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Abstract:

The nanocrystal surface, which acts as an interface between the semiconductor lattice and the capping ligands, plays a significant role in the photophysical properties of semi- conductor nanocrystals for use in a wide range of applications. Replacing the long-chain organic ligands with short inorganic variants improves the conductivity and carrier mobil- ity of nanocrystal-based devices. However, our understanding of the interactions between the inorganic ligands and the nanocrystals is obscure due to the lack of experiments to di- rectly probe the inorganic ligands. Herein, I am also citing the work already done in the lab where they used two-dimensional infrared spectroscopy to show that the variations in the inorganic ligand dynamics within the heterogeneous nanocrystal ensemble can identify diversities in the inorganic ligand-nanocrystal interactions. The ligand dynamics timescale in SCN-capped CdSe nanocrystals identifies three distinct ligand populations and provides molecular insight into the nanocrystal surface. In the later part of the thesis, we worked on a Deep Eutectic Solvent(DES) to understand the interaction of co-solvents in DES systems. With the help of Impulsive Stimulated Ra- man Spectroscopy(ISRS) and theoretical calculations, we tried to explain this phenomenon, the outcome of which revealed a synergistic effect of co-solvent in the intermolecular inter- action within DES components.

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