

# Bachelor Project

## Semester II:

### Gold Nanoparticles:

- \* synthesis
- \* characterisation
- \* radiosensitization of DNA  
with GNP

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Summary: first acquaintance +  
literature study

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### Goal:

- 1) Make/synthesize GNP
  - 2) characterize them with the different techniques
  - 3) check/analyze the positive radiosensitization effect of GNP on DNA
- $\Rightarrow$  Very analogue to the masterthesis of  
Lennert Wouters
- $\rightarrow$  we perform an extra test
  - $\rightarrow$  extra data.

Summary: first acquaintance with the lab + synthesis GNP

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- \* guided tour around the lab
- \* Synthesis GNP  $\rightarrow$  protocol from Jannaert Wouters
  1. A solution of 100 ml 0.01%  $\text{HAuCl}_4$
  2. boiling Temperature & stirring
  3. Three options:
    - 15nm  $\leftarrow$  2.5 ml
    - 30nm  $\leftarrow$  1.24 ml
    - 45nm  $\leftarrow$  0.8 ml
  4. boiling + stirring for 35 min.
  5. cooling down + protecting from light for 60 min
  6. Storing;  $4^\circ\text{C}$  + no light

Calculation:

$\frac{\%}{\%} \rightarrow \frac{m}{m} \rightarrow$  we look  $\frac{V}{V}$

$\hookrightarrow$  No GNP since wrong calculation  
(To little  $\text{HAuCl}_4$ )

\* first acquaintance with  
characterization techniques

\*  $\leadsto$  Overview

\* try out with DLS (Dynamic light  
scattering.)

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## Overview thesis

- ① Make GNP  $\rightarrow$  protocol Lennart  
+ functionalize (PEG) Wouters
- ② Characterize GNP  $\rightarrow$  which one shall we use?  
 $\text{NH}_2$   $\leftarrow$  neutral / charged  
 $\text{OCH}_3$ 
  - a. UV-Vis  $\rightarrow$  core diameter
  - b. DLS  $\rightarrow$  hydrodynamic radius
  - c.  $\zeta$ -pot.  $\rightarrow$  stability colloid
  - d. TEM  $\rightarrow$  image + more exact core  
diameter
  - e. TGA  $\rightarrow$  weight percentage difference  
+ PEG capping density  $P_c$
- ③ Mix with DNA and irradiate
- ④ Gel electrophoresis to study the  
radiosensitization effect.



# Characterization Techniques

## ① UV-Vis (Ultraviolet-visible spectroscopy)

⇒ core diameter

\* UV-radiation through sample

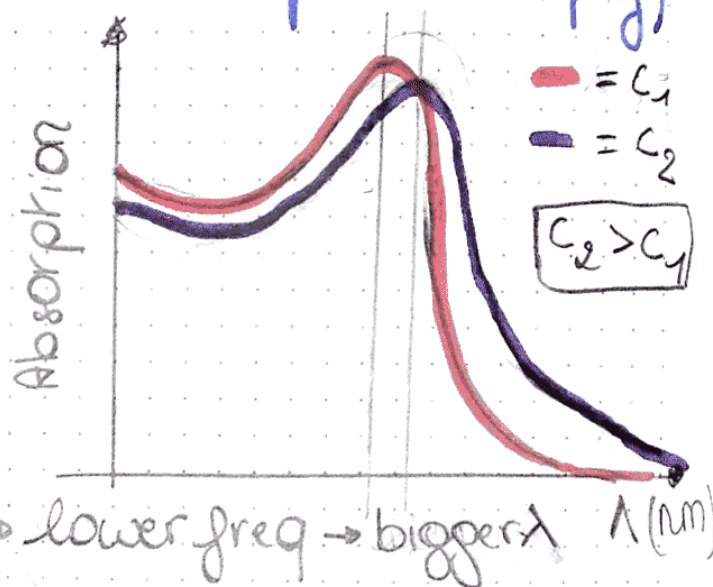
\* surface plasmons

→ resonant freq.

↳ depends on the size of NP



bigger → lower force → lower freq → bigger  $\lambda$



## ② DLS (dynamic light scattering)

⇒ hydrodynamic radius

\* infrared radiation through sample

\* Rayleigh Scattering

\* measure I

↳ variance due to brownian motion of NP

\* Determine auto-correlation

$$g^2(q; \tau) = \frac{\langle I(t) I(t+\tau) \rangle}{\langle I(t) \rangle^2}$$

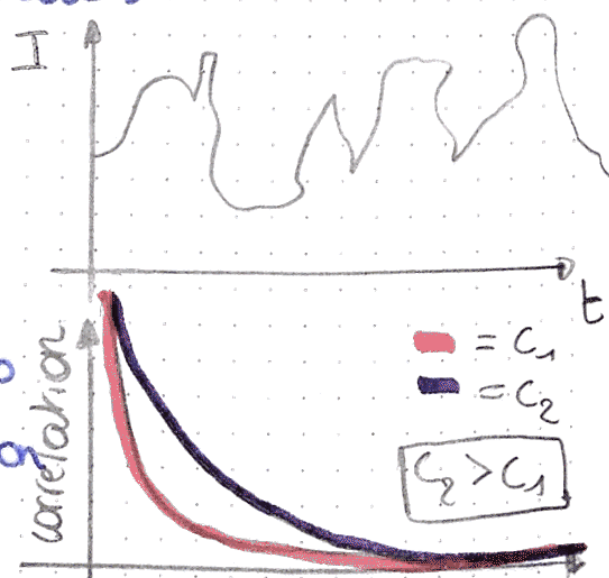
\* different methods to analyze the data:

a) Cumulant Method/Algorithm

→ monodisperse solution

b) Pade - Laplace Method/Algorithm

→ polydisperse solution (PDI ≥ 0.1)  
polydispersity index



Background:

Brownian motion + Stokes - Einstein

$$P(r, t) = (4\pi D)^{-3/2} \exp(-r^2/4Dt) \quad D = k_B T / 6\pi\eta R_h$$

### ③ $\zeta$ -potential

→ stability of colloid

\* electrophoresis

→ 2 electrodes

\* measure constant  $v$

→ laser dopler

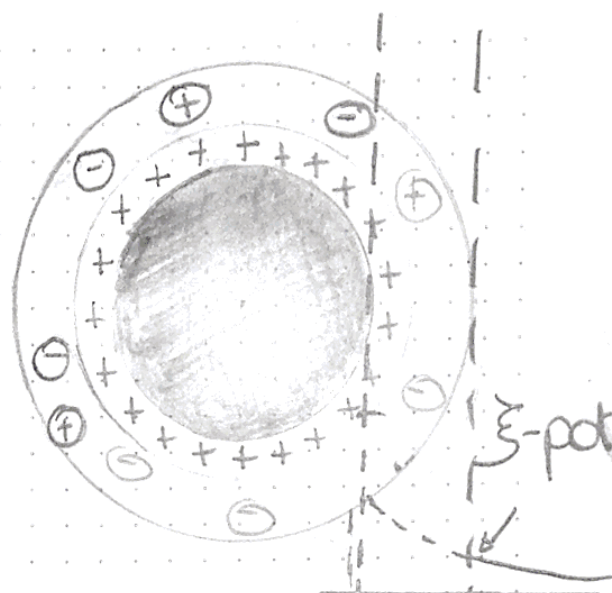
$$E \cdot q = \alpha \cdot v \Rightarrow v = \mu_e \cdot E$$

with  $\mu_e = q/\alpha$

\* theoretical link  $\zeta$ -pot:

$$\zeta = \frac{2\eta \cdot \mu_e}{3\epsilon} \quad (\text{Smolouchowski approximation})$$

viscosity medium      dielectric constant medium



⇒ if  $\zeta \geq 30 \text{ mV}$   
stable colloid

### ④ TEM (Transmission electron microscope)

⇒ size/radius particles

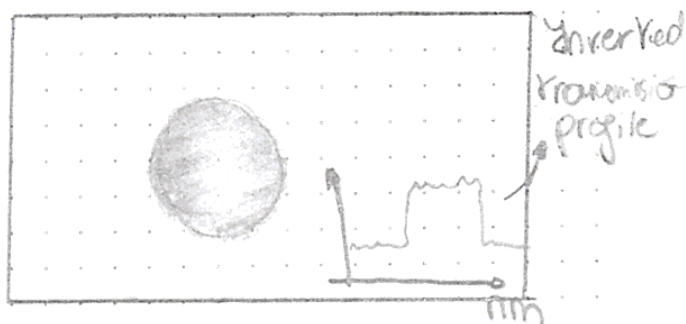
↳ which one?

\* heating cathode (tungsten filament)

\*  $e^-$  move to anode (with hole → beam  $e^-$ )

\* beam through sample

\* transmitted beam → fluorescent plate  
electronic picture



! Resolution depends on wavelength

### ⑤ TGA (Thermogravimetric analysis)

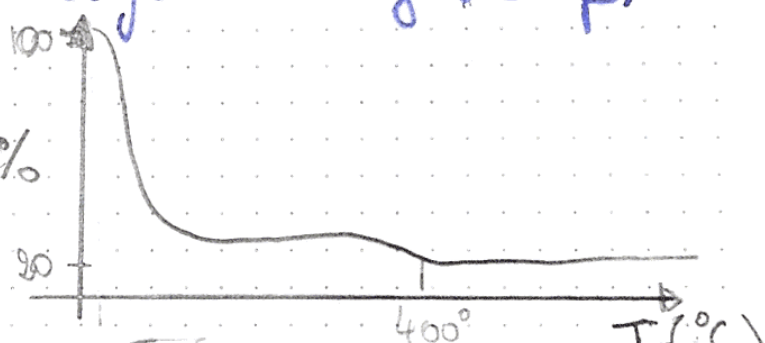
⇒ weight percentage + PEG capping density  $P_c$

\* Weight monitoring as a function of Temp.

⇒ mass ratio  $\frac{\text{gold}}{\text{PEG}}$

→  $M_{\text{PEG}} + P_{\text{gold}} \rightarrow \text{num. \% ligands/particle}$

→ + surface area:  $P_c$



turnroom vs. Brush →  $S = 2 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi e}} \cdot s \geq R \approx a N^V$  Flory radius



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Summary: Synthesis GNP +  
Characterization; UV-vis, DLS,  $\zeta$ -potential

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### Synthesis GNP:

1. Solution of 0,00998 g  $\text{HAuCl}_4$  in 99,997 ml  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$
2. Solution put at boiling T + stirred
3. a) solution 0,100234 g  $\text{Na}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}_7$  in 9,943 ml  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$   
b) add 

2.5	1.24	0.8
15	30	45
; nm		
4. Solution stirred for 15 min
5. Cooled down & protected from light for 60 min
6. Stored at 4°C & protected from light

### REMARKS

- \* We started from a solution of  $\text{HAuCl}_4$ 
  - 1 g  $\text{HAuCl}_4$  in 25 ml
  - took the right volume to get 0.00998 g  $\text{HAuCl}_4$  and filled up till 100 ml
- \* boiling T: bubbles
- \* 2.5 ml & 1.24 ml were injected in the solution with an dokker syringe (after careful measurement with an pipette)
- \* Important (to reduce errors); better twice the same amount pipetting
- \* Protection from light: silver paper

Brand of thermometer: eversore

# Characterization techniques:

**DLS** login pc: 31415  
program: Maelore (Expert)  
31415

SNR: 1.05% (noise)

→ hydrodynamic radius measurement  
≈ 45nm

! You can improve the measurements by forcing the high accuracy

Besides Cumulants, Pade-Laplace  
you also have SBL

↳ sort of combination

! Only Intensity is interesting of both.

Device settings:

Time interval: 1

Numb. channels: 300 (→ 600 with 45nm)  
0.8ml



**UV-Vis** → check for no aggregation.

Wavelength accuracy:

$\leq \pm 1.5 \text{ nm}$   $\lambda > 315 \text{ nm}$

$\leq \pm 0.8 \text{ nm}$   $\lambda < 315 \text{ nm}$

} (for 25 flashes)

! Make sure no excel file is open

→ he will open a new one himself



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