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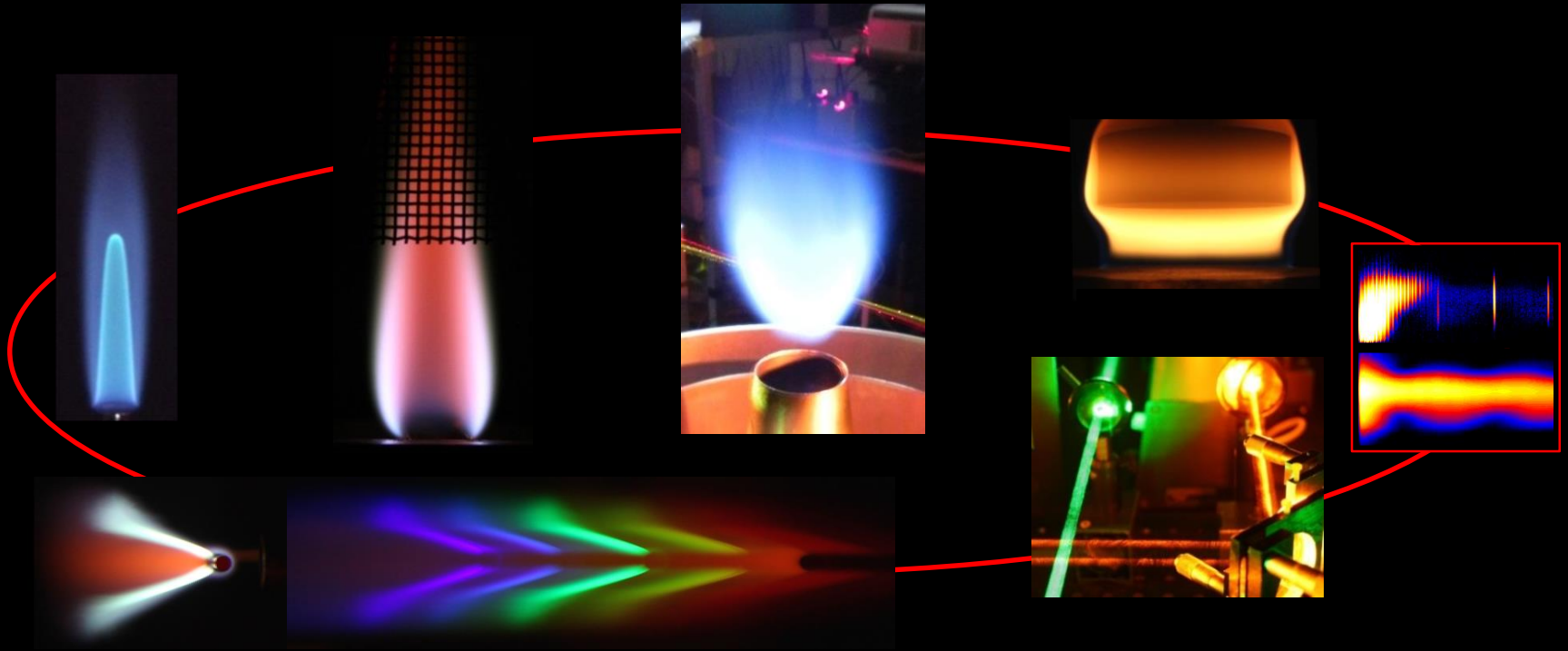
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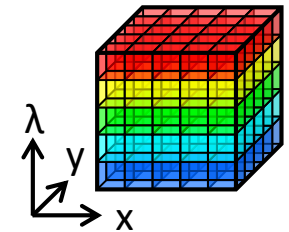
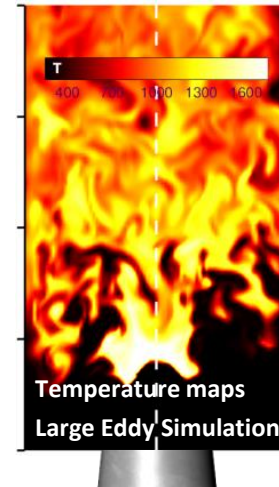
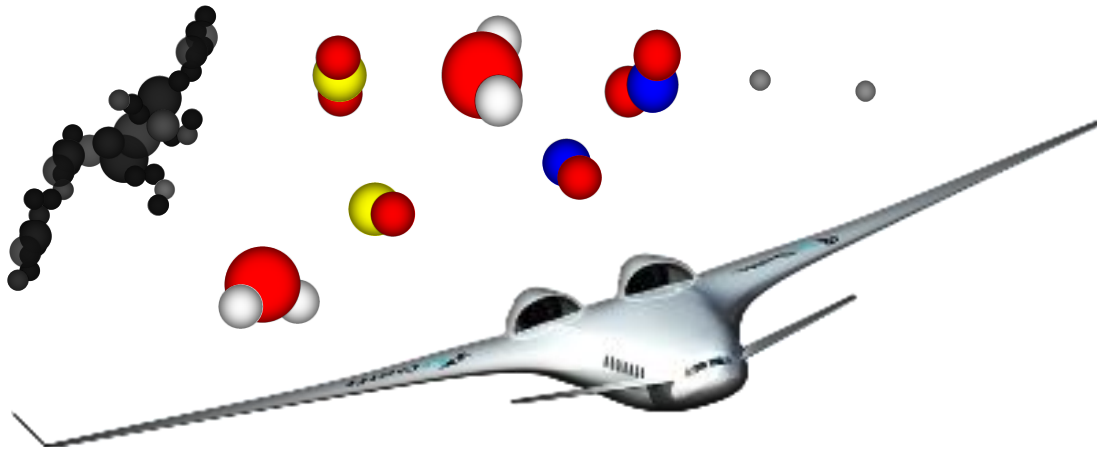
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# Advancing Renewable Aero-Propulsion

- **Grand challenge: air-transportation/energy security/combustion**
- Reduced emission of pollutants from aircraft NO<sub>x</sub>, CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, UHC, and soot

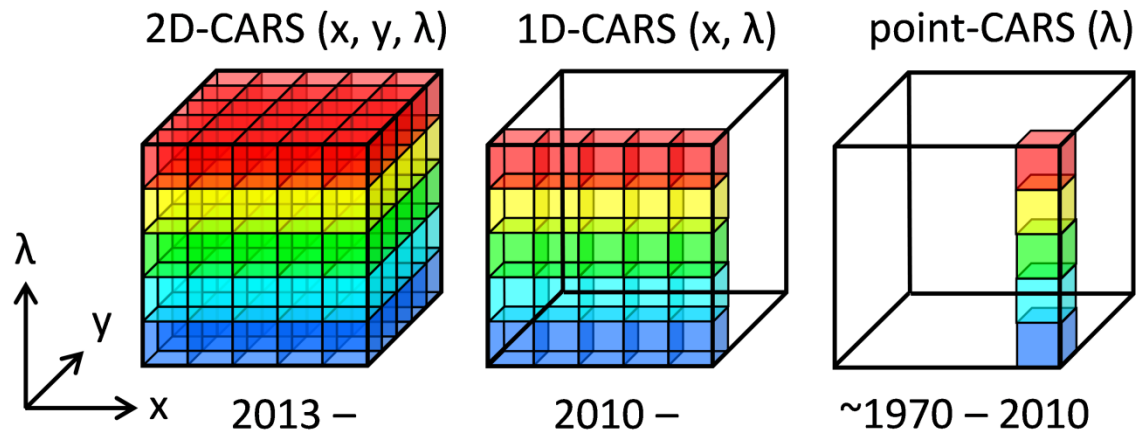


“Deep insight into multiscale chemical interactions can only be obtained from spectroscopic measurements garnered in spatial and temporal correlation.”

# Time- and spatially resolved optical diagnostics for combustion analysis

- Challenges: Parameter determination in reacting flows
  - Major- and transient species detection  Particulate chemistry
  - Temperature field  Mixture fraction  Flow field
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## CARS imagery in flames:



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- Objectives: High-fidelity experiments in combustion systems

Experiments informs  
theory and vice versa



Device validation

- Flameless Combustor

Development of predictive engineering models

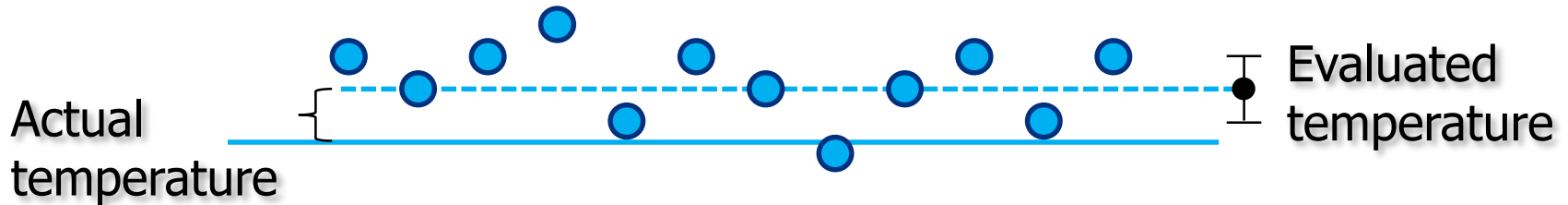
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## Background nanosecond CARS

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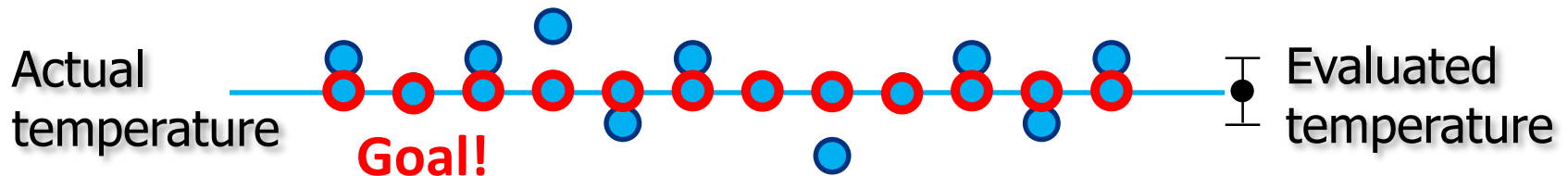
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## Advanced nanosecond CARS

Inaccuracy  $\sim 0\%$  ?

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**Improved Accuracy** – Spectroscopic modelling (Raman linewidths, ...)

**Improved Precision** – Experimental setup (Laser system, ...)

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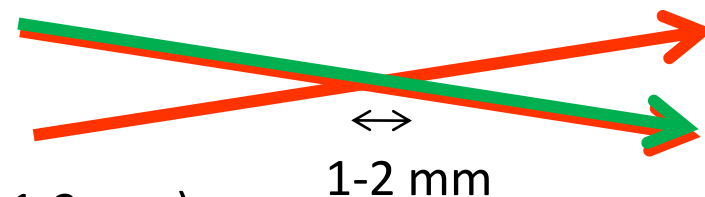
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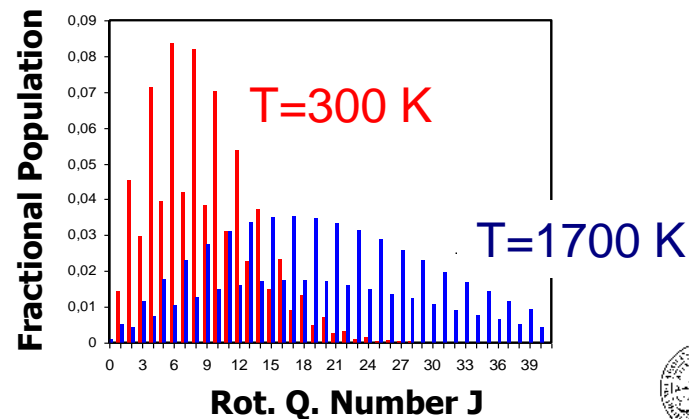
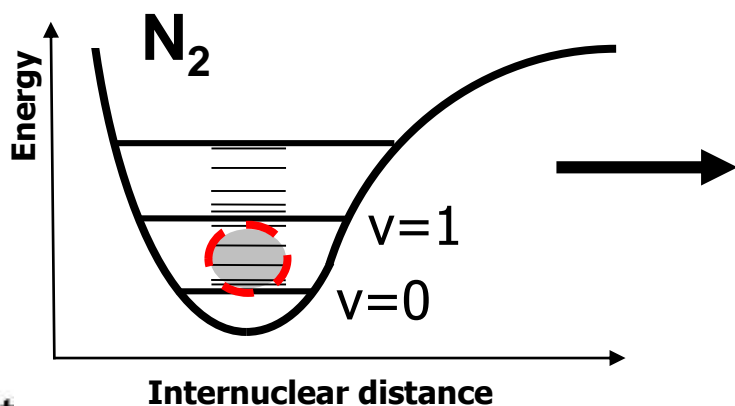
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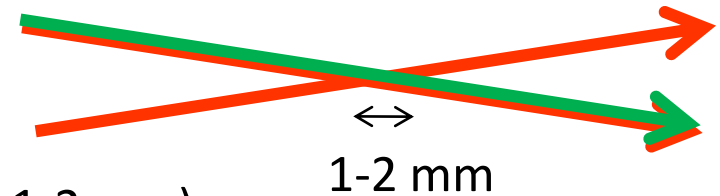
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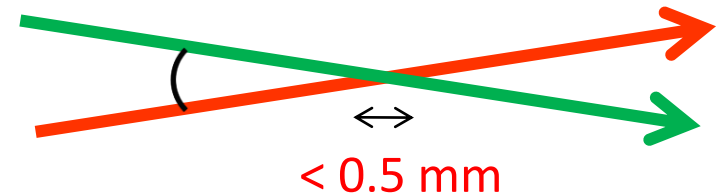


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- Two-beam femtosecond/picosecond CARS

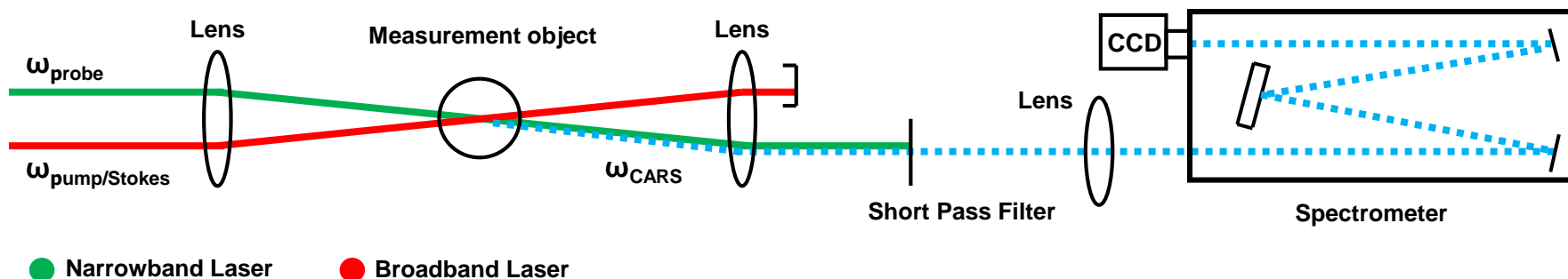
- Picosecond temporal resolution (Near collision independent - Raman linewidths)
- Improved spatial resolution ( $40 \mu\text{m} \times 40 \mu\text{m} \times 0.5$  mm)
- 1D and 2D imaging capabilities

Inaccuracy  $< 2-3\%$   
Single shot precision  $\sim 1\%$





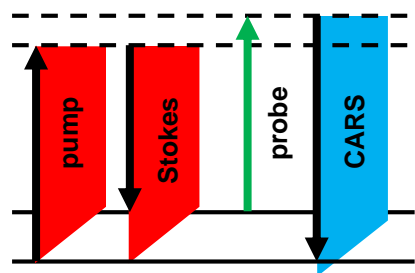
# Two-beam femtosecond/picosecond CARS



Simplified generic phase-matching- and impulsive excitation scheme.

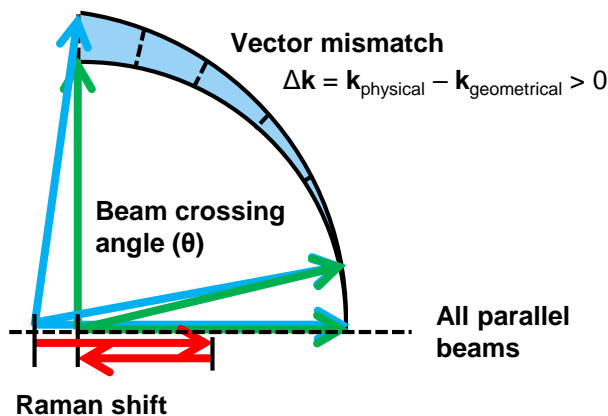
## Energy conservation

Laser driven transitions (Q and S)

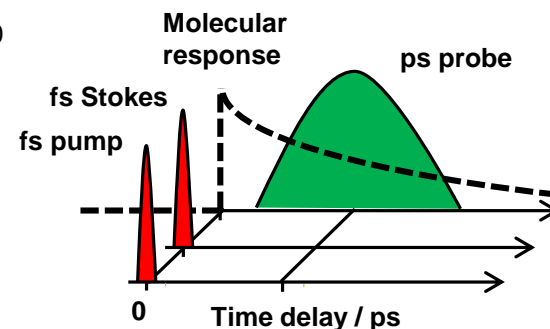


Molecular internal energy levels

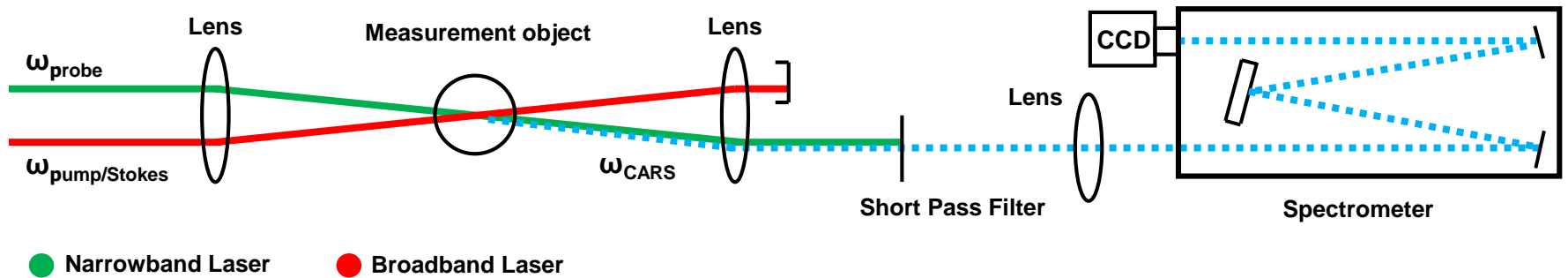
## Phase-matching (momentum conservation)



## Spectroscopy in the time-domain

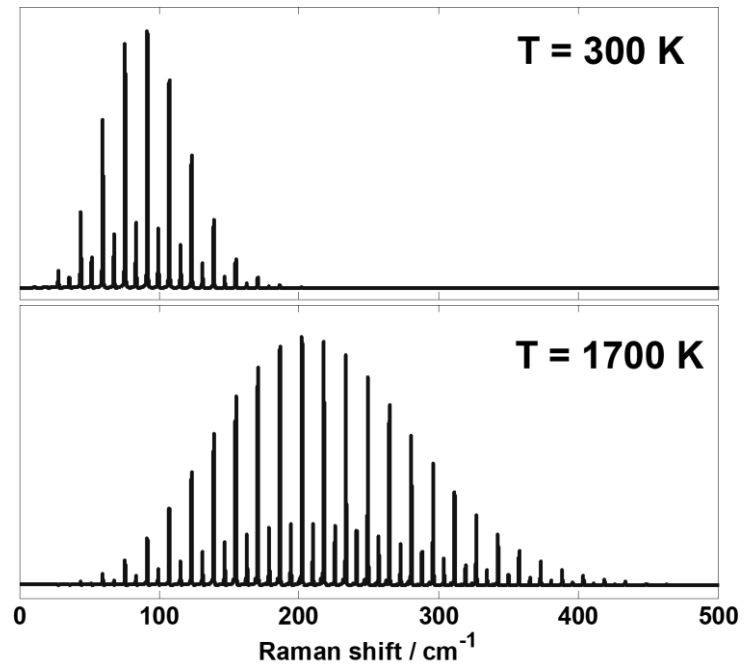
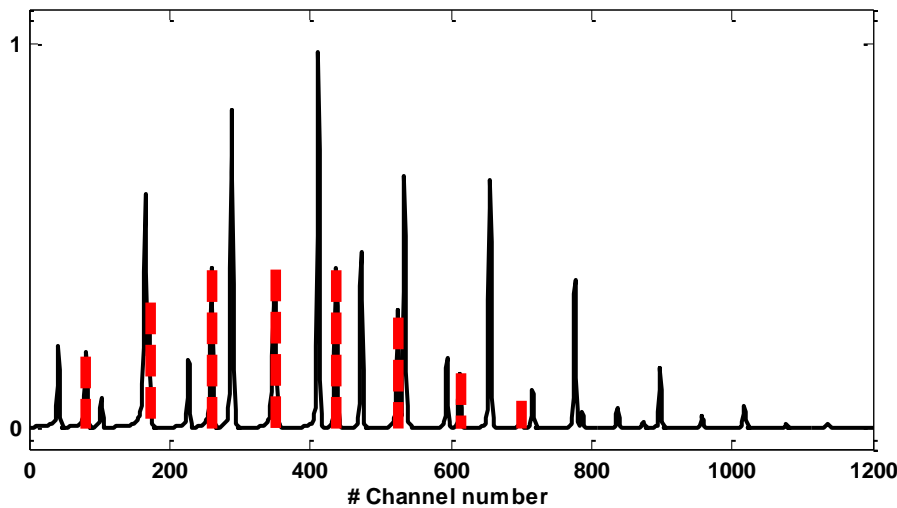


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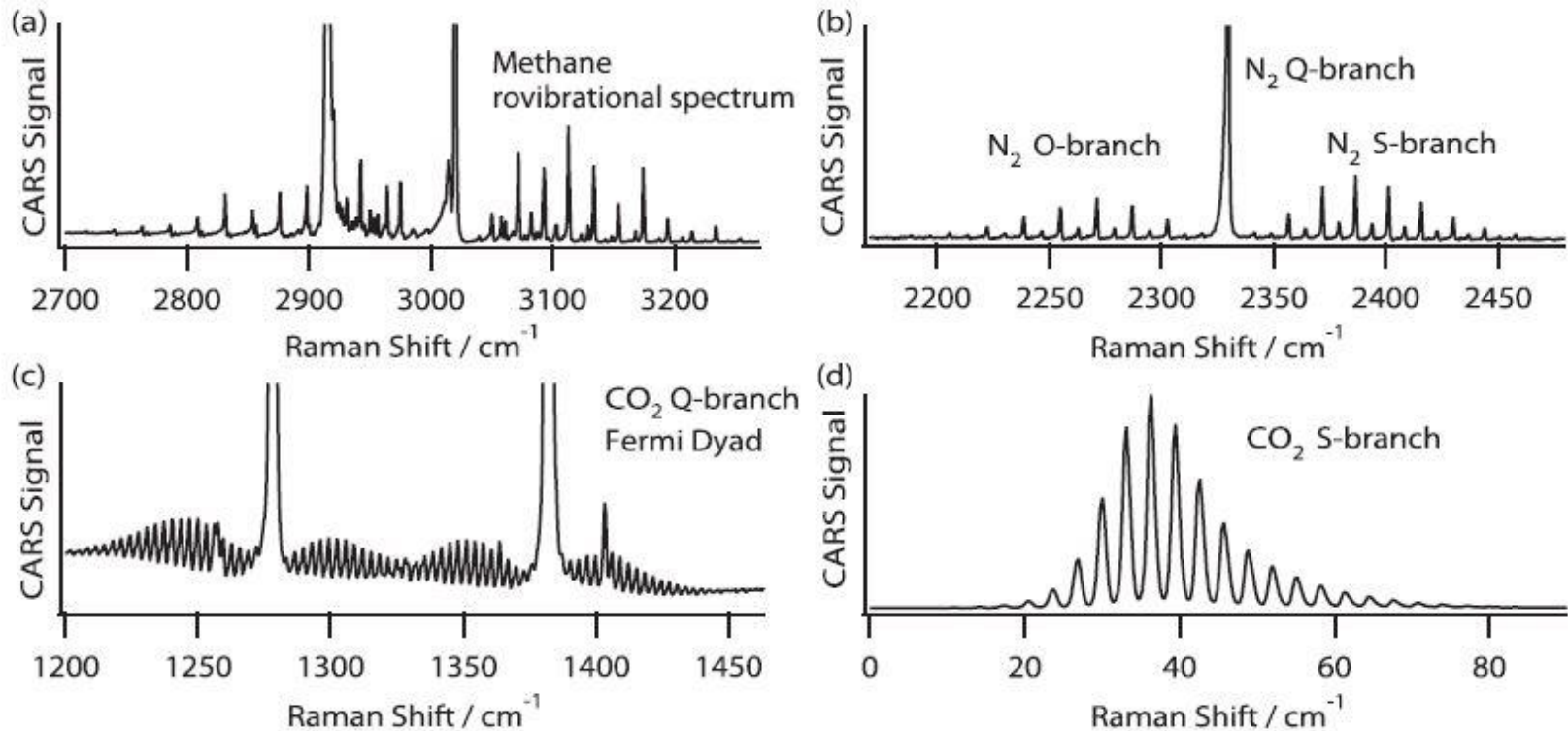


$\text{N}_2$  spectra at two different temperatures

Air (79%  $\text{N}_2$  and 21%  $\text{O}_2$ ) at room temperature

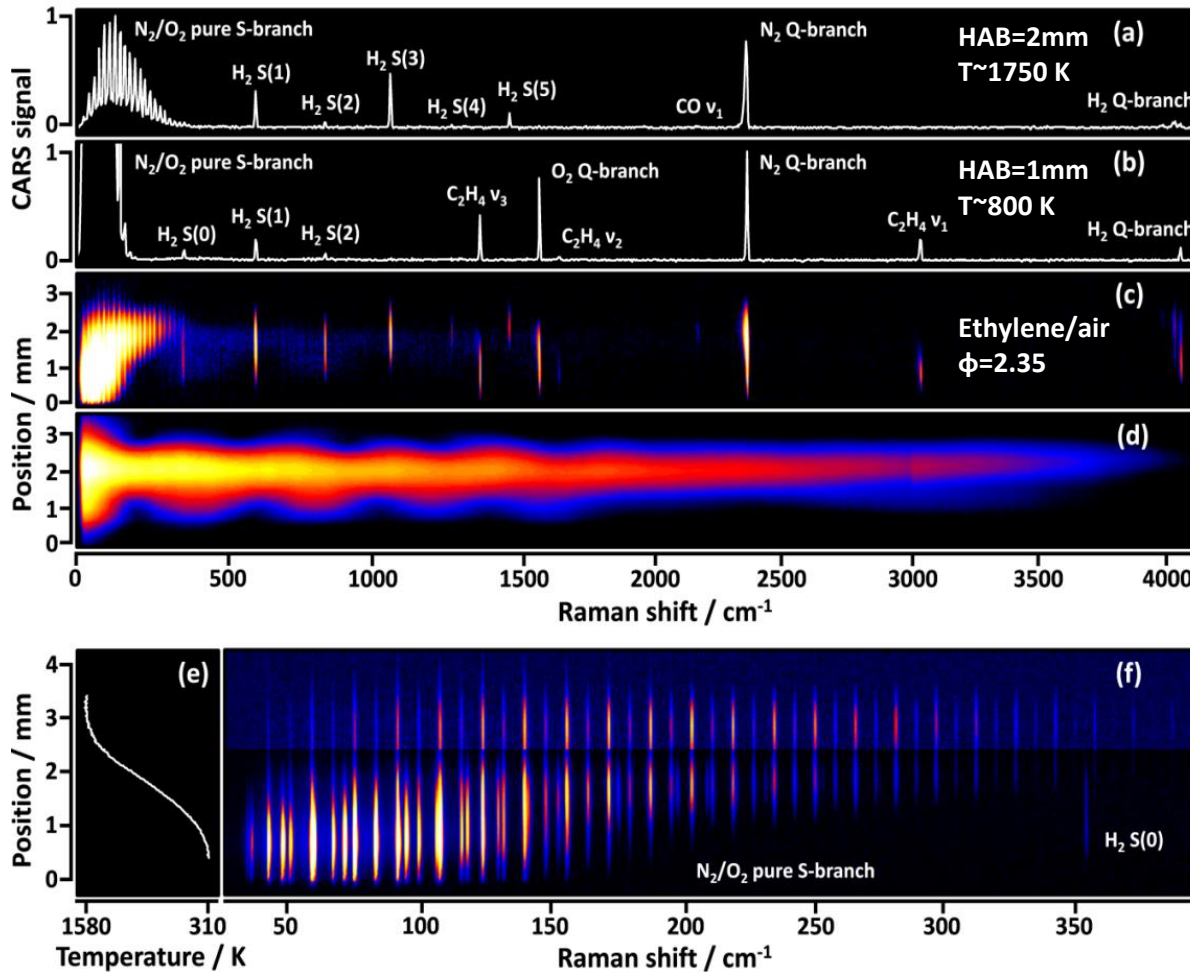


# Examples of coherent Raman spectra for some combustion relevant species

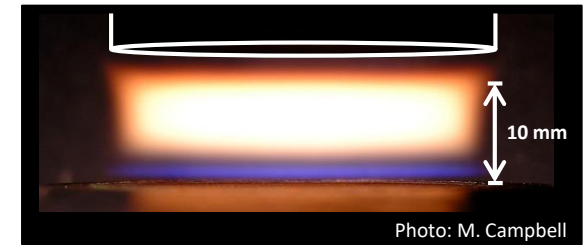


- Specific selection rules (transitions)  
ro-vibrational O-, Q-, S-branch ( $\Delta v = 1, \Delta J = 0, \pm 2$ ),  
pure-rotational O, S-branch ( $\Delta J = \pm 2$ )

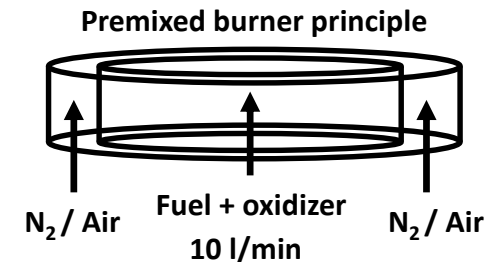
# Direct coherent Raman temperature imaging and wideband chemical detection



- Canonical sooting hydrocarbon flat-flame used to benchmark the new techniques.

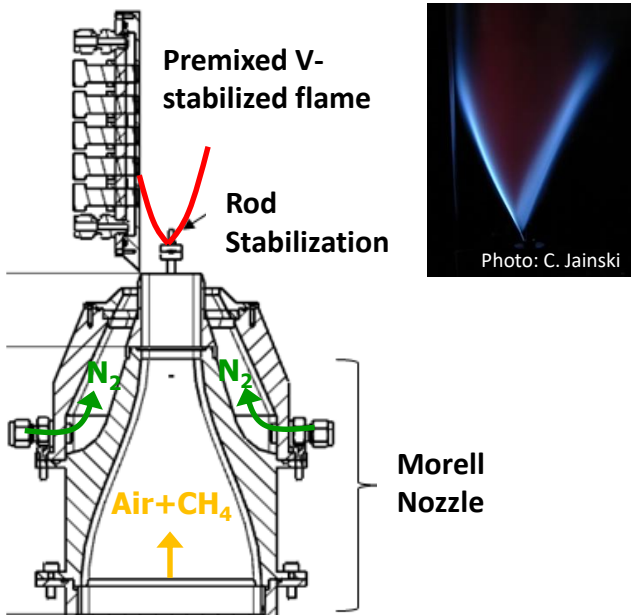


Burner design (Michelsen group, Sandia)



# Side wall quenching burner

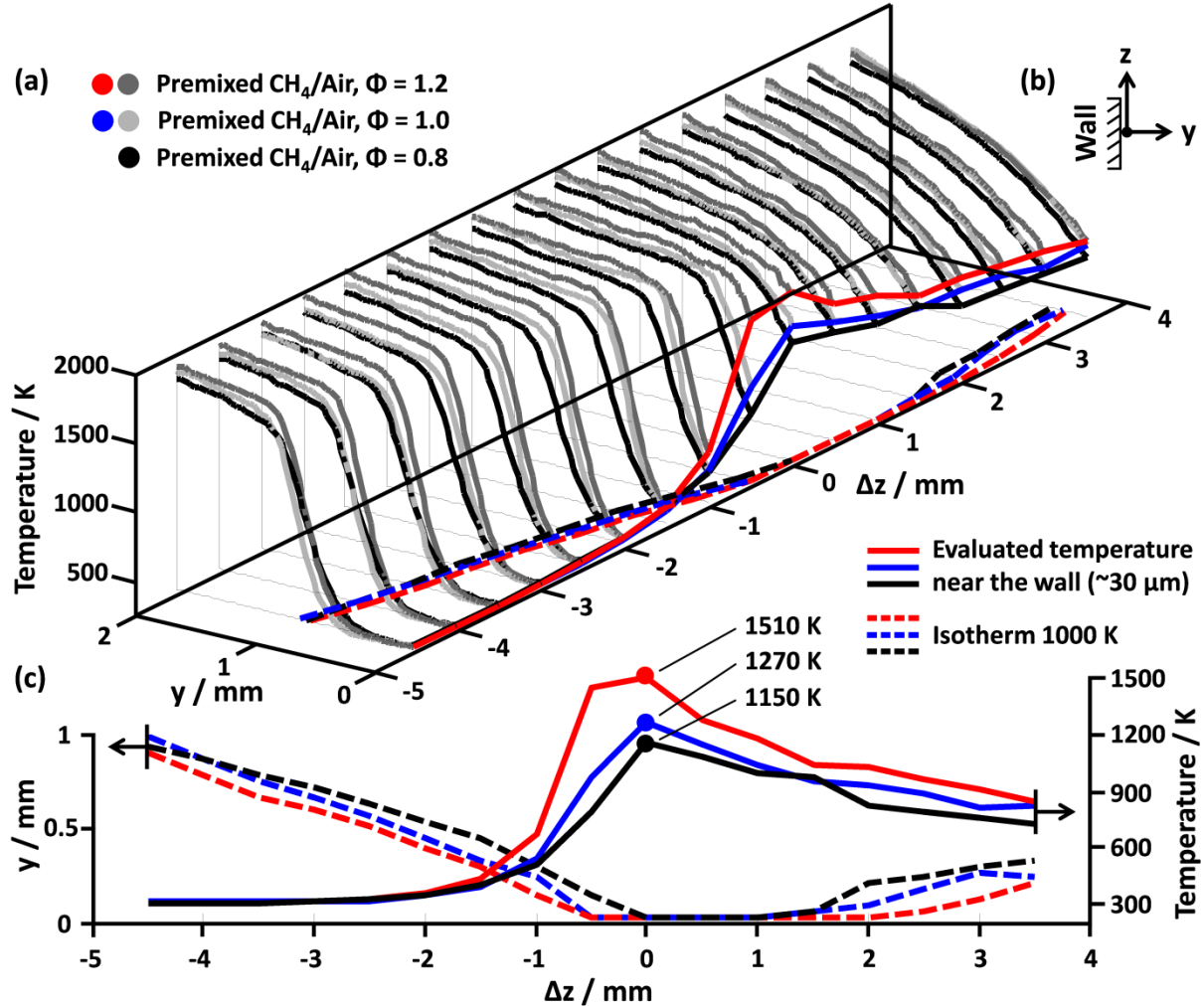
- 1D-CARS temperature- and chemical imaging



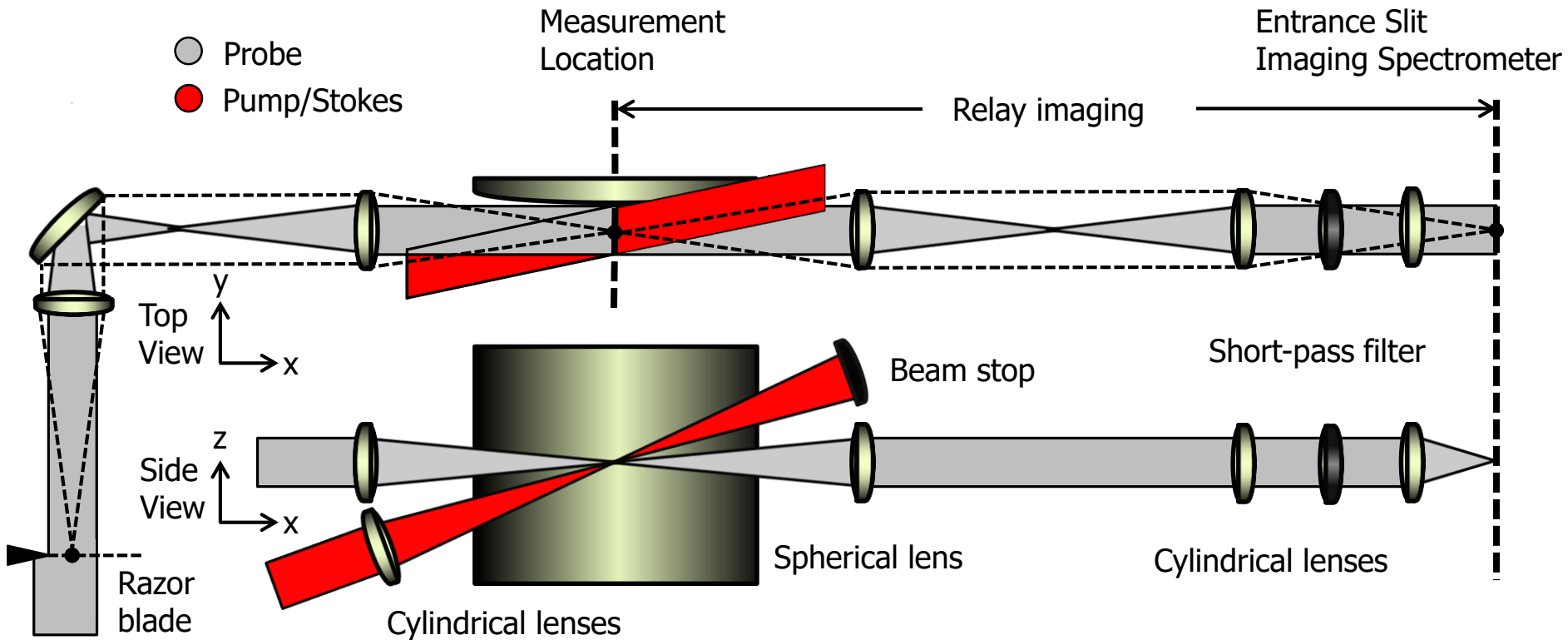
Burner design (Dreizler group, TU Darmstadt)

- Motivation

Flame-wall interaction plays a key role in the formation of pollutants in a combustion chamber, such as UHC and CO.



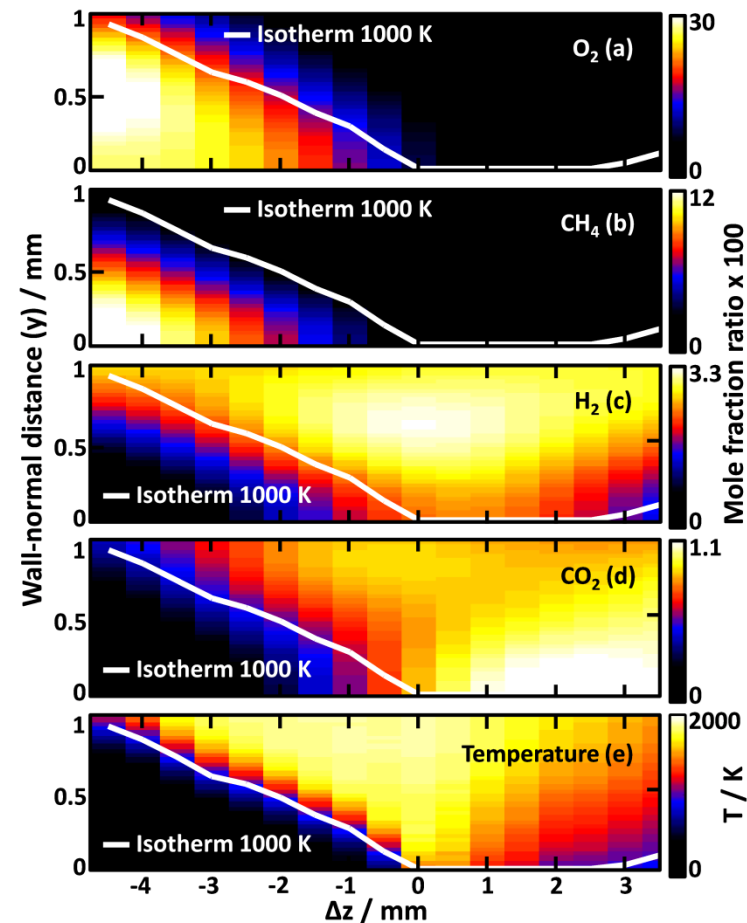
# Two-beam 1D-CARS near-wall imaging



- Automatically overlapped pump/Stokes fields, temporally and spatially, makes the technique more robust and higher pulse energy available.
- Spatial sectioning (probe volume):  
 $\sim 40 \mu\text{m}$  (Beam waist)  $\times 40 \mu\text{m}$  (Coherent point-spread function)  $\times 0.5 \text{ mm}$  (Interaction length).

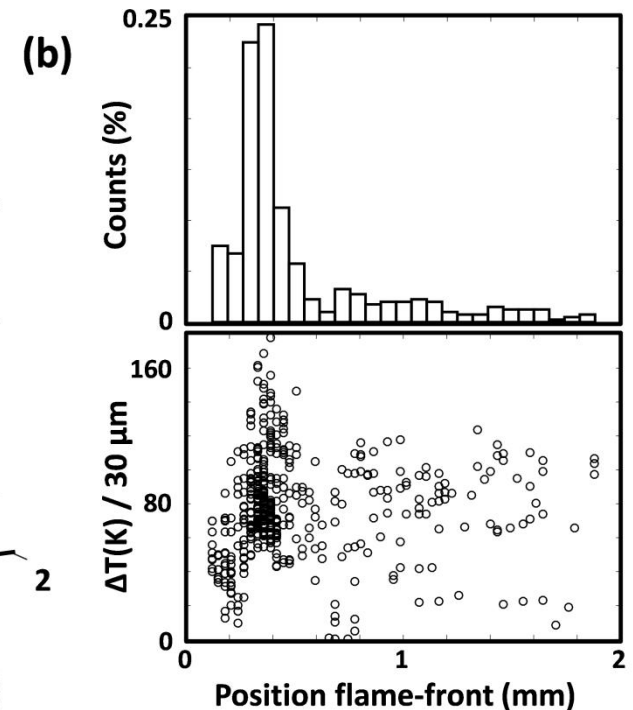
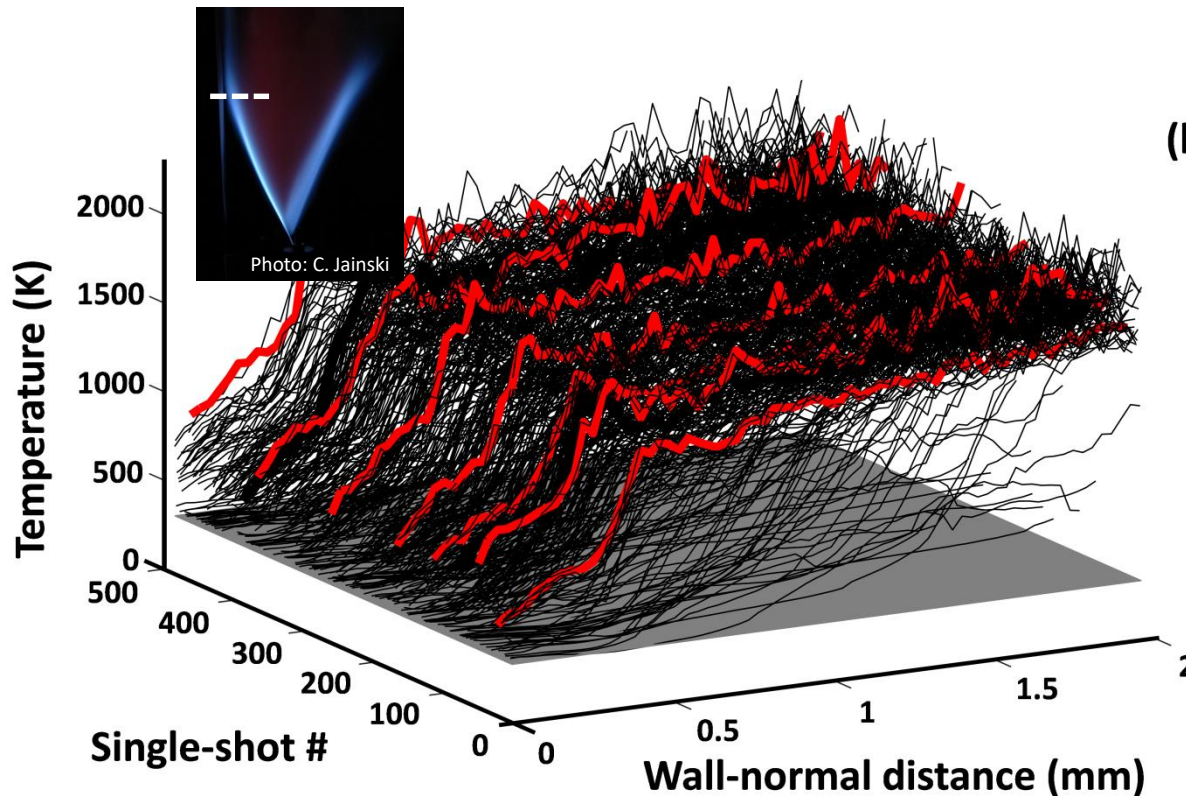
# Multiparameter spatio-thermochemical probing of flame-wall interactions

- Concurrent detection of  $N_2$ ,  $O_2$ ,  $H_2$ , (CO),  $CO_2$ , and  $CH_4$  is achieved.
- The excellent imaging resolution allows for thermochemical states of the thermal boundary layer to be probed to within  $\sim 40 \mu\text{m}$  of the interface.



# FWI at enhanced turbulence intensities

(Work-in-progress)

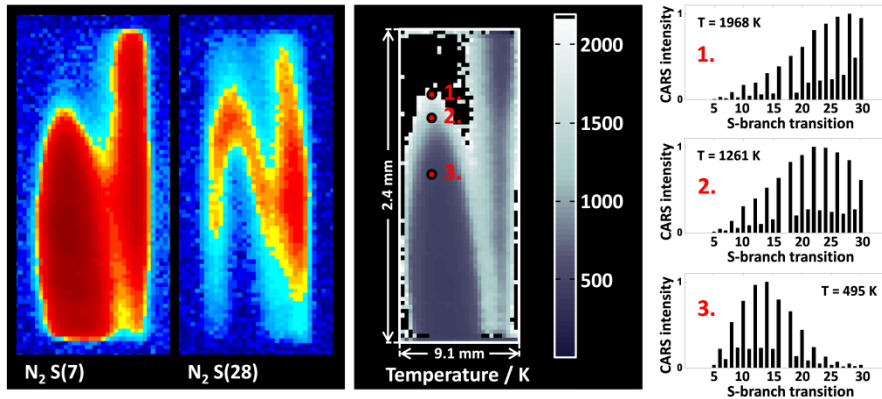


- Single-shot spatially dependent statistics of the 1D flame-front gradient / thickness / position become possible (improving heat transfer models)

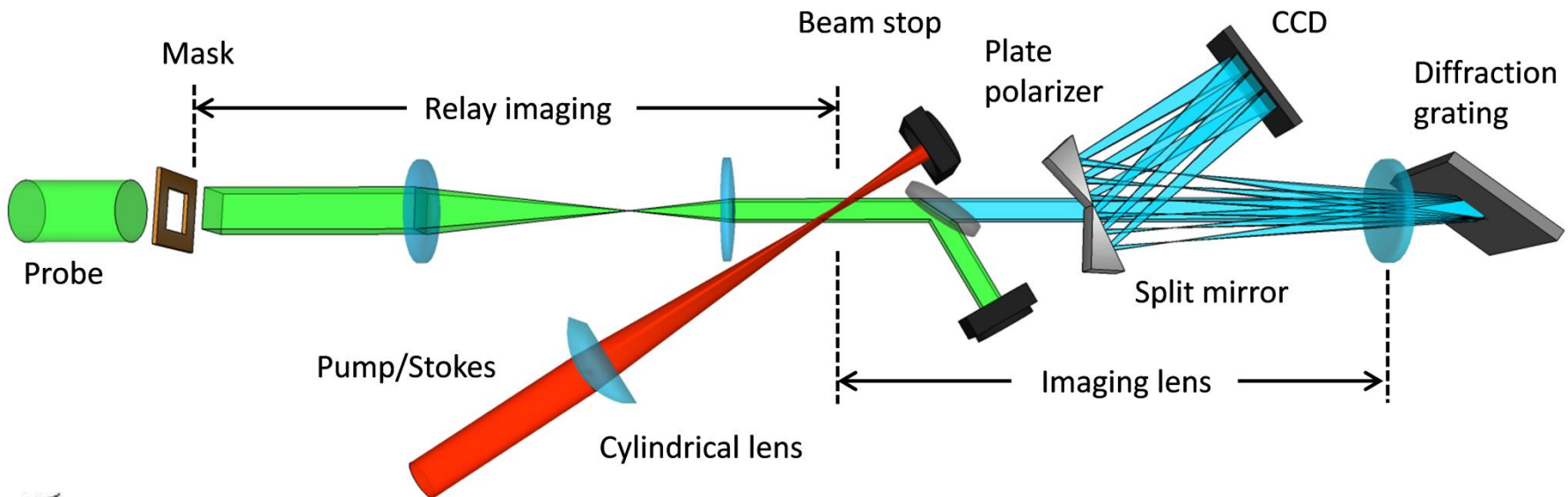
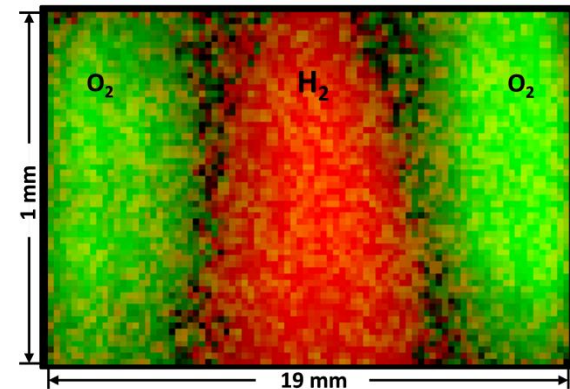


# Single-shot hyperspectral CARS in the gas-phase

Temperature imaging

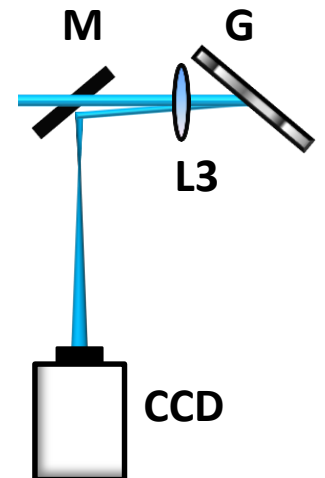
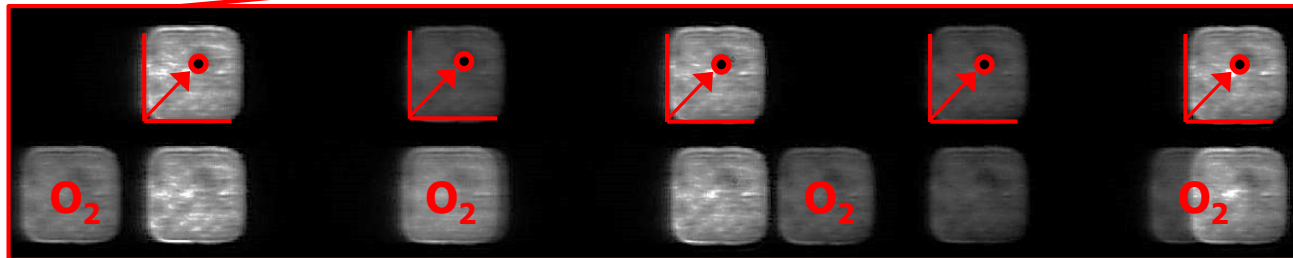
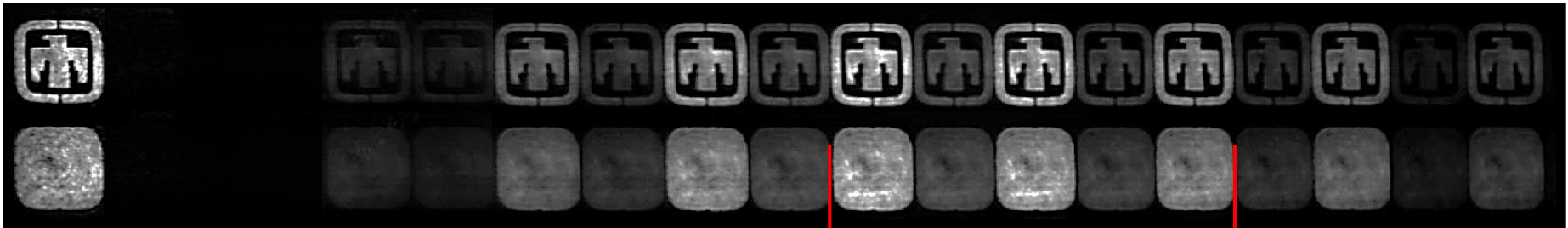


Wideband chemical imaging



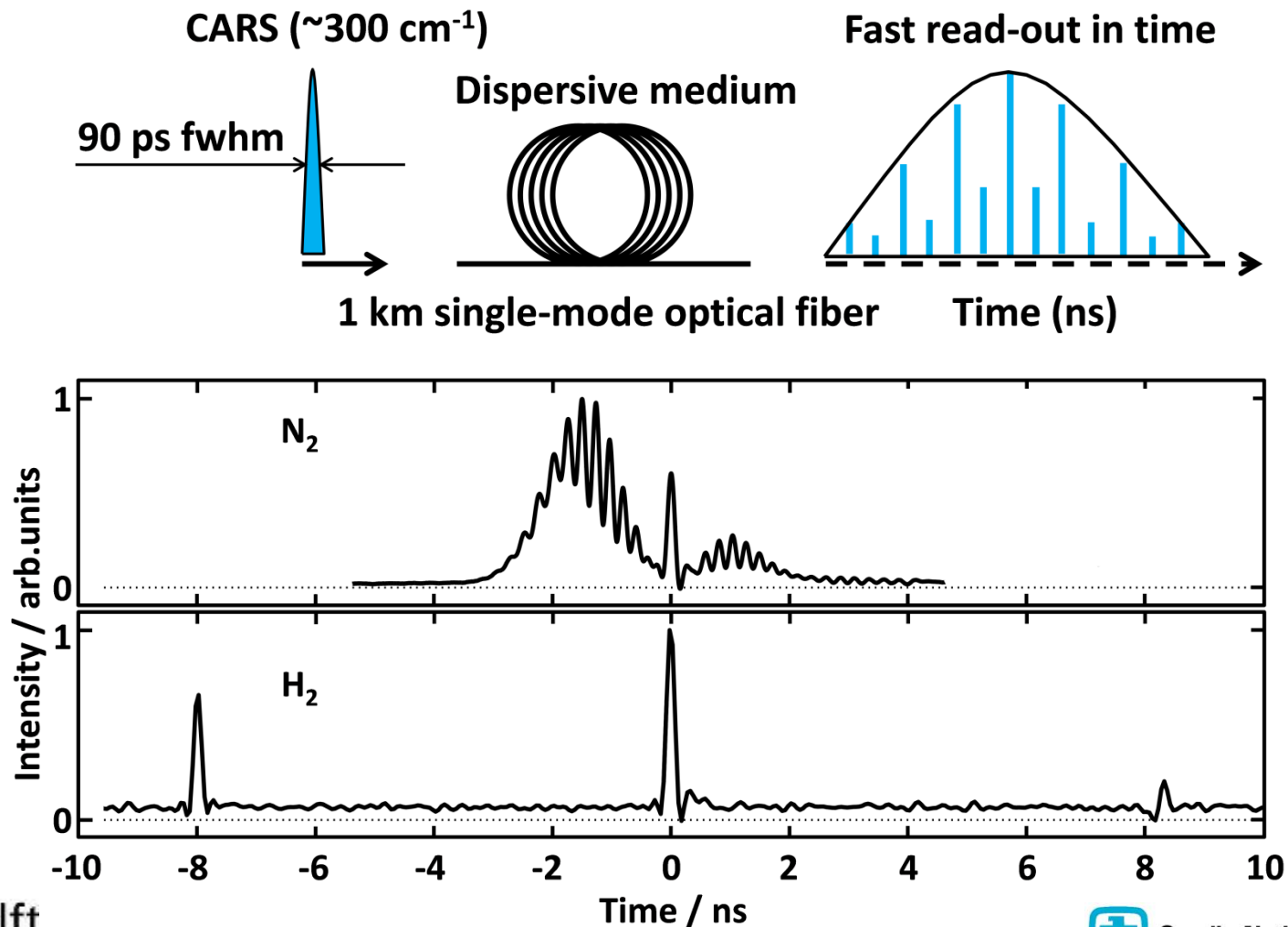
# Simultaneous planar imaging and multiplex spectroscopy in a single-shot

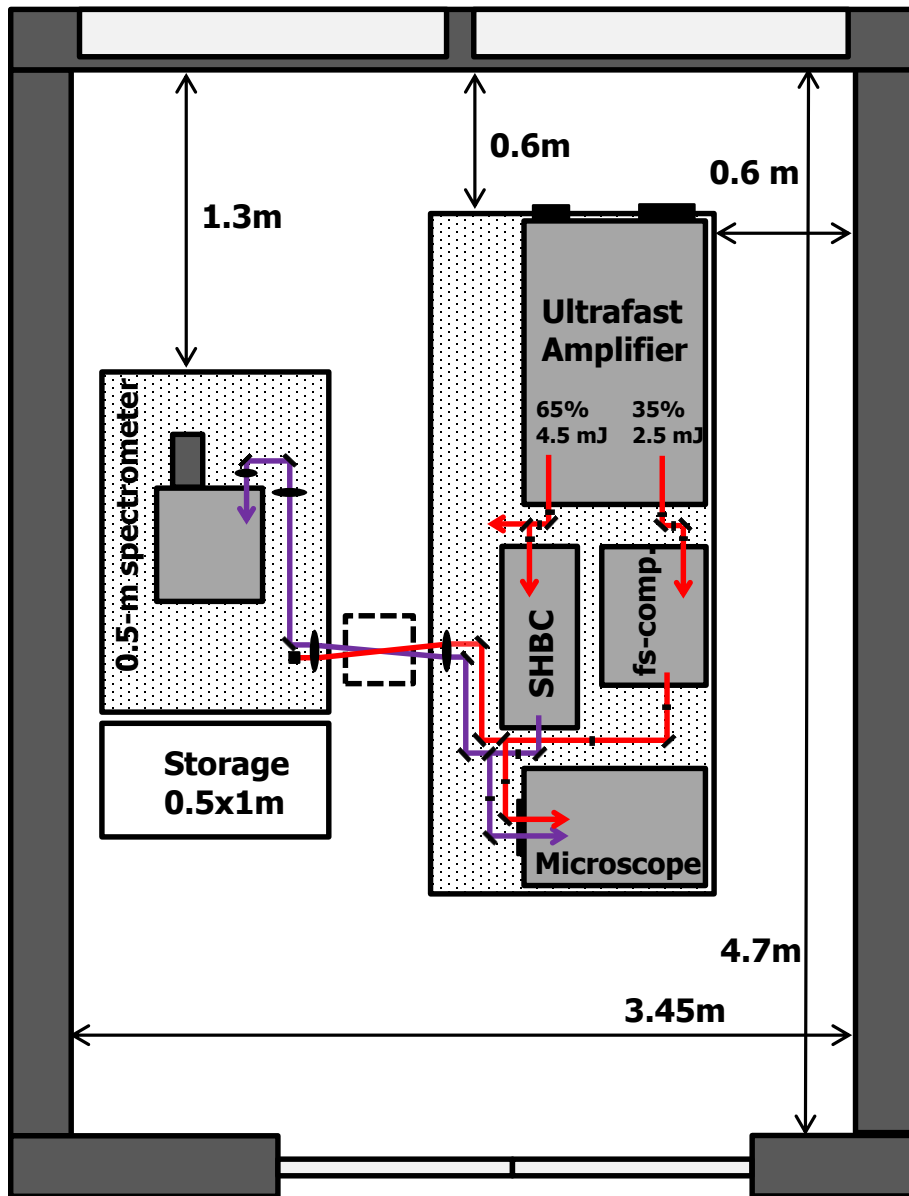
Rotational quantum number  $J =$  4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16



- Tunable spectral dispersion, enabling multispecies detection and probing of a larger 2D field.
- Vector diagram to orientate each location of the spatially resolved measurement.

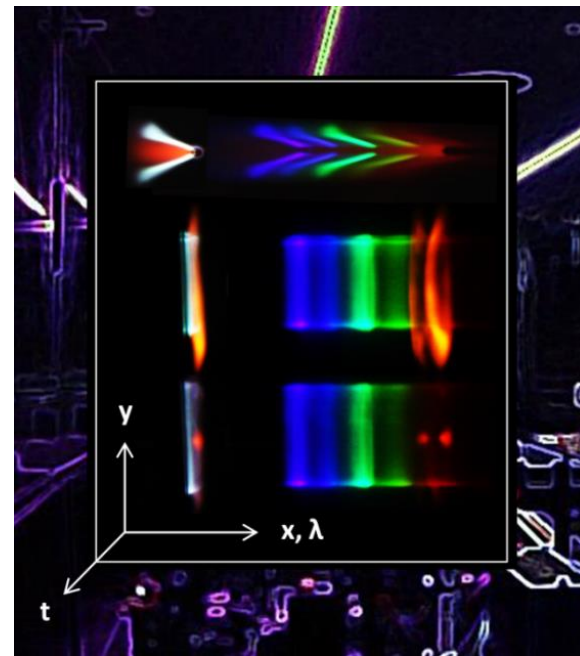
# Dispersive Fourier Transform detection of short pulsed CARS/CSRS signals





# Synchronized ps/fs laser system for time-resolved non-linear optical spectroscopy/microscopy

- Femtosecond laser (ultrafast amplifier)  
7 mJ/pulse @ ~780-810 nm (~35 fs)
- Picosecond laser (SHBC)  
2.0 mJ/pulse @ 400 nm (~10 ps)

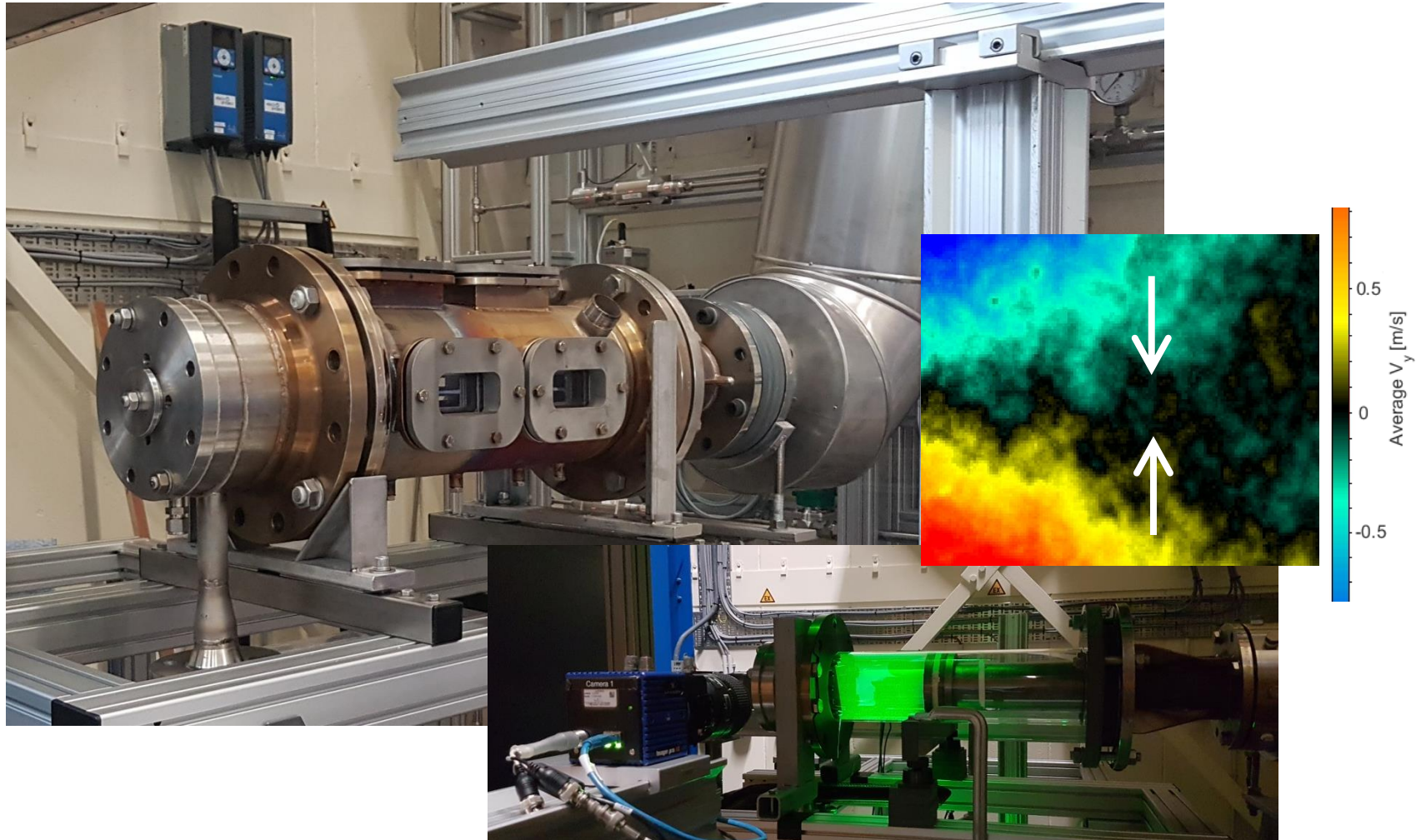


Snap-shot chemiluminescence flexible hyperspectral imagery

It is equally fun to buy an air-treatment system,  
as it is to buy a vacuum cleaner



# Distributed auto-ignition combustion modes with reduced NOx emission



Courtesy of Dr. Arvind Gangoli Rao

# Conclusions

- Two-beam femtosecond/picosecond CARS
  - Relevant for 0D, 1D, and 2D temperature measurements in flames when high-fidelity information is needed (inaccuracy <2-3%, precision ~1%)
  - Single-shot quantitative measurements for major species in combustion are within reach (species specific dephasing times, spectroscopy models)
- This ultrafast 1D-CARS technique has been successfully employed at:
  1. Flame-wall interaction burner (head-on and side-wall quenching)
  2. Sooty flames provided on a McKenna burner
- Can this advanced laser diagnostics technique be employed for measurements in engines?
  - Technical challenges for the stability of operation (facility temperature and humidity control, propagating TL-beams through optical ports)

# Thank you for your attention!

