# Electromagnetic waves interaction with various metallic nanomaterials

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#### **Light Scattering**

The scattering of light was first studied in a careful manner by Tyndall in 1859

A major step to explain the phenomenon was taken in 1871 by Rayleigh.

The electric polarisation induced in an atom or a molecule by the electromagnetic field is proportional to  $\omega^2$  and the field radiated by such induced oscillating dipoles then becomes proportional to  $\omega^4$ .

Rayleigh thus found that the molecular scattering by blue light is many times more than that by red light and so explained the blue colour of the sky as the result of scattering from the air molecules.

When the wavelength of light becomes comparable to the size of the scattering particles, like dust particles, the mutual interference from the scattering by the different portions of the dust particle become important and this is called Mie scattering.

• For spherical simple metal nanoparticles

$$\omega = \omega_p / \sqrt{3}$$

- · Generalized Kohn's theorem
  - L. Brey, N.F. Johnson, and B.I. Halperin, Phys. Rev. B40,10647 (1989)
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Gustav Mie, 1908

#### **Fabrication of nanomaterial's: application in electronics**



#### Selected Nanostructures produced by wet chemistry method











#### **Experimental results and theory**



Giersig, M., et al., J. Phys. Chem., B 103, 9533-9539, 1999



Fischer CH., and Giersig M., JOURNAL OF CHROMATOGRAPHYA 688 1-2 97-105 1994

#### **Different Aspect Ratios - Different Colours**



#### Successive growing process of SiO<sub>2</sub> on Au particles and their optical properites



Liz-Marzan L., Giersig M., Mulvaney P.,

LANGMUIR 12 4329-4335 1996

Giersig M., Ung T., Liz-Marzan L., and Mulvaney P.,

Advanced Materials 9, 570-575, 1997

- 1 is a sputter coated gold l0nm
- 2 -15 nm diameter Au-core particles + sodium citrate (0.5 nm)
- 3 -15 nm diameter Au-core particles +sodium mercaptopropionate (1.0 nm)
- 4-15 nm diameter Au-core +
- 5-5 nm diameter Au-core +
- 6-5 nm diameter Au-core +
- 7-5 nm diameter Au-core +
- 8- 5 nm diameter Au-core +

Mulvaney P., Liz-Marzan L. M., Giersig M., and Ung T., J. Mater. Chem. 10, 1259±1270 2000

#### The electronic nature of the colloidal semiconductors



CdS binding energy =0.026 radius = 2.5 nm CdS 5 nm band gap = 2.5 eV CdS 1 nm band gap = 4.5 eV

**b**and gap = > 5 eV

#### The nature of the colloidal semiconductors of different size



Water stable, biocompatible CdSe/ZnS nanoparticles of different size (1,8--3,1 nm)

van Embden, J., Jasieniak, J., Gomez, E., et al. Review of the synthetic chemistry involved in the production of core/shell semiconductor nanocrystals AUSTRALIAN JOURNAL OF CHEMISTRY 60 7 457-471 2007

#### **CdTe nanowires**



Tang, Z., Kotov, N., Giersig, M., Science 297, 237-240 2002

#### Selected Nanostructures produced by physical method



Nanoholes

**Bimetallic** 

**3-D Structures** 



#### Examples of natural and artificial made Opals





An opal bracelet. The stone size is 18 by 15 mm. Opal is composed of silica spheres some 150 to 300 nm in diameter in a hexagonal or cubic close-packed lattice





Photographs of 2-D a hexagonal close-packed lattice based on 490 nm in diameter Latex particles

#### 2D ordered latex monolayer prepared by electrophoresis



In the left row TEM images of the 2-D and 3-D structures based on Latex particles with the mean particle size of 440 nm and their Fourier transform respectively, showing numerous higher order reflexes (right).

Giersig M. and Mulvaney P. Preparation of Ordered Colloid Monolayers by Electrophoretic Deposition; Langmuir 9, 3408-3413, 1993

#### **General introduction to NSL**



Rybczynski J., Ebels U., Giersig M.,

Large-scale, 2D arrays of magnetic nanoparticles; COLLOIDS AND SURFACES A 219 1-3 1-6 2003

#### Geometry of an electron beam evaporation system



#### Simulation

evaporation angle 90°





#### Large 2-D nanotriangles structures



#### Plasmonic properties of array of triangular shaped gold nanoislands



The experimental spectra for 20 nm thick Au triangles on a sapphire substrates

#### **Theoretical approach**

The experimental spectra shown for structures obtained with sphere diameters a = 380, 540, 980, 1710 nm.

Each spectrum is dominated by a pronounced resonance peak, position of which strongly depends on

a.

We assume, that these resonances can be viewed as circumferentially quantized surface plasmon waves and ignore the particle-particle interactions.

Since each side of the quasi-triangul particle equals approximately 1/6 of the sphere circumference

 $\pi a$ 

The circumference of the particle  $\sim \pi a/2$  and thus the circumference quantization condition requires that this circumference is equal an integral multiple (l) of the wavelengths of the resonating surface/edge plasmon wave  $(\lambda p)$ 

 $l \lambda_{\rm p} \sim \pi a/2$ 







#### Surface plasmon resonances in metallic nanoparticles:



Marcoux C., et al. Appl. Phys.Lett. 96, 133104 2010

### 2-D nanocylinders : Light Transmission and manipulation of dielectric constant

Mask modification - reactive ion etching (RIE) for reduction of PS-diameter



**Removal of PS-spheres leads to film with hexagonal array of nanocylinders** 

#### **Example of 2-D arrays of nanocylinders**



SEM images of nanocylinder arrays. Diameter of single hole is a) 385nm, b) 340nm, c) 325nm and d) 265nm

### **Characterization of 2-D structures**



#### **Nano-hole arrays / Plasmonic metal**

SNOM pictures for a 50 nm thick gold film



topography



near-field optics



Image size:  $(3.5 \ \mu m)^2$ 

O Main transmission path through the holes

#### Au/Fe/Au – influence of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> particles

 subsequent addition of Fe3O4 nanoparticles on the sandwich structure introduced changes in the position and intensity of the transmission peaks



#### Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> deposition inside the nanocylinders



Transmission of light through magnetic nanocavities Patoka P., et al. Small 7, 21, 3096-30100 2011

#### **Modification of morphology**



10 nm Ni evaporated through 496 nm latex beads mask after annealing for 50 min.

#### **Application of nanocatalyst for growth of <u>Carbon Nanotubes</u>**



Multiwalled carbon nanotubes prepared in P-CVD from triangle-shaped 200 nm nickel particlesKempa K., et all; NanoLetters 3, 13-18, 2002Rybczynski J., et al., Colloids and Surface; 219 1-6 2003

#### Photonic crystal based on Multiwall Carbon Nanotubes





#### Solar Cell

#### Nanocoax subwavelength waveguide for visible light



#### Rybczynski J, et al., Appl. Phys. Lett. 90, 021104 2007

#### Nanocoax : subwavelength waveguide for visible light



**Solar Cell** 

Rybczynski J, et al., Appl. Phys. Lett., 90 021104 2007

# The third-generation of solar cells :Nanocoax Solar Cell (high efficiency solar power requiring ultrathin absorbers)



# Outlook

Measurement of biosensing properties by Localized Surface Plasmon Resonance (LSPR) and Surface-Enhanced Raman Spectroscopy (SERS)





Fig.4 SEM image of array of golden nanoparticles deposited on silicon substrate in EBPVD process. Prepared with PS nanospheres of 756nm Ø

Mask deposition with NSL, etching



**Fig.5** SEM image of a mask of PS nanospheres deposited on an array of golden nanospheres and etched afterwards. Prepared with PS nanospheres of 1300nm Ø

Evaporation of SiO<sub>2</sub>film, removal of PS nanospheres



**Fig.6** SEM image of silicon dioxide film with an array of holes, on top of triangular gold nanoparticle array deposited on silicon substrate. The structure was obtained in EBPVD process.

#### Low temperature CVD growth of Graphene









I think in the next 15 years we will have the ability to build strong, useful complex machines based nanoparticles /nanostructures

Last but not least, we have to be very carefully by used of this new sophisticated nanomaterial especially regarding their toxicity









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