

## Abstract of Presentation

### Presentation Title:

**Nanooptic with Plasmons –**

**Noble metal and Semiconductor Nanoparticles for Optical Devices**

### Abstract :

We produce size and shape controlled metal, semiconducting and hybrid nanocrystals by wet chemical synthesis,<sup>1, 2</sup> especially in microfluidic continuous flow.<sup>3</sup> Understanding their crystallization and the resulting properties is a large part of our research and some recent results are presented.<sup>4, 5</sup> The main direction of our effort is to create nanoparticles for optical applications, specifically for single molecule microscopy. We have developed novel single particle scattering spectroscopy techniques,<sup>6, 7</sup> which allow using plasmonic particles as label in biological environments. We present examples using plasmonic particles as sensor for nanoscopic orientation,<sup>8</sup> local viscosity,<sup>9</sup> binding events<sup>10, 11</sup> and atomic distance changes<sup>12</sup>.



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