Supplementary Information



Supplementary Figure 1: Superposition of the $IG^{e}_{33,33}$ and $IG^{o}_{21,1}$ modes. These modes were observed in experiments with $d=200 \ \mu m$ spheres (left, and false color at center). The panel at right is a simulation of the two modes, illustrated as a projection onto a plane.



Supplementary Figure 2: IG and fractal laser modes emitted from a portion of an array of microspheres.



Supplementary Figure 3: Optical micrograph (false color) of both IG and fractal laser modes. The latter are generated within interstitial regions.



Supplementary Figure 4: Increase in IG mode order as L is decreased. a, IG transverse mode observed from a single sphere when L is set at 380 μ m. b, Mode pattern observed from the same sphere when L is reduced to 340 μ m. The scale bar width is 40 μ m.



Supplementary Figure 5: Another optical micrograph of a portion of a microsphere array, showing low-order fractal modes similar to that of Fig. 3(b) in 5 interstitial regions. Coupled fractal modes and higher-order IG_{mn} modes are also visible.



Supplementary Figure 6: An assortment of other fractal mode images (scale bar: 12 μ m).



Supplementary Figure 7: Optical micrographs, acquired with a 10x objective, for interstitial regions formed by 4 microspheres (scale bar: 20 µm).



Supplementary Figure 8: Images acquired with a 20x objective are processed by implementing a bandpass filter¹ in the frequency domain using ImageJ software. a, Raw image captured by a CCD camera. b, Resulting image after implementing a bandpass filter in the Fourier domain. c, FFT of the raw image from panel a. d, Image of the bandpass filter. e Resulting FFT of the processed image.

Supplementary References

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