

# Inverse Photonic Design Using Deep Learning



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# About

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# Overview

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## Key Points:

- Using deep learning to predict optical response
- Inversely approximate designs for a targeted response
- Design power splitter with high efficiency and minimum reflection

## Features:

- Minimum Reflection: 20 dB
- Transmission Efficiency: 90 %



# Setting

## Material

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Artificially engineered subwavelength nanostructure

## Applications

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1. Optics
2. Integrated Photonics
3. Sensing, Metamaterials
4. Invisibility cloak

## Purpose

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Control EM fields into specific wavefronts

## Drawbacks

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Optimization of nanostructures - computationally intensive

E.g. FDTD simulation

# Deep Learning based Inverse Design

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## Salient Features

- ❑ Models complex input-output relations
- ❑ Complex functions can be learnt in a data-driven fashion
- ❑ Uses: High energy physics, medical imaging, high energy physics

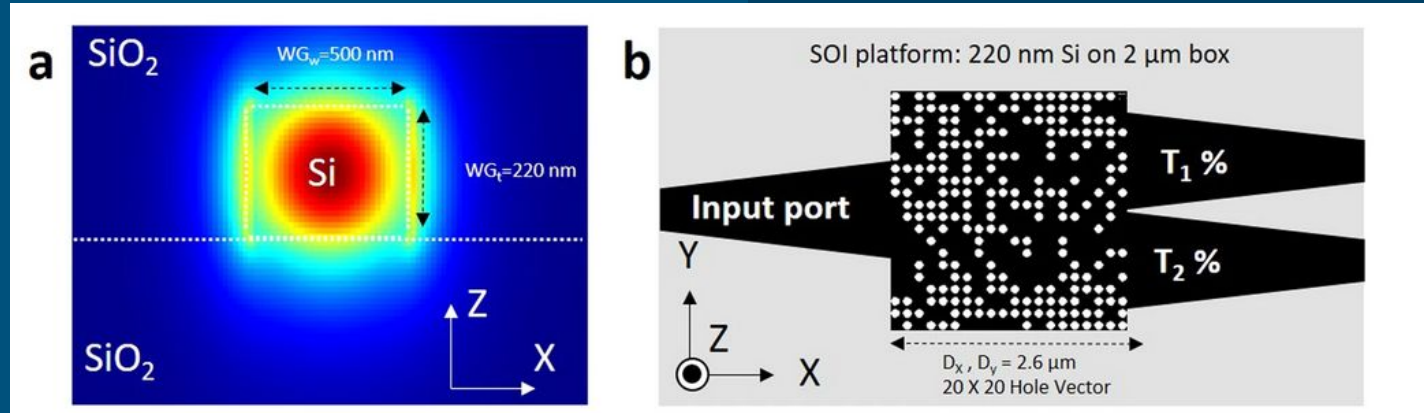
## Usage

- Forward Design: Predict the optical response of a topology
- Inverse Design: Design a topology for a target optical response

# Deep Learning for Forward Modeling to Predict Optical Response

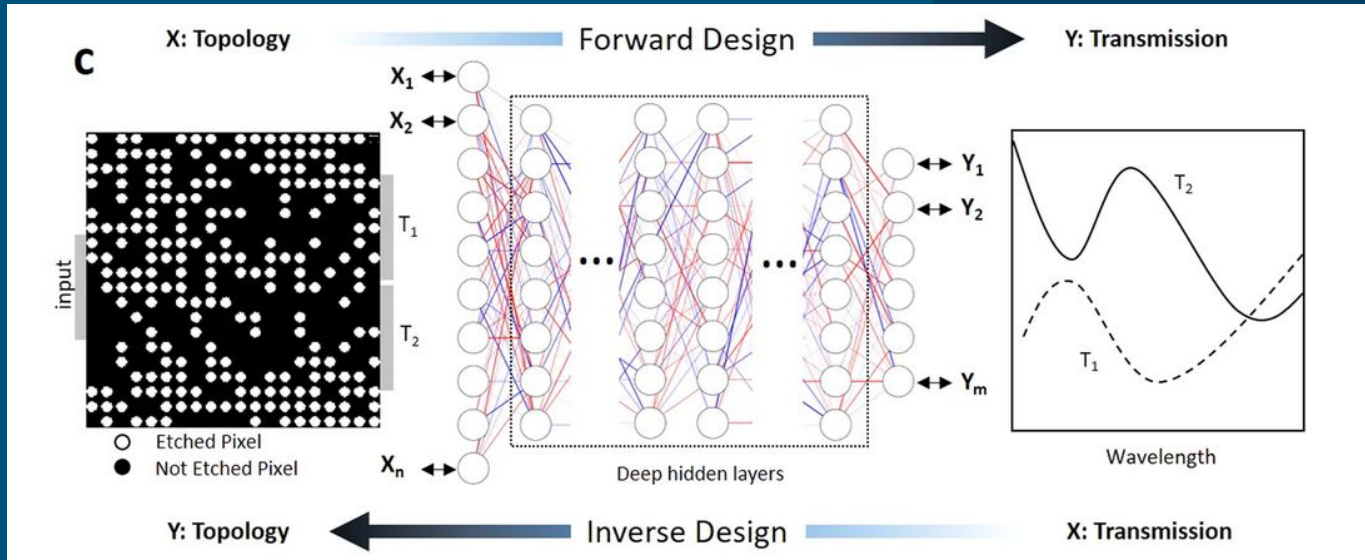
## Physics Involved

- Change in refractive index - reflection, refraction and scattering
- Scattering guides the beam to a target port



# Training the Neural Network

- Generate labeled data for training using FDTD
- Feed DNN with numerical optical experimental data
- **Input:** Binary images of hole locations
- **Output:** Spectral response at T1&T2 and reflection from R



## Pixel:

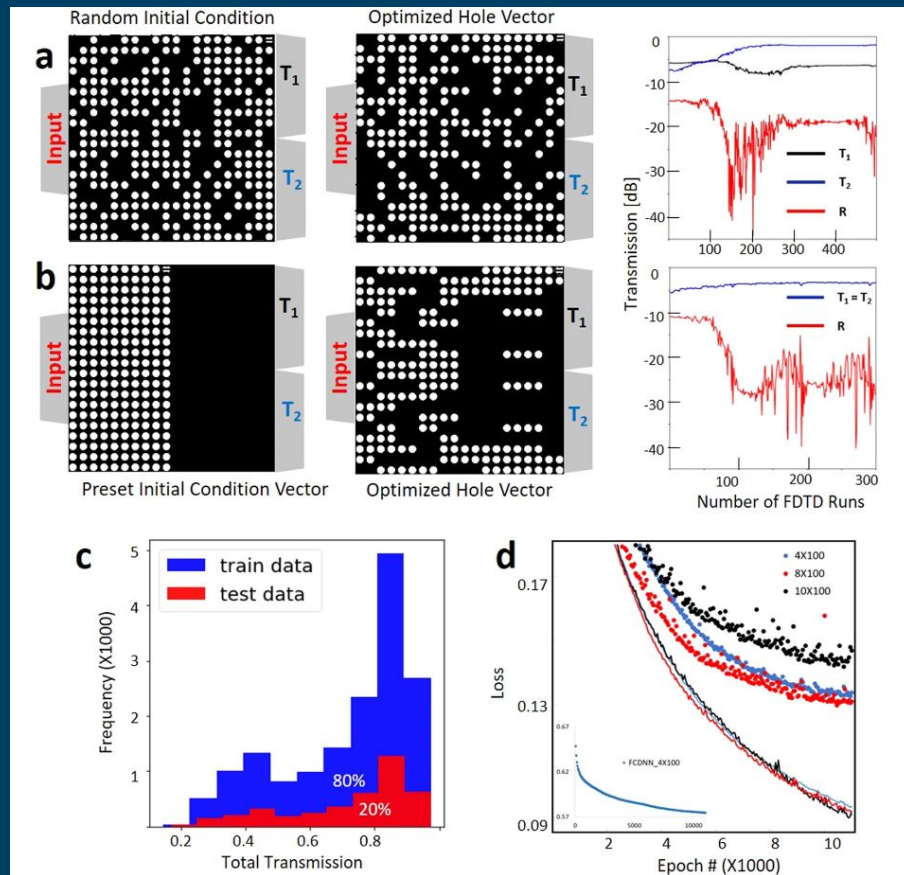
- 1 - Etched (silicon)
- 0 - Not Etched (silica)

# Training Data for supervised learning

## Optimization:

- Start with initial hole vector
- Using single stride binary search, solve  $\max \text{FOM} = \min(T_1) + \min(T_2) - \alpha \times \max(|R|)$

- 1) An asymmetric optimization ( $\alpha=2$ ) with a random initial vector
- 2) A symmetric search ( $\alpha=4$ ) with a patterned initial vector
- 3) Histogram of all transmission train and test data label
- 4) Learning curve for training (lines) and test (dots) losses



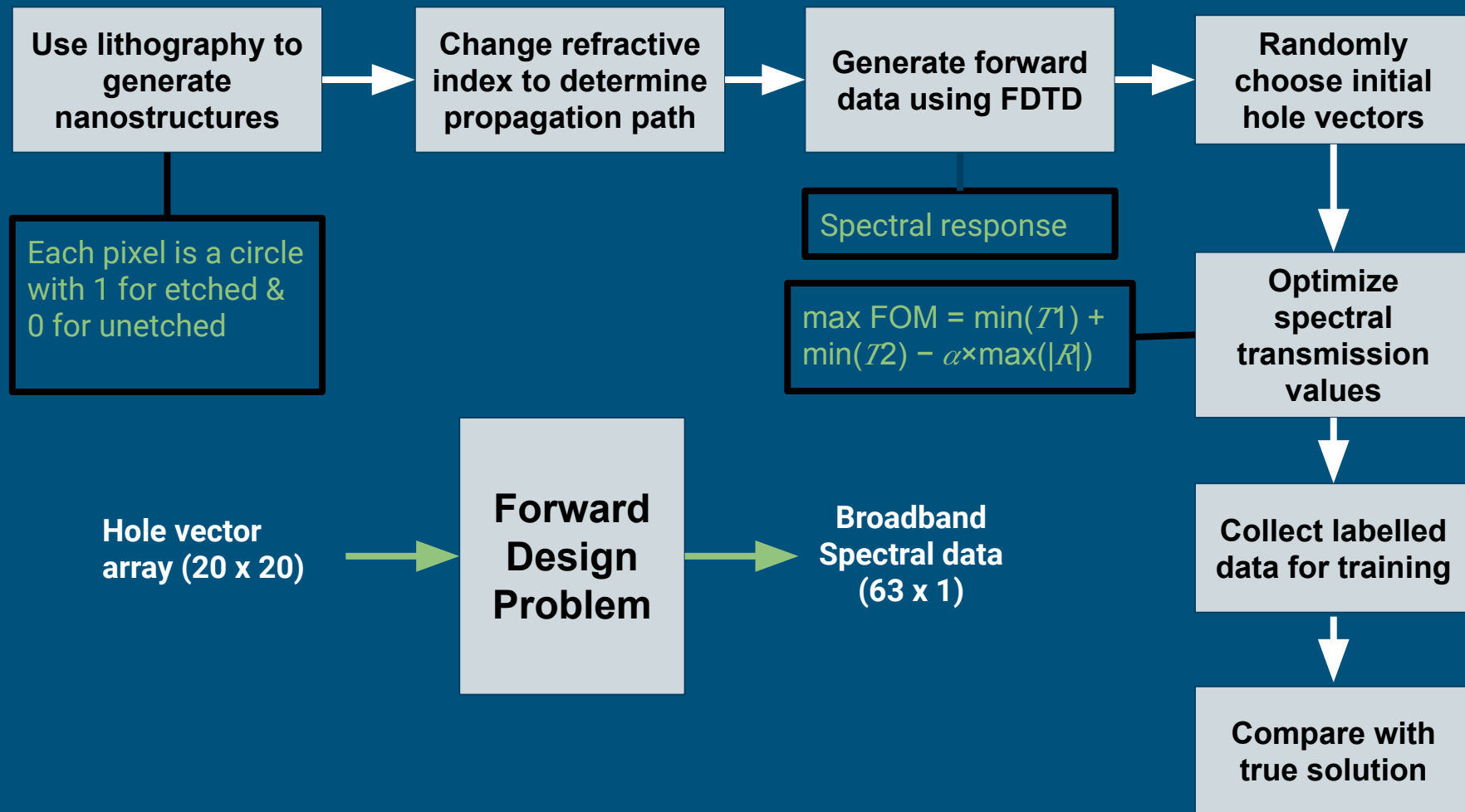


Design	Forward Model	Inverse Model
Inputs	20 × 20 HV arrays	63 x 1 SPEC vector
Type	Regression	Classification
Loss Function	Gaussian Log Likelihood	Bernoulli Log Likelihood

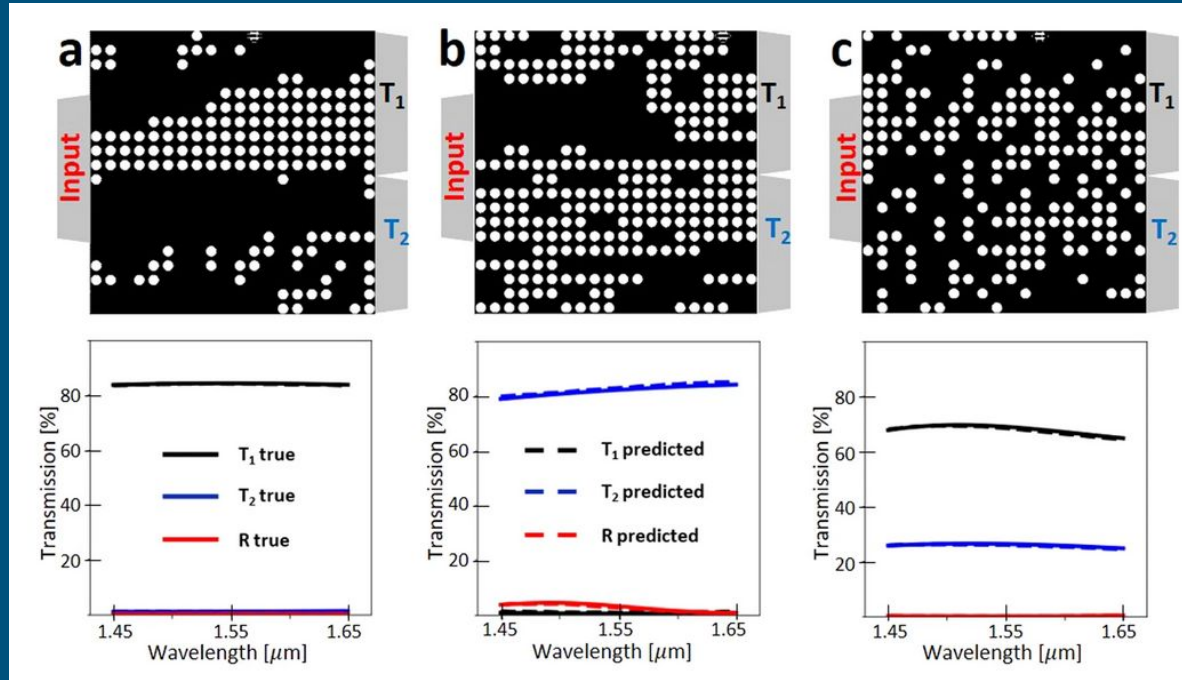
**Gaussian log-likelihood loss function:**

$$-\log P(Y|X,W) = 1/K \sum_n \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) + 1/2\sigma^2(y_n - w^T x_n)^2$$

where W denotes the model parameters, K is the number of training data



# Forward Design Results



Spectrum approximation using deep ResNet; 80% input data for training and 20% of the total data for testing. a, b, and c represent predicted spectral response of three different power splitters

**Generate broadband  
transmission values  
for each port**



**Use SPEC as the  
input data batch and  
hole vectors as  
output labels**



**Predicted HVs using  
Bernoulli classifier  
(0 or 1)**



**Classification  
converges to 1  
or 0 as loss  
reduces**



**Produced binary  
sequence fed back  
to solver**



**Run independent  
FDTD simulation  
to check validity  
of response**

**Broadband  
Transmission  
Values**

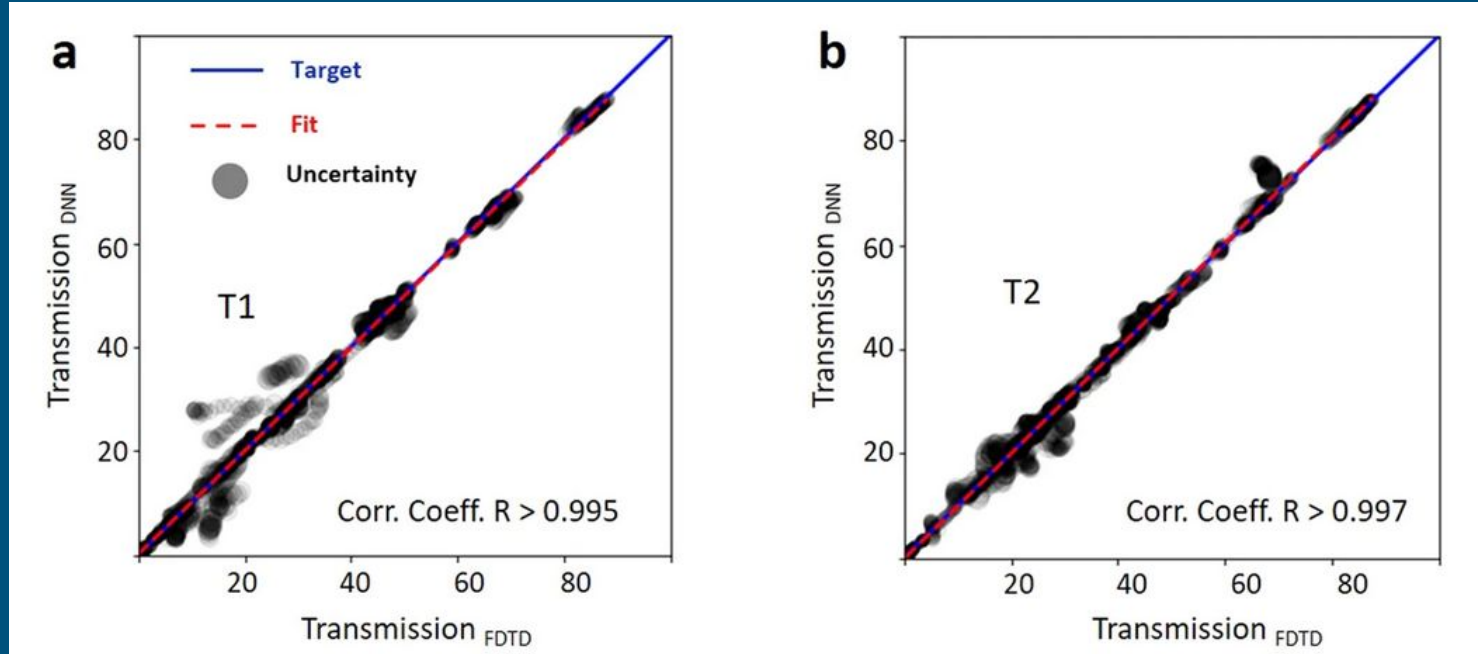


**Inverse  
Design  
Problem**



**Hole vectors  
(labels)**

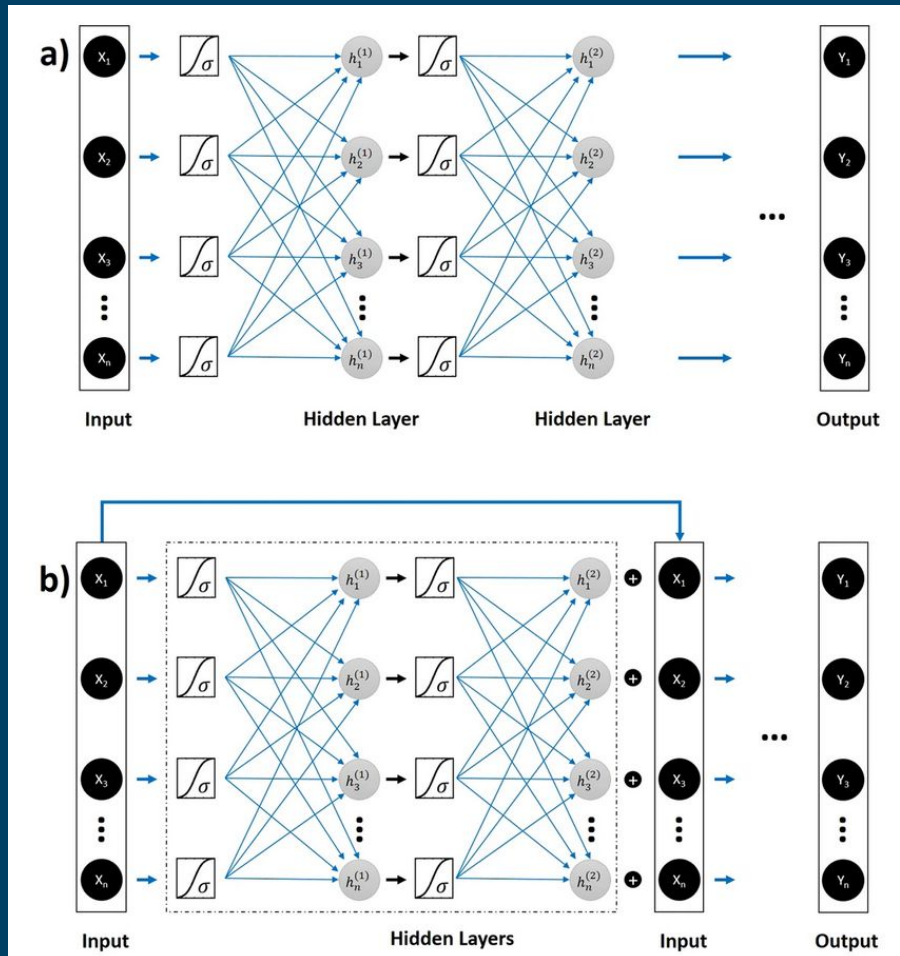
# Inverse Design Results



Correlation coefficient. Fitting ResNet predicted transmission values vs true transmission values for (a) port 1 and (b) port 2 (b). Gray circle symbol size is proportional to gradient uncertainty.

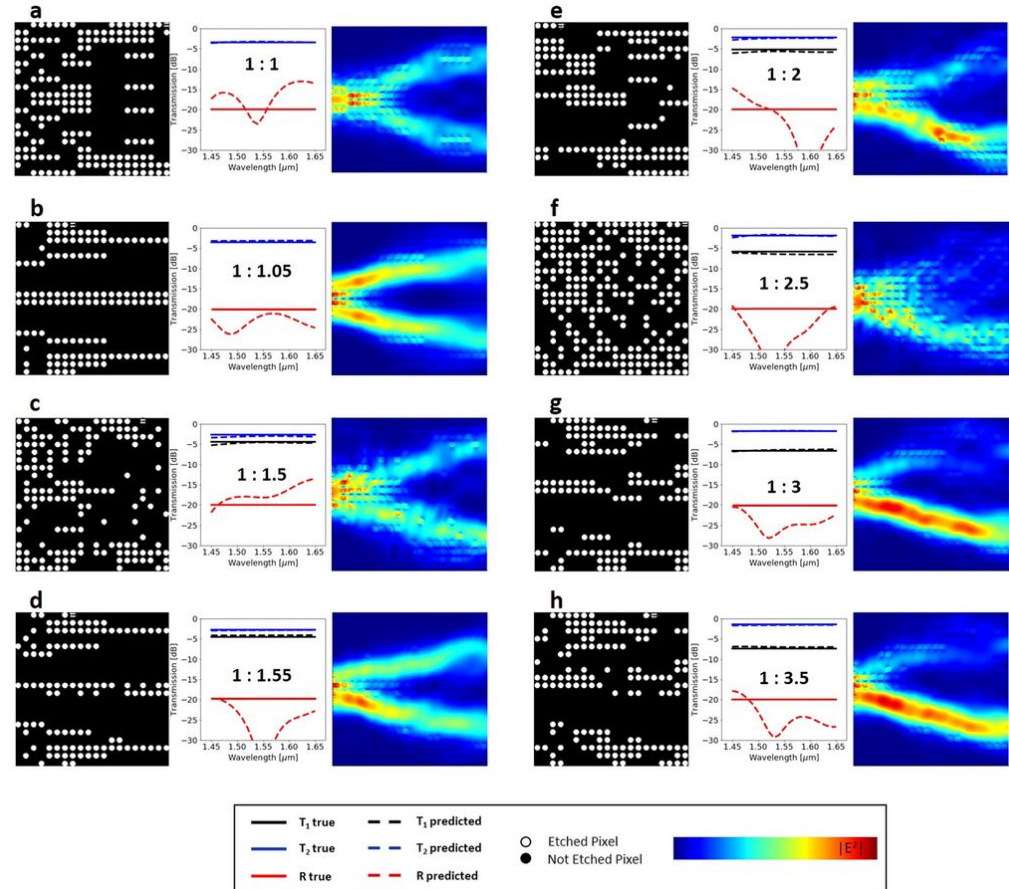
# Deep Residual Networks

- **Drawbacks of FCDNNs:**
  - Suffers from the problem of vanishing gradients
  - Increasing depth of doesn't improve performance
- **Remedy - Using ResNet**
  - Improves the depth of training by using "identity shortcut connections"
  - Uses an additional identity function to allow smooth forward and backward propagation of gradients



# DNN Inverse Design for various splitting ratios

DNN inverse design for devices with different splitting ratios. Electro-magnetic energy density plots calculated using FDTD simulations.



# Summary

- NN used for fast approximation of the optical response instead of computationally heavy numerical methods
- Inverse design: NN takes an optical response as input and provides an approximate solution nanostructure in a fraction of second
- ResNet DNN architecture (8 layers) which allows smooth forward and backward propagation of gradients

**Applications:** a) A network that can approximate the spectral response of an arbitrary hole vector within this design space b) Use the inverse network to design a power splitter topology for any ratio