

# Light absorption and emission in symmetry broken heterogeneous metasurfaces

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# Lyon Institute of Nanotechnology – INL



Campus Lyon Ouest

~200 people

LyonTech La Doua

Joint research unit with:  
CNRS, INSA, ECL, UCBL, CPE  
2 locations



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Key facilities, incl. material facility



Clean room facility, 600m<sup>2</sup>

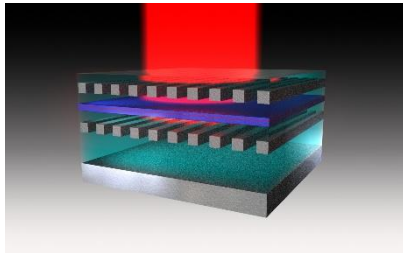
# The i-Lum group at INL: Scientific approach

## *i-Lum: Light engineering and conversion*

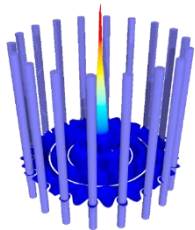
*50 people, incl. 25 academics & CNRS scientists*

*Developing New photonic Concepts and related Technologies related to nanophotonics and optoelectronics, from UV to NIR*

### New concepts

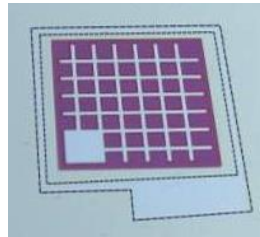


2.5D microlaser

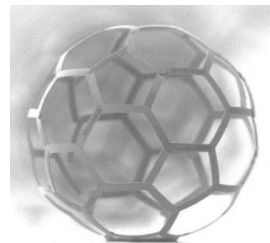


Photonic Cage

### Original technologies

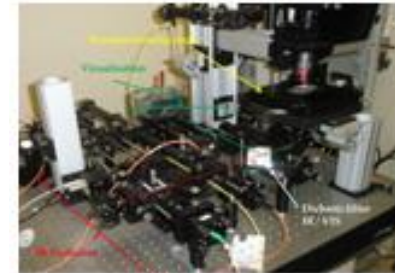


Photonised PV cell

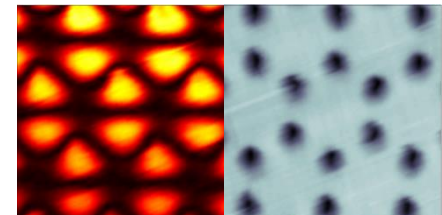


Optical origami

### Optical studies



Optical trapping setup

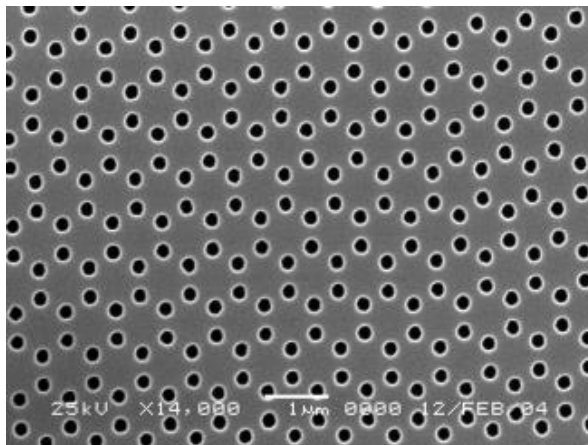
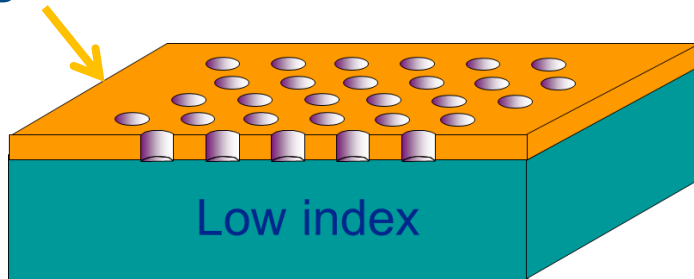


Near-Field map in a 2D PhC

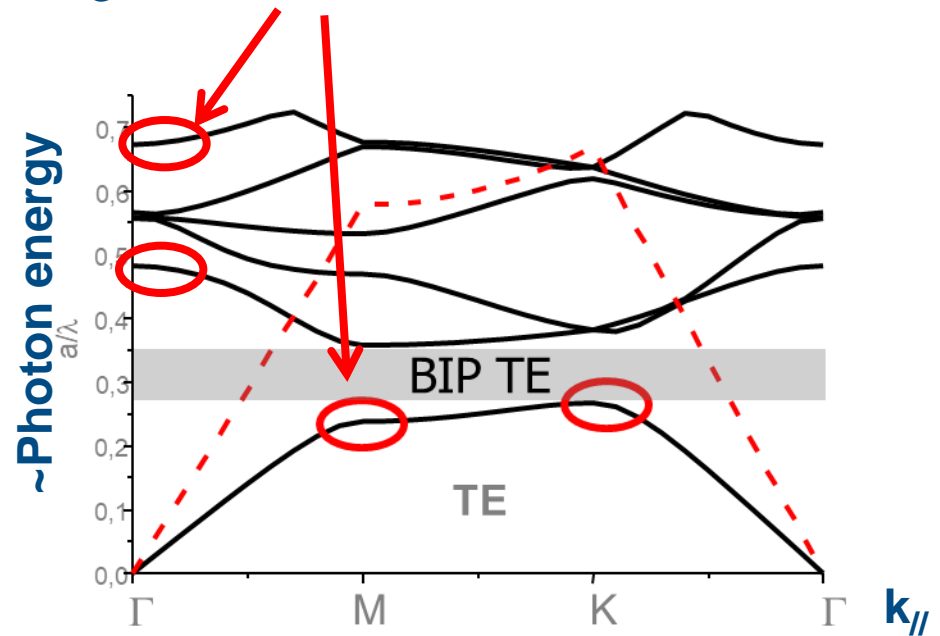
# Our key building block

## High refractive index contrast grating / 2D photonic crystals

High refractive index



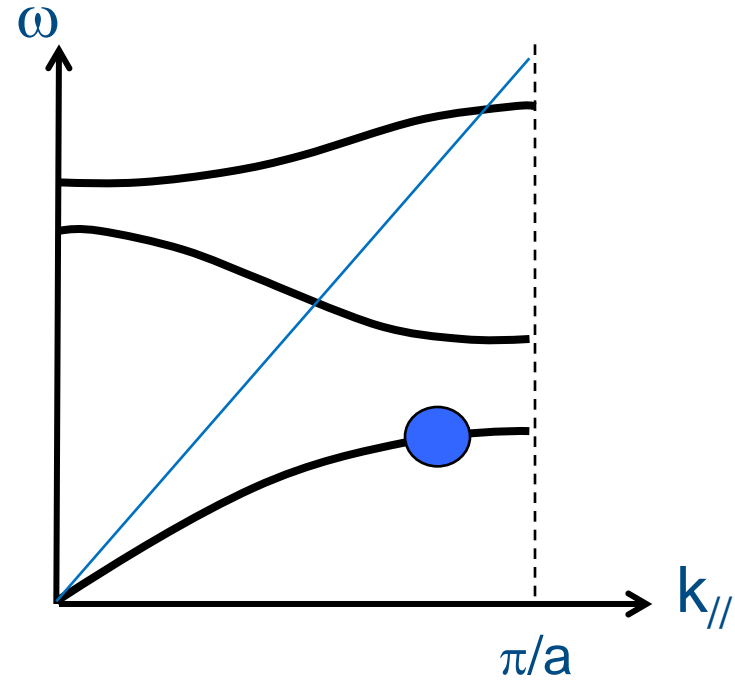
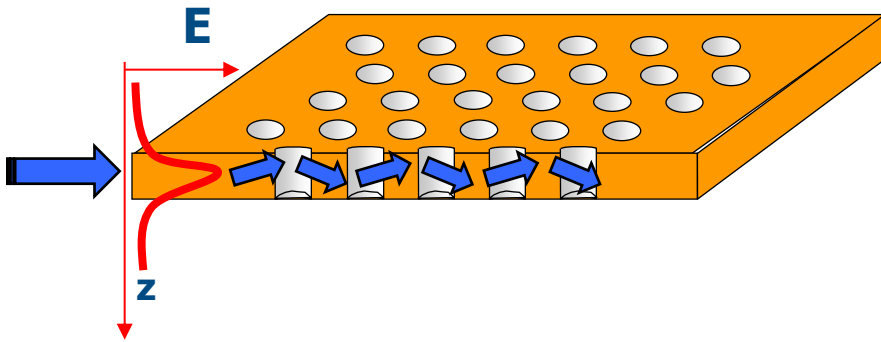
$v_G \rightarrow 0$ , light confinement



Photonic band structure

# Photonic crystals, basic properties

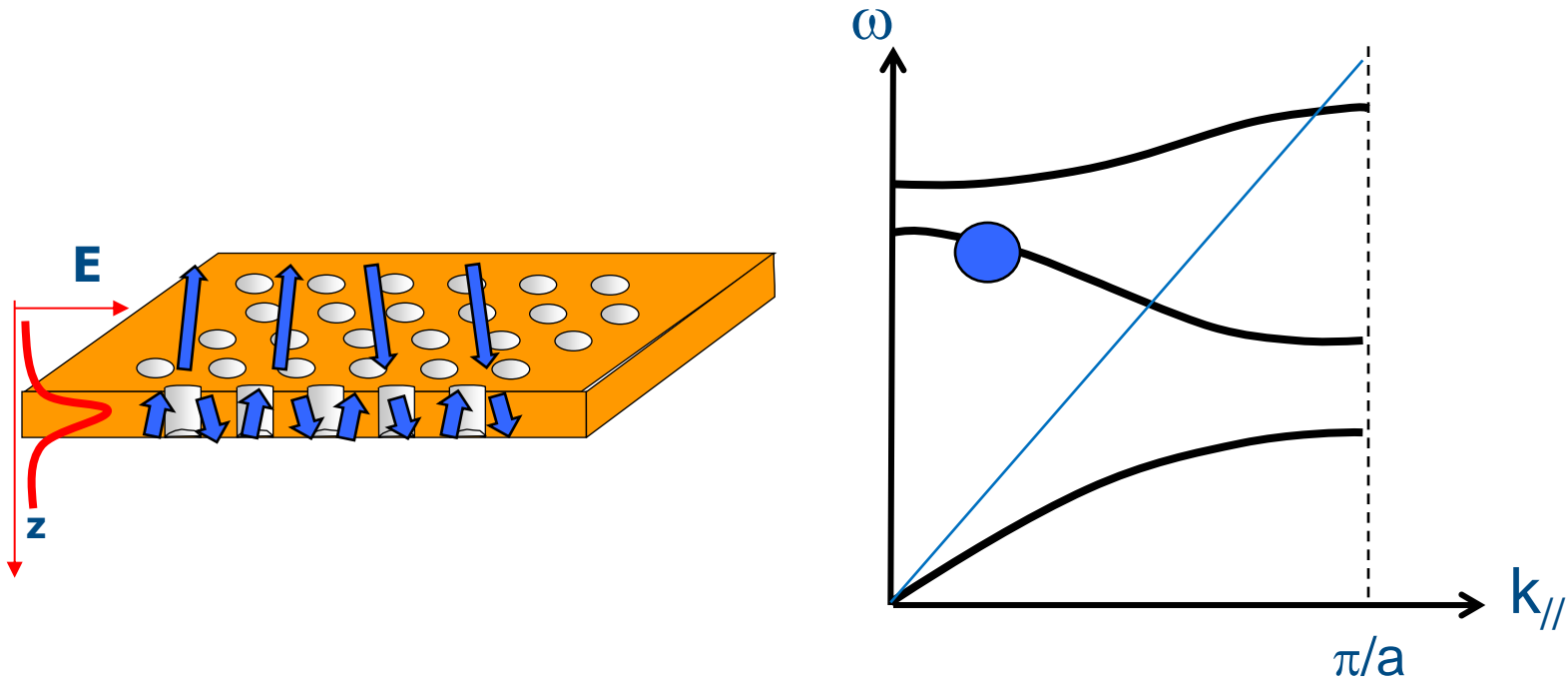
## 1-Perfectly guided modes, no vertical losses



→ Waveguided/integrated optics

# Photonic crystals, basic properties

2-Leaky guided modes, vertically addressable

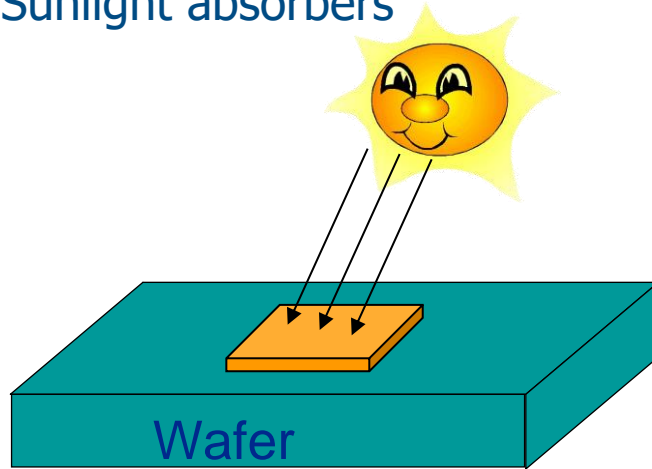


→Dedicated to the interaction with the radiative continuum



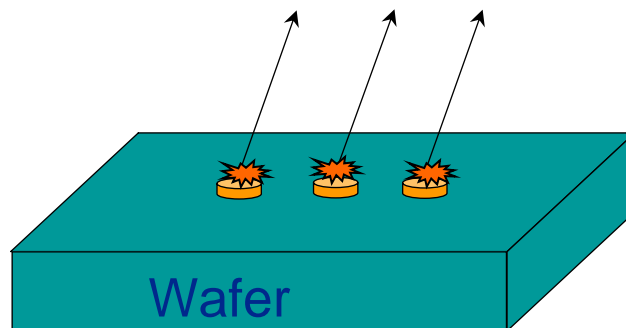
# Focus on the “vertical operation”

Sunlight absorbers



Ultra-compact devices for  
→vertical light emission (lasers, ...)  
→sunlight conversion (solar cells, etc)

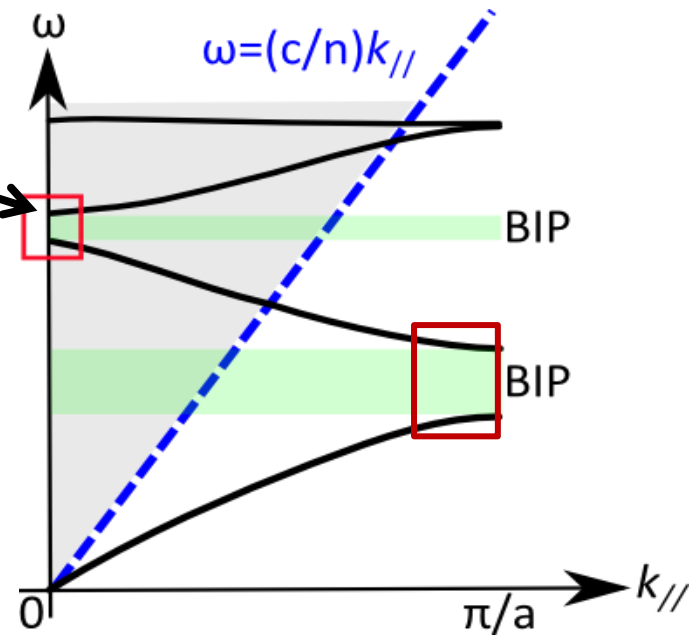
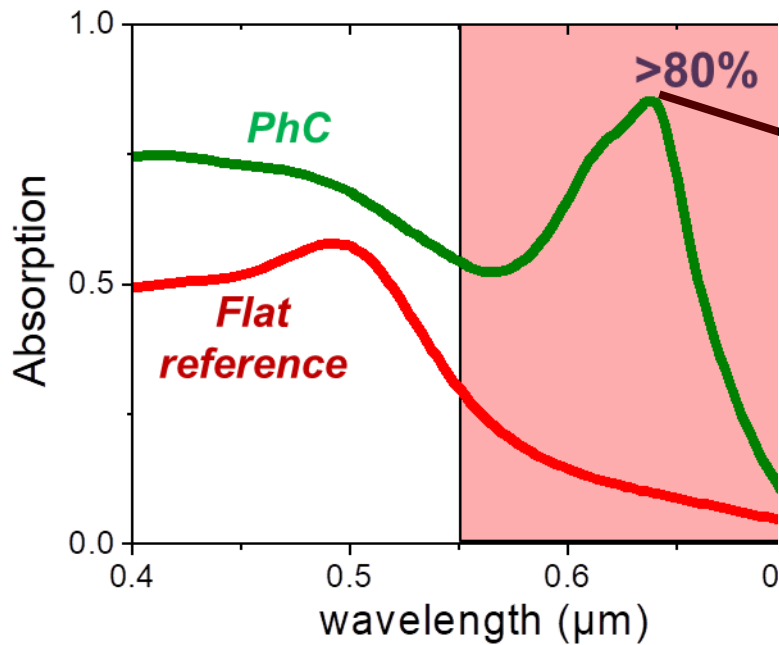
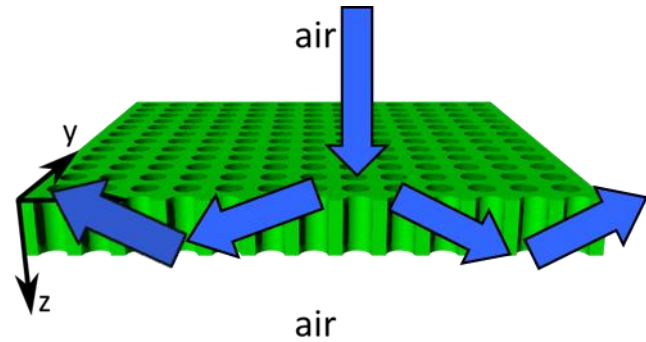
Free space  
emitters



# Photonic crystal absorbers

→ Slow light, guided mode resonances

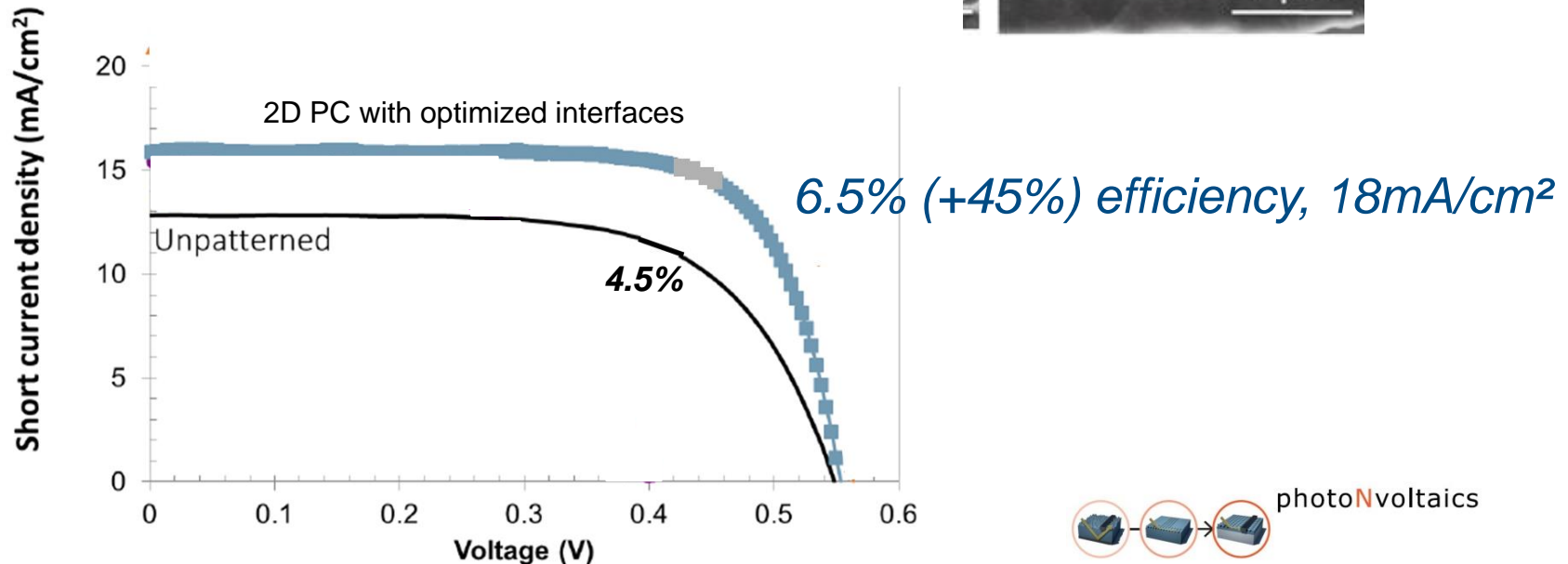
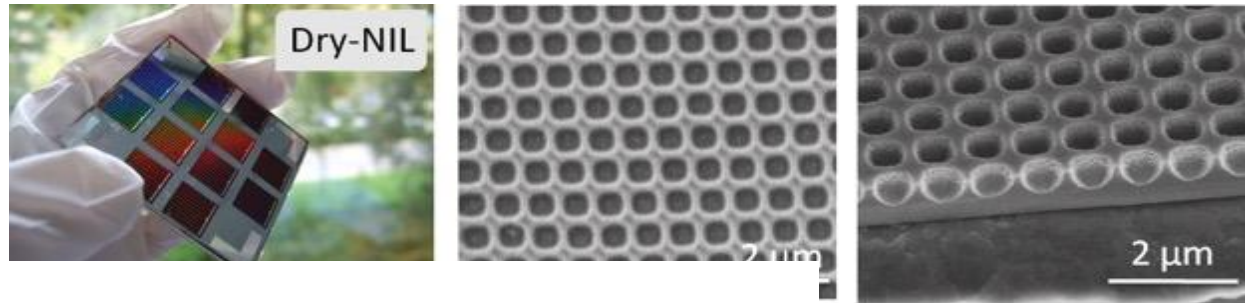
- Period  $a \sim \lambda/2$
- Optimized  $D/a$





# Photonic crystals and thin film solar cells

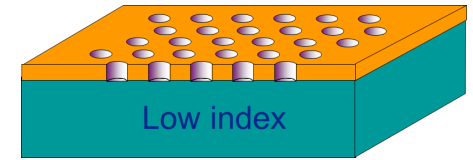
Solar cells, 1  $\mu\text{m}$  thick c-Si with periodic nanopatterns



- Strong  $J_{sc}$  increase due to photonic crystals
- Still room for improvement to reach simulated  $J_{sc}$  : parasitic absorption

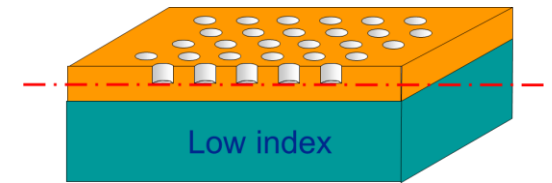
# Outline

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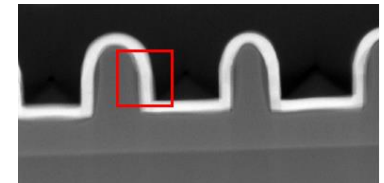


2. Vertical symmetry breaking

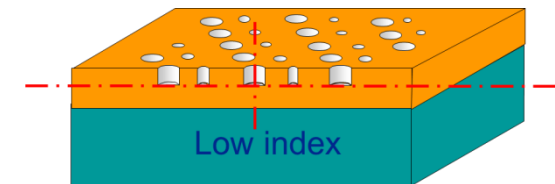
→ Generation of quasi-bound states in the continuum



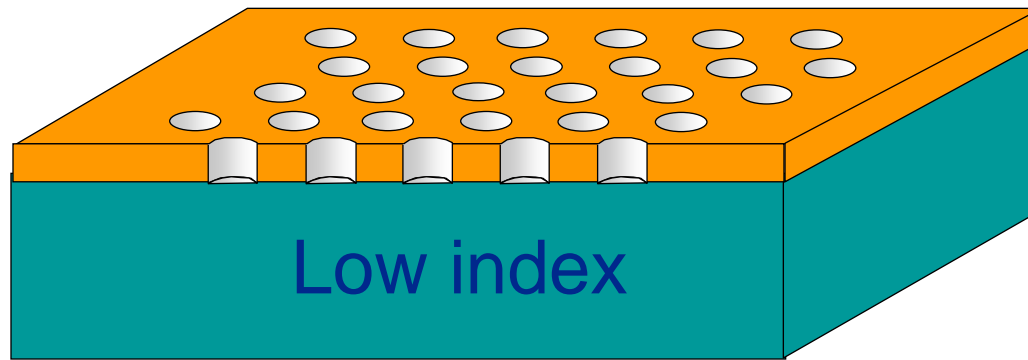
3. Towards photocatalysis using symmetry broken metasurfaces



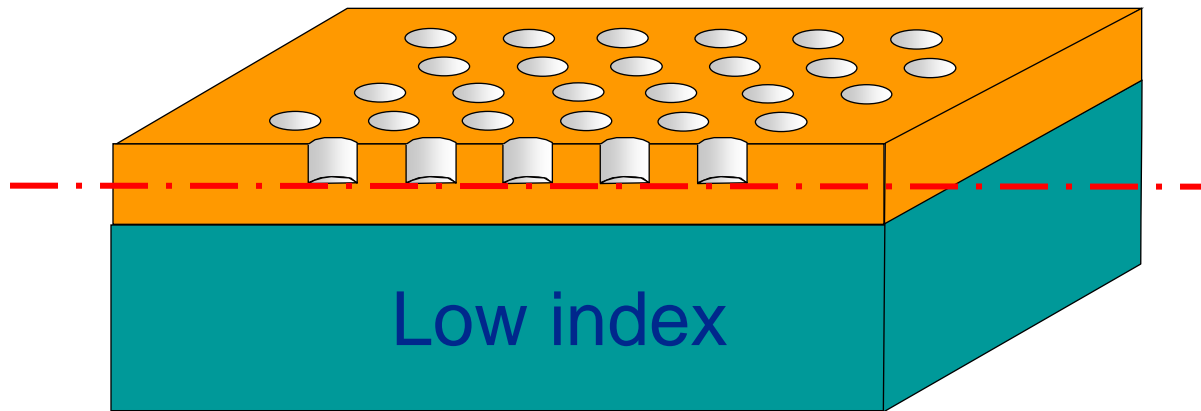
4. Conclusion and outlook



# 2-Vertical symmetry breaking



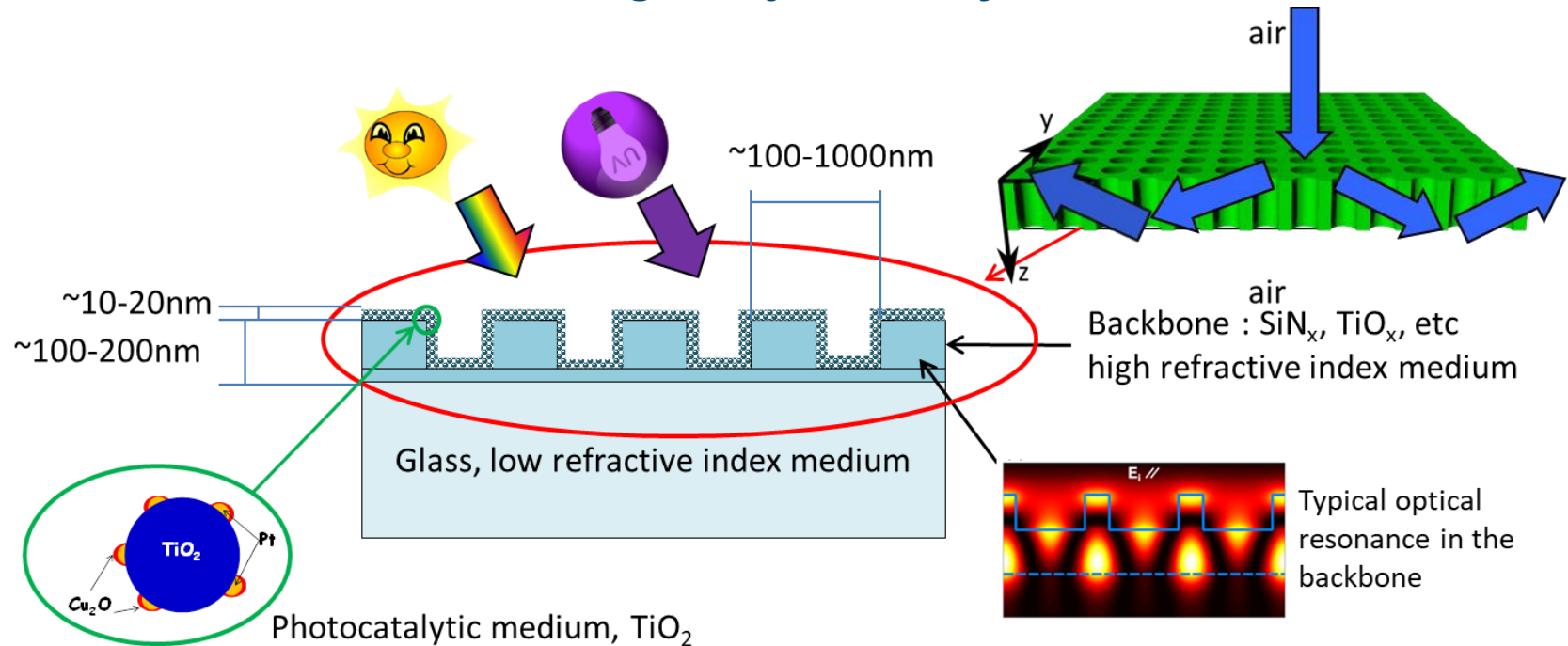
# 2-Vertical symmetry breaking



# 3-control of photocatalysis

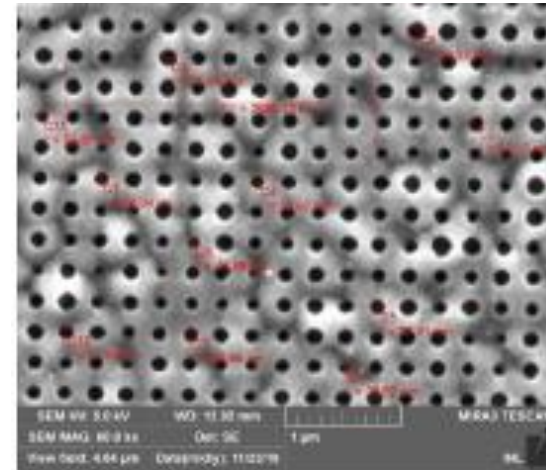
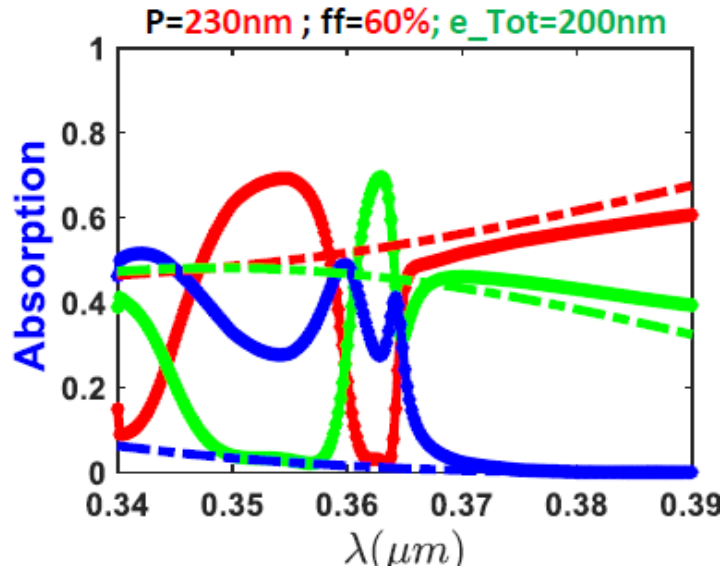
➤ *Photocatalytic medium integrated onto photonic nanostructures*

“IPPON” Scientific Breakthrough Projet, IDEXLyon



# 3-control of photocatalysis

- Photocatalytic medium integrated onto photonic nanostructures photoniques:





# Conclusions, general comments

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→ Integrating a wide range of active materials

Including “PV”, “LED”, “Laser” media, but also photocatalysts. Organic, inorganic or hybrid.

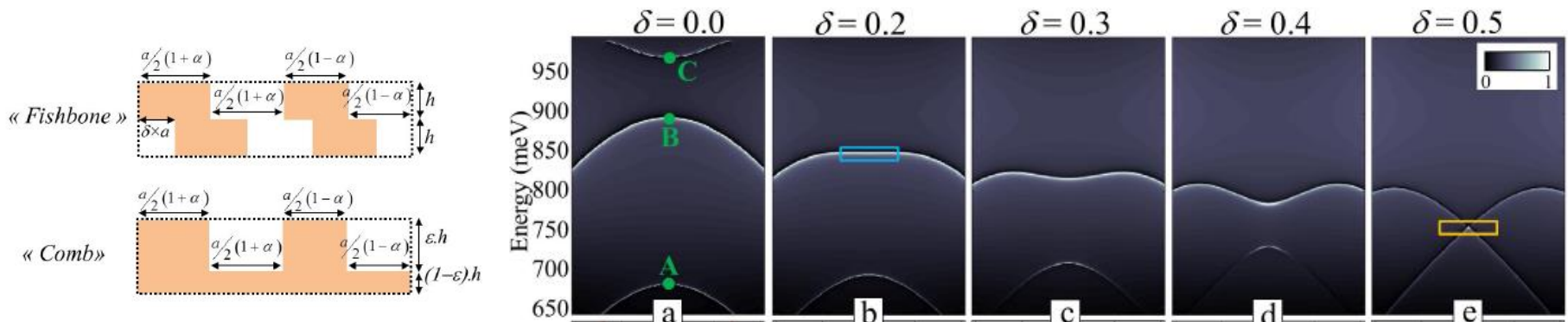
Achieving non-conventional regimes in nanopatterned hybrid perovskites:  
polaritonics

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→ Extended possibilities to generate on-demand dispersion characteristics

Through vertical **and lateral** symmetry breaking

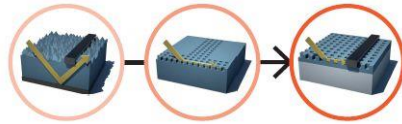
Achieving ultra-flat bands, Dirac cones, M or W-shaped dispersions



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