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(54) **HEART RATE SENSOR WITH HIGH-ASPECT-RATIO PHOTODETECTOR ELEMENT**

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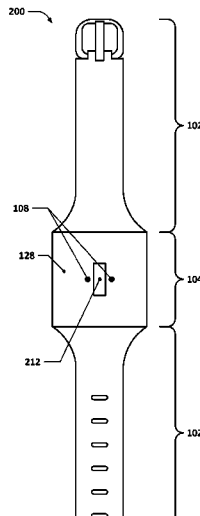
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Heart rate sensors including high-aspect-ratio photodetector elements are discussed herein. Such high-aspect-ratio photodetector elements may provide improved signal-strength-to-power-consumption performance for heart rate sensors incorporating such photodetector elements as compared with heart rate sensors incorporating, for example, square photodetector elements.

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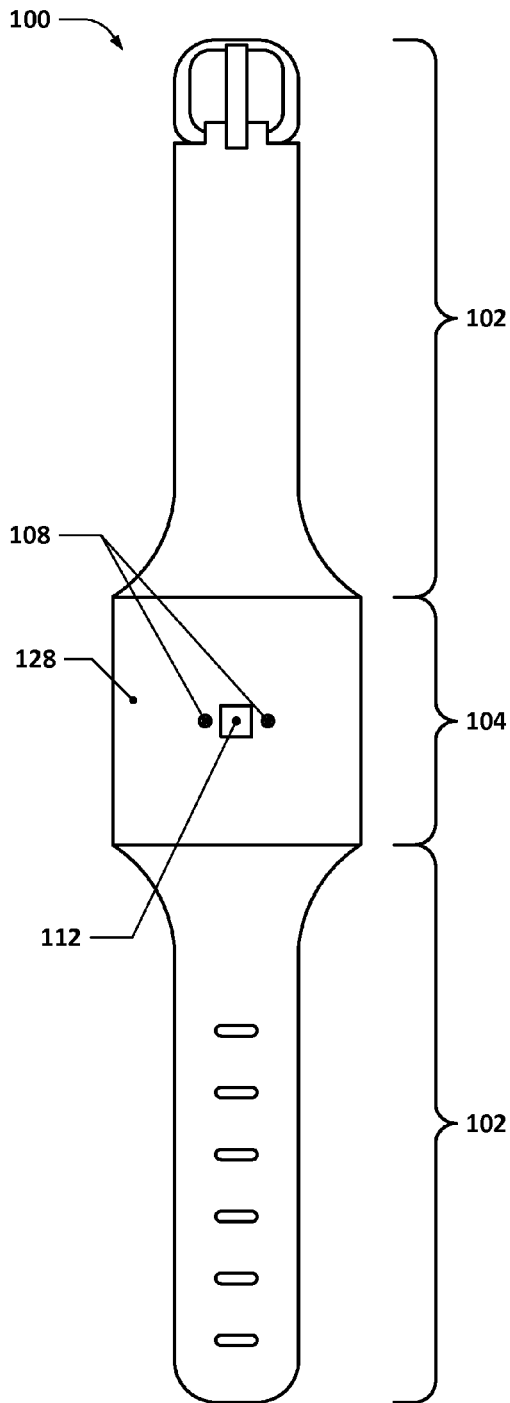


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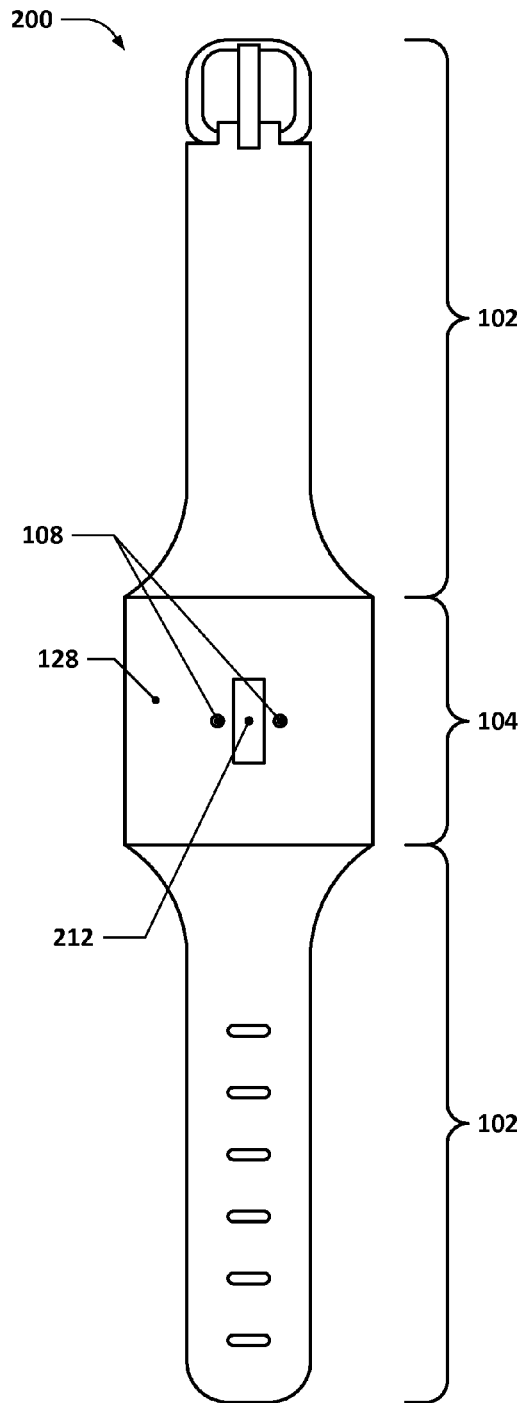


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