

## Supporting information

# Tuning Structural Asymmetries of Three- Dimensional Gold Nanorod Assemblies

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### Experimental Section

**Materials.** All the chemicals were commercially obtained. Tetrachloroauric acid ( $\text{HAuCl}_4$ ) was purchased from Alfa, cetyltrimethyl ammonium bromide (CTAB), sodium dodecylsulfate (SDS), silver nitrate, sodium borohydride ascorbic acid and alicyclic acid were supplied by Sigma. bis(psulfanatophenyl)phenyl-phosphine (BSPP) was bought from Strem Chemicals. Non-thiolated DNA sequences were bought from Invitrogen. Thiolated DNA sequences of HPLC grade were bought from Sangon Biotech.

### Preparation and functionalization of AuNRs.

*Synthesis of AuNRs:*  $10 \times 36$  nm AuNRs were synthesized following our published protocol.<sup>1</sup>  $20 \times 40$  nm AuNRs were prepared by a modified seed-mediated growth method under the assistance of aromatic molecules, as previously reported.<sup>2</sup>

*Functionalization of the AuNRs with thiolated DNA:* 1 mL of 0.95 nM AuNRs was mixed with 10  $\mu\text{L}$  of 500  $\mu\text{M}$  thiolated DNA in  $1 \times \text{TBE}$  buffer containing 0.01% SDS, and incubate the mixture at room temperature for several hours. 10  $\mu\text{L}$  of 5 M NaCl was added into the reaction solution for 10 times in 20 h. The DNA functionalized AuNRs were purified through 2% agarose gel electrophoresis in  $0.5 \times \text{TBE}$  running buffer.

### Assembly of AuNRs on rectangular DNA Origami and purification.

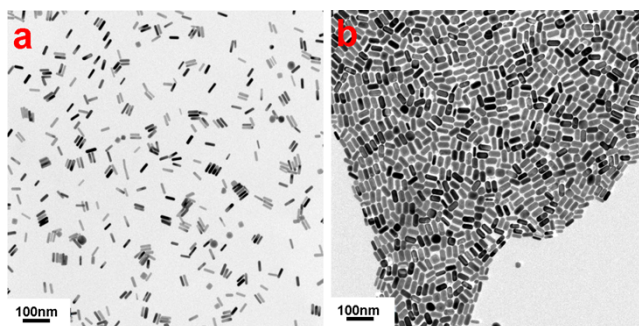
*Assembly of DNA Origami:* DNA Origami was obtained by annealing the single stranded M13mp18 with capturing strands and staple strands at a ratio of 1:10:10 from 94 °C to room temperature over 12 h. To avoid DNA Origami stacking, all of the side staples were left out. In

order to get rid of excess staple strands and capturing strands, the origami products were stained using SYBR-Green and purified by 1% agarose gel electrophoresis using 0.5×TAE-Mg<sup>2+</sup> (Tris, 20 mM; Acetic acid, 10 mM; EDTA, 1 mM; and Magnesium acetate, 6.25 mM; pH 8.0) as running buffer. The gel band of the DNA Origami was cut out under UV light and recovered by electroelution with dialysis membrane (8000–14000 MWCO).

*Immobilization of AuNRs on DNA Origami and purification:* The purified DNA Origami was mixed with DNA-functionalized AuNRs at the molar ratio of [DNA Origami]:[AuNR1]:[AuNR2]:[AuNR3] of 1:5:5:5. AuNR dimers and trimers were assembled by hybridizing DNA-modified AuNRs with capturing strands; the configuration of the AuNR dimers and trimers varied with the locations of the capturing strands on DNA Origami. The mixture of AuNRs and DNA Origami was annealed from 40°C to room temperature over 12 h. The assemblies were subjected to 1% agarose gel electrophoresis for 30 minutes at 100 V. In daylight, the desired band was cut out and recovered by electroelution with dialysis membrane (8000–14000 MWCO).

### **Characterization.**

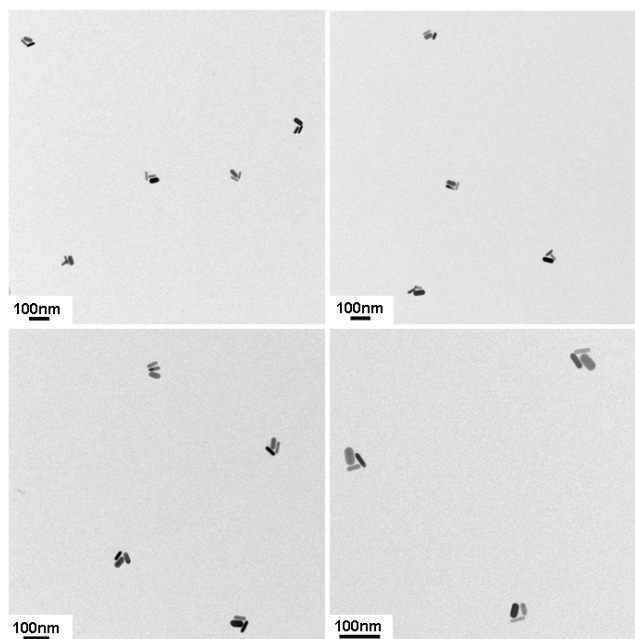
The absorption spectra of the AuNRs and their assemblies were measured by using PE lambda-25 UV/Vis spectrometer. The CD spectra were collected on an Applied Photophysics Chirascan Plus Spectropolarimeter. The measurement was carried out at the wavelength range of 400–900nm at room temperature in a 1.0 cm length cell. All the AuNR assemblies were diluted to 200 μL in 0.5×TAE-Mg<sup>2+</sup>. The scanning speed is 100 nm/min. The baseline was corrected using 0.5×TAE-Mg<sup>2+</sup> buffer. A Tecnai G2 F20 S-Twin TEM (FEI, USA) was used for sample observation.



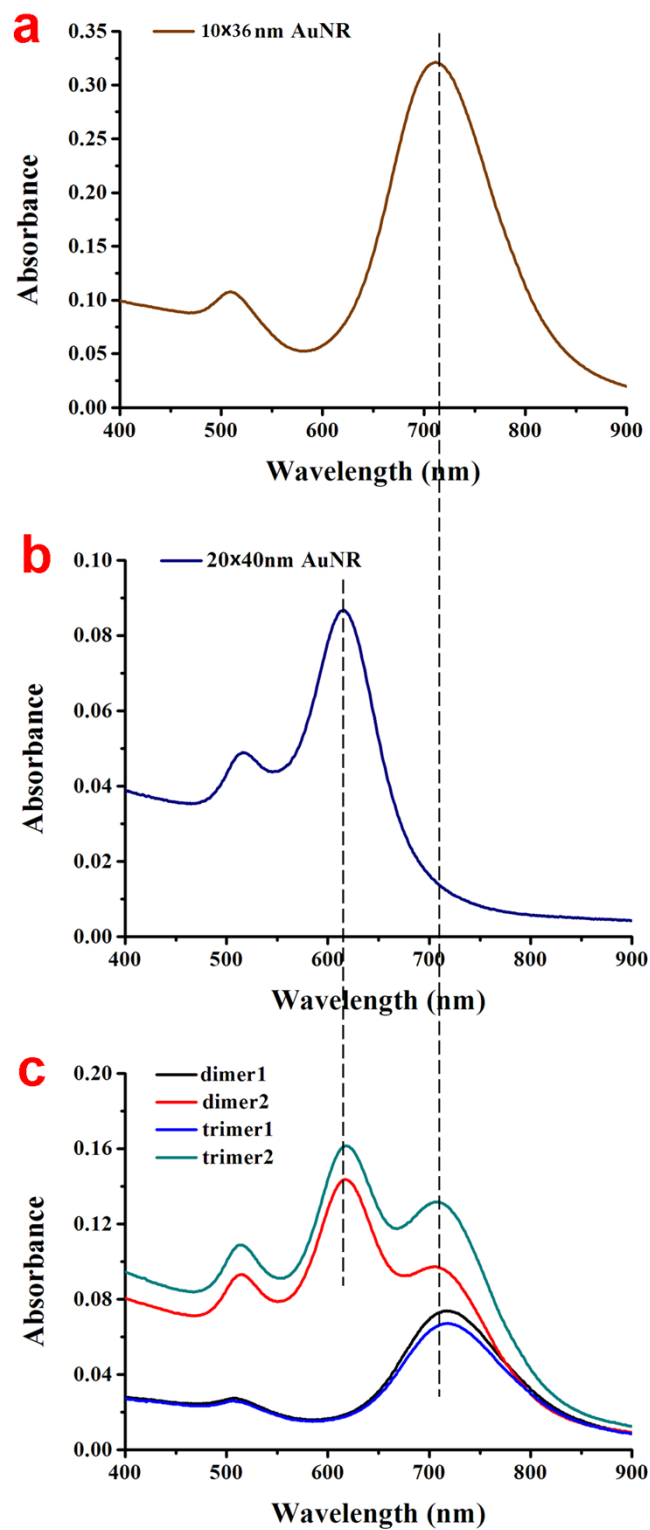
**Fig S1.** TEM images of (a) 10×36 nm AuNR and (b) 20×40 nm AuNR.

**Table S1.** Statistical sizes of 10×36 nm and 20×40 nm AuNR.

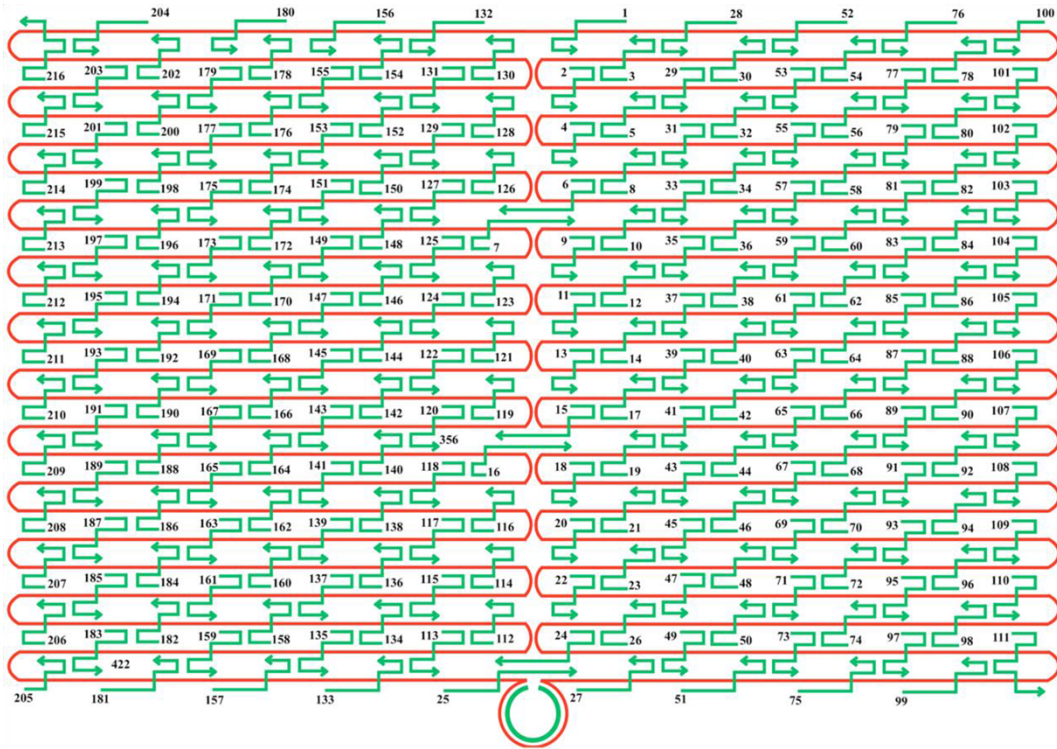
	Small AuNR	Big AuNR
Length (nm)	36.43±2.47	40.03±1.96
Width (nm)	9.88±1.37	19.97±2.02
Aspect ratio	3.69	2.00



**Fig S2.** TEM images of trimer2.



**Fig S3.** UV-vis absorption spectra of (a) 10×36 nm AuNR, (b) 20×40 nm AuNR and (c) assembled AuNR dimers and trimers.



**Figure S4.** The basic rectangular DNA Origami used in present study without being modified with capturing strands on opposite sides. The green lines are short staple strands, the red line is single stranded M13mp18 viral DNA.

**Sequence of staple strands used in the assembly of basic rectangular DNA origami (left to right 5'-3')**

- 1 CAAGCCCAATAGGAAC CCATGTACAAACAGTT
- 2 AATGCCCCGTAACAGT GCCCGTATCTCCCTCA
- 3 TGCCTTGACTGCCTAT TTCGGAACAGGGATAG
- 4 GAGCCGCCCCACCACC GGAACCGCGACGGAAA
- 5 AACCAGAGACCCTCAG AACCGCCAGGGGTCAG
- 6 TTATTCATAGGGAAGG TAAATATT CATTCAAGT
- 7 CATAACCCGAGGCATA GTAAGAGC TTTTAAAG
- 8 ATTGAGGGTAAAGGTG AATTATCAATCACCGG
- 9 AAAAGTAATATCTTAC CGAAGCCCTTCCAGAG
- 10 GCAATAGCGCAGATAG CCGAACAATTCAACCG
- 11 CCTAATTTACGCTAAC GAGCGTCTAATCAATA
- 12 TCTTACCAGCCAGTTA CAAAATAAATGAAATA

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**For AuNR dimer1**

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**For AuNR trimer1 and trimer2**

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**The sequences of thiolated sticky ends used for modification of AuNRs localized respectively on opposites sides of DNA origami (left to right 5'-3')**

ssDNA1: TTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT AGCGA-SH

ssDNA2: GATTCGATAGCTTAT GCTGC-SH

ssDNA3: TGTGTACTAGGCCGA TGCGA-SH

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