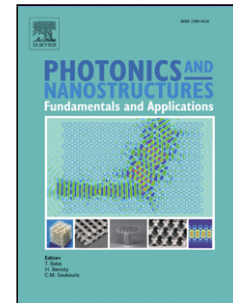


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A High-Sensitivity Sensor Based on Three-Dimensional Metal–Insulator–Metal Racetrack Resonator and Application for Hemoglobin Detection

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Highlights:

- An integrated plasmonic sensor, using an MIM racetrack resonator structure, is designed and analyzed.
- Refractive index and temperature sensitivity can be obtained as high as 4650 nm/RIU and 0.69 nm/°C, respectively.
- The sensing performances are investigated numerically by the FDTD method.
- It can potentially be applicable for biosensing applications such as hemoglobin concentration detection.

Abstract

In this paper, we designed a high-sensitivity plasmonic sensor using three-dimensional plasmonic metal–insulator–metal (MIM) waveguides and a racetrack resonator. By detecting the resonance wavelength, changes in the refractive index of the resonator can be sensed, on the basis of the linear relationship between these two parameters. The structure was numerically simulated by the finite-difference time-domain method (FDTD), and the results show that the refractive index and temperature sensitivity values can be obtained as high as 4650 nm per refractive index unit (RIU) and 0.33 nm/°C, respectively. We show that such improved sensitivity can be obtained by using a long lateral interaction length along the entire flat resonator sidewalls. The effects of radius and refractive index of racetrack resonator are studied from the sensing spectra to evaluate the sensitivity performance, as well. The proposed structure

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