

All-Dielectric Metasurfaces for Sensing

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Background

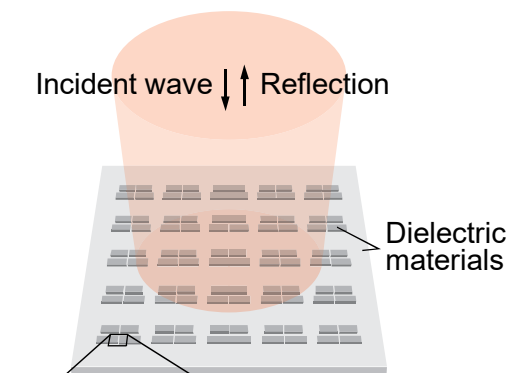
High refractive index dielectric metasurfaces hold great promise for highly sensitive sensing platforms of biomolecules because of the diverse tunability of their optical properties, small absorption losses, and availability of CMOS-compatible fabrication.

Aim

Strong light-matter interactions capable of demonstrating high-performance sensing and spectroscopy is demonstrated. A collective response at a singularity, called bound state in the continuum, in dielectric arrays offers enhanced refractometric sensitivity and vibrational coupling of molecules, which is difficult in metallic arrays.

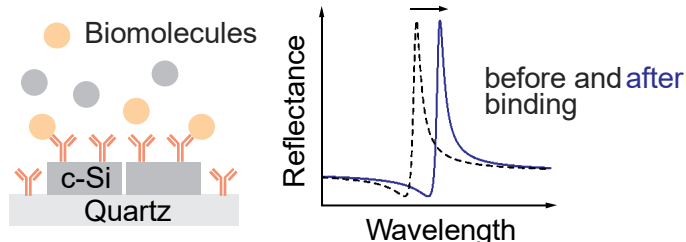
Advanced Research Topics

All-dielectric metasurfaces



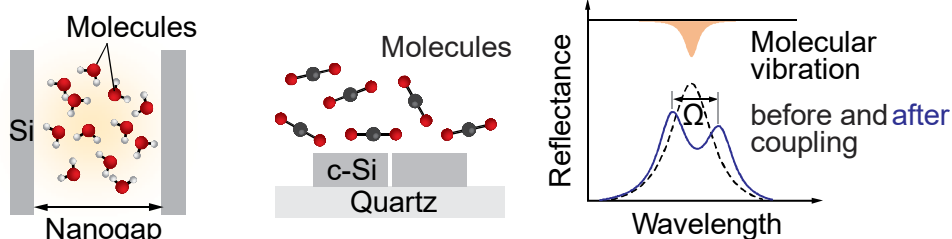
Strong electromagnetic field confinement
+ Collective response in a dielectric array

Refractometric sensing



✓ High Q and large interplay with external medium

Vibrational spectroscopy



✓ Surface enhanced infrared spectroscopy utilizing resonance enhancement of the electric fields

Summary

- All-dielectric metasurfaces at quasi-BICs offer design flexibility of controlling the resonance wavelength, linewidth, and amplitude.
- Refractometric sensors and vibrational coupling under tailored coupling conditions are realized.

Research outcome

- Highly sensitive sensing/spectroscopy platforms and their design strategies
- Integrated microfluidic chips for diagnostics
- Playground for molecular reactions at the nanoscale in dielectric materials



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