

Exponential gain in a Smith–Purcell amplifier

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We study here the gain of an amplifier based on the Smith–Purcell effect. The grating is characterized by a reflection matrix and the gain, in the exponential region, is calculated as a function of the beam height and thickness.