

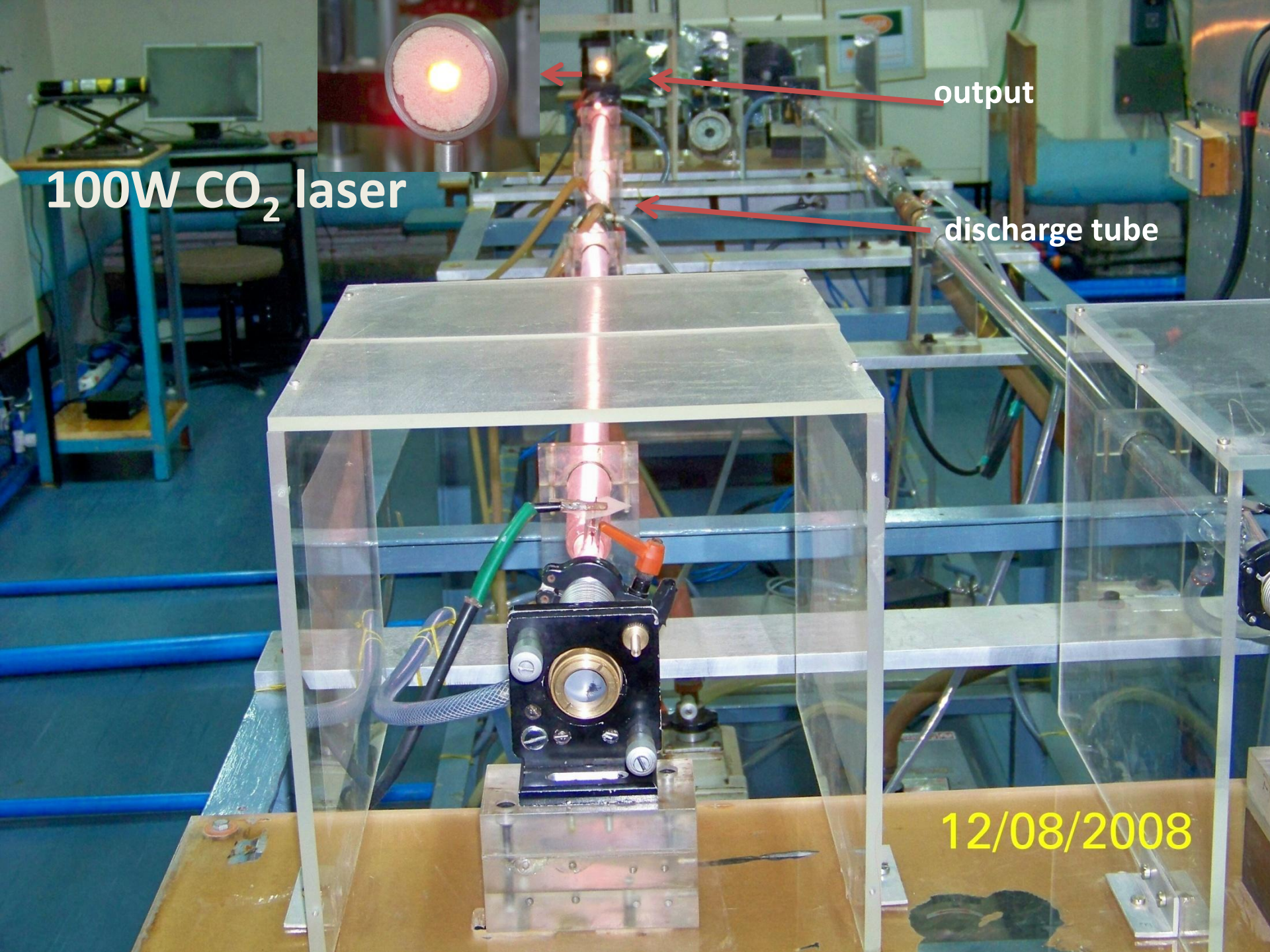
# Equipment/facilities available

100W CO<sub>2</sub> laser

output

discharge tube

12/08/2008



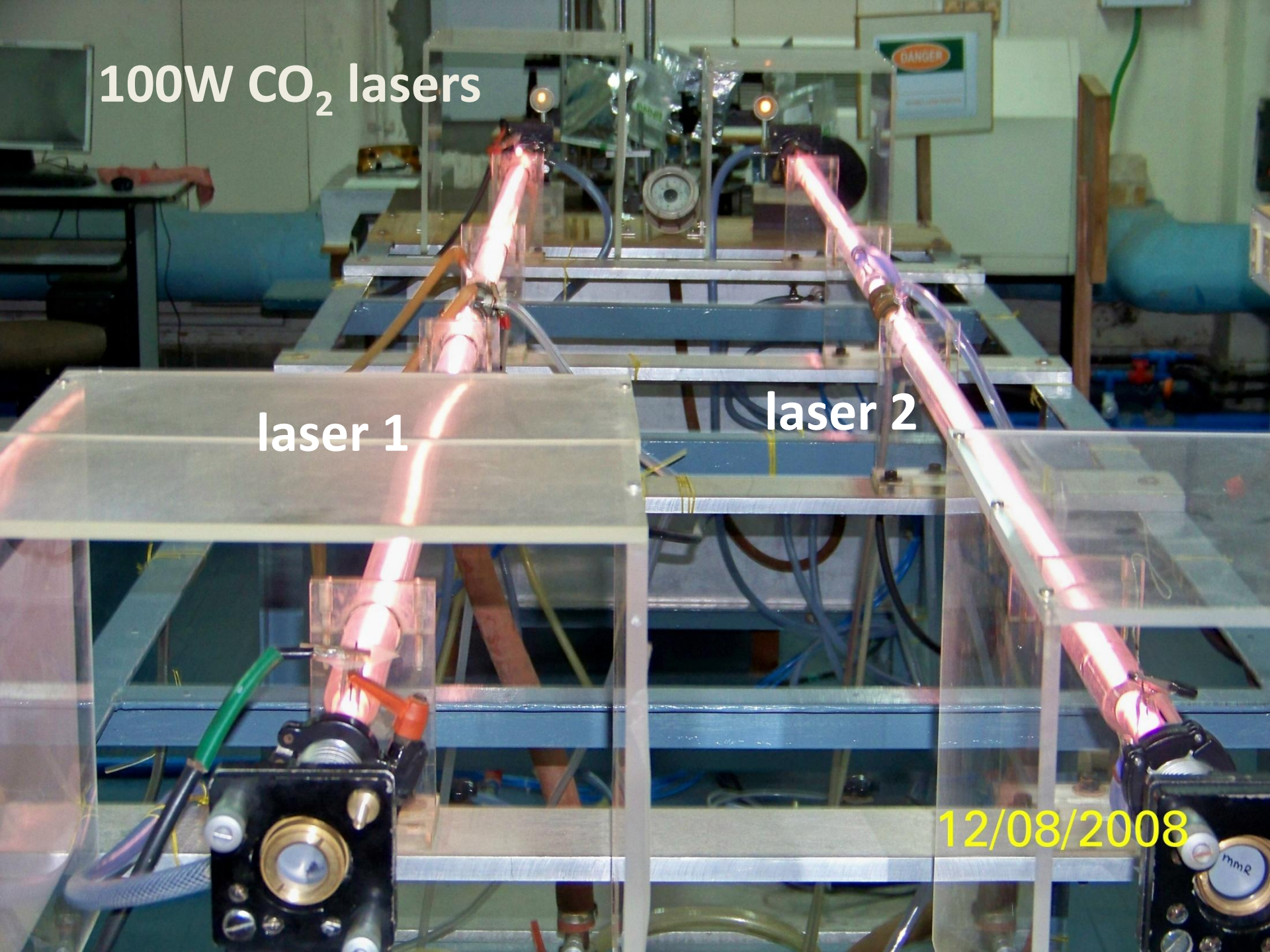


# 100W CO<sub>2</sub> lasers

laser 1

laser 2

12/08/2008







15KV, 300mA DC power supplies

12/08/2008





diode laser

D-lamp

fluorescence setup, 30W Deuterium  
lamp (UV to red, line source) and diode  
laser(803nm) excitation

12/08/2008



chemical  
synthesis  
facility



12/08/2008



12/08/2008



furnace 1

furnace 2

furnace 3

Temperature  $\pm 1$  °C

furnace 1: 500 °C max; air

furnace 2: 1200 °C max; air

Furnace 3: 1200 °C max; oxygen/nitrogen/He

12/08/2008



portable vacuum  
station,  $\sim 1 \times 10^{-6}$  torr





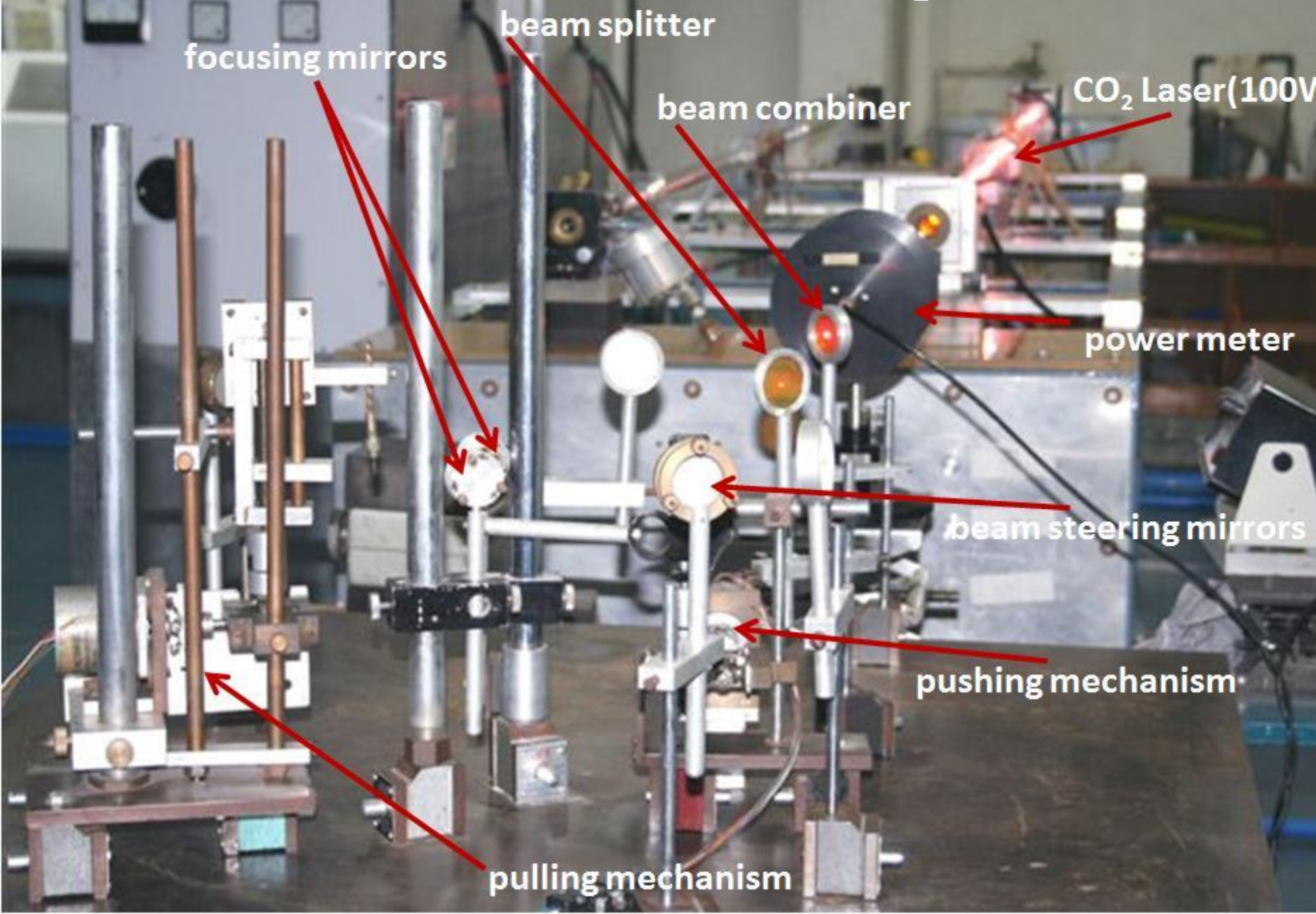
# Research

(i) Laser heated pedestal growth (LHPG) of optical materials;  $\text{LiNbO}_3$ ,  $\text{Nd:LiNbO}_3$ , LAP, dye : LAP and KDP:LAP

(ii) Laser sintering of rare-earth doped YAG and TAG

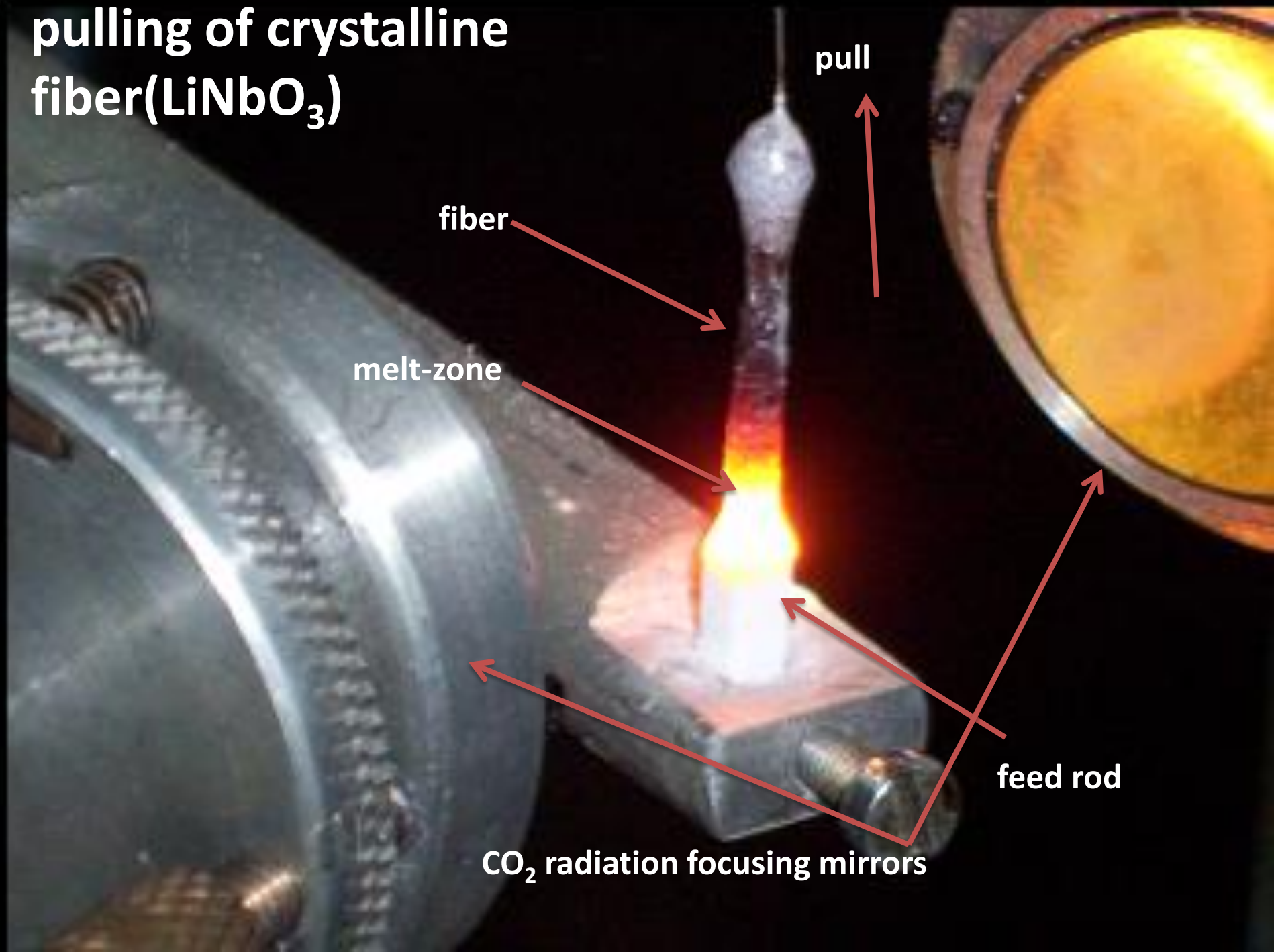


# LHPG setup assembled around 100W CO<sub>2</sub> laser



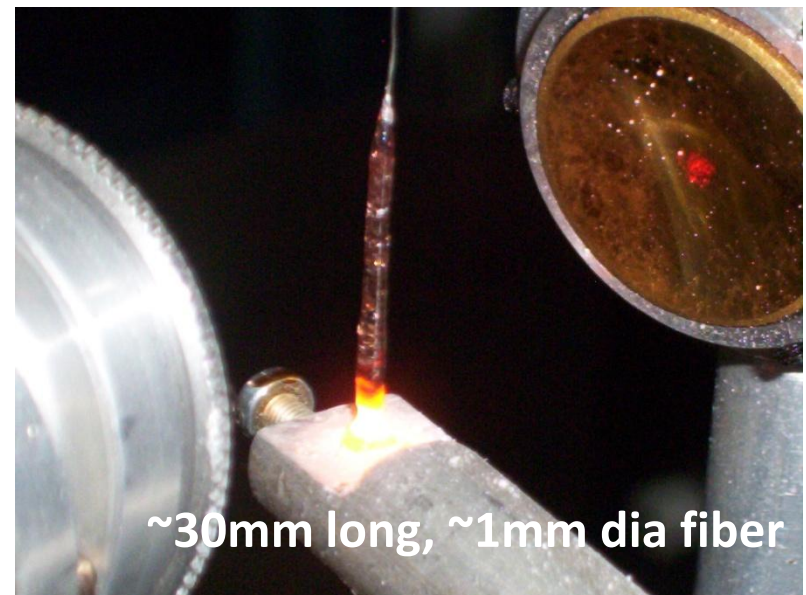
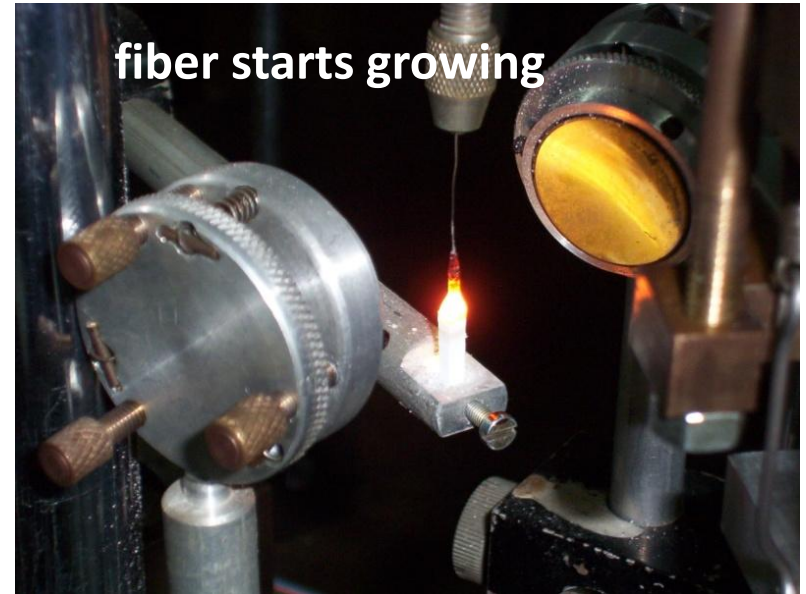
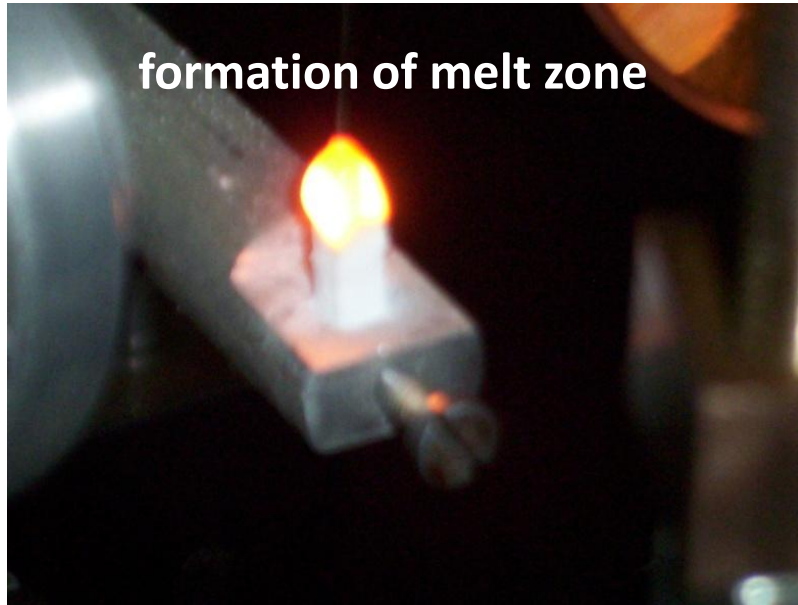


# **pulling of crystalline fiber(LiNbO<sub>3</sub>)**



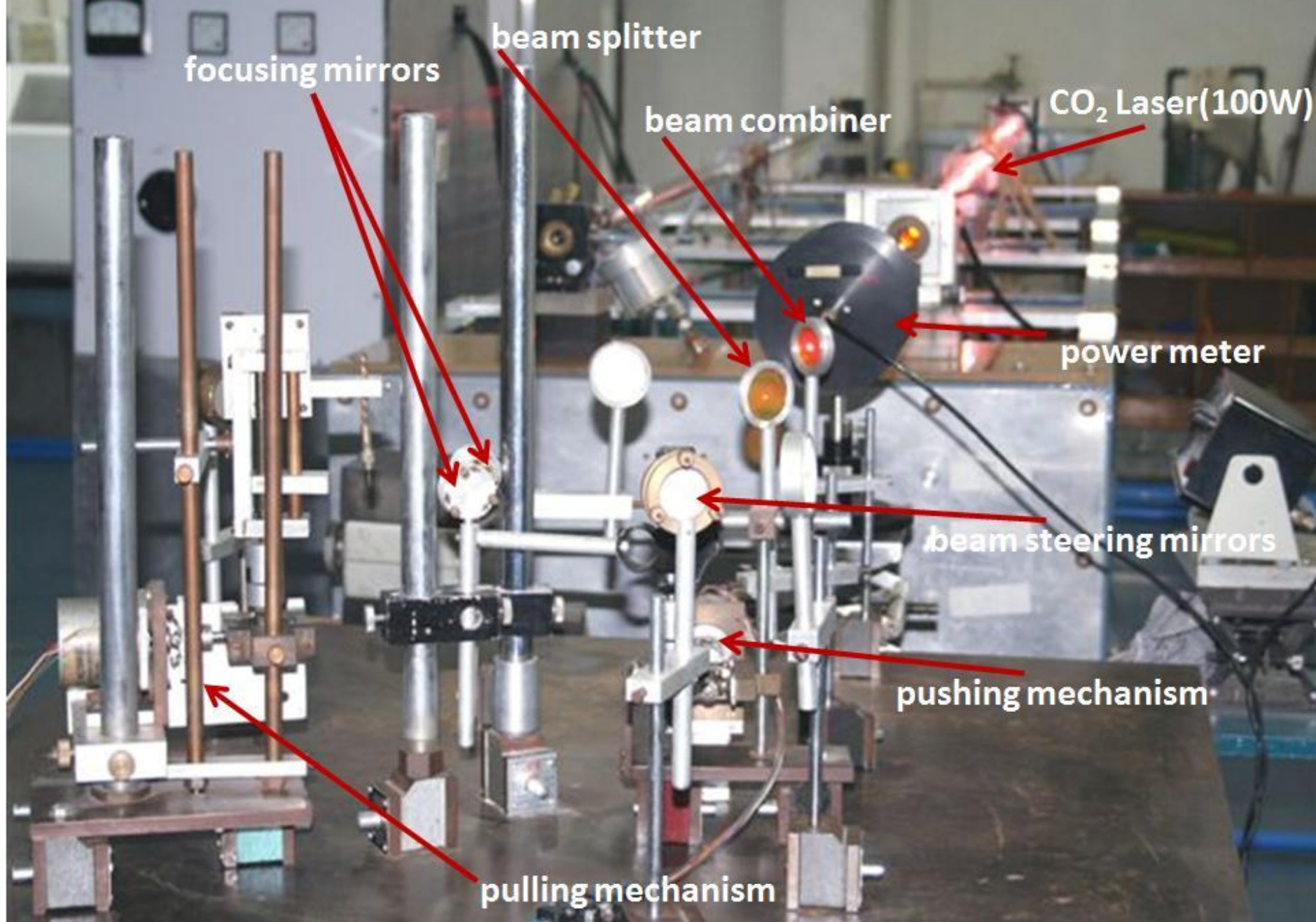


# Typical growth cycle (LiNbO<sub>3</sub>)





# LHPG setup assembled around 50W CO<sub>2</sub> laser



focusing mirrors

beam splitter

beam combiner

CO<sub>2</sub> Laser (100W)

power meter

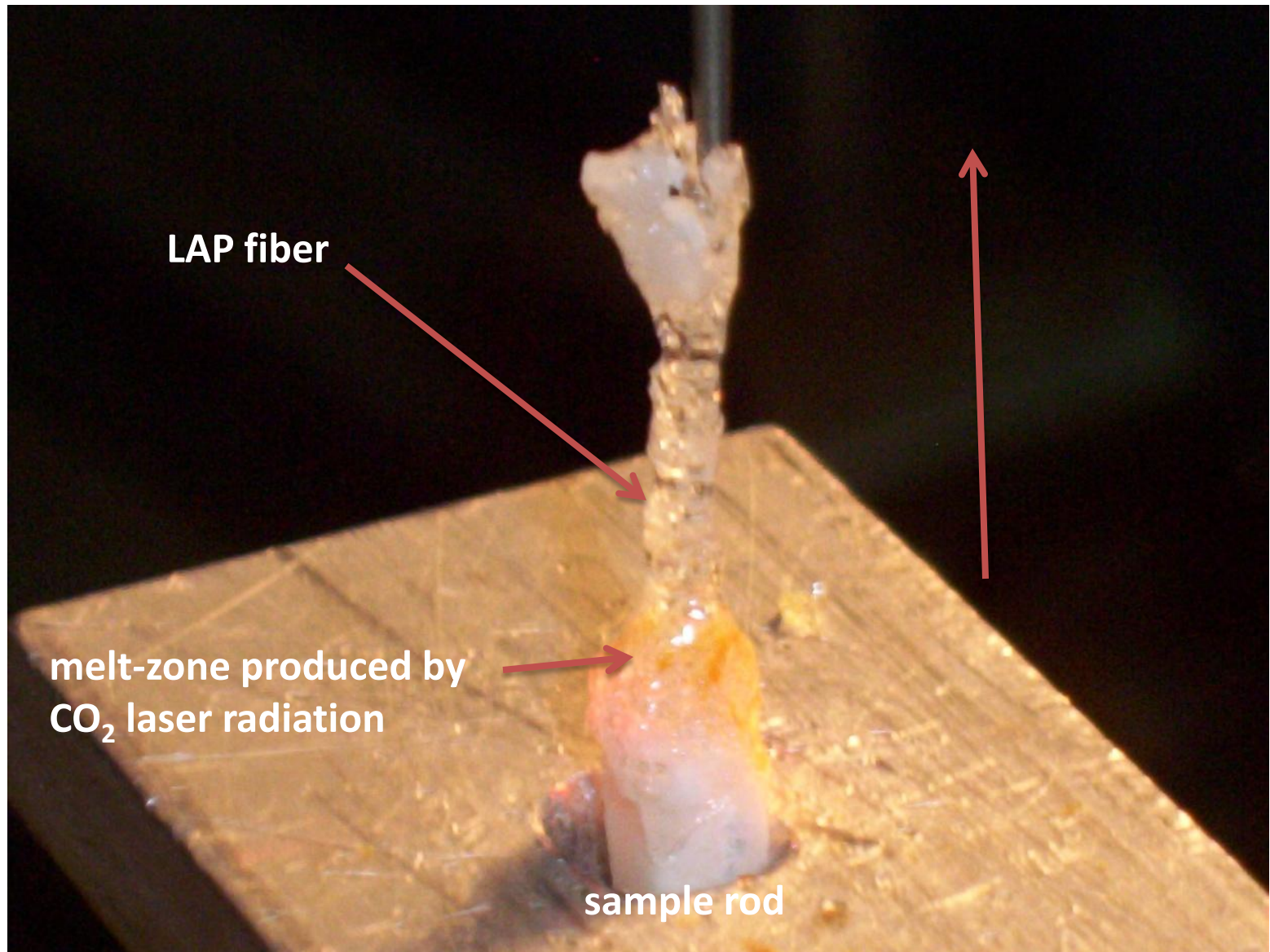
beam steering mirrors

pushing mechanism

pulling mechanism

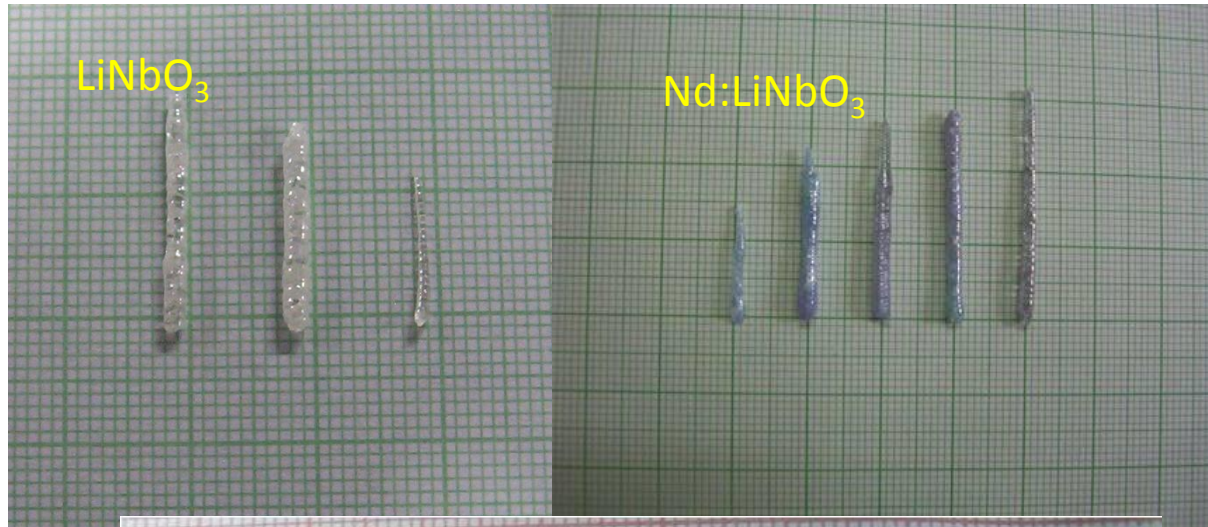


# Typical fiber growth of organic material LAP



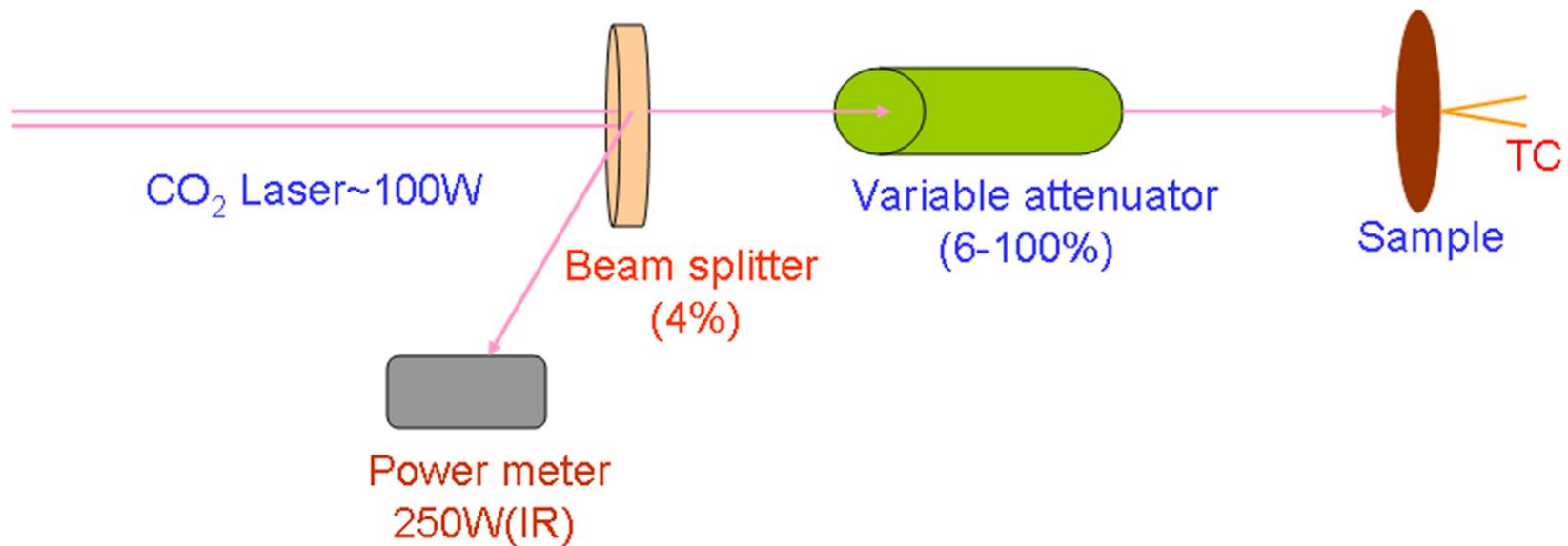


# “As grown” crystalline fibers

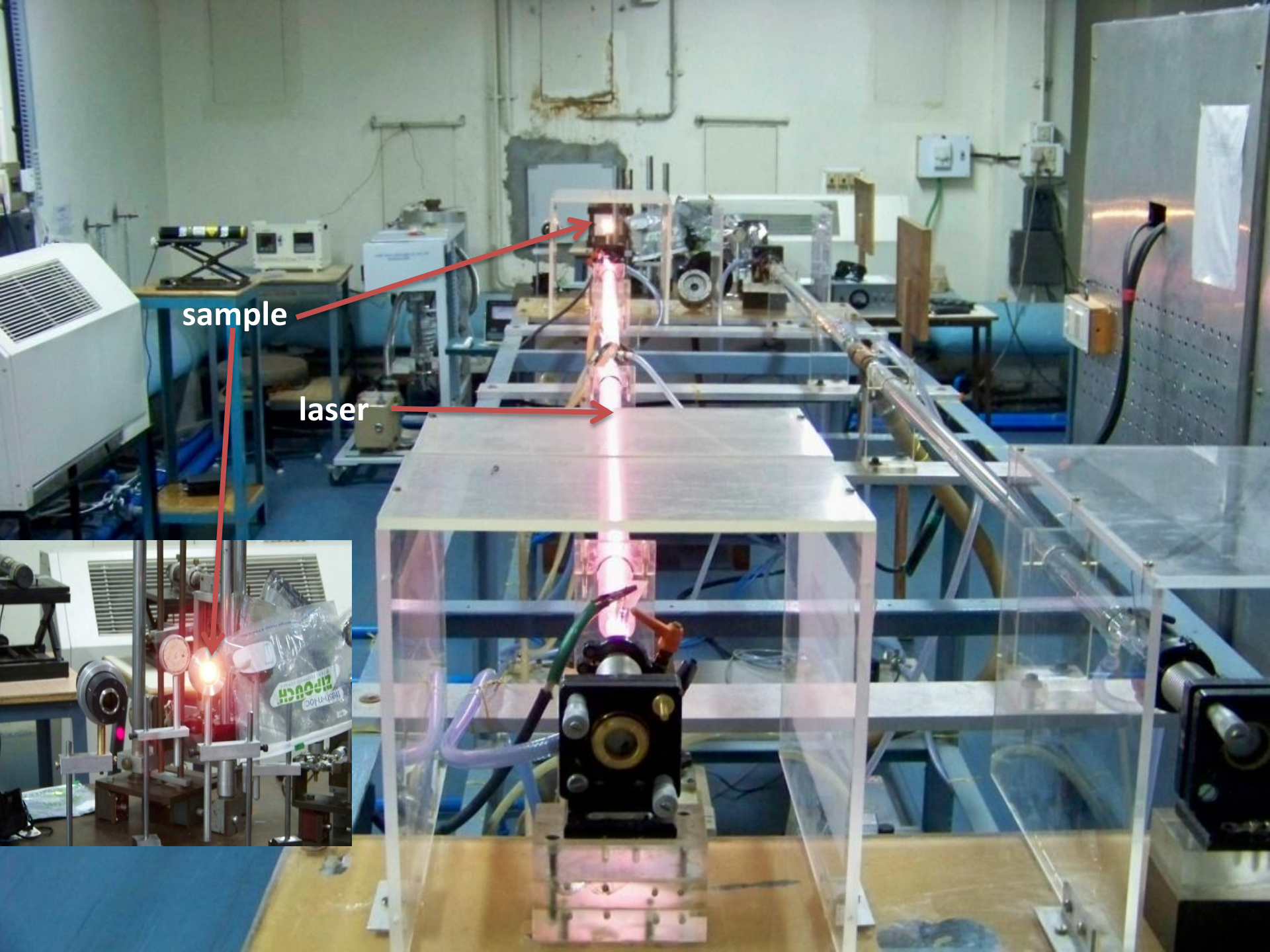




# Laser sintering setup(schematics)







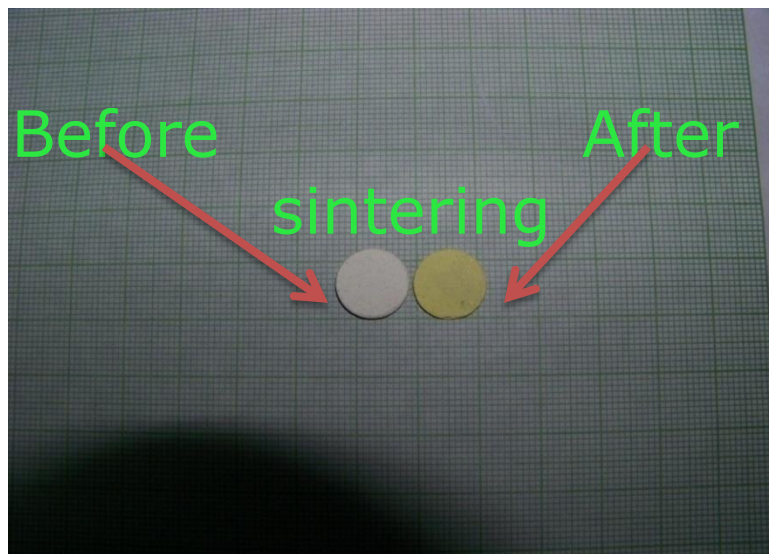
sample

laser





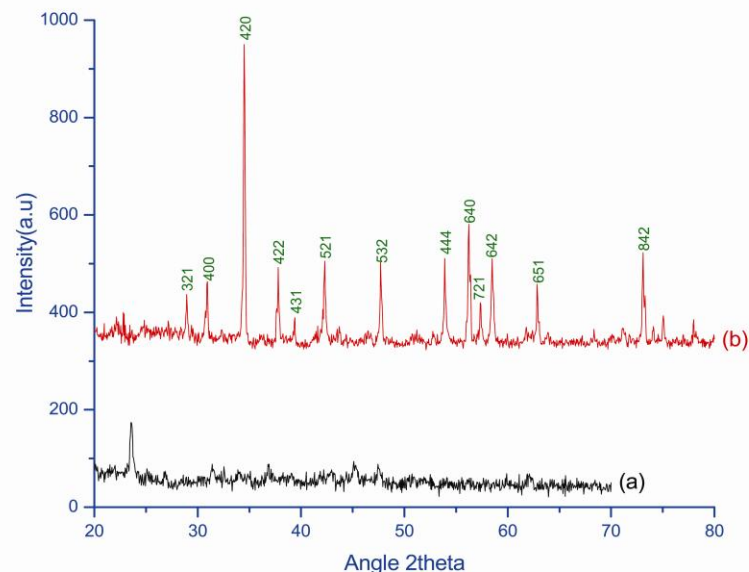
# Results



Ce:YAG sample

**White** before laser irradiation

**Yellow** after laser irradiation



Powder XRD of laser sintered Ce:YAG.

(a) precursor

(b) irradiated by  $\sim 80\text{W}$  CW  $\text{CO}_2$  laser for about 2 hours

***XRD match well with the reported in literature***