## **Supporting Information**

## Characterization of Colloidal Platinum Nanoparticles by MALDI-TOF Mass Spectrometry

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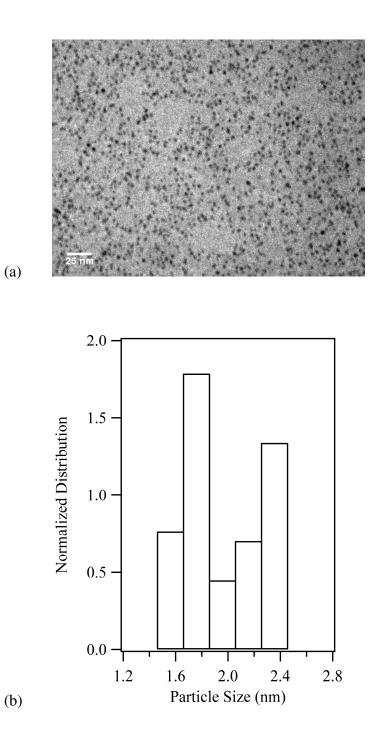
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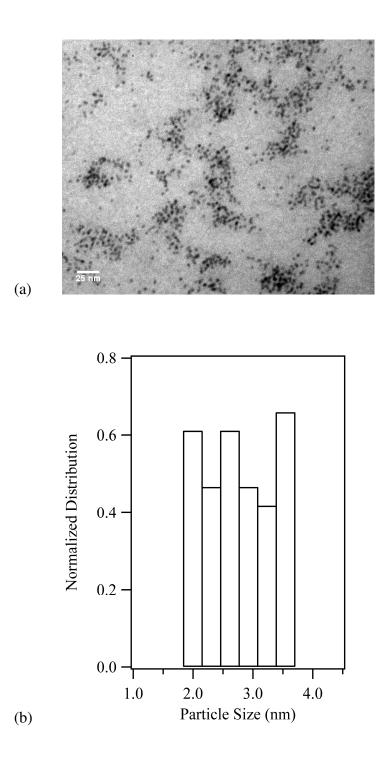
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## Abstract

Contained herein are TEM images and histograms (Figures S-1 to S-4), XRD patterns (Figure S5) and MALDI-TOF mass spectra with corresponding Gaussian curve fits (Figures S-6 to S-10) for the as-synthesized colloidal Pt nanoparticles.



**Figure S-1.** (a) TEM image of PVP-capped platinum nanoparticles synthesized by reduction in the presence of ethylene glycol and (b) histogram of the particle size distribution.



**Figure S-2.** (a) TEM image of PVP-capped platinum nanoparticles synthesized by reduction in the presence of ethanol and (b) histogram of the particle size distribution.

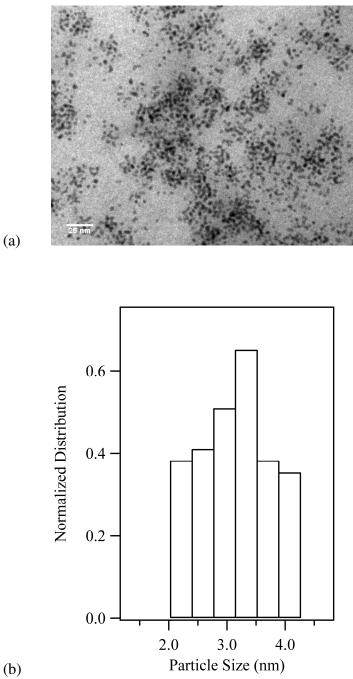
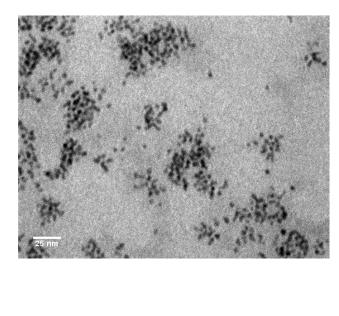


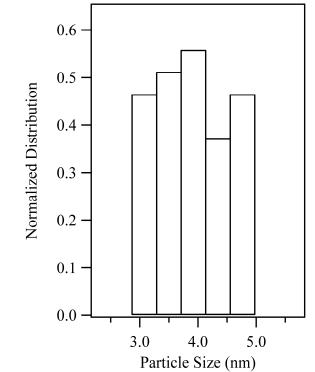
Figure S-3. (a) TEM image of PVP-capped platinum nanoparticles synthesized by reduction in the presence of methanol and (b) histogram of the particle size distribution.

(a)



(a)

(b)



**Figure S-4.** (a) TEM image of PVP-capped platinum nanoparticles synthesized by further reduction in the presence of methanol and 2.94-nm PVP-capped platinum nanoparticles and (b) histogram of the particle size distribution.

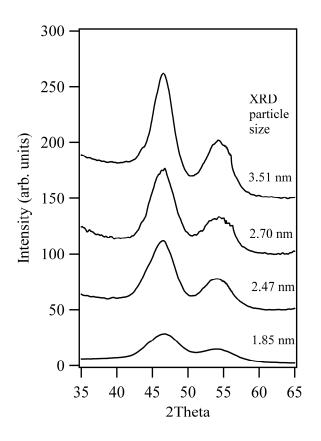
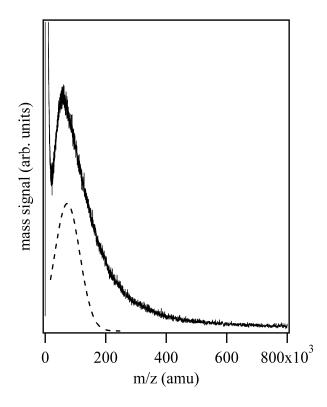
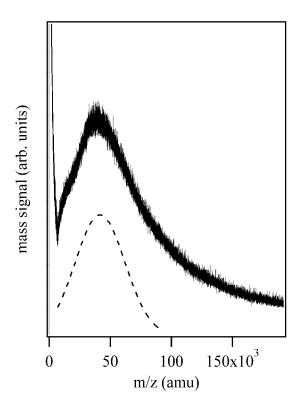


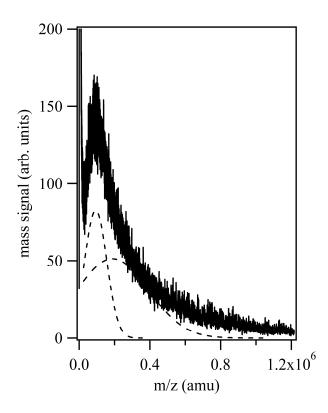
Figure S-5. XRD patterns obtained for PVP-capped platinum nanoparticles. Patterns are vertically offset for clarity.



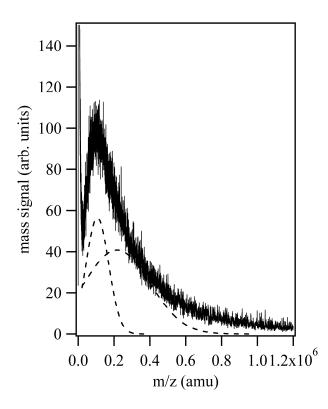
**Figure S-6.** MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of 1.85-nm PVP-capped platinum nanoparticles obtained after 200 shots from a 337-nm N<sub>2</sub> laser on sample spots from a solution of 1:10 v/v platinum nanoparticle colloid to CHCA matrix solution. The dashed line corresponds to the Gaussian curve fit for singly-charged (m/z = 73,000 amu) particles.



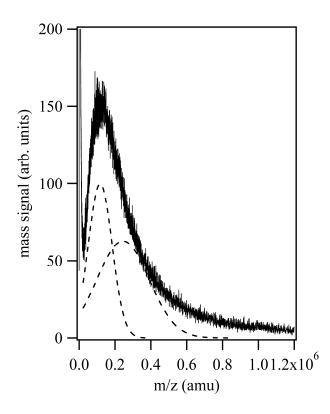
**Figure S-7.** MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of 1.85 nm uncapped platinum nanoparticles obtained after 200 shots from a 337-nm N<sub>2</sub> laser on sample spots from a solution of 1:10 v/v platinum nanoparticle colloid to CHCA matrix solution. The dashed line corresponds to the Gaussian curve fit for singly-charged (m/z = 42,000 amu) particles.



**Figure S-8.** MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of 2.60-nm PVP-capped platinum nanoparticles obtained after 200 shots from a 337-nm N<sub>2</sub> laser on sample spots from a solution of 1:10 v/v platinum nanoparticle colloid to CHCA matrix solution. The dashed lines correspond to Gaussian curve fits for doubly-charged (m/z = 93,600 amu) and singly-charged (m/z = 189,000 amu) particles.



**Figure S-9.** MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of 2.94-nm PVP-capped platinum nanoparticles obtained after 200 shots from a 337-nm N<sub>2</sub> laser on sample spots from a solution of 1:10 v/v platinum nanoparticle colloid to CHCA matrix solution. The dashed lines correspond to Gaussian curve fits for doubly-charged (m/z = 107,000 amu) and singly-charged (m/z = 216,000 amu) particles.



**Figure S-10.** MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of 3.69-nm PVP-capped platinum nanoparticles obtained after 200 shots from a 337-nm N<sub>2</sub> laser on sample spots from a solution of 1:10 v/v platinum nanoparticle colloid to CHCA matrix solution. The dashed lines correspond to Gaussian curve fits for triply-charged (m/z = 117,000 amu) and doubly-charged (m/z = 245,000 amu) particles.