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EVID 12: LITES

optical, microphysical and chemical characterization of aerosols with lidar

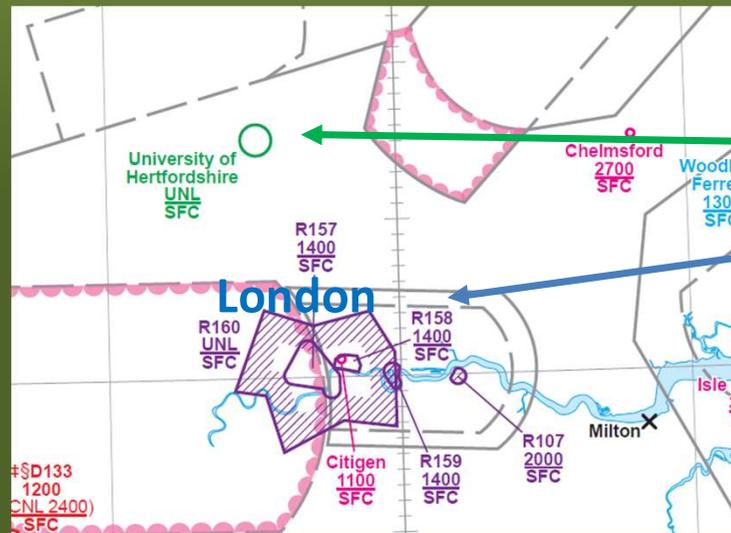
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University of Hertfordshire - in the south-east of the United Kingdom, approximately 40 km to the north of London

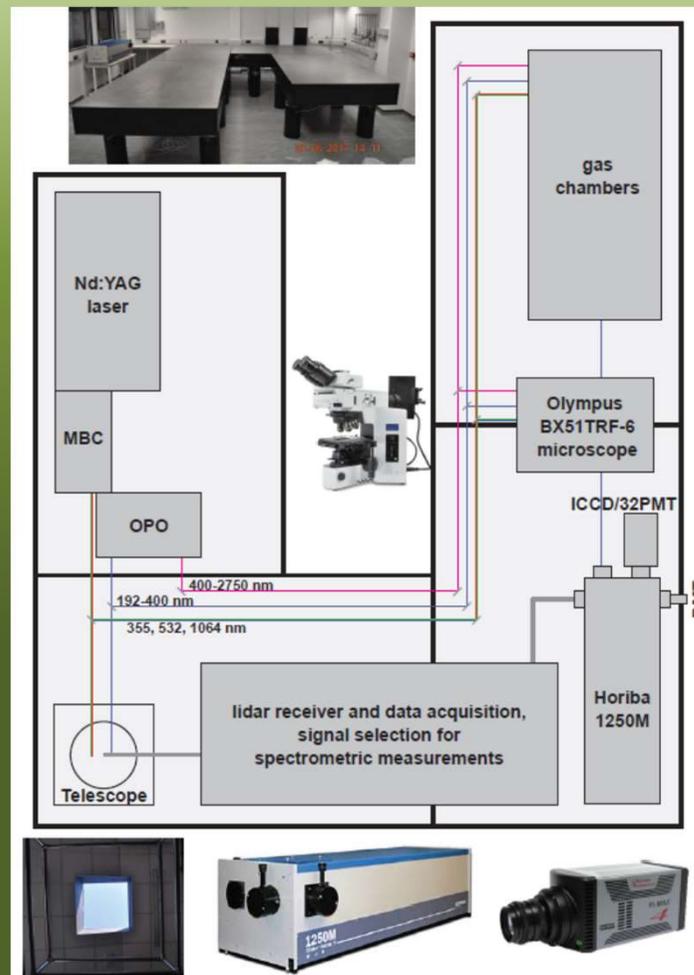
Location of LITES allows for observations of

- smoke (NA, SW Europe)
- dust from NW Africa
- “London plume”



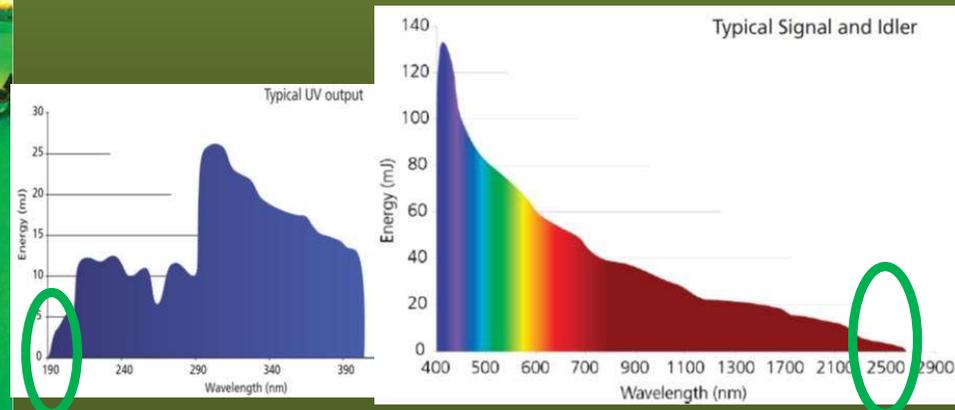
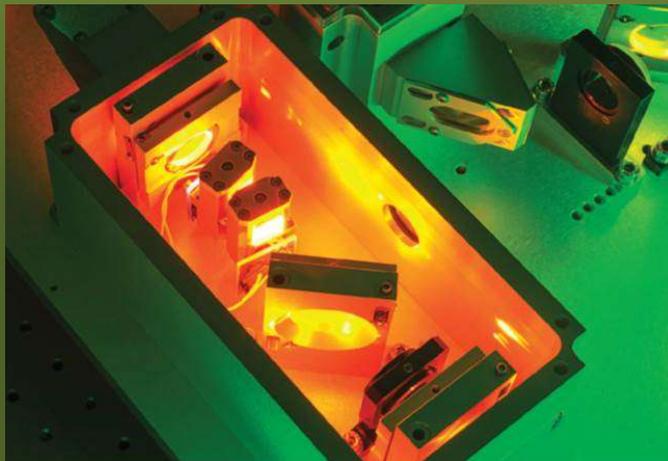
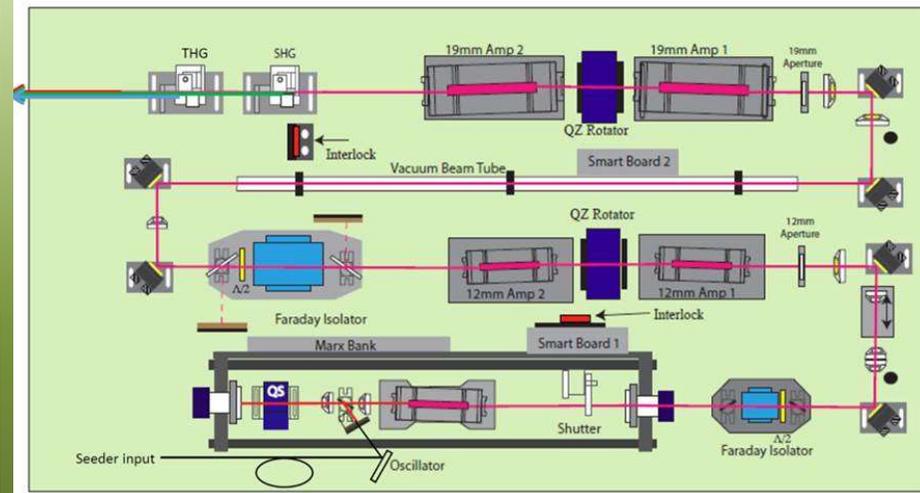
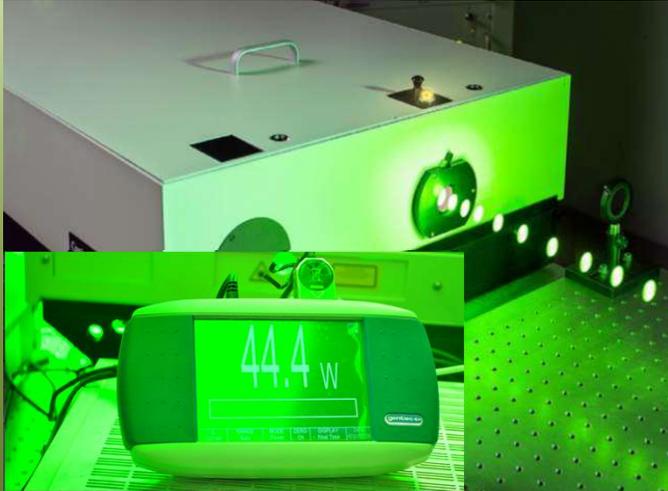
Multi-channel Lidar Spectrometer as part of LITES

→ Lidar Innovations for Technologies and Environmental Sciences (LITES)
design, construction, operational: 2012 - 2022



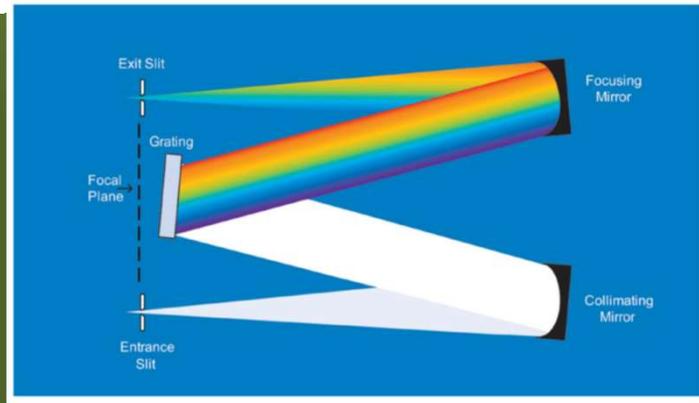
Main Laser System: Nd:YAG + OPO

up to 7 J at 1064 nm (10 Hz)



Main Spectrometer

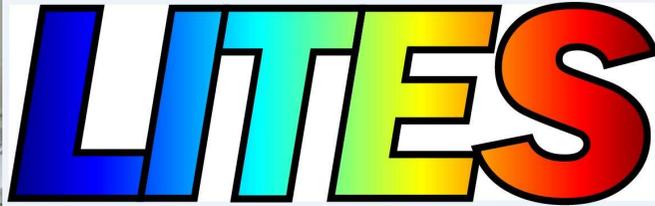
Horiba 1250M-SII Specifications.



1250M		
Focal Length (m)	1.25	
Aperture	f/9	
Spectral Range	0 - 1500 nm	
Grating Size	110 mm x 110 mm	
Number of Gratings on Turret	1	
Resolution at Exit Slit with PMT	.006 nm	
Wavelength Accuracy	±0.15	
Repeatability	±0.005	
Spectral Dispersion (@ 500 nm)	0.65 nm/mm	
Magnification	1	
Scan Speed	4000 steps/nm	
Step Size	0.00025	
Computer Interface	USB 2.0	
Dimensions	Length	134.6 cm (53 in)
	Width	45 cm (17.75 in)
	Height	36.8 cm (14.5 in)
Weight	72.7 kg (160 lb)	

Combine 3 Steps in Particle Characterization

- 1. Optical properties – use LIDAR (as part of LITES) for exploratory studies**
 - Aerosol types over UK – for extending existing knowledge
 - Depolarization ratio - could be used for tests of new particle light-scattering models
- 2. Microphysical Properties – use TiARA (Tikhonov Advanced Regularization Algorithm)**
 - Test new TiARA versions for improved particle characterization
 - Use TiARA for quality assurance
- 3. Chemical Properties – use LITES (lidar, aerosol chambers, single-particle analysis)**
 - Can we identify chemical components from Raman lidar observations?
 - Can we add this knowledge to improved microphysical retrievals?
 - Can we improve aerosol typing (e.g. aerosol components)?

The logo for LITES, with the letters in a rainbow gradient from blue to red.

**Lidar Innovations
for Technologies and
Environmental Sciences**

University of
Hertfordshire

The logo for the University of Hertfordshire, consisting of the letters 'UH' in a stylized font.

Lidar observations of linear depolarization ratio by lidar with circular polarized laser transmitter at Hatfield, United Kingdom

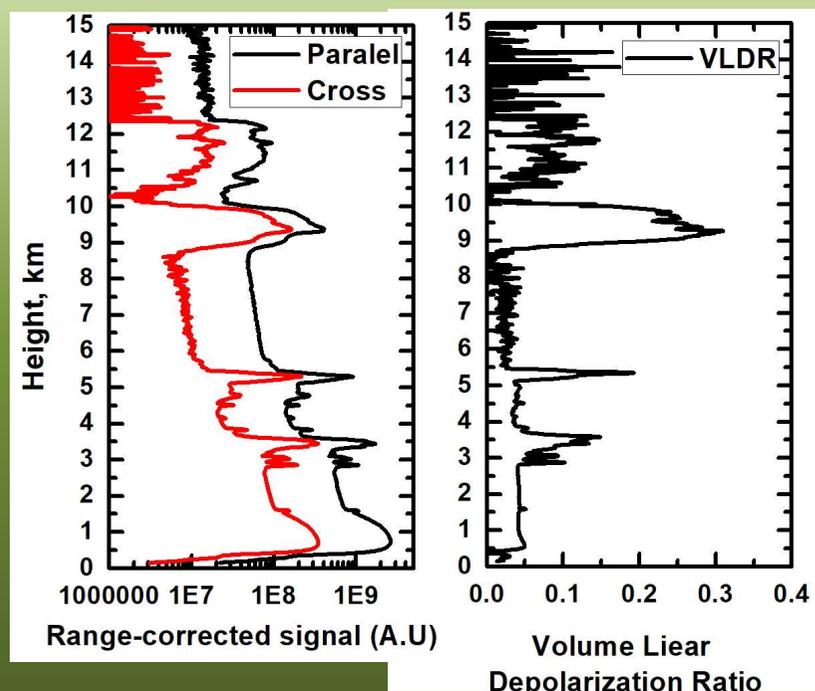
Boyan Tatarov and Detlef Müller

13 September 2023

European Lidar Conference, Cluj/Romania 2023

Examples of linear and circular depolarization measurements

10 September 2023, averaged over 18600 laser shots (31 min)



Linear
VDR

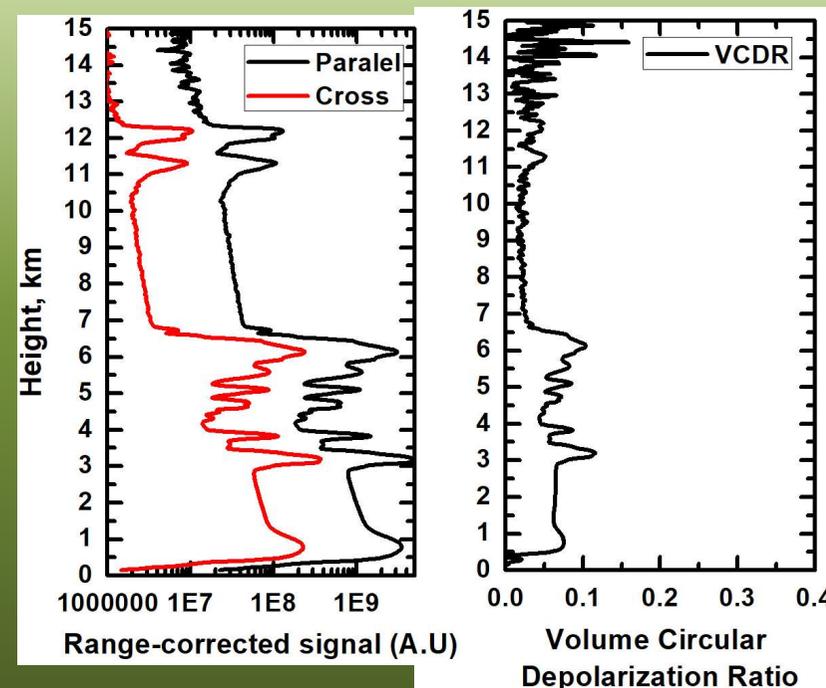


Work carried
out in context of
Aeolus cal/val

Circular
VDR



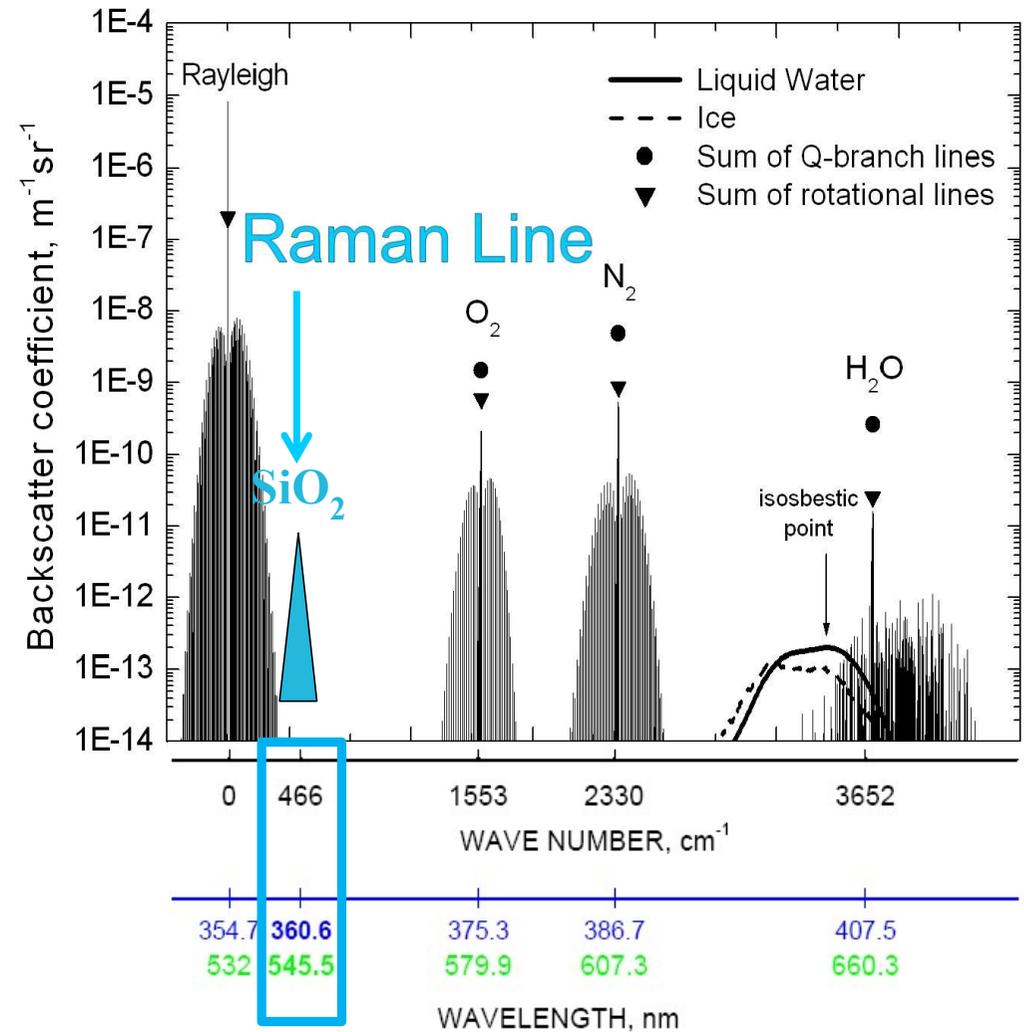
10 September 2023, Averaged over 39600 laser shots (66 min)



- use data for testing new particle light-scattering models
- at present microphysical data inversion
 - rests on the use of data for which particle depolarization ratio is 0
 - thus no analysis of observations of e.g. mineral dust, volcanic ash, ...

Identification of “Chemical Signatures” of Particles

South Korea, 2008 to 2016
 mixed pollution plumes - separating
 mineral quartz from other aerosol types
 (Müller, Tatarov, Noh. et al)



Methodology

We use the relation of the Raman backscatter coefficient to the **Raman backscatter differential cross section** $d\sigma(\lambda_L, \lambda_R, \pi)/d\Omega$ and the number density of quartz molecules N_q .

$$\rightarrow \beta_R(r, \lambda_L, \lambda_R) = N_q(r) \frac{d\sigma(\lambda_L, \lambda_R, \pi)}{d\Omega}$$

we assume:

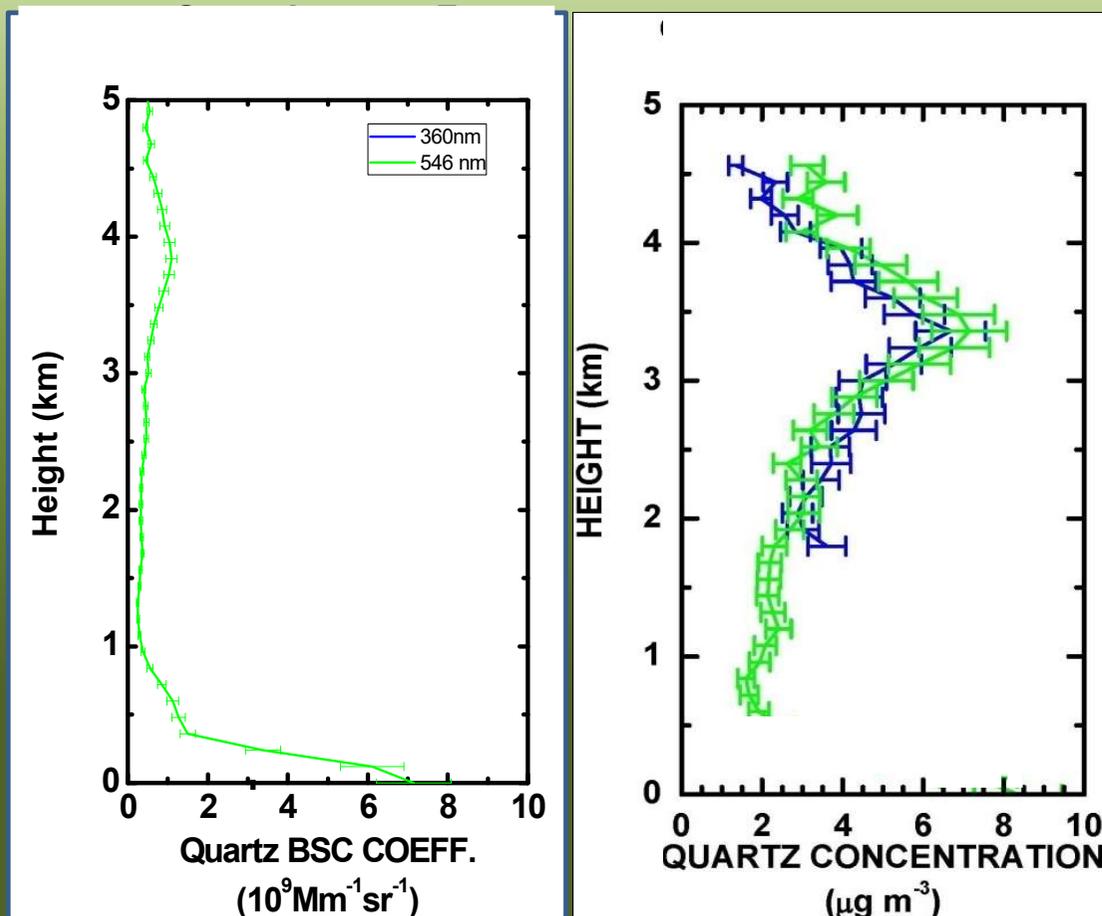
power-4 dependence between

546 (emission at 532 nm) and 360 (355 nm)

- significantly dependent on the structure of the crystal and the crystallization process
- we need more studies for quartz in mineral dust particles.

Example of the first measurement with optimized instrument

Quartz concentration profile: „super dust outbreak“ Korea 2010



Müller et al., Geophys. Res. Lett., 2010
first results

Mineral quartz concentration measurements of mixed mineral dust/urban haze pollution plumes over Korea with multiwavelength aerosol Raman-quartz lidar

D. Müller,¹ I. Mattis,² B. Tatarov,³ Y. M. Noh,¹ D. H. Shin,¹ S. K. Shin,¹ K. H. Lee,¹ Y. J. Kim,¹ and N. Sugimoto³

Tatarov et al., Opt. Exp., 2011
instrument

Lidar measurements of Raman scattering at ultraviolet wavelength from mineral dust over East Asia

Boyan Tatarov,^{1,*} Detlef Müller,² Dong Ho Shin,² Sung Kyun Shin,² Ina Mattis,³ Patric Seifert,³ Young Min Noh,² Y. J. Kim,² and Nobuo Sugimoto¹

Noh et al., Chemosphere, 2016
overview

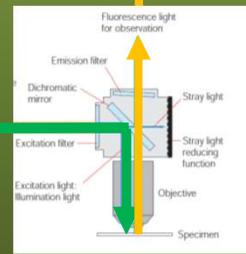
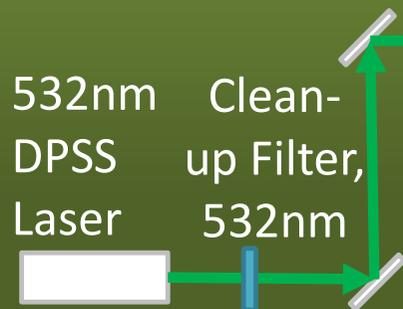
Vertically-resolved profiles of mass concentrations and particle backscatter coefficients of Asian dust plumes derived from lidar observations of silicon dioxide

Youngmin Noh^a, Detlef Müller^{b,*}, Sung-kyun Shin^c, Dongho Shin^d, Young J. Kim^c

Transfer Experience From These Studies to LITES: Laboratory Experiments with Raman/Fluorescence Microscope



Microscope
visualization
camera



Sample



40 different dust samples
from desert regions

Edge
Filter

Spectro
meter

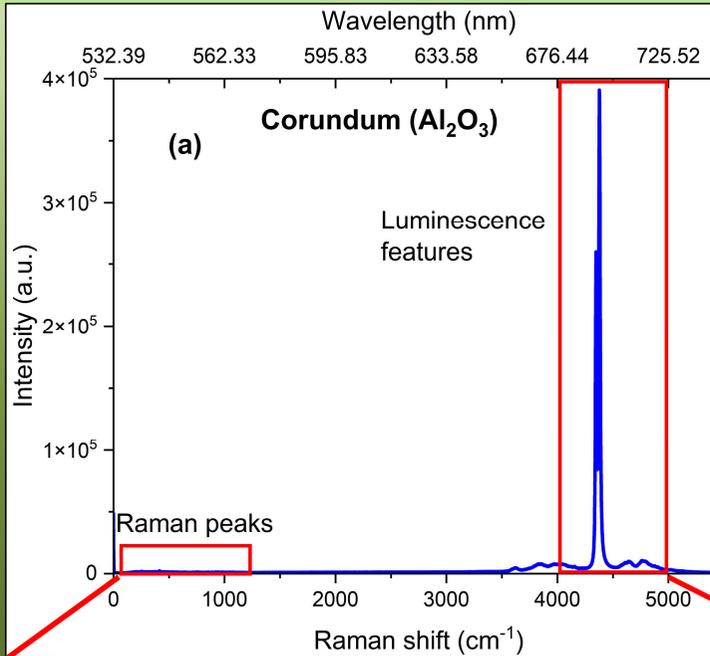
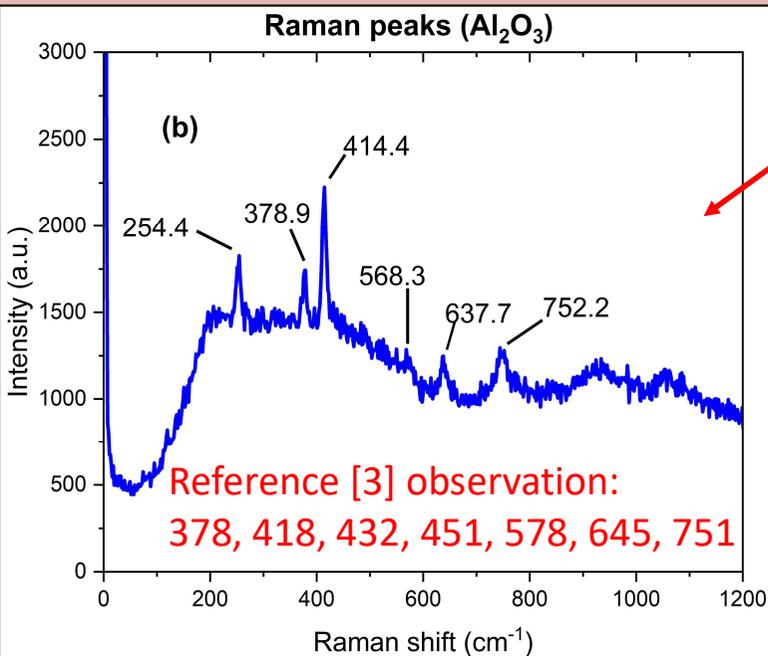
ICCD



Aluminum oxide, Quartz, Kaolinite,
Dolomite, Goethite, Calcite, ...

Results: Corundum (Al_2O_3)

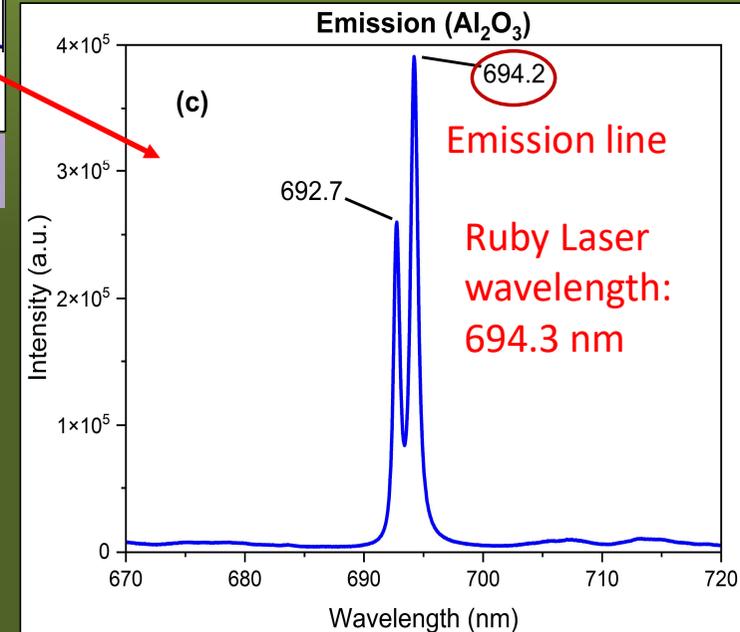
Raman lines of corundum



Raman spectrum of corundum

Signal strength of emission line of corundum shows that atmospheric Al_2O_3 molecules can be detected with lidar.

Position of luminescence features



A green laser beam is shown pointing upwards from a building at night. The beam is bright and has a slight glow at its tip. The background is dark, and the building's roofline is visible at the bottom.

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European Commission**

LIDAR Project CAPABLE

**Chemical composition characterization
of Air Pollution (Aerosols and gases) on
the Basis of nonlinear multi-channel
Lidar Experiments**

Future Work with LITES: „Chemical Fingerprint“

aerosol types versus aerosol components

OPAC (Database on Optical Properties of Aerosols and Clouds, Hess et al. 1998)

Aerosol components
microphysics, chemistry, morphology

Insoluble

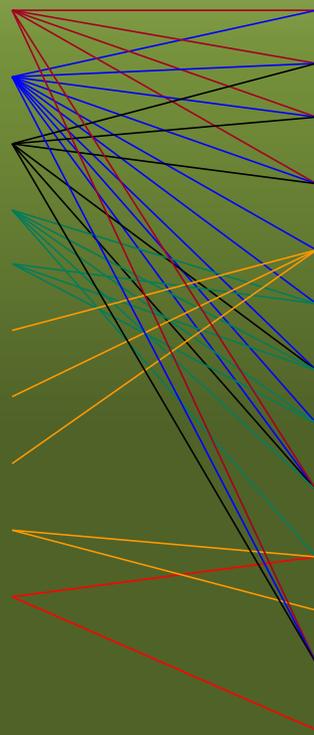
Water-soluble

Soot

Sea-salt: accumulation mode
coarse mode

Mineral: nucleation mode
accumulation mode
coarse mode
transported

Sulfate droplets



Aerosol types
optics

Continental: clean

average

polluted

Urban

Desert

Maritime: clean

polluted

tropical

Arctic

Antarctic

Mineral transported

Free troposphere

Stratosphere

