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Mechanical modes of an 'Alligator' photonic crystal waveguide. ZHONGZHONG QIN, JEAN-BAPTISTE BEGUIN, ALEXANDER BURGERS, XINGSHENG LUAN, SU-PENG YU, H JEFF KIMBLE, California Institute of Technology — We present our experimental observations on opto-mechanical coupling for guided optical light fields of an 'Alligator' photonic crystal waveguide (APCW). Quasi-odd harmonics of the fundamental mechanical mode are observed for optical light frequency in the waveguide regime, while both quasi-odd and quasieven harmonics are observed for optical light frequency near the band-edge of the APCW. A novel theoretical model of transduction mechanisms is developed to explain the experimental observations.

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