微腔光子学 Microcavity photonics

--Organic/Inorganic hybrid materials based optical microcavities and applications

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Outlines

- Background
- Important works in the field
- Our works
- Conclusion

Researches on :

Microcavity optics

Materials and devices for integrated optics

Novel optical properties driven by ultrafast laser pulses irradiation

Photonics development =

New materials +

New device structures

Electronics Microelectronics Integrated Circuit VLSI circuit Nano electronics

Photonics Mic pho nics Inte ated opt Large scale integration Nano photonics

Pushing the Size Limits of Photonics



• Controlling the flow of light in small volumes – optical memory, logic, switching, etc.







V.L. Almeida *et. al. Nature* **431**, 1081 (2004). R. Quidant *et. al. Phys. Rev. B* **69**, 81402R (2004).

Plasmonics (< 100 nm)





J.C. Krenn *et. al. Phil. Trans. R. Soc. Lond.* A **362**, 739 (2004) Barnes *et. al. Nature* **424**, 824 (2003).

光子芯片 Photonic chip



Vertical integration





All future dates and specifications are estimations only. Subject to change without notice.

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Optical microcavity are important element in photonic integrated circuit



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Mode formation requirement

$$2nd = m^2$$





 $Q = \nu/\Delta \nu$ FSR = c/2nL Light intensity in a cavity: Cavity enhancement Purcell effect

$$I = \frac{I_0 / (1 - R)}{1 + (2F / \pi)^2 \sin^2(\varphi / 2)} >> I_0$$

$$F = \pi \sqrt{R} / (1 - R)$$

Applications of optical cavities

- Light generation
 - Laser & cavity-enhanced LED
- Light routing and manipulation
 - Optical filters for WDM
 - Modulators and switches
 - Slow light: CROW
- Light interaction with matter
 - Cavity-enhanced photodetector
 - Spectroscopy and sensing
 - Non-linear optics
 - Optical tweezers & MOEMS
 - Cavity QED



Conventional cavity



Micro-cavity

Conventional lasers



> material difficulties: optical and electrical confinement

> electrodes must be *transparent*

Whispering gallery modes: Total internal reflection (TIR)







➤ 100% reflectivity from sidewalls

Optical microcavities



Vahala, Nature, 2003

High Q cavities: very low threshold laser Universal cavity structure: UV laser



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History of micro-cavity

1939 Dielectric Resonators

(Propose WGM to create high-Q optical resonators)

R. D. Richtmyer

1961 Stimulated emission into optical whispering modes of spheres

(First experimental observation of WGM millimeter-sized dielectric spheres of CaF2:Sm++)

C. G. B. Garret, W. Kaiser and W. L. Bond 1980 Observation of resonances in the radiation pressure on dielectric spheres

(Liquid droplets of micrometer-sized cavities)

A. Ashkin and J. M. Dziedzic

1986 Lasing droplets

S. X. Qian, RK Chang

1992 Whispering-gallery mode micro-disk lasers (Two-dimensional semiconductor circular micro-disks)

S. L. McCall, A. F.J.Levi, R. E. Slusher

Topics (2010 ICTON)

- •Microcavity lasers and LEDs
- Microresonator-based bio(chemical) sensors
- •Single-molecule sensors
- Coupling and transport phenomena
- •Slow-light structures
- •Cavity opto-mechanics
- •Tunable cavities
- •Tuning optical properties of single emitters with microcavities
- •Optical bistability in microcavity structures
- •Quantum information processing with microresonators
- •Localized and quasi-localized photonic states in aperiodic structures
- •Cavity polaritons and plasmons

Materials for optical microcavities





SiO₂

Semiconductors (Si, III-V, nanomaterials)



Crystals (LiNbO₃)



RE-doped glasses



Polymers

Important Works

High-Power Directional Emission from Microlasers with Chaotic Resonators

Claire Gmachl, Federico Capasso,* E. E. Narimanov, Jens U. Nöckel, A. Douglas Stone, Jérôme Faist,† Deborah L. Sivco, Alfred Y. Cho Science 280,1557 (1998)

标志性工作1







标志性工作Ⅱ



Er doped silica sphere

Ultra-high-*Q* toroid microcavity on a chip

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Nature 421,925 (2003)



Figure 1 Flow diagram illustrating the process used to fabricate ultra-high-Q planar microcavities.



Figure 2 Scanning electron micrograph of a silica microdisk after selective reflow treatment with a CO₂ laser. The inset shows the microdisk prior to laser treatment. This toroidal microresonator had an intrinsic cavity Q of 1.00×10^8 .



Figure 4 Single longitudinal mode Raman lasing. Raman spectrum for a 40- μ m-diameter microsphere, exhibiting a unidirectional conversion efficiency of 16% (pump is at 1,555 nm). Inset, Raman power output (sum of forward and backward emission) versus incident pump power. Differential quantum efficiency is 36%.



Figure 4 Ringdown measurement of a 90- μ m-diameter toroid microcavity at the criticalcoupling point. The measured lifetime of $\tau_{crit} = 43$ ns corresponds to an intrinsic quality factor of $Q = 1.25 \times 10^8$.

Cavity mode photon lifetime $\tau=43$ ns, $Q = 3 \times 10^8$

Kerr-Nonlinearity Optical Parametric Oscillation in an Ultrahigh-Q Toroid Microcavity

T. J. Kippenberg, S. M. Spillane, and K. J. Vahala*



Ultralow level optical nonlinearity generation





Bio-sensing using optical microcavities



Label-free optical bio-sensor detects environmental RI change





ANALYTICA CHIMICA ACTA 620, 8,2008

Using two microcavities with different chemical surface modification to detect DNA

Sensitivity: 6 pg/mm²



Biophysical Journal 85, 1974 (2003)

Opto-fluidic sensor



0.00

0.01



Optics Express 15, 15523 (2007)

Optics Letters 31, 1319 (2006)

0.02

Refractive index change

1000 F(b)

0.00 0.01 0.02 0.03 Refractive index change

0.03

0.04

(md) 500 78

Single molecule detection with ultra-high Q cavity



Directional emission



 $2\pi Rn=m\lambda$

whispering gallery modes (WGM)



Stable WGM: Tunneling leakage Weak output poor directionality



Chaotic WGM: Refractive leakage Intense output possible



Unidirectional lasing from a microcavity with a rounded isosceles triangle shape



Fig. 1. Rounded-isosceles-triangle-shaped microcavity.









FIG. 8. (Color) Chiral resonance 50-.~kR=42.6318-i0.06766, s=200, 2N=4000.

θ (degree)

-60

60

120

180

-180

Nh

-120

-180

FIG. 10. (Color) Resonance 50- in a rounded hexagon with s = 20, cf. Fig. 8. kR = 42.7099 - i0.01836, 2N = 4000.



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PHYSICAL REVIEW A 67, 023807 (2003)

Spiral-shaped cavity



 $r(\phi) = r_o(1 + \epsilon \phi/2\pi)$





Appl.Phys.Lett. 84(14) 2004

Combining high Q and directional emission



Wavelength conversion by changing the optical length of a cavity

Requirement for microcavity: High Q to allow long photon lifetime in the cavity



Nature Photonics 1, 293 (2007)

Optical frequency comb generation



Nature Photonics 450, 1214 (2007)



Frequency comb: 频率梳 Nobel prize 2007 bring together ultrafast and ultra-precision









Nature Photonics 1, 65 (2007)



Optical buffer with coupled microcavities
High Q surface plasmon polariton whispering gallery modes



Nature 457, 455 (2009)



Surface plasmon polariton

表面等离子极化子









Opto-mechanics



Photo-energy/ Mechanical energy conversion

Cool the microcavity to µK (ground state of

mechanical vibration)

Our works

Our approach: Organic-inorganic Materials



Easy to prepare thin films of excellent optical quality

Easy control of refractive index

Versatile doping to obtain photonic materials (active, nonlinear optical, ...

Integrated optical devices based on pattern-able organic/inorganic hybrid materials



Heavy Yb doping optical fiber and fiber laser



Slope efficiency 88%

Materials modification by laser light irradiation-To generate novel or enhanced optical functions



飞秒激光辐照使硫系玻璃的三阶光学非 线性系数增强50%,可用与波导光开关, 缩短器件尺寸





Optics Letters 2009 Chemical Physics 2009 J.Chem.Phys. 2008 Appl.Phys.Lett., 2007



双折射产生两个谐振峰,可用一根光纤<mark>同</mark>时传感温度和应力,可用于高灵敏度传感

Directional Lasing From Extremely Deformed Micro-cavity



RhB doped organic/inorganic hybrid coatings



RhB doped photo-patternable organic/inorganic material



Direct UV patterning using organic/inorganic hybrid materials

Circular Disks and Square Disks



Improvement of Boundary Roughness after PMMA Coating



Bare disk

Cladded disk

Experimental Setup



耦合微腔 coupled microcavities



耦合微腔可以产生新颖的光学现象 photonic molecule (PM) asymmetric-photonic molecule (AM)









IEEE JSTQE 12, 71 (2006)



Directional laser emission



extremely deformed microcavity



L.Shang, et al., Appl.Phys.Lett., 92,071111 (2008)

Single frequency whispering gallery mode laser

Whispering gallery mode micro-ring laser



Smaller cavity — Lower Q fabrication difficulties, electric & optical coupling

Conventional single frequency (mode) selection techniques



Composite cavity laser



Mode selection in asymmetric coupled microcavity laser



RhB doped organic/inorganic hybrid coatings



Modulated emission spectrum from coupled cavities



Modulation width

$$\Delta \lambda \approx \frac{\lambda^2}{\pi n_{eff} \left(D_1 - D_2 \right)}$$

N_{eff}=1.5, D=125μm, Δ D=6μm $\Delta\lambda$ =10 nm





Multi-mode suppression





J.Ryu, PRA 74, 013804 (2006)

Tapered fiber coupled single frequency coupled microcavity laser



Single frequency oscillator + pre-amplifier





L.Shang & L.Xu, Optics Letters, 33,1150 (2008)

Toward a unidirectional single frequency laser on chip



 $R(\phi) = R_0 (1 + \varepsilon \phi / 2\pi)$

A coupled spiral cavity



G.D.Chern, et al., Opt. Lett. 32, 1093 (2007)



Unidirectioanl emission from Spiral microcavities



Ring-spiral coupled microcavity resonance



Uni-directional single mode lasing



X.Wu & L.Xu, Appl.Phys.Lett. 93, 081105 (2008)

Single mode microcavity laser: possible applications

UV single mode laser: difficulty in conventioanl cavity fabrication (DBR)

Optical sensing

Passive sensing

light propagation

High Q, high sensitivity

Precisely controlled experiment, (critical coupling)

Single channel detection

Single frequency tunable input laser (<< 0.1 pm) **vs** Active sensing

light emission

Parallel (2D) fast detection

Simple experimental setup

need high resolution spectrometer (> 10 pm)

Special mechanism to reduce spectral resolution requirement

Coupling variation induced ultrahigh sensitive label free bio-sensor by using single mode coupled microcavity laser



H Li & L. Xu, JACS 131,16612 (2009)


• Resonance shift vs hopping



Bio-sensing result



RI change sensing vs coupling variation sensing

Conventional sensing



Coupling sensing



O High RI agent

Imaging of fluorescent protein (cypet, FIRC-BSA)



Reason of mode hopping

Sticking of bio sample in the coupling region changes coupling coefficient

Further proof of coupling variation induced ultrahigh sensitivity



Conventional RI sensing

Future directions

We have reviewed four broad application areas of optical microcavities and highlighted several microcavity designs for each (see Table 1). Impressive results have been achieved in all areas. Substantial, additional gains are possible in quantum optical applications with continued improvement in microfabrication techniques and with implementation of new low-loss designs. Triggered, single photon sources will benefit from higher Purcell factors for improved fibre coupling, and miniaturization to the submicrometre scale of cavity QED devices (using either strong or weak coupling) is feasible. Also, the emergence of new ultrahigh-Q, wafer-based geometries should provide a platform for strong-coupling studies that combine both laboratory-on-chip functions and efficient coupling to optical fibres. Technological applications such as the dynamic add/drop device will provide better control and reproducibility of filter characteristics in designs that are increasingly complex.

One other area that deserves special note is that of biological and chemical sensing. Optical sensors that use evanescent field coupling have been developed^{116,117}; however, high-Q optical microcavities, as a sensor transducer, offer the potential to greatly enhance detection sensitivity³⁹. Recently, sensors based on both monolithic¹¹⁸ and microsphere¹¹⁹ whispering gallery transducers have been demonstrated. It seems likely that this will become an important application area for these devices. Likewise, the broad technological impact that resonant devices have had at acoustic, radio and microwave frequencies suggests that many other applications for these devices will emerge in the optical domain.