

# Optofluidic Intracavity Spectroscopic System for Single Biological Cell Identification

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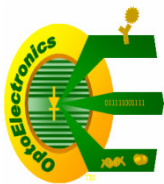
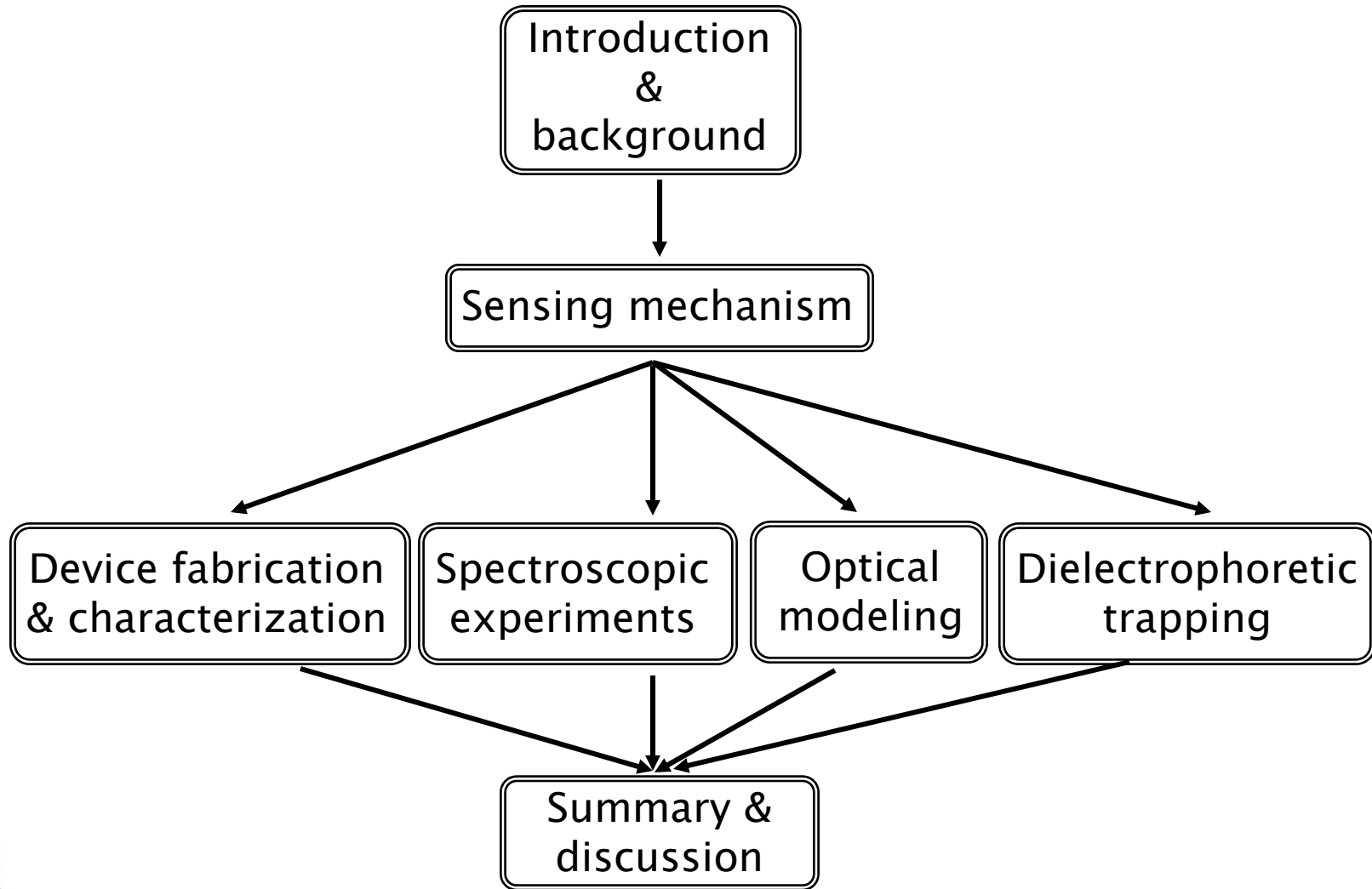


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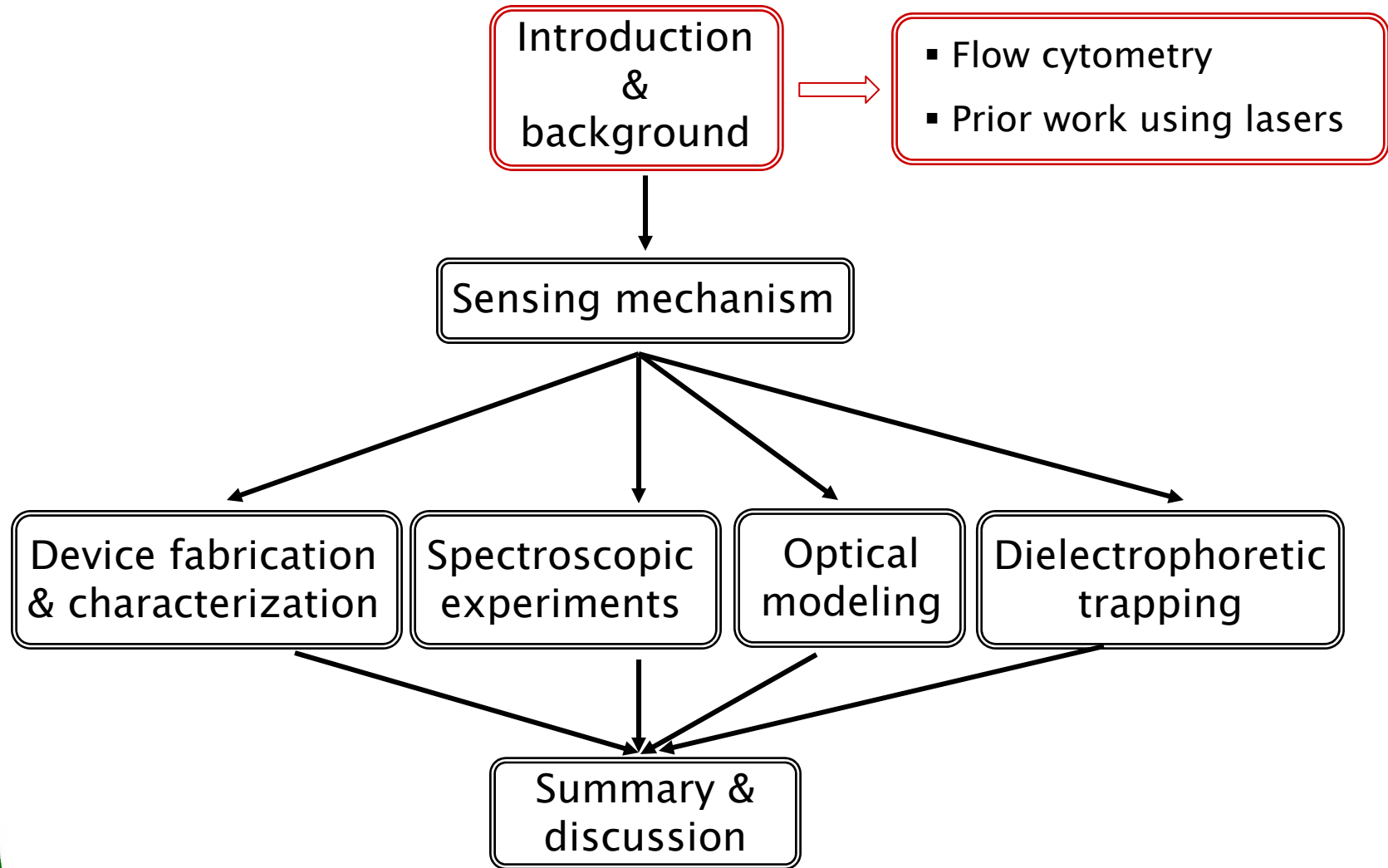
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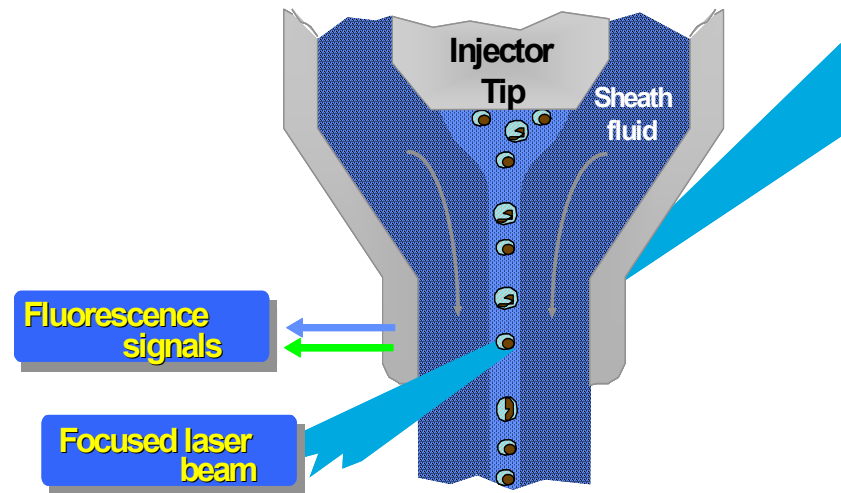


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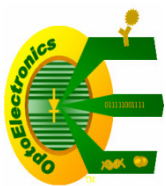


# Motivation

## Flow cytometer



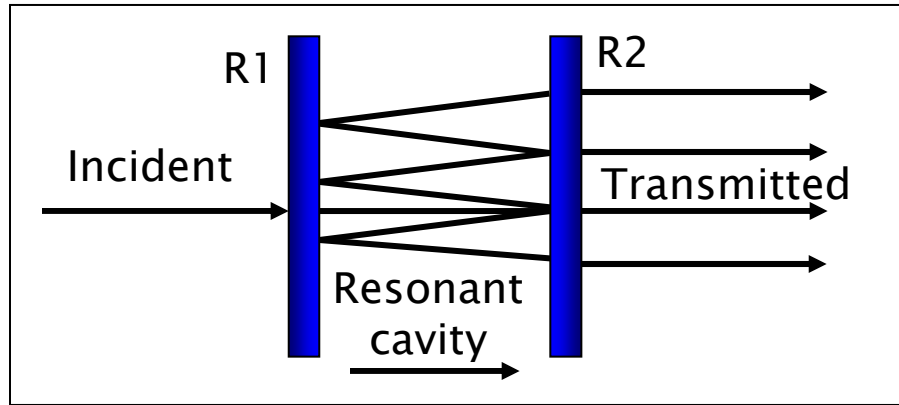
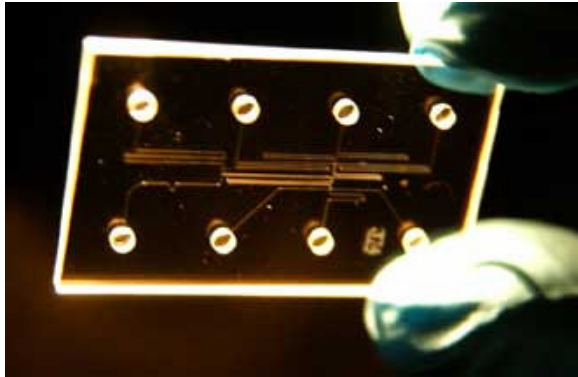
- Expensive (\$200,000 ~ \$500,000)
- Needs professional skills to operate



<http://www.cyto.purdue.edu/flowcyt/theory.htm>

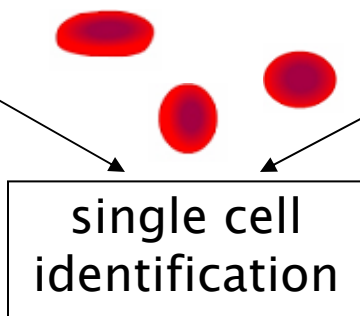
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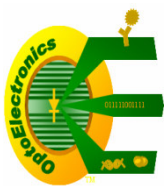
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optical resonator

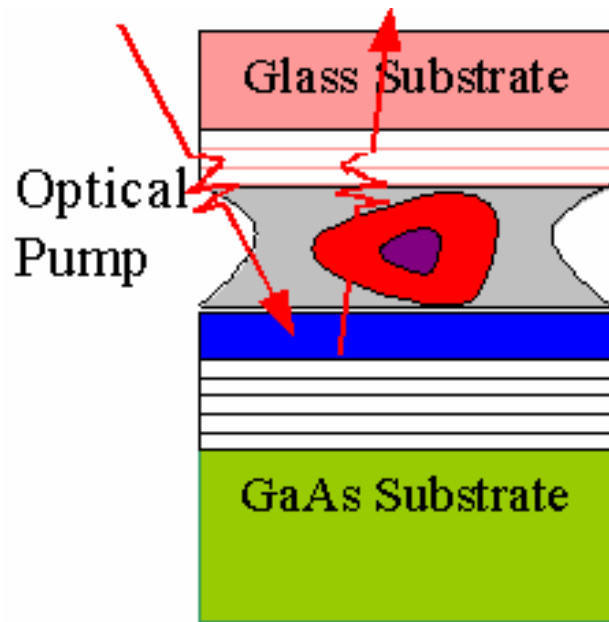


- Low cost
- Lab-on-chip
- Label-free
- Easy to operate

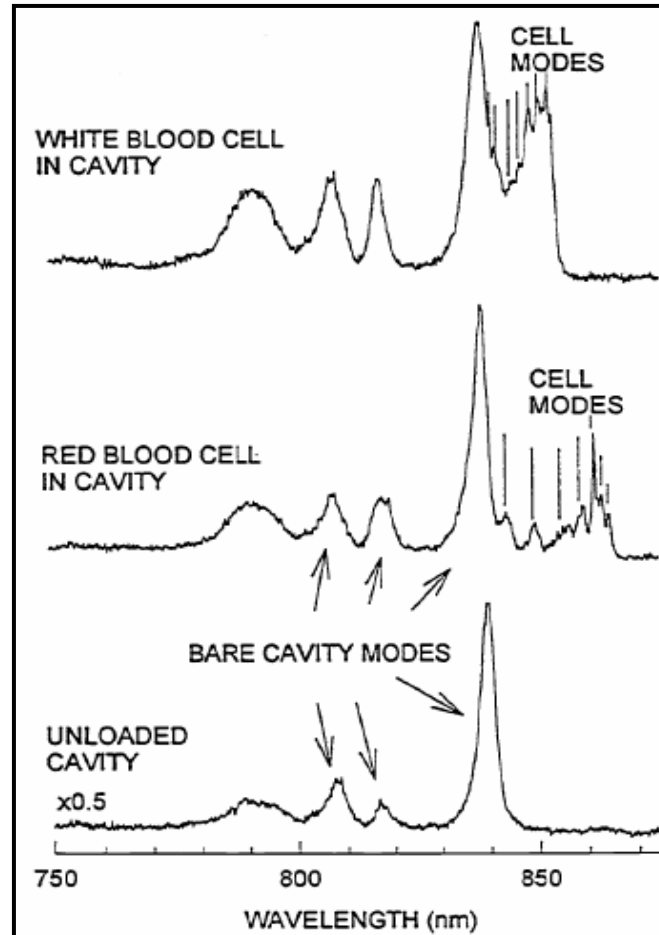
- Drug screening
- Clinical diagnosis
- Environment monitoring
- Homeland security



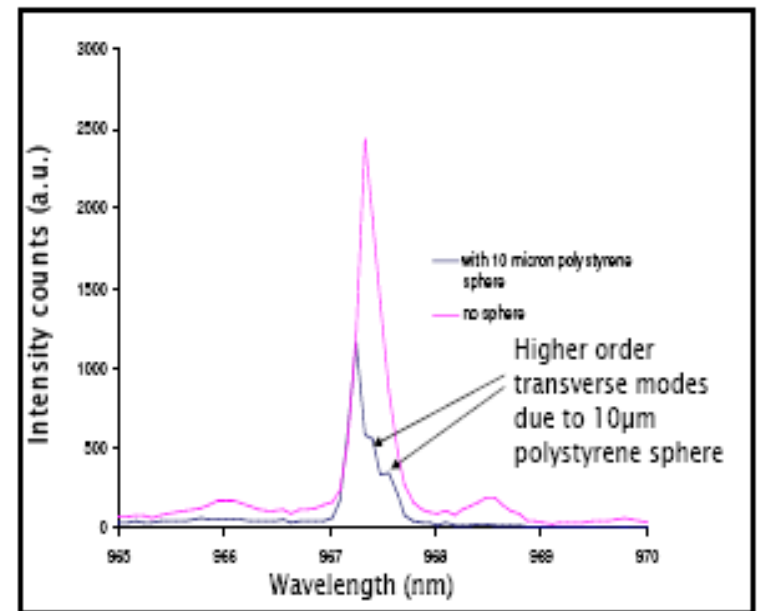
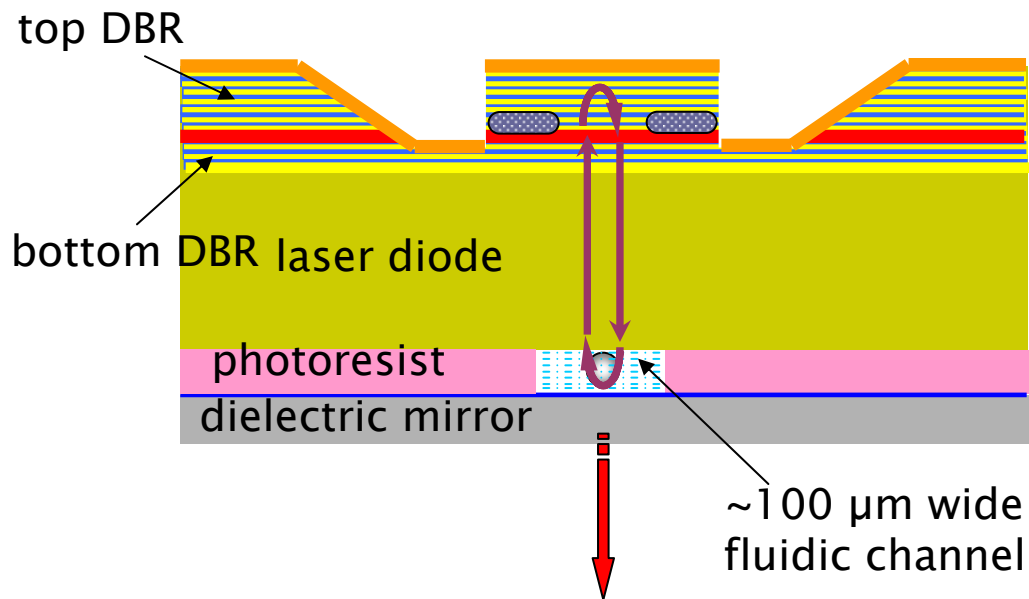
# Prior work—optically pumped laser based biosensor



P. L. Gourley, Sandia National Lab, 1997.



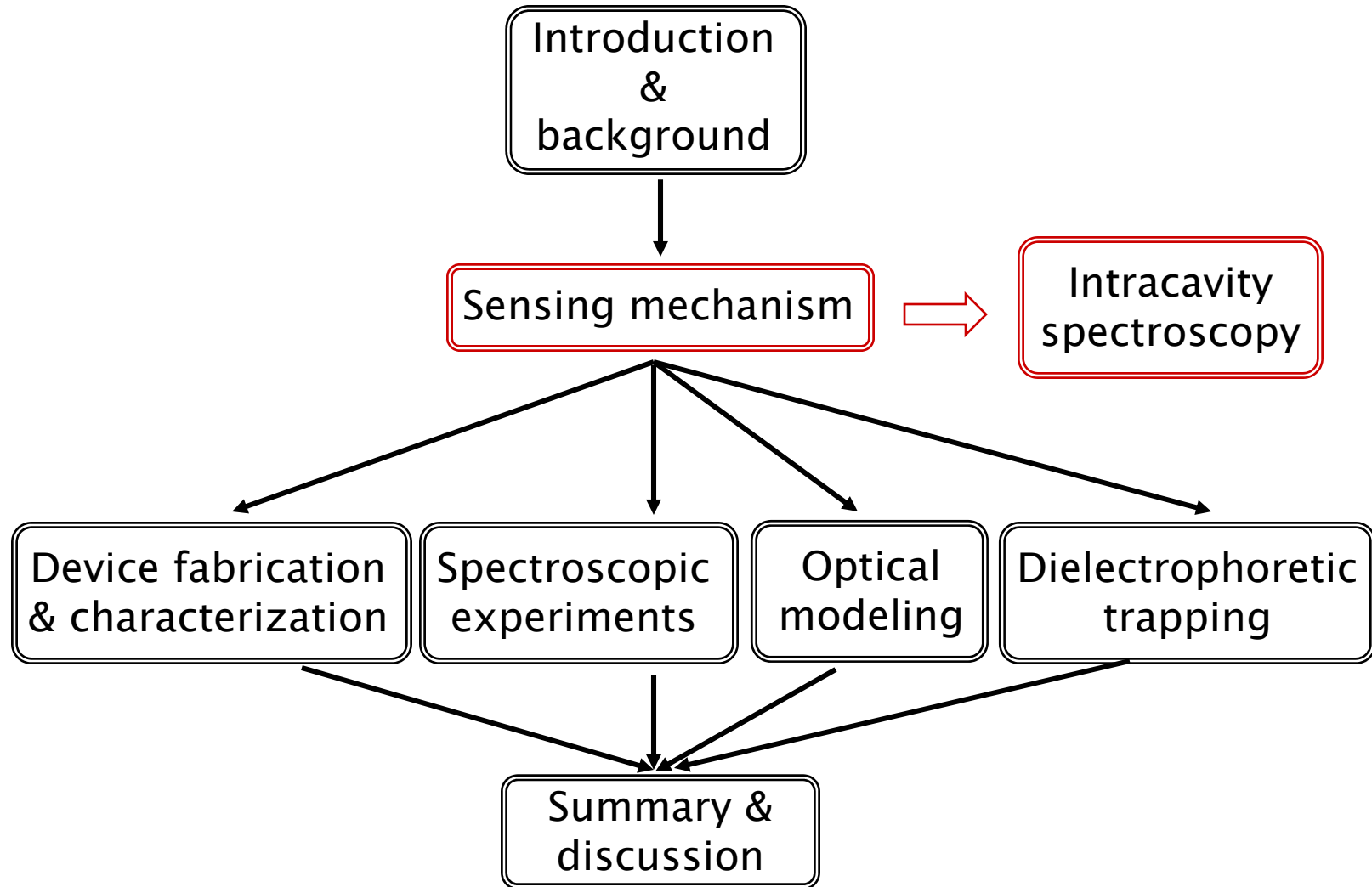
# Prior work—electrically injected laser based biosensor



Dhiraj Kumar, CSU, 980 nm bottom-emitting design (2002–2005)

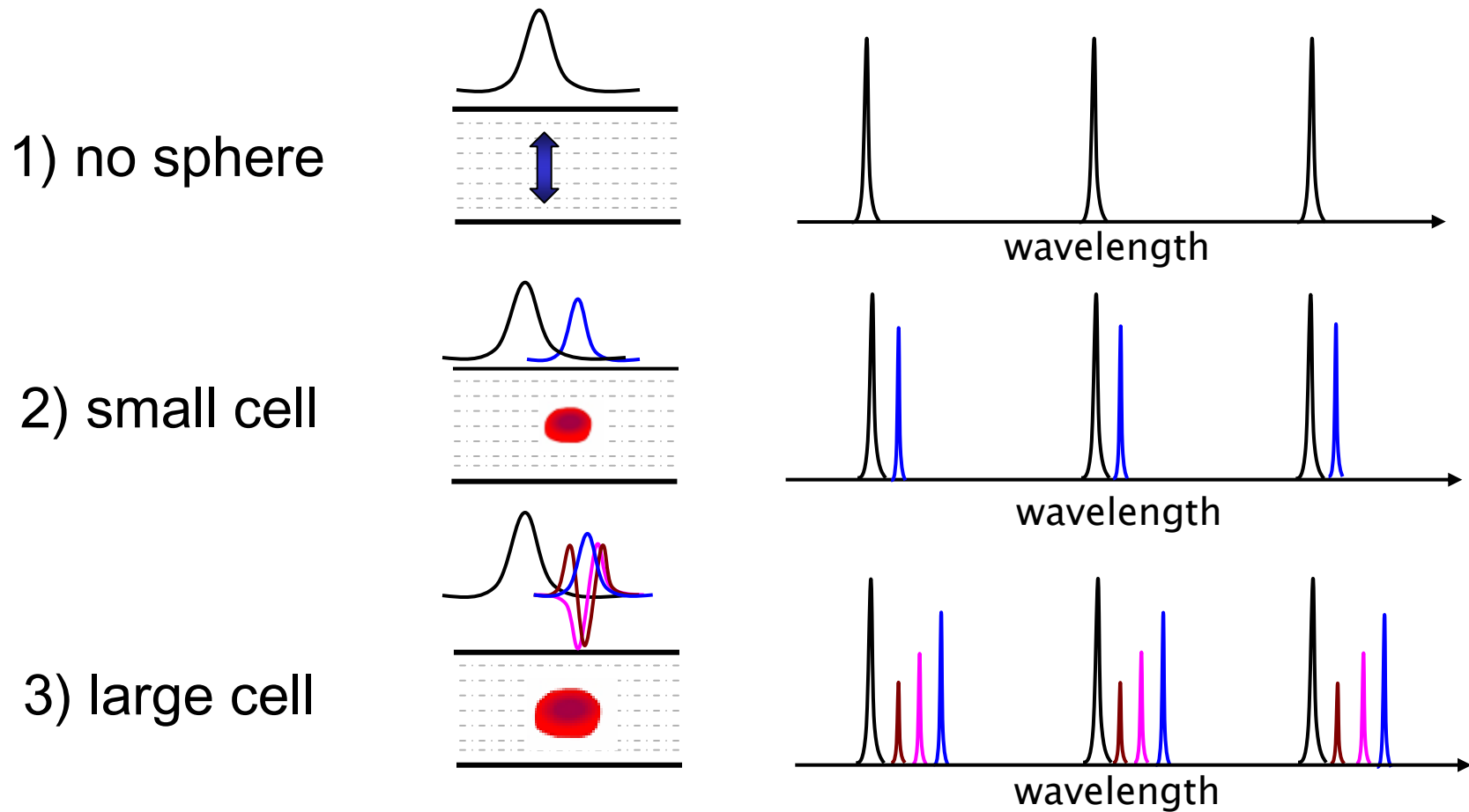


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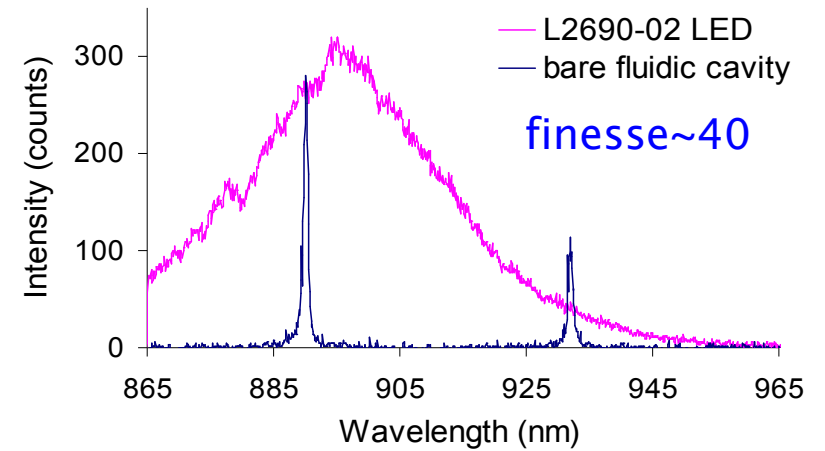
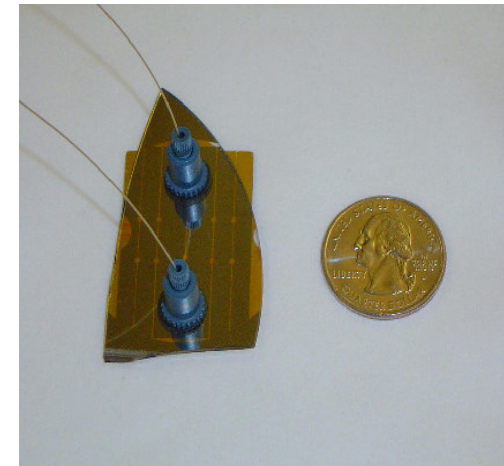
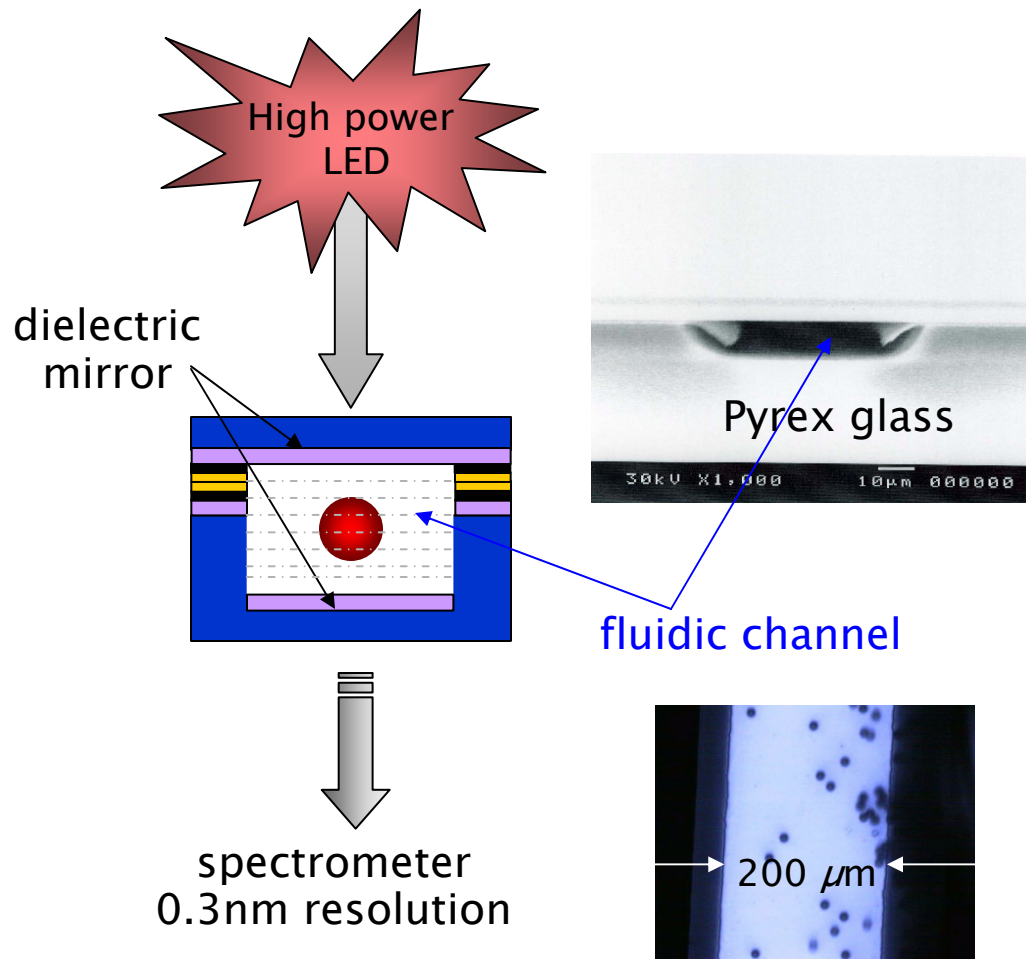
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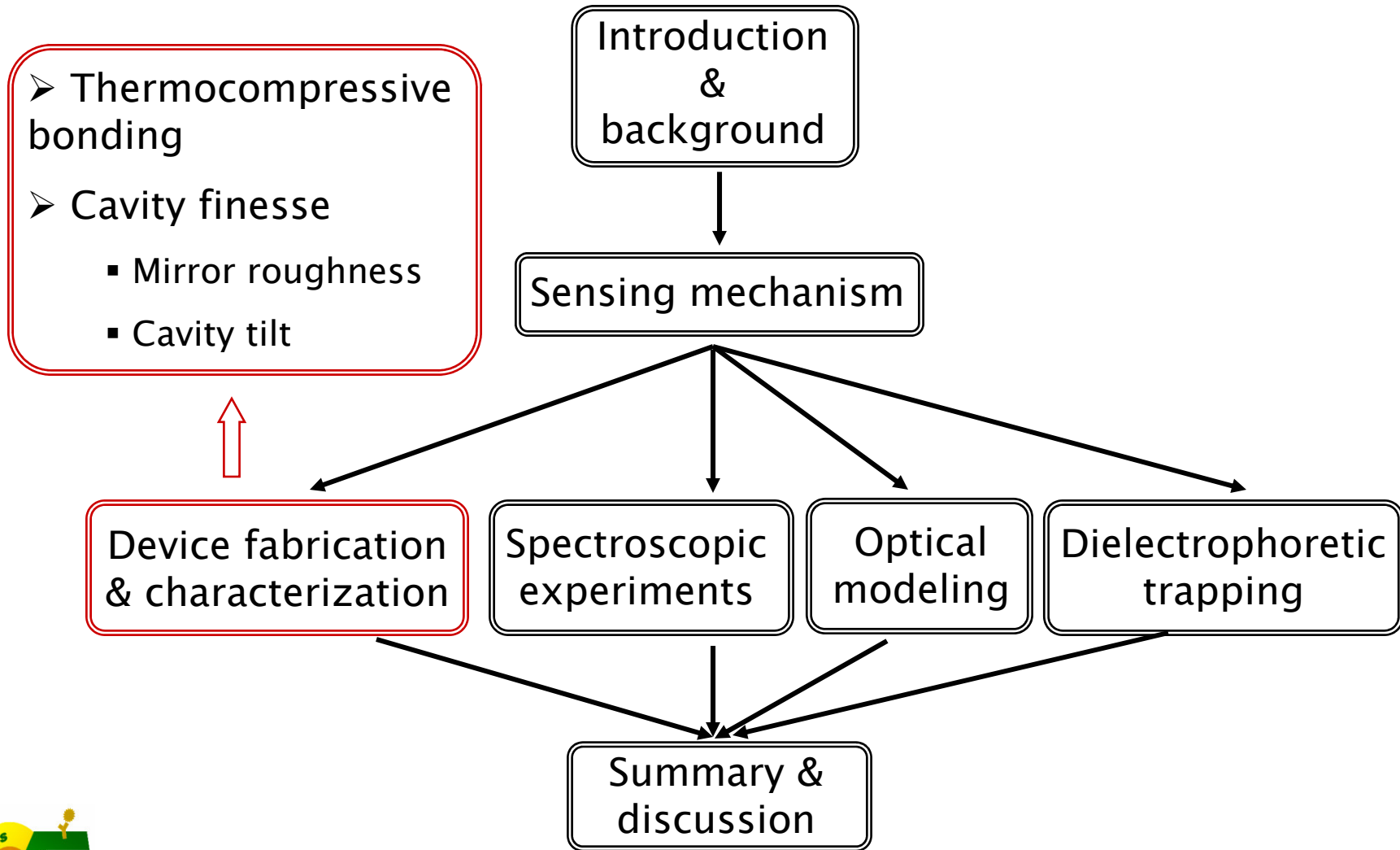


Transmission spectrum is modified by the cell phenotype.



# Passive cavity OFIS

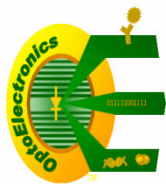
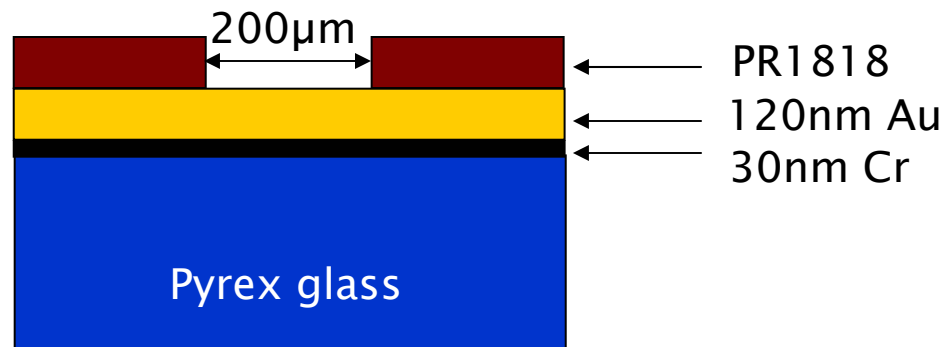




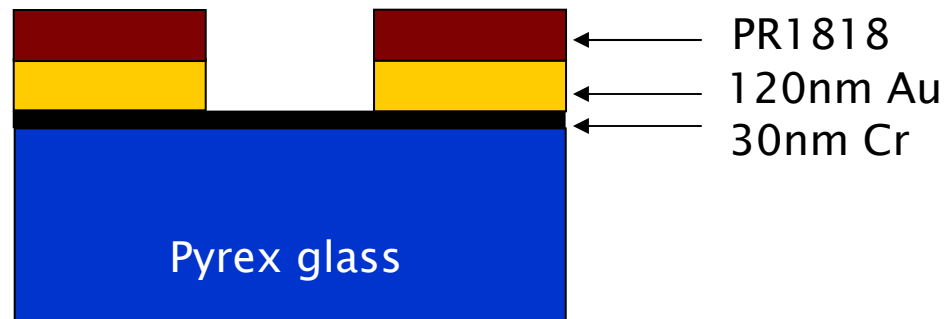
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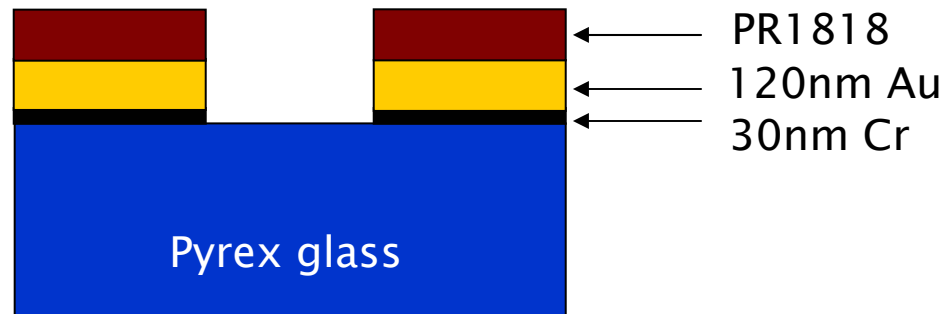
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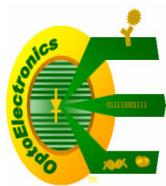
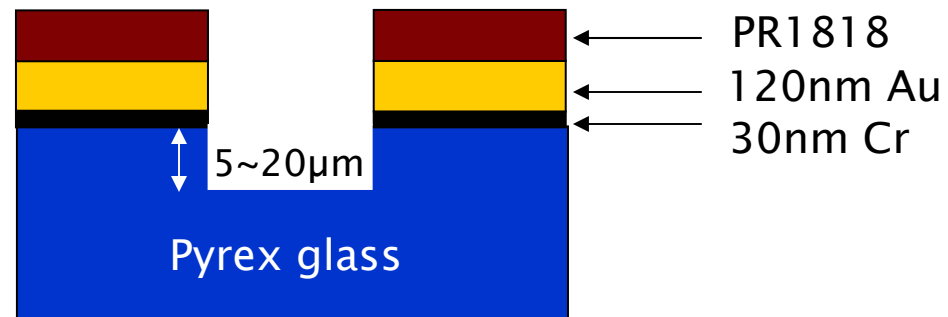
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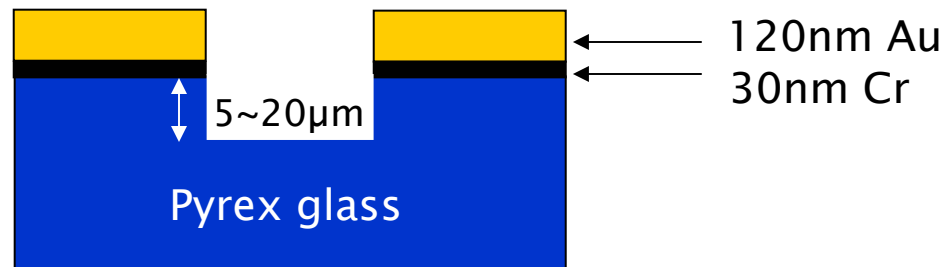


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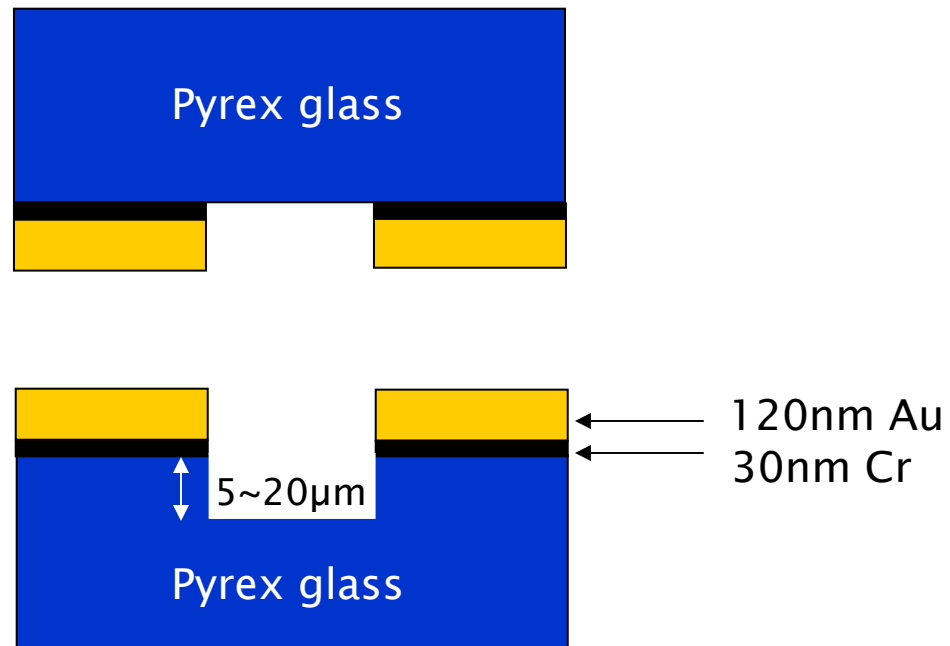




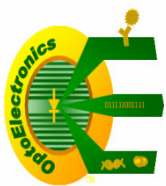
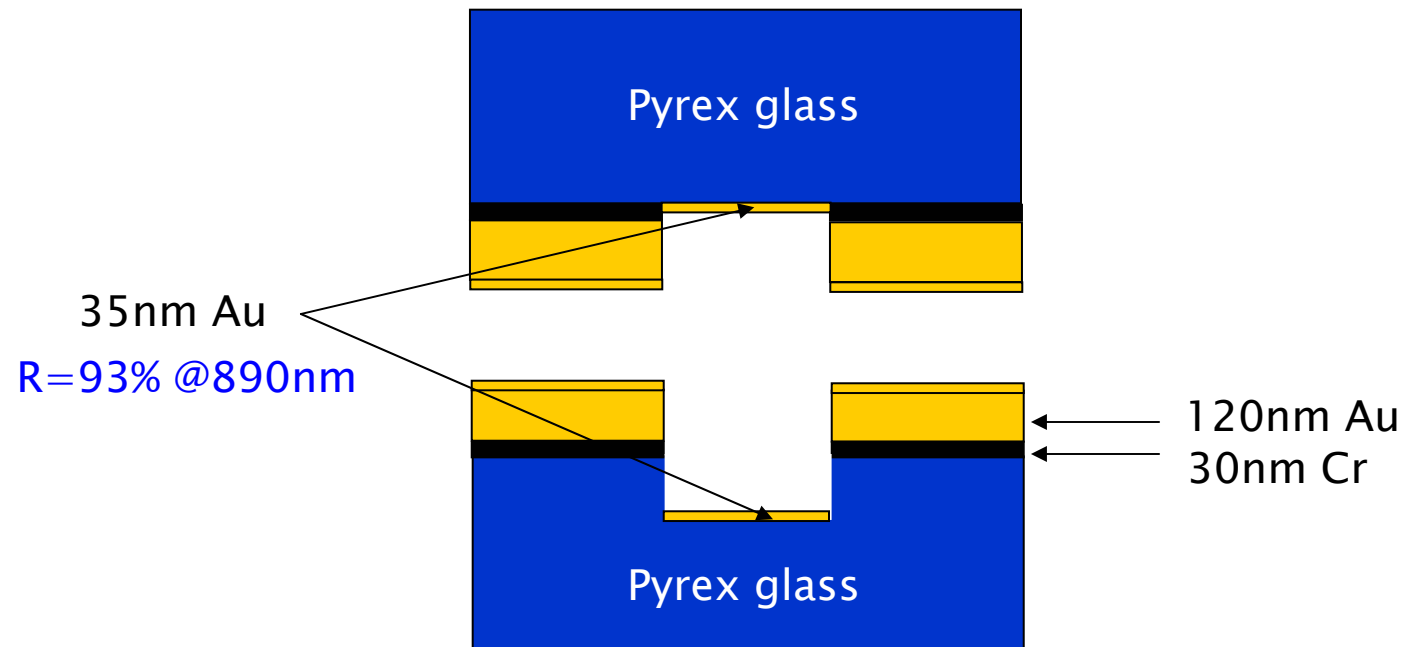
# Device fabrication–glass etching



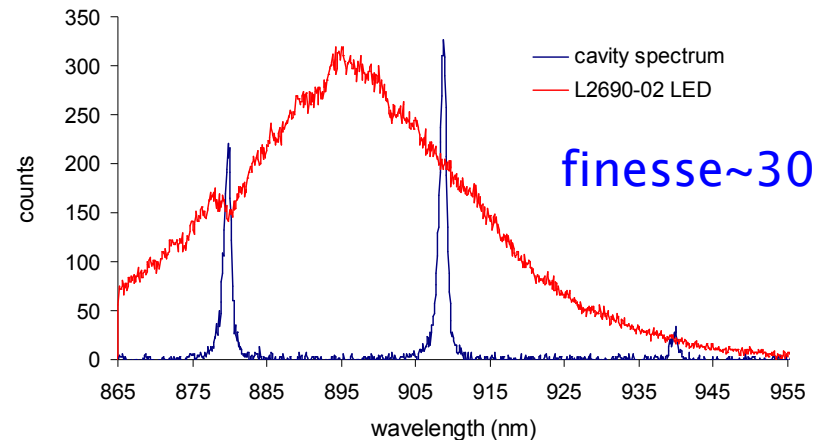
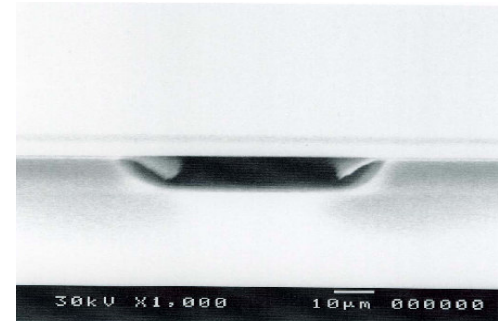
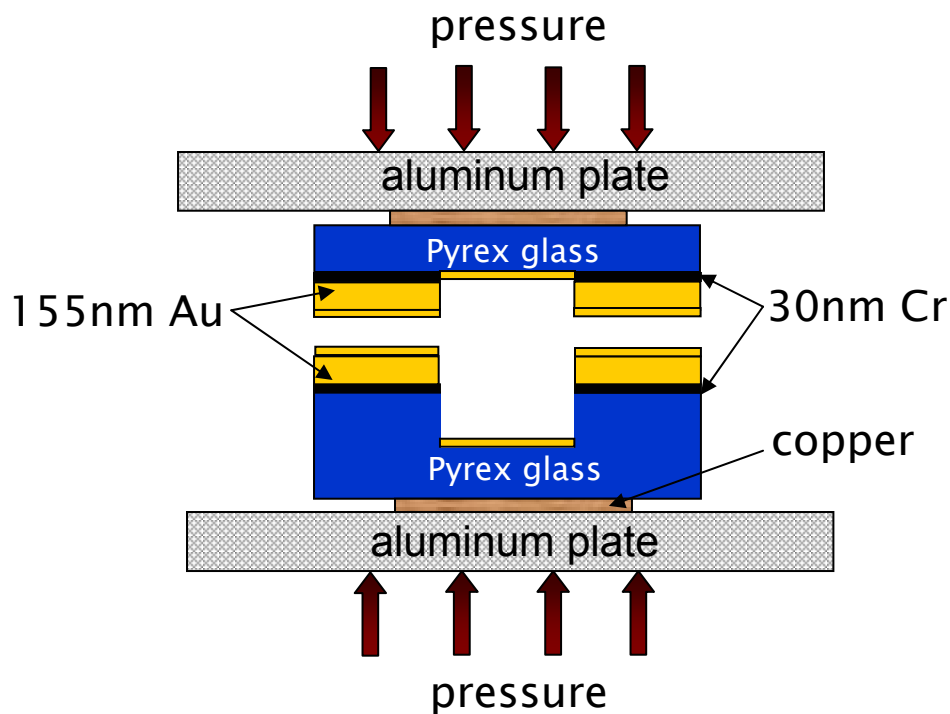
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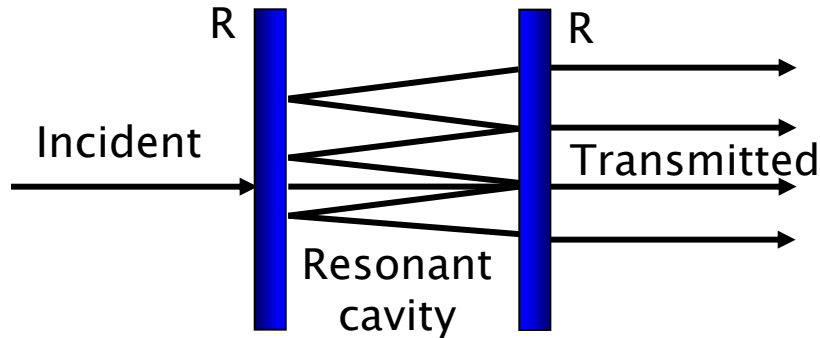
# Device fabrication-wafer bonding



Thermocompressive gold-to-gold diffusion bonding at 350°C in a  $10^{-3}$  torr vacuum.



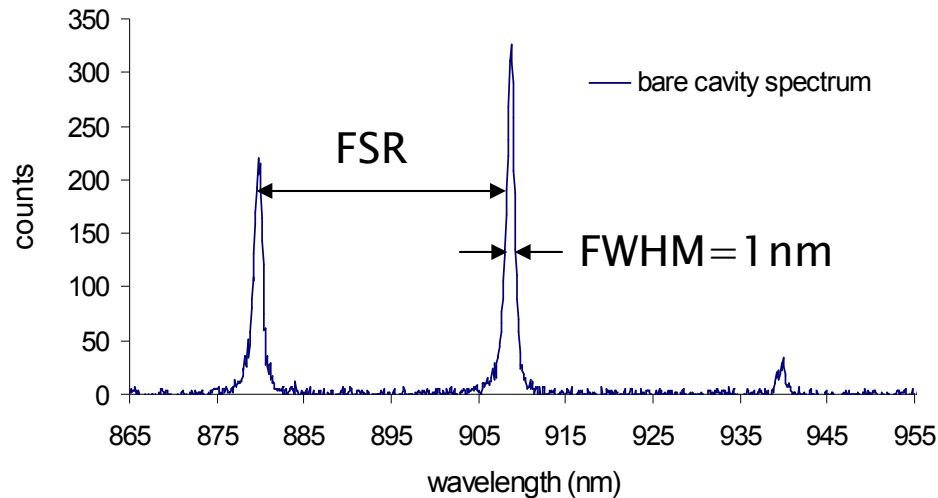
# Cavity finesse characterization



For  $R=93\%$  reflective gold mirrors

$$F_{ideal} = \frac{\pi \sqrt{R}}{1 - R} = 43.3$$

$$F_{measured} = FSR / FWHM = 30$$

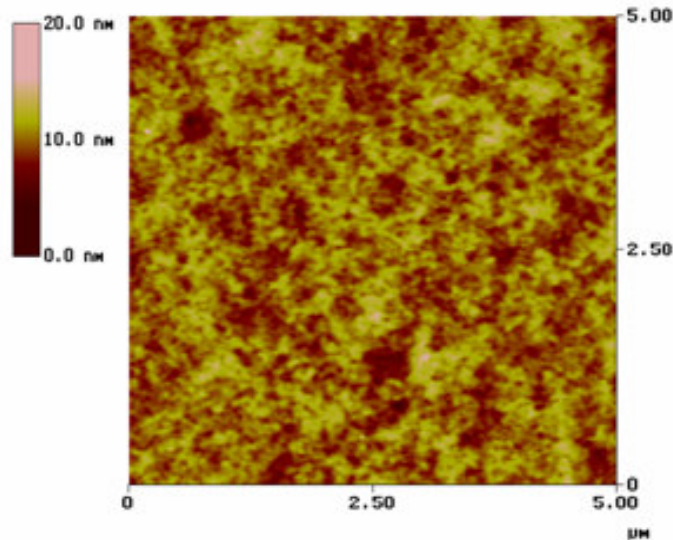


- Surface roughness (reflectivity decrease)
- Mirror tilt (cavity length variation)



# Finesse vs. mirror roughness

Atomic force microscopy



RMS roughness = 1.309 nm  
(before gold coating)  
  
= 1.765 nm  
(after gold coating)

Cavity finesse with surface roughness:

$$\frac{1}{F_{total}^2} = \frac{1}{F_{ideal}^2} + \frac{1}{F_{sr}^2} + \frac{1}{F_{tilt}^2}$$

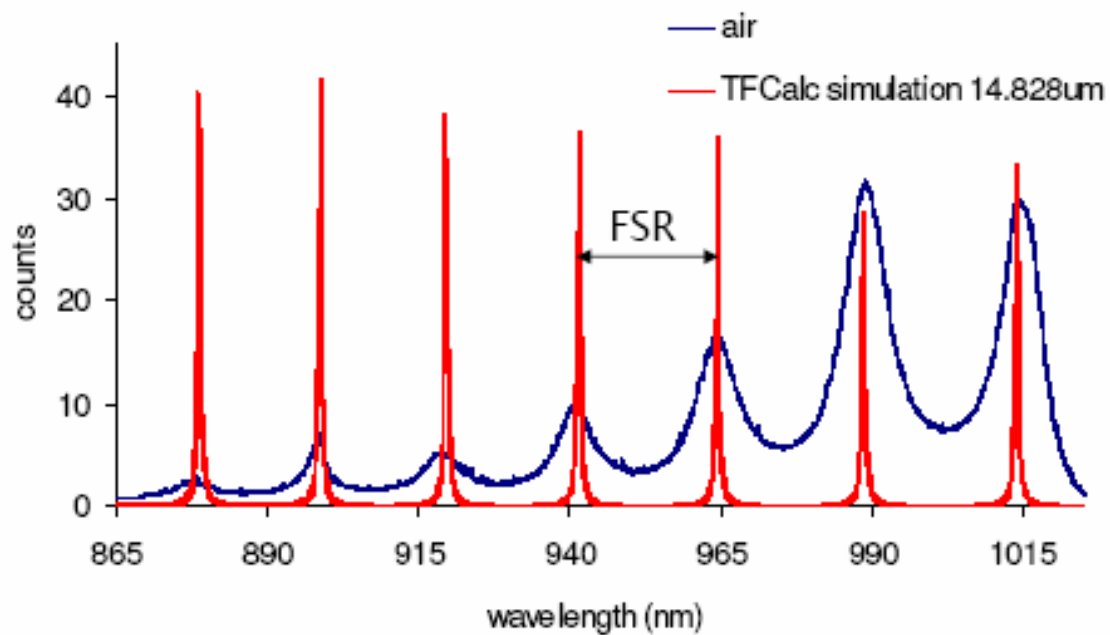
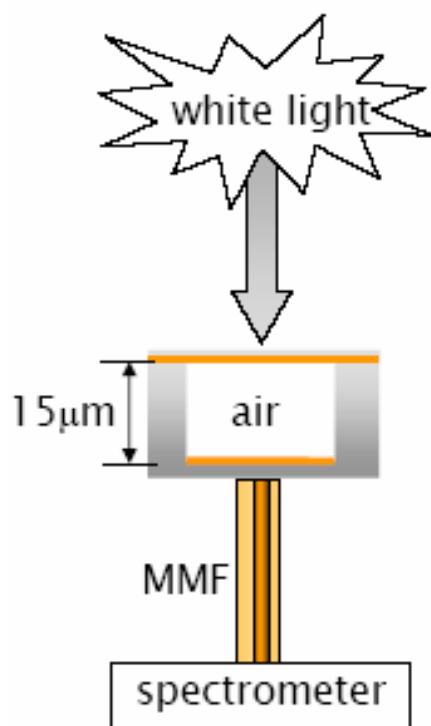
$$F_{sr} = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{3}\sigma_r} = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{3}(2\pi/\lambda)RMS_{roughness}}$$

Cavity finesse is reduced by 4.2% due to a RMS roughness of 1.765 nm.



G. J. Sloggett, "Fringe broadening in Fabry-Perot interferometers", *Appl. Opt.*, 23 (14), 2427, 1984.

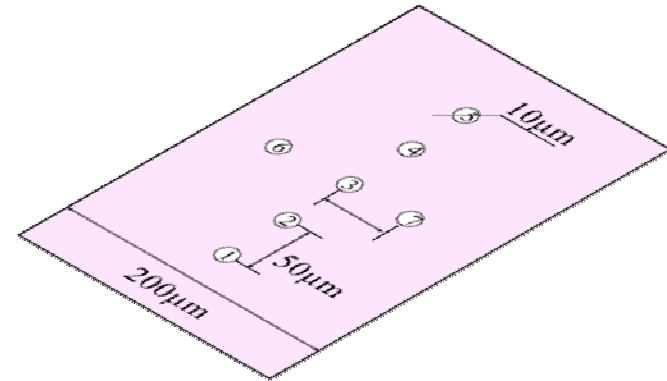
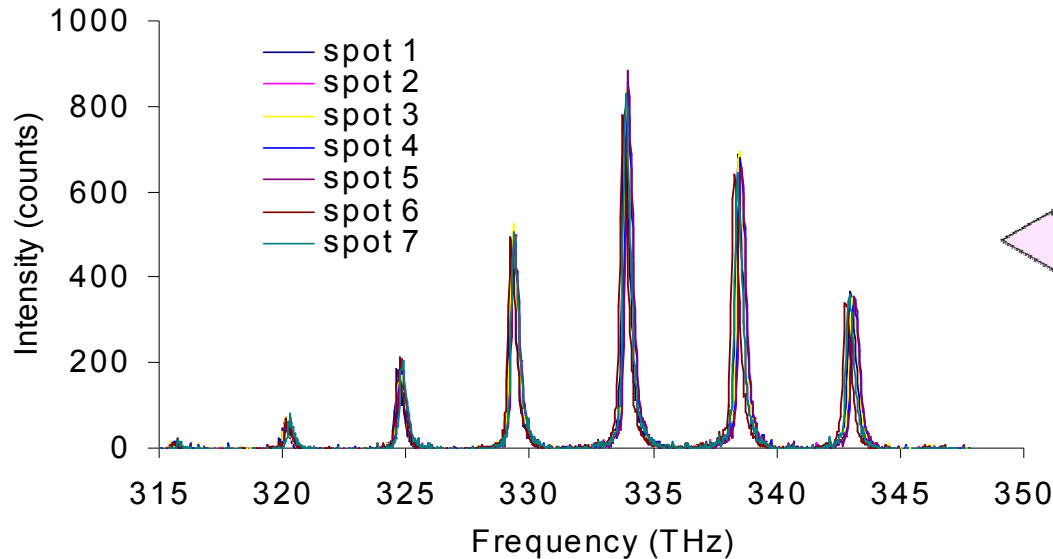
# Cavity depth measurement



$$L_{cav} = \frac{\lambda^2}{2n_{cav} FSR}$$



# Finesse vs. cavity mirror tilt



Direction	Tilt angle	$F_{\text{tilt}}$	$F_{\text{total}}$
Along channel	$0.095^\circ$	46.60	35.71
Across channel	$0.053^\circ$	83.53	38.42

$$F_{\text{tilt}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\pi \sigma_{\text{tilt}}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\pi [k_0 n (D/2) \tan(\Gamma_{\text{tilt}})]}$$

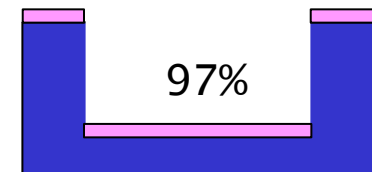
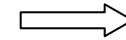
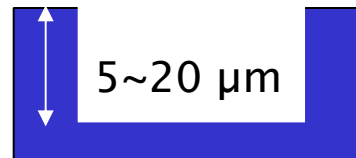
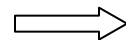
$$F_{\text{total}} = \sqrt{F_{\text{ideal}}^{-2} + F_{\text{sr}}^{-2} + F_{\text{tilt}}^{-2}} = 30.99$$



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# 2<sup>nd</sup> generation device with dielectric mirrors

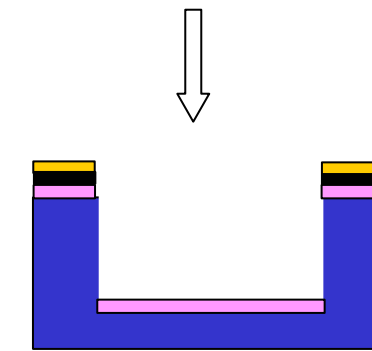
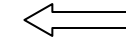
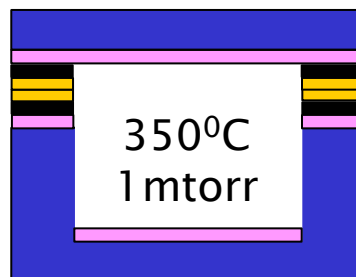
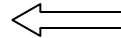
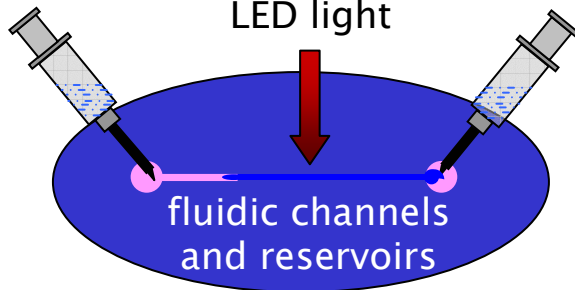


(a) Pyrex wet etching

(b) 13 layer  $\text{HfO}_2/\text{SiO}_2$  dielectric mirror

syringe carrying biological cells

LED light

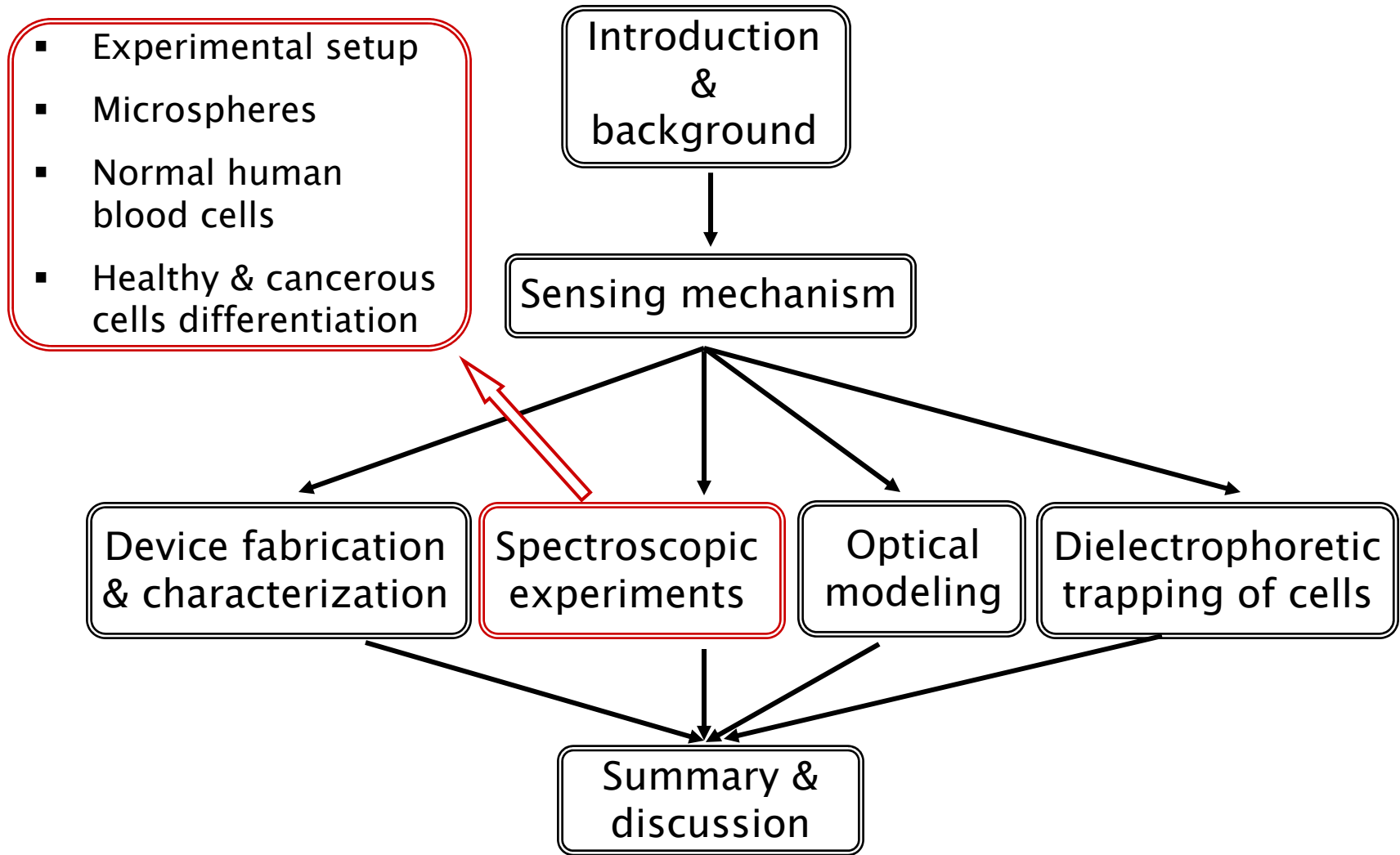


(f) Nanopoint assembly integration

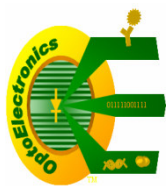
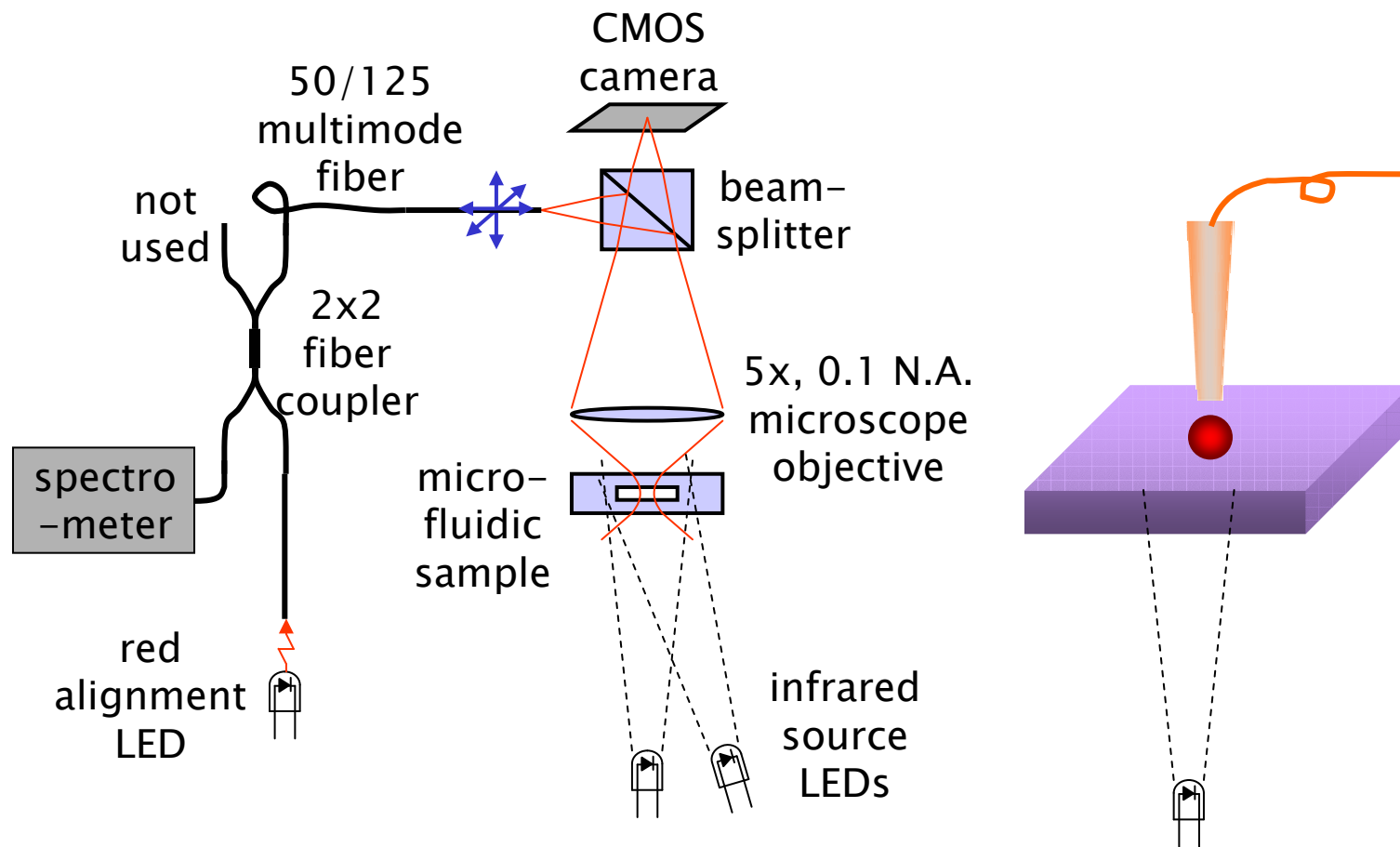
(d) thermocompressive bonding

(c) Cr/Au deposition (lift-off)

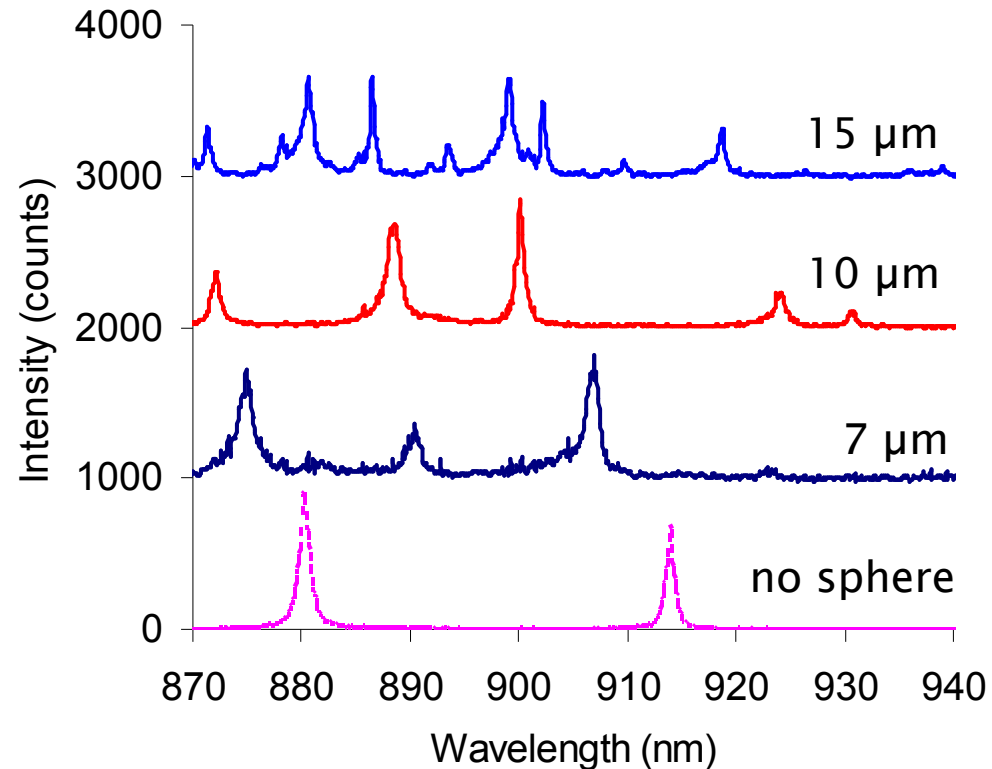




# Experimental setup



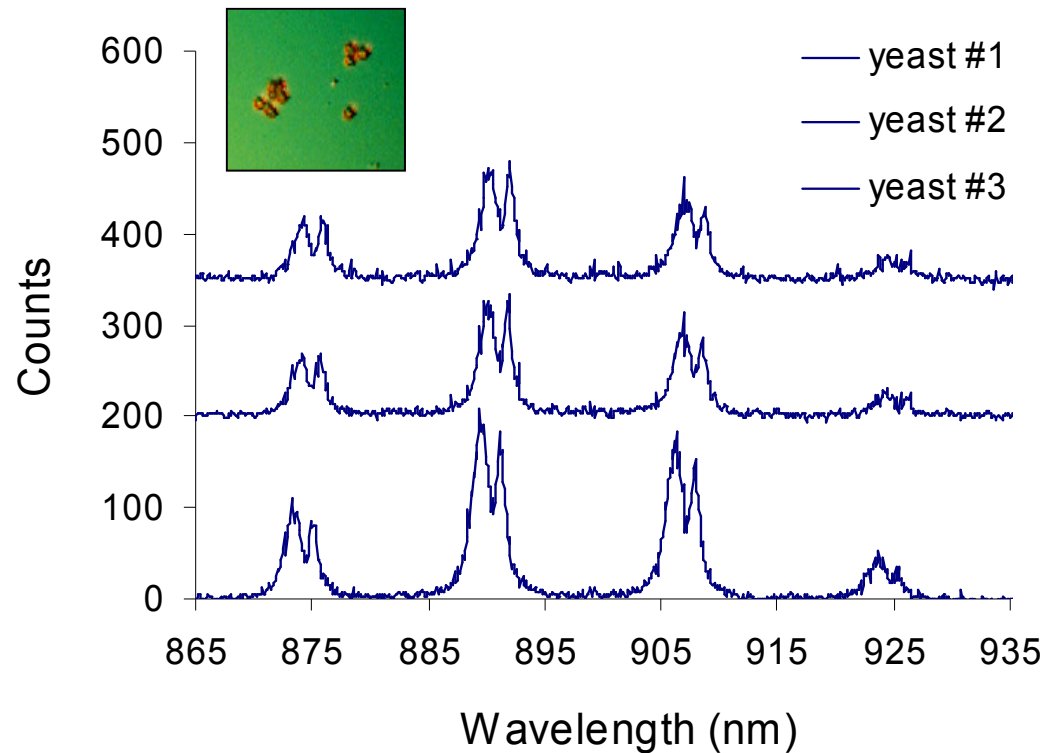
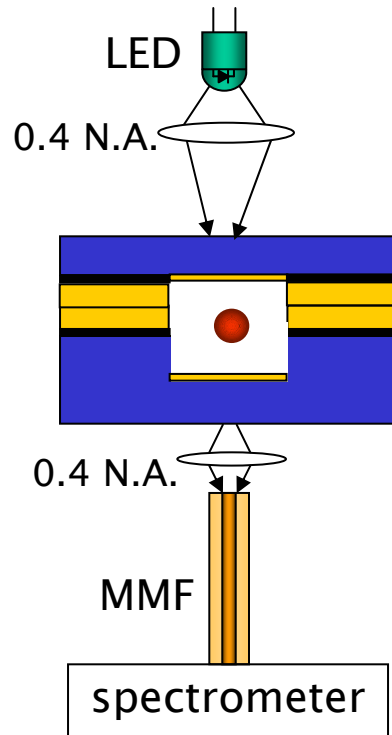
# Experimental spectra of standard polystyrene microspheres ( $n=1.59$ )



- Smaller spheres have larger transverse mode spacing than larger spheres.
- Measured spectral repeatability of polystyrene spheres were not good due to  $\pm 3\%$  size variations (Bangs Laboratories, Inc.).



# Transmission spectra of single yeast cells



Yeast cells are globose to ovoid in shape and approximately 8~15  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter.



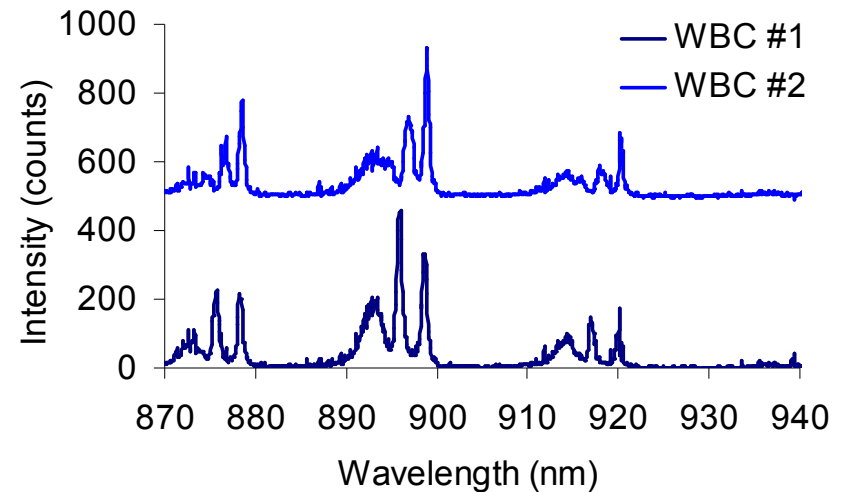
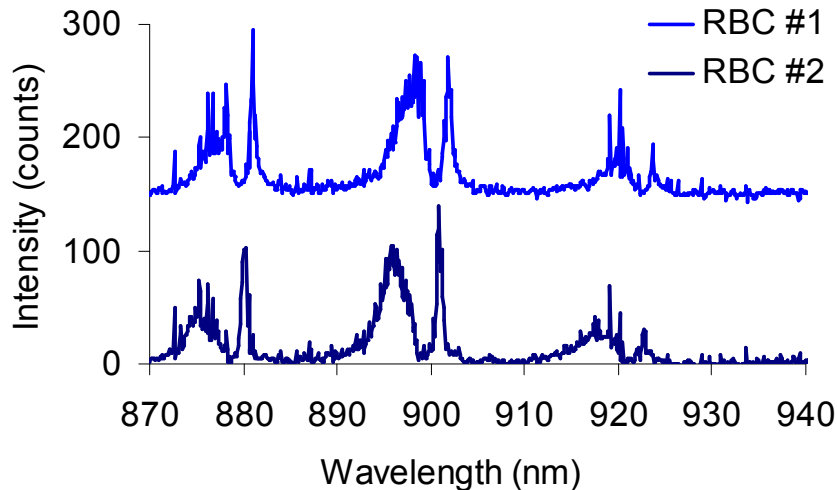
# Human blood cells



red blood cells  
(T:0.81~2.58 $\mu$ m, D:7~20 $\mu$ m)



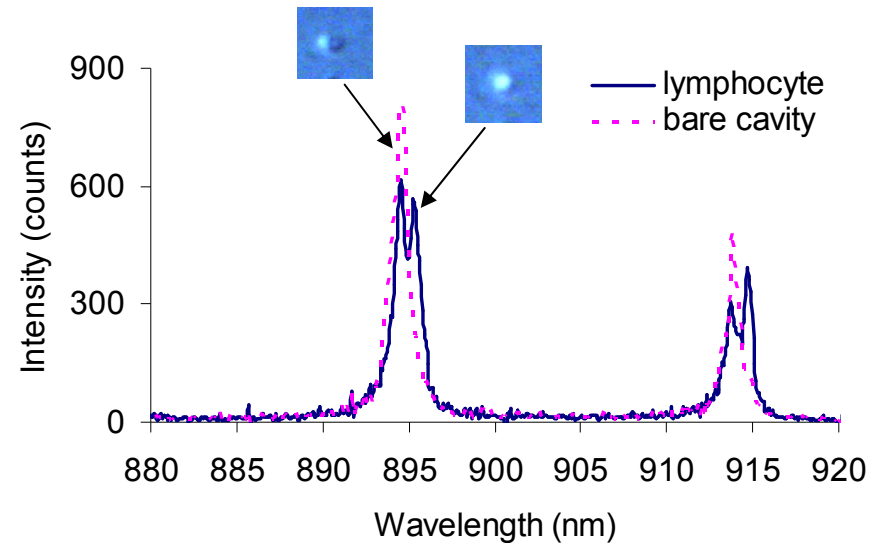
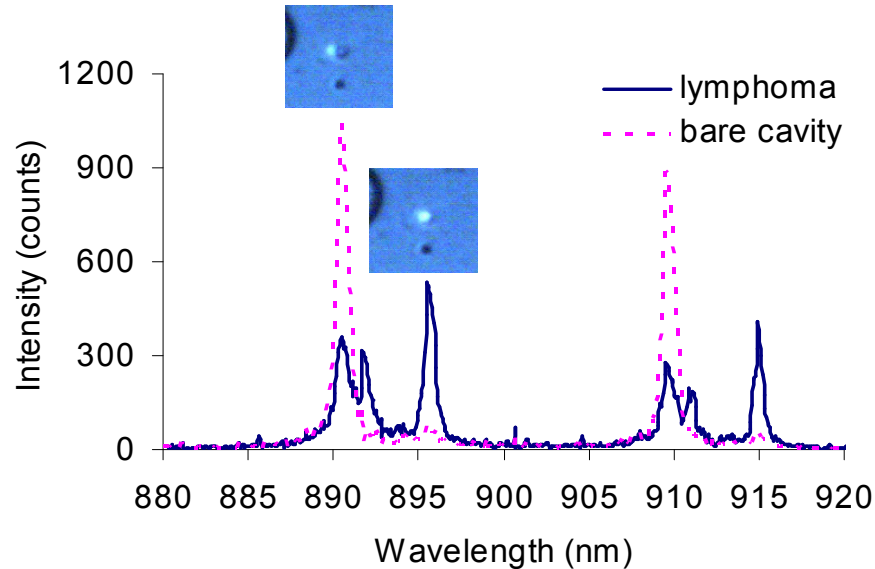
white blood cells (7~20 $\mu$ m)



Distinctive transmission spectral properties, including number of modes and mode shape, have been observed on two different types of blood cells.



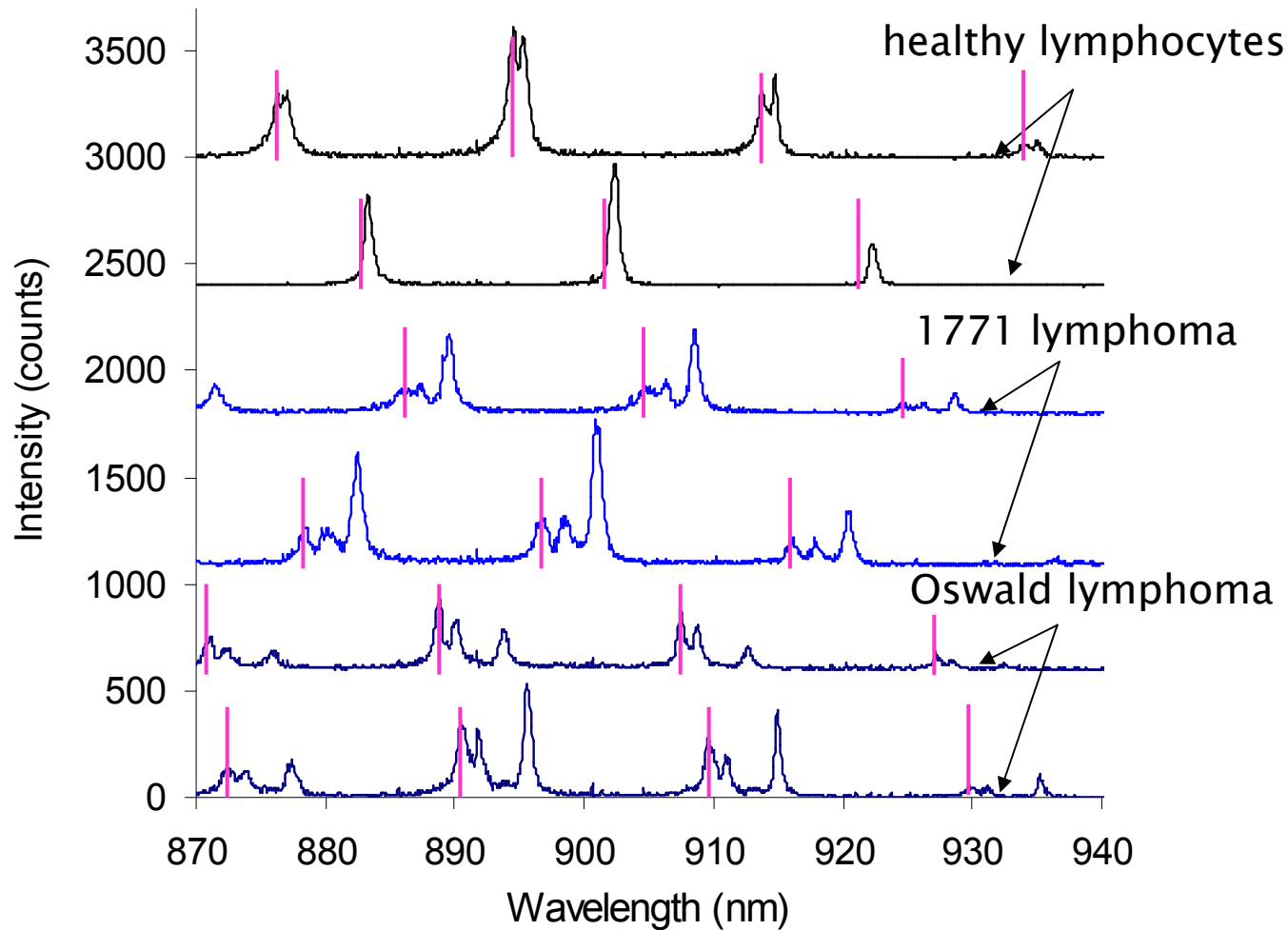
# Canine lymphoma vs. PBMCs



- Cancerous cells have larger nuclei than normal cells. Therefore higher refractive indices.
- Canine lymphoma grown from the cell lines are more homogeneous than the baseline peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs).

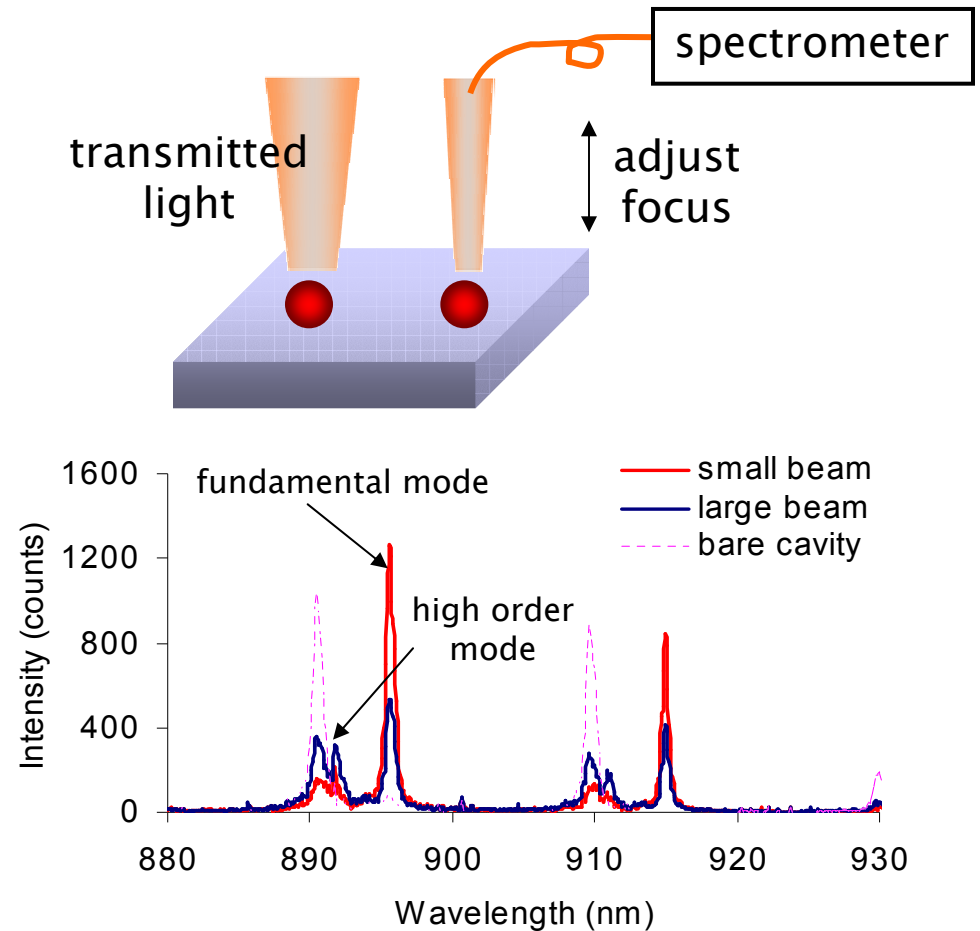
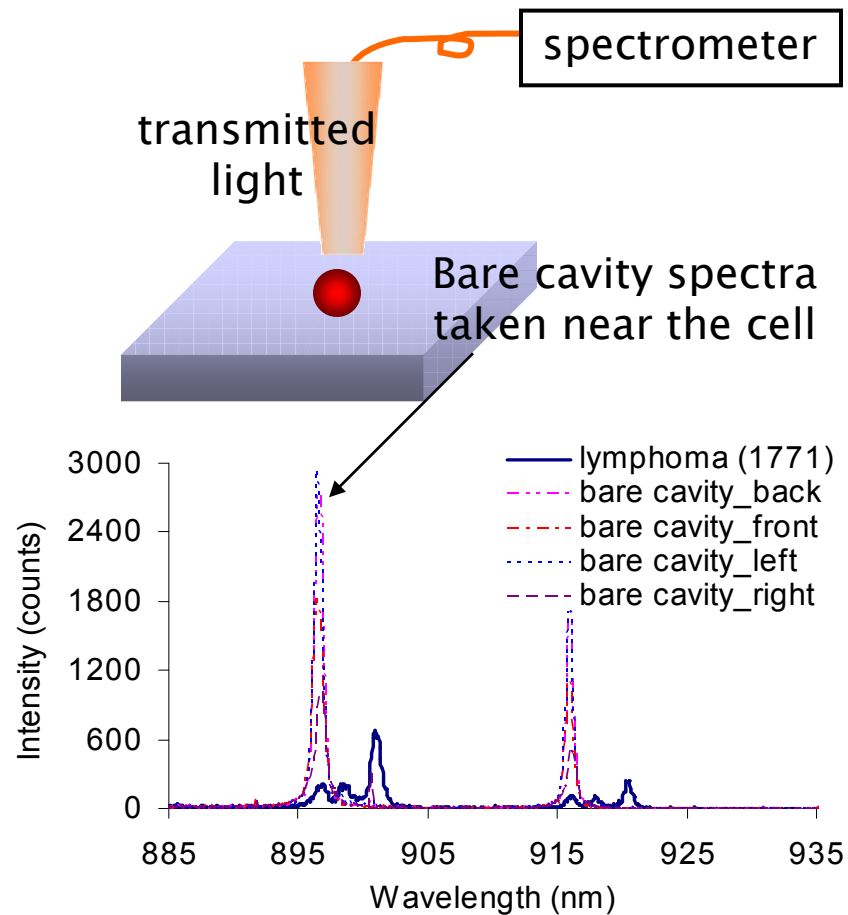


# Cell spectral repeatability



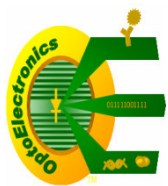
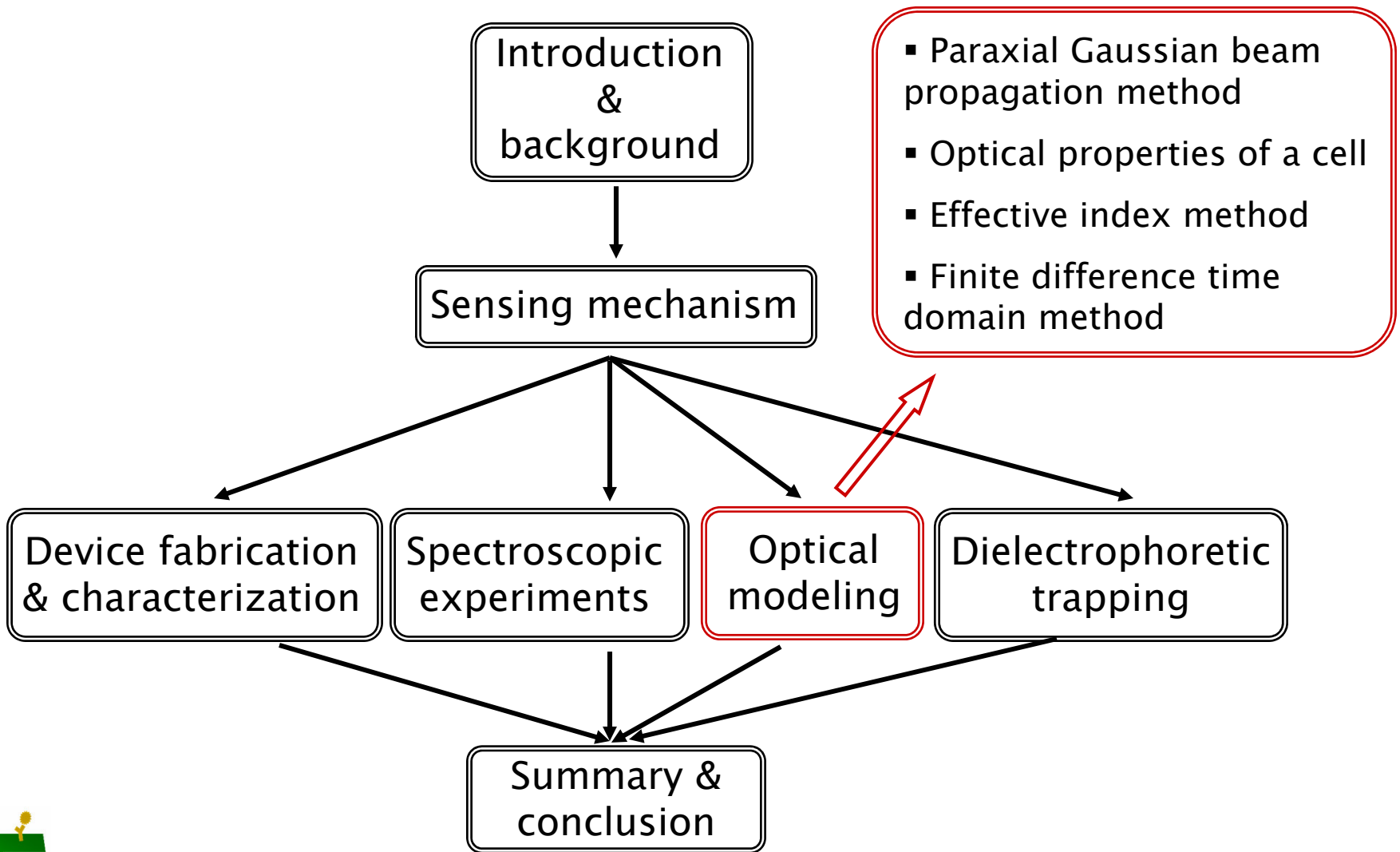


# Cellular mode determination

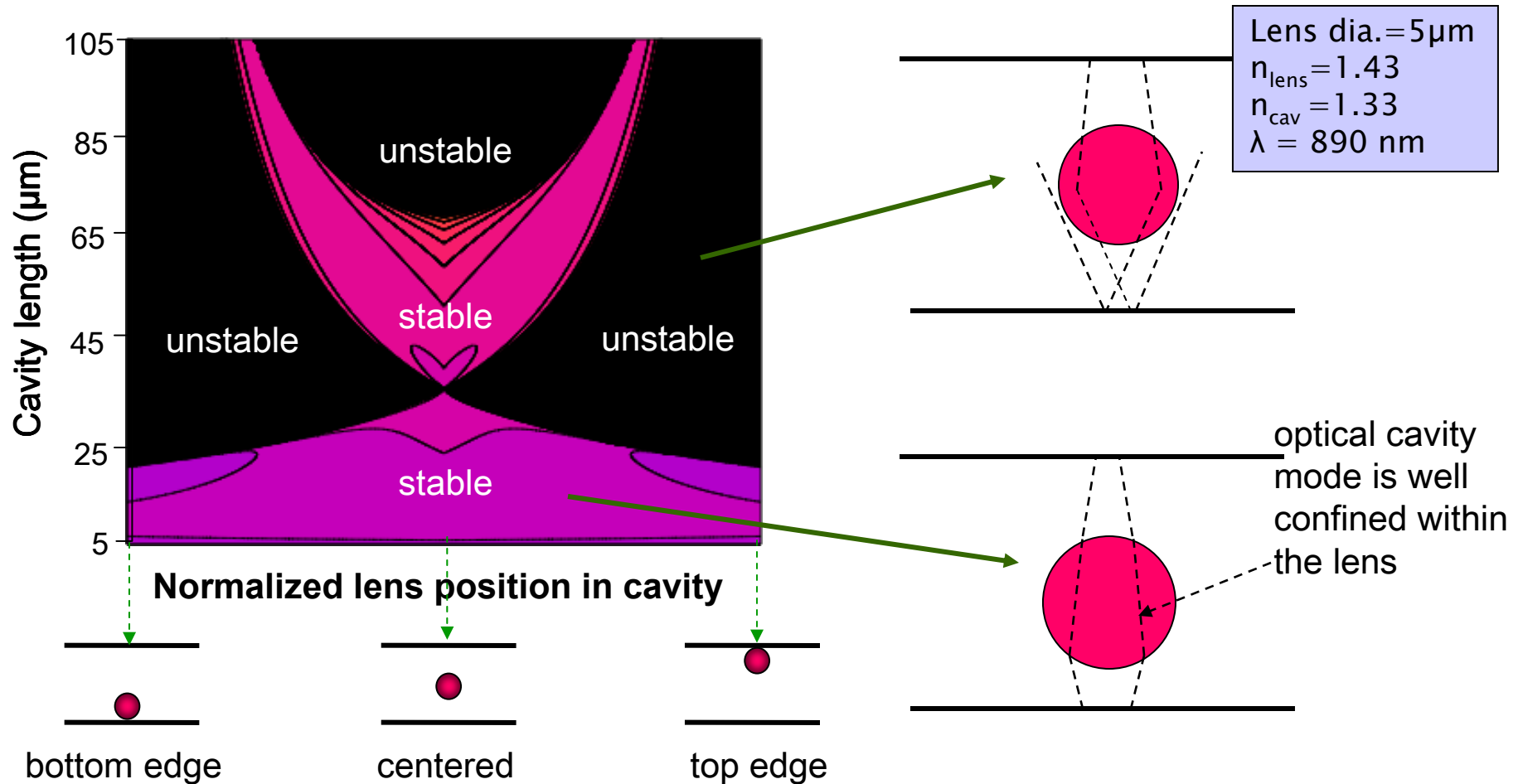


- Bare cavity mode is on the short wavelength side.
- Fundamental mode is more likely to be induced by the nucleus due to the greater overlap with the nucleus.





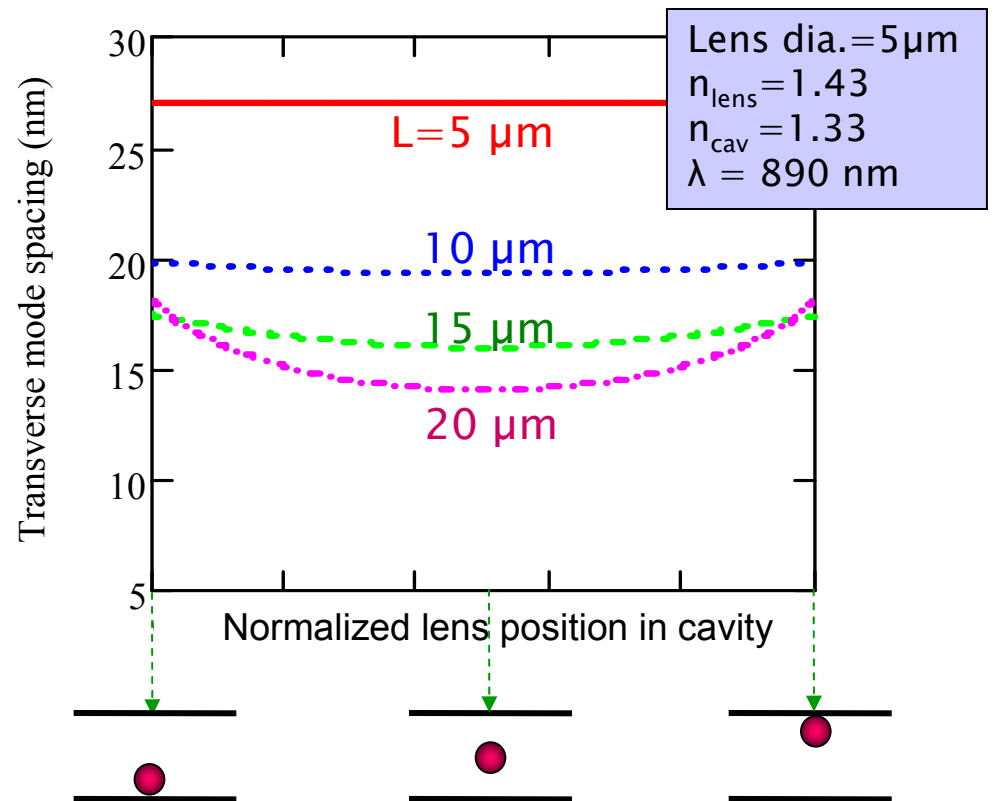
# Cavity stability analysis



Cavity length should be minimized in order to provide stable resonator operation for cell positions throughout the resonator.

# Transverse mode spacing

- Mode spacing is signature for sphere size and refractive index
- Mode spacing changes with lens position in cavity
- Short cavity length minimizes the variation in transverse mode spacing

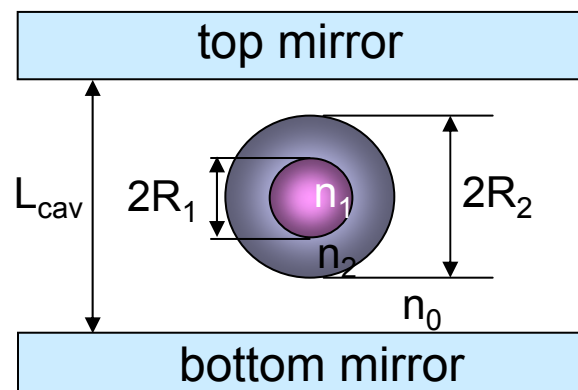
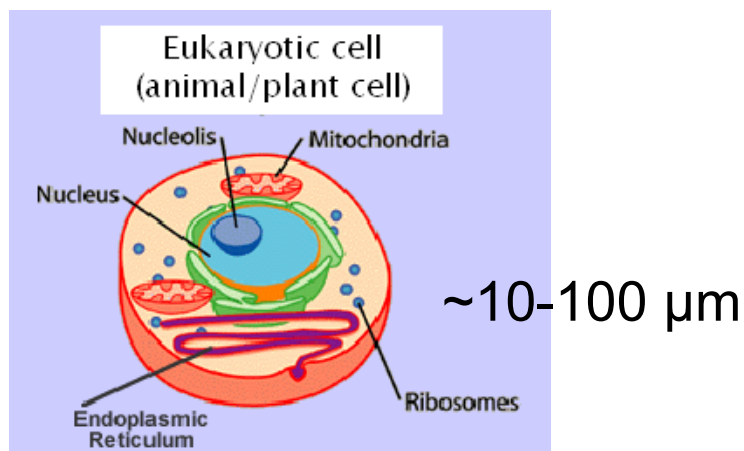


## Conclusions

- The cavity length should be minimized in order to provide stable resonator operation for sphere positions throughout the resonator and to reduce the shift in frequencies with sphere position.



# Double sphere model for a cell



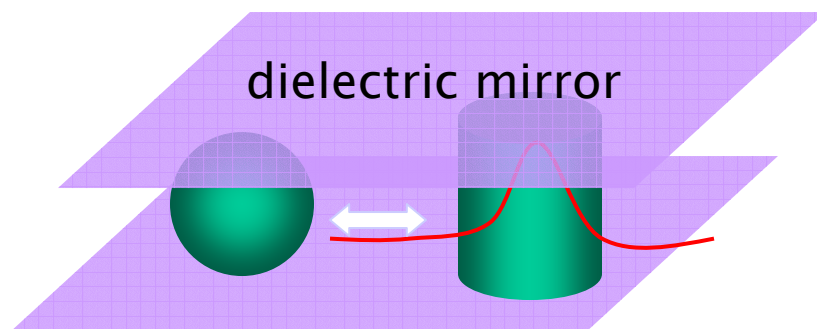
Reported values  $\rightarrow$

- $n_0$  : RI of cavity media (1.33~1.35)
- $n_1$  : RI of cell nucleus (1.4~1.6)
- $n_2$  : RI of cytoplasm (1.35~1.36)
- $2R_1$  : Diameter of nuclei of lymphocytes ( $\sim 7 \mu\text{m}$ )
- $2R_2$  : Diameter of lymphocytes ( $8\sim 15 \mu\text{m}$ )

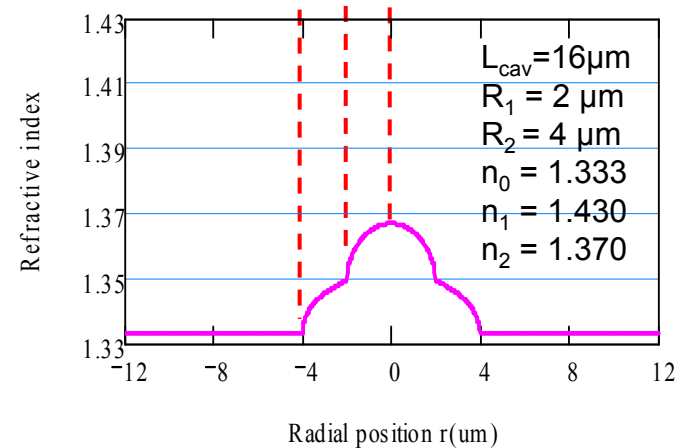
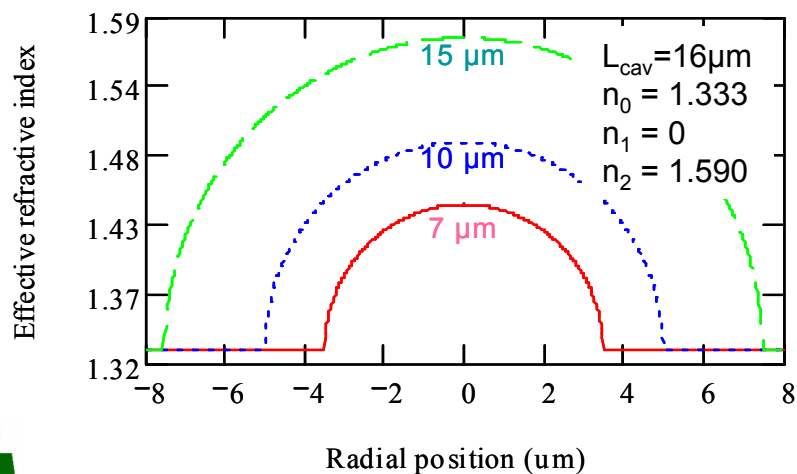
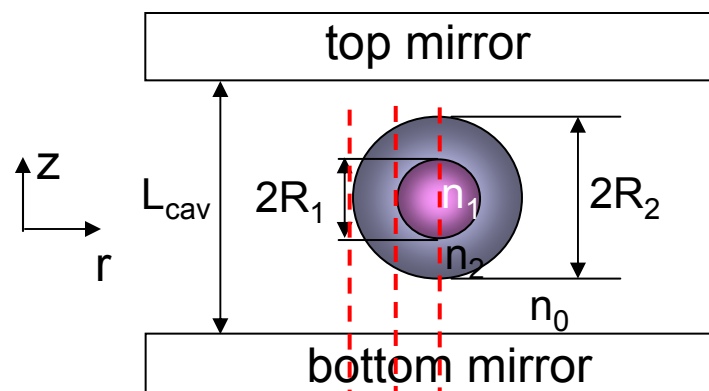
Double homogeneous sphere model has been widely used for cells in scattering spectroscopy.



# Effective index method



$$\frac{\Delta n_{eff}}{n_{eff}} = \frac{\Delta \lambda}{\lambda}$$

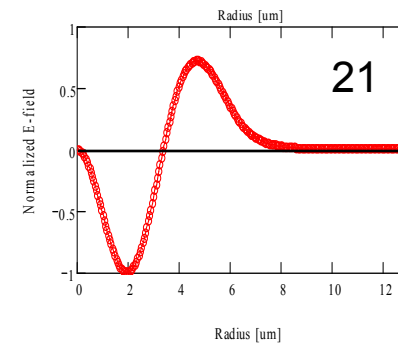
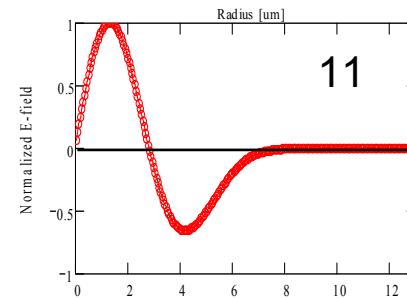
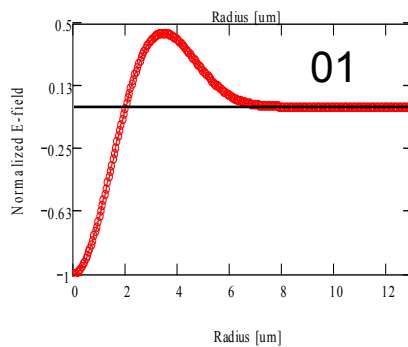
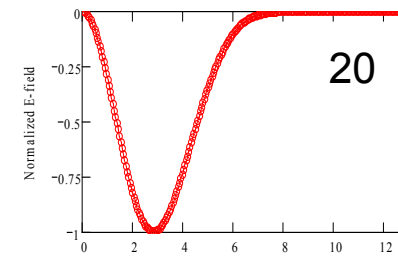
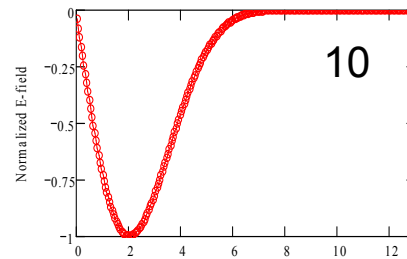
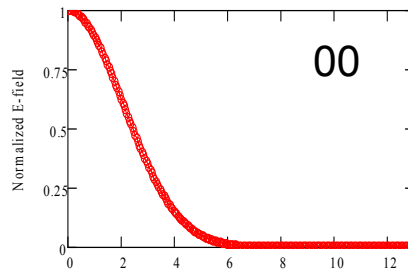


# Numerical mode solver

$$\nabla^2 E + \nabla \left( \frac{\nabla \epsilon_r \cdot E}{\epsilon_r} \right) + k_0^2 \epsilon_r E = 0 \quad \leftarrow \quad E_t(r, \phi, z) = V(r) e^{i\nu\phi} e^{i(\omega t - \beta z)}$$



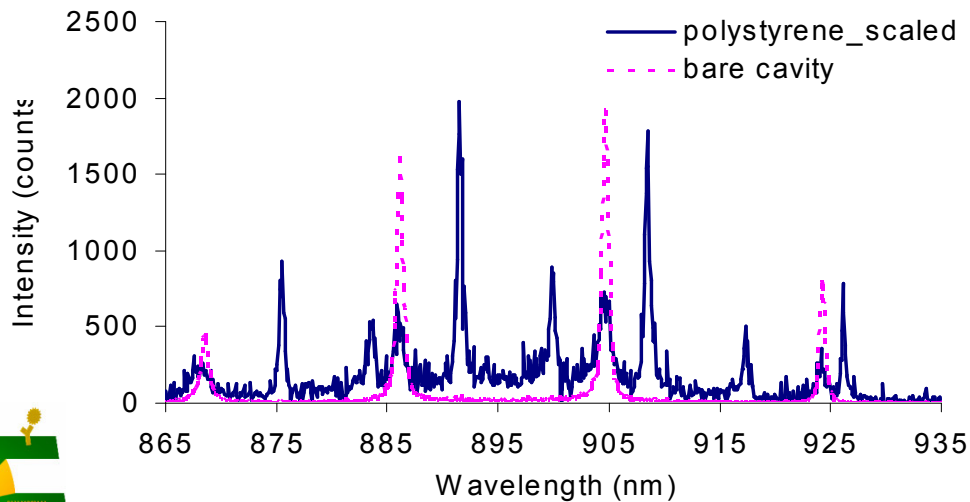
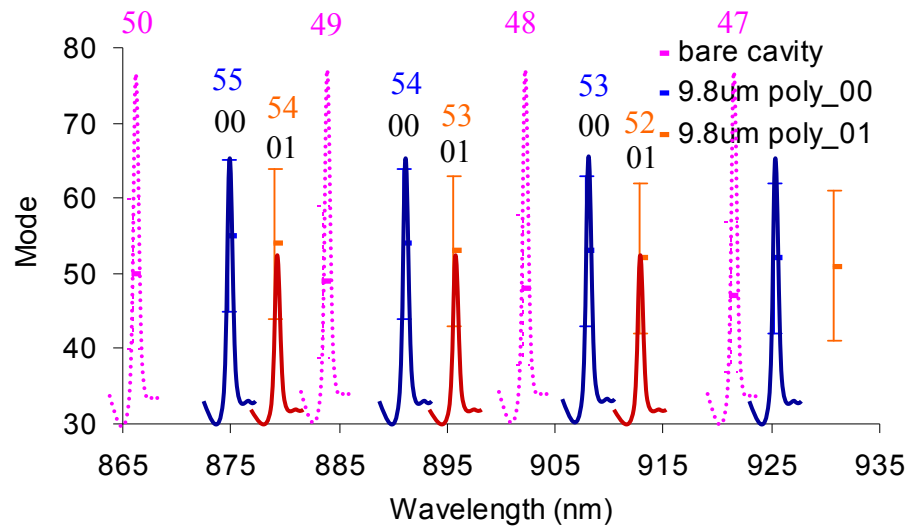
$$\frac{d^2}{dr^2} V(r) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} V(r) + \frac{d}{dr} \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon(r)} \left( \frac{d}{dr} \epsilon(r) \cdot V(r) \right) \right] + \left( k_0^2 \epsilon(r) - \beta^2 - \frac{\nu^2}{r^2} \right) \cdot V(r) = 0$$



$$n_{\text{cav}} < n_{\text{eff}} < n_{\text{max}}$$



# Modeling vs. experiment



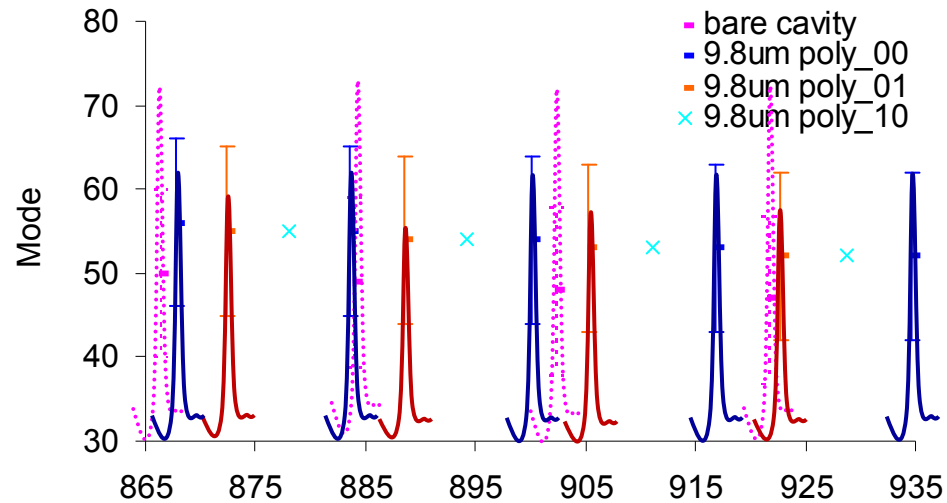
## Modeling parameters:

- $n=1.59$  (polystyrene)
- $D_{\text{sphere}}=9.77\pm0.85 \mu\text{m}$
- DI water ( $n=1.330$ )
- Mode hops to the long wavelength side by 5 groups

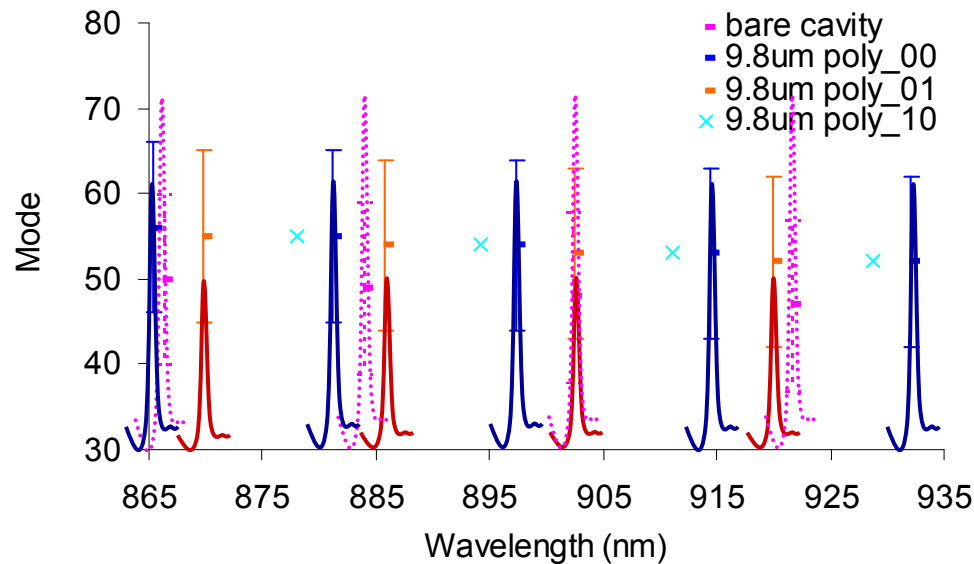




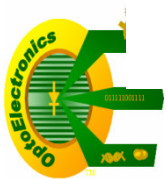
# Mode position vs. sphere size variation



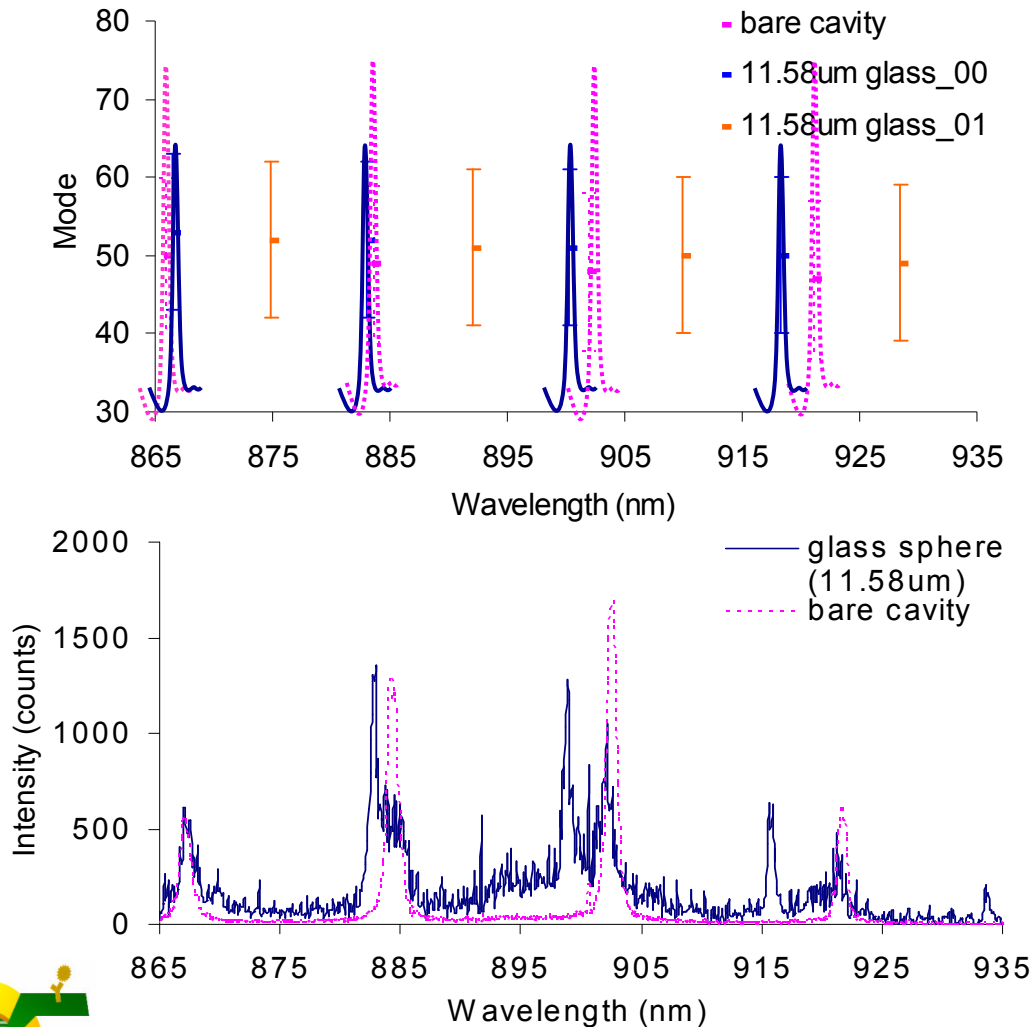
←  $D_{\text{sphere}} = 9.77 + 0.85 \mu\text{m}$



←  $D_{\text{sphere}} = 9.77 + 0.6 \mu\text{m}$



# Sphere with small size variation



## Modeling parameters

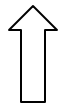
- $n=1.45$  (glass microspheres)
- $D_{\text{sphere}} = 11.58 \pm 0.19 \mu\text{m}$
- DI water ( $n=1.330$ )
- Mode hops to long wavelength side by 2



# PBS refractive index measurement

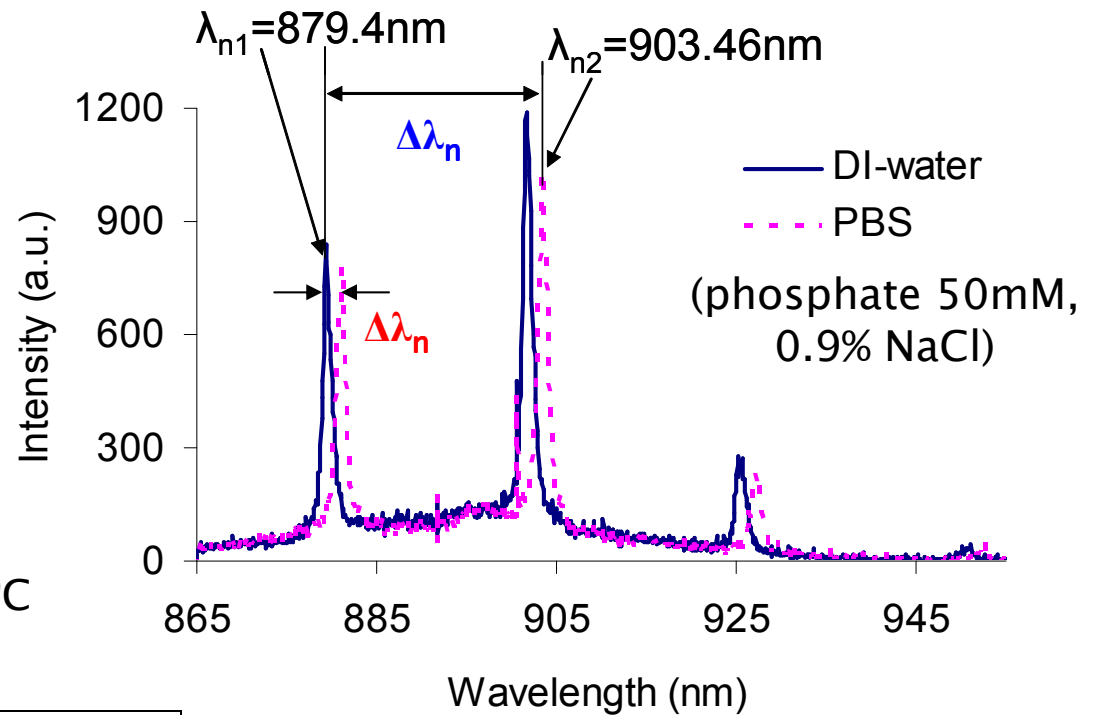
$$m\lambda_{n1} = 2n_1L_{cav} \quad m\lambda_{n2} = 2n_2L_{cav}$$

$$\frac{n_{PBS}}{n_{DI\_water}} = \frac{\lambda_{n2}}{\lambda_{n1}}$$



1.330 @ 25°C and 890nm

$dn_{DI\_water} / dt = -0.00009$  per °C



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$$n_{PBS} = 1.3342$$

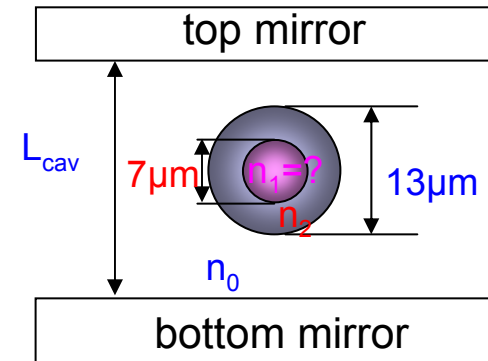
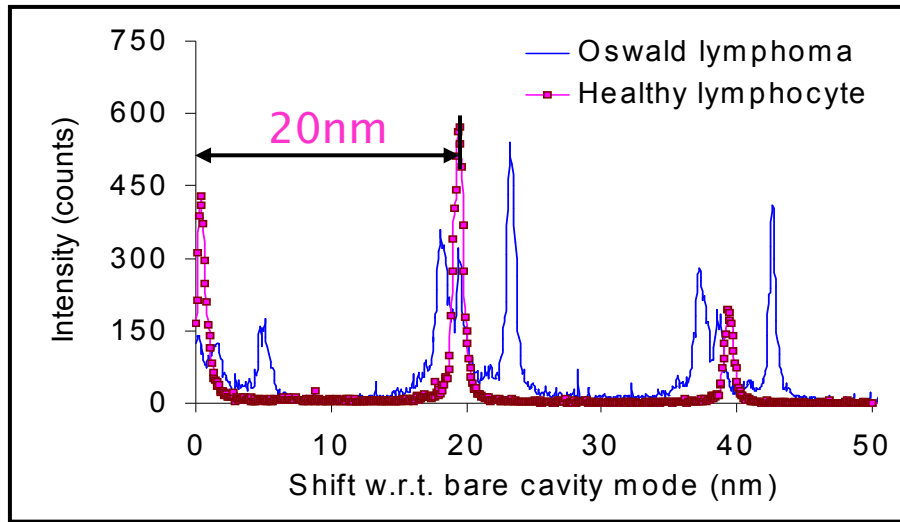
(phosphate 69mM, NaCl 150mM, pH 7.6)

Without mode hop :  $n_{PBS} = 1.333$

With mode hop :  $n_{PBS} = 1.363$  ??



# Nuclear RI calculation for lymphocytes



- $\Delta\lambda=20.18\text{nm}$  → effective RI of lymphocyte mode,  $n^*=1.375$ 
  - Ambiguity in mode order resolved by reference to range of published values
- Microscopic size measurement → cell diameter is  $13\ \mu\text{m}$

## Assumptions made based on published data:

- Nuclear diameter is  $7\ \mu\text{m}$  (nucleus-to-cytoplasm volume ratio is approximately 1:5 for normal cells)
- Cytoplasmic RI :  $n_2=1.350$

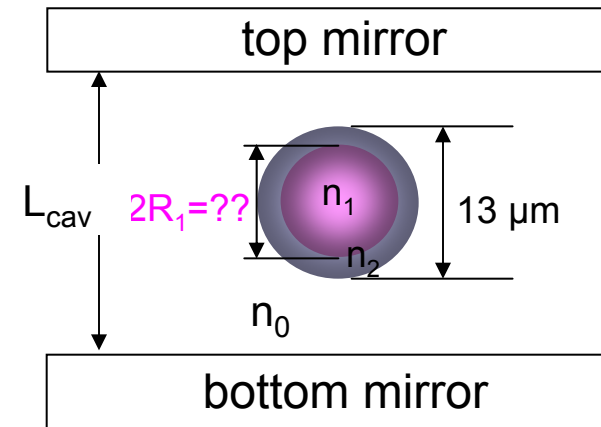
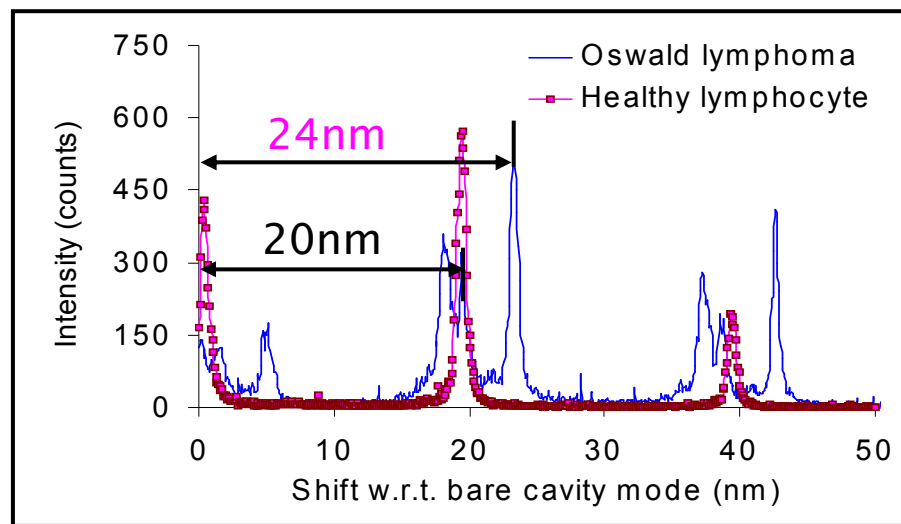
2D mode solver



$$n_{\text{nucleus}} = 1.3987$$



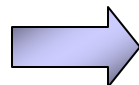
# Optical model for lymphoma



- $n_1=1.399$  (same as for lymphocyte) and  $n_2=1.350$
- $\Delta\lambda_{\text{cytoplasm}} = 20.363 \pm 0.404$  nm (nearly same as lymphocytes)
- $\Delta\lambda_{\text{nucleus}} = 24.593 \pm 0.127$  nm

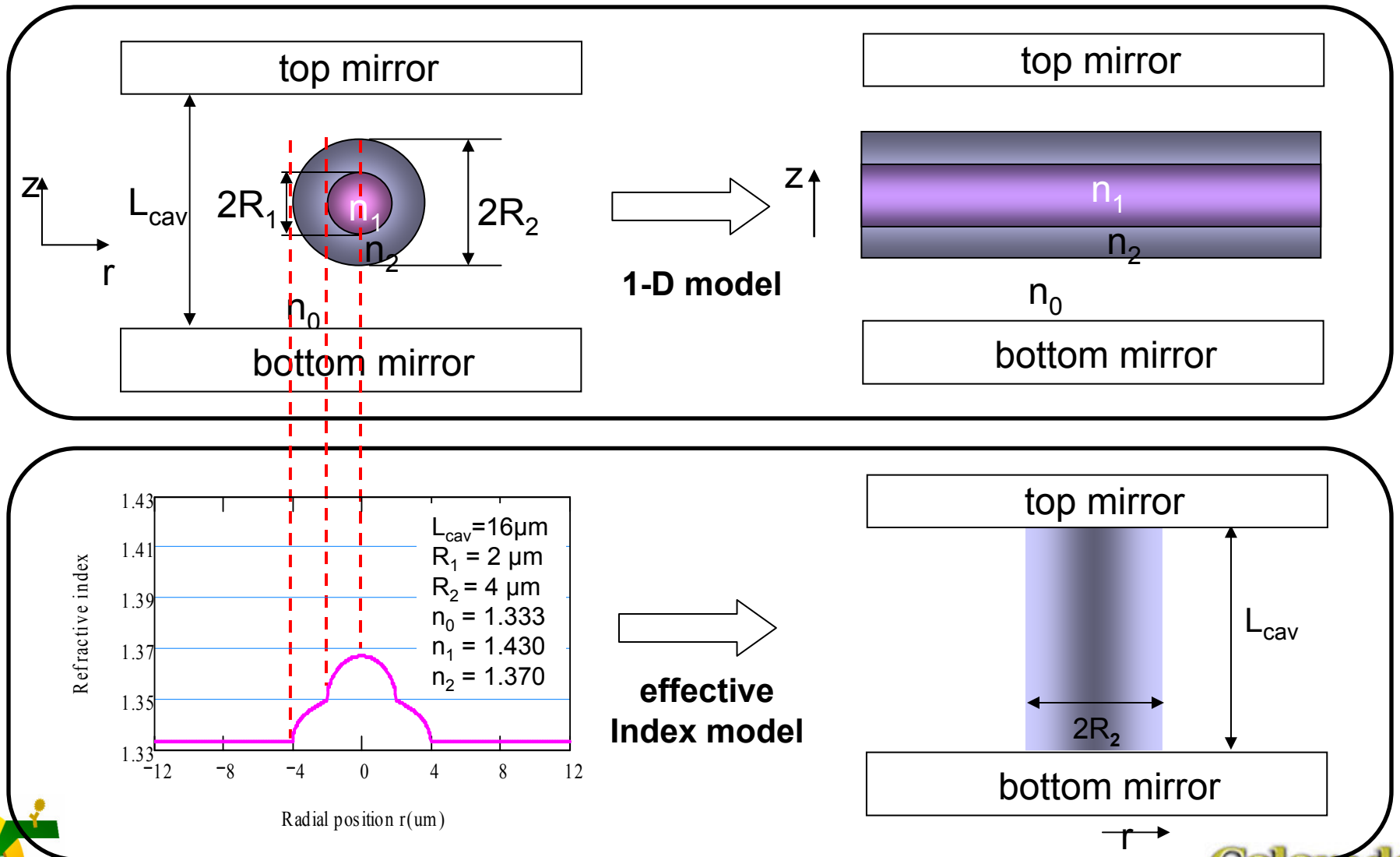


2D mode solver

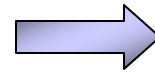
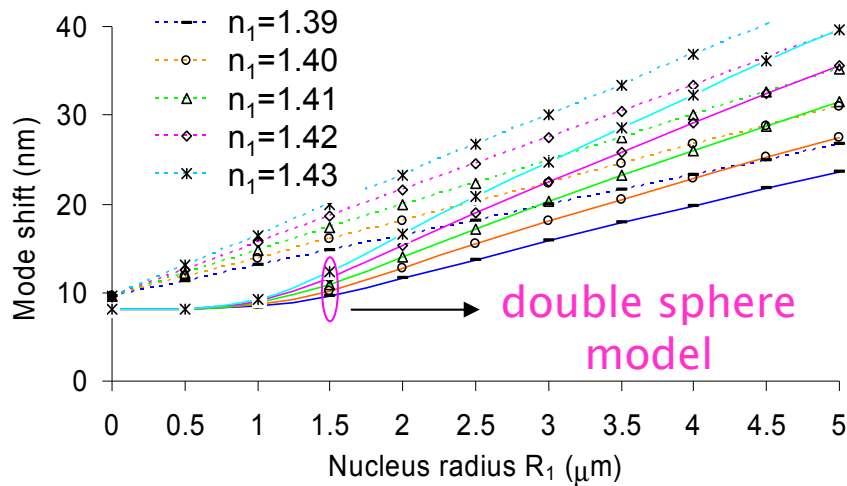


$$R_1 = R_{\text{nucleus}} = 4.457 \mu\text{m}$$

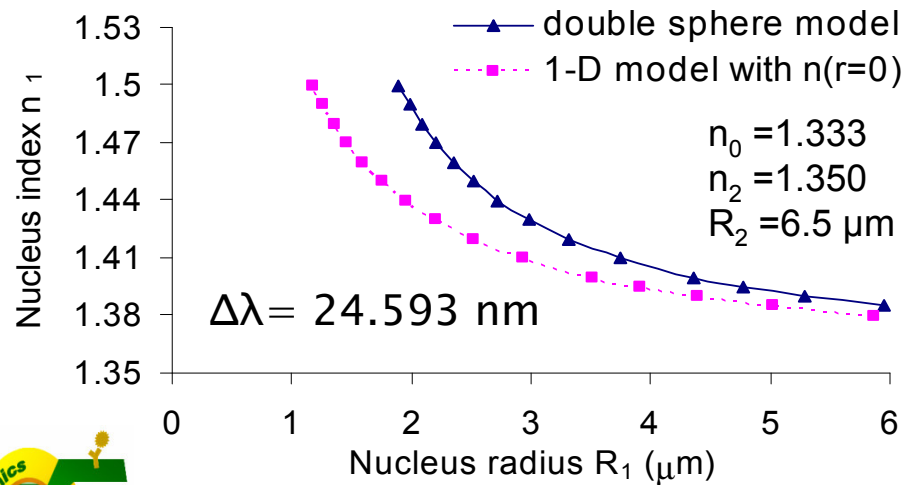
# Comparison with 1-D model



# Nuclear mode shift vs. size and RI



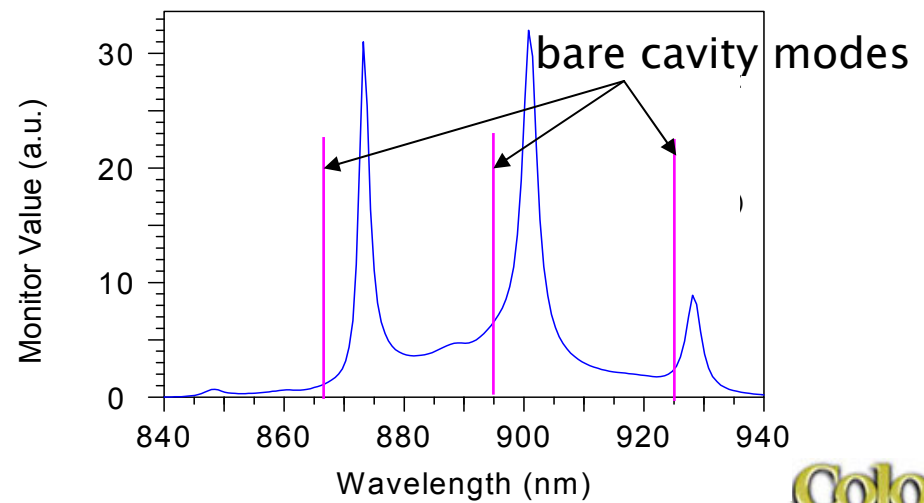
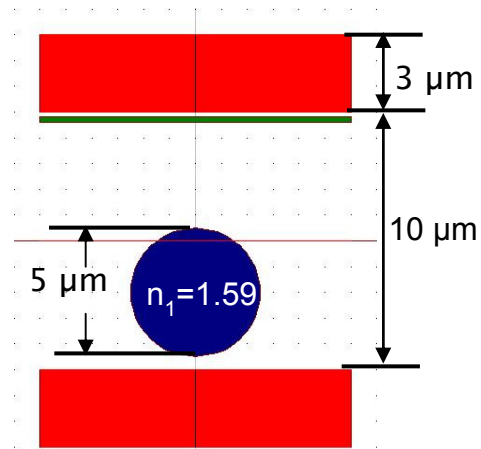
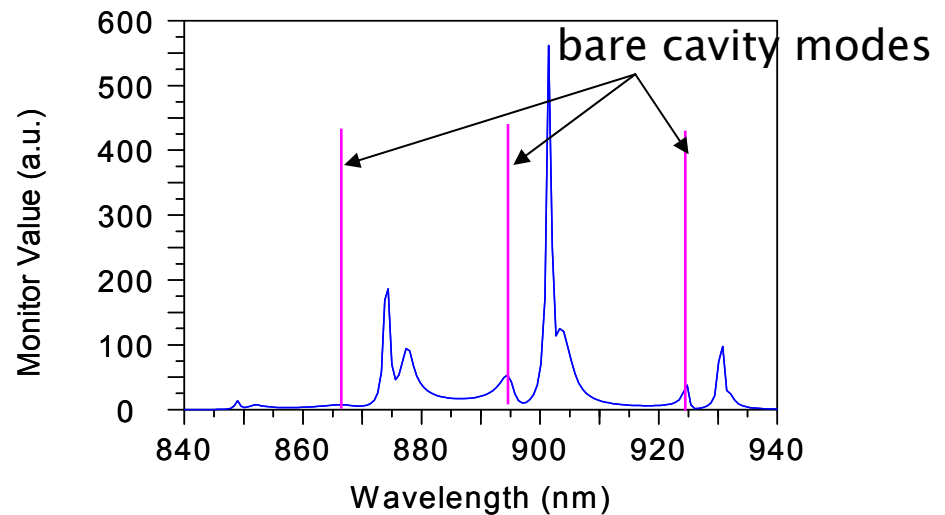
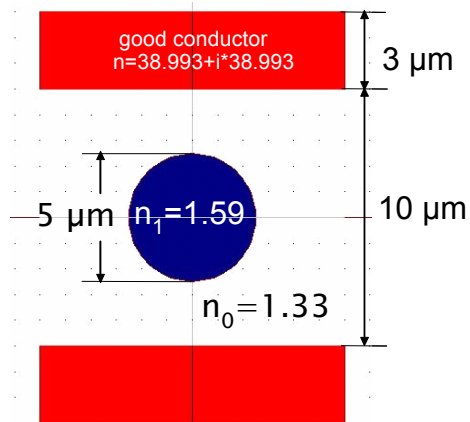
Transverse mode confinement effects are important for correctly interpreting mode shifts.



The double sphere model offers an improved estimate of nuclear RI, especially for cells with a small nucleus.

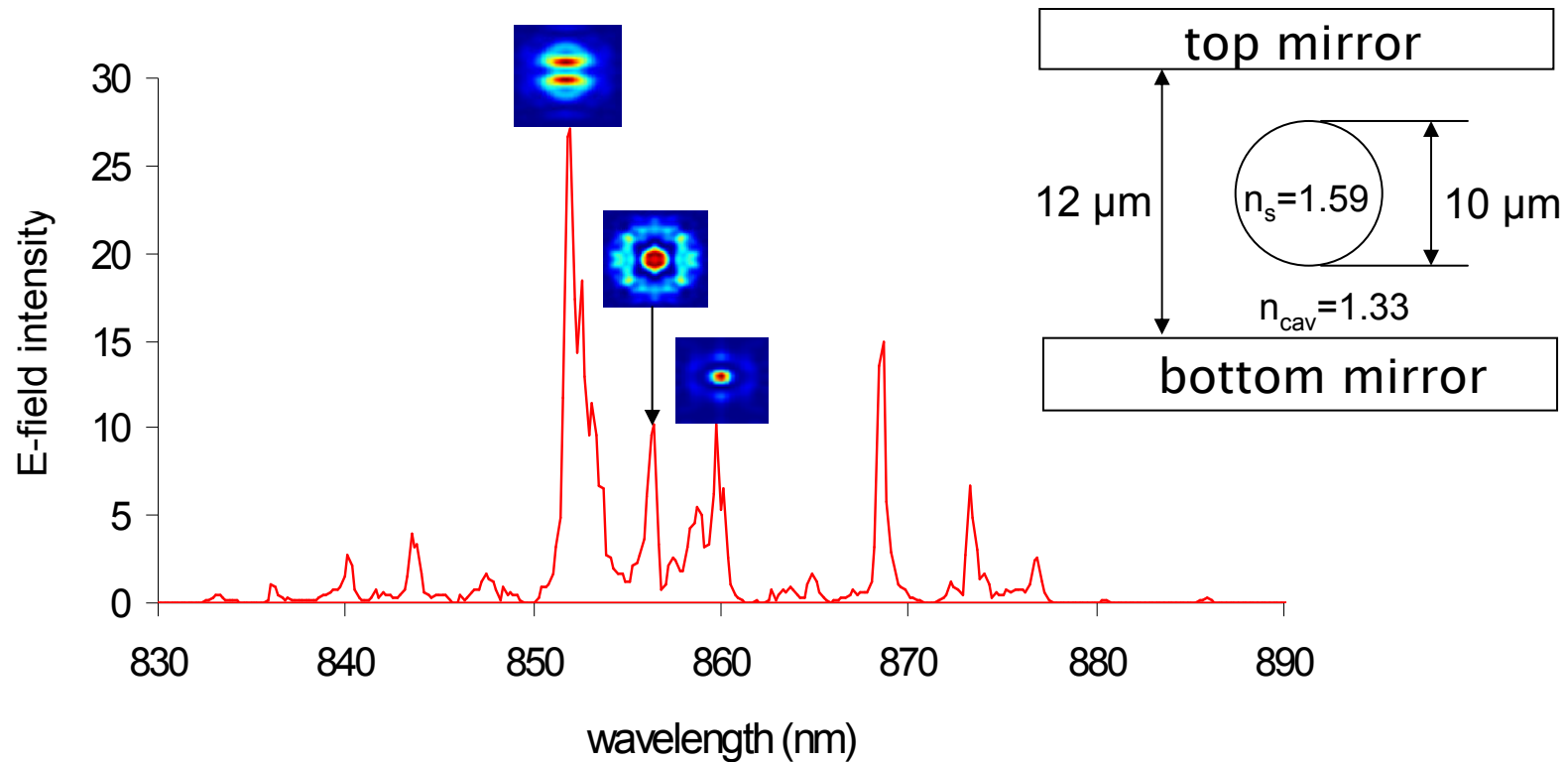


# Rsoft Fullwave FDTD simulation





# Lumerical FDTD simulation



It takes 28 hours to run one simulation on a 2.4GHz Pentium IV computer with 768MB RAM.



# Summary

- Developed complete fabrication processes for OFIS cavities.
- Characterized the optical cavity finesse experimentally and theoretically.
- Measured transmission spectra of different types of biological cells and microspheres.
- Identified the order of each modes experimentally and verified with the numerical modeling.
- Developed simplified optical models to simulate the spectra of sphere and cell loaded OFIS cavities.



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