

Special Issue

Recent Advances of Upconversion Nanoparticles

Message from the Guest Editor

Lanthanide-doped upconversion nanoparticles (UCNPs) can convert multiple low-energy near infrared (NIR) photons into high-energy visible and ultraviolet (UV) light. Due to NIR light (650–950 nm and 1000–1350 nm) being able to efficiently pass through thick tissue, known as the “biological transparent window”, UCNPs are highly attractive as nanoprobes for biomolecular detection and imaging and as NIR photon transducers to deliver localized visible and UV emissions in live cells. This Special Issue aims to provide an overview of the recent developments in upconversion nanosystems, including but not limited to:

- Synthesis and morphology control of upconversion nanoparticles;
- Optical properties of upconversion nanoparticles;
- Single particle characterization of upconversion nanoparticles;
- Hybrid upconversion nanoparticles;
- Surface function of upconversion nanoparticles;
- Application of upconversion nanoparticles.

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