Supporting Information

Experimental Evidence of Icosahedral and Decahedral Packing in One-Dimensional Nanostructures

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Figure S1. This figure show raw data of the HAADF-STEM images of icosahedral packing nanowires. The figures on the text were filtered to reduce the noise.



Figure S2. (a) Model of a nanowire obtained by stacking icosahedra by matching the (111) faces. This implies a rotation that eventually leads to a spiral structure. This however, do not reproduce the experimental observations as shown in the simulated TEM images (b) in which the "fan" contrast observed on the experiments is not present.



Figure S3. SERS spectra of standard rhodamine 6G (Rh6G) with Au/Ag nanowires compared with the same concentration of the rhodamine pure.



Figure S4. HRTEM image simulation (under optimum defocus condition) of an Ag/Au nanowire by using SimulaTEM software package (A. Gomez-Rodriguez, *et al. Ultramicroscopy* **110** (2010) 95-104), scale bar corresponds to 5 nm.