

## Photonic crystals for planar laser sources: new functionalities and outlook

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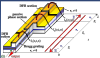
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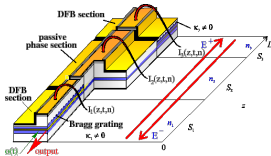
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## Introduction



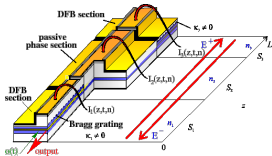
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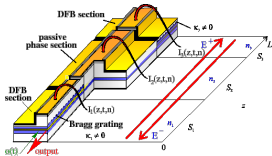


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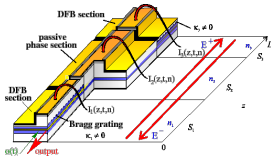
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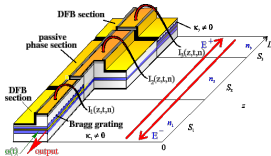


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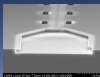
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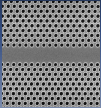


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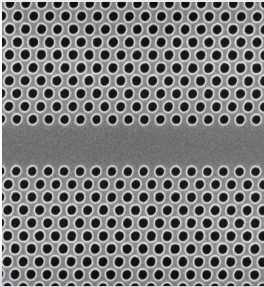
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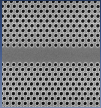


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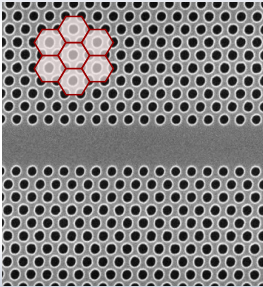


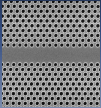
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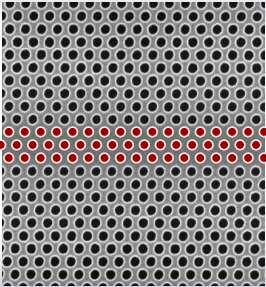


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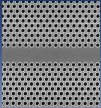
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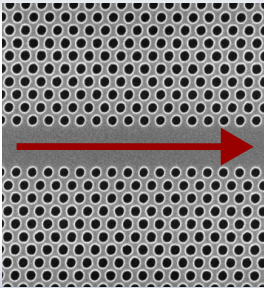


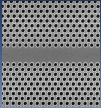
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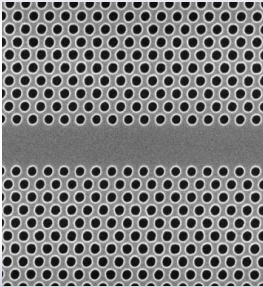


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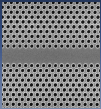
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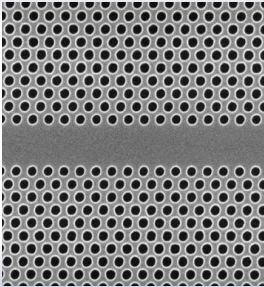


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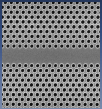


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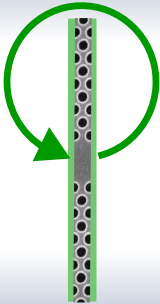
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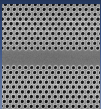


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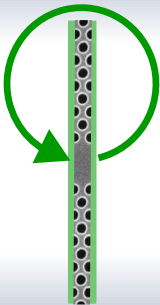
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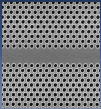


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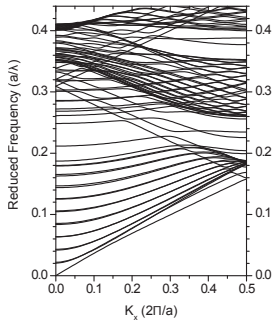
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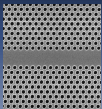


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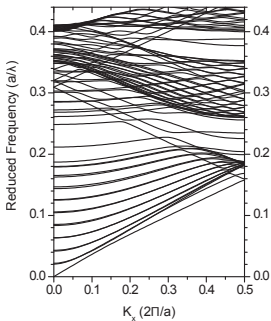


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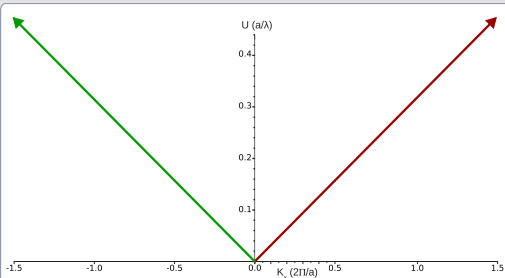


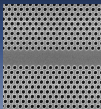
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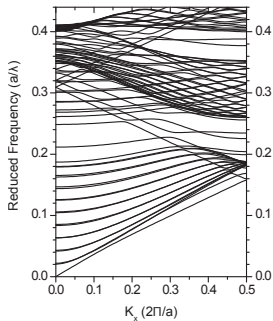
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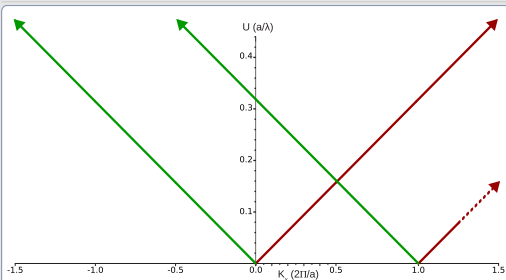


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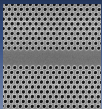
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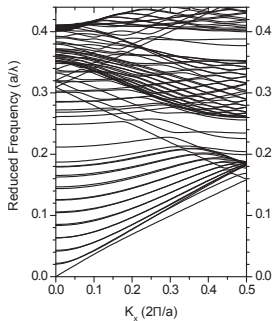




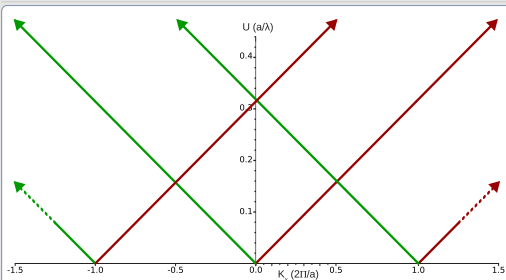


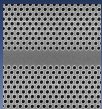
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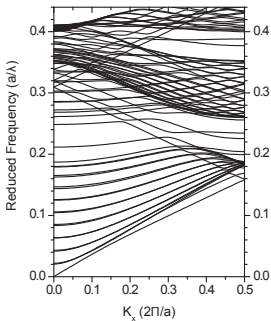
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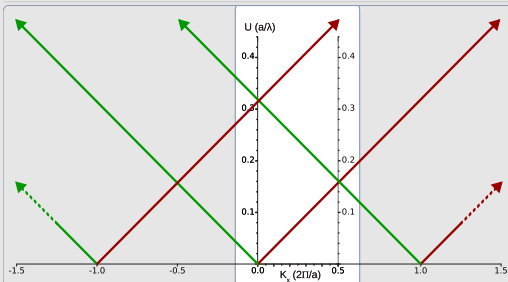


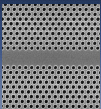
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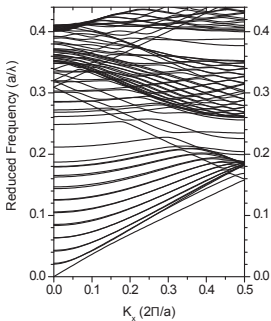
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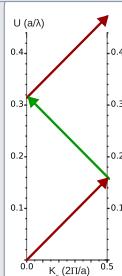


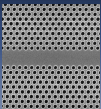
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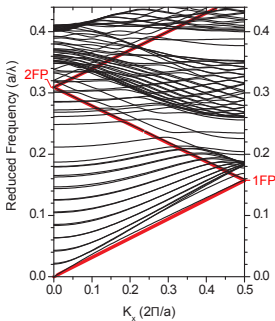
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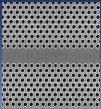


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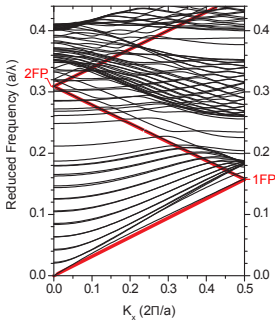


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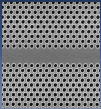
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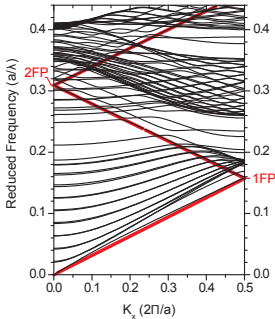
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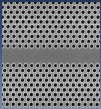
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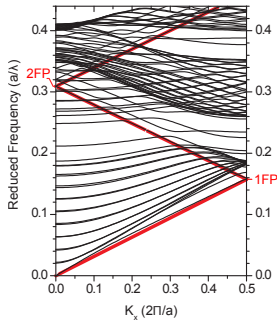
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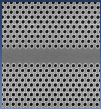


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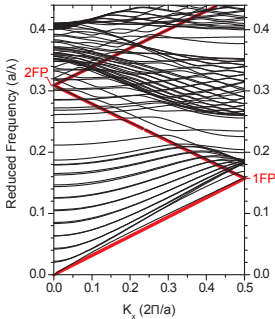


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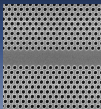
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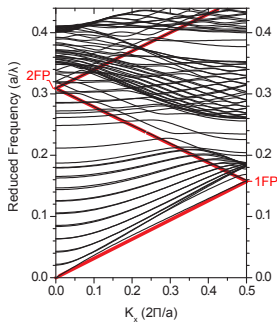
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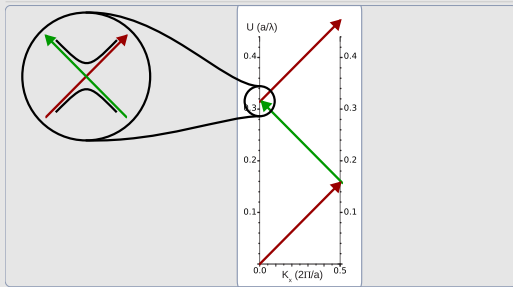


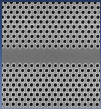
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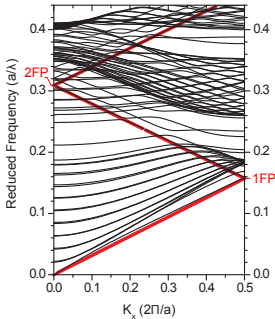
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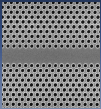
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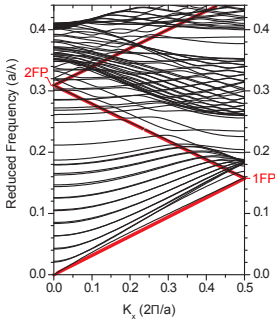
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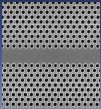
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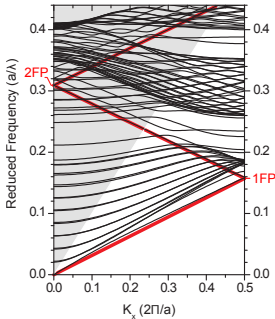
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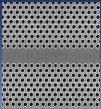


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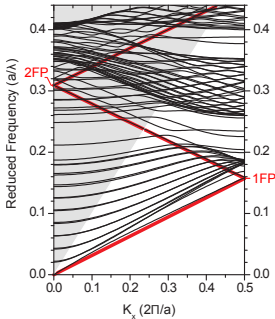
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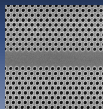


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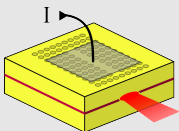
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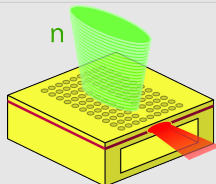
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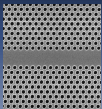
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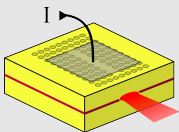




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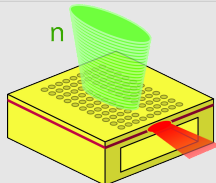
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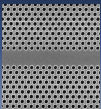
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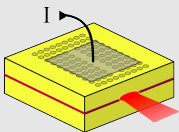




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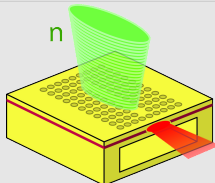
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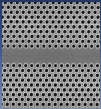


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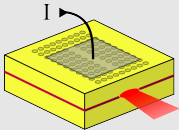




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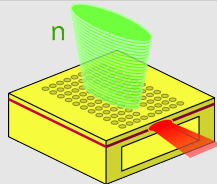
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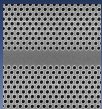
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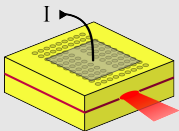




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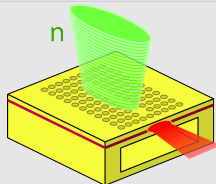
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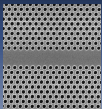
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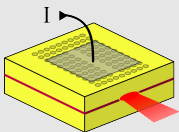




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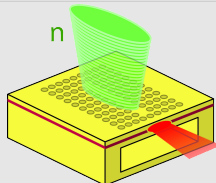
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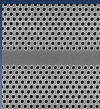


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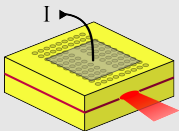
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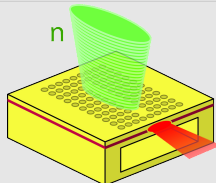
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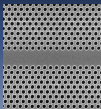


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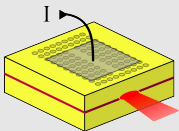
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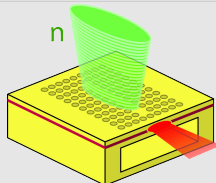
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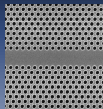


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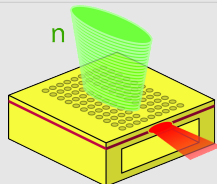
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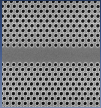
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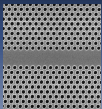
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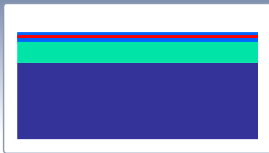
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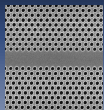
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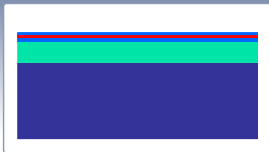
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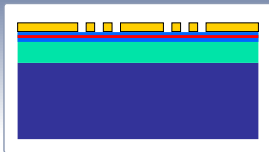


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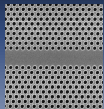
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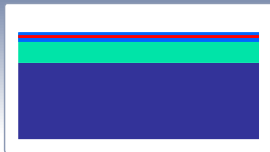


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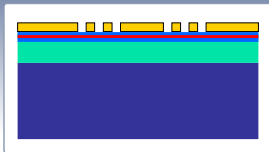


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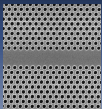
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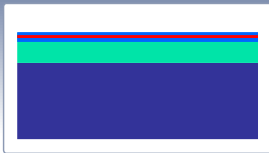


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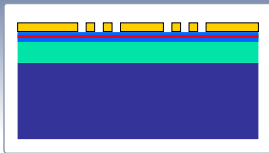


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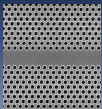
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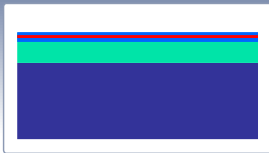


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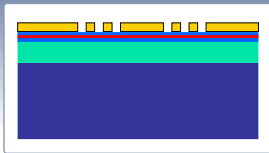


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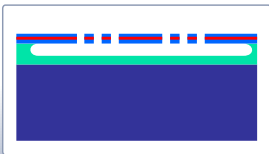
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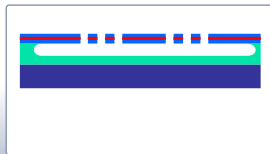
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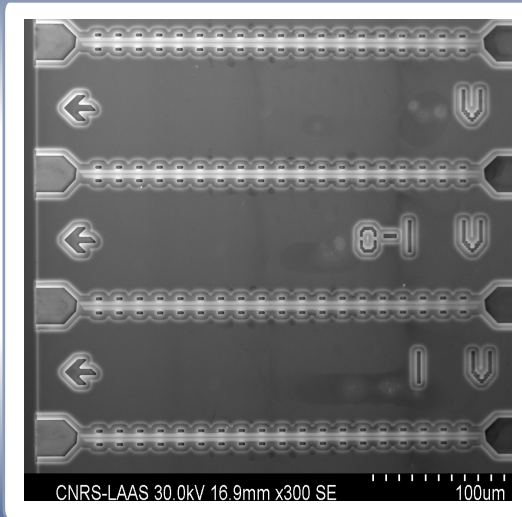


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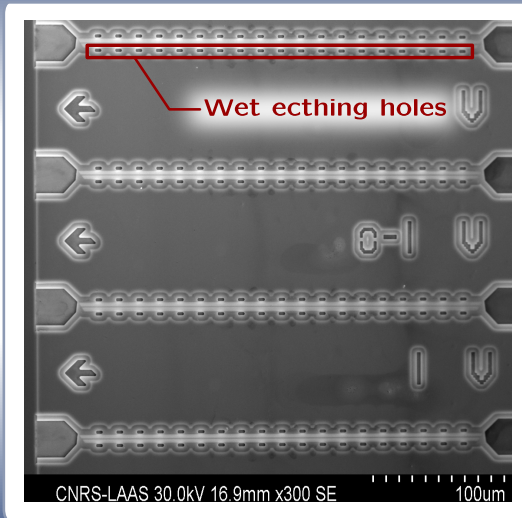
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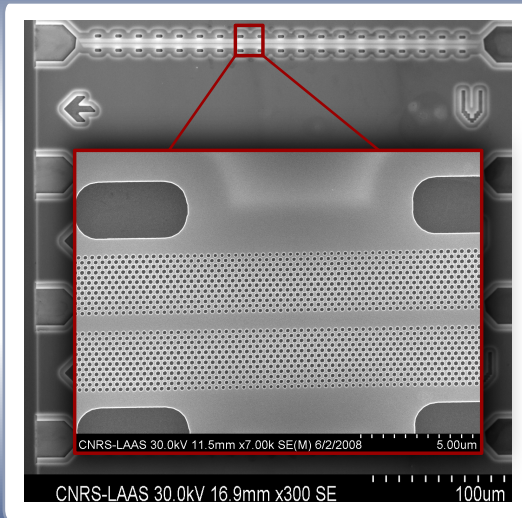
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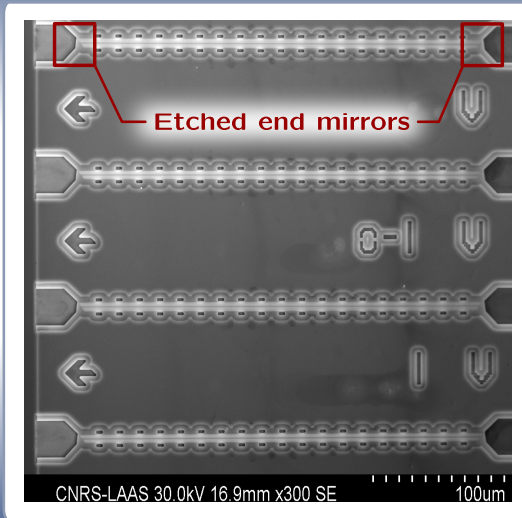
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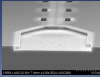


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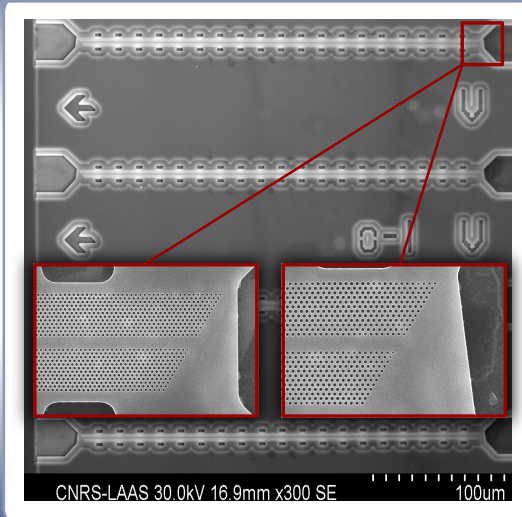




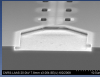
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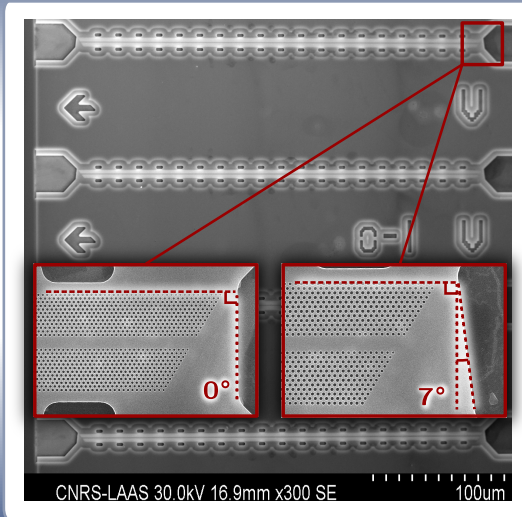
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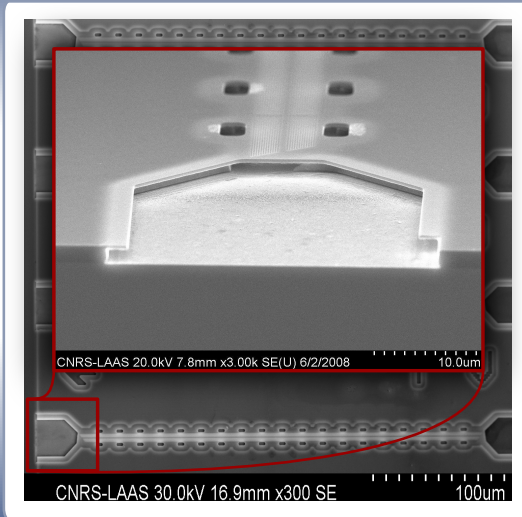
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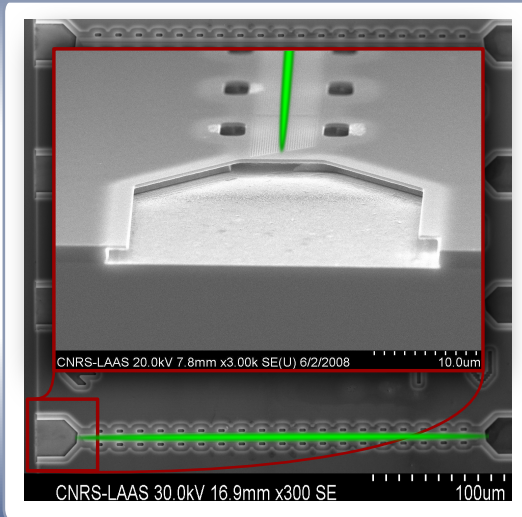
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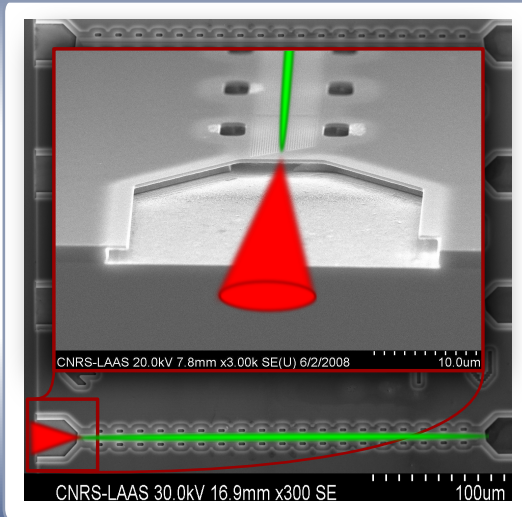
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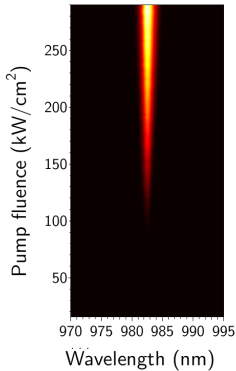
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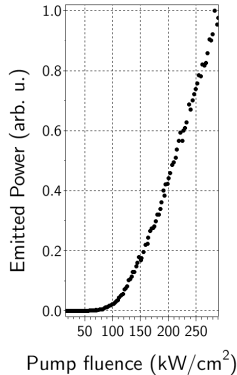
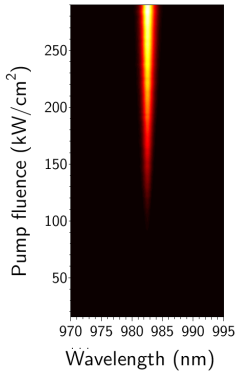
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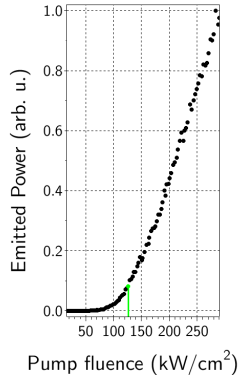
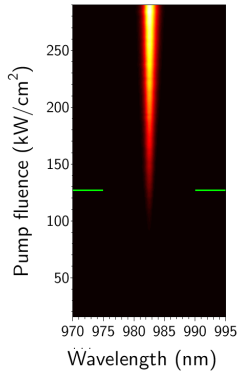
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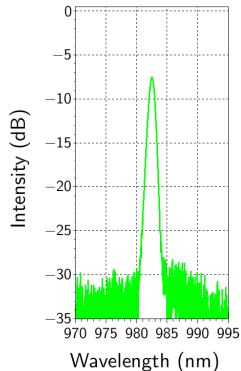
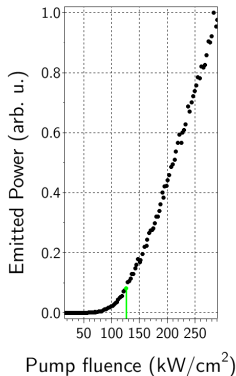
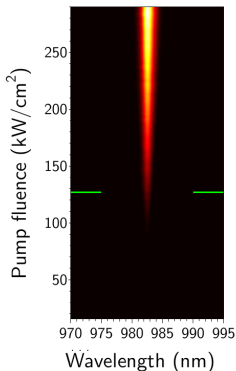






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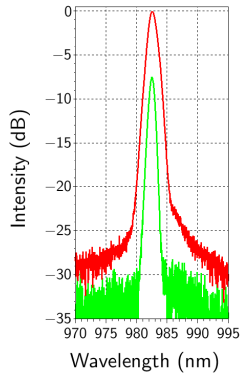
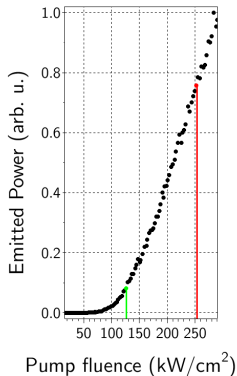
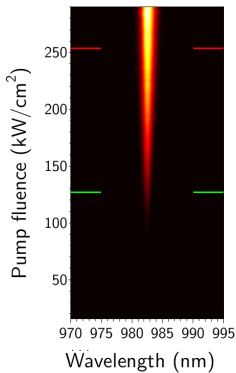
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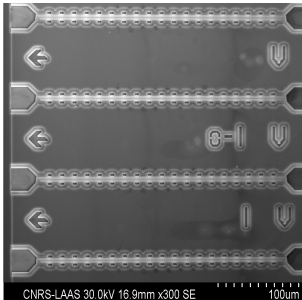
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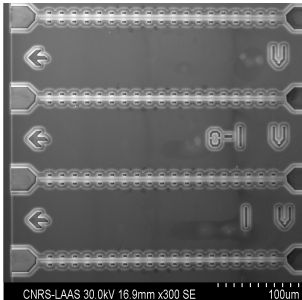


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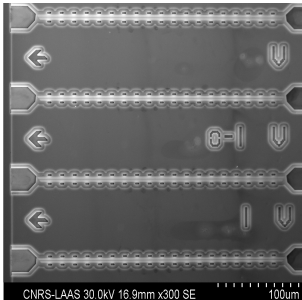


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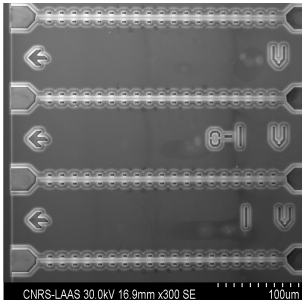


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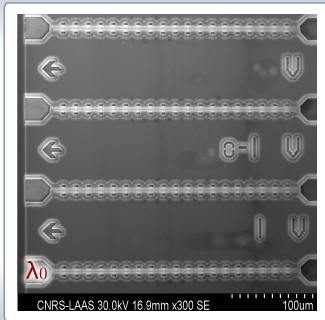
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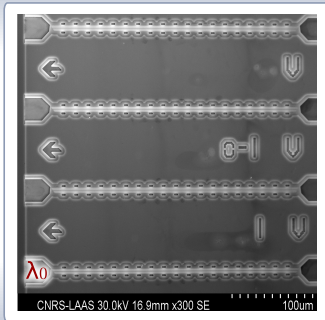
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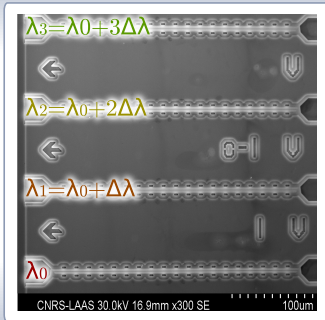
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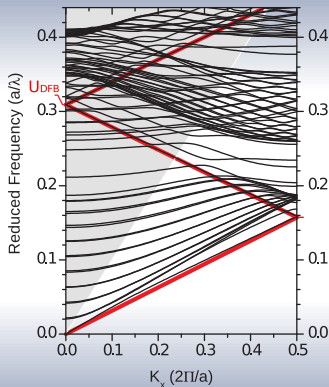
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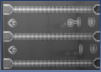


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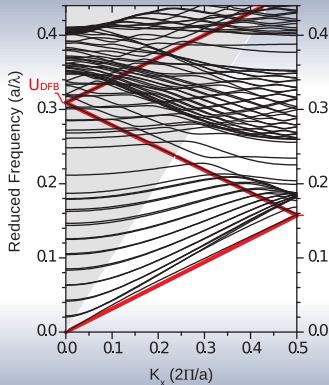
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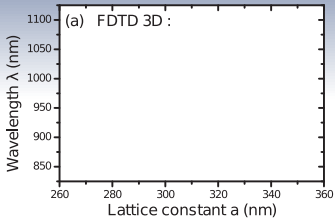
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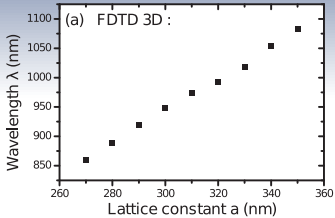
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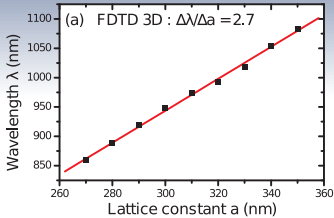
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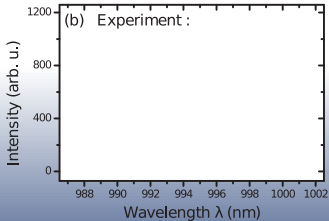
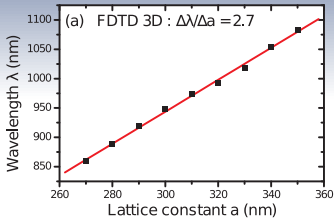
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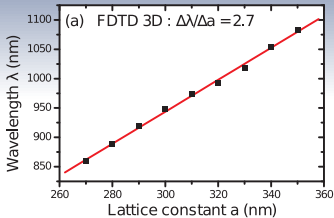
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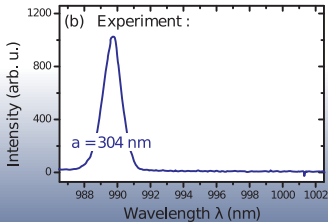
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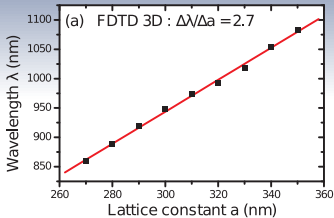
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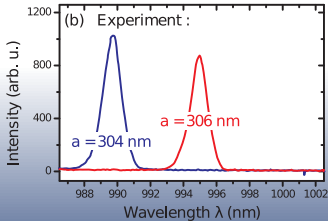
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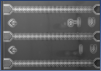
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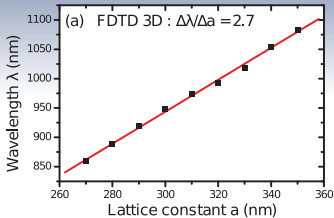
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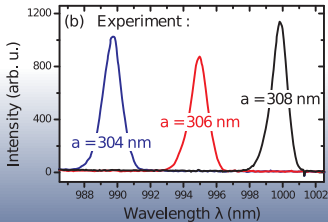
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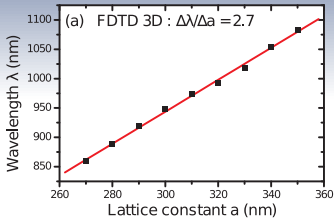
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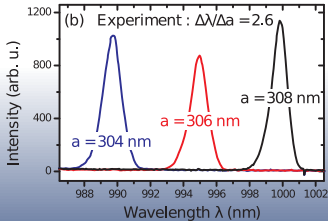
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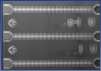
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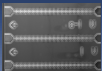


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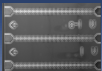


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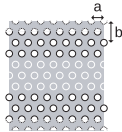
Hint: 2D PhC are 2D!



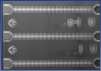
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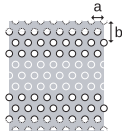
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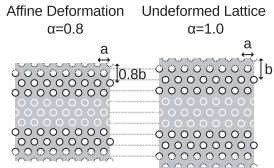
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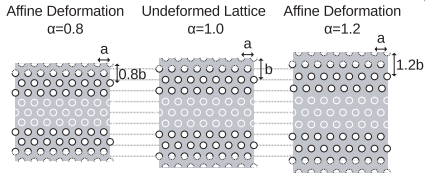
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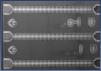
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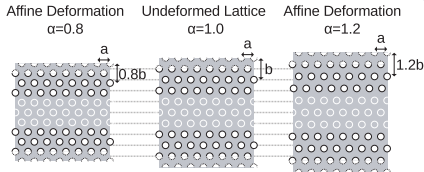
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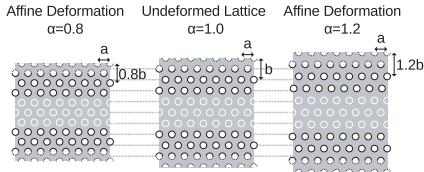
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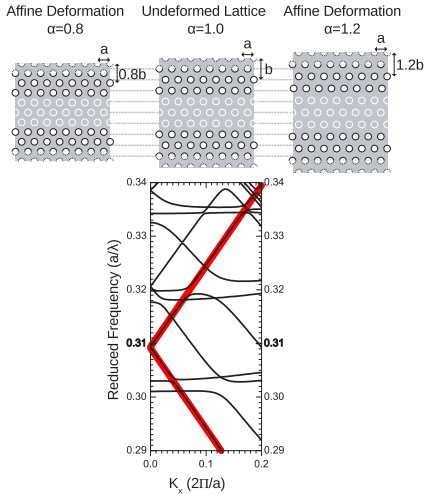
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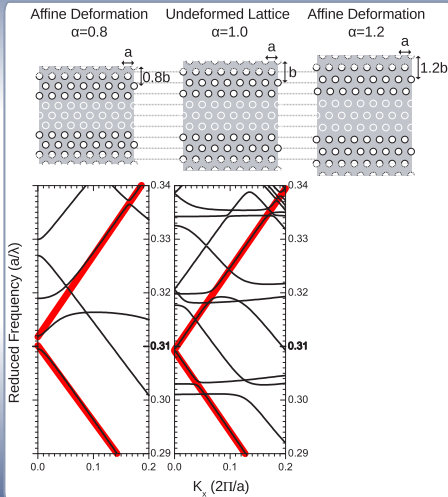
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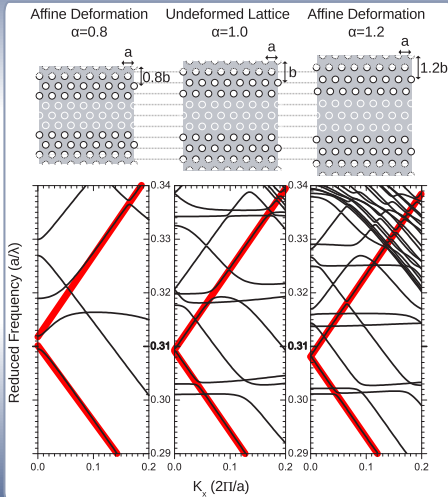
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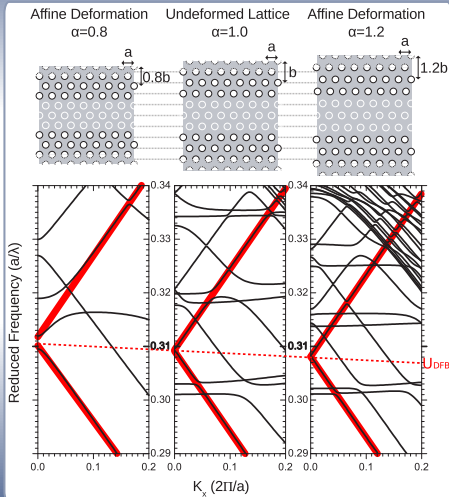
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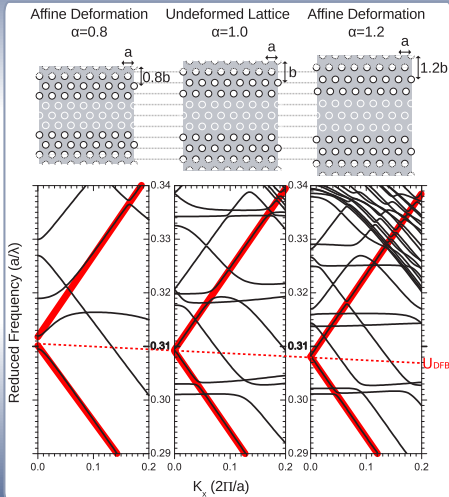
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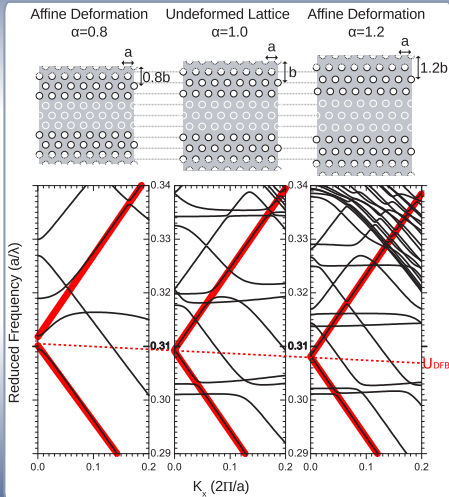
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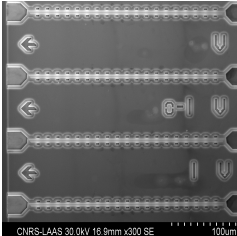
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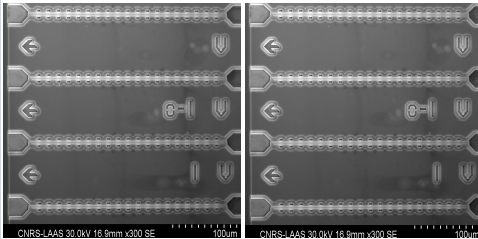
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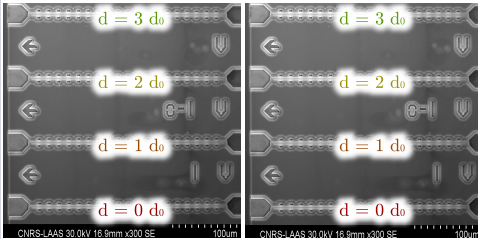
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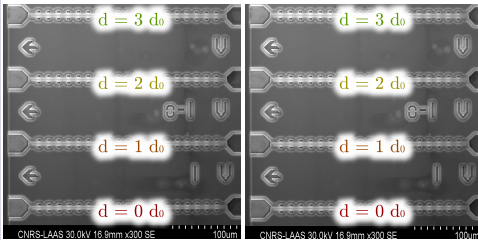
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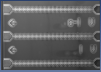
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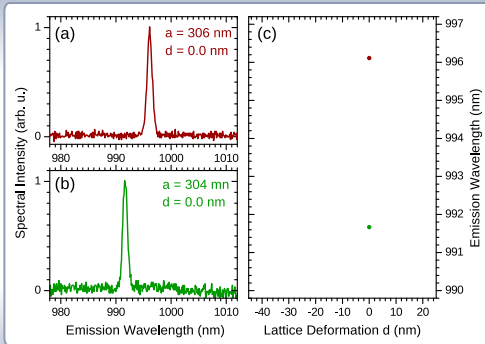
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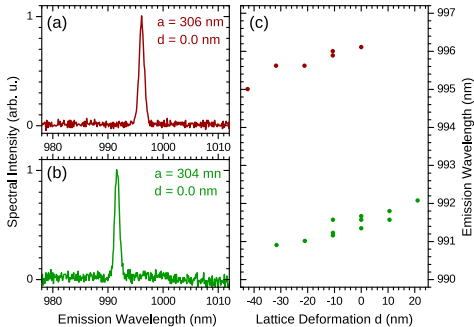
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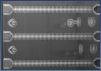


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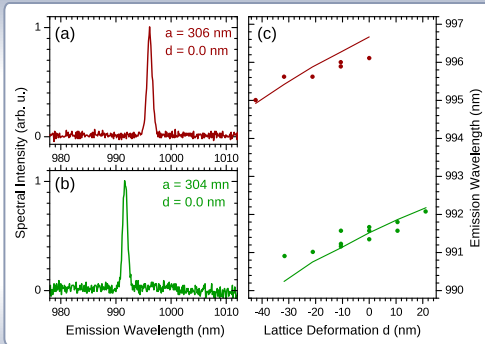
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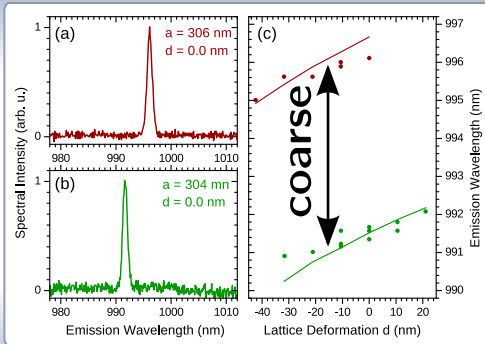
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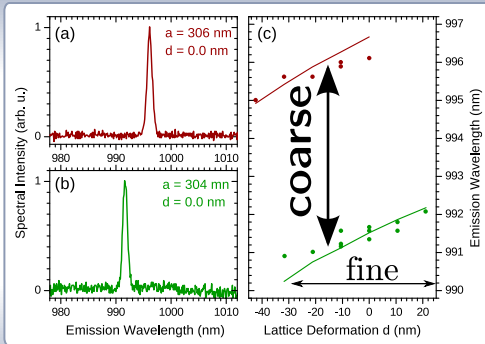
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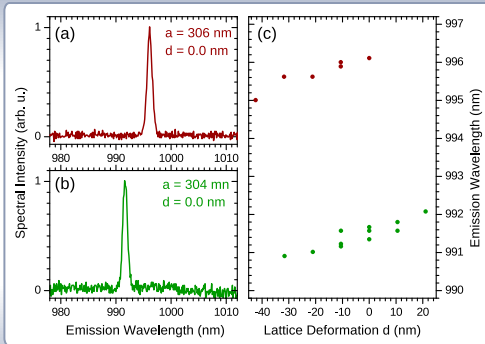
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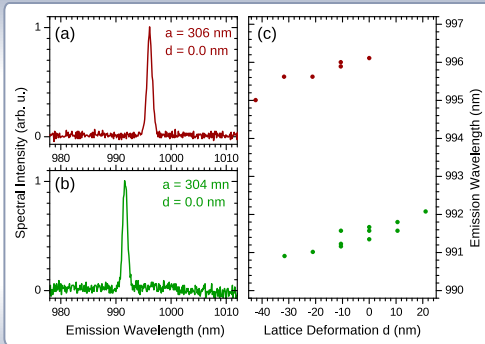
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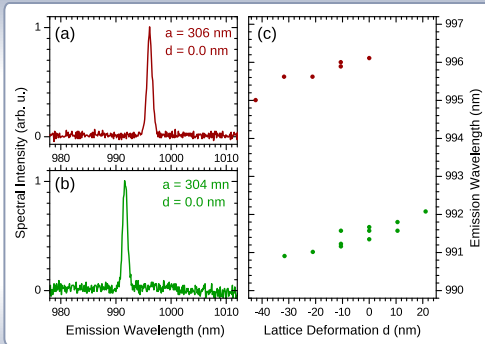
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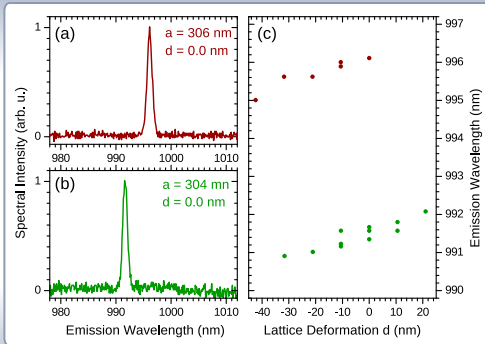
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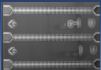




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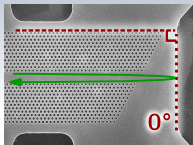
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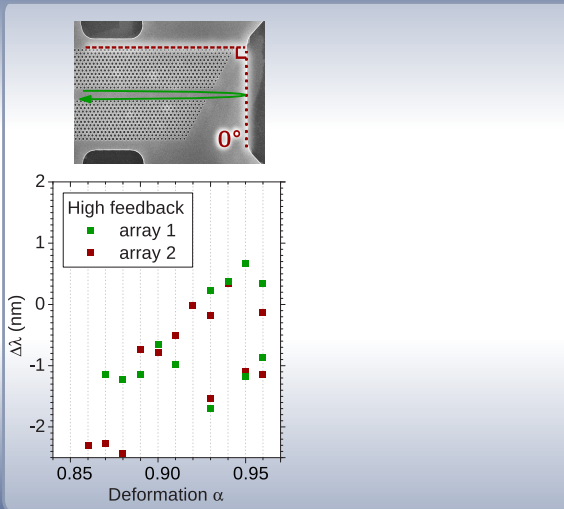
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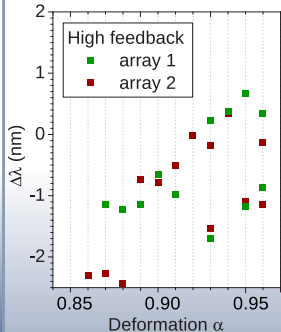
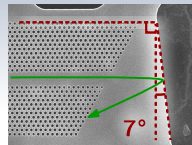
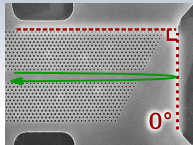
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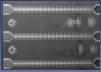
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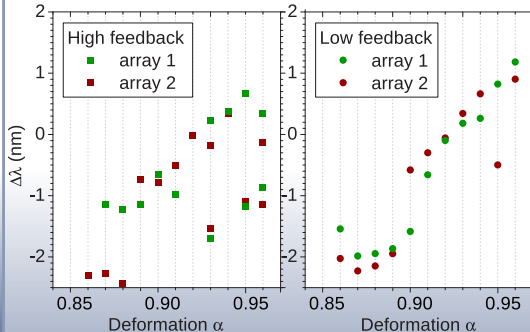
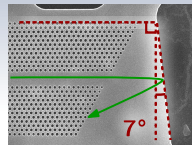
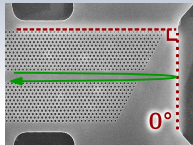
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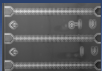


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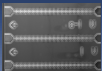


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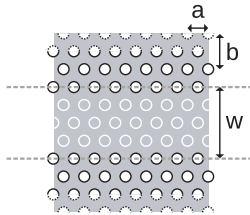
1 handle ( $\alpha$ ) for 2 controls ( $\lambda$  and  $Q$ )

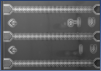


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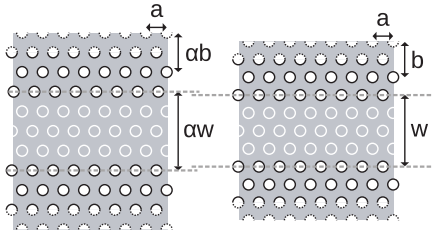


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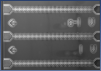
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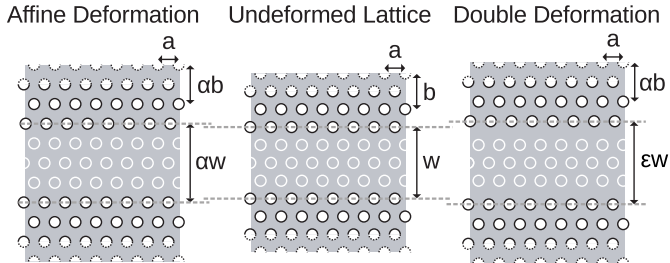
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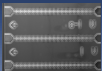
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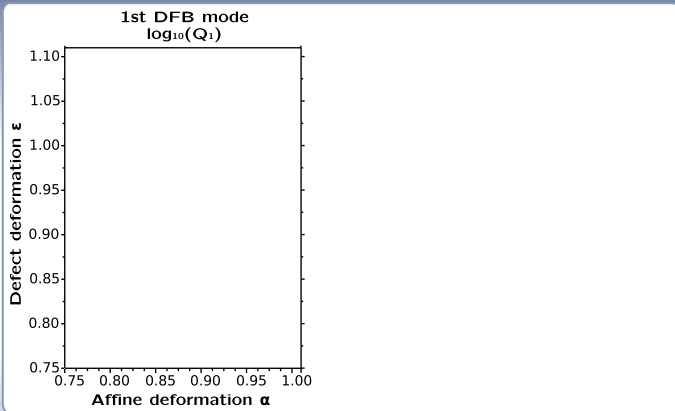
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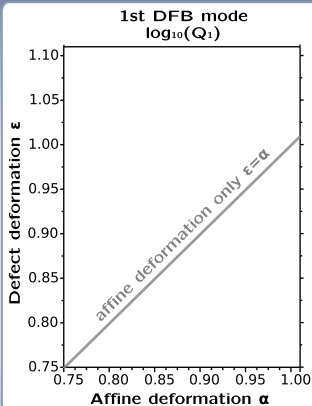
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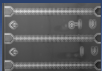


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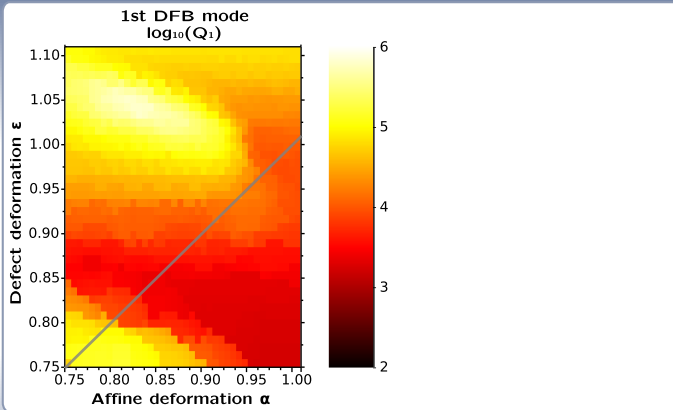


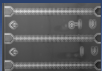


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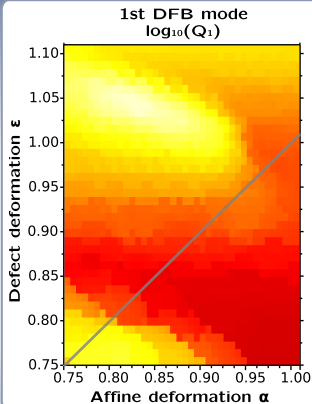
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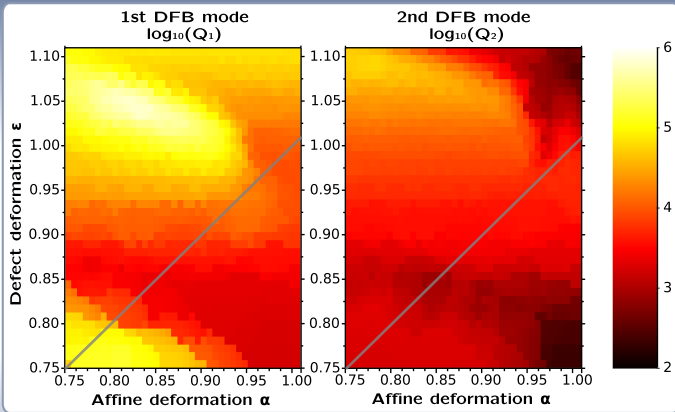
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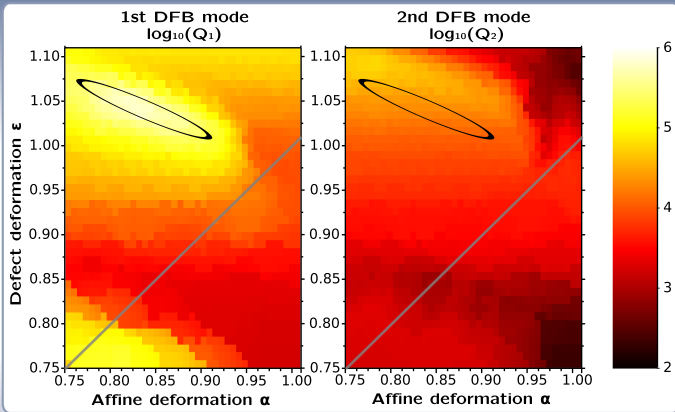
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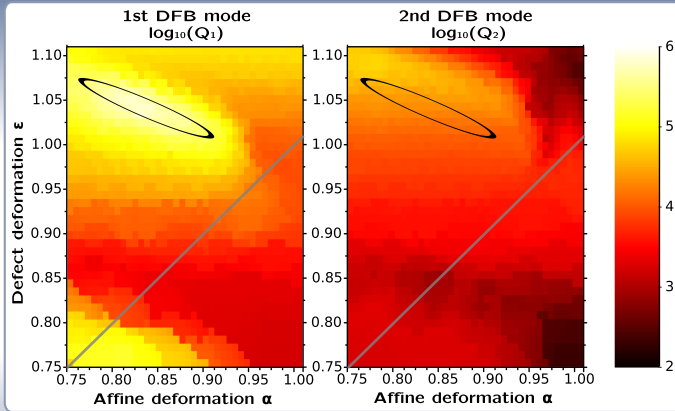
## Double deformation: 2D Q maps



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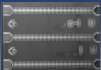


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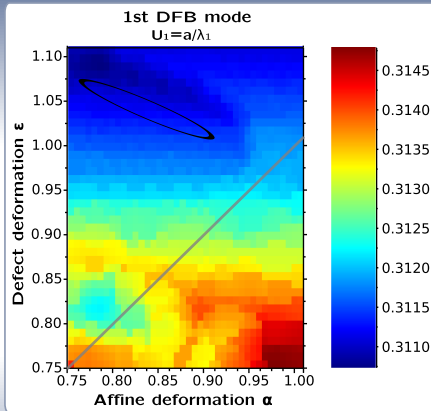
### Mode selectivity improvement

$\Delta Q > 2.4 \cdot 10^4$ : one order of magnitude better



Double deformation for Q control

## Double deformation: 2D U map

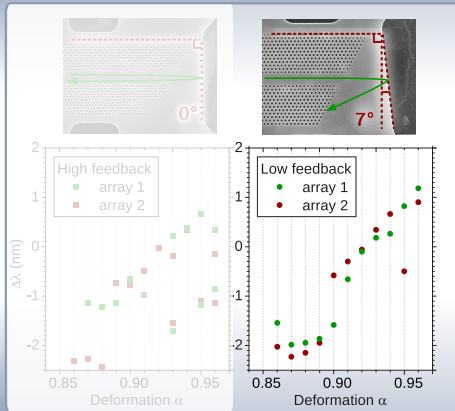


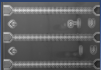
## Double deformation for Q control



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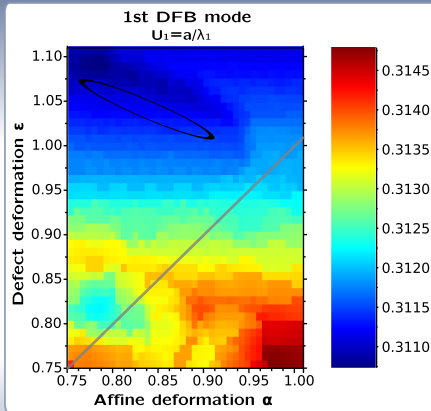
Remember affine deformation ?





Double deformation for Q control

## Double deformation: 2D U map



**U control improvement**

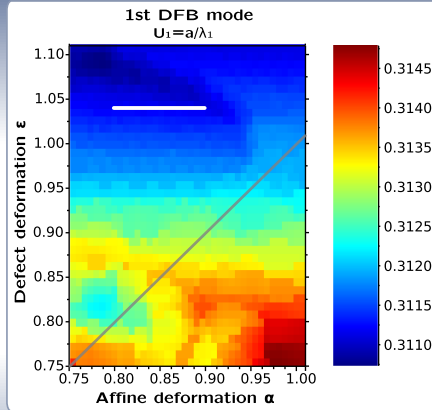
Slow variation and no mode-hopping





Double deformation for Q control

## Double deformation: 2D U map



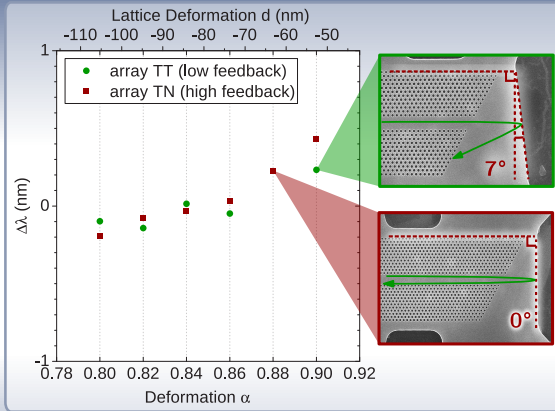
### Experimental demonstration

$\epsilon = 1.04$  and  $\alpha$  in  $[0.8, 0.9]$



Double deformation for Q control

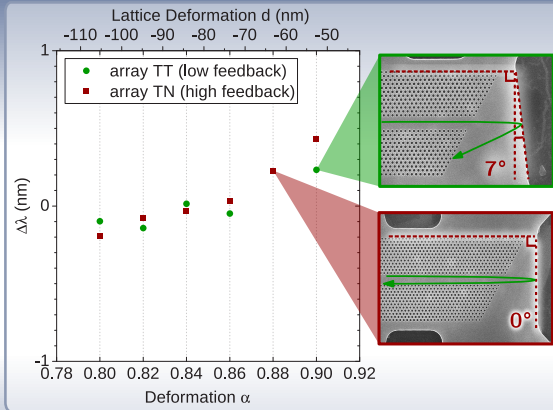
## Double deformation: experimentally





Double deformation for Q control

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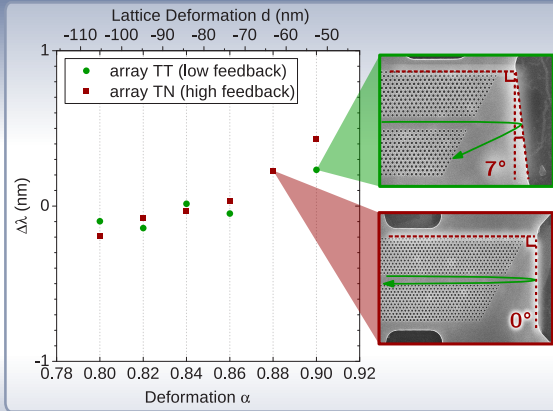
**Robustness towards optical feedback**

$\Delta\lambda < 0.2$  nm : tenfold improvement



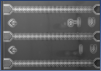
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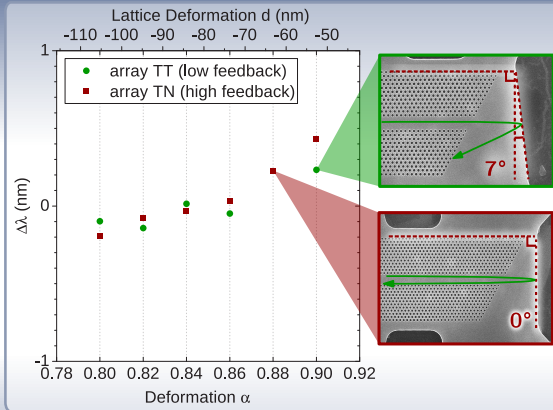
**Robustness towards optical feedback**

No mode hopping, all single-mode lasers



Double deformation for Q control

## Double deformation: experimentally



### Improved $\lambda$ control

Sensitivity  $\Delta\lambda/\Delta d \simeq 0.009$   $3\times$  improvement



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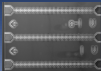
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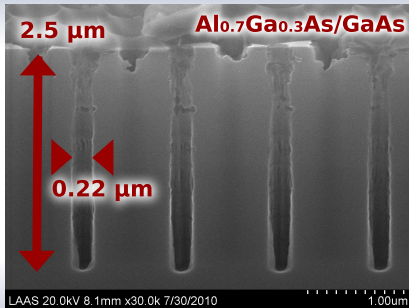
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 $\Rightarrow$  deep etching!



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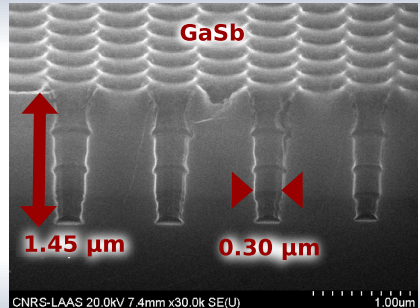
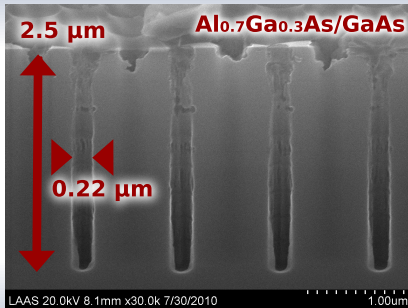
# Deep etching of GaAs/GaAlAs





## Conclusion

## Deep etching of GaAs/GaAlAs &amp; GaSb





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### Towards bulk e- pumping



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- **Simply** merge the two !

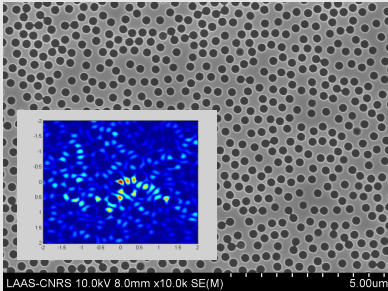
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## Conclusion 3/3 : beyond DFB

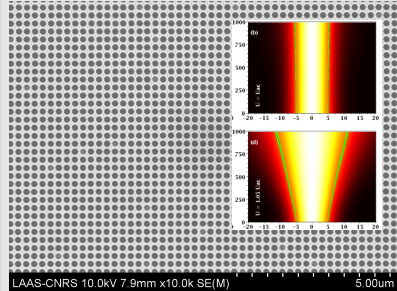
## GLAD

lasing in random medium

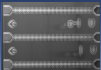


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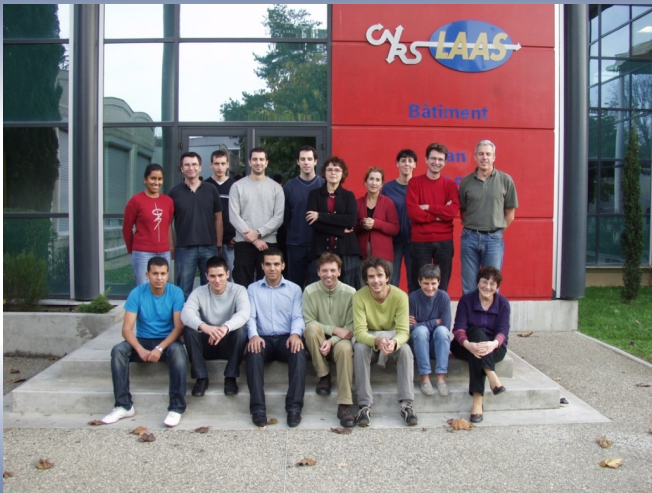
self-collimation laser cavity



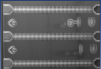
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