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Cavity description

Cavity thickness measurement was calculated using:

$$d = \frac{m}{2} \left(\frac{\lambda_1 \cdot \lambda_2}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} \right) \tag{1}$$

And was corrected with the refractive index of the medium:

$$d_{eff} = \frac{d}{n_{medium}} \tag{2}$$



Figure S1: Cavity cross-section of a processed cavity.



Figure S2: Top-view of a processed substrate before sealing. Glue lines are optimized to avoid bending of the CaF_2 substrates.

Switching voltage

Switching voltage experiment was performed one a UV/VIS spectrophotometer (Lambda 650, Perkin Elmer). The sample was put between crossed polarizers and the transmission was recoderded at 452 nm.



Figure S3: Switching voltage of 5CB.

Rabi–splitting vs voltage



Figure S4: Raw data from Fig. 4a.



Figure S5: Raw data from Fig. 4b.



Figure S6: Transmission spectrum of 5CB in an isotropic phase. The value of the splitting is $\hbar\Omega_R = 40 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

Sample holder



Figure S7: Sample holder made with a 3D printer. The sample is put between the two plates. The dimension of the sample holder is standard FTIR sample holder size.