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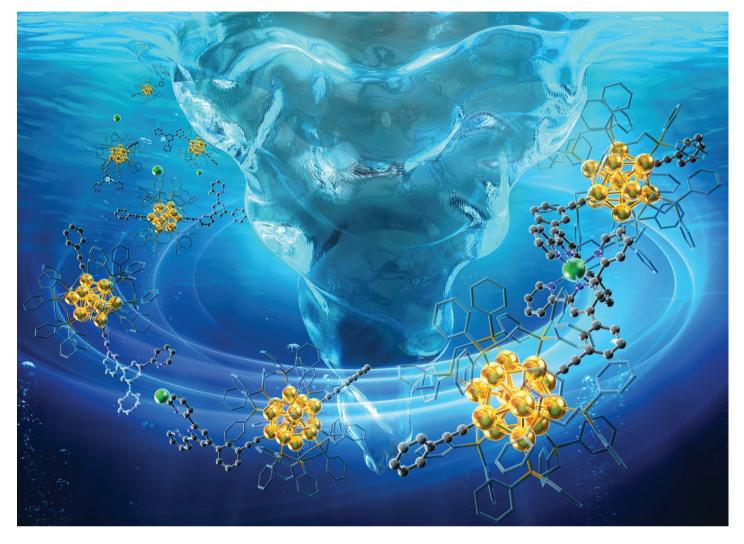
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Synthesis of Au_{13} -based building block clusters for programmed dimer formation and Au_{13} cluster dimer photoexcitation properties

This study demonstrates that the introduction of two types of ligands—chelating ligands that coordinate to the Au_{13} cluster surface and end-capping ligands that suppress polymerization—enable the synthesis of building block molecules which are programmed to selectively and spontaneously form Au_{13} -based dimers upon the addition of metal ions. In the Au_{13} -based dimer, the rapid intramolecular photoinduced charge transfer occurred even with only a small driving force.

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