

# WHISPERING GALLERY MODES LASER

with

# COLLOIDAL QUANTUM SHELL GAIN

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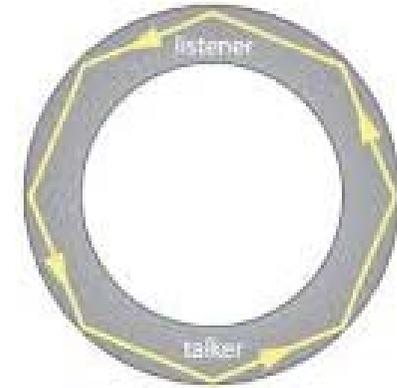
# Whispering gallery modes



Saint Paul cathedral (London)

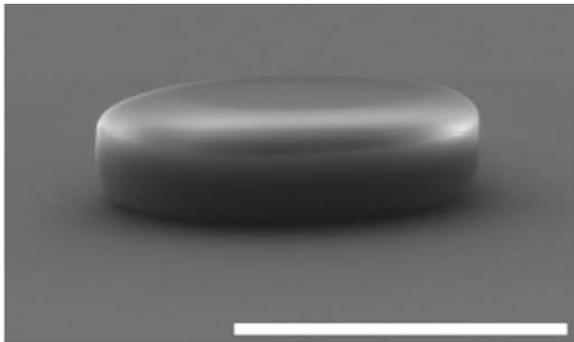


Whispering gallery



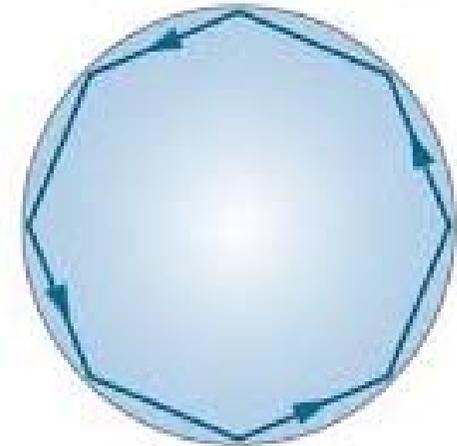
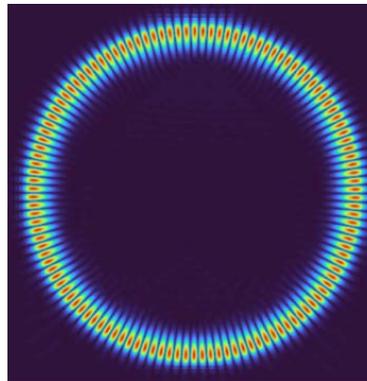
ACOUSTICS

## Microcavity



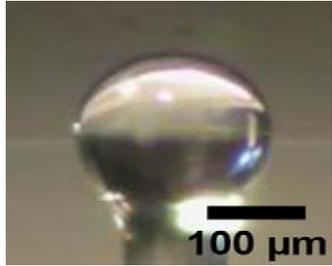
(b) height =  $2\mu\text{m}$

## Optical mode simulation



OPTICS

# Whispering gallery modes (WGM) micro-cavities



Spheres

or



disks

High Q factor achievable

Up to  $10^5$

$$\frac{1}{Q} = \frac{1}{Q_{bending}} + \frac{1}{Q_{scattering}} + \frac{1}{Q_{absorption}} + \frac{1}{Q_{coupling}}$$

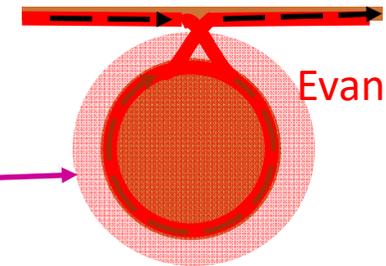
Index  
Curvature

rugosity

Material

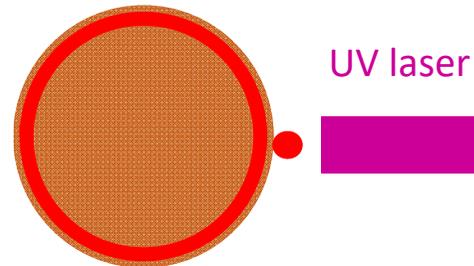
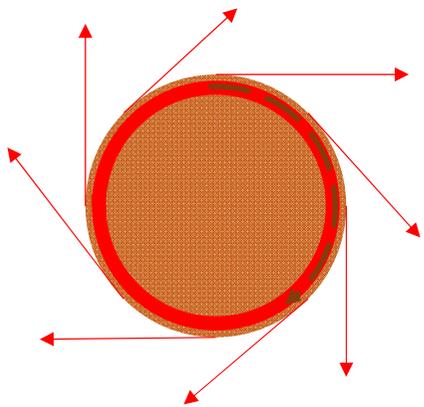
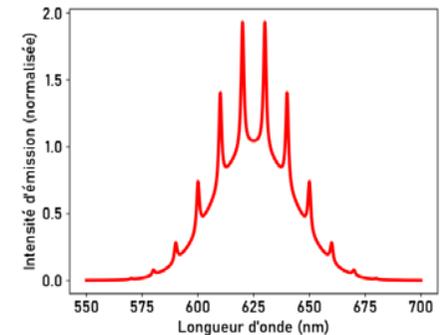
Excitation of WGM by  
Quantum dot fluorescence

UV laser

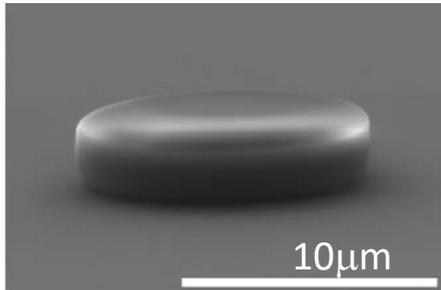


Evanescent wave

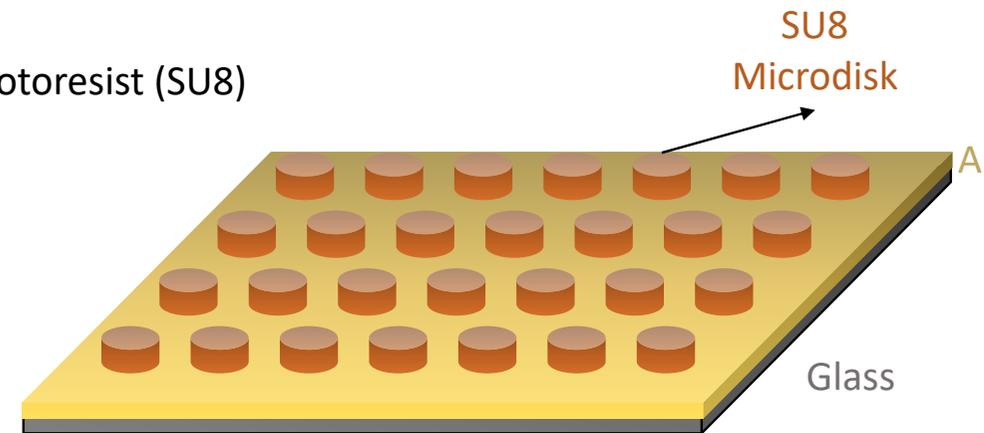
Fluorescence + resonances



# Micro-disk by optical lithography (SU8)

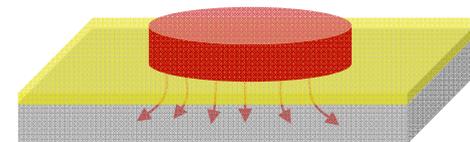


(b) height = 2 μm

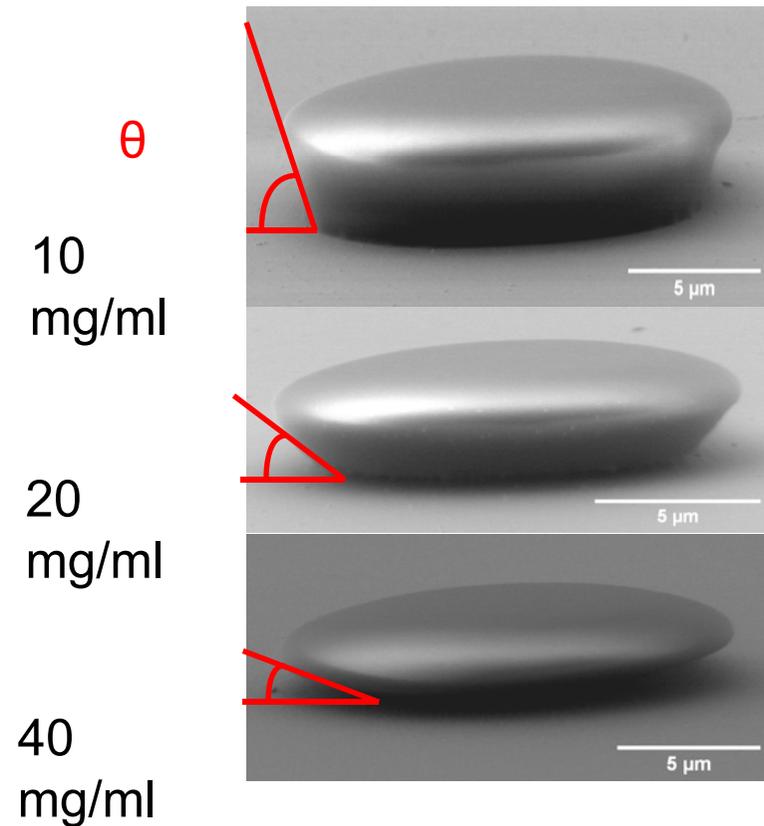


- Controllable size (typical diameter 2-20 μm)
- quality factor  $Q \geq 6000$   
(measure limited by spectrometer resolution 0.1 nm)

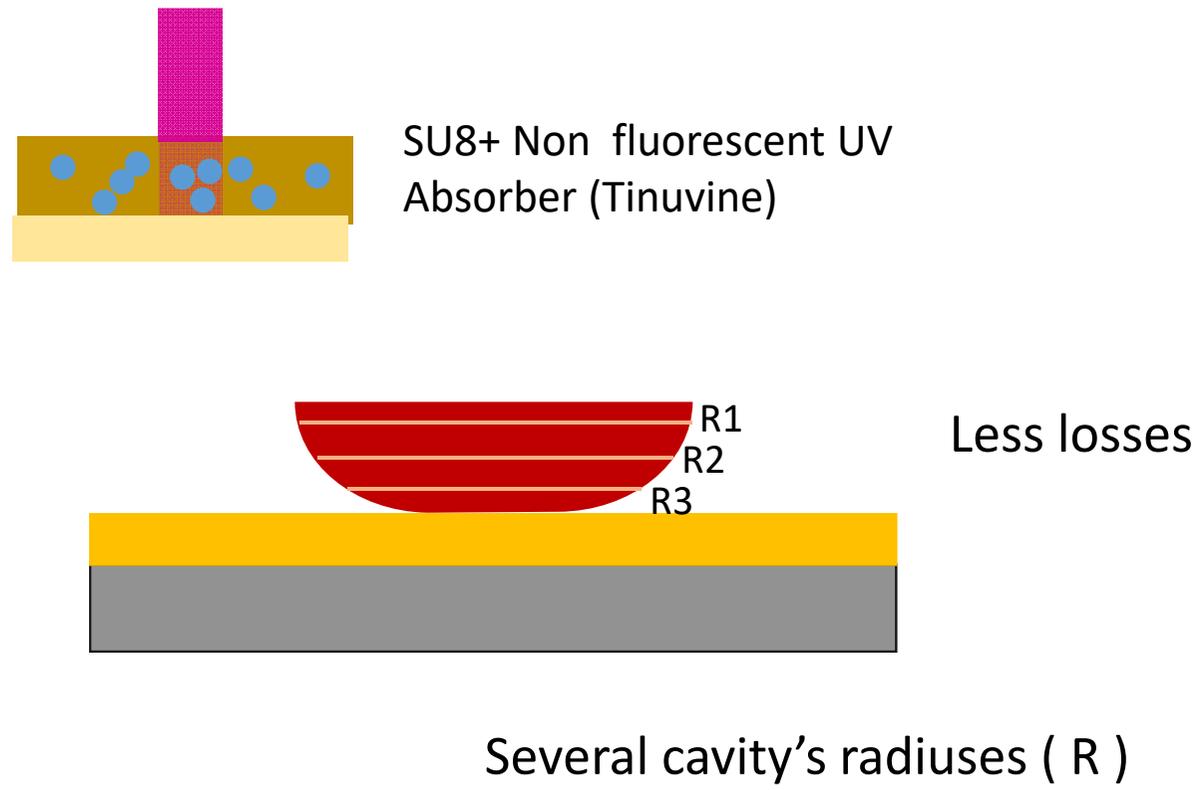
**But losses through interfaces**



# Micro-bowl by optical cavities

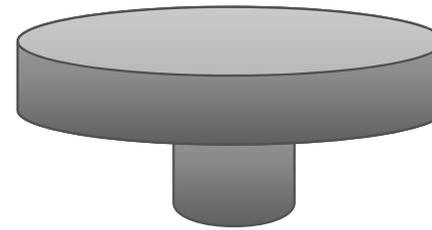


Increasing concentration of Tinuvin

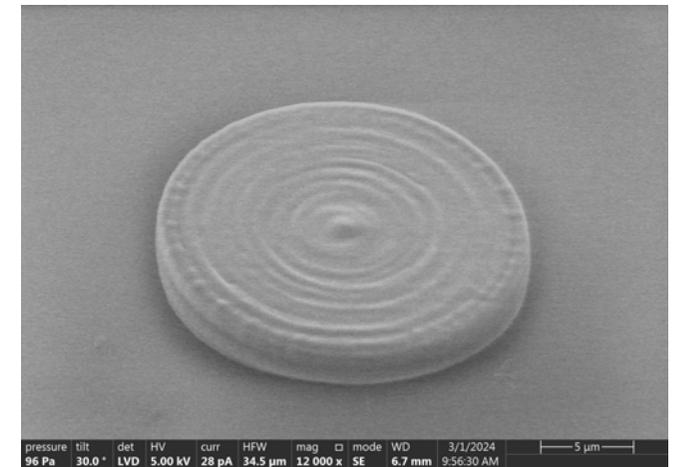
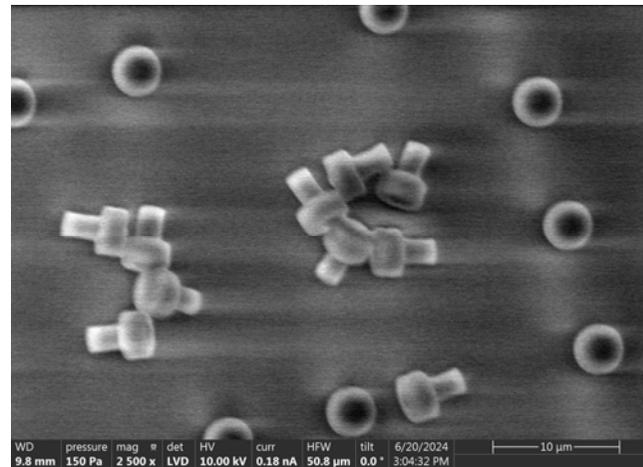
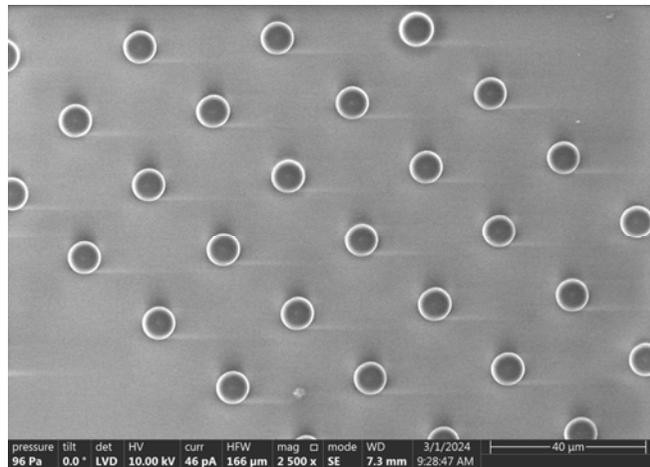


# T shaped micro cavities

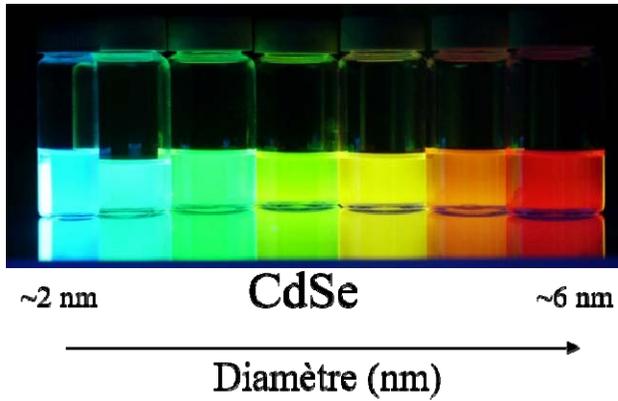
2-photons optical lithography  
*Nanoscribe*



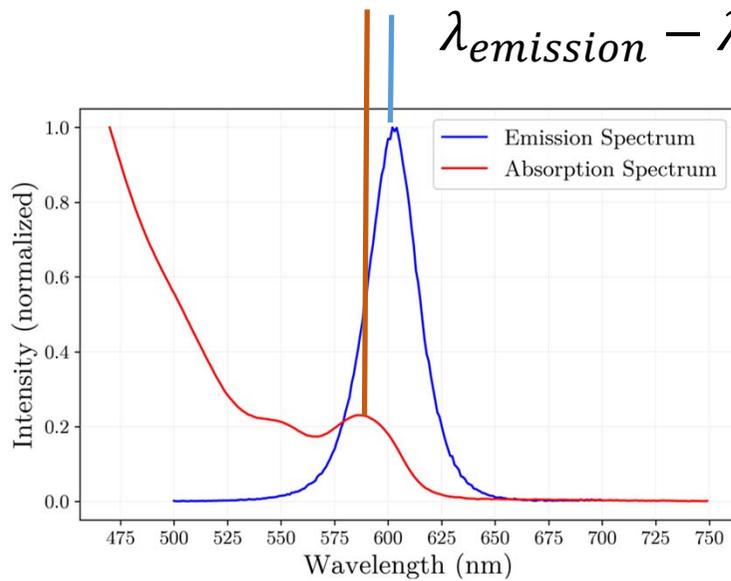
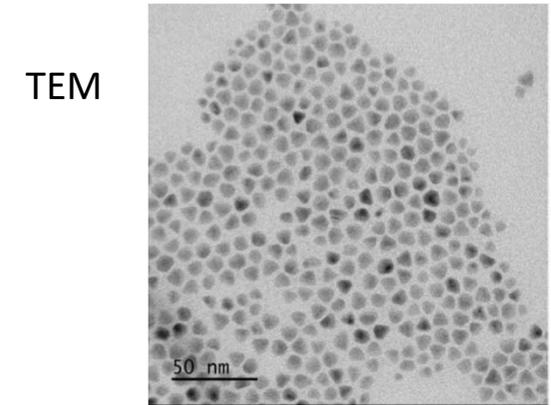
Disk diameter  
From 4 to 20  $\mu\text{m}$



# Colloidal quantum dots



- + Room temperature
- + Stability
- + Brightness

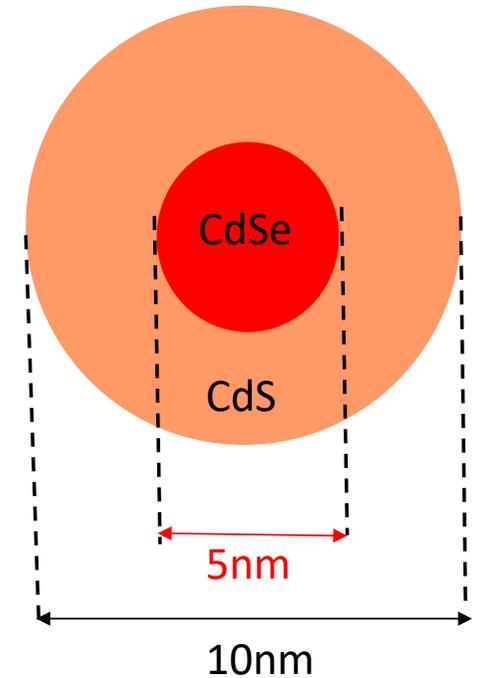


**Stokes shift:**

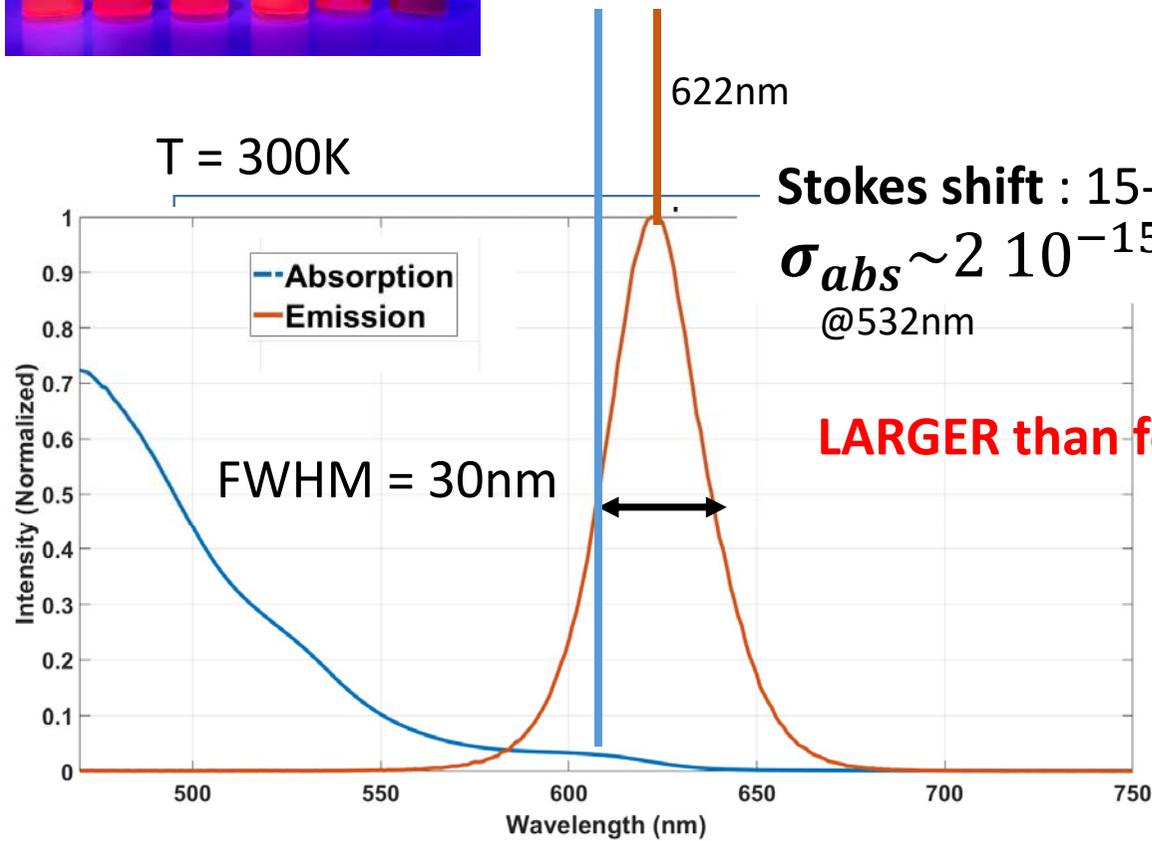
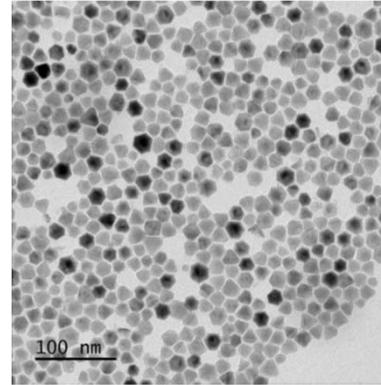
5-10nm

**Absorption cross section (@532nm)**

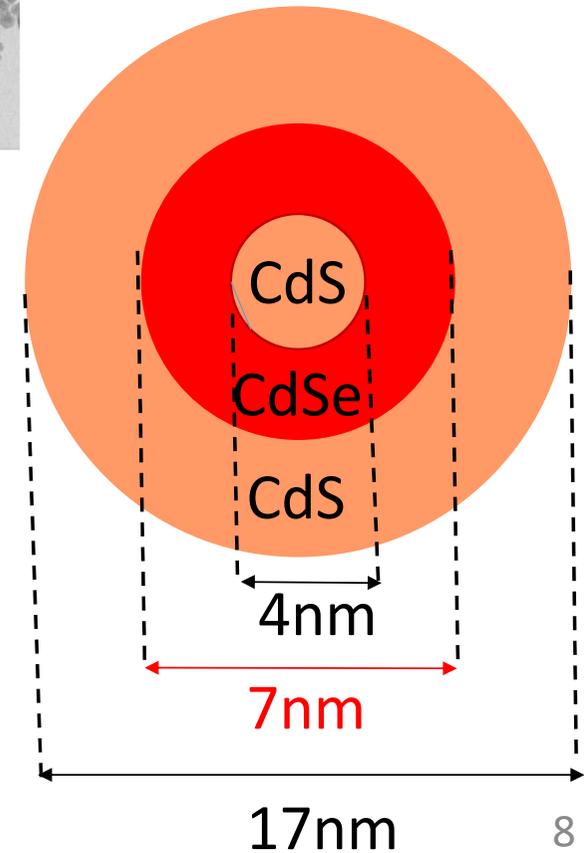
$$\sigma_{abs} \sim 5 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^2$$



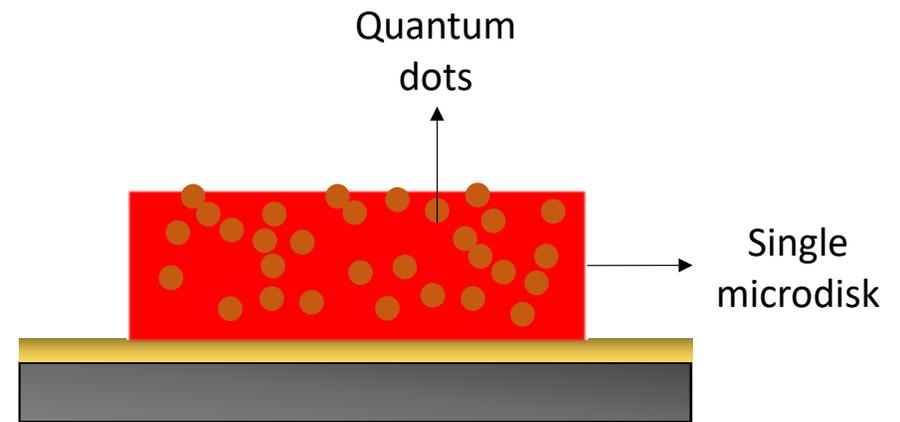
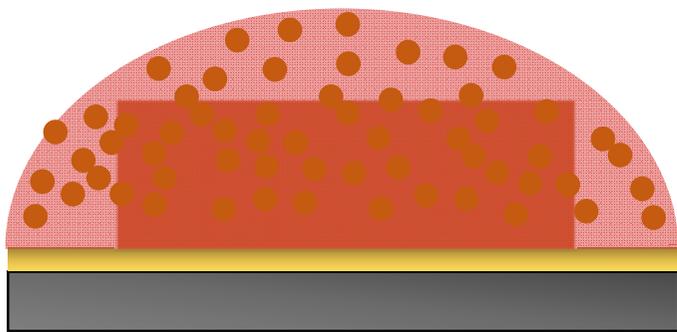
# Colloidal Quantum shells



**LARGER than for quantum dots**

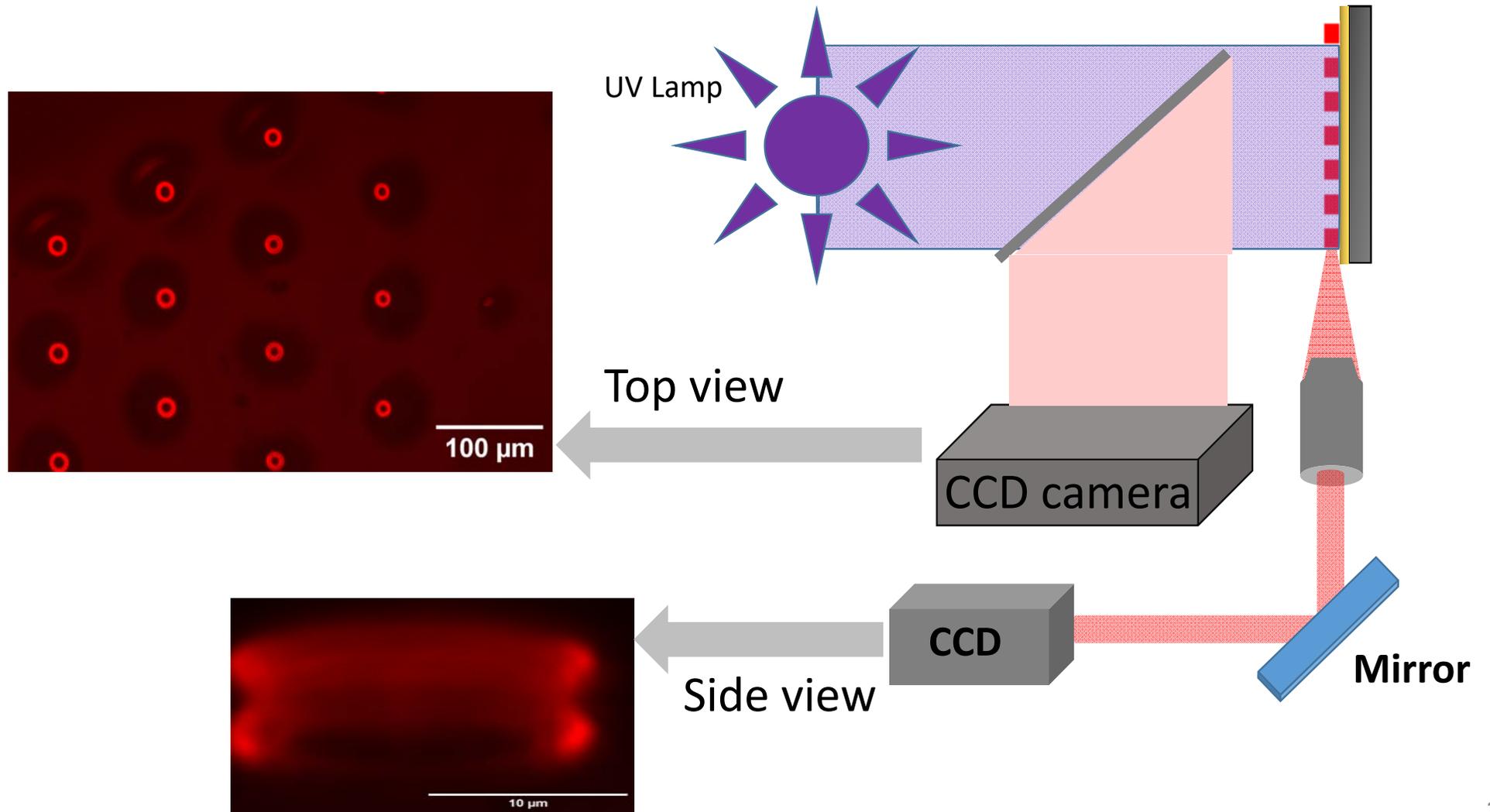


# Microdisk infusion with quantum shells



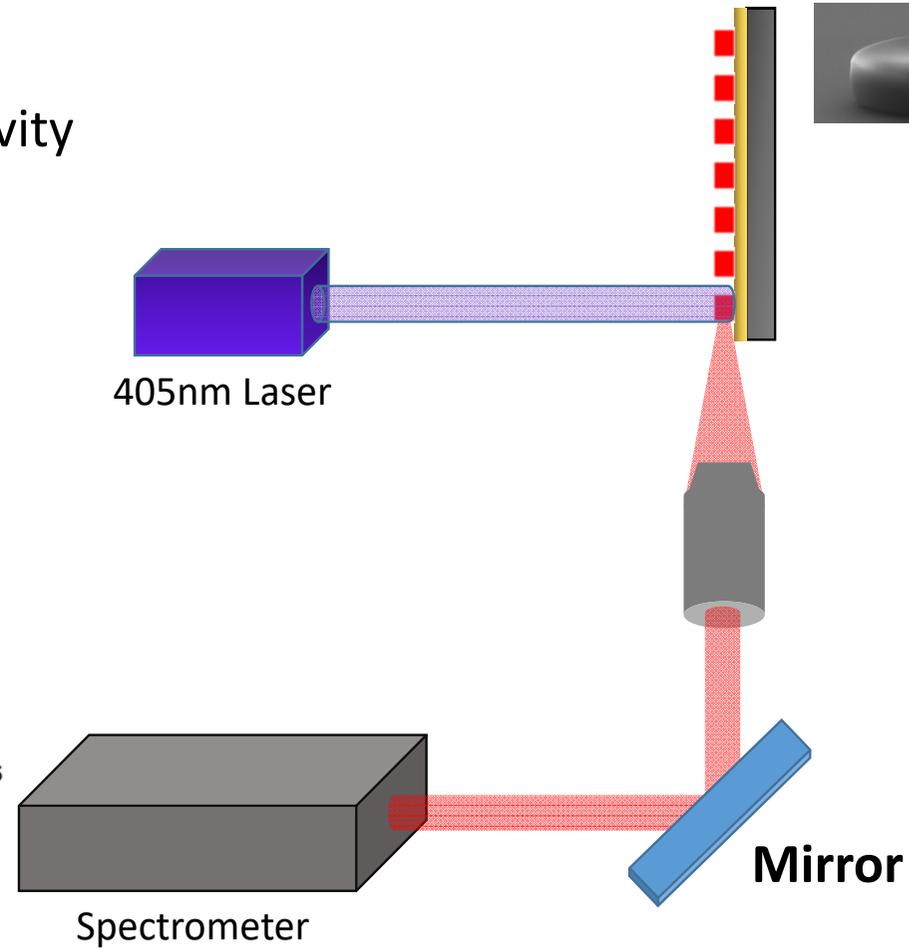
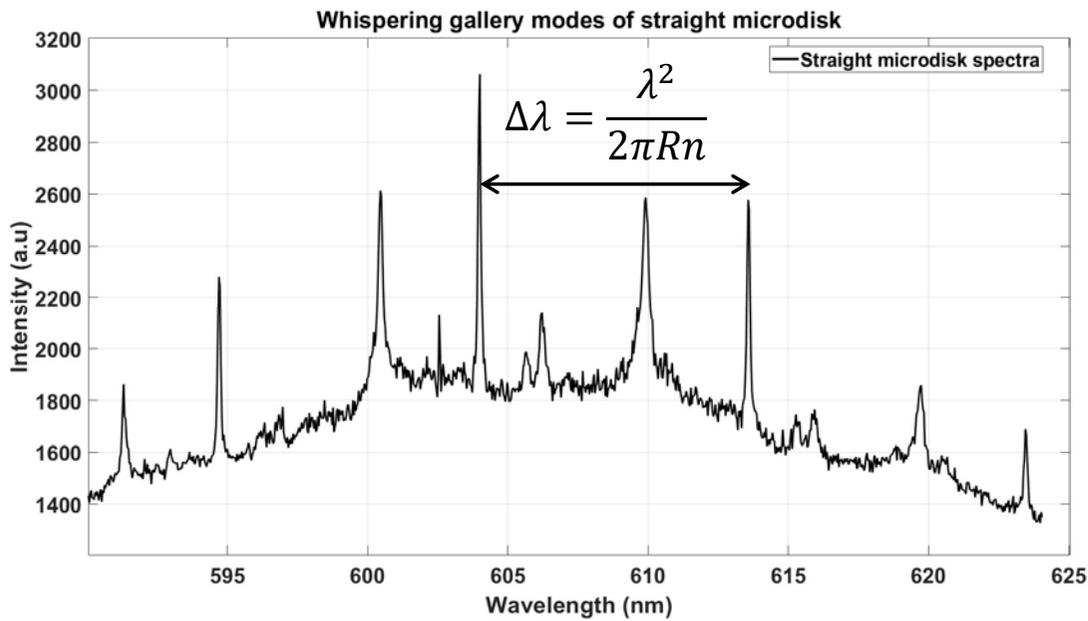
- **Low** concentration: **fluorescence** and whispering gallery modes
- **High** concentration: **lasing**

# Fluorescence: full field



# Fluorescence spectra

$\Delta\lambda \equiv$  free spectral range of the microcavity



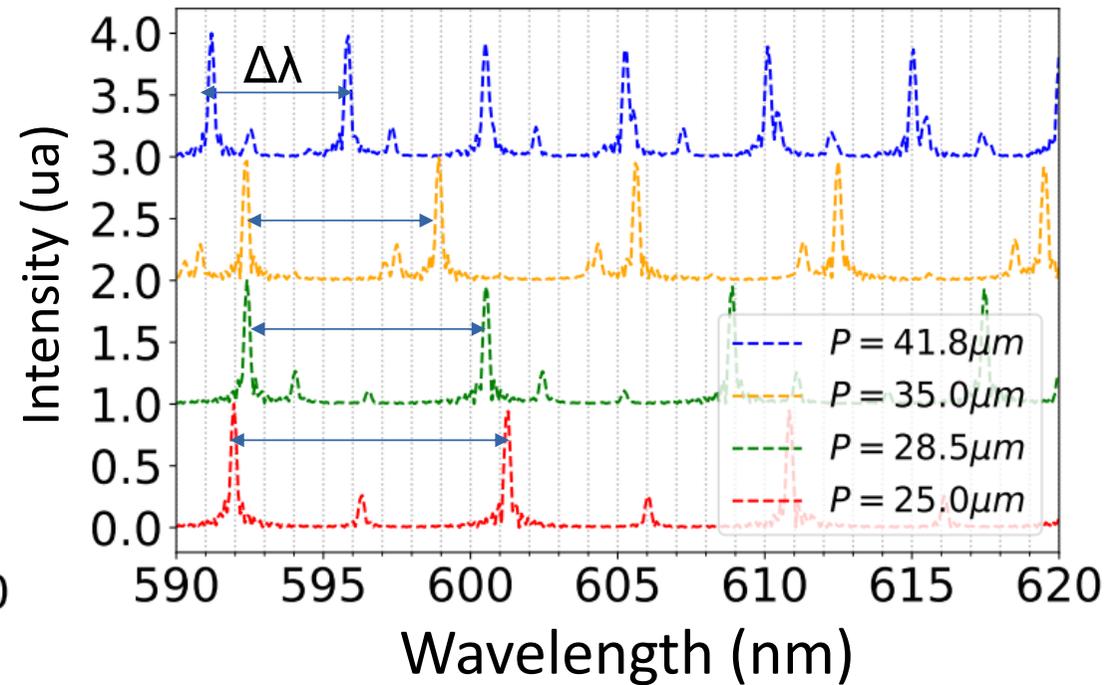
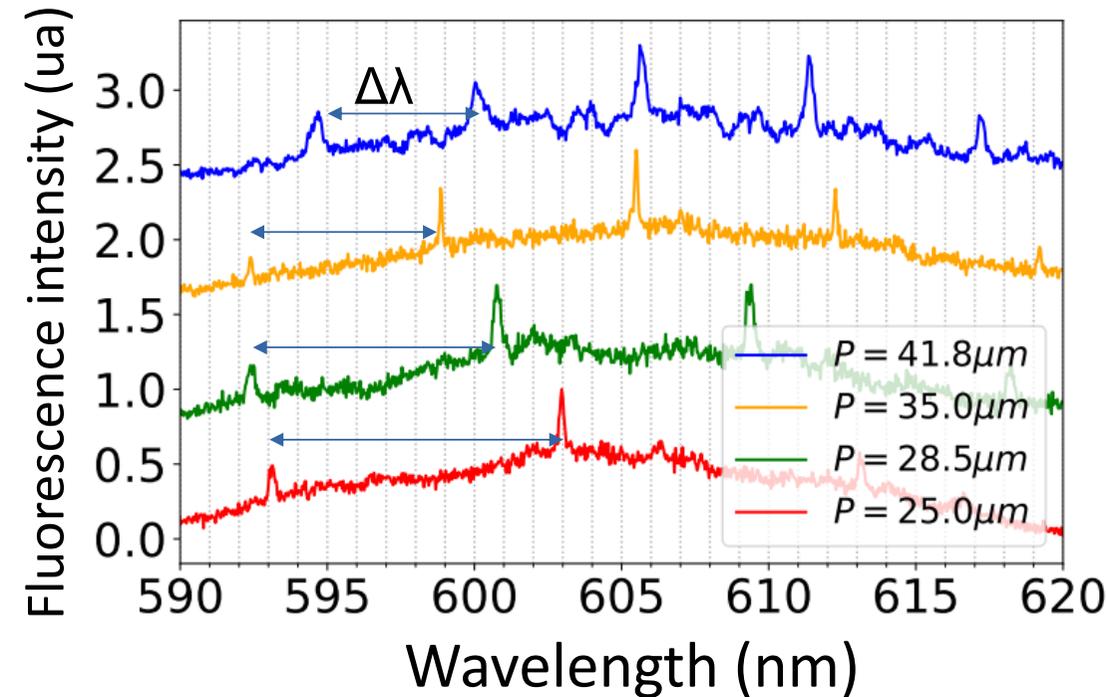
# Whispering gallery modes



Cavity radius from 4  $\mu\text{m}$  to 7  $\mu\text{m}$

**Fluorescence: experiments** *In accordance*

**Simulations**



$P$  = perimeter of the cavity  
 $R$  = radius of the cavity

« free spectral range »  $\Delta\lambda = \frac{\lambda^2}{2\pi R n}$

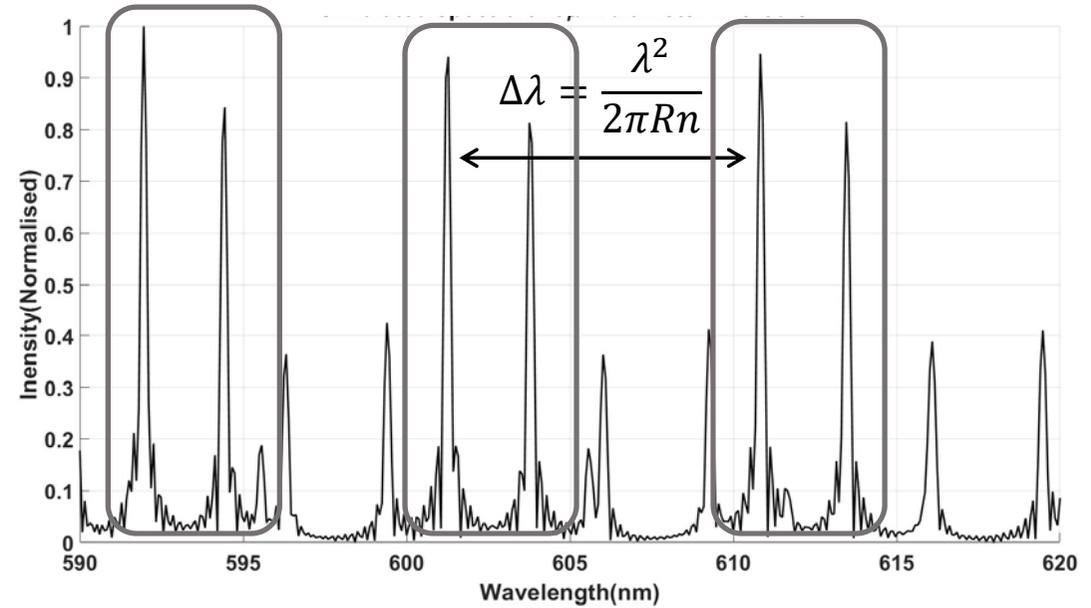
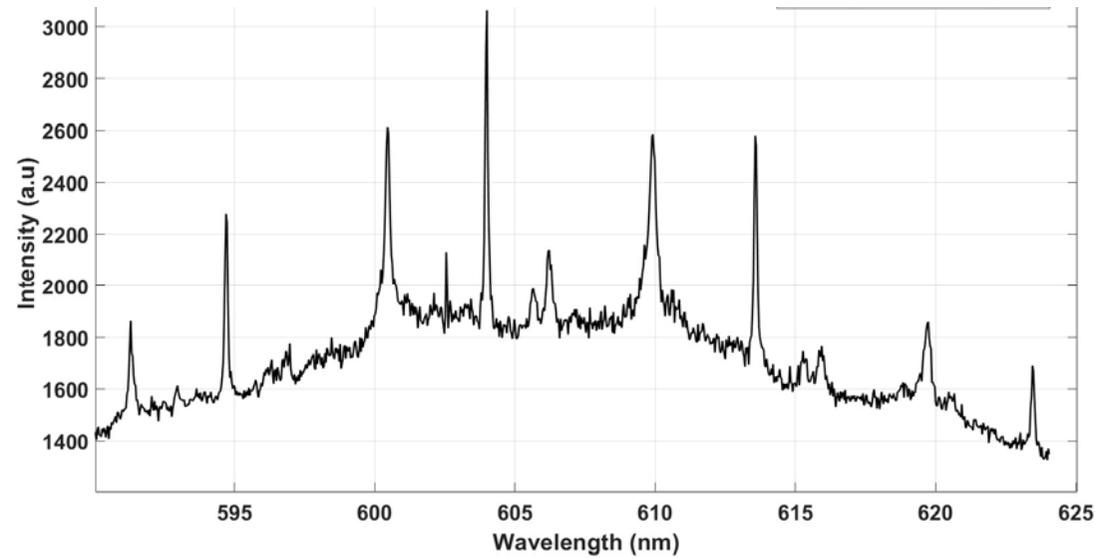
$\Delta\lambda$   $\nearrow$  when  $R$   $\searrow$

*Kersuzan, ACS Photonics 11, 4, 1715 (2024)*

# Whispering gallery modes

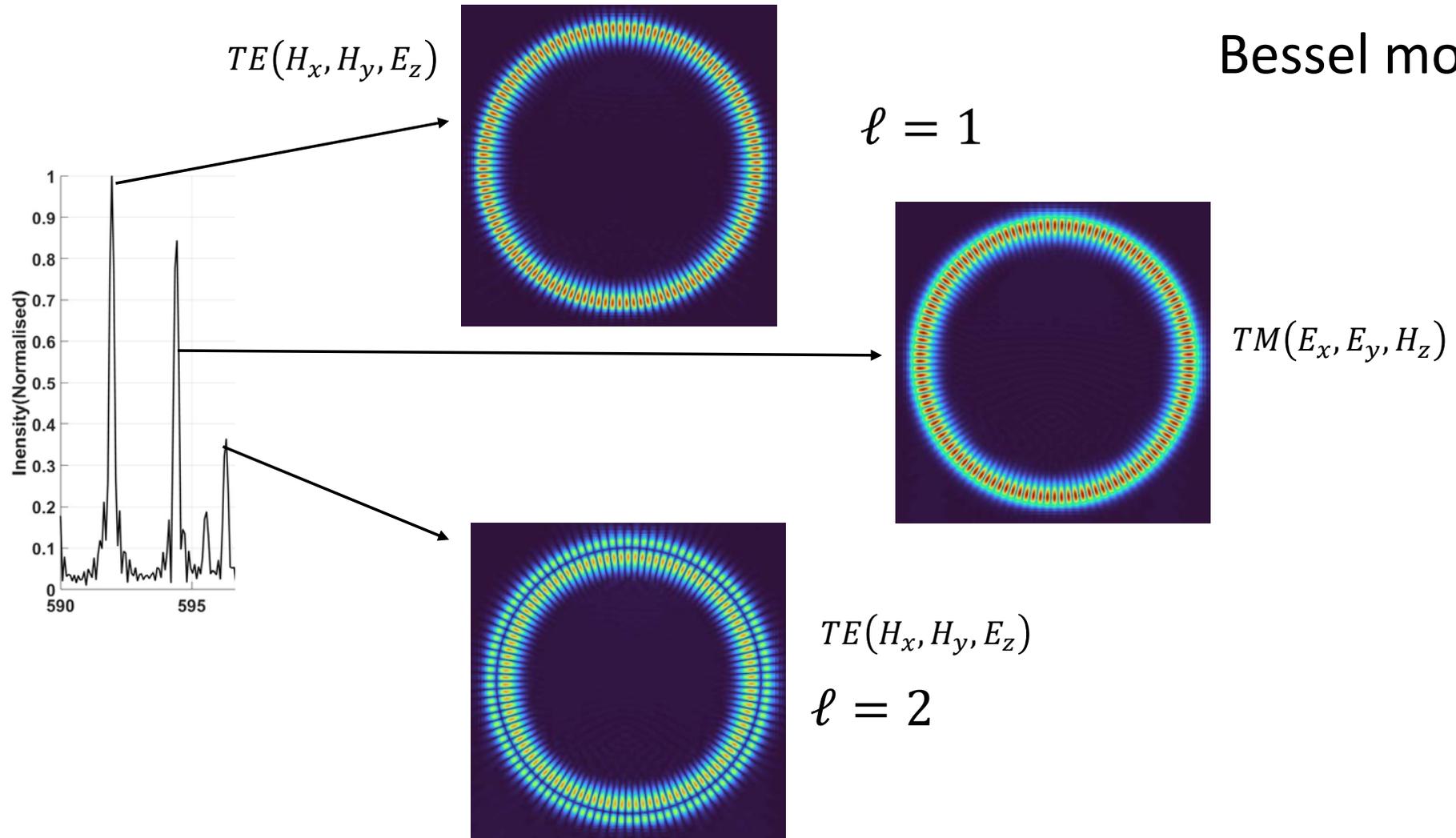


Straight,  $R=4\mu\text{m}$

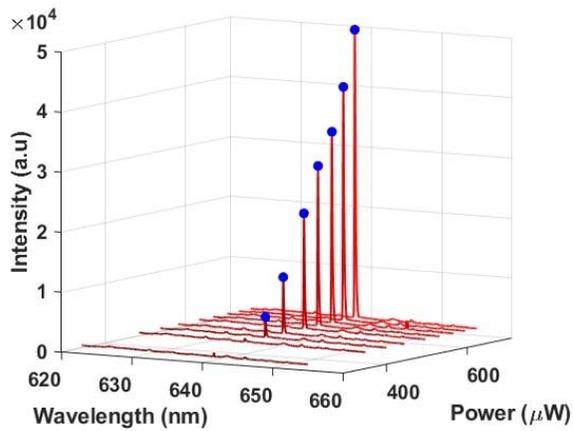
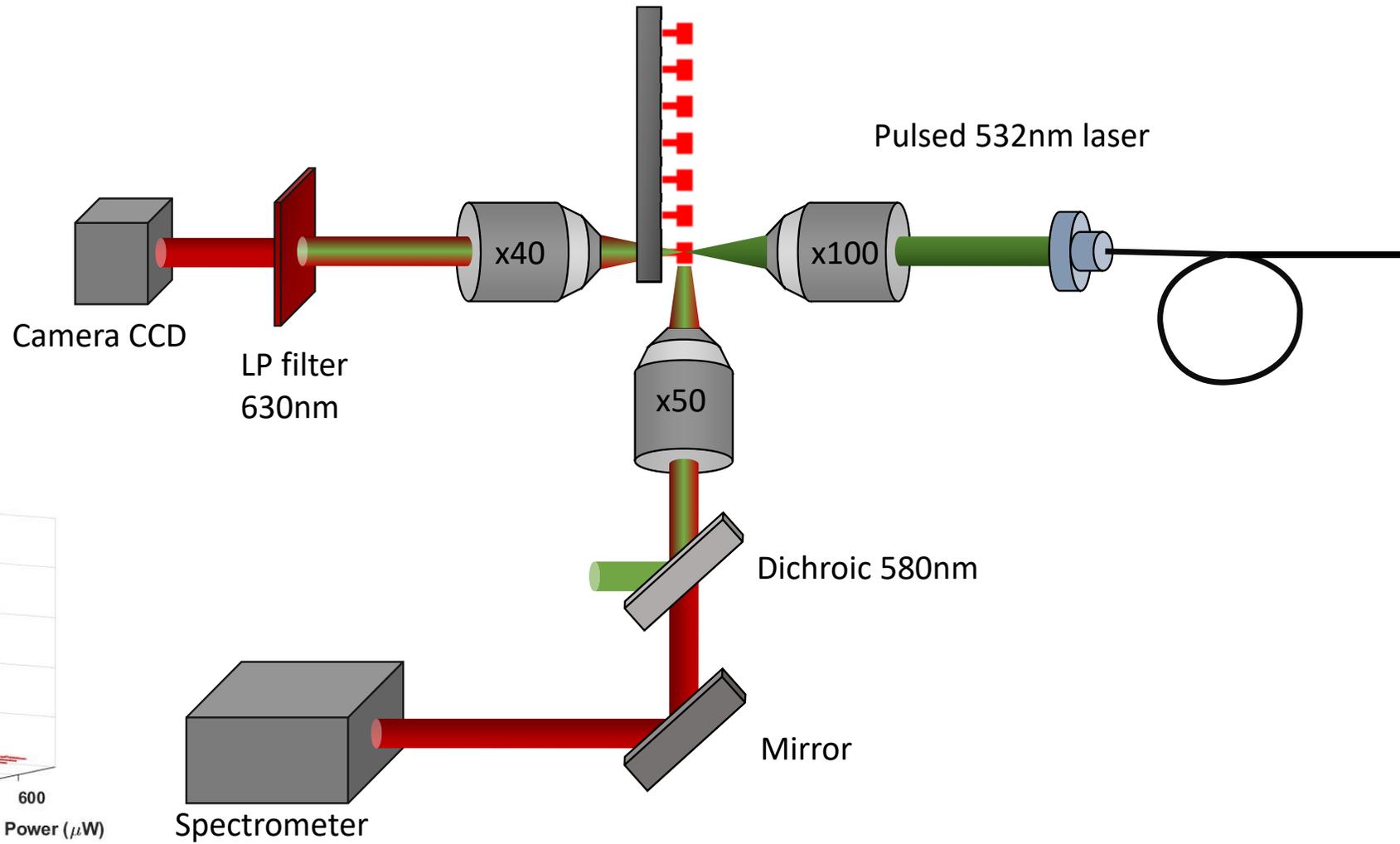
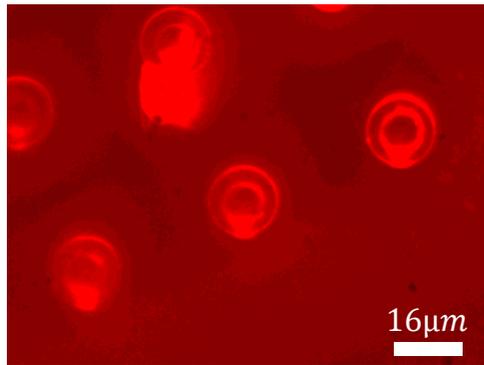


# Transverse and polarisation modes

Bessel modes

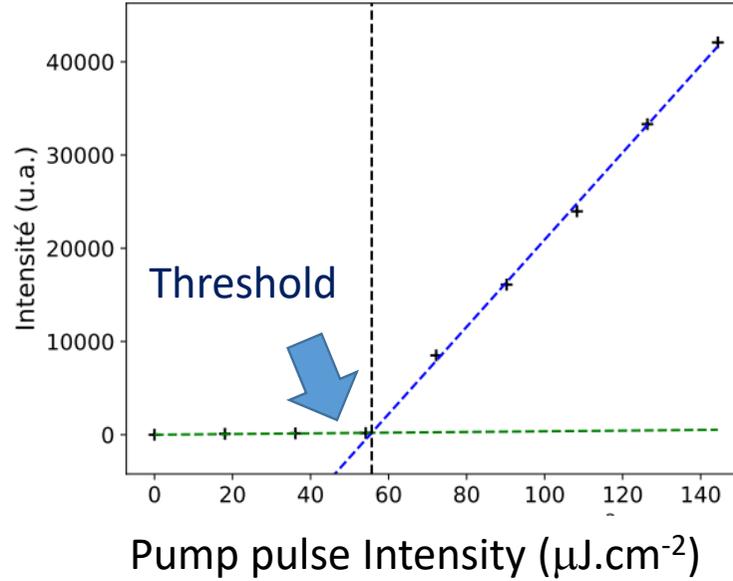
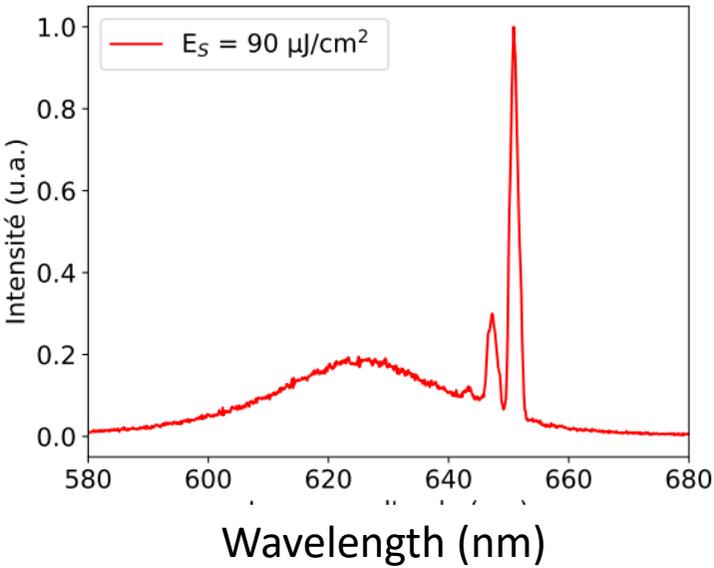


# Setup for observing lasers (T shaped)

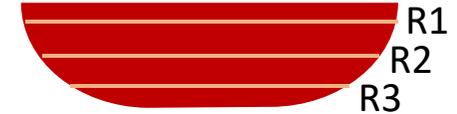
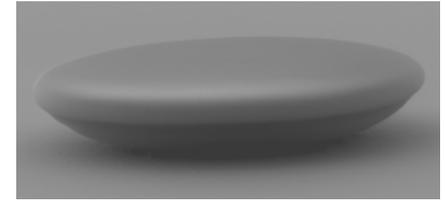


# High concentration of quantum shells: Laser

Laser spectrum



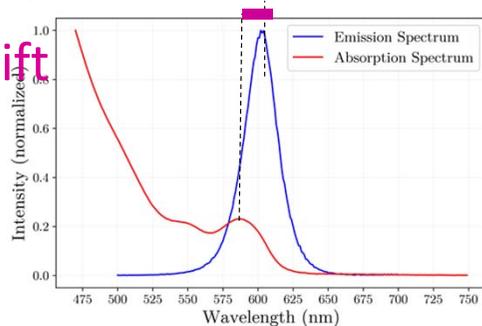
BOWL (R=6-9 $\mu\text{m}$ )



Lasing in the red part of the fluorescence

Due to Stokes shift

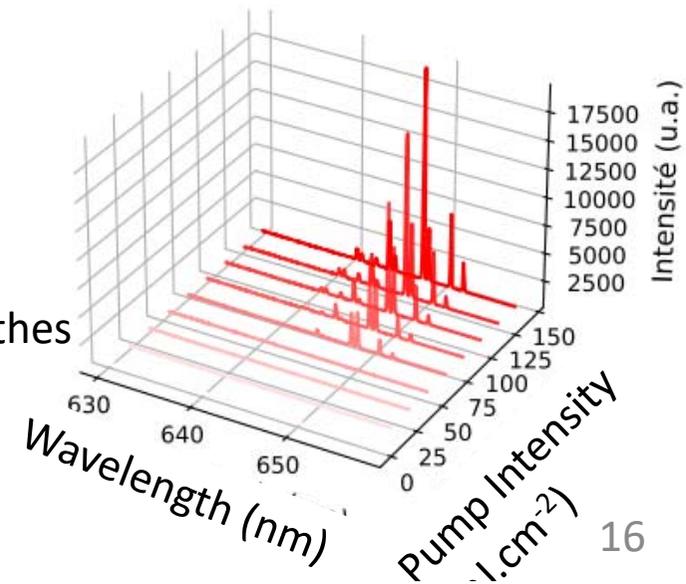
Less absorption on the red part



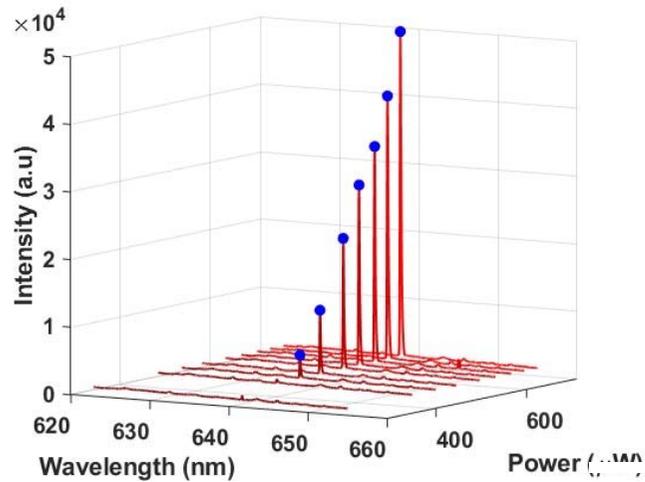
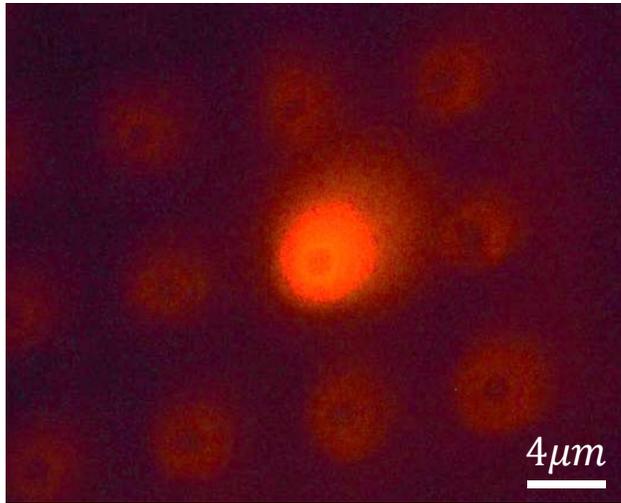
Multimode

Different cavity lengths

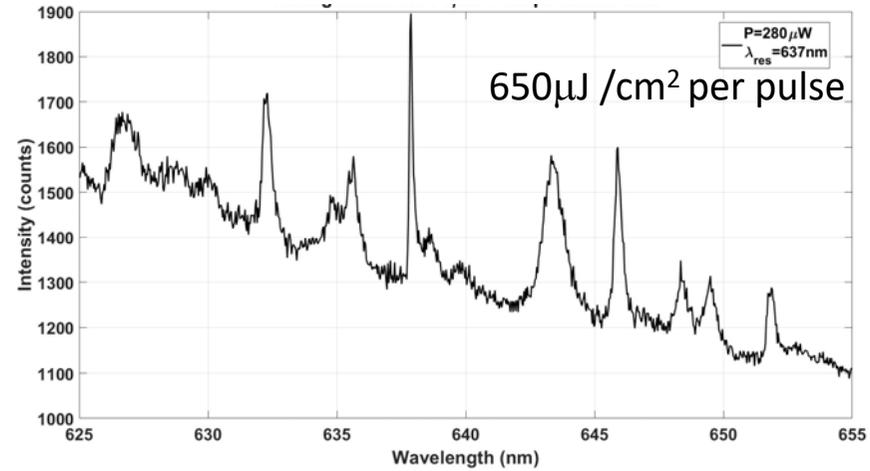
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# Single mode emission for small size disk

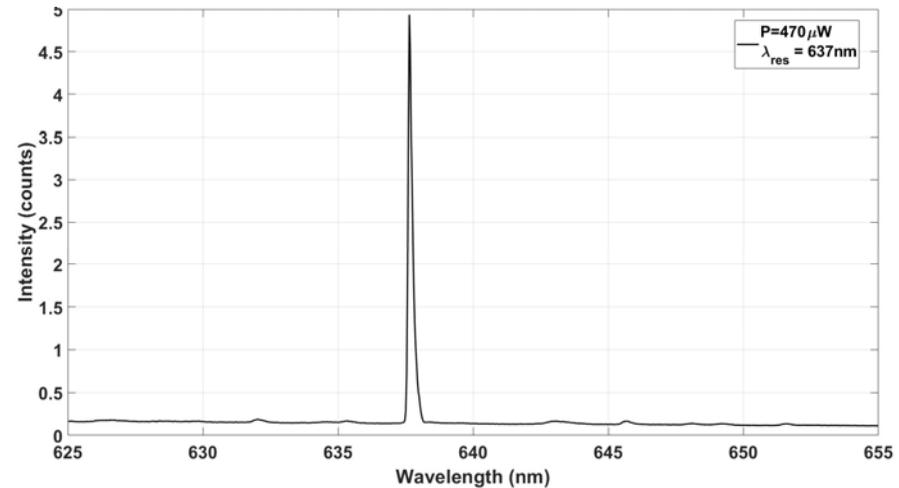


### At threshold



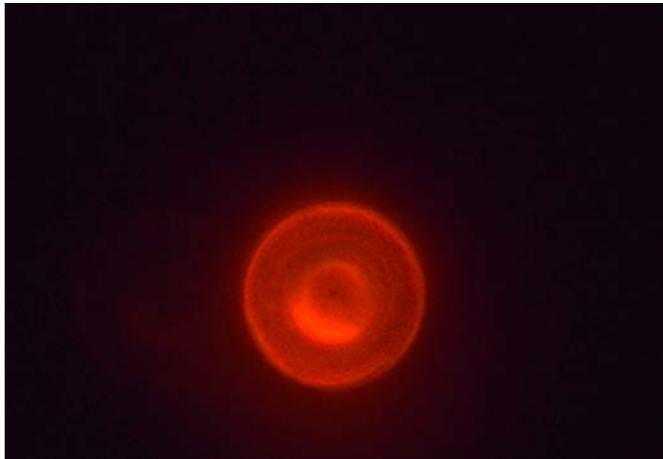
$$R = 2\mu\text{m}$$

### Above threshold

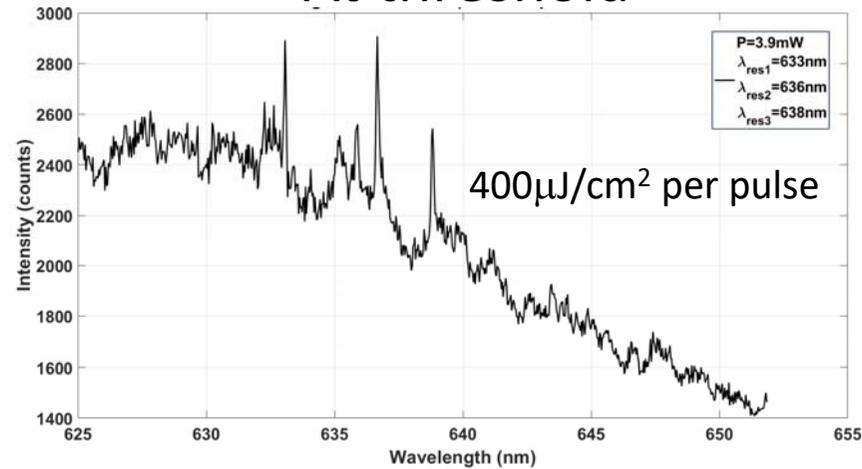


# multimode emission for large size disk

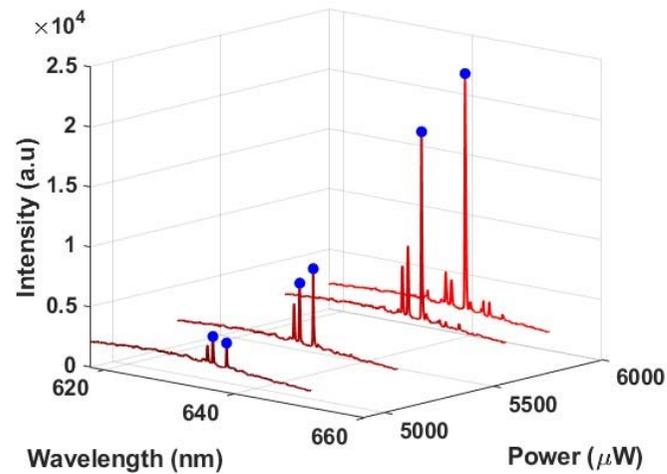
*Smaller free spectral range*



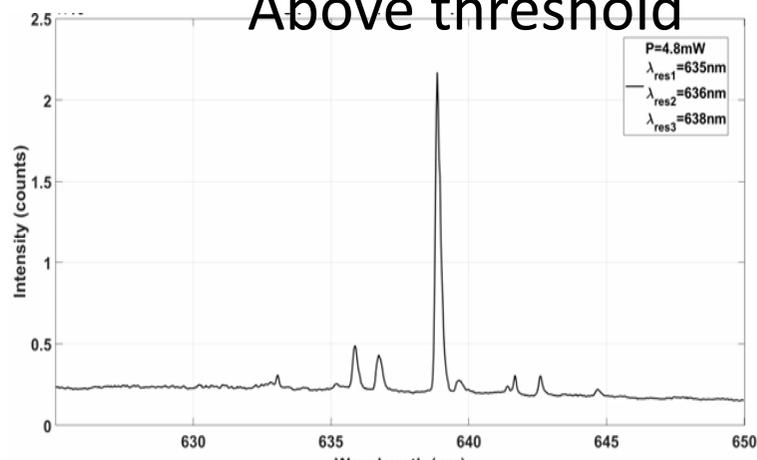
At threshold



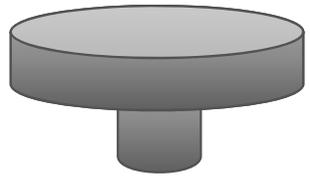
$$R = 10\mu\text{m}$$



Above threshold



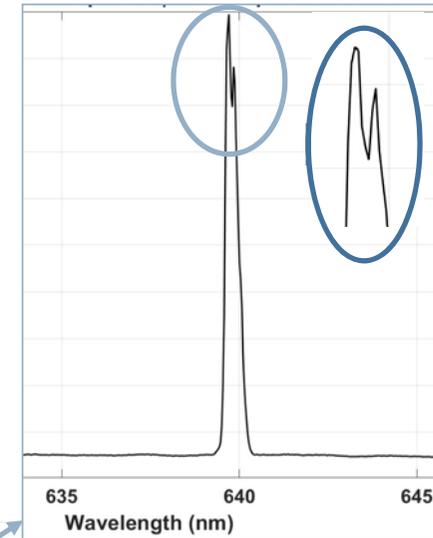
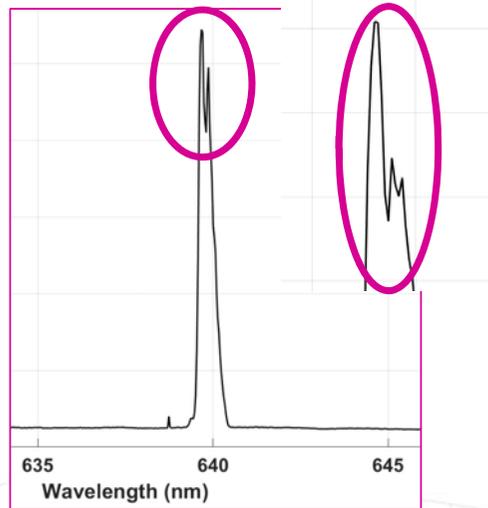
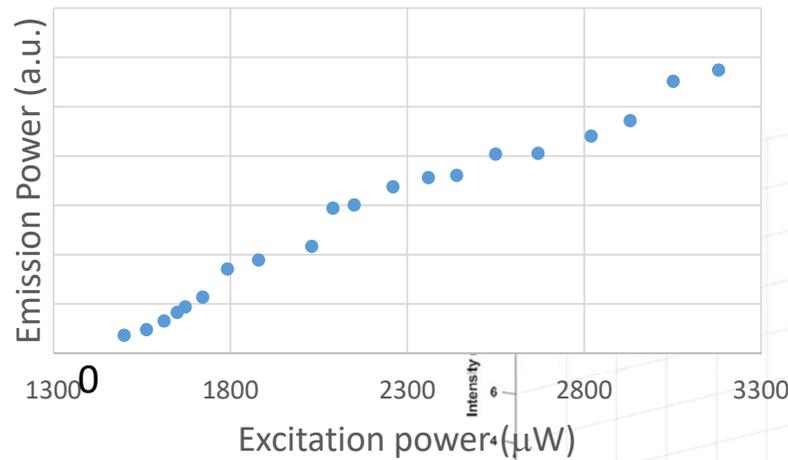
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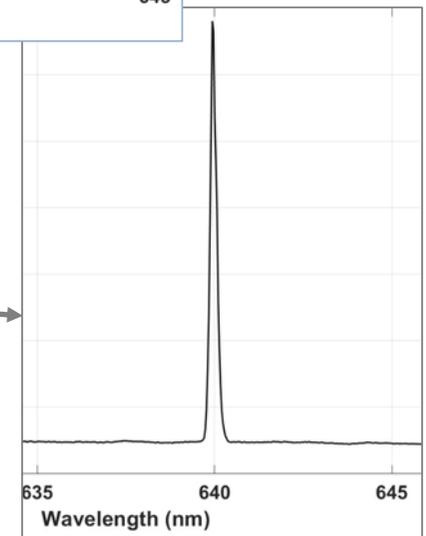
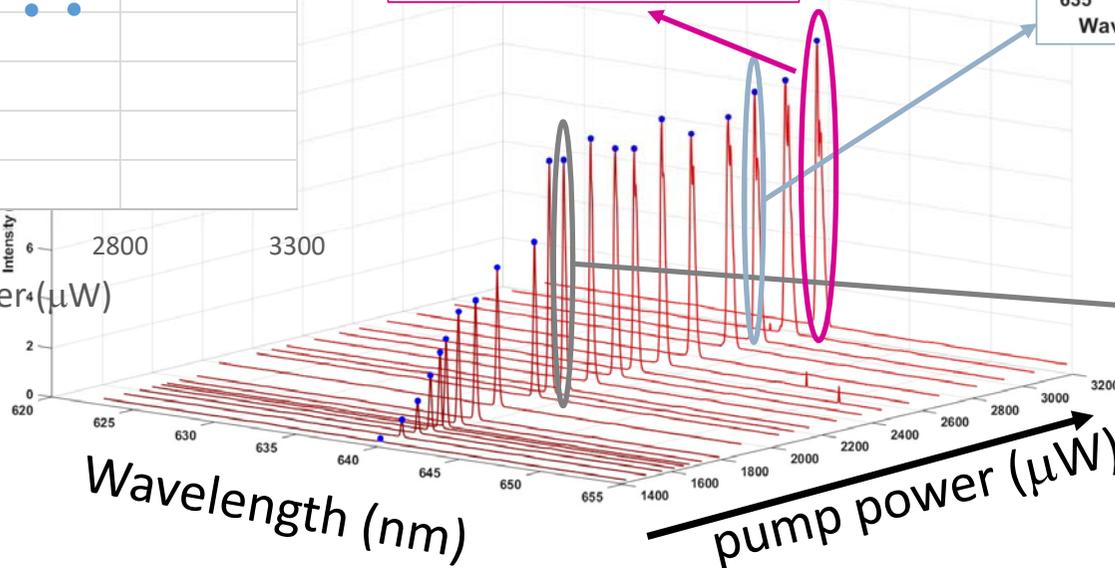
$R=4\mu\text{m}$

3 peaks  
0.2nm total split

Spectrometer resolution  
0.1nm

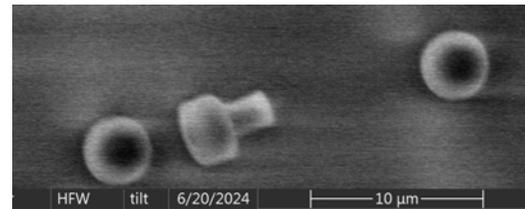
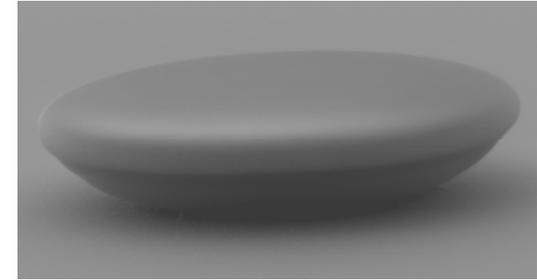


2 peaks  
0.1nm split

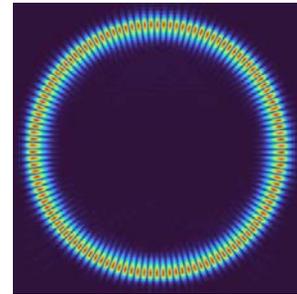
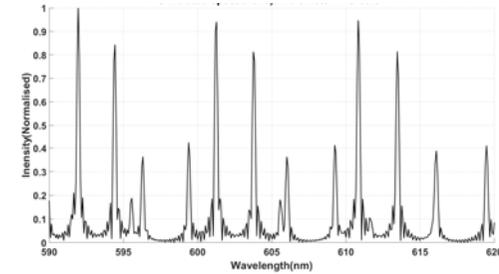
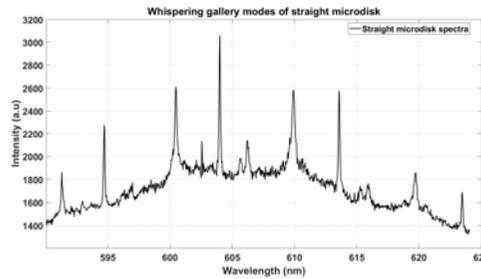


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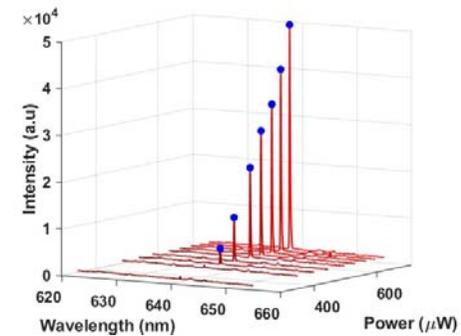
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✓ Whispering gallery modes



✓ Single mode whispering gallery mode laser



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