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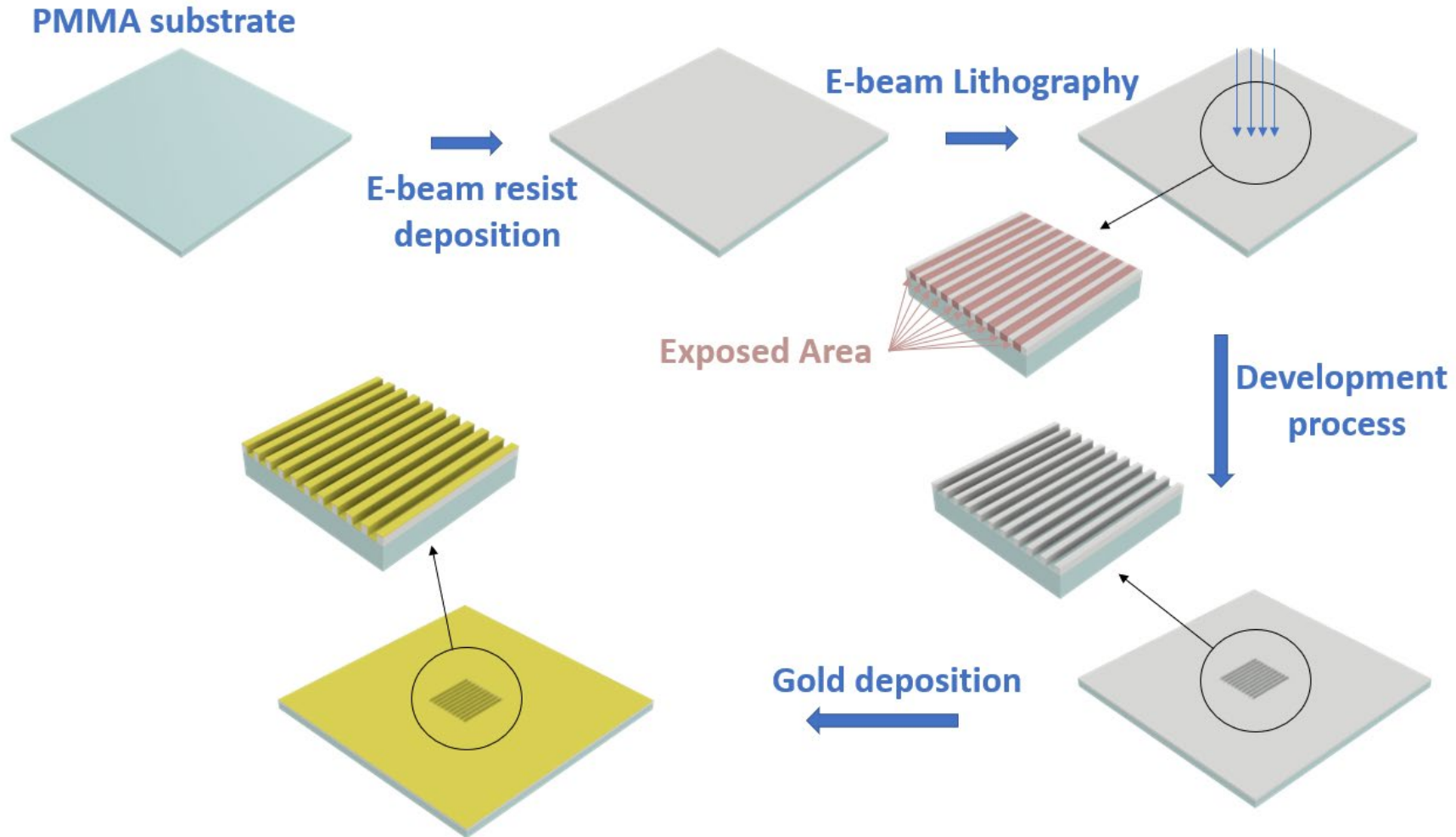
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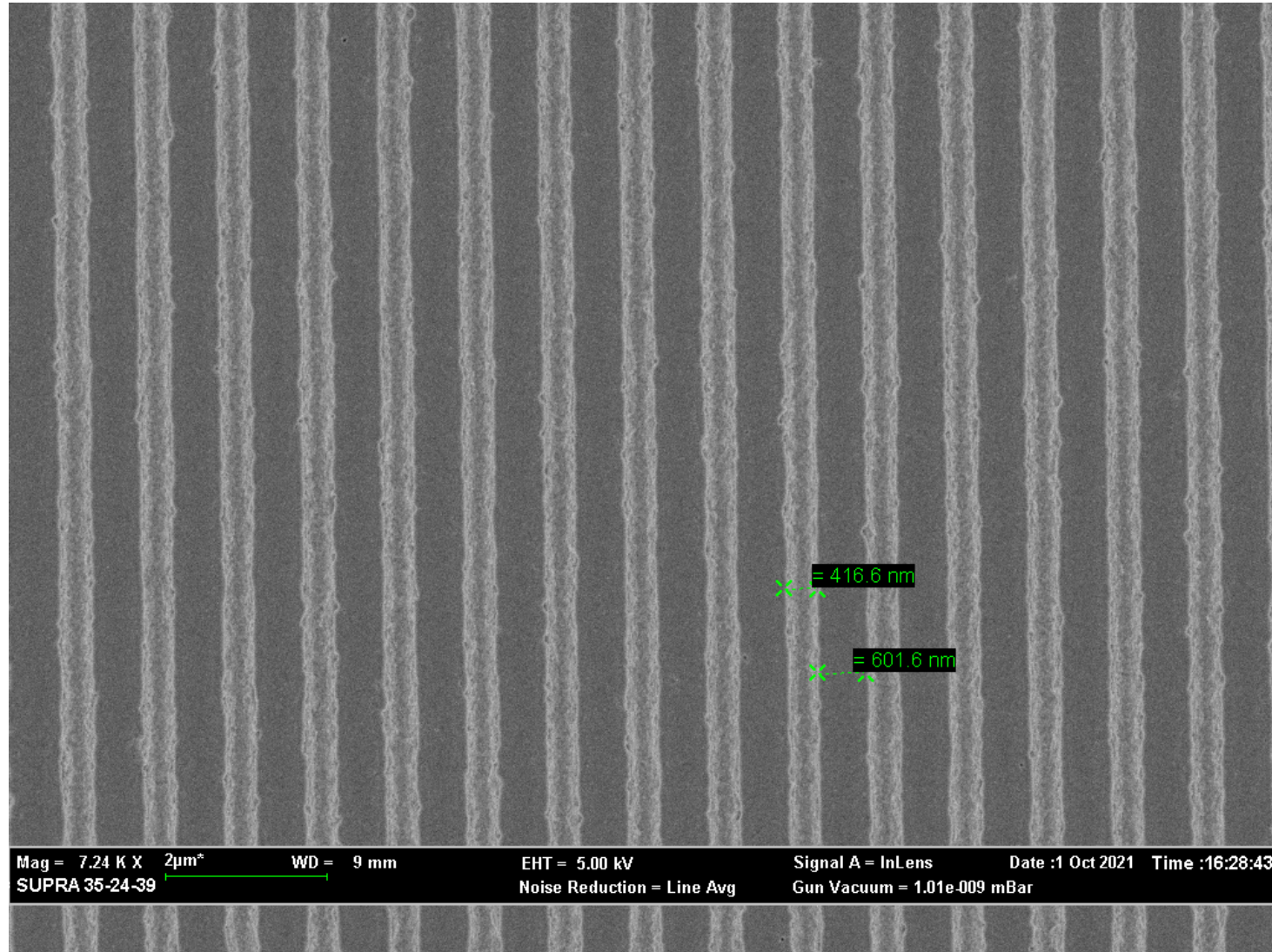
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Fabrication process



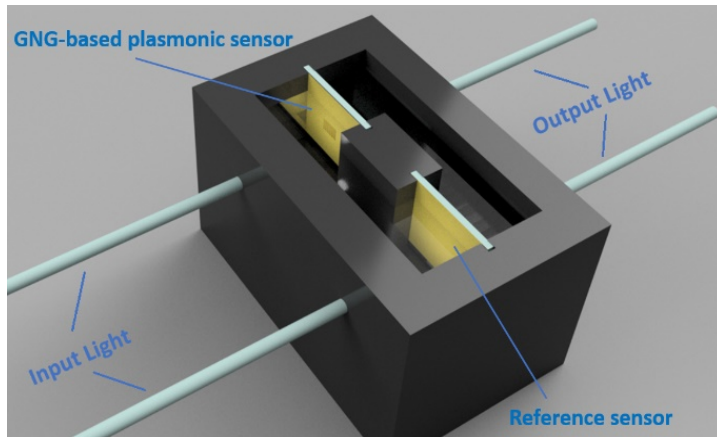
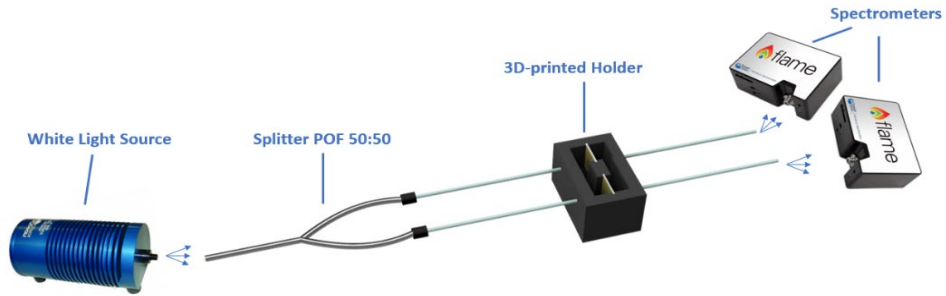
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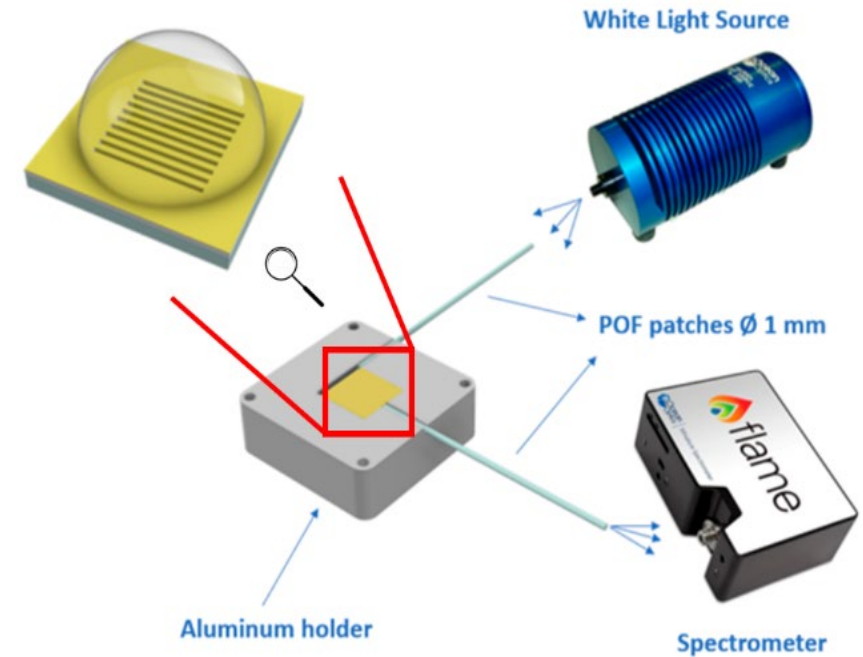


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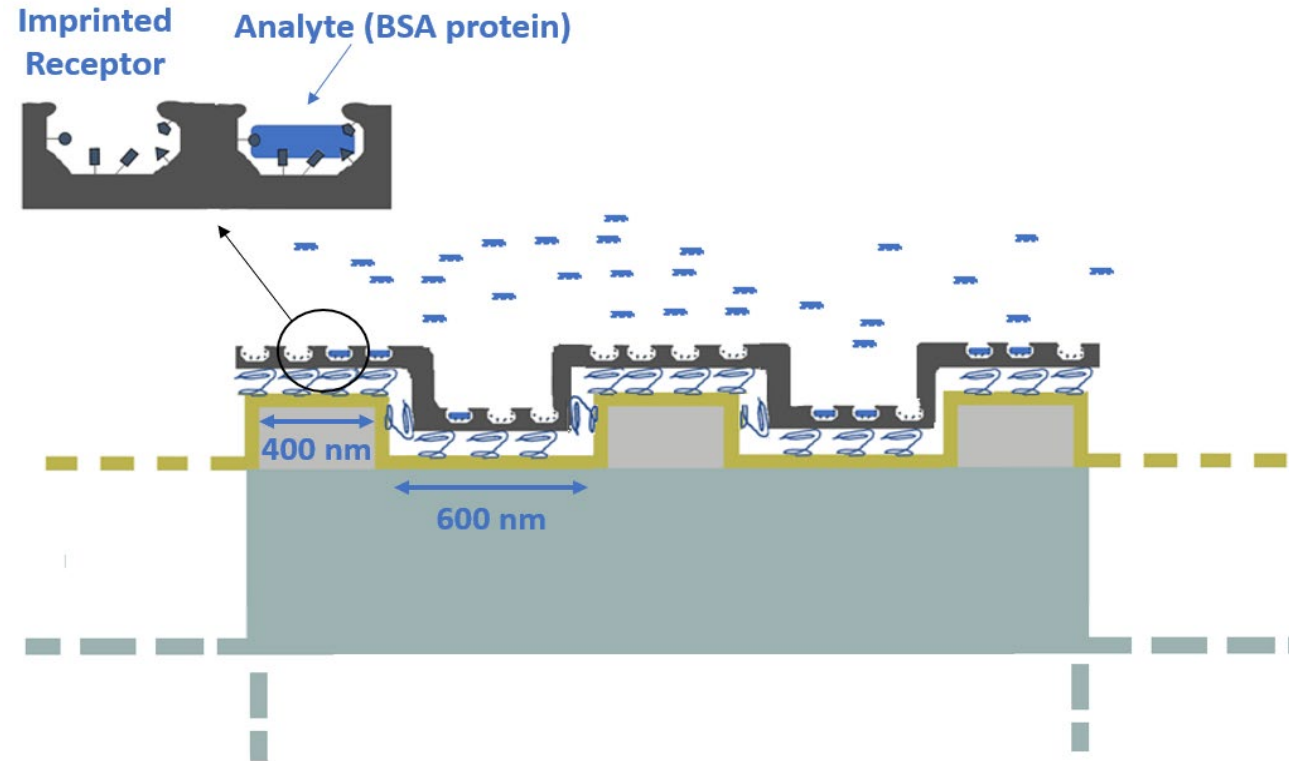
Experimental configuration 1: PMMA chip as a transparent substrate



Experimental configuration 2: PMMA chip as a slab waveguide

Experimental results

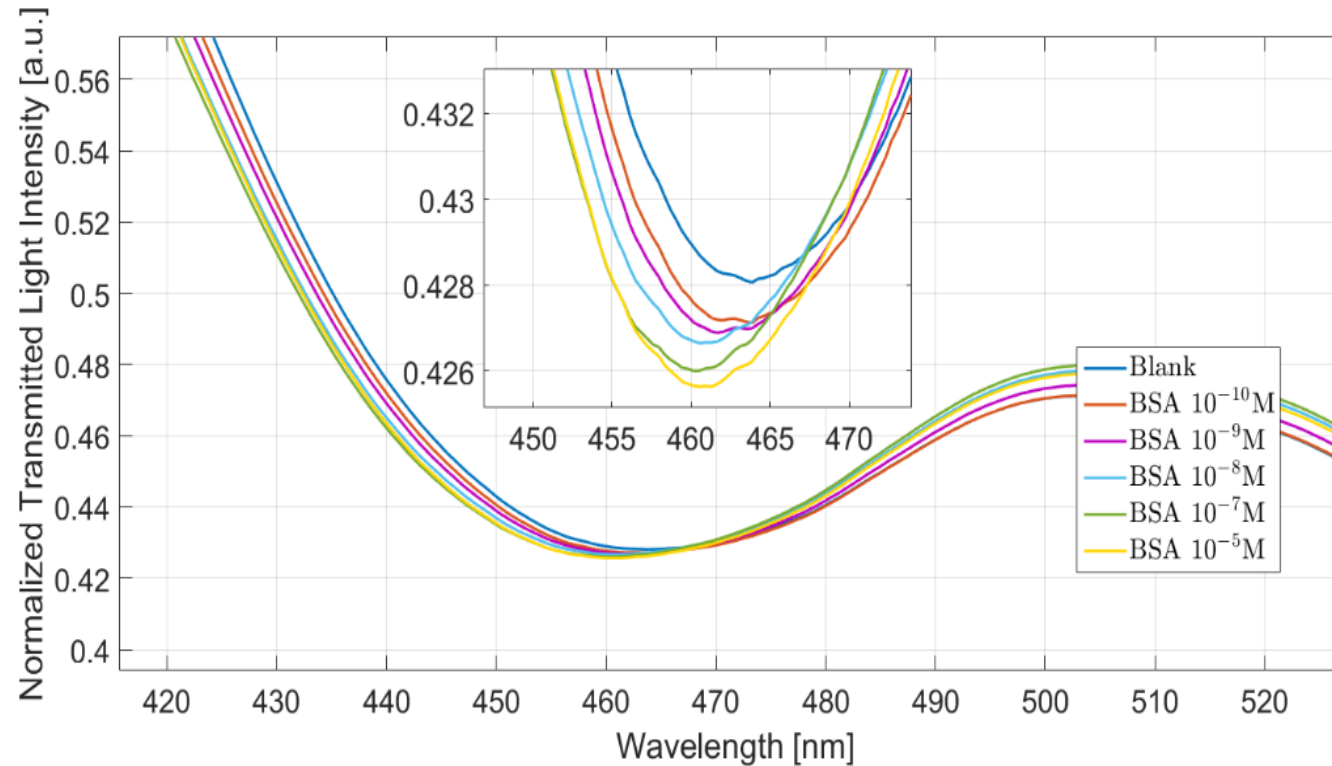
A binding test: BSA detection



The biochemical sensing capabilities of the developed plasmonic sensor have been tested by depositing a specific synthetic receptor (MIP) for the Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA).

Experimental results

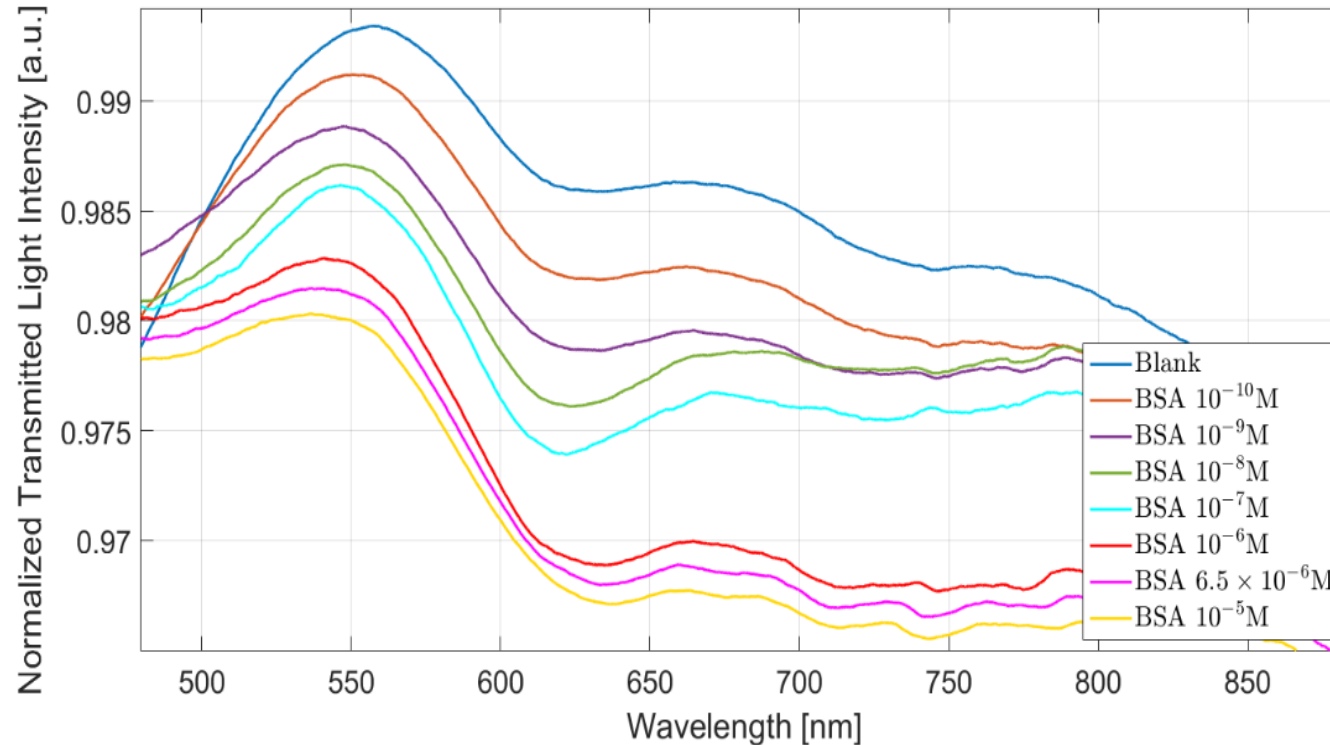
Experimental configuration 1



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Experimental results

Experimental configuration 2



This experimental configuration denotes the presence of two distinct plasmonic resonances each of one sensitive to a different range of BSA concentrations

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Experimental results

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Configuration	LOD	BSA detection range	Reference
Gold nanograting on PMMA chip (experimental configuration 1)	37 pM	37 pM – 100 nM	<i>F. Arcadio et al. "Biochemical sensing exploiting plasmonic sensors based on gold nanogratings and polymer optical fibers" Photonics Research, vol. 9(7) (2021), pp. 1397-1408.</i>
Gold nanograting on PMMA chip (experimental configuration 2)	23 pM	23 pM – 10 nM	<i>F. Arcadio et al. "Nanoplasmonic-Based Biosensing Approach for Wide-Range and Highly Sensitive Detection of Chemicals" Nanomaterials, vol. 11(8) (2021), p. 1961.</i>
	0.54 μM	0.54 μM – 10 μM	
SPR-D-shaped POFs	0.37 μM	0.37 μM – 6.5 μM	<i>N. Cennamo et al. " Proof of Concept for a Quick and Highly Sensitive On-Site Detection of SARS-CoV-2 by Plasmonic Optical Fibers and Molecularly Imprinted Polymers." Sensors, vol. 21 (2021), p. 1681.</i>

Conclusions

- A plasmonic sensor based on gold nanograting for biochemical sensing applications has been presented.
- The plasmonic sensor has been tested through two different experimental configurations.
- The experimental binding test results relative to BSA detection have demonstrated an ultra-low limit of detection in the order of pM.
- The proposed GNG-based sensor is cost effective since it is suitable for large-scale production processes.

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