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Guided-mode resonance nanophotonics: Fundamentals and applications

We review principles and applications of nanophotonic devices based on fundamental electromagnetic resonance effects in thin periodic films. We discuss design and optimization with rigorous mathematical methods and review typical fabrication processes. Theoretical and experimental results for representative devices are furnished. These include single-layer wideband reflectors, nonfocusing spatial filters, nanogrid reflectors and polarizers, and resonant biosensors. The compact nature and high-efficiency operation of this device class motivates many applications where minimal, robust, and lightweight devices are desired. Indeed, the fundamental resonance effects discussed are operative in many current 1D and 2D “meta”-surfaces and metamaterials with an attendant resurgence of publications. The guided-mode resonance concept applies in all spectral regions, from the visible band to the microwave domain, with available low-loss materials.

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