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Supramolecular Gold Chemistry: From Atomically Precise Thiolate-Protected Gold Nanoclusters to Gold-Thiolate Nanostructures

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

The chemistry of the sulfur–gold bond is extremely rich and leads to hybrid materials. Such materials encompass gold thiolate coordination oligomers, for instance [Au(I)(SR)]n, where SR stands for a chemical group containing a sulfur atom and atomically well-defined clusters [AunSRm], or supramolecular assemblies like Au(I)(SR). While the majority of gold atoms in the nanoparticles are in the Au(0) state under strong reducing conditions, gold atoms in supramolecular assemblies like Au(I)(SR) NPs are in the gold(I) state. In atomically well-defined clusters of [AunSRm] stoichiometry, a subtle balance between the Au(0) core and the Au(I)–SR shell leads to fascinating material properties and in particular to highly tunable optical properties.

This Special Issue is intended to provide a unique international forum aimed at covering a broad description of results involving the chemistry of the sulfur–gold interface leading to hybrid materials, ranging from gold thiolate coordination polymers, to thiolate protected gold nanoclusters and gold–thiolate supramolecular assemblies. Scientists working both experimentally and theoretically are welcome.

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