

Research on lab-on-a-chip for *in-vitro* diagnostics

Planar optic chip manufacturing and read-out



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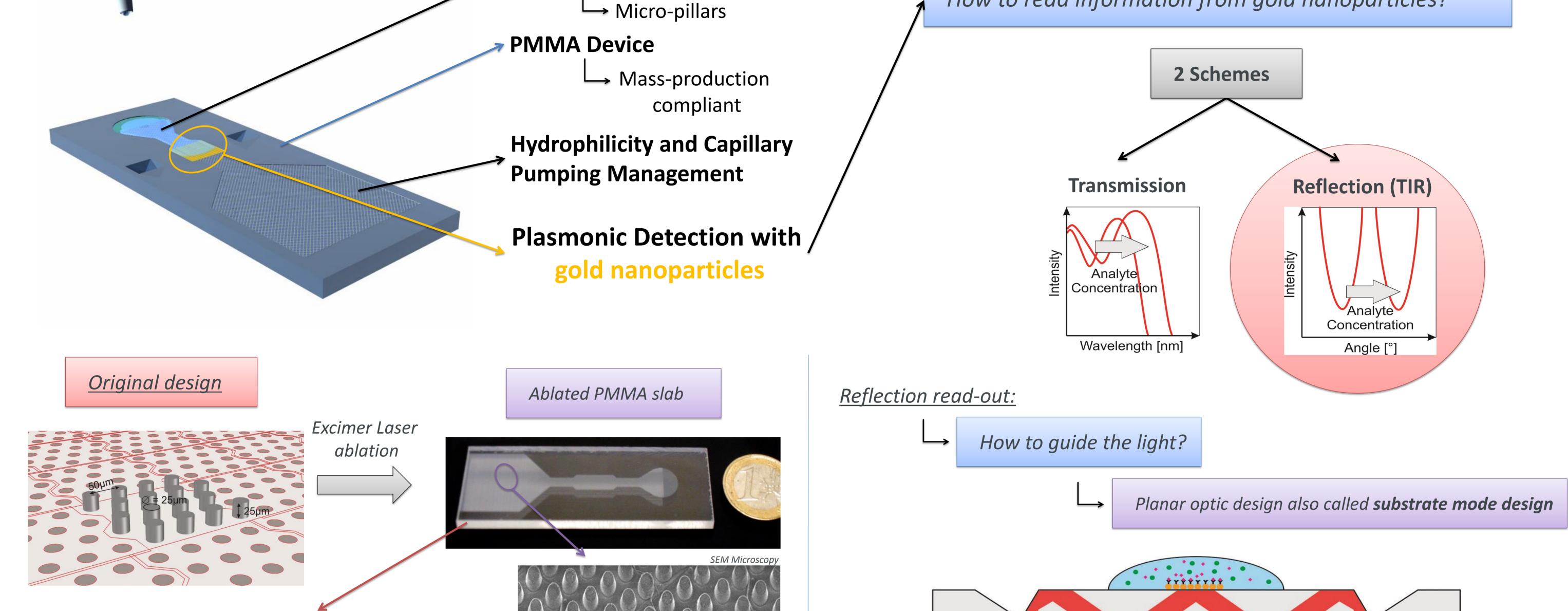


<u>MicroBioMed Chip Manufacturing:</u>

Capillary structures

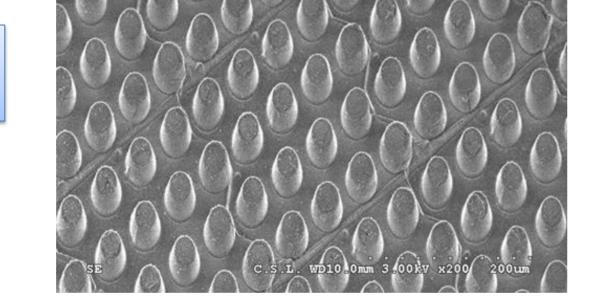
MicroBioMed Optical read-out:

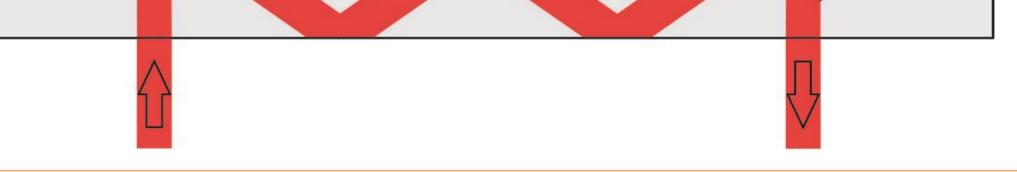
How to read information from gold nanoparticles?



The original PMMA master slab must be **replicated**

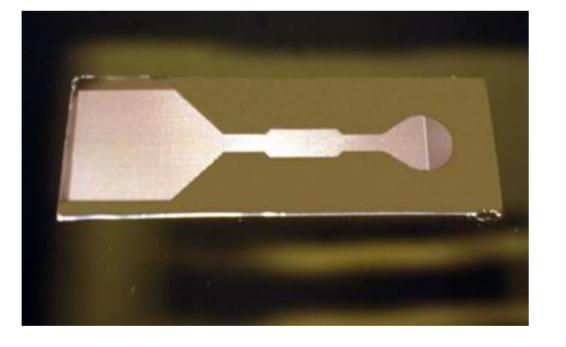


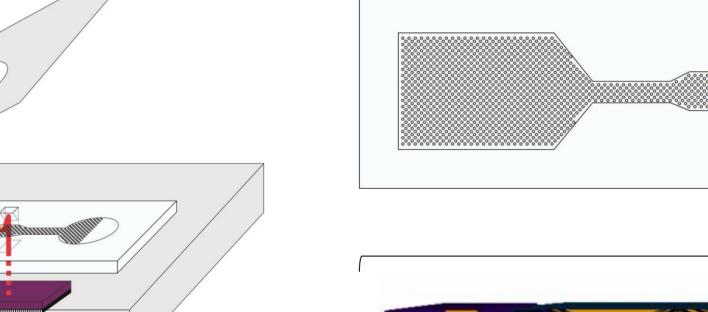


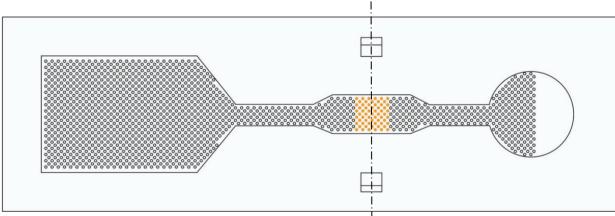


<u>Principle</u>: Used the substrate as a waveguide in order to transport the probing light to the sensitive area and ultimately to the detector.

(1) From the original texture, one grows a metallic replica using electroplating



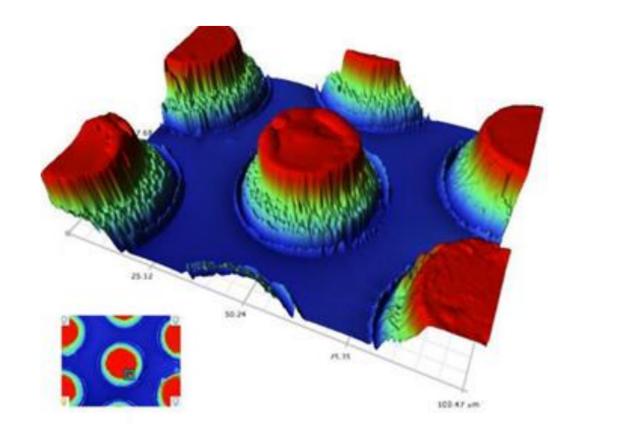




(2) PMMA hot embossing can be performed using the metallic insert obtained from step (1)







Advantages: - Optical coupling and out-coupling elements can be embossed (micro-prisms)

reproducibility of the features size between the original master and the hot embossing replica (optical profilometry measurement)

- Monolithic read-out device

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- Read-out device smaller than in the transmission scheme
- The light do not pass through the solution to analyze

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