Spectroscopy and Microscopy of Single Molecules and Single Nanoparticles

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Part III Fluorescence, scattering and absorption spectroscopy of gold nanoparticles

Outline (Part III)

- Pump-probe spectroscopy
- Gold nanorods
- Trapping
- Sensing

Plasmons in gold nanoparticles



Harmonic oscillator, spring constant depends on shape and field orientation

Pump-probe spectroscopy of single gold nanoparticles



Third Harmonic, 100 nm; M. Lippitz et al., NanoLett 5 (2005) 799





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Pump-probe Interferometric Microscope



Single gold nanoparticles





Spectral shift of plasmon resonance



Ensemble vs. individual nanoparticles





Taken from L. Saviot http://www2.u-bourgogne.fr/REACTIVITE/manapi/saviot/index.en.html

Other vibrational modes Higher radial harmonics



Ellipsoidal deformation mode



Correlation with shape



Dumbbells



Acoustic spectra of dumbbells



FEM calculations of vibrations



Gold Nanorods collab. P. Zijlstra, J. Chon, M. Gu Swinburne U. (Melbourne, Australia)

- SEM and TEM images
- Plasmons and scattering
- Acoustic modes





Figure 2: High resolution TEM images of two gold nanorods imaged at low (a) and (d), medium (b) and (e), and high (c) and (f) magnification (both (c) and (f) are imaged at 1.05 million times magnification). The fat arrows in (c) and (f) indicate the long particle axis. The measured lattice plane spacings averaged over 30-50 planes are indicated in (c) and (f).

SEM images









Optical scattering and SEM images



local index probe



Vibrational transient with FT and angular dependence



Breathing and extensional frequencies dependence on aspect ratio



Trapping individual gold nanorods







Gold nanoparticle in an optical trap



- Advantages: no perturbation by the substrate; manipulations possible

Trapping single gold nanorods



Orientation of gold nanorod along trap polarization



Fluctuations of orientation by autocorrelation



Local temperature and viscosity



Single 60x25 nm² nanorod in the optical trap

Polarization of scattered light, rotational time, translational time as functions of trapping power

Maximum temperature change about 80 K

Ruijgrok et al., PRL **107** (2011) 037401

Vibrational damping in a liquid environment



Ruijgrok et al., Nanolett. 11 (2011) 1063

Nanospheres



Nanorods



Plasmonic sensing with single gold nanorods



P. Zijlstra et al., Nat. Nanotechn. 7 (2012) 379

Principle of the sensing





Optical setup (photothermal and scattering)



Preferential conjugation at the tips



Ensemble binding experiments



Binding of Streptavidin-phycoerythrin



Binding traces of different molecules



anti-biotin norm. photothermal signal 100 nM anti-biotin stepfinder fit PBS ∆SP (nm) 1.1 0 100 200 300 400 500 600 time (s)



photon energy (eV)

750

700

before

1.8

- after

wavelength (nm)

850 800

(-7 meV)

1.6

photon energy (eV)

Photothermal: Heating laser = 25 µW Detection laser = 700 µW Integration time = 100 ms

experimental parameters:

Heating laser = 16 uW

White light scattering:

Integration time = 15 s

Detection laser = 400 µW

integration time = 100 ms

Photothermal:

White light scattering: integration time = 15 s



Photothermal: Heating laser = 98 µW Detection laser = 450 µW integration time = 100 ms

White light scattering: integration time = 15 s

Fluorescence enhancement by a single gold nanorod



HF Yuan et al., Angew. Chem. (online 2012)









enhancement ~ 1000-fold



Influence of spectral overlap



Surface plasmon resonance

Excitation wavelength

Fluorescence lifetime during bursts



Conclusions



Heterogeneity of supercooled glycerol

Temperature cycles



 Imaging absorption by photothermal contrast



Gold nanoparticles for probing and manipulation

Sensors and actuators for soft matter studies