

Gold nanoparticle catalyst for plasma nitridation of thin films

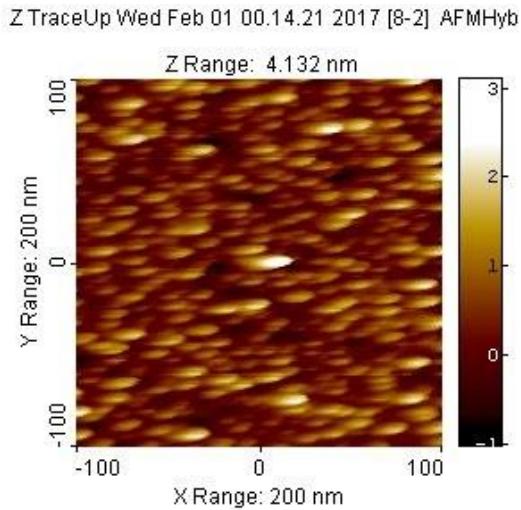


Fig.1 Non-contact AFM image of Au nanoparticles on $\text{SiO}_2/\text{Si}(100)$ after 2min. of Au deposition.

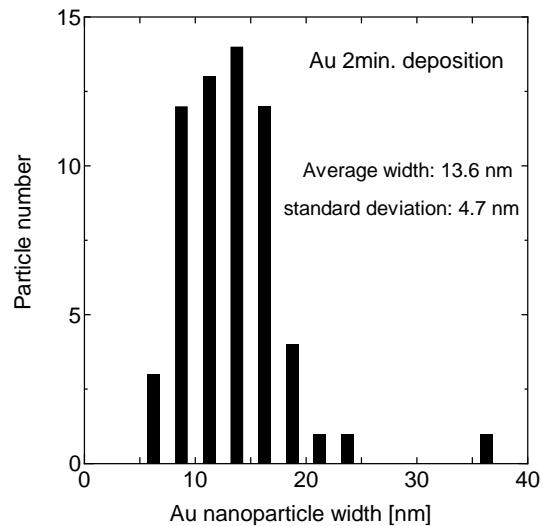


Fig.2 Size distribution of Au nanoparticles on $\text{SiO}_2/\text{Si}(100)$ after 2min. of Au deposition.

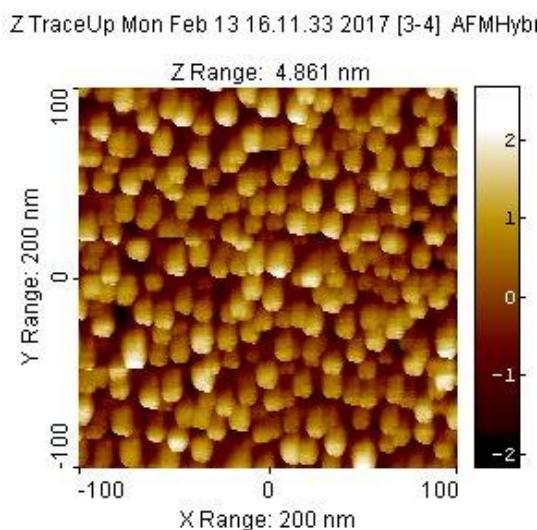


Fig.3 Non-contact AFM image of Au nanoparticles on $\text{SiO}_2/\text{Si}(100)$ after 1min. of nitrogen plasma exposure on 2min. of Au deposited surface.

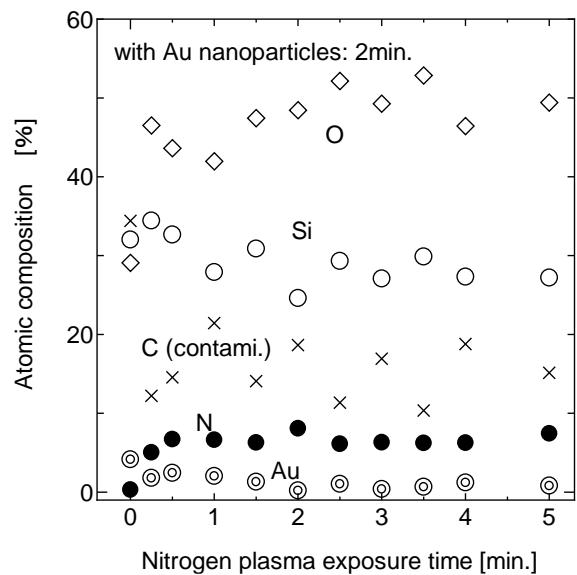


Fig.4 Nitrogen plasma exposure time dependence of atomic compositions with XPS analysis of Au nanoparticle deposited for 2 min.

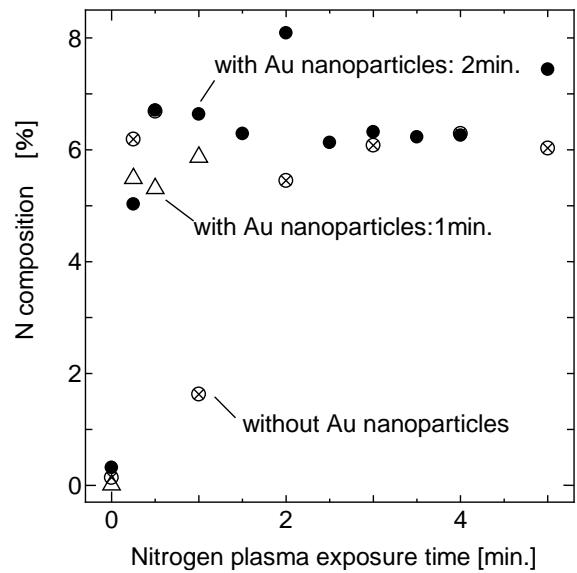


Fig.5 Nitrogen plasma exposure time dependence of nitrogen compositions with XPS analysis of the samples with and without Au nanoparticles.