

Development of novel WGM microresonators for optical frequency standards and biosensors, and their characterization with a femtosecond optical frequency comb

## **Achievements of the first quarter**

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## **Report for the first three months**

# **1. Project Management and Publicity**

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# About Project

- **Project title:** Development of novel WGM microresonators for optical frequency standards and biosensors, and their characterization with a femtosecond optical frequency comb
- **Project number:** 1.1.1.1/16/A/259
- **Project aim:** to acquire new knowledge of know-how in design, stabilizing and modeling of the WGM resonator, and the detection of biomolecule using the resonator, thus supporting the objectives of the Latvian Smart specialization, scientific and technological development of human capital and the creation of new knowledge for economy to improve competitiveness.
- **Project Manager:** J. Alnis
- **Project Administrative Manager :** I. Brice
- The project is realized by UL IAPS Quantum optics laboratory
- **Main results** planned for the project: 4 publications, 3 know-how descriptions, 1 license agreement
- 9 conference visits and 6 scientific visits are designated
- **Project period:** 01.03.2017. - 30.08.2019.



# Project Budget

- Total project cost: 648 252.61 EUR, including the ERDF (85%) - 551 014.72 EUR.
- 1st Advance Request 64972 EUR
- Expenditure on salaries 26,487.07 EUR + 25% of indirect costs. Total 33,108.93 EUR
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Advance request 71 266.25 EUR (ongoing)



# Purchases

- COMCOL Multiphysics software procurement.
  - a) Announced 27.04.2017. IUB. LU specification. The project required procurement section was paused due to the new software version of COMSOL was released on 25.4.2017. and the clarification of the procurement rules is needed;
- Purchase of materials procurement 1. (under development)
- Instrument rental procurement. (in development)

# Employees

- leading researchers
  - J. Alnis
  - A. Atvars
  - R. Viter
- scientific assistant
  - I. Brice
- laboratory assistants
  - K. Grundšteins
  - A. Pirktiņa
  - A. A. Ūbele



Project team group photo (april 2017).

# Project Homepage

[www.lu.lv/cgm/](http://www.lu.lv/cgm/)

CGM ERAF projekts Nr. 1.1.1.1/16/A/259 "Jaunu čukstošās galerijas modu mikrorezonatoru izstrād"

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AKTUĀLĀS ZIŅAS

NOTIKUMU KALENĀRS

Sodien ir 29. maijs

31. maijs  
Projekta 1. ceturkšņa beigas

Par projektu  
Par CGM  
Komanda  
Rezultāti  
Publicitāte  
Atskaites  
Kvantu optikas laboratorija  
Iepirkumi  
Kontakti

## Projekta atskaites seminārs LU ASI

24.05.2017

LU ASI seminārā 30.05.2017. ERAF projekta grupa prezentēs sasniegto pirmajos 3 projekta mēnešos

lasīt tālāk

VISAS ZIŅAS

- Projekta atskaites seminārs LU ASI 24.05.2017
- Projekta uzsākšana 01.03.2017

Visas ziņas

Visi notikumi

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Pedējās izmaiņas veiktas: 10.04.2017

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INVESTĪJUMS TAVĀ NĀKOTNĒ

Projekta nosaukums: Jaunu čukstošās galerijas modu mikrorezona

Projekta mērķis: jaunu zināšanu-zinātnības iegūšana CGM rezonatoru mērķu sasniegšanu, zinātnes un tehnoloģiju cilvēkkapitāla attīstību u

Projekta īstenošanas laiks: 01.03.2017. - 30.08.2019. (2,5 gadi)

Projekta kopējās izmaksas: 648 252,61 EUR, to skaitā ERAF finan



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ABOUT PROJECT

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Project period: 01.03.2017. - 30.08.2019.

Brief description of the project summary

Whispering-gallery mode (WGM) resonators are made of a round shaped optically transparent material and keep inside and circulating the light in light wave using the total internal reflection effect. One of the WGM

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The information about the project is available in both Latvian and English.

## IEPIRKUMI

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### Iepirkumi

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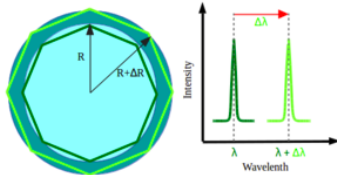
1. Comsol datorprogrammas iepirkums.

a) Izludināts 27.04.2017. IUB. LU specifikācija. Projektam vajadzīgā iepirkuma sadaļa tika pārtaukta sakarā ar jaunās COMSOL programmatūras versijas iznākšanu 25.04.2017. un līdz ar to nepieciešamību precizēt iepirkuma nolikumu;

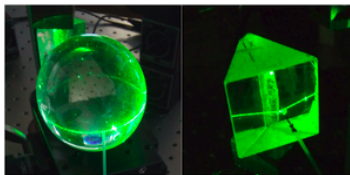
2. Materiāli iegādes iepirkums 1. (izstrādes stadijā)

3. Instrumentu nomas iepirkums. (izstrādes stadijā)

Čukstošo galeriju modu (ČGM) rezonatori ir izpelnījušies īpašu pētnieku uzmanību savu unikālo īpašību dēļ. ČGM veidojas gaismai atstarojoties no ieliekta virsmas, un modas trajektoriju rezonatorā var iedomāties kā vienādmalu daudzstūri, ko ierobežo tā virsma. Rezonatora ģeometrijas simetriskās prasības ir vienkārši apmierināt, jo nepieciešama vai nu sfēriskā simetrija (mikrosfēra, mikroburbulis), vai arī cilindriskā simetrija (mikrodisk, mikrogrezēns, mikrotoroīds). Tā kā ČGM rezonatora rezonanses frekvence ir atkarīga gan no tā izmēra  $R$ , gan refrakcijas koeficienta  $n$ , tad nelielas izmēra izmaiņas  $\Delta R$  vai refrakcijas koeficienta izmaiņas  $\Delta n$  rada ievērojamu rezonanses frekvences modas nobīdi  $\Delta\lambda$ . Šī augstā jutība pavēr iespēju ČGM rezonatorus izmantot dažādiem pielietojumiem, gan kā filtrus, gan kā lāzera rezonatorus, gan arī kā sensorus.



Lai praktiski pielietotu mikrorezonatorus, ir nepieciešams efektīvs veids kā gaismas staru ievadīt rezonatorā. Viens no veidiem kā sapārot gaismu ir izmantot prizmu ar lielu laušanas koeficientu. Gaismas stars nonāk prizmā un pilnīgas iekšējās atstarošanās dēļ atstarojas no prizmas virsmas. Tomēr gaismas elektromagnētiskais lauks nedaudz izspiežas ārpus prizmas un var pārklāties ar gaismas lauku, kas izspiežas ārpus rezonatora.

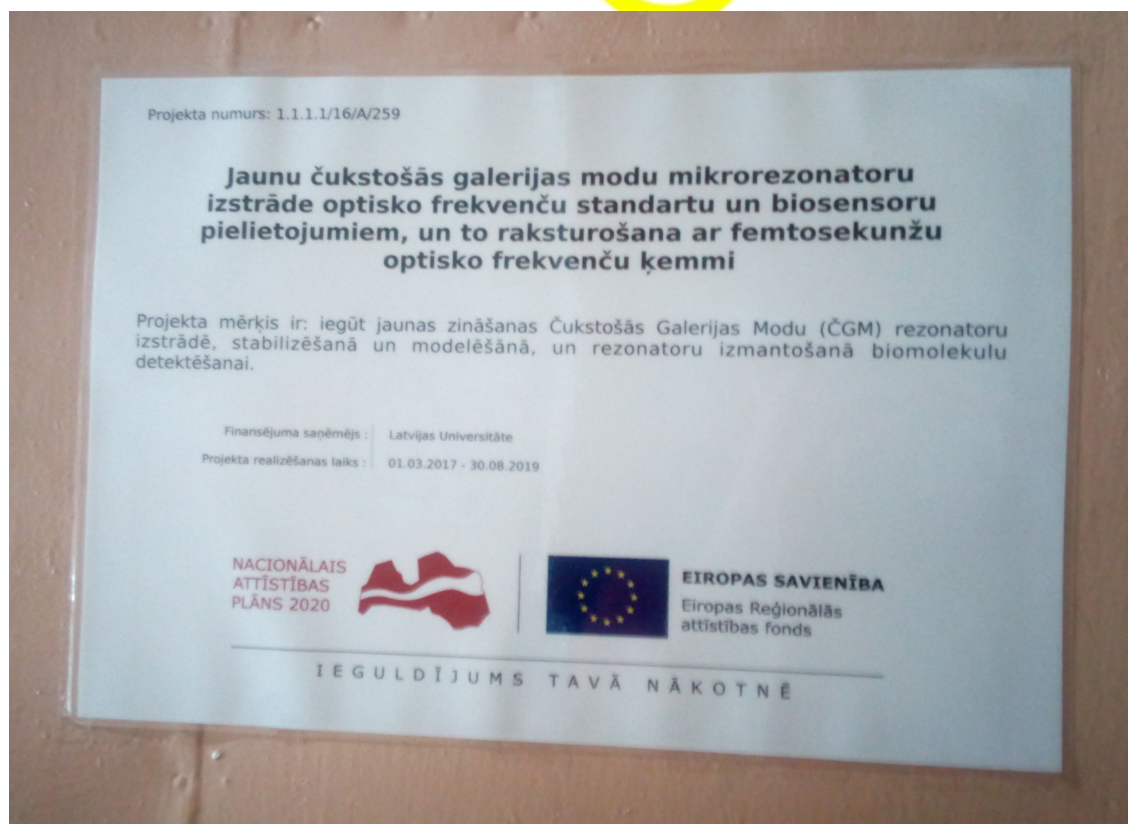


Attēlā pa kreisi redzams, kā ar prizmas palīdzību sfēriskā stikla lodē, kuras diametrs ir 6 cm, ievadīts lāzera stars. Spīdošā zaļā josta lodes vidū tad arī ir ČGM. Attēlā pa labi tika atkārtos eksperiments ar ievērojami mazāka izmēra lodi, kuras diametrs ir tikai aptuveni milimetrs.

Information available on the website is regularly refreshed. For example, the Purchases section was added and new information about WGM written.

# Publicity

Informative plaque and poster for the project can be found at UL IAPS.



# Publicity

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**LU Atomfizikas un spektroskopijas institūts aicina uz kolokviju par sasniegto trīs mēnešos**

LU Atomfizikas un spektroskopijas institūts 30. maijā plkst. 10:00 - 11:00 aicina uz FOTONIKA-LV CXXXVI kolokviju, kurā kļāstīs par sasniegto projekta pirmajos 3 mēnešos.

**Semināra programma:**

10:00 A. Ūbelis. Runātāja cildināšana (Welcome)

10:15 J. Aivars, A. Ahvārs, R. Vīter, I. Brice, A. Ūbele, A. Pirkītina, K. Grundšteins, ERAF projekts "Jaunu cukstošās galerijas modu mikrorezonatoru izstrādē optisko frekvenču standartu un biosensoru pielietojumiem, un to raksturošana ar femosekundu optisko frekvenču ķēmi". Pirmajā ceturksnī sasniegtais.

11:00 - 11:30 Diskusija un kafija

**Vieta:** LU Atomfizikas un Spektroskopijas institūts, Rīgas Fotonikas Centrs, Šķōņu iela 4 (Vecrīga), 4. stāva auditorija

**Par projektu**

**Projekta nosaukums:** Jaunu Cukstošās galerijas modu mikrorezonatoru izstrādē optisko frekvenču standartu un biosensoru pielietojumiem, un to raksturošana ar femosekundu optisko frekvenču ķēmi.

**Projekta numurs:** 1.1.1.1/16/A/259

**Projekta mērķis:** jaunu zināšanu-zinātnības iegūšana CGM rezonatoru izstrādē, stabilizēšanā un modelēšanā, un rezonatoru izmantošanā biomolekulu detekēšanai, tādējādi atbalstot Latvijas Viedās specializācijas mērķu sasniegšanu, zinātnes un tehnoloģiju cilvēkkapitāla attīstību un jaunu zināšanu radīšanu tautsaimniecības konkurētspējas uzlabošanai.

**Plānotie projekta galvenie rezultāti:** 4 publikācijas, 3 zinātnību apraksts, 1 licences līgums.

**Projekta īstenošanas laiks:** 01.03.2017. - 30.08.2019. (2,3 gadi)

**Īss populārzinātnisks apraksts:**

Londonas svētā Pētera katedrāles kupola iekšienē ir sastopama īpaša parādība – Cuksti, kuri ir izteikti luvu kupola sienas malā, ir tādi dzirdami sienas luvumā pat kupola diametrāli pretējā pusē. Šo efektu izraisa skaņas viļņi, kuri ceļo pa kupola rinki, atstarojoties no sienas. Izrādās, ka šāda parādība sastopama arī gaisma. Tādā gadījumā gaismas "skriešana pa rinki" notiek pilnīgas leksijas atstarošanās dēļ. Vienkāršākā šāda sistēma ir redzama Attēlā 1. Tur lāzera stars caur prizmu tiek ievadīts stikla lodē. Prizma ir nepieciešama, lai "viltīgi" ievadītu gaismu lodē. Pa šīso lāzera staru spīdnot uz lodi, šāds "gaismas rinkiņš" neveidosies. Te svarīga ir vēl viena parādība – pilnīgas leksijas atstarošanās gadījumā gaisma tomēr "iespiežas" otrā vidē par attālumu, kurš ir mazāks par viena garumu. Tiesi šī gaisma (evanescent wave) ir tā, kura nokļūst no prizmas lodē. Šis efekts attiecas arī uz patu lodi – tajā cirkulējošā gaisma nedaudz "iespiežas" ārējā vidē un mijiedarbojas ar šo vidi. Tādēļ šādus rezonatorus var izmantot kā ārējās vides sensorus.

Cukstošās galerijas modas rezonatori var būt ar dažādu formu – lodveidīgi, diskveidīgi, pudeļveidīgi u.c. – un ar dažādu izmēru – diametrs no 4 mm līdz 10 μm. Projekta ietvaros ir plānots viedot un testēt dažādus šādus rezonatorus.

Projekta pirmajā ceturksnī ir izveidots stends mikrorezonatoru testēšanai, veikti skaitliskie aprēķini, testēti dažādi materiāli biosensoru izstrādei, kā arī vākta un analizēta literatūra.

Projekta mājas lapa: [www.lu.lv/lv/cgm](http://www.lu.lv/lv/cgm)

At the University website news section an article about the FOTONIKA-LV CXXXVI colloquium was published, inviting to the Report of the progress made in the first three months.

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# Development of novel WGM microresonators for optical frequency standards and biosensors, and their characterization with a femtosecond optical frequency comb

## 2. Overview and experiments

1. WGM resonator development and modelling.
2. WGM optical standard stabilized on Rb.
3. WGM for biomolecule detection.

**Jānis Alnis** Research Manager  
**Romāns Vīters** Senior researcher  
**Aigars Atvars** Senior researcher  
**Inga Brice** Phd student  
**Kārlis Grunšteins** master student  
**Alma Ūbele / Antons Pribitoks** bachelor student  
**Andra Pirktiņa** bachelor student

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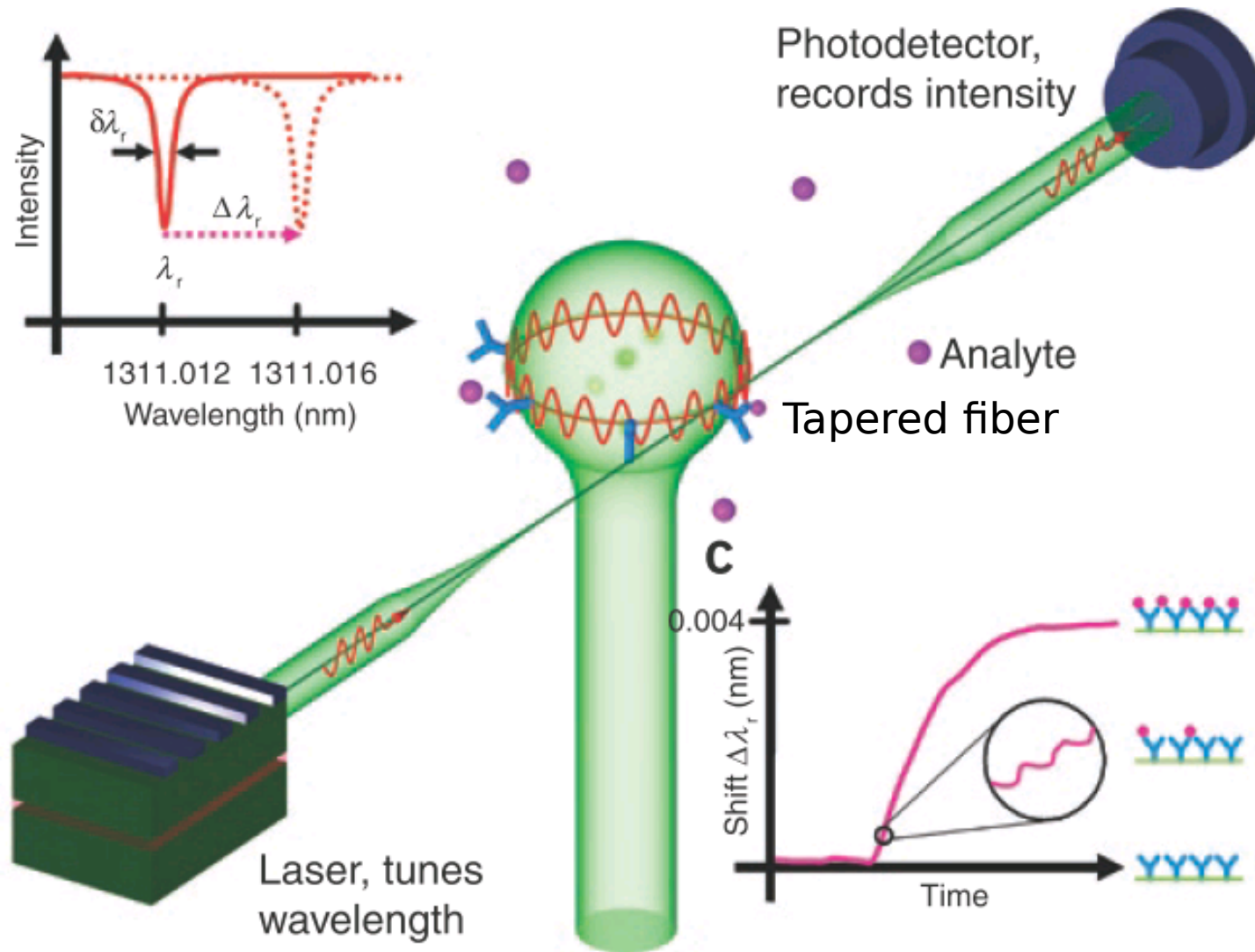
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# WGMR biosensor, light coupled using optical fiber

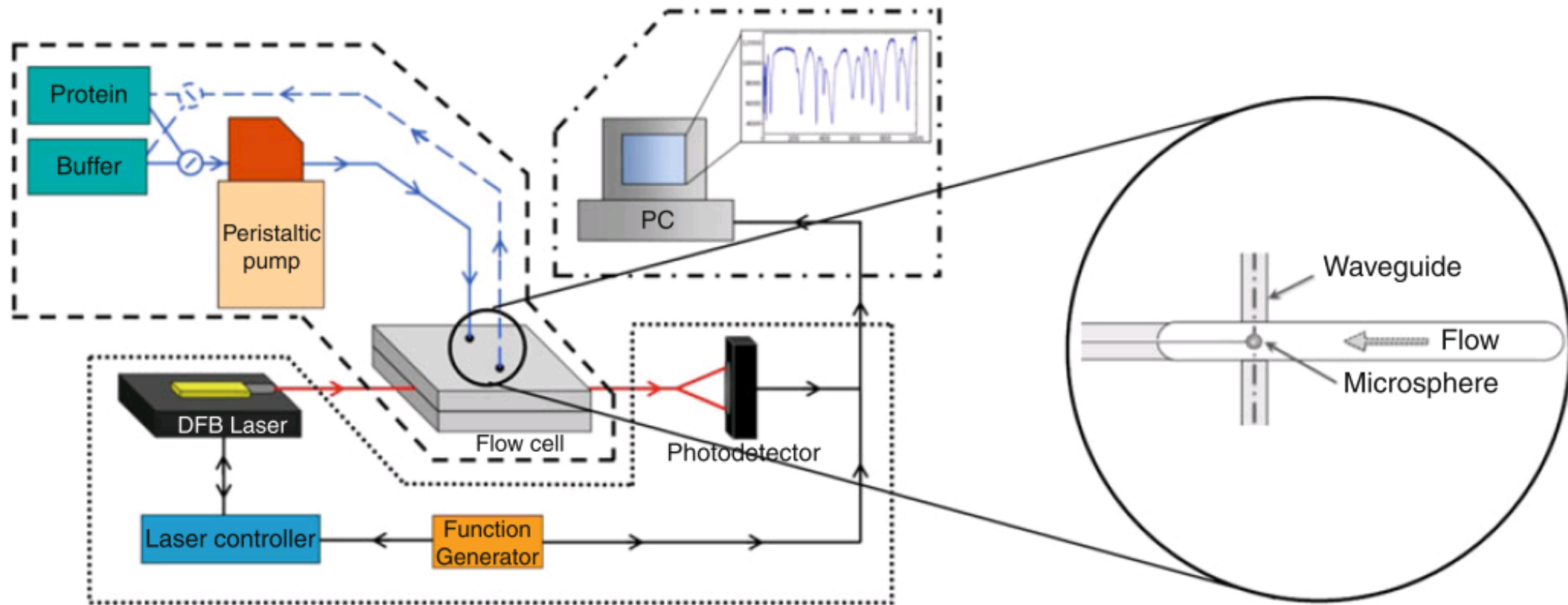
We are planning something similar. R. Viter will be coatings WGMRs with antibodies.



# WGM biosensor experiment

We will repeat during ERDF. R. Viter will deal with biological parts and coatings.

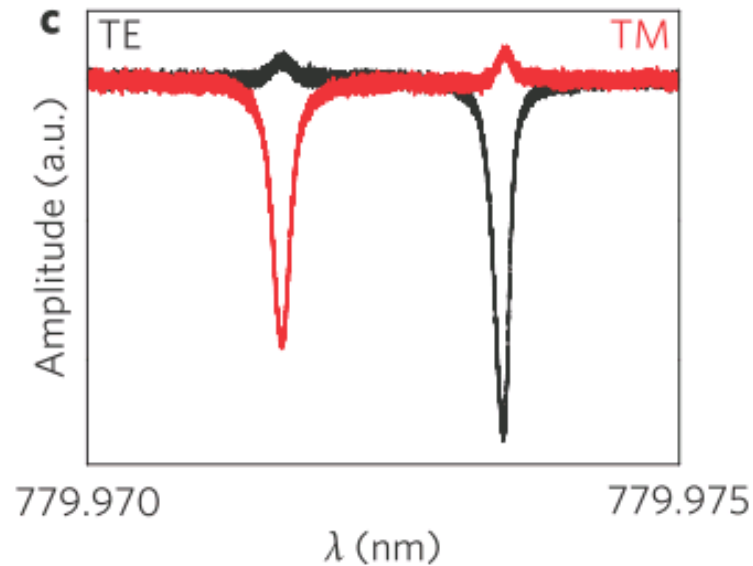
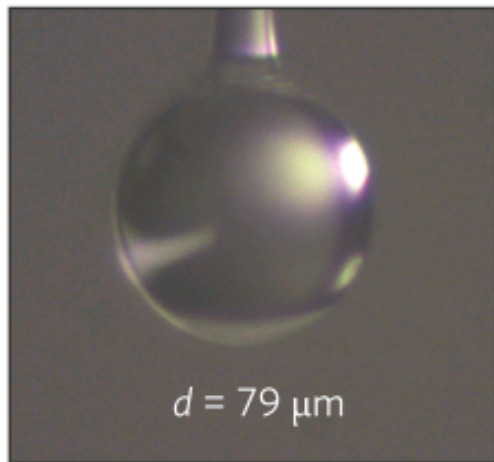
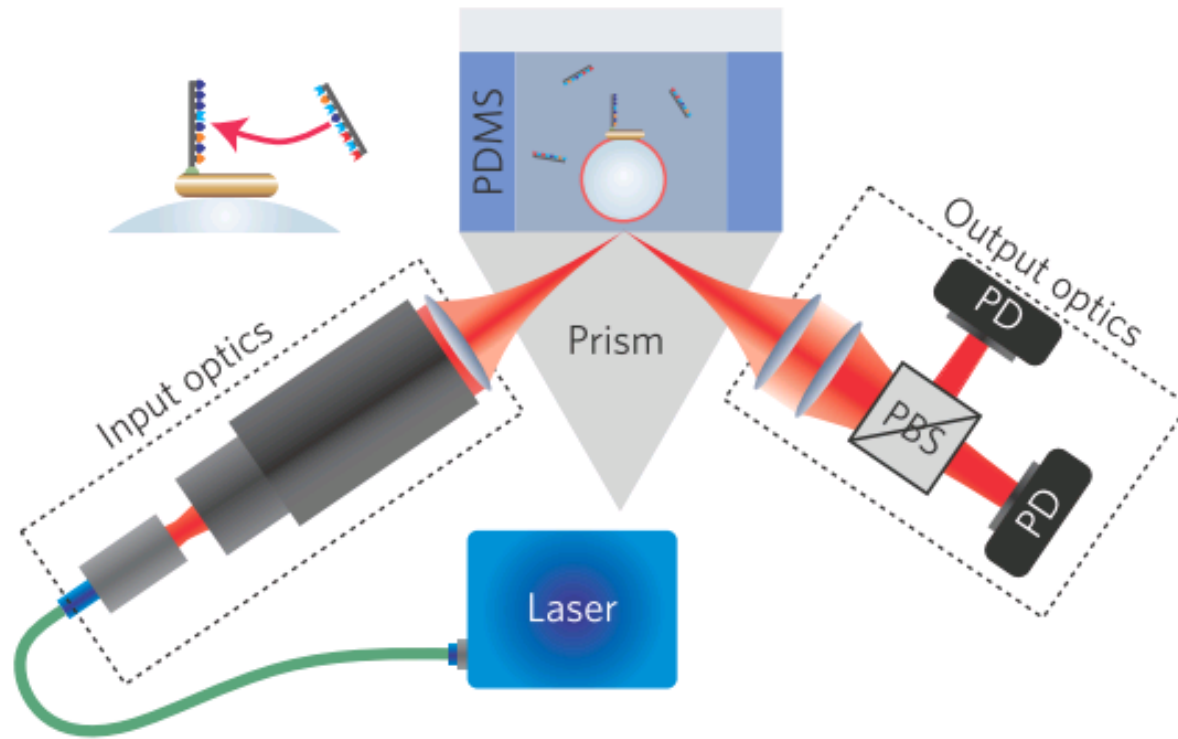
## Whispering Gallery Mode Resonator Biosensors



Book by Frank Vollmer

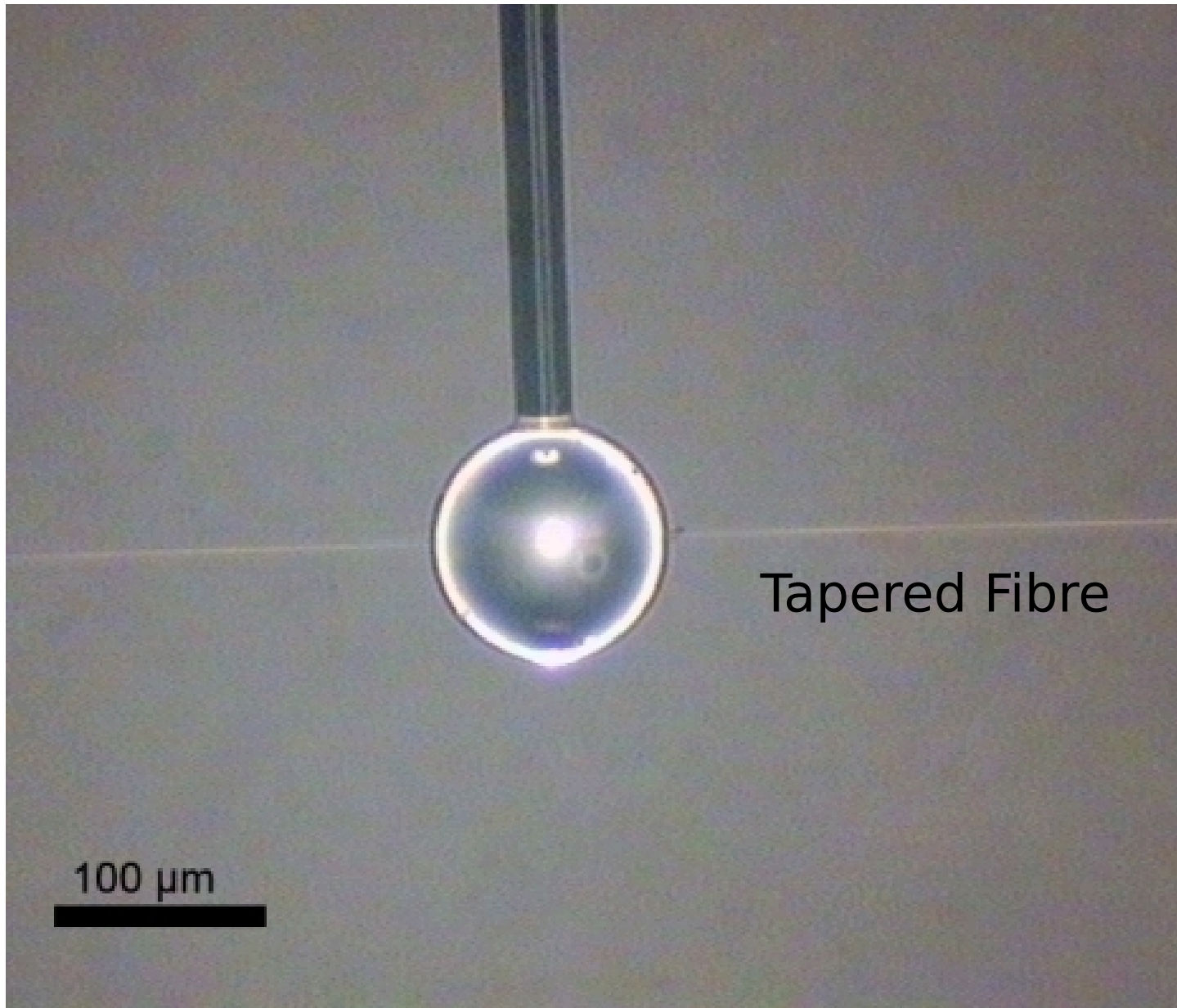
# WGMR biosensors, light coupled using a prism

We will make during ERDF. R. Viter deal with biological parts and coatings.





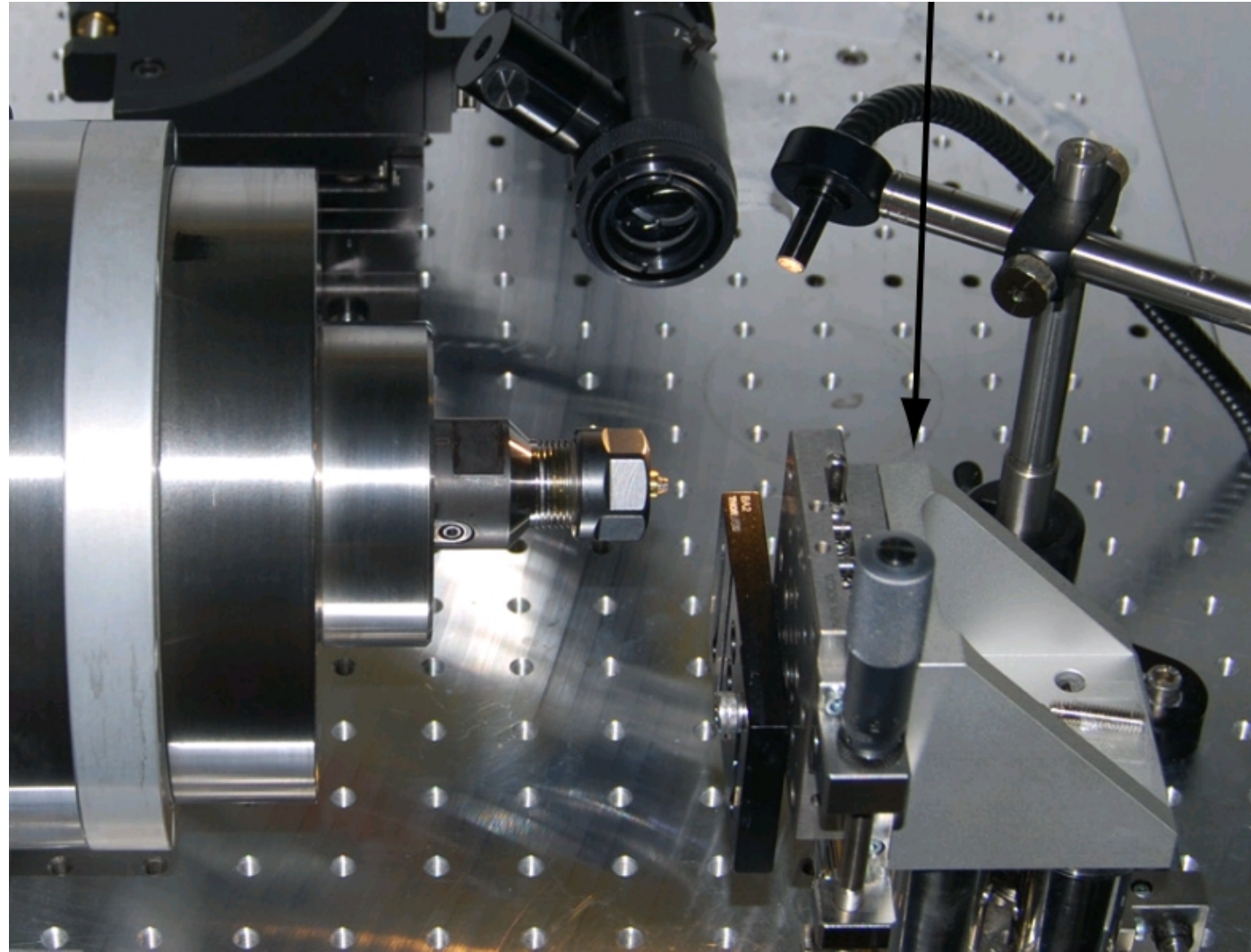
**We will start with a glass or quartz ball melting at the IAPS glass blower workshop. A. Atvars, J. Alnis.**



# Grinding stand for $\text{CaF}_2$ un $\text{MgF}_2$ WGMRs

J.Alnis et al, Phys Rev. A 2011, I.Feschenko et al.Opt. Expr. 2012

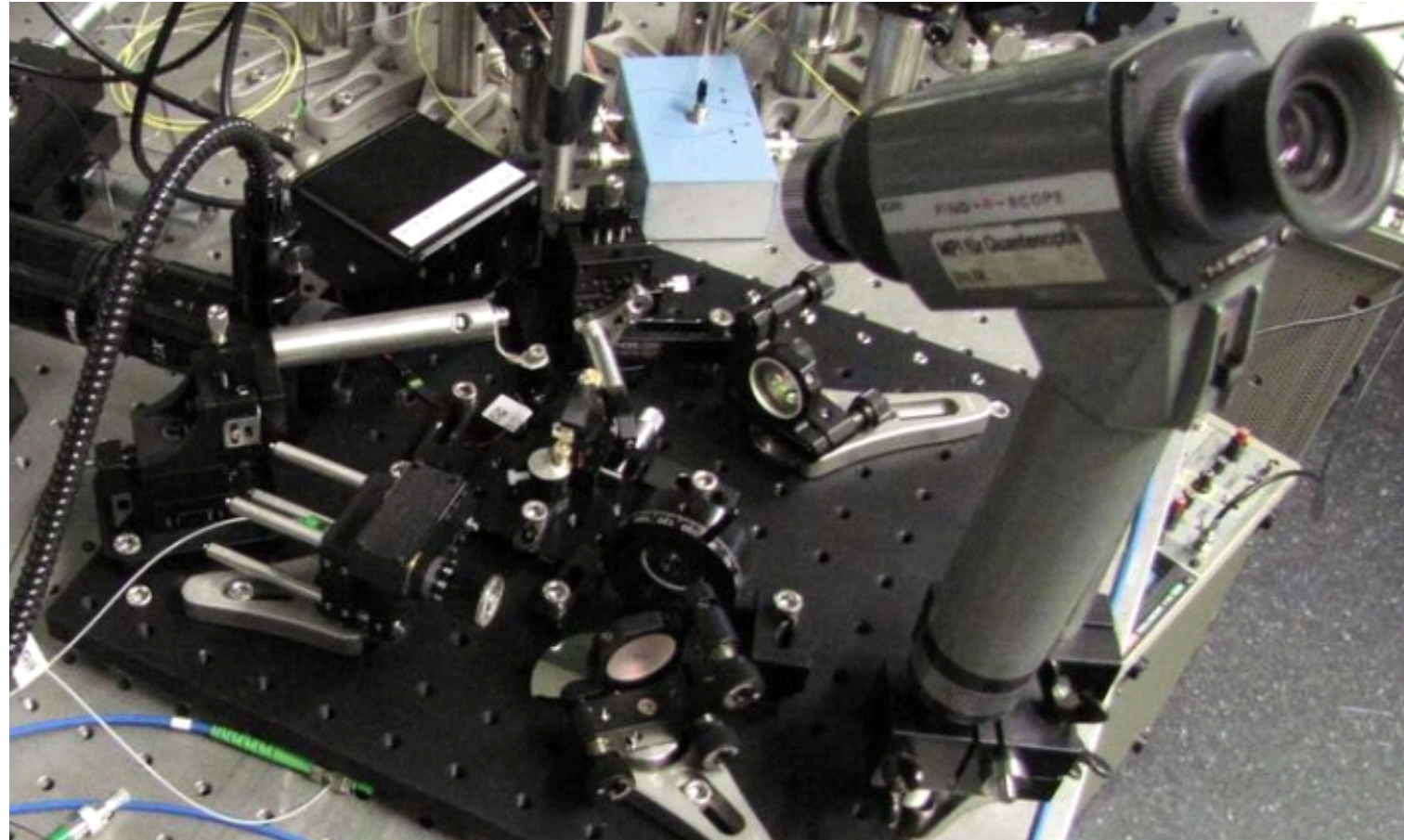
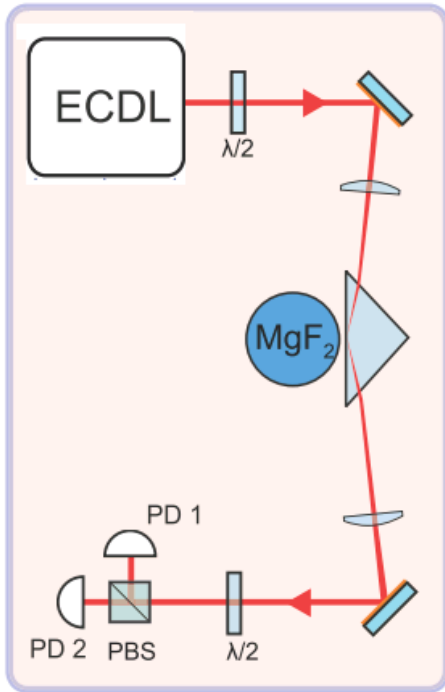
**We will make it in LV during ERAF. J. Alnis, I.Brice.**



# CaF<sub>2</sub> un MgF<sub>2</sub> GWMRs for stabilizing lasers

J.Alnis et al, Phys Rev. A 2011, I.Feschenko et al.Opt. Expr. 2012

**We will make it in LV during ERAF. J. Alnis, I.Brice.**



# WGMR thermal drift prevention by using the Rb atom lines

We will make it in LV during ERAF. J. Alnis, I. Brice.

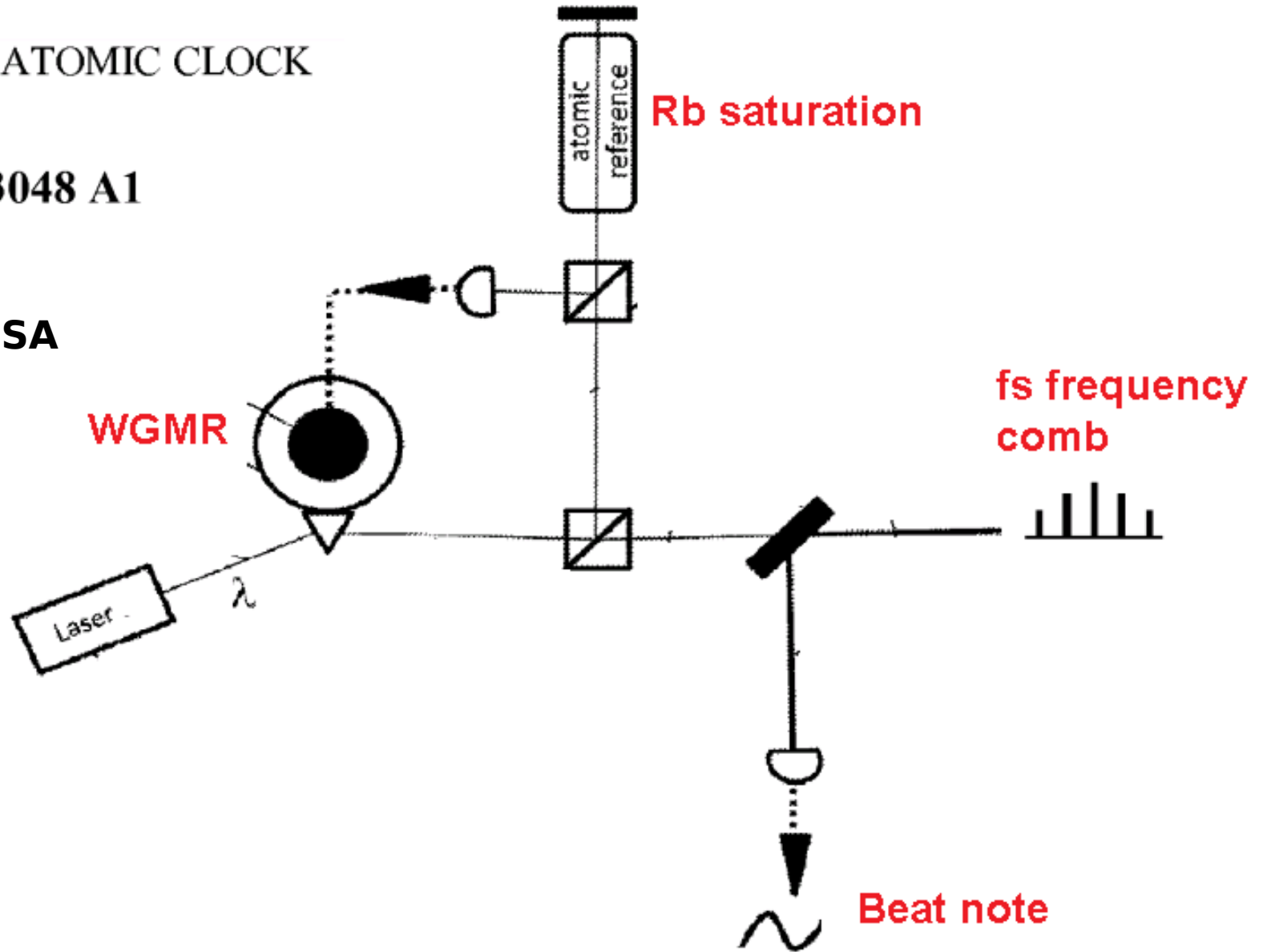
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Patent

WO 2015/143048 A1

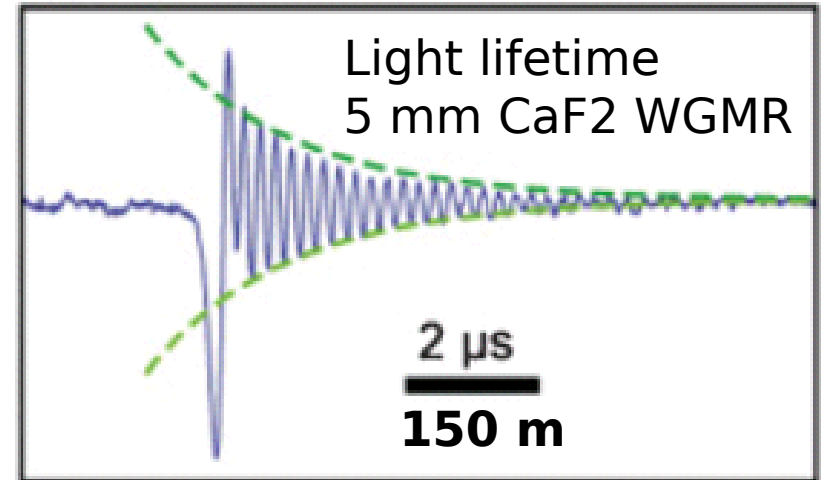
(24.09.2015)

OEwaves inc. USA



## Good and bad qualities of the WGMRs

- + Can be hand-made
- + No mirror coating necessary
- + High Q factors - long ring-down lifet
- + Compact - optics on chip, space app



- Prism coupling - hard to align
- Tapered fiber coupling - brittle
- Surface degrades

**Try lithography grating production on WGM surface for light incoupling?**

# Report at the conference

Open Readings 2017

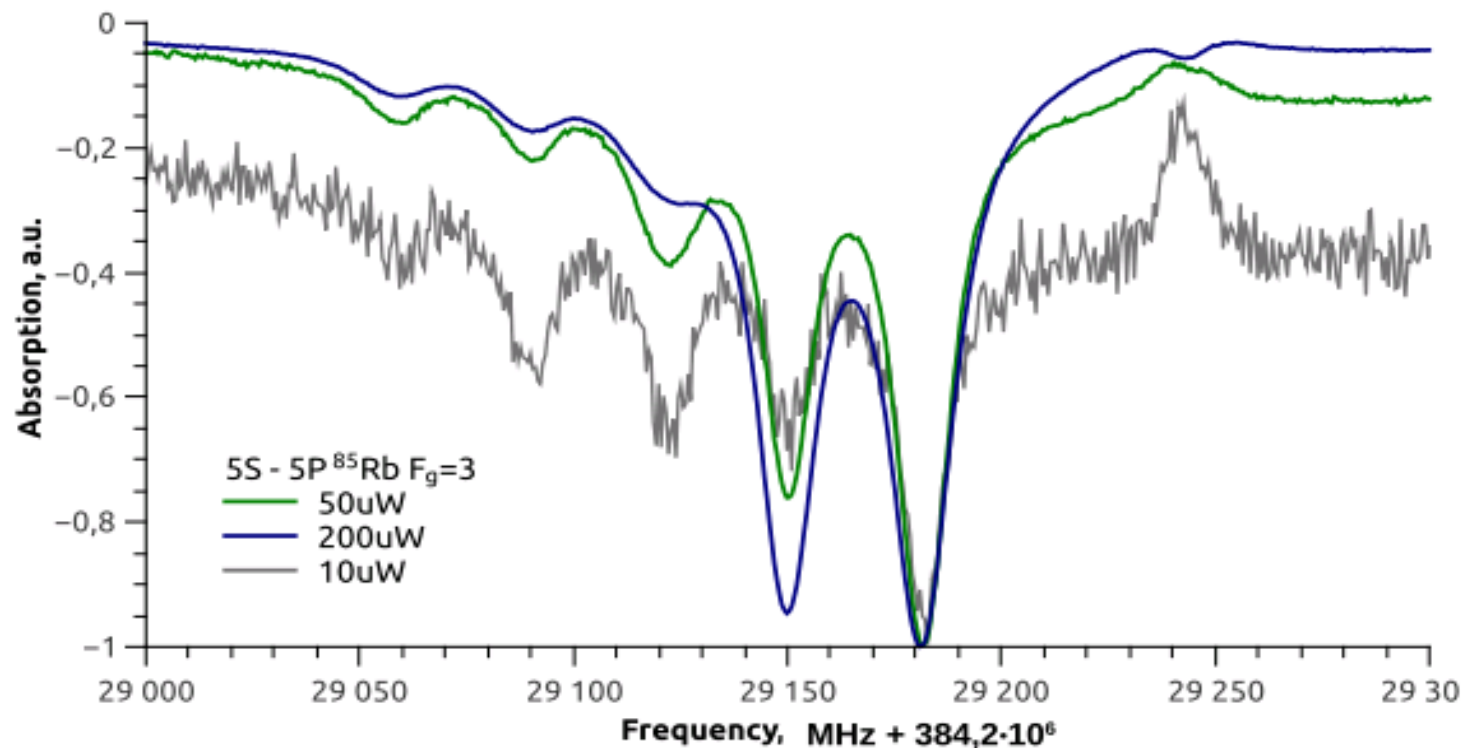


## TOWARDS WGM RESONATOR STABILISED ON RB 5S-5P LINES

Inga Brice, Antons Pribitoks, Janis Alnis

Institute of Atomic Physics and Spectroscopy, University of Latvia, Riga, Latvia  
[inga02@inbox.lv](mailto:inga02@inbox.lv)

*Frequency stability is regarded as absence of frequency drift or maintaining a single fixed frequency as long as*



# Report at the conference

13th International Young Scientist conference

*Developments in Optics and  
Communications 2017*

**Riga, Latvia, April 6 - 7, 2017**

**P03** Andra Pirktina

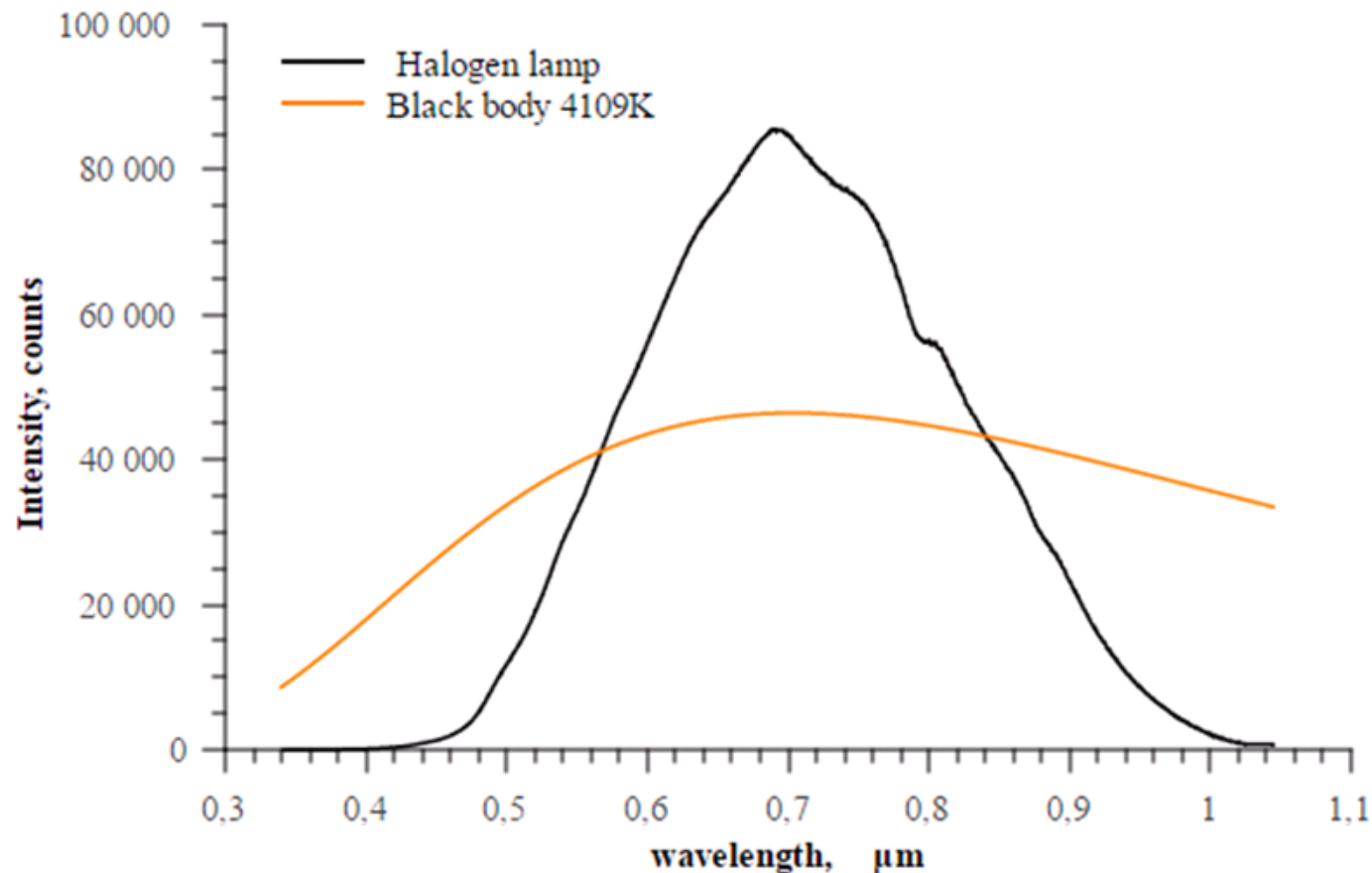
Estimation of optical fiber melting temperature from the Planck's law using a grating spectrometer . . . . .

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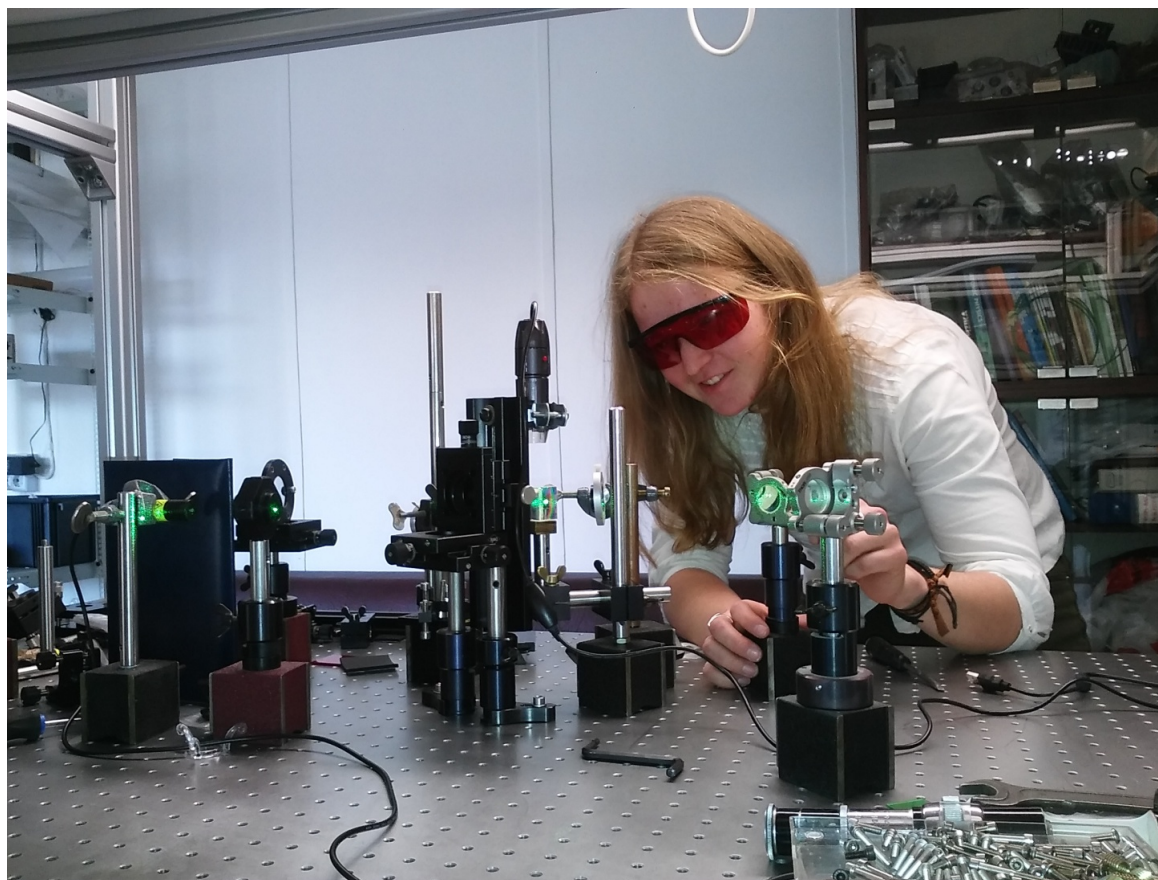
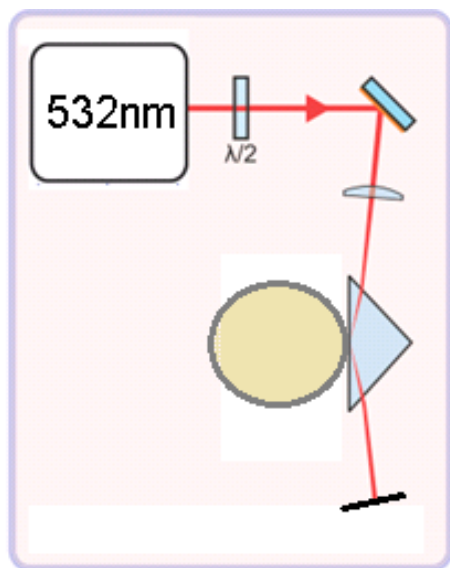
# Fitting the Planck formula

$$I(\lambda, T) = \frac{2\pi hc^2}{hc} \frac{1}{\lambda^5 (e^{\frac{\lambda k_B T}{hc}} - 1)}$$



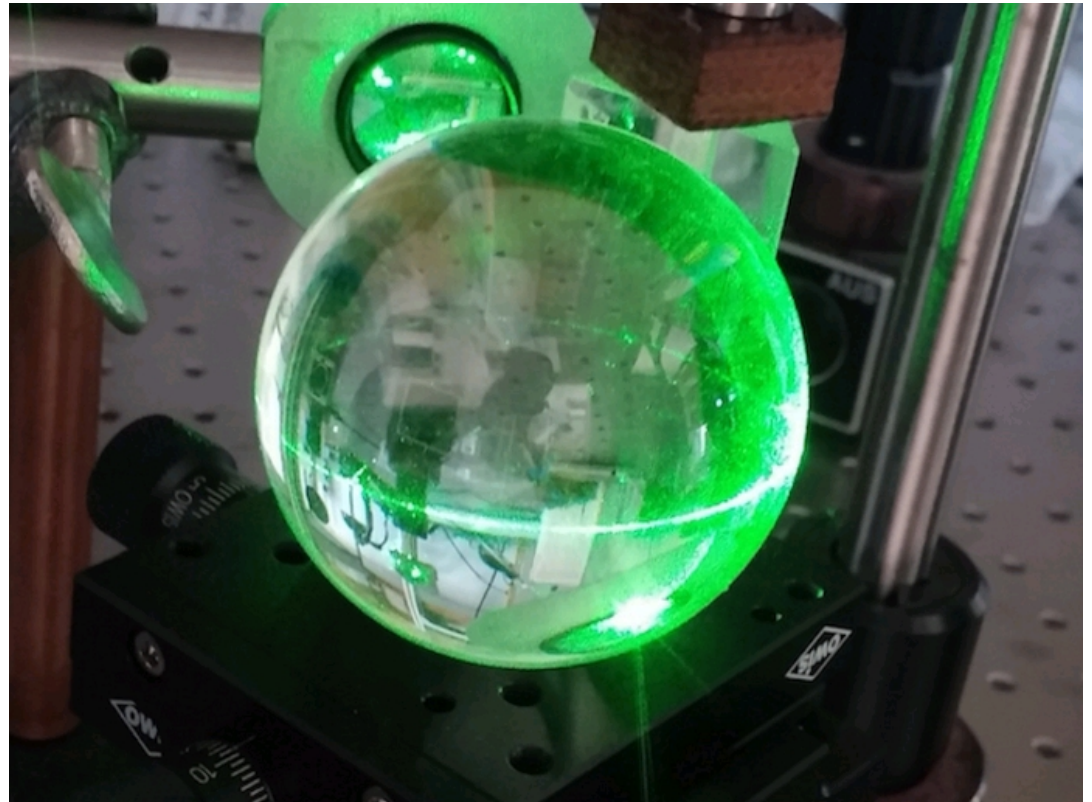


# Prototype equipment assembly and adjustment for coupling the green laser light inside the WGMR.



# Whispering gallery modes inside a large spherical resonator, $d \approx 6 \text{ cm}$

- If the light is coupled without a prism, points of total internal reflection can be observed.
- We made sure that we can couple the light through the prism surface. Red fluorescence was observed after smearing the surface with colored marker. Important fact, the light passes through the surface instead of inside the volume.
- Recorded a Youtube video  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j7MxQRNx8-U>

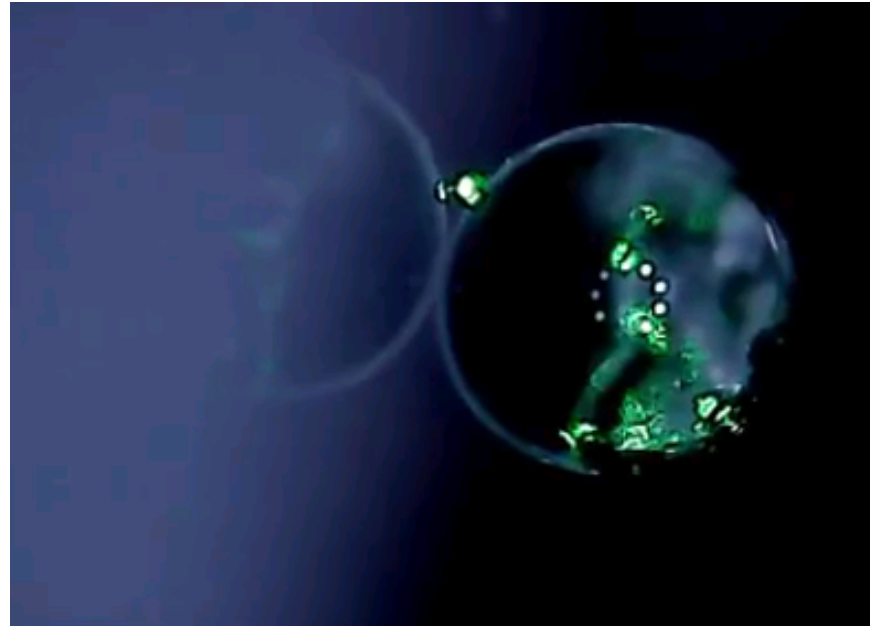
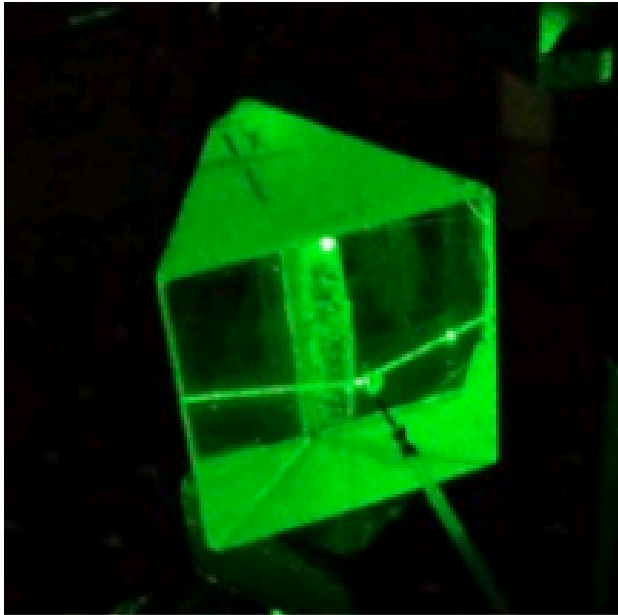


## Whispering gallery modes inside a small spherical resonator, $d \approx 1$ mm

After using the big sphere we switched to coupling the light in a small Sphere that was made by melting an end of an optical fiber.

This resonator was observed using and USB microscope and computer. A video was recorded. Green laser light from laser and a glare of the Resonator can be seen.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EEZHJD82Z2M>



We studied a variety of optical microscope resolution and working distances:

USB microscope,  
medical microscope,  
jewelers microscope  
electronics microscope.

The challenge to overcome is that the microscope lens could not be close to the sample. We need at least 1 cm gap, because we want to look under the microscope while manufacturing the resonator and through the window of an vacuum camera.

The conclusion: a calibration object is necessary with 10 ... 1 micron structures.

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Report for the first three months

3. Theory and Modelling

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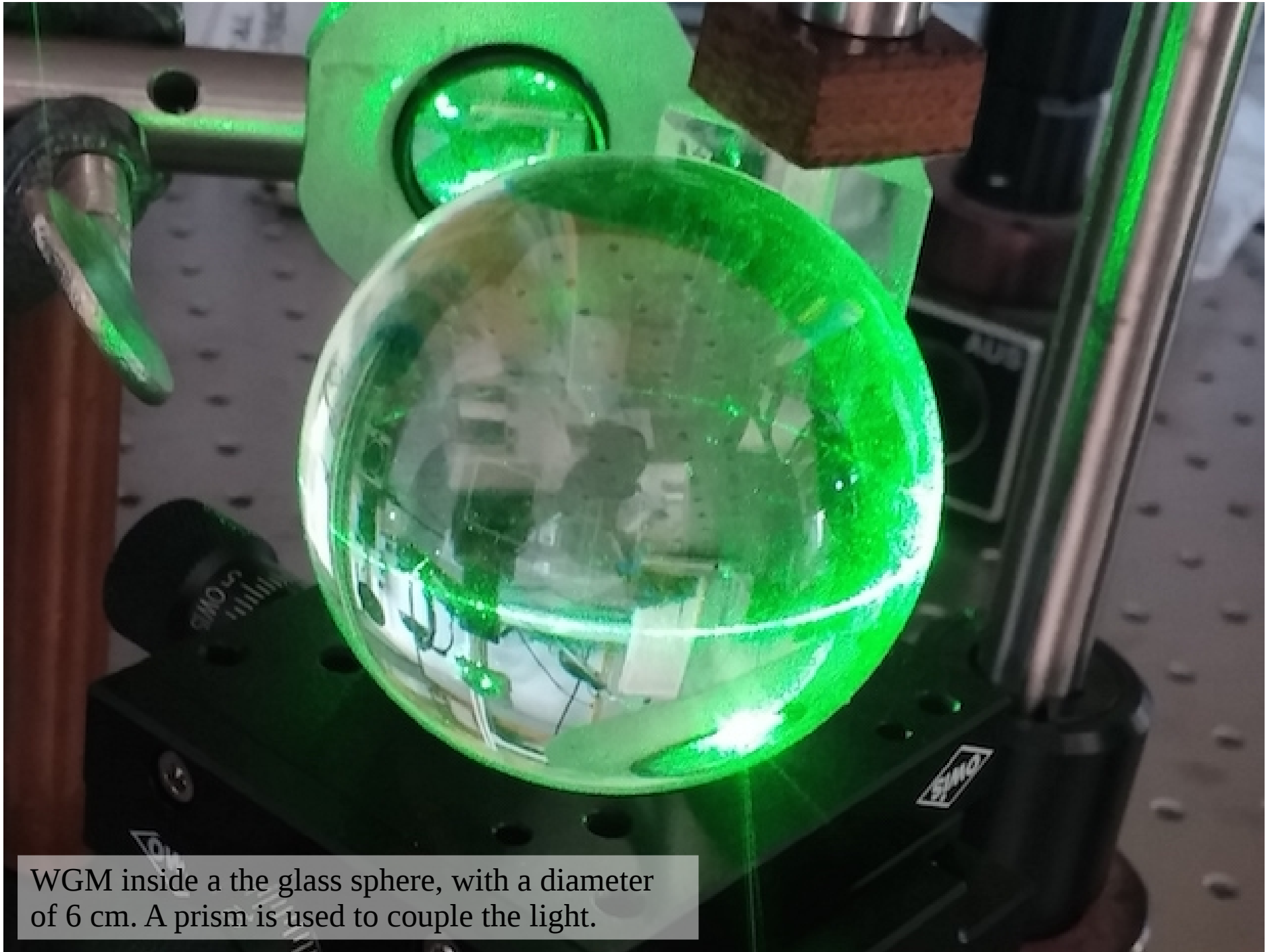


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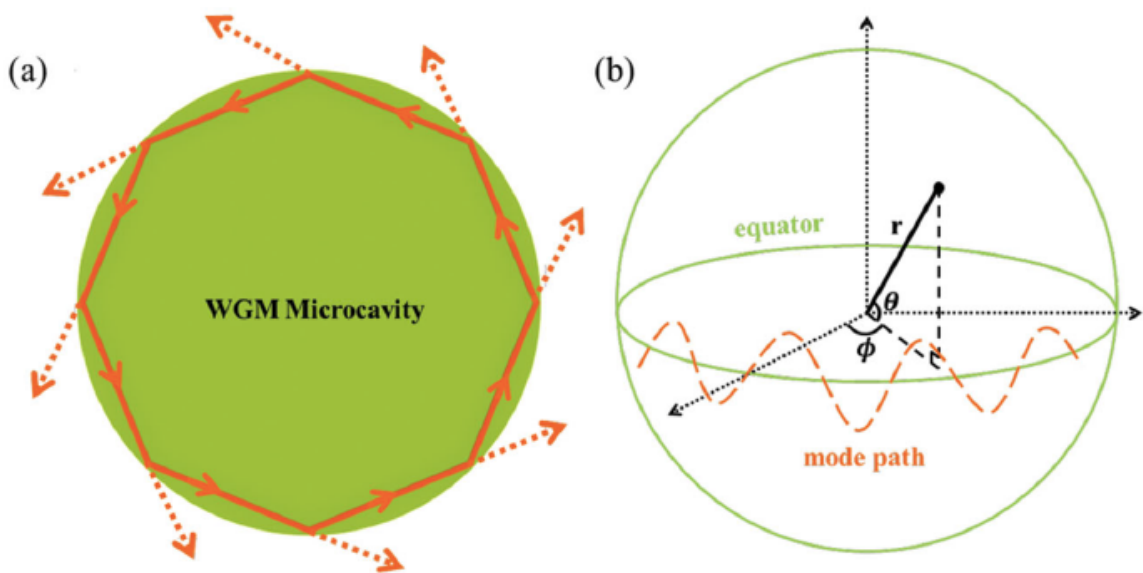
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WGM inside a the glass sphere, with a diameter of 6 cm. A prism is used to couple the light.



$$2\pi r n = \lambda N$$

$$2\pi r n = (\lambda + \Delta\lambda)(N + 1)$$

$$\Delta\lambda \approx -\frac{\lambda^2}{2\pi r n}$$

$$\Delta\nu = \frac{c}{2\pi r n}$$

$$\lambda_{TE} \approx \frac{2\pi R n_1}{m + 1.856m^{\frac{1}{3}} + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{n_1}{\sqrt{n_1^2 - 1}}\right)}$$

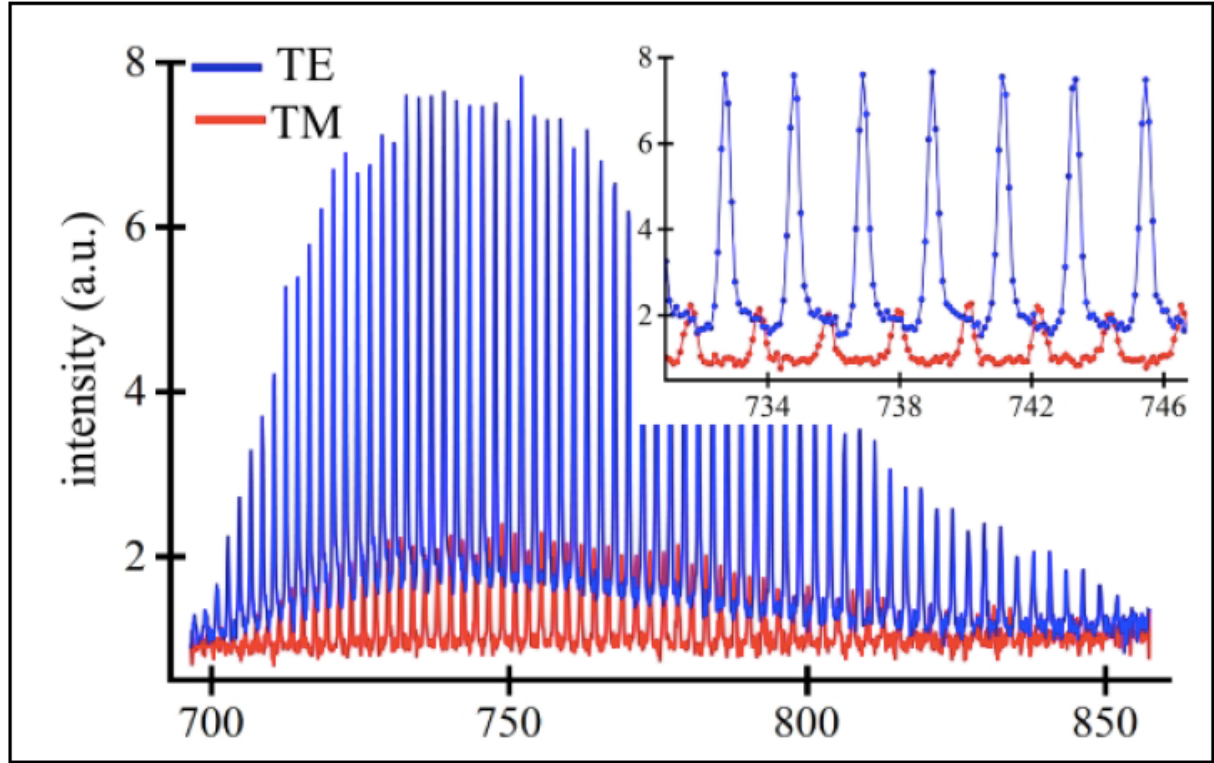
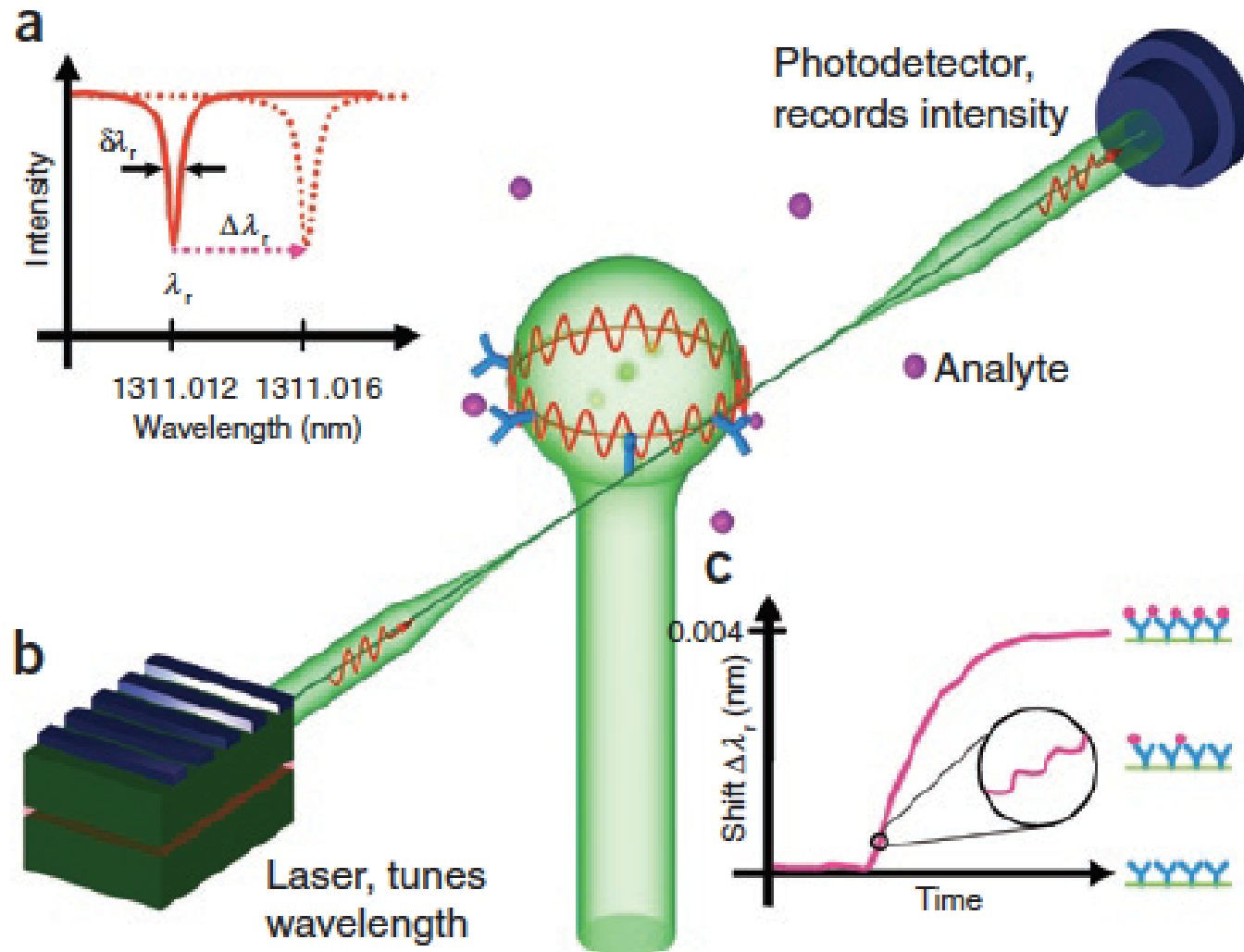
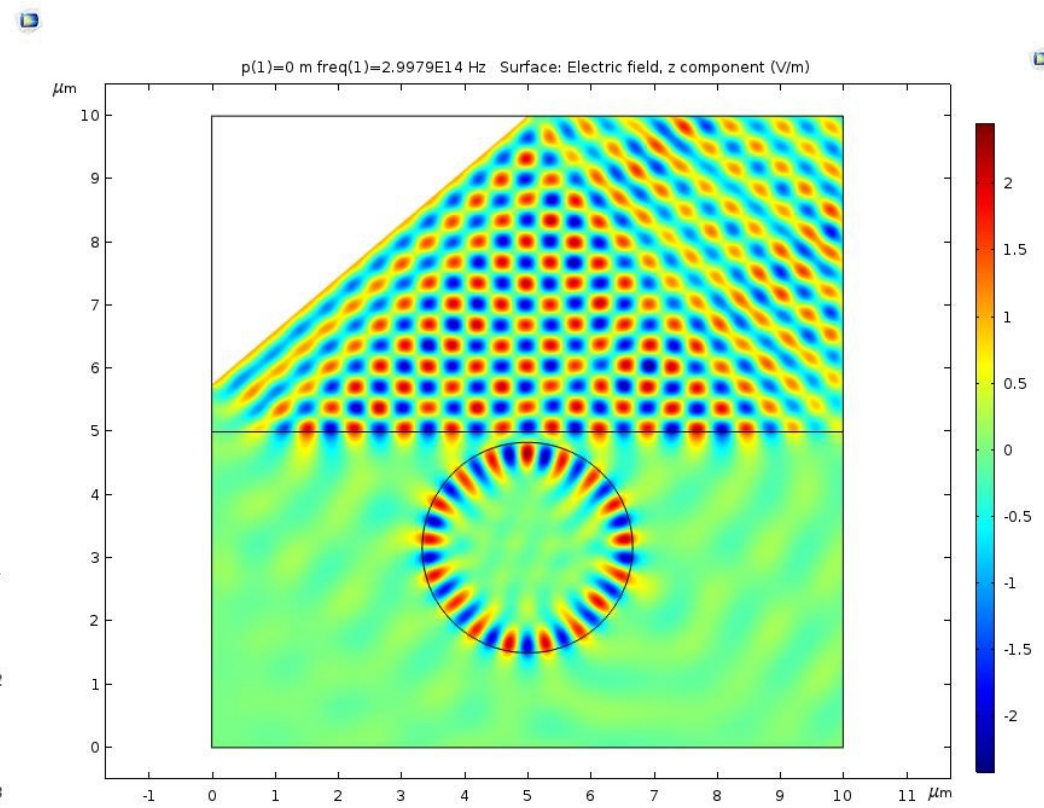
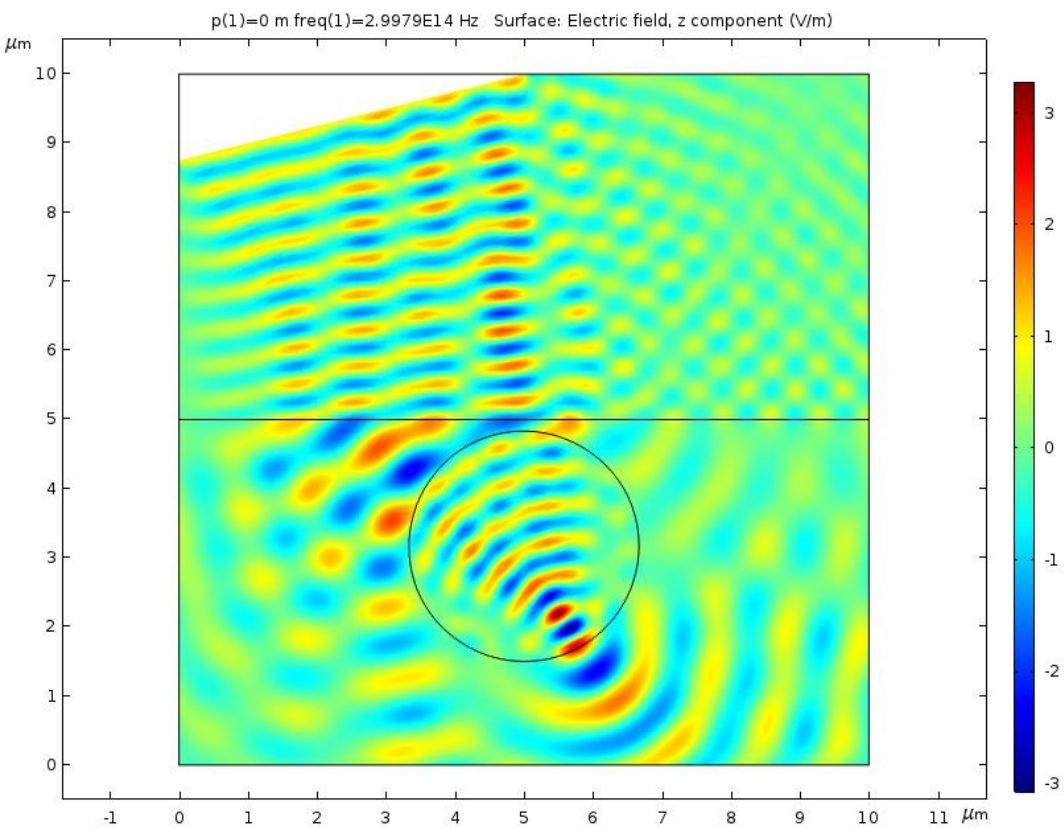


Figure 1.2: Spectra of Whisperring gallery mode sphere <https://sites.ualberta.ca/~ameldrum/science/science4a.html>

# Whispering gallery mode microresonator

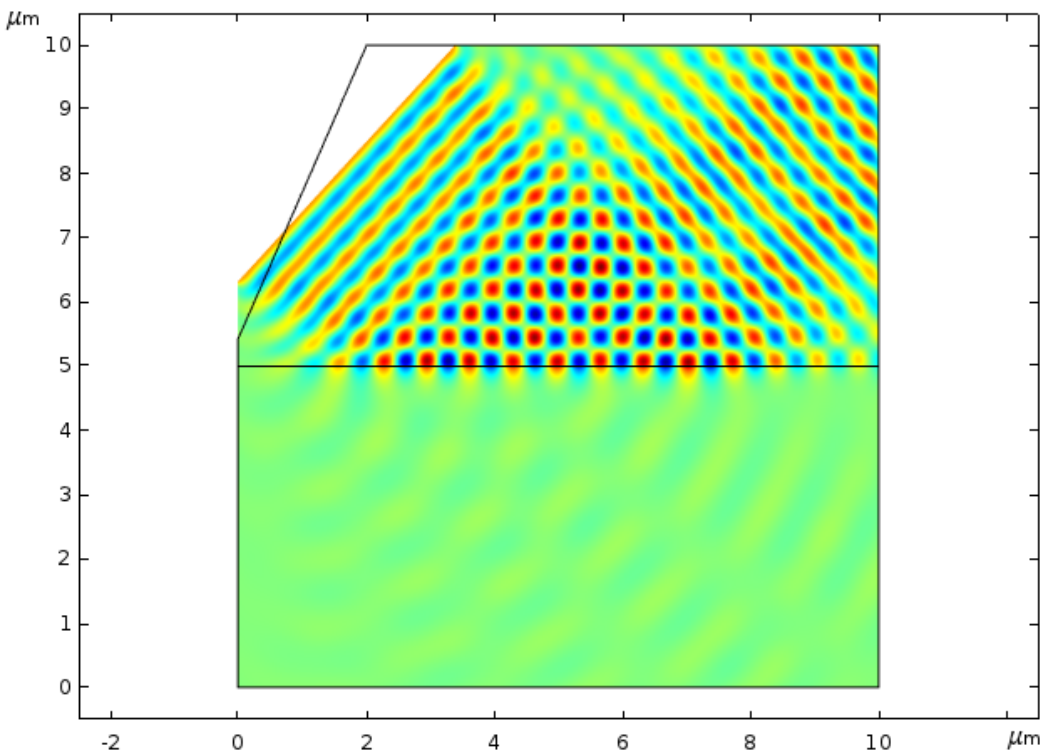




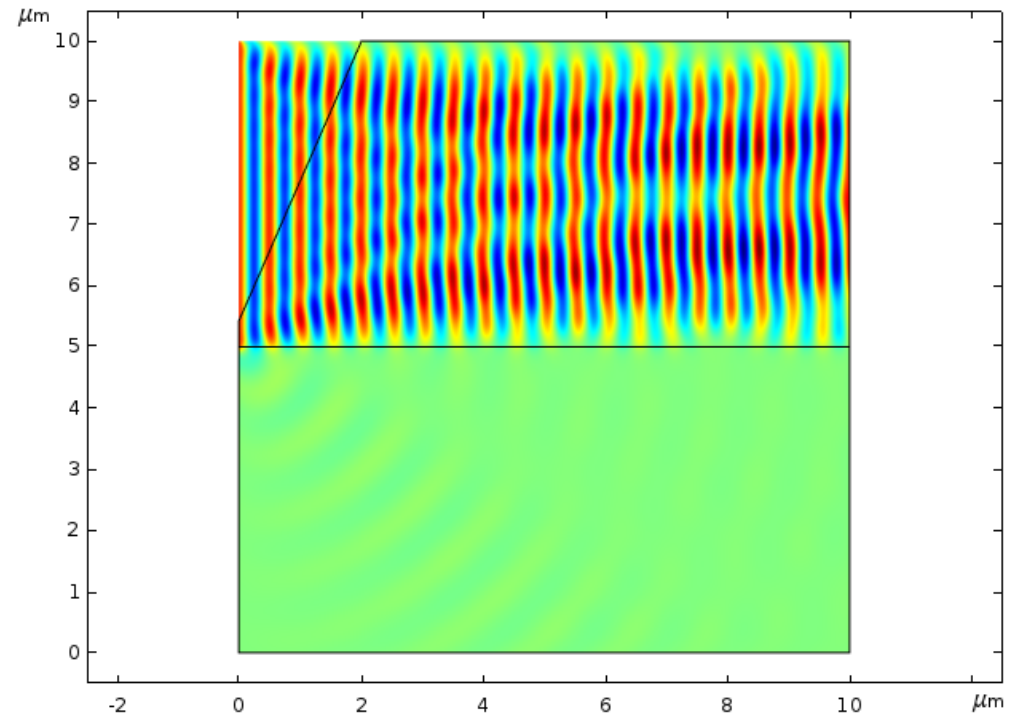


Light coupled to the micro resonator using a prism. Images obtained with COMSOL Multiphysics program.

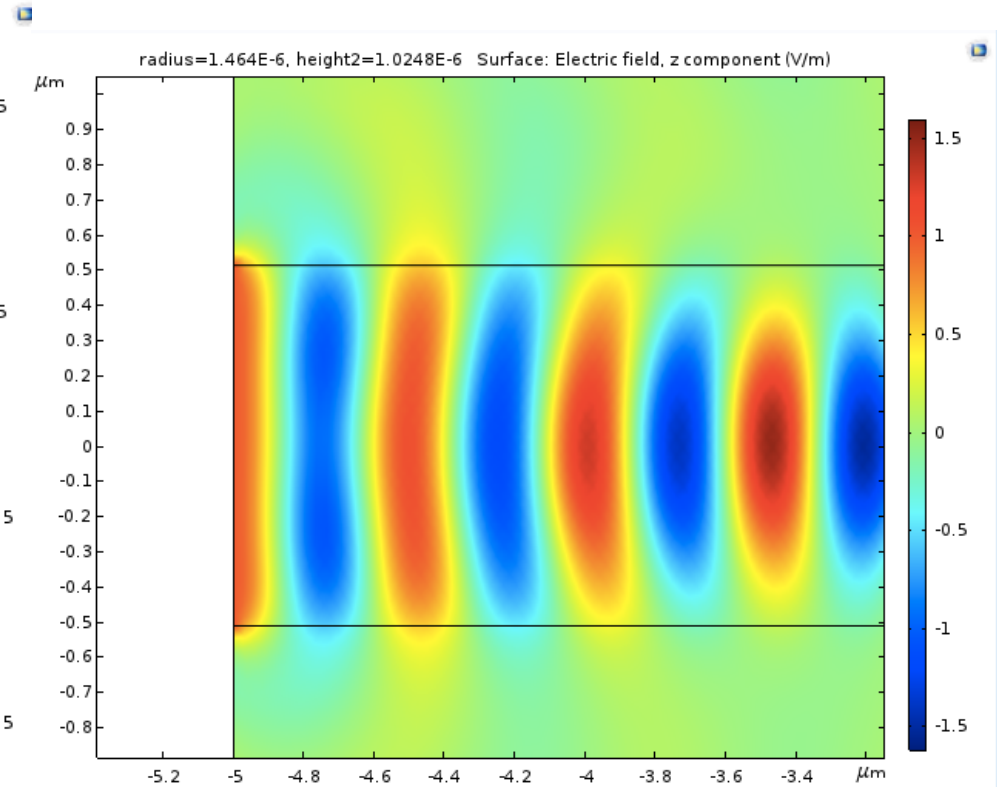
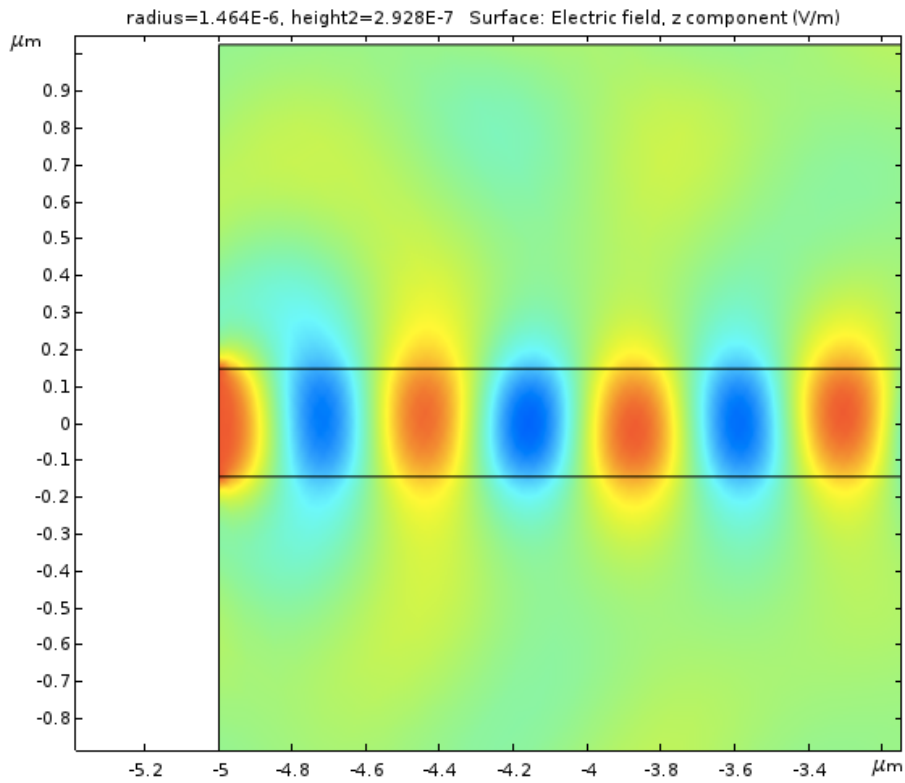
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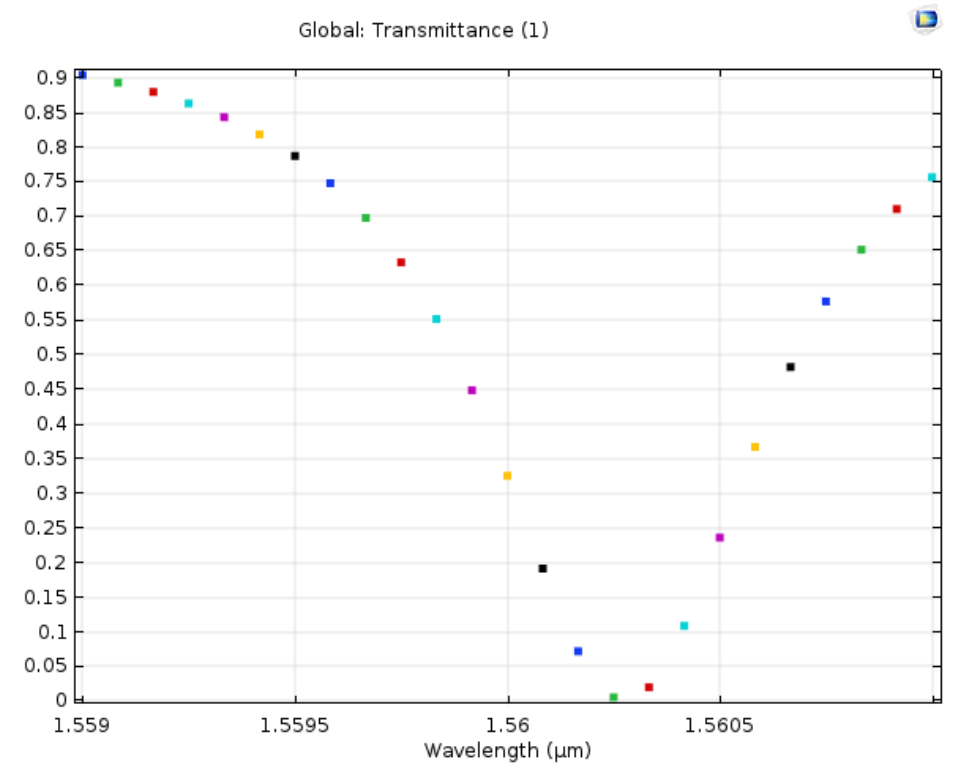
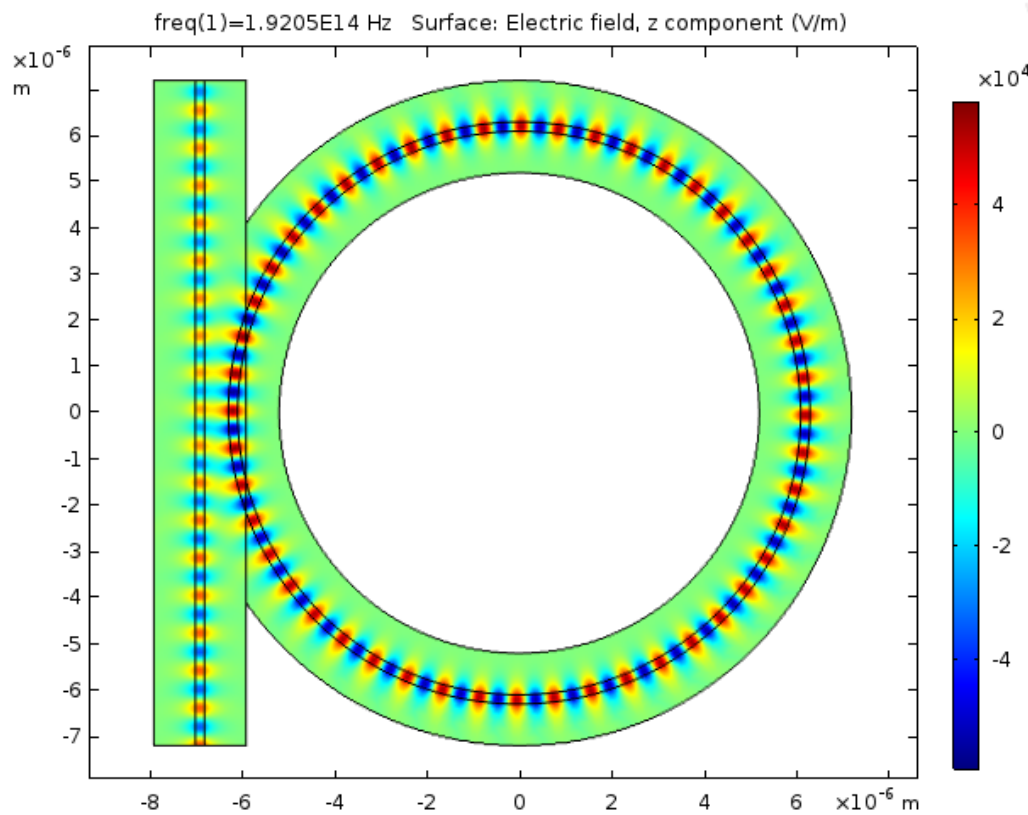
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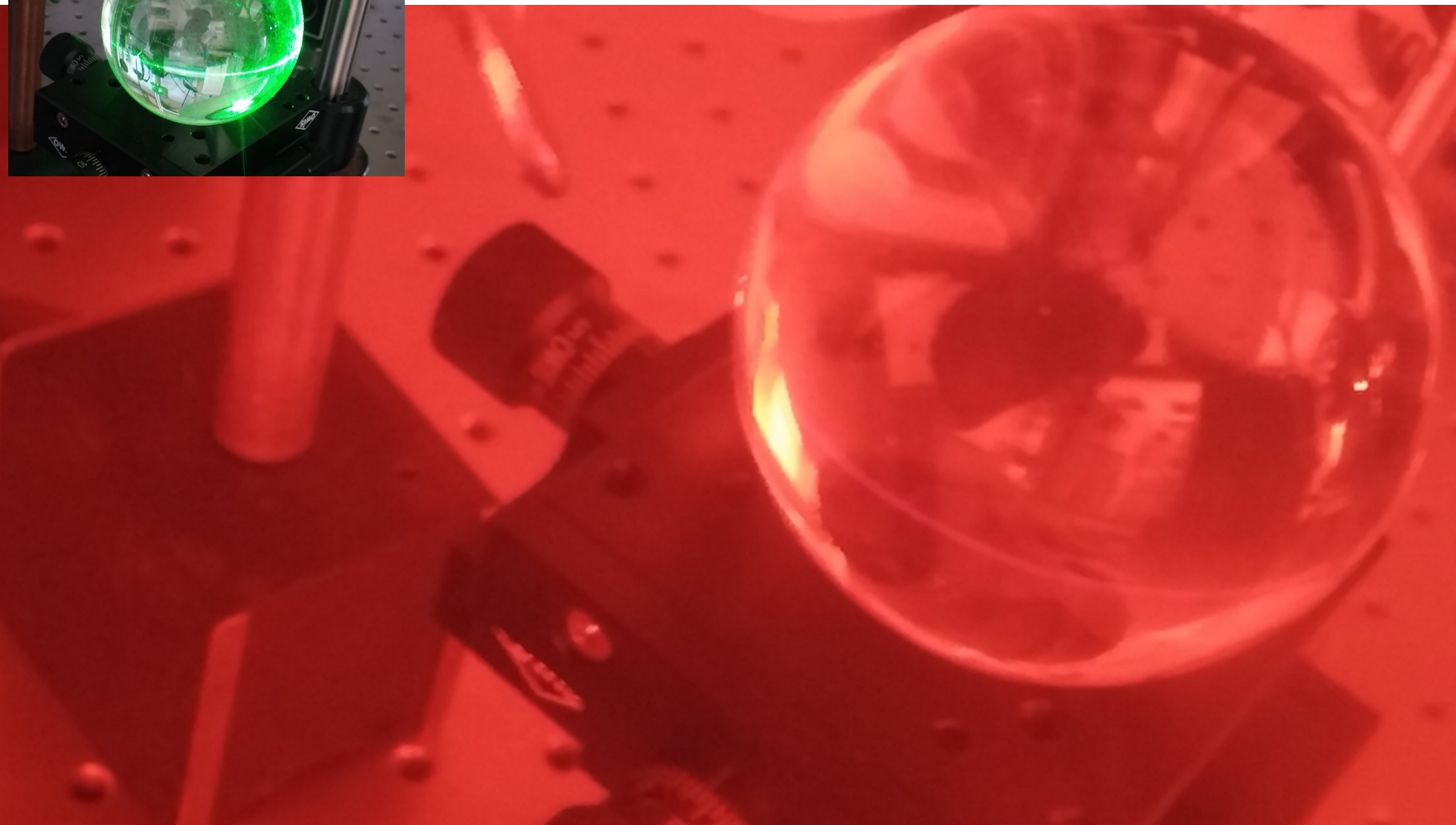
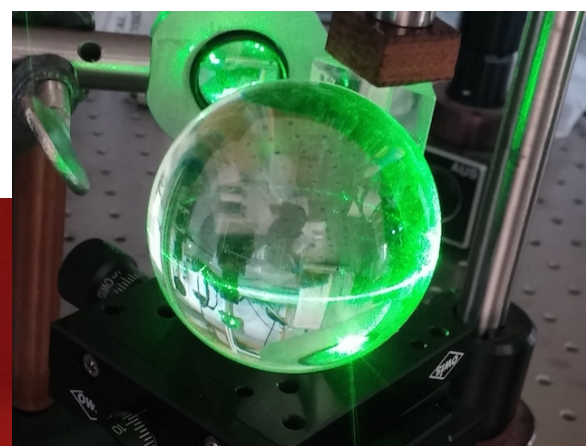
Light propagation. Images obtained with COMSOL Multiphysics program.



Light propagation inside an optical fiber with different diameters. Images obtained with COMSOL Multiphysics program.



Condition of resonance. Images obtained with COMSOL Multiphysics program.



# Development of novel WGM microresonators for optical frequency standards and biosensors, and their characterization with a femtosecond optical frequency comb

## 4. Development of biosensors

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# WP3

- -Literature analysis
- -Development of resonators on optical fibers
- -Development of nanomaterials as optical transducers and their transfer on WGM resonators
- -Functionalization of the biosensor surface
- -Biosensor testing

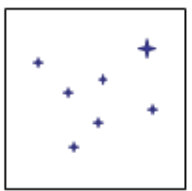
# Chemical growth of ZnO nanorods on WGM resonator, based on optical fiber

## Hydrothermal Synthesis of ZnO

Step 1: Plasma cleaning of FTO glass

- Deionised water-isopropanol

Zinc acetate+Isopropy



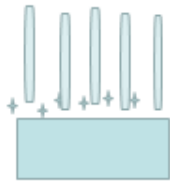
Precursors solution

Spin coating



FTO

Anneal at 350°C-2hrs

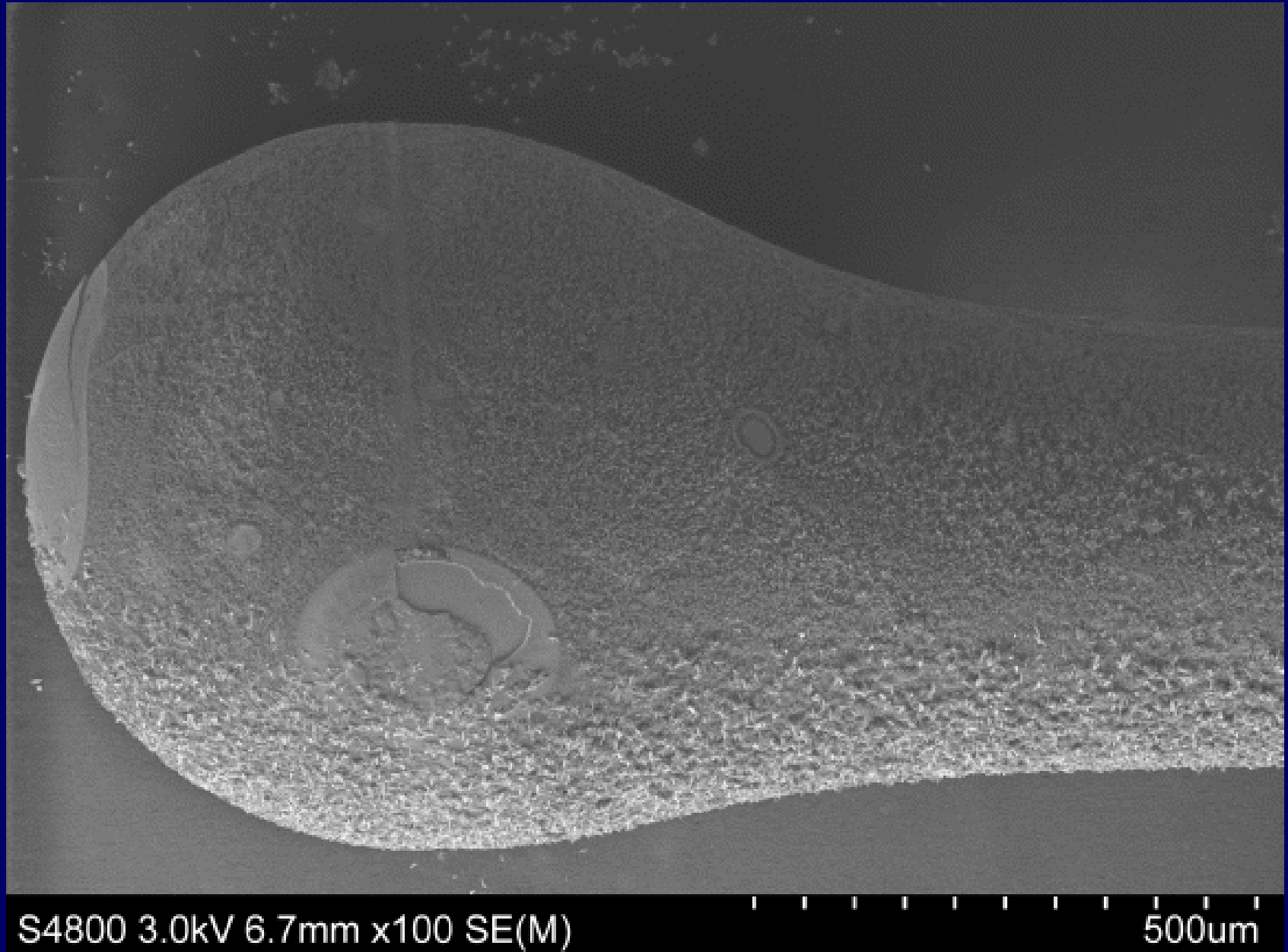


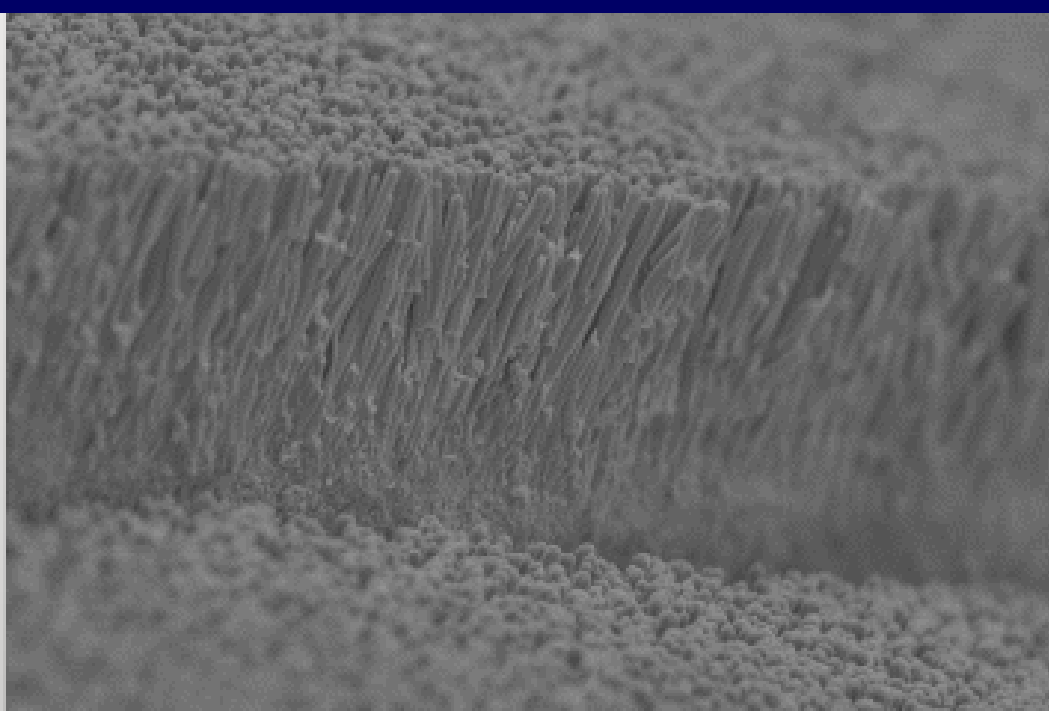
Hydrothermal growth

HMTA+ZnNO<sub>3</sub> 95°C-4hrs



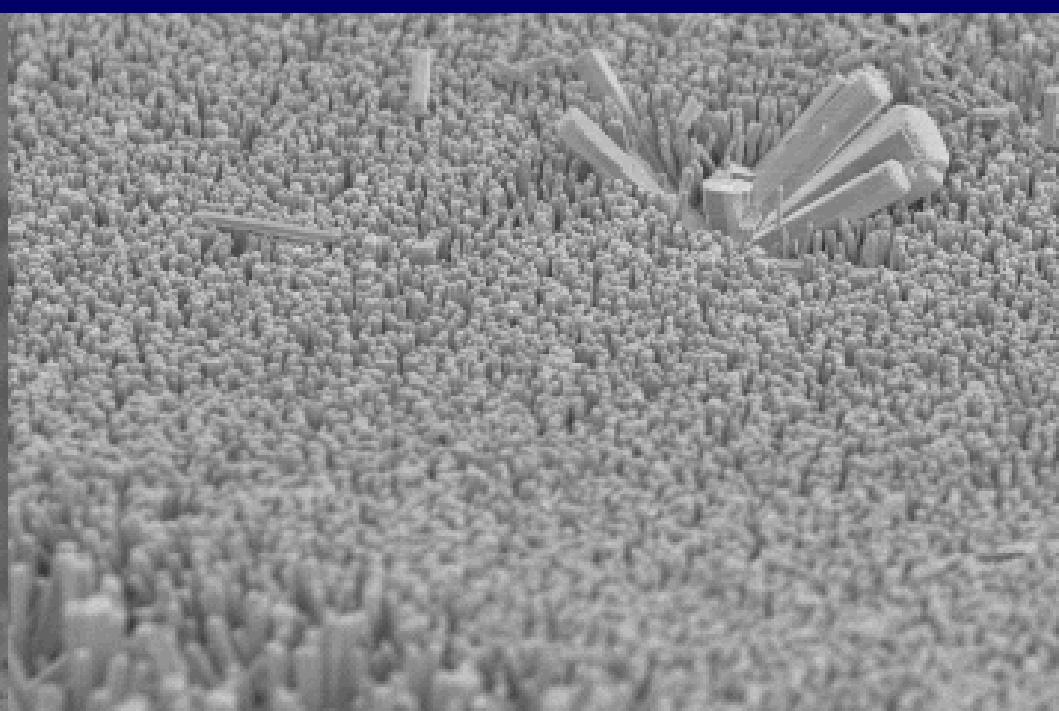
# SEM of ZnO NRs on WGM resonator





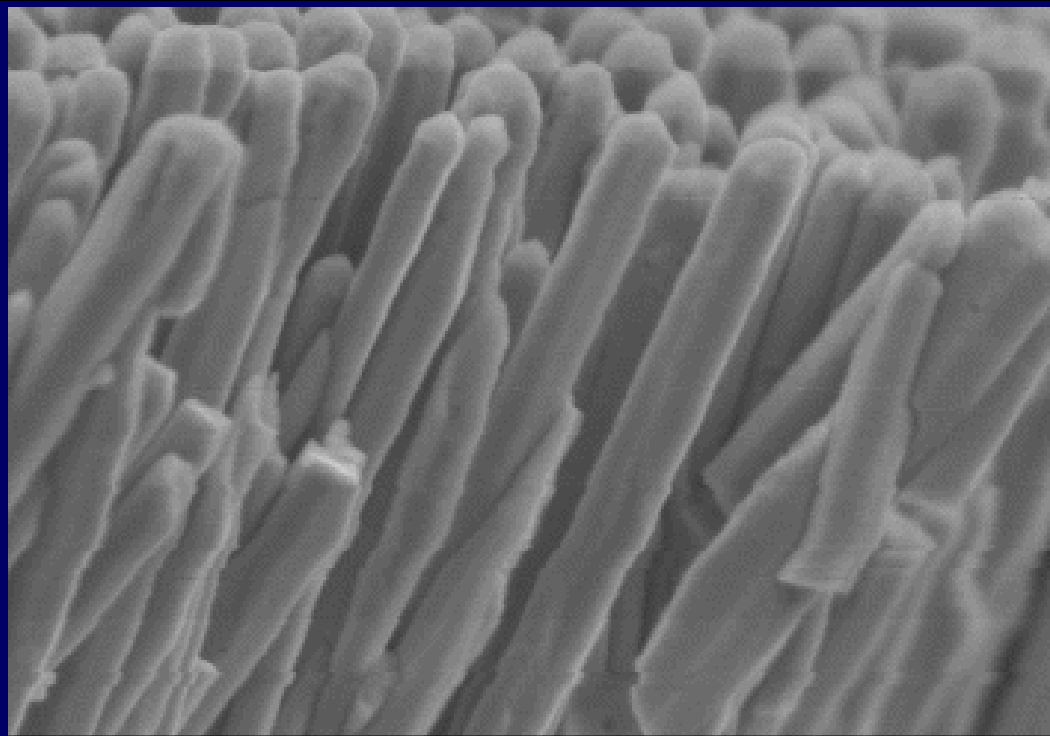
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5.00um



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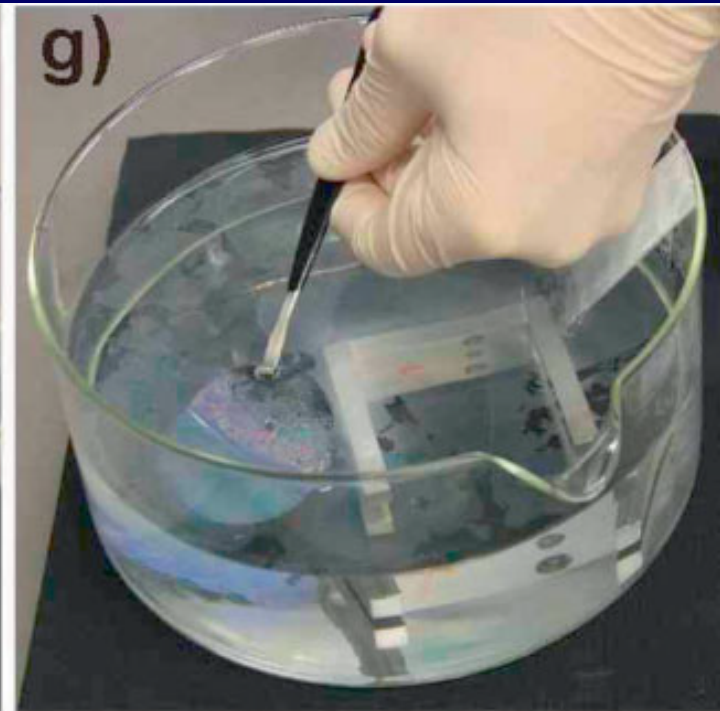
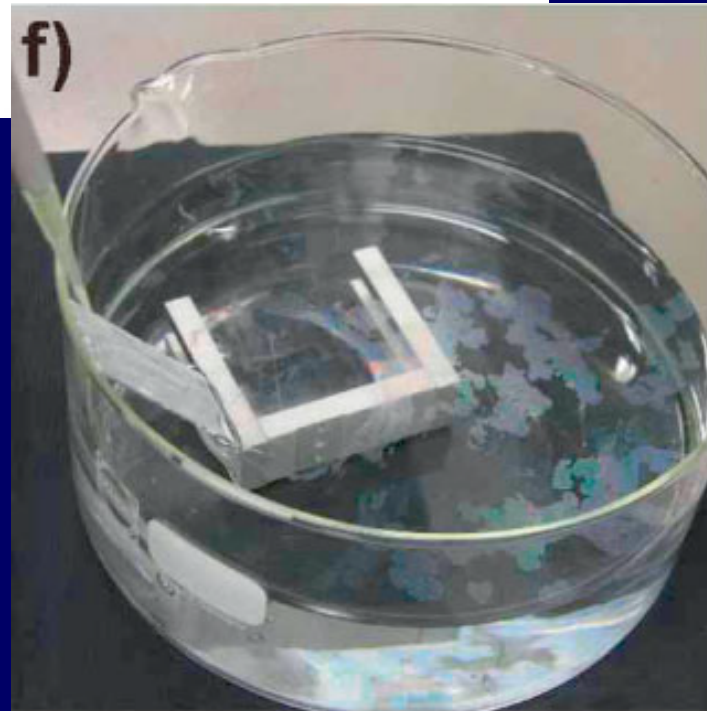
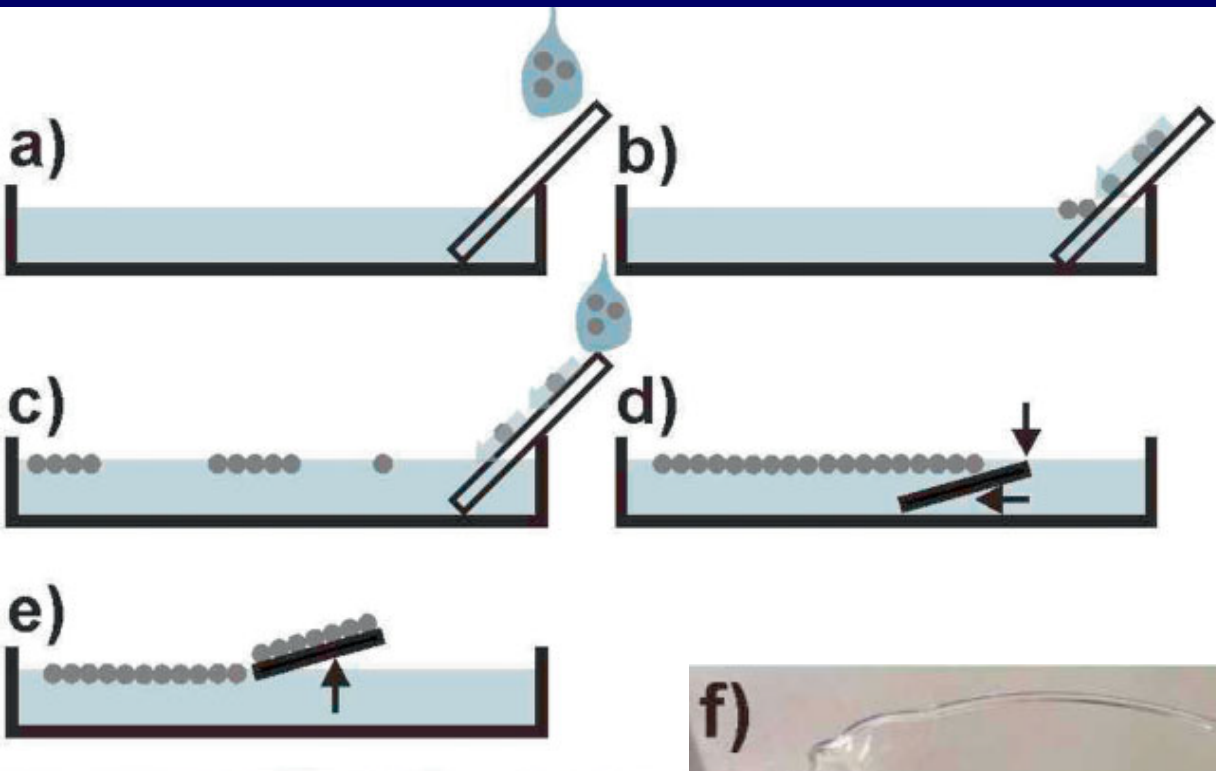
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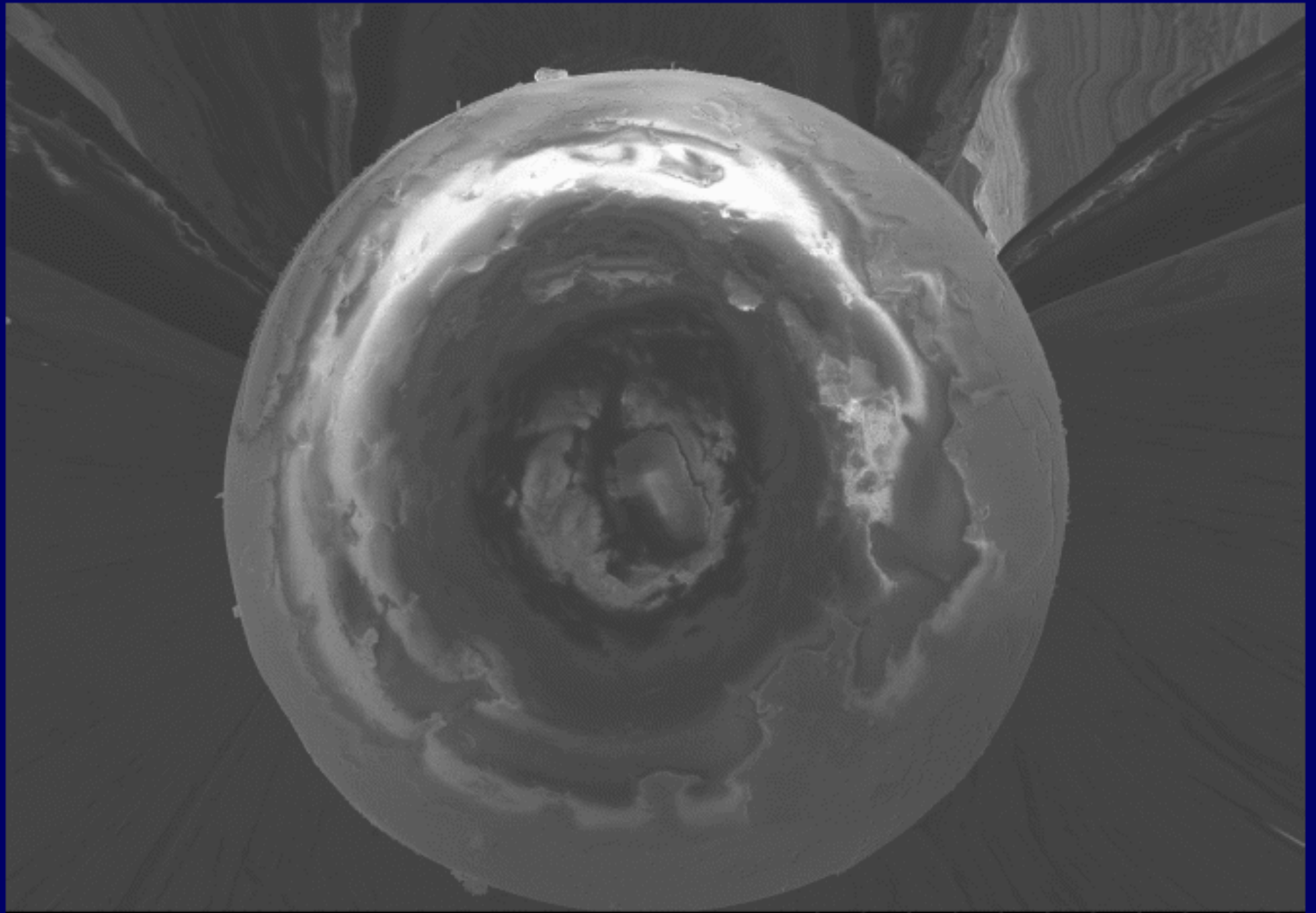


S4800 3.0kV 8.3mm x50.0k SE(M)

1.00um

# Nanospheres lithography

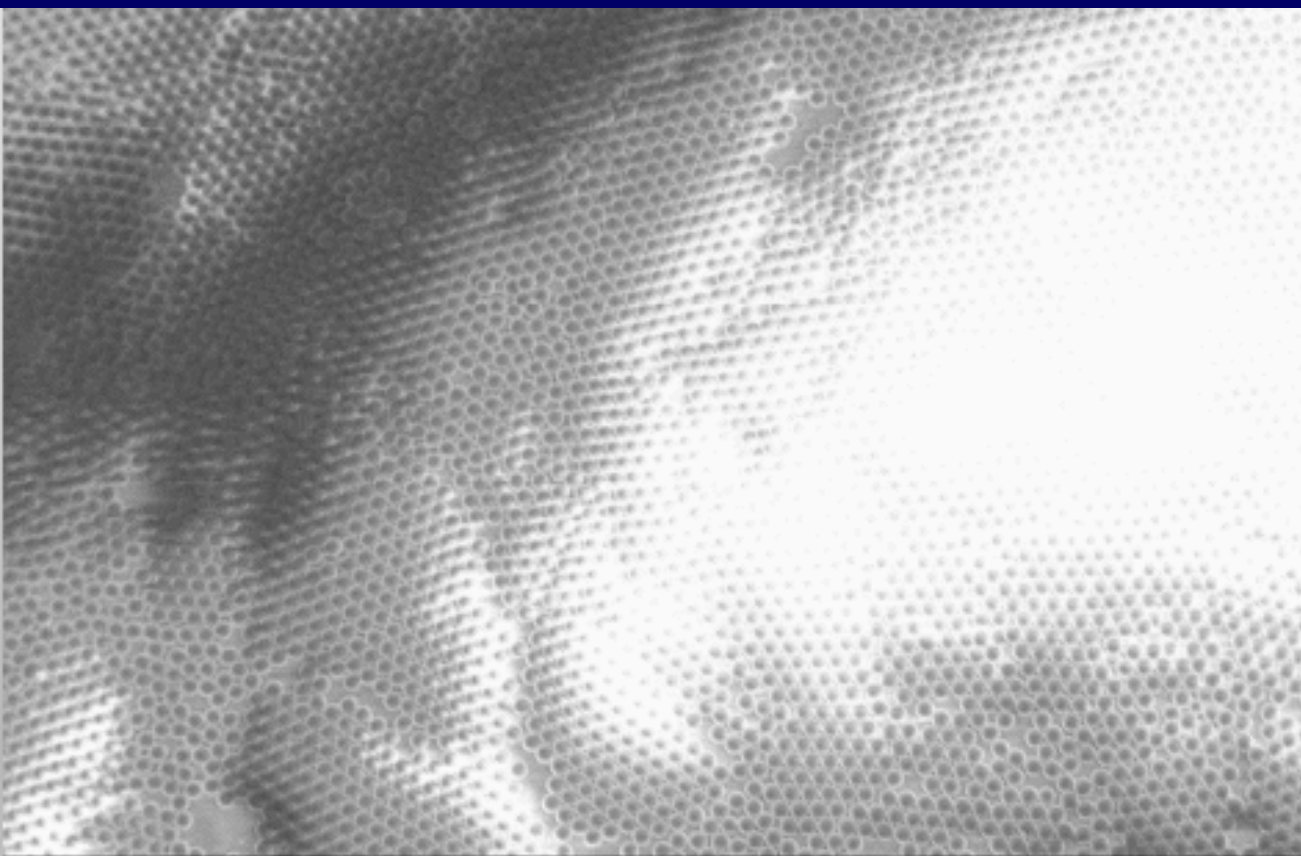




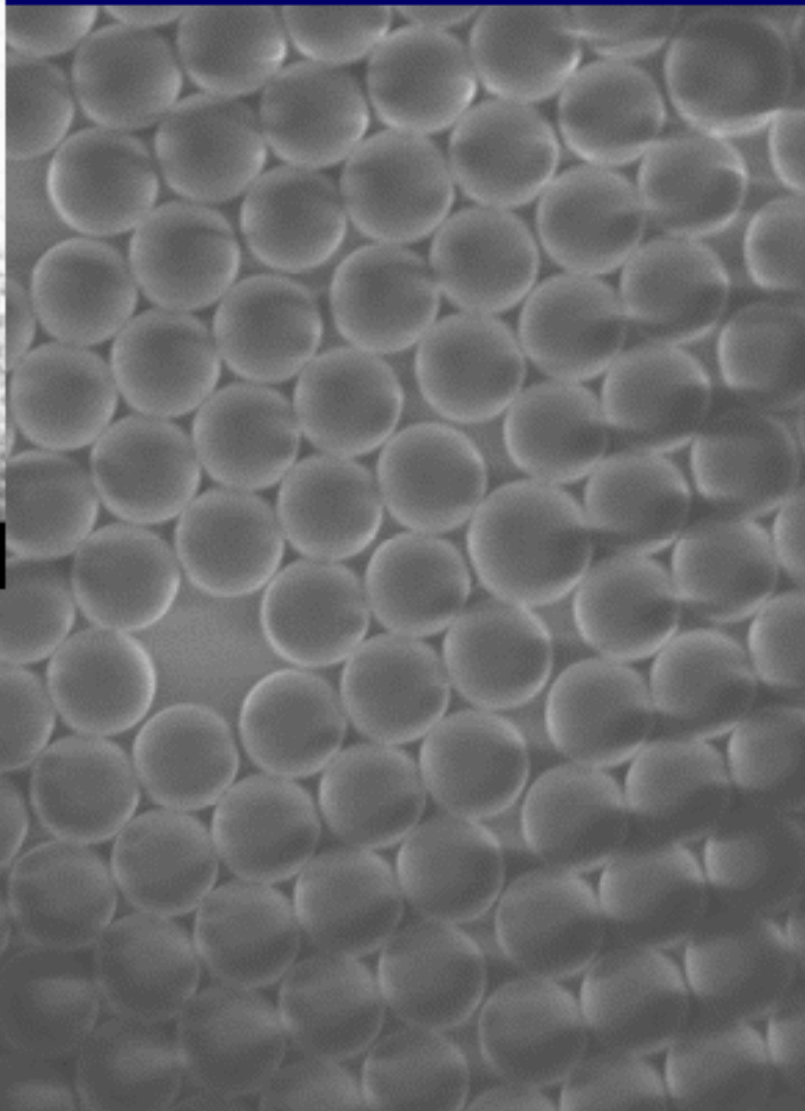
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300um



S4800 5.0kV 6.9mm x2.00k SE(M) 20.0um



S4800 5.0kV 4.2mm x10.0k SE(M) 5.00um

# Next steps

- Deposition of thin metal oxide films over PS microspheres
- Deposition of metal oxide nanolaminates over WGM resonators
- Coating of thin layers on internal surfaces of quartz capillaries
- Fabrication of microresonators using lithography
- Structure and optical characterization
- Preparation of paper draft on new coatings for WGM biosensors