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**Sensing aggregation in highly  
turbid plasmonic and non-plasmonic colloidal suspensions<sup>1</sup>**

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Univ — We demonstrate a method for sensing the presence of aggregation in highly  
turbid aqueous suspensions of polystyrene and gold nanospheres. Aggregation is  
induced either by changing the pH or the ionic strength, by adding small, controlled  
amounts of an acid or base solution. The particle concentrations used are at least  
two orders of magnitude higher than previously reported. To the best of our knowl-  
edge, this is a first observation of aggregation in highly dense colloidal suspensions  
without any sample dilution or special sample preparation.

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