

Laser Combustion Diagnostics for Sooting Flames and Turbulent Pool Fires

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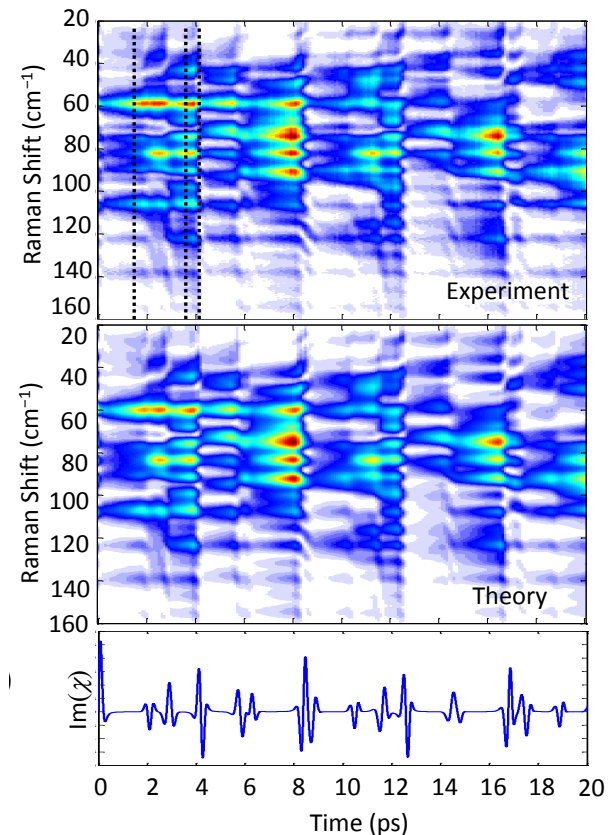


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- Laser diagnostics in sooting and meter-scale fire systems (30 mins)
 - Sandia's motivation for fire research
 - Advantages of and challenges of using laser diagnostics for fire studies
 - Coherent anti-Stokes Raman scattering (CARS)
 - Laser-induced incandescence (LII)
 - Laboratory and field measurements
- Femtosecond CARS (15 mins)
 - Femtosecond shock interferometry (USI)
 - PIV measurements in unsteady wall turbulence



LII Diagnostic in a Full-Scale Fire Plume



Femtosecond CARS

Radiative Heat Flux from Soot is the Dominant Source of Risk in a Fire-Accident Scenario

- Thermal radiation heat flux is generated and absorbed locally within the individual flame zones.

- Radiative transfer equation

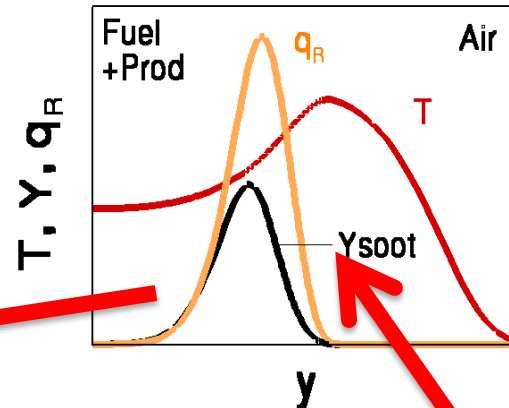
$$\frac{dI_\lambda}{ds} = \mu_\lambda I_{\lambda,b}(T) - \mu_\lambda I_\lambda$$

- Emission term

- Temperature
- absorption coeff $\rightarrow$ soot f_v
- *Local not path integrated*
- *Key measurement challenge!*

- Technical approach:

- CARS thermometry
- LII soot-volume-fraction
- Fully turbulent fire plume requires meter scales!



Local soot & temp fields add up to global heat flux



Large-Scale Accident

Challenges for Laser Measurements in Fire-Science Experiments

- **Environment:** Experiments are typically performed outdoors
FLAME Facility

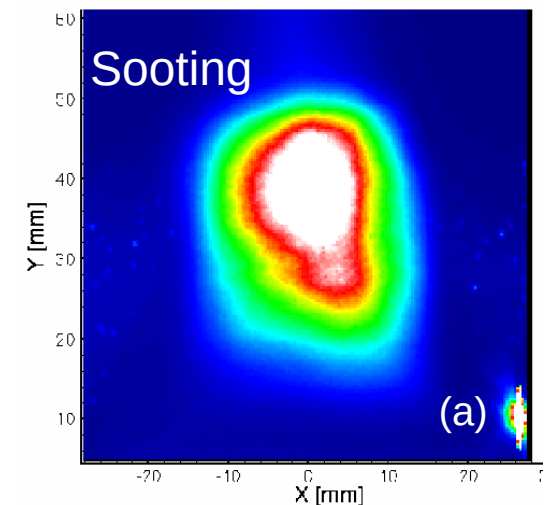
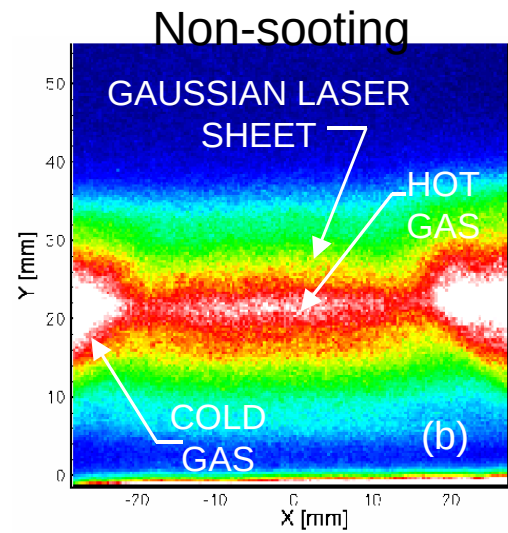
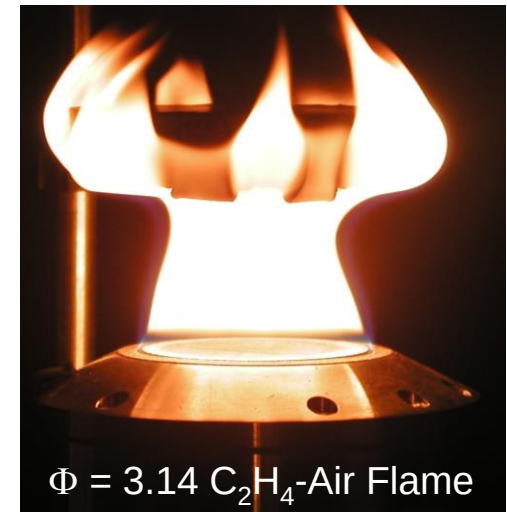
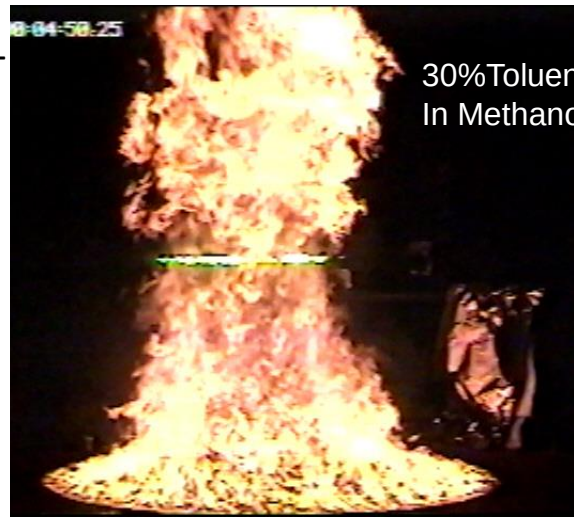
- **Large-scale** of the combustion system

- **Sooting** combustion systems

- Mie scattering, incandescence, PAH, C_2 ...
- Limits choice of optical techniques

- **Optical thickness**

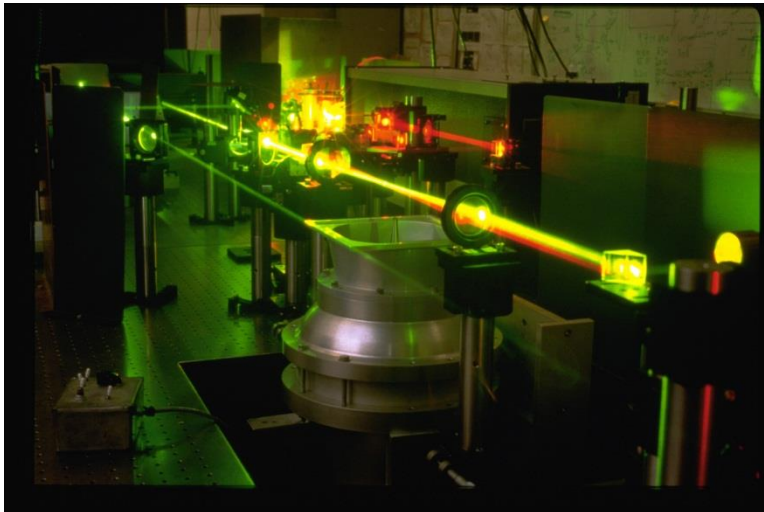
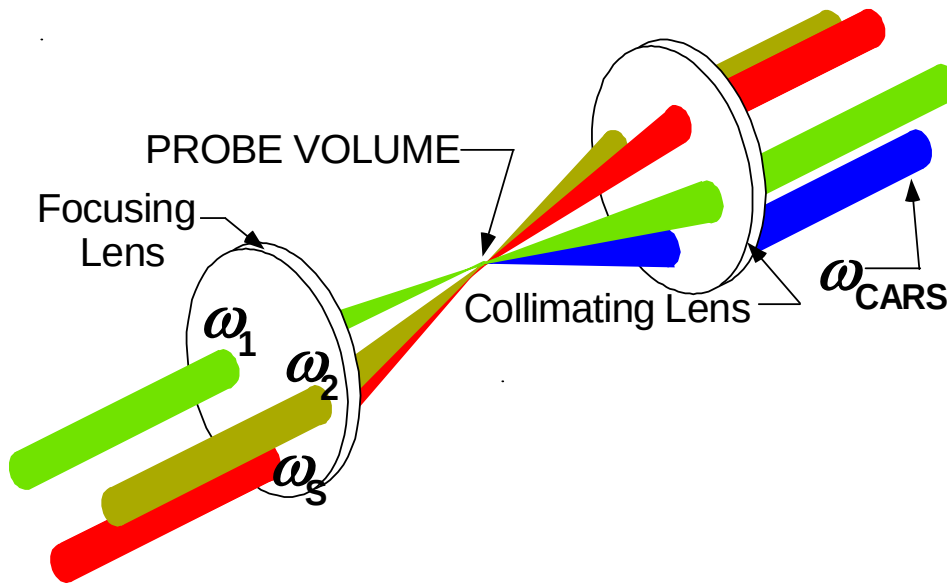
- Fiber coupled diagnostics
- Light pipes
- Lightly Sooting or Nonsooting Fuels
- Measurements become more invasive



Light-Scattering Images

Kearney et al., AIAA2004-1358.

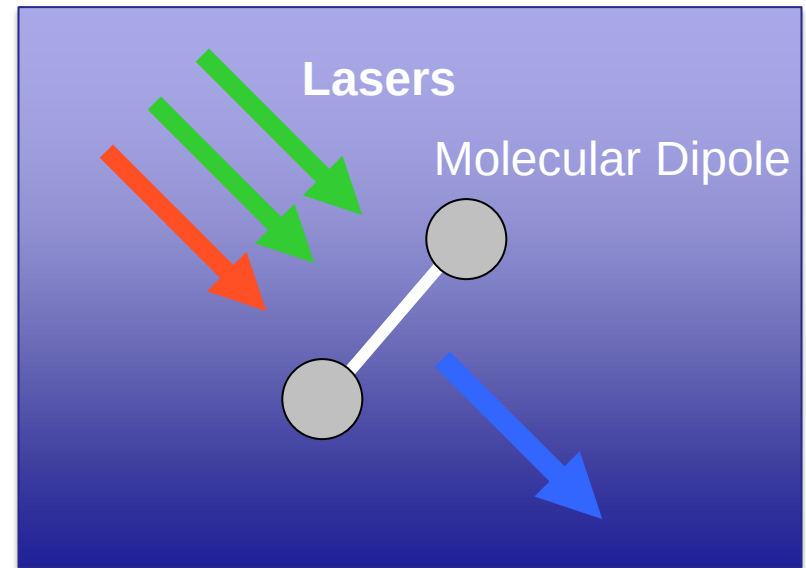
Coherent anti-Stokes Raman scattering (CARS)



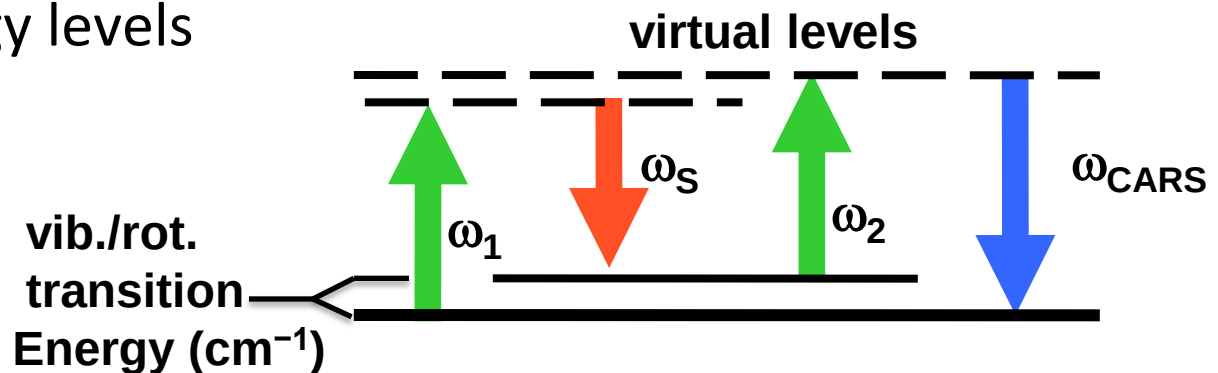
- Three pulsed laser beams (pump #1, pump #2, Stokes) crossed at a common focus
- Signal is generated as a coherent beam within the crossing region
- Signal beam contains information about the vibrational/rotational Raman spectrum of the probed gases
- The signal is blue, or anti-Stokes shifted, away from background luminosity
- Coherent Anti-Stokes Raman Scattering (CARS)

CARS is a coupling of laser light with matter via molecular energy levels

- Three photons interact with the molecule
- The molecule scatters a photon
 - Frequency combination of laser light is tuned to the difference between energy levels

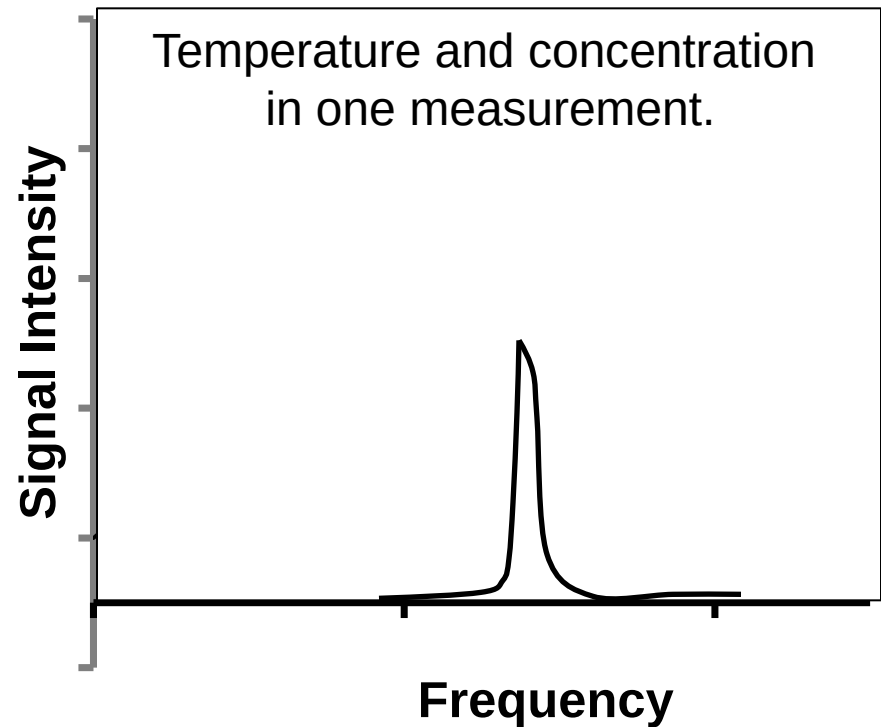
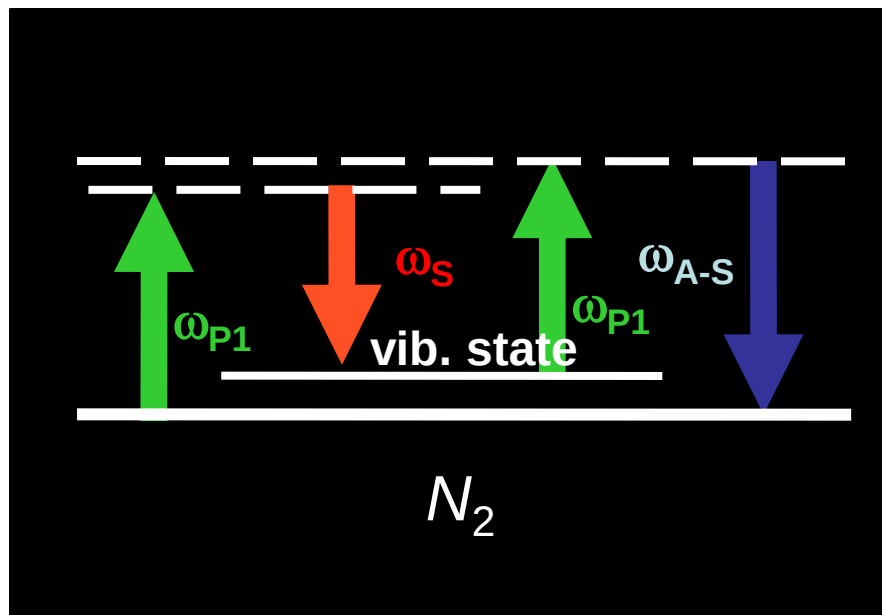


Coherent Anti-Stokes Raman



Broadband and Narrowband CARS

- If all lasers are narrowband one energy level is probed



- If one (or more) laser is broadband then a range of energy levels differences are probed

We can work with vibrational Raman or rotational Raman

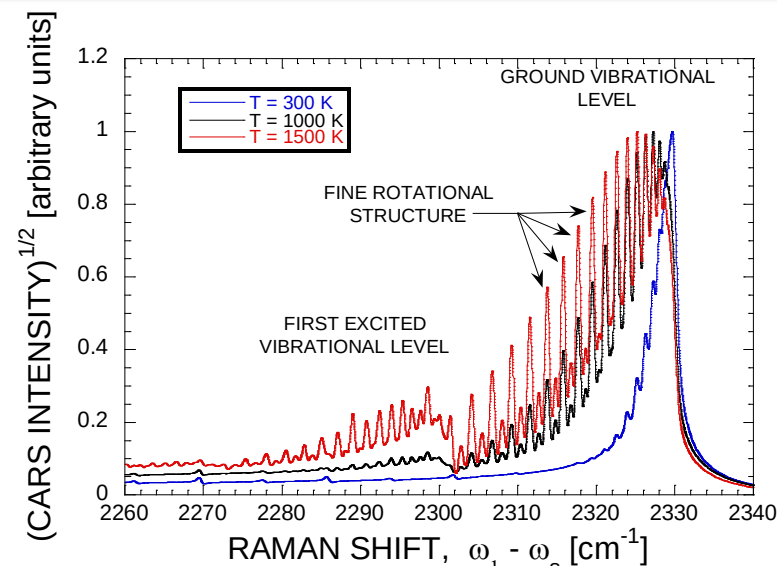
- CARS spectra reflect temperature via their shape
- Signal for transition from level i to level j

$$I_{\text{CARS}} \sim \left(\frac{N_i - N_j}{\omega_R - (\omega_1 - \omega_s) + i\Gamma} \right)^2$$

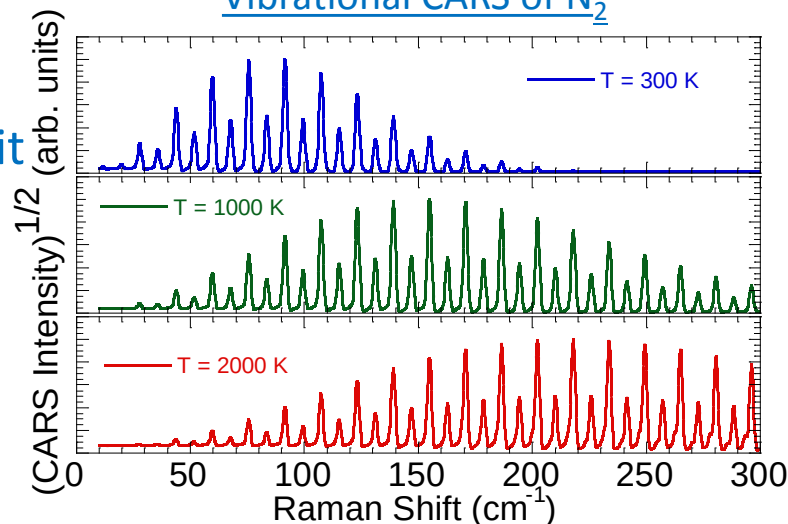
- Spectral shapes reflect internal energy partitioning via Boltzmann distribution

$$\frac{N_i}{N} = \frac{g_i \exp(-\varepsilon_i/kT)}{\sum_i g_i \exp(-\varepsilon_i/kT)}$$

- We measure the CARS spectrum and then fit the data to theoretical prediction
- Measured parameters include:
 - Temperature: 2% accuracy 1-4% precision
 - Species
 - Pressure

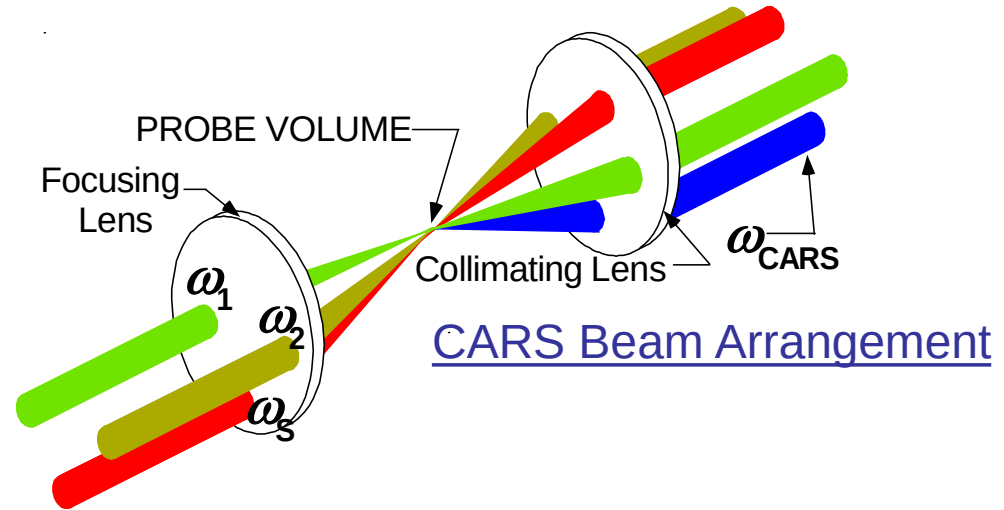
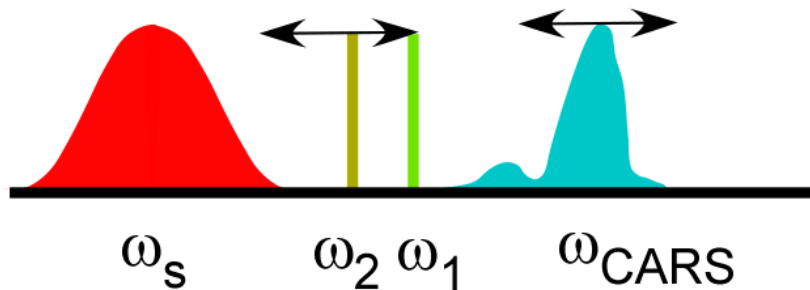


Vibrational CARS of N₂

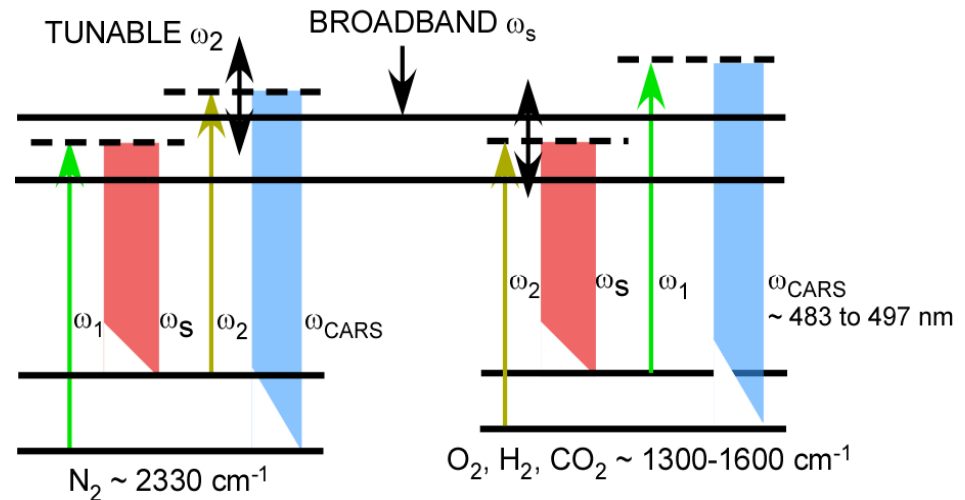


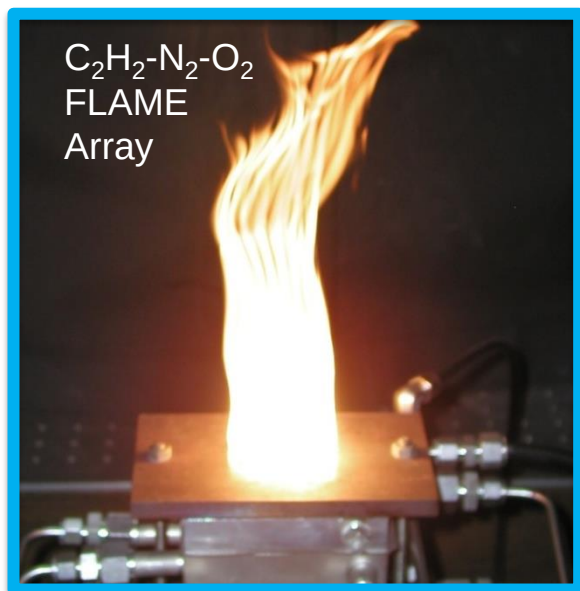
Rotational CARS of N₂

- Coherent, laser-like signal
 - Spatial discrimination, slow collection optics
 - Readily coupled to optical fibers
- Blue-shifted signal permits spectral discrimination against red/IR flame emission
- Spectrally tunable output positions CARS signal beam in “quiet” regions of the spectrum away from C_2 interference

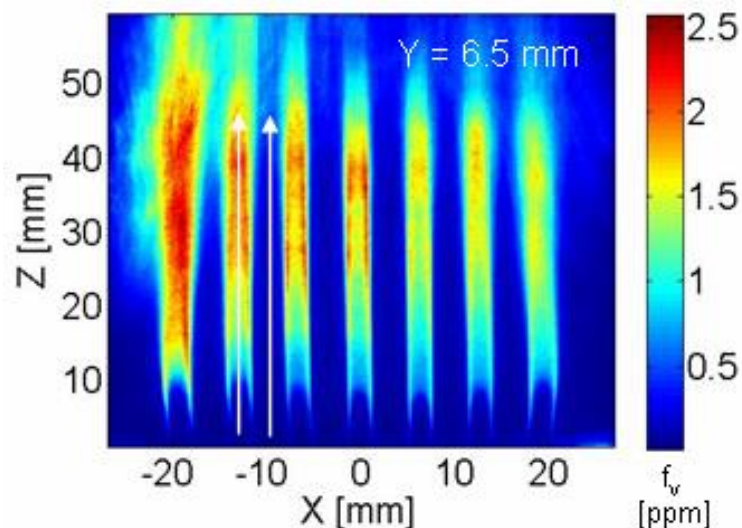


$$\omega_{CARS} = (\omega_1 - \omega_s) + \omega_2$$

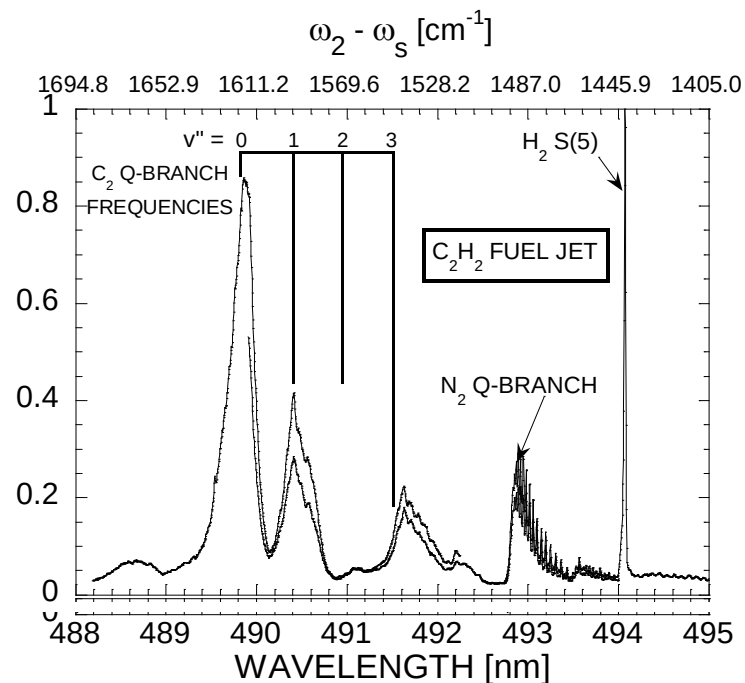




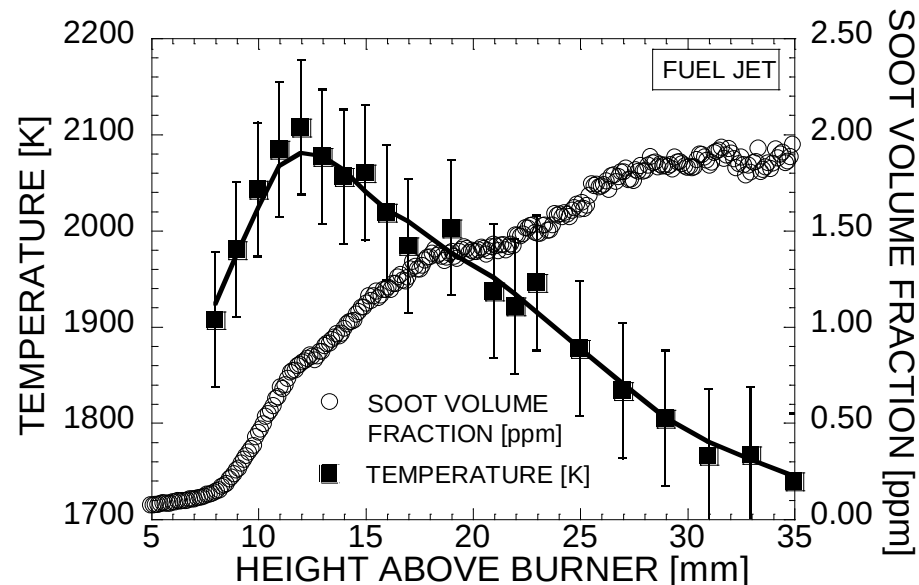
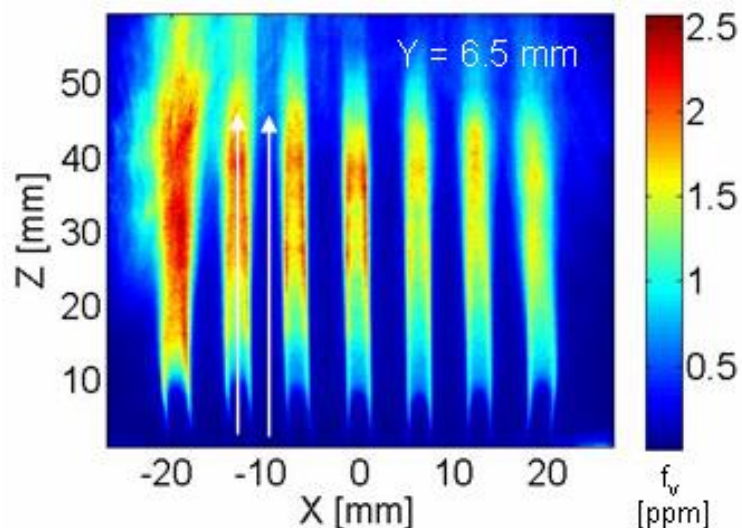
- Initial DP-CARS measurements performed in laboratory scale burners
- “How much soot can DP-CARS handle?”
- Tune pump-2 frequency to find “quiet” spectral regions
- Observe levels of C_2 Swan band interference in flames with ppm-level soot



Soot Volume Fraction by LII

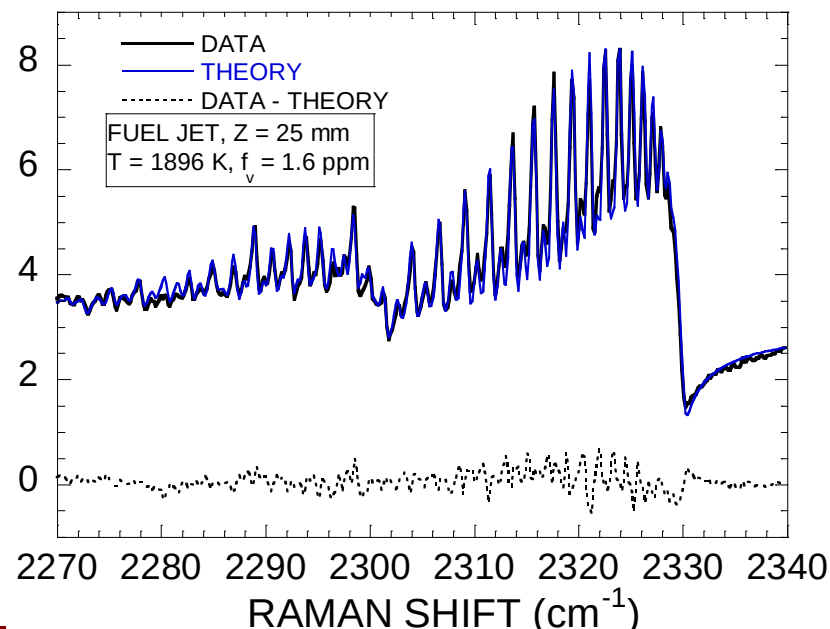


Results from Heavily Sooting C_2H_2 Fuel Jet



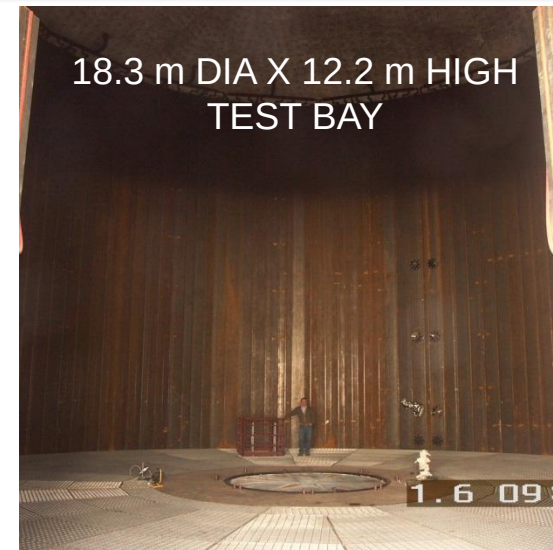
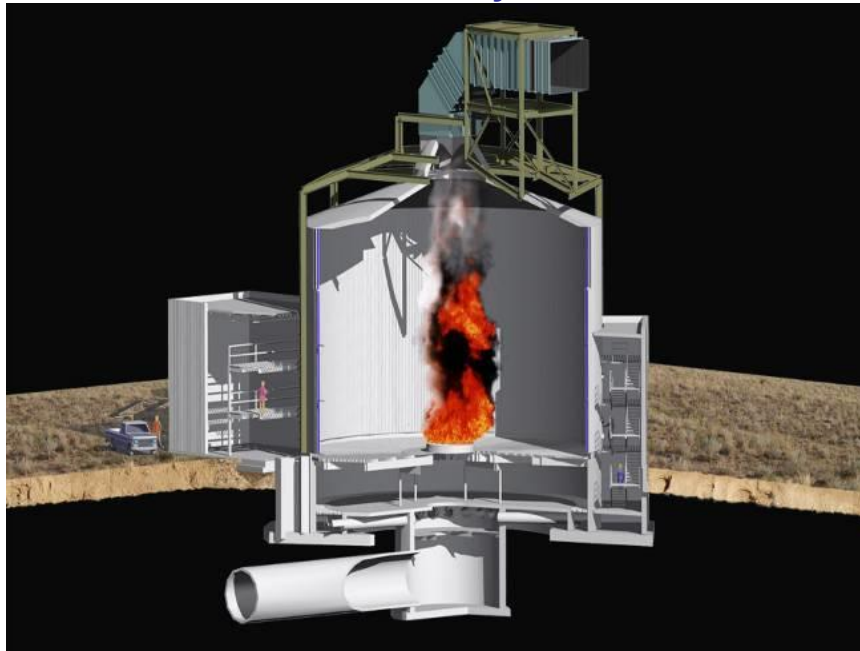
- Fits performed using Sandia CARSFT code
- Both N_2 and H_2 Included in the Dual-Pump theoretical calculations due to close proximity of H_2 rotational lines to N_2 Q-branch
- Combustion product susceptibility used in O_2/N_2 stream and above Al. feed port
- Acetylene susceptibility used in Fuel Jet
- Temp and N_2 mole fraction floated in fitting procedure

Next Step: apply diagnostic for pool-fire measurements



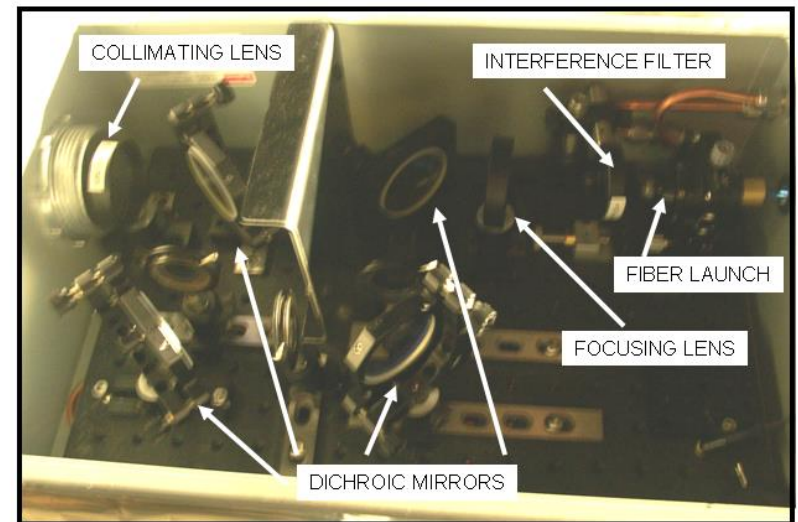
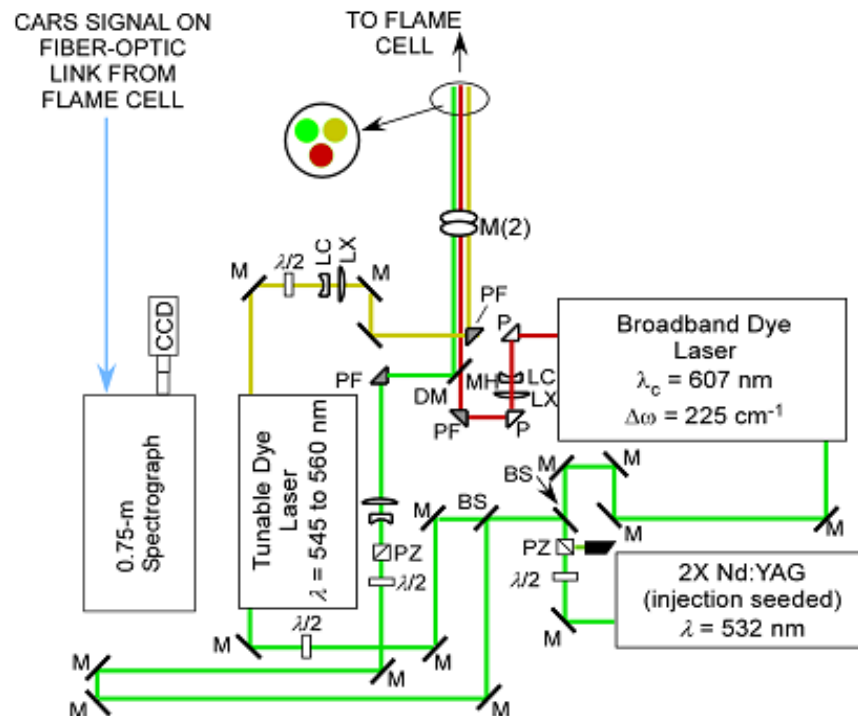
FLAME Facility Enables Full-Scale Testing with High-Fidelity Laser Diagnostics

- Fire Laboratory for Accreditation of Models and Experiments (FLAME) Facility
- Designed to facilitate deployment of optical diagnostics for full meter-scale fire testing
- Optical Access Ports and Adjacent Lab Space at East, West, and South Positions Around Test Cell
- Liquid and Gas-Fueled Fires up to 3-m in Base Dia.
- Brings Laboratory Control to Full Scale Testing
- Canonical Wind-Free Buoyant Fire Plume



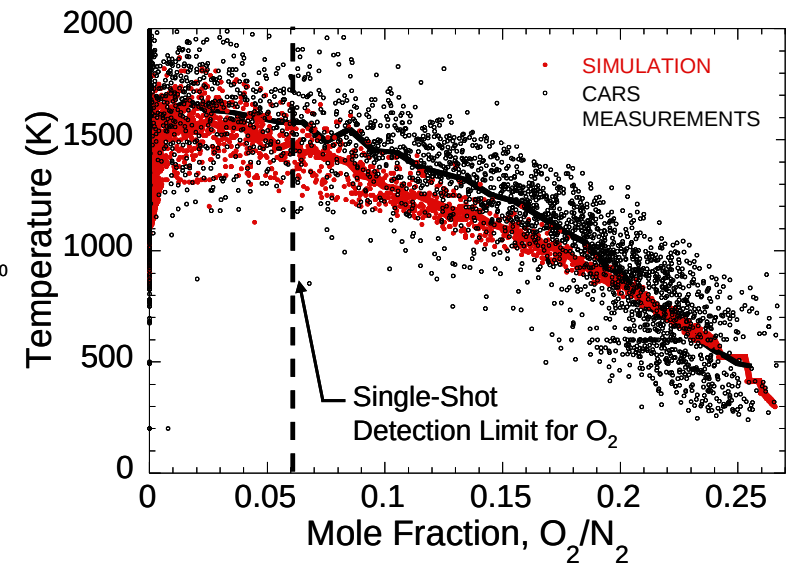
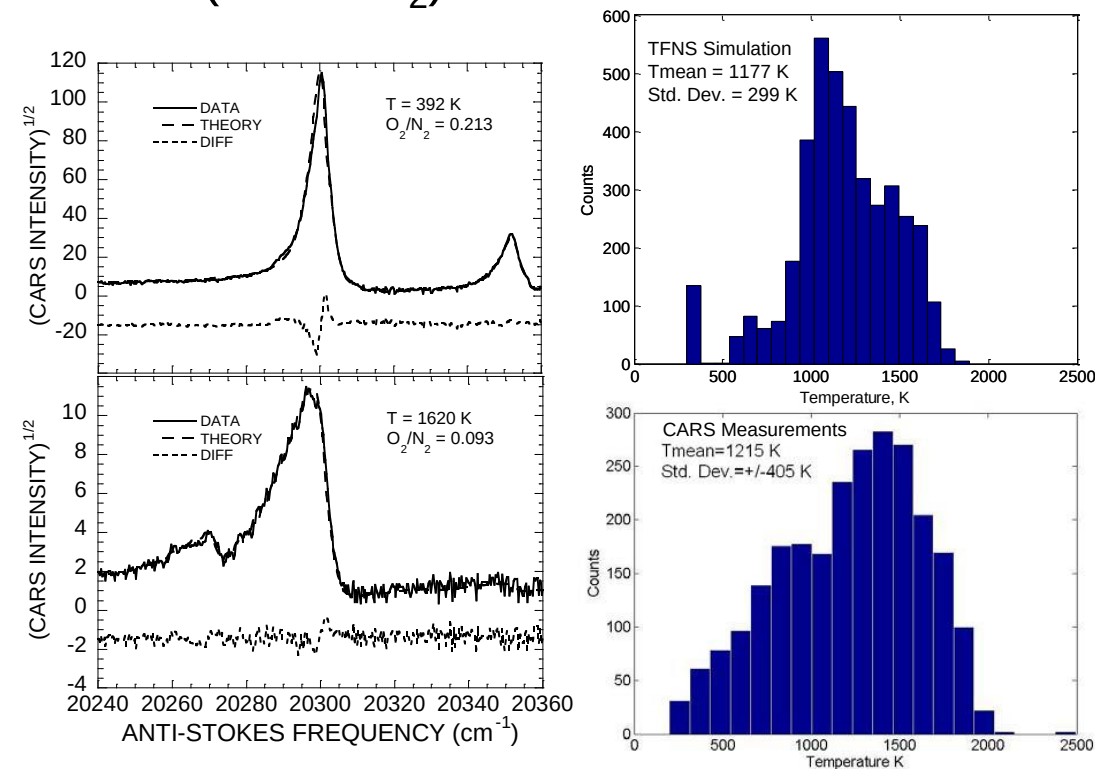
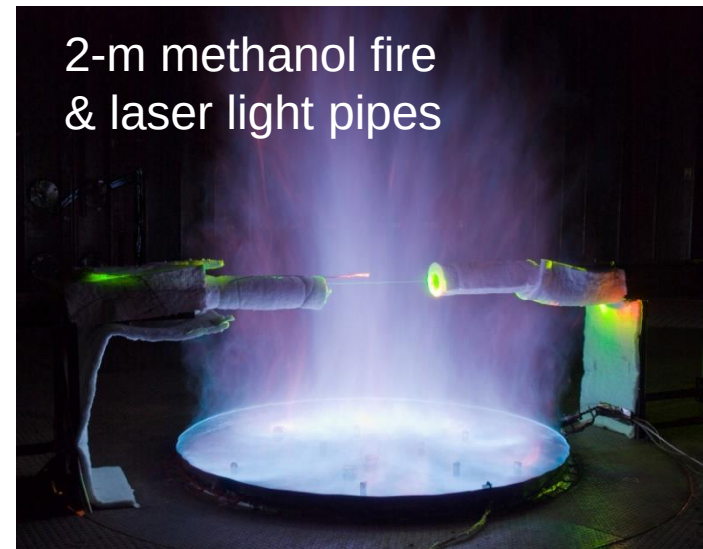
Dual-Pump CARS Instrument at FLAME

- First-ever implementation of CARS for large-scale fire testing
- Methanol and sooting methanol/toluene blends have been tested to date
- Simultaneous mole-fraction measurements have been added to thermometry capabilities



Results – Temperature and Species Data from a Methanol Pool Fire

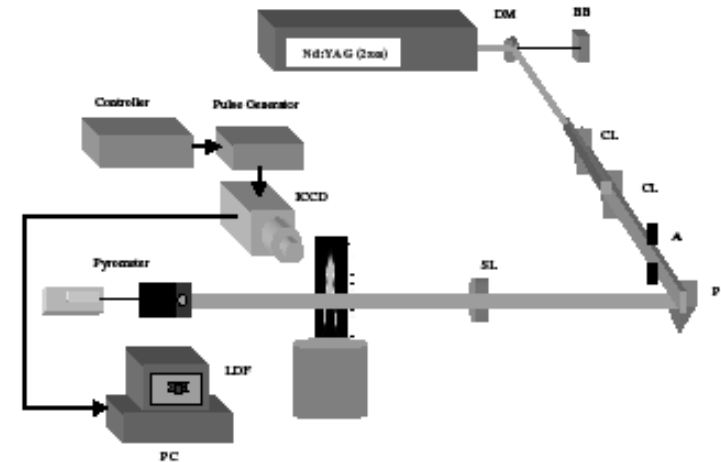
- First experiments conducted in methanol fire
- Nonsooting fuel is simpler starting point for diagnostic development
- N_2, O_2, H_2 observed in DP-CARS spectra
- Temperature and simultaneous O_2 data (ref. to N_2) extracted



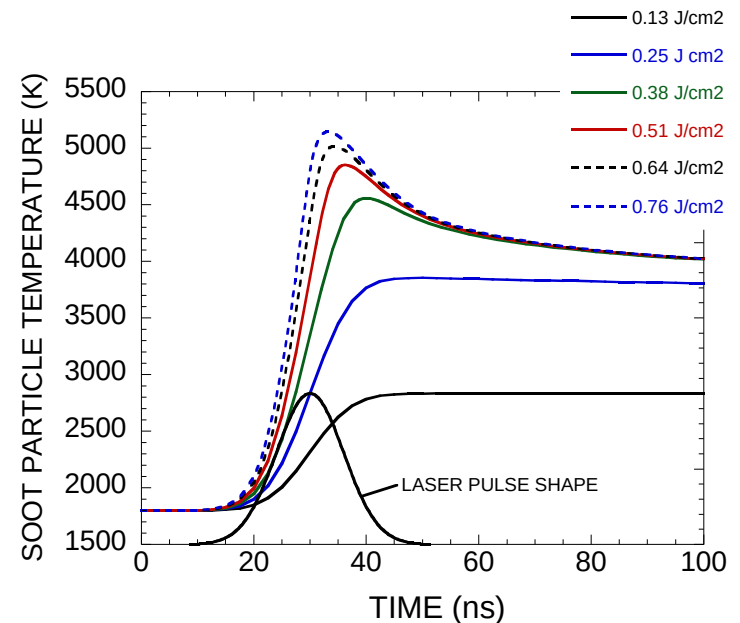
Frederickson, Kearney et al., Combust. Sci. Technol., 2009

Laser-Induced Incandescence (LII)

- *in situ* measurement of soot volume fraction
- Soot particle size also possible with ns time resolved LII (TIRE-LII)
- Soot particles heated to vaporization point (4000-5000 K) by absorption of laser radiation
- Thermal emission from soot is monitored during and/or after laser pulse
 - Laser-heated soot emits in excess of background
 - Total emission $\sim$ soot volume
 - Time decay of emission $\sim d_p$
- 2-D imaging
 - ns time resolution
 - 50-100 μm spatial resolution
- Calibration against light extinction or other known particle dist. is required

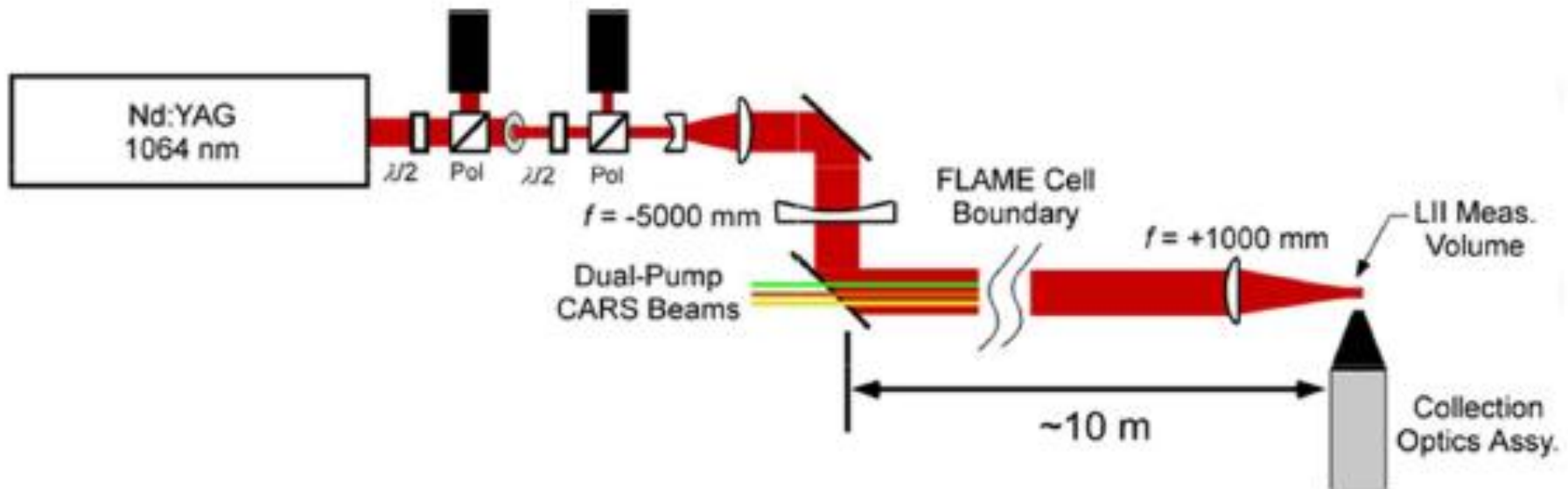
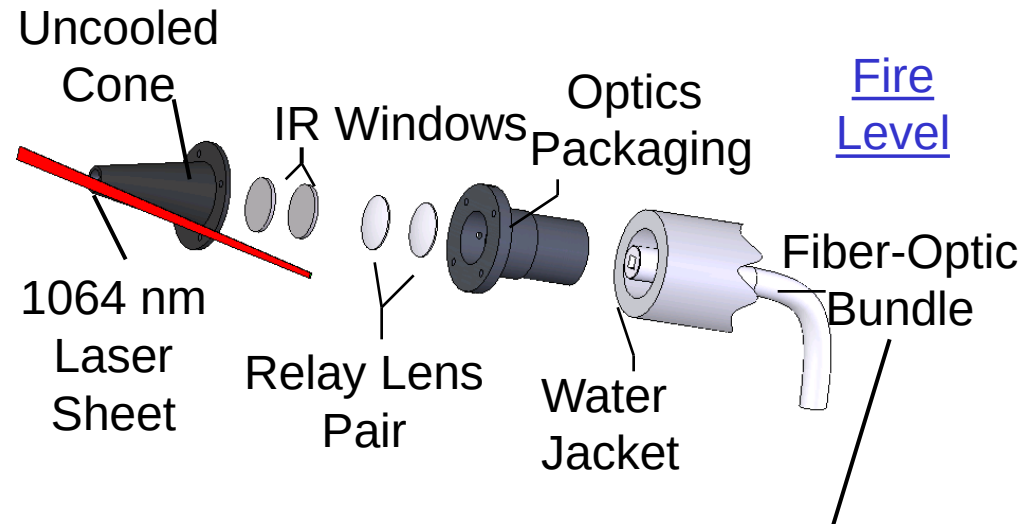


LII Experiment (Santoro and Shaddix, 2002)

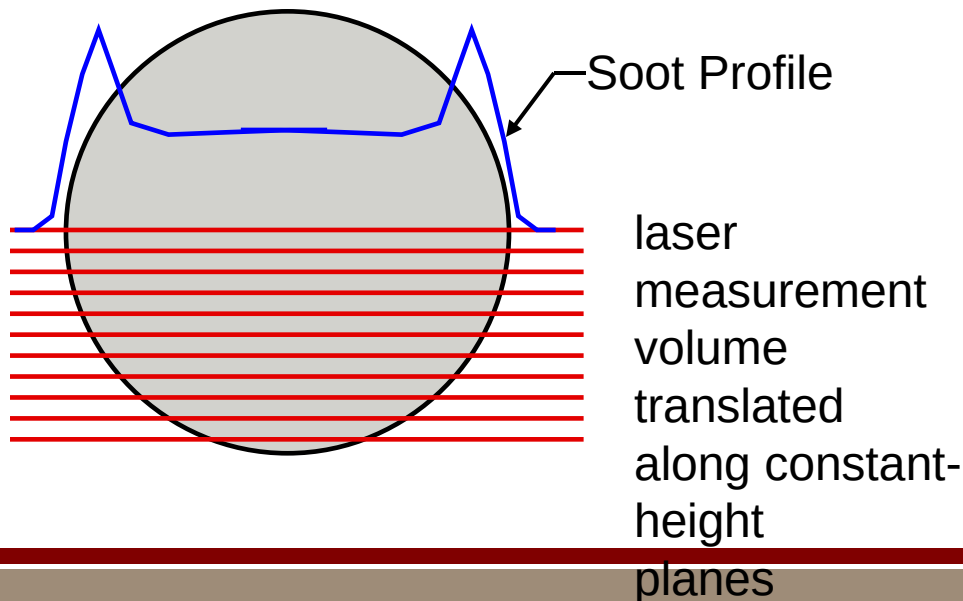
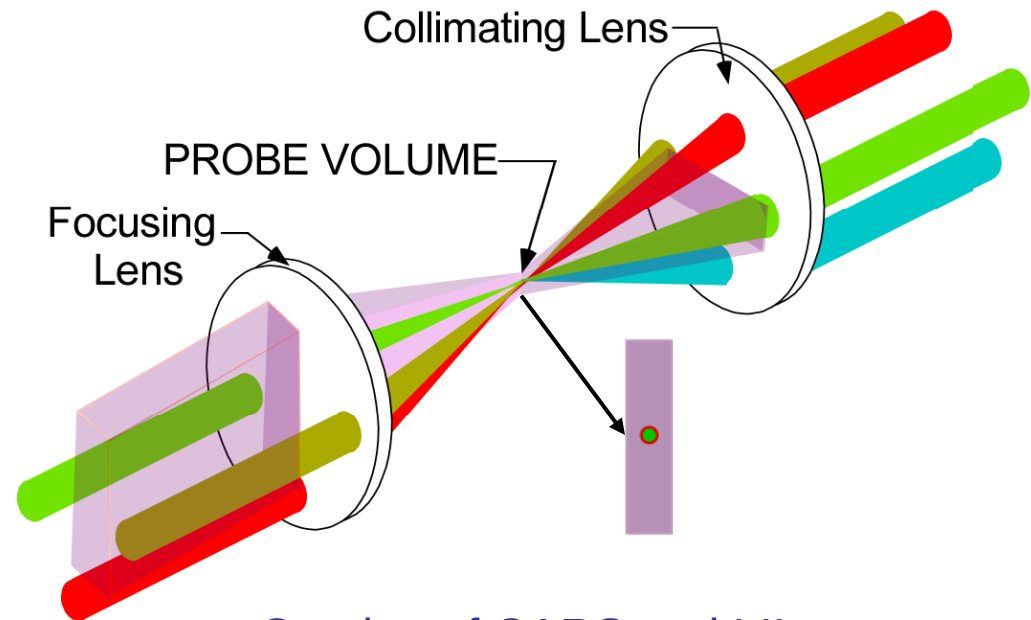


Laser-Induced Incandescence Instrument at FLAME

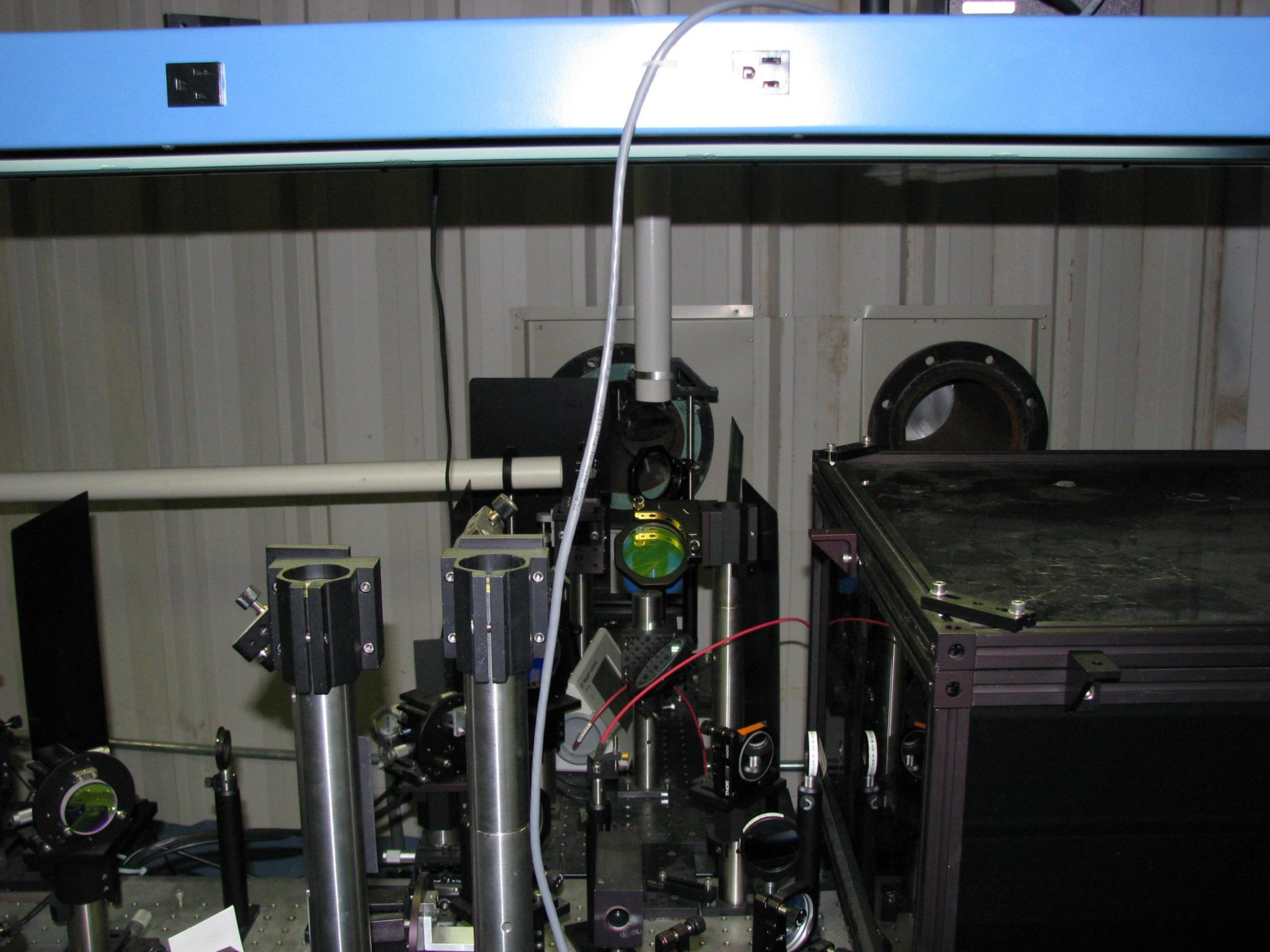
- Toluene/Methanol blended fuel, ranging from 10/90 to 30/70 ratio, higher sooting propensity than pure methanol
- 1064nm laser sheet, fluence $\sim 1.14 \text{ J/cm}^2$
- LII probe, water-cooled jacket, 200mm achromatic relay lens pair, 1cm^2 fiber-bundle ($10 \mu\text{m}$) couples signal to ICCD camera
- Four stage automated translation system to position probe and adjust focus
- Signal is filtered using IR-reflecting window gating reduces background emission from fire



Joint CARS/LII Measurements Performed in Premixed C₂H₄/air Flame



- Overlap of CARS and LII beams verified using laser burn paper
- LII detection system pointed at CARS probe volume by imaging pump-beam overlap
- CARS/LII volumes translated through gradient region and across burner and constant height



Profile Measurements in 10% Toluene Research Fuel Blend

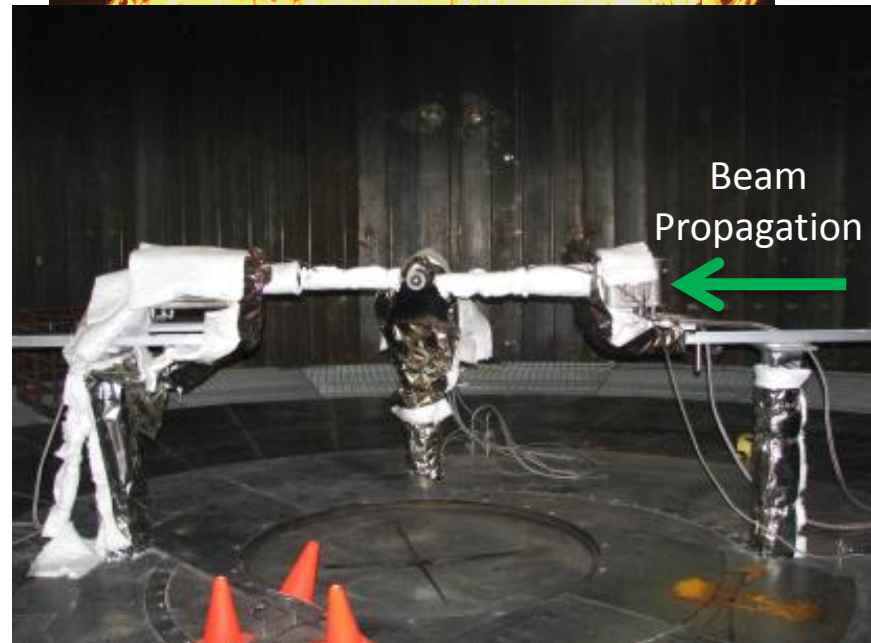
- 10% toluene added to methanol
- Data recorded along radial profiles at 3 heights: 0.5, 1.0 and 1.5 m
- Encompasses “vapor dome” and actively burning regions
- Constant fuel level for 1-2 hr burns
- Measurements begin at plume center with highest possible CARS signal
- Proceed radially outward – compensates for signal loss due to fiber thermal misalignment
- 3000-5000 single-shot CARS/LII realizations before moving measurement volume
- Several different burns at each height for ensemble averaging



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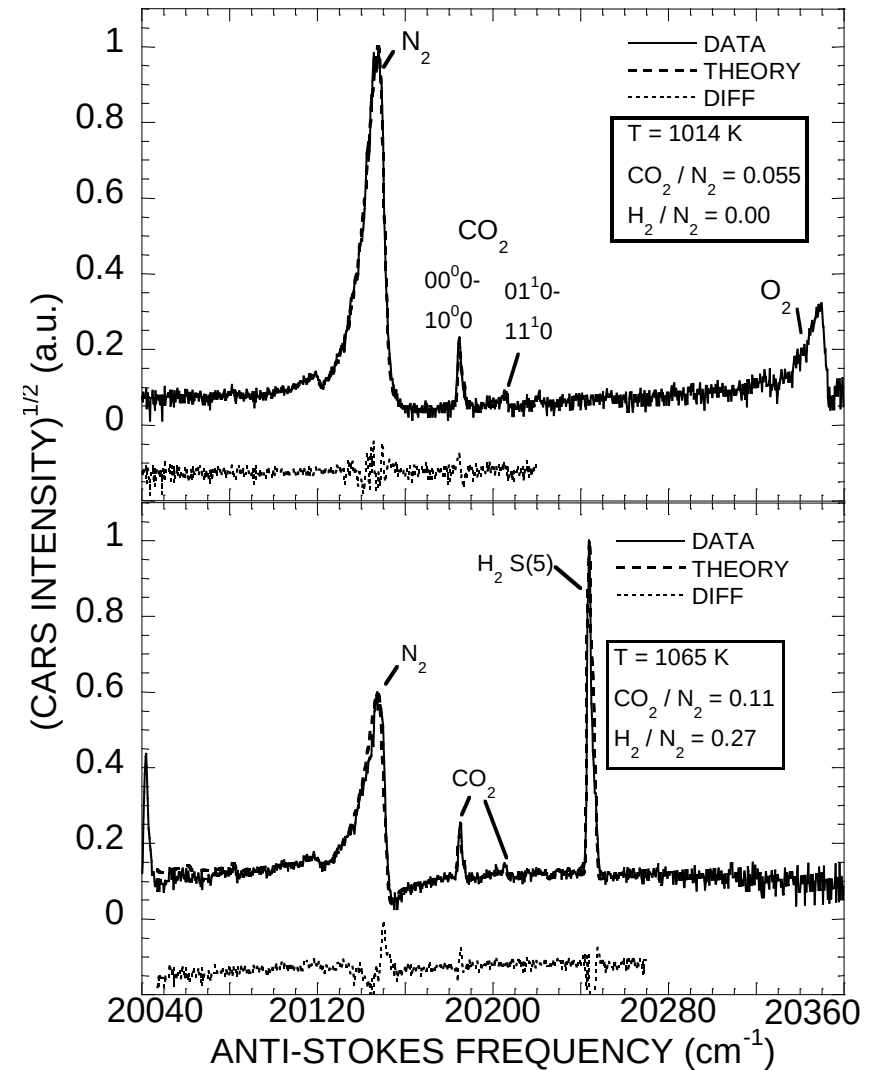
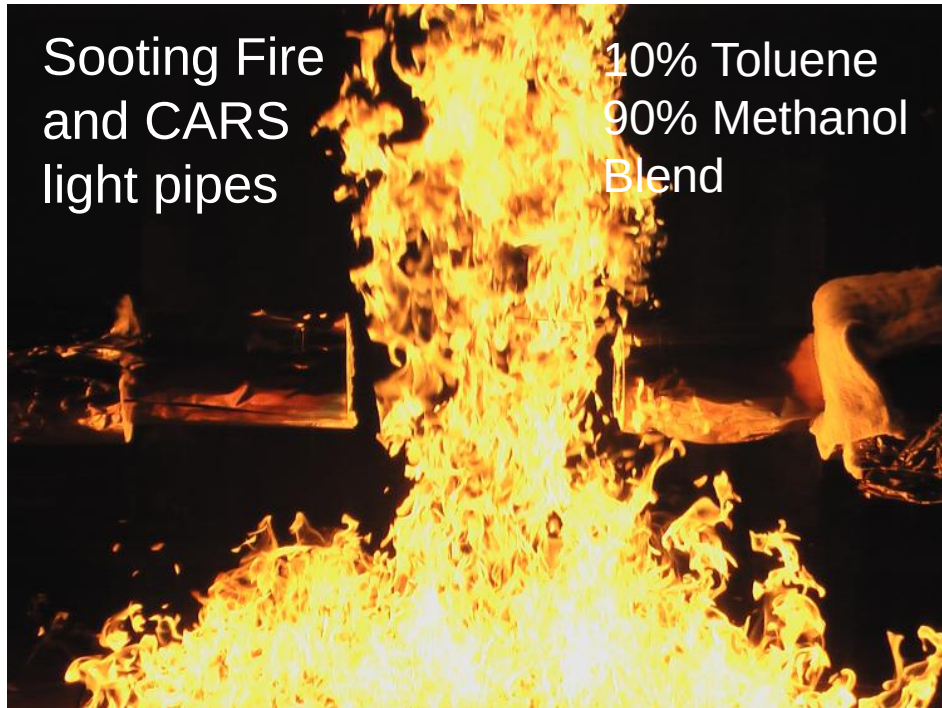
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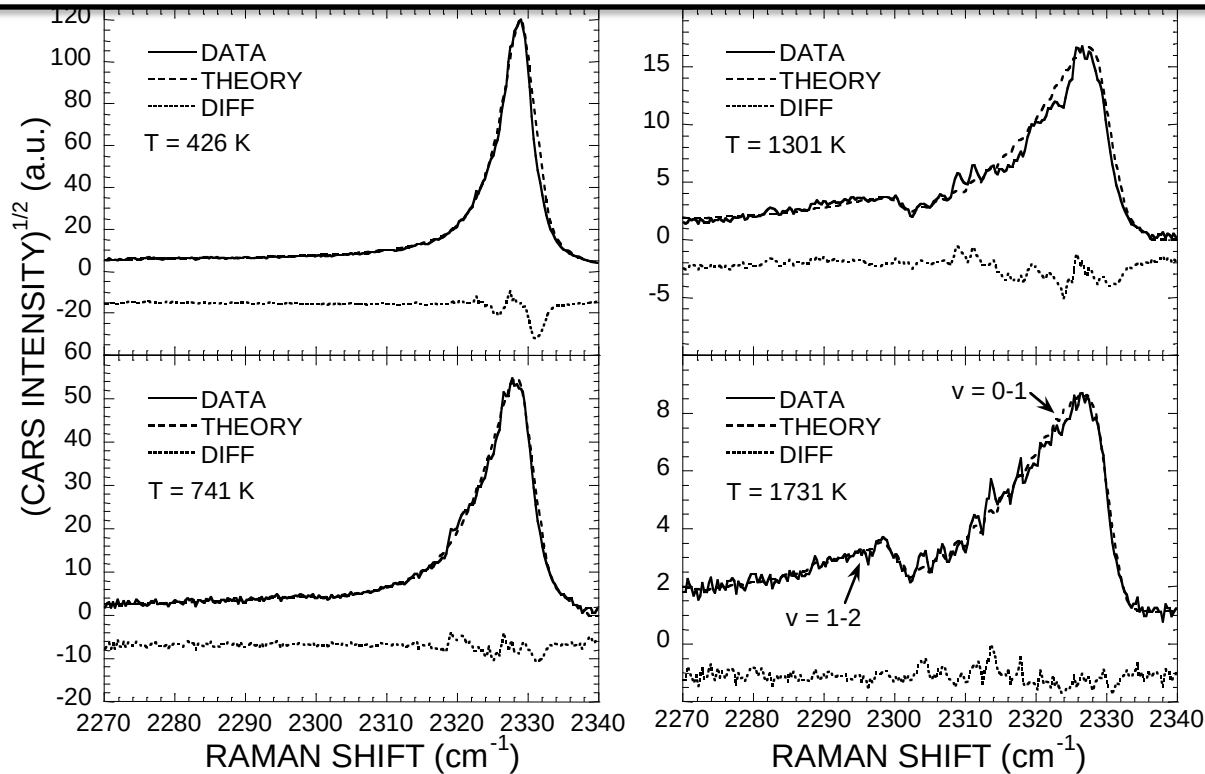


Single-Shot Spectra Provide Simultaneous Temperature/Species Information in Sooting Fire

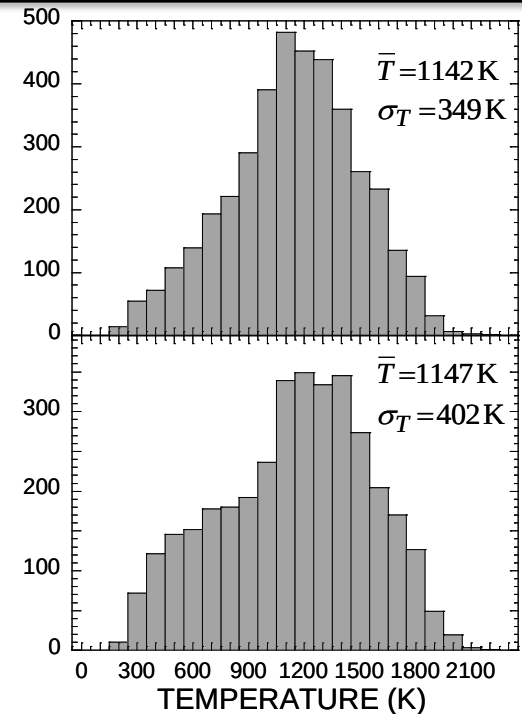
- CARS spectra from sooting fire show N_2 , CO_2 , H_2 , and O_2
- Full ensemble of species data not available as of yet
- Two representative spectra with theoretical fits (Sandia CARSFT code) shown here



Temperature Measurements in Sooting Pool Fire



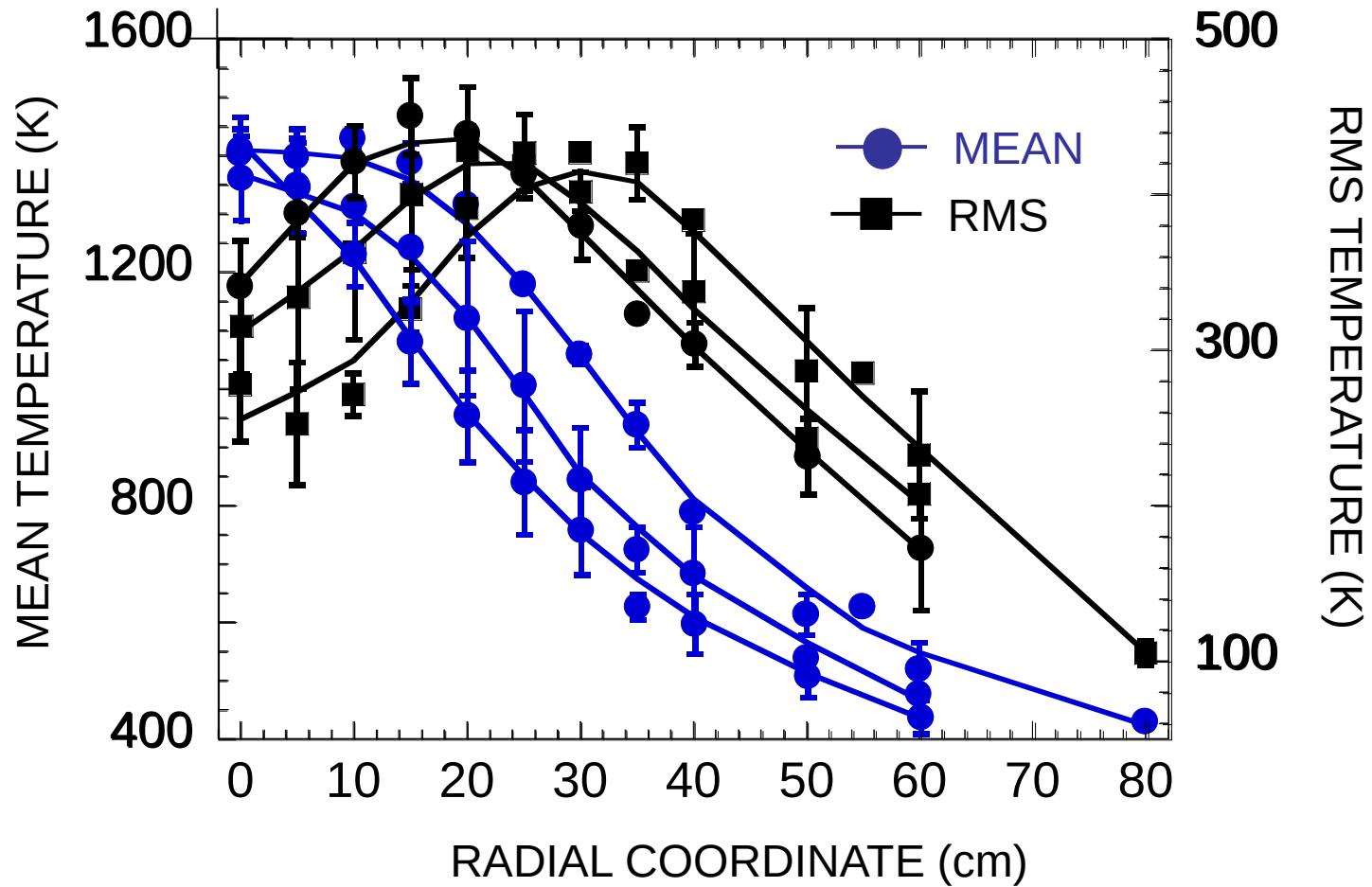
Single-Laser-Shot Spectra and Theoretical Fits



Temperature PDFs from
2 Separate
Methanol/Toluene Burns

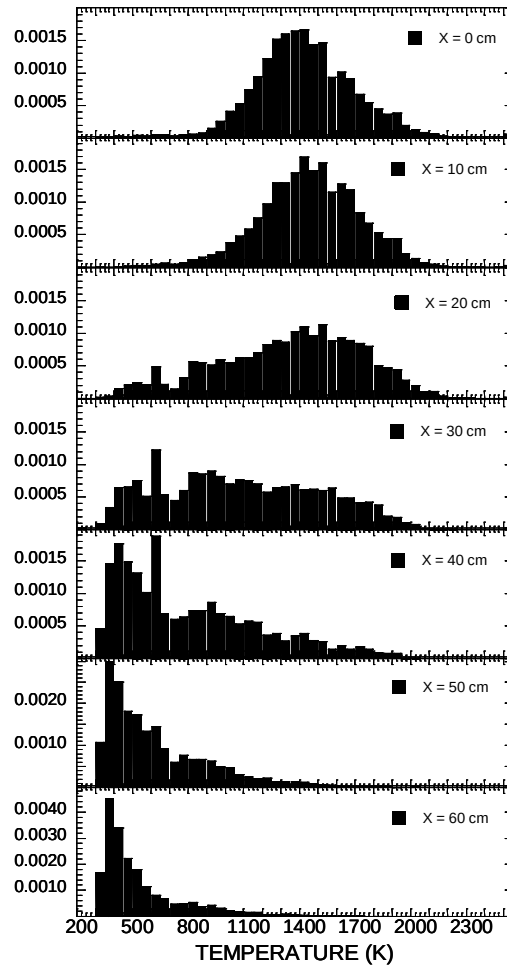
- CARS is applied in a pool fire with a representative volume loading of O(0.1 ppm)
- Measurement volume is 0.5 diameters above the center of the 2-m fuel pan
- 3500 single-shot temperature realizations per burn used to construct pdfs
- Wide std. dev. indicative of large-scale turbulent mixing in pool fire
- Mean temperatures compare favorably with nearby TC reading 1210 K

Radial Temperature Profiles

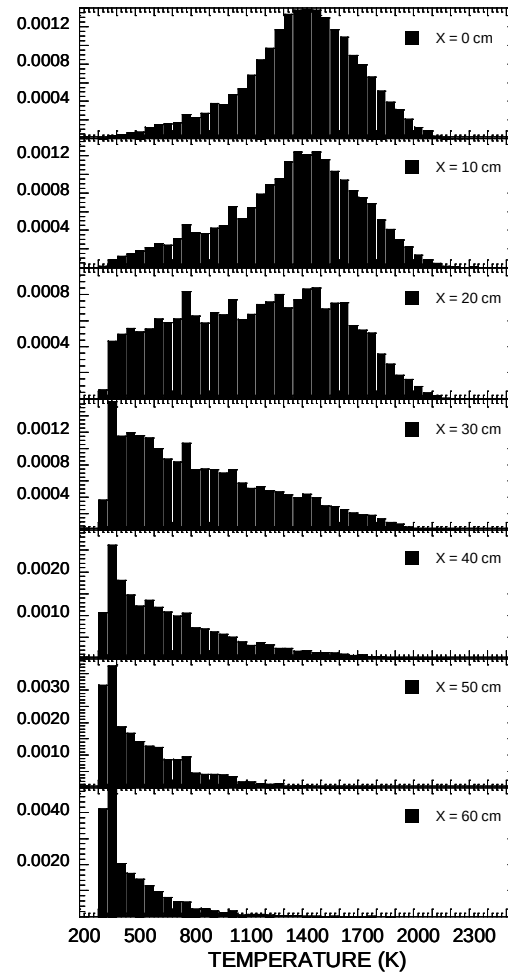


Temperature PDF

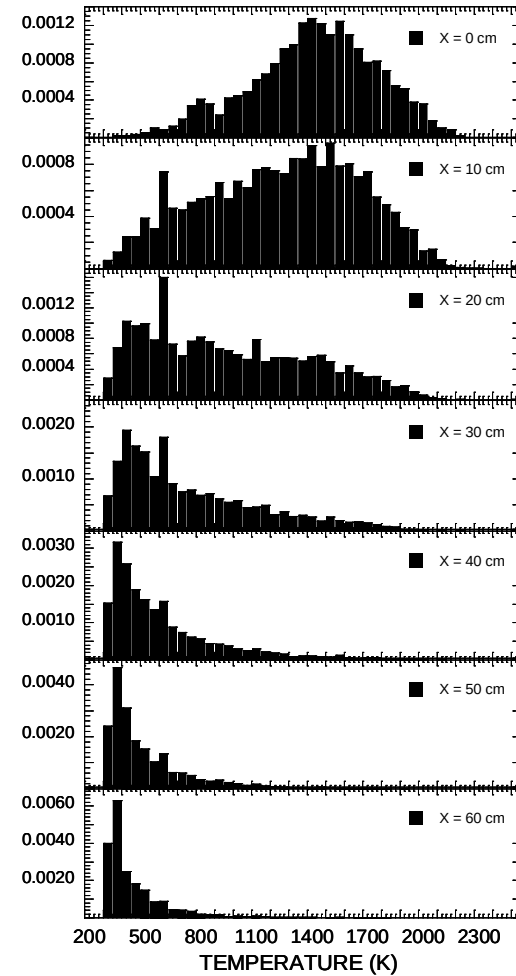
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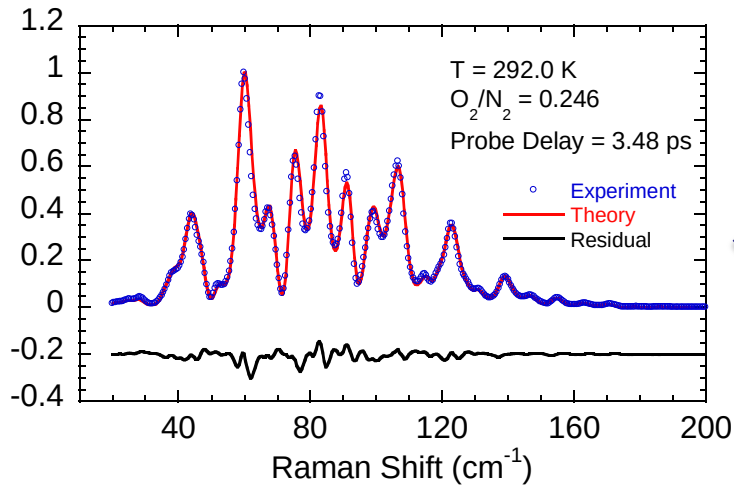
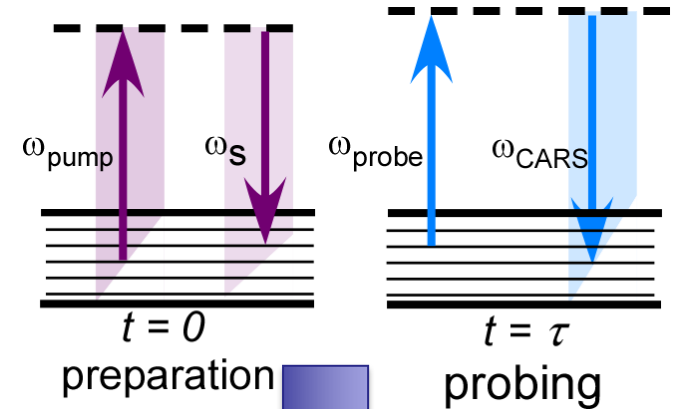
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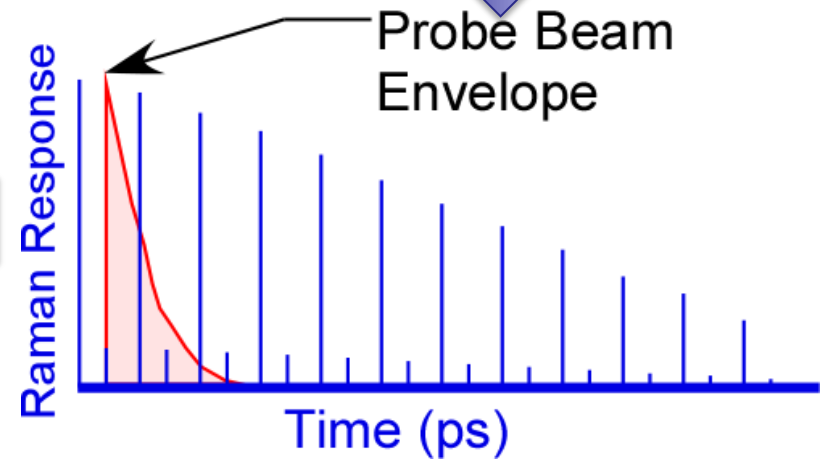
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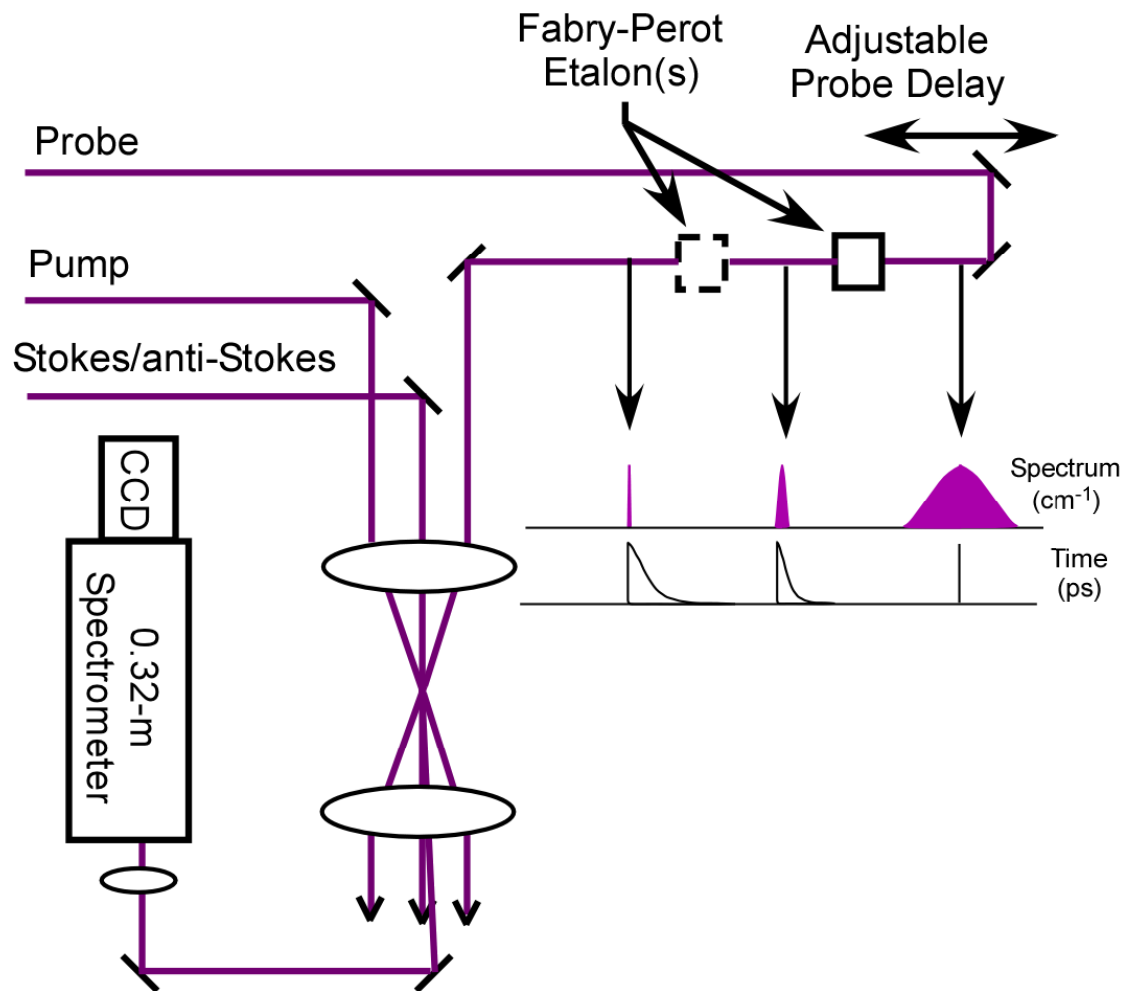
- Why develop fs CARS when ns CARS works pretty well?
 - Precision: 3-4 $\times$ improvement in thermometry
 - Data rate: kHz data rates as opposed to 10 Hz
 - Time resolution: 10 ps or better (shock physics)
 - High-pressure environments
 - Background-free measurements
 - Particle-laden environments



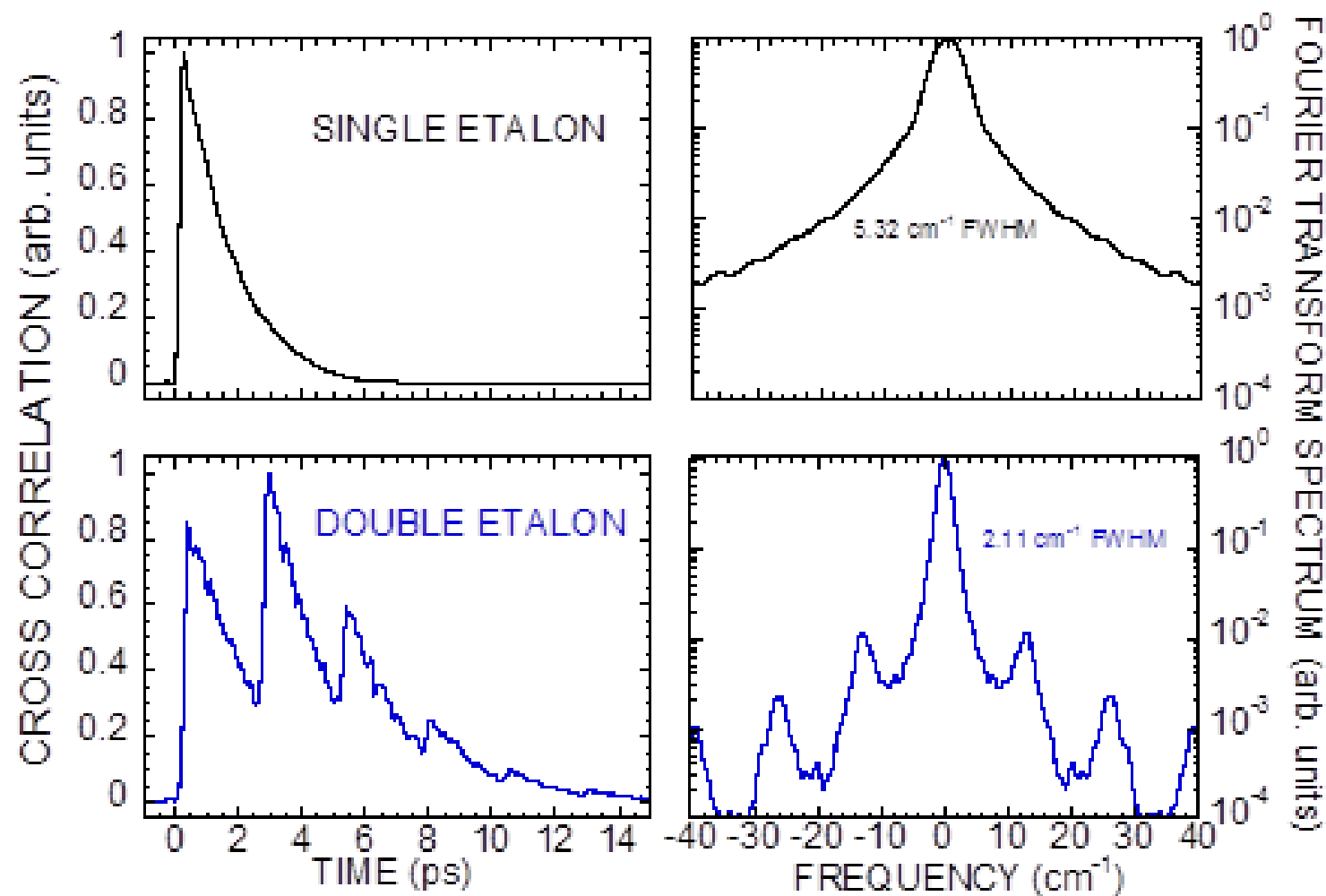
Detect in the frequency/spectral domain



Model in the time domain



Probe beam E-field envelope measurements



A simple phenomenological model is implemented in Matlab for spectral fitting

- The time evolution of the molecular Raman response is calculated from

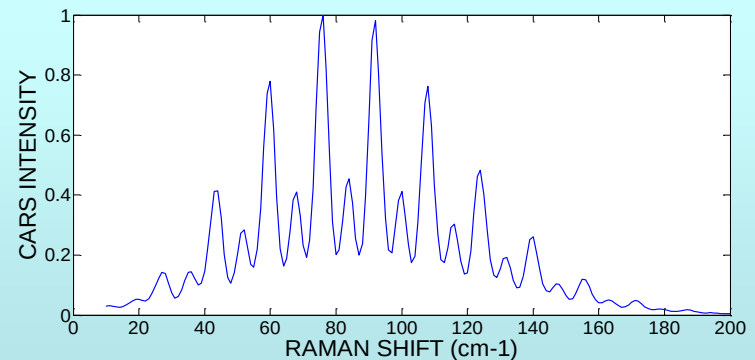
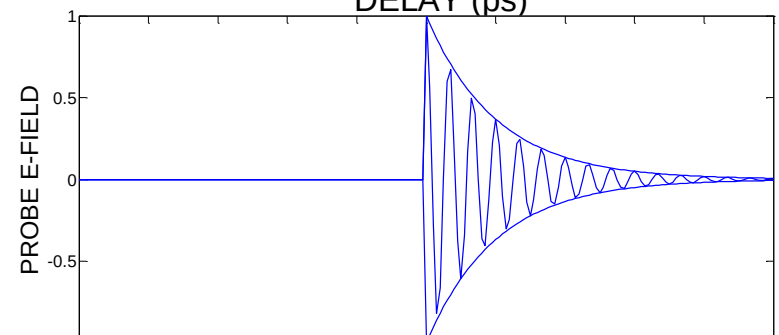
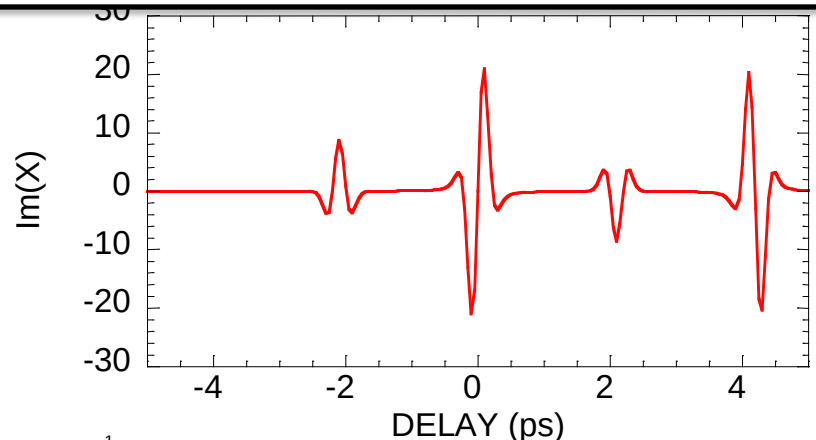
$$\chi(t) = \sum_k \sum_{\Delta J = \pm 2} W_{JJ'}^{(k)} \exp(i \omega_{JJ'}^{(k)} t) \exp(-\Gamma_{JJ'}^{(k)} t)$$

$$W_{JJ'}^{(k)} = X_k \gamma_k^2 \left(N_{J'}^{(k)} - N_J^{(k)} \right) b_{JJ'} F_J^{(k)}$$

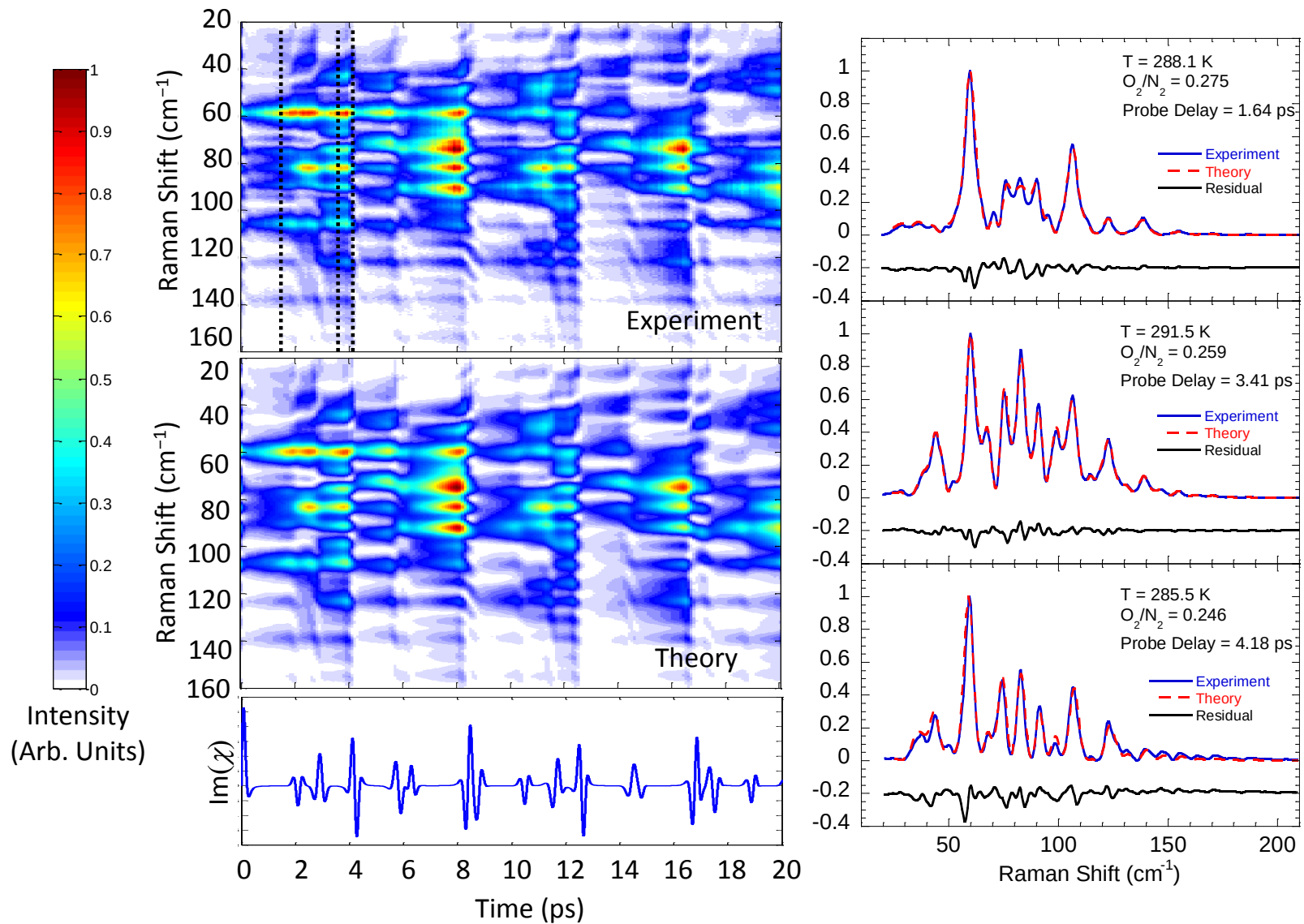
- This function, χ , is then multiplied by the measured probe electric field to obtain the CARS signal field

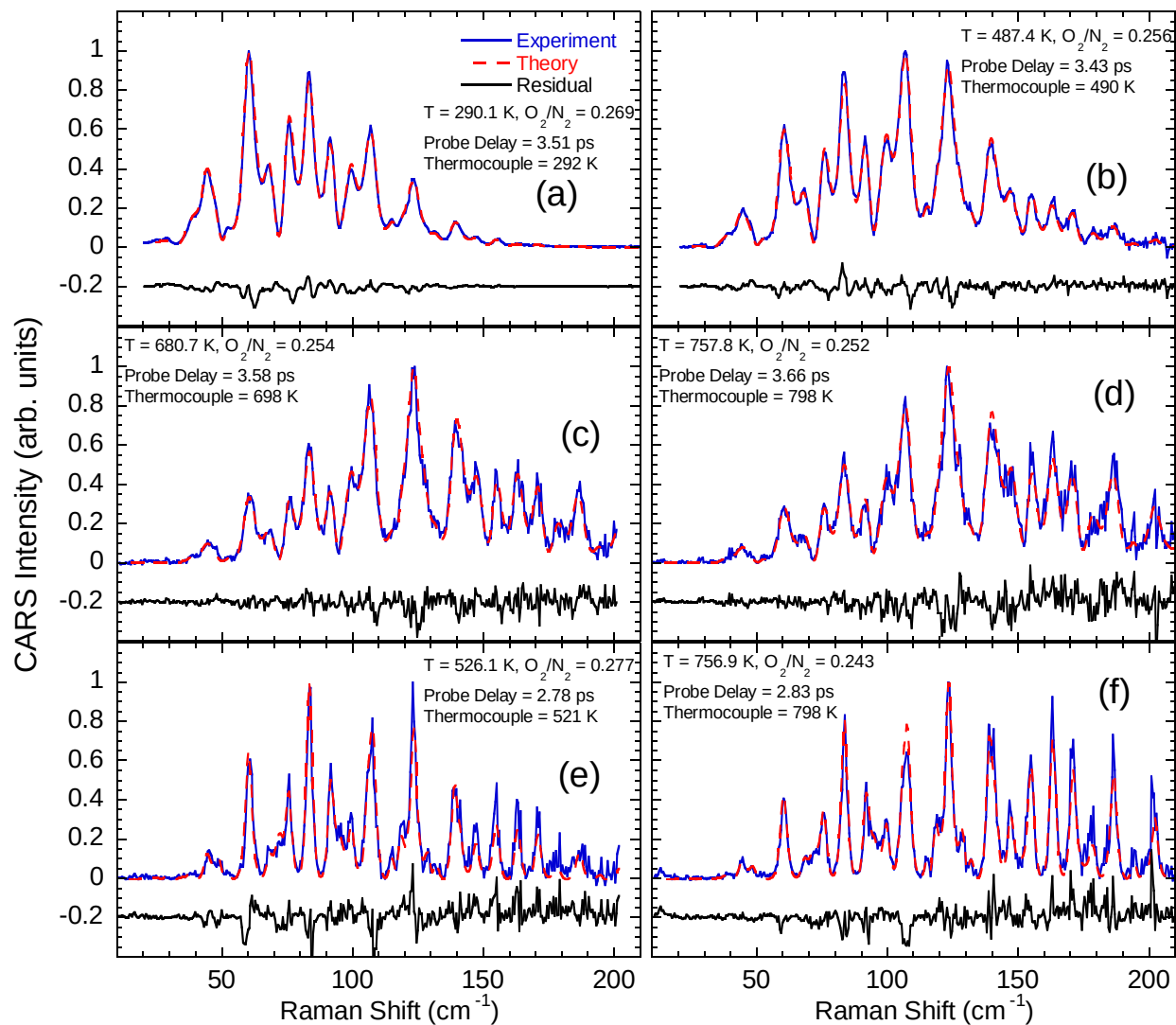
$$E_{\text{CARS}}(t - \tau) = E_{\text{pr}}(t - \tau) \exp[i(\omega_o(t - \tau) - \phi)] \times \chi(t)$$

- The CARS spectrum is arrived at by Fourier transform of E_{CARS}
- 1-2 spectra/min desktop
- 1500 spectra/hr parallel (250 nodes)

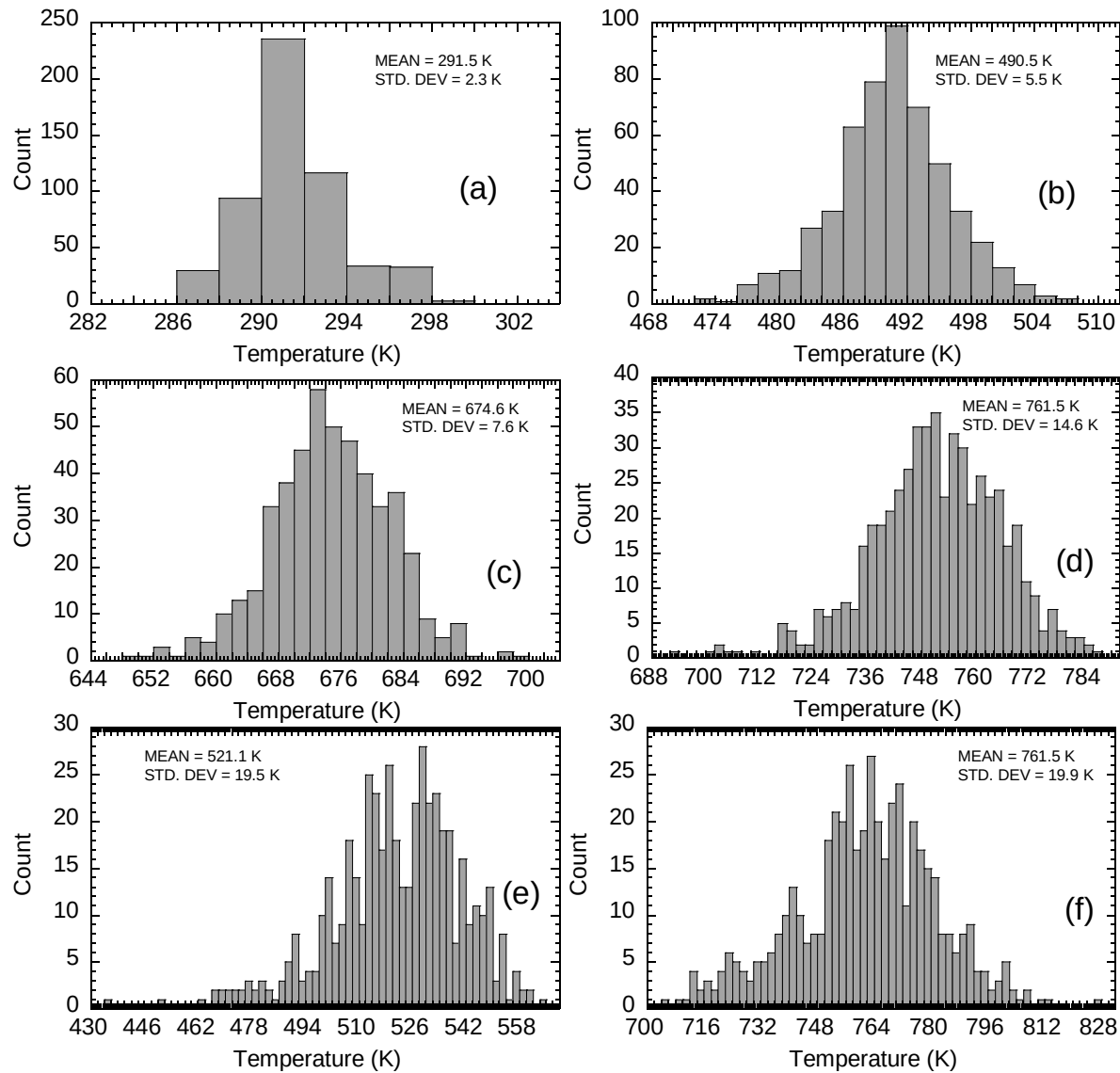


Model validation in room-temperature air: 1.5-ps probe

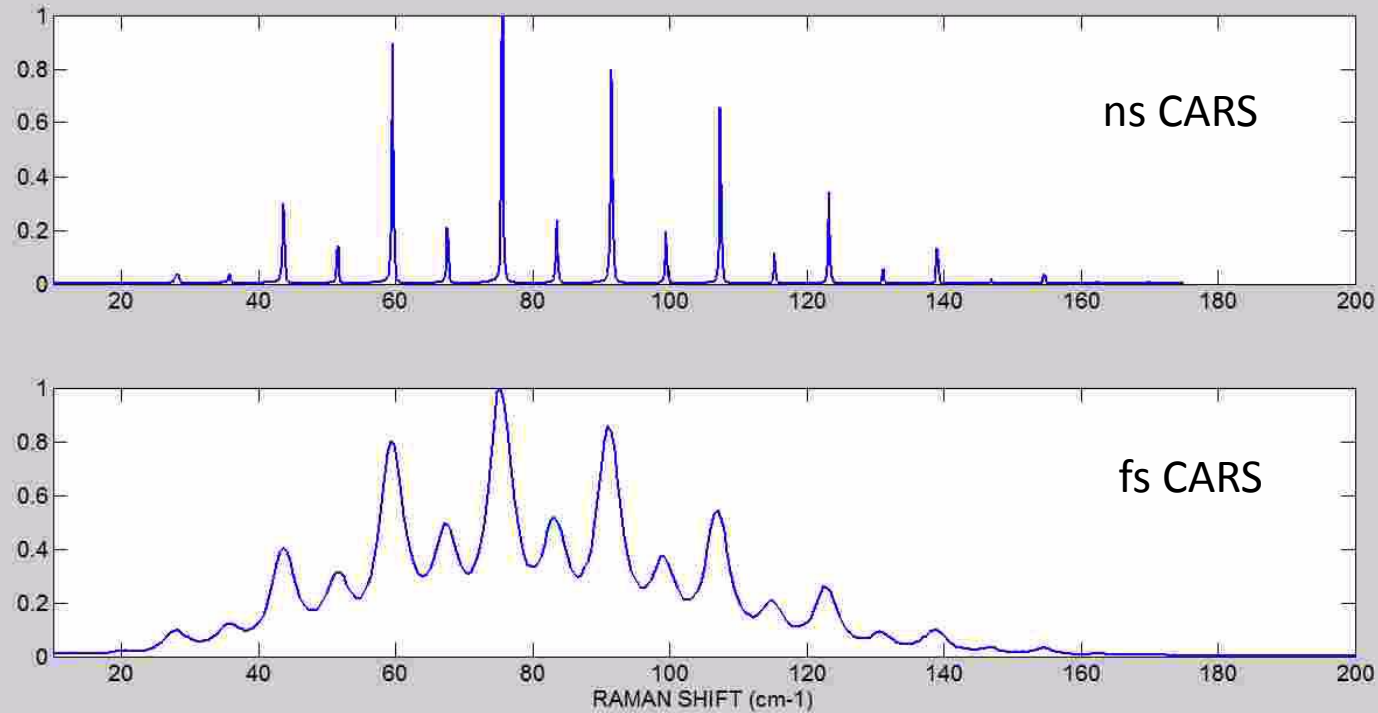




Single-shot temperature histograms



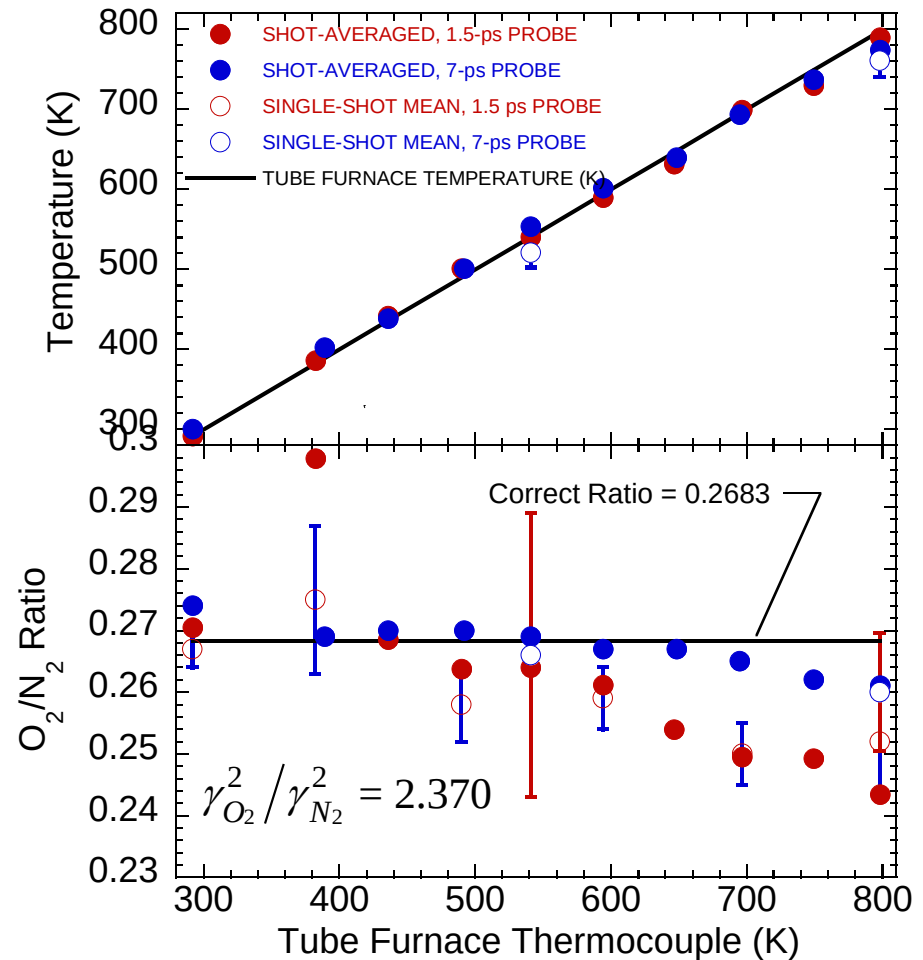
Low noise fs preparation pulses result can result in higher single-laser-shot precision



Room-temperature N_2 spectra

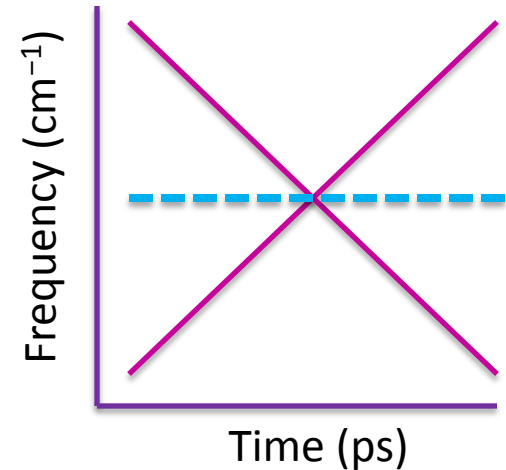
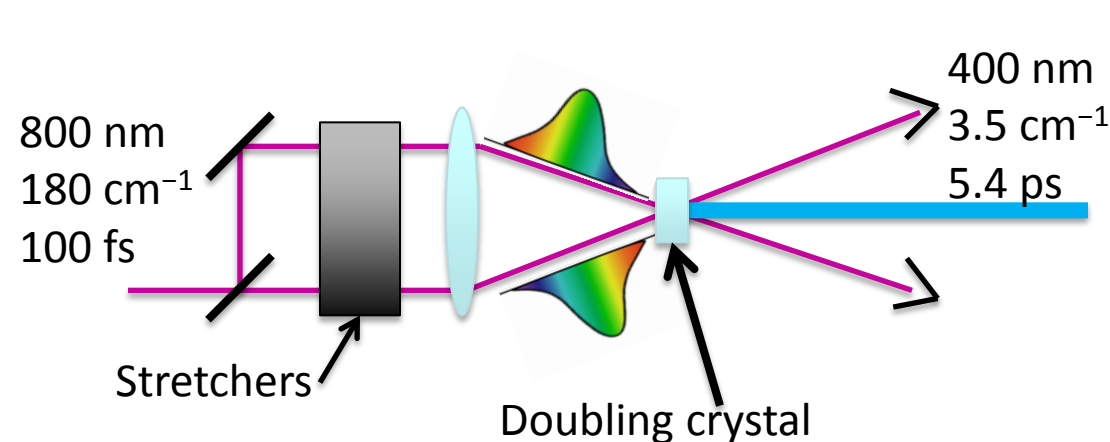
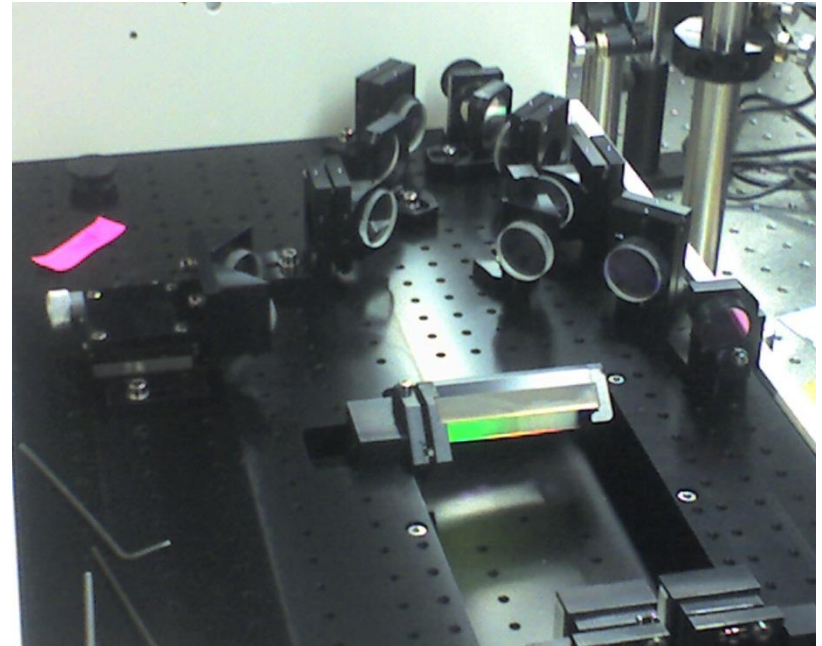
Thermometry results and observations

- We have demonstrated single-shot thermometry and concentration measurements in air at temperatures up to 800 K
- Air temperatures are generally within 2.5% of the tube-furnace control thermocouple, with some exceptions at $T = 800$ K.
- Single-shot temperature precision is 1-2%. This superior to all but the best results obtained with ns-CARS
- Excellent shot-to-shot spectral repeatability from low-noise fs preparation pulses
- O₂ measurements need additional refinement
- Probe pulse energy must be increased to reach flame temperatures

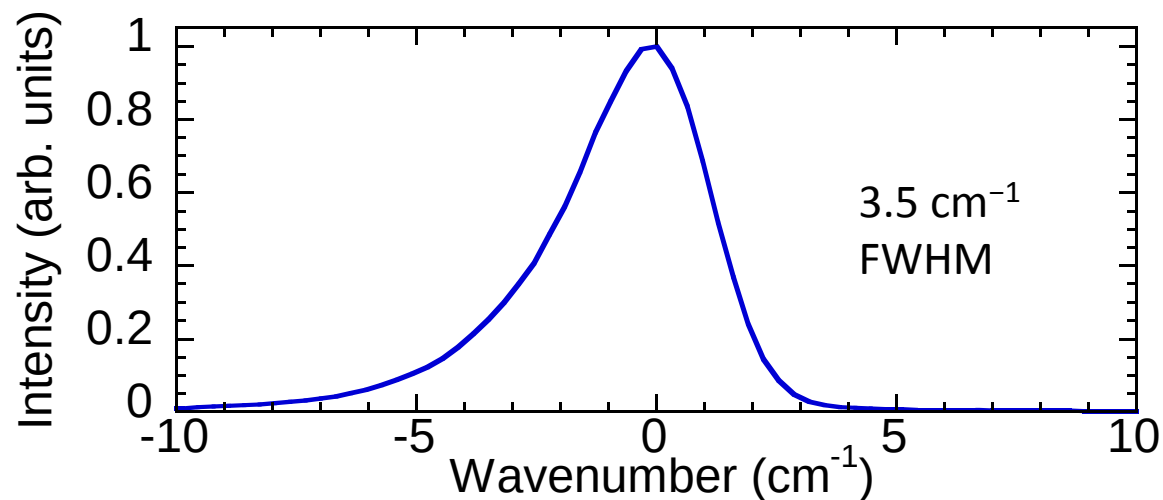
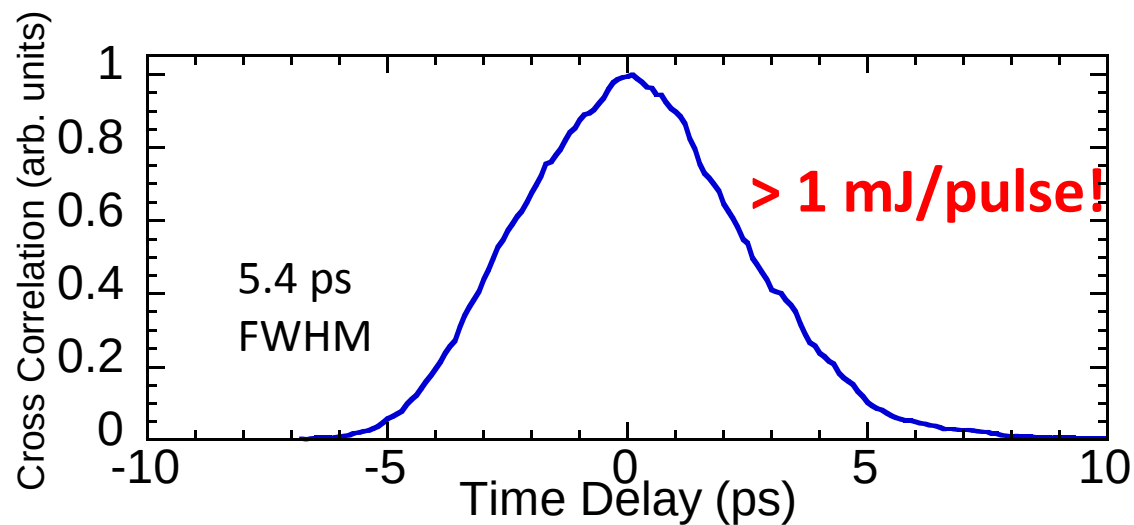


SHBC for Efficient Probe Generation

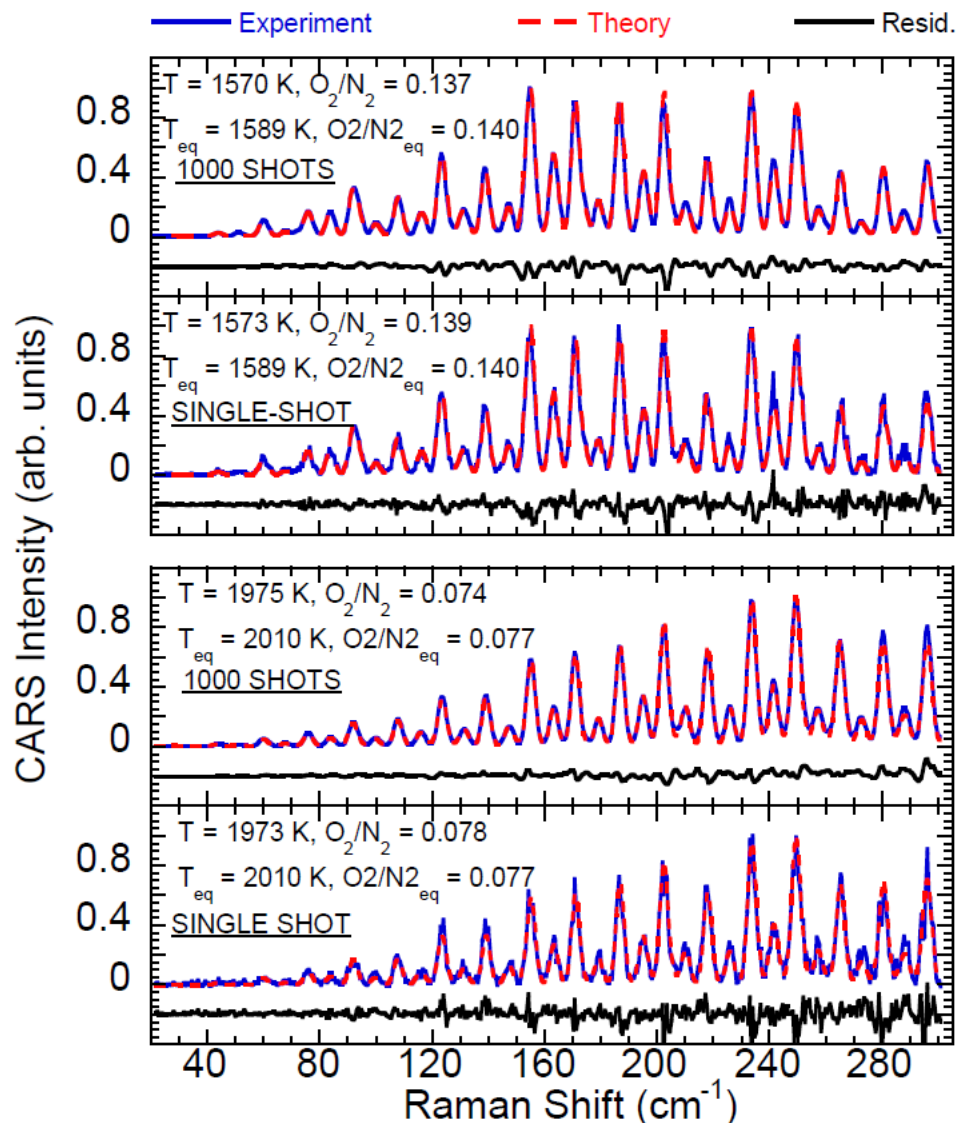
- SHBC = Second Harmonic Bandwidth Compressor (Spectra Physics/Light Conversion)
- Enabling technology
- This device is 35% or more efficient
- It has increased probe pulse energy from $10\ \mu\text{J}$ to as much as $1.1\ \text{mJ}$
- Output bandwidth is $\sim 3.5\ \text{cm}^{-1}$ ($\sim 5.4\ \text{ps}$)
- New probe (and signal) shifted to $400\ \text{nm}$
- Will rapidly extent our present CARS implementation to flame temperatures



SHBC Output Spectrum and Pulse Shape



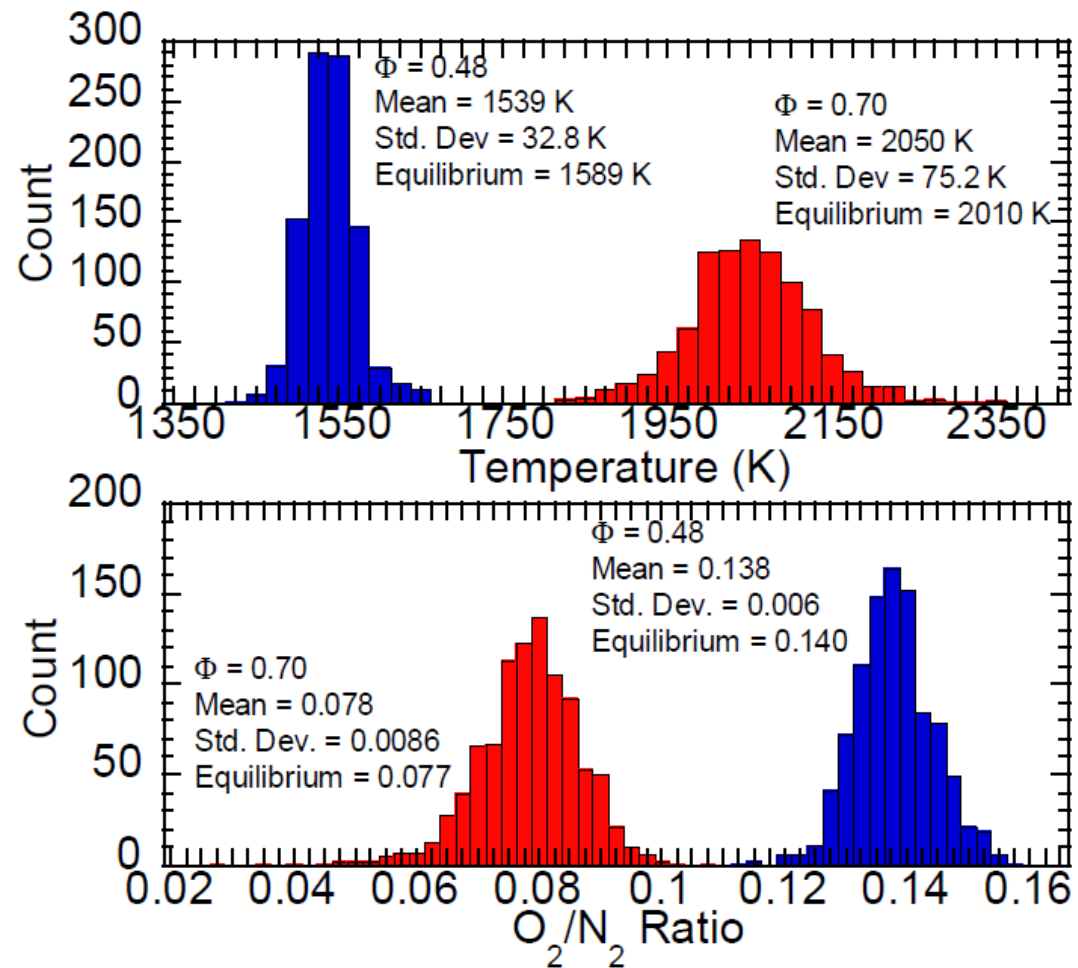
Initial SHBC Rotational CARS Flame Spectra



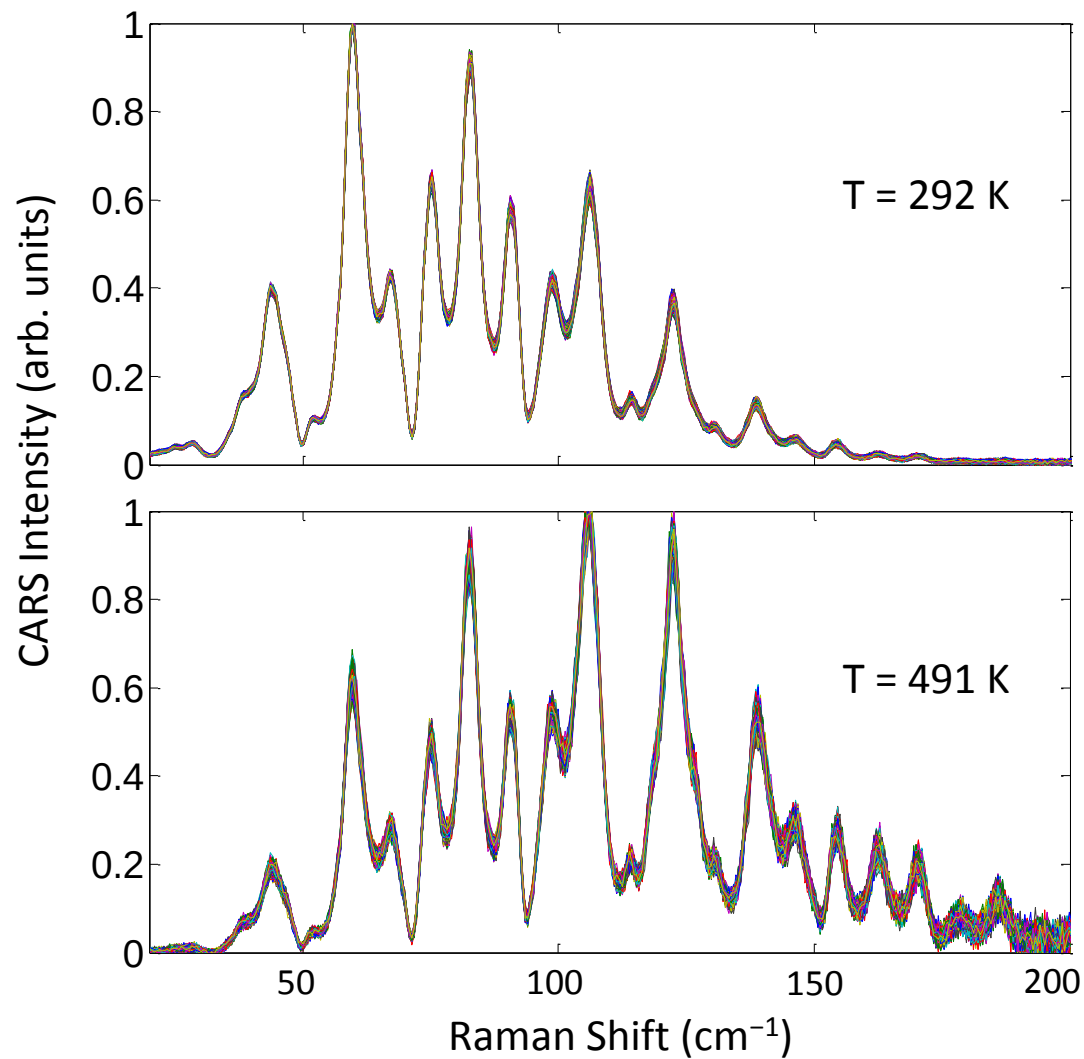
- Near-adiabatic H_2/air flame stabilized on a Hencken Burner
- Temperature and O_2/N_2 ratio estimated from adiabatic equilibrium
- 100-fs pump and Stokes beams at 800 nm
- $\epsilon_{\text{pump}} = \epsilon_{\text{stokes}} = 50 \mu\text{J}$
- $\epsilon_{\text{probe}} = 1000 \mu\text{J}$ at 400 nm
- High probe energy and ω^2 scaling of CARS signal enable flame measurements
- Single-shot data acquired at 1 kHz for temperatures in excess of 2000 K!

Single-Laser-Shot Results From a Flame

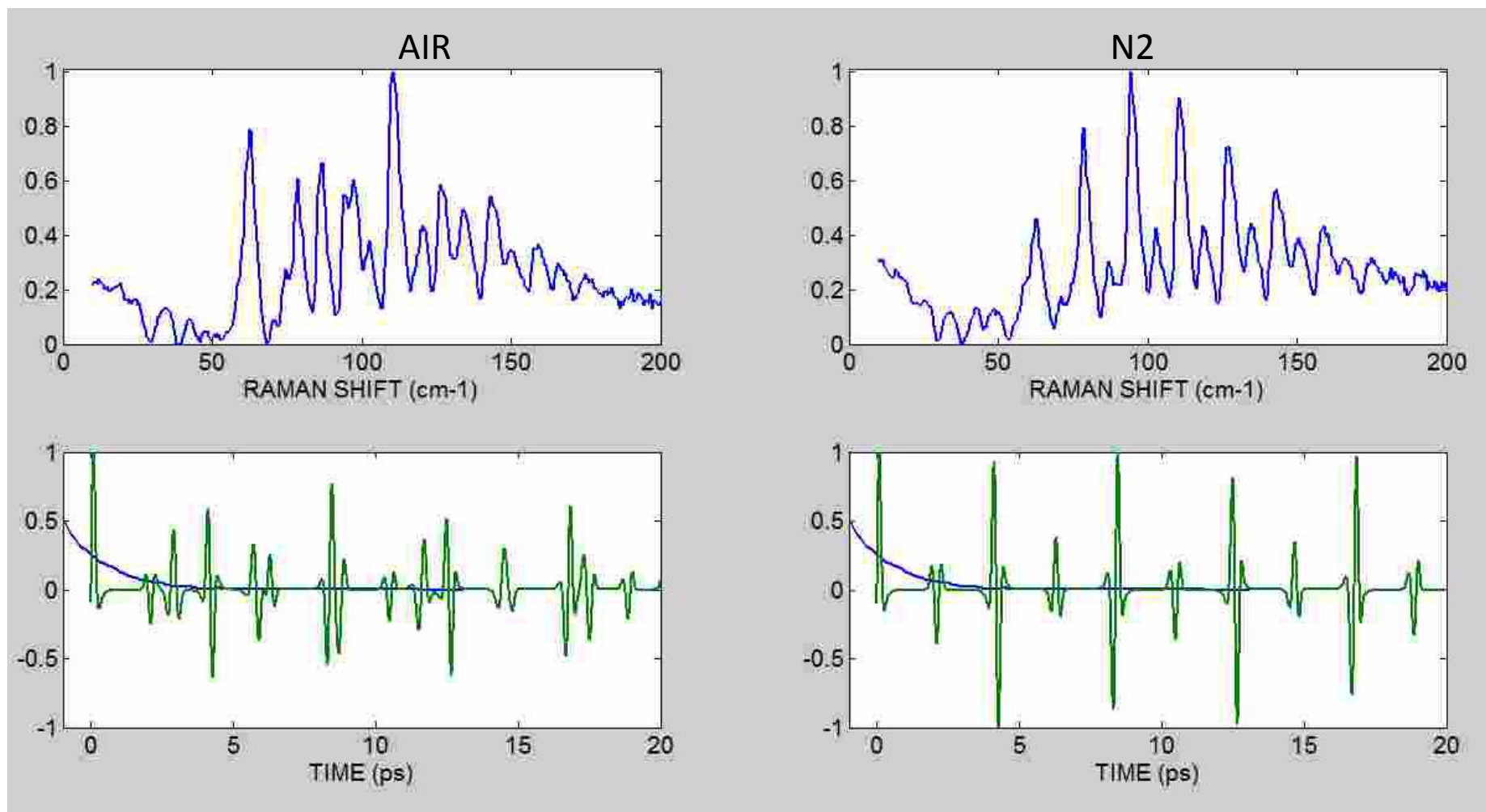
- Single-laser-shot data at $\Phi = 0.48$ and 0.70 acquired at 1 kHz
- Good signal-to-noise with EM gain
- [1000 shots fit to model here](#)
- Temperature measurement precision 2.1% and 3.7%, respectively
- [ns R-CARS is typically 3-4%](#)
- O_2/N_2 precision is 4.2% and 11%, respectively
- [Good agreement with adiabatic equilibrium](#)
- Temperature to within 3% of equilibrium
- O_2/N_2 within < 1%
- Well within uncertainty due to metered flow rates
- Can we achieve 1% precision without EM gain?



1000 Single-Laser-Shot Spectra Show Superior Repeatability



Unsteady CARS spectra from room-temperature gas: single-etalon probe

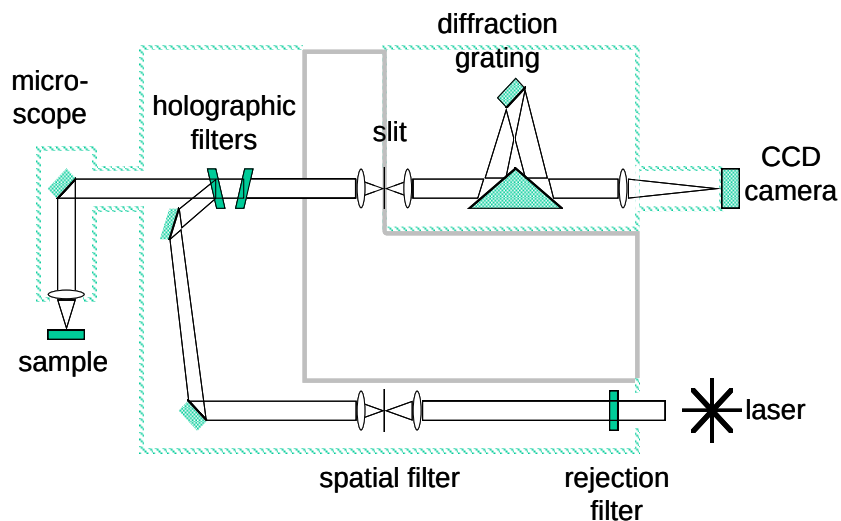


Summary of Single-Laser-Shot Results

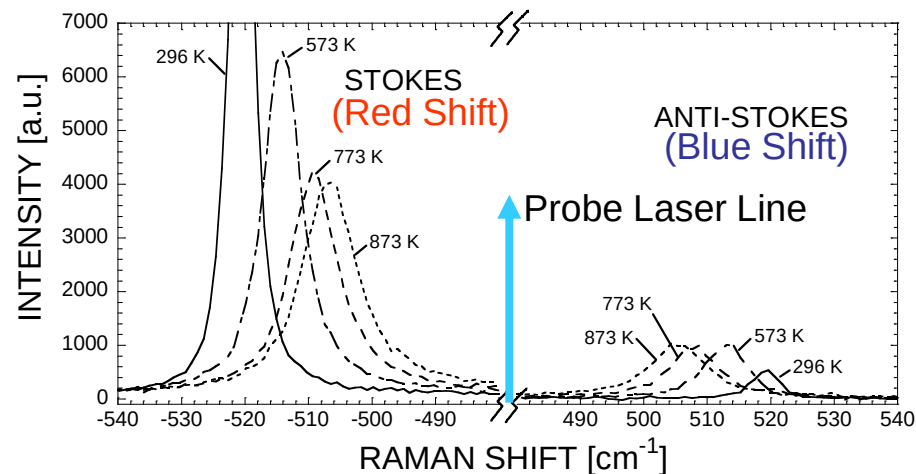
Probe Duration (ps)	Peak counts	Furnace Thermocouple (K)	Mean CARS Temp. (K)	RMS CARS Temp. (K / %)	Mean CARS O ₂ /N ₂	RMS CARS O ₂ /N ₂ (-- / %)
1.5	38,300	292.0	291.5	2.3 / 0.8%	0.267	0.003 / 1.1%
1.5	9,700	382.4	390.0	6.11 / 1.6%	0.275	0.012 / 4.3%
1.5	3,500	490.0	490.5	5.5 / 1.1%	0.258	0.006 / 2.5%
1.5	6,500*	594.2	582.9	6.2 / 1.1%	0.259	0.005 / 1.9%
1.5	49,100*	696.7	674.6	7.6 / 1.1%	0.250	0.005 / 2.0%
1.5	27,000*	798.0	751.1	14.6 / 1.9%	0.252	0.0082 / 3.2%
7.0	3,300*	540.9	521.1	19.5 / 3.7	0.266	0.023 / 8.6
7.0	34,000*	798.0	761.5	19.9 / 2.6	0.260	0.0096 / 3.9

* Indicates that detector's electron-multiplying gain was used.

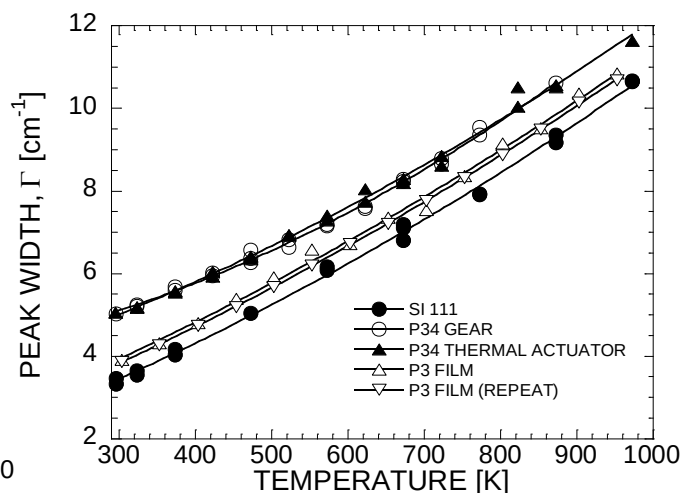
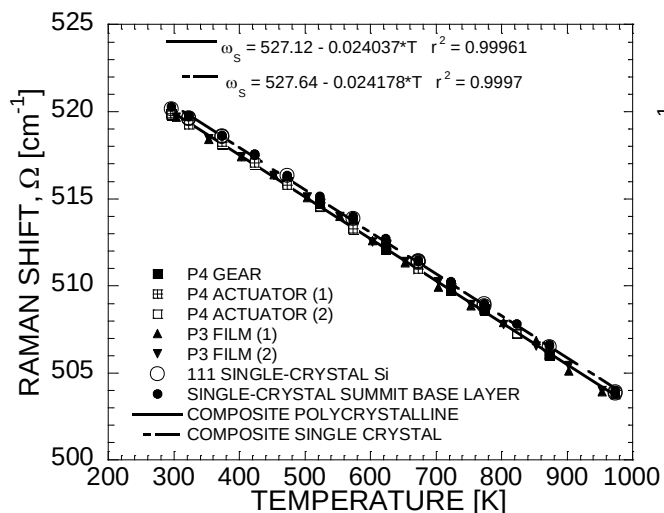
Micro-Raman Diagnostics for MEMS Investigations



Schematic of Raman Microscope System



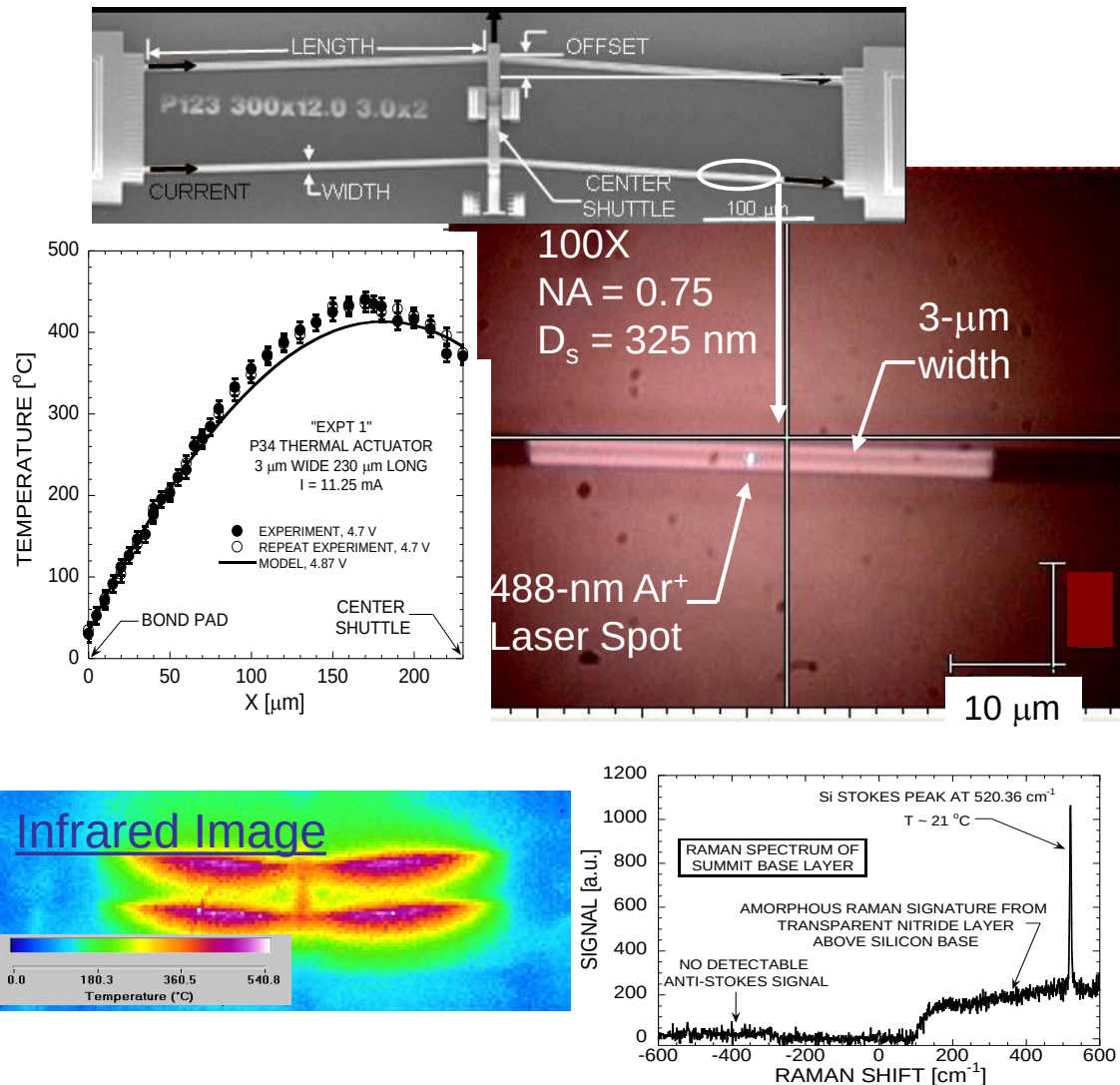
Raman Spectrum of Silicon at Various Temperatures



Raman Calibration Curves for Si

Application Example – Thermal Actuators

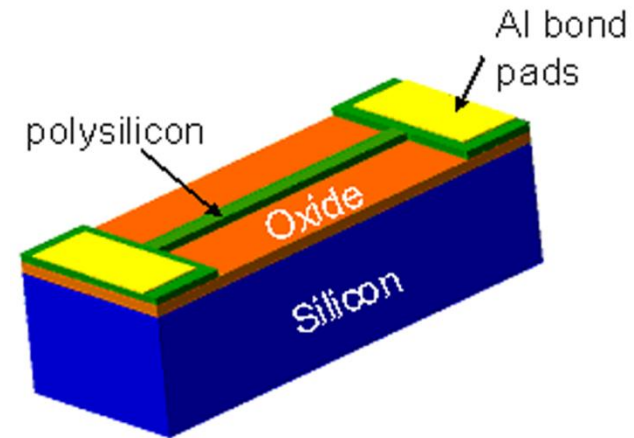
- Chevron Style Thermal Actuators
- Electric Current = Device Motion
- Potential Applications Include
 - Nonvolatile Memory
 - Mechanical Switches
 - Driving of Other Microsystems
- Small 3- μm leg widths make spatial resolution a challenge
- First-ever resolved temperature profiles obtained from working thermal actuators
- Dramatic improvement over existing infrared capability
- Results have been used for validation of device heat-transfer models



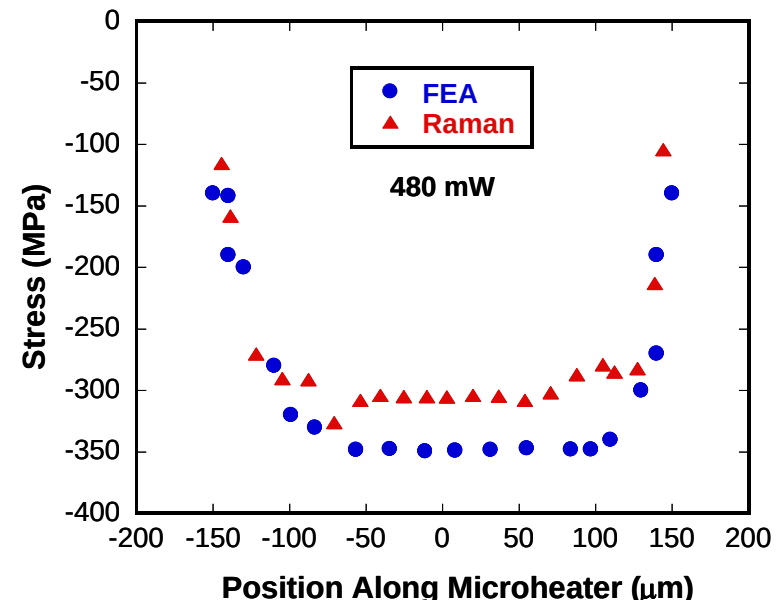
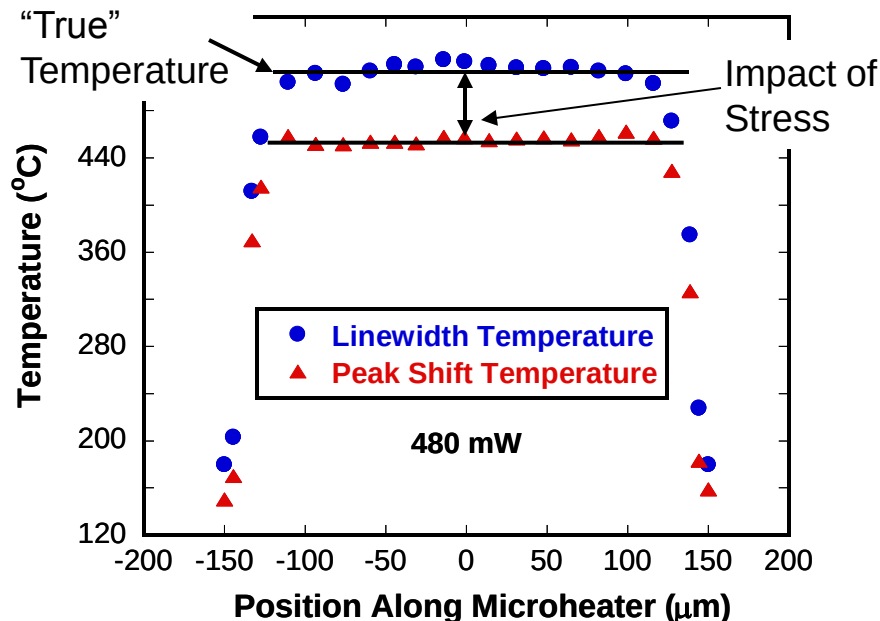
Kearney *et al.*, *J. MEMS* **15**, 314-321, 2005.

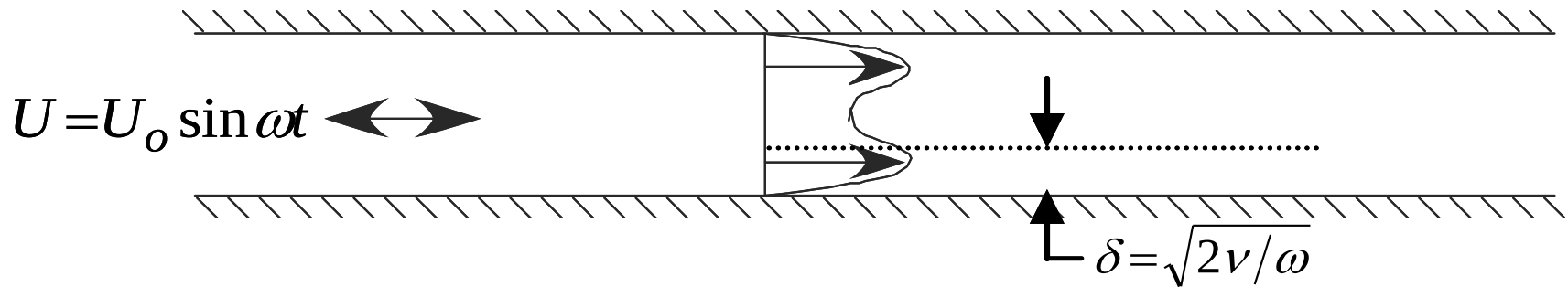
Multi-Parameter Capability -- Simultaneous Temperature/Stress Mapping

- Raman peak position is further influenced by stress in the material
- Raman peak width is not impacted by stress
- Difference between “peak” and “linewidth” temperatures is used to determine the avg. stress in a Si microbeam



Unreleased Polysilicon Test Beam





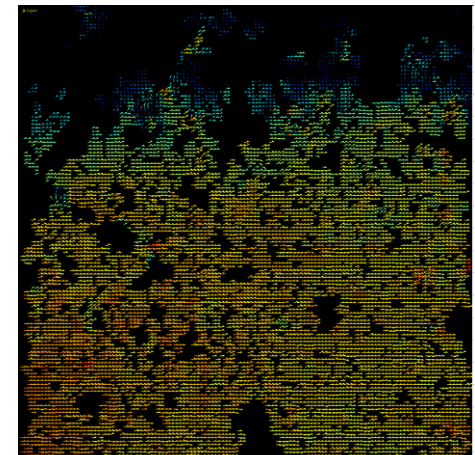
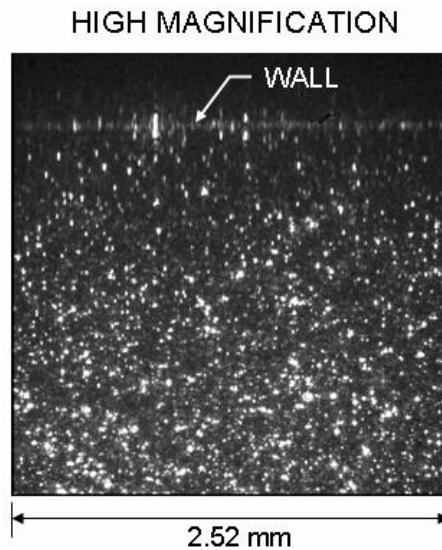
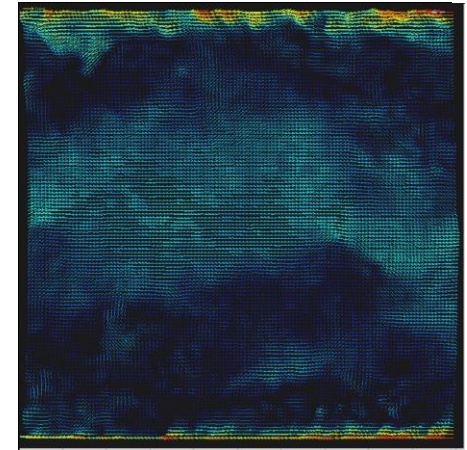
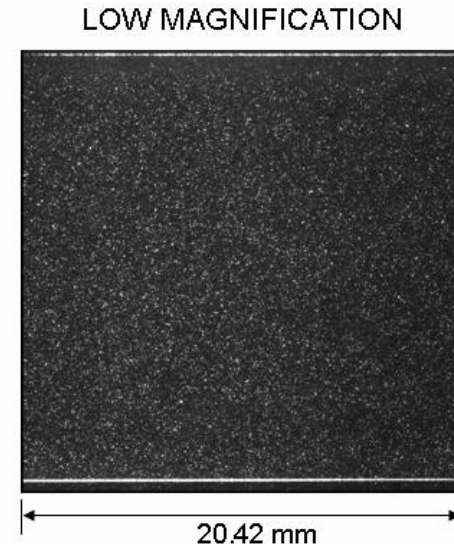
- “Pulsating” Flow → Non-zero time-mean flow “AC” and “DC”
- “Oscillating” Flow → Zero time-mean flow, “AC” only
- When the AC component dominates there are 4 flow regimes parameterized by $Re_\delta = U_o \delta / \nu$
 - Laminar: $Re_\delta < 100$
 - Disturbed Laminar: $100 < Re_\delta < 500-550$
 - Intermittently Turbulent (IT): $500 < Re_\delta < 3000$
 - Fully Turbulent: $Re_\delta > 3000$

II. Dual-Magnification PIV Required for Wall Shear Stress and Bulk Flow Characterization

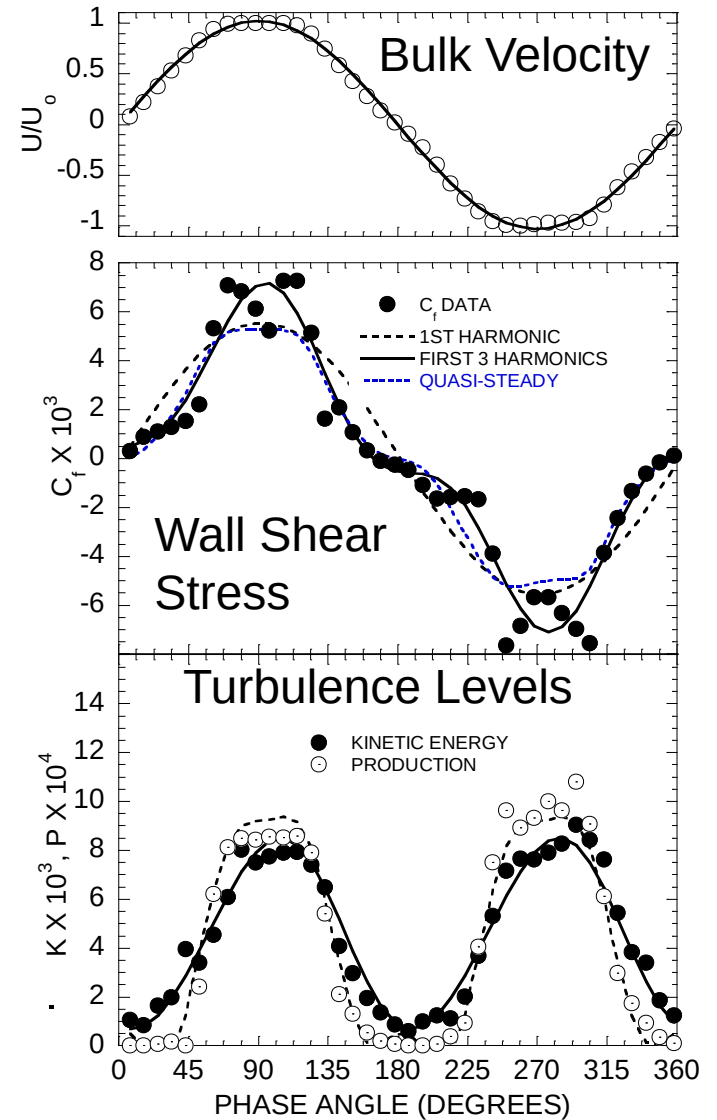
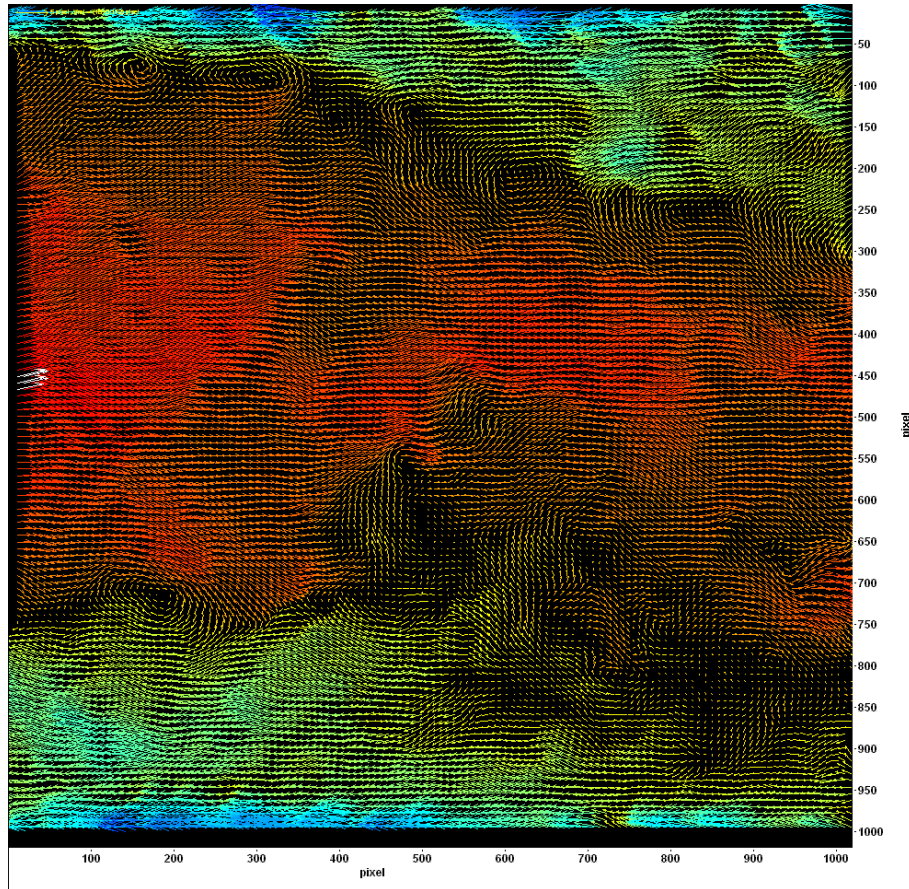
- Low Magnification (0.33:1)
 - Images full channel
 - Characterize bulk flow
- High Magnification (3.45:1)
 - Images near-wall region
 - Measure wall shear stress
- DaVis Commercial Software
 - Iterative cross-correlation PIV interrogation
 - 64×64 window coarse grid used to estimate velocity magnitude and direction
 - Final result on 16×16 grid

Spatial Resolution in Wall Units

τ (Pa)	Low Mag. 160 μm res.	High Mag. 19.6 μm res.
0.1	1.7	0.2
6	13.1	1.6



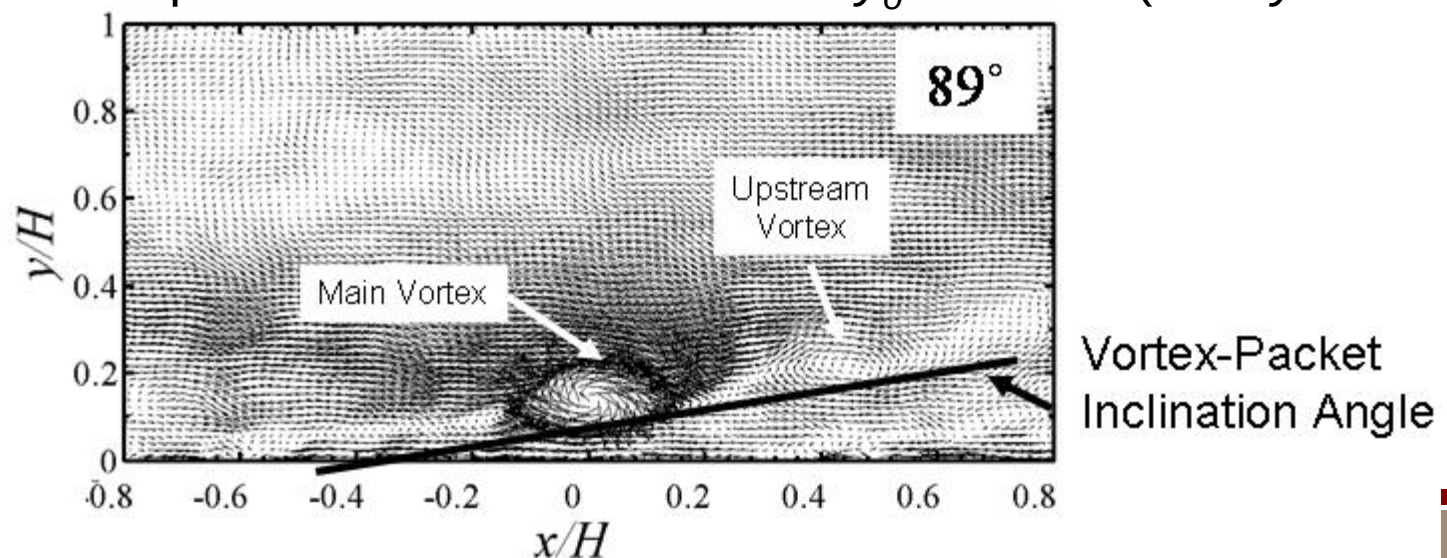
Test Case, SEAWOLF Channel Flow at $Re_\delta = 2033$



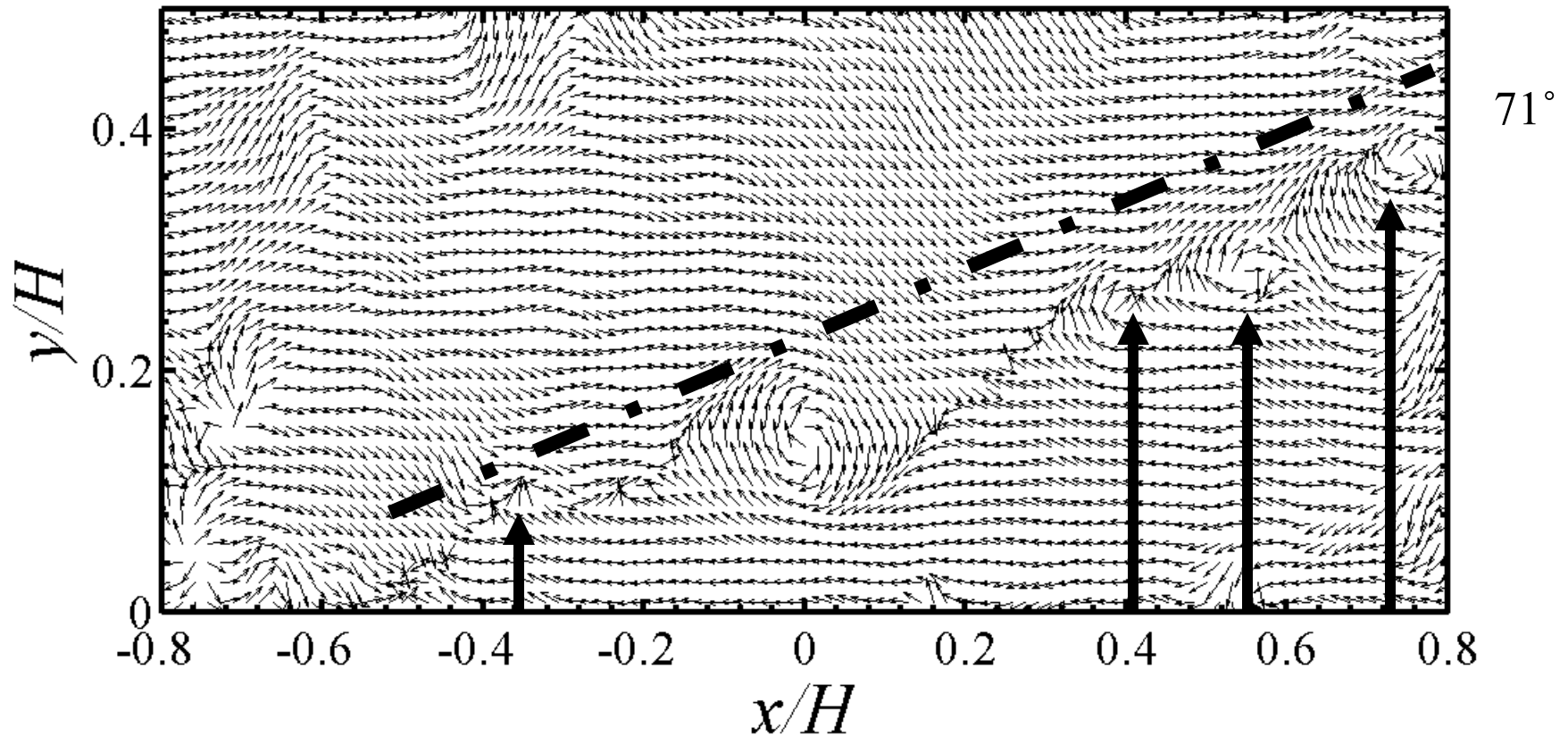
- We can further ask the question, “what does the velocity field look like given a vortex near the wall?”
- The answer is arrived at by estimating the conditional average, as performed on steady flow data by Christensen and Adrian (JFM, 2001)

$$\langle u_j(x+r, y) | \lambda_{ci}(x, y_o) \rangle \approx \frac{\langle \lambda_{ci}(x, y_o) u_j(x+r, y) \rangle}{\langle \lambda_{ci}(x, y_o) \lambda_{ci}(x, y_o) \rangle} \lambda_{ci}(x, y_o)$$

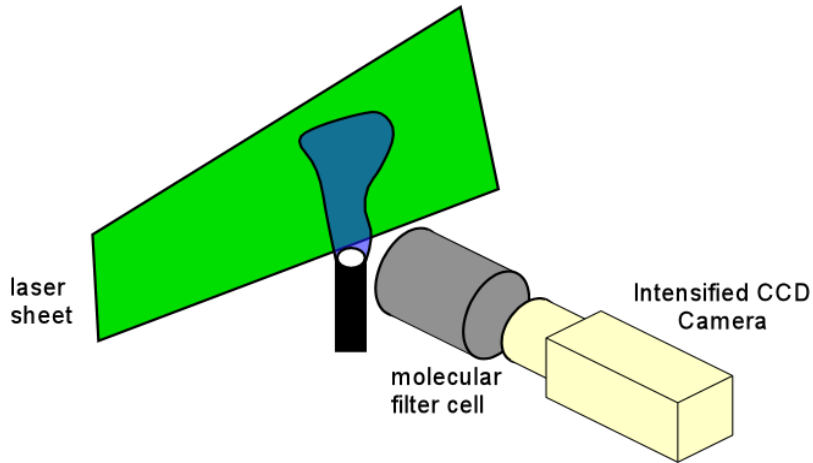
- The average velocity field given a swirling strength event, λ_{ci} , at distance y_o from the wall
- Performed on our phase-resolved data sets for $y_o/H = 0.14$ ($45 < y^+ < 120$)



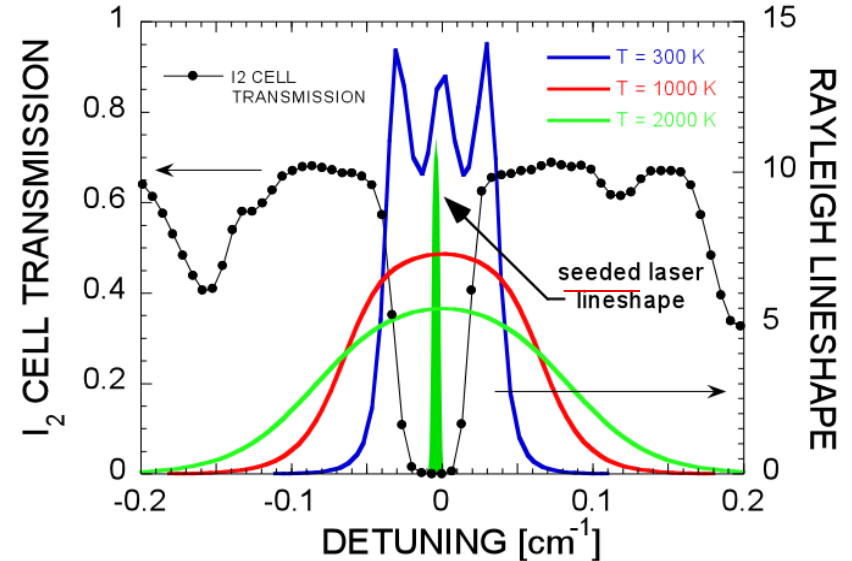
Conditional Velocity Field – Late Acceleration Stage



Filtered Rayleigh Scattering (FRS) for Combustion Thermometry



Laser sheet imaging through iodine filter



Temperature sensitivity – Doppler broadening

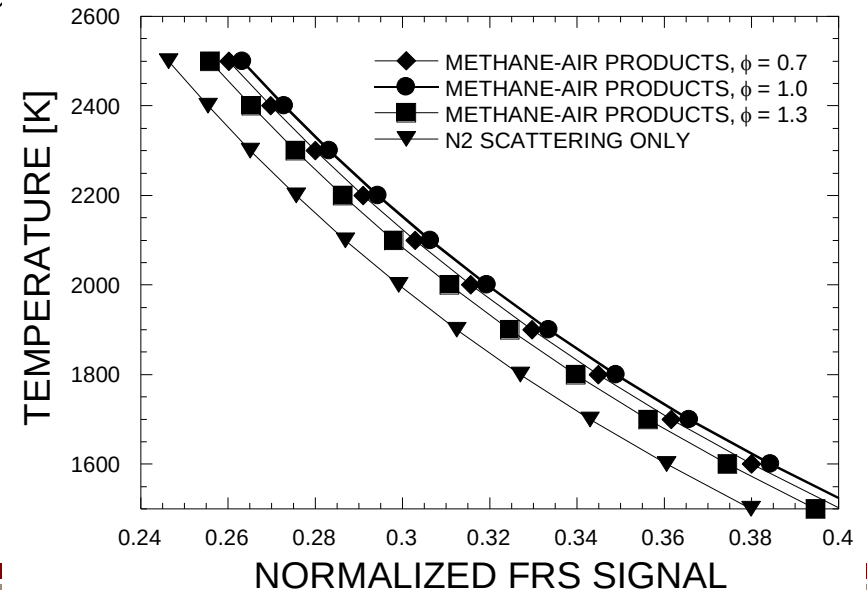
$$S(T, \underline{\chi}) = C I_o N \sum_k \chi_k \left(\frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial \Omega} \right)_k \int_{\Delta \omega} \Re_k(\omega; T, M_k) \tau(\omega) d\omega$$

Number Density
 $N \sim 1/T$

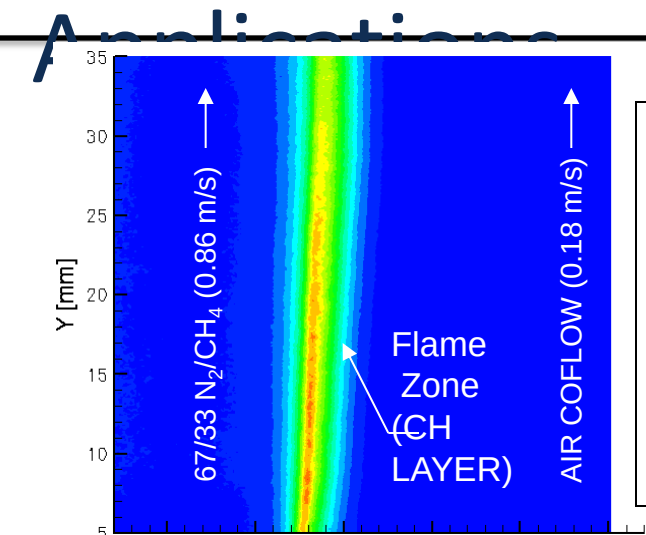
Rayleigh Cross Section
("Scattering Efficiency")

Mole Fraction of Species k

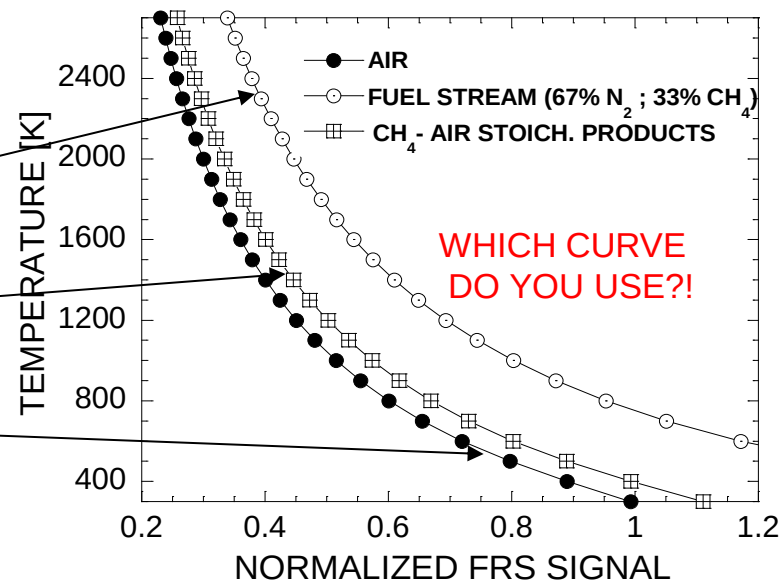
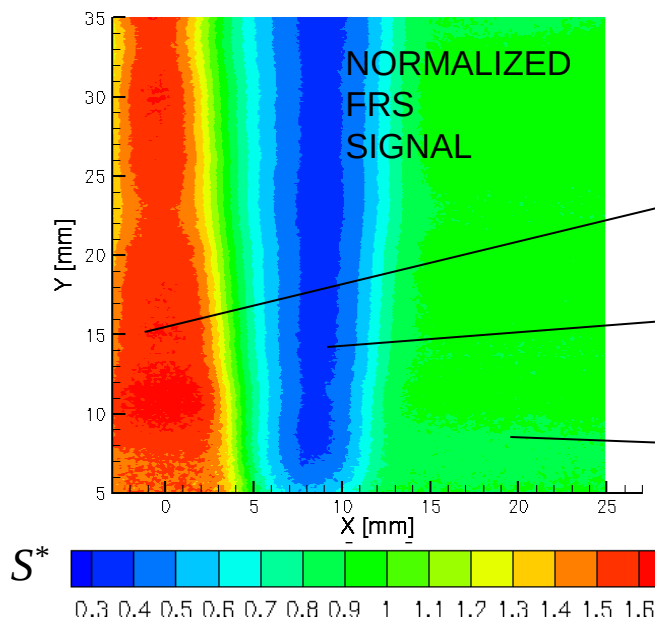
FRS Response is Sensitive to Doppler Shift
(Velocity), Temperature and Composition



Composition Bias in Diffusion-Flame



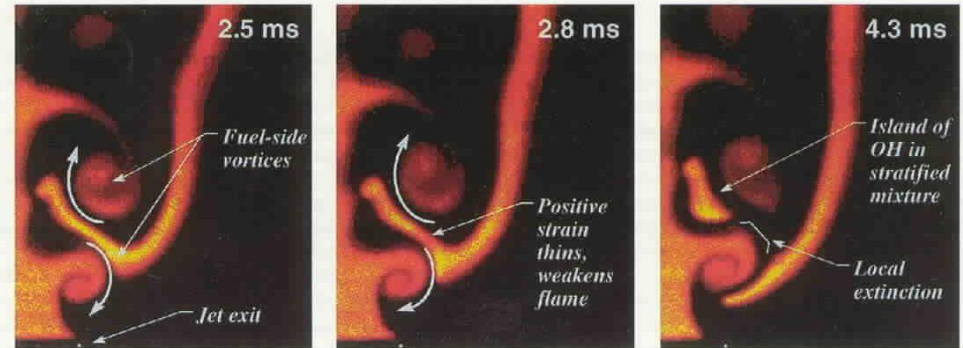
- Large variations in scattering cross section across flame
- Bias errors from 500-1000 K are possible!
- Additional information regarding local chemical composition is required
- Need information on N₂, O₂, CO₂, CO, H₂O, CH₄
- **SOLUTION** → Raman Imaging of Fuel Number Density in conjunction with a Mixture-Fraction-Based Model to approximate local gas-phase composition



Local Variation in FRS Temperature Response

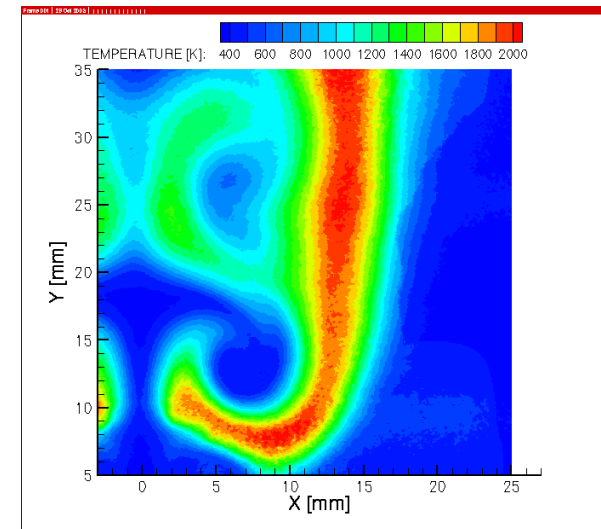
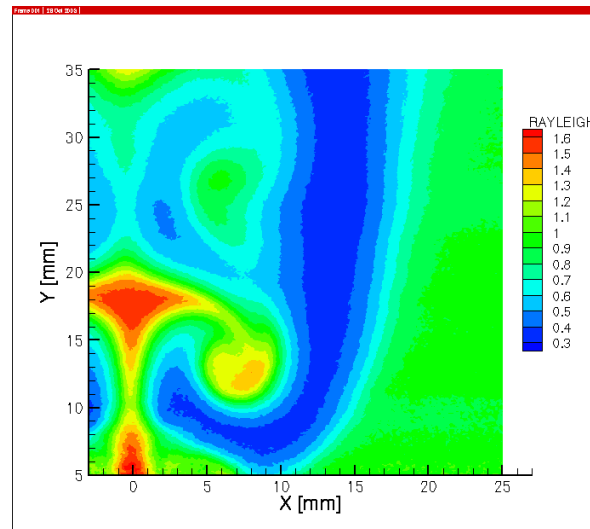
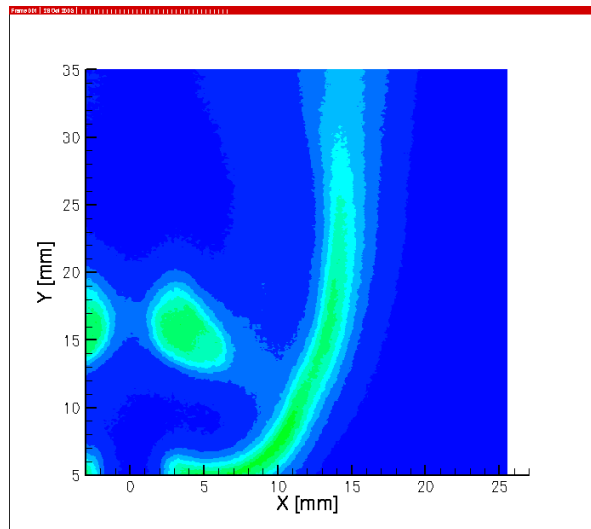
Steady Slot Flame Reference

- 2-D slot flame is forced at 90-Hz where 2 consecutive vortices interact with each other and the flame
- Strain is sufficiently high to extinguish the flame
- Facility and diagnostics allow systematic experimental probing of extinction event



Simultaneous OH/Acetone PLIF Flow Viz.

C.J. Mueller and R.W. Schefer, *Proc. Combustion Inst.*, **27**, 1105-1112, 1998



Results – Data Fidelity Single-Shot Measurements from Tube Furnace and Hencken Burner

- Accuracy and precision of N_2 CARS thermometry assessed with 2 lab standards
 - Tube-furnace $\rightarrow$ thermocouple
 - Adiabatic flat flame $\rightarrow$ equilibrium calculated temperature
- Ensembles of single-laser-shot CARS spectra acquired for a given furnace/flame setting
- Temperature histograms constructed
 - $T_{\text{CARS,avg}} - T_{\text{std}} = \text{accuracy}$
 - $T_{\text{CARS,rms}} = \text{precision}$
- Single-shots CARS measurements are 14-70 K (3.5 to 5%) precise and 5-40 K accurate for T from 500-2200 K
- Bias at low temperatures results from errors in determining spectral response of detection system and is correctable

