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Fiber-coupled photonic crystal nanocavity for reconfigurable formation of coupled cavity system

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Background



Photonic crystal (PhC) nanocavity

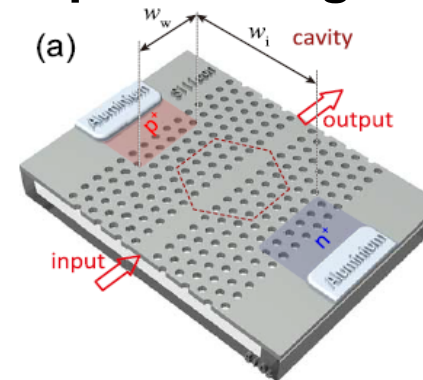
Advantage

- ✓ High Q & extremely small V
- ⇒ Useful for nonlinear experiments

Disadvantages

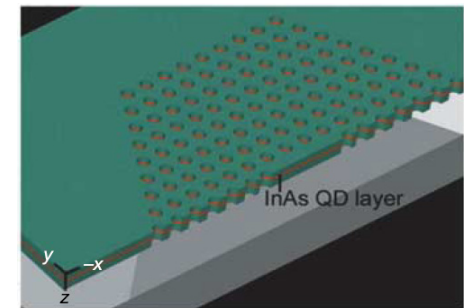
- ✓ Coupling to fiber is poor
- ✓ Collection efficiency is low

Optical signal processing



T. Tanabe, *et al.*, Appl. Phys. Lett. **96**, 101103 (2010).

Cavity-QED



T. Yoshie, *et al.*, Nature **432**, 200-203 (2004).

Coupled cavity system w/ PhC nanocavities

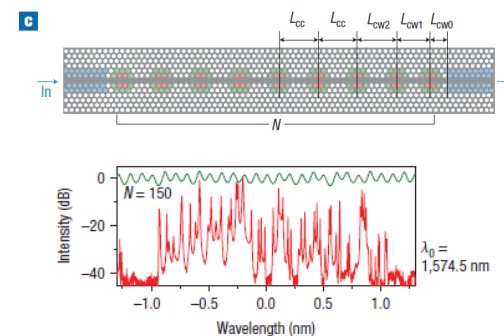
Advantage

- ✓ Complex functions achievable i. e. optical buffer, optical memory

Disadvantage

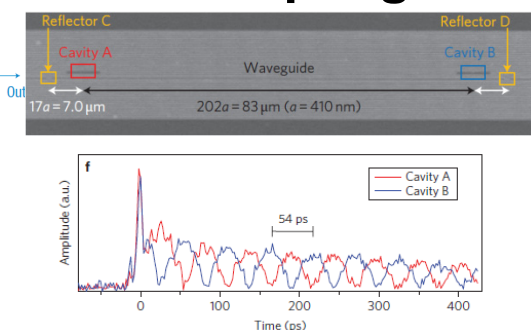
- ✓ Requires advanced fabrication technique

Optical buffer



M. Notomi, *et al.*, Nat. Photon. **2**, 741-747 (2010).

Dynamic control of coupling

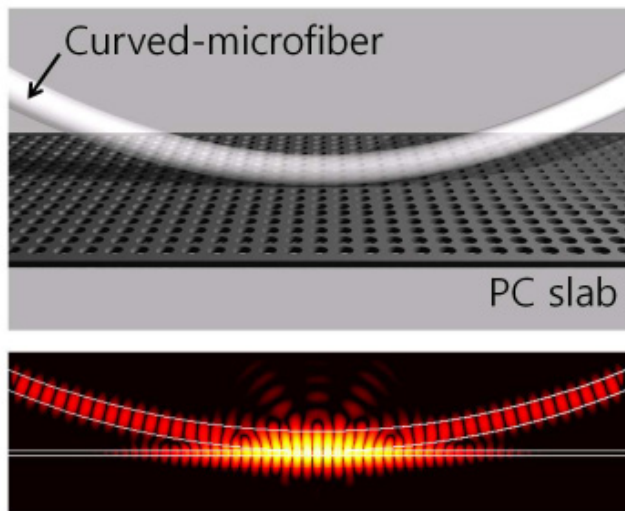


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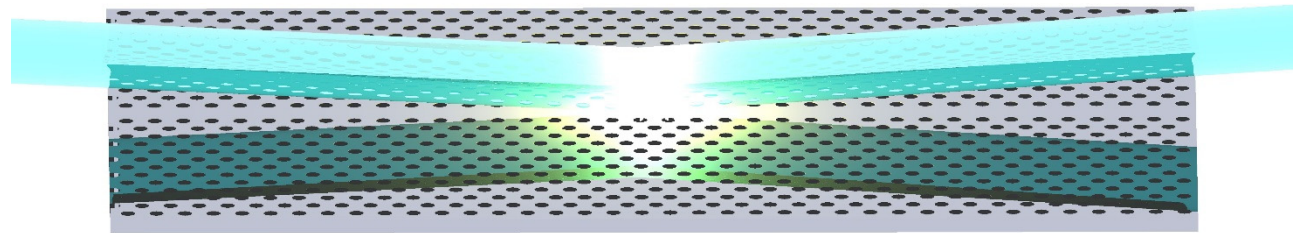
Nanofiber assisted reconfigurable PhC nanocavity

Fiber coupled PhC nanocavity (FCPC)

- ✓ Is reconfigurable
- ✓ $Q = 5.1 \times 10^5$, coupling efficiency (CE) of 39%
(Highest value for reconfigurable PhC nanocavity)
- ✓ $Q = 6.1 \times 10^3$, CE of 99.6% (higher recorded value)



Ju-Young Kim, *et al.*, Optics Express **17**, 13009 (2007).



T. Tetsumoto, *et al.*, Opt. Express **23**, 16256-16263 (2015).



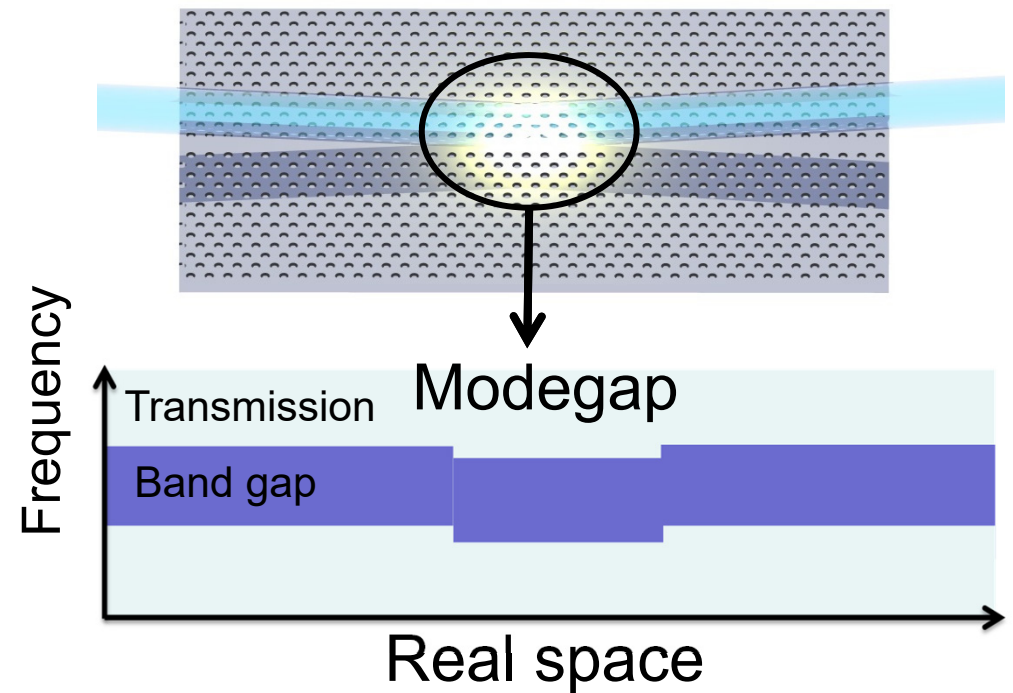
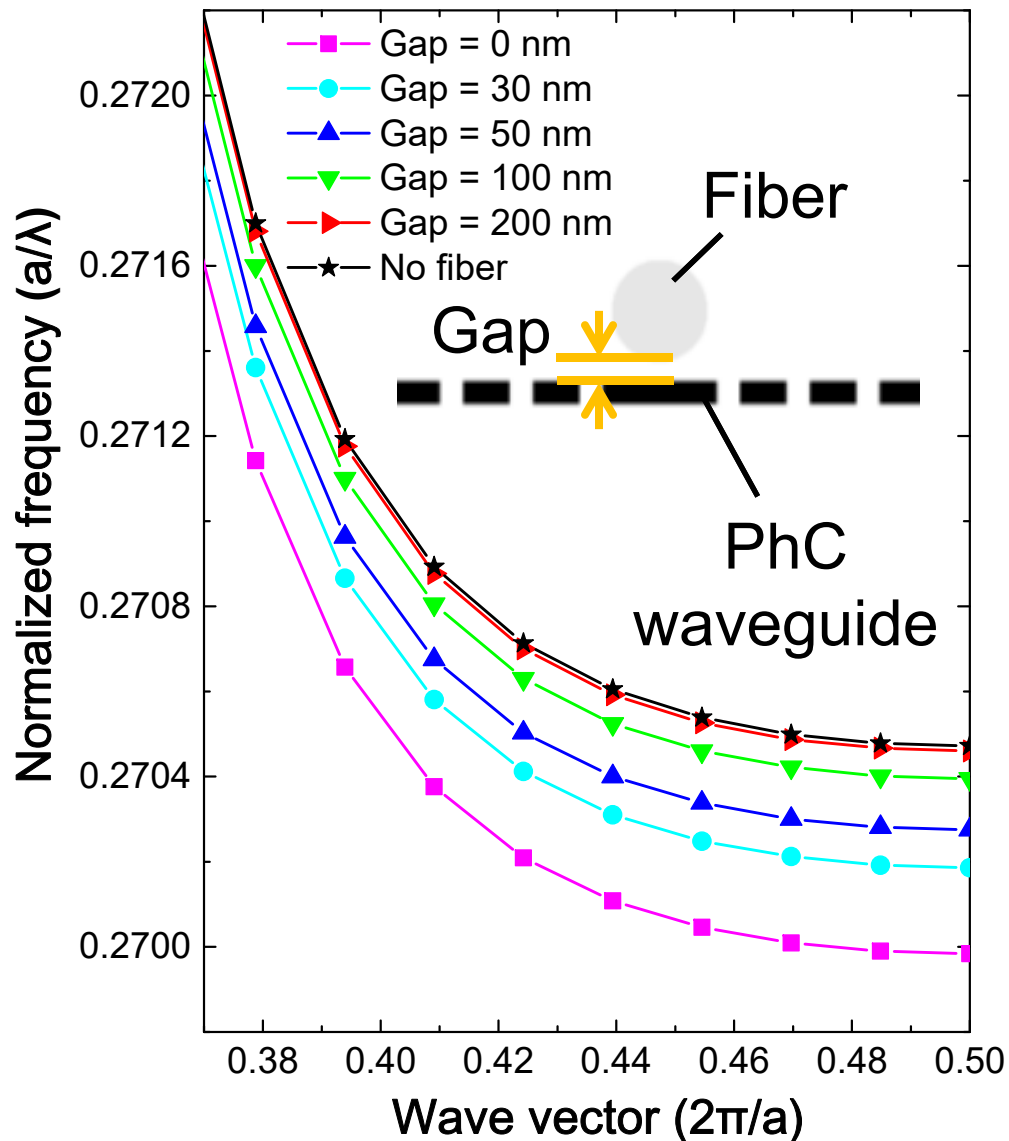
Motivation

Demonstration of **reconfigurable coupled cavity**
with high coupling efficiency
using FCPC platform

Overview

- ✓ General properties of FCPC
- ✓ Experimental formation of coupled cavity using FCPC

Principle of cavity formation



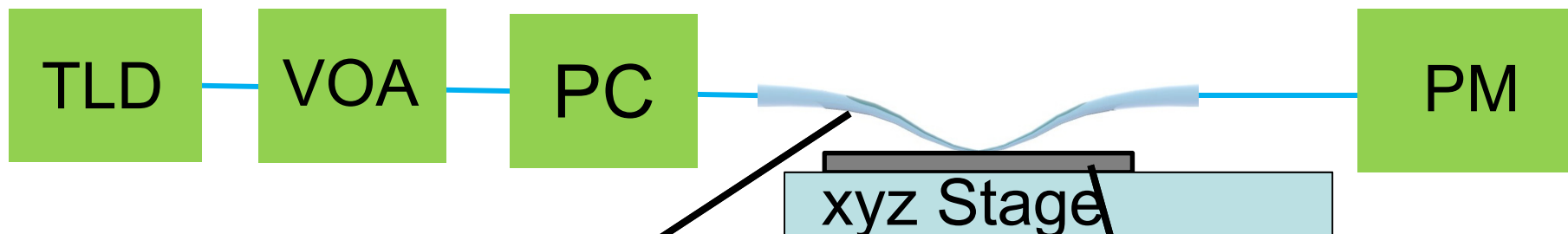
Effective refractive index change results in formation of modegap cavity

Experiment



Setup

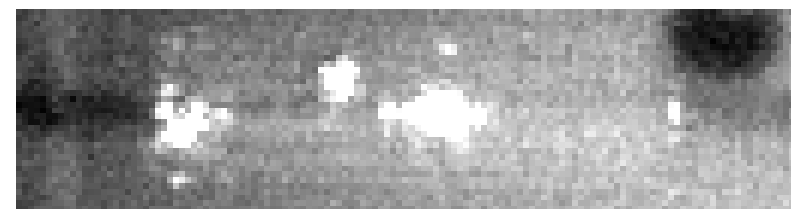
TLD: Tunable Laser Diode, VOA: Variable Optical Attenuator, PC: Polarization Controller, PM: Power Monitor



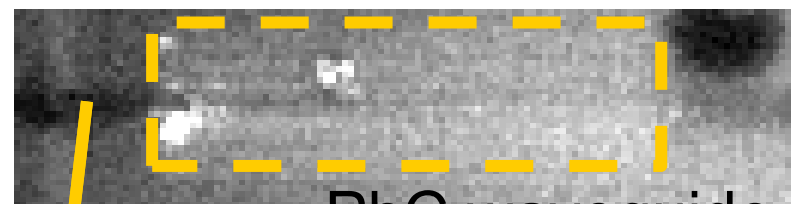
PhC waveguide(w0.98)

Fabricated with 248nm KrF stepper exposure
Lattice constant: 420 nm,
Air hole diameter: 253 nm,
Slab thickness: 210 nm

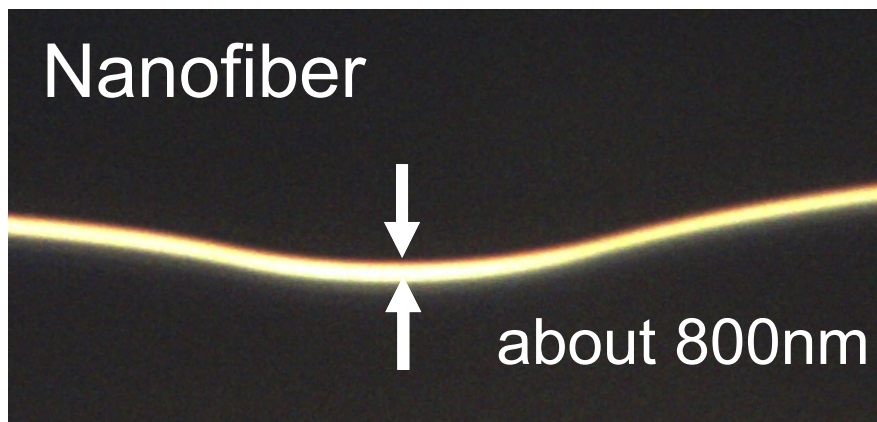
On-resonance



Off-resonance



Nanofiber PhC waveguide



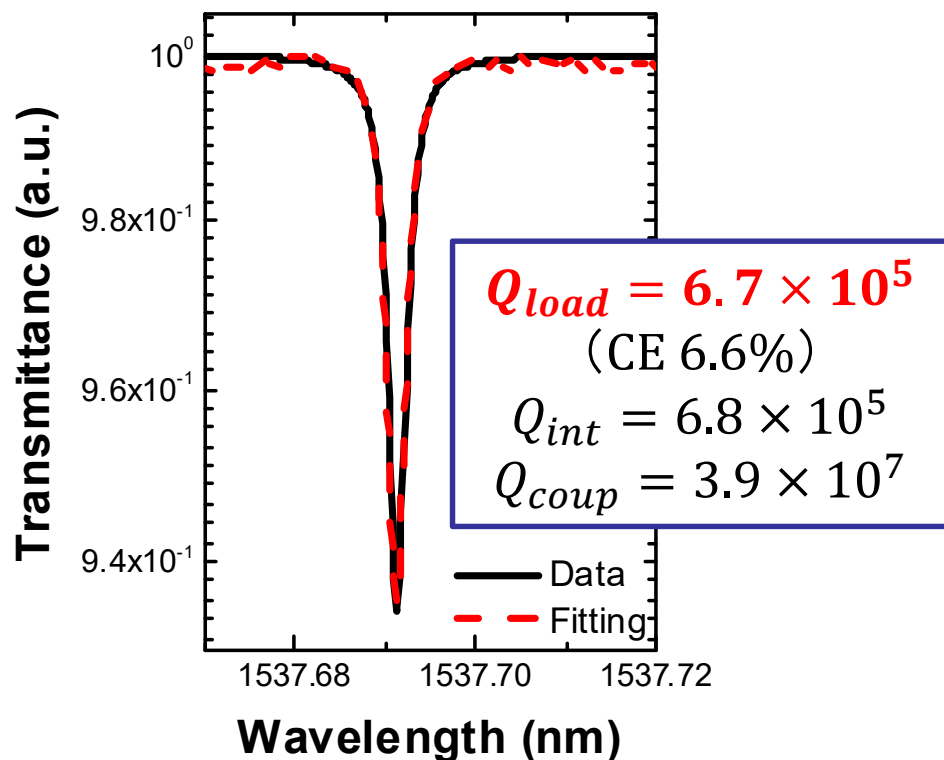
Insertion loss of nanofiber:
Typically 10dB,

Best 1dB

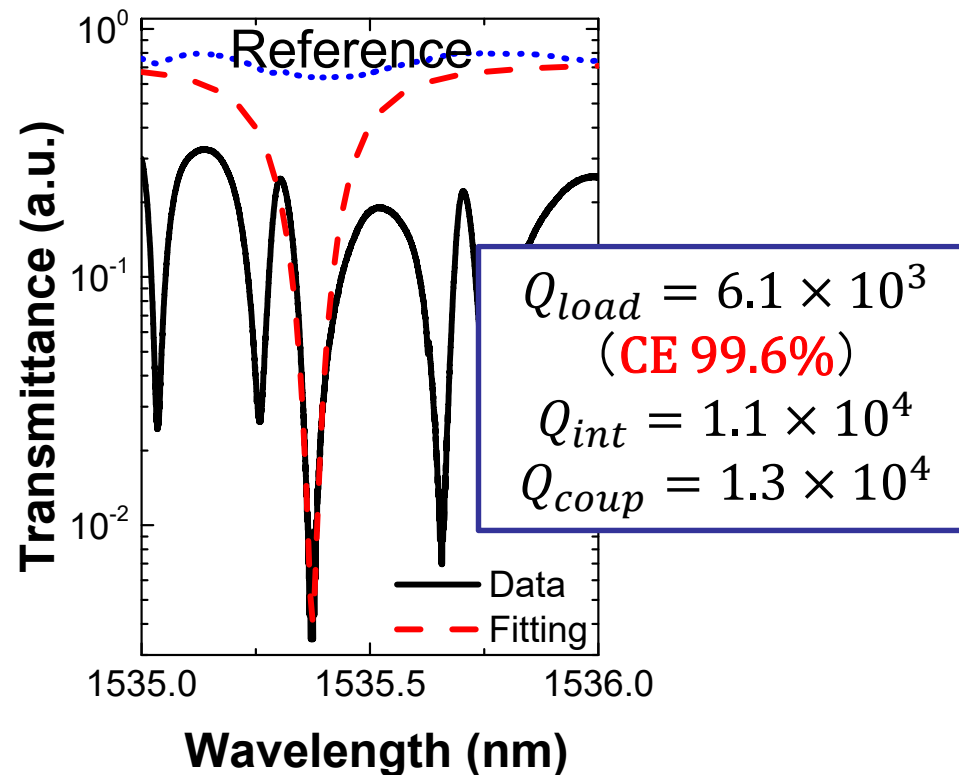
Measurement of Q and CE of FCPC



Maximization of Q



Maximization of CE



Measured Q

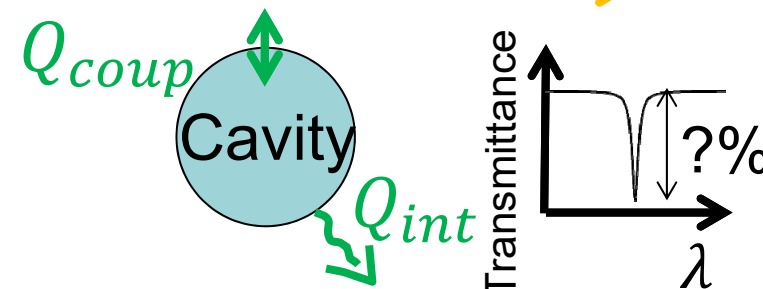
$$Q_{load}^{-1} = \underline{Q_{coup}^{-1}} + \underline{Q_{int}^{-1}}$$

Depends on
fiber radius

Depends on fiber
contact condition

Nanofiber

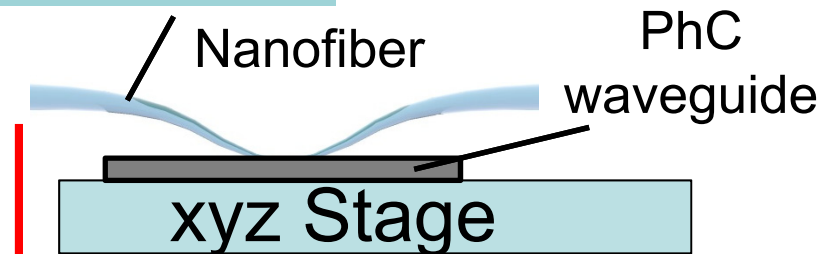
Output



Resonant wavelength tuning

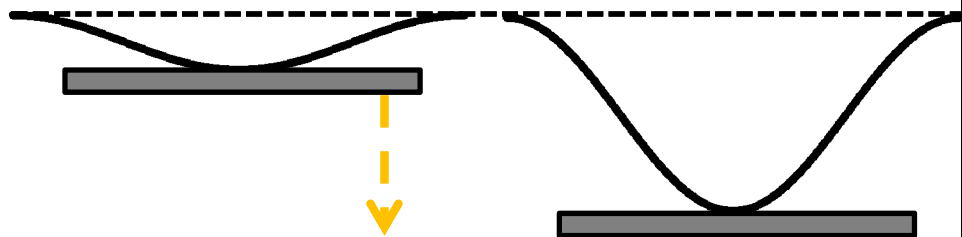
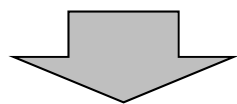


Method

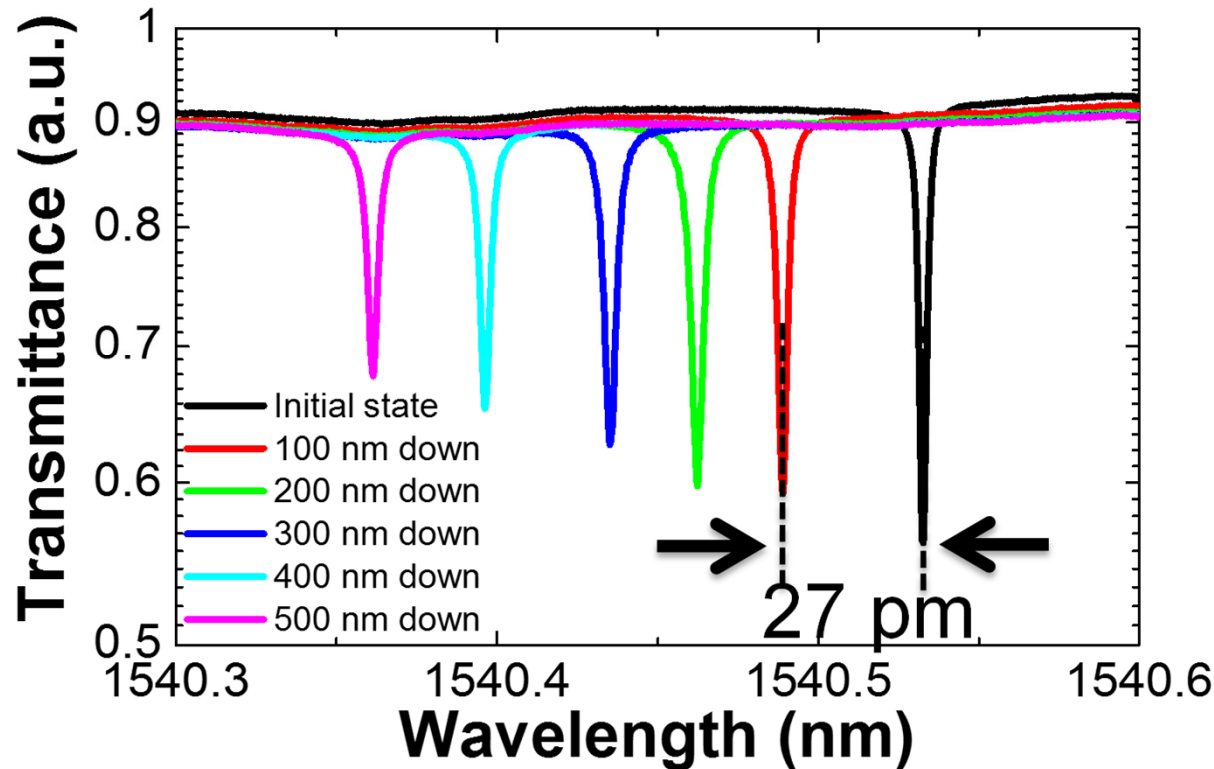


Moves 100 nm downwards

Fixed



Cavity length is shortened
⇒ Blue shift of resonant wavelength



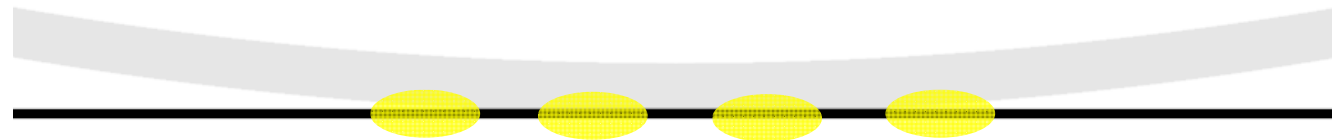
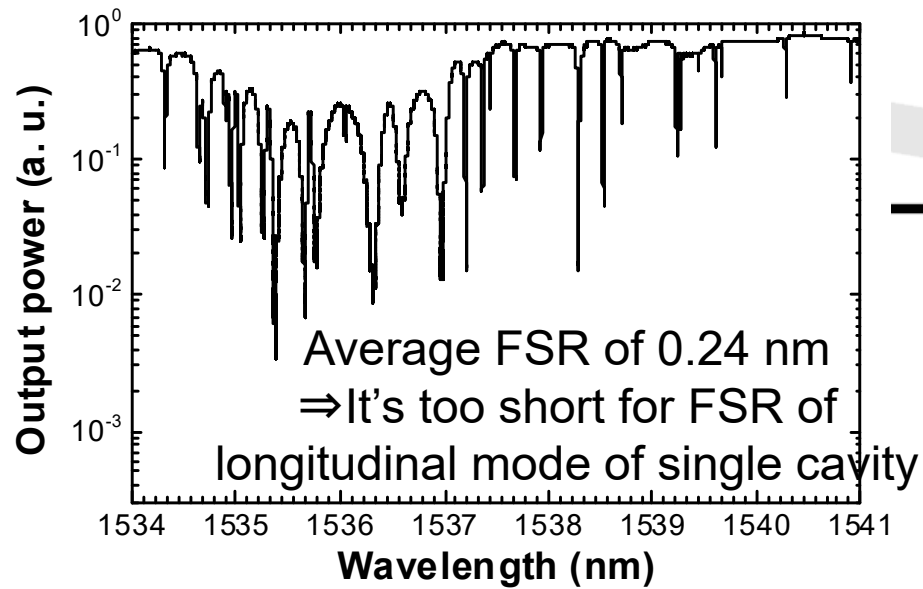
Tuning sensitivity

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

Multiple cavity formation



Multi resonant peaks

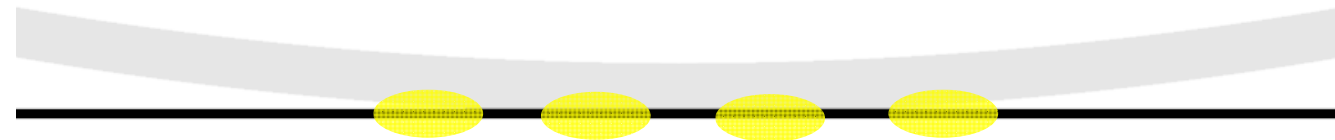
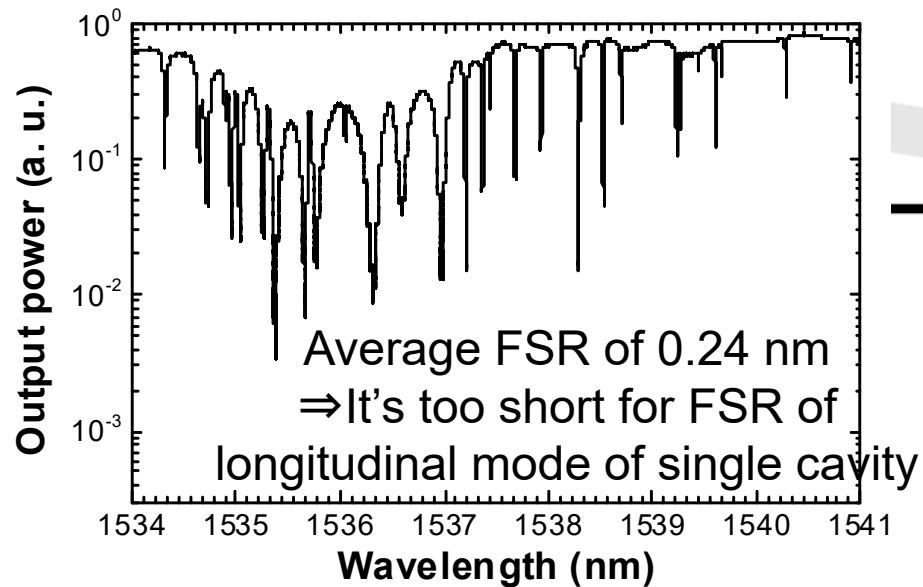


Multi-coupled cavity system
should be formed

Multiple cavity formation

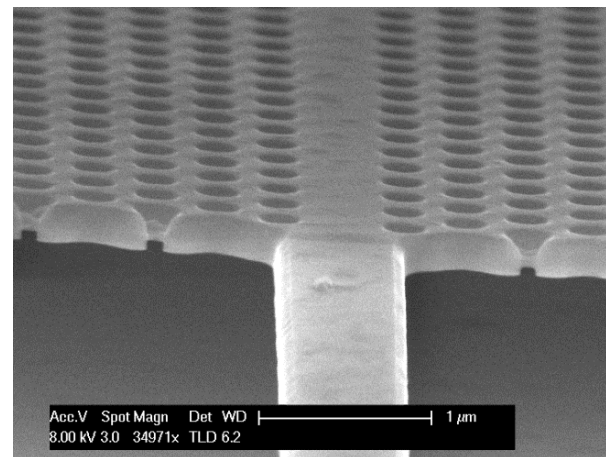
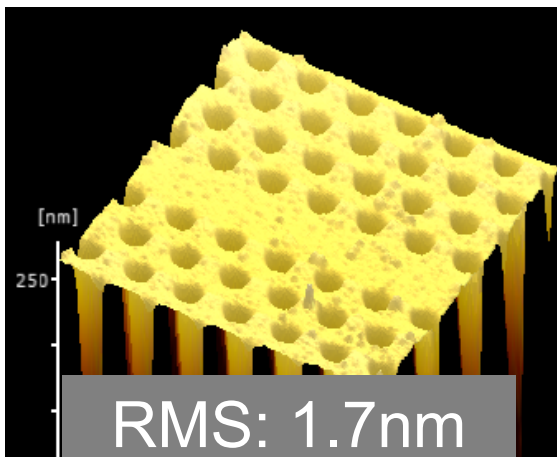


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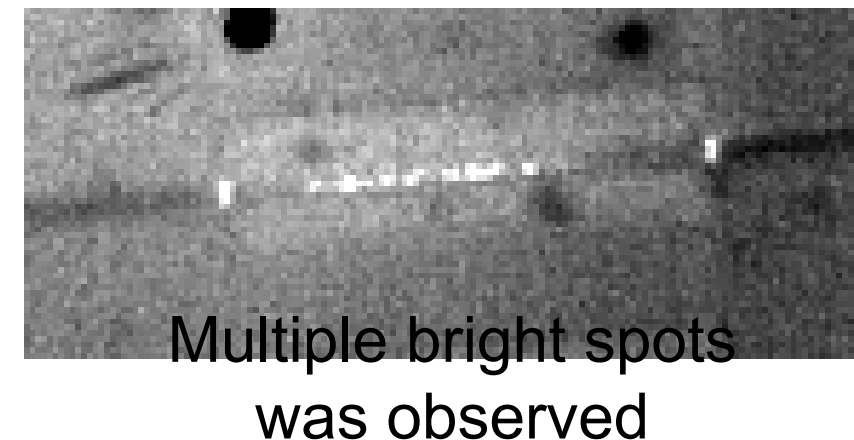


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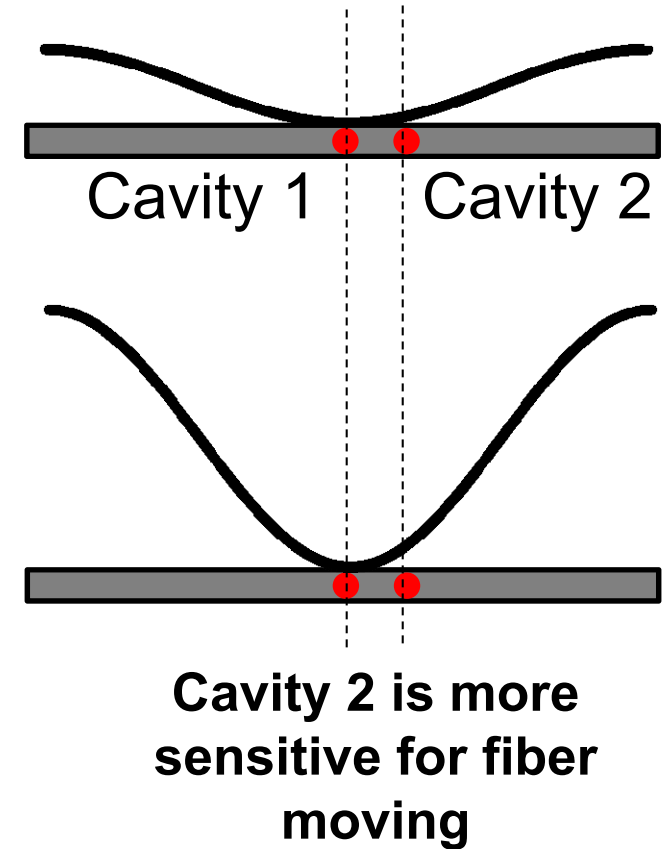
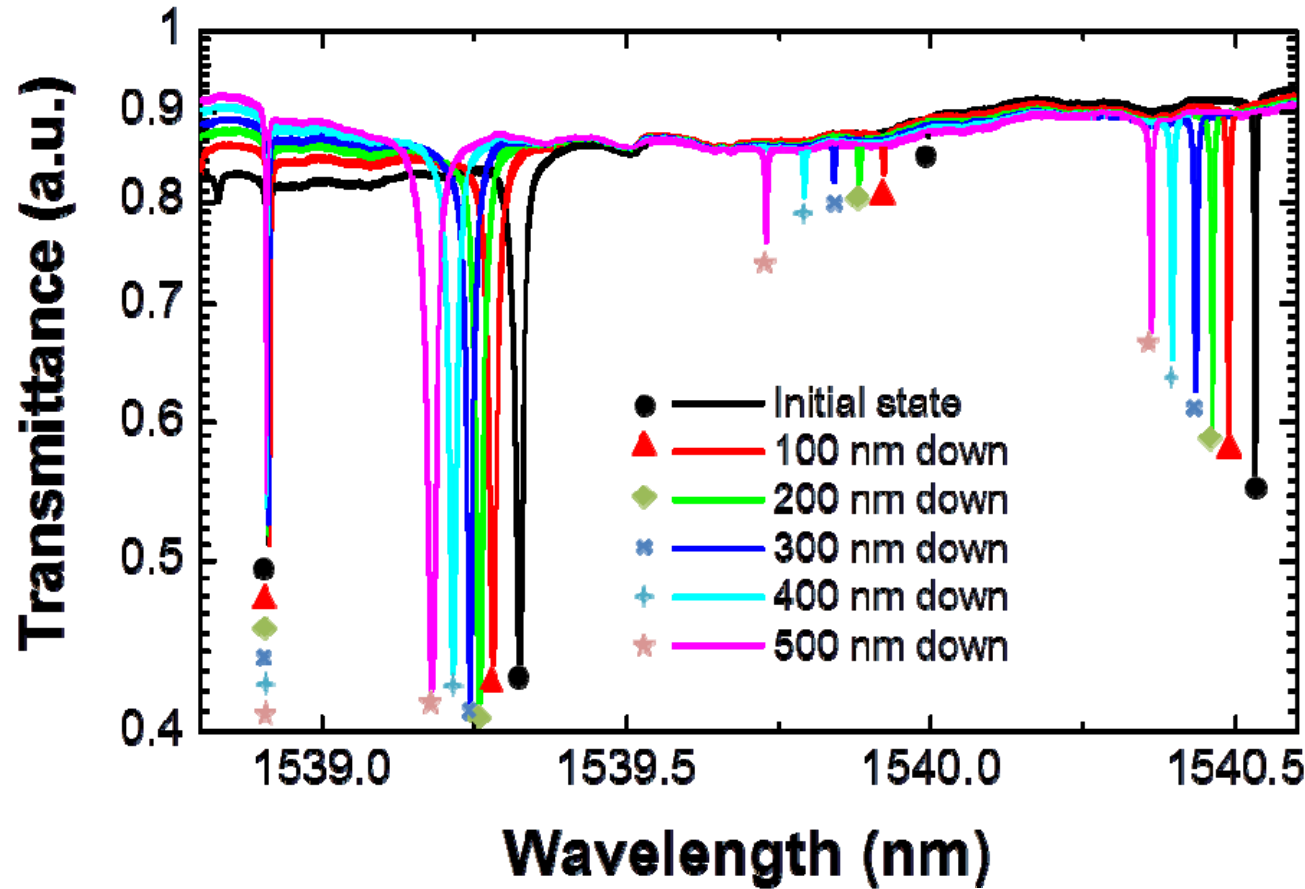
Surface of PhC waveguide



Infrared image

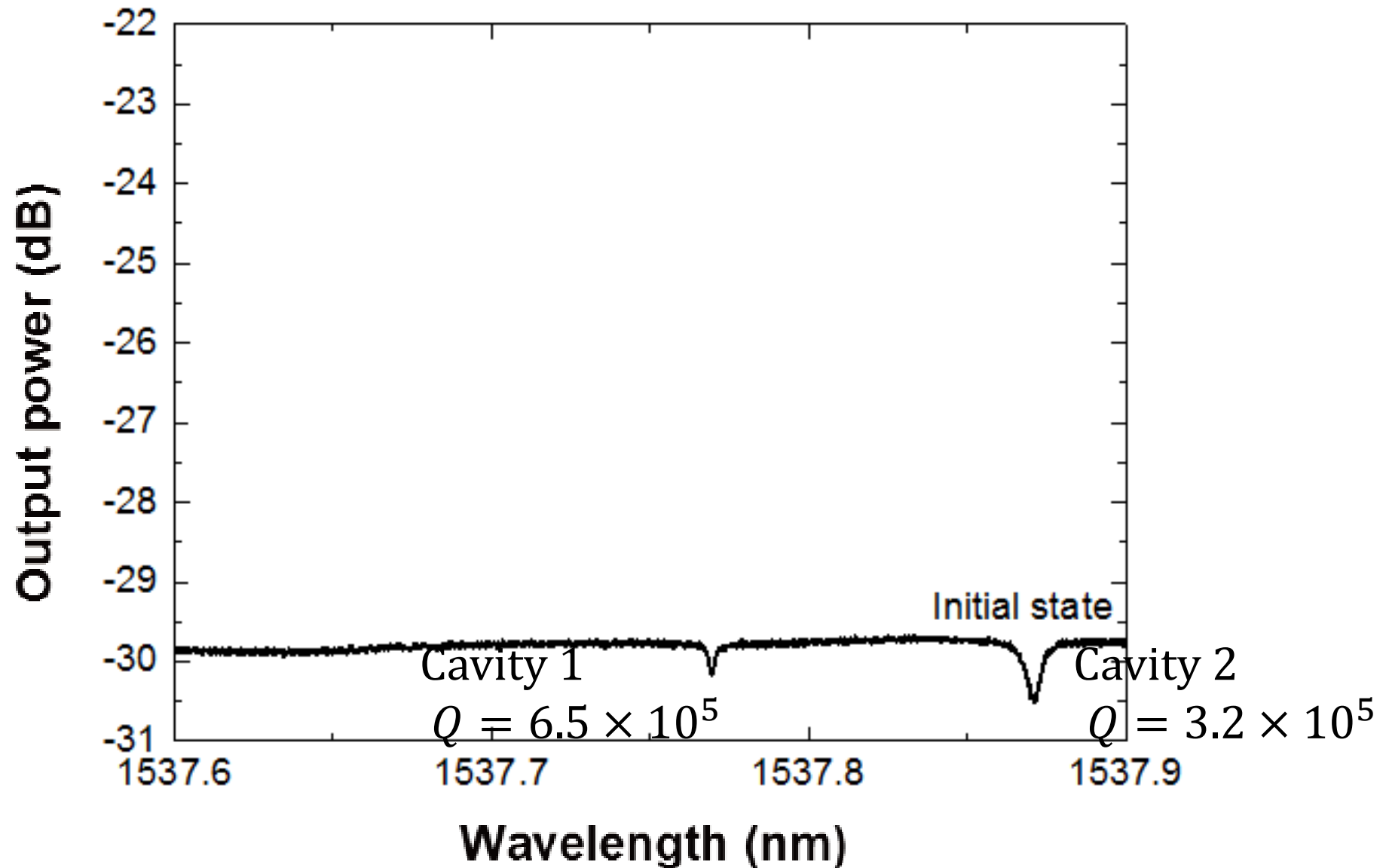


Resonant wavelength tuning of multi modes

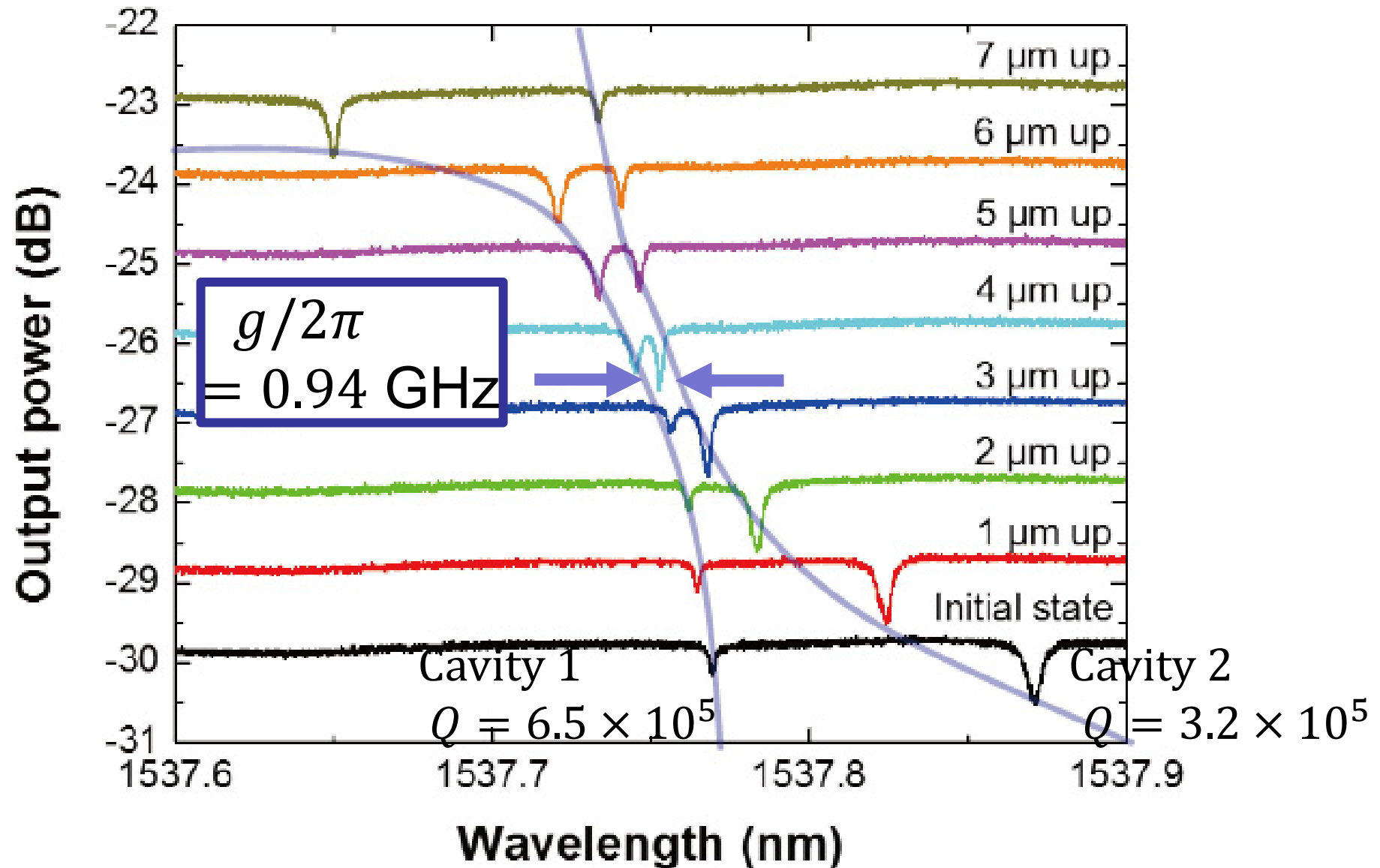


Amount of shifts are different for each modes

Coupled cavity formation



Coupled cavity formation

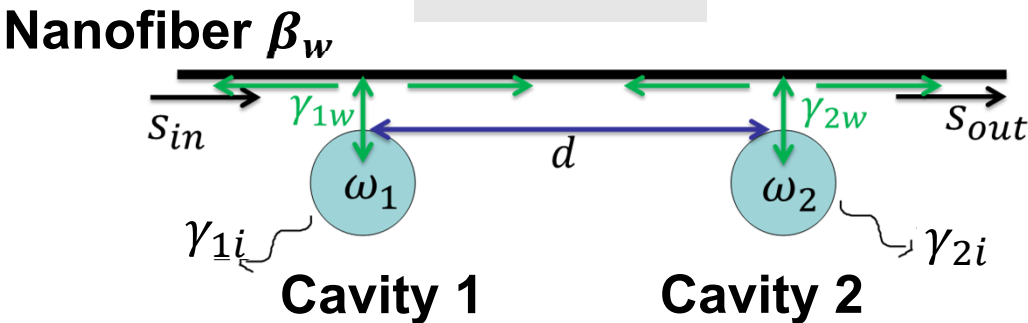


Numerical model of coupled cavity system

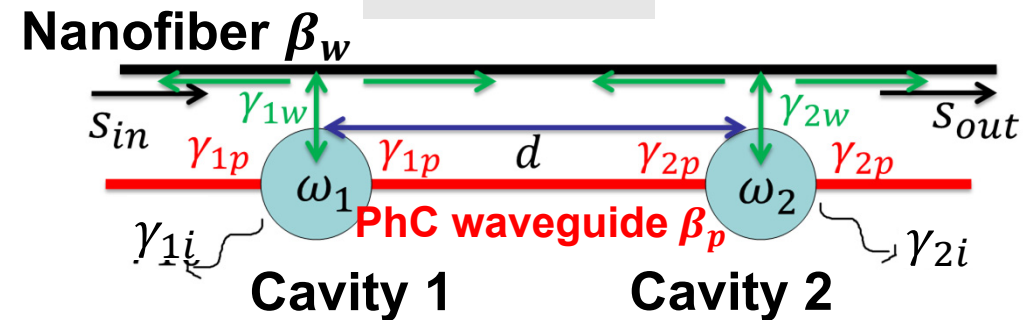


Model of coupled cavity

Model1



Model2



a : Amplitude of light in a cavity γ : decay rate, s_{in} : amplitude of input light
 β : propagation constant

Coupled mode equations

$$\frac{da_1}{dt} = i\omega_1 a_1 - \frac{\gamma_{1i} + 2\gamma_{1w} + 2\gamma_{1p}}{2} a_1 + \sqrt{\gamma_{1w}} S_{in} + e^{i\beta d} \sqrt{\gamma_{2w}\gamma_{1w}} a_2 + e^{i\beta_p d} \sqrt{\gamma_{2p}\gamma_{1p}} a_2$$

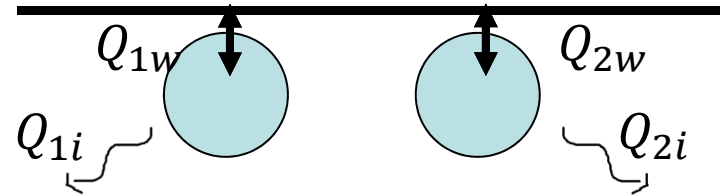
$$\frac{da_2}{dt} = i\omega_2 a_2 - \frac{\gamma_{2i} + 2\gamma_{2w} + 2\gamma_{2p}}{2} a_2 + \sqrt{\gamma_{2w}} e^{i\beta d} S_{in} + e^{i\beta d} \sqrt{\gamma_{1w}\gamma_{2w}} a_1 + e^{i\beta_p d} \sqrt{\gamma_{1p}\gamma_{2p}} a_1$$

Numerical model of coupled cavity system (w/o PhC waveguide)



Parameters

$$Q_{load}^{-1} = Q_i^{-1} + Q_w^{-1}$$



$$Q_{1i} = 6.7 \times 10^5, Q_{1w} = 3.0 \times 10^7, Q_{2i} = 3.3 \times 10^5, Q_{2w} = 7.7 \times 10^6$$

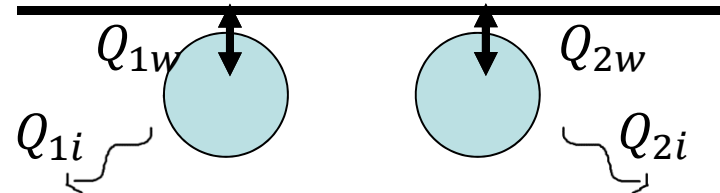
$$\lambda_2 = 1537.87 - 0031 \times \text{steps nm}, \lambda_1 = 1537.77 - 00051 \times \text{steps nm}, e^{i\beta d} = i,$$

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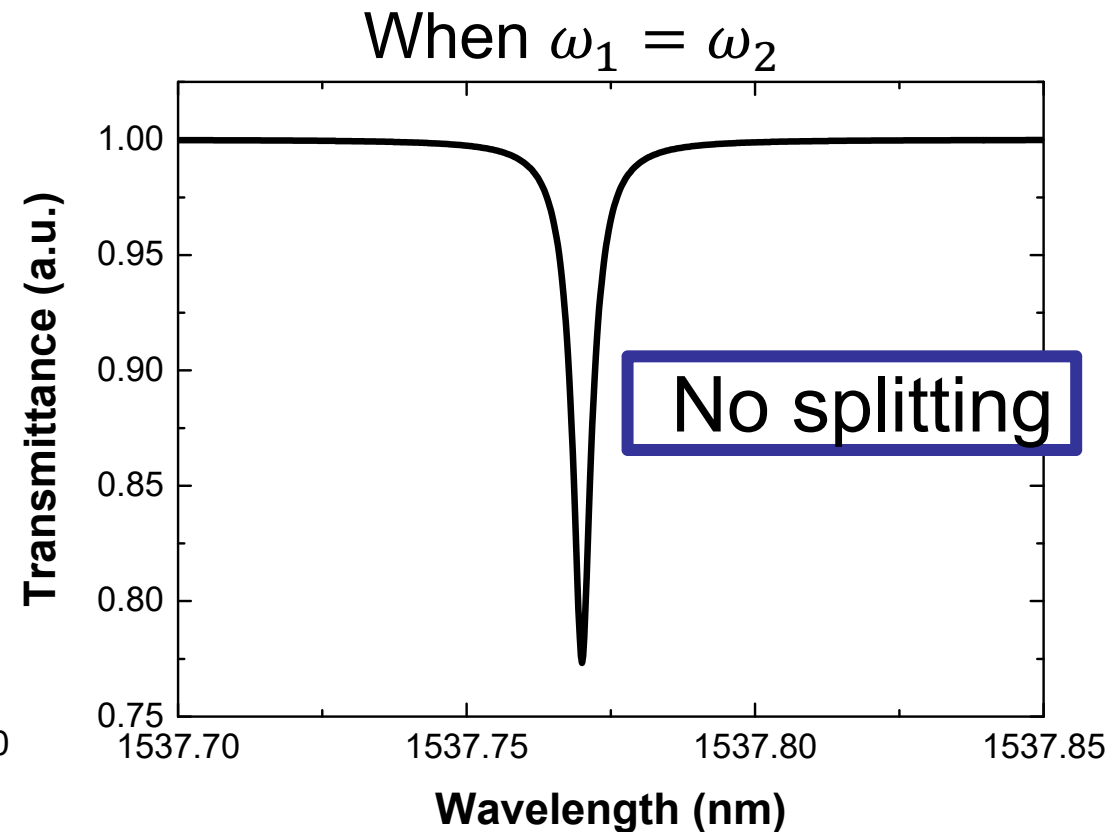
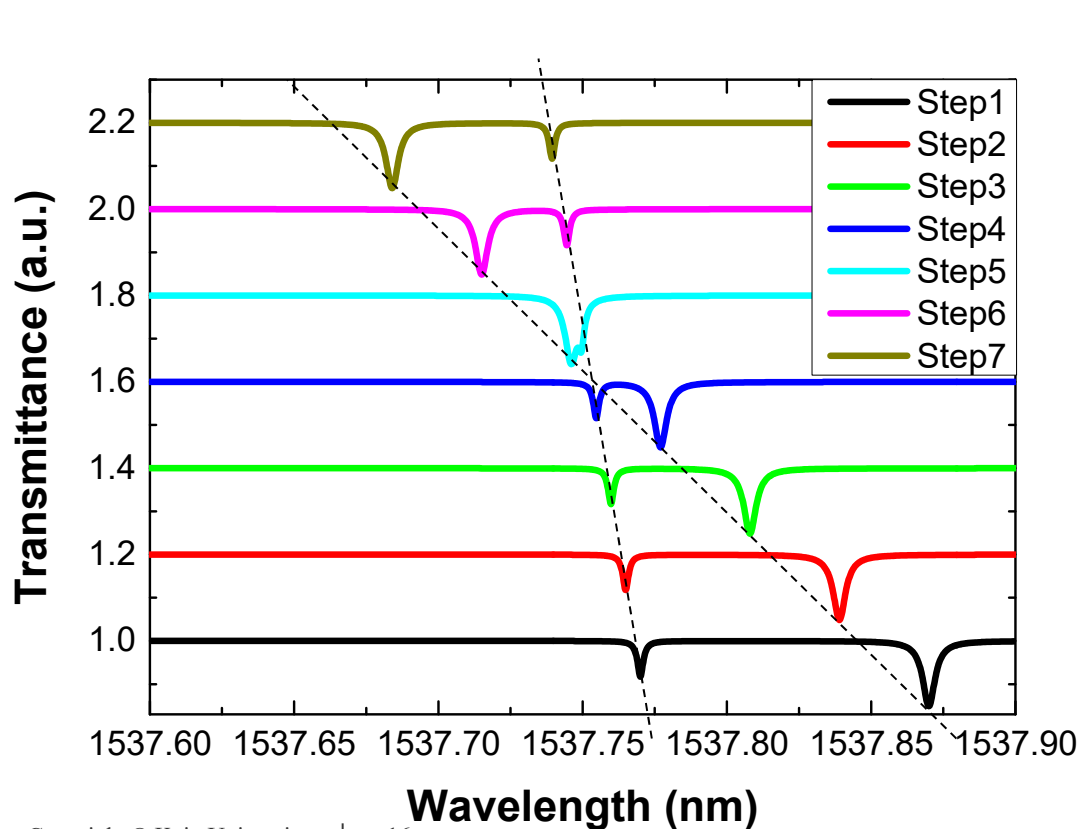
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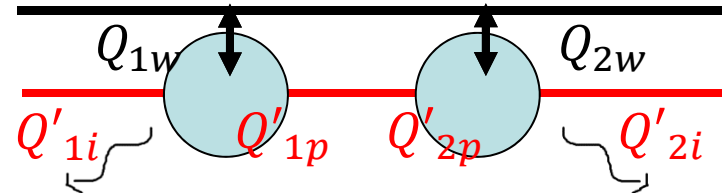


Numerical model of coupled cavity system (w/ PhC waveguide)



Parameters

$$Q_{load}^{-1} = (Q'_i{}^{-1} + Q_p{}^{-1}) + Q_w{}^{-1}$$



$$Q'_{1i} = 1.4 \times 10^7, Q_{1w} = 3.0 \times 10^7, Q'_{2i} = 6.3 \times 10^5, Q_{2w} = 7.7 \times 10^6$$

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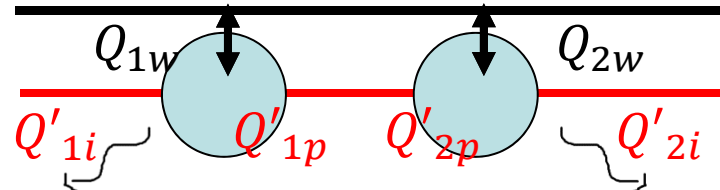
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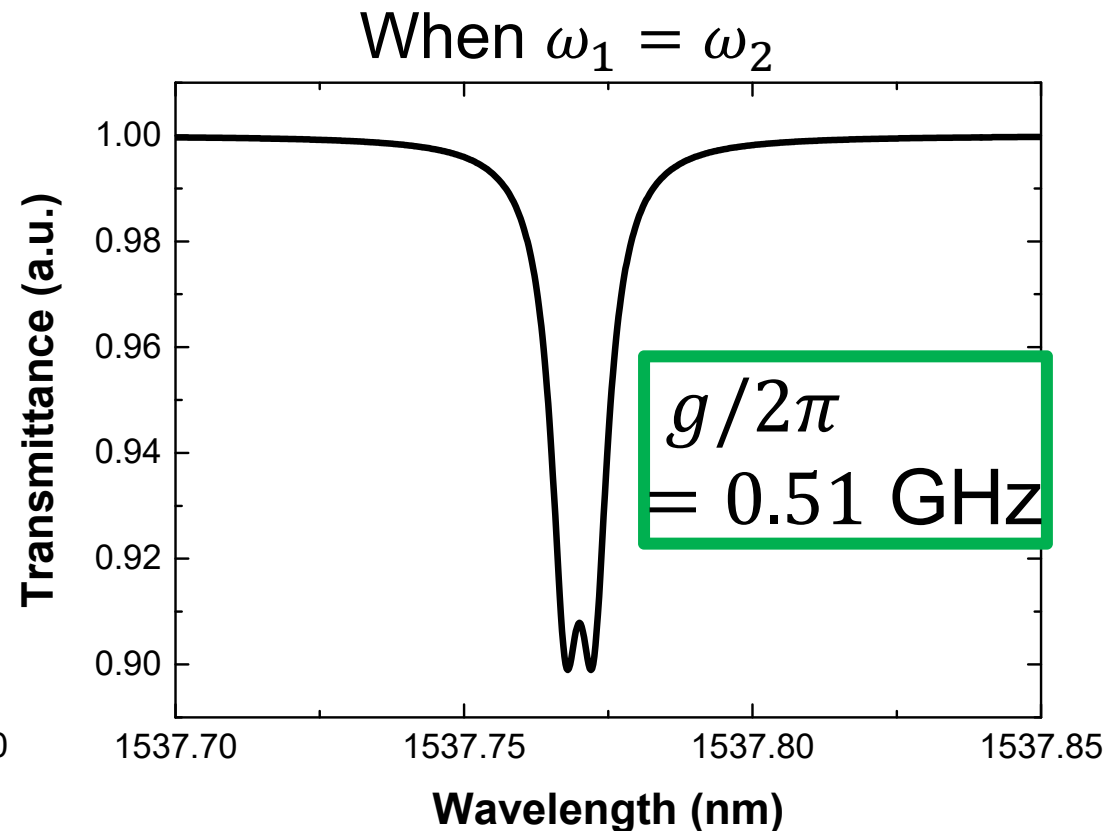
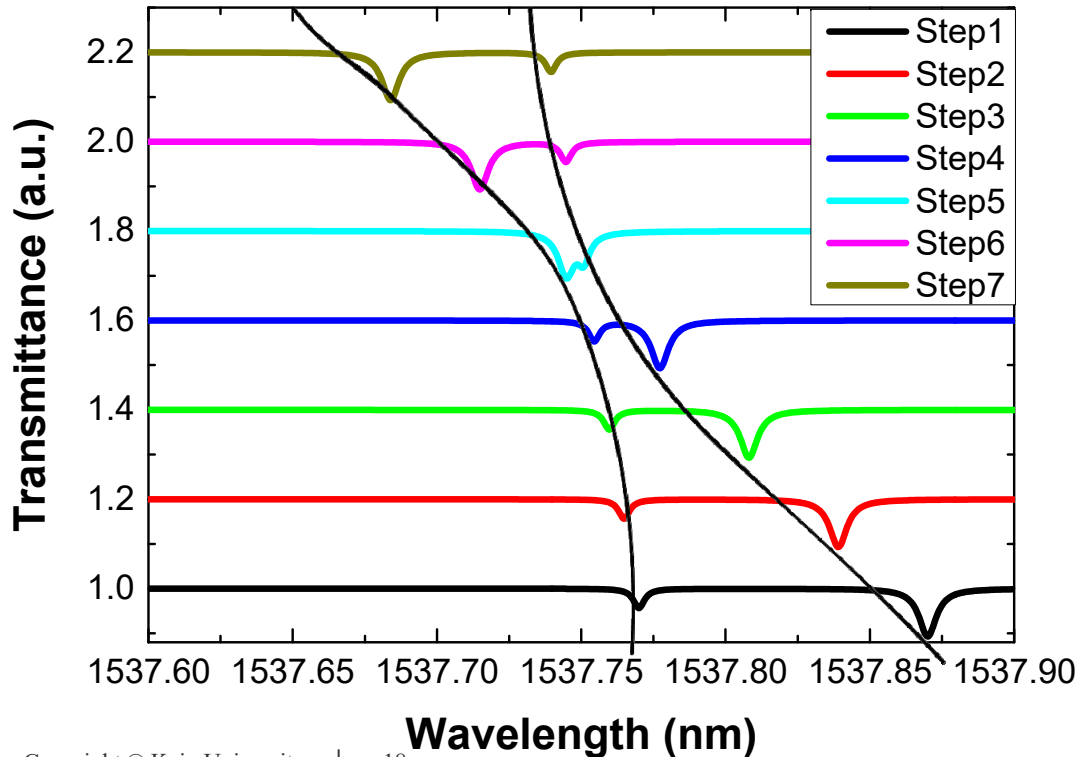
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✓ Properties of fiber coupled PhC nanocavity

- Obtained a highest Q of 6.7×10^5
- Controlled CE from 6.6% to **99.6%**
(Corresponds to $Q_{\text{coup}} = 3.7 \times 10^7$ and 1.3×10^4)
- Demonstrate tuning of resonant wavelength
(resolution of 0.27 pm/nm)

✓ Coupled cavity formation based on FCPC

- Achieved $g/2\pi = 0.94 \text{ GHz}$ ($g \approx \gamma$)

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