

Supporting information

An AuNPs-functionalized AlGaIn/GaN high electron mobility transistor sensor for ultrasensitive detection of TNT

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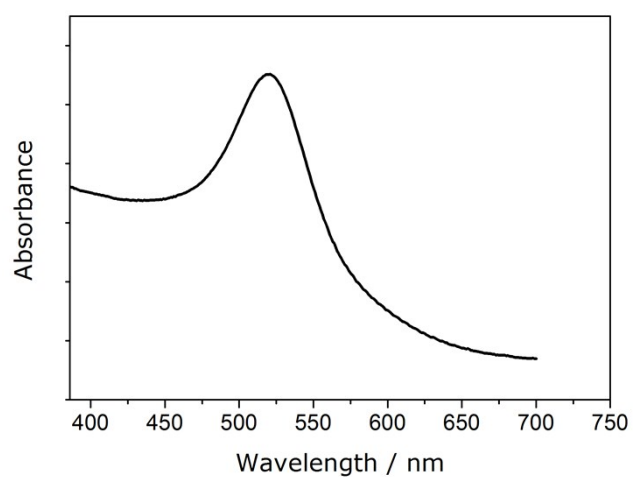


Fig. S1. UV-vis absorption spectrum of the synthesized AuNPs with maximum absorbance at 520 nm for a diameter of 15 nm¹.

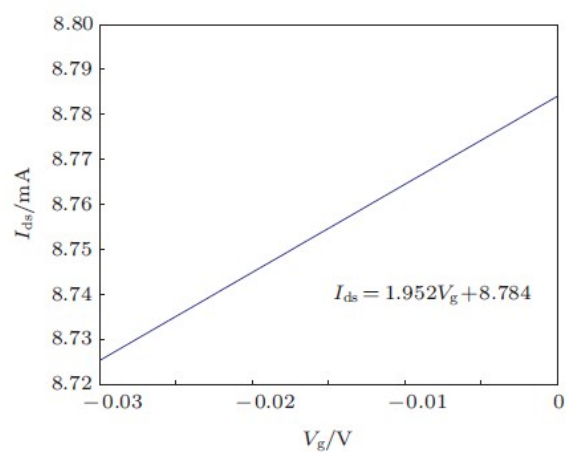


Fig. S2. The relationship between gate voltage (V) and source-drain current (mA).

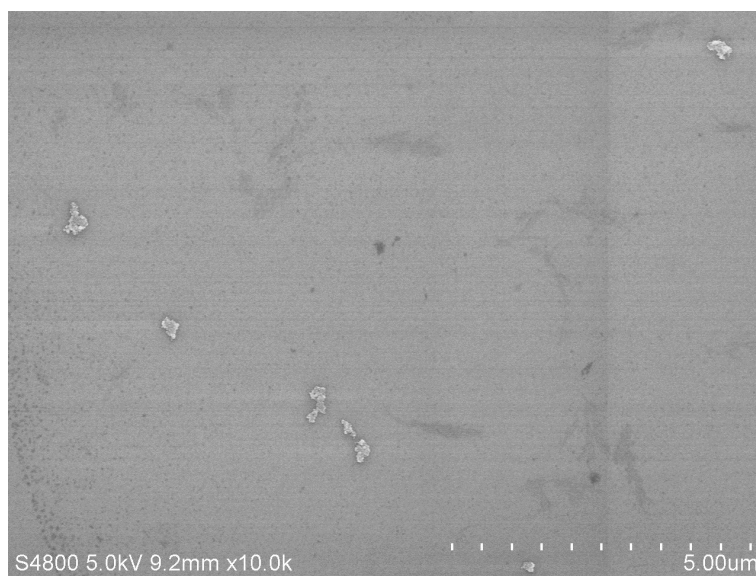


Fig. S3. SEM image of the AlGaIn/GaN HEMT sensor surface after modifying AuNPs without the functionalization of MPTES.

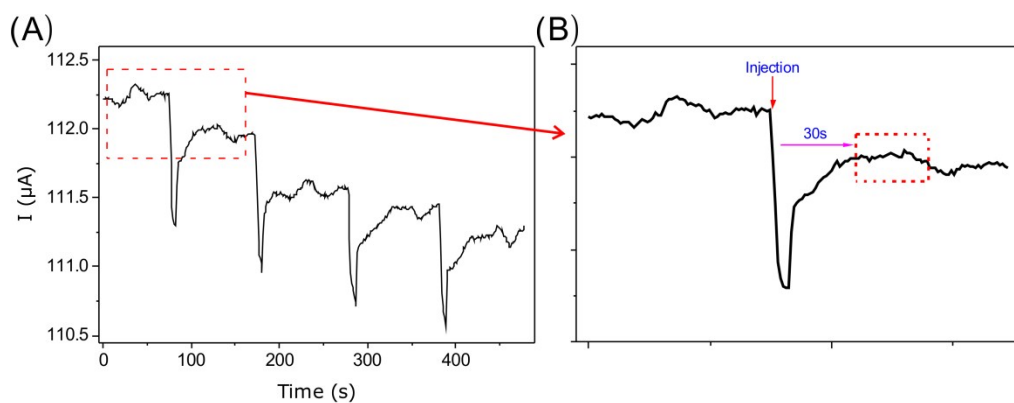


Fig. S4. (A) Real-time response of the AlGaIn/GaN HEMT sensor to increasing concentrations of TNT (10 ppt, 100 ppt, 1 ppb, 10 ppb). (B) Magnified I_{ds} -versus-time of the sensor following addition of 10 ppt TNT solution. The signal intensity was collected as the average value of I_{ds} from 30~60s after injecting TNT.

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