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Synthesis of triangular gold nanoparticles: Effect of reductants, protective agents, and reaction temperatures

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Gold nanoparticles were synthesized using tartaric acid, hydrogen sodium tartate and sodium tartate as reductants, and alkyltrimethylammonium chloride as protective agents, at various concentrations and temperatures. The particles obtained were characterized by UV-visible spectroscopy and transmission electron microscopy. Triangular gold nanoparticles were synthesized using a simple procedure involving mixing and standing solutions at constant temperatures. Relatively small triangular nanoparticles (ca. 55nm plate width) were most efficiently obtained at 60-70°C in the presence of 45-60mM (1M = 1moldm⁻³) tartaric acid and 2.2mM hexadecytrimethylammonium chloride, when the HAuCl₄ concentration was 0.5mM.

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