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Few atoms metal clusters with high catalytic and cytotoxic activity characterized by X-Ray Absorption Spectroscopy.

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Here, we show three examples of how XAS techniques are very useful to provide an exhaustive information about the oxidation state and coordination environment of MCs and SACs::

- Pd SACs spontaneously formed after dissolving in neat benzyl alcohols. The gram-scale preparation and stabilization of Pd SACs within the functional channels of a novel methyl-cysteine-based metal-organic framework (MOF) was accomplished, to give a robust and crystalline solid catalyst.
- Ligand-free, few-atom Pd Cs in solution that catalyse the α -selective intramolecular Mizoroki-Heck coupling of iodoaryl cinnamates. The α -selective intermolecular coupling is also achieved with Pd Cs encapsulated within fine-tuned and sterically restricted zeolite cavities.
- Pt Cs prepared in water by just adding a biocompatible extremely mild external reductant. The PtCs show 400 times higher antitumoral activity than cisplatin and thousand times higher activity than Pt NPs for various cancer cell lines.

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