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**Nanobiophotonics**

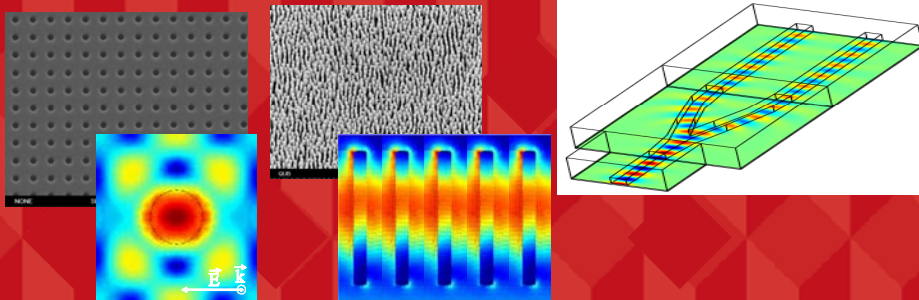
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# Nanobiophotonics

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**Plasmonic wheels**

**All-optical information processing: nanophotonic integrated circuits**

**Plasmon enhanced photonics: (O)LEDs/VCSELs, photodectors, solar cells, data storage, sensing**

**Plasmonic metamaterials with designed photonic properties**

**Nano-biophotonics**

The central graphic features several small inset images: a 3D schematic of a waveguide, a circular ring resonator, a color gradient plot, a schematic of a J-Ag structure, a cross-section of a layered structure, a scanning electron micrograph of a periodic array, a color field intensity plot, a microscopic image of a device labeled '61', and a 3D model of a nano-biophotonic structure.

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**Nanobiophotonics**


**Bio- and nano-imaging:**  
cell and protein imaging,  
Raman, SNOM, AFM,  
STORM, PALM, STED

**Plasmonics and nanophotonics:**  
SPPC, waveguides,  
metamaterials:  
bio- , chemo sensing,  
photonic trapping and  
manipulation


**Functional nanoprticles:**  
colloidal QDs, metal  
and polymer  
nanoparticles,  
nanoemulsions

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**Nanophotonics and plasmonics in bio**



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## Nanophotonics and plasmonics in bio



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Tricorder Gene I

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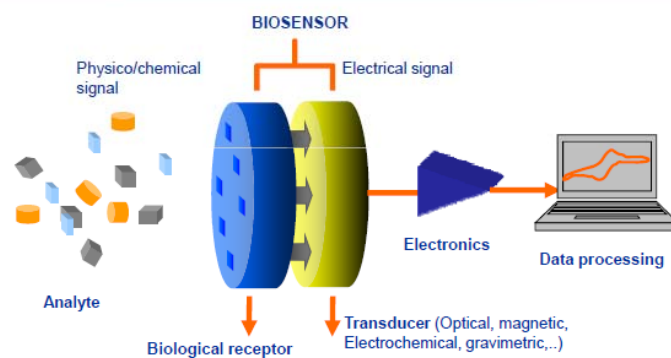
## Nanophotonics and plasmonics in bio

- Plasmonic structures for image enhancement
- Metal nanostructures for label-free biosensing
- Metal nanostructures for optical manipulations (nanotweezers)
- Metal nanoparticles for photothermal cancer therapy
- Metal nanoparticles for targeted drug delivery
- Metal nanoparticles for acousto-optical imaging

## Label-free photonic biosensing

### BIOSENSOR DEVICE

CIN2



- Biosensors are devices able to detect any substance with a **high sensitivity** by using a **specific and selective** biomolecular recognition in **real time** and **very fast** (sc-min)
- Substances which can be detected: proteins, DNA, pathogens, virus, bacterias, toxic pollutants, chemical and biological warfare agents (aplications almost endless),

## PHOTONIC BIOSENSORS

**Binding event,  $\Delta\Gamma$**

$\Delta RI \sim (dn/dc)_{vol} \Delta\Gamma$

**Change of refractive index,  $\Delta n$**

$\Delta p \sim \Delta\Gamma$

**Change of optical parameter,  $\Delta p$**   
*(Intensity, Phase, polarisation, resonant momentum,...)*

### Evanescent Wave Detection

EW: 100-900 nm

*Effective refractive index modification: changes in the optical path*

• **High sensitivity**, specially at the surface  
• **Direct** measurement without labelling of molecules (**LABEL-FREE**)  
• **Real-time** (binding can be continuously monitoring). Small volumes  
• Detection of selective biomolecular interactions. Generic technology

## STATE-OF-THE-ART: PHOTONIC BIOSENSORS

**Slot wg**

**Si wires**

**Microcantilevers**

**Photonic crystals**

**Ring resonators**

**Interferometers**

**Bicells**

**OLD TRANSDUCERS**

SPR

Optical fibers

Interferometers

Resonant mirror

Grating couplers, RIFS

**NEW TRANSDUCERS**

Localised SPR

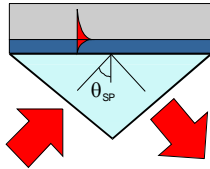
Photonic crystals

Ring resonators

Microcantilevers

Slot and Si wire waveguides

**NANO**  
More sensitive

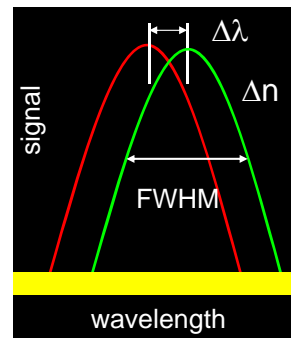


SPP and LSP resonances are extremely sensitive to refractive index

$$k_{SPP} = \frac{\omega}{c} \left( \frac{\epsilon_m \epsilon_d}{\epsilon_m + \epsilon_d} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\omega_{LSP} = f(a, \epsilon_m, \epsilon_d)$$

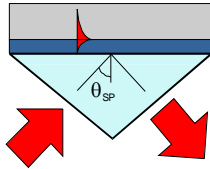
$$FOM = \frac{\Delta\lambda}{\Delta n FWHM}$$



### Label-free biosensing using surface plasmons

- **SPR: based on SPP (propagating modes)**  
 extremely high sensitivity: better than  $\Delta n \sim 10^{-5}$   
 FOM up to 20  
 less sensitive to small molecular weight analytes  
 no integration in nanoscale geometries
- **LSPR: based on localised plasmon modes**  
 FOM up to 8  
 100 times smaller sensitivity than SPR  
 10 times smaller penetration depth of probing field

## Label free biosensing

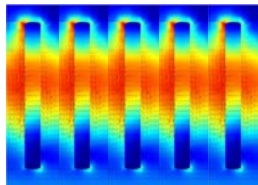


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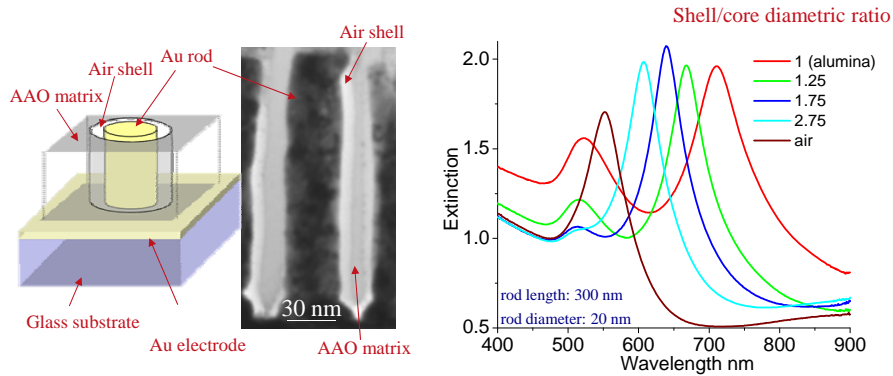
$$\omega_{meta} = f(a, d, \epsilon_m, \epsilon_d)$$

**both LSP of individual particles are modified as well as interaction between them**

**Nanorod metamaterial as a transducer for refractive index sensing**

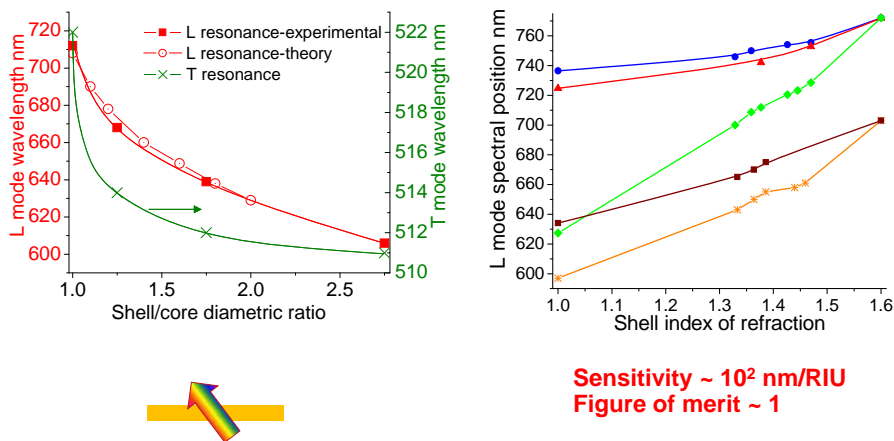


Plasmonic nanorod arrays



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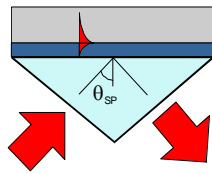
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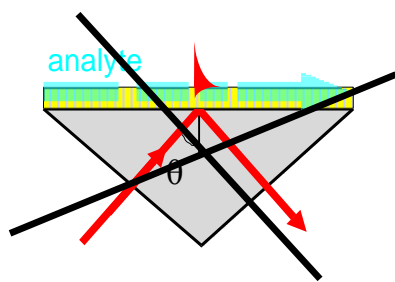
Sensitivity ~ 10<sup>2</sup> nm/RIU  
Figure of merit ~ 1

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Sensing geometry



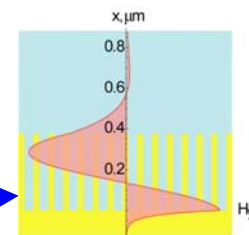
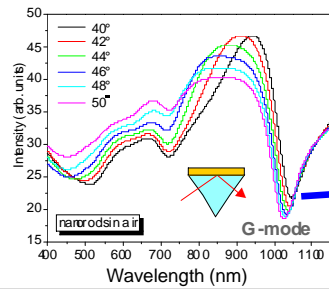
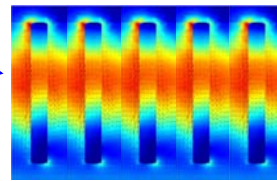
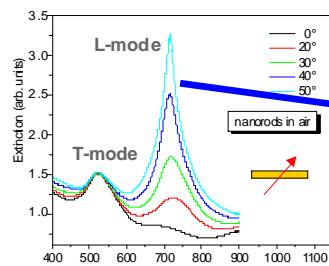
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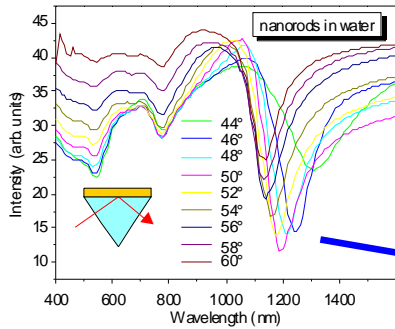
uniaxial anisotropic medium:  
 $\epsilon_x, \epsilon_y < 0$

Sensing geometry

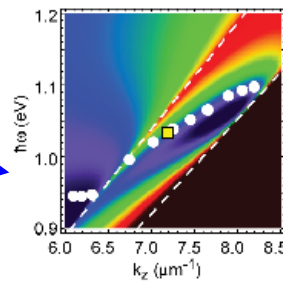


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**Sensing geometry**

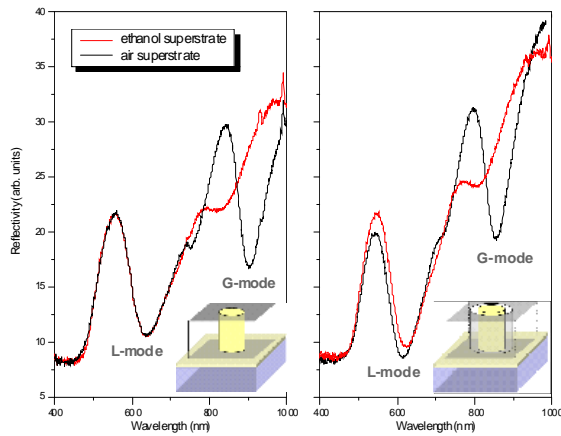


**anisotropic metamaterial waveguide**



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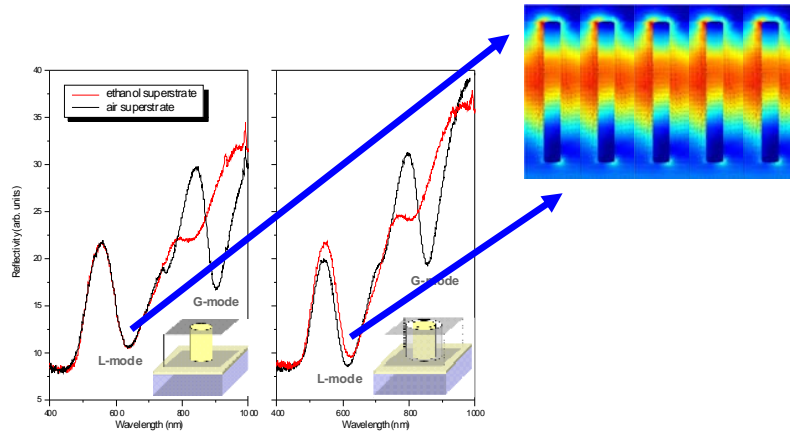
**Sensing geometry**



**sensitivity and field distribution**

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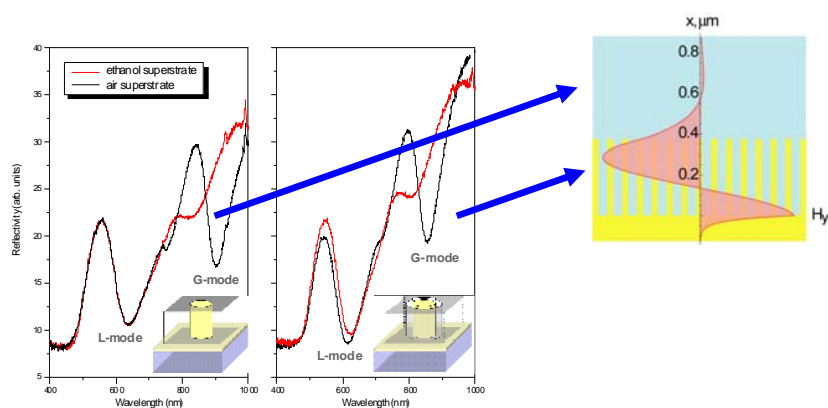
Sensing geometry



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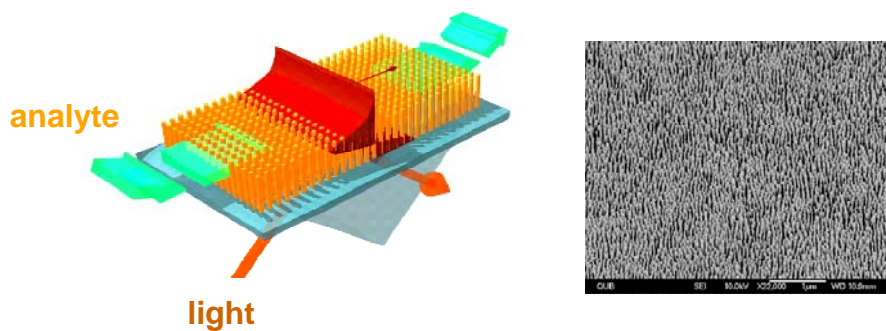
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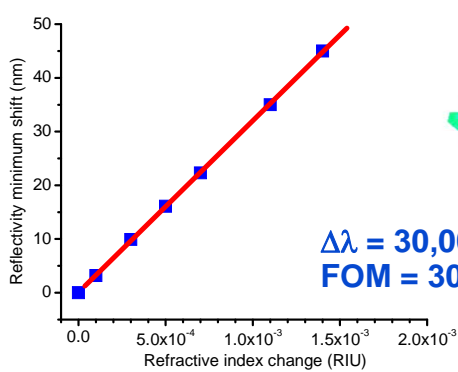
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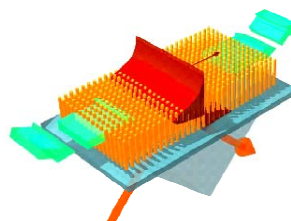


**Transducer based on plasmonic nanorod array**

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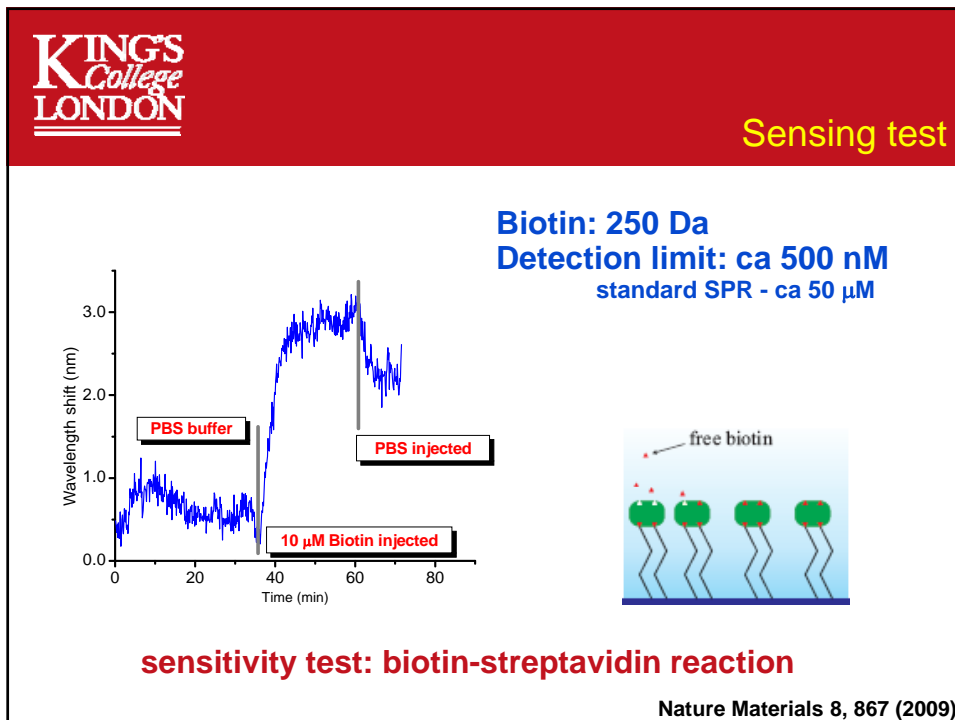
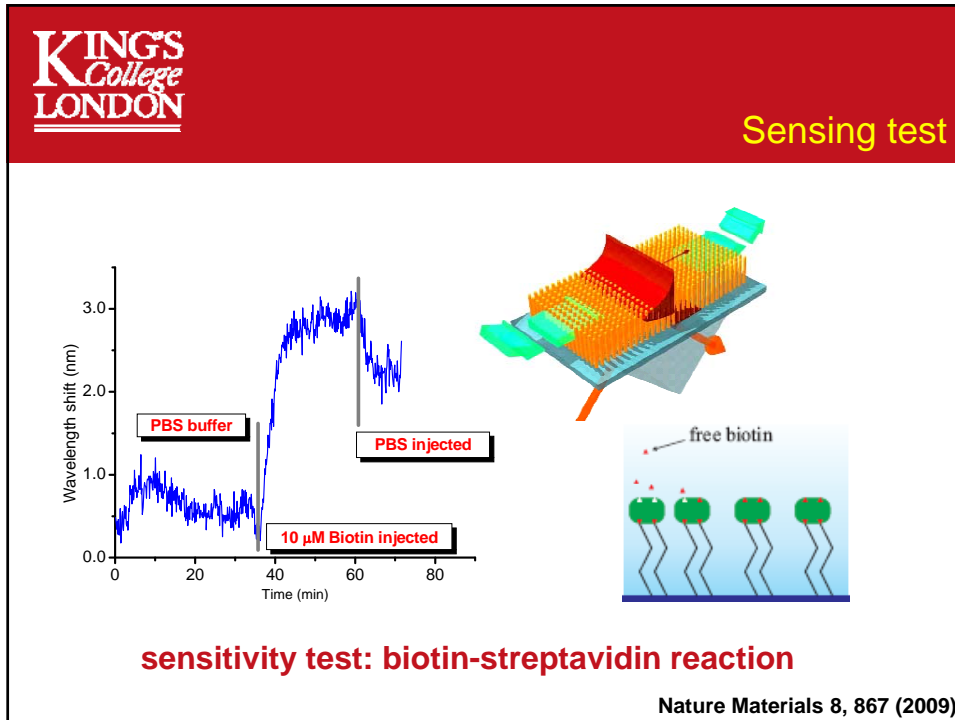


$\Delta\lambda = 30,000$  nm per RIU  
FOM = 300



**sensitivity test**

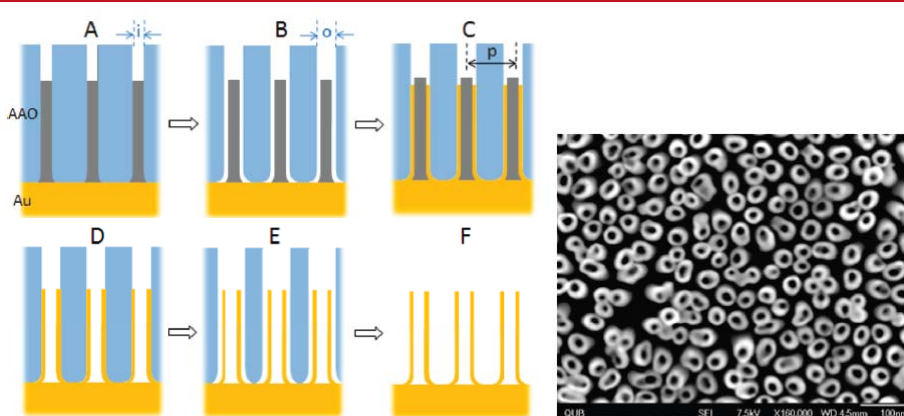
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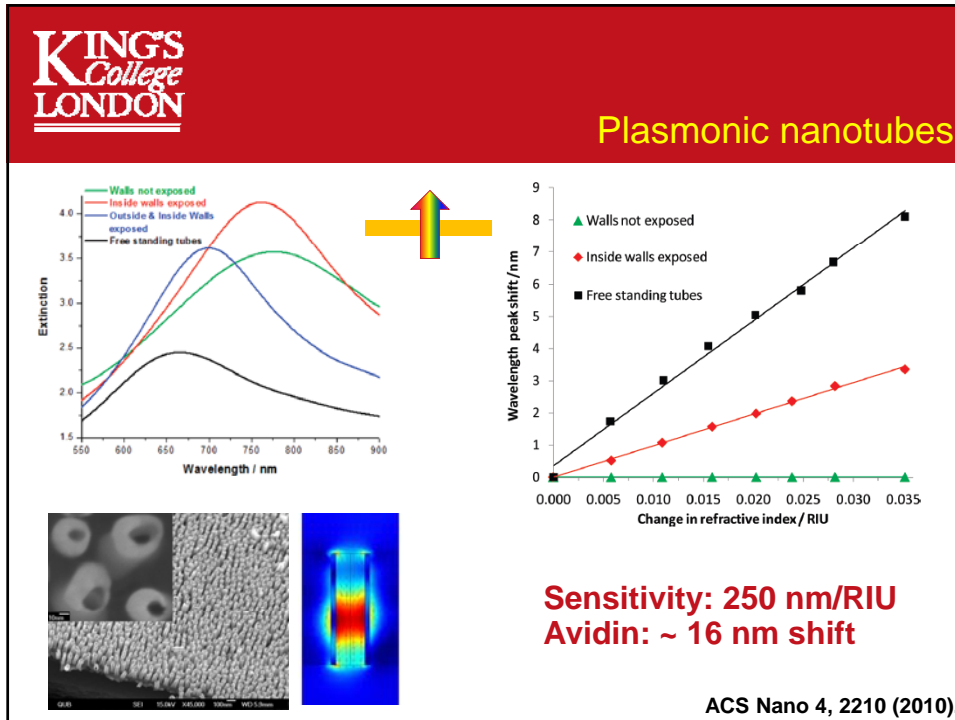
# Plasmonic nanotubes for biosensing



## Plasmonic nanotubes



ACS Nano 4, 2210 (2010).



### “Point-of-Care” Nanobiosensor microsystem

**Lab-on-a-chip**

- Nanobiosensors
- Microfluidics
- Electronics
- Sources and detectors

**“POCT” point-of care testing**

- precision
- fast
- sensitivity
- stability
- selectivity
- no pre-treatment

**Optoelectronics-based biosensors**

- Total Analysis System: integration of sources, sensors, detectors, flow system, electronics and data processing on a compact device.
- Metal, Silicon and polymer Technology: Mass Production. Low-cost fabrication.
- Sensor packed arrays

- Instant Diagnostic
- In any place at any time
- Personalized care
- Operate inside the human body

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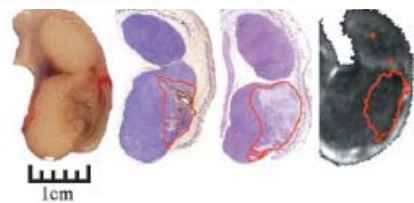
# Theranostics


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Theranostics

### Photothermal cancer therapy

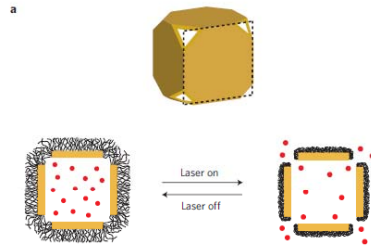
	No nanoshells 5 min	Nanoshells 0 min	Nanoshells 5 min irradiation
Calcein A Live Stain			
Phase contrast			

  
1cm

  
(Stern et al)

(Naomi Halas)

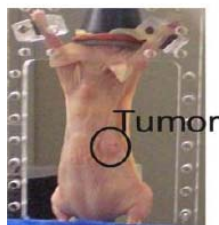
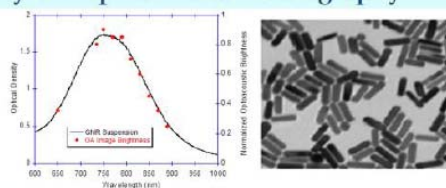
**Photothermal drug release**



M. S. Yavuz *et al.*, Nature Mat. 8, 935 (2009)

**Whole Body 3D OptoAcoustic Tomography**

Mouse with  
BT474 Tumor  
Injected iv  
200  $\mu$ L GNR  
 $C=7 \times 10^{12}/\text{mL}$



(Alexander Oraevsky)



Tricorder Gene I



Tricorder Gene II

"super-smart" phones



Eco-sensor concept

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(Boris Chichkov)