

# CHM 696-11: Week 8

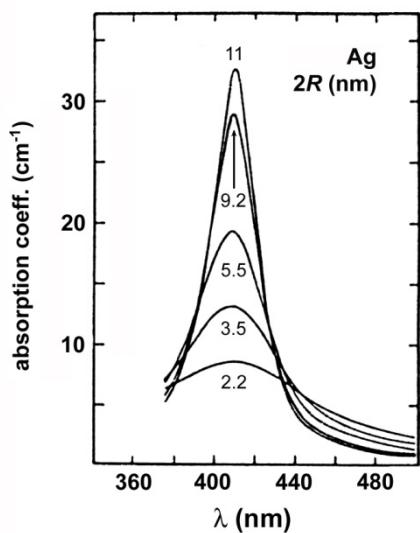
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## Optical Properties of Metal Nanoparticles and Nanoparticle Assemblies

Review:

Wei, Q.; Wei, A. In *Supramolecular Chemistry of Organic–Inorganic Hybrid Materials* (Chapter 10), Mañez, R. M.; Rurack, K., Eds.; Wiley and Sons: New York, 2010; pp. 319-349

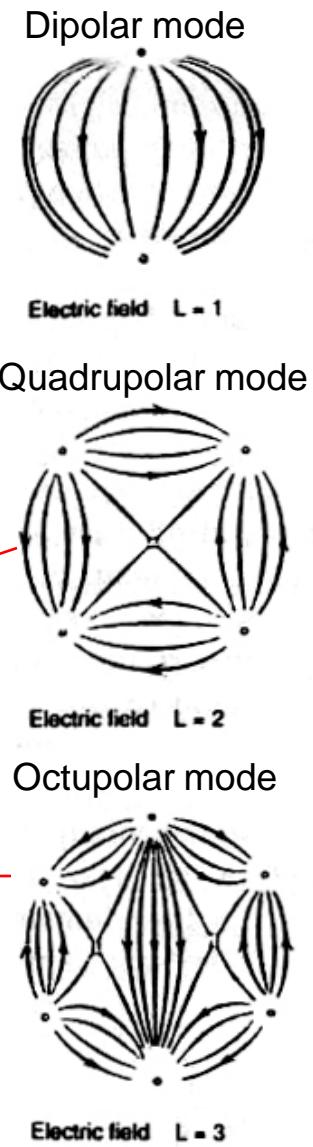
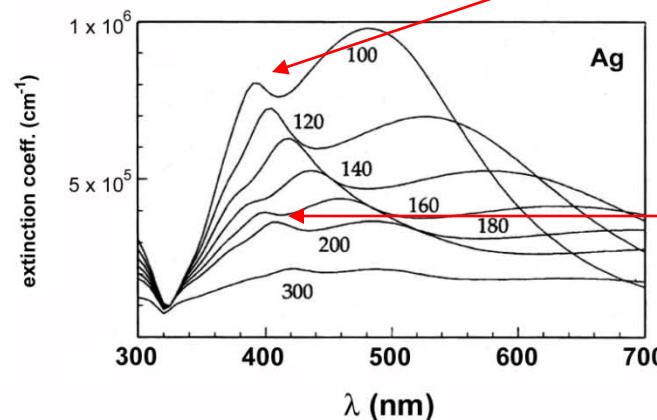
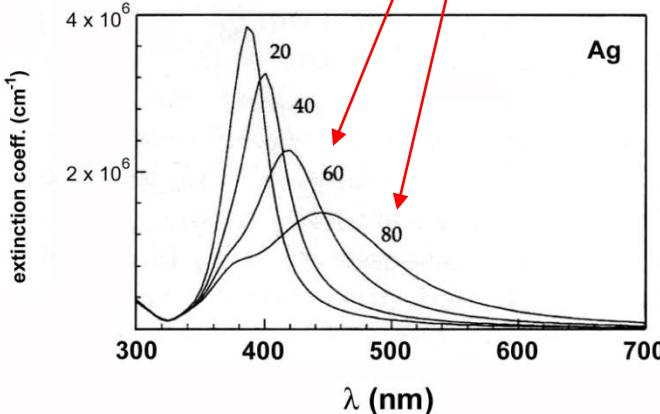
# Size effects on localized SPRs



Surface scattering of oscillating electrons:  
plasmon lineshape ( $I$ ) broadens with  $1/R$

Phase retardation: redshift and broadening  
of  $\lambda_{SP}$  for particles greater than  $L_E$ , the  
electron mean free path (40-50 nm)

Higher-order plasmon resonances: increase  
in probability with larger particle size (also a  
function of  $L_E$ )

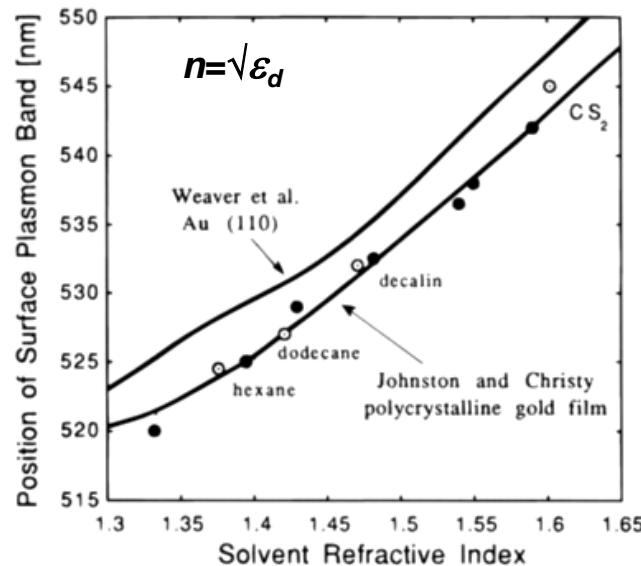
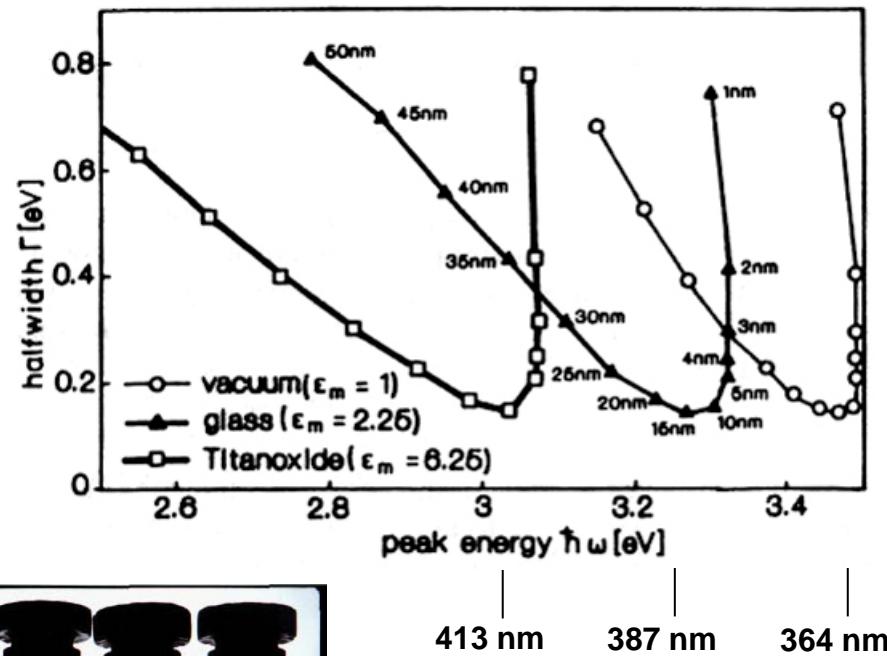


Calculated plasmon response from spherical Ag nanoparticles in H<sub>2</sub>O:  
Yguerabide, *Anal. Biochem.* **1998**, 262, 137.

# Dielectric effects: influence on LSPR wavelength

LSPRs and FWHM linewidths of Ag nanoparticles in different environments (calculated)

Kriebig and Vollmer,  
*Optical Properties of Metal Clusters*, c.1995.



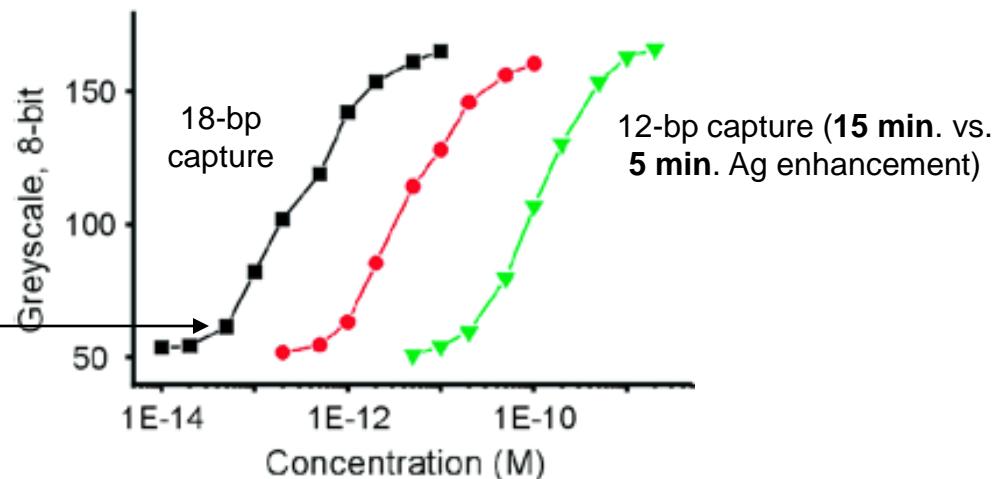
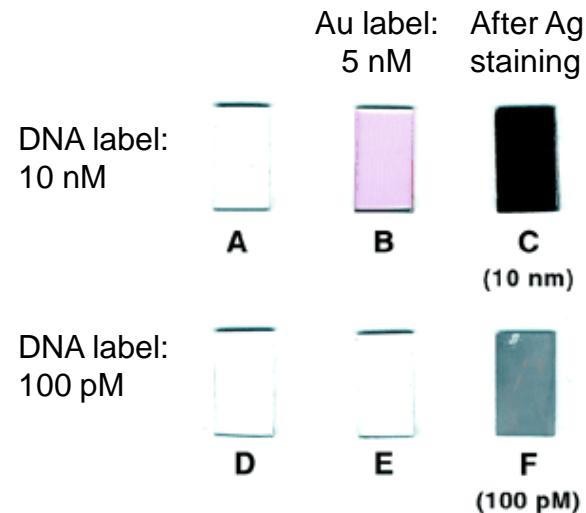
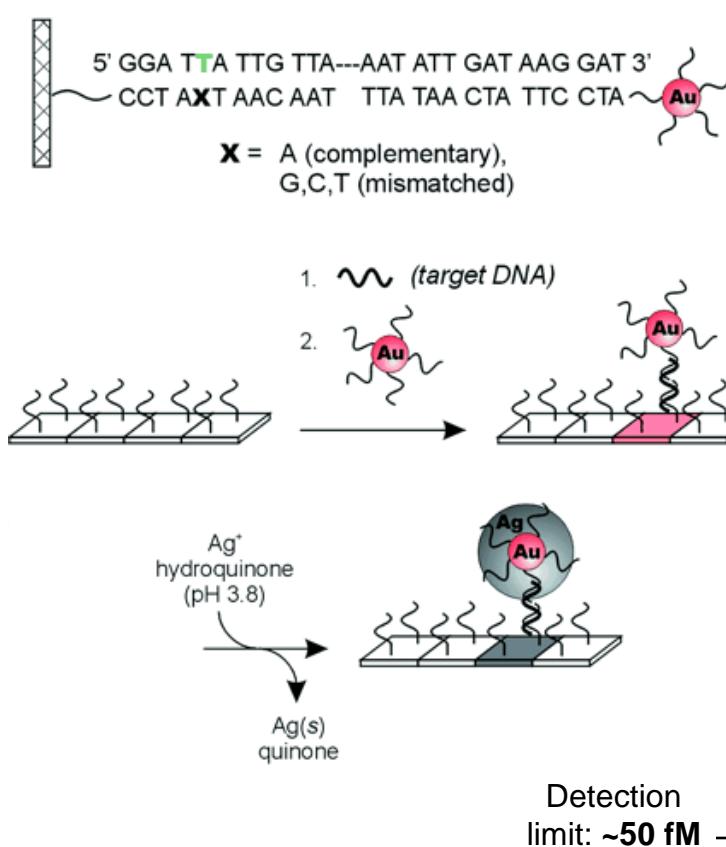
Solvatochromatism in polymer-stabilized 16-nm Au nanoparticles

Underwood and Mulvaney,  
*Langmuir* 1994, 10, 3427.

# Metal nanoparticles as optical labels

## A. Size-dependent optical extinction

Ag-enhanced detection of Au nanoparticle (NP) label:



# Metal nanoparticles as optical labels

## B. Resonant light scattering

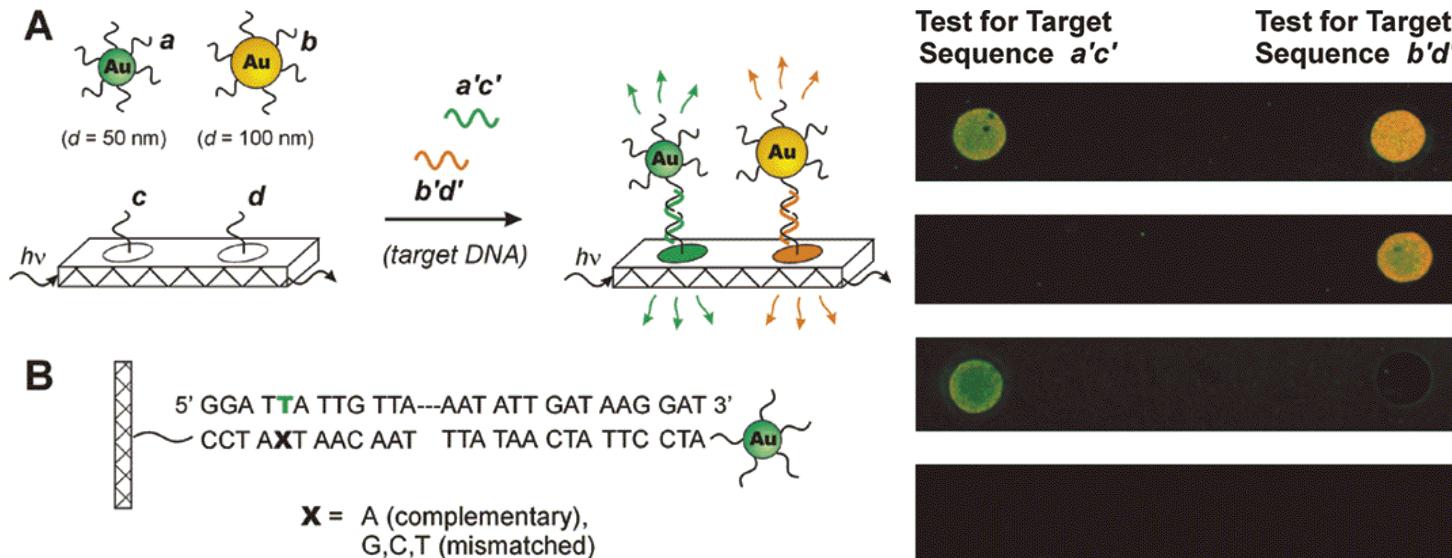
Size-dependent color response (Au NPs):

<50 nm:  $\lambda_{LSPR} = 520\text{-}530 \text{ nm}$  (**green**)

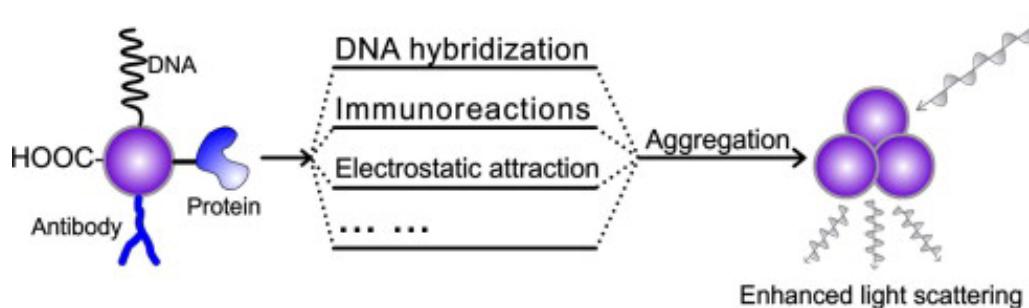
80 nm:  $\lambda_{LSPR} = 560\text{-}570 \text{ nm}$  (**yellow**)

100+ nm:  $\lambda_{LSPR} = 580\text{+ nm}$  (**orange**)

Detection of DNA hybridization by darkfield (scattering) microscopy:



# Aggregation-induced amplification of light scattering

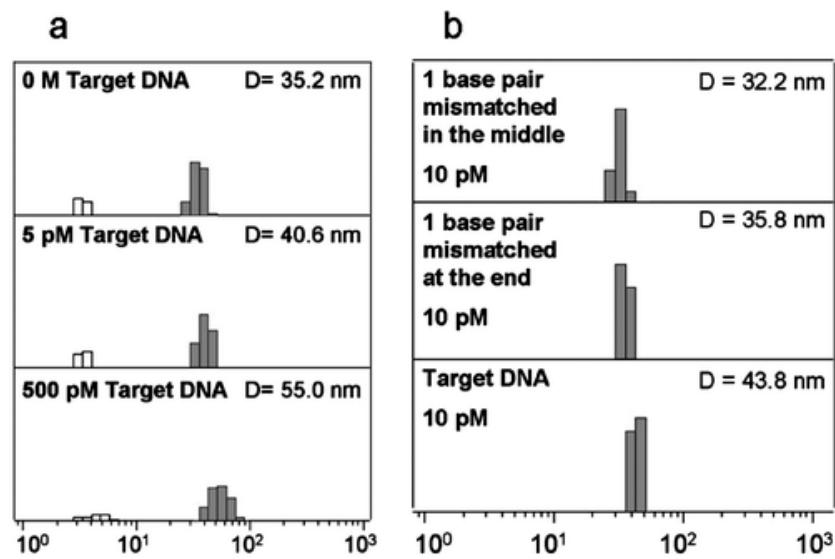


Ling et al, *Trends Anal. Chem.* **2009**, 28, 447.

DNA-induced aggregation of 30-nm Au NPs monitored by dynamic light scattering (DLS)

low picomolar (pM) resolution;  
sensitive to base-pair mismatches

Dai et al, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2008**, 130, 8138.

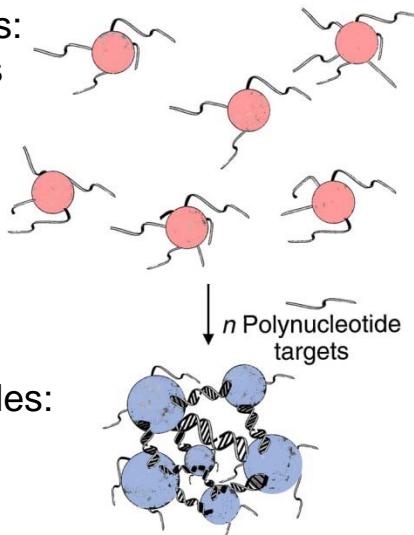


# Metal nanoparticles as optical labels

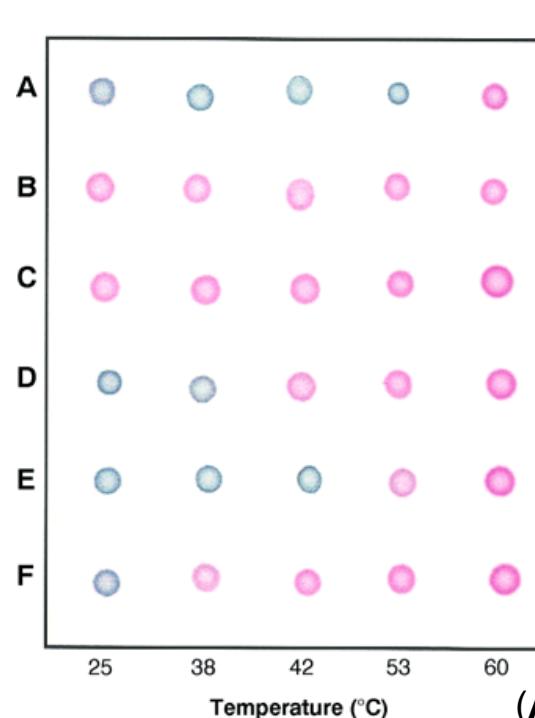
## C. Aggregation-induced shifts in plasmon resonance (colorimetric assay)

### Ex. 1. DNA-induced aggregation of Au nanoparticles

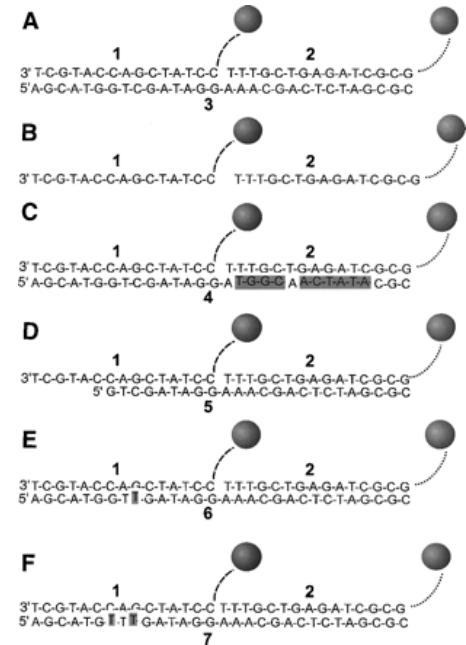
Individual particles:  
uncoupled LSPRs



aggregated particles:  
collective SPR



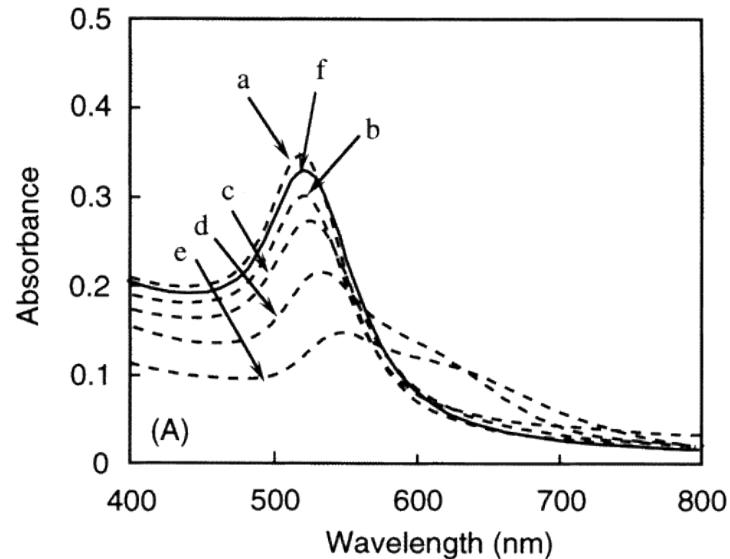
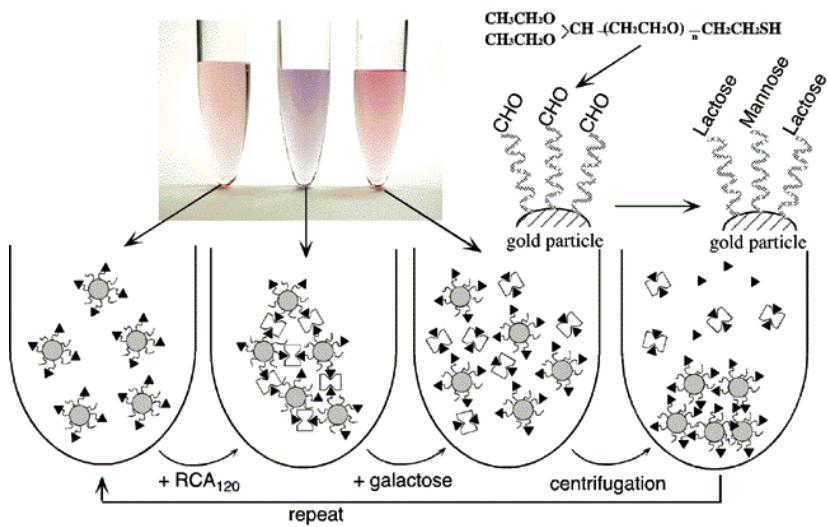
Variations in “melting”  
(dissociation) temperatures,  $T_m$ ,  
as a function of base pairing:



- (A) complementary target
- (B) no target
- (C) complementary to one probe
- (D) a 6-bp deletion
- (E) a 1-bp mismatch
- (F) a 2-bp mismatch

# Aggregation-induced shifts in plasmon resonance (cont'd)

Ex. 2: Lectin-induced aggregation of 9-nm Au NPs, with thiolated lactose (glyco-NPs)



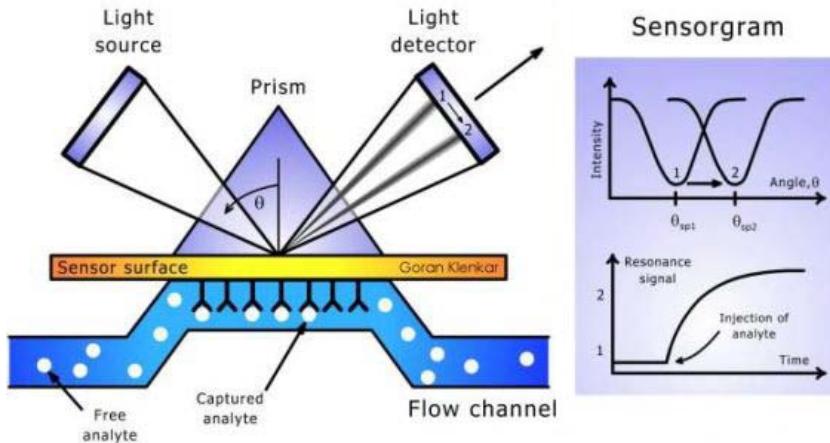
Otsuka, Akiyama, Nagasaki, and Kataoka,  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2001**, 123, 8226.

After lectin addition ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ): (a) 0; (b) 5; (c) 10; (d) 20; (e) 50.  
(solid line) redispersed NPs, after adding excess galactose.

For other examples of Au nanoparticles in colorimetric assays, see: *Inorganic Nanoprobes for Biological Sensing and Imaging*, Eds. H. Mattoussi, J. Cheon, Artech House:New York, 2009; Chapter 8 (Rotello and coworkers)

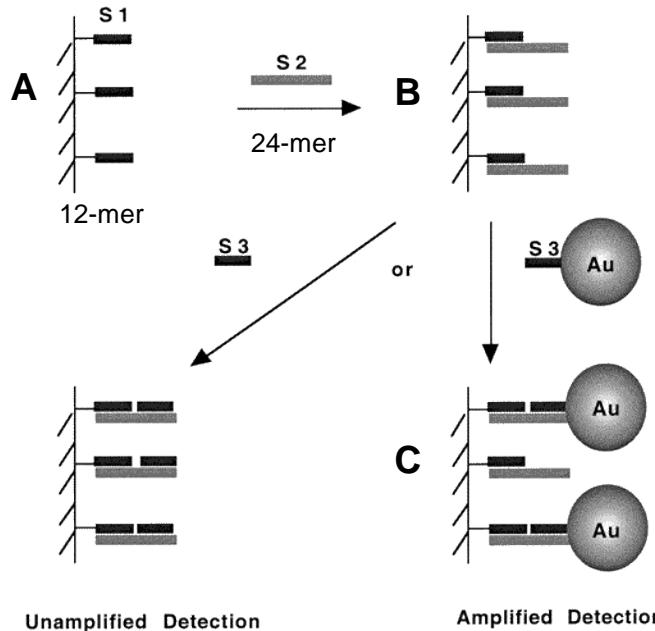
# Metal nanoparticles as bio/chemical sensors

## Adsorption-induced shifts in surface plasmon resonance (SPR)



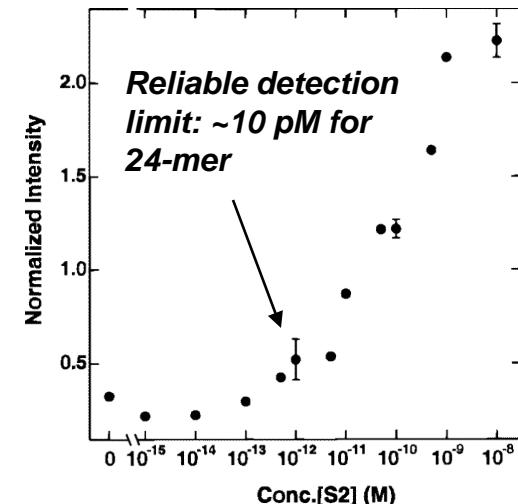
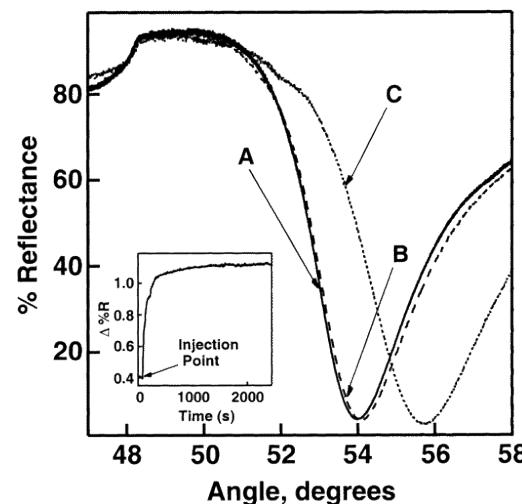
Surface adsorption changes the local refractive index of thin (50-nm) Au film, causes shift in “critical angle” for SPR absorption

Works best for detecting biomolecular adsorption (e.g., proteins); small-molecule detection is harder



### Nanoparticle-enhanced SPR detection of DNA oligonucleotides:

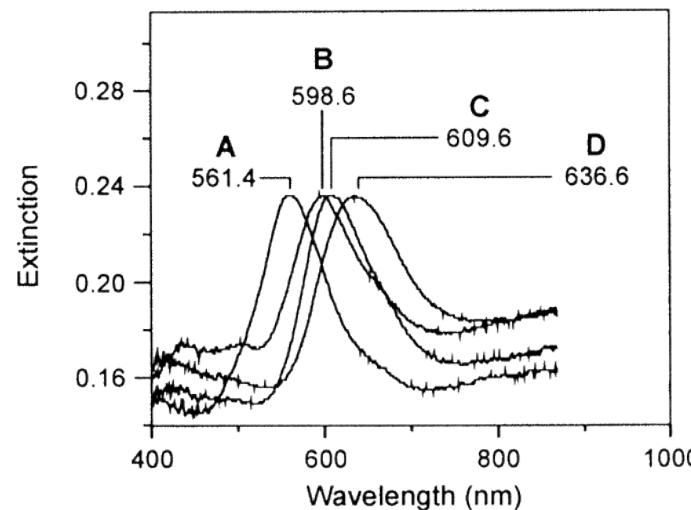
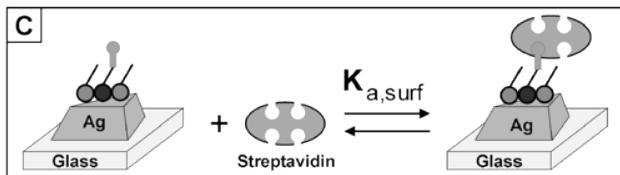
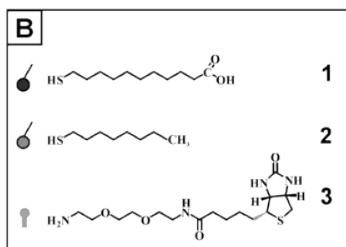
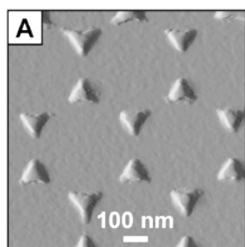
He et al, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2000, 122, 9071



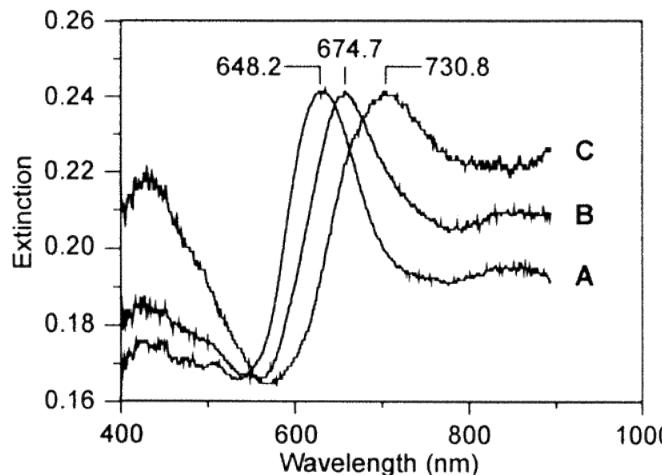
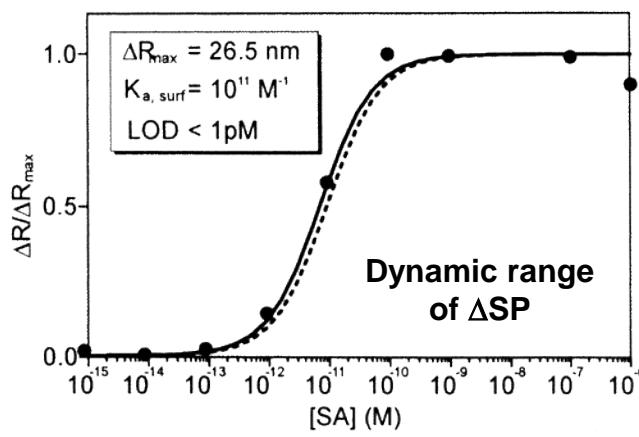
# Anisotropic metal NPs as bio/chemical sensors

## Adsorbate-induced shifts in LSPR: greater sensitivity

Localized SPR from Ag nanoprisms ( $t = 50$  nm): Haes and van Duyne, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2002**, 124, 10596



- (A) Bare Ag nanoprisms
- (B) Nanoprisms after modification with 1 mM 1:3 11-MUA/1-OT
- (C) Nanoprisms after modification with 1 mM biotin
- (D) Nanoprisms after exposure to 100 nM SA ( $\Delta\lambda = 27$  nm)

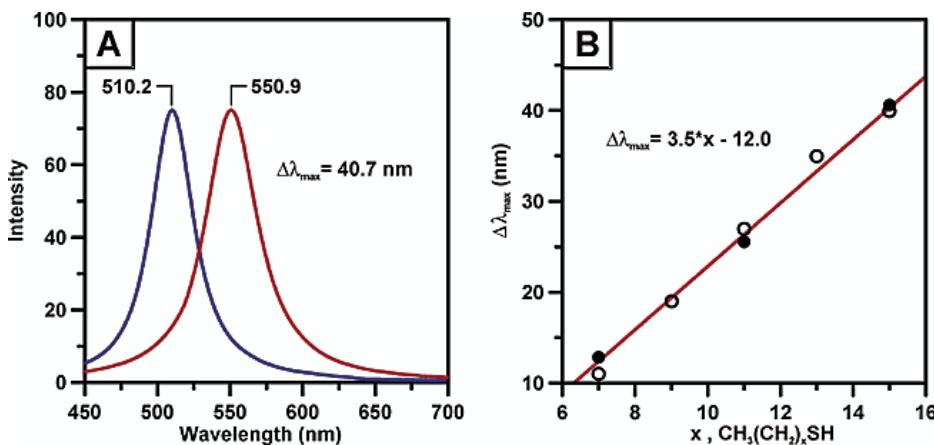


- (A) Biotinylated nanoprisms
- (B) Exposure to 100 nM SA ( $\Delta\lambda = 27$  nm)
- (C) Amplification of SA response using biotinylated Au colloids ( $\Delta\lambda = 56$  nm)

# Anisotropic metal NPs as bio/chemical sensors

Changes in surface dielectric = LSPR shift

## Single-nanoparticle SPR spectroscopy

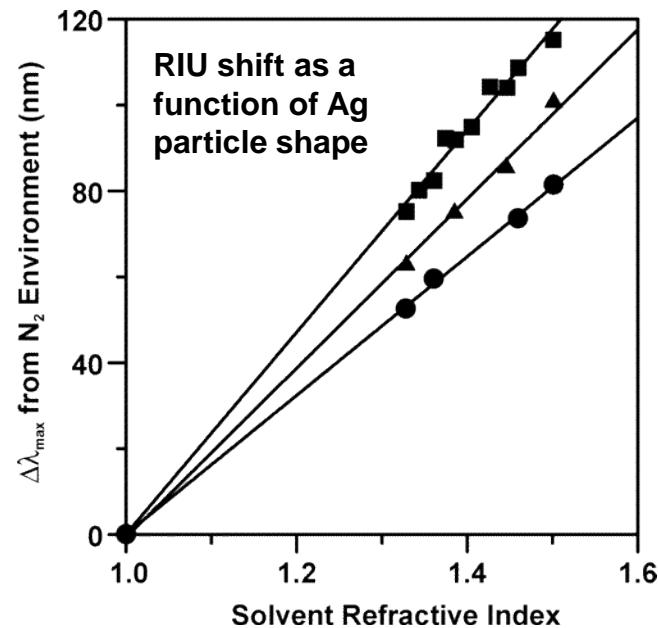


(A) Ag NP before and after adsorption of C16-thiol.

(B) LSPR response vs. thiol chain length.

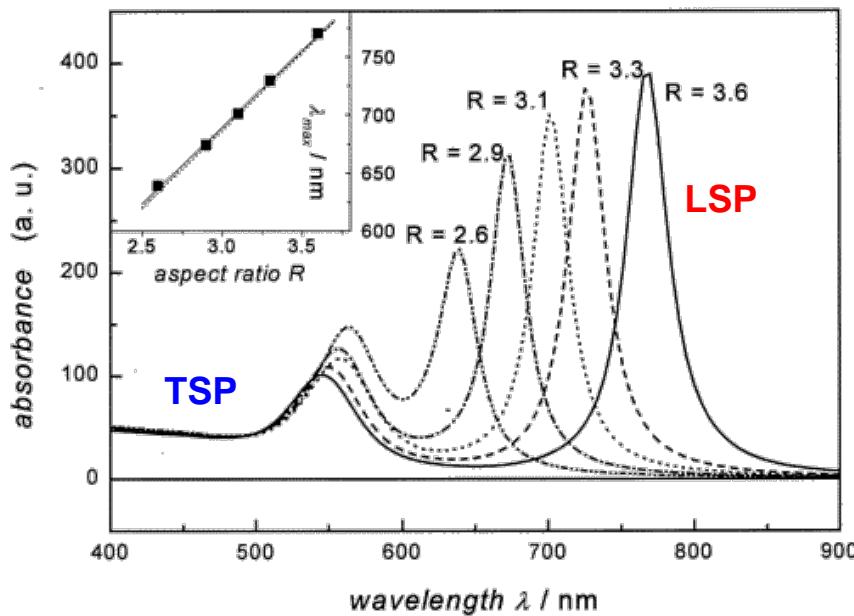
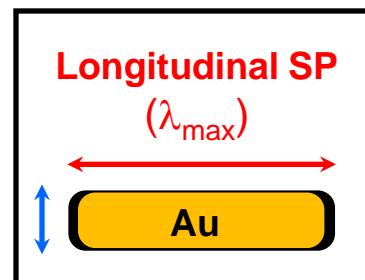
Anisotropic nanoparticles are more sensitive to local changes in surface dielectric; measured in refractive index units (RIU)

- Sphere: 161 nm/RIU
- Prism: 197 nm/RIU
- Nanorod: 235 nm/RIU



# Anisotropic metal nanoparticles: Au nanorods

Au NRs: Tunable resonances in the NIR

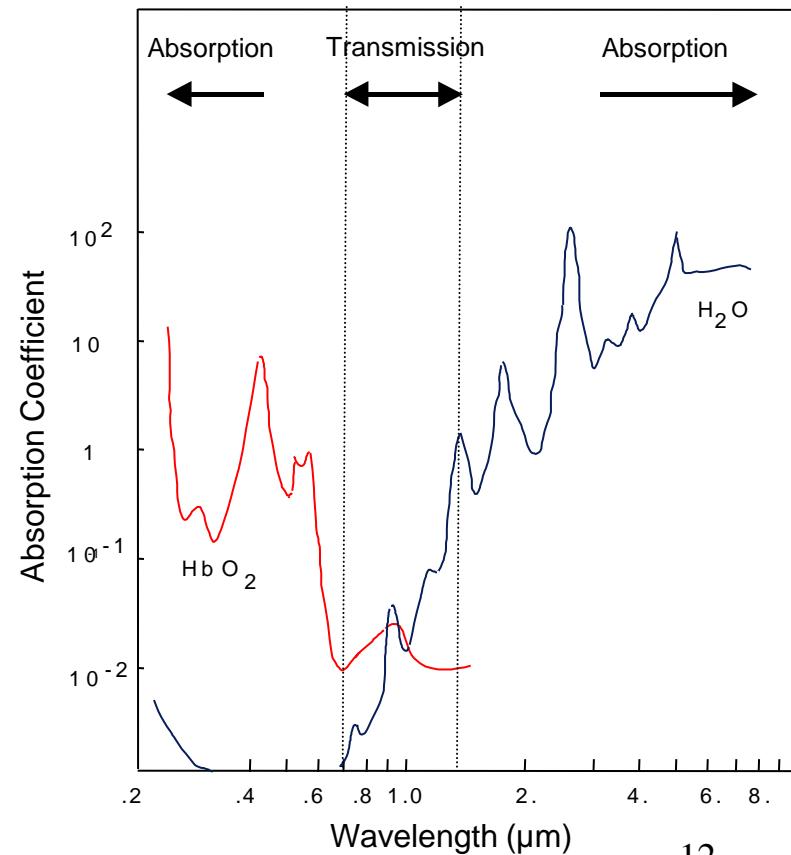


SP modes as a function of aspect ratio:

Link and El-Sayed, J. Phys. Chem. B 1999, 103, 3073

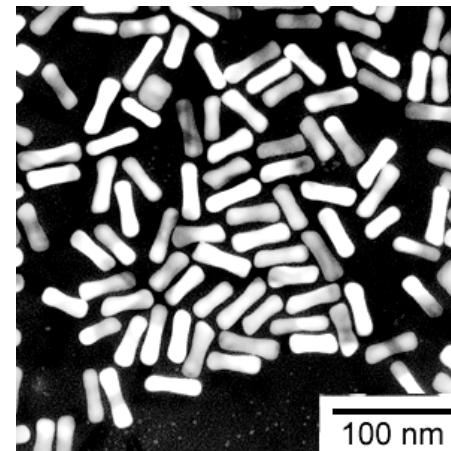
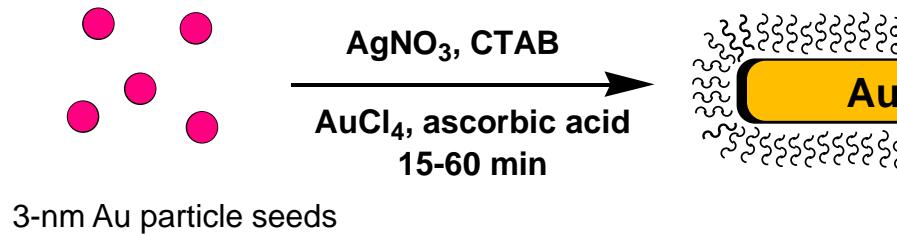
*“Biological window” in tissue at NIR wavelengths:*

Attenuation is minimized between 750 nm and 1.3  $\mu$ m



# Synthesis of NIR-resonant Au nanorods

Seeded growth using micellar surfactants (CTAB):



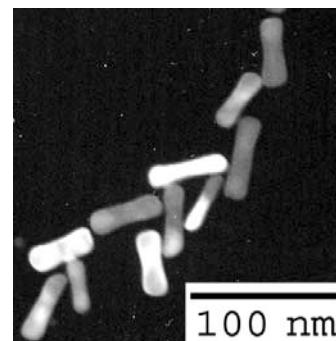
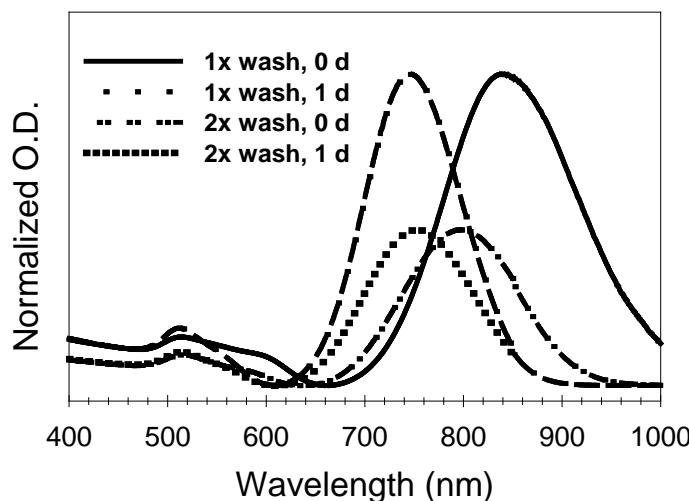
avg. width:  
15-20 nm

avg. length:  
40-60 nm

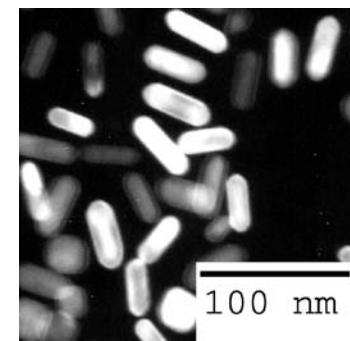
Sau and Murphy, *Langmuir* **2004**, *20*, 6414.

Zweifel and Wei, *Chem. Mater.* **2005**, *17*, 4256.

Two-stage growth kinetics: effect on LPR wavelength



1<sup>st</sup> growth stage (fast):  
dumbbell-shaped NRs  
(stabilized after Na<sub>2</sub>S)



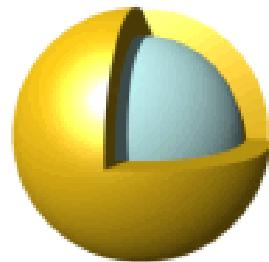
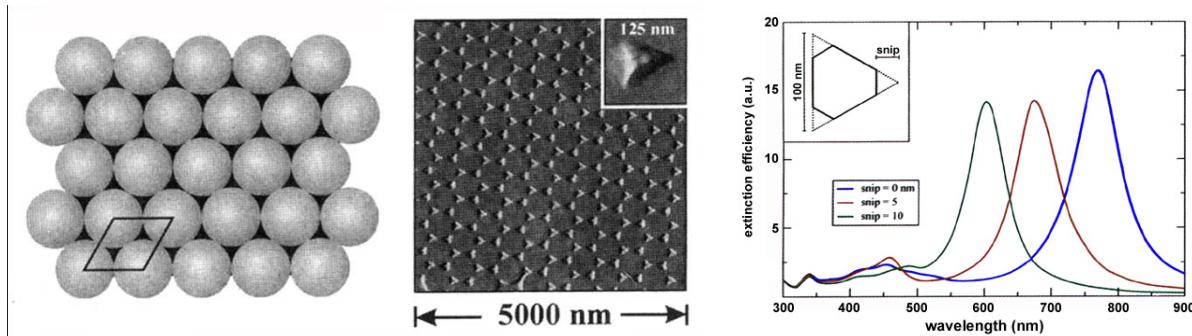
2<sup>nd</sup> growth stage (slow):  
Cylindrical NRs

# Other anisotropic Au nanoparticles

## Nanoprisms (by nanosphere lithography)

Haynes and van Duyne, *J. Phys. Chem. B* **2001**, 105, 5599.

Kelly et al, *J. Phys. Chem. B* **2003**, 107, 668

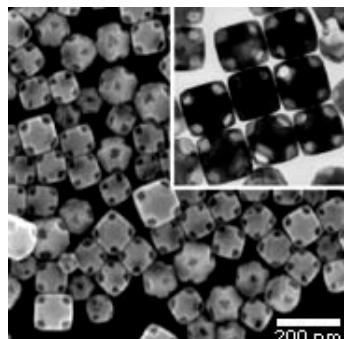
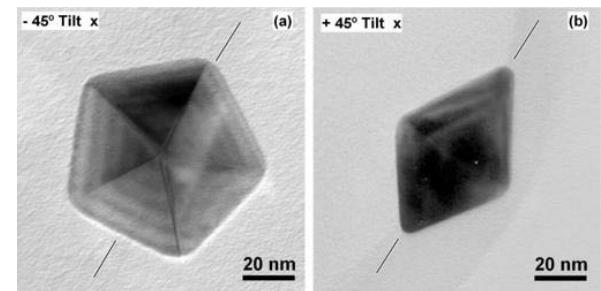


**Nanoshells  
(SiO<sub>2</sub>@Au)**

Lal et al., *Acc. Chem. Res.* **2008**, 41, 1842

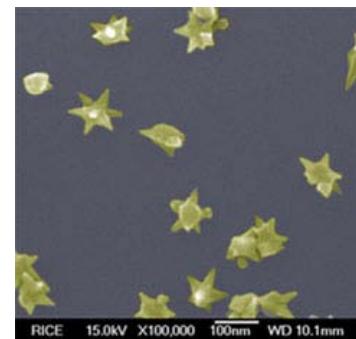
**Pentagonal bipyramids  
(decahedra)**

Sanchez-Igleisas et al,  
*Adv. Mater.* **2006**, 18, 2529



**Nanocages (growth on Ag nanocubes, with galvanic displacement)**

Siekkinen et al, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2006**, 128, 14776

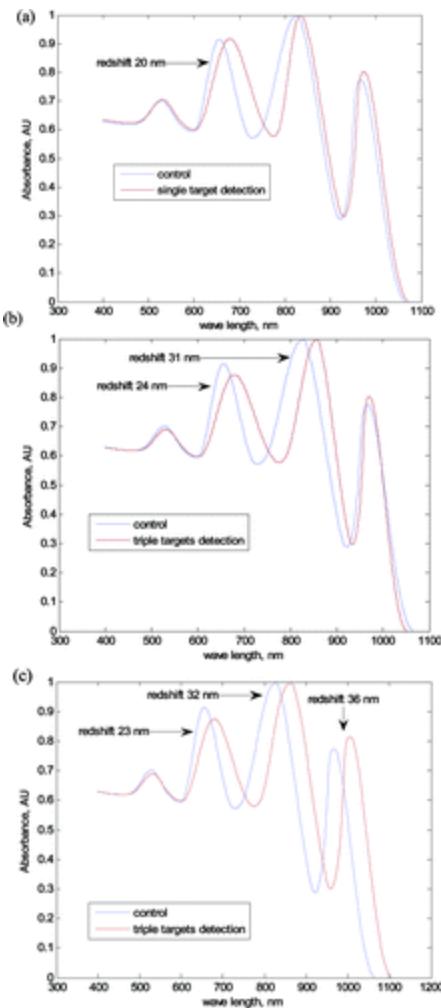


**Nanostars (seeded growth from Au NPs)**

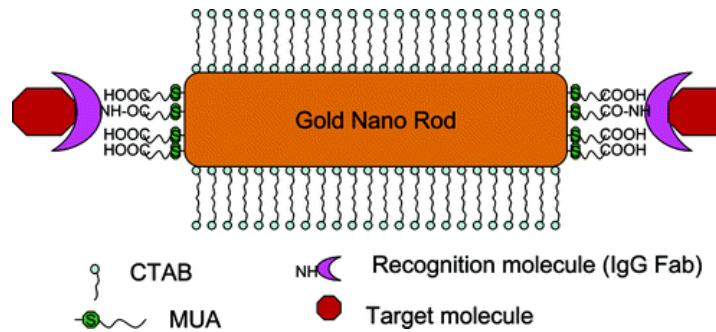
Nehl, Liao, and Hafner,  
*Nano Lett.* **2006**, 6, 683

# More examples of LSPR biosensing

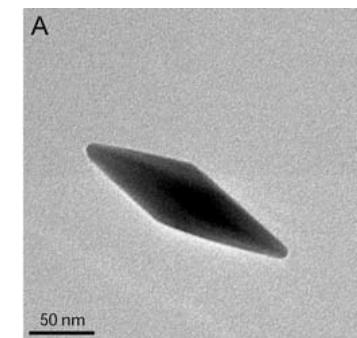
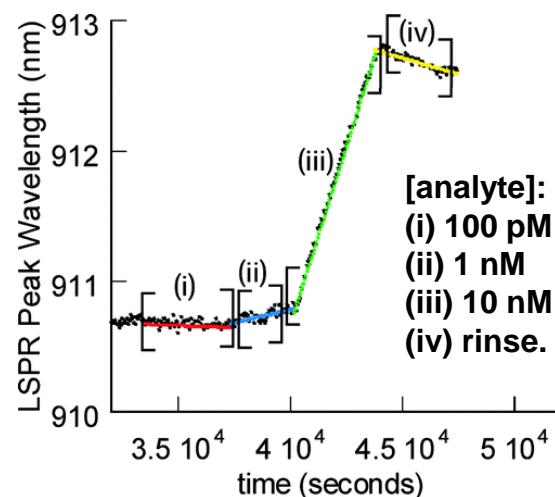
## Antibody-labeled Au nanorods for multiplex biosensing



Yu and Irudayaraj,  
*Anal. Chem.* 2007,  
79, 572



## Real-time LSPR with antibody-labeled pentagonal bipyramids



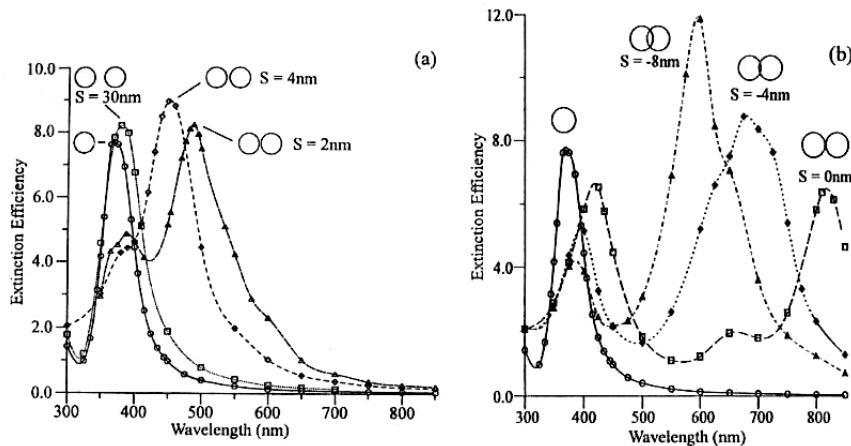
$$\lambda_{\text{LSPR}} = 750-900 \text{ nm}$$

LSPR sensitivity: 280-380 nm/RIU

Lee, Mayer, Hafner, *Anal. Chem.* 2009, 81, 4450.

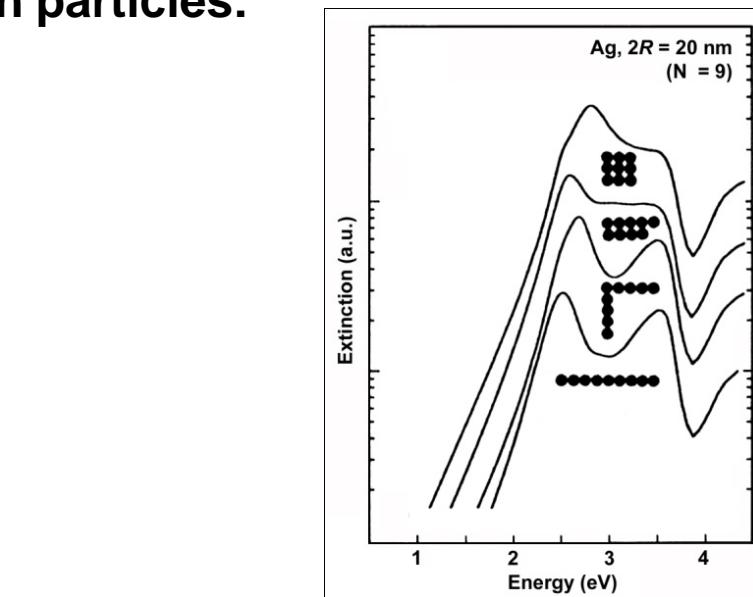
# Collective optical properties of NP assemblies

Models of electromagnetic coupling between particles:  
large shift in collective SPR



Discrete dipole approximation (DDA) of 30-nm Ag particle dimer as a function of separation (S)

Jensen et al, *J. Cluster Sci.* **1999**, *10*, 295.



Simulation of (GMT) collective SPR of Ag NPs assembled into different geometries

Kriebig and Vollmer,  
*Optical Properties of Metal Clusters*, 1995.

## Challenges in comparing experiment and theory:

- calculations for particle sizes greater than 40 nm (quasistatic limit)
- Strong, highly nonlinear plasmon coupling between closely spaced particles (< 50% of diameter)
- Accounting for structural or surface charge defects ; establishing local dielectric constants ( $\epsilon_d$ )