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Tunable Plasmonic Crystals Induced from a Two Dimensional Electron Gas



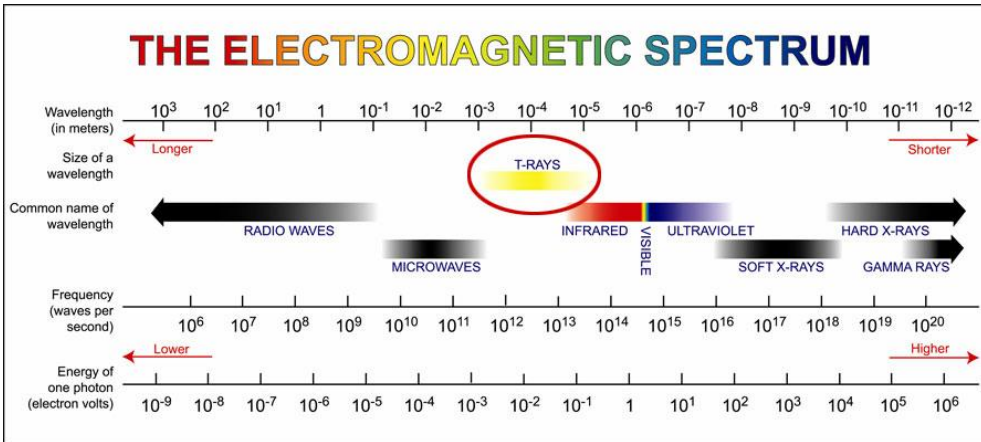
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2D Plasmons in the Terahertz Band

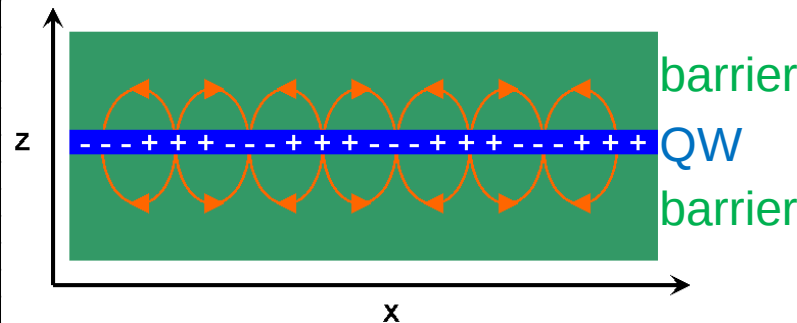
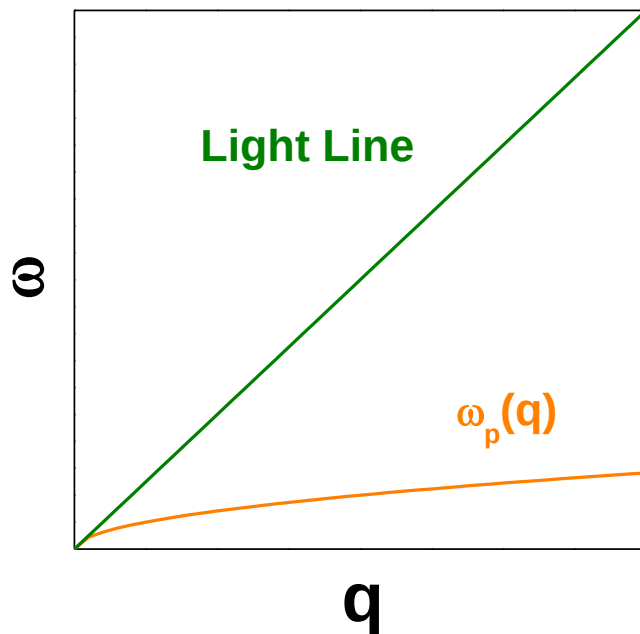


Electronics: RC limited bandwidth

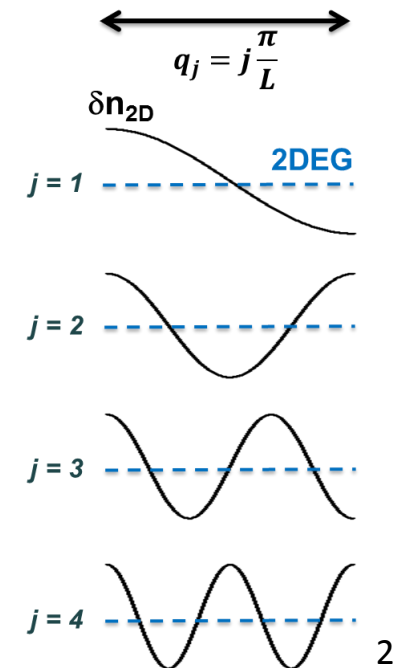
Photonics: kT limited below 1 THz

Plasmonics: $\omega\tau$ cutoff

from http://web.njit.edu/~barat/RBB_research.html

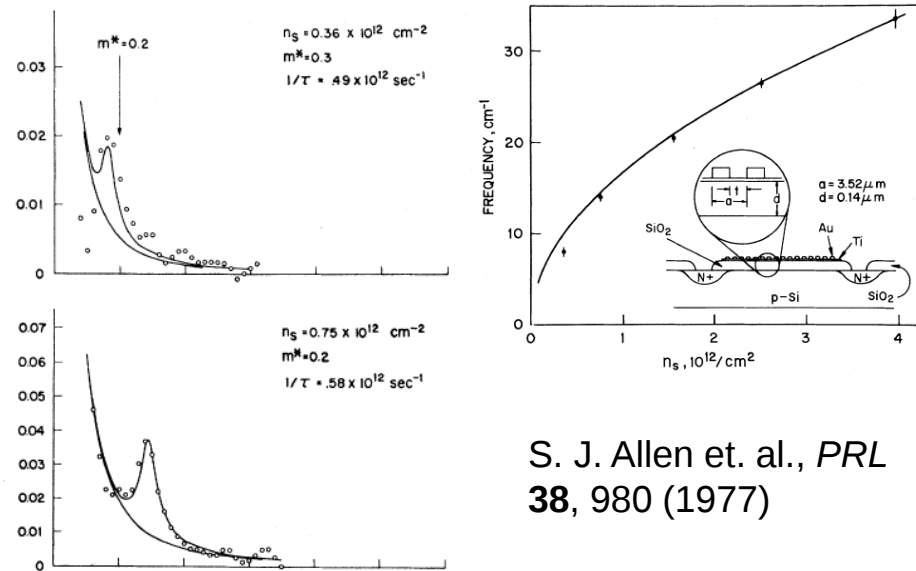


$$\omega_p = \sqrt{\frac{n_{2D} e^2 q_j}{2\epsilon m^*}}$$



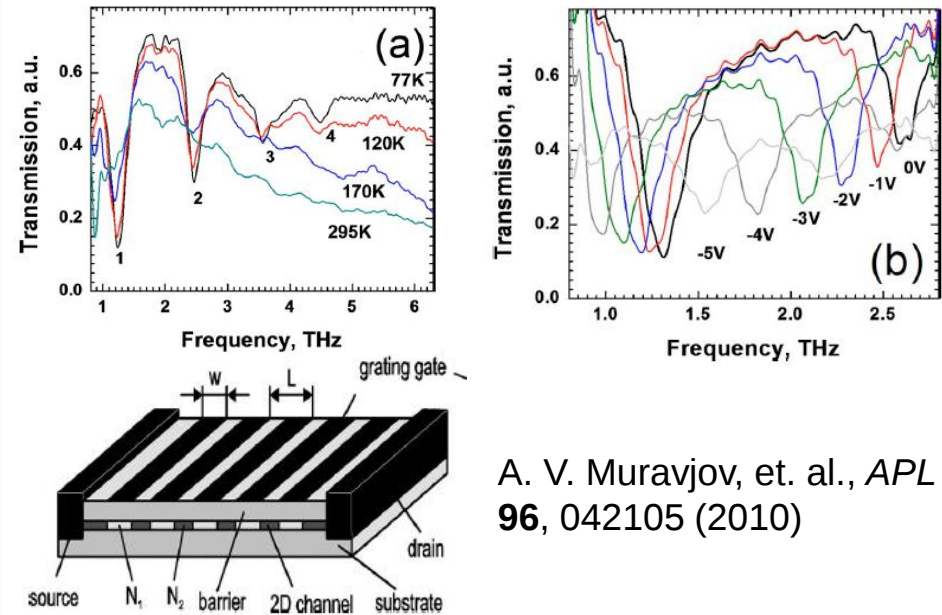
THz 2D Plasmonic Systems

Grating Gated Si MOSFETs



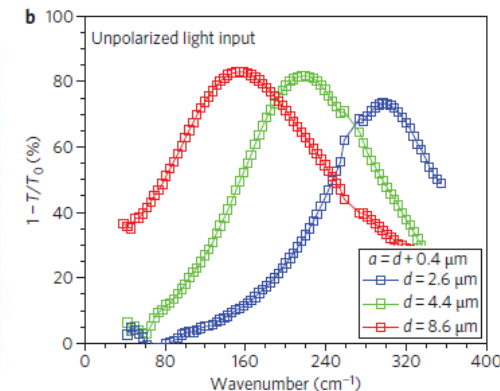
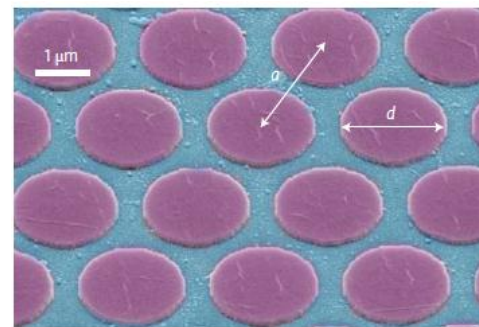
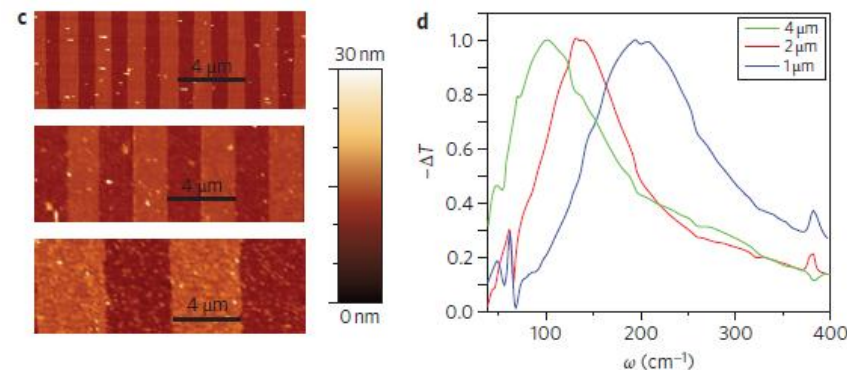
S. J. Allen et. al., *PRL* **38**, 980 (1977)

Grating Gated III-V HEMTs



A. V. Muravjov, et. al., *APL* **96**, 042105 (2010)

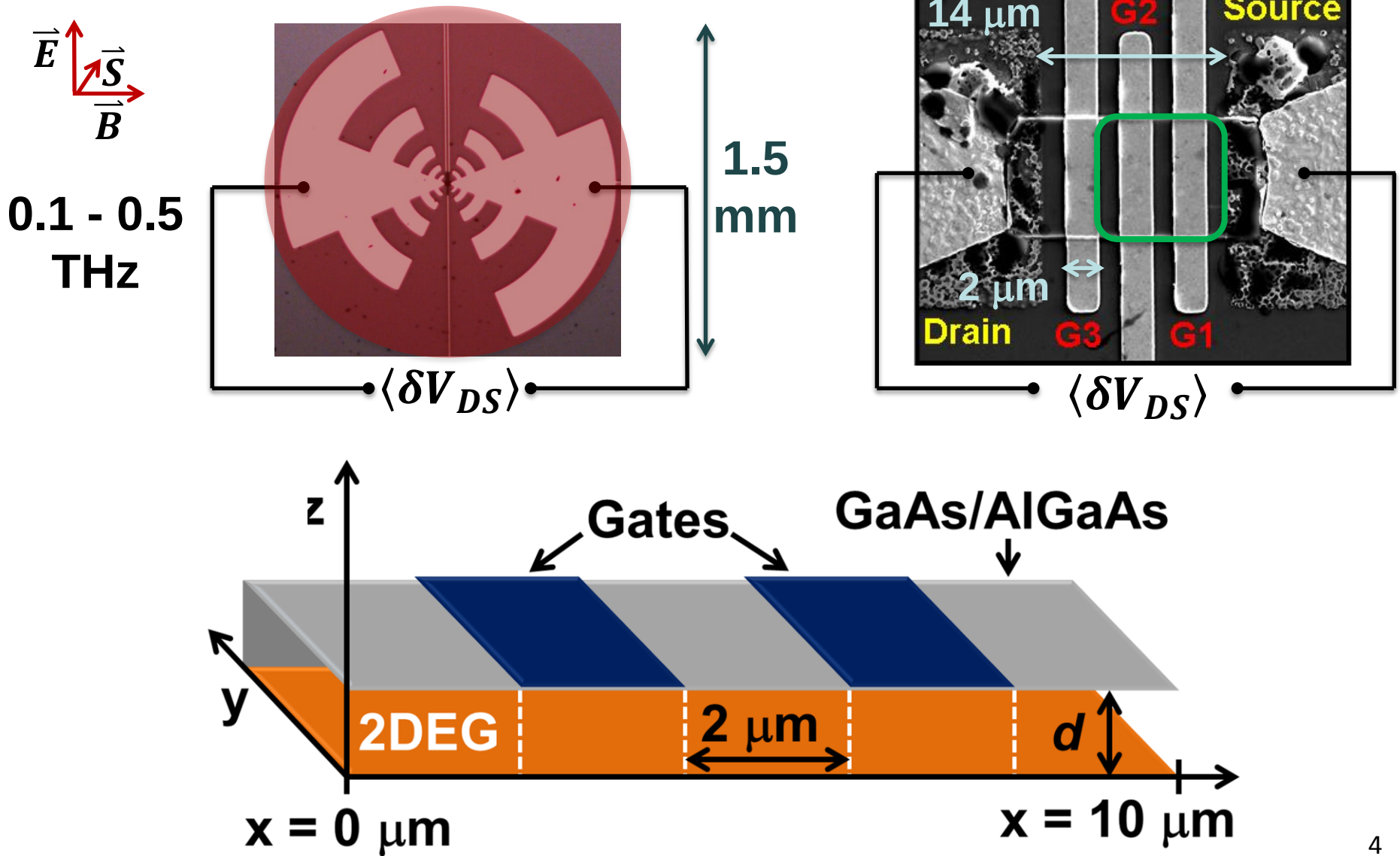
Periodic Graphene Structures



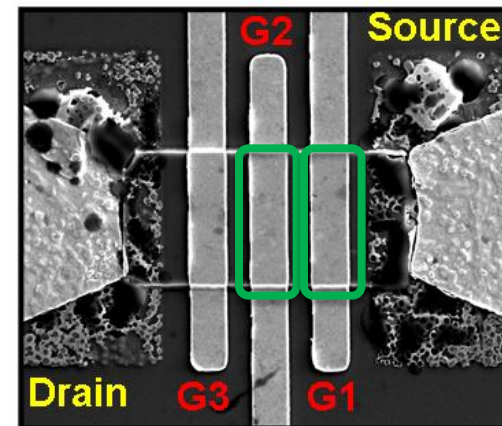
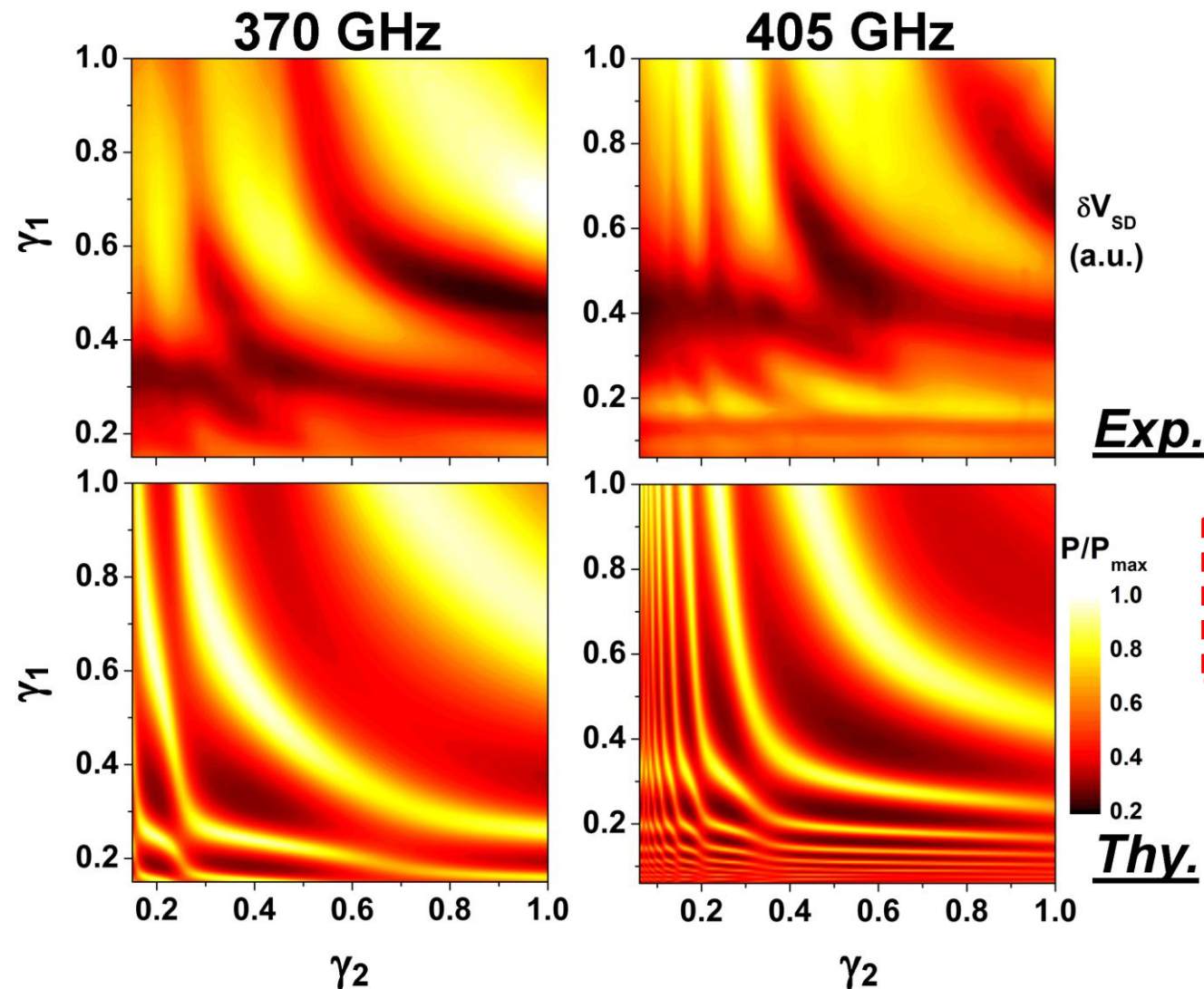
L. Ju et. al., *Nat. Nano.* **6**, 630 (2011)

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Antenna Coupled 2DEG Structures



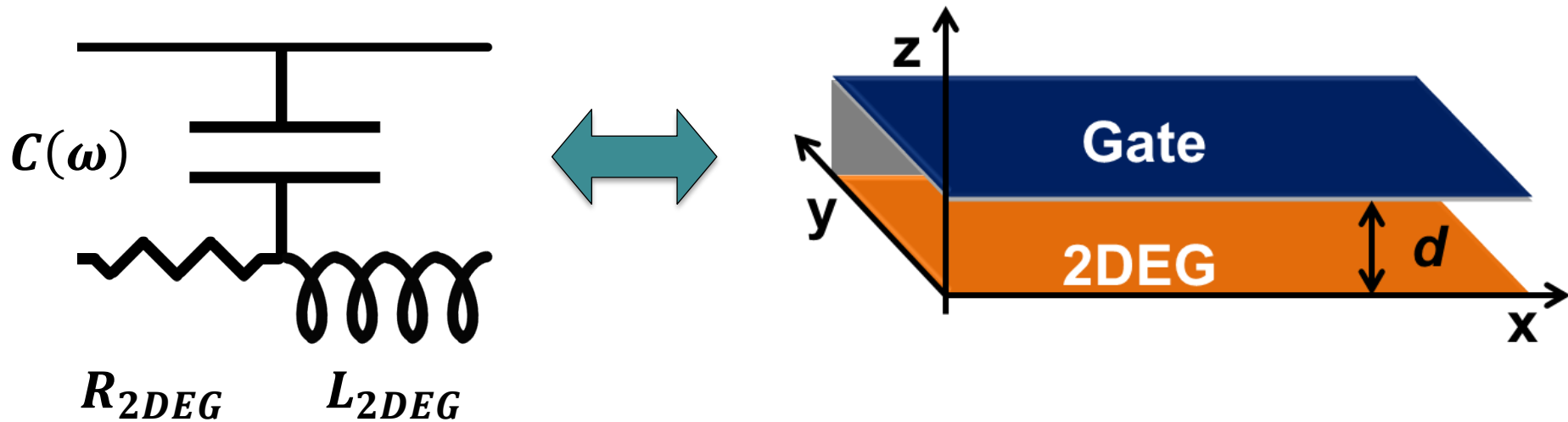
Coherent Sub-Cavity Interaction



$$\gamma_{1,2} = \frac{V_{th} - V_{G1,G2}}{V_{th}}$$

Strongly coupled 2D
plasmonic resonators

Generalized Plasmonic TL Model



$$C(\omega) = W\epsilon q(1 + \coth[qd])$$

$$R_{2DEG} = \frac{m^*}{\tau e^2 n_{2D} W}$$

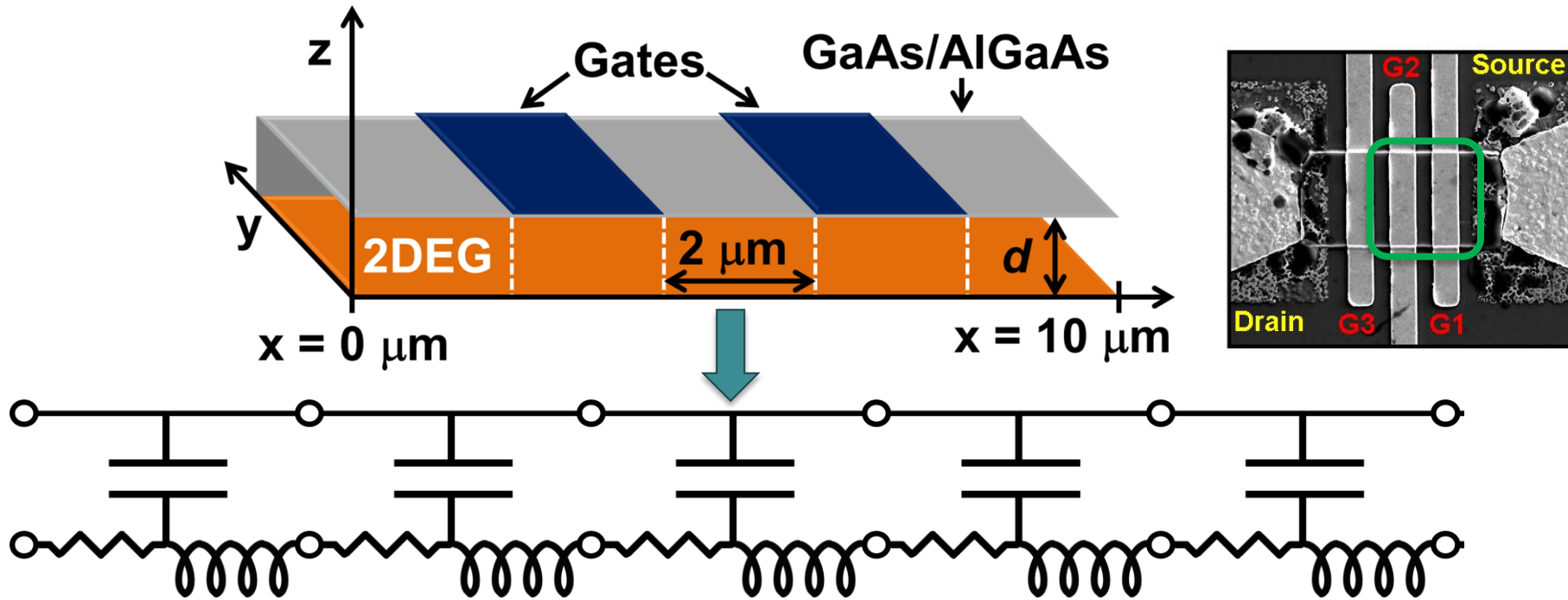
$$L_{2DEG} = \tau R_{2DEG}$$

$$\tilde{V}(x) = \Phi(x, 0)$$

$$\tilde{I}(x) = I(x)\xi(\omega, d)$$

where: $\xi(\omega, d) = 1 - \frac{q(1 - e^{-2q'd} \cos[2q''d])}{2q'(1 - e^{-2q^*d})} + \frac{q e^{-2q'd} \sin[2q''d]}{2q''(1 - e^{-2q^*d})}$

Discretized Plasmonic TL

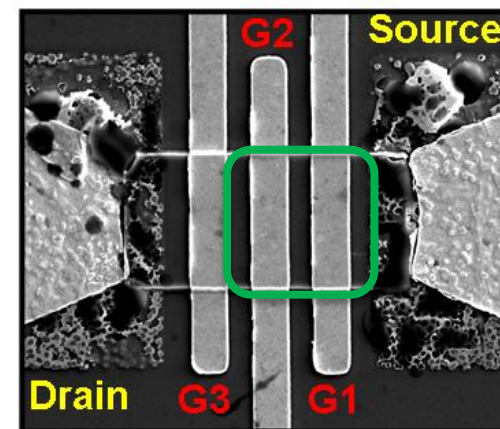
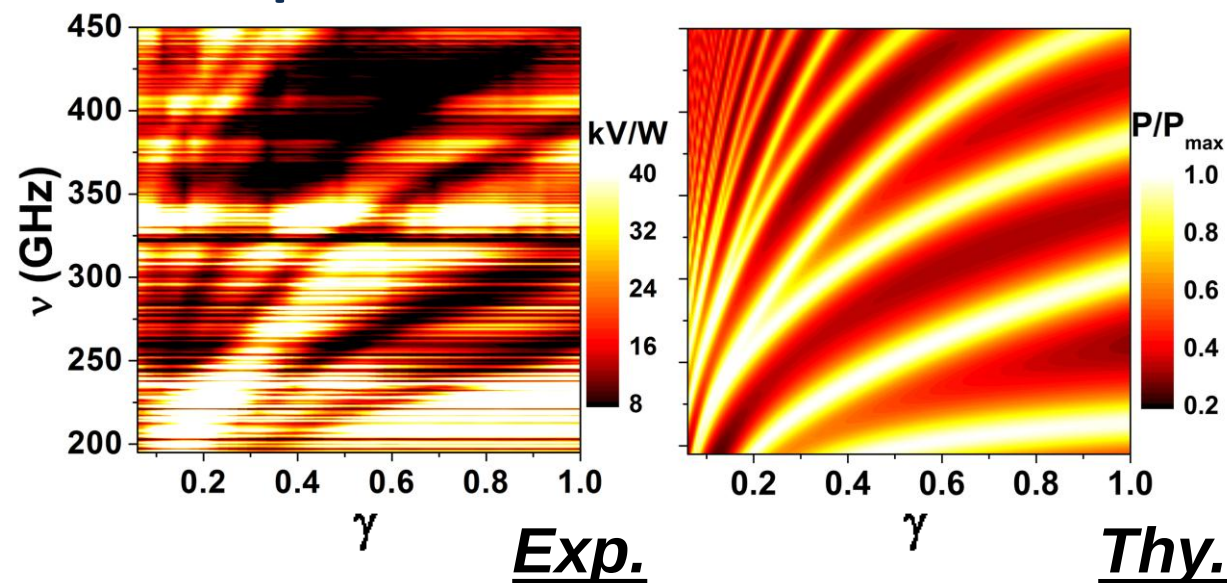


$$\tilde{Z}_0 = \frac{1}{\xi(\omega, d)} \sqrt{\frac{R_{2DEG} + i\omega L_{2DEG}}{i\omega C(\omega)}}$$

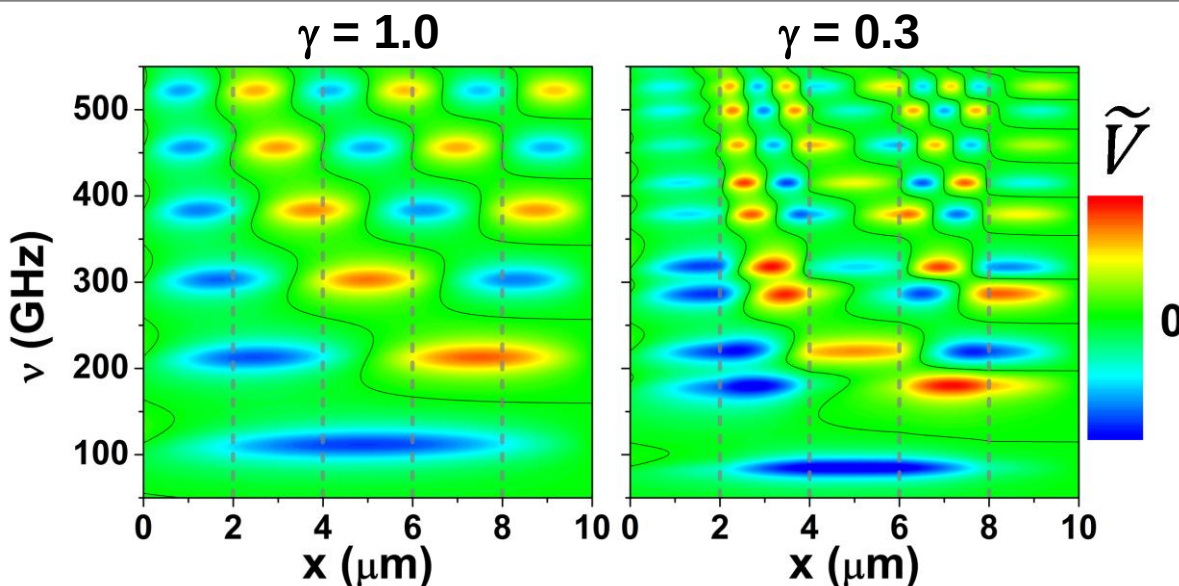
$$iq = \sqrt{i\omega C(\omega)(R_{2DEG} + i\omega L_{2DEG})}$$

where: $\xi(\omega, d) = 1 - \frac{q(1 - e^{-2q'd} \cos[2q''d])}{2q'(1 - e^{-2q^*d})} + \frac{q e^{-2q'd} \sin[2q''d]}{2q''(1 - e^{-2q^*d})}$

Incipient Finite Plasmonic Crystal

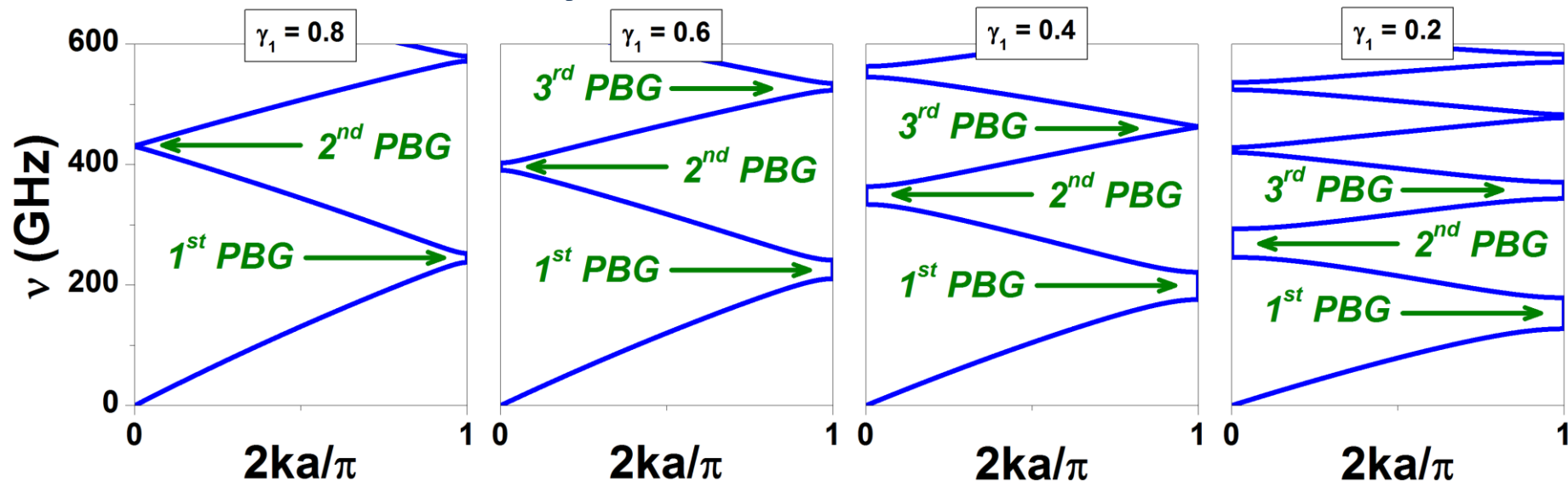


$$\gamma = \gamma_1 = \gamma_2$$



Two-period 1D plasmonic crystal embedded in 10 μm plasmonic cavity

Plasmonic Crystal Band Structure

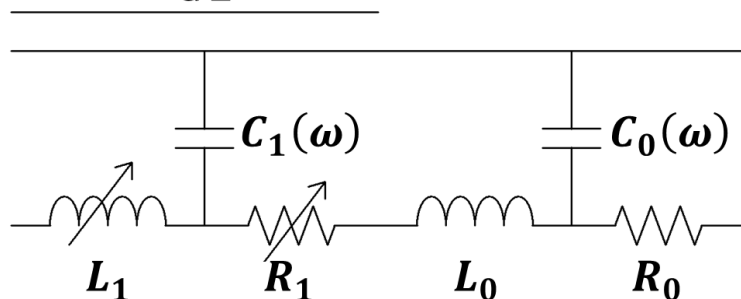


1D Kronig-Penney:

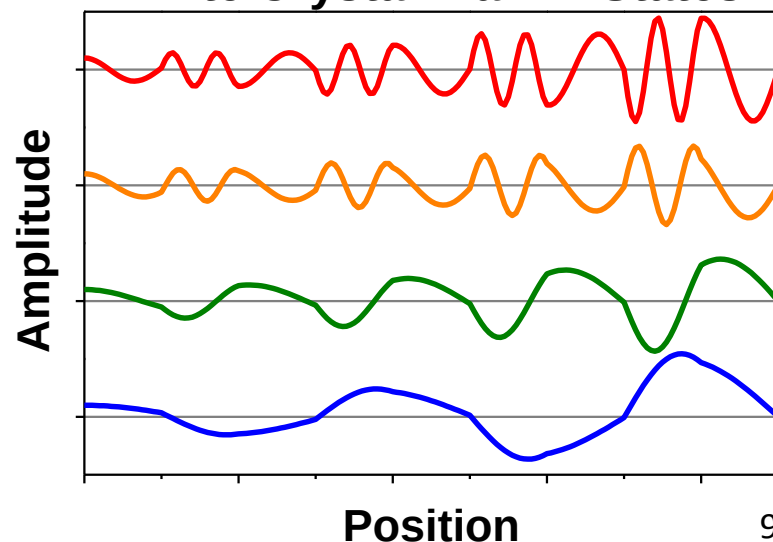
$$\cos 2ka =$$

$$\cos q_0 a \cos q_1 a - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{Z_0}{Z_1} + \frac{Z_1}{Z_0} \right) \sin q_0 a \sin q_1 a$$

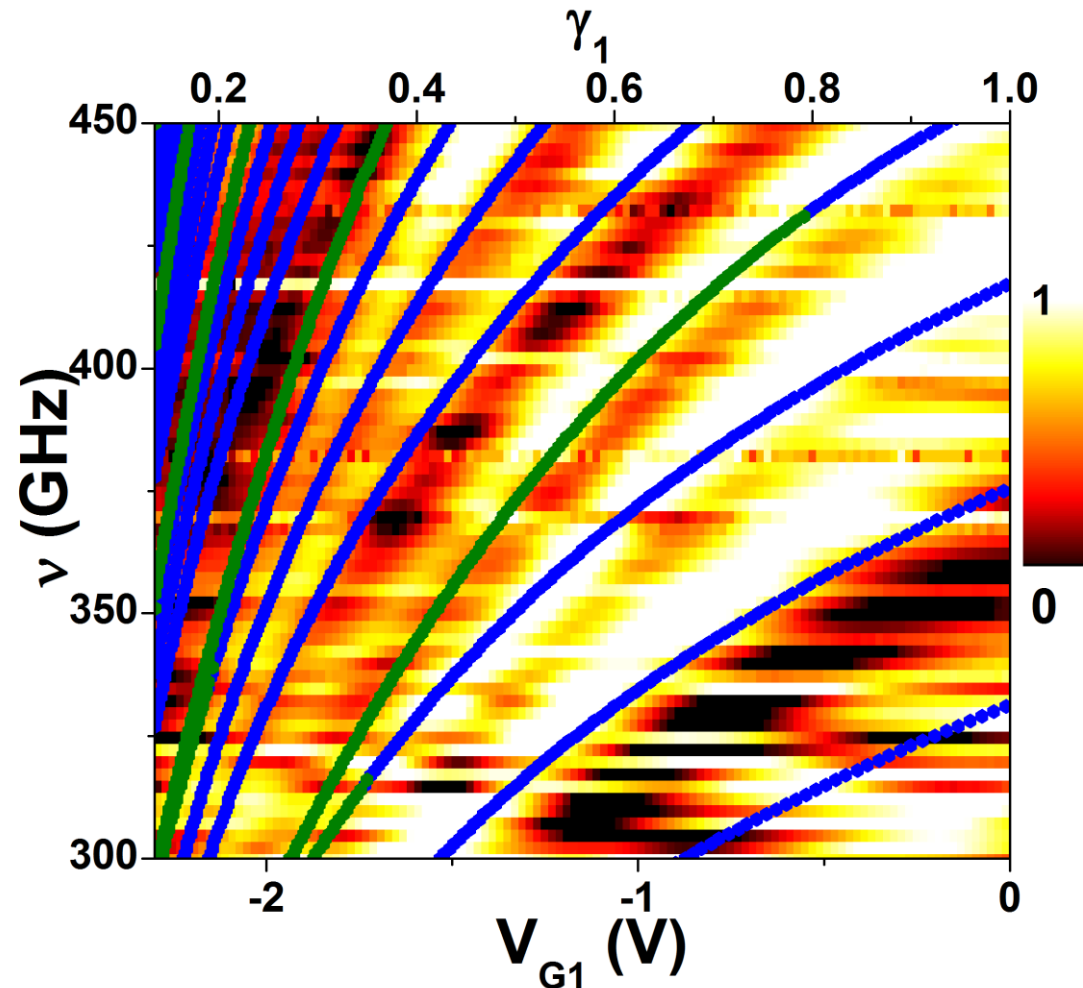
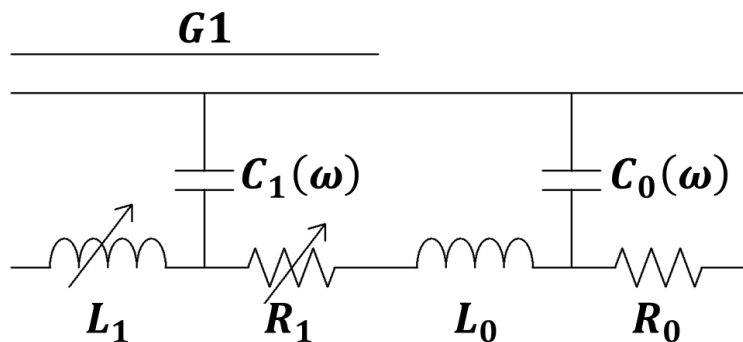
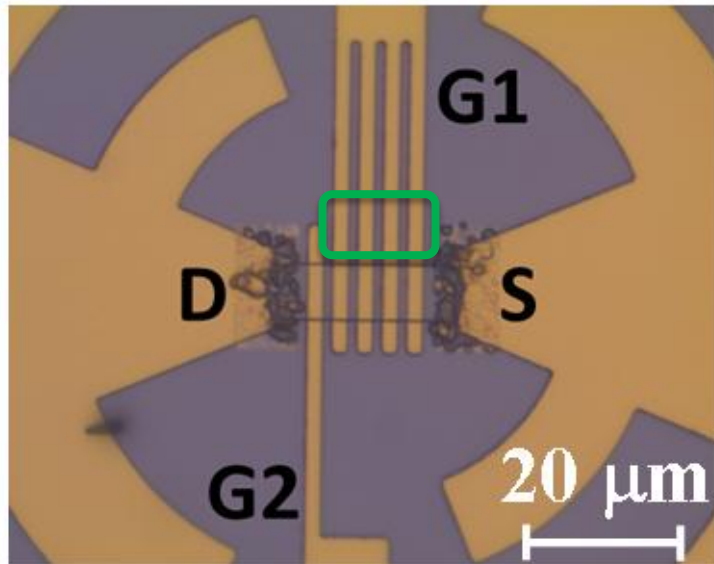
G1



Finite Crystal: Tamm States

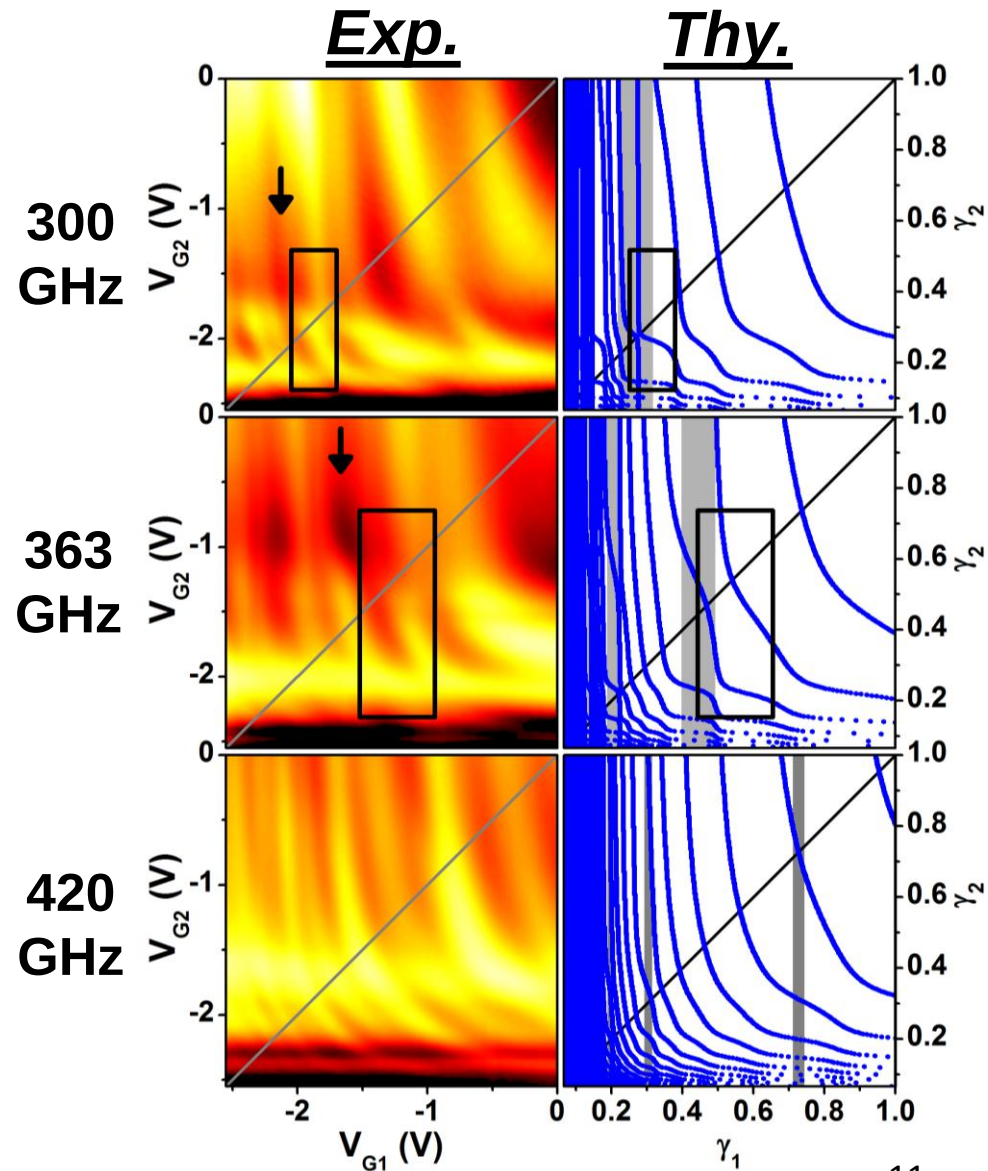
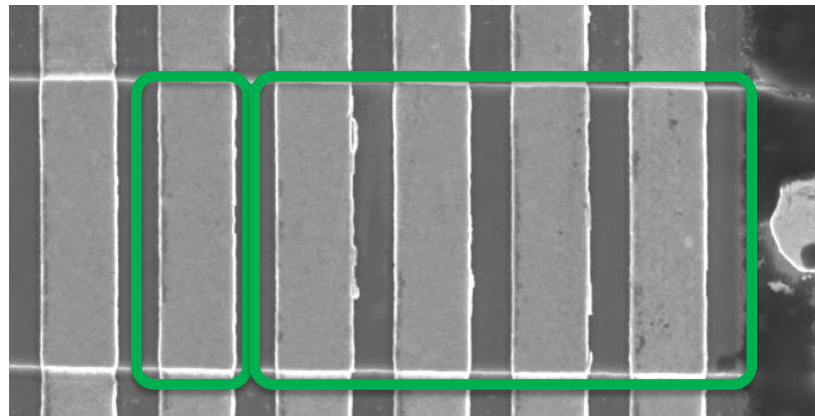
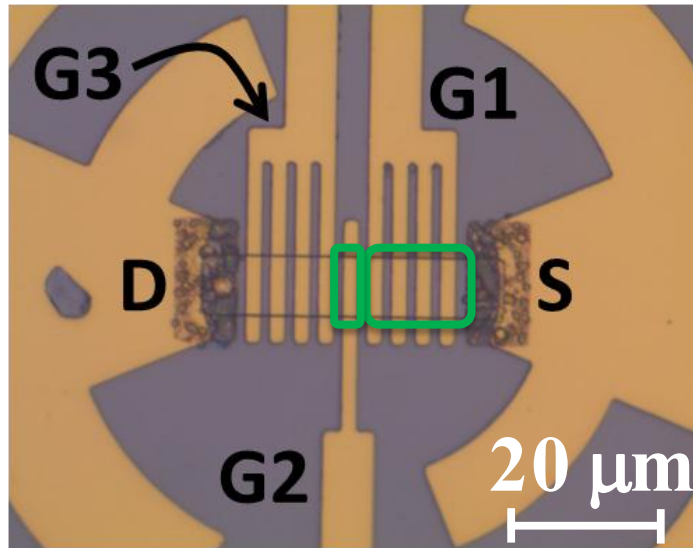


Four Period Plasmonic Crystal

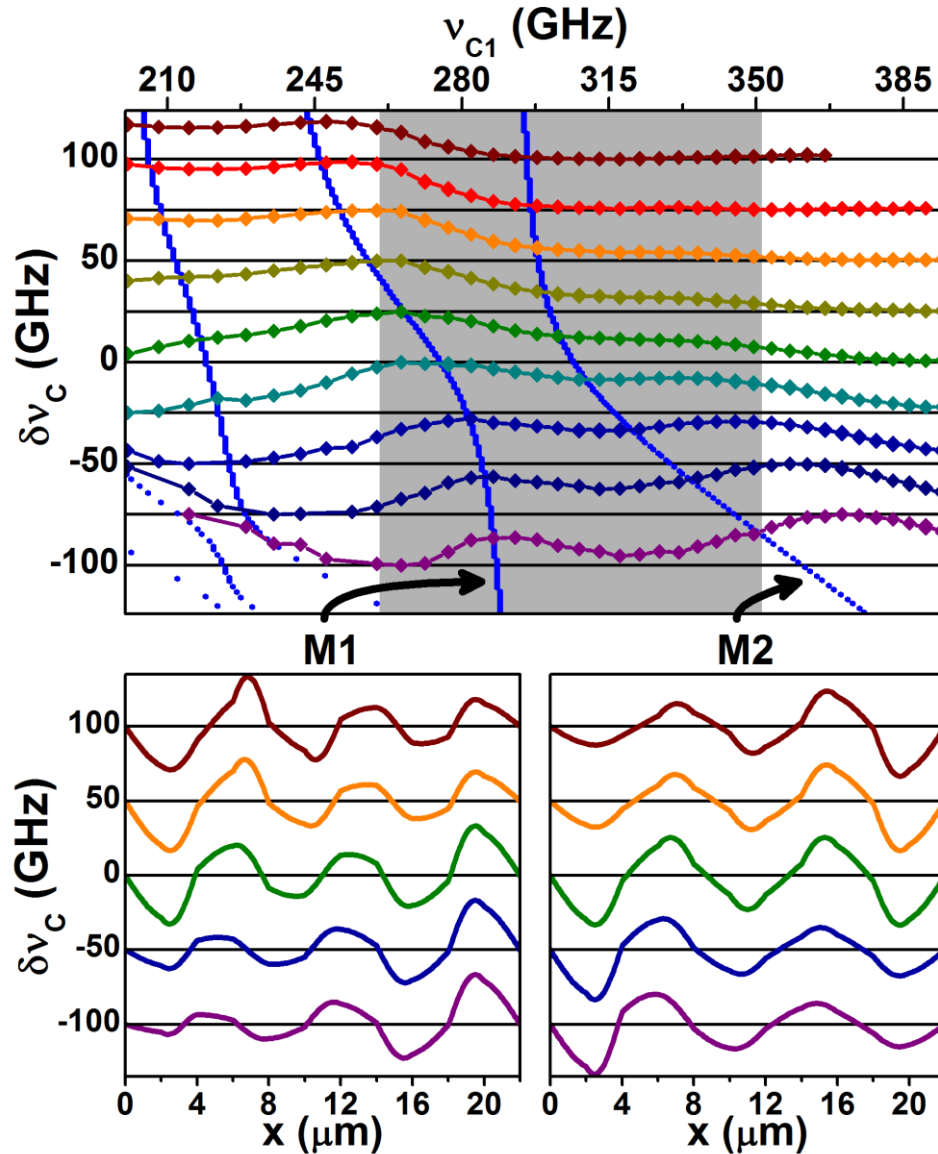


$$V_{G1} \rightarrow 0, L_1 \rightarrow \infty$$

Defect Probing of Tamm States



Active Control of Plasmonic EIT



210 GHz



$$\nu_{Cj} = \frac{\beta_C}{2\pi\sqrt{L_j C_j}}$$

$$\beta_C = \pi/a$$

$$\Delta \nu_C = \nu_{C2} - \nu_{C1}$$

Calculated distributions of crystal-defect eigenmodes found in crystal in band gap

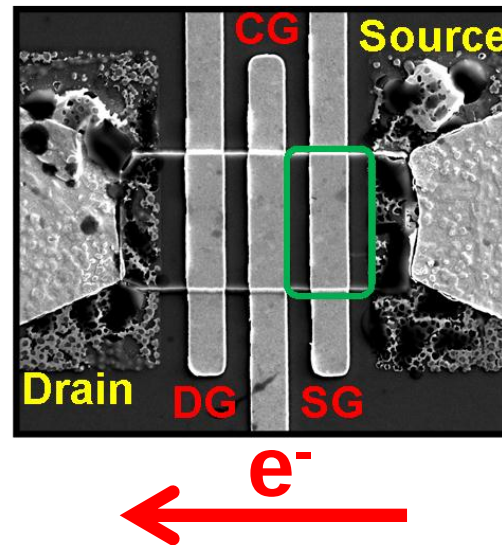
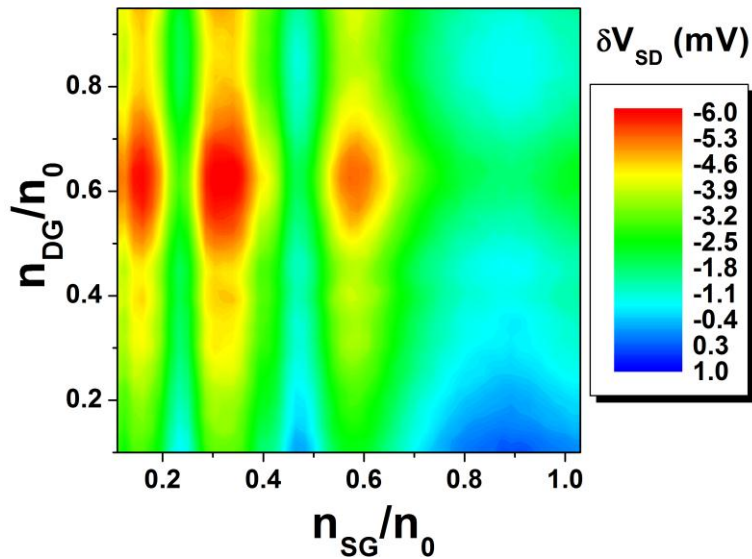
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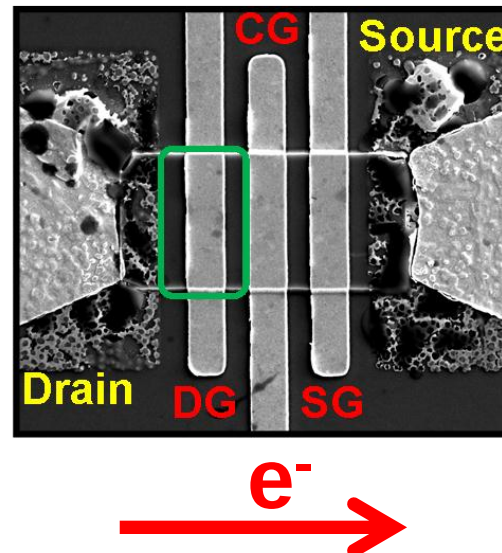
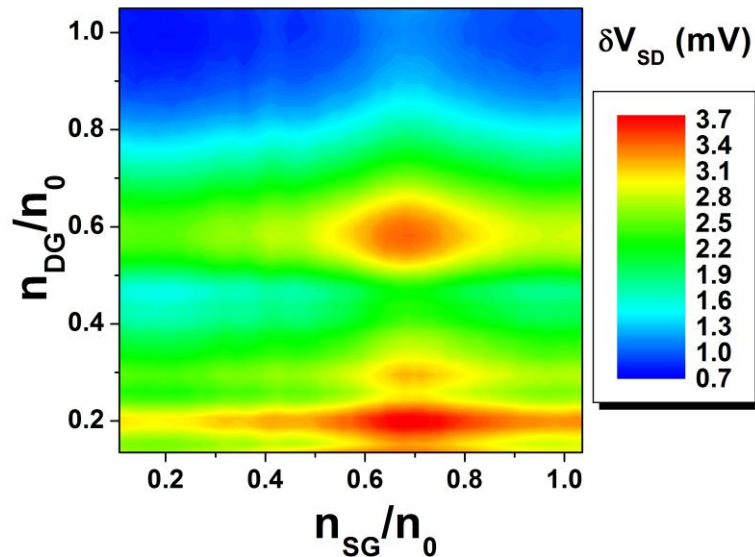
ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

Source-Drain Bias Cavity Selection



370 GHz

$I = +500$ nA



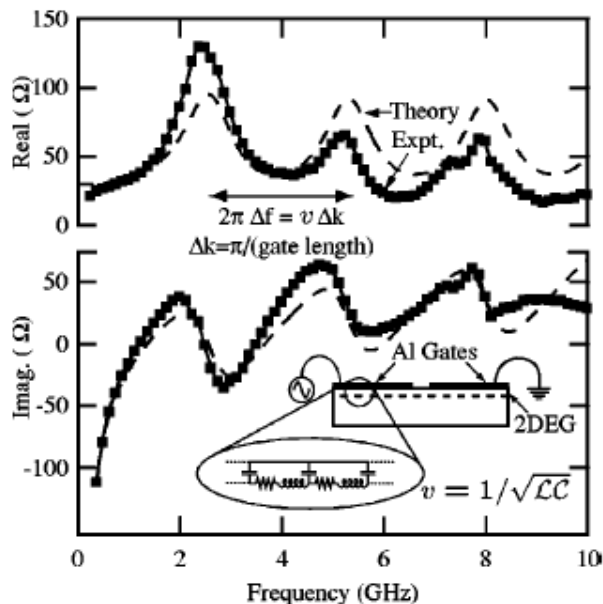
$I = -500$ nA

G. C. Dyer et. al., *APL*
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Plasmonic TL Model

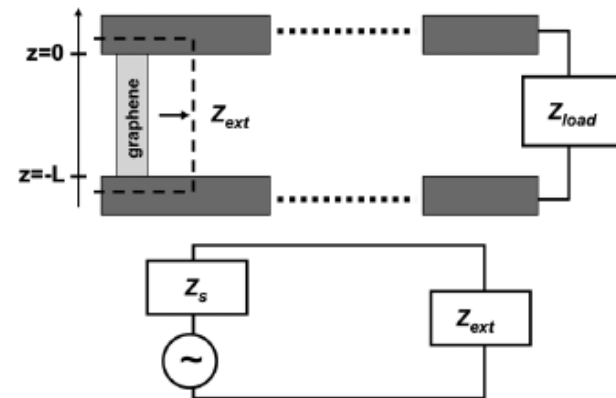
High frequency conductivity of the high-mobility two-dimensional electron gas

Graphene Terahertz Plasmon Oscillators



$$Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{Z_{2DEG}}{i\omega C(\omega)}}$$

$$iq = \sqrt{i\omega C(\omega)Z_{2DEG}}$$



$$Z_{2DEG} = \frac{m^*}{e^2 n_{2D} \tau W} (1 + i\omega\tau)$$

→ from Drude model
L is kinetic inductance

$$\lim_{qd \rightarrow \infty} C(\omega) = 2W\epsilon q$$

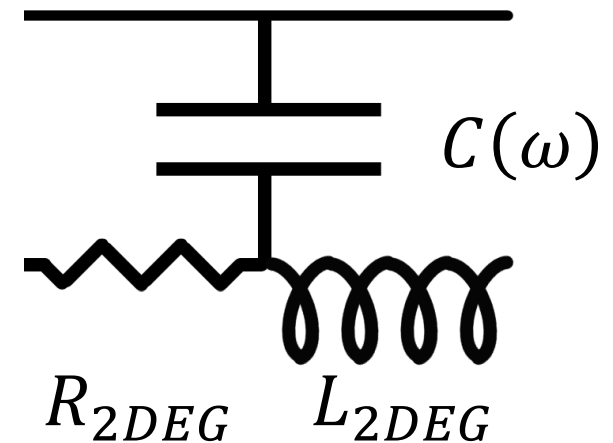
(unscreened limit)

$$\lim_{qd \rightarrow 0} C(\omega) = \frac{W\epsilon}{d}$$

(fully screened limit)

Generalized Plasmonic TL Model

$$C(\omega) = \frac{\Phi(x, z = 0)}{\rho(x)} = W\epsilon q(1 + \coth[qd])$$



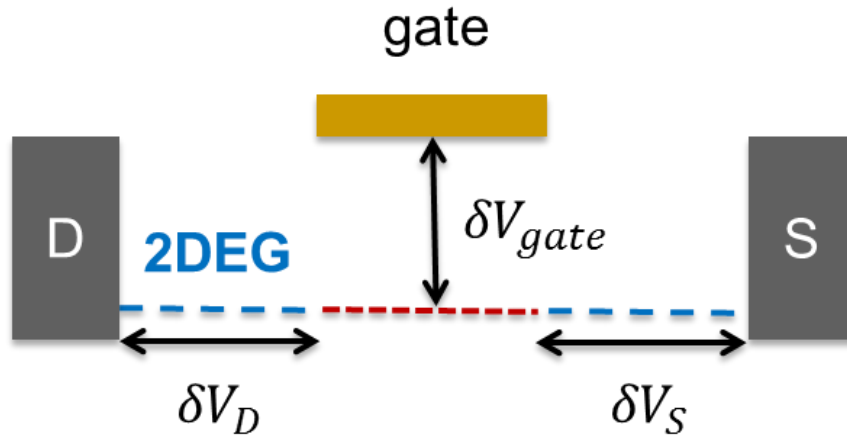
$$\frac{1}{2}\tilde{V}(x)\tilde{I}^*(x) = \frac{1}{2}\Phi(x, 0)I^*(x)\xi^*(\omega, d)$$

where

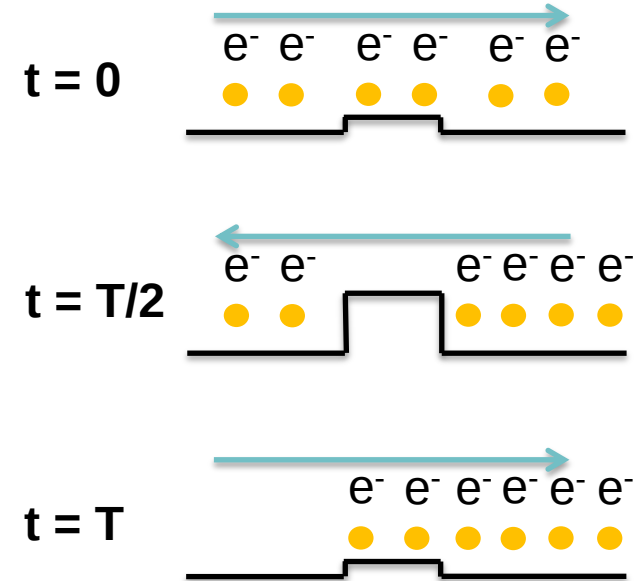
$$\xi(\omega, d) = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{q(1 - e^{-2q'd}\cos[2q''d])}{2q'(1 - e^{-2q*d})} + \frac{q e^{-2q'd}\sin[2q''d]}{2q''(1 - e^{-2q*d})}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{V}(x) &\equiv \Phi(x, 0) \\ \tilde{I}(x) &\equiv I(x)\xi(\omega, d) \\ \tilde{Z}_0 &\equiv \frac{Z_0}{\xi(\omega, d)}\end{aligned}$$

Homodyne Mixing in a HEMT



THz field coupled to channel (blue) drives current across depleted region (red) which is rectified by gate THz field



$$\begin{aligned} \langle \delta V_{SD} \rangle &= \left\langle \left[\frac{\partial R_{chan}}{\partial V_{gate}} \delta V_{gate} e^{-i(\omega t + \phi)} \right] [\delta V_S - \delta V_D] e^{-i\omega t} G_{chan} \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[G_{chan} \frac{\partial R_{chan}}{\partial V_{gate}} \right] \delta V_{gate} [\delta V_S - \delta V_D] \cos[\phi] \end{aligned}$$

ϕ is relative phase between gate & channel THz potentials

Hydrodynamic Model

$$\frac{\partial \delta v}{\partial t} + \delta v \frac{\partial \delta v}{\partial x} = \frac{e}{m} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \quad \& \quad \frac{\partial n}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial (n \delta v)}{\partial x} = 0$$

Self-consistent soln. of Euler's hydrodynamic eqn. of motion with continuity eqn.

- **Pros:**
 - little computational overhead
 - accurately predicts both linear and non-linear phenomena (absorption, mixing, emission)
- **Cons:**
 - non-trivial to phrase in Maxwell or circuit formalism
 - must choose boundary conditions
 - assumptions about screening
 - simple geometry

Detection, Mixing, and Frequency Multiplication of Terahertz Radiation by Two-Dimensional Electronic Fluid

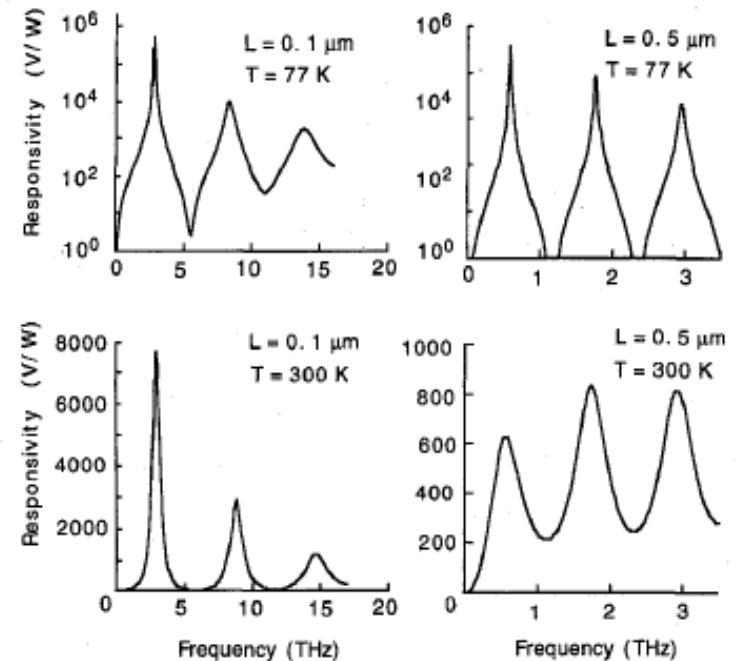
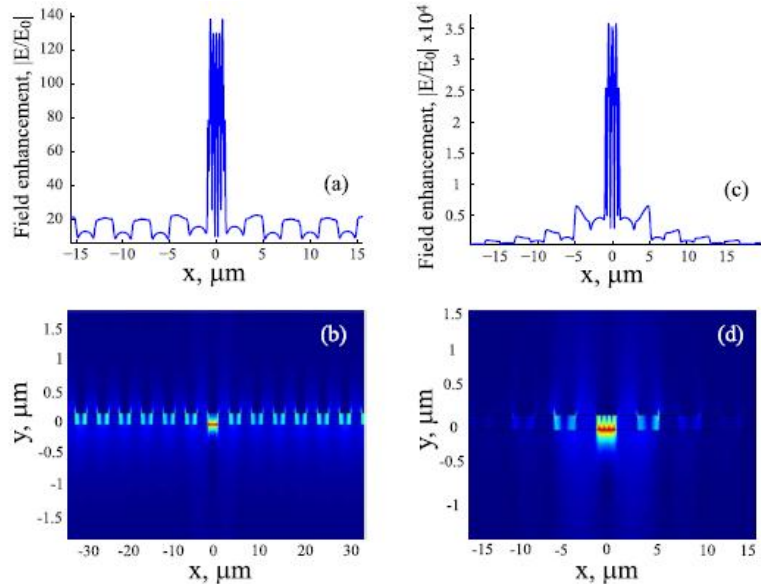


Fig. 5. Calculated responsivity as a function of frequency for 0.1 μm and 0.5 μm gate HEMT's at 77 K and 300 K. Parameters used in the calculation: $U_0 = 0.5$ V, $G = 1.5$, $\nu = 15$ cm²/s, $m = 0.063m_0$, $\mu = 300,000$ cm²/Vs at 77 K, $\mu = 8,000$ cm²/Vs at 300 K.

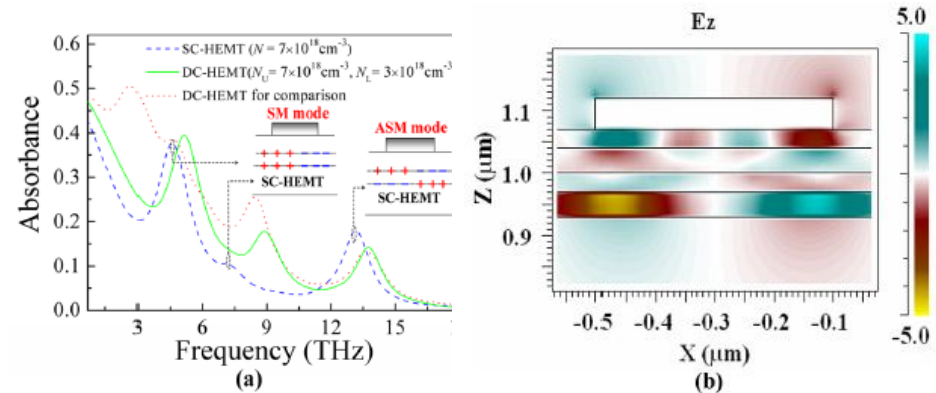
FDTD (Full EM)

Tailoring Terahertz Near-Field Enhancement via Two-Dimensional Plasmons



A. R. Davoyan et. al., *PRL* **108**, 127401 (2012)

The plasmonic resonant absorption in GaN double-channel high electron mobility transistors



L. Wang et. al., *APL* **99**, 063502 (2011)

Pros:

- direct solution of EM parameters (fields, absorption, transmission, etc.)
- can embed 2DEG in complex geometry including material parameters
- Maxwell imposes boundary conditions

Cons:

- large computational overhead
- expensive
- “intuition before computation”

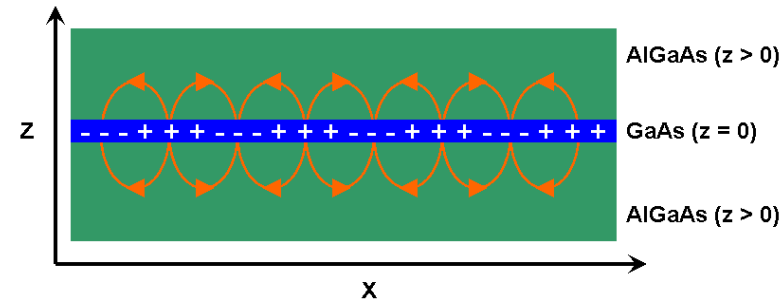
Generalized Plasmonic TL Model

The 2D plasmon is in general a TM wave:

$P = \frac{1}{2} VI^*$ is correct only for TEM wave in fully screened limit

$$P(x) = \frac{1}{2} \iint S_x dydz = -\frac{W}{2} \iint E_z H_y dydz$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \Phi(x, 0) I^*(x) \xi^*(\omega, d)$$



$$\xi(\omega, d) = 1 - \frac{q(1 - e^{-2q'd} \cos[2q''d])}{2q'(1 - e^{-2q^*d})} + \frac{q e^{-2q'd} \sin[2q''d]}{2q''(1 - e^{-2q^*d})}$$

$$P(x) \rightarrow \begin{cases} \lim_{qd \rightarrow 0} P(x) = \frac{1}{2} \Phi(x, 0) I^*(x) \\ \lim_{\tau, qd \rightarrow \infty} P(x) = \frac{1}{4} \Phi(x, 0) I^*(x) \end{cases}$$

fully screened limit

unscreened limit

Effective V , I & Z

$$\frac{1}{2}\tilde{V}(x)\tilde{I}^*(x) = \frac{1}{2}\Phi(x, 0)I^*(x) \xi^*(\omega, d)$$

$$\tilde{V}(x) \equiv \Phi(x, 0)$$

$$\tilde{I}(x) \equiv I(x)\xi(\omega, d)$$

$$\tilde{Z}_0 \equiv \frac{Z_0}{\xi(\omega, d)}$$

Characteristic Impedance of Microstrip Lines

JOHN R. BREWS, MEMBER, IEEE

FOR non-TEM structures such as microstrip lines it generally is agreed that the characteristic impedance is not unique. It also is agreed that the root of this uncertainty is the longitudinal field components of non-TEM modes. Because of these components, current and voltage are not uniquely defined in terms of the usual TEM path integrals of the fields. Faced with an ambiguity in the meaning of current I and voltage V a variety of results for the characteristic impedance Z_0 is obtained.

J. R. Brews, *IEEE Trans. on Microwave Theory and Techniques* **35**, 30 (1987)

Above definitions are not unique, but accurately address physics:

1. *Effective potential $\tilde{V}(x)$ is continuous*
2. *Power $\tilde{V}(x)\tilde{I}^*(x)$ is continuous*
3. *Discontinuity in real carrier density $\rho(x)$ and real current $I(x)$ is consistent with edge charge accumulation at step-like boundary*

Inductance Comparison

Treat gated 2DEG like a single wire loop



Inductance per unit length
along x-direction

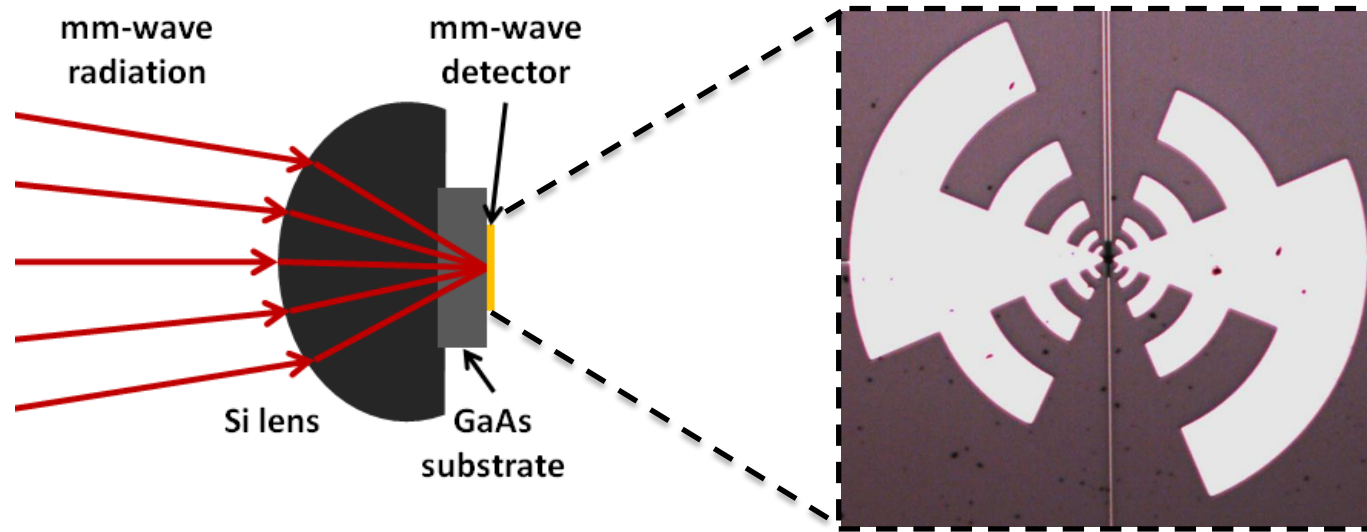
$$L_{kinetic} = \frac{m^*}{e^2 n_{2D} W} \sim 50 \mu_0$$

$$L_{geometric} = \frac{d}{W} \mu_0 \sim 0.05 \mu_0$$

Magnetic flux per unit length
through x-z plane

$$\Phi_m \sim \frac{\mu_0 I d}{W} = I L_{geometric}$$

Antenna Coupled THz Detector



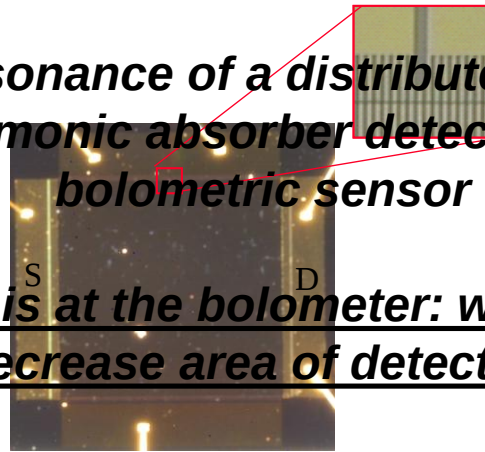
Five terminal HEMT at antenna vertex:
S, D and gates (SG, CG and DG)

Self complementary antenna:
impedance of $\sim 72 \Omega$ on substrate



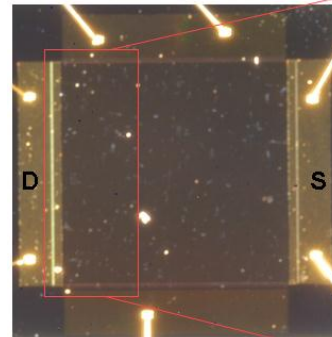
Resonant Terahertz Response

Resonance of a distributed 2D plasmonic absorber detected by bolometric sensor



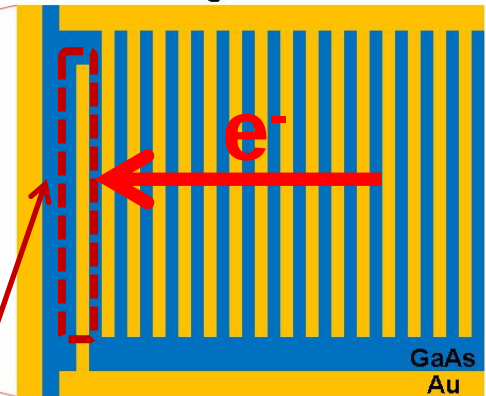
Action is at the bolometer: what if we decrease area of detector?

1 mm by 1 mm channel



Grating Period: 4 μm

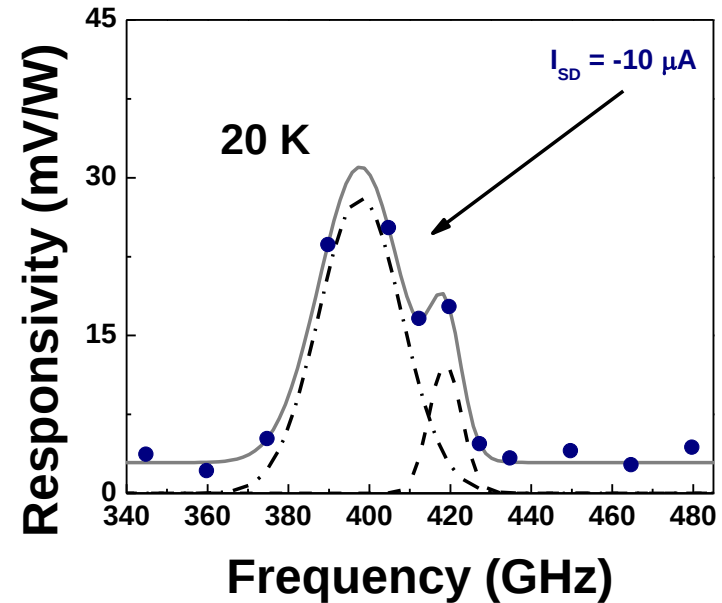
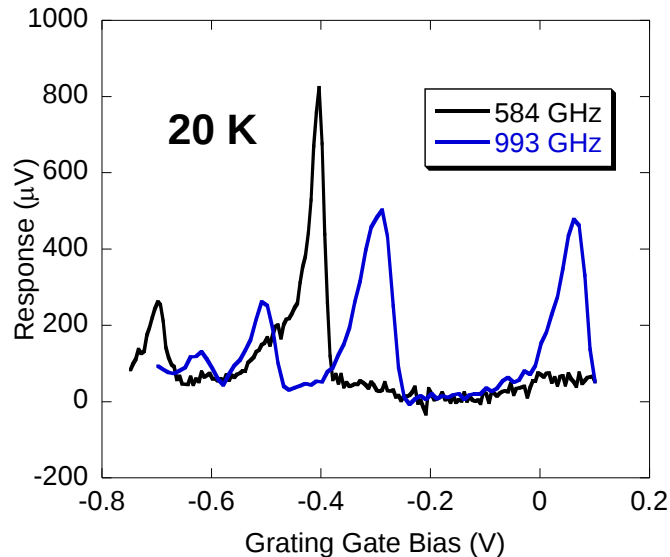
Tuning Gate Contact



Bolometric Element

$$V_{BG} < V_{TH}$$

Split-Gate Detector Photoresponse



Growth Sheet



EPI-A GROWTH SHEET

EA0741

SAMPLE ID: EA0741

OBJECTIVE: High Mobility Structure

DATE: 02-May-01

CUSTOMER: Lilly,M

GROWER: Reno, J.

MATERIAL: GaAs, AlGaAs

GaAs / Al_xGa_{1-x}As

x = .24

Structure						
#	Material	Thickness	Dopant	Density	Temp.	SL
1	GaAs	10.0 nm	undoped		635 °C	Cap
2	AlGaAs	98.0 nm	undoped		635 °C	24.1%
3	delta-dope	0.0 nm	Si (n)	1.00E+12	635 °C	
4	AlGaAs	75.0 nm	undoped		635 °C	Upper Setback 24.1%
5	GaAs	30.0 nm	undoped		635 °C	QW
6	AlGaAs	95.0 nm	undoped		635 °C	Lower Setback 24.1%
7	delta-dope	0.0 nm	Si (n)	1.00E+12	635 °C	
8	AlGaAs	98.0 nm	undoped		635 °C	24.1%
9	GaAs	3.0 nm	undoped		635 °C	[x300 Smoothing & EtchStop SL
10	AlGaAs	10.0 nm	undoped		635 °C	] 54.8%
11	GaAs	100.0 nm	undoped		635 °C	Buffer

Substrate Information			Source Information				
Ingot:	G079K3400	Source	Temp °C	Flux	G.R. ML/s	Rheed	UFG
Slice:		Al7	1155.0		0.242	Yes	Yes
Material:	GaAs	As2_Va	175.0		1.760	Yes	Yes
Orientation:	(100)	As2C	650.0		0.000	No	Yes
Thickness:	625 µm	As2X	390.0		0.000	No	Yes
Diameter:	3"	Ga3	1158.0		0.762	Yes	Yes
Type:	undoped	Ga9	1090.0		0.199	Yes	Yes
Vendor:	AXT	Rotate	-15.0		0.000	No	Yes
		Rotate	-5.0		0.000	No	Yes
		Si	1212.0		0.000	No	Yes

Notes and Comments:

Duplicate of EA0739 but grown with lower As flux.

Characterization Results:

