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Stimulated Raman Scattering Comb in a Silica Microcavity

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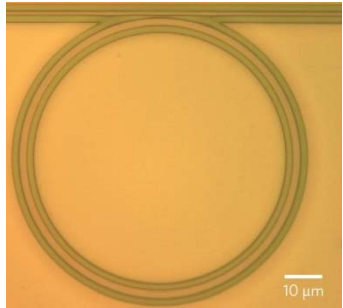
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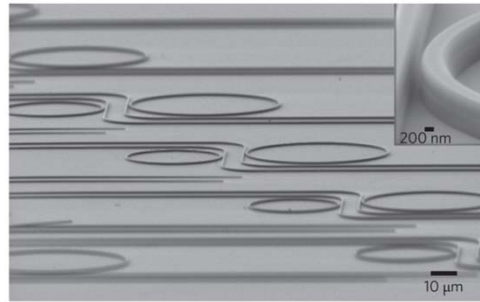


High-Q whispering-gallery mode microcavities



Silicon nitride

Weiner group (Purdue)



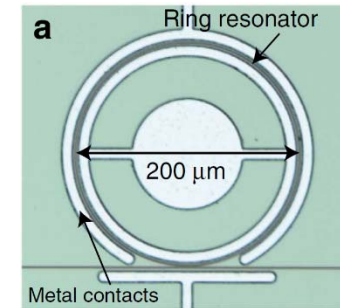
Diamond

Loncar group (Harvard)



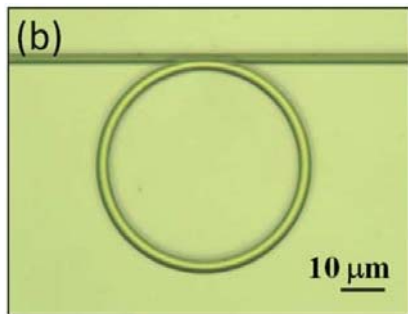
Crystalline (CaF₂, MgF₂, etc)

Kippenberg group (EPFL, Swiss),
Makei group (OE Waves)



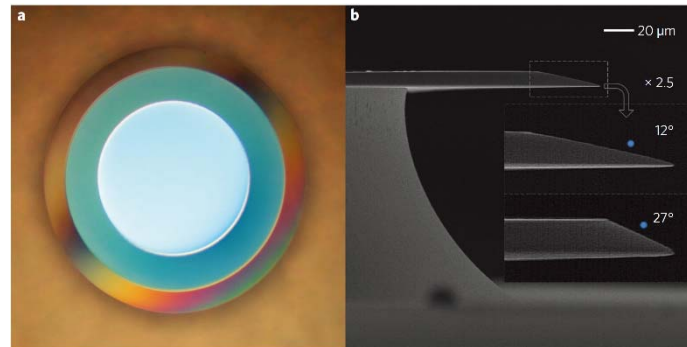
Silicon

Gaeta group (Columbia)



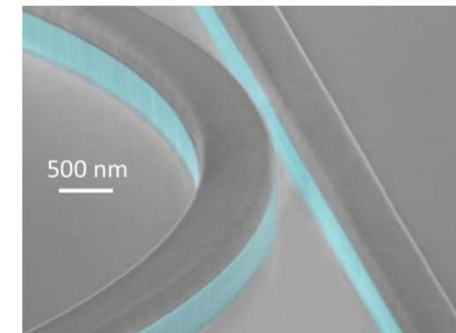
AlN

Tang group (Yale)



Silica

Vahala group (Caltech)



AlGaAs

Yvind group (DTU, Denmark)

◆ Q-factor

$$Q = \omega \times \frac{\text{stored energy}}{\text{power in/out}}$$

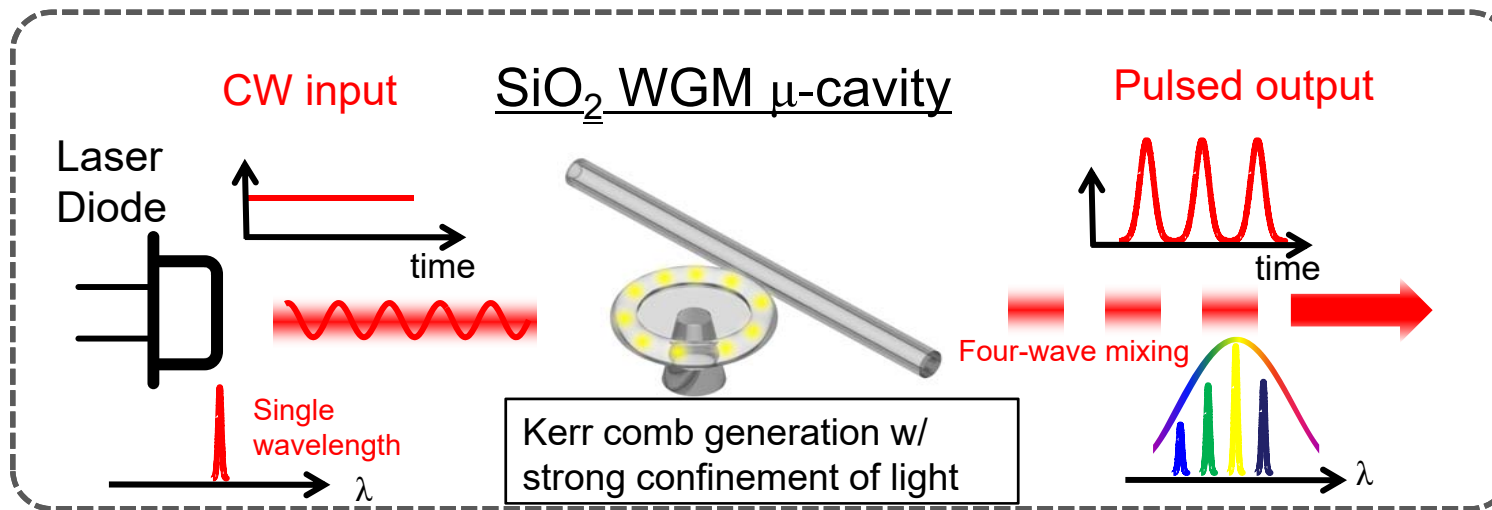
◆ Photon density

$$\propto \frac{Q}{V}$$

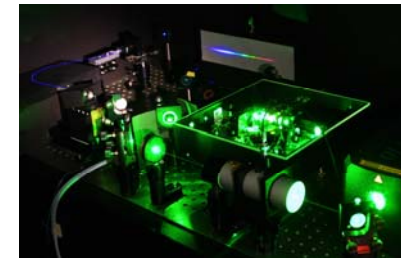


Kerr comb in microcavity system

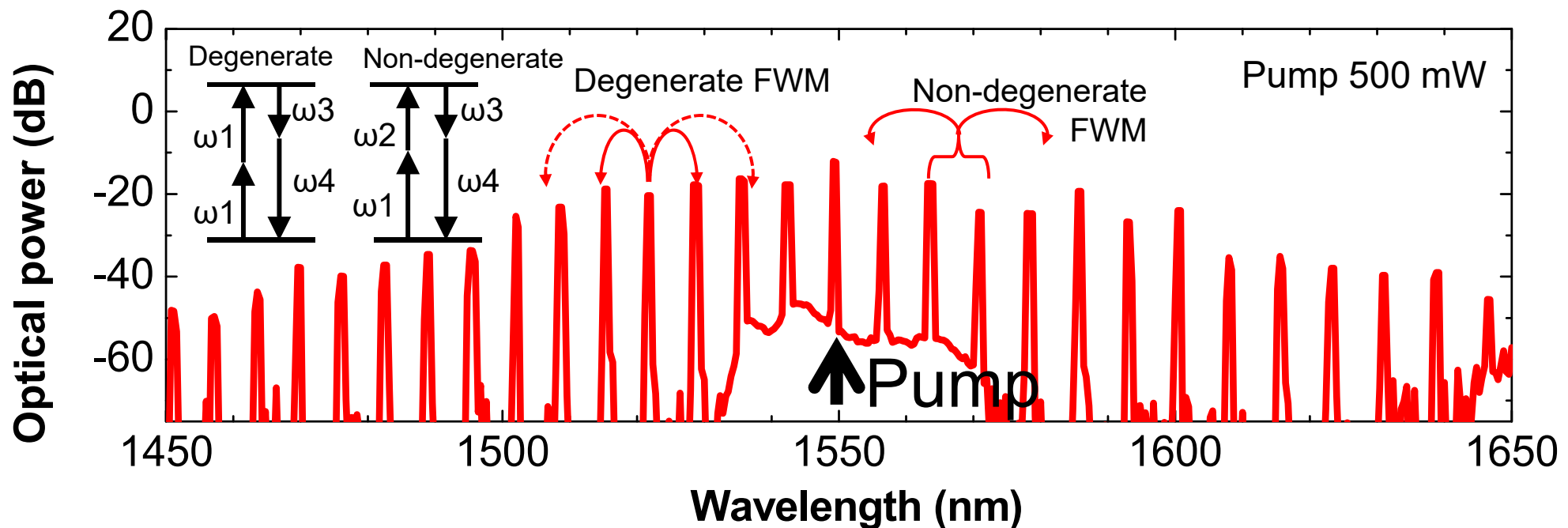
Convert CW laser to ultrashort pulse train w/ >600 GHz repetition rate



Ti:Sapphire laser based comb



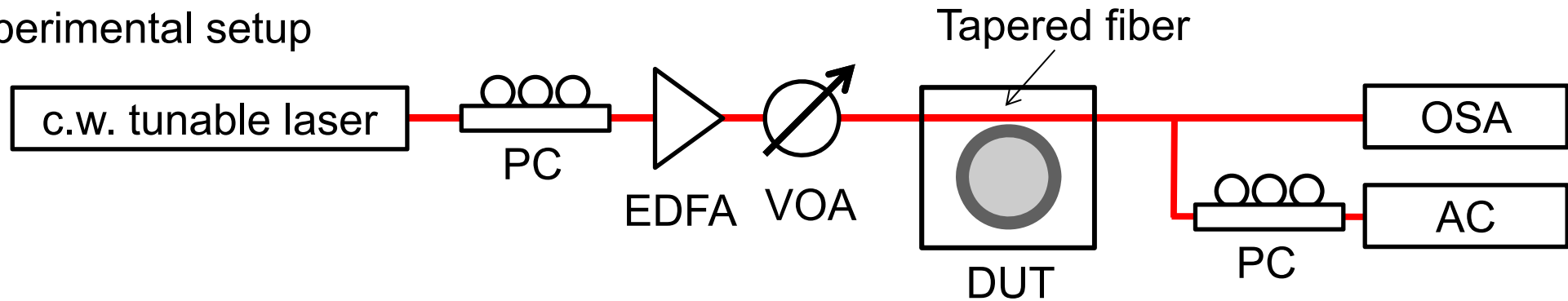
large & expensive



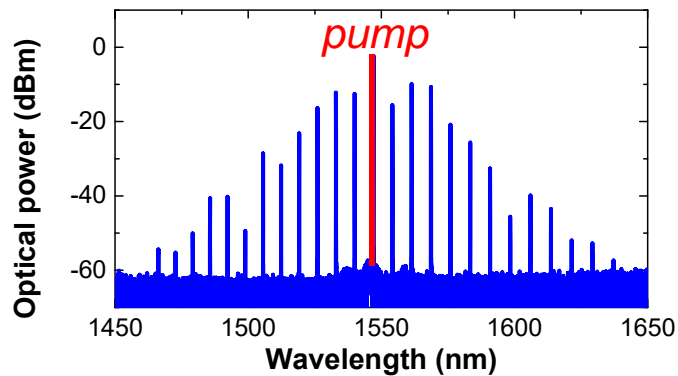


Kerr comb in a silica toroidal microcavity

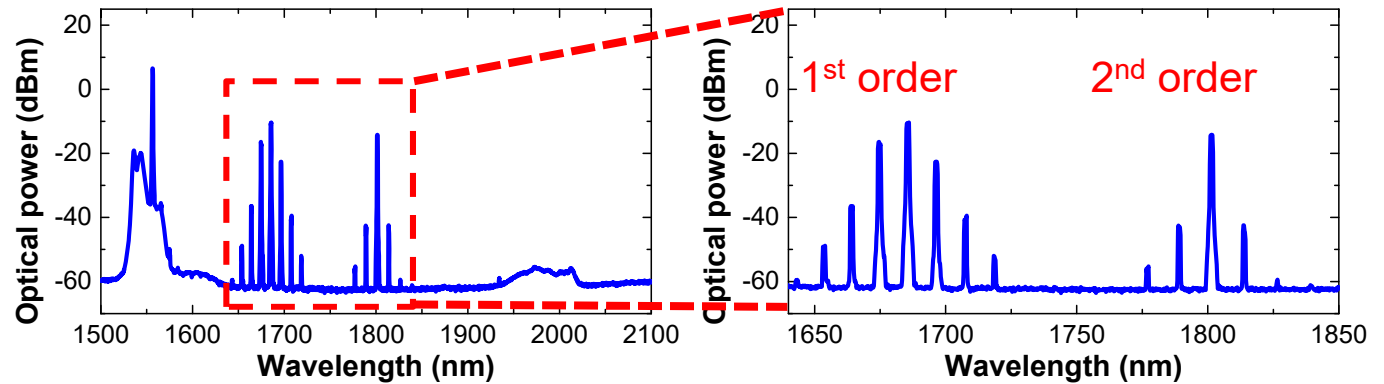
▶ Experimental setup



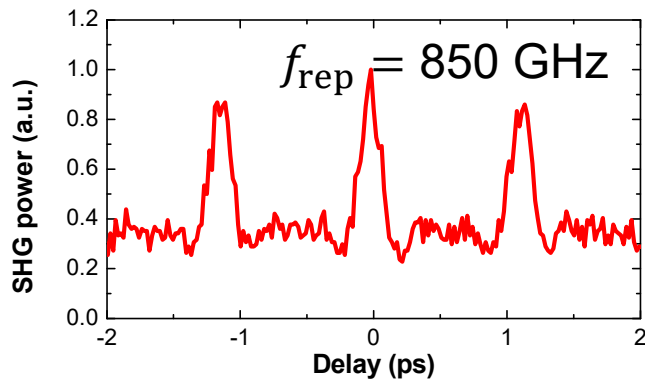
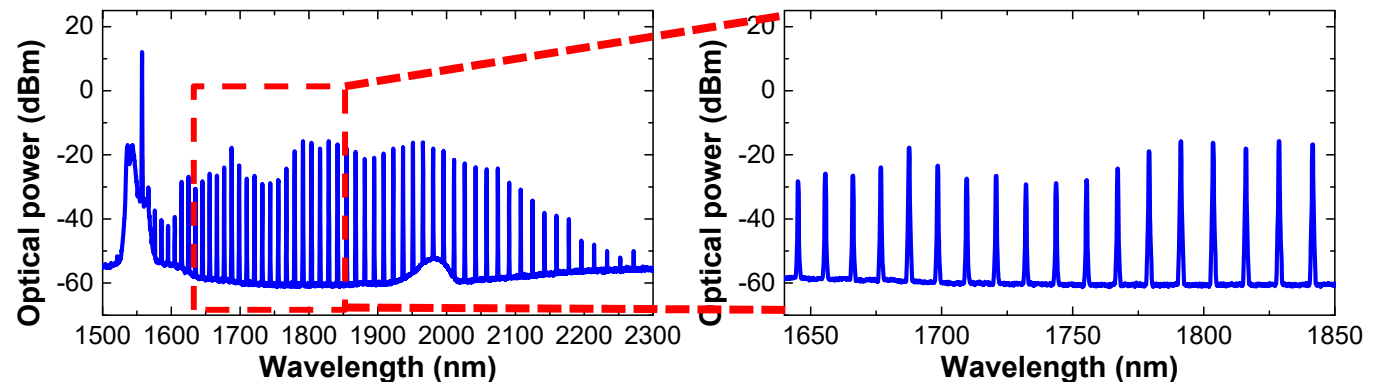
▶ FWM only



▶ Raman (Pump: 1556.4 nm, 250 mW)



▶ Hybrid (FWM+Raman) (Pump: 1557.3 nm, 580 mW)

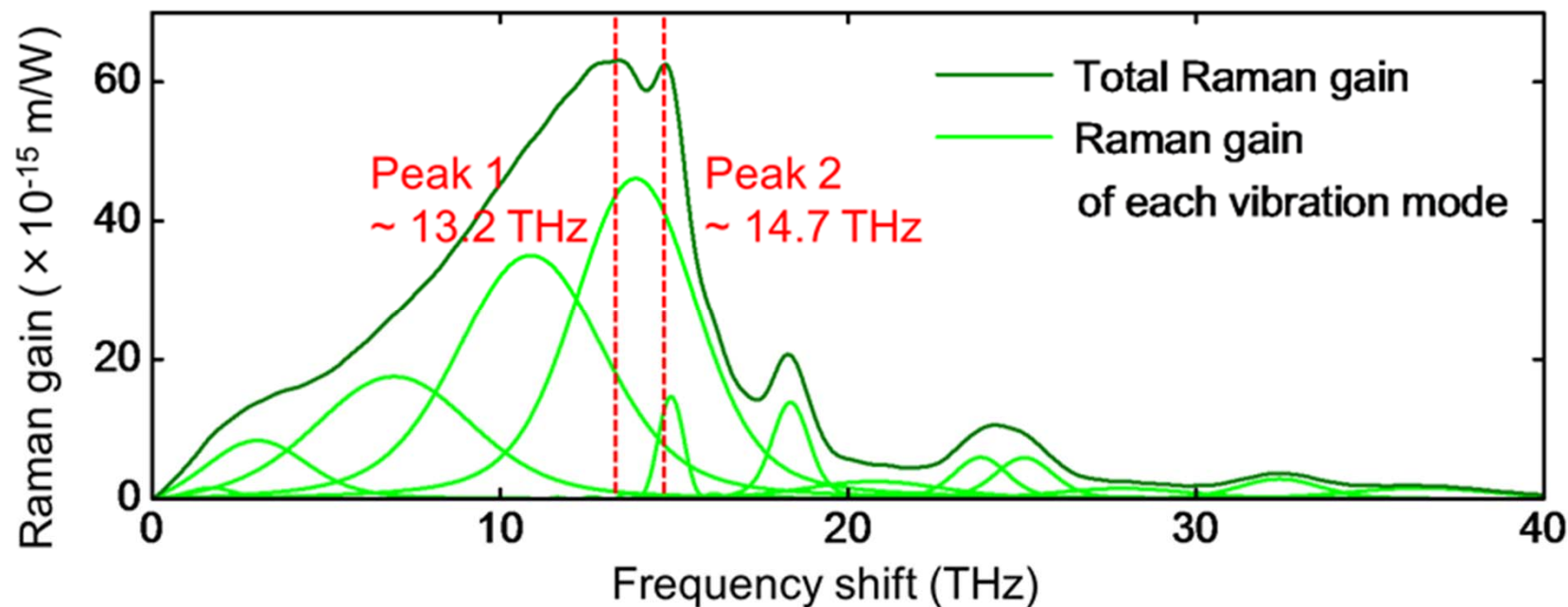




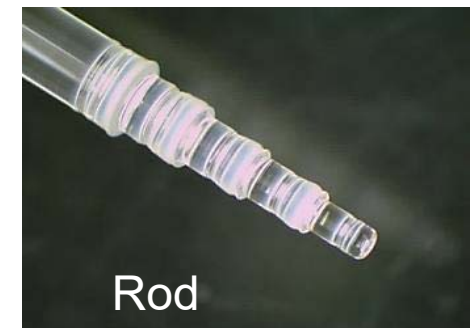
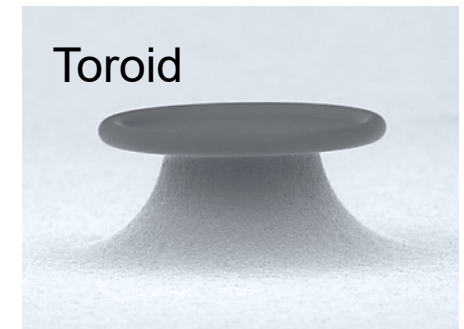
Motivation

1. Understanding the effect of **SRS** is important for **Kerr** comb generation because **these processes compete with each other** inside a microcavity.
2. **Coherent Raman combs** can be used for sensors, microwave generators, and small pulse laser sources.

☞ We study Raman comb formation inside silica WGM microcavities



➔ Silica has broadband Raman gain



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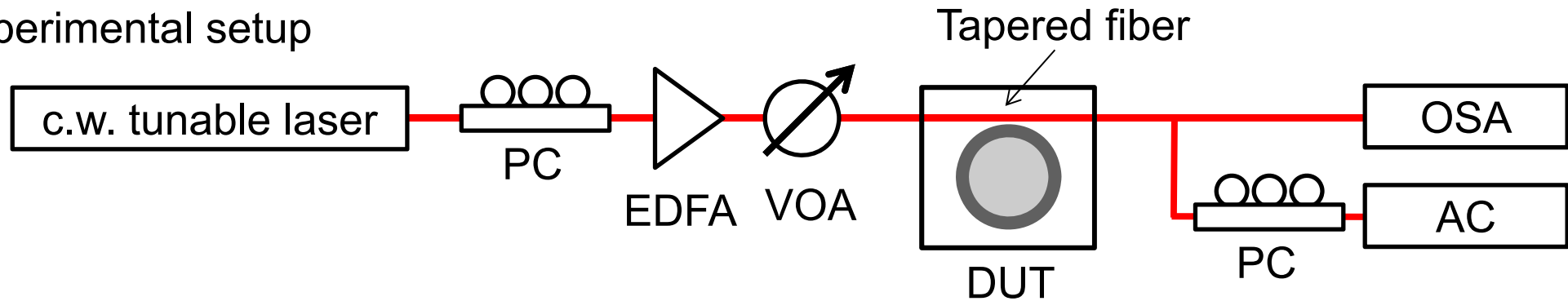


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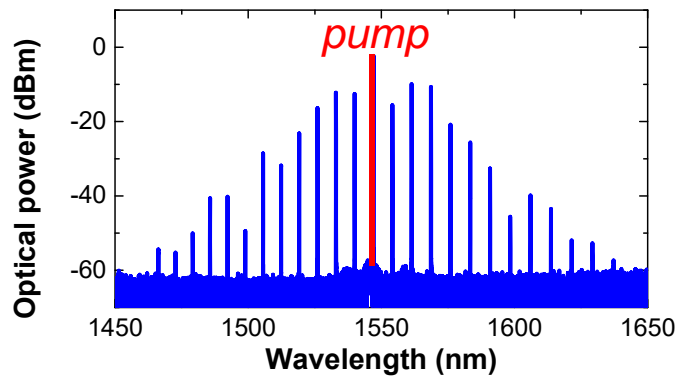


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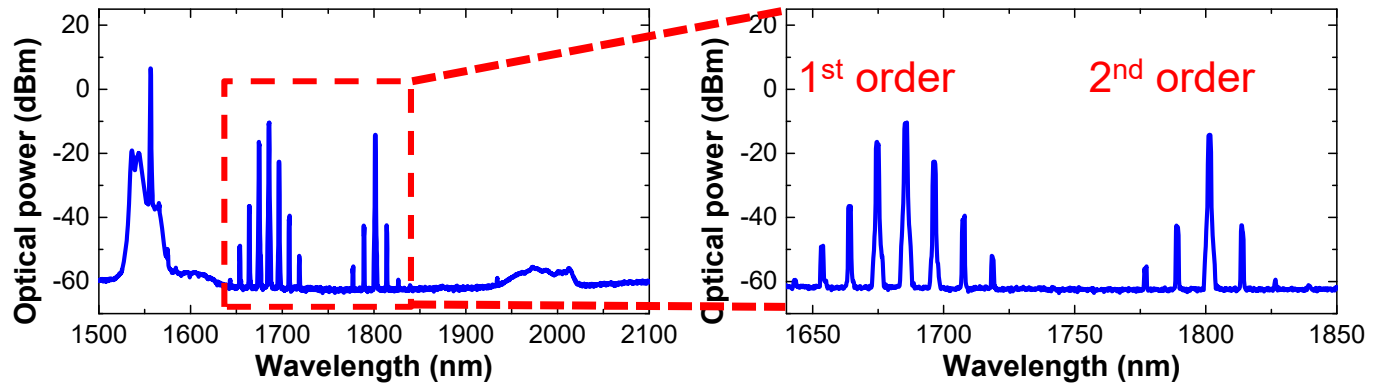
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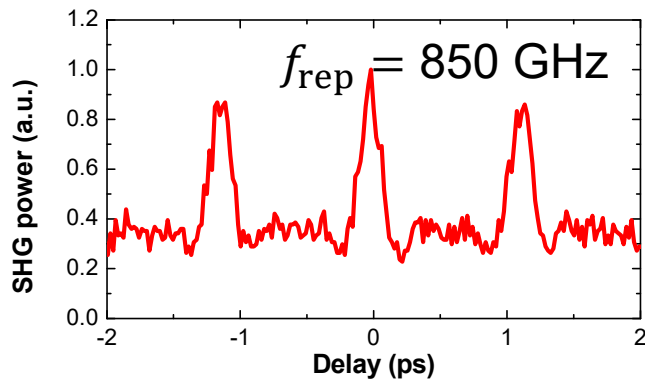
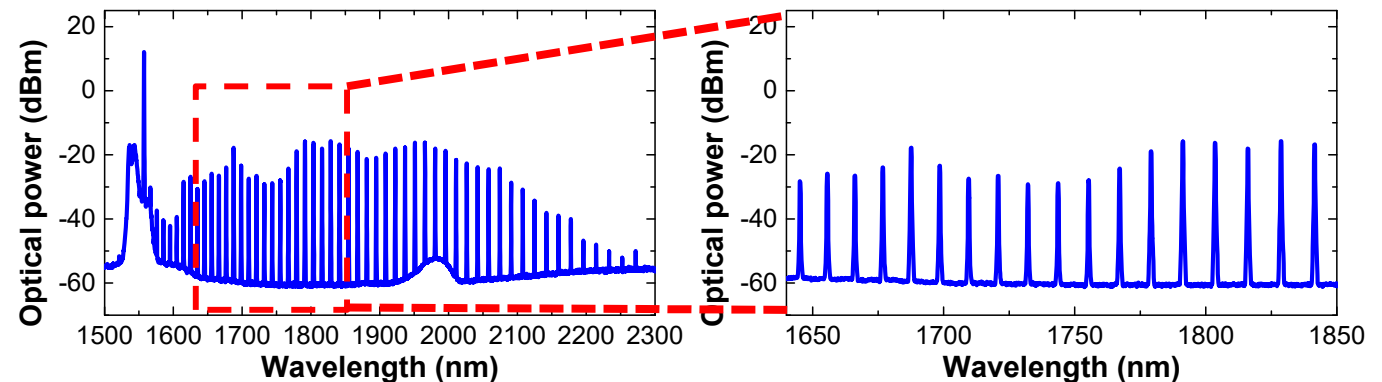
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Four-wave mixing gain

[Case 1: in fiber propagation]

$$g(\Omega) = |\beta_2 \Omega| \sqrt{\Omega_c^2 - \Omega^2}$$

$$\Omega_c^2 = \frac{4\gamma P_0}{|\beta_2|}$$

γ : nonlinear coefficient
 β_2 : second-order dispersion

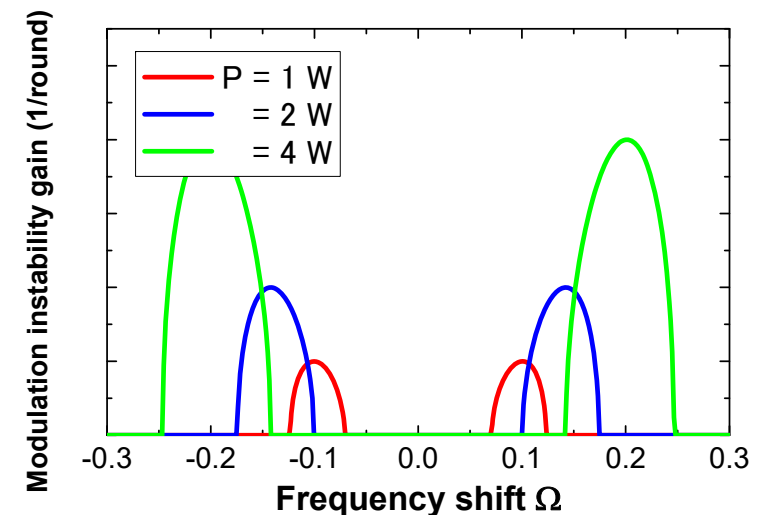
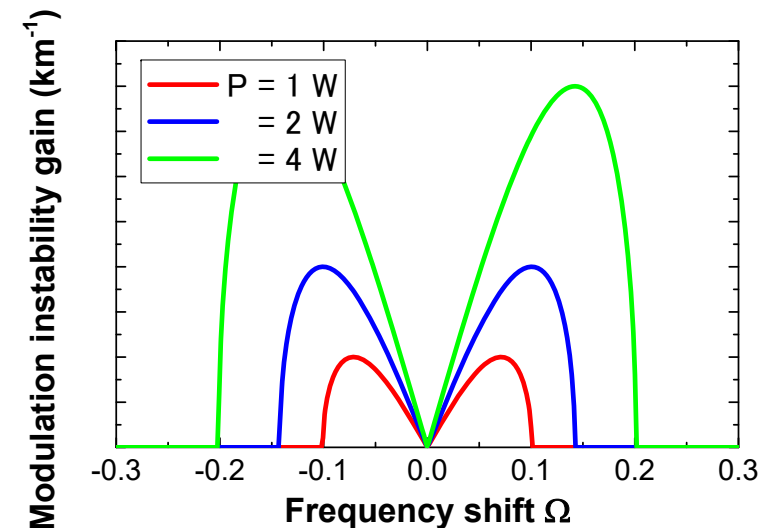
[Case 2: in cavity resonance]

$$g(\Omega) = \sqrt{(\gamma L P_0)^2 - (\delta_{\text{miss}})^2}$$

• detuning from a cavity mode

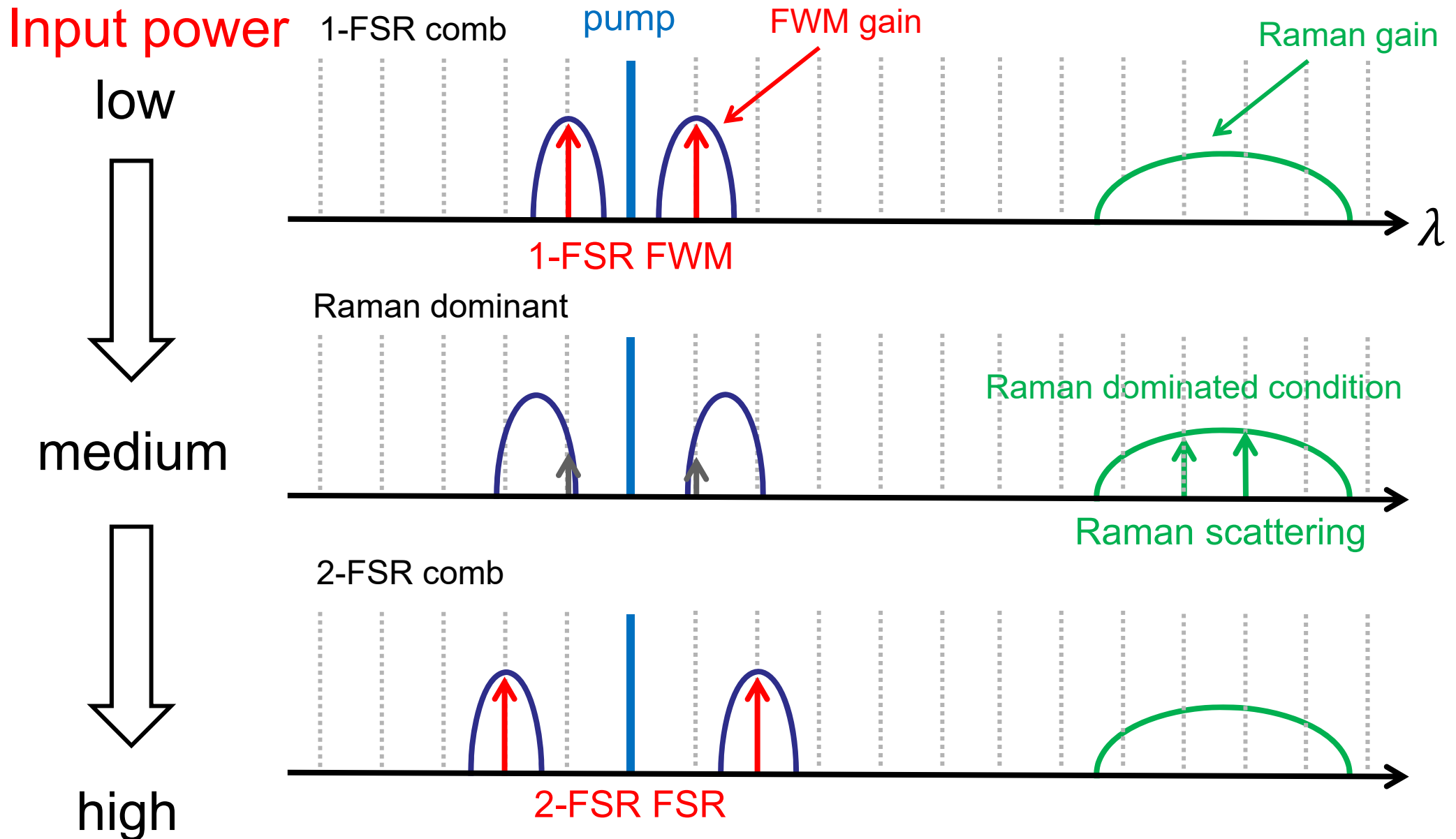
$$\delta_{\text{miss}} = \delta_0 - \beta_2 L \Omega^2 / 2 - 2\gamma L P_0$$

δ_0 : detuning of input



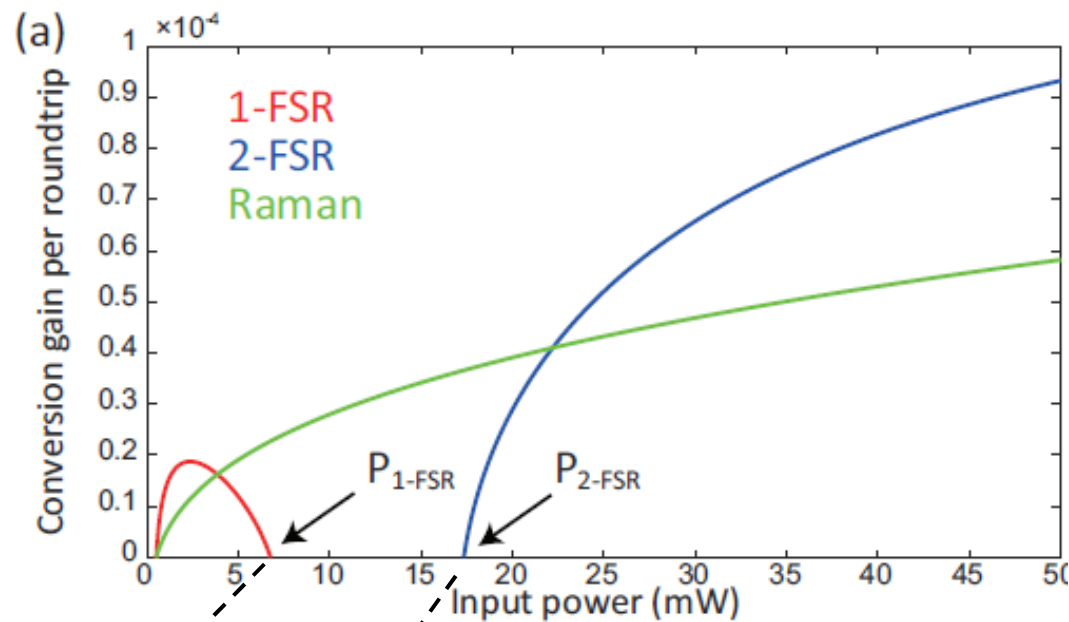
Selection of proper input power is needed to achieve gain in a desired frequency.

Competition between Raman & FWM gain



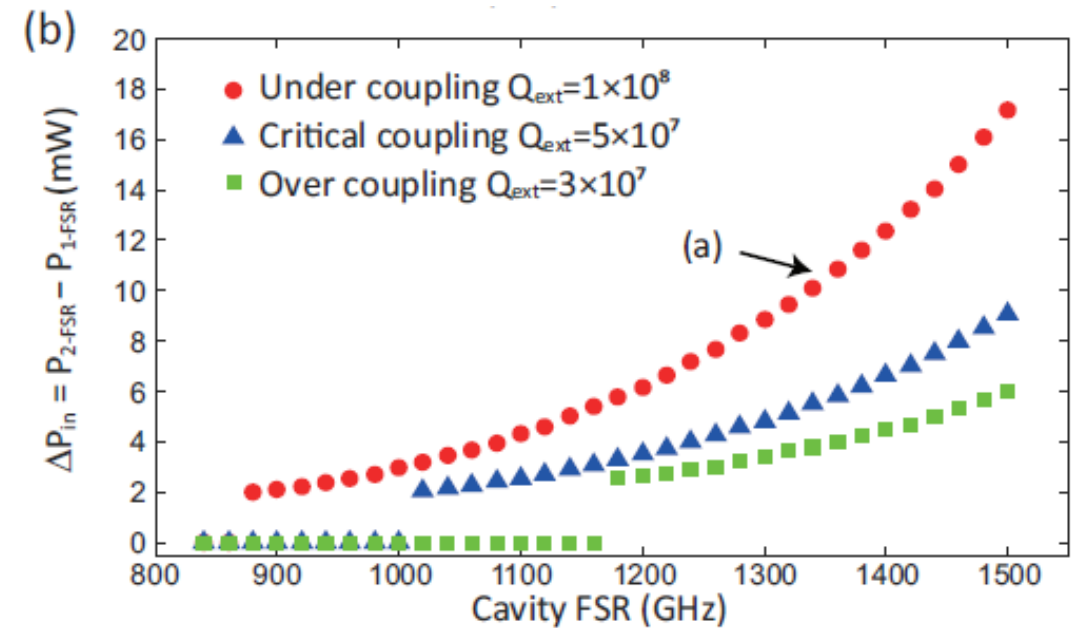


Steady-state analysis of gain transition



Only Raman gain $\Delta P_{\text{in}} = P_{2\text{FSR}} - P_{1\text{FSR}}$

For large margin ΔP_{in} (Raman region)

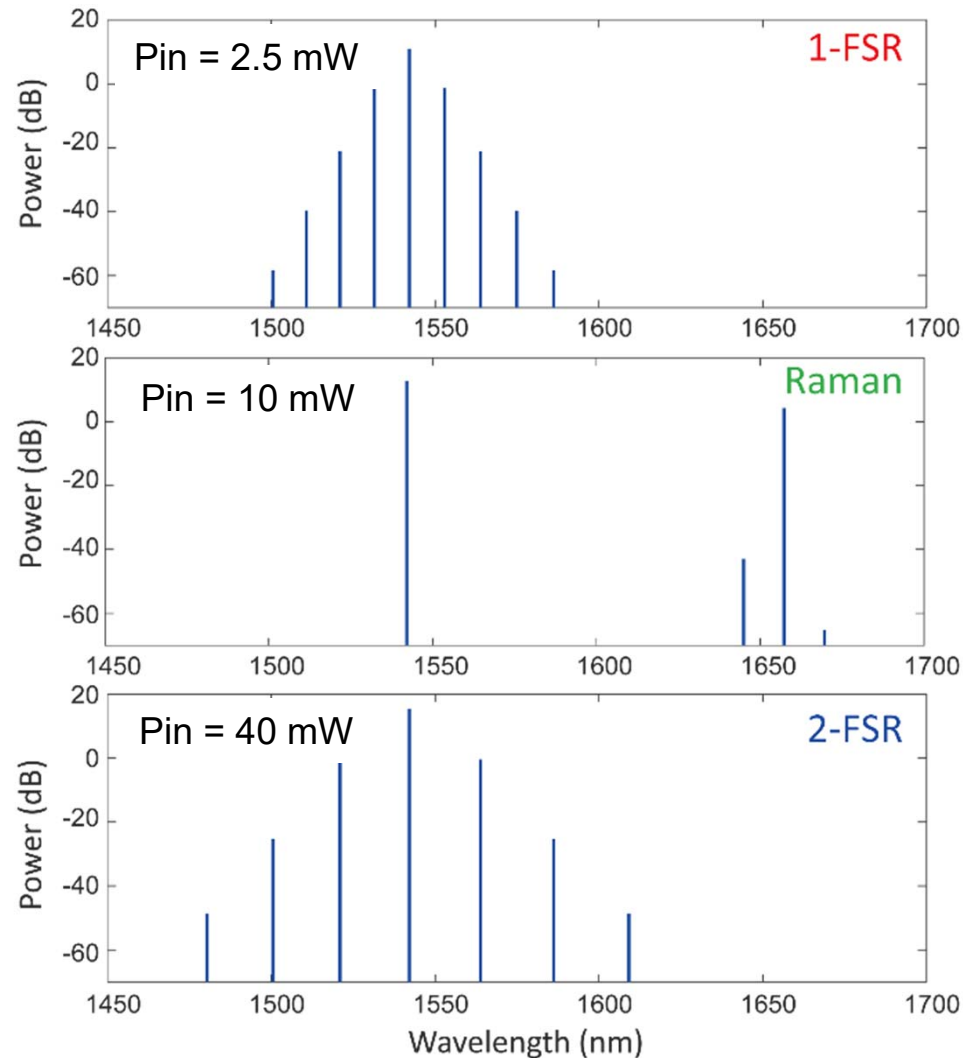


- ✓ Under coupling condition
- ✓ Large cavity FSR (small diameter)

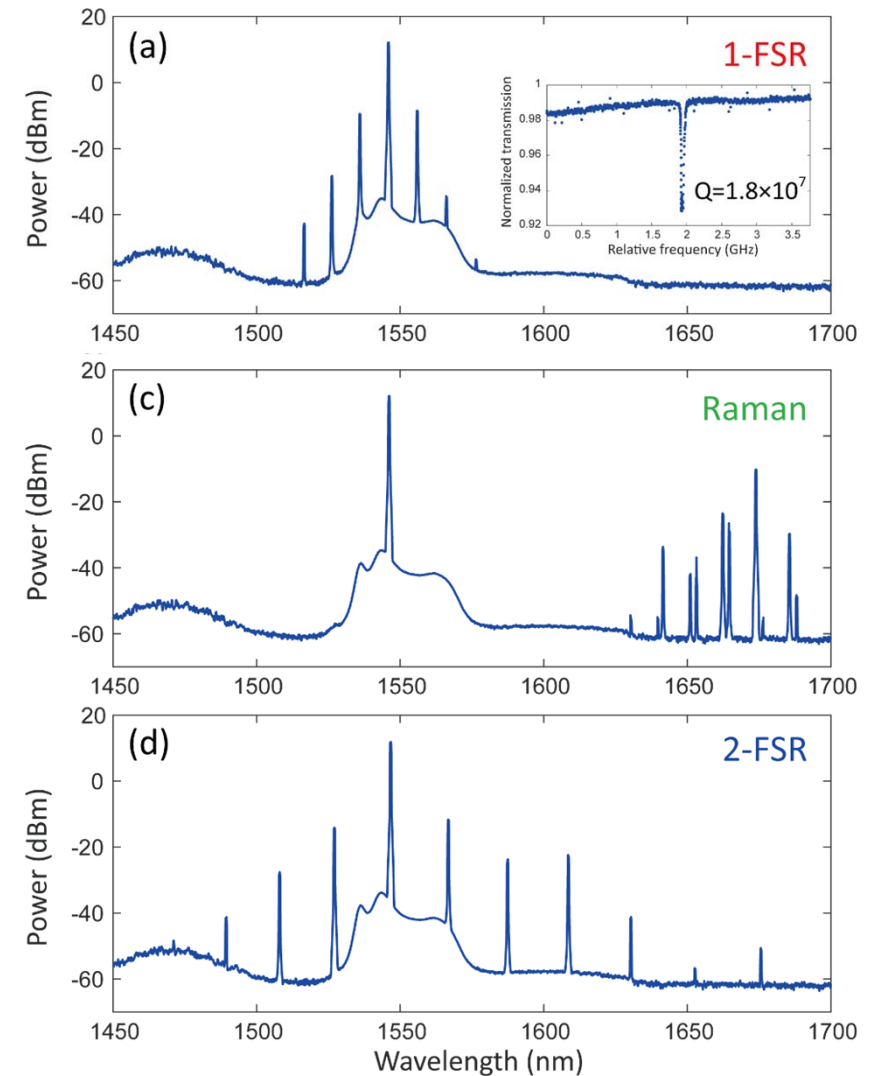


Simulation/Experiment results

Simulation (Lugiato-Lefever equation)



Experiment



Transition

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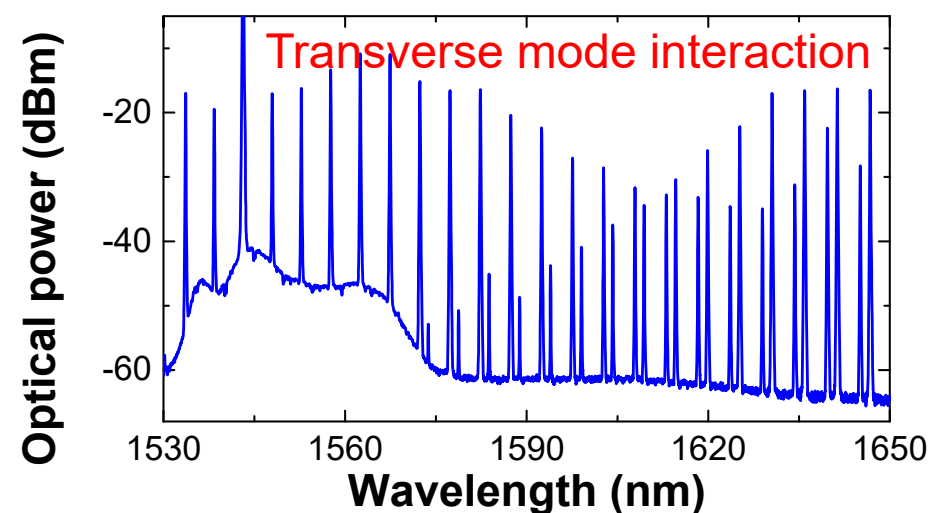
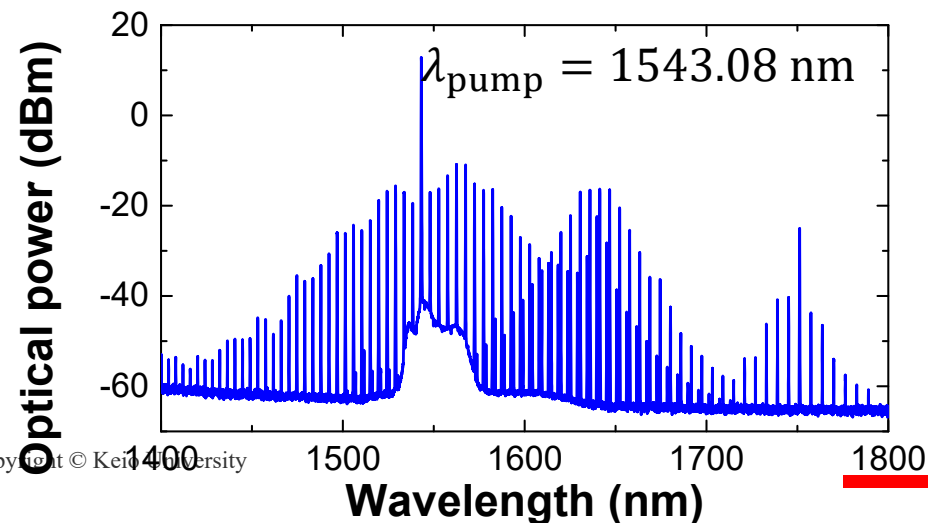
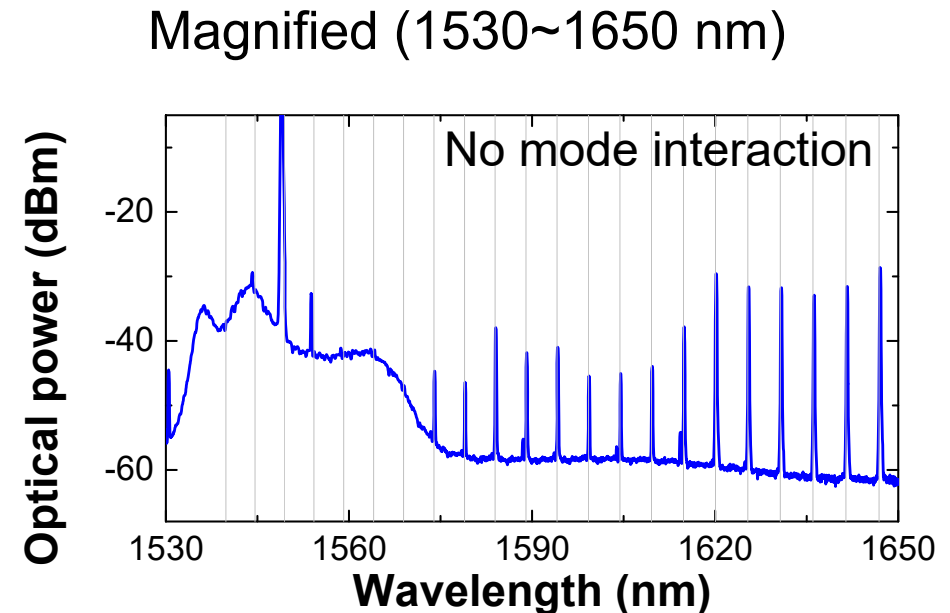
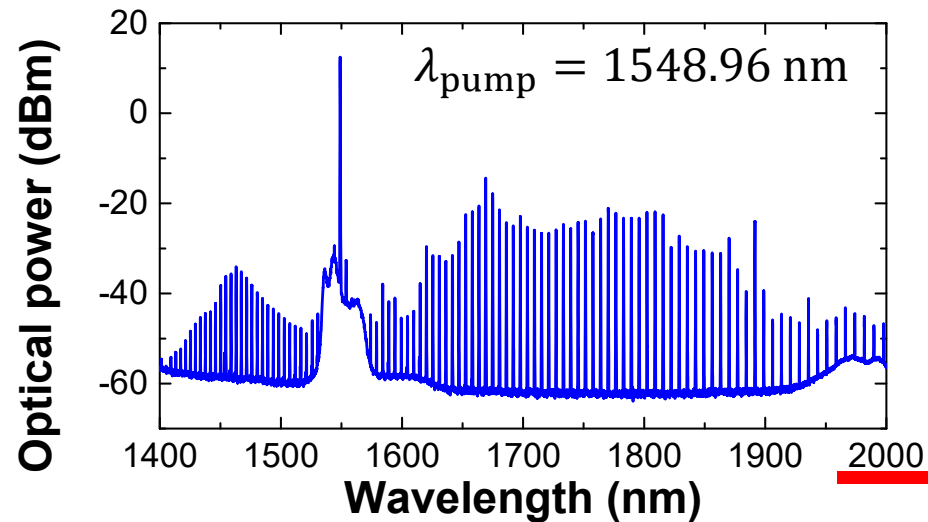
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Experimental observation of mode interaction via SRS

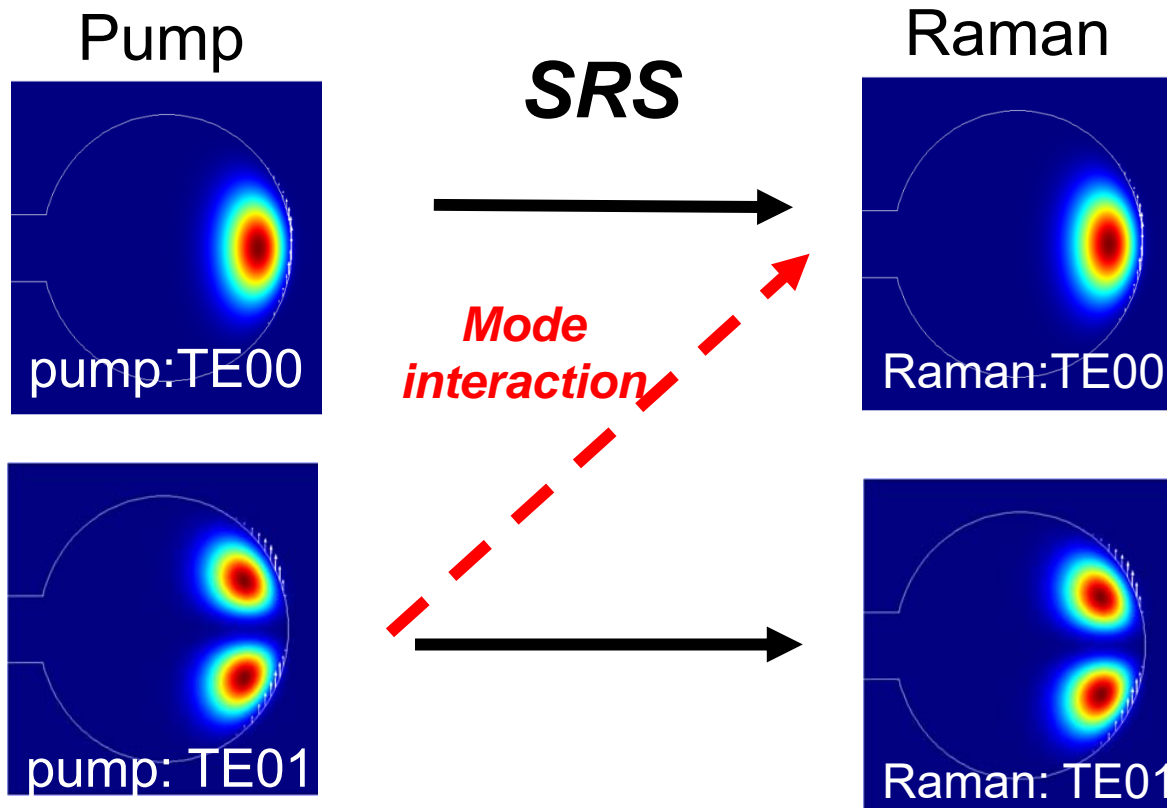
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At a high power input (~ 1 W),





SRS threshold



Same mode family

$$P_{th}(TE_{00} \rightarrow TE_{00})$$

Transverse mode interaction

$$P_{th}(TE_{00} \rightarrow TE_{01})$$

SRS threshold power

$$P_{th} = \frac{\pi^2 n^2 V_{eff}}{\lambda_p \lambda_R g_R} Q_e^P \left(\frac{1}{Q_T^P} \right)^2 \frac{1}{Q_T^R}$$

λ_p : pump wavelength

λ_R : SRS wavelength

g : nonlinear coefficient

V_{eff} : nonlinear mode volume

Q_e^P : external Q factor of pump mode

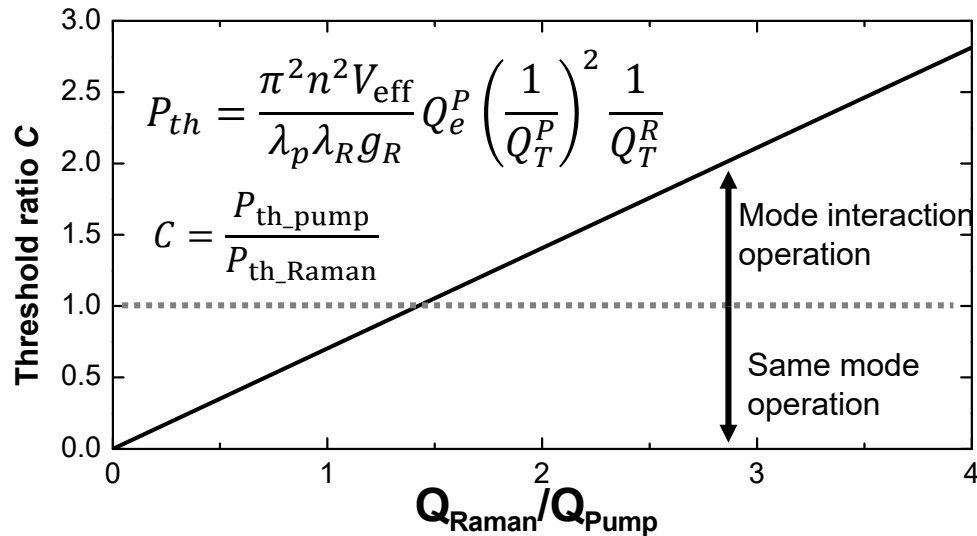
Q_T^P : total Q factor of pump mode

Q_T^R : total Q factor of Raman mode

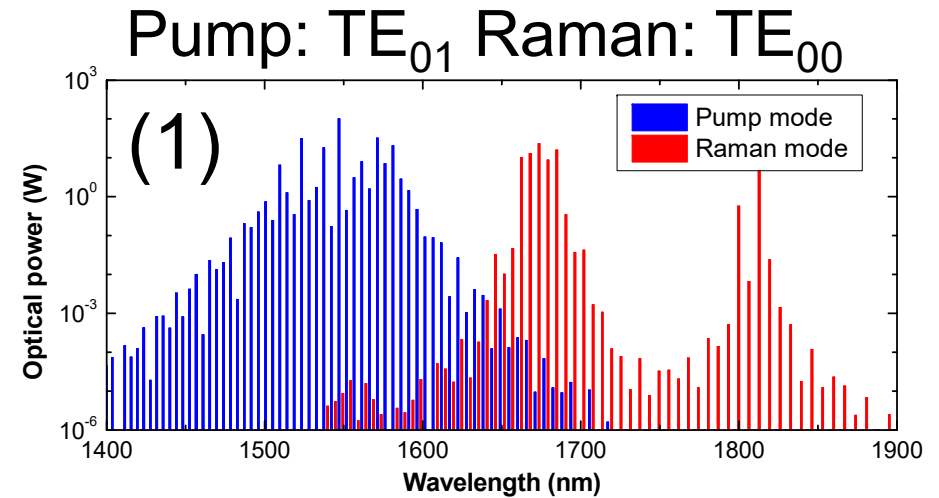


Analysis of transverse mode interaction

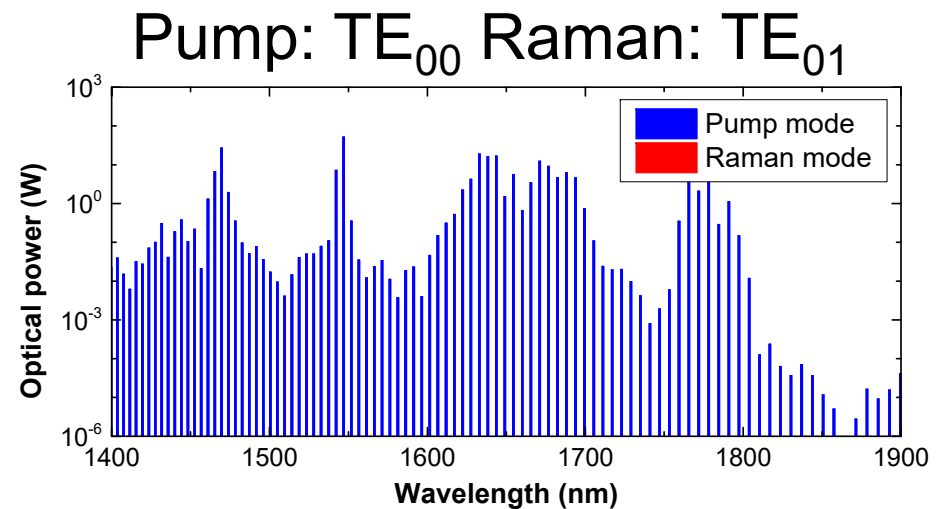
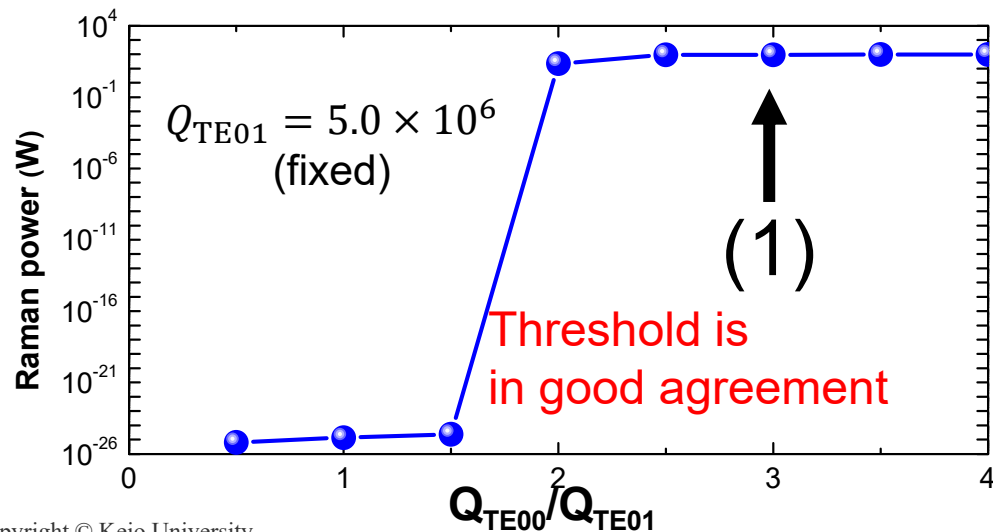
► Q dependency (analytical)



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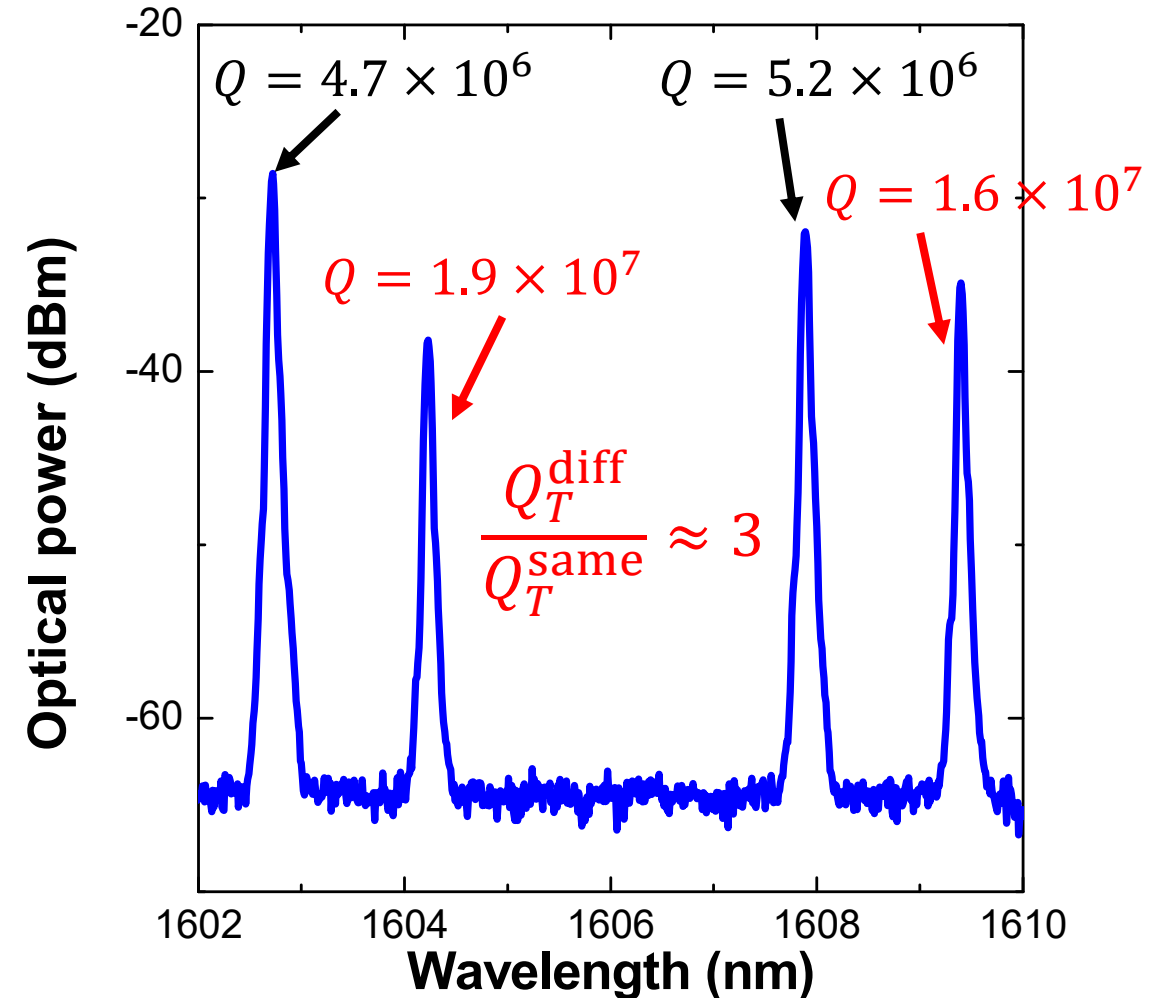
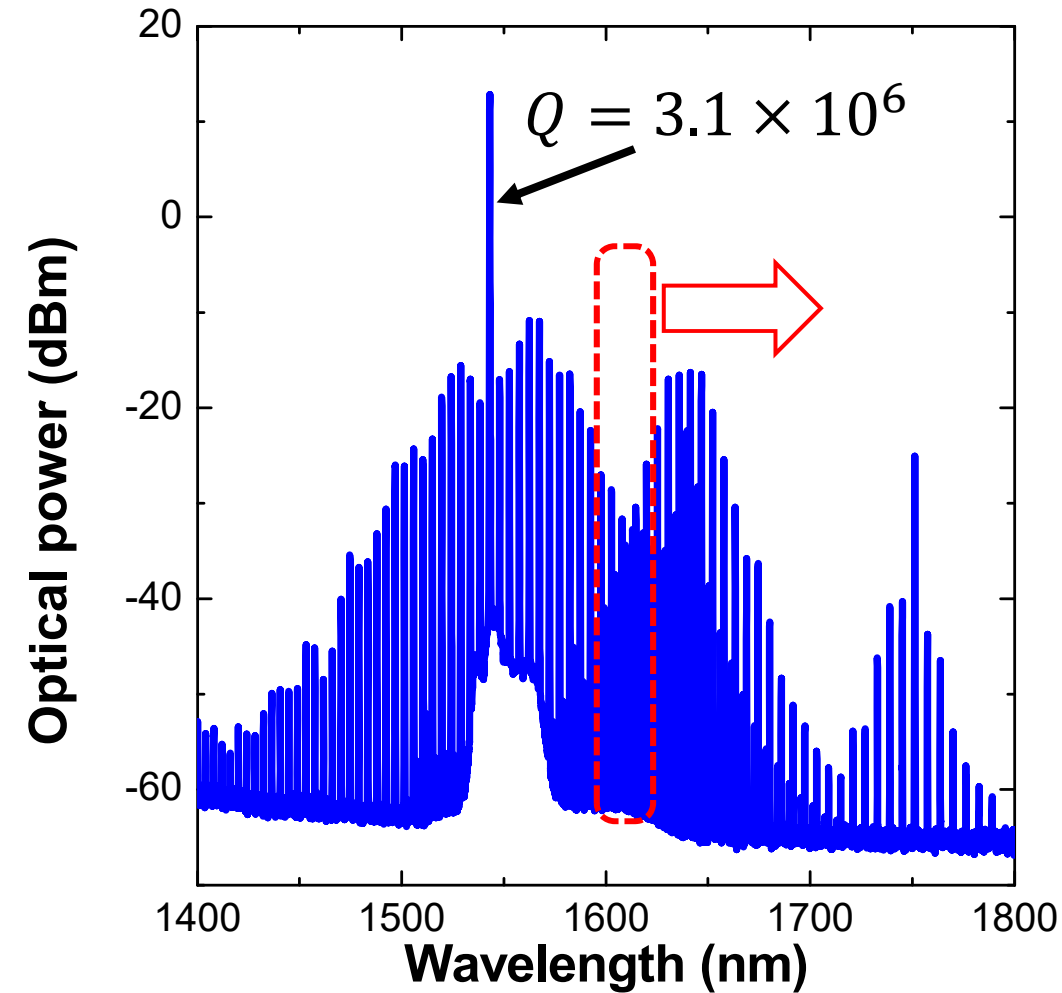


► Q_{TE00} dependency (numerical)



Experiment: Transverse mode coupling via SRS

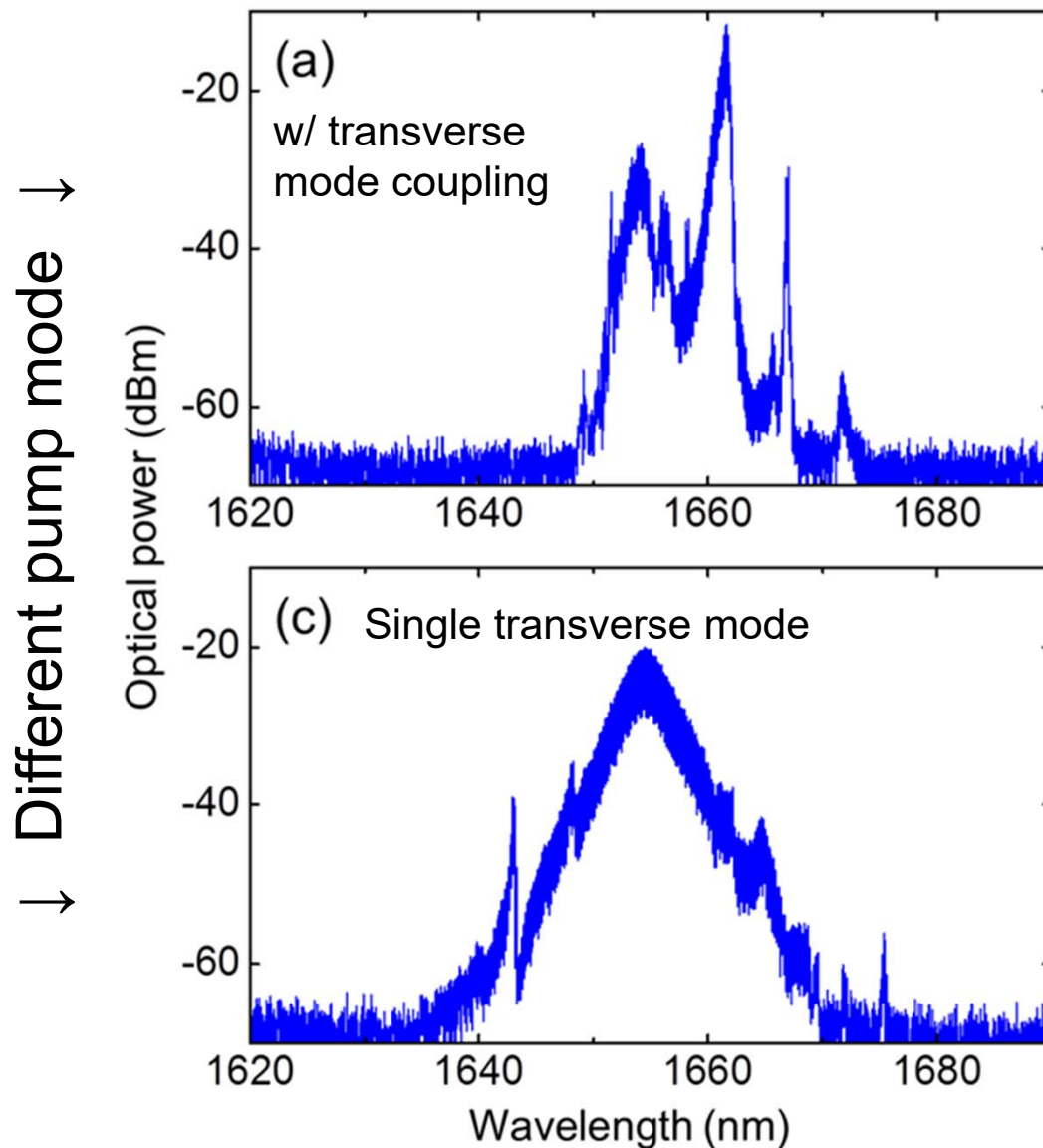
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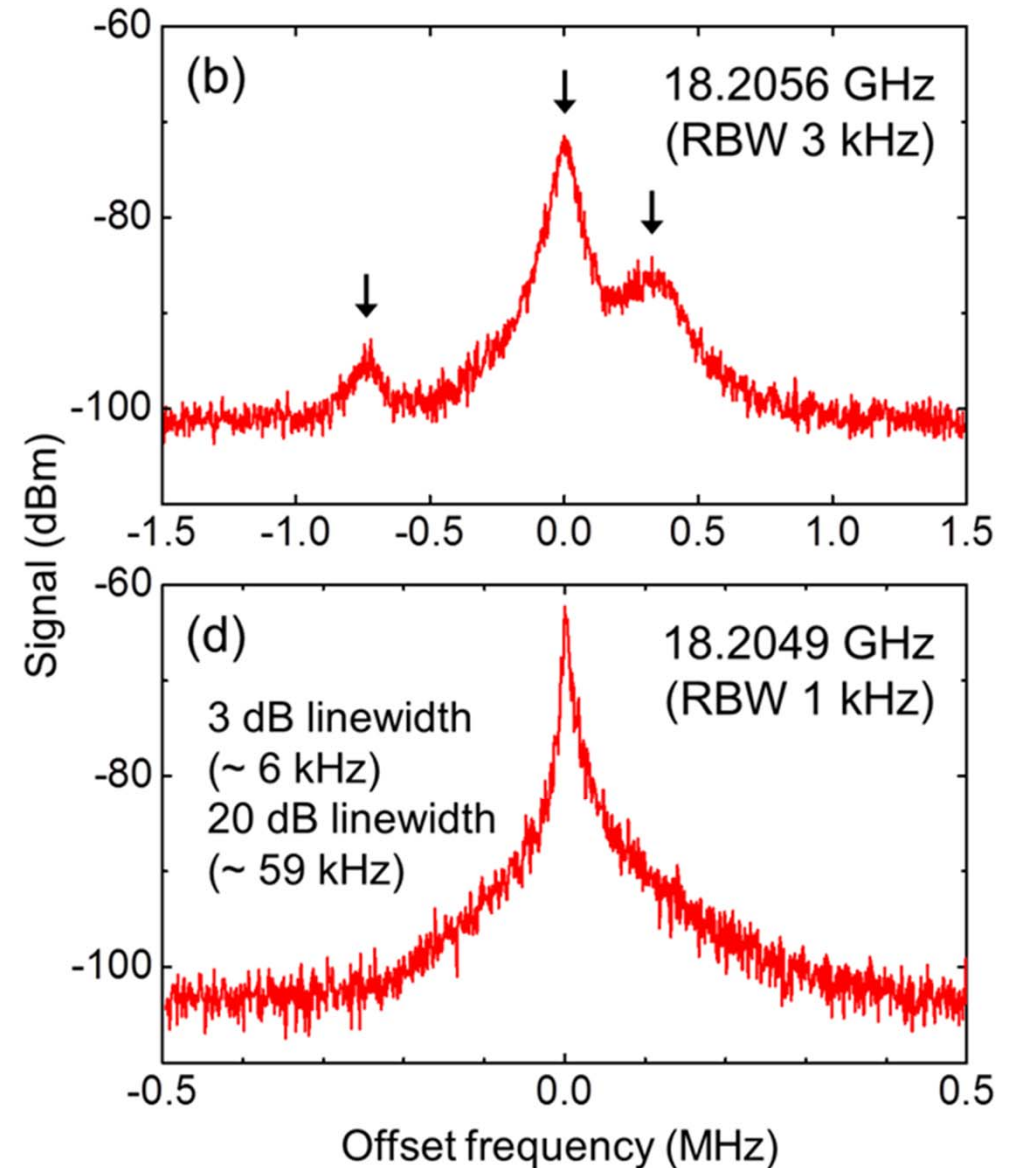


Beat signals of Raman combs

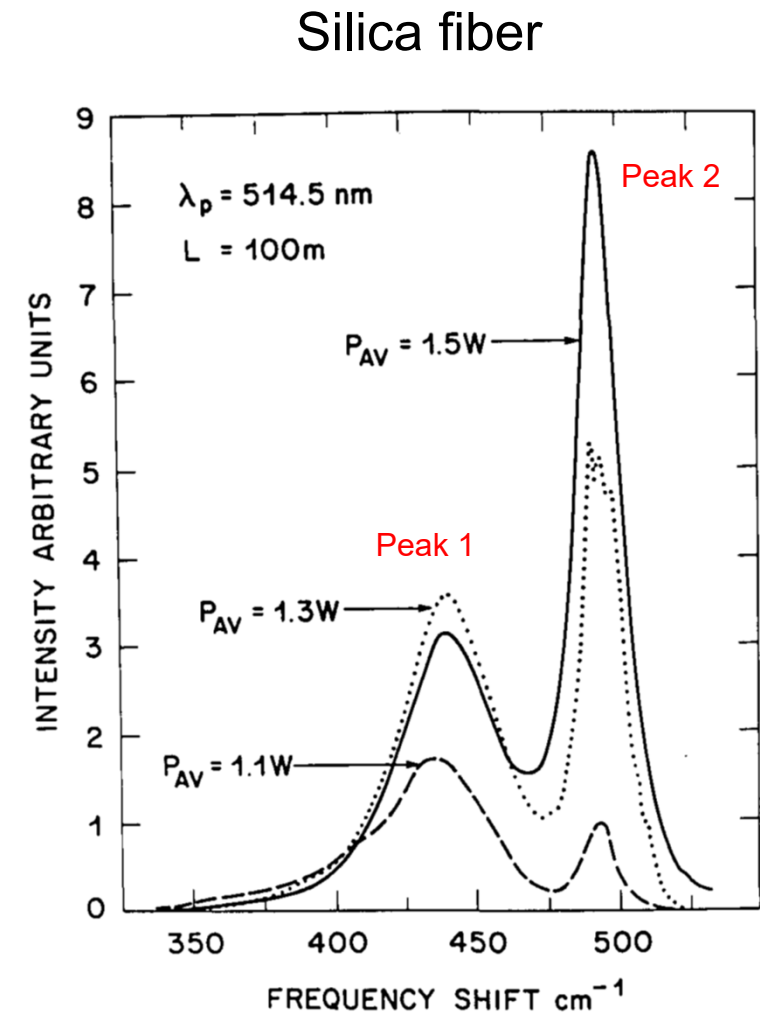
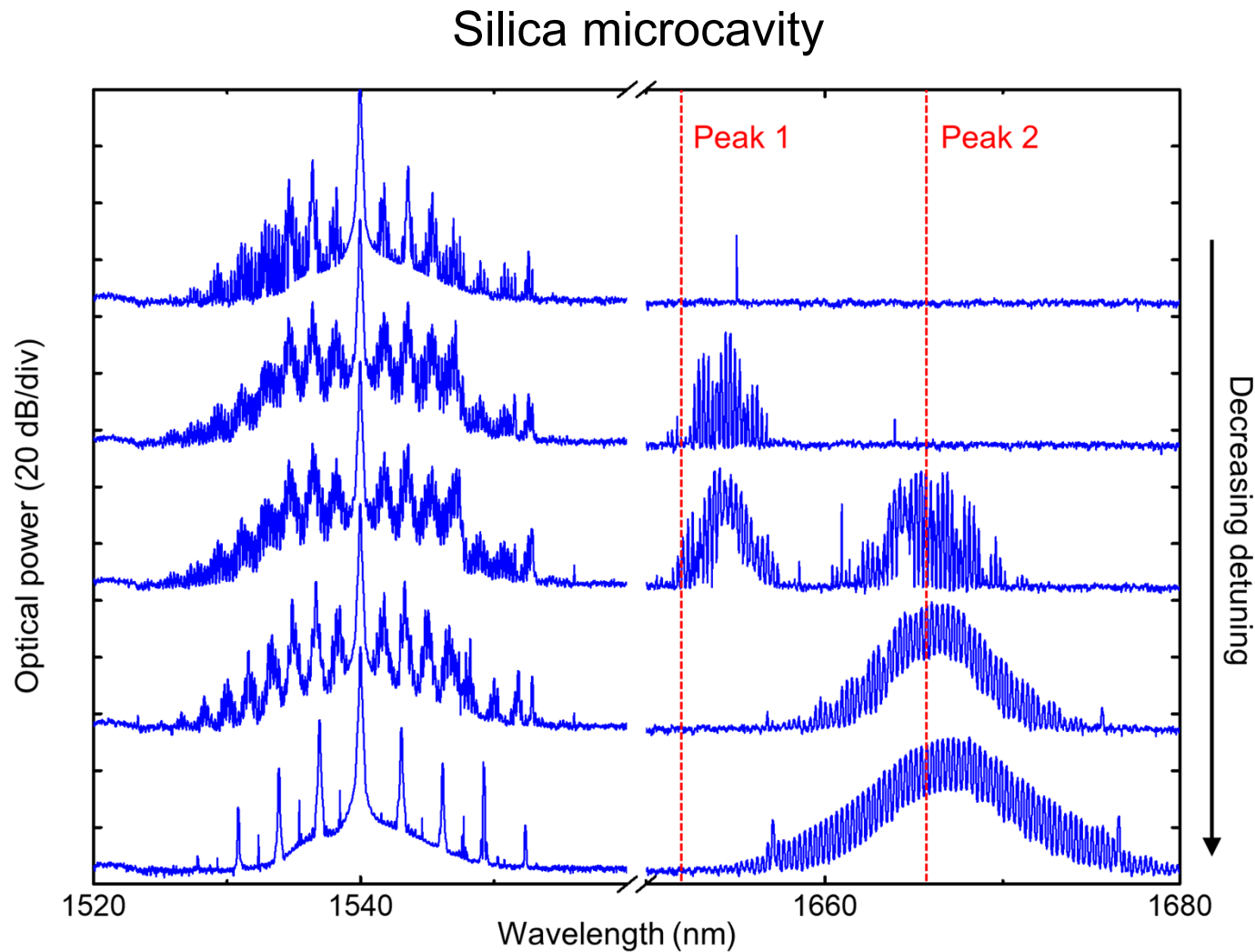
Raman spectra



Beat signals



Raman comb formation in silica rod microcavity



R. H. Stolen et al., JOSAB 1, 652 (1984)

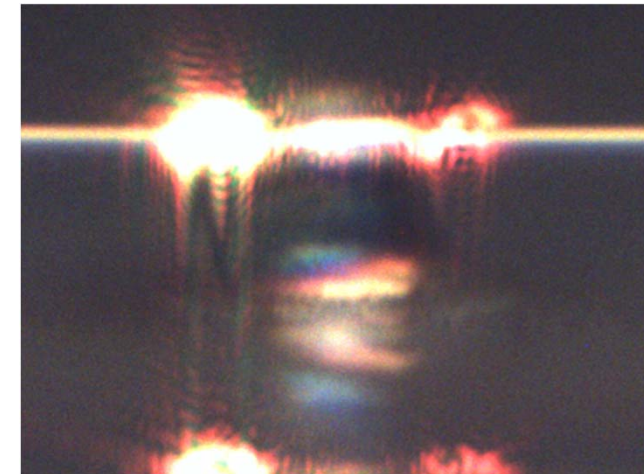
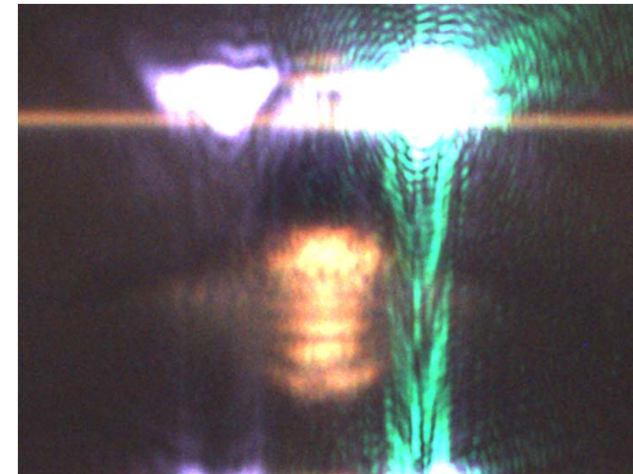
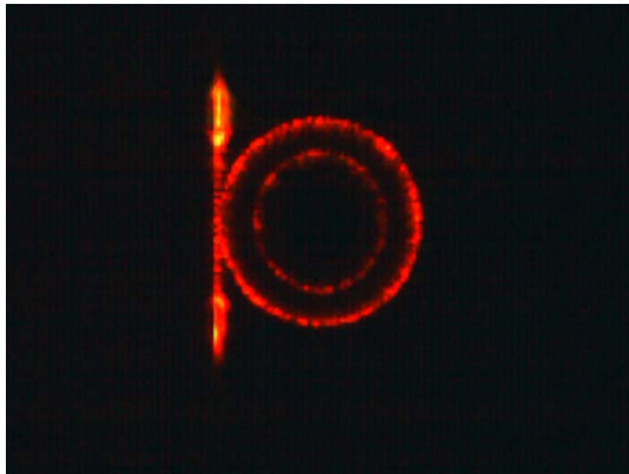
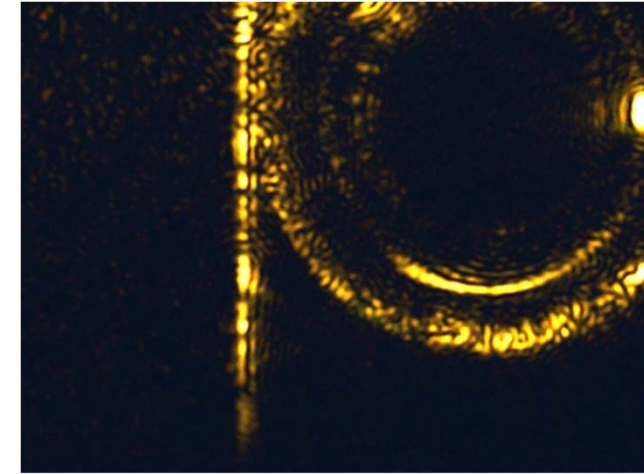
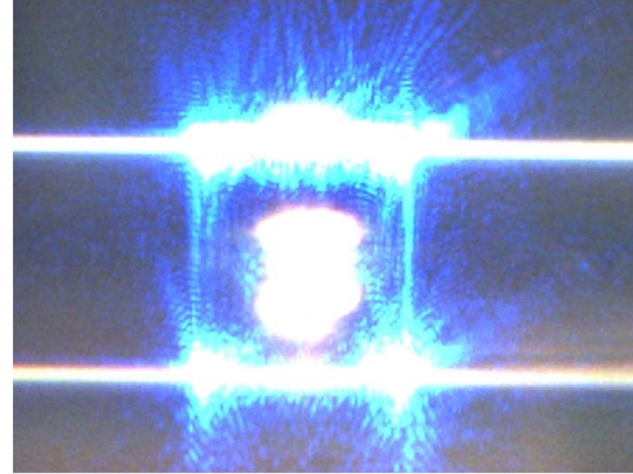
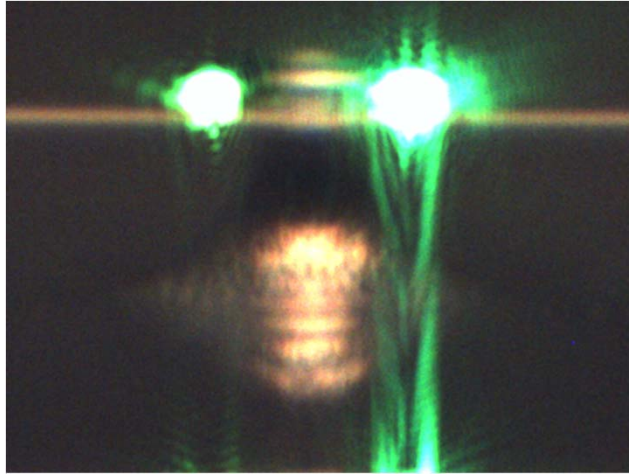
Raman comb offset was at Peak2 with a small detuning (high intracavity power), which is similar behavior to that observed in silica fibers.

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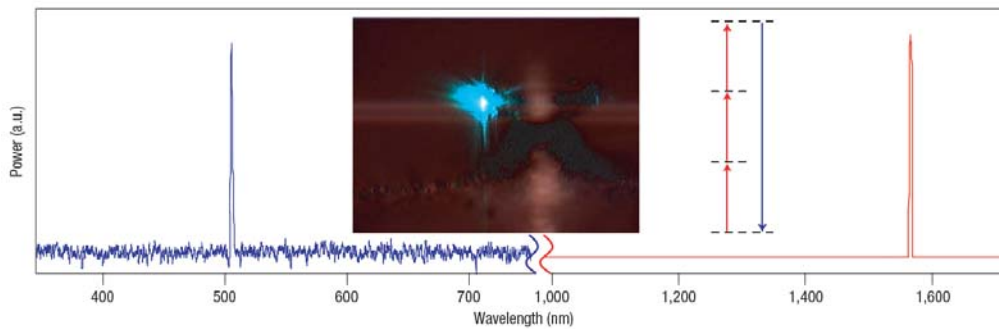
Third-harmonic generation in toroid microcavity





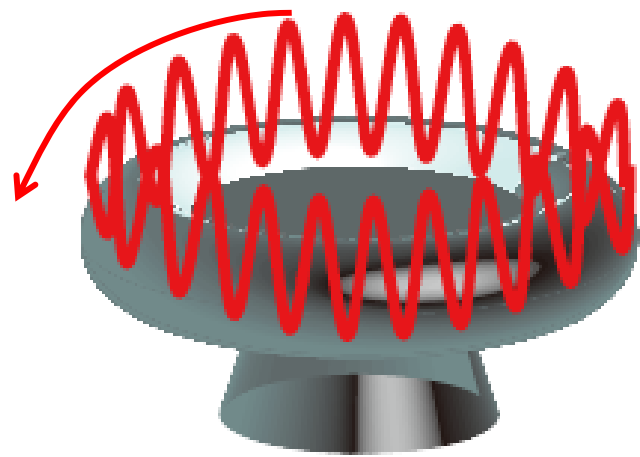
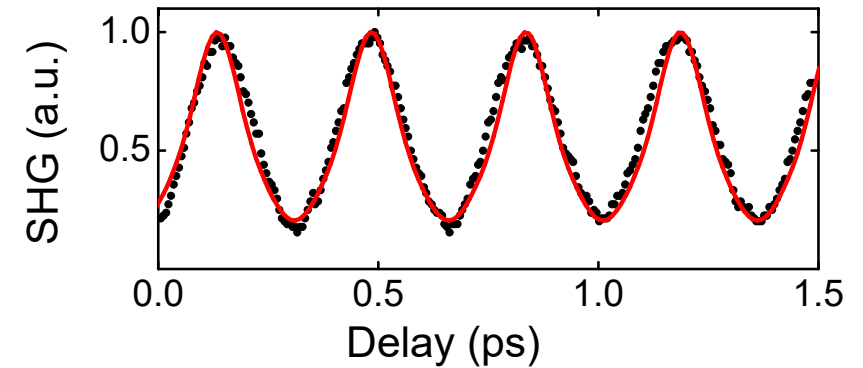
Visible light generation with soliton pulse

▶ Efficient third-harmonic generation CW mode

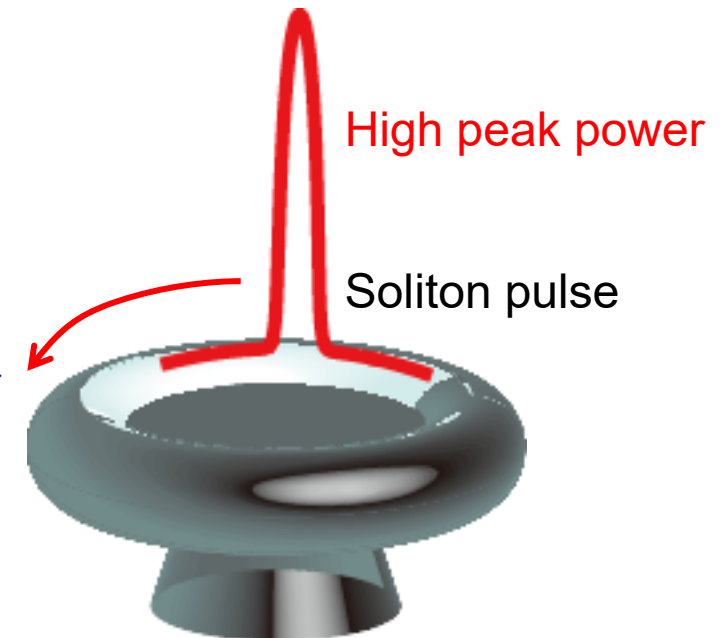


T. Carmon & K. Vahala, Nat. Phys. 3, 430 (2007).

▶ THG with pulsed mode



THG generation
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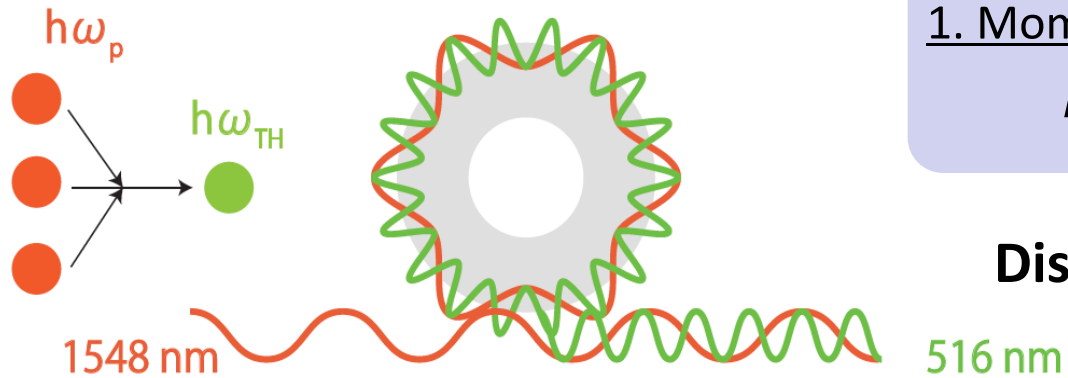


Potential for improving THG efficiency



Phase-matching condition for THG

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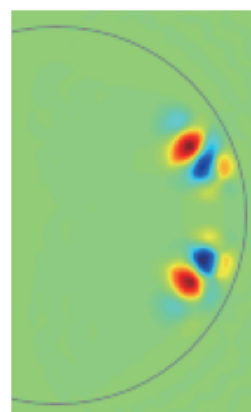
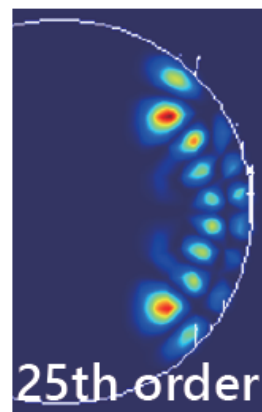
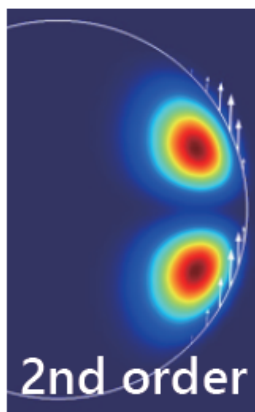
$$k_{THG} = 3k_p$$

$$\omega_{THG} = 3\omega_p$$

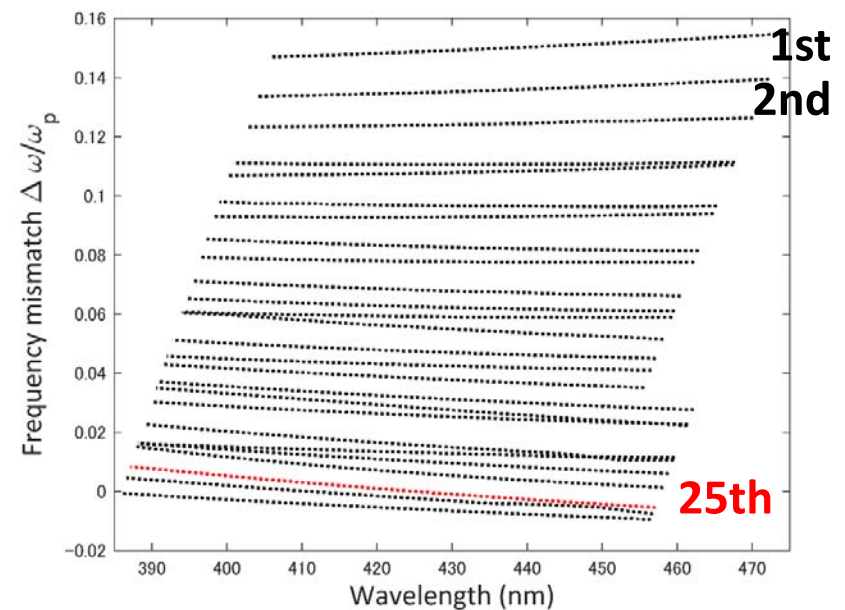
Dispersion induced resonance mismatch

$$\Delta\omega = 3\omega_p - \omega_{THG} \rightarrow 0$$

Intensity distribution (cross-section)



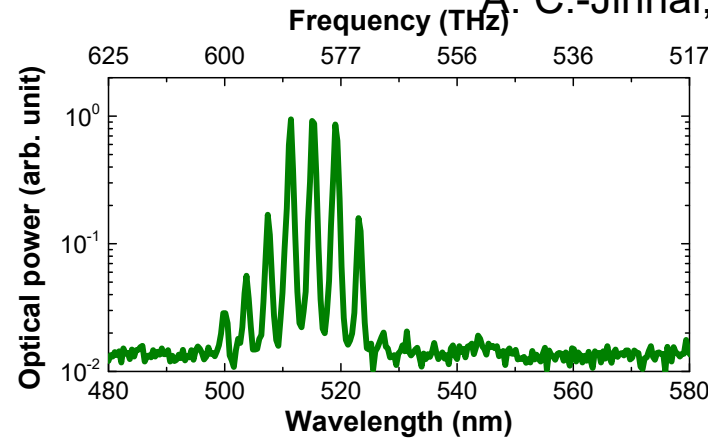
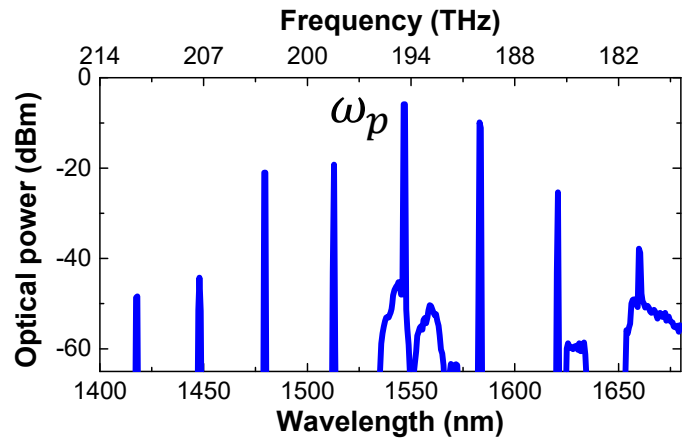
Phase-matched TH mode



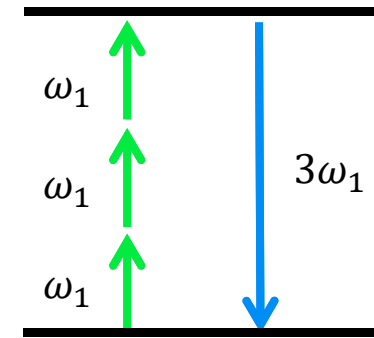


Visible comb generation w/ THG, TSFG, and SRS

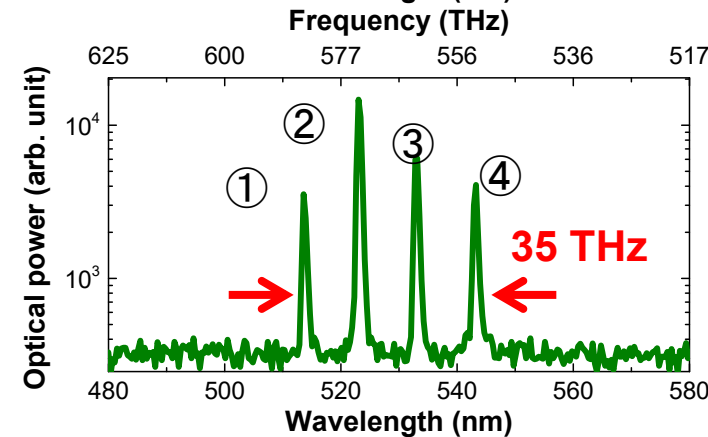
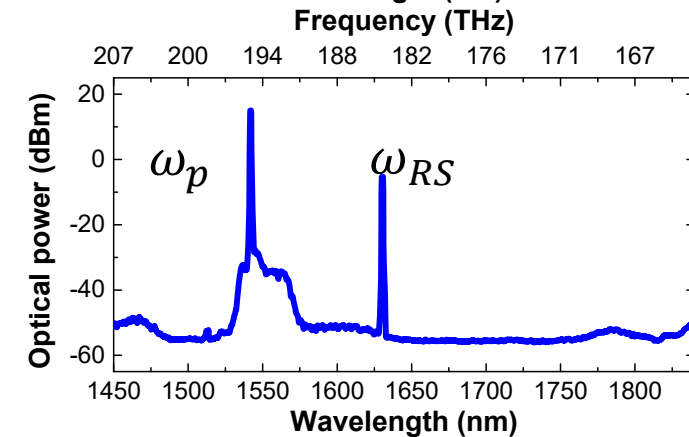
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① $3\omega_p$



THG

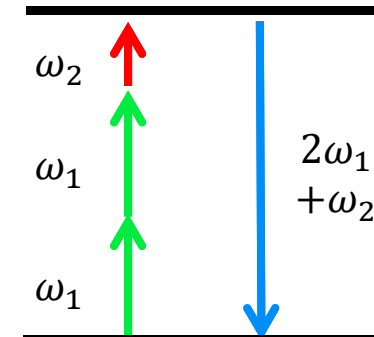


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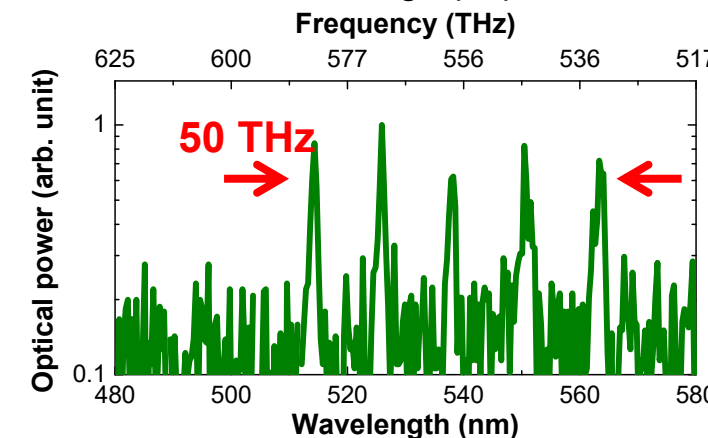
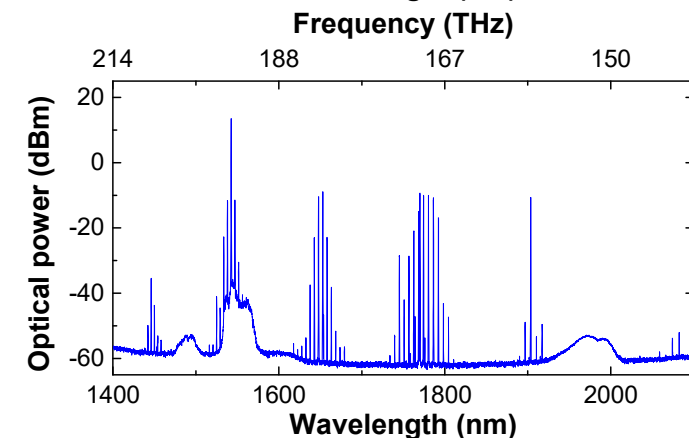
② $2\omega_p + \omega_{RS}$

③ $\omega_p + 2\omega_{RS}$

④ $3\omega_{RS}$

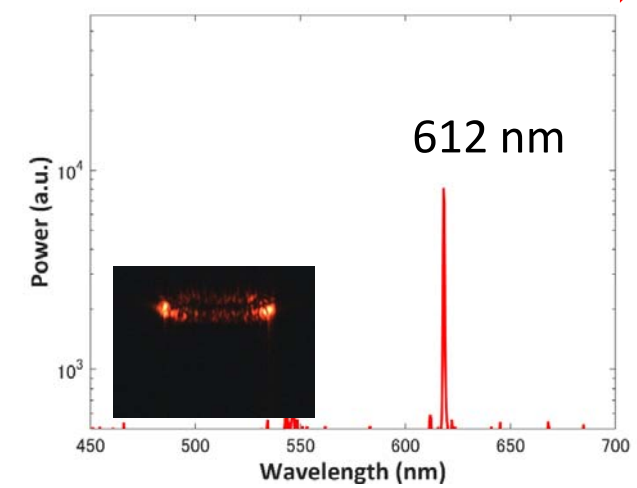
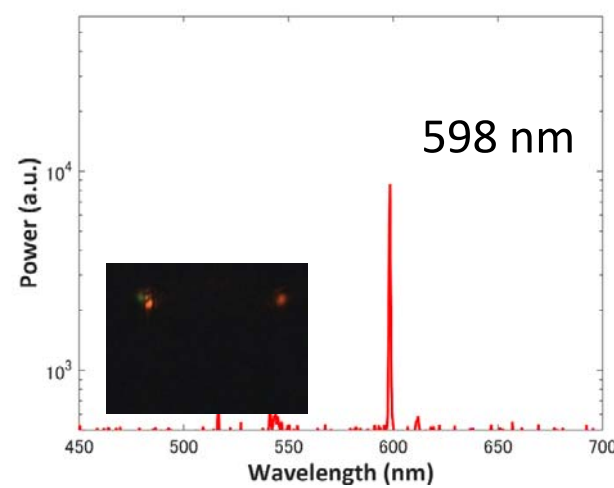
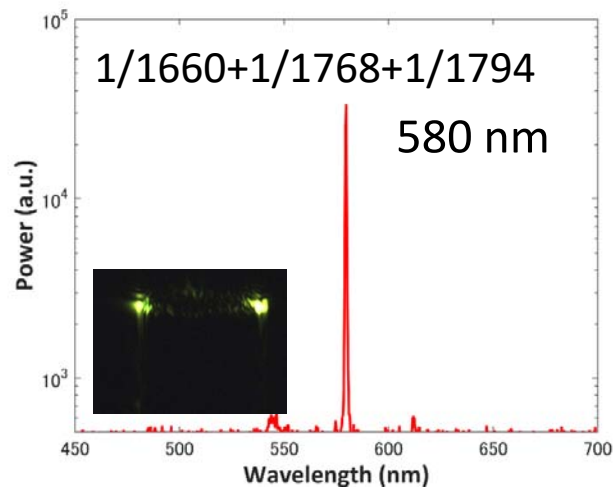
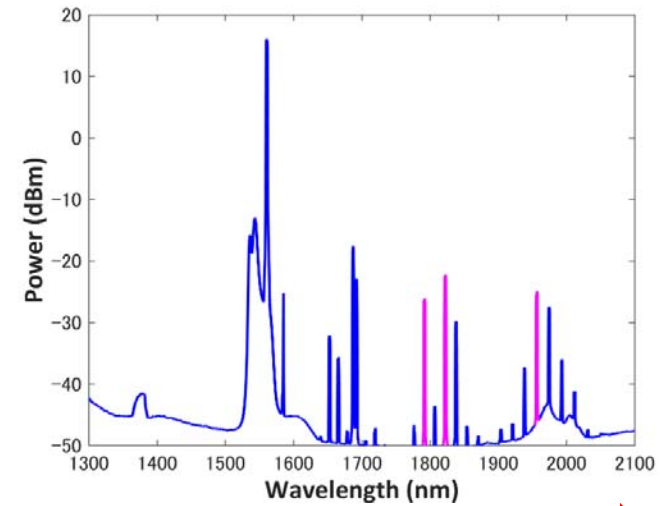
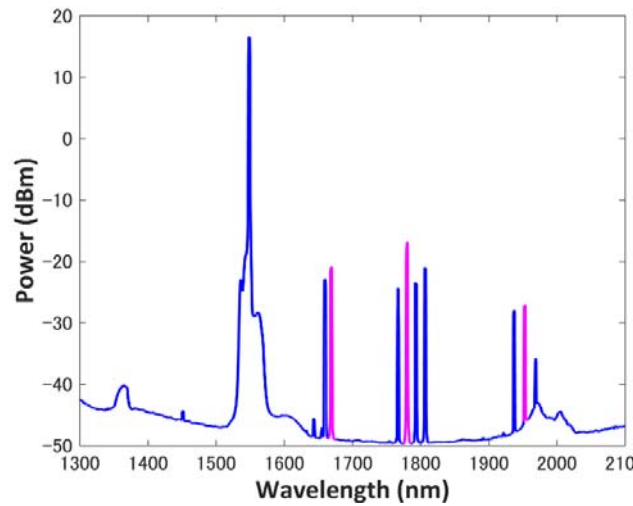
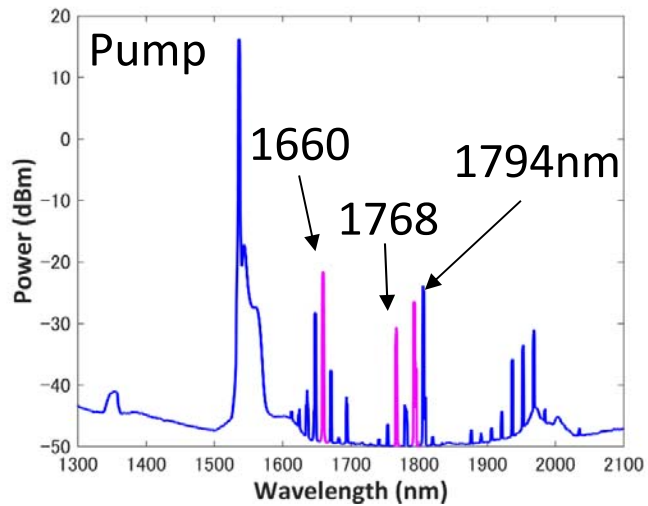


TSFG



50 THz

Green, Orange, Red light generation w/ SRS assisted THG

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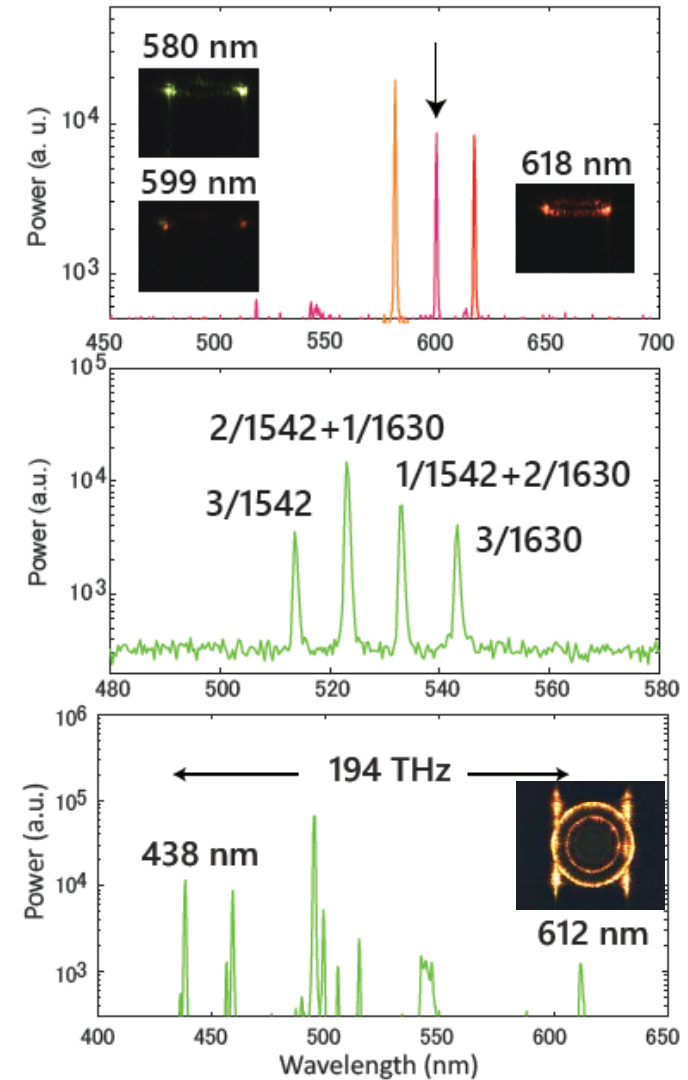
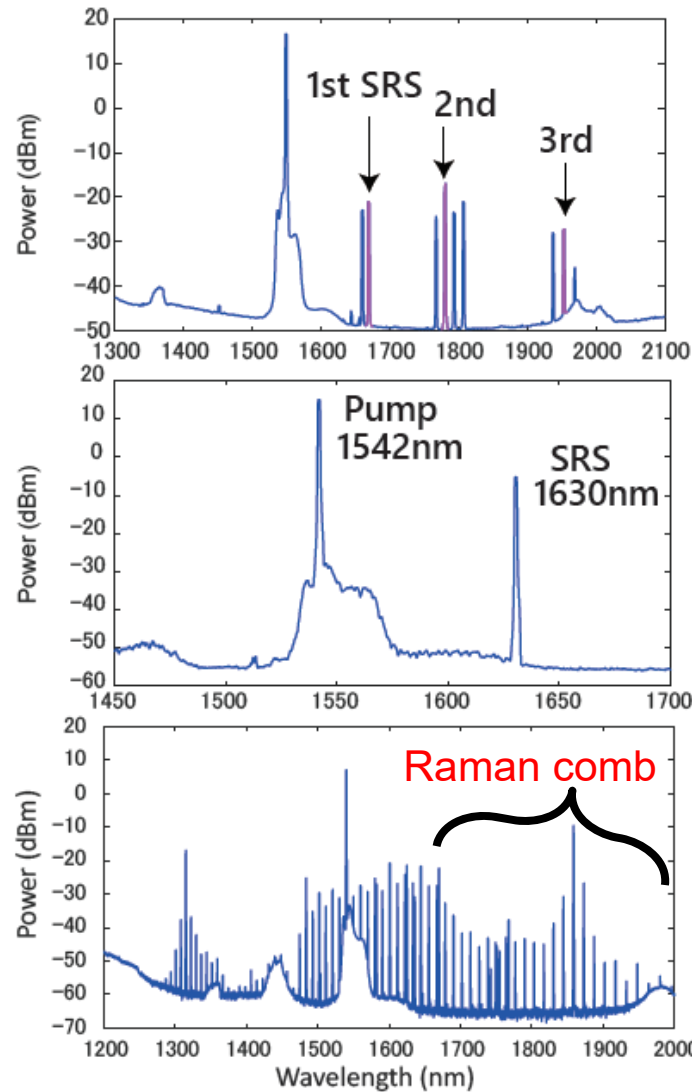
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1. Multi-color emission
 - Yellow, Orange, Red light emission via TSFG of SRS

2. Comb-like spectrum
 - THG and TSFG via pump and SRS

3. Broad bandwidth THG
 - THG and TSFG via FWM and SRS



Summary



1. Competition between SRS and FWM

- ◆ Controlling the pump allows us to selectively use SRS and FWM

2. Transverse mode coupling w/ SRS

- ◆ Transverse mode coupling occurs when we pump in the low Q mode.
- ◆ Good coherence is observed by exciting an SRS comb in the same transverse mode

3. Broad bandwidth visible light via SRS & THG

- ◆ Better wavelength tuning achieved via SRS



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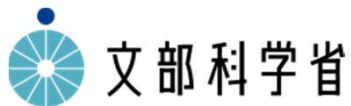


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