

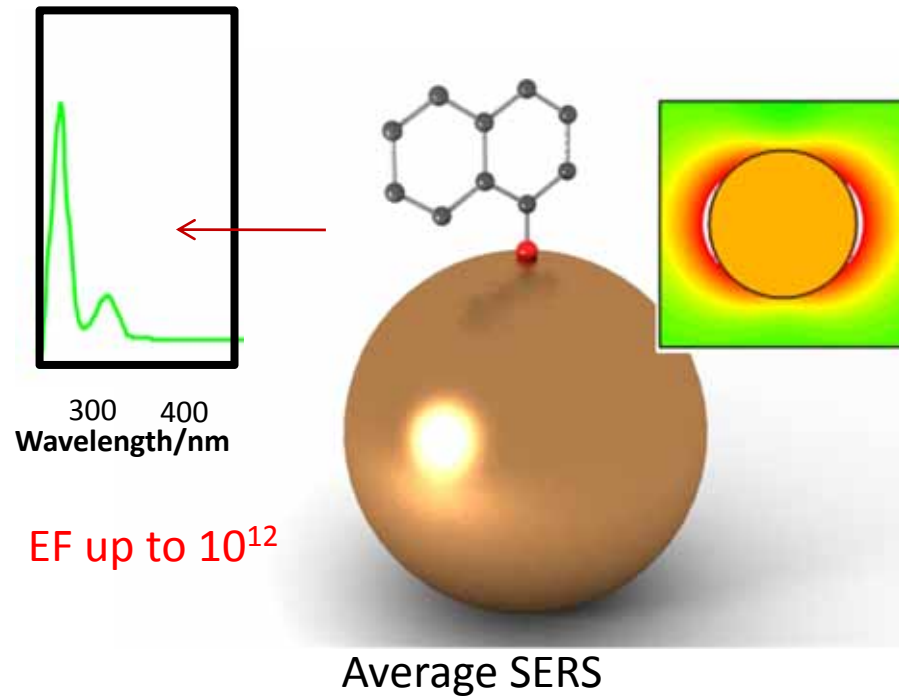
Hot spots and confinement in metal nanoparticles and assemblies

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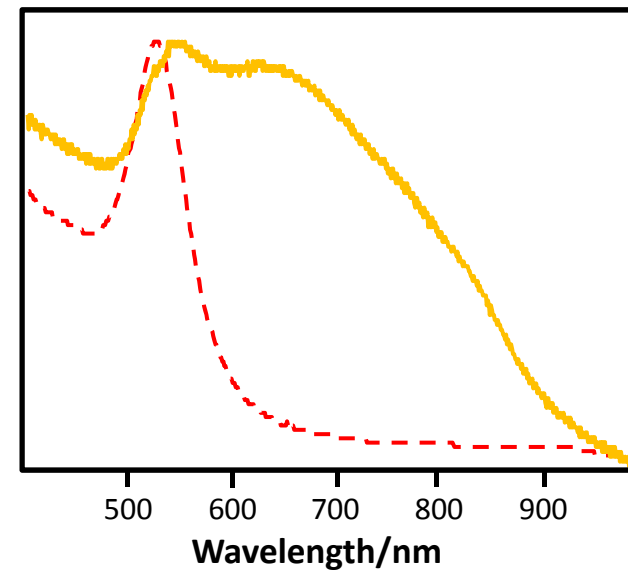
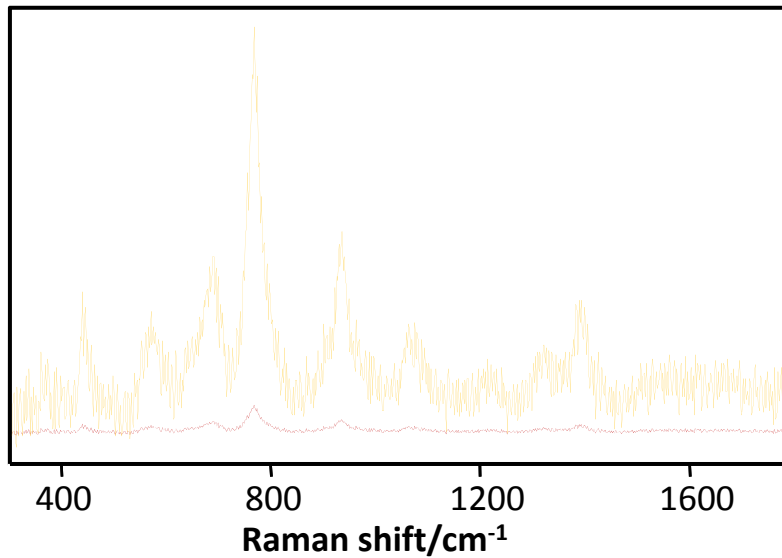
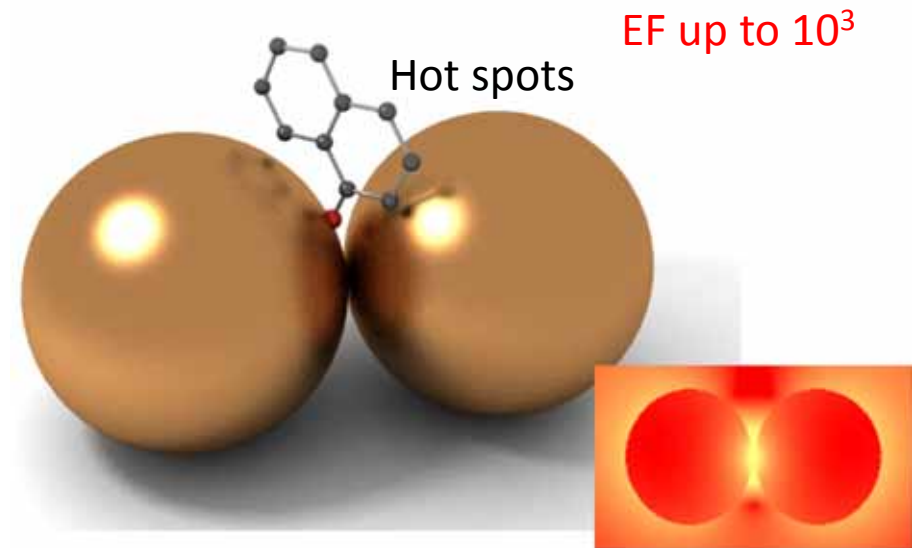
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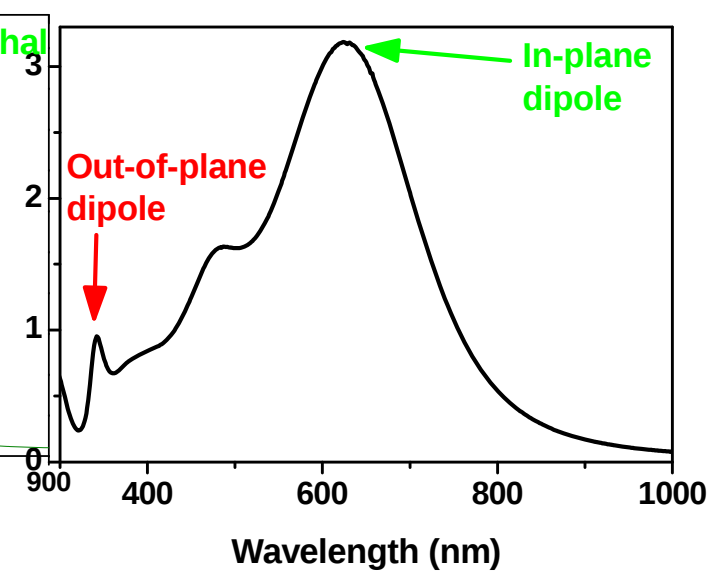
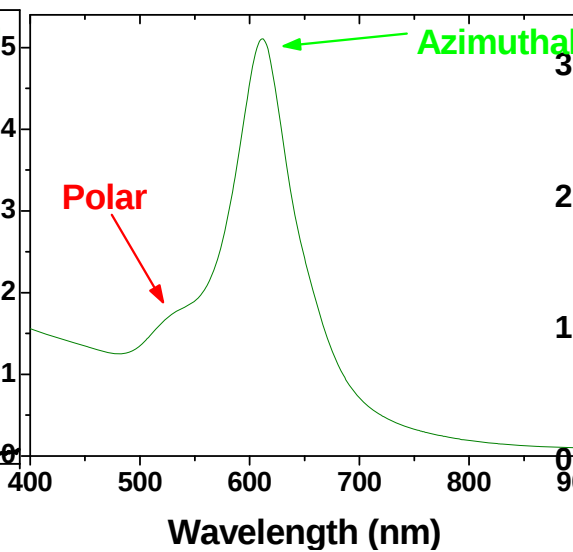
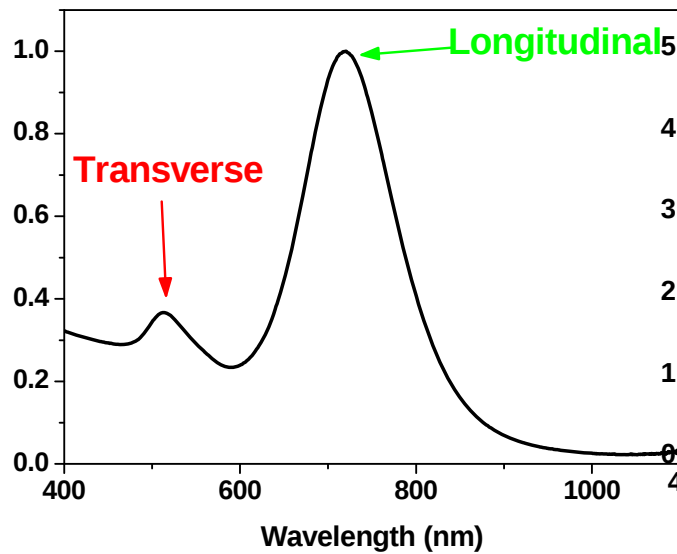
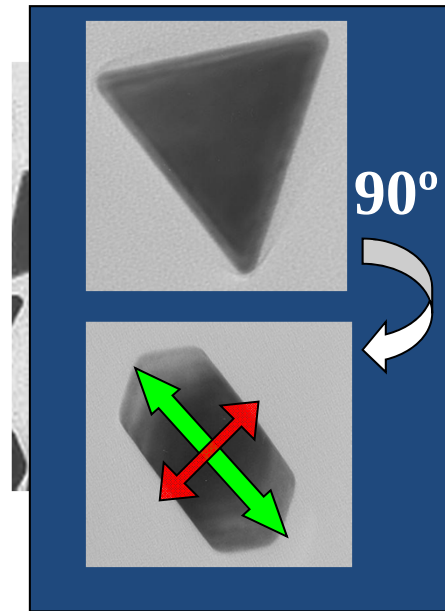
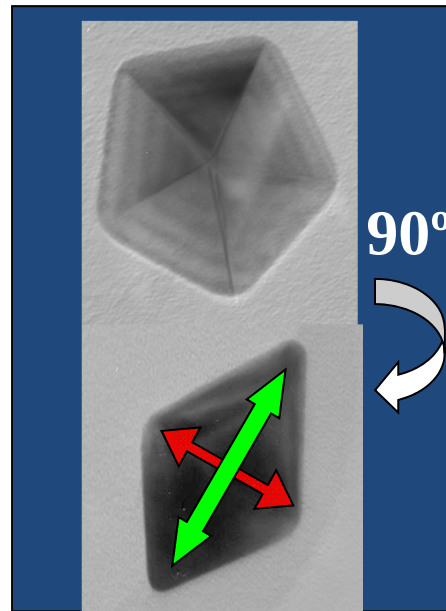
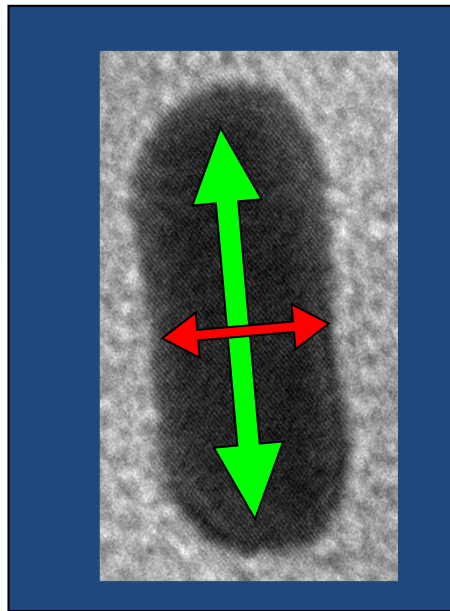
Surface Enhanced Raman Scattering



see: *Chem. Soc. Rev.* **2008**, *SERS issue*
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Plasmon modes in anisotropic nanoparticles



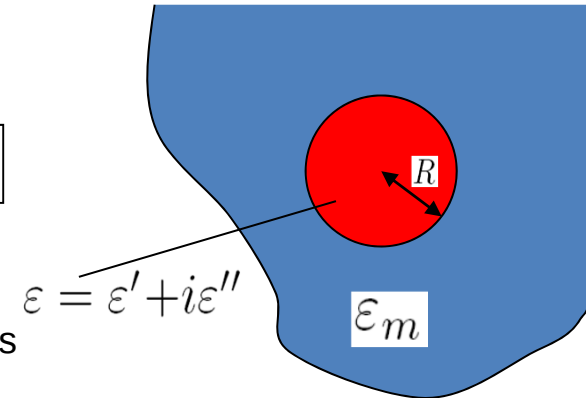
Optical Modelling – Theoretical Background

-Analytical method - Mie Theory

$$C_{ext} = \frac{24\pi^2 R^3 \varepsilon_m^{3/2}}{\lambda} \frac{\varepsilon''}{(\varepsilon' + 2\varepsilon_m) + \varepsilon''^2}$$

$$\varepsilon' = -2\varepsilon_m$$

Spheres,
Spheroids,
Infinite cylinders



-Numerical methods:

Discrete **D**ipole **A**pproximation (DDA)

T-matrix

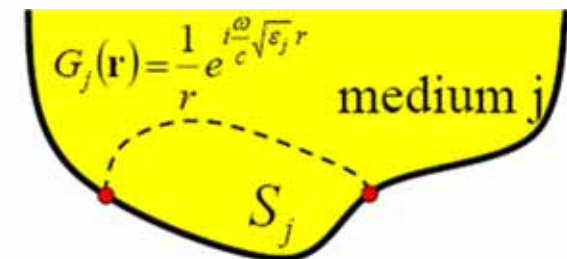
Finite **D**ifferences in the **T**ime **D**omain (FDTD)

Boundary **E**lement **M**ethod (BEM)

The boundary conditions lead to a set of surface integral equations with the interface currents $\mathbf{h}_j$ and charges σ_j as variables. For example, the continuity of ϕ leads to

$$\int_{S_j} ds' [G_1(\mathbf{s}-\mathbf{s}')\sigma_1(\mathbf{s}') - G_2(\mathbf{s}-\mathbf{s}')\sigma_2(\mathbf{s}')] = \phi_2^{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{s}) - \phi_1^{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{s}),$$

(1 and 2 refer to the interface sides). The surface integrals are now discretized using N representative points $\mathbf{s}_i$. This leads to a system of $8N$ linear equations with $\mathbf{h}_1(\mathbf{s}_i)$, $\mathbf{h}_2(\mathbf{s}_i)$, $\sigma_1(\mathbf{s}_i)$, and $\sigma_2(\mathbf{s}_i)$ as unknowns.



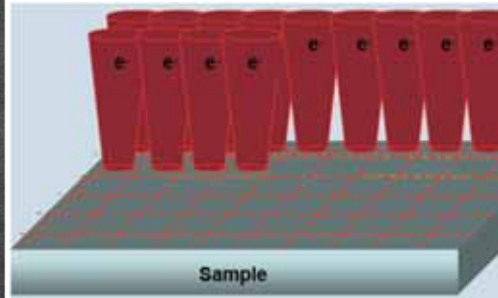
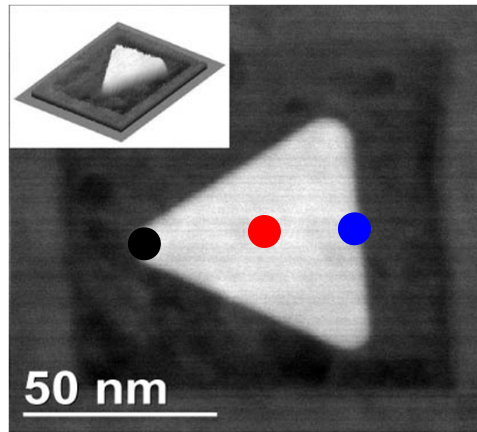
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Plasmon modes in nanoprisms resolved by EELS

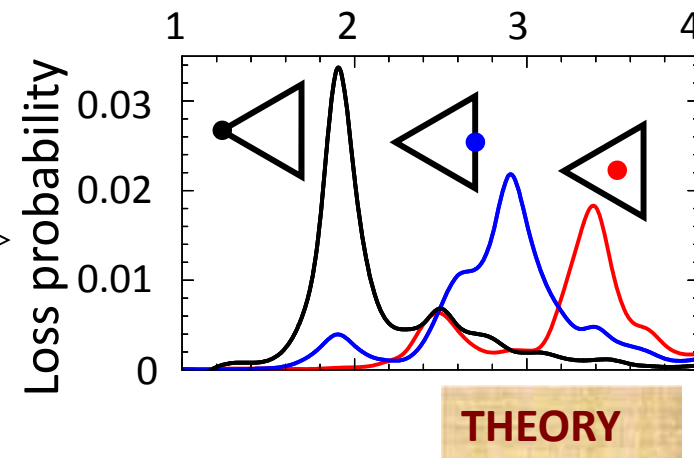
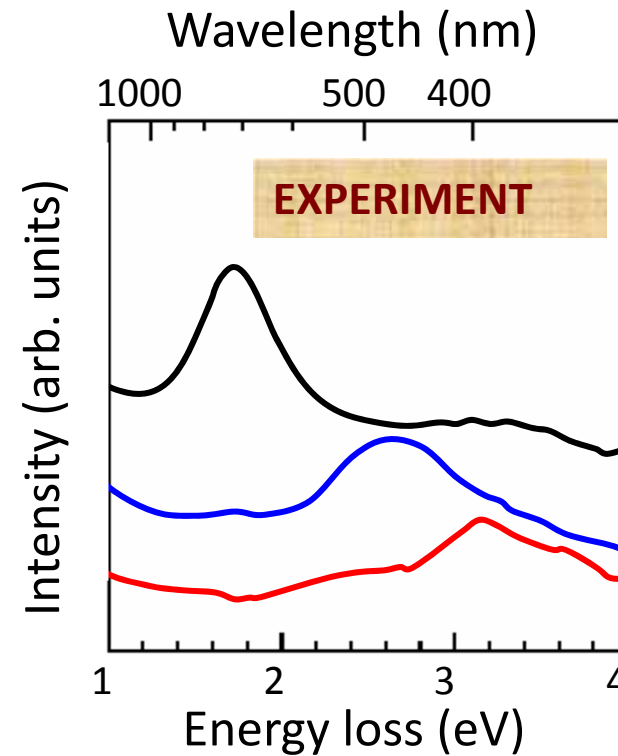
Ag nanotriangle on mica



C. Colliex, CNRS Orsay

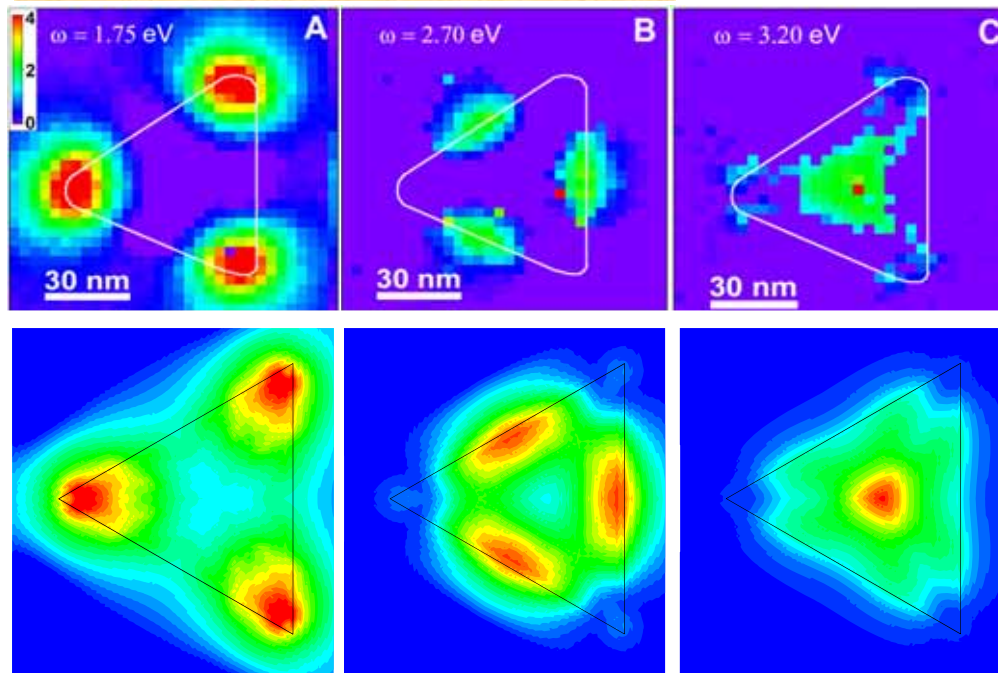
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Beam size: 1 nm
Energy resolution: 0.3 eV

fraction of electrons that
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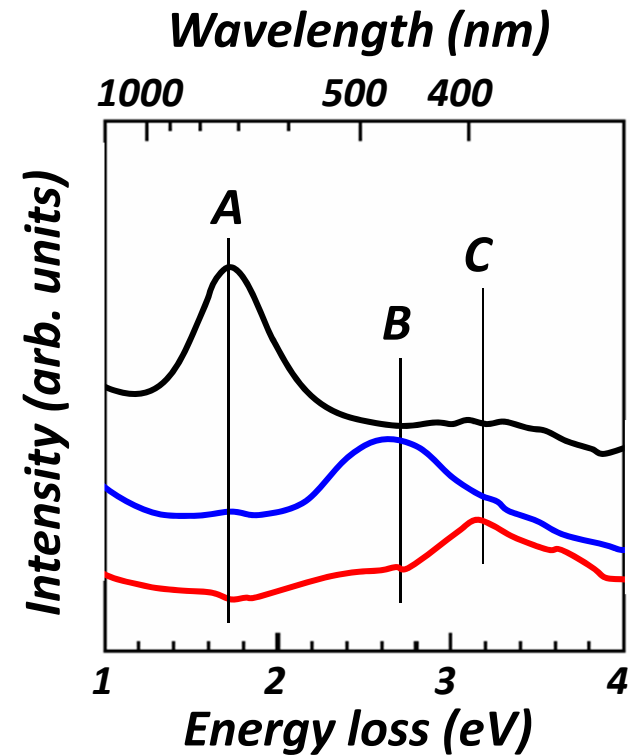


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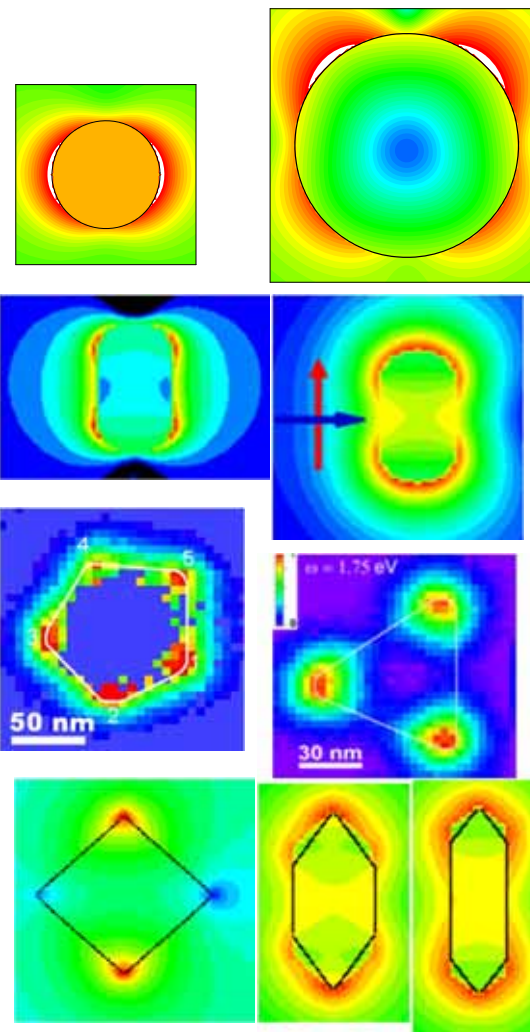
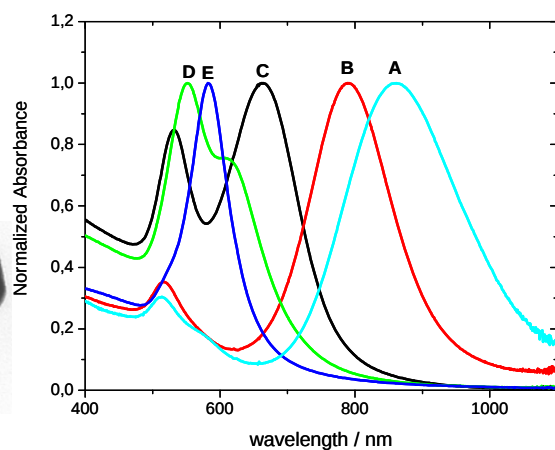
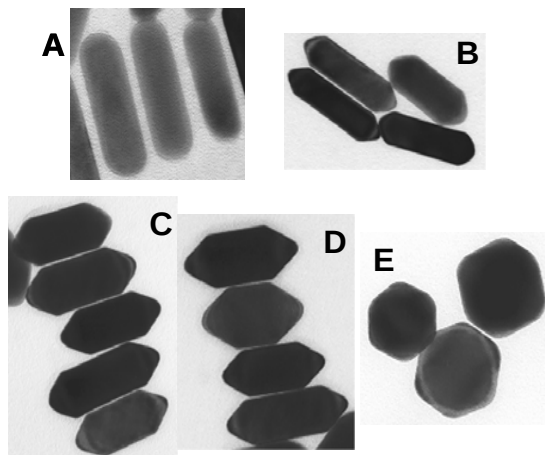
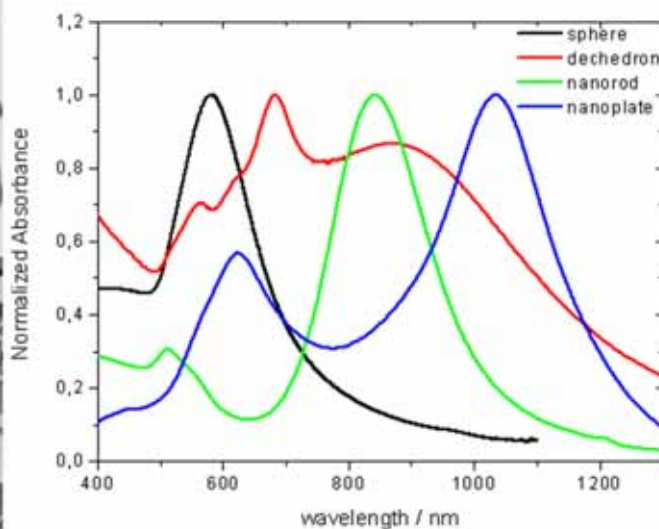
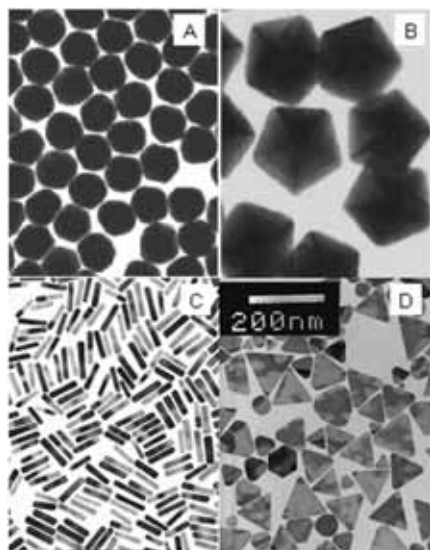
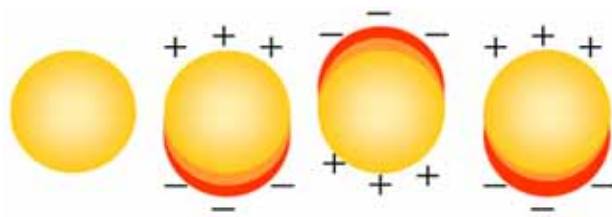
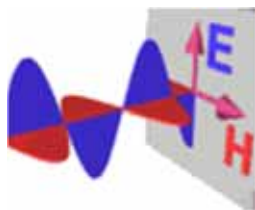
EXPERIMENT: EELS MAPS



THEORY

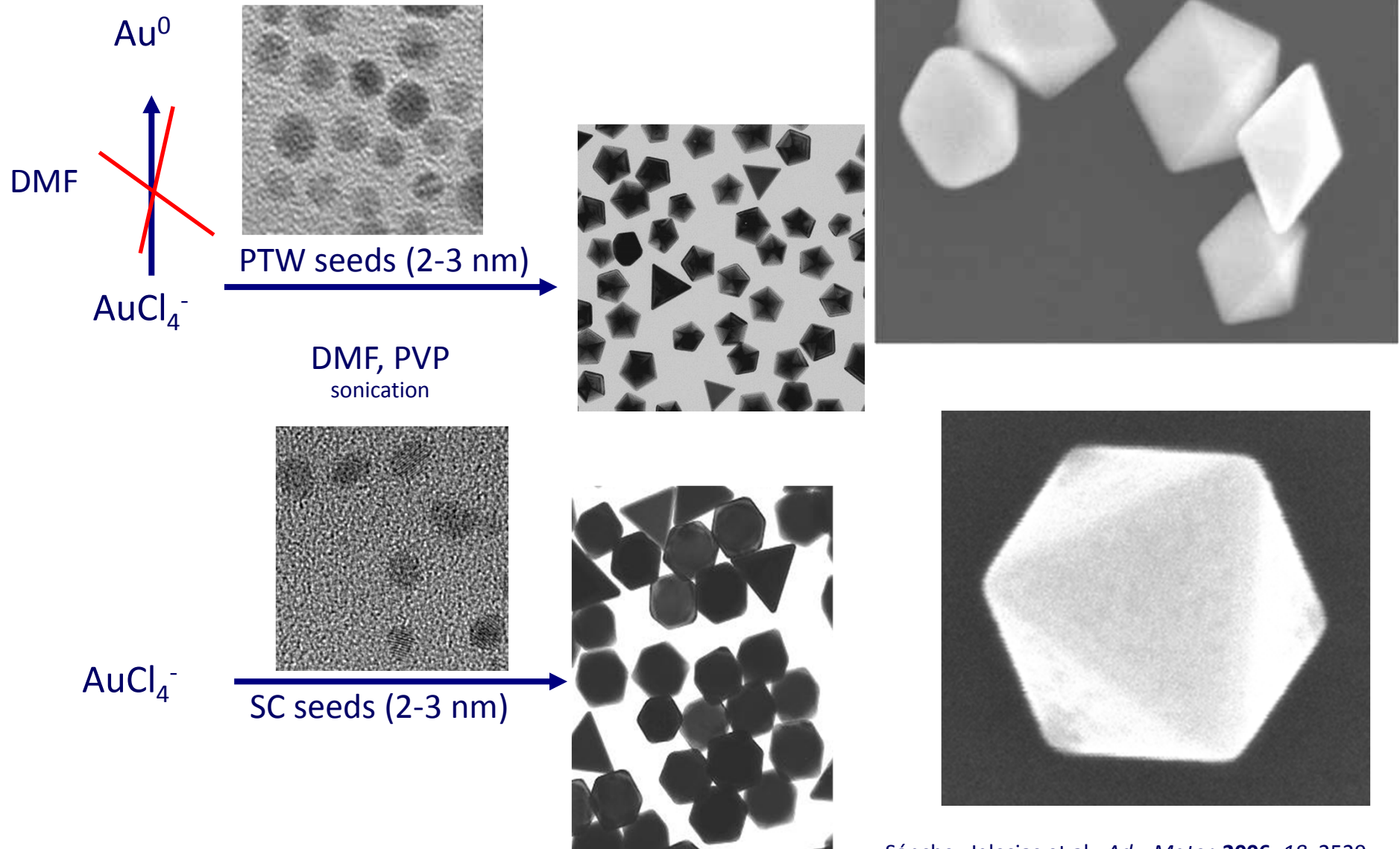


Localized SPRs in nanometals

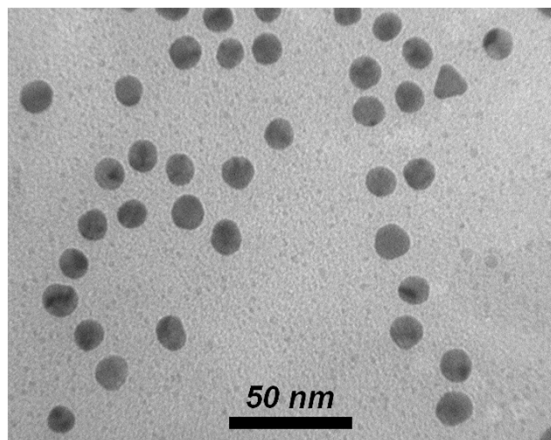


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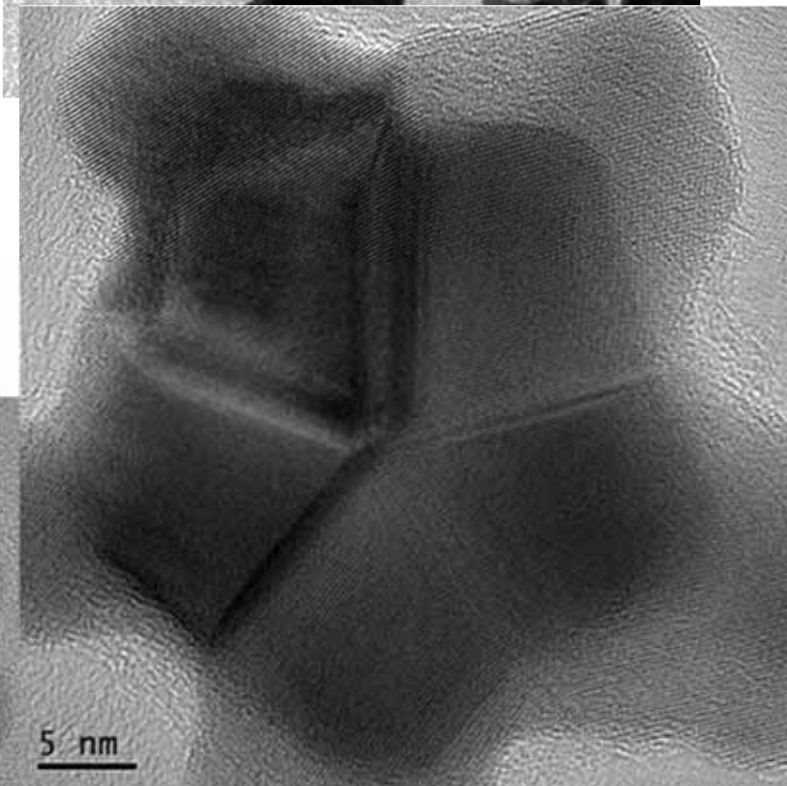
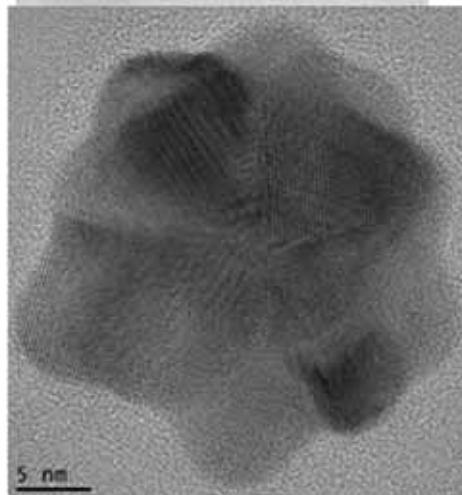
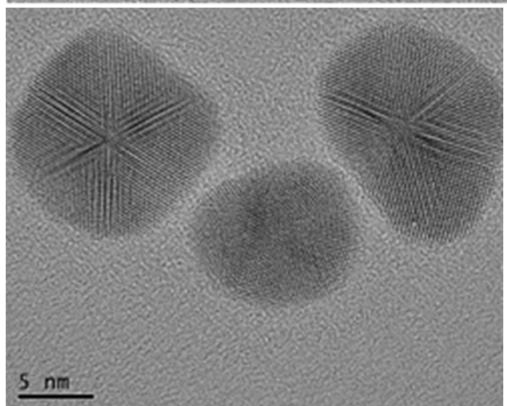
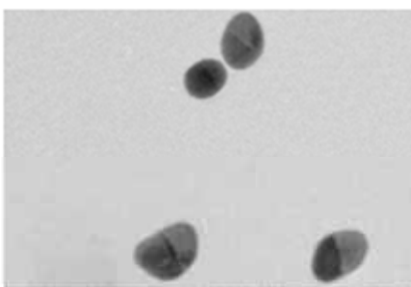
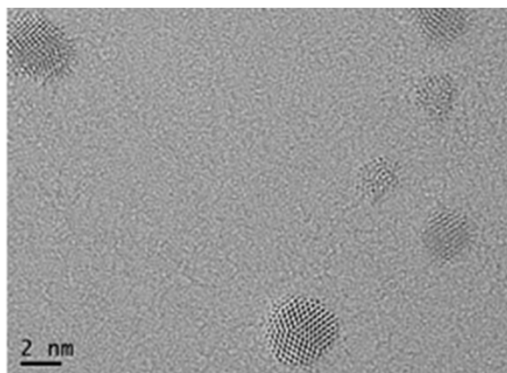
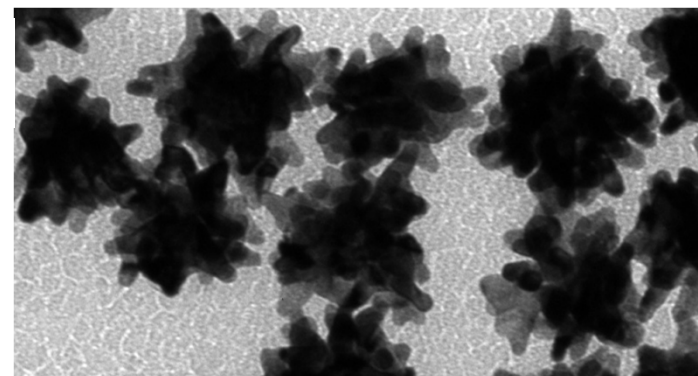
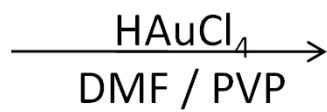
Seeded growth in DMF



Au nanostars



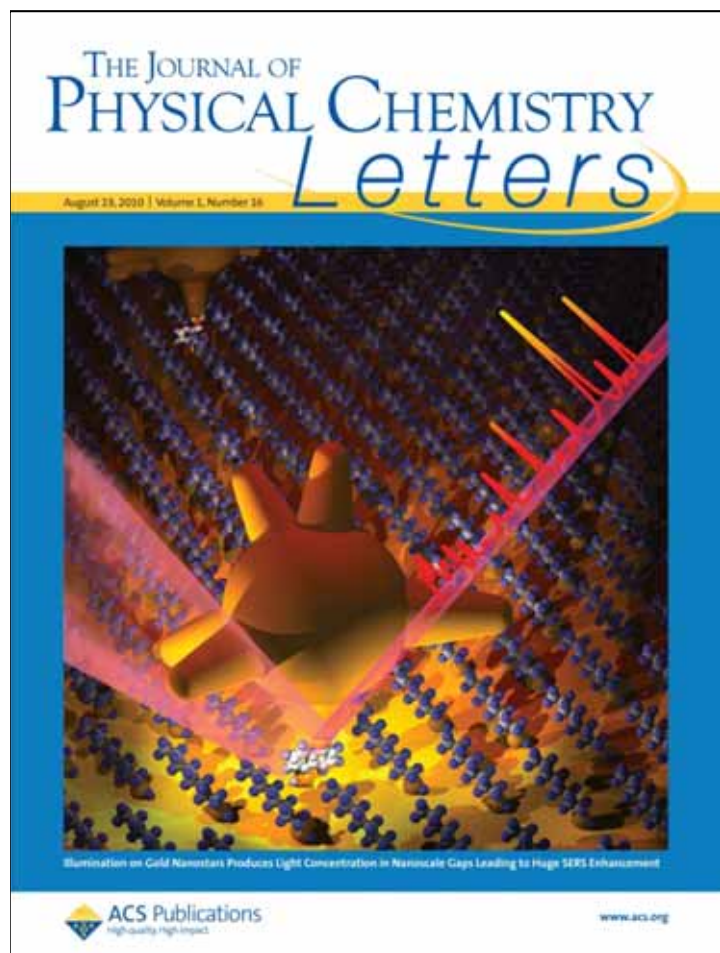
High [PVP] !!!



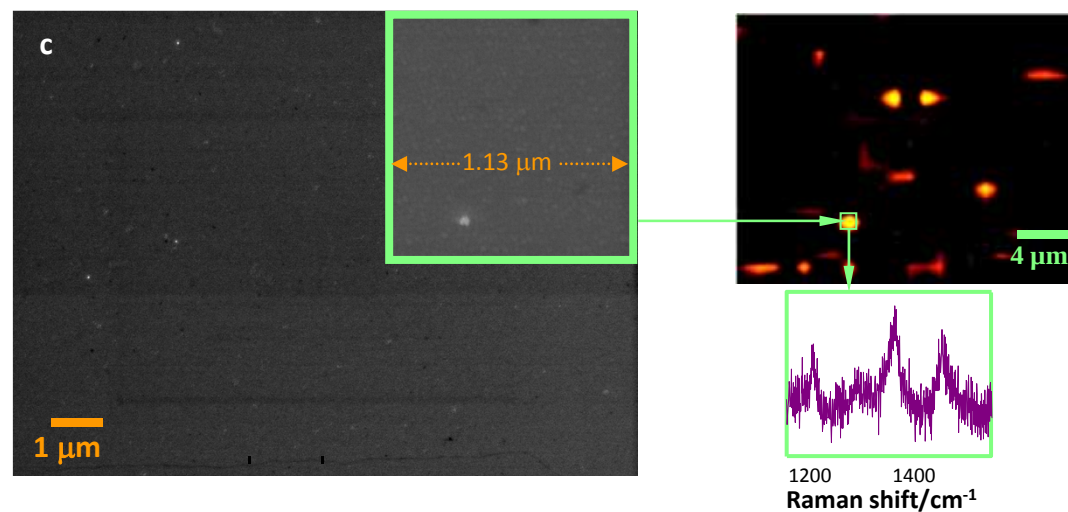
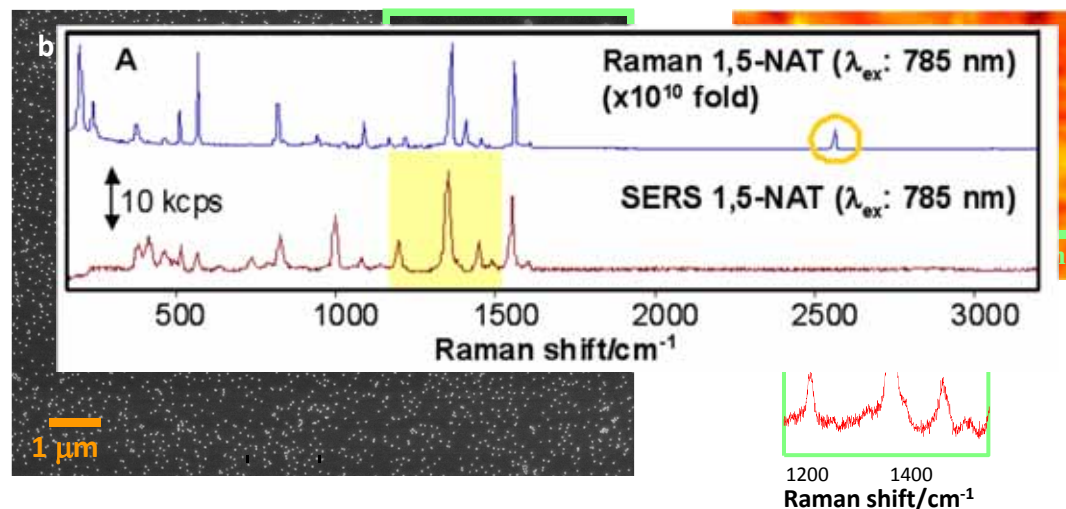
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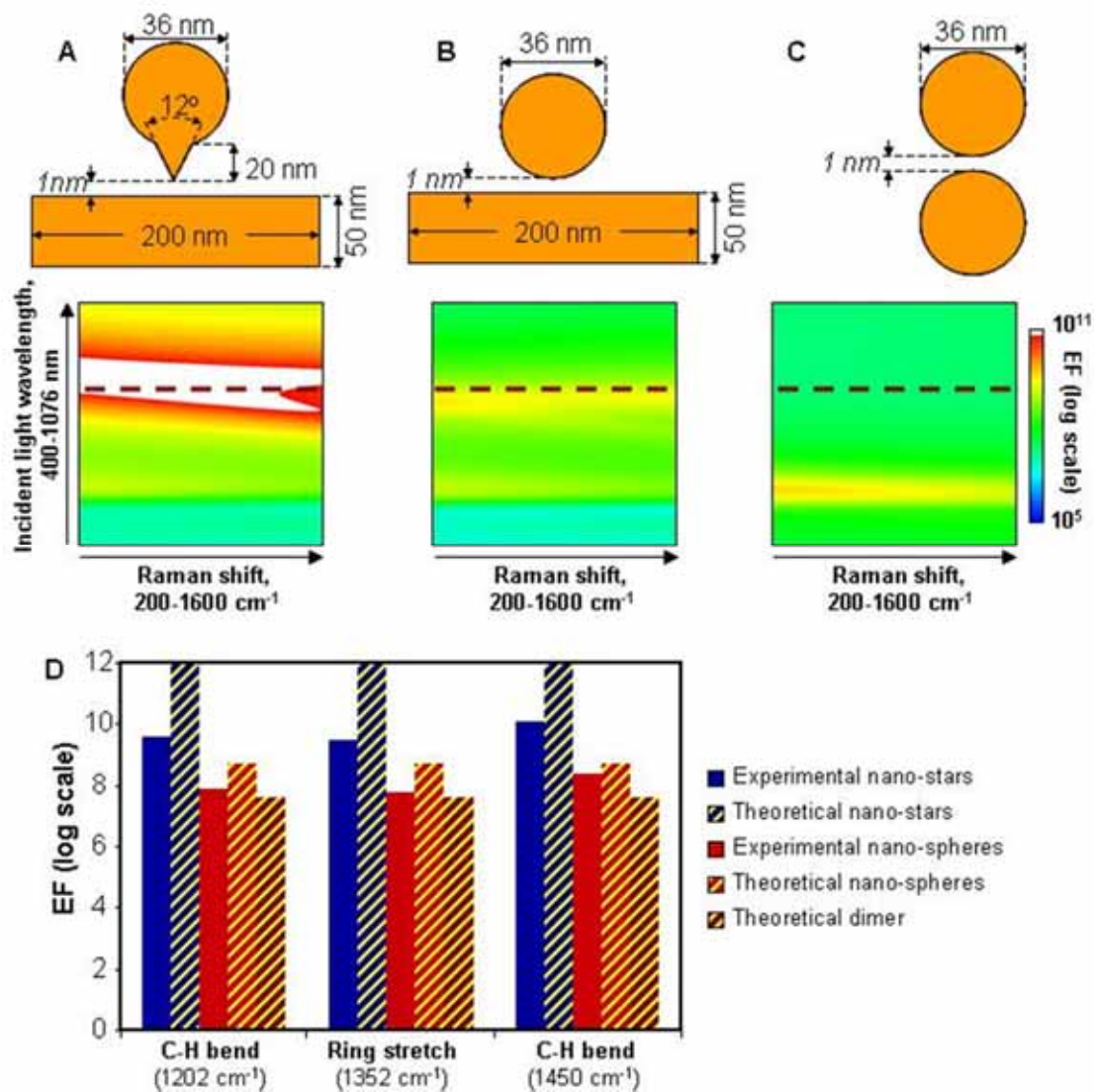
Single molecule detection using nanostars



$$EF = \frac{I_{SERS} / N_{surf}}{I_{Raman} / N_{vol}} \approx 10^{10}$$



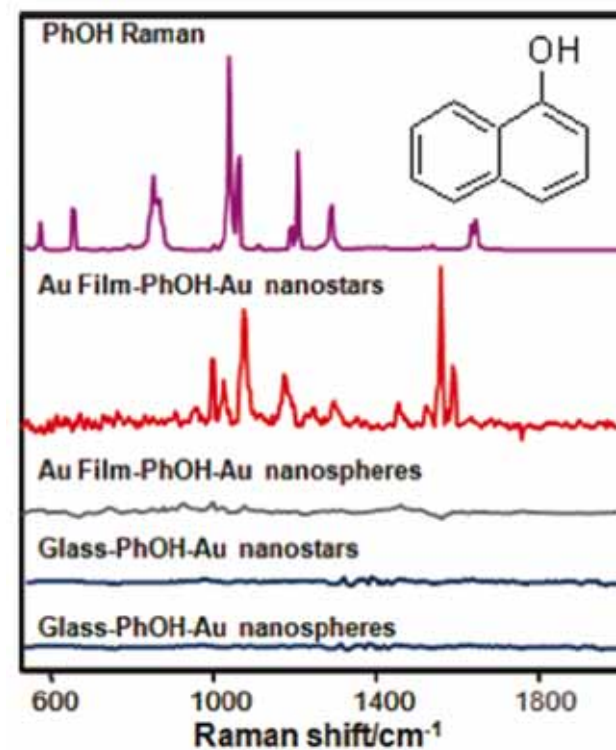
The importance of using nanogaps



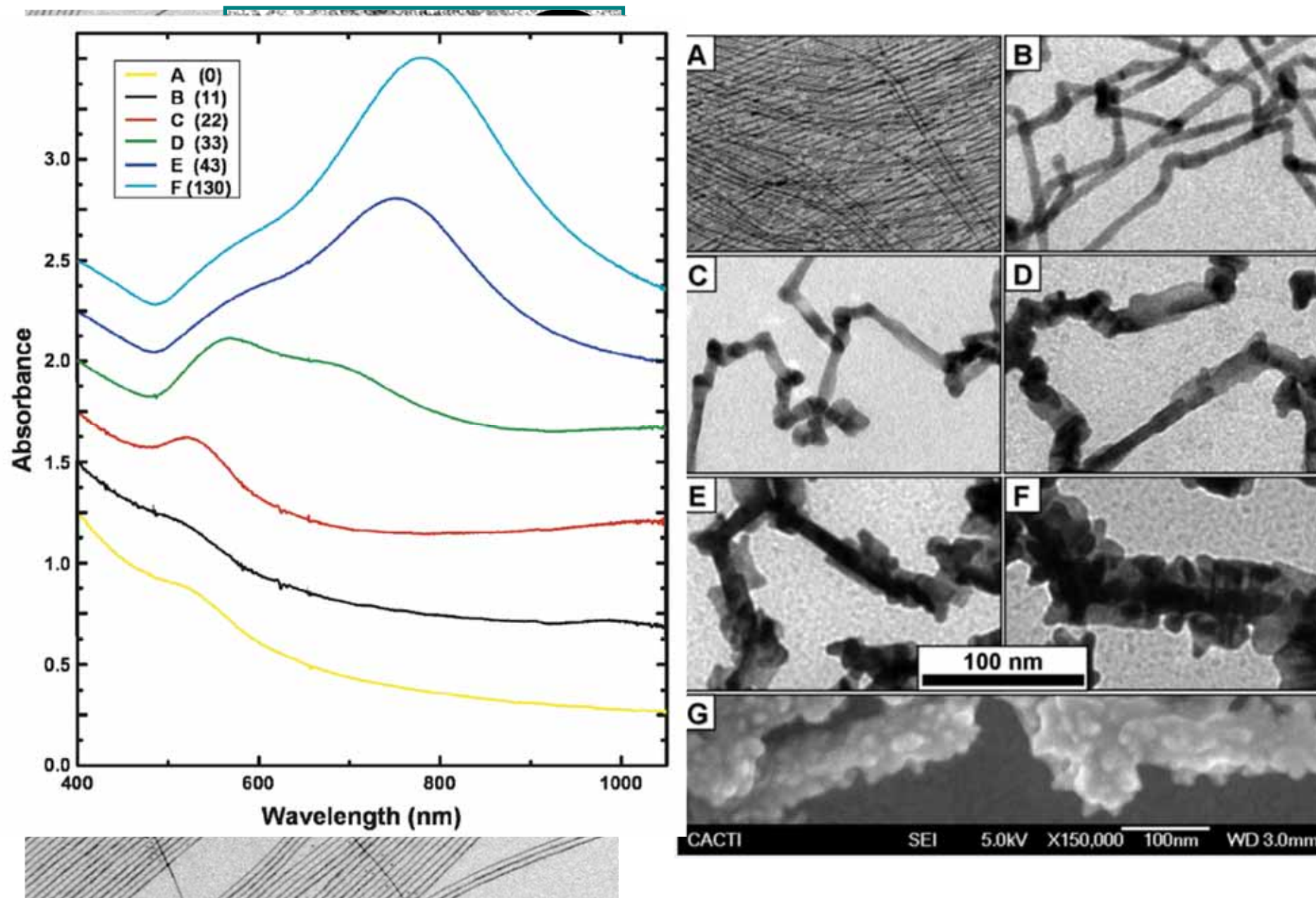
dip substrate in analyte

drop casting AuNPs

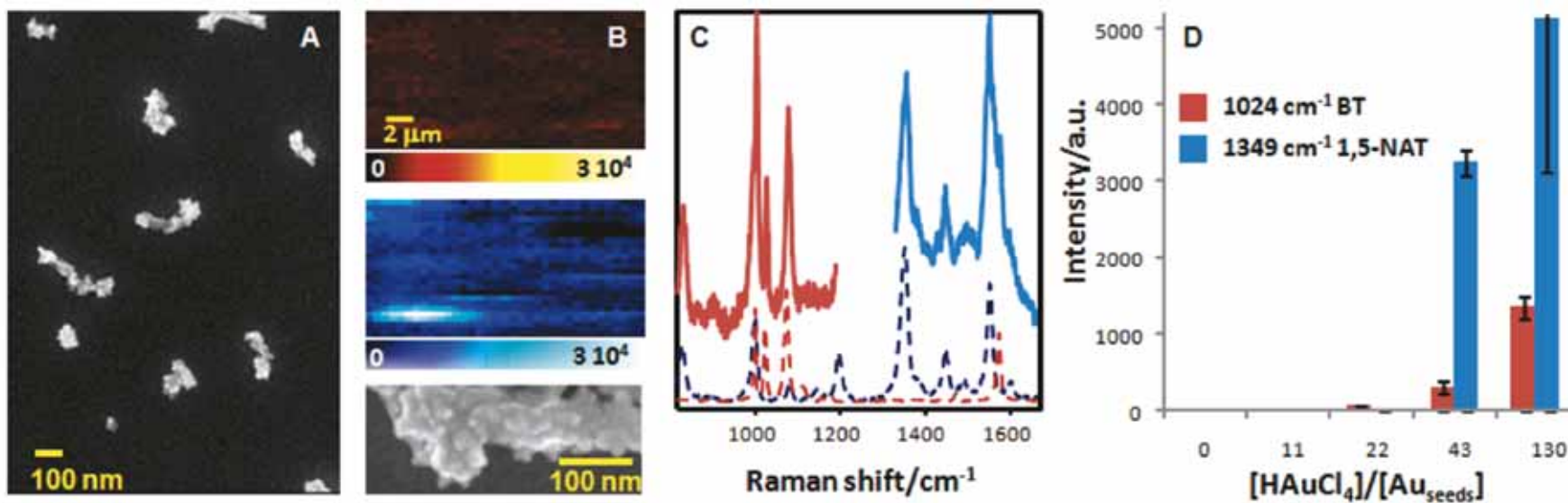
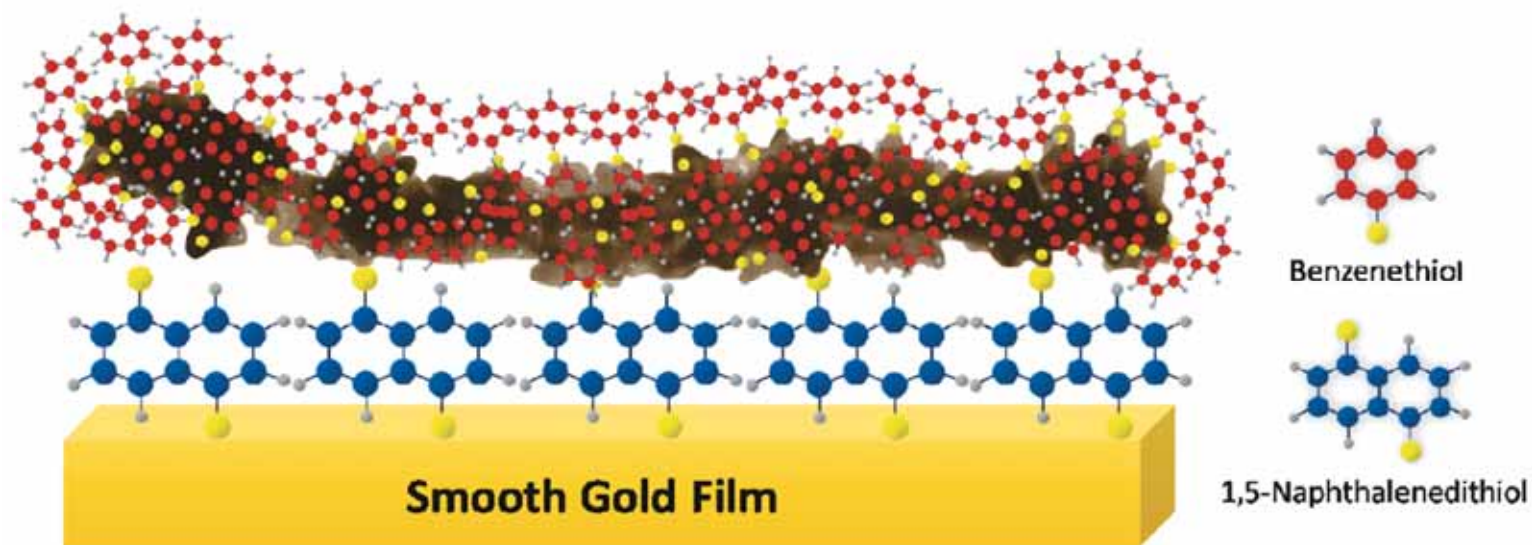
SERS analysis



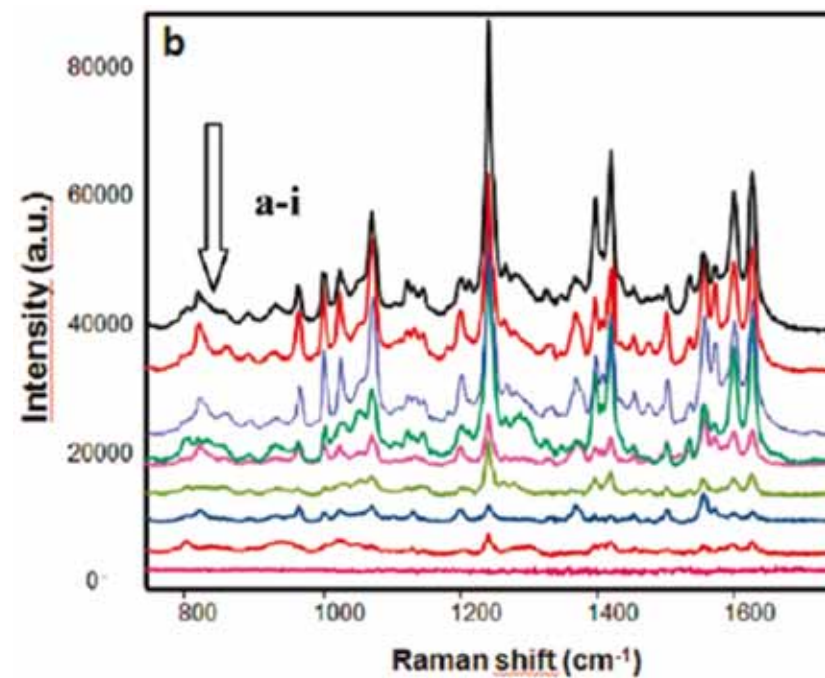
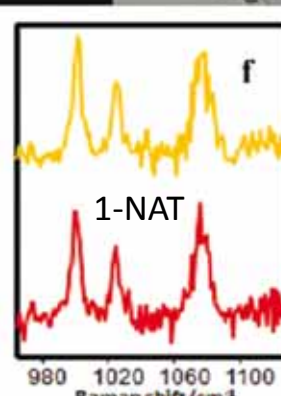
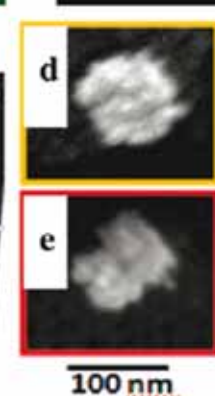
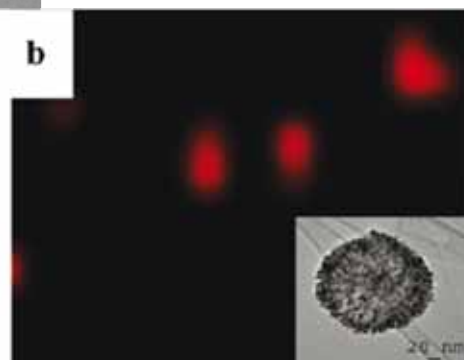
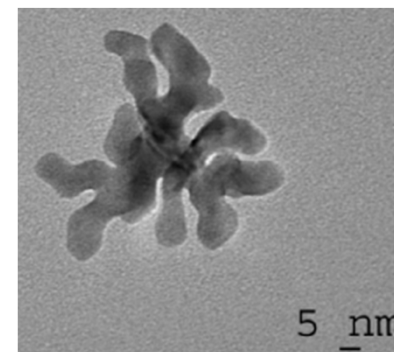
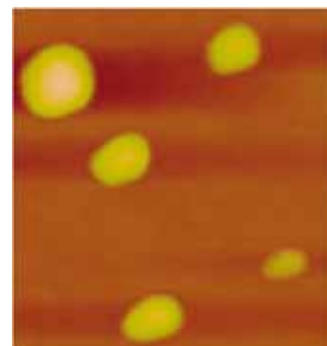
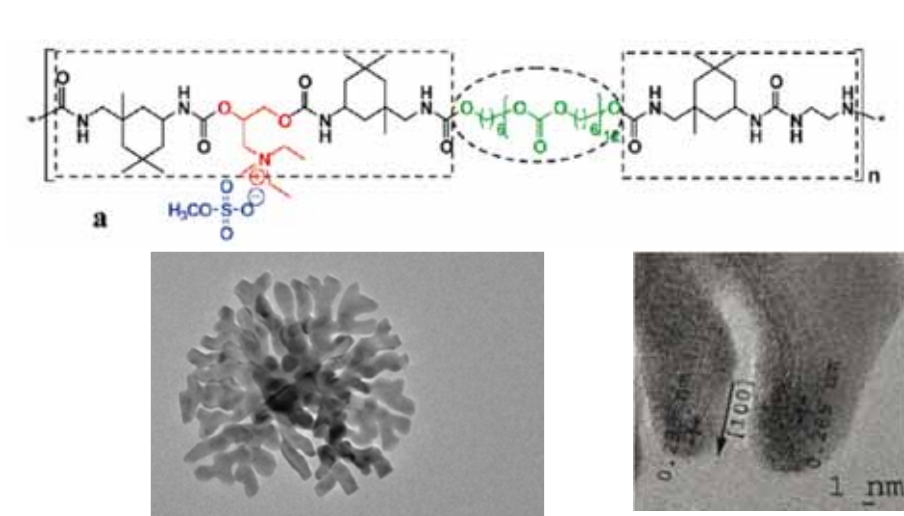
Tips also grow on nanowires...



SERS enhancement at tips/gaps

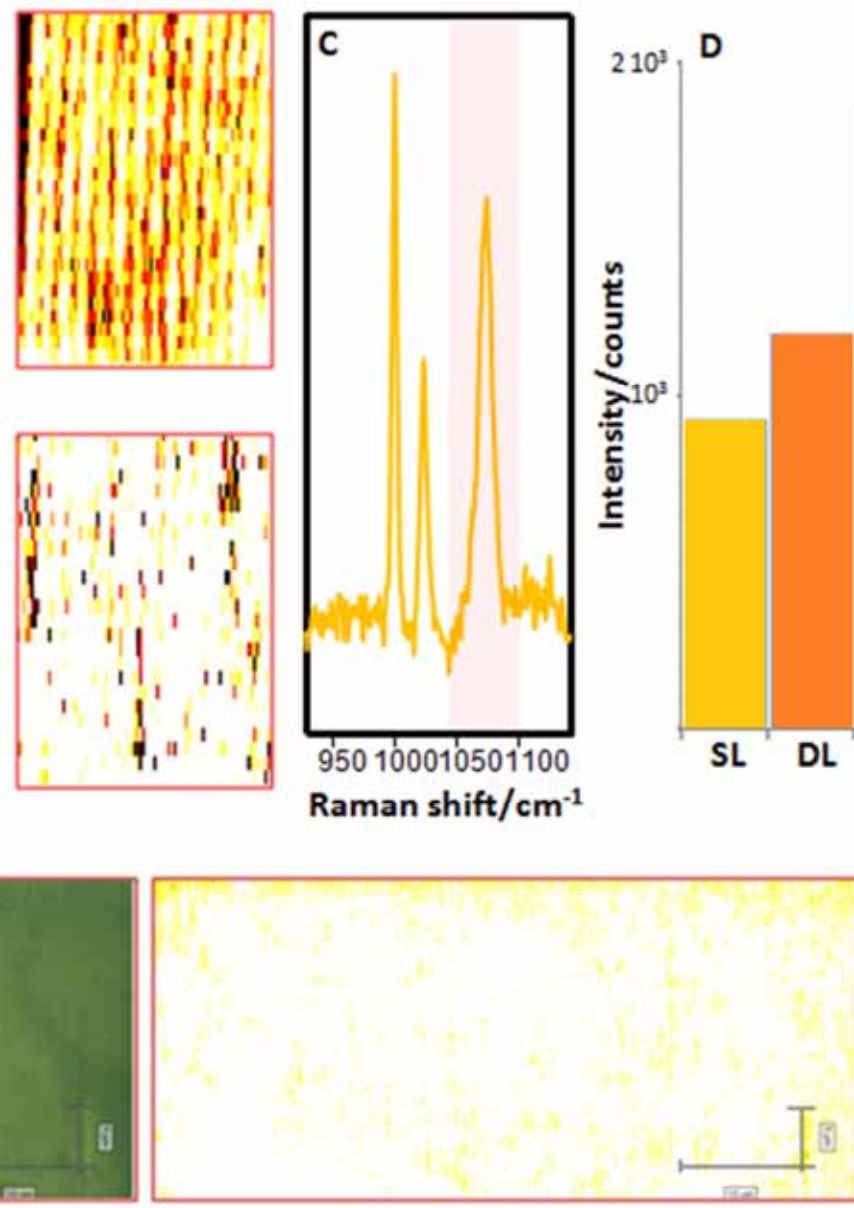
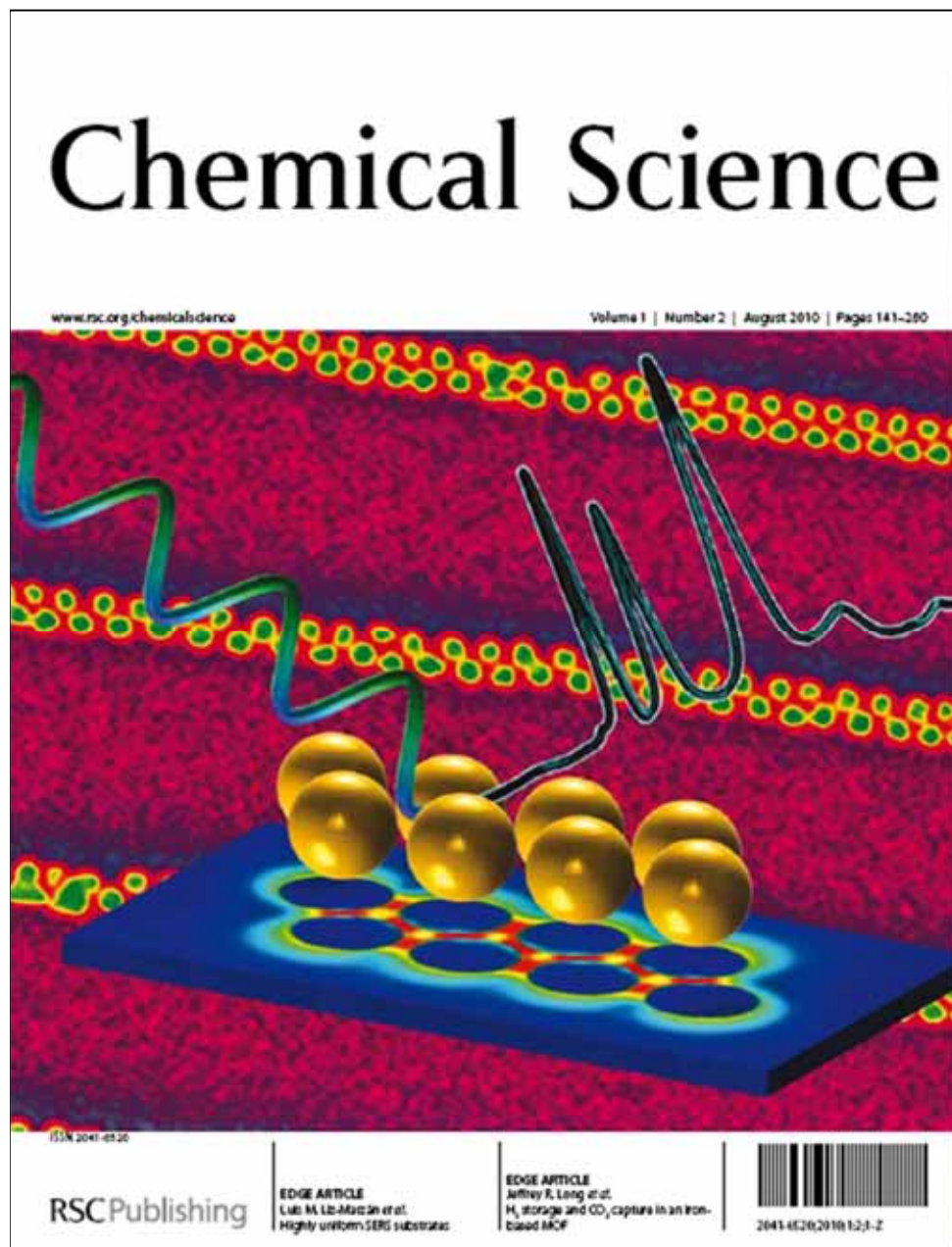


Intrinsic hot spots in Au nanolaces

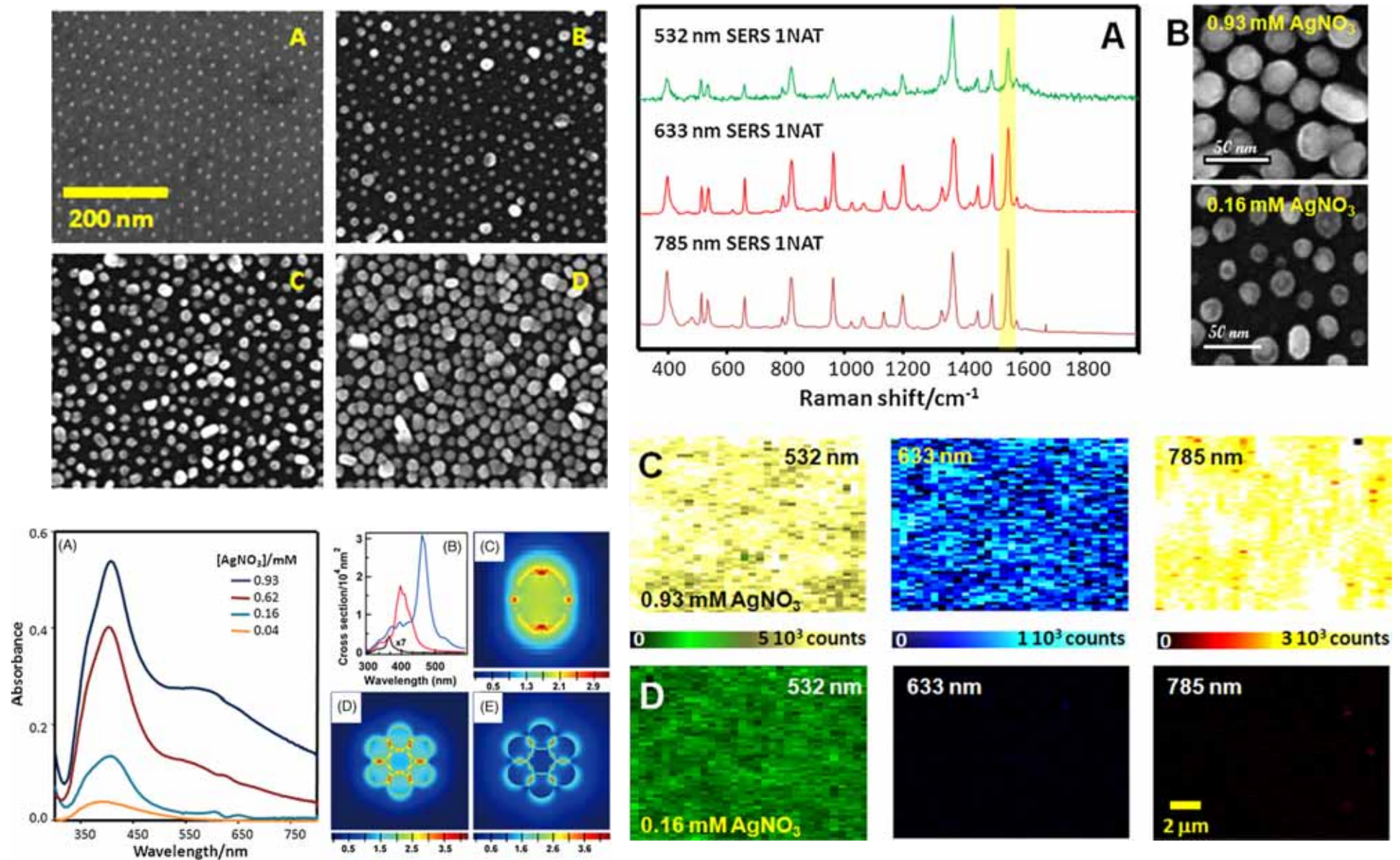


SERS monitoring pyrene release

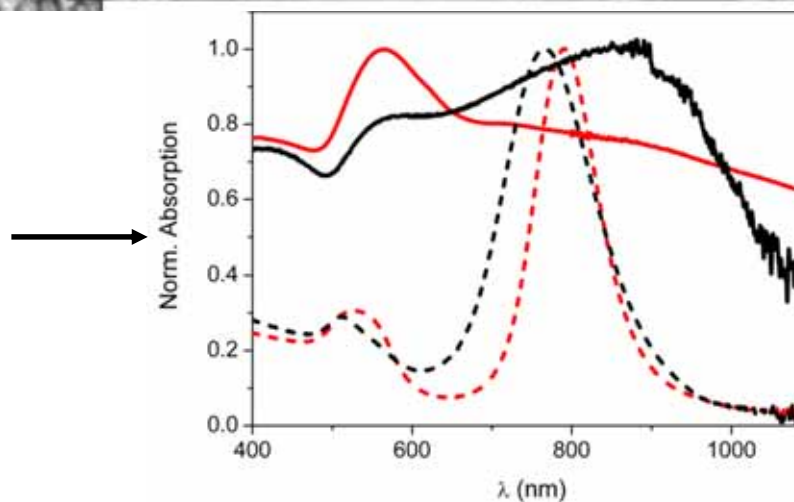
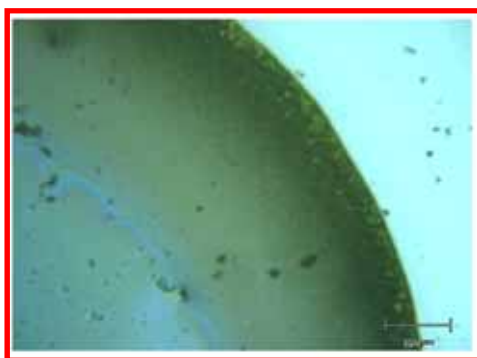
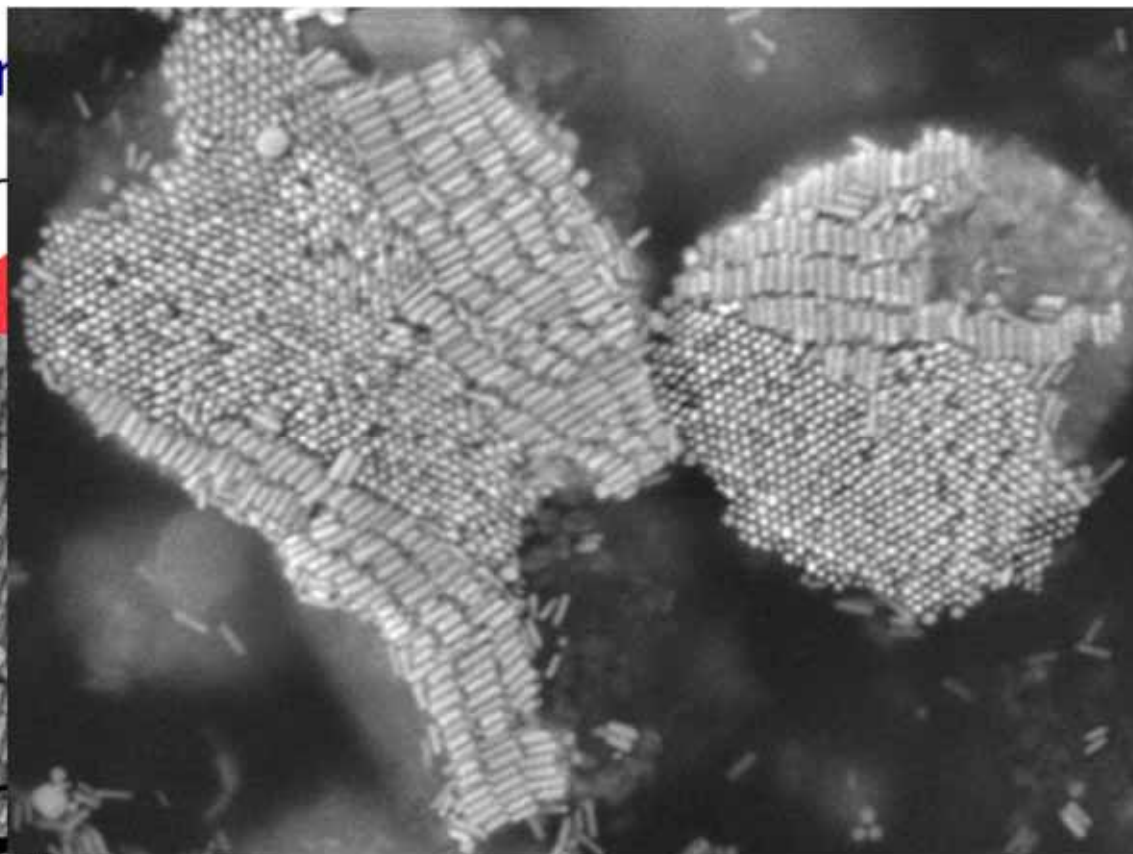
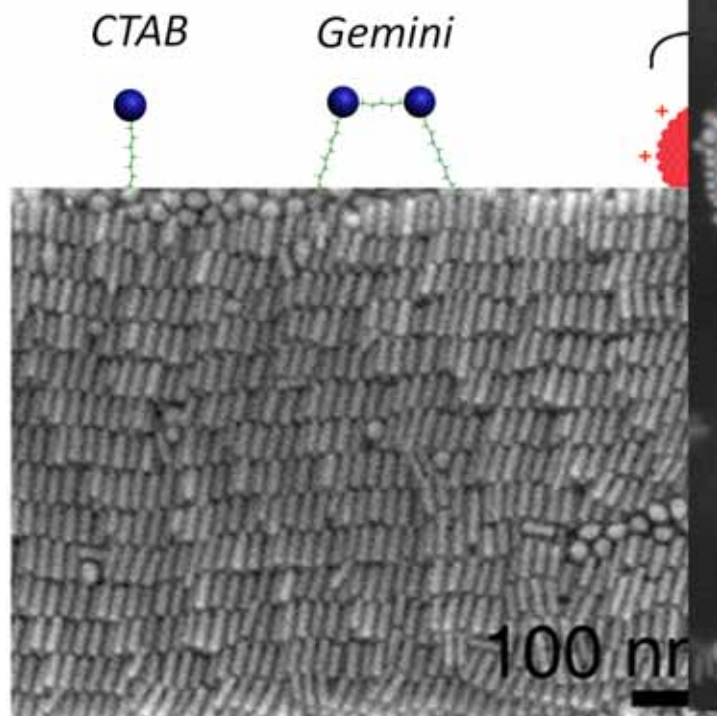
Controlled Fabrication of Hot Spots: Directed Assembly



Controlled Fabrication of Hot Spots: Micelle nanolithography+chemical growth



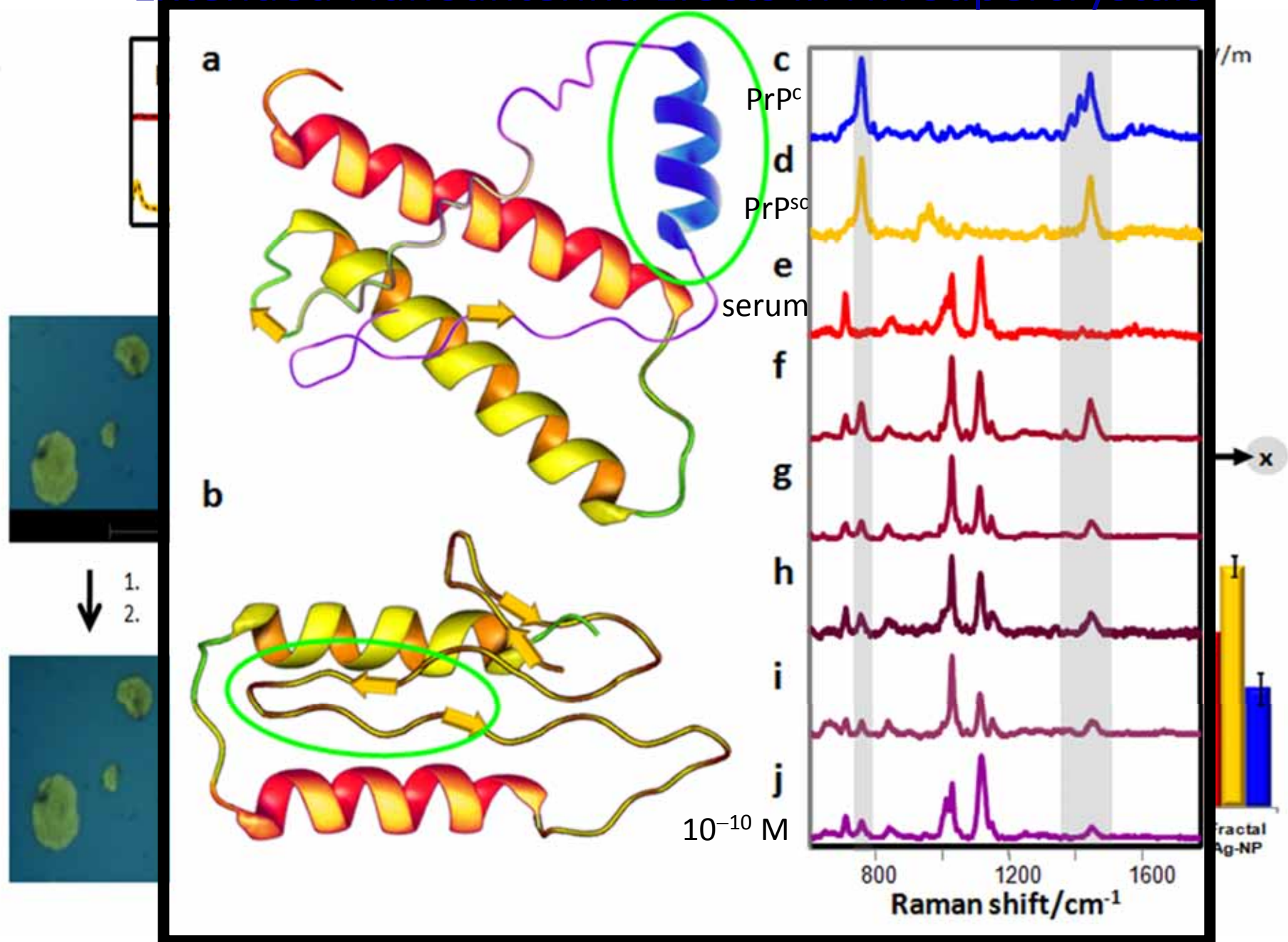
Self-assembly of Au n



Gem1-NRs-ITO
CTAB-NRs-ITO

Gem1-NRs-water
CTAB-NRs-water

Extended Nanoantenna Effects in NR Supercrystals



CONCLUSIONS

- Field enhancement can be achieved through shape optimization and directed assembly
- Growth of sharp tips can be achieved on a variety of gold surfaces
- Spiked gold nanoparticles are excellent SERS enhancers
- Gold nanorod supracrystals act as nanoantennas and promote huge SERS enhancements



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Thank you!

