



Optical Sensing Materials and Coatings

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Message from the Guest Editor

Optical fibers or optical guides have been widely applied in optical biological and chemical sensor platforms due to their distinct advantages of being small in size and lightweight as well as possessing chemical inertness, multiplexed detection capability, and lacking electromagnetic interference, to name but a few. Methods to enhance light-matter interactions, central to sensors, include surface plasmon resonance (SPR), localized surface plasmon resonance (LSPR), and optical microfiber technologies.

In particular, the topic of interest includes but is not limited to

- Biological and chemical optical sensors
- Sensing or functional materials and coatings for optical sensors
- Light-matter interaction enhancement methods
- Surface plasmon resonance (SPR)-based optical sensors
- Localized surface plasmon resonance (LSPR)-based optical sensors
- Optical microfiber fabrication
- Combination of technologies of sensing materials with optical fibers





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