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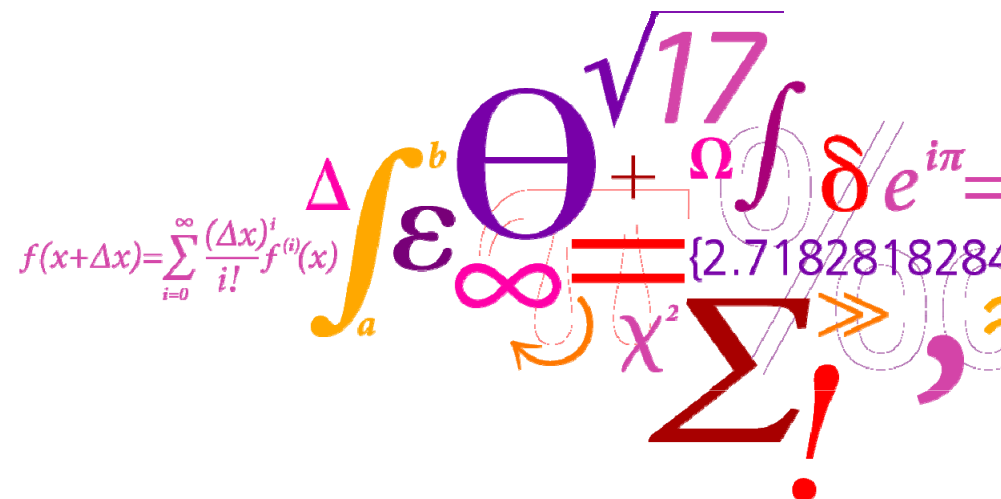
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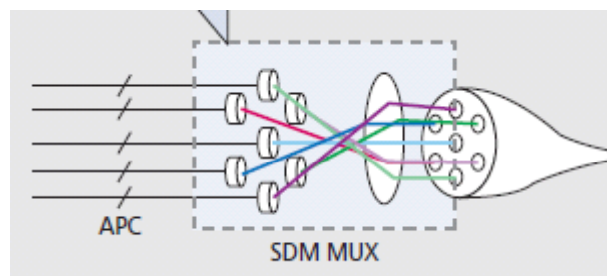
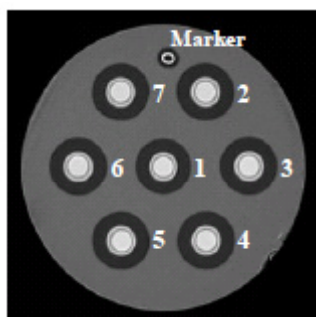


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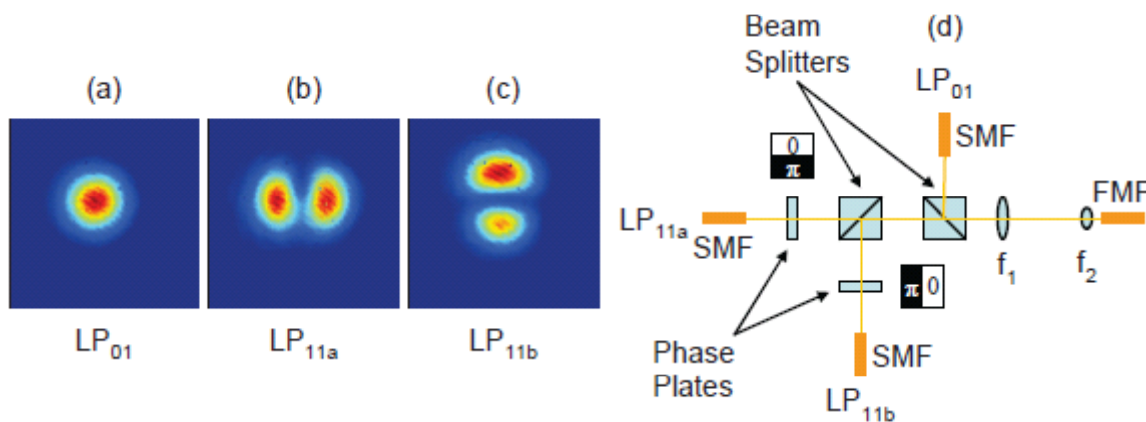
Using spatial degree of freedom

- Space division multiplexing



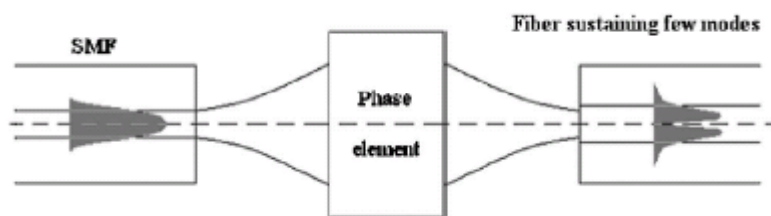
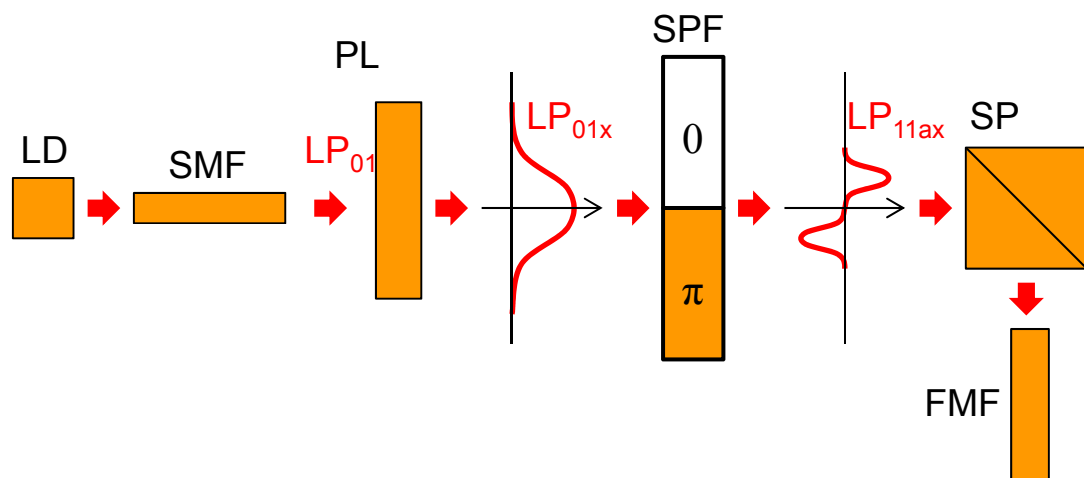
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- Mode division multiplexing



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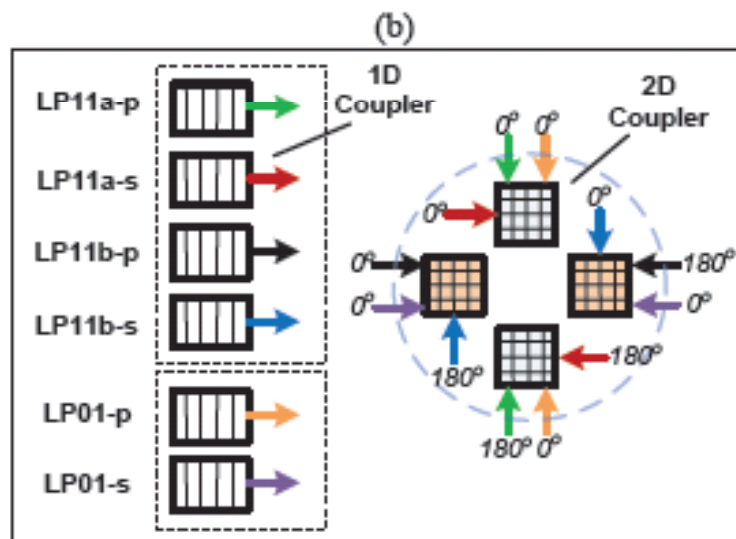
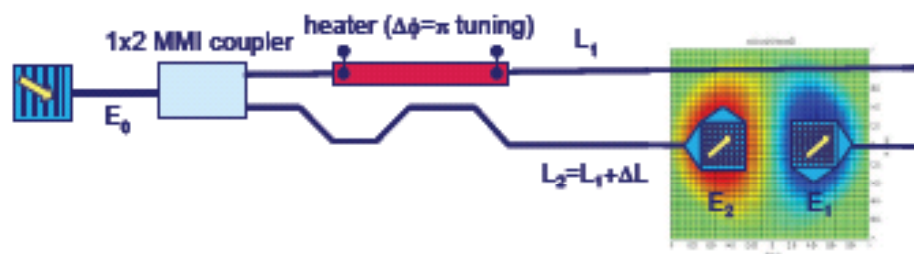
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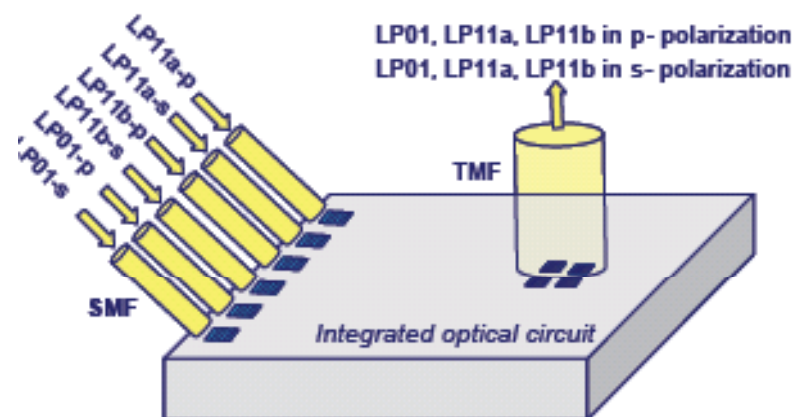
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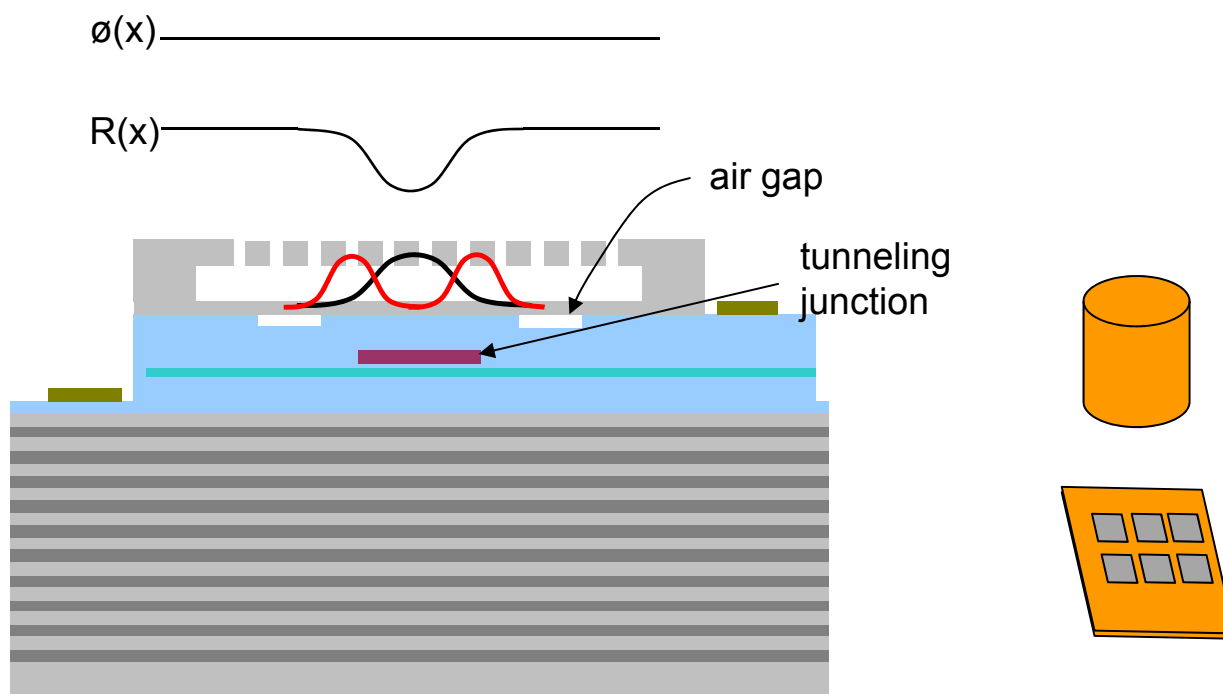


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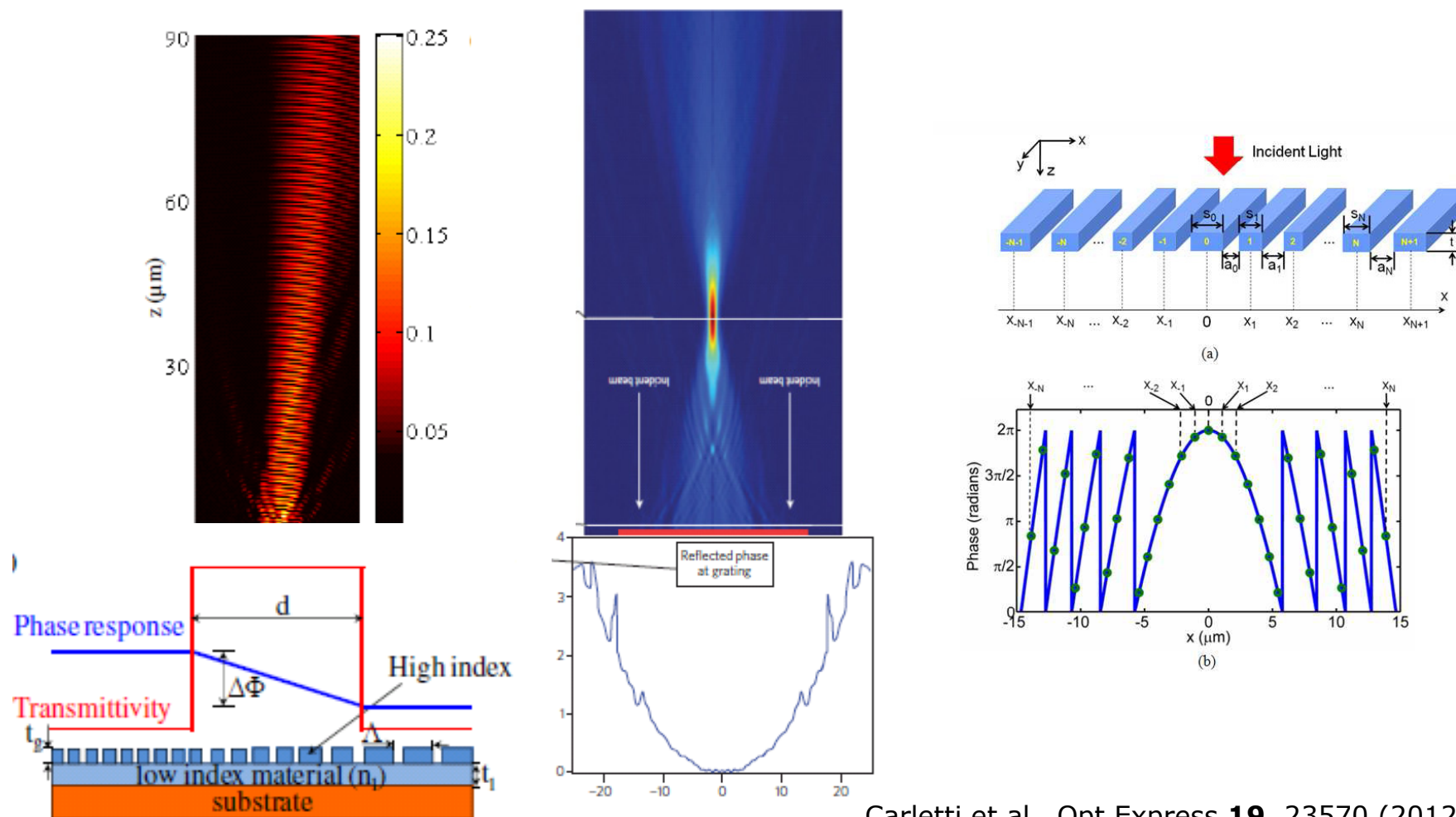
Proposed monolithic approach



Modulation of phase profile

Engineering phase profile while keeping reflectivity profile constant.

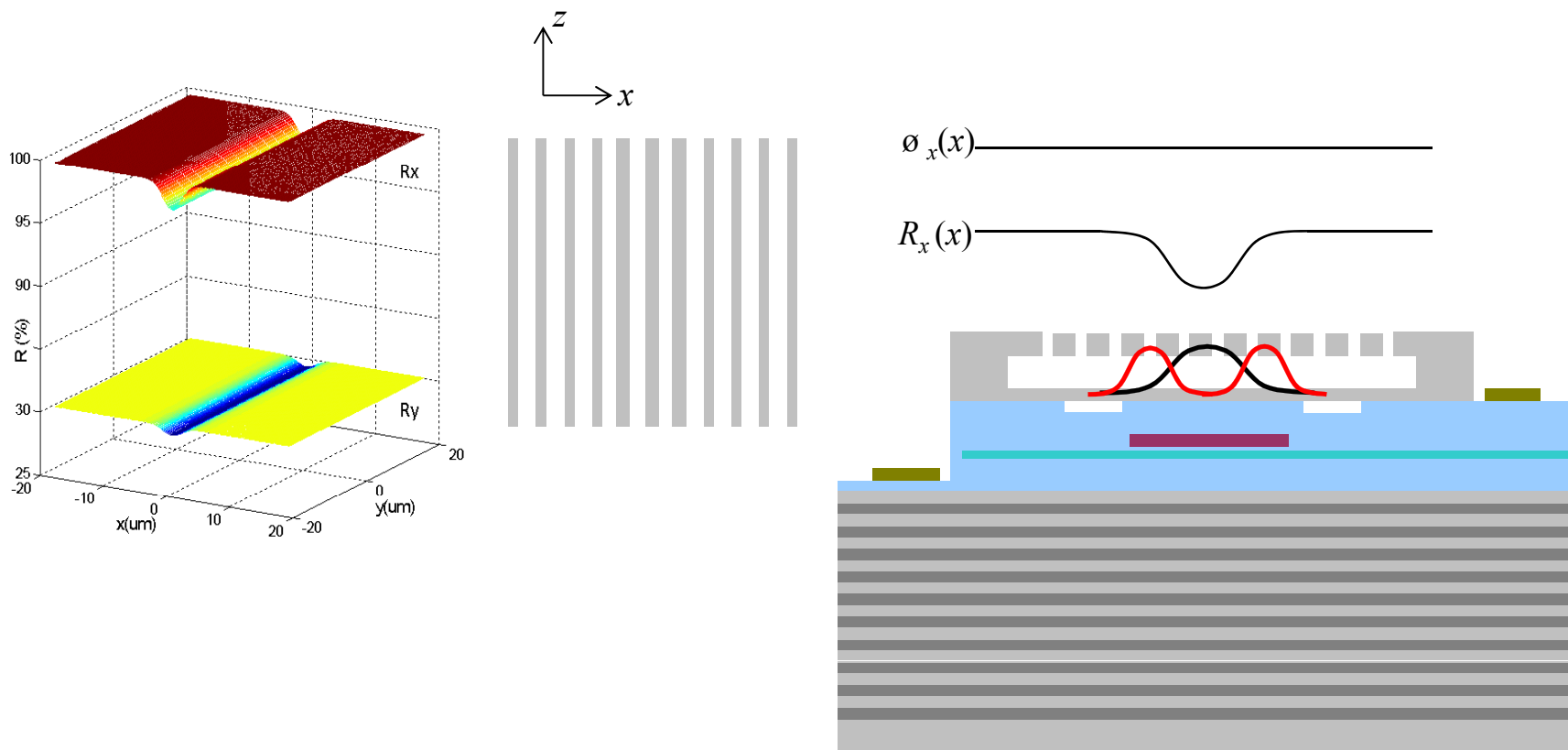
Local phase and reflectivity is determined by local grating parameters.



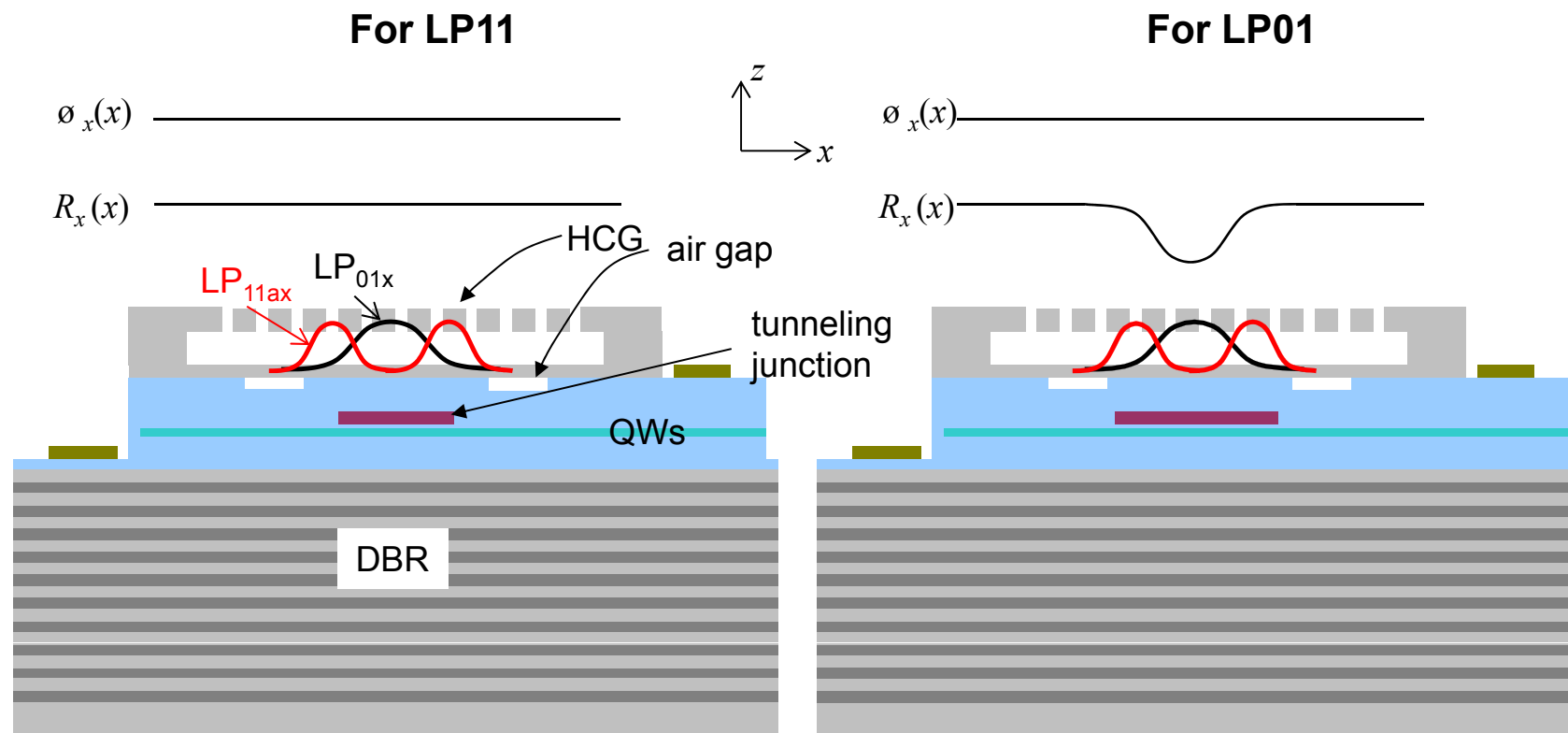
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Modulation of reflectivity profile

Idea: Controlling local R profile while keeping phase profile.

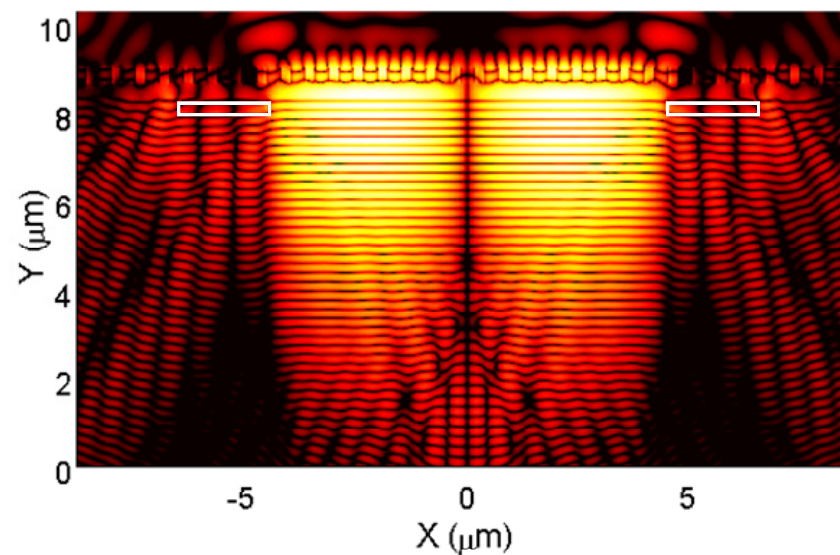
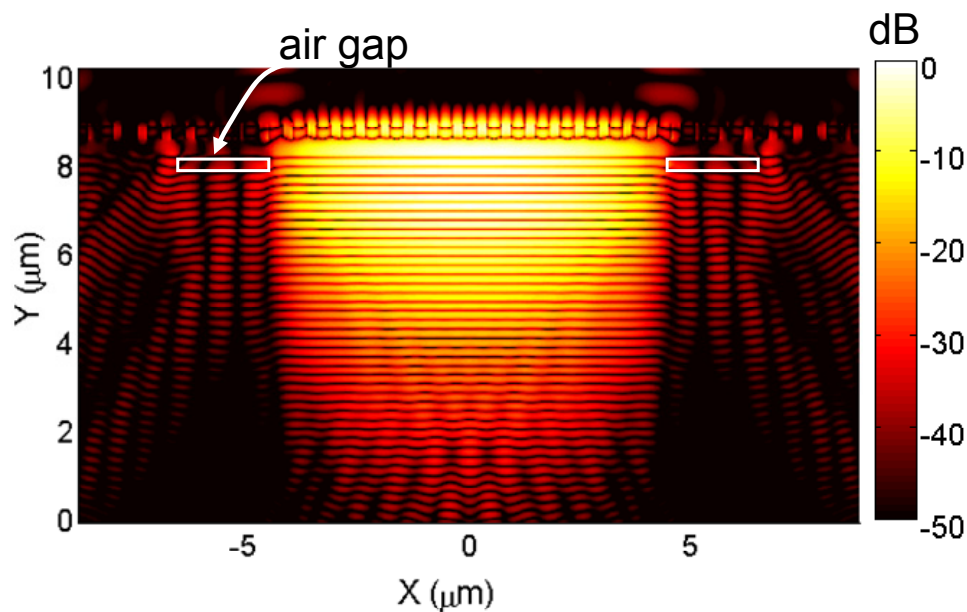


Proposed way

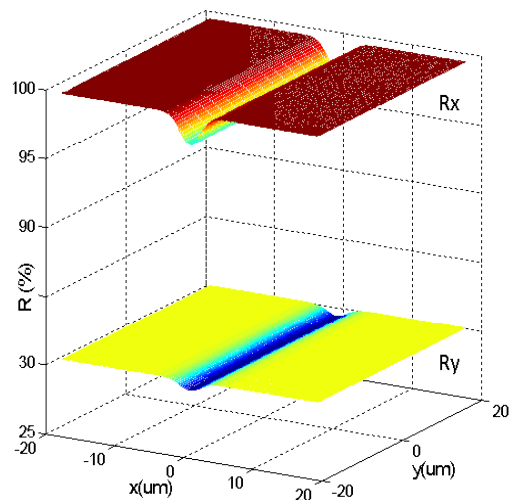


Selective pumping + k-selection

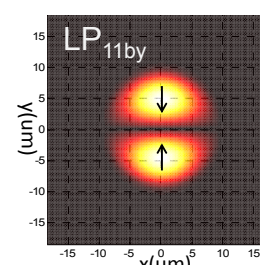
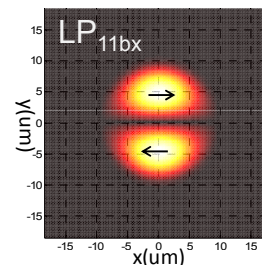
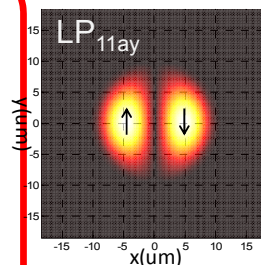
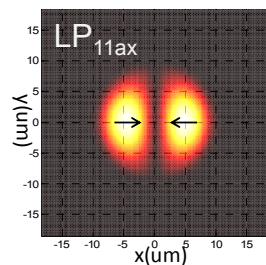
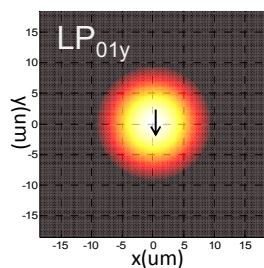
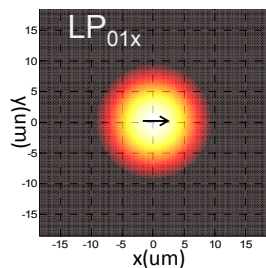
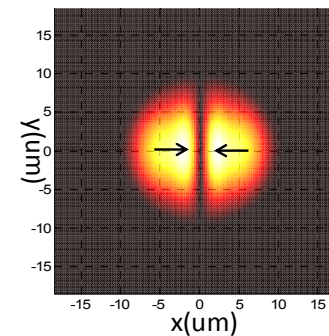
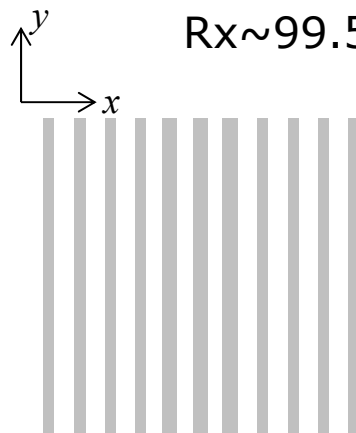
- Strongly enhanced single-mode strength
- 115% (TJ) + 65% (HCG) = 215% (HCG TJ)
- The HCG region is much larger than the optical modes.
- Selective pumping + inherent HCG mode selection brings synergy.



Selecting LP01ax



$R_x \sim 99.5\%$, $R_y \sim 30\%$



R_{mod} 98.8 %

30.1 %

99.5 %

30.3 %

98.7 %

30.0 %

g_{th} 990 cm^{-1}

73598 cm^{-1}

559 cm^{-1}

73193 cm^{-1}

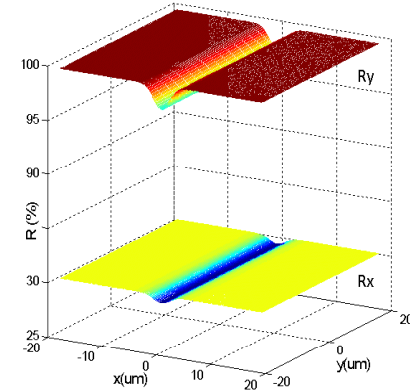
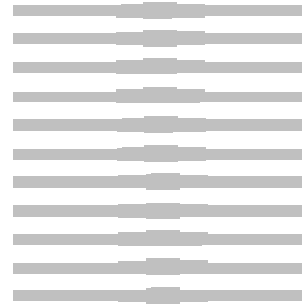
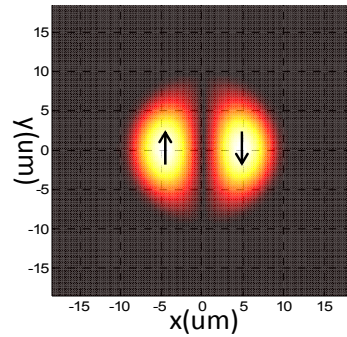
1052 cm^{-1}

73801 cm^{-1}

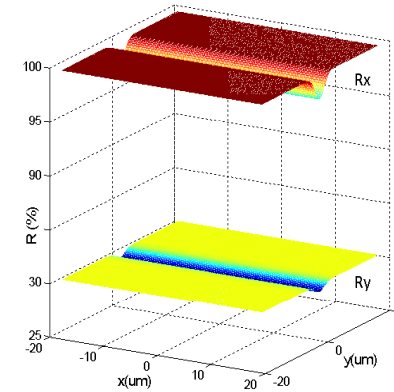
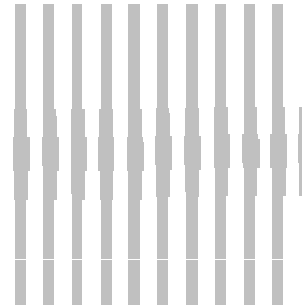
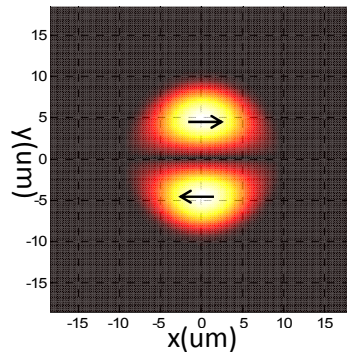
S=77%

Selecting other LP01 modes

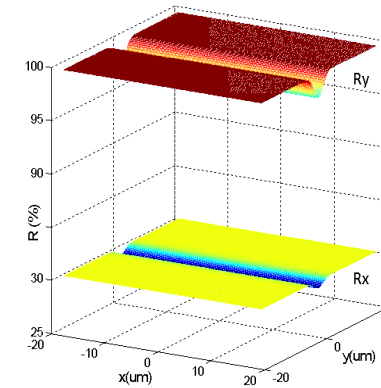
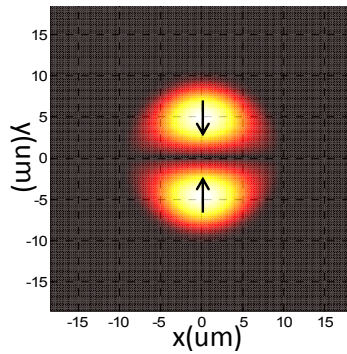
LP_{ay}



LP_{bx}



LP_{by}



Summary

- Shaping reflectivity profile of a HCG VCSEL enables to selectively emit LP01 modes
 - Moderate single mode operation for LP01 modes
 - Very strong single-mode operation for LP11 modes
- Possibility of combining beam tilting