

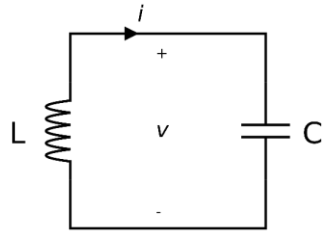
**Optical Microresonators: A **Low-Q** Introduction**  
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Everything I ever needed to know about microcavities I learned in freshman chemistry\*

\*not actually true

# Equations of Motion

## LC circuit



$$\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2} + \omega^2 v = 0$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}}$$

## Electromagnetic Waves

Wave Equation  
(isotropic, non-polarizable media)

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

$$\vec{E} = A(x, y, z) Y(t)$$

$$\vec{E} = \sum_{mode \neq 1s} A(x, y, z) Y(t)$$

Helmholtz Eq

$$\nabla^2 \vec{A} + k^2 \vec{A} = 0$$

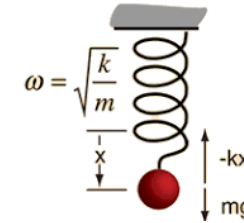
$$\frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial t^2} + \omega^2 Y = 0$$

$$\omega = kc$$

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$

Spatial modes (later)

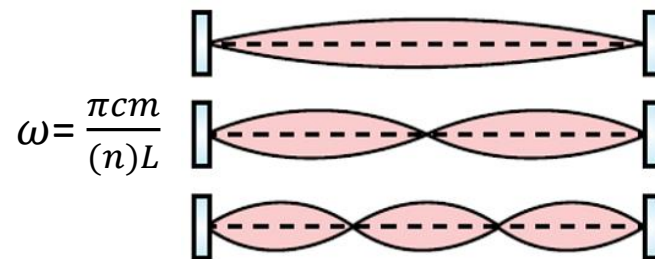
## Mechanical Harmonic Oscillator



$$\frac{\partial^2 x}{\partial t^2} + \omega^2 x = 0$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

Multiple longitudinal modes



$$\omega = \frac{\pi c m}{(n)L}$$

$\vec{E}(x=0) = \vec{E}(x=L) = 0$   
(perfect conducting walls)

# The Quality Factor

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} Y + \omega^2 Y = 0$$

$$Y = Ae^{i\omega t}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} Y = i\omega Y$$

$$|Y|^2 \propto \text{energy}$$

But what if your resonator isn't perfect? What if there's loss?

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} Y = i\omega Y - \frac{1}{2\tau_0} Y$$

$$Y = Ae^{i\omega t - \frac{1}{2\tau_0} t} = Ae^{i\omega t} e^{-\frac{1}{2\tau_0} t}$$

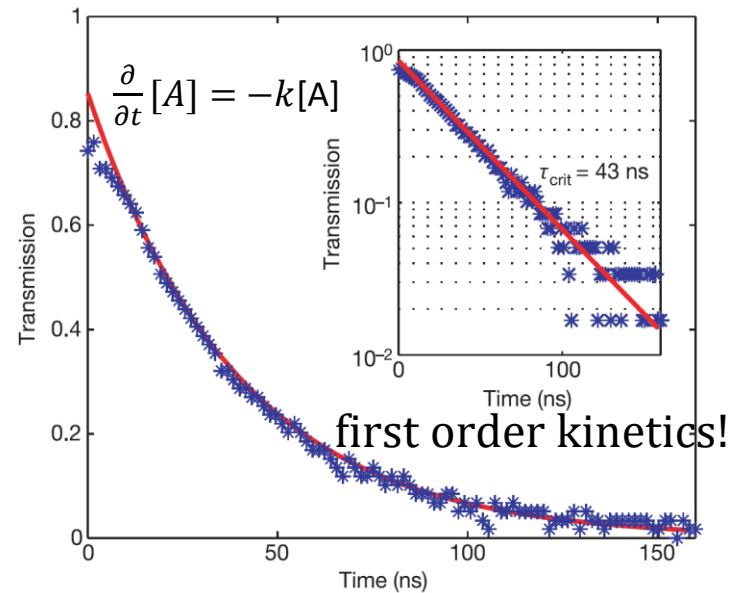
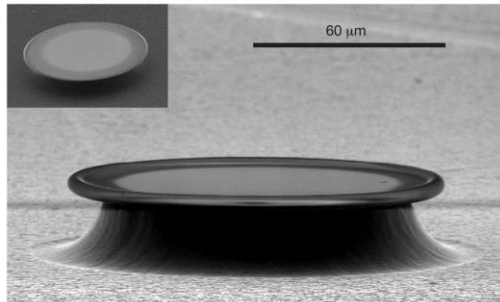
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} |Y|^2 = -\frac{1}{\tau_0} |Y|^2$$

Quality Factor

$$Q = \tau_0 \omega$$

What could cause Q to drop?

Absorption, scattering,  
radiative losses, waveguides



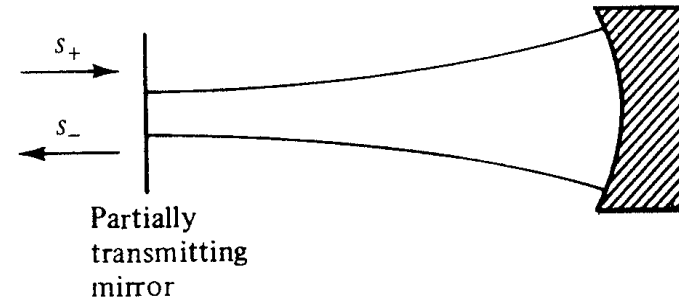
Vahala and co-workers, Nature, 2003, 421, 925,

Haus, "Waves and Fields in Optoelectronics", 1984, Prentice-Hall

# Coupling to Your Microcavity

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} Y = i\omega Y - \frac{1}{2\tau_0} Y$$

Add an “empty” external waveguide or partially transmitting mirror

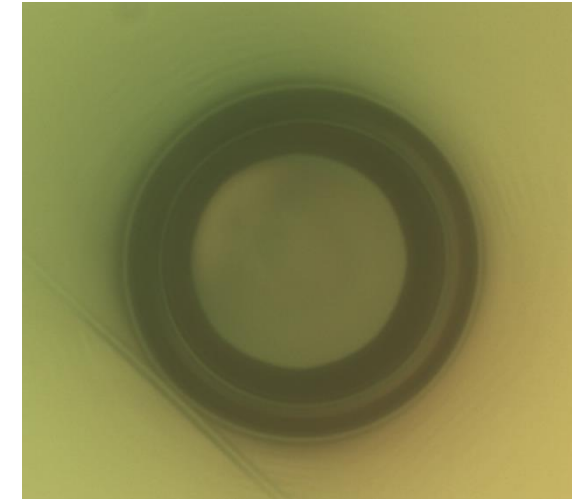


$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} Y = i\omega Y - \left( \frac{1}{2\tau_0} + \frac{1}{\tau_e} \right) Y$$

Launch a travelling wave at frequency  $\omega_e$  into that waveguide with power  $|s_+|^2$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} Y = i\omega Y - \left( \frac{1}{2\tau_0} + \frac{1}{\tau_e} \right) Y + \kappa s_+$$

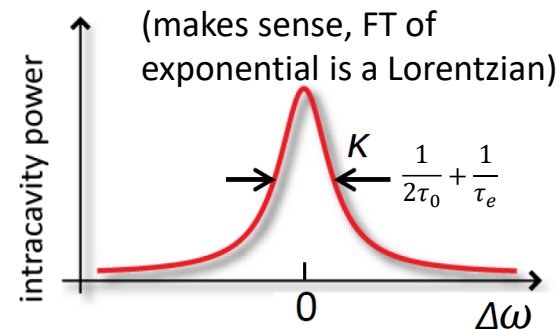
$$s_+ = B e^{i\omega_e t}$$



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} Y = i\omega Y - \left( \frac{1}{2\tau_0} + \frac{1}{\tau_e} \right) Y + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\tau_e}} s_+$$

Use that input wave to “measure” the response of the microcavity as a function of  $\omega_e$

$$|\bar{Y}|^2 = \frac{\frac{1}{\tau_e}}{(\omega - \omega_e)^2 + \left( \frac{1}{2\tau_0} + \frac{1}{\tau_e} \right)^2} |s_+|^2$$



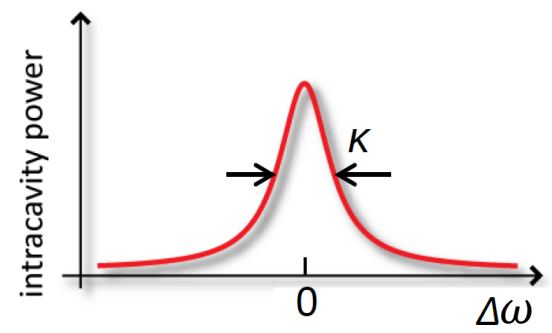
$$\frac{1}{Q_L} = \frac{1}{Q_{UL}} + \frac{1}{Q_e}$$

You measure the loaded Q, you can potentially calculate the unloaded (intrinsic) Q

# Q Factor Units!

$$|\bar{Y}|^2 = \frac{\frac{1}{\tau_e}}{(\omega - \omega_e)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2\tau_0} + \frac{1}{\tau_e}\right)^2} |\bar{s}_+|^2$$

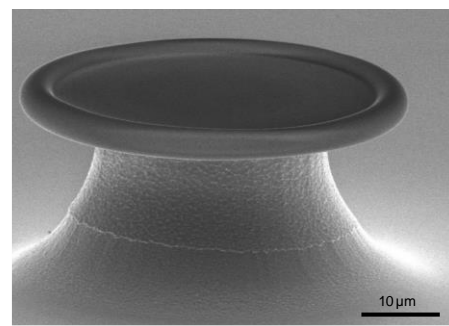
$$\frac{1}{\tau} = \frac{1}{2\tau_0} + \frac{1}{\tau_e}$$



As  $\tau \downarrow$ ;  $\frac{1}{\tau_e} \uparrow$ ;  $\Delta\omega \uparrow$ ;  $Q \downarrow$

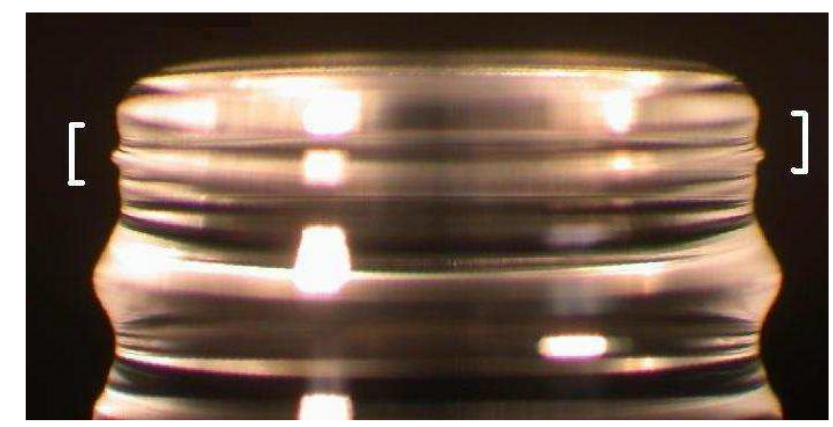
$$Q = \tau\omega = \frac{2\pi c}{\lambda} \tau$$

$$Q = \frac{\lambda}{\Delta\lambda} \approx \frac{\omega}{\Delta\omega}$$



$Q=10^8 \rightarrow \sim 10 \text{ fm}, \sim 1 \text{ MHz}, \sim 1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^{-1}, 1 \text{ neV}, \text{ etc.}$

$\tau \rightarrow \sim 100 \text{ ns}$



CaF<sub>2</sub>,  $Q \sim 10^{11}$ , 5 mm diameter

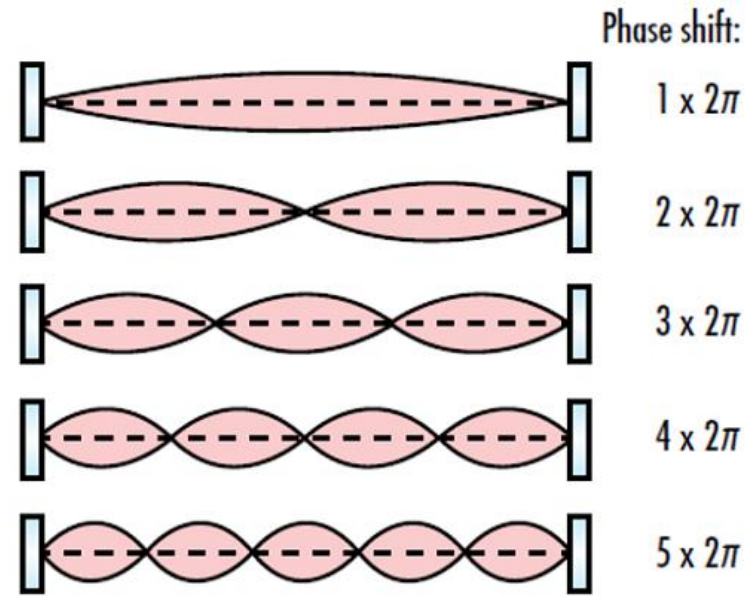
Maleki and co-workers, *PRL*, 102(4), 043902.

# Free Spectral Range (better than Free Range?)

$$\vec{E} = \sum_{mode\#rs} A(x,y,z) T(t)$$

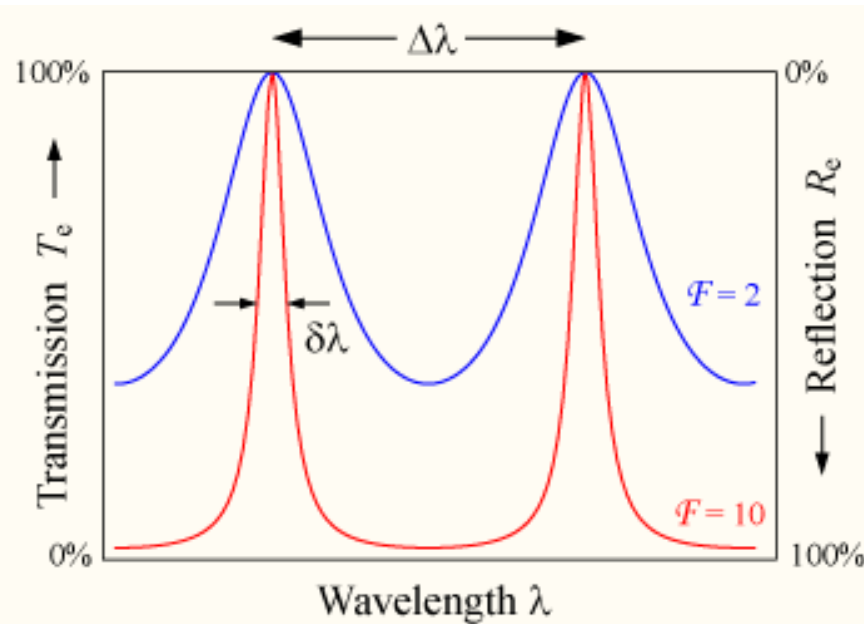
$$\Delta\omega_{FSR} = \omega_m - \omega_{m-1} = \frac{\pi c}{L}$$

$$\Delta\lambda_{FSR} = \lambda_m - \lambda_{m-1} = \frac{\lambda_m^2}{2L}$$



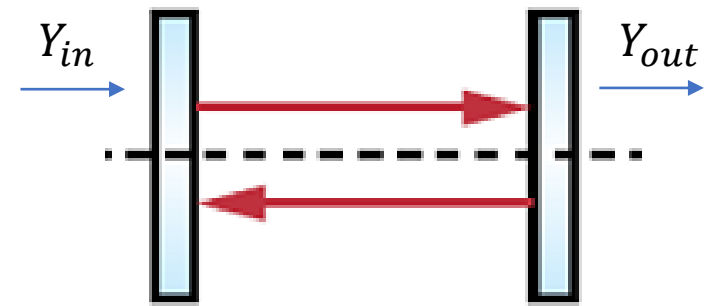
$$m\lambda/2=L$$

The smaller the L,  $L \downarrow$ ;  $FSR \uparrow$   
 the larger the FSR



# That cavity's got Finesse!

Length=L; Refractive index=n



Reflectivity =  $R_1$        $R_2; T_2$   
 Transmission =  $1-R_1 = T_1$

Change in Electric Field ( $T$ ) during one round trip:

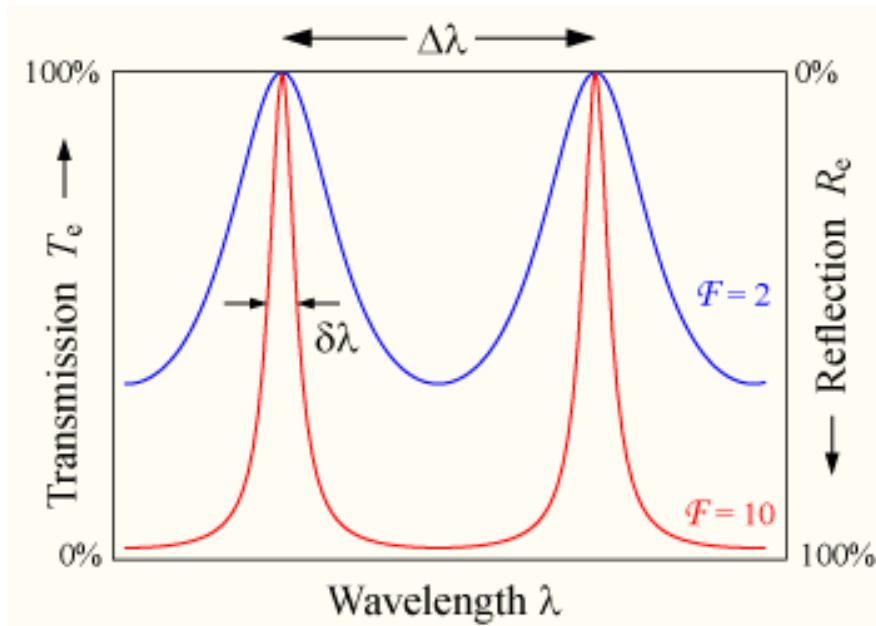
$$g(\omega) = \sqrt{R_1 R_2} e^{-2i\omega L n / c}$$

After multiple trips:

$$Y_{out} = Y_{in} \sqrt{T_1 T_2} e^{-i\omega L n / c} (1 + g(\omega) + g(\omega)^2 + \dots)$$

$$Y_{out} = \frac{Y_{in} \sqrt{T_1 T_2} e^{-i\omega L n / c}}{1 - g(\omega)}$$

$$|Y_{out}|^2 = \frac{|Y_{in}|^2 T_1 T_2}{1 + R_1 R_2 - 2\sqrt{R_1 R_2} \cos\left(\frac{2L\omega n}{c}\right)}$$



$$\Delta\omega_{FWHM} = \frac{(1 - \sqrt{R_1 R_2})c}{(R_1 R_2)^{1/4} n L} = \frac{\pi c}{F n L} = \frac{FSR}{F}$$

$$F = \frac{\pi(R_1 R_2)^{1/4}}{1 - \sqrt{R_1 R_2}}$$

$$\Delta\omega_{FSR} = \frac{\pi c}{n L}$$

As  $F \uparrow$ ;  $\Delta\omega \downarrow$

# Q vs F!

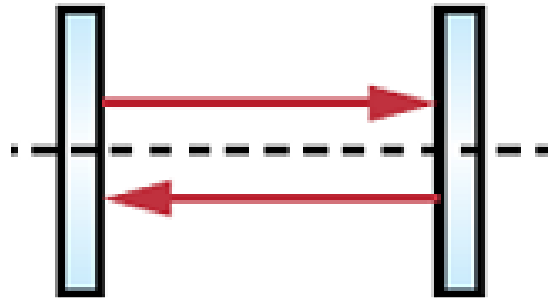
$$F = 2\pi \times \text{\#round trips before decay to } 1/e \times |Y|^2$$

$$F = 2\pi \times \frac{\text{stored energy}}{\text{energy loss per round trip}}$$

$$F = \frac{\pi(R_1 R_2)^{1/4}}{1 - \sqrt{R_1 R_2}}$$

No L dependence!

Purely a function of the cavity losses



As  $R \uparrow$ ;  $F \uparrow$ ;  $Q \uparrow$

As  $L \uparrow$ ;  $F -$ ;  $Q \uparrow$

Depends on L!

$$Q = 2\pi \times \text{\#optical cycles before decay to } 1/e \times |Y|^2$$

$$Q = 2\pi \times \frac{\text{stored energy}}{\text{energy loss per cycle}}$$

$$Q = \frac{2\pi c}{\lambda} \tau$$

$$Q = \frac{\lambda}{\Delta\lambda}$$

Depends on L! and

Purely a function of cavity lifetime and linewidth

$$Q = \frac{\omega}{\Delta\omega_{FSR}} F$$

As  $F \uparrow$ ;  $Q \uparrow$ , photons are localized in TIME and FREQUENCY



# Mode Volume

“...where  $V$  is the volume of the resonator”

Physical volume? What about loss?

$$V = \frac{\int dV |E|^2}{\max(|E|^2)}$$

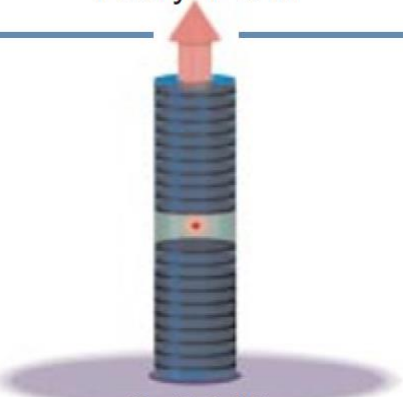
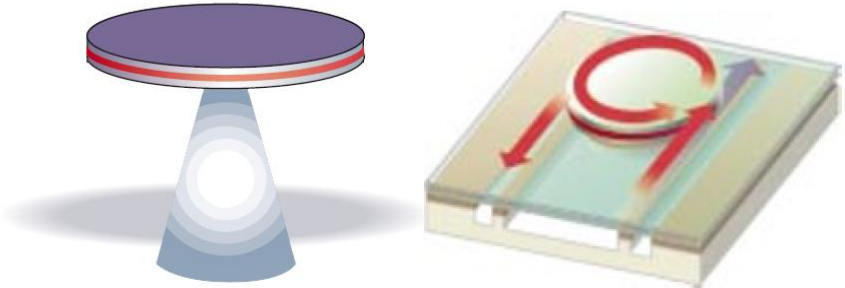
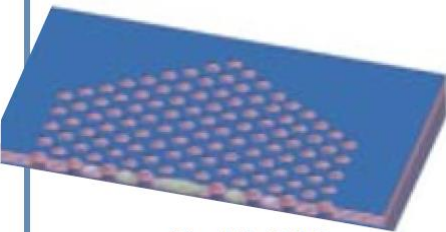
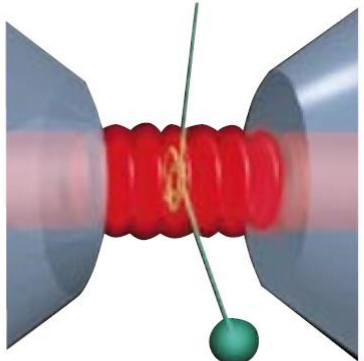
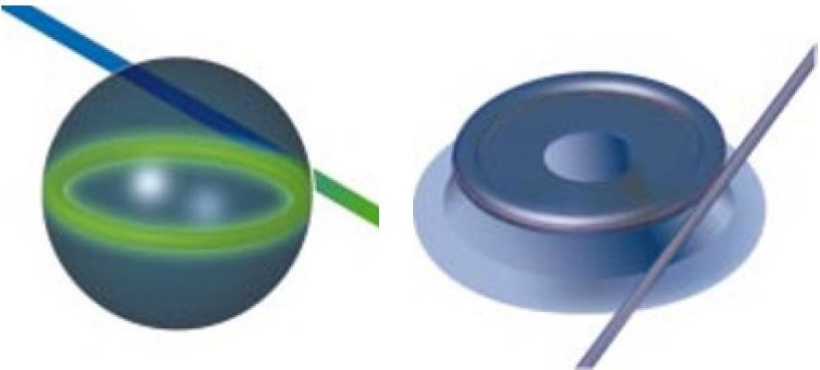
Normalized. Prone to artifacts (particularly for very low  $V$ ).

Many other definitions. Lumerical even offers multiple options.

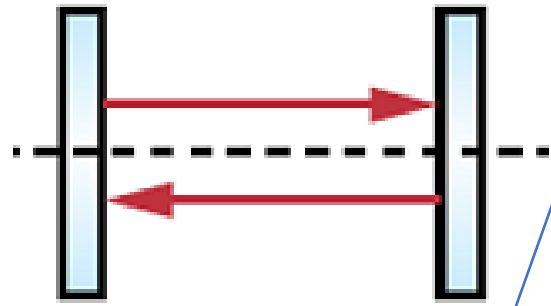
As  $V \downarrow$ , photons are localized in SPACE

Hard to get smaller than  $\lambda^3$  for dielectric microcavity

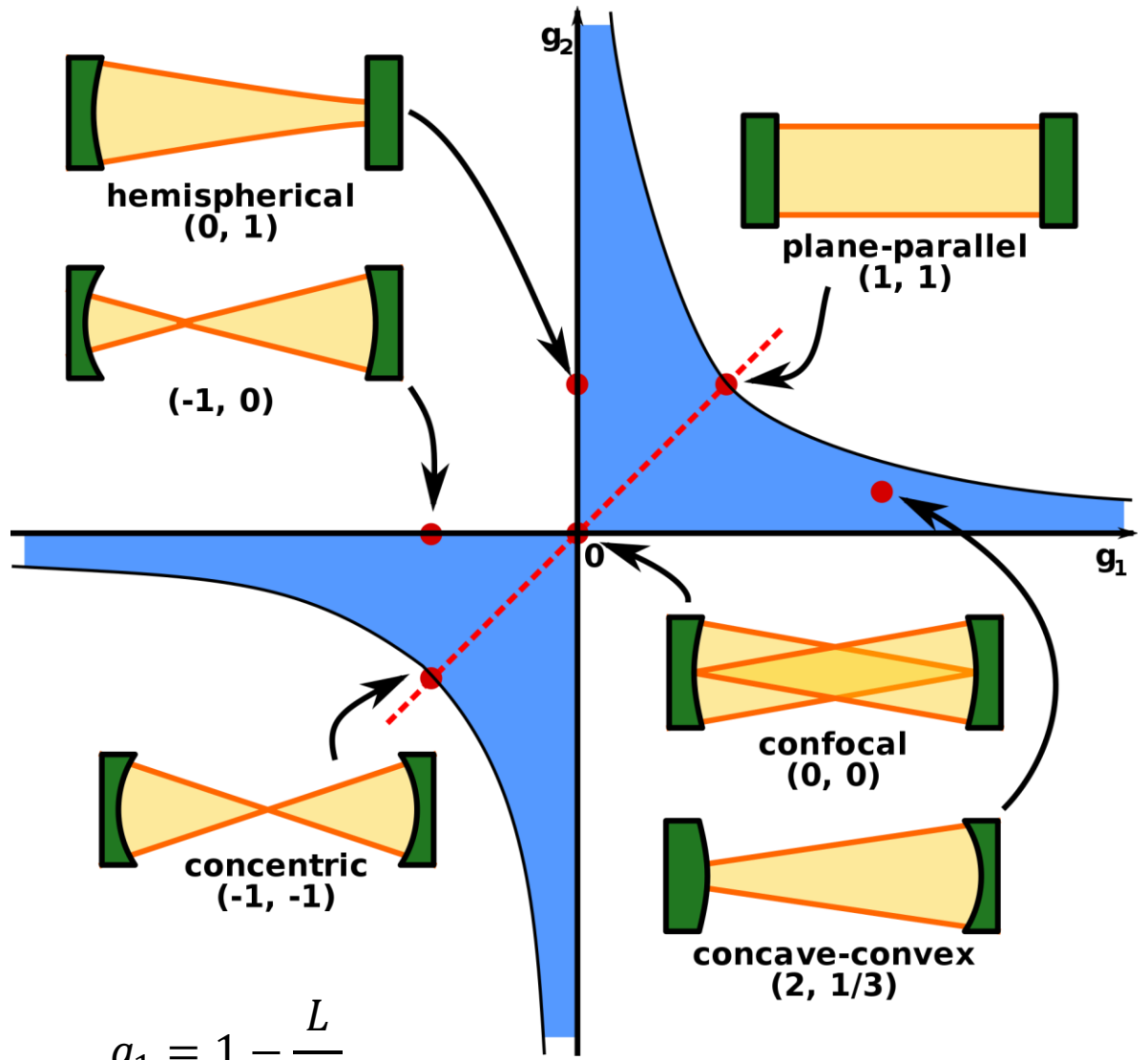
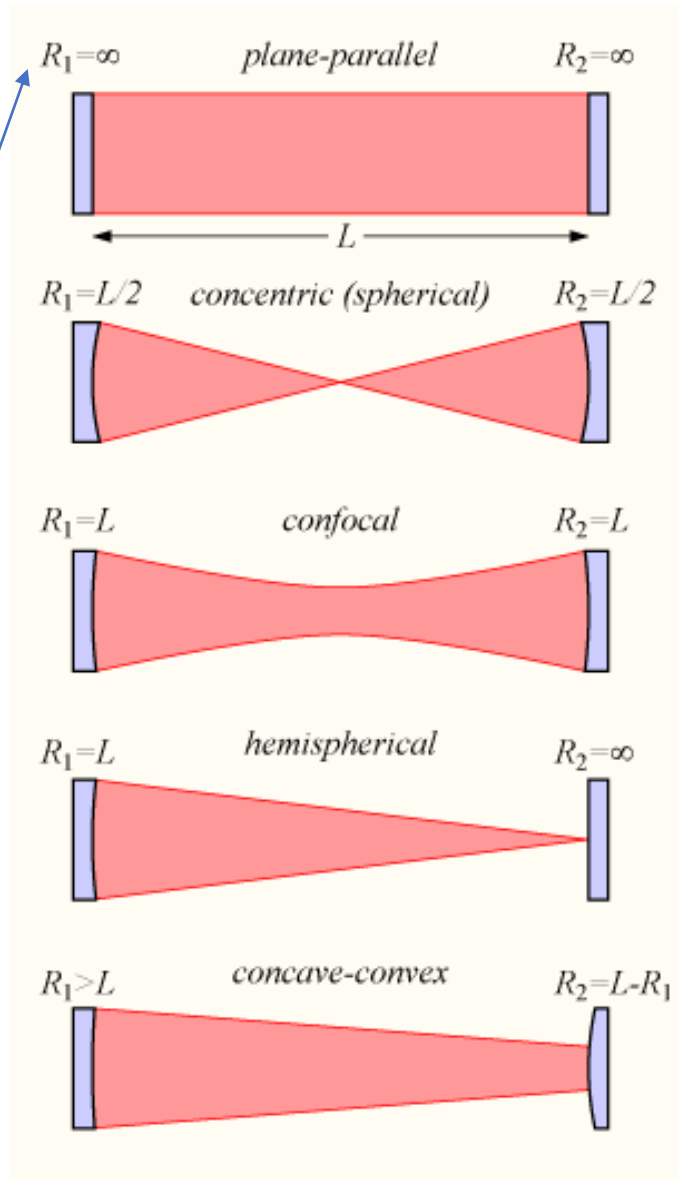
# Microcavity Menagerie

	Fabry-Perot	Whispering gallery	Photonic crystal
High Q	 <p>Q: 2,000 V: <math>5 (\lambda/n)^3</math></p>	 <p>Q: 12,000 V: <math>6 (\lambda/n)^3</math></p> <p><math>Q_{III-V}</math>: 7,000 <math>Q_{Poly}</math>: <math>1.3 \times 10^5</math></p>	 <p>Q: 13,000 V: <math>1.2 (\lambda/n)^3</math></p>
Ultrahigh Q	 <p>F: <math>4.8 \times 10^5</math> V: <math>1,690 \mu\text{m}^3</math></p>	 <p>Q: <math>8 \times 10^9</math> V: <math>3,000 \mu\text{m}^3</math></p> <p>Q: <math>10^8</math></p>	

# Fun with Fabry Perot Cavities...



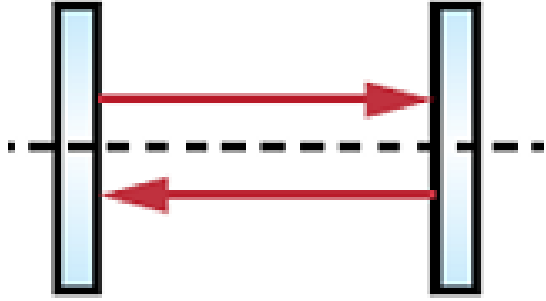
Radius of Curvature



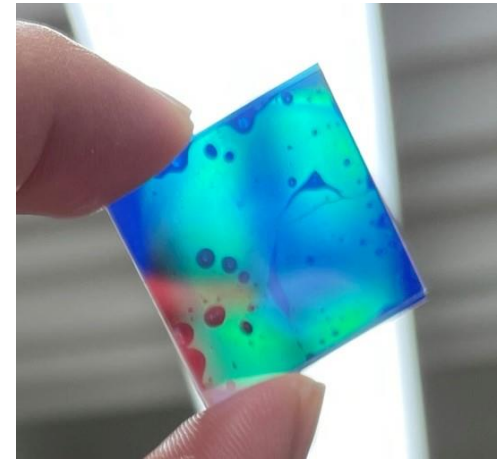
$$g_1 = 1 - \frac{L}{R_1}$$

$$g_2 = 1 - \frac{L}{R_2}$$

# Planar Fabry Perot Microcavities (are everywhere...)



Planar cavity  
by Tzu-Ling in my group



Easy to make!

Low Q (10-300ish)

No well-defined mode volume, must  
make use of quasi-normal modes\*

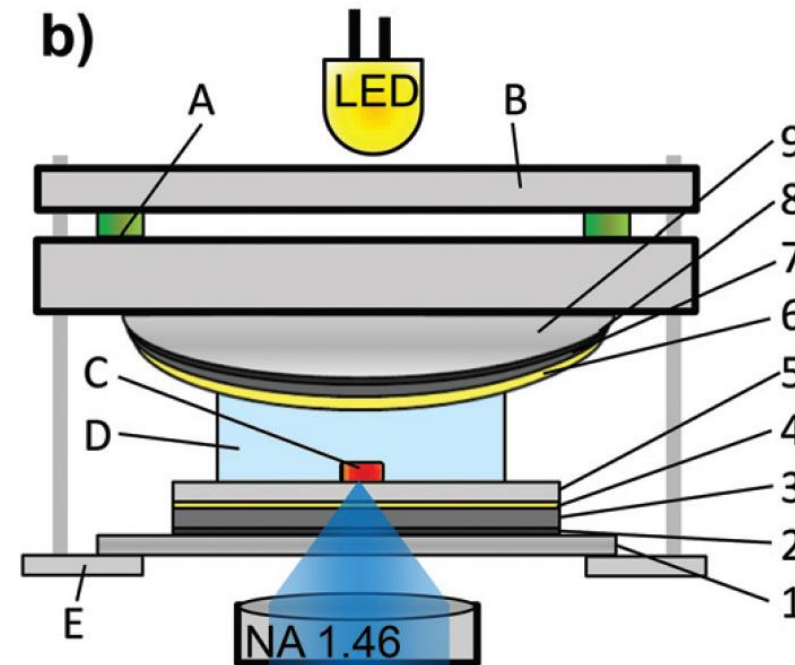
$$V_m = \frac{\pi L^2 \lambda}{1 - R}$$

Modes along "columns"

Not obviously tunable (ie, L is set)

Can deform cavity

Can change k vector!

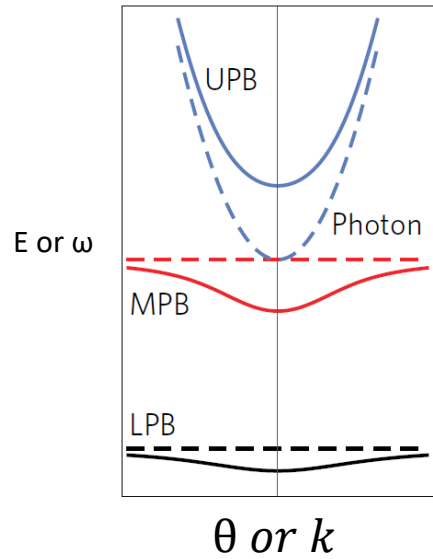


Konrad, Meixner and co-workers, *Nanoscale* **2015**, 7, 10204.

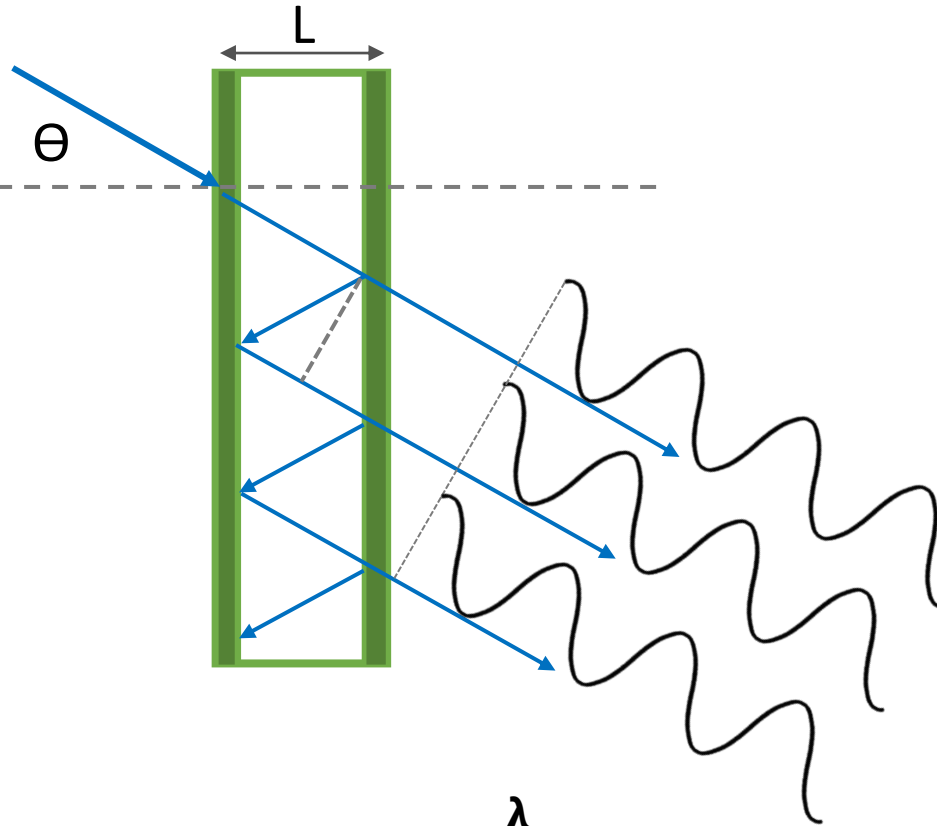
\*Ujihara, K. *Jpn. J. Appl. Phys.* **1991**, L901.

# Planar Fabry Perot Cavities (are sort of tunable)

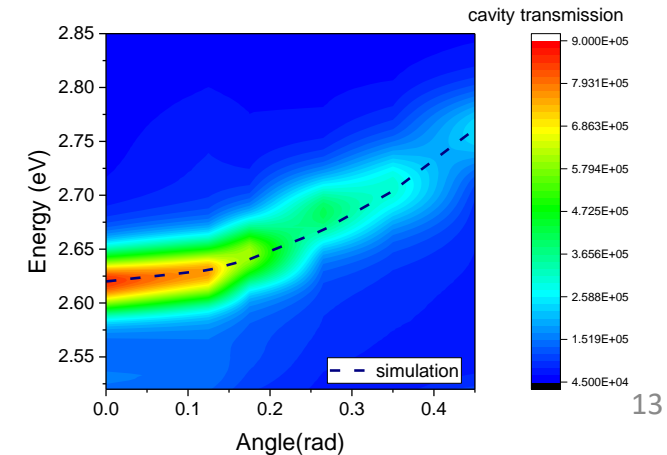
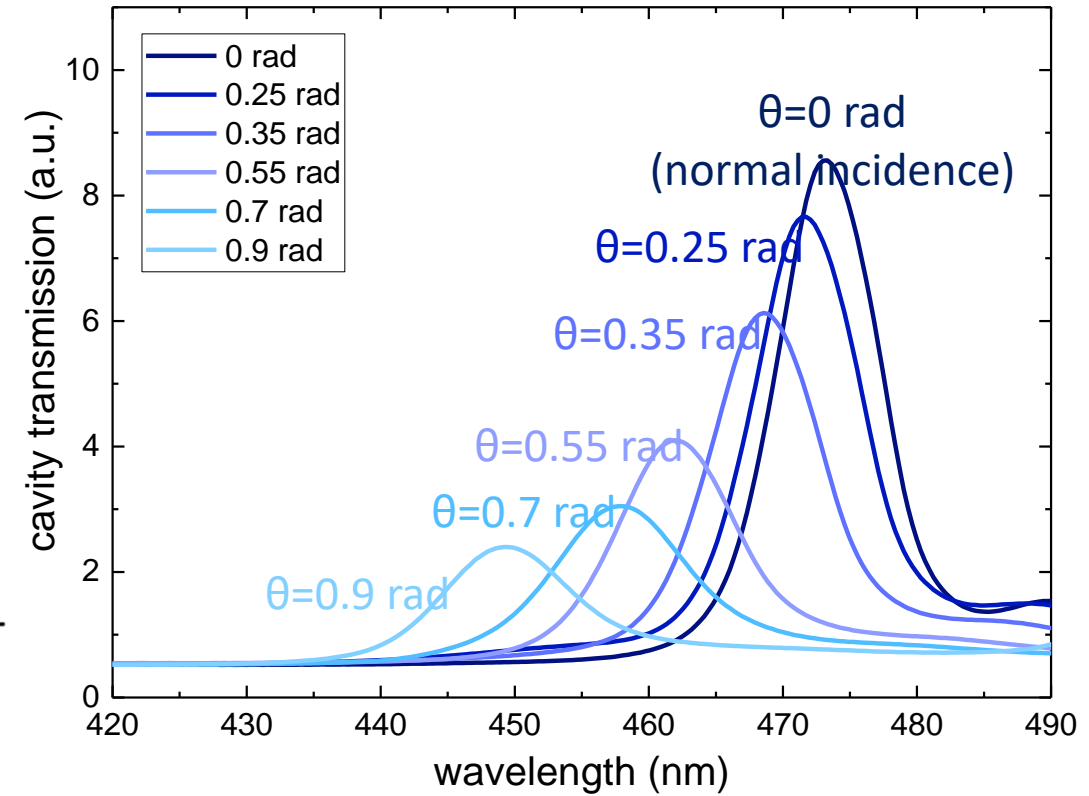
Parabolic dispersion



Nature Physics, 14, 130, 2018



$$\delta L = 2Ln \cos \theta = \frac{\lambda}{2} N$$



# Spatial Modes $\vec{E} = \sum_{mode\#rs} A(x,y,z)Y(t)$



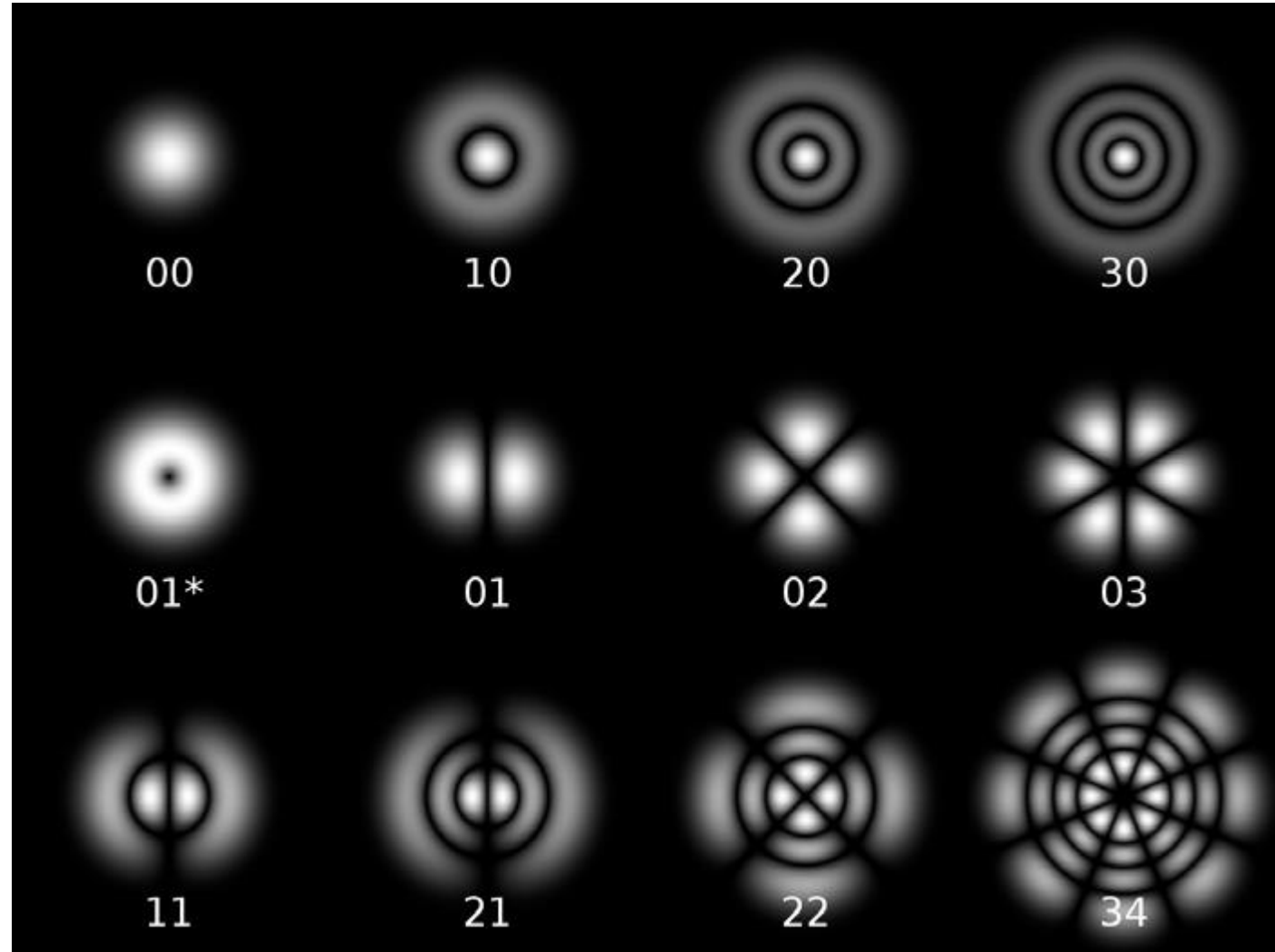
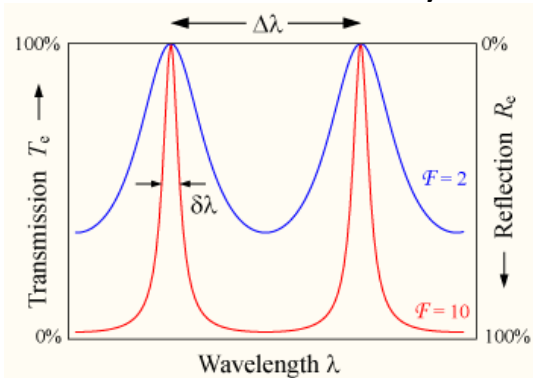
Laguerre-Gaussian modes (cylindrical symmetry)

“Transverse Electromagnetic” mode, or TEM<sub>*pℓ*</sub>

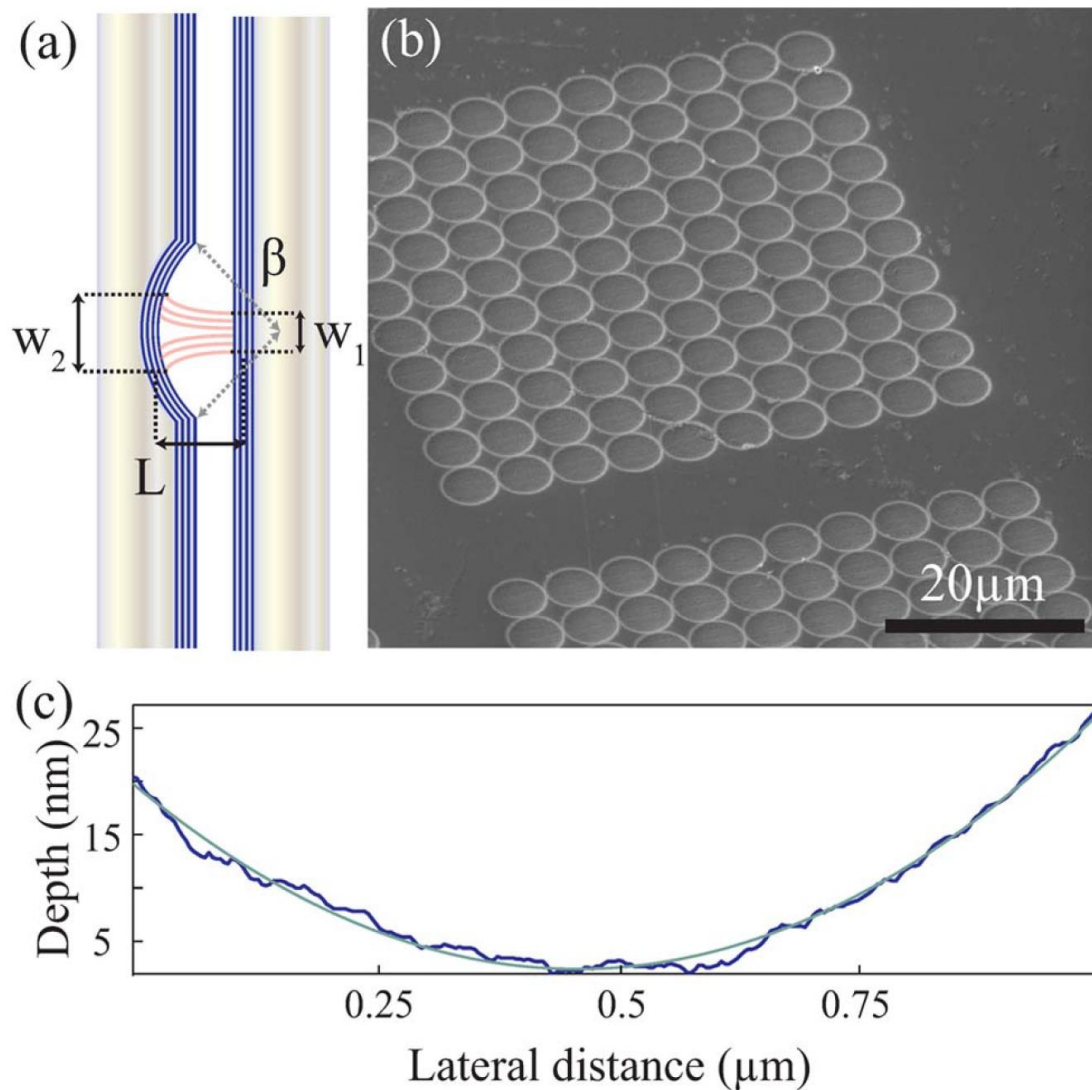
TEM<sub>00</sub>

In general, different spatial modes have different energies (Confocal is special, mode spectrum converges)

In an ideal, 1D FP, Transmission can be 100%. But with loss and imperfect mode matching, max % transmission can vary.



# Fabry Perot Microcavities, Part 1



Developed by Jason Smith @Oxford (other early work from Warburton, Reichel, Sandoghdar)

Generally made by Focused Ion Beam (FIB) milling  
Then deposit high reflectivity optical coating

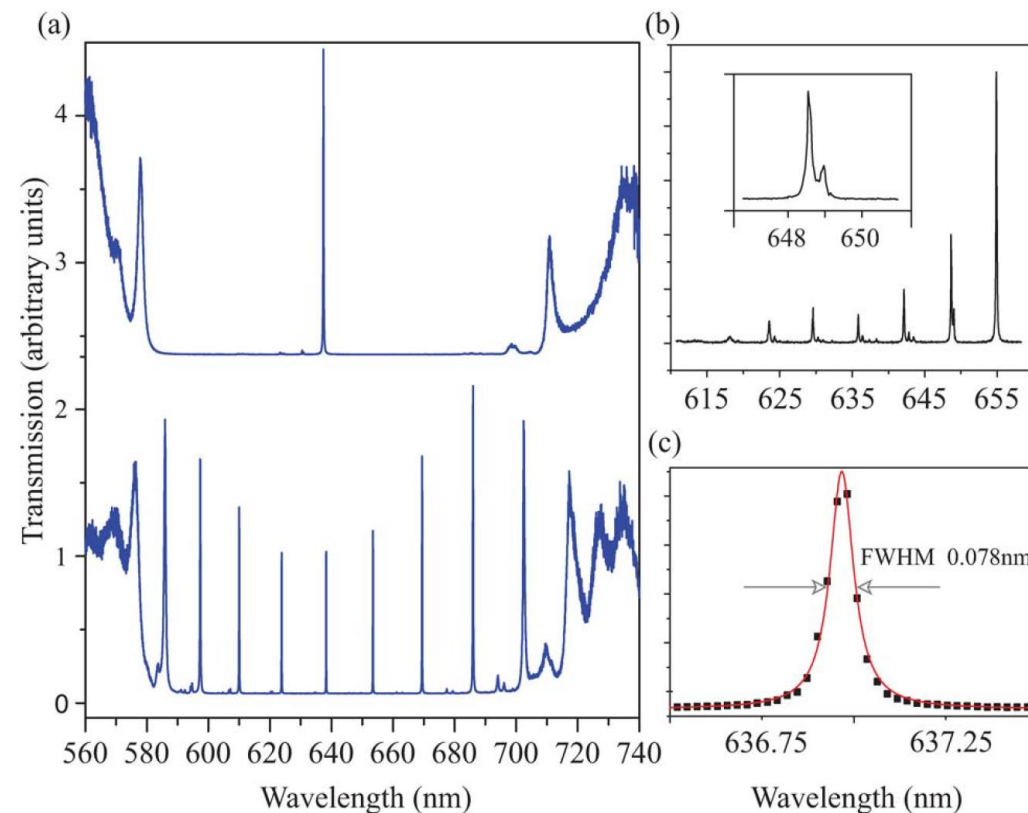
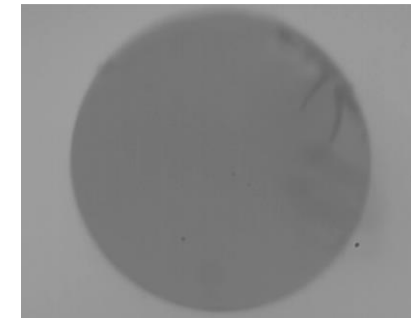
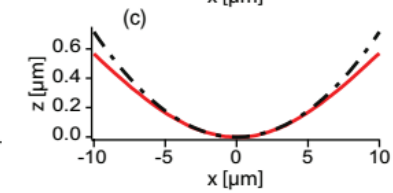
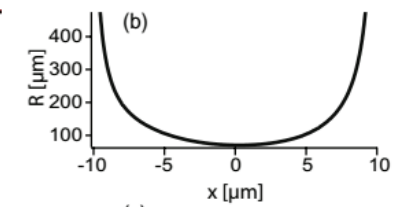
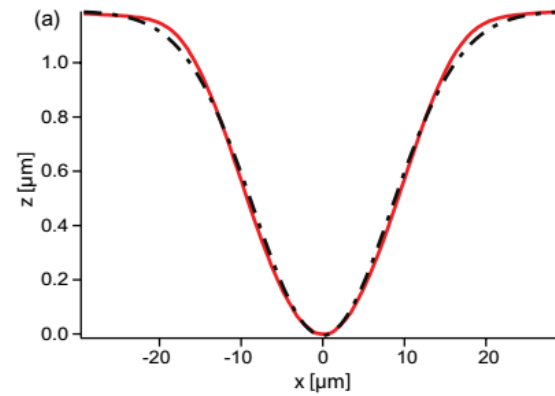
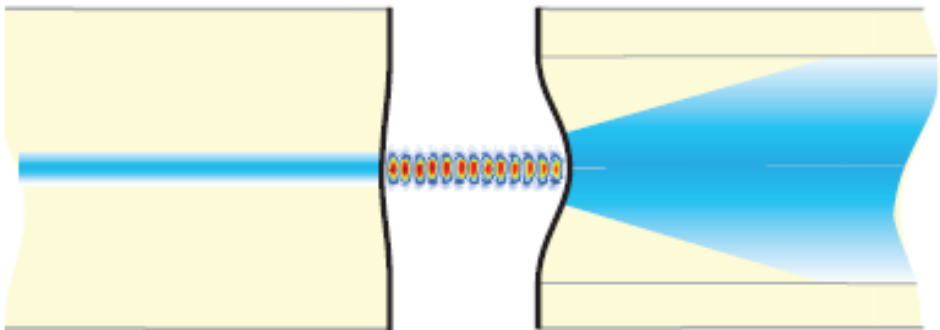
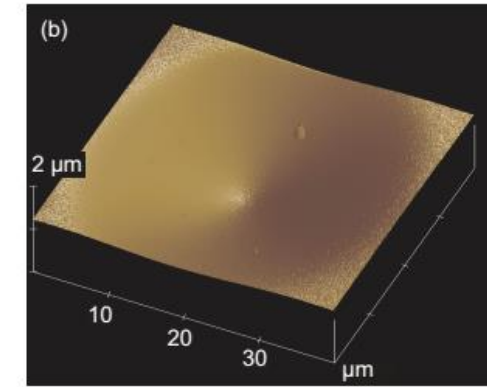
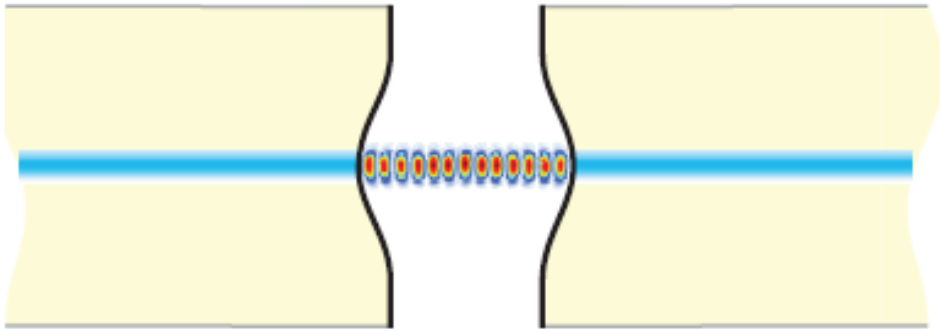


Fig. 2. (Color online) White-light transmission spectra of the cavities: (a) cavity A at  $L = 3.0\mu\text{m}$  and  $L = 12.3\mu\text{m}$ ; (b) HG modes from a single longitudinal mode with (1,0) (0,1) splitting (inset); (c) a high-Q longitudinal resonance (scatter) with Lorentzian curve fit (solid curve).

Smith and co-workers, Optics Letters, 35, 2010, 2010

Smith and co-workers, Nanotechnology, 27, 274003, 2016

# Fabry Perot Microcavities, Part 2, Fiber based!



Developed by David Hunger (now at KIT) with Jakob Reichel@ Sorbonne

Use a CO<sub>2</sub> laser to smoothly ablate the surface

Already integrated into photonic infrastructure

Hunger, Hansch, Reichel, coworkers, *NJP* **12**, 065038 (2010); *AIP Adv* **2**, 02119 (2012)



# Fiber Fabry-Perot Microcavities in the Goldsmith Lab

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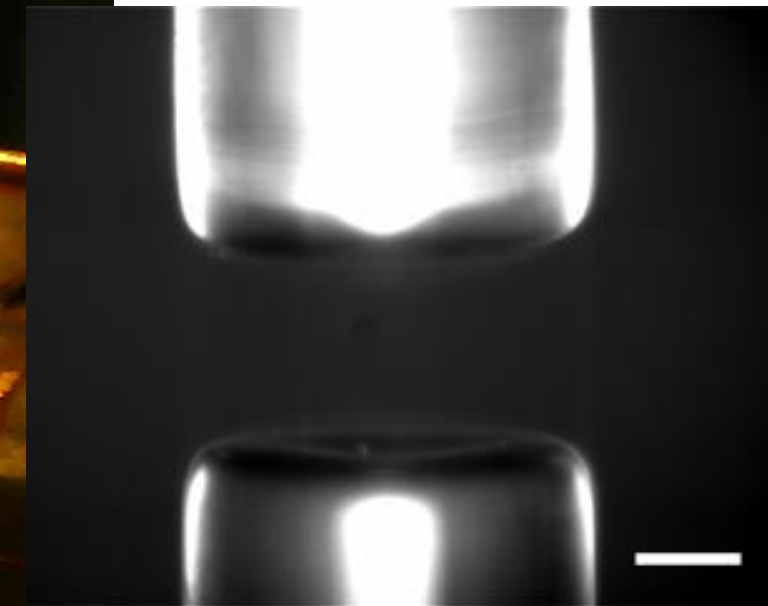
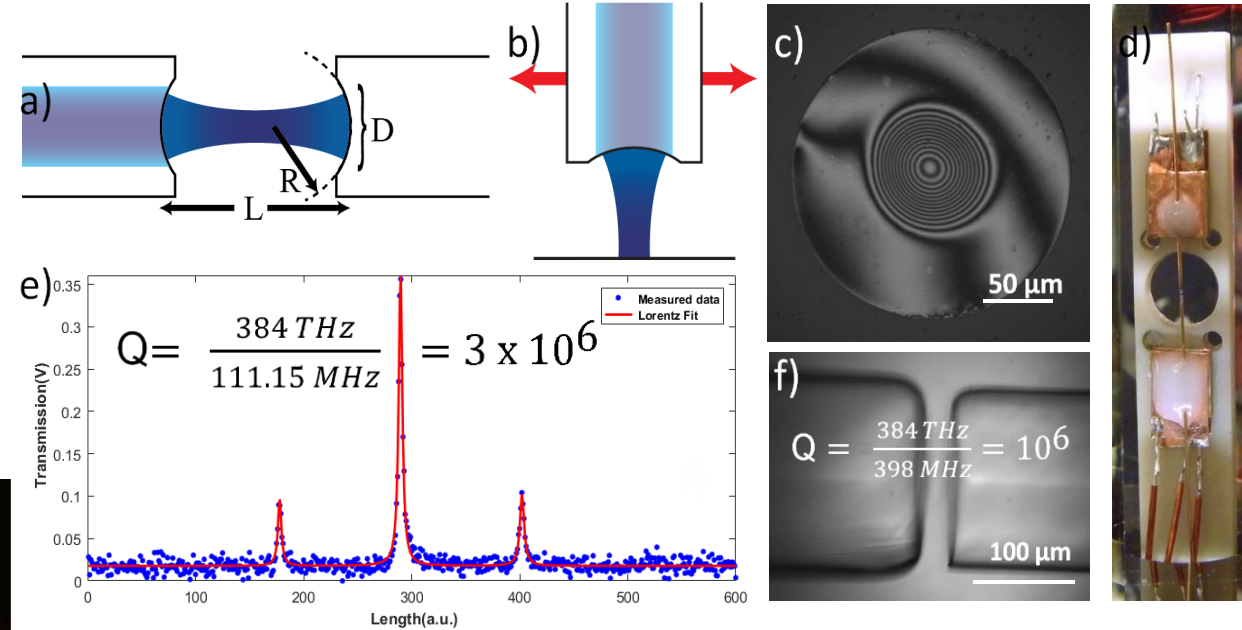
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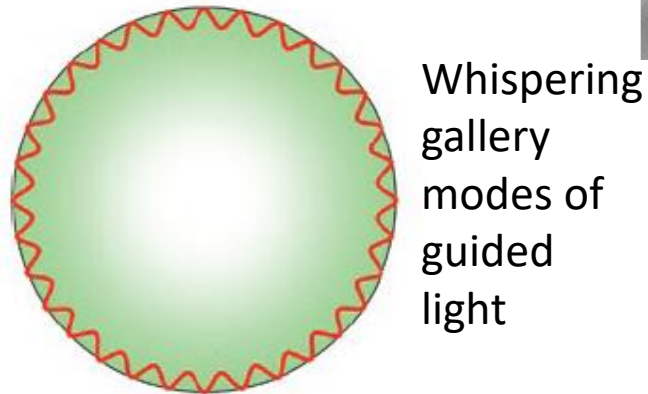
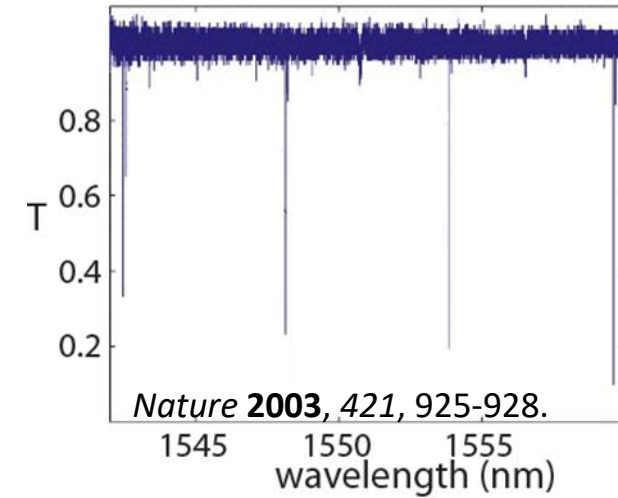
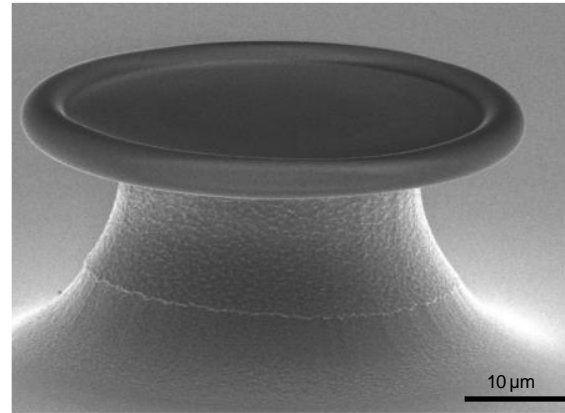
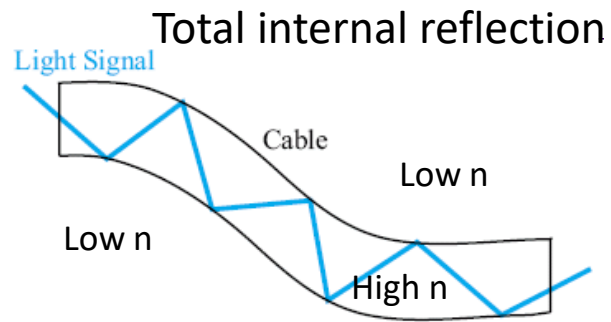
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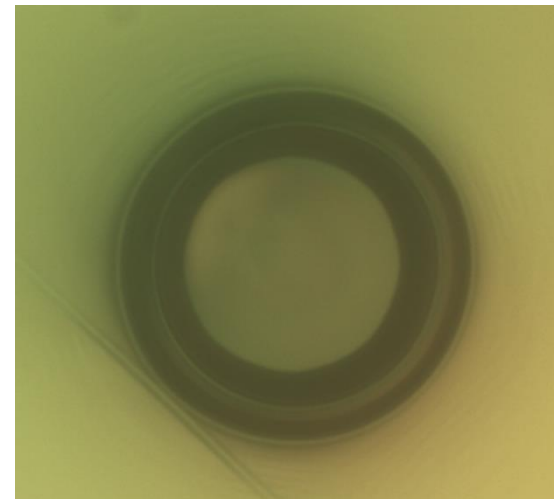
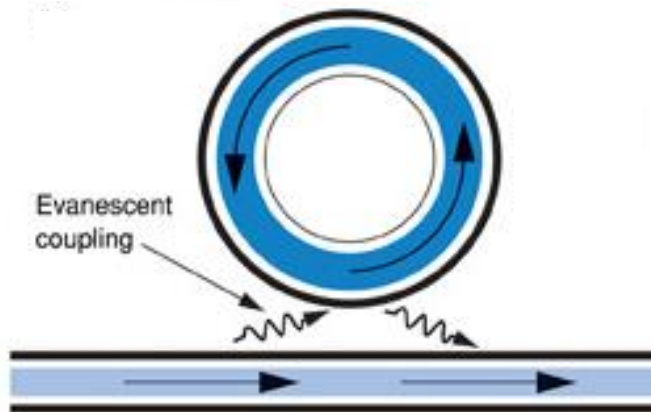


# Whispering Gallery Mode Microresonators, Part 1

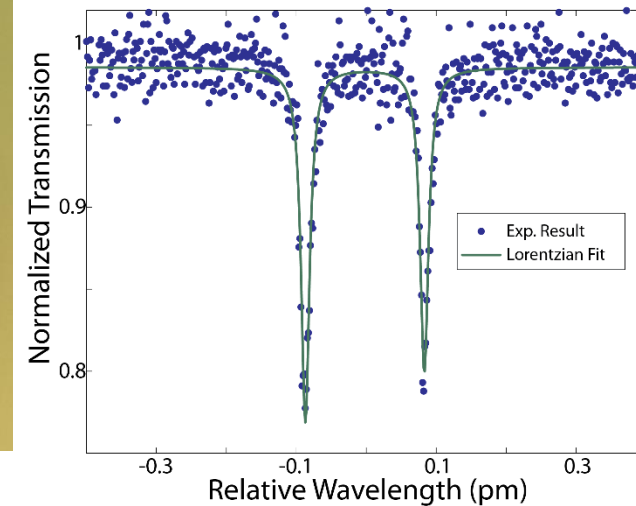


Extremely smooth, and negligible loss! (Developed by Vahala, Caltech)

Dips in transmission spectra at resonance wavelengths



Couple evanescently to "leaky" fiber

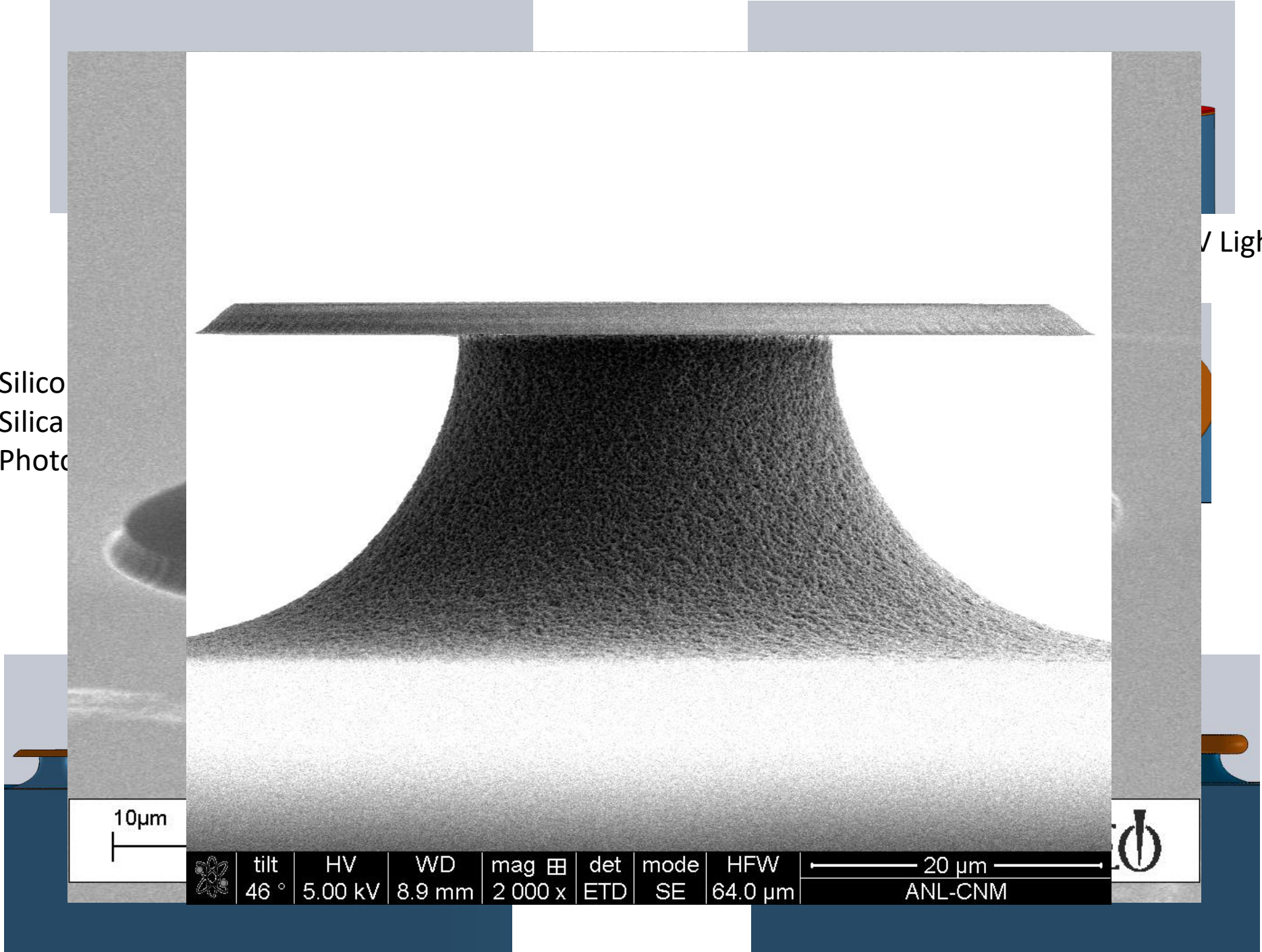


Only light of  $\lambda = \frac{2\pi r n}{m}$  couples to cavity



$$Q = \frac{\lambda}{\Delta\lambda}, 1 \times 10^8; \text{FWHM} = 15\text{fm}$$

Silico  
Silica  
Photo

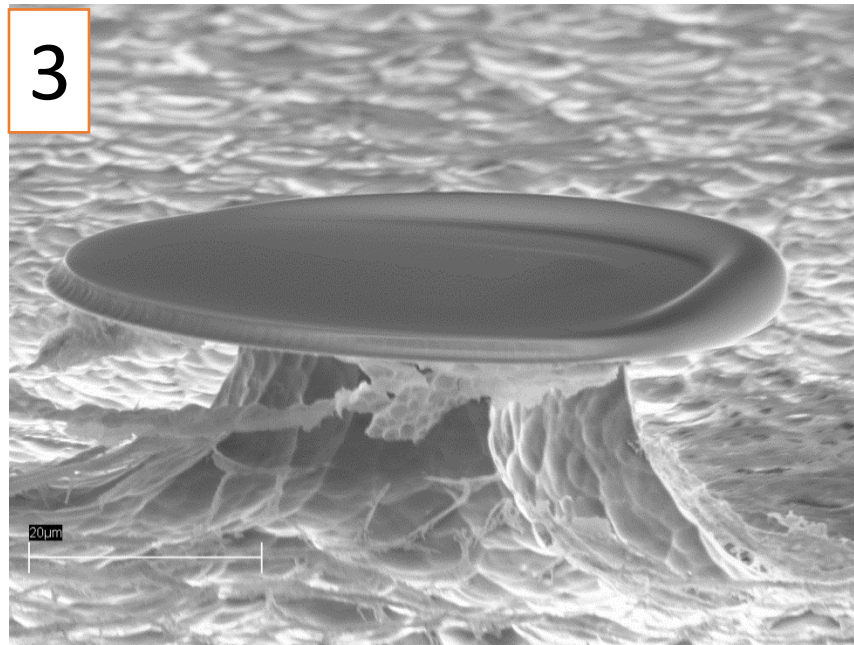
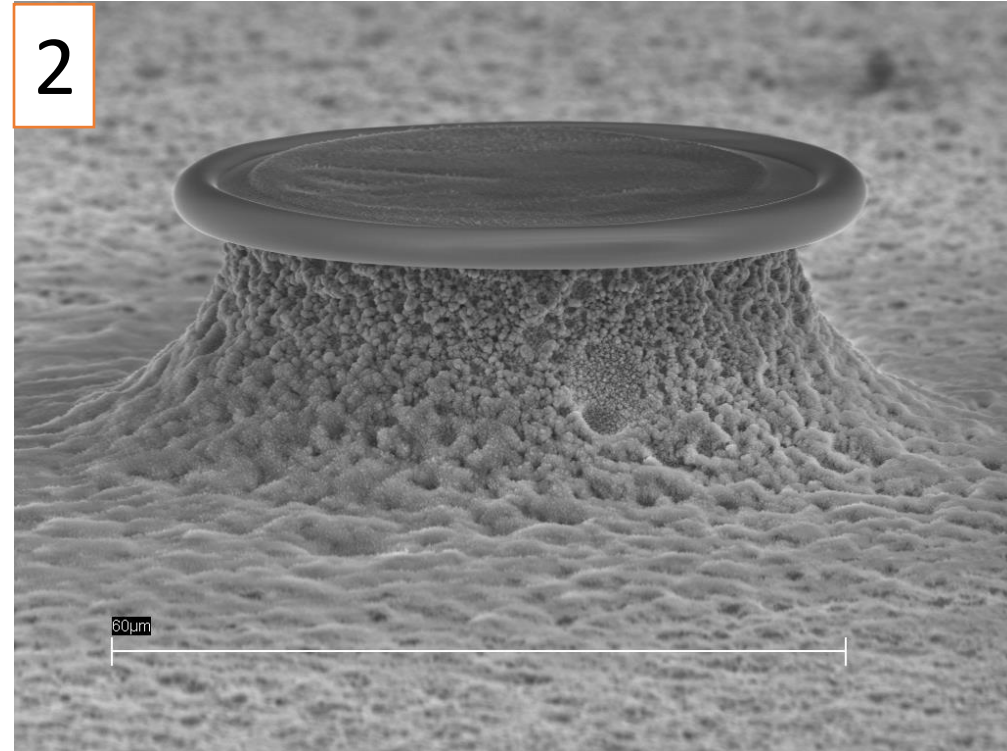
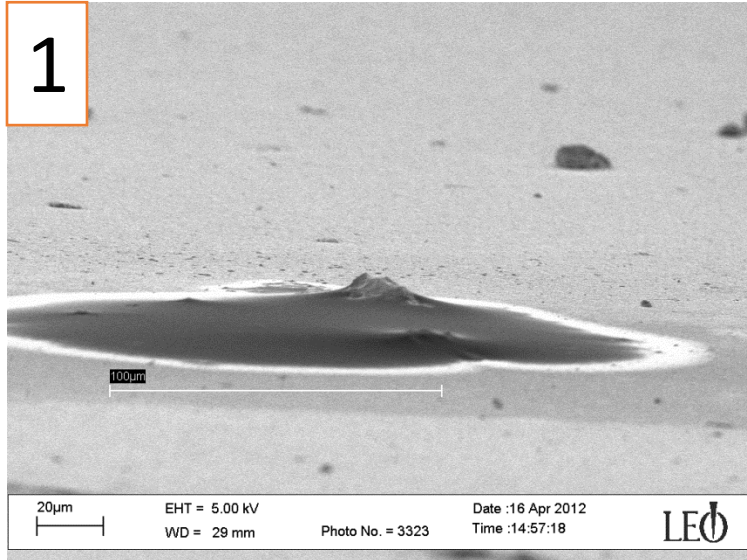
/ Light



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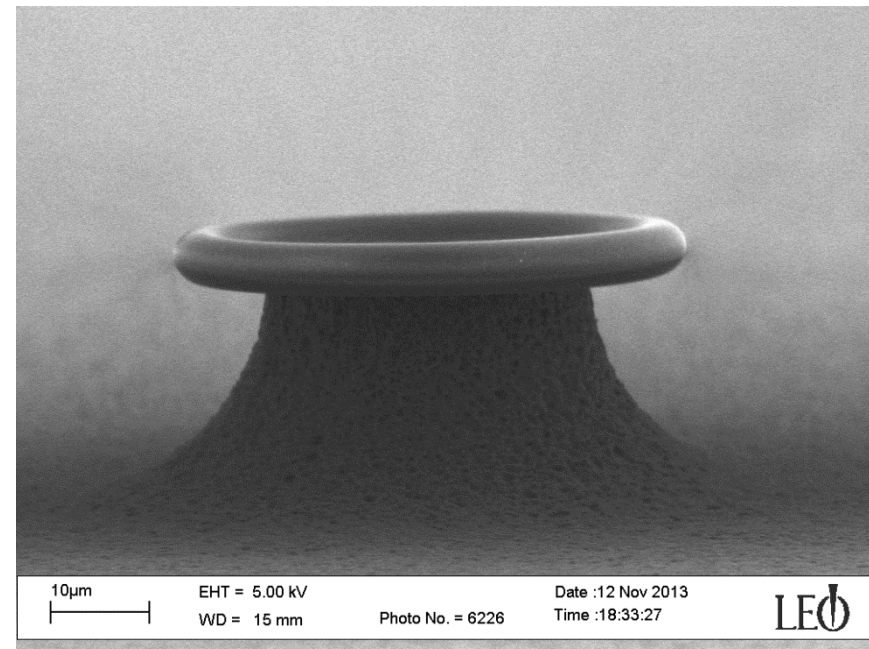
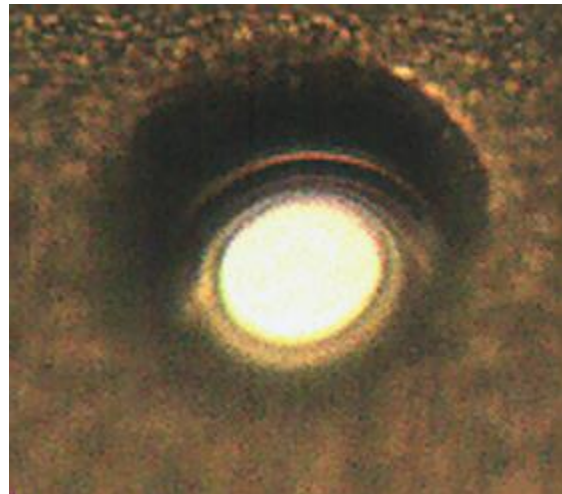
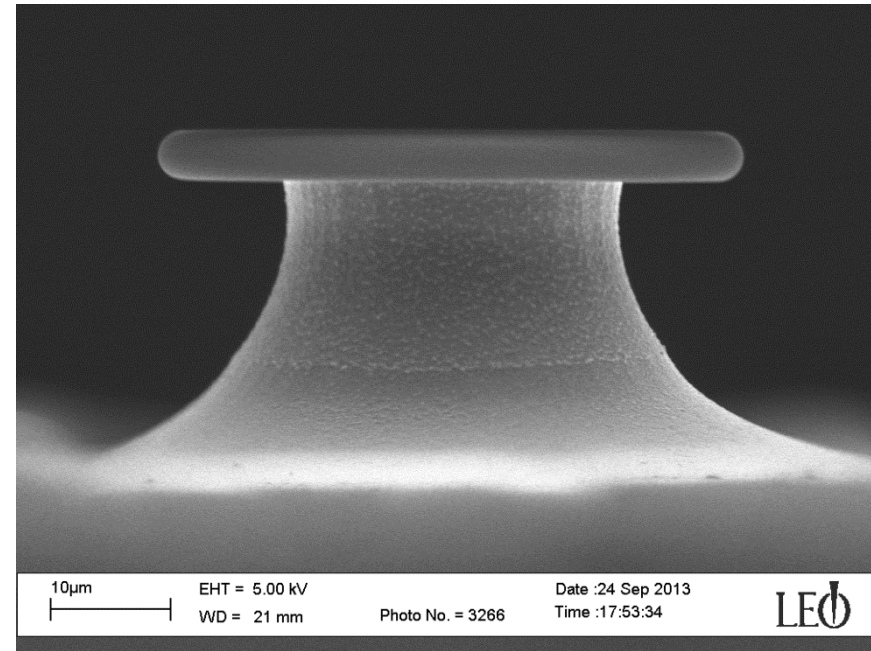
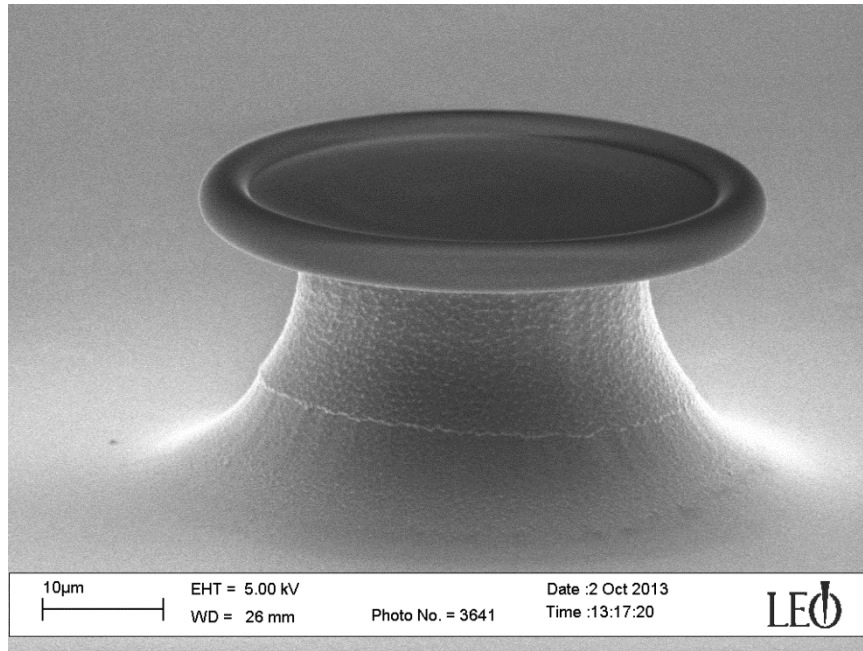
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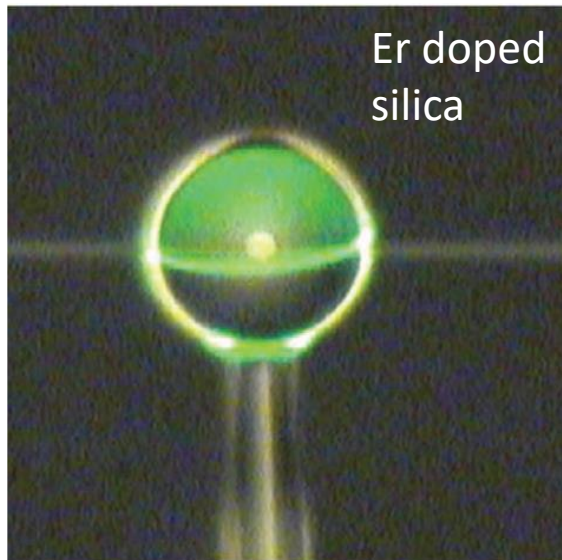


1. WAY too much power
2. Too much power
3. Not enough power

# Just Right.



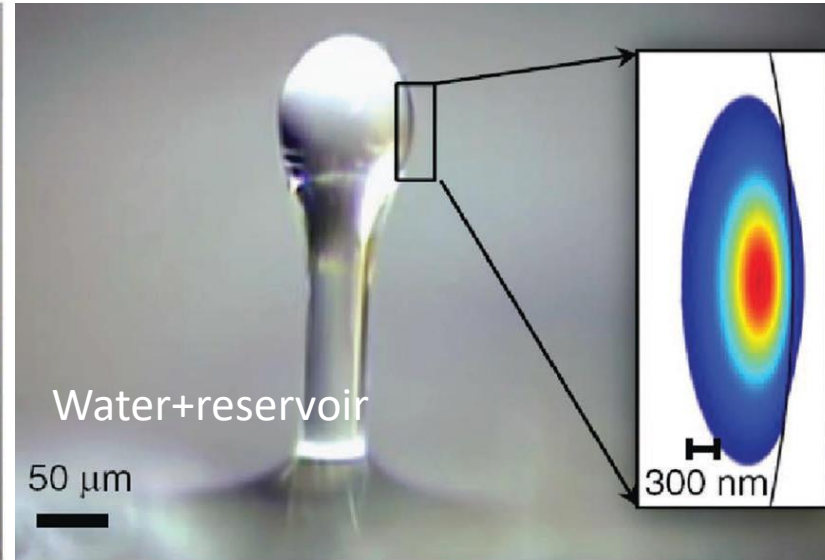
# Whispering Gallery Mode Microresonators, Part 2



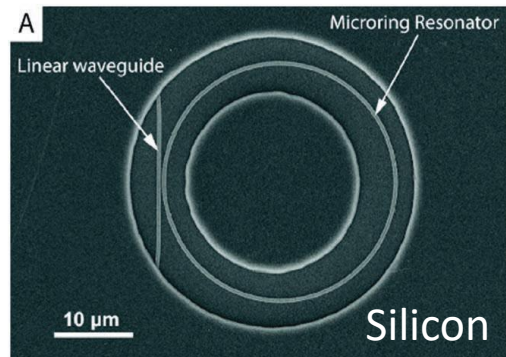
L. Yang, PhD Thesis, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA, USA **2005**.



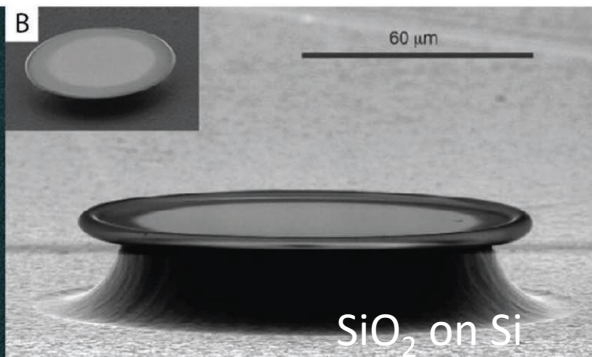
B. Way, R. K. Jain, M. Hossein-Zadeh, *Opt. Lett.* **2012**, *37*, 4389.



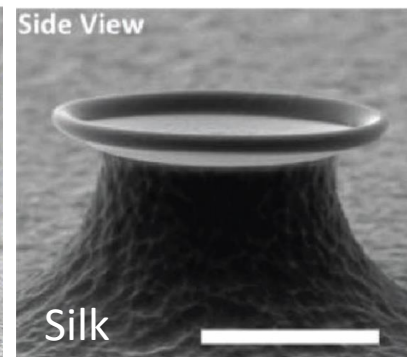
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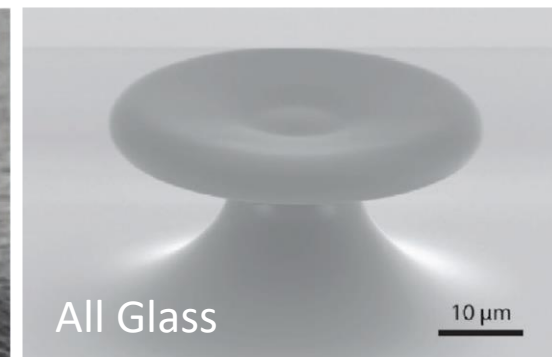
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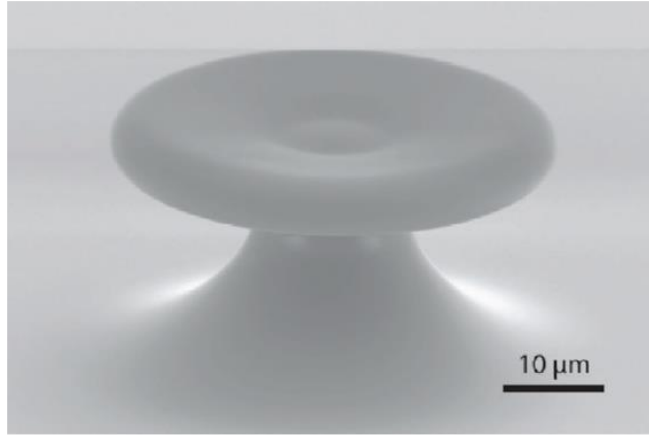


L. Xu, X. Jiang, G. Zhao, D. Ma, H. Tao, Z. Liu, F. G. Omenetto, L. Yang, *Opt. Express* **2016**, *24*, 20825.



K. A. Knapper, K. D. Heylman, E. H. Horak, R. H. Goldsmith, *Adv. Mater.* **2016**, *28*, 2945

# Getting to Ultrahigh-Q is not easy



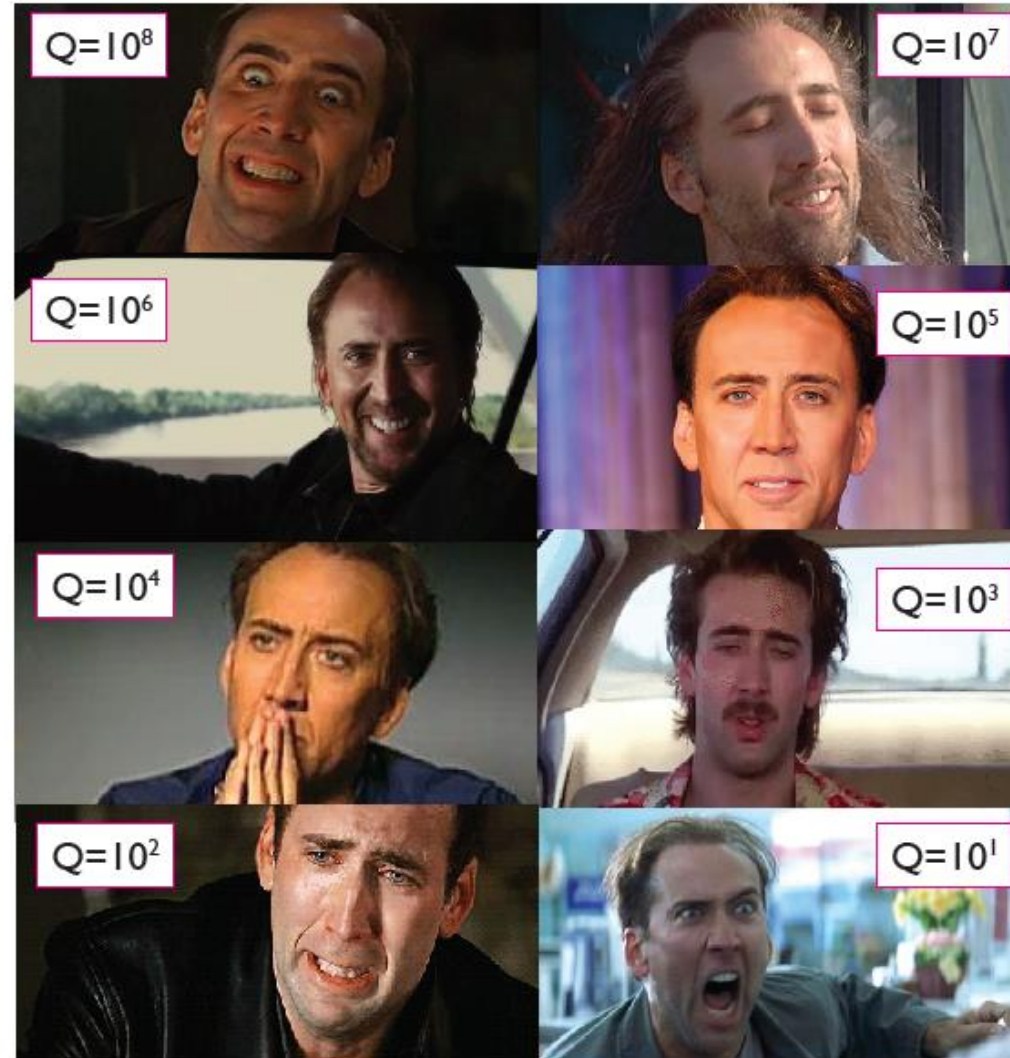
## Ever wonder about the Quality of your Resonators?

How to measure toroidal microresonators using the Nicolas Cage Quality Factor Scale

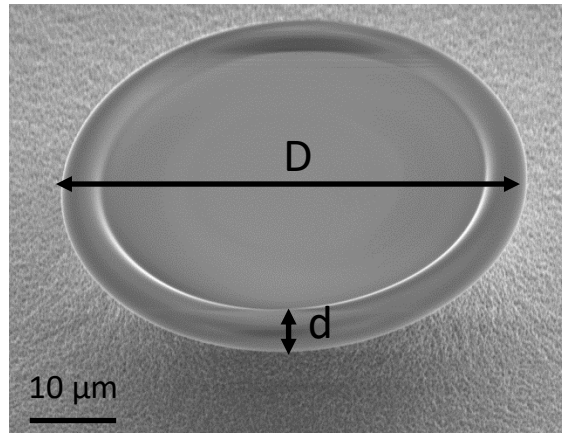
By Kasie Knapper: Friday, January 25th, 10 am, Room 9341

$$Q = \frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_{FWHM}}$$

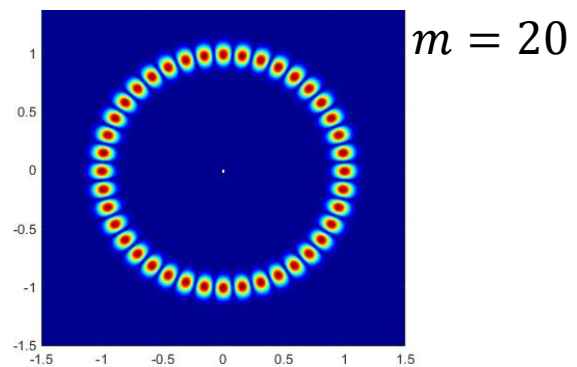
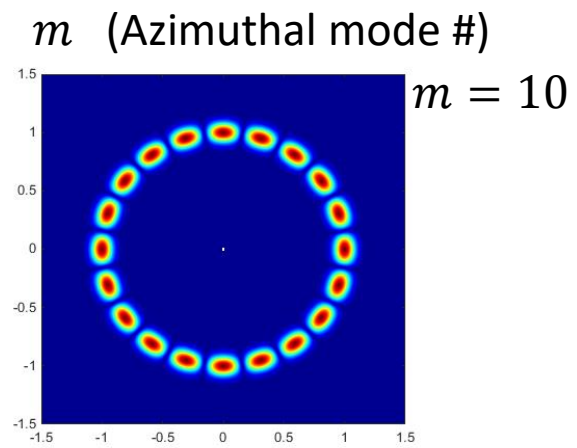
Whispering Gallery Mode



# Spatial Modes



$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi r n}{m}$$

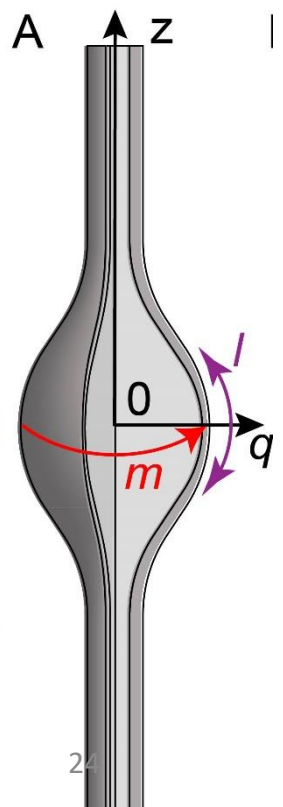
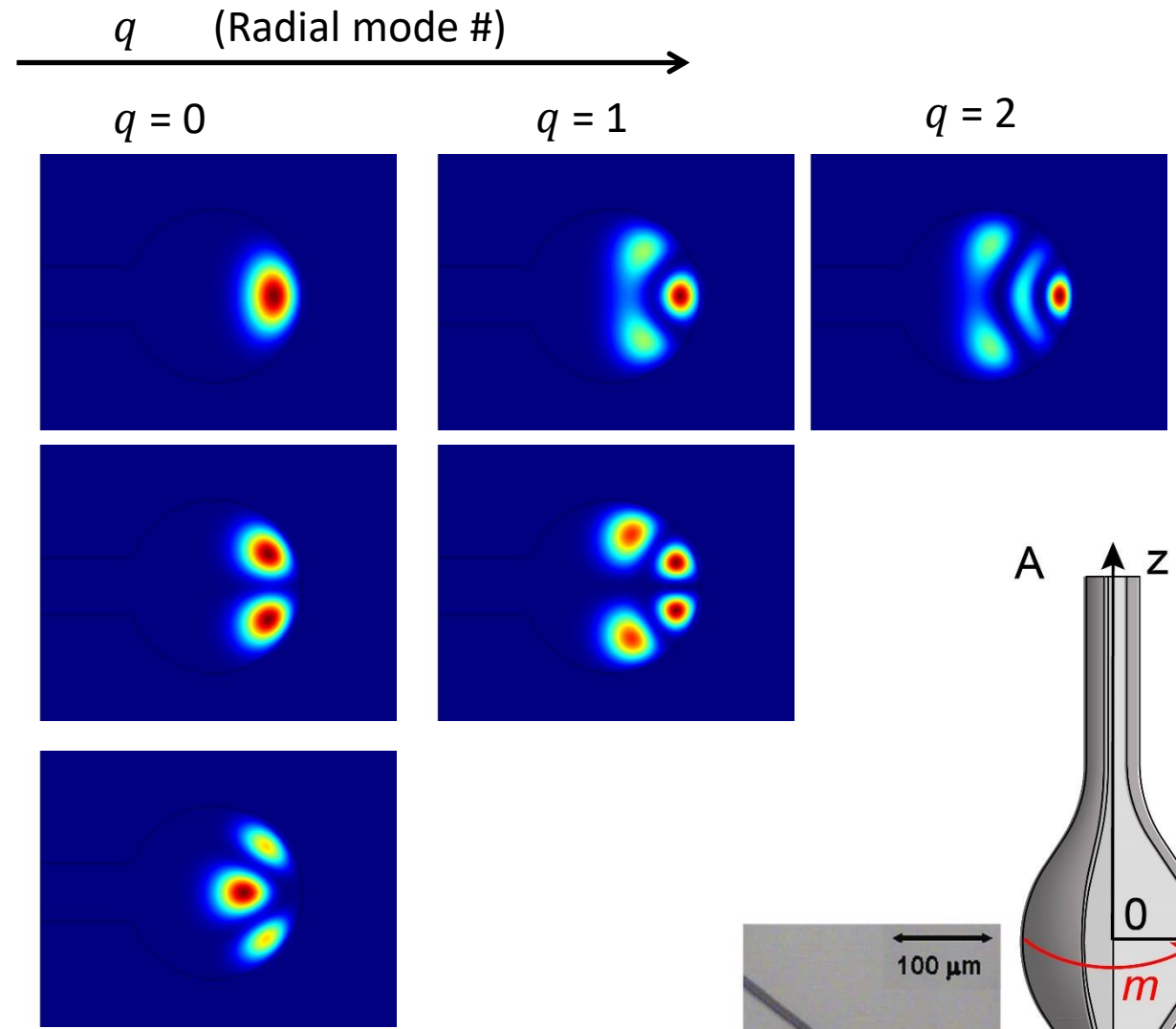


$l$  (Axial mode #)

$l = 0$

$l = 1$

$l = 2$





# WGM Notes

Occasionally referred to as “Travelling Wave” Resonators (no well-defined nodes without defects)

Early modern work on microspheres from Ilchenko (Moscow, JPL)

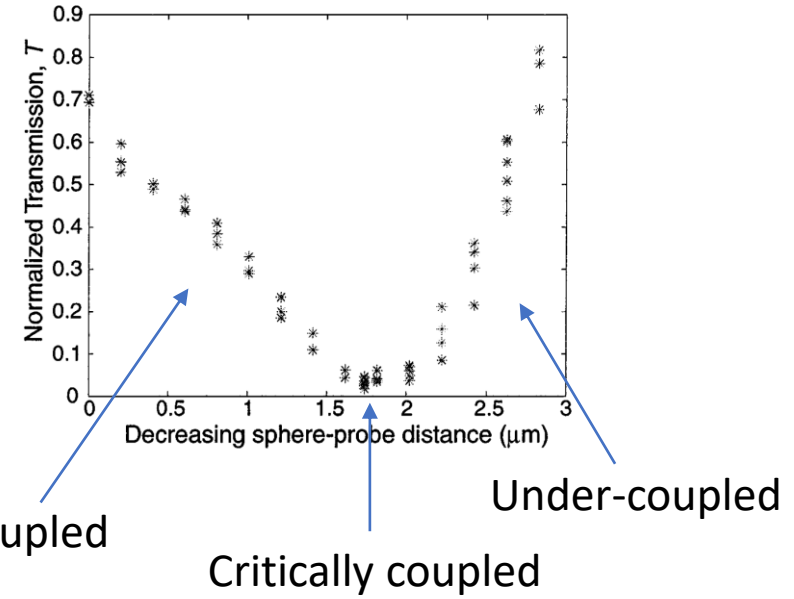
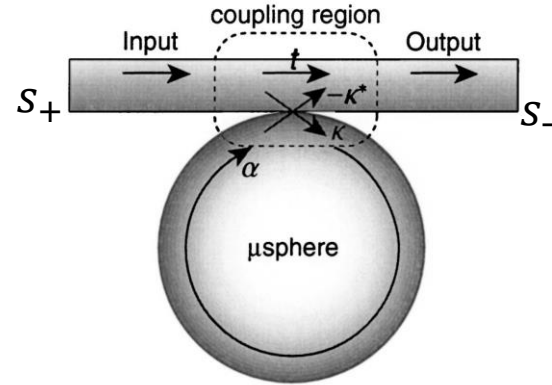
V.S. Ilchenko and co-workers (1989). *Physics Letters A*, 137, 393

Coupling via prism or tapered optical fiber

Fiber coupling has many advantages: mode filtering, mode matching, control of coupling (critical coupling @  $\omega = \omega_e$ )

$$\Gamma = \frac{S_-}{S_+} = \frac{\frac{1}{\tau_0} - \frac{1}{\tau_e}}{\frac{1}{\tau_0} + \frac{1}{\tau_e}}$$

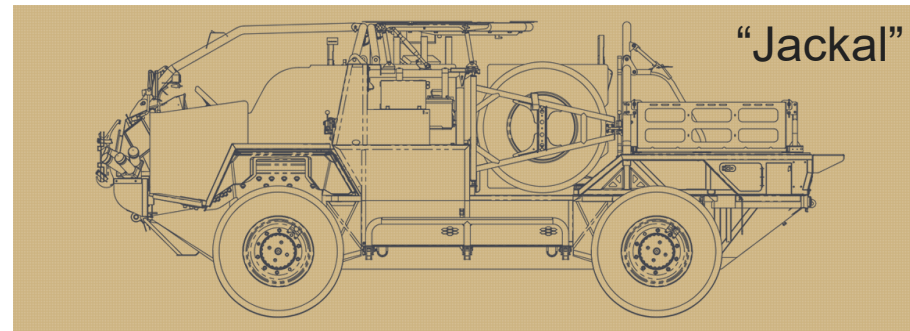
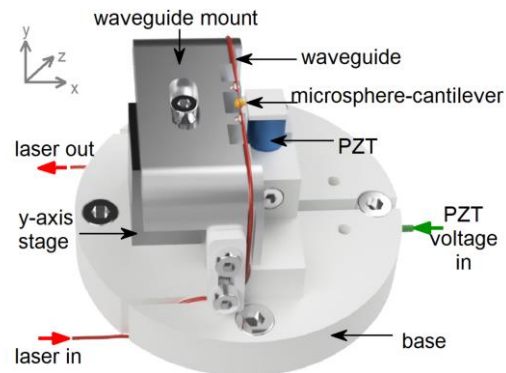
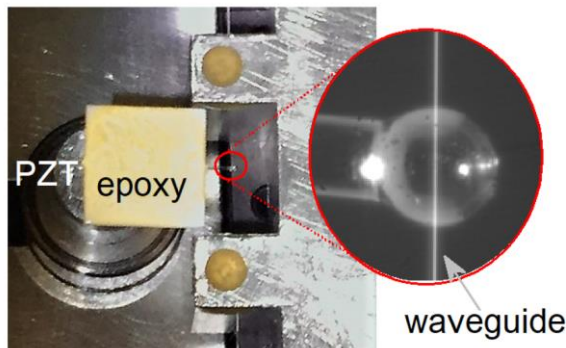
Haus, “Waves and Fields in Optoelectronics”, 1984, Prentice-Hall



Microspheres generally “one at a time”, vs on-chip toroids

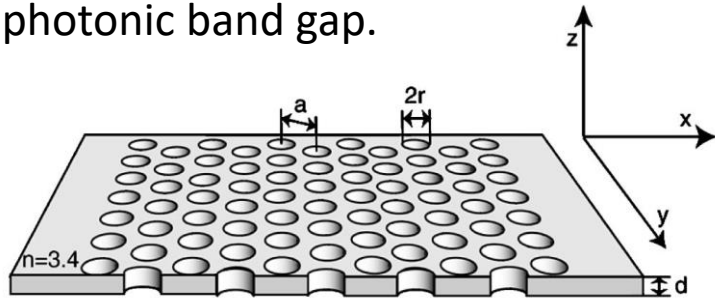
On-chip toroids allow photonic integration (sort of)

Cai, M., Painter, O. and Vahala, K.J., 2000. *Physical review letters*, 85, 74.

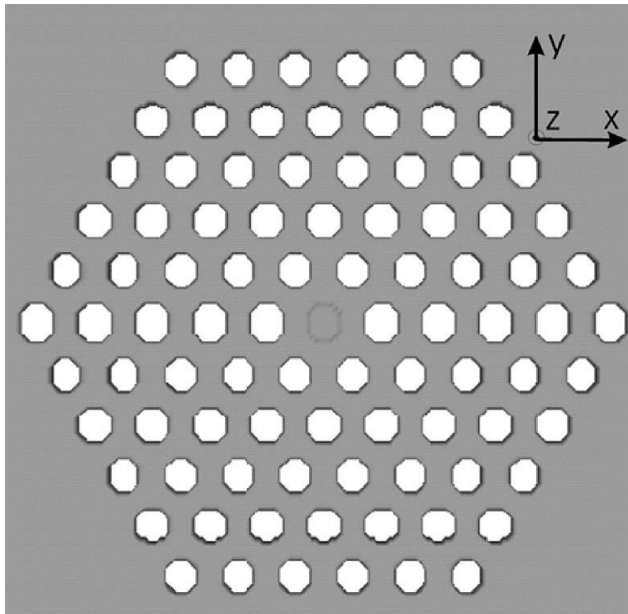


# 2D Photonic Crystal Micro(nano)cavities

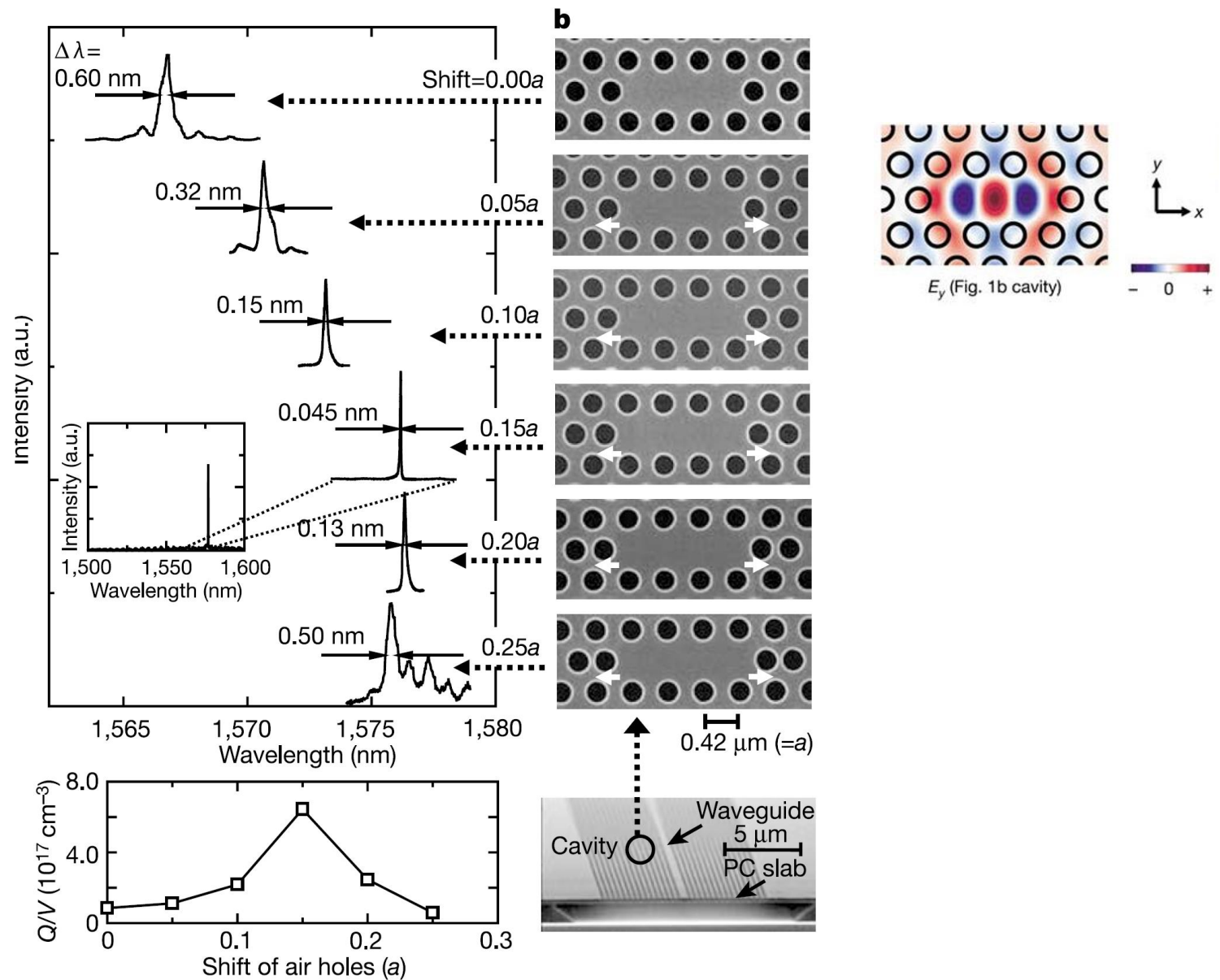
Imagine a periodic nanostructure with a photonic band gap.



Add in a defect, microcavity is confined by the surrounding band gap!

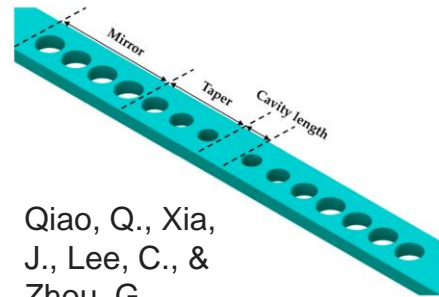
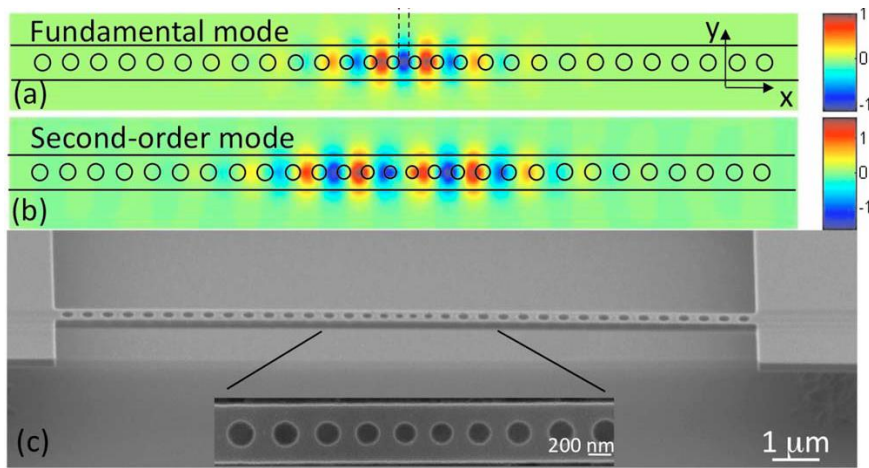


Vučković, J., Lončar, M., Mabuchi, H., & Scherer, A. (2001). *Physical Review E*, 65(1), 016608.



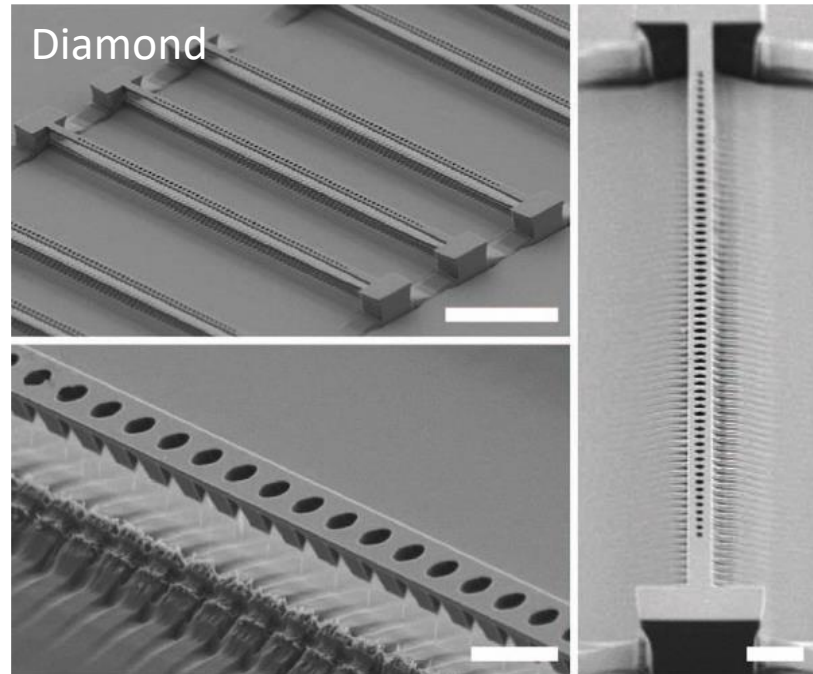
Akahane, Y., Asano, T., Song, B. S., & Noda, S. (2003). *Nature*, 425(6961), 944-947.

# 1D Photonic Crystal Micro(nano)cavities; Nanobeams!



Qiao, Q., Xia, J., Lee, C., & Zhou, G. (2018). *Micromachines*, 9(11), 541.

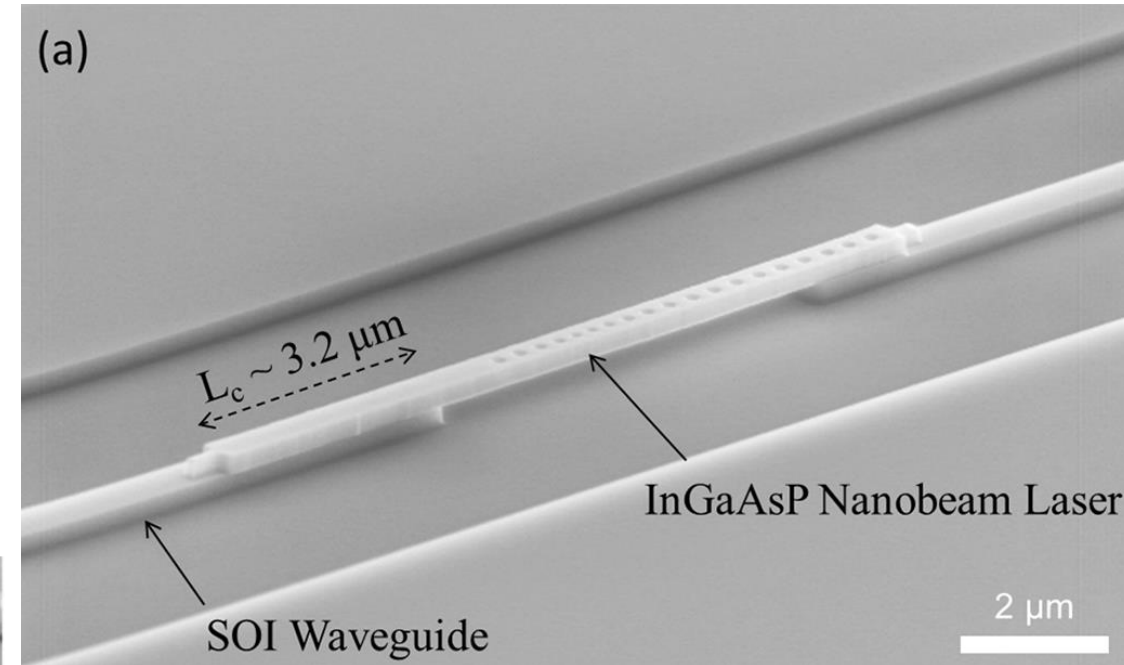
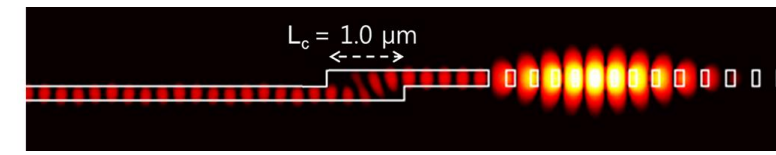
Deotare, P. B., McCutcheon, M. W., Frank, I. W., Khan, M., & Lončar, M. (2009). *Applied Physics Letters*, 94(12), 121106.



Arrays of holes =  
Bragg mirrors

“zero volume” microcavity

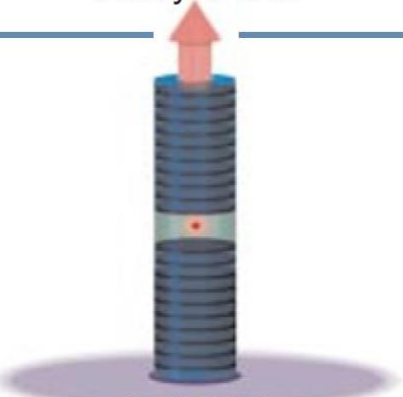
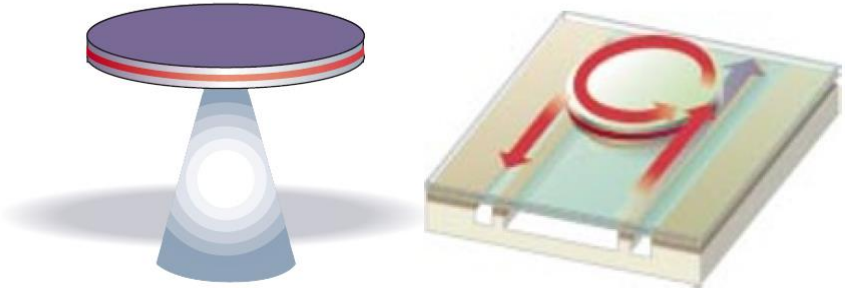
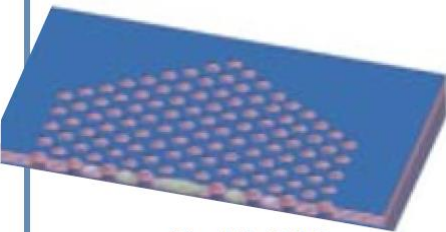
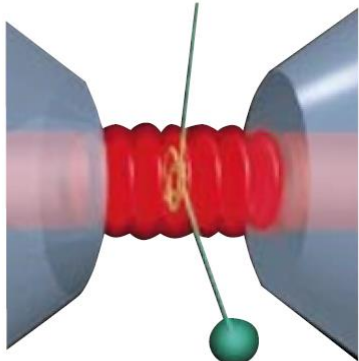
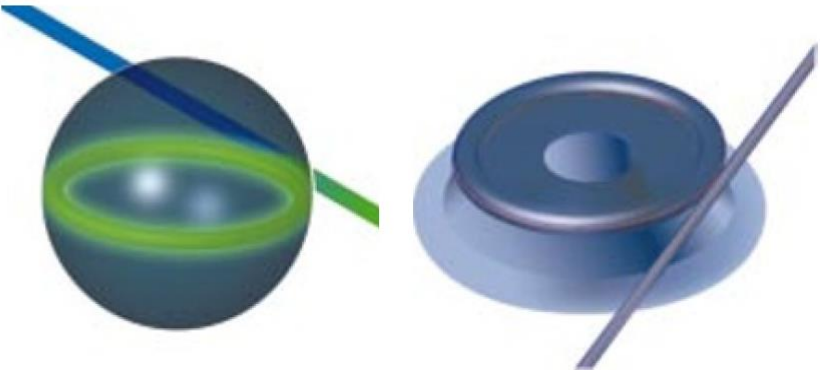
Current frontier:  
integrating multiple exotic  
materials (InGaAsP,  
LiNbO<sub>3</sub>, diamond) into  
more traditional photonic  
platforms



Lee, J., Karnadi, I., Kim, J. T., Lee, Y. H., & Kim, M. K. (2017). *ACS Photonics*, 4(9), 2117-2123

Burek, M. J., Chu, Y., Liddy, M. S., Patel, P., Rochman, J., Meesala, S., ... & Lončar, M. (2014). *Nature Comm*, 5(1), 1-7.

# Microcavity Menagerie

	Fabry-Perot	Whispering gallery	Photonic crystal
High Q	 <p>Q: 2,000 V: <math>5 (\lambda/n)^3</math></p>	 <p>Q: 12,000 V: <math>6 (\lambda/n)^3</math></p> <p><math>Q_{III-V}</math>: 7,000 <math>Q_{Poly}</math>: <math>1.3 \times 10^5</math></p>	 <p>Q: 13,000 V: <math>1.2 (\lambda/n)^3</math></p>
Ultrahigh Q	 <p><math>F</math>: <math>4.8 \times 10^5</math> V: <math>1,690 \mu\text{m}^3</math></p>	 <p>Q: <math>8 \times 10^9</math> V: <math>3,000 \mu\text{m}^3</math></p> <p>Q: <math>10^8</math></p>	

# What is any of this good for? QIS

Photons are great “flying” qubits because they interact weakly with matter

Photons are terrible “stationary” qubits because they interact weakly with matter

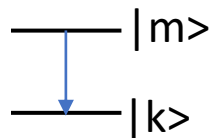
How to increase “interaction strength” between photons and quantum systems (atoms, molecules, QDs, defects)?

Solution: Cavity Quantum Electrodynamics (cQED)

How to think about spontaneous emission of a photon (from a molecule)?

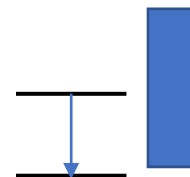
Differential Transition Rate

$$\Gamma_{m \rightarrow k} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |V_{m \rightarrow k}|^2 \rho(\omega) \quad \text{Fermi's Golden Rule}$$



$$\langle m | \vec{\mu} | k \rangle$$

Transition dipole moment (matrix element) lives in here



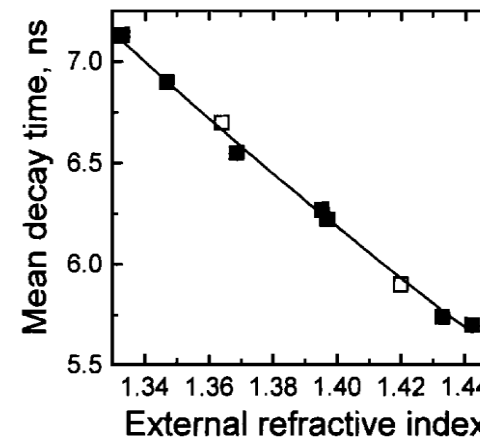
$\rho(E)$  Photonic density of states (PDOS), all the ways (ie, different k vectors) of coupling to photons

For free space:

$$\rho(\omega) \propto \frac{\omega^2}{\pi c^3}$$

Is this actually interesting? Hard to change.

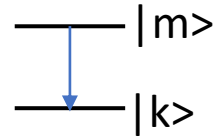
As  $n(\text{refractive index}) \uparrow; c \downarrow; \rho(\omega) \uparrow$



Petrov, E. P., Kruchenok, J. V., & Rubinov, A. N. (1999). *J. Fluor.*, 9, 111.

# The Purcell Effect

$$\Gamma_{m \rightarrow k} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |V_{m \rightarrow k}|^2 \rho(\omega)$$



For free space:

$$\rho_{FreeSpace}(\omega) \propto \frac{\omega^2}{\pi c^3}$$

For a cavity:

$$\rho_{Cavity}(\omega) \propto \frac{c}{2\pi Q V} \frac{3}{\left(\frac{c}{2Q}\right)^2 + (\omega_{cav} - \omega)^2}$$

@  $\omega \neq \omega_{cav}$

$$\frac{\Gamma_{Cavity}}{\Gamma_{FreeSpace}} = \frac{\rho_{Cavity}}{\rho_{FreeSpace}} = \frac{3}{16\pi^2 Q} \frac{\lambda^3}{V}$$

Suppressed emission!  
Can't emit in a band gap!

@  $\omega = \omega_{cav}$

$$\frac{\Gamma_{Cavity}}{\Gamma_{FreeSpace}} = \frac{\rho_{Cavity}}{\rho_{FreeSpace}} = \frac{3Q}{4\pi^2} \frac{\lambda^3}{V} = F_P$$

Enhanced emission rate!  
For real!

Purcell Factor

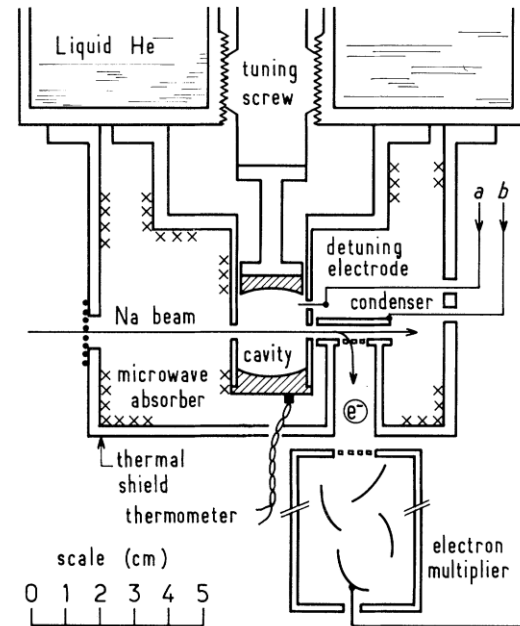
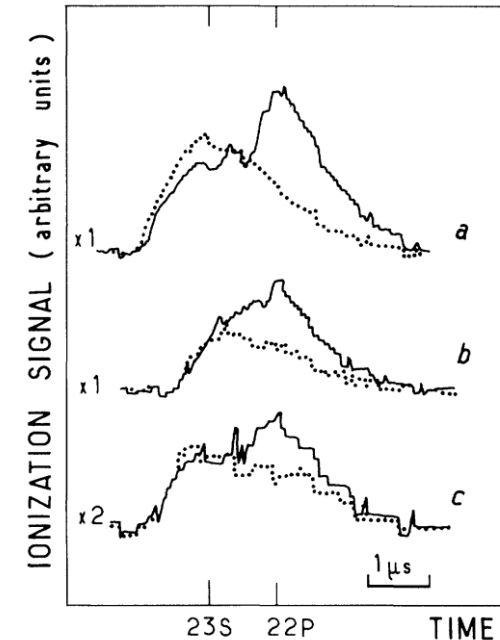
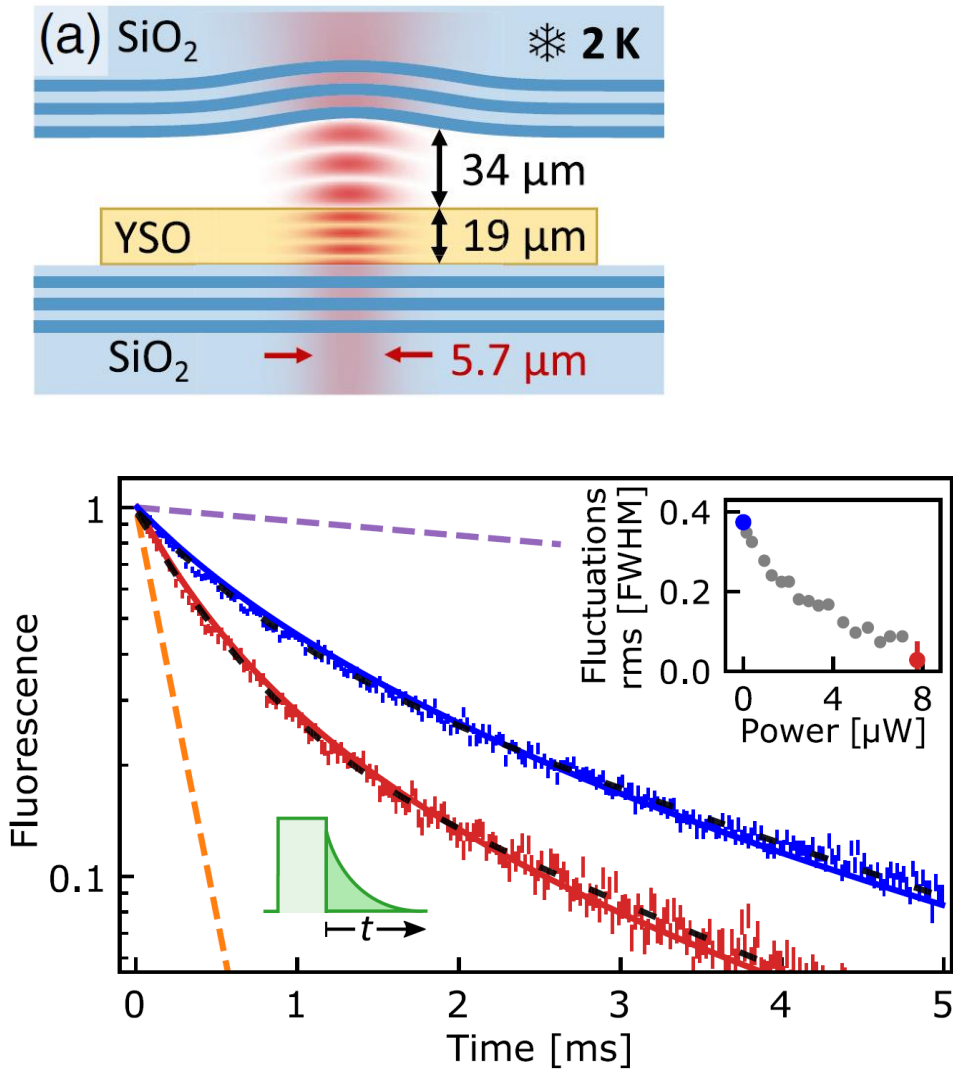


FIG. 1. Experimental arrangement.

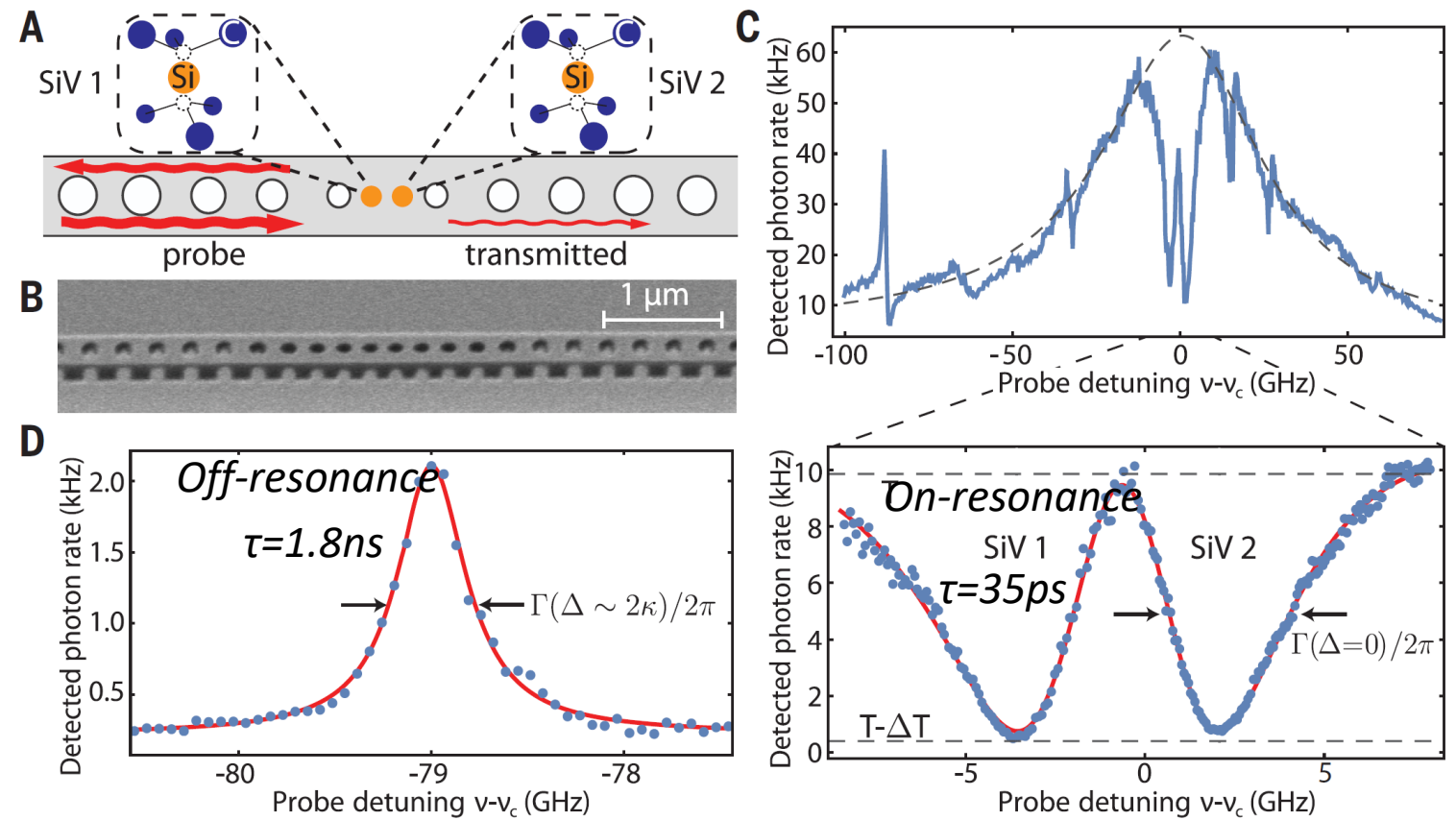


Goy, P., Raimond, J. M., Gross, M., & Haroche, S. (1983). *Physical Review Letters*, 50, 1903.

# Radiative Engineering via the Purcell Effect, Solid State Defects

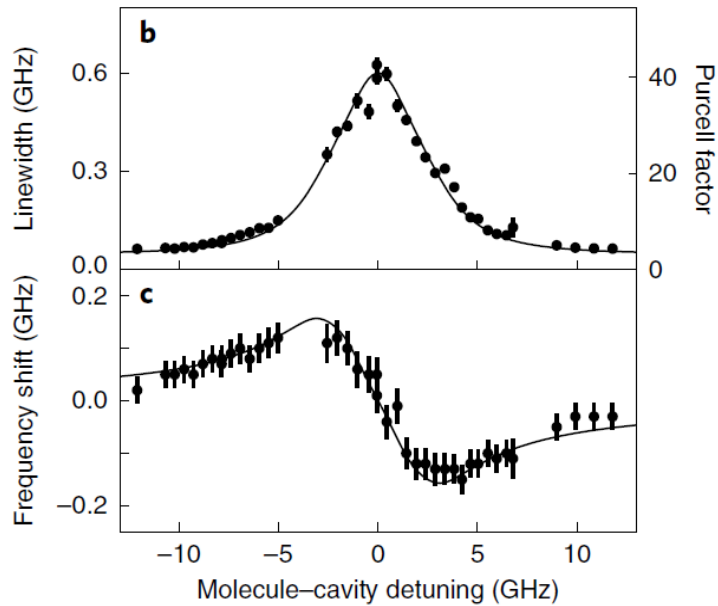
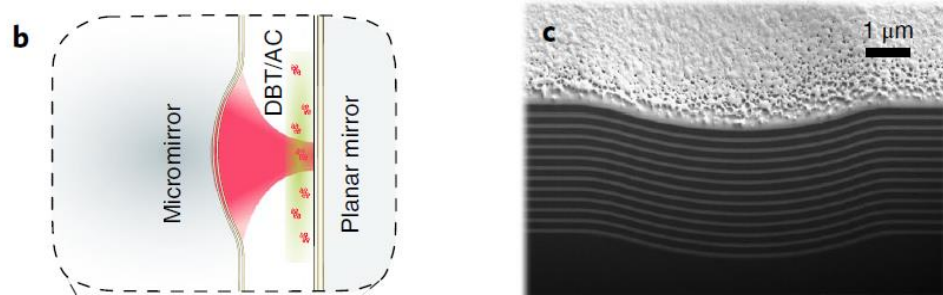
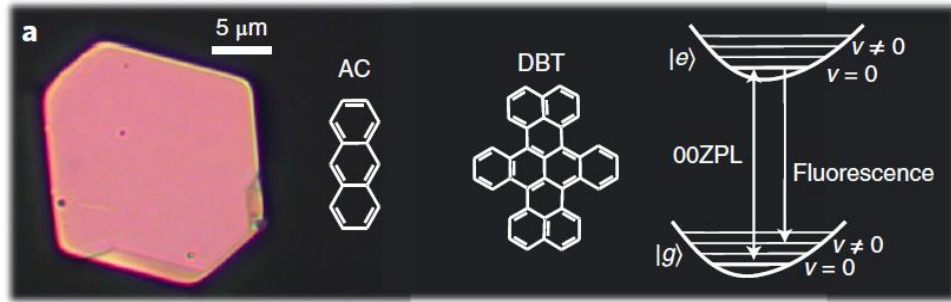


Reiserer, Merkel, and co-workers, PRX, **2020**, 041025



Evans, Lončar, Lukin, and co-workers, Science, **2018**, 362, 662

# Radiative Engineering via the Purcell Effect, Molecules



What do you get?

Outcompete relaxation to other (vibronic) states which broadens emission spectrum (photons are more identical)

Faster photon count rates means more information can be transferred, more operations/second

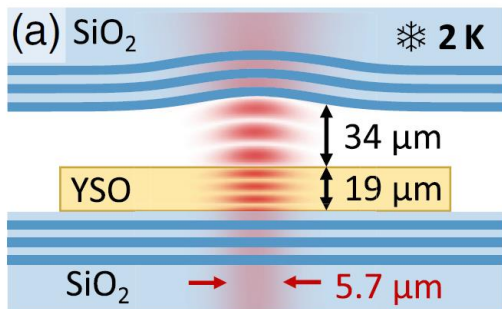
More exotic physics in the “strong coupling” regime





# Pro and Cons of Microcavities for QIS

$$F_P = \frac{3Q \lambda^3}{4\pi^2 V}$$



Not necessarily the same microcavity!

Fabry-Perot

Q up to  $10^7$   
V down to  $<10\mu\text{m}^3$

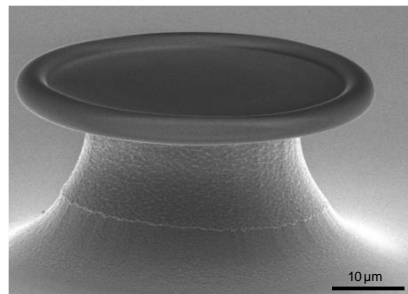
Good news: tunable resonances!

Bad news: tunable resonances!  
Instability!

Excellent mode overlap

Used in both large L (ions/Rydberg atoms) and small L (defects) limits

Requires Expensive Optical Coating\$, restricts geometry



WGM

Q up to  $>10^8$   
V down to 100's of  $\mu\text{m}^3$

Not easily tunable

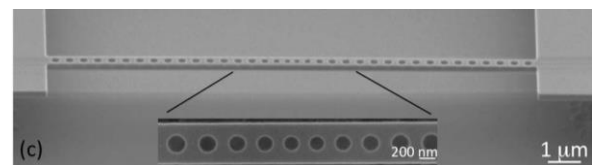
Need to get smooth, limits Q for some materials

Can't make too small, get radiative losses (depends on material, n)

Weak coupling, unless defects are doped inside

Queens of Q's

Fascinating applications in optomechanics



Photonic Crystal/Nanobeam

Q up to  $\sim 10^5$   
V down to  $<0.6\mu\text{m}^3$

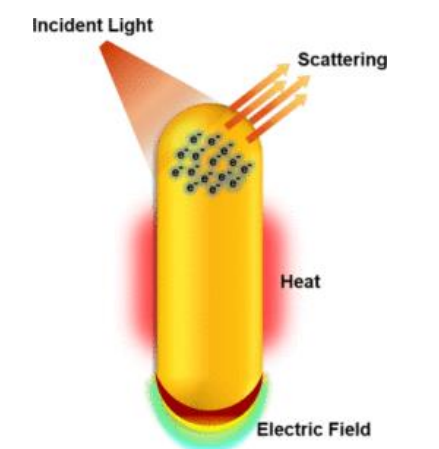
Not easily tunable

Need to get fabrication defect-free (theoretical Q's  $\sim 10^7$ )

Weak coupling, unless defects are doped inside

Super Low V's (for dielectric)

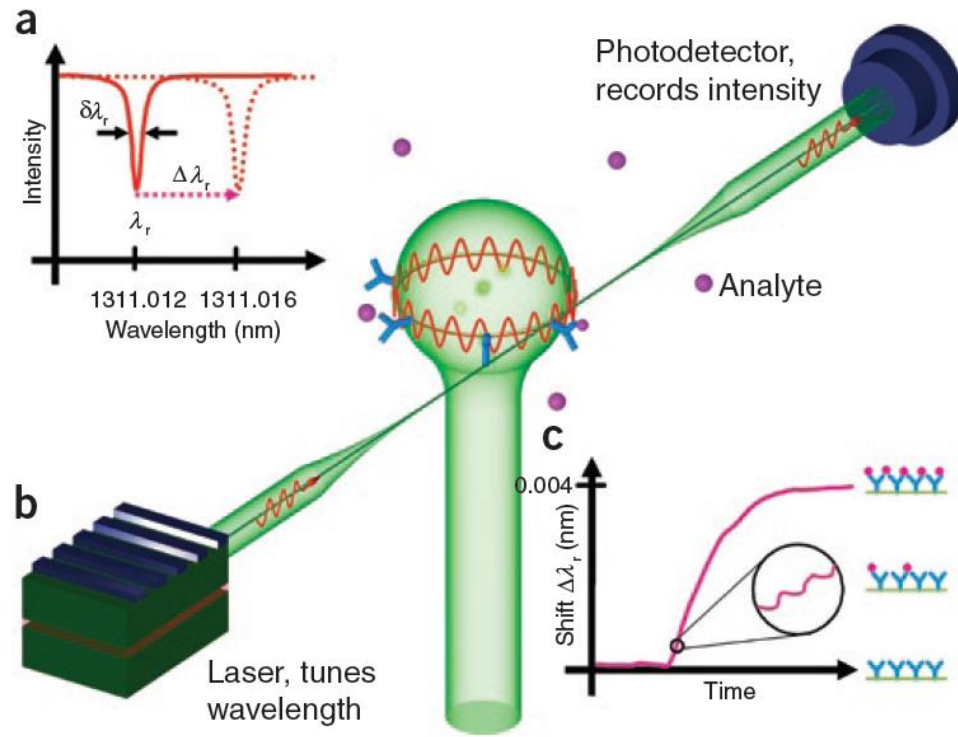
Fascinating applications in optomechanics



Plasmonic "Nanocavity"

Q up to 10?  
V down to  $10^{-6}\mu\text{m}^3$

# What is any of this good for? Sensing and Spectroscopy



Vollmer and Arnold, *Nature Methods.*, **2008**, *5*, 591.

K. D. Heylman; K. A. Knapper; E. H. Horak; M. T. Rea; S. K. Vanga; R. H. Goldsmith. **Optical Microresonators for Sensing and Transduction: A Materials Perspective.** *Advanced Materials* **2017**, *29*.

A means of performing *in situ* spectroscopy would allow **single-molecule identification.**

Important Benchmarks (not inclusive):

## Single Particle Detection

Li, Xiao, and coworkers, *PNAS*, **2014**, *111*, 14657.

Ozdemir, Yang, and coworkers, *PNAS*, **2014**, *111*, 3836.

Lu, Vahala, and coworkers, *PNAS*, **2011**, *108*, 5976.

Swaim, Bowen, and coworkers, *APL*, **2013**, *103*186.

## Single Protein Detection

Dantham, Arnold, and coworkers, *Nano Lett.*, **2013**, *13*, 3347.

Yu and Lu, *Nature Comm.*, **2016**, *7*, 12311.

## Single DNA oligomer, Ion Detection

Baaske, Vollmer, and coworkers, *Nature Nanotech.*, **2014**, *9*, 933.

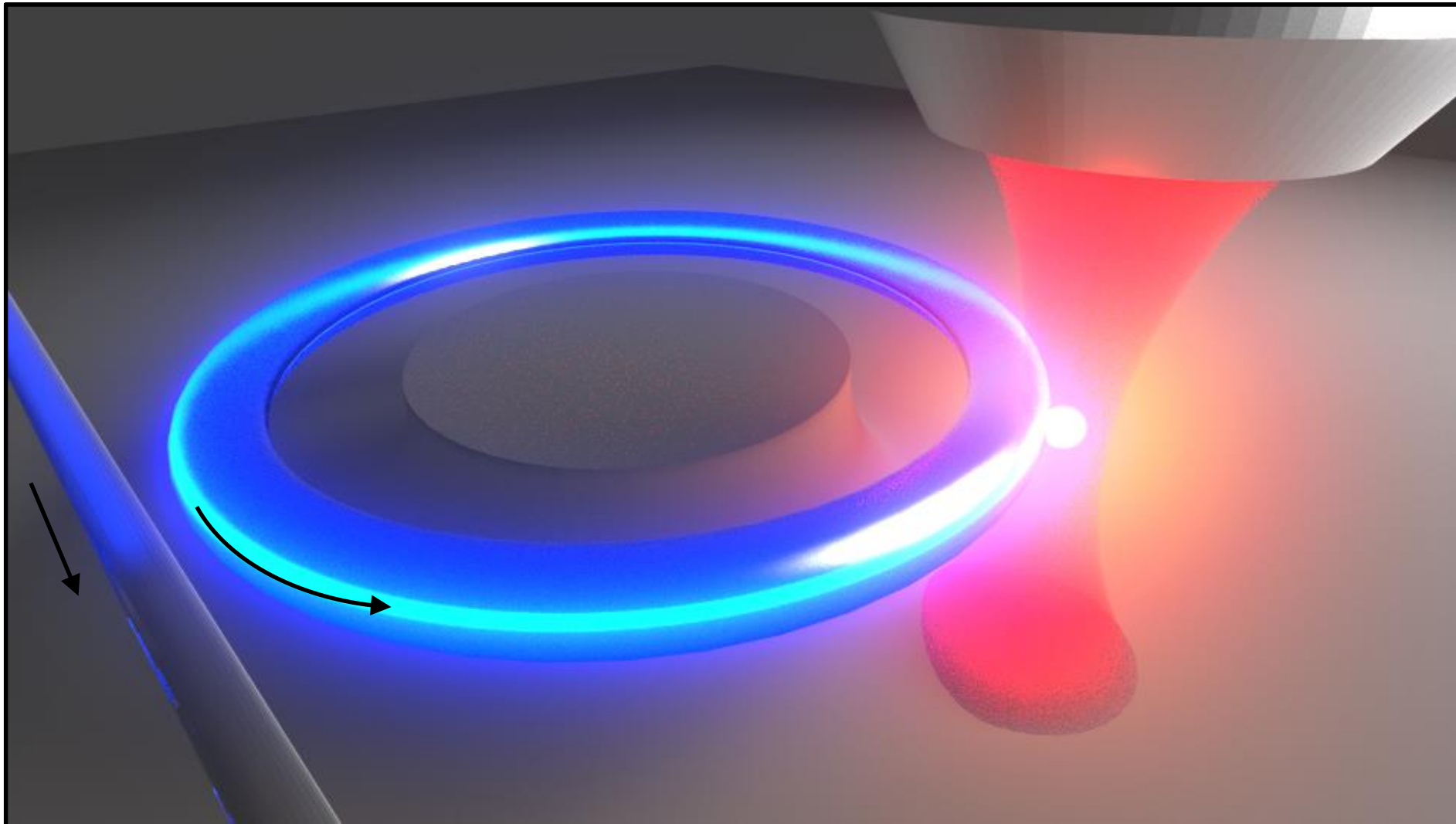
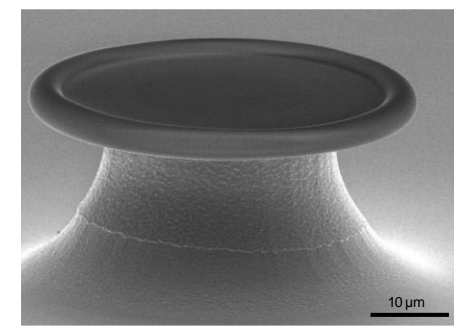
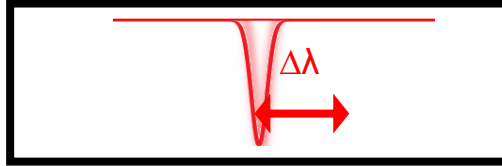
Baaske, Vollmer, and coworkers, *Nature Photon.*, **2016**, *10*, 733.

# How do you know what molecule has bound?

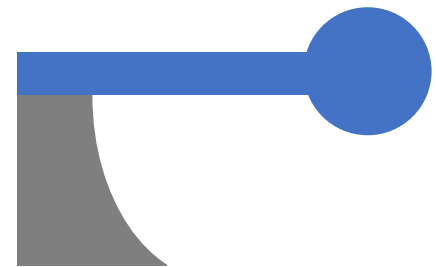
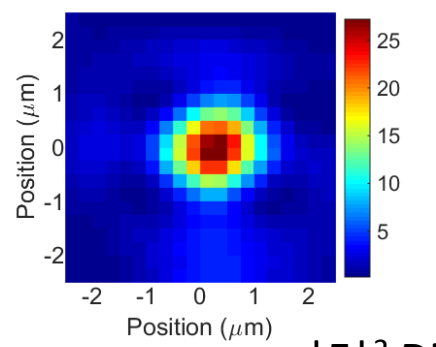
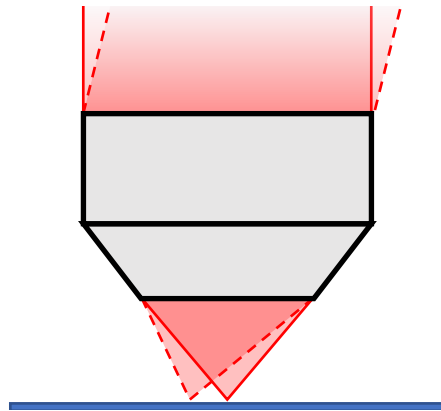
Surface Functionalization: Bailey, Armani, Hunt, etc.

# Optical Microresonator Spectrometers

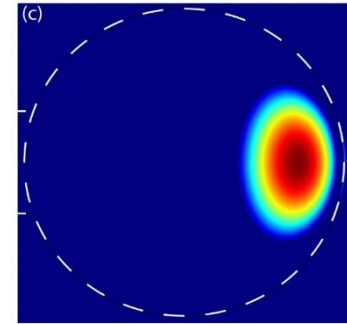
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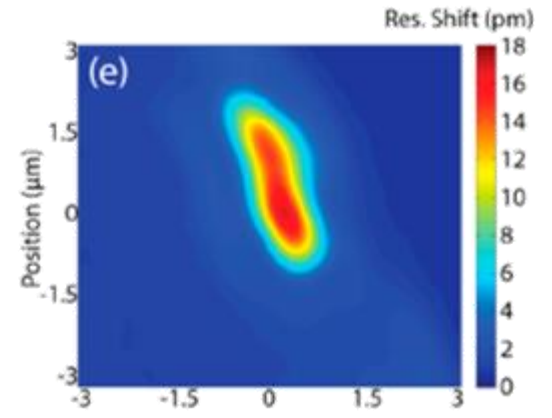
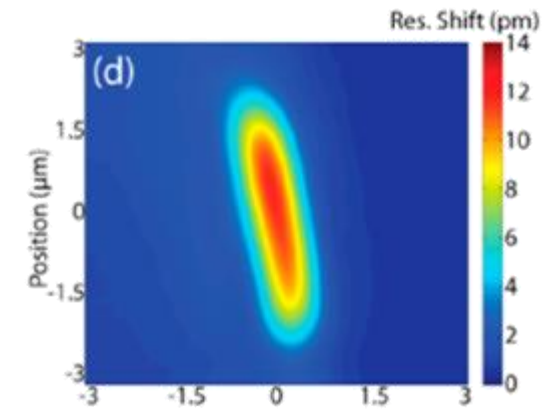
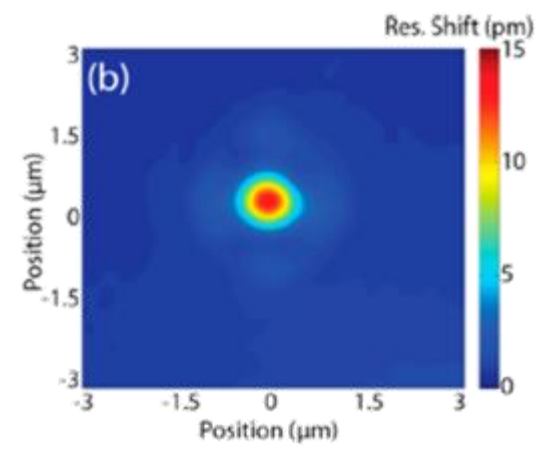
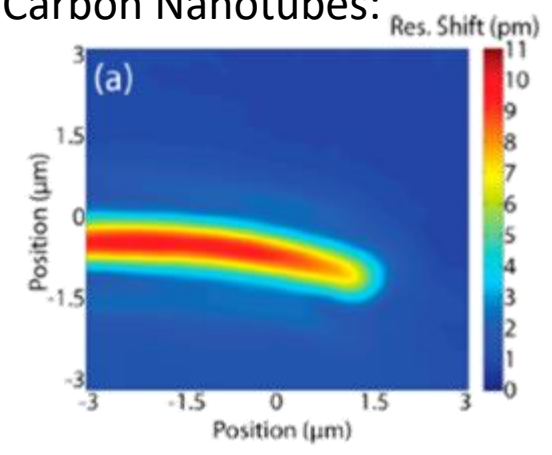
# Photothermal Microscopy



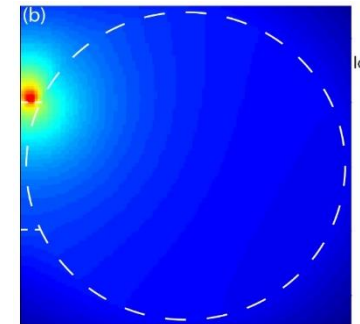
$|E|^2$  Distribution



# Carbon Nanotubes:



Temperature Distribution



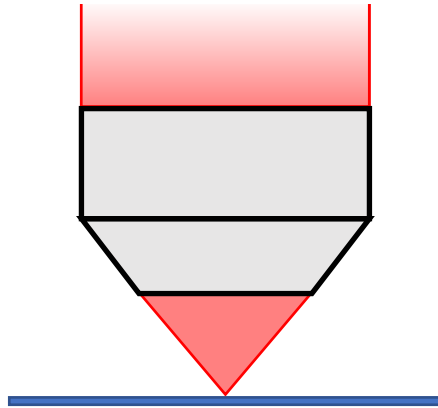
$$\sigma = 2.3 \pm 0.5 \times 10^{-18} \text{ cm}^2/\text{C}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{BULK}} = 2.5-2.8 \times 10^{-18} \text{ cm}^2/\text{C}$$

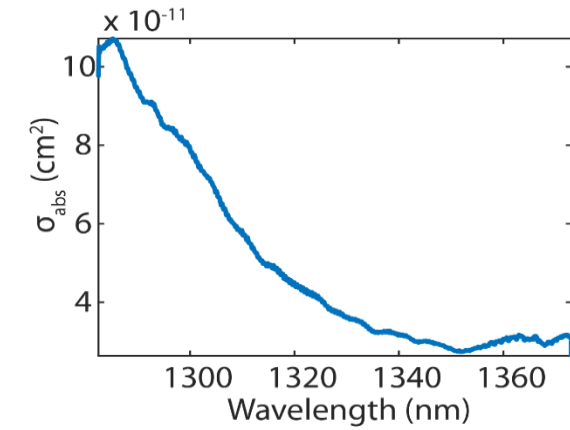
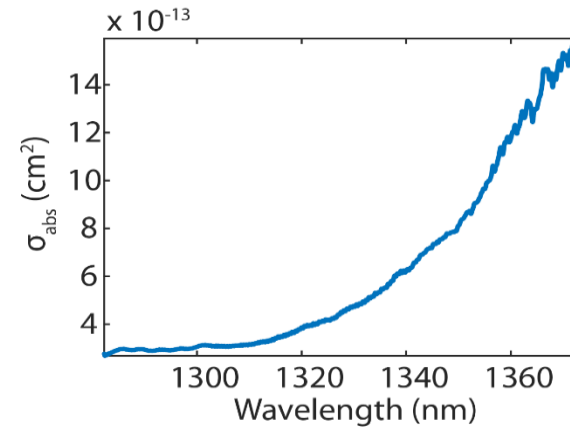
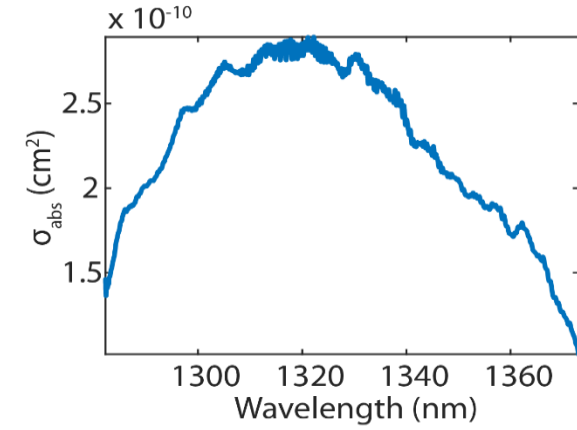
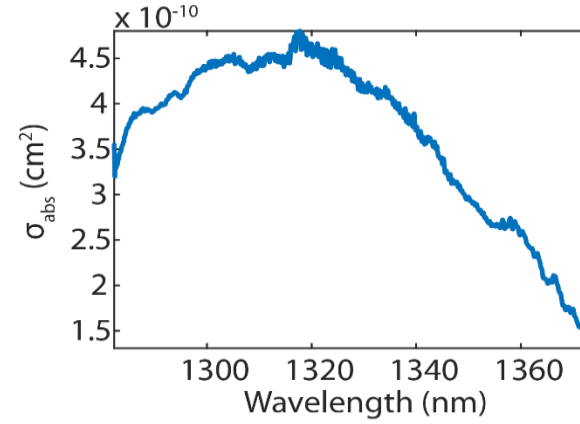
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# Photothermal Spectroscopy

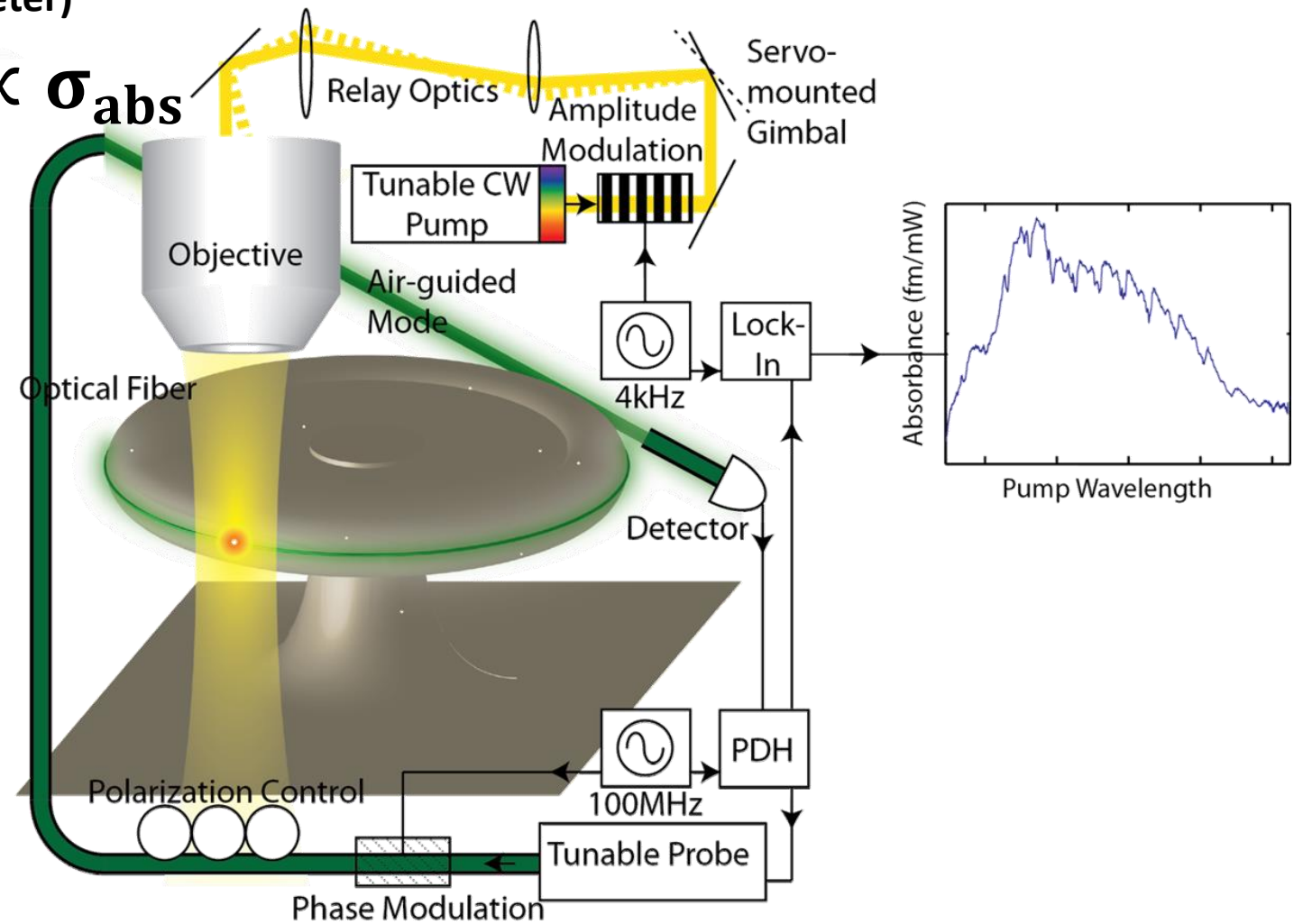
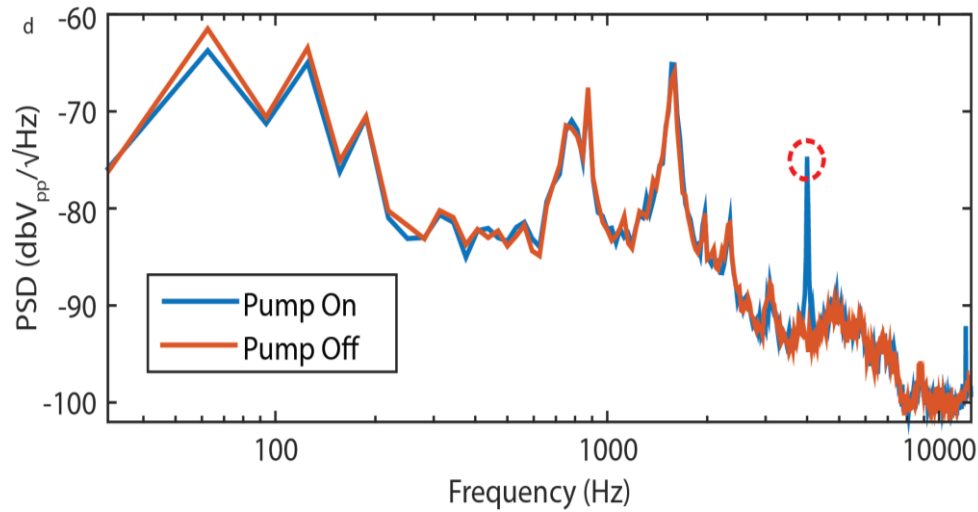


## Gold Nanorods:

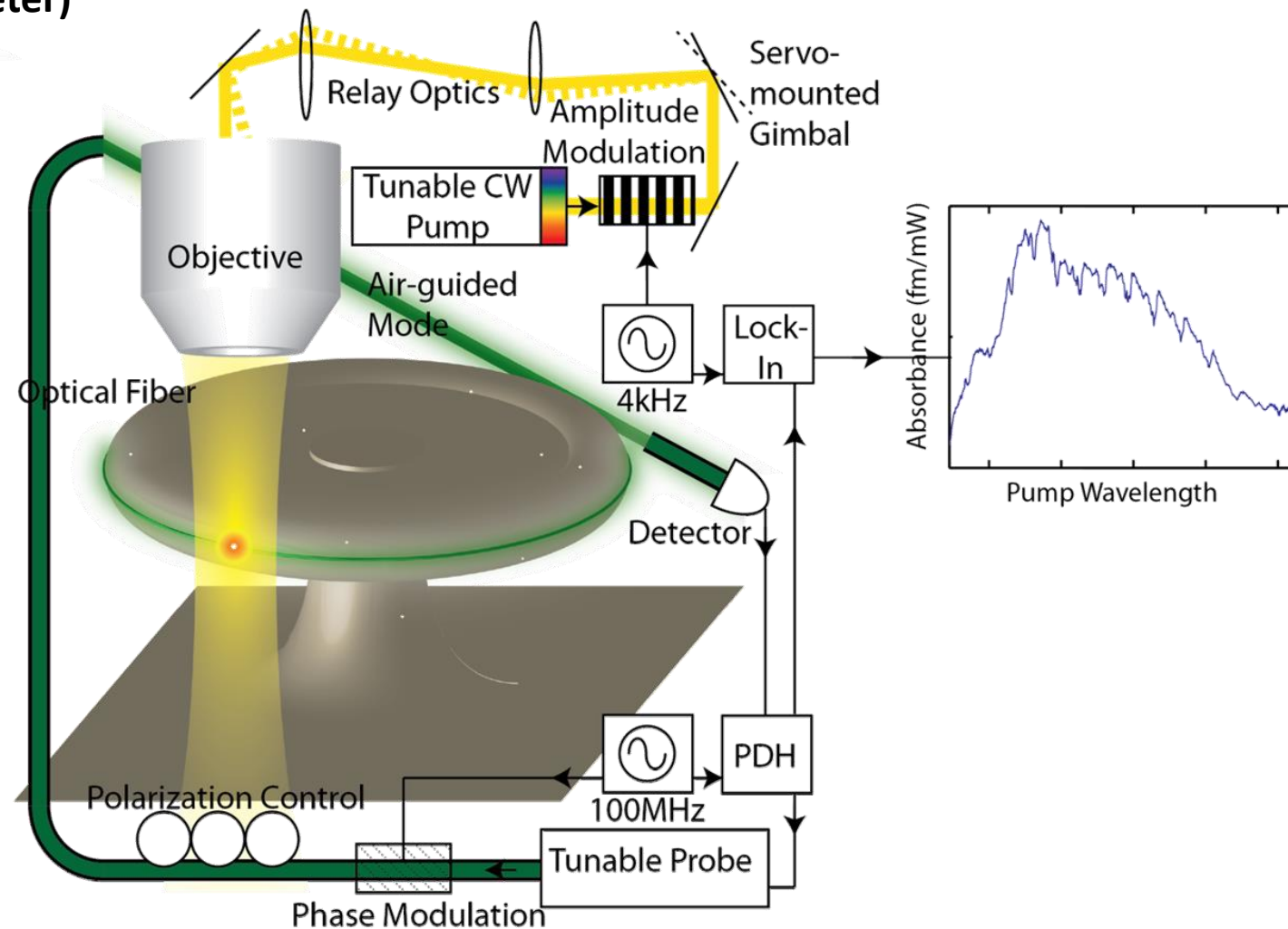
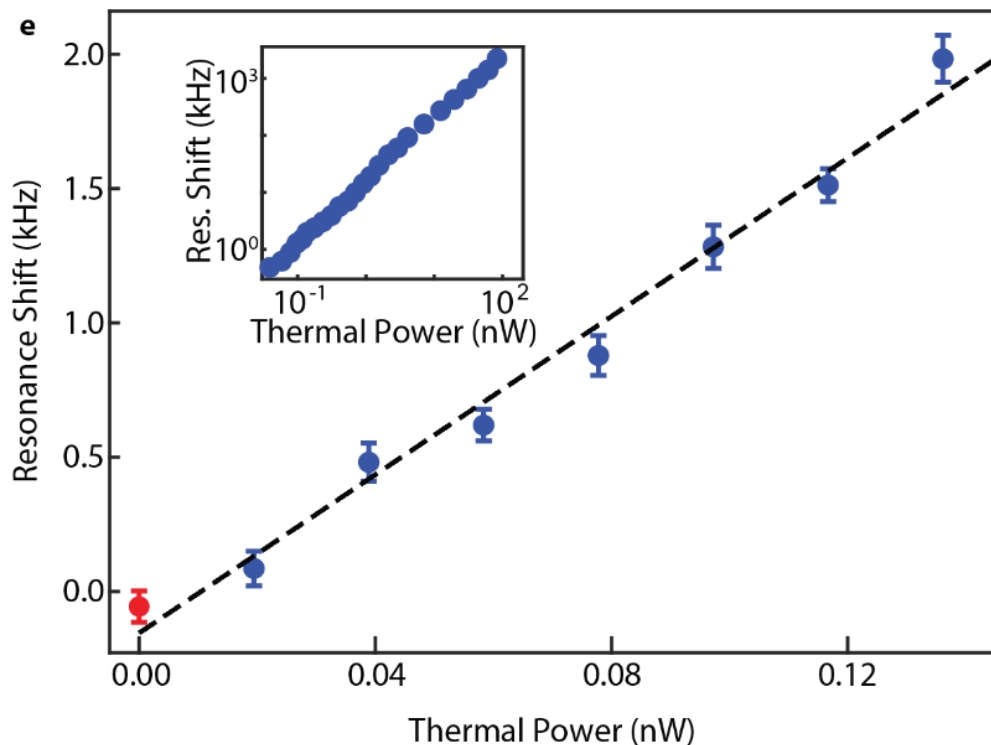


# Detect Resonator Frequency Shifts <100Hz (1 Attometer)

$$\Delta I \propto \Delta \theta \propto \Delta \lambda \propto \Delta n \propto \Delta T \propto \sigma_{\text{abs}}$$



# Detect Resonator Frequency Shifts <100Hz (1 Attometer)



Pumping a Au Nanorod  
Amplitude modulation, 4kHz  
Lock-in Time Constant, 1s  
Errorbars: STD of mean, 30 repeats

One dye molecule pumped to near saturation, 10nW → 240 kHz shift

Largely immune to scattering

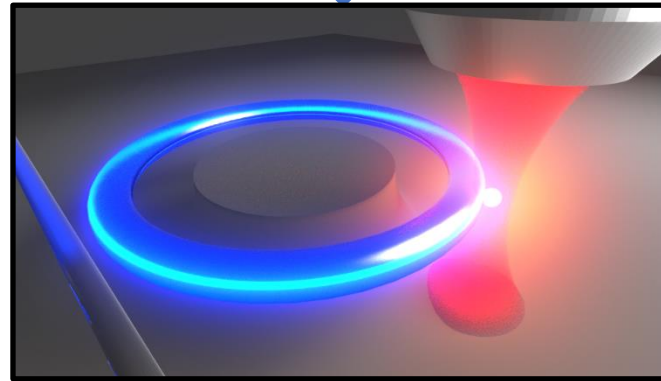
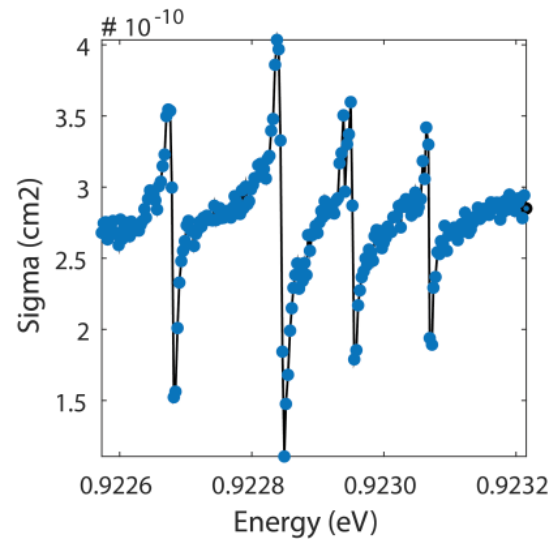
Background still high

# Microresonator Spectrometers

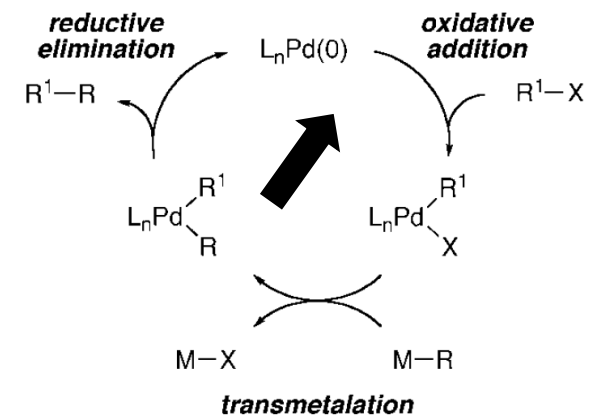
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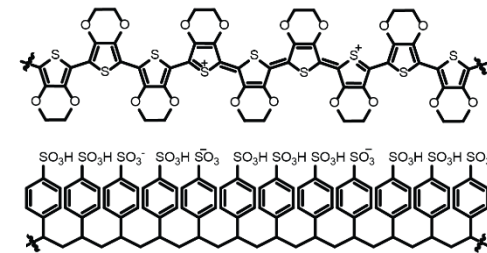
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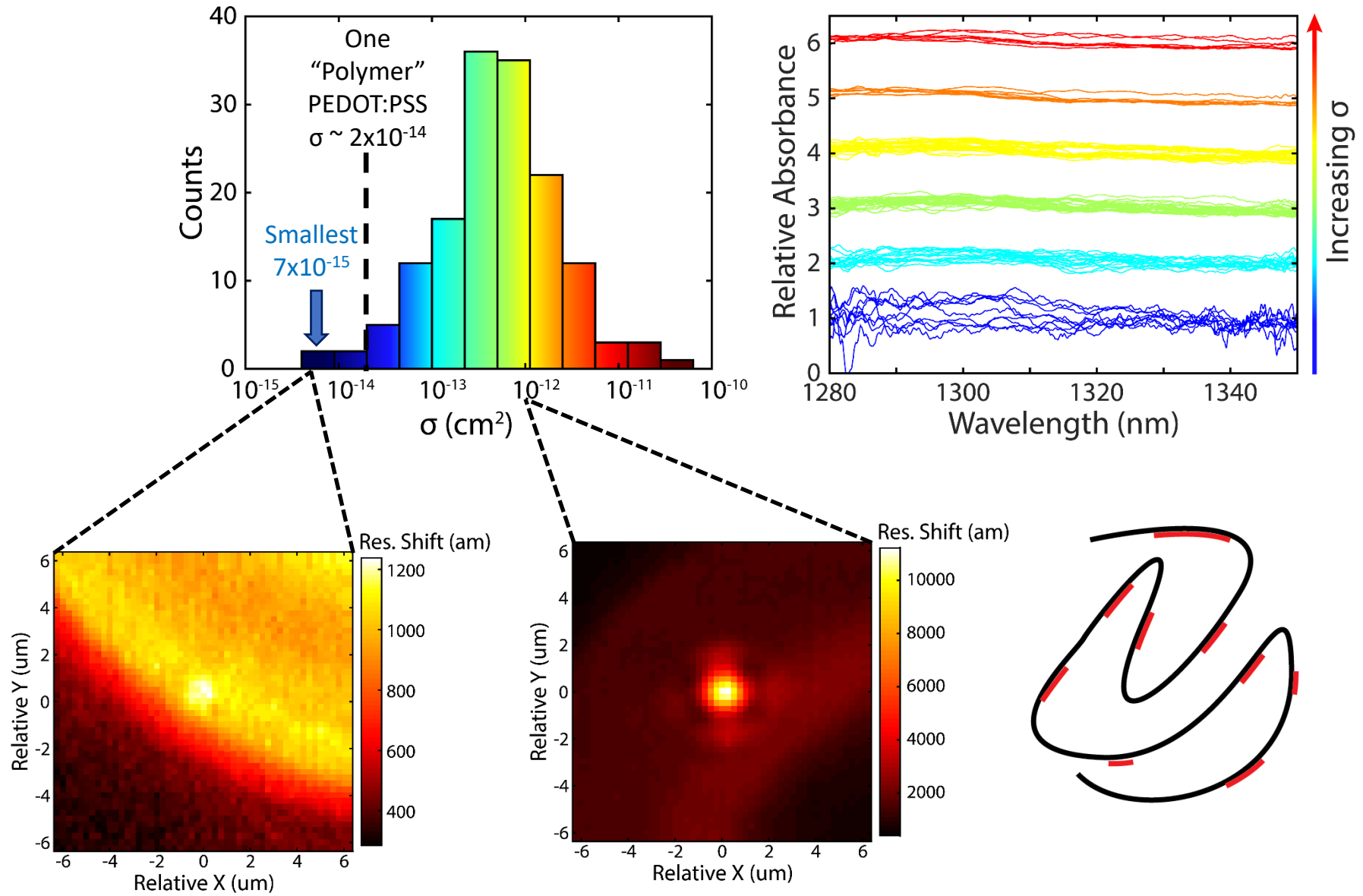
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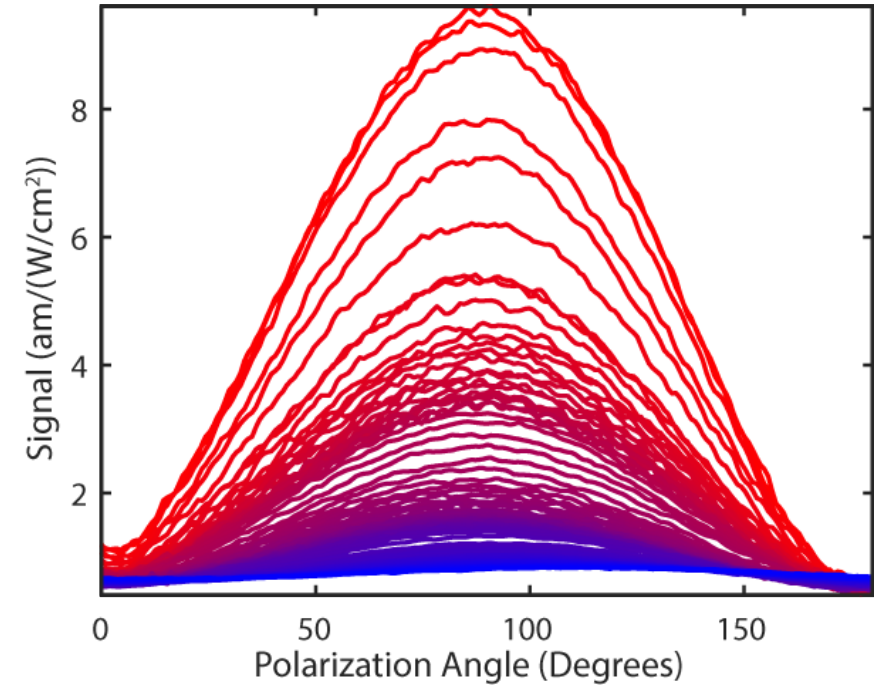
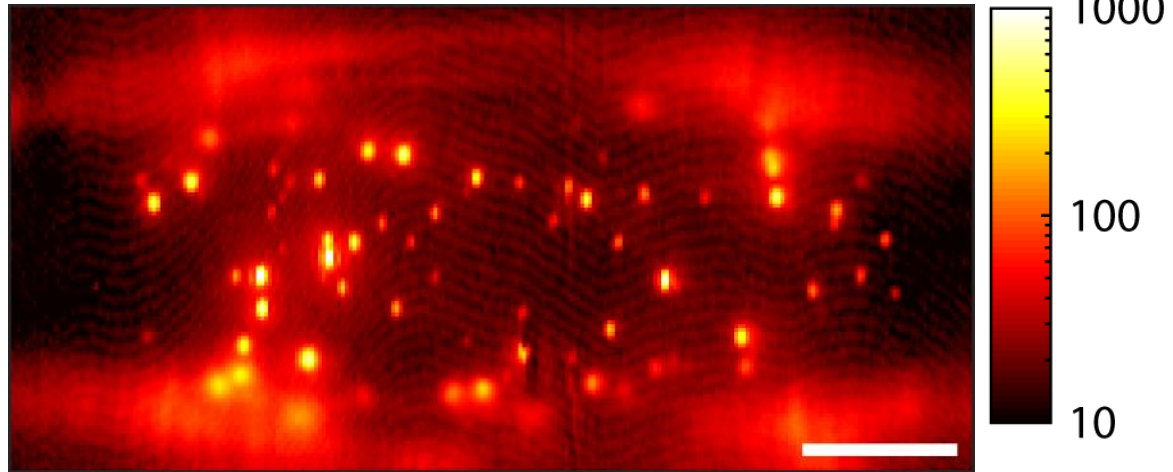
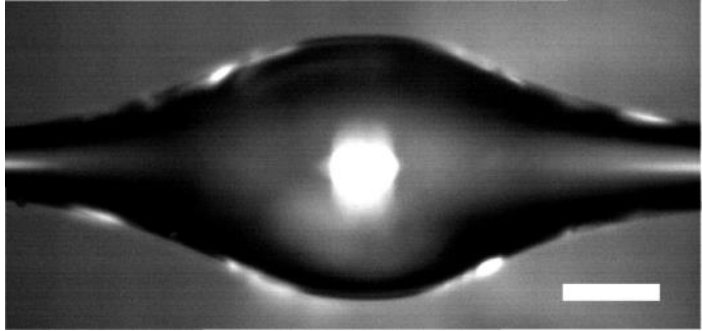




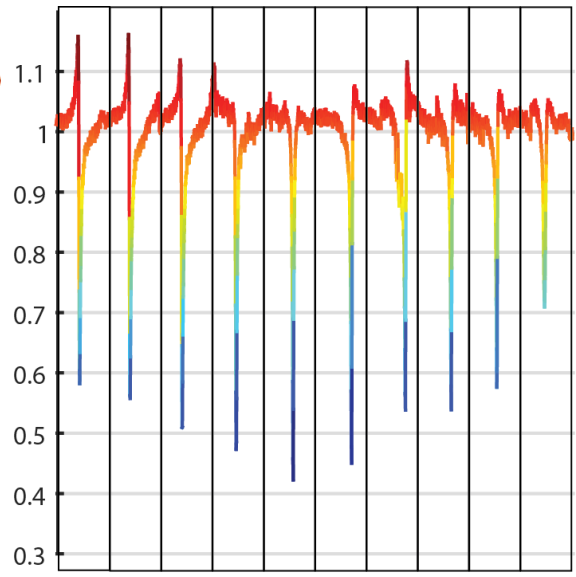
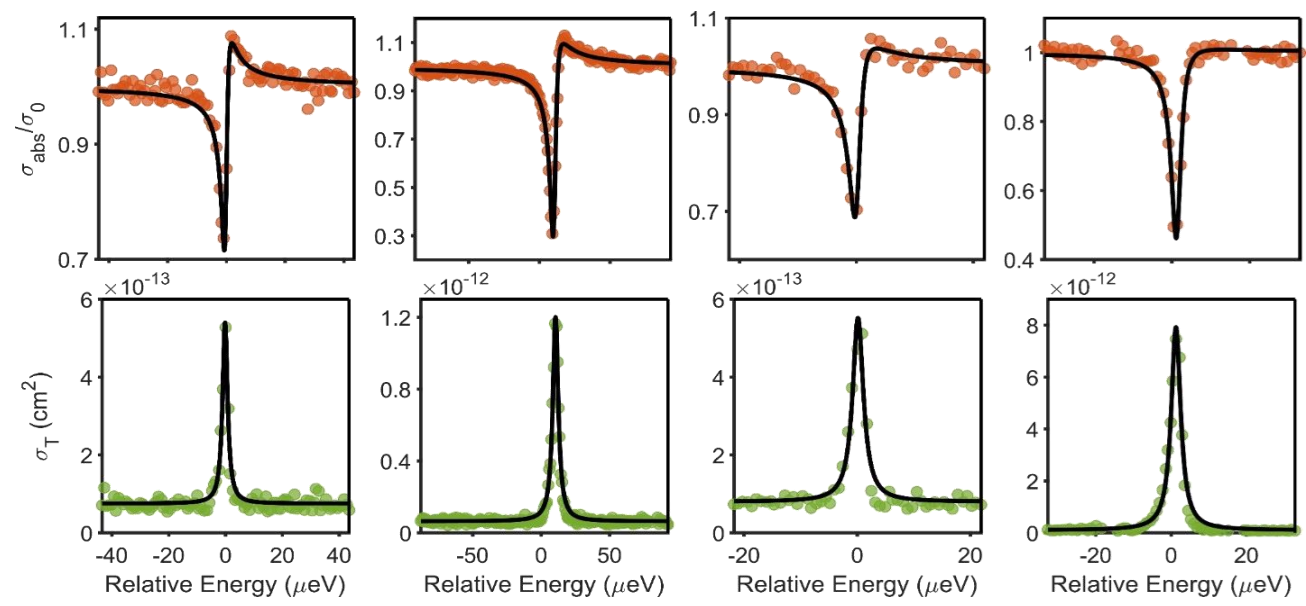
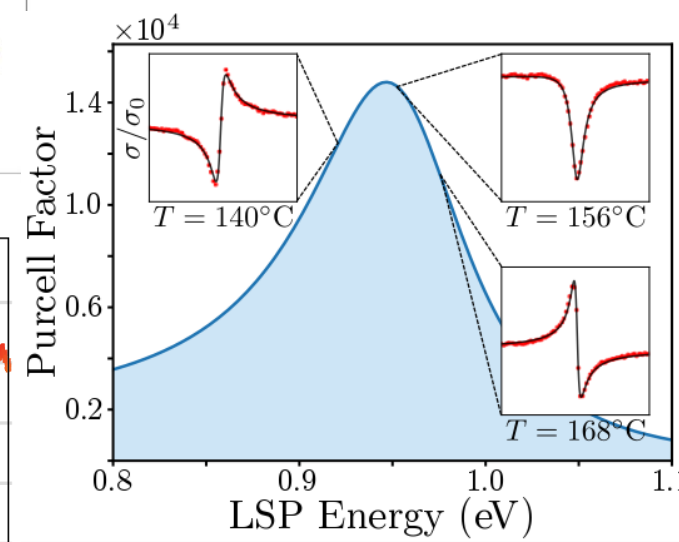
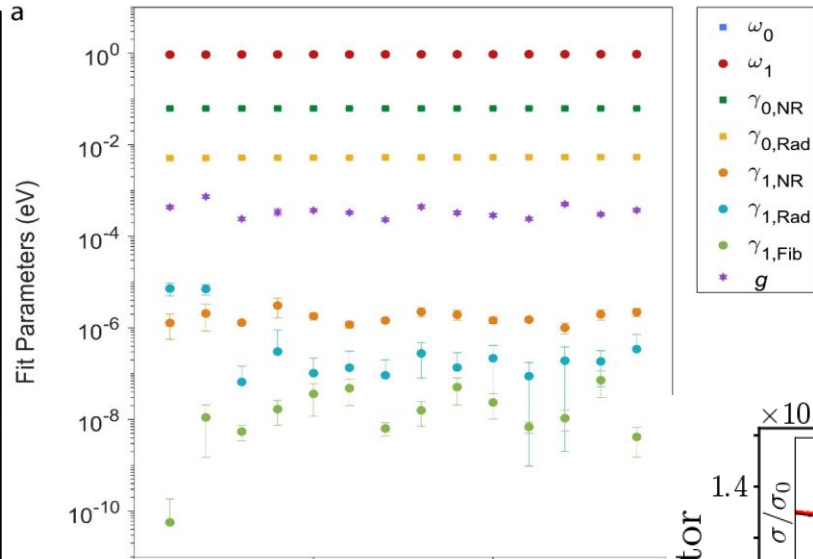
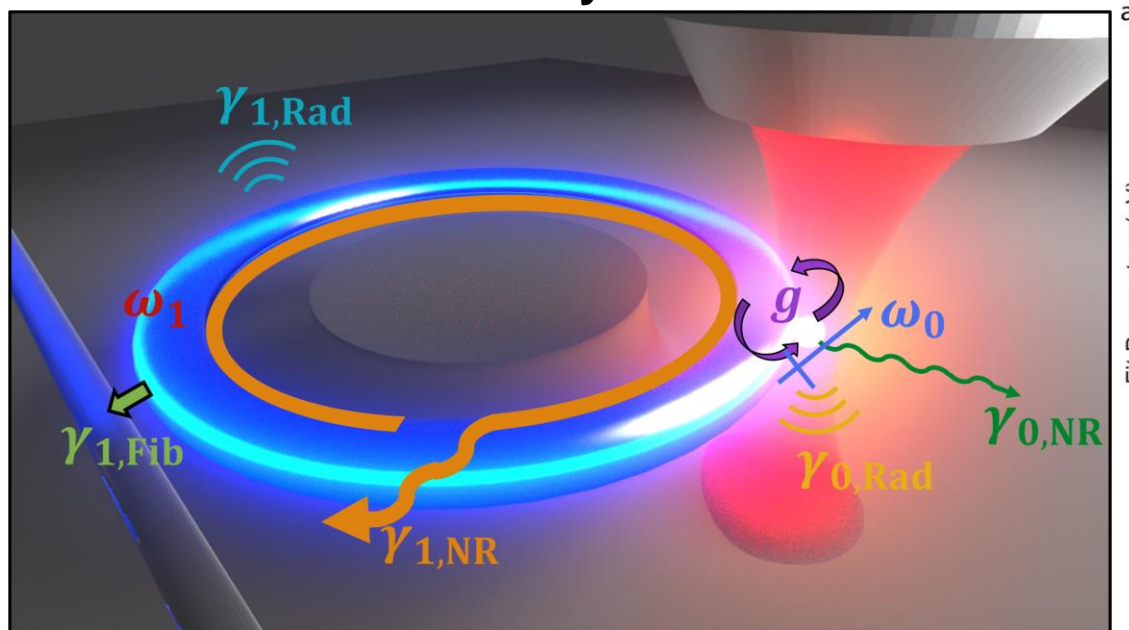
# Single Polymer Spectroscopy



# Watching the Etching of a Single Nanorod via Absorption



# Hybrid Plasmonic-Photonic Systems



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