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Optical nonlinear control at a very low power in ultrahigh-Q microcavity systems

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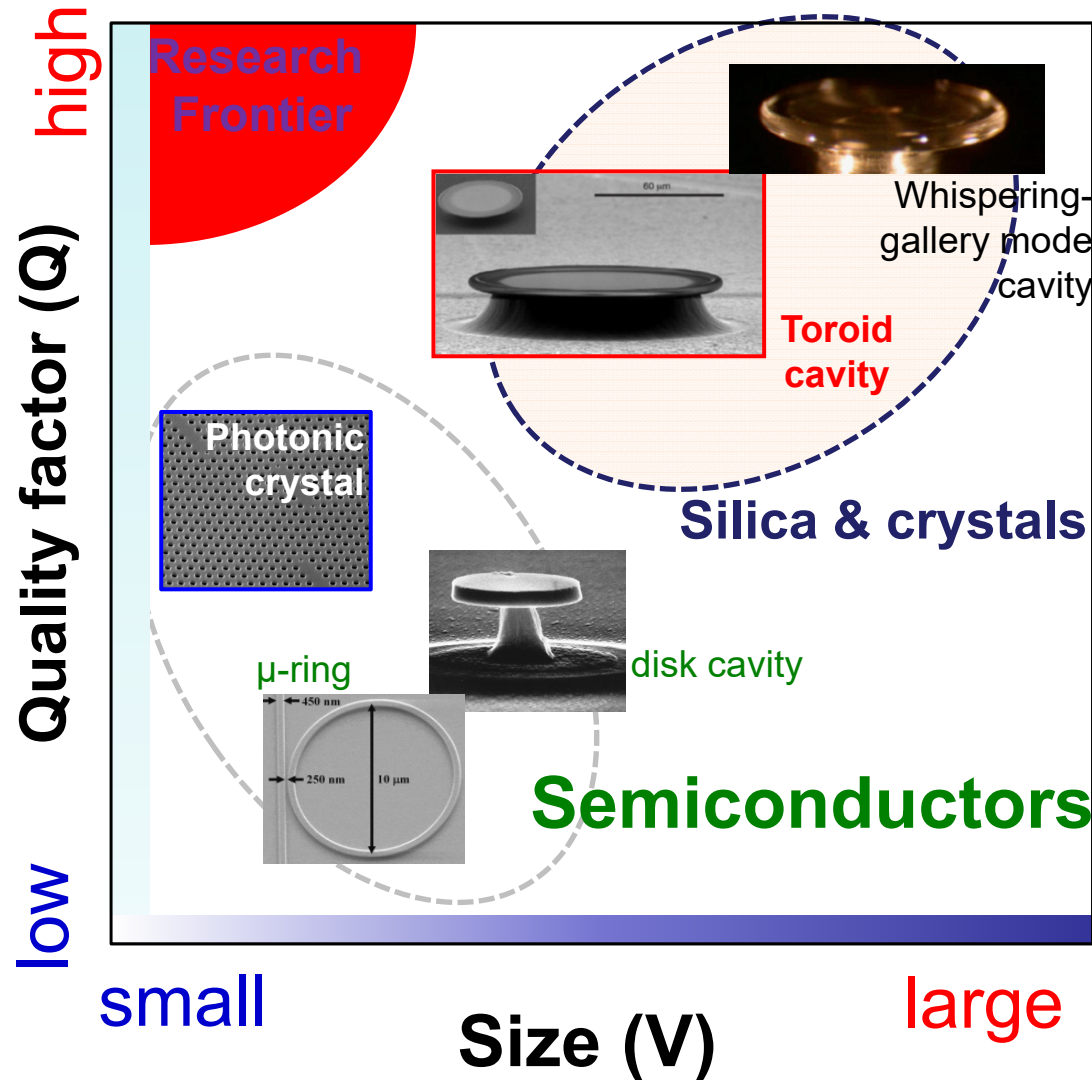
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Various high Q microcavities

▶ Various microcavities



▶ Quality factor and mode volume

◆ Q-factor

$$Q = \omega \times \frac{\text{stored energy}}{\text{power in/out}}$$

◆ Photon density

$$\propto \frac{Q}{V}$$

▶ Applications

- ▶ All-optical switches
- ▶ Optical sensors
- ▶ Optical frequency combs
- ▶ Cavity QED devices
- ▶ Low-threshold lasers

Outline



1. Background & Motivation
2. Ultrahigh Q nanocavity w/ photolithographic Si PhC
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Motivation: Si-photonics vs. PhC



Si-photonics

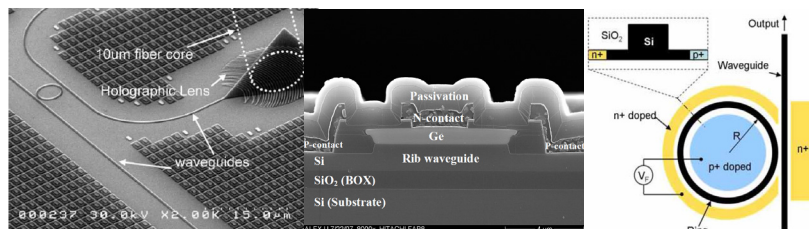
Photonic crystals

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- 2.

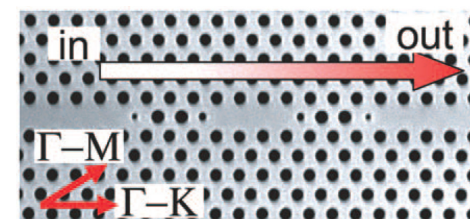
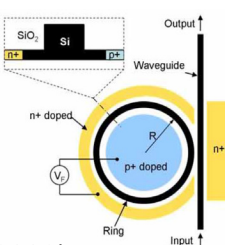
SiO₂-cladding
Photolithography

Air-bridge

EB-lithography



L. Tsybeskov, *et al.*, Proc. IEEE **97**, 1161 (2009)
 Q. Xu, *et al.*, Opt. Express **15**, 430 (2007)
 T. Yin, *et al.*, Optics Exp. **15**, 13965 (2007)



T. Tanabe, *et al.*, Appl. Phys. Lett. **87**, 151112 (2005).
 T. Tanabe *et al.*, Nature Photon. **1**, 49 (2007).

Problems

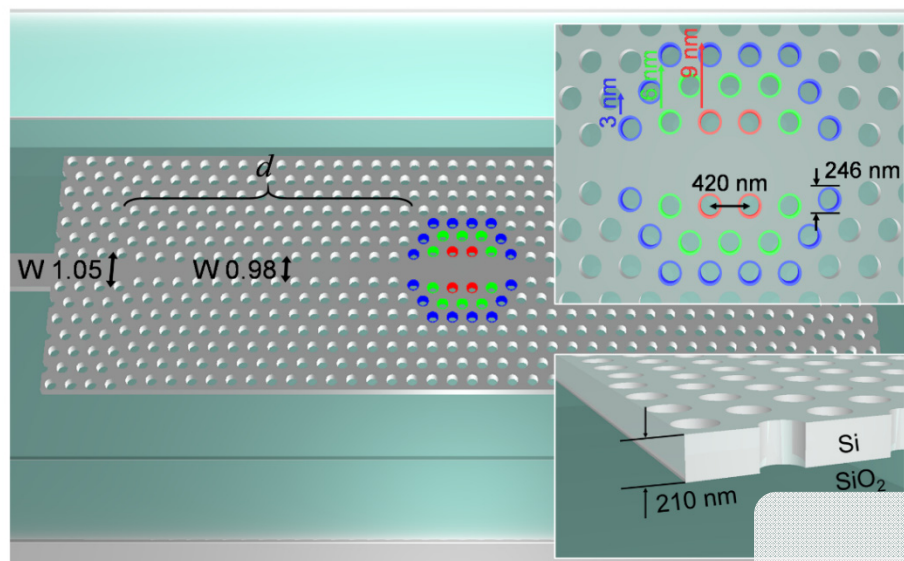
Fusion of

Si-photonics & Photonics crystals

Design & Simulation



► Width-modulated line defect cavity T. Tanabe, *et al.*, Nature Photon. 1, 47 (2007).



Mechanism

- Waveguide width is large at the center
- Mode-gap confinement

Characteristics

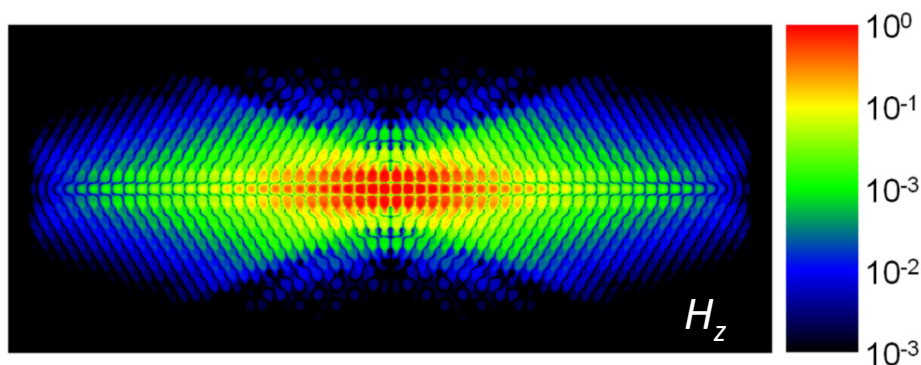
- High-Q w/ small shift of air-hole position

Proximity effect ↓

Photolithographic fabrication?

► FDTD – w/ SiO₂ cladding

Y Ooka, *et al.*, *Sci. Rep.* **5**, 11312 (2015).



Optimized structure

$$Q = 7.1 \times 10^6 \quad V = 2.4 (\lambda/n)^3$$

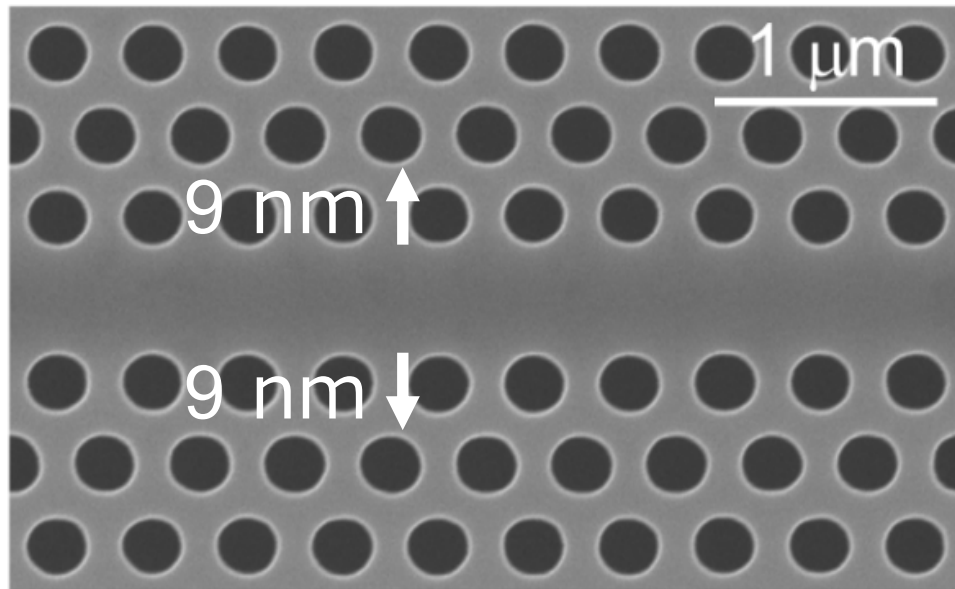
Fabricated parameter

$$Q = 8.1 \times 10^5 \quad V = 1.7 (\lambda/n)^3$$

Photolithographic fabrication & proximity effect

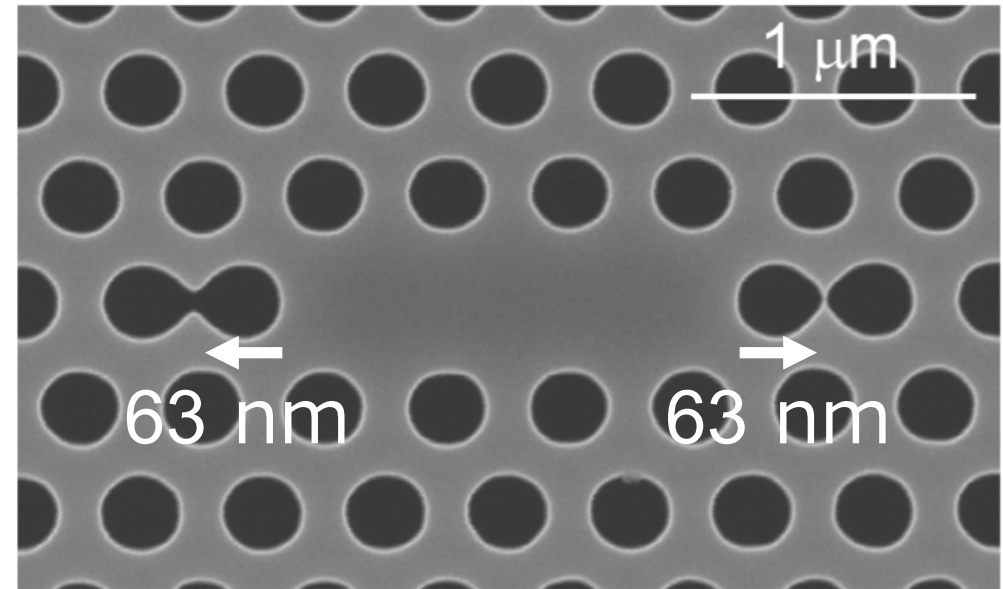
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SEM images (effect of fabrication error)



Width-modulated line defect cavity

Max amount of shift : **9 nm**



L3 cavity

Max amount of shift : **63 nm**

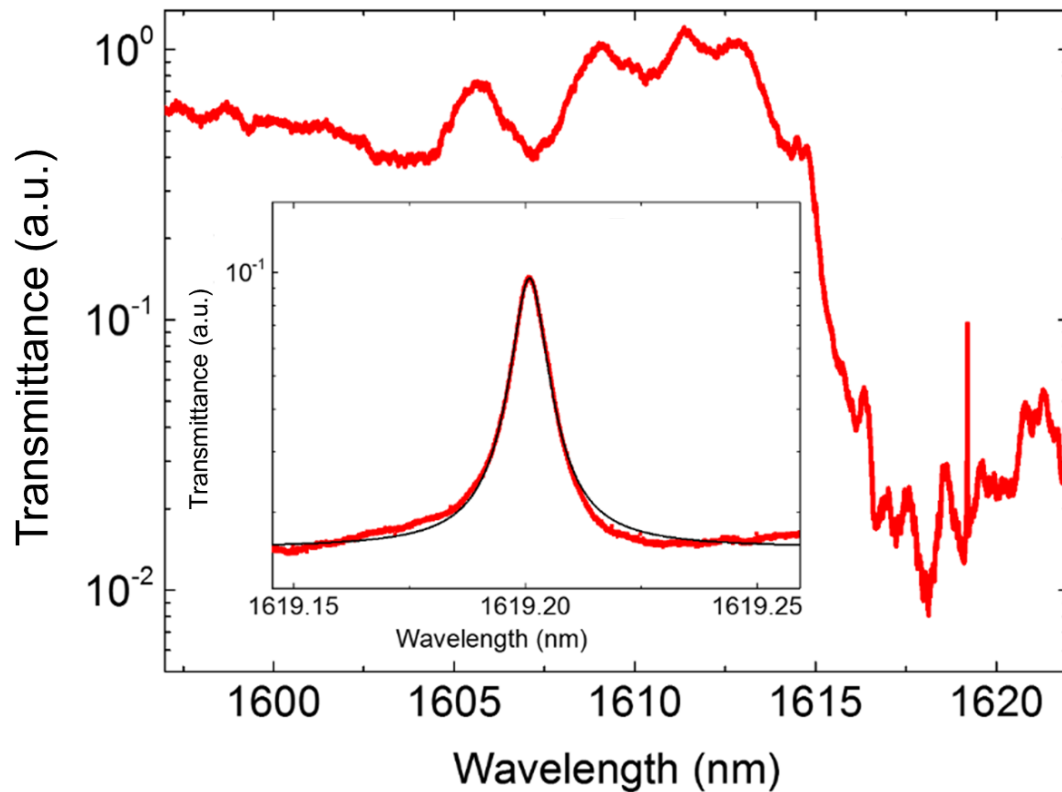
Width-modulated line defect cavity is
robust against the proximity effect

Experiment: High-Q demonstration

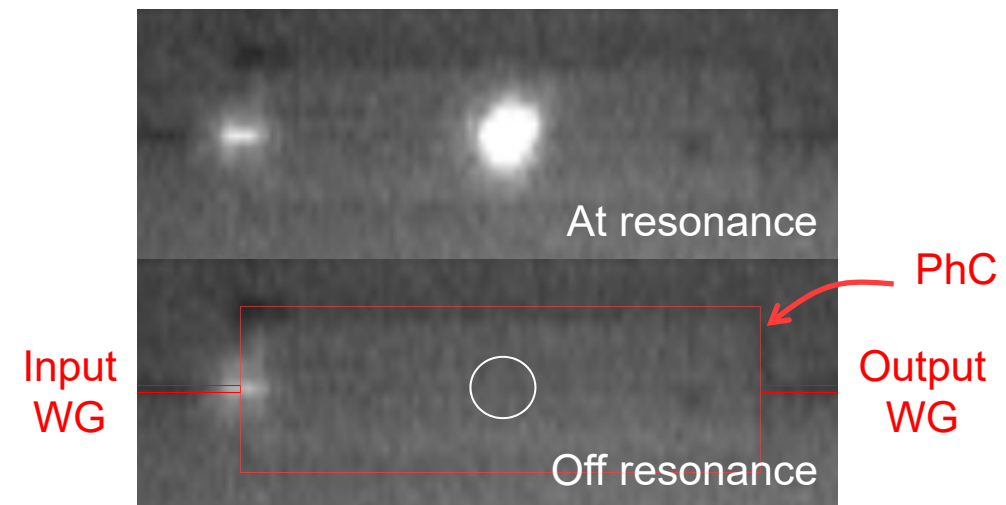


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Transmission spectrum



Top view



and w/ SiO_2 -cladding!!

The highest Q w/ photolithography

$$Q = 2.2 \times 10^5$$

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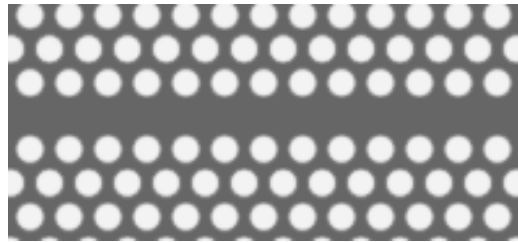


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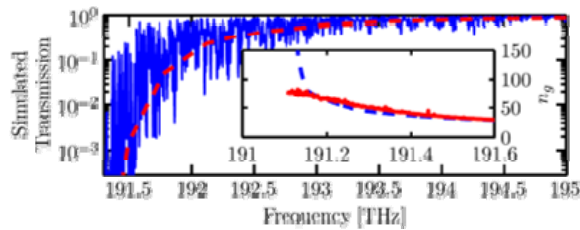


Random photonic crystal & our motivation

Random photonic crystal waveguide

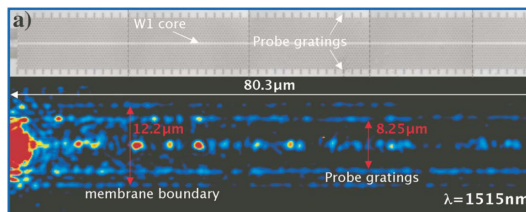


Transmittance spectrum w/ randomness



M. Patterson, *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **102**, 253903 (2009)

Light localization w/ randomness

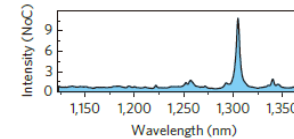
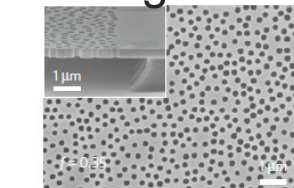


N. L. Thomas, *et al.*, Phys. Rev. B **80**, 125332 (2009)

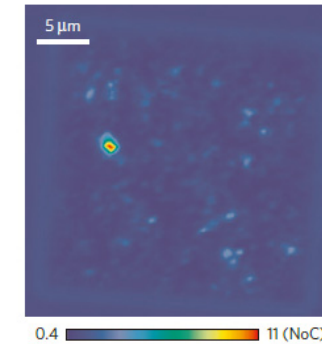
Random PhC laser

High-Q & easy fabrication

- PL tuning

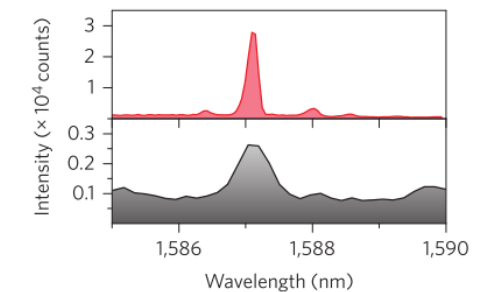
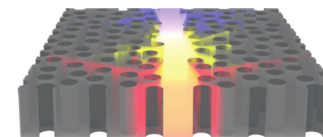


F. Ribcii, *et al.*, Nat. Mat. **13**, 720 (2014)



- Lasing based on Anderson localization

J. Liu, *et al.*, Nat. Nanotech. **9**, 285 (2014)



Motivation

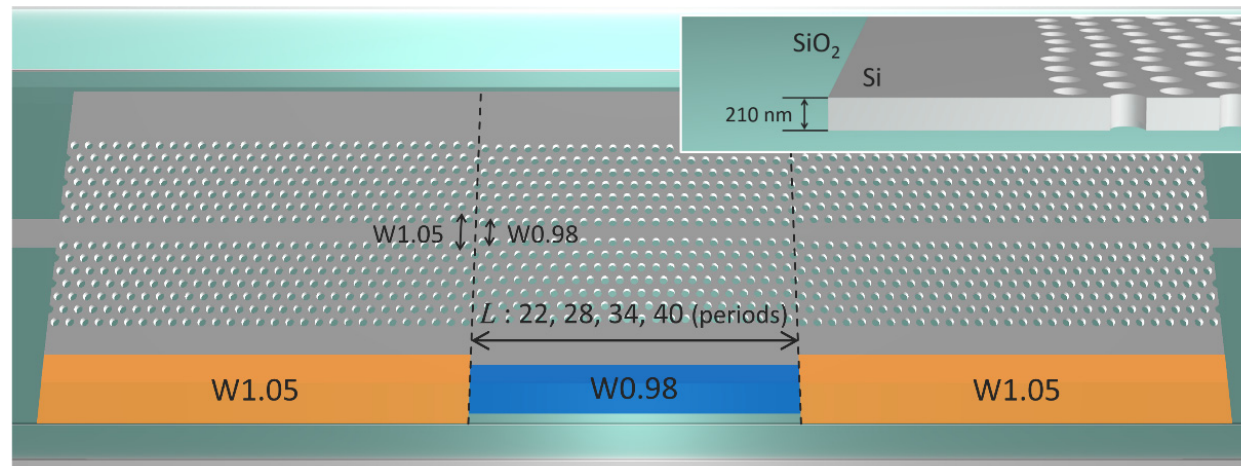
Want to use randomness for practical application
"Find a way to control the randomness"

Controlling the position of the light localization



Design of our device

Y. Ooka, *et al.* Opt. Express **24**, 11199 (2016).

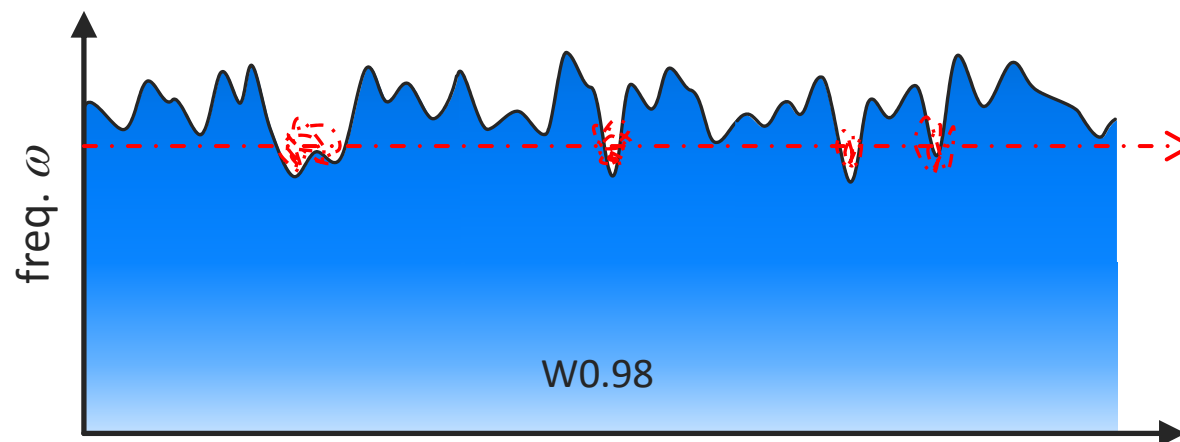


Waveguide width

W1.05 → wide

W0.98 → narrow

Cutoff frequency (mode gap)



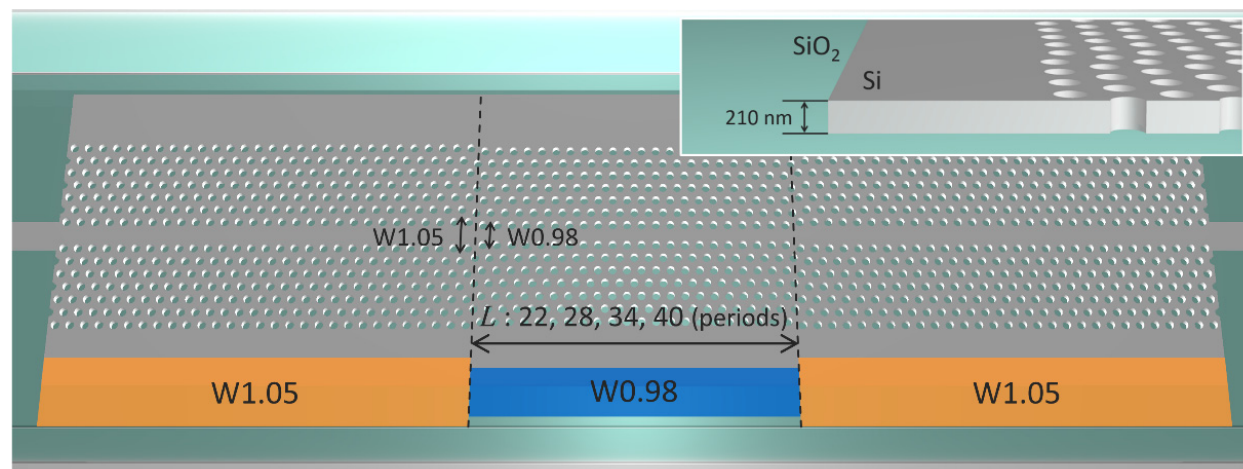
Position of light localization
occurs randomly in W0.98

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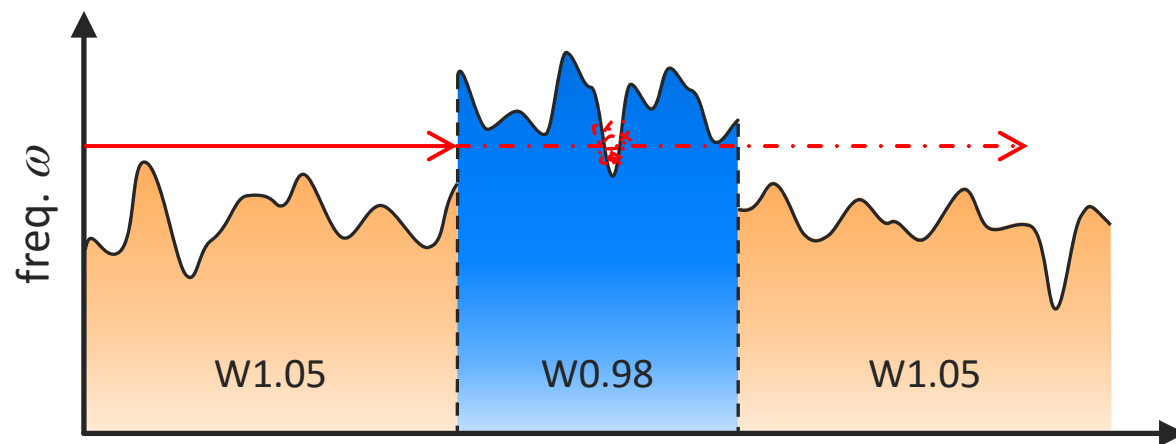


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Position of light localization
occurs only in W0.98



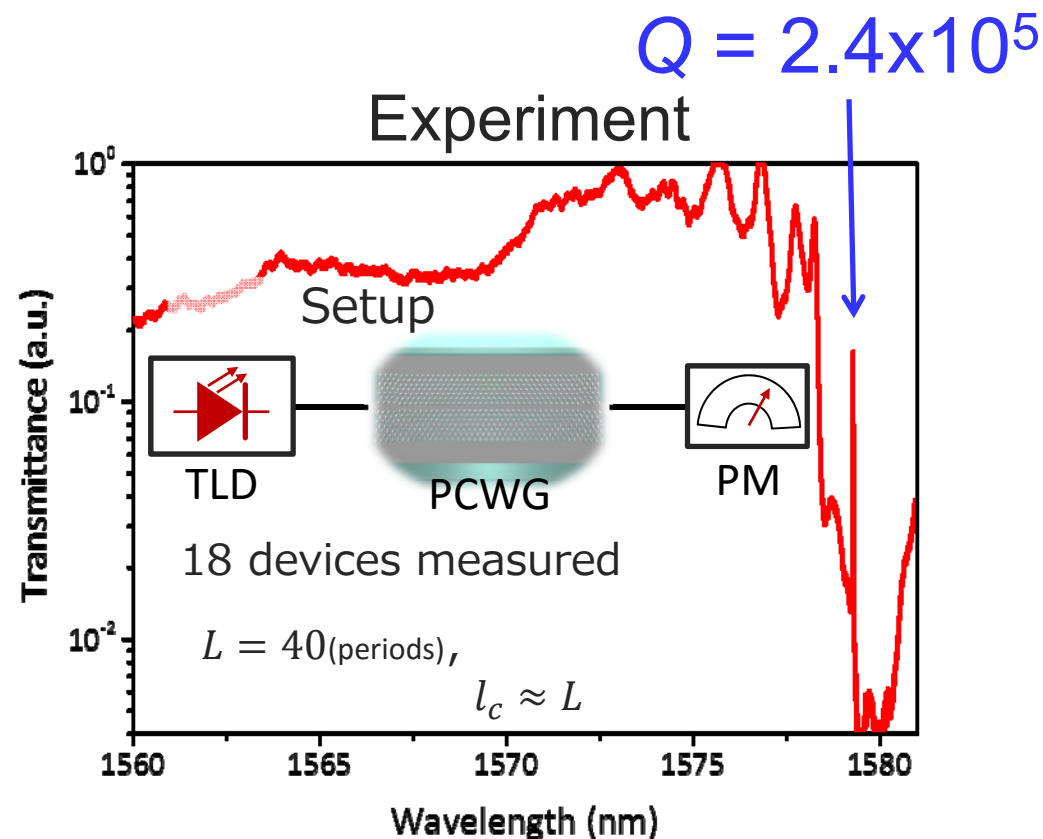
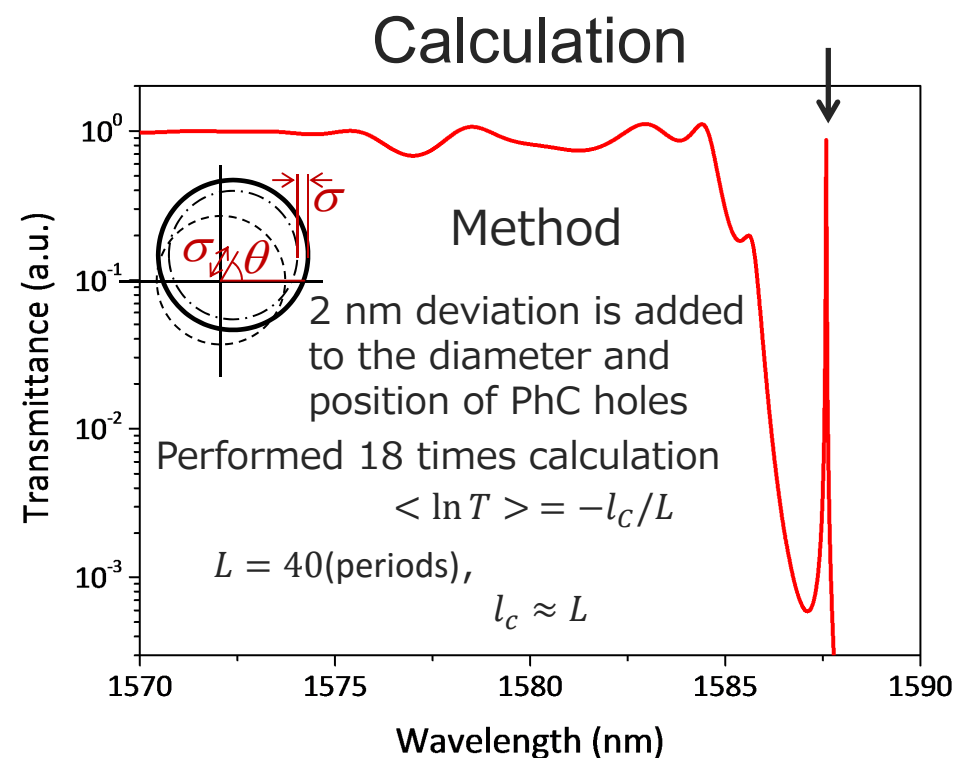
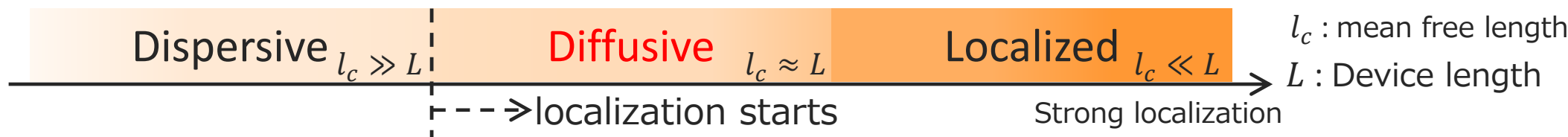
The effect of randomness occurs in a limited area (controlled way)

Theory & experimental result



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Regime of randomness



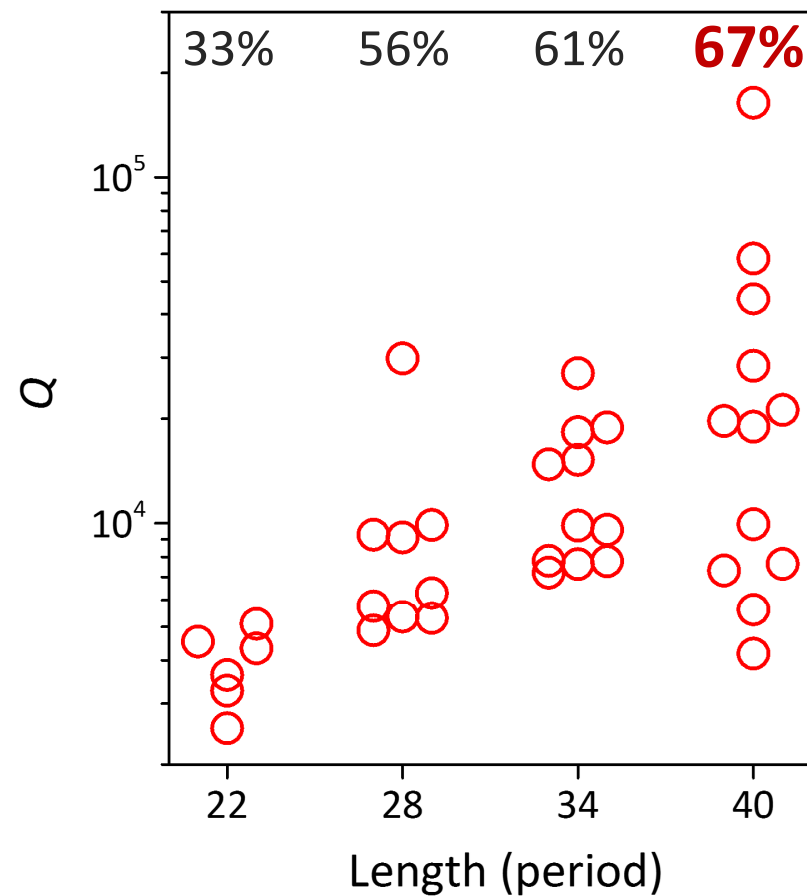
Localization observed at desired position

Yield rate of obtaining localization

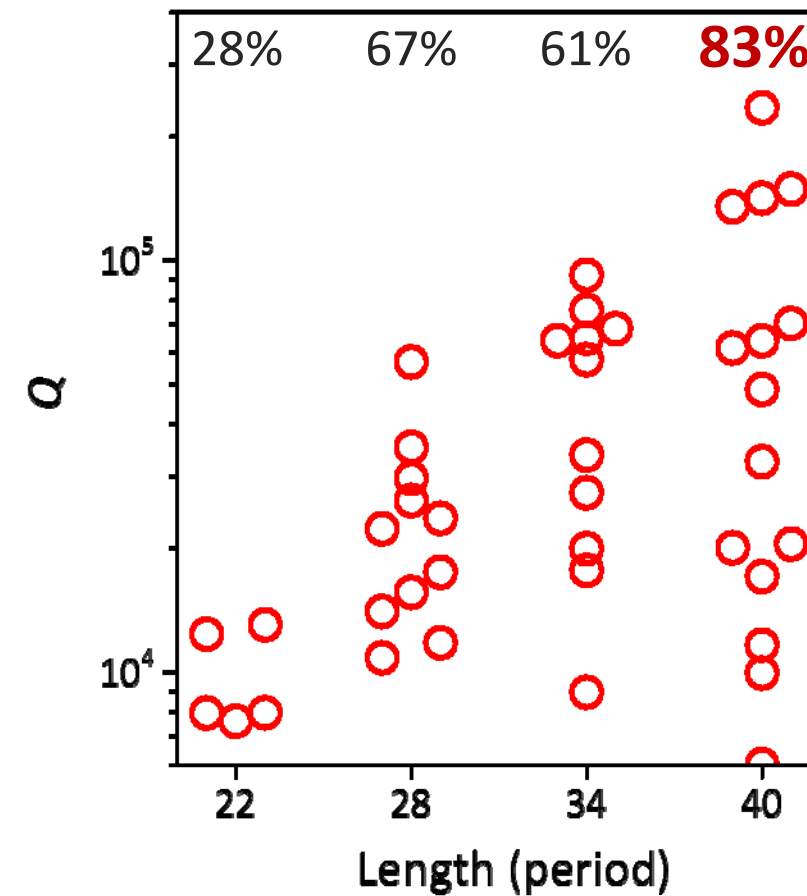


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Calculation



Experiment

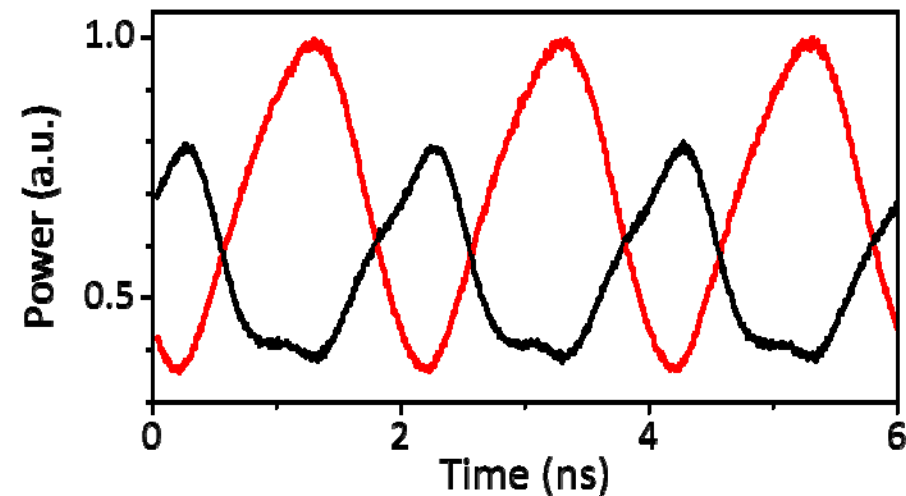
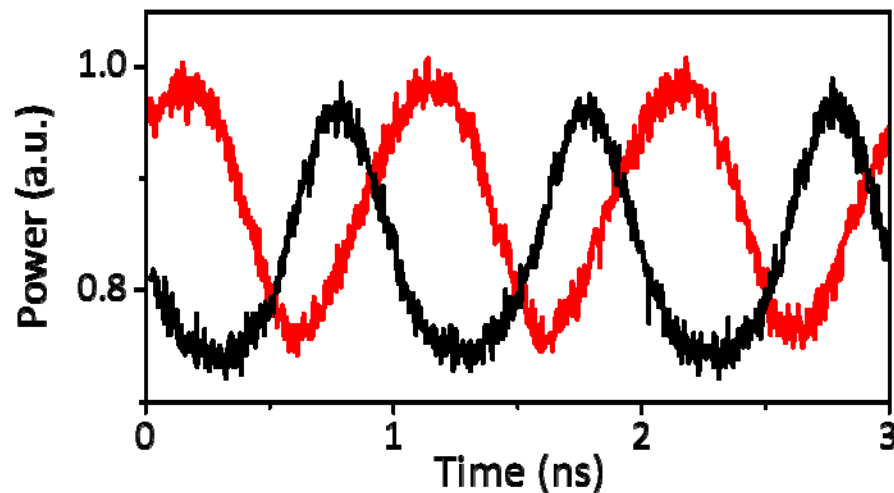
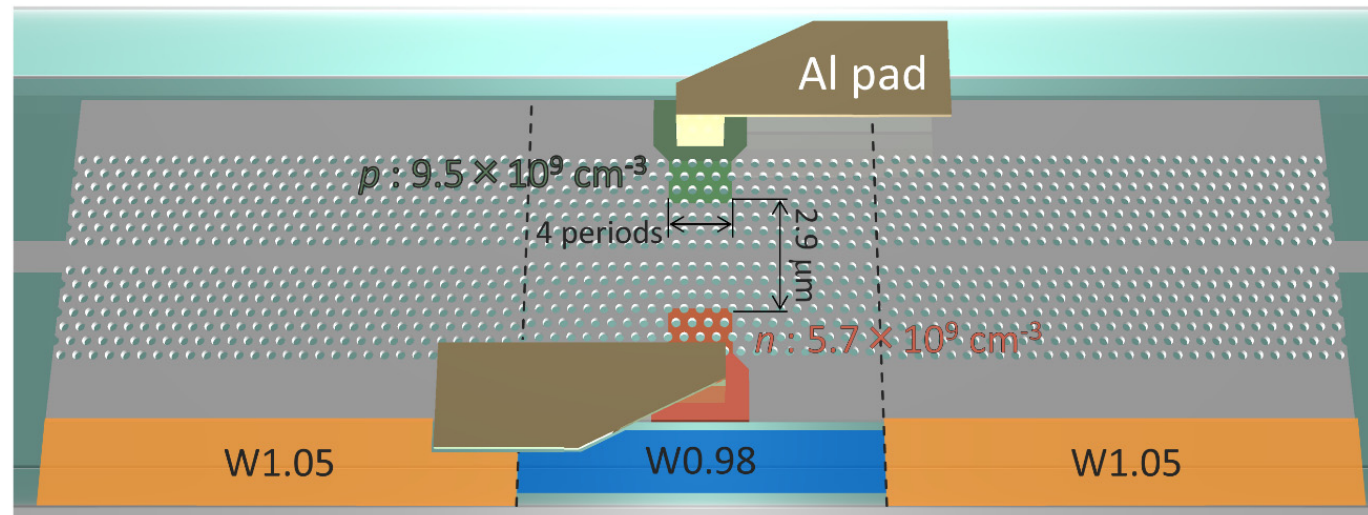


> 80% yield obtained

Using random PhC for controlled experiment



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EO modulation achieved w/ pin structure integrated at W0.98 regime

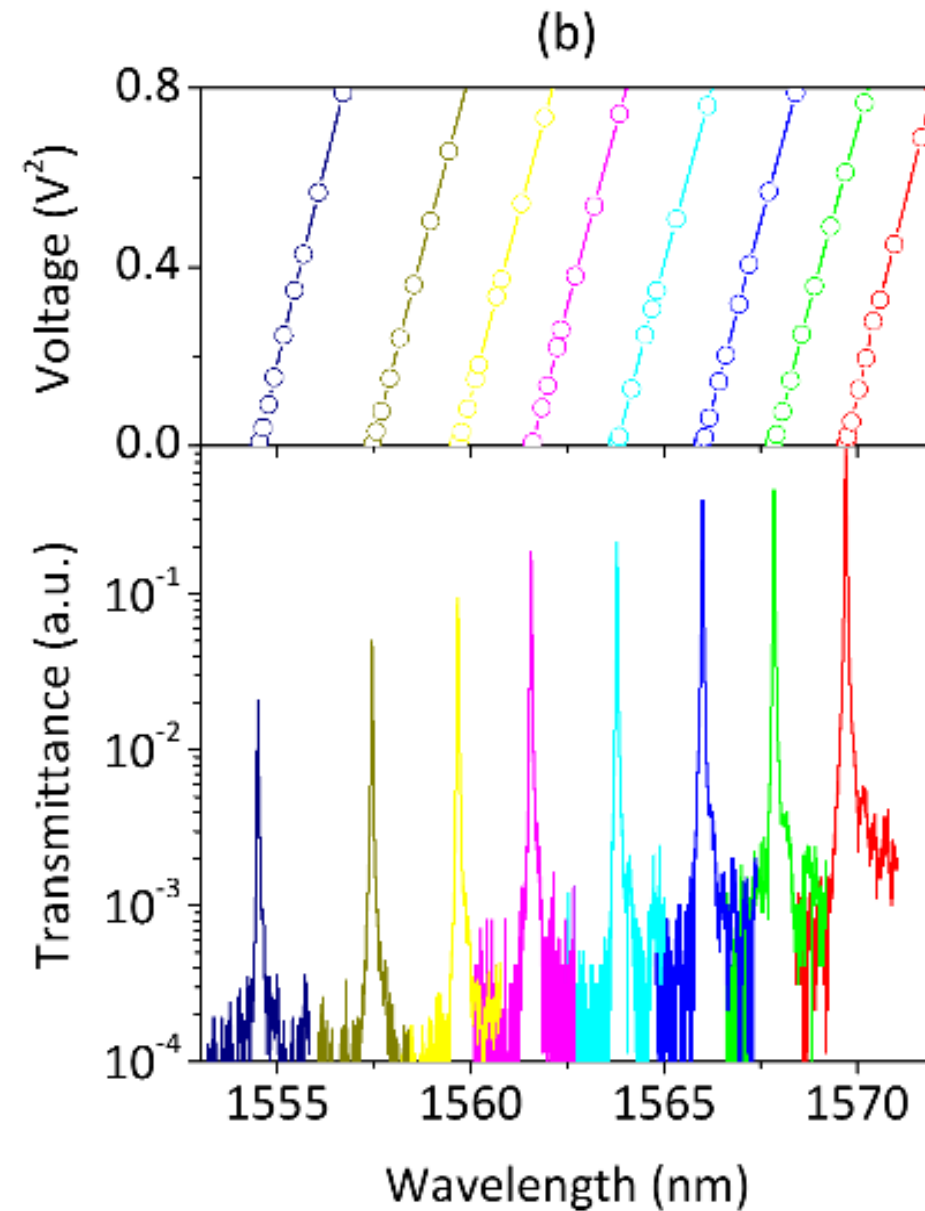
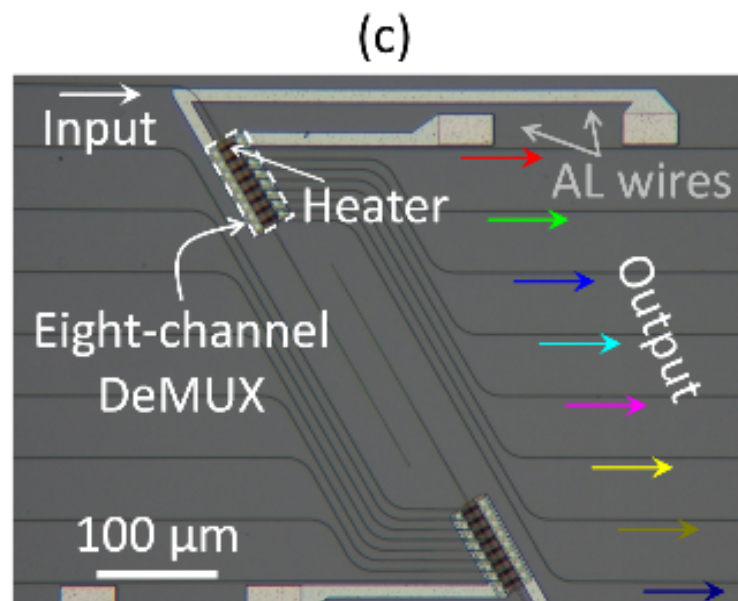
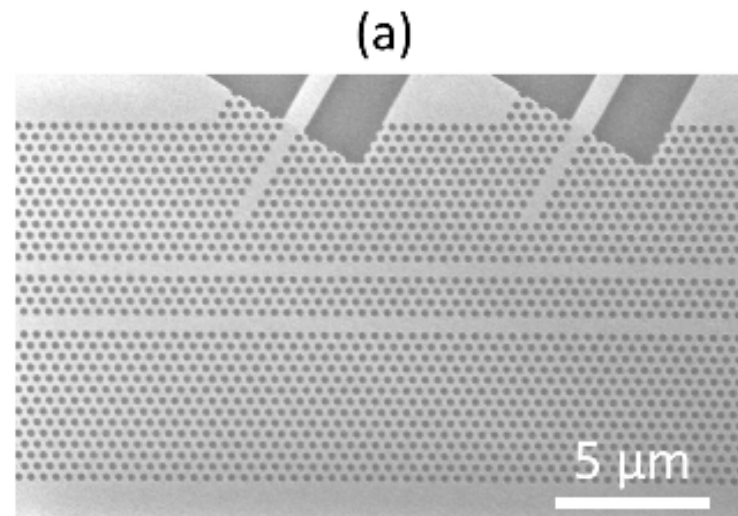
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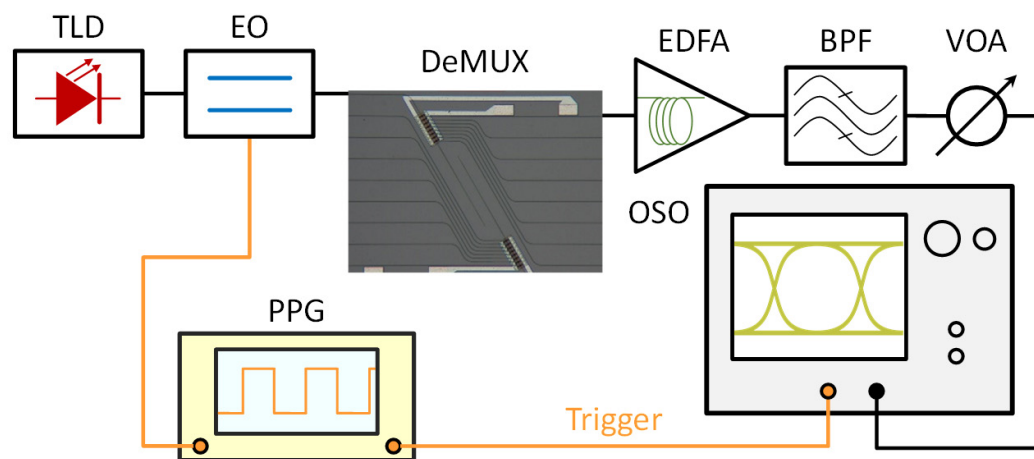
In-plane 8ch DWDM demonstration



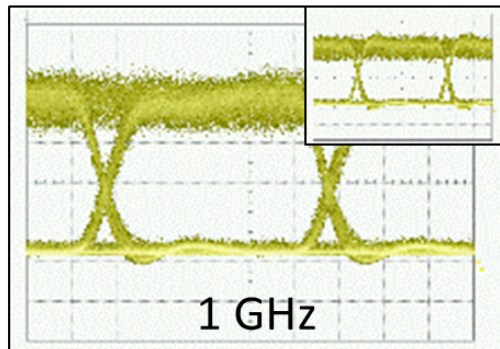


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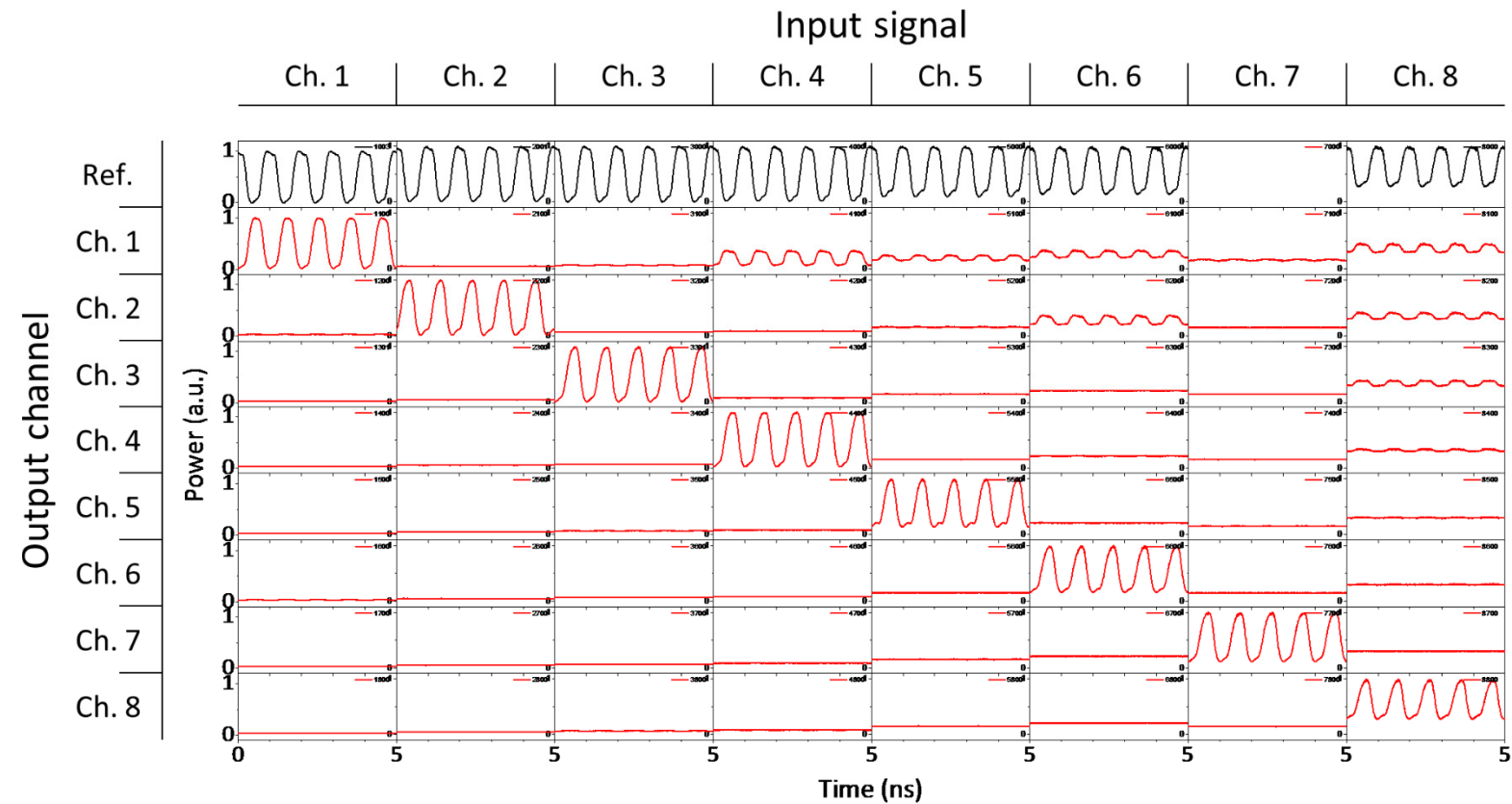
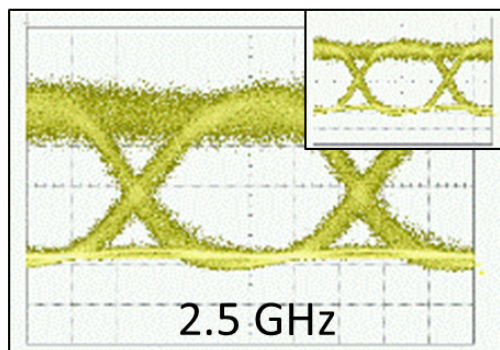
Setup



Eye pattern



(c)



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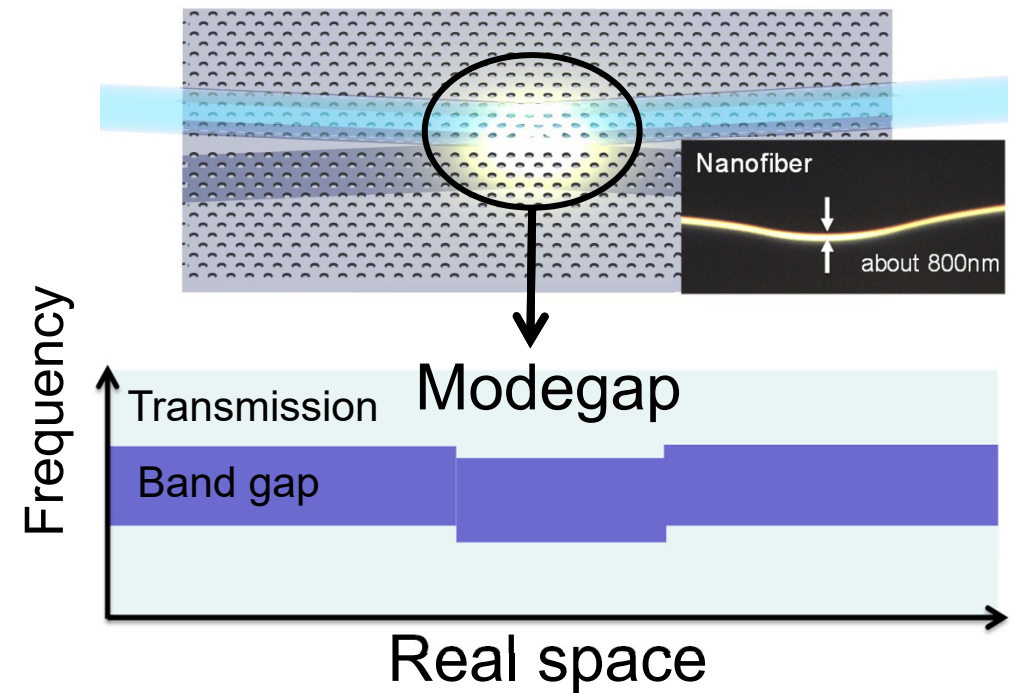
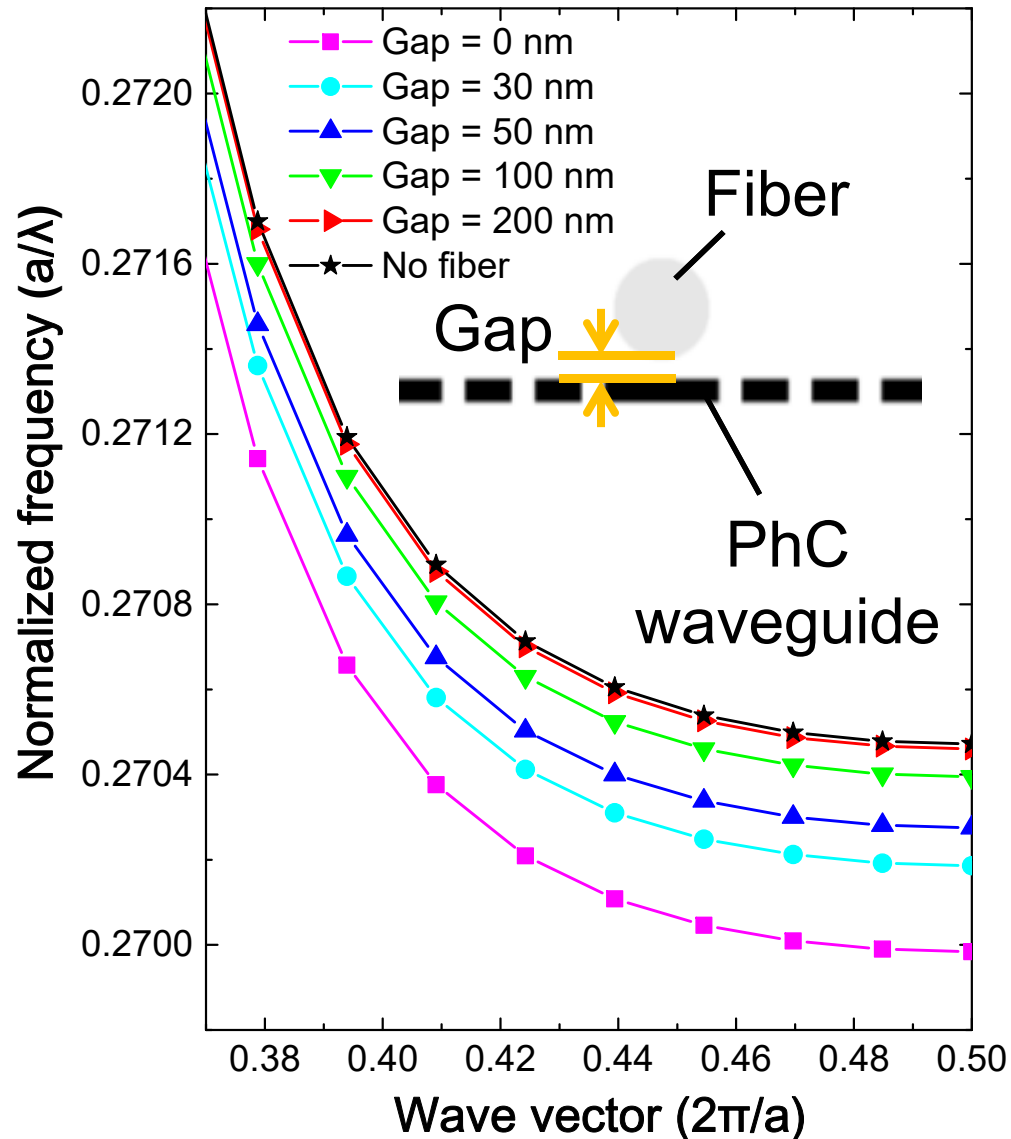


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Principle of cavity formation

T. Tetsumoto, *et al.*, Opt. Express **23**, 16256 (2015).



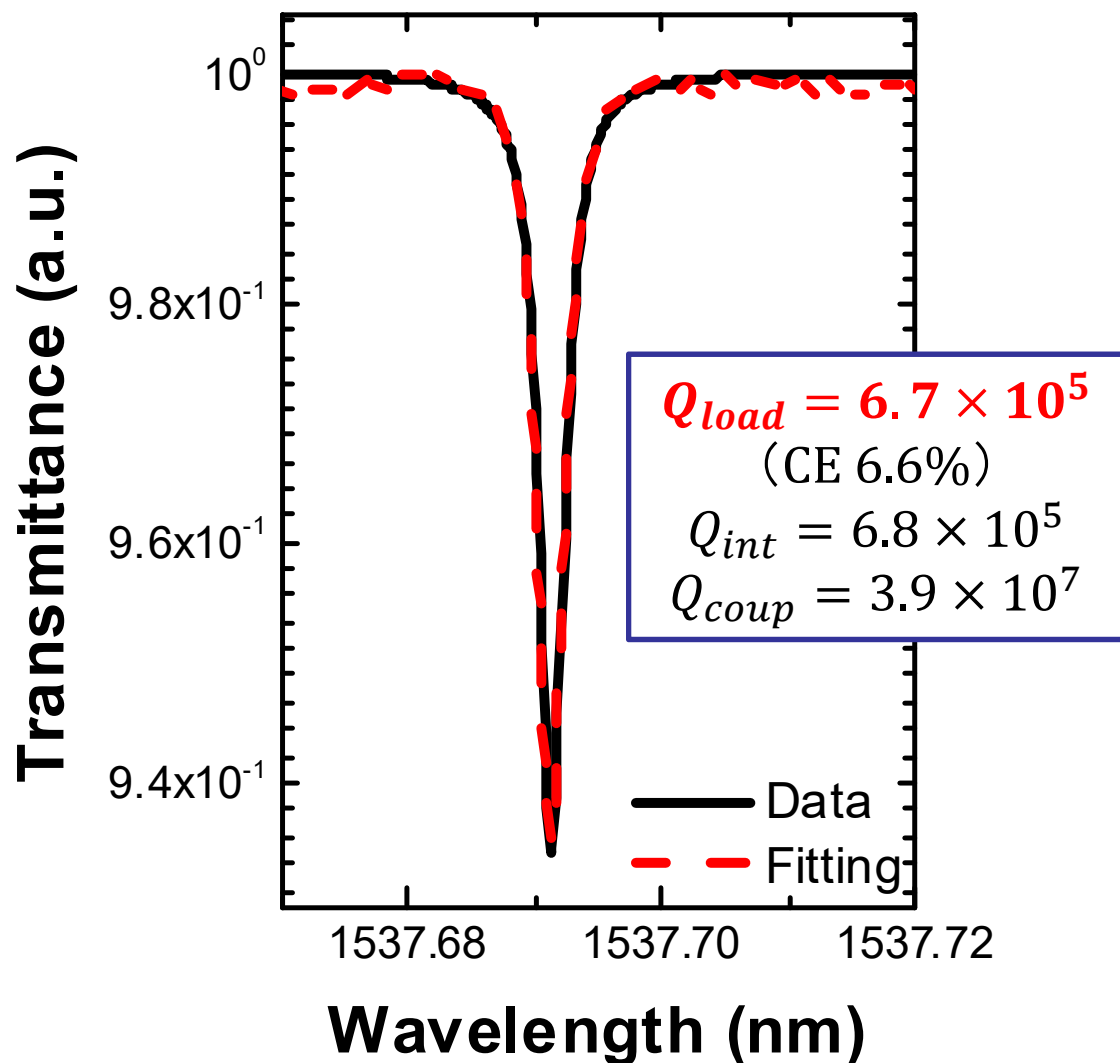
Effective refractive index change results in formation of modegap cavity

Measurement of Q and CE of FCPC

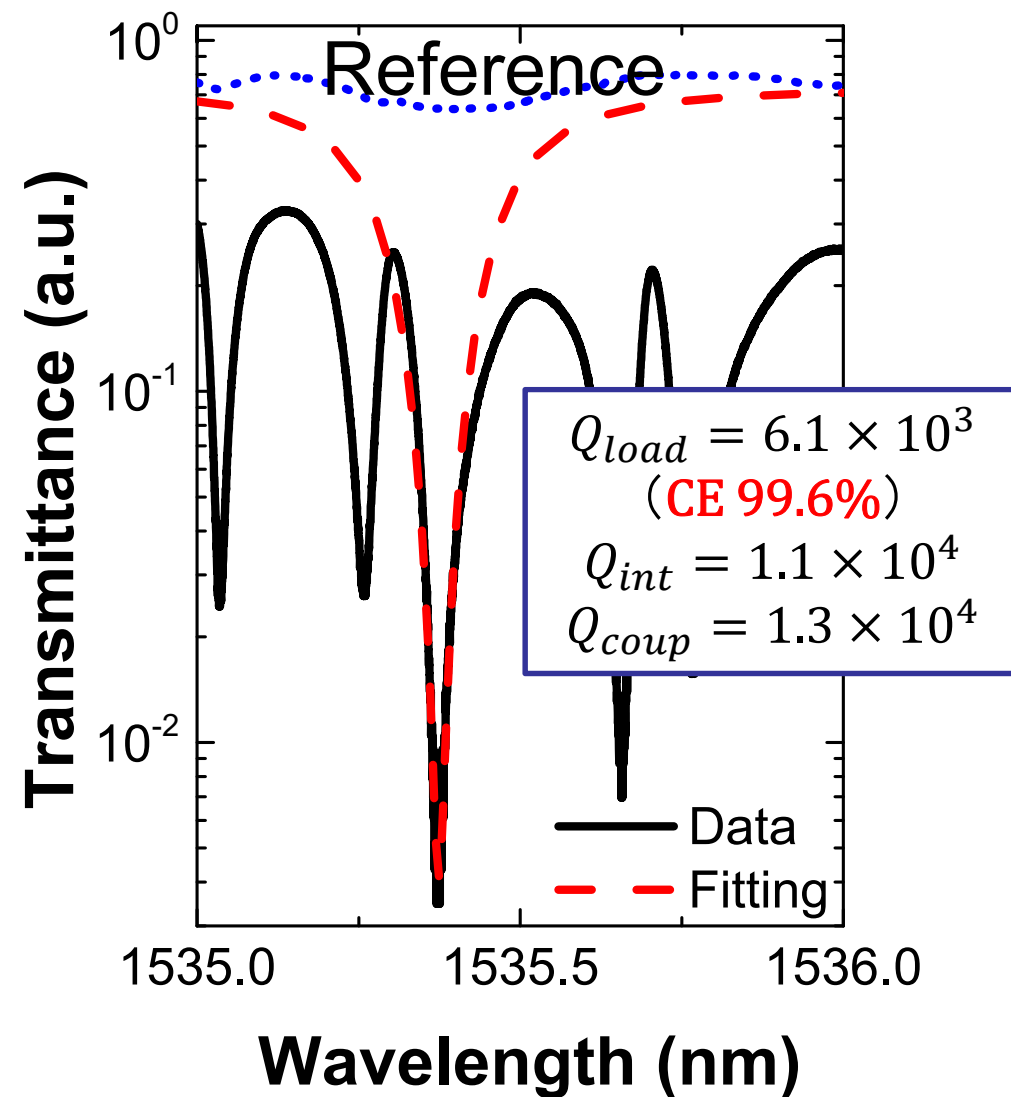


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Maximization of Q



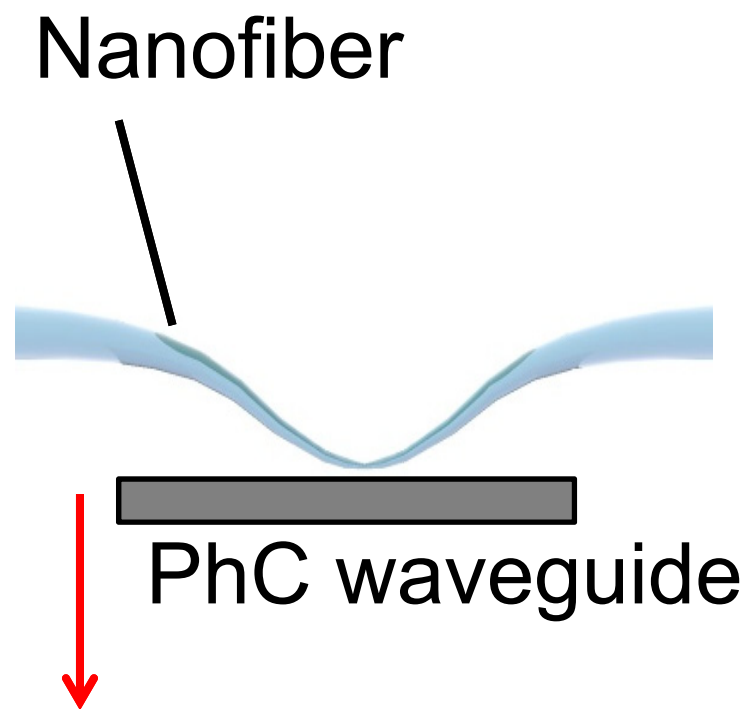
Maximization of CE



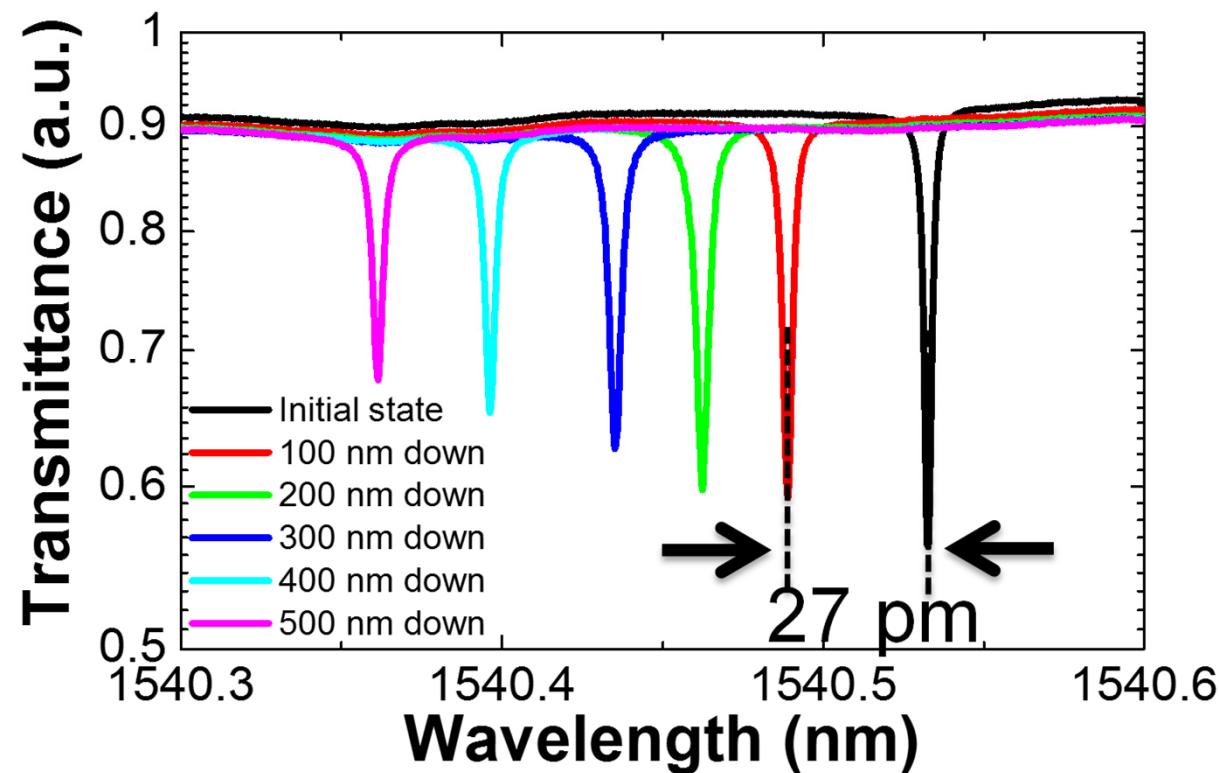
Resonant wavelength tuning



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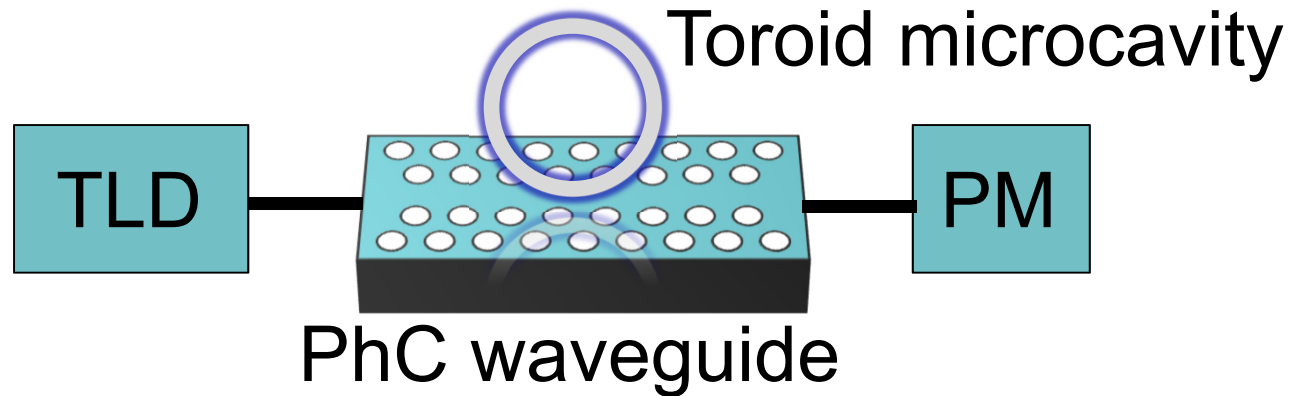


Change the position
at 100-nm step



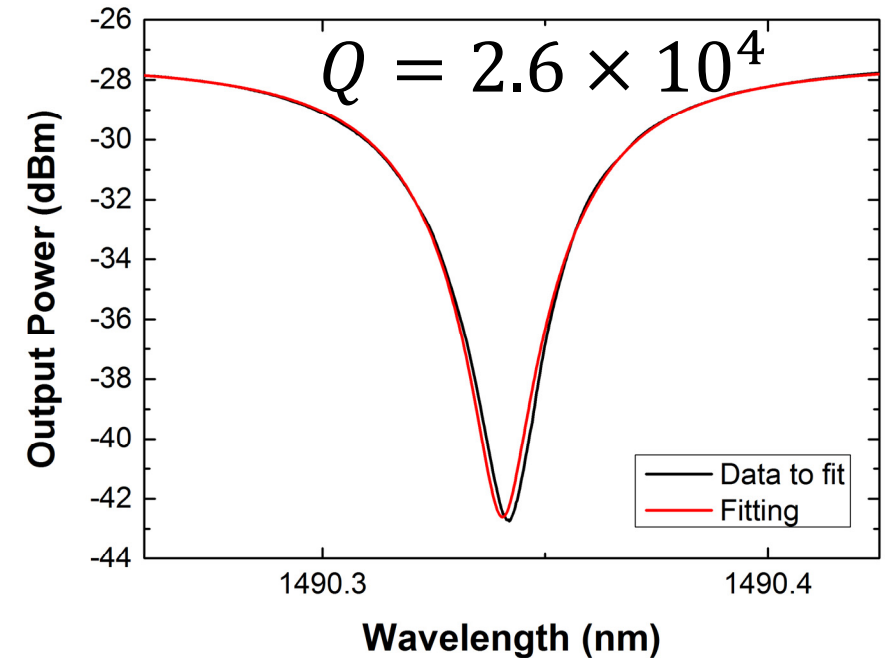
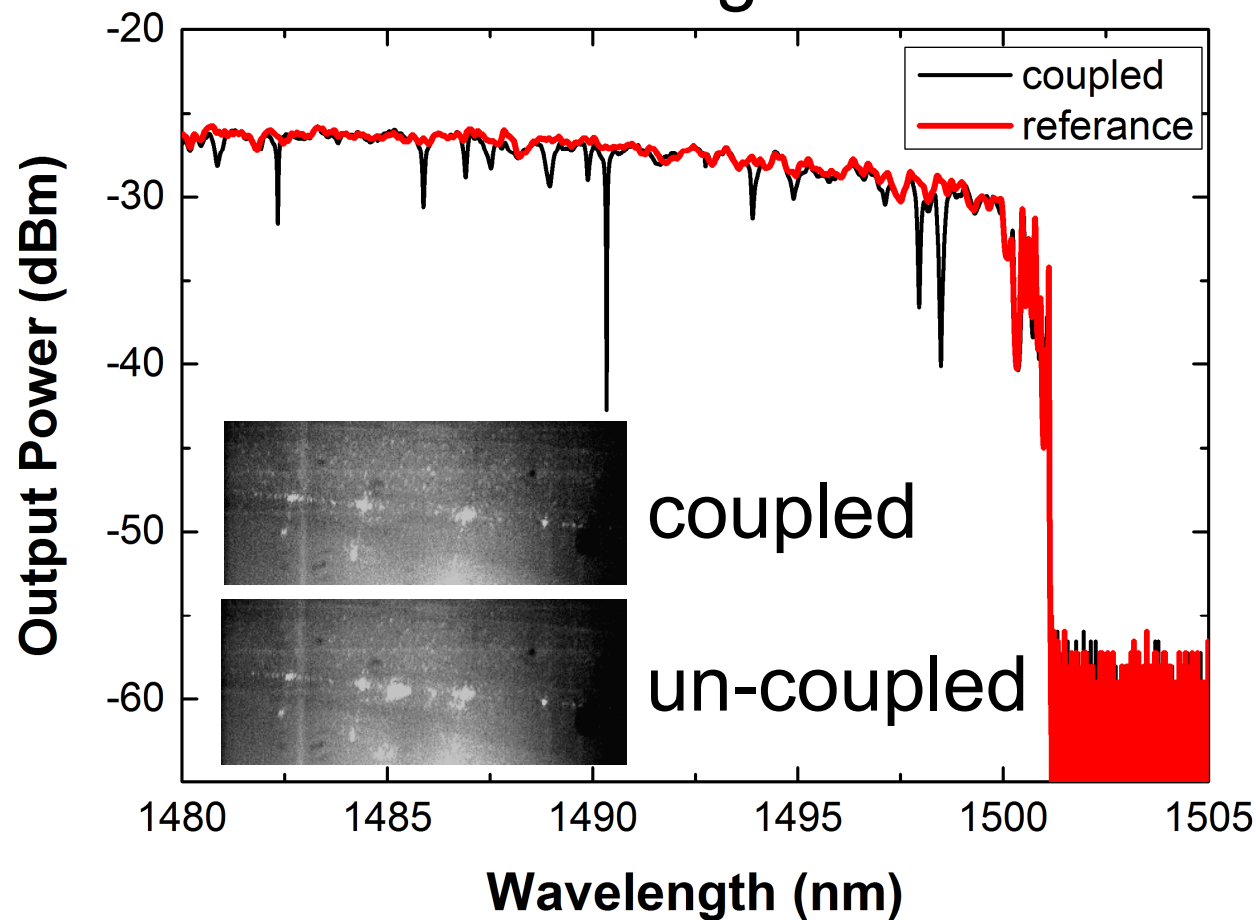
Tuning sensitivity

$$\frac{\text{Wavelength shift}}{\text{Stage shift}} = 0.27 \text{ pm/nm}$$

Coupling of SiO₂ WGM microcavity w/ PhC WG (preliminary)

PhC waveguide

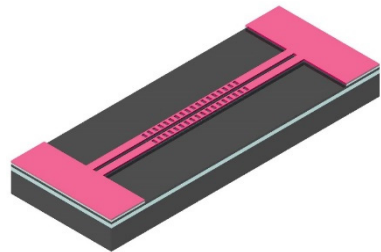
$a = 410$ nm, diameter: 225.5 nm,
Thickness: 210 nm, W1 waveguide



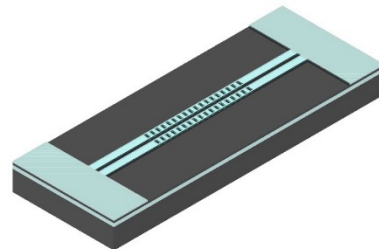
light localization at PhC WG
enabled w/ toroid microcavity

High-Q 1D photonic crystal microcavity with SiO₂

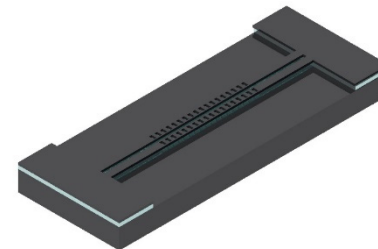
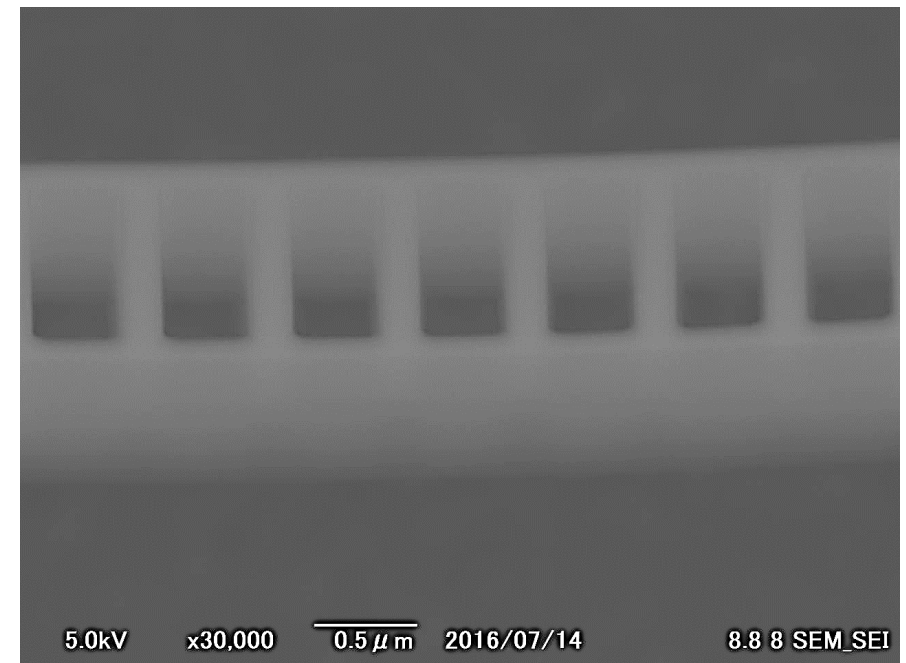
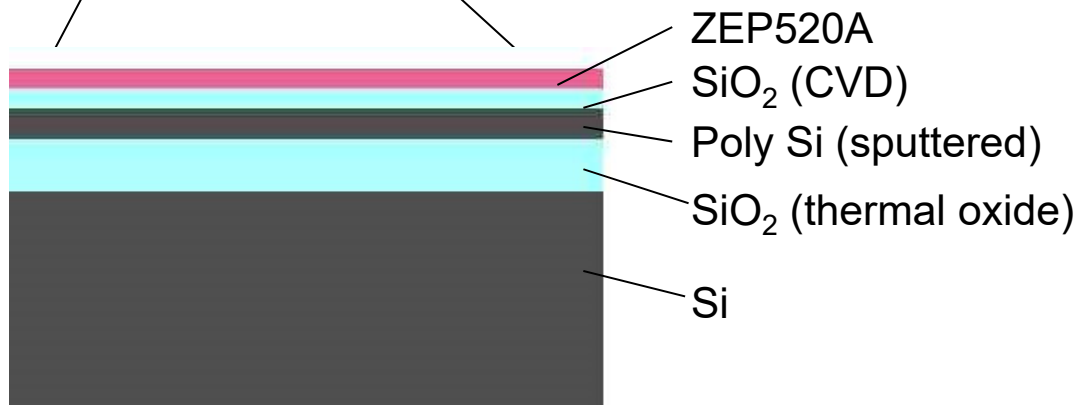
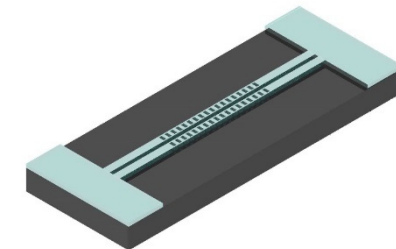
EB lithography & TEOS mask etching



Resist removal



Si etching

SiO₂ etching

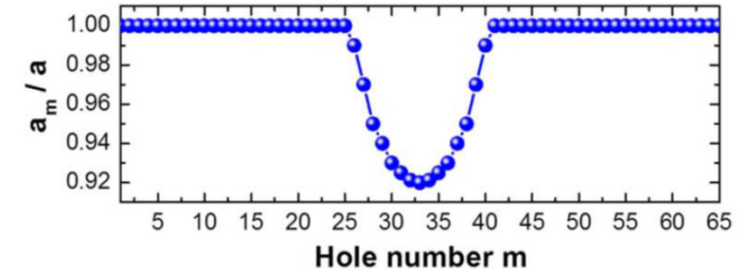
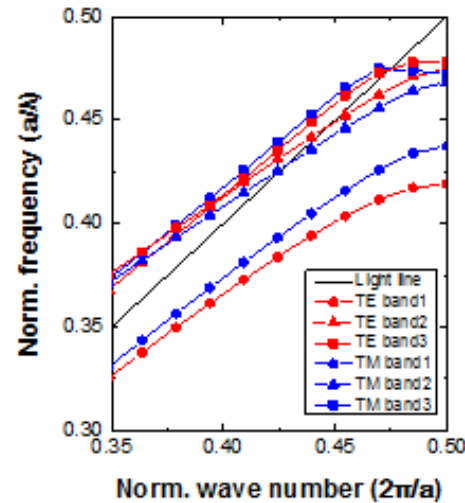
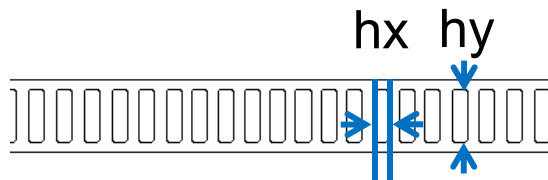


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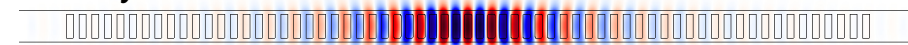
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Design

Lattice constant: $a = 690$ nm
 Width: $w = 2.6a$
 Hole depth : $hx = 0.5a$
 Hole width : $hy = 0.7w$
 Thickness: $t = 1.1a$



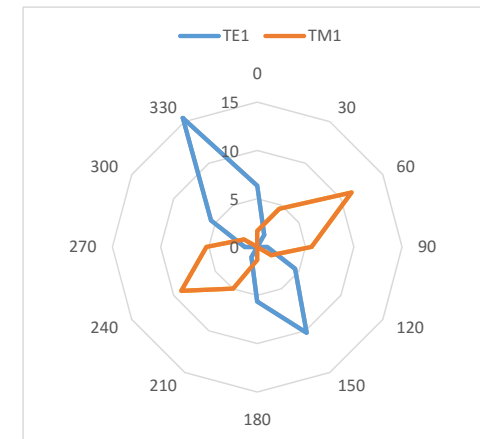
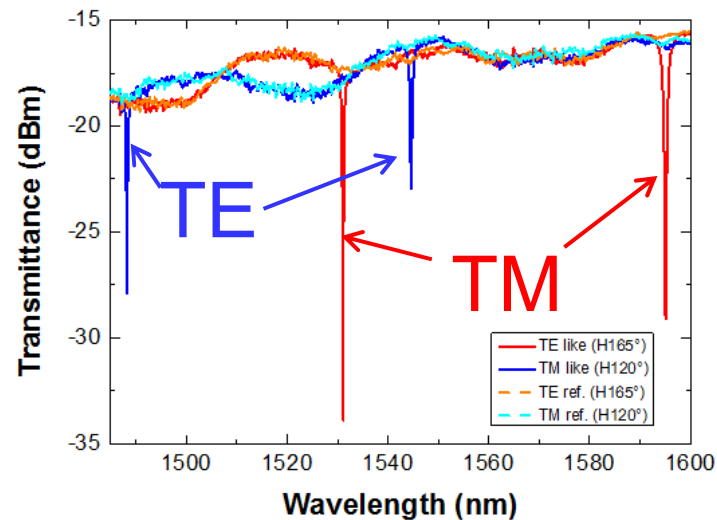
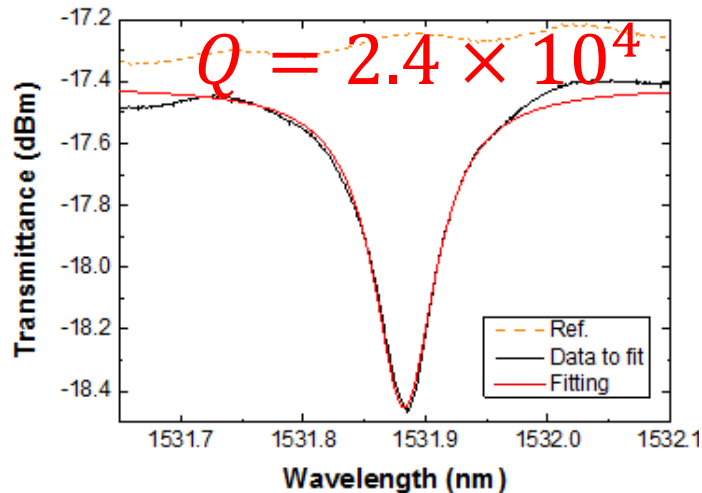
TM1 H_y



$$Q = 1.7 \times 10^4$$

$$V = 3.7(\lambda/n)^3$$

Optical measurement result



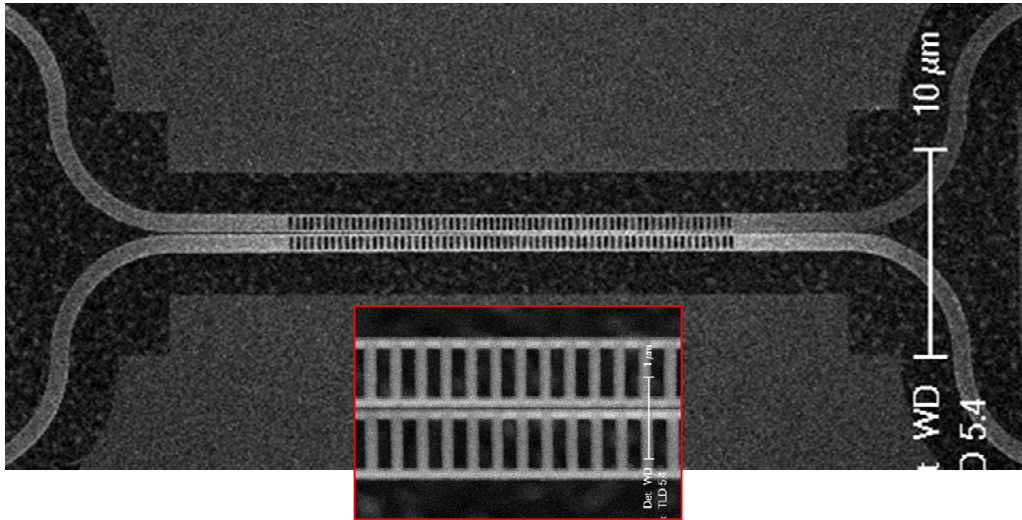
➡ Highest Q PhC microcavity w/ low- n material

Silica zipper cavity for MOMS switch

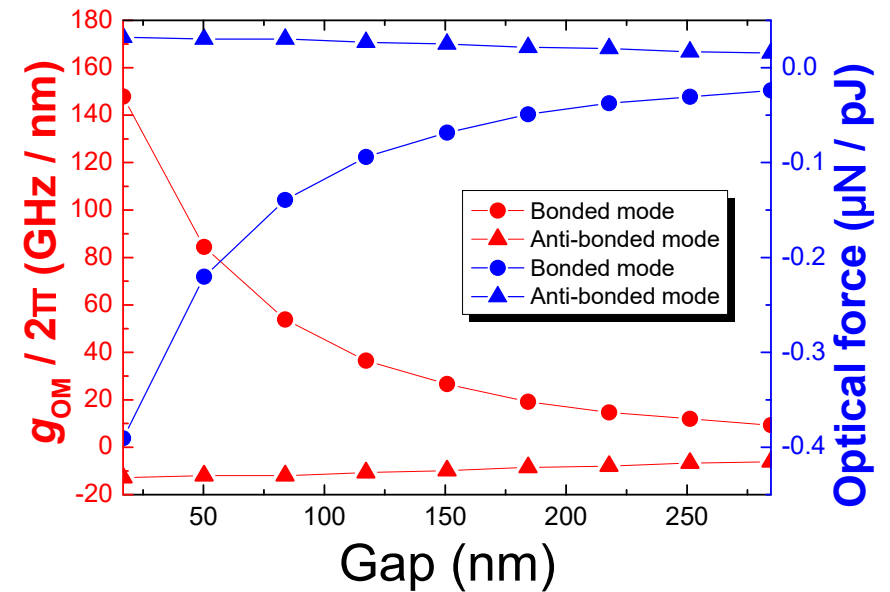
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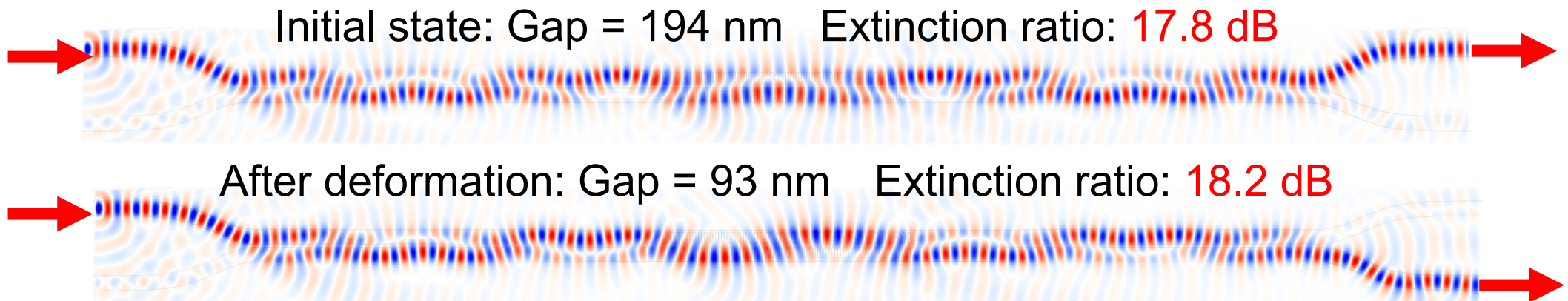
► Fabricated zipper



► Opto-mechanical coupling



► Switching demonstration (calc.)

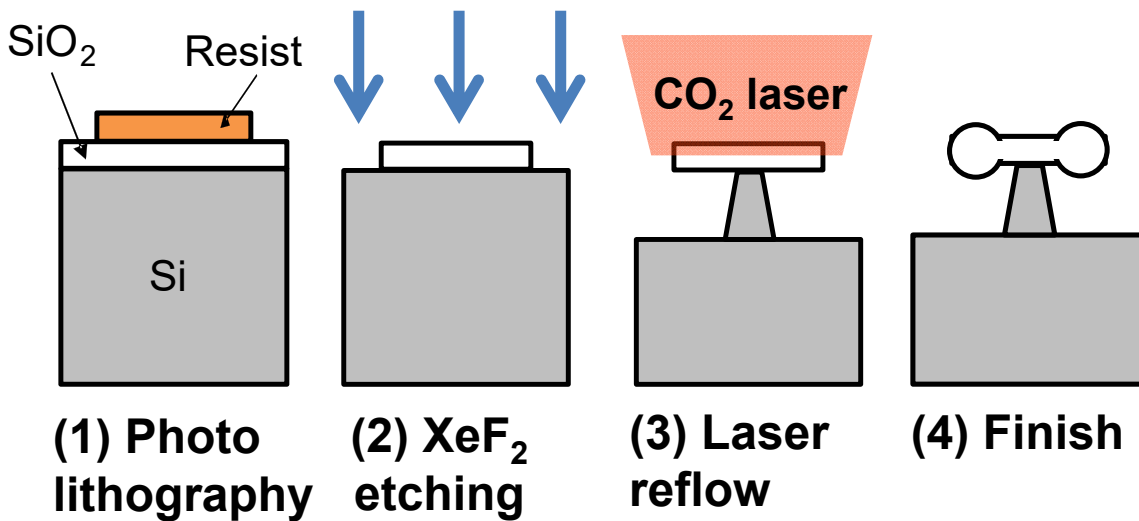


High switching contrast of ≥ 17.8 dB w/ ~ 100 -nm deformation
@ 190 mW achieved (calculation)

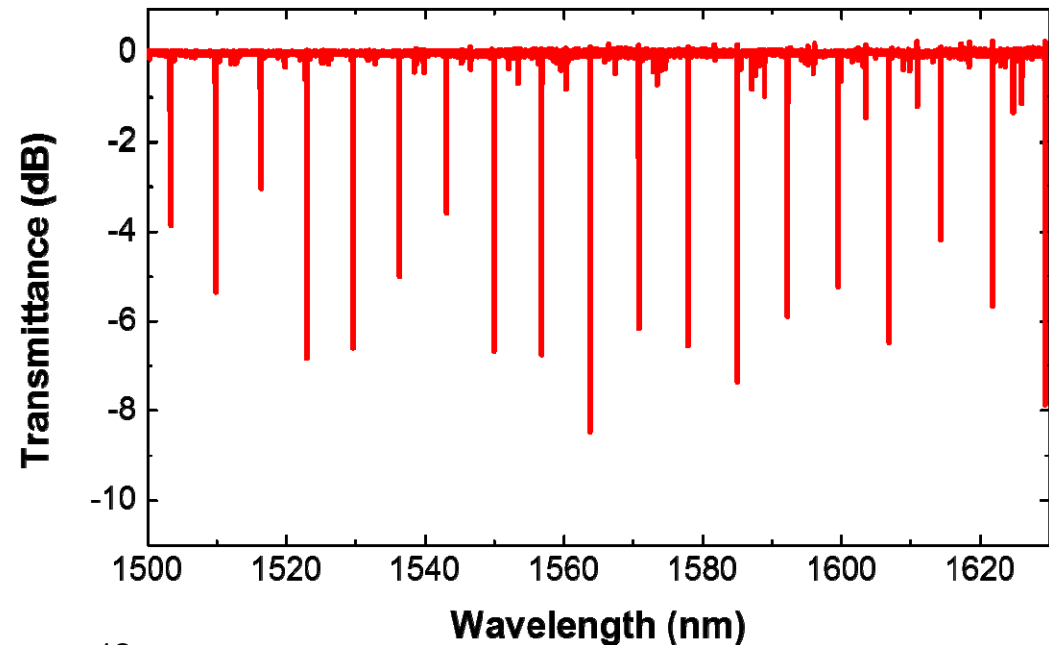


Ultra-high Q toroidal microcavity

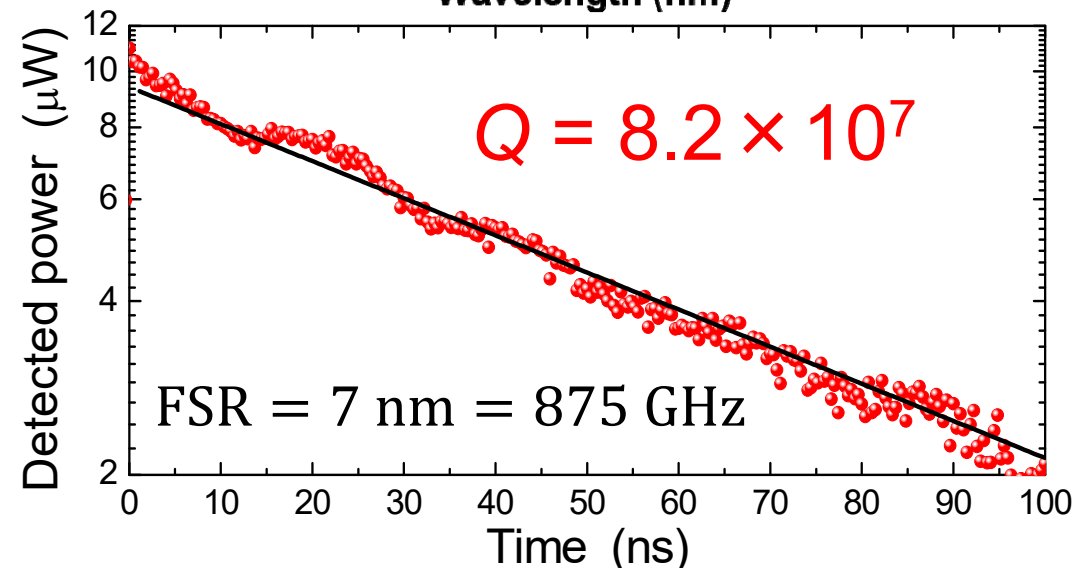
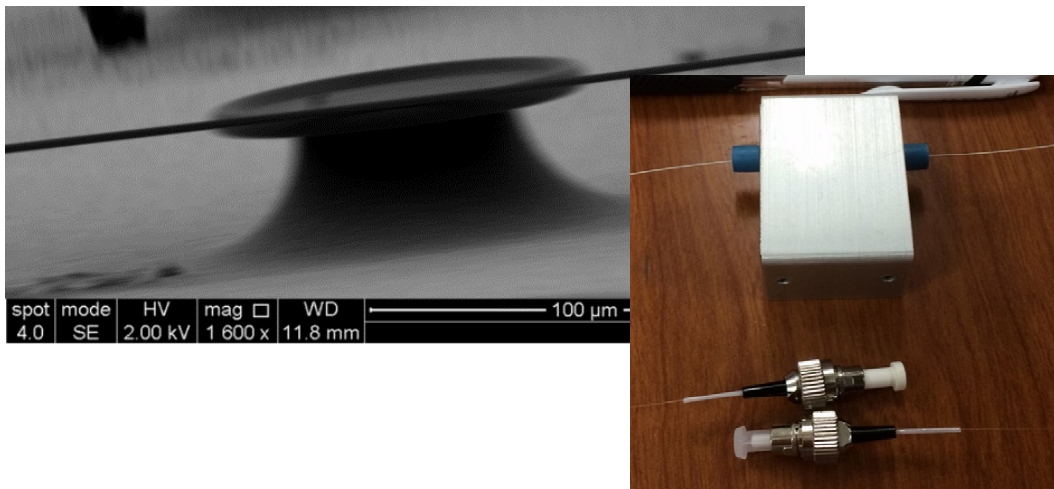
► Fabrication



► Spectrum & photon lifetime



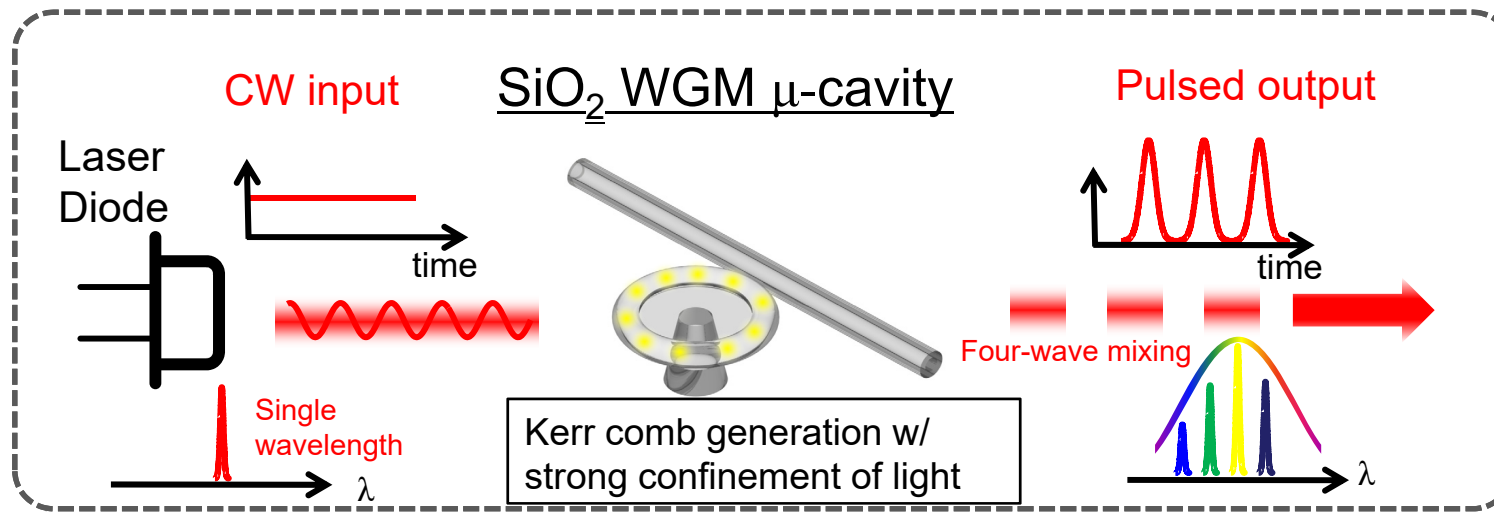
► Packaging



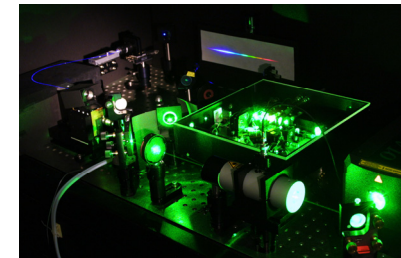


Kerr comb in microcavity system

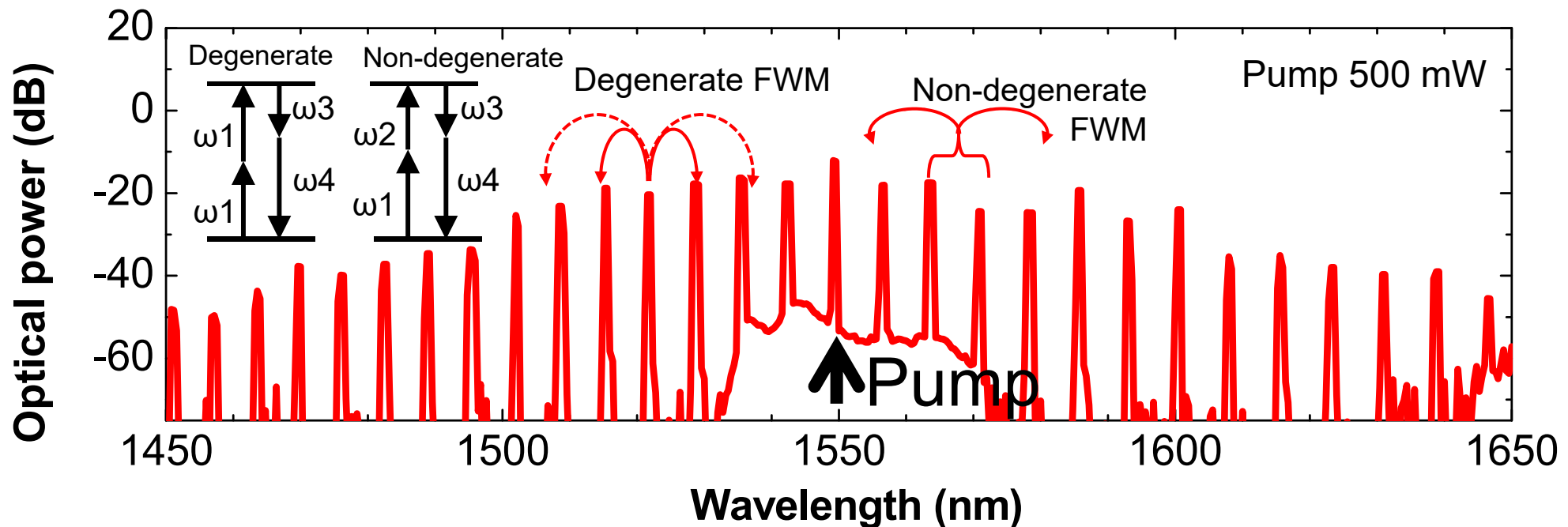
Convert CW laser to ultrashort pulse train w/ >600 GHz repetition rate



Ti:Sapphire laser based comb



large & expensive

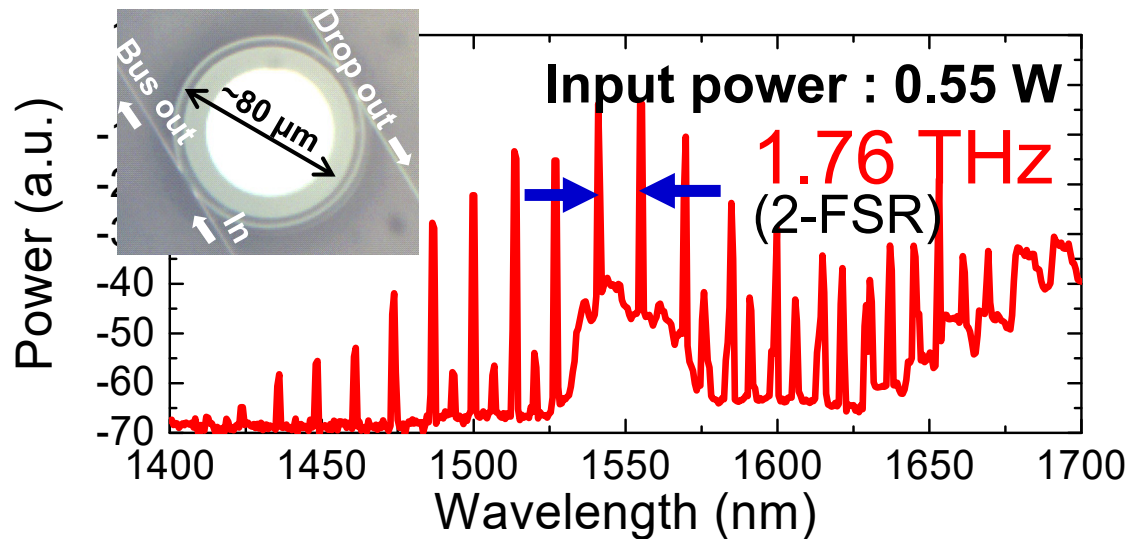


Ultrahigh repetition rate pulse generation

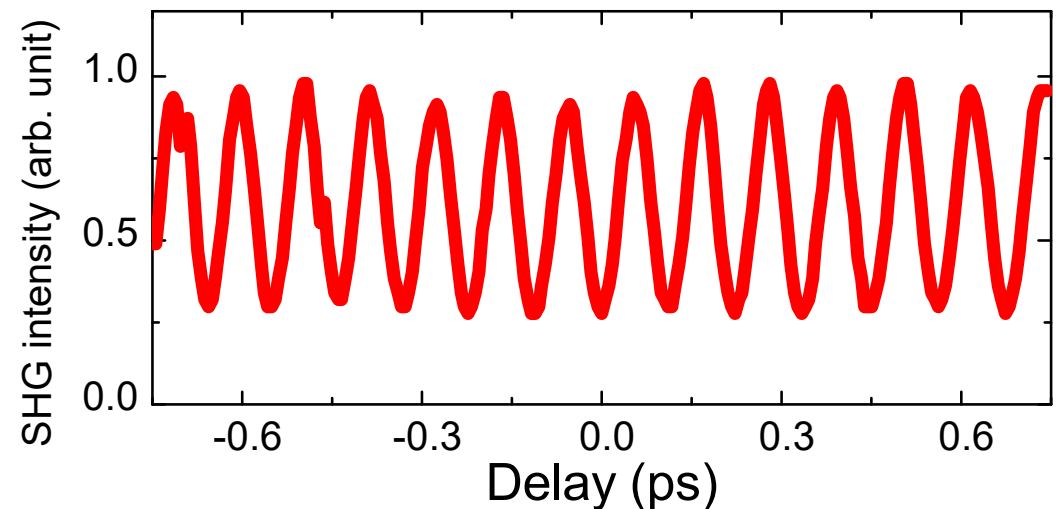
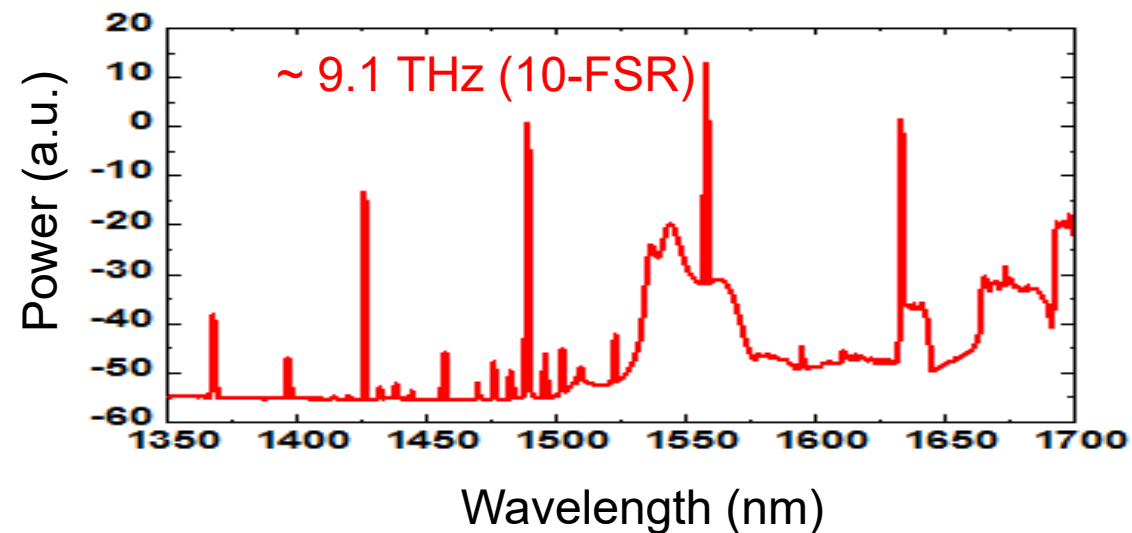
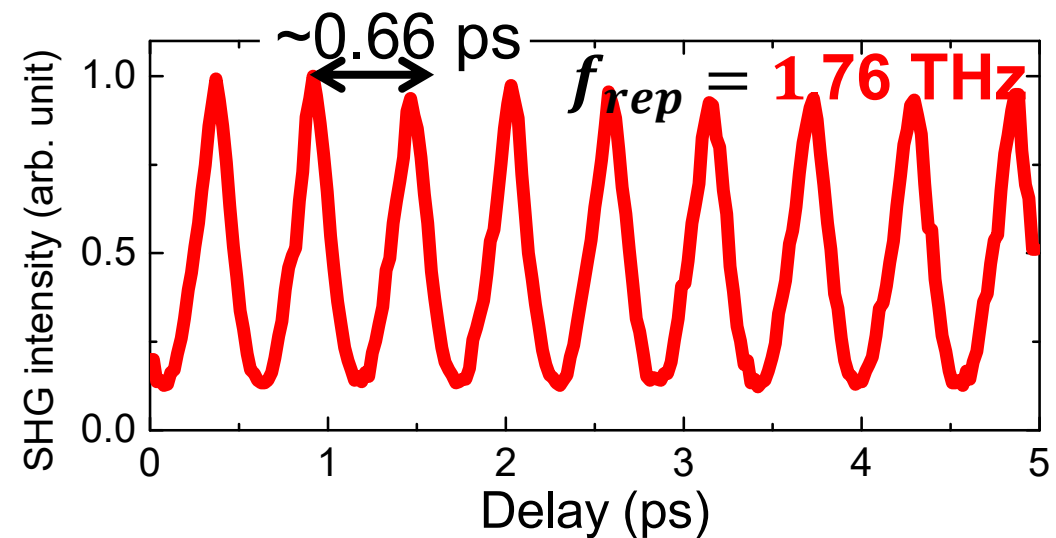


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► Kerr comb generation



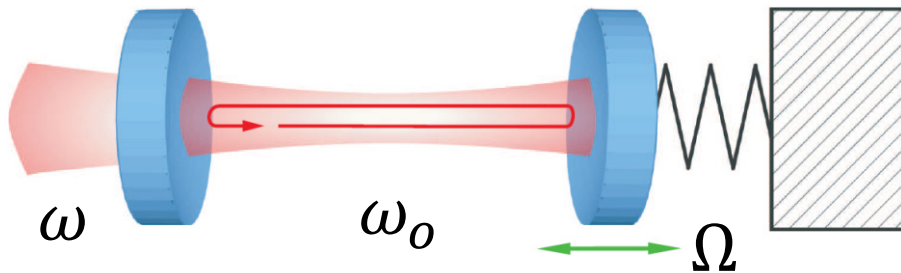
► SHG autocorrelation trace



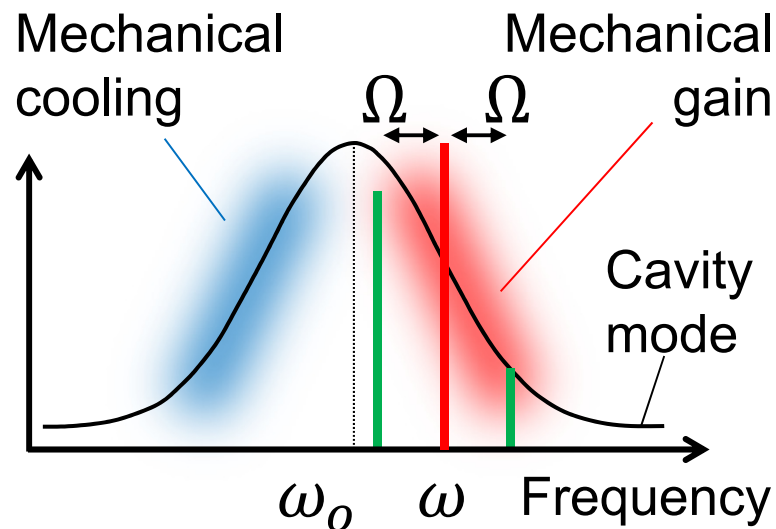
RF noise measurement (effect of cavity opto-mechanics)



▶ Cavity opto-mechanics



T. Kippenberg & K. Vahala, Opt. Express **15**, 17172 (2007).



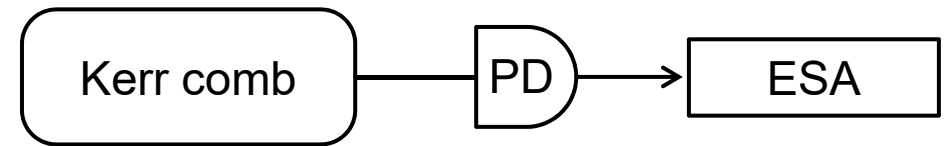
ω : pump frequency

ω_0 : optical resonance (≈ 193 THz)

Ω : mechanical resonance

Detuning: $\omega - \omega_0 \approx 0$, or < 0

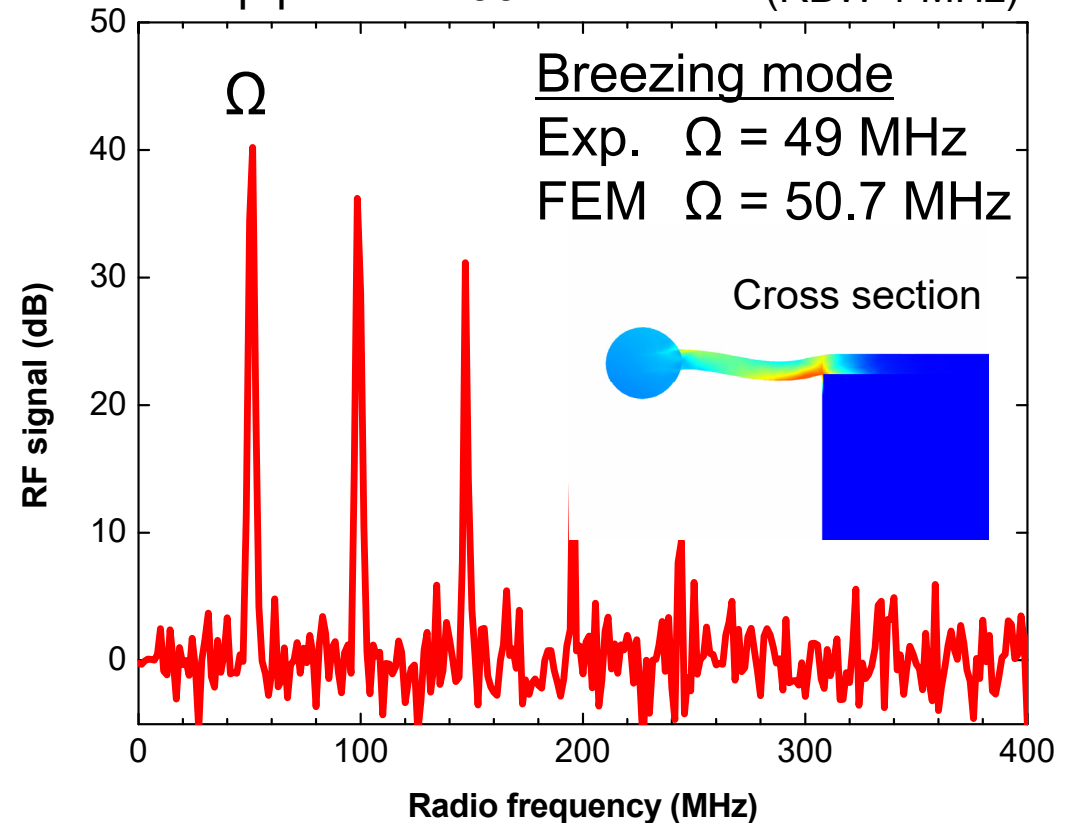
→ Can we reduce mechanical oscillation?



Detuning: $\omega - \omega_0 > 0$

Pump power: 400 mW

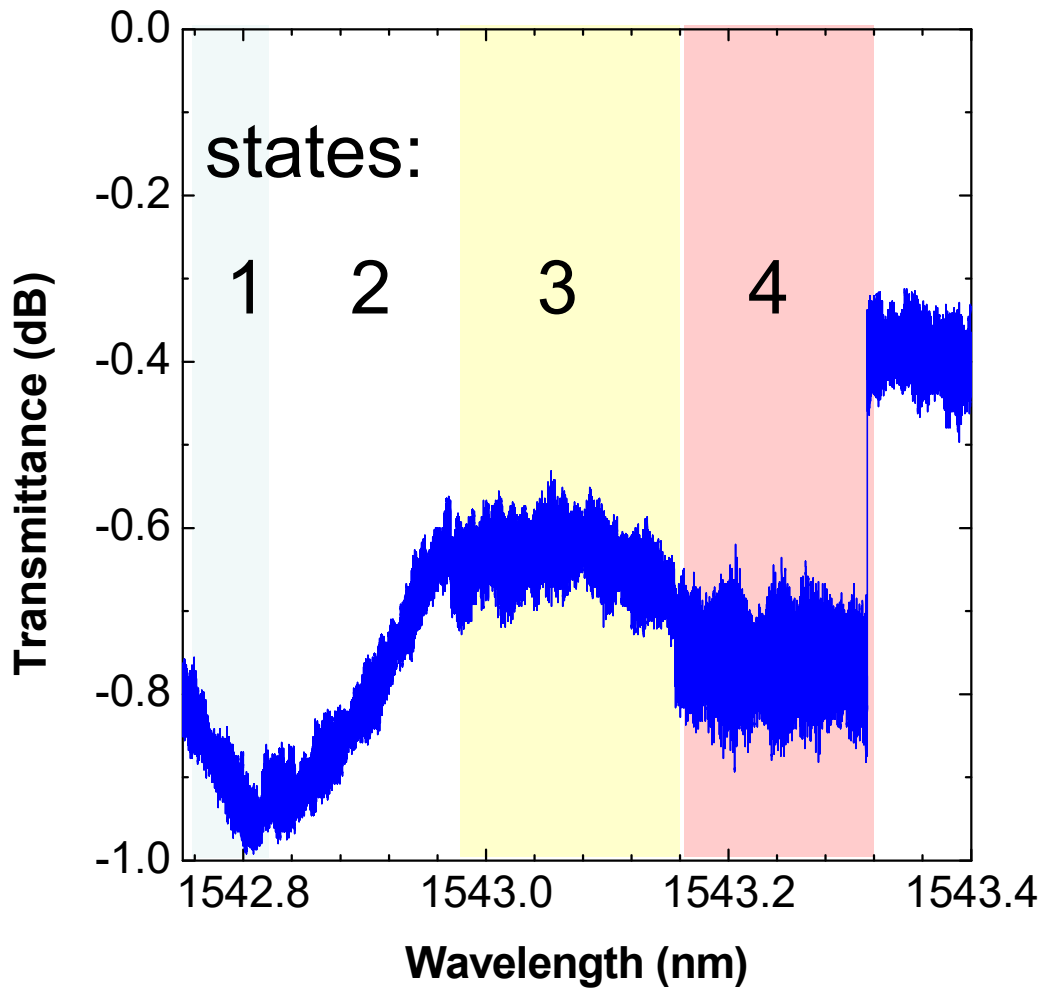
(RBW 1 MHz)



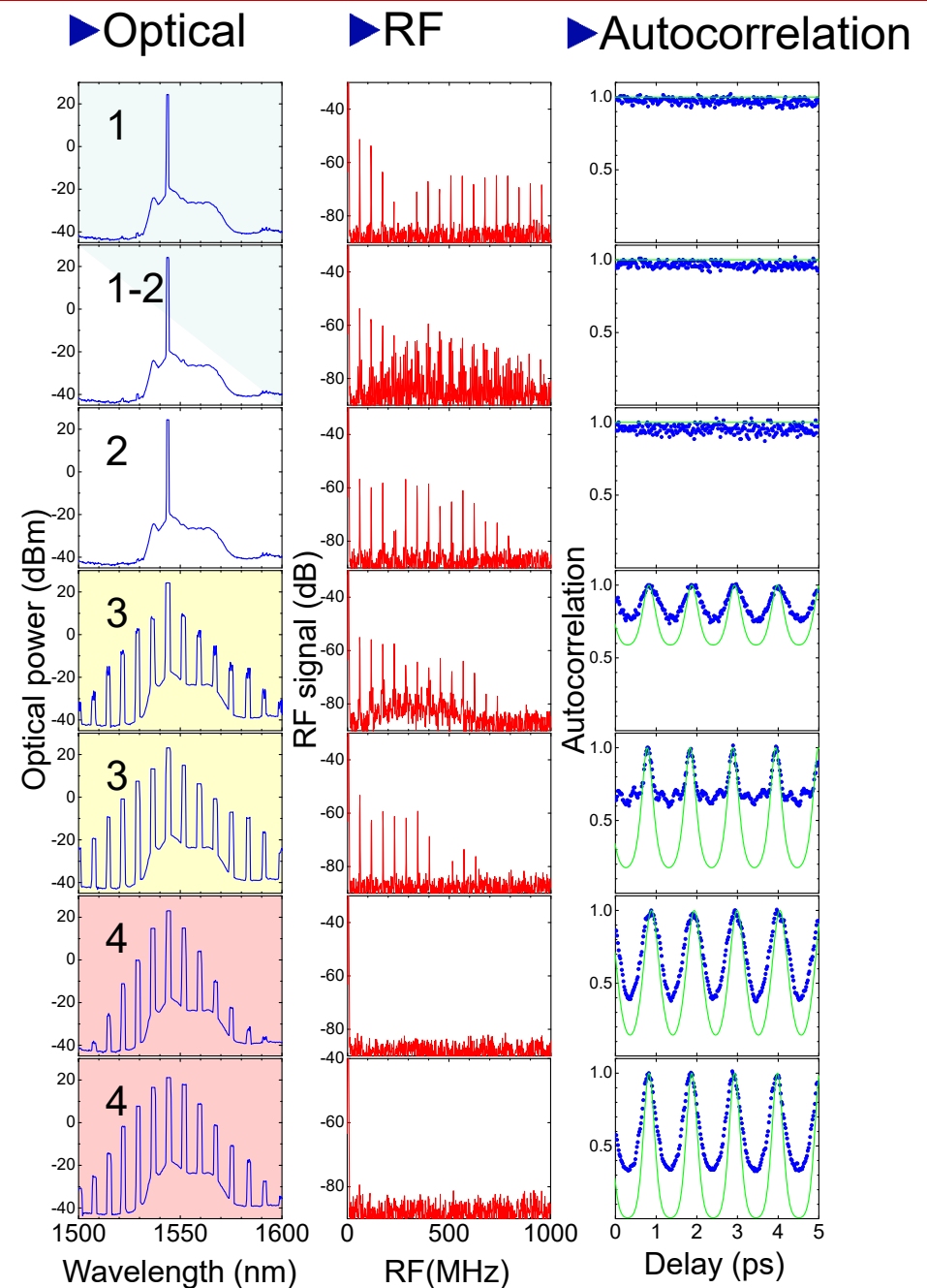


Wavelength scan with toroid microcavity

► Transmittance spectrum



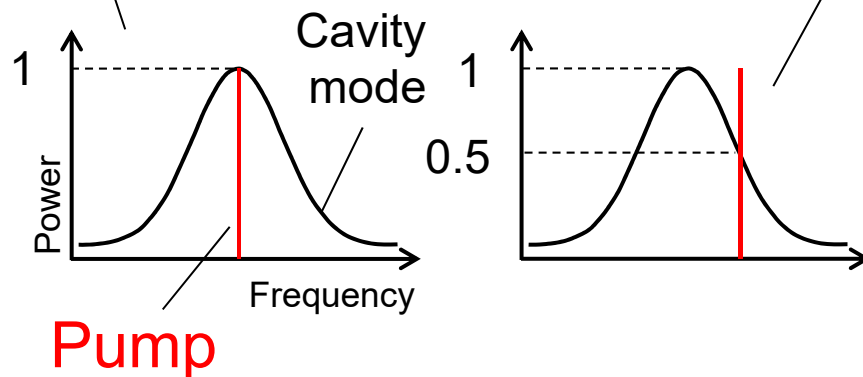
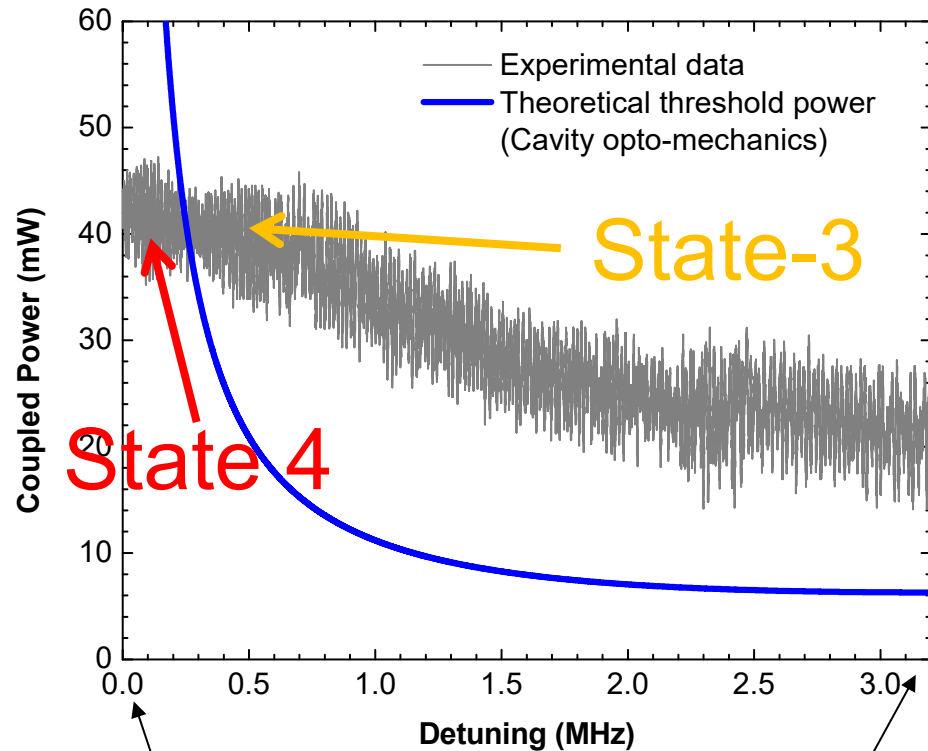
Different states appear
(opto-mechanics?)



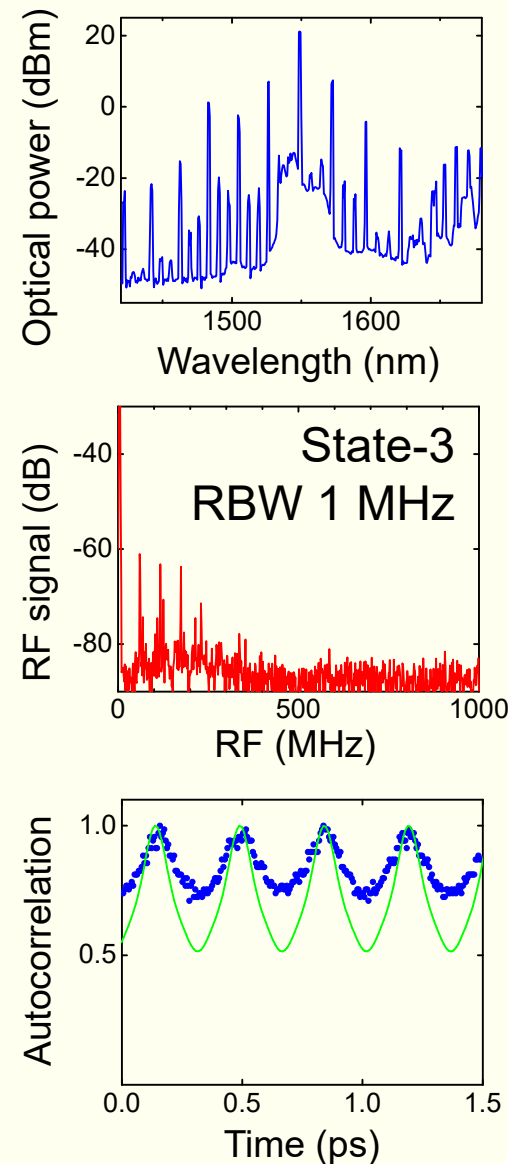


Cavity opto-mechanics & mode-locking

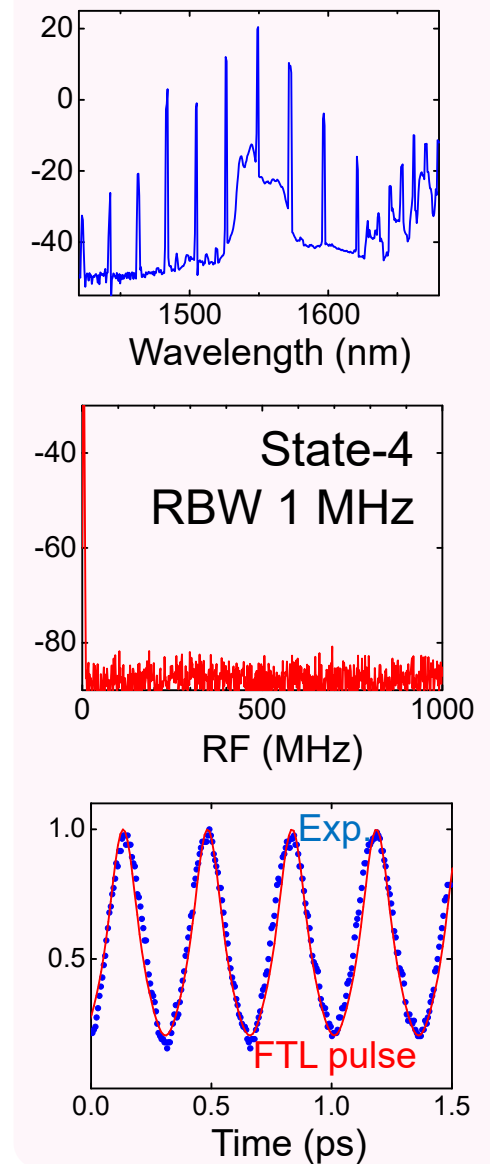
▶ Detuning vs. Threshold power



▶ State-3 (OM)



▶ State-4 (no OM)



Summary



Silicon technologies

1. Ultrahigh Q nanocavity w/ photolithographic Si PhC
2. Electro-optic modulator w/ controlled random PhC
3. 8-ch in-plane DWDM demux demonstration

SiO₂ ultrahigh Q microcavity technologies

4. Tapered fiber assisted resonance
5. Kerr comb generation in silica WGM microcavity

toward SiO₂ / Si hybrid system



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