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Spectral Modulation of Optofluidic Coupled-Microdisk Lasers in Aqueous Media

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Supplementary Materials:

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I. Fabrication of the solid-state dye-doped polymer microdisks

The solid-state dye-doped polymer microdisk arrays were fabricated via single-mask standard lithography, as shown in Figure S1. The geometric shapes of the single and coupled microdisks were pre-designed on the chromium mask, and the gap between each pair of coupled microdisks was increased from 0.2 to 1 μm , and 0.1 μm for each pair. The diameter of the microdisk was about 20 μm and the thickness was 2.4 μm , as measured using scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and surface profiler, respectively.

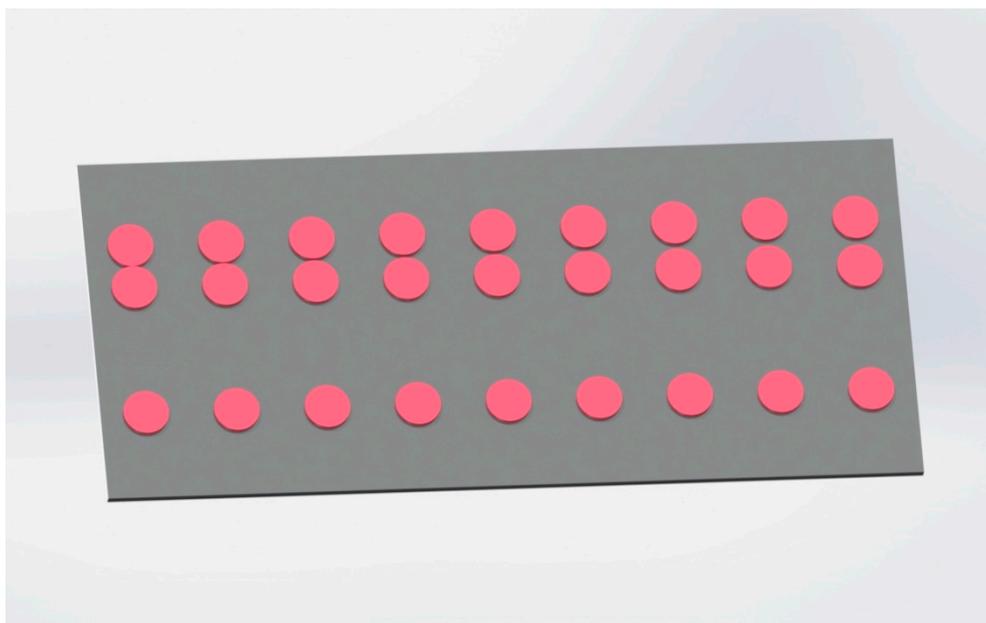


Figure 1. 3-D schematic of the solid-state dye-doped polymer microdisks.

II. Fabrication of the optofluidic microdisk device

Figure S2 plotted the fabrication process of the optofluidic microdisk device. This microfluidic channel was a device combines a clean glass slide and patterned polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS) leaf. The patterned PDMS leaf was formed from a glass mold and released after 2 h of 95 °C curing in an oven. The shape of the microfluidic channel was shown in in Figure S2c. The optofluidic microdisk device, consisting of a microfluidic channel and solid-state dye-doped polymer microdisks, was fabricated and as shown in Figures 2d. Finally, an optofluidic microdisk device, consisting of a microfluidic channel and solid-state dye-doped polymer microdisks, was fabricated and as shown in Figure S2e.

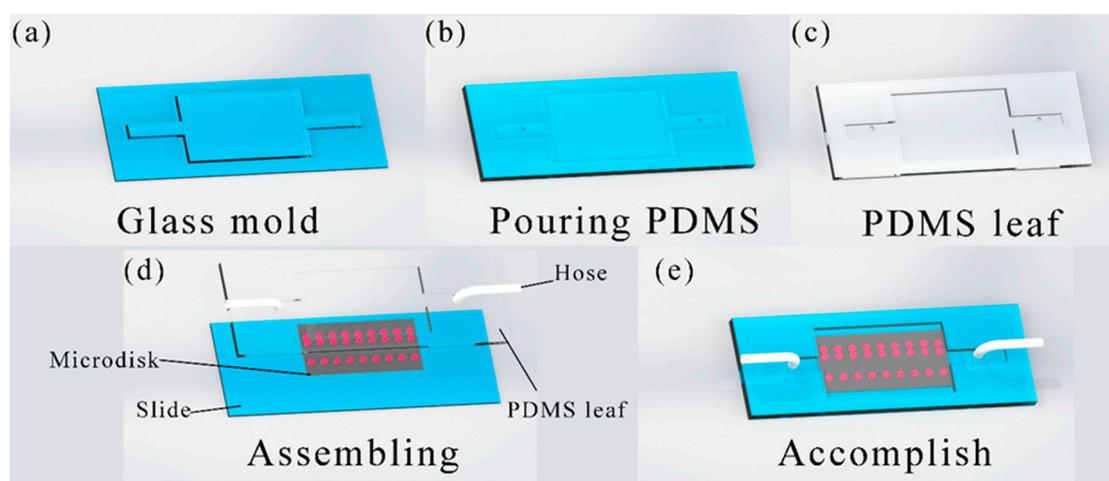


Figure 2. 3-D schematic diagram shows the fabrication process of the optofluidic microdisk device.

III. Relationship between the refractive index of DMSO-water mixtures and the DMSO (volume fraction)

Actually, the refractive indices of the solutions in the experiment are calculated by the volume ratio of DMSO to deionized water [36]. The relationship between the DMSO-water mixtures and the refractive indices is due to Lorentz-Lorenz and can be described as:

$$\frac{n_{12}^2 - 1}{n_{12}^2 + 2} = \phi_1 \frac{n_1^2 - 1}{n_1^2 + 2} + \phi_2 \frac{n_2^2 - 1}{n_2^2 + 2}, \quad (0)$$

where, n_{12} , n_1 and n_2 are the refractive indices of the DMSO-water mixtures, DMSO and DI-water, respectively. ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 are the volume fractions of the DMSO and DI-water in the mixture. Using Equation S1, the refractive index of DMSO-water mixtures can be calculated.

IV. Relationship between the refractive index n and wavelength shift

The relationship between resonator wavelength (λ) and the n_{eff} is $m\lambda = 2\pi n_{eff}R$ [37], where m is angular momentum, n_{eff} is the effective refractive index of the WGMs inside the resonator, R is the radius of the resonator. When the refractive index of background medium is changing, it will cause the n_{eff} changes, leading to a WGM wavelength shift.



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