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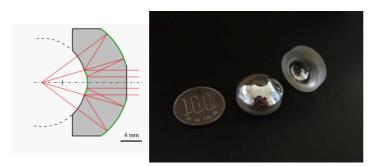
[Research Subject] Structure-function relationship of enzymes studied by single-molecule spectroscopy at liquid-helium temperature

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Research Group Activity

Optical microspectroscopy at low temperature

applied to single proteins and single nuclear spins

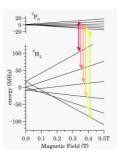


Developing objective lens for low temperature operation Single piece construction enables cooling. Reflecting optics eliminates chromatic aberration.

Detecting quantum state of a single spin in solid

 ${}^{3}\text{H}_{4} - {}^{3}\text{P}_{0}$ transition (478 nm) of Pr^{3+} doped in LaF₃ Zeeman shifts in ${}^{3}\text{H}_{4}$ and ${}^{3}\text{P}_{0}$ states are different. Different spin states absorb at different wavelengths.

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Currently, we are preparing optical detection of single Pr^{3+} ion by building wavelength-stabilized (< $10^8/day$) light source