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摘要: We experimentally demonstrate an approach to create reconfigurable plasmonic devices in which the geometry of the device can be changed dramatically. The specific embodiment we present utilizes eutectic gallium indium (EGaIn), a metal that is liquid at room temperature, which is injected into or withdrawn from channels encapsulated by a polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS) bullseye mold fabricated on a gold coated substrate. Using terahertz (THz) time-domain spectroscopy, we measure the enhanced transmission properties of a single subwavelength aperture surrounded by differing numbers of concentric annular EGaIn rings. The results obtained from different device geometries, with either a single or multiple rings, are performed using a single device, demonstrating true reconfigurability. We explain the properties of the observed temporal waveforms using a simple time-domain model. This represents, we believe, a first step in developing more complex reconfigurable plasmonic devices. (C) 2012 Optical Society of America

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