

## Array of bis-quaternary ammonium surfactants tailored $\text{Cu}_{(2-x)}$ Te quantum dots with amended functional assets

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**Table 1.** Average particle sizes, as determined by XRD of (12-2-12), (14-2-14) and (16-2-16) capped copper telluride nanoparticles.

NPs	2θ (degree)	FWHM	Average Particle size (nm)
(12-2-12) +Cu <sub>(2-x)</sub> Te	36.51	0.60	15.24
	43.45	0.28	
	50.58	0.80	
	61.63	0.86	
	73.77	0.97	
(14-2-14) +Cu <sub>(2-x)</sub> Te	26.78	0.19	28.76
	36.51	0.52	
	43.45	0.46	
	50.58	0.25	
	61.63	0.24	
	73.77	0.28	
(16-2-16) +Cu <sub>(2-x)</sub> Te	36.51	0.45	34.69
	43.45	0.37	
	50.58	0.23	
	61.63	0.19	
	73.77	0.22	

**Table 2.** Peak assignment of different bis-quaternary ammonium surfactants in the absence and presence of Cu<sub>(2-x)</sub>Te nanoparticles.

Peak assignment	(12-2-12)	(12-2-12)-Cu <sub>(2-x)</sub> Te	(14-2-14)	(14-2-14)-Cu <sub>(2-x)</sub> Te	(16-2-16)	(16-2-16)-Cu <sub>(2-x)</sub> Te
v <sub>asym</sub> (C-H)	2959	2953	2959	2919	2959	2919
	2925	2921	2922	---	2922	---
v <sub>sym</sub> (C-H)	2858	2851	2854	2848	2854	2848
	1469	1454	1469	1463	1469	1463
v (C-N <sup>+</sup> )	1160	---	1160	---	1160	---

1056	1015	1015	1046	1042	---
974	840	840	833	972	844

**Table 3.** Geometric parameters of Cu<sub>(2-x)</sub>Te nanoparticles with different bis-quaternary ammonium surfactants.

NPs	Williamson-Hall Method												Size-Strain Plot	TEM	
	Scherrer Method			UDM			USDM			UDEDM					
	Size, D (nm)	Size, $D$ (nm)	Strain, $\varepsilon$ T	Size, $D$ (nm)	Strain, $\varepsilon$ T	Stress, $\sigma$ (MPa)	Size D (nm)	Strain, $\varepsilon$ (Tensile Only)	Stress, $\sigma$ (MPa)	Energy Density, $u$ (KJm <sup>-3</sup> )	Size $D$ (nm)	Strain ( $\varepsilon$ ) (Tensile Only)	Stress, $\sigma$ (MPa)	Energy Density, $u$ (KJm <sup>-3</sup> )	Size, D (nm)
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Cu <sub>(2-x)</sub> Te- (12-2-12)	15.24	9.2	NA	$\frac{-4.0}{x10^{-3}}$ & $\frac{-6.5}{x10^{-3}}$	13	1.818 -2.318 209.80	51	1.76 $x10^{-2}$	38.33	6.37	81	3.984	458.16	912.65	25 $\pm 10.8$
Cu <sub>(2-x)</sub> Te- (14-2-14)	28.76	11.9	9.5 $x10^{-3}$	$\frac{-4.3}{x10^{-4}}$	12.8	1.2 $x10^{-3}$ -4.6896 160.89	81	1.66 $x10^{-2}$	50.38	81.03	73	-0.300 (C)	165.49	119.88	45 $\pm 18.7$
Cu <sub>(2-x)</sub> Te- (16-2-16)	34.69	90.5	3.8x $x10^{-3}$	$\frac{-1.52}{x10^{-2}}$	85.5	4.450 -0.0017 511.7	50.6	1.55 $x10^{-2}$	9.69	0.42	85.5	5.44 $x10^{-1}$	62.56	17.02	130 $\pm 31.6$