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Determination of Ion Pairing on Capping Structures of Gold Nanoparticles by Phase Extraction

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Additional Experimental Details:

Table S1. Data from the determination of MUA ligand ion pairing in mixed monolayer $\text{Au}_{2\text{nm}}(\text{DT})_x(\text{MUA}^-)_y$ by TOA^+ .

Titration (Trial #)	^a $\text{Au}_{2.0\text{nm}}(\text{DT})_x(\text{MUA}^-)_y$ (μ moles)	^b TOA^+Br^- (μ moles)	^c % MUA in ligand shell
1	0.085	3.75	51.2
2	0.170	7.00	47.6
3	0.170	6.75	45.9

a) Calculated from the Au mass & the TEM-determined size; b) Determined the phase extraction; c) volumetric titration errors: $\pm 1\%$.

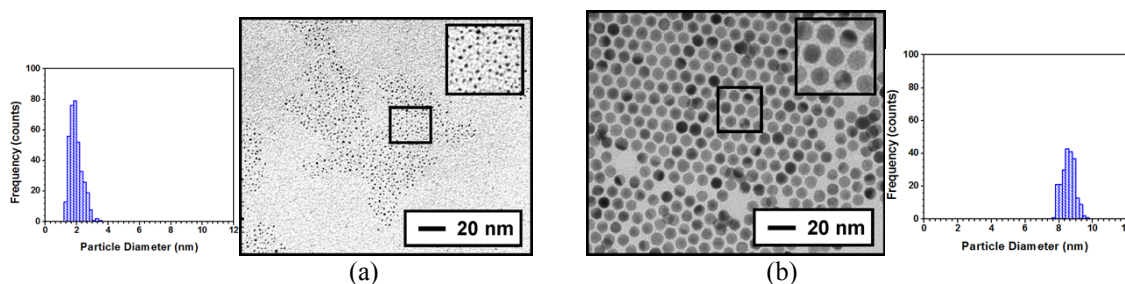


Figure S1 TEM and size distributions for (a) $\text{Au}_{2.0\text{nm}}(\text{DT})$ and (b) $\text{Au}_{8.5\text{nm}}(\text{DT})$ nanoparticles.

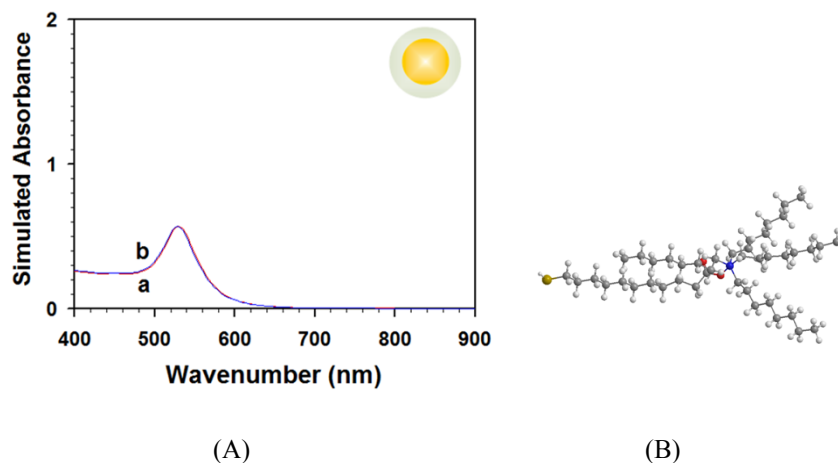


Figure S2. (A) Simulation of the SP band for $\text{Au}_{2.0\text{nm}}(\text{DT})_x(\text{MUA}^-)_{100-x}$ in the aqueous phase (a) and $\text{Au}_{2\text{nm}}(\text{DT})_x(\text{MUA}^-)_{100-x}(\text{TOA}^+)_{n y}$ in the toluene phase (b). (The refractive indexes for aqueous phase (1.330), capping agent DT/MUA (1.475), TOA-MUA (1.446), and toluene phase (1.496)). (B) Model for estimate of the molecular size and shape of TOA^+ for $\text{Au}_{\text{nm}}(\text{DT})_x(\text{MUA}^-)_{100-x}(\text{TOA}^+)_{n y}$: For 1 DT area: $\pi(1.546+1\text{\AA})^2 = 0.20 \text{ nm}^2$; # of DTs on $\text{Au}_{2.0\text{nm}}(\text{DT})$: $4\pi\text{nm}^2 / \pi(2.55 \times 10^{-1}\text{nm})^2 = 62$; 1 TOA-MUA area: $\pi(8.30+1\text{\AA})^2 = 2.72 \text{ nm}^2$; 1 $\text{Au}_{2\text{nm}}\text{-DT}$ core-shell sphere: $4\pi(1+1.55 \text{ nm})^2 = 81.53 \text{ nm}^2$; # of TOA-MUA on $\text{Au}_{2\text{nm}}\text{-DT}$ core-shell sphere: $81.53 \text{ nm}^2 / 2.72 \text{ nm}^2 = 30$; The % of TOA-MUA vs. original DTs $\text{Au}_{2.0\text{nm}}(\text{DT})$: $30 / 62 = 48\%$.