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Nano-structured particles production using pulsed laser ablation of gold plate in supercritical  $CO_2$ 

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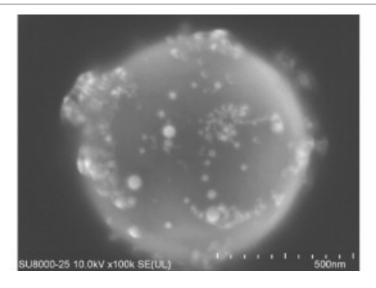
#### **Abstract**

An advanced method for producing nano-structured materials has been developed by performing pulsed laser ablation of gold plate in supercritical  $CO_2$  (SCCO<sub>2</sub>). The method successfully generated gold nano-structured particles with allowing the selective generation of clusters. Laser ablation was performed with an excitation wavelength of 532Å nm. Generated gold nano-structured particles collected in the silicon (Si) wafer and the ablated gold plate were analyzed by field emission gun scanning electron microscopy (FE-SEM), scanning electron microscopy (SEM), and 3D laser scanning microscopy. Absorption spectrum of generated gold nano-structured particles collected in the glass slide was also evaluated by UV-Vis spectrophotometer. Gold plate was ablated at various SCCO<sub>2</sub> densities and irradiation time at constant temperature of 40 and 60Å  $\hat{A}^{\circ}$ C. Both surface of ablated gold plate and amount of gold nano-structured particles were

significantly affected by the changes in SCCO $_2$  density and the surrounding environment. Surface morphology of ablated gold plate was significantly affected by irradiation time. As increasing irradiation time, plume deposited in the crater vicinity of ablated gold plate was clearly observed. The depth of crater increased with increasing pressure or SCCO $_2$  density and temperature due to heat transfer properties of CO $_2$  change in the system. The deepest crater was observed at  $10 \text{\^{A}}$  MPa and  $60 \text{\^{A}}$   $\text{\^{A}}^{\circ}$ C. The spectra of generated gold nano-structured particles in a glass slide contain bands near  $530 \text{\^{A}}$  nm. The peak near  $530 \text{\^{A}}$  nm has been known to correspond to the plasmon band of gold nanospheres with diameters  $<50 \text{\^{A}}$  nm. In FE-SEM image of the generated gold nano-structured particles on the Si wafer, a network structure of smaller gold particles was fabricated. The network structure consisted of a chain of nanospheres with a mean diameter of  $15 \text{\^{A}}$  nm was observed at  $10 \text{\^{A}}$  MPa and  $60 \text{\^{A}}$   $\text{\^{A}}^{\circ}$ C of PLA. Based on the results, this new method can also be used to obtain other nano-structured metals with various forms.

#### Graphical abstract

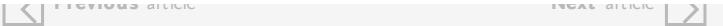
FE-SEM image of gold nano-structured particles generated by PLA in SCCO<sub>2</sub> at  $10\text{\^{A}}$  MPa and  $60\text{\^{A}}$   $\text{\^{A}}$ °C ( $100,000\text{\~{A}}$ — magnification; scale bar:  $500\text{\^{A}}$  nm).



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## Highlights

 $\hat{a}$ -° Gold nano-structured particles are produced by pulsed laser ablation in supercritical CO<sub>2</sub>.  $\hat{a}$ -° Irradiation of laser on the gold plate is highly controlled by heat transfer property of supercritical CO<sub>2</sub>.  $\hat{a}$ -° Network structure of gold nanospheres is generated by pulsed laser ablation at  $10\hat{A}$  MPa.



### Keywords

Pulsed laser ablation; Gold nanoparticles; Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub>

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