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### X-ray Powder Diffraction of 1

X-ray powder diffraction was performed using a PANalytical X'Pert PRO MPD system (PANalytical B.V., The Netherlands) with Cu K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 1.542$  Å). The X-ray generator was set to an acceleration voltage of 40 kV and a filament emission of 40 mA.



#### Mass Spectrometry

The –ve and +ve ion mass spectra were obtained on a Thermo Fischer Scientific mass spectrometer using a voltage of 4.03 V, a vaporization temperature of -59.6 °C and a capillary voltage of 274.9V. The mass spectra are shown below. The inserts are the calculated envelopes for the ions.

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## Band-gap Calculations from UV-visible data

UV-visible spectra were recorded using a Cary 50 probe Varian uv-visible spectrometer. For optical transitions near the absorption edge the absorption coefficient  $\alpha$  (in cm<sup>-1</sup>) is given by the equation,

Where B is the absorption constant for the transition,  $E_g$  (in eV) is the bandgap, and hv (in eV) is the photon energy. The exponent n characterizes the nature of the transition For allowed direct and indirect transitions n = 0.5 and 2.0, respectively, whereas for forbidden direct and indirect transitions n = 1.5 and 3.0, respectively. (S. Adachi, *Optical Properties of Crystalline and Amorphous Semiconductors; Materials and Fundamental Properties*, Kluwer, Norwell MA, 1999, p. 280)

The UV-visible data was modeled around the absorption edge using a linear correlation (as shown below).



Linear correlations for direct allowed (n = 0.5) (R = 0.99, left) and indirect forbidden (n = 3) (R = 0.99, right). As the concentration was increased above *ca.* 0.08 g L<sup>-1</sup> the calculated indirect band-gap remains the same at all of the concentrations investigated (see Fig. 4). However, the calculated direct band-gap decreases with increased concentration. The sensitivity of the direct band-gap calculation to concentration is explained by the effect of scattering due to particle/aggregate formation as the concentration increases, combined with the inherently greater mathematical sensitivity of the direct band gap calculation, according to equ. 1 (n = 0.5) as opposed to indirect (n = 3).