

Towards Synthesis of UV lasers using doubly-resonant, ultra-thin LiNbO₃ microdisk resonators

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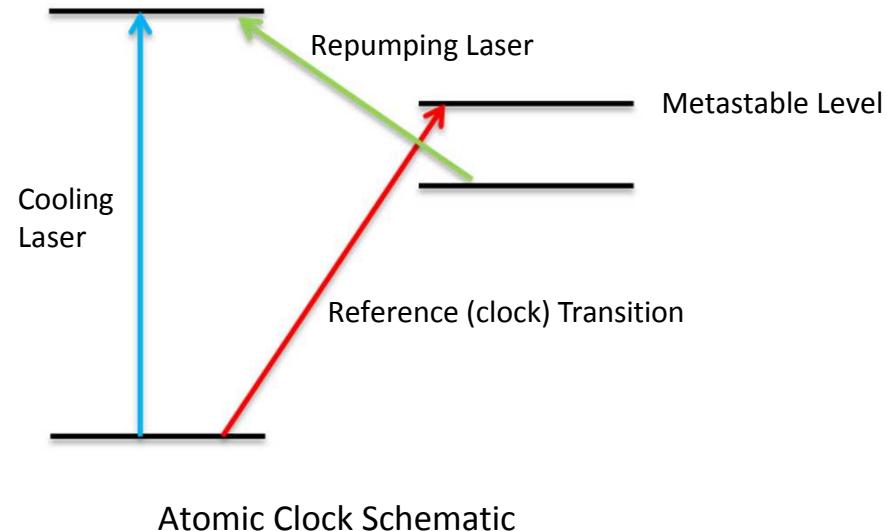
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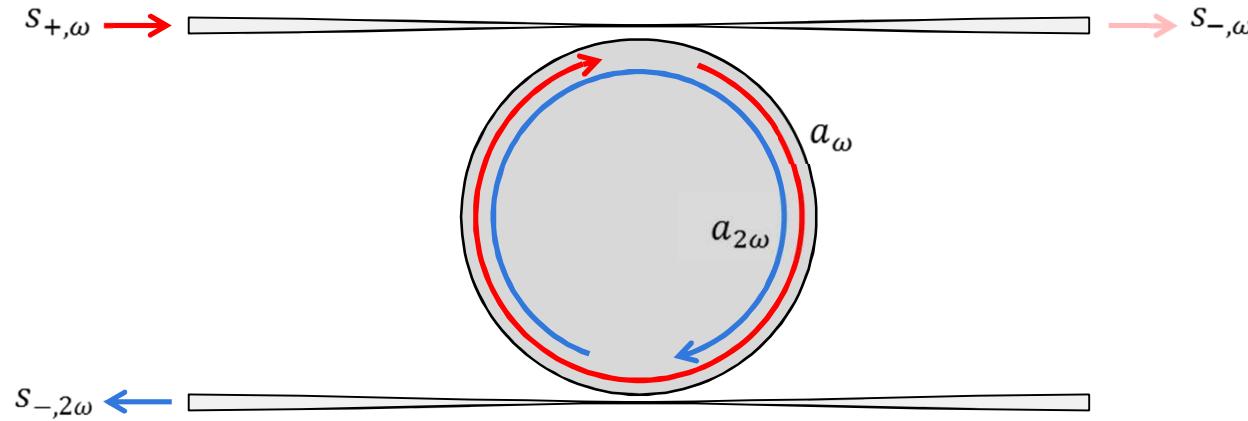
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Motivation

- Frequency doubling from 1550nm to 775nm
 - Allows transmission with ultra-low-loss in fiber but detection at 775
 - Near peak efficiency for silicon detectors and photon counters
- Next generation Yb+ ion atomic clock
 - 369nm for cooling
 - Ti:sapphire laser



Coupled Mode Theory



$$\frac{da_\omega}{dt} = \left(i\omega - \frac{\Gamma_\omega}{2} \right) a_\omega - i\omega\eta a_\omega^* a_{2\omega} + \sqrt{\Gamma_{s,\omega}} s_{1+}$$

$$s_{-, \omega} = -s_{+, \omega} + \sqrt{\Gamma_{s,\omega}} a_\omega$$

$$\frac{da_{2\omega}}{dt} = \left(i2\omega - \frac{\Gamma_{2\omega}}{2} \right) a_{2\omega} - i2\omega\eta^* a_\omega^2$$

$$s_{-, 2\omega} = \sqrt{\Gamma_{s,2\omega}} a_{2\omega}$$

Coupled Mode Theory

$$\eta = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\int d^3x \sum_{ijk} \varepsilon \chi_{ijk}^{(2)} E_\omega^i E_{\omega j} E_{\omega k}^*}{\left[\int d^3x \varepsilon |E_\omega|^2 \right] \left[\int d^3x \varepsilon |E_{2\omega}|^2 \right]^{1/2}}$$

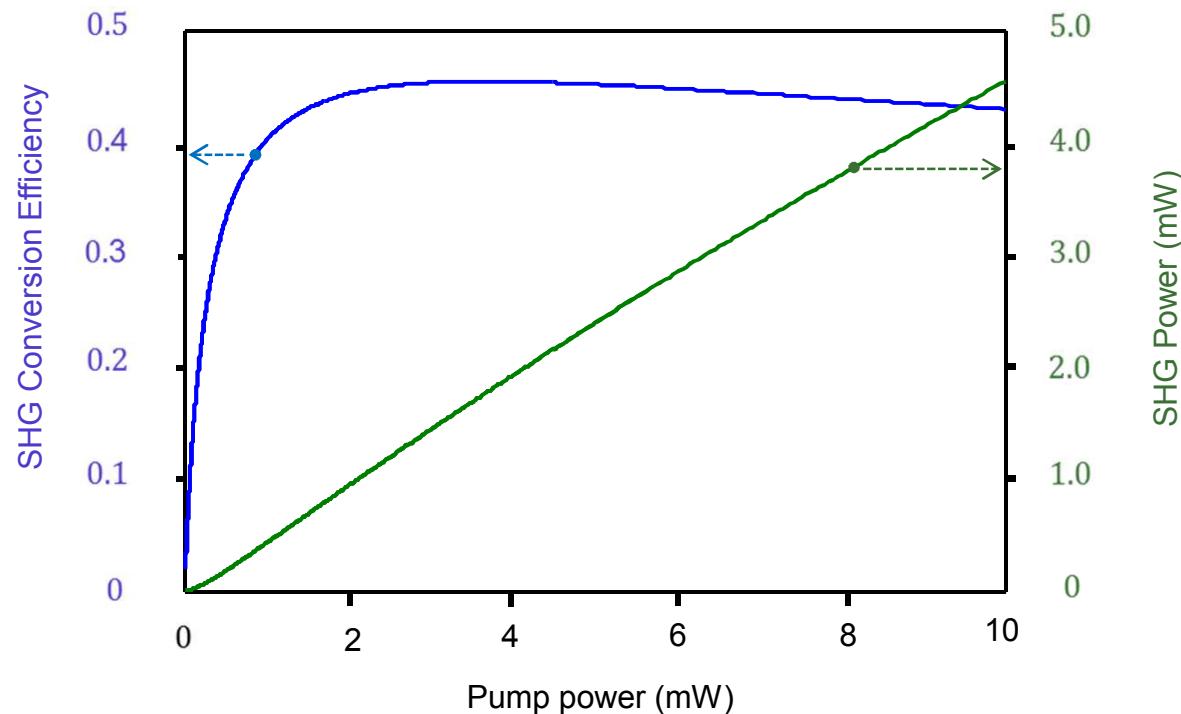
$$P_\omega^* = \frac{\omega}{2|\eta|^2} \frac{(1+K_\omega)^2}{Q_{i,\omega}^2} \frac{(1+K_{2\omega})}{Q_{i,2\omega}} \left(1 + \frac{1}{K_\omega} \right)$$

$$\max\left(\frac{P_{2\omega}}{P_\omega^*}\right) = \left(1 + \frac{1}{K_\omega}\right)^{-1} \left(1 + \frac{1}{K_{2\omega}}\right)^{-1}$$

Coupled Mode Theory

- Parameters

- $Q_{i\omega} = 300,000$
- $Q_{i2\omega} = 7,000$
- $K_{\omega} = 10$
- $K_{2\omega} = 1$



Device Design

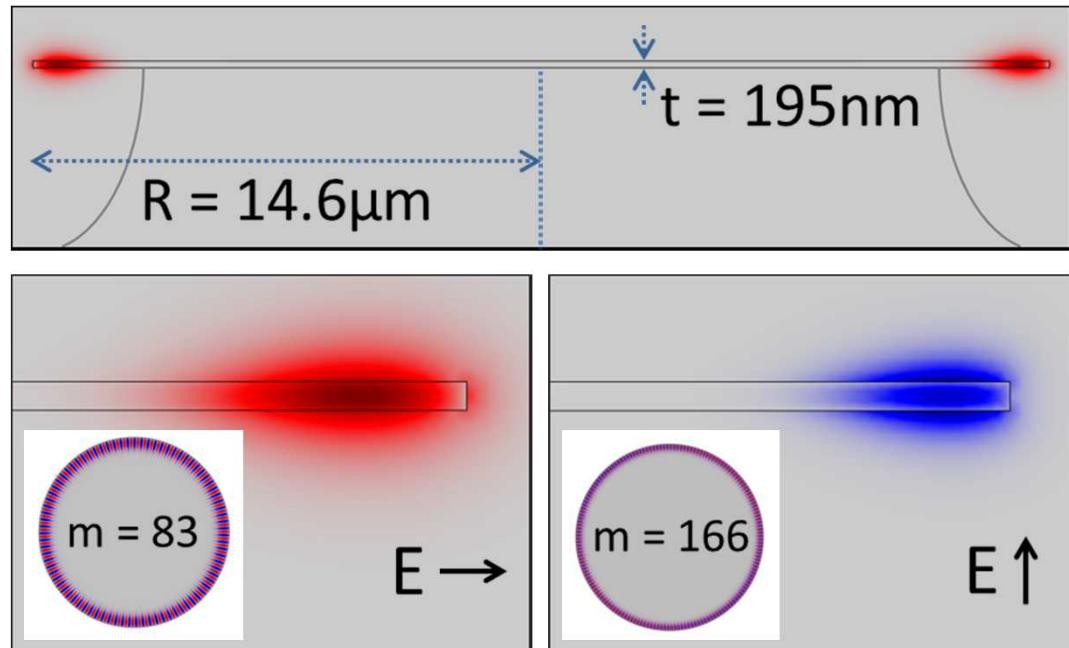
Phase Matching

Momentum Conservation

$$\Delta m = 2m_\omega - m_{2\omega} = 0$$

Energy Conservation

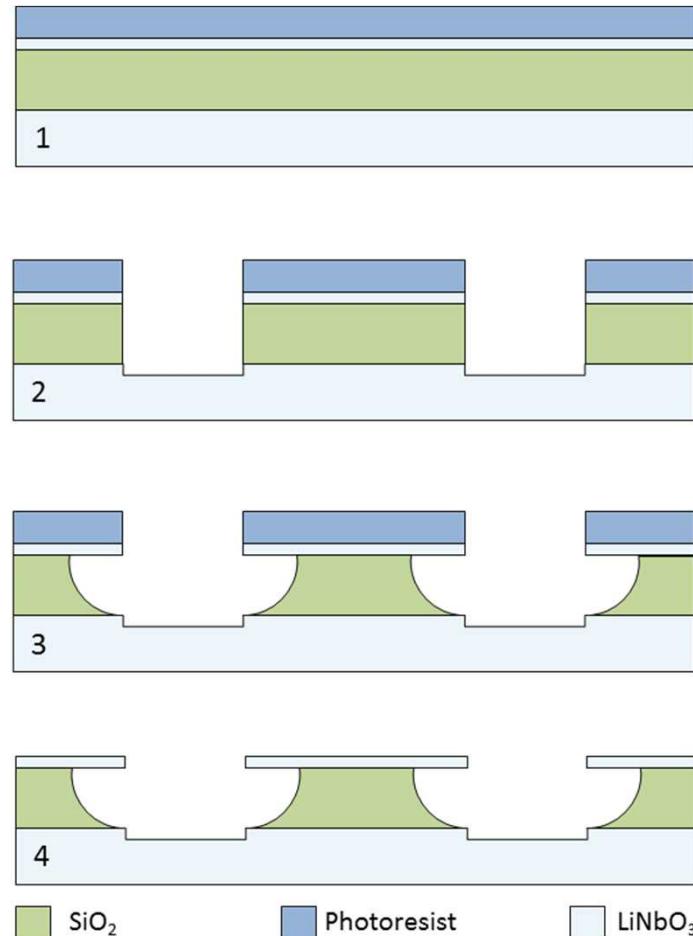
$$\Delta f = 2f_\omega - f_{2\omega} \rightarrow 0$$



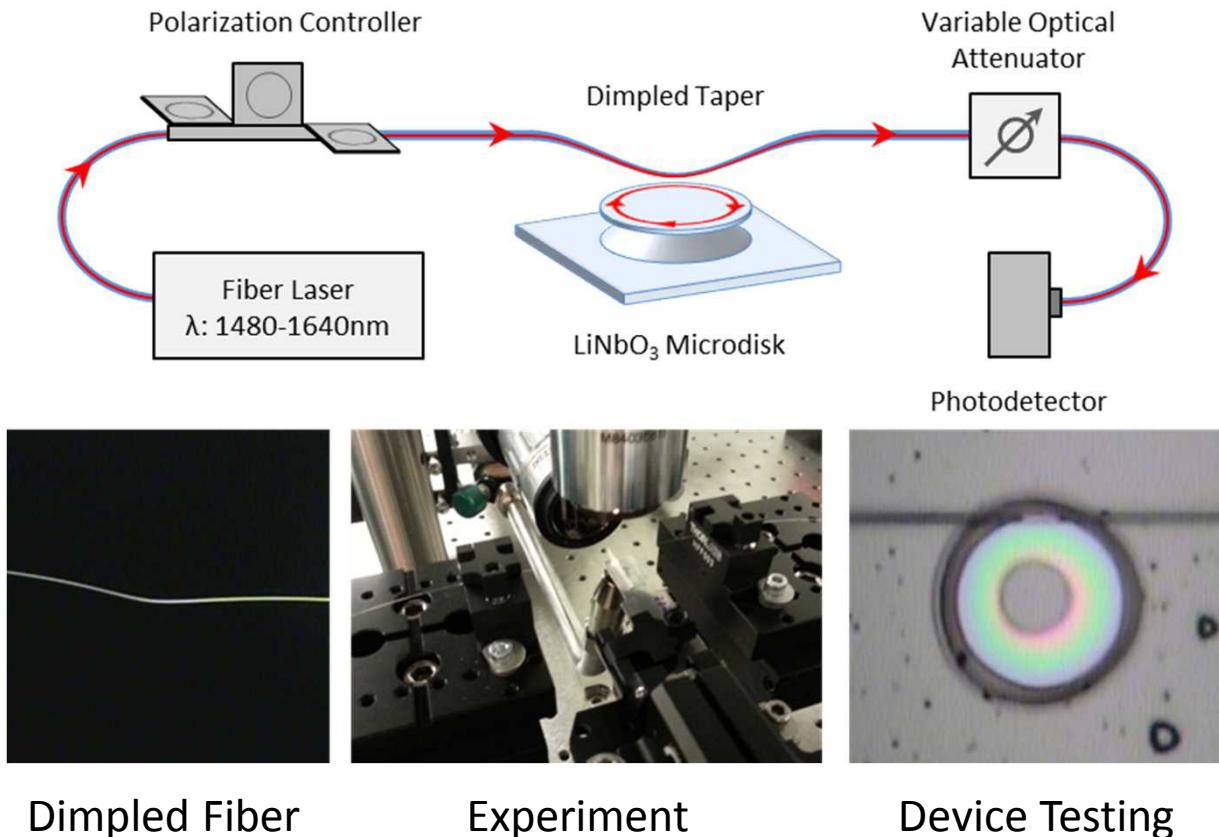
Simulated pump (1476nm) and second harmonic (738nm) modes of LiNbO_3 microdisk. Geometric dispersion allows the two modes to be phased matched.

Fabrication

1. Spin PR
2. 8' CAIBE Dry Etch
3. Vapor HF Release
4. Remove PR

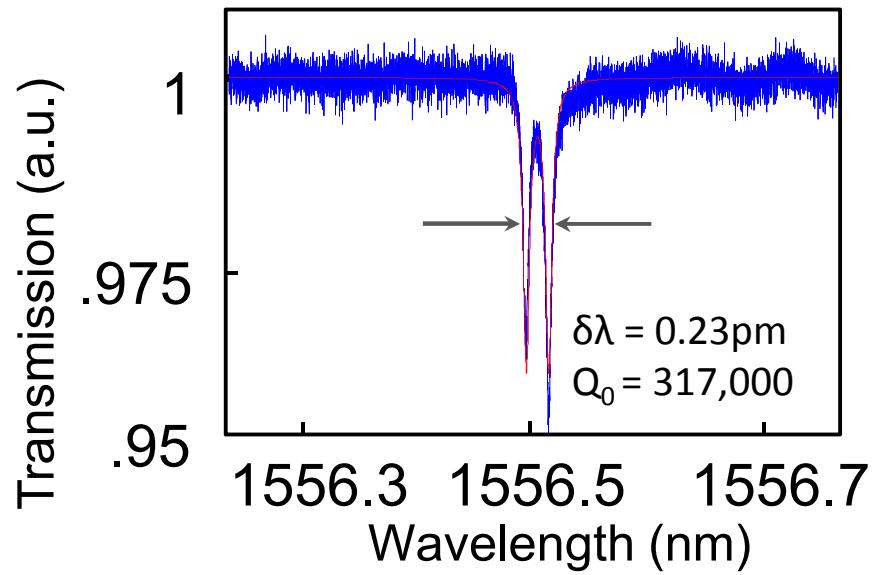
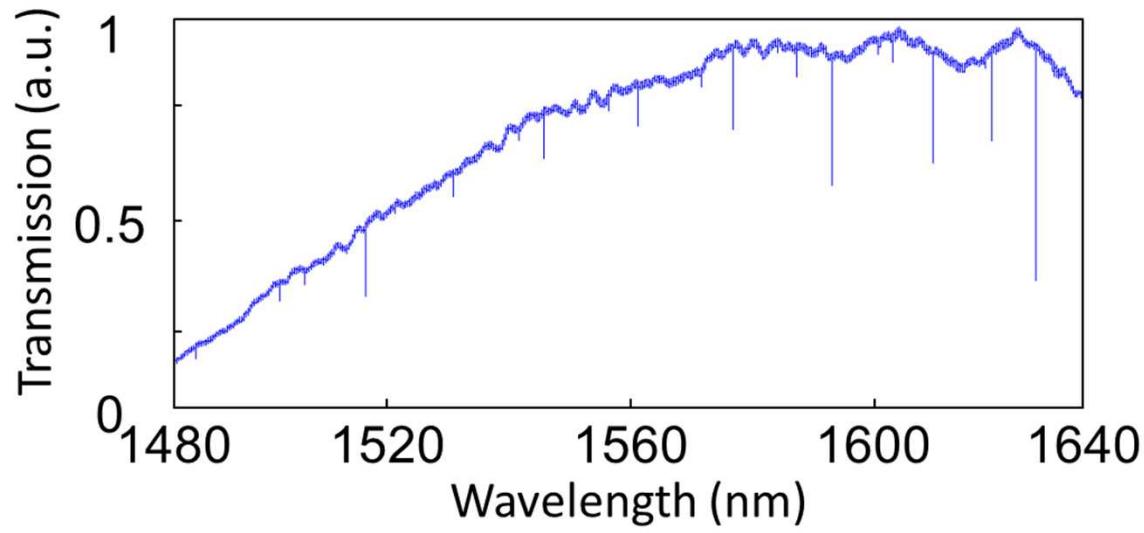


Experimental Setup



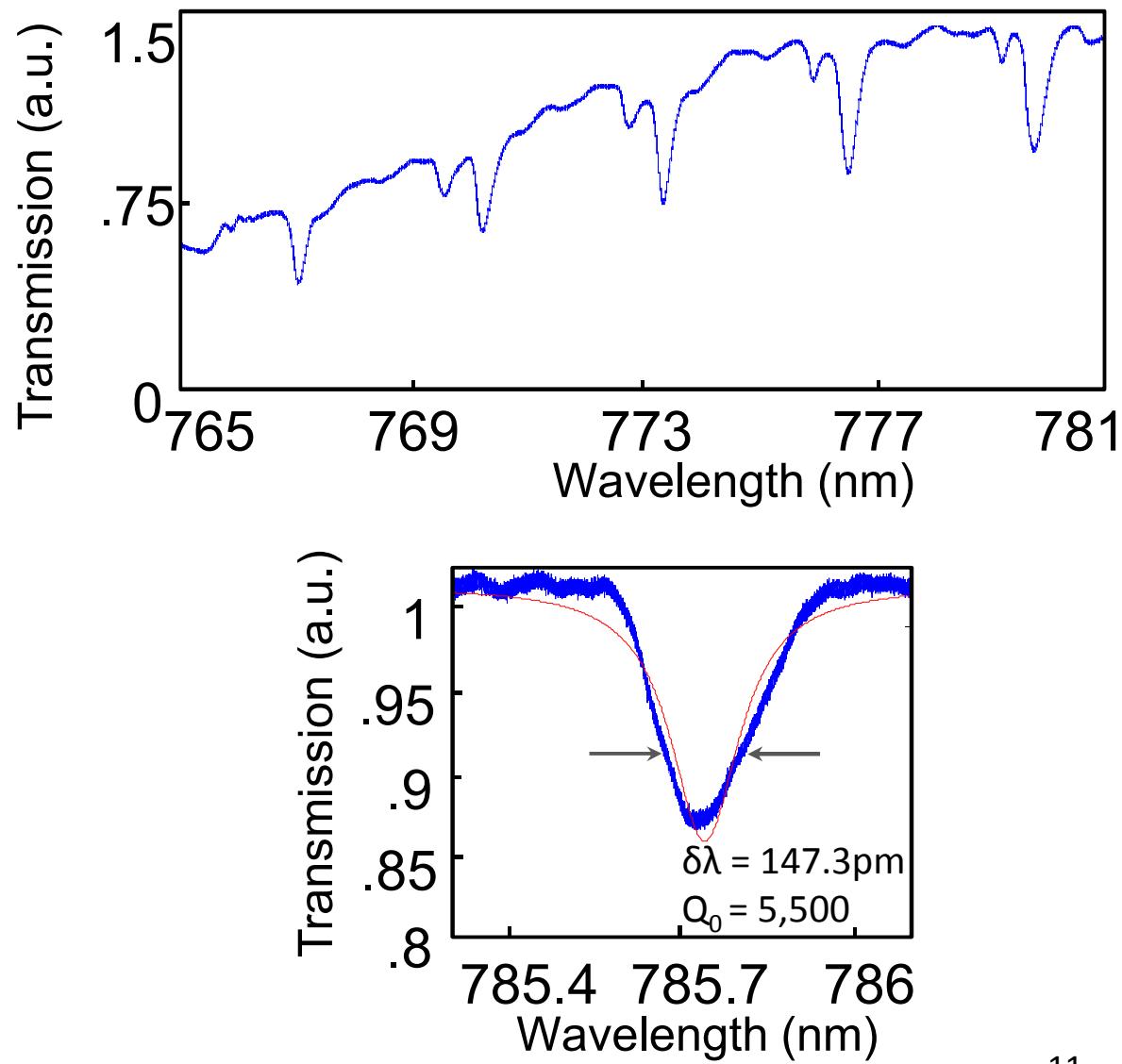
Results

- $Q_{1550} = 500,000$

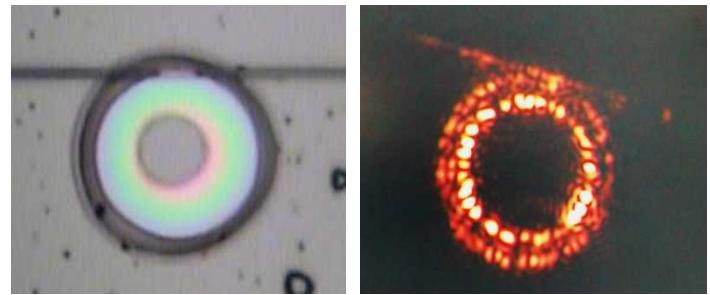
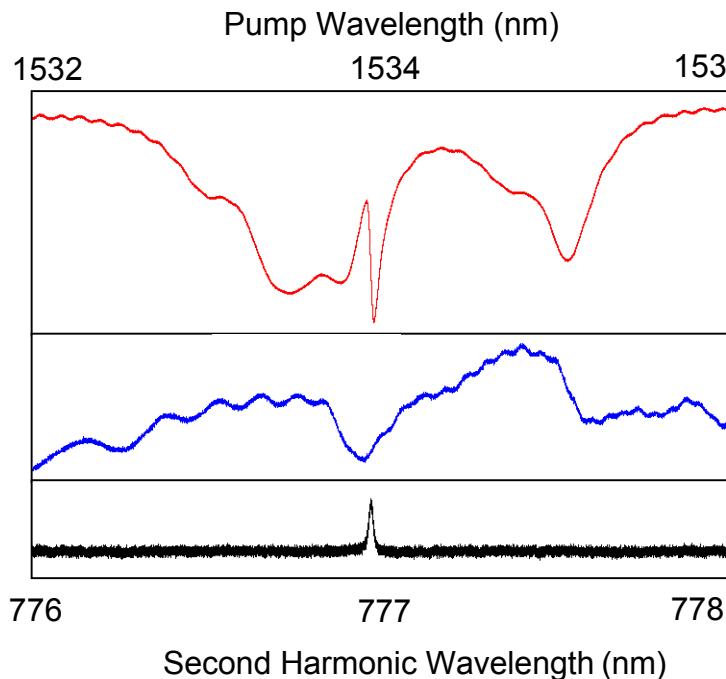


Results

- $Q_{775} = 7,000$



Results



Disk illuminated with room light

SHG observed on visible camera when pumping with infrared light

775nm transmission

SHG signal on 775nm detector during 1550nm wavelength sweep with appx. 5mW pump power

Applications to UV Source

- Scaling of the device dimensions
- Q's must be increased so that device can be loaded harder
- Surface roughness must be improved due to loss rate at lower wavelength

Conclusion

- Frequency doubling from 1550nm to 775nm
- Yb+ atomic clock
 - Cooling wavelength of 369nm
- Geometric phase matching
 - Different index of refraction for 1550nm and 775nm
- Second harmonic generation
 - $Q_{1550} = 500,000$
 - $Q_{775} = 7,000$

Questions?