



OSA Webinar: Plasma Photonic Crystals and the Tunable Parameters Control of the Bandgaps

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Plasma Photonic Crystal

Photonic Crystal: A periodic structure near the wavelength of incident propagating wave that forms a dispersive material with bandgaps due to dielectric contrast between the structure's material.

Atmospheric Plasma:

A gas mixture of free electrons, ions, and neutrals with a net neutral charge and a pressure at or near 1 Earth atmosphere.

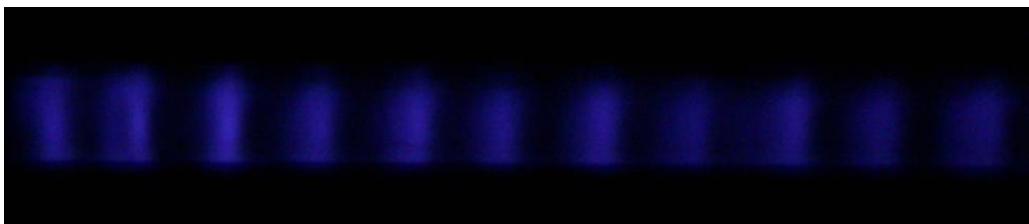


FIG 1. Side view: Plasma filaments formed in dielectric barrier discharge (DBD)

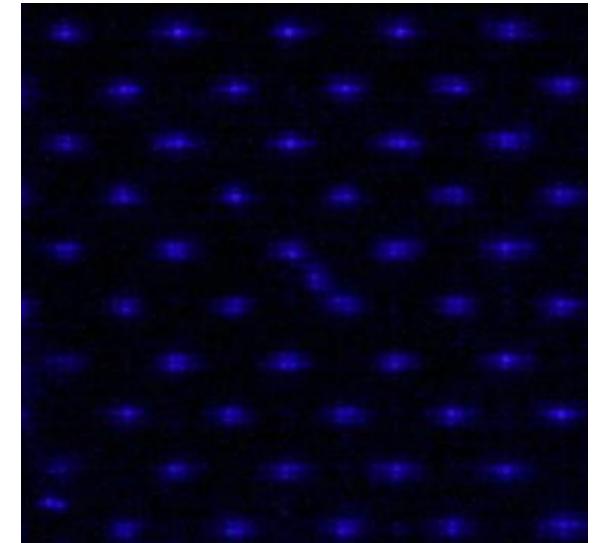


FIG 2. Top view: Imaged through ITO conductive glass. Down center of filaments

Plasma Photonic Crystal:

1D, 2D, and 3D structure formed from discharging plasma with a tunable dielectric constant and structure.

Plasma Photonic Crystal Advantages

Capabilities

Electrically tunable

- Structure
- Dielectric

$$\varepsilon_p(\omega_{pe}^2, \omega, v_c) = 1 - \frac{\omega_{pe}^2}{(\omega^2 - i\omega v_c)}$$

$\varepsilon_p: [1, -\infty)$

$$\omega_{pe}^2 = \frac{n_e q^2}{m_e \varepsilon_0}$$

Application

- GHz – THz tunable components
- Durable periodic structures and metamaterials for High Power Microwaves¹

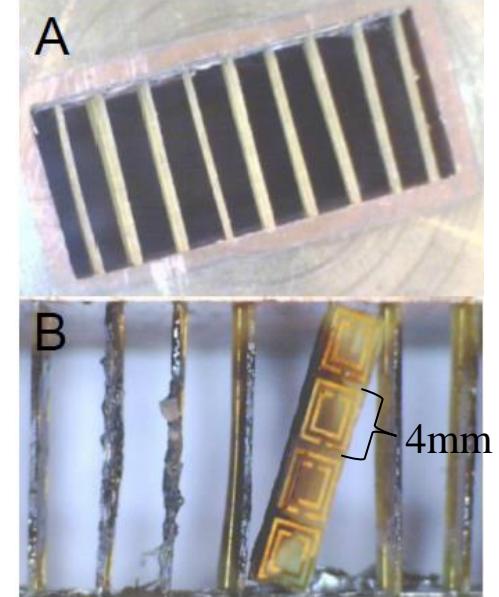


FIG 3. Effect of HPM on an array of split ring resonators: 1W 10GHz.
Image of array (A) before (undamaged) and (B) after with scorch marks.²



Presentation Roadmap

1. Literature Review of Plasma Photonic Crystals (PPC)
2. Plane Wave Expansion Method (Simulation Model)
3. Controlling Parameter Trends
4. Reconfigurability Metrics Identify preferred parameters
5. Introduce PPC (Experiment) - Expanding bandgap control



1D PPC

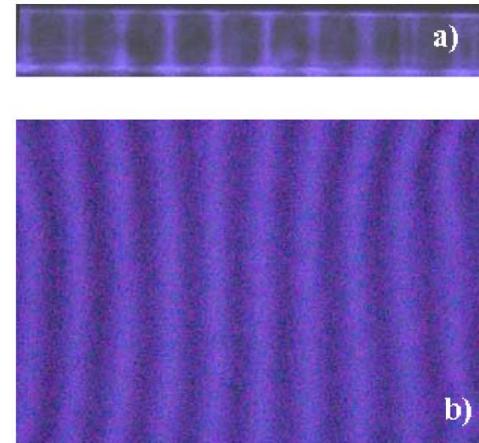
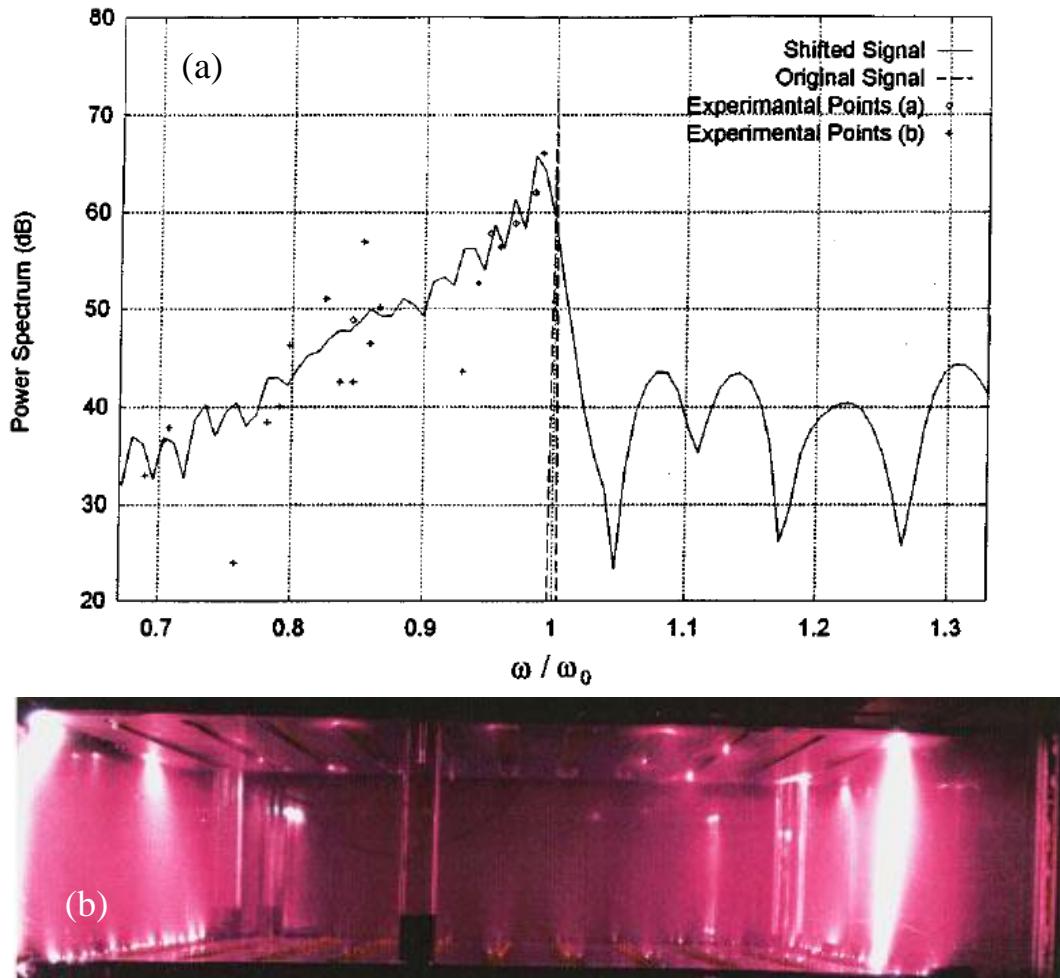
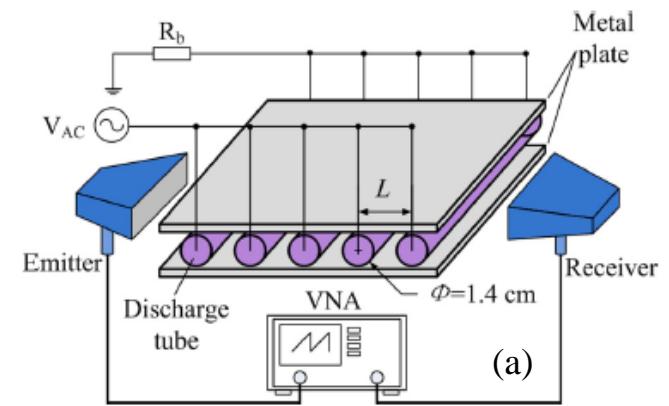
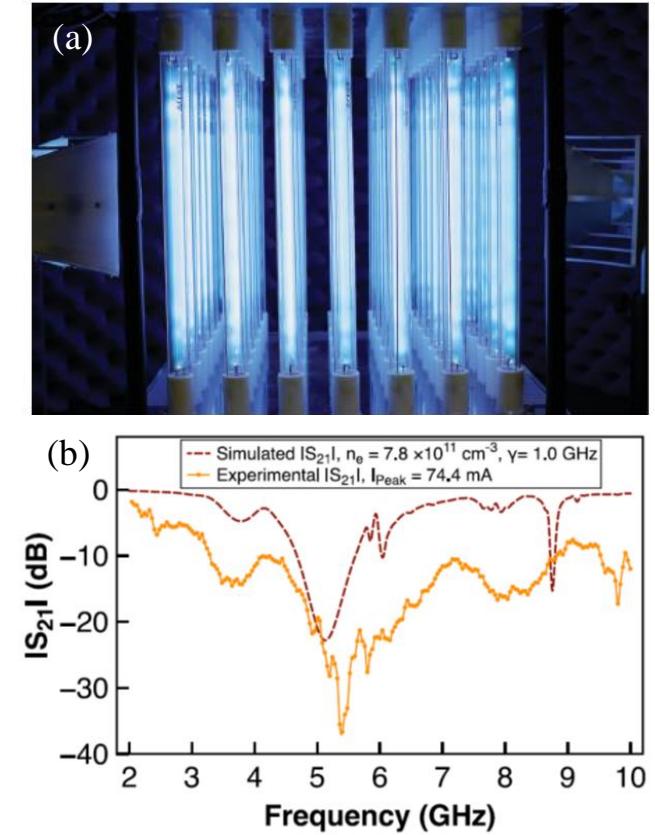
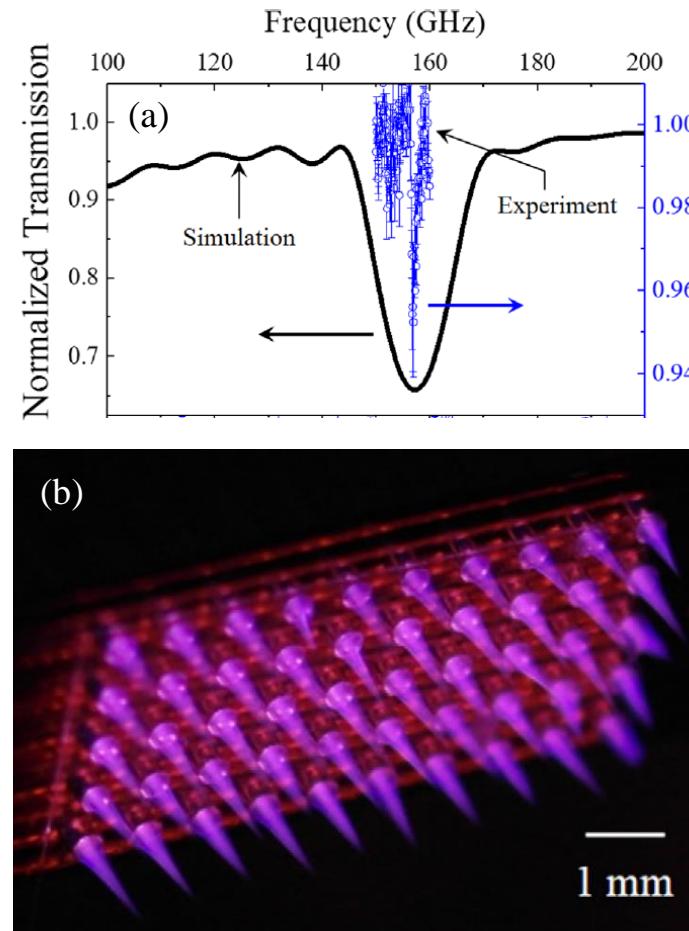
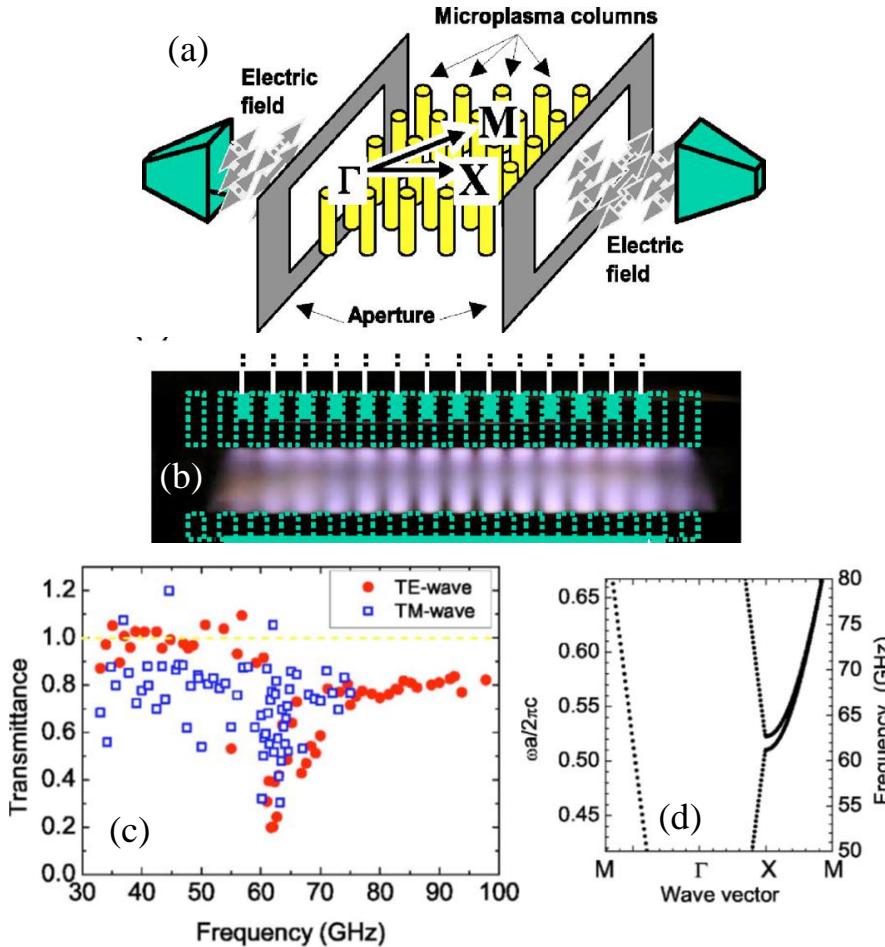


FIG. 5. 1D Filament DBD:
(Fan and Dong)⁵



2D PPC



3D PPC

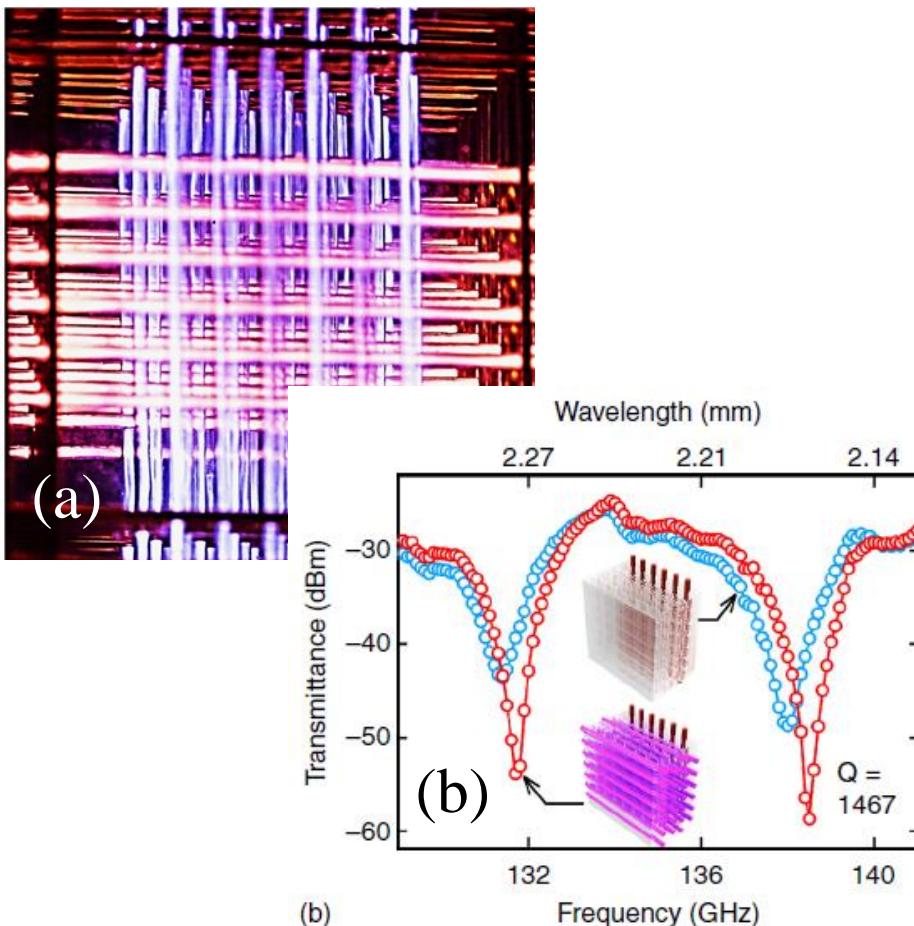


FIG 10. 3D Inductive Capillary PPC: (a) Discharge Image and (b) Experimental data with and without the plasma. (Sun, Zhang, Chen, Braun, and Eden)¹¹

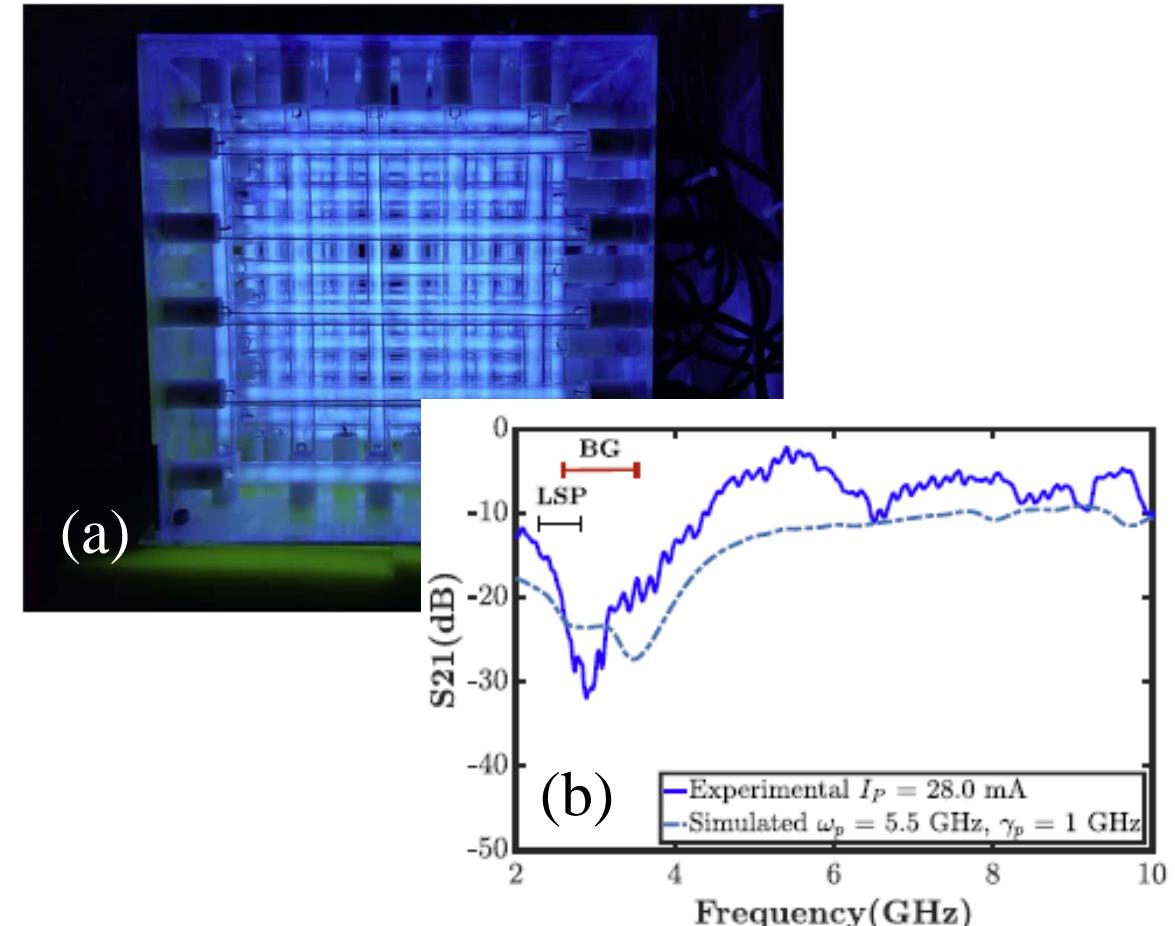


FIG 11. 3D Capacitive Discharge Capillary PPC: (a) Discharge Image and (b) experimental data and simulation. (Wang, Rodriguez, and Cappelli)¹²



Self-Organized PPC

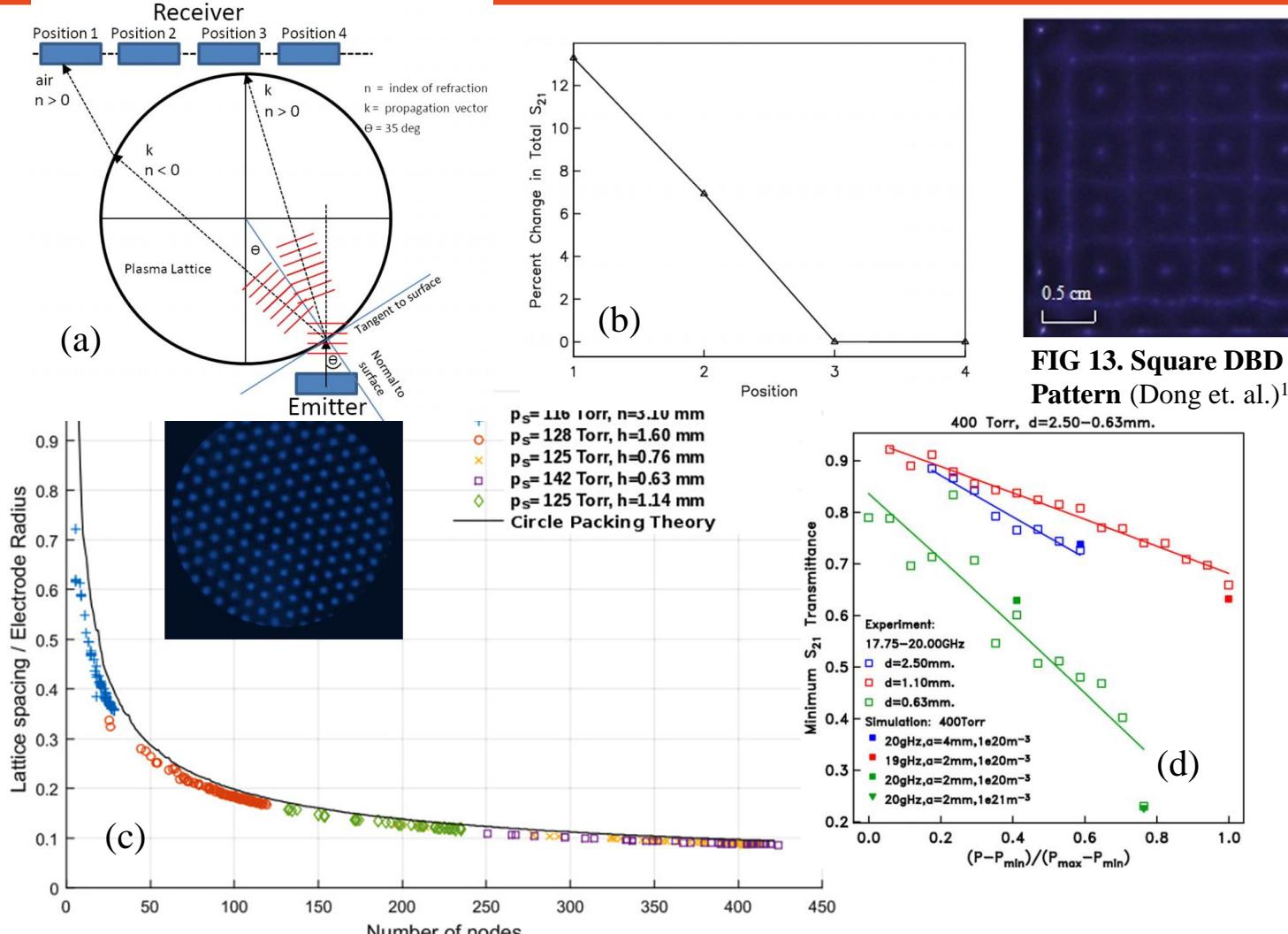
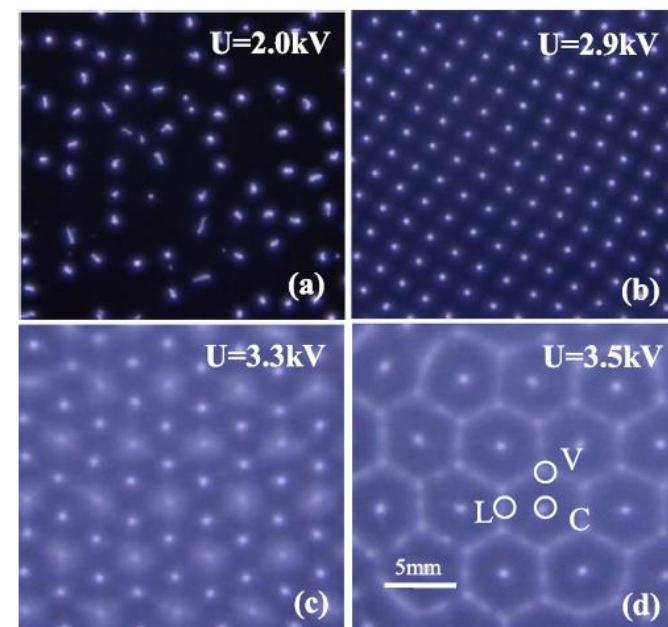
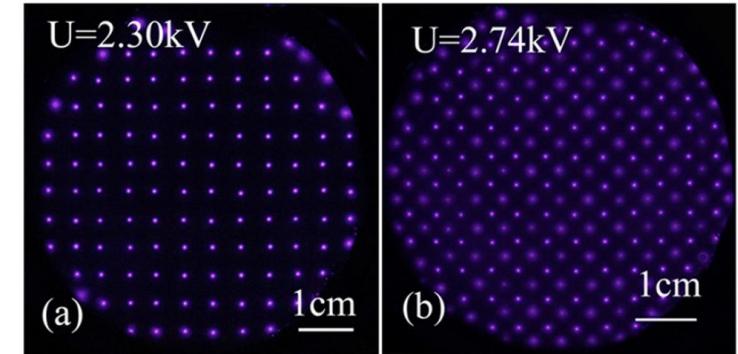


FIG 12. Microwave tested DBD PPC: (a) index of refraction test setup and (b) transmission change. (c) lattice constant parameter dependence. (d) transmission parameter dependence. (Matlis, Corke, Neiswander, and Hoffman)¹³





Waveguide PPC

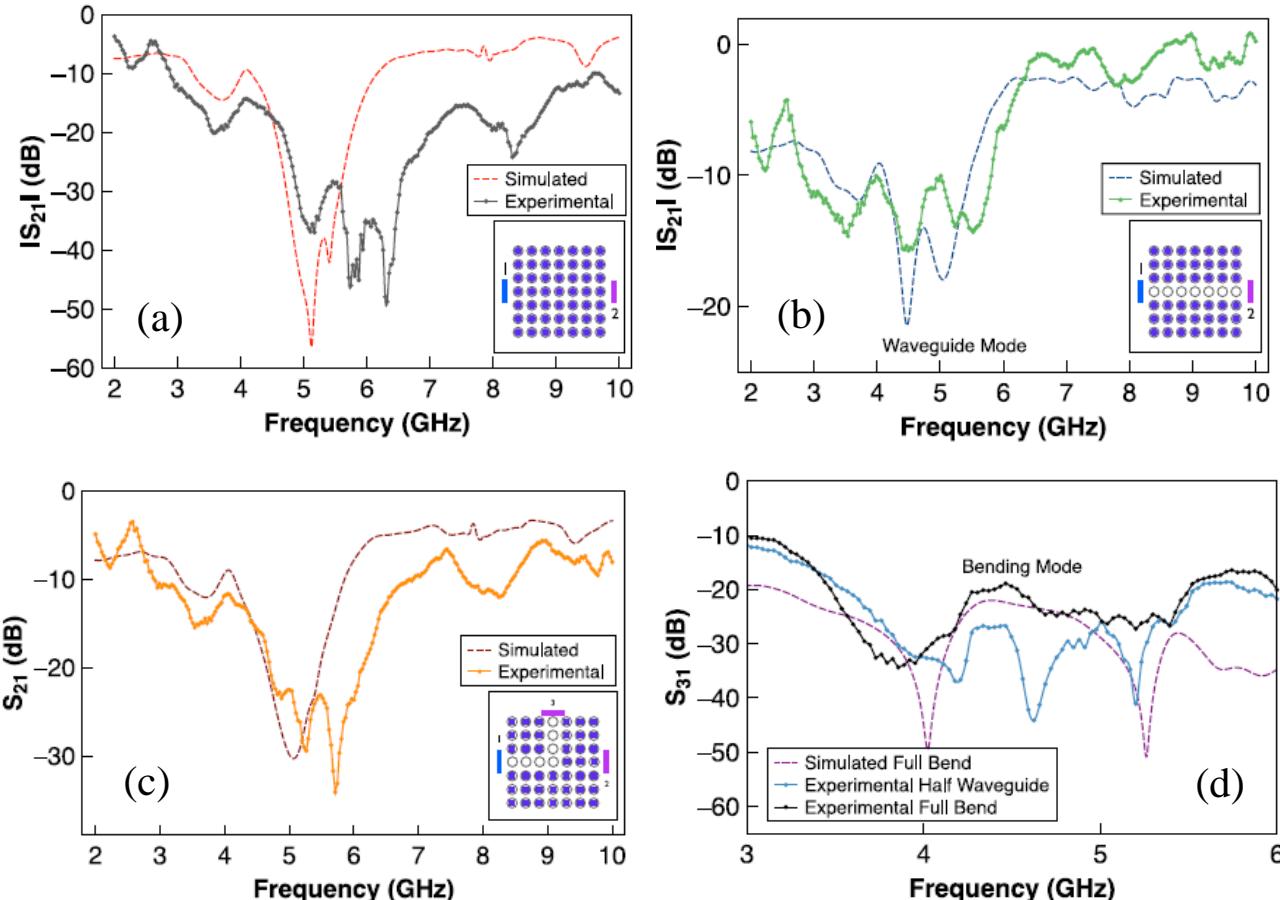


FIG 16. Experimental and simulated transmission through PPC waveguide: (a) all plasma on, (b) straight waveguide, (c) bent waveguide, and transmission to third port. (Wang and Cappelli)¹⁰

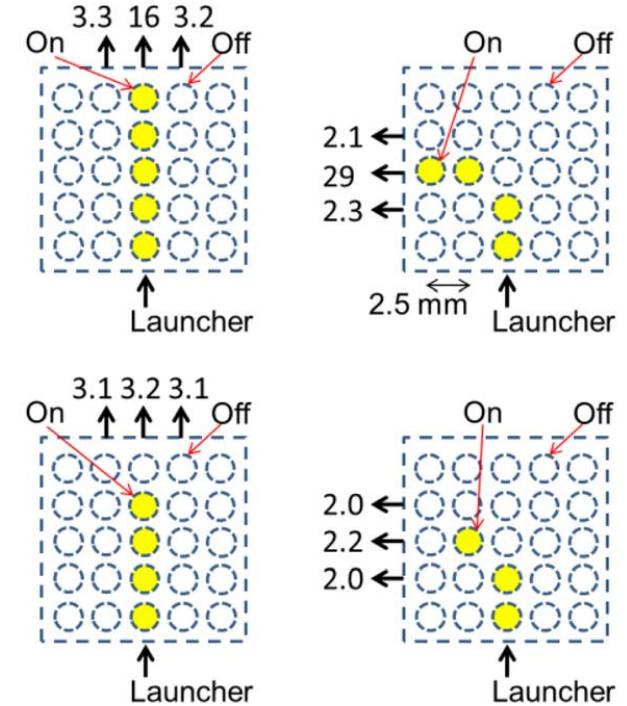
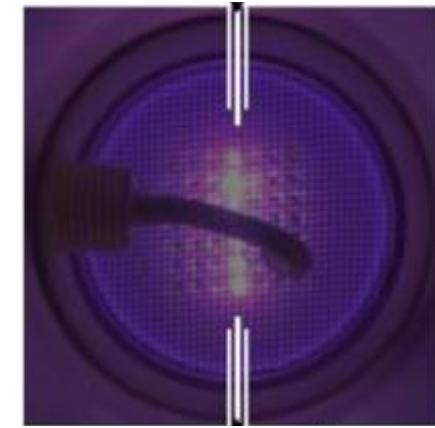


FIG 17. Plasmon waveguide on PPC: (a) Discharge image. Ratio of transmission with and without plasma (b) straight, (c) bent, (d) straight short, (e) bent short. (Sakai et. al)¹⁷

Simulated Complete Bandgaps and Negative Refraction

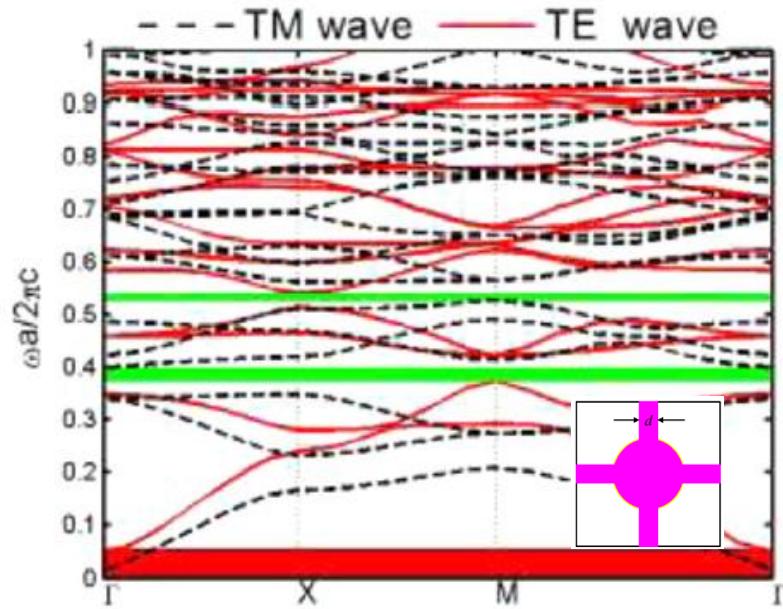


FIG 18. Complete bandgap: (H. F. Zhang et. al.)¹⁸

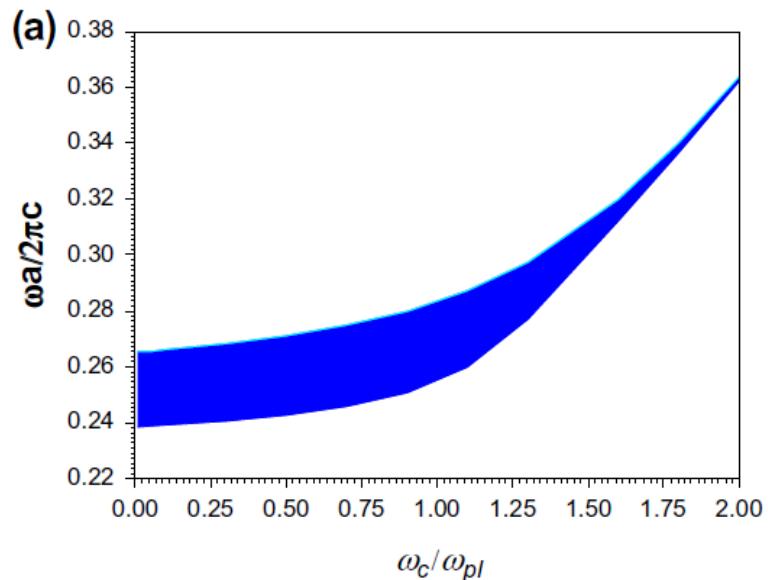


FIG 19. Normalized bandgap dependence on magnetic field: (H. F. Zhang et. al.)¹⁹

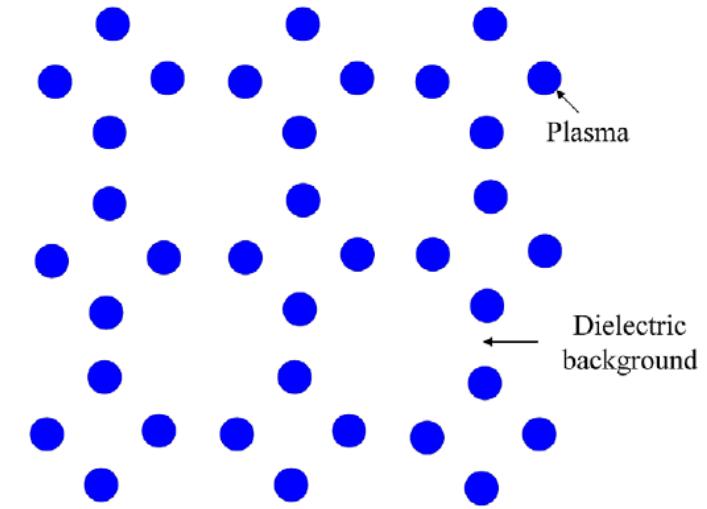


FIG 20. Pattern for all-angle negative refraction: (H. F. Zhang et. al.)¹⁹



Purpose of This Analysis²²

- How do the bandgaps change with all possible parameters?
- How to quantitatively compare “Reconfigurability”?
- Which parameter is best for controlling a bandgap?
 - (Previous focus on plasma frequency and lattice constant)

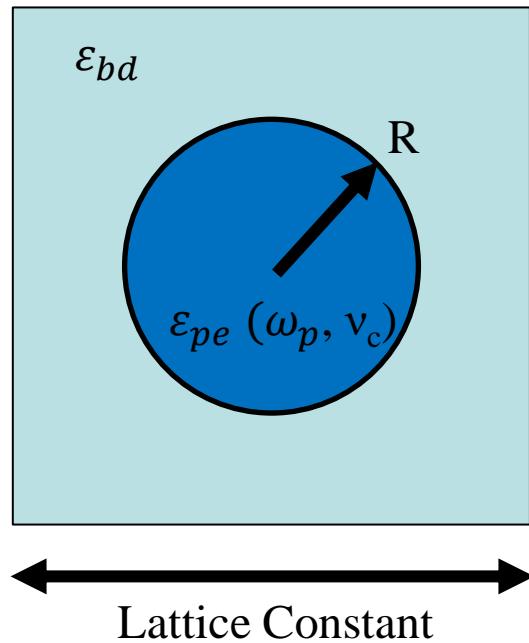


FIG 21. Unit Cell with Parameters

ε_{bd} :	Background Dielectric
ω_p :	Plasma Frequency
v_c :	Collision Frequency
R :	Radius
a :	Lattice Constant



Plane Wave Expansion Method ^{23,24}

Bloch Transform

$$E(x, \mathbf{k}) = \sum_{\mathbf{G}} A(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{G}) e^{i(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}) \cdot \mathbf{x}}$$

$$\varepsilon(x, \omega) = \sum_{\mathbf{G}'} \hat{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{G}', \omega) e^{i(\mathbf{G}') \cdot \mathbf{x}}$$

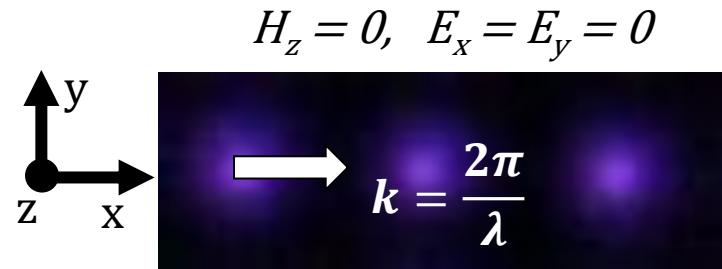


FIG 22. Propagation orientation in plasma columns

Helmholtz Equation - Fourier Space

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}(x, \mathbf{k})) - \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 \varepsilon_{eff}(x) \mathbf{E}(x, \mathbf{k}, \omega) = 0$$

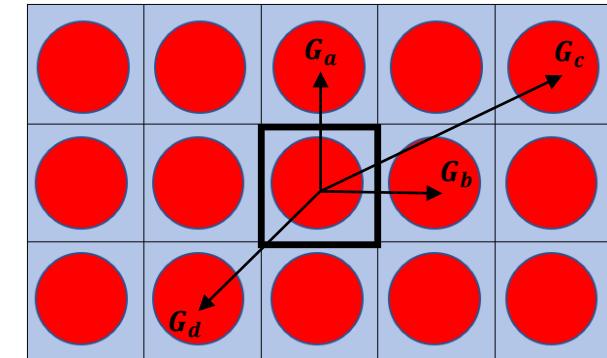
Combining equations and simplifying

Summation Form:

$$\sum_{\mathbf{G}} (\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G})^2 A(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{G}) e^{i(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}) \cdot \mathbf{x}} - \sum_{\mathbf{G}'} \sum_{\mathbf{G}''} \hat{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{G}') A(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{G}'') e^{i(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}' + \mathbf{G}'') \cdot \mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{0}$$

Simplified Matrix Form:

$$[\mathbf{1}]_{l \times l} [\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_l]_{l \times l} - \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 [\hat{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{G}_l - \mathbf{G}_m)]_{l \times m} = [\mathbf{0}]$$



$$\mathbf{G}_a = \frac{2\pi}{a} \hat{\mathbf{y}}$$

$$\mathbf{G}_b = \frac{2\pi}{a} \hat{\mathbf{x}}$$

$$\mathbf{G}_c = \frac{4\pi}{a} \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{2\pi}{a} \hat{\mathbf{y}}$$

$$\mathbf{G}_d = \frac{-2\pi}{a} \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{-2\pi}{a} \hat{\mathbf{y}}$$

FIG 23. Examples of the Reciprocal Lattice Vector in Fourier Space

$$\mathbf{G} = \frac{2\pi n}{a} \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{2\pi m}{a} \hat{\mathbf{y}}$$

$m, n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3 \dots$



Plane Wave Expansion Method

Each Term in Matrix

$$0 = -\delta_{lm}(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_l)^2 + \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 (\hat{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_{lm})$$

Kronecker Delta: δ_{lm}

$$0 = -\delta_{lm}(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_l)^2 + \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 \left(\theta_{lm} - \frac{\eta_{lm}}{(\omega^2 - i\omega\nu_c)} \right)$$

$$0 = \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^3 \theta_{lm} - \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 \frac{i\nu_c}{c} \theta_{lm} - \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right) \left(\frac{\eta_{lm}}{c^2} + \delta_{lm}(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_l)^2 \right) + \frac{i\nu_c}{c} \delta_{lm}(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_l)^2$$

Linear Equation to Block Matrix

$$-\lambda^3 \mathbf{X}_3 + \lambda^2 \mathbf{X}_2 + \lambda \mathbf{X}_1 + \mathbf{X}_0 = \det \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{I} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbf{I} \\ \underbrace{\mathbf{X}_0 & \mathbf{X}_1 & \mathbf{X}_2}_{Q} & & \end{bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{I} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbf{X}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

General Eigenvalue Problem

$$QZ - \lambda VZ = 0 , \quad \lambda = \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)$$

Final Function

$$\text{func}(\mathbf{k}, \omega_{pe}(\mathbf{x}), \varepsilon_{bg}(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{G}) = \omega$$

Spatial Dielectric

$$\varepsilon(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = \begin{cases} \varepsilon_{bg}(\mathbf{x}) & , \text{ in the dielectric} \\ 1 - \frac{\omega_{pe}^2(\mathbf{x})}{(\omega^2 - i\omega\nu_c)}, & \text{in the plasma} \end{cases}$$

Fourier Space Dielectric

$$\hat{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{G}, \omega) = \frac{1}{S} \iint_S \varepsilon(\mathbf{x}, \omega) e^{-i\mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{x}} dS$$

Conditional Terms θ and η

$$\hat{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{G}, \omega) = \theta(\mathbf{G}) - \frac{\eta(\mathbf{G})}{(\omega^2 - i\omega\nu_c)}$$

Band Diagram

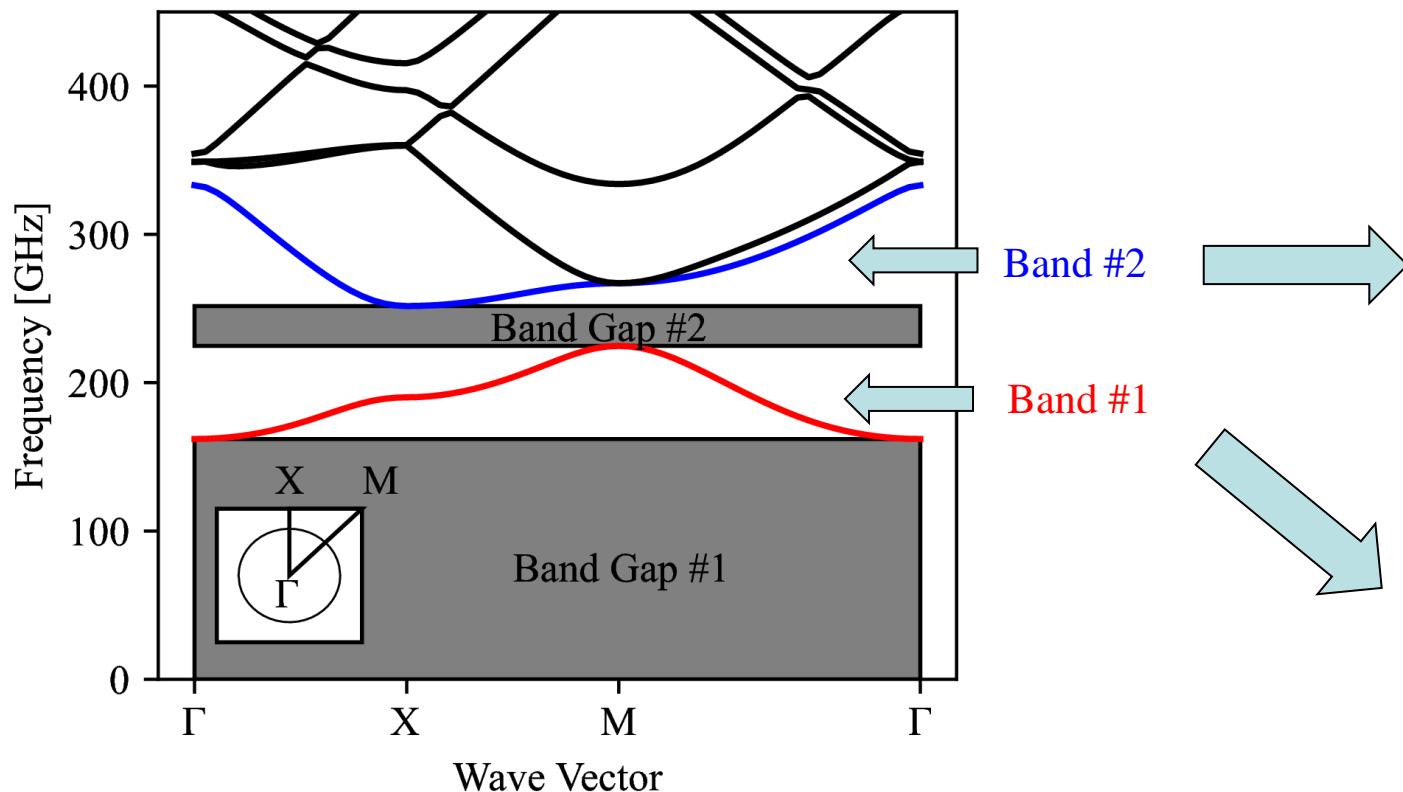


FIG 24. Band diagram (Example): The dispersion relationship (Frequency vs. Wavevector) for the series of wavevectors defined by the triangle perimeter, inscribe in the unit cell of the lower left corner. Each frequency line represents a harmonic solution to the Helmholtz Eq.

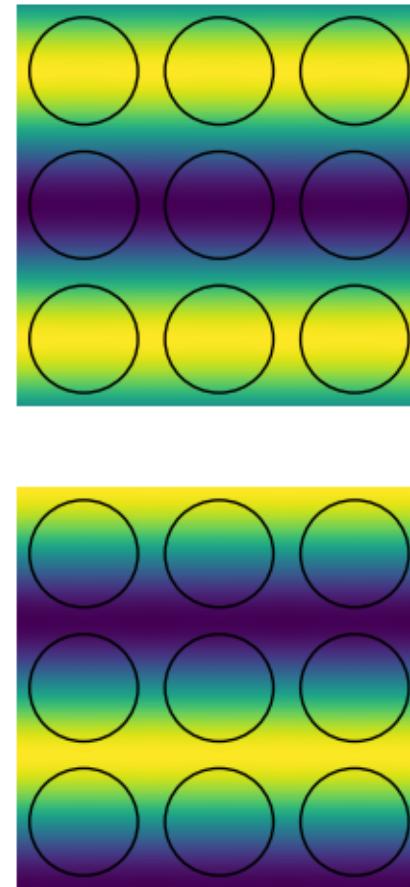
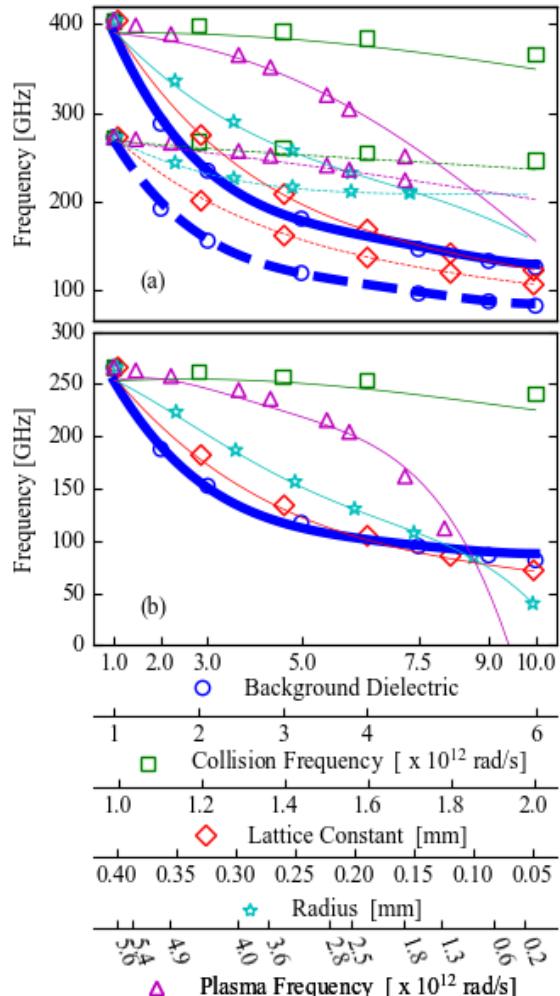


FIG 25. Electric field distributions for the first two Bands (Example): Without bandgaps for clarity. Band #1 is concentrated in the background dielectric ($\epsilon_{bd} \geq 1$) and Band #2 is concentrated in the plasma dielectric ($\epsilon_{bd} \leq 1$).

$$\frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{\mu_r \epsilon_r}}$$



Background Dielectric



$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times E(x, k)) - \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 \varepsilon(x) E(x, k) = 0$$

$$\varepsilon(x) = \varepsilon_{bg}$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{c^2 \frac{\nabla \times (\nabla \times E(x, k))}{\varepsilon_{bg} E(x, k)}}$$

$$\omega(\varepsilon_{bg}) \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon_{bg}}}$$

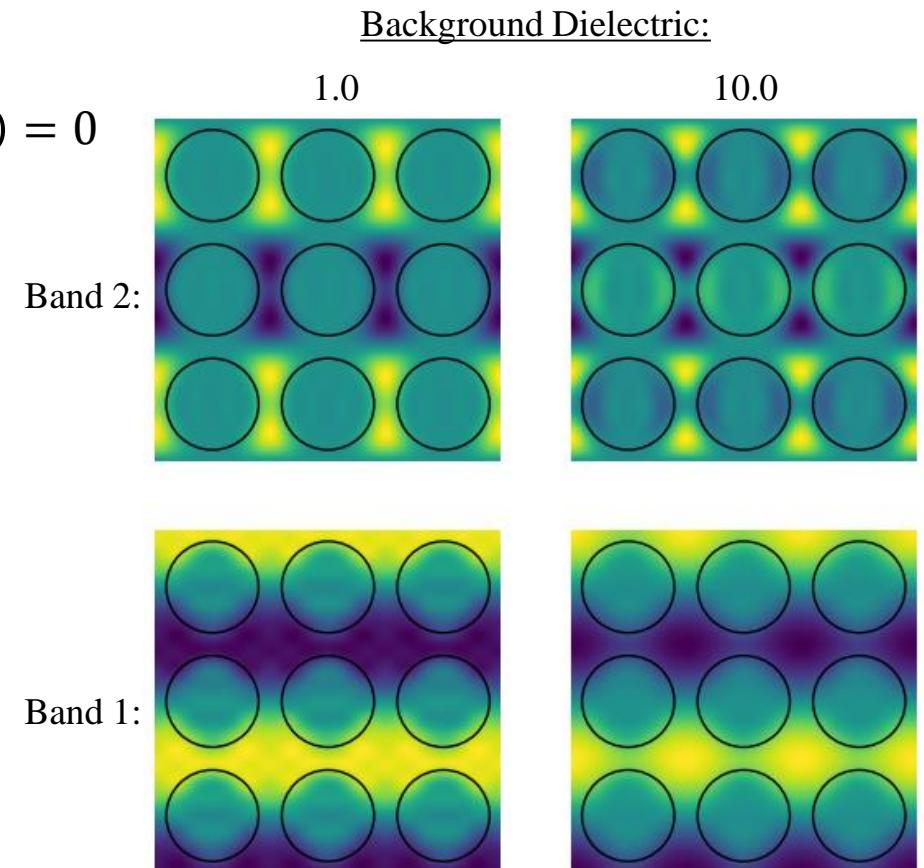
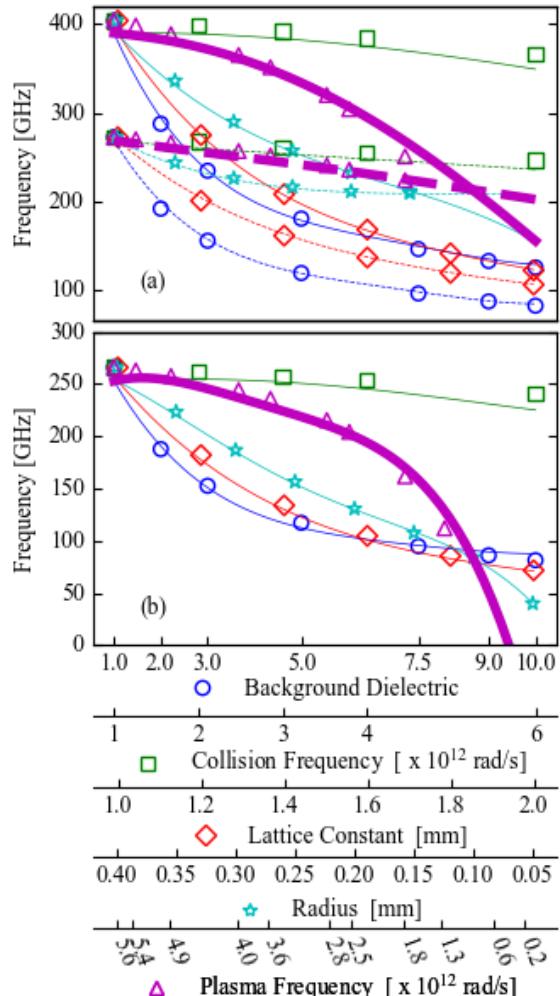


FIG 27. Electric field distributions of reference and final parameter value.

Wavevector along Γ -X, $k = \left\langle 0, \frac{\pi}{a} \right\rangle$

FIG 26. Parameter Trends: (a) Band Gap #2 and (b) Band Gap #1

Plasma Frequency



$$\omega = \sqrt{c^2 \frac{\nabla \times (\nabla \times E(\mathbf{x}, k))}{\epsilon(\mathbf{x}) E(\mathbf{x}, k)}}$$

$$\epsilon = 1 - \frac{\omega_{pe}^2}{(\omega^2 - i\omega\nu_c)}$$

$$\omega = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{1 - \frac{\omega_{pe}^2}{(\omega^2 - i\omega\nu_c)}}} \sqrt{c^2 \frac{\nabla \times (\nabla \times E(\mathbf{x}, k))}{E(\mathbf{x}, k)}}$$

$$\omega(\omega_{pe}) \propto -\frac{1}{\omega_{pe}}$$

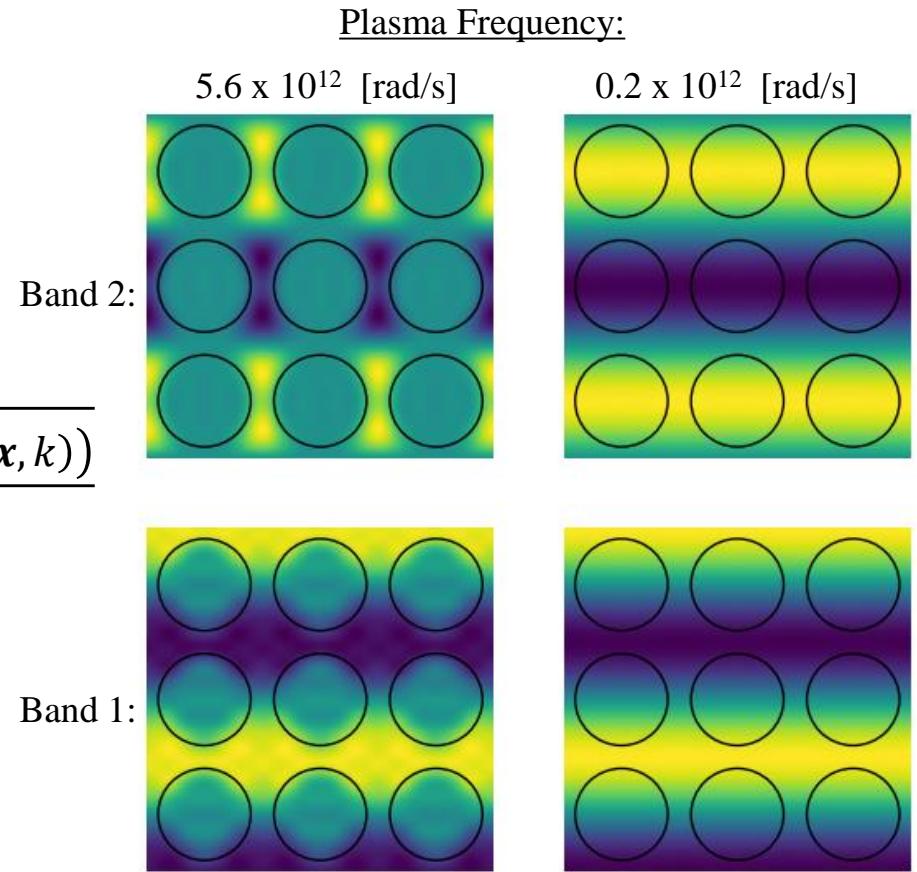
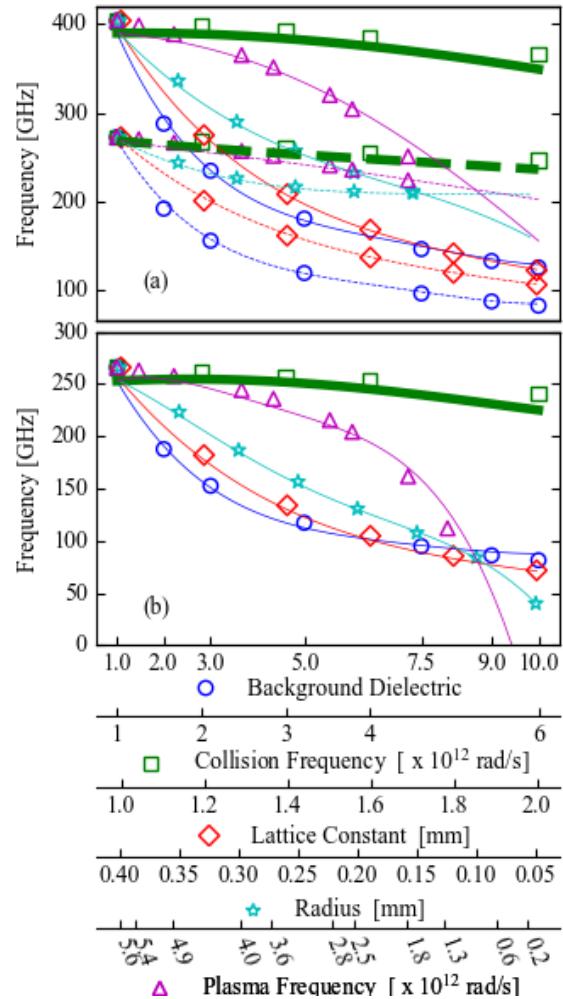


FIG 29. Electric field distributions of reference and final parameter value.

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Collision Frequency



$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{1}{1 - \frac{\omega_{pe}^2}{(\omega^2 - i\omega\nu_c)}}} \sqrt{c^2 \frac{\nabla \times (\nabla \times E(x, k))}{E(x, k)}}$$

$$\omega = \pm \sqrt{\frac{\frac{\nu_c}{\omega} + 1i}{\frac{\nu_c}{\omega} - i \frac{\omega_{pe}^2}{\omega^2} + 1i}} \sqrt{c^2 \frac{\nabla \times (\nabla \times E(x, k))}{E(x, k)}}$$

$\omega_{pe} \gg \omega$

$$\frac{\nu_c}{\omega}, \frac{\omega_{pe}}{\omega} \gg 1i$$

$$\omega(\nu_c) \propto -\sqrt{\frac{1}{1 - i \frac{\omega_{pe}^2}{\nu_c \omega}}}$$

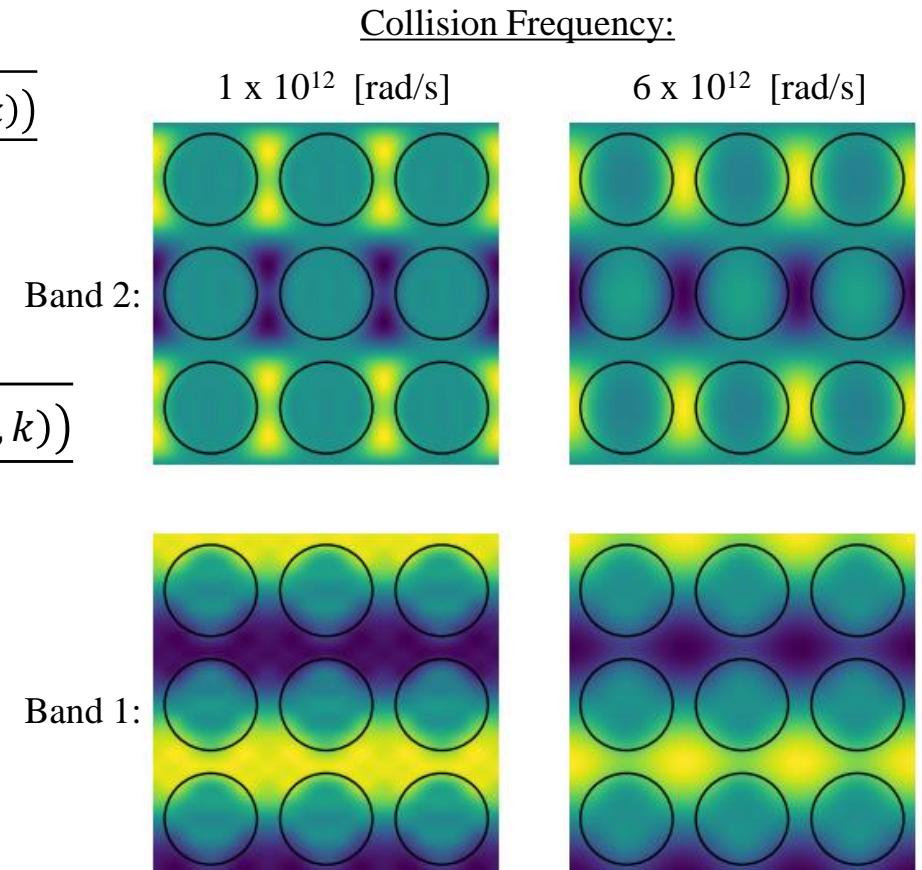


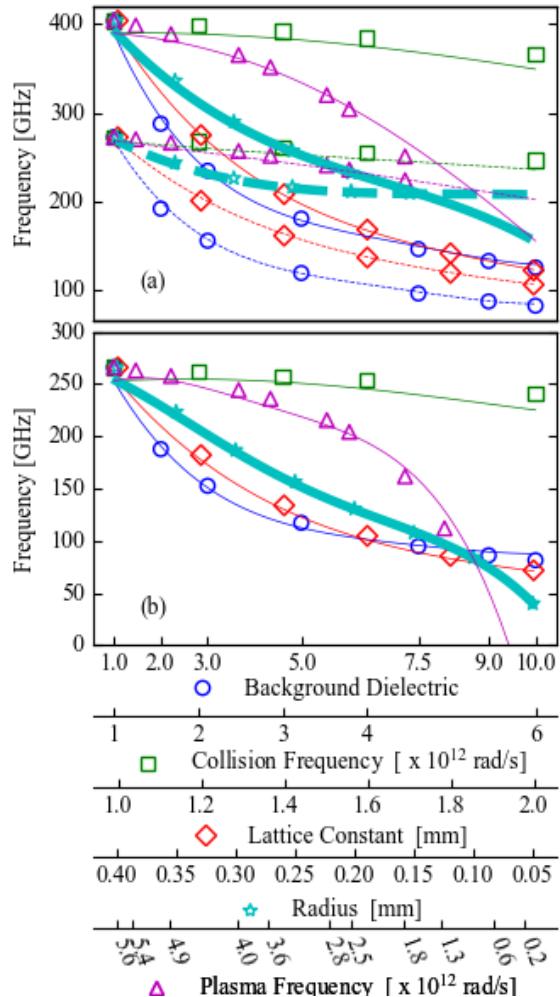
FIG 31. Electric field distributions of reference and final parameter value.

Wavevector along Γ -X, $k = \left\langle 0, \frac{\pi}{a} \right\rangle$

FIG 30. Parameter Trends: (a) Band Gap #2 and (b) Band Gap #1



Column Radius



$$\hat{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{G}) = \frac{1}{S} \iint_S \varepsilon(x) e^{-i\mathbf{G}\cdot\mathbf{x}} dS$$

$$\varepsilon_{eff} = \left(1 - \frac{\pi r^2}{a^2}\right) \varepsilon_b + \pi r^2 \varepsilon_p$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{\pi r^2}{a^2}\right) \varepsilon_b + \frac{\pi r^2}{a} \varepsilon_p}} \sqrt{c^2 \frac{\nabla \times (\nabla \times E(x, k))}{E(x, k)}}$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\varepsilon_b - \frac{\pi r^2}{a} (\varepsilon_b - \varepsilon_p)}} \sqrt{c^2 \frac{\nabla \times (\nabla \times E(x, k))}{E(x, k)}}$$

$$\omega(r) \propto \sqrt{\frac{1}{A - Br^2}}$$

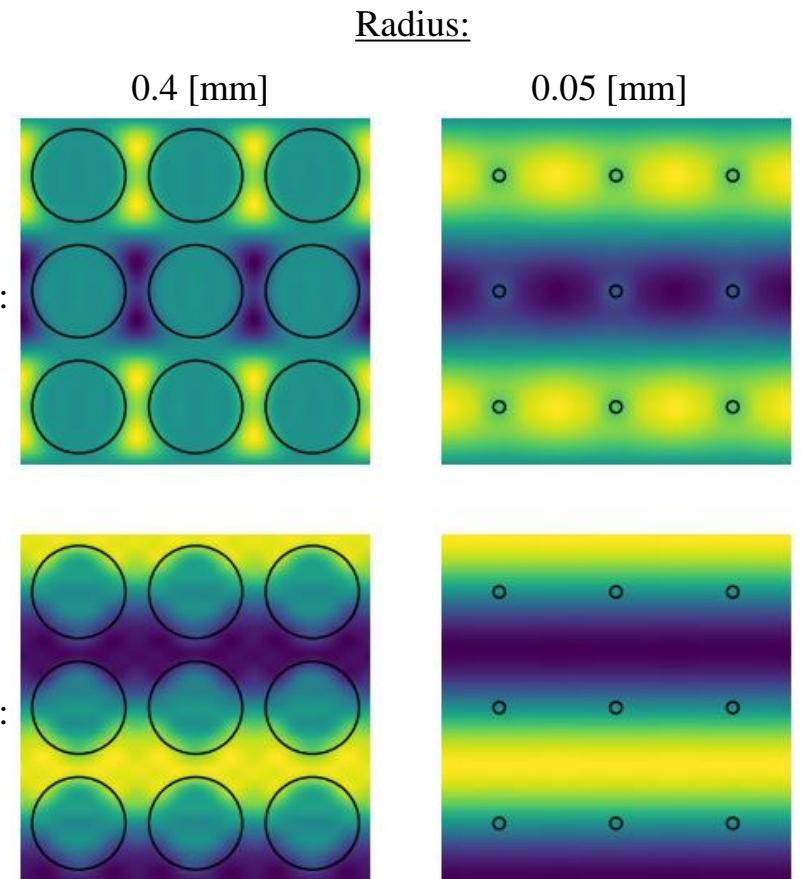


FIG 33. Electric field distributions of reference and final parameter value.

Wavevector along Γ -X, $k = \left\langle 0, \frac{\pi}{a} \right\rangle$



Lattice Constant

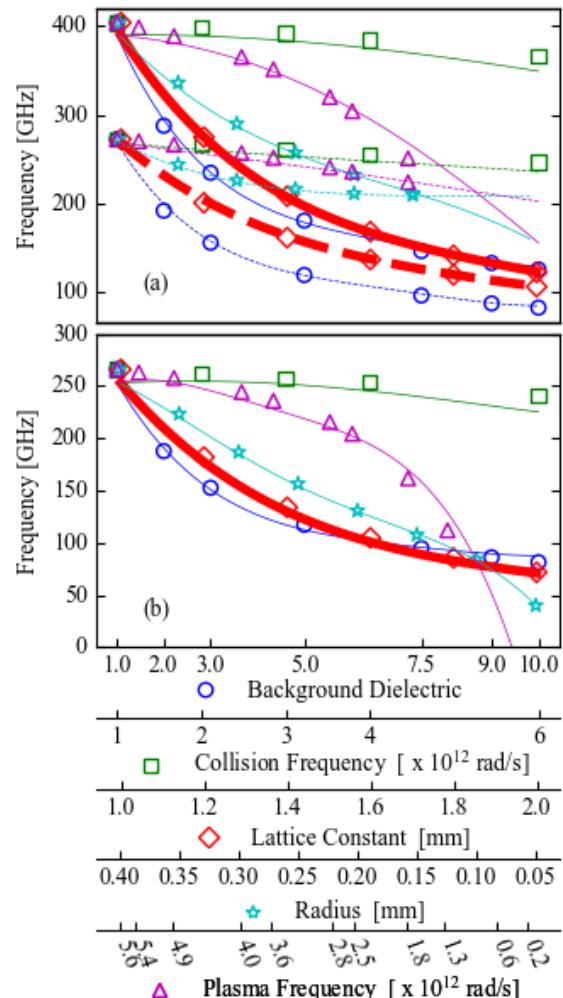


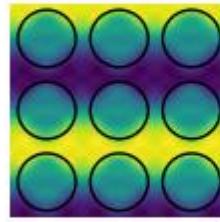
FIG 34. Parameter Trends: (a) Band Gap #2 and (b) Band Gap #1

$$\omega = \sqrt{c^2 \frac{\nabla \times (\nabla \times E(x, k))}{\epsilon_{bg} E(x, k)}}$$

$$\nabla \times \nabla \propto \frac{1}{a^2}$$

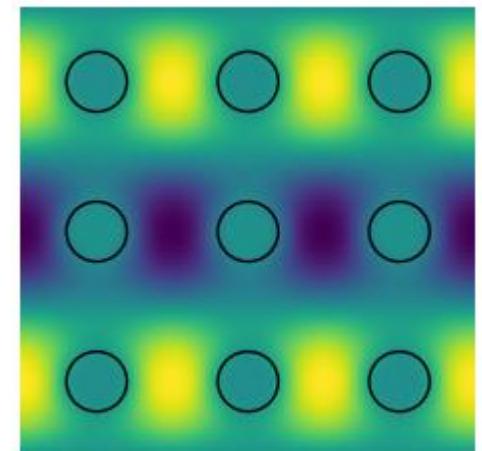
$$\omega(a) \propto \frac{1}{a}$$

Band 2:



1.0 [mm]

2.0 [mm]



Band 1:

FIG 35. Electric field distributions of reference and final parameter value.

Wavevector along Γ -X, $k = \left\langle 0, \frac{\pi}{a} \right\rangle$



Reconfigurable Metrics

Purpose:

- 1) Measure “Reconfigurability”
- 2) Collectively visualize all data – 5D ranges:
 - Background Dielectric: 1.0 – 10.0
 - Collision Frequency: 0.2 – 5.0 [10^{12} rad/s]
 - Lattice Constant: 1.0 – 2.0 [mm]
 - Radius: 0.05 – 0.4 [mm]
 - Plasma Frequency: 0.2 – 5.0 [10^{12} rad/s]
- 3) Identify preferred parameters for:
 - Bandgap Width
 - Bandgap Center Frequency

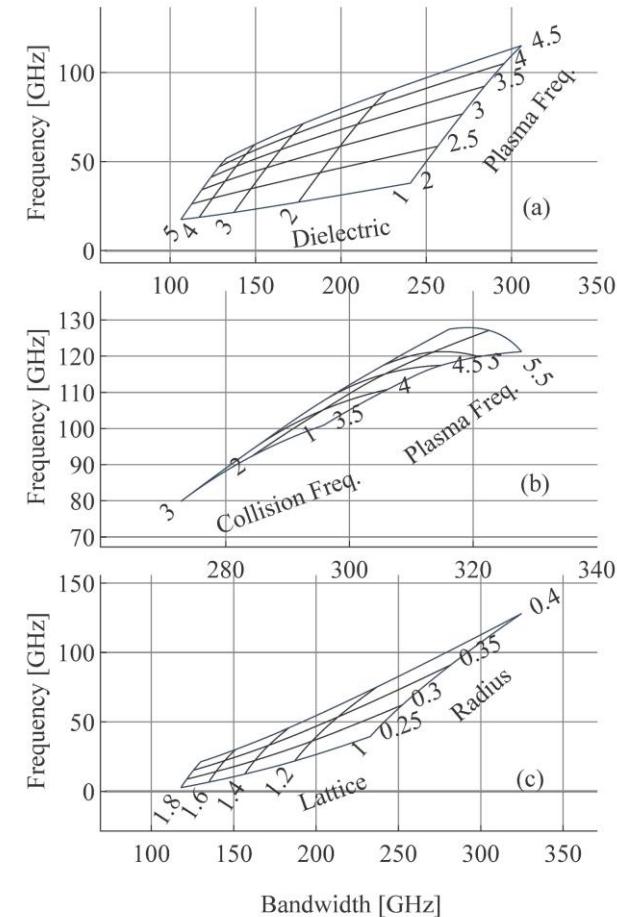


FIG 36. Bandgap center frequency and width per parameter values:
Example of difficulty in displaying data graphically

Operational Range

Operational Range: The maximum and minimum frequencies when a single variable is held fixed and all other variables are allowed to vary over their respective ranges.

Minimum values for a bandgap

- Radius: 0.15 [mm]
- Plasma Frequency: 0.6 [10^{12} rad/s]

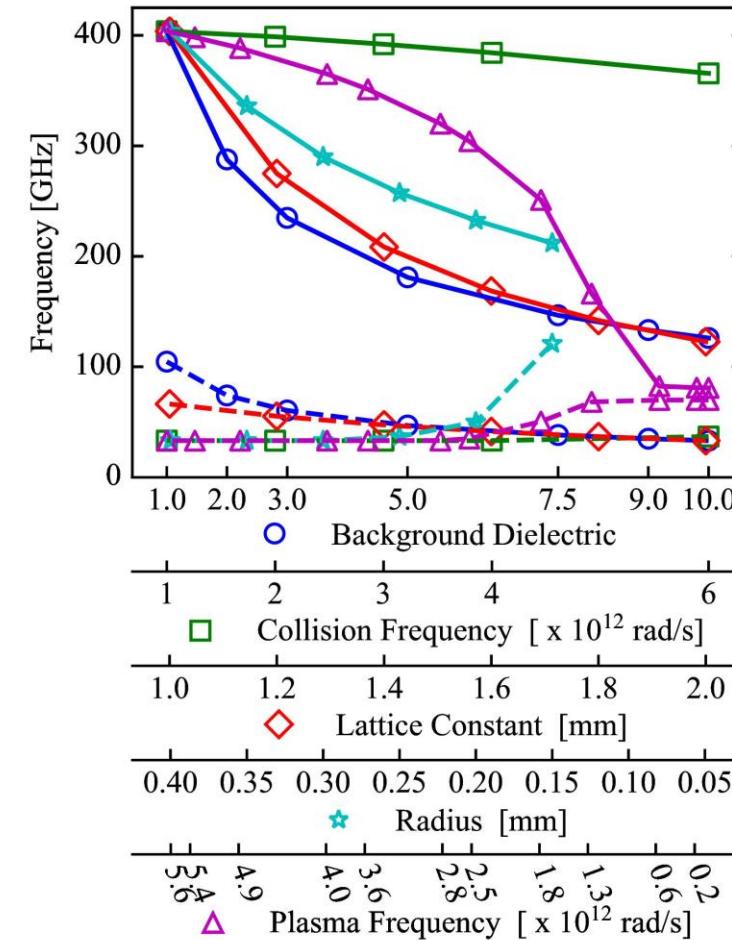


FIG 37. Operational range per parameter (Band Gap #2)

Parameter Sensitivity

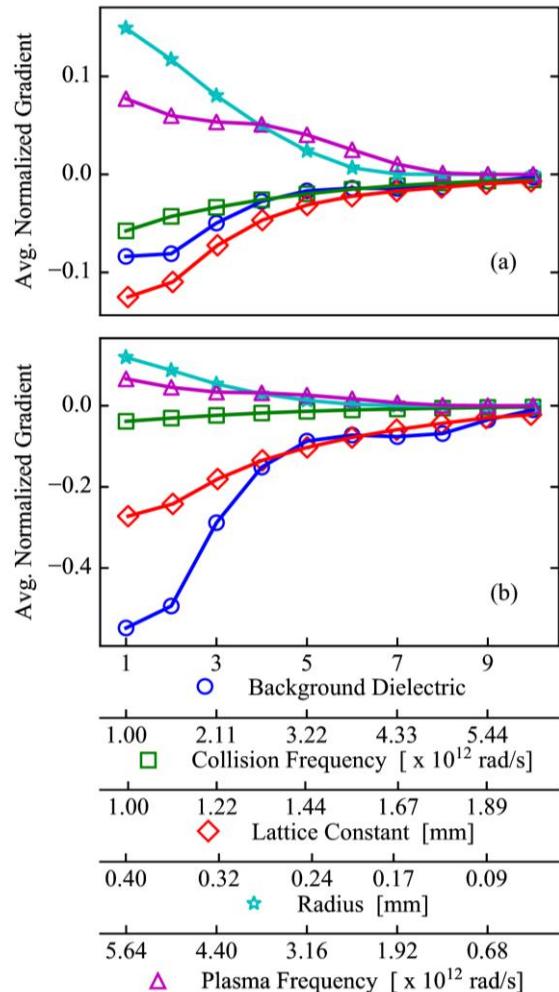


Table 1. Total parameter sensitivity parameter

Variables	Bandwidth	Center Frequency
Background Dielectric	-0.030	-0.172
Collision Frequency	-0.022	-0.015
Lattice Constant	-0.043	-0.113
Column Radius	0.059	0.041
Plasma Frequency	0.035	0.024

$$\langle \Delta x_1 \frac{1}{f} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \Delta x_n \frac{1}{f} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \rangle = \frac{\int \dots \int \frac{\nabla f(x)}{f(x)} d^n x}{\int \dots \int d^n x} \cdot \langle \Delta x_1, \dots, \Delta x_n \rangle$$

FIG 38. Parameter sensitivity over the range of the parameter (Band Gap #2): (a) Bandwidth and (b) Center Frequency

Individual Intensity Controlled by Voltage Bias²⁵

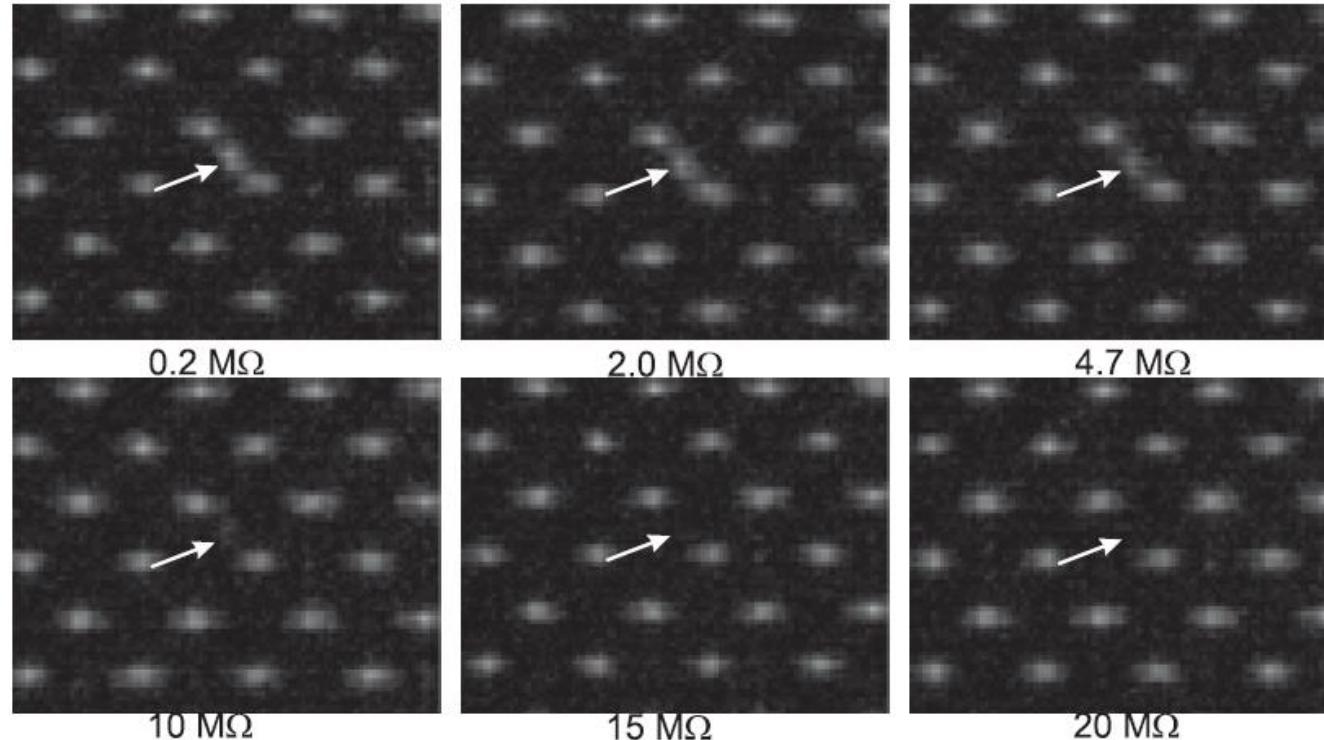


FIG 39. Decreasing light intensity with resistive voltage bias at pin

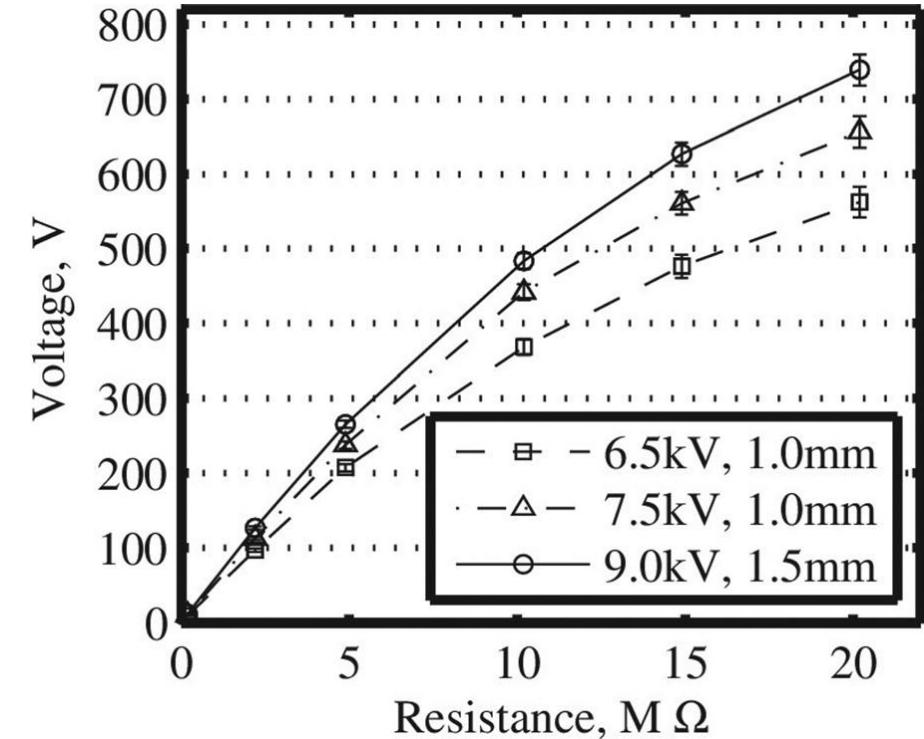


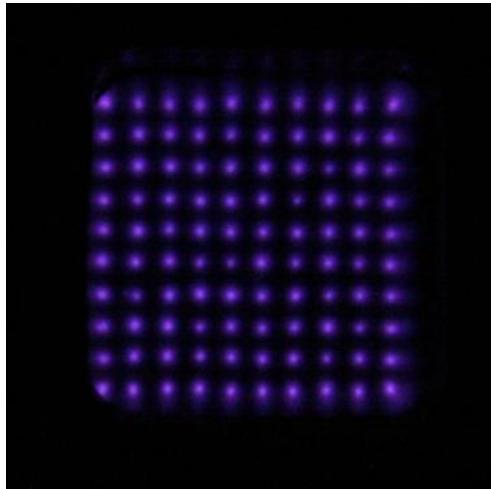
FIG 40. Bias voltage at pin per resistance.
For different driving voltages and discharge gap widths.



Individually Addressable Filament Array (Current Work)

FIG 41. Discharge:

- Volt: 6.5 kV
- Spacer: 1 mm
- Exp: 1/10 sec



Copper Tape
(Bottom Surface)

Copper Tape
(Top Surface)

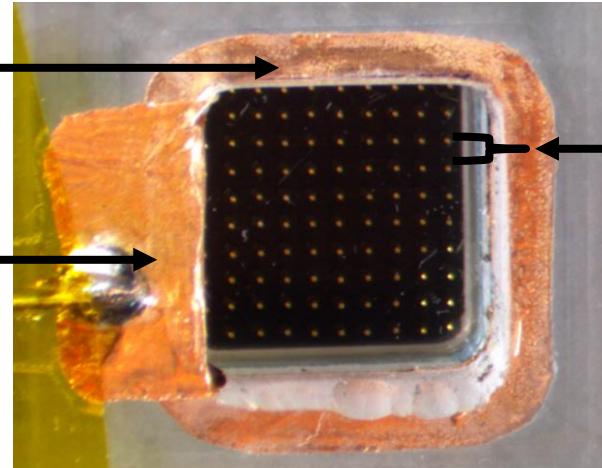


FIG 43. Top View

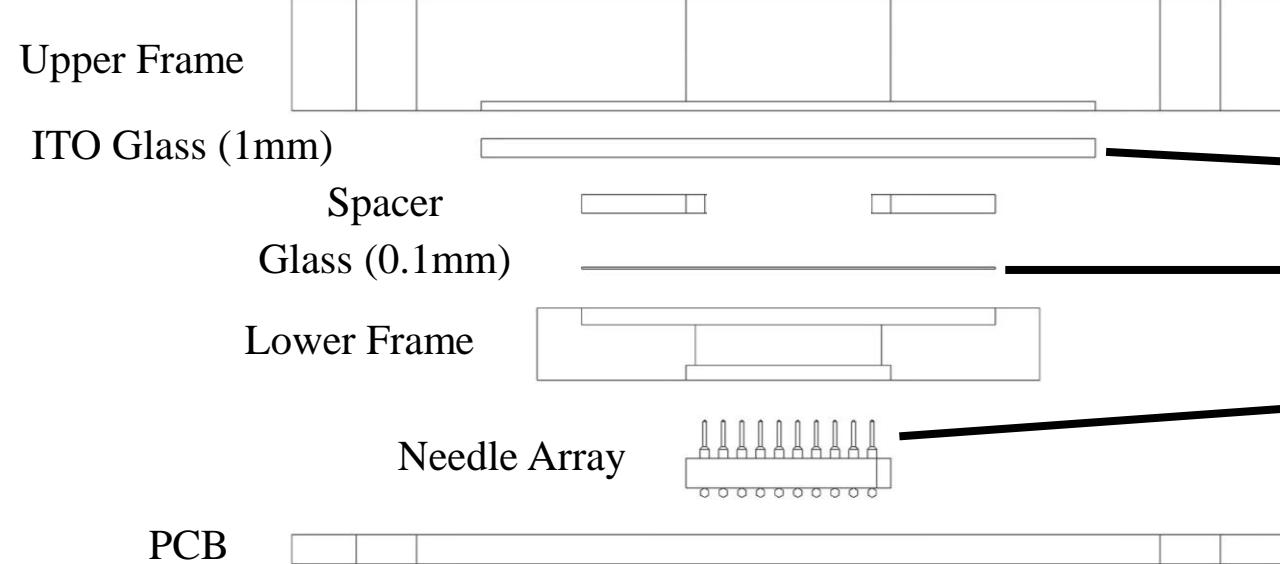


FIG 42. Exploded Schematic

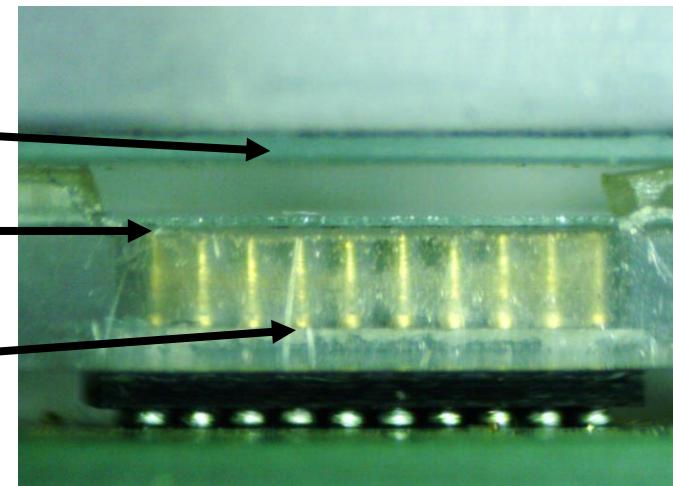


FIG 44. Side View

Multiple Pin Control

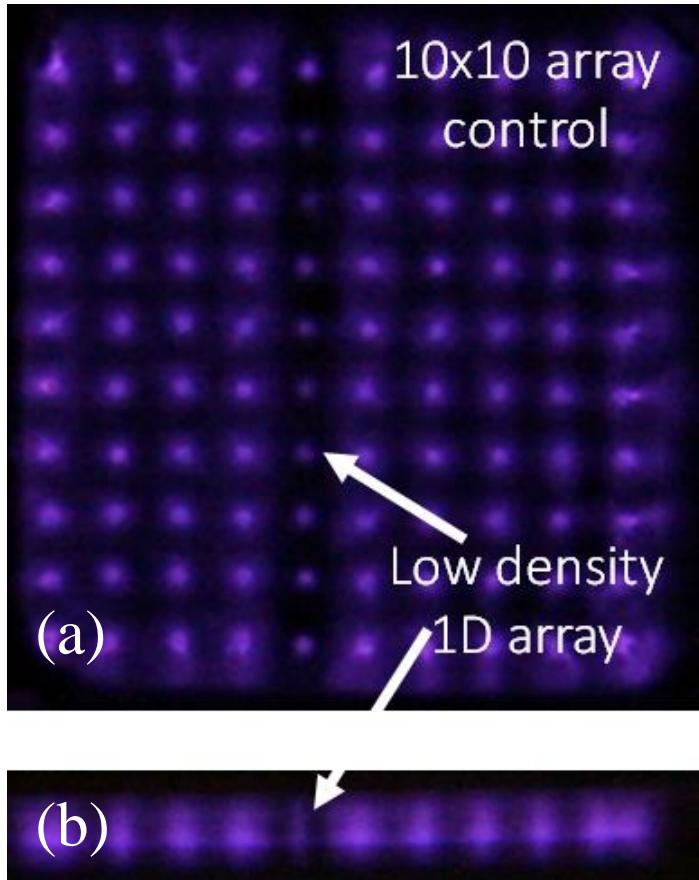


FIG 45. Multi-Pin Control PPC:
(a) Top view through transparent electrode and (b) side view of filaments.

Current Work:

- Replace resistive bias with a transistor.
- Digitally control array.

Future Work:

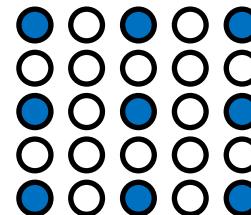
- Experimental microwave validation



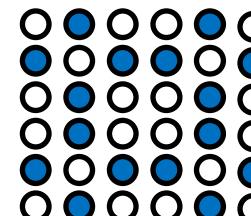
Goal of Individual Filament Control

FIG 46. Expand Parameter Control / Reconfigurability

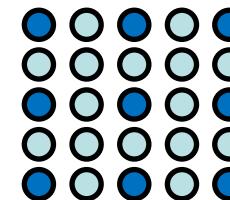
Lattice Constant



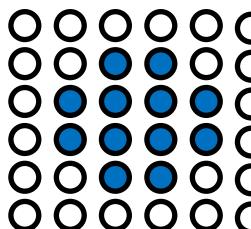
Lattice Geometry



Background Dielectric



Radius





Summary

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 - Plasma Radius (Bandwidth)
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