

Synthesis and analysis of copper nanoparticles produced by laser

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Abstract: Copper nanoparticles are generated by using Nd:YAG laser nanosecond pulses using the liquid laser ablation technique. Nd:YAG of 6 and 10 nanoseconds pulse length with variable energy in the range are the two systems used (700-760 mJ). The formation of copper nanoparticles has been abolished using TEM with identical size distribution. It has also been observed that when identical laser parameters are used, the average nanoparticles sizes of 80 and 120 nm for copper are used. Furthermore, to approximate the temperature distributions for both copper nanoparticles, the theoretical Mie-Gans model was used. Another factor that has been found is that the maximum temperature for gold nanoparticles is between (1000 K) and (1400 K), especially for the preparation of nanoparticles in the presence of 10 ns Nd:YAG.

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1. Introduction

The word nanoscience is characterized as a range of technologies and developments that rely on nanoscale physical, chemical, and biological phenomena ranging from approximately 1 to 100 nanometers[1]. In general terms, nanomaterials are developed using two approaches: bottom-up and top-down[2]. Nanomaterials are, however, differentiated into zero, one, two and three-dimensional nanostructures[3,4]. Nanomaterial methods of synthesization are either chemical or physical. Physical methods rely on wire technique, physical vapor deposition, thermal evaporation, sputtering deposition, deposition of chemical vapor and laser ablation, while there are two forms of laser ablation for the creation of NPs using laser ablation: dry and wet. In addition, Pulse Laser Ablation in Liquid (PLAL) requires the contact between the laser and the target, which can also be used to create nanoparticles with colloidal suspension[5]. PLAL is defined as a one-step top-down preparation technique for nanoparticles[6]. The key benefits of this method are 1- The ability to manufacture different kinds of nanomaterials, such as metals, noble metals, semiconductors, nanoalloys, oxides, magnetic and core shell nanostructure[7], 2- No need for vacuum equipment[8], 3- The aggregation can be regulated by surfactant molecules[9]. It is possible to draw a mathematical model based on the previous interaction.

$$T(t) = \frac{2 \cdot F_0}{k} \left[\frac{1}{(\alpha \cdot t)^2} e^{-\left[\frac{z}{2 \cdot (\alpha \cdot t)^2} \right]} - \frac{z}{\pi^2} \frac{1}{2 \cdot (\alpha \cdot t)^2} \left[1 - 1 - (a \cdot b + A1 \cdot b^2 + C \cdot b^3) e^{-\left[\frac{z}{2 \cdot (\alpha \cdot t)^2} \right]^2} \right] \right]$$

Where $T(t)$: Temperature (K) , F_0 : Surface absorbed power W/m^2 , k : Thermal conductivity $W/m \cdot K$, α : Thermal diffusivity $m^2 s^{-1}$, P : Time s , z : Depth m , t_1 : Time power off s and $a, A1, C, b$: Constant [10].

2. Experimental

Two laser systems are used for the ablation phase in this analysis; Nd:YAG. Nd:YAG laser produces 1064 nm pulses of an energy per pulse up to 1000 mJ, 10 ns pulse duration with a maximum repetition equal to 6Hz, while the second has an energy of 850 mJ and a pulse duration of 6 ns with a maximum repetition rate of 10 Hz. The focused Nd-YAG beam process is conducted using a 10 cm focal length lens on the copper target. There is a very high purity of copper plates; it is around (99). The plates should be polished, washed with ethanol and purified water, and broken into small parts to conform with the experimental procedure. Another significant note is that in this work, DDDW (Double Distilled and Deionized Water) is required to prepare all samples and solutions. To study the geometry of the prepared nanoparticles, scale and size distribution. TEM is used by morphological inquiry. In order to analyze the aggregation of the nanoparticles in the colloidal suspension, Zeta potential tests are also used.

3. Experimental Details

The temperature distribution of copper nanoparticles was determined using the convolution of the distribution of size with the theory of heat flow as follows.

$$T(r,t) := \int_0^{r_0} N \cdot D(r) \cdot \left[\frac{2 \cdot \frac{P \cdot (1 - rf) \cdot r_1}{6 \cdot 10^3 \cdot v(r_1)}}{k} \right] \left[\frac{1}{(\alpha \cdot t)^{\frac{3}{2}}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2 \cdot (\alpha \cdot t)}} \right] - \frac{z}{2 \cdot (\alpha \cdot t)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \left[1 - 1 - (a \cdot b + A1 \cdot b^2 + C \cdot b^3) e^{-\frac{z^2}{2 \cdot (\alpha \cdot t)}} \right] dr$$

Fig 1 and 2, Fig 1 and Fig 2 demonstrate the relationship between the temperature and the radius of nanoparticles for copper nanoparticles in the solution of equations 1 and 2.

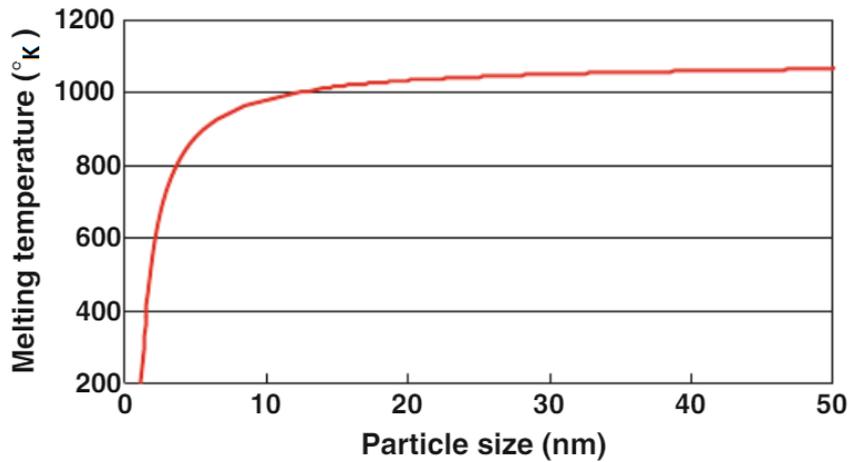


Figure (1) :The relationship between temperature and radius for laser nanoparticles has a pulse length of 10 ns for 740 mJ for nanoparticles of the copper

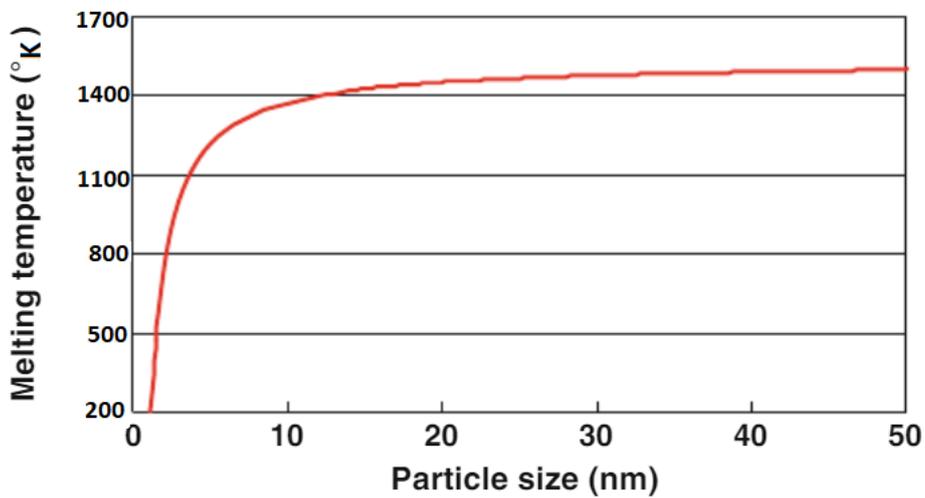


Figure (2):Temperature and radius of the laser for copper nanoparticles of 6 ns and 740 mJ pulse length. A comparison of the theoretical results achieved for the lasers of both 10 ns and 6 ns

Table 1: Comparison of the Au NPs produced by 1064 nm with pulse durations of 6 and 10 ns Duration of the laser pulse Molten depth (µm) Maximum temperature (Co)

Laser pulse duration	Molten depth (µm)	Maximum temperature (C°)
6ns	5	1400
10ns	7	1000

The Table indicates that The temperature increases by 900 K as the laser pulse length falls from 10 ns to 6 ns.

4. Experimental Results:

TEM images of copper (Cu) nanoparticles formed by laser ablation with a pulse length of 6 ns and a power of 700 and 720 mJ are shown in figures 3 A and 3 B, respectively.

The sizes of c are found to be due to high aggregation of small nanoparticles formed by higher energy, The dimensions of copper nanoparticles have been found to increase by increasing laser energy.

The formation of small nanoparticles is due to a decrease in the temperature and vapor pressure produced, resulting in the release of small copper nanoparticles.

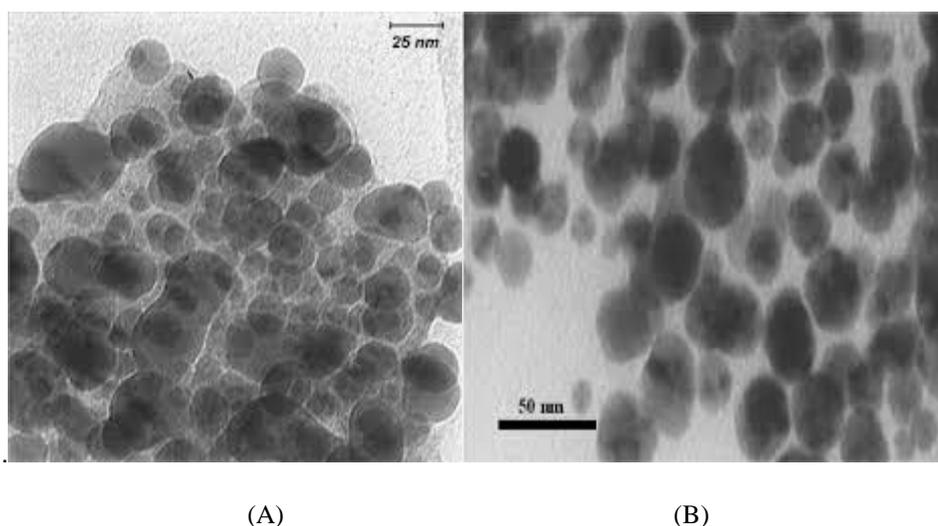


Fig 3 TEM images of copper nanoparticles for (a) 700mJ for 6 ns pulse duration

Using the histogram at the cuppa Fig 4. The size of nanoparticles for the distribution of coppers (the homogeneous distribution) is due to Laser coefficient of absorption of high Cu (1064 nm) . This also induces temperature and vapor pressure, resulting in the subsequent ejection of small Cu nanoparticles.

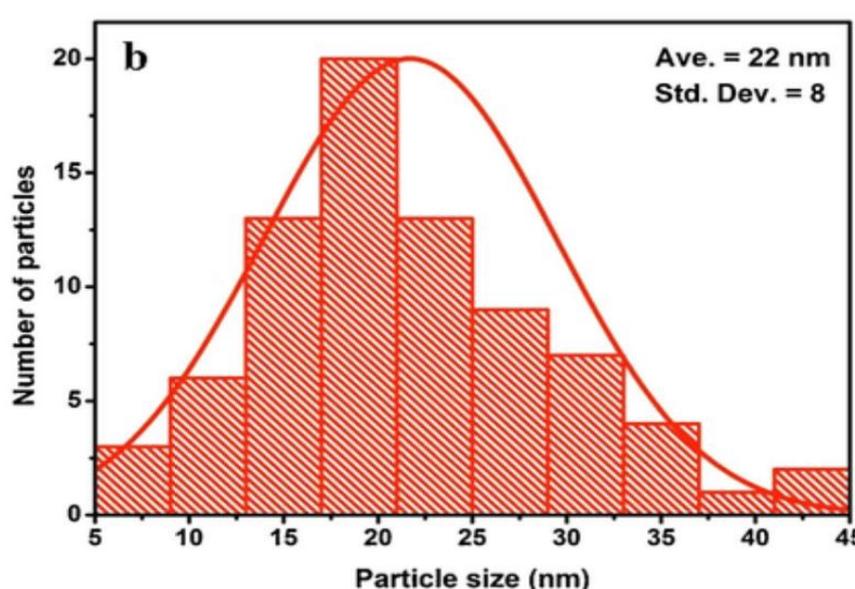


Fig 4 TEM histogram for copper nanoparticles prepared with a pulse length of 700mJ and 10 ns of energy.

The absorption spectra of Cu nanoparticles UV-Vis are shown in Figure 5 (A and B), respectively. For nanoparticles prepared by (700 and 760) mJ / pulse with a 1064 nm Nd:YAG laser, all spectra were measured. The peaks of UV-Vis spectra prepared with 700 mJ observed at (429 nm) of copper nanoparticles indicate that the principal size was (50 nm). When the copper particles are prepared with laser energy of 760 mJ, this peak shifts

to (414 nm). Due to the high temperature produced, this could be attributed to the effect of smaller nanoparticles being formed.

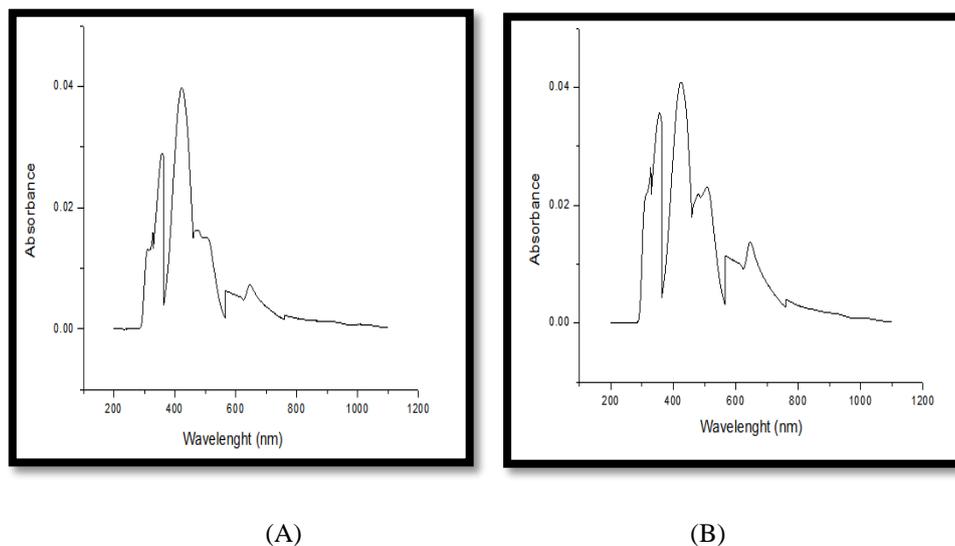


Fig 5. UVVIS absorption spectra of a solution of copper nanoparticles primed by 200 laser energy pulses (A)700mJ and (B) 760mJ.

The existence of a single plasmon surface peak suggested that in the case of ellipsoidal particles, the nanoparticles produced are almost spherical while the absorption spectrum will have two plasmon peaks. The stability of the manufactured nanoparticles by their values was usually considered to be stable between

+30 mV and less than -30 mV and was compatible with the requirements for Z-potential inspection values. The principal value of the Z-potential in the copper was -49.42 mV.

5. Conclusions:

Stable, uniform-sized copper nanoparticles can be predestined by laser liquid ablation. For copper nanoparticles, temperature distributions of greater magnitude have been observed. If shorter laser pulses are used, the overall magnitude would be super-fat. The collection of the experimental size distribution data in the theoretical model offers a better understanding of the development of nanoparticles.

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