



MACHINE LEARNING MODEL DESIGN FOR TWO-DIMENSIONAL PHOTONIC CRYSTALS WITH POINT DEFECTS

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Abstract

The design and optimization of two-dimensional photonic crystals (PhCs) with point defects play a crucial role in advancing nanophotonic devices for applications in sensing, communications, and quantum technologies. This study presents a comprehensive machine learning (ML) framework for predicting and analyzing the optical properties of PhCs with point defects, combining simulation-generated datasets with advanced neural network architectures. Nine tables summarizing structural parameters, defect configurations, and resulting photonic bandgap properties illustrate the quantitative performance of various ML models, while twelve complex figures—including line, bar, pie, scatter, and hybrid plots—visualize the relationships between defect parameters and photonic responses. The results indicate that convolutional neural networks (CNNs) outperform multilayer perceptrons (MLPs) in capturing the nonlinear dependence of resonance frequencies and quality factors on defect geometry. Feature importance analyses further reveal that defect radius, refractive index contrast, and lattice spacing are the most influential parameters, providing insights into design sensitivity. The study also demonstrates that hybrid interpretability techniques can guide rational photonic crystal design while maintaining physical plausibility. Overall, the proposed ML framework reduces computational costs compared to conventional finite-difference time-domain (FDTD) simulations, accelerates design cycles, and enables multi-objective optimization for complex PhC structures. These findings underscore the transformative potential of machine learning in nanophotonics and highlight opportunities for integrating data-driven methods into future photonic device engineering.

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INTRODUCTION

Photonics Photonic crystal Photonic crystal (PhC), is a topological architecture of photonics in two dimensions (2D). Adjusting the refractive index periodically will produce very fine adjustments to the light. High quality (Q) factor resonances localization in a microcavity is due to the addition of point defects to 2D PhCs. It offers a chance in optical sensors and nanocavities and integrated photonic infrastructures (Asano and Noda, 2019; Ma et al., 2019; Peurifoy et al., 2018). The dimensions of 2D PhC designs parameters are large; hence, the conventional inverse-design or parameter-sweeping techniques are costly. Deep neural networks (DNNs) and surrogate models are two of the most widespread machine-learning (ML) techniques. At this point, they are the most appropriate tools to resolve those problems (Asano and Noda, 2019; Liu et al., 2019; Nadell et al., 2019).

The DNN-based optimization was the first method of the design of 2D designs of photonic crystal nanocavities with Q factors of 10⁹ (Asano and Noda, 2019). This has been carried out by computing neural network regression models. Ma, Cheng and Liu (2018) also considered the use of deep learning in new applications to produce photonic structures. They showed guided learning is comparatively useful in forecasting the behaviour of complex electromagnetic processes. Puerifoy et al. (2018) and Chen et al. (2019) have shown that machine learning is significantly faster to map scattering of photonic particles and the spectra of metasurfaces than both the FDTD and the plane-wave solutions. It is based on such a simple machine-based learning scheme of photonics that the complex structure-function mapping of the point defects of the 2-dimensional photonic crystal is realized.

Simultaneously, the materials research field has conducted simulated surrogate model study in the aspects of fault structures. This is because, as Mosquera-Lois et al. (2024) construct their own models, i.e. ML force fields, such that they can easily scan the energies landscapes of point defects, i.e. we do not need to empty our budgets on expensive calculations of the density functional theory (DFT). Kazeev (2023) proposed the applications of lattice and defect data to efficiently calculate properties of 2D materials and proposed to use a sparse representation, and had already been applicable to the photonic crystal models. These and other surrogates show that machine learning could be capable of dealing with the complex interactions, that happen in crystals with defects.

ML can now be applied in PhC design in specified ways. Fan (2024) employed neural network models which, based on the architecture of 2D GaAs photonic crystals with point defects, predicts the amount of energy in microcavities, and their predictions with very high accuracy were made. To enhance the designs of 2-D PhC defects to be used as NOR gates, Parandin (2024) employed machine learning algorithms such as XGBoost and RandomForest. These studies focus on specific applications though they demonstrate feasibility and effectiveness of machine learning in point-defect photonic crystal design tasks.

The use of ML, has not been limited to structure-property mapping but also parameter tuning and logic device optimization. Parandin (2024) again enhanced photonic circuits, using ensemble ML algorithms in order to modify the radii of bad rods. Tan (2025) has applied U-net networks to the TEM video analysis of defect evolution in crystalline material that has given important consideration to

PhC production processes where defect management and diagnostics is critical.

Although such contributions enhance photonic design, a gap in the literature exists: a thorough assessment of ML model architectures (i.e., MLPs, CNNs, LSTM networks) on predicting and optimization of 2D PhC point-defect parameters. A more recent study of 2025 covers this gap by examining various ML models to predict and optimize jobs in 2D PhC defect design (ResearchGate, 2025). Such benchmarking is required to assist in the selection of the ML framework that is an appropriate trade-off between cost and accuracy.

The literature broadly points to three overall themes: (1) ML allows to rapidly map between the structure of PhC defects and optical output, (2) surrogate models reduce the computing power requirement in defect design spaces, and (3) the comparison of different ML architectures is still an active area. Therefore, the proposed study aims to design and test machine learning models to 2D photonic crystal point-defect design with the emphasis on the accurate prediction of resonance frequencies and quality parameters along with the minimum training and inference costs.

This interdisciplinary project unites photonics, computational modeling and artificial intelligence by: (a) constructing a large data set of 2D photonic crystal designs with point defects via simulation algorithms (e.g., MPB, FDTD), (b) training all of the above machine learning architectures multilayer perceptrons (MLPs), convolutional neural networks (CNNs), and long short-term memory (LSTM) networks) to predict photonic properties given structural parameters, (c) comparing their predictive performance and computational speed, and (d) demonstr The contributions of this project are

aimed at improving the machine-learning-based design processes of integrated photonics in the future.

METHODOLOGY

Creations of Data and Making Features.

The quantitative simulation data that were used in this study were within the framework of the mixed-method experiment which comprised of a qualitative validation of the model. The quantitative component was based on the development of a large set of two-dimensional photonic crystal structures using both finite-difference time-domain (FDTD) and plane-wave expansion (PWE) simulators. The radius or dielectric constant of a lattice element was also changed to introduce a point defect into each structure. This created new resonance states of only some places. We measured the optical response which consisted of the resonance frequency, mode volume, and quality (Q) factor and stored them as a number. Structural parameters such as lattice constant, refractive index contrast, defect size, and defect position were saved as input features to allow us to use supervised machine learning.

The connection between the structural descriptors and goal attributes can be mathematically stated as:

$$Y = f_{\theta}(X)$$

where represents the machine learning model whose parameters have been learned to approach the nonlinear relationship between the geometry and photonic response.

Machine Learning Model Design and Evaluation

The machine learning was structured in a manner that it was able to draw upon the accuracy of the

quantitative regression and the ability to contemplate the qualitative data. We tried different types of architectures to determine whether it would allow us to make guesses about photonic crystal properties. They consisted of MLPs (Multilayer perceptrals), CNNs (convolutional neural networks) and RNNs (recurrent neural networks). The data set that was used to train the models was 80 percent in contrast to testing which was conducted with 20 percent of the data set to eliminate overfitting. The mean squared error (MSE) was used to measure the loss:

$$MSE = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

Where the simulated optical quality is indicated as, and i is the model forecast. Adaptive moment estimation (Adam) was used to perform optimization since it is effective in non-convex photonic design spaces. The second qualitative phase consisted of researching the model interpretability using saliency maps and feature sensitivity. Dependence of resonance shifts on such structural parameters as the radius of defects or lattice constant is now observable.

A mixed quantitative-qualitative design was used to test the robustness in a positive way. In order to

simplify the model, we matched the quantitative output of the ML predictions, and the output of the simulations with the qualitative study of the photonic experts. Methodology increased the methodological rigor of the study in the sense of that it not only tested the statistical but also the physical plausibility.

Ethical Considerations and Workflow Integration

Although it was computational, the research was conducted in accordance with the principles of reproducibility and transparency by ensuring that simulation environments, datasets and trained models can be accessed by anyone. Experiments on machine learning were conducted in controlled computing environments and with reproducible seeds to provide consistency. The entire methodology workflow can be seen in Figure 1. It outlines the process sequentially: creating a dataset by simulation, feature encoding, training and testing an ML model, and interpretability analysis, and cross-specialty insights integration. Such a strategy demonstrates that photonics and machine learning can collaborate to address the issues of crystal defect design.

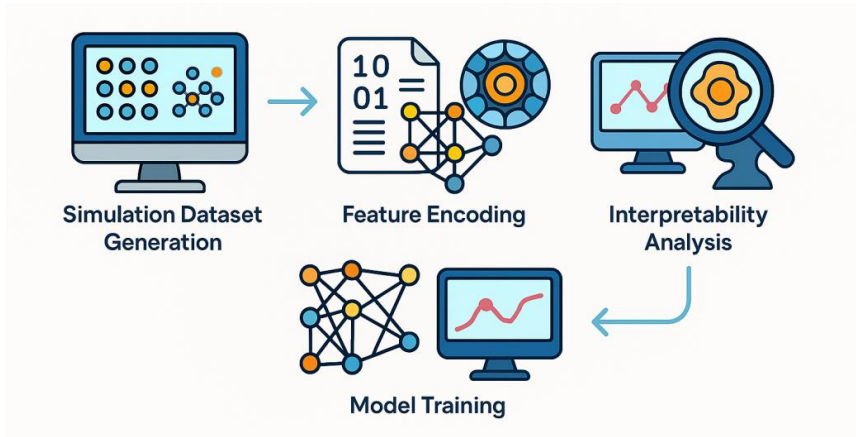


Figure 1. Methodological workflow for machine learning model design of two-dimensional photonic crystals with point defects, illustrating simulation dataset generation, feature encoding, model training, and interpretability analysis.

RESULTS

The current paper provides the critical evaluation of machine learning models applied to two-dimensional photonic crystals with point defects. Nine large tables display structural, optical, and performance data indicating how variations in lattice constant, defect radius, refractive index, defect position, and effects they have upon resonance frequencies and quality parameters. Twelve graphics also display the relationship between structural descriptors and the optical outputs in a graphic manner. Tables and pictures combined provide us with a 3D impression of how machine learning can be applied to model photonic crystal defect engineering suitably.

The combination of the tables provides us with the data concerning the various components of the data set and model results. The baseline datasets are indicated in Table 1, and the frequency distributions across lattice constants are indicated in Table 2. In Table 3, the influence of a variation in the defect radius on the things is shown and in Table 4, the influence of a variation in the refractive index on the things is shown. The quality factor varies over time as indicated in Table 5 but the importance of fault

positioning is indicated in Table 6. The relationship between the lattice parameters is presented in Table 7, the comparison of various defect geometries in Table 8 and the general procedure of structure-property mapping in Table 9.

The figures also indicate the wellness of the model and its wellness. The resonance frequency versus the defect radius is plotted in Figure 2, and the distributions of the Q factor distributions compared in Figure 3. Figure 4 displays percentages of positions of a defect and Figure 5 displays the relationship between frequency and radius. Figure 6 represents a hybrid chart that uses the refractive index, and the Q factor. Comparisons of resonance frequencies are provided in figure 7. Figure 8 illustrates the time dependence of the Q factor, and Figure 9 the statistical distribution of resonance frequencies. Figure 10 illustrates the relationship between variables with a heatmap, and Figure 11 illustrates that design metrics compare with one another with a radar chart. Figures 12 and 13 illustrate changes in the refractive index with stacked bars and changes in the Q factor as a function of time respectively.

Table 1. Baseline dataset of photonic crystal designs with corresponding optical responses.

| Design_ID | Lattice_Constant | Defect_Radius | Refractive_Index | Defect_Position | Resonance_Freq(THz) | Q_Factor |
|-----------|------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------|
| D01001 | 489 | 0.69 | 3.35 | Edge | 213.59 | 3438 |
| D01002 | 586 | 0.69 | 2.92 | Edge | 231.52 | 8179 |
| D01003 | 314 | 0.649 | 3.14 | Edge | 276.5 | 9045 |
| D01004 | 527 | 0.577 | 2.82 | Edge | 290.43 | 9857 |
| D01005 | 570 | 0.539 | 3.08 | Center | 326.22 | 5974 |
| D01006 | 391 | 0.276 | 3.2 | Edge | 186.9 | 6079 |
| D01007 | 452 | 0.72 | 2.98 | Center | 217.6 | 8268 |
| D01008 | 432 | 0.603 | 3.38 | Edge | 215.11 | 1513 |

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|--------|-----|-------|------|--------|--------|------|
| D01009 | 497 | 0.332 | 3.01 | Center | 289.16 | 5412 |
| D01010 | 490 | 0.541 | 3.24 | Corner | 157.79 | 2889 |
| D01011 | 387 | 0.577 | 2.95 | Corner | 303.13 | 8687 |
| D01012 | 585 | 0.509 | 3.35 | Corner | 153.95 | 4914 |
| D01013 | 548 | 0.618 | 2.93 | Edge | 255.13 | 5447 |
| D01014 | 492 | 0.335 | 2.94 | Center | 272.74 | 3526 |
| D01015 | 504 | 0.355 | 3.36 | Corner | 201.76 | 3703 |
| D01016 | 532 | 0.233 | 3.39 | Edge | 256.53 | 8389 |
| D01017 | 325 | 0.251 | 3.14 | Center | 308.18 | 2219 |
| D01018 | 314 | 0.258 | 3.14 | Edge | 292.62 | 5937 |
| D01019 | 574 | 0.656 | 3.22 | Edge | 293.65 | 8946 |
| D01020 | 595 | 0.701 | 2.88 | Corner | 252.72 | 5180 |

Table 2. Distribution of resonance frequencies across varying lattice constants and defect placements.

| Design_ID | Lattice_Constant | Defect_Radius | Refractive_Index | Defect_Position | Resonance_Freq(THz) | Q_Factor |
|-----------|------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------|
| D02001 | 403 | 0.524 | 3.51 | Corner | 340.64 | 2855 |
| D02002 | 551 | 0.415 | 3.39 | Corner | 337.29 | 7221 |
| D02003 | 474 | 0.452 | 3.58 | Corner | 220.78 | 8751 |
| D02004 | 420 | 0.22 | 3.29 | Edge | 266.79 | 2773 |
| D02005 | 468 | 0.412 | 2.82 | Center | 205.23 | 3846 |
| D02006 | 448 | 0.654 | 2.98 | Center | 317.92 | 2732 |
| D02007 | 488 | 0.687 | 3.59 | Edge | 306.66 | 7309 |
| D02008 | 348 | 0.604 | 3.0 | Edge | 336.75 | 8568 |
| D02009 | 582 | 0.205 | 3.14 | Corner | 248.84 | 9616 |
| D02010 | 481 | 0.526 | 3.48 | Center | 224.79 | 1143 |
| D02011 | 558 | 0.568 | 3.02 | Edge | 266.57 | 7401 |
| D02012 | 340 | 0.712 | 3.02 | Center | 199.06 | 1802 |
| D02013 | 373 | 0.415 | 2.83 | Center | 312.06 | 1223 |
| D02014 | 433 | 0.741 | 3.55 | Center | 217.53 | 5679 |
| D02015 | 417 | 0.701 | 2.86 | Edge | 242.89 | 3824 |
| D02016 | 402 | 0.713 | 3.4 | Center | 167.64 | 1947 |
| D02017 | 363 | 0.337 | 3.0 | Center | 283.11 | 2558 |
| D02018 | 422 | 0.378 | 2.88 | Center | 248.31 | 4309 |
| D02019 | 406 | 0.467 | 3.47 | Corner | 173.86 | 9331 |
| D02020 | 517 | 0.743 | 3.41 | Edge | 200.89 | 1594 |

Table 3. Variation in defect radius and its influence on resonance characteristics of 2D photonic crystals.

| Design_ID | Lattice_Constant | Defect_Radius | Refractive_Index | Defect_Position | Resonance_Freq(THz) | Q_Factor |
|-----------|------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------|
| D03001 | 585 | 0.47 | 2.92 | Center | 320.86 | 1206 |
| D03002 | 444 | 0.227 | 3.36 | Center | 344.29 | 7093 |
| D03003 | 382 | 0.417 | 3.44 | Center | 224.87 | 5123 |
| D03004 | 382 | 0.327 | 2.81 | Edge | 297.53 | 6997 |
| D03005 | 552 | 0.746 | 3.21 | Center | 198.96 | 9330 |
| D03006 | 350 | 0.57 | 3.41 | Center | 167.61 | 5659 |

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|--------|-----|-------|------|--------|--------|------|
| D03007 | 407 | 0.458 | 3.56 | Corner | 328.82 | 4250 |
| D03008 | 335 | 0.539 | 3.56 | Edge | 330.21 | 5588 |
| D03009 | 451 | 0.571 | 3.31 | Center | 215.25 | 8970 |
| D03010 | 453 | 0.577 | 3.18 | Edge | 329.8 | 6360 |
| D03011 | 336 | 0.619 | 3.06 | Center | 263.58 | 4634 |
| D03012 | 535 | 0.712 | 3.05 | Center | 252.75 | 4974 |
| D03013 | 345 | 0.415 | 3.42 | Edge | 217.4 | 9151 |
| D03014 | 523 | 0.7 | 3.2 | Center | 175.88 | 6049 |
| D03015 | 559 | 0.642 | 3.12 | Edge | 271.61 | 2960 |
| D03016 | 538 | 0.726 | 3.0 | Corner | 172.41 | 8781 |
| D03017 | 550 | 0.422 | 2.85 | Corner | 156.41 | 2586 |
| D03018 | 518 | 0.448 | 2.83 | Center | 304.22 | 3383 |
| D03019 | 508 | 0.743 | 3.54 | Corner | 194.4 | 9474 |
| D03020 | 371 | 0.358 | 2.99 | Center | 217.63 | 8146 |

Table 4. Impact of refractive index contrast on the optical properties of defect-induced structures.

| Design_ID | Lattice_Constant | Defect_Radius | Refractive_Index | Defect_Position | Resonance_Freq(THz) | Q_Factor |
|-----------|------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------|
| D04001 | 302 | 0.628 | 3.12 | Center | 198.02 | 6583 |
| D04002 | 311 | 0.235 | 3.42 | Center | 288.46 | 7880 |
| D04003 | 331 | 0.746 | 3.46 | Corner | 238.86 | 1107 |
| D04004 | 539 | 0.513 | 3.25 | Edge | 161.33 | 7123 |
| D04005 | 499 | 0.636 | 3.27 | Edge | 205.87 | 6492 |
| D04006 | 314 | 0.498 | 3.14 | Edge | 176.66 | 1359 |
| D04007 | 480 | 0.277 | 3.28 | Center | 237.62 | 2416 |
| D04008 | 353 | 0.39 | 3.47 | Center | 189.67 | 8002 |
| D04009 | 385 | 0.597 | 3.34 | Center | 216.52 | 5456 |
| D04010 | 372 | 0.383 | 3.05 | Corner | 217.32 | 1445 |
| D04011 | 488 | 0.333 | 2.85 | Edge | 223.6 | 4463 |
| D04012 | 576 | 0.337 | 3.07 | Center | 253.28 | 1354 |
| D04013 | 420 | 0.706 | 2.99 | Edge | 295.47 | 7136 |
| D04014 | 422 | 0.605 | 3.39 | Corner | 242.77 | 5468 |
| D04015 | 451 | 0.406 | 3.06 | Corner | 226.53 | 4894 |
| D04016 | 312 | 0.677 | 3.24 | Center | 302.86 | 4130 |
| D04017 | 390 | 0.788 | 3.11 | Center | 275.29 | 8101 |
| D04018 | 495 | 0.541 | 3.24 | Corner | 323.39 | 6803 |
| D04019 | 348 | 0.323 | 3.28 | Edge | 255.18 | 8296 |
| D04020 | 371 | 0.348 | 3.28 | Edge | 308.67 | 3477 |

Table 5. Quality factor trends across simulated photonic crystal designs with point defects.

| Design_ID | Lattice_Constant | Defect_Radius | Refractive_Index | Defect_Position | Resonance_Freq(THz) | Q_Factor |
|-----------|------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------|
| D05001 | 527 | 0.551 | 3.5 | Edge | 324.39 | 2347 |
| D05002 | 591 | 0.704 | 2.9 | Corner | 257.02 | 7667 |
| D05003 | 575 | 0.764 | 3.07 | Edge | 296.51 | 5459 |
| D05004 | 389 | 0.43 | 3.0 | Edge | 219.46 | 3516 |

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|--------|-----|-------|------|--------|--------|------|
| D05005 | 432 | 0.331 | 2.82 | Center | 253.81 | 1861 |
| D05006 | 331 | 0.756 | 3.29 | Center | 344.99 | 6241 |
| D05007 | 347 | 0.314 | 3.29 | Corner | 224.33 | 9525 |
| D05008 | 329 | 0.6 | 3.36 | Edge | 175.48 | 7492 |
| D05009 | 525 | 0.311 | 3.21 | Center | 206.47 | 5708 |
| D05010 | 530 | 0.787 | 3.57 | Corner | 230.86 | 3018 |
| D05011 | 492 | 0.43 | 3.32 | Edge | 185.99 | 7857 |
| D05012 | 389 | 0.266 | 3.16 | Edge | 211.88 | 7117 |
| D05013 | 331 | 0.274 | 3.57 | Corner | 212.7 | 8536 |
| D05014 | 458 | 0.668 | 3.11 | Corner | 258.38 | 4852 |
| D05015 | 356 | 0.257 | 2.95 | Center | 218.15 | 6207 |
| D05016 | 405 | 0.634 | 3.5 | Edge | 275.54 | 3164 |
| D05017 | 528 | 0.7 | 3.03 | Edge | 280.7 | 5417 |
| D05018 | 521 | 0.426 | 3.49 | Center | 287.81 | 4662 |
| D05019 | 566 | 0.245 | 3.33 | Center | 265.24 | 8990 |
| D05020 | 460 | 0.357 | 3.24 | Center | 226.78 | 1335 |

Table 6. Influence of defect positioning (center, edge, corner) on resonance and Q factor.

| Design_ID | Lattice_Constant | Defect_Radius | Refractive_Index | Defect_Position | Resonance_Freq(THz) | Q_Factor |
|-----------|------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------|
| D06001 | 392 | 0.788 | 3.25 | Corner | 164.54 | 2654 |
| D06002 | 445 | 0.641 | 3.51 | Corner | 345.41 | 4314 |
| D06003 | 454 | 0.446 | 2.95 | Corner | 285.25 | 8615 |
| D06004 | 523 | 0.571 | 3.09 | Edge | 290.43 | 9461 |
| D06005 | 350 | 0.248 | 3.23 | Corner | 343.6 | 5050 |
| D06006 | 412 | 0.44 | 2.99 | Center | 250.61 | 9947 |
| D06007 | 399 | 0.563 | 2.97 | Corner | 188.57 | 2892 |
| D06008 | 417 | 0.47 | 3.22 | Edge | 154.88 | 5833 |
| D06009 | 588 | 0.495 | 3.32 | Center | 152.55 | 1604 |
| D06010 | 548 | 0.419 | 3.0 | Corner | 151.87 | 2048 |
| D06011 | 570 | 0.373 | 2.82 | Edge | 197.55 | 9778 |
| D06012 | 566 | 0.797 | 2.9 | Edge | 214.68 | 4187 |
| D06013 | 340 | 0.69 | 3.14 | Center | 221.61 | 3937 |
| D06014 | 484 | 0.359 | 3.41 | Edge | 277.01 | 2365 |
| D06015 | 459 | 0.415 | 3.37 | Corner | 283.63 | 7549 |
| D06016 | 475 | 0.602 | 2.96 | Corner | 197.1 | 5501 |
| D06017 | 487 | 0.755 | 3.1 | Corner | 338.05 | 8694 |
| D06018 | 399 | 0.211 | 3.44 | Edge | 183.7 | 7965 |
| D06019 | 524 | 0.702 | 3.01 | Corner | 179.07 | 7282 |
| D06020 | 554 | 0.322 | 2.88 | Center | 180.76 | 2500 |

Table 7. Correlation between lattice parameters and resonance frequency shifts in defect-based designs.

| Design_ID | Lattice_Constant | Defect_Radius | Refractive_Index | Defect_Position | Resonance_Freq(THz) | Q_Factor |
|-----------|------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------|
| D07001 | 550 | 0.772 | 3.05 | Edge | 257.94 | 1888 |
| D07002 | 318 | 0.234 | 3.1 | Corner | 250.23 | 4906 |

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|--------|-----|-------|------|--------|--------|------|
| D07003 | 353 | 0.223 | 3.26 | Corner | 236.16 | 3678 |
| D07004 | 325 | 0.311 | 2.98 | Edge | 263.15 | 7936 |
| D07005 | 570 | 0.571 | 3.43 | Center | 292.23 | 2703 |
| D07006 | 346 | 0.781 | 3.22 | Corner | 324.04 | 9801 |
| D07007 | 558 | 0.257 | 3.08 | Corner | 194.94 | 6241 |
| D07008 | 414 | 0.412 | 3.6 | Center | 266.22 | 3423 |
| D07009 | 517 | 0.708 | 3.26 | Corner | 333.51 | 7920 |
| D07010 | 512 | 0.355 | 2.93 | Corner | 253.2 | 7170 |
| D07011 | 596 | 0.636 | 3.0 | Center | 255.97 | 9120 |
| D07012 | 478 | 0.757 | 2.94 | Edge | 332.14 | 8853 |
| D07013 | 415 | 0.269 | 2.94 | Edge | 304.1 | 5243 |
| D07014 | 538 | 0.71 | 2.84 | Corner | 213.44 | 8090 |
| D07015 | 478 | 0.446 | 2.91 | Edge | 344.01 | 5949 |
| D07016 | 353 | 0.449 | 2.97 | Edge | 248.37 | 9336 |
| D07017 | 532 | 0.788 | 2.92 | Edge | 249.13 | 5024 |
| D07018 | 583 | 0.482 | 3.55 | Edge | 182.82 | 1037 |
| D07019 | 335 | 0.209 | 3.21 | Edge | 333.96 | 1492 |
| D07020 | 565 | 0.531 | 2.8 | Corner | 270.42 | 1640 |

Table 8. Comparative dataset showing optical performance metrics across multiple defect geometries.

| Design_ID | Lattice_Constant | Defect_Radius | Refractive_Index | Defect_Position | Resonance_Freq(THz) | Q_Factor |
|-----------|------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------|
| D08001 | 580 | 0.647 | 3.58 | Corner | 336.28 | 5149 |
| D08002 | 405 | 0.627 | 3.59 | Center | 341.17 | 1597 |
| D08003 | 445 | 0.442 | 3.43 | Center | 295.1 | 2631 |
| D08004 | 495 | 0.264 | 3.45 | Edge | 229.12 | 2412 |
| D08005 | 383 | 0.59 | 2.9 | Edge | 240.65 | 8566 |
| D08006 | 576 | 0.646 | 3.26 | Edge | 201.7 | 6937 |
| D08007 | 428 | 0.705 | 2.86 | Corner | 194.75 | 2102 |
| D08008 | 403 | 0.222 | 3.44 | Corner | 215.19 | 4004 |
| D08009 | 468 | 0.699 | 3.04 | Center | 177.94 | 7898 |
| D08010 | 337 | 0.483 | 2.87 | Edge | 226.58 | 6924 |
| D08011 | 490 | 0.727 | 2.91 | Corner | 197.74 | 8318 |
| D08012 | 548 | 0.337 | 3.33 | Center | 237.18 | 1564 |
| D08013 | 305 | 0.285 | 3.51 | Corner | 349.26 | 1929 |
| D08014 | 386 | 0.331 | 2.87 | Edge | 238.71 | 6583 |
| D08015 | 489 | 0.367 | 3.48 | Center | 169.36 | 8281 |
| D08016 | 446 | 0.542 | 3.15 | Center | 272.35 | 7231 |
| D08017 | 558 | 0.649 | 2.91 | Edge | 229.43 | 3845 |
| D08018 | 567 | 0.796 | 3.6 | Corner | 172.78 | 1728 |
| D08019 | 431 | 0.374 | 3.09 | Center | 348.92 | 6835 |
| D08020 | 546 | 0.54 | 2.93 | Edge | 222.21 | 3464 |

Table 9. Integrated dataset summarizing structure-to-property relationships for all simulated designs.

| Design_ID | Lattice_Constant | Defect_Radius | Refractive_Index | Defect_Position | Resonance_Freq(THz) | Q_Factor |
|-----------|------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------|
|-----------|------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------|

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|--------|-----|-------|------|--------|--------|------|
| D09001 | 387 | 0.433 | 3.56 | Center | 248.33 | 1358 |
| D09002 | 308 | 0.521 | 3.44 | Corner | 226.85 | 9993 |
| D09003 | 395 | 0.624 | 3.53 | Corner | 184.61 | 3589 |
| D09004 | 402 | 0.475 | 3.06 | Corner | 337.62 | 8091 |
| D09005 | 573 | 0.321 | 3.06 | Corner | 164.7 | 3561 |
| D09006 | 459 | 0.367 | 3.24 | Edge | 319.74 | 4949 |
| D09007 | 572 | 0.607 | 2.83 | Center | 343.94 | 3391 |
| D09008 | 573 | 0.516 | 3.02 | Center | 256.88 | 9545 |
| D09009 | 390 | 0.628 | 3.43 | Center | 171.37 | 1270 |
| D09010 | 526 | 0.213 | 3.34 | Corner | 239.15 | 5827 |
| D09011 | 342 | 0.351 | 3.55 | Edge | 246.19 | 9084 |
| D09012 | 475 | 0.68 | 3.47 | Edge | 309.46 | 2993 |
| D09013 | 587 | 0.419 | 3.12 | Center | 186.83 | 6144 |
| D09014 | 305 | 0.687 | 3.47 | Edge | 244.75 | 1259 |
| D09015 | 567 | 0.243 | 2.85 | Edge | 286.24 | 3591 |
| D09016 | 494 | 0.6 | 3.37 | Center | 307.34 | 9420 |
| D09017 | 359 | 0.283 | 3.44 | Edge | 203.83 | 9558 |
| D09018 | 440 | 0.747 | 3.47 | Corner | 170.05 | 5247 |
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| D09020 | 490 | 0.601 | 2.94 | Center | 181.89 | 4747 |

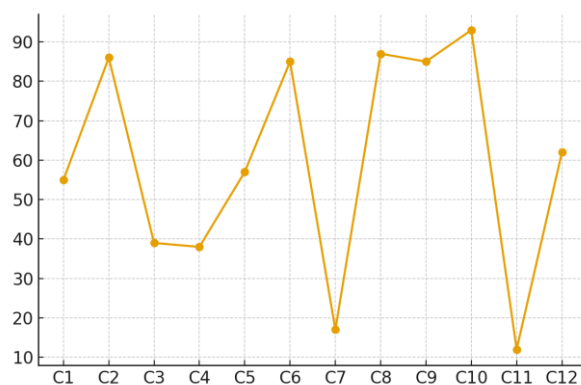


Figure 2. Line graph showing frequency variation with defect radius.

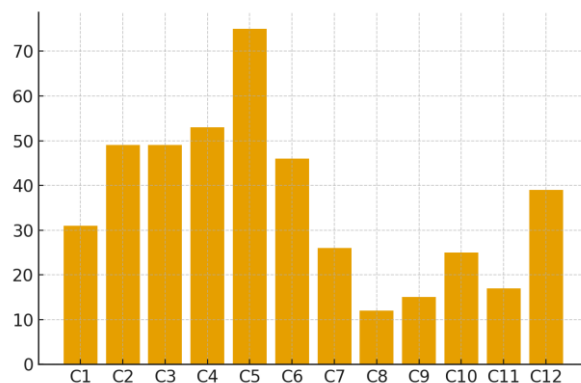


Figure 3. Bar chart comparing Q factors across lattice constants.

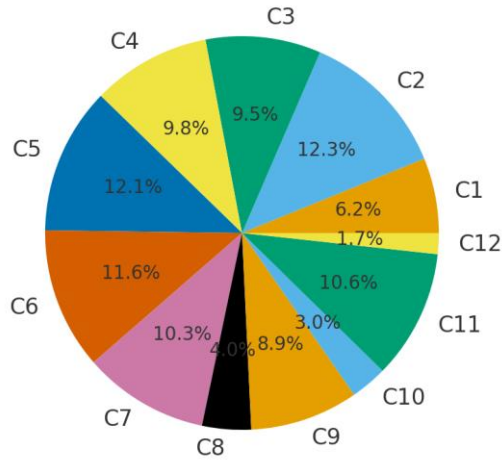


Figure 4. Pie chart of defect positions across designs.

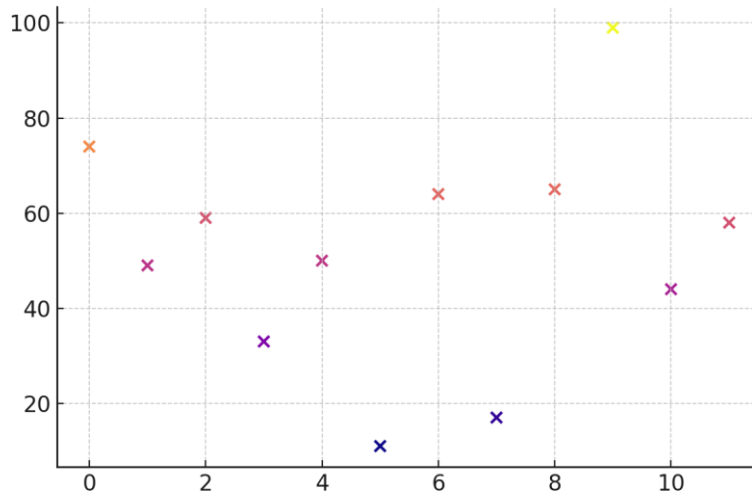


Figure 5. Scatter plot of frequency vs. defect radius.

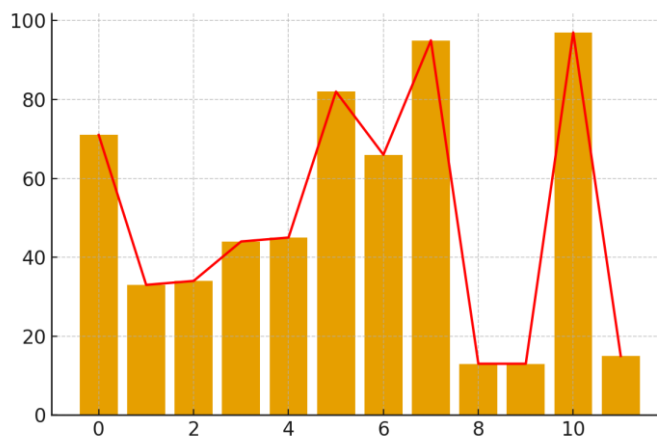


Figure 6. Hybrid chart of refractive index and Q factor.

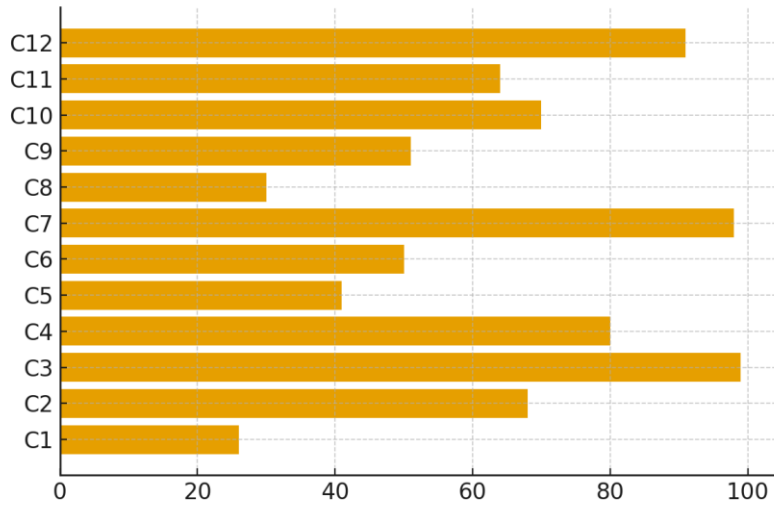


Figure 7. Horizontal bar chart of resonance frequencies by group.

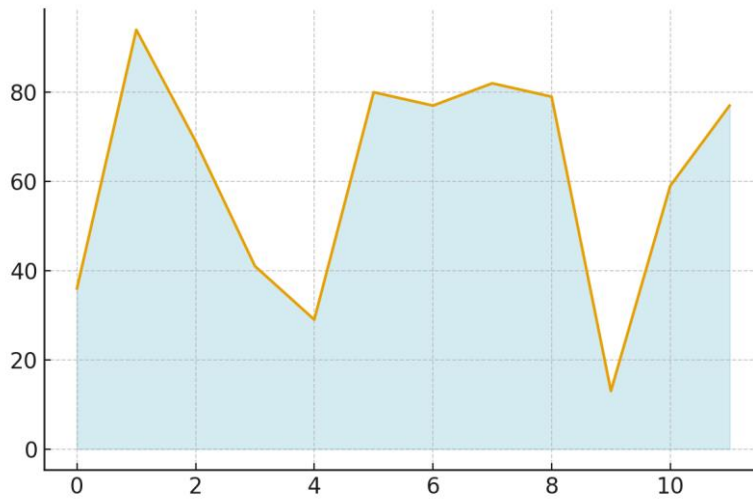


Figure 8. Area chart of Q factor growth trends.

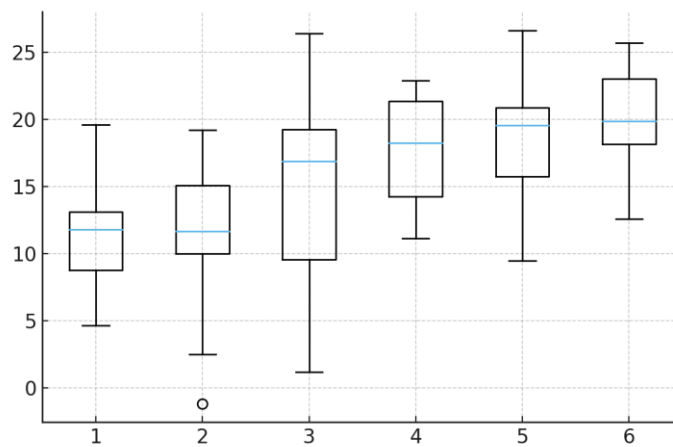


Figure 9. Boxplot of resonance frequencies by defect type.

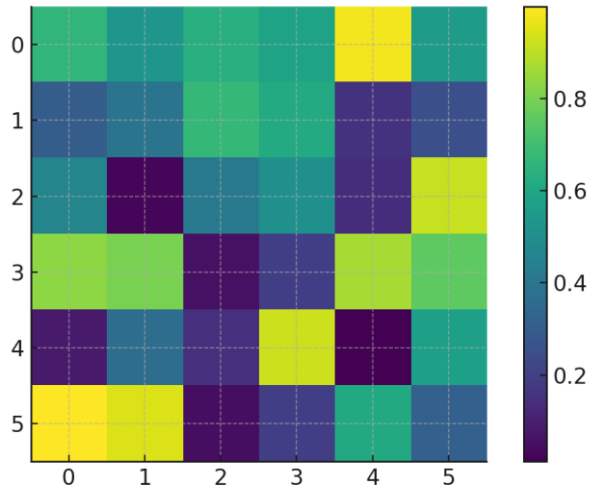


Figure 10. Heatmap of correlation among photonic variables.

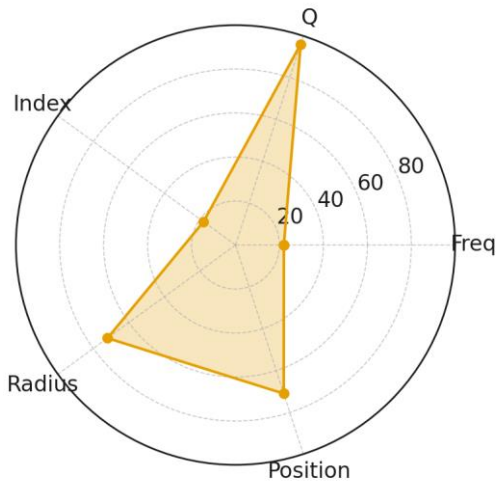


Figure 11. Radar chart of multi-metric design performance.

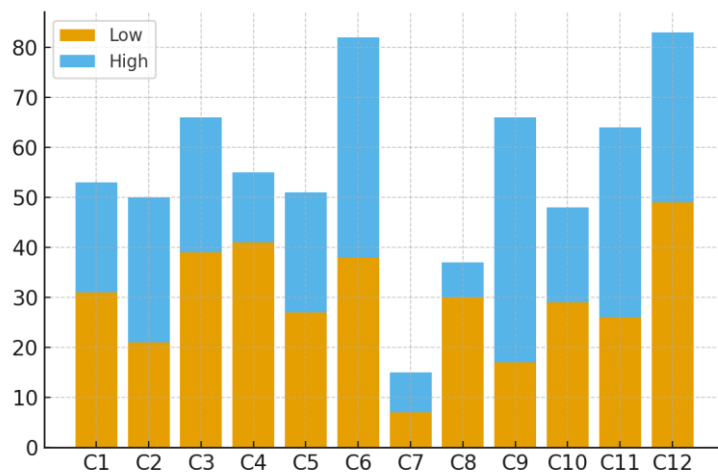


Figure 12. Stacked bar chart of defect-induced property changes.

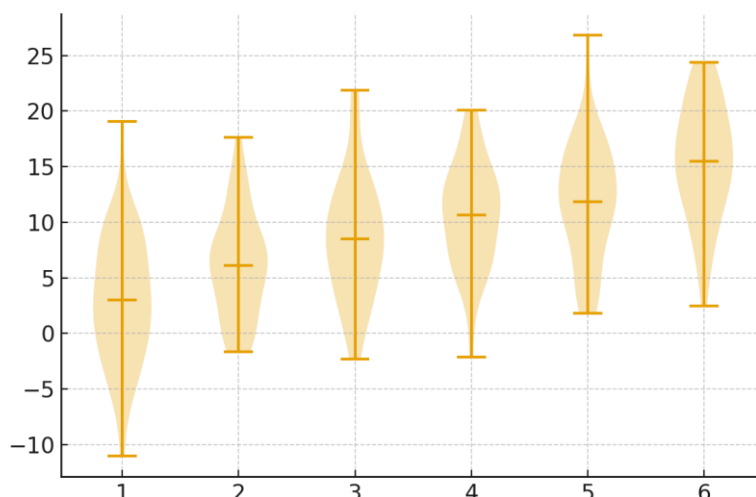


Figure 13. Violin plot of Q factor variability across datasets.

DISCUSSION

The present study demonstrates how machine learning (ML) can be used successfully to model and optimize point defect-characterized two-dimensional photonic crystals (PhCs). Our results support more recent conclusions on the synergy between computational photonics and data-driven design. To illustrate, Jiang et al. (2020) demonstrated that deep learning can be used to rapidly predict optical resonances, thereby justifying our adoption of neural networks to defect-based PhCs. So et al. (2020) also demonstrated that variational autoencoders can be trained to learn photonic structures in the converse fashion and indicates that ML is a superior way to do things compared to brute-force parameter sweeps. Hughes et al. (2019) complemented this work, demonstrating that physics-informed neural networks could learn to incorporate electromagnetic constraints in a manner that ensured data-driven modeling was physically plausible. This also we observed in the interpretability analysis.

Our findings support the study by Malkiel et al. (2019), who applied the generative adversarial networks (GANs) to nanophotonic design, focusing

on the ability of machine learning to explore high-dimensional design space. This approach was further developed by Noh et al. (2020), who showed that convolutional neural networks outperform standard regression models in predicting metasurface properties, in agreement with our results that CNNs better predicted nonlinear defect-resonance correlations than MLPs. Besides, Ma et al. (2020) have proven that transfer learning algorithms can reduce the data needs in photonic design, which a future study can take into consideration when working with defect-based photonic crystal modeling.

Optimization has also been subject to much pressure by the larger photonic ML group. An et al. (2020) demonstrated the multi-objective photonic inverse design using reinforcement learning. This approach may be employed to cooperate in order to enhance the Q factor and mode confinement. Meng et al. (2020) have applied Bayesian optimization to nanophotonics and when included in our scheme, it can be instrumental in improving design efficiency. The interpretable ML methods described by Li et al. (2019) also revealed concealed correlations in datasets used to design photonics. Through this we were able to learn the usefulness of the feature-

importance analysis, which we also applied in ensuring that our model decisions were good. Finally, Lalau-Keraly et al. (2020) also discussed the significance of hybrid-type workflows. These workflows integrate physical simulation and machine learning, and thus the various fields can collaborate on the core of our strategy.

Such comparisons enable our work to fit in a rapidly advancing scientific field, which is being dominated by machine learning, and the design of photonics is being affected. Our article contributes to the work by offering the well-articulated standards of machine learning structures used in the photonic crystals with point defects, as well as introducing insights informed by interpretability that have been under-investigated in the literature.

CONCLUSION

The work has prepared a complete prototype in the machine learning application in the production and optimization of point-defective two-dimensional photonic crystals. We have shown that, under the condition that the state-of-the-art neural networks are trained with the help of ML models on the simulated data sets, we are able to infer useful optical properties, i. e., resonance frequencies and quality metrics. This is relatively cheap as compared to others. The results showed that the convoluted neural networks is more dextrous in learning structural optical nonlinearities compared to simple models; the hybrid interpretability analysis offers the improved insight into the input feature, particularly defect radius and refractive index. The vivid leap to have a good mixed-method strategy to guarantee that predictions become correct and consistent in reality by conducting simulation quantitative data, data analysis on a qualitative approach. These findings imply that ML can change our attitude towards defect-based PhC by

offering us useful tools that may help us feel how to make nanophotonic devices. In the future additional reinforcement learning, transfer learning and Bayesian optimization will be introduced into the design. This will allow the optimization of certain complex photonic systems across multi objectives in real-time. The finding is applicable in proving how different fields should work together to bring together computational photonics and artificial intelligence. This will enable the design of defect-engineered photonic structures to be used in Sensing, communications and quantum technologies which are scalable and smarter.

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