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#### **ABSTRACT**

This paper puts forward the transmission from twin-peak electromagnetically induced transparency (EIT) to twin-peak electromagnetically induced absorption (EIA), while it is rare to see the transformation between EIT and EIA in metastructure (MS) in one device in previous articles. With the incidence of TE waves, two transparent windows are generated, ranging from 0.382 THz to 0.986 THz which are separated by 0.604 THz, when the conductivity of vanadium dioxide (VO<sub>2</sub>) is set to 10 S/m. Two peaks reach 0.864 and 0.934, respectively, accompanied by the largest group delays of the two peaks being 7.55 and 4.54 ps. In addition,  $VO<sub>2</sub>$  blocks in the metallic state will affect interference paths between energy levels, contributing to the formation of EIA, then maintaining a common absorption of 0.607 at 0.429 THz and 0.904 at 0.678 THz. Under the combined action of the dielectric resonator and metal resonator, the conversion from bimodal EIT to bimodal EIA is hardly been researched, at the same time, the adoption of the circuit model and the four-level theory proves the rationality of the model. The transformation from EIT to EIA is aroused by changing the state of  $VO<sub>2</sub>$ , promising broad prospects in multifunctional devices.

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## **1. Introduction**

Electromagnetically induced transparency (EIT) has been studied as early as the last century, which refers to a phenomenon of destructive interference first discovered in three-level atomic systems, exhibiting a steep transmission peak with a restricted band [\[1,](#page-18-0)[2\]](#page-18-1). The classic EIT phenomenon arises from bright mode coupling with dark one in the near-field [\[3](#page-18-2)[,4\]](#page-18-3), there are subsequent articles that have proposed bright-bright modes coupling, as proposed by Yahiaoui et al. [\[5\]](#page-18-4), based on the weak hybridization of the two resonators. In 2016, Han et al. proposed Tunable EIT in coupled three-dimensional split-ring-resonator metamaterials [\[6\]](#page-18-5). In addition, the EIT model is frequently used to generate an electric dipole

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<span id="page-2-12"></span><span id="page-2-11"></span><span id="page-2-10"></span><span id="page-2-9"></span>Electromagnetically induced absorption (EIA), an enhancement of the absorption resulting from atomic coherence induced by optical radiation, serves as the complementary phenomenon of EIT. EIA is first studied by Lezama et al. In 1998, [\[18\]](#page-19-0) the theoretical condition for implementing EIA was given in that work. Additionally, Taubert et al. [\[19\]](#page-19-1) first experimentally investigated EIA with plasmonic resonators, recognizing that altering the phase might boost the absorption effect. In the same year, a radiating dual-oscillator model was introduced by Tassin et al. [\[20\]](#page-19-2) to depict both the absorption and the scattering properties, revealing that the transition from EIT to EIA is accomplished via increasing the dissipative loss of the dark resonator and decreasing the coupling strength. The radiationbroadened resonators are applied in his work to make up for the impossibility of reaching the phase difference in truly homogenized metastructure (MS) to achieve EIA. Besides, phase-shift modulations have been proven a wonderful approach to transforming EIT into EIA. A triple-resonator was put forward by Zhang et al., [\[21\]](#page-19-3) the change of the difference of phase at the resonance frequency between the surface currents of three resonators leading to the shift from EIT to EIA with its near-field absorption caused by a strong magnetic response. Although research on EIA is not rare, too, few people pay attention to the auto transformation from EIT to EIA, which requires our attention. In this paper, vanadium dioxide  $(VO<sub>2</sub>)$  is employed to promote the switch between twin-peak EIT and twin-peak EIA.

<span id="page-2-19"></span><span id="page-2-18"></span><span id="page-2-17"></span><span id="page-2-16"></span><span id="page-2-15"></span><span id="page-2-14"></span><span id="page-2-13"></span> $VO<sub>2</sub>$ , a well-known phase change material, is widely used in the design of MS. 68°C serves as a dividing line between the metallic and dielectric states, with this feature EIA being able to be achieved without influencing EIT in the metallic state [\[22\]](#page-19-4). Under these extraordinary features,  $VO<sub>2</sub>$  can also be applied in diverse advanced contexts, such as optical switches [\[23](#page-19-5)[,24\]](#page-19-6), modulators [\[25](#page-19-7)[,26\]](#page-19-8), thermal sensors [\[27](#page-19-9)[,28\]](#page-19-10), and so forth, has been reported. There are many more tunable materials, such as solution-lead iodide (PbI2) [\[29\]](#page-19-11). In addition to temperature control materials, electronic control materials, and other multifunctional integration are also put into use [\[30\]](#page-19-12).

<span id="page-2-21"></span><span id="page-2-20"></span>This model works in the terahertz (THz) band, with interest in this band growing continuously in recent years and becoming more and more widely used in the fields of slow <span id="page-3-6"></span><span id="page-3-5"></span><span id="page-3-4"></span><span id="page-3-3"></span><span id="page-3-2"></span><span id="page-3-1"></span><span id="page-3-0"></span>light [\[31\]](#page-19-13), signal processing [\[32\]](#page-19-14), optical storage [\[33\]](#page-19-15), and sensing [\[34,](#page-19-16)[35\]](#page-19-17). In the last several years, plane resonance devices based on the principle of electromagnetic resonance attach growing attention. Besides, unique electromagnetic characteristics of MS enable its many potential applications, such as perfect stealth [\[36\]](#page-19-18), negative refraction [\[37\]](#page-19-19), and imaging [\[38\]](#page-19-20). In the long run, the development of MS is of great significance for scientific research [\[39\]](#page-19-21).

<span id="page-3-8"></span><span id="page-3-7"></span>In this work, the transmission curve stimulated by the transverse electric (TE) wave maintains two transparent windows ranging from 0.382 THz to 0.986 THz, separated by 0.604 THz, with two peaks of 0.864 and 0.934, respectively. The twin-peak EIT with two transmission peaks that apply different coupling principles possesses a wide range of applications. Besides, the largest group delays of the twin-peak EIT arrive at 7.55 and 4.54 ps, respectively, proving the slow light effect of EIT. In addition, the application of  $VO<sub>2</sub>$  blocks promotes the form of EIA, maintaining two absorption windows in the original EIT window, with two absorption peaks of 0.607 at 0.429 THz and 0.904 at 0.678 THz, the medium state of which has a small impact on EIT. The different states of  $VO<sub>2</sub>$  are integrated based on EIT and EIA, respectively, this switchable metasurface between twin-peak EIT and twinpeak EIA might promise a novel way to the electromagnetic induction switch with wide prospects in radomes, optical retarders, polarization detections, and other information front-end processors.

<span id="page-3-10"></span><span id="page-3-9"></span>Compared with Ref. [\[40\]](#page-20-0), the model in this paper is easier to adjust and enjoys better phenomenon. Additionally, the adoption of the circuit model and the atomic energy level theory enables readers to understand better. In comparison with [\[41\]](#page-20-1), different from the visible and near-infrared wavelengths, the band studied in this paper is THz. Moreover, the theory of EIA differs from perfect absorption

<span id="page-3-16"></span><span id="page-3-15"></span><span id="page-3-14"></span><span id="page-3-13"></span><span id="page-3-12"></span><span id="page-3-11"></span>Fabrication challenges for multiple-layer structure cannot be ignored, however, since our team mainly studies the direction of electromagnetic fields and microwaves and focus on theory, we can only display the general production process. The molecular beam epitaxy method is applied to lay silicon on base [\[42\]](#page-20-2), on the silicon dielectric substrate, the metal resonator pattern can be defined by photolithography, and gold can be deposited by E-beam evaporation [\[43\]](#page-20-3), which is common in the fabrication of metal structures. Titanium dioxide ( $TiO<sub>2</sub>$ ) capacitors were fabricated on a silicon layer using E-beam evaporation, too [\[44\]](#page-20-4). The fabrication process of the VO2 could be found in Refs. [\[45–](#page-20-5)[48\]](#page-20-6). The steps of  $TiO<sub>2</sub>$  are repeated two times and transferred cumulatively layer by layer according to the design. It can be seen in the work of the predecessors that Singh et al. experimentally verified the phenomenon that bright mode coupling dark mode could form EIT in the THz band in 2014, and Yang et al. found the phenomenon that all-dielectric resonators could form EIT in 2014 through experiment. Besides, Zhang et al. experimentally realized EIA in 2015 by using three-layer structural coupling [\[21,](#page-19-3)[49](#page-20-7)[,50\]](#page-20-8).

## <span id="page-3-18"></span><span id="page-3-17"></span>**2. Structure design**

<span id="page-3-20"></span><span id="page-3-19"></span>The final integrated structure and the periodic principle are displayed in detail in Figure [1.](#page-4-0) Figure [1\(](#page-4-0)a) demonstrates decentralized diagrams in the direction of the *z-*axis*.* The whole structure is composed of five resonators, with the base made of quartz [\[51\]](#page-20-9) and the middle medium partition constituted by silicon. The S-shaped resonator (SSR) fabricated of gold [\[52\]](#page-20-10) on the bottom layer is composed of two split ring resonators with openings in the

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<span id="page-4-0"></span>**Figure 1.** (a) Gives the presentation of the resonators scattering in the *<sup>z</sup>*-axis, (b), (c), (d), (e), and (g) respectively exhibit the separate resonator on each layer, (f) reveals the side view of the model, (h) the array of the reconfigurable electromagnetically induced system where the linearly polarized (LP) wave works as the incident wave.

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**Table 1.** Some main parameters of the structure.

<span id="page-4-2"></span>opposite direction, detailed in Figure [1\(](#page-4-0)g). The dielectric applied in the vertical rod (VR) and the square ring (SR) is titanium dioxide (TiO2, relative permittivity  $\varepsilon_{\text{TiO2}} = 114$ , loss tangent  $\tan\delta_{TiO2} = 0.00027$  [\[53\]](#page-20-11), as shown in Figure [1\(](#page-4-0)c) and Figure 1(e). Sandwiched between the three resonators, as displayed in Figure [1\(](#page-4-0)b,d), are the open ring with blocks (ORB) and four fan-shaped blocks (FFB), they use  $VO<sub>2</sub>$  together. The specific parameters of the design are given in Table [1.](#page-4-1)

## *2.1. The appearance of EIT phenomenon*

The electrical vector of the TE wave is perpendicular to the incident surface, with the electric field direction along the *y*-axis direction of the coordinate axis, traveling along the radial of VR. With the incidence of TE wave, the three resonators can be directly excited at 0.42 THz, 0.60 THz, and 0.99 THz, and correspondingly the resonant curves are displayed in Figure [2\(](#page-5-0)a–c). SSR resonated with SR and VR, respectively, producing two transparent windows. Thanks to the far distance between the resonance frequency reaching up to 0.57 THz, the resonant frequency points are far enough that the interference between SSR and SR is



<span id="page-5-0"></span>**Figure 2.** (a) (b), and (c) Incentive curves under the TE wave of S, VR, and SR, (d) and (e) The transmission curves of the two resonators made of VO<sub>2</sub> gotten under  $\sigma = 10$  S/m and  $\sigma = 200,000$  S/m, respectively.

<span id="page-5-1"></span>weak enough to be ignored. As is exhibited in Figure [2\(](#page-5-0)d,e), two resonators made of VO<sub>2</sub> do not participate in the formation of EIT at  $\sigma = 10$  S/m. Unlike the classic structure adopting bright-mode coupling dark-mode, the two peaks in this paper all utilize bright-mode coupling bright-mode, and the EIT phenomenon is given in Figure [3.](#page-6-0) Through the comparison between the transmission curves excited separately and three zero-transmission points in the EIT curve, it becomes evident that the double transparency window is a direct consequence of spectral combinations of VR, SR, and SSR. Moreover, the work accomplished by Wang and his team [\[54\]](#page-20-12) combined 4 dark modes which cannot be directly simulated alone, the four dark resonators couple, and then produced resonance under the electromagnetic wave. Generally speaking, the value of the quality factor (Q value) of the dark mode is larger than the bright mode, as a result of which the bright mode with a larger Q value can analogy the role of the dark mode in the coupling process. The Q value can be calculated by the equation below [\[27\]](#page-19-9):

$$
Q = f/\Delta f \tag{1}
$$

where  $f$  represents the resonance frequency,  $\Delta f$  symbols the half-maximum bandwidth. To calculate, the Q value of the transmission peak on the left arrives at 5.6 while the other reaches 4.25.

The surface and displacement currents of the corresponding resonators when inspired separately are shown in Figure [4.](#page-6-1) Compared with the current when an interaction is exhibited in Figure [5,](#page-7-0) the surface current of SSR is largely strengthened while the displacement current of VR is weakened at the peak of the first transparent window at 0.422 THz, at which time the displacement current of SR is too weak that can be ignored. When switching to the right transparent window, it turns out that the displacement current of VR is greatly



**Figure 3.** The simulated transmission curve of the whole model when  $\sigma = 10$  S/m.

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<span id="page-6-1"></span>**Figure 4.** (a) The surface current generated when SSR is excited by TE waves alone at 0.42 THz, (b), and (c) The displacement current distributed on VR and SR when they are separately simulated at 0.6 and 0.992 THz, respectively.

enhanced at 0.684 THz, accompanied by the relative weakening displacement current compared with the separate resonance of SR. Similarly, the weak resonance of S in 0.684 THz can also be neglected. It can be captured from Figures [4](#page-6-1) and [5](#page-7-0) that clockwise and counterclockwise surface current loops are displayed in the up and down parts of SSR, respectively, such magnetic moment can be gotten through the right-hand rule, as shown in Figure [6,](#page-7-1) found in the pair of surface current loops, which indicates the formation of a dipole resonance moment along the *y*-axis. The current direction of the current in SSR is reversed, along with the orientation of the magnetic moment, when the EIT phenomenon is generated. Then comes the reverse current of VR passing through the magnetic pole, a circular dipole response appearing, given in Figure [6.](#page-7-1) With the incidence of TE wave, VR is directly excited to generate displacement current, the coupling of SSR and VR explaining the reason for the formation of the first EIT peak.



**Figure 5.** (a) and (c) Different current distributions of SSR on the left peak value at 0.422 THz and on the right peak value at 0.684 THz, (b) and (d) Under two transmission windows the displacement current distributions of VR and SR at 0.422 and 0.684 THz, respectively.

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<span id="page-7-1"></span>**Figure 6.** Schematic diagram of circular dipole response between SSR and VR.

The appearance of the right EIT window is owning to the resonance generated by VR and SR, which can be regarded as the role of an all-medium resonator. The two upper resonators are both excited to form a strong displacement current, which can be regarded as the electric dipole, then VR and SR resonating for the interaction of the displacement current. The displacement current of VR is relatively weaker compared with SR, for the larger size will reduce the coupling strength with incident plane waves. During the coupling, the direction of the displacement current of VR is reversed, leading to the electric displacement of the two resonators turning opposite in orientation. Then, VR and SR perform weak hybrid coupling, with the weakening of the surrounding electric field of the SR, causing the

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<span id="page-8-4"></span><span id="page-8-3"></span><span id="page-8-2"></span><span id="page-8-1"></span><span id="page-8-0"></span>emergence of the EIT window. Besides, Fano resonance is the coupling effect arising from the interaction between narrow discrete states (dark modes) and broad continuous states (bright modes) [\[55–](#page-20-13)[57\]](#page-20-14). EIT can also be originally deemed as the Fano resonance under certain conditions [\[58,](#page-20-15)[59\]](#page-20-16). However, the phase mutation displayed later, the coupling analysis of three bright modes and atlas of the time domain can prove the EIT phenomenon in this work.

The toroidal resonance occurs at 0.422 THz. We can get this conclusion through observing multipole decomposition. The spatial distribution of the conduction current density or displacement current density with the electromagnetic wave frequency can be used to determine the electromagnetic multipole moment of the scatterer.

The expression of the multipole moment has been displayed below in accordance with Equations (2)–(11) [\[60,](#page-20-17)[61\]](#page-20-18):

<span id="page-8-5"></span>
$$
P = \frac{1}{i\omega} \int J d^3 r \tag{2}
$$

$$
M = \frac{1}{2c} \int [r \times J] d^3 r \tag{3}
$$

$$
TO = \frac{1}{10c} \int [(r \cdot J)r - 2r^2 J] d^3r
$$
 (4)

$$
Q^e_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{i2\omega} \int [r_{\alpha}j_{\beta} + r_{\beta}j_{\alpha} - \frac{2}{3}(r \cdot J)]d^3r
$$
 (5)

$$
Q^{m}{}_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{3c} \left( \int \left[ (r \cdot J)_{\alpha} r_{\beta} \right] d^{3}r + \{ \alpha \leftrightarrow \beta \} \right) \tag{6}
$$

where J,  $\omega$ , and c stand for the current density, angular frequency, and speed of light, respectively, and P, M, TO, Q $^{\rm e}{}_{\alpha\beta}$ , Q $^{\rm m}{}_{\alpha\beta}$  represent the electric dipole, magnetic dipole, toroidal dipole, electric quadrupole, and magnetic quadrupole, respectively.

$$
I_p = \frac{2\omega^4}{3c^3} \left| P \right|^2 \tag{7}
$$

$$
I_M = \frac{2\omega^4}{3c^3} \left| M \right|^2 \tag{8}
$$

$$
I_{TO} = \frac{2\omega^4}{3c^3} |TO|^2 \tag{9}
$$

$$
I^e{}_Q = \frac{\omega^6}{3c^5} \sum |Q^e{}_{\alpha\beta}|^2 \tag{10}
$$

$$
I^m{}_Q = \frac{\omega^6}{40c^5} \sum |Q^m{}_{\alpha\beta}|^2 \tag{11}
$$

where *I<sub>P</sub>, I<sub>M</sub>, I<sub>T</sub>, I<sup>e</sup><sub>O</sub>, and I<sup>m</sup><sub>Q</sub> respectively, stand for the scattering strengths of electric,* magnetic, toroidal, electric quadrupole, and magnetic dipoles. Figure [7](#page-9-0) displays the EIA's scattering power at various multipoles as described in this paper.

As can be seen, the scattering power of the toroidal dipole TO within the absorption band is greater than that of the electric dipole P, magnetic dipole M, the electric quadrupole  $\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{e}}{}^{\alpha\beta}$  and the magnetic quadrupole  $\mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{m}{}^{\alpha\beta}$  around 0.422 THz, which suggests that it is primarily annular resonance at the first peak.



<span id="page-9-0"></span>**Figure 7.** The near-field scattering power of the EIT behavior in different multipoles.

#### **3. The transformation from EIT to EIA**

Based on the classic three-atomic energy levels, four-atomic energy levels which are suitable for the twin-peak EIT could be an analogy, as is available in Figure [8.](#page-10-0) With the participation of the probe light, some atoms transit from the ground state  $|1>$  to the excitation level  $|2>$  while the other moves along  $|1>$   $\rightarrow$   $|2>$   $\rightarrow$   $|3>$   $\rightarrow$   $|2>$ , two separate transmission valleys appear on the transmission spectrum. After the addition of the pump light, another channel appears:  $|1>\rightarrow|2>\rightarrow|4>\rightarrow|2>$ , where the transition between the energy state  $|1>$  and the  $|3>$  is dipole forbidden. Overall, this level scheme allows for three different excitation pathways: the direct transition  $|1>\rightarrow|2>$ , the indirect one  $|1>\rightarrow|2>$  $\rightarrow$   $|3\rightarrow$   $\rightarrow$   $|2\rightarrow$  and  $|1\rightarrow$   $\rightarrow$   $|2\rightarrow$   $\rightarrow$   $|4\rightarrow$   $\rightarrow$   $|2\rightarrow$ . When these three methods are excited to the opposite phase of the electrons on the  $|2 \rangle$ , destructive interference will appear, and the absorption on the wide spectrum will be inhibited. On the contrary, opening up a narrow transmission transparent window. The first excitation pathway will interfere with the second and the third excitation pathways respectively, with the coherent elimination occurring at  $|2>[40]$  $|2>[40]$ . In this work, the channels  $|1>\rightarrow|2>$  are occupied by VR, and S represents the process of  $|3 \rangle \rightarrow |2 \rangle$  while AR occupies  $|4 \rangle \rightarrow |2 \rangle$ .

#### **4. The appearance of the EIA phenomenon**

As is displayed in Figure [9\(](#page-10-1)a), the curve of EIA enjoys two peaks at 0.429 THz and 0.678 THz, which is the location of an original transparent window of EIT, with one peak arriving at 0.607 and another reaching 0.904. Besides, the highest one among the three zeroabsorptions is not more than 0.14. The transmission and reflection curves of the two  $VO<sub>2</sub>$ resonators are exhibited in Figure [9\(](#page-10-1)b) when the VO<sub>2</sub> is working in the metallic state, it can be found from which that what contributes to the formation of EIA may be credited to its high reflection which increases the loss of dark mode. EIA comes from the critical coupling theory, when  $VO<sub>2</sub>$  in a metallic state participates in resonance, original EIT serves as



<span id="page-10-0"></span>**Figure 8.** The comparison between the coupling mechanism between the classical atomic system and three given resonators.



<span id="page-10-1"></span>**Figure 9.** (a) The absorption curve simulated when  $\sigma = 200,000$  S/m. (b) The transmission and absorption curves of the two resonators made of VO<sub>2</sub> when  $\sigma = 200,000$  S/m. (c) The transmission curve when  $\sigma = 10$  S/m and 200,000 S/m separately.

<span id="page-10-3"></span><span id="page-10-2"></span>resonance. The critical coupling in a classic two resonators system means that energy transferred between the bright and dark that takes balance with the energy dissipated by the whole system, while in this work it should be the energy between the three oscillators takes balance with the energy dissipated by the whole system. In this place,  $VO<sub>2</sub>$  acts as a perfect reflector, and it can be seen that the incident wave transmitted difficulty in the investigated frequency region compared with the original result, as can be seen in Figure [8\(](#page-10-0)c). The VO<sub>2</sub> structure in a metallic state dramatically depresses the THz transmission [\[21,](#page-19-3)[62,](#page-21-0)[63\]](#page-21-1). Compared with Figure [2\(](#page-5-0)d,e), the resonance of two resonators made of VO2 wider the metal state can be seen (Figure [10\)](#page-11-0).



<span id="page-11-0"></span>**Figure 10.** Reflected coefficients and transmission coefficients of the cross-polarization *rxy* and *txy* respectively.

Absorption *A* can be described by two frequency-dependent parameters including reflectivity *R* and transmissivity *T*, as displayed below:

$$
A = 1 - R - T - |r_{xy}|^2 - |t_{xy}|^2 \tag{12}
$$

where *R* stands for the reflection coefficient and *T* represents the transmission coefficient, while  $r_{xy}$  and  $t_{xy}$  refer to the cross-polarization of reflection and transmission, respectively. Values of *rxy* and *txy* are too small that can be ignored.

As has been reported by metamaterials, ideal impedance matching between free space and target objects provides a powerful approach to total absorption. Therefore, the impedance matching principle is used to understand the physical mechanism behind the absorption phenomenon.

Utilizing S-parameter inversion, the normalized equivalent impedance *Zr* of the proposed MS is calculated by Equation (5)

$$
Z_r = \sqrt{\frac{(1 + S_{11})^2 - S_{21}^2}{(1 - S_{11})^2 - S_{21}^2}}
$$
(13)

When the imaginary and real components of Zr are close to 1 and 0, respectively, EIA will be achieved. The imaginary and real components are shown by the red and blue curves in Figure [11'](#page-12-0)s Zr of the absorption curve. It is evident that at the two sites that lead to the absorption peaks, the imaginary part of Zr is floating about 0 and the actual component of Zr is floating around 1. This indicates the model and free space exhibit an effective impedance matching, allowing more electromagnetic waves to enter the structure and escape without being reflected. The reason why the real part does not exactly equal 1 and the imaginary part does not just equal 0 at the two absorption peaks could be some faint reflection still exists.

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<span id="page-12-0"></span>**Figure 11.** The imaginary and real parts of *Zr*.

Figure [12](#page-13-0) shows the currents or displacement currents corresponding to resonators with  $\sigma = 200,000$  S/m. When operating at 0.422 THz, the surface current of SSR turns stronger and reverse compared with the resonant curve stimulated alone displayed in Figure [4,](#page-6-1) at which time, the displacement current of VR and SR becomes too weak to be considered in comparison with the intensity in the two  $VO<sub>2</sub>$  resonators. In this case, the displacement current on ORB is almost concentrated on the four squares made of VO<sub>2</sub>, flowing in the negative direction of the *y-*axis. On FFB, displacement current forms several local circulation, with the strongest parts of which are located at the edges of each sector. When turning to 0.684 THz, the phenomenon is similar to that at 0.422 THz while enjoying a relatively weaker displacement current of ORB and a comparatively stronger displacement current on FFB. It can be analyzed from Figure [12\(](#page-13-0)d) that the displacement current on ORB starts to weaken at the four edges of squares and that of FFB gets an overall enhancement, accompanied by the direction of both that keeps invariant. This shows that even though the double peaks of EIA are inseparable from these two resonators, which one of the two resonators plays a stronger role in the specific peak is different. To add, it should be pointed out that even if the displacement currents on VR and SR are much weaker than the two resonators made of VO2, they are still stronger than those of EIT.

#### **5. Parameter discussion**

#### *5.1. Discussion of EIT parameters*

To furtherly observe how parameters affect the properties of MS, the influences of *L* on both EIT windows are considered in Figure [13.](#page-13-1) The left transmission window appears blueshift and the peak drops slowly from 0.88 to 0.85, with the continuous growth of *L* ranging from 80 μm to 93 μm. The left zero-transmission point also emerges blueshift, crossing 0.074 THz in the wake of its peak. It can be inferred from Figure [13](#page-13-1) that in a certain range, the transmission peak decreases slowly when two zero-transmission points get closer. What can be also analyzed from the figure is that the change in the size of resonator SSR thanks to the



<span id="page-13-0"></span>**Figure 12.** (a) and (c) Different current distribution of SSR on the left peak value at 0.422 THz and the right peak value at 0.684 THz when  $\sigma = 200,000$  S/m, (b) and (d) Under two absorption windows the respective displacement current distribution of the four resonators made of the dielectric at 0.422 and 0.684 THz.



<span id="page-13-1"></span>**Figure 13.** Transmission curves under different values of *<sup>L</sup>*.

far distance between a little effect on the second transmission window once again proves it is not involved in the resonance of VR and SR. To enable the frequency to align as much as possible while the peak value is not too low,  $L = 86 \mu m$  is adopted finally.



<span id="page-14-0"></span>**Figure 14.** Transmission curves with different values of thicknesses of *<sup>t</sup>*3.

*t*<sup>3</sup> stands for the thickness of ORB, the adjustment of which can influence both windows is presented in Figure [14.](#page-14-0) When *t*<sub>3</sub> shifts from 1 μm to 4 μm, the transmission window holistically blueshifts, reflected in the left zero-transmission point moving from 0.344 to 0.4. Without any doubt, the peak drops a little from 0.88 to 0.86 because of the increase in vertical coupling distance. Moreover, the zero-transmission point on the right hand reduces sharply from 0.19 to 0.06 under the condition of almost no change of the value of the right peak, the growing distance between SSR and SR that makes a weaker impact on the second peak may account for it.

The impacts of changes in incident angles *theta* on transmission and absorption are reflected in Figure [15.](#page-15-0) It is obvious that even change in a little angle, the EIT phenomenon will be deeply destroyed, with the second transmission window rifting two valleys at about 0.76 THz and 0.88 THz respectively, which will deepen when the value of *theta* grows up. As is clear, the model is sensitive to the change of incident angle *theta*, even a little change that will deeply impact the transmission curve.

Figure [16](#page-15-1) exhibits how polarization angles *phi* plays a role in transmission curves. Accompanied by the increase in *phi*, three zero-transmission points of the transmission curve grow up to 0.4, and a rift valley appears in the middle of the transmission window on the right. With the *phi* exceeding 30°, the EIT phenomenon gradually disappears, and the value of the zero-transmission points of the EIT increases too much, explaining that polarization is not sensitive at a small angle. As the *phi* increases, each resonator cannot be well excited by electromagnetic waves like before, and as a result of which, the coupling will worsen.

## *5.2. Discussion of EIA parameters*

It can be easily captured from Figure [17](#page-16-0) that the right absorption peak has almost no changes at all, with the left peak of which growing from 0.58 to 0.66 while the curve of the other is stable. As the value of the left peak increases, the left transparent window gradually narrows and the first zero-transmission point turns blueshift, a similar phenomenon could also be found in the transmission curves. The reason accounting for this phenomenon is



**Figure 15.** Transmission curves plotted under different incident angle *theta.*

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<span id="page-15-1"></span>**Figure 16.** Transmission curves when polarization angle *phi* are different.

that the SSR does not participate in the formation of the latter absorption peak, as a result of which changing in its parameters do not affect the latter absorption window.

The absorption curves at different thicknesses *t*<sup>3</sup> have been displayed in Figure [18.](#page-16-1) The growth of *t*<sup>3</sup> brings in higher absorption on the right, from 0.72 to 0.91, accompanied by the left peak rising from 0.59 to 0.66, which shows a blueshift. The reduction of the left absorption peak is caused by the rise of its corresponding transmission peak, yet what impacts the right may be the increased losses of SR brought by the ORB. It is obvious that as the left peak gets slightly higher, the right peak gets lower relatively quickly when *t*<sup>3</sup> rises from 1 μm to 3 μm. To enable EIT and EIA to reach the indicators at the same time,  $t_3 = 3$  μm is chosen.

Accompanied by *theta* rising from 0° to 10°, both absorption windows show nearly no change, for the no change of the frequency points and peaks of EIT, as is shown in Figure [19.](#page-17-0) When *theta* exceeds 10°, the second absorption peak of EIA gradually split into two peaks, corresponding to the newly split peaks of EIT. The basic invariance of the left



**Figure 17.** Absorption curves under different values of *<sup>L</sup>*.

<span id="page-16-0"></span>

<span id="page-16-1"></span>**Figure 18.** Absorption curves at different thicknesses *<sup>t</sup>*3.

winger indicates that the transmission curve in small angles is insensitive to the *theta*, while the insensitivity of this model to incident angle *theta* is again demonstrated in EIA curves.

Figure [20](#page-17-1) shows how polarization angles *phi* work in absorption curves. With the increase of *phi*, two absorption peaks drop rapidly by more than 0.2 and 0.3 respectively, forming a valley around 0.7 THz. When *phi* exceeds 30°, the EIA phenomenon will gradually disappear, the twin peaks of EIA all downing over 0.22, explaining that polarization is not sensitive at a small angle. Corresponding to EIT, the worsened coupling may explain the broken absorption curve.

The details of the physical mechanism of EIT and EIA behavior and the slow-light effect of the EIT behaviors can be seen in the supplementary document.



**Figure 19.** Absorption curves under different incident angles *theta.*

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<span id="page-17-1"></span>**Figure 20.** Absorption curves under different polarization angle *phi.*

## **6. Conclusion**

To conclude, with the incidence of linear polarization waves, the adjustable transformation from twin-peak EIT to twin-peak EIA can be achieved by adjusting the conductivity of  $VO<sub>2</sub>$ . Calculated in the THz band, when setting  $VO<sub>2</sub>$  in a dielectric state, the two transmission peaks reach up to 86.4% at 0.421 THz and 93.4% at 0.684 THz, respectively. After switching to a metallic state, there are two absorption peaks in the original transmission window, each of which reaches 60.7% and 90.4%. Double EIT transparent window spans from 0.382 THz to 0.986 THz with the two maximum *t<sub>GD</sub>* reaching 7.55 and 4.54 ps. The theory of classic atomic energy levels is analogized for qualitative analysis of this model while the adoption of the circuit model for quantitative analysis determines the effectiveness and consistency of the simulation result. At the same time, the current and the displacement current distribution further prove the correctness of the model. This design provides a promising solution for 18 Y.-J. YIN ET AL.

the realization of the adjustable multi-frequency EIT to EIA, which can be applied to antenna fields, or otherwise multi-functional devices.

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