

Supplementary Information

The Effect of Femtosecond Laser Irradiation and Plasmon Field on the Degree of Conversion of a UDMA-TEGDMA Copolymer Nanocomposite Doped with Gold Nanorods

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S1. Heat treatment and DSC control

Reference samples were created where the conversion of the UDMA-TEGDMA copolymer was completed by applying a heat treatment of 30 min at 180°C. The resulting DSC curve can be seen in Figure S1. Compared to Figure 5b, no exotherm peak can be observed at 158.7 °C that would mark the breaking of C=C double bonds.

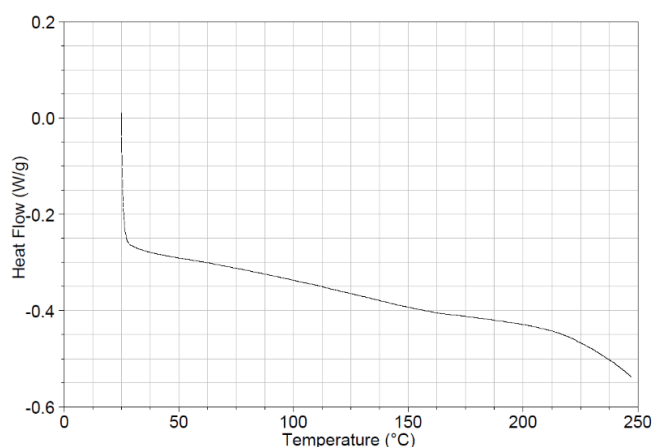


Figure S1. A DSC curve of a UDMA-TEGDMA photopolymer after control heat treatment (180°C for 30 min)

S2. Raman spectra and Lorentzian curve fitting

In the following figures all spectra corresponding tot the 13 different samples are presented, along with the Lorentzian curve fittings on the two evaluated peaks (1447 cm^{-1} and 1639 cm^{-1}). The presented spectra are an average of 3 in every case. Table S1 shows the different experimental conditions for the different samples.

Table S1. Assignment of the sample IDs with the various conditions used in sample preparation and irradiation experiments.

| ID | Heat treatment | Laser irradiation | Gold nanorod size, nm | Gold nanorod concentration, mL^{-1} |
|-----|--|-------------------|-----------------------|--|
| #0 | Pre-polymer mixture (reference sample) | | | |
| #1 | - | - | - | - |
| #2 | - | - | 25×75 | 1.9×10^{12} |
| #3 | - | + | - | - |
| #4 | - | + | 25×75 | 1.9×10^{12} |
| #5 | + | - | - | - |
| #6 | + | - | 25×75 | 1.9×10^{12} |
| #7 | + | + | - | - |
| #8 | + | + | 25×75 | 1.9×10^{12} |
| #9 | - | - | 25×85 | 9.5×10^{11} |
| #10 | - | + | 25×85 | 9.5×10^{11} |
| #11 | - | - | 25×85 | 1.9×10^{12} |
| #12 | - | + | 25×85 | 1.9×10^{12} |

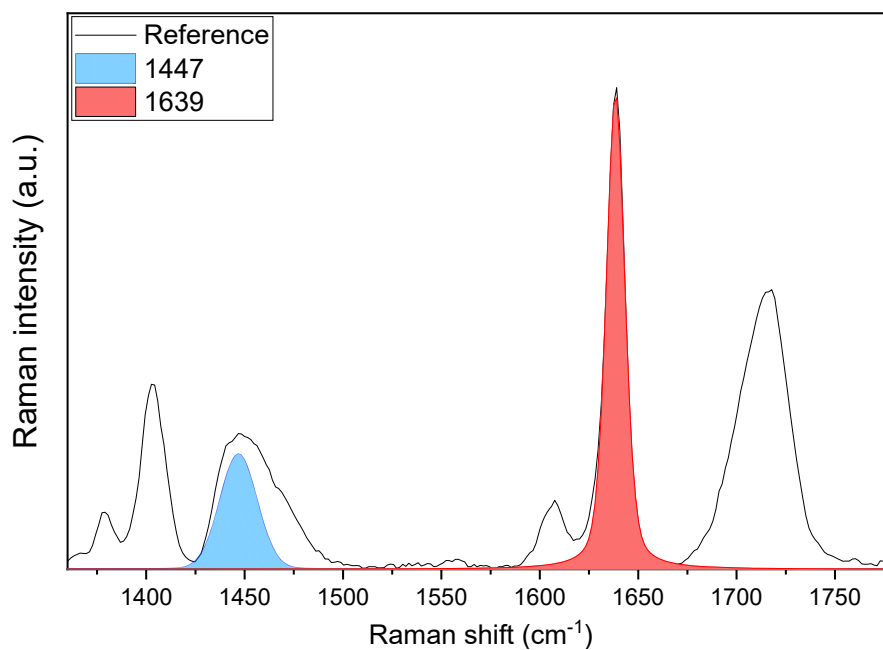


Figure S2. Sample #0 – reference

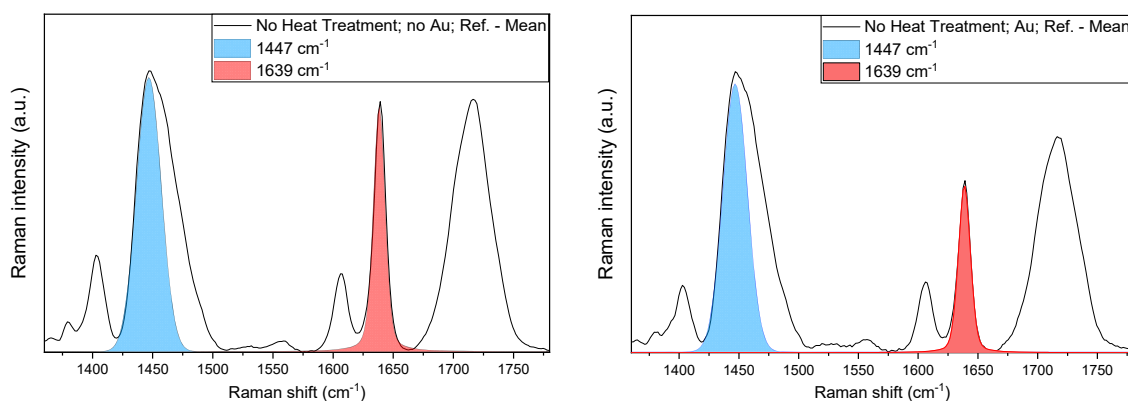


Figure S3. Sample #1 (left) and Sample #2 (right)

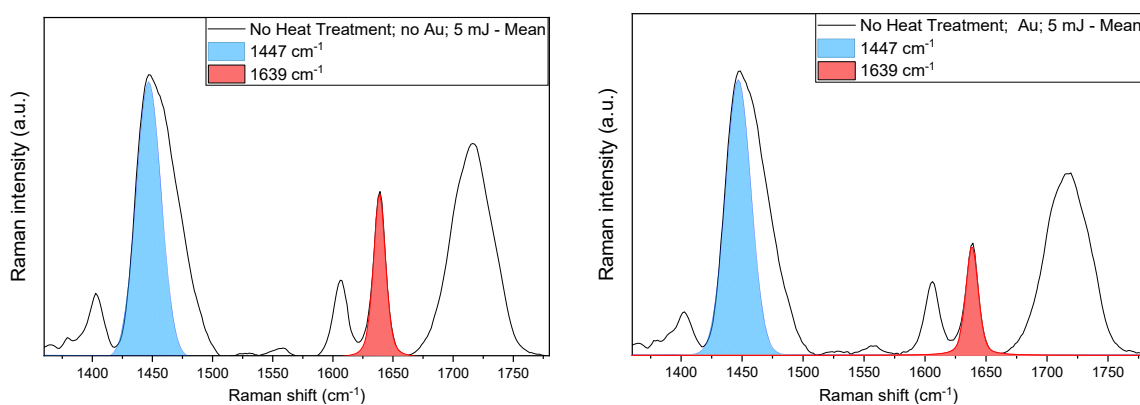


Figure S4. Sample #3 (left) and Sample #4 (right)

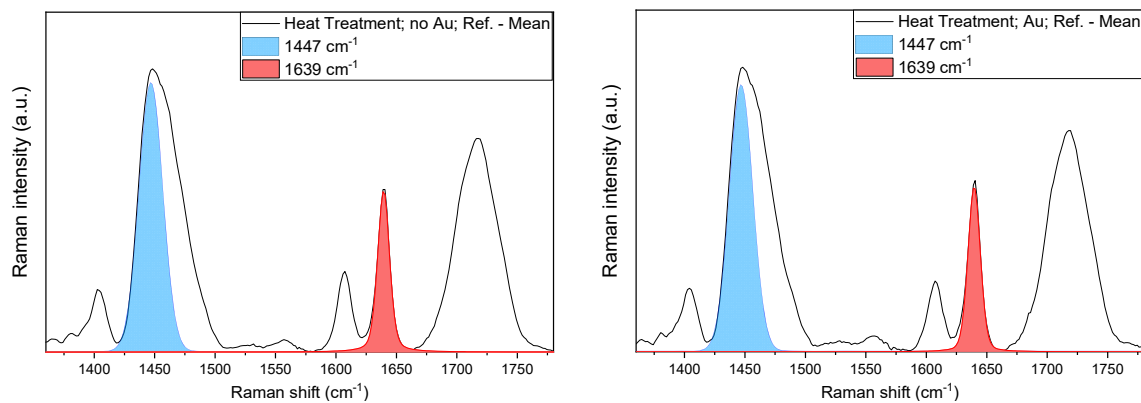


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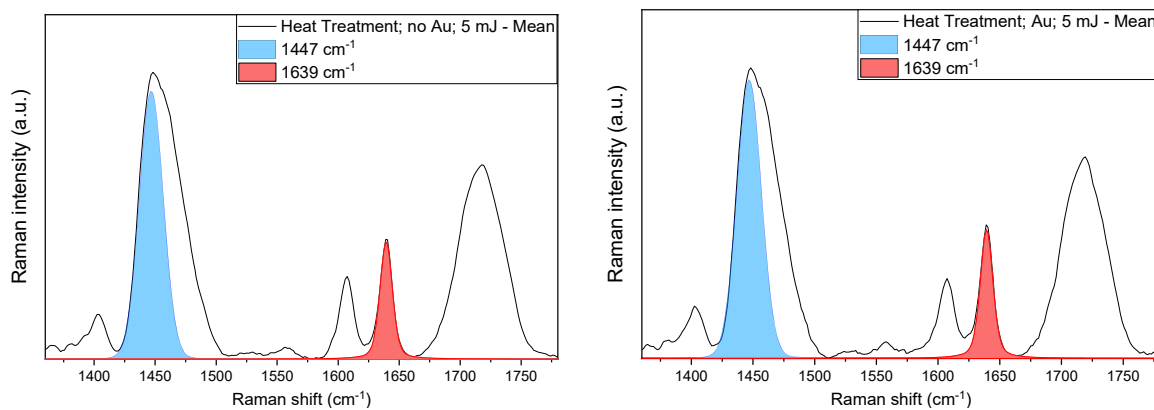


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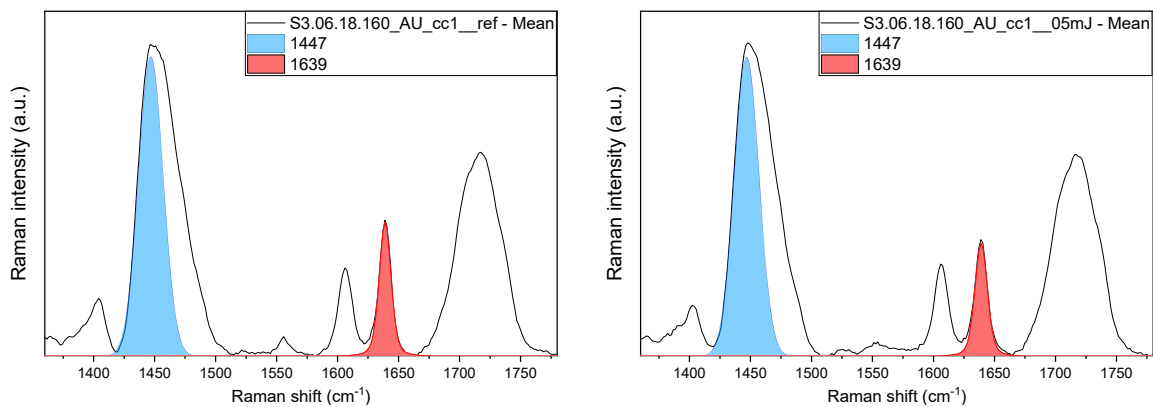


Figure S7. Sample #9 (left) and Sample #10 (right)

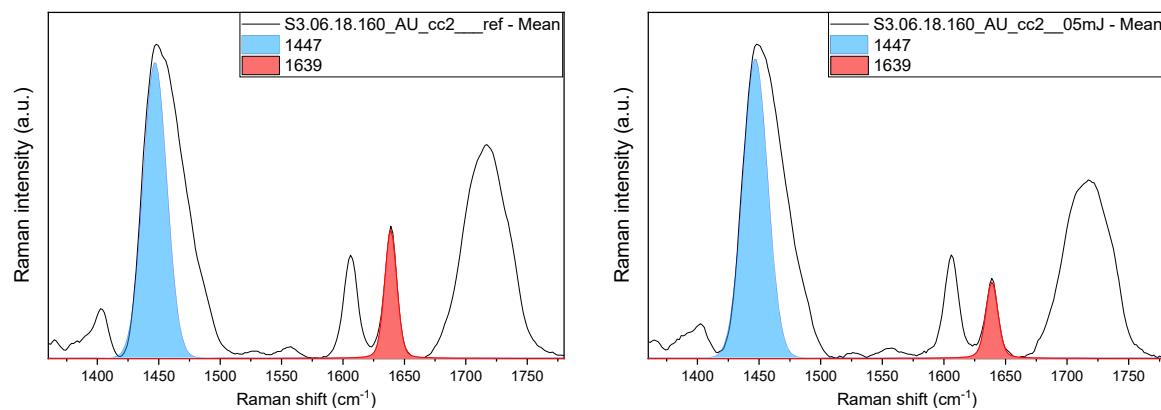


Figure S8. Sample #11 (left) and Sample #12 (right)

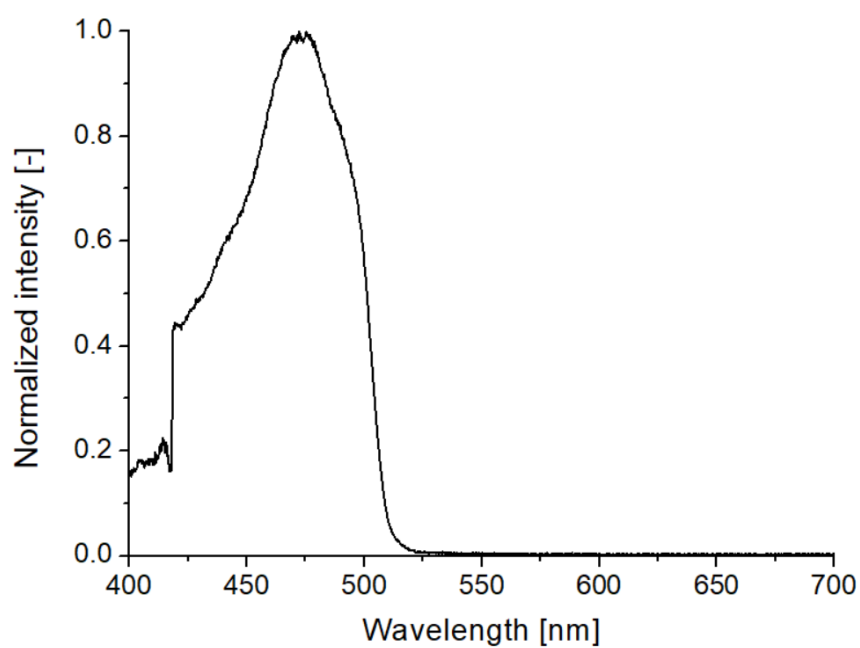


Figure S9. Emission spectrum of the used dental curing lamp.