

Photonic Bandgap Biosensing Structures Biofunctionalized with Molecular Beacon Probes

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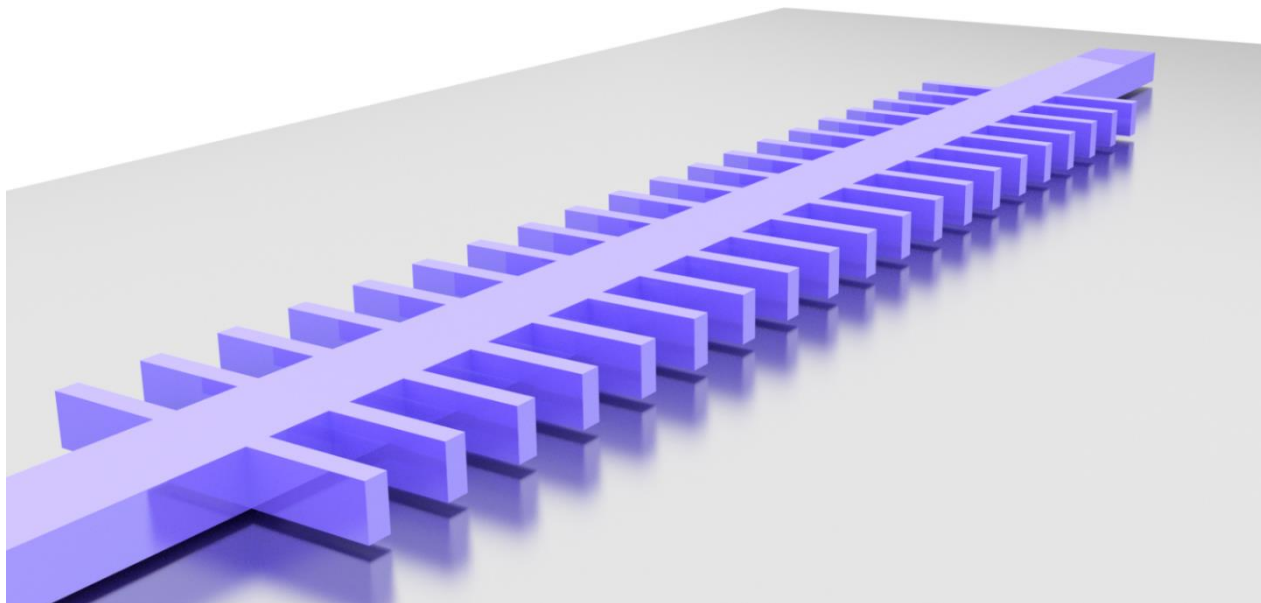
LAB-ON-A-CHIP DEVICE

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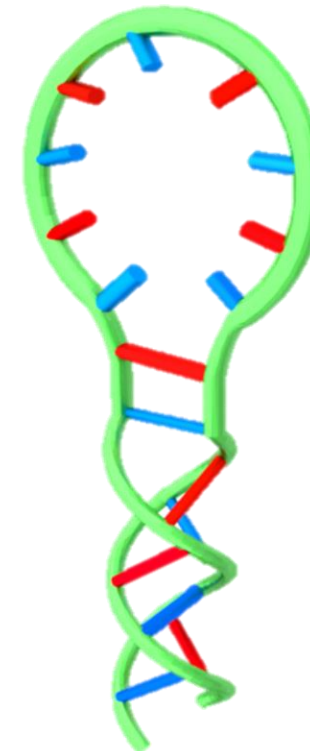
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Sensor concept

(i) Photonic Bandgap (PBG) sensing structure



(ii) Molecular Beacon (MB) probe



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(i) PBG sensing structure: working principle

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Reflections produced at the interfaces of periodic dielectric distributions.

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High interaction between the evanescent wave and the propagation medium (analytes) in periodic structures.

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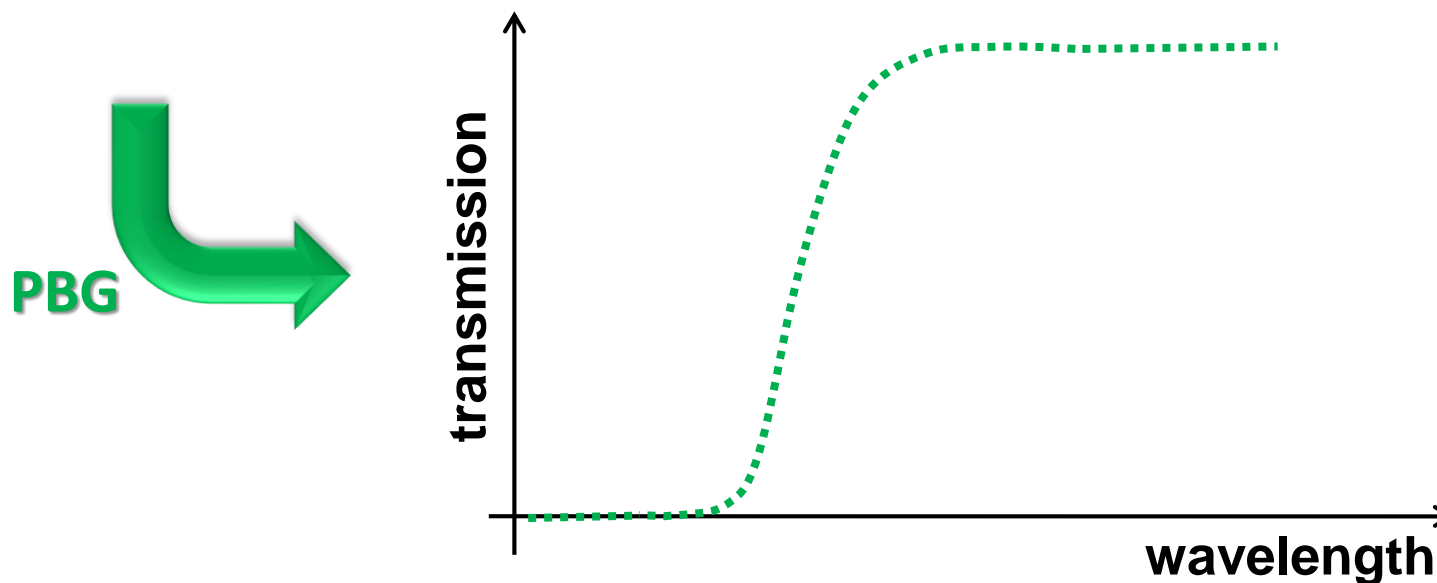
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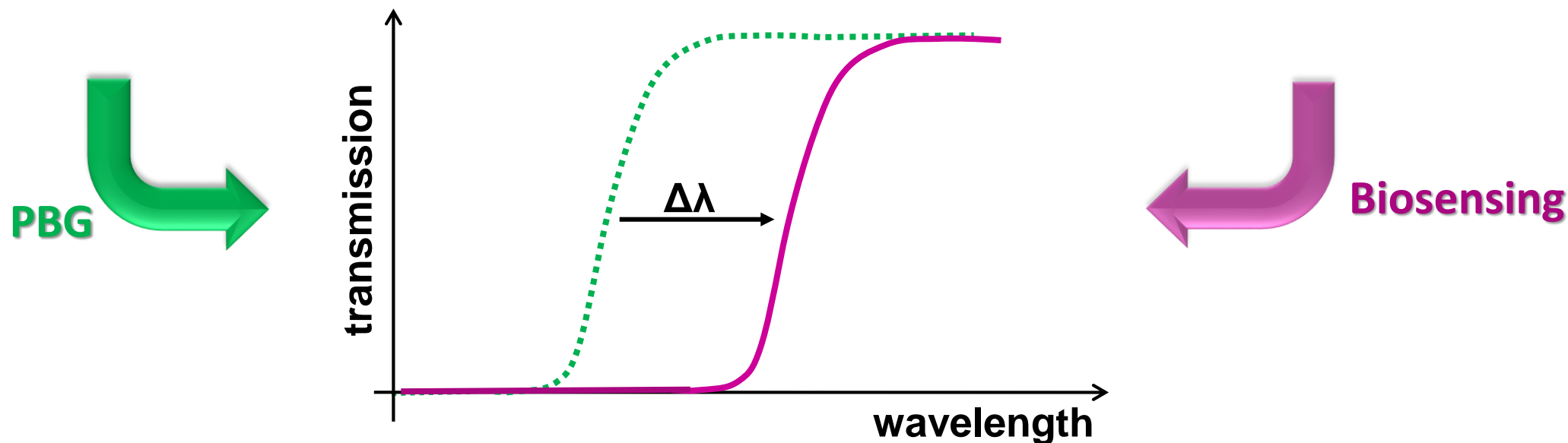
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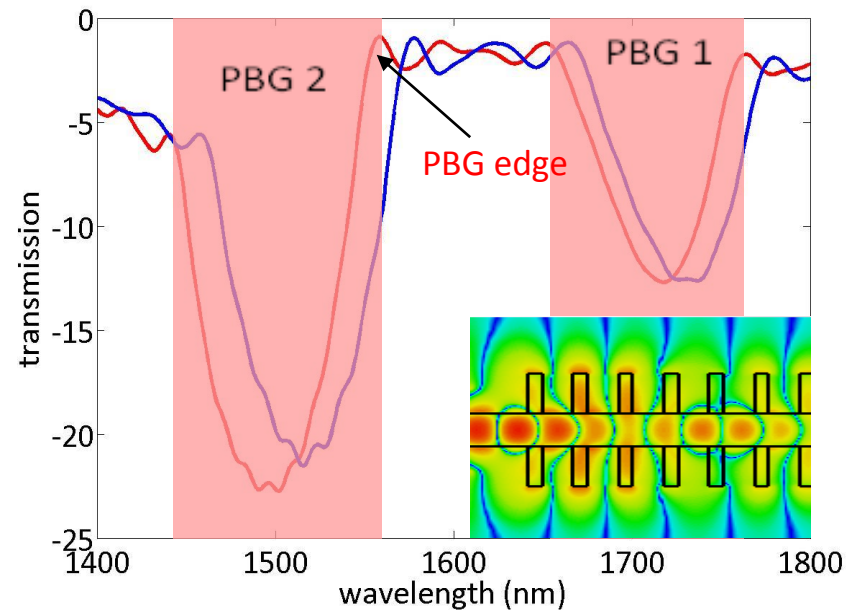
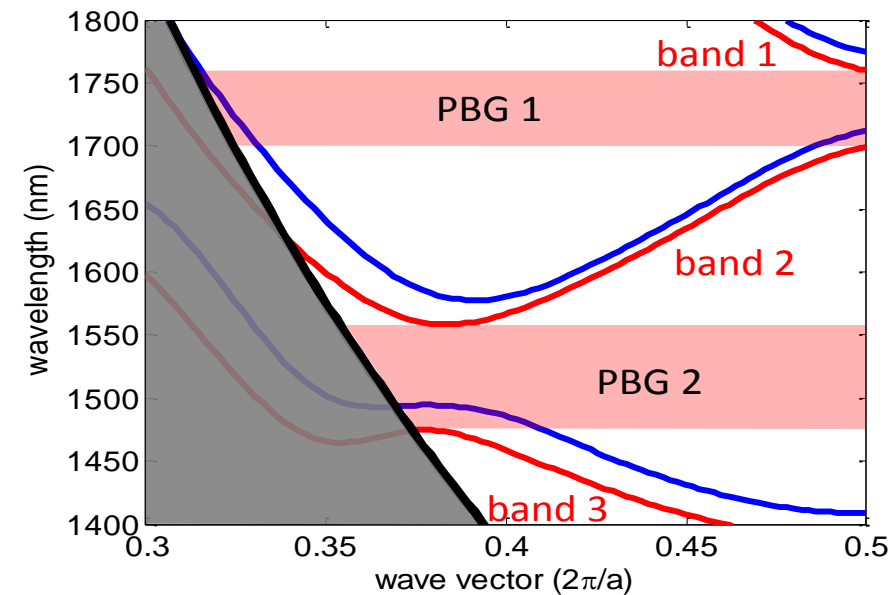
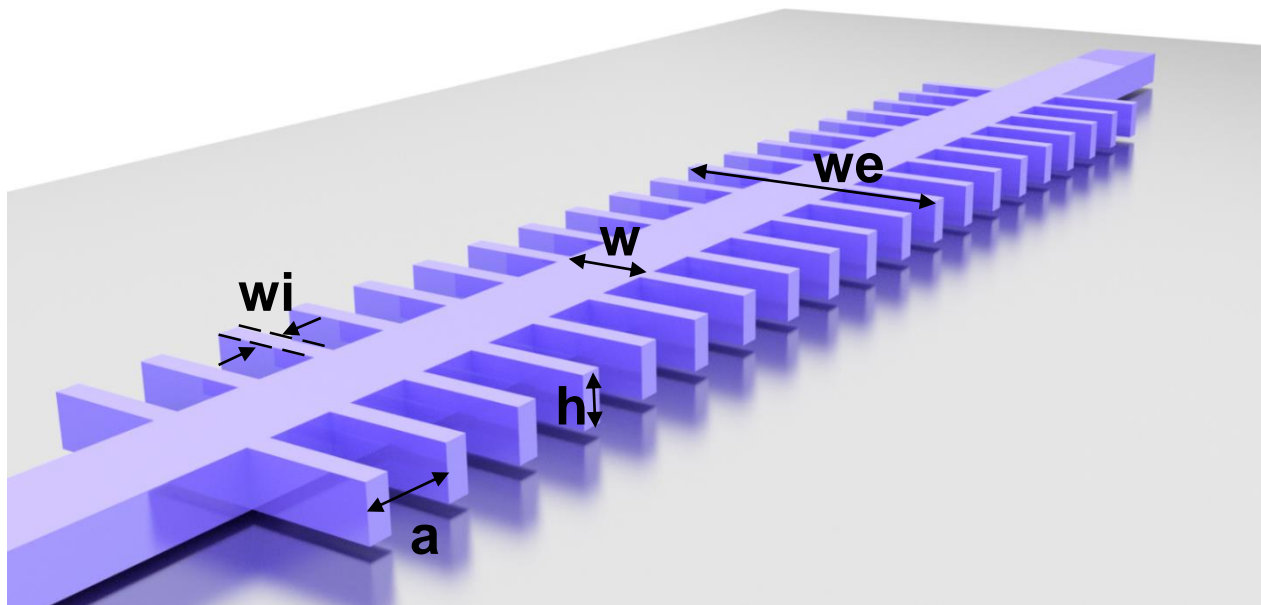
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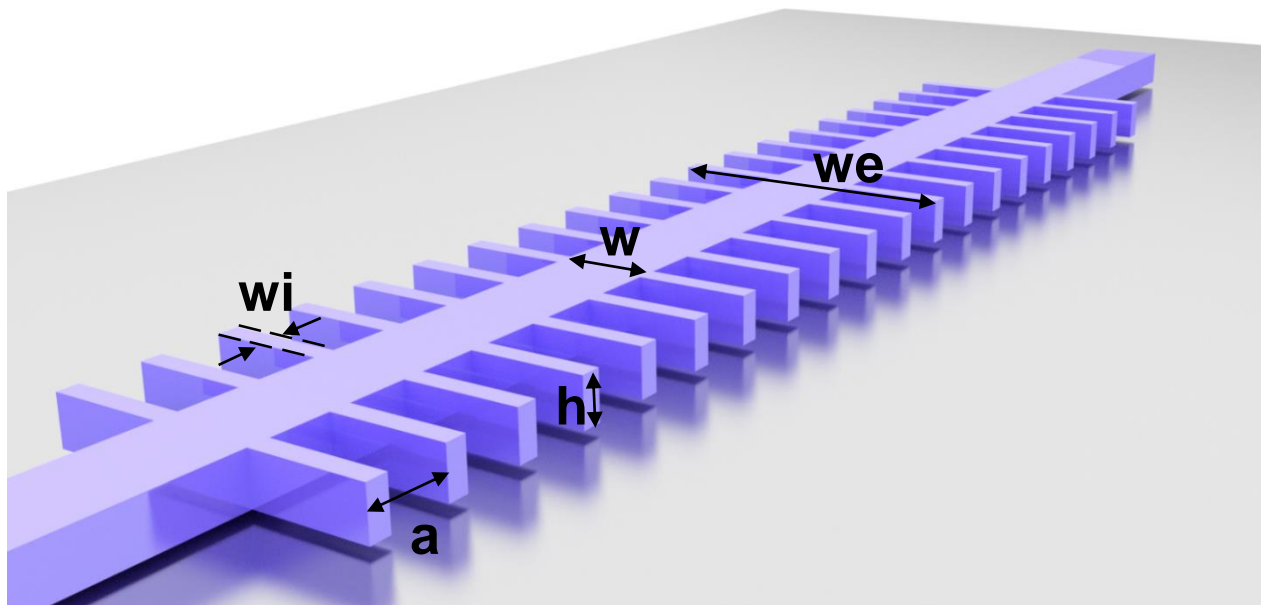
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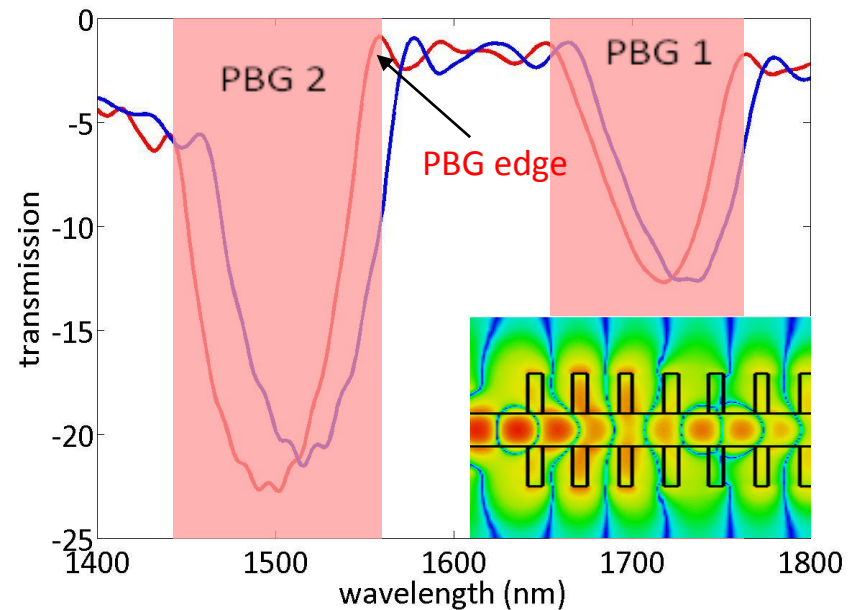
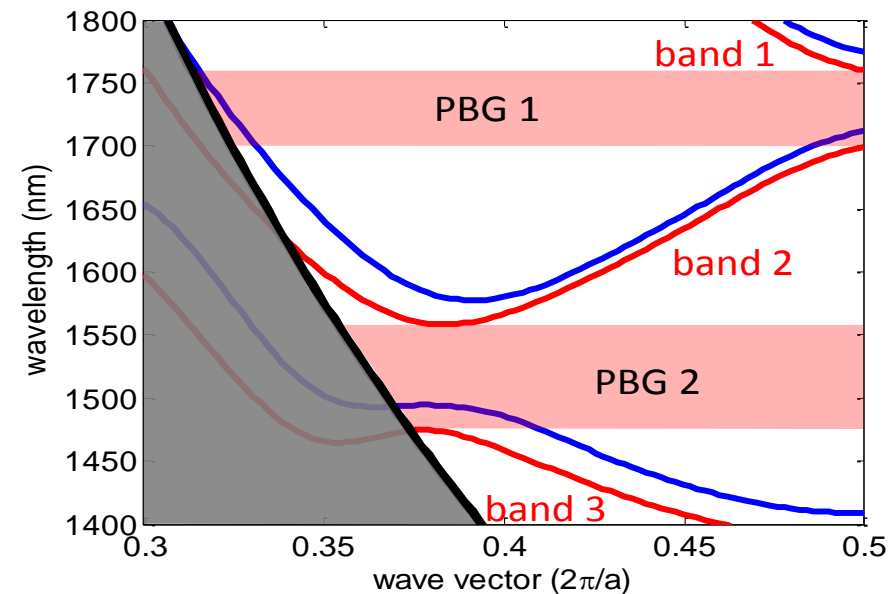


Optimal parameters

- $a=380$ nm
- $w=460$ nm
- $w_i=120$ nm
- $h=220$ nm
- $w_e=1500$ nm

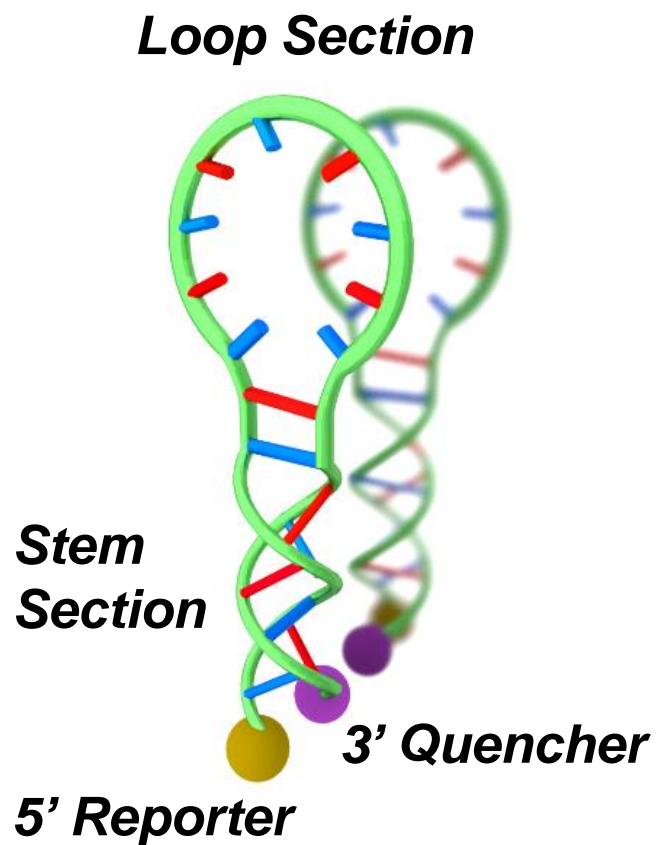
Sensitivity
175 nm/RIU*

*Refractive
Index Units



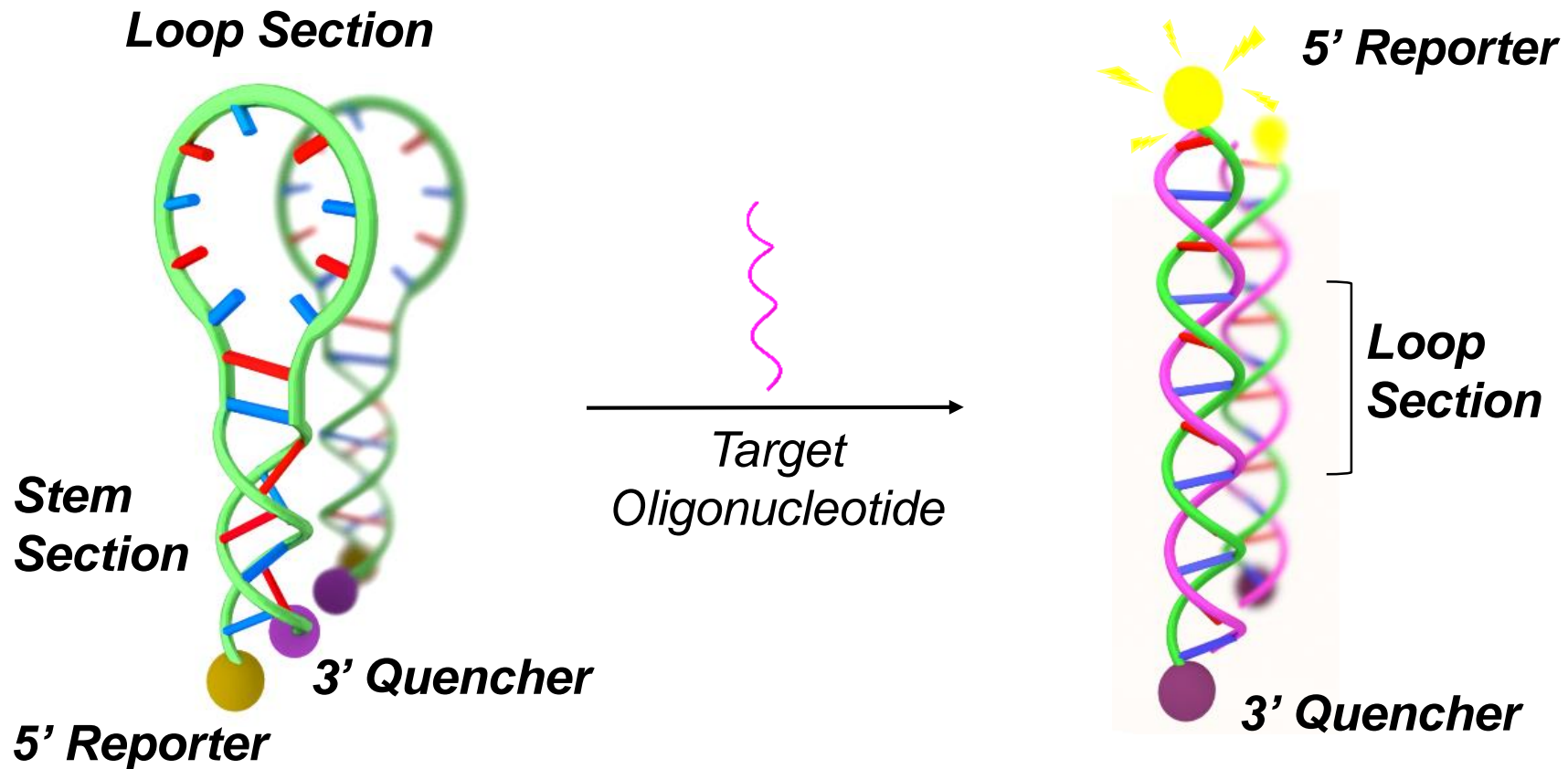
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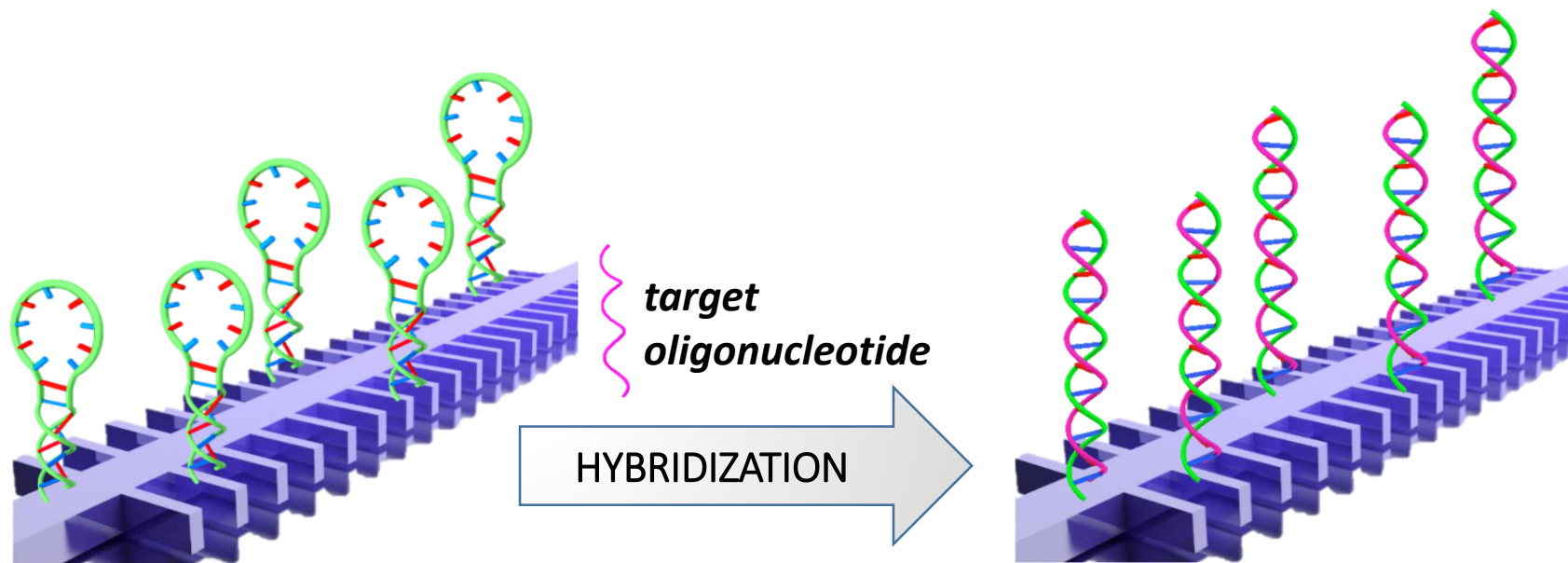
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(ii) MB: immobilization on PBG sensing structure surface

Thiol-ene coupling (TEC) chemistry



Immobilization density:
14 pmol/cm²



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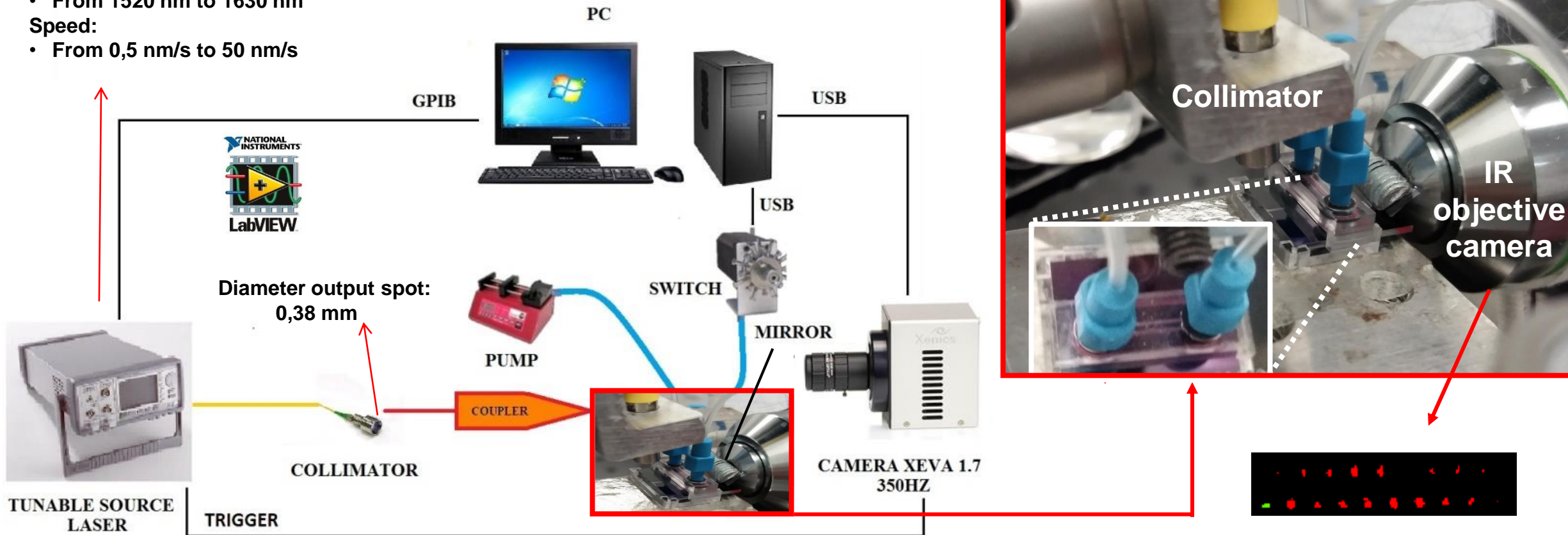
	5'	3'	Sequence (5'-3')
Target	Cy5		AUCGACUUA AUGCUAAUCGUGAUAGGGGUGUCGAU
MB	SH		ATCGACACCCCTATCACGATTAGCATTAAGTCGAT

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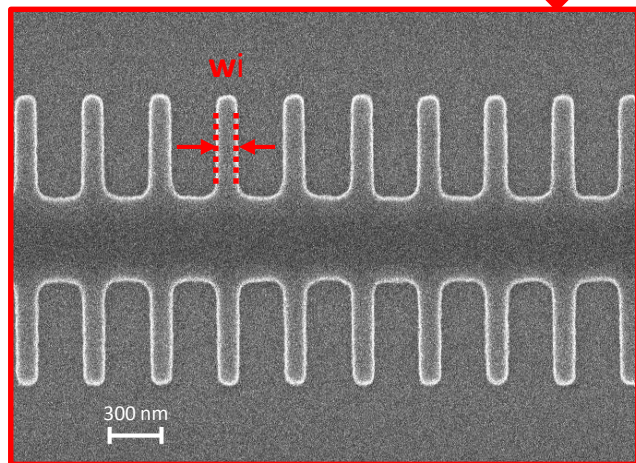
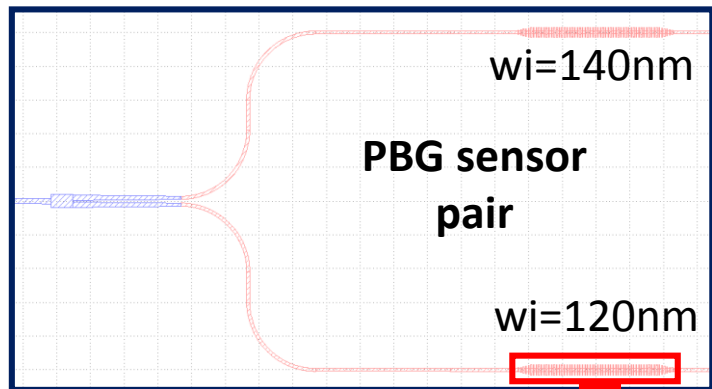
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Interrogation platform

- Range:
- From 1520 nm to 1630 nm
- Speed:
- From 0,5 nm/s to 50 nm/s

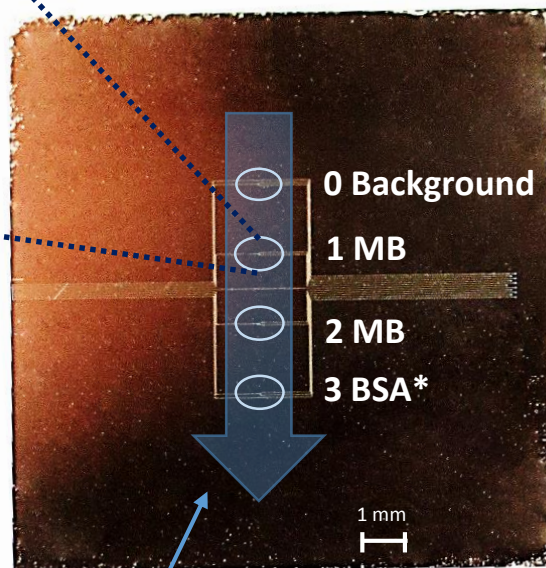


Oligonucleotide detection: photonic chip



SEM image of a PBG sensor

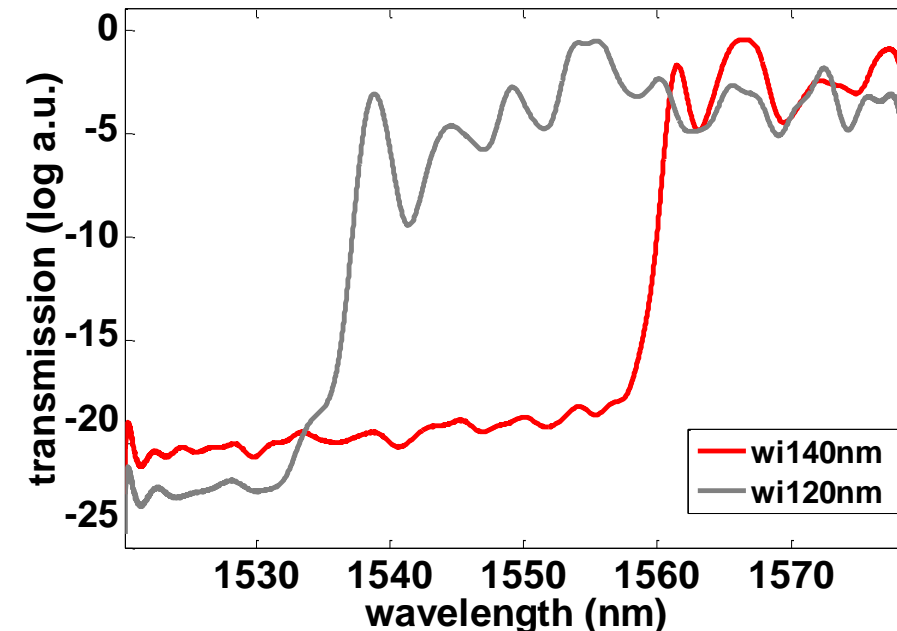
PHOTONIC SENSING CHIP



*Bovine Serum Albumin

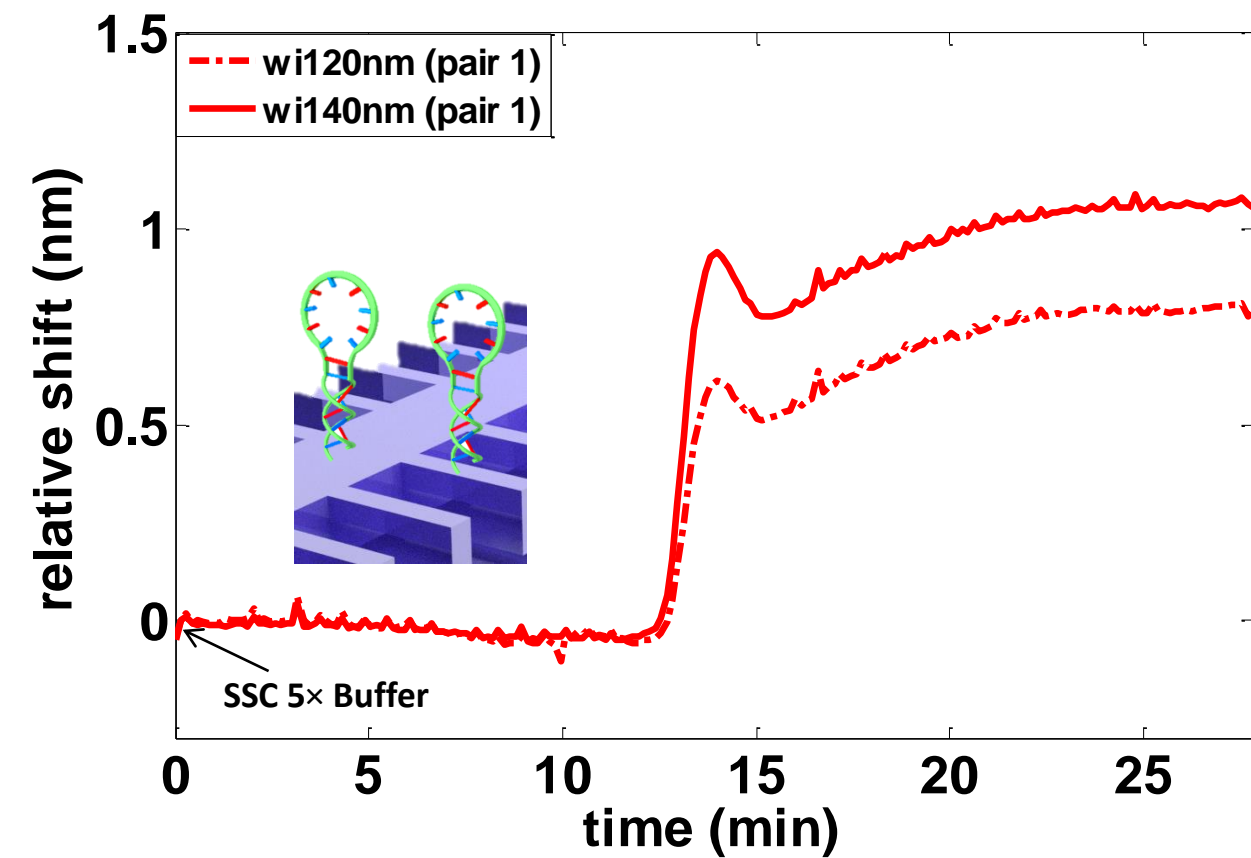
Microfluidic flow direction

Example of transmission spectrum (SSC 5× buffer*)



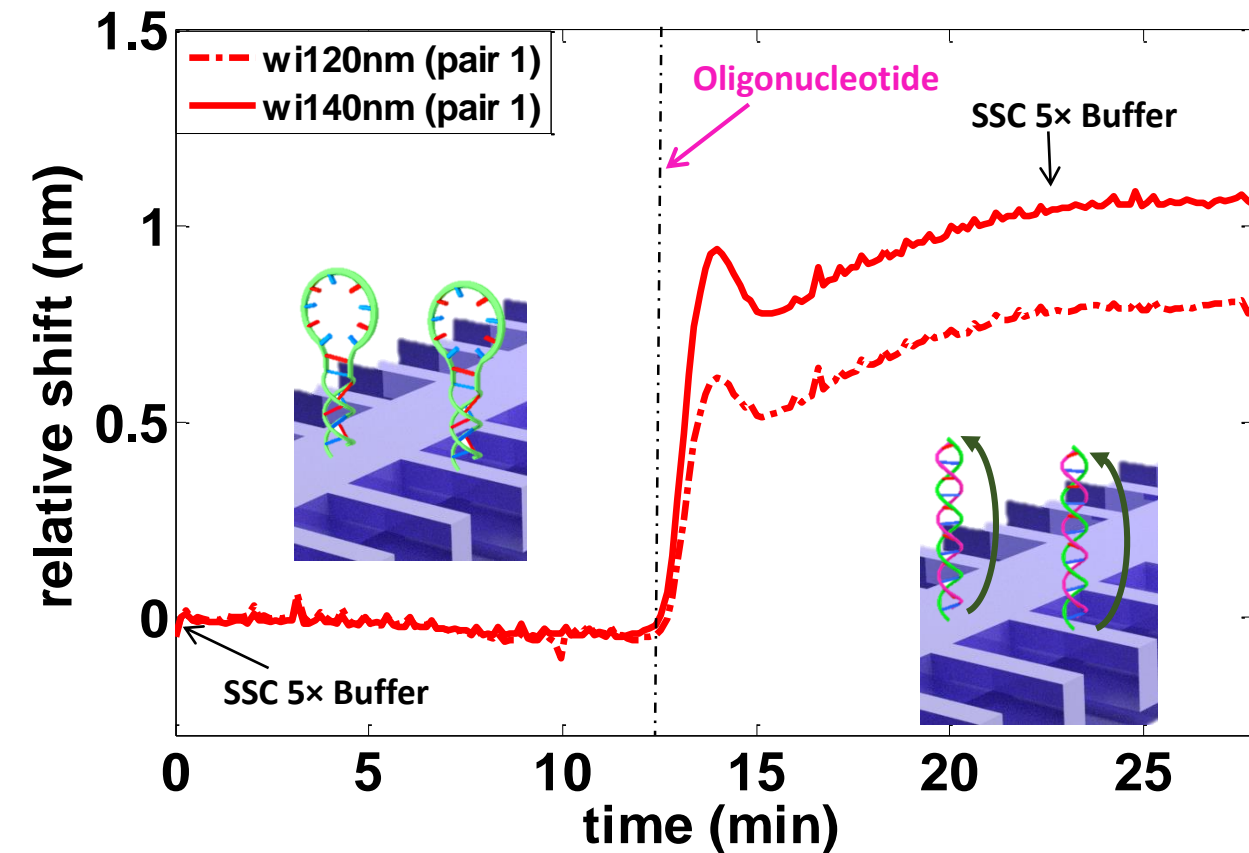
*Saline-sodium citrate

Oligonucleotide detection: experiment



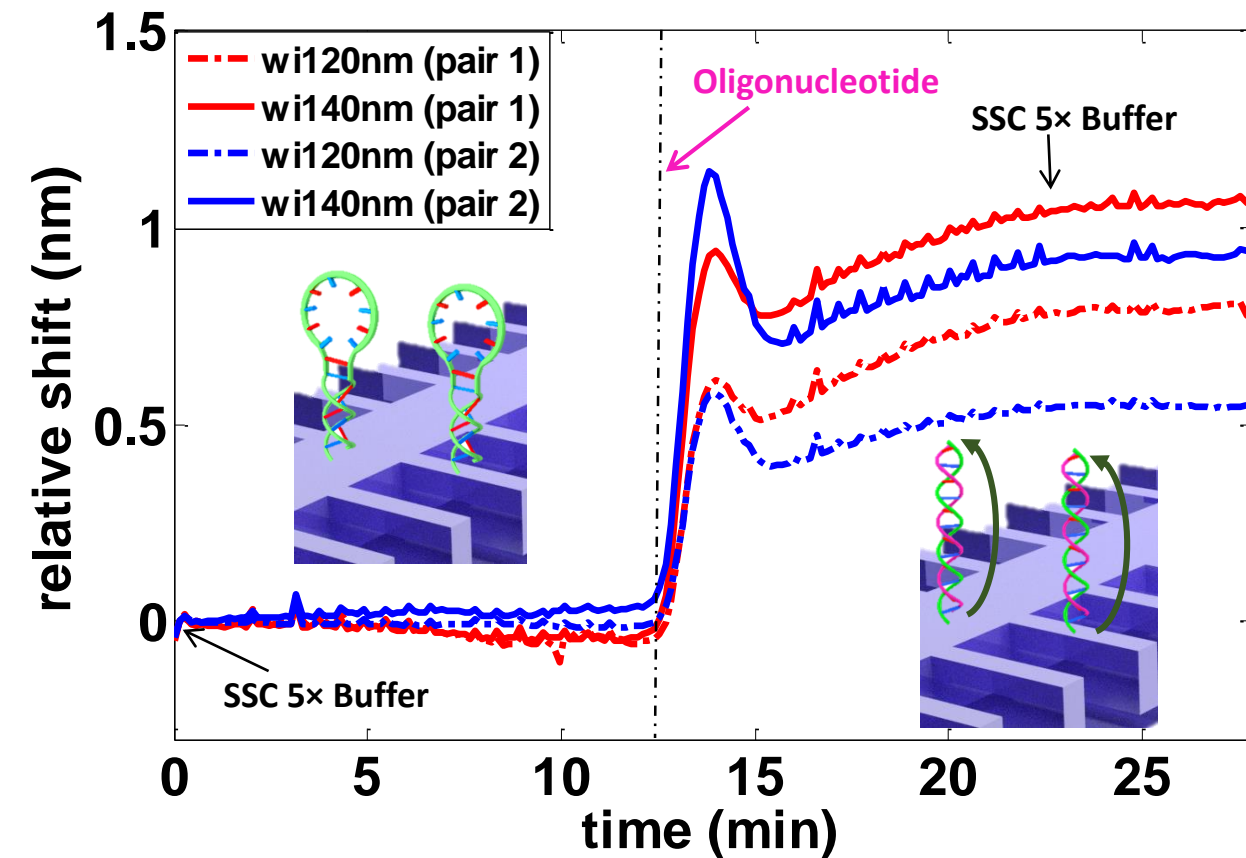
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Target oligonucleotide (0.5 μm in SSC 5 \times buffer)



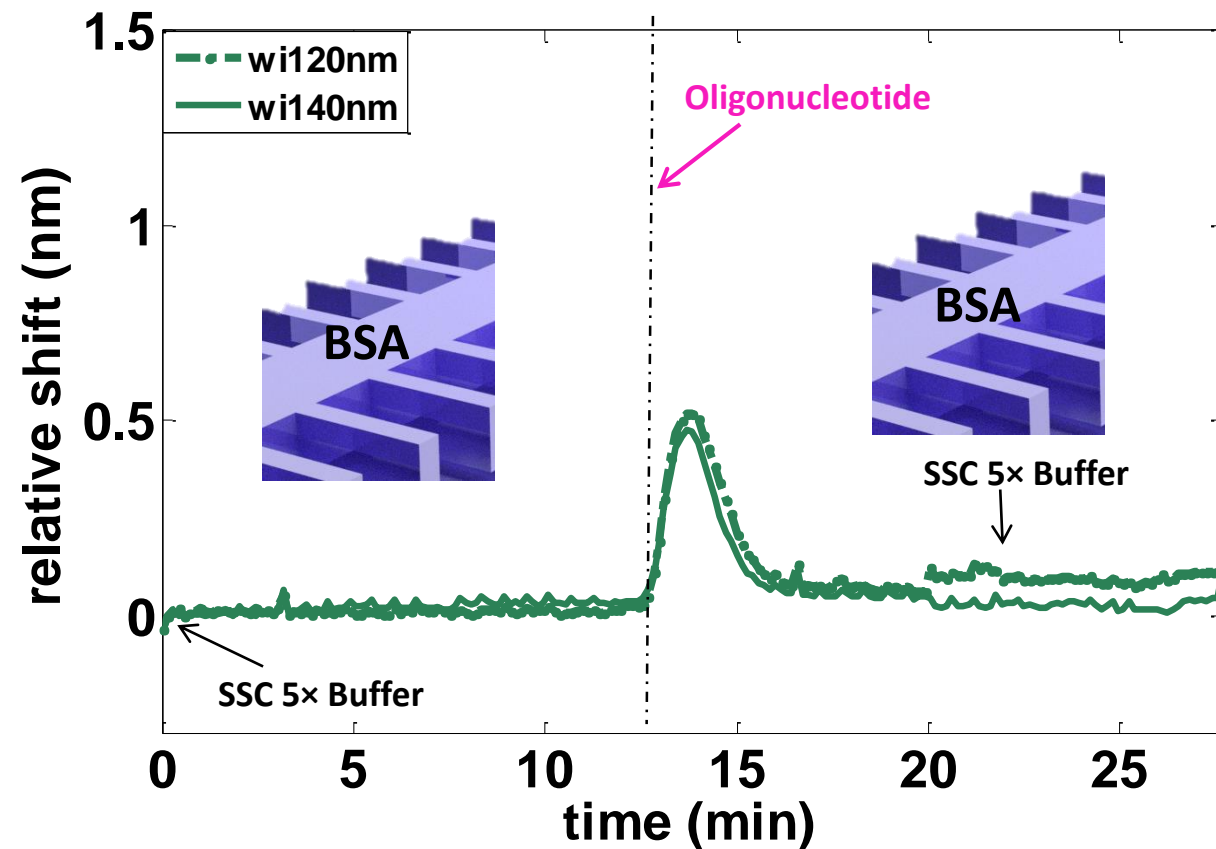
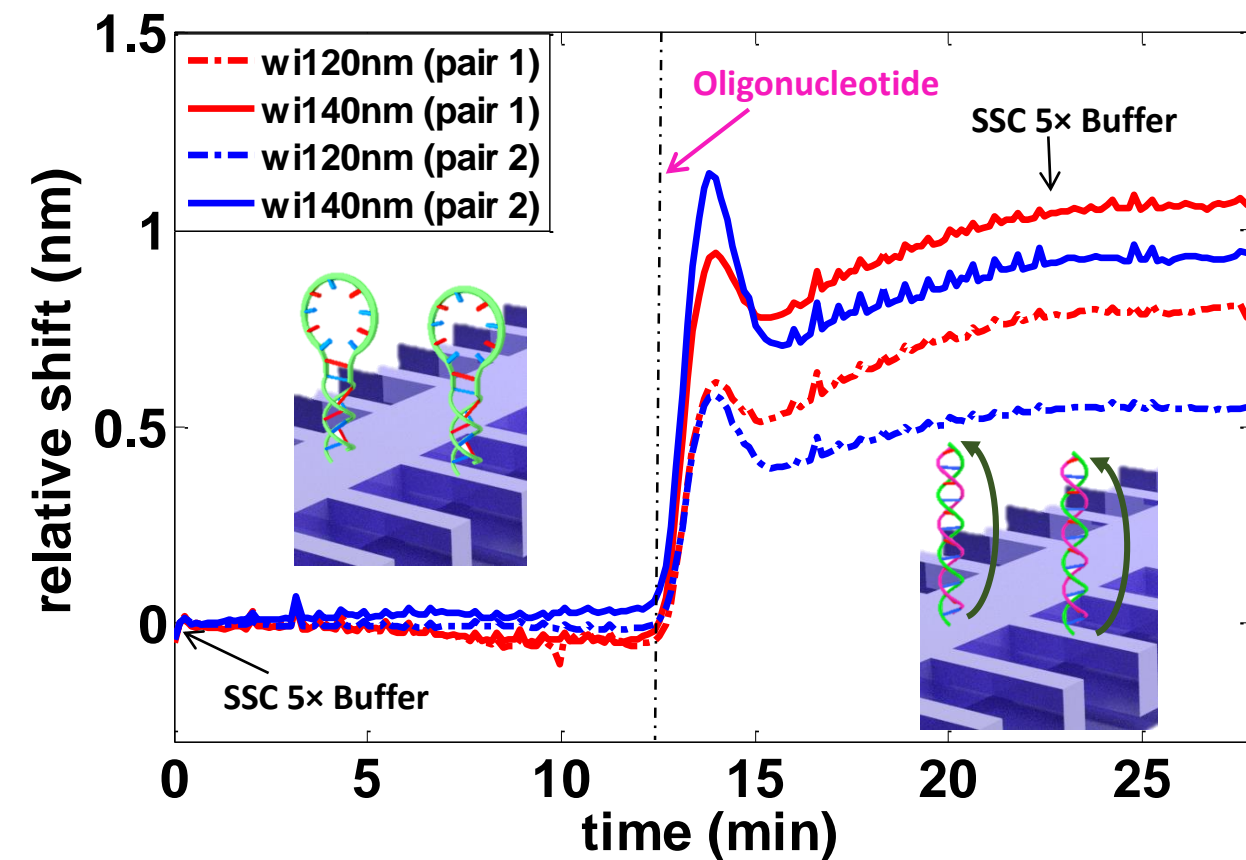
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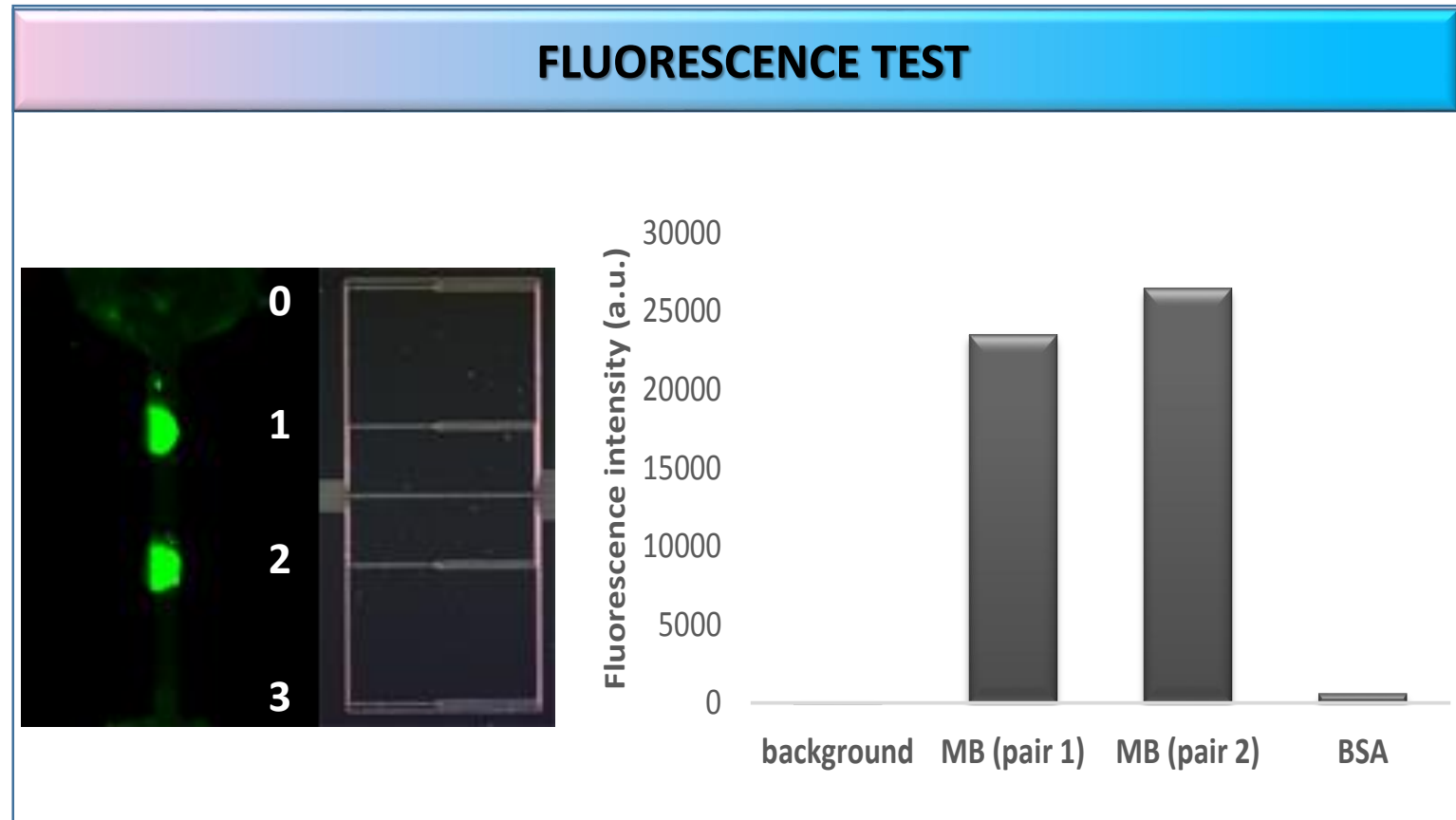
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Oligonucleotide detection: results

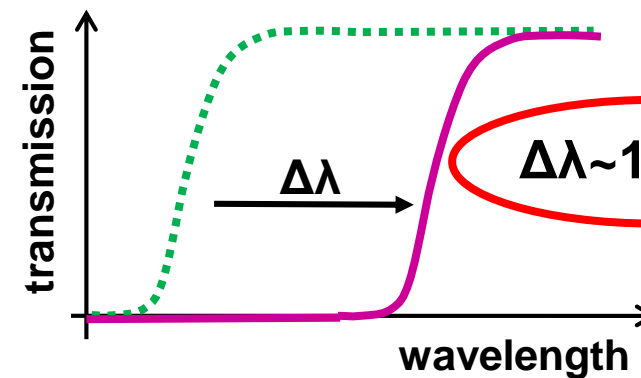
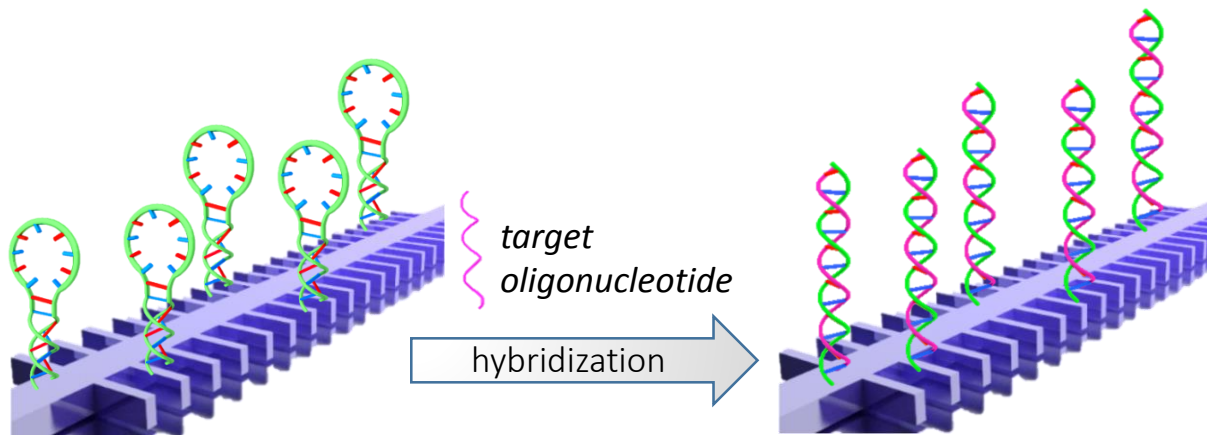
PBG Sensor pair	wi (nm)	Chemistry Biofun*	PBG edge shift (pm)
0	120	Background	NM**
	140		NM**
1	120	MB	800
	140		1100
2	120	MB	520
	140		950
3	120	BSA	-
	140		-



* Biofunctionalization

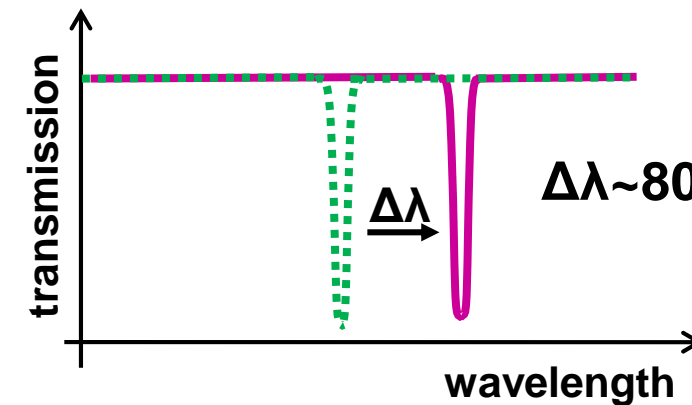
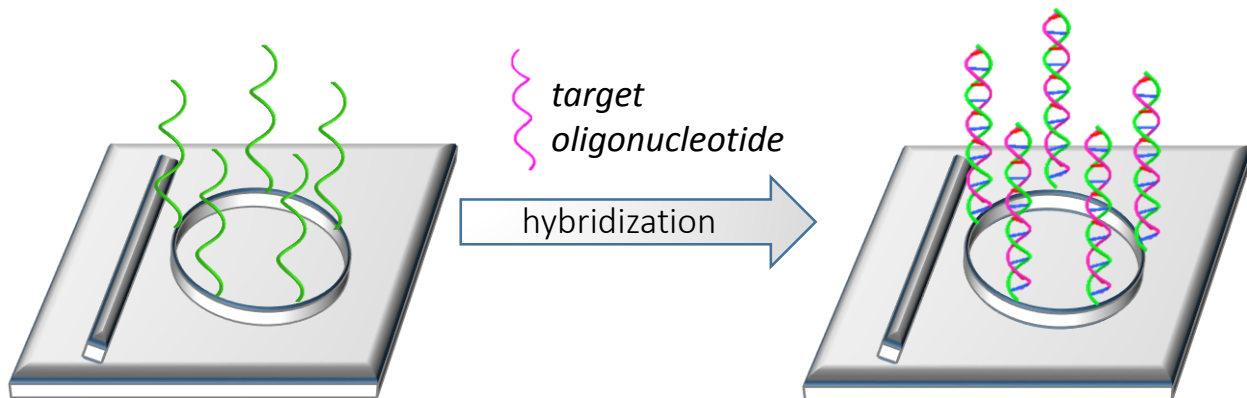
** Not Measured

Oligonucleotide detection: comparison



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more than one order of magnitude

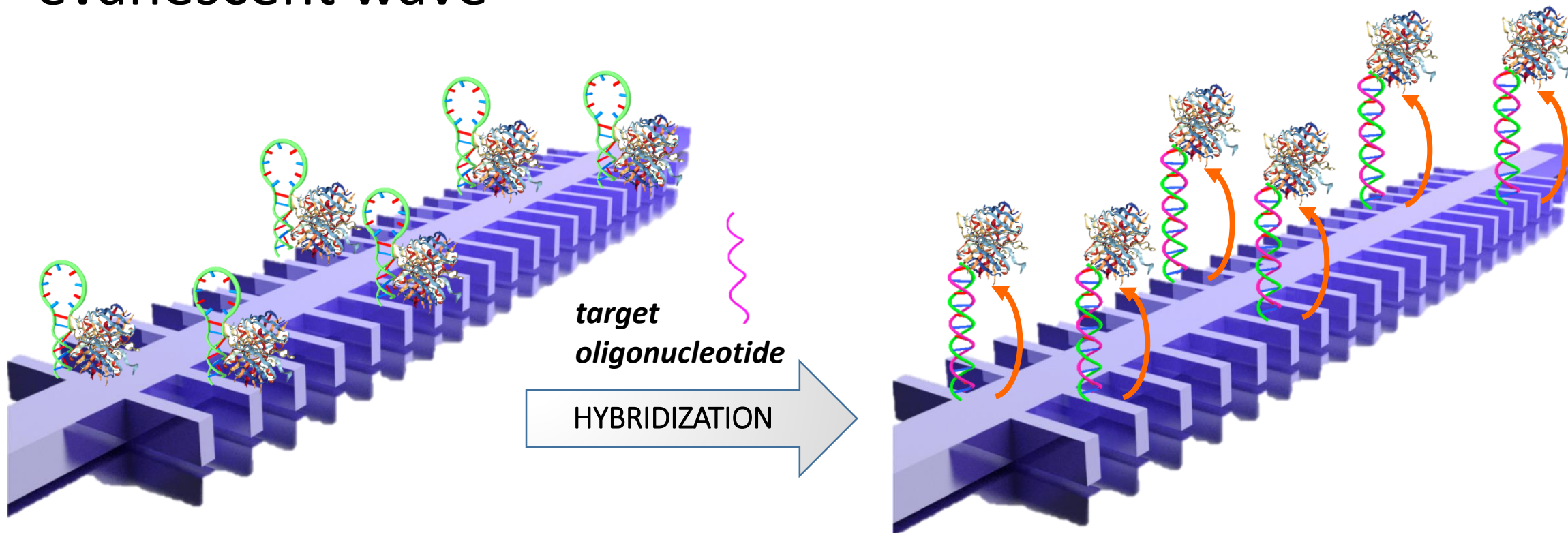


A. J. Qavi and R. Bailey, *Biosensors* 49, 4608-4611 (2010)

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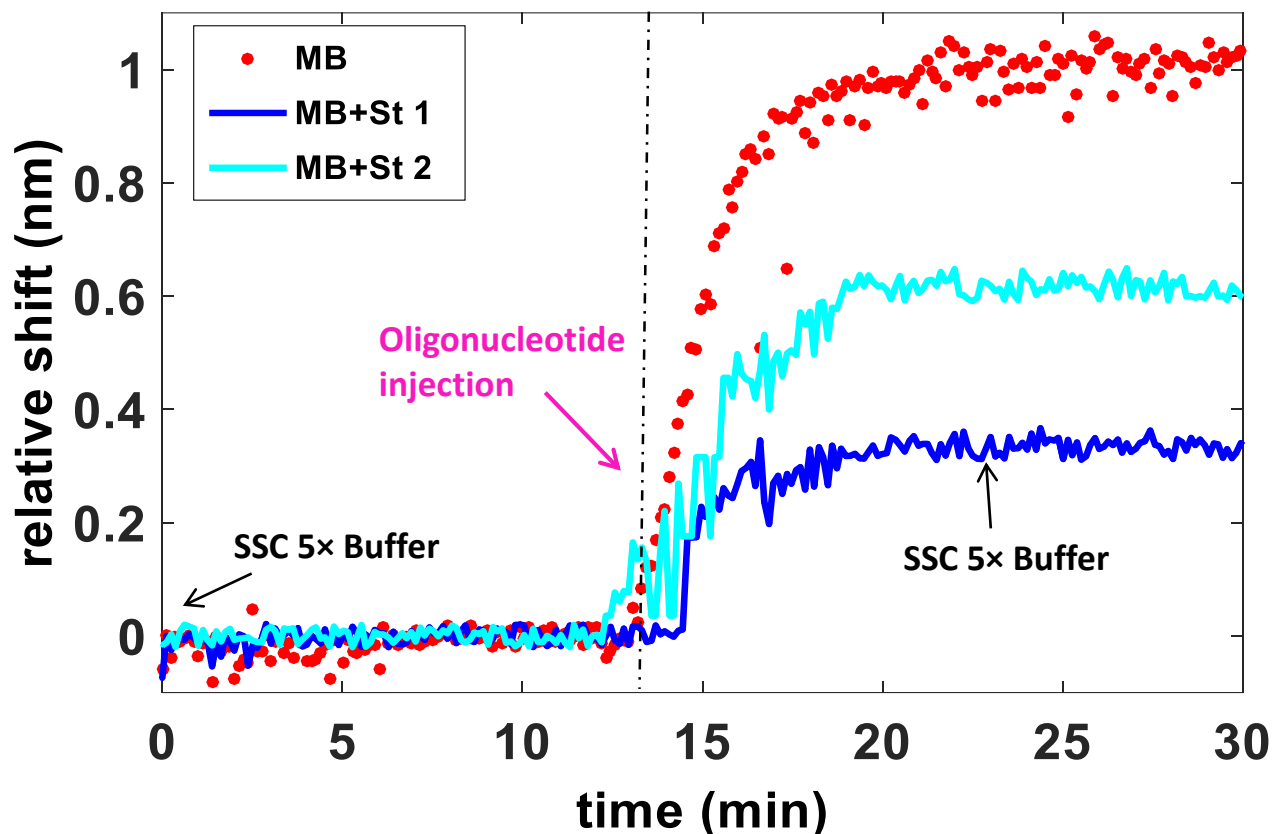
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Very robust **biotin-streptavidin** recognition

Bayer EA and Wilchek M, *Methods in enzymology* 184, 49-51 (1990)

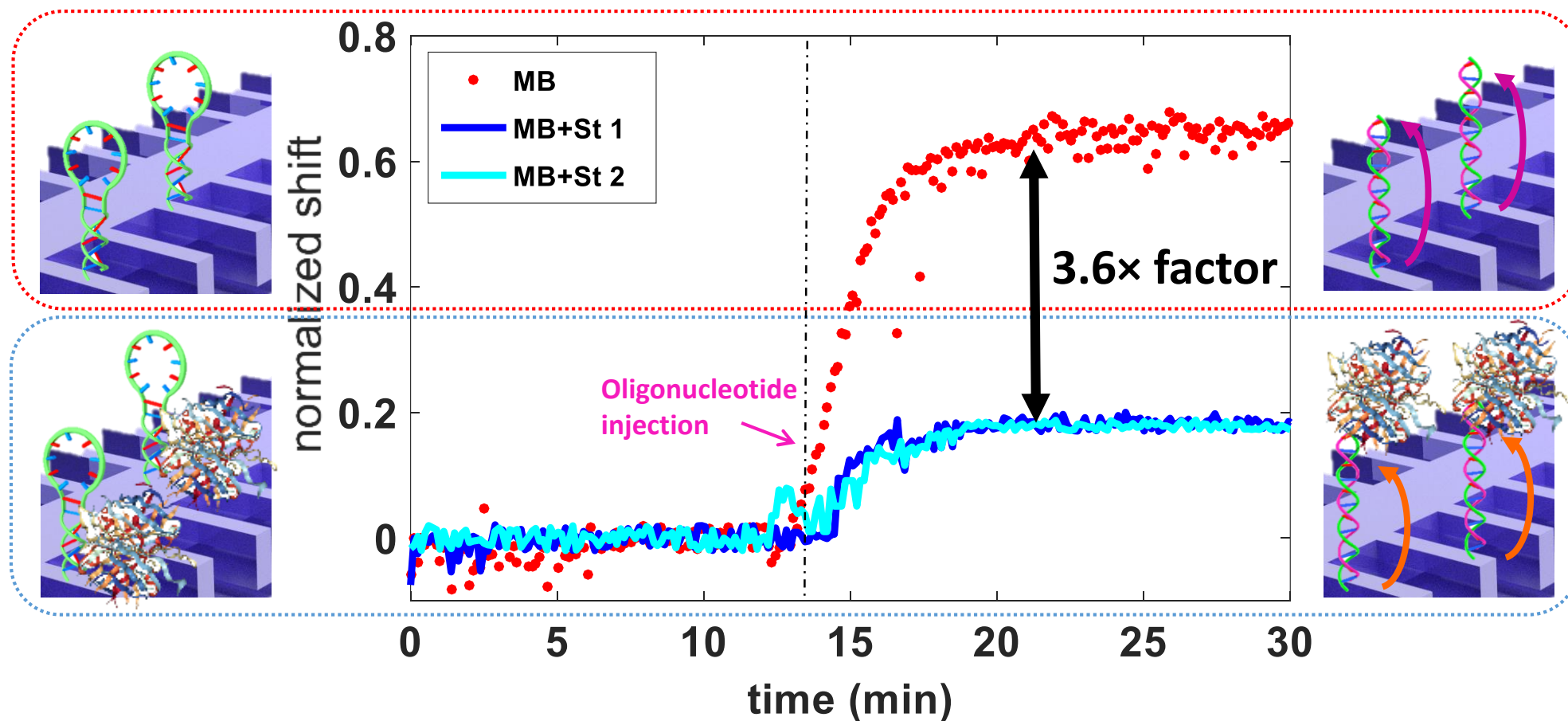
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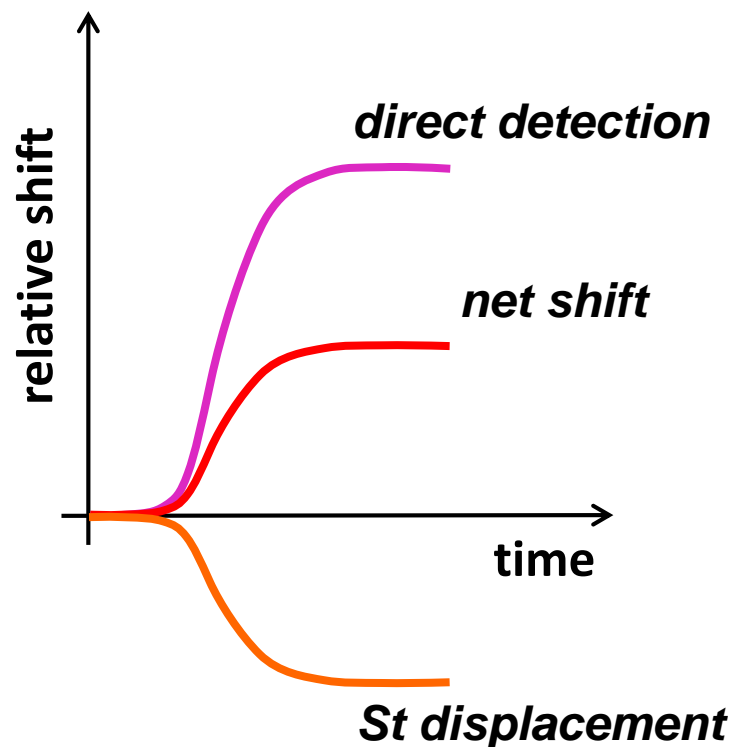
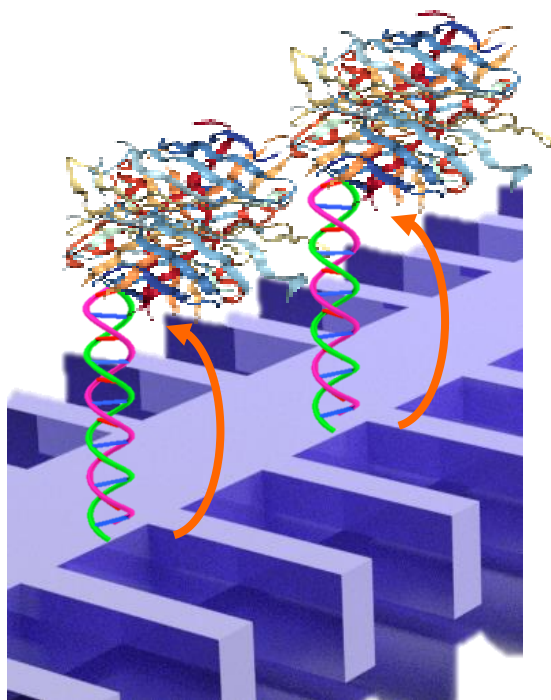
	MB	MB+St	MB+St
Oligonucleotide detection (pm)	1020	620	345
RI Calibration (pm)*	-1560	-3230	-1890
Normalized oligonucleotide detection	0,654	0,192	0,183

*SS5x buffer to DIW (Deionized water)

Influence of the MB conformational change on evanescent wave: **experiment**



Influence of the MB conformational change on evanescent wave: **discussion**



So significantly large positive shift measured for the **direct oligonucleotide detection**



SMALLER POSITIVE NET SHIFT

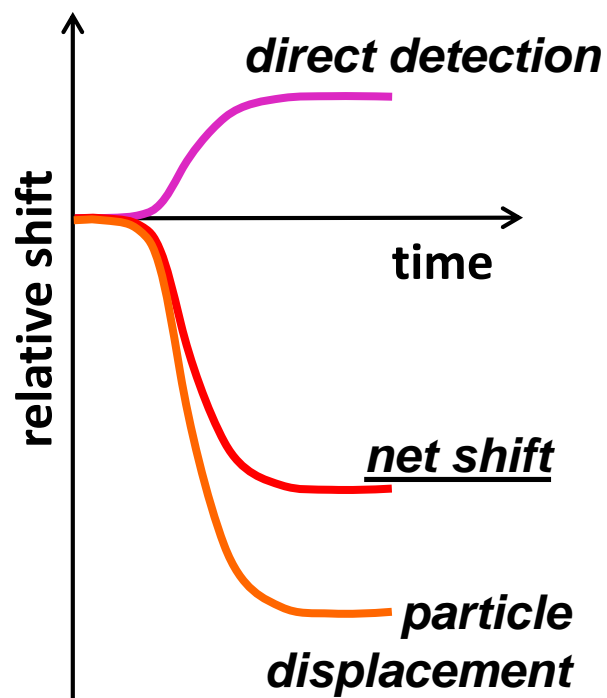


The MB conformational change removes the streptavidin from the surface providing a PBG edge backshift (decrease in the index refractive)

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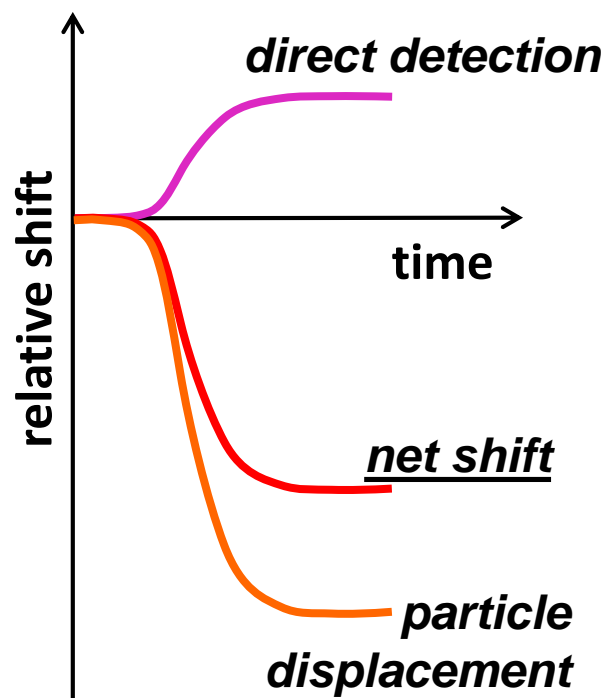
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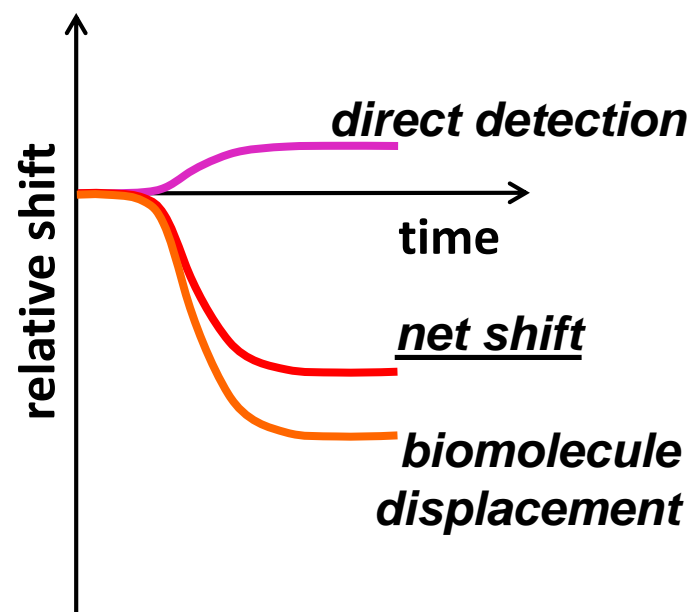


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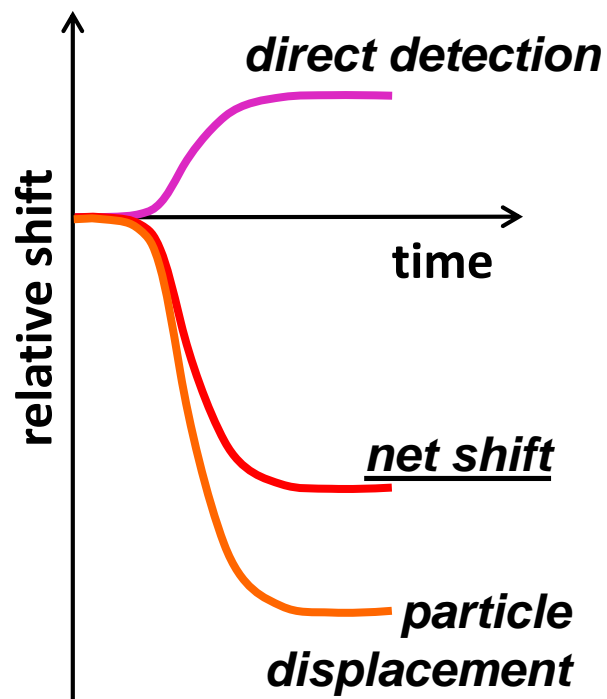


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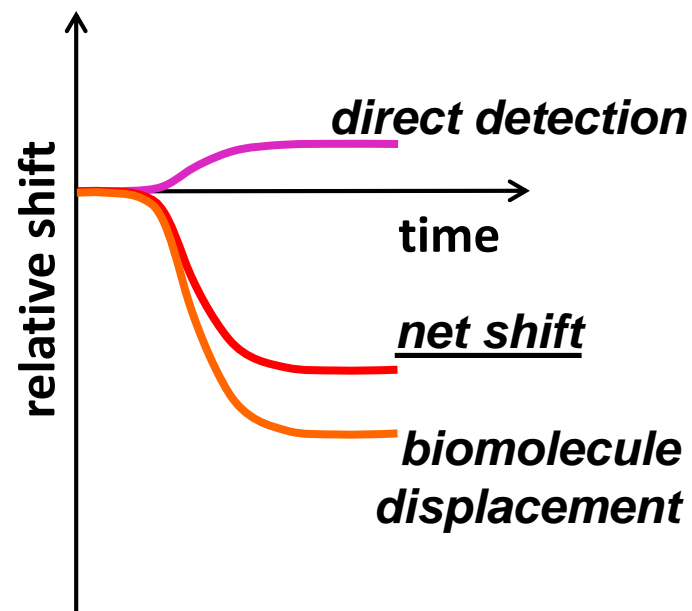


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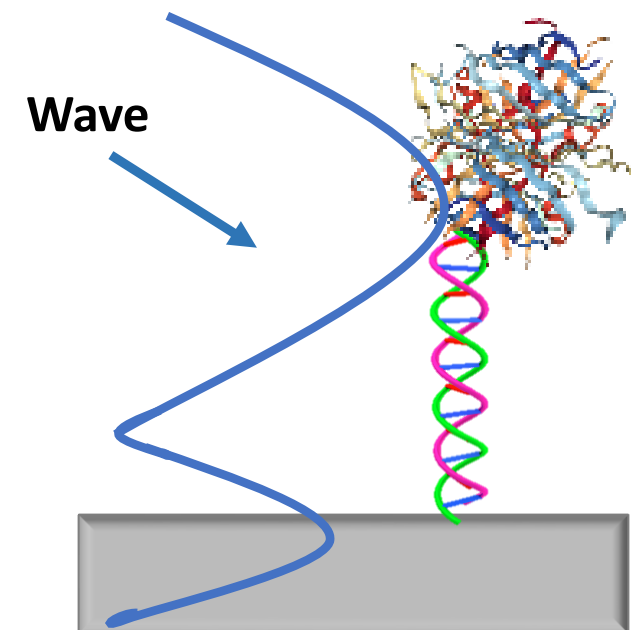
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EXCITATION OF SEVERAL OPTICAL MODES







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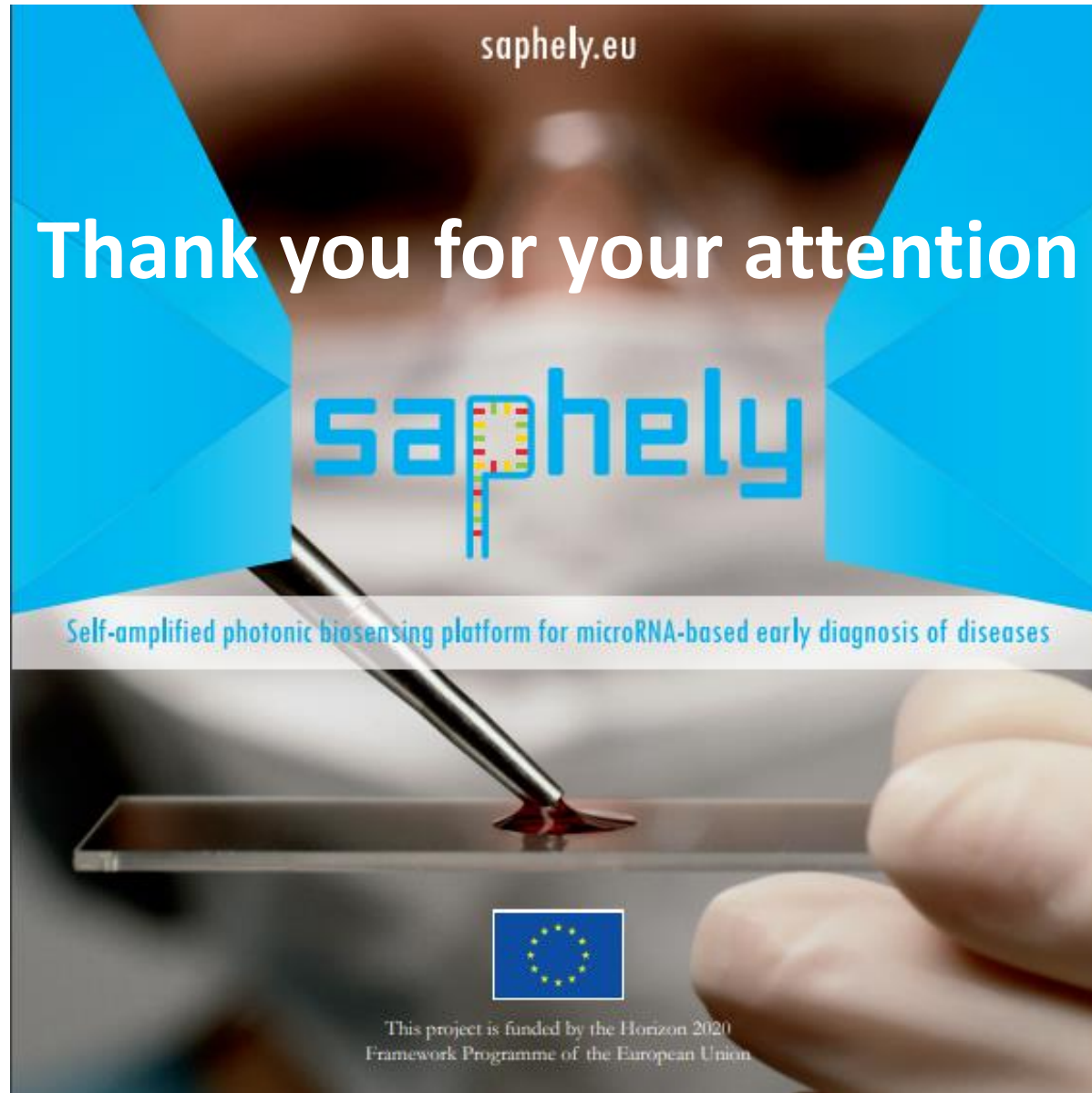
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- **OLIGONUCLEOTIDE DETECTION**

- Efficient recognition  **Label-free detection**
- Remarkable PBG edge shifts (~ 1100 pm)  **Extremely high sensitivities**
- Higher sensitivities by properly selecting the dimensions  **Sensor footprint below $100 \mu\text{m}^2$**
- Sensor configuration  **Promising candidate for multiplexed photonic sensing chips.**

- **INFLUENCE OF THE MB CONFORMATIONAL CHANGE ON THE EVANESCENT WAVE**

- Different interaction for streptavidin-labelled and non-labelled MBs with the evanescent wave
- Exploitations:
 - Replace streptavidin with a higher refractive index particle
 - Direct detection of low molecular weight targets
 - Design of the photonic sensing structure exciting several optical modes




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