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**Crystal Structure Anisotropy Explains Anomalous Elastic Properties of Metal Nanorods** SERGUEI GOUPALOV, Jackson State Univ — It is demonstrated that the frequency of the extensional vibrational mode of a nanorod made of an elastically anisotropic crystalline material deviates widely from the predictions of the theories based on the analysis of the long-wavelength limit. The dispersion relation for the fundamental extensional mode of a gold rod grown in the [100] direction is calculated and found to be in an excellent agreement with experimental data obtained from the transient optical absorption measurements on gold nanorods.<sup>1</sup> This explains an anomaly in the elastic properties of nanorods which was previously attributed to a 26% decrease in Young's modulus for nanorods compared to its bulk value.

<sup>1</sup>H. Petrova, J. Perez-Juste, Zh. Zhang, J. Zhang, T. Kosel, and G.V. Hartland, *J. Mater. Chem.* **16**, 3957 (2006)

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