

# Near-MHz Temperature and $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ Measurements in Large-Scale Post-Detonation Fireballs

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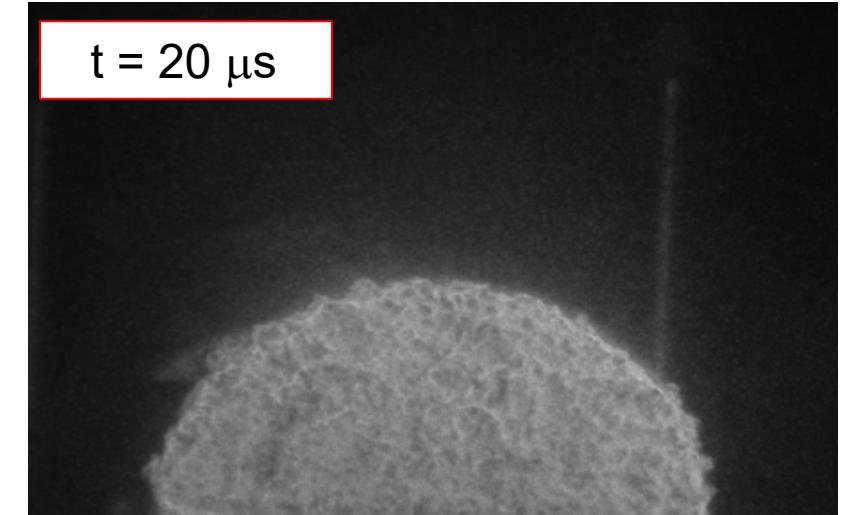
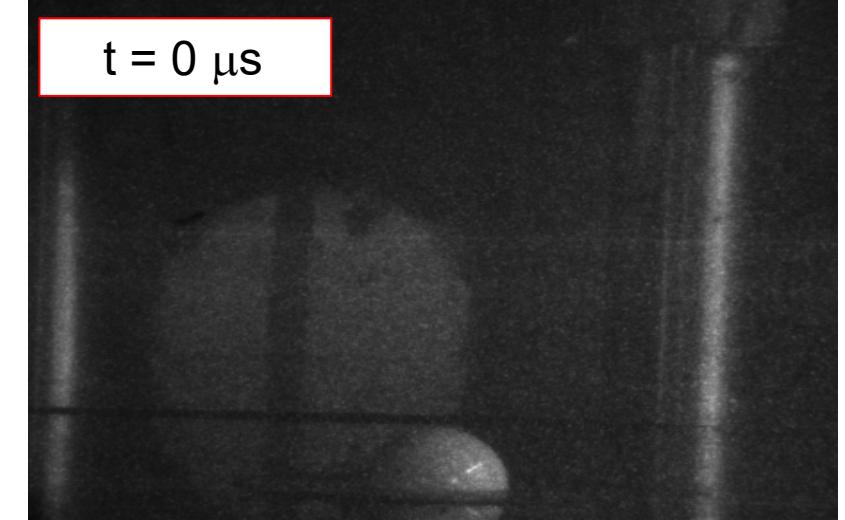
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# Overview

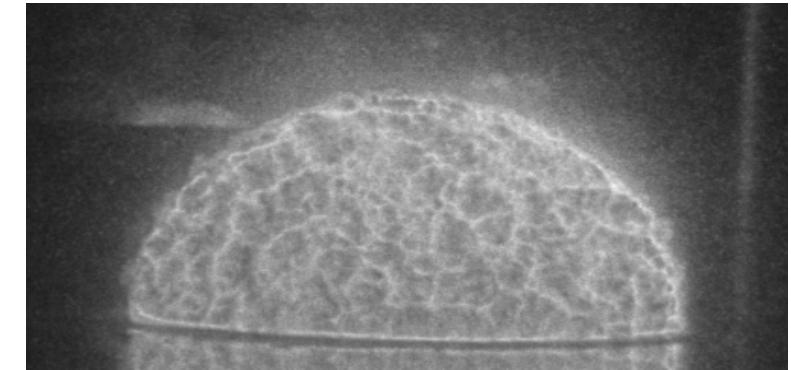
1. Goals and Motivation
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# Sandia LDRD Grand Challenge Project

**Motivation:** Seeking improved understanding of optical radiation from post-detonation fireballs

*Fireball produced by 25 g hemispherical N5 charge.  
(courtesy UIUC)*

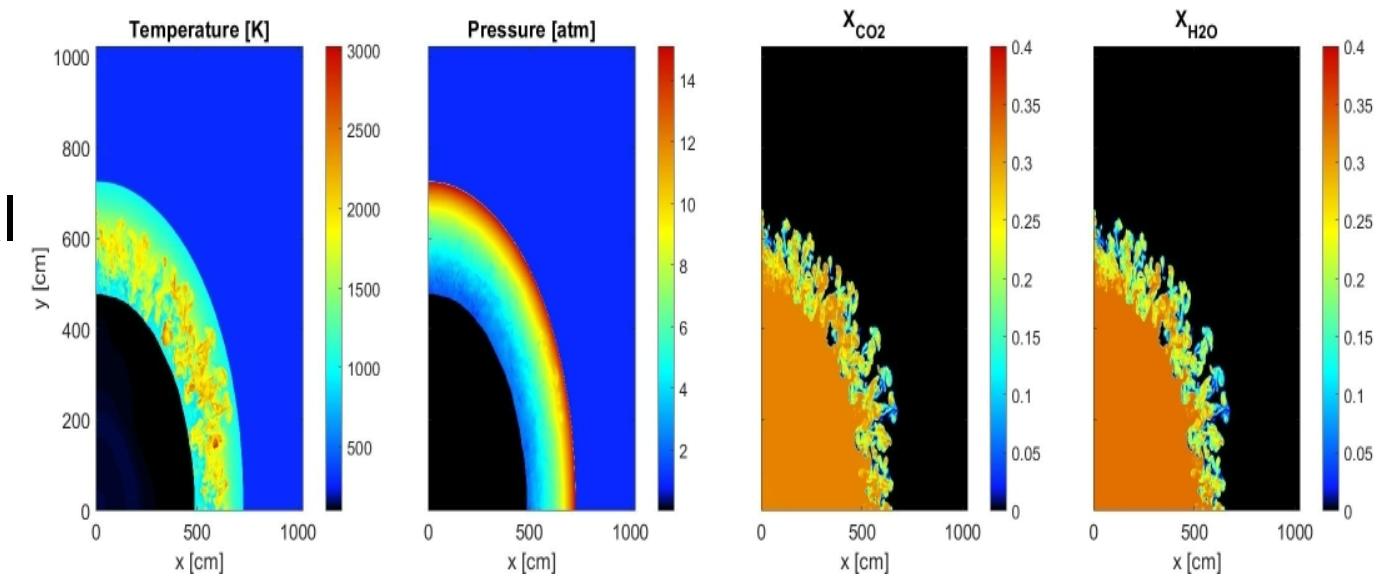


**Project Goal:** Advance tools to quantify and predict the internal dynamics of post-detonation fireballs, including the gas conditions (T, P, X) which are critical to optical emissions

**Our Role:** Acquire:

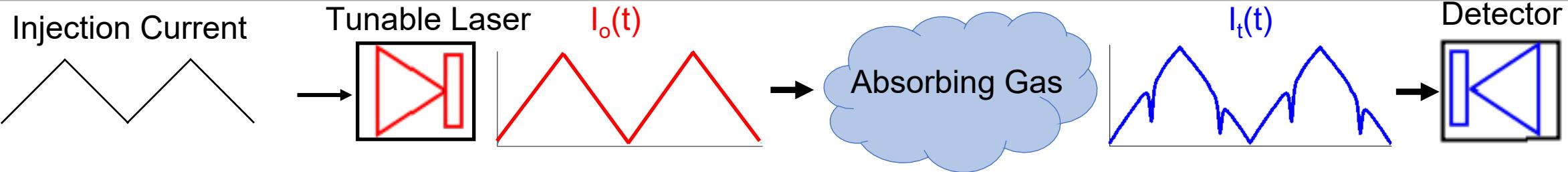
- T, P, CO, CO<sub>2</sub> at 1 MHz
- T & H<sub>2</sub>O at  $\sim$  MHz rates

*to evaluate fireball model accuracy*



*Example CFD result for 1 g hemispherical charge  
Courtesy of Anthony Egeln and Prof. Ryan Houim: University of Florida*

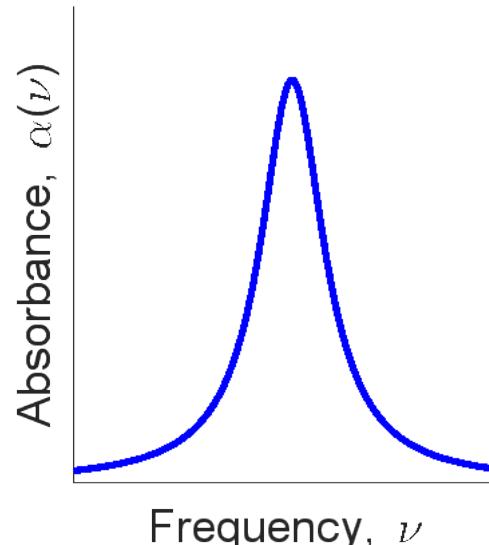
# Fundamentals of LAS



## Spectral Absorbance: $\alpha(v)$

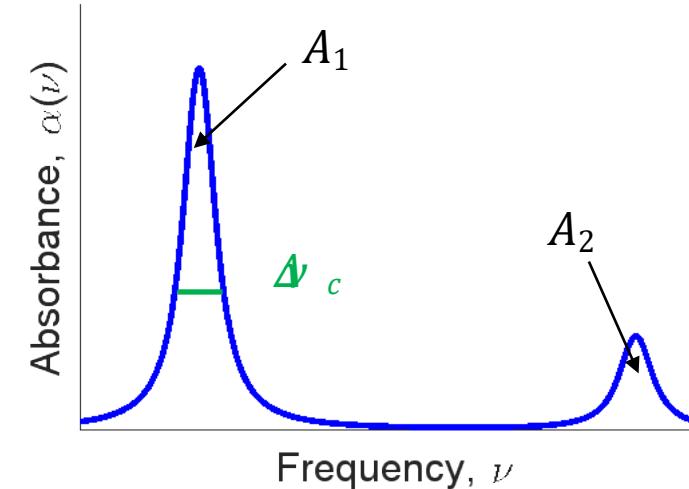
$$\alpha(v) = -\ln \frac{I_t}{I_0}$$

$$\alpha(v) = S(T)\phi_i(v)P X_i L$$



## Measuring Gas Properties

$$\text{Integrated Area: } A = S(T)P X_i L$$



$$\text{Lineshape: } \phi(v) = f(\Delta\nu_c, \Delta\nu_d, v)$$

Collisional Width:

$$\Delta\nu_c = P \sum_A 2\gamma_{A-B} X_A$$

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Broadening coefficient

Pressure

$$\frac{A_2}{A_1} = \frac{S_2(T)}{S_1(T)} = f(T)$$

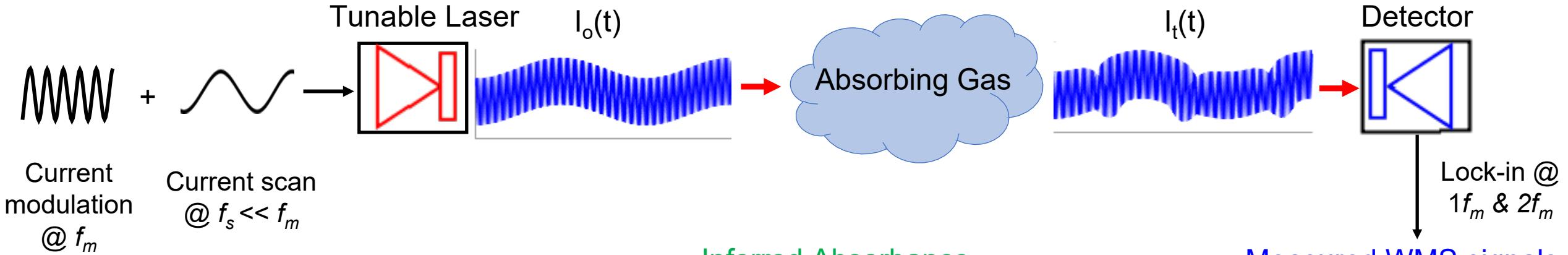
Temperature

$$\frac{A_1}{S_1(T)PL} = X_i$$

Mole Fraction

$(P X_i, X_i L)$

# Fundamentals of Scanned-WMS



Current modulation @  $f_m$

Current scan @  $f_s \ll f_m$

Tunable Laser

$I_o(t)$

Absorbing Gas

$I_t(t)$

Detector

Lock-in @  
 $1f_m$  &  $2f_m$

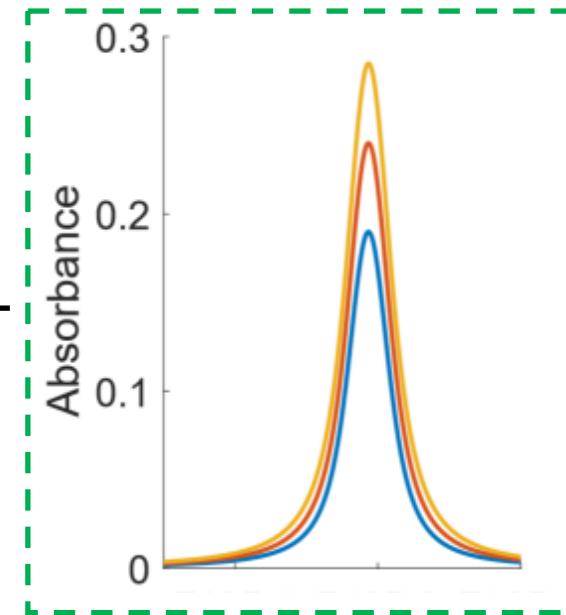
Gas Properties:

- Temperature
- Mole fraction

Spectroscopic Models

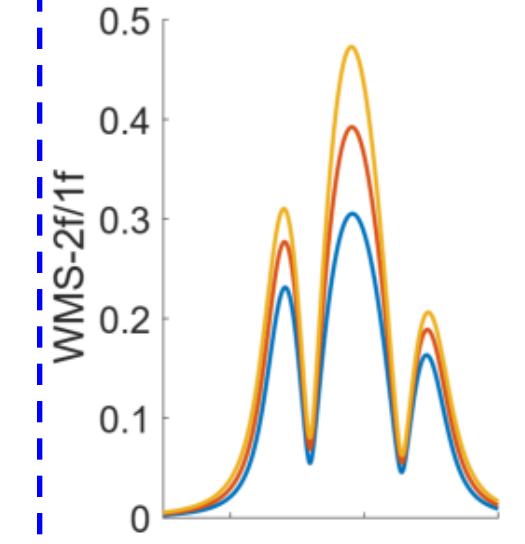
$$\alpha(\nu) = \phi(\nu)S(T)PXL$$

Inferred Absorbance



WMS Models

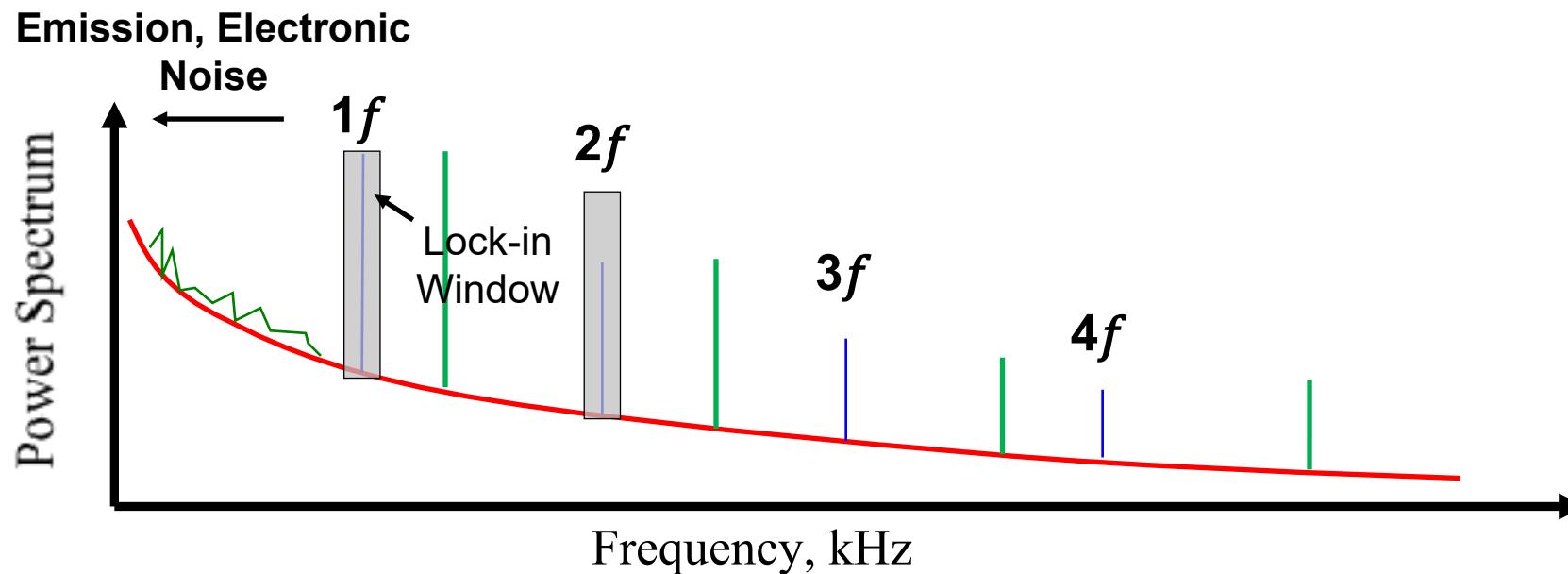
Measured WMS signals



# Benefits of Scanned-WMS

## Benefits of scanned-wavelength-modulation spectroscopy:

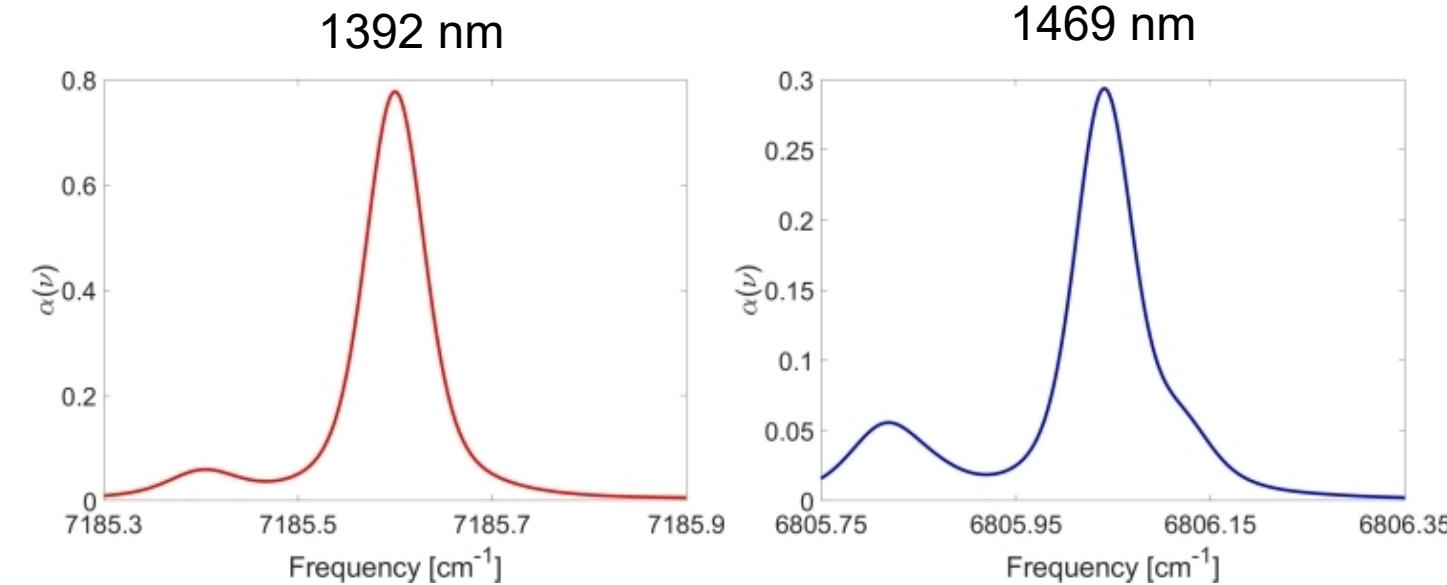
1. Insensitive to non-absorbing transmission losses (i.e., particles in the flame)
2. Noise rejection outside of lock-in filter
3. Frequency multiplexing multiple lasers



# Line Selection

Parameters	Transition	
$\nu_0, \text{cm}^{-1}$	7185.59	6806.03
$S(296K), \text{cm}^{-2}/\text{atm}$	$7.96 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.40 \times 10^{-7}$
$E'', \text{cm}^{-1}$	1045.1	3291.2

Simulated Absorbance at 2000 K, 1 atm, 10% H<sub>2</sub>O, and a pathlength of 10 cm

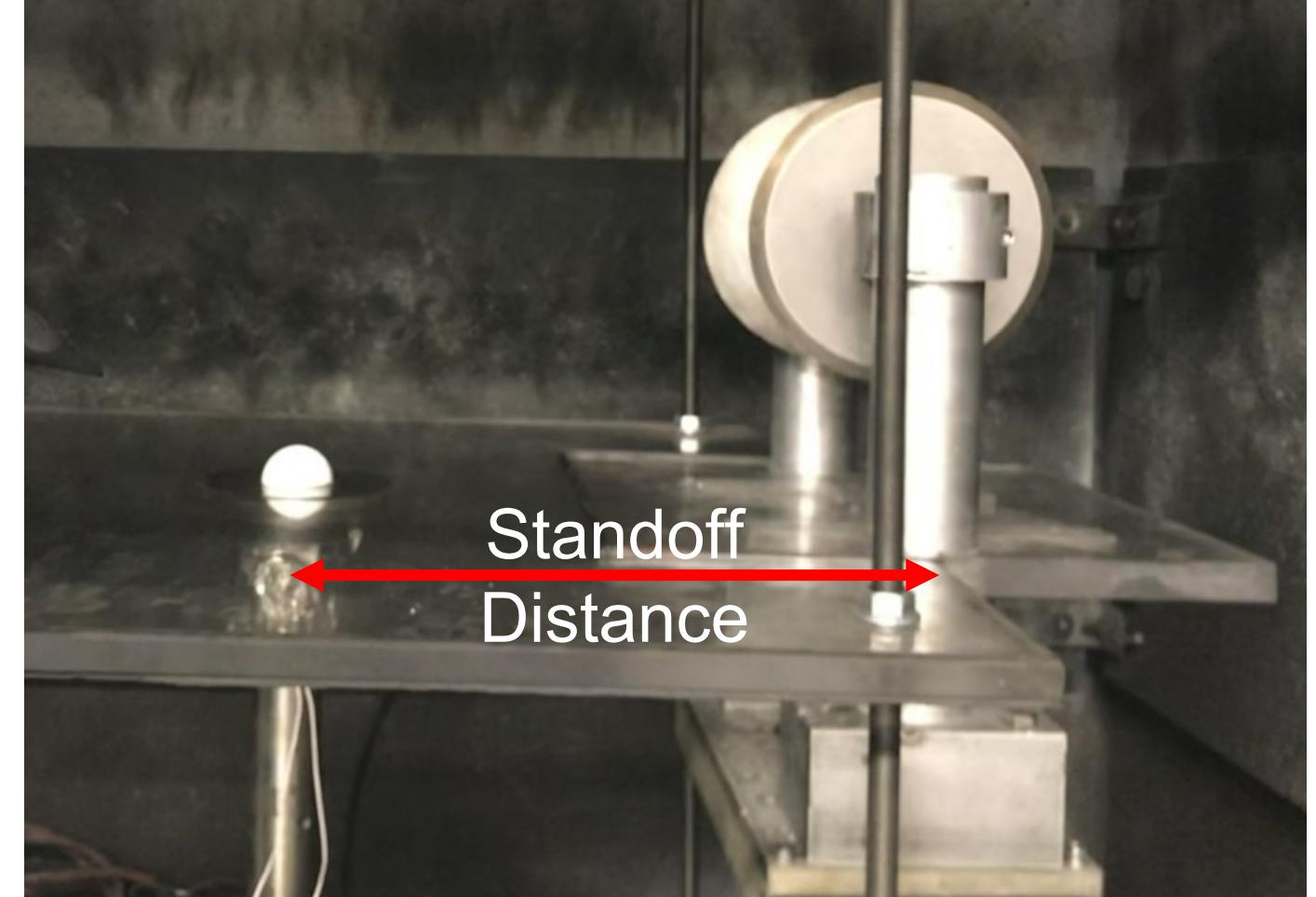


## Line Selection Criteria

1. Good two-color temperature sensitivity at 1000-2500 K
2. Isolation from other absorption transitions
3. Detectable absorption levels in air and fireball gases

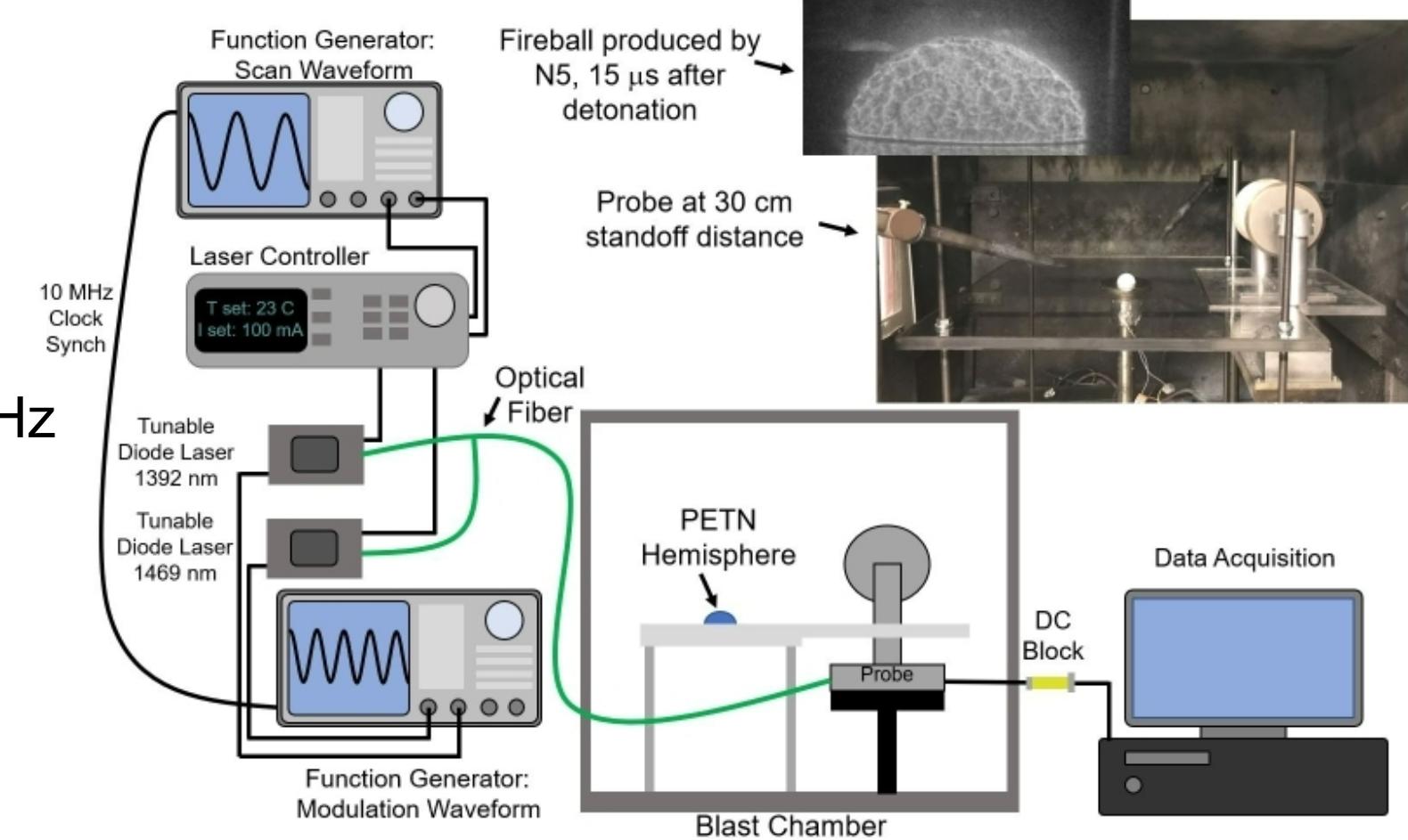
# Sample Preparation

- 25 g of explosive powder was pressed into a hemispherical die with a diameter of 1.5"
- Sample Density:
  - 1.689 g/cc for PETN
  - 1.807 g/cc for N5

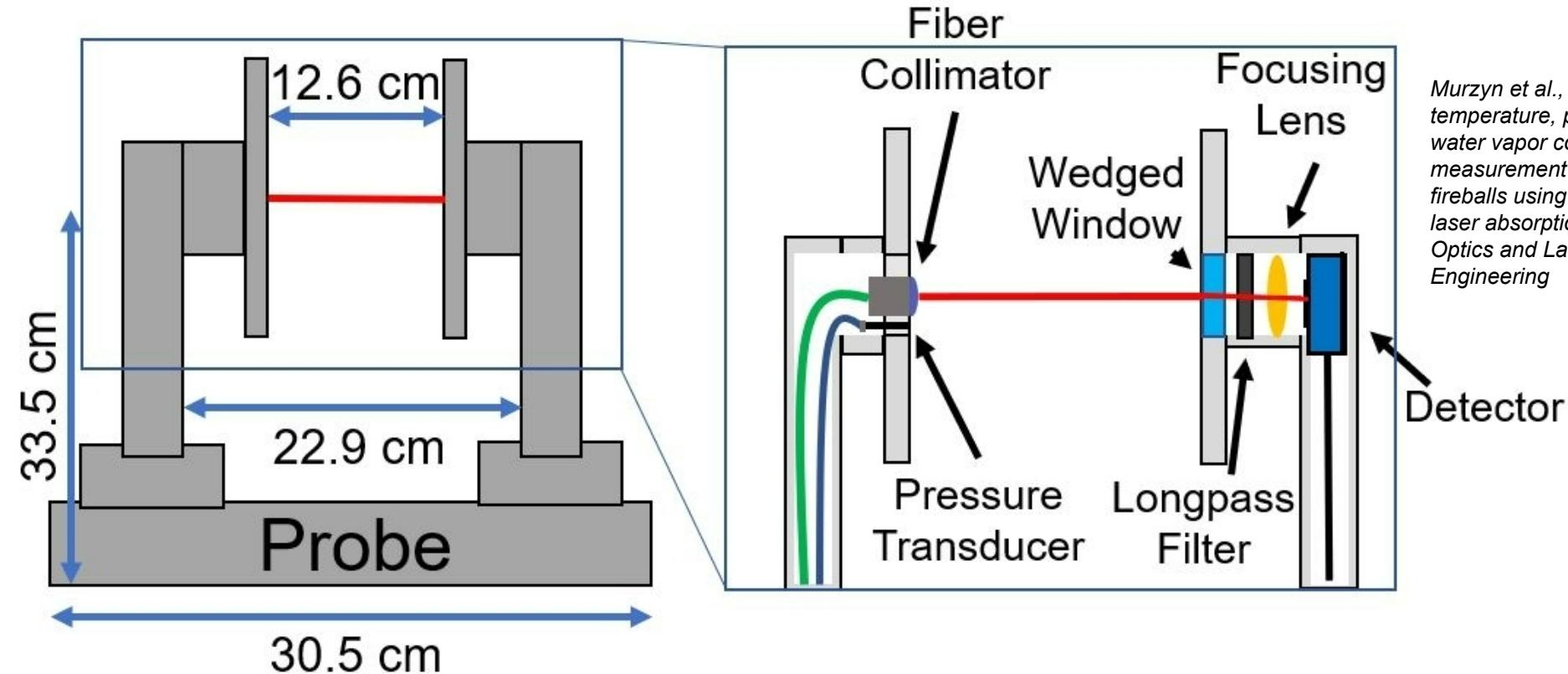


# Experimental Setup

- Peak-picking scanned-WMS performed to measure temperature and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  at 500 kHz
- Used fiber coupled TDLs emitting near 1392 and 1469 nm
- TDLs were scanned at 500 kHz and modulated at 35.5 or 45 MHz
- Detector sampled at 3 GS/s
- Laser light directed into an optical probe inside blast chamber



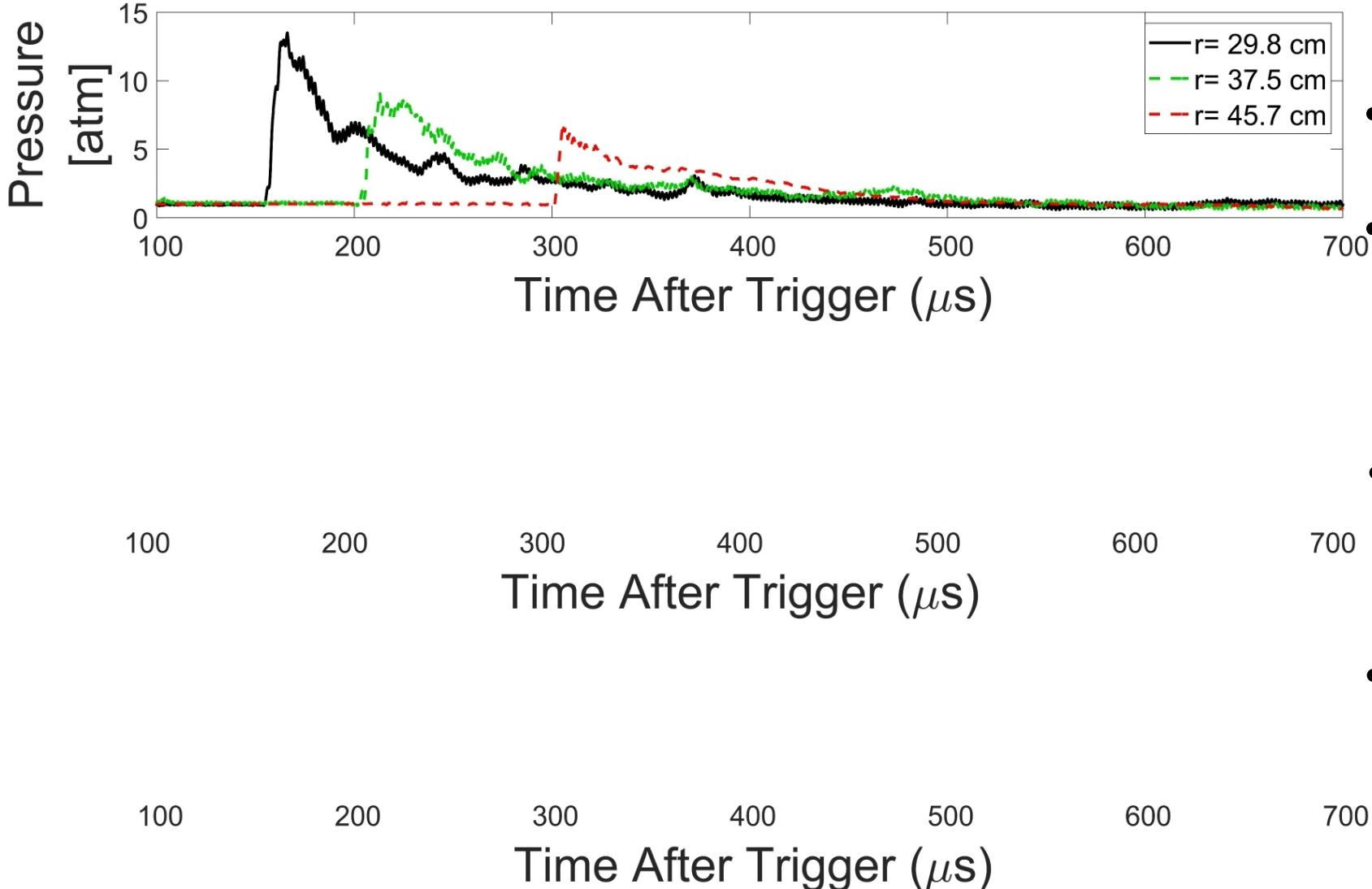
# Optical Probe



*Murzyn et al., "High speed temperature, pressure, and water vapor concentration measurement in explosive fireballs using tunable diode laser absorption spectroscopy", Optics and Lasers in Engineering*

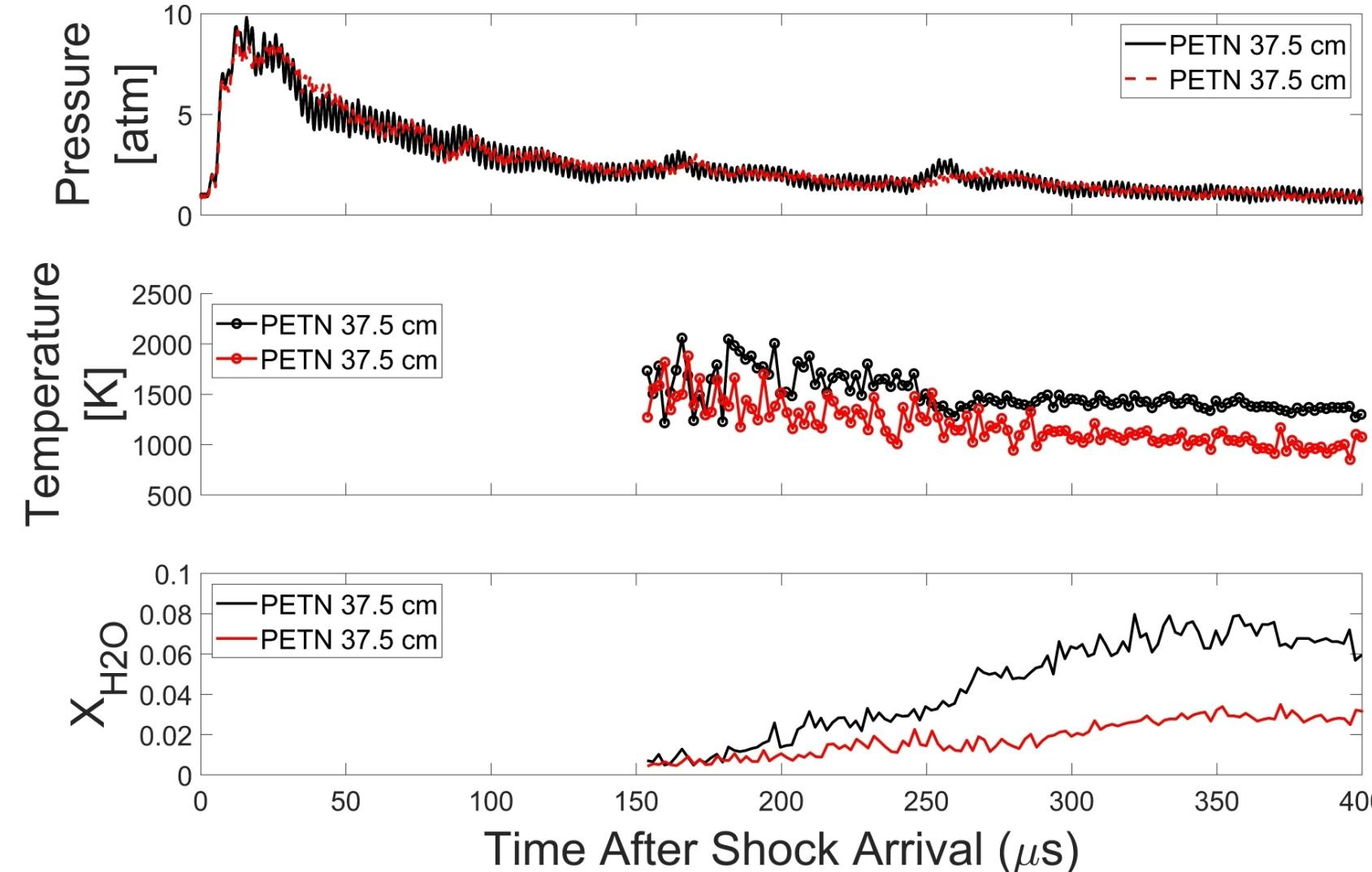
- Pitch side contained a pressure transducer and an optical fiber connected to a collimator
  - Used to pitch laser light across a test gas
- Catch side contained a 1350 nm cutoff longpass filter to reduce emission and a  $f = 25$  mm focusing lens to focus beam onto a 150 MHz bandwidth detector

# PETN Results



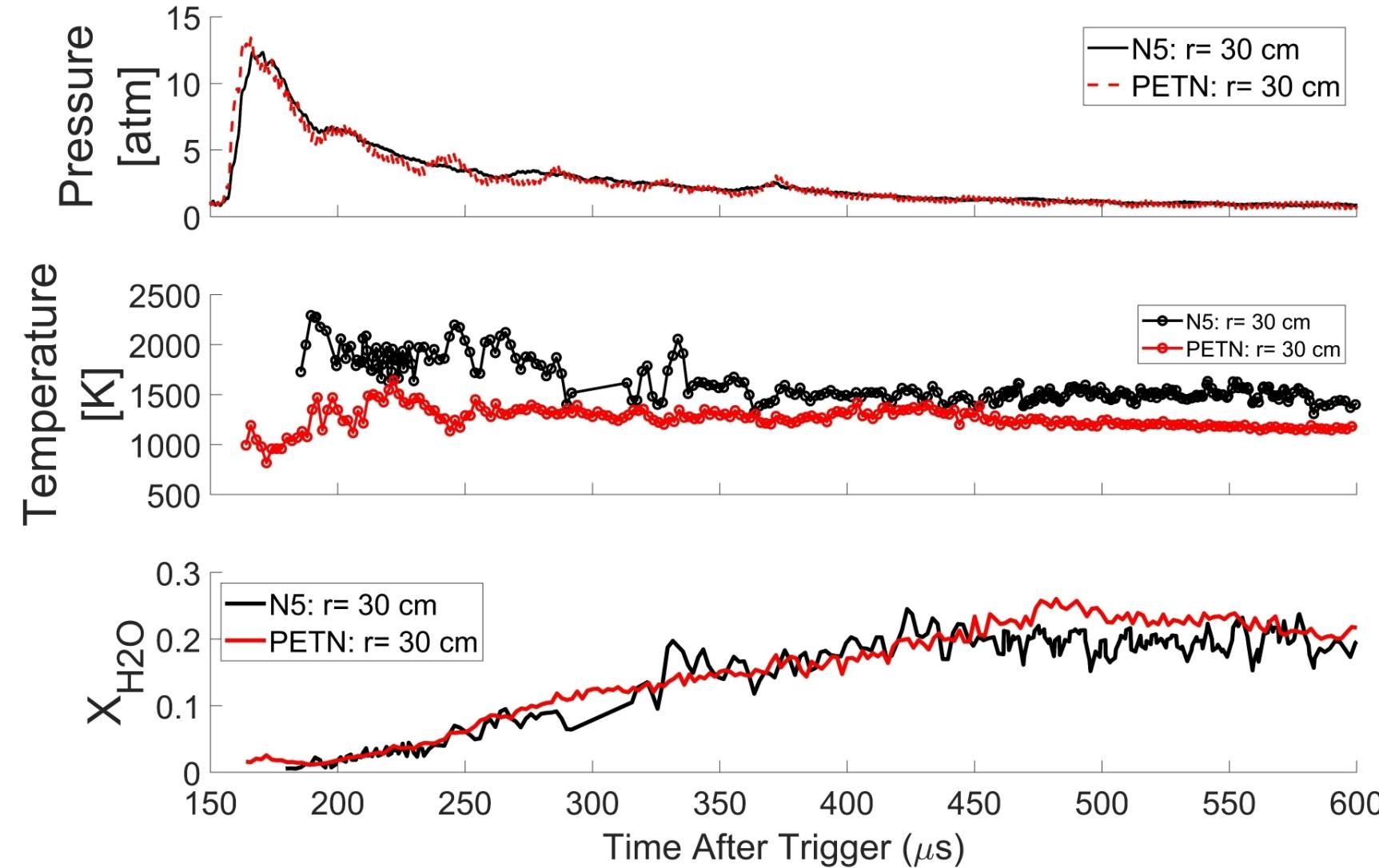
- Peak pressure decreases
- Temperature starts below 1300 K
  - 1<sup>st</sup> measurements in shock-heated air
- H<sub>2</sub>O mole fraction increase
  - Due to fireball arrival
- X<sub>H2O</sub> increase between 37.5 and 45 cm is small compared to 30 cm

# PETN Shot-to-Shot Variability at $r=37.5$ cm



- Pressure trace is nearly identical for both cases
- Similar temperature initially, but results diverge at longer times
- Higher temperature corresponds to larger H<sub>2</sub>O mole fraction increase

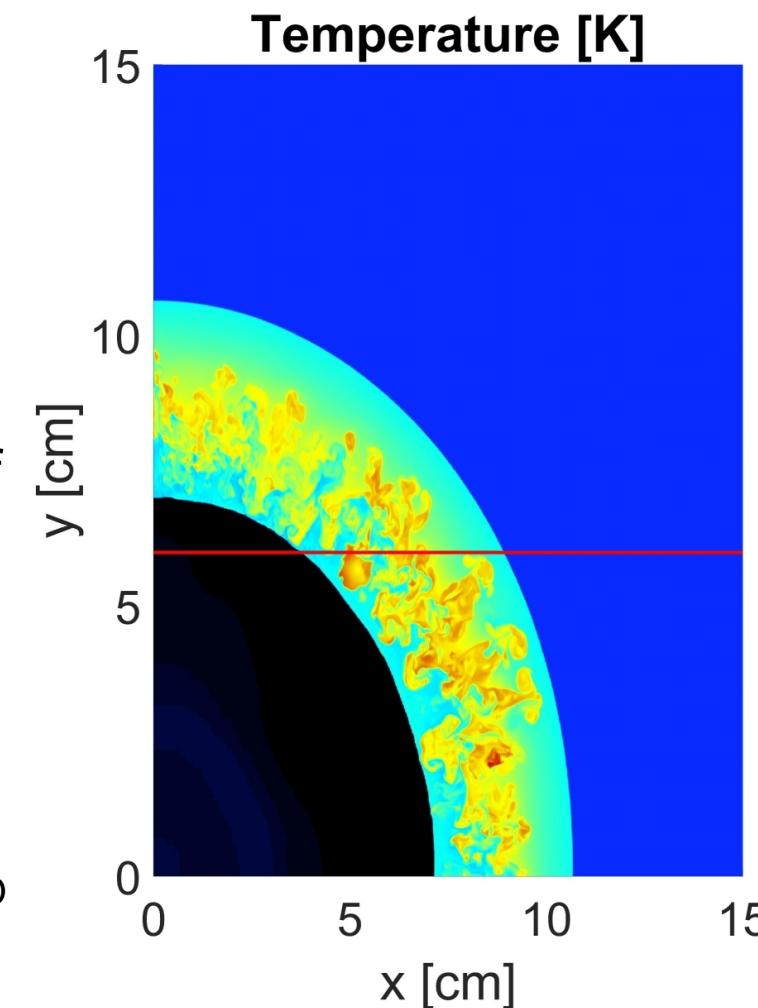
# Comparing PETN & N5: 30 cm



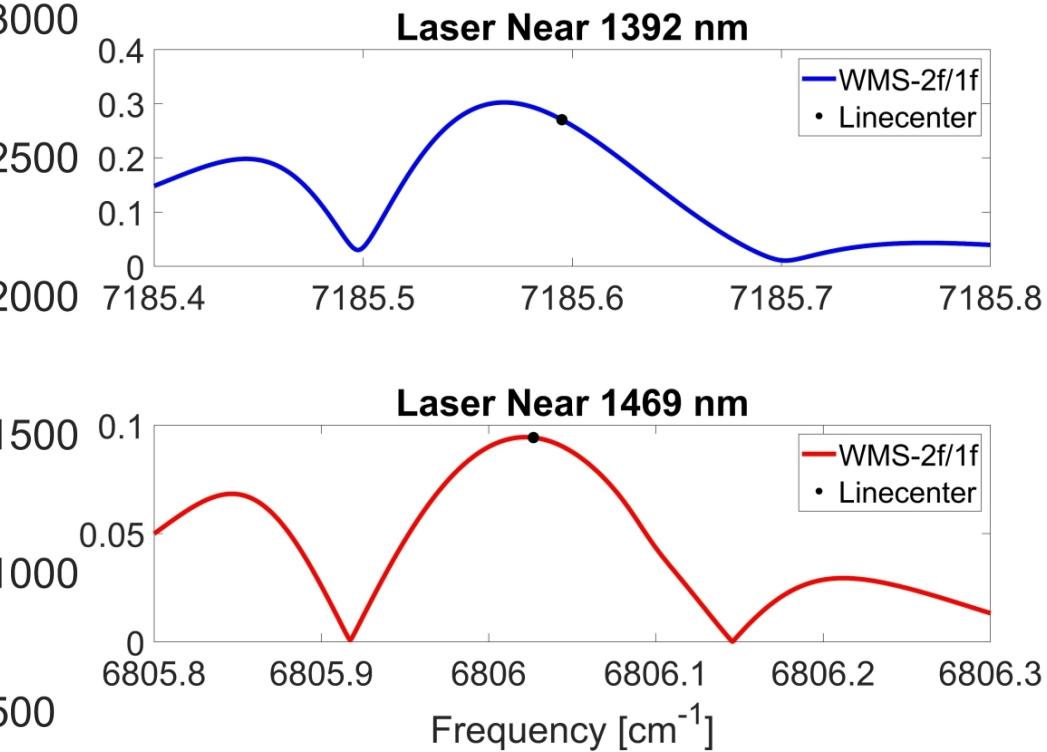
- Pressure trace is similar for both explosives
- Temperature of N5 fireball is hotter at this distance
- $H_2O$  mole fraction for the two explosives is similar throughout the test

# Future Work: Evaluation of CFD Models

1. Simulation data:
  - $T$ ,  $P$ ,  $X_{CO}$ ,  $X_{CO_2}$ ,  $X_{H_2O}$ ,  
 $X_{OH}$ ,  $X_{NO}$
2. Simulate WMS-2f/1f signal for both lasers
3. Determine the peak of the simulated WMS-2f/1f signals
4. Use peak values to determine a simulated temperature, and  $X_{H_2O}$



## Simulated LOS WMS-2f/1f Signals



**Results:**  
 $T = 1857 \text{ K}$   
 $X_{H_2O} = 0.13$

# Conclusion

- A two-color TDLAS sensor providing measurements of temperature and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  at 500 kHz in shock-heated air and fireballs of 25 g charges was successfully developed and deployed at UIUC
- Diagnostic used scanned-WMS-2f/1f to facilitate two-color measurements at 500 kHz and improve SNR
- Measurements of temperature and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  were taken at multiple standoff distances for fireballs of PETN and N5
- Future work will compare these experimental results with synthetic measurements obtained from CFD models



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