

Supporting Information for:
Sonochemically Activated Room Temperature
Hydrosilylation of Silicon Nanoparticles

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Surface Coverage

Thermal Gravimetric Analysis (TGA) was used to characterize the degree of functionalization of the Si NPs described. The output of this analysis technique is a percentage of the total mass loss over a temperature range, which is independent of particle size, surface characteristics, or ligand used. To properly compare the extent of functionalization between different nanoparticle sizes, this mass loss must be converted to surface coverage, which was done with the following procedure:

1. The amount of Si atoms present were calculated, expressed in the number of Si atoms present per nm, utilizing the density and atomic mass of Si, as well as Avogadro's number
2. Assuming a 'surface radius' that is one Si atom thick, the number of atoms that are on the surface of the particle were calculated, and assuming the surface Si atoms average out to being SiH_2 , the number of available surface sites to react with are twice the number of surface atoms.
3. Based on the ligand used (e.g. dodecene), the molecules that were lost in the course of TGA were calculated using the mass loss and the molar mass of the ligand
4. The theoretical number of silicon particles that would be present in the analyzed sample can be determined from the Si/nm^3 from (1), with an additional option for tuning the accuracy of the calculation – the surface of the SI NPs are likely to be somewhat oxidized, and thus not all SiH_x , so some amount of SiO_2 can be accounted for by using a corrected molar mass term via a weighted average calculation.
5. The surface coverage can then be calculated from the molecules of ligand lost per Si NP (step 3 / step 4), and the number of reactive sites (step 2).

$$(1) \quad \frac{\# \text{ Si Atoms}}{nm^3} = \frac{\text{Density} \left(\frac{g}{nm^3} \right)}{\text{Molar Mass} \left(\frac{g}{mol} \right)} * N_A \left(\frac{atoms}{mol} \right)$$

$$(2) \quad \# \text{ Surface Reactive Sites} = \frac{4}{3} \pi (r^3 - (r - r_{Si})^3) * \frac{\# \text{ Si Atoms}}{nm^3} * 2$$

$$(3) \quad \text{Molecules of Ligand Lost} = \frac{\text{Mass Loss (g)}}{\text{Molar Mass} \left(\frac{g}{mol} \right)} * N_A$$

$$(4) \quad \text{Theoretical Particle Count} = \frac{\frac{\# \text{ Si Atoms}}{nm^3}}{N_A} * V_{\text{Particle}} * \text{Molar Mass}_{\text{corr.}}$$

$$(5) \quad \% \text{ Surface Coverage} = \frac{\frac{\text{Molecules of Ligand Lost}}{\text{Theoretical Particle Count}}}{\# \text{ Surface Reactive Sites}}$$

Table S1: Scherrer Analysis for 9 nm hydride-terminated particles

Reflection	Angle (2θ)	FWHM (radians)	Calculated Crystallite Size (nm)
(111)	28.4	1.48	5.79
(220)	47.3	1.52	5.96
(311)	56.4	1.53	6.16

Table S2: Scherrer Analysis for 9 nm dodecyl-terminated particles

Reflection	Angle (2θ)	FWHM (radians)	Calculated Crystallite Size (nm)
(111)	28.4	1.38	6.22
(220)	47.3	1.42	6.38
(311)	56.2	1.59	5.92

Table S3: Scherrer Analysis for 6 nm dodecyl-terminated particles

Reflection	Angle (2θ)	FWHM (radians)	Calculated Crystallite Size (nm)
(111)	28.3	2.94	2.91
(220)	47.4	2.85	3.18

Table S4: Scherrer Analysis for 3 nm dodecyl-terminated particles

Reflection	Angle (2θ)	FWHM (radians)	Calculated Crystallite Size (nm)
(111)	27.4	6.37	1.34
(220)	47.6	5.44	1.67

Crystallite size calculated the Debeye-Scherrer Equation:

$$D = \frac{0.94\lambda}{B * \cos(\theta)}$$

Where:

λ = X-ray wavelength, 0.15418 nm used for Cu K α_1 source

B = Full-width-at-half-maximum, shown in tables.

Table S5: Calculated Surface Coverage of SiNPs Averaged Over 55 Radical-Initiated Reactions

Time	3 nm	6 nm	9 nm
2 h	15.0 ± 7.4 %	17.1 ± 1.6 %	11.7 ± 2.9 %
8 h	16.8 ± 5.7 %	19.3 ± 1.4 %	16.1 ± 3.3 %
24 h	18.2 ± 4.6 %	27.4 ± 6.5 %	17.9 ± 6.0 %

Table S6: Weight Loss and Surface Coverage Values for TGA data presented

Sample	Weight Loss (%)	Calculated Surface Coverage (%)
Fig 3a (2 h)	6.18	6.8
Fig 3a (8 h)	14.23	17.0
Fig 3a (24 h)	15.00	18.1
Fig 3b (2 h)	3.18	3.4
Fig 3b (8 h)	3.98	4.3
Fig 3b (24 h)	21.05	27.4
Fig S4 (65 °C)	19.24	16.9
Fig S4 (190 °C)	33.37	35.6
Fig S5 (Chloroform)	9.75	4.3
Fig S5 (Benzoyl Peroxide)	30.84	17.7
Fig S6 (No Initiator)	9.29	7.3
Fig S6 (AIBN)	36.45	40.8
Fig S7a (3 nm)	27.68	15.2
Fig S7a (6 nm)	18.94	16.6
Fig S7a (9 nm)	12.50	14.7
Fig S7b (3 nm)	35.45	21.7
Fig S7b (6 nm)	33.2	35.3
Fig S7b (9 nm)	15.0	18.1
Fig S8 (overetched)	17.71	15.3
Fig S8 (traditionally etched)	37.72	43.1
Fig S11 (hexene)	11.78	5.3
Fig S11 (octene)	20.39	10.1
Fig S11 (dodecene)	35.35	21.7

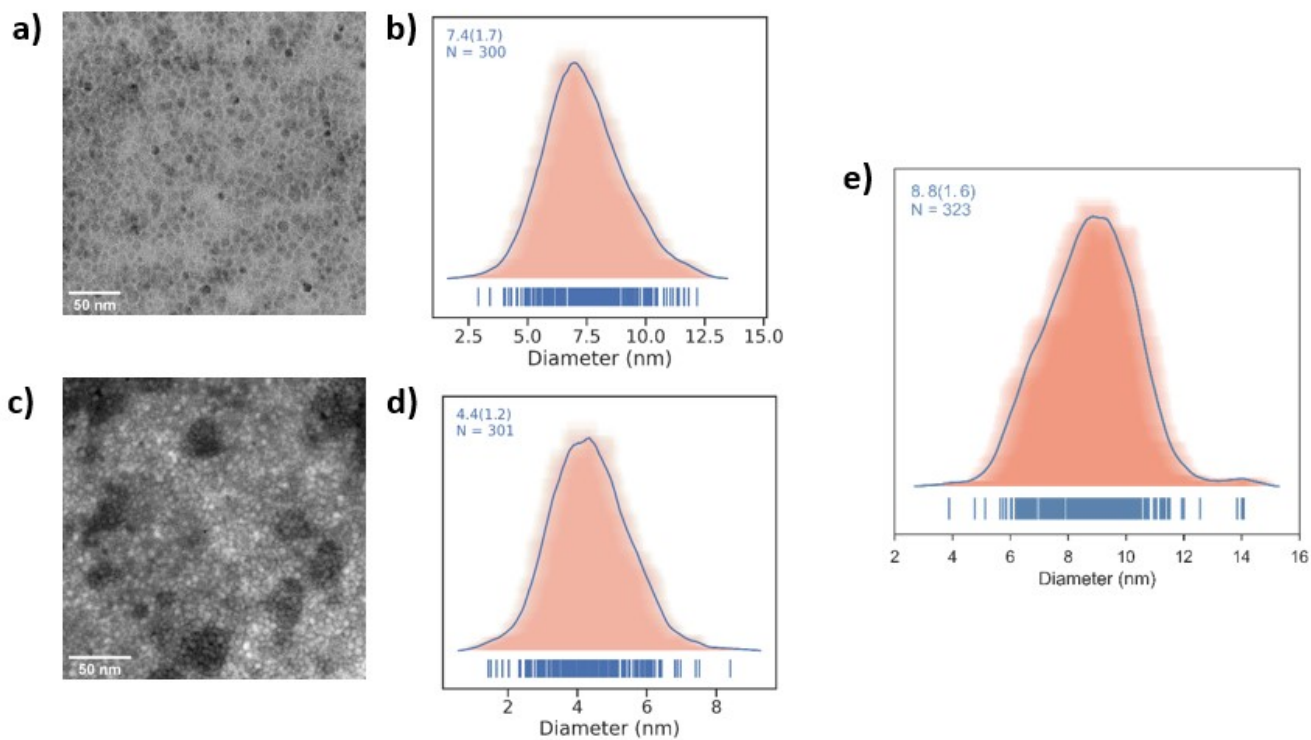


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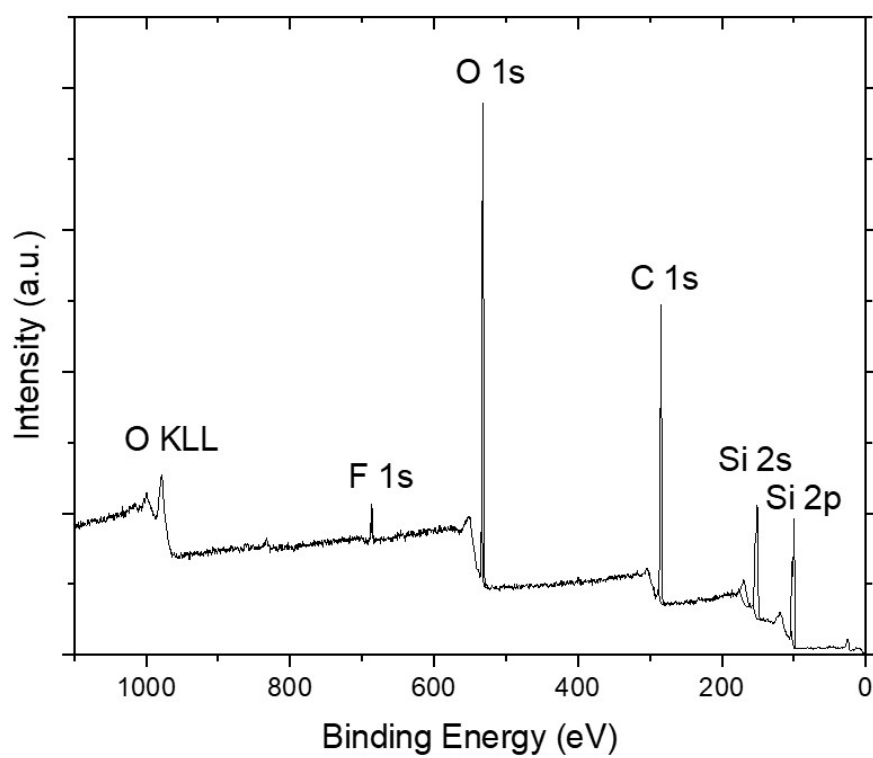


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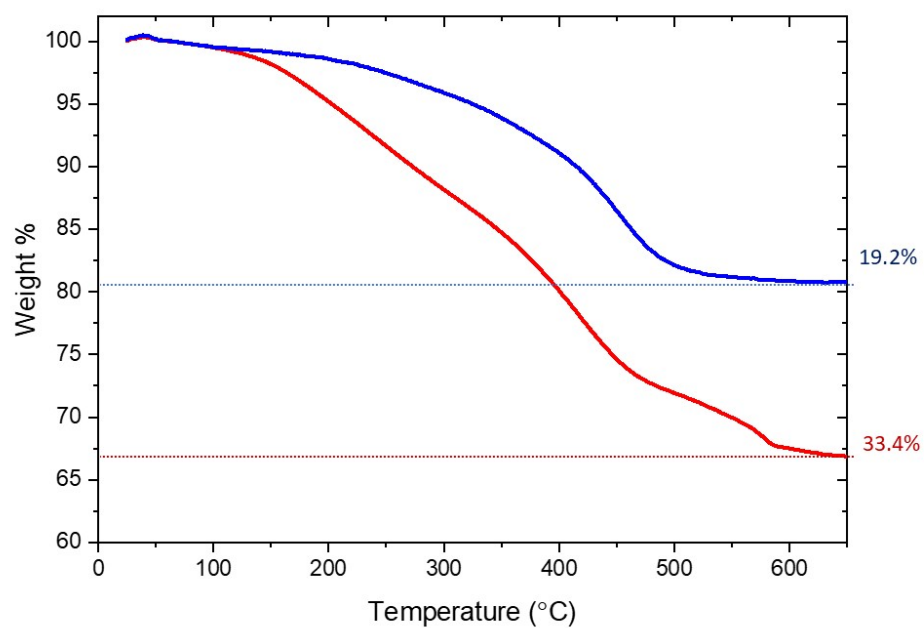


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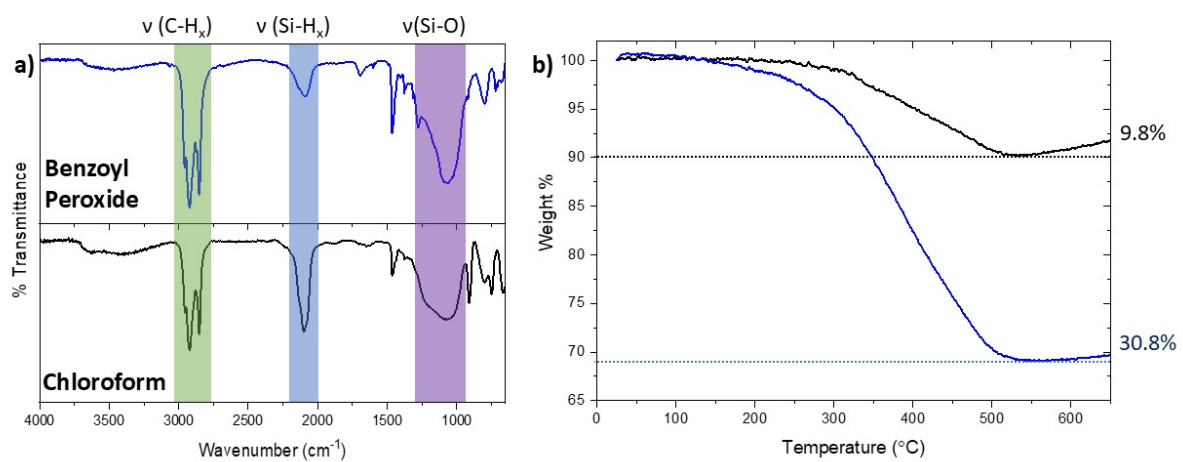


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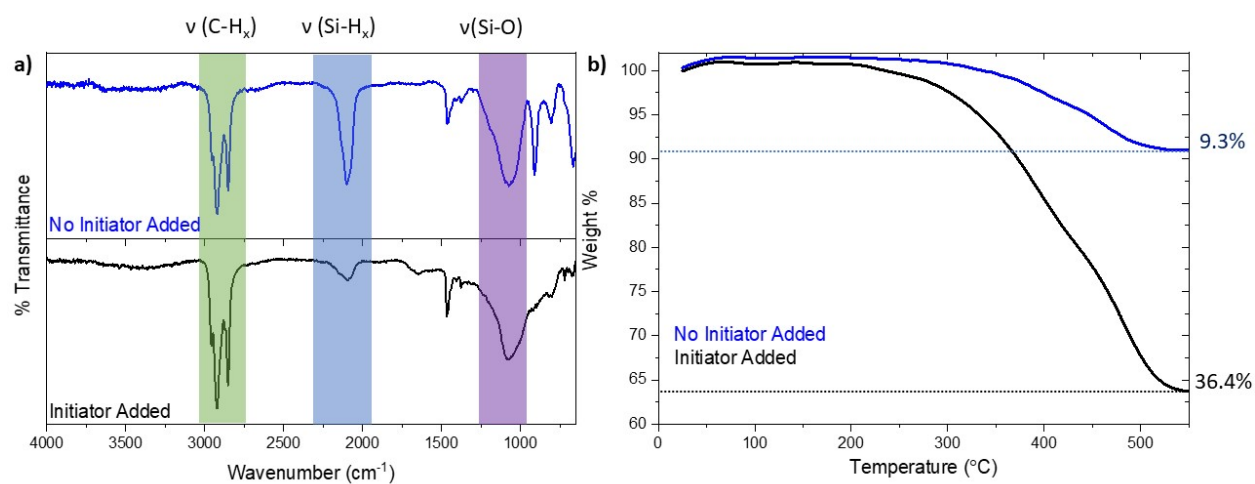


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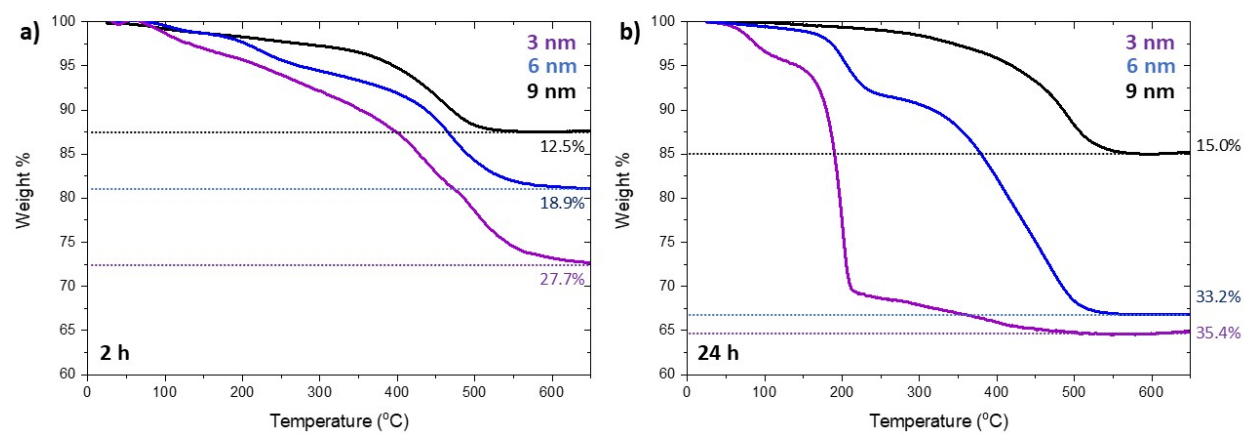


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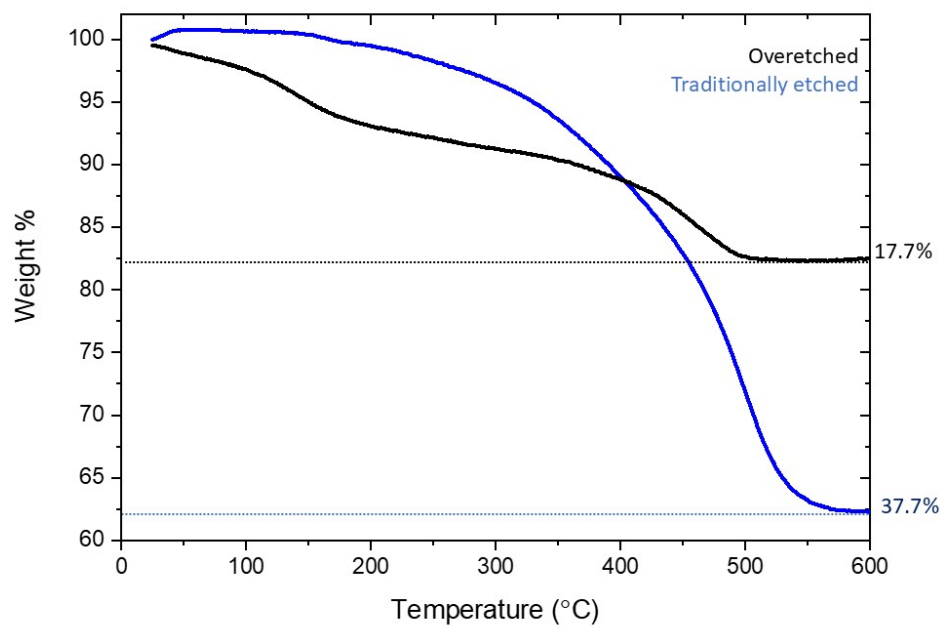


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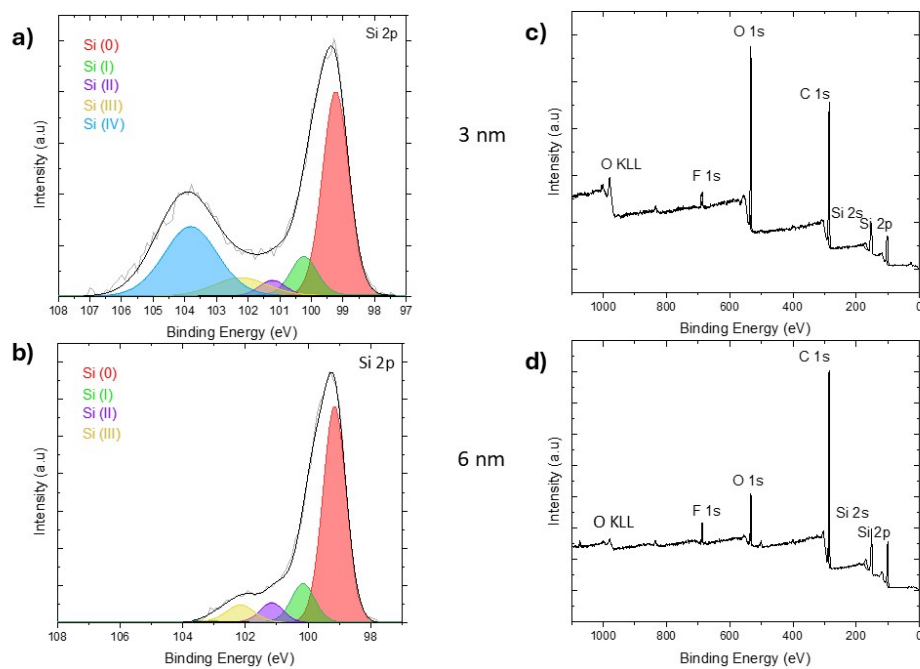


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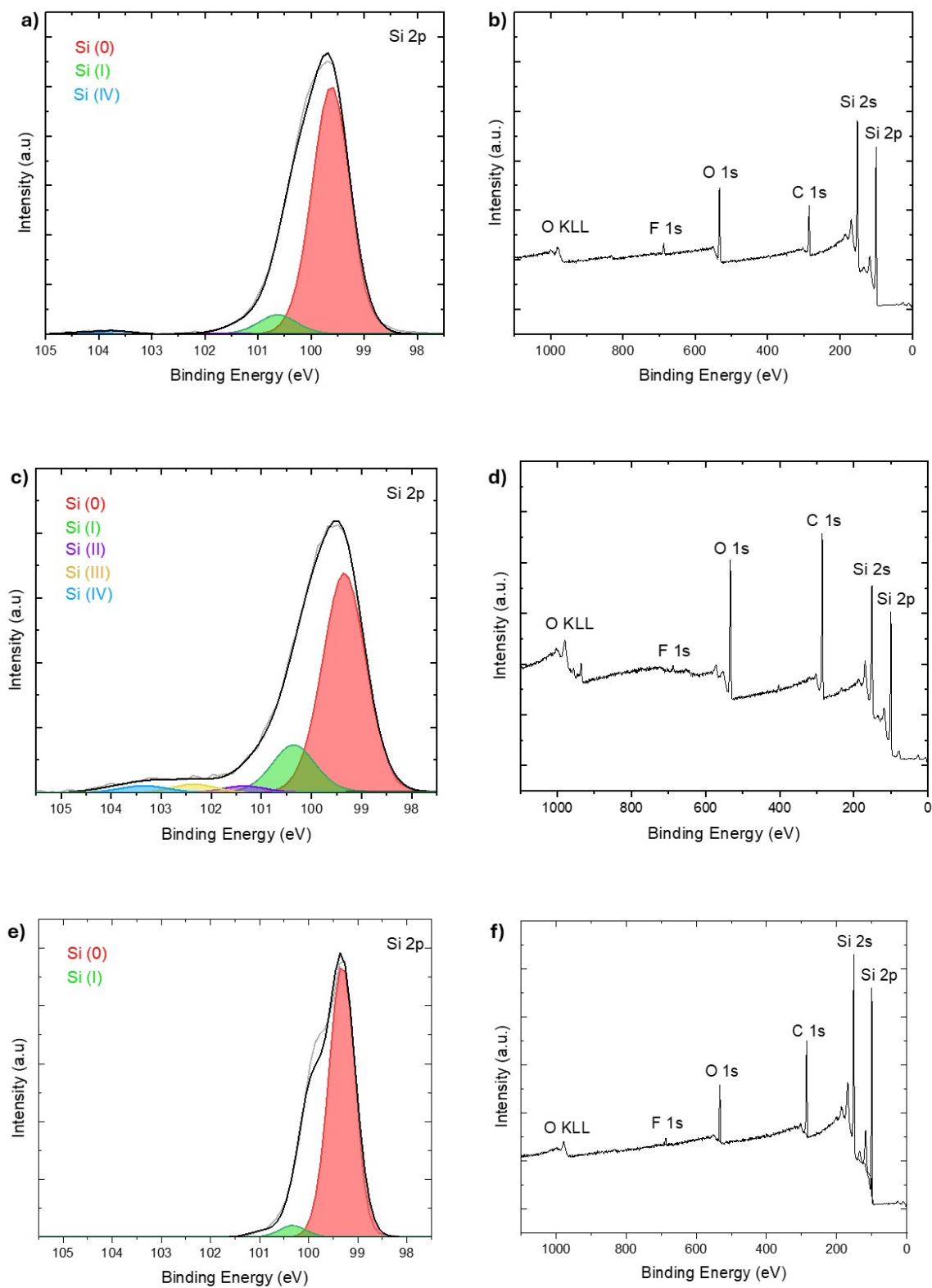


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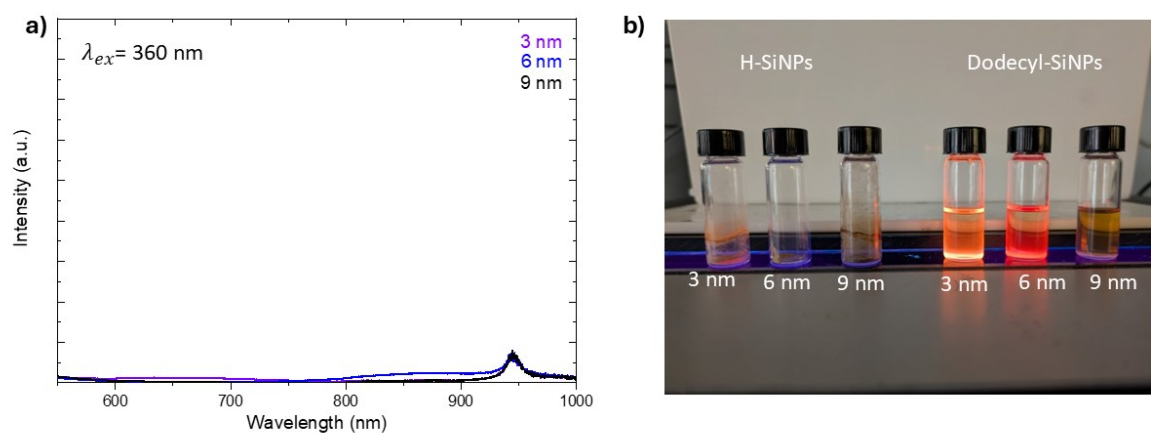


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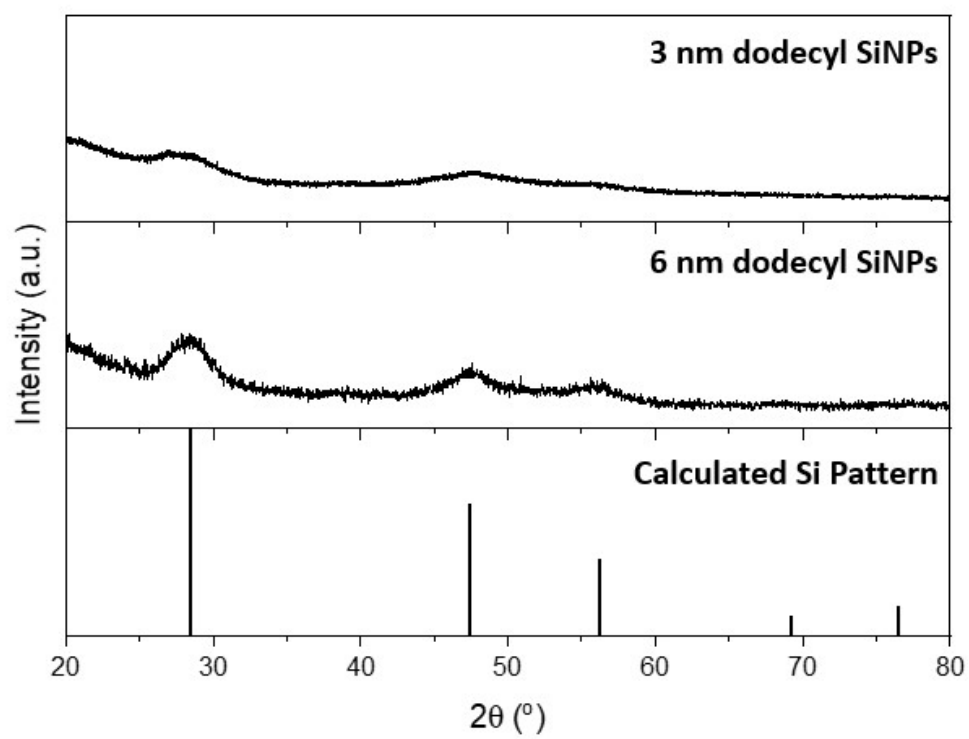


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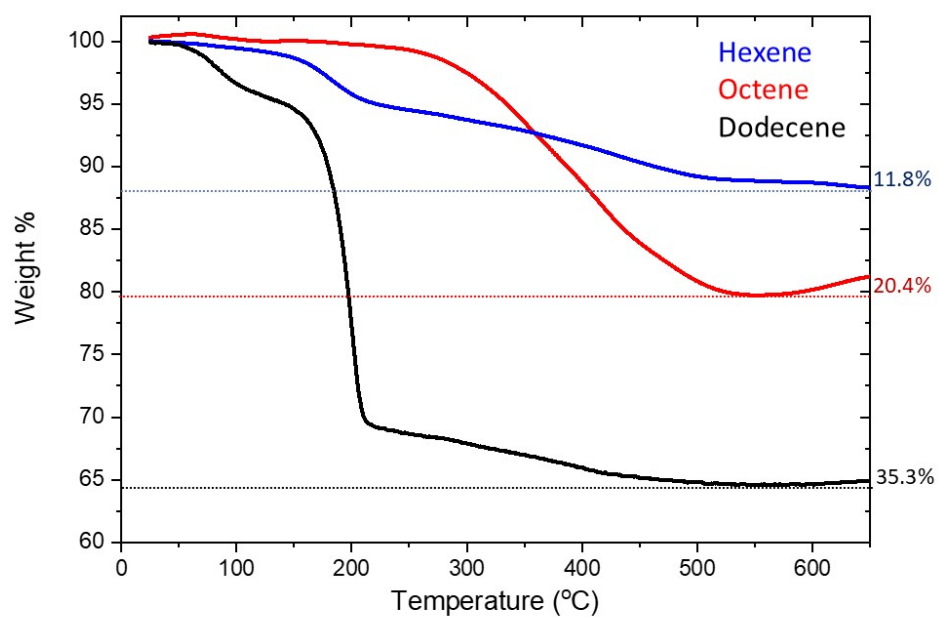


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