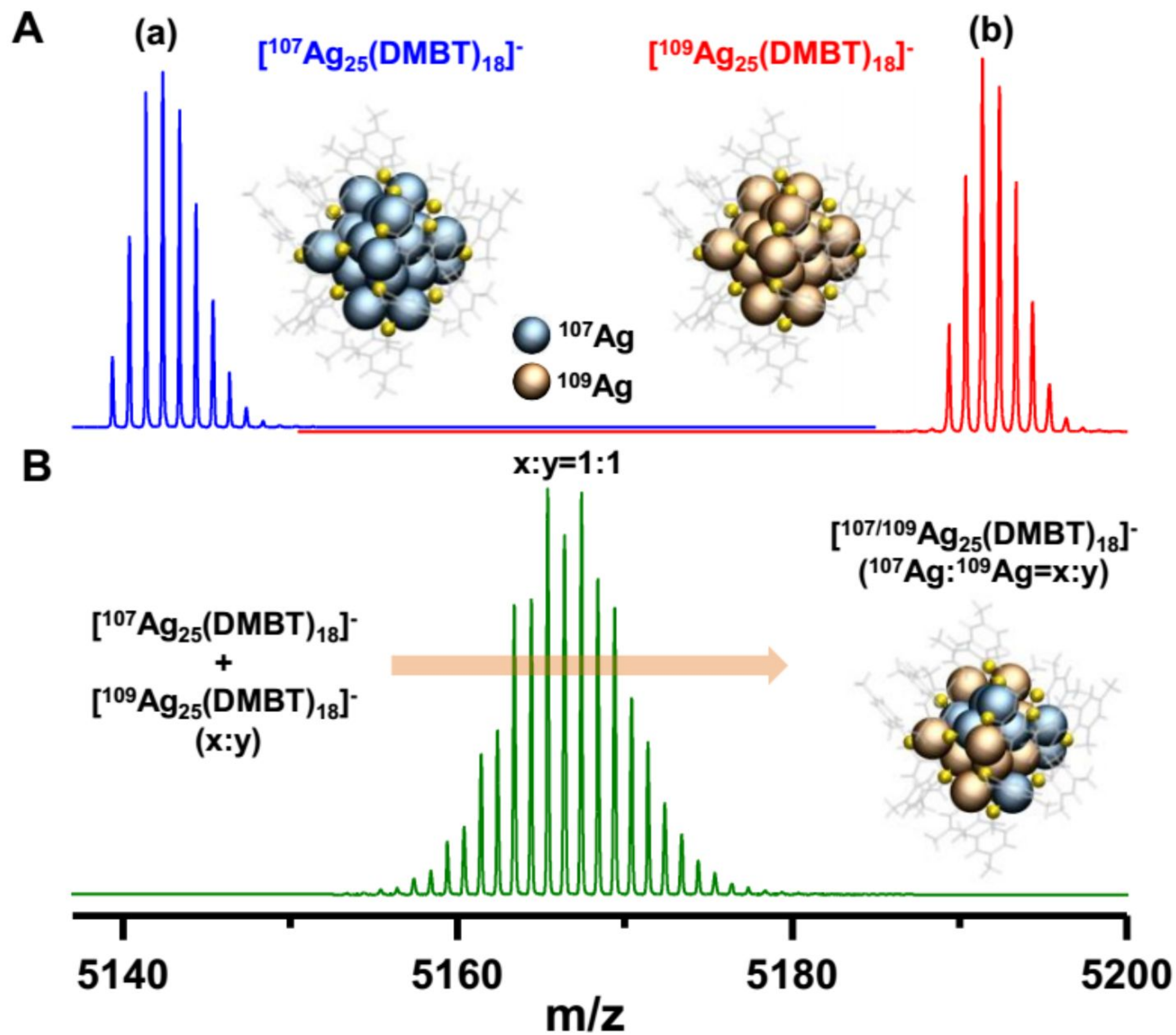


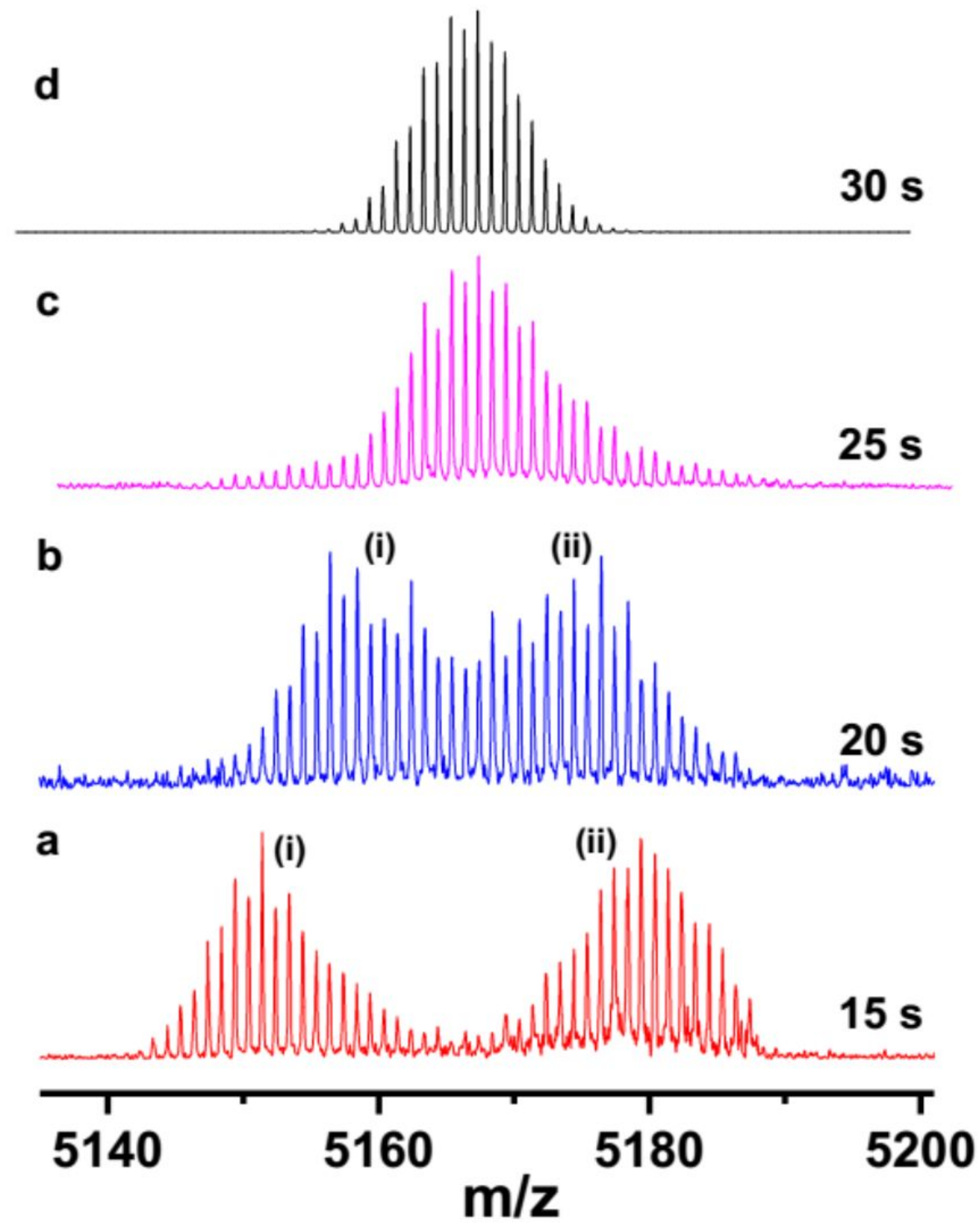
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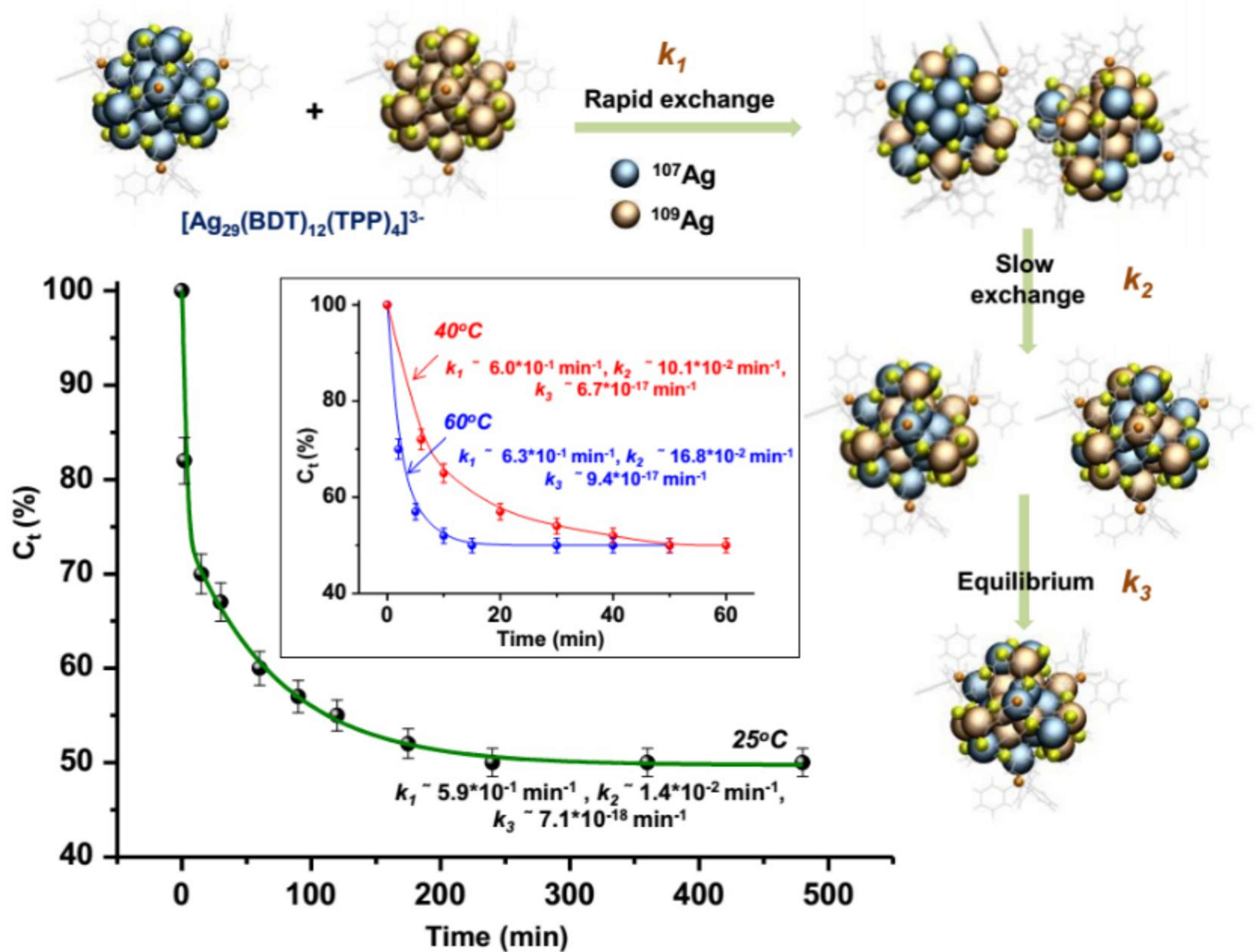




ESI MS of **A)** $^{107}\text{Ag}_{25}(\text{DMBT})_{18}$ and **B)** $^{109}\text{Ag}_{25}(\text{DMBT})_{18}$. Insets shows the respective isotope patterns.

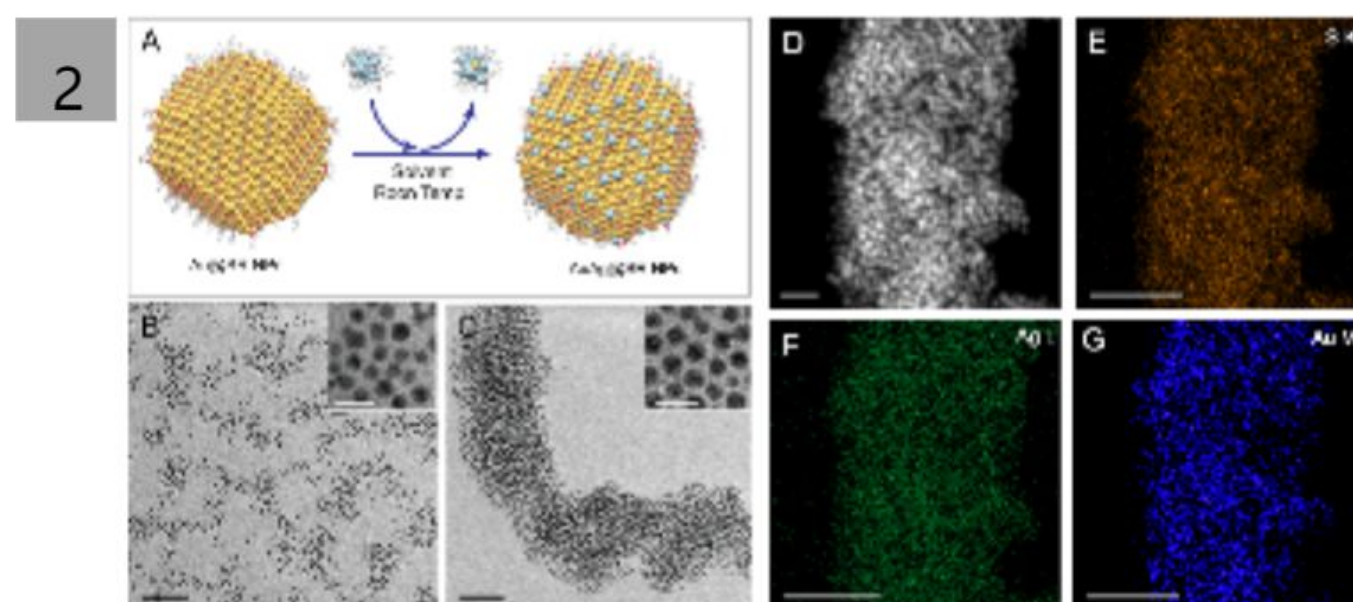
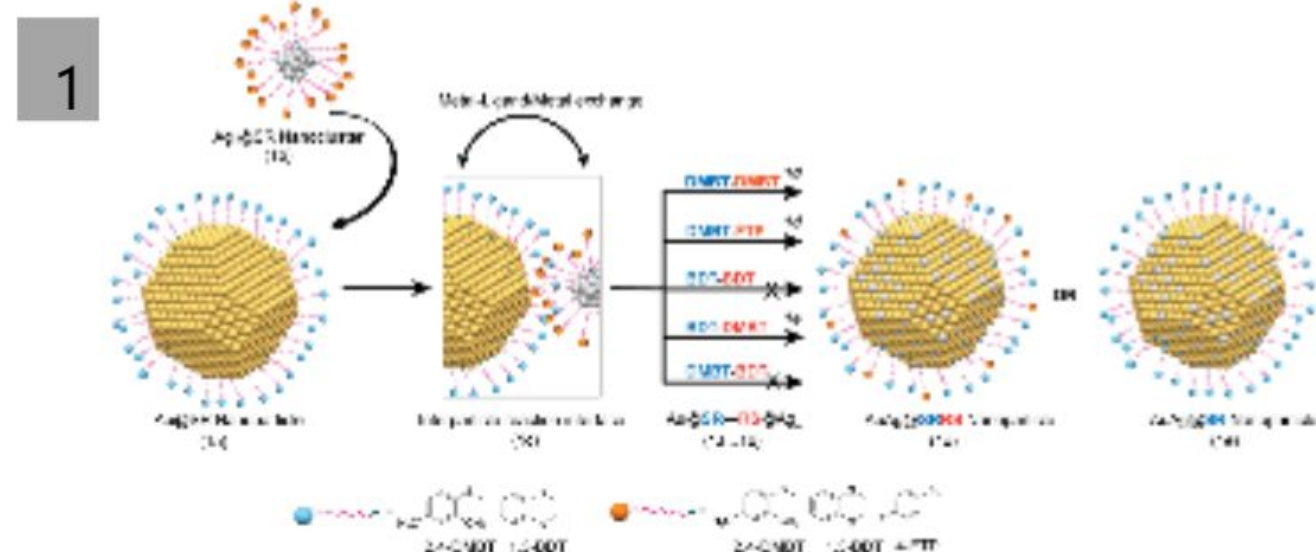




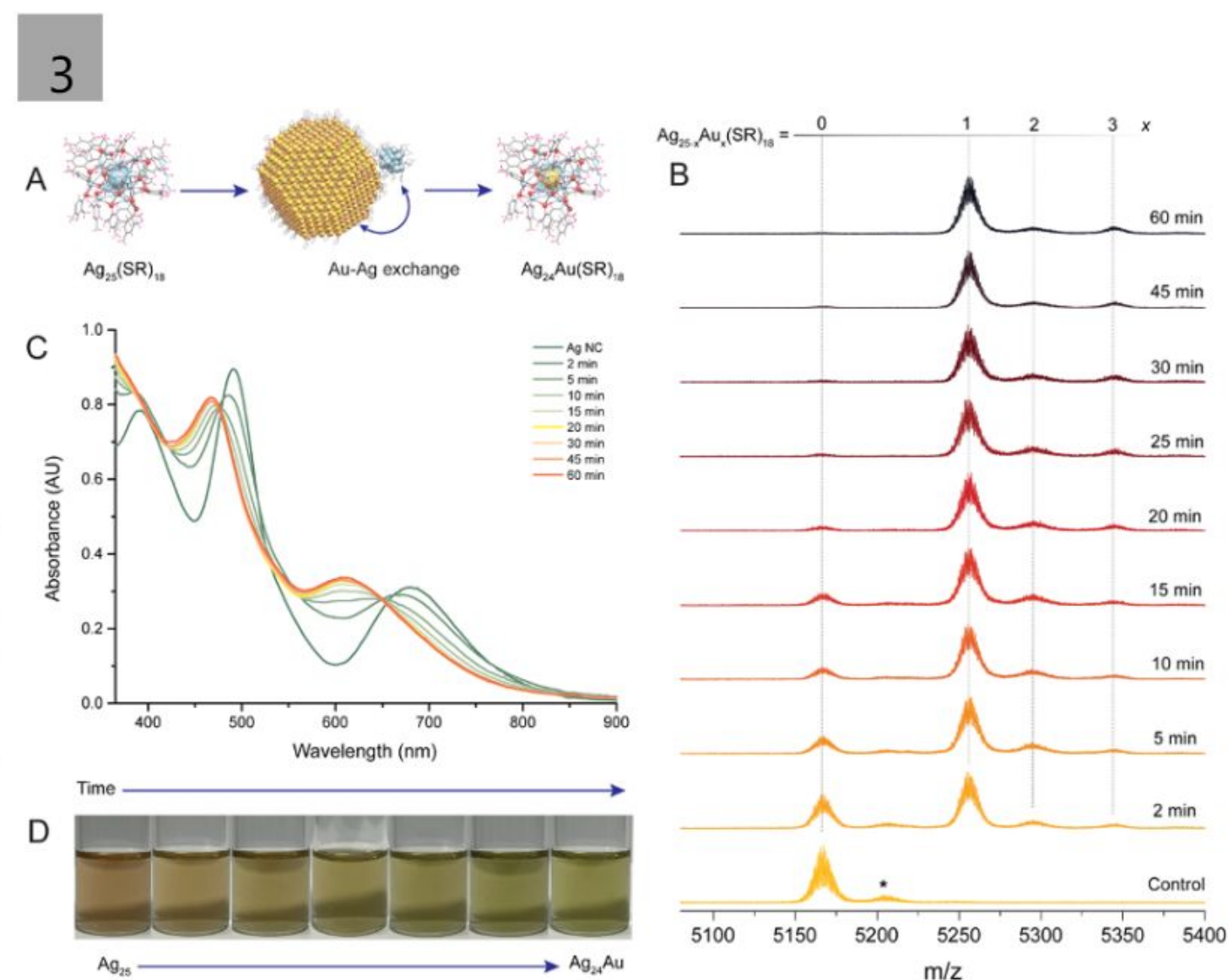


Can clusters react with nanoparticles?

Ag₂₅ with Au nanoparticles



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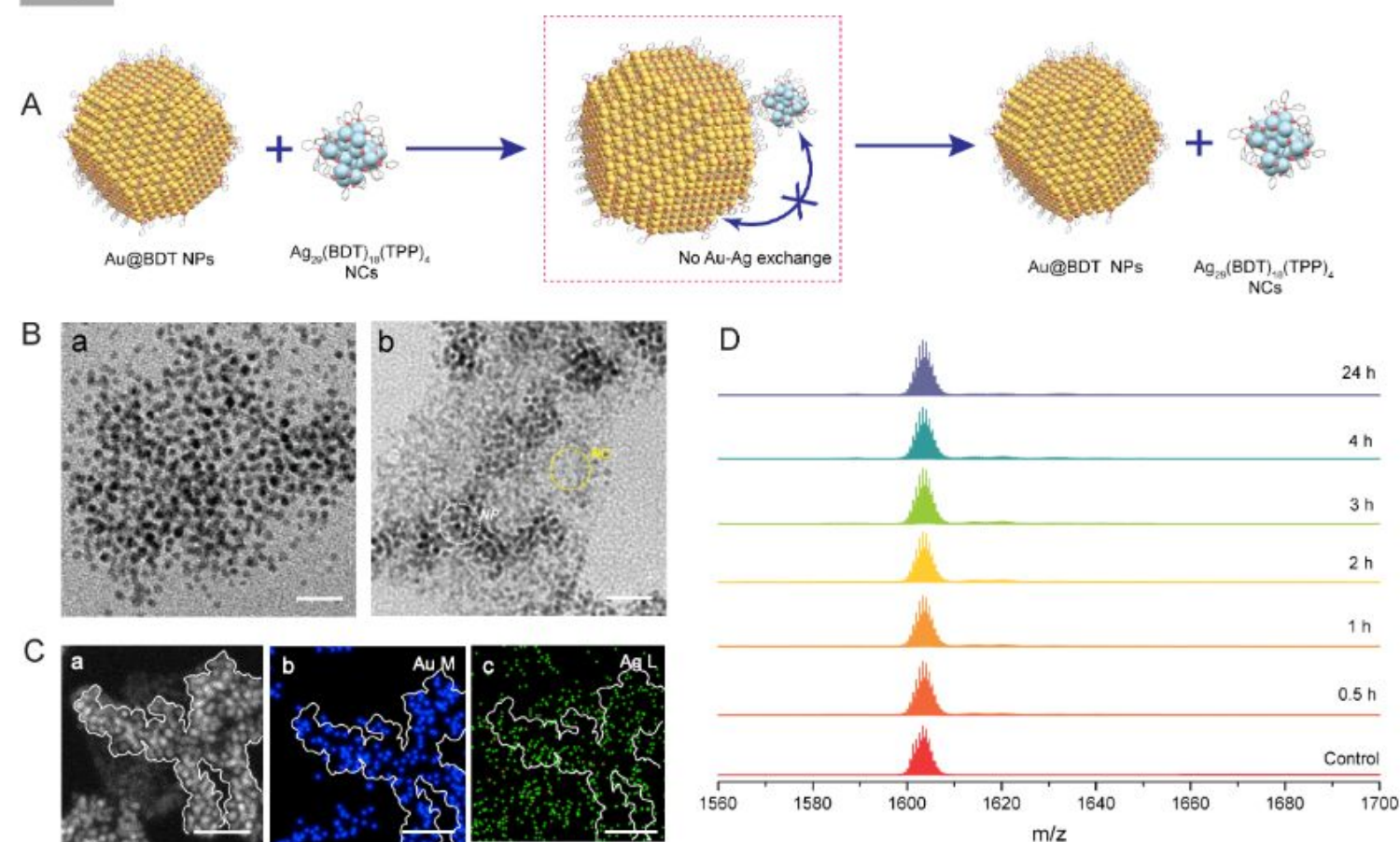


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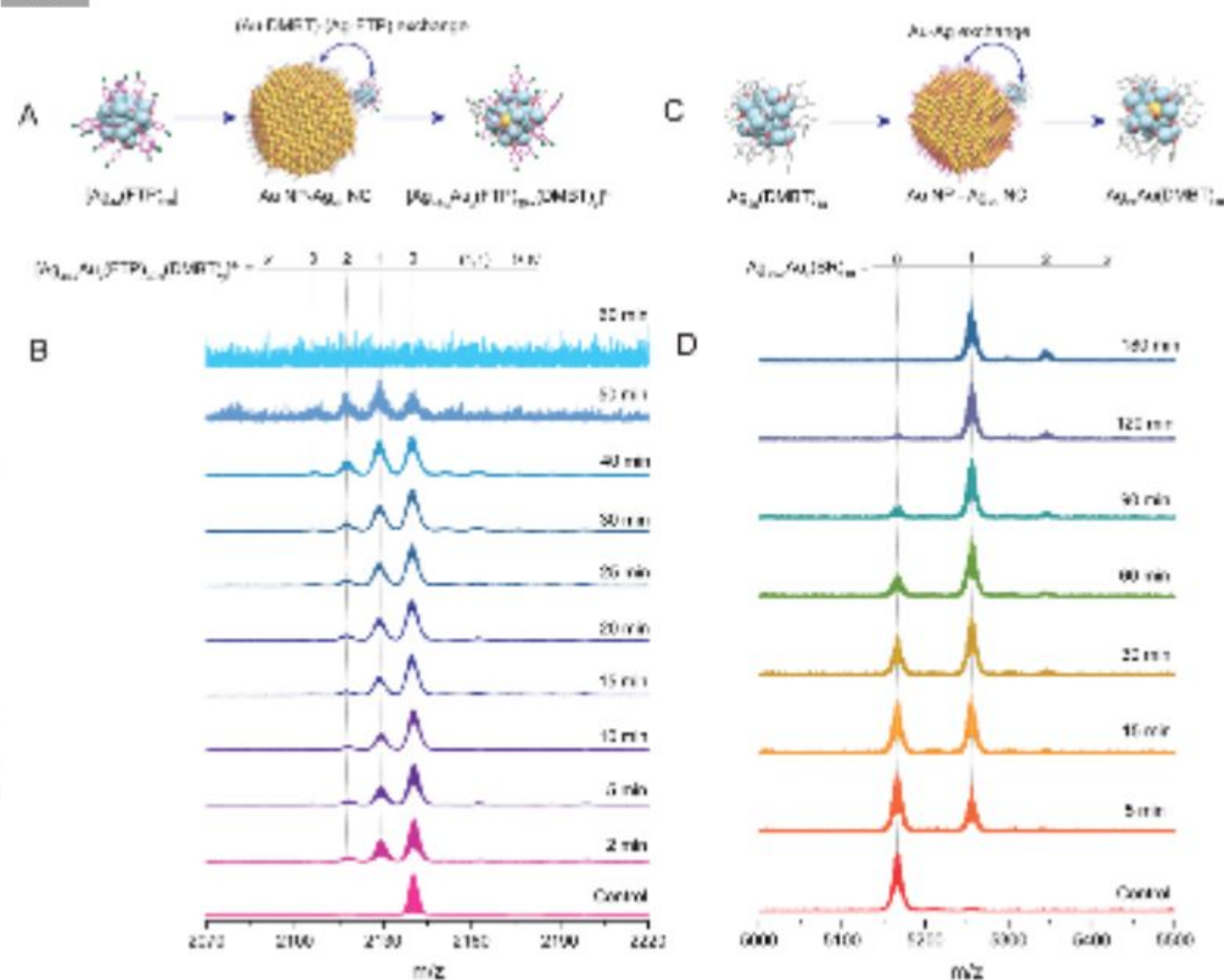
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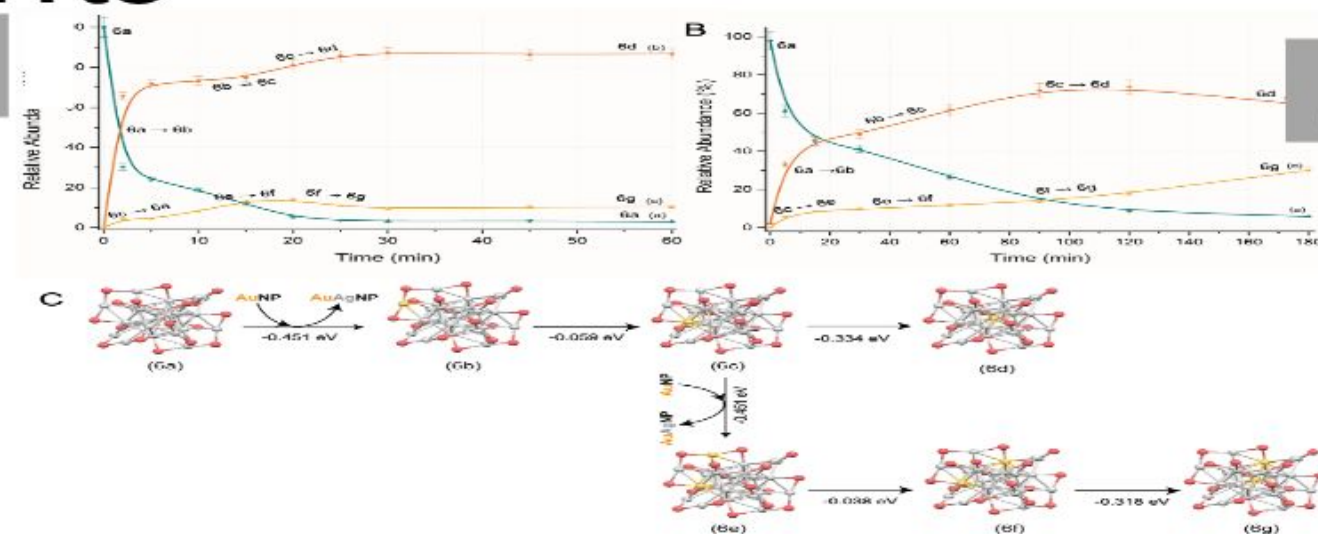
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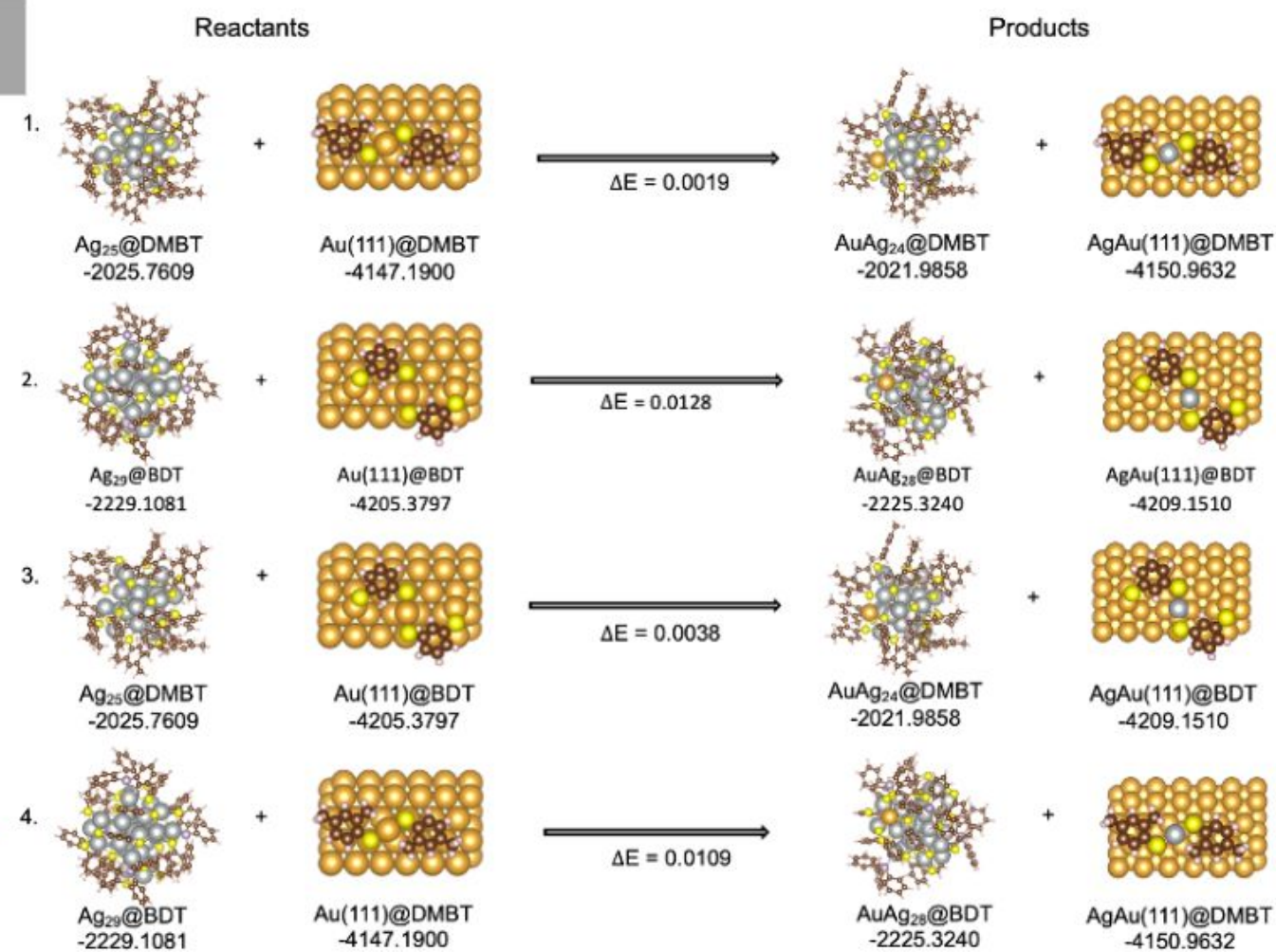


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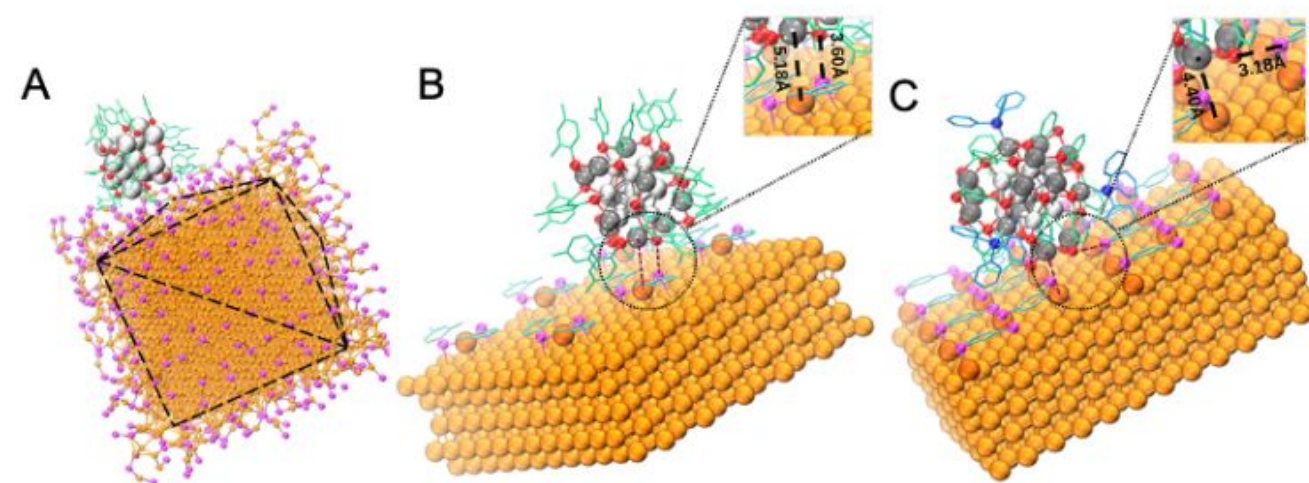
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Reactions and new materials

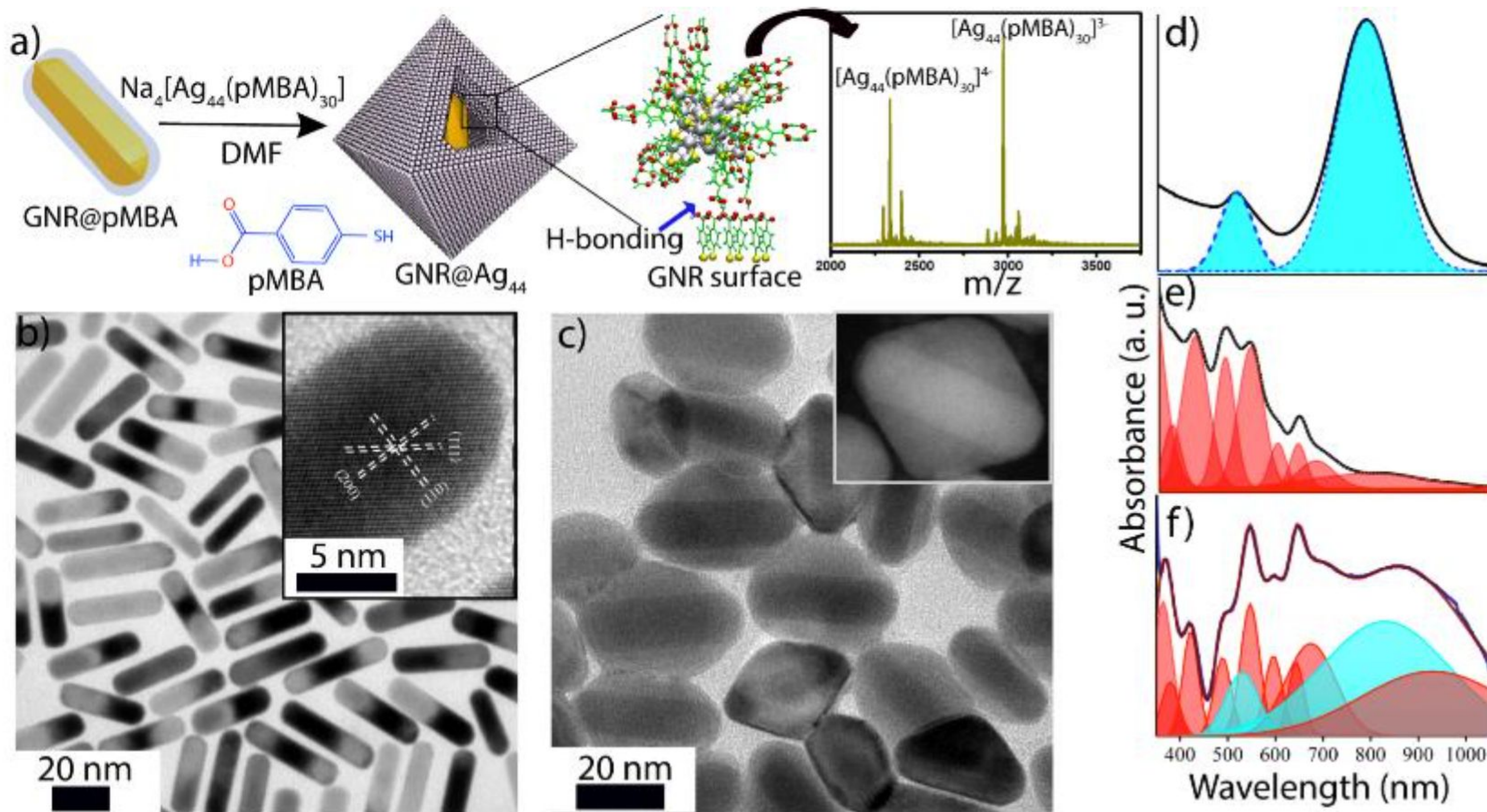
Reactions leading to co-crystals

Supramolecular chemistry

Figure 1. **A)** **(a)** Full range ESI MS, **(b)** experimental and calculated isotope patterns and **(c)** DFT optimized structure of $[\text{Ag}_{29}(\text{BDT})_{12}]^{3-}$ cluster. **B)** **(a)** ESI MS of $[\text{Ag}_{29}(\text{BDT})_{12}(\text{C}_{60})_n]^{3-}$ ($n=1-4$) complexes, **(b)** experimental and calculated isotope patterns of $[\text{Ag}_{29}(\text{BDT})_{12}(\text{C}_{60})_4]^{3-}$ and **(c)** schematic of the possible structure of $[\text{Ag}_{29}(\text{BDT})_{12}(\text{C}_{60})_4]^{3-}$.

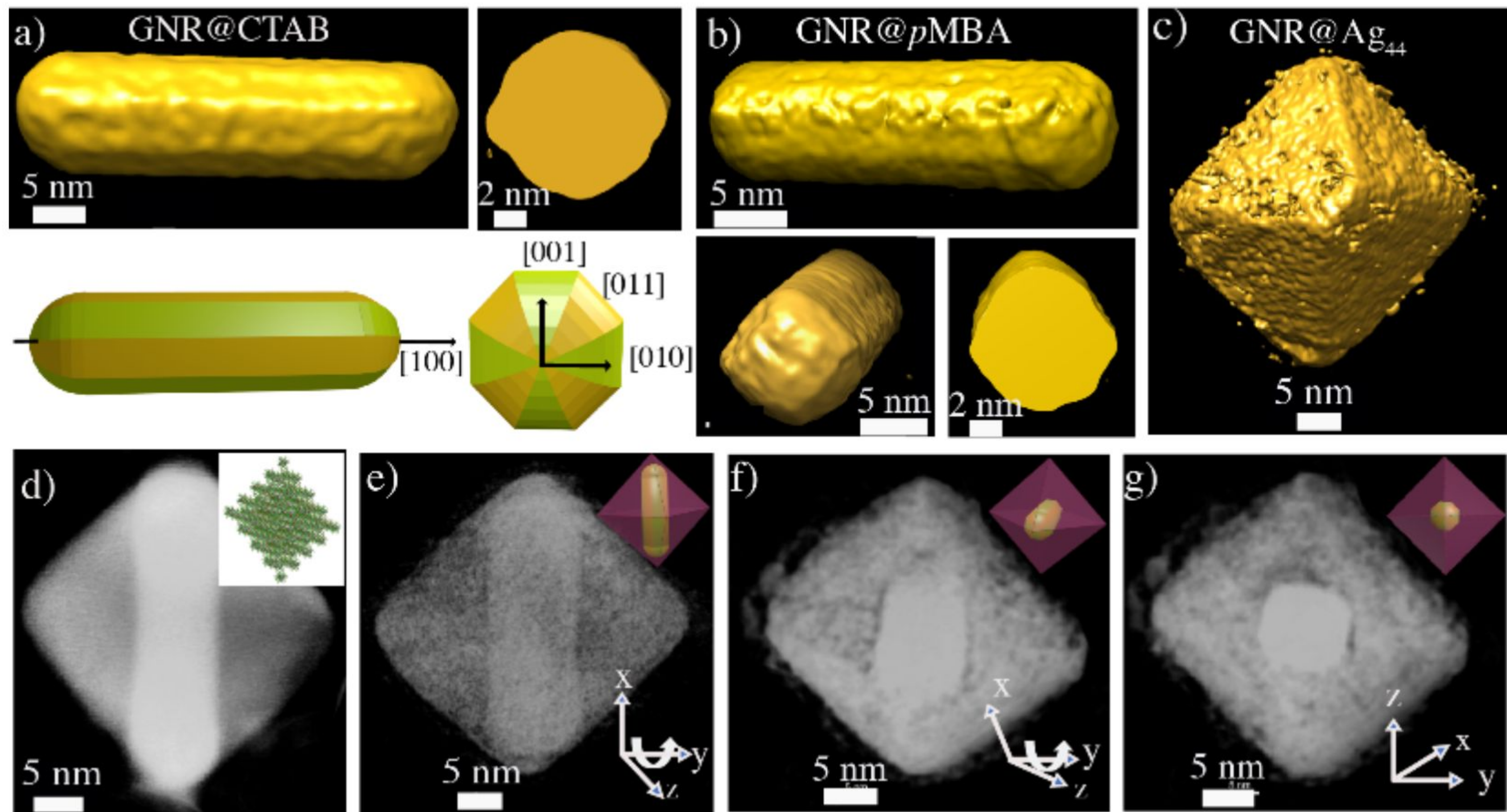
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Atomically precise nanocluster assemblies encapsulating plasmonic gold nanorods

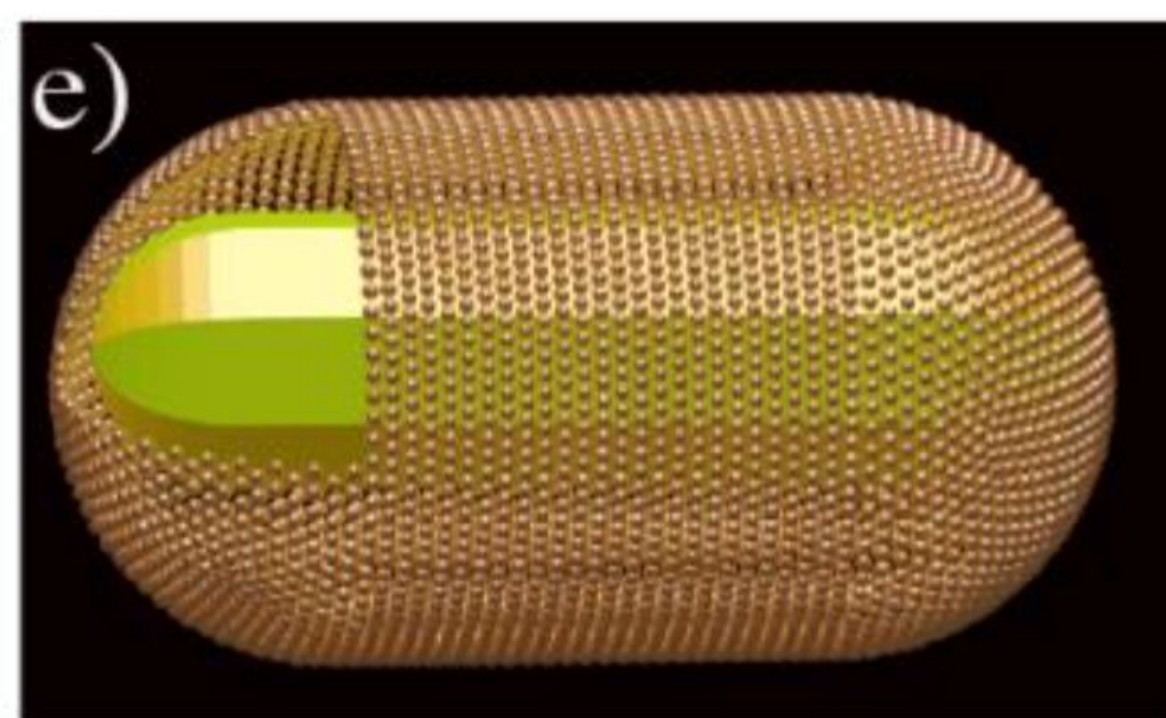
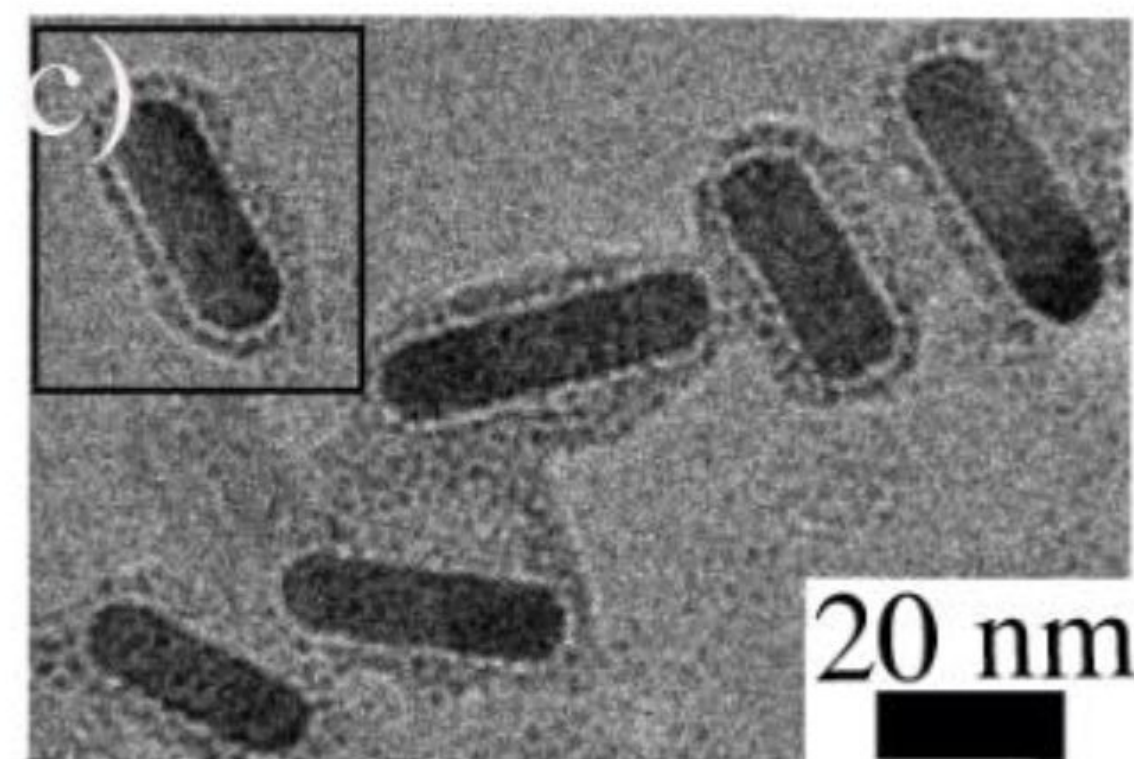
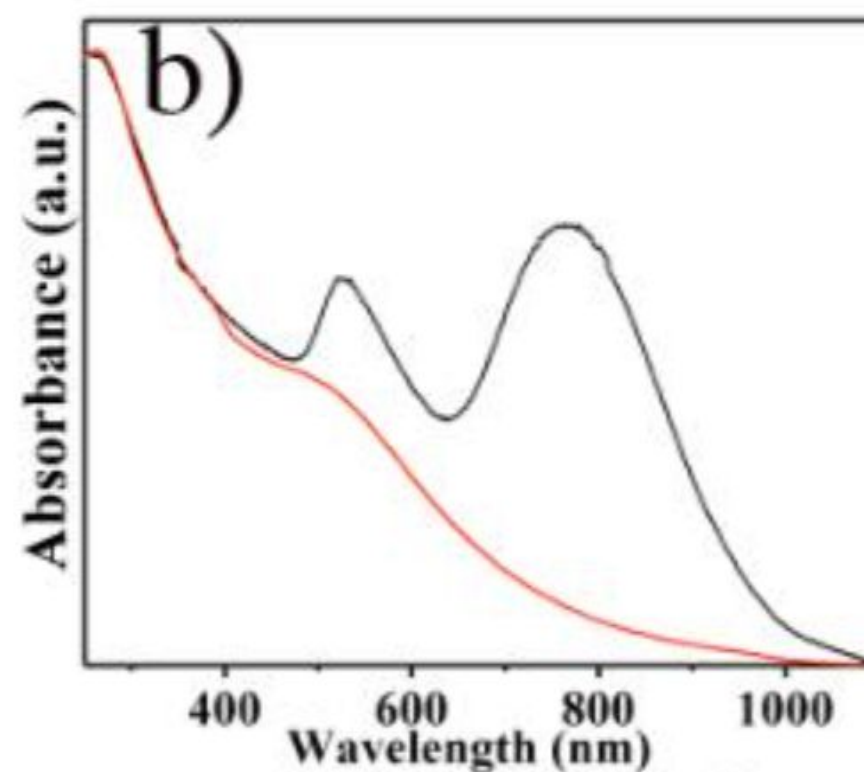
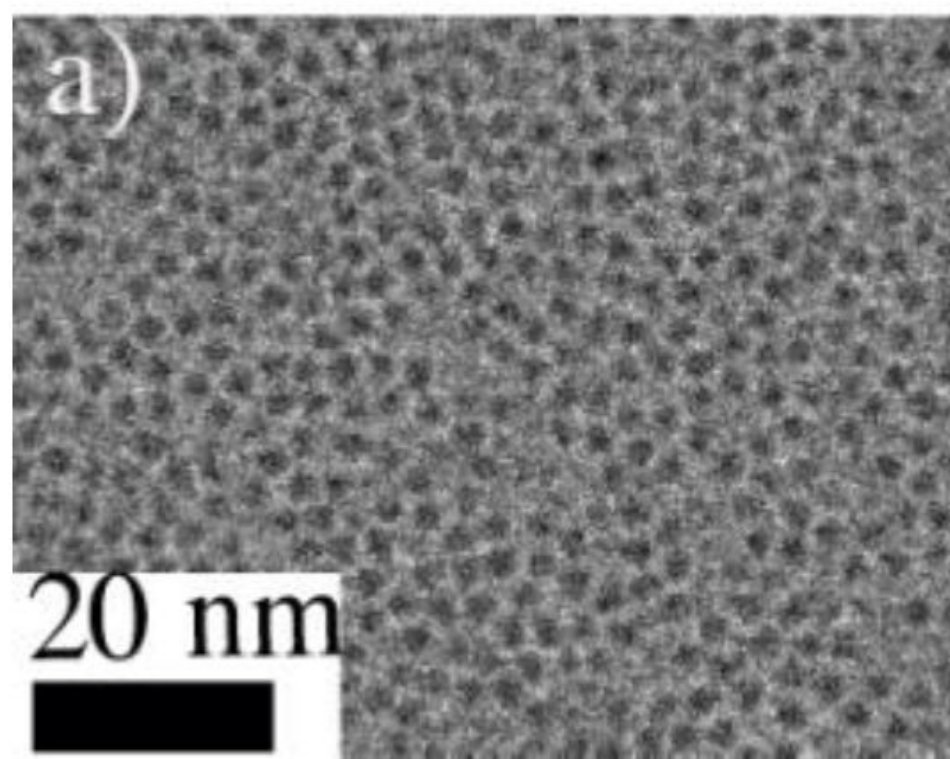


Chakraborty, A. et al., *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2018**, 57, 6522–6526.

3D morphological analysis



Works for $\text{Au}_{250}(\text{pMBA})_n$ and aqueous solvent



Co-crystal

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Ag40 and Ag46 with the same
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Where are they taking us to?

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

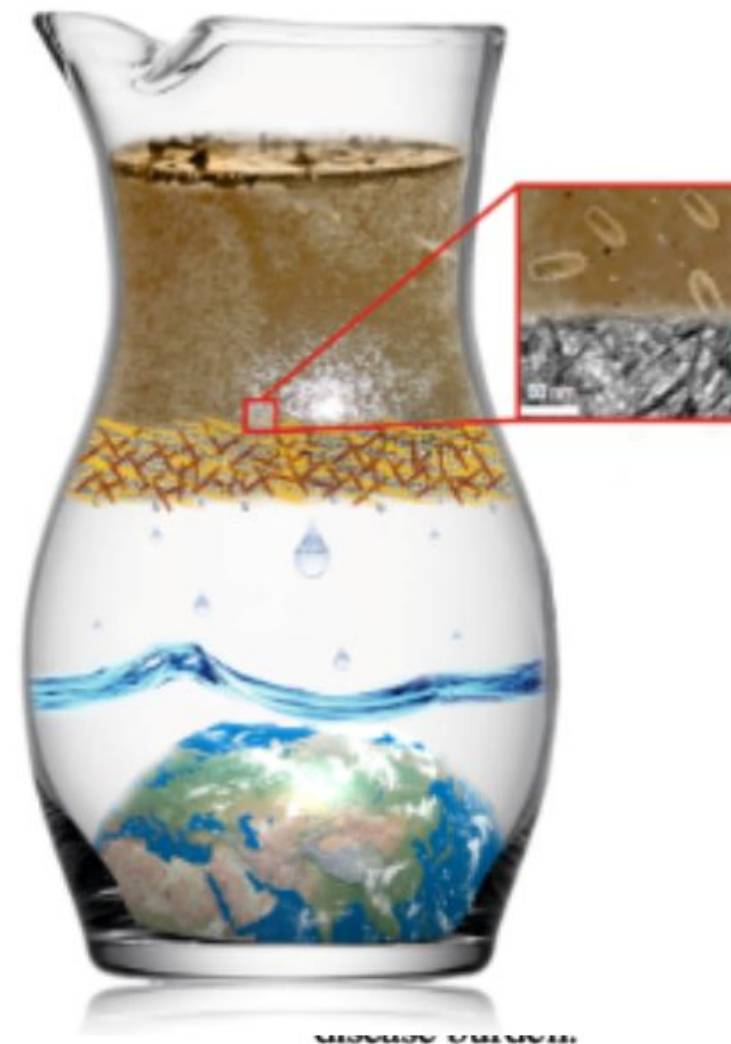
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Creation of affordable materials for clean drinking water is one of the most promising ways to ensure drinking water for all. Combining the composites to scavenge toxic species and other contaminants along with the ability to produce affordable, all-inclusive 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 clog filter 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 stability. These materials have been used in a water purifier to deliver clean drinking water. The ability to prepare nanostructures at ambient temperature has wide relevance for water purification.

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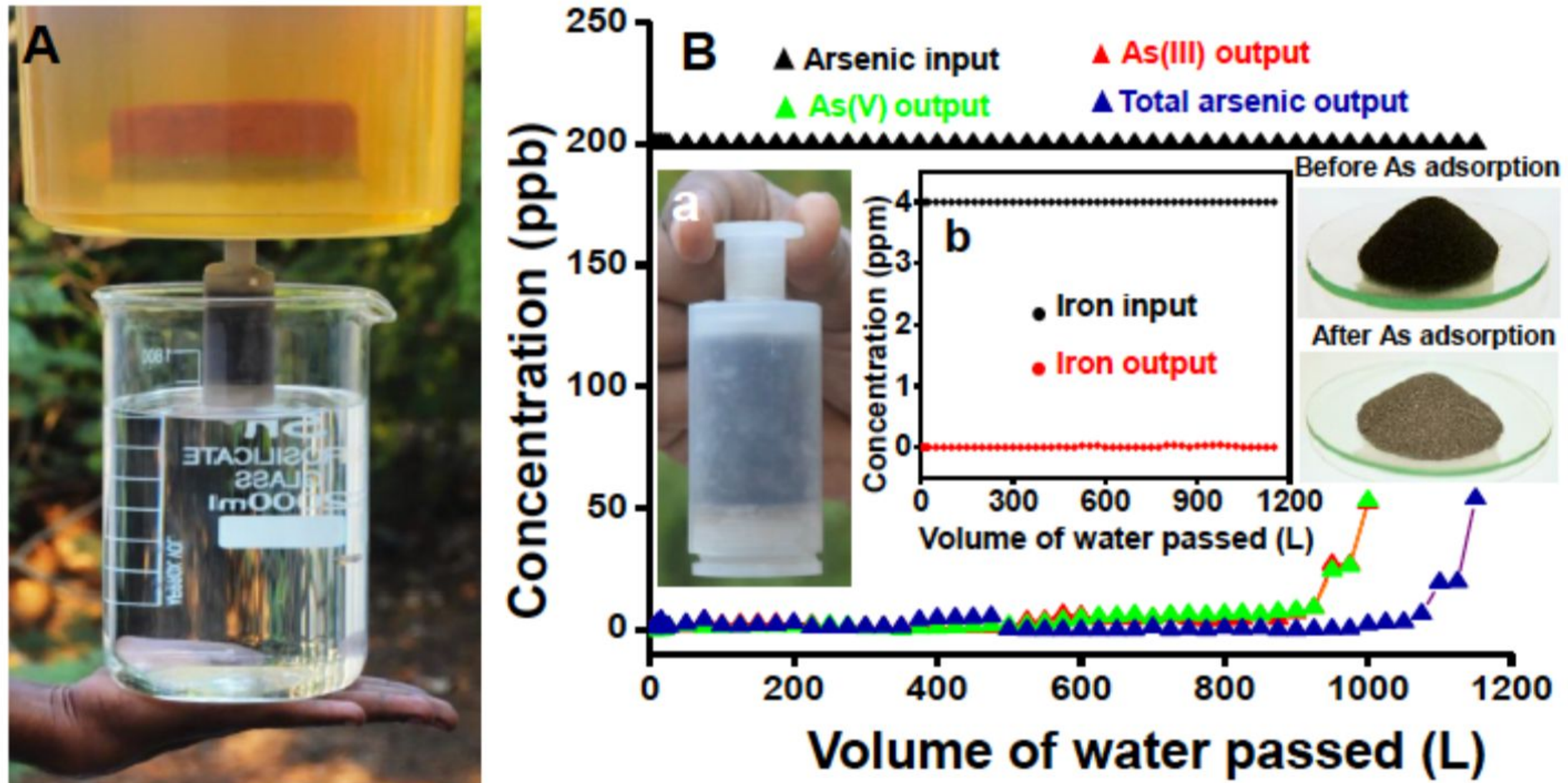
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available; and (c) continued retention matrix is difficult. We have created a unique family of nanocrystalline granular composite materials prepared through an aqueous route. The composition is attributed to abundant -OH on chitosan, which help in the crys- oxide and also ensure strong covalent surface to the matrix. X-ray photo- confirms that the composition is rich ps. Using hyperspectral imaging, the leaching in the water was confirmed. To reactivate the silver nanoparticle antimicrobial activity in drinking water, osites have been developed that can adsorb contaminants in water. We demonstrate an affordable device based on such composites designed to undergo field trials in India, as well as spread eradication of the waterborne

Results and Discussion

Range of materials, their affordability and safety



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

**Safety of spent media,
TCLP**

Clean water for everyone

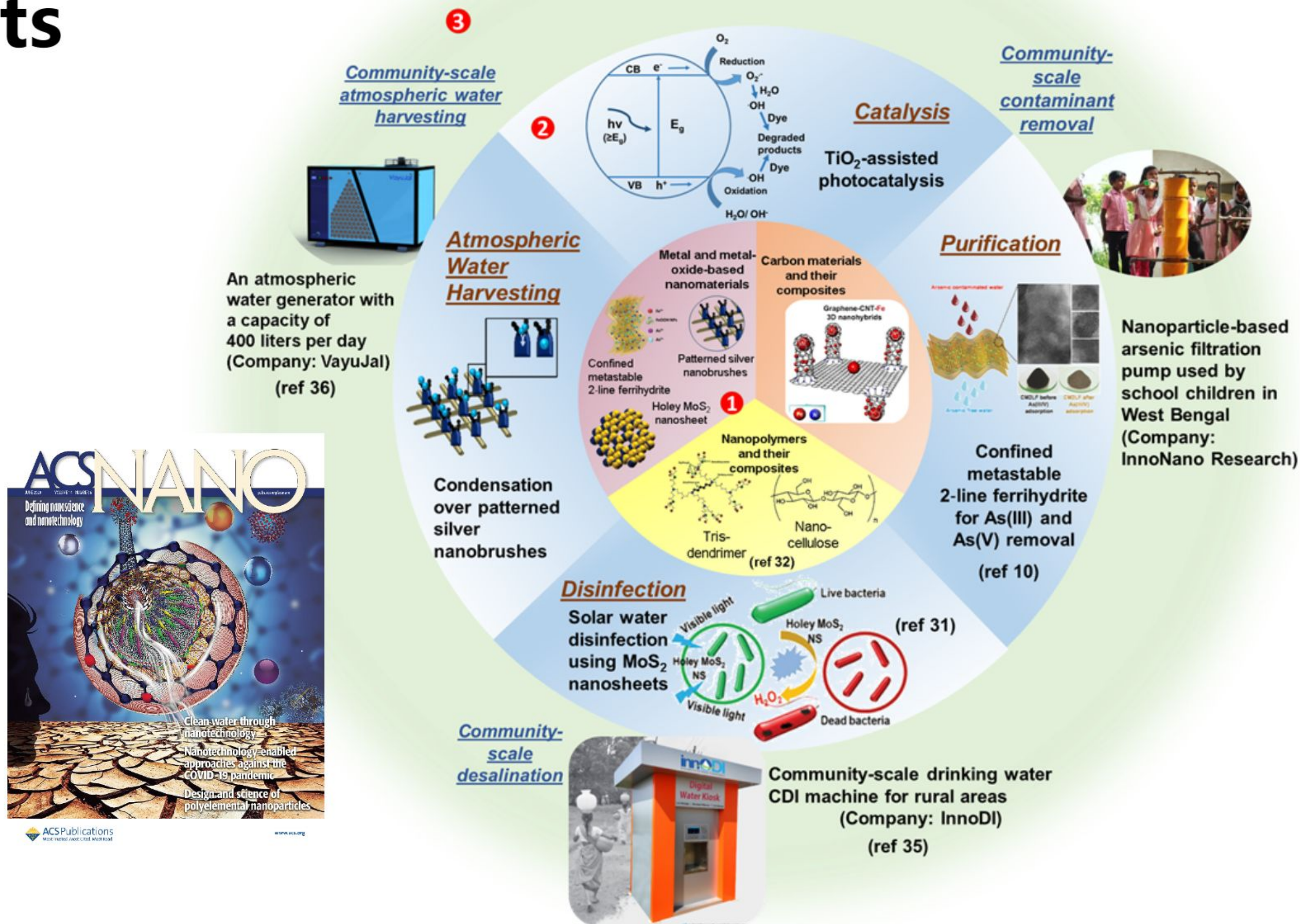




We developed environmentally friendly water positive nanoscale materials for affordable, sustainable and rapid removal of arsenic from drinking water.

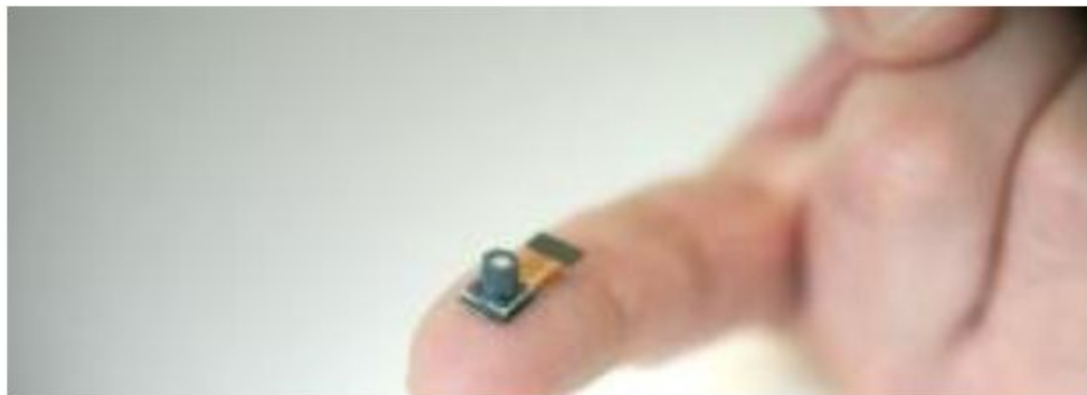
There are over 1700 community installations across the country, serving 1.3 million people with arsenic and iron-free water every day.

Evolution of materials to products



Smart water purifiers and big data

Sensors and new opportunities



Water quality measurement – In the pipe line

Cluster-based metal ion sensing

Decrease in the absorption of Au15 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 Hg₂

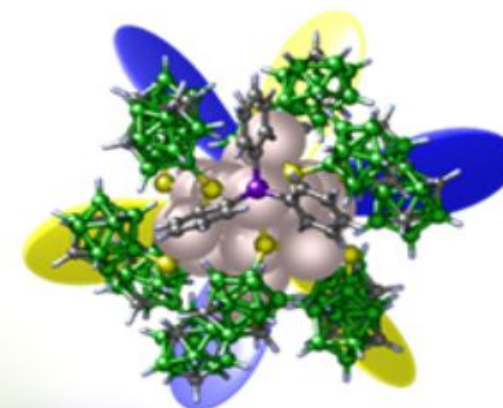
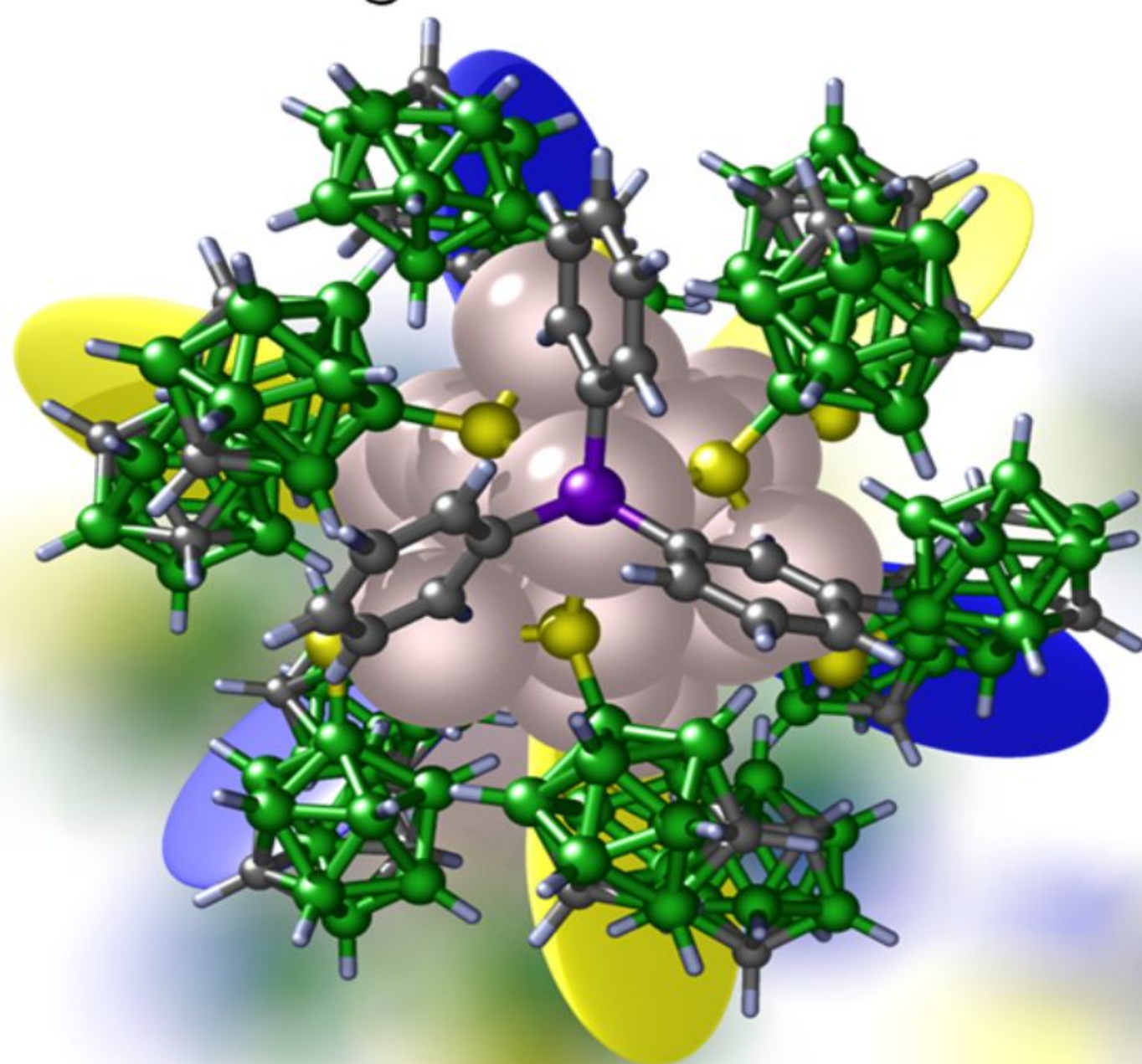
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Mercury quenching experiment using nanofiber

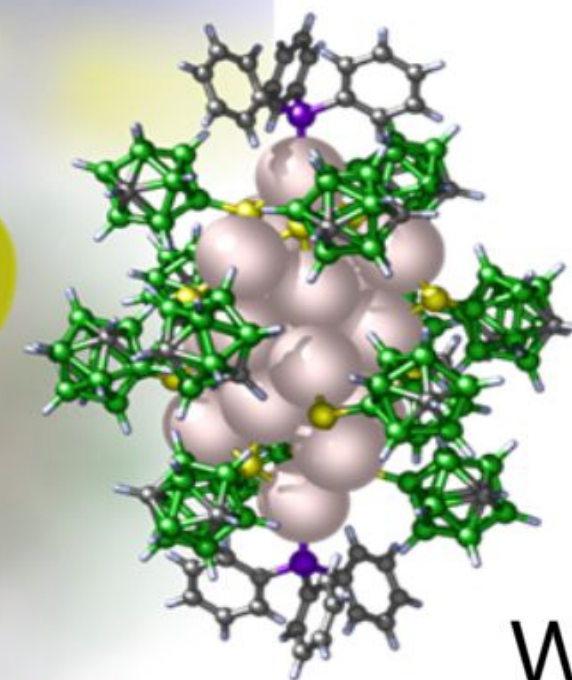
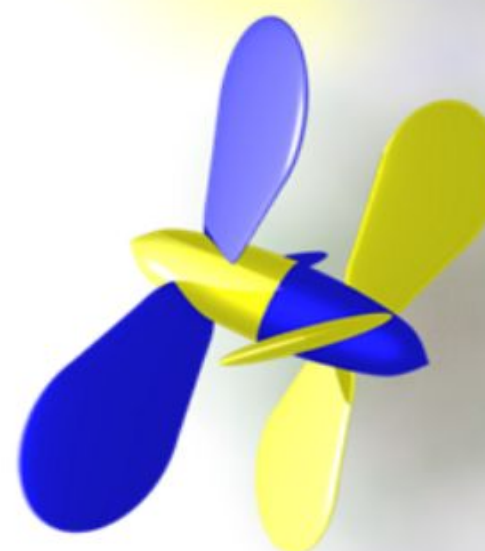
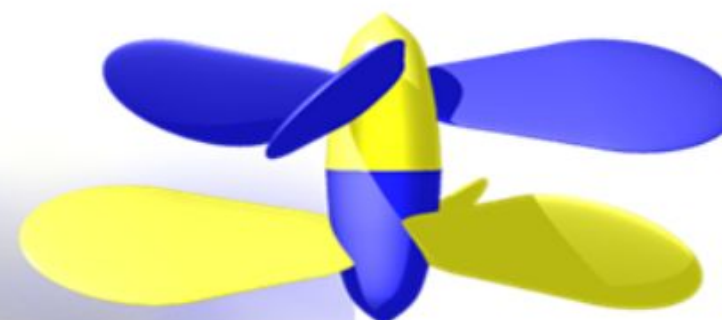


Carborane-thiol protected silver nanomolecule

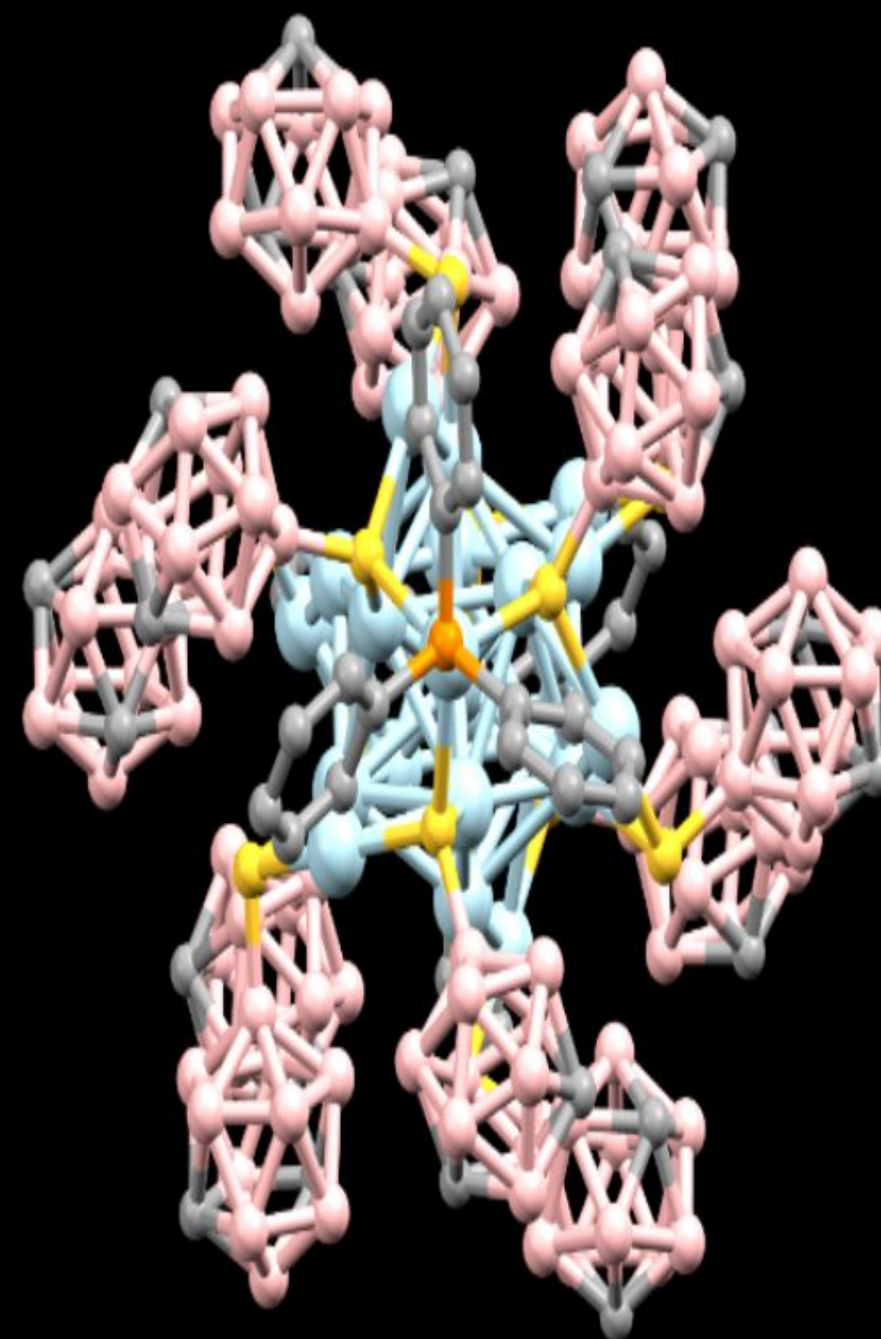
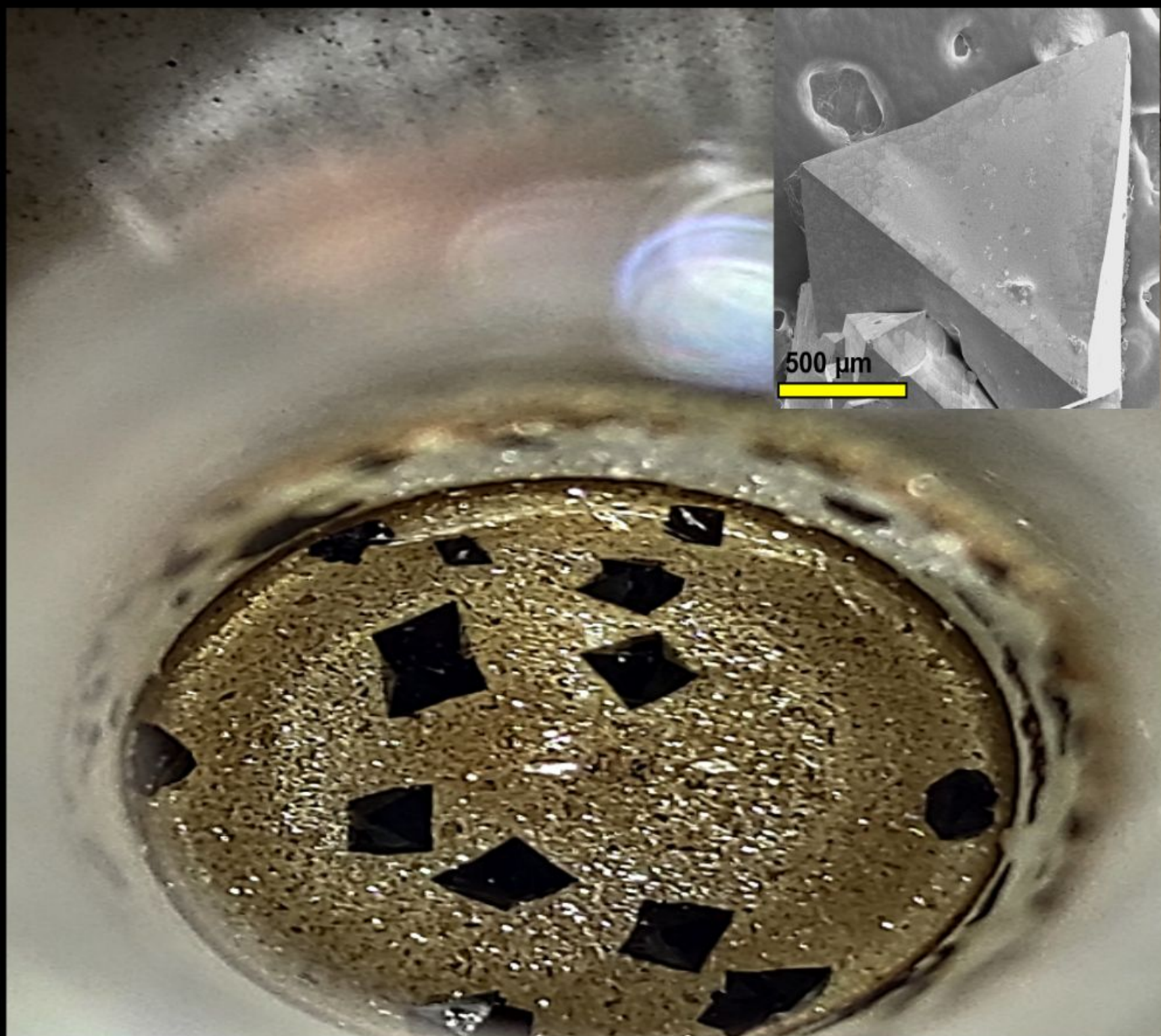
Rotary nanomolecule



Double rotors

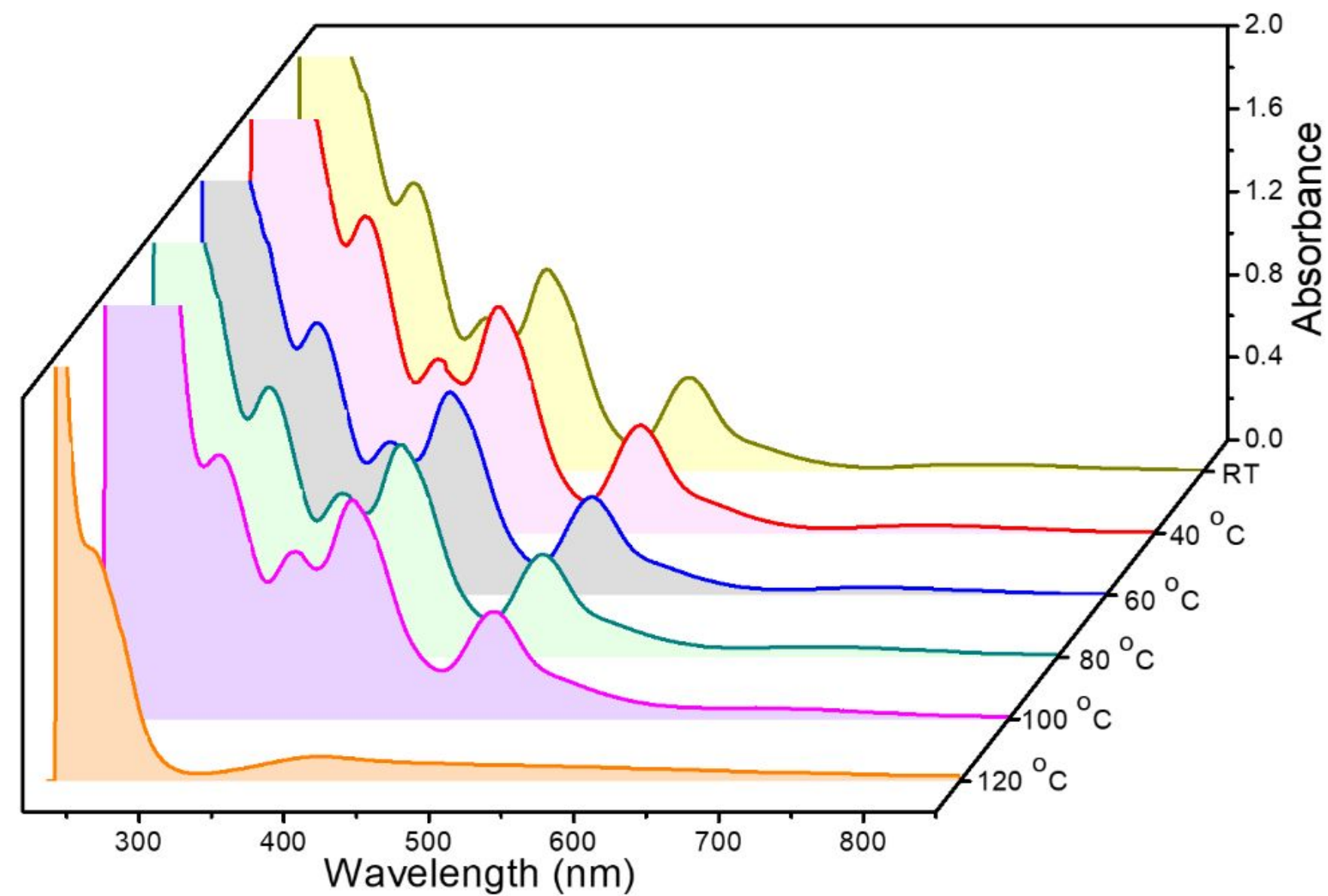
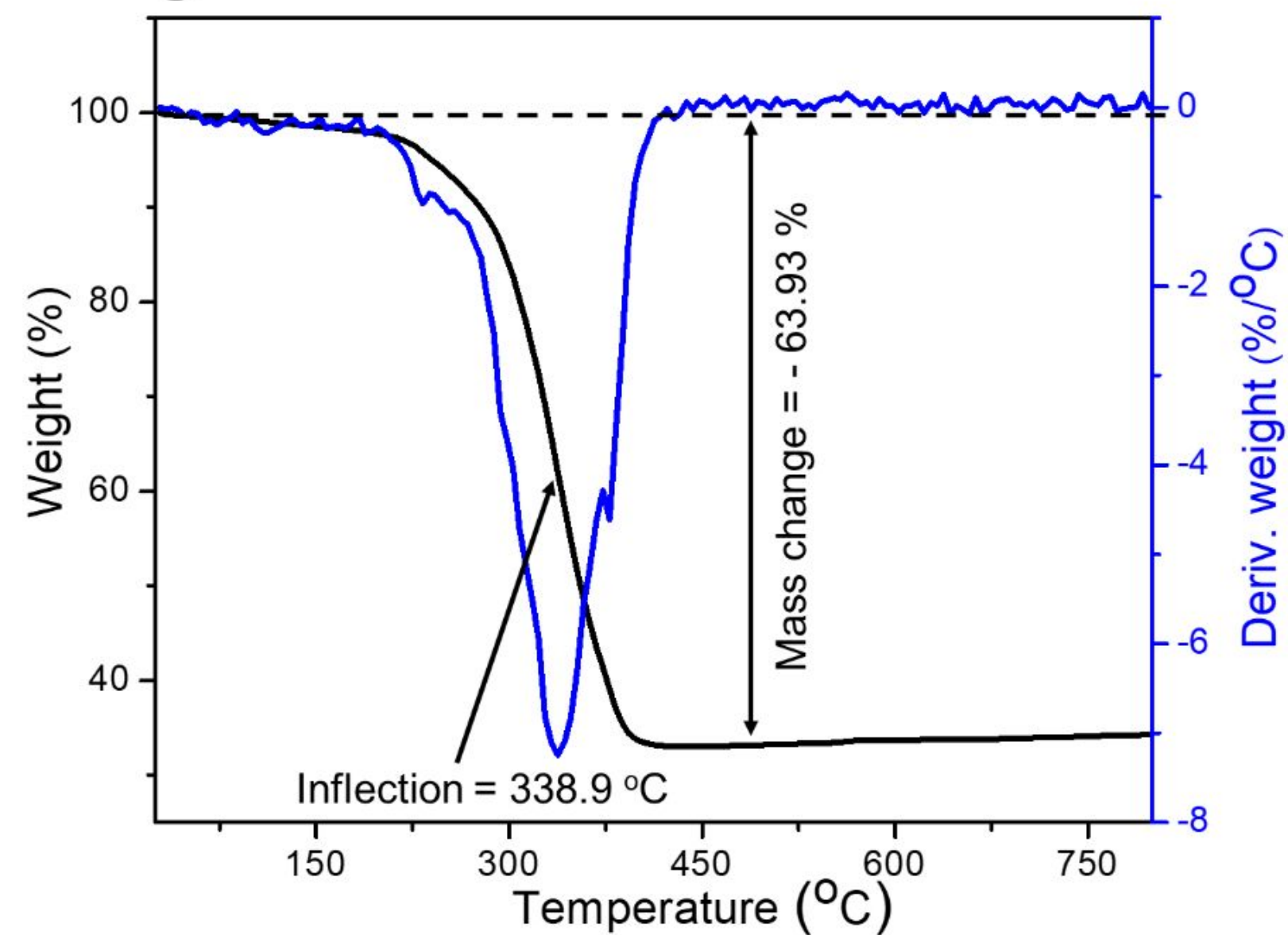


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Thermal stability

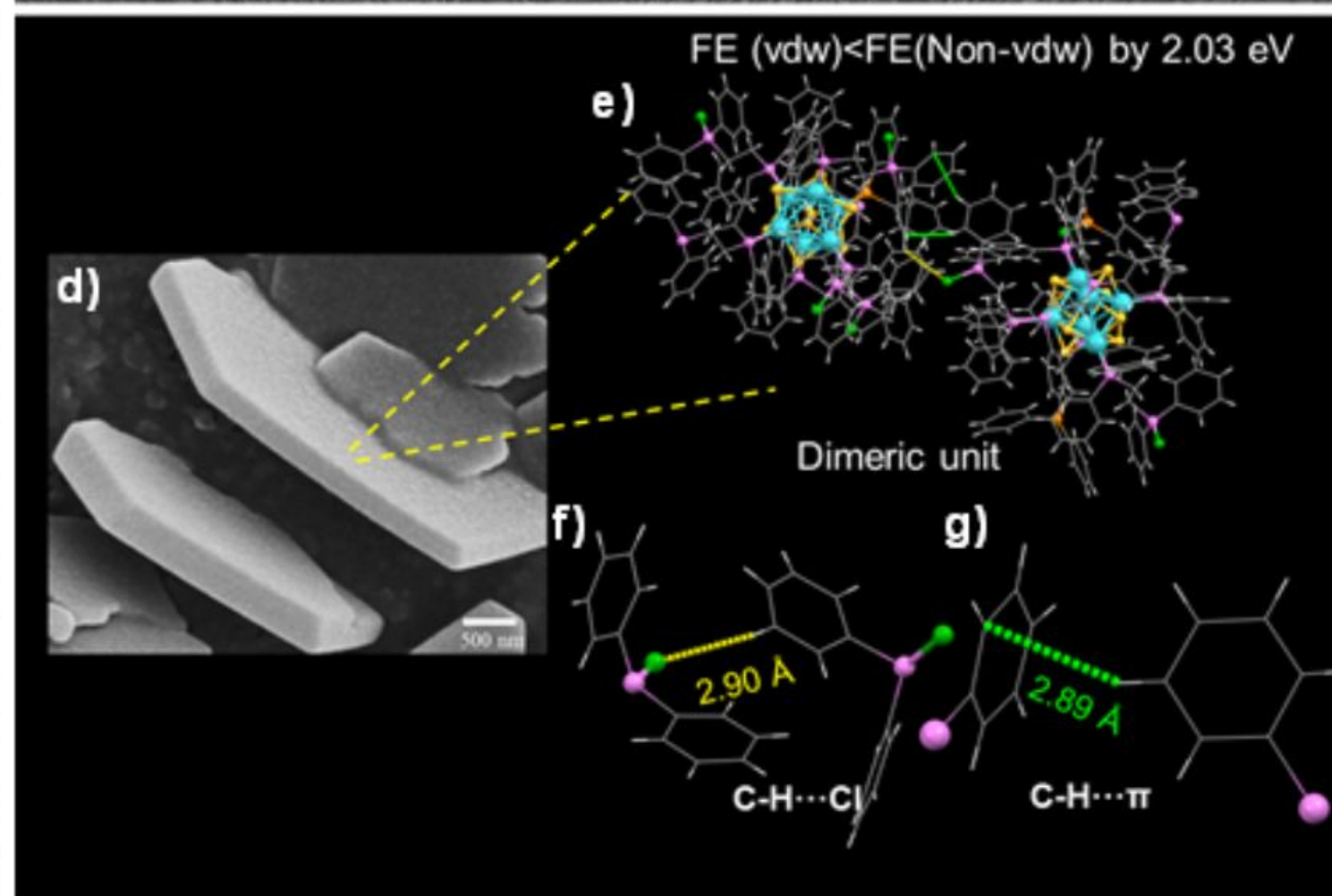
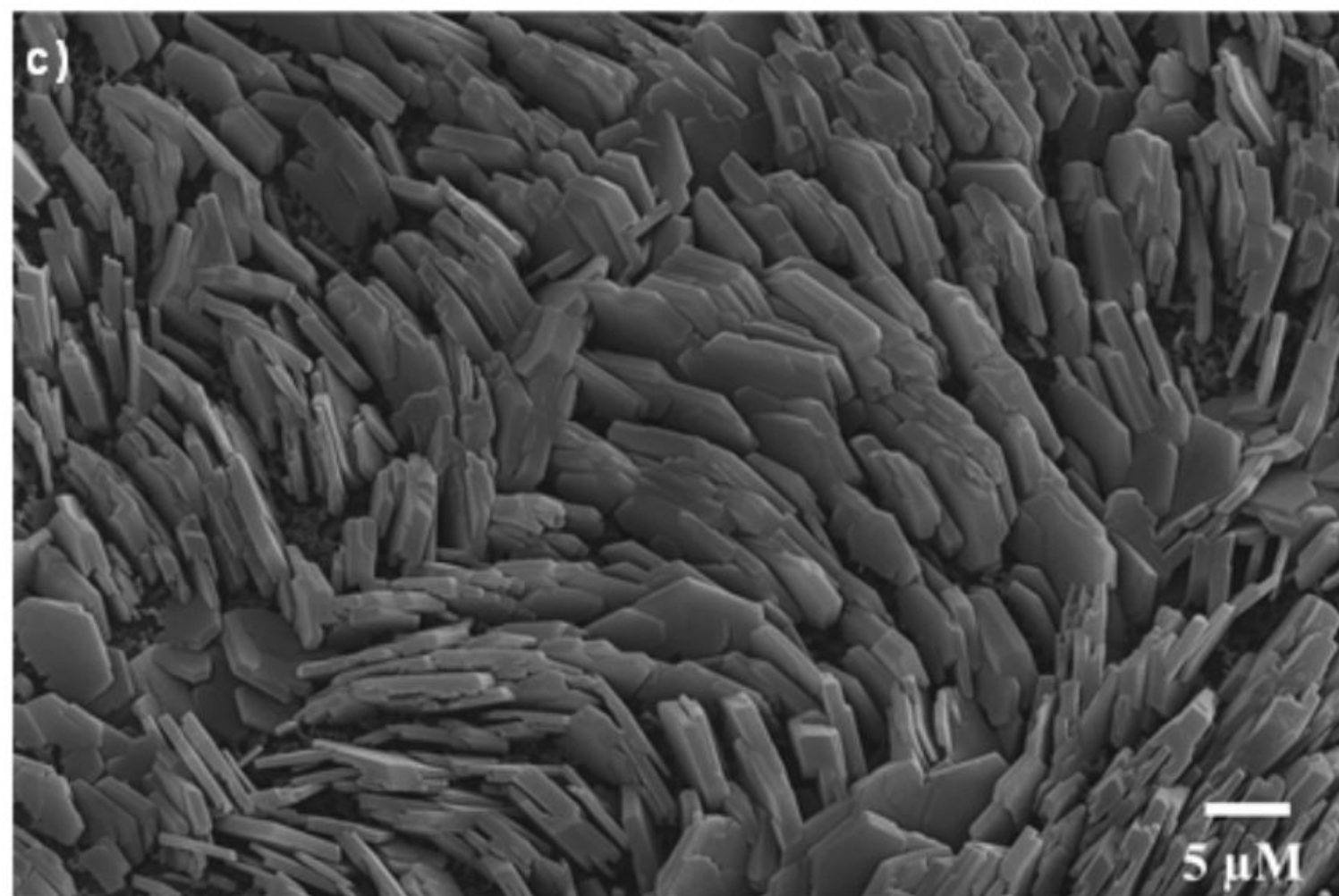
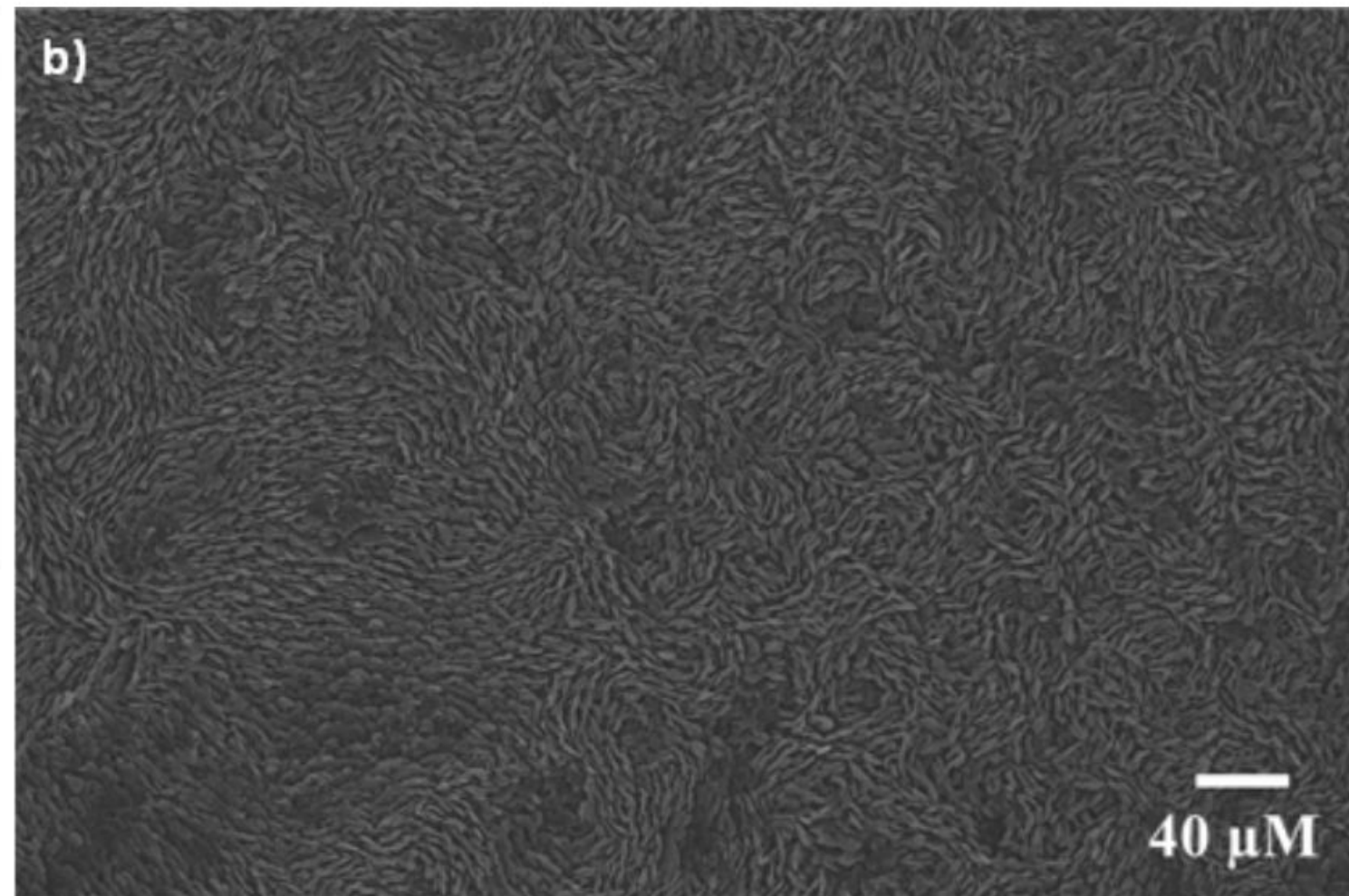
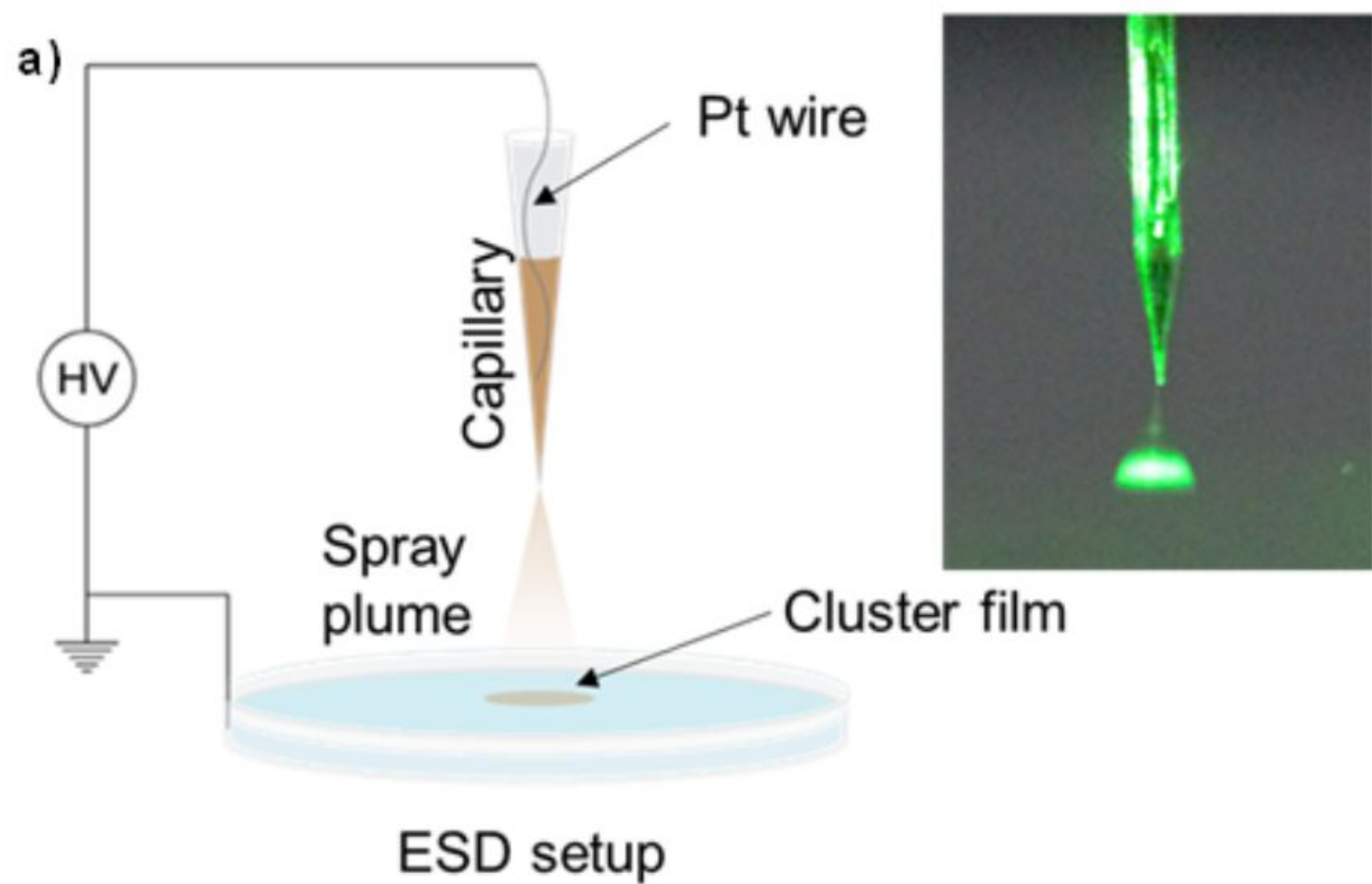
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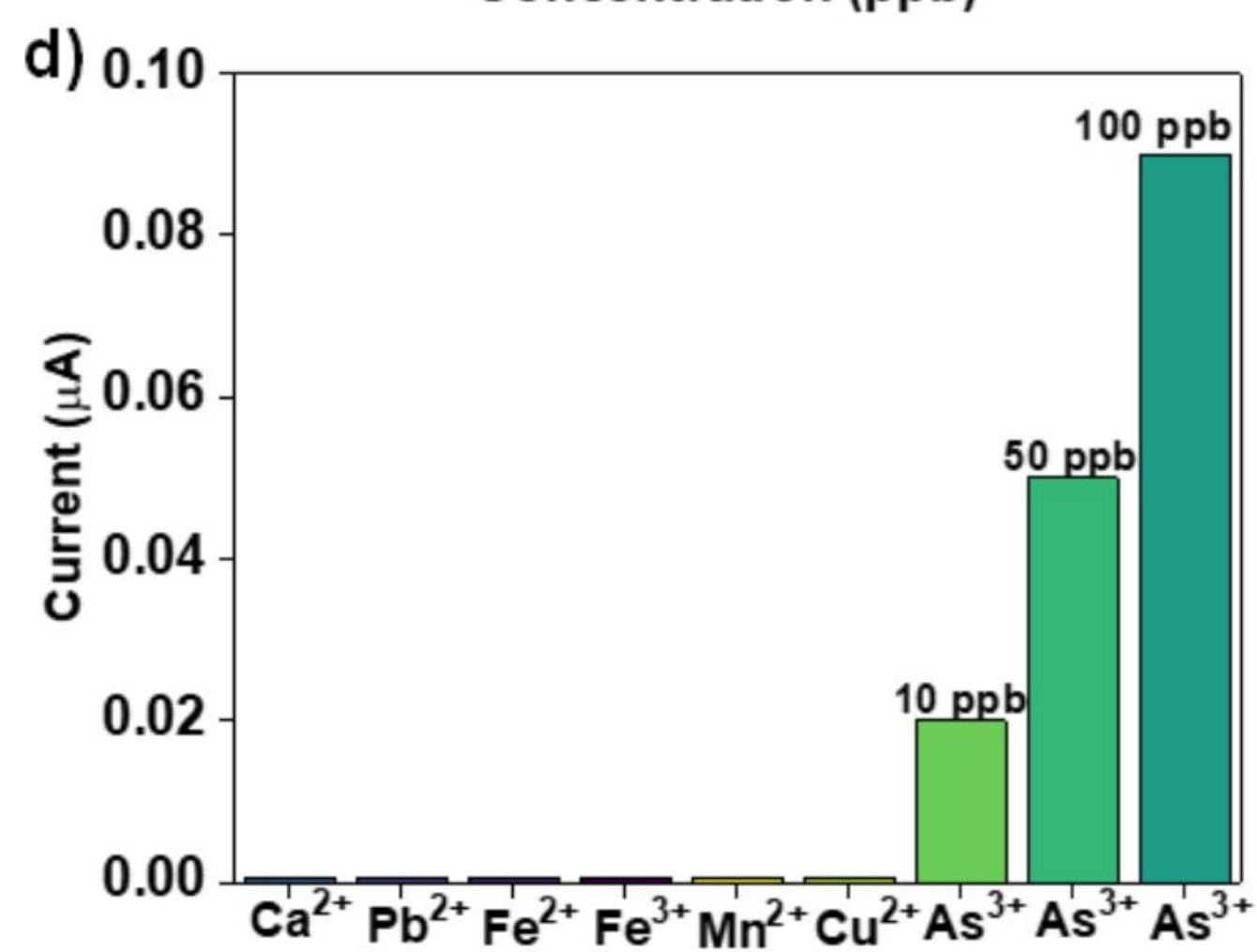
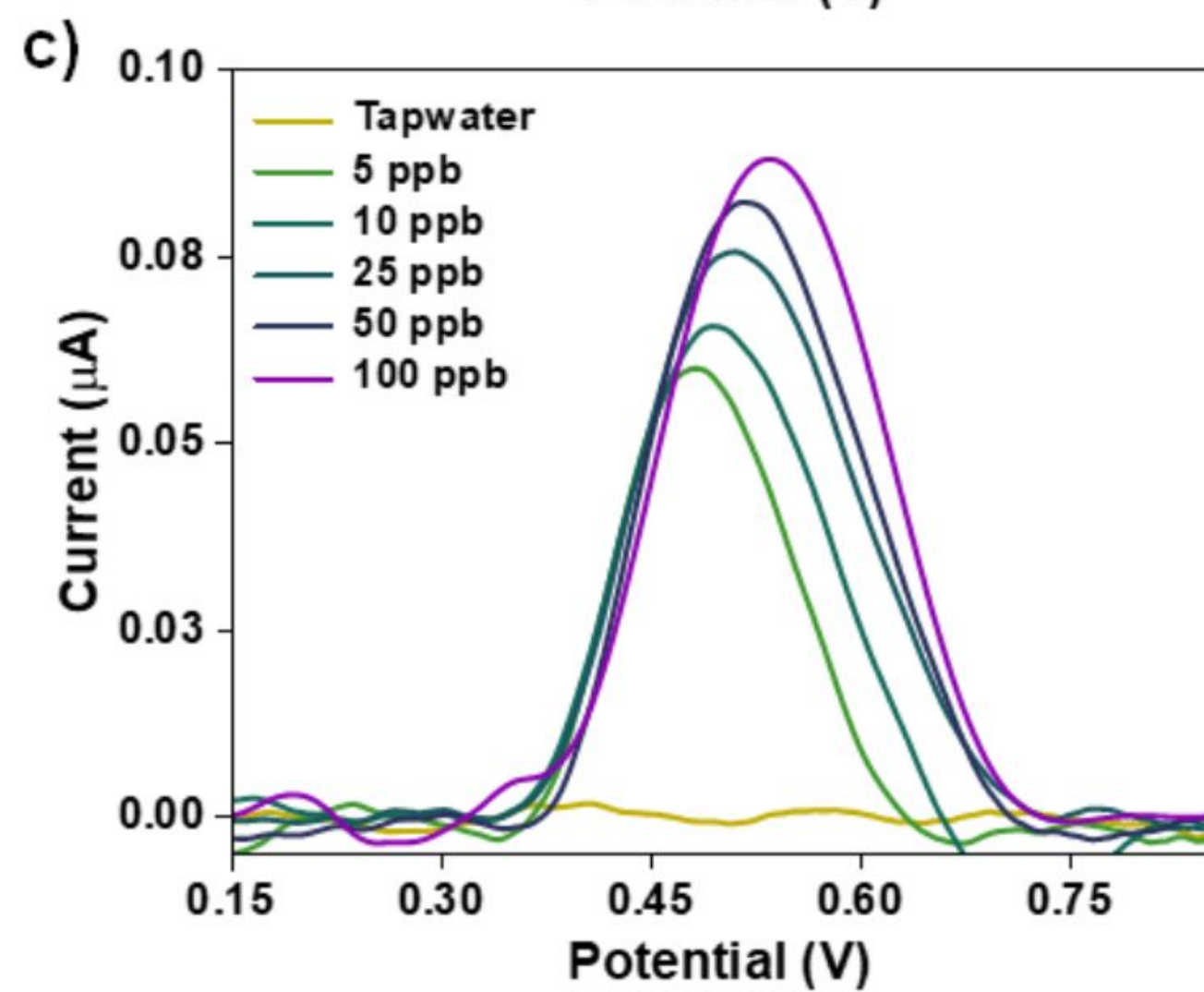
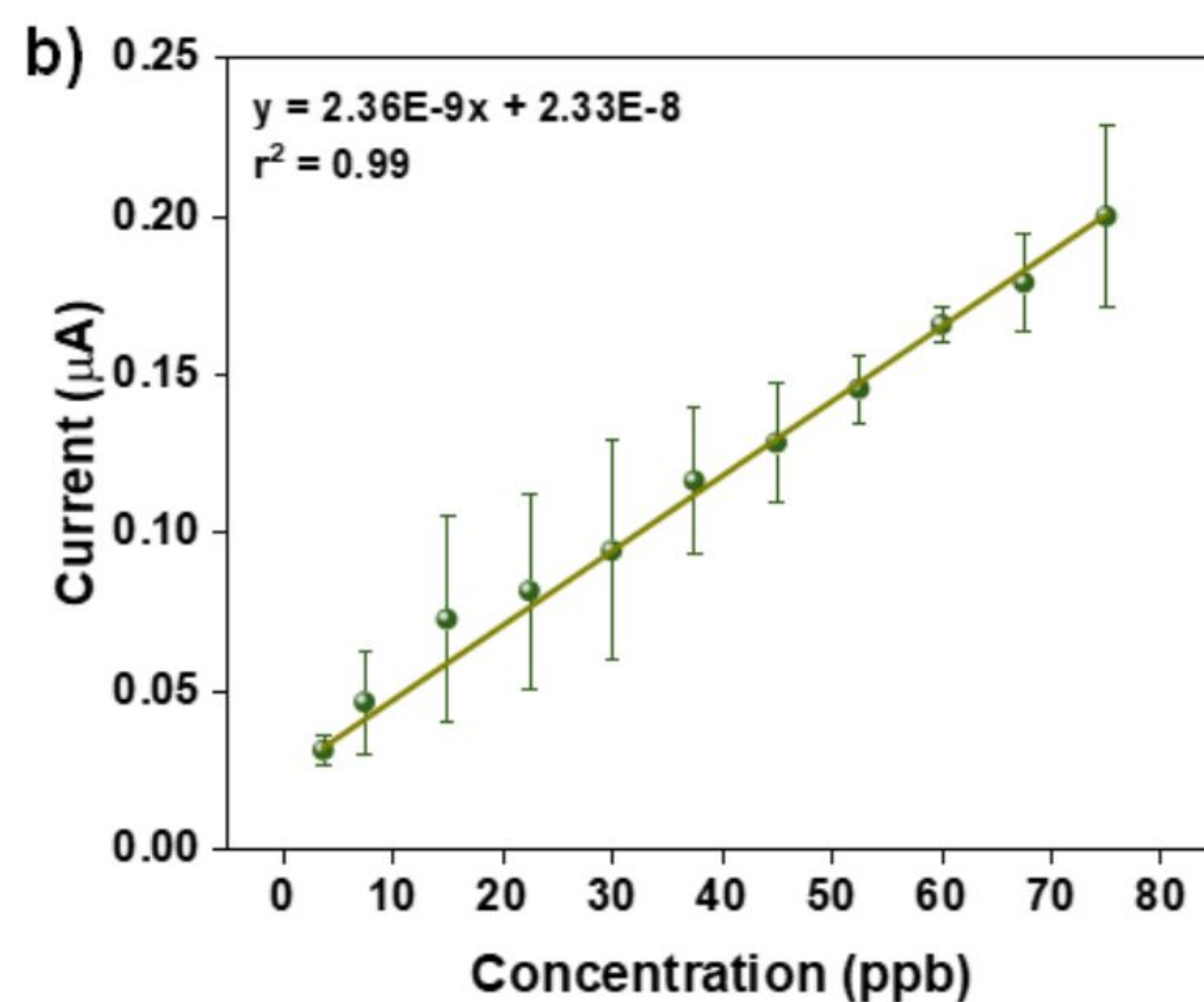
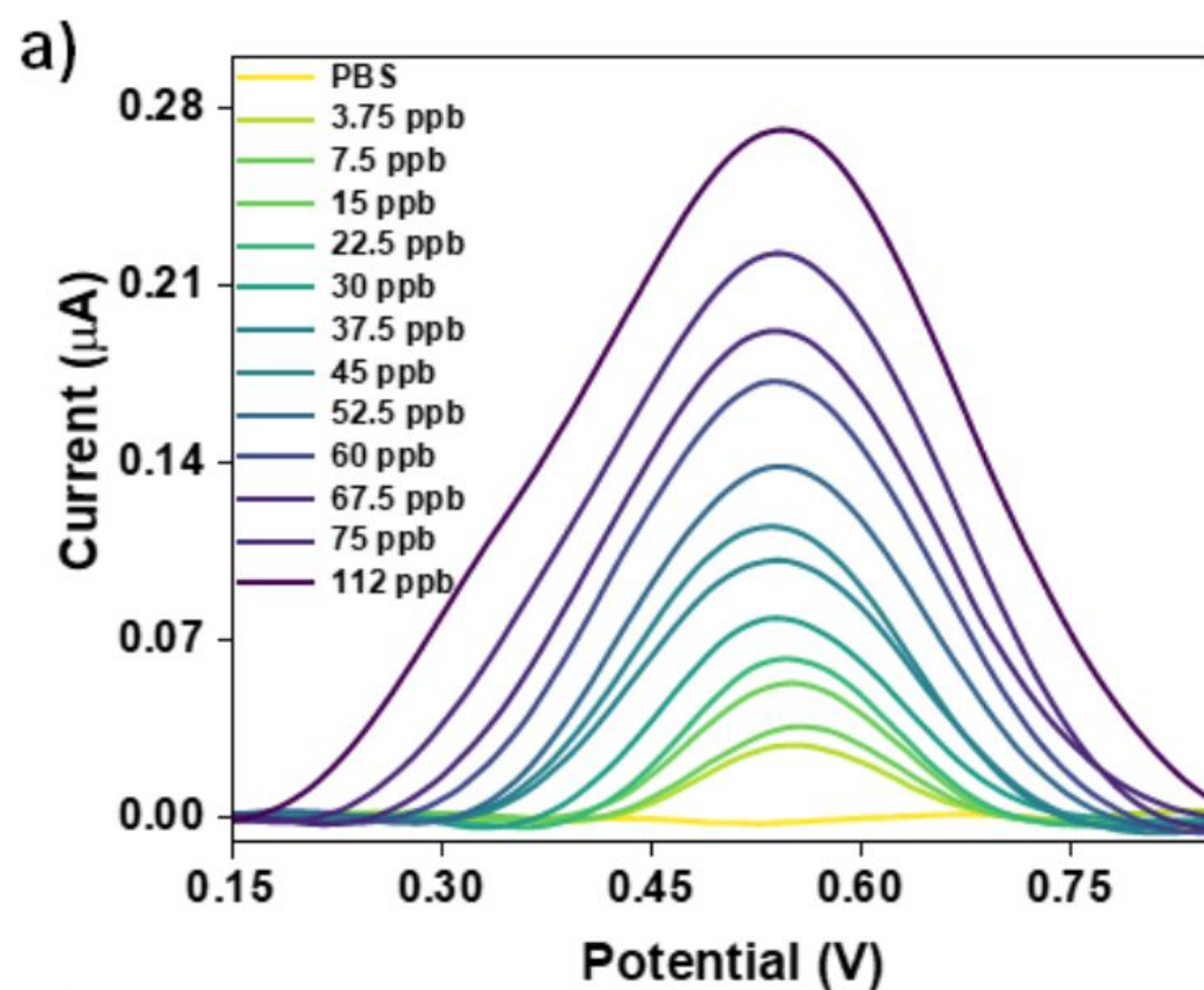
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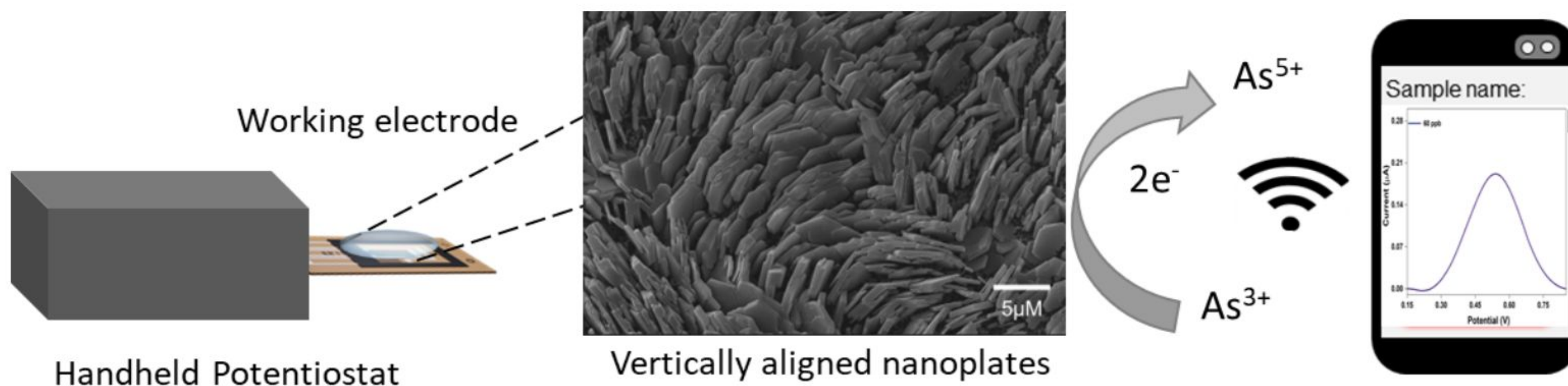
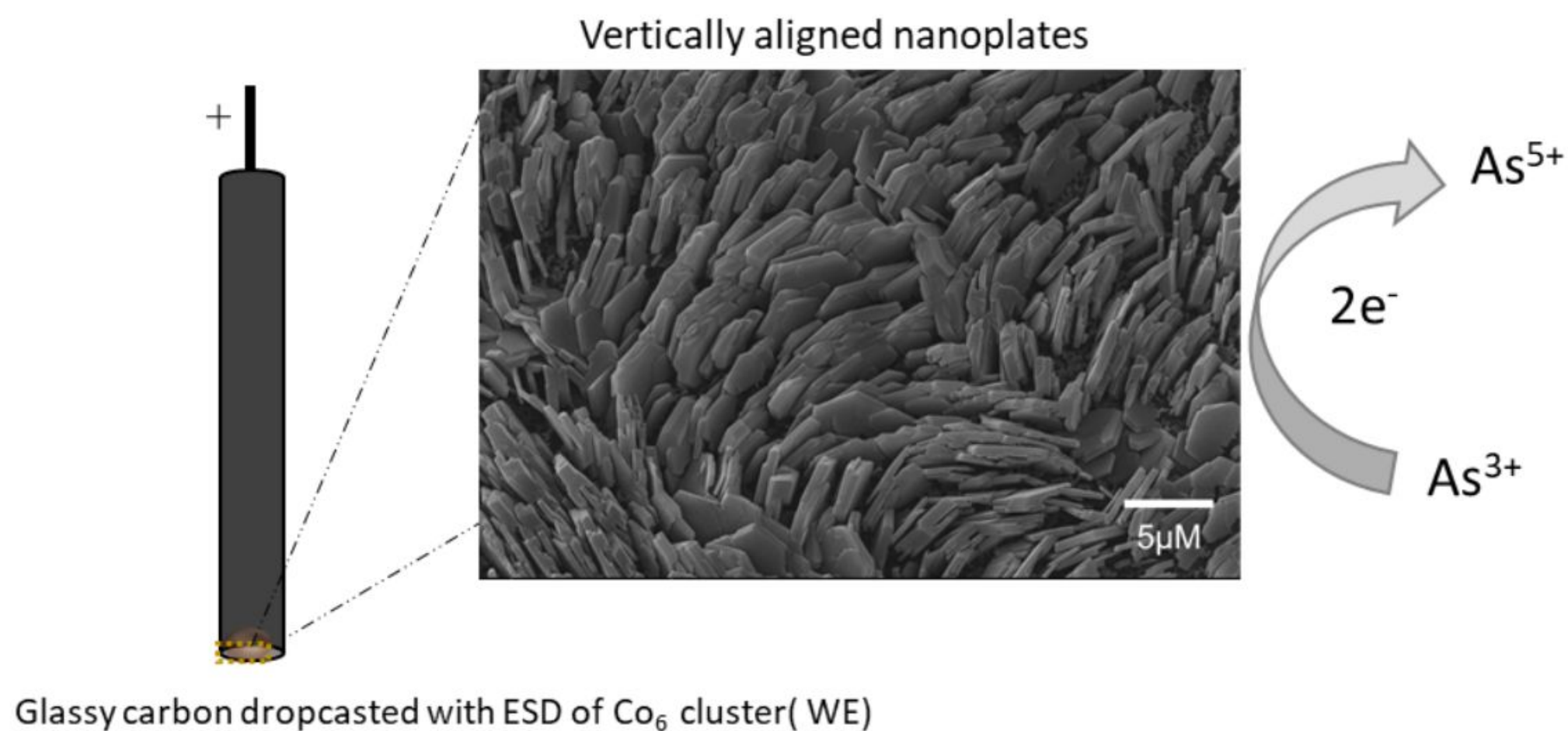
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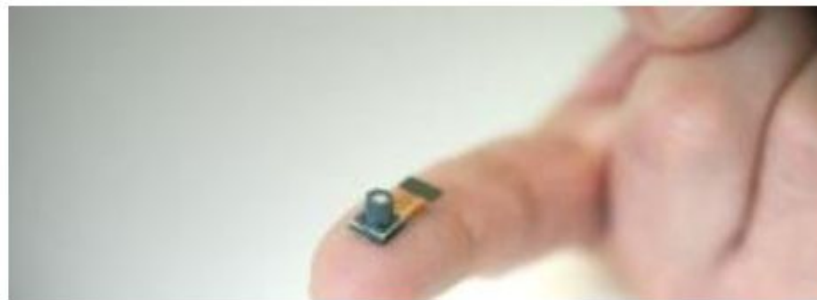


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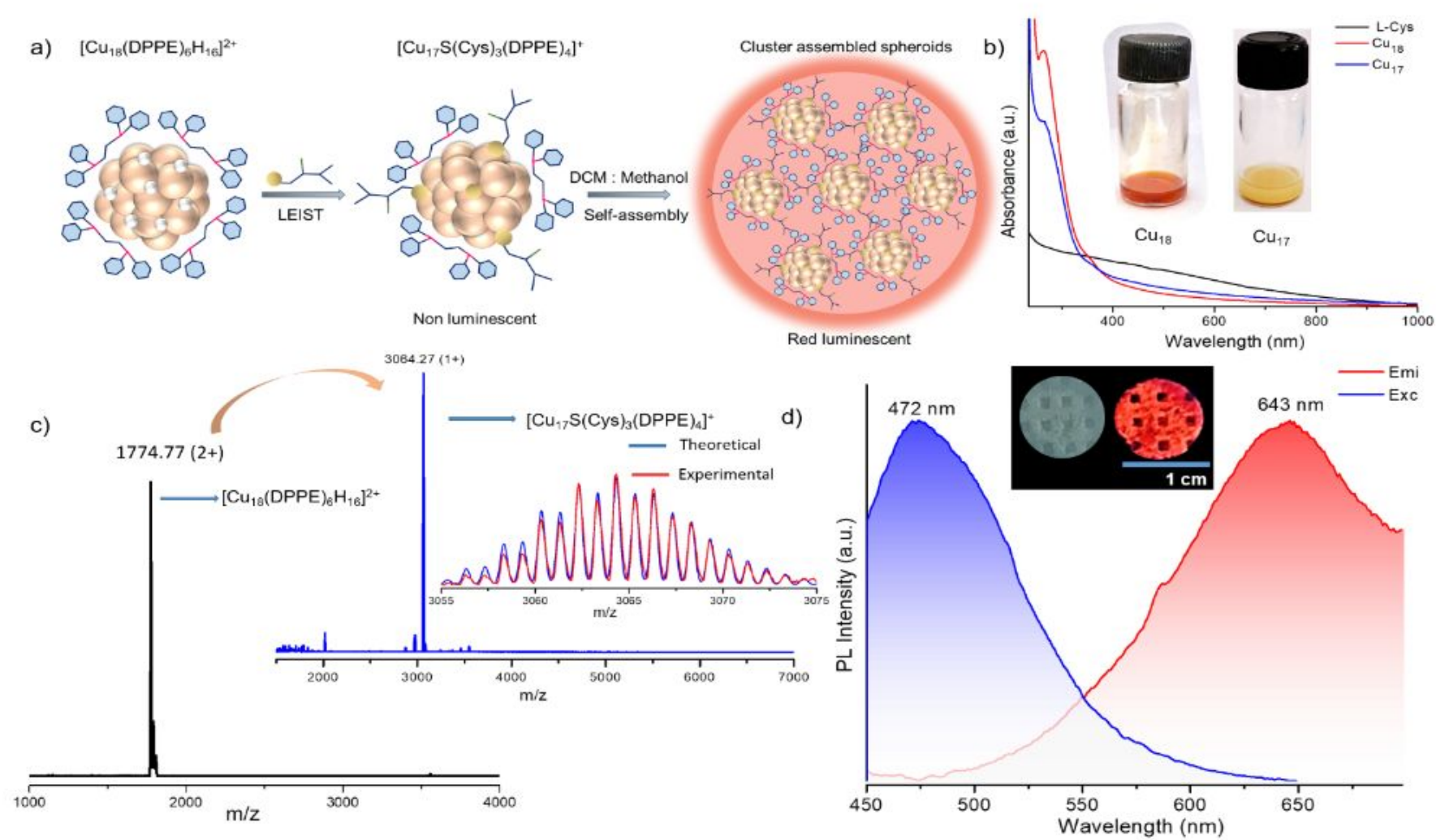


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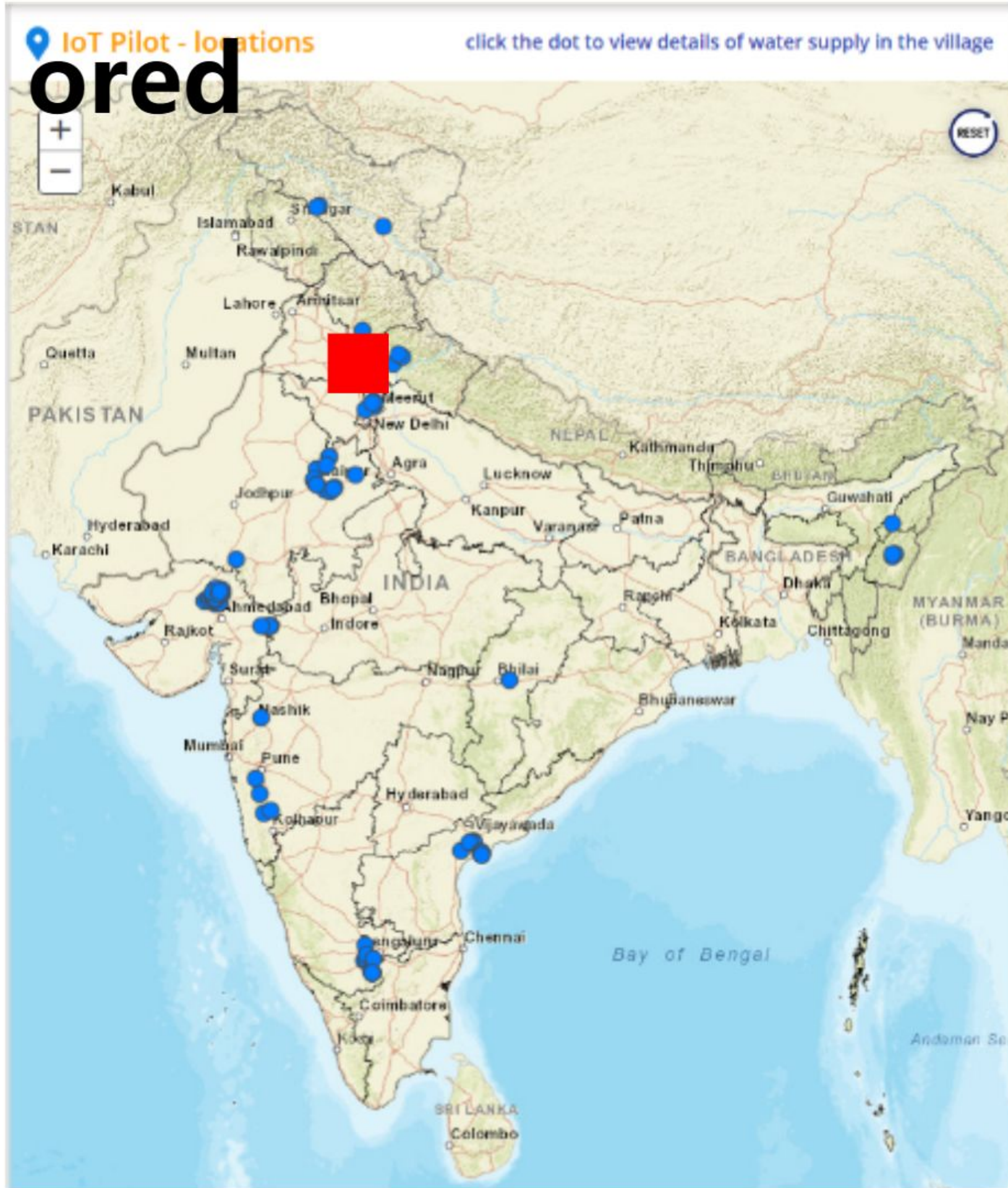


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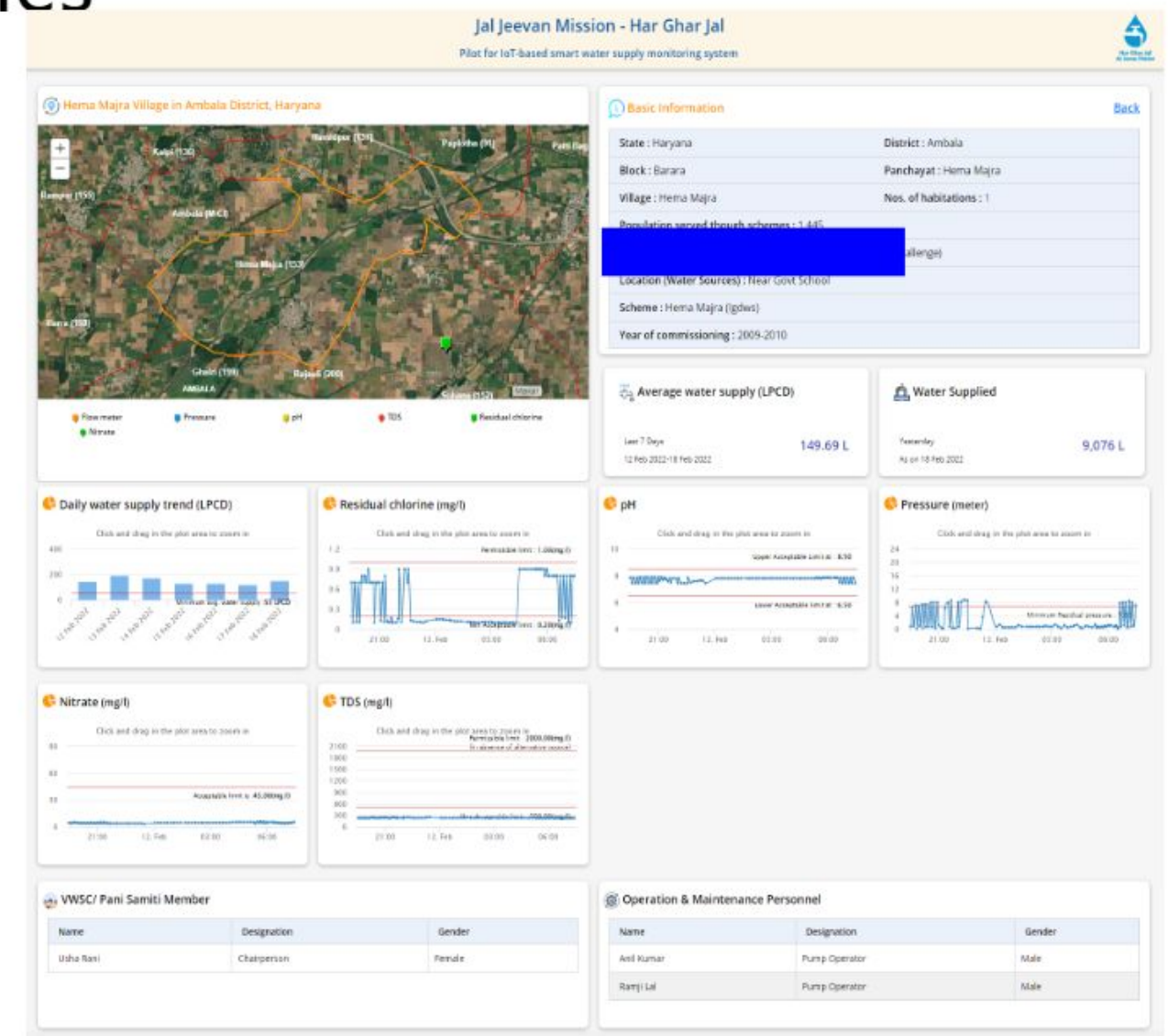
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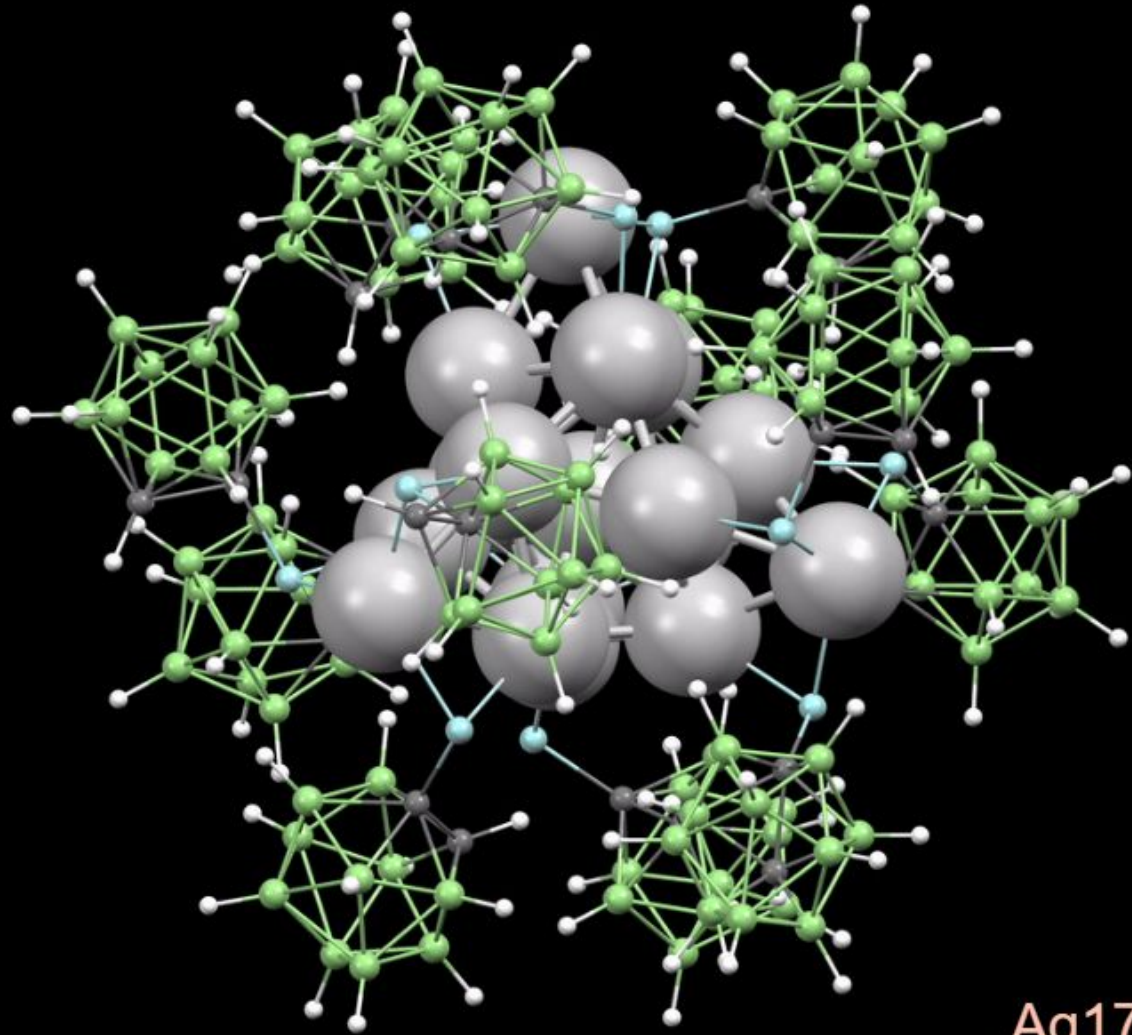
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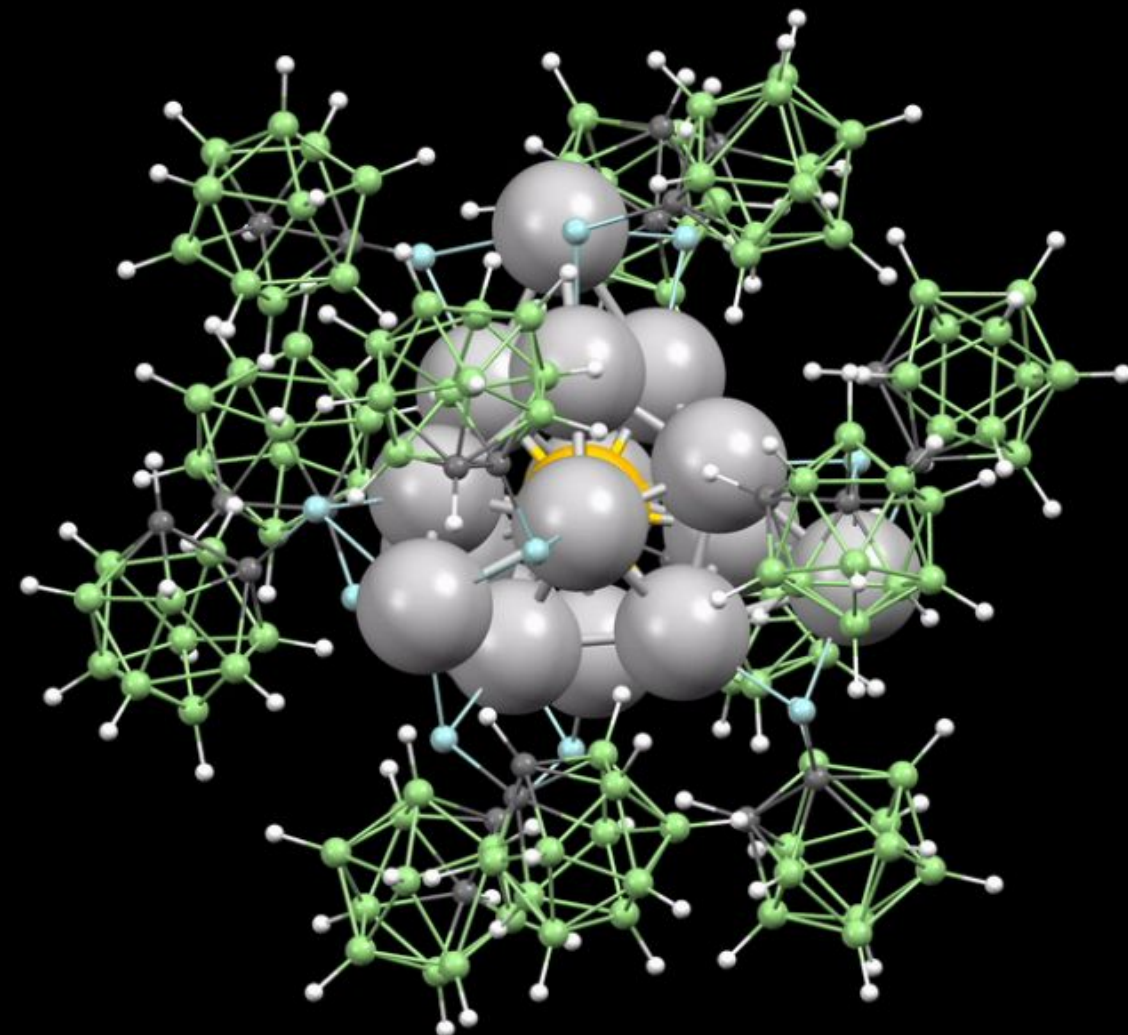
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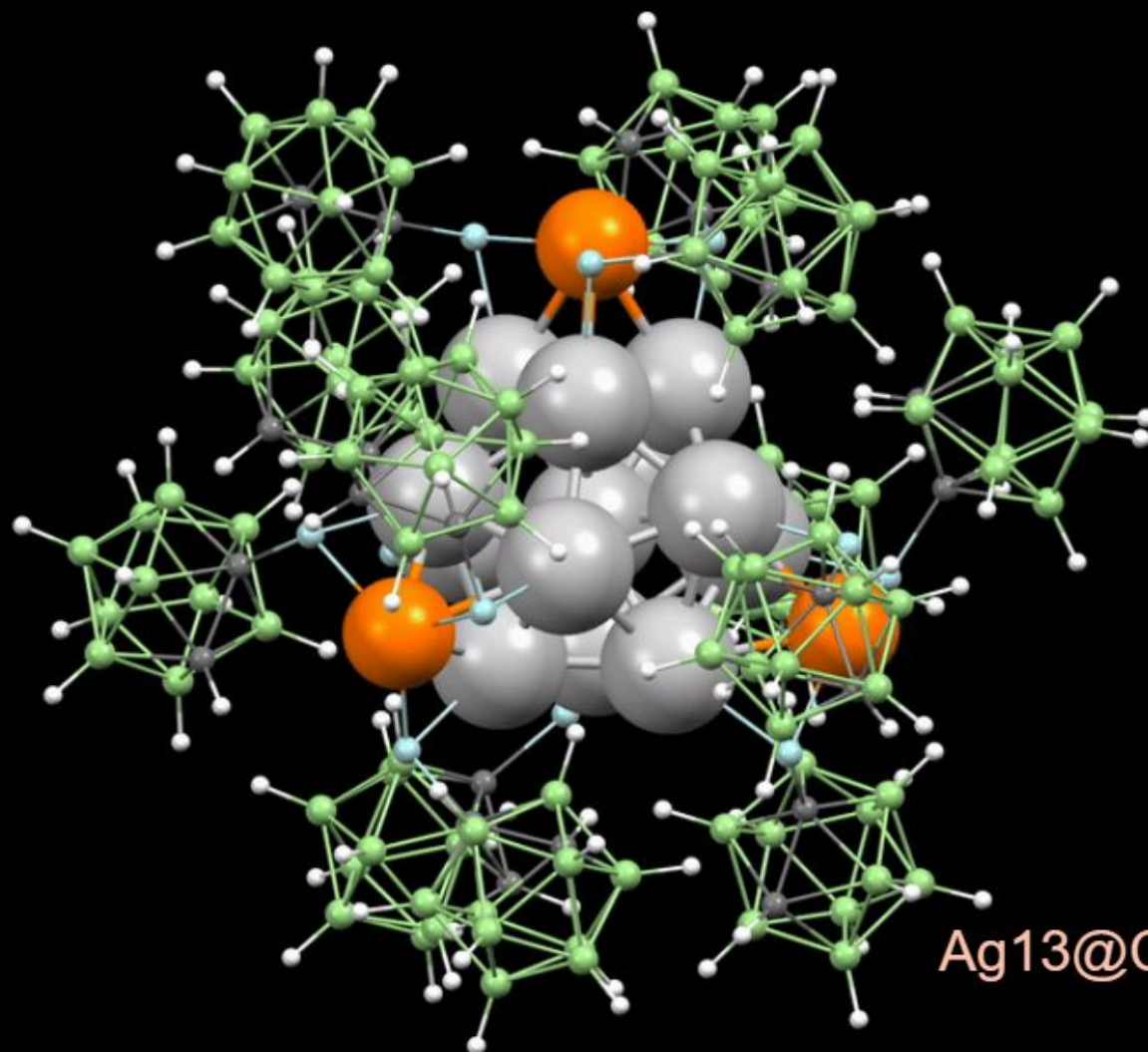
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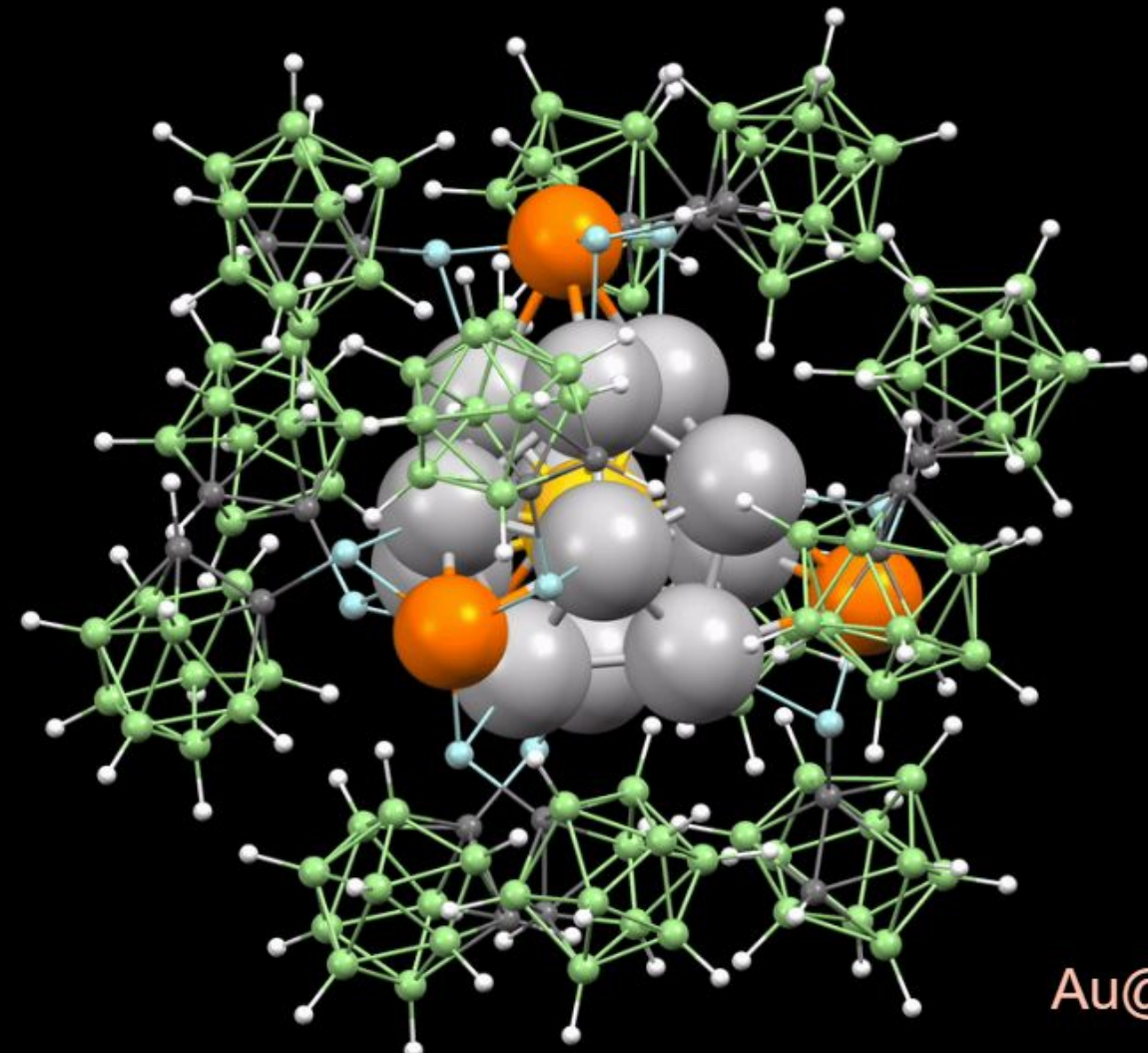
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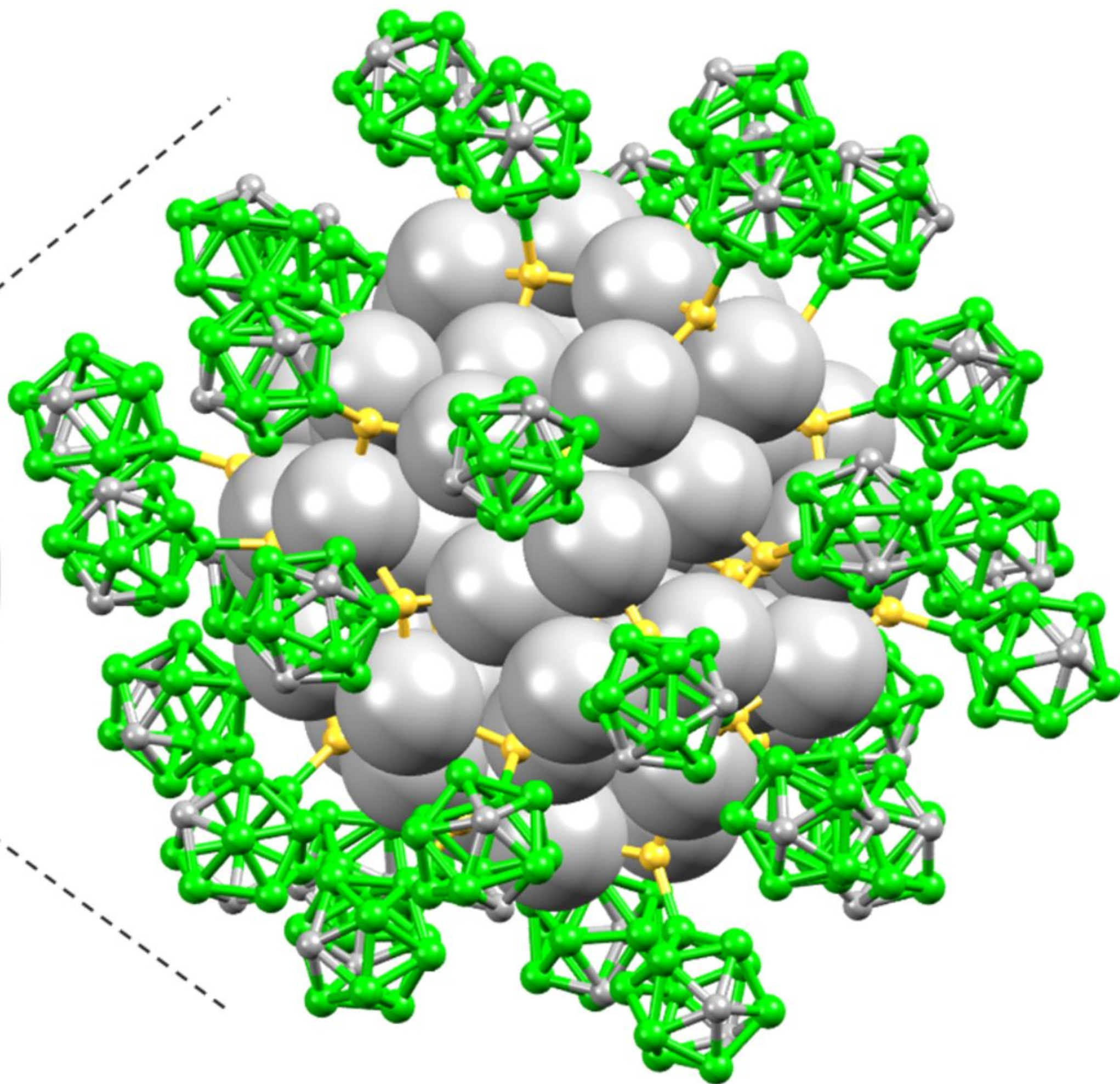
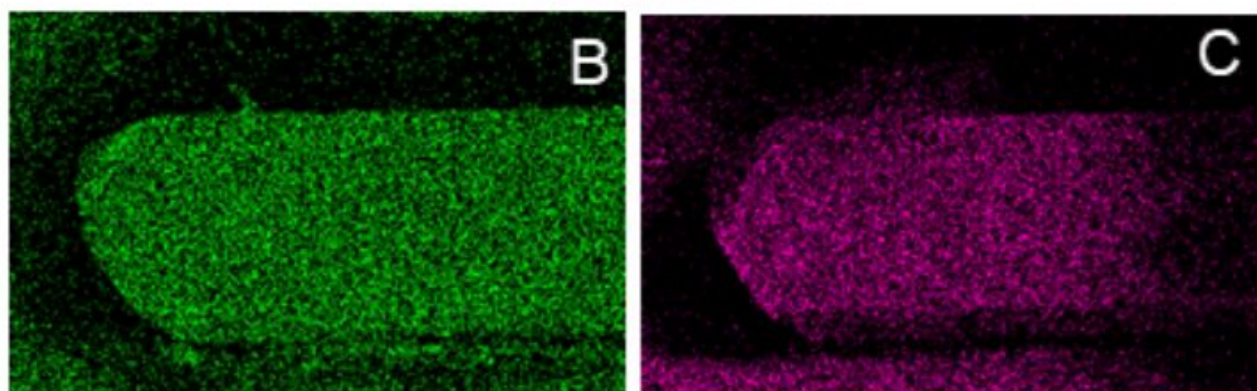
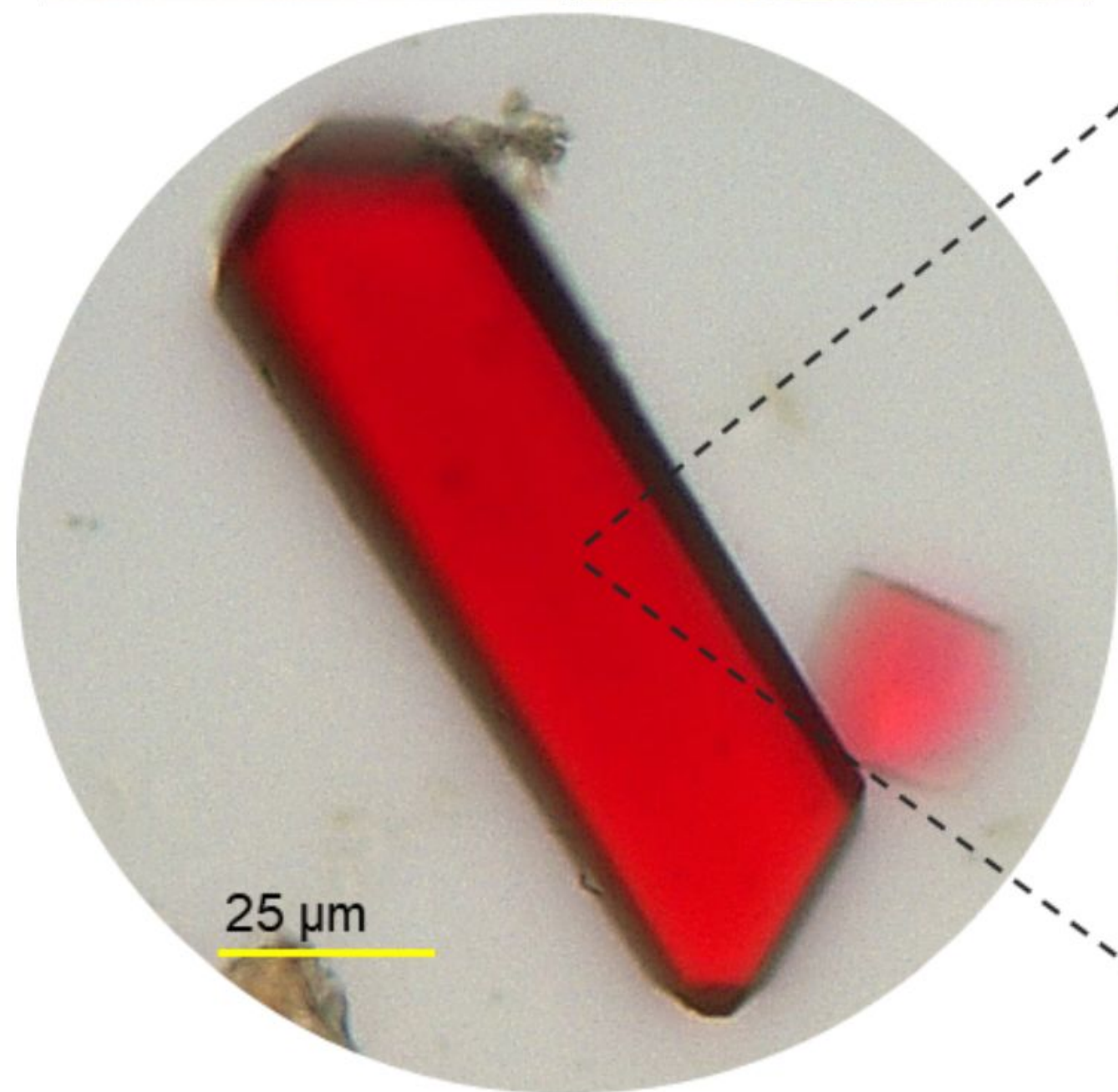
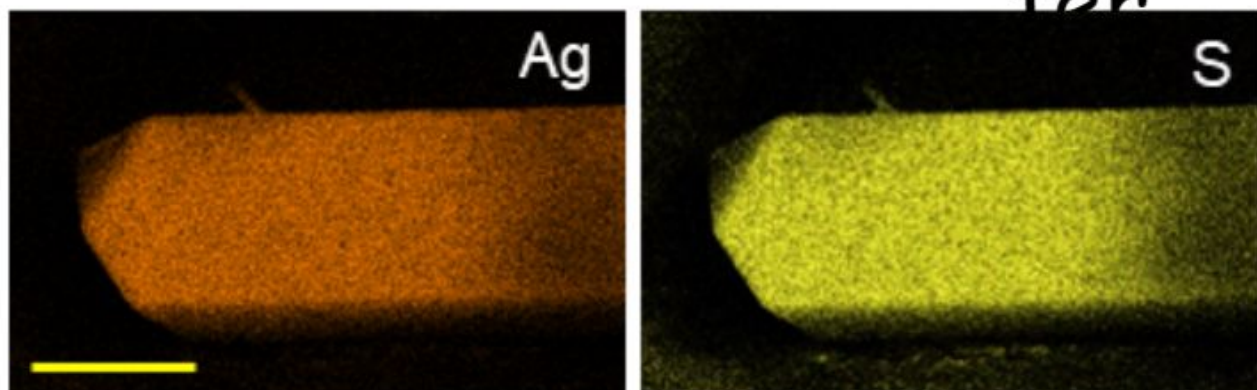


Ag₁₃@Cu₄



Au@Ag₁₂@Cu₄

$[Ag_{62}S_{12}(CBT)_{32}]$ Nanocluster

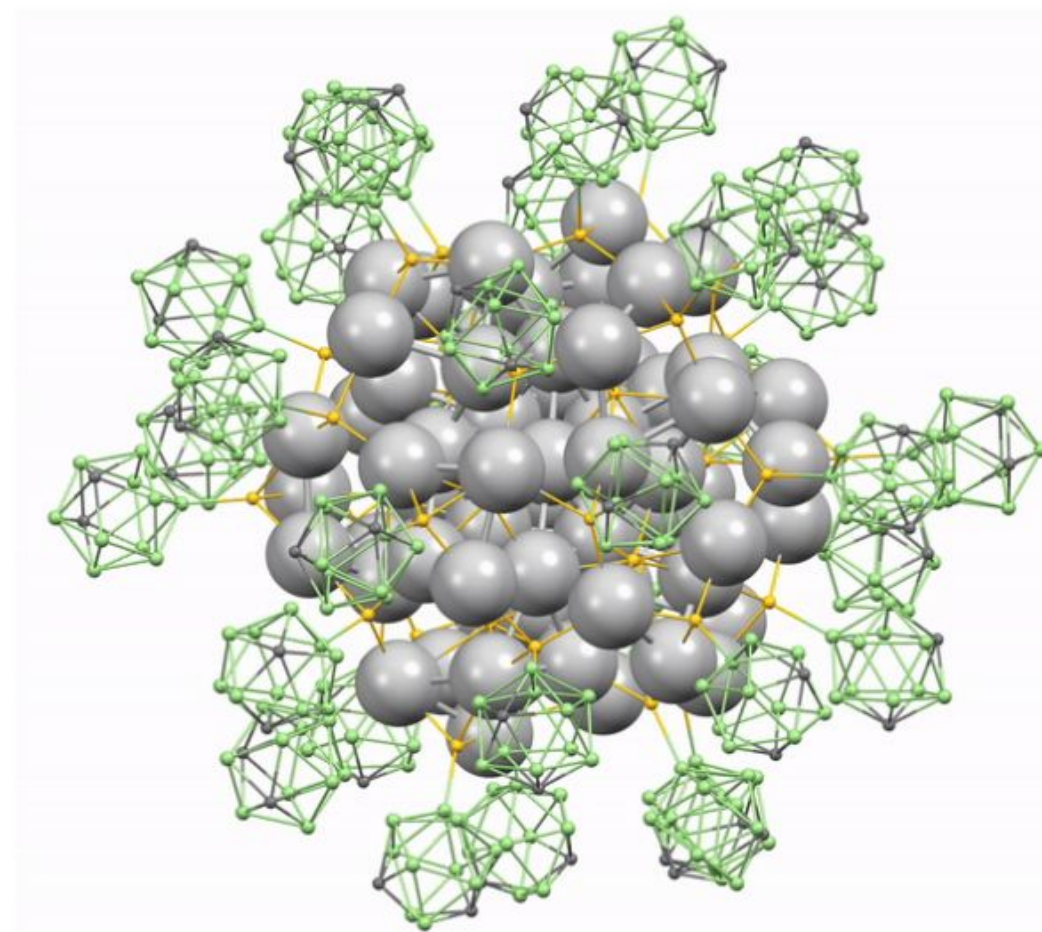


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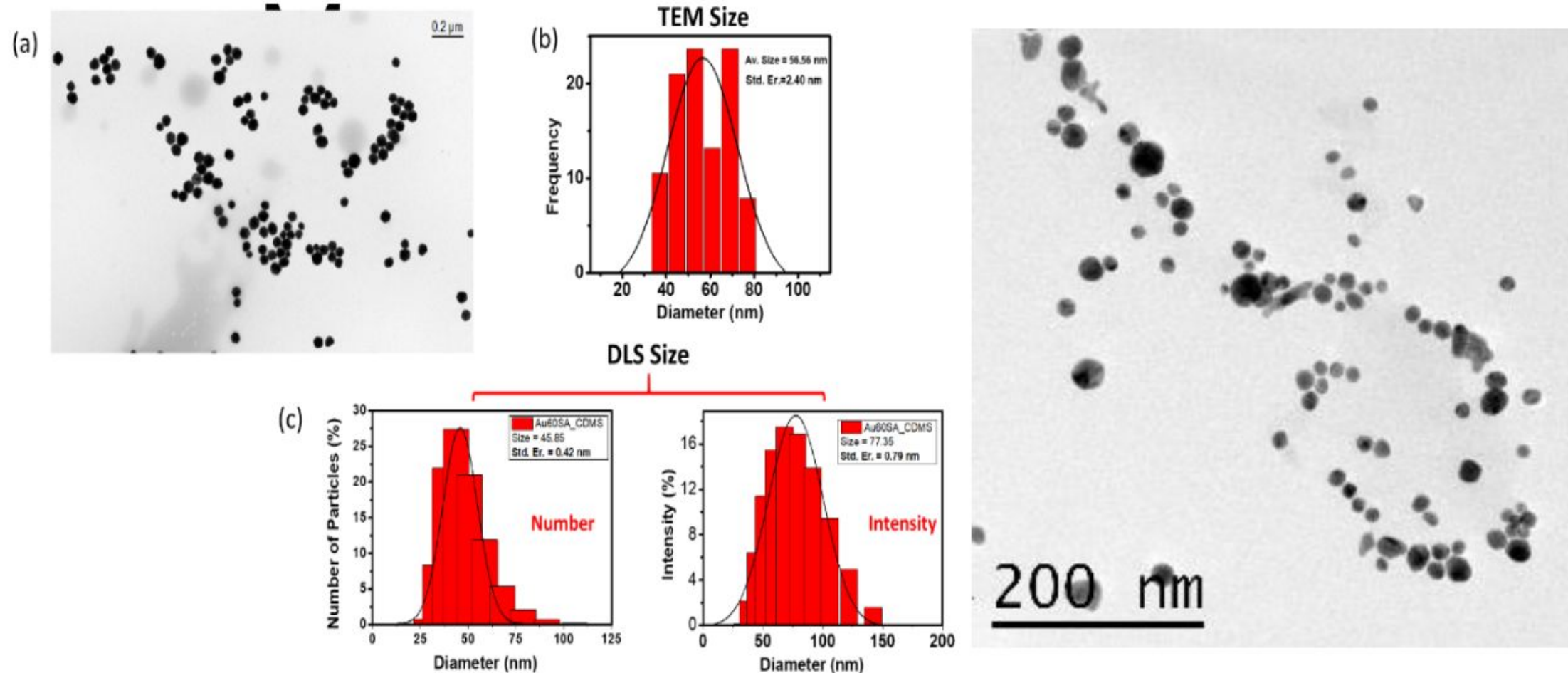
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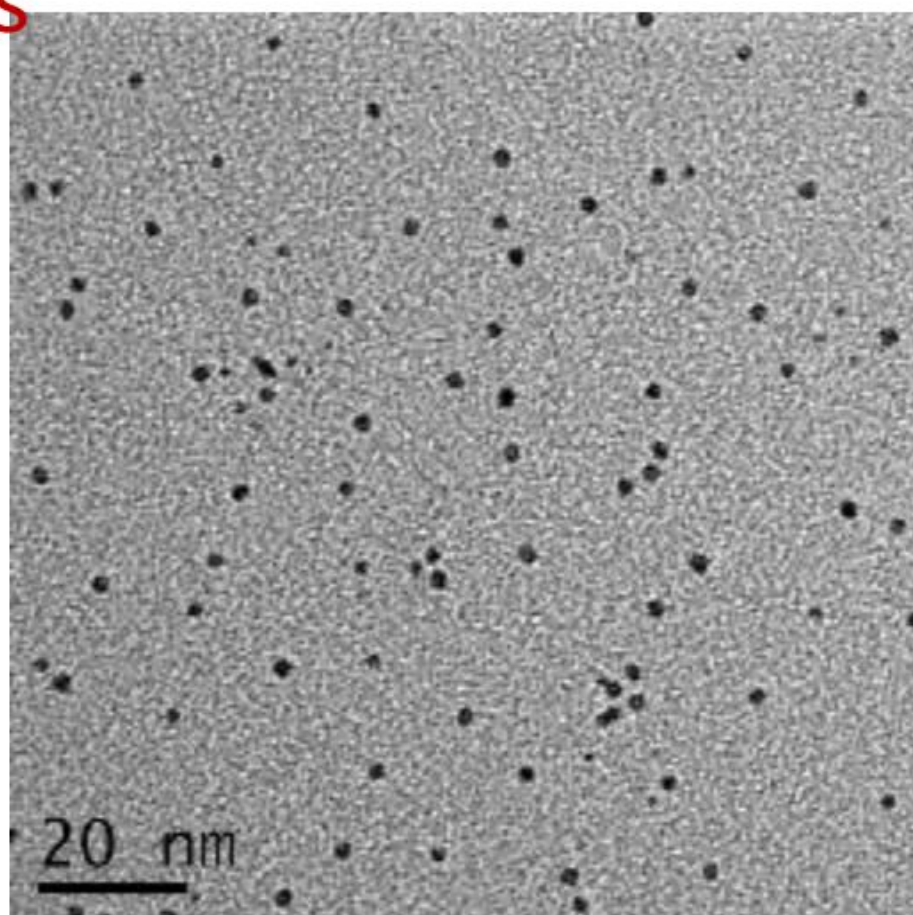
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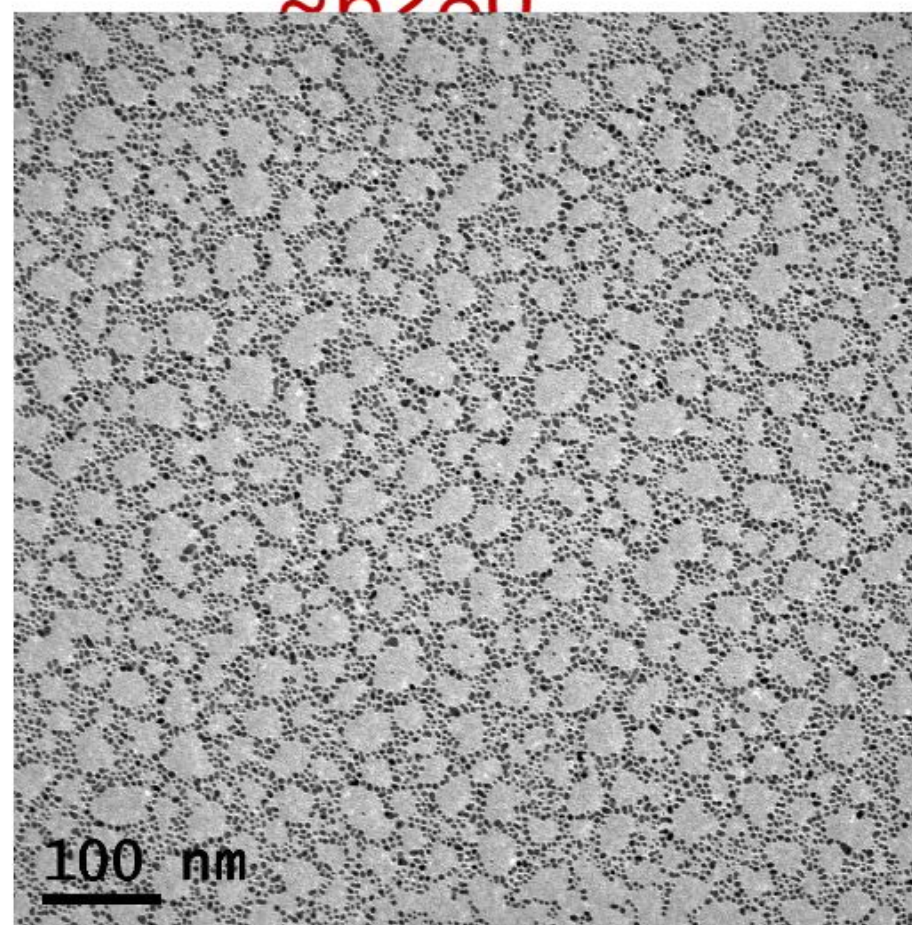
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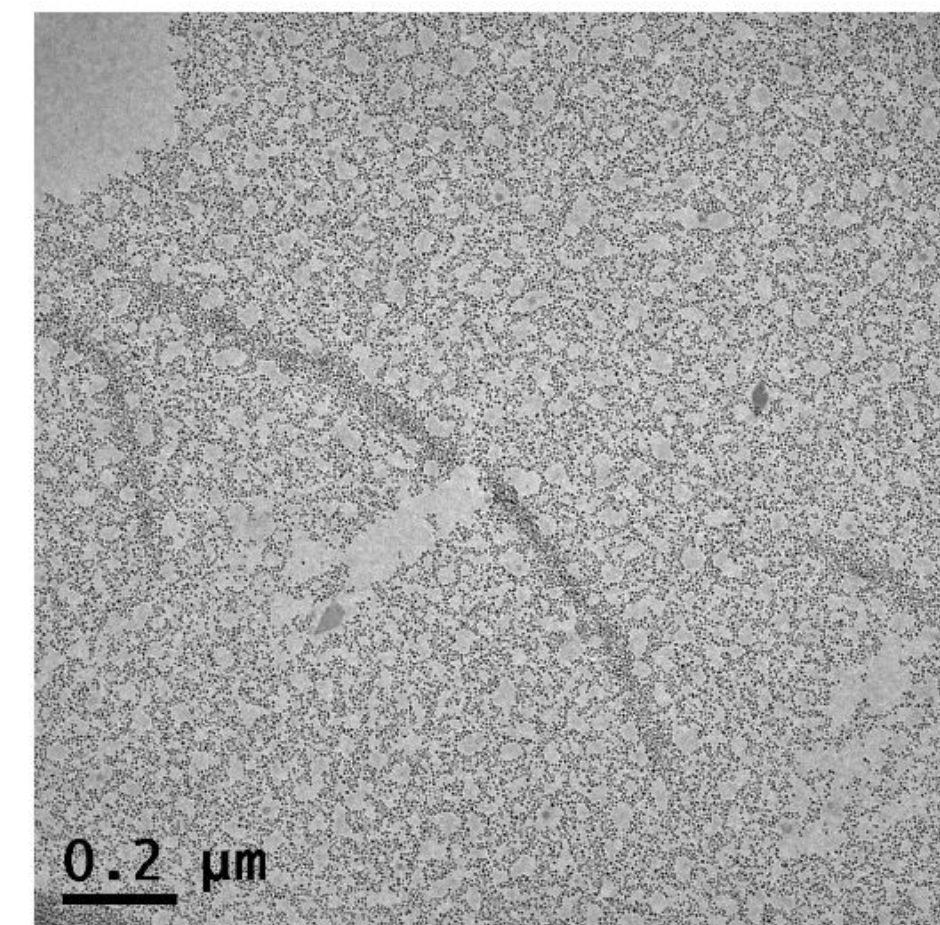
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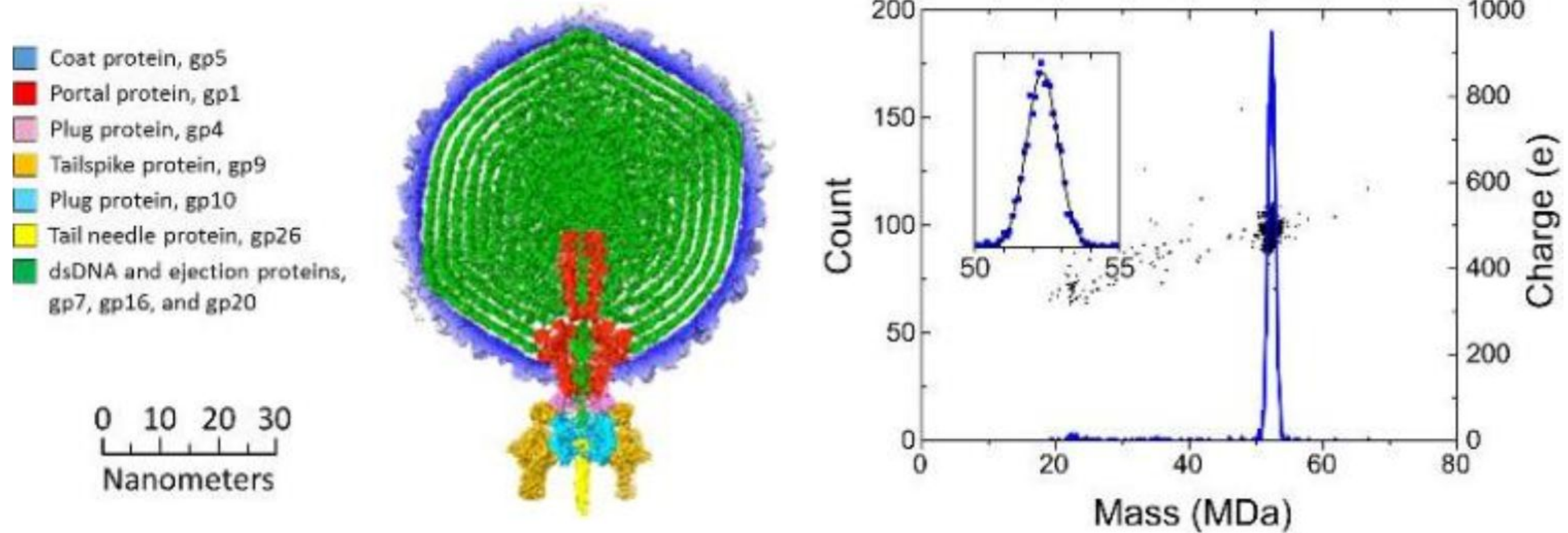
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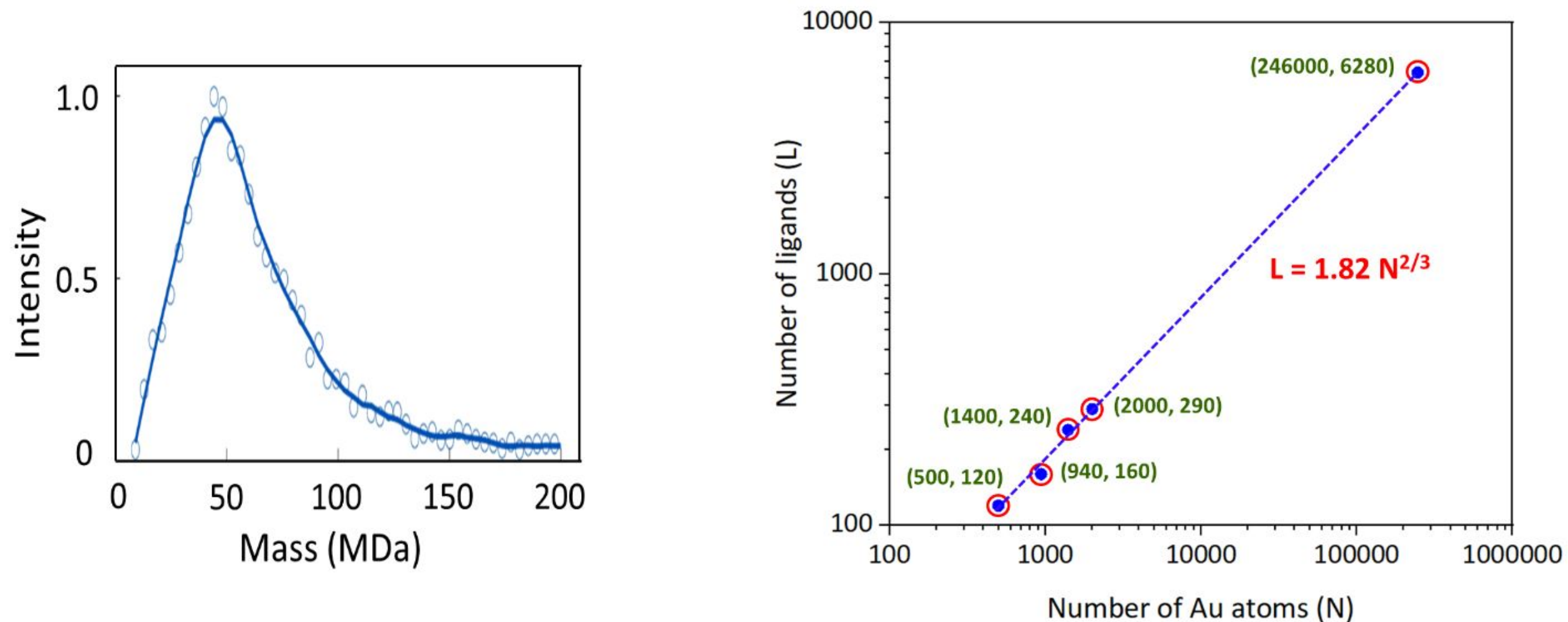
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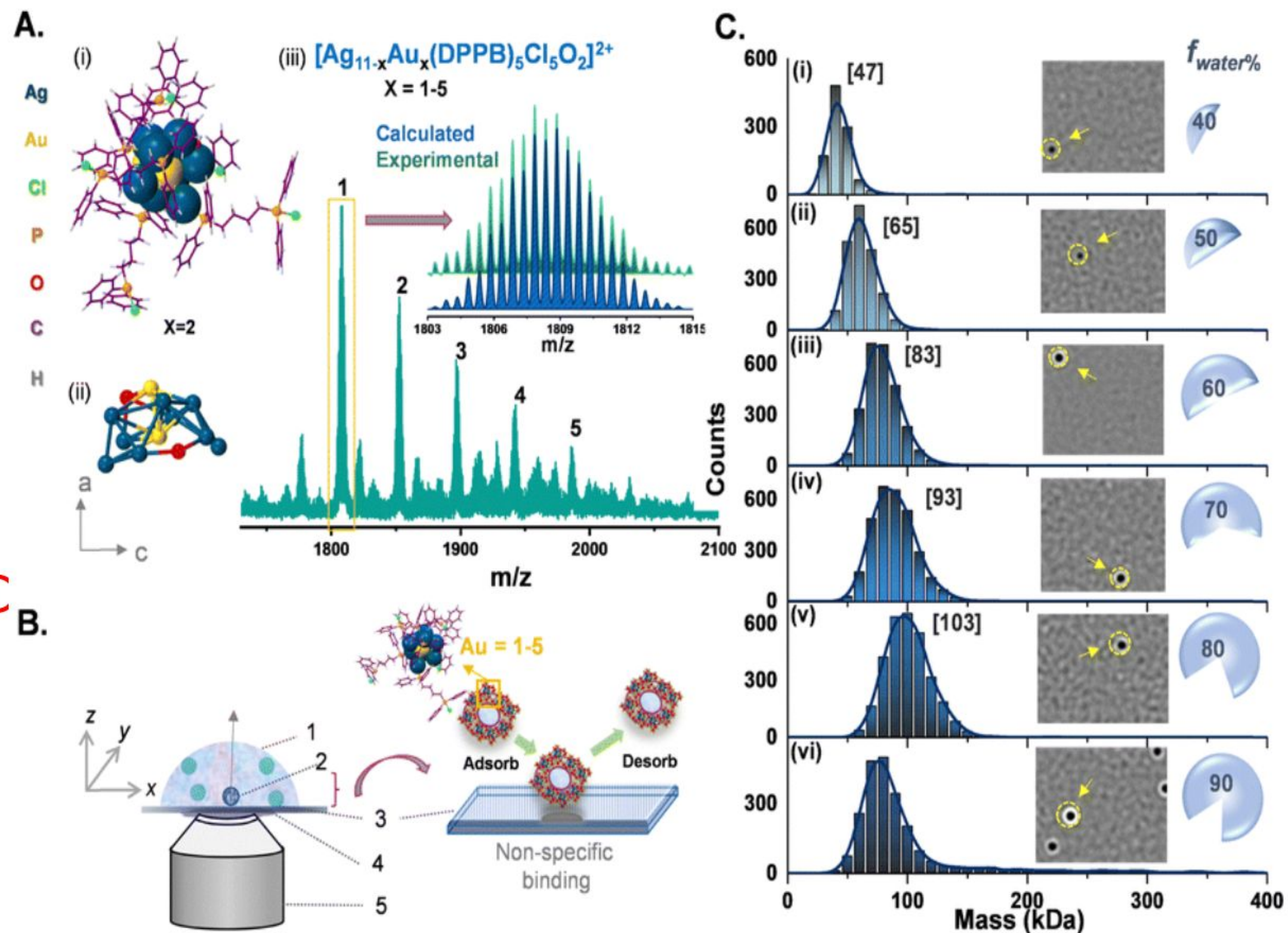
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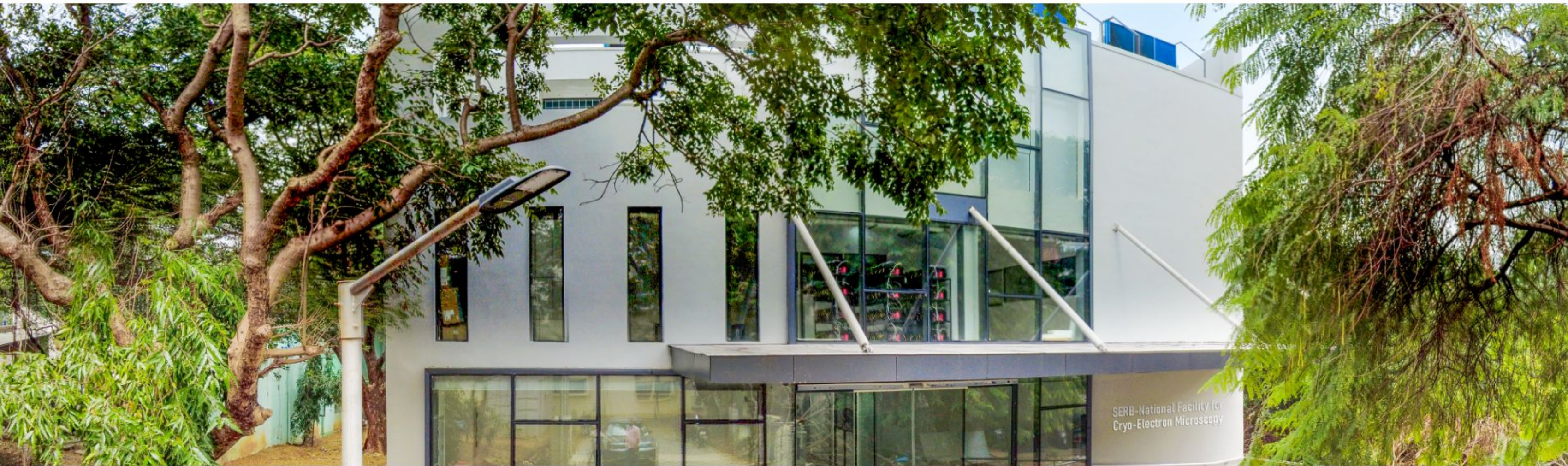
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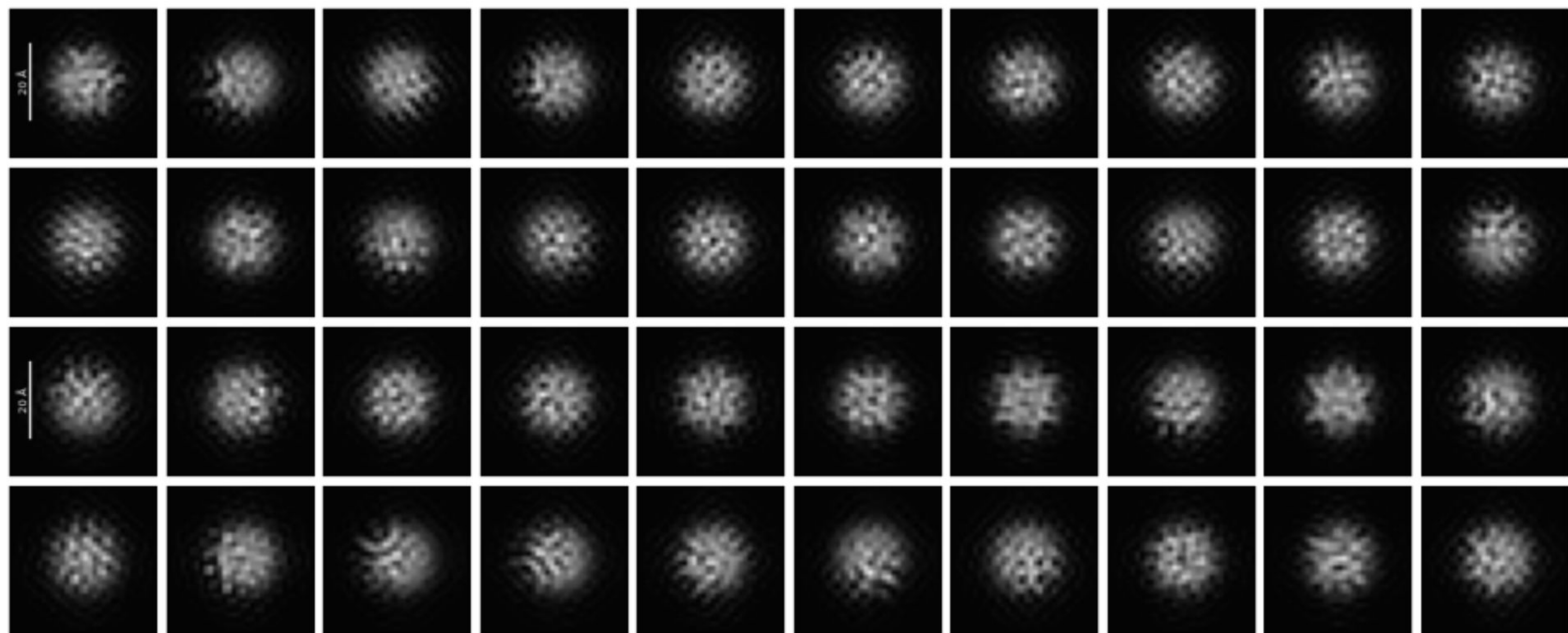




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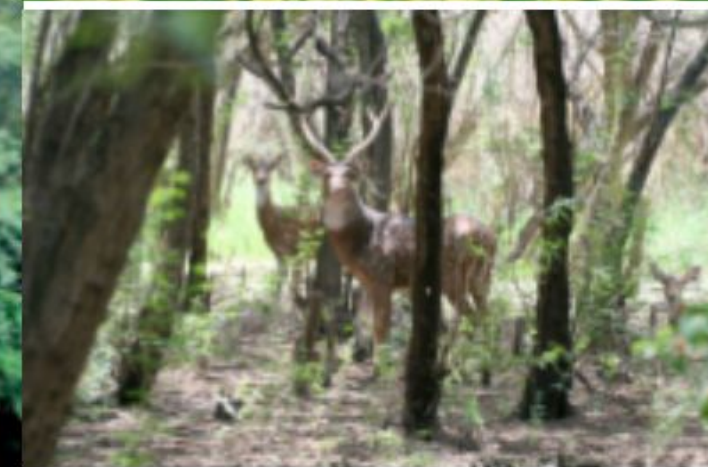
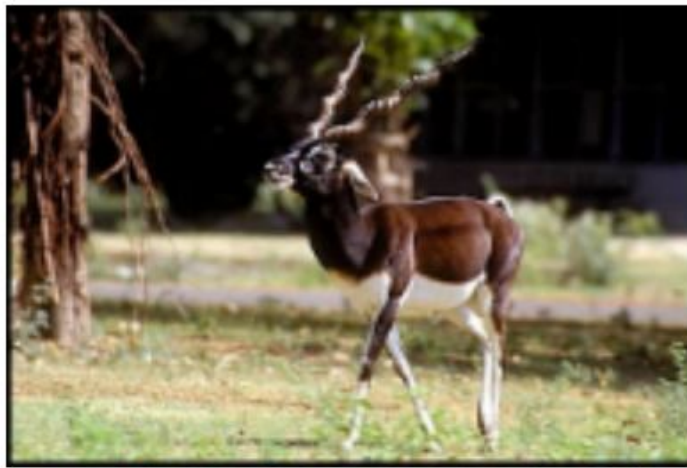
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