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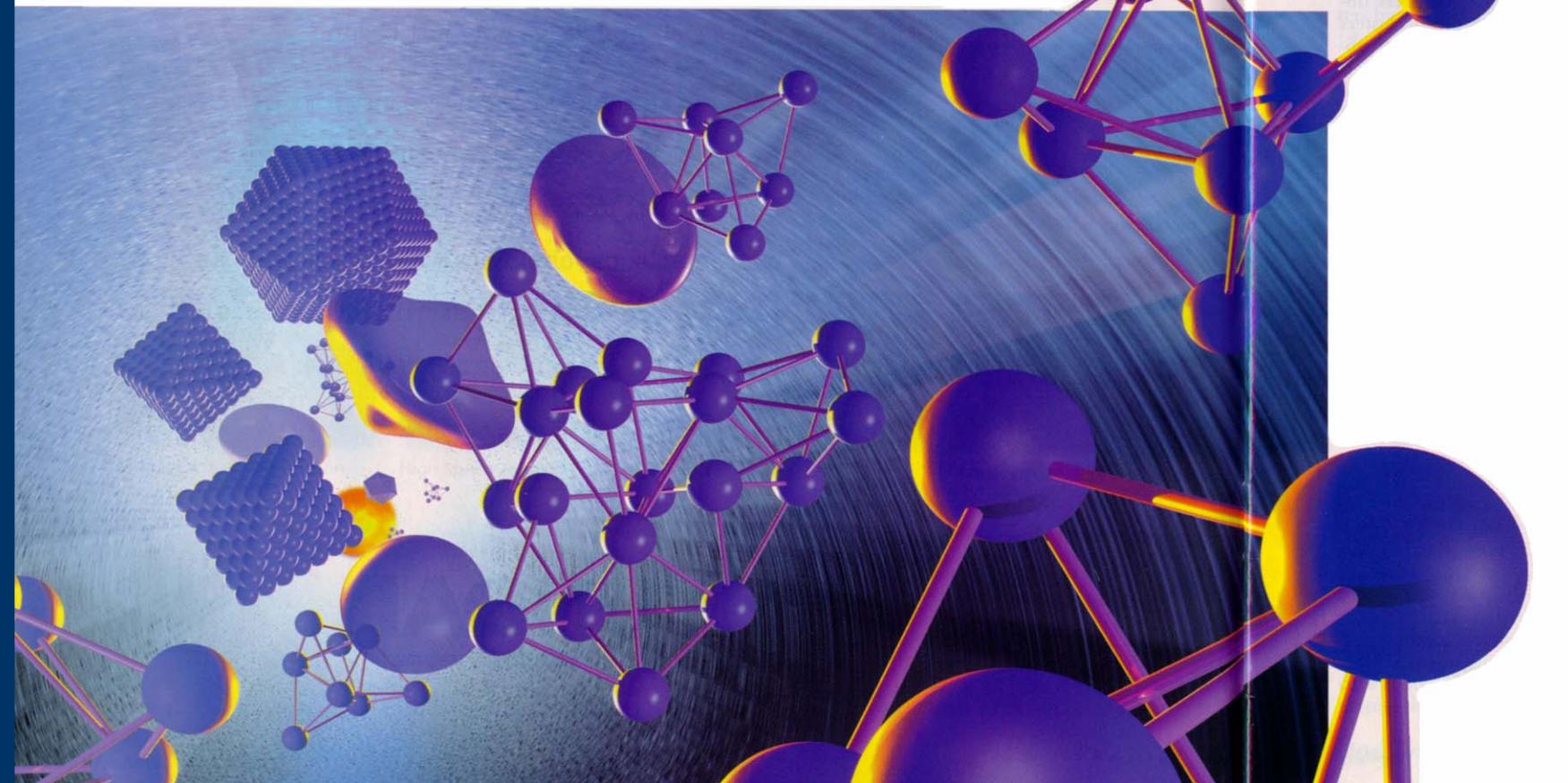
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# Clusters on Surfaces: Matter in the Non-Scalable Size Regime

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## Introduction:

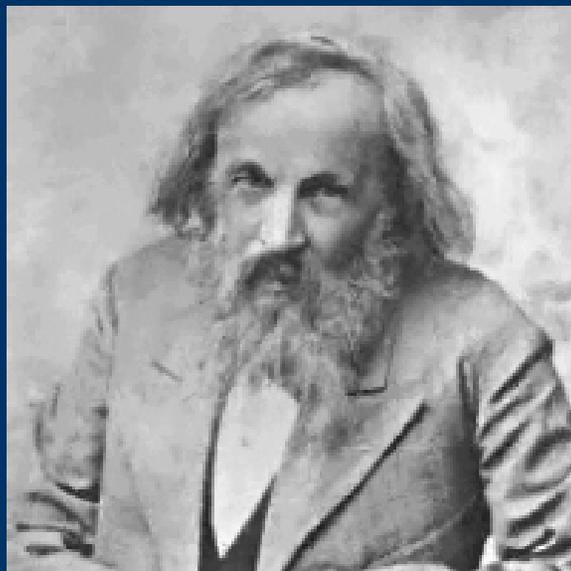
- Nanoparticles: The scalable size regime
- Clusters: The non-scalable size regime

## Experimental Techniques

## Guiding Principles for Understanding Cluster Chemistry



# Mendelejev's Periodic Table

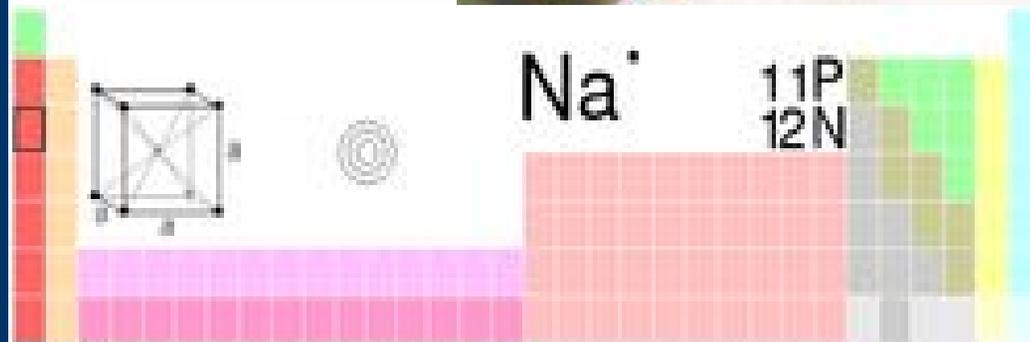
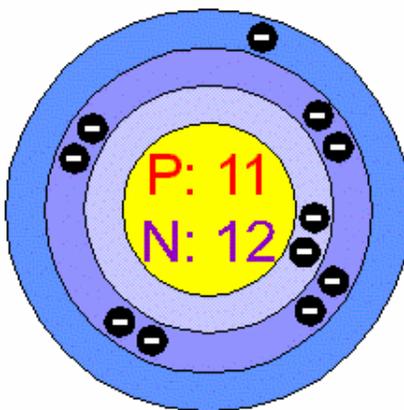


Mendelejev, Dmitri Ivanovitsj

8. Feb. 1834 (Tobolsk) -  
2 Feb. 1907 (St.- Petersburg)

In 'On the Relation of the Properties to the Atomic Weights of the Elements', received by the Russian Chemical Society in 1869.

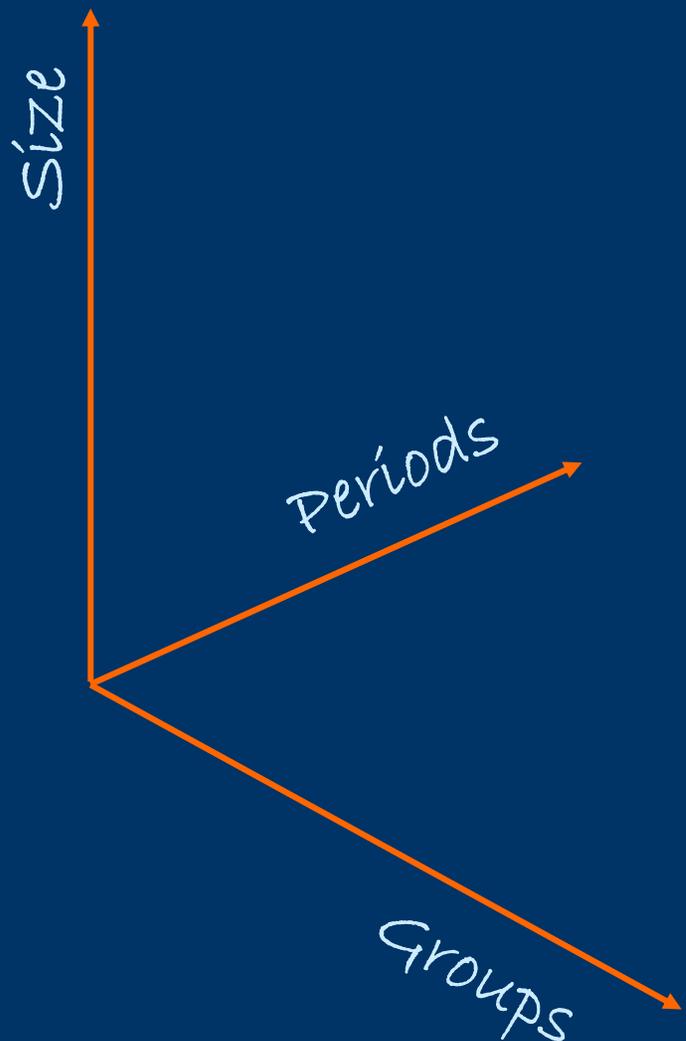
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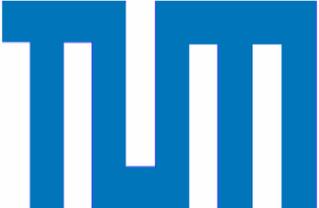
11	(Au = 199)	Hg = 200	Tl = 204	Pb = 207	Bi = 208	-	-
12	-	-	-	Th = 231	-	U = 240	- - - -



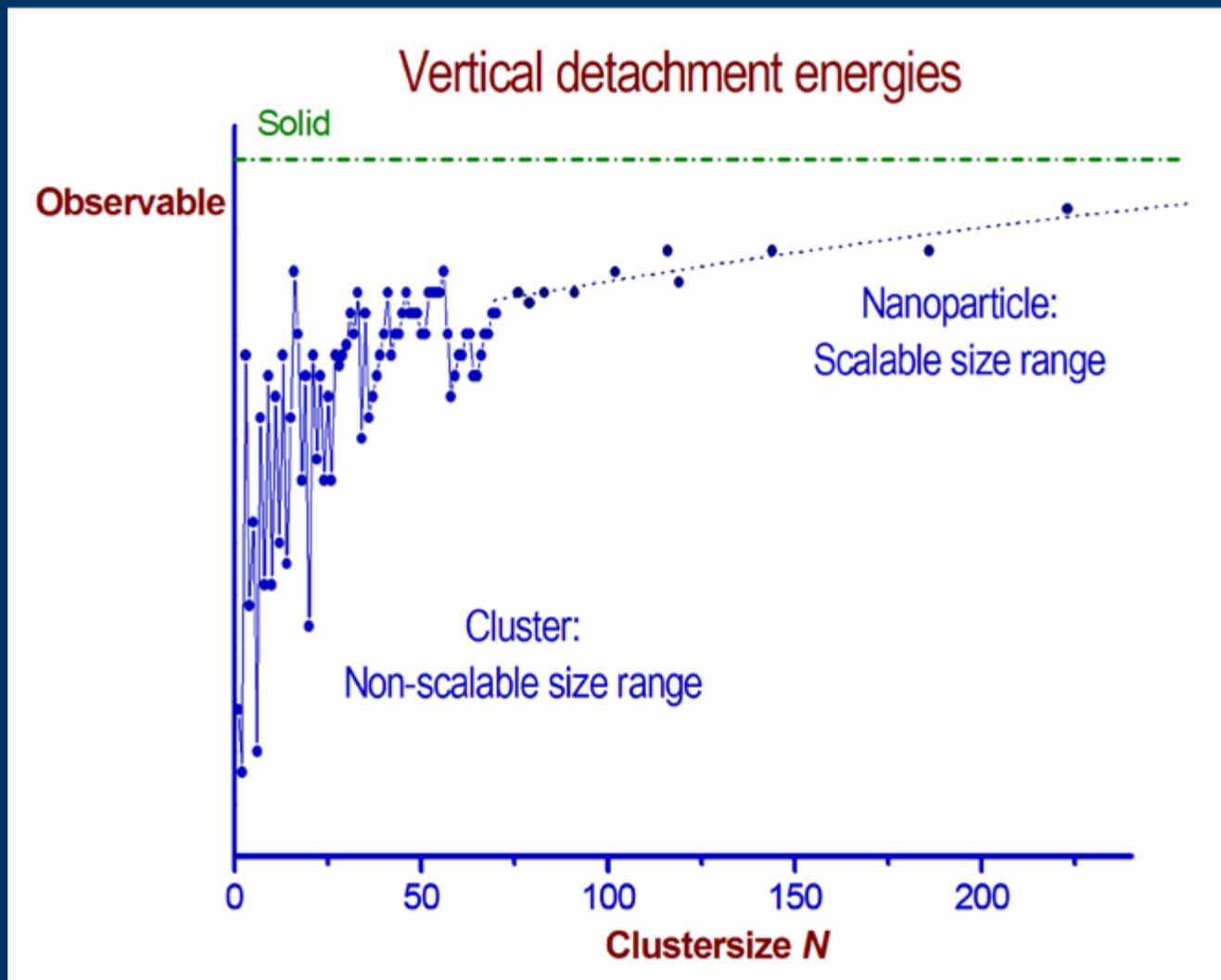
# The 3<sup>rd</sup> Dimension of the Periodic Table

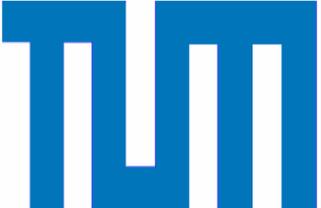


ERSTE PERIODE							
Ordnungszahl 1							vollständig gefüllte Schalen 2
Wasserstoff <b>H</b>							Helium <b>He</b>
ZWEITE PERIODE							
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Lithium <b>Li</b>	Beryllium <b>Be</b>	Bor <b>B</b>	Kohlenstoff <b>C</b>	Stickstoff <b>N</b>	Sauerstoff <b>O</b>	Fluor <b>F</b>	Neon <b>Ne</b>
DRITTE PERIODE							
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Natrium <b>Na</b>	Magnesium <b>Mg</b>	Aluminium <b>Al</b>	Silicium <b>Si</b>	Phosphor <b>P</b>	Schwefel <b>S</b>	Chlor <b>Cl</b>	Argon <b>Ar</b>



# Non-Scalable - Scalable Size Regime





# The Scalable Size Regime

## Scaling Laws

- In the regime of large sizes ( $N > \sim 100$ ), many particle properties (*e.g.* ionization energy, electron affinity, melting temperature and cohesive energy) show a smooth variation with cluster size.
- The following scaling laws apply for a general property (G)

$$G(R) = G(\infty) + aR^{-\alpha}$$

$$G(N) = G(\infty) + bN^{-\beta}$$

Usually  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $\beta = 1/3$ .



# The Scalable Size Regime

## Examples

- Ionization energies of potassium nanoparticles ( $N \leq 100$ ):

$$IP(R)/eV = 2.3 + 5.35(R/\text{\AA})^{-1}$$

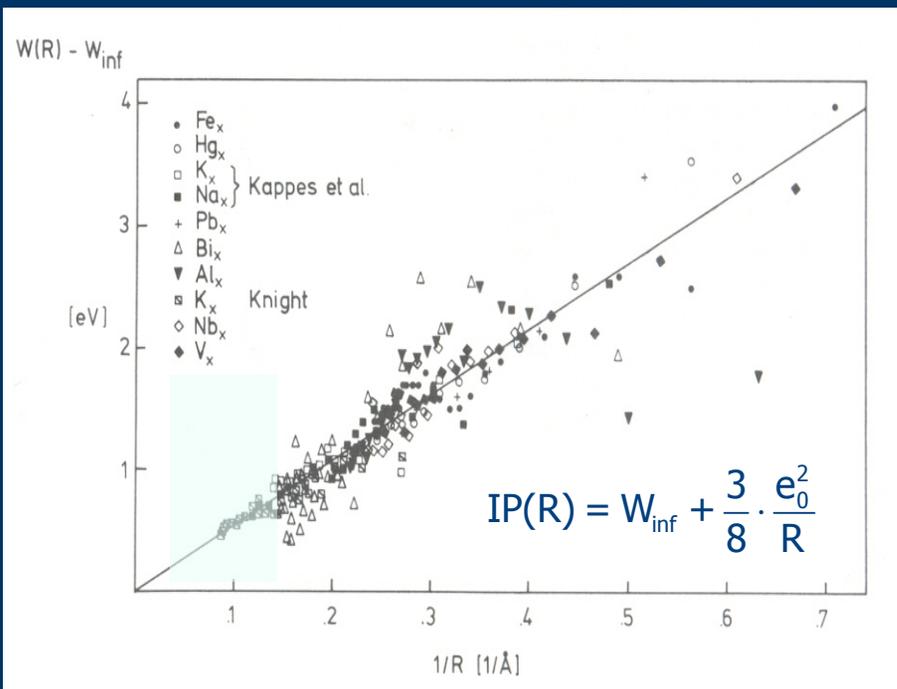
$$IP(N)/eV = 2.3 + 2.04N^{-1/3}$$

- Melting temperatures of gold nanoparticles:

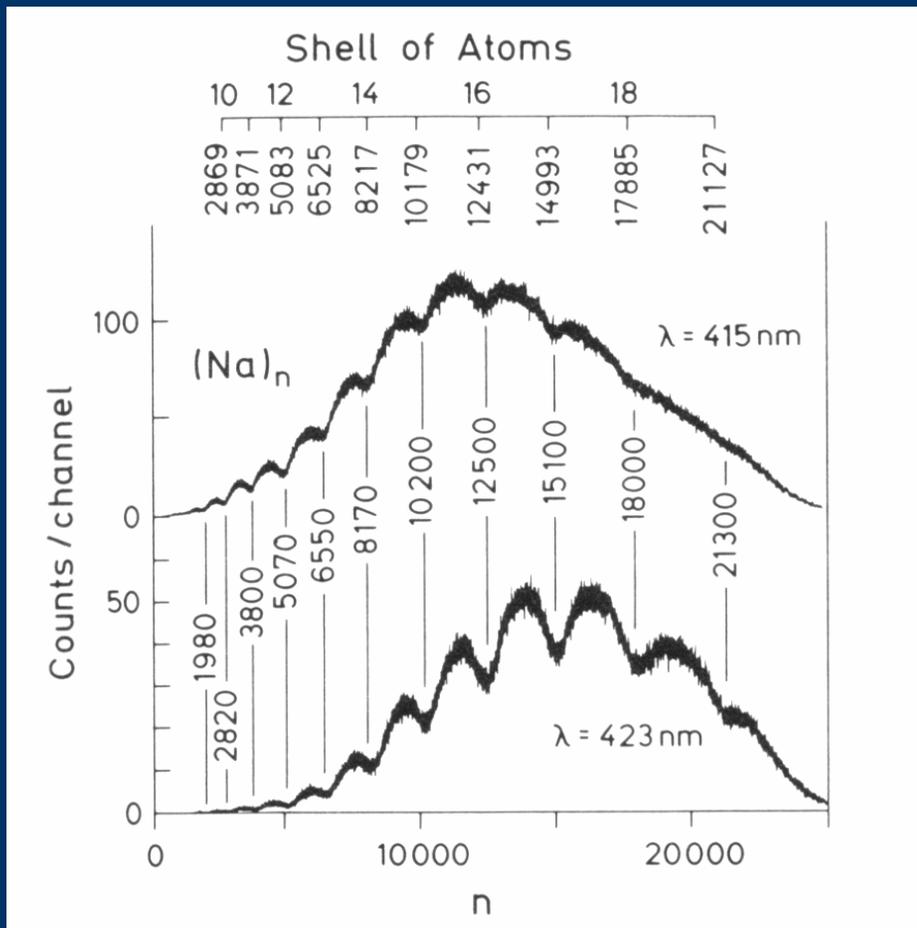
$$T_m(R)/K = 1336.15 - 5543.65(R/\text{\AA})^{-1}$$



# The Scalable Size Regime: Nanoparticles of Sodium ( $\text{Na}_n$ with $n > 2000$ )



*E. Schumacher, U. Heiz et al.  
Chimia 42 (1988) 357-376*

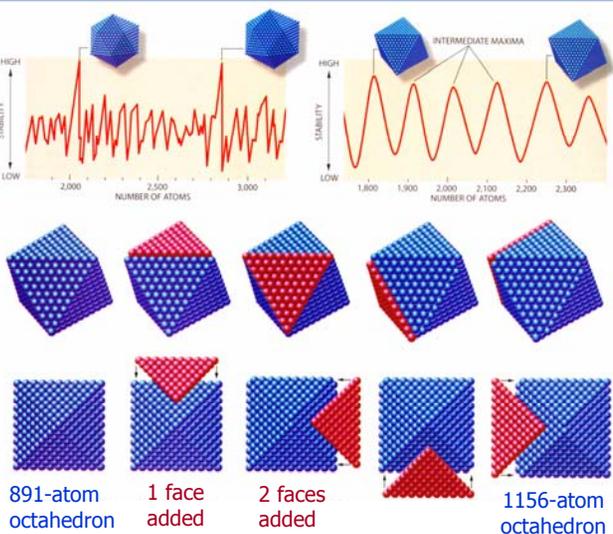


*T.P. Martin et al.  
Z. Phys. D 19 (1991) 25*



# Nanoparticle's Periodic Table: Geometric Shells

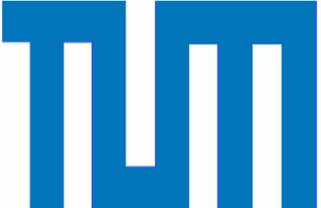
Shell (K):	Open Shells			Closed Shells
11	Na <sub>2870</sub>	Na <sub>2871</sub>	...	Na <sub>3871</sub>
12	Na <sub>3872</sub>	Na <sub>3873</sub>	Na <sub>3874</sub> ...	Na <sub>5083</sub>
13	Na <sub>5084</sub>	Na <sub>5085</sub>		Na <sub>6525</sub>
...				
17	Na <sub>12431</sub>	Na <sub>12432</sub>		
18	Na <sub>14994</sub>	Na <sub>14995</sub>		Na <sub>17885</sub>
19	Na <sub>17886</sub>	Na <sub>17887</sub>		Na <sub>21127</sub>



$$N = \frac{1}{3} (10K^3 - 15K^2 + 11K - 3)$$

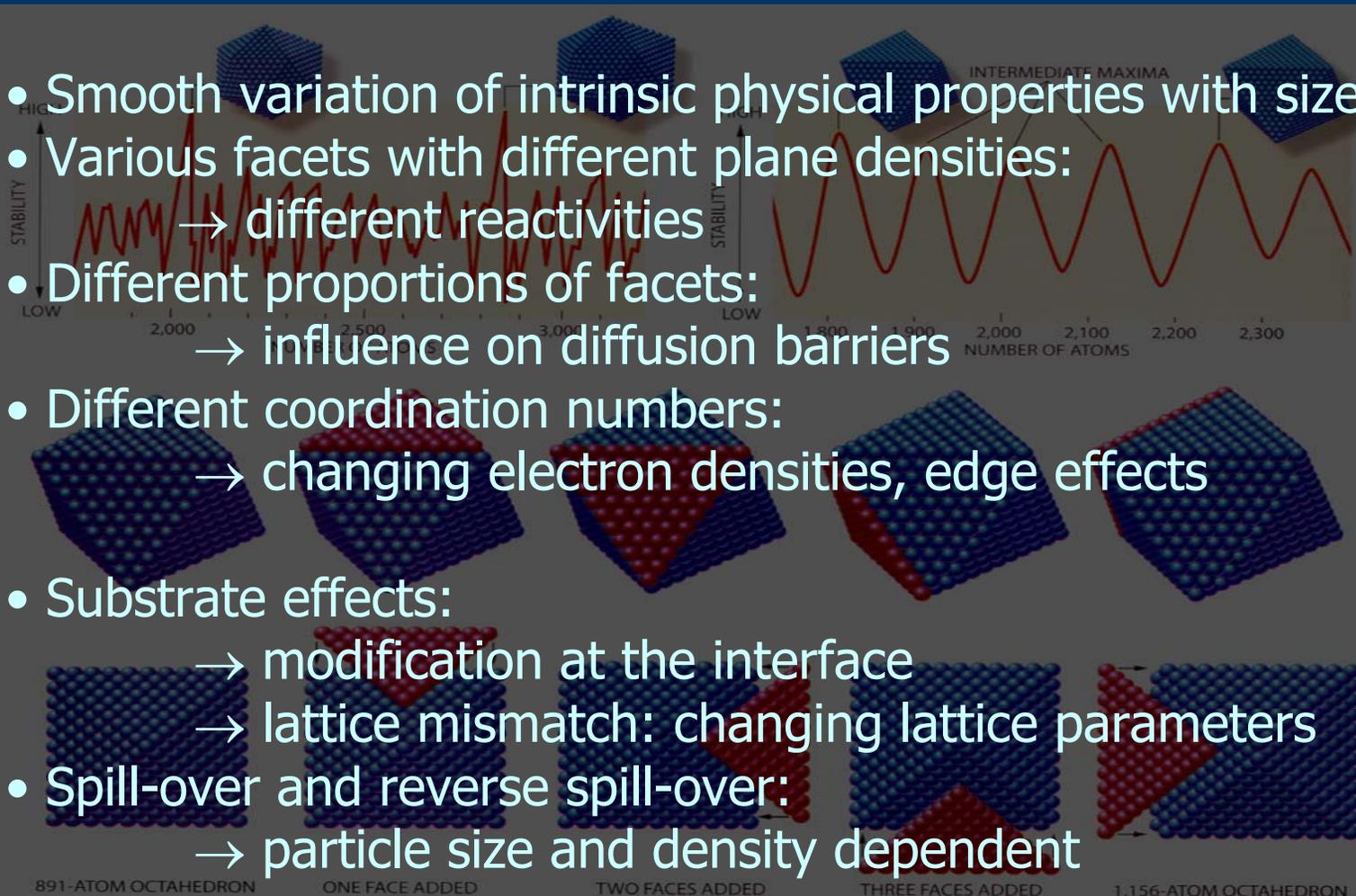
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*Acta Cryst.* **15** (1962) 1916



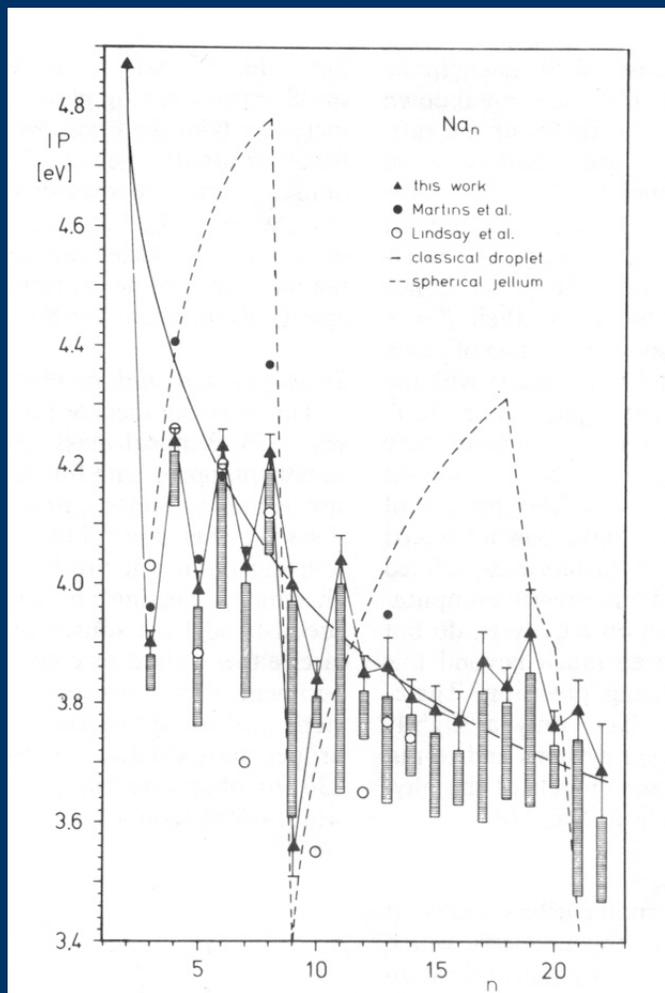
# Size Effects of Nanoparticles: Some Guiding Principles

- Smooth variation of intrinsic physical properties with size
- Various facets with different plane densities:
  - different reactivities
- Different proportions of facets:
  - influence on diffusion barriers
- Different coordination numbers:
  - changing electron densities, edge effects
- Substrate effects:
  - modification at the interface
  - lattice mismatch: changing lattice parameters
- Spill-over and reverse spill-over:
  - particle size and density dependent

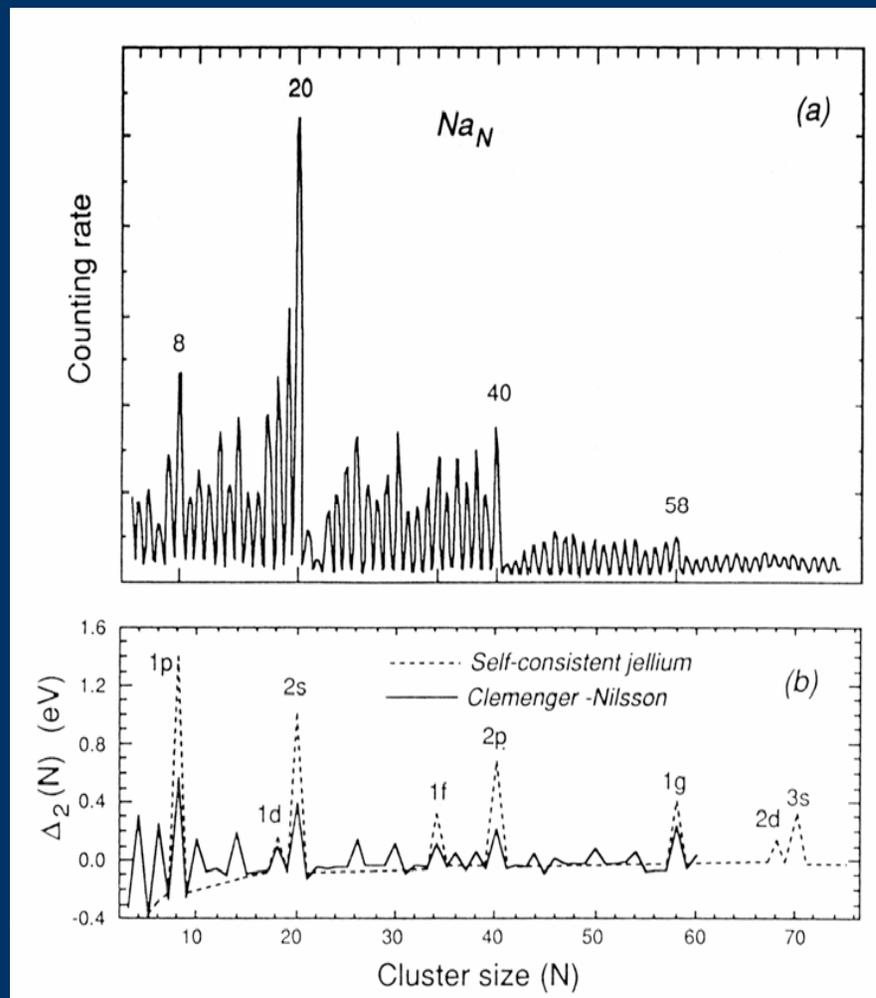




# The Non-Scalable Size Regime: Sodium Clusters ( $\text{Na}_n$ with $n < 150$ )



*E. Schumacher, U. Heiz et al. Chimia 42 (1988) 357*

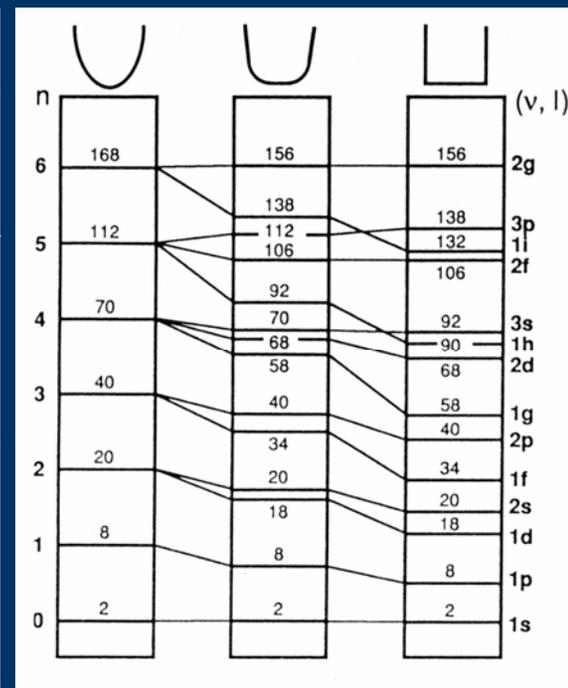


*de Heer Rev. Mod. Phys. 65 (1993) 611*



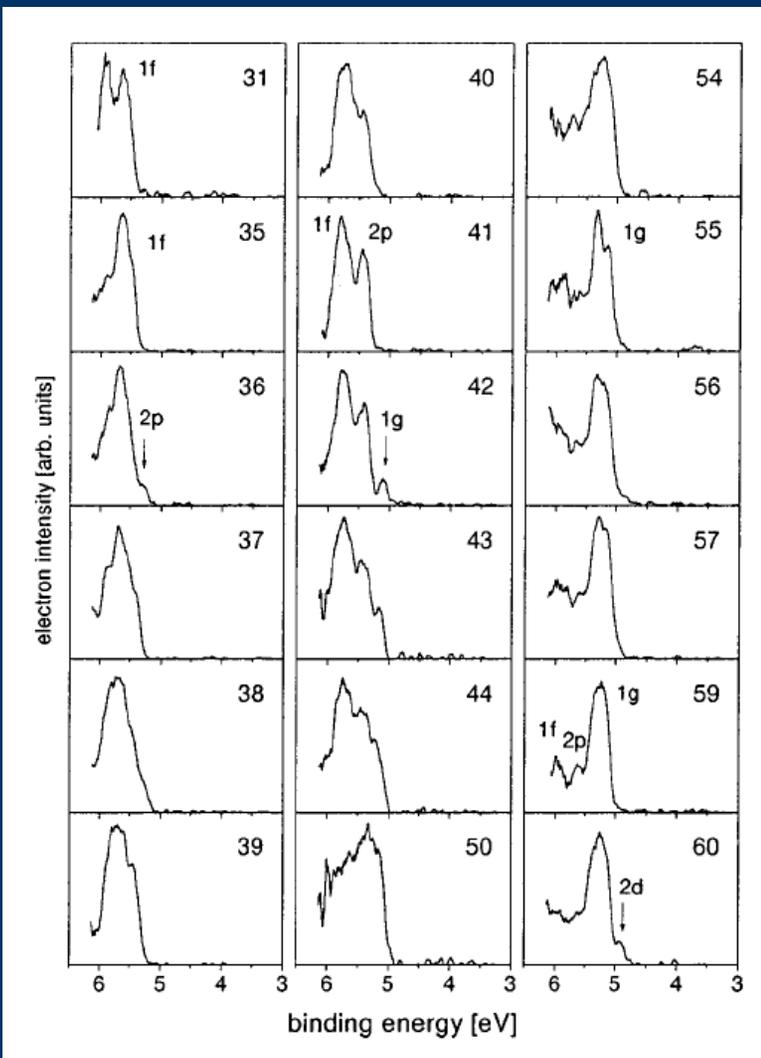
# Cluster's Periodic Table : Electronic Shells

Shell	Monovalent			Closed shells	
1s	Na			Na <sub>2</sub>	
1p	Na <sub>3</sub>	Na <sub>4</sub>	→	Na <sub>7</sub>	Na <sub>8</sub>
1d	Na <sub>9</sub>	Na <sub>10</sub>	→	Na <sub>17</sub>	Na <sub>18</sub>
2s	Na <sub>19</sub>			Na <sub>20</sub>	





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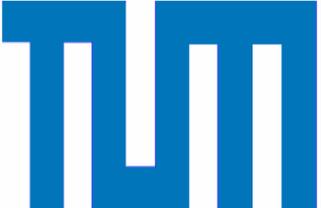
Photoelectron spectra of  $\text{Na}_n$  ( $n=31-60$ ) obtained with a photon energy of 6.42 eV. The peak labels give the quantum numbers of the corresponding electron shells. Closed shells are observed at:

$\text{Na}_{35}^+$  (34 electrons): 1f

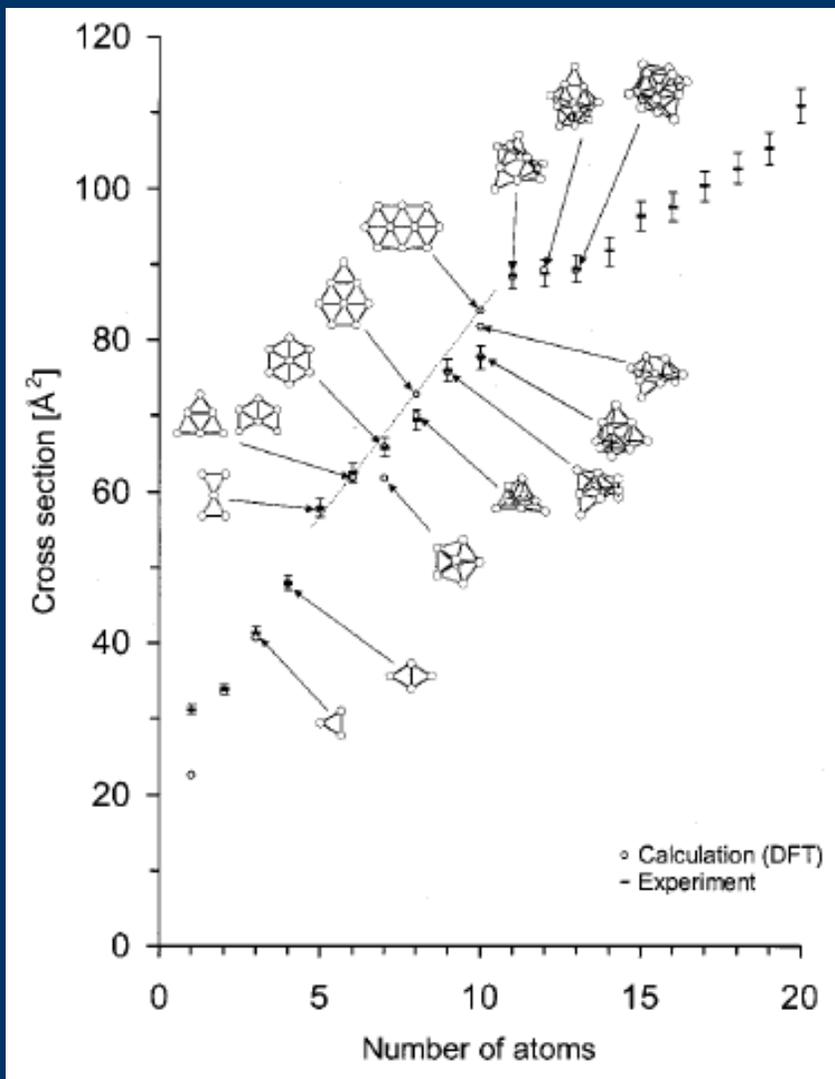
$\text{Na}_{41}^+$  (40 electrons): 2p

$\text{Na}_{59}^+$  (58 electrons): 1g

v. Issendorff, B. Phys. Rev. A 65 (2002) 63201



# The Non-Scalable Size Regime: Geometric Structure of Gold Clusters



Ion mobility measurements and *ab initio* calculations reveal gold clusters to be planar up to  $\text{Au}_n$  with  $n \sim 10$  for the cations and  $n \sim 13$  for the anions.

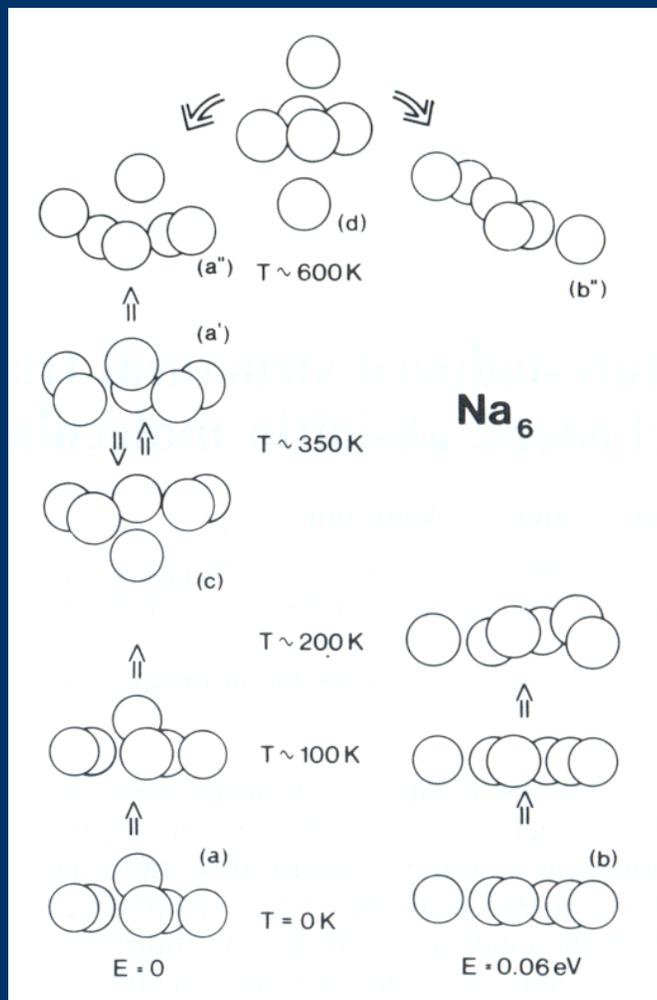
Strong relativistic effects in gold are responsible for these unique geometric structures

S. Gilb et al. J. Chem. Phys. 116 (2002) 4094

H. Häkkinen et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 89 (2002) 33401



# The Non-Scalable Size Regime: Dynamic Structural Fluxionality



*U. Röhliberger et al. Atoms, Molecules and Clusters* **20** 243 (1991)

Many clusters reveal several energetically close lying isomers.

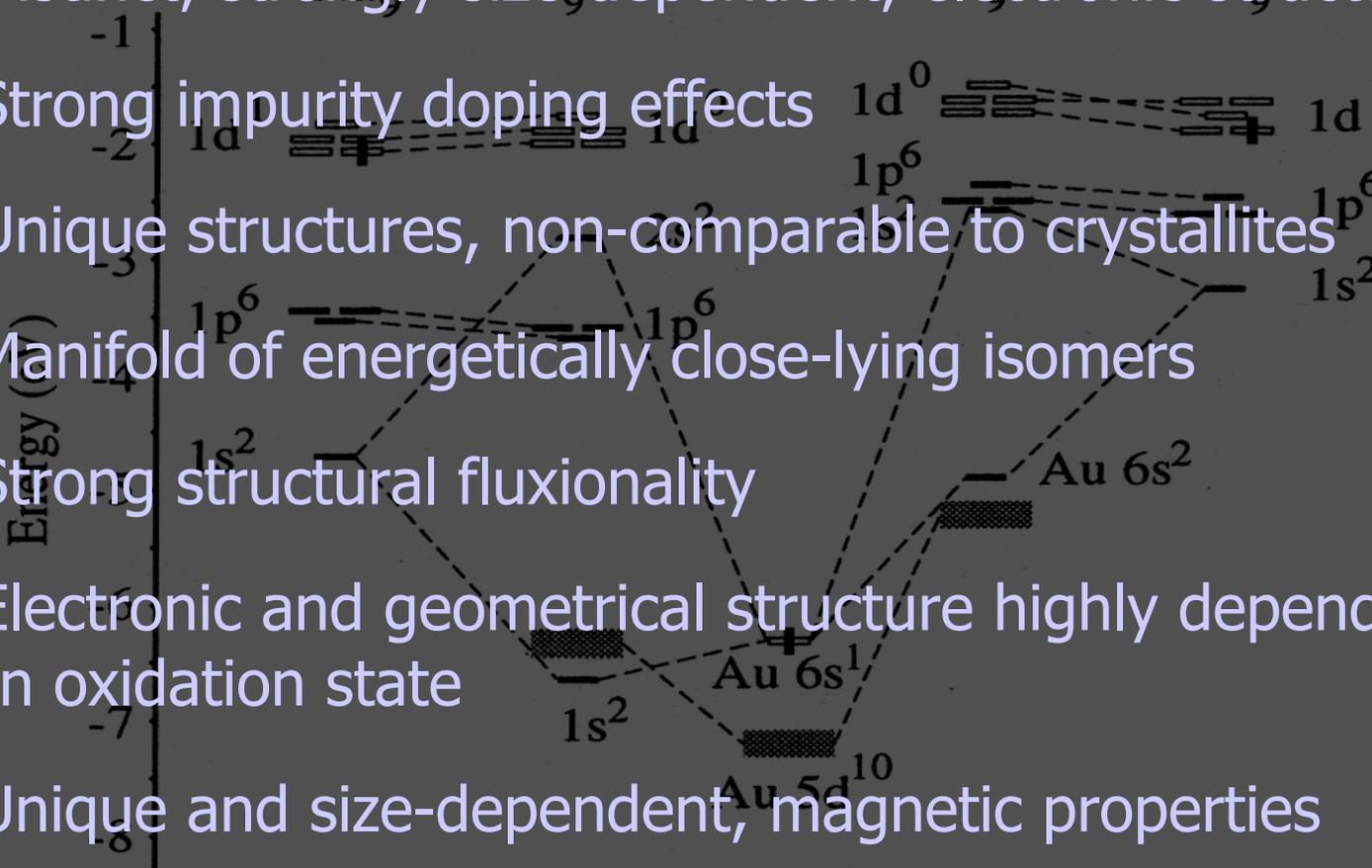
At finite temperatures these isomeric structures can be populated and interconvert into each other.

# Dynamic structural fluxionality



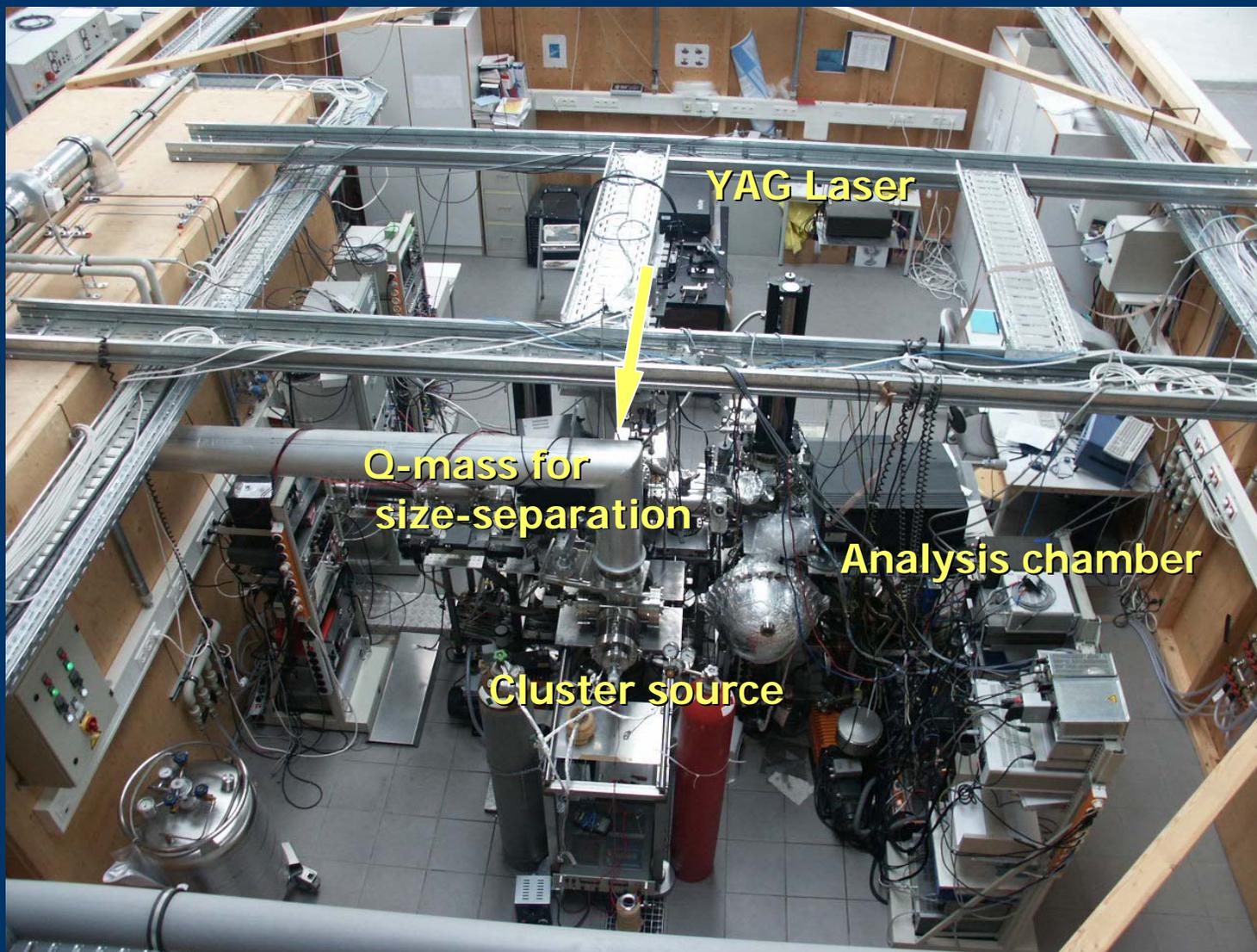
# Cluster Properties

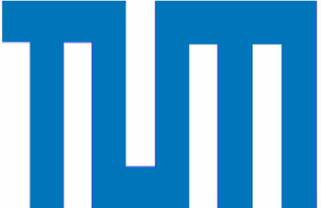
- Distinct, strongly size-dependent, electronic structures
- Strong impurity doping effects
- Unique structures, non-comparable to crystallites
- Manifold of energetically close-lying isomers
- Strong structural fluxionality
- Electronic and geometrical structure highly dependent on oxidation state
- Unique and size-dependent, magnetic properties





# Experimental Techniques

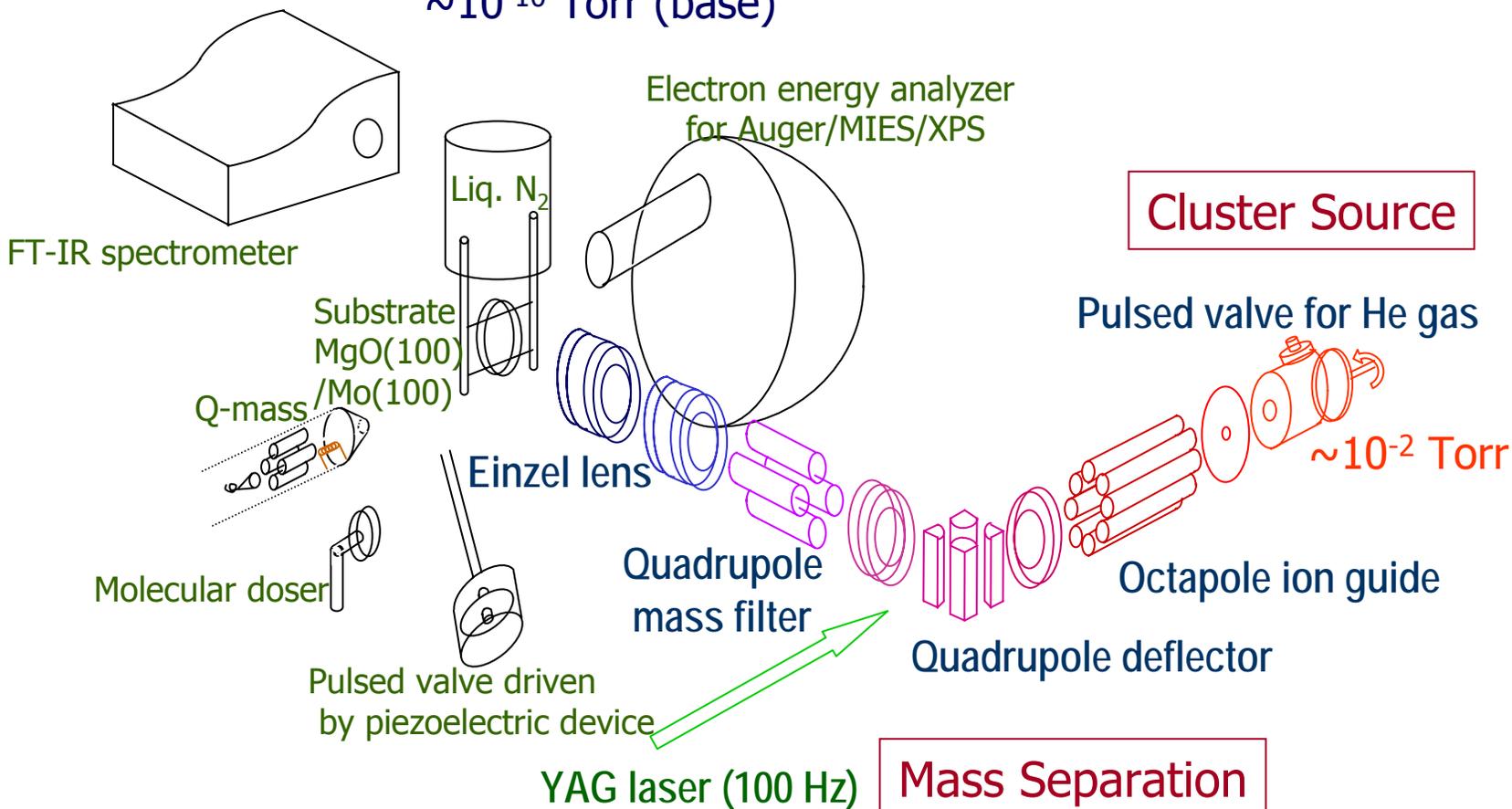




# Experimental Techniques: Cluster Preparation

## Analysis Chamber

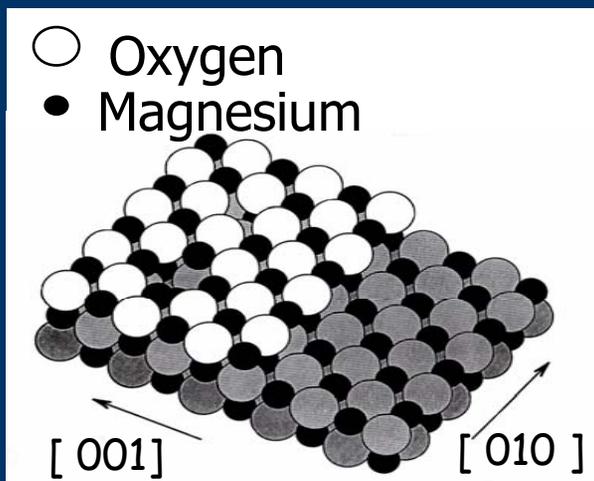
$\sim 10^{-10}$  Torr (base)





# Experimental Techniques: Support Materials

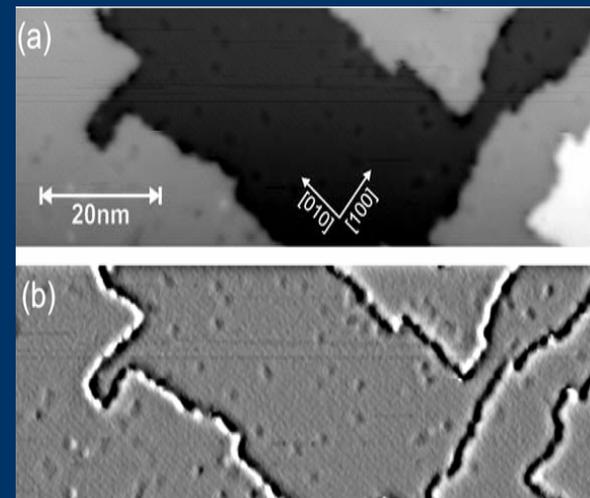
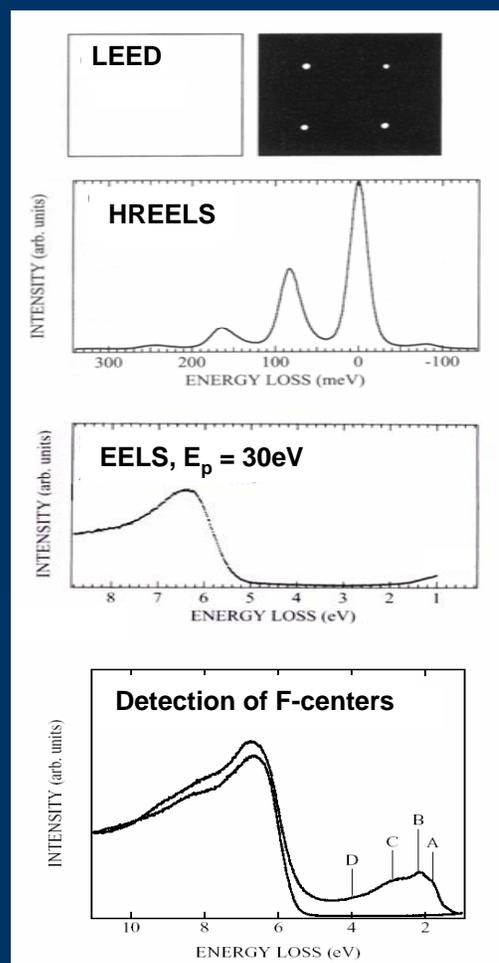
## Preparation:



Epitaxially grown on Mo(100) or Ag(001) by evaporation of Mg in  $10^{-6}$  Torr  $O_2$  at RT.

*Wu et al. Chem. Phys. Lett. 182 (1991) 472*

## Characterization:



*Heiz et al.  
J. Phys. D.: Appl. Phys. 33 (2000)  
R85-R102*

*Schaffner et al.  
Surf. Sci. 417 (1998) 159*



Typical cluster densities:  $10^{-12}$  -  $10^{-13}$  clusters/cm<sup>2</sup>

# Detection limit of many classical surface science techniques!

## Integral methods:

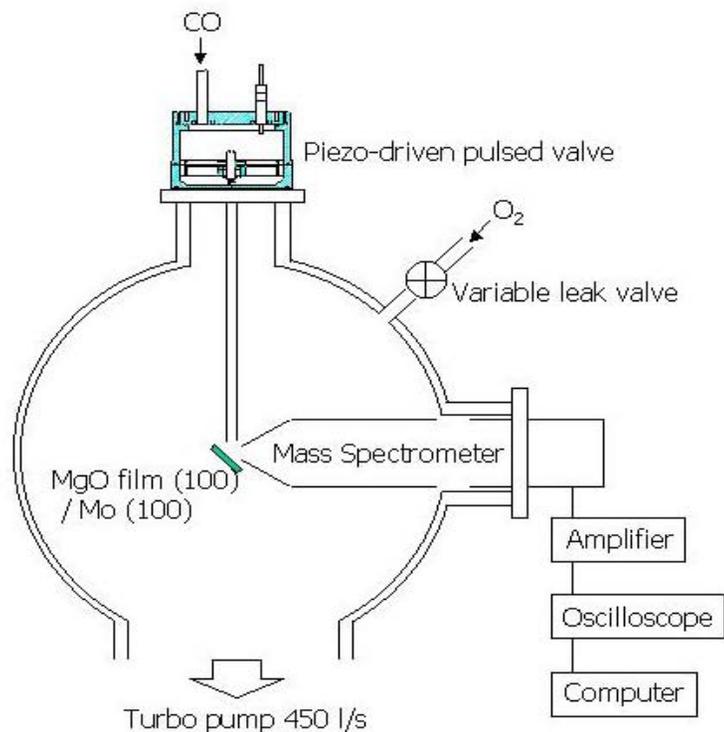
- Temperature programmed desorption
- Temperature programmed reaction
- Fourier transform infrared
- Electron energy loss
- Ion surface scattering
- X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy
- Ultraviolet photoelectron spectroscopy
- Metastable impact electron spectroscopy
- X-ray magnetic dichroism

## Local methods:

- Scanning tunneling microscopy
- Scanning tunneling spectroscopy
- Atomic force microscopy

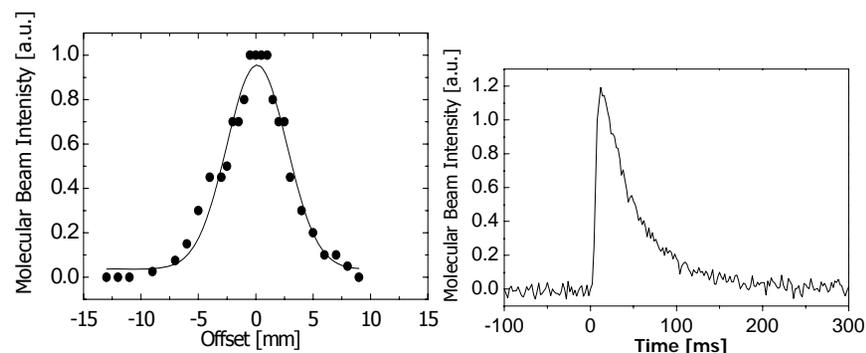


# Experimental Techniques: Pulsed Molecular Beam Reactive Scattering

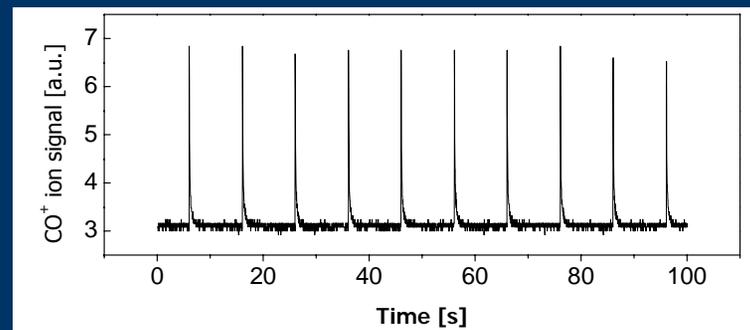


Beam profile:  
8 mm (diameter  
of crystal)

Time profile:  
~70 ms  
Maximal local p:  
 $1 \times 10^{-3}$  mbar



Stability: < 1% pulse to pulse



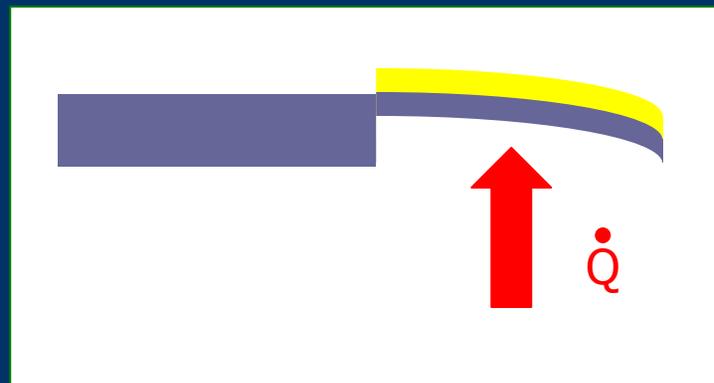
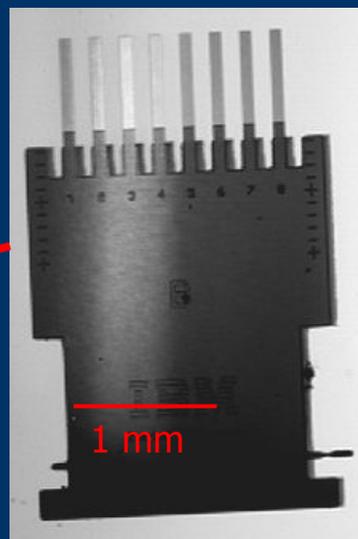
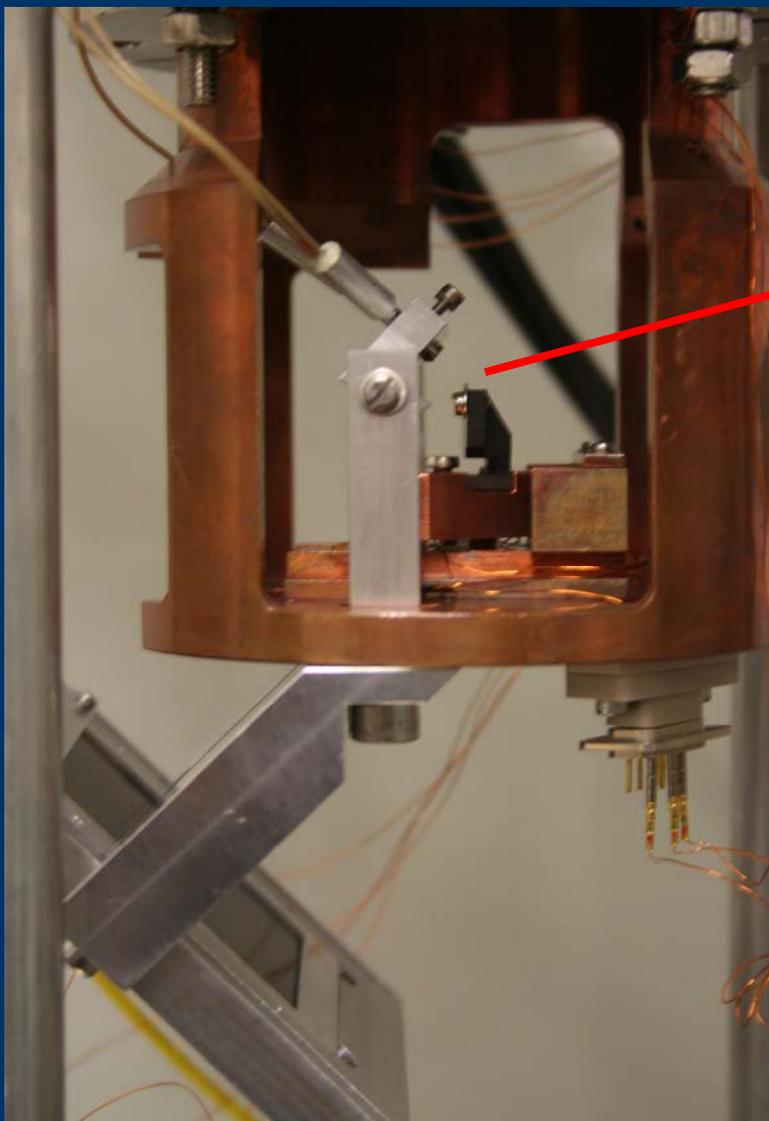
Experimental conditions:

$p_{O_2} = 5 \times 10^{-7}$  mbar,  
 $p_{CO}(\text{max}) \sim 1 \times 10^{-3}$  mbar,  
repetition rate = 0.1 Hz  
 $\Delta t_{\text{pulse}} = 0.07$  s

$$\text{TOF} = \frac{C_{\text{calib}} \times \int_{\text{peak}} I_{\text{CO}_2}}{n[\text{Pd}_n] \times \Delta t_{\text{pulse}}}$$



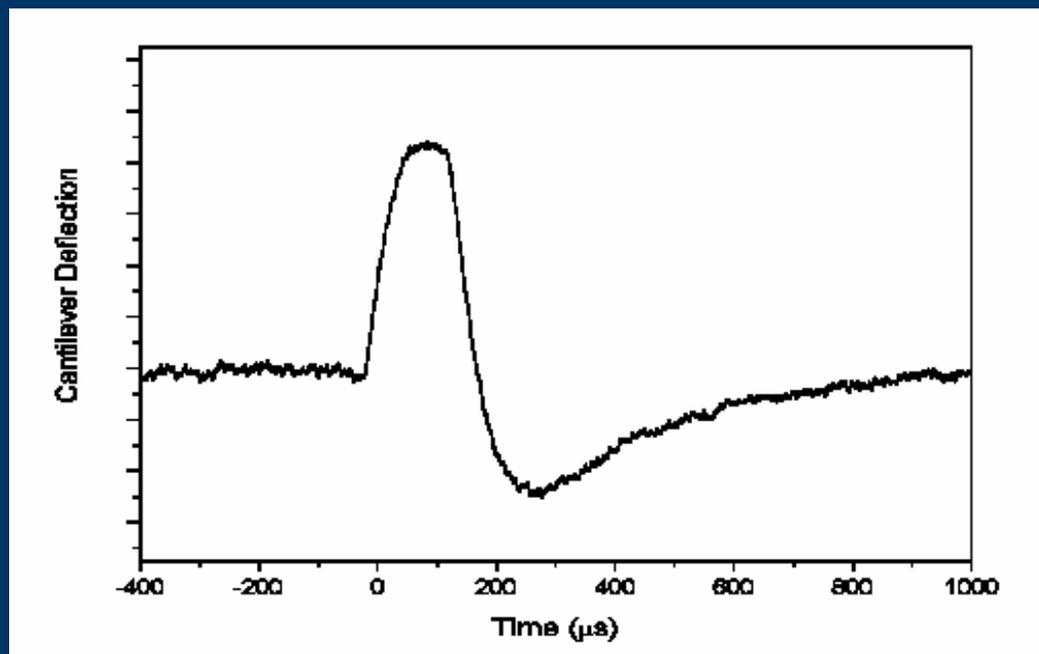
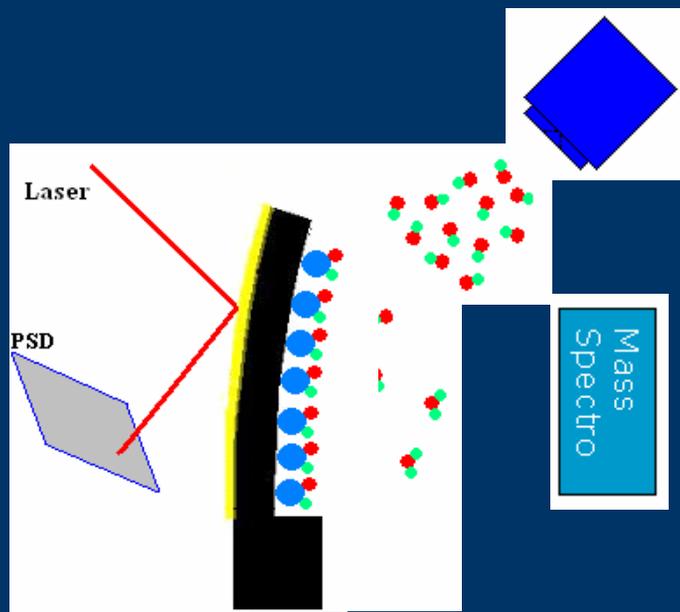
# Experimental Techniques: Microcalorimetry





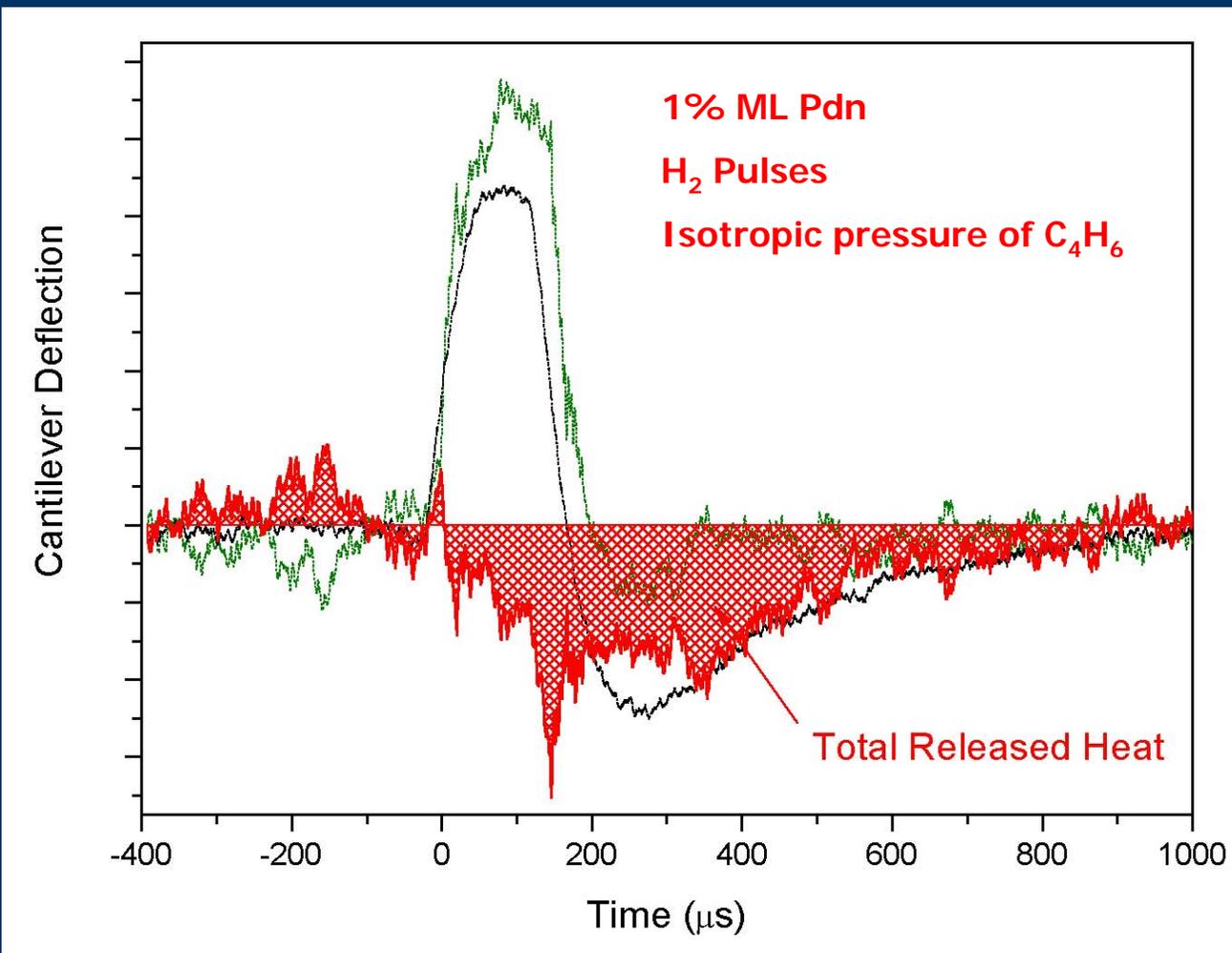
# Experimental Techniques: Microcalorimetry

## Cantilever response to the reactive gases





# Experimental Techniques: Microcalorimetry

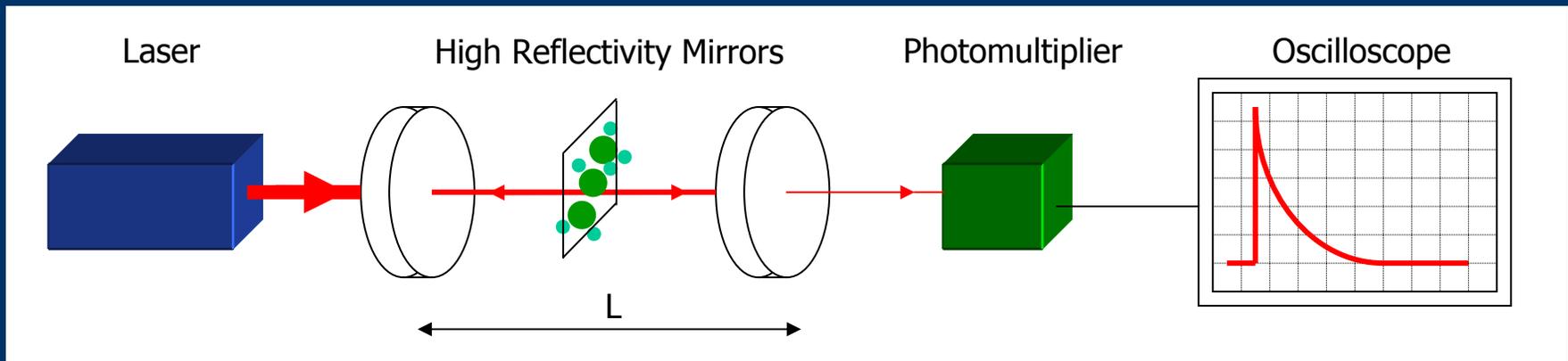




- **Development of a highly sensitive microcalorimeter**
  - Sensitive to temperature changes of  $\sim 10^{-3}$  K
  - 100 nWatt sensitivity
  - Response time  $\sim 0.1 - 1$  ms
  - 10 pJoule sensitivity
- **Study of cluster deposition**
  - Binding/rearrangement heats
- **Study of binding energies of adsorbates**
- **Study of reaction heats on clusters on surfaces**



# Experimental Techniques: Cavity Ringdown Spectroscopy

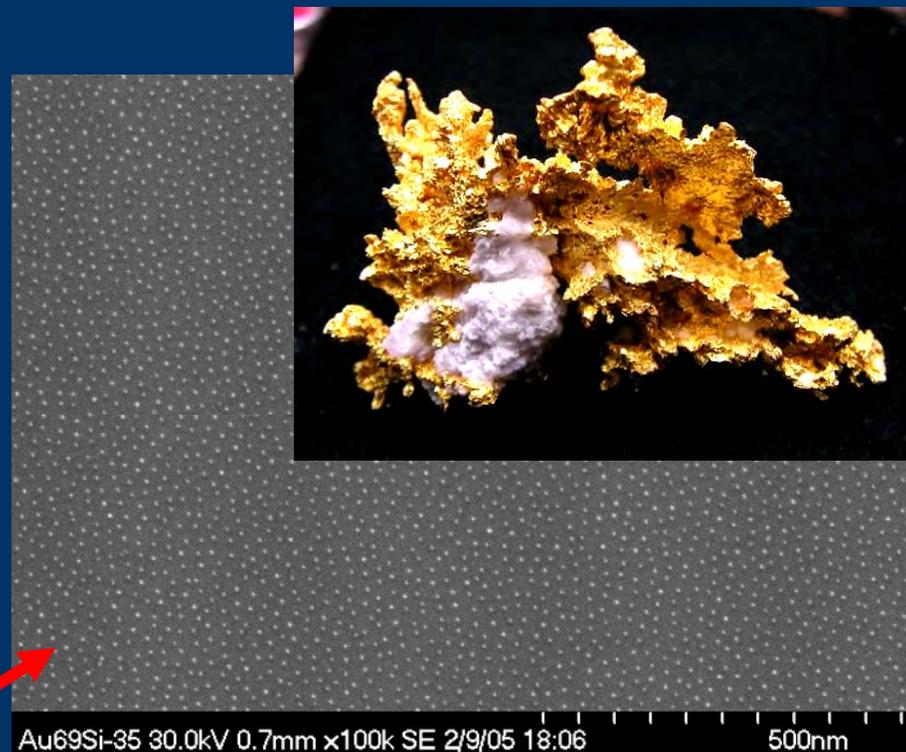
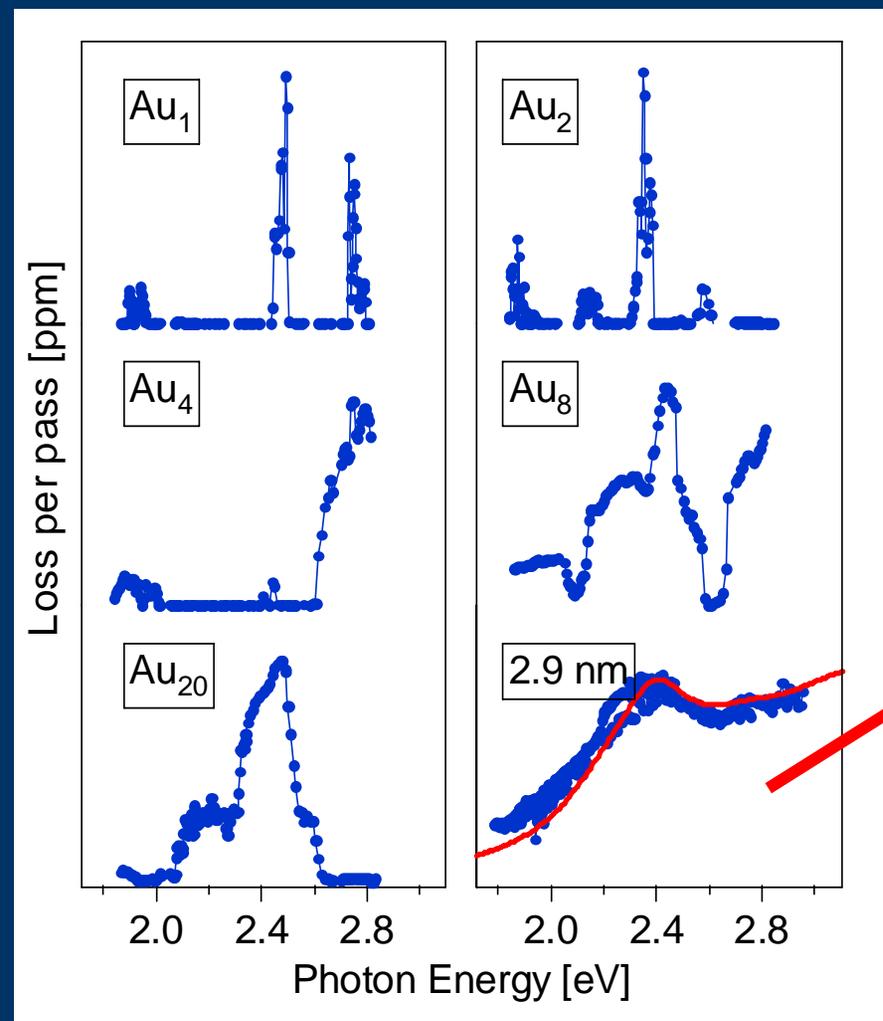


- $\Lambda_0$ : Intrinsic loss of the cavity (transmission of the mirror, surface scattering, ...)
- $\Lambda_s$ : Additional loss due to the absorption of light by the sample

$$\tau_0 = \frac{L}{c\Lambda_0}$$

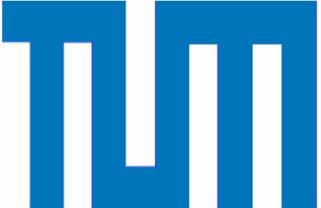
$$\Lambda_s = \frac{L}{c} \left( \frac{1}{\tau_s} - \frac{1}{\tau_0} \right)$$

$$\tau_s = \frac{L}{c(\Lambda_0 + \Lambda_s)}$$



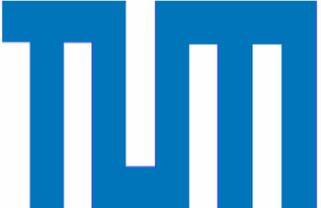
J.-M. Antonietti *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **94** (2005) 213402

A. Del Vitto *et al.*, J. Phys. Chem. B **109**, (2005) 19876



# Experimental Techniques: Cavity Ringdown spectroscopy

- Softlanding of size-selected clusters
- Characterization of trapping sites
- Characterization of atomic and molecular transitions
- Information of cluster structure
- Transition from atom to bulk



# Guiding Principles of Cluster Chemistry

## *When Gold is not Noble*

*Structural, Electronic, and Impurity-Doping Effects in Nanoscale Chemistry:  
Supported Gold Nanoclusters*

*Charging Effects on Bonding and Catalyzed Oxidation of CO on Au<sub>8</sub> Clusters on MgO*

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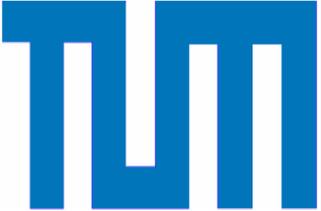
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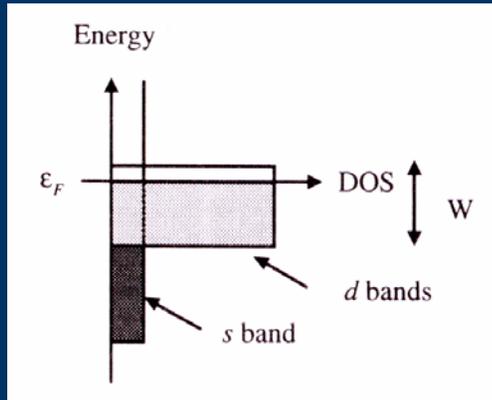
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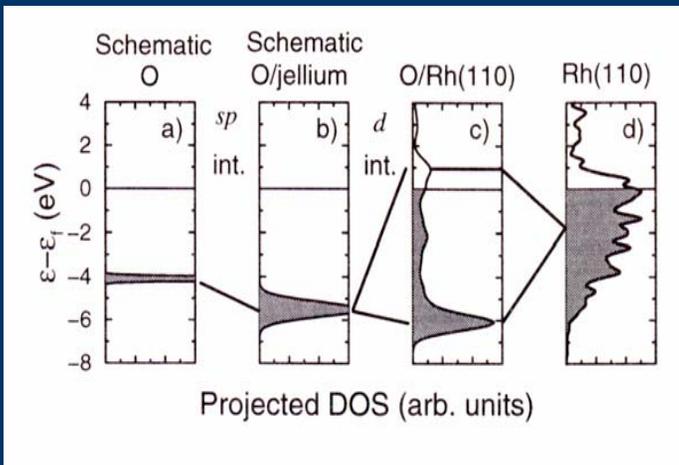


# Why is Gold Noble in the Solid State?

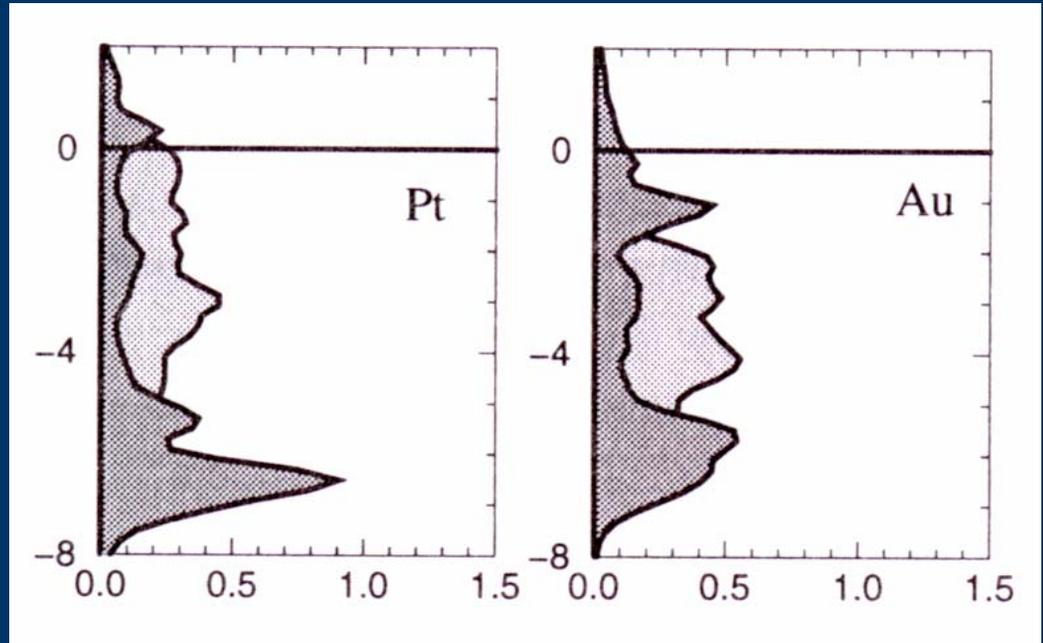
## Typical DOS of Metals



## Coupling of Molecular State with DOS of Metal



## Why is gold noble?

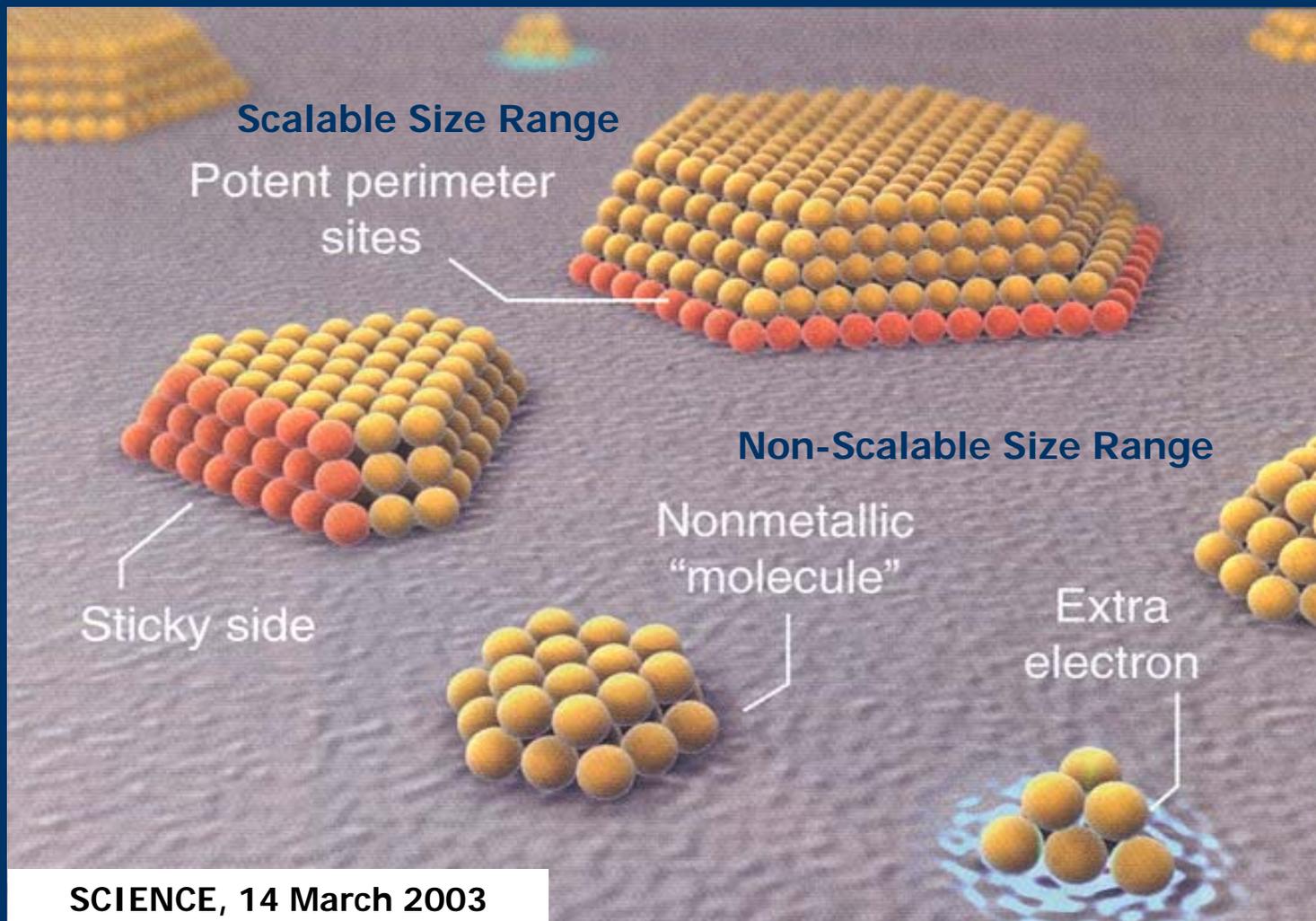


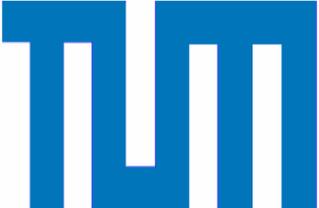
LDOS projected onto the  $p_x$  state of adsorbed oxygen (Dark Area)

*Hammer et al., Nature 376 (1995) 238*

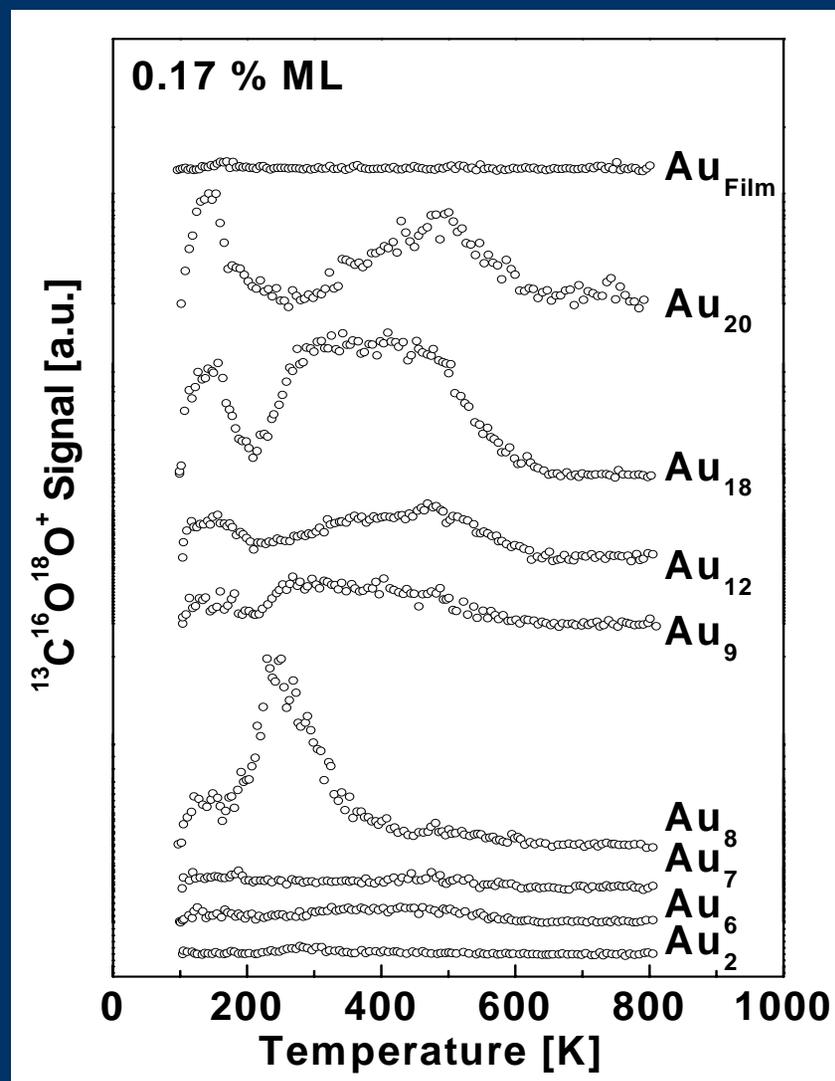


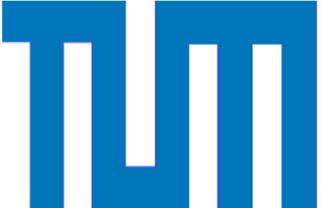
# Gold Nanocatalysts





# Formation of $\text{CO}_2$ on Supported Gold Clusters





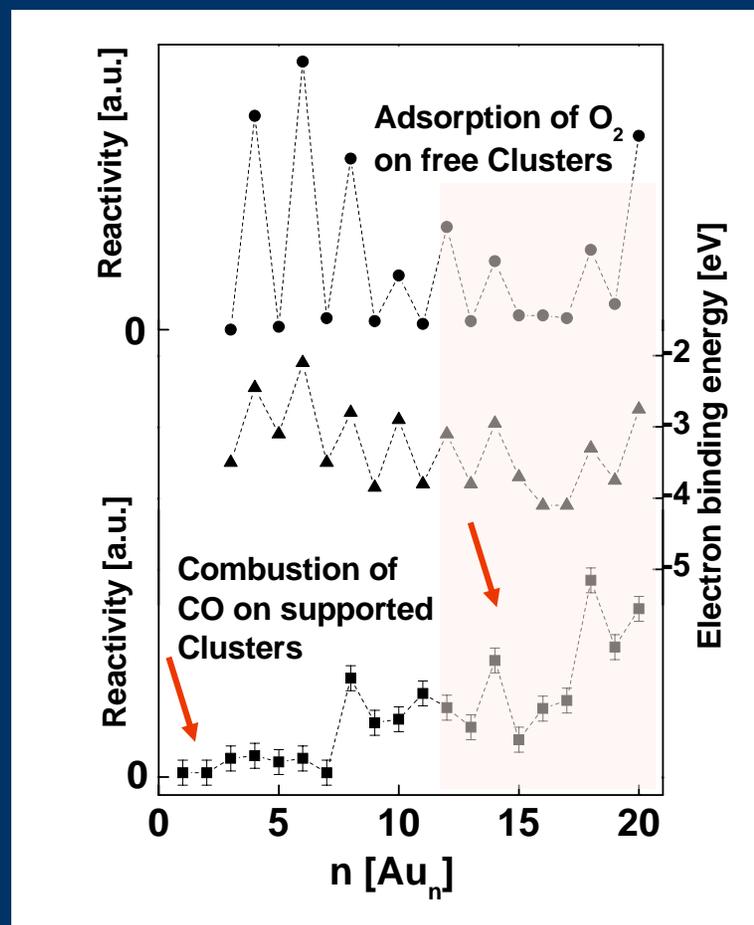
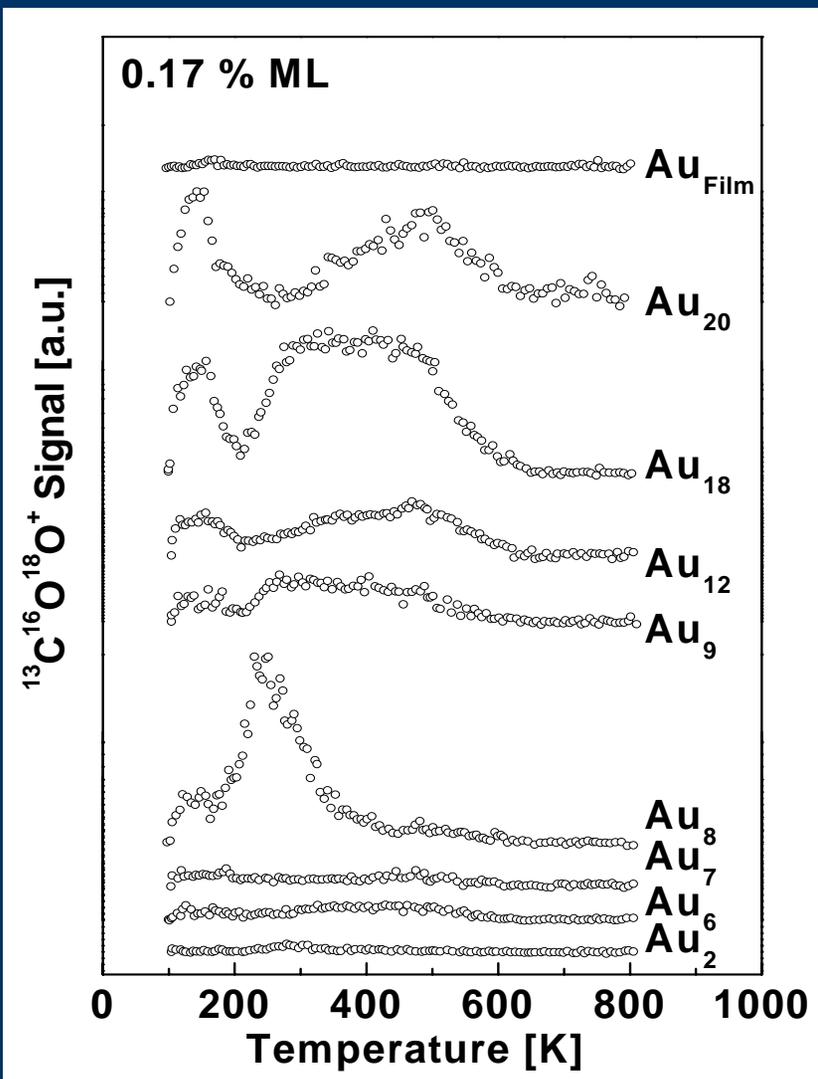
# 1. Guiding Principle

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**Each Atom Counts !**



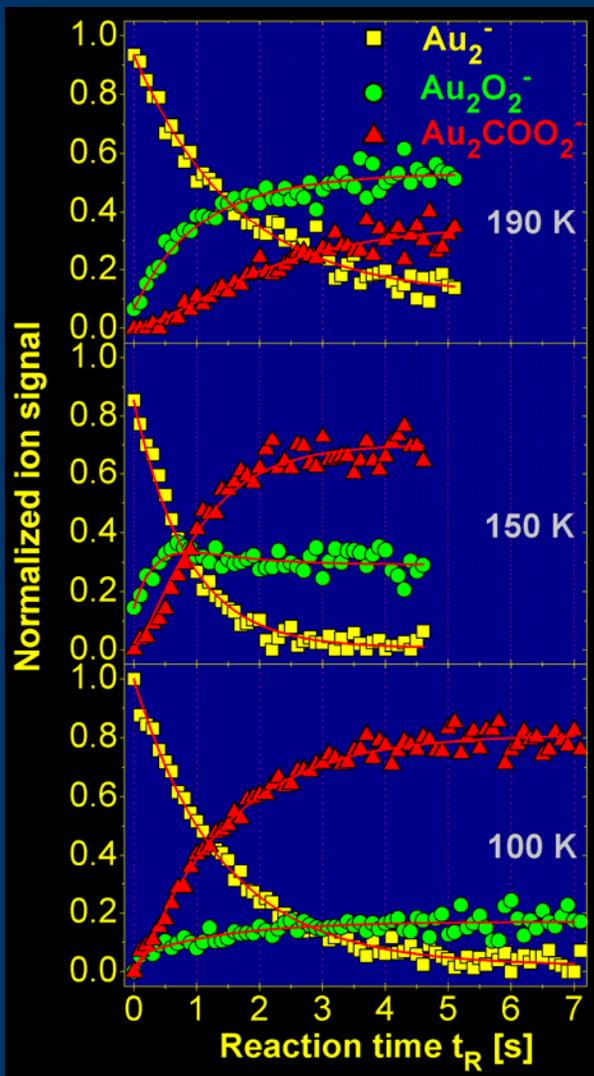
# Comparison to Reactivity of Free Gold Cluster Anions



**Note: No  $\text{O}_2$  adsorption on neutral and cationic gold clusters !**



# Reaction Mechanism of the CO Combustion on Free $\text{Au}_2^-$



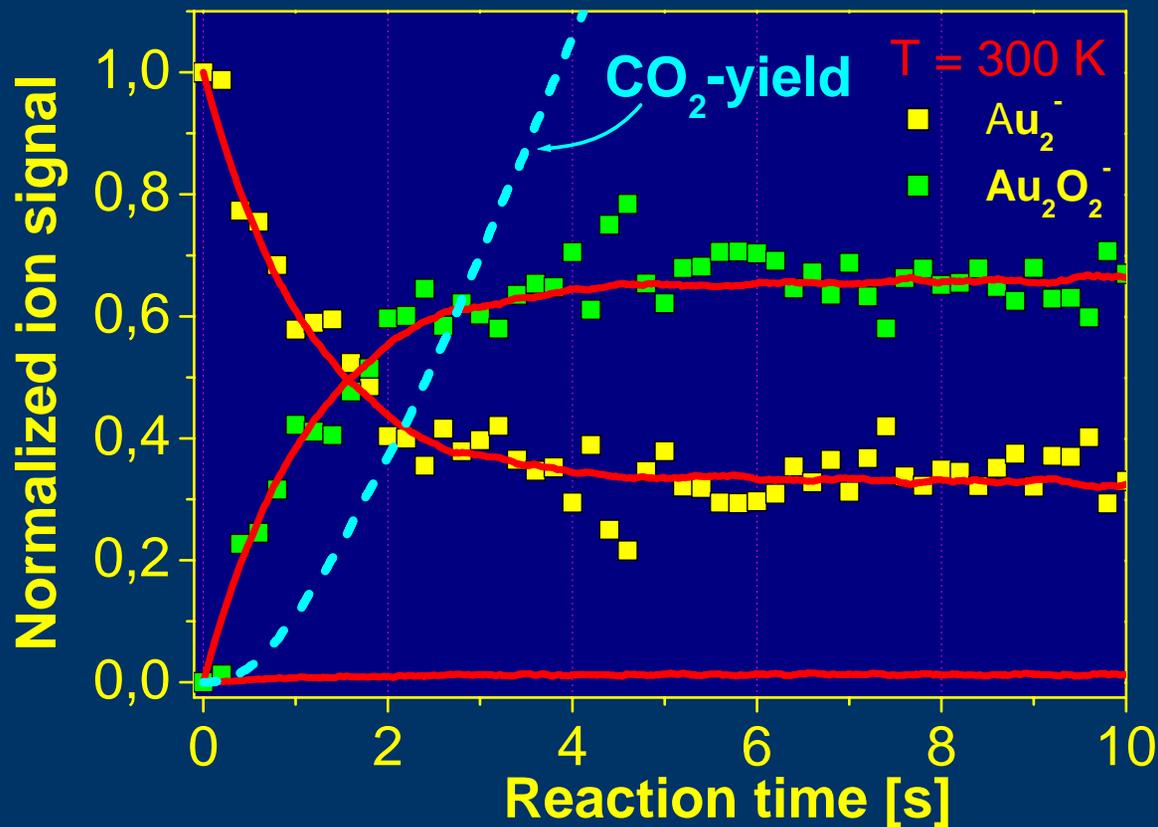
## Elementary steps needed to fit data



with  $k_{1-4}$  pseudo first order rate constants (pressure dependent).

L. Socaciu, J. Hagen, T. Bernhardt, L. Wöste, U. Heiz, H. Häkkinen, U. Landman  
J. AM. CHEM. SOC. 2003, 125, 10437

# catalytic Turn-Over Frequency (TOF)



$\text{TOF} \approx 0.6 \text{ CO}_2$   
molecules per gold  
cluster per second

2 nm gold particles at 273 K:  $\text{TOF} = 0.2 \text{ s}^{-1}$  per Au atom (Haruta et al.)  
3.5 nm gold particles at 350 K:  $\text{TOF} = 4 \text{ s}^{-1}$  per Au atom (Goodman et al.)



## 2. Guiding Principle

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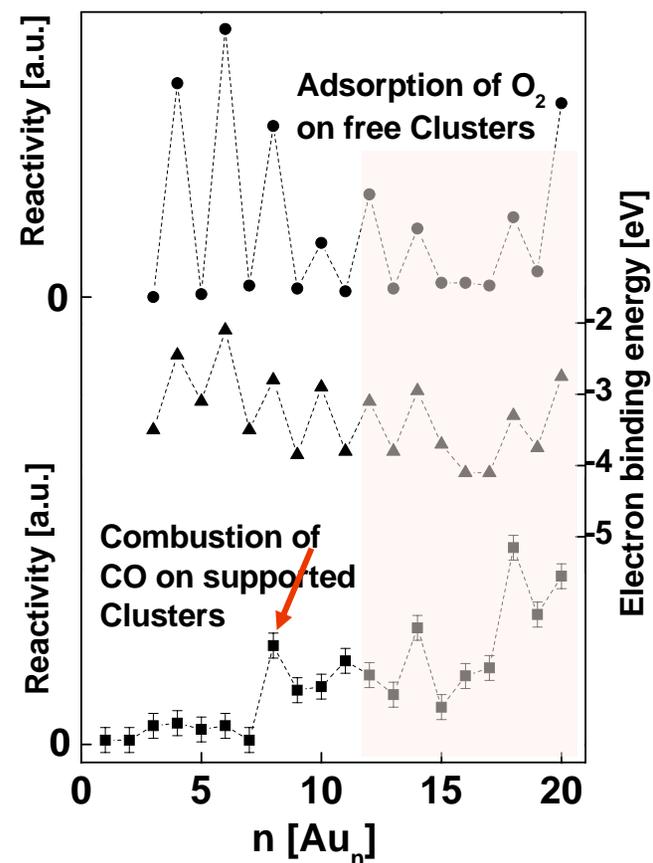
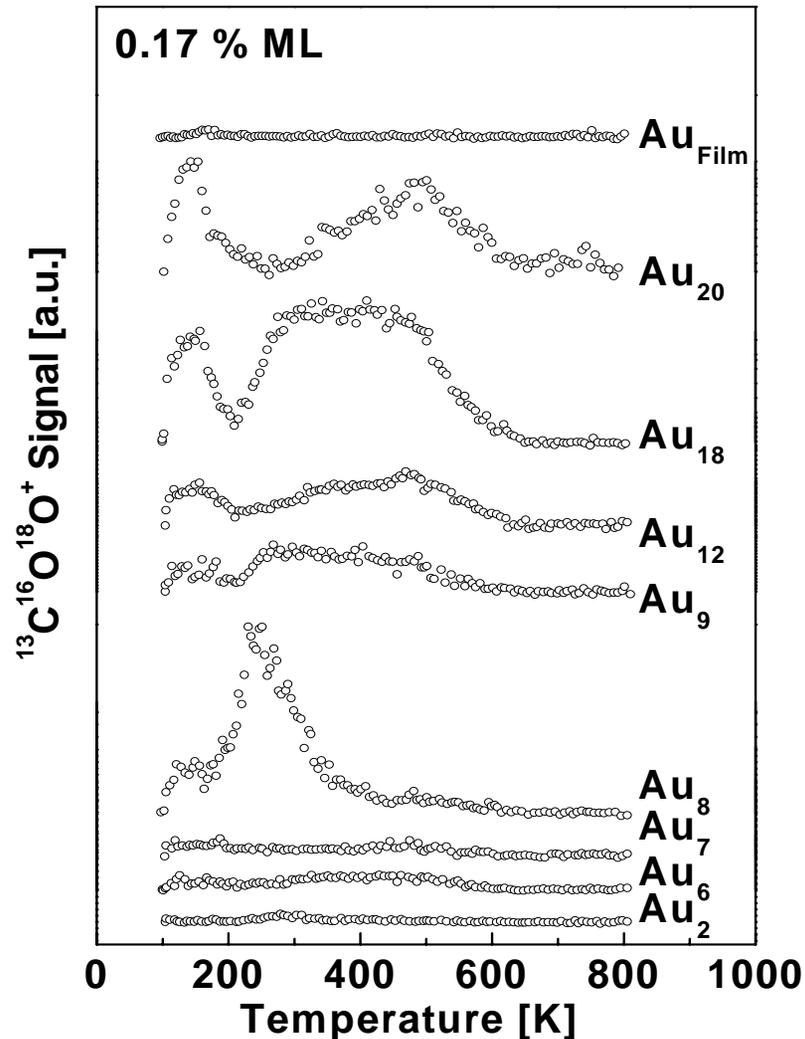
# Free Clusters May Behave Differently Than Supported Clusters

**Steric Hinderence**

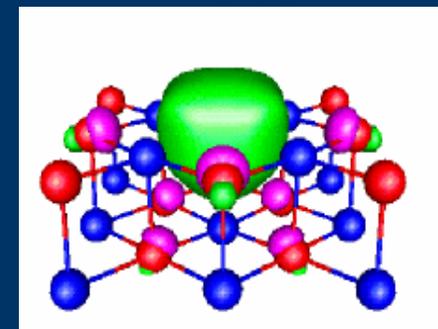
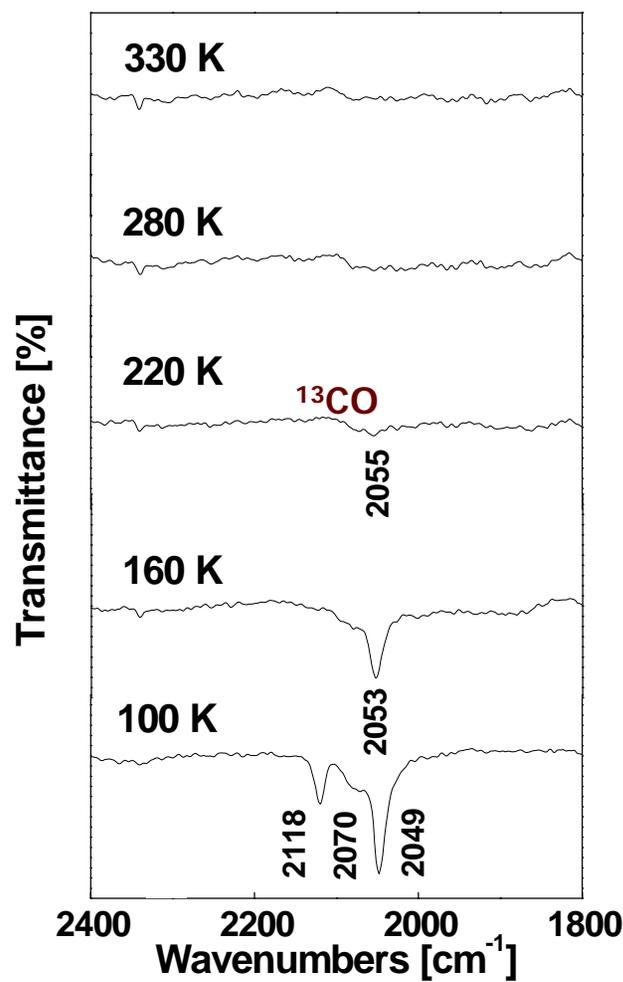
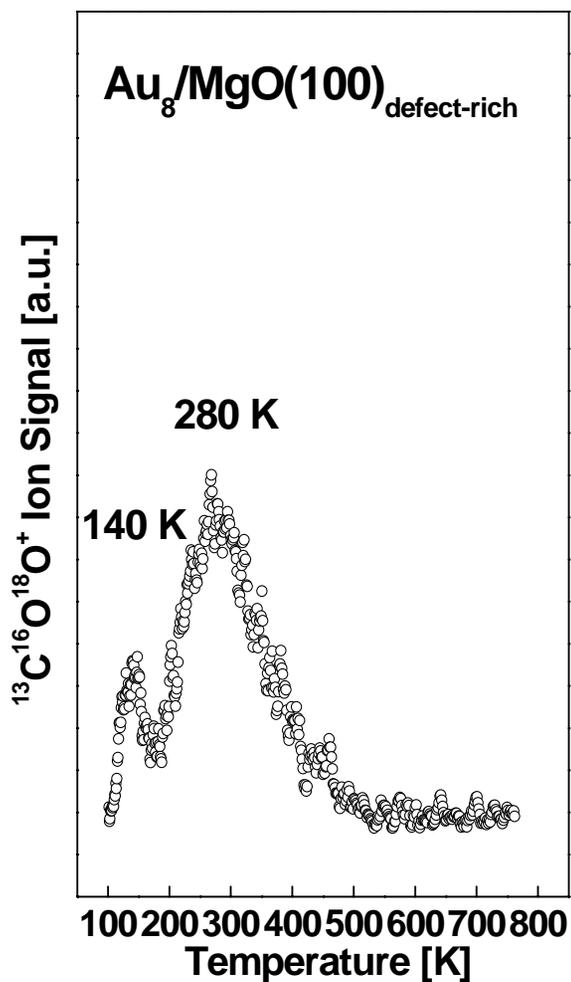
**Change of Electronic Structure**



# Reactivity of Free and Supported Nanoscale Gold

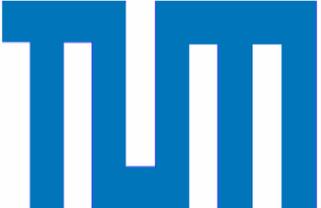


# Influence of Defect Sites: Au<sub>8</sub> on MgO(100) F-centers

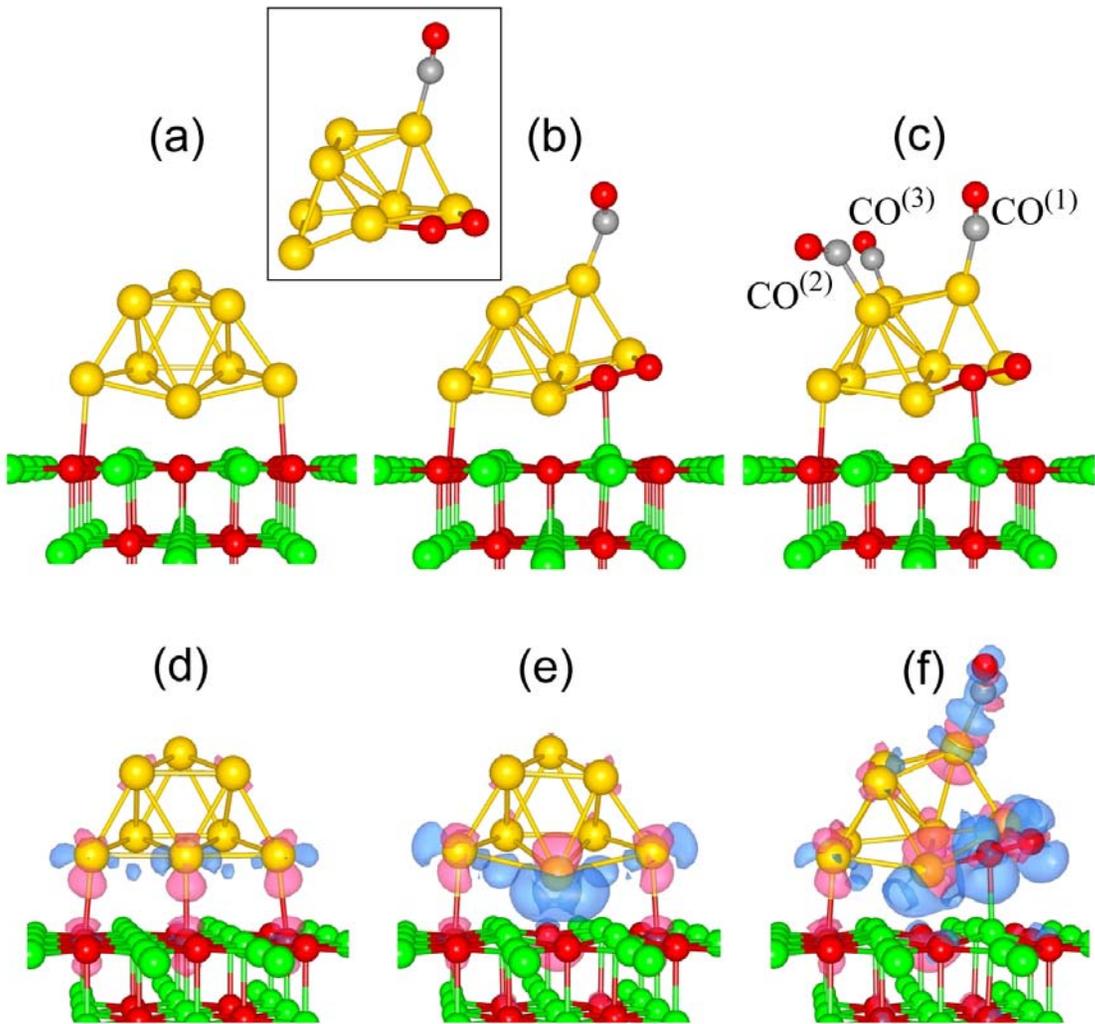


F-center  
Oxygen vacancy

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# Theoretically Proposed Structure

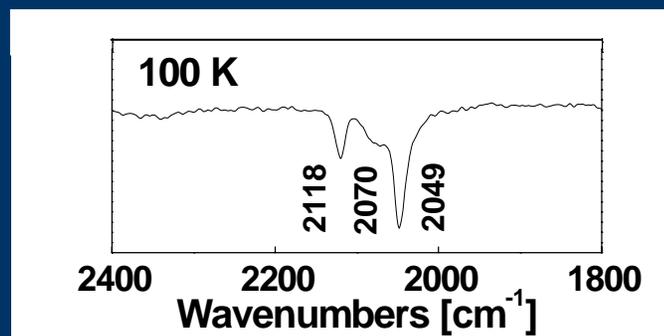


$^{13}\text{CO}/\text{Au}_8/\text{MgO}(\text{FC})$  :

$\nu_{\text{theor.}} : 2018 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (1)

$\nu_{\text{theor.}} : 1931 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (2)

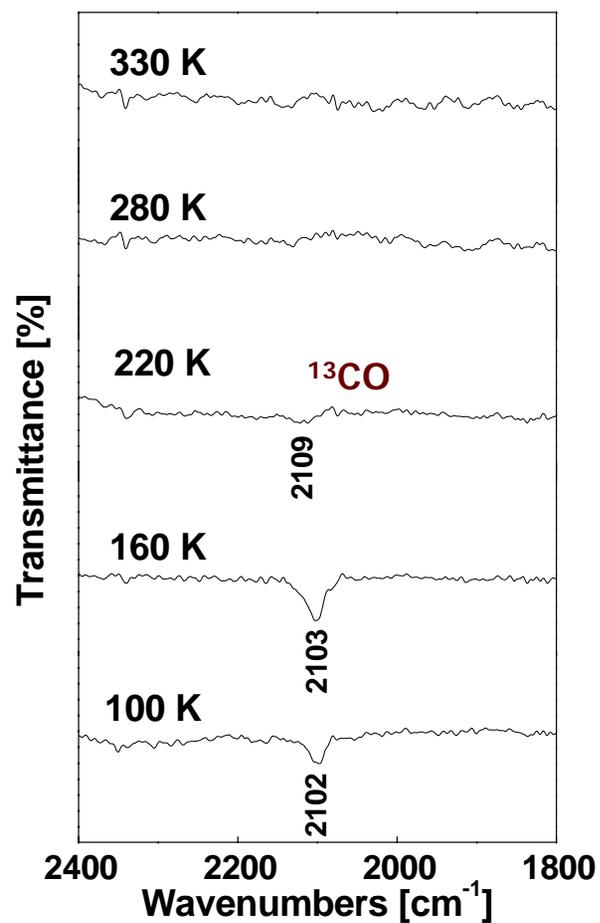
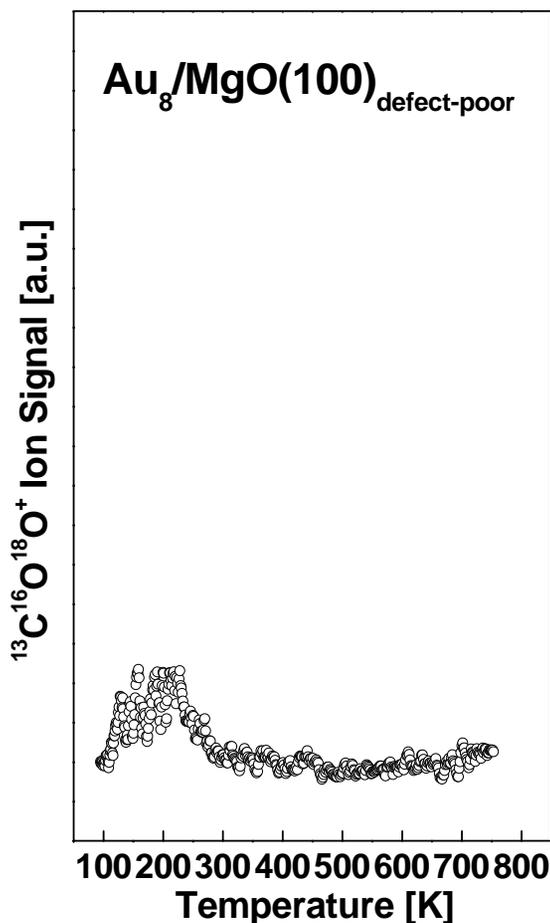
$\nu_{\text{theor.}} : 2004 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (3)



$\nu_{\text{CO}/\text{MgO}} : 2118 \text{ cm}^{-1}$



# Influence of Defect Sites: $\text{Au}_8$ on $\text{MgO}(100)$

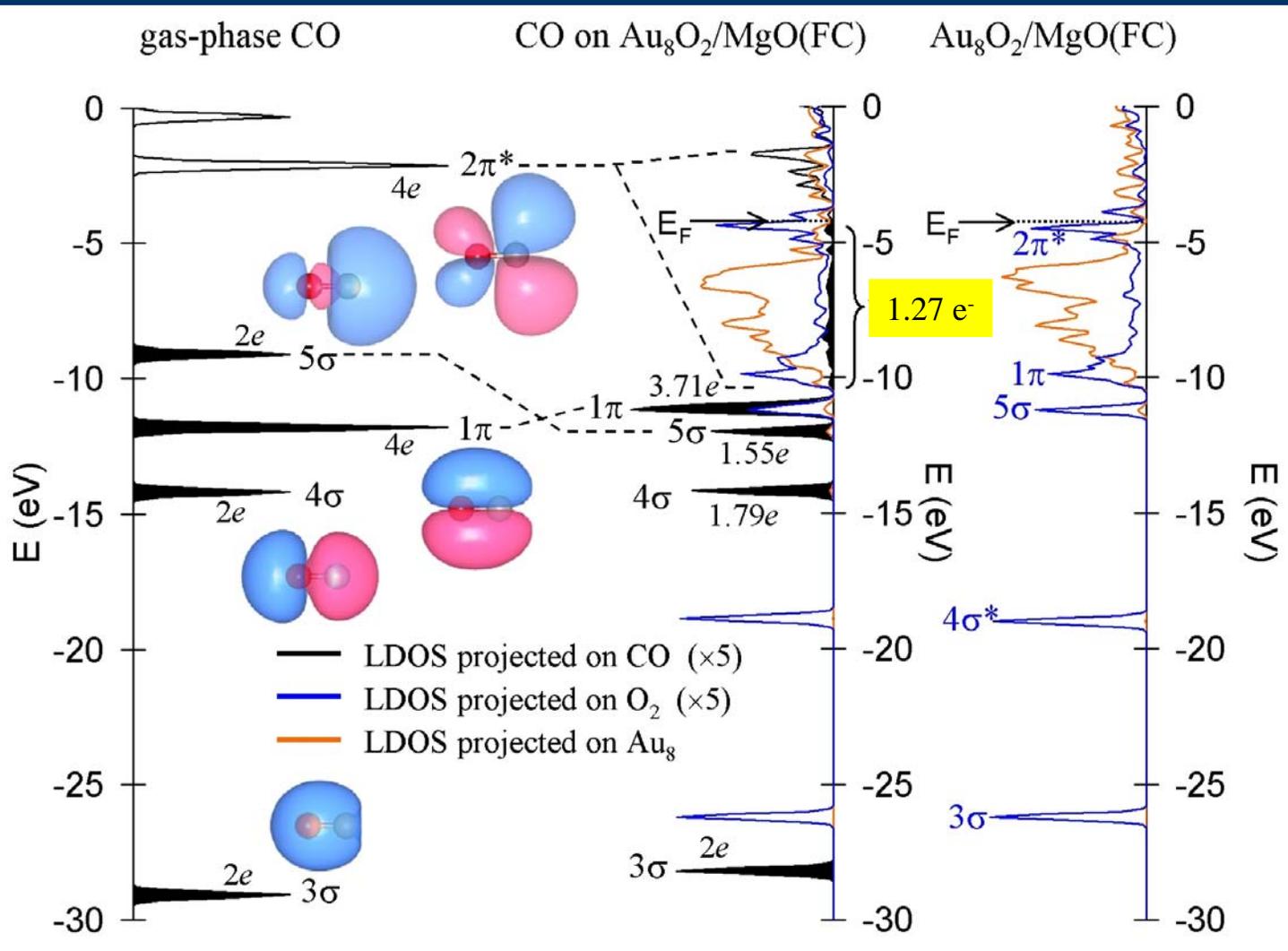


Redshift induced  
by F-center:

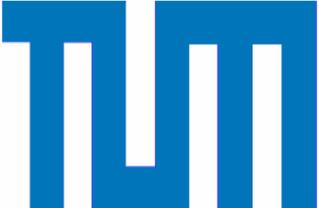
$$\Delta\nu = 30\text{-}50 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$



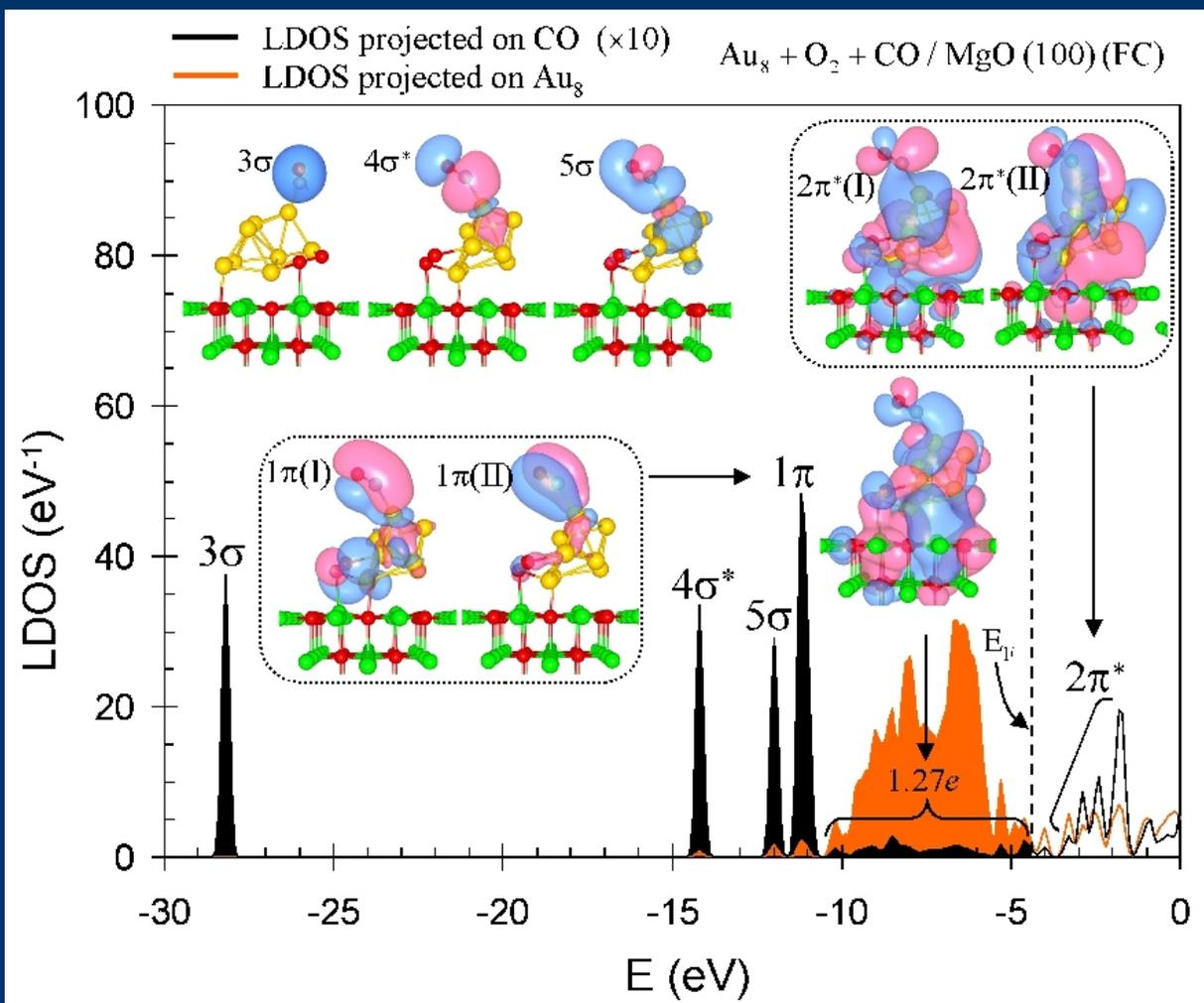
# CO bonding on $\text{Au}_8\text{O}_2/\text{MgO}(\text{FC})$



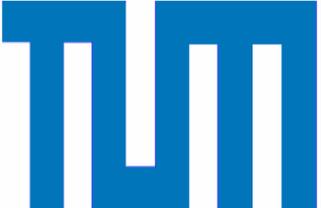
CO on  $\text{Au}_8\text{O}_2/\text{MgO}$ :  
1.18 e<sup>-</sup>



# CO bonding on $\text{Au}_8\text{O}_2/\text{MgO}(\text{FC})$



CO-bonding via  
backdonation into  $2\pi^*$   
and donation of  $5\sigma$   
into cluster

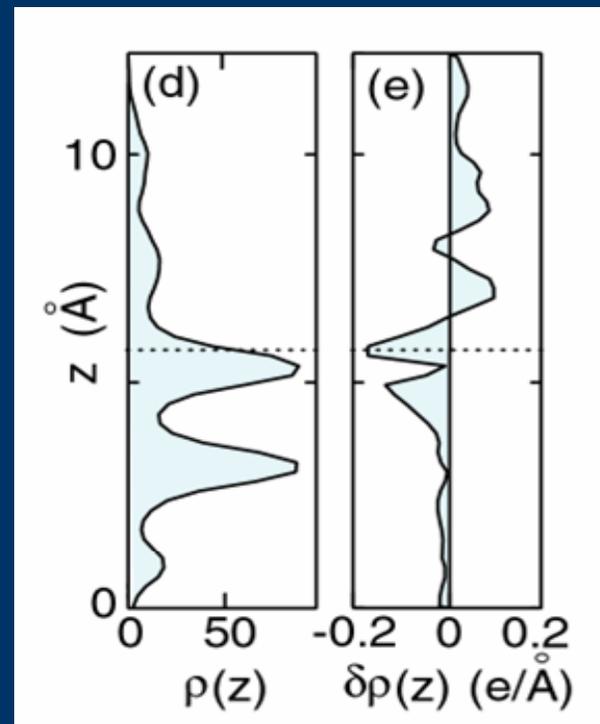


# Effect of F Centers: Cluster Charging

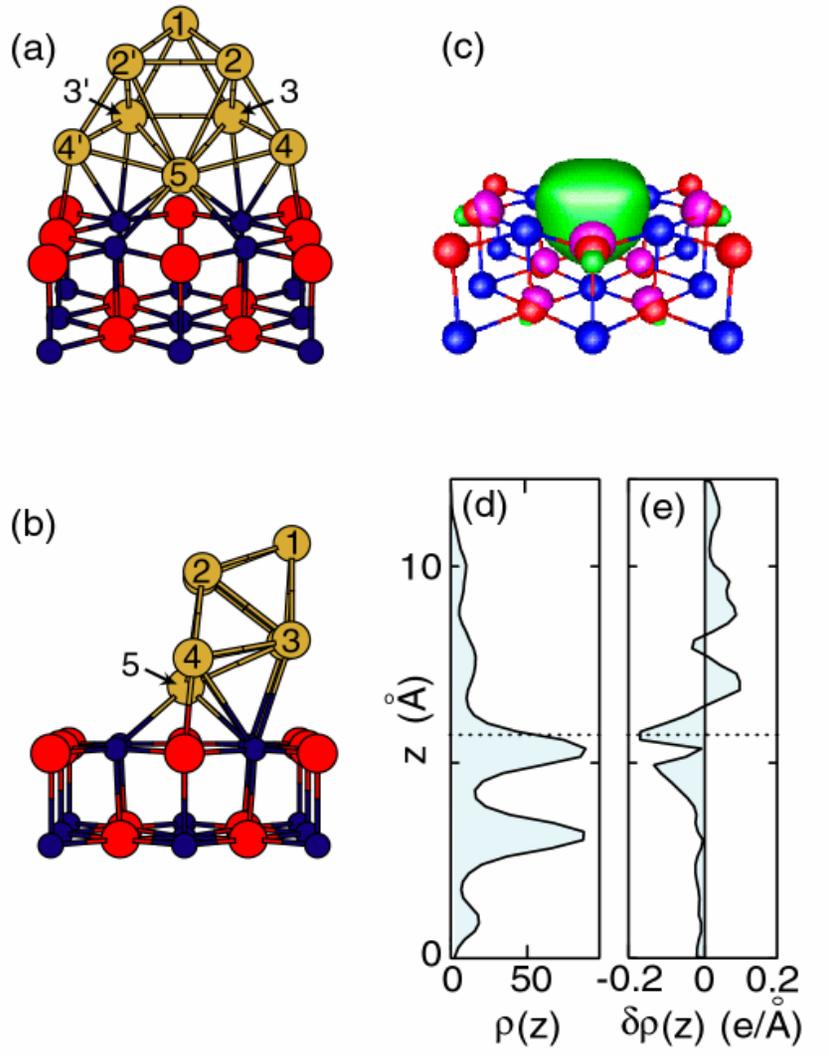
$\Delta v_{\text{exp.}} (\text{cm}^{-1})$ : 30-50

$\Delta Q$ $\text{Au}_8\text{O}_2^{13}\text{CO}$	spin	$\Delta v_{\text{theor.}} (\text{cm}^{-1})$
0	1	0
0.25	0.875	18
0.5	0.75	37
0	0	0
0.25	0	19
0.5	0	34

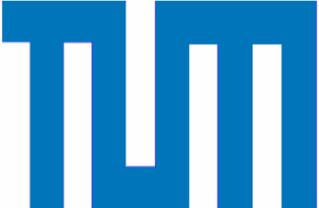
Charging  $\Leftrightarrow$  Frequency shift



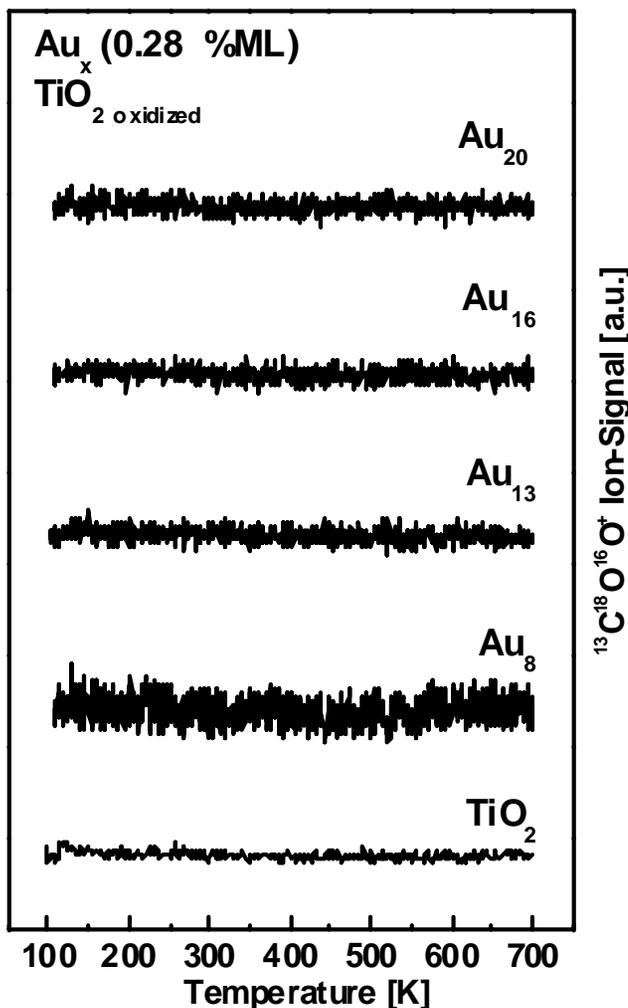
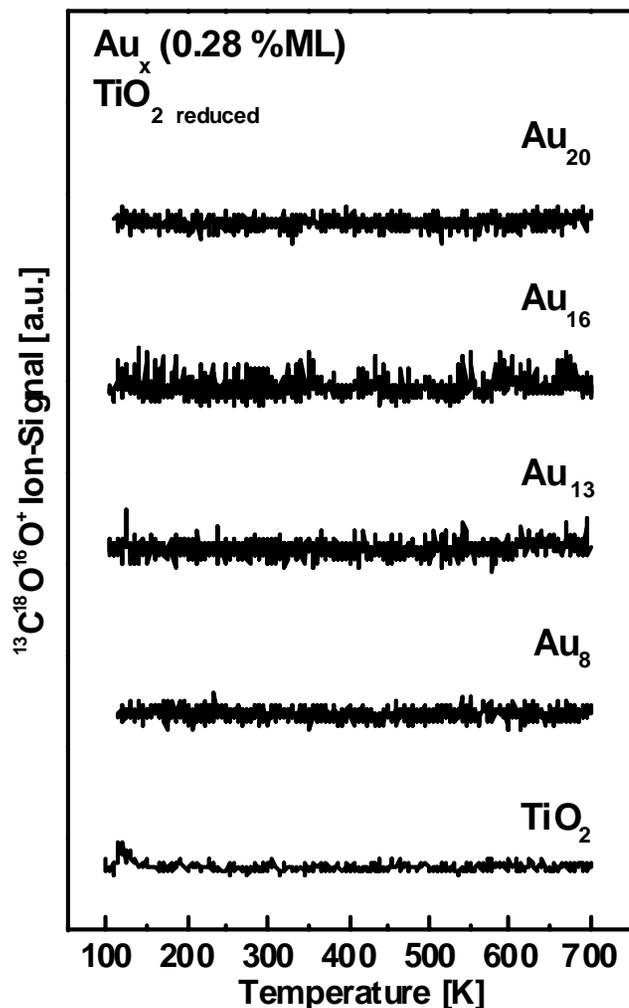
$\Delta Q = 0.5$



- Strong binding between cluster and F-center; 3.4 eV in comparison to 1.2 eV on regular terrace sites.
- Charge transfer to the cluster:  $\sim 0.5 e^-$



# CO-oxidation on $Au_n$ on $TiO_2$

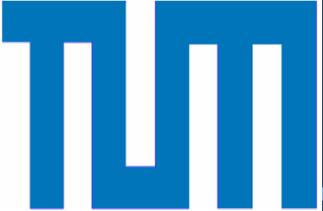




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## Cluster-Support-Interaction:

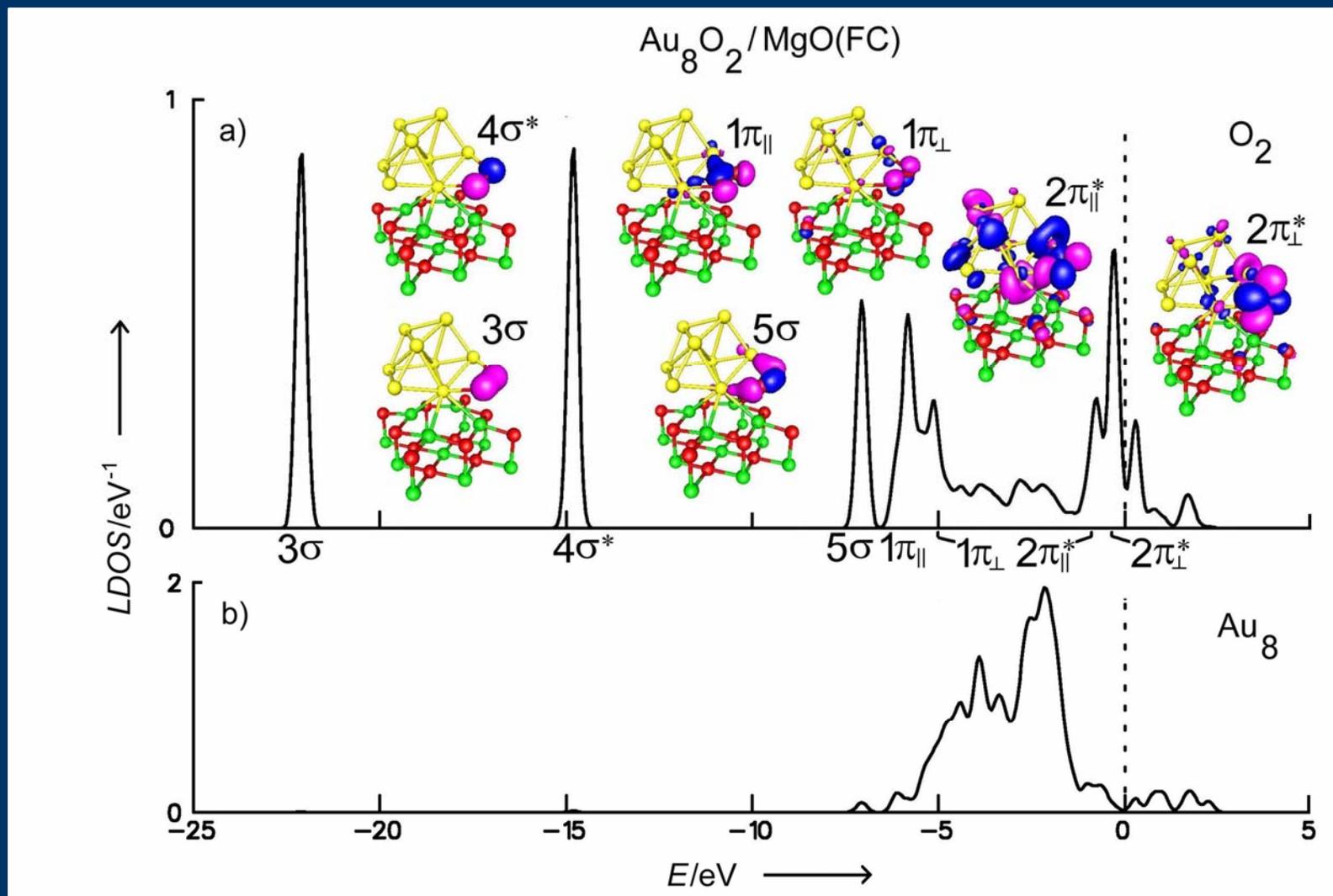
- Stabilization
- Charging

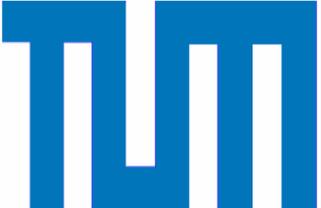


# Why is Gold Active at low Temperatures ?

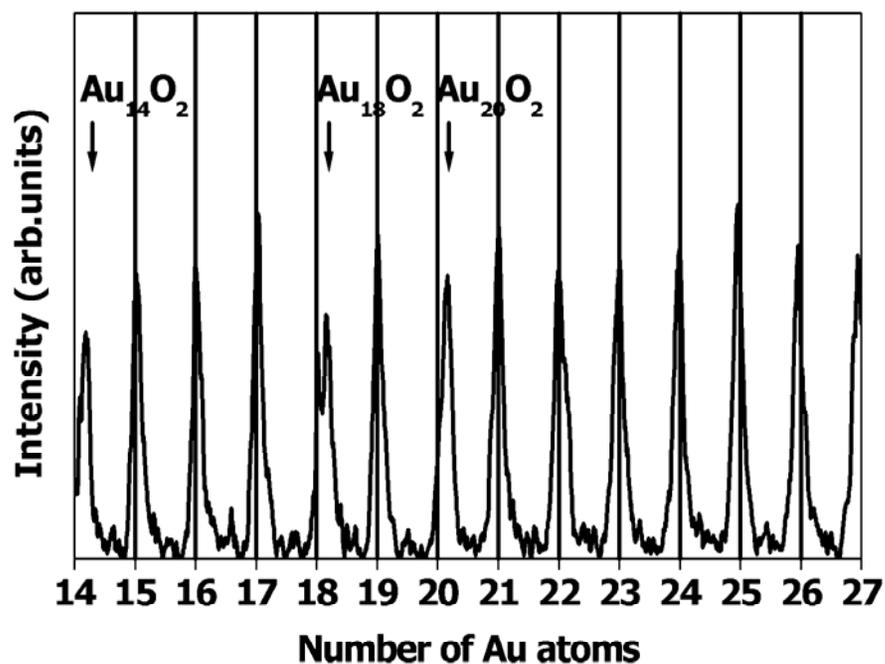
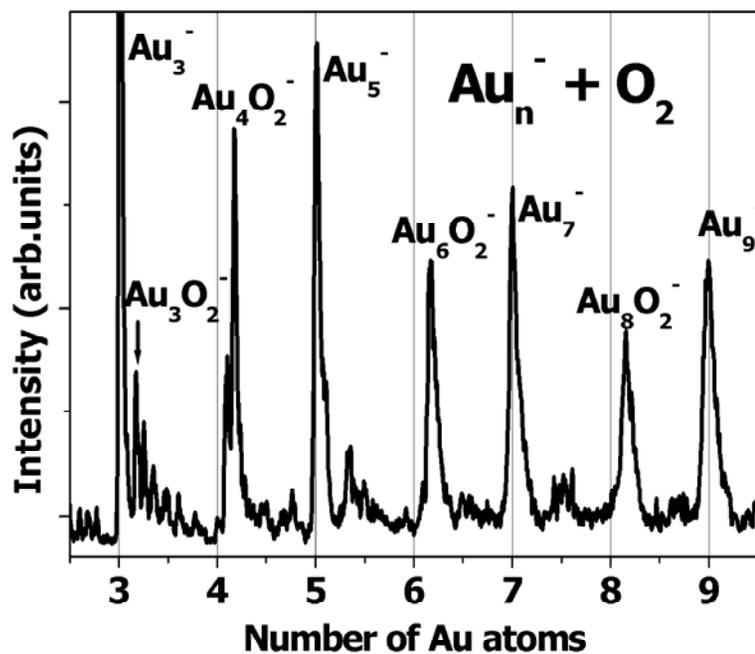


# Effect of F centers: Activation of $O_2$ (peroxo state)

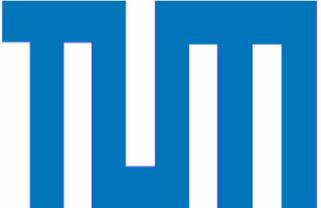




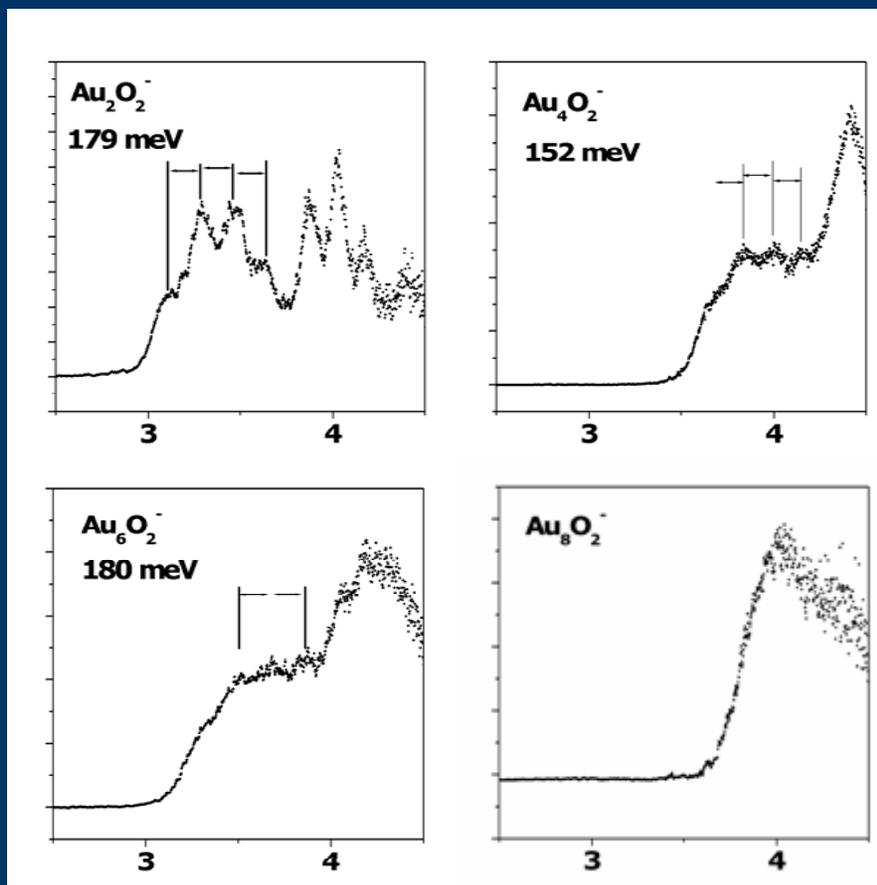
# Comparison with Gas Phase Studies



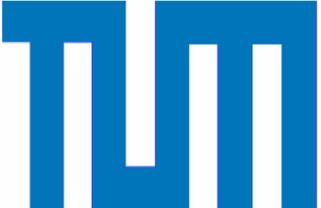
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# Experimental Evidence of Molecular $O_2$ Adsorption



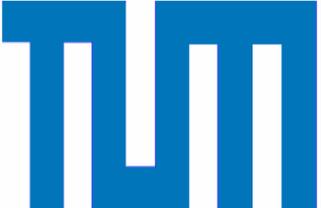
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# Unique Activation of Reactants on Clusters !

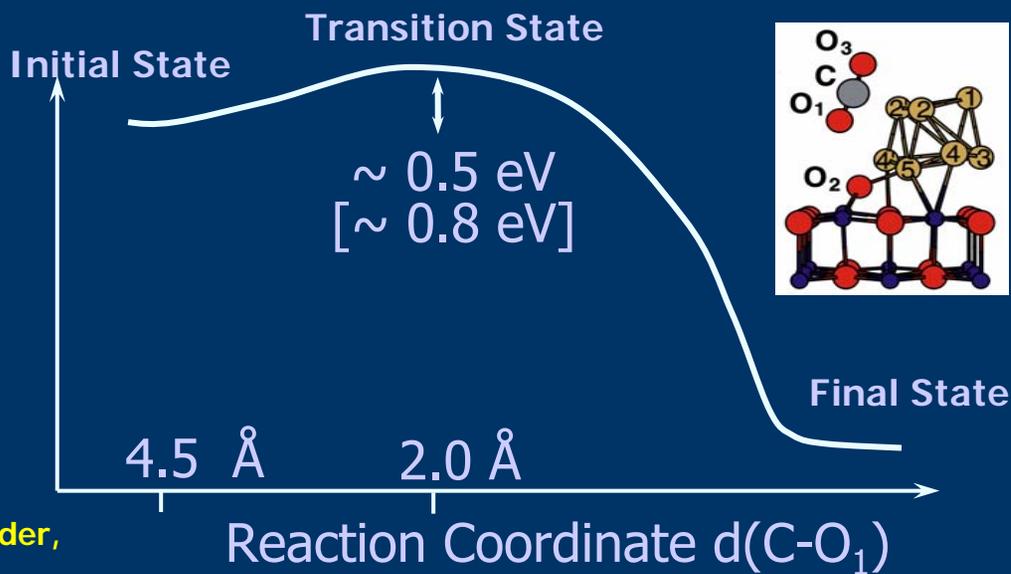
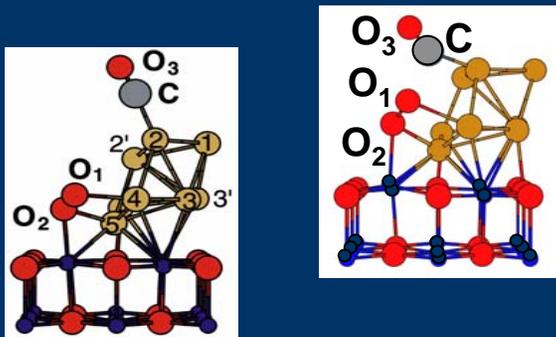
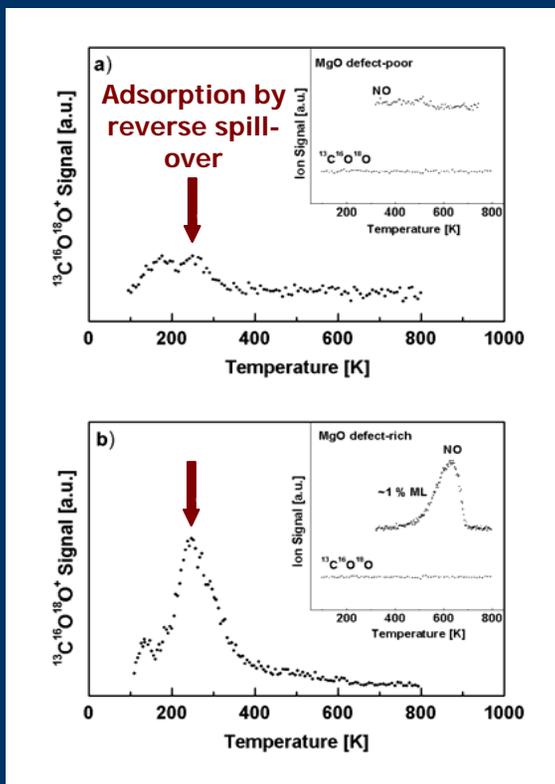


# Identification of possible Reaction Mechanisms

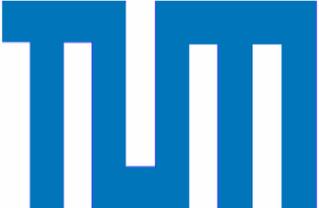


# Oxidation of CO on $Au_8$ Bound to Defect-Poor and Defect-Rich MgO(100) Surfaces

## Langmuir-Hinshelwood-Periphery Mechanism

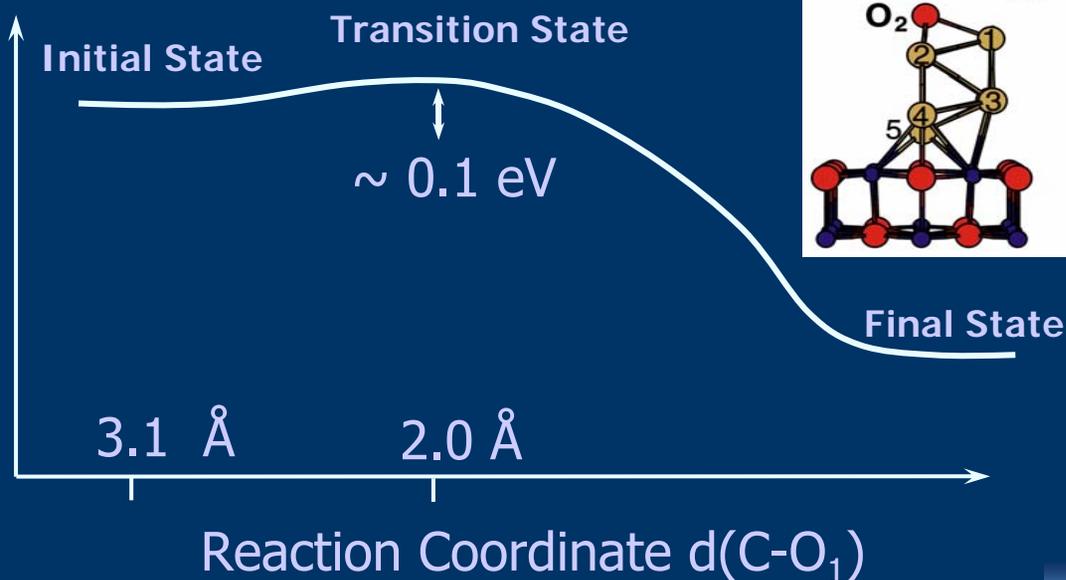
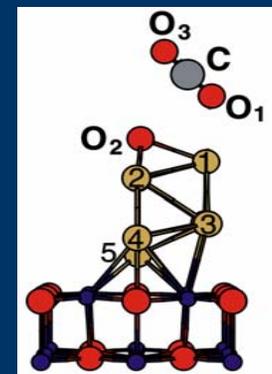
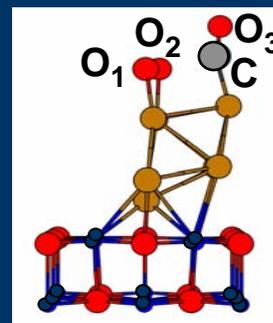
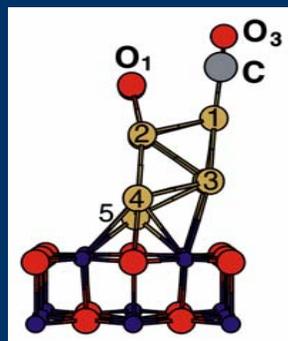
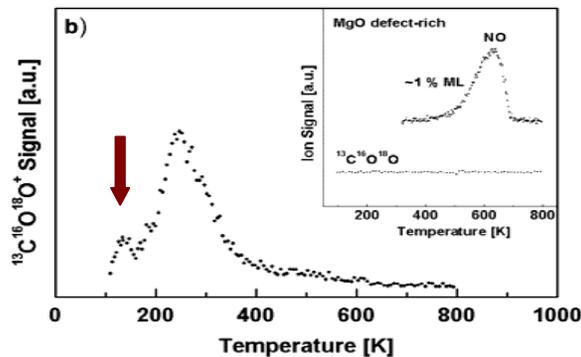
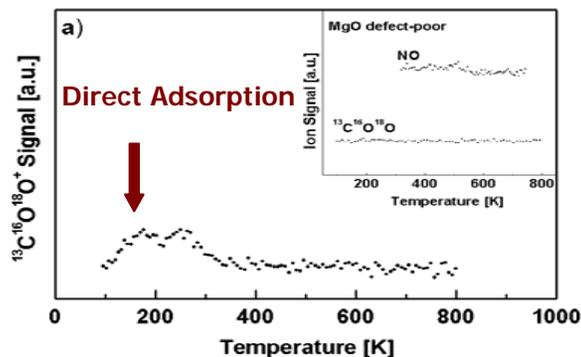


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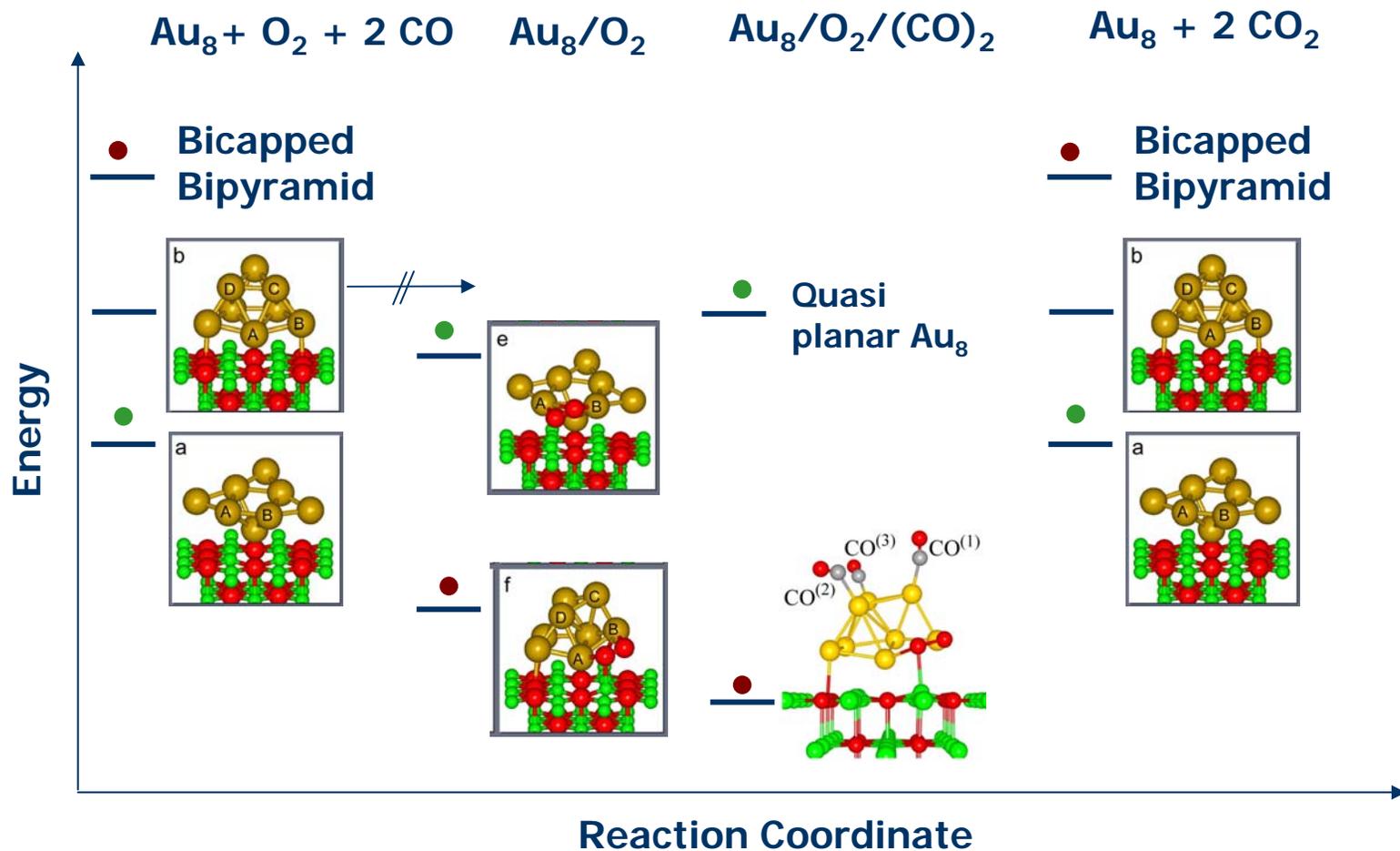
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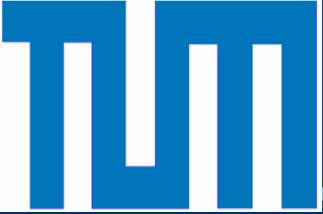
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# Dynamic Structural Fluxionality





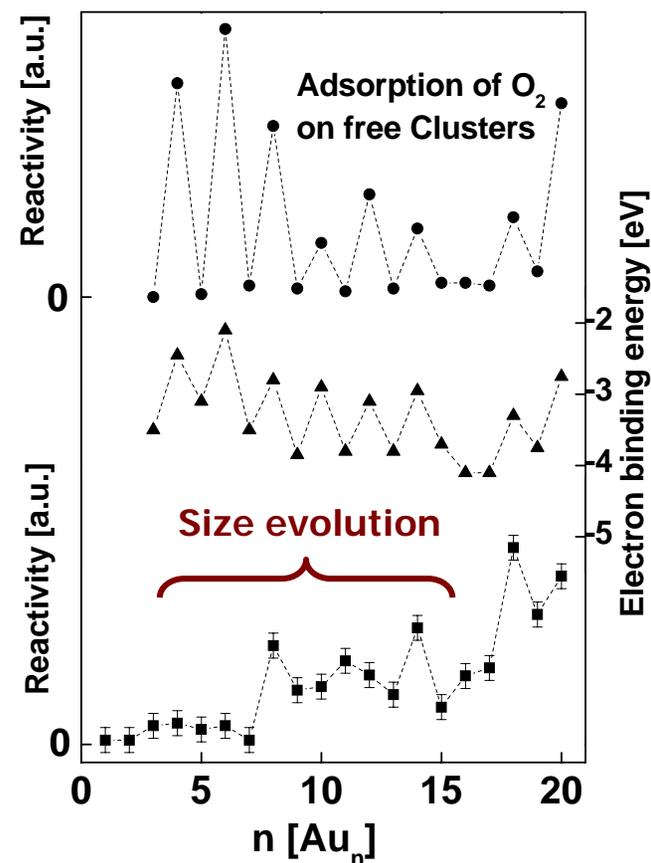
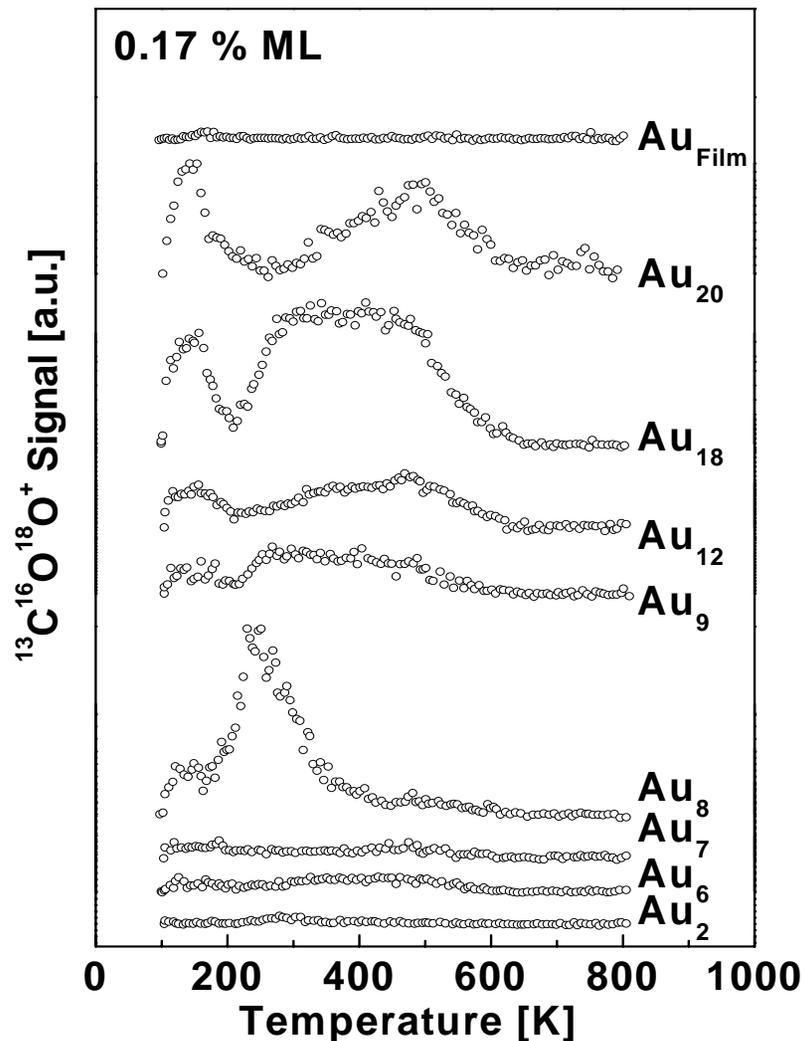
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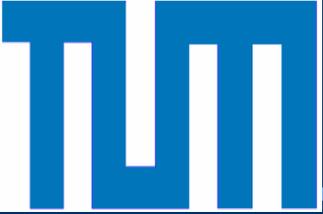
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# Dynamic Structural Fluxionality



# Evolution of Reactivity with Size and Elemental Composition



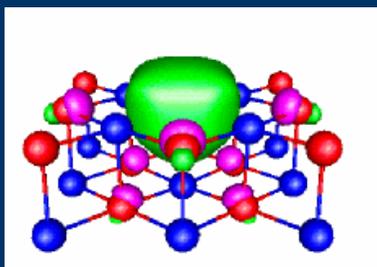


Activation by Impurity Doping  
Understanding Size-Evolution of the Reaction



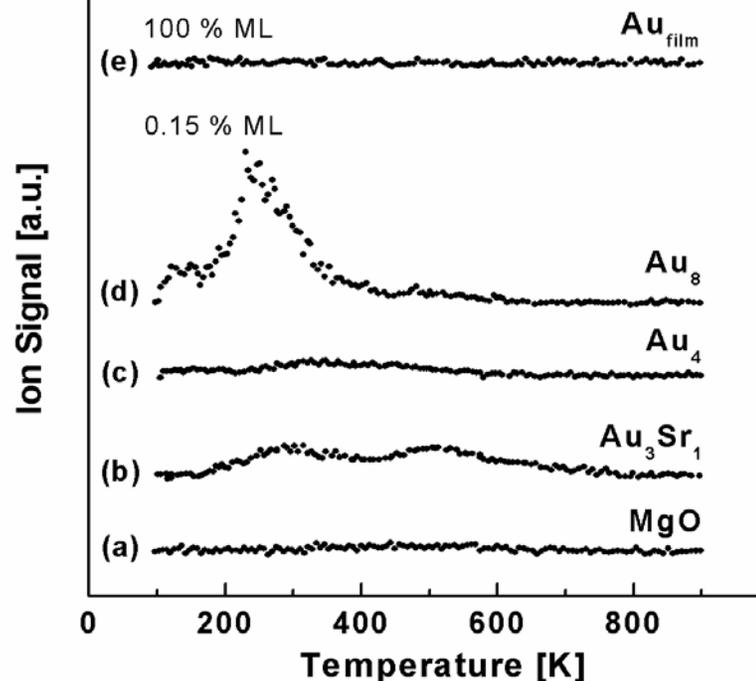
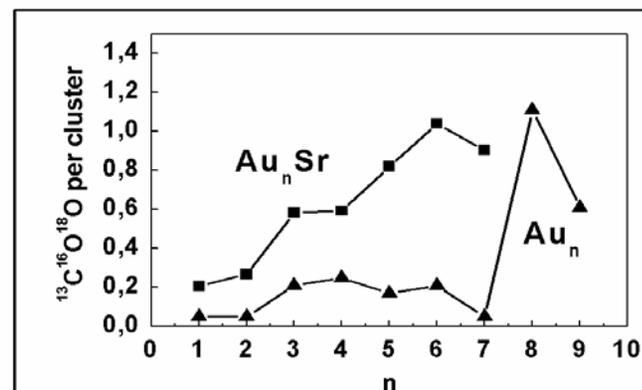
# Gold Cluster Reactivity

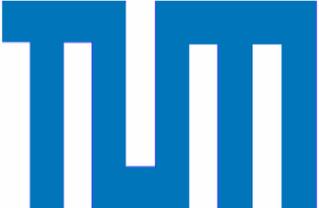
## Cluster deposition of FC/MgO(100)



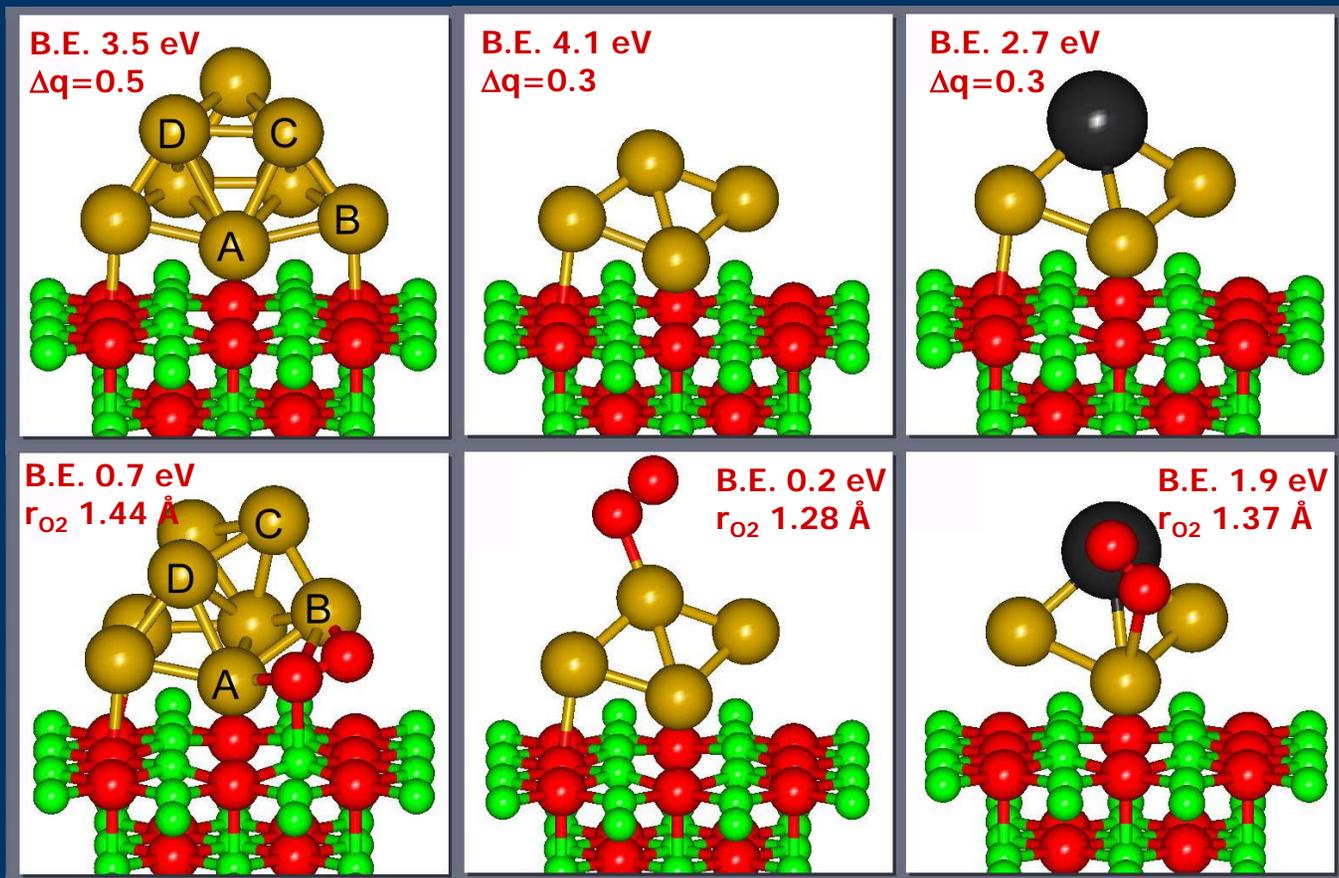
- $Au_n$  ( $n < 8$ ) inert
- $Au_8$  smallest gold catalyst
- $Au_3Sr$  smallest doped cluster
- $MgO$  and  $Au_{film}$  inert

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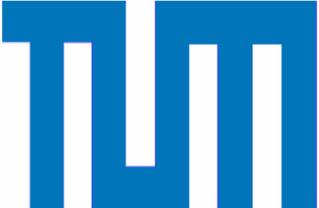
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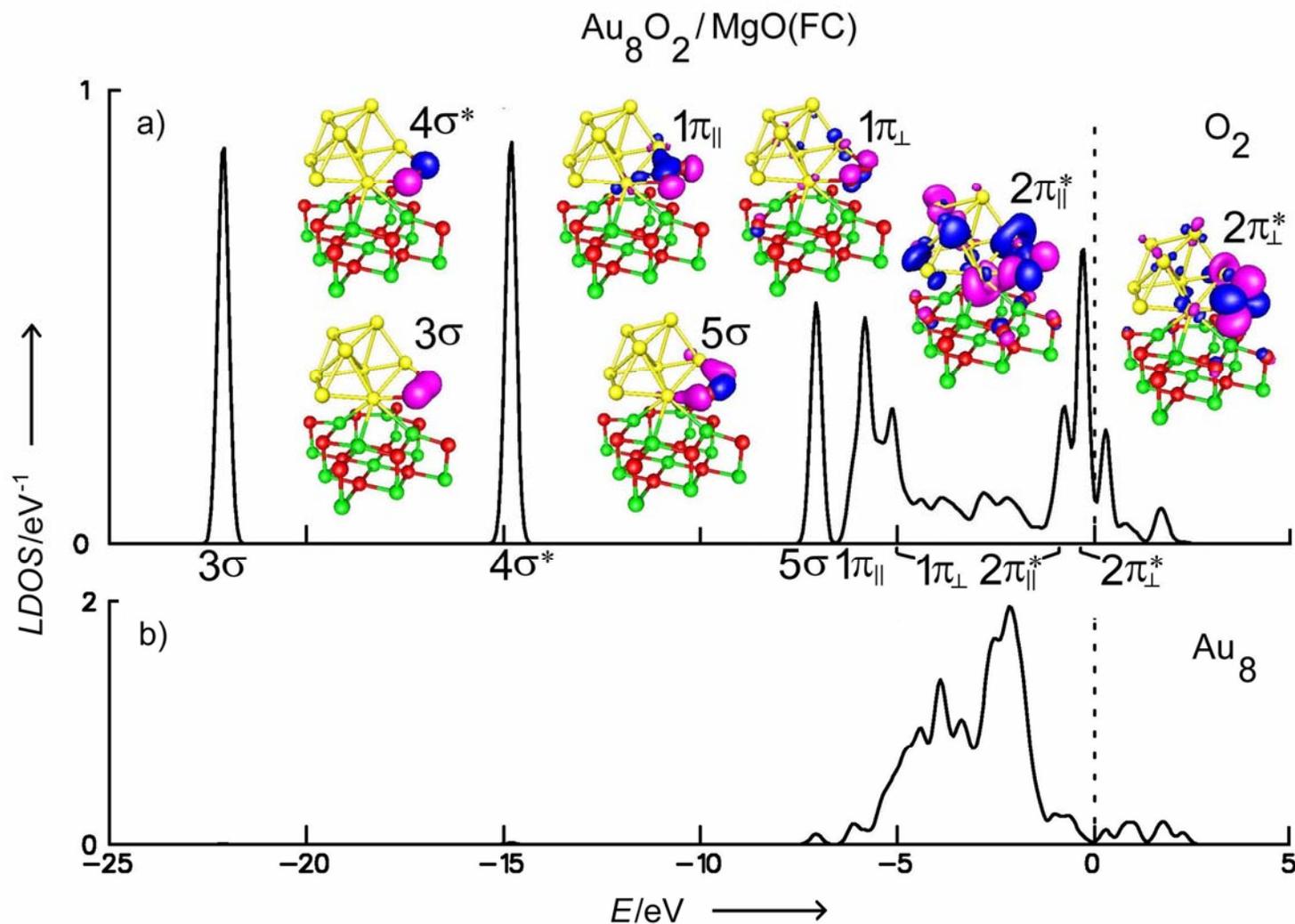
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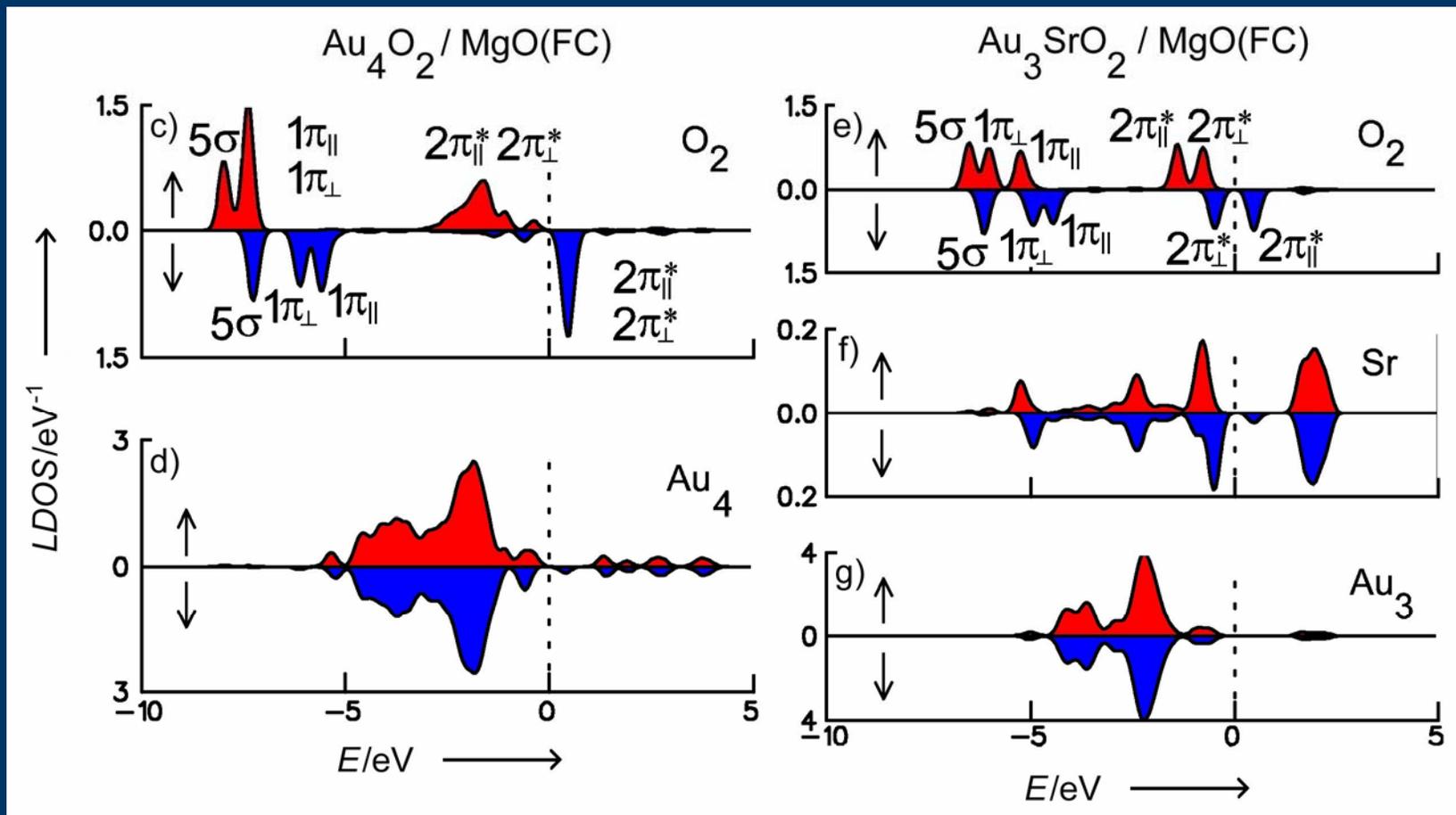


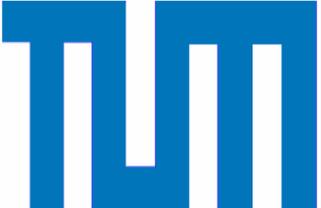
# $Au_8/Mg(100)/FC$ : LDOS Projected on the $O_2$ Molecule and the Metal Part





# $Au_4$ , $Au_3Sr/Mg(100)/FC$ : LDOS Projected on the $O_2$ Molecule and the Metal Part





## 6. Guiding Principle

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# Electronic Structure ( $\text{Au}_8$ , $\text{Au}_4$ , $\text{Au}_3\text{Sr}$ ) Impurity Doping Effects



# The Role of Moisture

**Heterogeneous Catalysis**



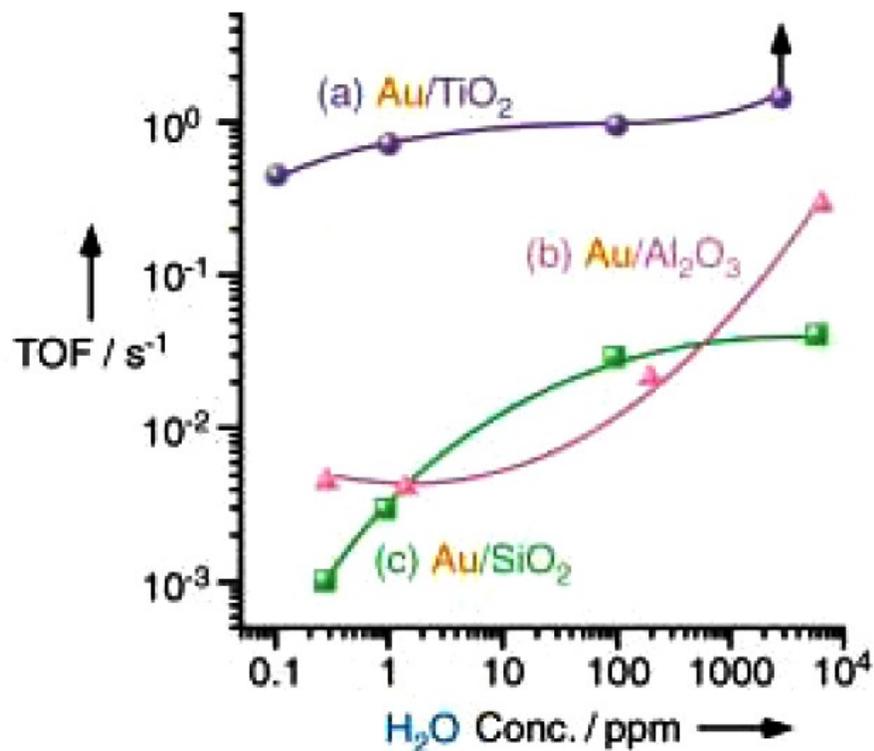
## **Vital Role of Moisture in the Catalytic Activity of Supported Gold Nanoparticles\*\***

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Susumu Tsubota, and Masatake Haruta*

Why can inert gold become catalytically active only when dispersed in the form of nanoparticles?—This simple question has attracted growing interest in the field of not only catalytic and industrial chemistry,<sup>[1-4]</sup> but also cluster and theoretical science.<sup>[5-7]</sup> To answer this question, CO oxidation has been intensively studied as a model reaction.<sup>[8-14]</sup> The reaction is known to be greatly influenced by moisture in the reactant gas.<sup>[10,15]</sup> However, only a few recent studies discuss the reaction mechanisms taking water into account.<sup>[16,18]</sup> Even in these studies on the effect of moisture, for practical reasons, the addition of water vapor has been examined only at high concentrations.

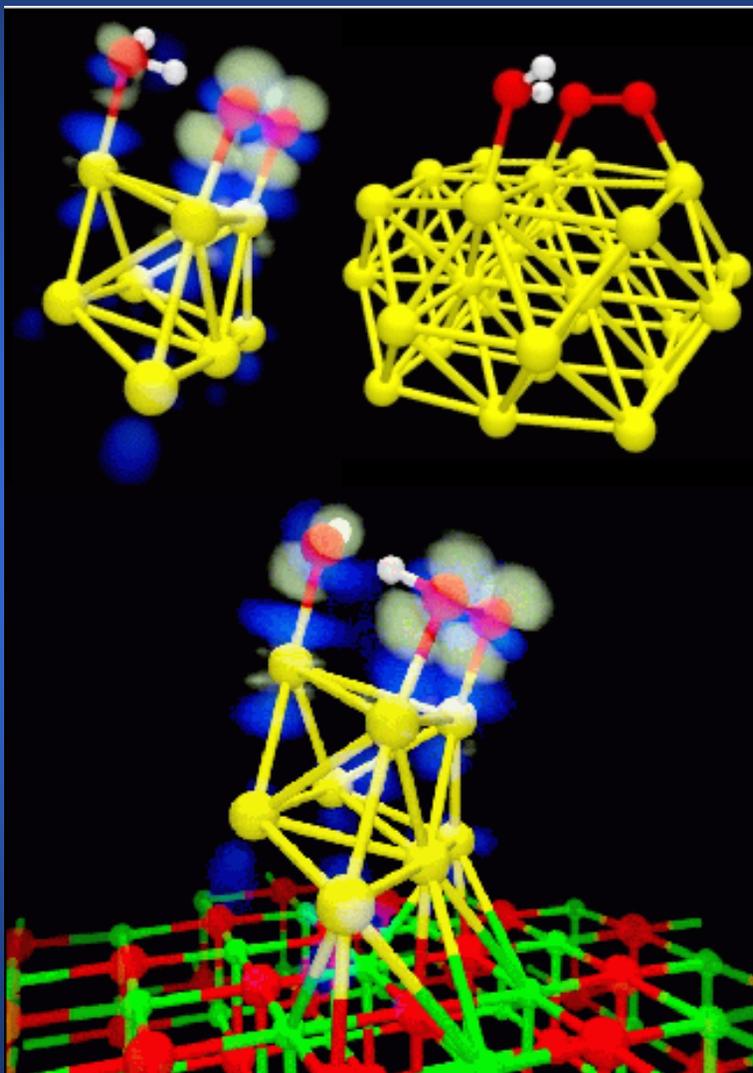


# The Effect of Moisture on Gold Catalysts



**Figure 2.** Turnover frequencies per surface gold atom at 273 K for CO oxidation over a) Au/TiO<sub>2</sub>, b) Au/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and c) Au/SiO<sub>2</sub> as a function of moisture concentration. Upright arrow indicates the saturation of CO conversion.

# Mechanism Predicted by Theory



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Phys. Rev. Lett. 95, 1061021 (2005)*



# Cooperative Adsorption of $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $\text{O}_2$

TABLE I. Energies (in eV) for the adsorption and coadsorption of  $\text{O}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  on free ( $\text{Au}_8$  and  $\text{Au}_{30}$ ) clusters and on a gold octamer supported on  $\text{MgO}(100)$ , i.e.  $\text{Au}_8/\text{MgO}$ . In the case of the  $\text{Au}_8/\text{MgO}$  system, results are given for both the adsorption on the top-facet of the gold cluster cluster (-T) and at the peripheral interface of the cluster with the substrate (-P).

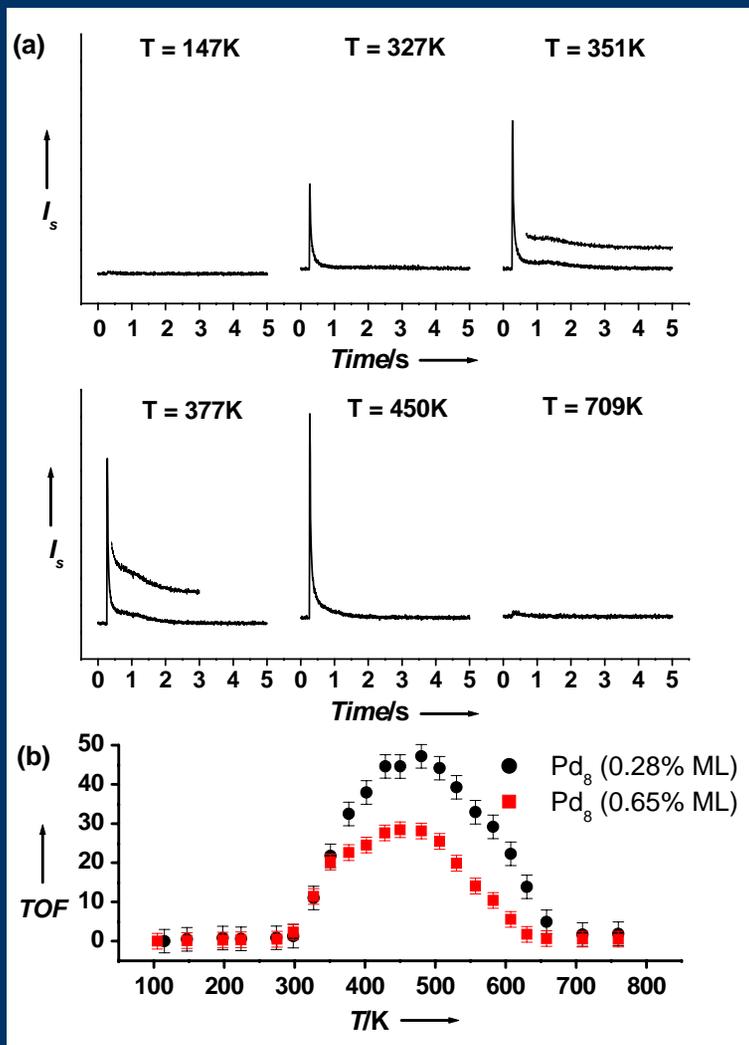
	$\text{O}_2$	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{O}_2\text{-H}_2\text{O}$
$\text{Au}_8$	unbound	$\sim 0.3$	0.4–0.9
$\text{Au}_{30}$	$\leq 0.4$	0.3–0.6	0.7–0.9
$\text{Au}_8/\text{MgO-T}$	$\leq 0.1$	0.2–0.3	0.5–1.2
$\text{Au}_8/\text{MgO-P}$	0.3–0.8	0.4–0.6	1.3–2.1



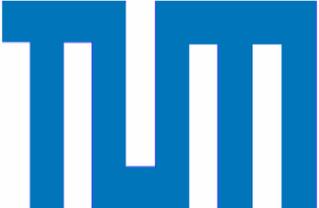
# Cooperative Adsorption and Activation by Coadsorbants



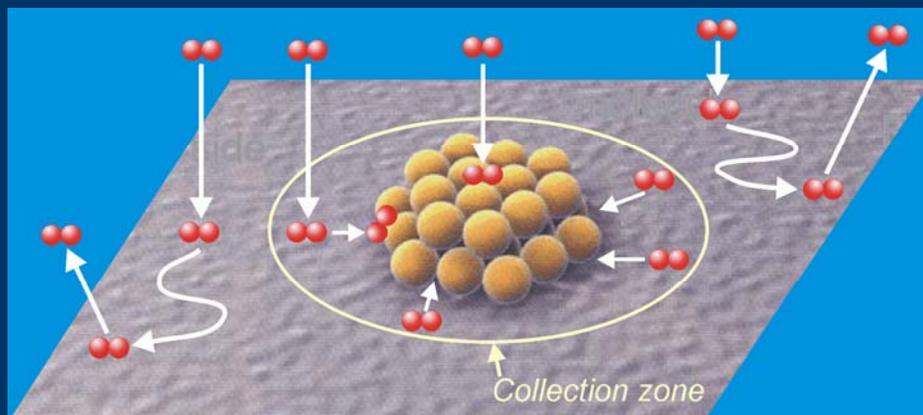
# Chemical Properties in the Nonscalable Size Regime: Reverse Spill-Over



Sample	$E_{LH}$ [kJ/mol]	Conditions	Ref
Pd(111)	105 59	Low $O_2$ cov., $T > 500K$ high $O_2$ cov., $T < 420K$	[18]
Pd(111)	45 – 64	High $O_2$ cov., $T < 500K$	[17]
Pd [a] (27nm)	32 – 45	High $O_2$ cov., $T < 500K$	[13]
Pd [b] (5-6nm)	$57 \pm 8$ $62 \pm 9$	CO rich regime, low T O rich regime, low T	[17]
Pd [a] (2.5nm)	19 - 20	High $O_2$ cov., $T < 500K$	[13]
$Pd_{30}$ [c]	$36 \pm 3$	O saturated, $T < 400K$	
$Pd_8$ [c]	$25 \pm 3$	O saturated, $T < 400K$	



# Chemical Properties in the Non-scalable Size Regime: Reverse Spill-Over



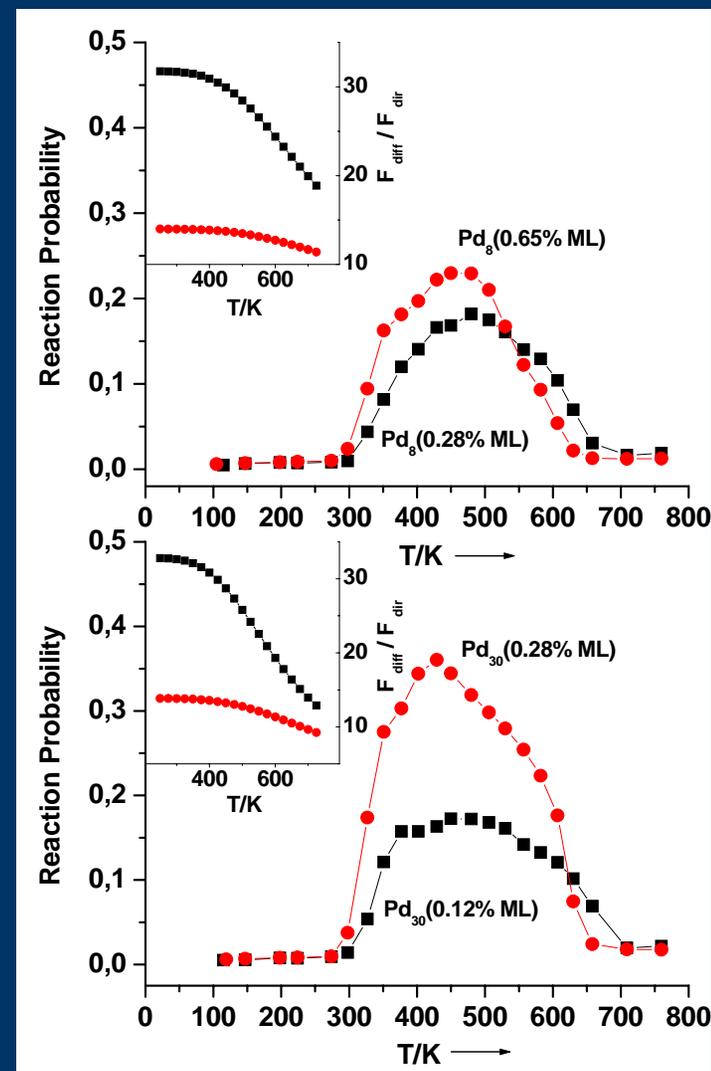
Reaction probability: TOF normalized by total flux.

Low cluster coverage: High contribution of reverse spill-over ( $F_{diff}$ )

$Pd_8$ : No discrimination between  $F_{direct}$  and  $F_{flux}$  →  
 a) identical activation energies at periphery and on cluster;  
 b) no diffusion barrier at periphery.

$Pd_{30}$ :  $F_{diff}$  less effective for reactivity →  
 a) different activation barriers at periphery and on cluster;  
 b) high diffusion barrier at periphery.

# Effect of reverse spill-over is size dependent !

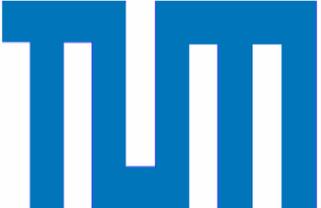




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# Effect of Reverse Spill-Over is Cluster Size Dependent



# Nanocatalytic Factors

1. Each cluster has its characteristic electronic structure:  
Intrinsic quantum size effects
2. Each cluster size has characteristic cluster-support interaction (stability, mobility, charging, steric effects ...)
3. Clusters are fluxional: Low-temperature reactivity
4. Effect of reverse spill-over is size dependent



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## Post-Doctoral Position in Cluster Chemistry and Surface Science at the Technical University of Munich

A post-doctoral position is available in the group of Prof. Ueli Heiz at the Technical University of Munich in the field of Cluster Chemistry and Surface Science. In this project the size evolution of the chemical and catalytic properties of size-selected clusters at oxide surfaces will be studied by state-of-the-art surface science techniques (microcalorimetry, pulsed molecular beams, Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy, thermal desorption and reaction spectroscopy, metastable impact electron spectroscopy). There is an exceptional infrastructure available in the group to study other properties of nanostructures at surfaces as for instance with local probes or cavity ringdown spectroscopy. In addition, the Technical University of Munich offers a very active and stimulating scientific environment.

The successful candidate is expected to have experiences in at least one of the used experimental techniques as well as in UHV technology.

The position is open in September 2006 and can be occupied for one year with an option of a second year.

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