

Supplementary Information for:

Quantitative Evaluation of Nanosecond Pulsed Laser-Induced Photomodification of Plasmonic Gold Nanoparticles

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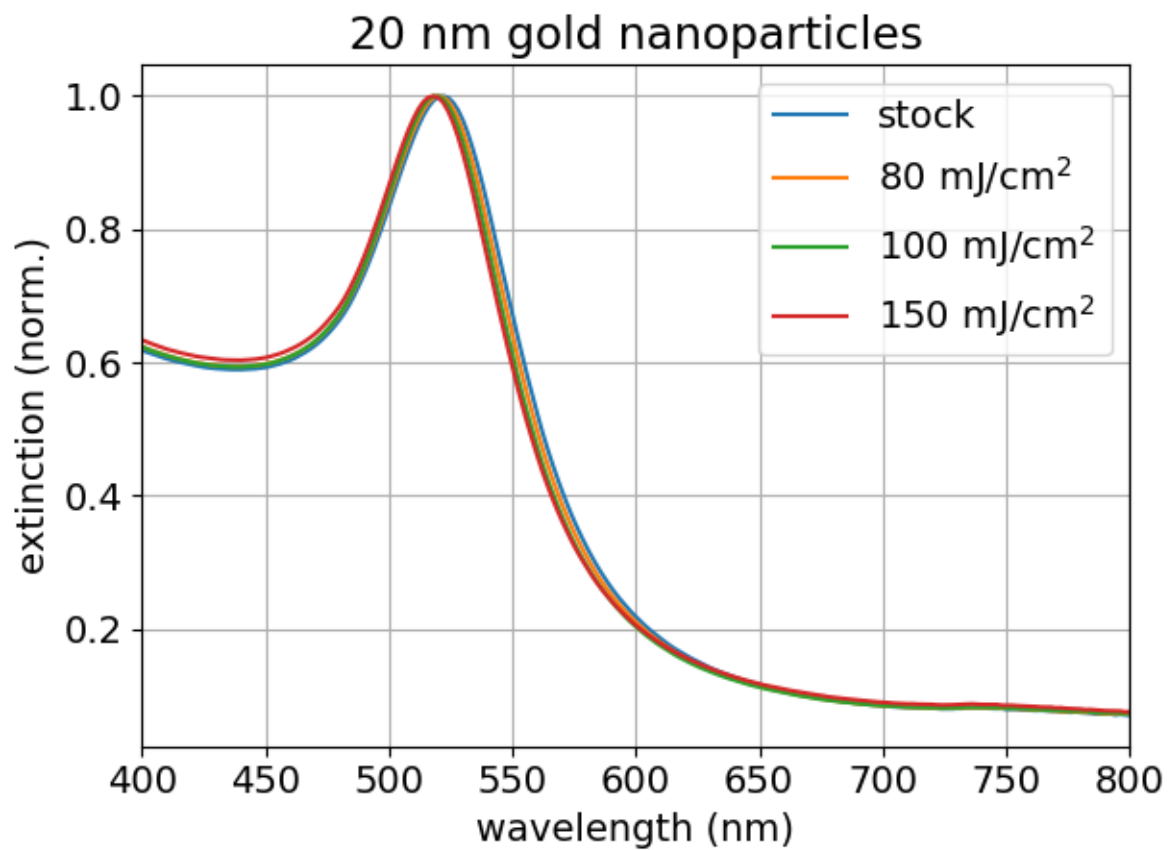


Figure S1. Representative extinction spectra of 20 nm gold nanoparticles after laser irradiation at the indicated radiant exposures.

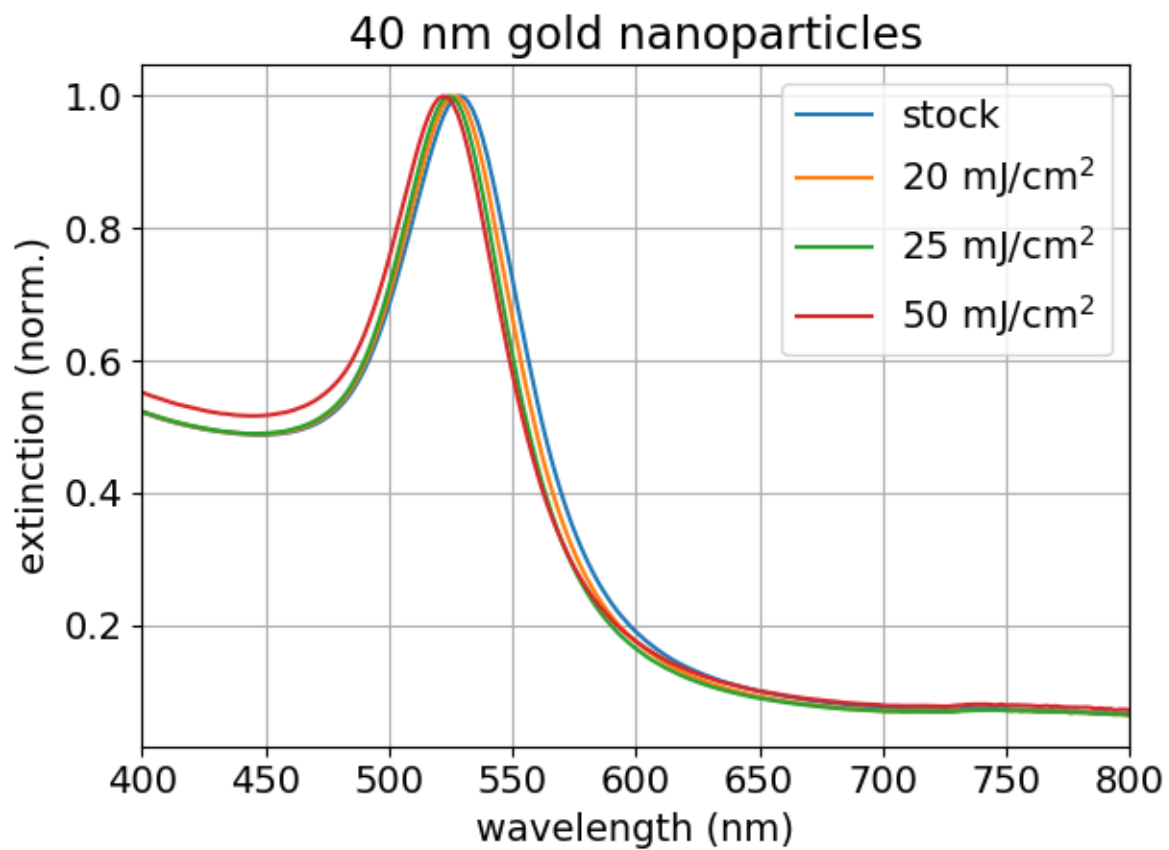


Figure S2. Representative extinction spectra of 40 nm gold nanoparticles after laser irradiation at the indicated radiant exposures.

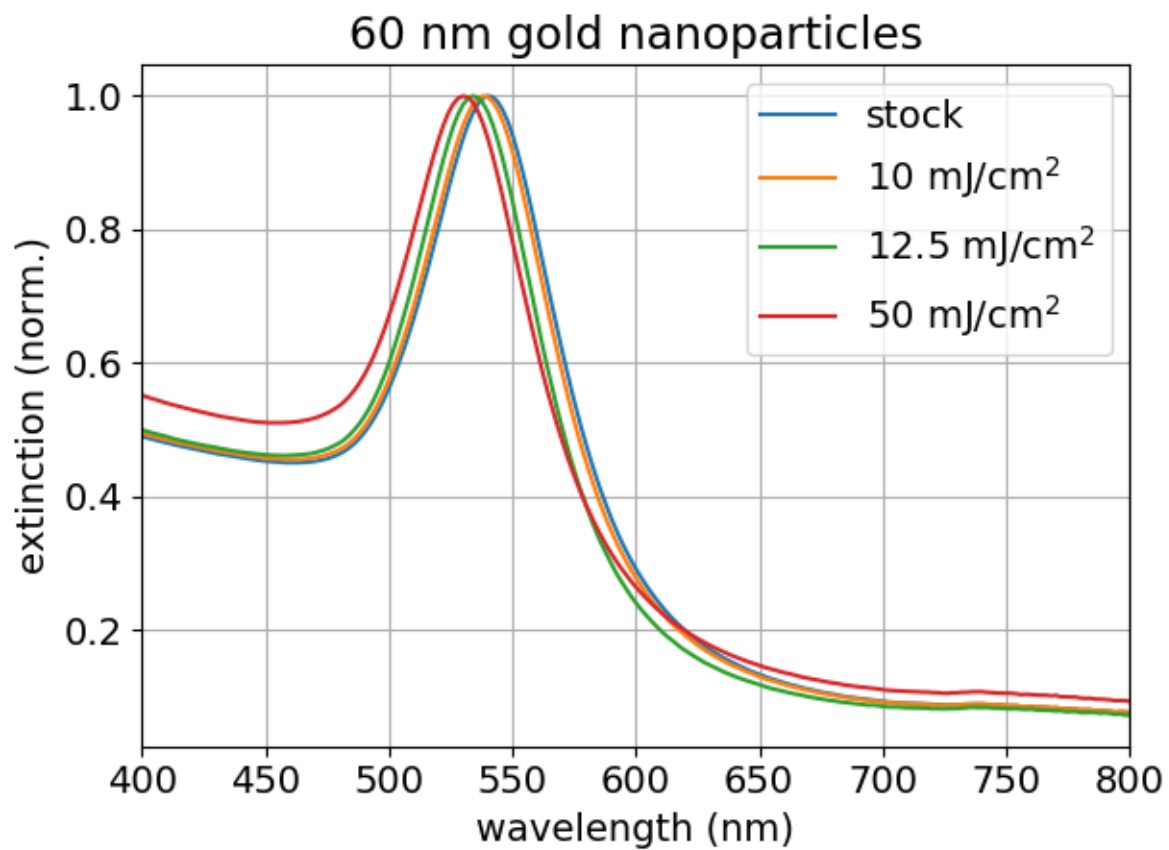


Figure S3. Representative extinction spectra of 60 nm gold nanoparticles after laser irradiation at the indicated radiant exposures.

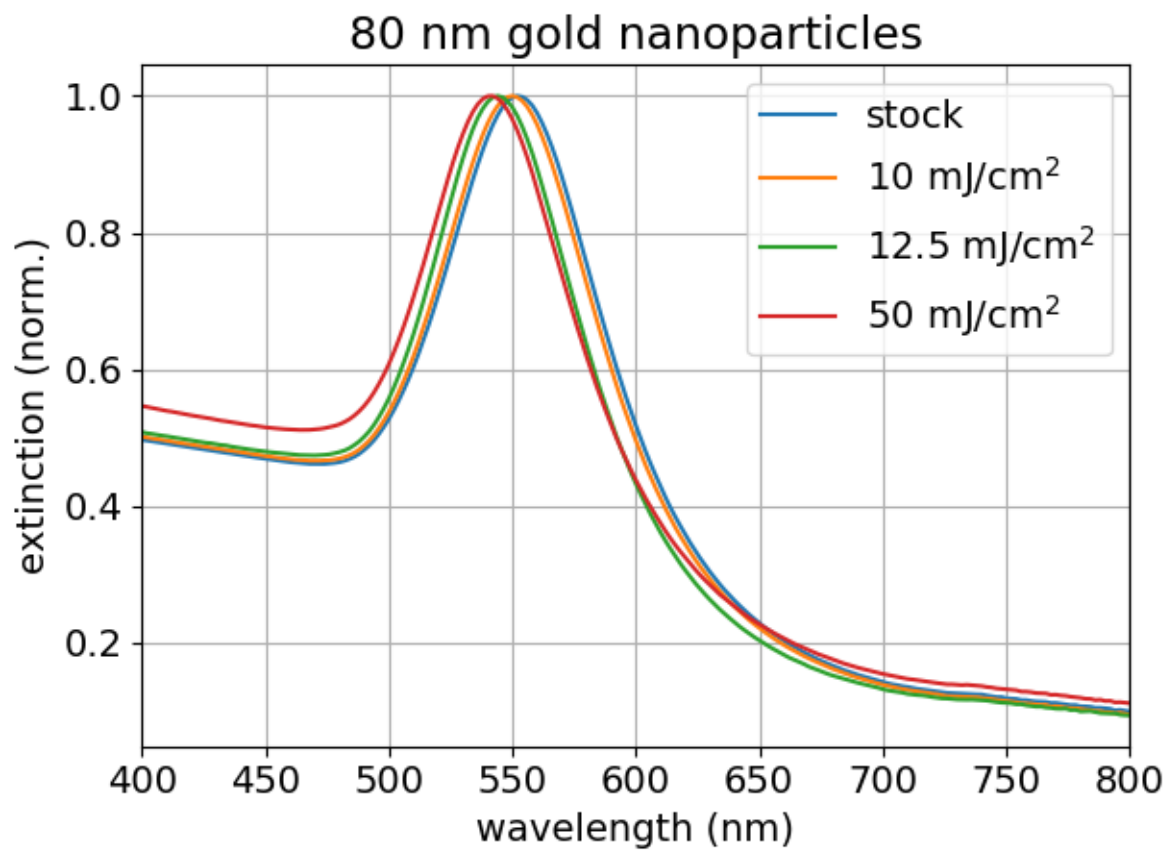


Figure S4. Representative extinction spectra of 80 nm gold nanoparticles after laser irradiation at the indicated radiant exposures.

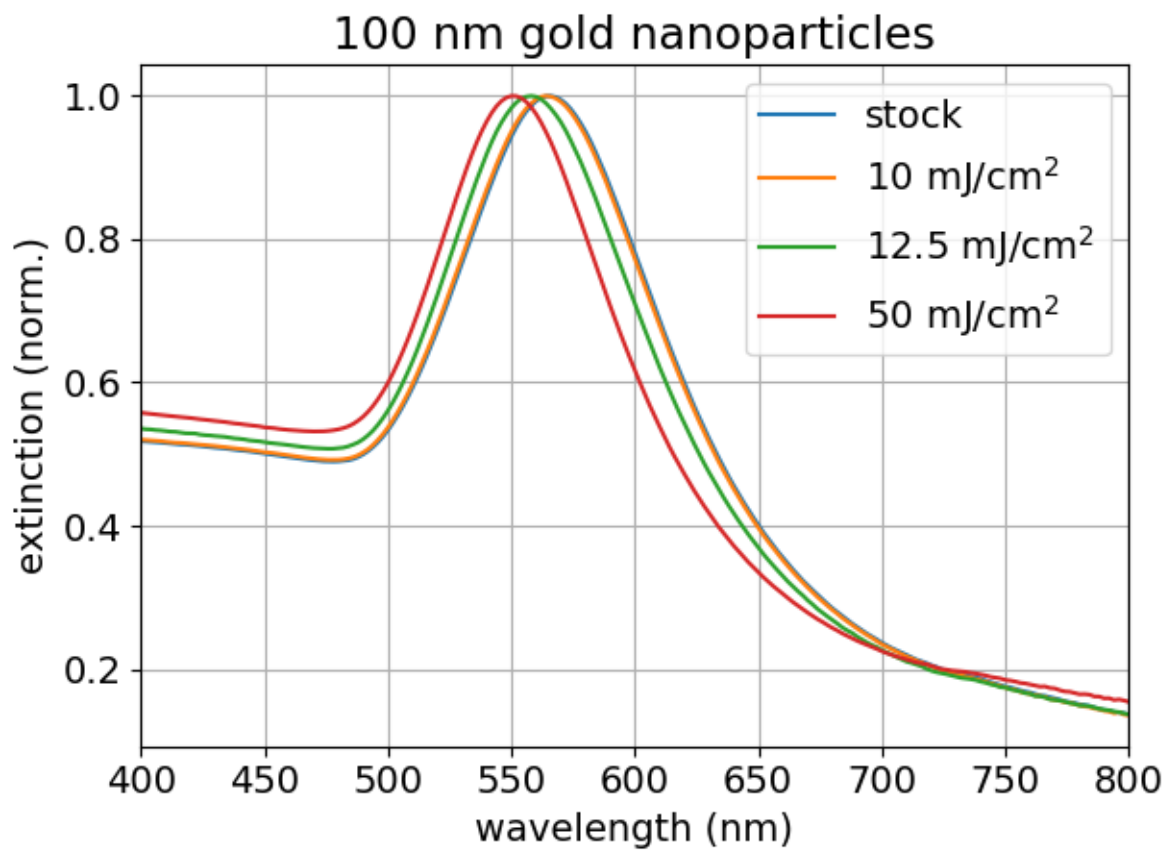


Figure S5. Representative extinction spectra of 100 nm gold nanoparticles after laser irradiation at the indicated radiant exposures.

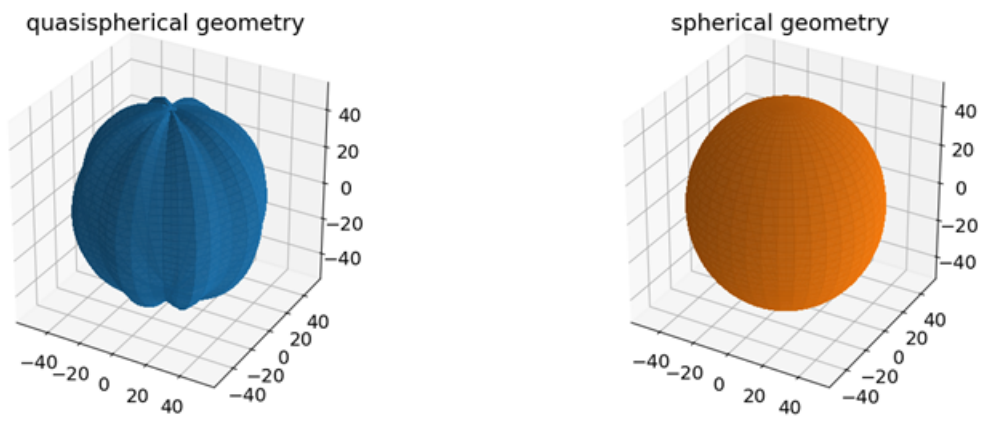
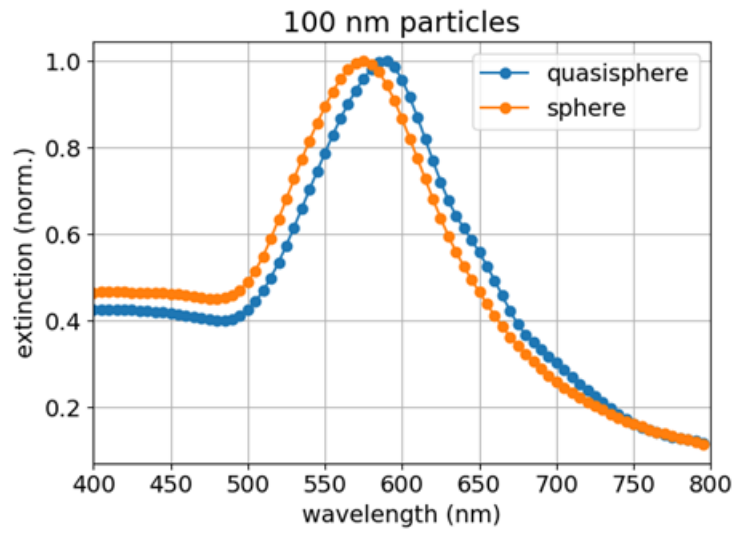
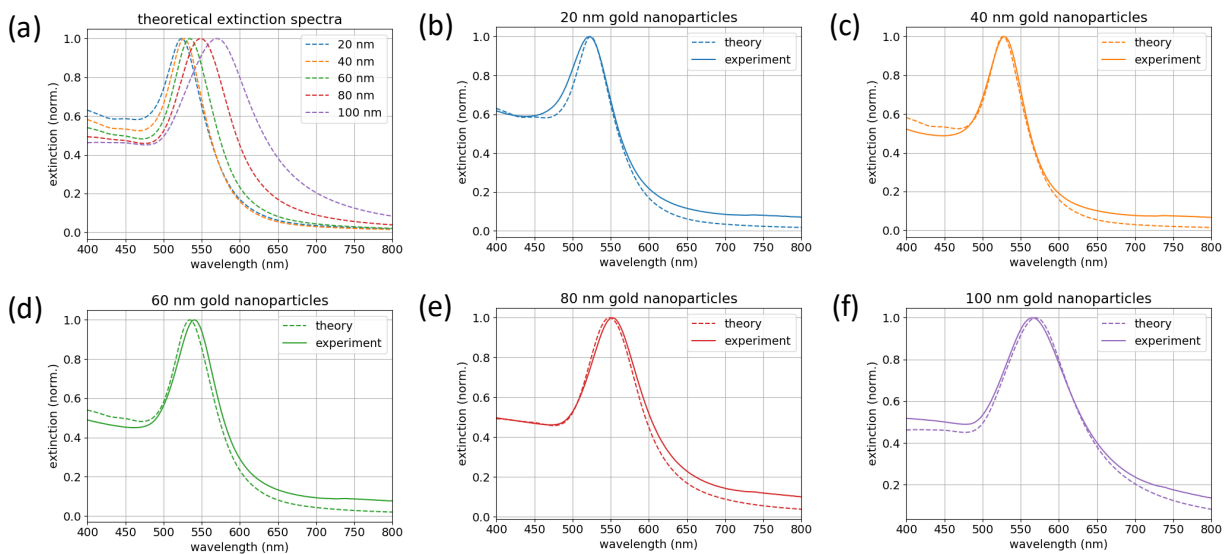


Figure S6. DDA calculated extinction spectra of 100 nm diameter spherical and quasispherical gold nanoparticle geometries. The quasispherical model employed the built in 'chebyshev' shape with $\epsilon = 0.05$ and $n = 8$.



Peak Position (nm)	theory	experiment
20 nm	523.6	521.77 ± 0.04
40 nm	526.8	528.70 ± 0.02
60 nm	534.3	540.44 ± 0.02
80 nm	548.6	552.29 ± 0.06
100 nm	569.9	565.3 ± 0.1

Figure S7. (a) Theoretical extinction spectra for 20, 40, 60, 80, and 100 nm gold nanoparticles as calculated from Mie theory. The theoretical spectra were then compared to the experimentally measured spectra for the 20 (b), 40 (c), 60 (d), 80 (e), and 100 (f) nm particles.

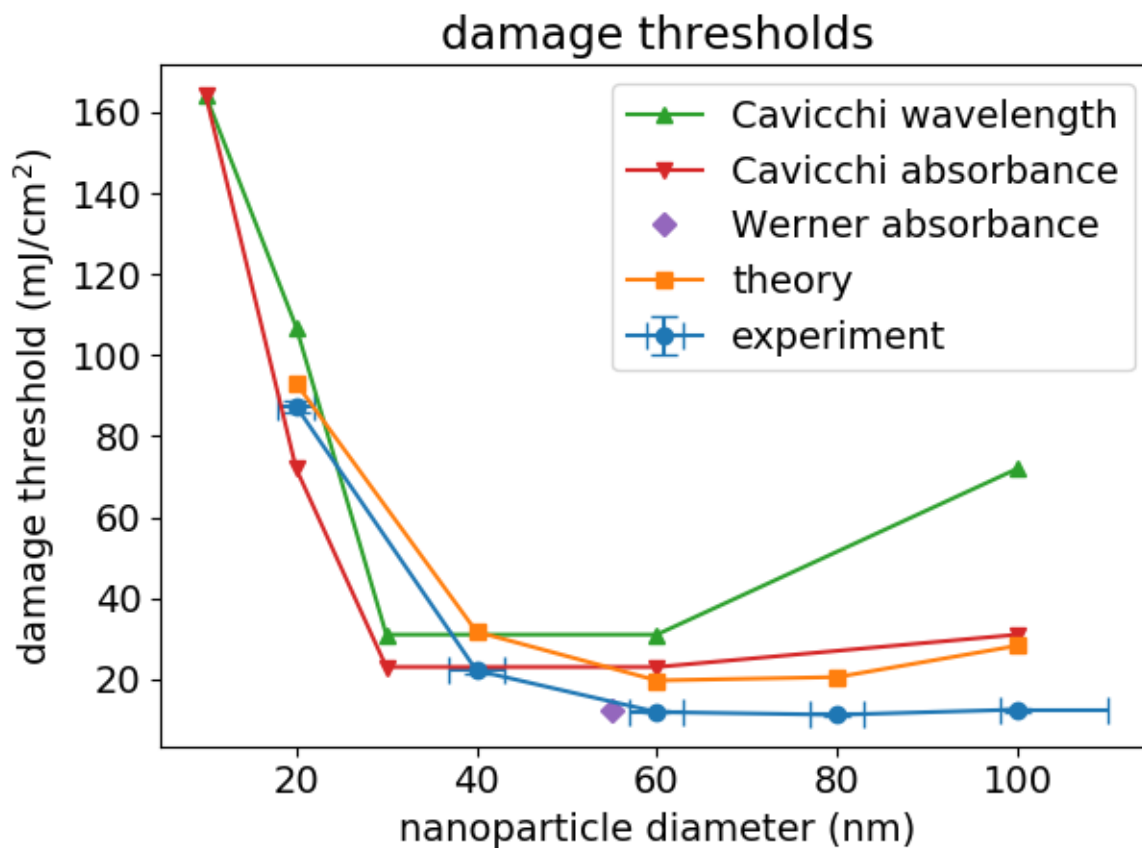


Figure S8. Comparison of the theoretical and experimental damage thresholds determined in this work with experimental thresholds found in the literature.^{1,2} Data points for Cavicchi et al. were estimated from Figure 4 in their manuscript using either the midpoint of the peak wavelength shift or the first significant drop in absorbance.

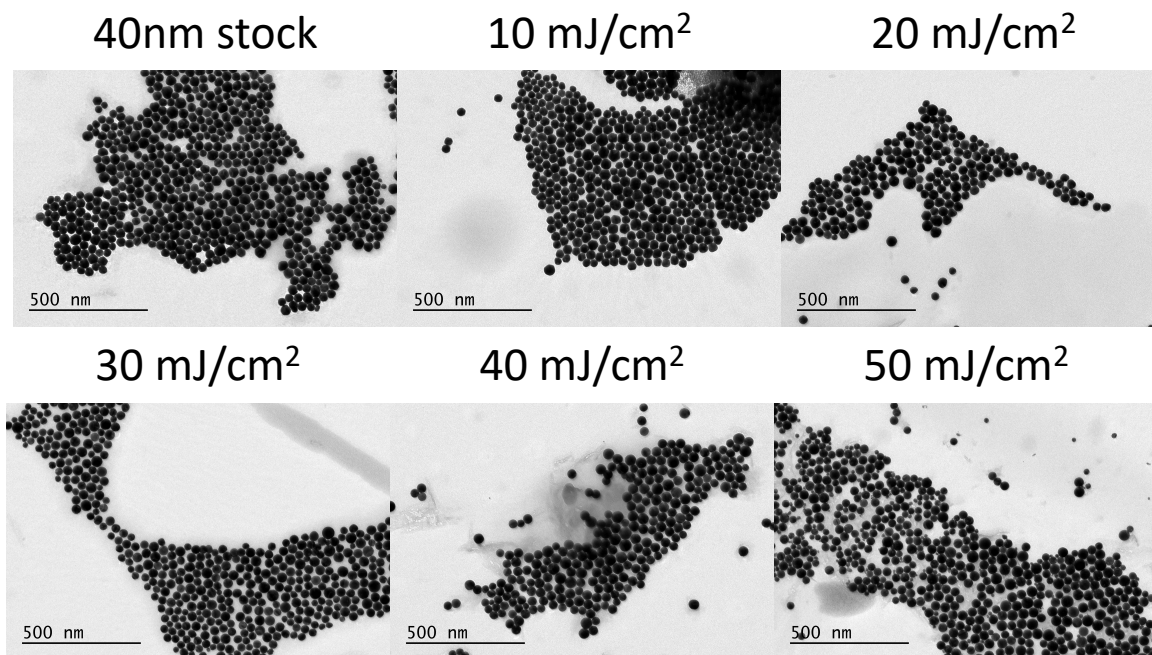


Figure S9. Low magnification TEM images of the 40 nm gold nanoparticle sample demonstrating the same reshaping and size reduction process observed in the representative images from Figure 2 with a larger number of particles.

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