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# Progress of Polygonal microcavities







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# Laser-heated pedestal growth (LHPG)



## **Original LHPG:**

- $\checkmark$  Fabrication of uniform crystal rods possible
- $\checkmark$  Fabrication of rods w/ diameter < 100 µm possible
- ✓ Fabrication of rods w/ smooth surface possible

# Modified LHPG:

✓ Form bulge by changing growth rate (it allows WGM excitation)

# **Experimental setup**

# Fabricated cavity

100 µm





# **Optical measurement**





The Q is dependent on the cross-sectional shape.



# Q factor vs. corner radius

What kind shape is the best to obtain high Q?



# Mode mixing between different modes in hexagonal cavities



#### Strong coupling occurs between perturbed & quasi modes



# Modes in hexagonal cavities (cont...)



# In Detailed: Quasi-mode



# In Detailed: Perturbed mode



# In Detailed: High-order (multi) perturbed mode



# Q factors for different WGM modes





Low Q = quasi–WGM (due to strong mode mixing)
High Q = perturbed–WGM (but only w/ round corner)



# Optimal size of hexagonal cavity for high-Q.







Perturbed mode and Quasi mode is strongly coupled.

- ✓ Coupling coefficient  $\kappa$  = 29.9 GHz
- ✓ Large number of perturbed mode coupled with quasi-mode.

- ② Studied the effect of circle & hexagonal shape for these *Q* factor.
  - ✓ Both perturbed and quasi mode exhibit low Q when the cavity is hexagonal.
  - $\checkmark$  There are a optimal radius when the cavity is polygonal.



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