

# **Raman Spectroscopy for the On-Line Analysis of Oxidation States of Oxygen Carrier Particles**



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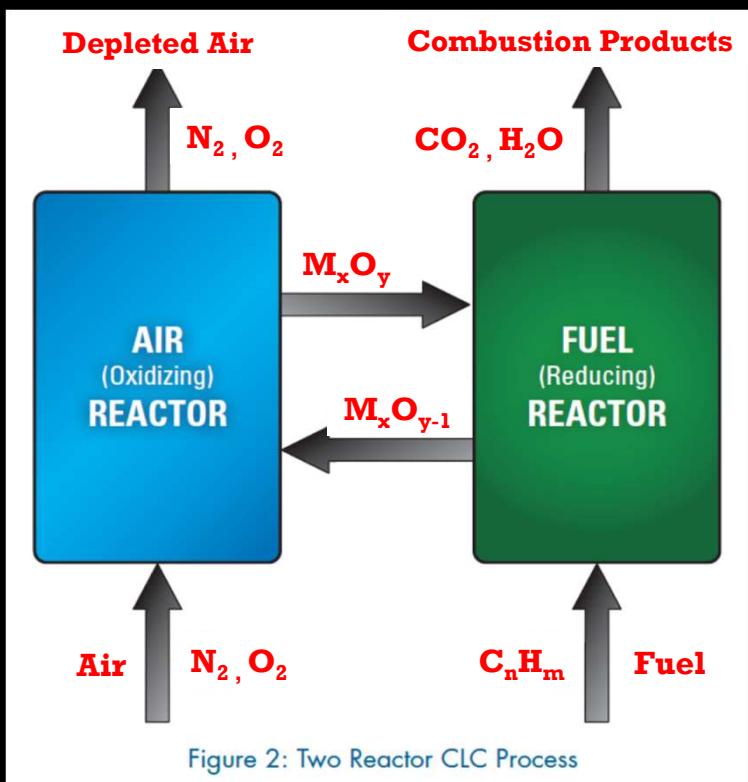
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# Chemical Looping Combustion



**Goal: Combust fossil fuels in pure  $O_2$  so as to generate pure  $CO_2$  for storage.**

**Conditions, including:**

- Temperatures:  $800\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} - 1000\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Pressure:  $\sim 10\text{ atm}$
- Particles constantly moving

**Optimization of process requires ability to identify oxidation state**

# Oxygen Carrier Particles



- This Project:**
- $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3/\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$
  - $\text{CaSO}_4$
  - $\text{CuO}$

<https://www.netl.doe.gov/newsroom/labnotes/labnotes-archive/01-2014>, accessed 9/26/16

## Desired properties include:

- **High conversion efficiency**
- **High reactivity**
- **Low agglomeration**
- **Long lifetime**
- **Low cost**
- **Low environmental impact**

J. C. Fisher II, "Oxy(gen) combustion and Chemical Looping Combustion," DOE/NETL

# Goal, Objectives, and Vision

## **Goal:**

**Develop a sensor for the on-line analysis of the oxidation state of oxygen carrier particles and demonstrate its feasibility.**

## **Objectives:**

- (1) Set up and test a Raman spectroscopy system in combination with a pressurized high-temperature sample chamber.**
- (2) Optimize operating parameters of the Raman spectroscopy system and measure the high-temperature spectra of oxygen carriers.**
- (3) Develop an analysis procedure, including statistical modeling and multivariate calibration, for the interpretation of the Raman spectra.**

## **Long-term Vision:**

**Monitoring system that can easily be integrated into different types of CLC systems and provide feedback for process control.**

# Raman Spectroscopy

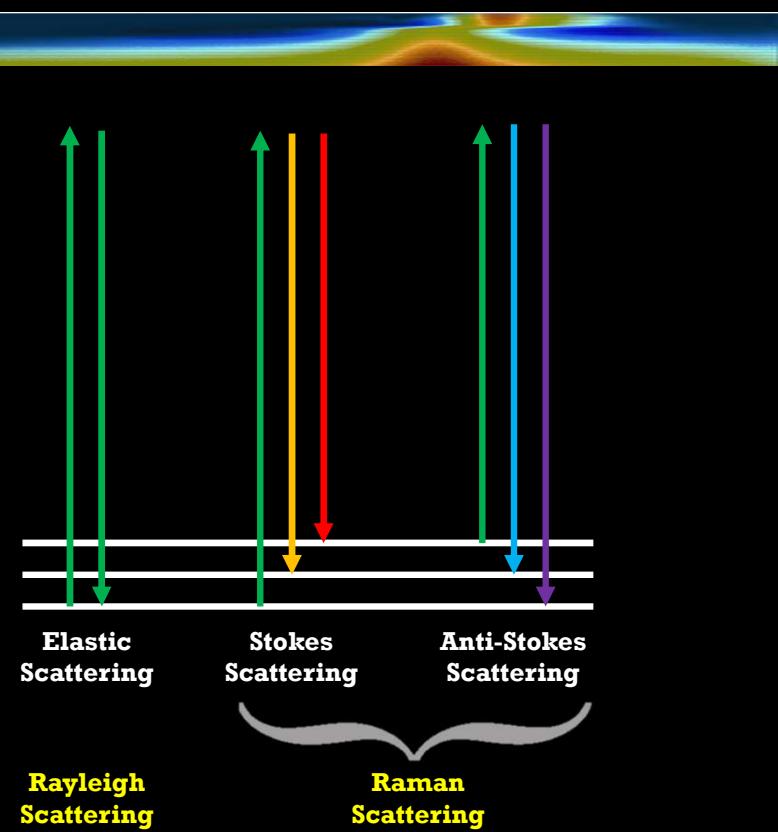
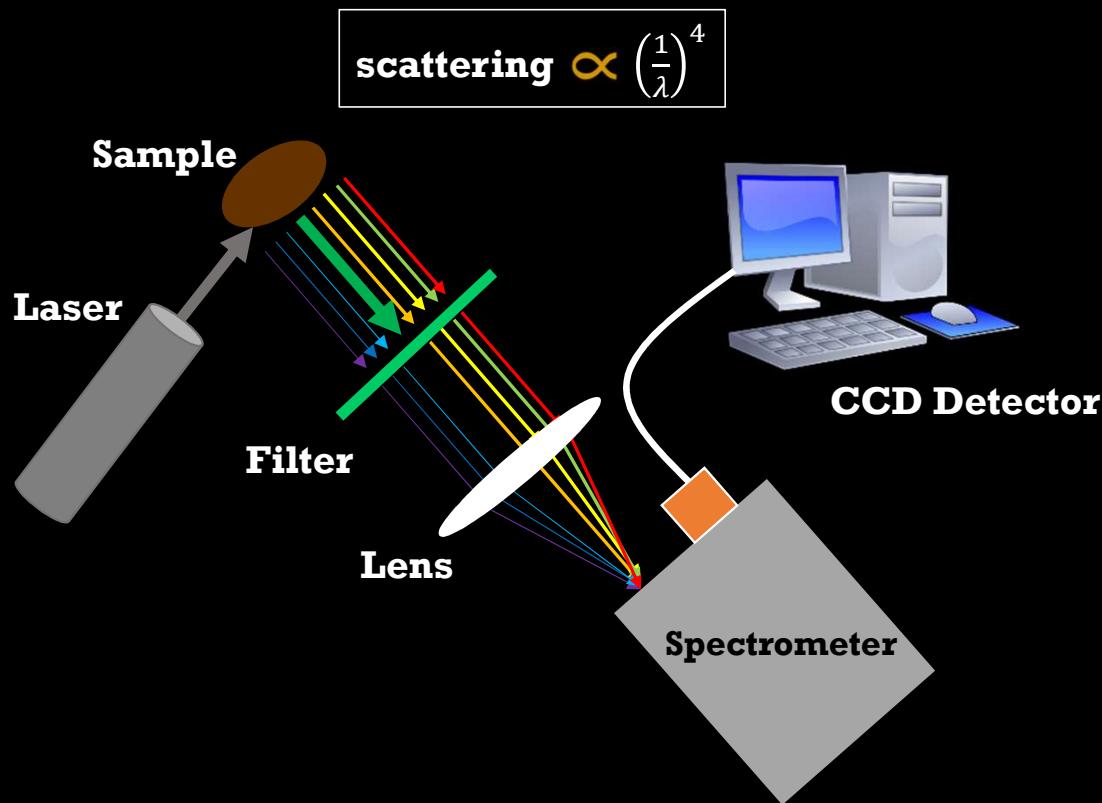
- Widely used for the detection/identification of materials.
- Demonstrated for standoff/remote single-shot applications.



<https://www.sciaps.com/raman-spectrometers/>, accessed 9/30/16

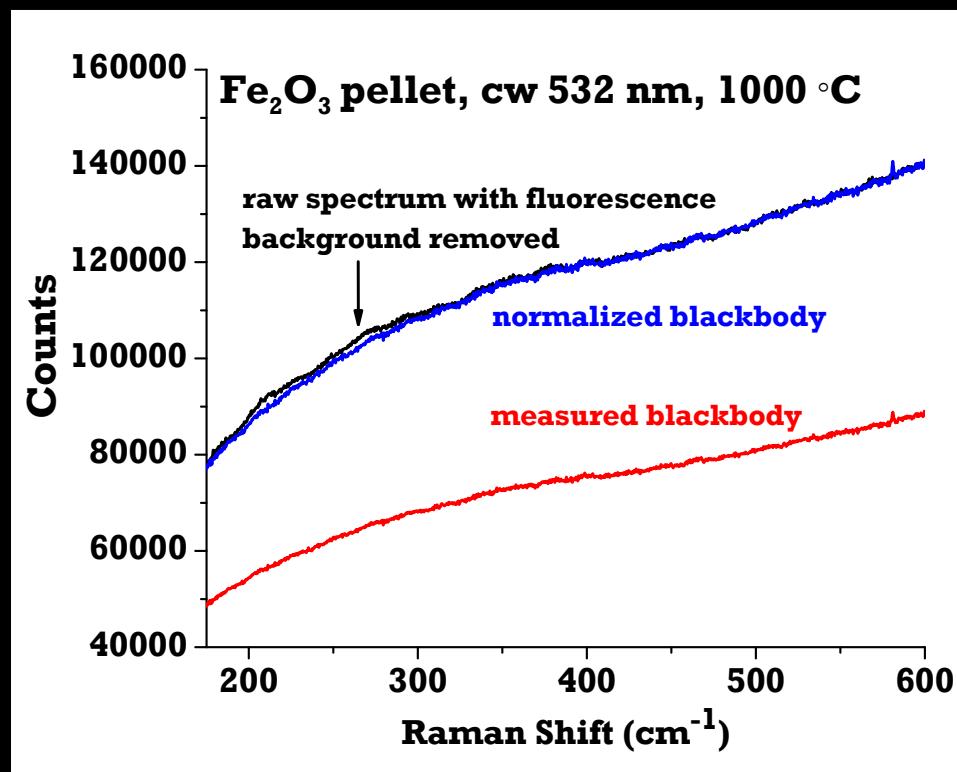
**Widely used and proven technique.**

# Raman Spectroscopy



Provides vibrational information unique to material.

# Corrections for Raman Spectra

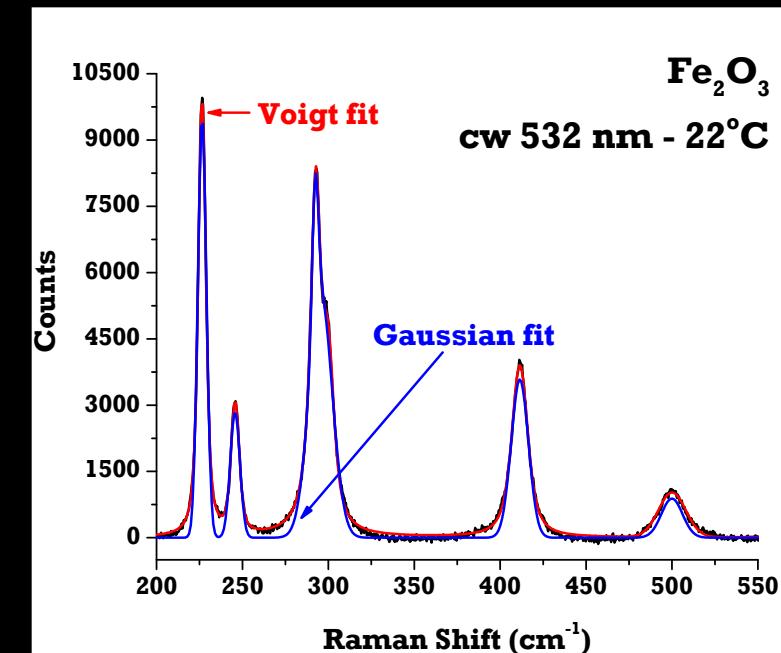


## Processing:

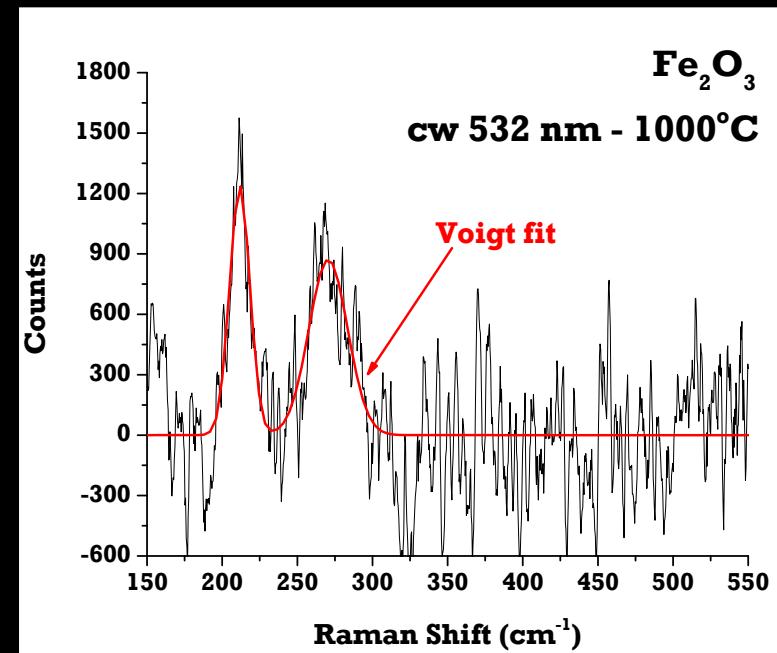
- Instrumental transfer function
  - Filters
  - Spectrometer
  - Detector
  - Other optical elements
- Background
  - Fluorescence
  - Blackbody
  - Cosmic radiation
  - Stray light
  - Laser fluctuation
- Multi-peak fitting
  - Peak position
  - FWHM
  - Peak area

Raman spectra require various corrections.

# Fitting of Raman Bands



**FWHM**—thermal broadening  
**Band center**—band migration due to heating  
**Integrated**—calculate temperature from Stokes/antiStokes bands



Peak fitting provides important information for calibration models.

# Raman Analysis

- Heat known materials (e.g.,  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ ) to high temperature (e.g., 800 °C, 900 °C, and 1000 °C) and measure Raman spectra.
- Perform Inverse calibration (determine composition and temperature):

$$x = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 R_1 + \alpha_2 R_2 + \cdots + \alpha_h R_h$$

$$T = \beta_0 + \beta_1 R_1 + \beta_2 R_2 + \cdots + \beta_k R_k$$

**x:** Composition (e.g., mol%  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ )

**T:** Temperature

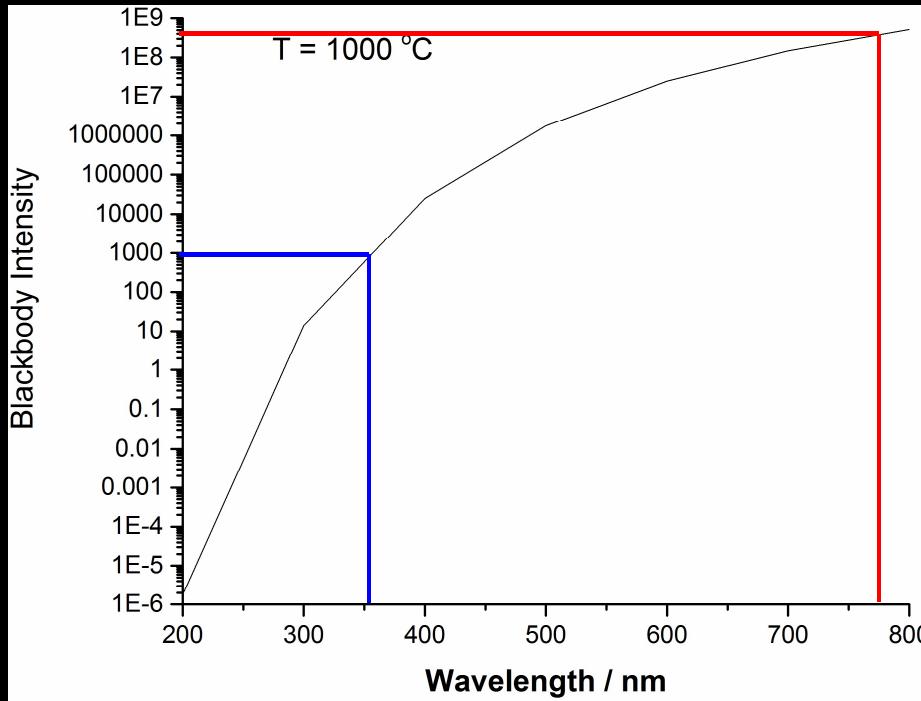
**$\alpha_i, \beta_i$ :** fitting parameters

**$R_i$ :** subsets of the Raman parameters (frequency; FWHM; area)

**Yields T and x in the form of linear combinations of the Raman parameters.**

1. Li, H., et al. "Feasibility Study of Using High-Temperature Raman Spectroscopy for On-Line Monitoring and Product Control of the Glass Vitrification Process," Energy", PNNL/DOE 1998.
2. Piepel, G. F., et al. "Statistical Modeling of Raman Spectroscopy data from high-temperature glass melts for on-line monitoring of temperature and composition." Quality Engineering 2001, 13, 667-677

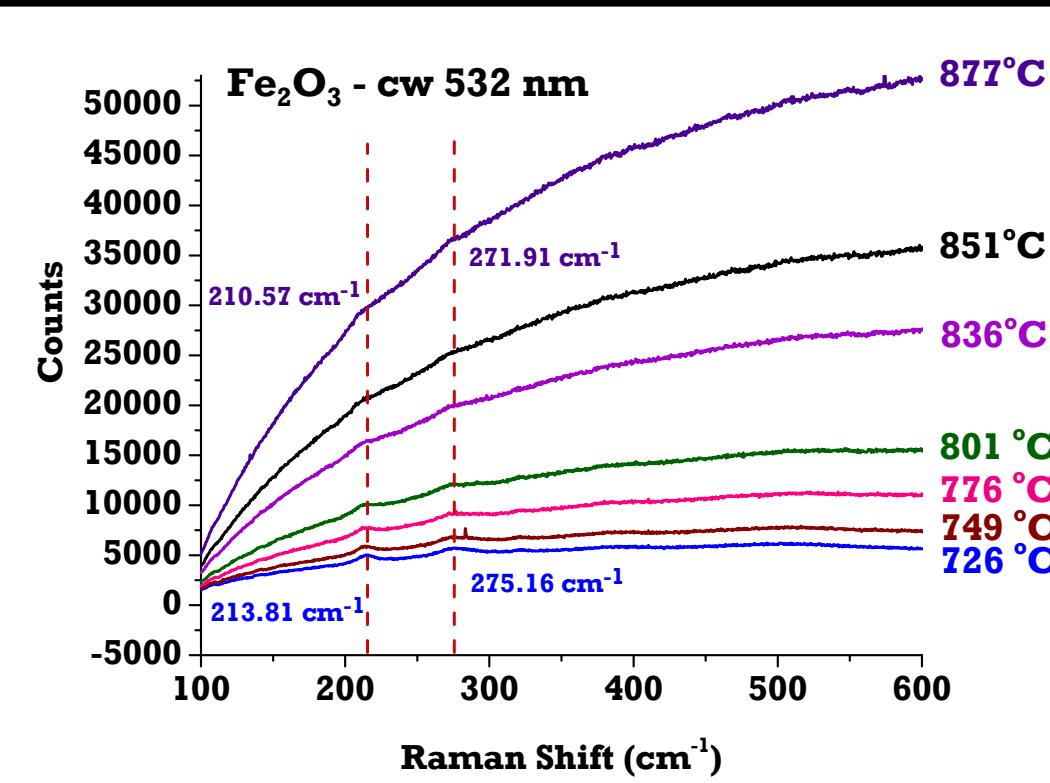
# Blackbody Radiation at 1000 °C



$$I_\lambda = \frac{2hc^2}{\lambda^5 \left( e^{\left( \frac{hc}{\lambda kT} \right)} - 1 \right)}$$

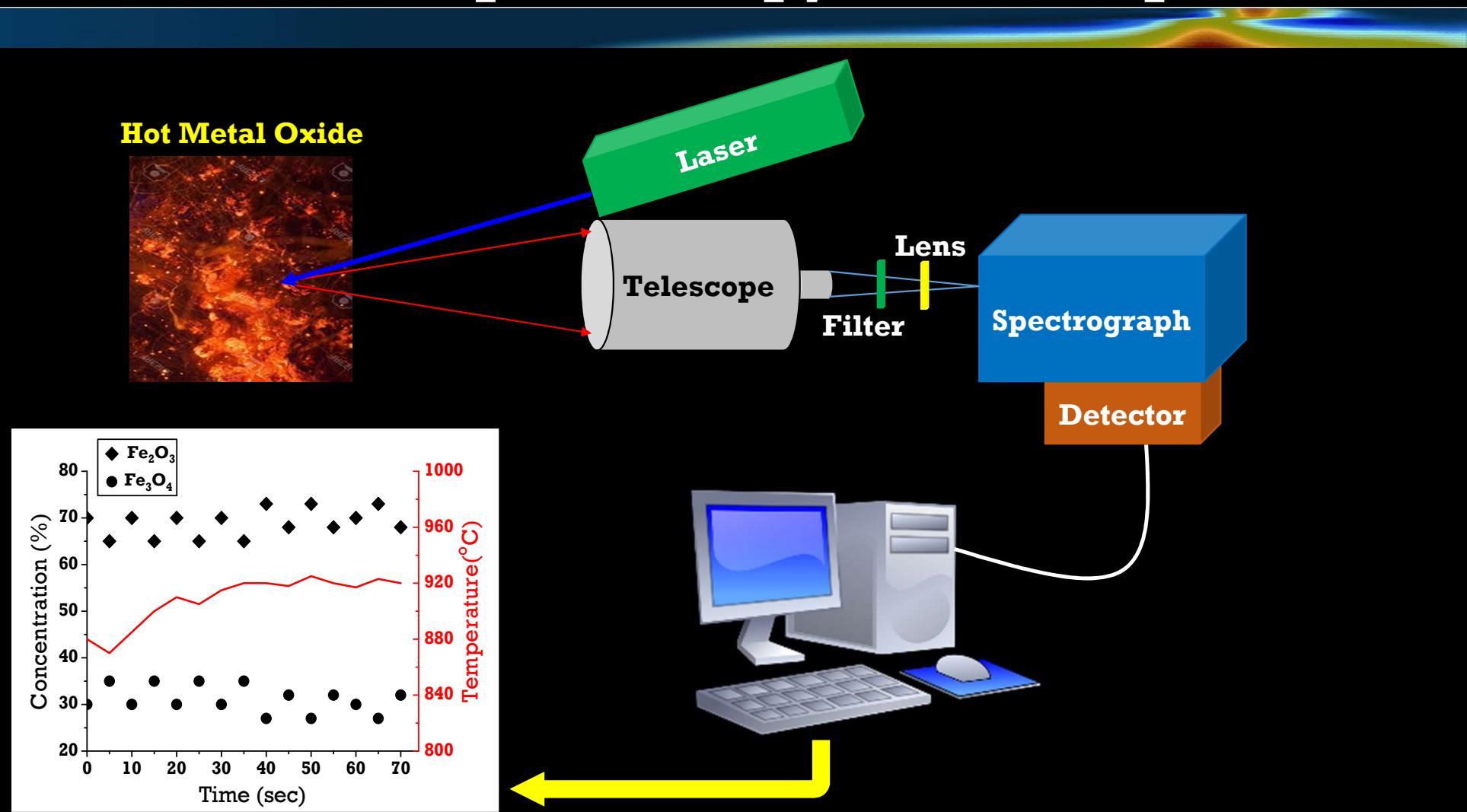
Using 355 nm instead of 785 nm reduces background by more than 5 orders of magnitude.

# Blackbody Radiation - $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$

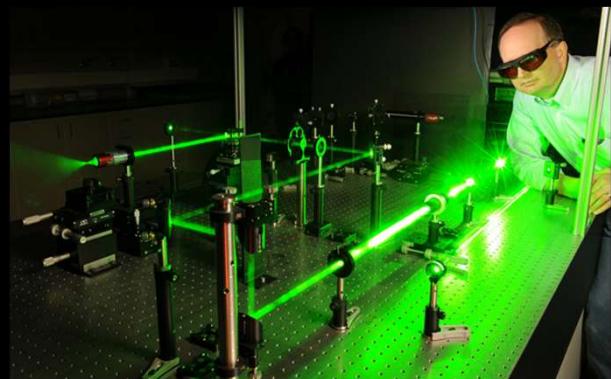


Effects of blackbody radiation apparent using 532 nm excitation.

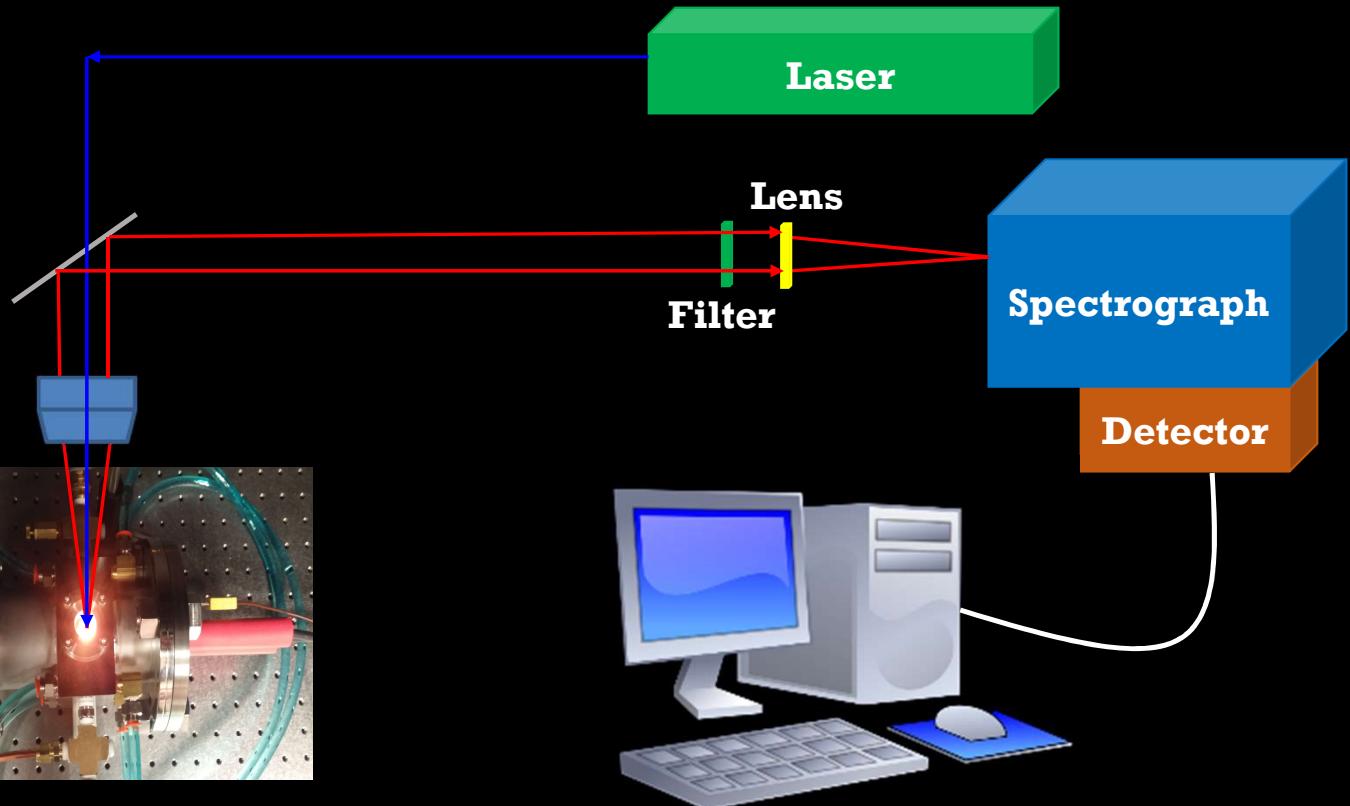
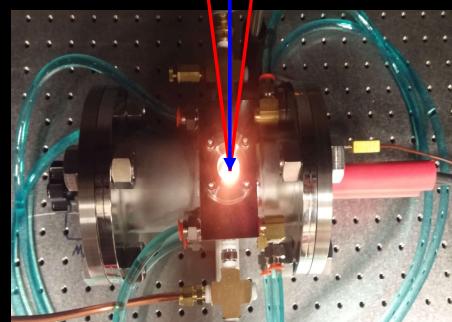
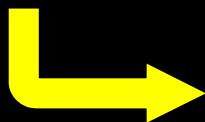
# Envisioned Raman Spectroscopy Field Setup



# Initial Laboratory Setup



Customized  
Heating  
Chamber



Calibration measurements on well-defined samples.

# Investigation of OCPs

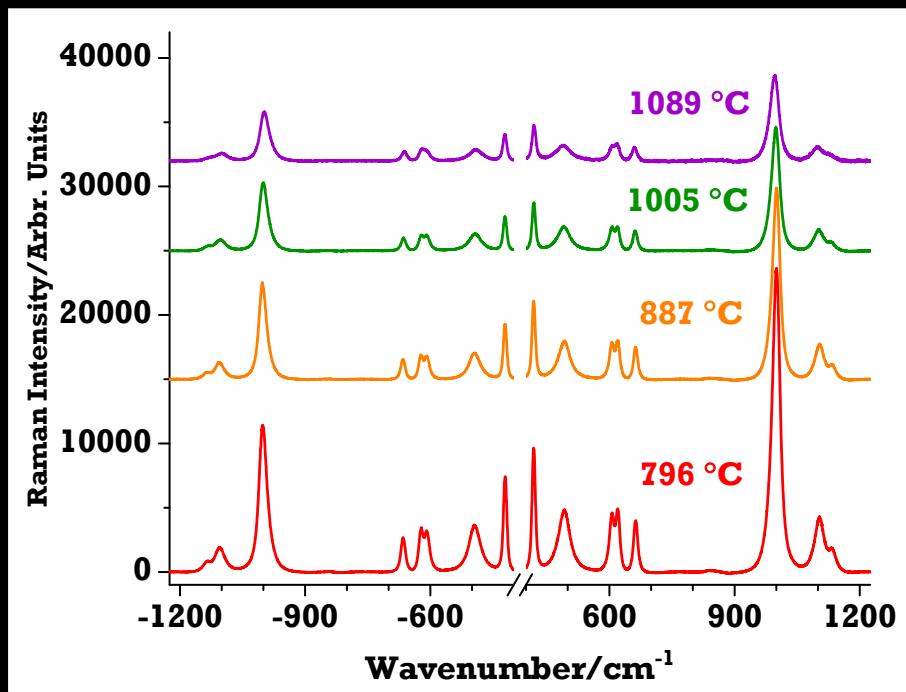


- **Calcium Sulfate Studies**
  - Pulsed/time gating approach successful for temperatures  $>1000^{\circ}\text{C}$
- **Iron Oxide Studies**
  - Pulsed lasers generally not successful because of instability under intense light.
  - CW lasers have proved promising

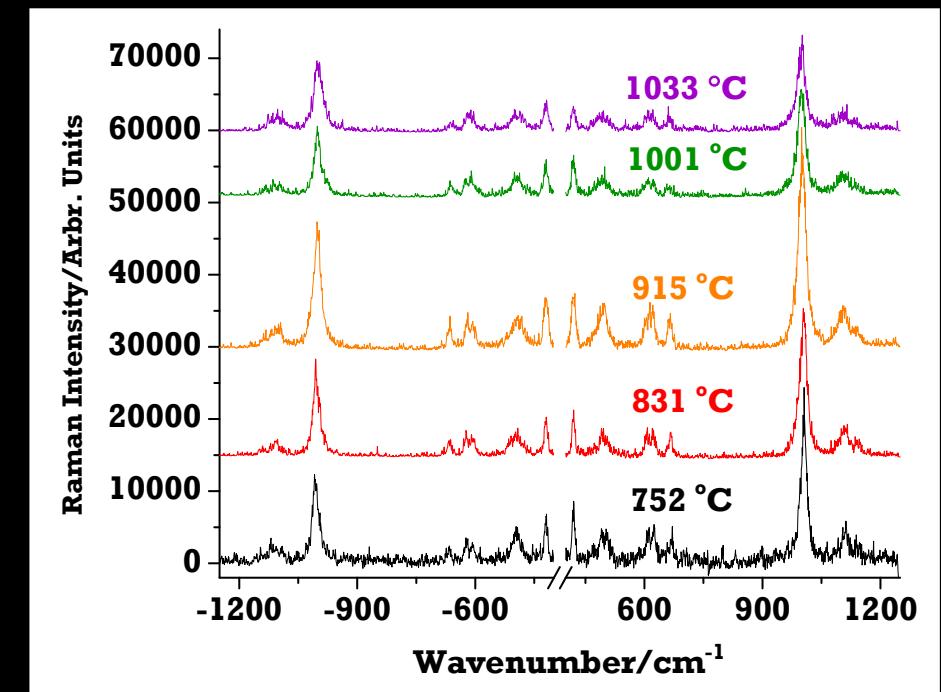


# $\text{CaSO}_4$ – High Temperature Measurements

532 nm



CW, 100 ms

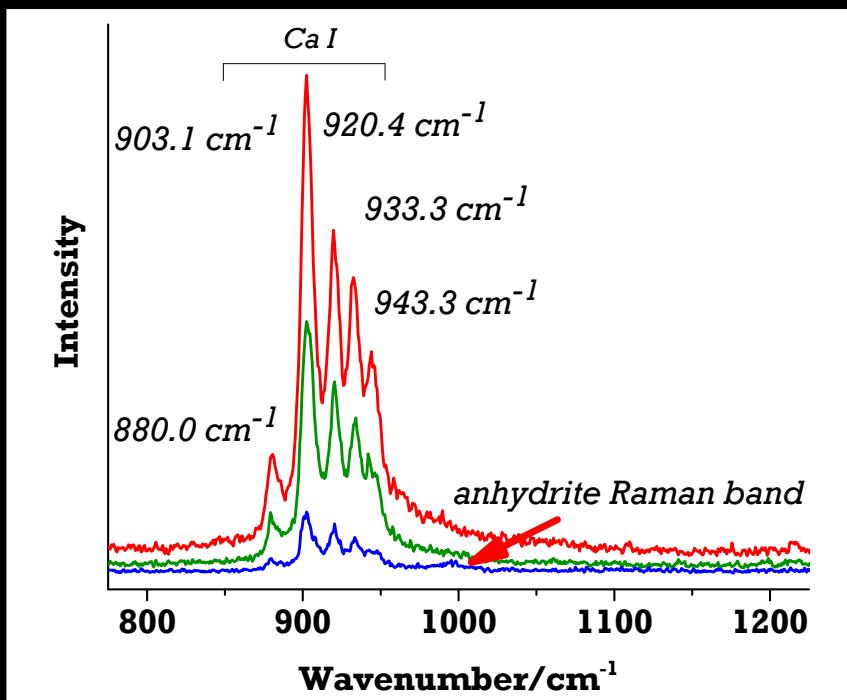


Single shot, long-pulse, 130  $\mu\text{s}$

Characteristic Raman peaks observed above 1000°C.

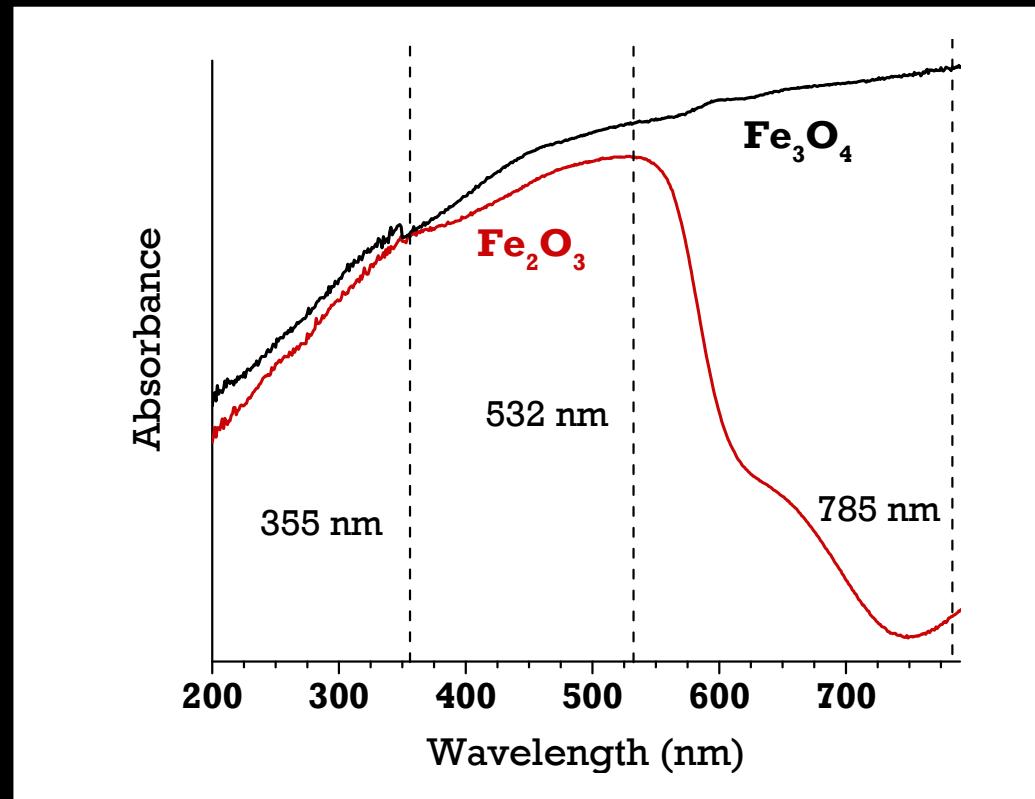
# $\text{CaSO}_4$ – LIBS

532 nm



Laser induced breakdown spectra (LIBS) observed using laser pulses of sufficient intensity.

# $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3/\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ – Challenges with Absorption



Ideally, we want high scattering and low absorption.

# $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ – Optimizing Light Intensity & Wavelength

Using CW:

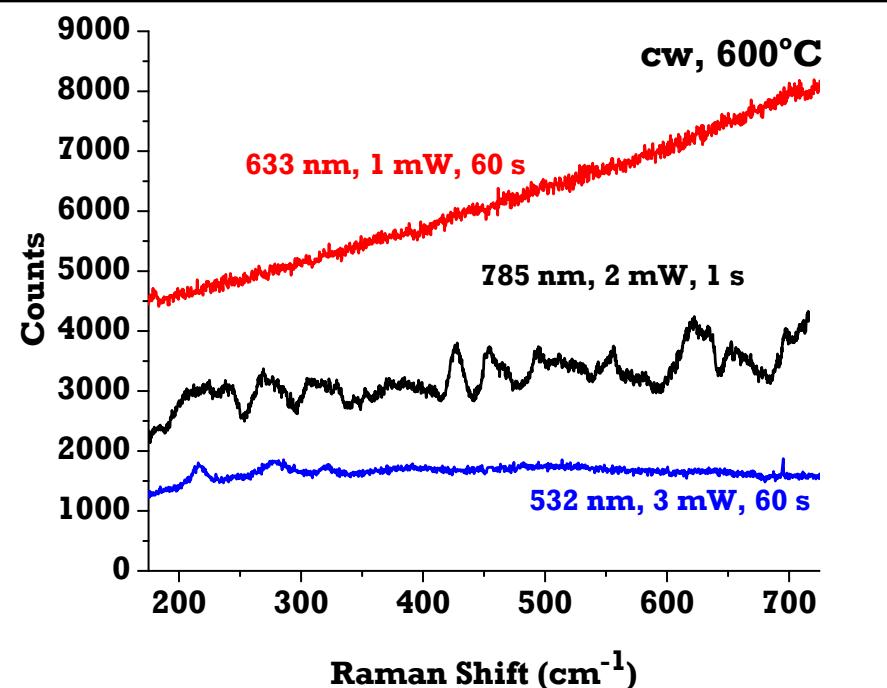
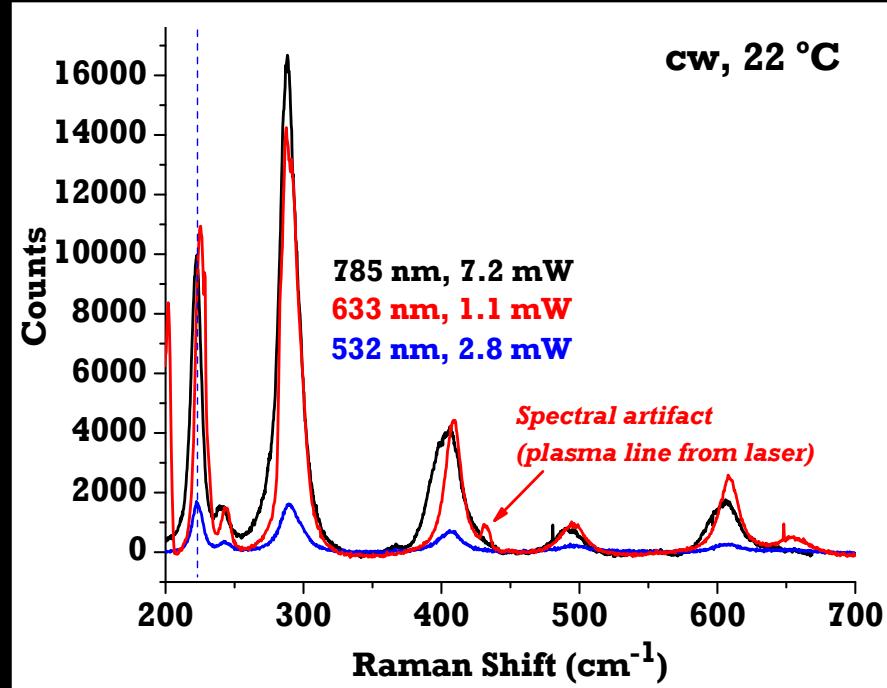
	360 nm**	532 nm*	633 nm*	785 nm*
Intensity	$\leq 10^6 \text{ W/cm}^2$	$\leq 10^5 \text{ W/cm}^2$	$\leq 10^5 \text{ W/cm}^2$	$\leq 10^5 \text{ W/cm}^2$
Highest Temperature	1050 °C	700 °C	400 °C	600 °C

\*Using hematite powders (212  $\mu\text{m}$ -600  $\mu\text{m}$ )

\*\*Light intensity only estimated, used densely packed powder

Light intensity must be low to avoid LIBS  
(creating an advantage for UV excitation).

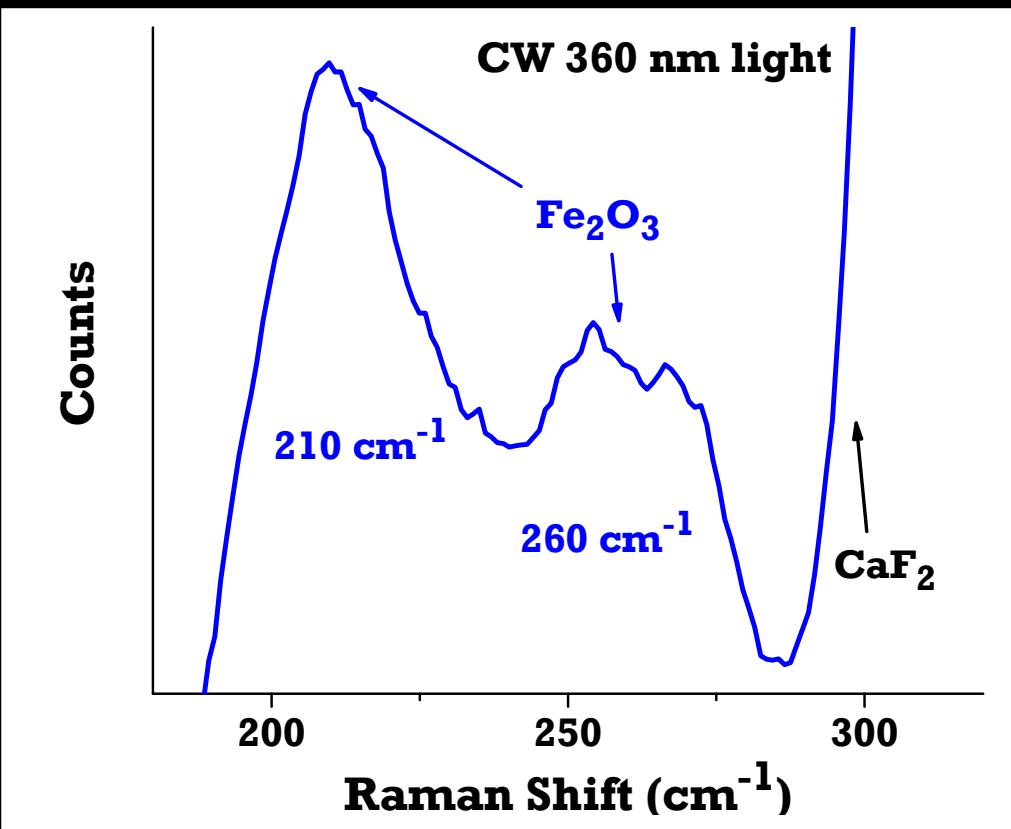
# $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ – Comparison of Wavelengths



Shorter wavelengths best for avoiding blackbody.

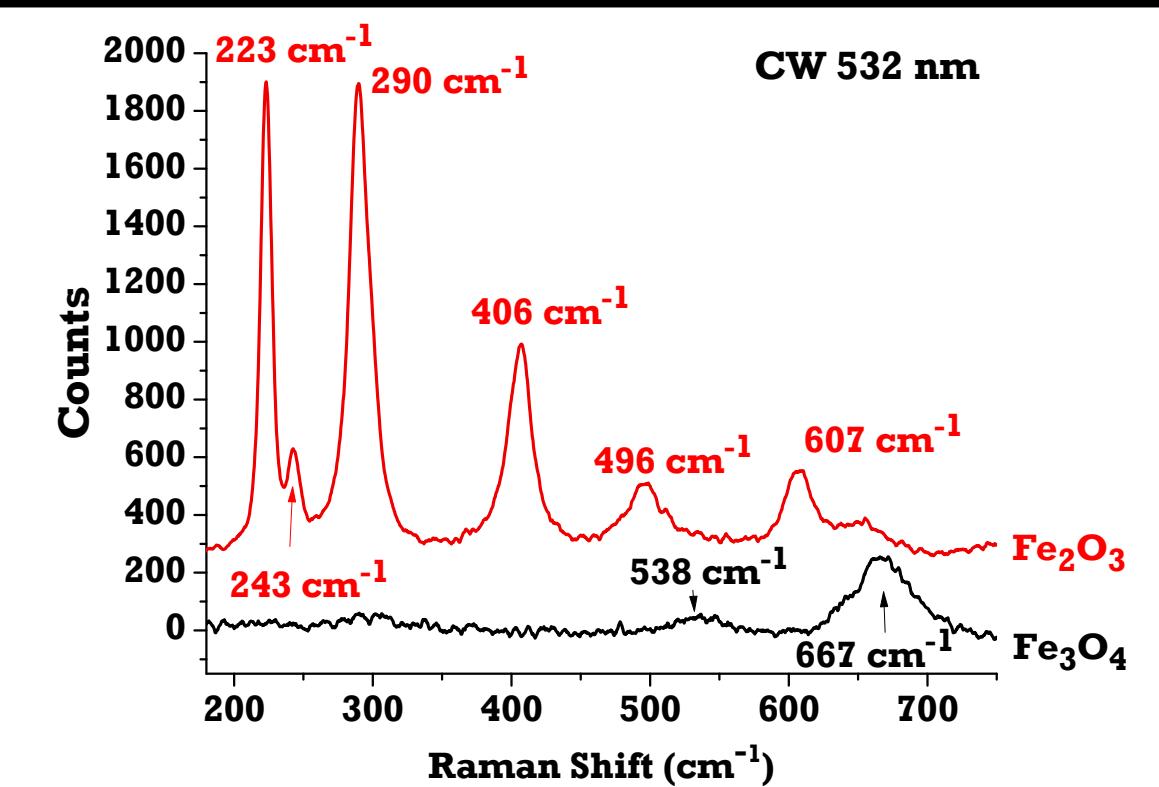
# $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ at 1000 °C

$\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  spectra at 1000 °C have been successfully collected using 360 nm and 532 nm excitation.



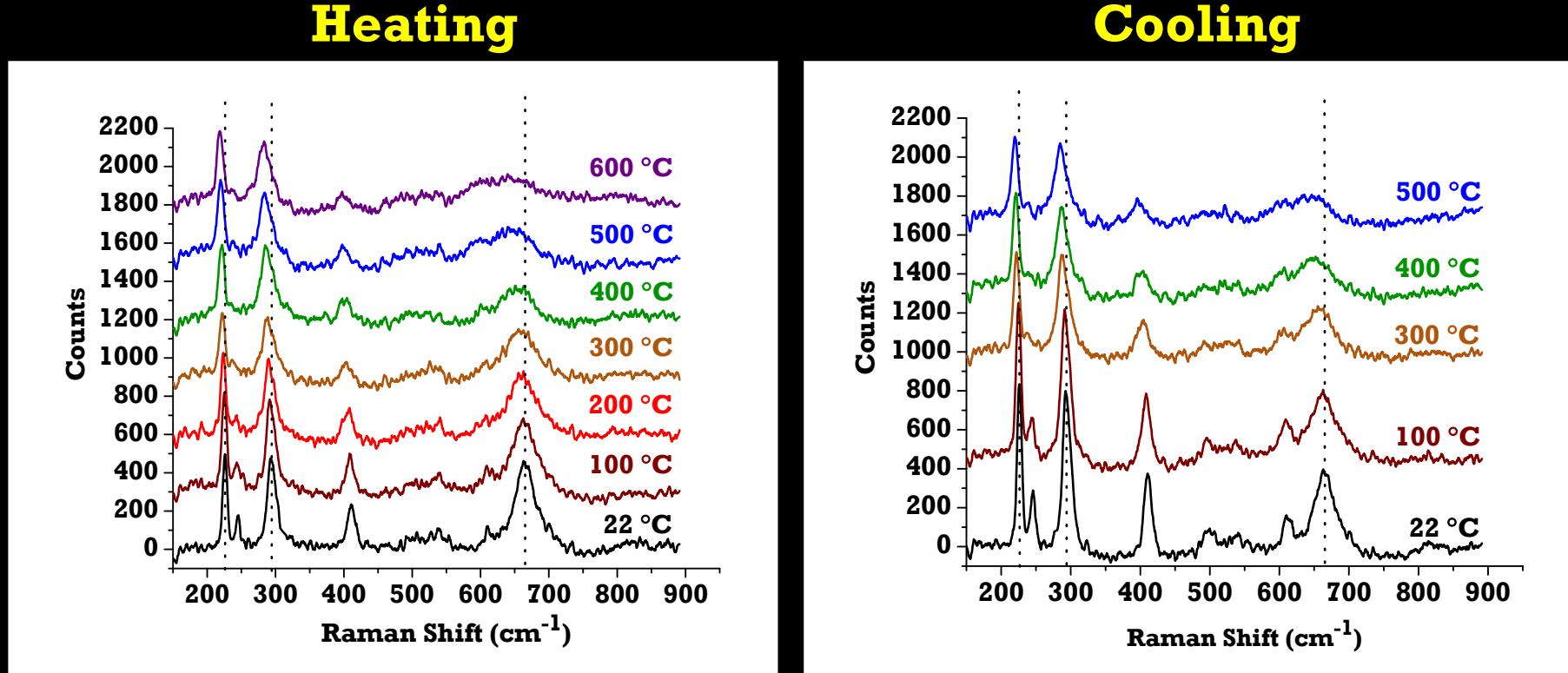
Benchmark high temperature spectrum.

# Reference $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ and $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ Spectra at RT



Raman signatures of powders optimized prior  
to heating mixture sample.

# $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3/\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ Powder Mixture

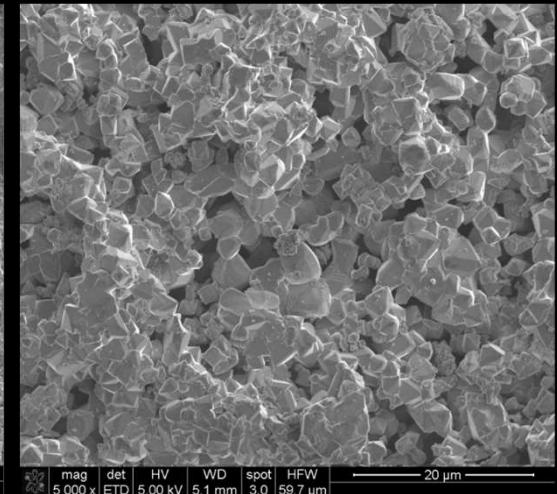
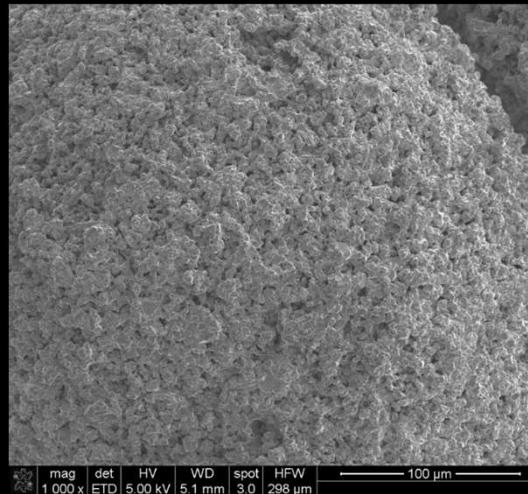
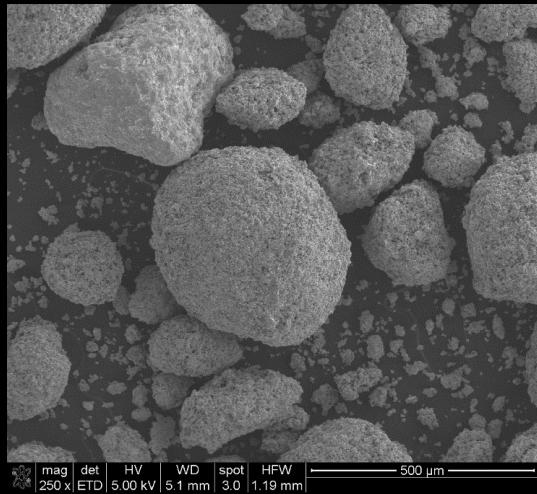
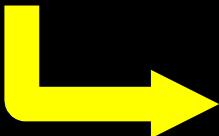


$\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3/\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  can be differentiated up to 600°C  
using CW 532 nm.

# Next Steps

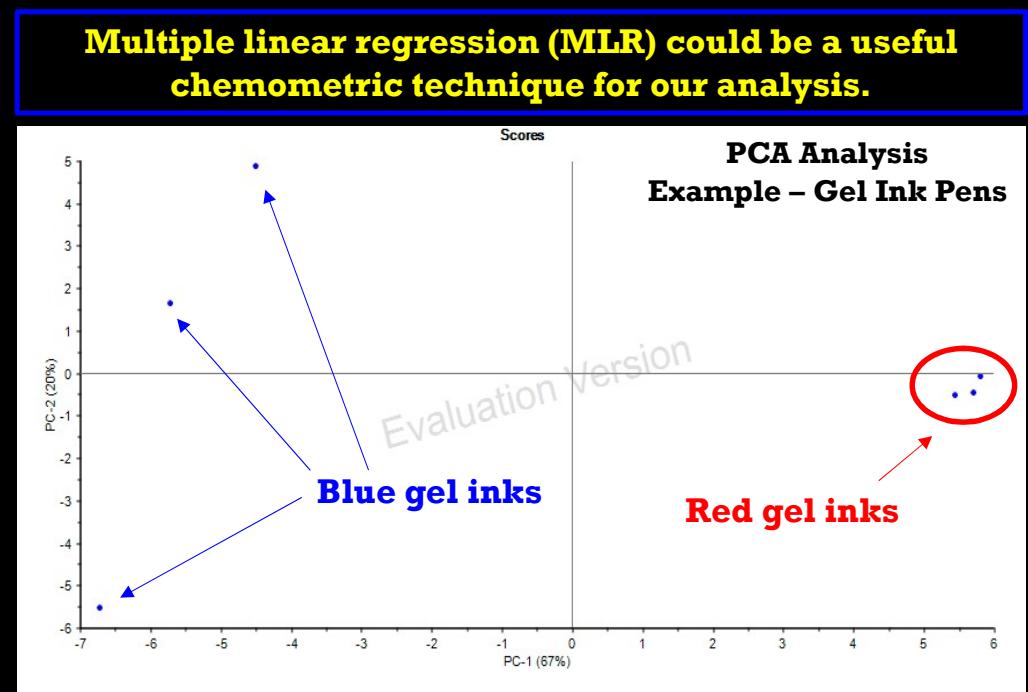
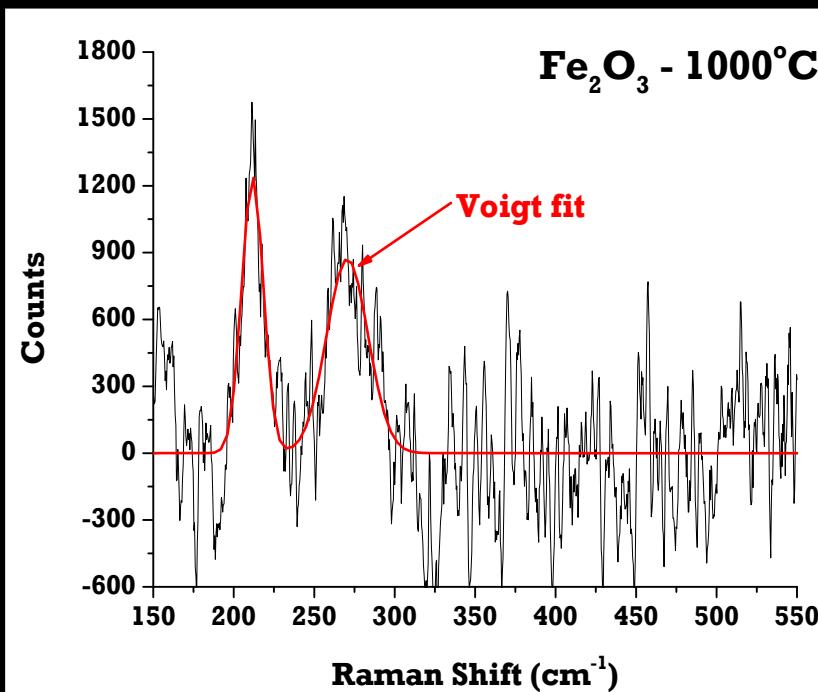
- **Optimize Collection of Raman Spectra**
  - Further investigate UV Raman
  - Finalize selection of laser wavelength
  - Utilize lock-in amplifier with photomultiplier tube to minimize spectral noise/background
- **Test NETL Samples**
  - Collect reference spectra prior to heating

**CuO-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>**



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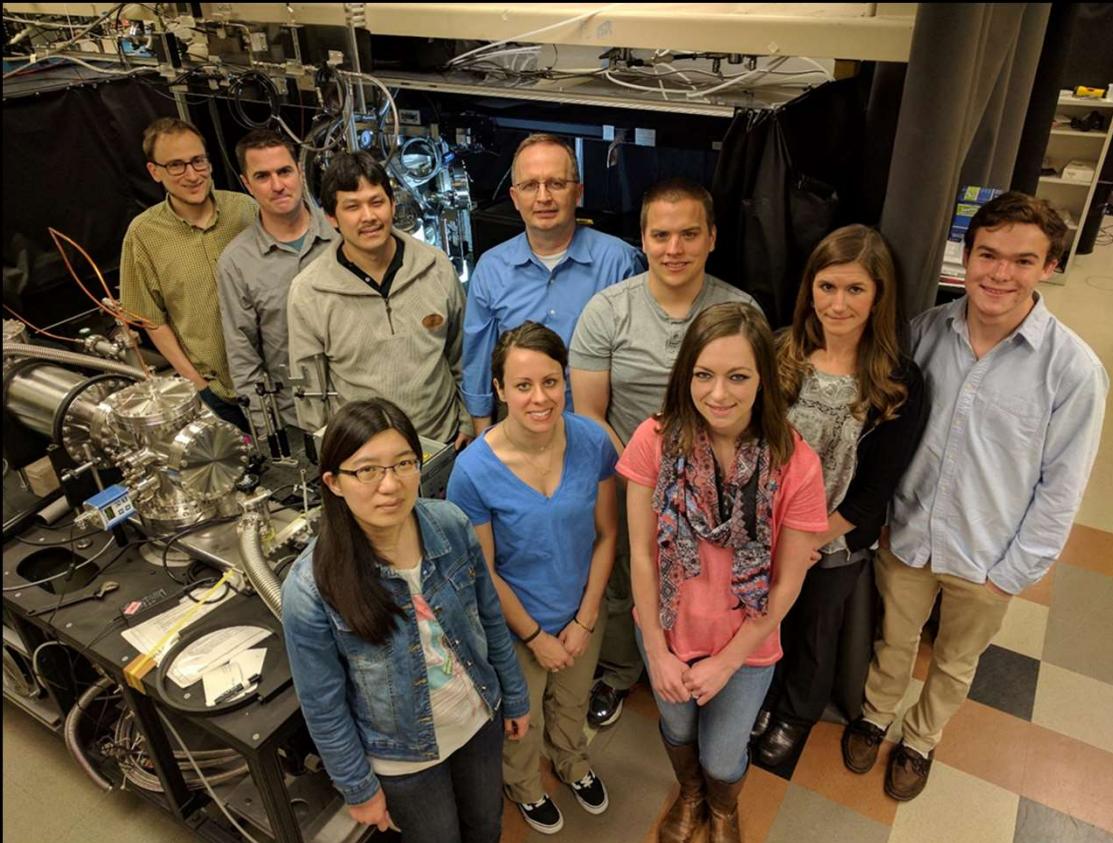
- **Perform Multivariate Statistical Analysis**
  - Collect reference measurements for calibration
  - Test chemometric software for our analysis
  - Determine relative mole fraction of OCPs at a given temperature



# Summary

- **CaSO<sub>4</sub>**
  - Yields good spectra for both cw and low intensity pulses
  - Successfully measured spectra above 1000°C
  - LIBS observed with high intensity pulses
- **Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>**
  - Shorter wavelengths and low intensity light ideal for avoiding LIBS and blackbody radiation
  - Benchmark Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> spectrum at 1000 °C achieved
  - Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> Raman spectra collected up to 600 °C
- **Publications/Presentations**
  - John Kirtley, Victoria Leichner, Benjamin Anderson, Hergen Eilers, “A comparison of pulsed and continuous lasers for high-temperature Raman measurements of anhydrite,” J. Raman Spectrosc. 10.1002/jrs.5356
  - John Kirtley, Victoria Leichner, and Hergen Eilers, “Raman spectroscopy of oxygen carrier particles in harsh environments,” Invited Presentation, SPIE-DSS, April 16, 2018, Orlando, FL

# Questions?



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