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OBJECTIVES OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT

Chemical speciation of microparticles can be achieved by spectral and intensity analyses of the inelastically scattered radiation (Raman and fluorescence). However, quantitative results by purely optical methods are intimately related to the environment with which the particles are in contact and the morphology of the microstructures. Morphology characterization of regularly shaped microparticles (spheres, cylinders, and spheroids) can be obtained by measuring the peaks in the extinction and elastically scattering spectra. Our investigation on the viability of quantitative species identification of molecules within a microparticle by inelastic laser scattering involved studies of the following: (1) dielectric and metal substrate interface to increase the intensity of the scattered radiation; and (2) morphology dependent dielectric resonances which can modify the scattering spectra.

SUMMARY OF MAJOR RESULTS

The laser radiation used to induce inelastic scattering of the molecules contained within the microparticles (Raman or fluorescence scattering) usually also induces severe heating of the microparticle. Consequently, the particles are generally placed on a dielectric or metallic substrate for the purpose of conducting the laser induced heat away. We have been able to demonstrate that the dielectric or metallic substrate can actually be used to increase the coupling efficiency of the incident radiation into the microparticles as well as the scattered radiation out of the microparticles (publications 1, 2, and 3). For
the dielectric substrate, the attenuated total reflection technique involving a hemicylindrical prism is used to couple the incident radiation into and the scattered radiation out of the microparticles. For the metallic substrate, the surface plasmon polariton technique involving a thin Ag film overcoating on the hemicylindrical prism is used to couple the incident radiation into and the scattered radiation out of the microparticles. Increased intensity of the inelastic radiation by 10-100 x was achieved, as well as decreased angular spreading of the scattered radiation. Consequently, using the same incident laser power, we achieved overall improvement of the signal-to-noise ratio of the inelastically scattered radiation from various types of molecules embedded within the microparticles.

The angular distribution of the inelastic radiation (Raman and fluorescence) from microspheres is vastly different from the characteristic Lorenz/Mie elastic scattering, which is known to exhibit peaks and valleys as a function of angle relative to the incident beam direction. The angular pattern of the inelastic radiation was found to be smooth (publications 3 and 4). However, the exact shape of the angular pattern depended on the radius of the microspheres, as well as on the relative refractive index of the particle and the surrounding medium. Particular attention was paid to the backward-to-forward scattering intensity dissymmetry because of the importance of this parameter in remote chemical probing programs which use laser Raman radar techniques.

The intensities of the inelastic spectral peaks, measured at a fixed observation angle, are directly related to the concentrations
of different types of molecules. However, the intensity at specific wavelengths can be greatly enhanced as a result of the morphology of the microparticle, e.g., spheres, cubes, cylinders, and prolate/oblate spheroids. Artificial peaks can exist in the inelastic spectra from microparticles even though there are no such peaks in those spectra from large samples which are compositionally identical to the microparticles. We have found that a sharp increase in the Raman or fluorescence intensity will result when the inelastically scattered frequencies are resonant to the natural modes of oscillation of a microsphere or a fiber (publications 4 and 5). These natural modes of oscillation are commonly called morphology defined structure resonances.

Morphology defined structure resonances can also be excited by the incident radiation. When the incident frequencies are resonant to these natural modes of oscillation of the microstructures, large increases in the elastically scattered intensity result. We have shown experimentally that, by monitoring the peaks in the elastically scattered intensity as a function of incident wavelength, morphology characterization can be achieved for infinitely long fibers (publication 6). For optical fibers, in particular, we have devised a totally new technique of ultra-precise diameter sizing as the fiber is being pulled from the preform.

Morphology defined structure resonances can also exist in metallic microparticles (e.g., Ag, Au, and Cu colloids and wires). The structure resonances of metallic micro-objects are associated with surface plasmons, which are much less sensitive to particle size and shape than are the dielectric surface electromagnetic waves. Extremely large extinction,
elastic scattering, and absorption can result when the incident photon energy is capable of exciting the surface plasmon resonances. Thus, the study of surface plasmon resonances in microparticles is directly related to the Army's obscuration program which requires large extinction at specific incident wavelengths. We have calculated the wavelength and radius dependences of the extinction, elastic scattering, absorption, and near-field intensity at the interface of Ag, Au, and Cu spheres (publication 7). A close connection exists between surface plasmon resonances and the recently discovered giant surface enhancement ($10^5 - 10^6 \times$) of the Raman scattering from molecules adsorbed on the metallic colloids, electrodes, and thin films. The latter topic can have application to electrochemistry and catalysis.

We believe the most important contribution resulting from our two years of ARO support is the formation of an effective experimental program. Our new results have been used to critically test existing theories and calculations, as well as to stimulate new theoretical models for physical processes in light interactions with microparticles. By using dielectric and metallic interfaces, we have been able to increase the signal-to-noise ratio of the inelastic scattering which provides unique information on the chemical species contained within the microparticles. We have shown experimentally that morphology defined resonances exist in dielectric as well as metallic micro-objects. These resonances give rise to enhanced extinction, elastic and inelastic scattering, and absorption and also provide a new technique for the characterization of microparticles.
PUBLICATIONS


*Reprints of all published papers have been submitted to ARO.
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WORKSHOPS HELD AT YALE ON LIGHT SCATTERING FROM SMALL PARTICLES

December 14-15, 1978

Topics:

1. Theory of morphology defined dielectric resonances (P. Chýlek, G. J. Rosasco, and M. Kerker).

2. Optical levitation of microspheres (A. Ashkin).


December 19-20, 1979

Topics:


PRESENTATIONS AT CSL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES ON OBSCURATION AND AEROSOL RESEARCH (organized by E. Stuebing)

September 17-21, 1979

"Intensity and Angular Pattern of the Inelastic Radiation from Monodispersed Spherical Aerosols."

July 21-25, 1980

"Resonances Structures in Fluorescence and Raman Spectra from Microspheres: A Sensitive Measure of Particle Diameter."

"Elastic and Inelastic Light Scattering from Optical Fibers: Radiation Patterns and Particle Morphology."

VISIT TO ARMY LABORATORY (organized by R. Pinnick)

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- Chemical speciation of microparticles can be achieved by spectral analysis of inelastically scattered radiation. Microparticle morphology and substrate contact with the microparticle affect the spectral content. Dielectric and metallic substrate interfaces have been used to increase the inelastic intensity. Morphology defined resonances in microparticles have been studied in detail as another means of increasing the inelastic intensity. The artificial peaks which can occur in dielectric microparticles as a result of the morphology defined resonances have also been investigated both theoretically and experimentally.