Local density of states analysis of surface wave modes on truncated photonic crystal surfaces with nonlinear material

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