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Engineering ultrastrong coupling between Josephson plasmon polaritons and subwavelength microcavity arrays in Silicon – Van der Waals layered superconductor heterostructure for terahertz hybrid circuit cavity quantum electrodynamics

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Abstract: The realisation of the ultrastrong coupling between Josephson plasma waves (JPWs) and terahertz (THz) photons in the sub-wavelength microcavity array is of interest for manipulating the THz cavity quantum electrodynamics, ultra-high-resolution sensing and imaging, and quantum information processing. Here, we describe the first proposal of the engineering of ultrastrong light-matter interactions in a deeply subwavelength microcavity array based on hybrid Silicon and high-temperature superconductor (HTS) $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CaCu}_2\text{O}_{8+\delta}$ (BSCCO) van der Waals (vdWs) heterostructure. We perform numerical modelling and analytical calculation to describe Josephson THz cavity electrodynamics and ultrastrong coupling process between THz radiation and the JPWs in Josephson medium which is naturally present in BSCCO vdWs. The resonance frequency of microcavities is swept through the Josephson plasma frequency by altering their width. THz reflection demonstrates the anti-crossing behaviour of ultrastrong coupling with a normalized Rabi frequency (coupling strength) $2\Omega_R/f_c = 0.29$ for the BSCCO thickness $t = 200$ nm, which increases to the value of 0.87 for $t = 800$ nm. Furthermore, the thermal behaviour of coupling strength shows modulation of Rabi splitting $2\Omega_R$ with temperature. We show that the normalized Rabi splitting $2\Omega_R/f_c$ is independent of the temperature in the BSCCO superconducting regime, while a weak coupling can be observed above the superconducting transition temperature. Our results shall guide the effort in the development of power-efficient coherent THz sources, quantum sensors, ultrasensitive detectors, and tunable bolometers based on BSCCO HTS quantum material.

Keywords: THz cavity quantum electrodynamics, THz integrated circuits, light-matter interaction, coherent light sources, superconducting detectors, Josephson plasmonics, HTS van der Waals, Silicon photonics.

Introduction

Terahertz (THz) radiation advances both fundamental sciences and technological applications [1–4]. Some examples are the discovery of material properties through THz light-matter interactions, THz off/on-chip sensing, spectroscopy, high-resolution imaging, tomography, and high-speed wireless communication [1]. Specifically, THz electromagnetic (EM) waves can be applied to investigate the superconducting condensate in the layered high-temperature superconductors (HTS) [2,4–6]. In the category of HTS, $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CaCu}_2\text{O}_{8+\delta}$ (BSCCO) based devices have shown a potential to close the THz gap [7–11]. The crystal of HTS BSCCO is a stack of two-dimensional (2D) layers composed of alternating layers of superconducting copper oxides (CuO_2) and non-superconducting bismuth/strontium oxides (Bi_2O_2 and SrO) forming intrinsic Josephson junctions (IJJs) or Josephson medium [12–15]. Therefore, superconductivity in BSCCO is confined to 2D planes [16] and the relatively weak van der Waals (vdWs) forces between the layers keep the stack together [17]. The atomically thin BSCCO layers can be obtained through the exfoliation of bulk BSCCO. Cleaving down to a few BSCCO layers can be used for the investigation of the origin of strong correlations and 2D superconductivity, the electronic properties of HTS [18], and surface studies [19]. The Josephson current along the crystallographic *c*-axis of BSCCO can couple with the EM waves and produce the Josephson plasma waves (JPWs) [20]. JPWs have been investigated for many applications including solid-state quantum emitters, coherent detectors, filters, and waveguides [21–23]. One focus in this field is on nonlinear JPWs which offer the remarkable nonlinear phenomenon of the slowing down of light, self-induced transparency, pumping of a weak wave by a strong wave, and conversion of continuous THz radiation into short strong THz pulses [24]. Another interest in JPWs is caused by the Josephson plasma resonance. It is the resonant interaction of JPWs with an external microwave electric field and it is a powerful tool to provide information about the Josephson coupling and the vortex phase in layered superconductors [25]. Moreover, the interface between the vacuum and the superconductor supports the propagation of the surface JPWs and provides significant suppression of the reflection (Wood-like anomalies) that can be used in THz filters [26]. In

addition, the triangular lattice form of Josephson vortices, which arises due to an external dc applied magnetic field parallel to the crystallographic *ab*-plane of the superconductors, is in analogy with optical photonic crystals. Therefore, these Josephson vortices crystals exhibit noteworthy features including band gaps and tunable transparency [27]. A main and fascinating feature of JPWs is the coherent and continuous THz waves radiation by exciting the uniform Josephson oscillations which results in emerging of novel coherent and power-efficient THz sources, called IJJs quantum emitters, over the past decade [28–34]. These emitters have a considerably larger frequency range tunability compared to the other solid-state THz sources [35–37]. In addition, as a result of weak vdW force between BSCCO layers, exfoliation to a small volume, and transferring to any desired substrate, BSCCO is a good material candidate for ultrasensitive sensors [38] and detectors with a lower response time constant [39]. Consequently, the BSCCO-based devices, capable of operation above liquid nitrogen temperature, are used in a wide range of frequencies from microwave [40], to THz [41,42], and visible-near infrared [38]. As a result, it would be very desirable to excite the EM waves in BSCCO in a controllable way. Strong light-matter coupling can control the macroscopic systems and manipulate the energy spectrum of the Josephson plasmon and applied THz EM waves. Light-matter interaction is the process of periodically exchanging energy between matter and light [43–45]. Due to the overcoming of strong coupling to the dissipation rate of the system, it enables the coherent oscillation of Josephson waves. Therefore, a strong emission power can be obtained by coherent phase synchronization of the Josephson current between different Josephson junctions in BSCCO [46–48]. The strong light-matter coupling also results in the cooling of superconducting order parameter phase fluctuations and helps in reducing the loss near the transition temperature for more powerful radiation [49].

Strong coupling was reported in different matters including the intersubband transition of quantum well [50], two-dimensional electron gas (2DEG) [51], surface plasmon polariton [43], superconducting qubits [52], and JPWs [49],[53]. The resonators for coupling fall into three categories of metamaterials [54],

microcavities [55], and quantum materials [56]. The sub-wavelength confinement of the light in double-metal microcavities results in an ultrastrong light-matter coupling [50].

In this paper, we propose a novel method that leads to ultrastrong coupling between the JPWs of BSCCO and the resonance of the deeply subwavelength microcavity array. The gap between the two gold metals is filled with a sandwich structure of hybrid Silicon/BSCCO/Silicon. Silicon is chosen as it is the main pillar of the optoelectronic for the implementation of generation, modulation, and detection [57]. It facilitates the integration of THz devices with Silicon photonics technology for the realisation of all integrated photonics chips. In the long term, the proposed devices will benefit from the remarkable optical properties of Silicon such as ultrafast terahertz optical response [58] and nonlinearity [59].

Round trip of a photon bouncing between two metals of each microcavity permits the interaction of Josephson plasmon to the EM waves which results in the appearance of hybridised modes split by the Rabi frequency. Here, the coupling strength of the system is carried out for different temperatures ranging from $T=20$ K to above the BSCCO transition temperature (T_c). At $T=20$ K, the system has the largest Rabi splitting which reduces with increasing temperature. The normalized Rabi splitting is independent of temperature below T_c even though Rabi splitting fades above T_c . Furthermore, the coupling strength is investigated for a different filling fraction of the superconductor in each microcavity. Rabi splitting increases with increasing the filling fraction. Our results may open new opportunities for manipulating BSCCO JPWs and the development of tunable quantum emitters and detectors based on BSCCO HTS material. An IJJs emitter based on this strong light-matter interaction benefits from the synchronization of the Josephson junctions as a result of the high-quality factor of cavity resonance and cooling of superconducting phase fluctuation to boost its radiated power [60]. In addition, the enhancement in the radiated power of IJJs in this system is expected due to the matching of Josephson frequency with cavity frequency [61–63]. Moreover, the enhancement of the electric field in the superconducting part of the cavity can also be beneficial for increasing the sensitivity of the THz detector based on BSCCO IJJs [64].

Design of Microcavity Array

Microcavities are applied to confine light and produce strong absorption of EM fields and a sharp dip in the reflection spectra. Each cavity has a topcoat of gold (thickness $t_1=200$ nm) and a gold back plane ($t_4= 500$ nm). The distance between two gold layers is filled by a heterostructure of Silicon/BSCCO/Silicon. Figure 1 schematises the geometry of every single cavity and the array in which the width w of the cavities sets the resonance frequency of the cavity mode. The cavity array has a subwavelength spacing of $p= 100 \mu\text{m}$. Here, BSCCO is set to be a c -axis oriented film (with $T_c= 90$ K). The plane THz wave incident normally on the structure. The distance between two gold patches is kept constant as $t_3 + 2t_2 = 1200$ nm. The c -axis dielectric function of BSCCO can be defined as [65],

$$\varepsilon_{sc}(\omega) = \varepsilon_{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{f_p^2}{f^2} \right) \quad (1)$$

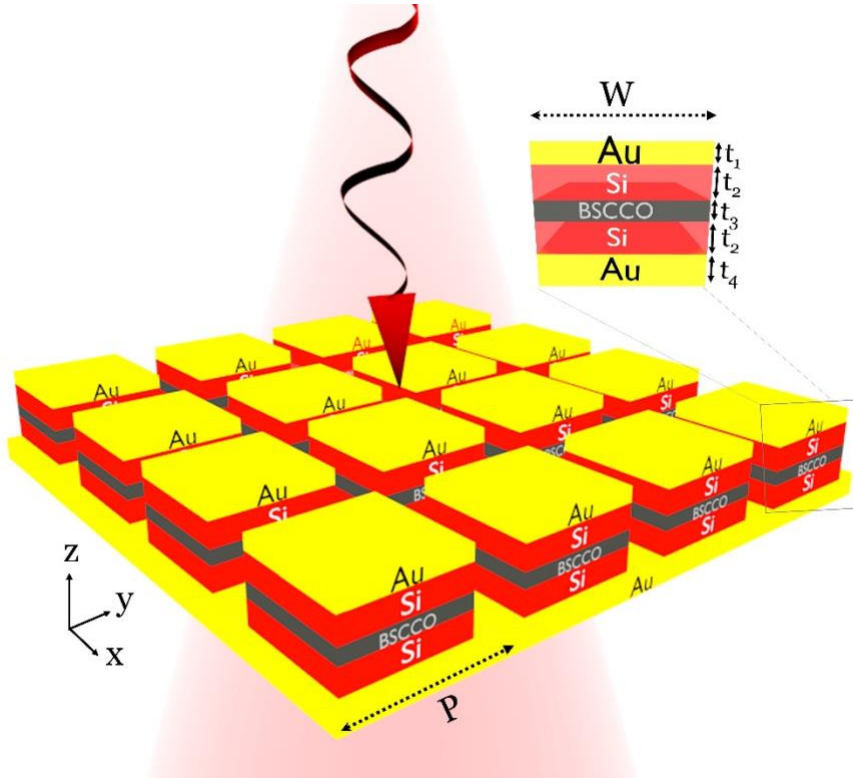


Figure 1: The proposed THz cavity quantum electrodynamic with arrays of subwavelength hybrid Silicon-BSCCO microcavity. Inset is the cavity resonator unit-cell with Au (yellow, $t_1=200$ nm)/ Si (red)/ BSCCO (black)/ Si (red) / Au (yellow, $t_4=500$ nm) and a period of $p=100 \mu\text{m}$. Cavity width w , Si thickness t_2 , and BSCCO thickness t_3 are variable (see text).

where $\epsilon_\infty = 12$, and f_p is the screened Josephson plasma frequency. The temperature dependence Josephson plasma frequency of BSCCO has been investigated in ref [66], f_p is zero above T_c but rises sharply below T_c and saturates at about nearly $T_c/2$. It approaches $f_p = 0.67$ THz at $T = 20$. The complex permittivity of gold (Au) is calculated from a simple Drude model [67], and the permittivity of Silicon (Si) is set to $\epsilon_{Si} = 11.56$ [68]. For investigation of the EM response of the presented device, a simulation is performed using the RF module of COMSOL Multiphysics [69].

Results and Discussions

For characterisation of the absorption resonance, cavities with different widths from $w=60 \mu\text{m}$ to $w=87 \mu\text{m}$ are studied when there is only Silicon between the gold patches with no superconducting film. The reflection spectrum of cavity arrays is shown in Figure 2(a). One dip is observed for each w which indicates the resonance frequency of the cavity arrays. The wavelength of the THz plane wave is much larger than the distance between two gold films ($\lambda \gg t_3 + 2t_2$). Therefore, a standing electromagnetic wave pattern is formed within two gold patches and the cavity supports two degenerate transverse magnetic modes TM_{010} and TM_{100} . So, the resonance frequencies of the cavity follow the expression of

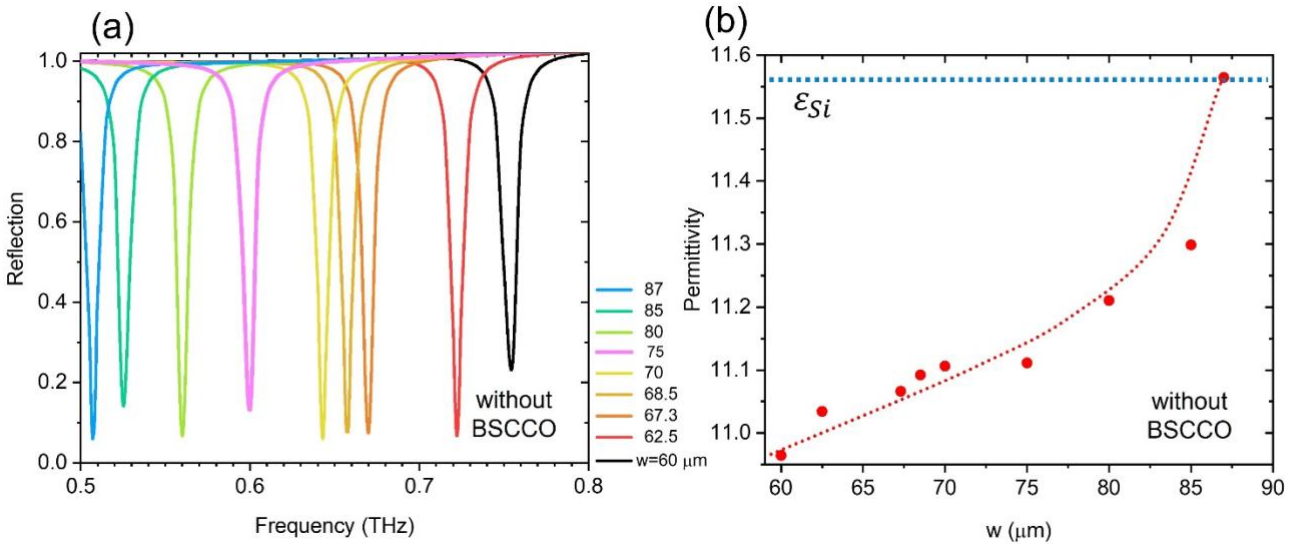


Figure 2: (a) The simulated reflection spectra for different cavity width when there is no superconductor between Si layers. (b) The calculated effective permittivity of the cavity. It asymptotically approaches the Si permittivity with increasing the cavity width. The red dotted line is a guide to the eye.

$$f_c = \frac{c}{2w\sqrt{\epsilon_{eff}}} \sqrt{n^2 + m^2 + l^2} = \frac{c}{2w\sqrt{\epsilon_{eff}}} \quad (2)$$

where c is the speed of light, w is the cavity width, and ϵ_{eff} is the effective permittivity of the standing wave in the cavity. By knowing the width of the structure and the resonance frequencies, the effective permittivity is calculated from equation (2) and plotted in figure 2(b). The effective permittivity is different from the Silicon permittivity, and it asymptotically approaches the Silicon permittivity at width $w=87 \mu\text{m}$ close to the unit cell period value $p=100 \mu\text{m}$.

Coupling strength at $T=20 \text{ K}$

At first, we investigate the THz EM waves and BSCCO JPWs coupling at $T=20 \text{ K}$ where $f_p = 0.67 \text{ THz}$. Here, the cavity width is set to $w=67.3 \mu\text{m}$. Therefore, the bare cavity resonance frequency and JPWs are at resonant ($f_c = f_p$). To describe the coupling process, the reflection spectrum of the cavity array for two different configurations is shown in Figure 3(a).

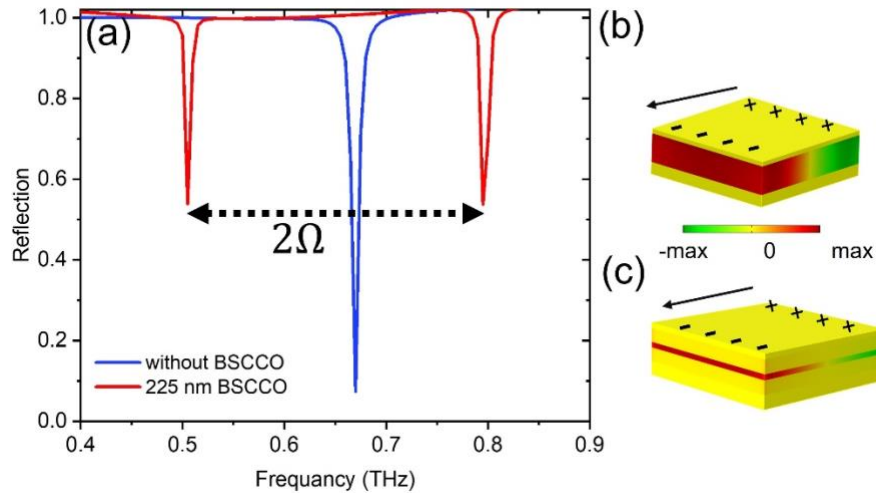


Figure 3: (a) The reflection spectra for cavity width $w=67.3 \mu\text{m}$ with only Silicon (without superconducting BSCCO) is shown in blue, and with a BSCCO layer of thickness $t_3=225 \text{ nm}$ is shown in red. The z -component of the electric field when there is (b) no BSCCO, and (c) BSCCO with thickness $t_3=225 \text{ nm}$, at $f=0.67 \text{ THz}$. The black arrows show the dipole moment. Here, Josephson plasma frequency is $f_p = 0.67 \text{ THz}$ (at $T=20 \text{ K}$).

The blue line is the reflection of the condition where there is only Silicon with a thickness of $t=1200$ nm between two gold patches. No frequency splitting (strong coupling) is obtained. The red line shows the reflection when BSCCO with a thickness of $t_3=225$ nm is placed in the middle of Silicon layers each with a thickness of $t_2=478.5$ nm. It is found that the reflection curve displays two dips with a frequency separation of 2Ω . This frequency splitting determines the strength of exchange coupling between the THz EM waves and Josephson plasmons. Two dips of reflection spectra correspond to the upper and lower hybridised states. The z -component of the electric field at $f=0.67$ THz is plotted in Figure 3(b)-(c) for the blue and red curves of Figure 3(a), respectively. The charges with opposite signs are induced at the edge of the cavity. Therefore, the distribution of charge on the upper gold patch has a net dipole moment on the surface and it is parallel to the electric field of the applied EM wave [70]. A standing wave, independent of z , is localized in the Silicon region (see Figure 3(b)) due to $(\lambda \gg t_3 + 2t_2)$. The electric field of this wave within the cavity is polarized along the z -axis and approximately can be obtained by

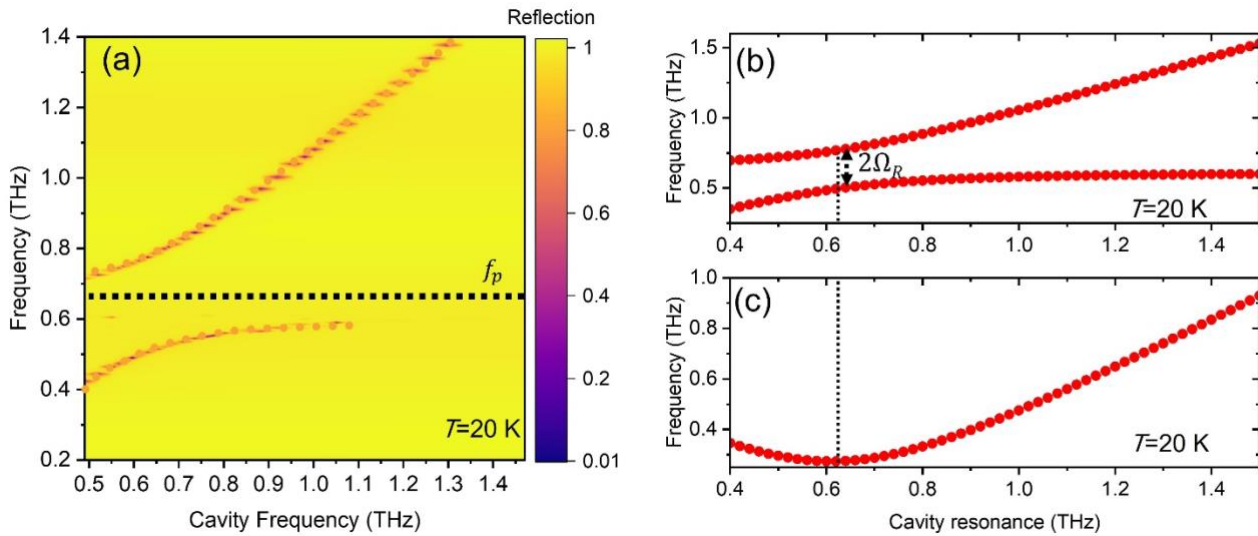


Figure 4: (a) The colour-coded reflection as a function of frequency and bare cavity frequency $f_c = c/(2\sqrt{\epsilon_{Si}W})$. Here, w is set to vary from $w=30 \mu\text{m}$ to $90 \mu\text{m}$. A dotted line is passed through the data as a guide to the eye. The black dashed line shows the BSCCO Josephson plasma frequency, (b) the theoretically calculated hybridised mode as a function of bare cavity frequency, (c) frequency splitting as a function of bare cavity frequency where the minimum value is the vacuum Rabi splitting. Here, thickness of BSCCO and Si are set to $t_3=200$ nm and $t_2=500$ nm, respectively. The superconducting filling fraction is $F \sim 0.17$ and Josephson plasma frequency is $f_p = 0.67$ THz (at $T=20$ K).

$$E_z(x, y) \approx E_{z0} \cos\left(\frac{\pi n}{w} x\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi m}{w} y\right) \approx E_{z0} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{w} x\right) \approx E_{z0} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{w} y\right) \quad (3)$$

and is independent of z [49] [70]. By inserting a BSCCO layer between the Silicon layers, the electric field becomes localised in the superconducting region in Figure 3(c). The enhancement of the electric field in the BSCCO region can be beneficial for the development of ultrasensitive vdWs-based superconducting detectors.

The minimum frequency splitting between the upper and lower hybridised states (known as vacuum Rabi splitting) can be obtained by changing the cavity resonance frequency. The reflection spectra of the cavity array for different cavity widths ranging from $w= 30 \mu\text{m}$ to $w= 90 \mu\text{m}$ are shown in a colour-coded plot in Figure 4(a) where w determines the detuning between the Josephson plasma frequency and cavity mode. In the plot, cavity width is converted to the cavity frequency using equation (2) with $\epsilon_{eff} = 11.56$ (permittivity of Silicon). The cavity resonance frequency of $f_c= 0.49 \text{ THz}$ corresponds to the cavity width of $w= 90 \mu\text{m}$, while $f_c= 1.47 \text{ THz}$ is for the width of $w= 30 \mu\text{m}$. There are two resonances with specific splitting. Here, $t= 200 \text{ nm}$ out of 1200 nm between two gold patches is BSCCO superconducting film. Thus, the superconducting filling fraction is equal to $F = \frac{t_3}{2t_2+t_3} \sim 0.17$.

Therefore, the effective permittivity of Silicon/BSCCO/Silicon is defined as [49]

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon_{eff}(\omega)} = \frac{1-F}{\epsilon_{si}} + \frac{F}{\epsilon_{sc}(\omega)} \quad (4)$$

The frequency of two hybridised modes is defined as

$$\epsilon_{eff}(\omega) f_{\pm}^2 = \epsilon_{si} f_c^2 \quad (5)$$

Here, f_+ and f_- are hybridised resonance frequencies of the reflection spectrum. Those are the normal modes of coupled systems. By changing f_c with cavity width, the resonance frequencies vary. The calculated resonance frequencies are shown in Figure 4(b). It shows a good agreement with the simulation results of Figure 4(a). Frequency splitting from Figure 4(b) is shown in Figure 4(c). The minimum value corresponds to the vacuum Rabi splitting which is $2\Omega_R= 0.273 \text{ THz}$ and occurs at $f_c= 0.62 \text{ THz}$.

The value of Rabi splitting is varied not only by changing the cavity frequency (i.e. cavity width) but also by changing the superconducting BSCCO filling fraction at a fixed value of cavity width. We investigate the reflection spectra of cavity array or different filling fractions ranging from 0.041 ($t_3= 800$ nm and $t_2= 200$ nm) to 0.67 ($t_3= 50$ nm and $t_2= 575$ nm) at cavity widths of $w= 67.3$ μm where the bare cavity resonance is equal to Josephson plasma resonance ($f_c = f_p$).

The colour-coded reflection spectra are shown in Figure 5(a). For the entire range of filling fractions, the Rabi splitting is observed. The Rabi splitting normalized to the cavity resonance $2\Omega/f_c$ (from Figure 5(a)) is shown in Figure 5(b). It shows a steep rise in splitting with increasing filling fraction (BSCCO thickness). There are three regimes of weak, strong, and ultrastrong for the strength of exchange coupling between the THz EM waves and Josephson plasmons. There is a crossing between the dispersion relation of the device resonance and Josephson frequency in the case of weak coupling. A frequency splitting and the appearance of two hybridised modes show a strong-coupling regime. When the normalized Rabi splitting is not negligible

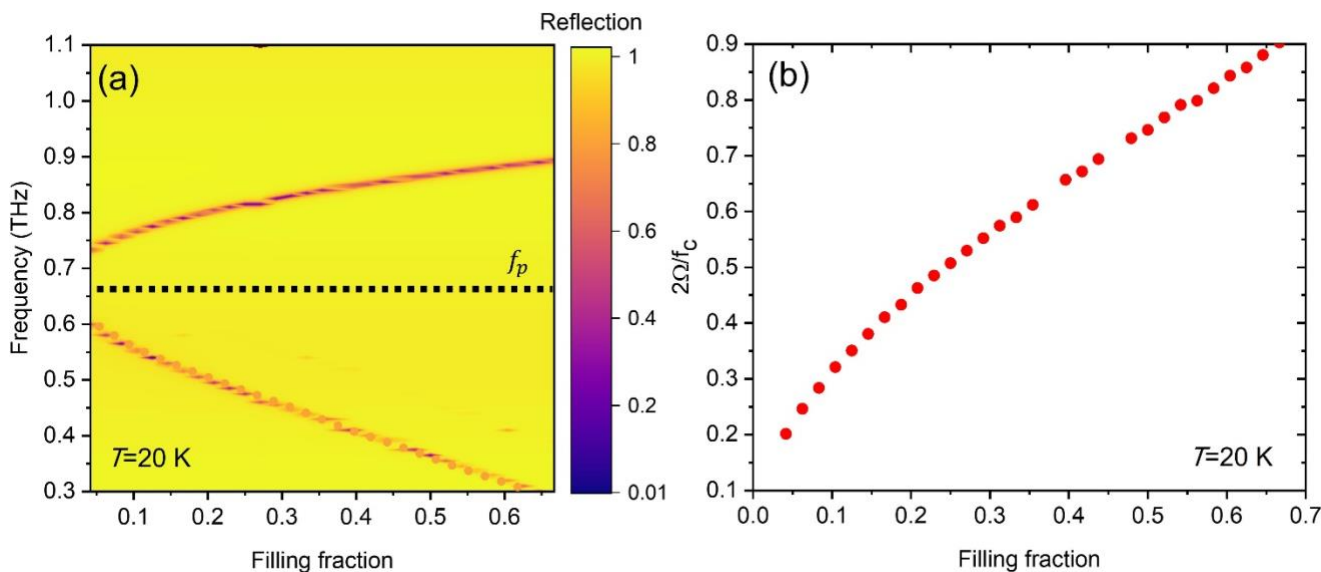


Figure 5: (a) The colour-coded reflection as a function of frequency and superconducting filling fraction $F = t_3/(2t_2 + t_3)$, where $f_c = f_p$ set in the simulation. A dotted line is passed through the data as a guide to the eye. (b) Normalized Rabi splitting $2\Omega/f_c$ as a function of the filling fraction F . Here, $2t_2 + t_3 = 1.2$ μm and $w= 67.3$ μm . BSCCO thickness is varied from $t_3= 50$ nm to 800 nm, which corresponds to filling fraction of 0.041 to 0.645. Here, Josephson plasma frequency is $f_p = 0.67$ THz (shown as black dashed line in (a)) at $T= 20$ K.

compared to 1, the system enters the so-called ultrastrong coupling regime and shows a photonic gap (splitting) in the device dispersion spectra [71,72]. Our microcavity array device goes more deeply into the ultrastrong coupling regime by increasing the superconducting filling fraction.

Temperature dependence of coupling strength

The active manipulation of superconducting devices originates from the Cooper pairs' sensitive response to external stimuli such as pressure, current, magnetic field, light, and temperature [73–78]. We investigate the cavity frequency detuning from the Josephson plasma frequency for different temperatures ranging from $T=20$ K to 80 K. For this purpose, the Josephson plasma frequency at equation (1) is set to $f_p=0.67, 0.645, 0.6, 0.525,$ and 0.35 THz for the temperatures ranging between $T=20, 40, 60, 70,$ and 80 K, respectively [66]. Figure 6(a) shows the calculated hybridised resonance frequencies from equations (4) and (5) for different temperatures when the filling fraction of the superconductor is $F\sim 0.17$ and f_c is changed from 0.3 THz to 1 THz. The red dots are shown earlier in Figure 4(b). The anti-crossing is observed for each temperature over

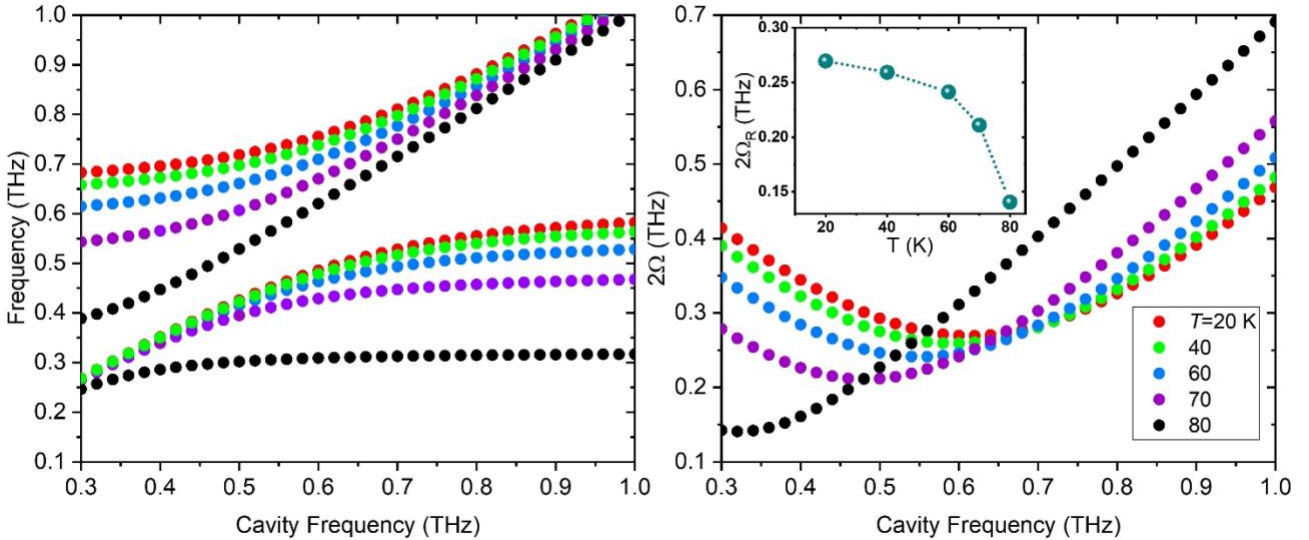


Figure 6: (a) The theoretically calculated hybridised modes as a function of cavity frequency at different temperatures, (b) frequency splitting as a function of cavity resonance. The minimum shows the vacuum Rabi splitting. Here, BSCCO and Si thicknesses are set to $t_3=200$ nm and $t_2=500$ nm, respectively. This corresponds to superconducting filling fraction of $F\sim 0.17$. Inset shows the vacuum Rabi splitting as a function of temperature.

its Josephson plasma frequency. The frequency splitting is extracted from Figure 6(a) and is plotted in Figure 6(b). It is clear that with increasing temperature the minimum splitting occurs at a lower cavity frequency. Because the Rabi splitting is observed where the cavity resonance is tuned around the Josephson plasma resonance ($f_c = f_p$). Lower Josephson plasma frequency at higher temperatures results in lower cavity resonance (smaller cavity width). The value of minimum splitting (the vacuum Rabi splitting) is plotted in the inset of Figure 6(b). The Rabi splitting reduces with the temperature rise as the density of the superfluid in BSCCO decreases.

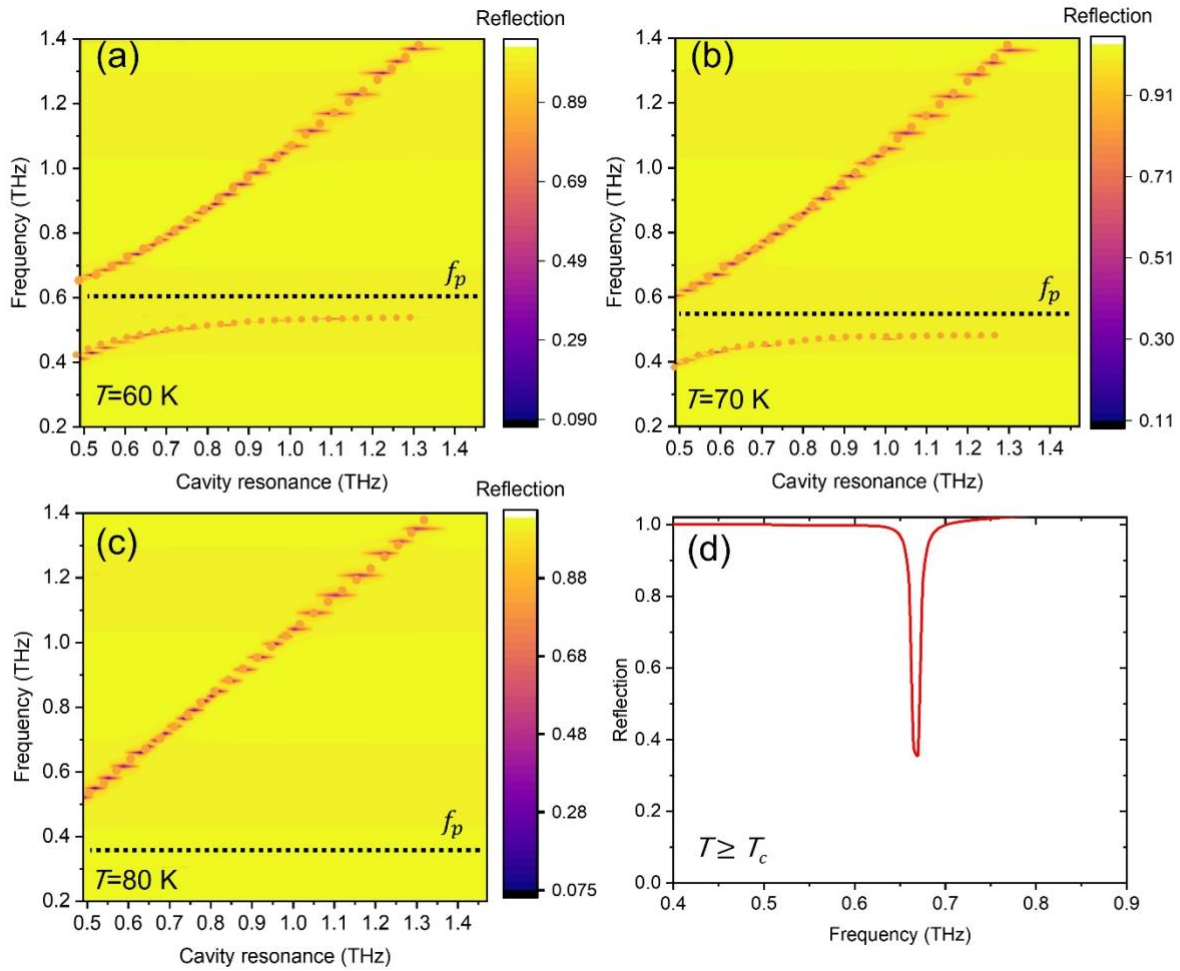


Figure 7: The colour-coded reflection as a function of frequency and cavity resonance for (a) $f_p=0.6$ THz (representing $T= 60$ K), (b) $f_p=0.525$ THz (representing $T= 70$ K), (c) $f_p=0.35$ THz (representing $T= 80$ K). The cavity width w is varied from $w= 30 \mu\text{m}$ to $90 \mu\text{m}$. The black dashed line shows the Josephson plasma frequency. A dotted line is passed through the data as a guide to the eye. (d) The reflection spectra at $T \geq T_c$ when the cavity width is $w= 67.3 \mu\text{m}$. Here, the thicknesses of BSCCO and Si are set to $t_3=200$ nm and $t_2=500$ nm, with superconducting filling fraction of $F \sim 0.17$.

The three-dimensional full-wave simulation of frequency detuning gives more insight into the effect of temperature on the coupling strength. Figure 7(a)-(c) shows the colour-coded reflection spectra as a function of cavity resonance for the selected temperatures of $T= 60$ K, 70 K, and 80 K. The frequency splitting confirms the results of the simulation in Figure 6(a). The simulation results show that the lower hybridised mode of the system gradually fades with increasing the cavity frequency. The resonance case for $f_p=0.35$ THz (where representing $T= 80$ K) needs a cavity width of $w= 126$ μm which is larger than the period of our presented microcavity array. Therefore, the lower hybridised mode cannot be illustrated in the full-wave simulation. Figure 7(d) shows the reflection spectra at a cavity width of $w= 67.3$ μm for $T \geq T_c$ when BSCCO is no longer in the superconducting regime. Above T_c , in the normal state, the charge transport of Josephson plasmon is blocked by Bi-O layers [66]. Therefore, the superconductor transport in the c -axis is like in a dielectric ($\epsilon_{sc}(\omega) = \epsilon_\infty$) and no Rabi splitting is observed. The system, therefore, enters the weak coupling regime. The reflection spectra, here, is very similar to the reflection spectra in the absence of a superconductor in Figure 3(a). Furthermore, the effect of the filling fraction for different temperatures at the resonance condition is

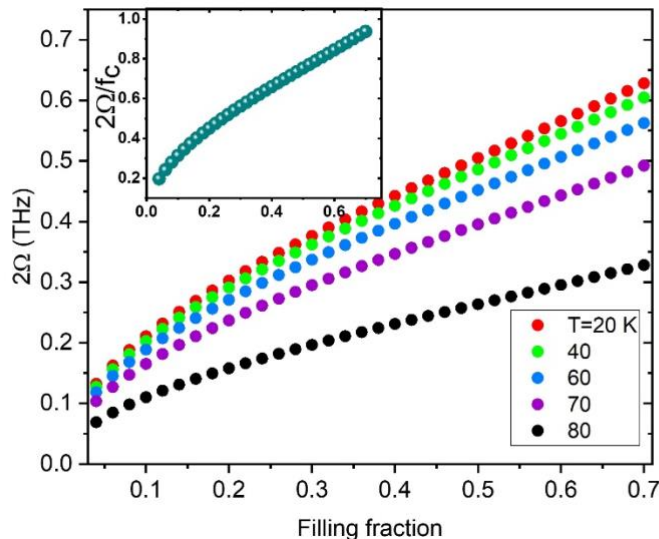


Figure 8: The Rabi splitting $2\Omega = (f_2 - f_1)$ and (inset) normalized Rabi splitting $2\Omega/f_c$ as a function of the filling fraction F . All curves in the inset entirely overlap. Here, $2t_2 + t_3$ is set to be 1200 nm. BSCCO thickness t_3 is varied from 50 nm to 840 nm which correspond to $F= 0.041$ to $F= 0.7$. For each curve the cavity frequency is equal to the Josephson frequency.

plotted in Figure 8. This plot is calculated from equations (4) and (5) by changing filling fraction F from 0.041 to 0.7 and $f_c = f_p$. The Rabi splitting increases with increasing the superconducting filling fraction for each temperature and it reduces with increasing the temperature. The normalized Rabi splitting $2\Omega_R/f_c$ (Rabi splitting divided by cavity resonance) is plotted in the inset of Figure 8. It is noted that the normalized Rabi splitting is temperature-independent. As long as the BSCCO material is in the superconducting regime the normalized Rabi splitting is independent of f_p [49].

Discussion:

The strong light-matter coupling can be highly beneficial for boosting the radiated power of BSCCO IJJs THz emitters by facilitating the synchronisation of Josephson current between different IJJs in BSCCO layers. Therefore, we designed an array of microcavities based on heterostructures of Silicon/BSCCO/Silicon to offer high resonance quality for better superconducting phase synchronization through matching of cavity resonance with Josephson frequency. In addition, it presents the strong light-matter coupling to lead to superconducting phase coherence through cooling the superconducting phase fluctuation. Moreover, the strong enhancement of the electromagnetic field inside the BSCCO layer also may change the electromagnetic property of the BSCCO layer itself. Indeed, the gauge-invariant phase difference φ is proportional to E/ω due to Josephson relations. This, in turn, influences the current in the layer, which is proportional to $\sin \varphi \approx \varphi - \varphi^3/6$. This affects the BSCCO refraction index $n = n_0(1 + \alpha E^2)$ with linear refraction index n_0 and strength of nonlinearity α . Such nonlinear feedback results in complicated nonlinear dynamics in the considered cavity and ultrastrong light-matter interaction which can be applied to realise power-efficient BSCCO THz source and quantum-enhanced sensitive detectors, and sensors.

Conclusions:

We reported the first proposal for the ultrastrong coupling engineering between Josephson plasma waves of the HTS BSCCO vdWs and the fundamental mode of microcavity arrays composed of Silicon/BSCCO/Silicon heterostructure. The strength of coupling is adjustable by changing the proportion of superconducting film in

the cavity and temperature. It is realised that Rabi splitting, as the representation of coupling, reduces with temperature increase, however, the normalized Rabi splitting is temperature independent in the superconducting state of the BSCCO with no coupling above T_c . Moreover, the light-matter interaction offered more enhancement with the increase in the superconducting filling fraction in cavity arrays. The presented ultrastrong light-matter interaction in the superconductor can lead to the development of power-efficient BSCCO coherent sources, sensitive detectors and tunable bolometers through synchronisation of Josephson current between different IJJs in BSCCO layers as a result of cooling the superconducting phase fluctuation, the high-quality of cavity resonance and matching of Josephson frequency with cavity resonance.

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