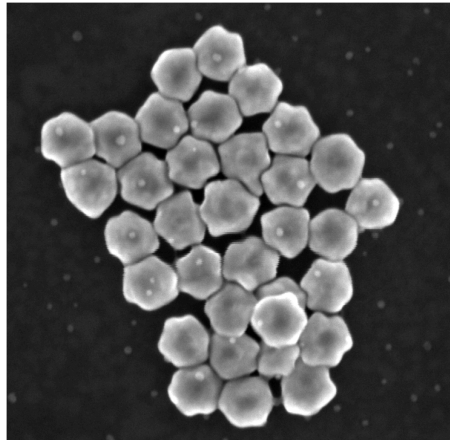


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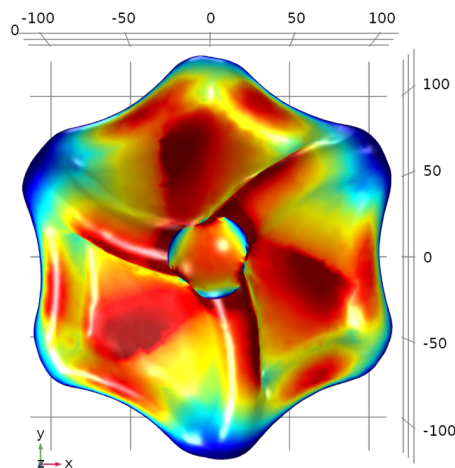
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Captions: Gold nanoparticles detect lung cancer signatures in blood samples



■ **Gold-Nanoparticles-SEM.jpg** A scanning electron microscope image of chiral gold nanoparticles developed for a new microfluidic chip capable of detecting signatures of lung cancer from blood plasma samples. Image dimensions are 2 x 2 micrometers (2000 x 2000 nanometers).

Alt: A cluster of gray, hexagonal shapes with rounded corners cluster together on a black background.



■ **Gold-Nanoparticle-Graphic.jpg** The twisted disk shape of the gold nanoparticle creates chirality, or asymmetry, ensuring strong interaction with light. The less than 100 nanometer-wide cavity in the center helps the nanoparticle capture exosomes.

Alt: Graphic of a 200 nanometer hexagon with rounded corners. Every other corner has a channel from the edge to the center where a cavity recesses into the shape. The channels are slightly twisted clockwise, resembling a pinwheel.