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Temperature measurements in the plume of an inductively coupled plasma torch using CARS

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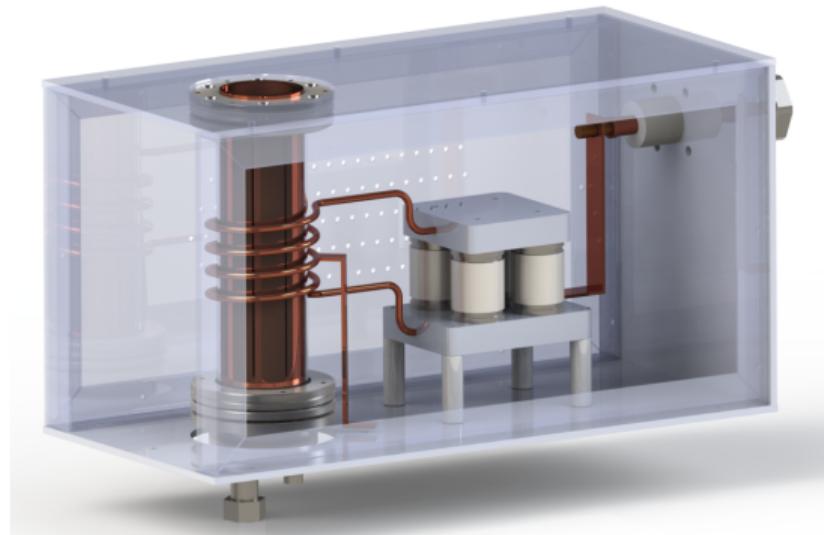
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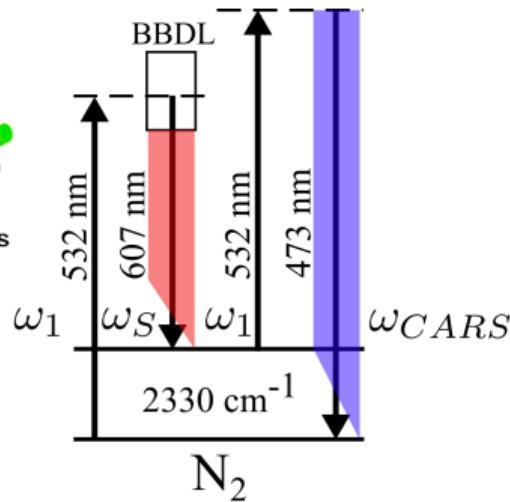
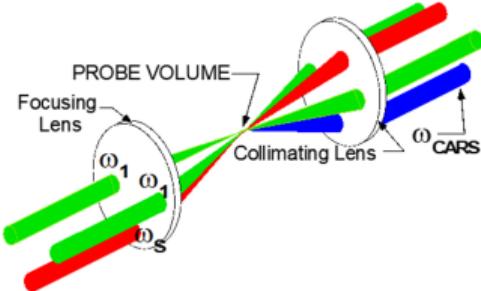
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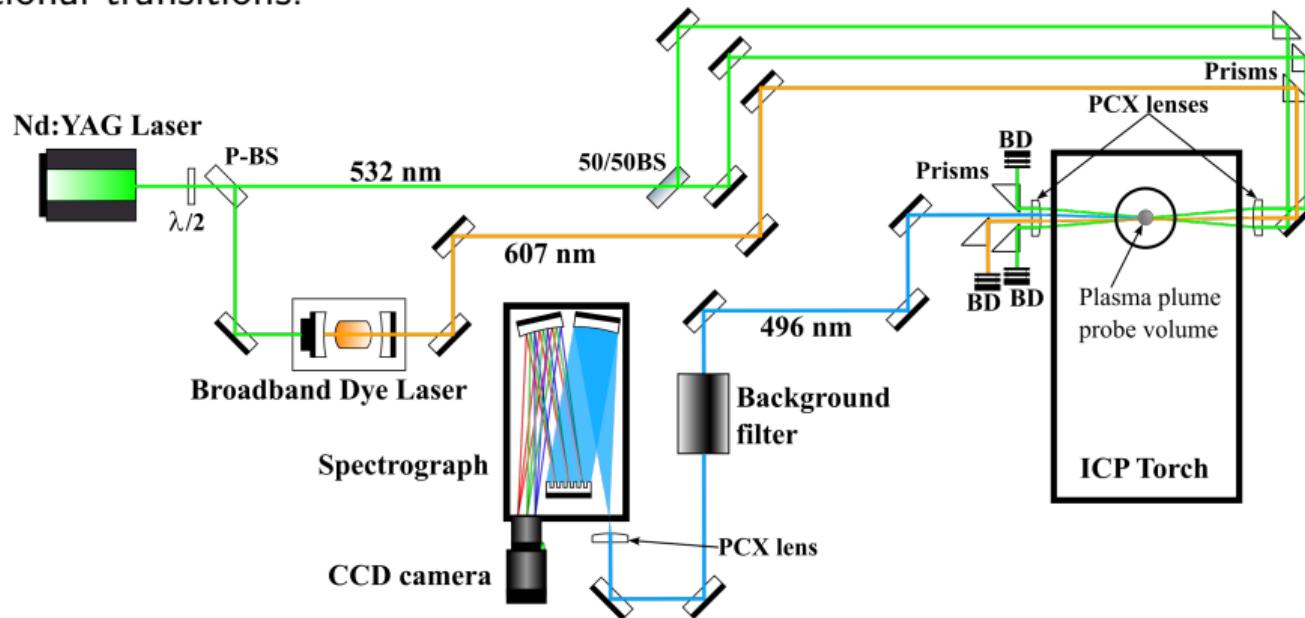
CARS-Setup



- Four-wave mixing process.
- BOXCARS beam configuration.
- $\lambda_{\text{pump}} = \lambda_{\text{probe}} \approx 532 \text{ nm}$, degenerate pump waves.
- $\lambda_{\text{Stokes}} = 607 \text{ nm}$ with $\Delta\nu = 140 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ at FWHM.
- Measurement volume: 4.7 mm (5-95% glass slide)
- Measuring rotational-vibrational equilibrium temperature.

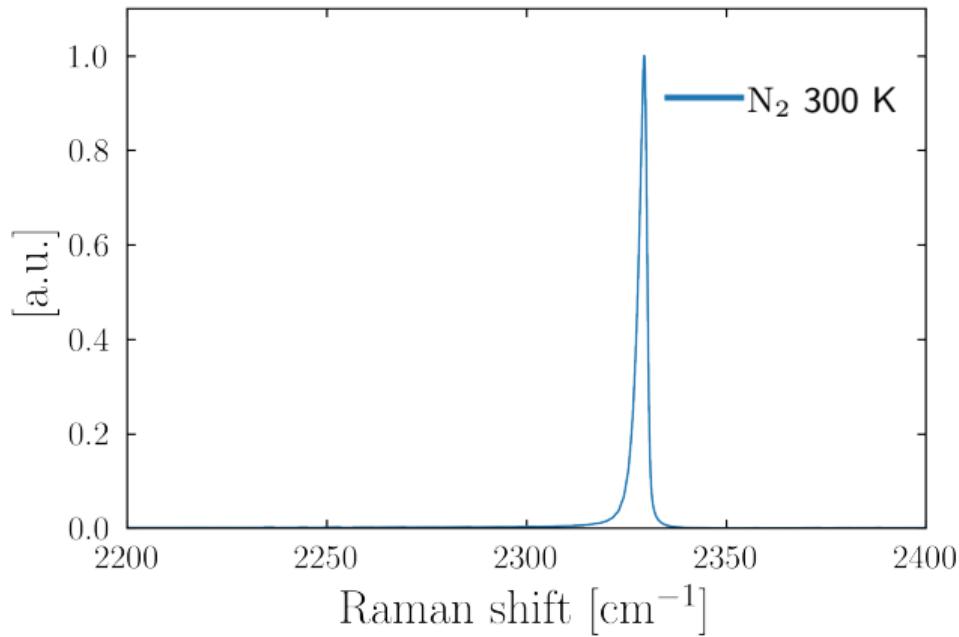
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Nanosecond CARS setup with a broadband dye laser: simultaneous excitation of multiple ro-vibrational transitions.



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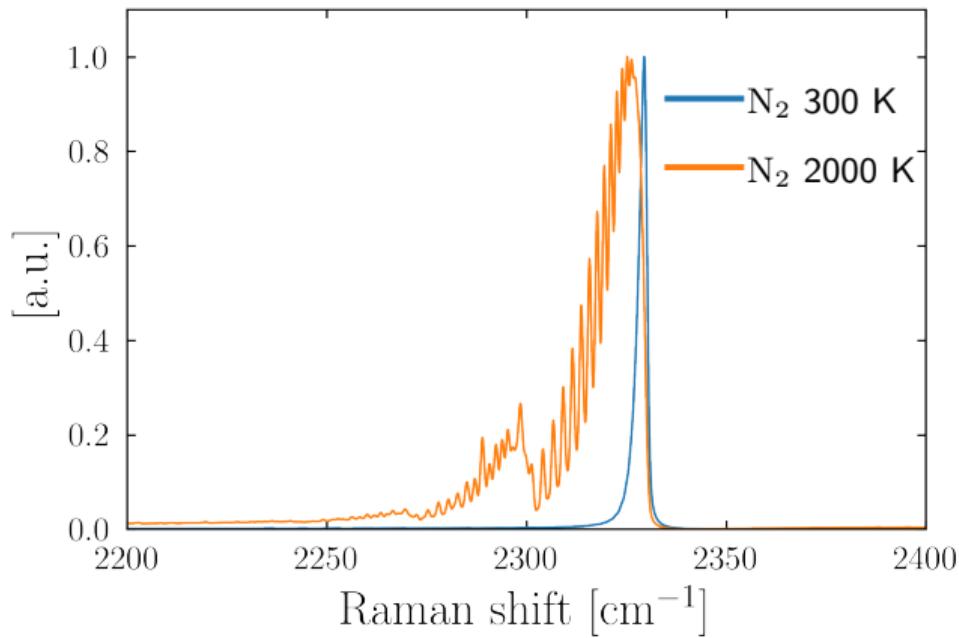
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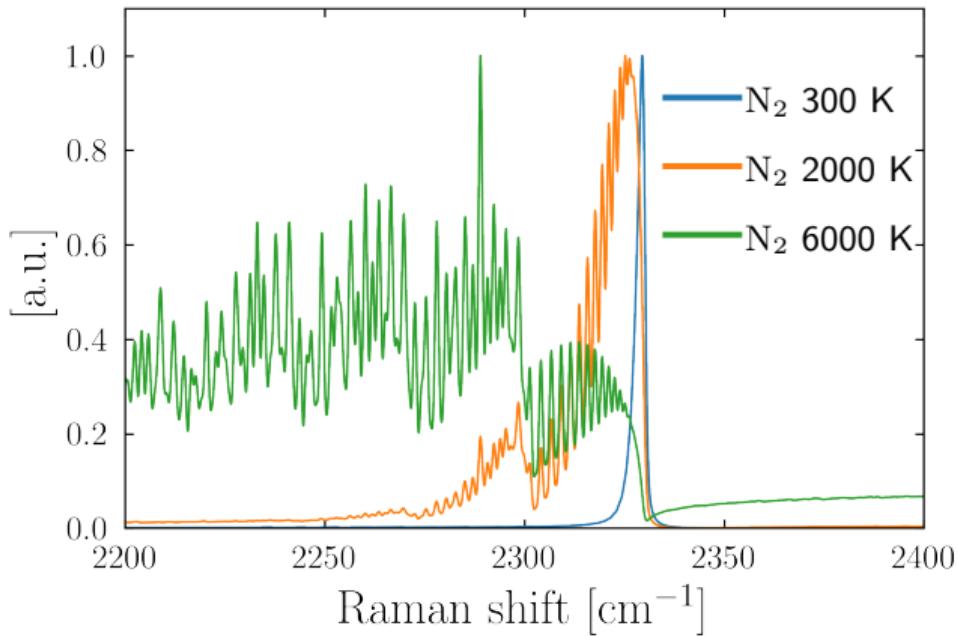
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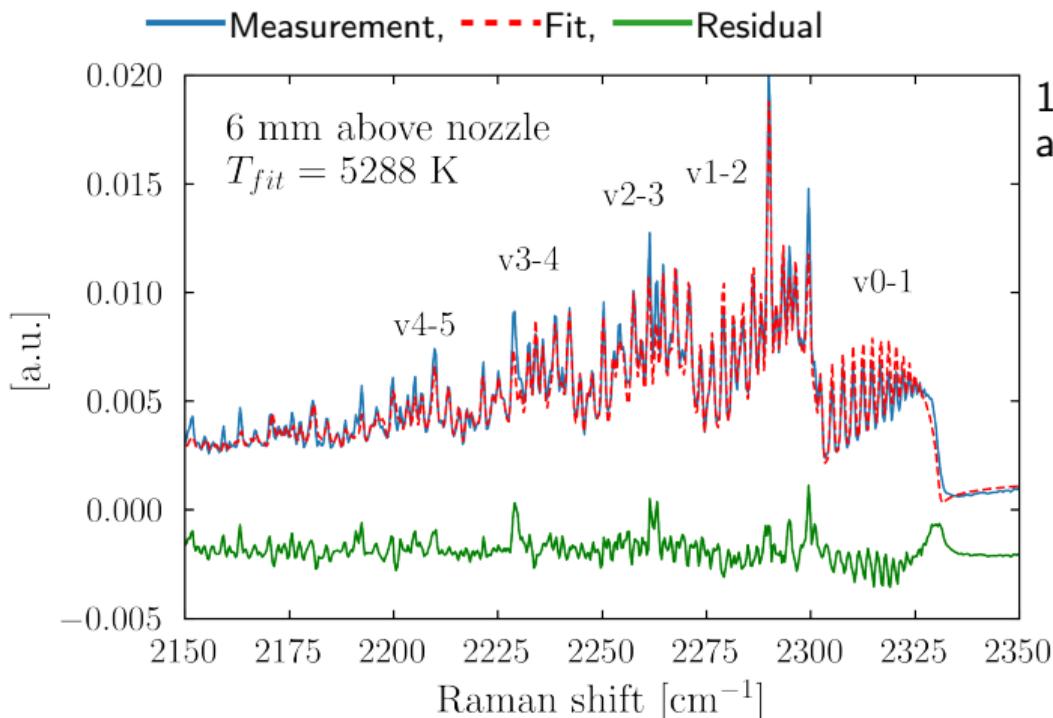
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- At plasma temperatures, significant contribution out to $v \sim 5$, $J \sim 100$.
- T increases $\Rightarrow N_a - N_b$ decreases \Rightarrow signal decreases.

Results in Torch Plume

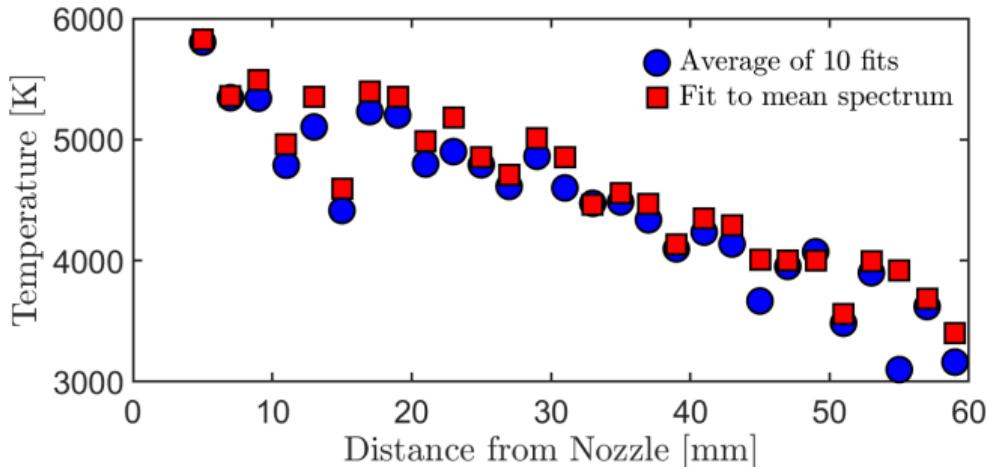


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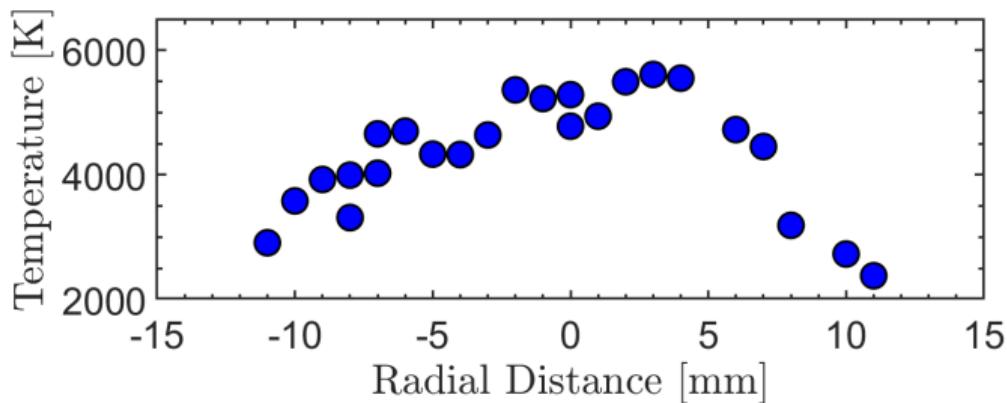
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Conclusion

Results

- Successful average and single shot CARS N₂ measurements in ~ 6000 K environment.
- Time gating effective in rejecting plasma emissions.
- $T_{\text{CARS}} < T_{\text{OES}}/T_{\text{Raman}}$?

Future Plans

- Time filter torch background differently.
- Uncertainty quantification.
- Analysis of single shot CARS.
- Measure close to a reacting surface.

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