Nanoclusters as special structural form of matter

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Outline

- Terms and definitions
- Classification of nanoclusters
- Preparation and characterization
- Specific properties of nanoclusters
- Magic numbers
- Examples of clusters of different types
- New kind of nanoclusters of A^{II}B^{VI} compounds





Classification

- by composition: atomic, binary, ternary, multinary
- by structure: pieces of bulk crystal, shell structures, special kinds of structure
- by bond types: covalent, ionic, metal, hydrogen, van der Waals

Preparation

- free clusters in vacuum or inert gas
- in colloid solution
- in solid matrix
- in pores of zeolite, opal etc.
- inside big molecules

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preparation

Specific properties of nanoclusters

- dense packing of atoms
- high symmetry
- formation of shell structures

















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dense packing of atoms quasicrystals



Al₆Mn

quasicrystals







QUASICRYSTALS GET SIMPLER

Magic numbers

Known examples

- 2, 8, 20, 40, ... (electronic shells)
- 4, 13, 55, 147...(shells of atoms)
- 20, 36, 60, 70, ... (carbon fullerenes)
- 12, 16, 28, 36, ... (binary fullerenes)
 Recently found
- 13, 19, 33, 34, … (A^{II}B^{∨I} nested cages)





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Examples of nanoclusters

- Carbon fullerenes ($C_{20}, C_{60}, C_{70}, C_{84}, ...$)
- Si, Ge (nanocrystals, polyhedral silicon- and germanium-containing compounds)
- $Cd_{10}S_4(SC_6H_5)_{12}$, $Cd_{32}S_{14}(SC_6H_5)_{36}$ · DMF_4
- met-car clusters $(Ti_8C_{12}, Zr_8C_{12}, Cr_8C_{12}, Nb_8C_{12}, Fe_8C_{12}, ...)$
- boron-nitride analogues of fullerenes -(BN)₁₂, (BN)₁₆, (BN)₂₈, (BN)₃₆, (BN)₅₂, ...



carbon fullerenes

C₆₀: Buckminsterfullerene

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During experiments aimed at understanding the mechanisms by which long-chain carbon molecules are formed in interstellar space and circumstellar shells¹, graphite has been vaporized by laser irradiation, producing a remarkably stable cluster consisting of 60 carbon atoms. Concerning the question of what kind of 60carbon atom structure might give rise to a superstable species, we suggest a truncated icosahedron, a polygon with 60 vertices and 32 faces, 12 of which are pentagonal and 20 hexagonal. This object is commonly encountered as the football shown in Fig. 1. The C₆₀ molecule which results when a carbon atom is placed at each vertex

carbon fullerenes

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



carbon fullerenes



Figure 1 Isomers of C₂₀. 1, cage; 2, bowl; 3, ring.

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Si, Ge

nanocrystals



 SiH_4 , Si_5H_{12} , $Si_{10}H_{16}$, $Si_{29}H_{36}$, $Si_{35}H_{36}$

The electronic and optical properties of silicon nanoclusters: absorption and emission. E.Luppi, E.Degoli, et al, Optical Materials, 2004

Polyhedral silicon- and germanium-containing compounds



 $Ge_6(C_6H_3(CH_3)_2)_6$

Si, Ge

 $Si_6(C_6H_3(CH_3)_2)_6$ $Ge_8(R)_8$ $Si_8(R)_8$



$Cd_{10}S_4(SC_6H_5)_{12},$ $Cd_{32}S_{14}(SC_6H_5)_{36}\cdot DMF_4$

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Fig. 1. (A) Crystal structure of Cd₃₂S₁₄(SC₆H₅)₃₆·DMF₄ core.

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 $Ti_{8}C_{12}, Zr_{8}C_{12}, Cr_{8}C_{12}, Nb_{8}C_{12}, Fe_{8}C_{12}, V_{8}C_{12}...$



Examples of nanoclusters





TiN

Examples of nanoclusters



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Examples of nanoclusters





[4×4×3]



[5×4×4]





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boron-nitride anagues of fullerenes





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New kind of nanoclusters of A^{II}B^{VI} compounds: (AB)₁₃, (AB)₁₉, (AB)₃₃, (AB)₃₄

- Preparation
- Optical and photochemical properties
- Mass-spectroscopy
- Structure
- Claster crystals
- Application

New kind of nanoclusters of A^{II}B^{VI} compounds

LETTERS

Ultra-stable nanoparticles of CdSe revealed from mass spectrometry

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anoparticles under a few nanometres in size have structures and material functions that differ from the bulk because of their distinct geometrical shapes and strong quantum confinement. These qualities could lead to unique device of mass-selected $(CdSe)_{33}$ and $(CdSe)_{34}$ nanoparticles in solution. These constitute the first compound nanoparticles that are stable and macroscopically produced at precisely specified numbers of constituent atoms with their stoichiometric composition identical to the bulk solids.

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Bruker Reflex III-T time-of-flight mass spectrometer

Laser ablation and mas-spectroscopy



Preparation



Absorption





 $(CdSe)_{33}, (CdSe)_{34}$

Photoetching

 $CdSe + 2O_2 + light \longrightarrow Cd^{2+} + SeO_4^{2-}$

crystalline CdSe nanoparticles

































Calculated binding energies per molecule of the clusters $(CdSe)_n$, consisting of $(CdSe)_{28}$ shell and $(CdSe)_m$ core (n=28+m, m=0,1,...,7)

Cluster crystals

Cluster crystals

Optical properties of colloid solution of (CdSe)_{33,34}

L-cysteine capped CdSe nanoclusters in water

Raman scattering

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Organic dyes vs semiconductor nanocrystals

	dyes	nanocrystals
Size	0.5 nm	6-60 nm
Molar absorption coefficient	10^4 - $10^5 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$	10^{5} - 10^{6} M ⁻¹ cm ⁻¹
Quantum yield	0.5-1.0	0.1-0.8
Stokes shift	50-150 nm	<50 nm
Photostability	moderate	high
Blinking	no	yes
Sensitivity to environment	yes	low

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Application

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Mass spectroscopy of ZnO clusters

Why clusters $(ZnO)_n$ with n = 12, 34, 60, 168 are "magic"?

Netsed-shell structure of magic clusters

•m=1: $(ZnO)_{12}$ •m=2: $(ZnO)_{60} = (ZnO)_{12} @ (ZnO)_{48}$ •m=3: $(ZnO)_{168} = (ZnO)_{12} @ (ZnO)_{48} @ (ZnO)_{108}$ •m=4: $(ZnO)_{360} = (ZnO)_{12} @ (ZnO)_{48} @ (ZnO)_{108} @ (ZnO)_{192}$ •M. Goldberg. Tohoku Math. J. 1937, 43, 104. •J. H. Conway et al. The Symmetries of Things. CRC Press, Taylor and Francis: New York, 2008, p.448. •polyHédronisme v0.2. http://levskaya.github.io/polyhedronisme/

ZnO tetrapods

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Why tetrapod structure?

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Possible applications of ZnO tetrapods

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