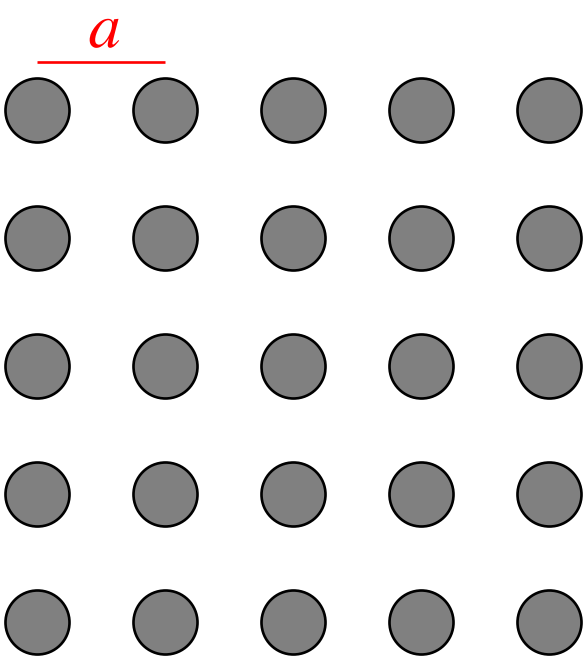
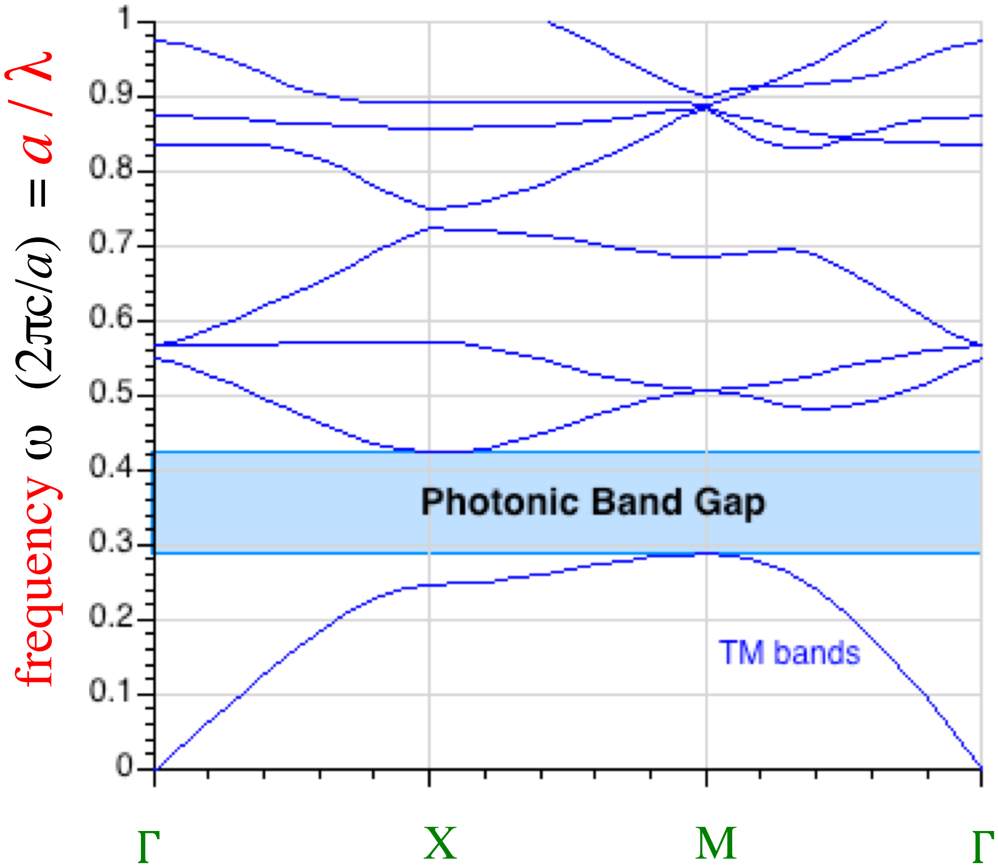
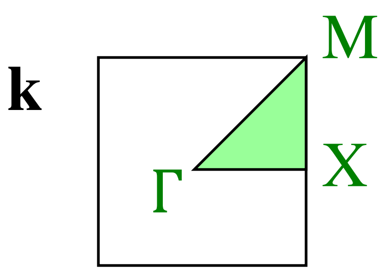
2d periodicity, ε=12:1





irreducible Brillouin zone



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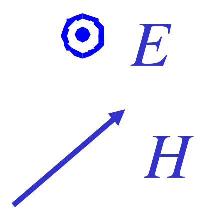
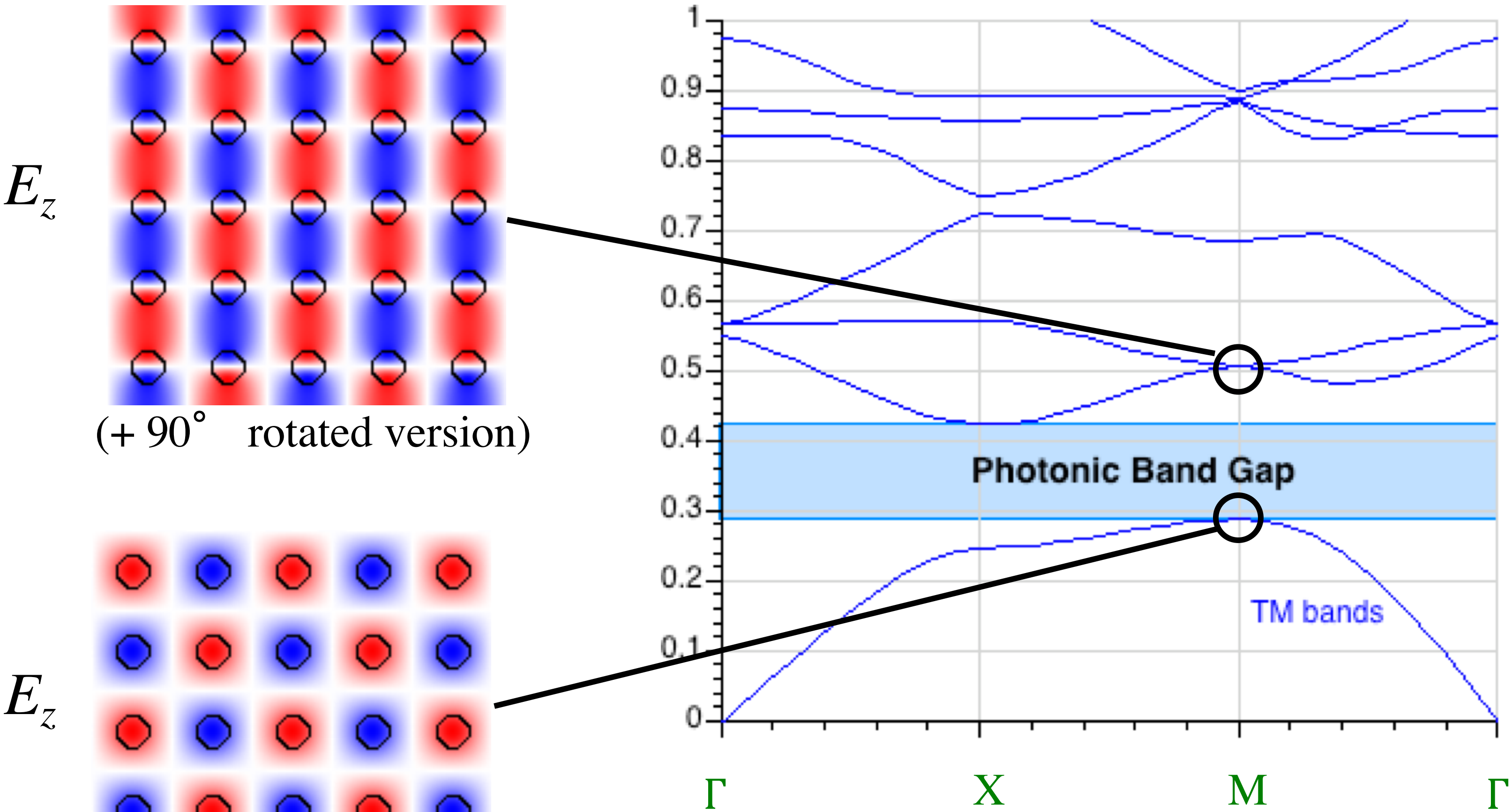
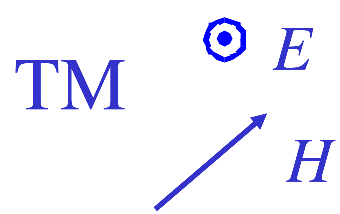


gap for
$n > \sim 1.75:1$

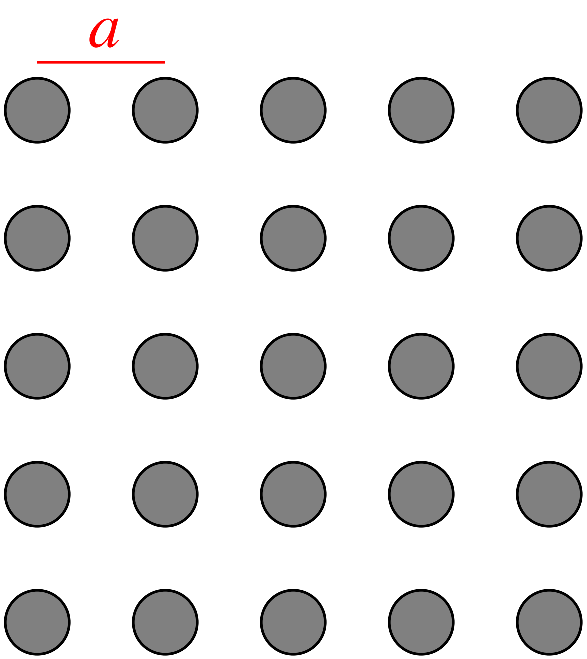
2d periodicity, ε=12:1

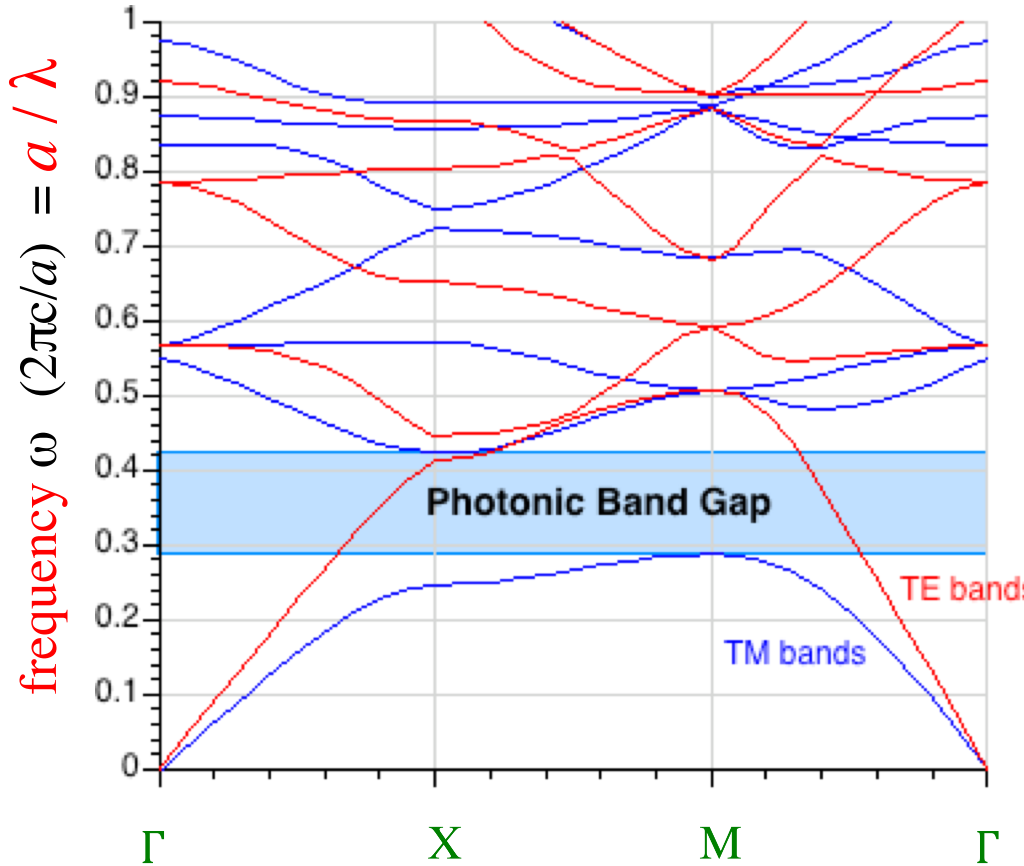




gap for
n > ~1.75:1

2d periodicity, ε=12:1: TM gap, no TE gap





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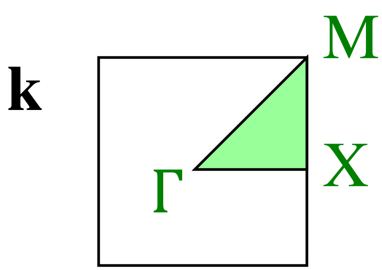
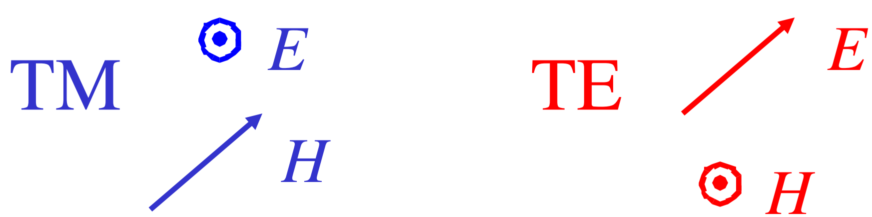
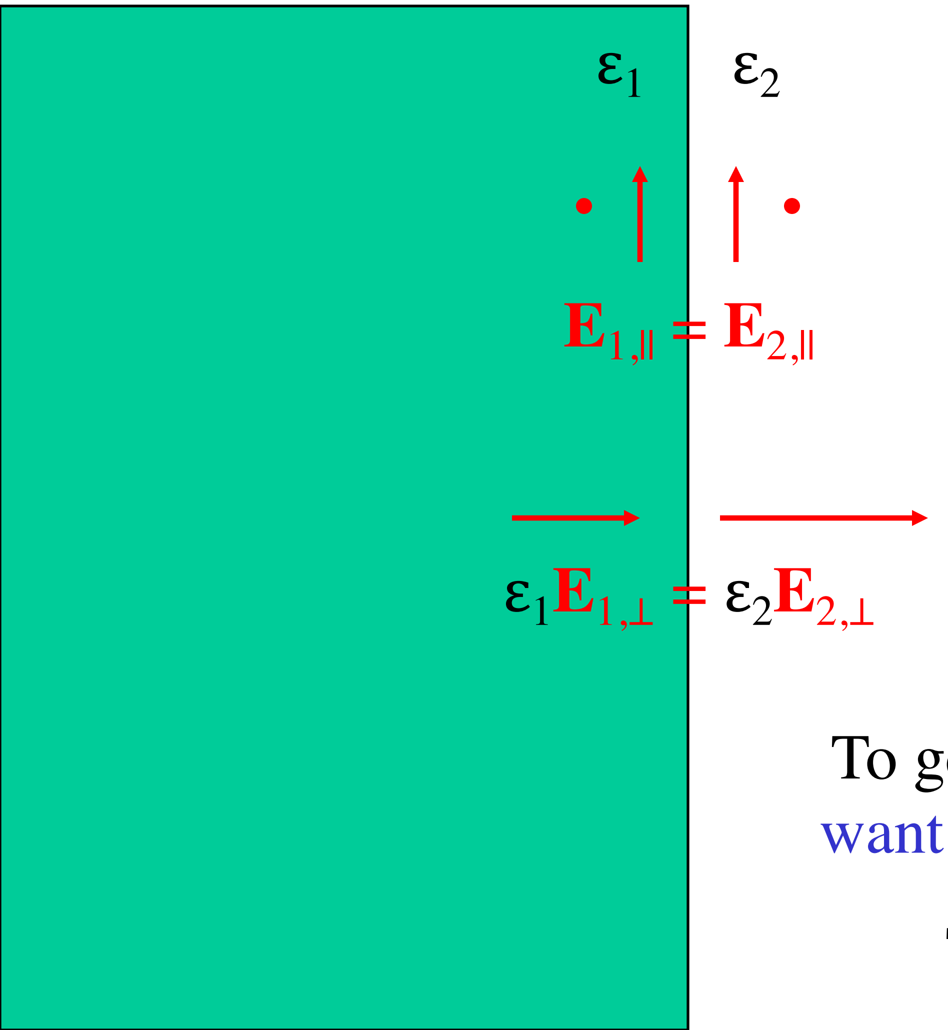




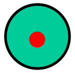
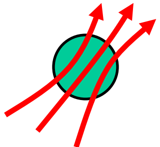
What a difference a boundary condition makes…



$\mathbf{E}_{\parallel}$ is continuous:
energy density $\varepsilon|\mathbf{E}|^2$
more in larger ε

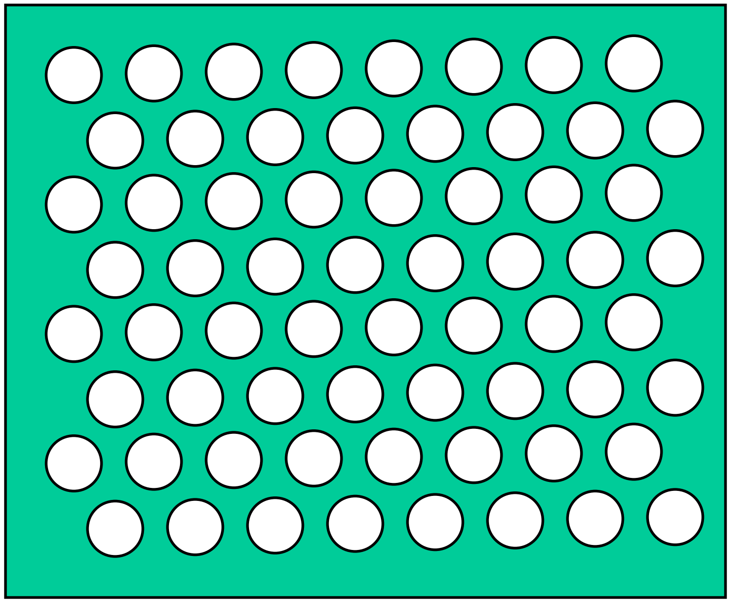
$\varepsilon\mathbf{E}_{\perp}$ is continuous:
energy density $|\varepsilon\mathbf{E}|^2/\varepsilon$
more in smaller ε

To get strong confinement & gaps,
want **E** mostly parallel to interfaces

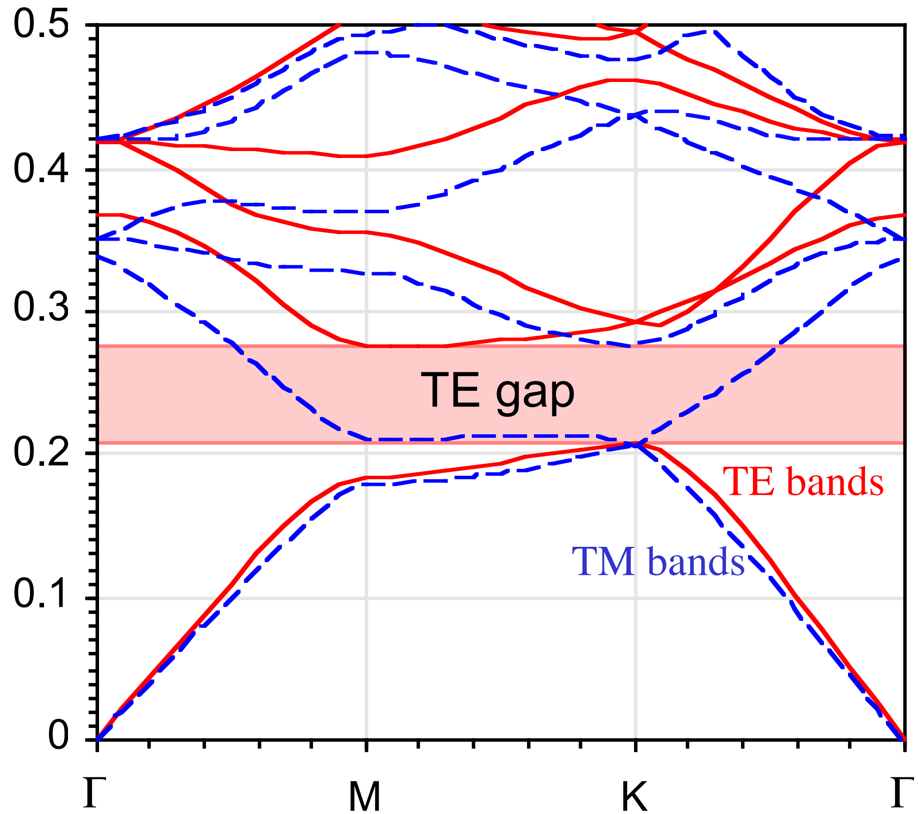
TM: $\parallel$  TE: $\perp$ 

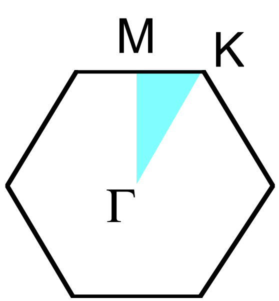
2d photonic crystal: TE gap, ε=12:1

triangular / hexagonal lattice of air holes in ε=12



Origin of TE gap: 1st band's TE (E_x,E_y) electric field lines can "loop around" cylinders

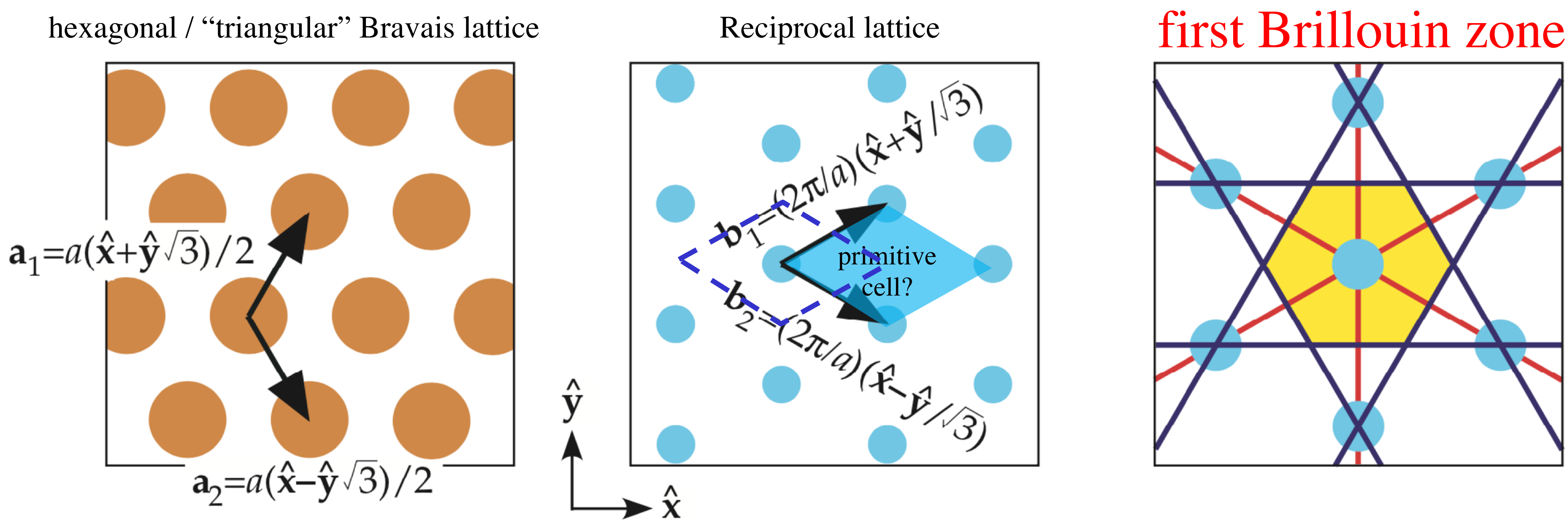




1st Brillouin zone
+ irreducible B.Z.

gap for n > ~1.4:1

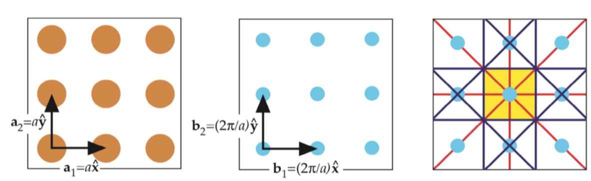
Brillouin zones: A better unit cell in $\mathbf{k}$



- Problem: obvious "primitive cell" in $\mathbf{k}$ space breaks C_{6v} symmetry.

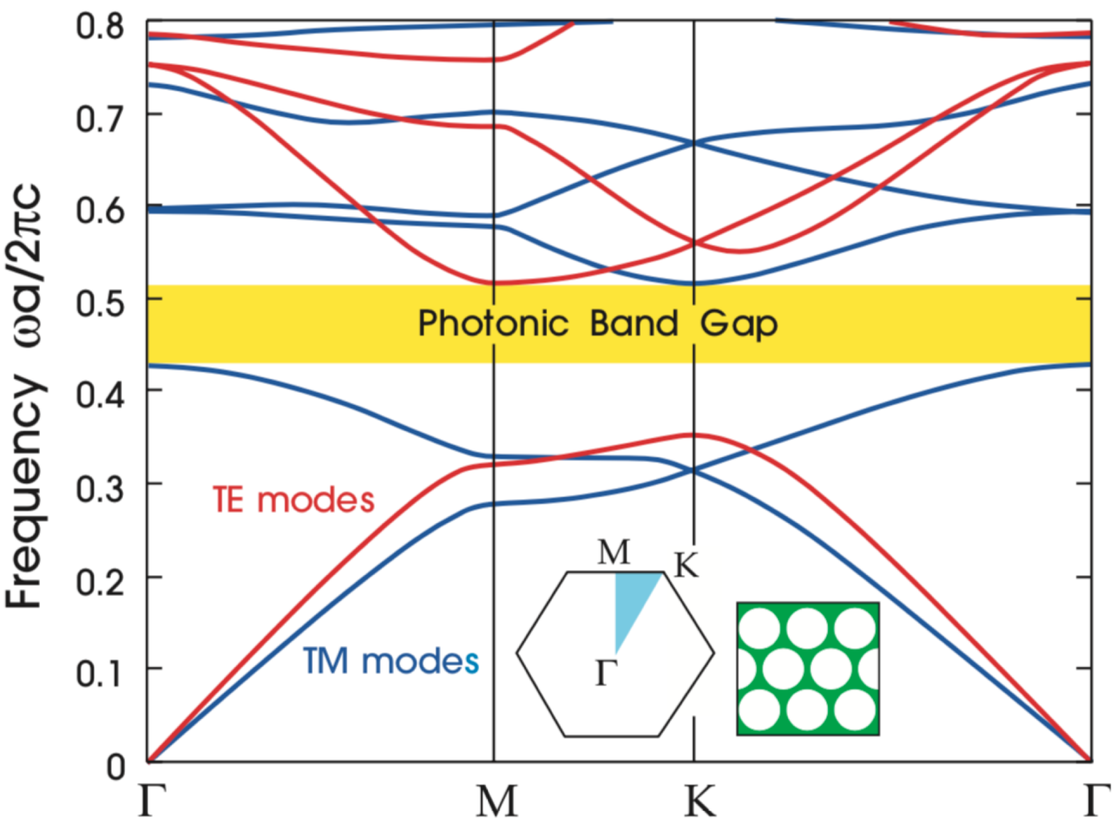
- Solution: define "first Brillouin zone" as points *closer* to $\mathbf{k=0}$ *than to any other reciprocal lattice* vector $\mathbf{G}$.

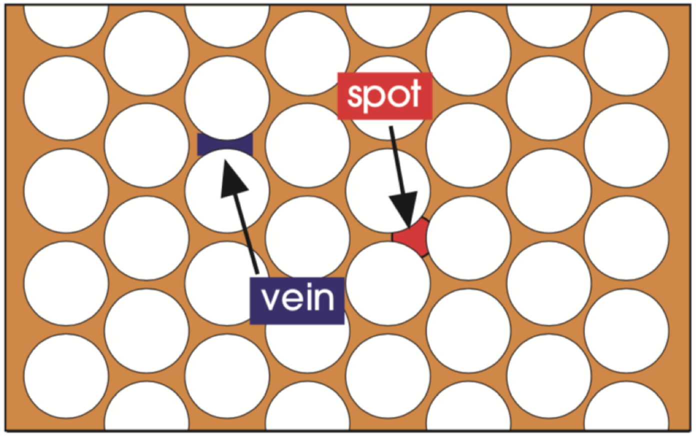
gives square B.Z. in square lattice:



(also called "Wigner–Seitz cell" of Bravais lattice, or "Voronoi cell for any set of points.)

An overlapping TE+TM gap



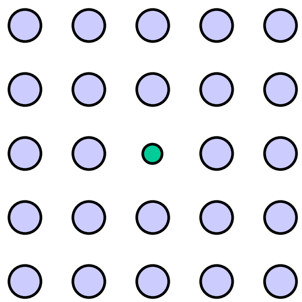


TE gap: 1st band loops around veins, 2nd band forced out by orthogonality.

TM gap: 1st band concentrates in interstitial "spots," 2nd band forced out by orthogonality.

(In 2d, however, we can generally choose one polarization to work with, so an overlapping TE+TM gap is rarely needed. In 3d, though, modes are no longer purely polarized and we will have to handle every field orientation simultaneously.)

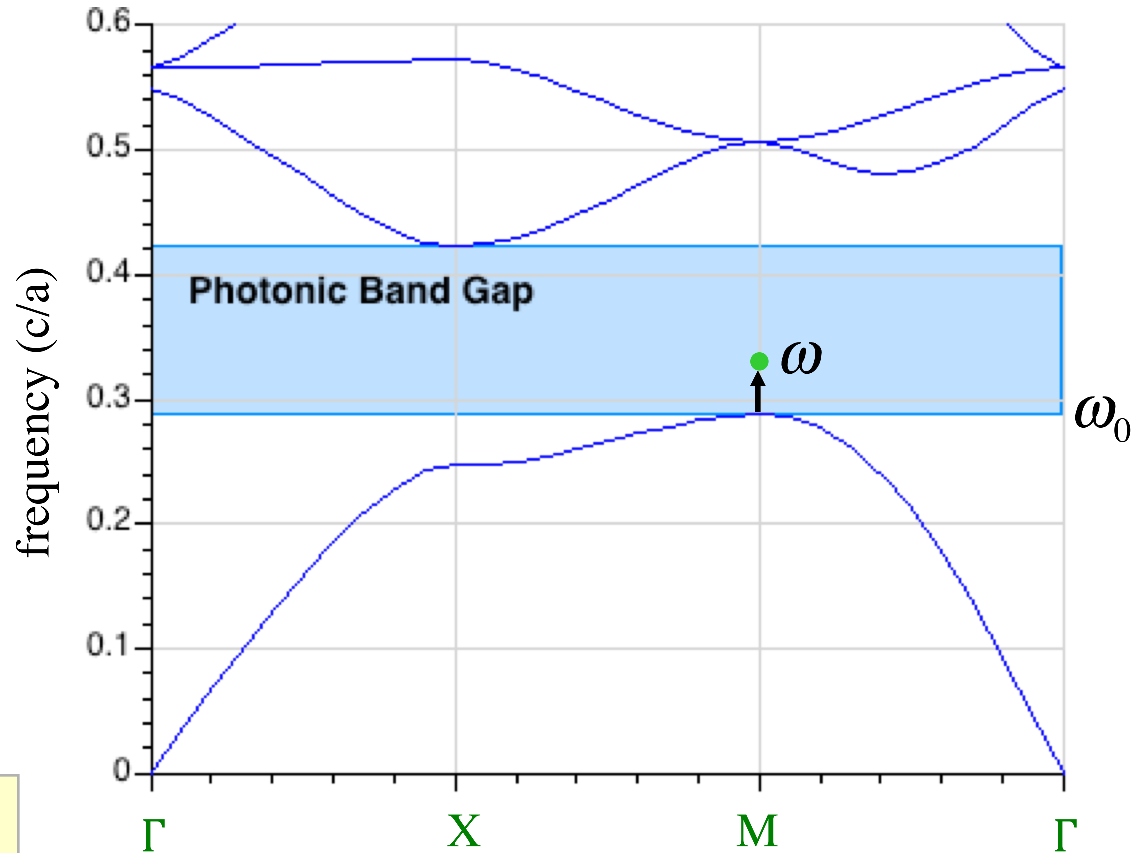
Single-Mode Cavity

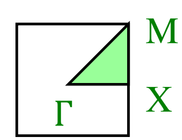


A *point defect*
can push up
a single mode
from the band edge

$$\text{field decay} \sim \sqrt{\frac{\omega - \omega_0}{\text{curvature}}}$$

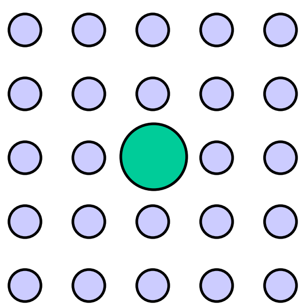
Bulk Crystal Band Diagram





(k not conserved)

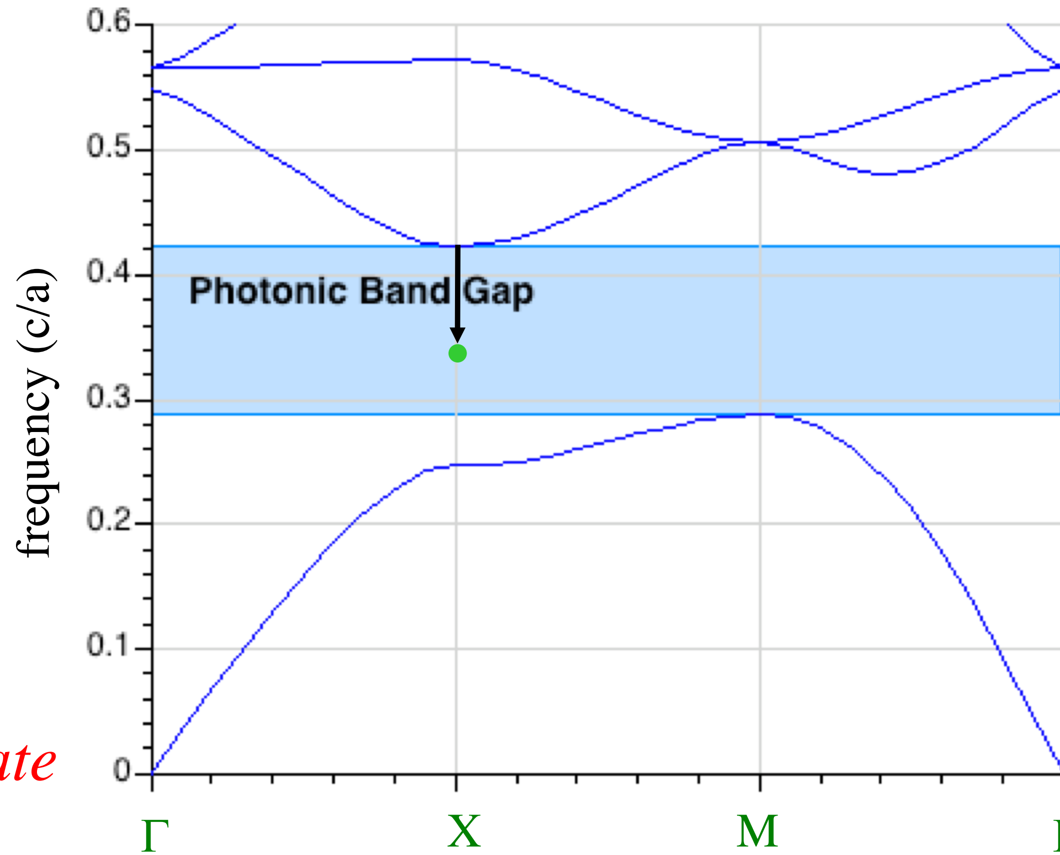
“Single”-Mode Cavity

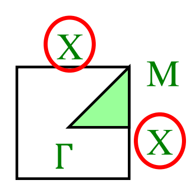


A *point defect* can pull down a “single” mode

…here, doubly-*degenerate* (*two* states at *same* ω)

Bulk Crystal Band Diagram





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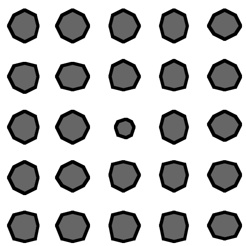
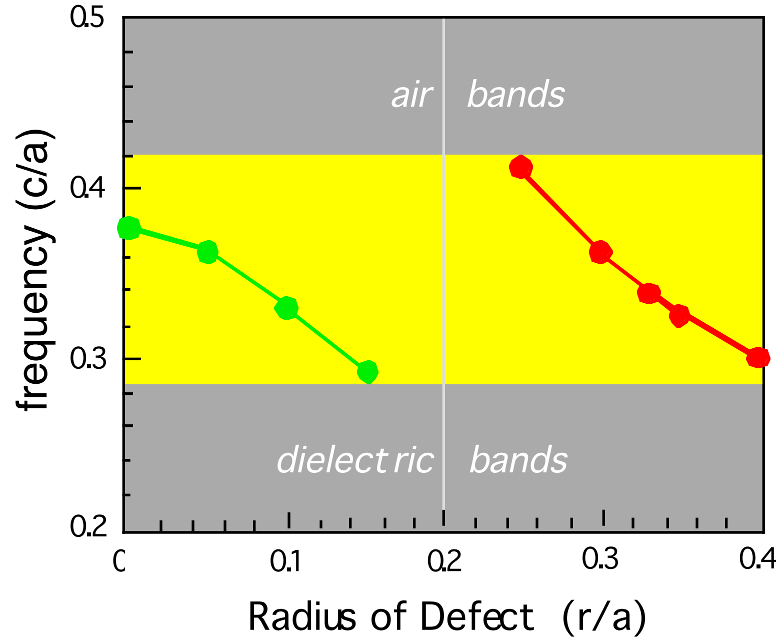
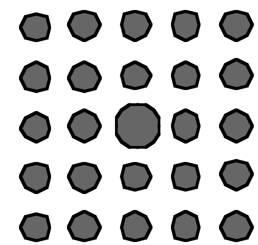
Tunable Cavity Modes

Air Defect

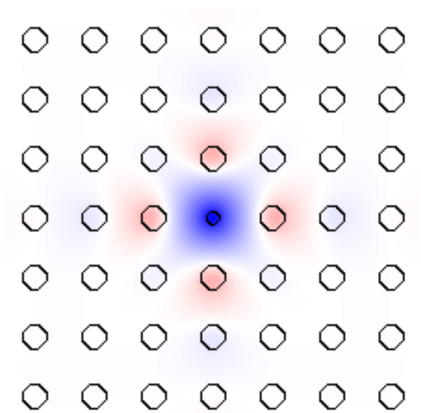




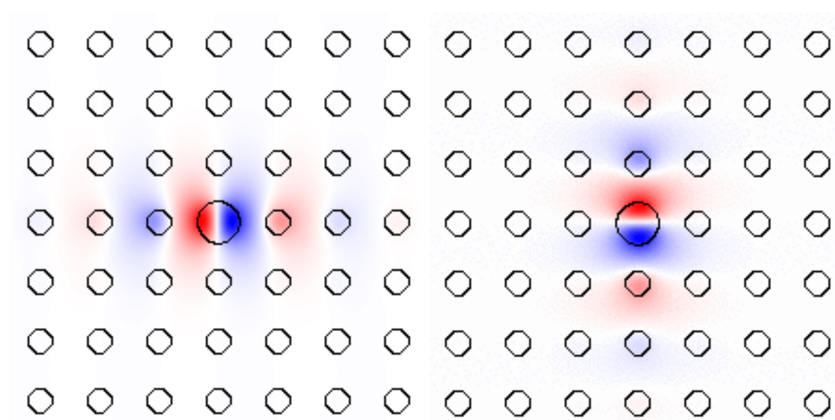
Dielectric Defect



E_z:

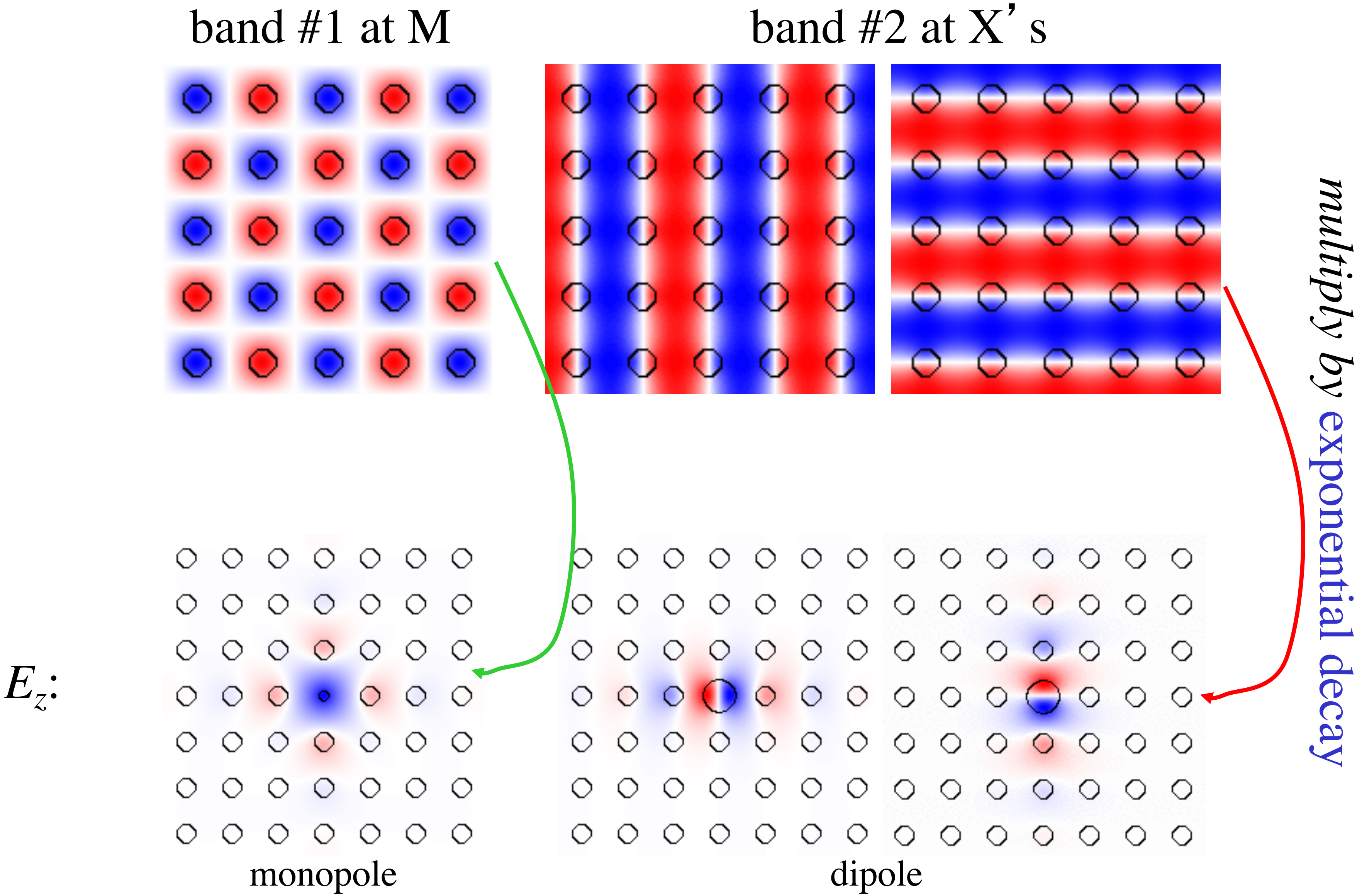


monopole



dipole

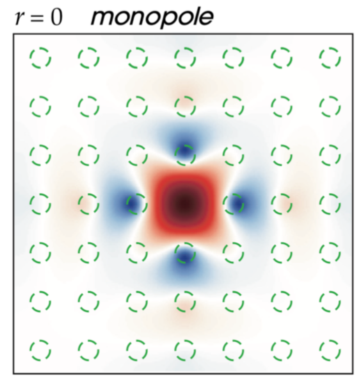
Tunable Cavity Modes

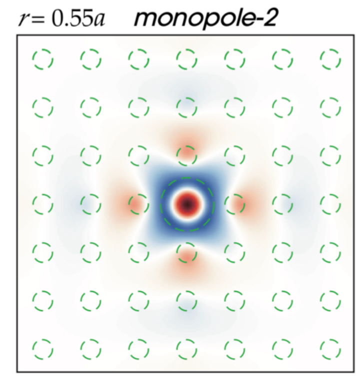


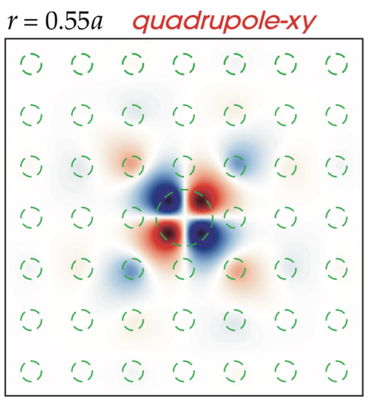
Other defects = other C_{4v} irreps

	E	$2C_4$	C_2	2σ	$2\sigma'$
Γ_1	1	1	1	1	1
Γ_2	1	1	1	-1	-1
Γ_3	1	-1	1	1	-1
Γ_4	1	-1	1	-1	1
Γ_5	2	0	-2	0	0

Γ_1

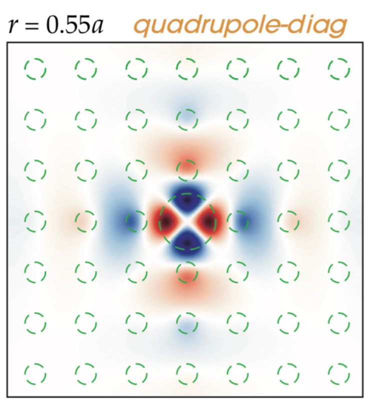




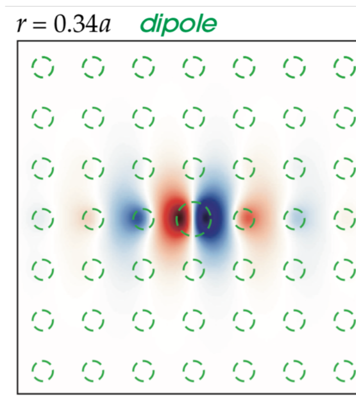


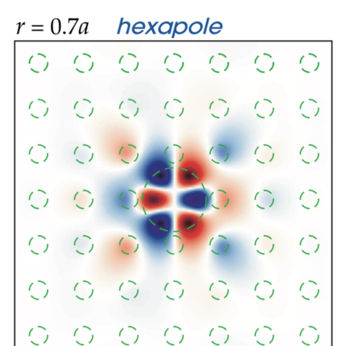
Γ_2

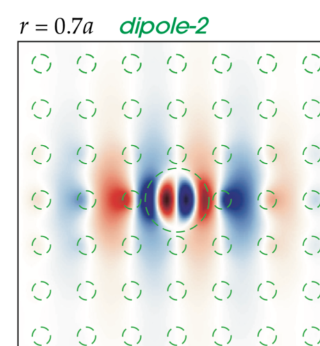
Γ_3



Γ_5
(doubly degenerate)

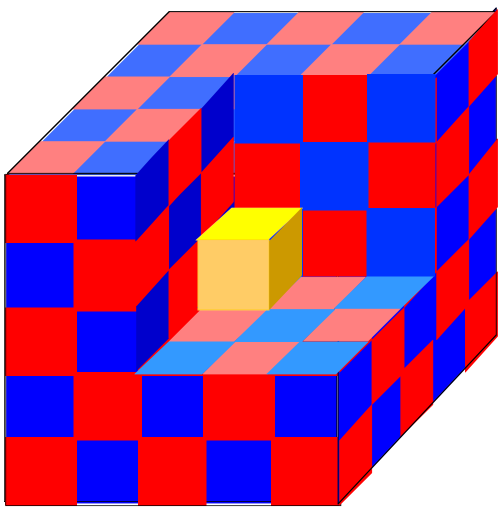




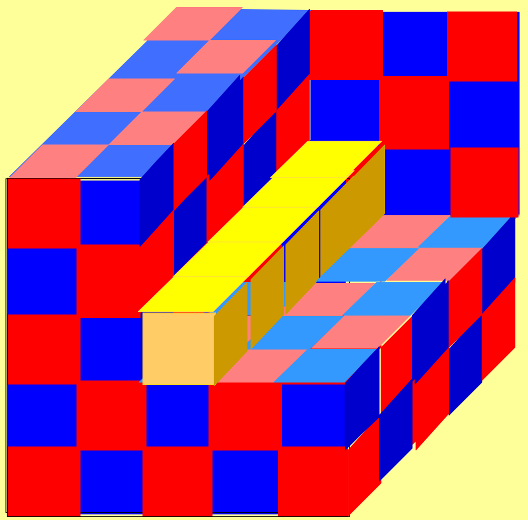


Intentional "defects" are good

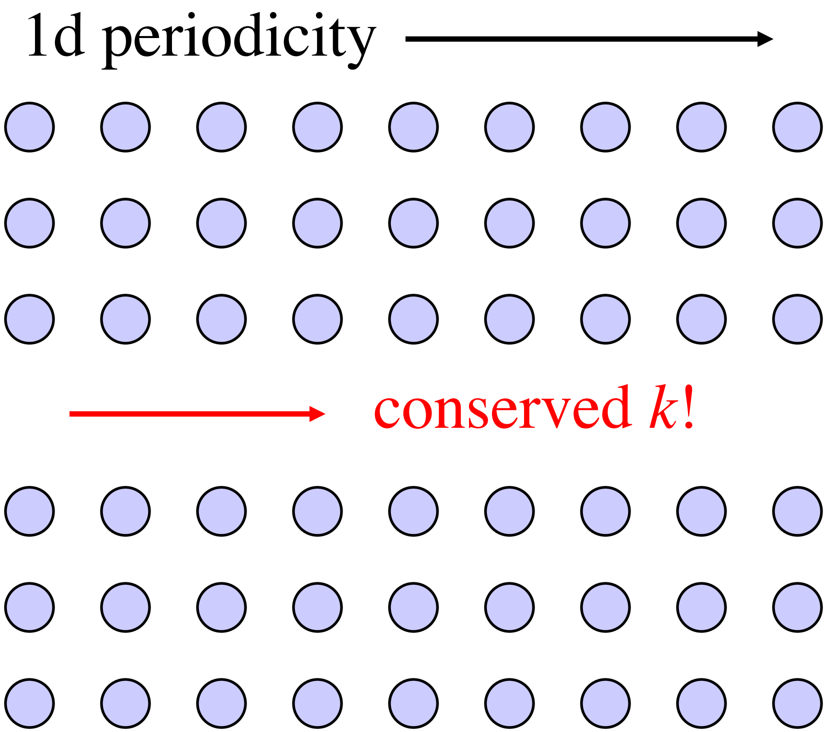
microcavities

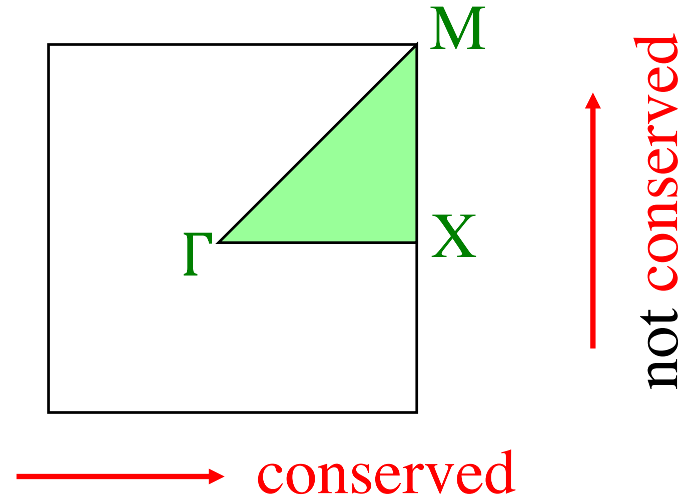


waveguides ("wires")

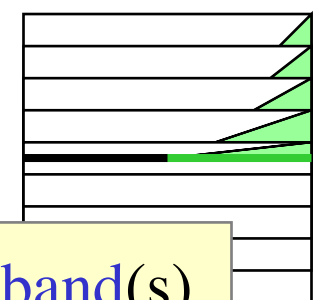


Projected Band Diagrams



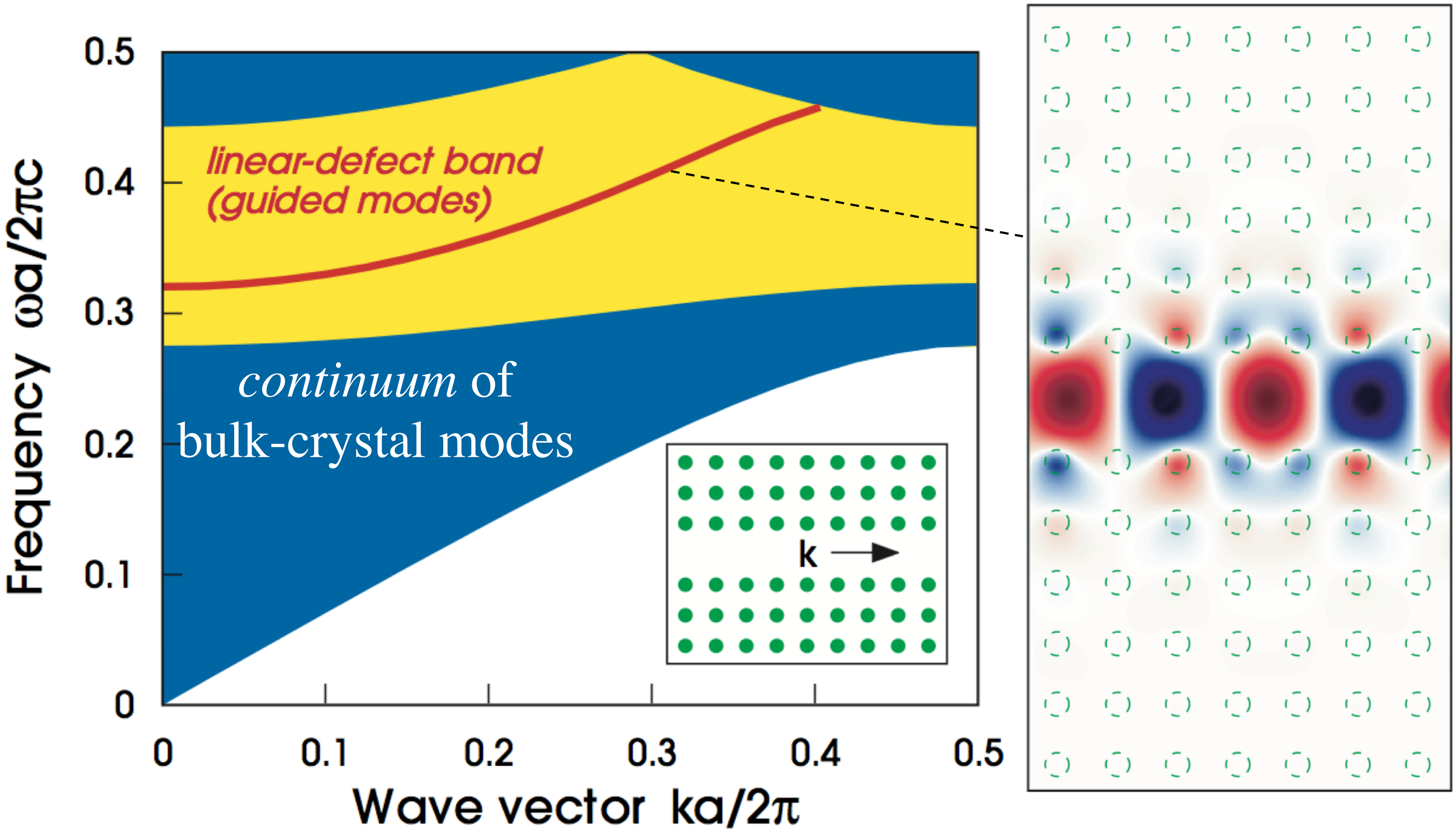


So, plot ω vs. k_x only…project Brillouin zone onto Γ–X:



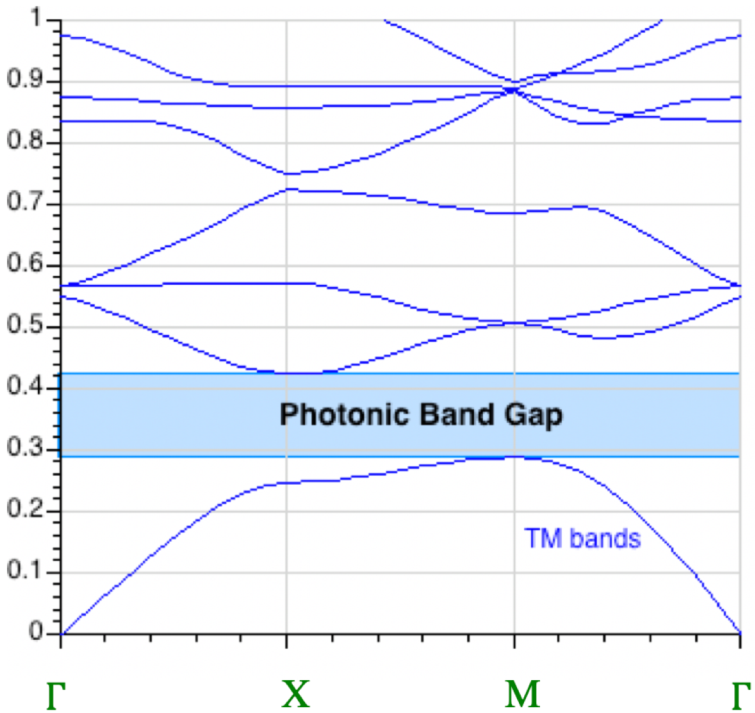
gives continuum of bulk states + discrete guided band(s)

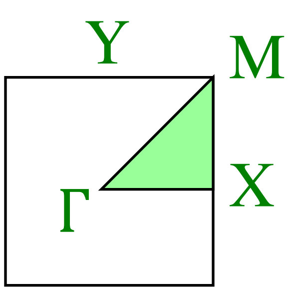
Air-waveguide Band Diagram



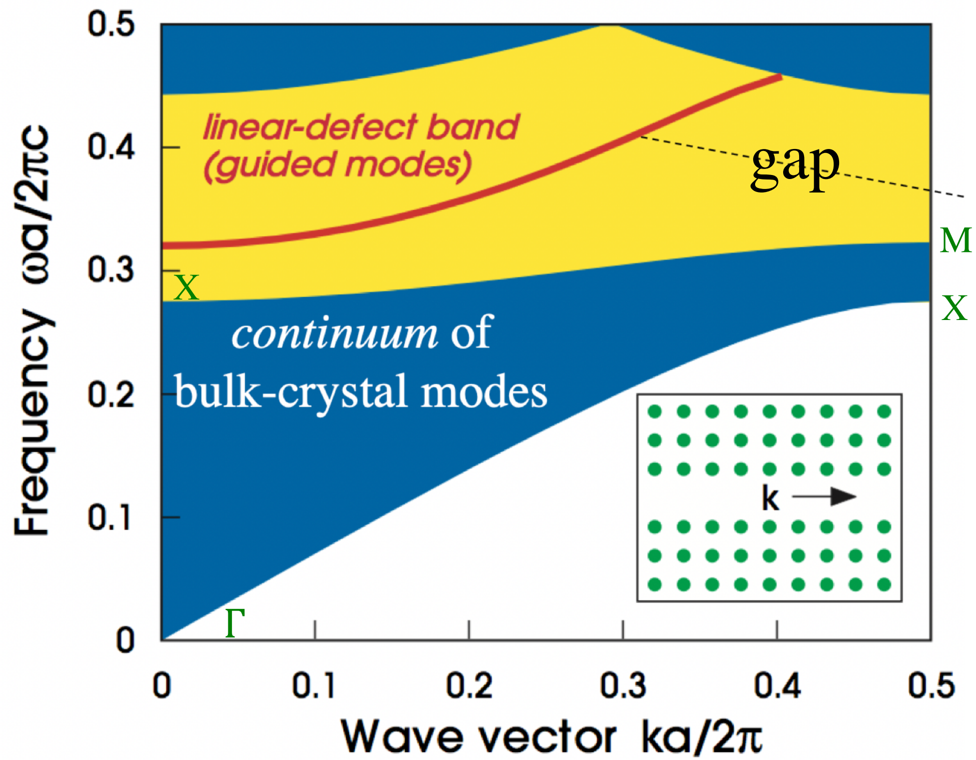
any state in the gap cannot couple to bulk crystal ⇒ localized

Projected band diagram: k_x conserved





plot all bands vs. k_x



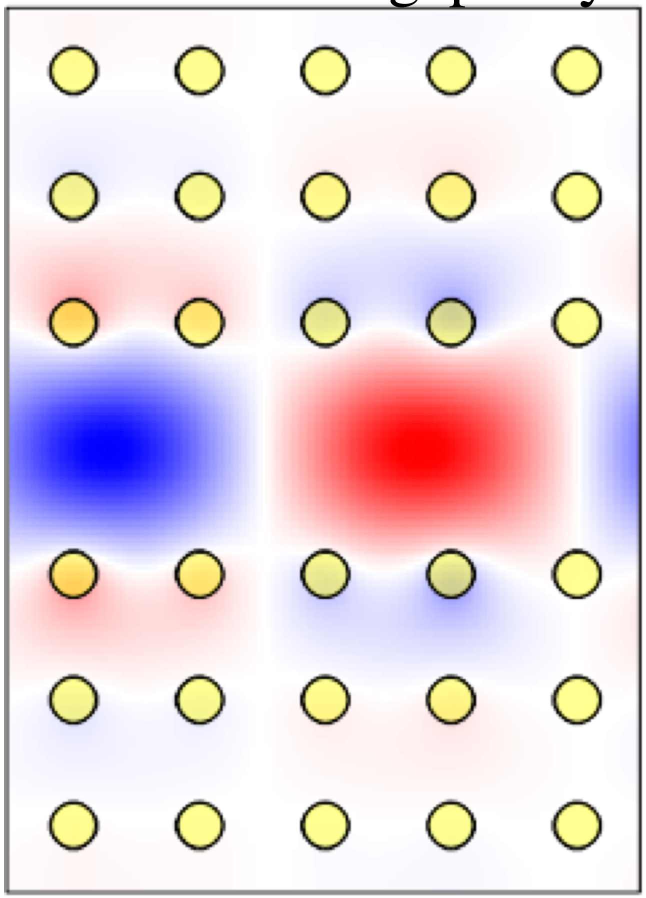
(Waveguides don't really need a *complete* gap)

Fabry-Perot waveguide:

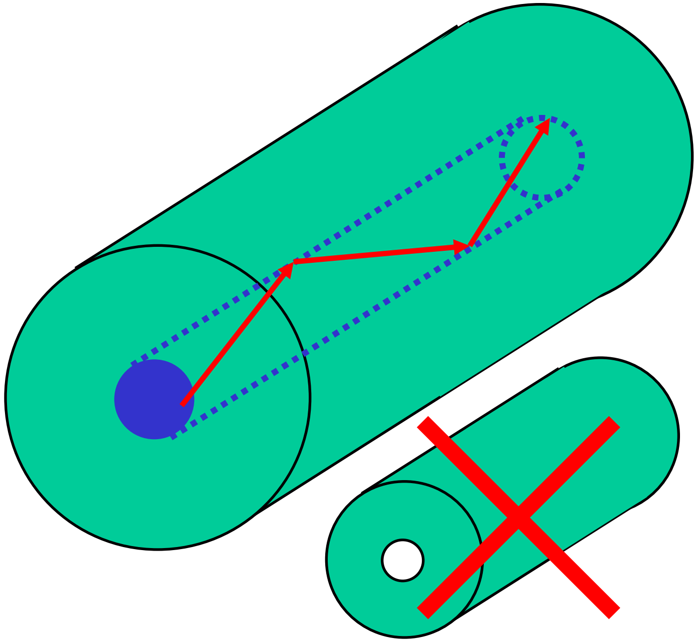
This is exploited *e.g.* for photonic-crystal fibers…

Guiding Light in Air!

mechanism is gap only



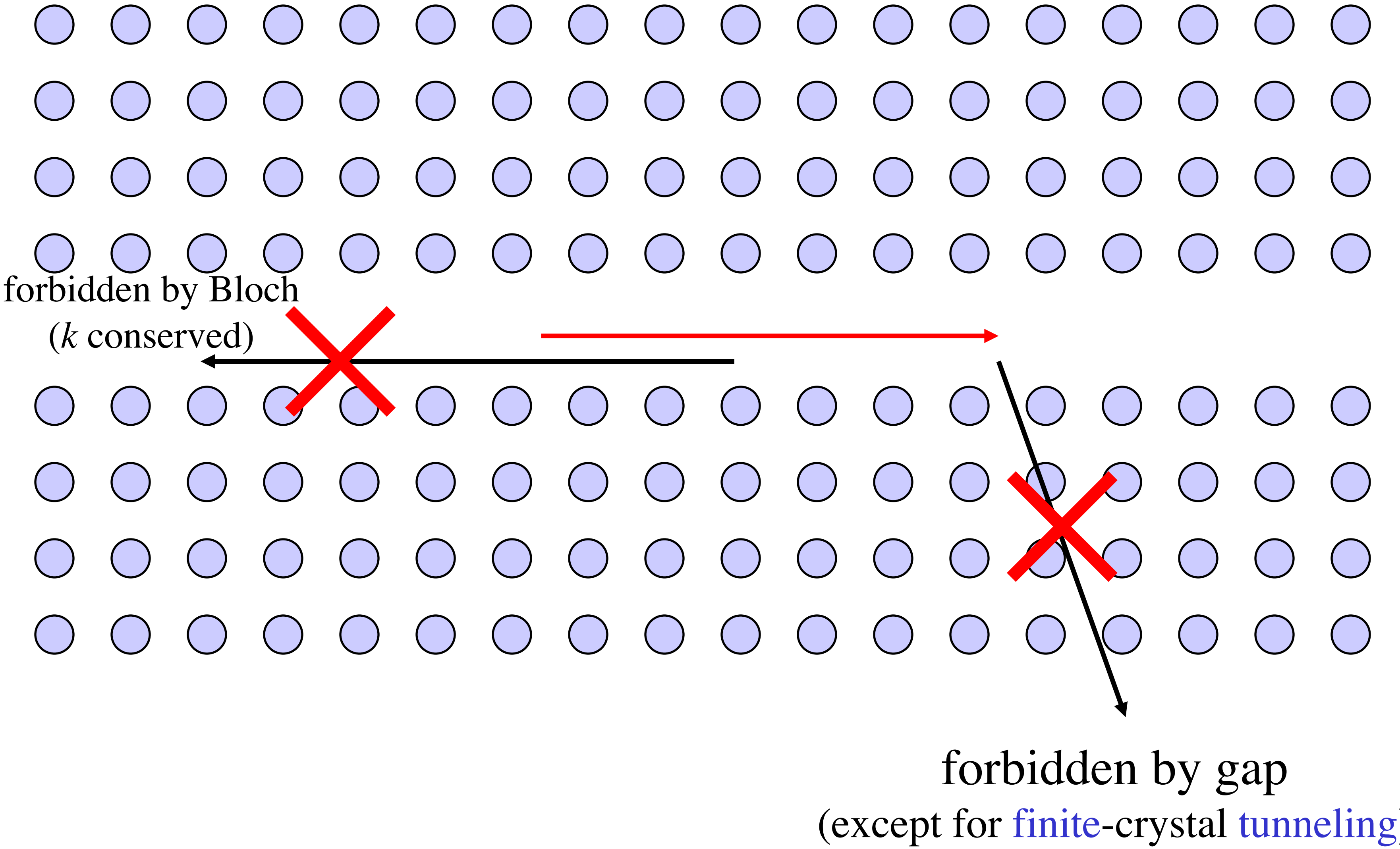
vs. standard optical fiber:
"total internal reflection"
— requires *higher*-index core



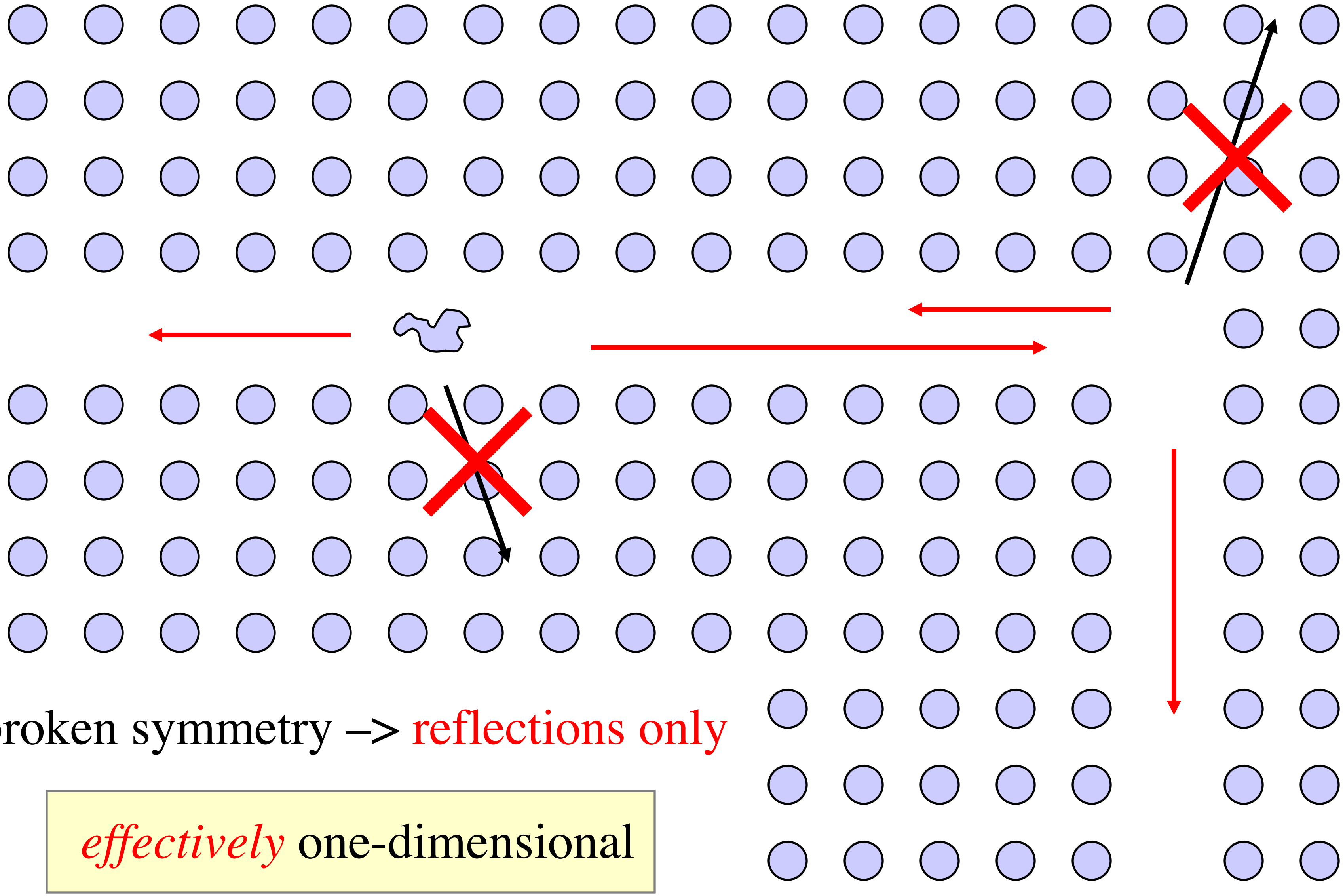
no hollow core!

hollow = lower absorption, lower nonlinearities, higher power

Review: Why no scattering?



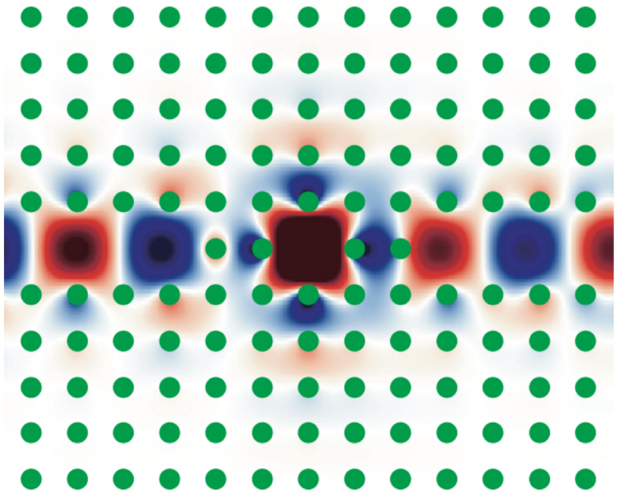
Benefits of a complete gap…



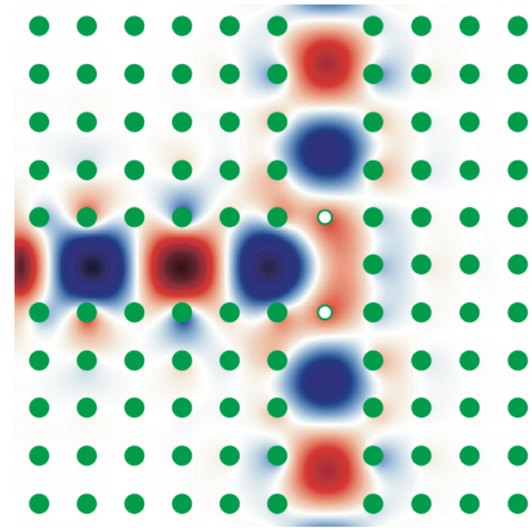
broken symmetry –> reflections only

effectively one-dimensional

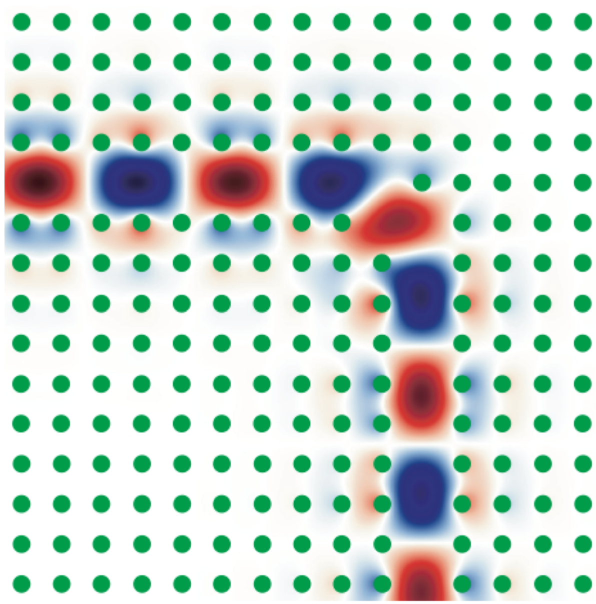
“1d” Waveguides + Cavities = Devices



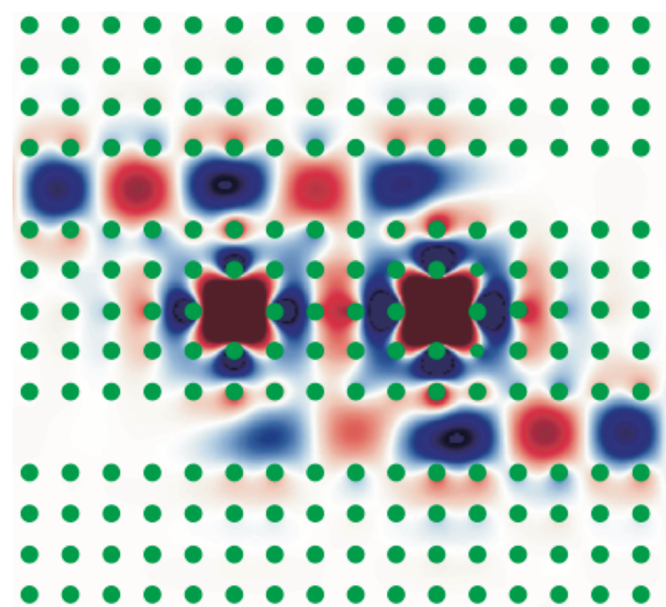
resonant filters



waveguide splitters

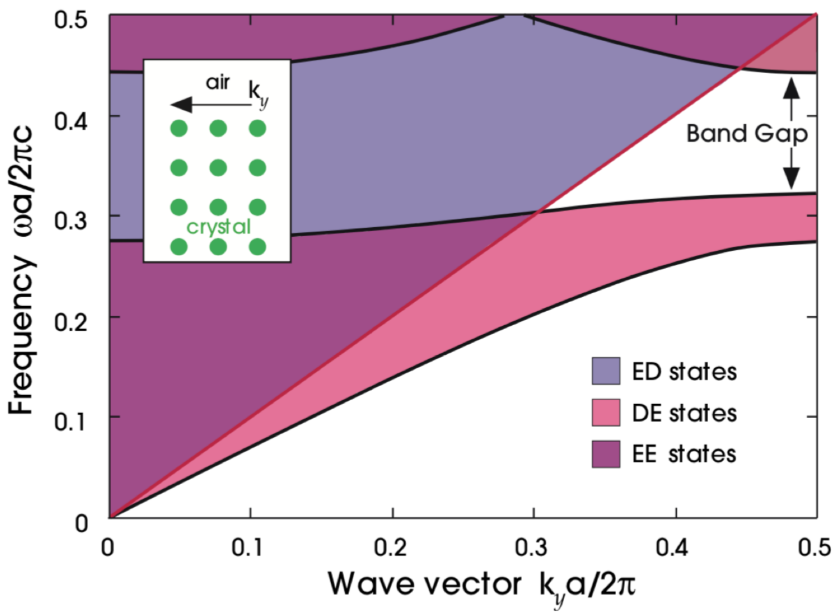


high-transmission sharp bends



channel-drop filters

Surface states in 2d



Projected band diagram: only $k_{||}$ conserved:
Plot projected crystal bands + light cone.

Surface termination determines surface state solution: see effect of 2 different terminations!