

# Cavity Ring Down Spectroscopy from gases to liquids and to shorter wavelengths

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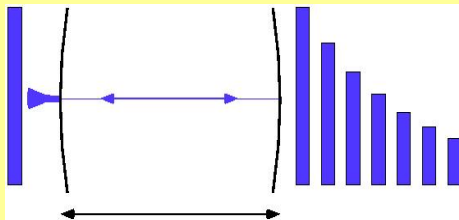


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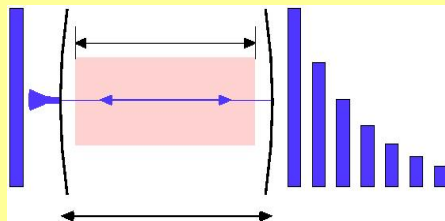
# CRD; the paradigm

empty cavity



$$\tau_0 = \frac{L}{c(1-R)}$$

cavity filled with absorbing gas



$$\tau_0 = \frac{L}{c(1-R+kL)}$$

absorption coefficient; cross section

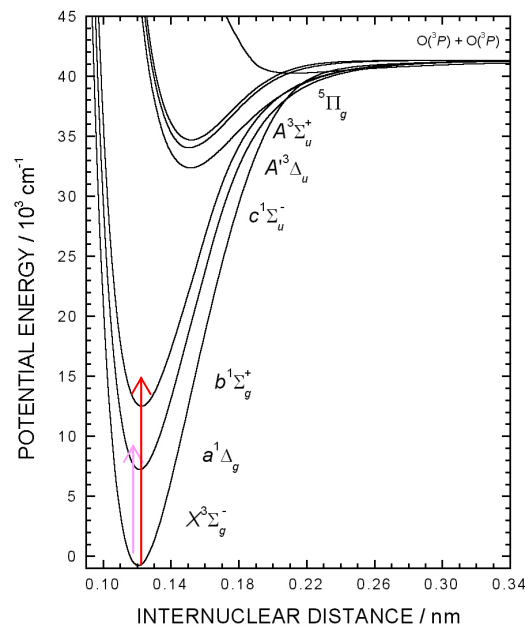
$$k = n\sigma = \frac{1}{c} \left( \frac{1}{\tau_0} - \frac{1}{\tau} \right)$$

What is it good for ?

- Spectroscopy (not extreme precision)
- Sensitive detection (within limits)
- Intensity - quantitative (within severe limits/difficulty)
- cf. LIF, REMPI, CARS, DFWM - CRD
- Gases, to Solids, Surfaces, Liquids
- Wavelength range (limited - mirror quality)

# Weak transitions; in the benchmark CRD molecule: oxygen

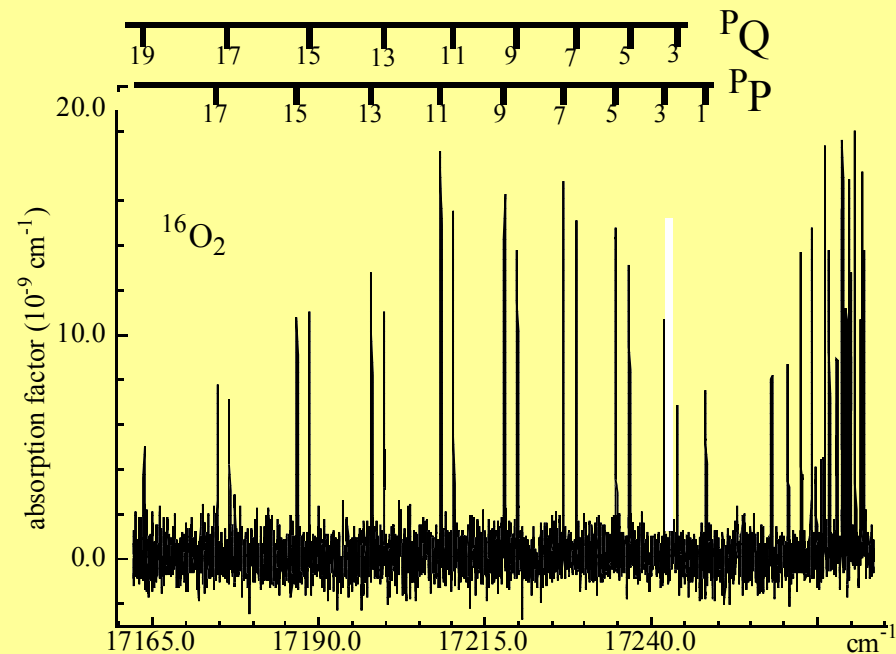
lowest electronic states:  $O(^3P) + O(^3P)$



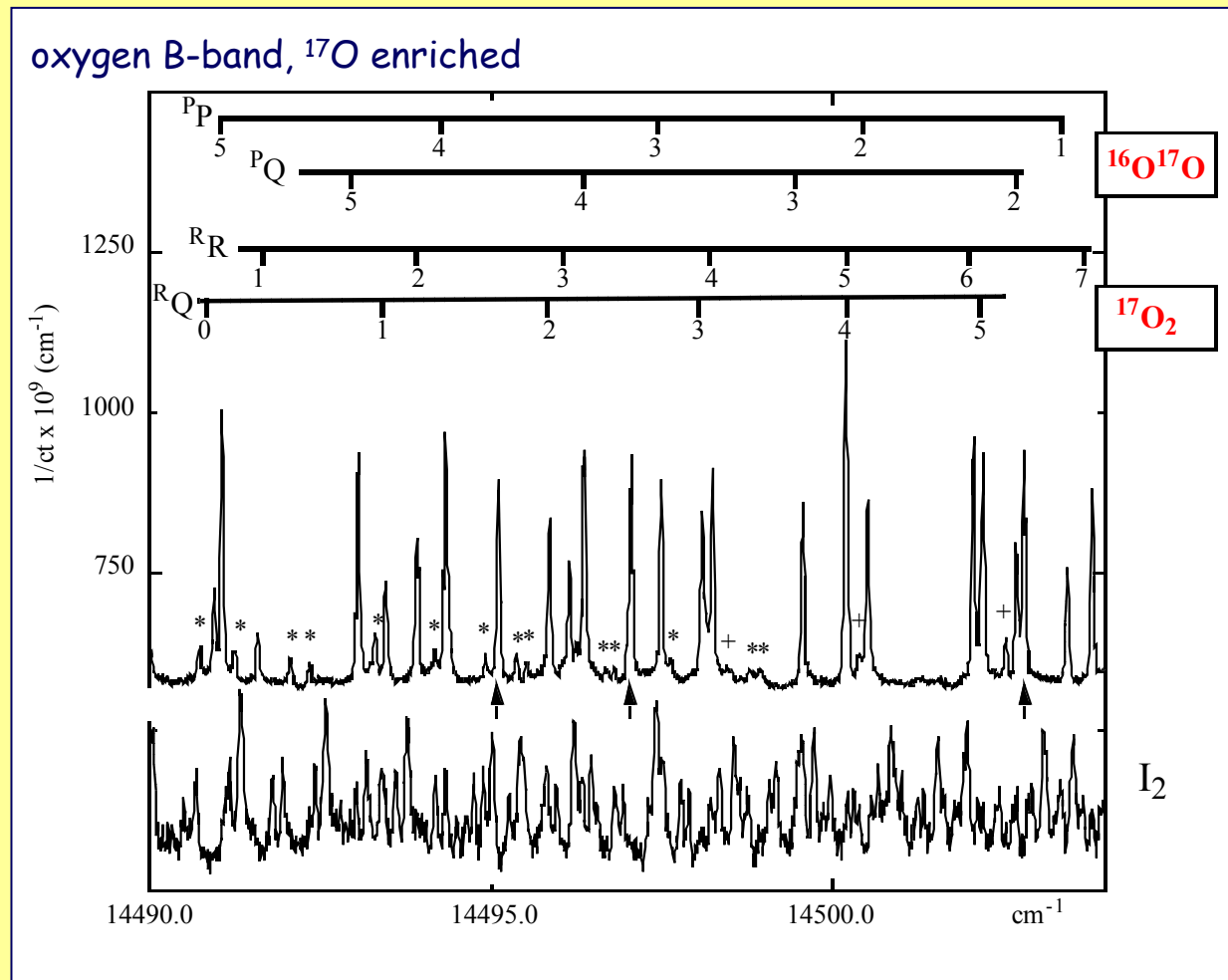
in electric dipole approximation:  
all transitions "forbidden"

$b^1\Sigma_g^+ - X^3\Sigma_g^+ (3,0)$  or  $\delta$ -band

$f = 1.3 \times 10^{-14}$   
( $10^4$  times weaker than A-band)



## CRD: measurements on small samples



measurements on  
expensive isotopes

100 mbar  $\times$  25  $\text{cm}^3$   
 $^{17}\text{O}$  (50%) enriched gas

## CRD for quantitative spectroscopy ? The linewidth problem !

Jongma et al., Rev. Sci. Instr. (1995)  
Zalicki & Zare, JCP (1995)  
Hodges et al, (1996)

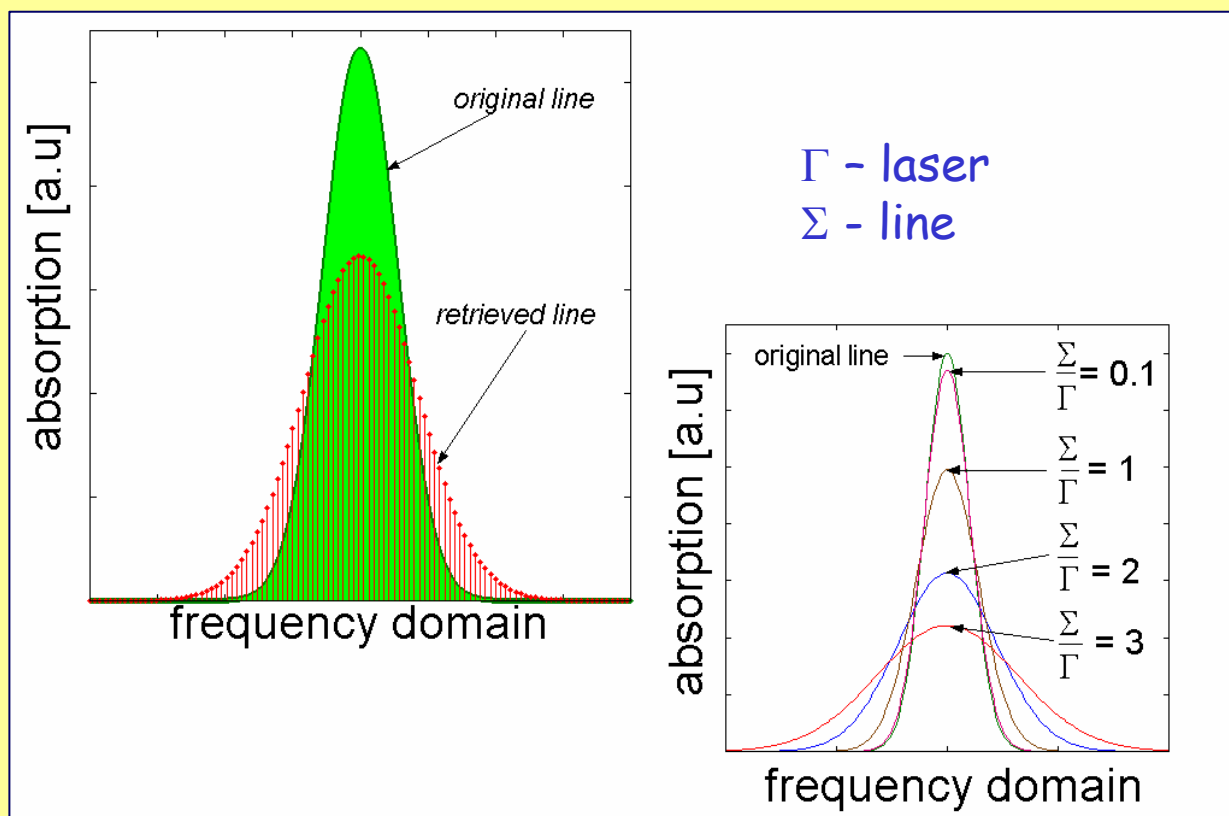
Single-Exponential:

$$I(t) = I_0 \exp(-\beta t) + I_{off}$$

$$\Sigma \ll \Gamma, \beta \ll 1$$

Multi-Exponential:

$$I(t) = I_0 \int_{\nu} S(\Sigma; \nu_s - \nu) \exp(-\beta(\Gamma; \nu_\alpha - \nu)t) d\nu + \hat{I}_{off}$$

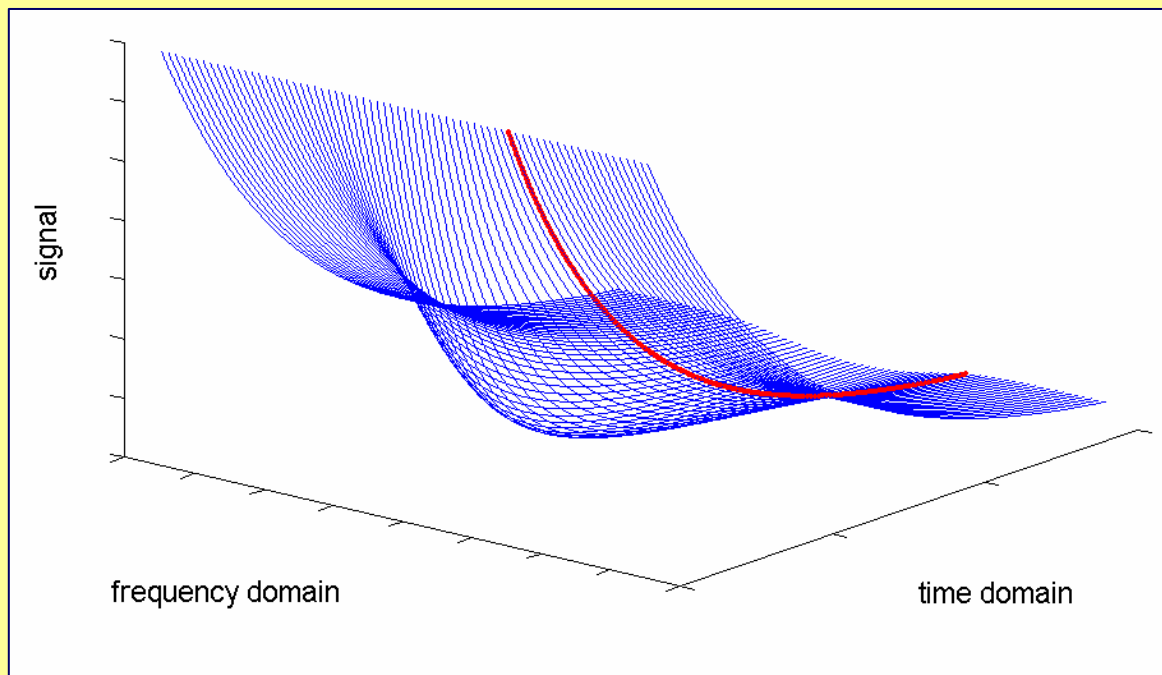


Direct retrieval  
of a multi-exponential  
decay is mathematically  
impossible

## Multiple Transient Optimisation

$$\min_{\Gamma, S_V} \sum_i \sum_t \frac{1}{\varpi_t^2} \left[ \tilde{I}_t^i - I_0^i \int S(\Sigma; \nu_s^i - \nu) \exp\{-\beta(\Gamma, \nu_\alpha - \nu, \bar{S}_V; R_i, n)t\} d\nu \right]^2$$

Mono transient, S.E., pre-fitting of  $I_0$



Struggling by:

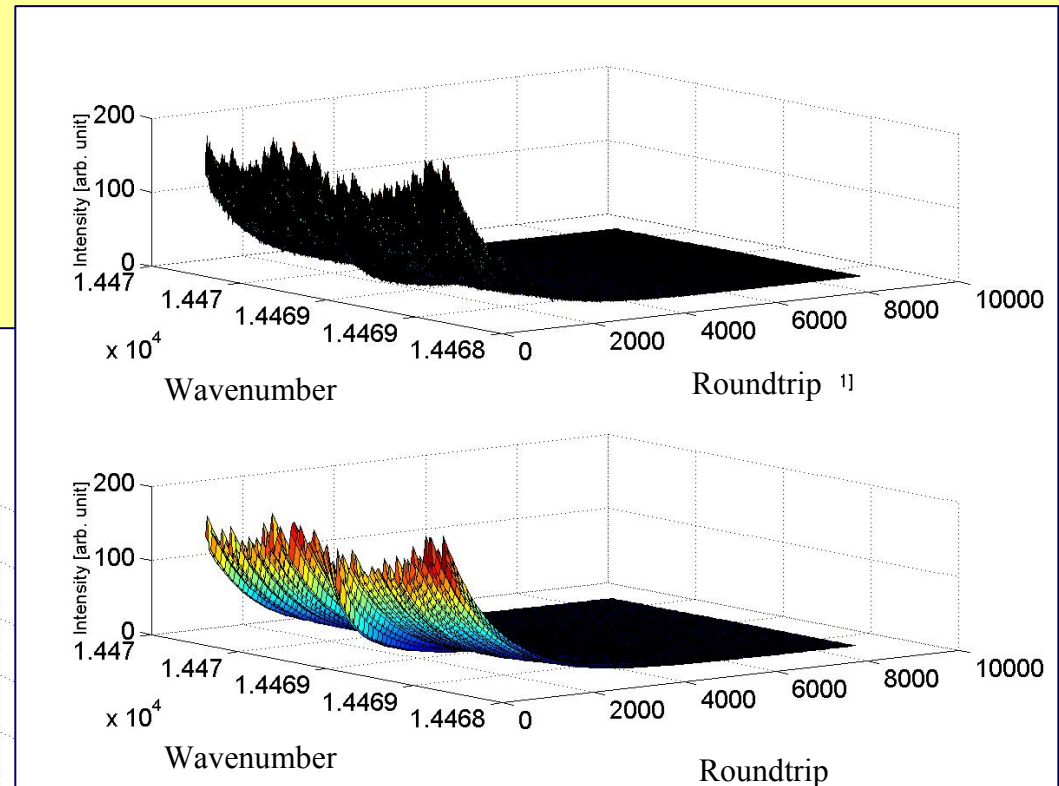
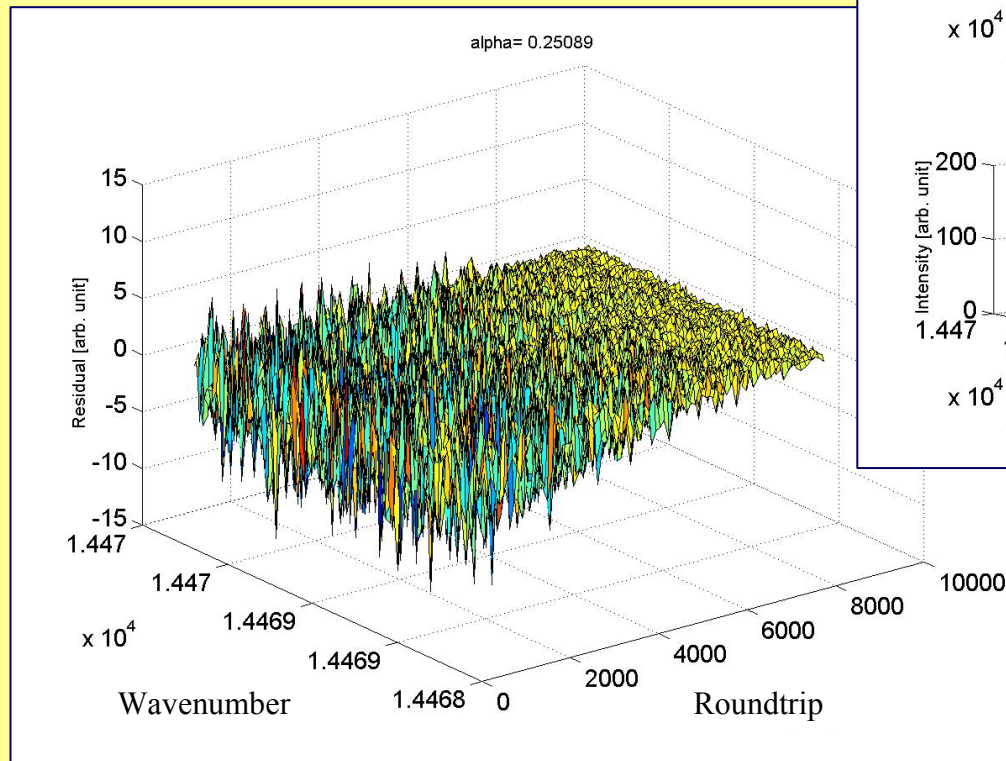
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Store all decay transients in computer and perform off-line analysis on entire data set

# Self-Consistency check of Model using realistic input from B-band ( $O_2$ ): PP15

Fit to Measurement:

$$\Sigma=0.03$$



**Result:**

**LINESTRENGTH:**

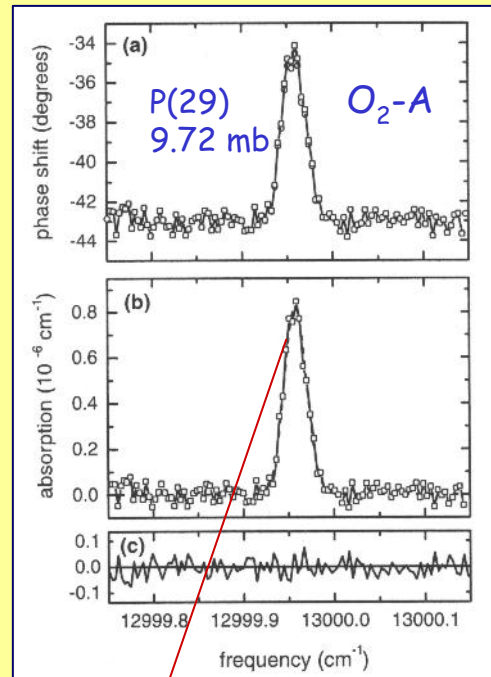
Input:  $3.139e-025$

Fit:  $3.3298e-025$

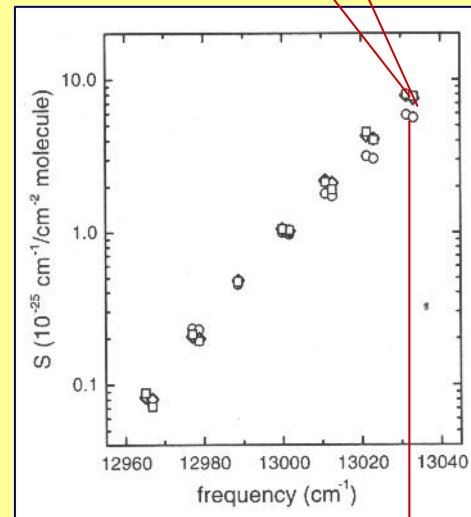
Rel diff. [%]: -7.9

Further pursuit: Hans Naus & Wim van der Zande → P10

# Problems with spontaneous emission



correction for ASE



direct measurement

CW diode laser -  
narrow bandwidth  
(phase-shift CRD)

Accuracy:  
"agreement with HITRAN  
< 4% on average"

*Cf.* also work by  
Hodges, van Zee, Looney  
Quantitative !

v. Helden, Schram, Engeln, CPL 400 (2004) 320

# CRD in quantitative spectroscopy: Rayleigh Scattering



J.W. Strutt,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Baron of Rayleigh

1899: full theory based on  
Electromagnetism

1918: Depolarization effects  
R.J. Strutt

1923: Depolarization and  
Cross section: King

1969: Full QM theory - Penney

No distinction of fine structure:  
Raman, Brillouin, Rayleigh wing, Cabannes

single molecule cross section

$$\sigma(\nu) = \frac{24\pi^3}{N^2} \frac{\nu^4 (n_v^2 - 1)^2}{(n_v^2 + 2)^2} F_{k(\nu)}$$

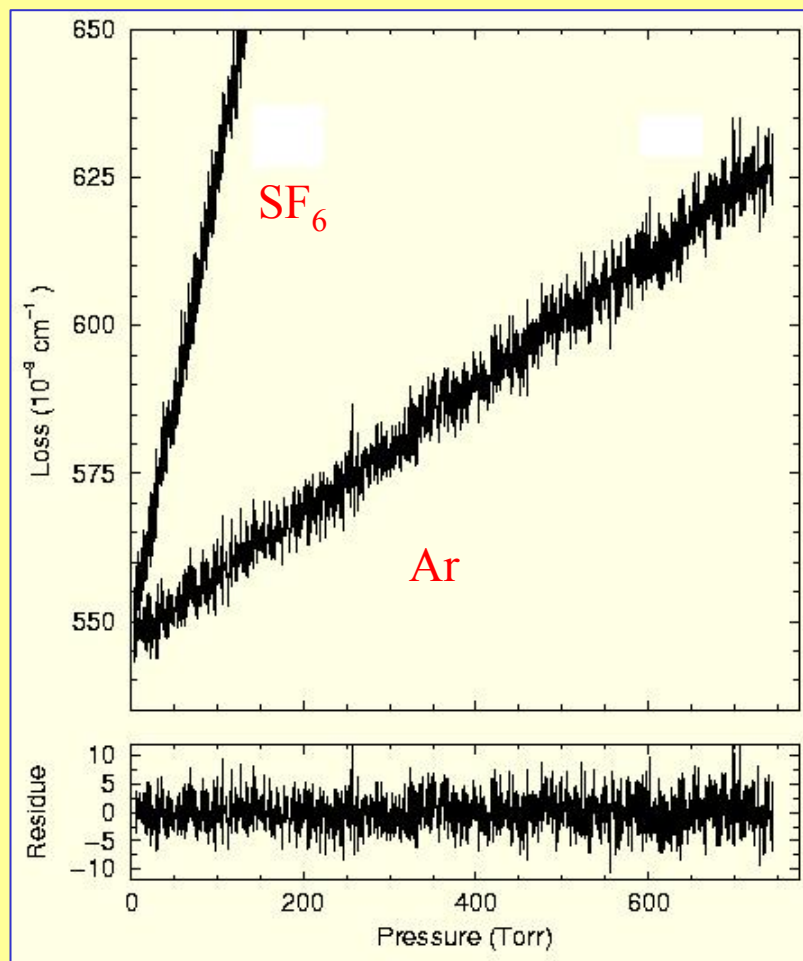
King factor: polarization effect

$$F_{k(\nu)} = \frac{6 + 3\rho_n(\nu)}{6 - 7\rho_n(\nu)} = \frac{3 + 6\rho_p(\nu)}{3 - 4\rho_p(\nu)} = 1 + 2 \left( \frac{\gamma_\nu}{3\bar{\alpha}_\nu} \right)^2 > 1$$

$\rho_n, \rho_p$  molecular depolarization,

$$\sigma(\nu) = \bar{\sigma} \nu^{4 + \varepsilon}$$

## Rayleigh scattering: pressure ramp method



Cavity Loss:

$$\beta_v/c = |\ln R|/L + \sigma_v N$$

$$\sigma_v = \underline{\sigma} v^{4+\varepsilon}$$

for N<sub>2</sub>:  $\underline{\sigma}_{th} = 23.00 (0.23) 10^{-45}$

$$\underline{\sigma}_{exp} = 22.94 (0.12) 10^{-45}$$

for Ar:  $\underline{\sigma}_{th} = 20.04 (0.05) 10^{-45}$

$$\underline{\sigma}_{exp} = 19.89 (0.14) 10^{-45}$$

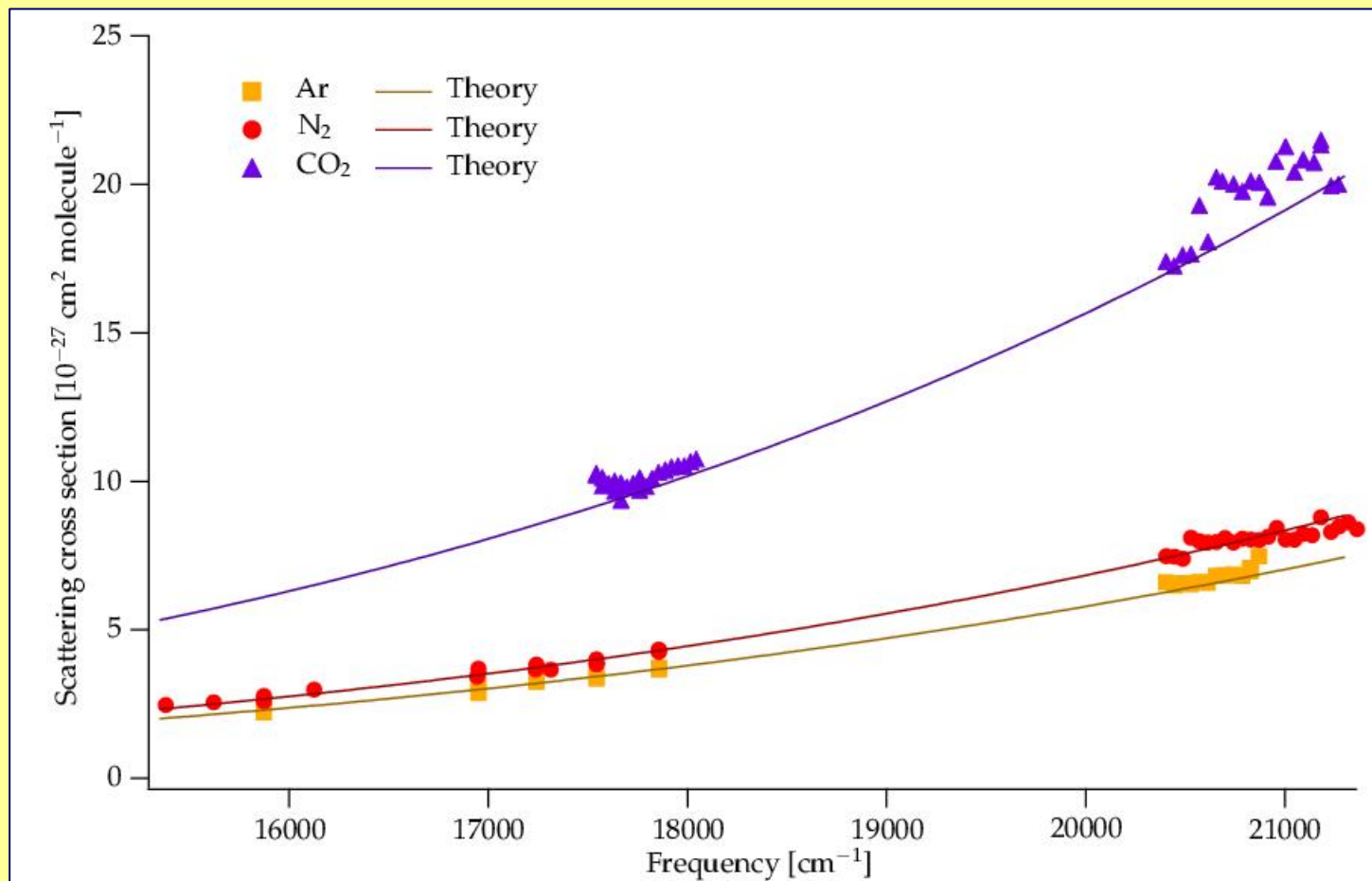
for SF<sub>6</sub>:  $\underline{\sigma}_{th} = 183 (6) 10^{-45}$

$$\underline{\sigma}_{exp} = 180 (6) 10^{-45}$$

Theory - QM - ab initio: Oddershede/Svendsen  
 $\sigma(N_2, 500 \text{ nm}) = 6.2 \times 10^{-27} \text{ cm}^2/\text{molecule}$  (10% off)

method: Naus and Ubachs, Opt. Lett. 25 (2000) 347

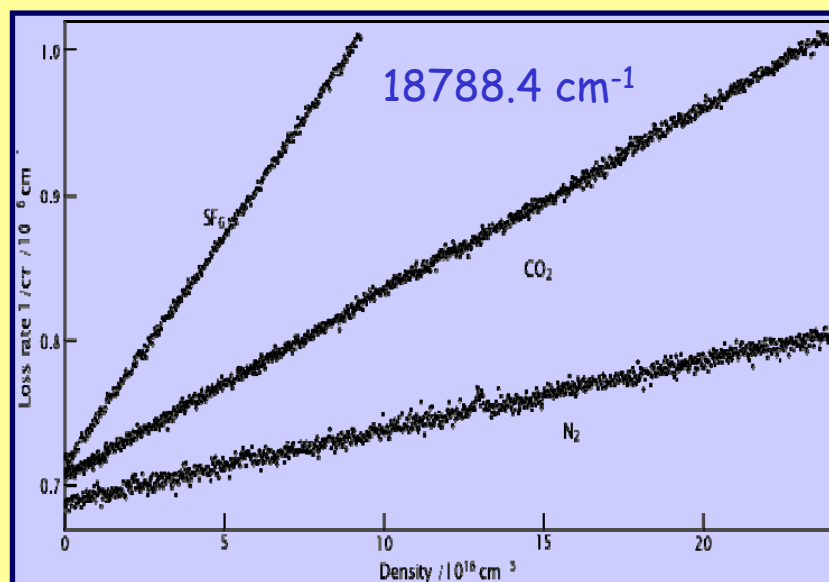
## Extended measurements on Rayleigh cross sections



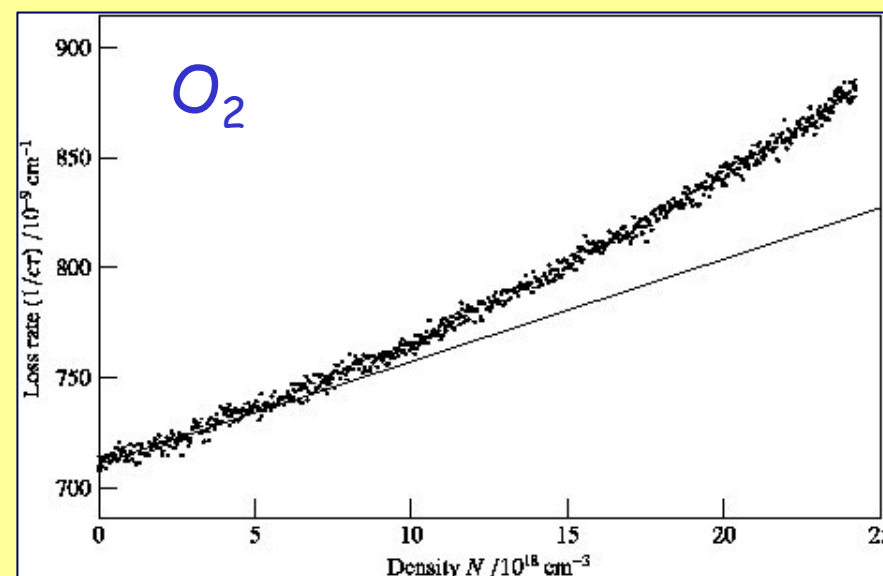
Ar  
Within 1%  
→ confidence

CO<sub>2</sub>:  
overestimated  
King factor ?

## Rayleigh scattering at 532 nm : LIDAR wavelength



Rayleigh cross sections:  
Ar, N<sub>2</sub> agreement < 1 %  
CO<sub>2</sub> < 4 %  
NO<sub>2</sub> largest offset;  $F_k = 1.225$  ?

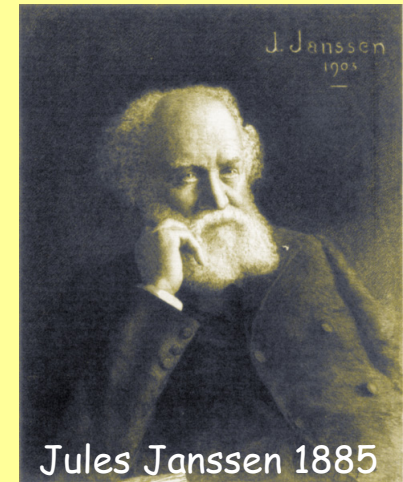
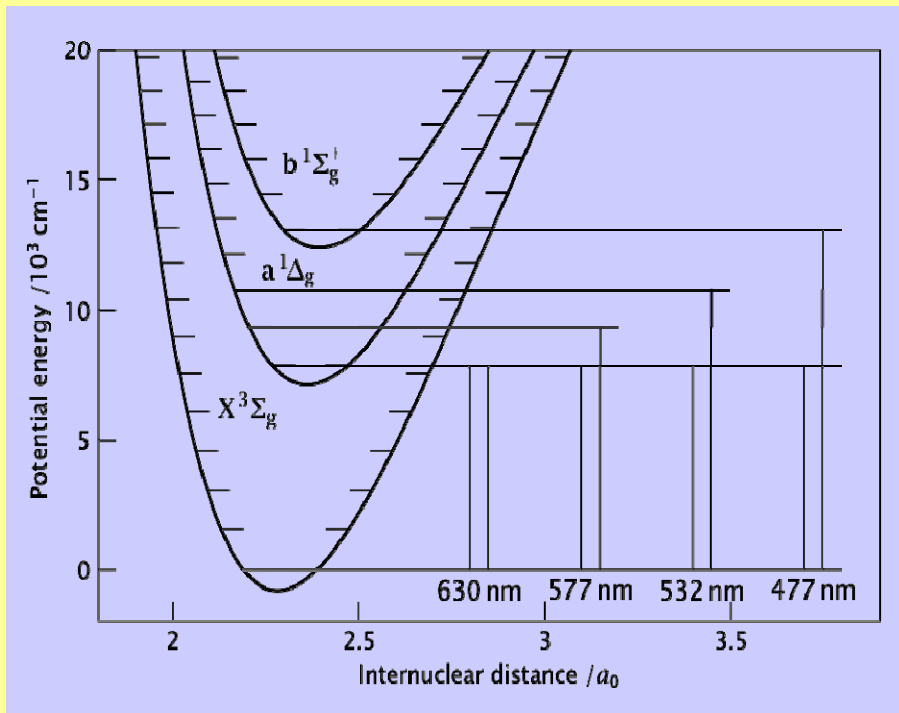
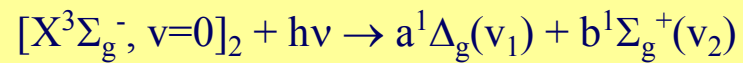


Quadratic pressure dependence in O<sub>2</sub>

Sneep, Ubachs, JQSRT 92 (2005) 293

# Collision-induced absorption phenomena in O<sub>2</sub>

“two molecules absorb one photon”



Jules Janssen 1885

many measurements thereafter

Ellis-Kneser, Z. Phys. 1933  
liquid oxygen

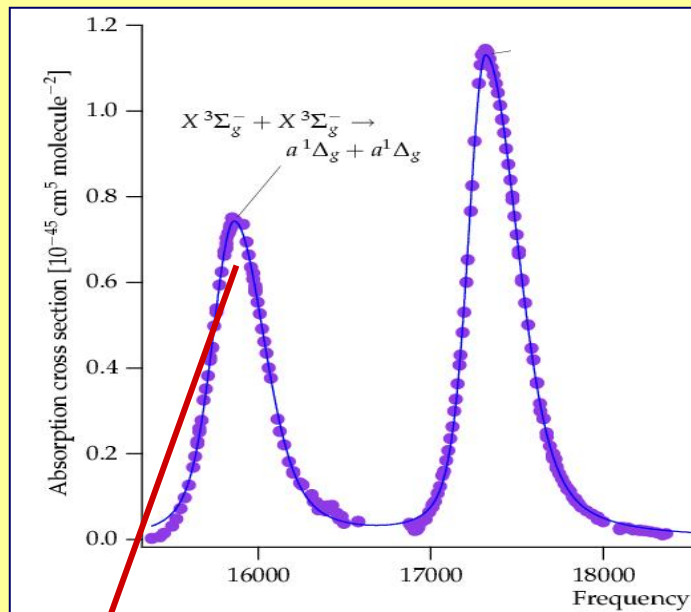
Greenblatt et al 1990  
high pressure gaseous oxygen

Pfeilsticker et al 2001  
balloon in atmosphere



# CIA and complexes

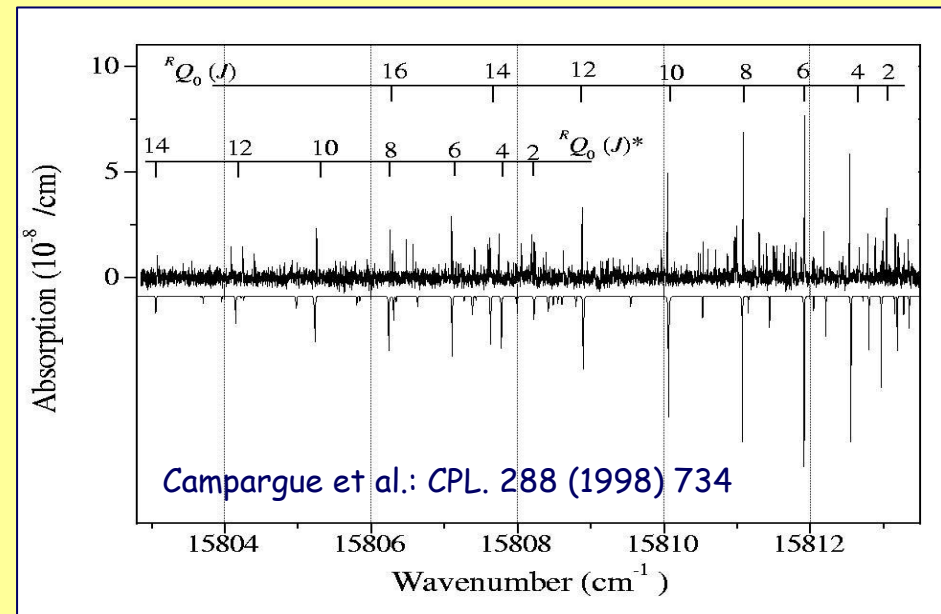
room temperature



Naus & Ubachs: Appl. Opt. 38 (1999) 3423  
Sneep & Ubachs: JQSRT 78 (2003) 171

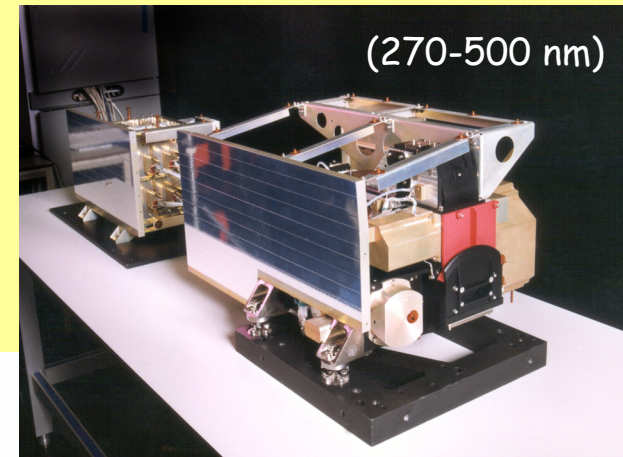
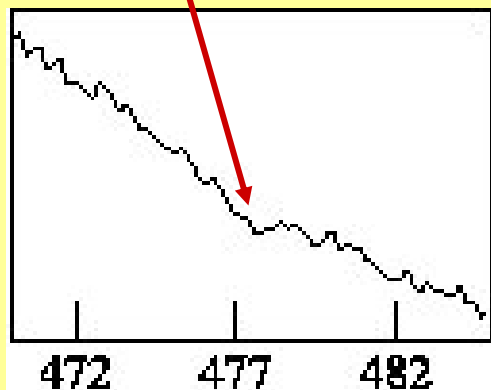
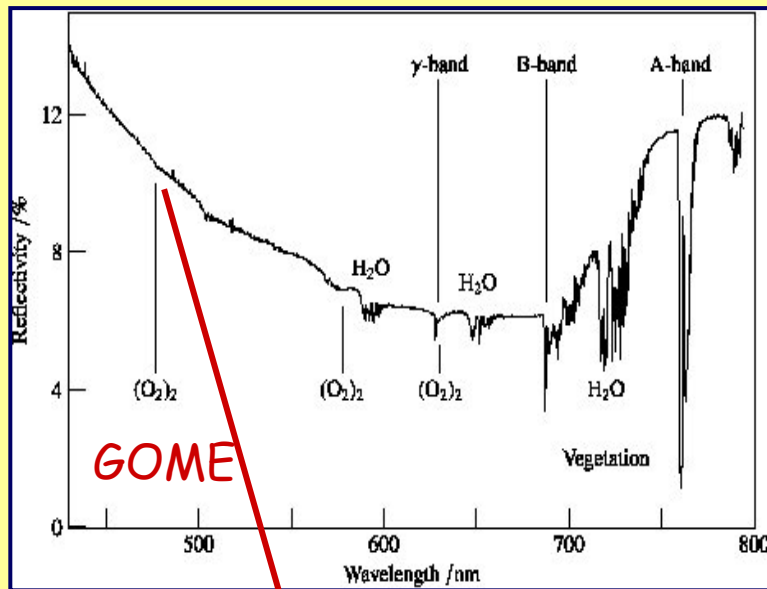
quadratic component

low temperature in jet



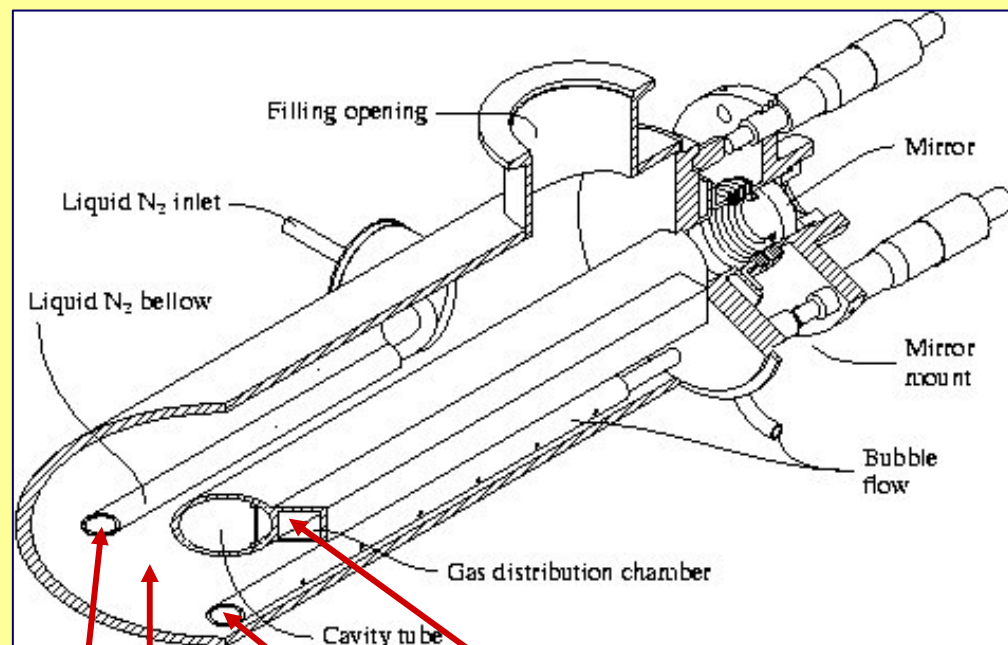
→ Andrei Vigasin: thermodynamics and CIA

## Rationale for study of 477 nm CIA-feature



1. Goal: determine global  $O_3$  trends
2. Ozone column from DOAS 331-336 nm
3. Correction for air-mass factor; dependent on cloud and top heights
4. Top heights from  $O_4$ -DOAS at 460-490 nm
5. Accuracy depends on  $\sigma(T)$  of  $O_4$  feature

## Low-temperature cell for pressure ramp method

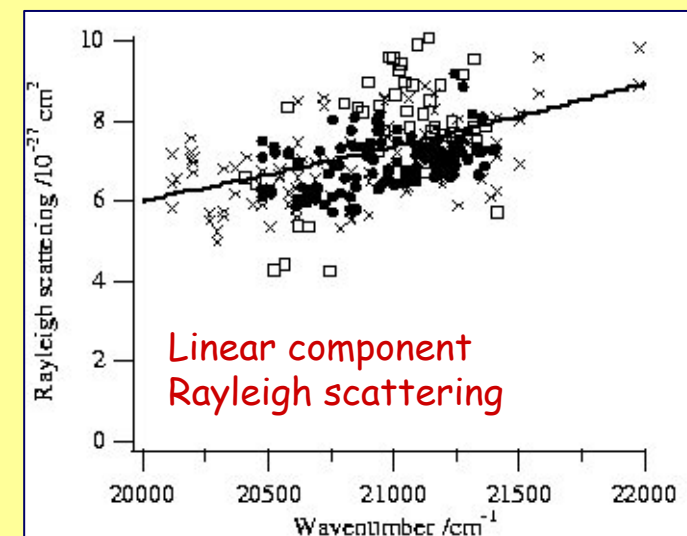
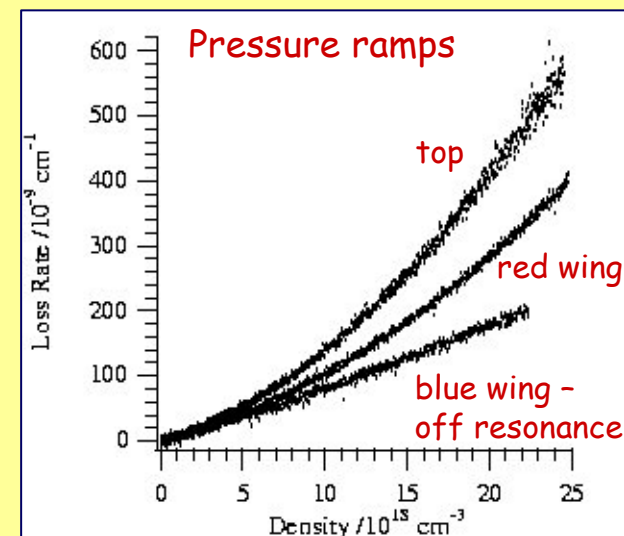


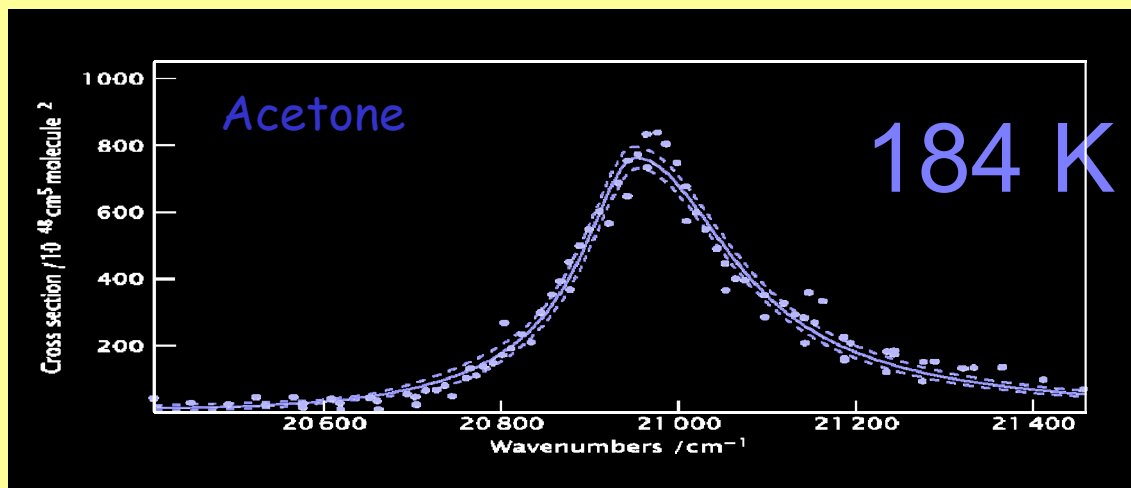
cooling of slurry  
by  $\text{LN}_2$  flow

Liquid-solid mixture  
determining T

gas inlet through  
pores for homogeneous  
distribution

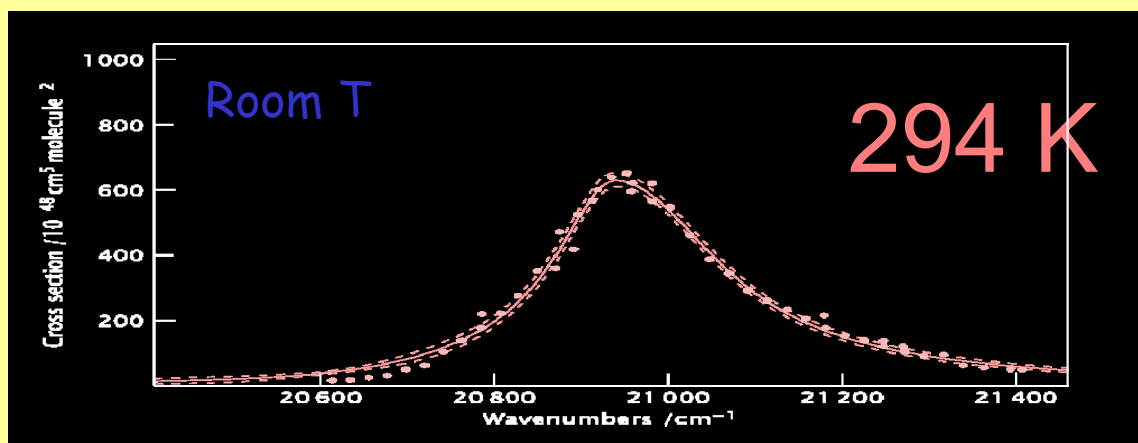
bubbling gas  
through slurry  
for homogeneous T





Anti-freeze

230 K



Fitting to model functions

$$F(\nu) = (1-b) \frac{a}{1 + \left[ 4(\Delta\nu)^2 / \Gamma^2 \xi^2 \right]} + ba \exp \left[ -4 \ln 2 \left( \frac{\Delta\nu}{\Gamma \xi} \right)^2 \right]$$

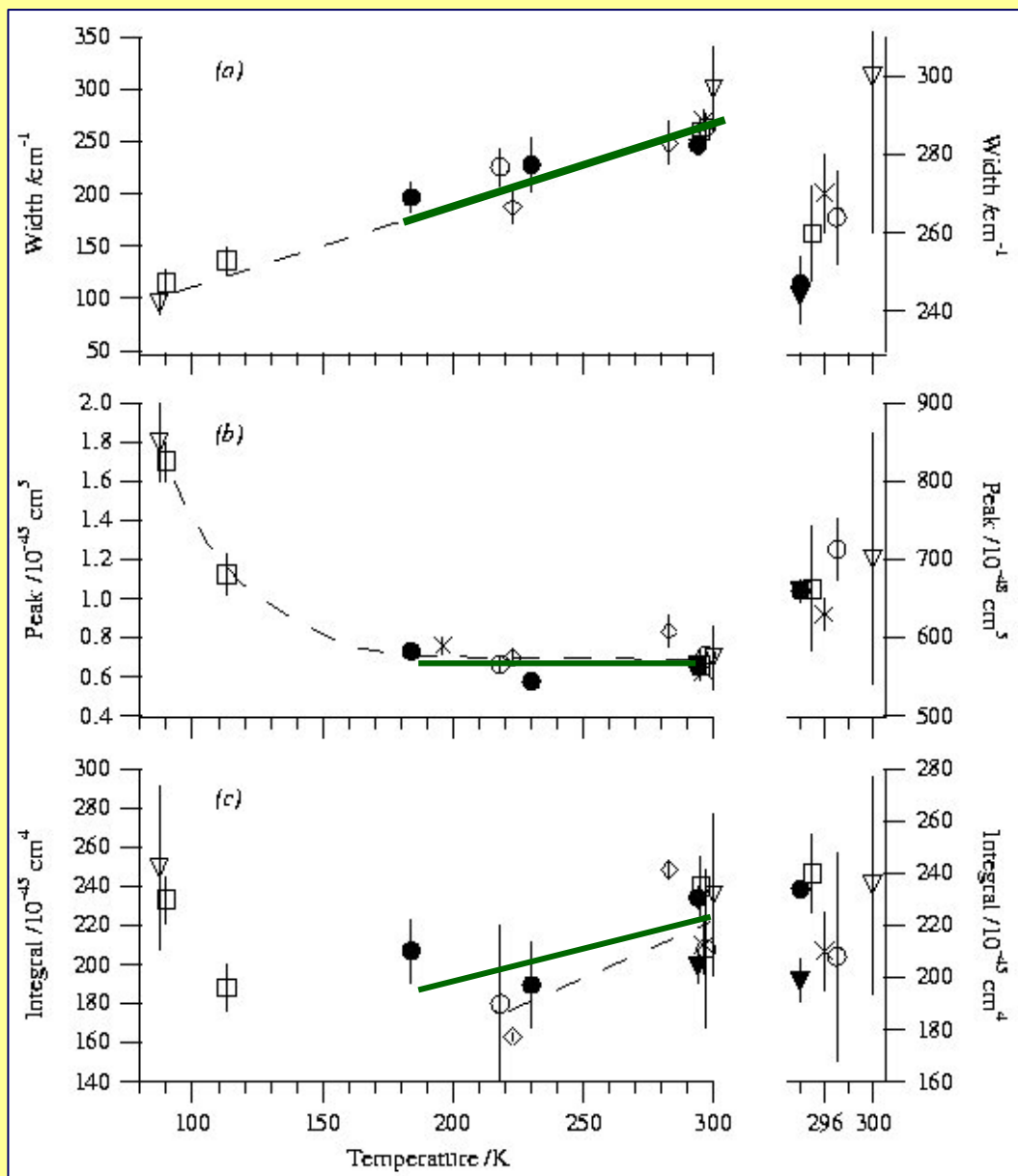
with  $\xi$  skewing function



Derive numerical representation of the data:

Integral  
Peak  
Width

## Compilation and critical analysis of data: "477 feature"

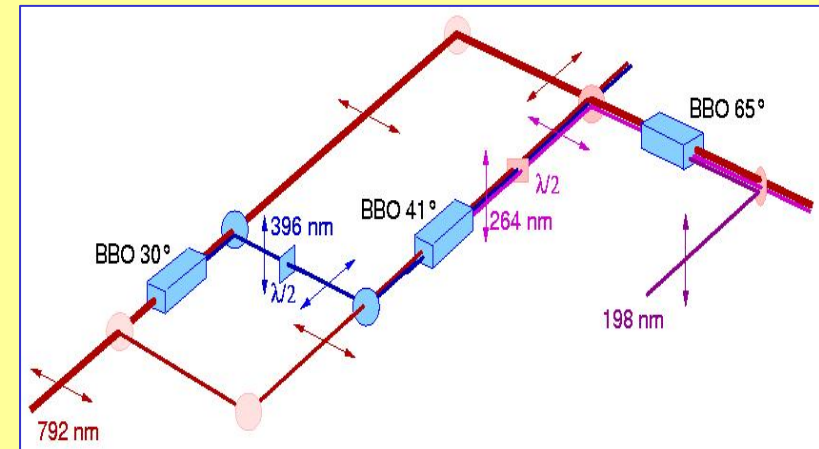
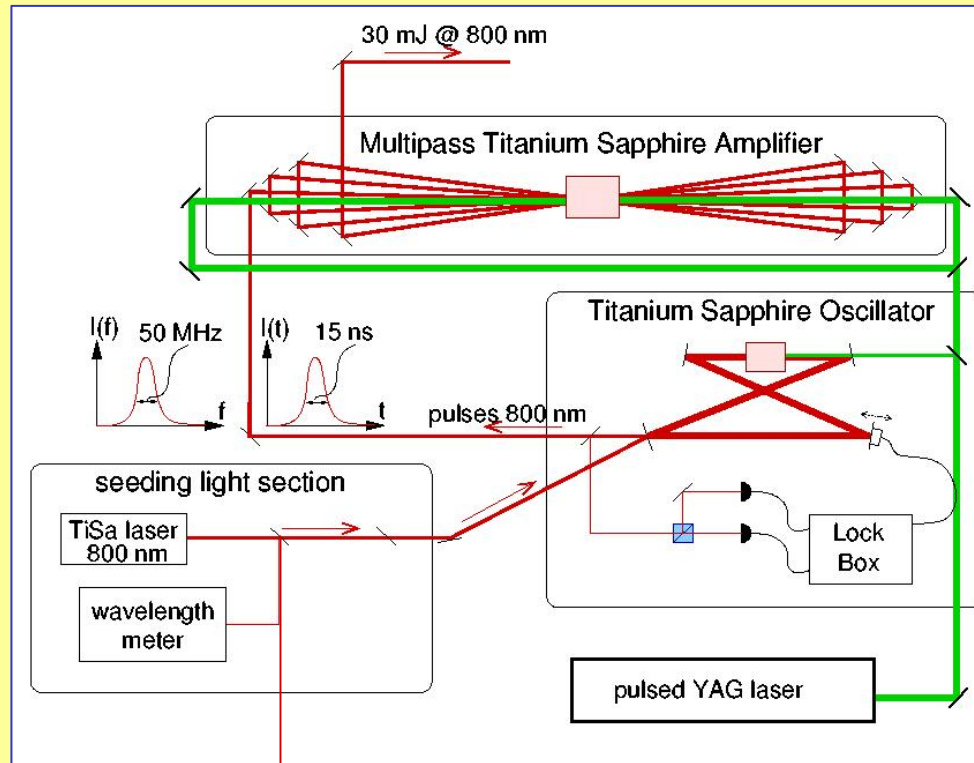


- Our data (low p)
- ▼ Hermans et al. (low p)
- Tiedje et al.
- ▽ Ewing et al. (high p)
- McKellar
- Tabisz
- × Greenblatt et al.
- △ Morville et al.
- ◇ Newnham and Ballard

Trend of broadening firmly established +  
Some increase of integral  
in atmospheric range

Sneep, Ityaksov, Aben  
Linnartz, Ubachs  
JQSRT 98 (2006) 405

# Towards the Deep-UV

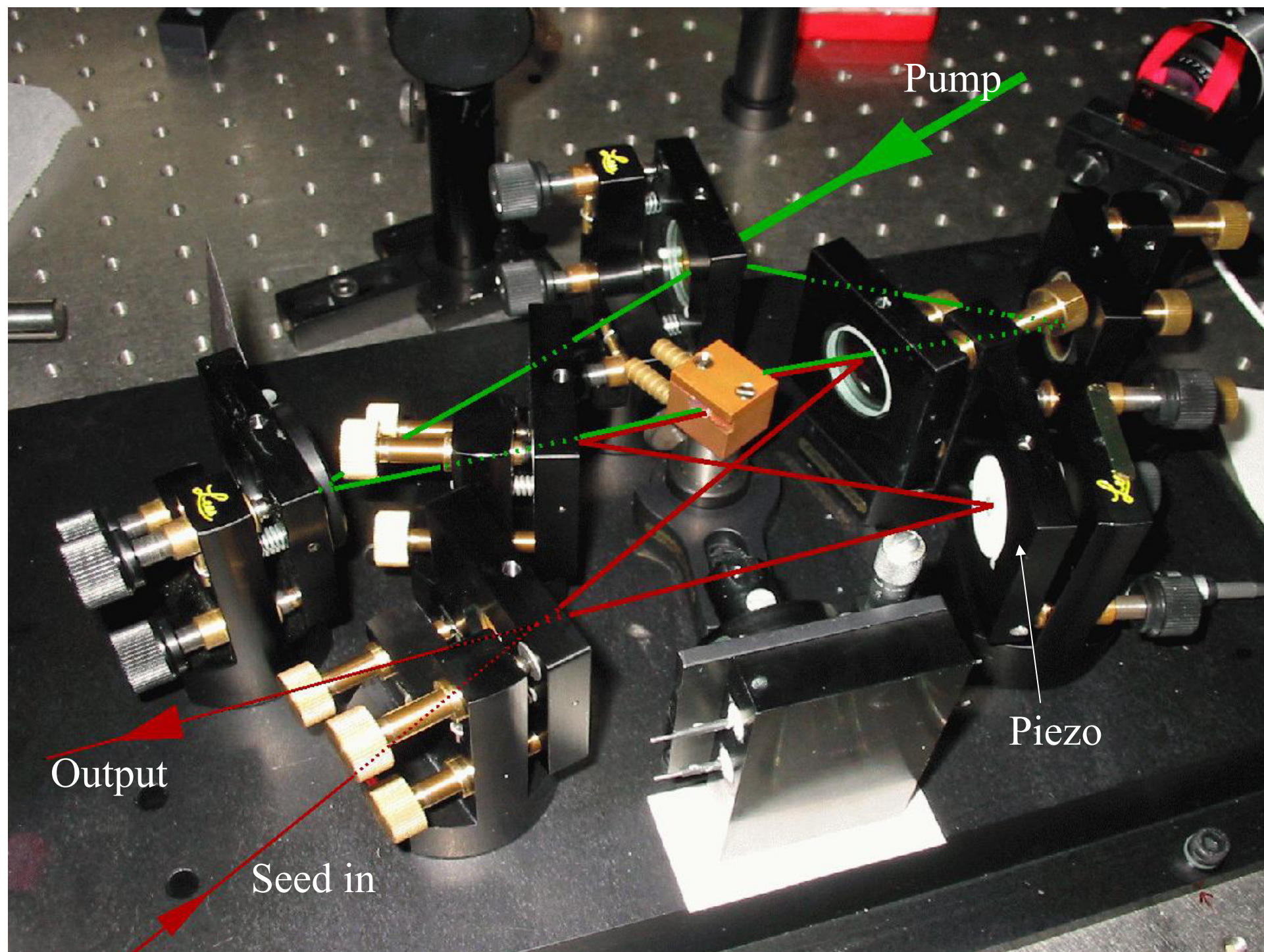


$$\Delta\nu_{\text{DUV}} < 80 \text{ MHz}$$

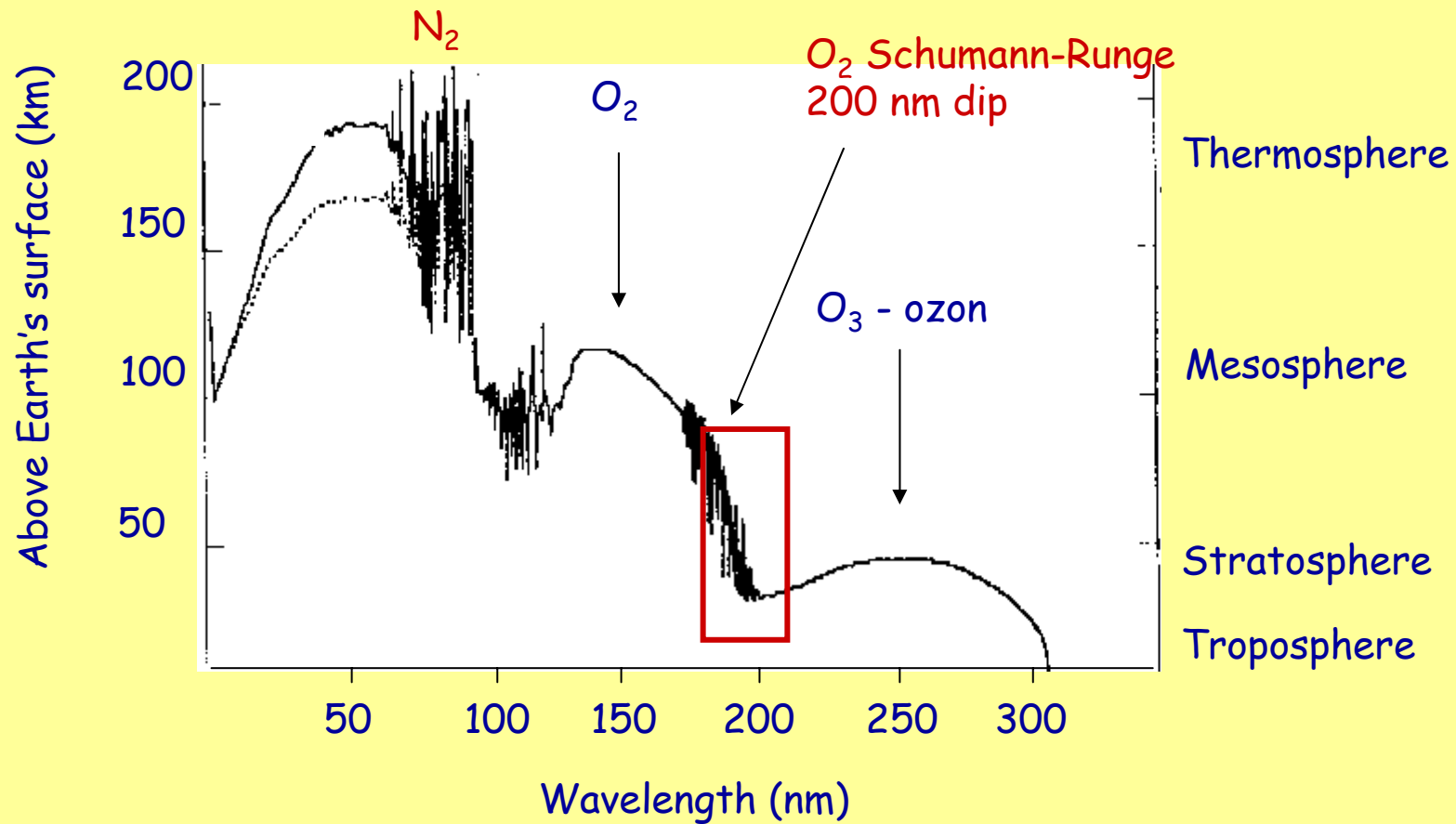
$$\Delta\tau = 10\text{-}20 \text{ ns}$$

at 200 nm

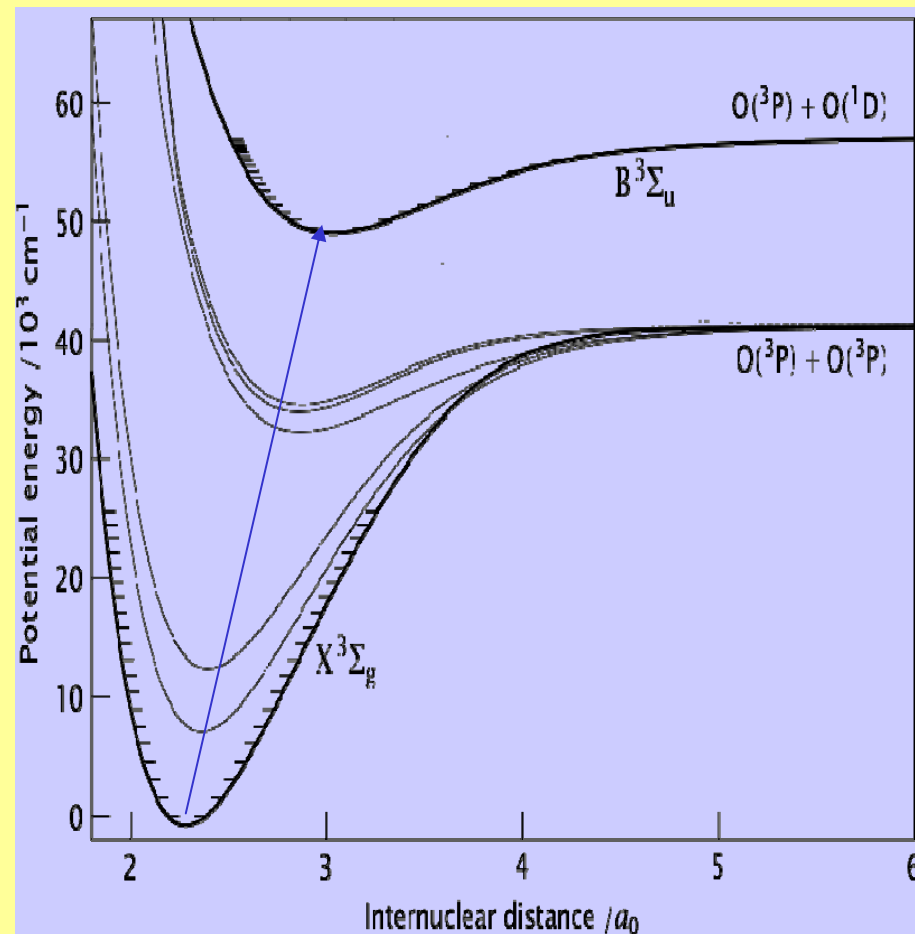
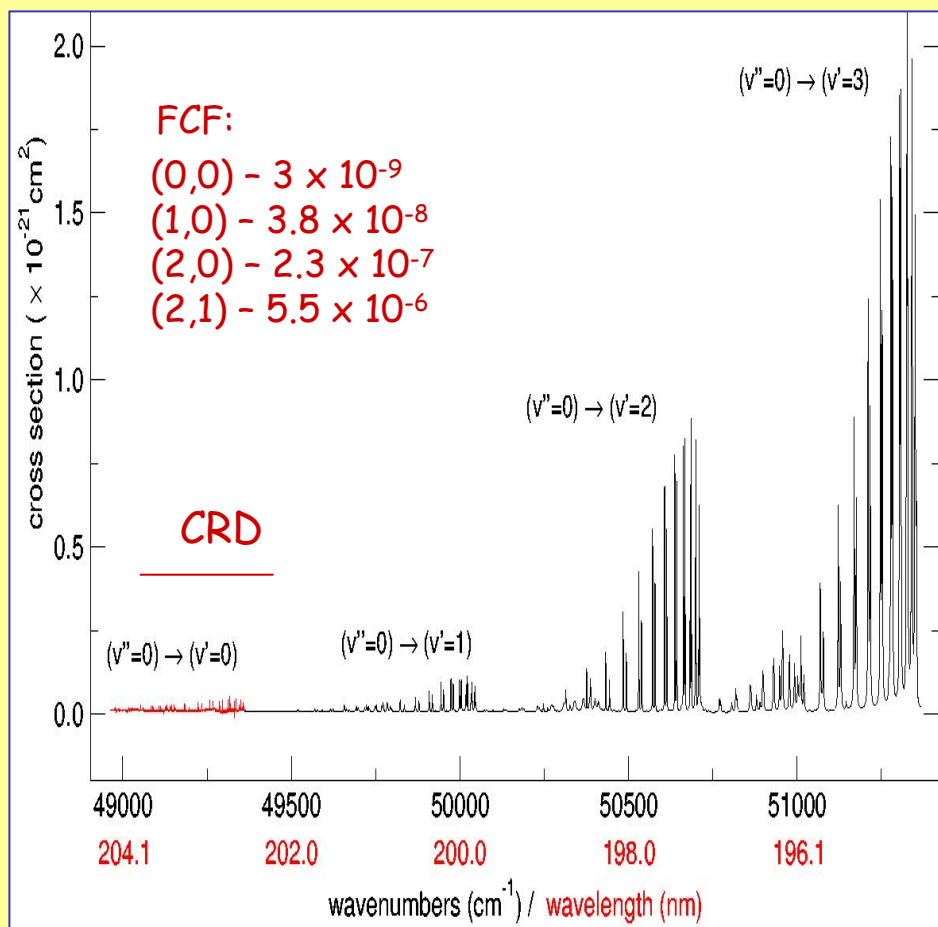
+ on-line chirp analysis  
+ frequency comb calibration  
accuracy few MHz at 200 nm



## Sunlight penetrating in the Earth's atmosphere



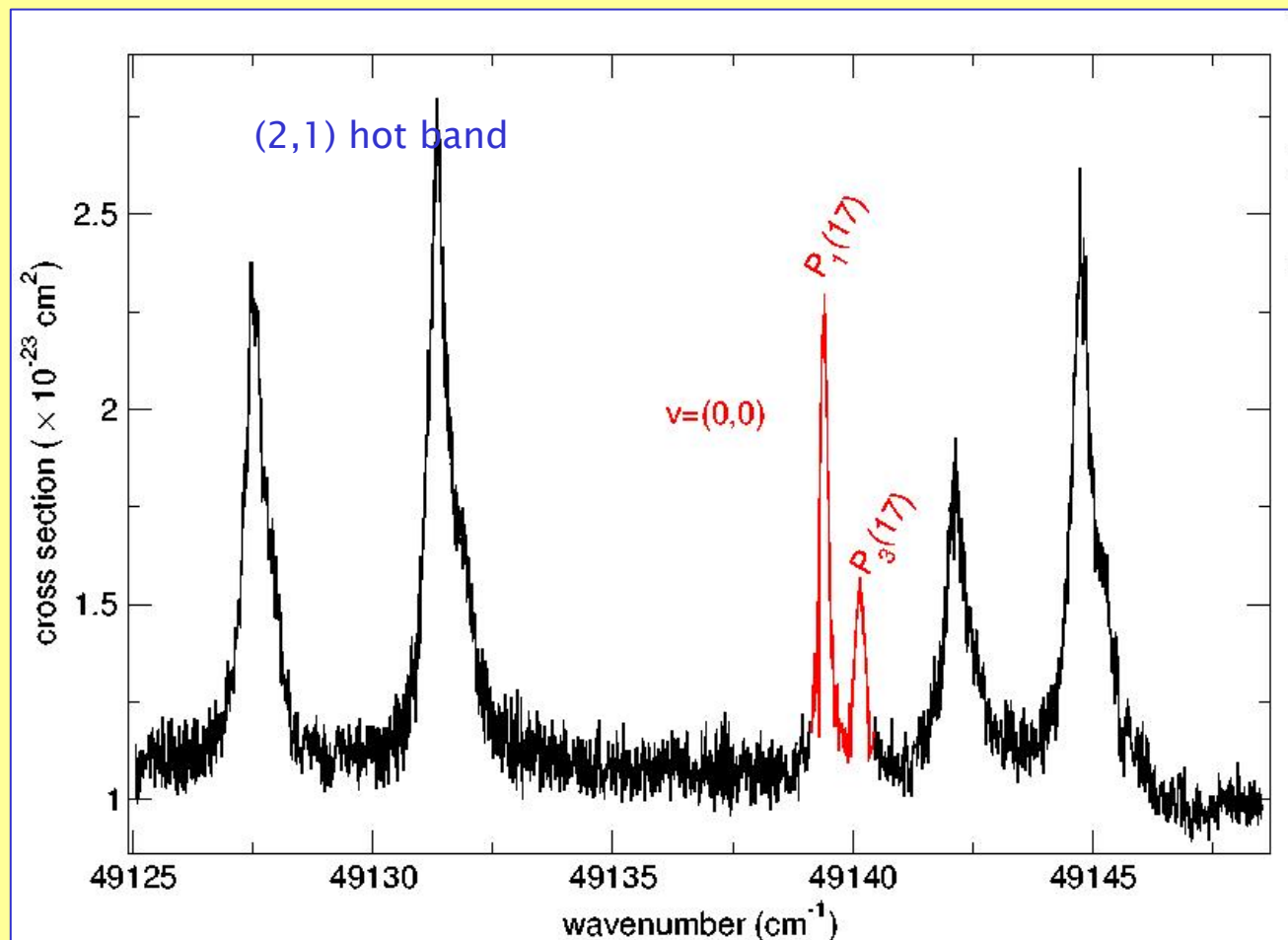
## $O_2$ -Schumann-Runge (Cheung, Yoshino *et al.*)



Goal: study spectroscopy,  
predissociation dynamics and  
collisional effects of low  $v$

$R = 97\%$  at  $\lambda = 197\text{-}203 \text{ nm}$   
Rocky Mountain Optics  
CRD decay 100 ns

## Vibrational excitation in room temperature deep-UV CRD

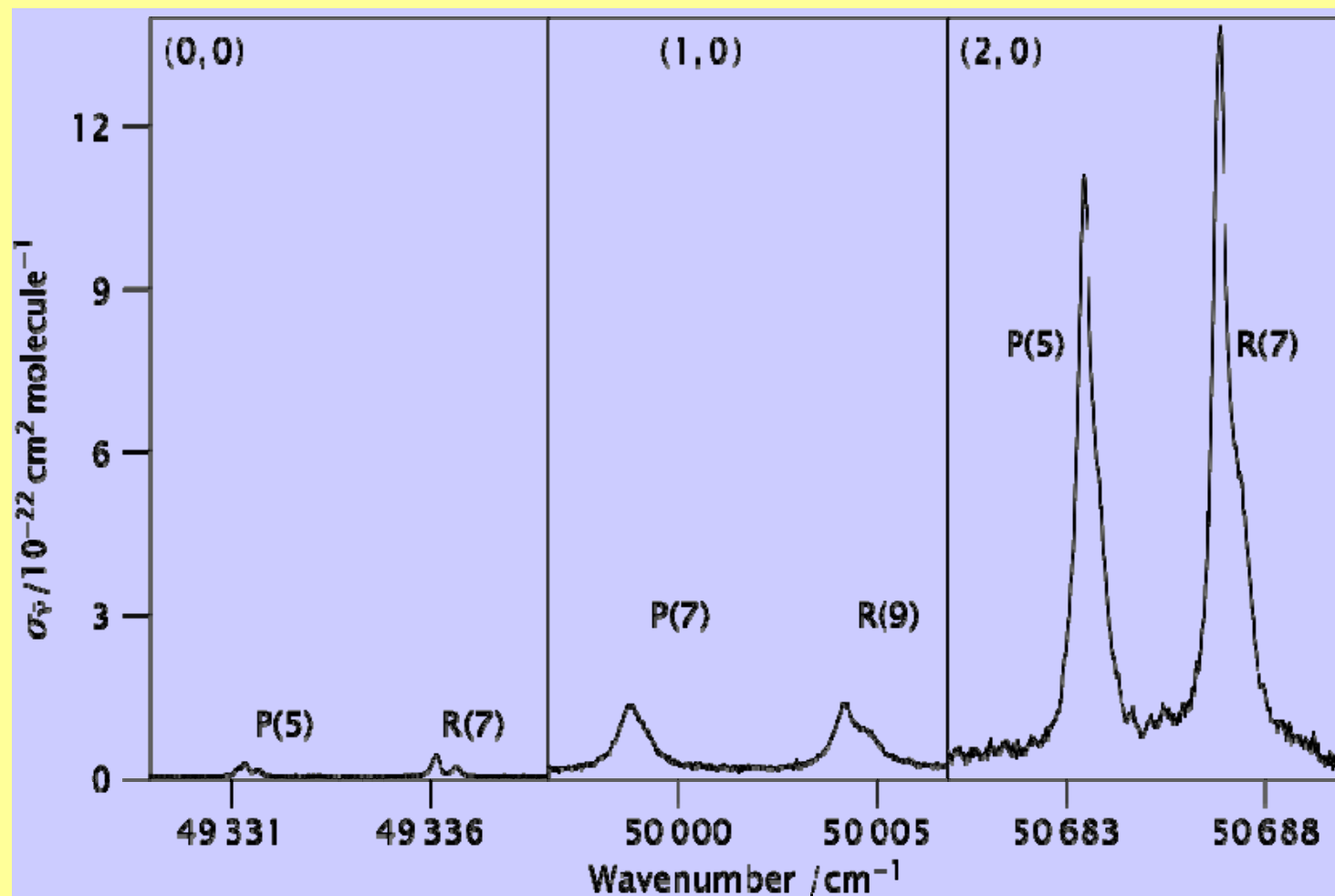


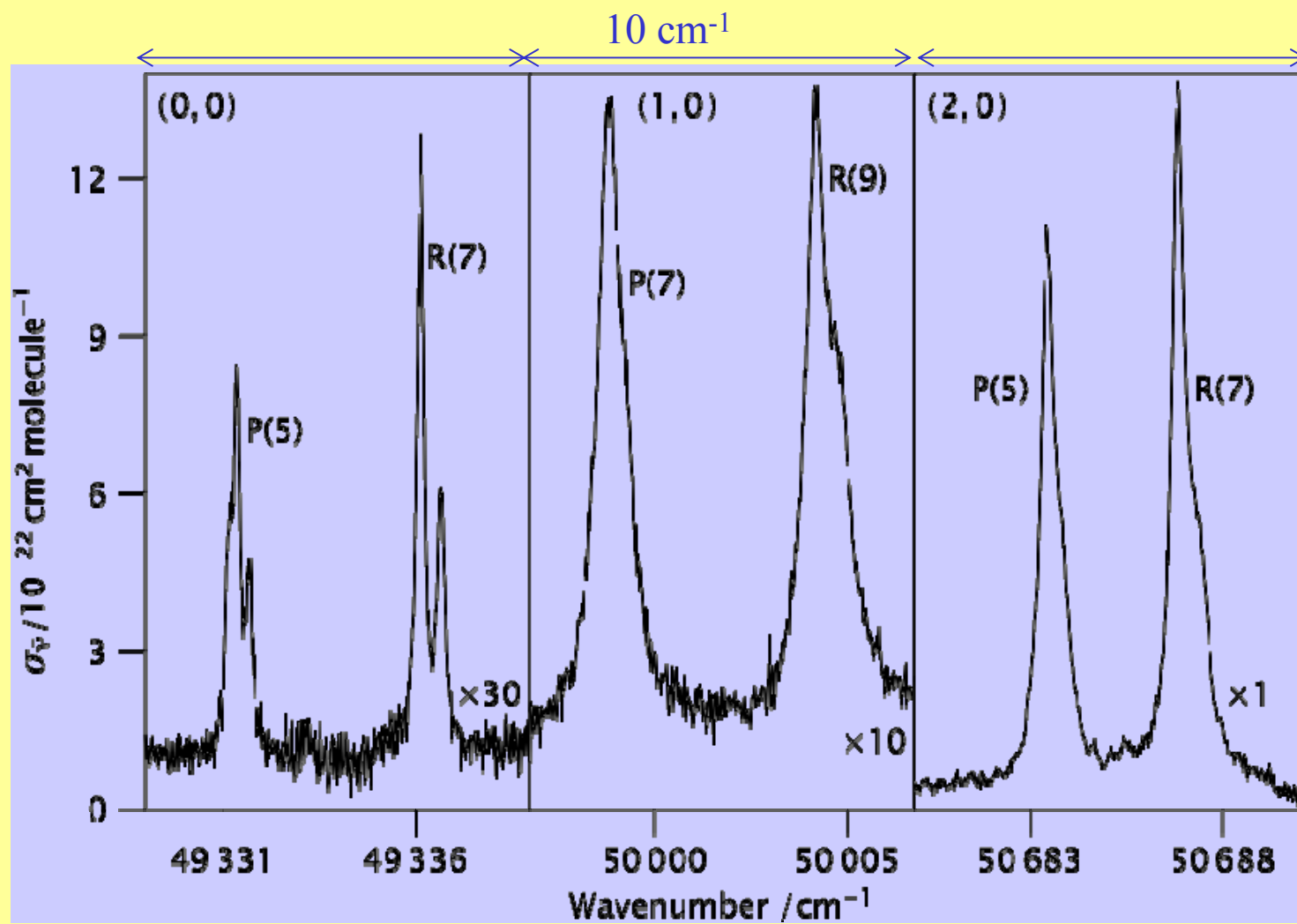
FCF

(0,0) -  $3 \times 10^{-9}$   
(2,1) -  $6 \times 10^{-6}$

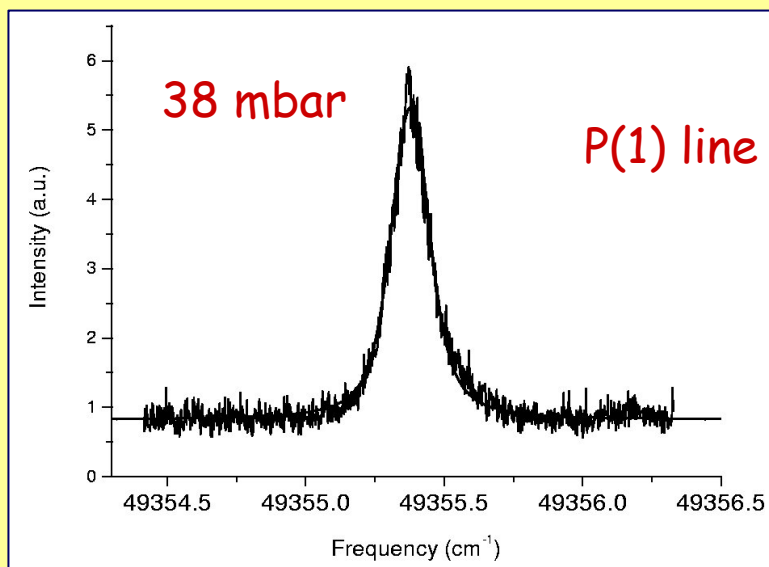
Thermal population  
 $v=1 : 4.9 \times 10^{-3}$

## $(v, J, F_j)$ dependent predissociation

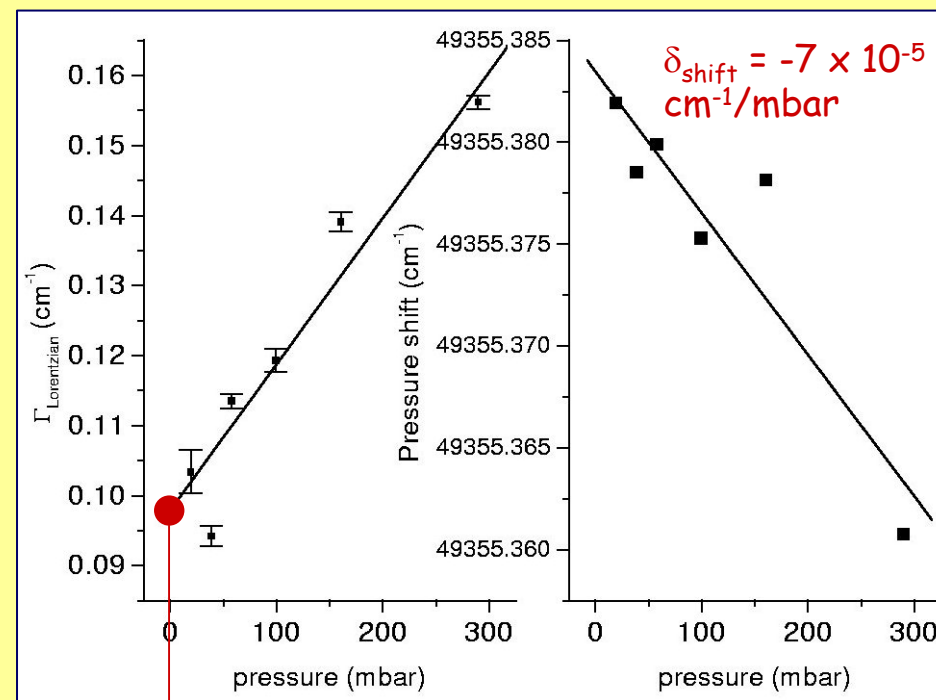




# Predissociation, pressure broadening and pressure shift



$\Delta_D = 0.107 \text{ cm}^{-1}$   
 $F_{\text{profile}} = F_D \otimes F_L$   
 $F_L$  - Lorentzian  $\Gamma$   
 Fit with  $F_{\text{profile}}$

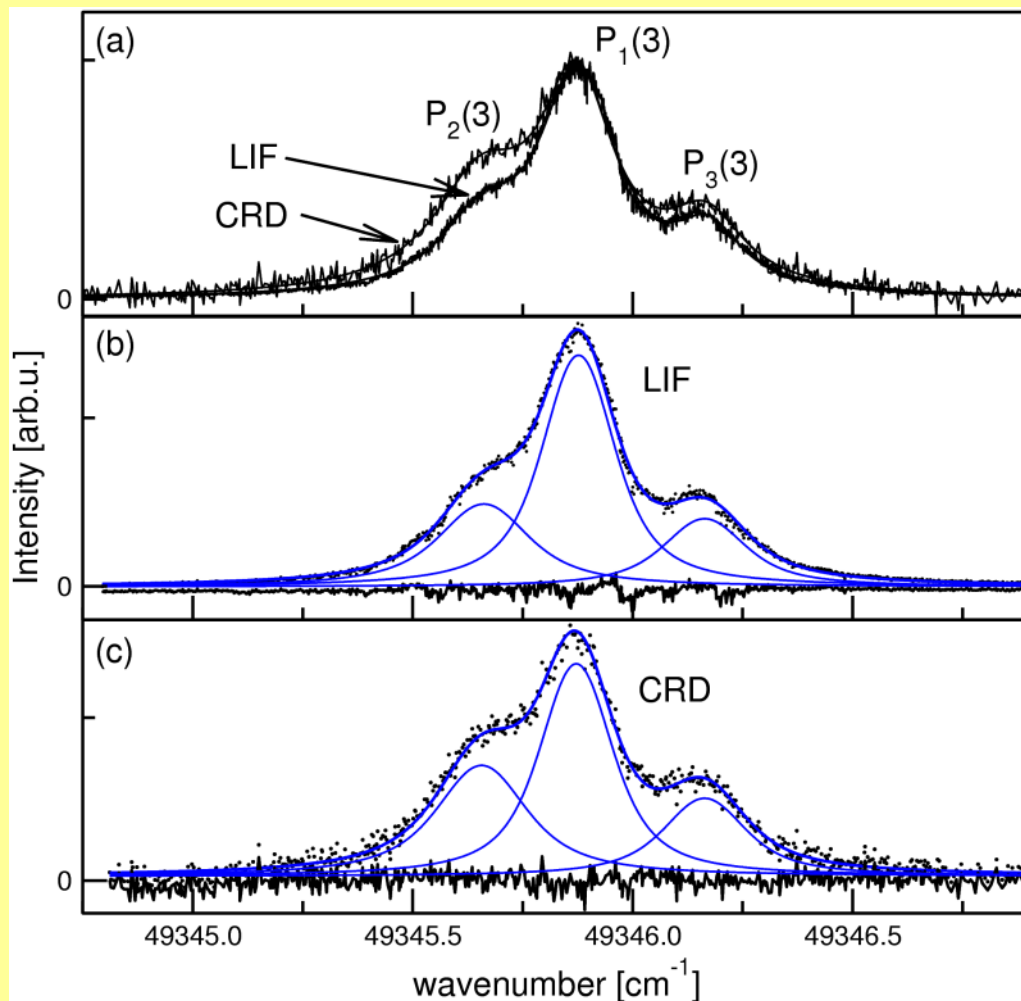


$$\Gamma_L = \Gamma_{\text{pred}} + \Gamma_{\text{col}} p$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{pred}} = 0.097 (2) \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{col}} = 2.2 (0.3) \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^{-1}/\text{mbar}$$

## Fine-structure dependent predissociation: CRD and LIF compared



- In CRD: Intensities set to Hönl-London  $\times$  Population

$$2\pi\Gamma_L = k_{col} + k_{pred} + k_{rad} = k_{tot}$$

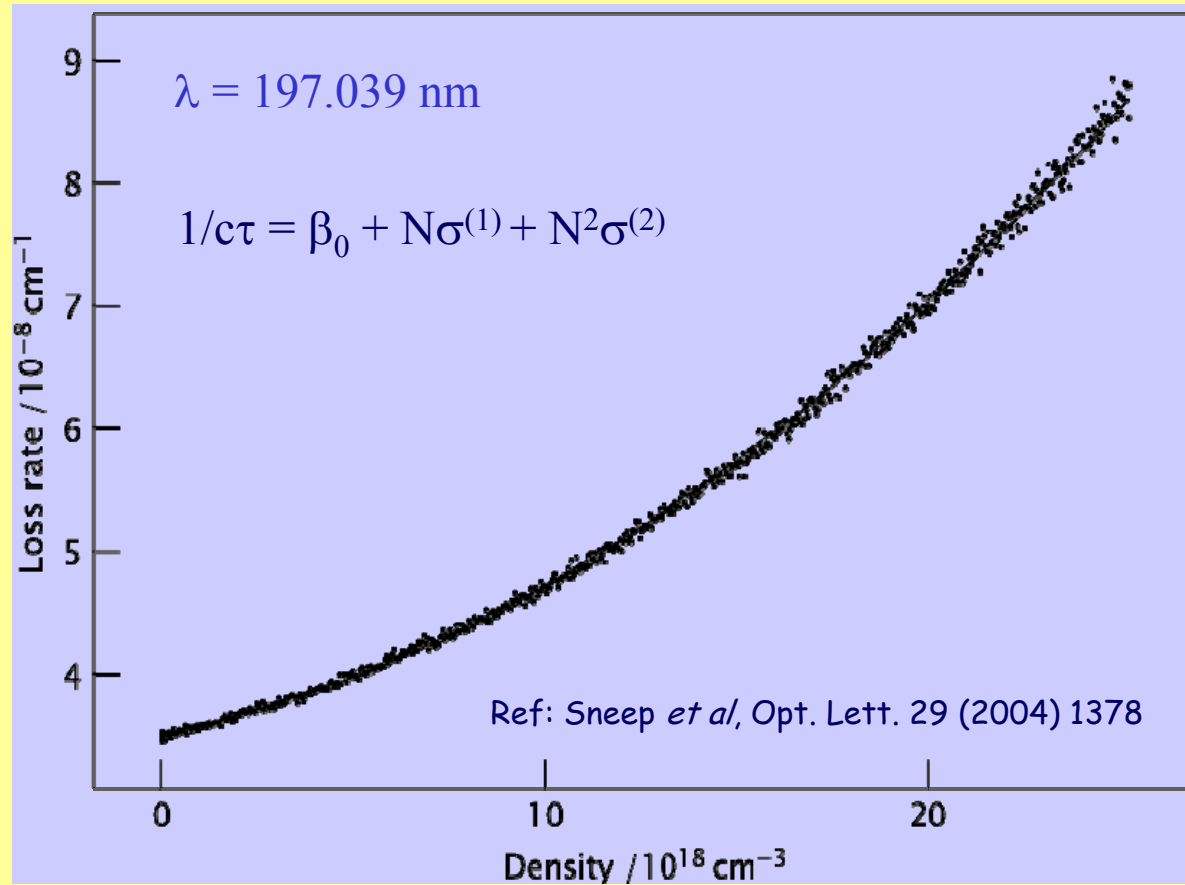
- fluorescence intensities  $F_i$

- Comprehensive fit, constraint:

$$\left(\frac{F_i}{F_j}\right)_{LIF} = \left(\frac{F_i}{F_j}\right)_{ABS} \frac{k_j^{tot}}{k_i^{tot}}$$

Spin-dependent  
predissociation rates

## Extinction in the Herzberg continuum



### CRD Experiment

$$\sigma^{(1)} = 6.6(8) \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2\text{mol}^{-1}$$

$$\sigma^{(2)} = 549(15) \times 10^{-45} \text{ cm}^5\text{mol}^{-2}$$

Cf. Couquart *et al.*  
Planet Space Sciences 1990

$$\sigma^{(1)} = 8.10(14) \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2\text{mol}^{-1}$$

$$\sigma^{(2)} = 521(6) \times 10^{-45} \text{ cm}^5\text{mol}^{-2}$$

# CRD in the liquid phase: bulk liquids

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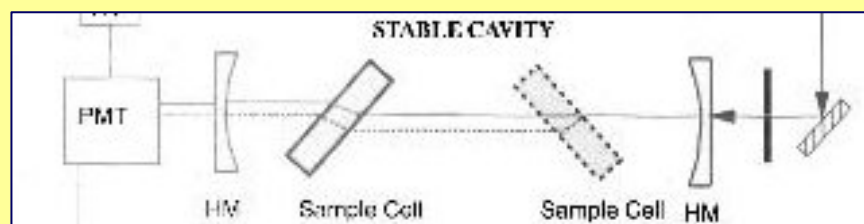
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## Cavity ring-down spectroscopy in the liquid phase

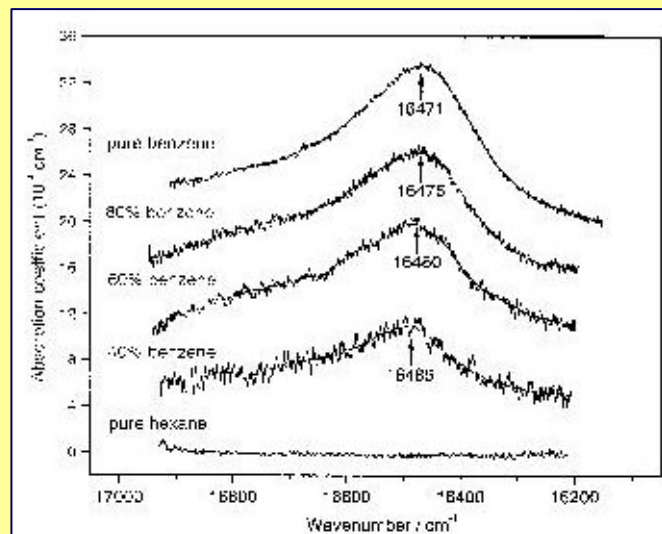
Shucheng Xu,<sup>a)</sup> Guohe Sha, and Jinchun Xie

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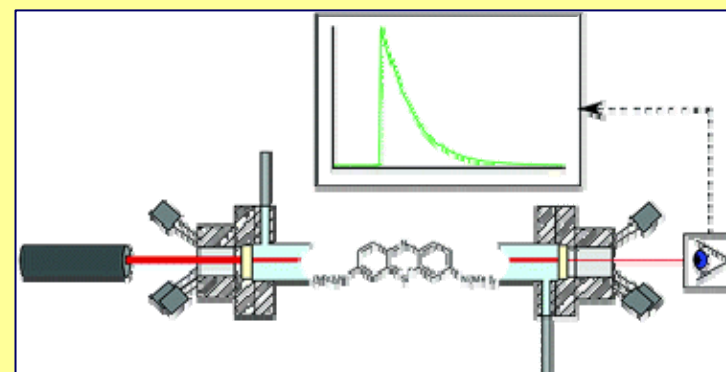


### Static Brewster cell inserted in cavity



5<sup>th</sup> overtone of  
Benzene  
dissolved in  
hexane

Hallock, Berman, Zare  
Anal Chem (2002); JACS (2003)  
Bulk studies and kinetics



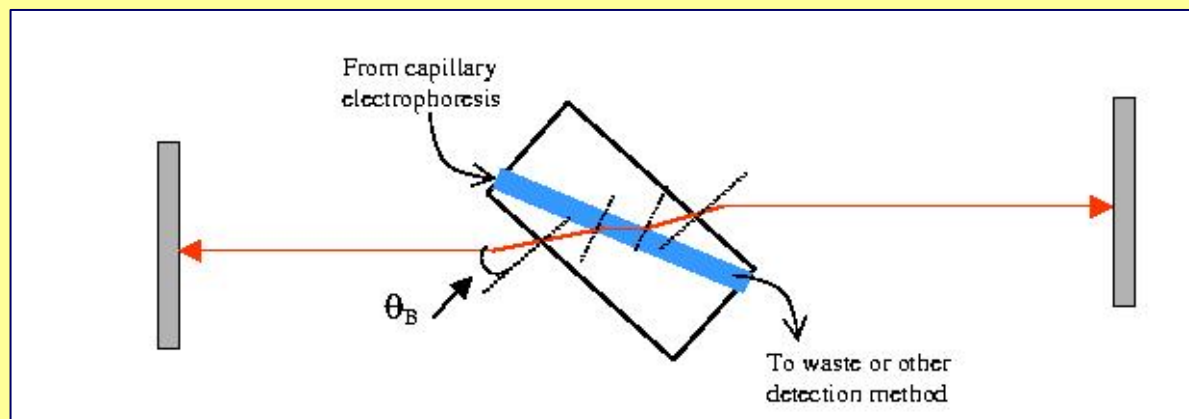
Direct contact with mirrors

## CRD in the liquid phase: sensitive detection after separation

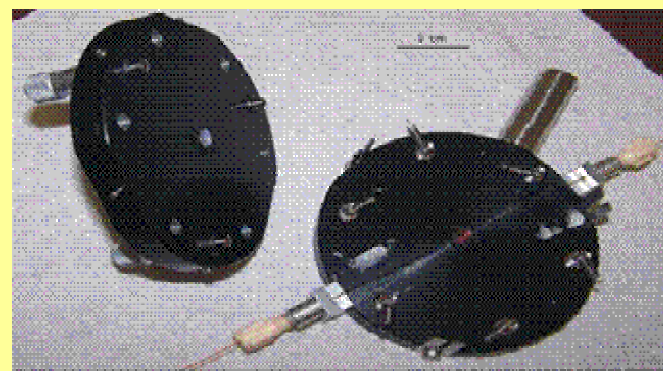
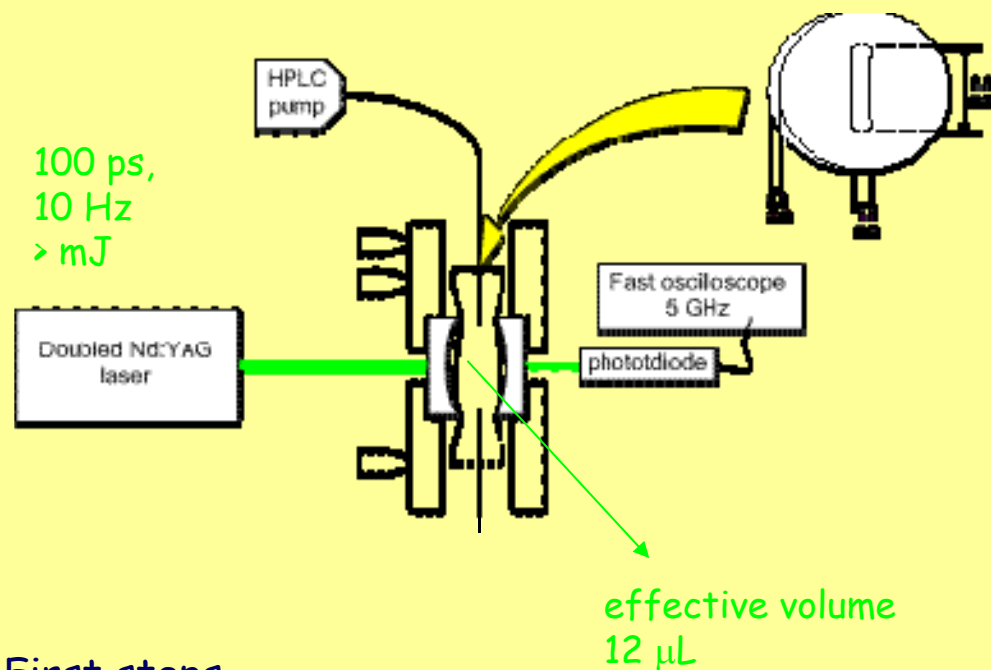
Flow injection: Leach, Wheeler, Zare, Anal. Chem. (2003)

HPLC: Snyder, Zare, Anal. Chem. (2003)

HPLC + cw CRD: Bechtel, Zare et al. Anal. Chem. (2005)



## To the liquid phase: The combination CRD - HPLC in our approach



Philosophy: Liquid-Only cell

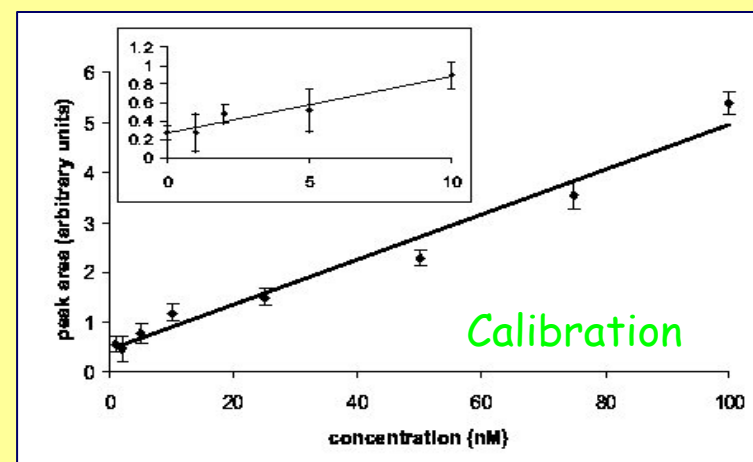
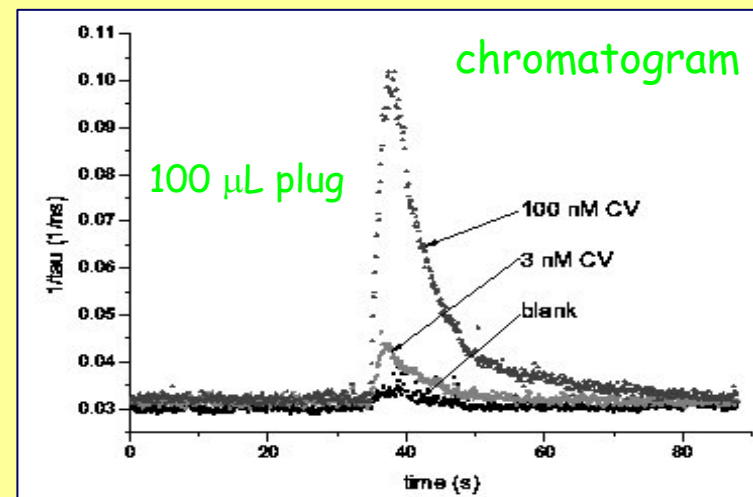
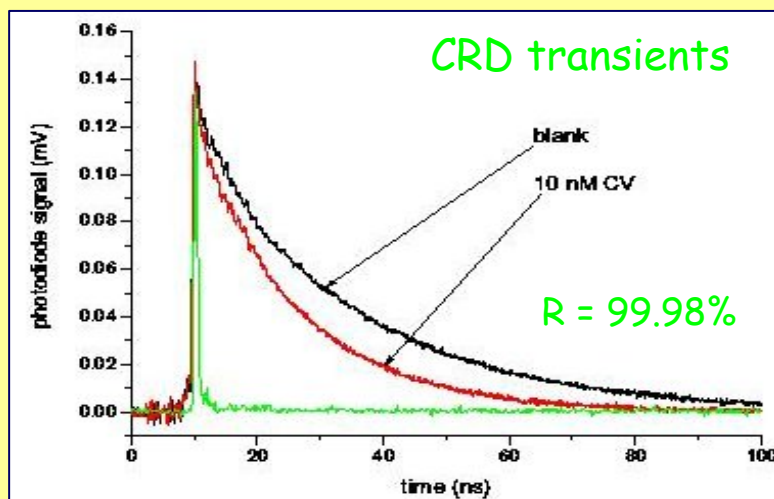
First steps  
and goals

Detection, not spectroscopy  
Small volumes  
Universal wavelengths

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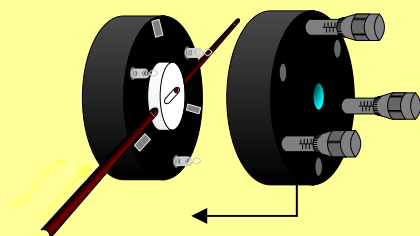
1<sup>st</sup> step measuring a "plug"

CV: Crystal Violet/ethanol  
 $\epsilon = 54500 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$

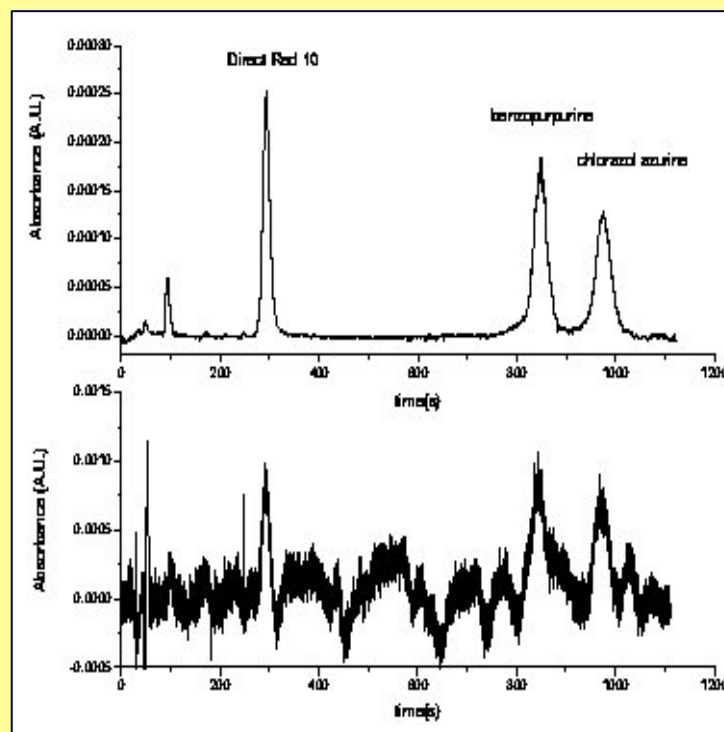
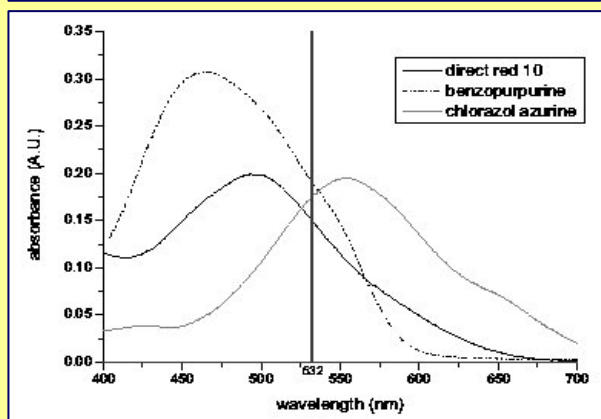
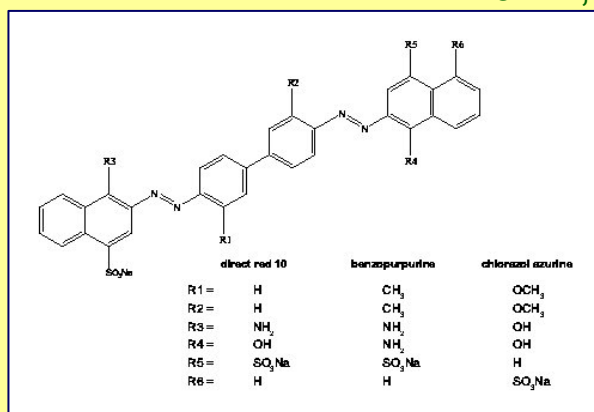


Detection limit: 2.5 nM  
Problem of blank

# Demonstration of online HPLC detection in Liquid-Only cell



liquid-only cavity  
(14  $\mu$ l)  
R = 99.996 %  
532 nm, 100 ps,  
10 Hz,  $\tau$  = 70 ns



CRD  
chromatogram

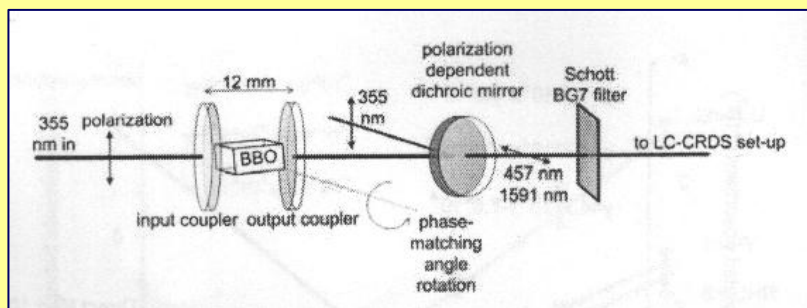
Conventional  
chromatogram

Detection limit: 15 nM for  $\epsilon = 1 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$   
Baseline:  $2.7 \times 10^{-6} \text{ A.U. (1s)}$

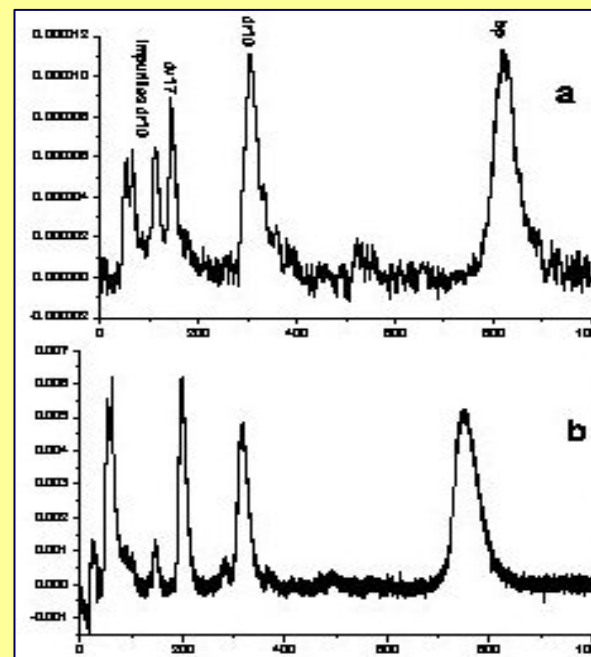
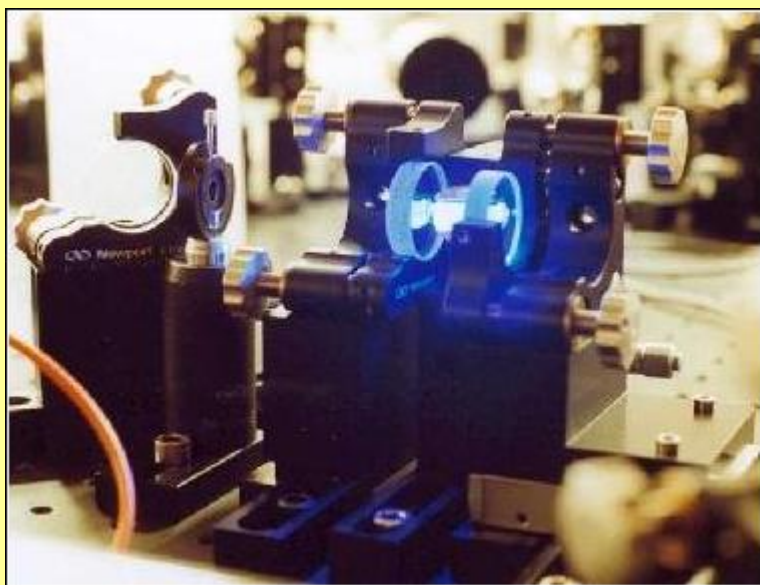
vd Sneppen et al, Anal. Chim. Acta 2006

## Steps toward blue and higher rep. rates

457 nm; OPO - 100 Hz; R=99.993%



Tunability: 420-480 nm;  $\Delta\nu = 10 \text{ cm}^{-1}$



CRDS  
100 ppb  
injected  
before column

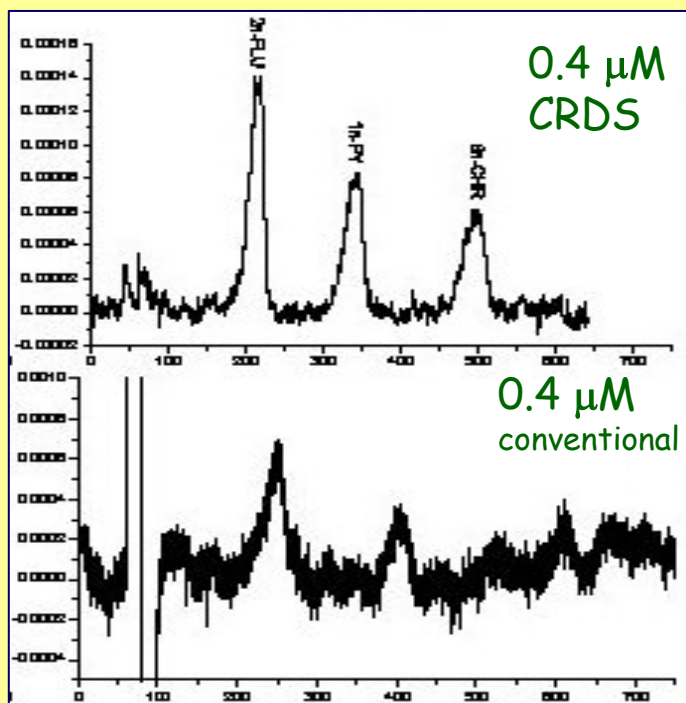
Conventional  
10 ppm  
injected

Mixture of AZO-dyes

- Direct Violet 17
- Direct Red 10
- benzopurpurine

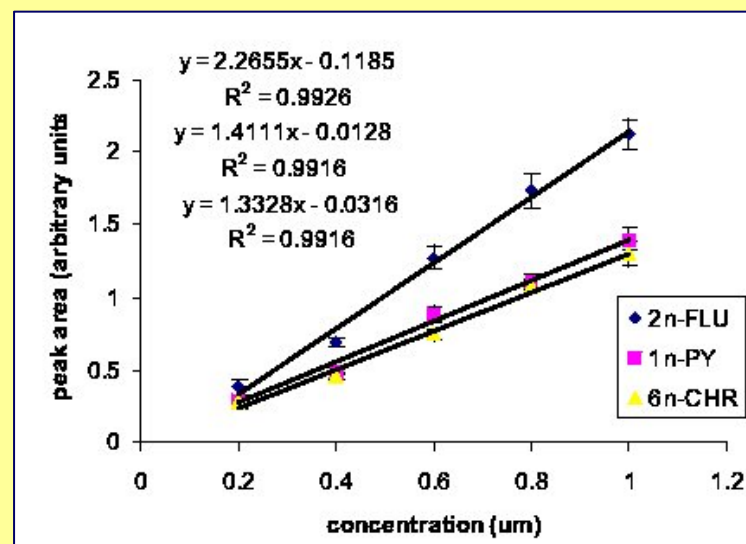
## Steps toward UV - 355 nm

Pico Nd:YAG 3<sup>rd</sup> HG; R=99.95% - Layertec  
ROC = 5 cm  
CRD transients 15-20 ns

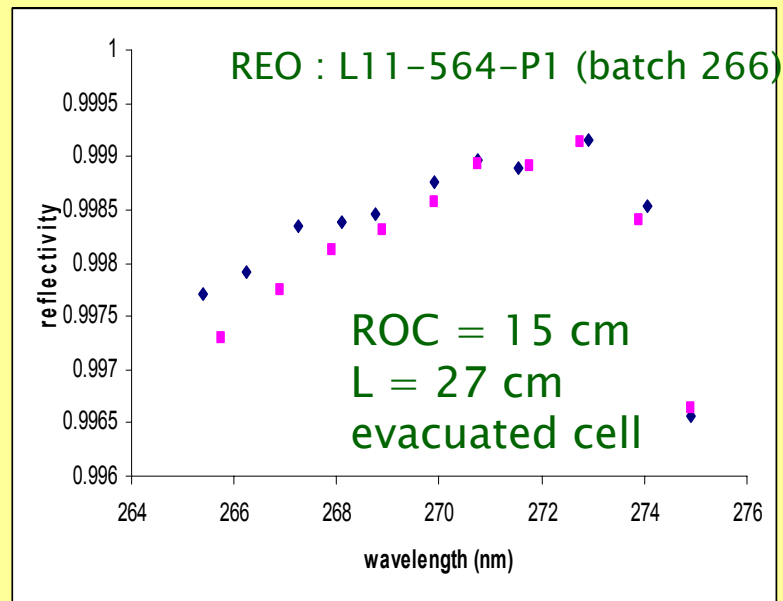


Mixture of carcinogenic  
nitro-substituted PAHs  
2-nitrofluorene  
1-nitropyrene  
6-nitrochrysene

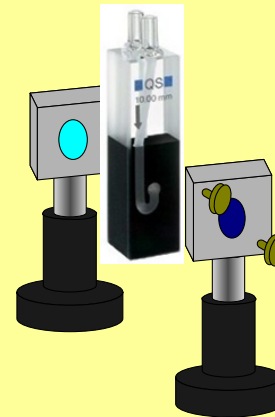
Linearity in detection > 200 ppb



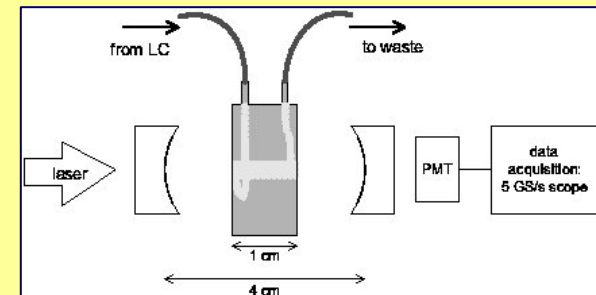
Further to the deep UV ? 266 nm ?



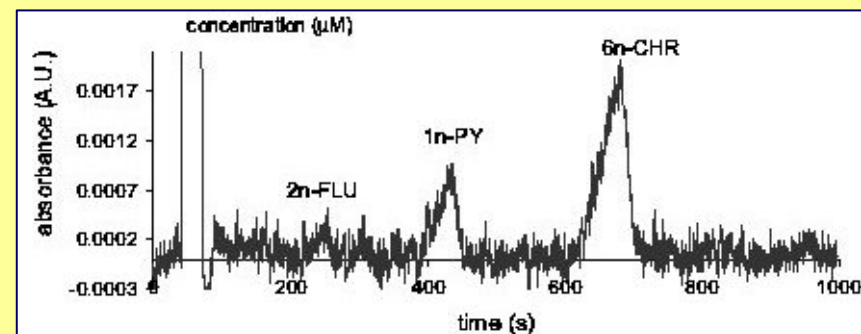
→ Measurements at  $\lambda = 273$  nm  
R = 99.91%  
Pulsed dye laser system  $\Delta t = 4$  ns



flow cuvette (80  $\mu$ l)



Decays  $\sim 120$  ns (empty cavity)  
Decays  $\sim 15$  ns in operation



Limitation

- 1) Mirror R at 266 nm
- 2) Surface roughness

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