

Hydrogen Thermometry in Aluminized Propellant Burns



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Why study aluminized propellant burns?

Safety: Abnormal Thermal Environments

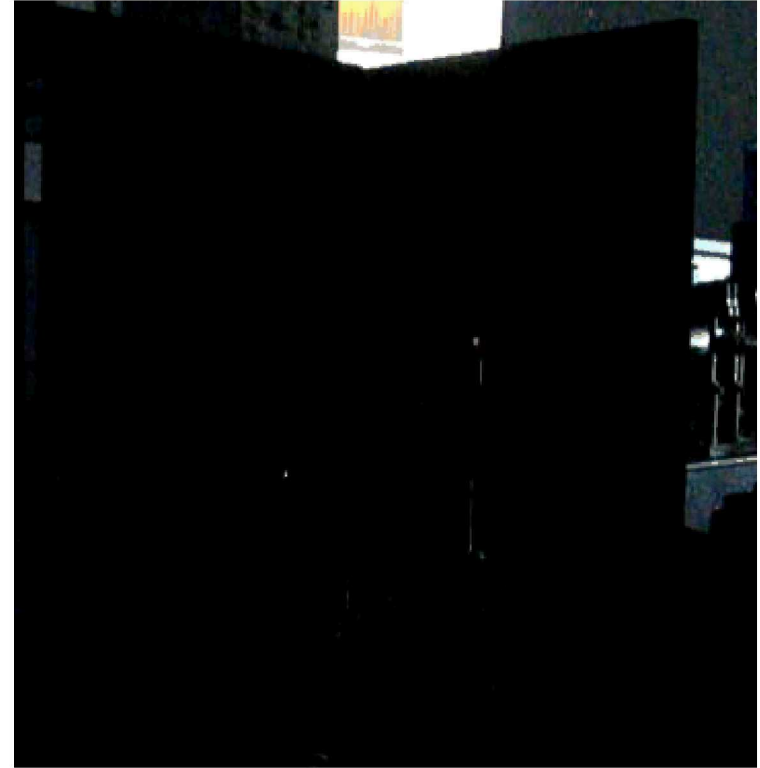
- Propellant/launch safety
- Heat transfer (what T's are important?)

Challenging Research Environment

- High temperatures
- Bright emission
- Complex chemistry
- Multiphase plume

Encourages the use of laser diagnostics:

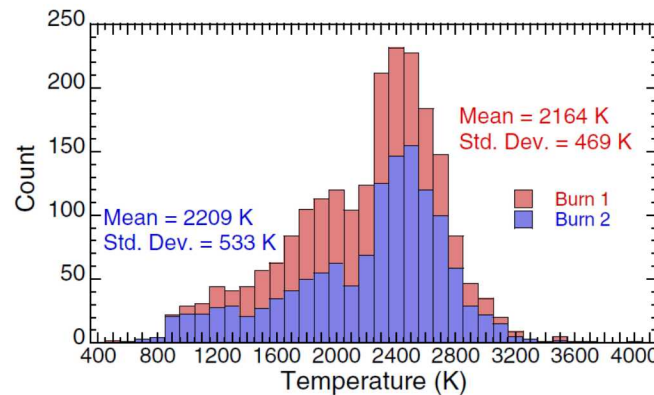
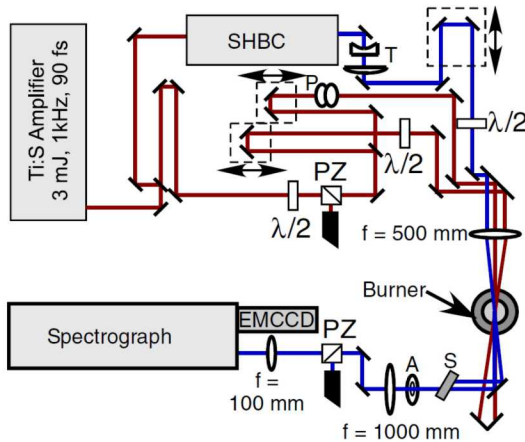
- Org. 1512 is a great place to start!



Previous work in our group:

Nitrogen/Oxygen pure-rotational CARS

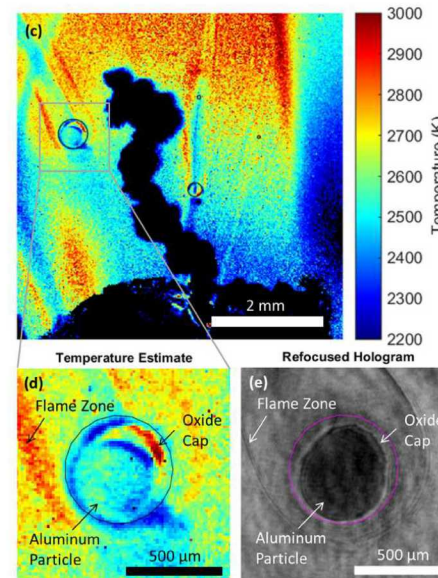
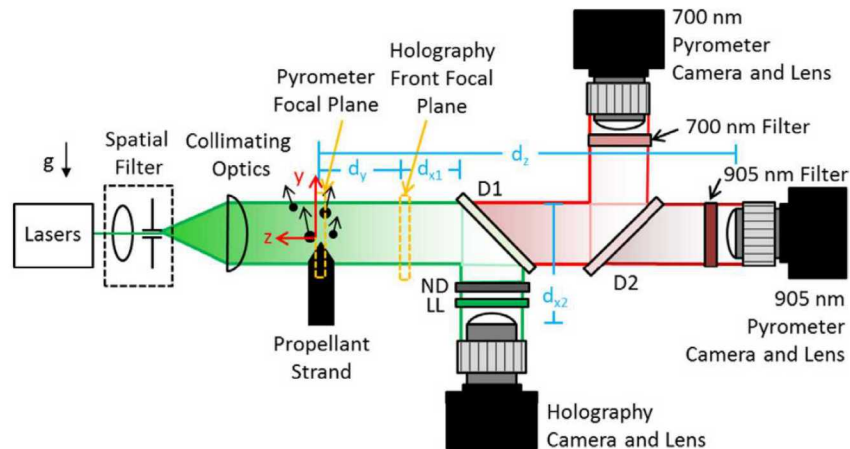
- Correlations of rotational temperature and O₂/N₂ concentration



Kearney et al.,
Applied Optics, 2016

Simultaneous holography and pyrometry

- Particle size, velocity, and temperature

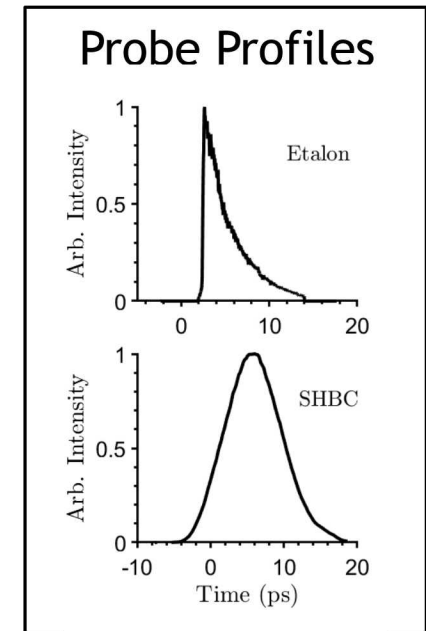
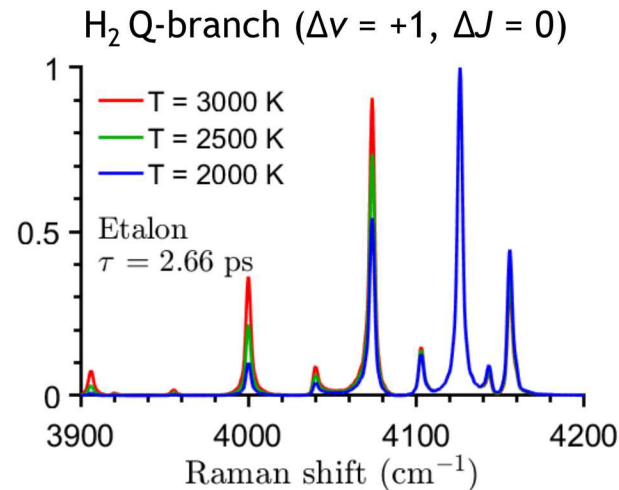
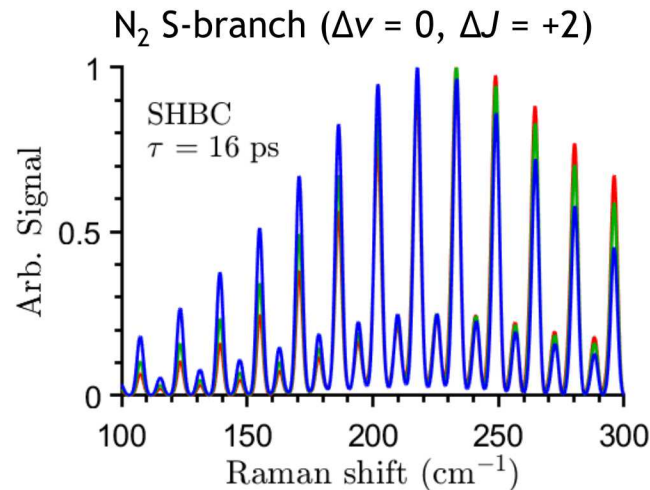


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Combustion and Flame, 2017

Next step: improved thermometry

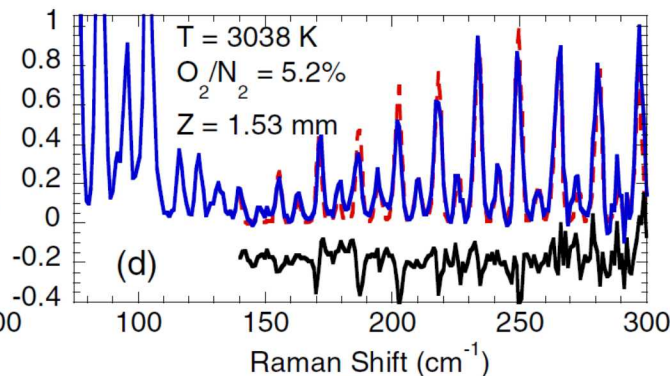
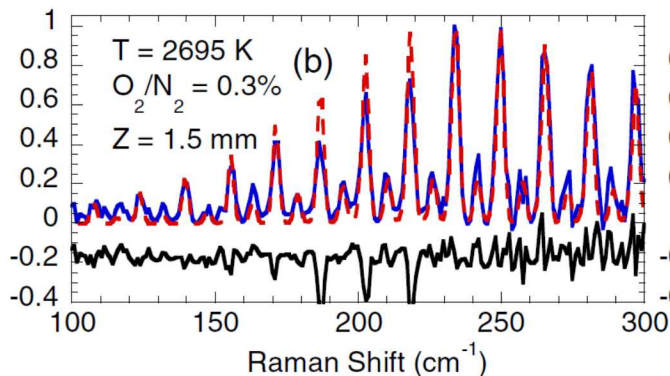
Switch to vibrational CARS

- Improved temperature sensitivity at high temperatures



Switch from inert gas to fuel detection

- Shouldn't be plagued by spatial averaging of cold, surrounding gas
- Ensuring measurements close to the burning surface

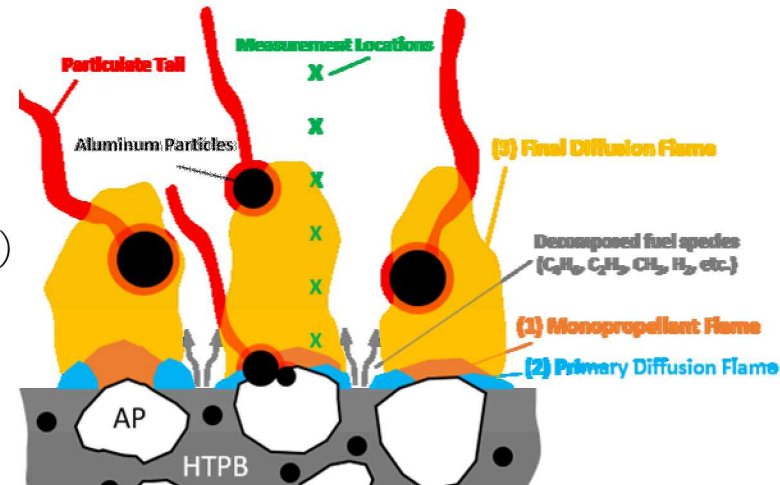


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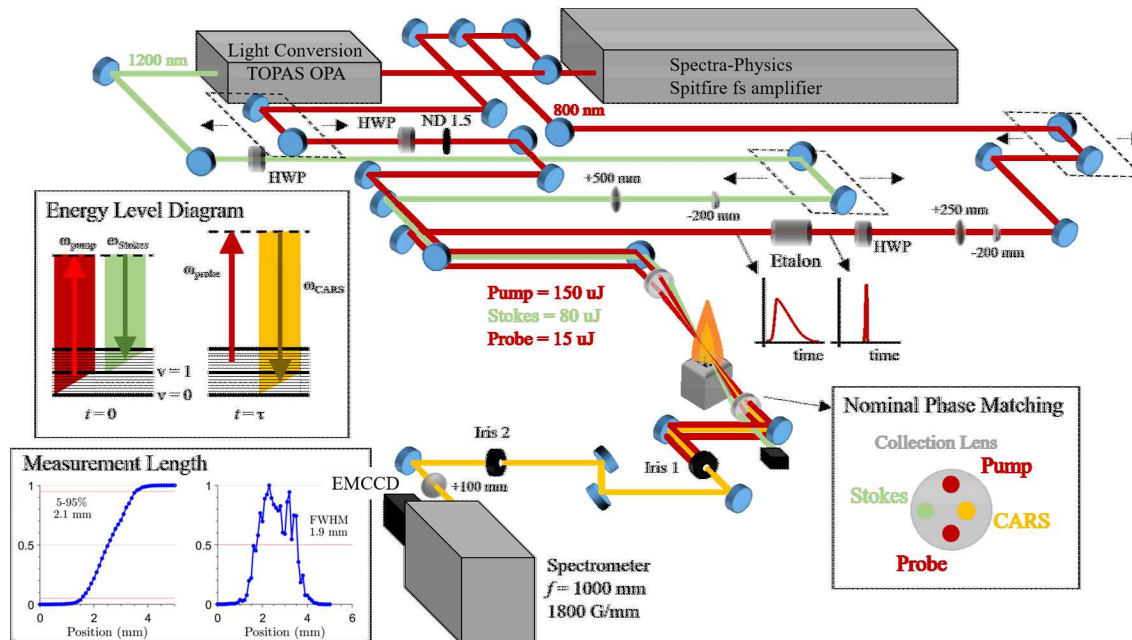
Experimental Setup

... but where is the H_2 from?

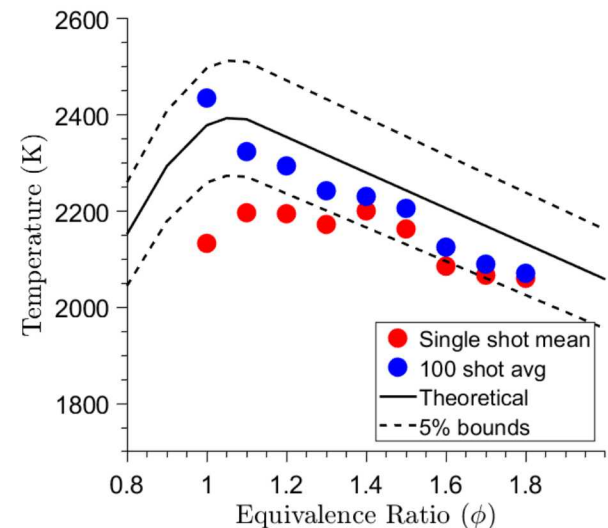
- Ammonium perchlorate oxidizer (AP, 70%)
 - NH_4ClO_4 decomposes to form ammonia and oxidizer species
 - Monopropellant flame
- Hydroxyl terminated polybutadiene binder (HTPB, 10%)
 - C_4H_6 , bounded by OH, decomposes into hydrocarbon species and H_2
 - Decomposed hydrocarbons react with monopropellant products
 - Primary Diffusion Flame
- Aluminum (20%)
 - Melts at ~ 933 K, forms agglomerates on the burning surface

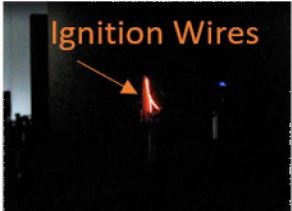
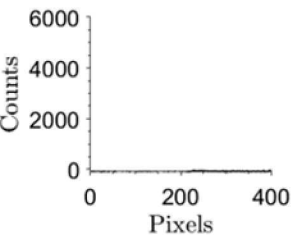
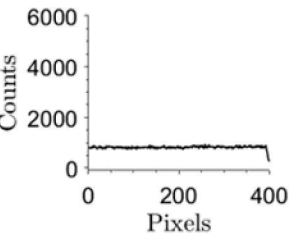
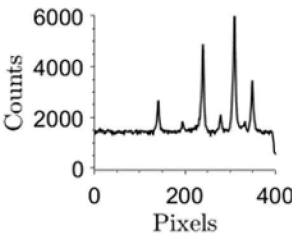
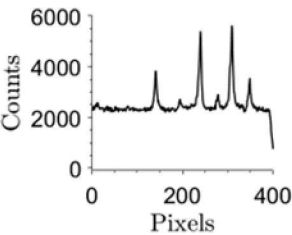
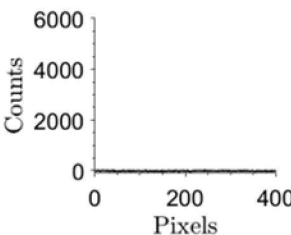
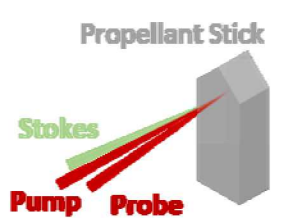
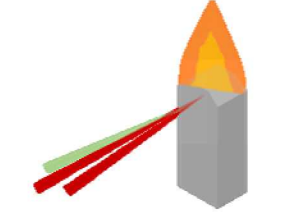
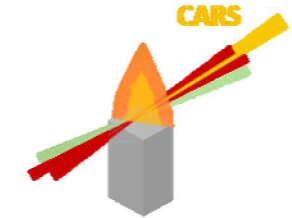
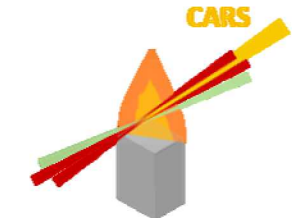
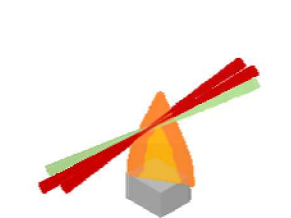


3-beam vibrational hydrogen CARS



S/N Sensitivity in a Hencken Burner:



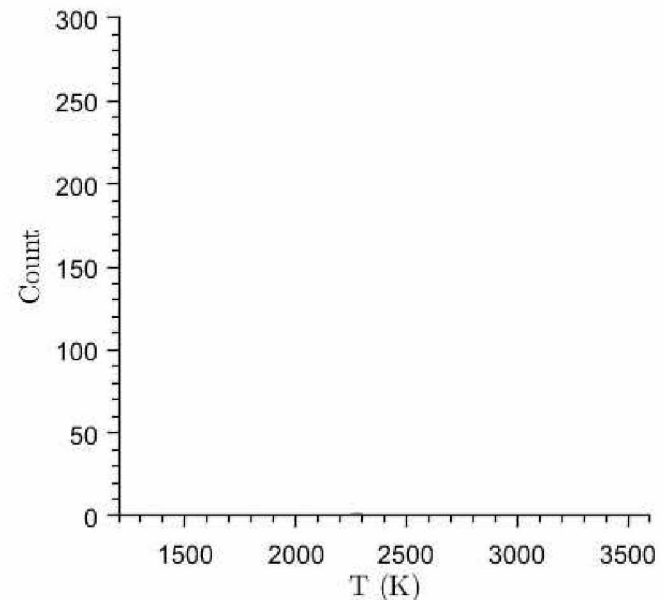
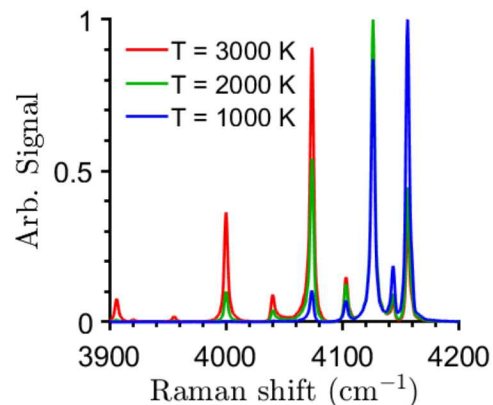
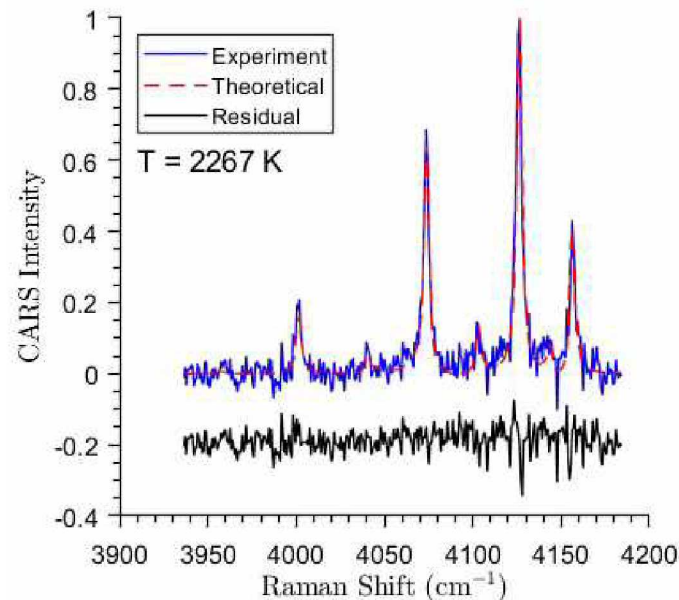
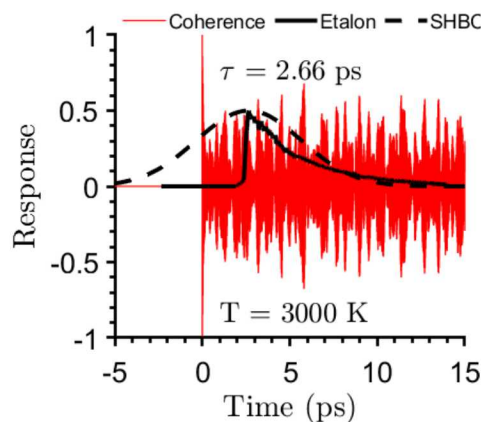
	Ignition	Background	Colder Gas	Main Dataset	Late Times
Picture					
Detector					
Cartoon					
Description	Beams are blocked by the propellant	Beams remain blocked, thus no resonant detection, but broadband emission	Beams now clear of propellant, probing colder hydrogen	Probing large quantities of higher temperature hydrogen	Probing product gases (no resonant detection)

Spectral Fitting

Generate synthetic libraries of the resonant response

- Assume an impulsive preparation of the Raman coherence
- An etalon probe is very forgiving
 - Can ignore collisional and Doppler dephasing!

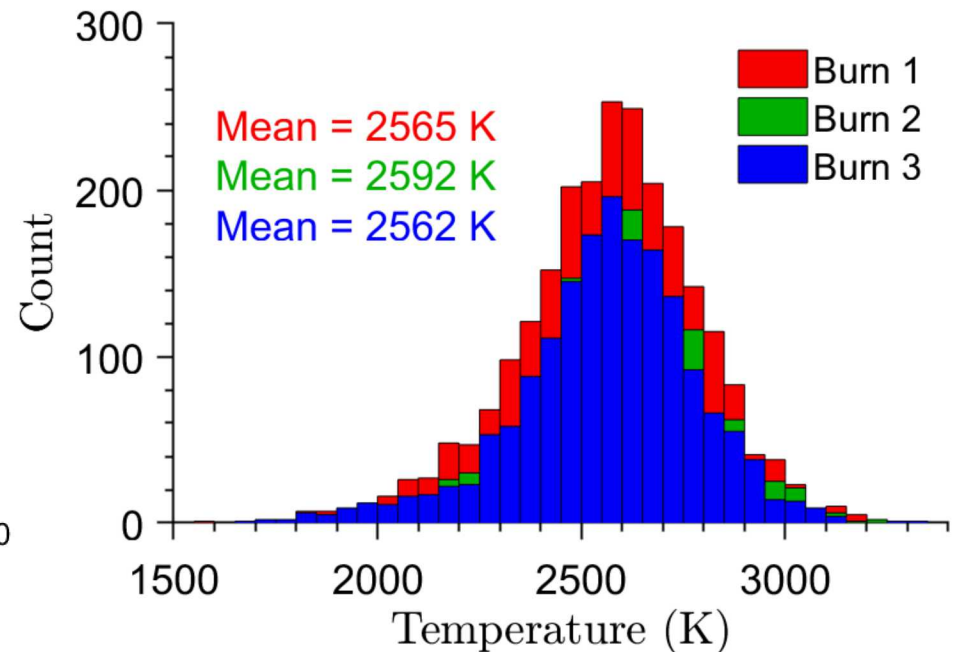
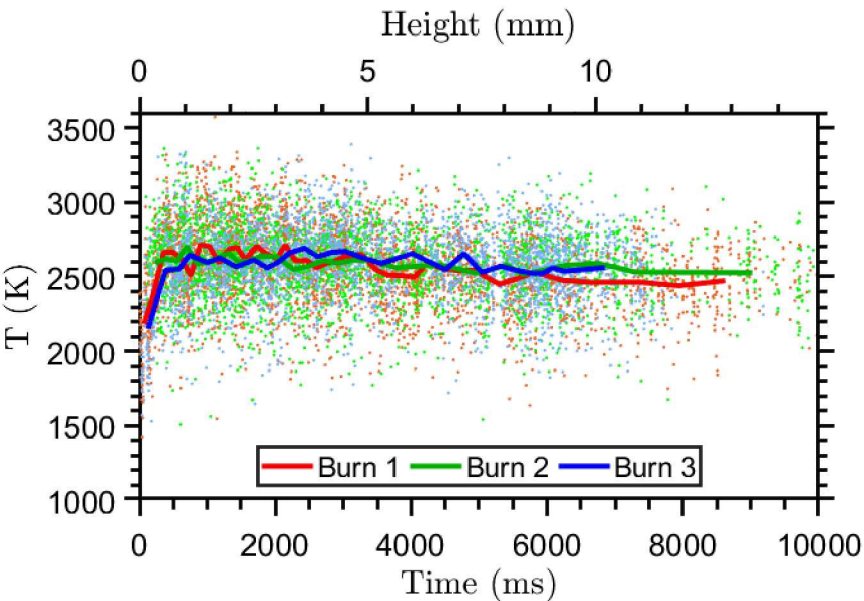
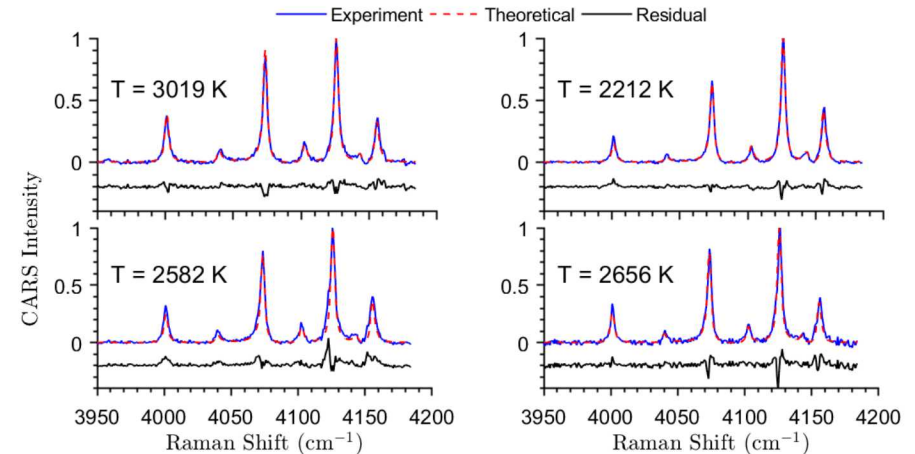
Fit bandwidth-corrected experimental spectra via interpolation



Results

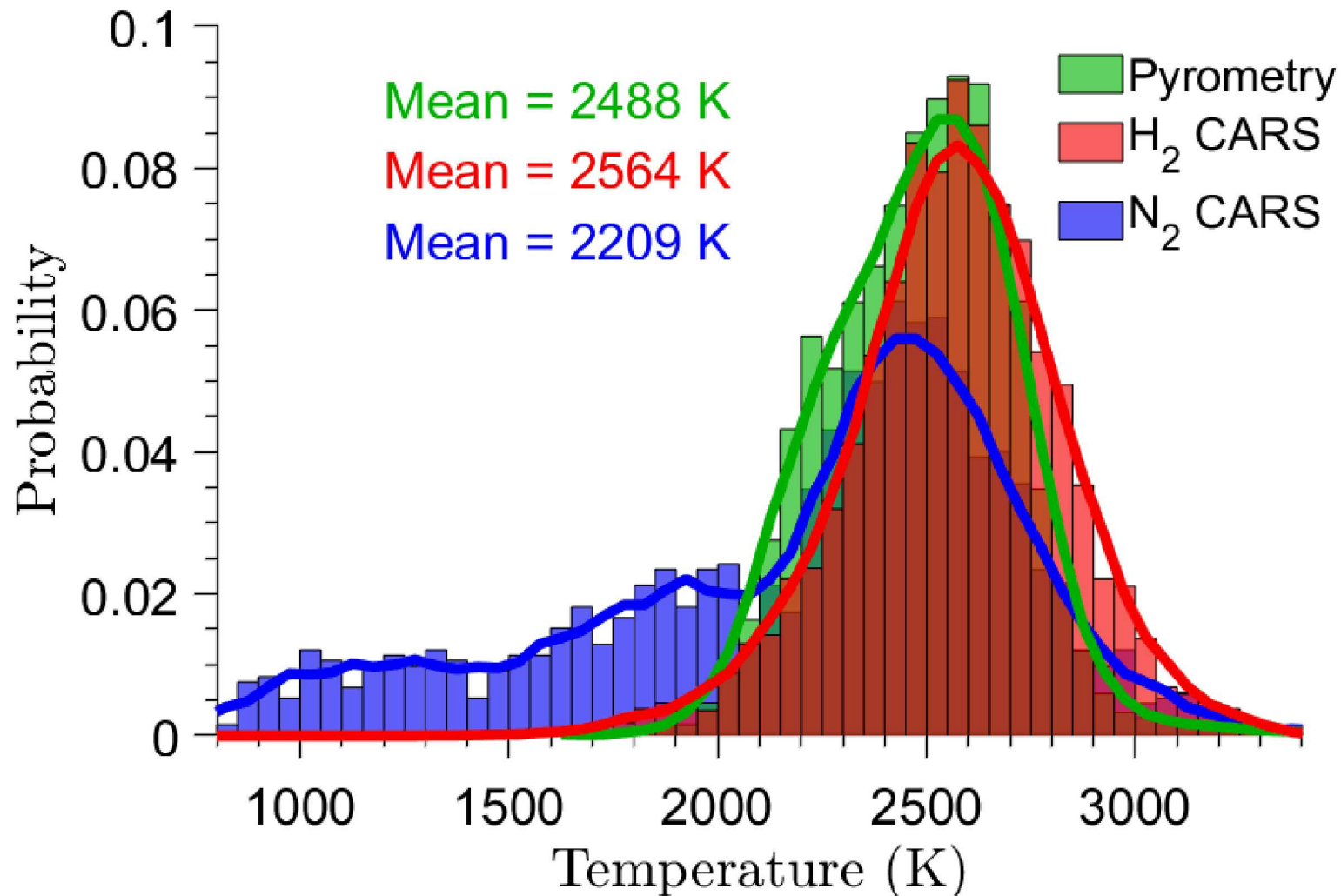
3 Burns total

- Mean values within 30 K
- Temperature rise in the first 200 ms
- Otherwise constant temperature



Comparison to previous work

Inert gas CARS, fuel CARS, and particle pyrometry



Diagnostic Development for High-Speed Flows



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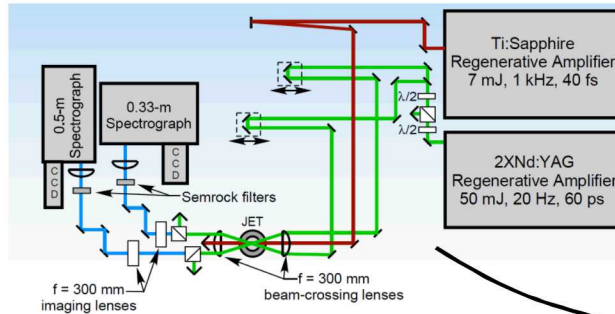
Benchtop testing → HWT

Significant Diagnostic Challenges

- Low density, high velocity environment with limited optical access

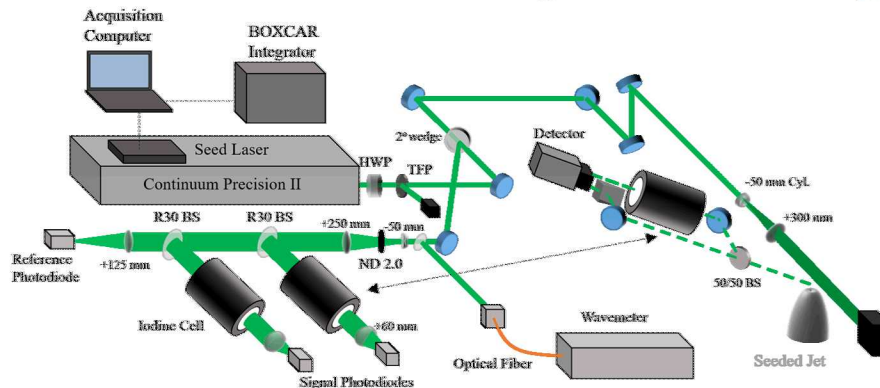
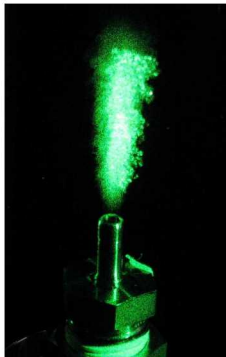
Off-Body Temperature and Pressure Measurements

- Dual-probe hybrid fs/ps CARS instrument

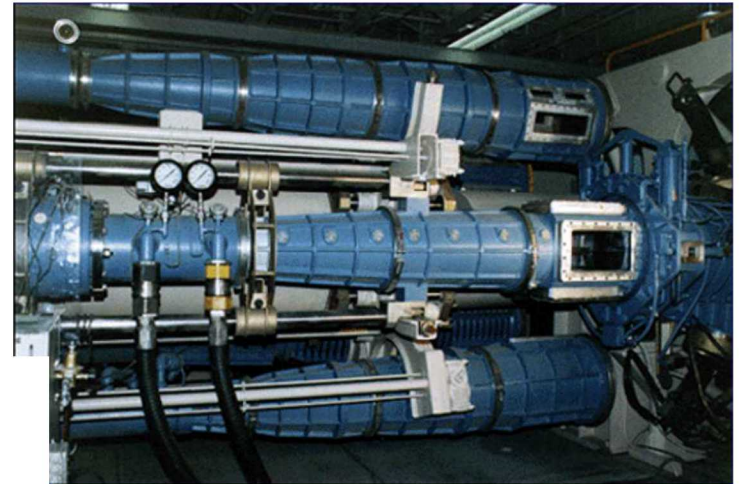


Robust velocity measurements

- FLEET or CC-DGV



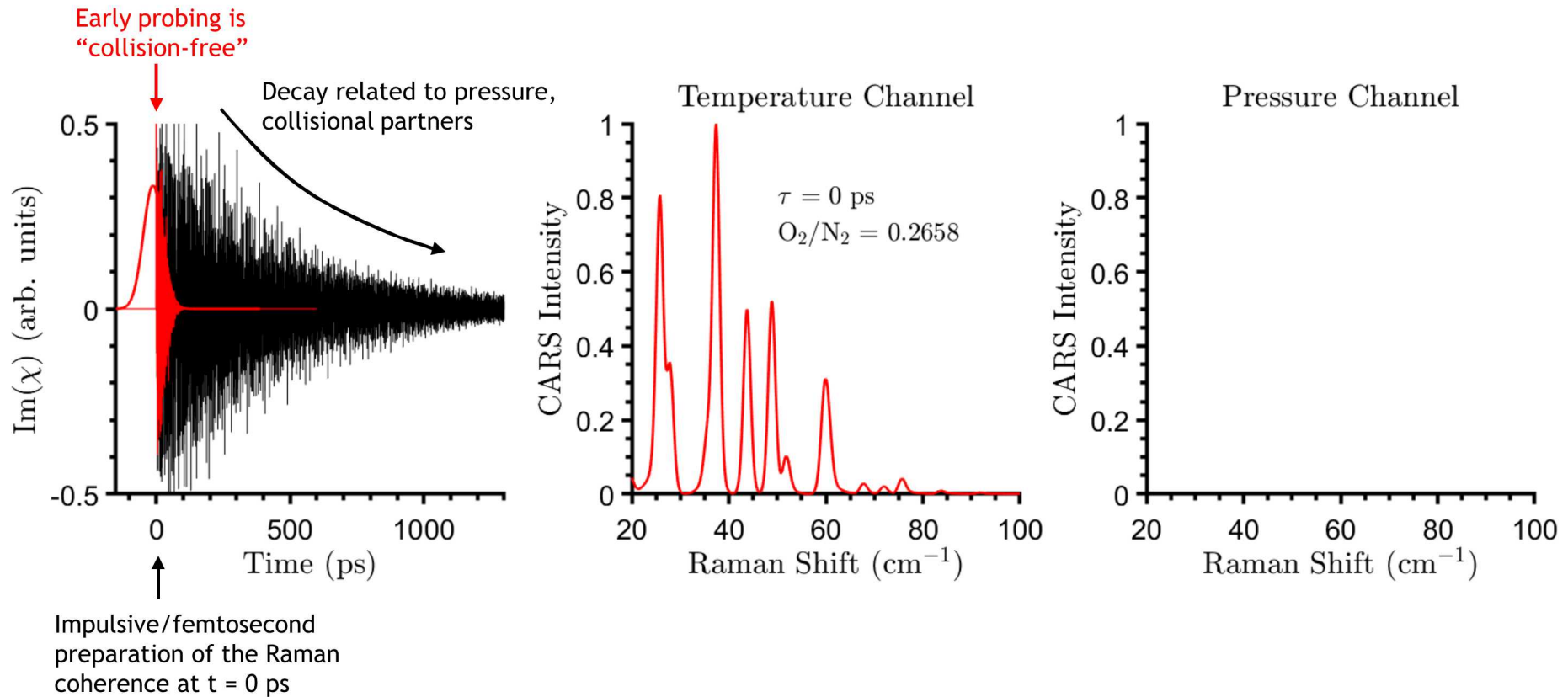
Hypersonic Wind Tunnel (HWT)



Temperature-Pressure CARS

Dual-probe technique

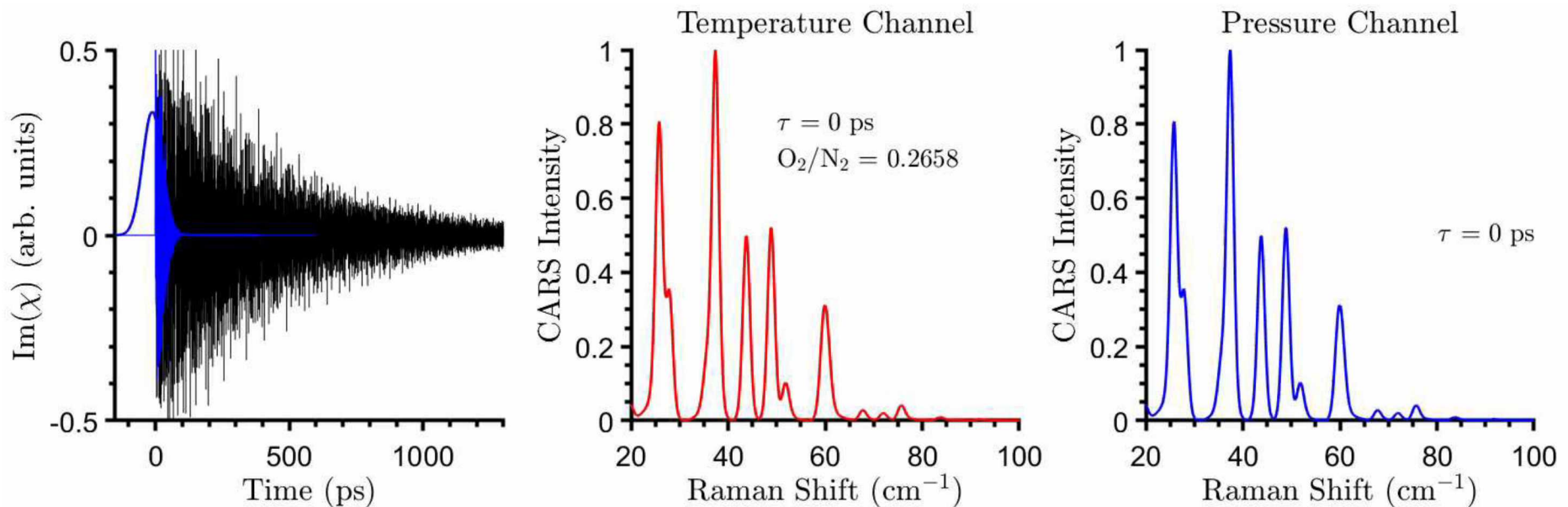
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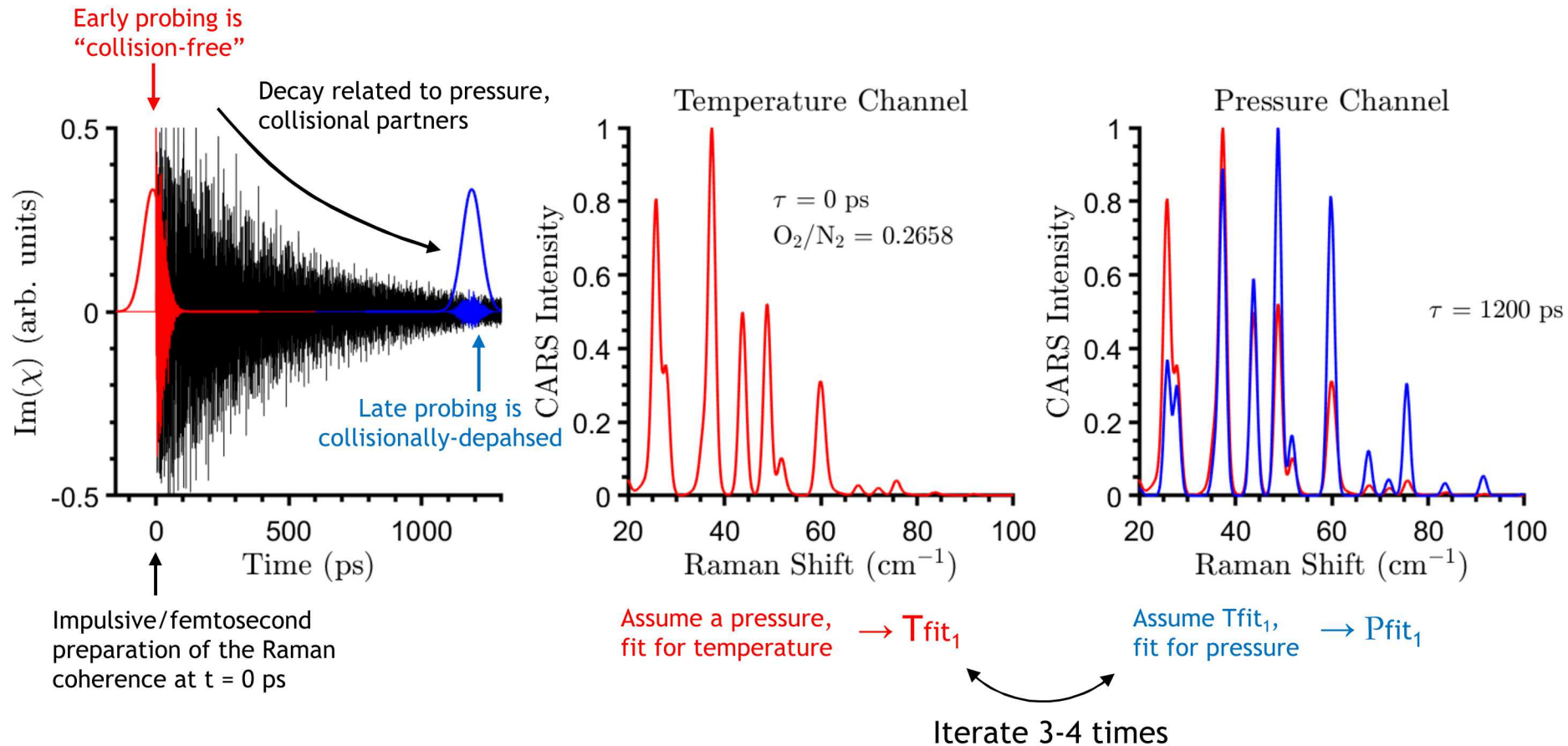
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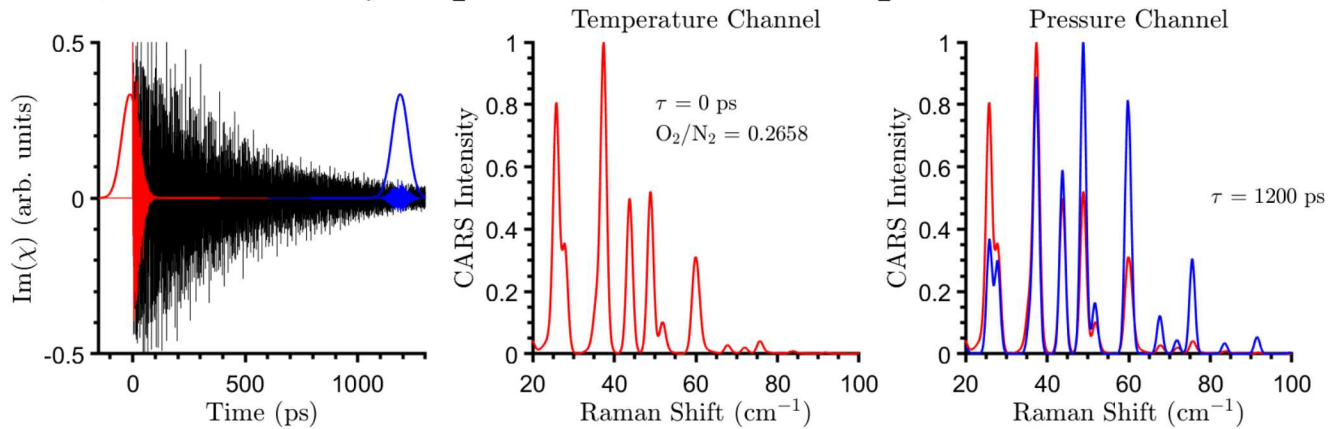
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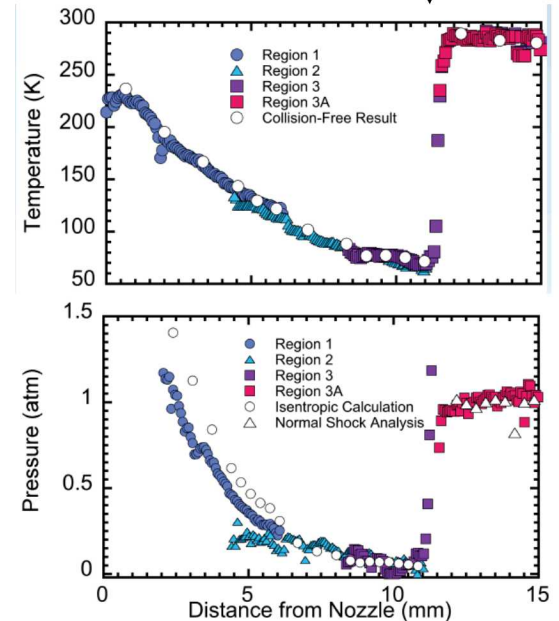
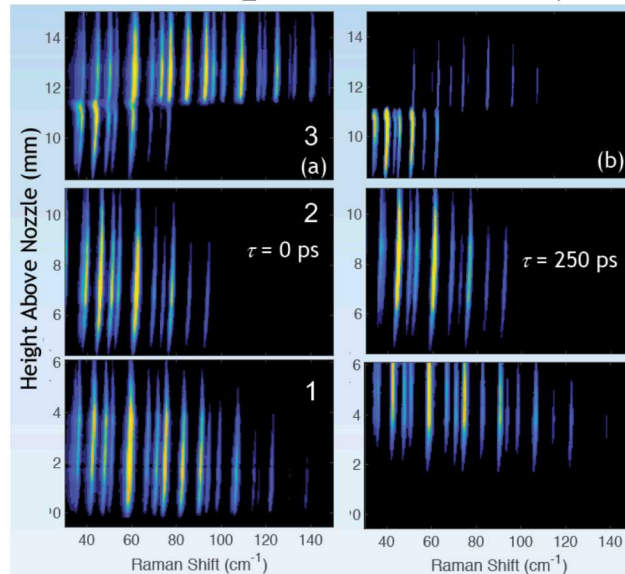
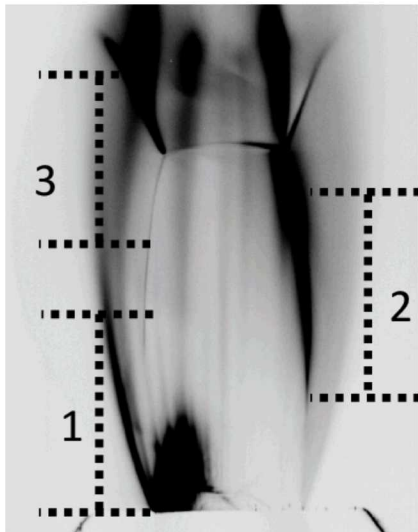
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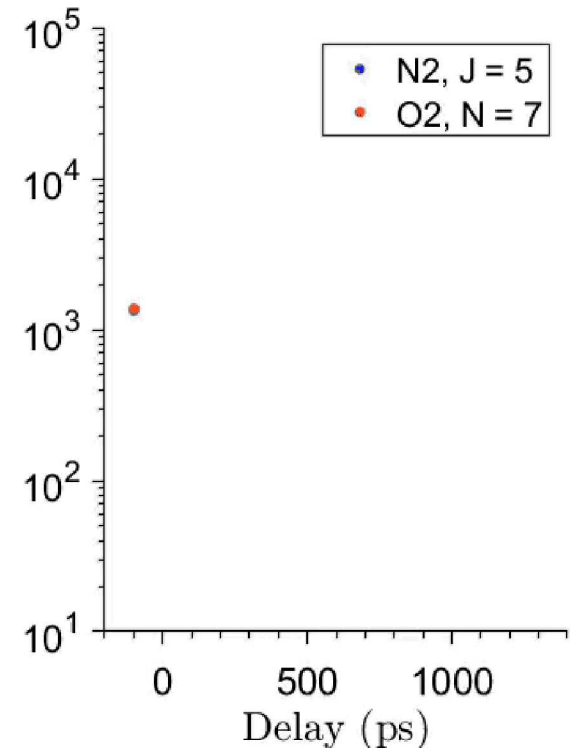
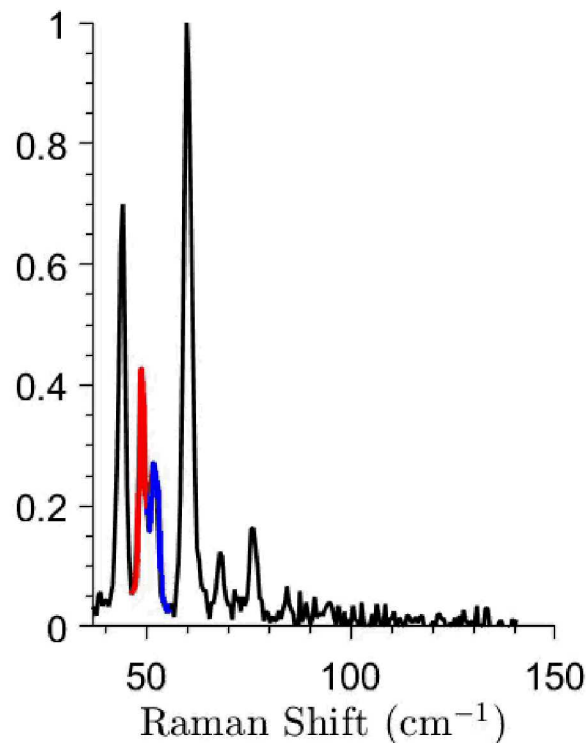
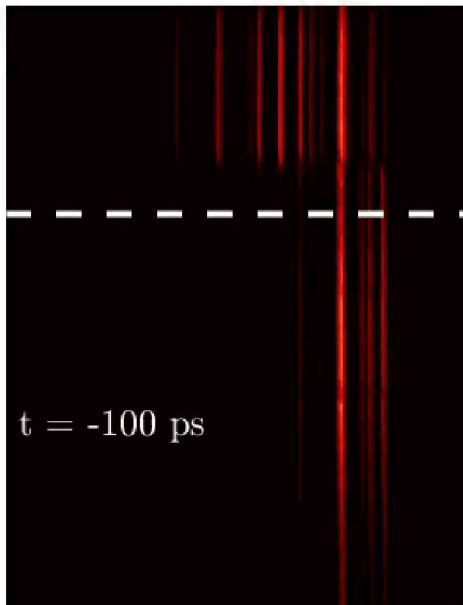
Demonstration in an underexpanded sonic jet



Temperature-Pressure CARS

Collisional Model must be correct for an accurate P measurement

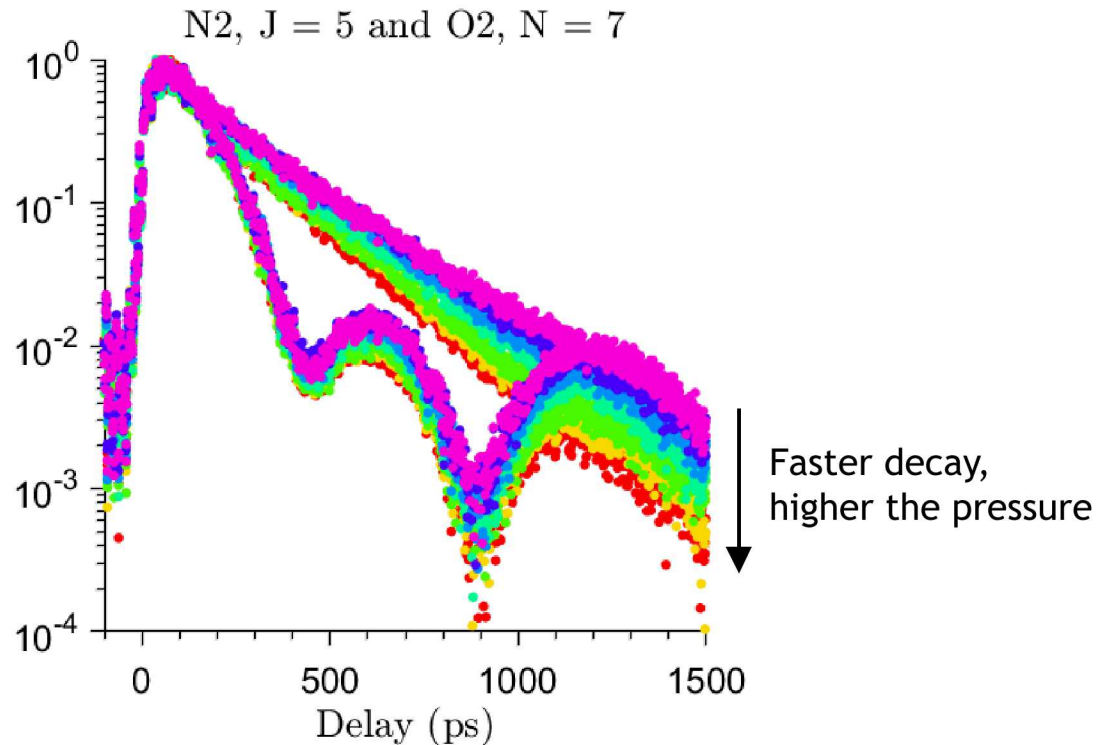
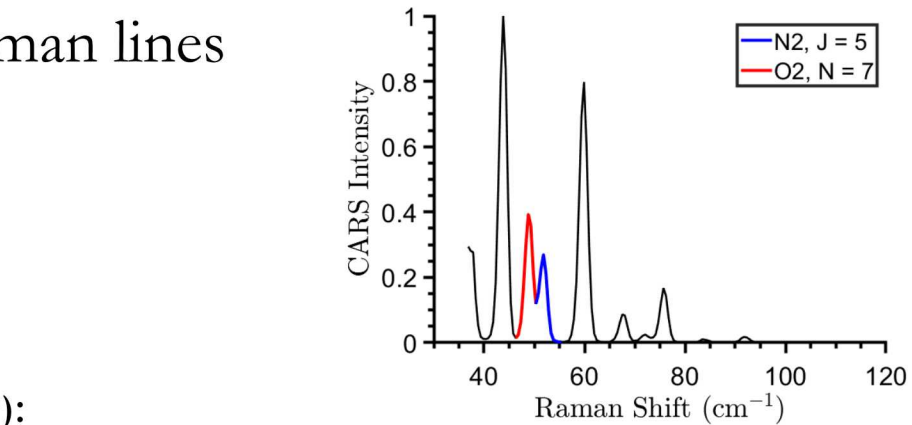
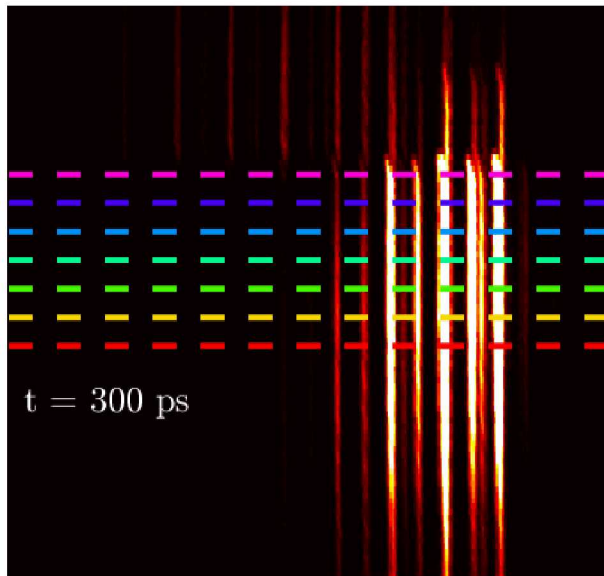
- Examine “isolated” rotational lines of N_2 and O_2
 - Singlet ground state of $N_2 = {}^1\Sigma_g^+$ (electron spin $S = 0$)
 - Triplet ground state of $O_2 = {}^3\Sigma_g^-$ (electron spin $S = 1$)
- Total angular momentum quantum number, J , is related to the rotational angular momentum, N , by $J = (\dots, N-S, N, N+S, \dots)$, and pure rotational Raman is $\Delta N = +2$, thus
 - **For N_2 , $J = N \rightarrow 1$ transition for each “J” level**
 - **For O_2 , $J = (N-1, N, N+1) \rightarrow 6$ transitions for each “N” level**



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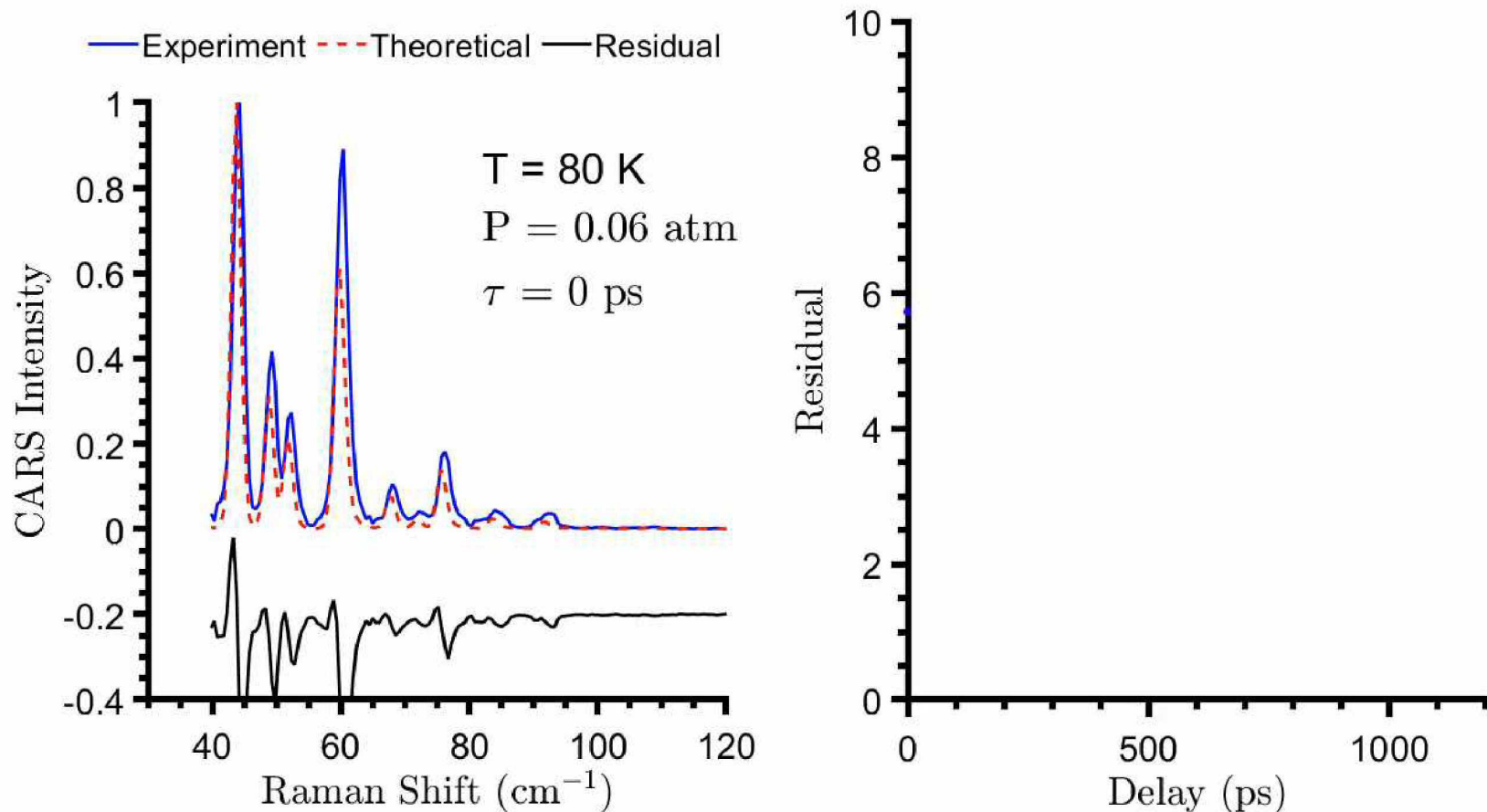
Relative decay of the Raman lines gives us the pressure

Relative decays of O₂ and N₂ as a function of position on the chip (simultaneously a function of T and P):



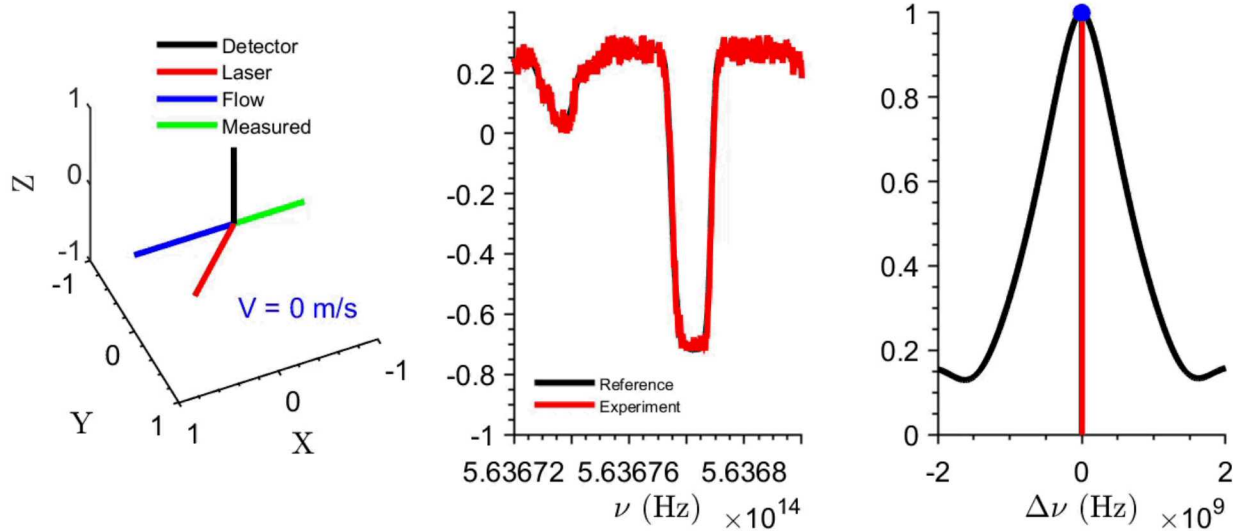
Temperature-Pressure CARS

Comparison of our collisional model to real data:



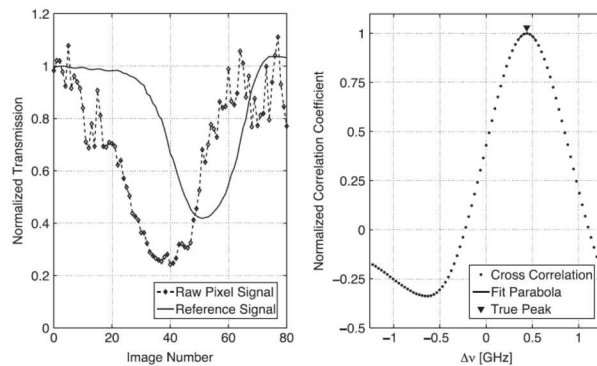
Cross-Correlation Doppler Global Velocimetry. Main Idea:

- More robust version of traditional DGV



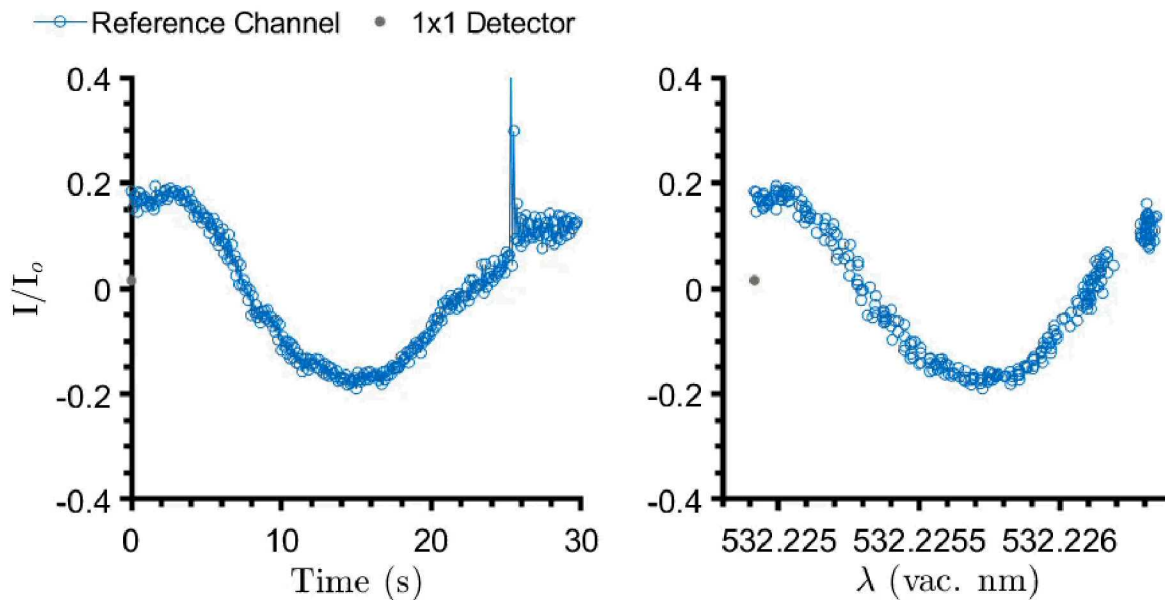
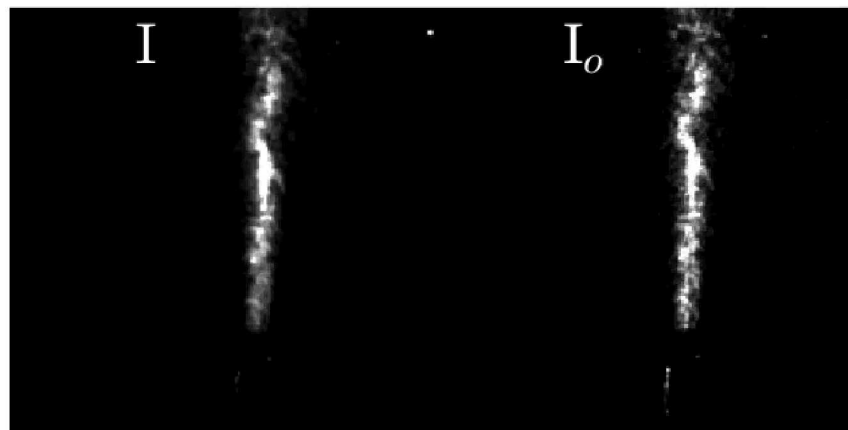
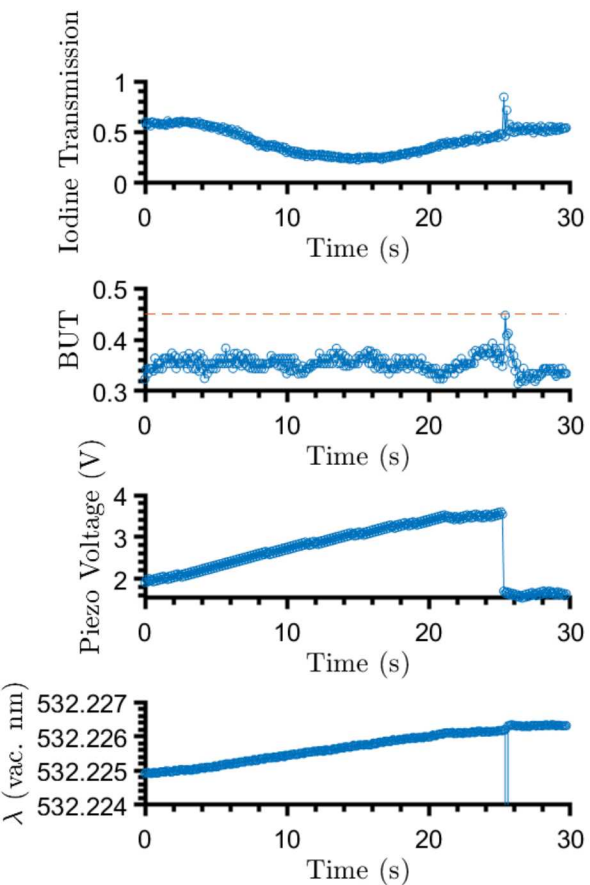
Not a new idea:

- Scan every 2-4 minutes



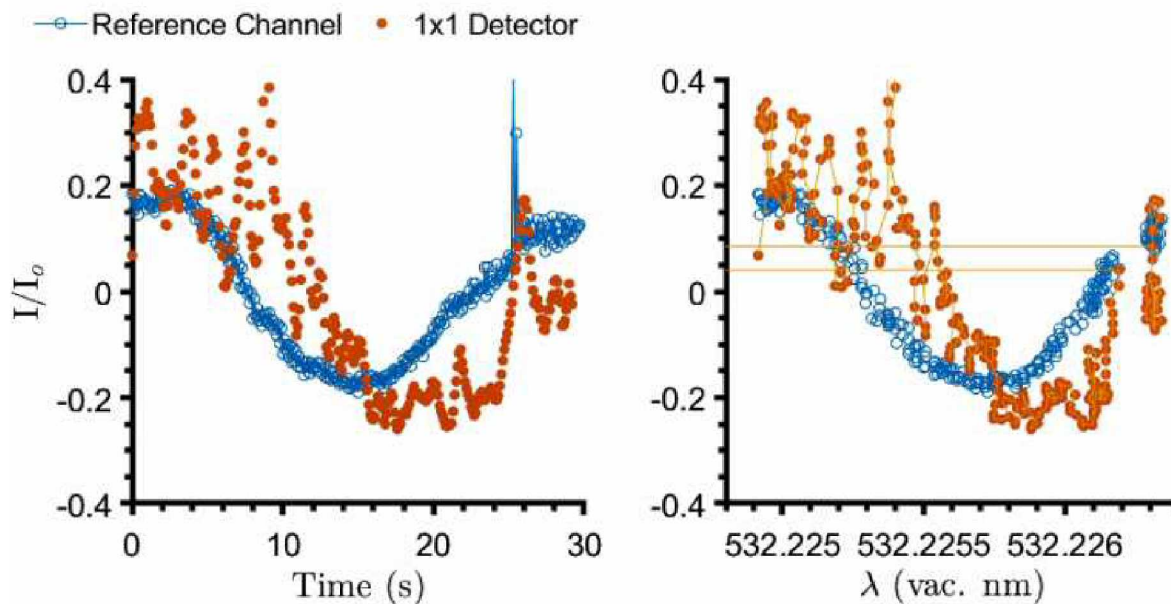
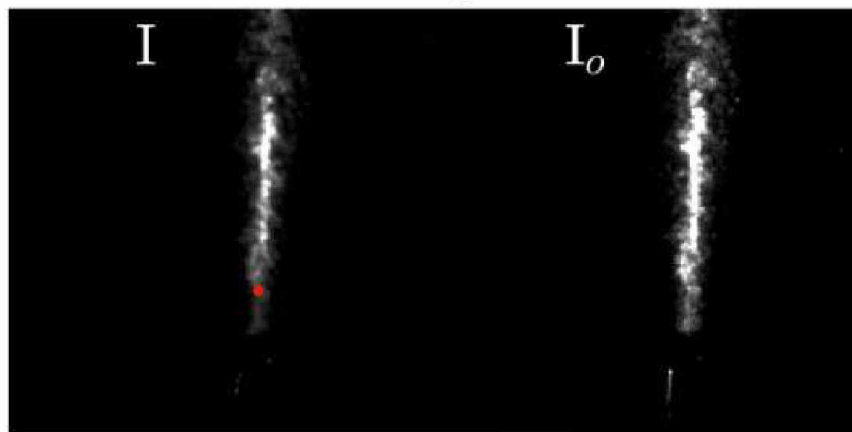
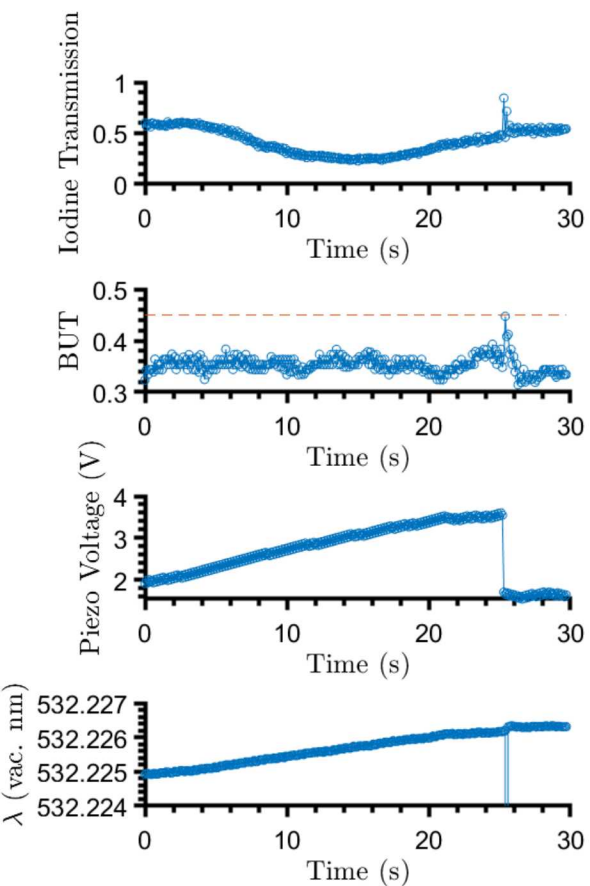
Our attempt at scanning at 10 Hz:

Single pixel, raw data:

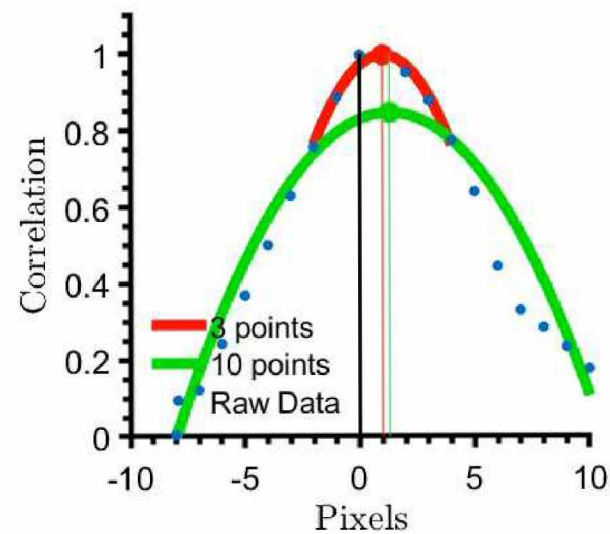
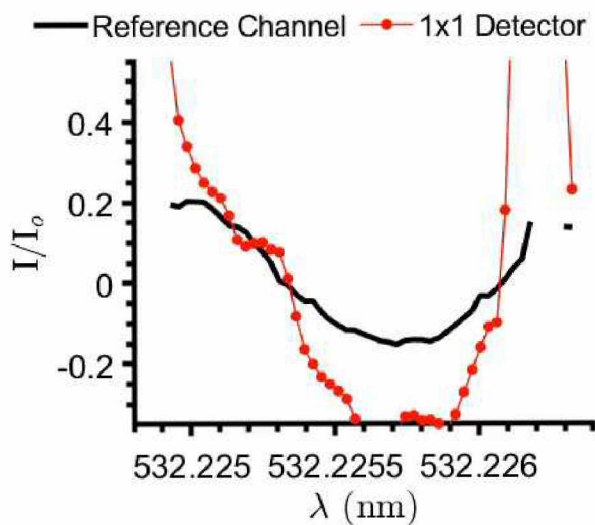
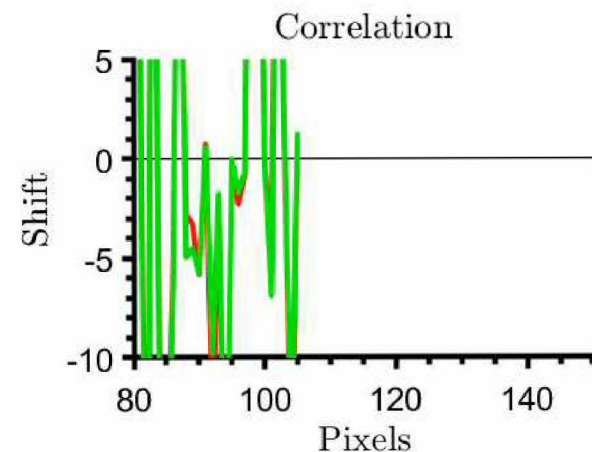
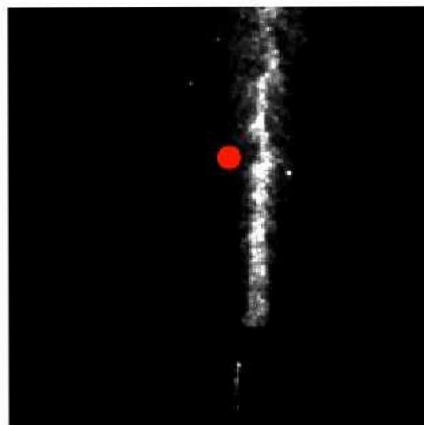
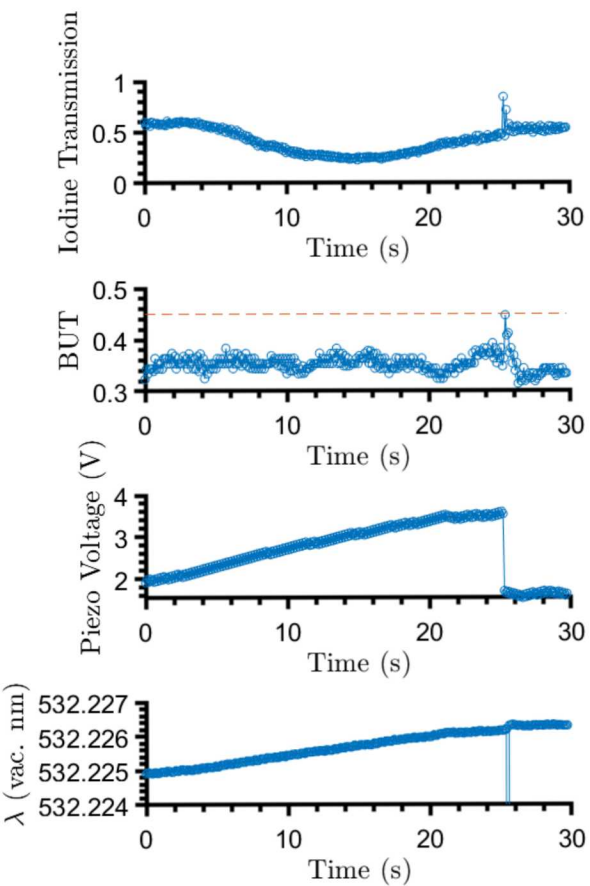


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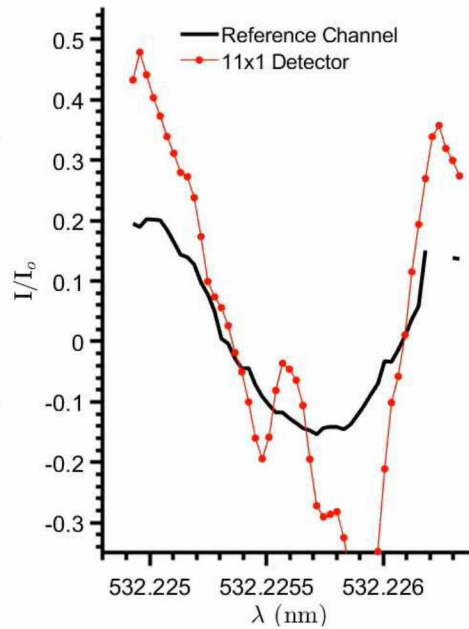
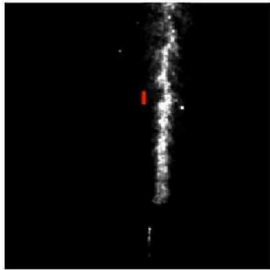
Single pixel, **smoothed** data:



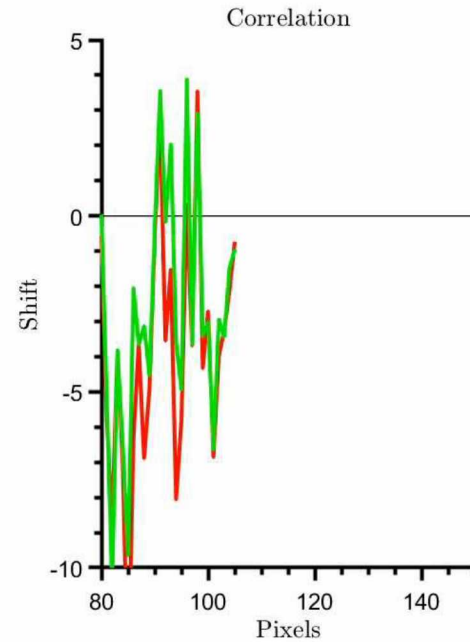
View the correlations for different points in the jet:



Now average some pixels to improve the S/N:

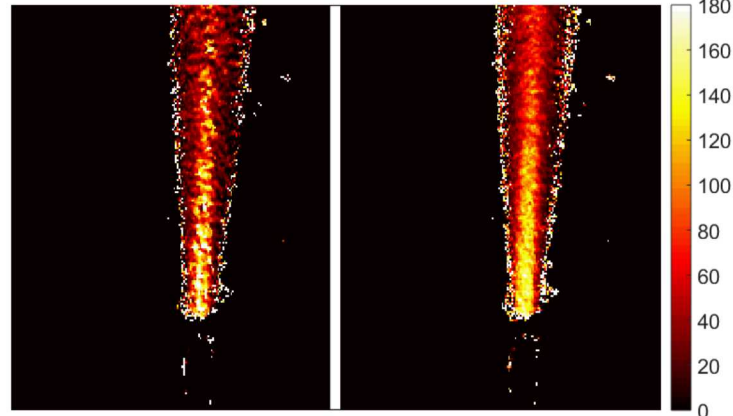


Single Run



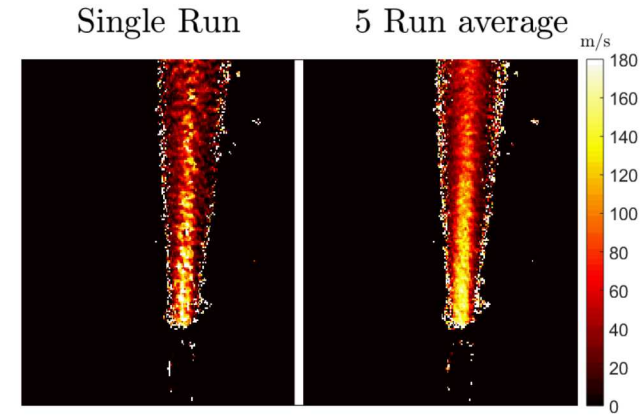
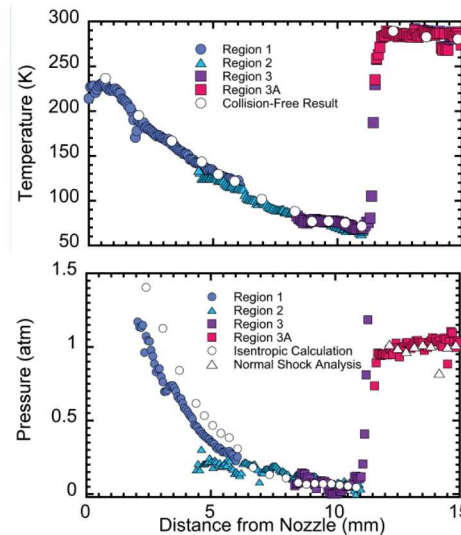
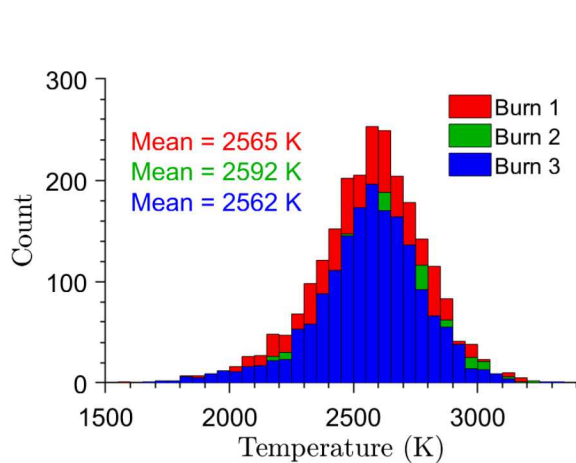
5 Run average

Shift related back to velocity:



Concluding Thoughts

Diagnostic development → Improved measurements → Improved physical understand



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