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Supporting Information for

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Supplementary Figure S4. Optimized geometries of encapsulated and supported Pt clusters (CNT(10,0), CNT(6,6), CNT(13,0), CNT(10,10), and the clusters adsorbed with a monolayer of oxygen. Pt₁₃-CNT(18,0) with adsorbed 3O atoms was used to examine the particle size dependence for comparison.

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Fe9- <i>in-</i> SWCNT		Fe9-4CO- <i>in-</i> SWCNT	
Fe9- <i>in-</i> DWCNT		Fe9-4CO- <i>in-</i> DWCNT	
Fe9- <i>in-</i> TWCNT		Fe9-4CO- <i>in-</i> TWCNT	
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Ru9- <i>in-</i> SWCNT		Ru9-3CO- <i>in-</i> SWCNT	
Ru9- <i>in-</i> DWCNT	A CONSTRUCTION OF THE OWNER	Ru ₉ -3CO- <i>in-</i> DWCNT	
Ru9- <i>in-</i> TWCNT		Ru9-3CO- <i>in-</i> TWCNT	
Ru9- <i>out-</i> SWCNT		Ru ₉ -3CO- <i>out-</i> SWCNT	

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phase space (structure, geometries)

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Pt ₉ -6O- <i>out</i> - CNT(8,8)	Pt ₉ -9O- <i>out</i> - CNT(8,8)	
Pt ₉ - <i>in</i> - CNT(12,0)	Pt ₉ -3O- <i>in</i> - CNT(12,0)	
Pt ₉ -6O- <i>in</i> - CNT(12,0)	Pt ₉ -9O- <i>in</i> - CNT(12,0)	

Pt ₉ - <i>out</i> - CNT(12,0)	Pt ₉ -3O- <i>out</i> - CNT(12,0)	
Pt ₉ -6O- <i>out</i> - CNT(12,0)	Pt ₉ -9O- <i>out-</i> CNT(12,0)	

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Pt ₉ - <i>in</i> - CNT(10,0)	Pt ₉ -9O- <i>in-</i> CNT(10,0)	
Pt ₉ - <i>out</i> - CNT(10,0)	Pt ₉ -9O- <i>out-</i> CNT(10,0)	
Pt ₉ - <i>in</i> - CNT(6,6)	Pt ₉ -9O- <i>in</i> - CNT(6,6)	

Pt ₉ - <i>out</i> - CNT(6,6)	Pt ₉ -9O- <i>out-</i> CNT(6,6)	
Pt ₉ - <i>in</i> - CNT(13,0)	Pt₀-9O- <i>in</i> - CNT(13,0)	





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Re ₉ - <i>in</i> - CNT(10,0)	Re9-9N- <i>in-</i> CNT(10,0)	
Re ₉ -out- CNT(10,0)	Re₀-9N- <i>out</i> - CNT(10,0)	
Re ₉ - <i>in</i> - CNT(6,6)	Re9-9N- <i>in-</i> CNT(6,6)	

Re ₉ - <i>out</i> - CNT(6,6)	Re ₉ -9N- <i>out-</i> CNT(6,6)	
Re ₉ - <i>in</i> - CNT(12,0)	Re9-9N- <i>in-</i> CNT(12,0)	
Re ₉ - <i>out</i> - CNT(12,0)	Re₀-9N- <i>out</i> - CNT(12,0)	

Re ₉ - <i>in</i> - CNT(13,0)	Re9-9N- <i>in-</i> CNT(13,0)	
Re ₉ -out- CNT(13,0)	Re₀-9N- <i>out</i> - CNT(13,0)	
Re ₉ - <i>in</i> - CNT(8,8)	Re₀-9N- <i>in</i> - CNT(8,8)	



Re ₁₃ - <i>in</i> - CNT(18,0)	Re ₁₃ -3N- <i>in</i> - CNT(18,0)	
Re ₁₃ -out- CNT(18,0)	Re ₁₃ -3N- <i>out</i> - CNT(18,0)	