## Effect of Ions and Ionic Strength on Surface Plasmon Absorption of Single Gold Nanowires

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Supporting Information for Publication

## SEM Image of the Nanowire

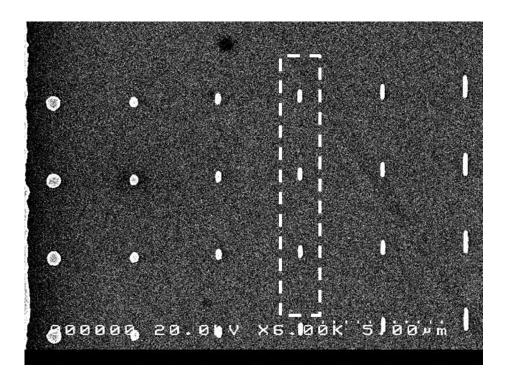
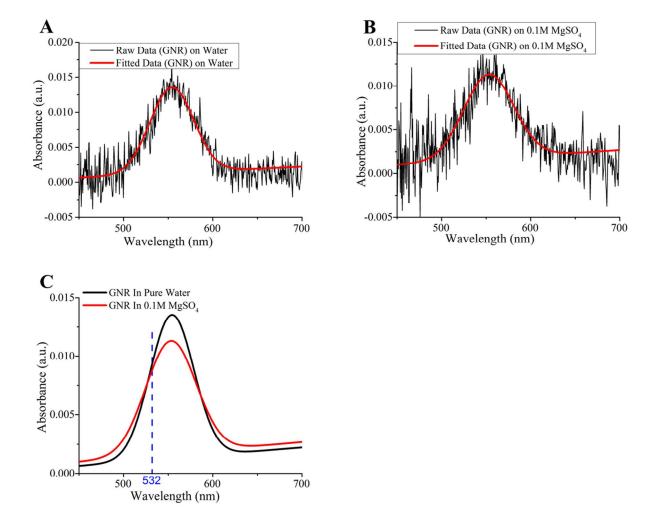
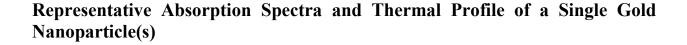


Figure S1. SEM image of the gold nanowires. The nanowires highlighted inside the white dashed lines represent the typical nanowire studied on this work and has typical dimensions of width and length of 200±8 nm and 500±15 nm respectively.



## **Representative Absorption Spectra of a Single Gold Nanorod(s)**

Figure S2. Absorption spectra of a single gold nanorod(s) spin coated onto the glass cover slip substrate under pure water and  $0.1M MgSO_4$  solution. The fitted spectra (Figure 4C) do not show noticeable shift on the plasmon resonance wavelength but shows clear attenuation on plasmon absorbance of the gold nanorod(s) immersed under ionic solution of  $0.1M MgSO_4$ .



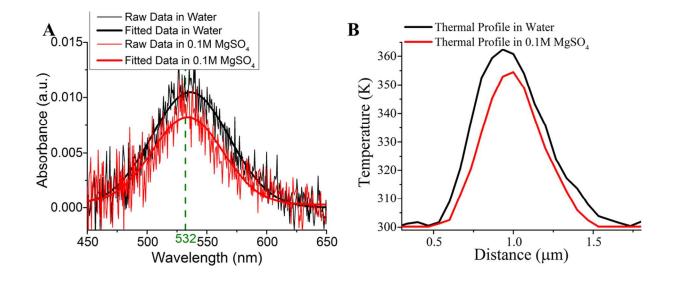


Figure S3. (A) Absorption spectra and (B) the thermal profile under 532nm CW (Intensity  $6 \times 10^9$  W/m<sup>2</sup>) excitation of 40nm gold nanoparticle(s) spin-coated onto the substrate with thermal sensor film of AlGaN:Er<sup>3+</sup> on sapphire glass. Black spectra represent the absorption spectrum and the corresponding thermal profile for the nanoparticle(s) excitation in pure water. Red spectra represent the absorption spectrum and the corresponding thermal profile for the same nanoparticle(s) in 0.1M MgSO<sub>4</sub> solution. The spectra do not show any noticeable shift on plasmon absorption band but shows attenuation on plasmon absorbance of the nanoparticle(s). At 532 nm, absorption spectrum shows about 16% attenuation on plasmon absorbance (from 0.00985 to 0.00821) and the corresponding drop in maximum temperature change ( $\Delta T_{max}$ ) is about 14% (drop from 363 to 354).

Single Particle(s) Absorption, Dark Field Scattering and Plasmon Emission Images

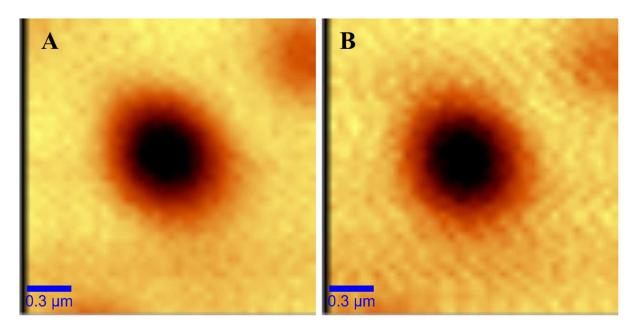


Figure S4. Absorption Images of a single gold nanoparticle(s) spin coated onto the glass cover slip substrate under (A) pure water and (B) 0.1M MgSO<sub>4</sub> solution.

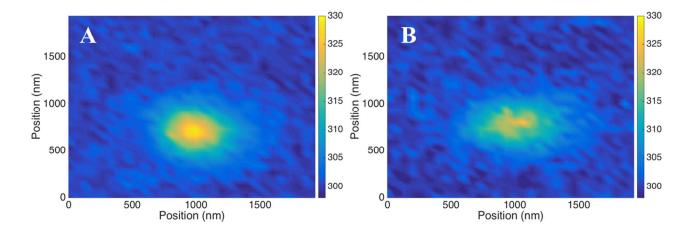


Figure S5. Thermal images of a single optically excited gold nanoparticle(s) spin coated onto the substrate with thermal sensor film of AlGaN: $Er^{3+}$  on sapphire glass in (A) pure water and (B) 0.1 M MgSO<sub>4</sub> solution.

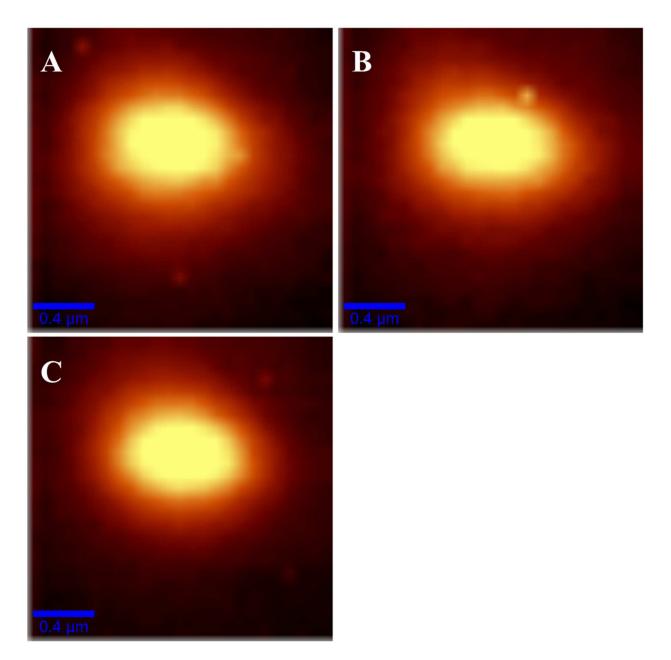


Figure S6. Dark-Field scattering images of a single lithographic gold nanowire under (A) pure water, (B) 0.1M NaCl and (C) 0.1M MgSO<sub>4</sub> solution.

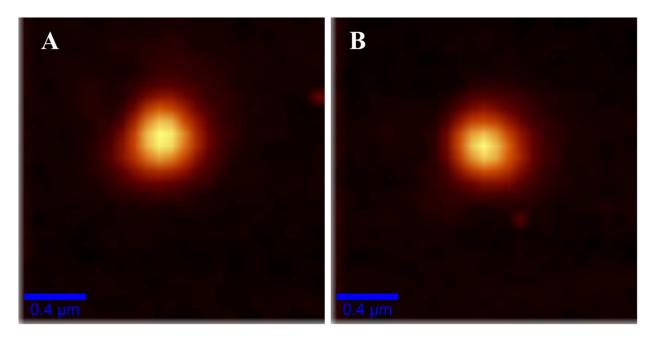


Figure S7. Plasmon emission images of a single gold nanoparticle(s) spin coated onto the glass cover slip substrate under 533nm CW excitation in (A) pure water and (B)  $0.1M MgSO_4$  solution.