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# Temperature and Pressure Measurements in Hypersonic Flows: Techniques, Linewidths, and Applications

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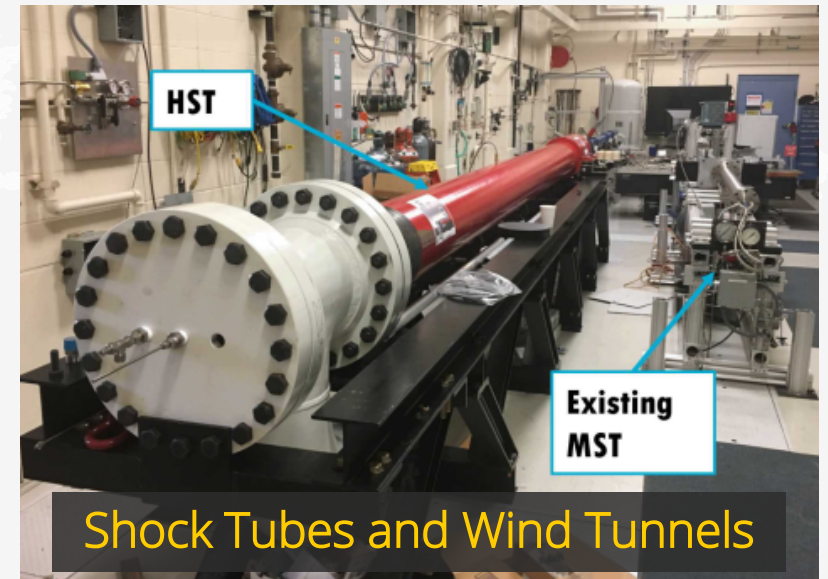
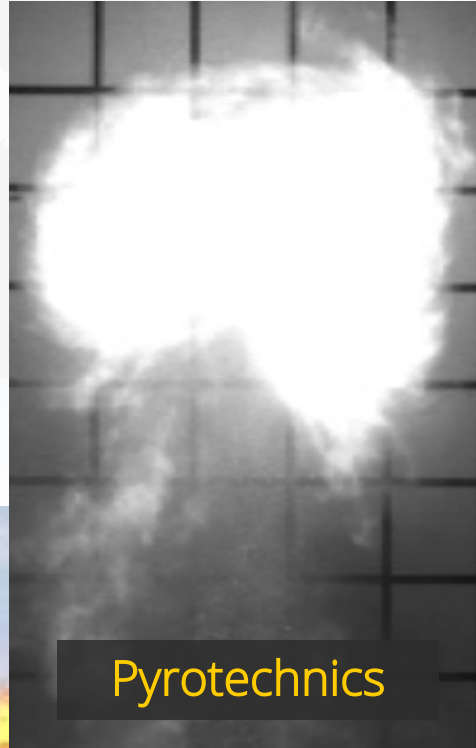
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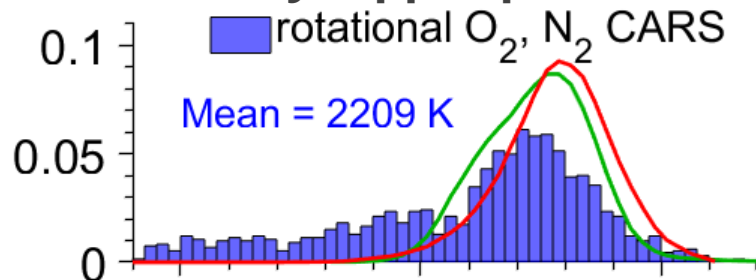
- Sandia National Laboratories
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- Optical measurements:
  - Development and application
  - Challenging environments



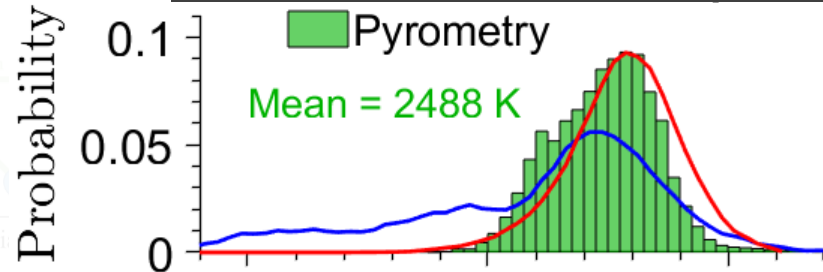


# Subsonic CARS (1 of 2): CARS Thermometry in Rocket Propellants

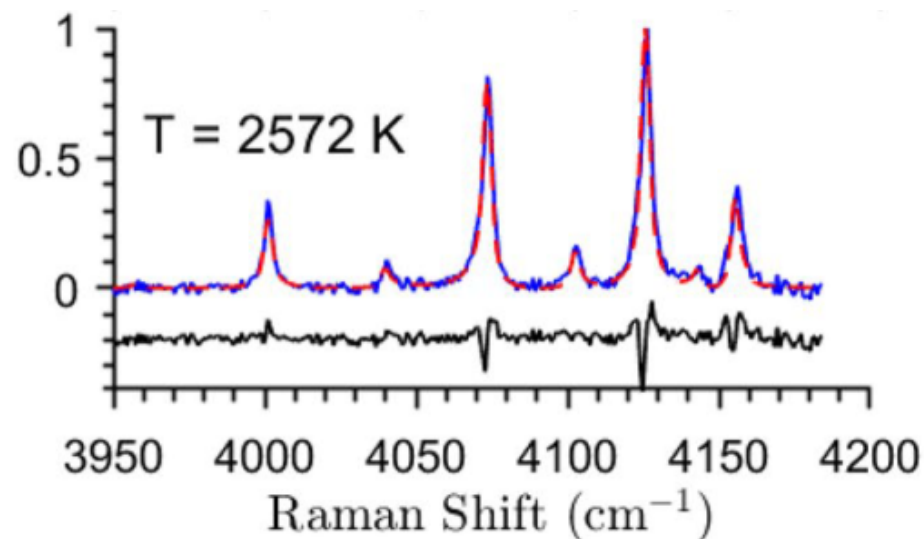
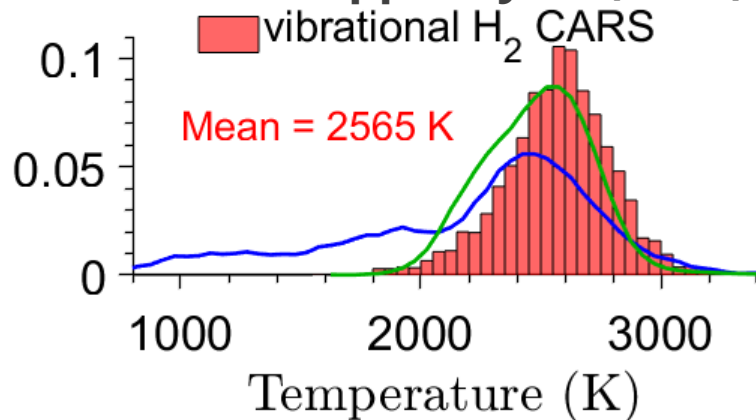
**Kearney, Appl Optics (2016)**



**Chen, Combust Flame (2017)**



**Retter, Appl Phys B (2020)**



- Hydrogen CARS instrument used to measure temperature in fuel-rich plume
- Compared results to nitrogen rotational CARS and imaging pyrometry results

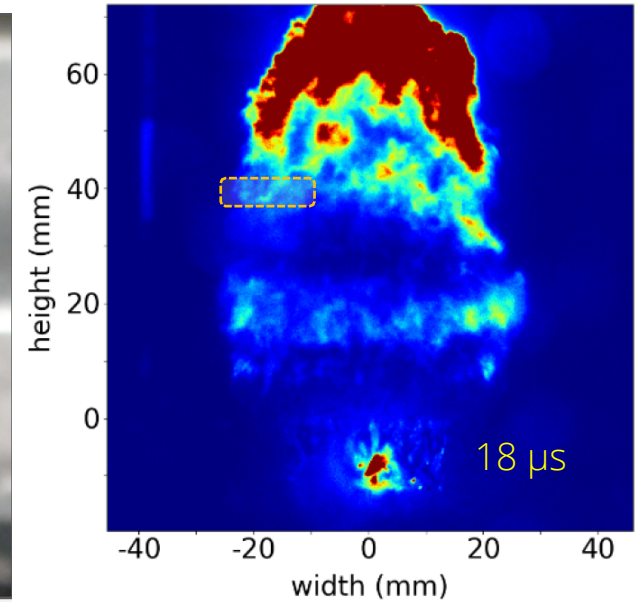
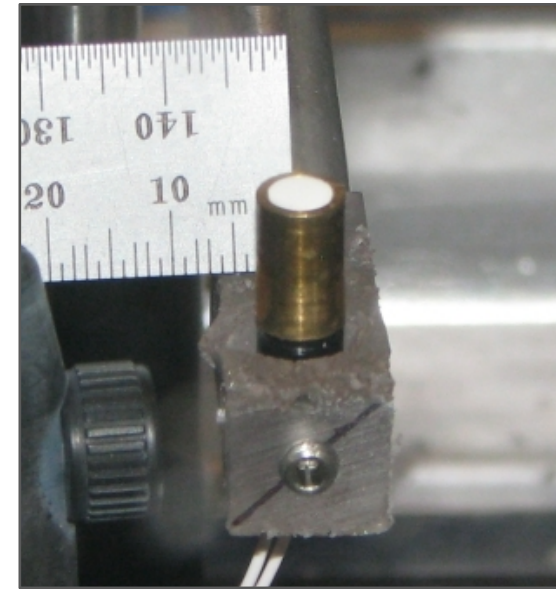
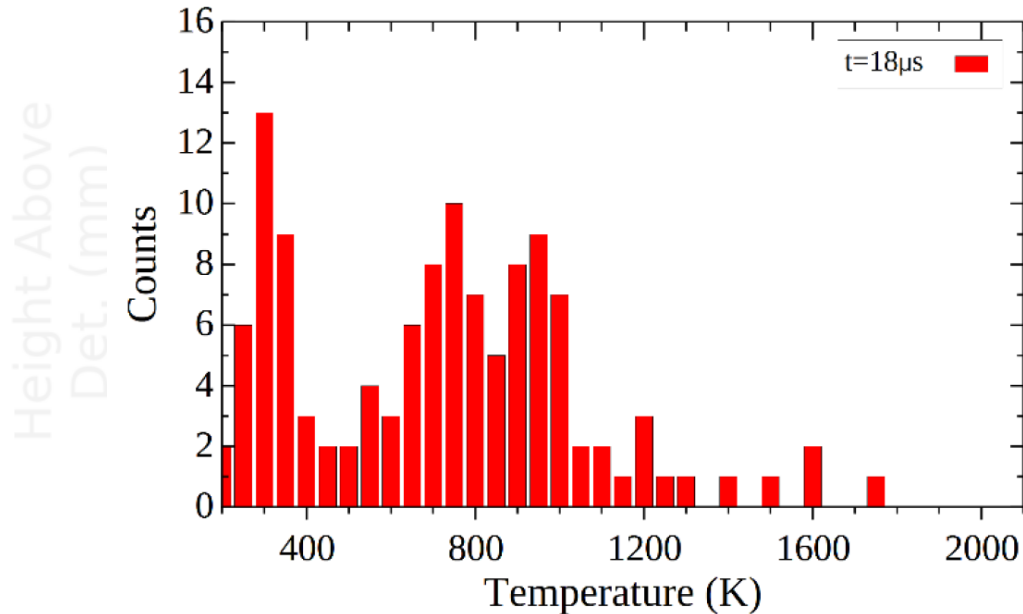




# Subsonic CARS (2 of 2): CARS Thermometry in Explosive Fireballs

## Detonation Fireballs

- Energetic materials are used in many industrial and military applications
- Extreme pressures and temperatures
- Fragments and debris
- 1D rotational CARS ( $\text{N}_2$ ,  $\text{O}_2$ ) instrument



- Temporally and spatially resolved temperature measurements
- Scattered two-beam CARS signals suppressed using polarization scheme
- Measurements demonstrated at times and locations with significant mixing of detonation products with surrounding air





# Introduction and Motivation

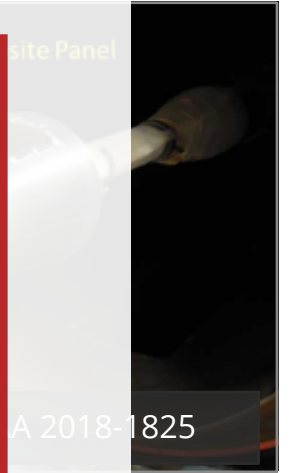
## Hypersonic Flow

- Uncertainty in conditions
- Pressure measurements
  - Free-stream
  - Across shock
  - Wake
- Study flow

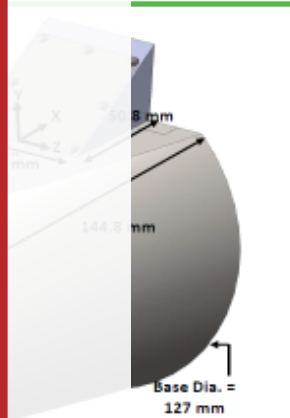
Goal: Develop an optical technique for *gas-phase pressure measurements* in hypersonic flows

1. Technique development: 1D measurements in bench-top jet
2. Cryogenic linewidths: required for applied measurements
3. Initial demonstrations in Sandia's cold-flow hypersonic wind tunnel

## Slender Cone with Deformable Panel



## Flat Plate with Thin Ramp



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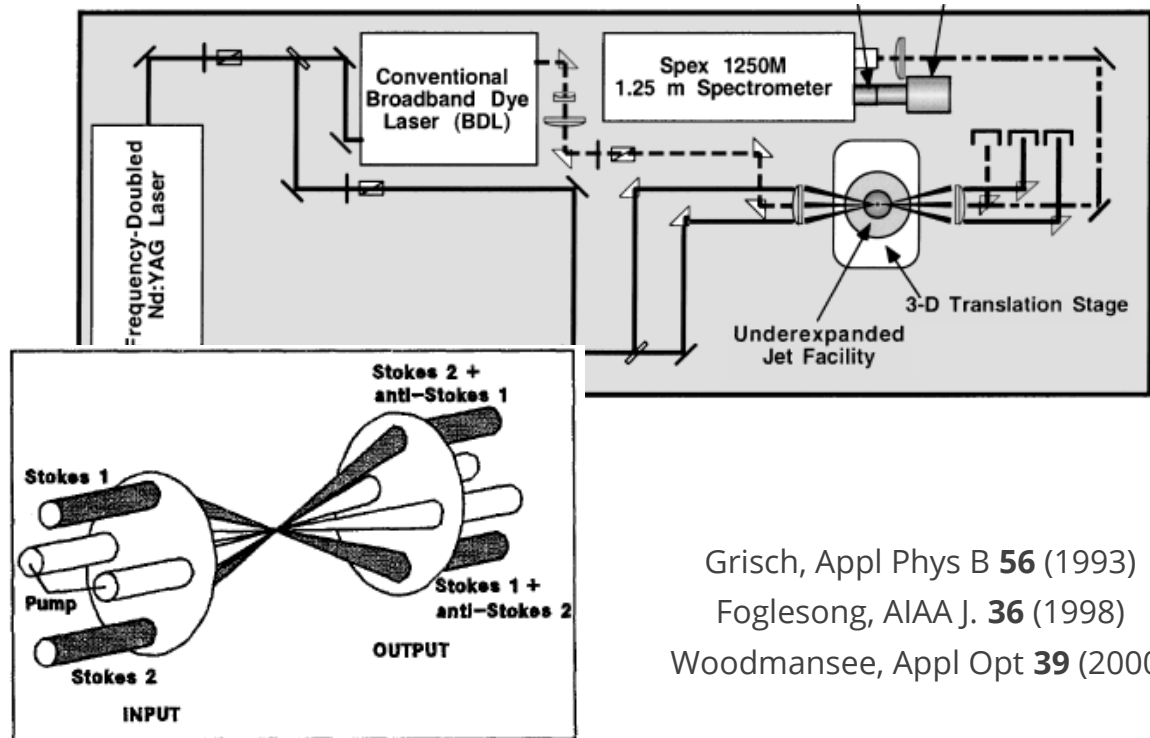
# Technique Development



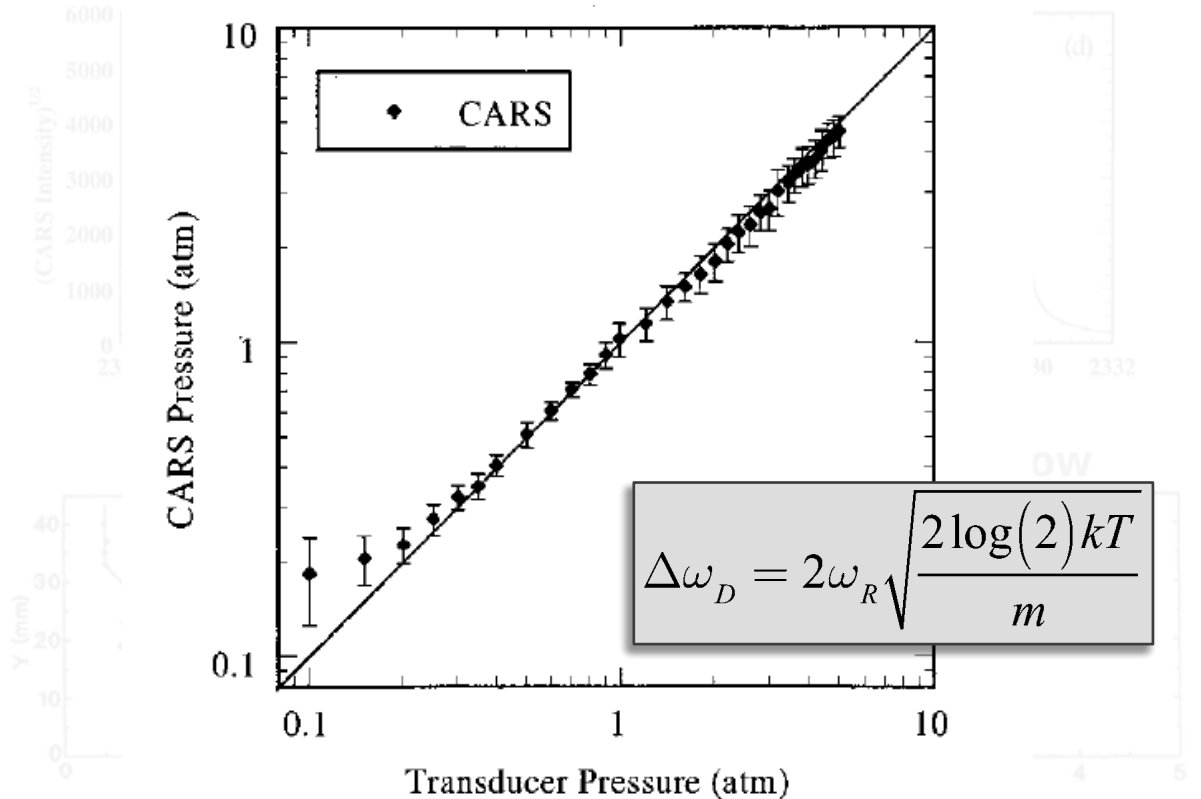


# Previous Work: Nanosecond CARS Pressure Measurements

## Nanosecond Coherent Anti-Stokes Raman Scattering (ns CARS)



Grisch, Appl Phys B **56** (1993)  
Foglesong, AIAA J. **36** (1998)  
Woodmansee, Appl Opt **39** (2000)

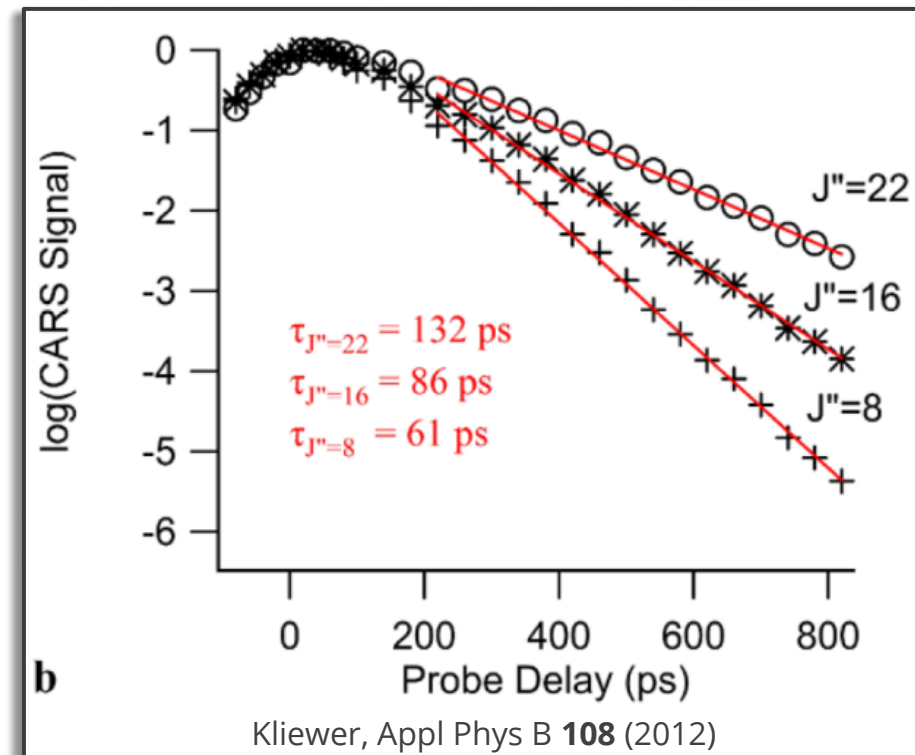
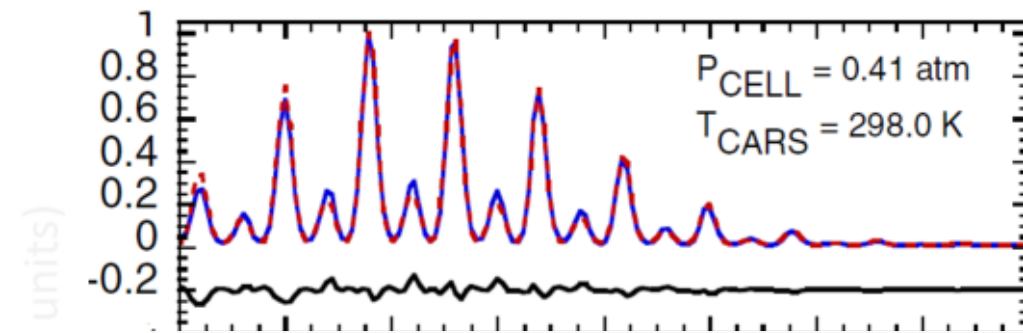
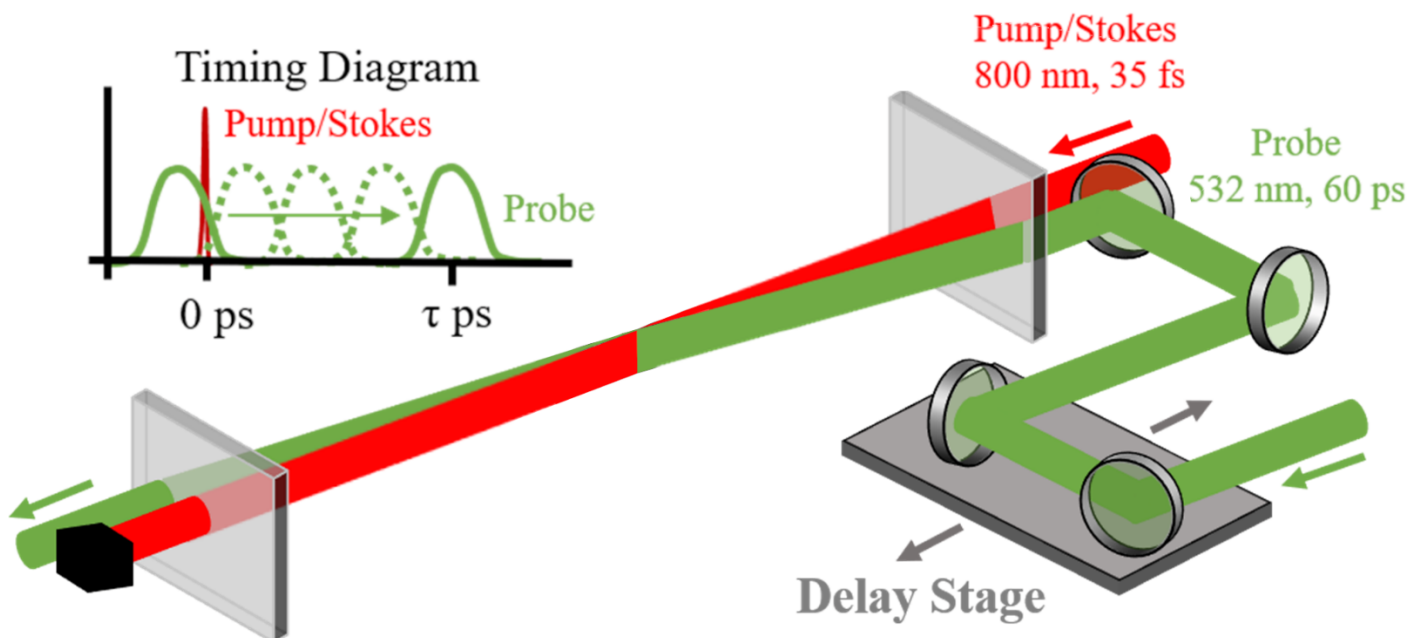






## Previous Work: Femtosecond CARS for p, T

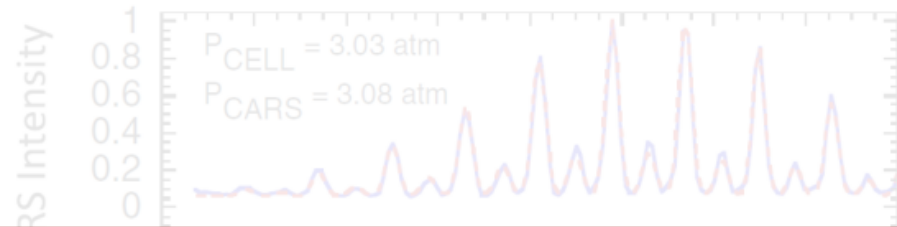
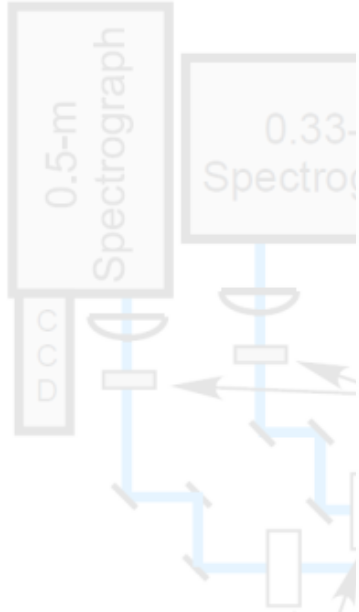
- Broadband fs pulse excites many rotational Raman transitions
  - Each transition has a different decay rate (linewidth) from collisional dephasing
- Early probe to measure temperature
- Late probe to measure pressure





## Previous Femtosecond CARS for p, T

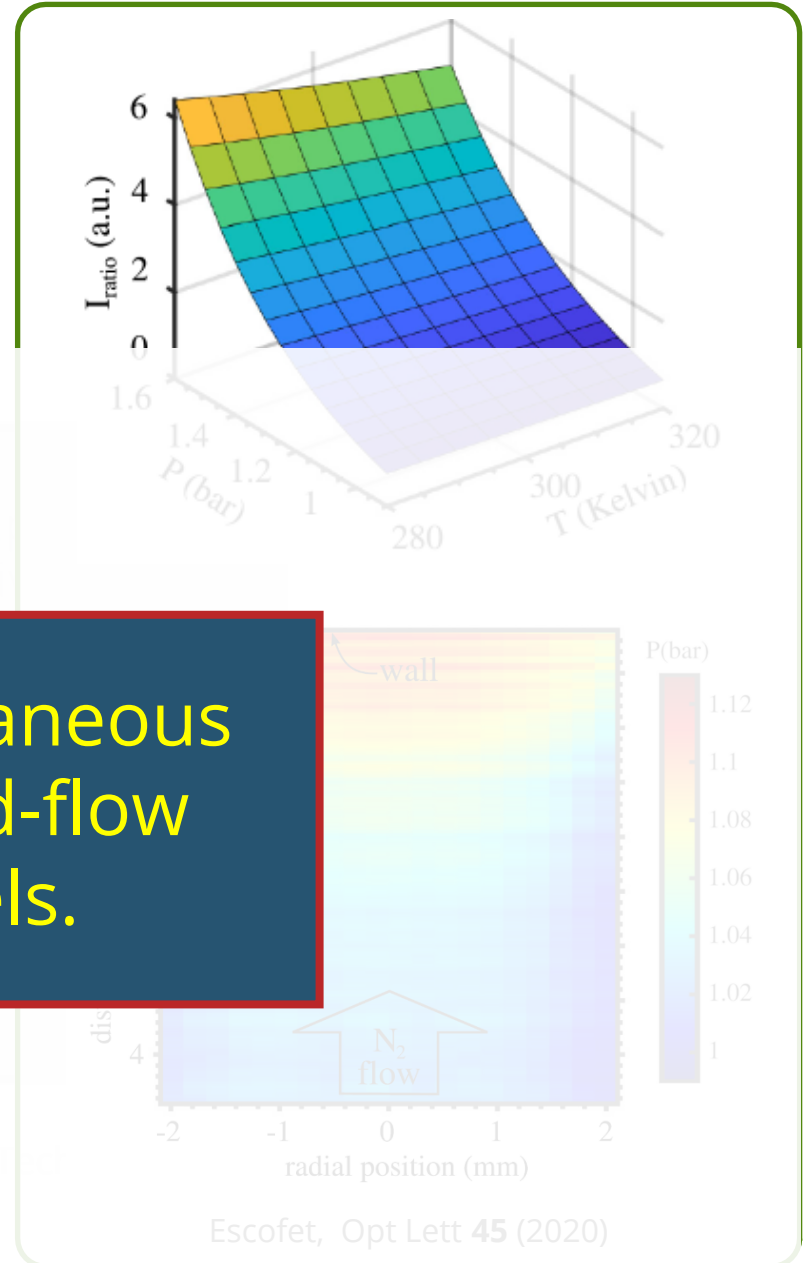
- Single-shot measurements demonstrated with two-probe rotational CARS instruments
- Spectral fitting or ratio of intensities



Develop fs CARS for simultaneous p, T measurements in cold-flow hypersonic wind tunnels.

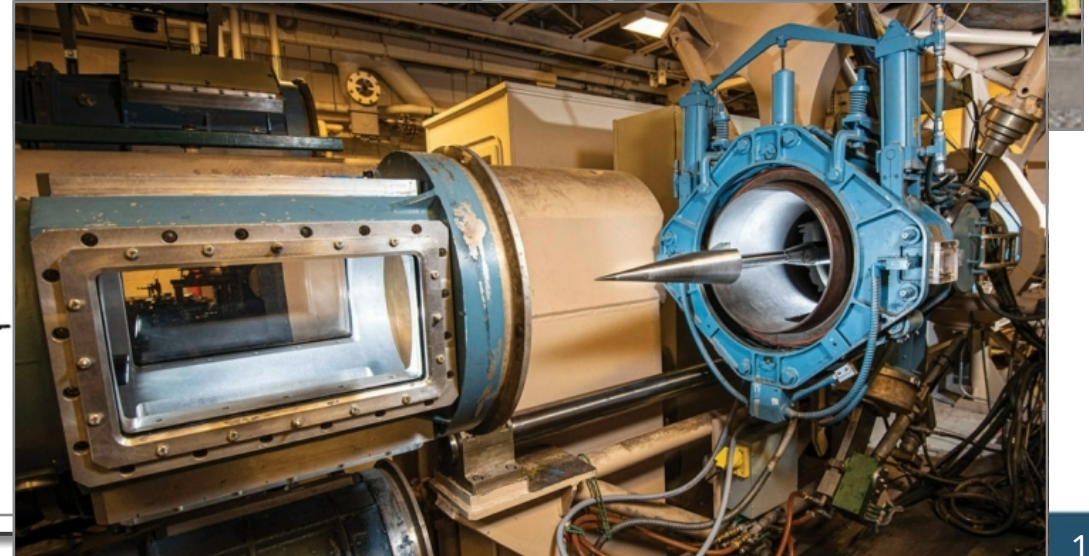
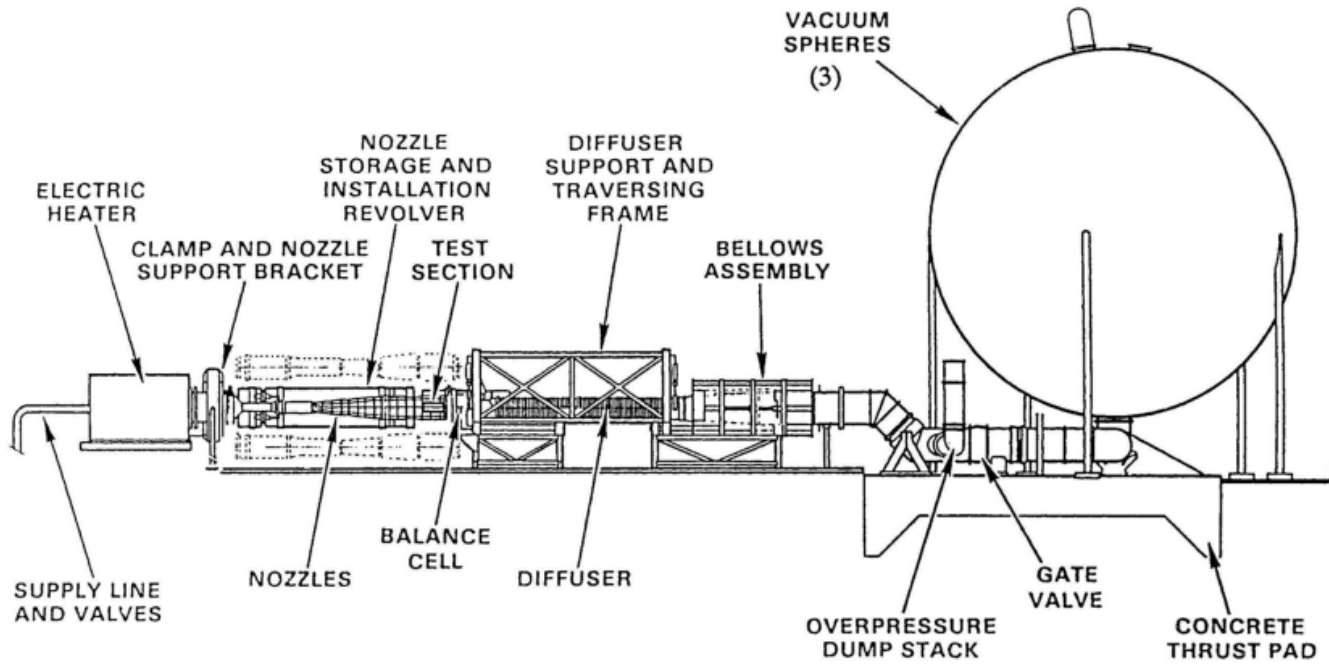
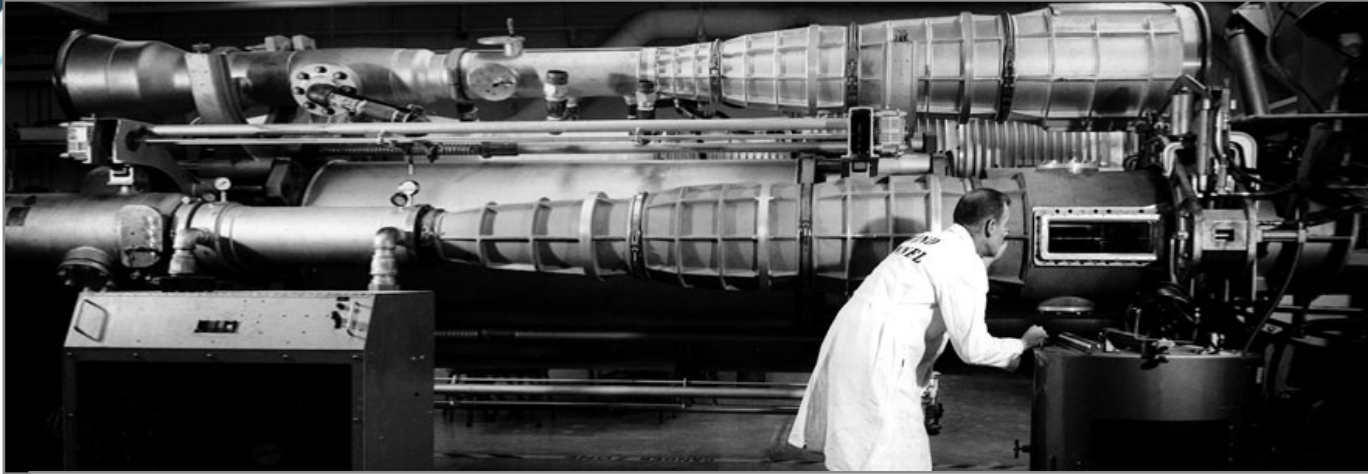


Kearney, Opt. Lett. **40** (2015)





# Sandia's Hypersonic Wind Tunnel





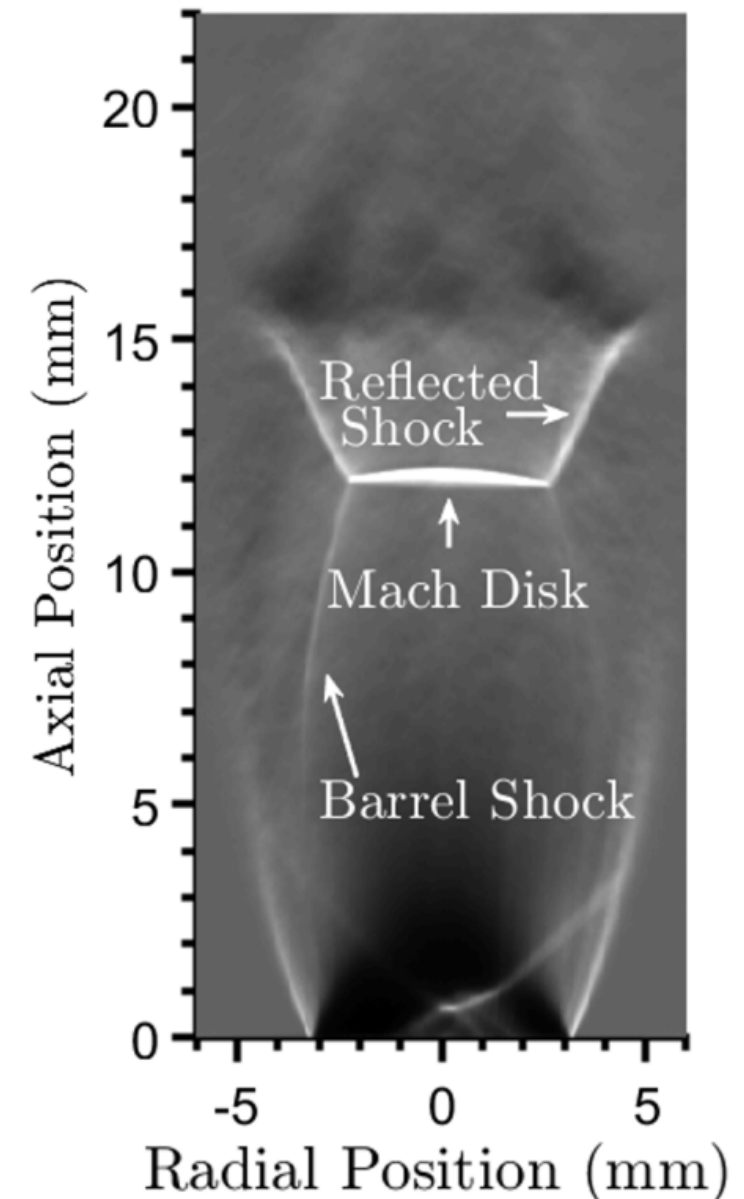


# Technique Development: Extend to Low-P Hypersonic Flows

Demonstrate benchtop measurements in relevant environment....

## Underexpanded sonic jet:

- Exit diameter of 6.35 mm
- Stagnation conditions:  
 $p_o = 7.62 \text{ atm}$ ,  $T_o = 292 \text{ K}$
- Flow air or nitrogen
- Isentropic expansion to Mach disk
- Wide range of static  $T$ ,  $p$  in jet:
  - $3 \text{ atm} \rightarrow 0.1 \text{ atm}$
  - $240 \text{ K} \rightarrow 80 \text{ K}$
  - Conditions near Mach disk are similar to Sandia's hypersonic wind tunnel!
- Test measurement capability across shock

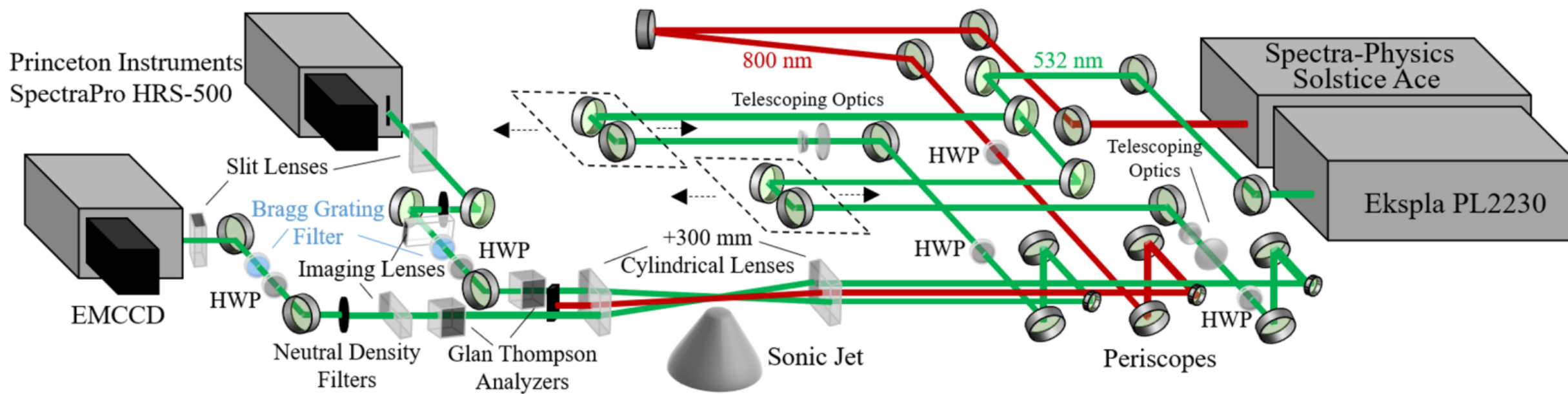




# Technique Development: Extend to Low-P Hypersonic Flows

## Dual-probe fs/ps rotational CARS instrument:

- 1D imaging scheme (2x) developed by Bohlin and Klierer
- Pump: 50-fs, 4-mJ, 800-nm
- Probe: 60-ps, 50-mJ, 532-nm
- 6-mm long measurement line
- $1000\text{ }\mu\text{m} \times 67\text{ }\mu\text{m} \times 30\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  resolution

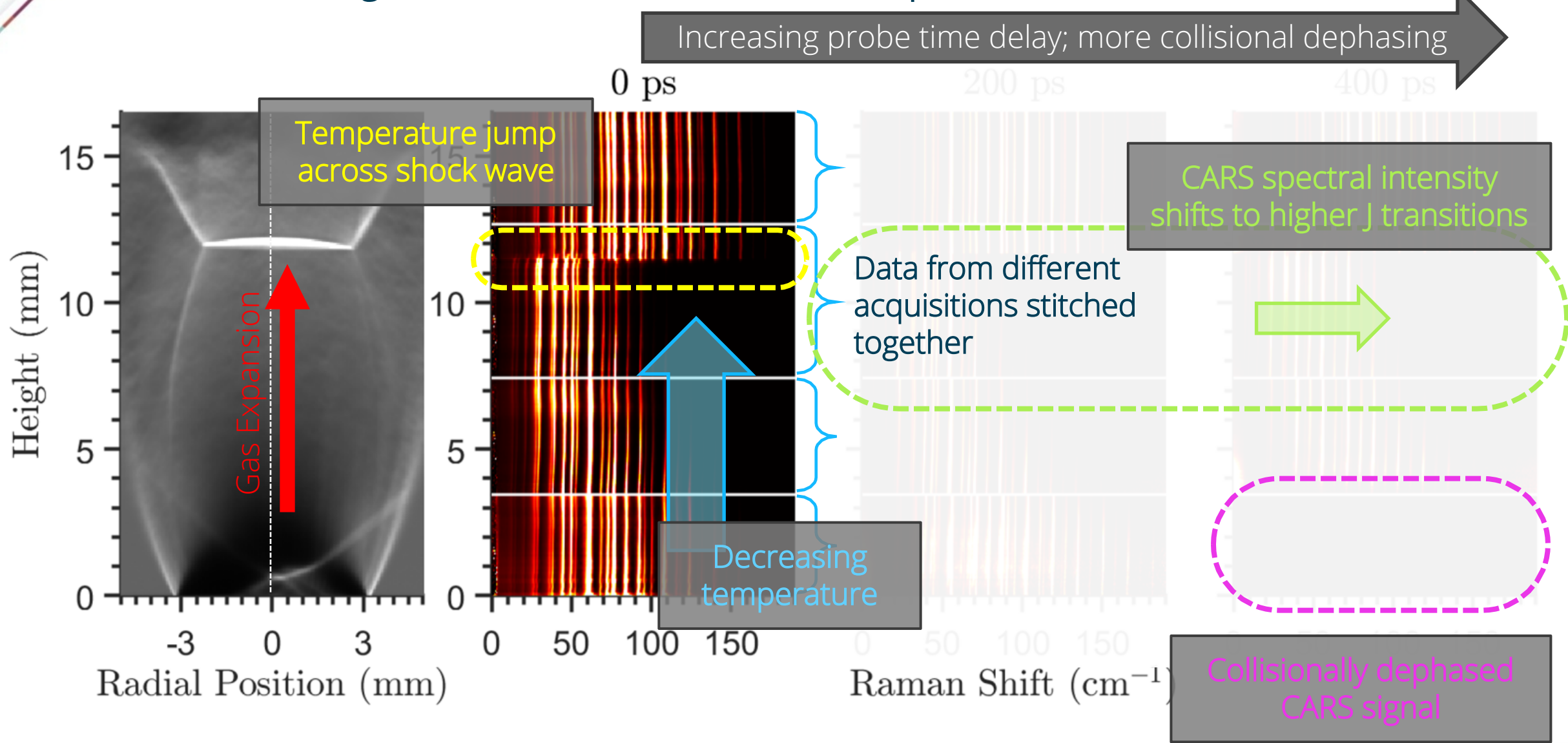




# Technique Development: Sample Data

Schlieren Image

Row-Normalized Experimental Rotational CARS Data



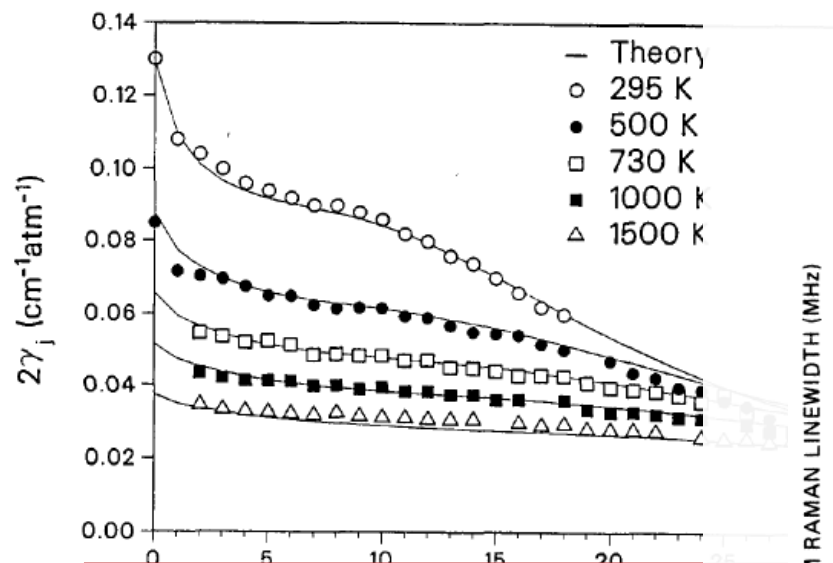




# Technique Development: Need for Cryogenic Linewidths

- To determine pressure from CARS spectra, need to know accurate S-branch Raman linewidths

## Q-Branch Data and MEG Model



## S-Branch Data

### Cryogenic S-Branch Linewidths for even J

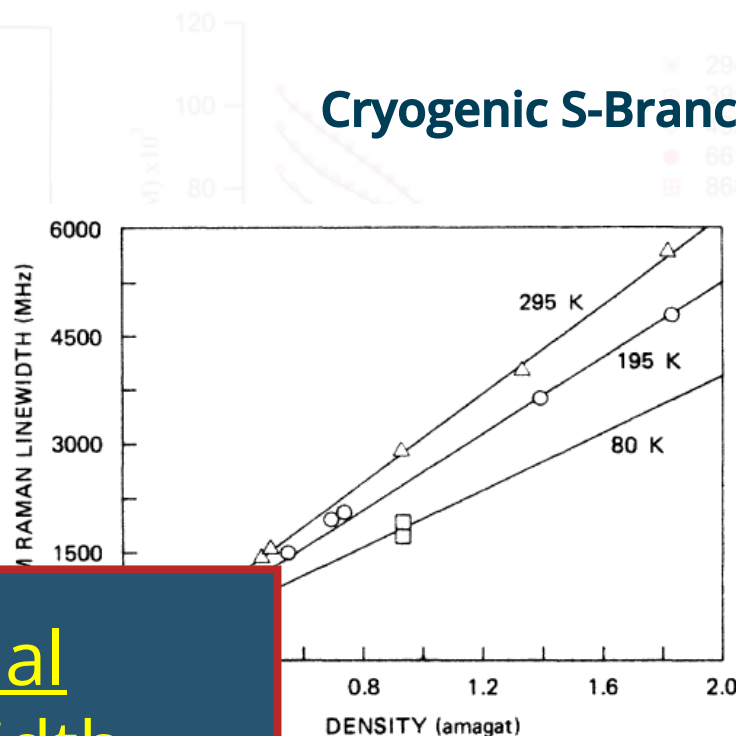


TABLE I. Temperature dependence of the self-broadening coefficients for the rotational Raman lines of N<sub>2</sub>.

$S(J)$	$B$ (MHz/amagat)		
	295 K	195 K	80 K
0		4730±700	3140±470
2	4160±400	3560±350	2700±270
4	3580±60	3230±320	2490±250
6	3560±30	3070±30	2520±40
8	3270±60	2860±30	2120±60
10	3060±60	2660±30	1940±40
12	2870±50	2340±260	1690±100
14	2660±270	2150±215	
16		1840±185	

Need additional  
cryogenic linewidth  
data!

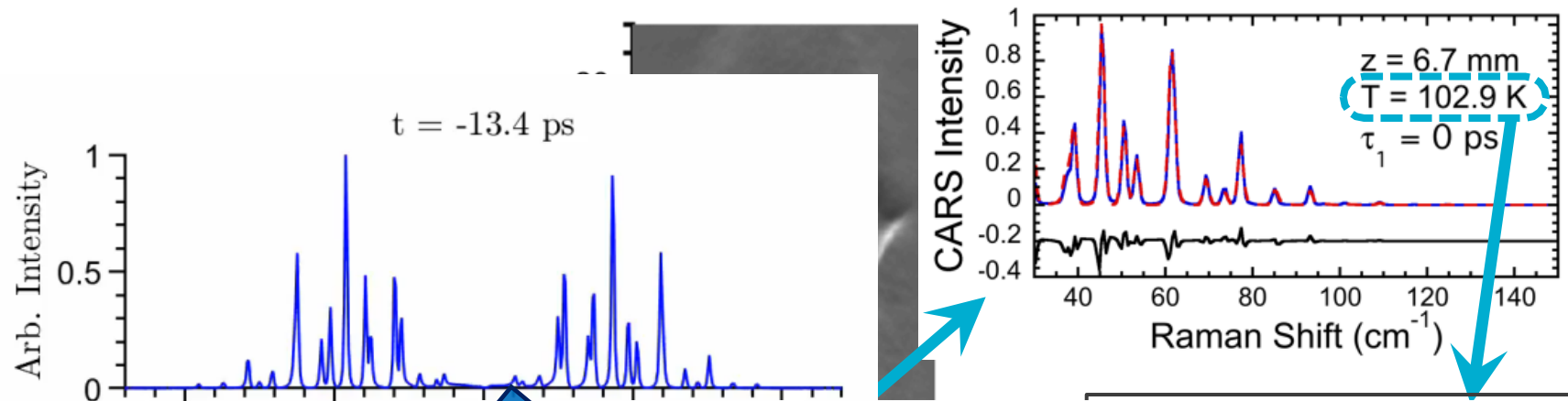
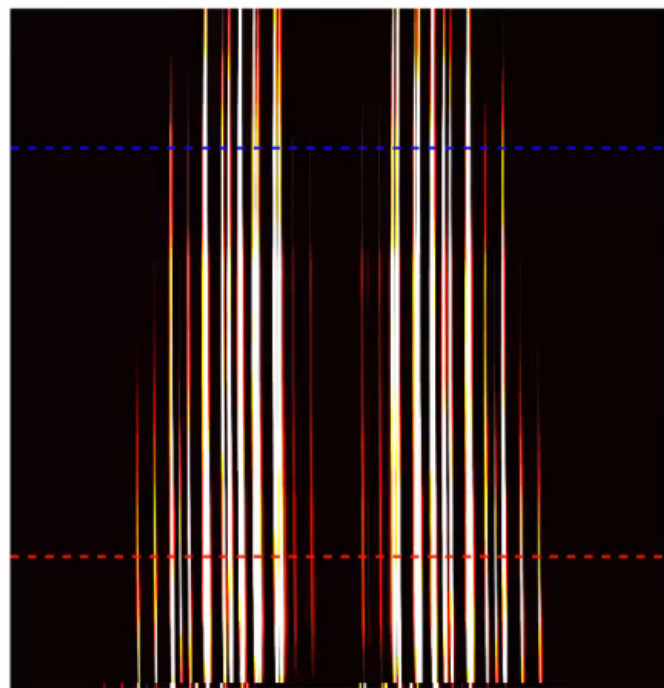
Herring, Phys. Rev. A **34** (1986)

# Cryogenic S-Branch Linewidths:

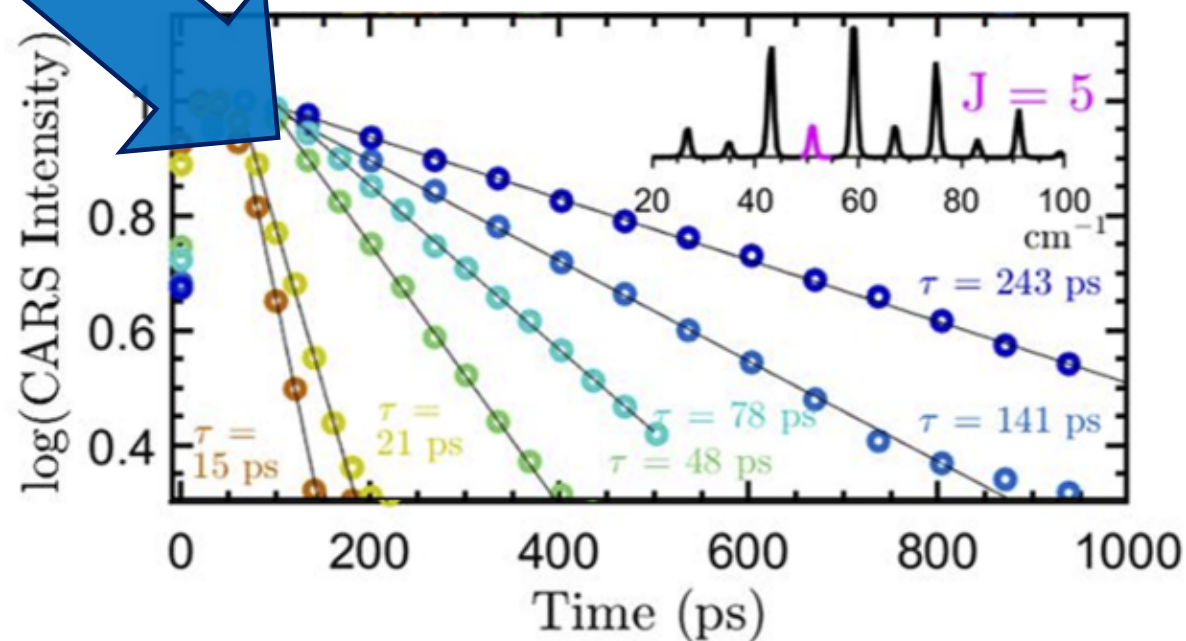
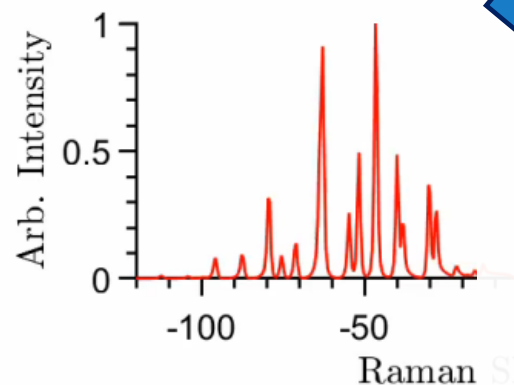




# Cryogenic Linewidth Data: Experimental Approach



$p_{\text{isen.}} = 0.198 \text{ atm}$



5. Compute T- and J-dependent linewidths:

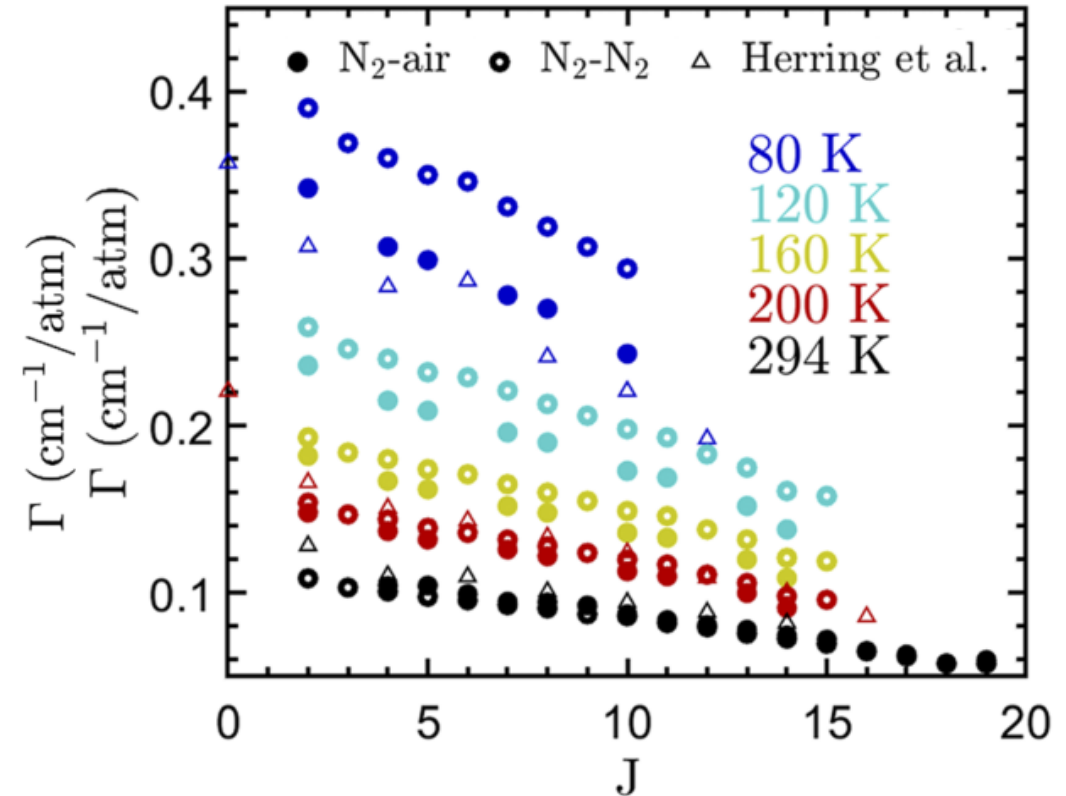
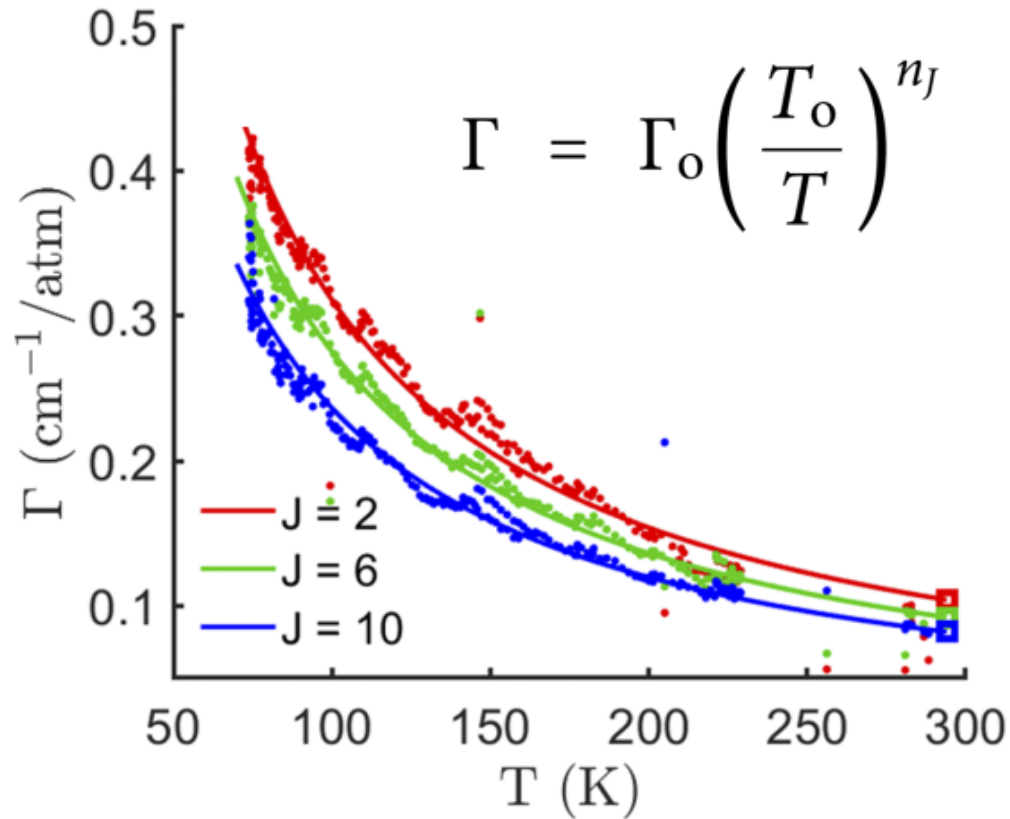
$$\Gamma_J = (c\pi\tau_J)^{-1}$$





# Cryogenic Linewidth Data: Experimental Approach

- Departure from MEG for low temperatures
- Experimental data fit to power law
- Cryogenic linewidths found for N<sub>2</sub>-N<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>-air, and O<sub>2</sub>-air

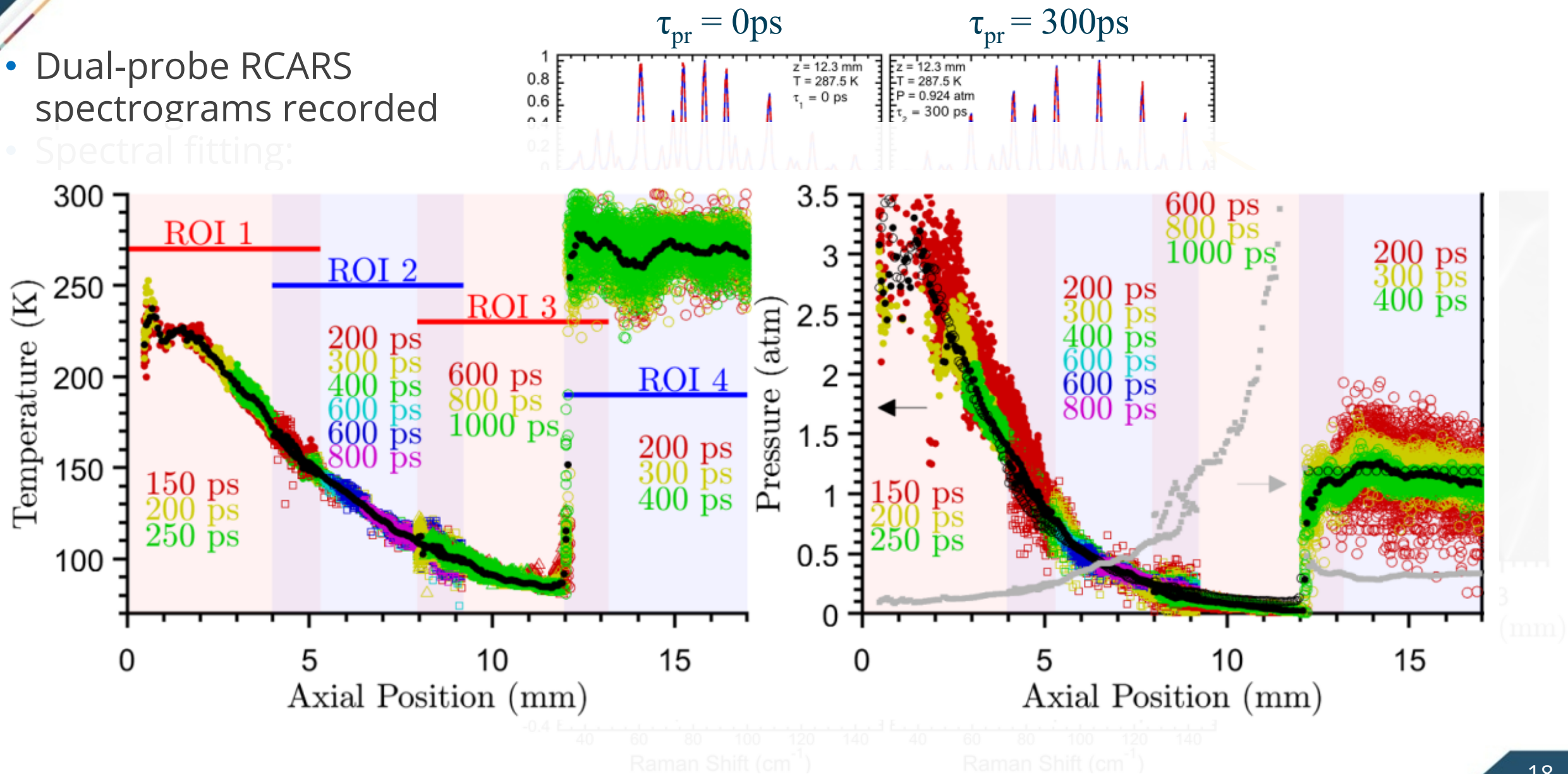


Retter, J. Chem. Phys. **156** (2022)



# Cryogenic Linewidth Data: Applied to Underexpanded Jet

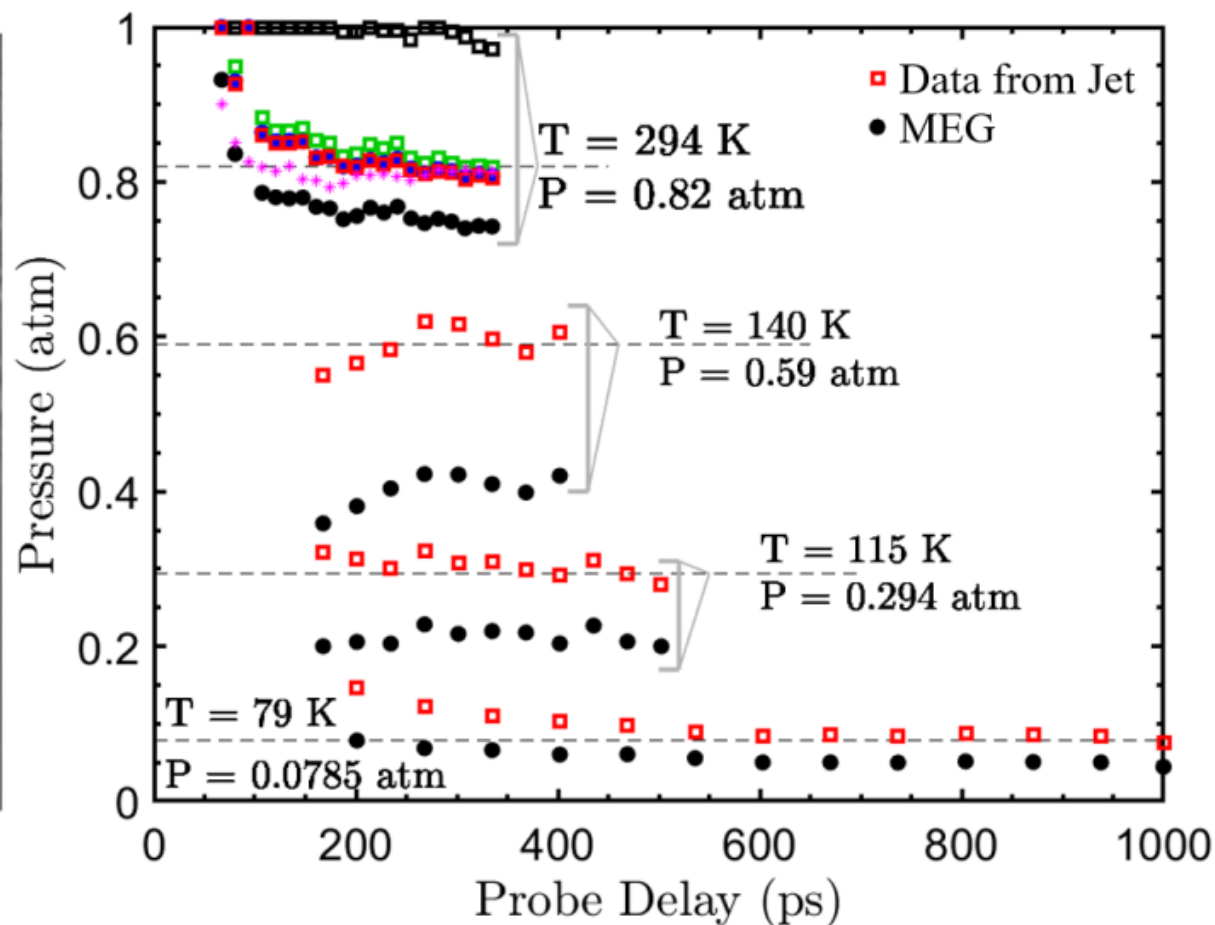
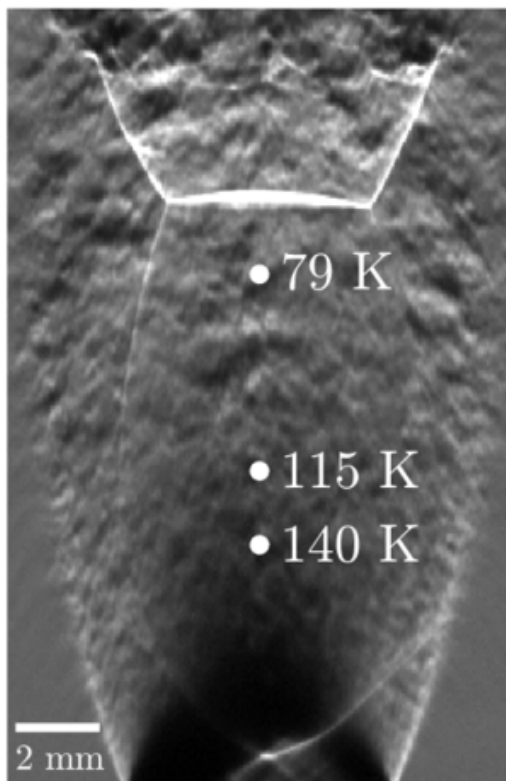
- Dual-probe RCARS spectrograms recorded
- Spectral fitting:





# Cryogenic Linewidth Data: Impact on CARS Measurements

Extrapolation of MEG model leads to significant errors in CARS pressure measurements!



# Measurements in a Hypersonic Wind Tunnel

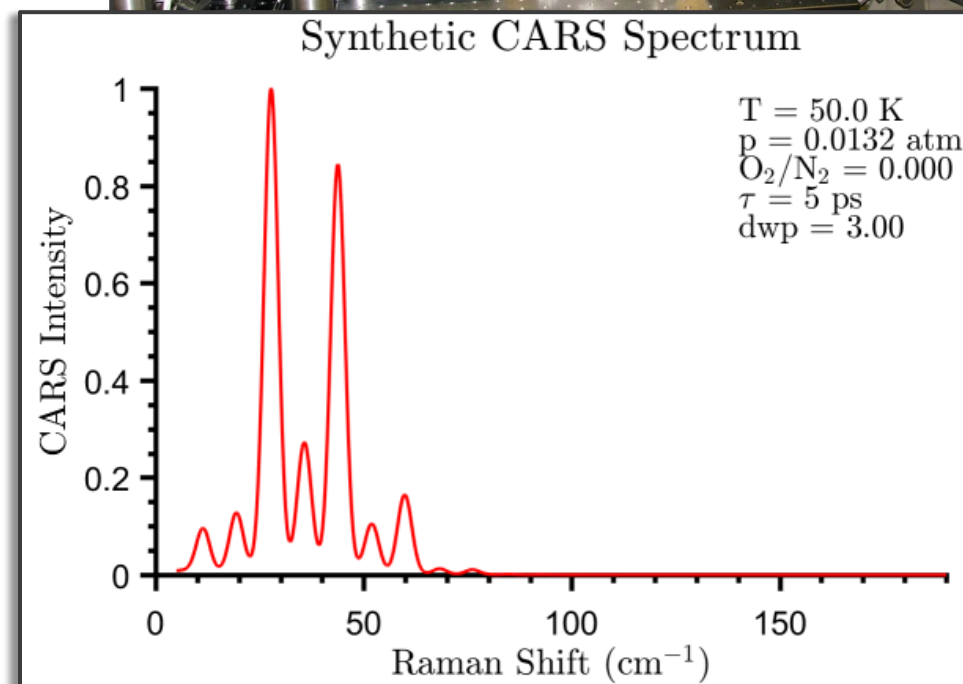
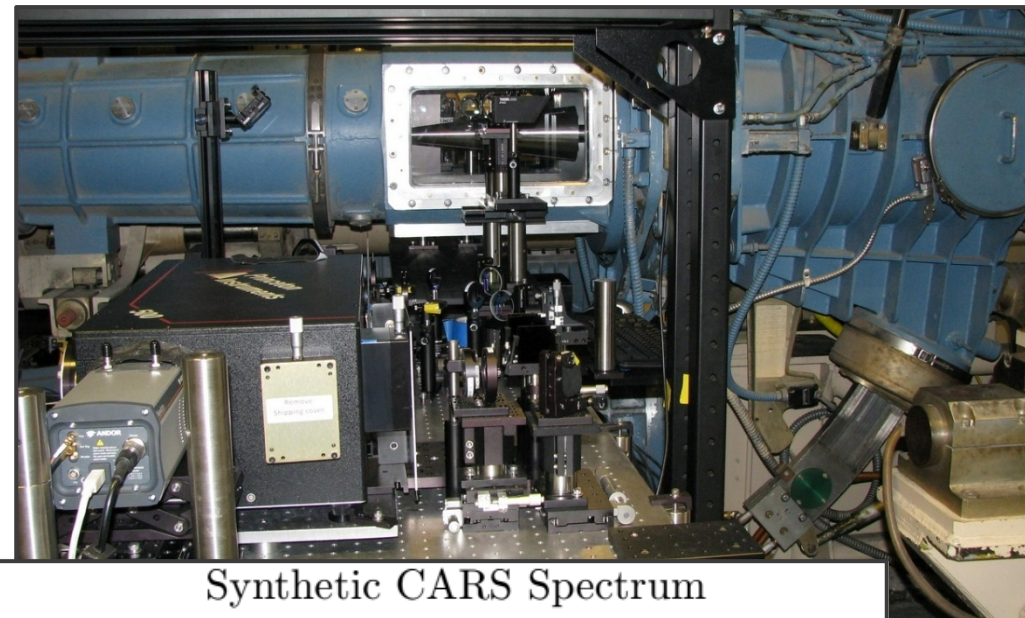






# Sandia's Hypersonic Wind Tunnel

- Hypersonic wind tunnel (HWT)
  - Blowdown-to-vacuum tunnel
  - Mach 8 flow, pure  $N_2$
  - $p_o = 60$  atm;  $T_o = 800$  K
  - $T_\infty \sim 50$  K;  $p_\infty \sim 0.006$  atm (5 Torr)
- Low gas density
  - $\rho_\infty \sim 5\%$  of  $\rho_{atm}$
  - CARS signal in wind tunnel will be 0.25% of ambient CARS signal
  - Long Raman dephasing times (10 ns)  
→ long optical delays (3 meters)
- Low gas temperatures
  - Few rotational levels populated
- Complex optical setup near large facility with limited run times

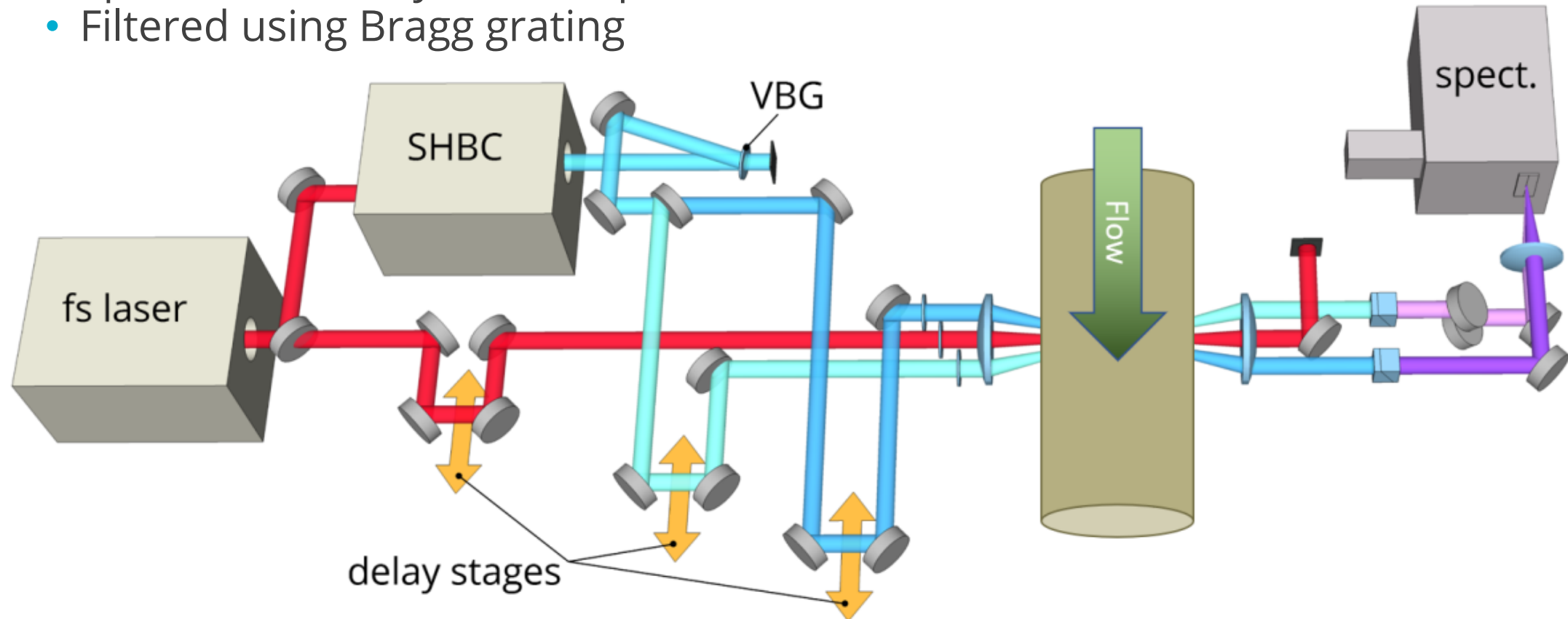






# Femtosecond CARS for $p$ , $T$ in Hypersonic Wind Tunnel

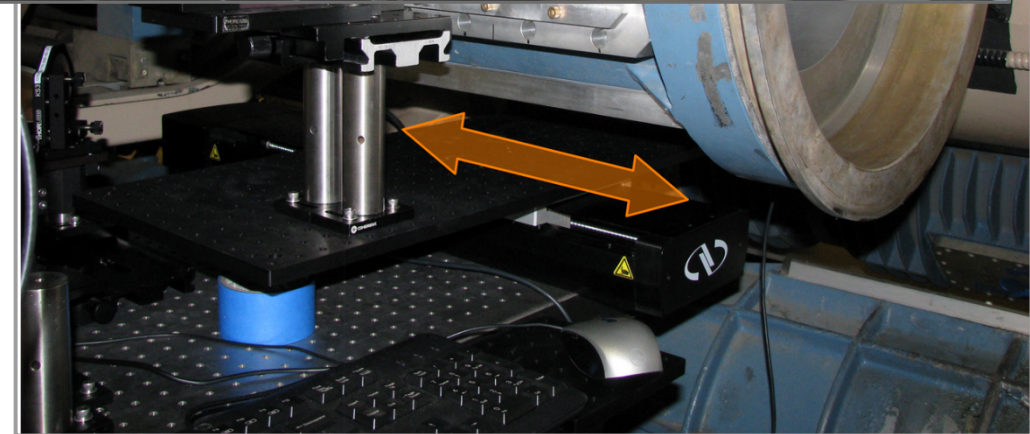
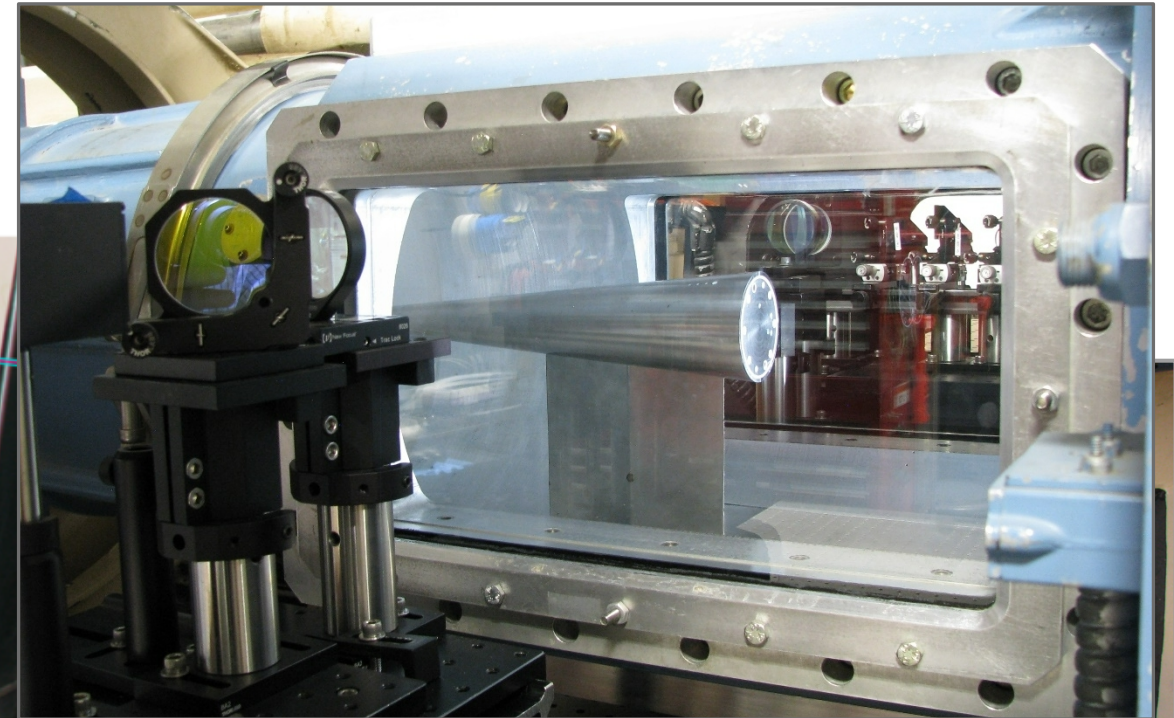
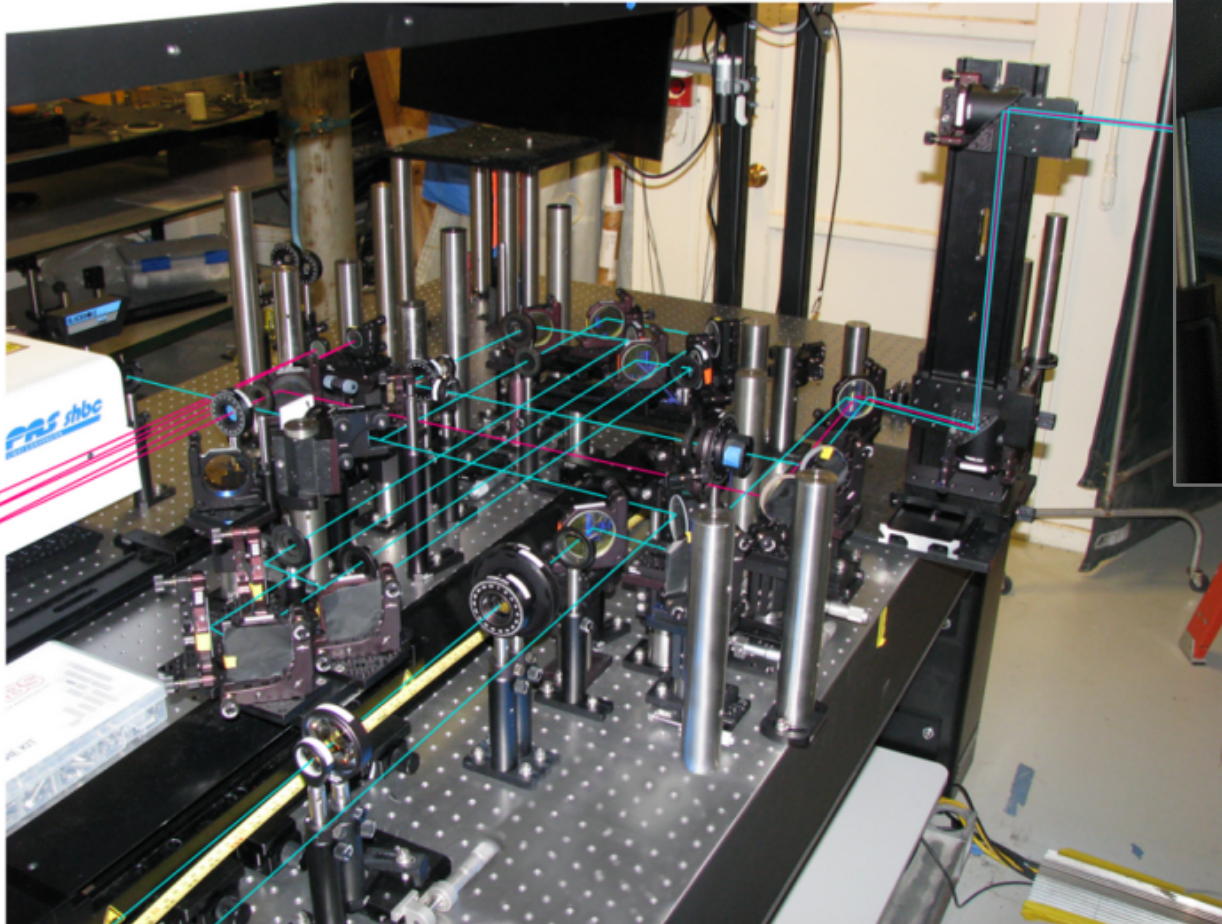
- Fs laser: 100 fs, 1 kHz, 2.5 mJ
  - Pump pulse for CARS process
  - Pumps second-harmonic bandwidth compressor (SHBC)
- SHBC probe: 6 ps, 400  $\mu$ J
  - Split to form early and late probes
  - Filtered using Bragg grating
- Polarization scheme used to reject probe from CARS signals
- CARS signals stacked vertically
  - Two single-shot spectra recorded at 1 kHz on a single camera





# Measurements in Hypersonic Wind Tunnel: Initial Attempts

- Dual-probe RCARS instrument setup near Sandia's HWT
- Strut-mounted, simple cone model







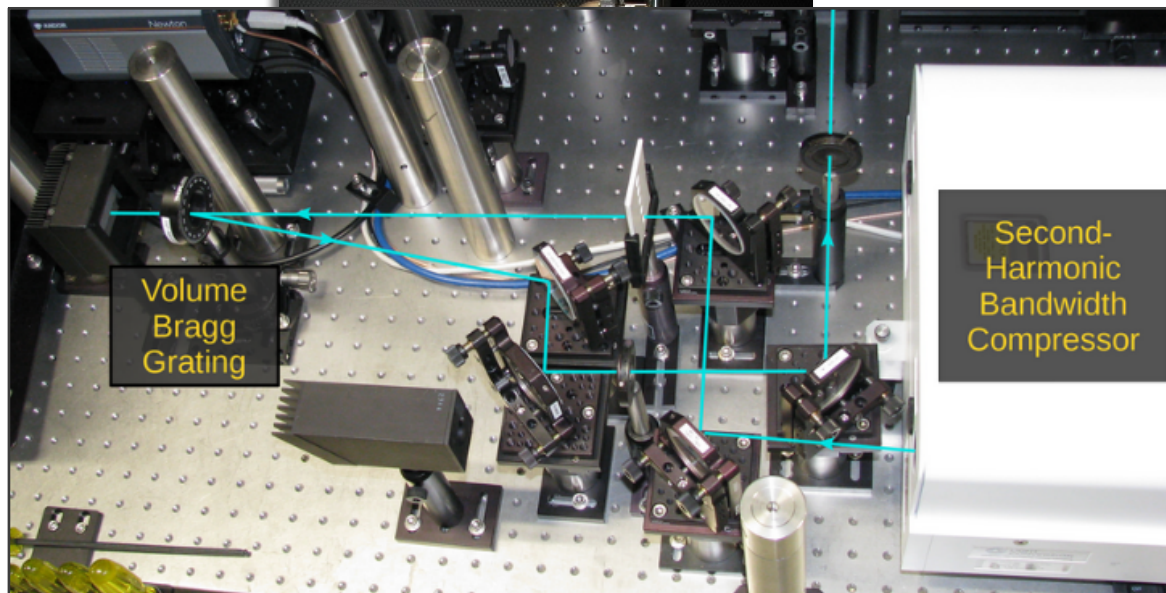
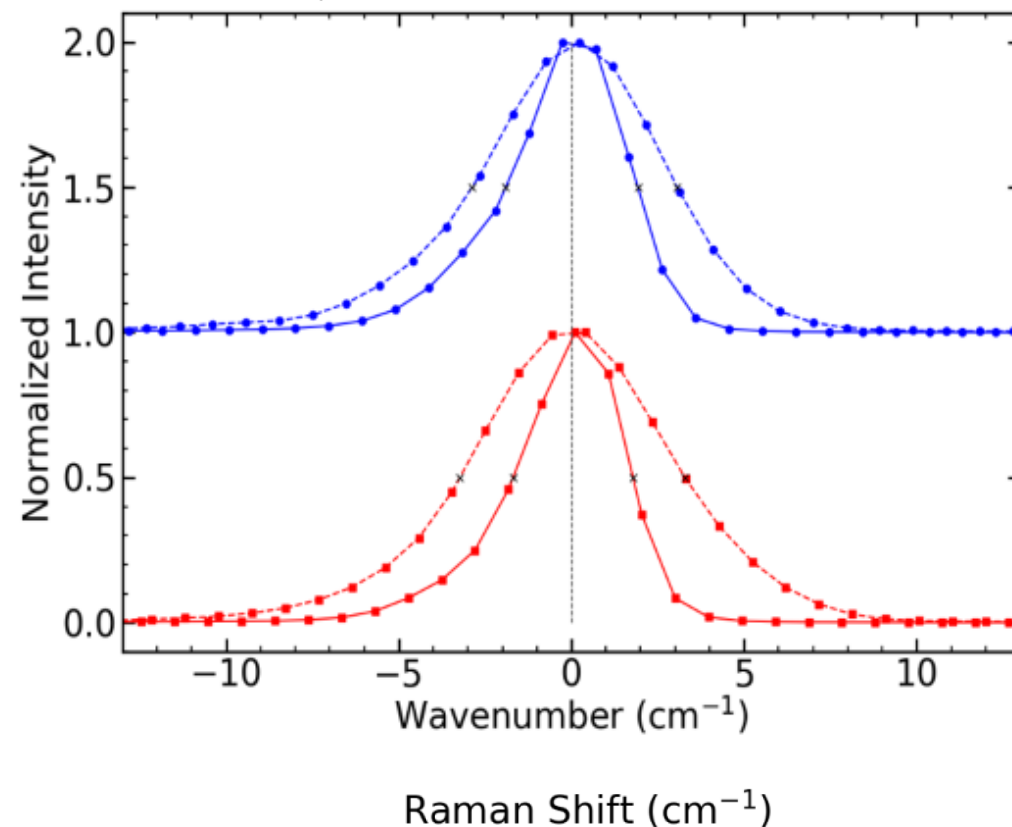
# Measurements in Hypersonic Wind Tunnel: Initial Attempts

Initial attempts to apply fs/ps RCARS in the hypersonic wind tunnel led to some experimental improvements:

- Limit pump/Stokes pulse energy
- Spectrally filter Second-Harmonic Bandwidth (SHBC) output to improve resolution

$N_2$ ,  $T = 83$  K,  $p = 0.006$  atm (5 Torr)

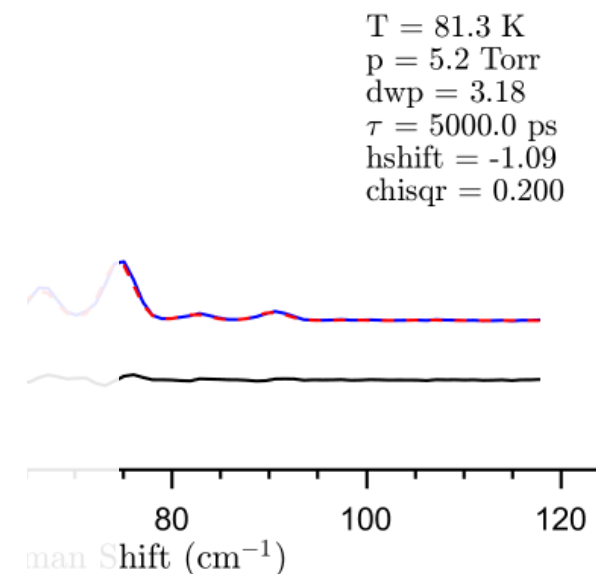
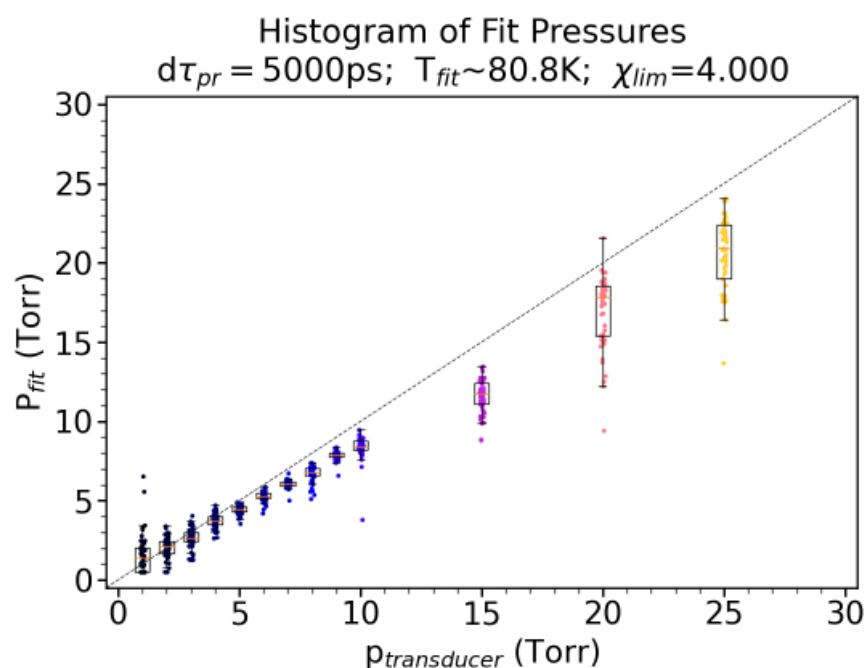
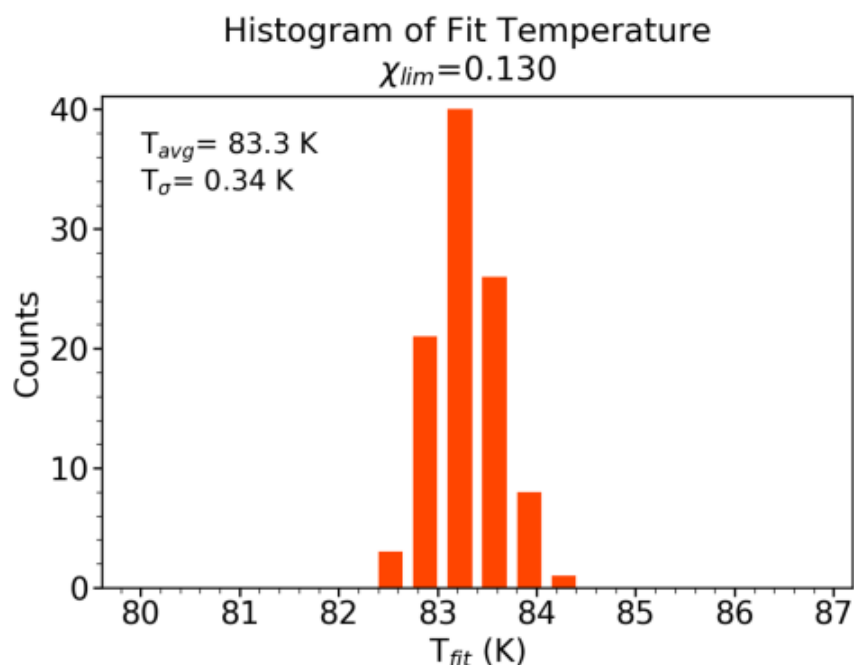
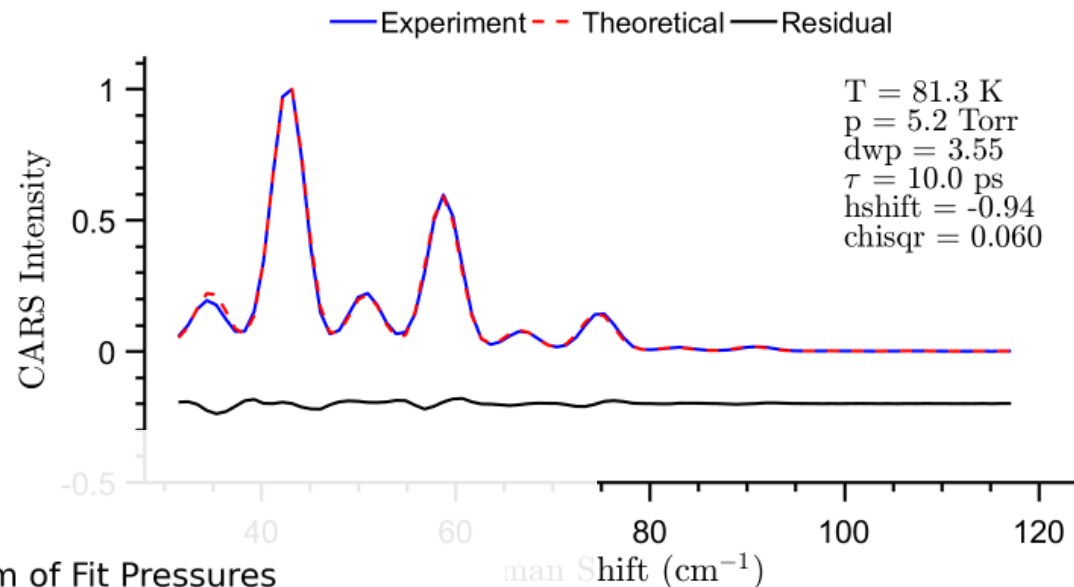
Probe Delay;	FWHM
$\tau_{pr} = 0$ ns, with VBG;	$3.83 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
$\tau_{pr} = 0$ ns, without VBG;	$5.95 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
$\tau_{pr} = 5$ ns, with VBG;	$3.48 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
$\tau_{pr} = 5$ ns, without VBG;	$6.52 \text{ cm}^{-1}$





# Femtosecond CARS for p, T in Low-Pressure Cryostat

- Single-shot CARS spectra recorded in cryostat and fit for T, p
- Measurement discrepancies
  - CARS pressure lower than pressure gauge
  - Result of experimental setup and placement of pressure gauges

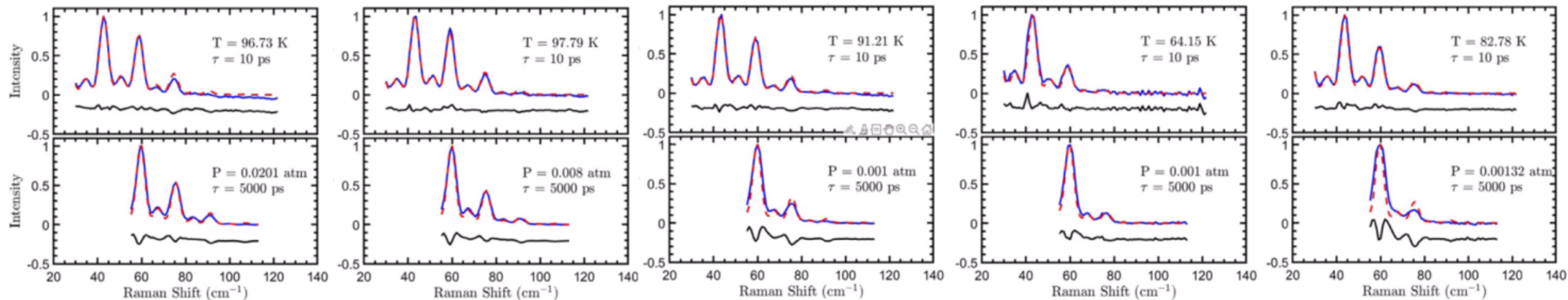
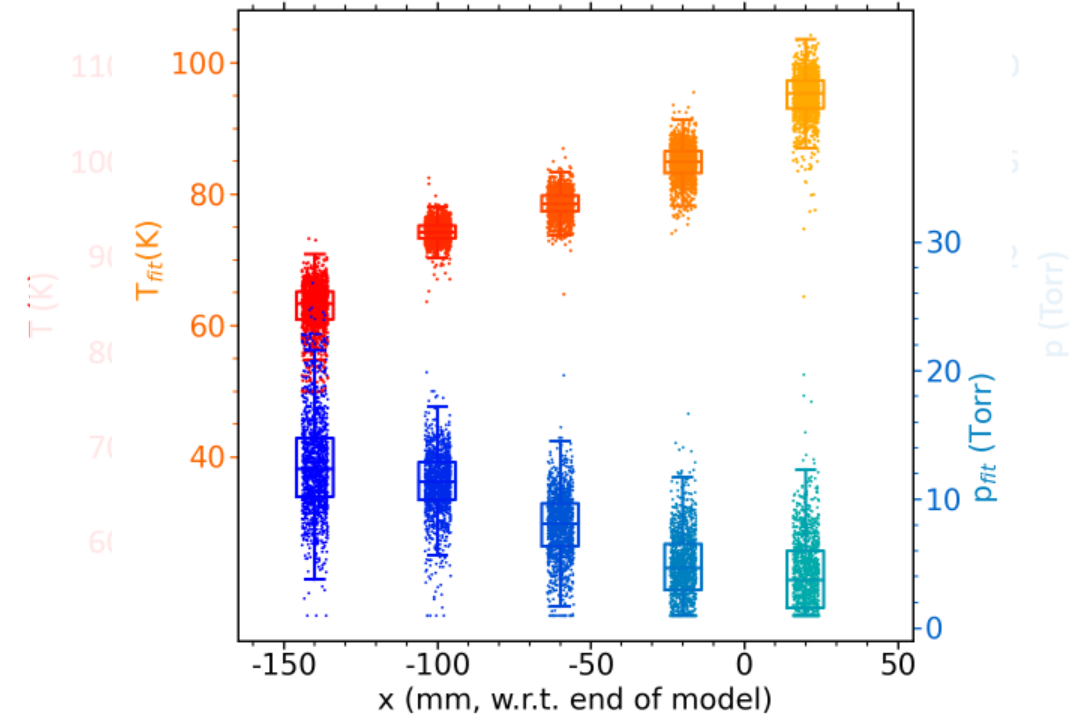
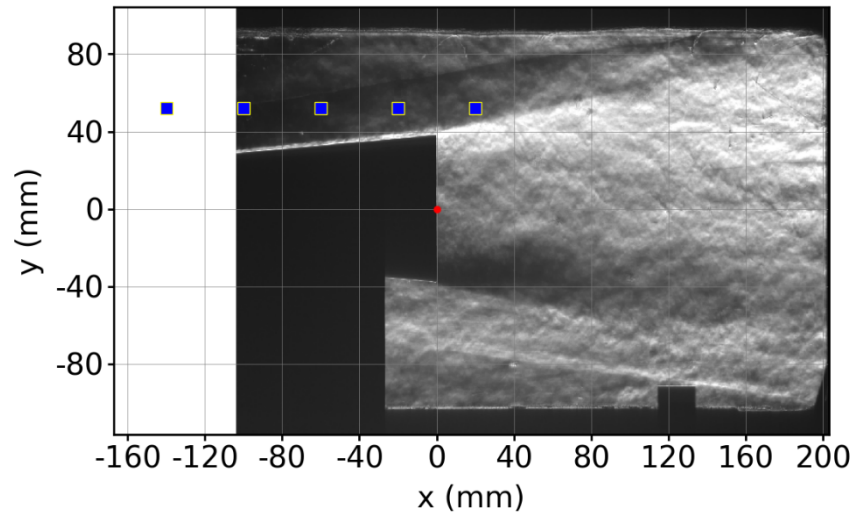






# Femtosecond CARS for $p$ , $T$ in Hypersonic Wind Tunnel

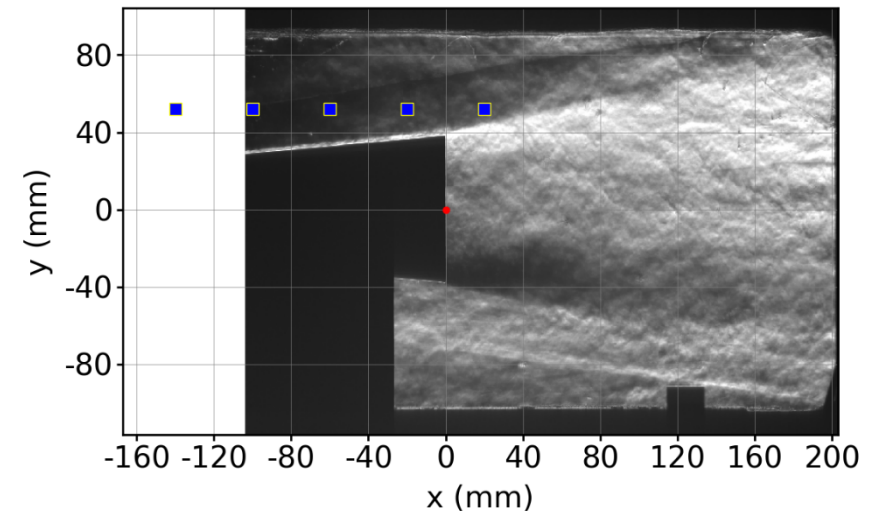
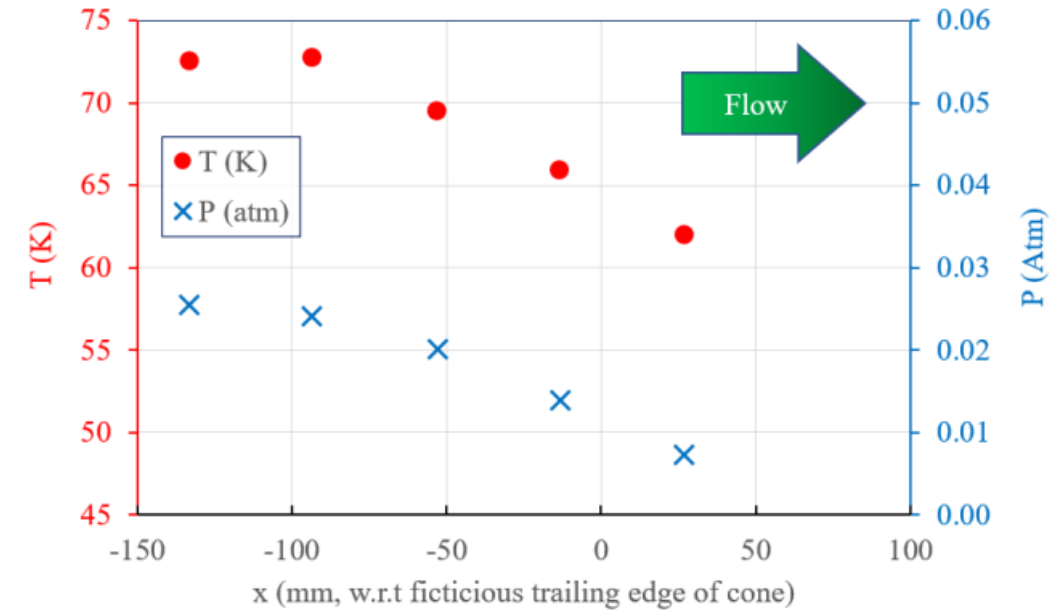
- Single-shot CARS spectra recorded at different axial locations





# Femtosecond CARS for p, T in Hypersonic Wind Tunnel

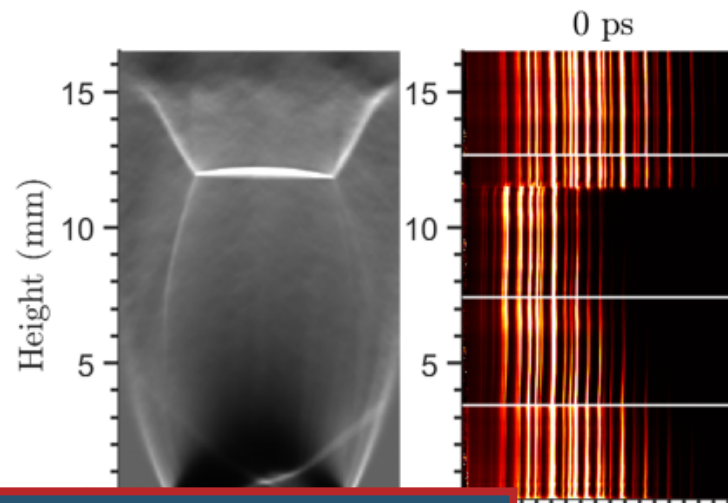
- Conical shock not readily observable
- Model removed and CARS spectra recorded in empty test section
- Possible reasons for measurement biases:
  - Position-dependent Raman excitation (nonresonant CARS spectra)
  - Changes in window birefringence between flow off and flow on (pressure loading)
  - Raman pumping from too much pump energy
  - Changes in CARS measurement location
  - Unexpected tunnel operation



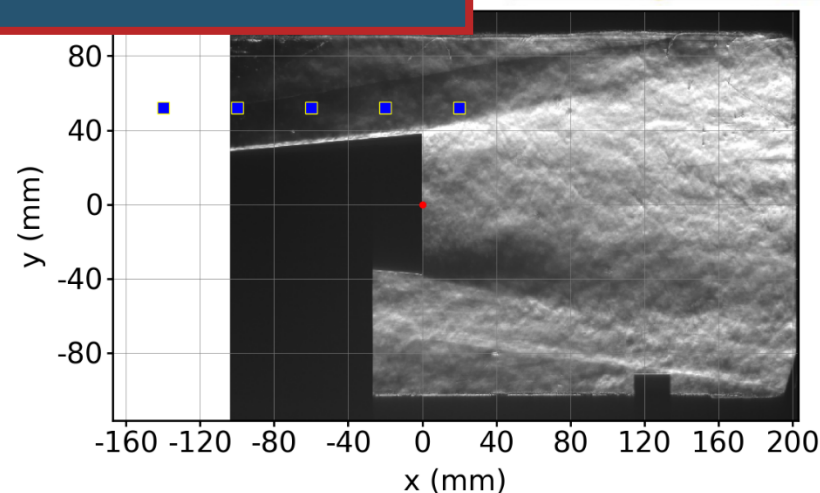
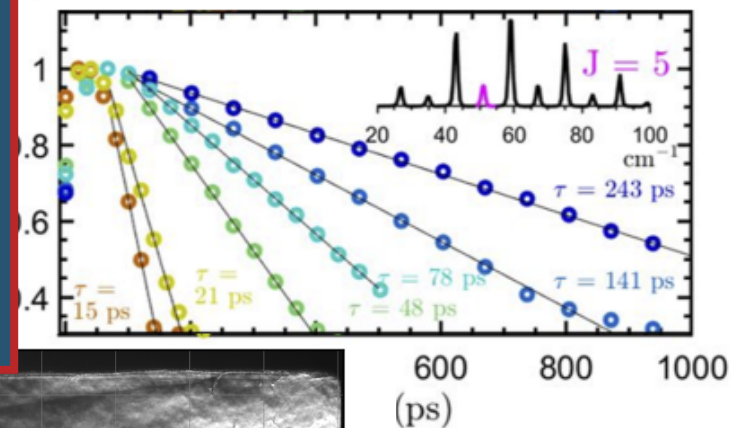


## Conclusion

- fs CARS is being developed for single-shot temperature and pressure measurements in hypersonic flows
- One-dimensional measurements demonstrated
  - Pressure range 0.1-2
  - Temperature range 8
- Cold ( $T < 295$  K) S-bran linewidths measured underexpanded jet
  - $\text{N}_2\text{-N}_2$ ,  $\text{N}_2\text{-air}$ ,  $\text{O}_2\text{-air}$
- Initial measurements performed in hypersonic wind tunnel



Questions?



Backup Slides

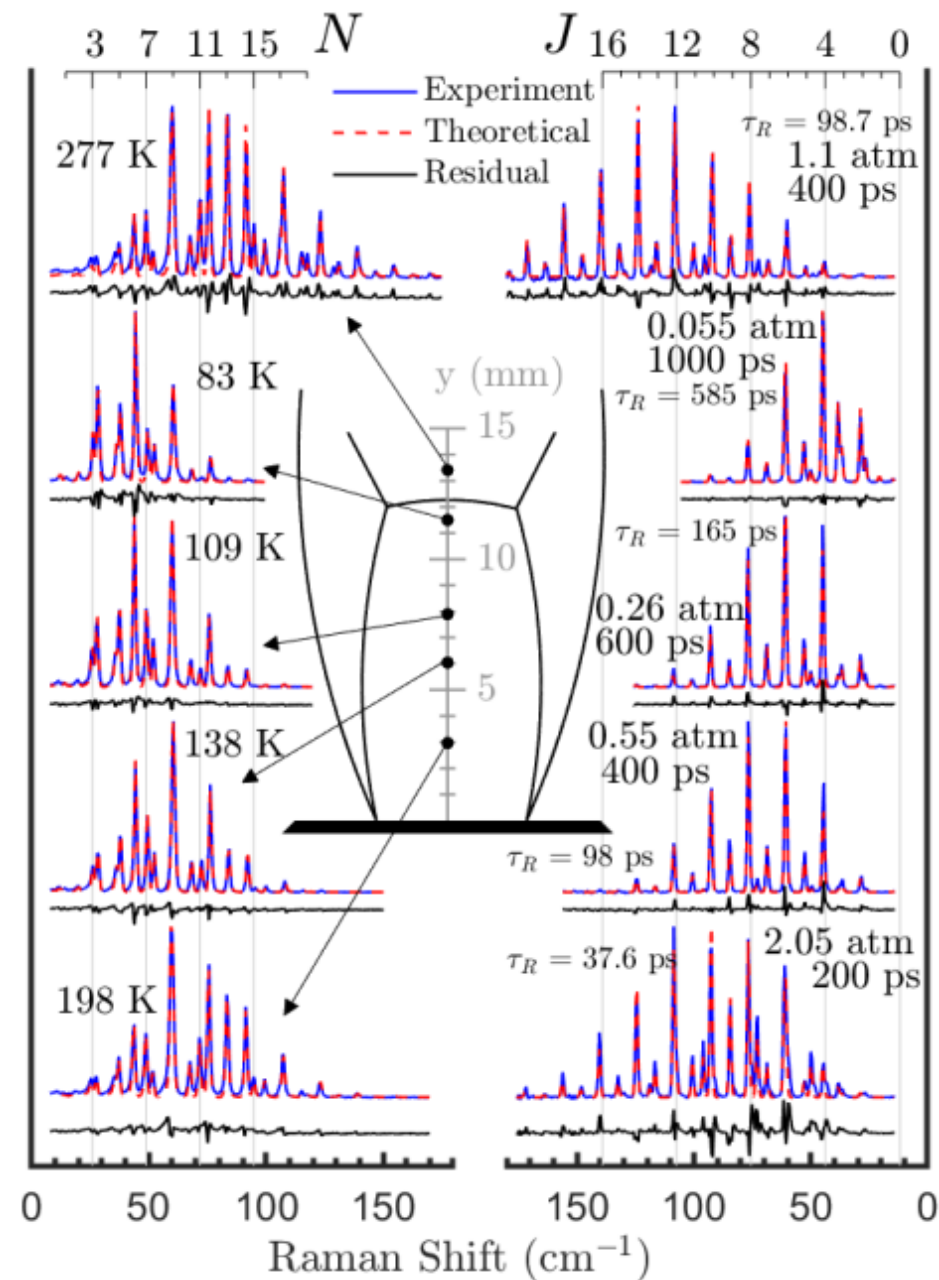






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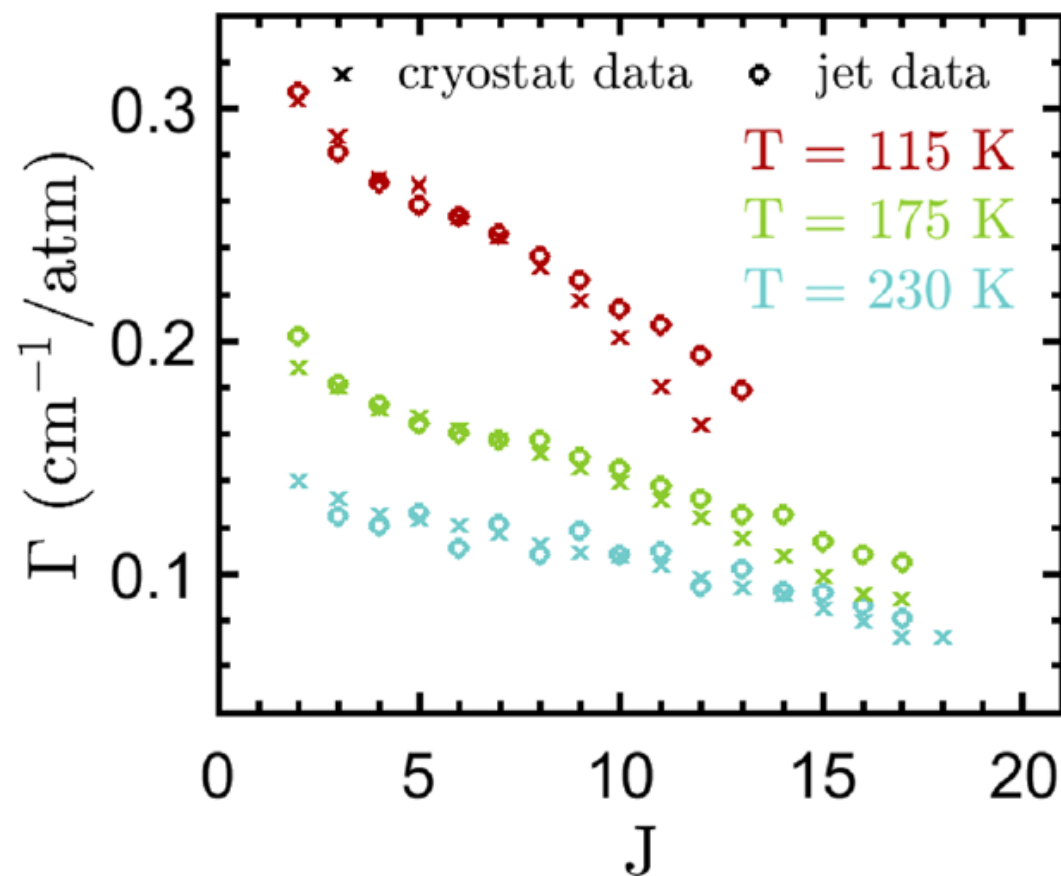
Representative single shot fits throughout the jet for both the temperature channel (left,  $\tau = 0$  ps) and the pressure channel (right,  $\tau$  marked for each spectrum). Axial locations of the spectra proceeding downstream as marked in the figure are  $y = 2.97, 6.04, 7.9, 11.5$ , and  $13.4$  mm. Rotational transitions of  $O_2$  ( $N$ ) and  $N_2$  ( $J$ ) are marked for the temperature and pressure spectra, respectively. Raman lifetimes from Eq. (4) are listed with each pressure spectrum for  $J = 6$  at the fitted temperature listed, using the low temperature S-branch linewidths.





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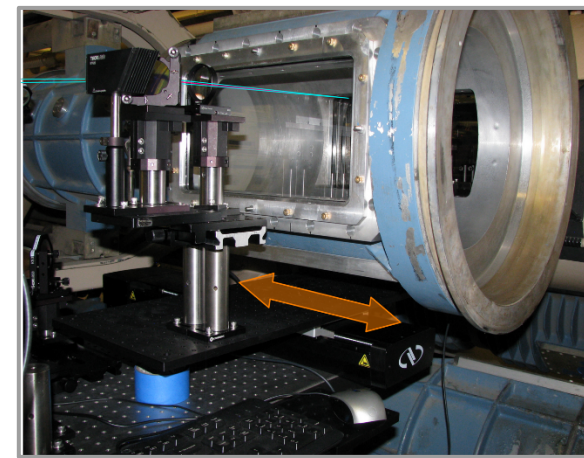
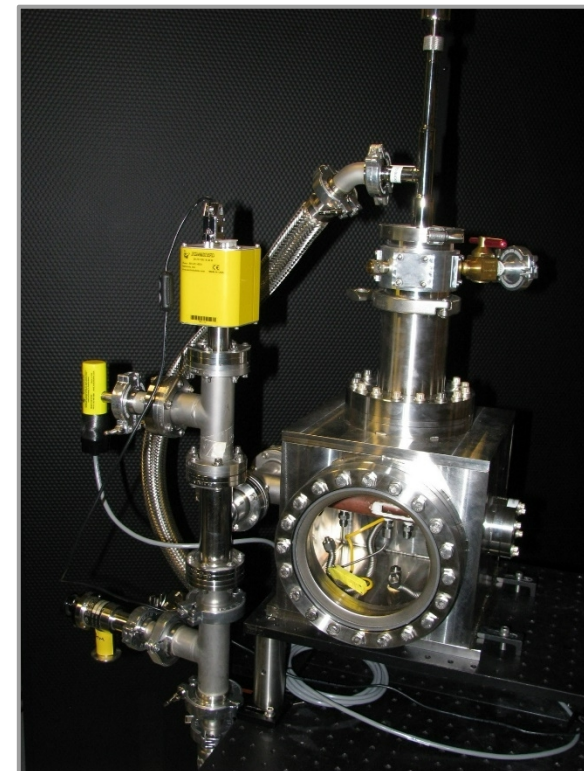
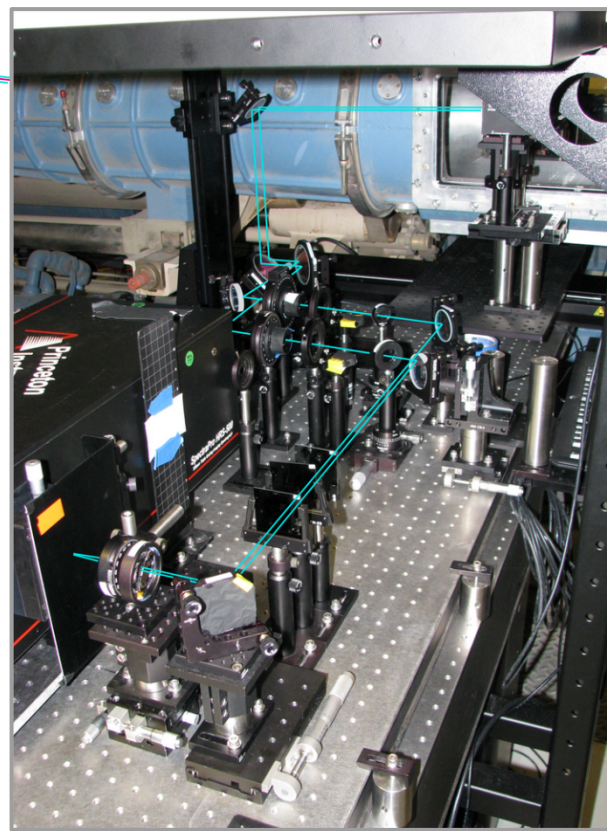
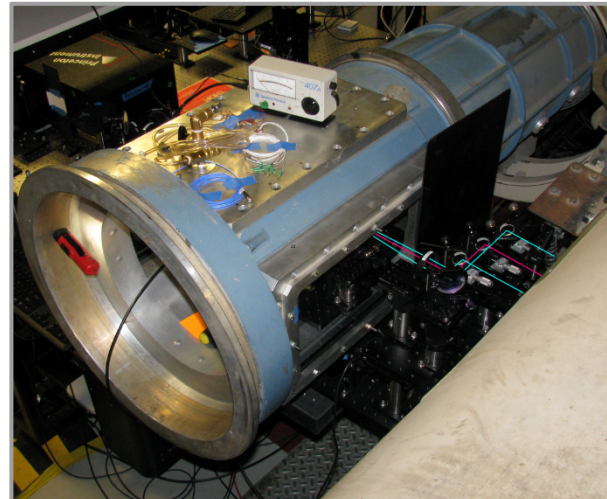
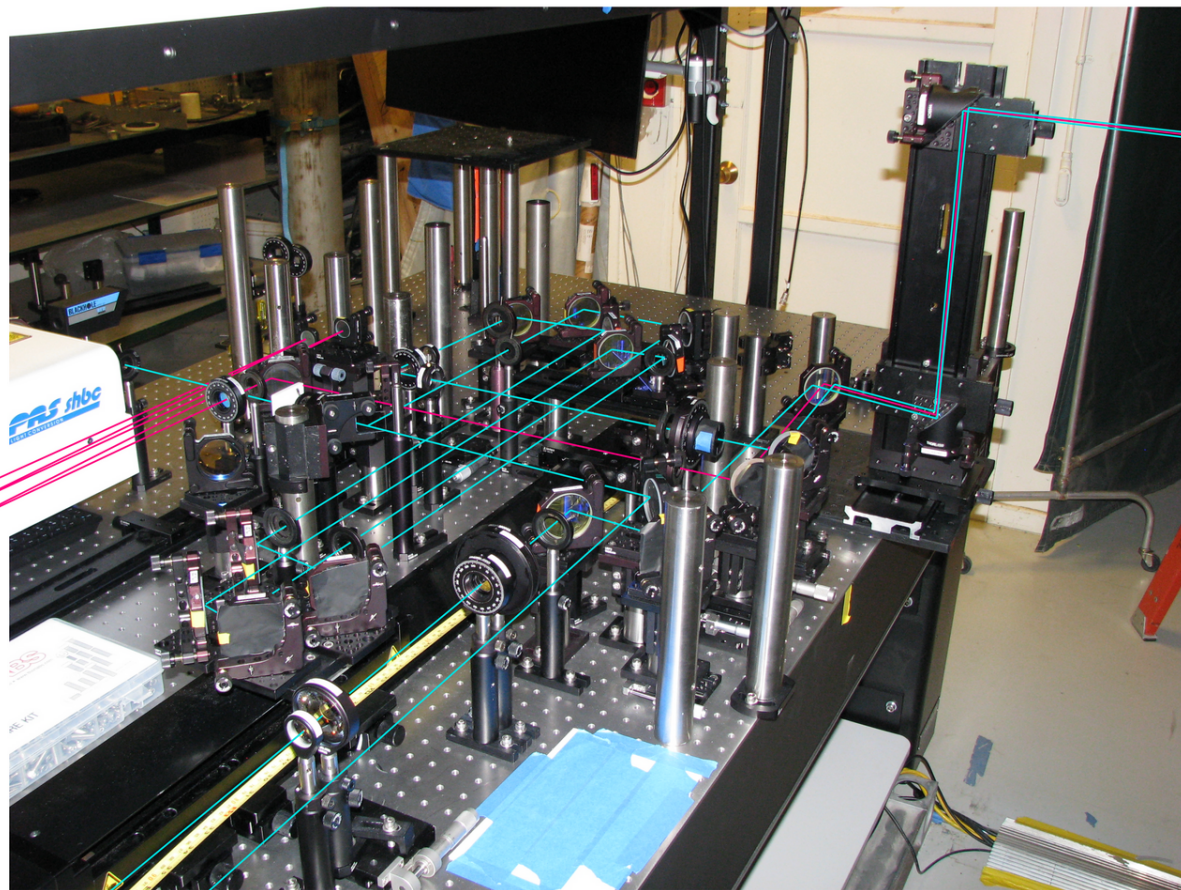
- Cryogenic N<sub>2</sub> S-branch linewidths recorded in cryostat compared to linewidth data from underexpanded jet







# Backup







# Introduction and Motivation

## Hypersonic Fluid-Structure Interaction

- Fluctuations in hypersonic flows can drive surface loading on flight vehicles
- Various geometries have been studied
- Using a variety of measurement techniques:

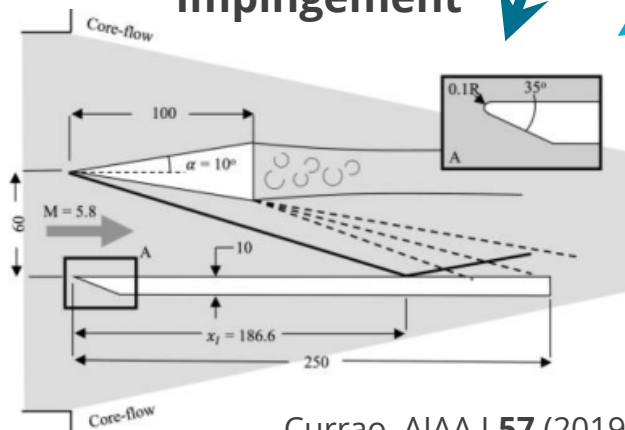
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Infrared Cameras

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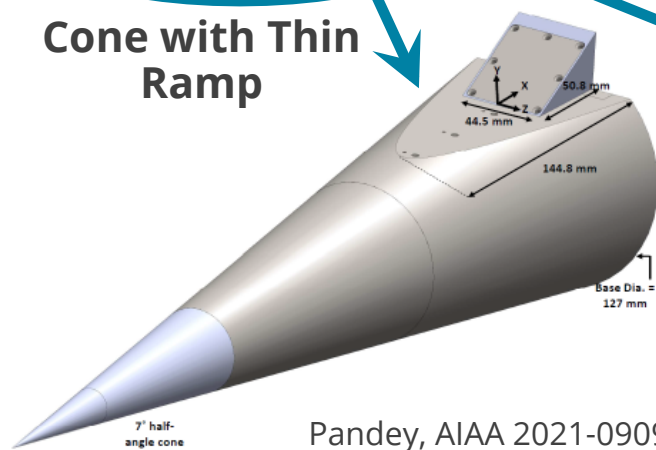
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### Cantilevered Plate with Shock Impingement



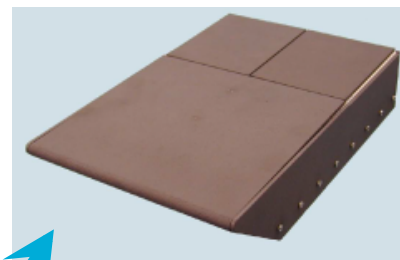
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### Cone with Thin Ramp

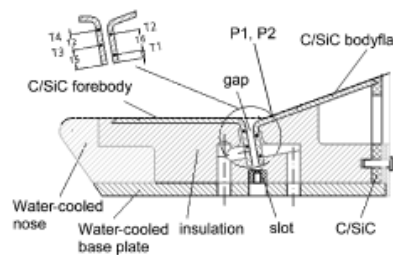


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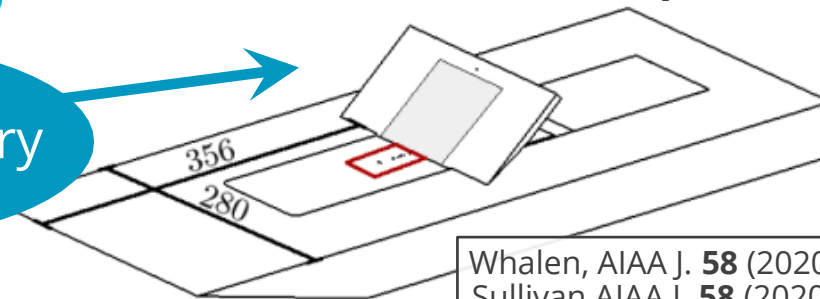


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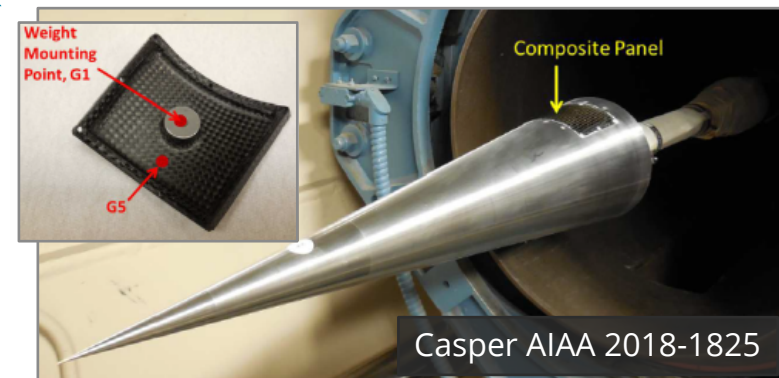
Mack, J Spacecraft Rockets **42** (2005)

### Flat Plate with Thin Ramp



Whalen, AIAA J. **58** (2020)  
Sullivan AIAA J. **58** (2020)

### Slender Cone with Deformable Panel



Casper AIAA 2018-1825