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Achieving high-Q resonances in the photonics is crucial for applications such as sensors, filters, and emitters of electromagnetic radiation. One effective strategy for achieving such resonances involves the Bound state In the Continuum effect (BIC). In this paper, we demonstrate comprehensive study of the BIC in complementary planar Babinet metamaterials in a microwave regime. Symmetry protected BIC has been induced in planar metamaterial due to rotation of incident wave for small angles from normal incidence, thus, released the high Q-factor ($9.245 \cdot 10^3$ in theory and $1.606 \cdot 10^3$ in experiment) trapped mode at 6.625 GHz with localized components of electric dipoles and electric octopoles radiating exclusively in the plane of the metamaterial, which can be promising for planar lasers.

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BIC is one of the most intriguing high-Q factor phenomena in photonics. Generally, BICs are defined as complete confinement of waves inside the continuous spectrum and coexist with radiating waves that constantly support energy leakage [1, 2]. Importantly, there is a fundamental difference between BICs and well-known resonances coupling to extended waves and leaking out [2]. Resonances, being leaky modes, can be defined as complex frequency $\omega = \omega_0 - i\gamma$, where ω_0 is the resonance frequency and γ is leakage rate that is key determining resonances. Since BICs are perfectly localized inside continuum spectrum, its leakage rate is considered to be $\gamma = 0$. Consequently, the Q-factor of the system tends to infinite values $Q = \omega_0/2\gamma$ and, on occasion, BICs are called as special case of trapped modes [3].

In general, BICs occur due to small changes of any parameter of the system and, depending on the variable value, referred to as symmetry-protected [4–10], parametric [11–14], accidentally BICs [15, 16]. Among them is the symmetry-protected BIC that occurs in high symmetry systems, especially in periodic structures – photonic crystals and metamaterials [17]. Metamaterials and metasurfaces are generally considered as specially designed arrays of subwavelength metallic and dielectric inclusions that exhibit unnatural scattering response [18, 19]. Every single inclusion, sometimes called metaatom, forms individual scattering response from local interaction with im-

pinging wave and contributes to overall scattering response from metamaterial. Therefore, metamaterials are promising tool for wavefront engineering as well as beamshaping techniques whereas response of metaatoms is defined by their parameters [20]. Being a high-symmetry media, metamaterials are promising platform for the study of effects occurring due to small parametric changes which are also the BICs. It is noteworthy mentioning method of asymmetry introducing, for example, the defect of the system. A small fracture in the structure is considered as coupling parameter of bound state embedded in the continuous spectrum to the leakage channels of the continuous spectra that carries energy away [6]. There are plenty of studies of asymmetry introducing into periodic structures such as Fabry-Perot BICs [11, 13], separable BICs [21], BICs from inverse construction [22, 23] and others. The most notable example is symmetry protected BICs of (in-plane) asymmetry introduced by altering incidence angle of electromagnetic wave. Previously, Ref. [24] demonstrated such effect with the use of photonic crystal slab. In particular in Ref. [25], the transition from BIC to Fano resonance shown for photonics crystals. Importantly, Ref. [9] demonstrated theory allowing to investigate the BIC effect due to the change of in-plane asymmetry parameter $\alpha = \sin\theta$, where θ is the angle of asymmetry. Another paramount study of BICs occurring by means of altered angle of incidence is given in Ref. [5], where authors have declared a photonic slab of arranged holes to demonstrate the high Q-factor resonances (up to 10^6) due to release of BIC mode by introducing significant in-plane asymmetry. For silicon nitrate thin film, it was demonstrated high Q-factor resonance at large tilt of angle of incidence of about 35 deg in optical range.

Such a small parameter alteration of in-plane asymmetry is a promising basis for BICs realization. Although all previous approaches have demonstrated a high Q-factor, they rely on the implementation of highly resonant excitations in meta-atoms. These are challenging to control during the fabrication process and to tune within the metamaterial spectra. On the other hand, nonresonant systems can be promising platform for BIC excitation and for investigation of the occurrence of leakage channels upon it. Recently, we proposed a Babinet metamaterial demonstrating broadband transparency in microwave [26]. The metamaterial consists of two layers of self-complementary square cells of metal and void fillings (Fig.1). The transparency effect has established due to compensation of excited multipoles of first layer by multipoles with identical intensity but with opposite phase of the second layer [26].

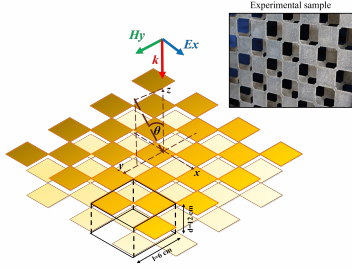


Fig. 1. Schematic illustration of Babinet metamaterial and rotation of incident wave for θ related to normal. Inset shows experimental sample.

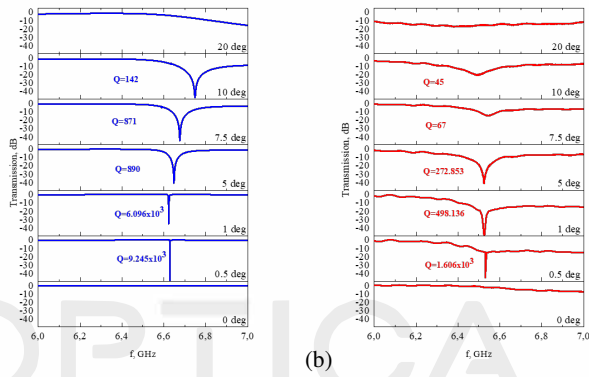


Fig. 2. Simulated (a) and measured (b) transmission characteristics of Babinet metamaterial in the dependence of rotation of incident wave angle θ . The slightest rotation $\theta = 0.5$ deg reveals the quasi-BIC mode that degrades with the increase of θ .

Thus, the overall multipole intensity is zero, and the radiating losses are suppressed. This state closely resembles the anapole state; however, it does not originate from resonant mechanisms. As a small parameter, one can consider the tilt of angle θ of incident plane wave (Fig. 1). This tilt of angle θ acts as coupling parameter of strongly localized BIC wave with continuous spectrum of symmetric system. Generally, the smallest angle tilt θ is declared to release embedded BIC mode that couple to continuous spectrum and results in high Q-factor resonances.

In this paper, we demonstrate BIC excitation in microwave Babinet metamaterial through broad transmission spectra. We theoretically and experimentally demonstrate BIC excitation due to small changes of the incident electromagnetic wave direction from normal incidence. Furthermore we explore the nature of observed phenomenon from the perspective of multipole decomposition. For excitation of BIC in microwave regime, we consider a Babinet principle based two metallic layers metamaterial. Each metallic layer comprises metal and void squares arranged in checkerboard manner and these layers are oriented so that metallic square of first layer spatially coincides with void square of second one [26]. Here we consider the same structure of the same parameters, where unit cell length is $l = 6$ cm and the pattern is shown as insertion of Fig. 1, the distance between layers is $d = 12$ cm, metal squares are supposed to be of a copper in experiment and Perfect electric conductor in simulations. The incident linearly polarized wave is normal to the surface of metamaterial. The electromagnetic properties of metamaterial are simulated by means of Maxwell equation solver CST Microwave Studio. Here periodic boundary condition was assumed. We observe a frequency range of 4.5-6.5 GHz that corresponds to simulated ultra-broadband transmission for $\theta=0$ deg [26], Fig. 2.

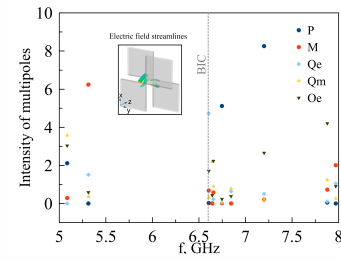


Fig. 3. Multipole decomposition for eigenmodes of single unit cell. Inset shows electric field streamlines on BIC mode at 6.55 GHz.

The ideal BIC is an Eigenmode of the structure, then we use the eigenfrequency solver of CST Microwave Studio for simulation of modes of single unit-cell. We analyze ten first modes and their multipoles decompositions up to Magnetic 16-pole [27]. The essential BIC mode is trapped mode on 6.55 GHz (Fig. 3). The response of the system is defined by multipoles radiated only in xy -plane, i.e. in the plane of unit-cell (Fig. 4). Q^e - electric quadrupole possesses xy -component and O_e octupole possesses zz -component. Such multipole decomposition does not comprise radiating components in z -direction. Beside this frequency, the multipole decomposition consist of multipoles radiating in z -direction as well (inset on Fig. 3). BIC state is confirmed by electric steam-lines distribution of electric field. The electric field is almost localized between layers of metamolecules. We expect that the metasurface organized by such type of unit-cells can support quasi-BIC excitation. Due to components of multipoles, which are radiated only in x, y plane of unit-cell, the excitation of BIC mode is impossible by normal incident wave.

As for metamaterial, according to symmetry protected BICs approach, the smallest change of any parameter in this kind high-symmetry structure (Fig. 1) could bring to excitation of leakage channels in the continuous spectrum. If we consider the angle of incidence θ as a parameter of asymmetry, we anticipate the slightest tilt of angle from normal incidence to induce a redistribution of energy within the system resulting in the emergence of a narrow high-Q quasi-BIC with $Q=9.245 \cdot 10^3$ at $\theta=0.5$ deg (Fig. 2a). We rotate metamaterial around electric field vector (Fig. 1). Indeed, absolute transmission observed at normal incidence ($\theta=0$ deg) challenges very narrow high efficient resonance at $\theta=0.5$ deg obviously corresponding to quasi-BIC manifestation (Fig. 2). The further increase of $\theta=1$ deg and up to $\theta=20$ deg leads to damage of BIC state and broadening of resonance. Moreover, in Fig. 2a, we demonstrate the results of experimental metamaterial transmission spectra at the same angles of incidence presented by red lines as in simulations by blue lines. The simulated and measured results are in good agreement (Fig. 2). For experimental study of metamaterial in microwave range, firstly, experimental sample of given parameters has been fabricated (Fig. 1, inset). Checkerboard patterned two copper layers were fabricated by means of laser cutting facility XTOOL MXF-K001-LG4, which offers tolerances up to 0.1 mm. To improve the connection between individual squares of the structure, radius 2 mm disk-shaped connectors were used.

For measurement procedure, we use an anechoic chamber equipped with ECCOSORB absorbers. For measurement of transmission properties two-horn antenna method has been utilized. For this reason, the chamber has been equipped with two broadband horn antennas. They are positioned at 1.5 meter distance on both side from experimental sample. The transmission coefficient S21 of the electromagnetic waves through the metamaterial sample was measured by a Vector network analyzer Rohde Schwarz SVB20 at frequencies 2–8 GHz, Fig. 2b. In simulation, we used infinite boundary conditions. However, in ex-

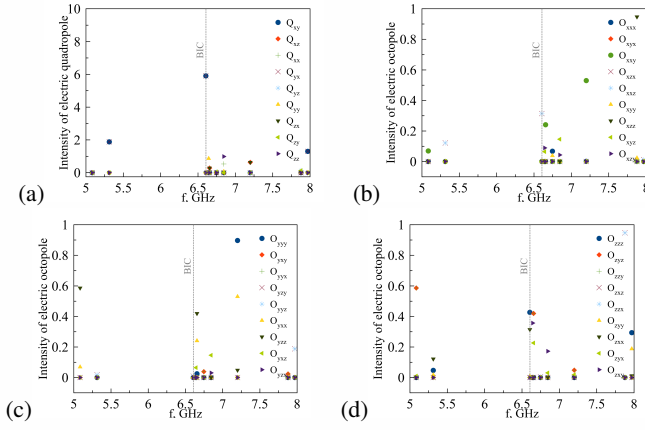


Fig. 4. Multipole decomposition of eigenmodes of single unit cell. (a) - intensities of components of the electric quadrupole, (b) - intensities of x -components of electric octupole, (c)- intensities of y -components of electric octupole, (d) - intensities of z -components of electric octupole

143 periment the metamaterial has array of 20×20 unit-cells as well as
 144 disk-shaped connectors of the radius 2 mm were used. The Q-factor
 145 is maximized in the case of an infinite metamaterial but decreases
 146 with smaller array of unit cells due to the excitation of surface waves
 147 reflected from the metamaterial borders[28, 29]. A second reason is
 148 scattering from the anechoic chamber's equipment, such as pylons and
 149 antenna edges. We normalized the metamaterial transmission spectra
 150 against free-space spectra to eliminate significant artifacts in the
 151 anechoic chamber.

152 In order to explain the origin of BIC effect in metamaterial sample
 153 we use method of multipole decomposition. Firstly, we analyze the
 154 excited multipoles in metamaterial inclusions by normal incident plane
 155 wave, $\theta = 0$ deg, Fig.5. The response of the system is defined by
 156 suppressing all excited multipoles in the system, up to magnetic 16-
 157 pole, $S^{(m)}$, Fig.5. We analyze here only multipoles, which contribute
 158 to metamaterial response only in z -direction and form the reflection r
 159 and transmission t coefficients excluded from multipoles[27]. If the
 160 system is illuminated by a normal incidence x -axis polarized plane
 161 wave propagating along the z -axis, then due to translational symmetry,
 162 all unit-cells in the metamaterial have the same multipole moments
 163 and the transmission $\text{Trans}_{mult} = |t|^2$ and reflection $\text{Ref}_{mult} = |r|^2$
 164 coefficients can be approximated as Eq.1[27]:

$$\begin{aligned}
 r &= \frac{ik_s}{2S_L E_0 \epsilon_0 \epsilon_s} \left(P_x - \frac{1}{v_s} m_y + \frac{ik_s}{6} Q_{xz} - \frac{ik_s}{2v_s} M_{yz} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{k_s^2}{6} O_{xzz}^{(e)} + \frac{k_s^2}{6v_s} O_{yzz}^{(m)} - \frac{ik_s^3}{24} S_{xzzz}^{(e)} + \frac{ik_s^3}{24v_s} S_{yzzz}^{(m)} \right), \\
 t &= 1 + \frac{ik_s}{2S_L E_0 \epsilon_0 \epsilon_s} \left(P_x + \frac{1}{v_s} m_y - \frac{ik_s}{6} Q_{xz} - \frac{ik_s}{2v_s} M_{yz} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{k_s^2}{6} O_{xzz}^{(e)} - \frac{k_s^2}{6v_s} O_{yzz}^{(m)} + \frac{ik_s^3}{24} S_{xzzz}^{(e)} + \frac{ik_s^3}{24v_s} S_{yzzz}^{(m)} \right). \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

165 **The multipoles definitions are presented in Supplementary material.**
 166 The metamaterial is almost transparent in the frequency range 6.6-
 167 6.64 GHz. In some sense, such a Babinet metamaterial supports a
 168 compound anapole state, which arises due to destructive interference
 169 between the multipoles excited in each layer[26, 30, 31]. We should
 170 note, that the anapole state is a perspective platform for BIC excitation.
 171 Indeed, one can destroy the anapole state, as in our case by introduc-
 172 tion of nonzero incident angle, $\theta = 0.5$ deg. In this case, we provide

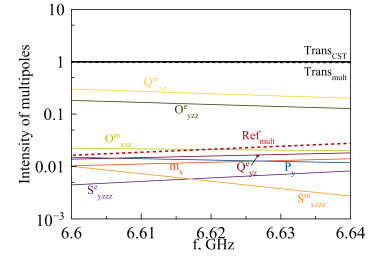


Fig. 5. Simulated intensities of multipoles in the vicinity of 6.62 GHz at normal incidence $\theta = 0$. Dashed black and red curves stands for transmission and reflection coefficients.

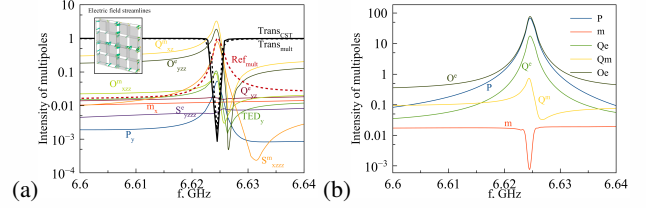


Fig. 6. (a) Simulated intensities of multipoles in the vicinity of 6.62 GHz at incidence $\theta = 0.5$ deg radiating in $-z$ -direction. Dashed black and red curves stands for transmission and reflection coefficients. (b) Multipole decomposition of all components (x, y, z) in the vicinity of 6.62 GHz at incidence $\theta = 0.5$ deg

173 a leakage channel for excitation of BIC eigenstates of unit-cell. We
 174 can still use the equations for the metasurface, Eq.1, because the angle
 175 of incident $\theta = 0.5$ deg is very small. At the frequency $f = 6.625$ GHz
 176 we observe very narrow resonance with Q-factor $9.245 \cdot 10^3$ in theory
 177 and $1.606 \cdot 10^3$ in experiment, Fig. 2. The transmission and reflection
 178 spectra of the metamaterial are determined by its magnetic quadrupole
 179 Q_{xz}^m and electric octupole O_{yzz}^e components on this resonance frequency,
 180 Fig.6a. Moreover, we reconstructed a transmission coefficient based on
 181 the multipoles and compared it with the CST-simulated transmission
 182 coefficient for both normal incidence and a 0.5 deg incidence angle.
 183 We observe excellent agreement between Trans_{CST} and Trans_{mult} , indicat-
 184 ing that the multipole decomposition was chosen correctly. These
 185 multipoles have components radiating in $-z, +z$ directions. However,
 186 the total multipoles (Fig.6b), with taken into account multipoles radiat-
 187 ed in all directions is determined mainly by electric dipole moment P_z ,
 188 electric quadrupole Q_{xy}^e and electric octupole O_{zzz}^e , Fig.7. These com-
 189 ponents radiate only in xy - plane of the metamaterial, the streamlines
 190 of electric fields are distributed between layers and elongated along
 191 z -direction, inset on Fig.6b. This trapped mode is similar to eigenstate
 192 of single unit-cell, Fig.3. However, the multipole decomposition is dif-
 193 ferent. Due to arrangement of unit-cells in array, the electric quadrupole
 194 is suppressed and main response of trapped mode is defined by electric
 195 dipole P_z , electric octupole O_{zzz}^e multipoles in the case of array. We
 196 note that the z components of the electric dipole and electric octupole
 197 do not radiate in the z direction; consequently, they are not observed
 198 in the spectrum of the metamaterial, Fig.6a. Thus, the trapped mode
 199 at 6.625 GHz is quasi-BIC mode corresponds to eigenmode for single
 200 unit cell due to similar set of multipoles and distribution of electric
 201 field streamlines. The curiosity is that the incident wave is propagating
 202 along the z -axis, while the electric component of the wave can be ori-
 203 ented along the x - or y -directions, hence, external plane wave could not
 204 have excited z -component of the electric field. Based on this, we can
 205 conclude that the resulting z components of electric dipole and electric
 206 octopoles is the quasi-BIC phenomenon embedded in the transmission

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