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Applications of Femtosecond Laser-induced Nanowelding and Thermal Nano-Sintering for SERS, Sensing, and Flexible Electronics Packaging

Nanojoining, a burgeoning research area, is a key step in the fabrication of complicated nanodevices with functional prefabricated components. Femtosecond laser irradiation is promising to weld metal nanoparticles through non-thermal ultrafast melting. On the other hand, nanoparticles with different shapes show variable thermal stabilities and sintering behaviours. In this talk, we present nano welding of Ag/Au nanoparticles irradiated by femtosecond laser pulses and low temperature sintering of self-assembled Ag nanoparticles films. The initial applications of joint nanoparticles are displayed in surface enhanced Raman scattering, electronic sensing and flexible electronics packaging.

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