

PhD School in Experimental Physics



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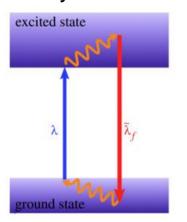
- High school: St. Stephen's episcopal school Houston, Liceo G. Ulivi Parma
- Bachelor's degree in Physics at Parma University
- Master's degree in Matter Physics at Pisa University (thesis project: «Impurities effects on optical refrigeration efficiency»)

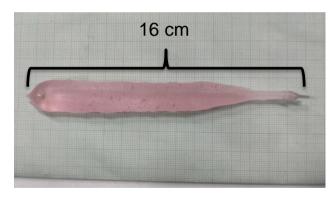
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Optical refrigeration at 2 microns

Growth, optical characterization and cooling performance evaluation of Ho:YLF high purity monocrystals in the 2 µm optical range.



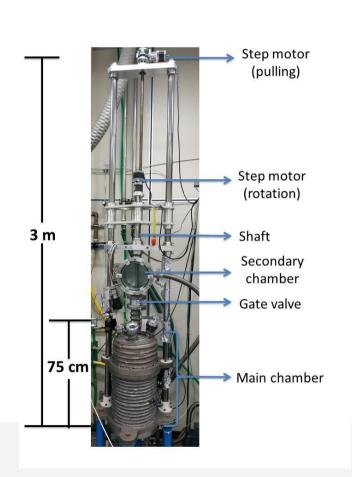


Left: Scheme of the energy transitions involved in optical refrigeration based on anti-Stokes fluorescence.

Center: a Ho:YLF crystal boule

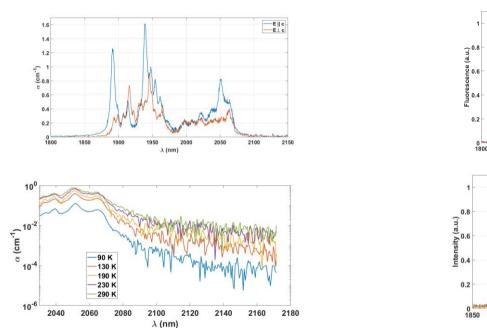
Right: One of the Czochralski furnaces at the University of Pisa laboratories

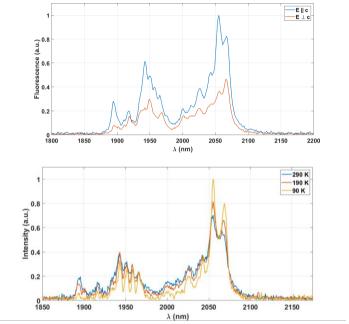
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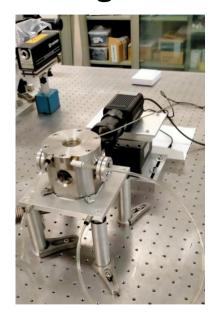


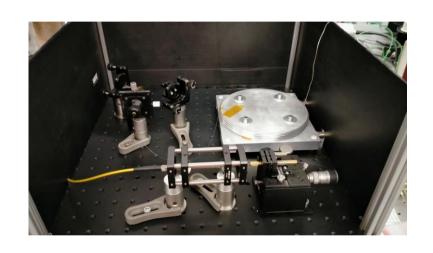


Absorption and fluorescence measurements at different temperatures from 290 to 90 K



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Equipment for the cooling measurements: steel vacuum chamber with temperature stabilization (left) and prototype tunable laser at 2 µm (1,9-2,1 µm operational range)