

# Testing Quantum Calculations with Measurements on Radioactive Molecular Hydrogen Isotopologues

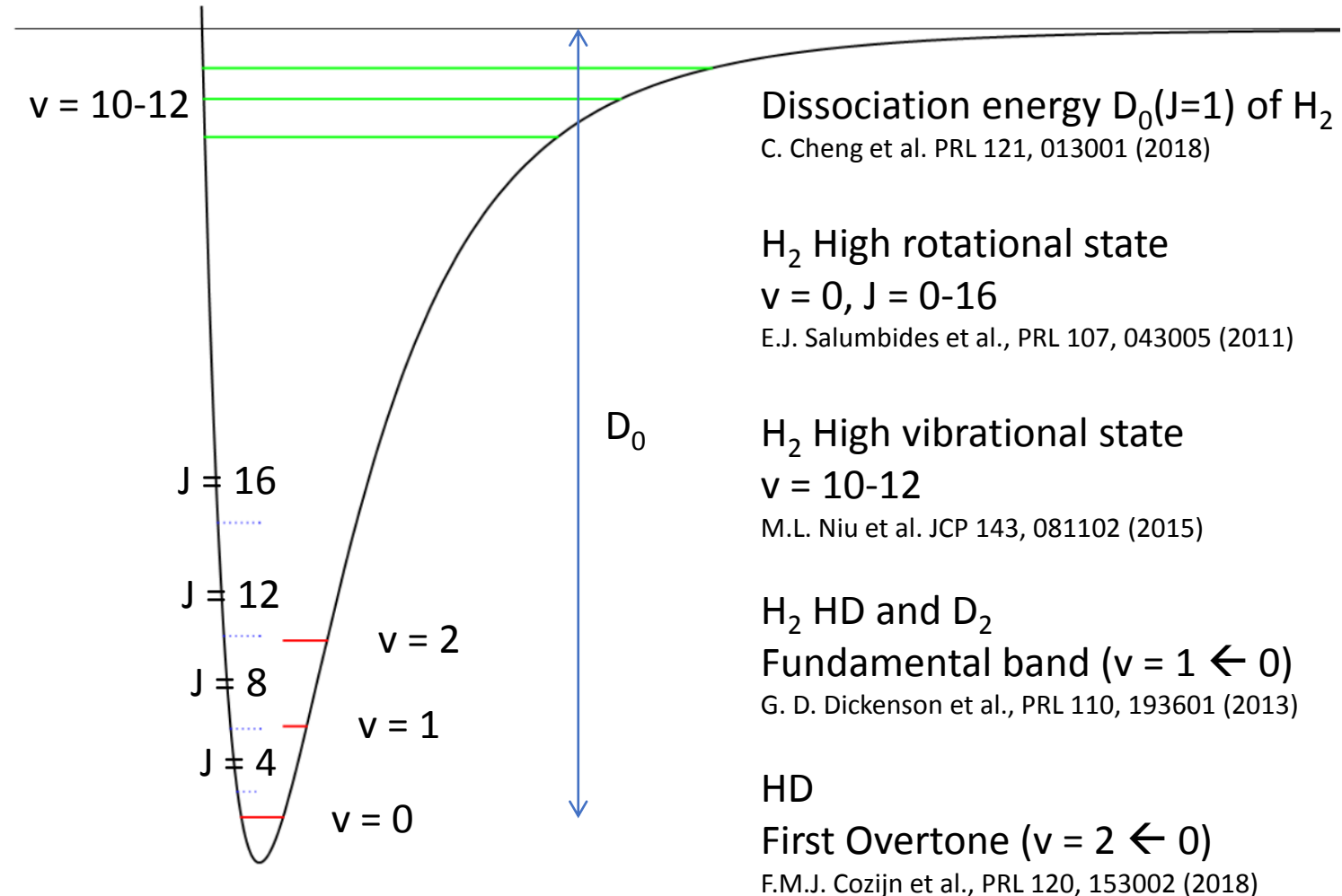
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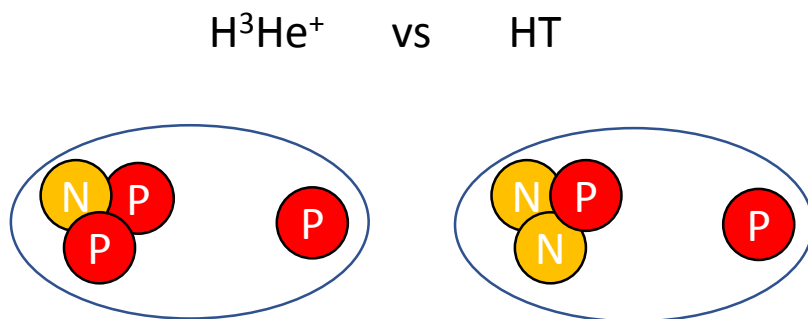
# H<sub>2</sub> and Isotopologues as Benchmark Molecule

- Simplest neutral molecule
- Internal nuclear motion
  - Numerous transition available to test calculation



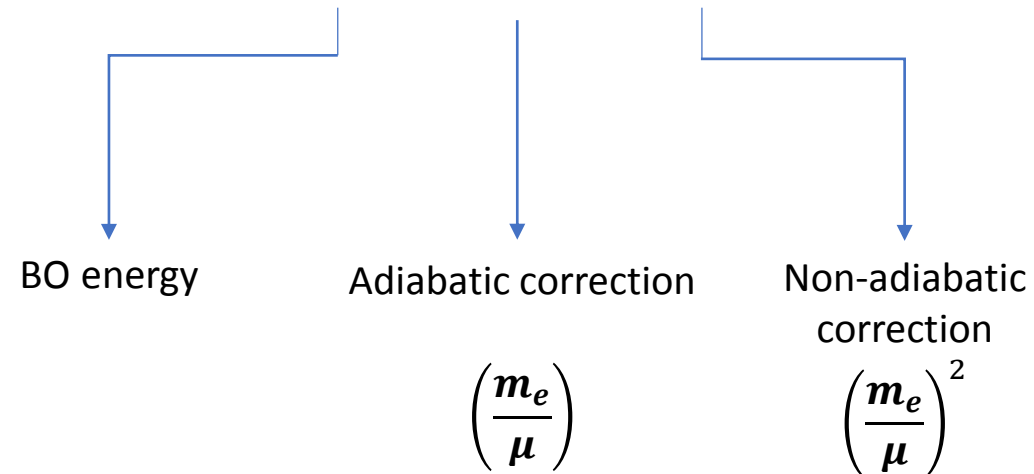
# Heavier Tritiated Species

- Studies on heavier tritium-containing isotopologues doubles the no. candidates
- Non-adiabatic contribution is smaller with larger reduced mass
- Investigate g-u mixing contribution in HT and DT

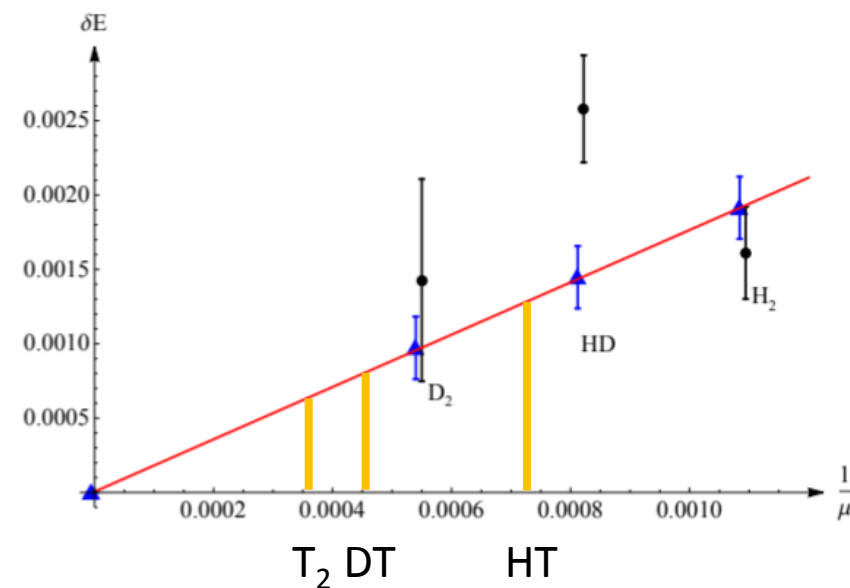


$$E_{level} = \alpha^2 E^{(2)} + \alpha^4 E^{(4)} + \alpha^5 E^{(5)} + \dots$$

$$E^{(2)} = E^{(2,0)} + E^{(2,1)} + E^{(2,2)}$$



Non-adiabatic correction to  $E^{(4)}$



# Calculation on tritiated species

NAPT calculation by P. Czachorowski

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Uncertainty fundamental band  $\nu = 1 \leftarrow 0$

$\sim 10^{-4}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$  for DT and HT

$6 \times 10^{-5}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$  for T<sub>2</sub>

100-fold improvement to C. Schwartz et al. (1987)

# “Recent” experiment on tritiated species

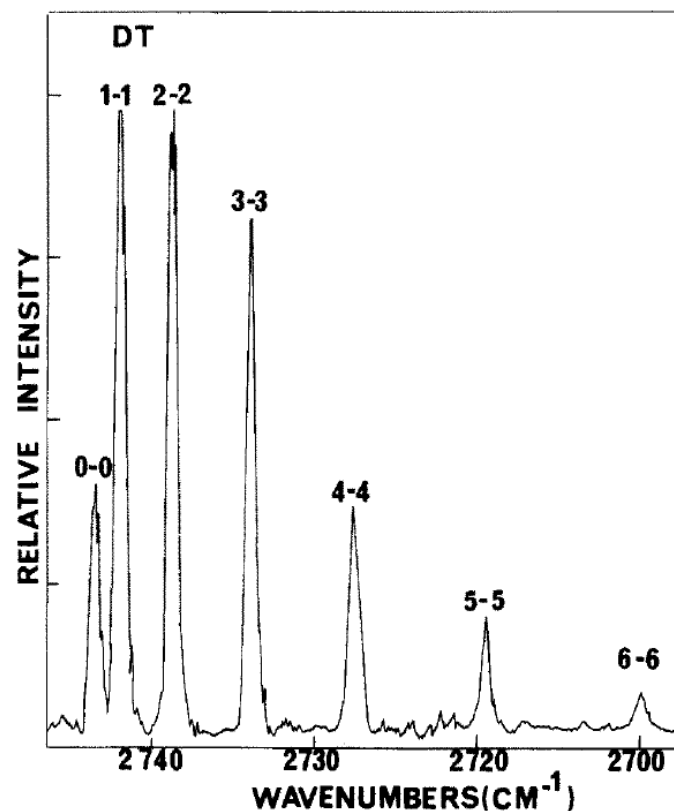


FIG. 1. The Q branch of the 1-0 Raman band of DT.  $p = 473$  Torr. Slit width was  $0.5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

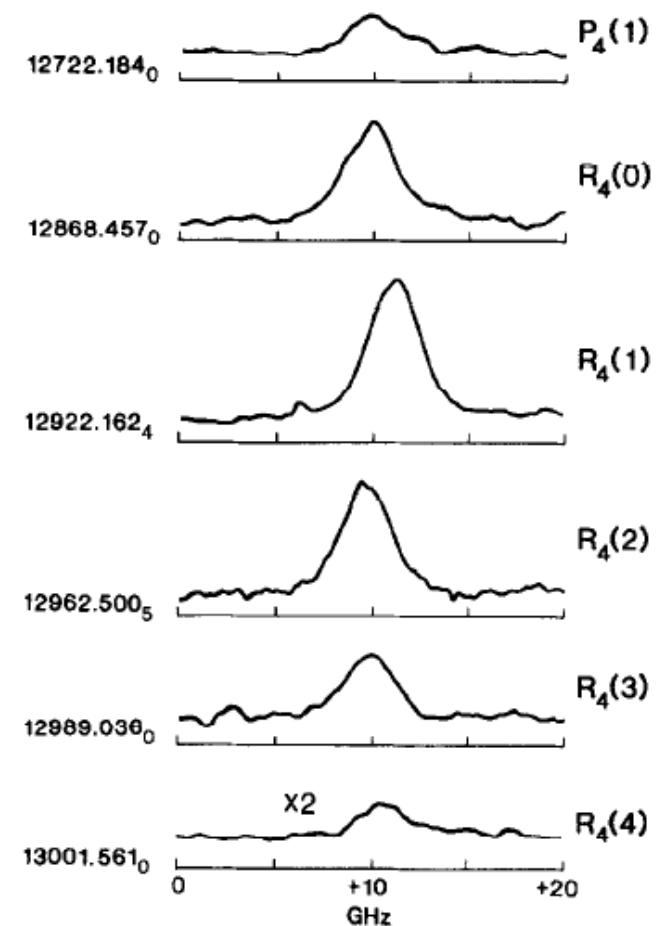
J.E. Barefield et al. J. Mol. Spectrosc.  
80, 233-236 (1980)

Uncertainty of old measurement on  
vibrational transition

T<sub>2</sub> and DT  
>  $5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ cm}^{-1}$

HT  
>  $5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^{-1}$

Latest calculation uncertainty  
<  $10^{-4} \text{ cm}^{-1}$

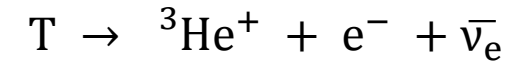


M.C. Chuang et al. J. Mol. Spectrosc.  
121, 380-400 (1987)

# Experimental challenge

Beta decay of tritium

Half-life : 12.3 years



Tritium sample from Tritium laboratory in KIT

Legal limit: <1 GBq radioactivity



~ 2.5 mbar T<sub>2</sub>, or

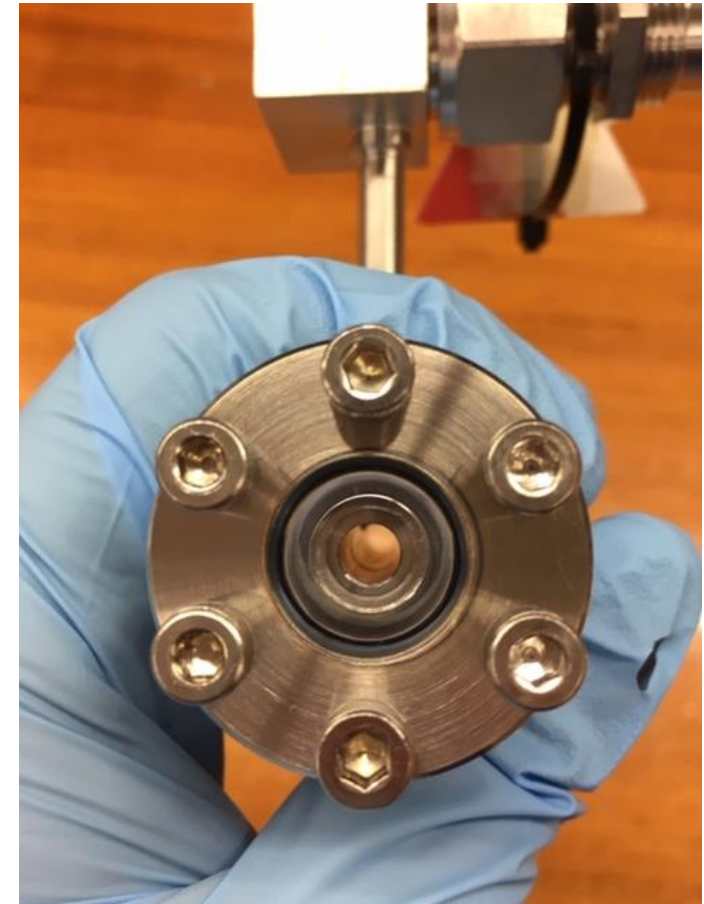
~ 4 mbar DT,

(HT is preparing)

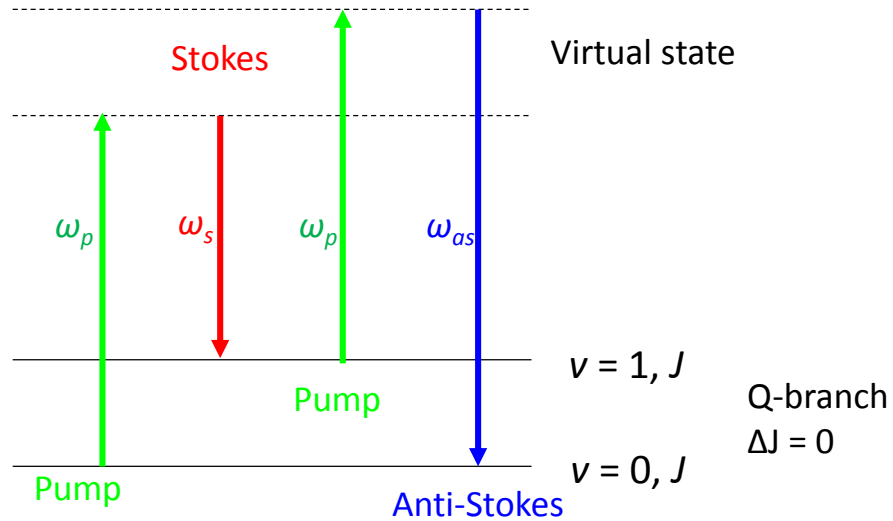
in 4 cm<sup>3</sup> well-sealed gas cell

**Limited methods for measurement**

**Not feasible** for molecular beam experiment

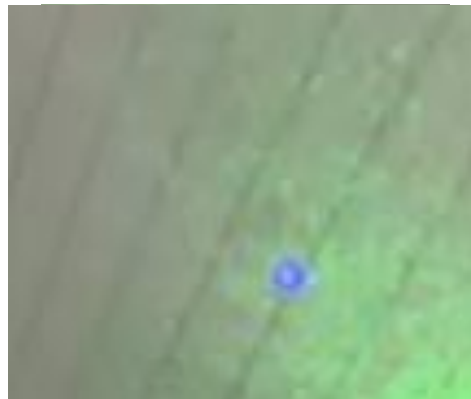


# Coherent Anti-Stokes Raman Scattering



$$\omega_{as} = 2\omega_p - \omega_s$$

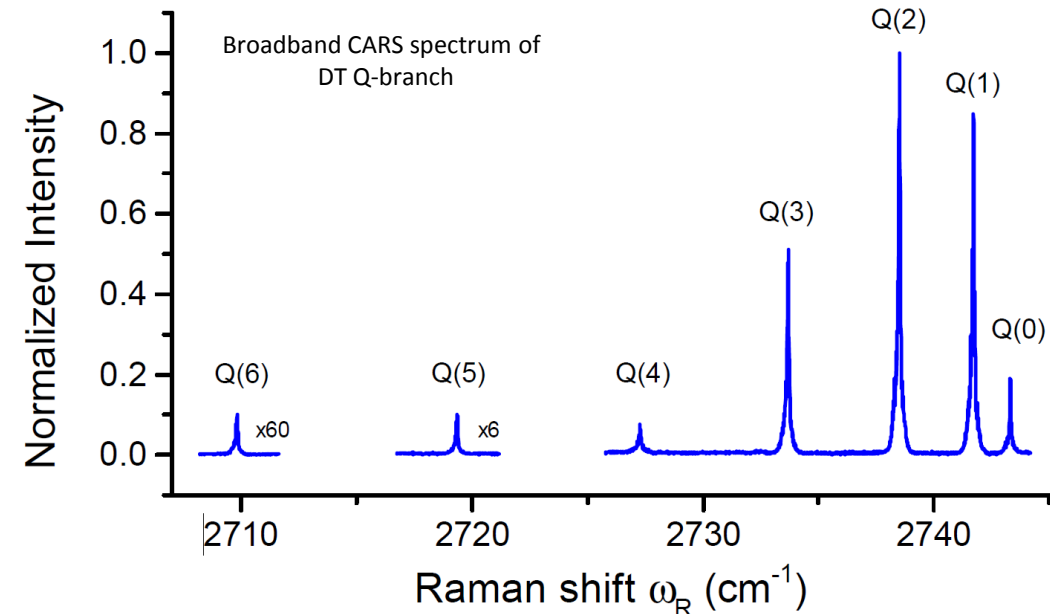
$$\omega_R = \omega_p - \omega_s$$



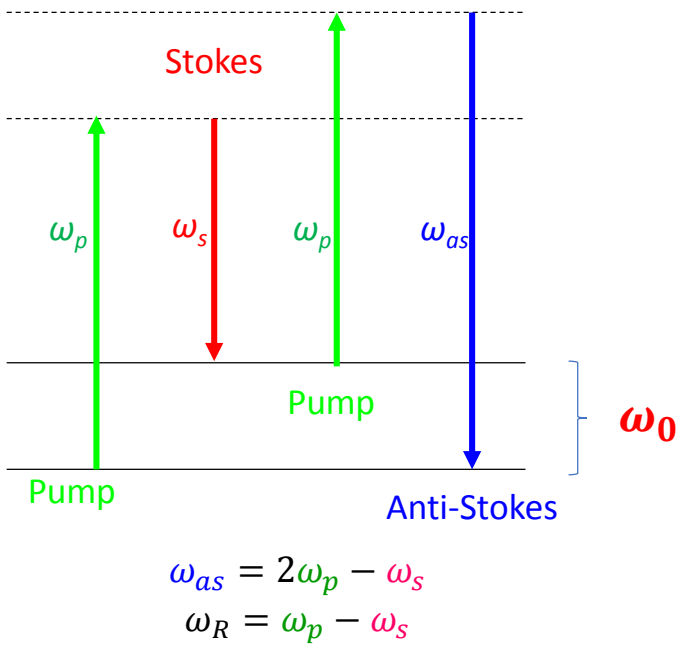
Visible blue light of Q(1) transition from 1 bar D<sub>2</sub>

## Advantage

- Non-destructive and sensitive method
- Anti-Stokes signal can be easily separated

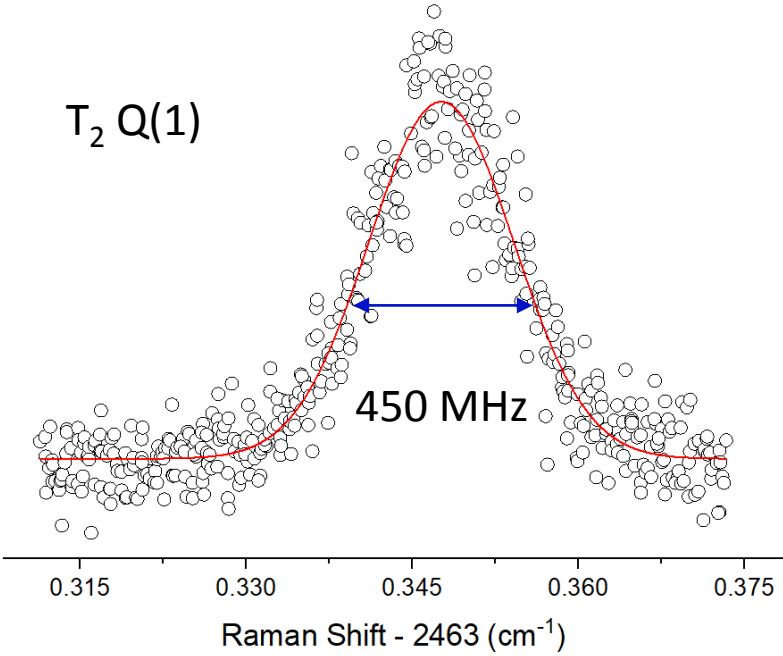


# Doppler-limited measurement



Doppler-limited spectrum

$$FWHM \sim \frac{2\omega_0}{c} \sqrt{\frac{2kT \ln 2}{M}}$$

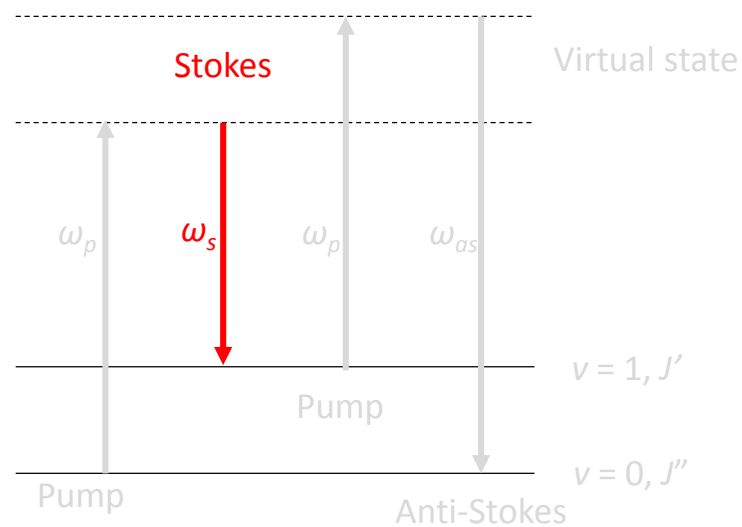


	Q-branch Doppler Width @ Room temp
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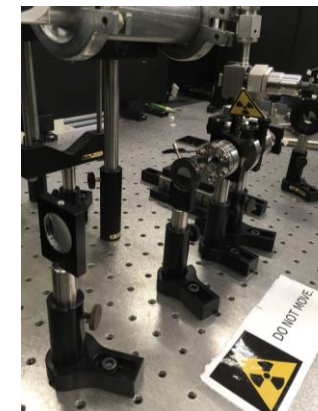
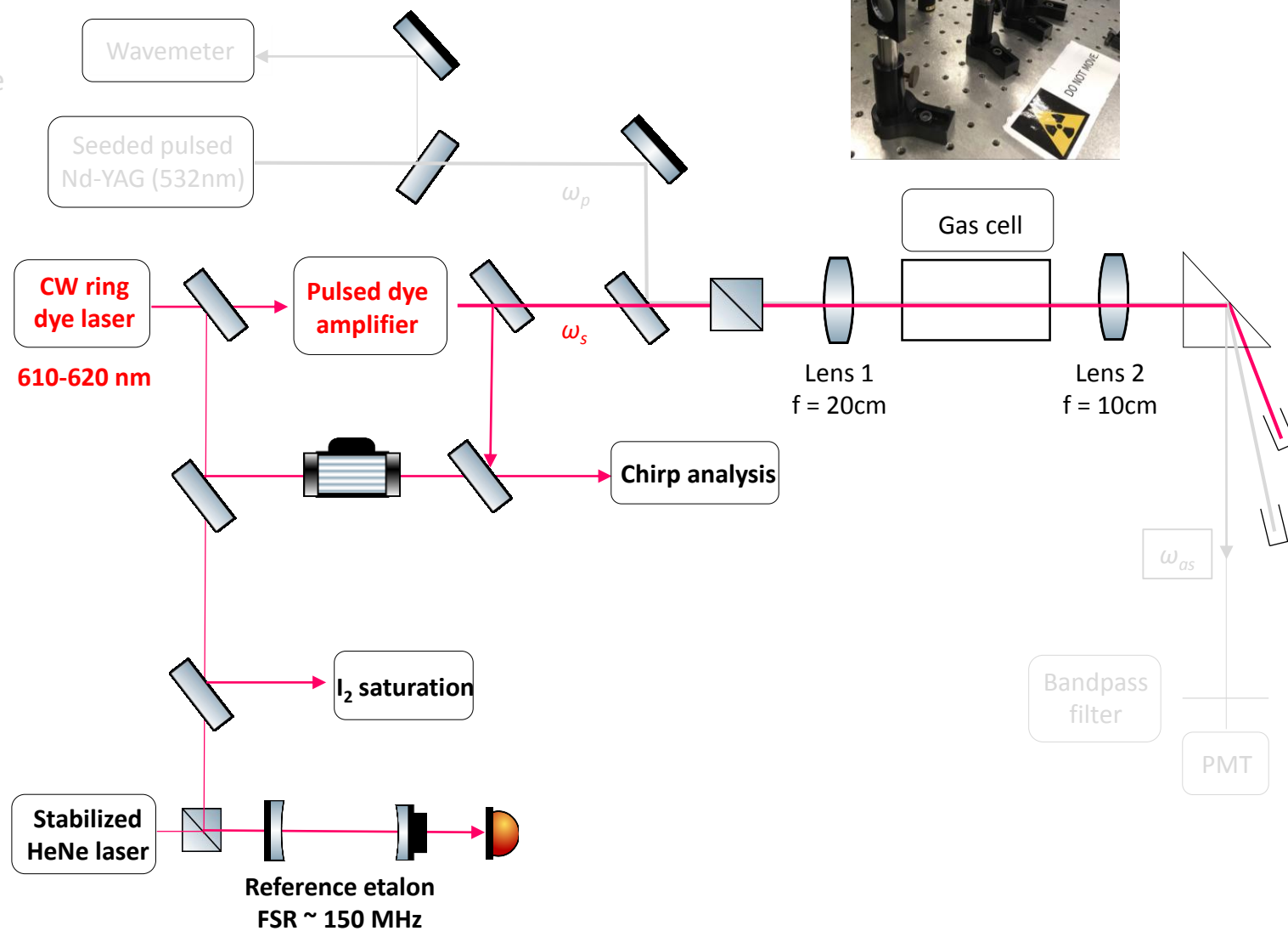
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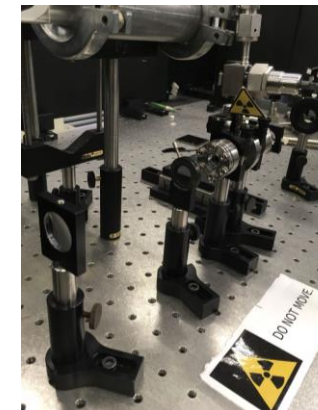
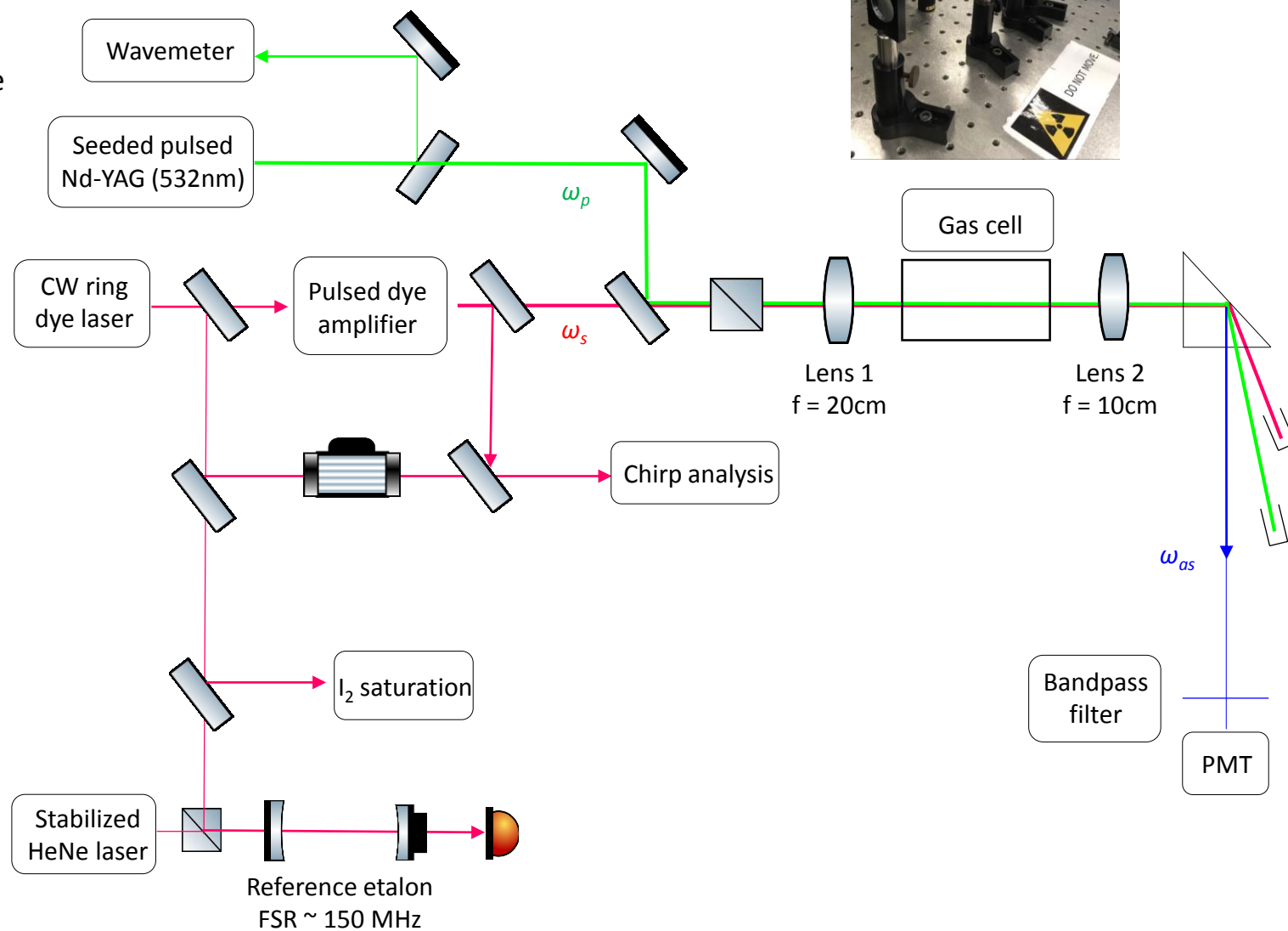
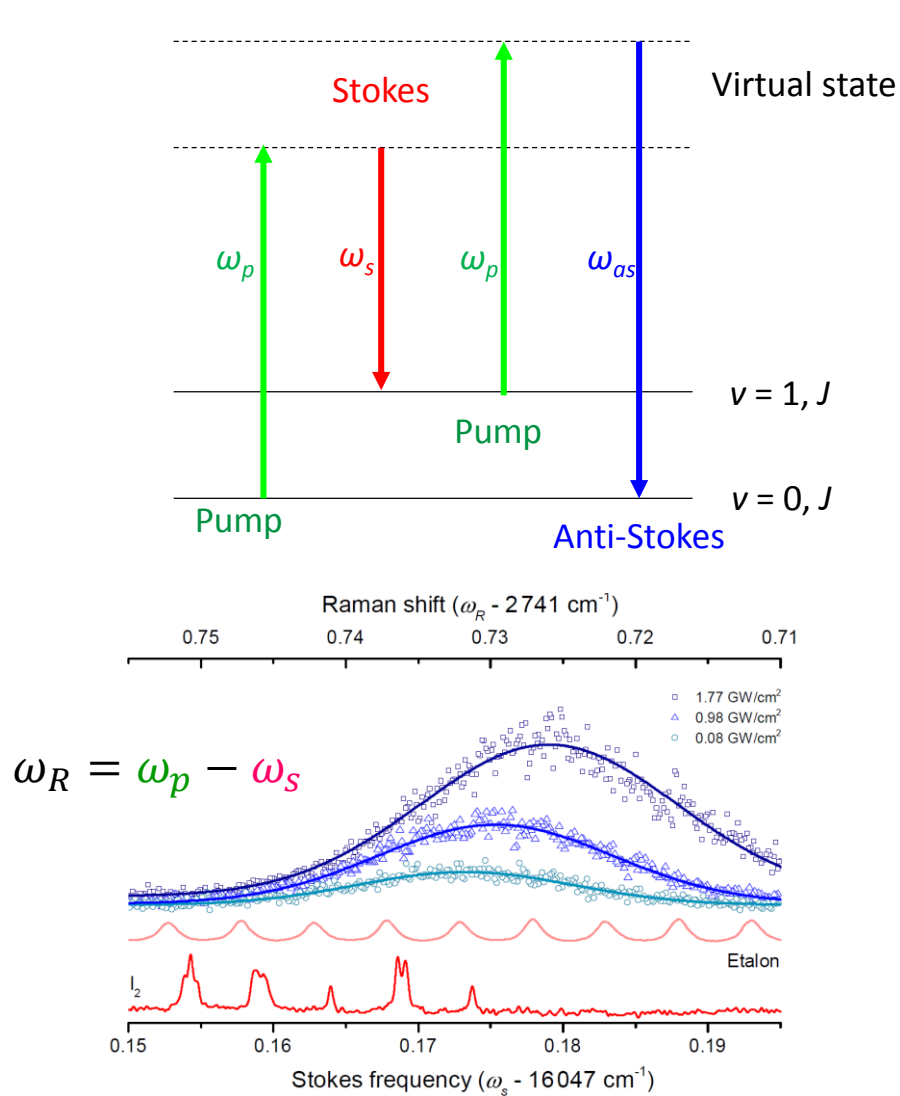
cw light freq. uncertainty:  
1 MHz

Stokes cw-pulse freq. offset

~ **20 (5)** MHz for DCM dye  
~ **-30 (5)** MHz for Rh. 101 dye

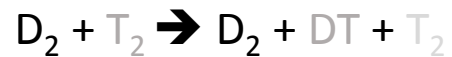


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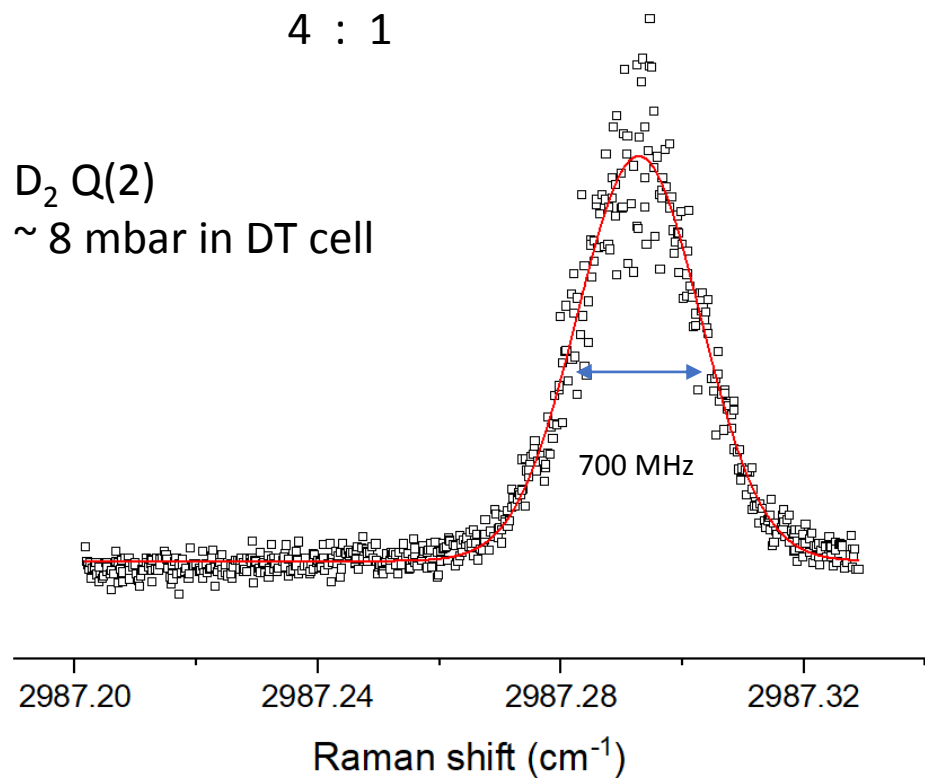
# Benchmark: D<sub>2</sub> Q-branch

Preparation of DT



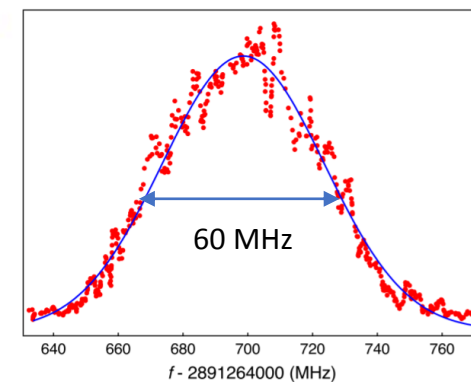
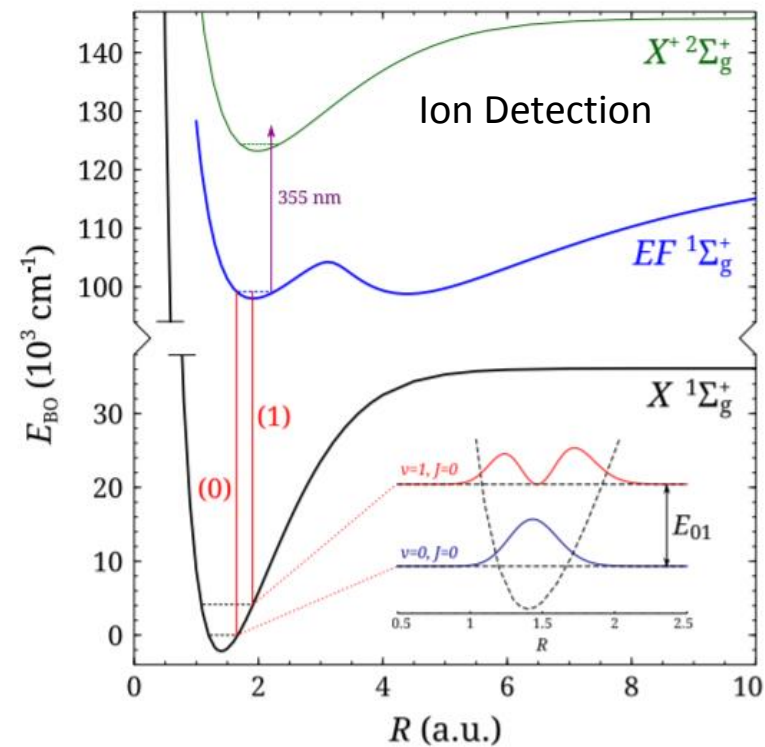
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D<sub>2</sub> Q(2)  
~ 8 mbar in DT cell



Fundamental band ( $\nu = 1 \leftarrow 0$ ) with molecular beam setup

G. D. Dickenson et al., PRL 110, 193601 (2013)

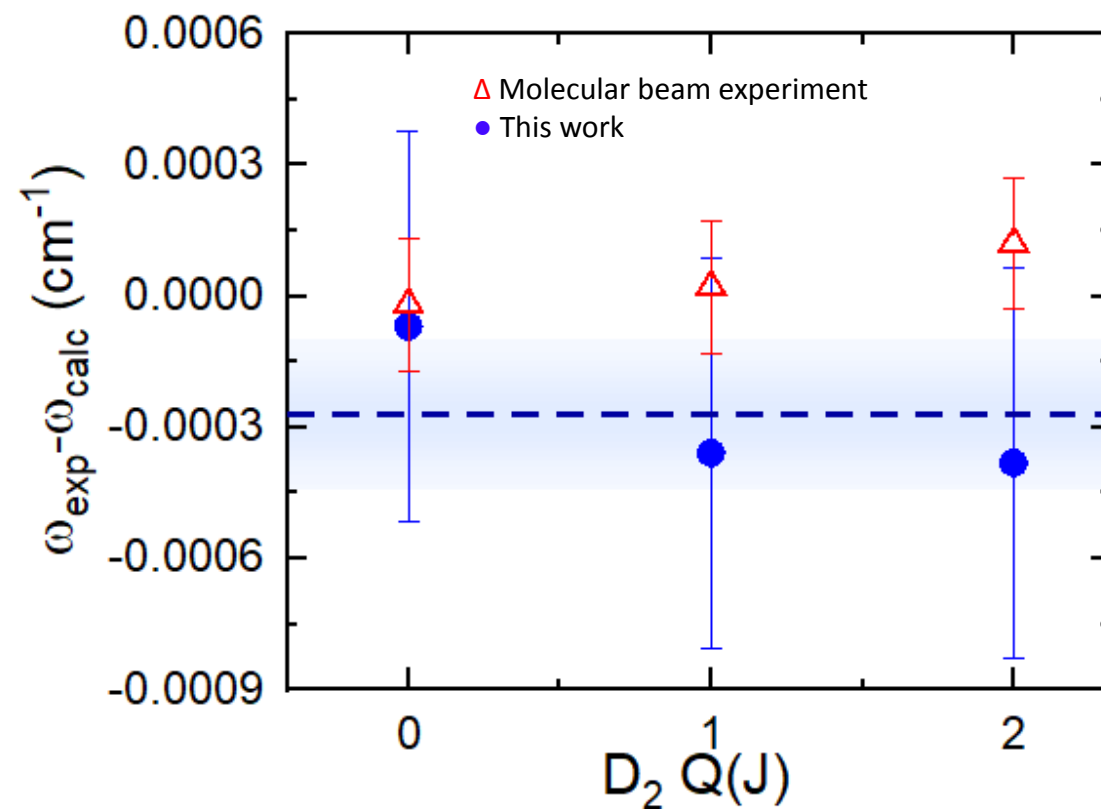
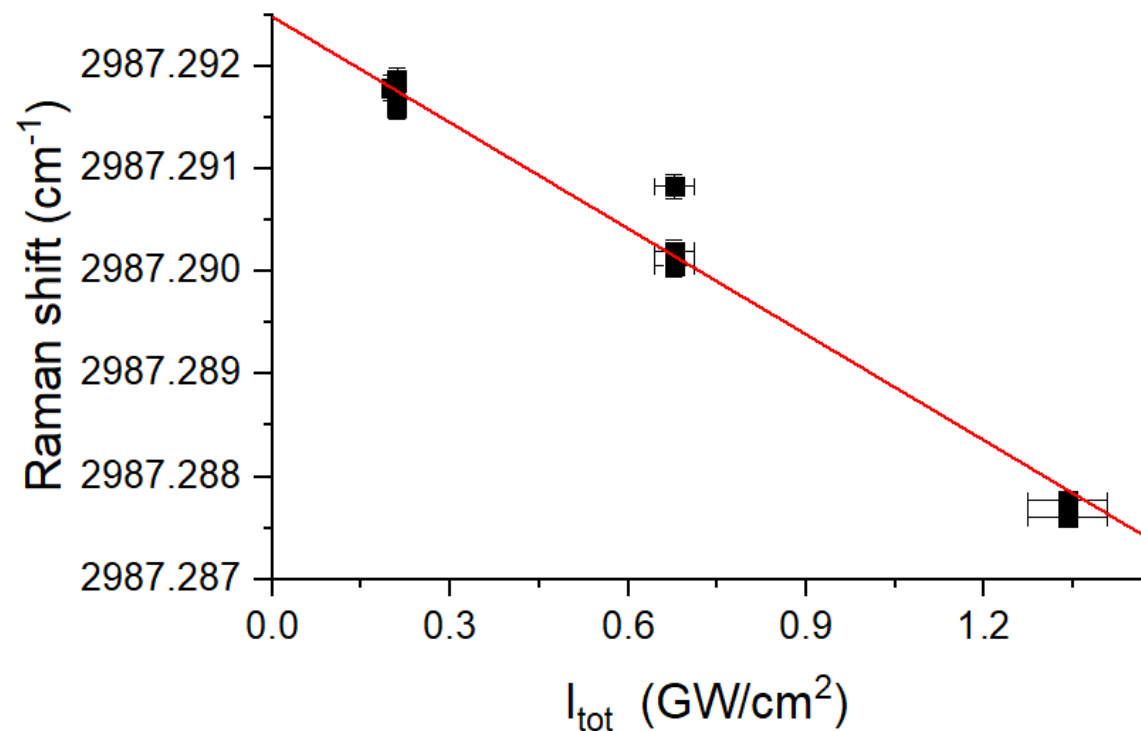


Uncertainty D<sub>2</sub> Q-branch  
4.5 MHz /  $1.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^{-1}$

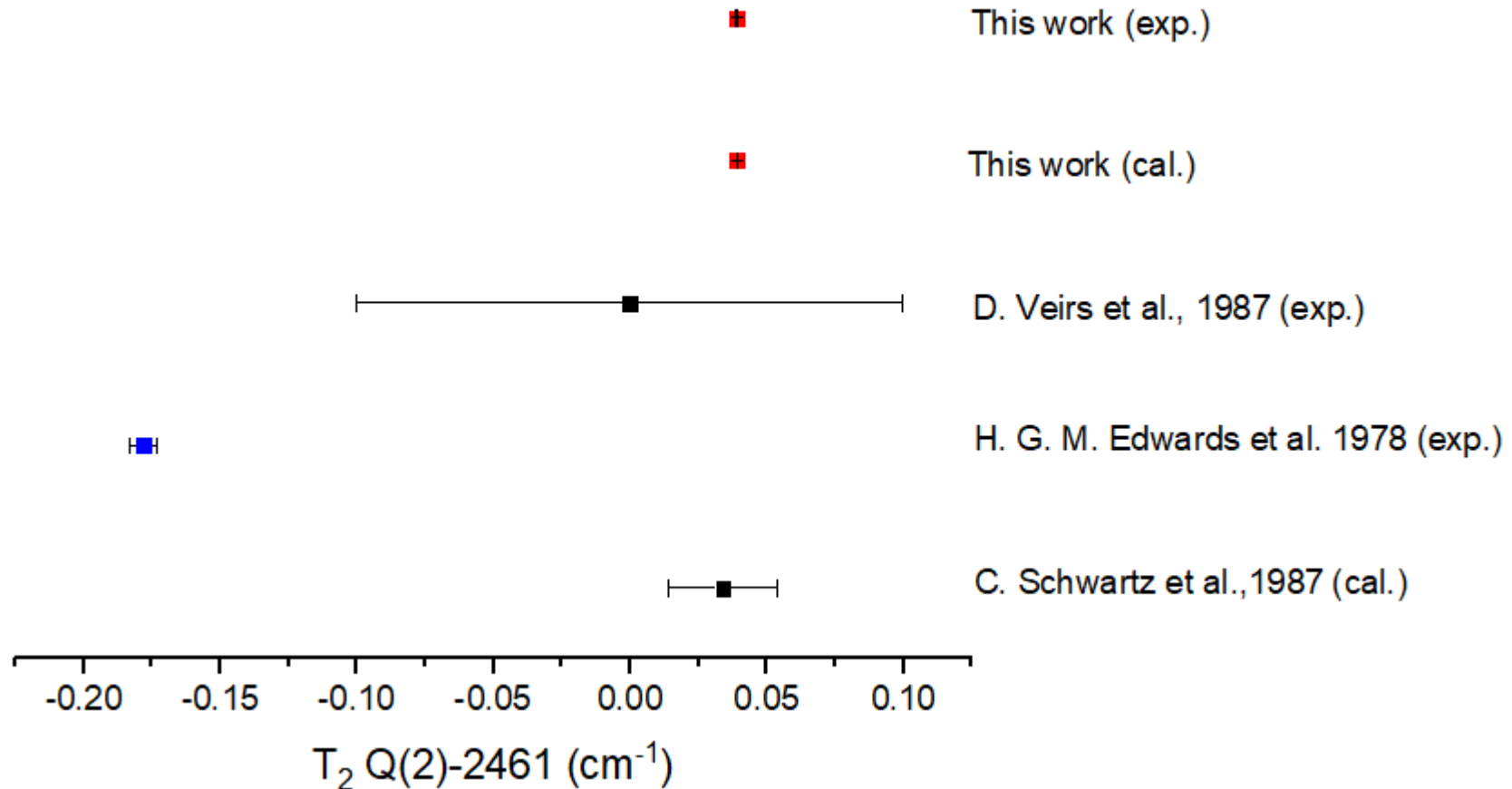
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Uncertainty contribution (MHz)	
Pump ( $\omega_P$ ) calibration	6
Stokes ( $\omega_S$ ) cw calibration	2
Stokes cw-pulse chirp correction	5
AC-Stark analysis	6
Collisional shift	1
Statistics	7
Combined ( $1\sigma$ )	12

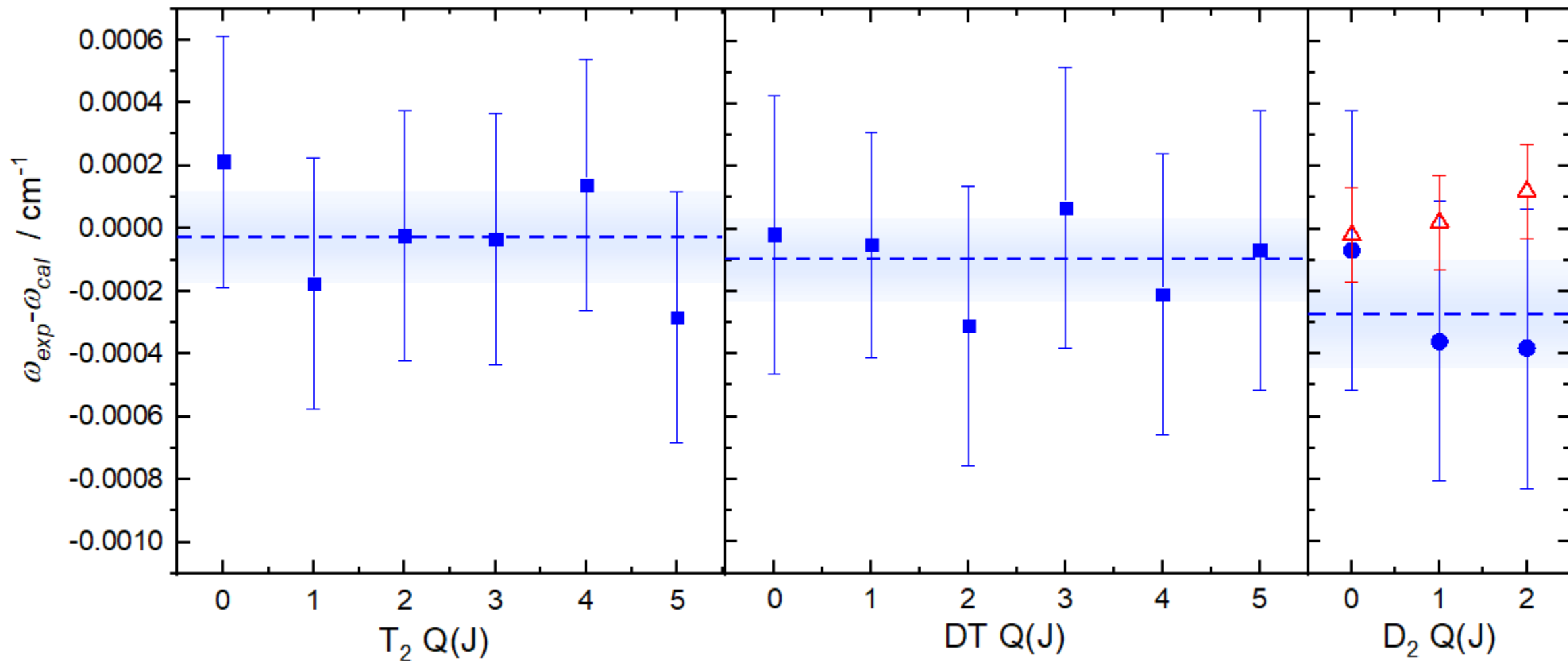
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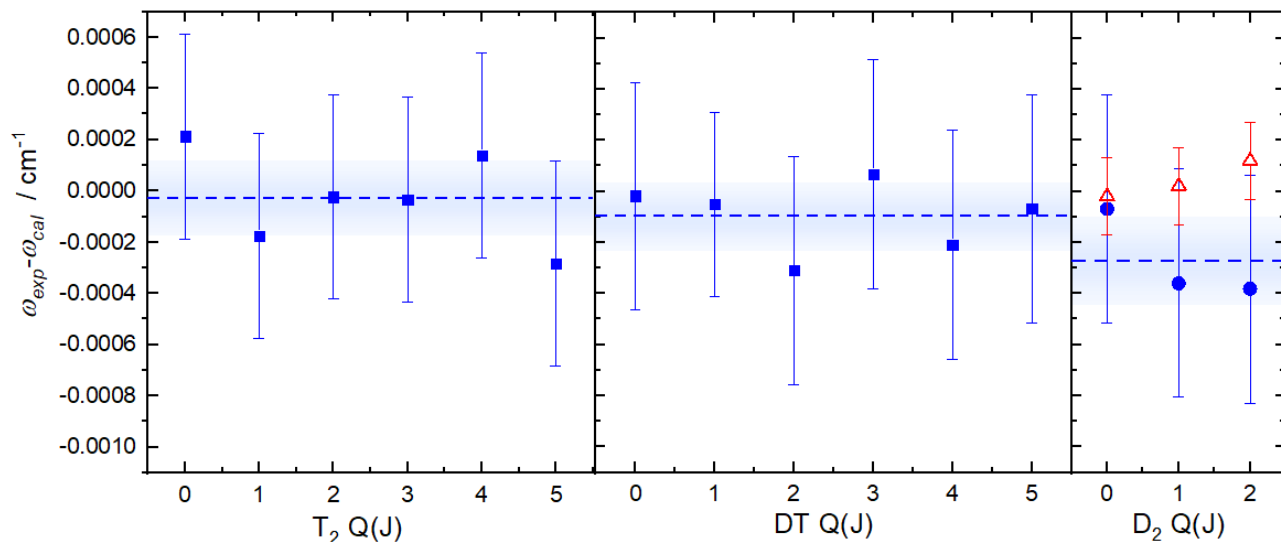
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Mainly dominated non-adiabatic contribution of  $E^{(2)}$

Possible to do full calculation on  $E^{(2)}$

With uncertainty  $\sim 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^{-1}$

$T_2$  Q(1) uncertainty  $< 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^{-1}$

**> 10-times** less than our measurement uncertainty

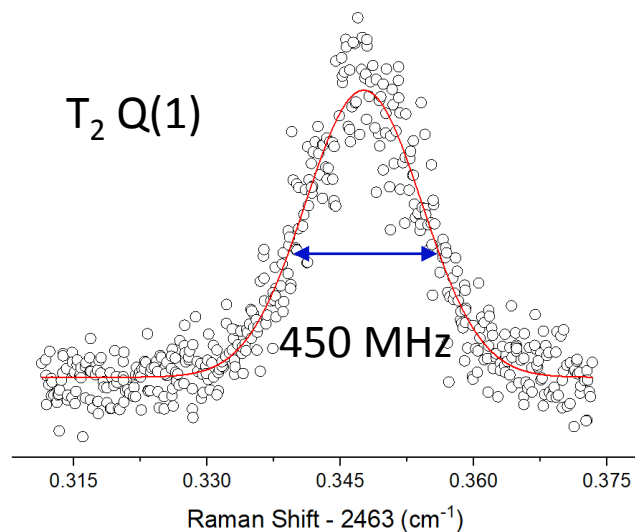
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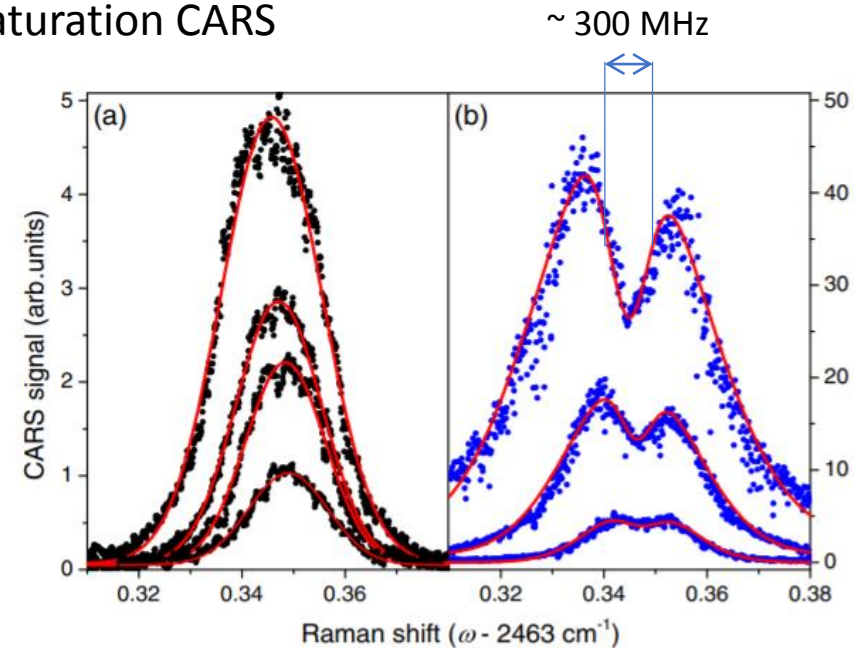
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- Molecular beam CARS (not for tritiated species)  
~100 MHz (laser bandwidth of current setup)
- Cooling sample cell with pre-cooled air  
300 K → ~ 100 K  
450 MHz → ~250 MHz

$$\text{FWHM} \sim \frac{2\omega_0}{c} \sqrt{\frac{2kT \ln 2}{M}}$$

- Saturation CARS



# Saturation of CARS profile

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## Saturation effects in coherent anti-Stokes Raman scattering spectroscopy of hydrogen

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Saturation of coherent anti-Stokes Raman scattering (CARS) spectra of the  $Q(1)$  line of the hydrogen  $(1, 0)$  vibrational transition was investigated experimentally by using high-resolution lasers and theoretically by solving the time-dependent density matrix equations. The saturation behavior of hydrogen is complicated by the large Doppler width of the resonance and the high rate of velocity-changing collisions relative to dephasing collisions. Experimentally, CARS line shapes and saturation curves were measured in pure hydrogen at pressures of 100 and 3050 Torr. Surprisingly, the measured saturation intensity was found to be less at 3050 Torr than at 100 Torr. The

1. Saturation in upper level
2. Interference coherence ( $Q_i$ ) by different velocity classes

$$I_a \sim \left| \sum_i N \left( \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial q} \right) A_p Q_i \right|^2$$

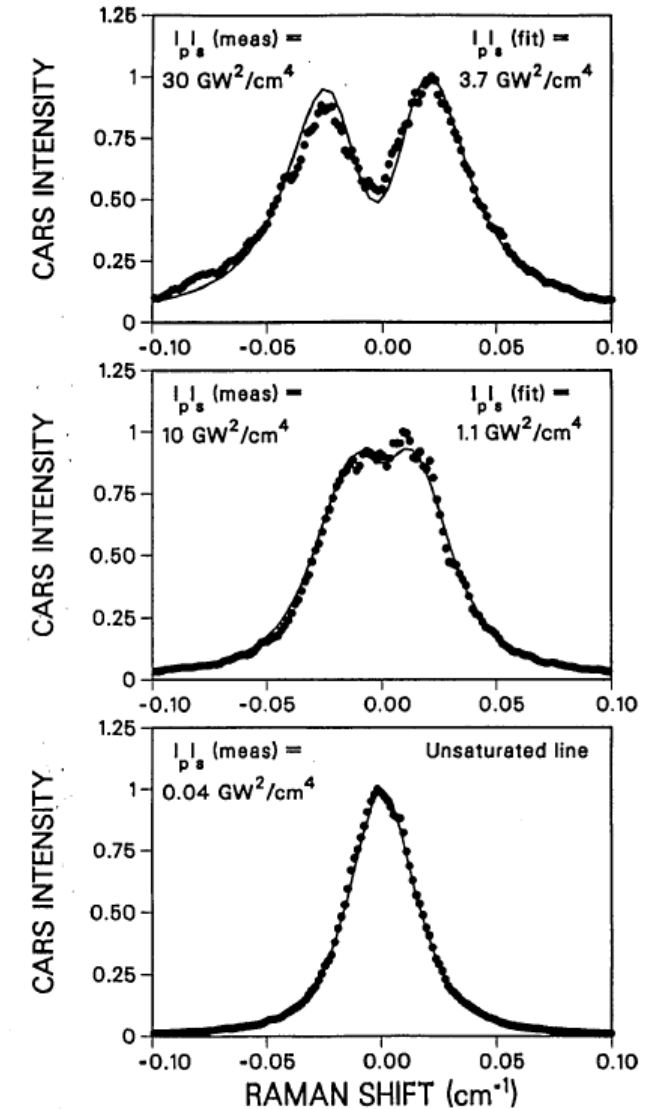
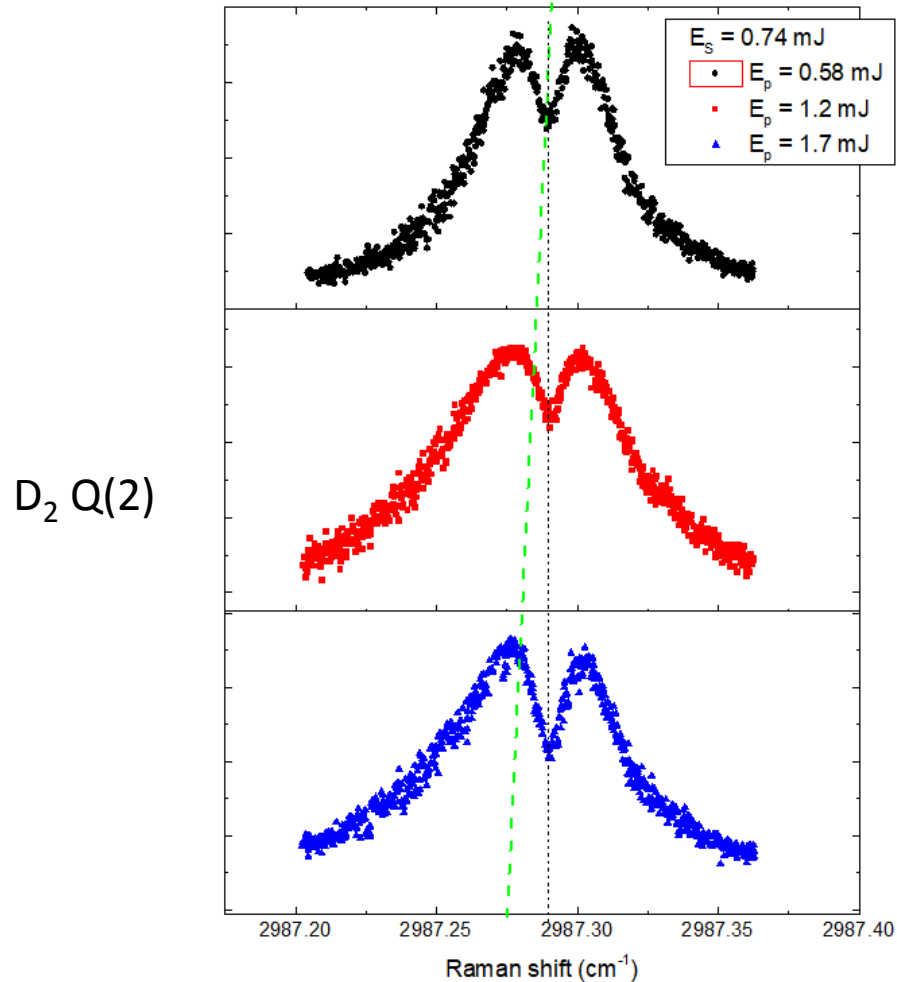
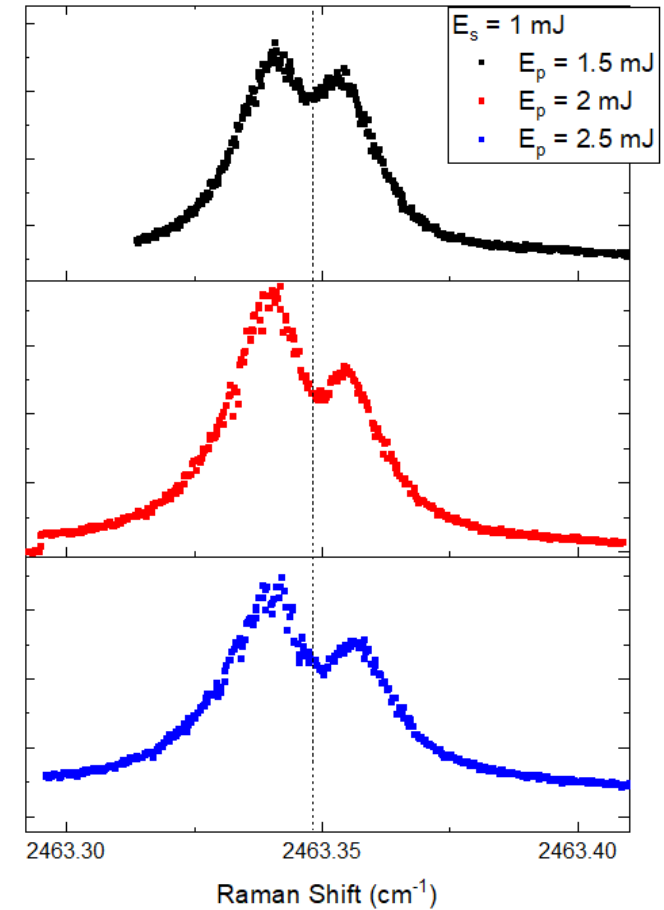


Fig. 2. Comparison of experimental and theoretical line shapes for the  $Q(1)$  line of hydrogen at 100 Torr at three different laser intensities.

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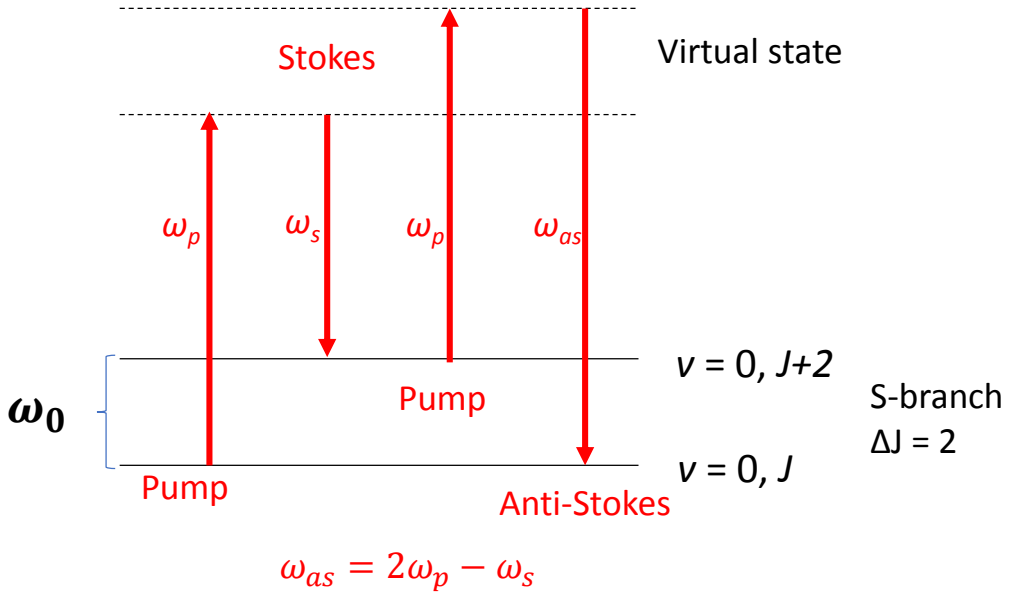


$T_2$  Q(1)



- Unexpected ac-stark shift
- Doppler profile getting more asymmetric at high energy
- Position of saturation dip is not centered at Doppler profile
- Need full understanding about the saturated profile

# Pure Rotational Transition

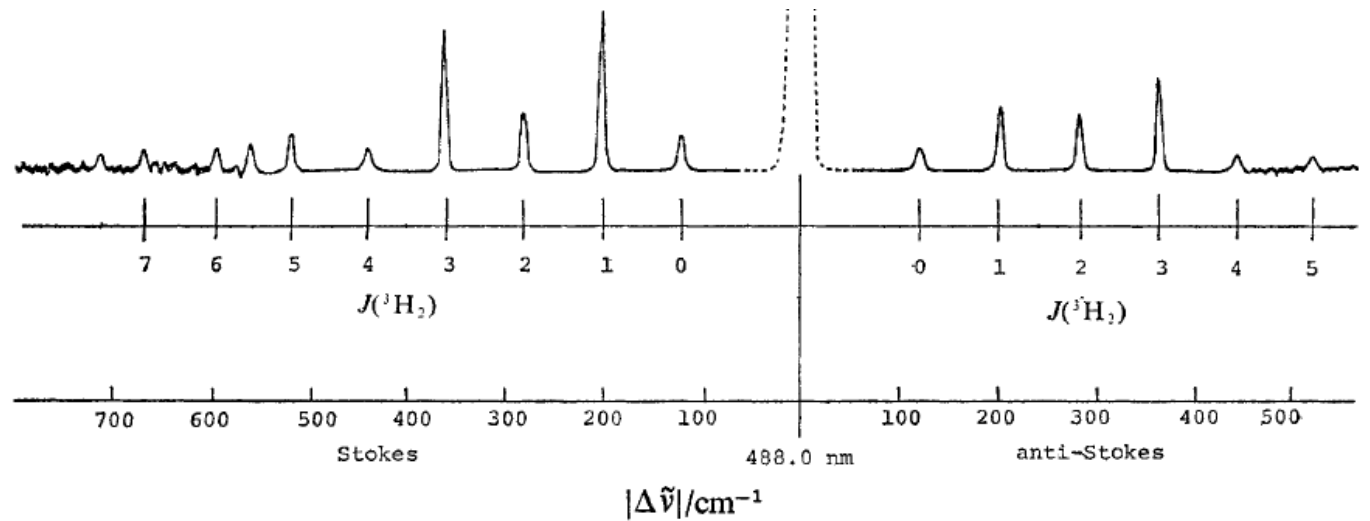


$T_2 S(0) \omega_0 \sim 120 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

Requiring **2** laser sources working at **similar freq.**

+  
**Separate** anti-Stokes for detection

	S(0) Doppler Width @ room temp	Expected linewidth
D <sub>2</sub>	33 MHz	<100 MHz (depending on laser bandwidth)
HT	44 MHz	
DT	27 MHz	
T <sub>2</sub>	22 MHz	



**FIG. 1.**—Microdensitometer traces (combined) of the photographically-recorded Stokes and anti-Stokes regions of the pure rotational Raman spectrum of <sup>3</sup>H<sub>2</sub>.

H.G.M. Edwards et al. J. Chem. Soc. Faraday Trans. II 74, 1203-1207 (1978).

# Conclusion & Outlook

- D<sub>2</sub> Q(0)-Q(2) show good agreement with molecular beam experiment
  - T<sub>2</sub> and DT Q(0)-Q(5) have been measured with **12 MHz uncertainty**
  - All of them have good agreement with latest calculated value
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- Move on to last isotopologue HT

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