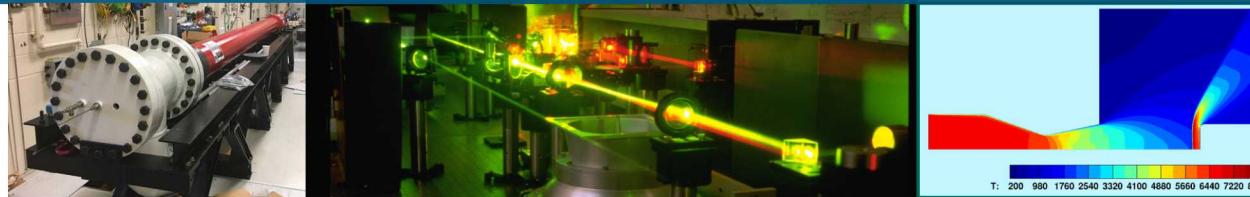




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# Combined Experimental and Computational Efforts for Hypersonics Validation at Sandia



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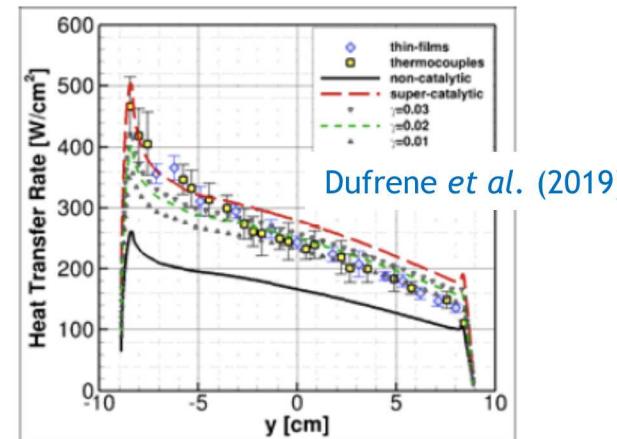
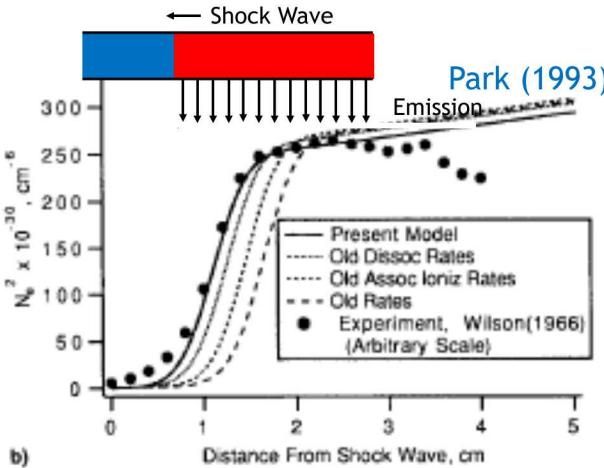
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# Hypersonic reacting flow modeling: present state-of-the-art

- Thermochemical mechanisms are tuned for ballistic reentry
- Mechanisms derived limited, “integral” experimental data
- Supported by *ab initio* calculations with uncertain potentials



- Multiple parameters are inferred from single parameter data
- Non-unique, vulnerable to effect of compensating errors

“.....these parameters cannot necessarily be considered accurate or unique, there could be one or more sets of thermochemical parameters that would lead to an equally good agreement with the experimental data”  
*-Chul Park, NASA Ames Research Center*

Table 2 Reaction rate coefficients for air (present model)

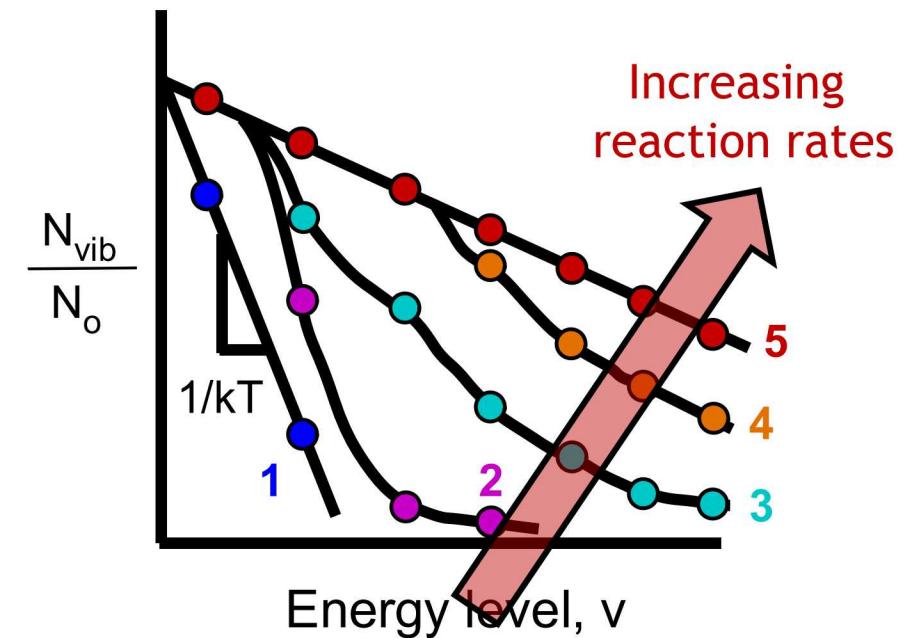
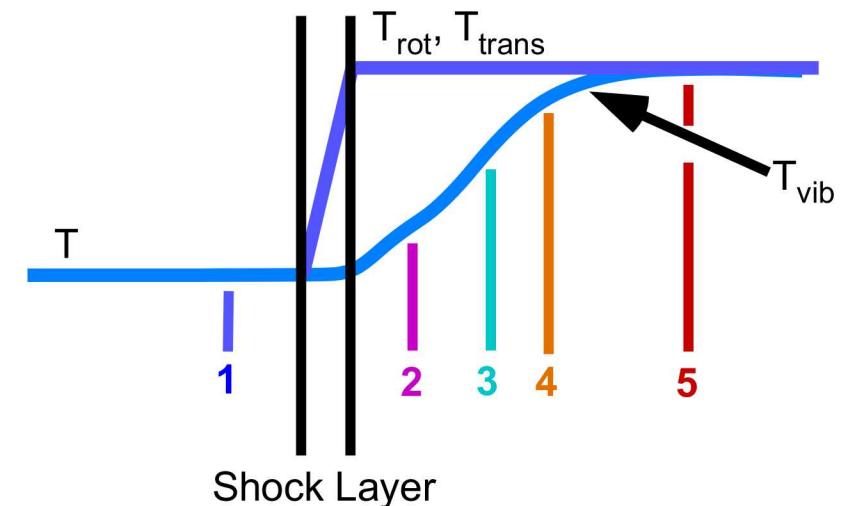
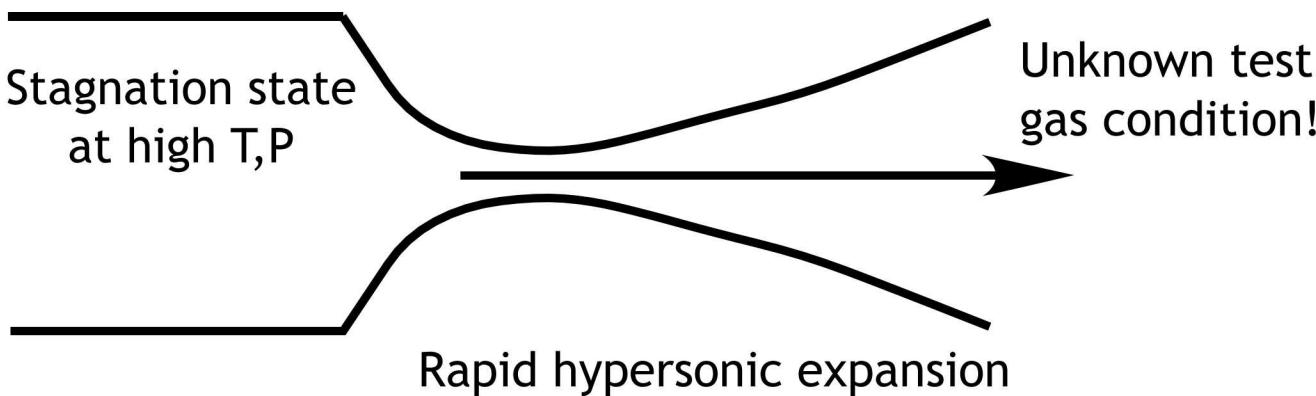
Reaction	<i>M</i>	<i>T<sub>a</sub></i>	<i>C</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>T<sub>d</sub></i>	Source
Dissociation reactions						
$\text{N}_2 + \text{M} \rightarrow \text{N} + \text{N} + \text{M}$	$\text{N}$	$T_a$	$3.0^{22}$	$-1.60$	113,200	Ref. 14
	$\text{O}$		$3.0^{22}$			
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	$e^-$		$1.2^{25}$			
$\text{O}_2 + \text{M} \rightarrow \text{O} + \text{O} + \text{M}$	$\text{N}$	$T_a$	$-1.60$	$9.500$	Ref. 9	Ref. 14
	$\text{O}$		$1.0^{22}$			
	$\text{N}_2$		$2.0^{23}$			
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	$\text{O}$	$T$	$6.4^{17}$	$-1.00$	38,400	Ref. 14
NO Exchange reactions						
$\text{N}_2 + \text{O} \rightarrow \text{N}_2 + \text{O}$	$\text{N}$					
	$\text{O}$					
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	$\text{O}$					
Associative ionization reactions						
$\text{N} + \text{O} \rightarrow \text{NO}^+ + e^-$	$\text{N}$	$T$	$8.8^8$	$1.00$	31,900	This work
	$\text{O}$	$T$	$7.1^{12}$	$2.70$	80,600	This work
	$\text{N} + \text{N} \rightarrow \text{N}_2^+ + e^-$	$T$	$4.4^7$	$1.50$	67,500	This work
Charge exchange reactions						
$\text{NO}^+ + \text{O} \rightarrow \text{N}^+ + \text{O}_2$	$\text{N}$	$T$	$1.0^{12}$	$0.50$	77,200	Ref. 14
	$\text{O}^+$	$T$	$1.0^{12}$	$0.50$	12,200	Ref. 14
$\text{O}_2^+ + \text{N} \rightarrow \text{N}_2^+ + \text{O}_2$	$\text{N}$	$T$	$8.7^{13}$	$0.14$	28,600	Ref. 14
	$\text{O}^+$	$T$	$1.4^{15}$	$1.90$	26,600	Ref. 14
$\text{O}_2^+ + \text{N}_2 \rightarrow \text{N}_2^+ + \text{O}_2$	$\text{N}$	$T$	$9.9^{12}$	$0.00$	40,700	Ref. 14
	$\text{O}_2^+$	$T$	$4.0^{13}$	$-0.09$	18,000	Ref. 14
$\text{NO}^+ + \text{N} \rightarrow \text{O}^+ + \text{N}_2$	$\text{N}$	$T$	$3.4^{13}$	$-1.08$	12,800	Ref. 14
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$\text{NO}^+ + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{O}_2^+ + \text{NO}$	$\text{N}$	$T$	$7.2^{12}$	$0.29$	48,600	Ref. 14
	$\text{O}^+$	$T$	$9.1^{11}$	$0.36$	22,800	Ref. 14
$\text{O}^+ + \text{N}_2 \rightarrow \text{N}_2^+ + \text{O}$	$\text{N}$	$T$	$7.2^{13}$	$0.00$	35,500	Ref. 14

Direct measurements of key reacting species are critical  
 $\text{N}_2, \text{O}_2, \text{NO}, \text{O}, \text{N}...$

# Importance of nonequilibrium conditions

- Chemical mechanisms are valid “near equilibrium”
- Reaction rates are modified using thermodynamic distributions which are frequently assumed
- Vibrational excitation has significant impact on rates
- Internal  $\leftrightarrow$  translational energy exchange affects flow processes like transition to turbulence

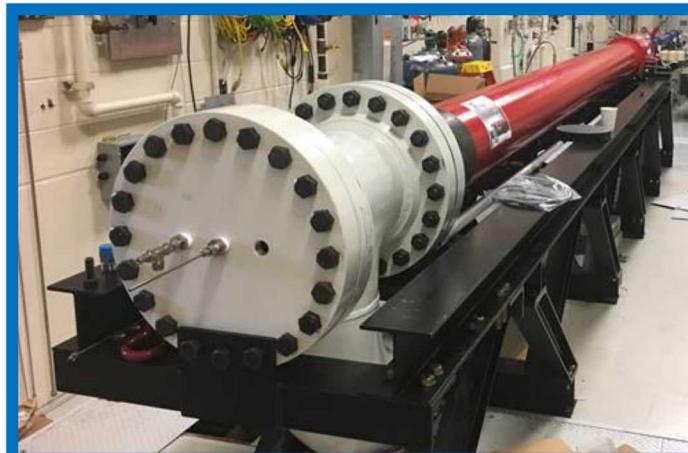
Nonequilibrium conditions can be significant in ground-test facilities



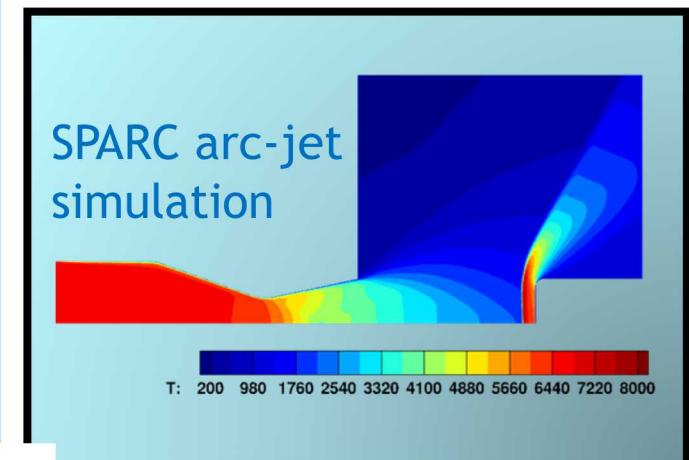
# Sandia validation paradigm for hypersonic reacting flow



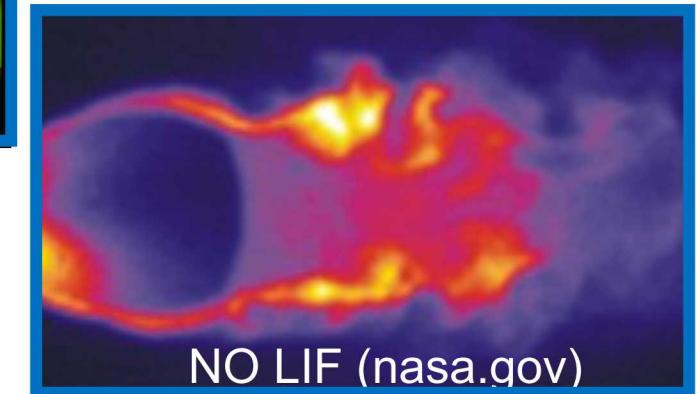
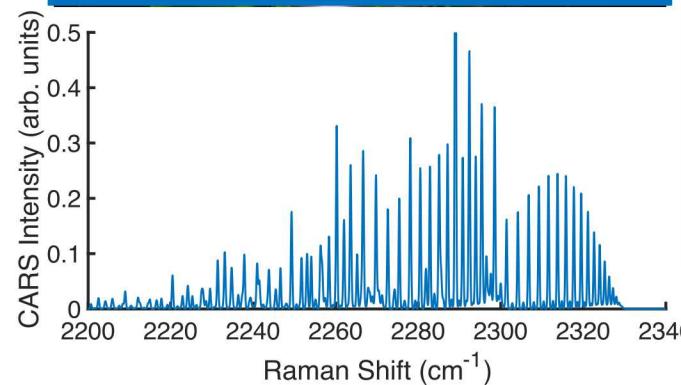
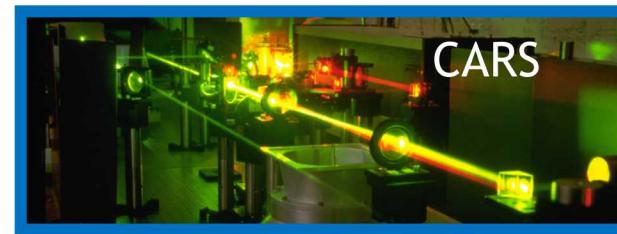
- Co-location and integration
  - modeling
  - high-enthalpy test facilities
  - diagnostics
- High-speed diagnostic development
  - Temperatures & distribution functions
  - Quantitative reacting species data
- Shift hypersonic validation paradigm
  - Reduce compensating errors
  - Extrapolate models to real flight conditions
- Detailed validation facility characterization with quantifiable uncertainties
- Capability demonstration
  - Canonical normal shock (SPARTA DSMC)
  - 'Capstone' high-enthalpy experiment (SPARC)



High-enthalpy ground-test facilities

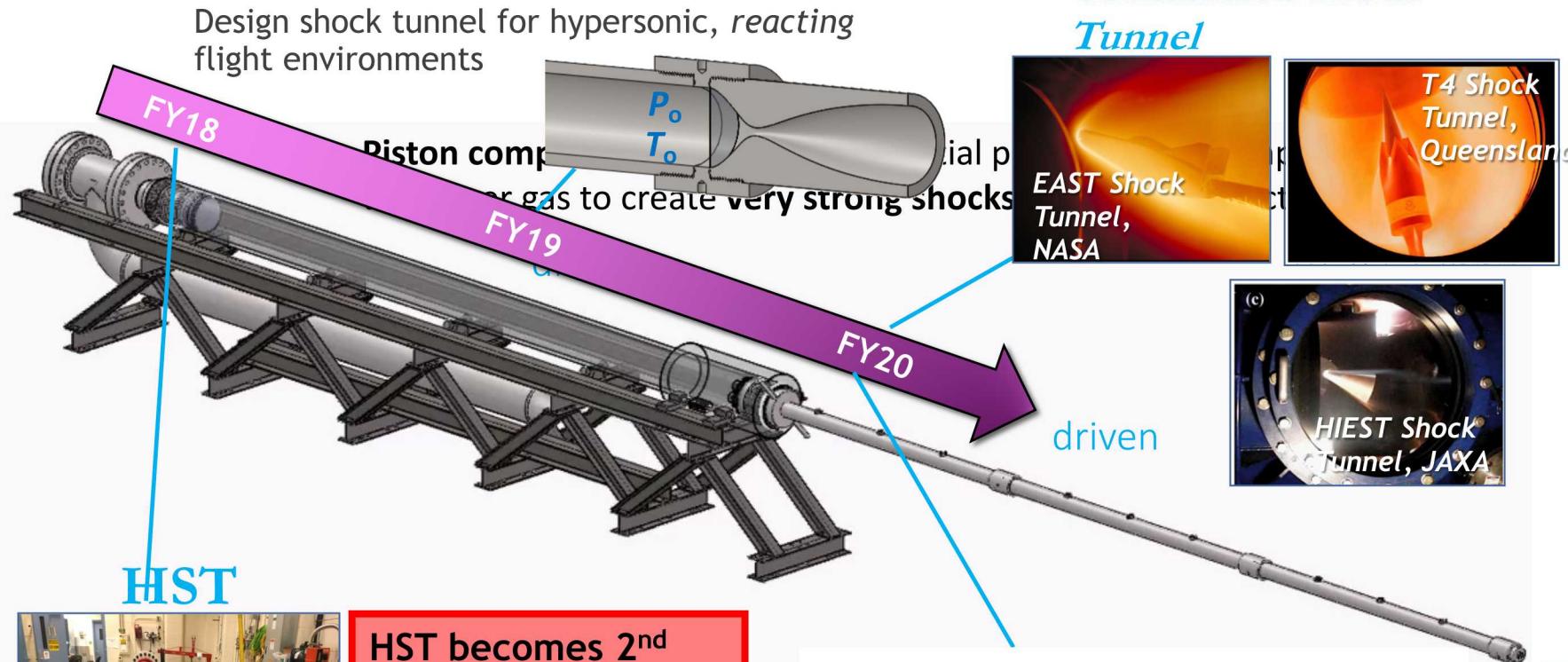


Continuum and DSMC modeling on large-scale compute platforms

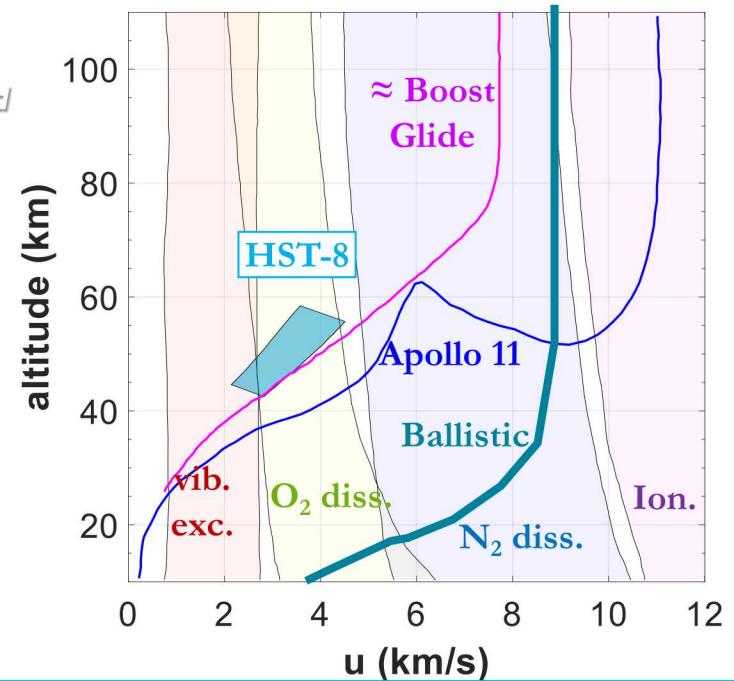


Advanced diagnostic methods

# Sandia's Free-Piston High-Temperature Shock Tube (HST)



## Estimated Operating Map

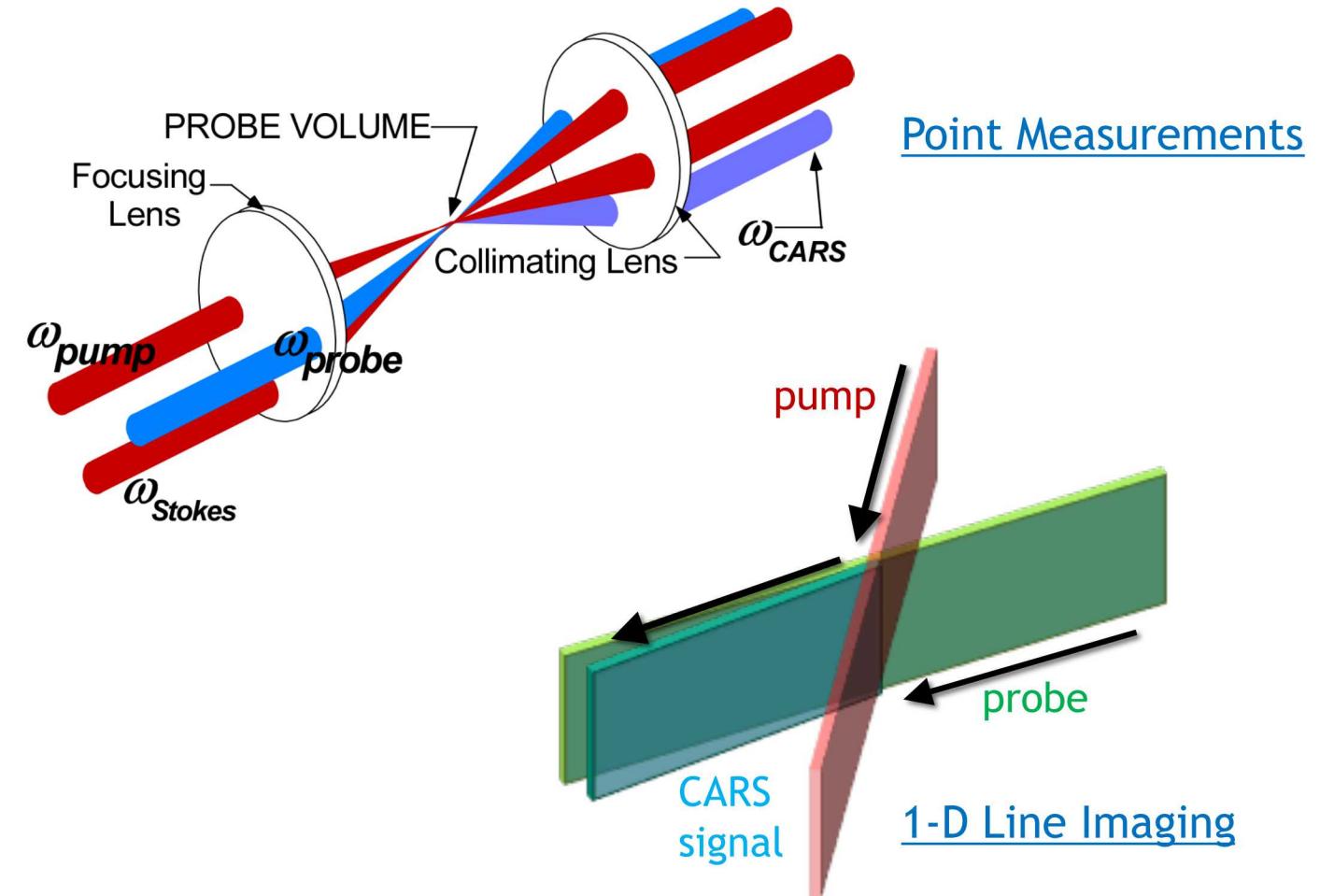


- Freestream Mach number of 8 and velocities > 4 km/s
- Enthalpies of order 10 MJ/kg and stagnation temperatures ≈ 6000 K
- Conditions are in regions of significant thermodynamic and chemical non-equilibrium

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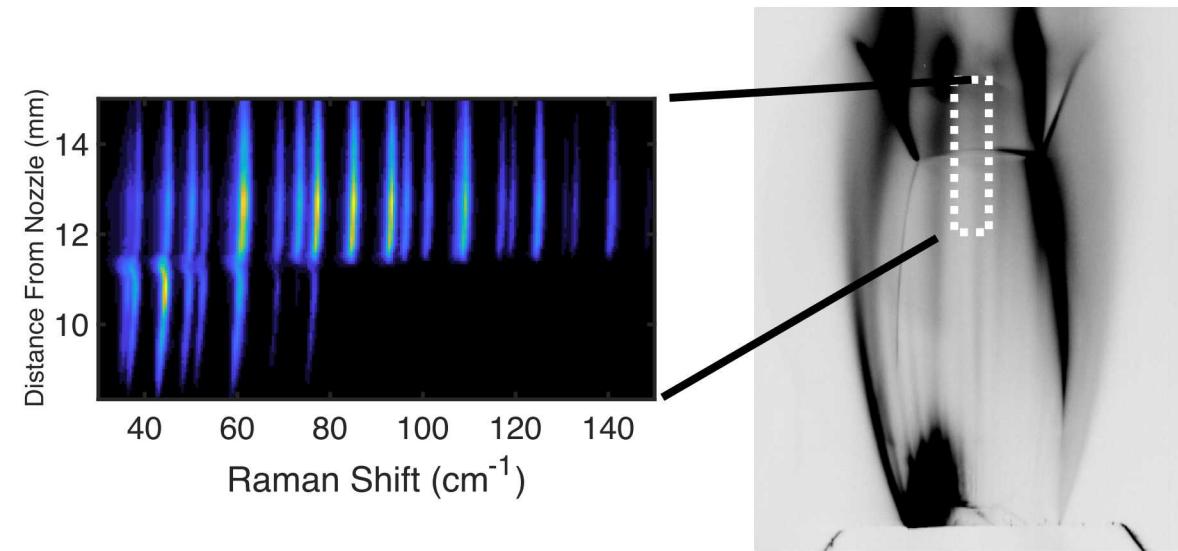


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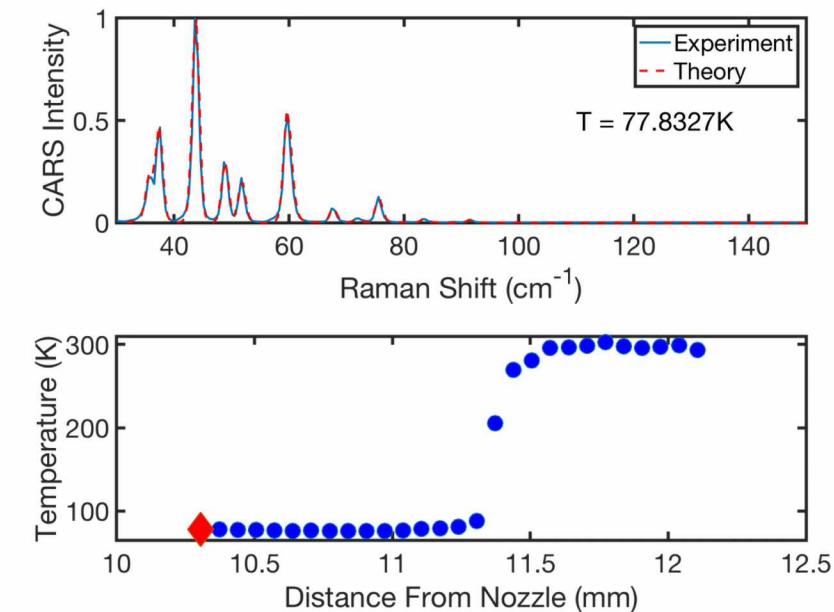
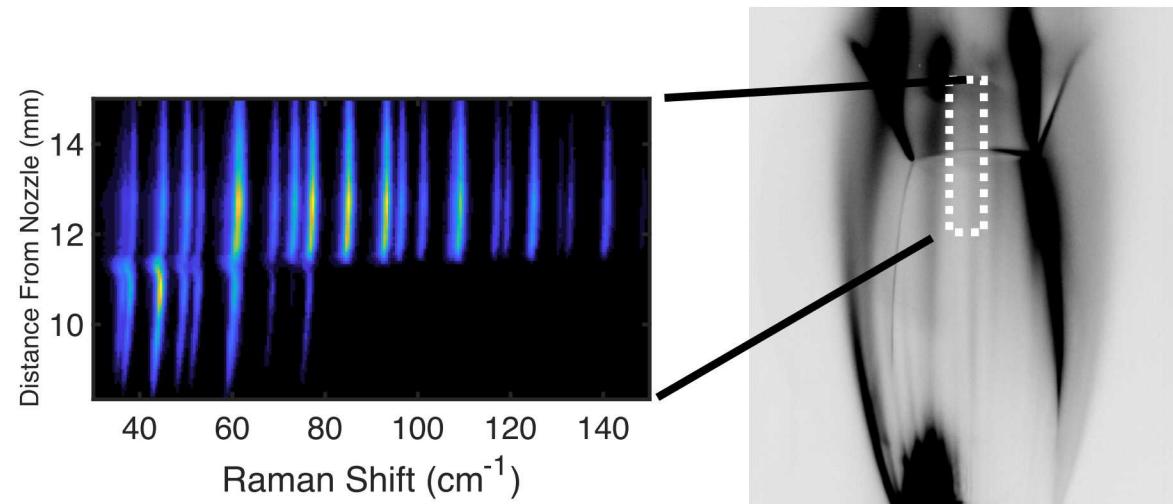
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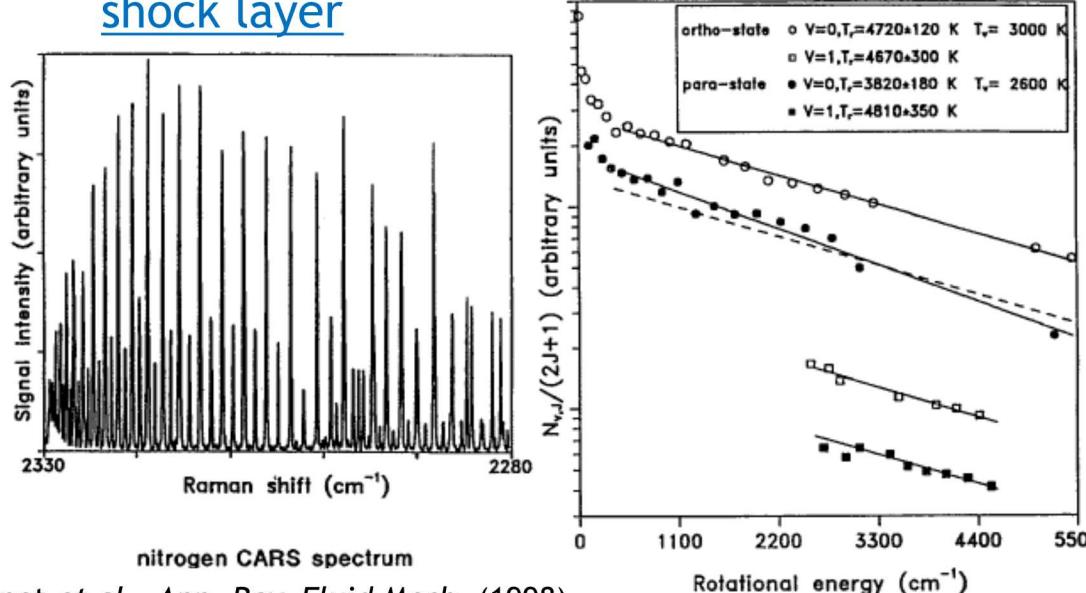
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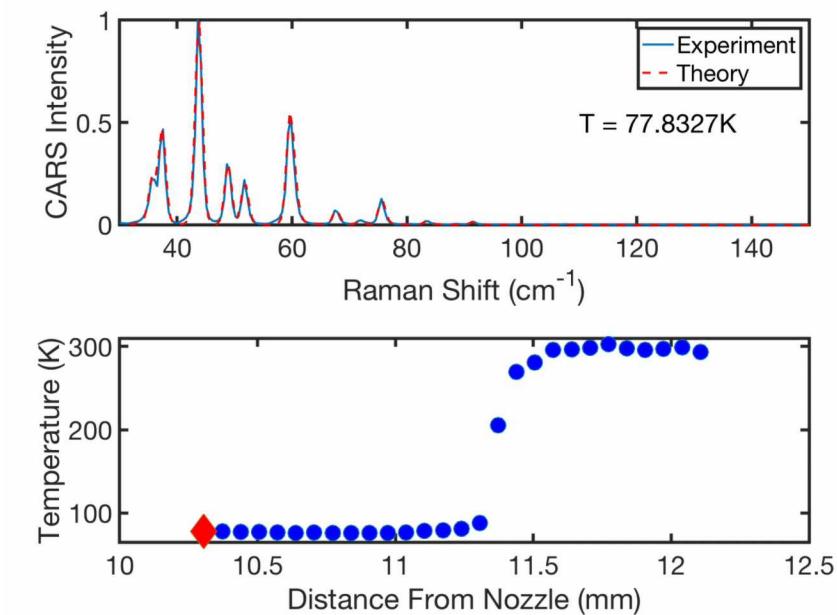
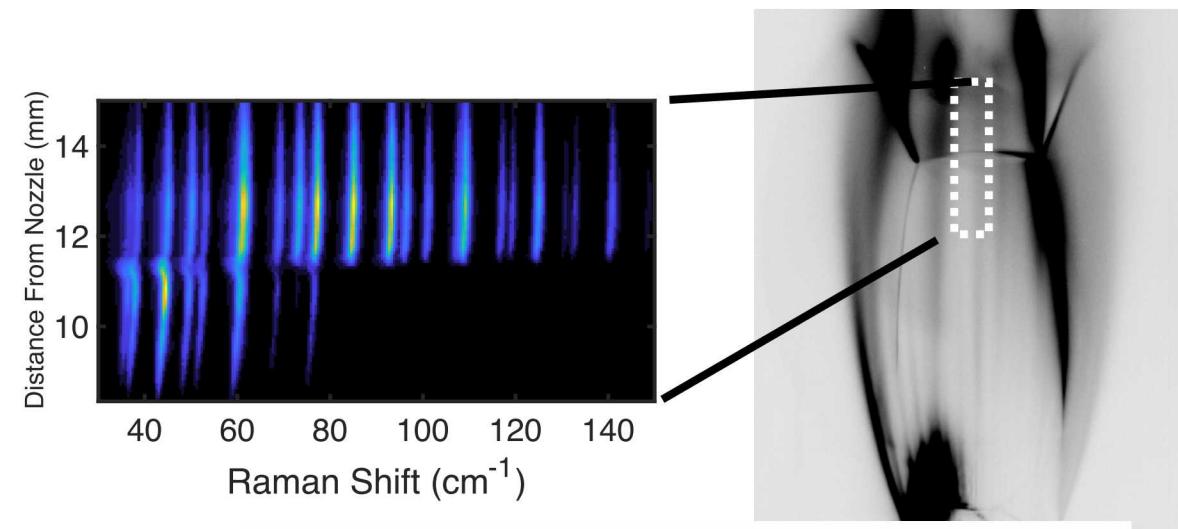


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## CARS measurements in nonequilibrium shock layer



Bonnet *et al.*, Ann. Rev. Fluid Mech. (1998)



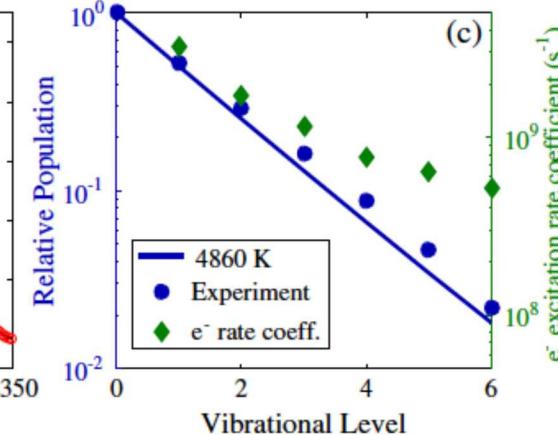
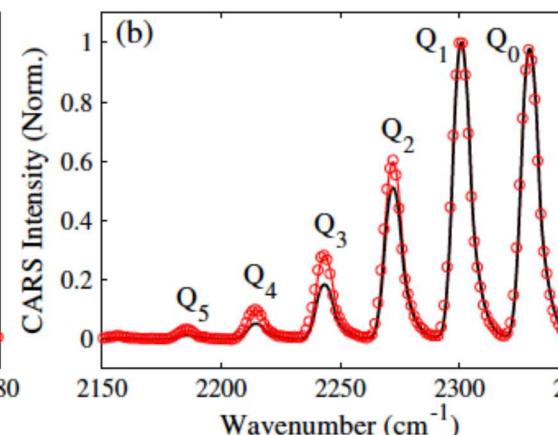
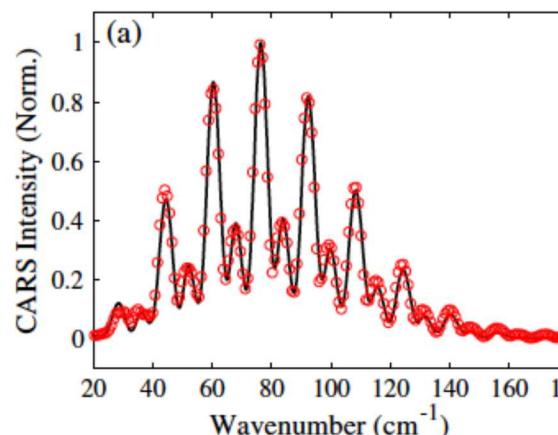
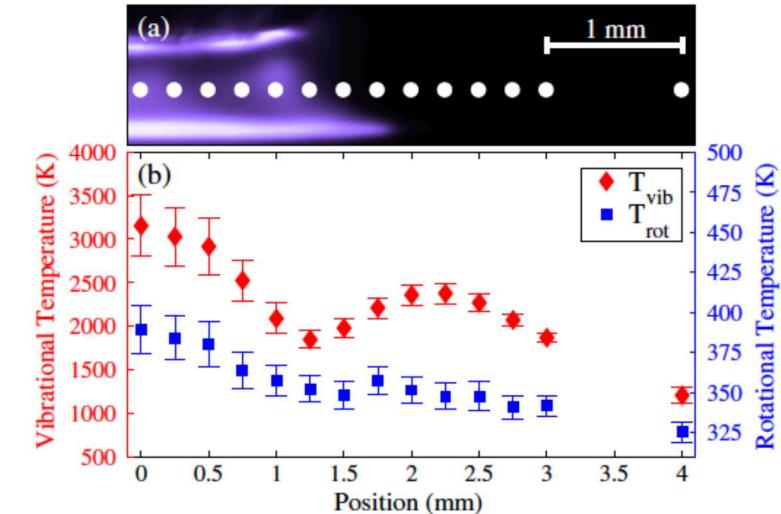
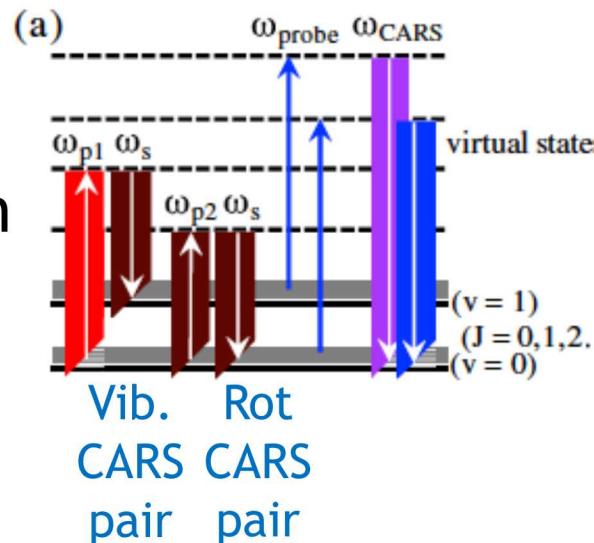
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# CARS Measurements in a nonequilibrium plasma



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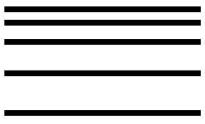
- Simultaneous pure-rotational and vibrational Raman spectra
- Direct measurement of distribution functions
- Signal scales with  $N_{v,J}^2$
- Single-shot detection limits?



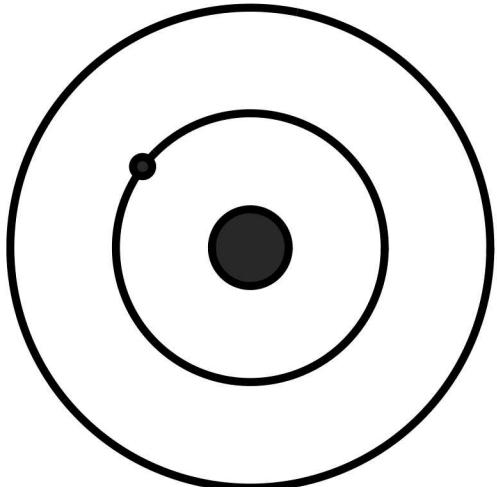
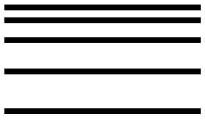
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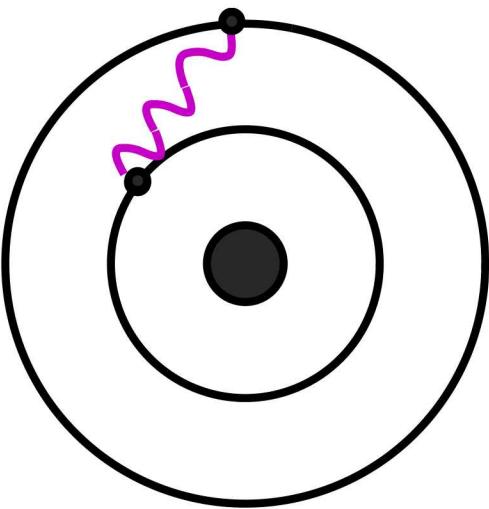
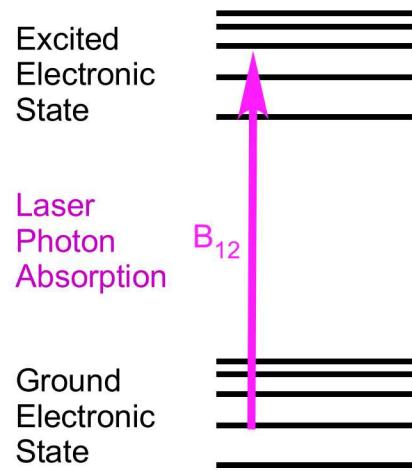
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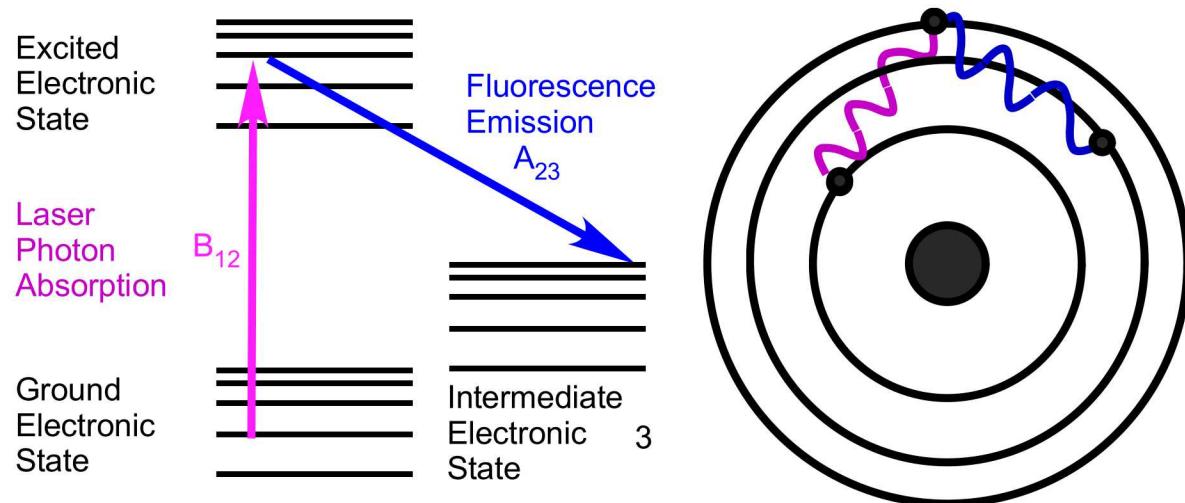
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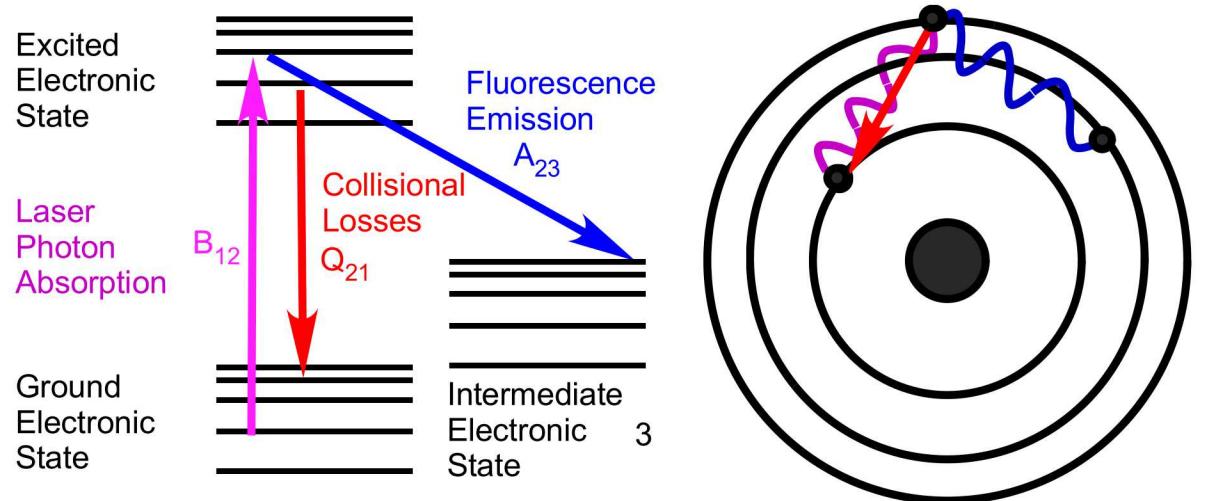
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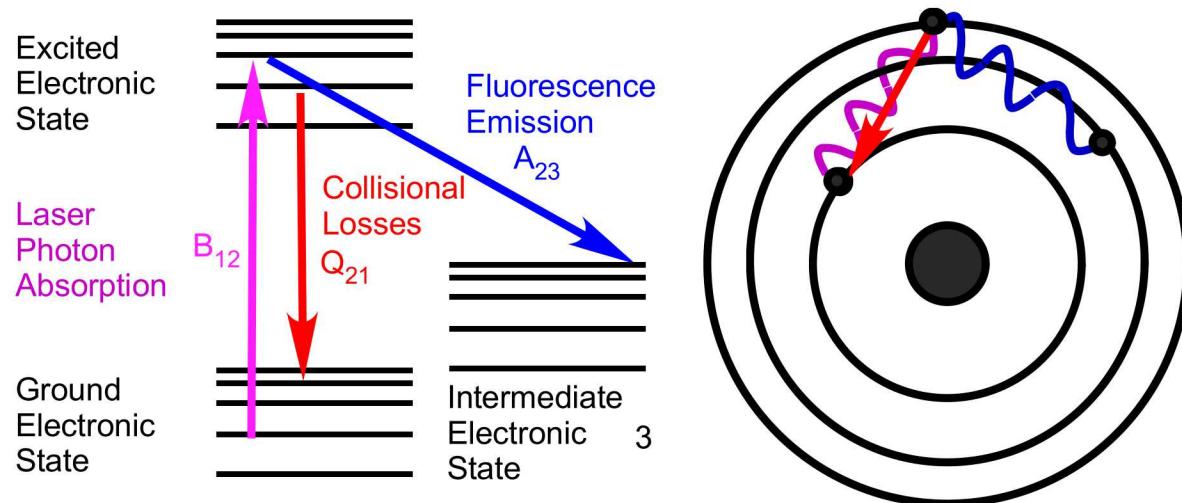
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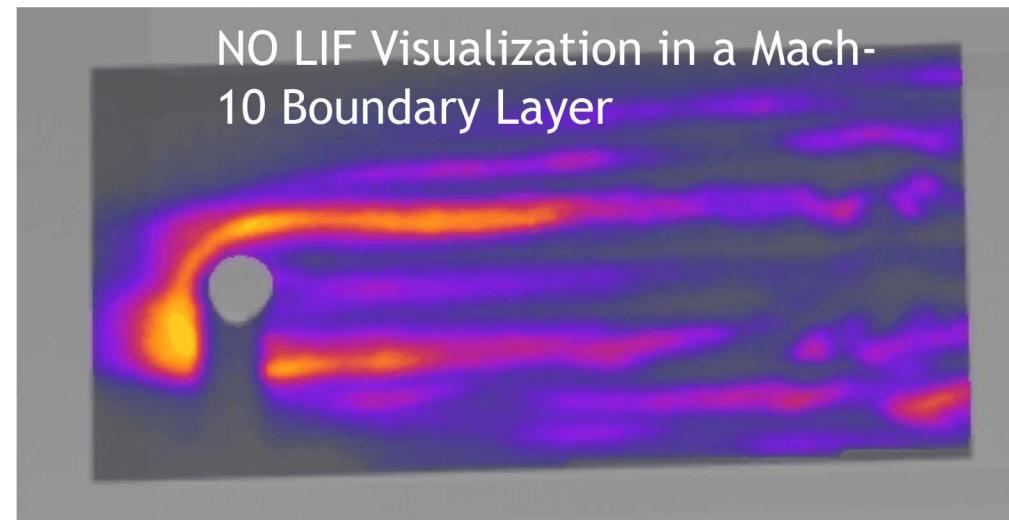
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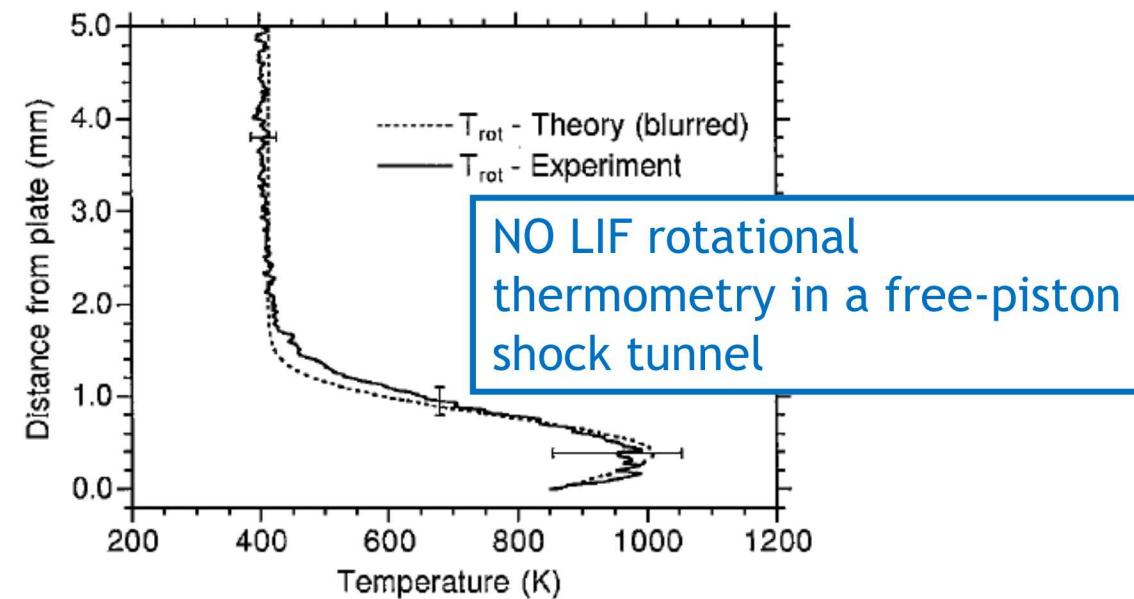
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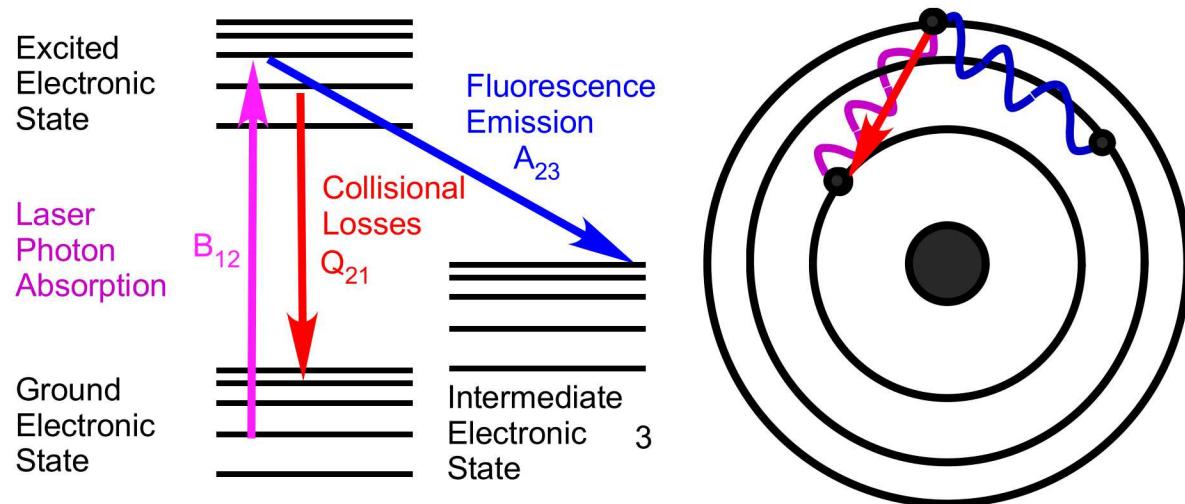


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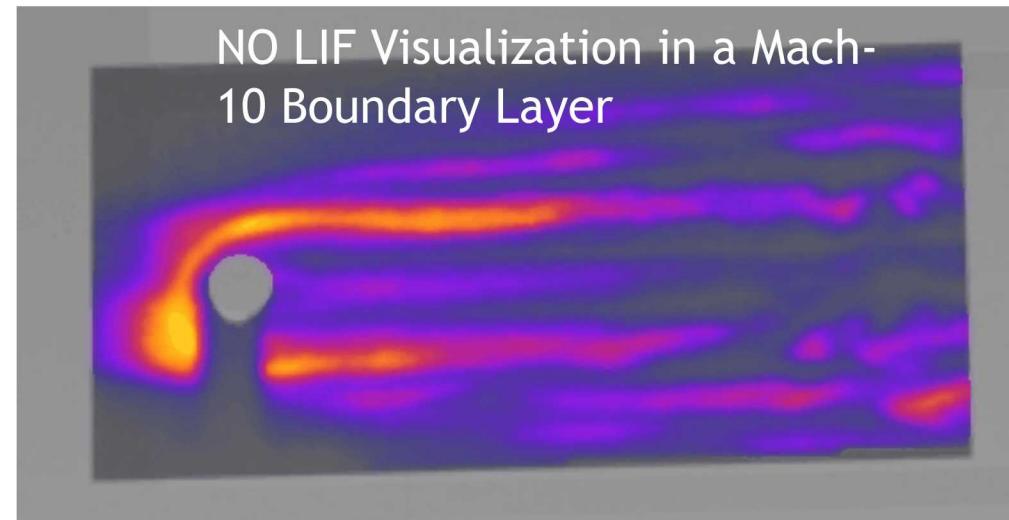


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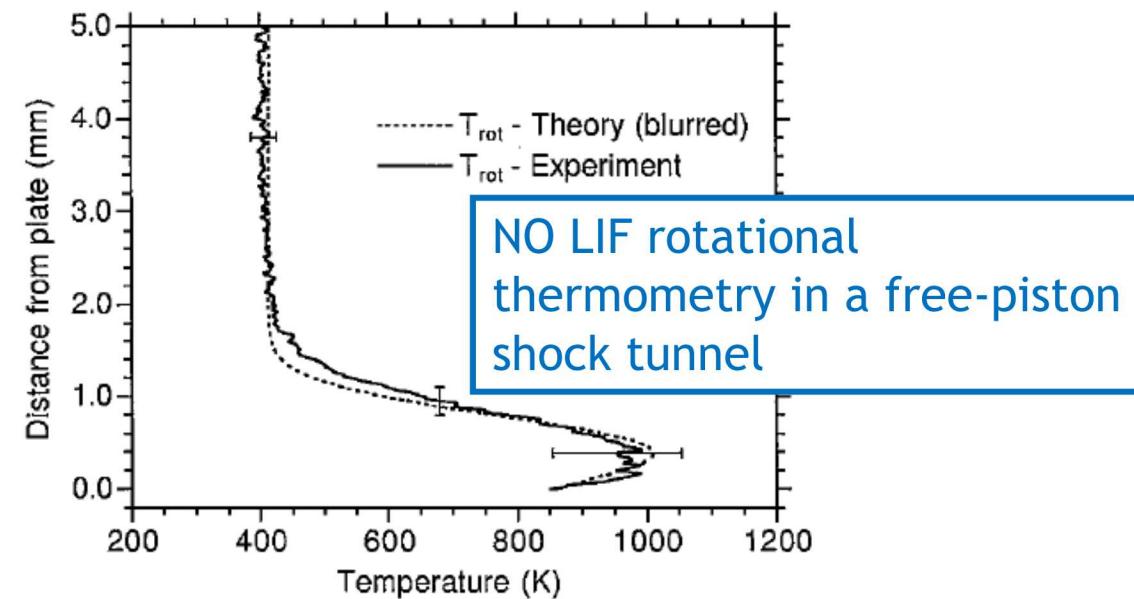
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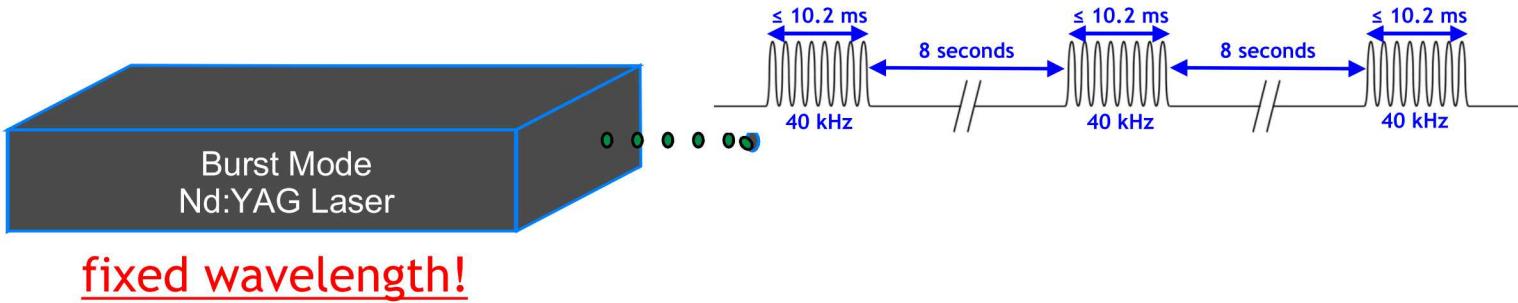


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# Tunable burst-mode laser development



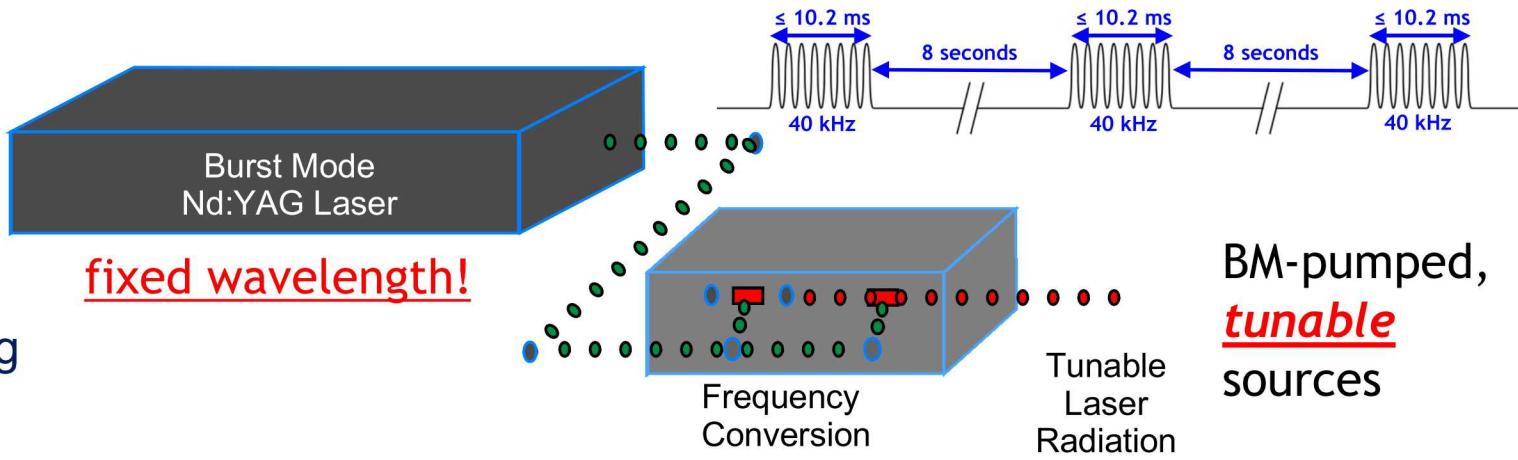
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## Dye Laser Technology

- ✓ Liquid dye gain medium
- ✓ Excellent broadband performance (CARS)
- ✓ Flexible, tunable, simple to align and maintain
- ✓ Two recent demonstrations for burst-mode LIF
- ✗ More susceptible to optical damage
- ✗ Dye saturation “bleaching” and thermal degradation

## Optical Parametric Oscillator (OPO)

- ✓ All solid-state design
- ✓ Multiple demonstrations for burst-mode LIF (NO, OH)
- ✓ Single demonstration (ps) for burst-mode CARS on H<sub>2</sub>
- ✗ Difficult to maintain and align
- ✗ Decreased flexibility

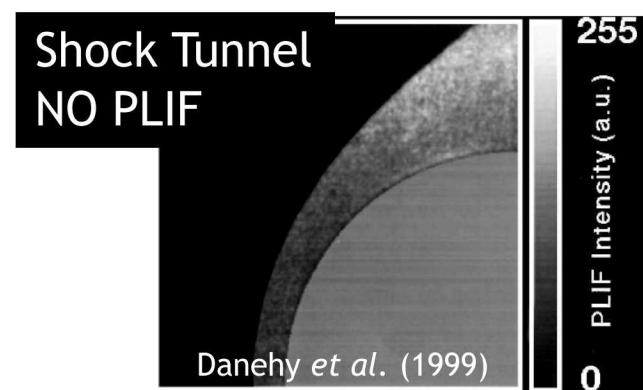
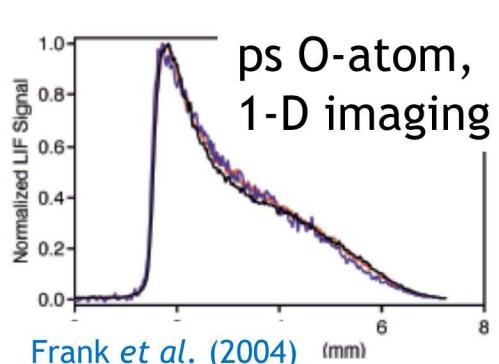
# Tunable Sources: Risk Mitigation



## Multiple Risk-Mitigation Pathways

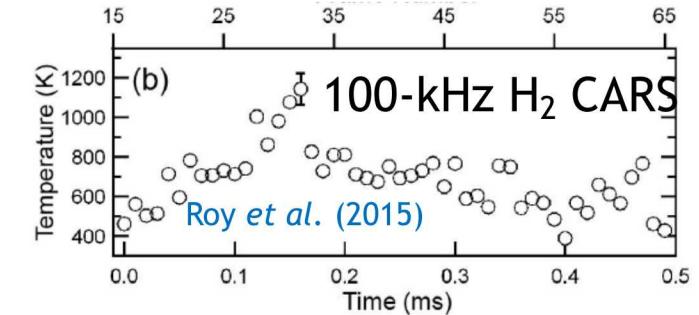
### Picosecond Burst-Mode Pulses

- More effective for 2-photon schemes (O-atom, CARS)
- Single demonstration for  $H_2$  CARS in flames



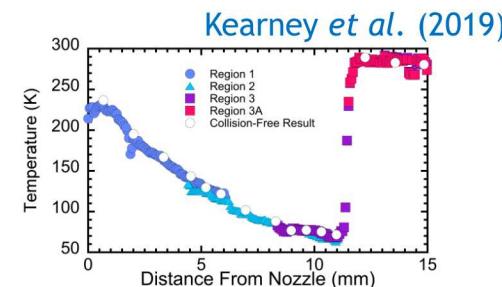
### Solid-State OPO Technology

- Proven for NO, OH LIF
- Demonstrated (ps) for CARS
- Not demonstrated for atomic LIF



### 2-D and 1-D Imaging at Reduced Rates

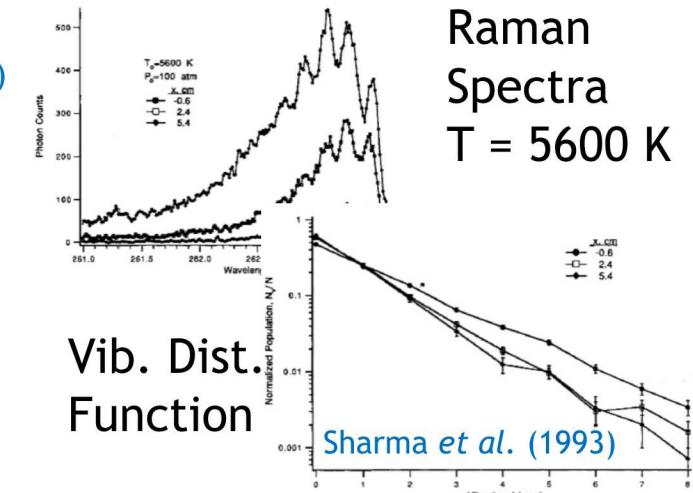
- High single-shot data yields
- Previous shock-tunnel LIF
- Single-shot or reduced burst-rate pump



1-D CARS thermometry across a shock layer

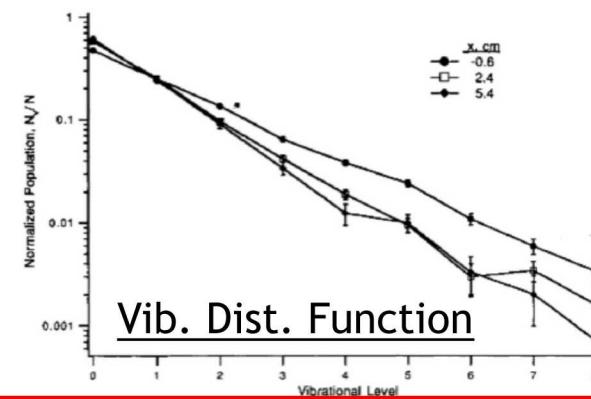
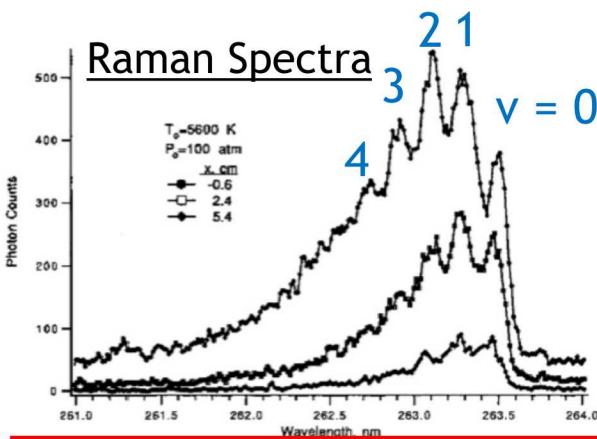
### Alternative Diagnostics

- Diode laser absorption
- Spontaneous Raman scattering

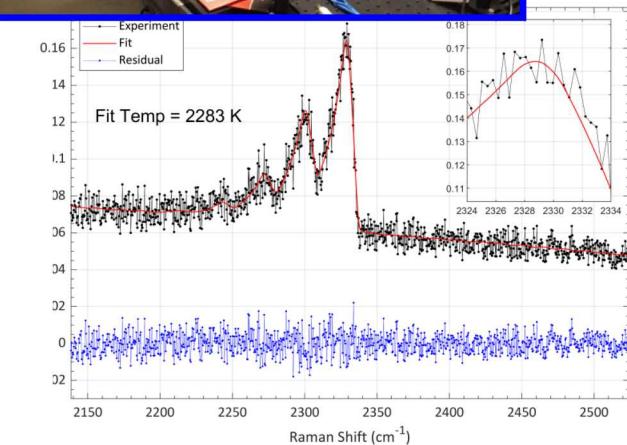
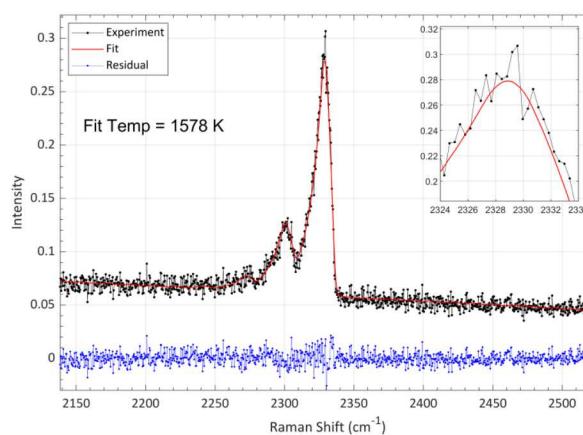
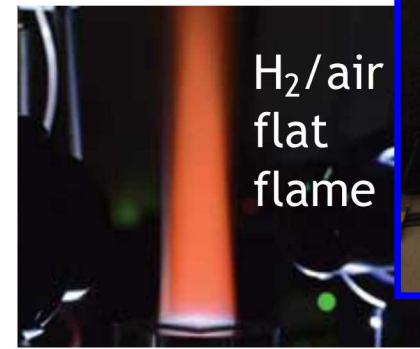


# Pulse-Burst Raman Spectra: Early Results at 5 kHz

- Raman spectra at data rates
- Goal is 10-20 kHz for free-piston facility at high densities
- No tunable source required
- Spectra obtained at 5 kHz in near-adiabatic H<sub>2</sub>/air flame
- Spontaneous Raman signals are orders of magnitude less than CARS
- Signal scales directly with  $N_{v,J}$

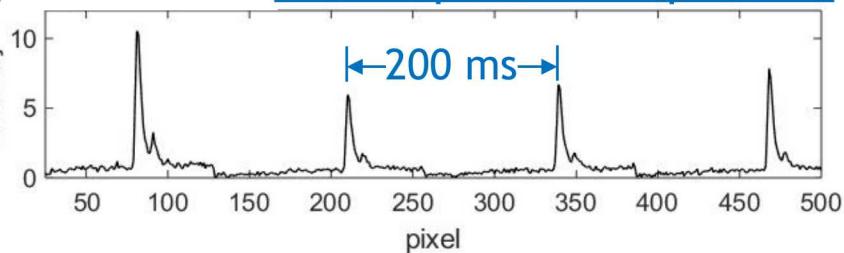


Raman measurements in NASA EAST nozzle expansion



## 5-kHz Spectral Acquisition

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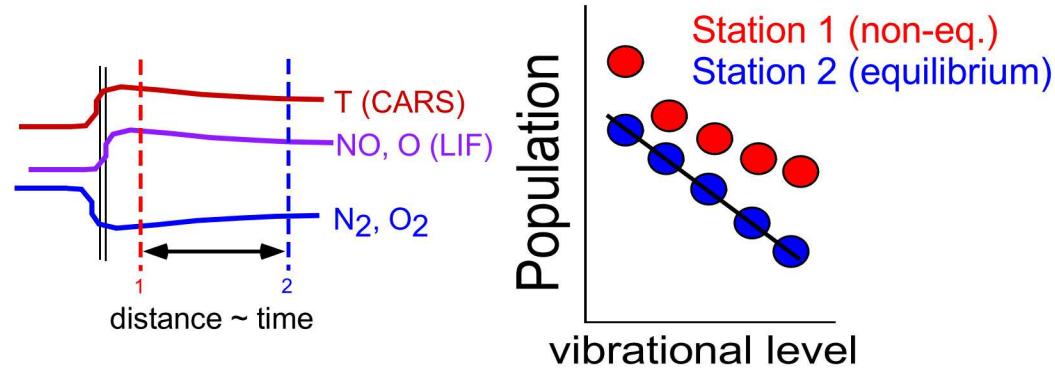
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This 3-year LDRD will demonstrate quantifiable validation capabilities

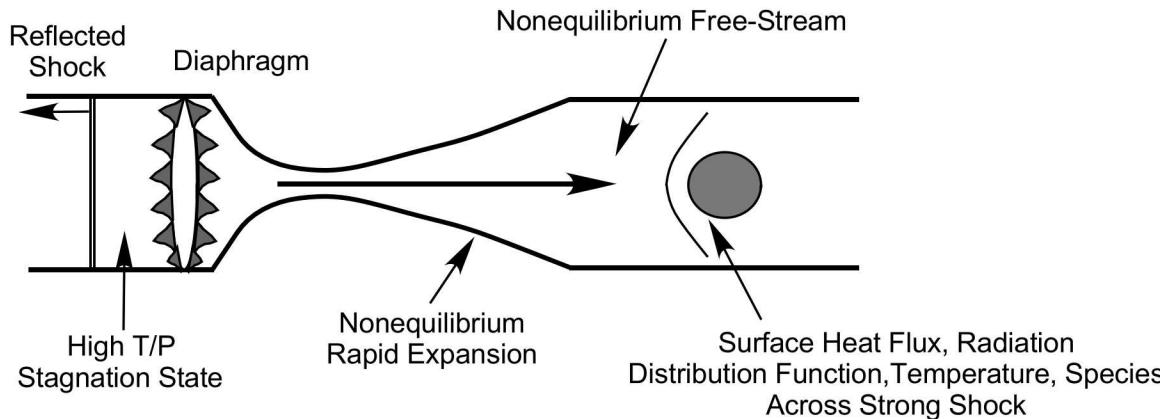


### Target Canonical Experiments

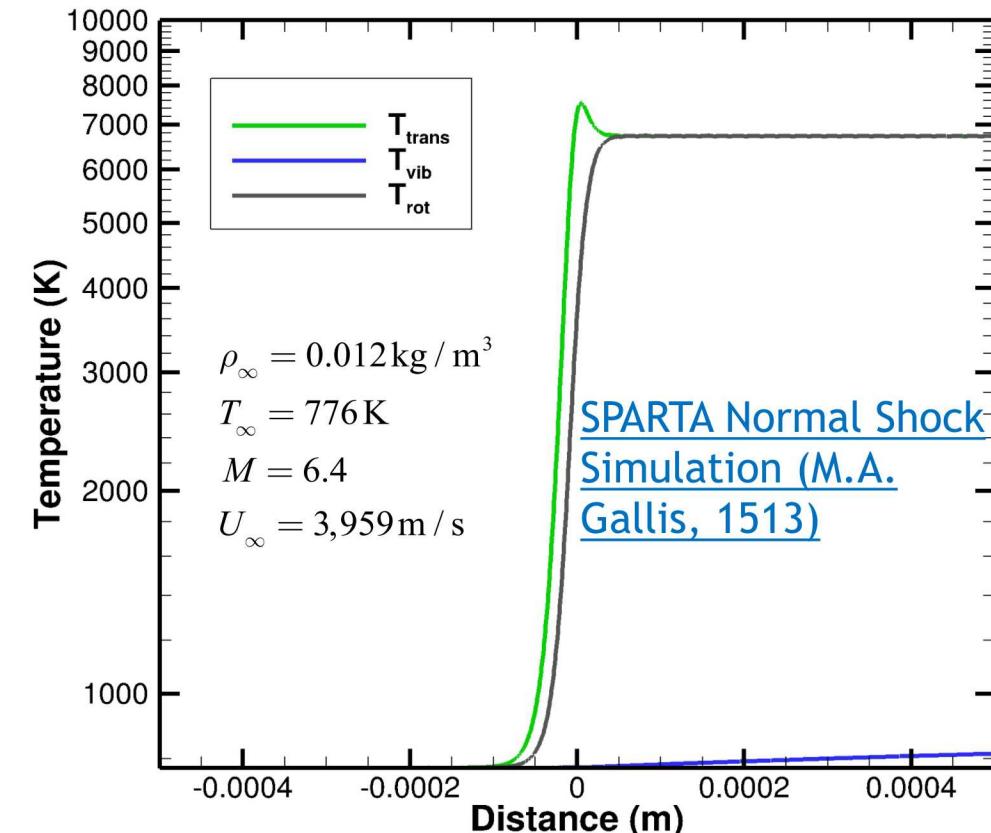
#### 1. Canonical normal-shock experiment (SPARTA/DSMC)



#### 2. 'Capstone' validation demonstration (SIERRA/SPARC)



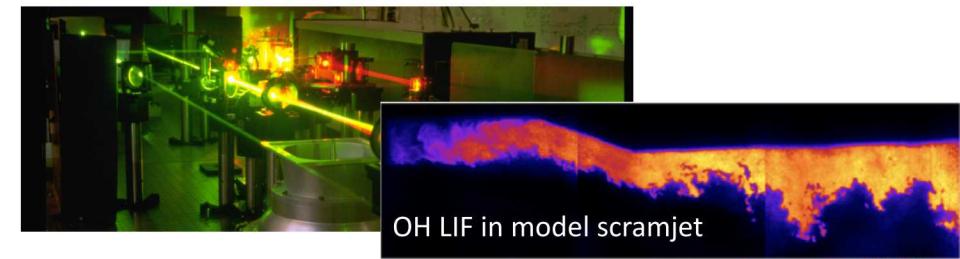
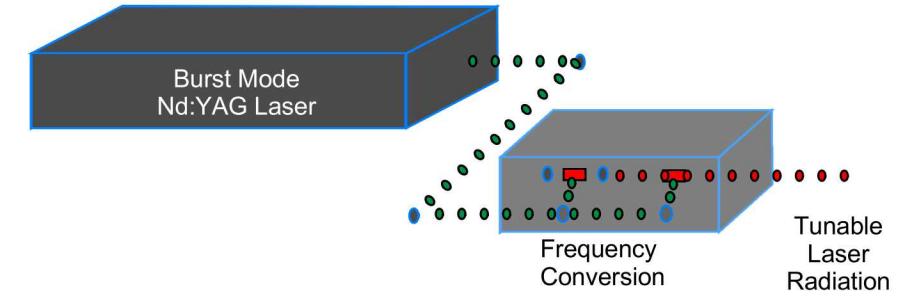
Utilize Sandia SPARTA and SPARC codes to guide experiment design



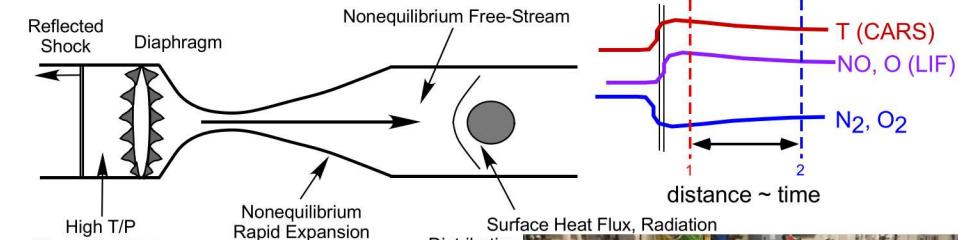
# Project plan: Milestones and Objectives



Objectives (O) and Milestones (M)		FY20	FY21	FY22
<b>O1</b>	<b>Development of flexible and tunable burst-mode sources</b>			
M1.1	Frequency-narrow dye laser at 30-50 kHz (LIF)	●		
M1.2	Broadband dye laser (CARS) at 30-50 kHz (CARS)	●	●	
M1.3	<u>Risk mitigation option</u> : optical parametric oscillator (OPO) development	●	●	
<b>O2</b>	<b>Integration of tunable burst-mode sources into high-speed CARS and LIF instruments</b>			
M2.1	N <sub>2</sub> CARS thermometry in lab-scale flame	●	●	
M2.2	LIF imaging in lab-scale flame	●	●	
M2.3	Assessment of collisional loss rates for quantitative LIF	●	●	
M2.4	<u>Risk mitigation option</u> : diode-laser, spont. Raman, e-beam diagnostics		●	●
<b>O3</b>	<b>Diagnostic insertion into high-temperature shock-tunnel: coupling of models and experiment</b>			
M3.1	SPARTA DSMC simulations for normal-shock experiment design	●	●	
M3.2	Canonical normal shock experiment		●	●
M3.3	Nonequilibrium distribution function: code-to-experiment comparison		●	●
M3.4	NO production/consumption: code-to-experiment comparison		●	●
M3.5	Capstone validation capability experiments		●	●
M3.6	SPARC simulations of Capstone experiments	●	●	●



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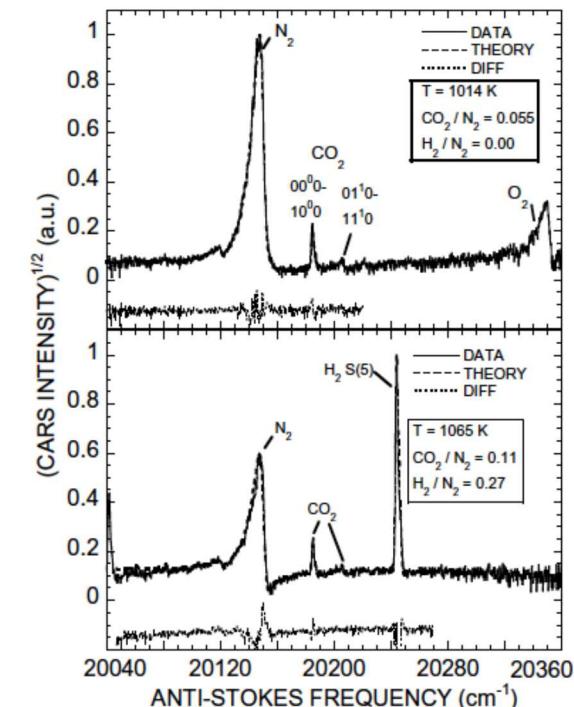
- (1) Task 1: Use existing high-TRL Sandia experimental tools and UT-Austin plasma-torch facility to provide ablation-relevant high-temperature chemistry data for short-term results at reasonable cost.
- (2) Task 2: take mid-TRL diagnostic methods developed for Sandia "abnormal thermal" environments and adapt them for multi-species detection in hypersonics with reduced uncertainty



UT-Austin plasma torch facility provides high-enthalpy, high-temperature environment for TPS materials testing

Target measurements:

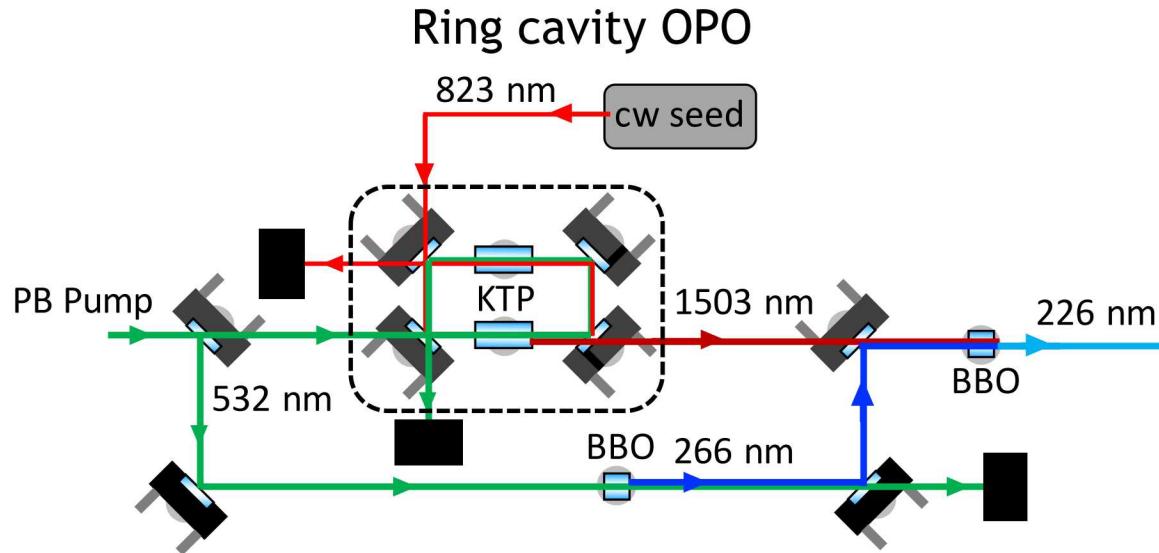
- $T_r$ ,  $T_v$ , species via ns-CARS (10 Hz)
- LIF detection of NO, atomic species
- Surface heat flux and ablation



# Flexible High-Speed Optical Parametric Oscillator for Hypersonic Reacting Flow Diagnostics (Purdue AA, Slipchenko PI)



Plus-up to Proposal 20-0545



## OPO design advances:

- Two times more efficient crystal
- Ring cavity simplifies seed coupling
- Better beam quality for mixing

## Expected performance:

- Two times higher conversion efficiency
- 100 kHz operation

## Mitigation of major proposal risks:

O1: aid Sandia with....

- Laser dye energy handling characterization
- Development of tunable narrowband ns OPO

O2:

- ps OPG/OPA output optimization
- Development of ns/ps quantitative NO and O atom LIF
- Development MHz-rate point fs/ps Hybrid rotational CARS

O3:

- Support Sandia measurement campaigns

## Available capabilities at Purdue:

US student

BM laser

Narrowband dye laser

Broadband dye laser

# Tunable Source Development

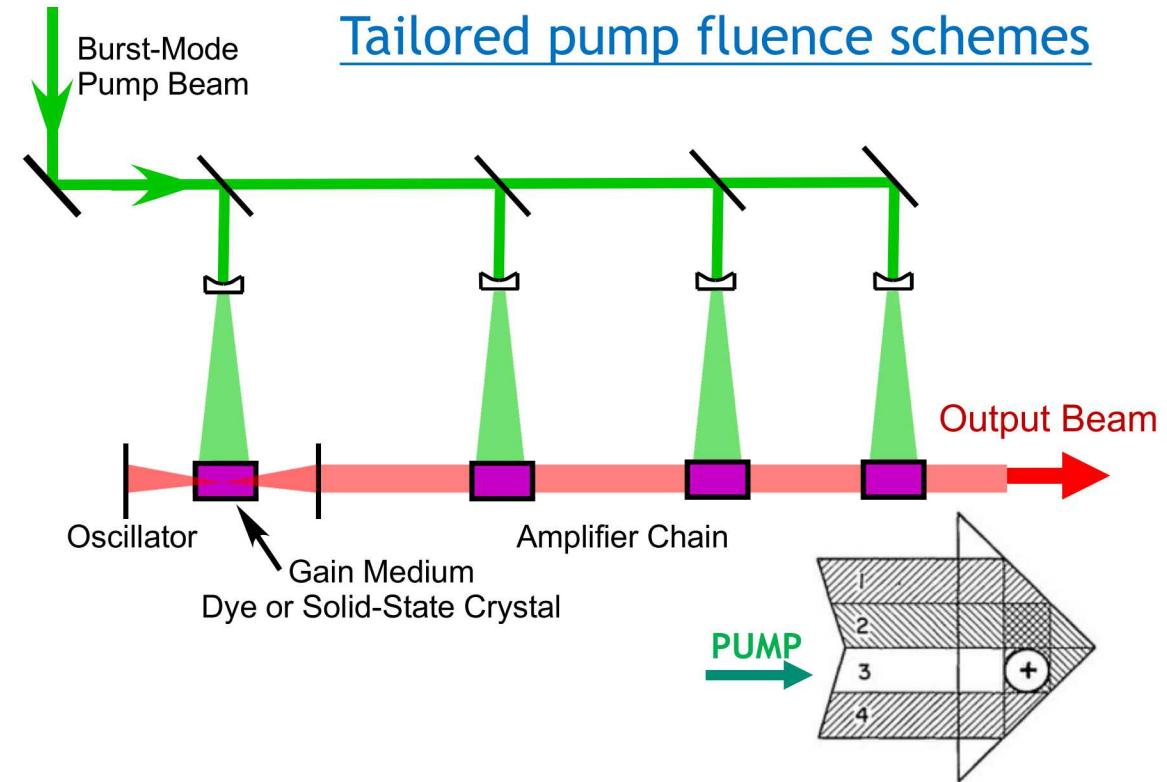
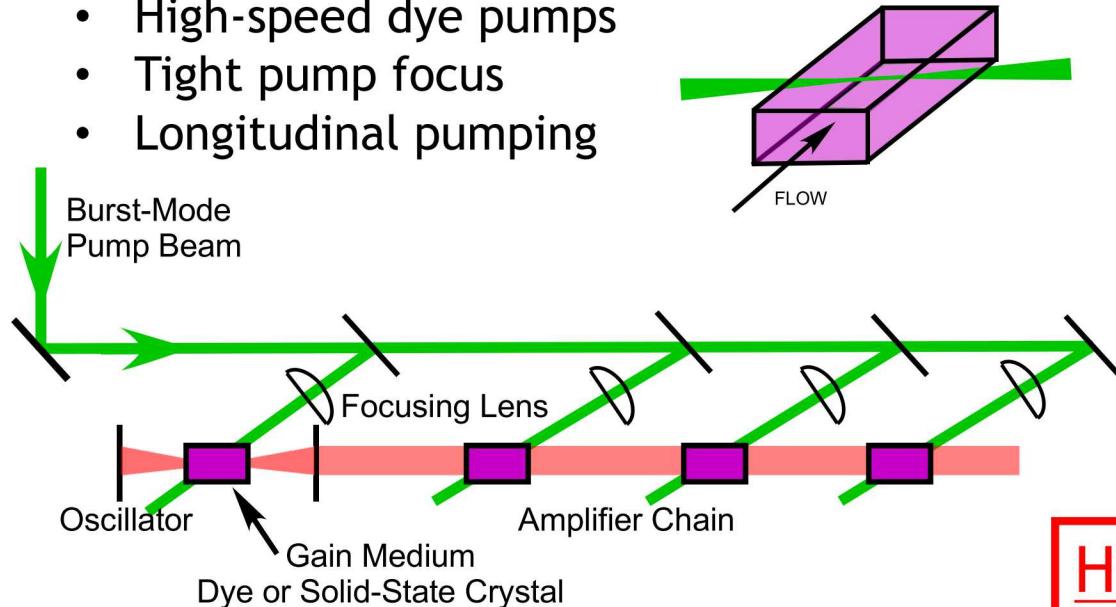


## Burst-mode dye lasers are largely unproven technology

- ✗ Broadband dye lasers for CARS unproven
- ✓ Recent tech demonstrations promising for NO LIF at 20-30 kHz
- ✓ Commercial 10 kHz DPSS-pumped dye

## Focused pump fluence schemes

- High-speed dye pumps
- Tight pump focus
- Longitudinal pumping



- mitigate dye saturation, heating, damage
- Staged pumping
- Multiple scalable amplifiers
- Bethune cells

## Hybrid solid-state OPO/dye amplifier systems