



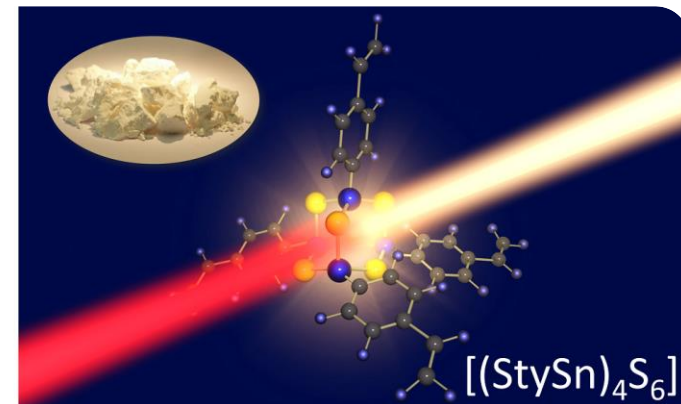
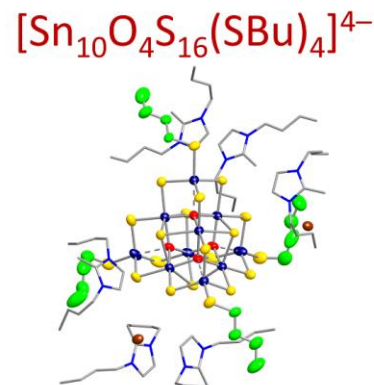
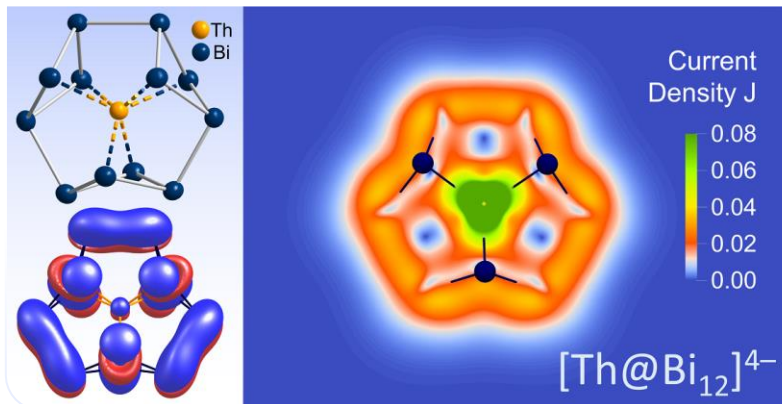
# Multinary Clusters as Basis for Uncommon Materials

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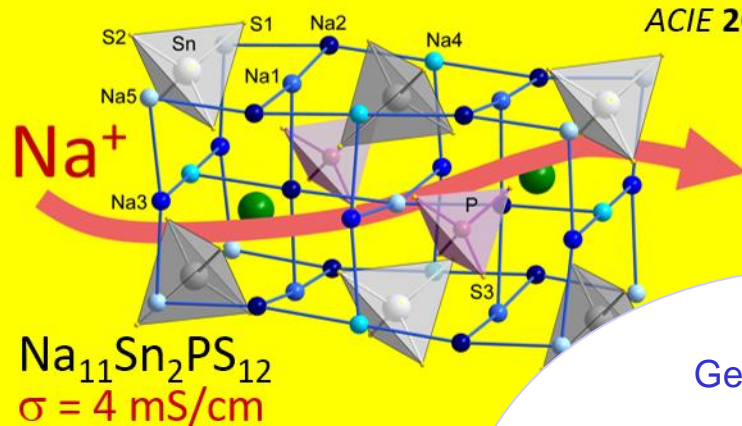


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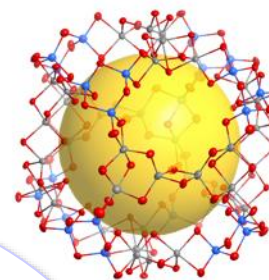
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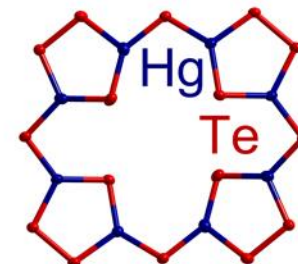


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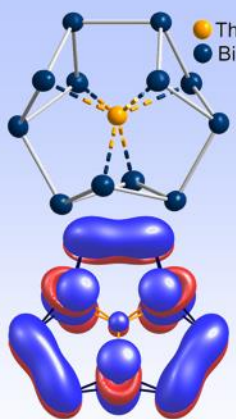
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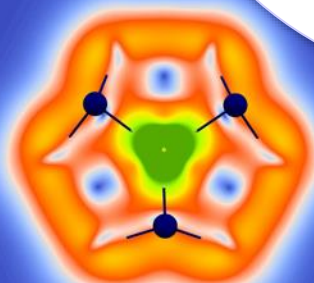
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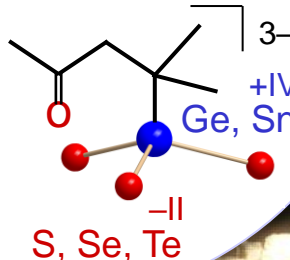
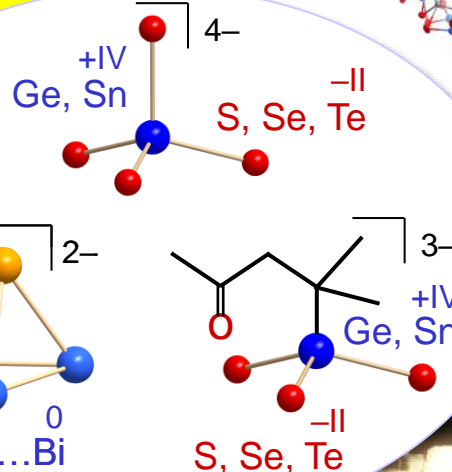
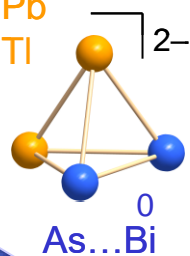
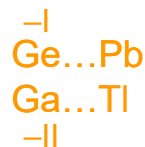


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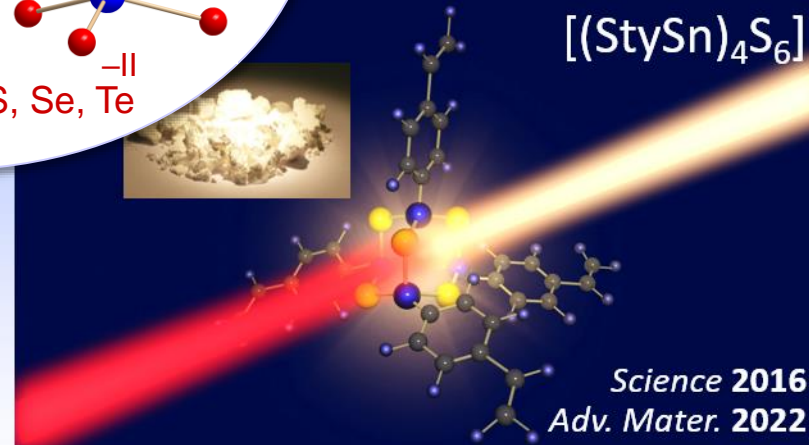


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→ Formation Pathways, Bonding & Reactivity



### Uncommon Structures Hybrid Compounds



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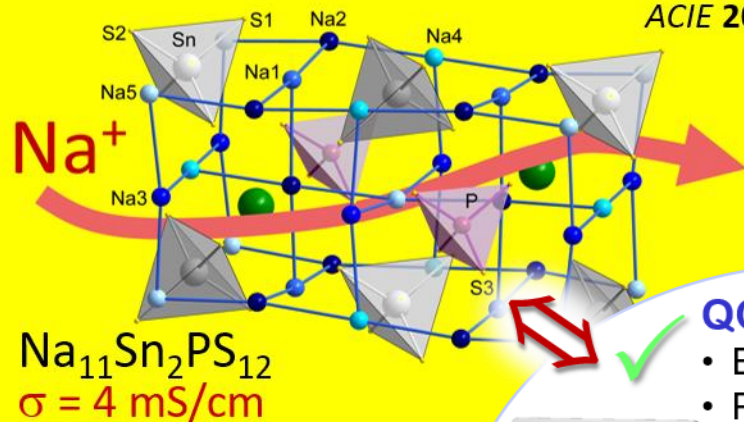
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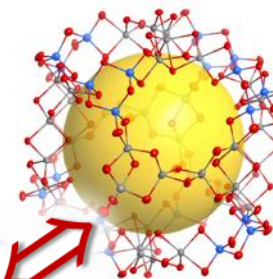
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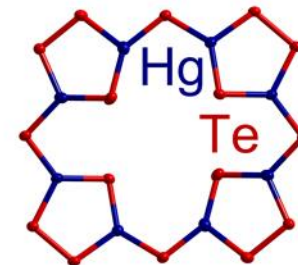


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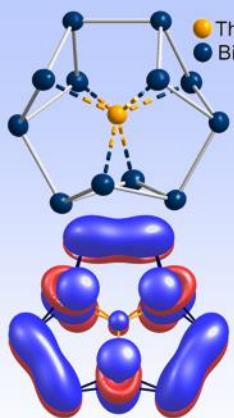
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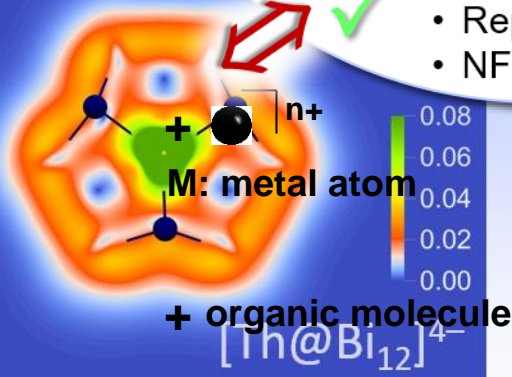
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### QC, Modelling

- Explanation
- Prediction



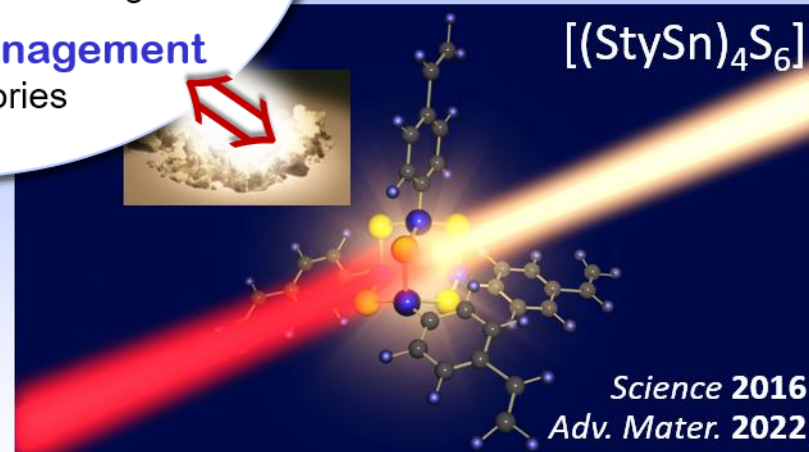
### Automation !

- High-throughput synthesis, analysis, processing

### Data management

- Repositories
- NFDI

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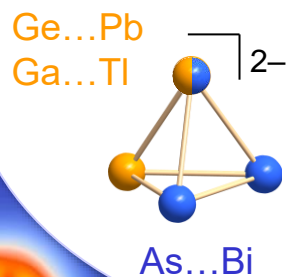
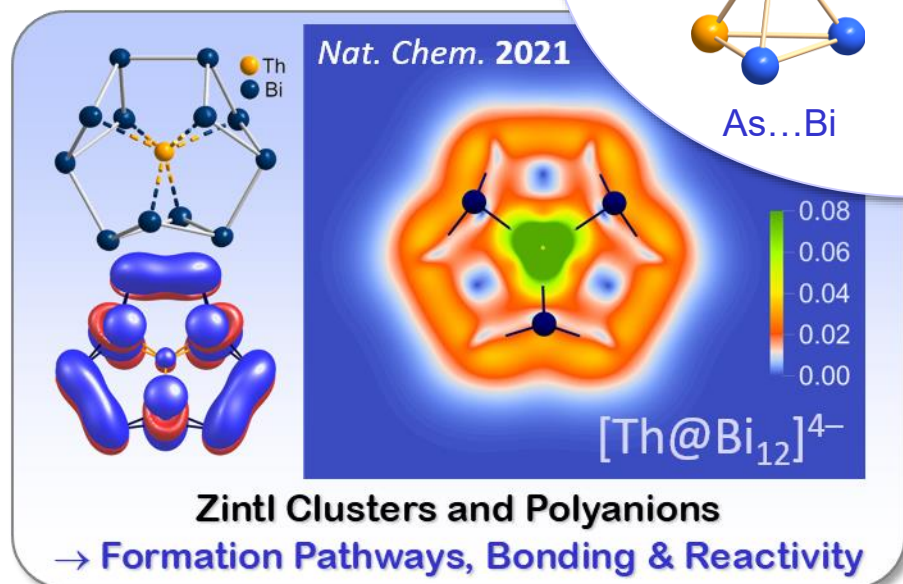


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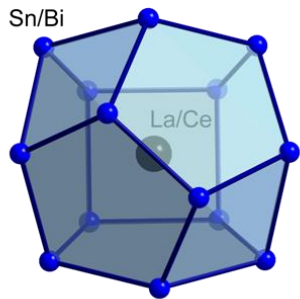
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## Multimetallic Clusters

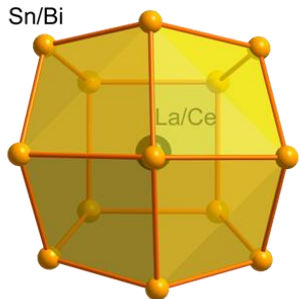


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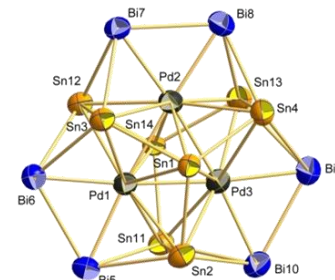
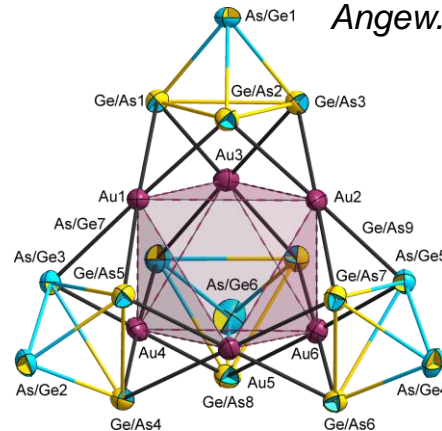


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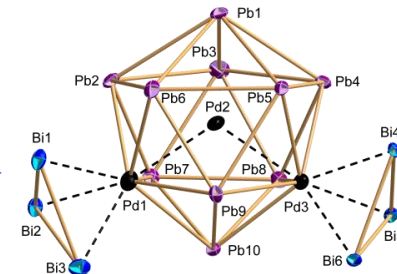


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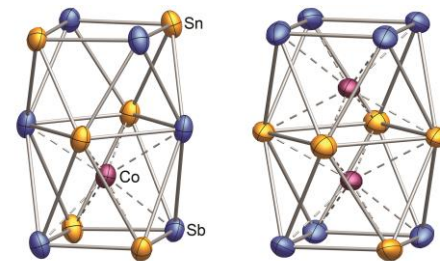
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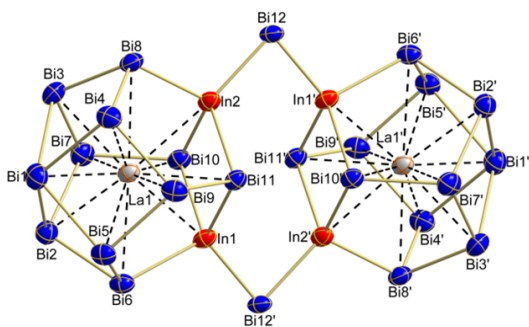
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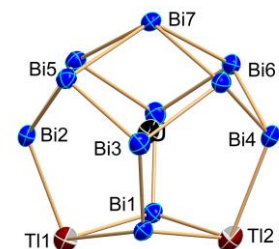
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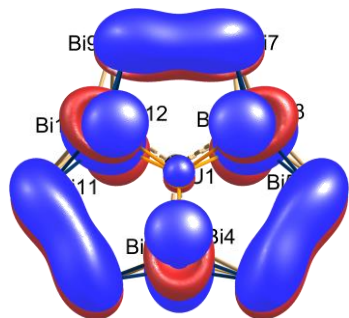
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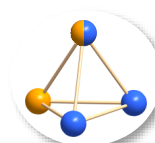


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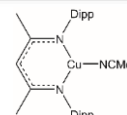
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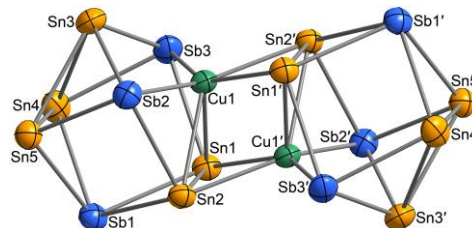


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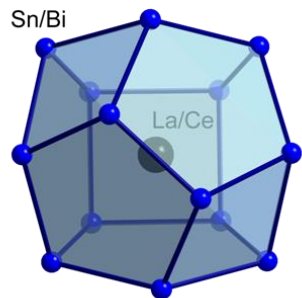
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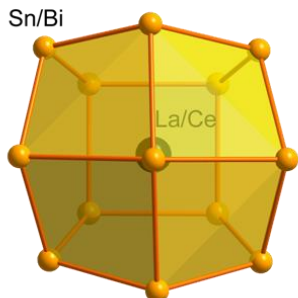
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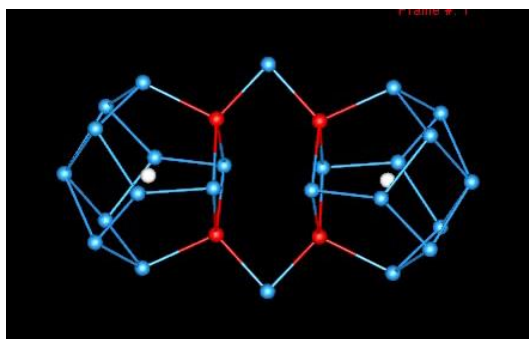
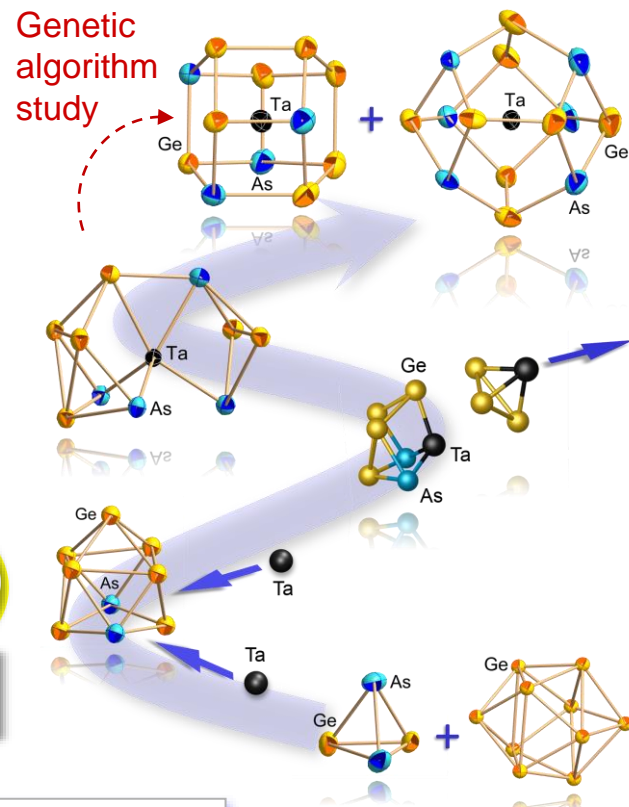
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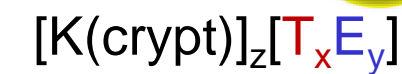
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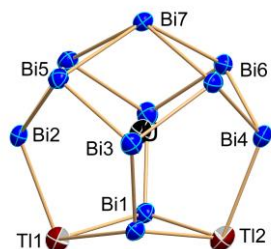
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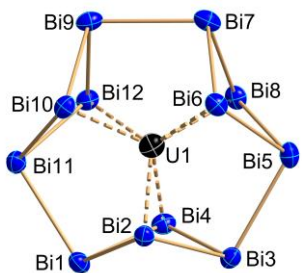


**Electronic Structure & Reactivity ?**

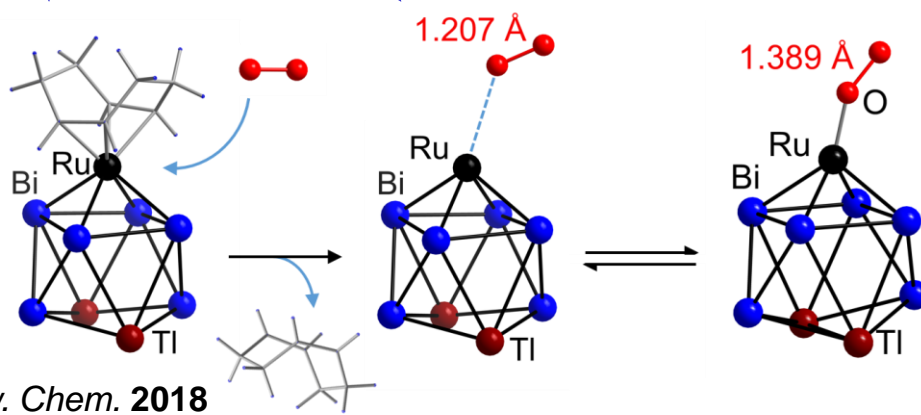
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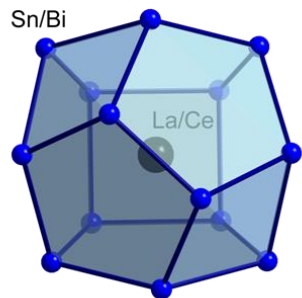


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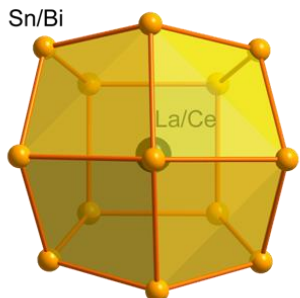


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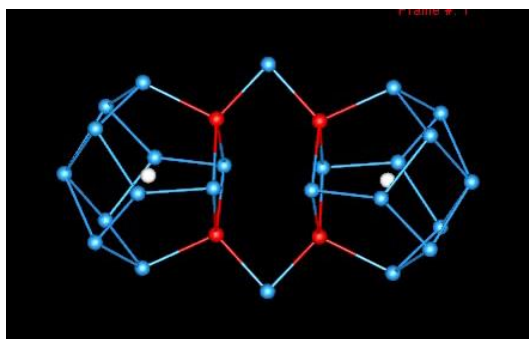
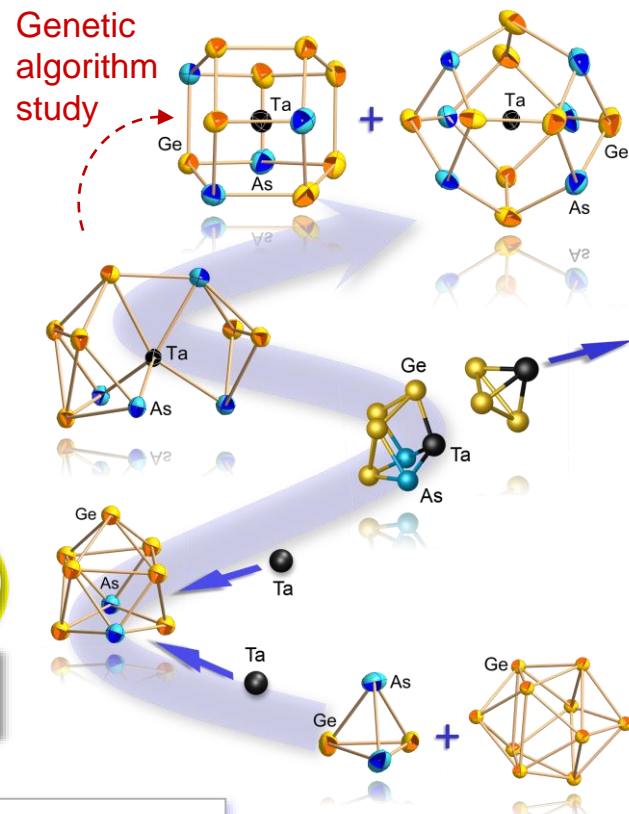
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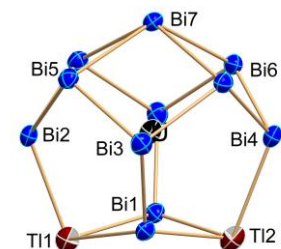
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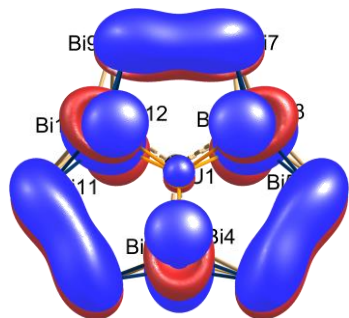
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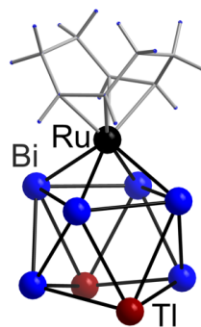
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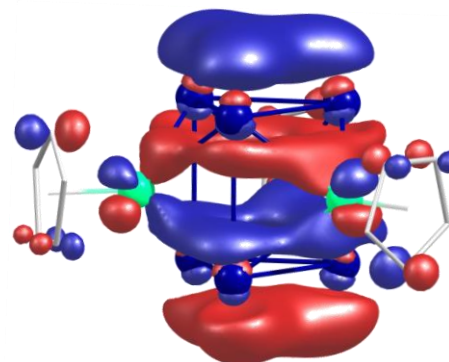
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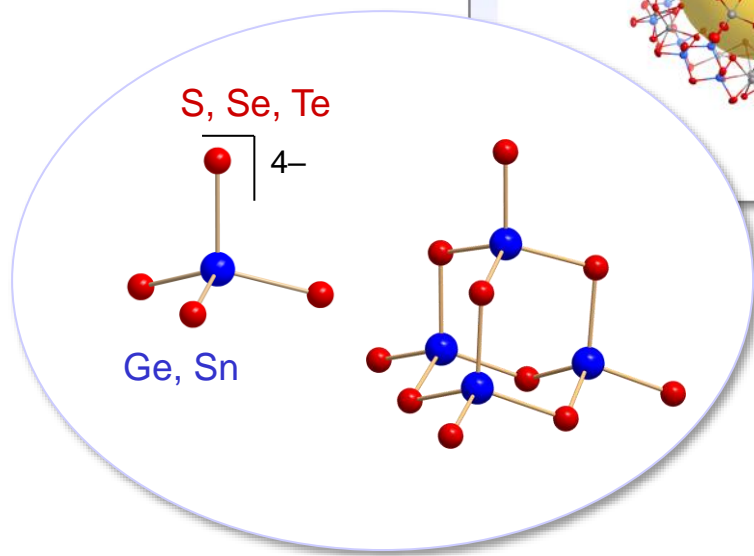
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## 2. (Soluble) Semiconductor Clusters



**Non-Classical Chalcogenidometalates**  
→ Ionothermal Approach

$[\text{Ge}_{24}\text{Sn}_{36}\text{Se}_{132}]^{24-}$  ACIE 2018

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$[\text{Hg}_8\text{Te}_{16}]^{8-}$

**Uncommon Structures**

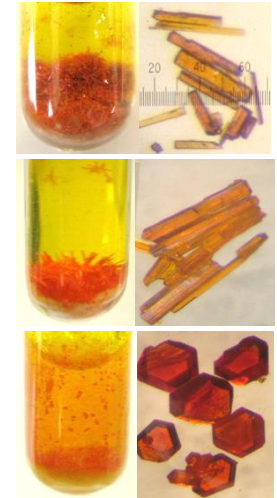
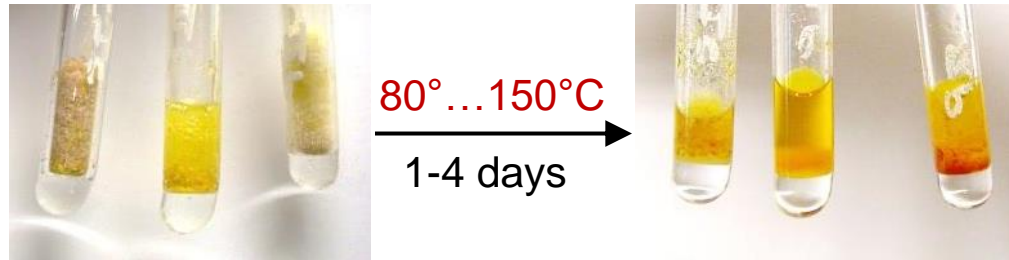


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ionic liquids: salts with melting points  $\leq 100^\circ\text{C}$

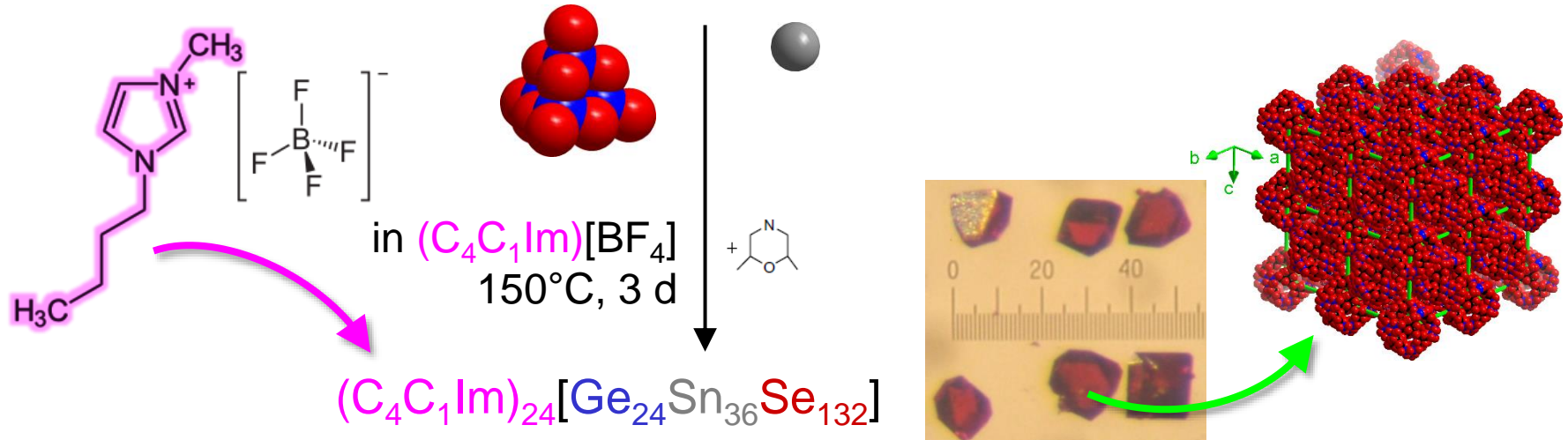
→ “designer solvents”

ionothermal:



→ solid state synthesis „near room temperature“

binary precursor:  $\text{K}_4[\text{Ge}_4\text{Se}_{10}] + 5 \text{SnCl}_4$

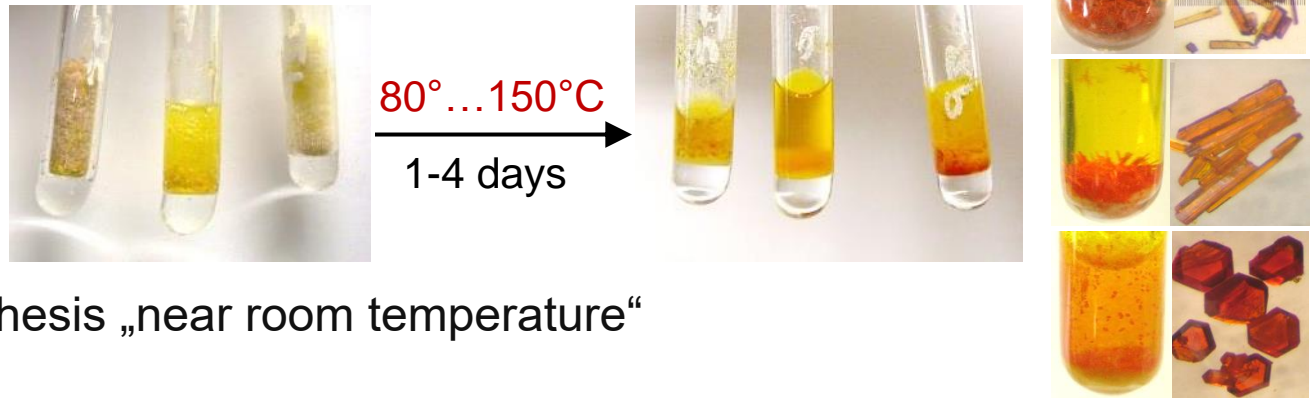


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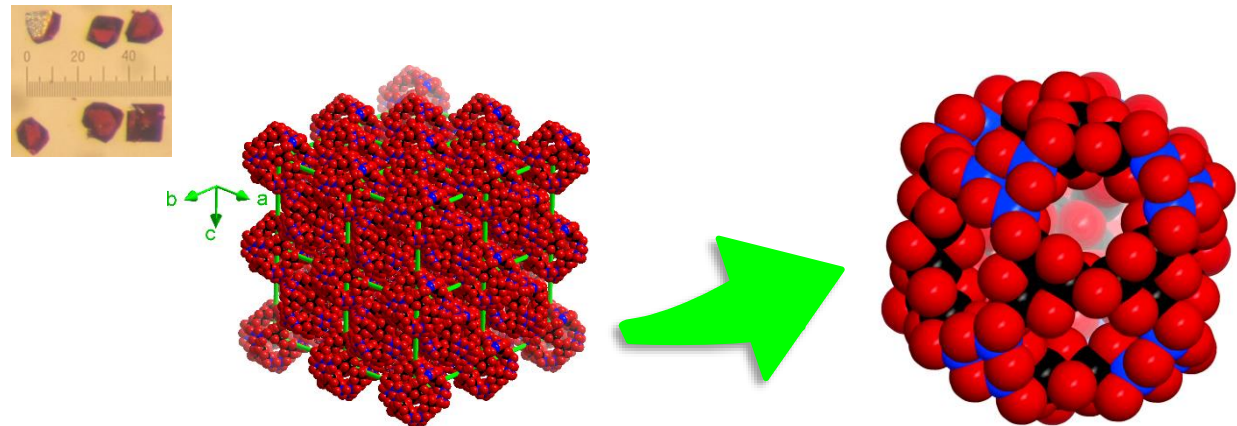
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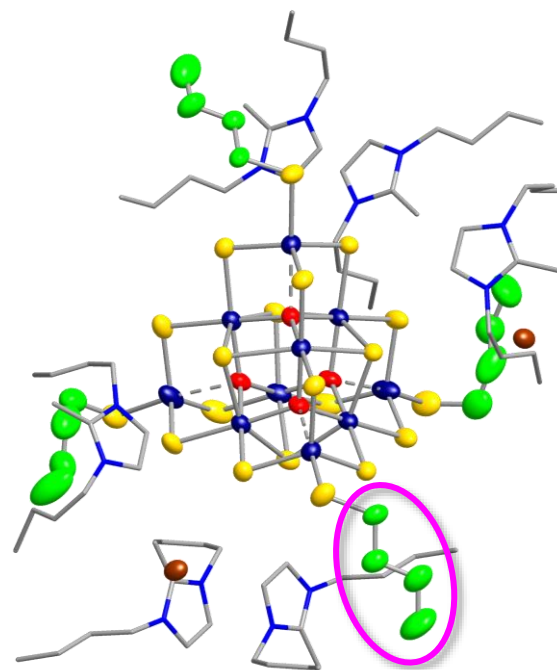
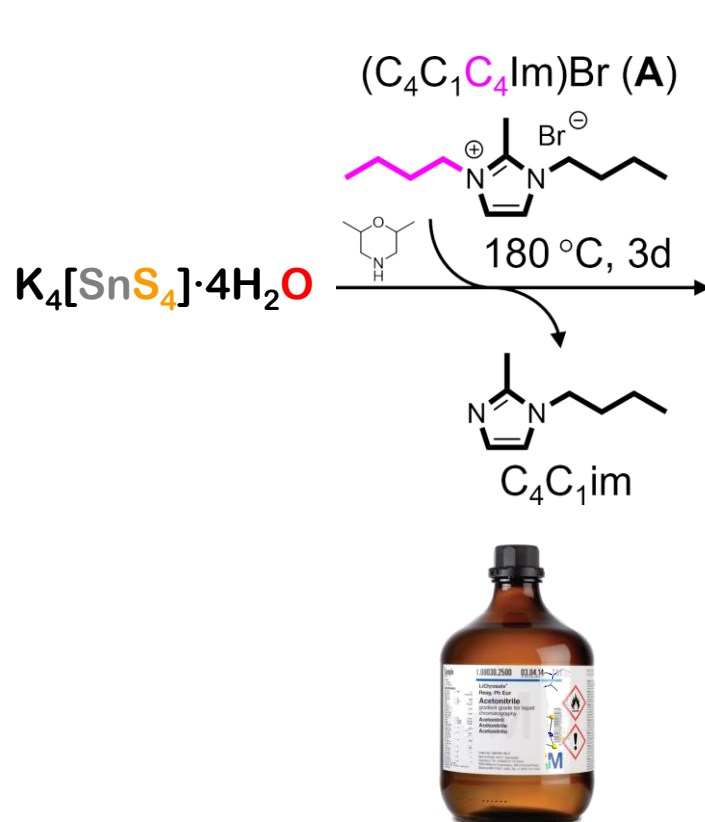
→ solid state synthesis „near room temperature“



high charge  $\Rightarrow$  insoluble

# Well-Soluble Semiconductor Clusters

selective butyl transfer: charge & polarity reduction



W. Schiwy, B. Krebs,  
*Angew. Chem.* **1975**,  
87, 451-452.

→ high solubility in  $CH_3CN$  ! ⇒ retention of semiconductor properties ?

R = decyl

R = propyl, pentyl, hexyl

M. Tallu, B. Peters, A. Friedrich, SD, *Inorg. Chem.* **2023**, 62, 13943.

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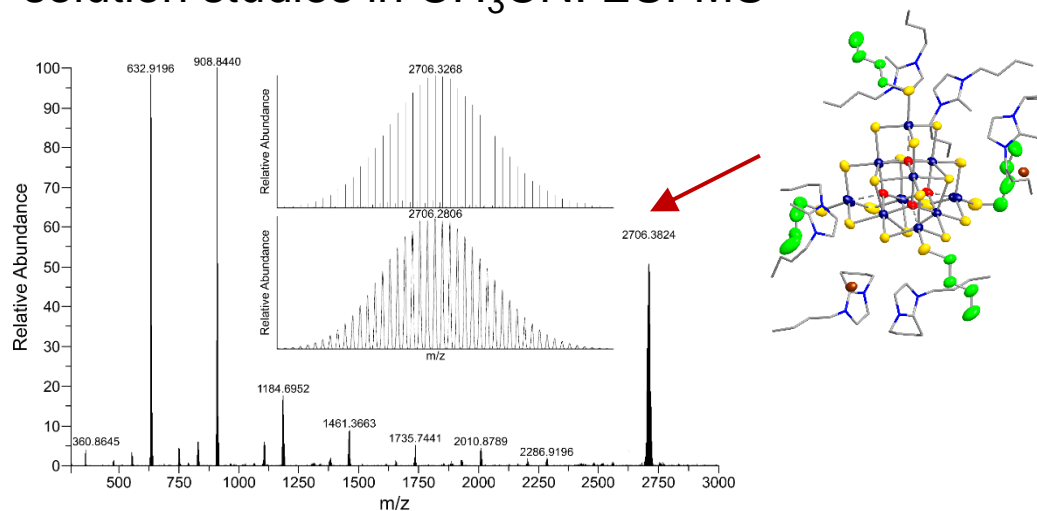
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# Well-Soluble Semiconductor Clusters

solution studies in CH<sub>3</sub>CN: ESI-MS



→ clusters retained in solution

UV-visible spectra:

solid state

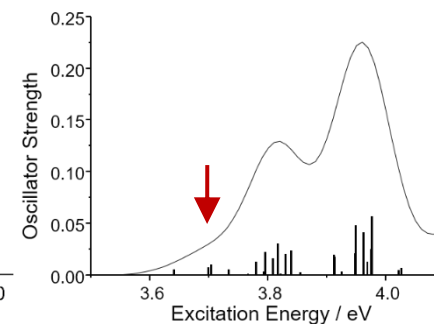
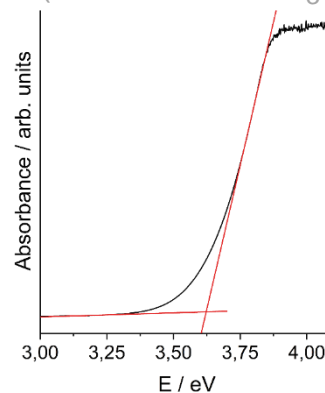
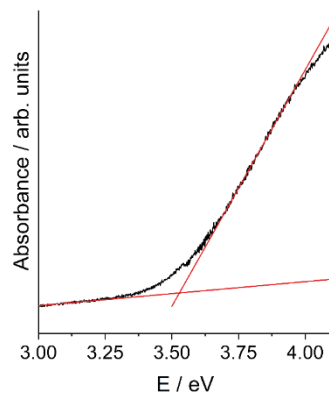
solution

(2 mmol/L in CH<sub>3</sub>CN)

TD-DFT

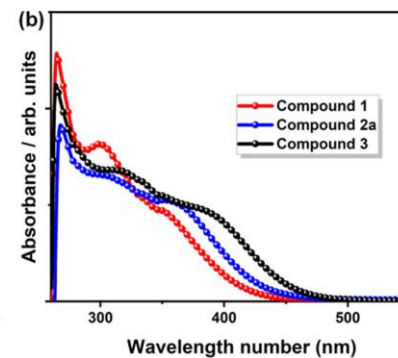
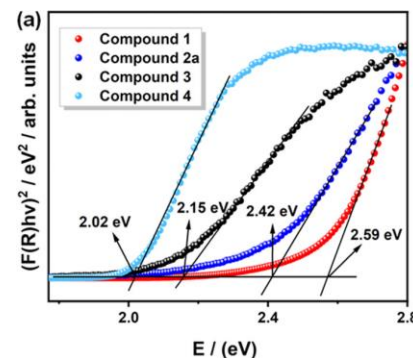
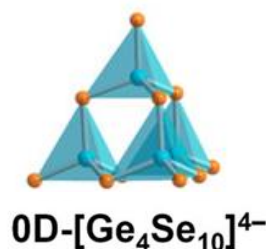
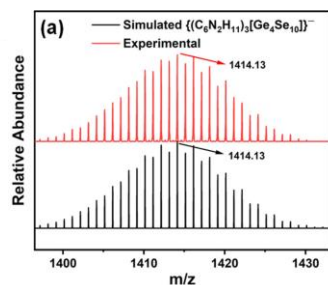
(TURBOMOLE, PBE0, dhf-TZVP, COSMO)

→ semiconductor-like optical gap persists !



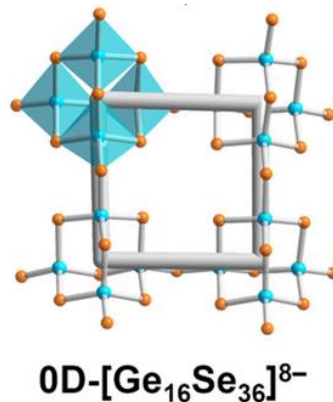
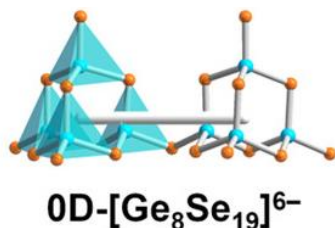
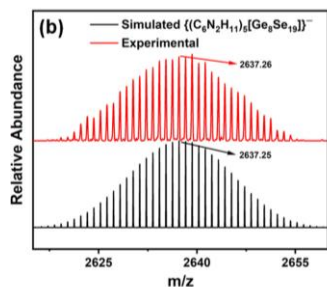
# Well-Soluble Semiconductor Cluster Oligomers

charge reduction by aggregation

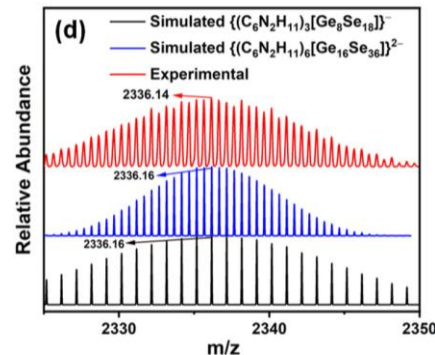


UV-vis: solid state

UV-vis: DMF solution



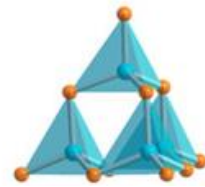
ESI-MS from DFM solution



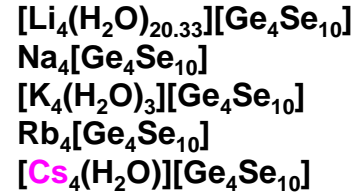
→ semiconductor-like optical gap retained in solution

# Selective Cation Capture by Cluster Oligomers

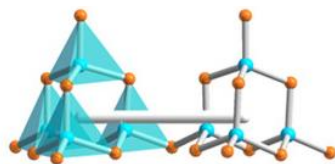
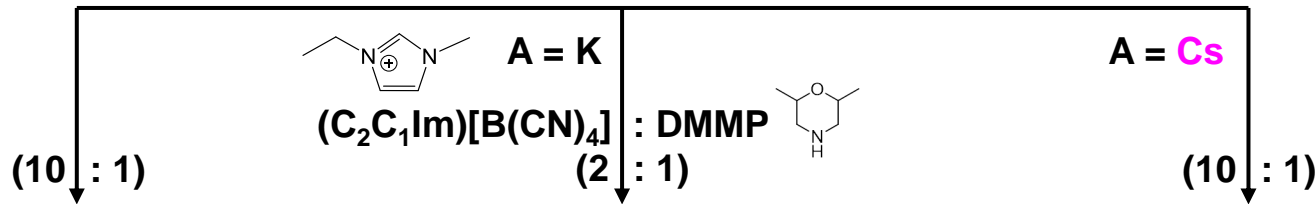
Cs<sup>+</sup>-selective crystallization



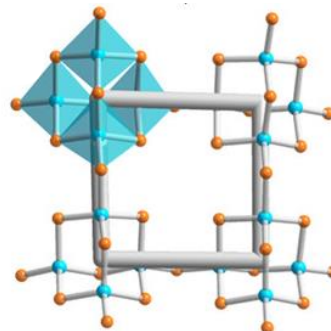
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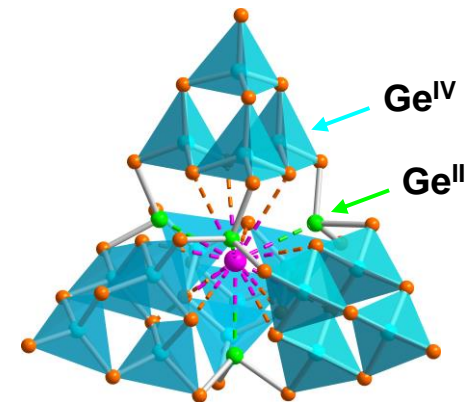
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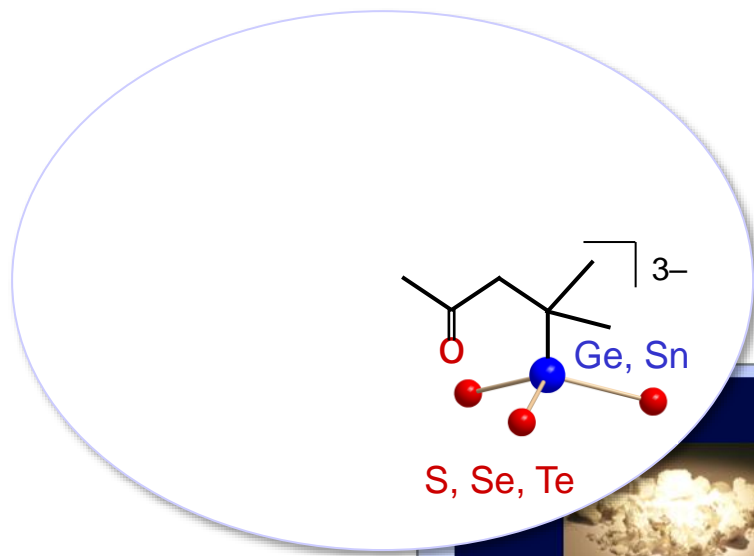


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→ internal charge-reduction ⇒ again higher solubility



### 3. New Emissive Cluster Materials



### Hybrid Compounds

$[(\text{StySn})_4\text{S}_6]$

*Science* 2016  
*Adv. Mater.* 2022

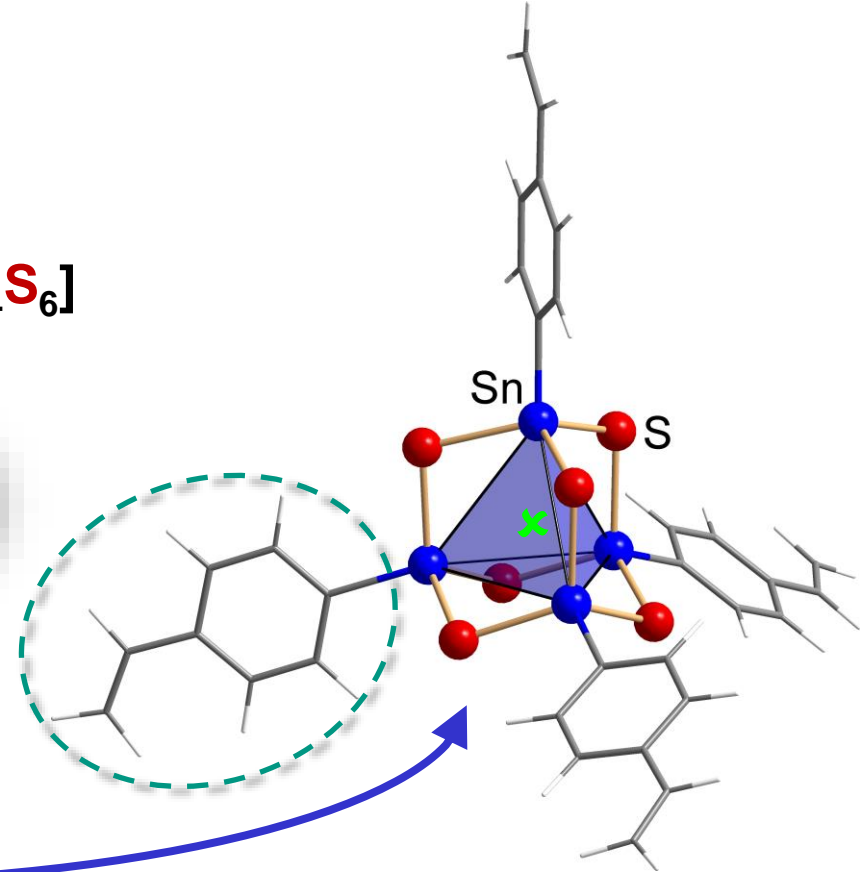
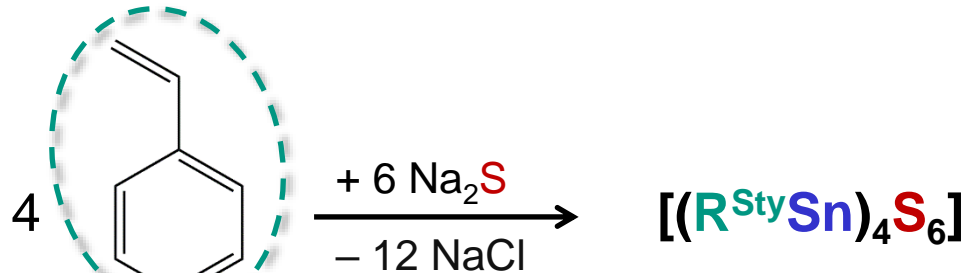
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The image shows a molecular model of a complex cage-like structure with a glowing red and yellow beam passing through it. A small inset image shows a pile of white crystalline powder.

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# Hybrid Compounds $\Rightarrow$ New Emissive Materials

styryl groups @ Sn/S cluster



TURBOMOLE, BP-86, def2-TZVP

amorphous powder, air-stable

ESI-MS: [(R<sup>Sty</sup>Sn)<sub>4</sub>S<sub>6</sub>] ✓

DFT: molecular structure

$\rightarrow$  styryl ligands  $\Rightarrow$  attachment to semi-conductor surfaces ✓

$\rightarrow$  no inversion symmetry  $\Rightarrow$  non-linear optics ?

# $[(\text{R}^{\text{Sty}}\text{Sn})_4\text{S}_6]$ : New Emissive Material

non-linear optics: SHG ?

→ irradiation by CW **infrared** laser diode

→ directed **white-light** emission !



**4,50 €**

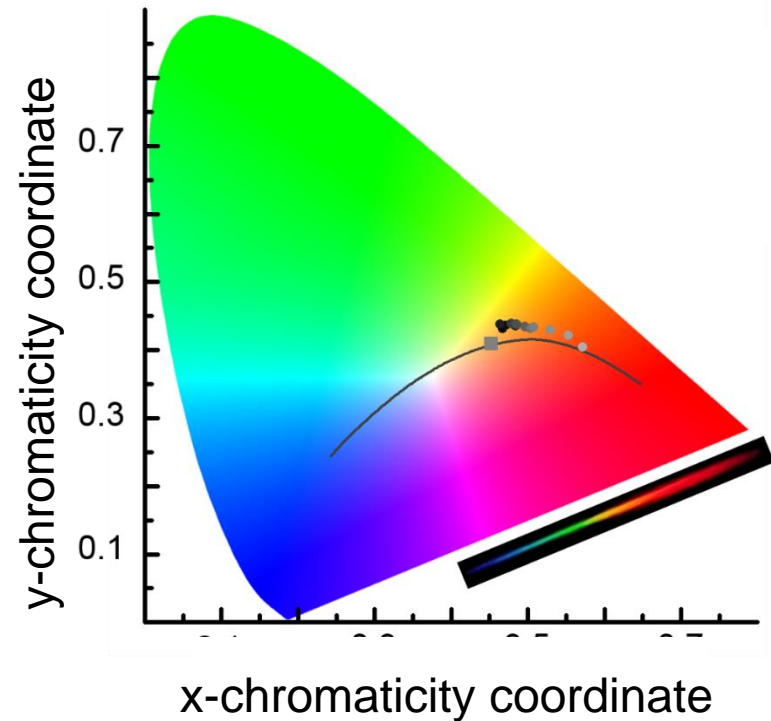
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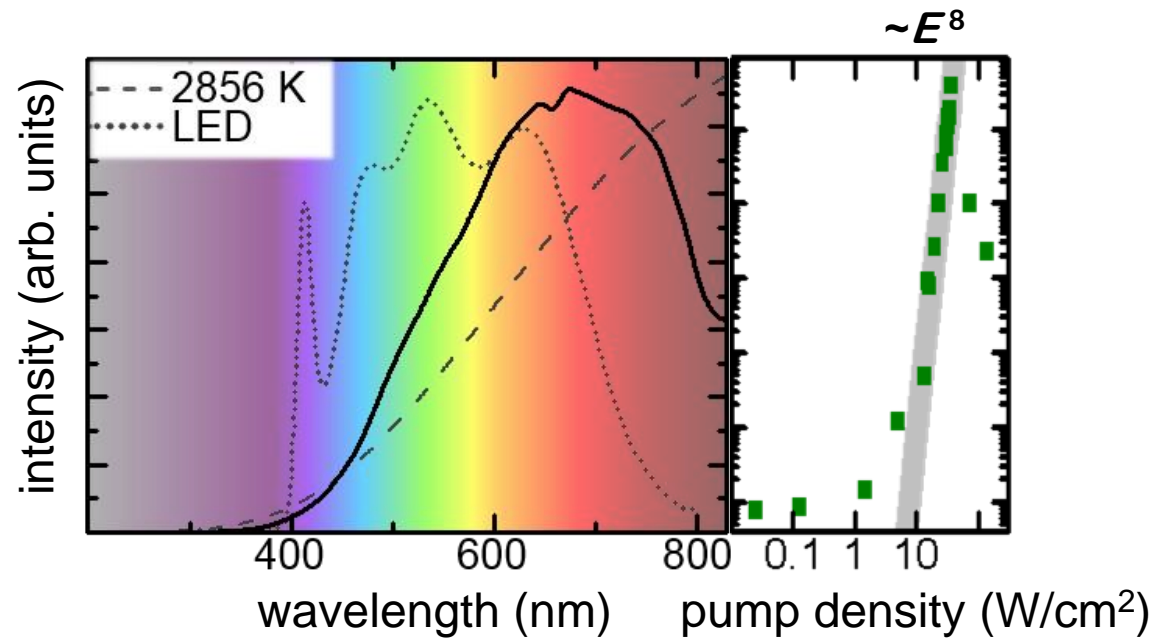


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→ supercontinuum generation *without* pulsed laser

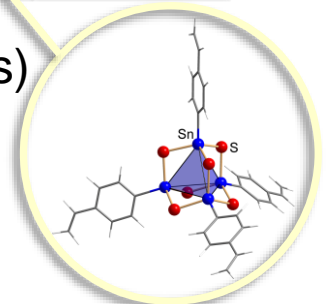
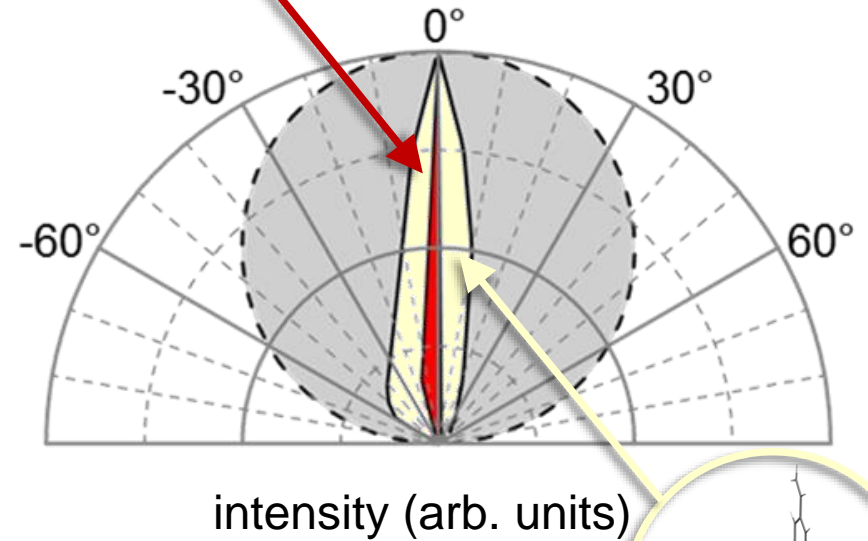
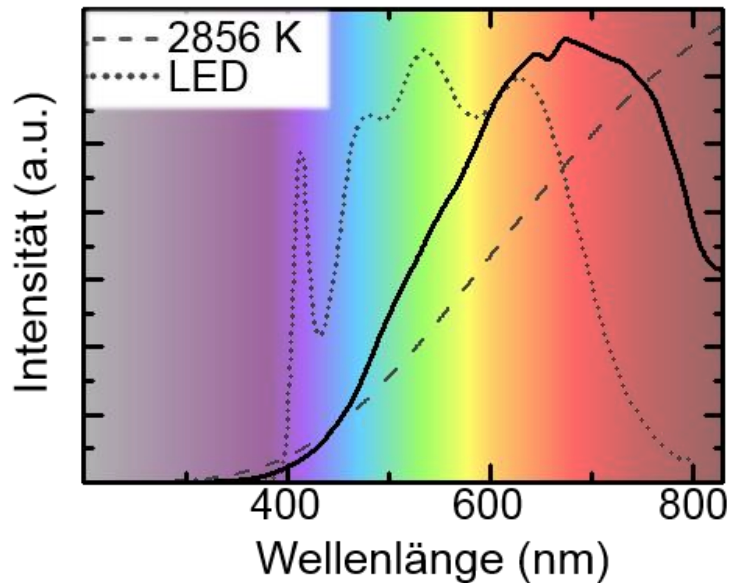


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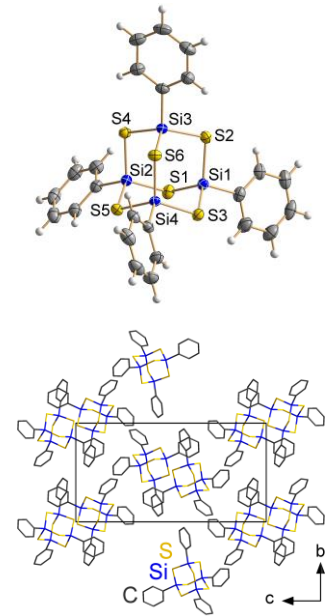
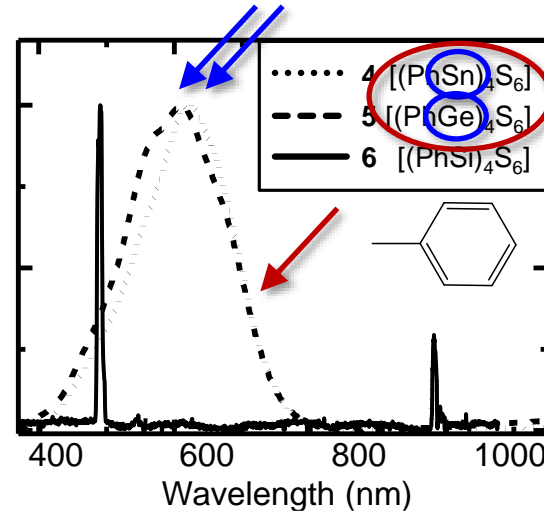
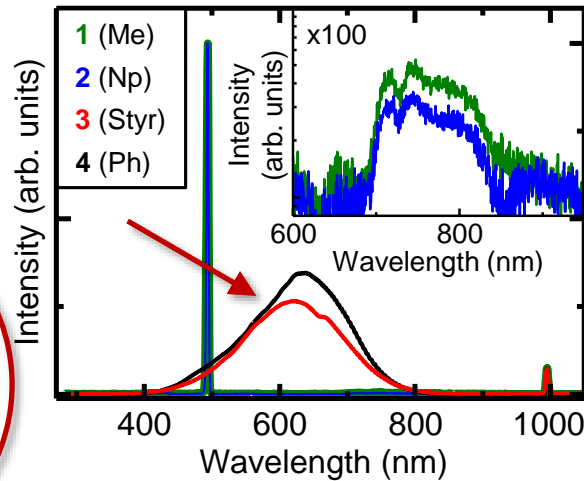
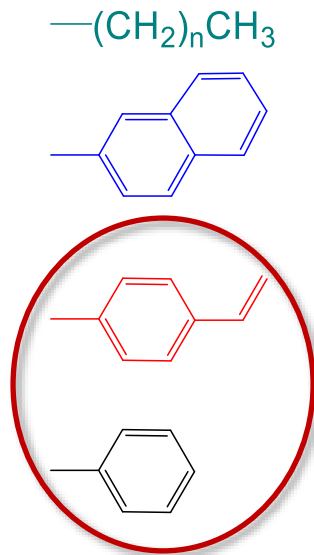


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# [(RT)<sub>4</sub>E<sub>6</sub>]: New Emissive Materials

variation of R, T, E:

→ WLG or SHG



Me/Sn/S: Haas et al., *Chem. Ber.* **1987**, 120, 1175.

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→ WLG: **cyclic R** and **no long-range order**

→ fine-tuning of  $\lambda_{\max}$  by **variation of T, E**

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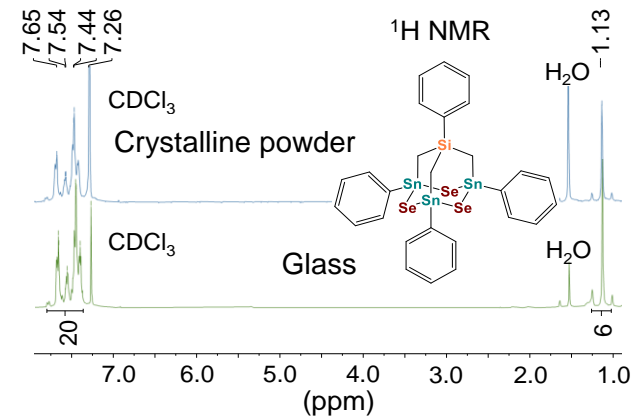
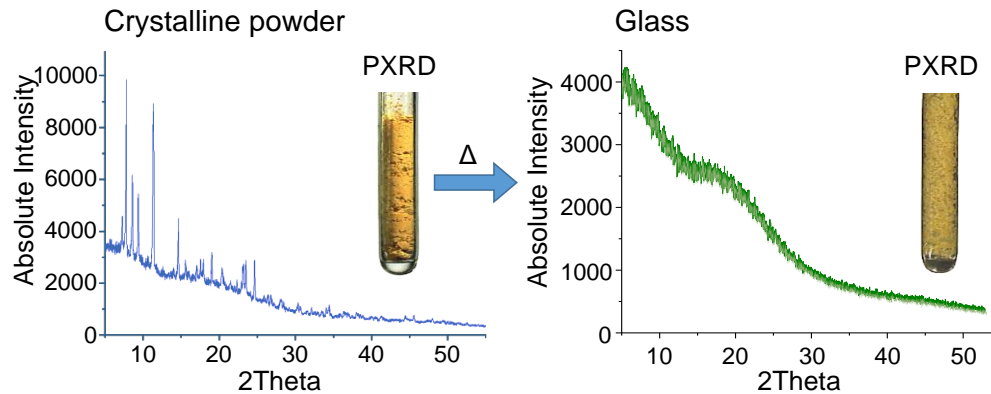
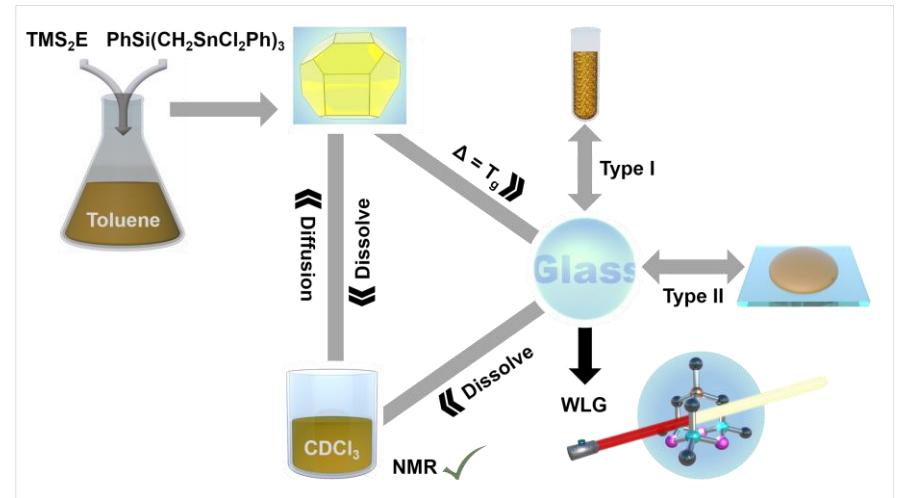
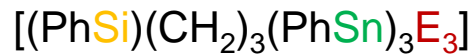
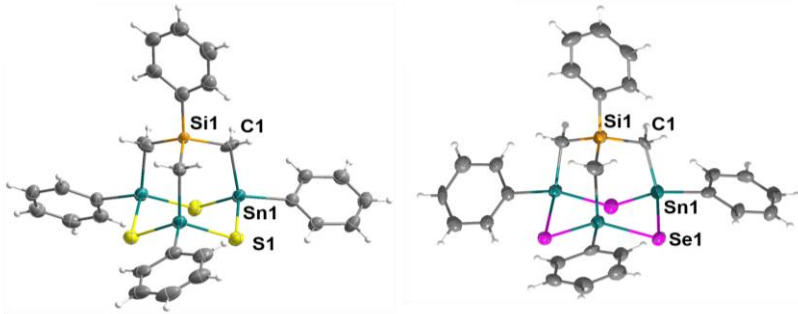
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# Multinary Cluster Cores $\Rightarrow$ Cluster Glass

glass formation from crystals



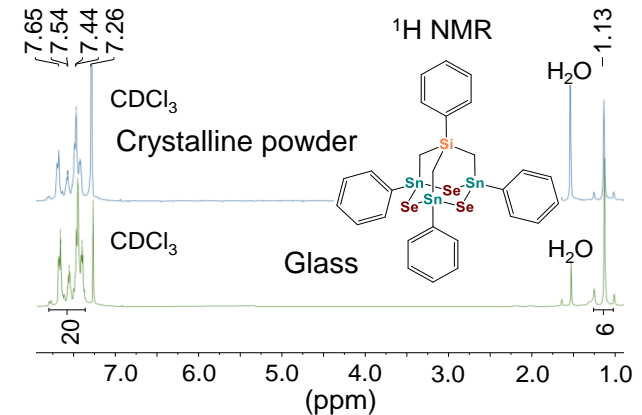
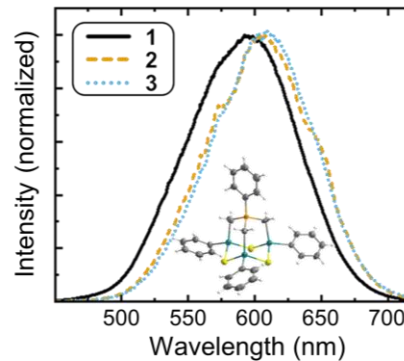
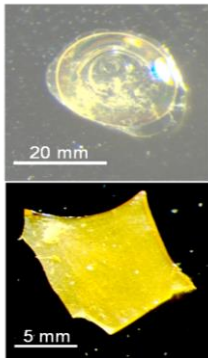
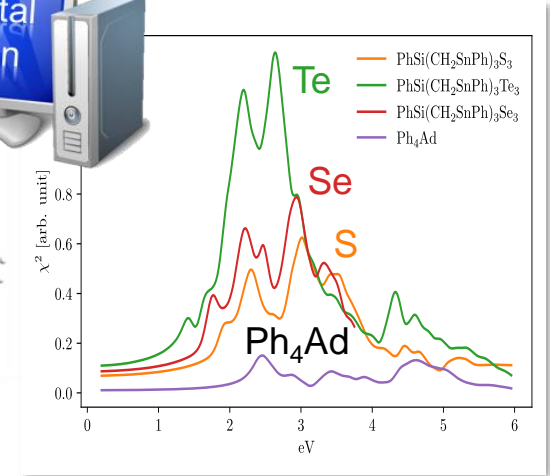
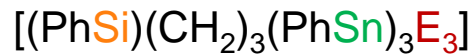
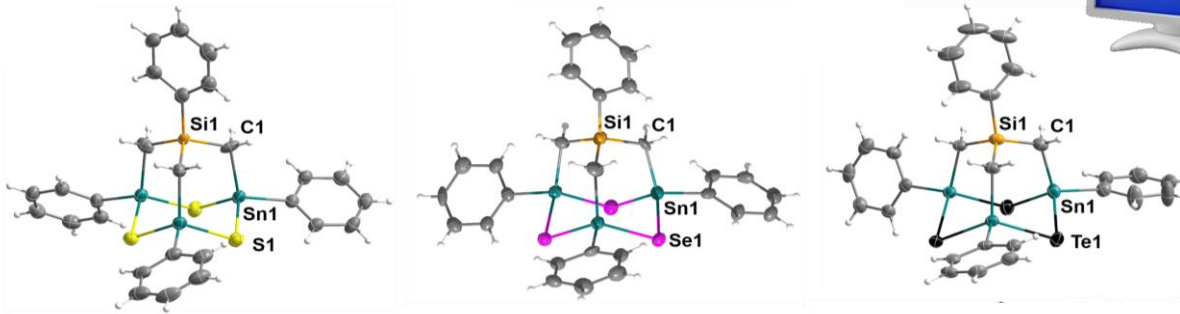
$\rightarrow$  glassy material comprising *intact* cluster molecules

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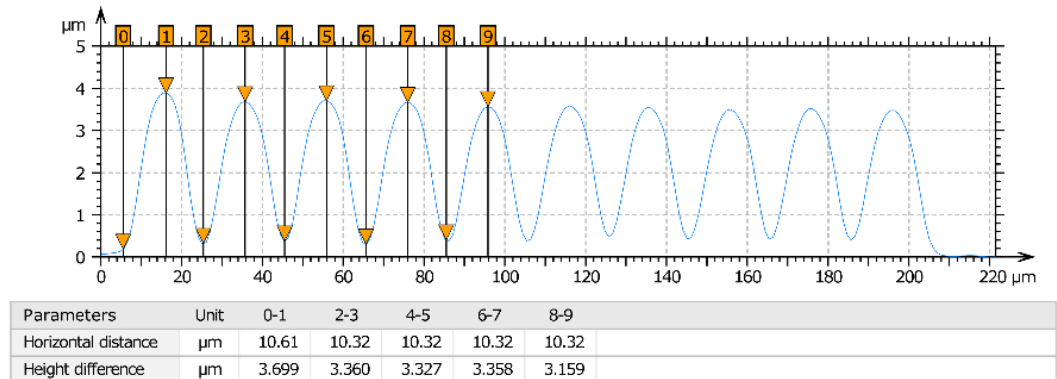
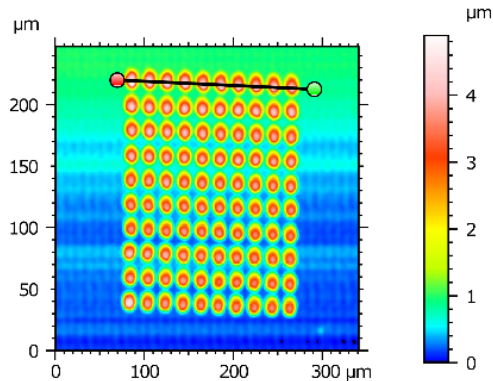
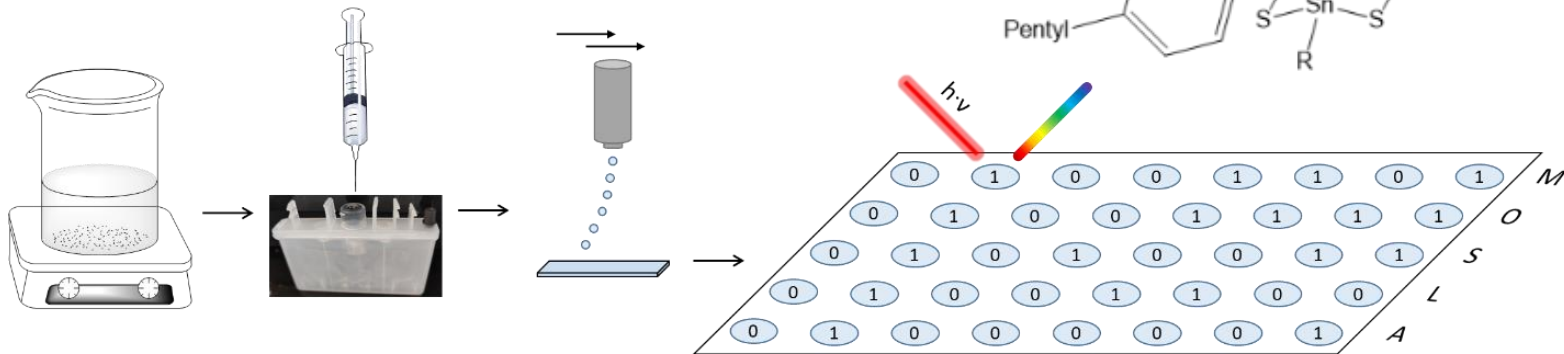
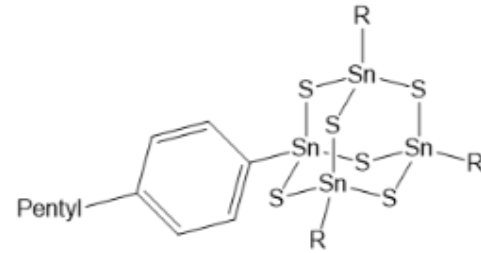
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$\rightarrow$  core heterogeneity enhances WLG intensity  $\Rightarrow$  basis for further design

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suitable properties through  $R = \text{Ph}^{\text{pentyl}}$

⇒ printable semiconductor-based molecules

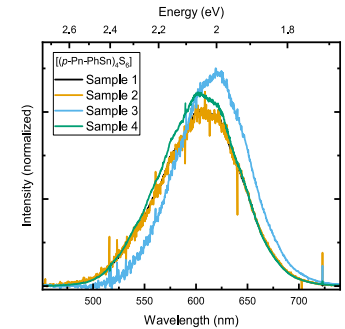
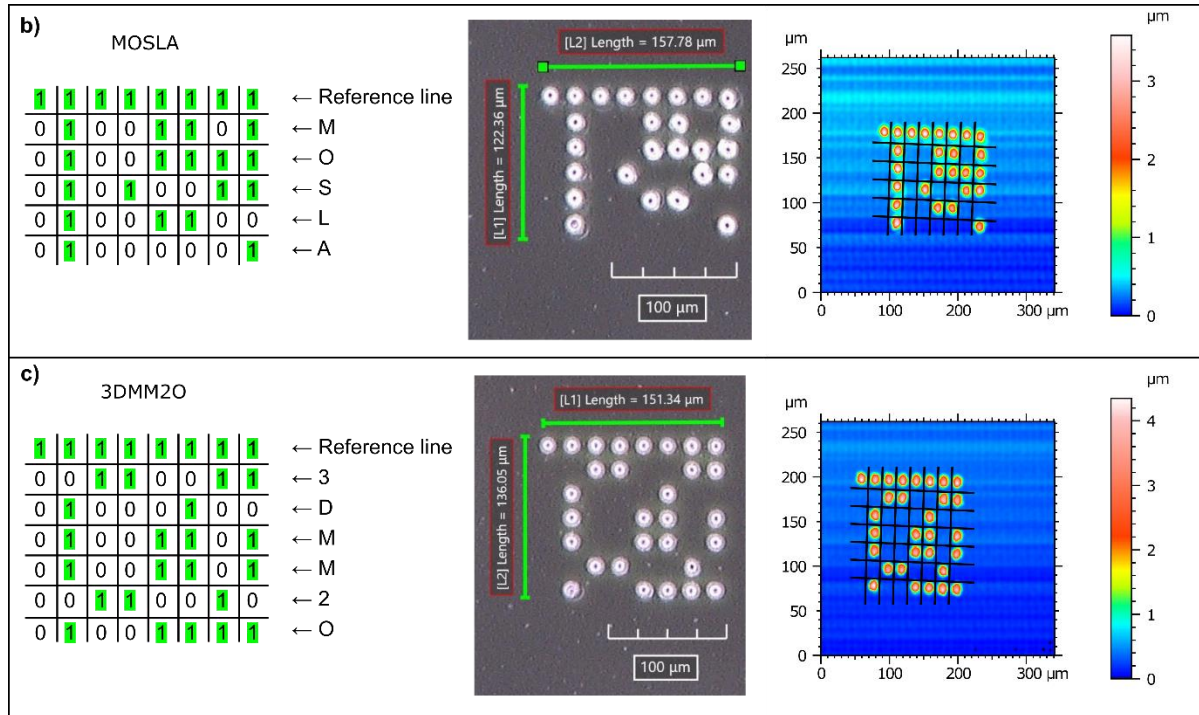
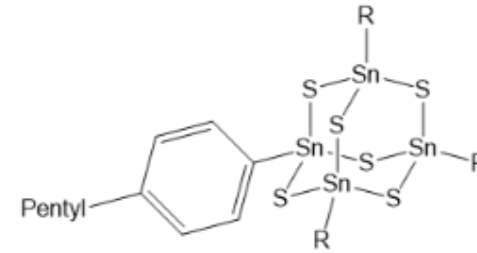


→ laterally regular pattern with equal height profile

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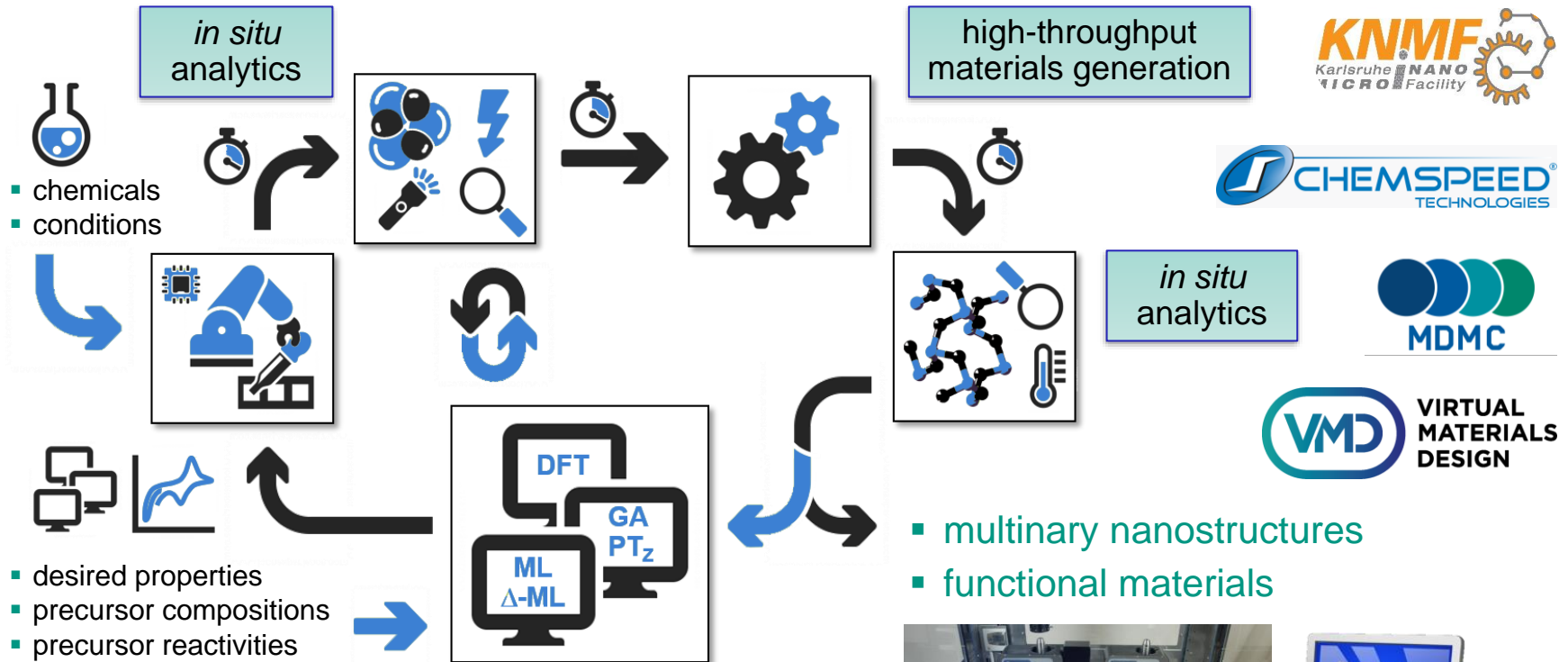
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→ binary code using white-light emissive material

# Perspective: Accelerated Development

materials acceleration platform: **Auto.MAP @ KIT**



combination with additive manufacturing

⇒ **automated and autonomous approach to multinary cluster-based materials**



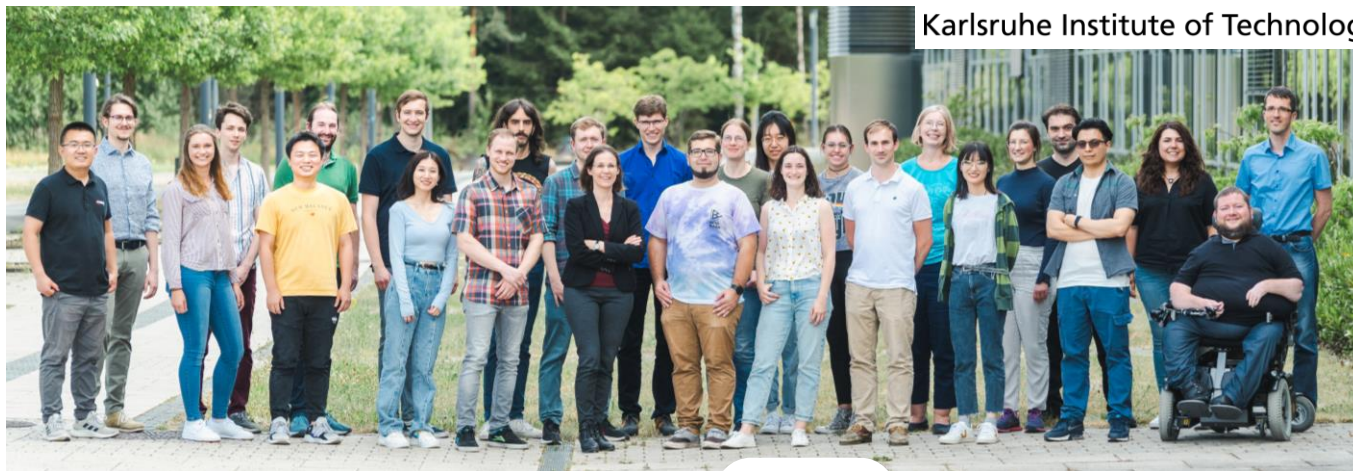
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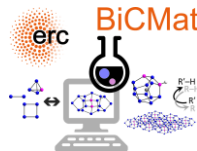
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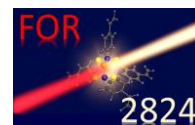
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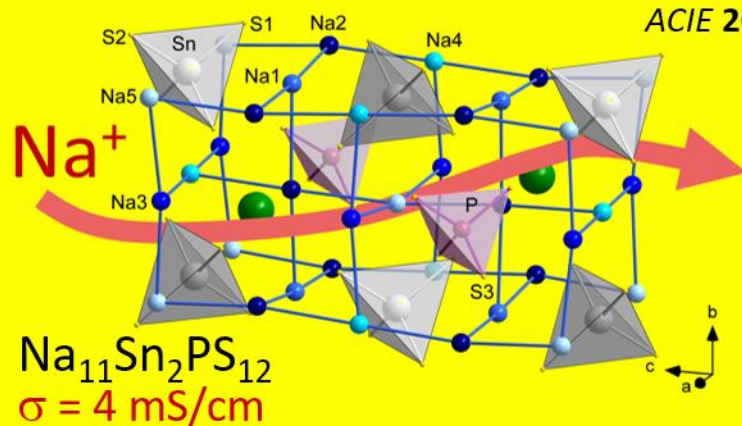


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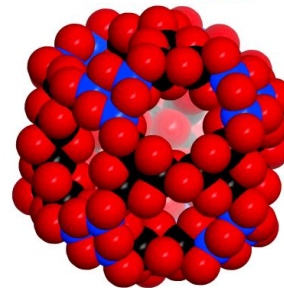
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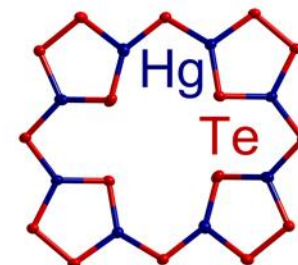


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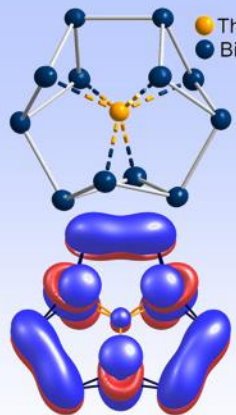
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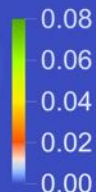
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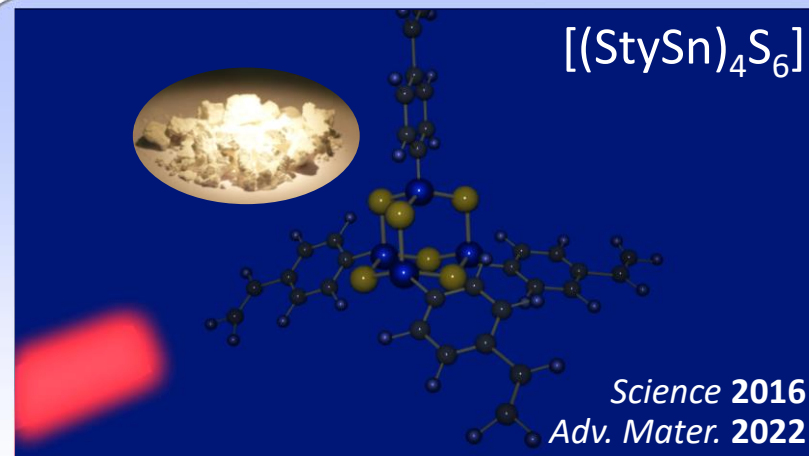


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