

In situ study of surface-mediated explosive degradation using Heterodyne IR-Vis Sum Frequency Generation (HSFG).

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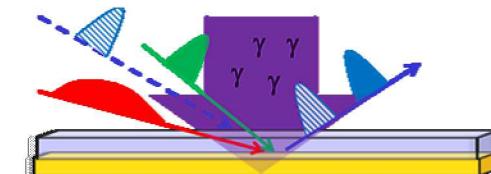
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Outline

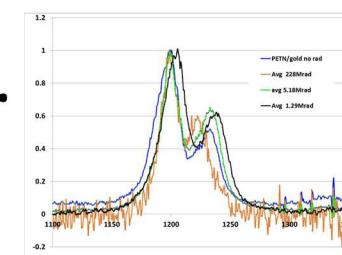
- Problem: Detecting unstable degradation products at buried organic/metal interface (explosive/metal bridge).



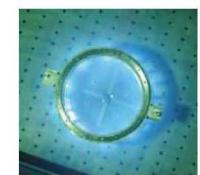
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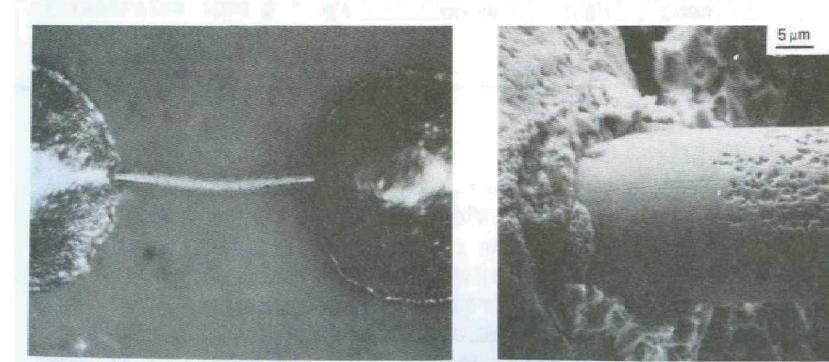
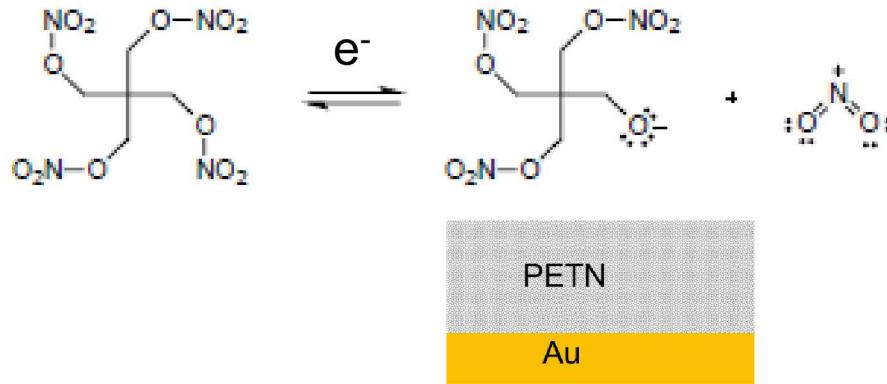
- IR-SFG of 3 PETN/metal interfaces.



- Gamma radiation studies of PETN/gold samples.

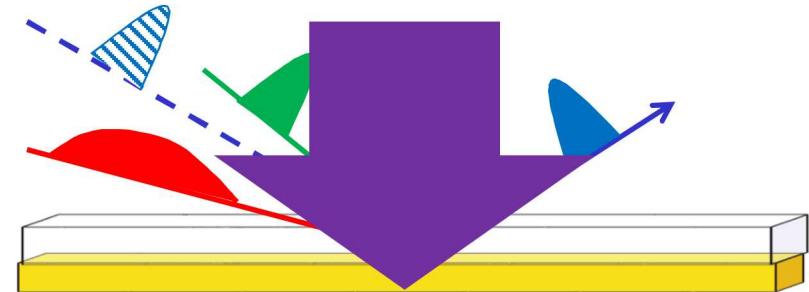
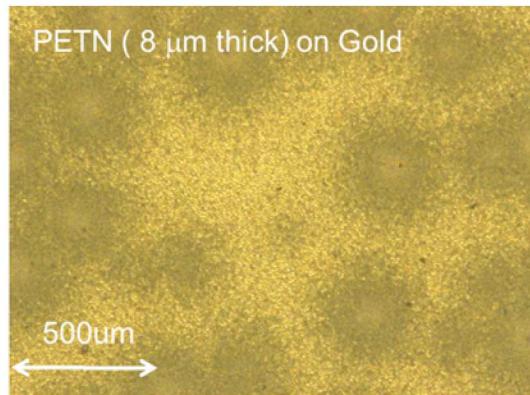


Explosive/Bridgewire: Surface Enhanced Corrosion Chemistry



- Processes that degrade PETN may be enhanced at bridge wire interface (*auto-catalytic processes in low free volume, surface contamination, etc.*)
- Critical intermediates/products from the organic film may attack metal surface
Currently no experimental method to identify corrosive species at wire/explosive surface in situ.

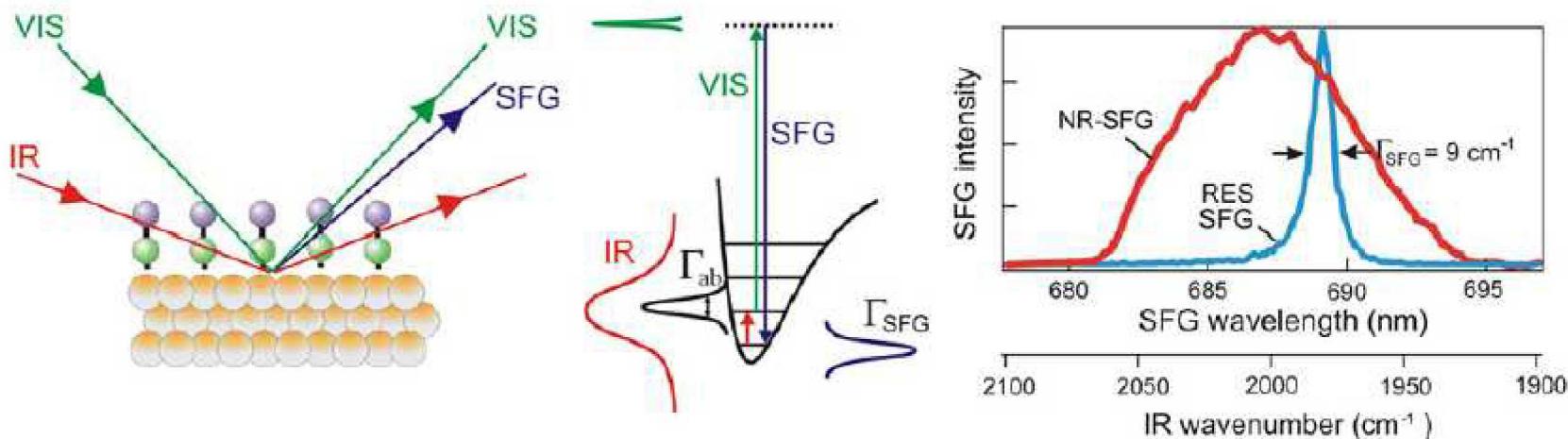
Thin film model system



- Vapor deposited PETN on aluminum, copper and gold.
- Optically accessible samples (2-8 μm PETN/1-2 μm metal).
- Samples < 10 mg PETN. Samples can be accepted at radiation facilities on site not cleared for handling of explosive components.

Broad Band IR-Vis Sum Frequency Generation

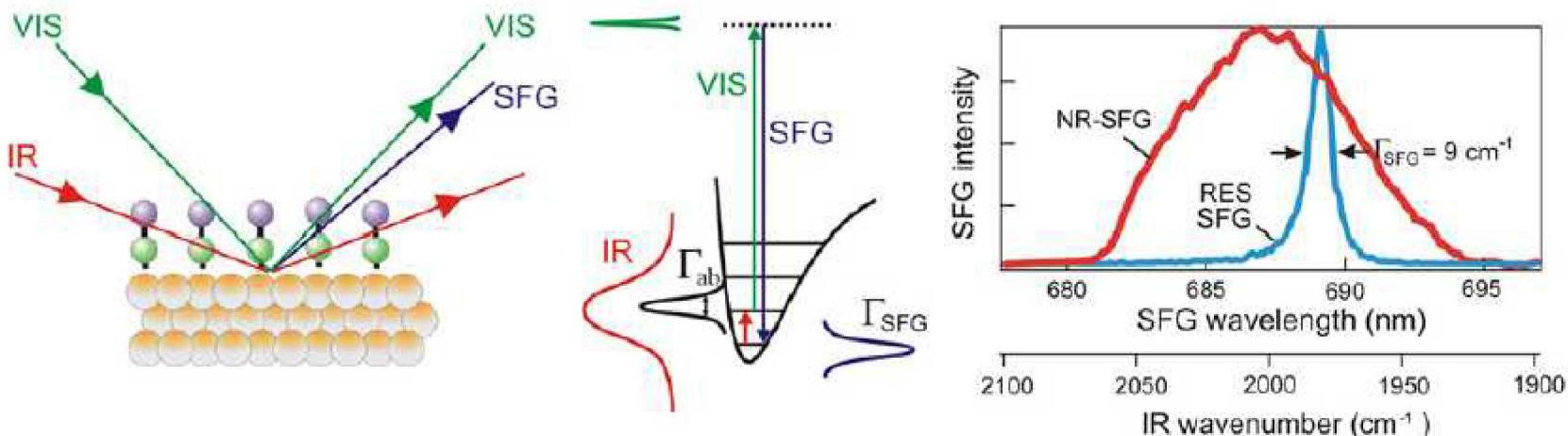
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- IR-Vis SFG signal sensitive to IR/ Raman active modes within a few monolayers of interface.
- Signal peaks when IR pulse resonant with vibration.
- Broad band SFG (fs IR pulse /ps Vis pulse)covering $\sim 250 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ of vibrational spectrum in each shot. *Time resolved measurements of reactive species possible w/ ps time resolution.*

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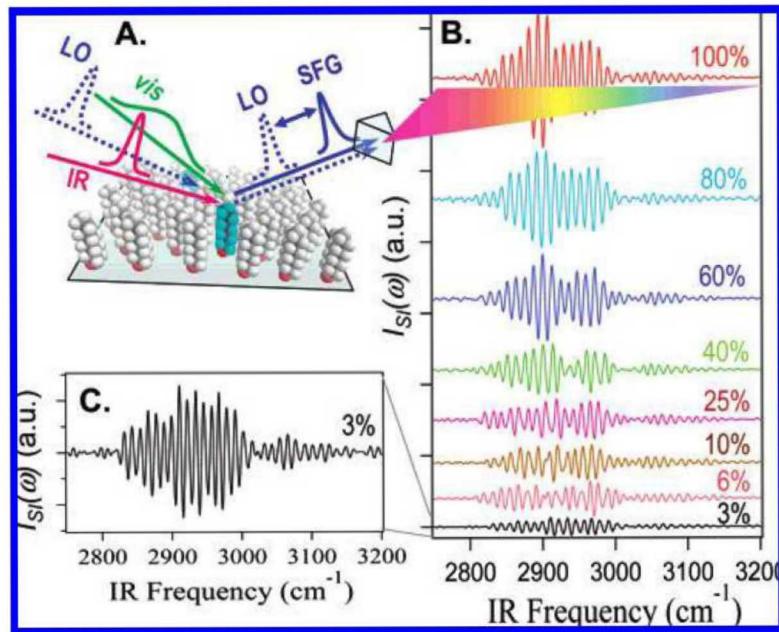


$I_{SFG}(N)$ is unfavorable for low surface coverage.

$$I_{SFG} \propto |E_{SFG}|^2 \propto |\chi^{(2)}|^2 = N^2 |\langle \beta^{(2)} \rangle|^2$$

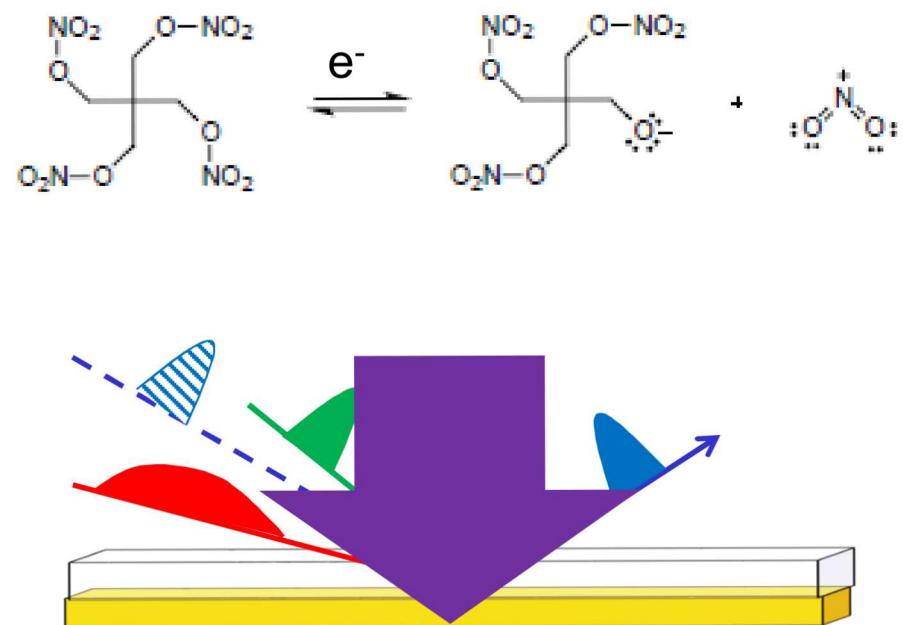
10% surface coverage  drop in intensity by factor of 100

Heterodyne detection to increase sensitivity



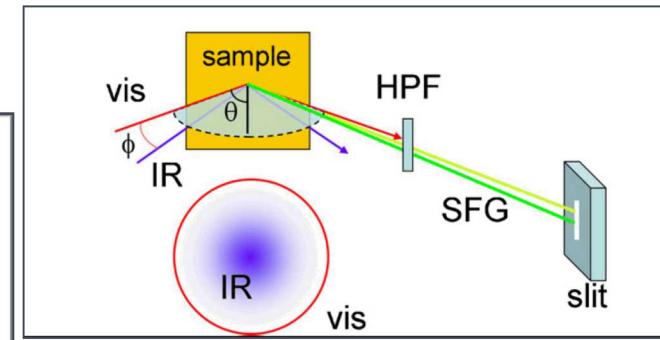
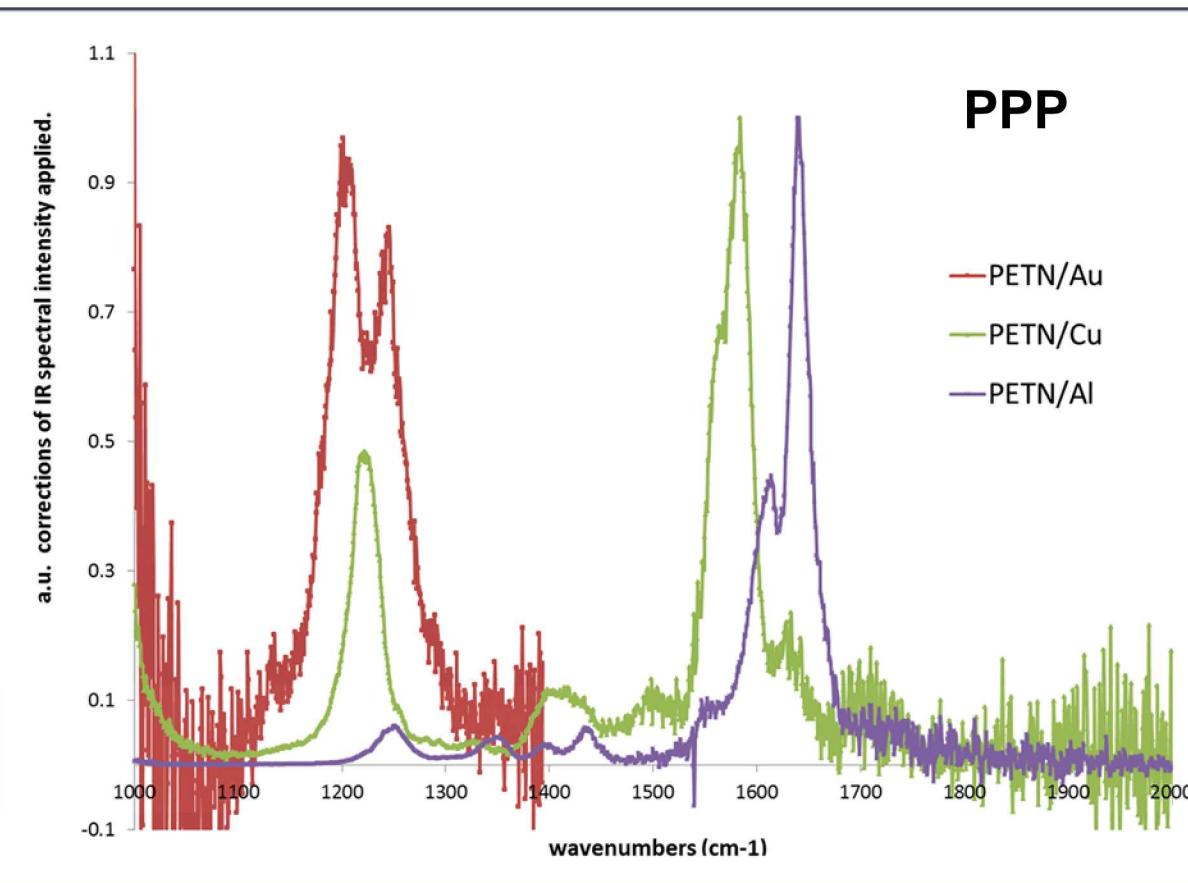
$$I_{\text{SI}} \propto 2\text{Re}[E_{\text{SFG}}E_{\text{LO}}^*] \propto N\langle\beta^{(2)}\rangle$$

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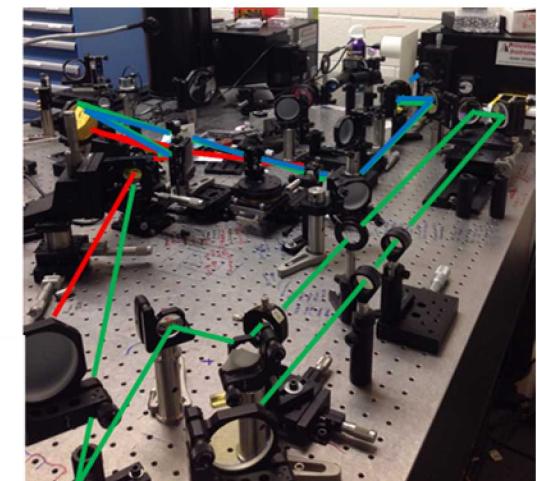


Detection limit lowered from 40% to <3%.

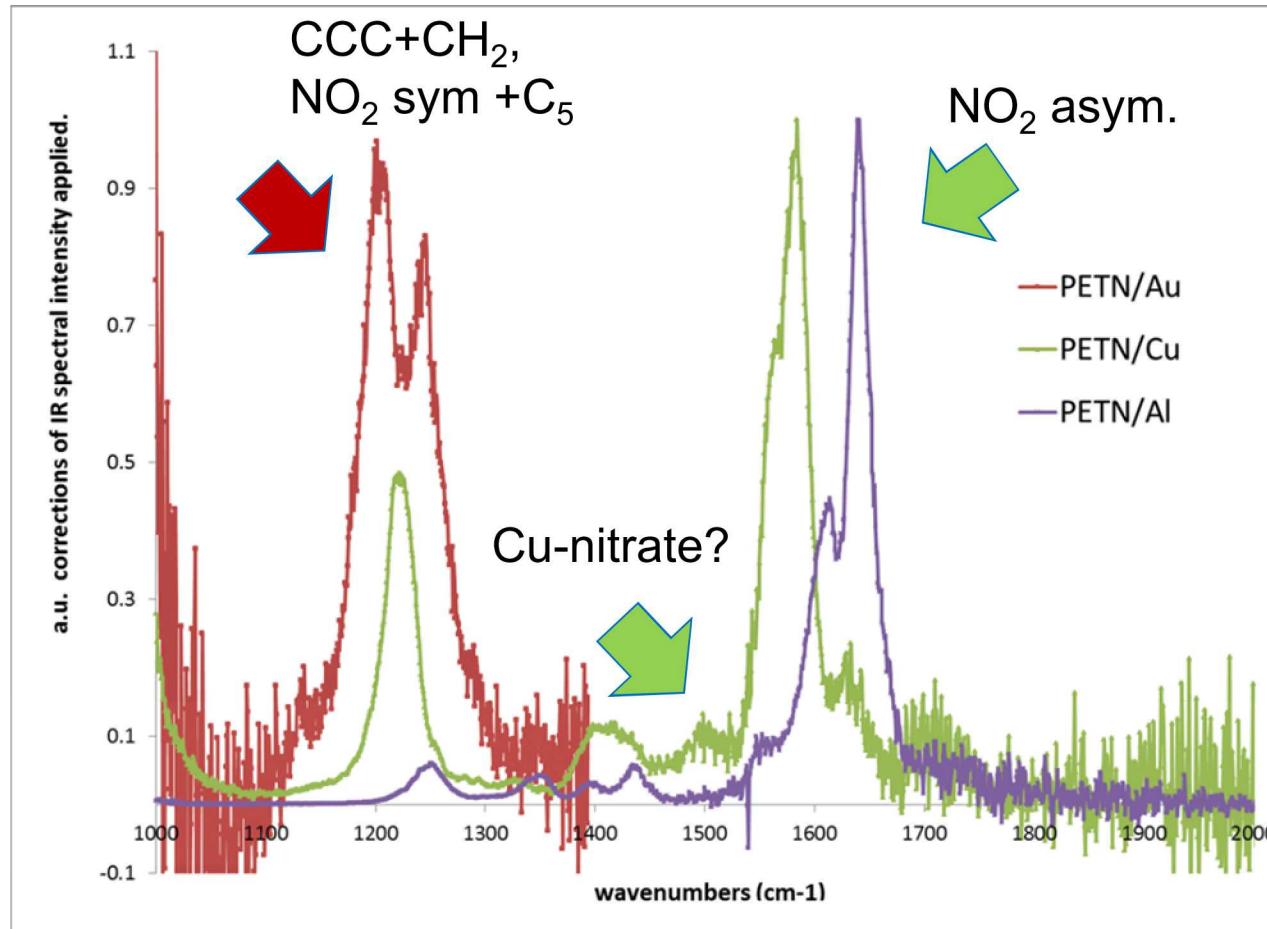
Traditional SFG Spectra of PETN/metal interface.



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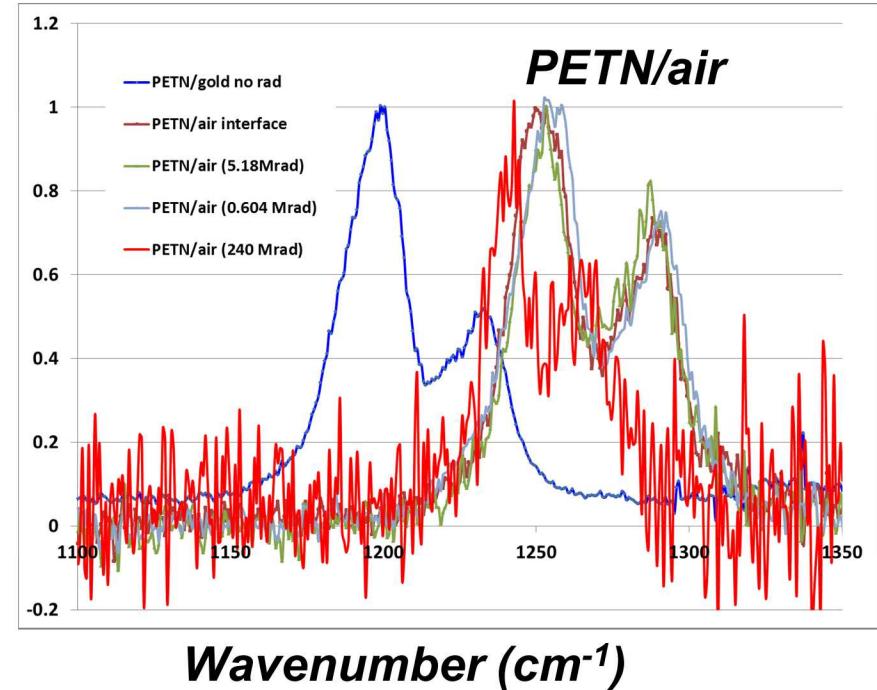
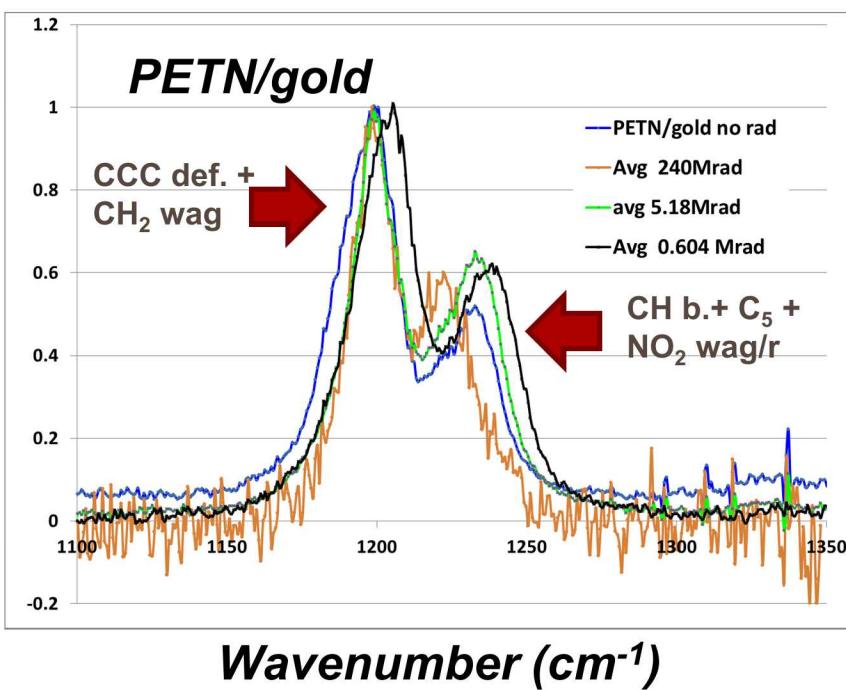
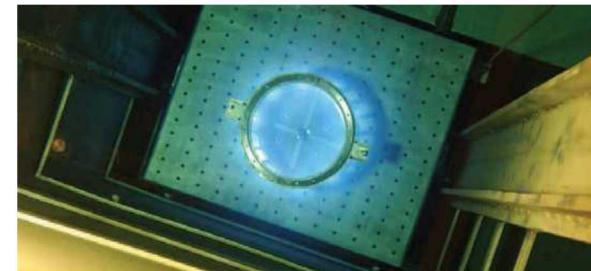
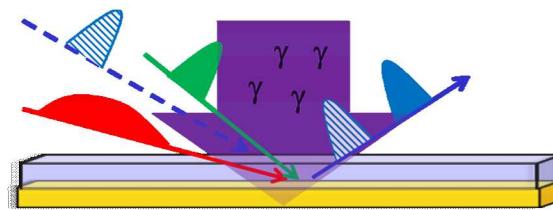
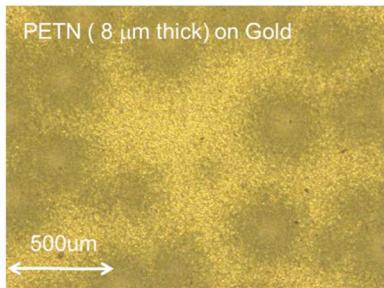


Kinetics Platform: Reactive Surface



- Copper nitrate present from oxidation of PETN on copper (degradation products). 1-2 day process at RT.
- Look for proposed gamma interaction with gold leading to PETN breakdown.

Surface Enhance Chemistry: PETN/Gold

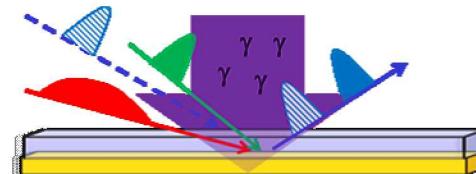


In Conclusion:

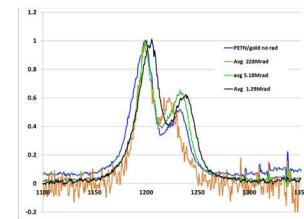
- Applying HSFG to the detection of unstable corrosion agents trapped at gold/PETN interface.



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- Demonstrated platform for corrosion chemistry with traditional SFG for PETN/Cu and PETN/ gold interfaces.



- Next step to compare HSFG/SFG and IR/Raman detection limits for degradation products at surface.