

Rotational Raman scattering

(Air, breath, H₂, D₂)

Experimental details

Measurements using gas-cell
(cell was evacuated before each measurement)

532 nm, 225 mW at sample point
Objective: 20x, 25mm Working distance
600 grooves/mm grating , Slit: 120 μ m
(spectral range : -250 cm^{-1} to 2400 cm^{-1})

Samples:

Air

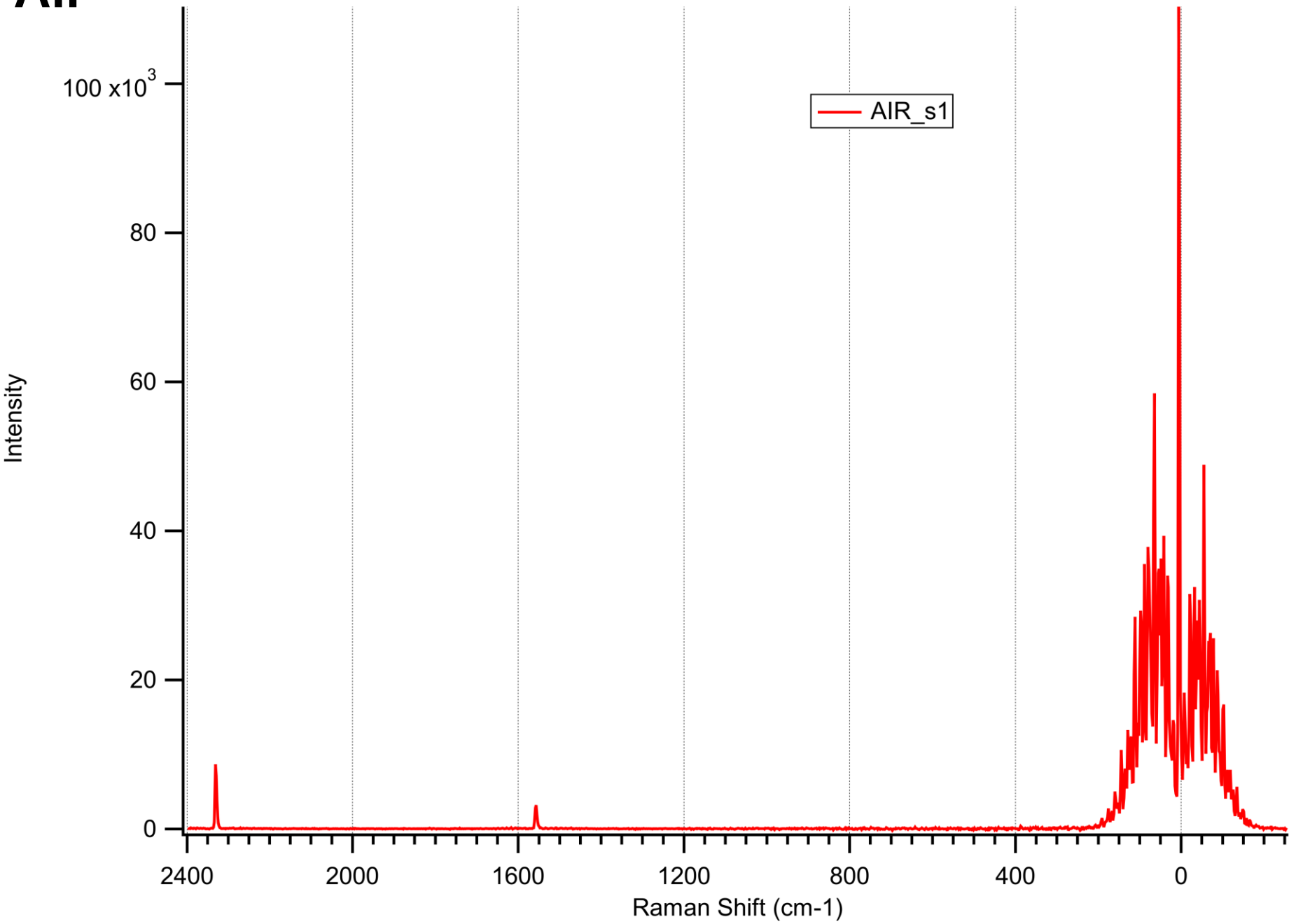
Oxygen

Breath (all students)

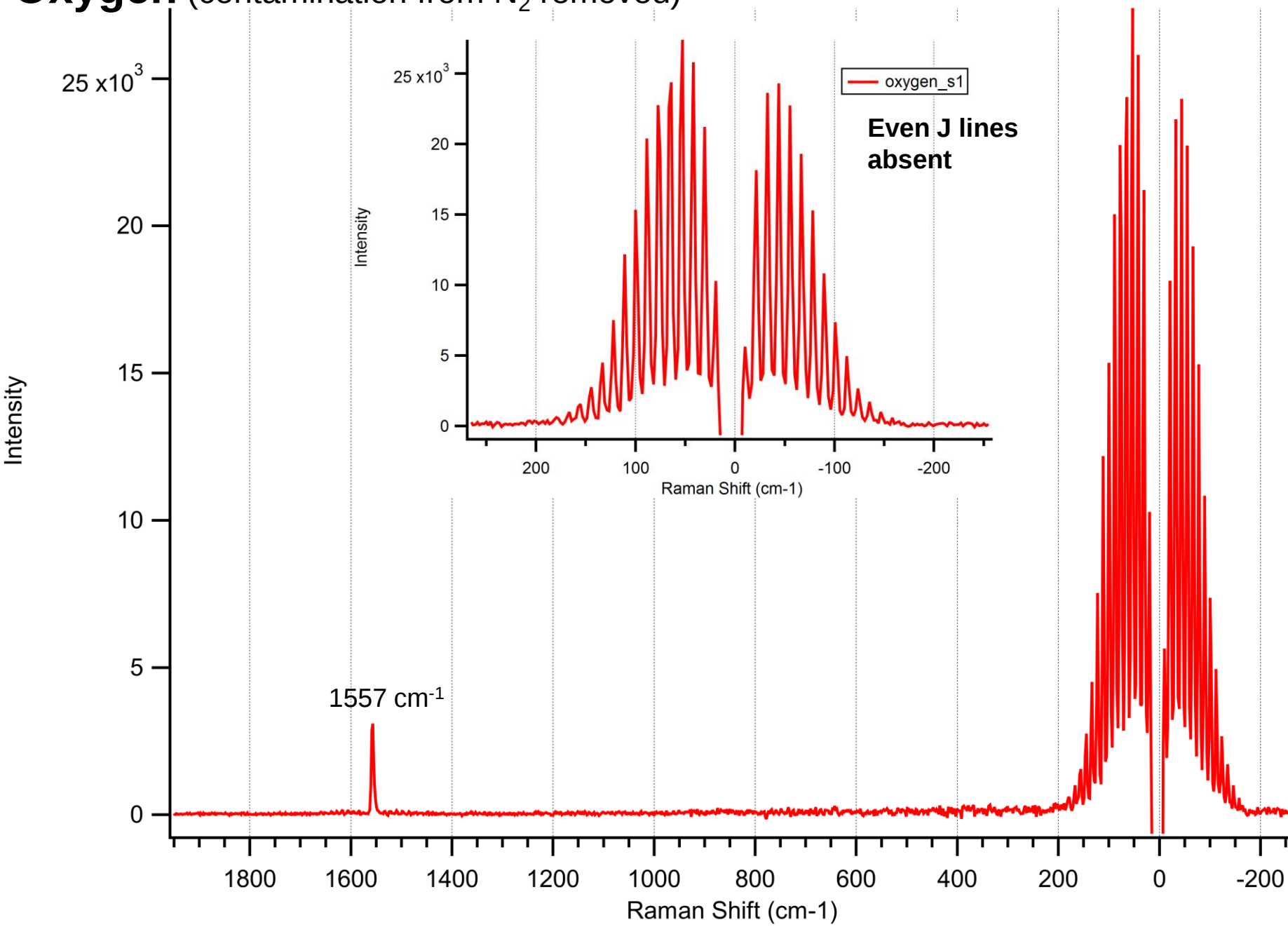
Hydrogen

Deuterium

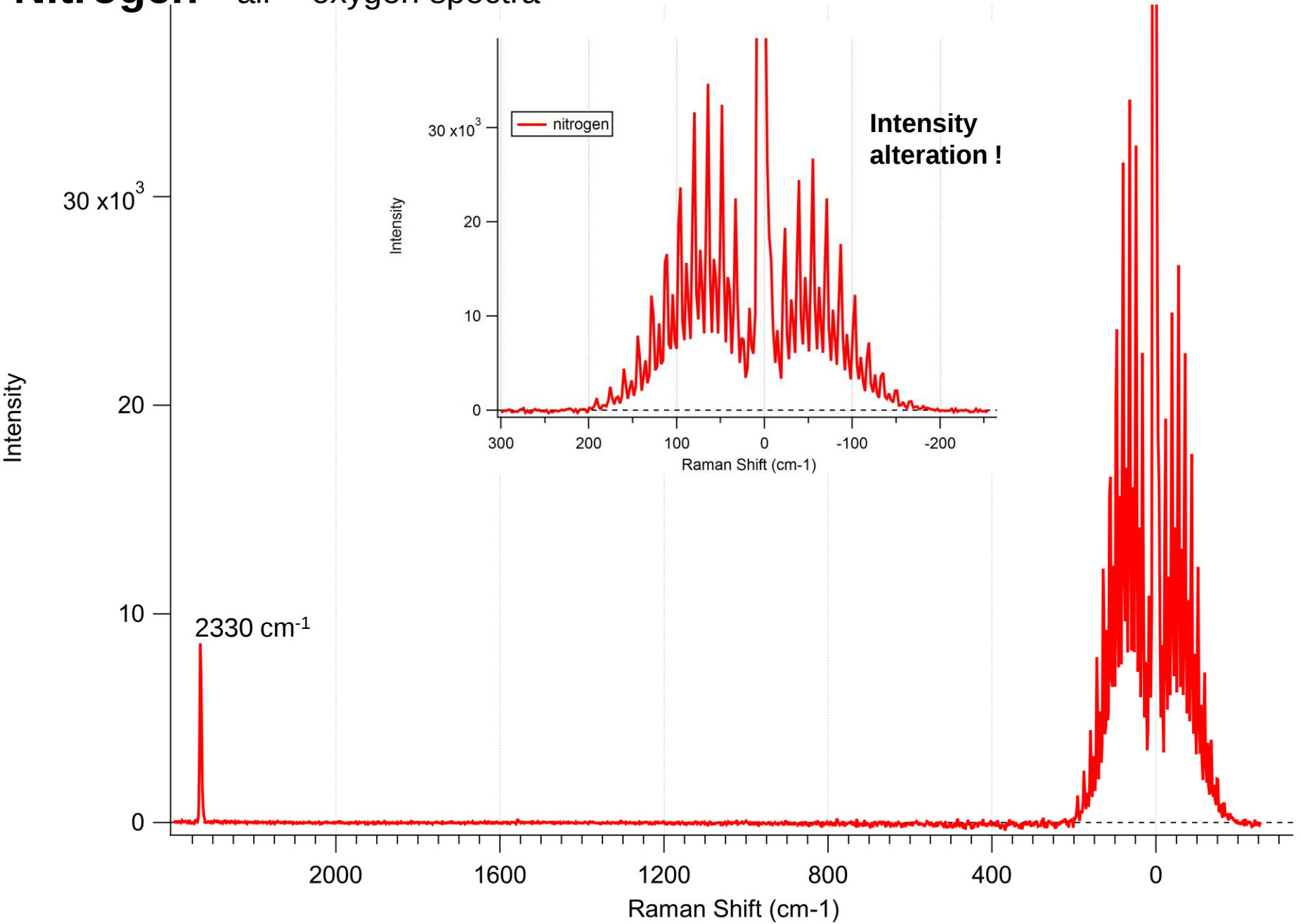
Air



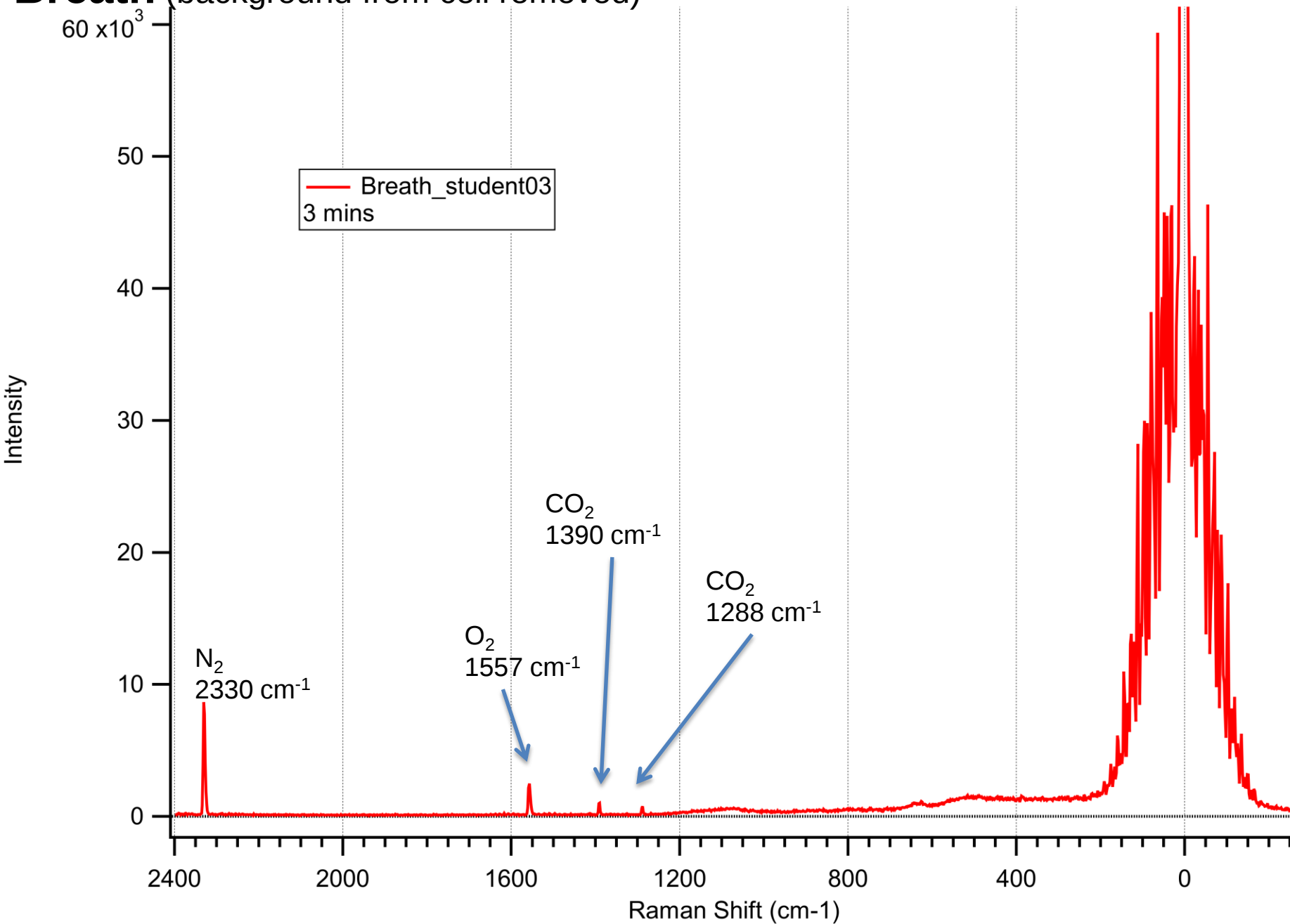
Oxygen (contamination from N₂ removed)



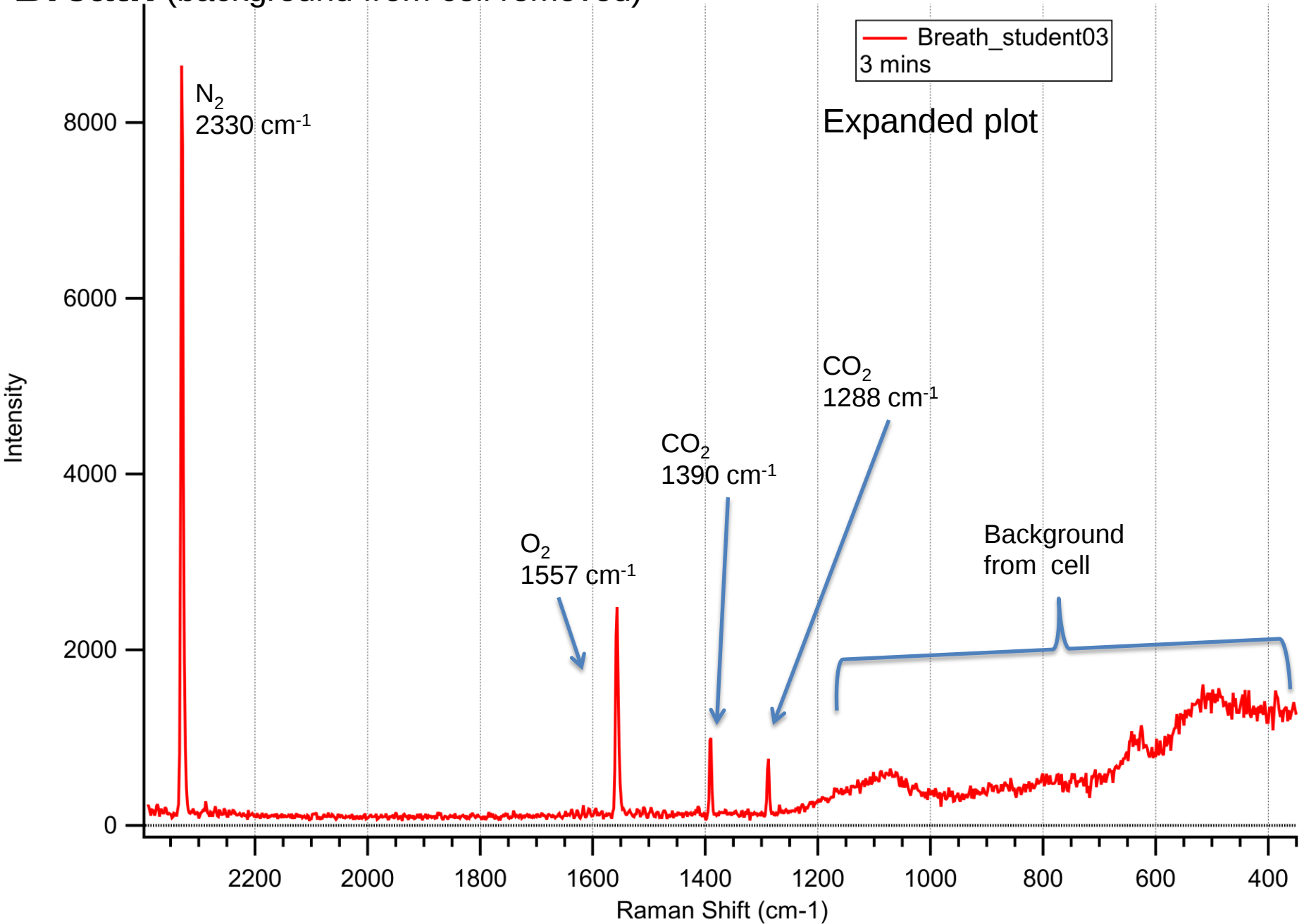
Nitrogen = air – oxygen spectra



Breath (background from cell removed)



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Breath analysis

Vibrational-Raman peaks used for analysis

We observe oxygen, nitrogen and CO_2 peaks simultaneously

Inhaled air

N_2 fraction = 78.08 %

O_2 fraction = 20.95 %

CO_2 fraction = 0.04%



Exhaled air

N_2 fraction = 78.08 % (stays constant)

O_2 fraction = decreases

CO_2 fraction = increases

Amount of nitrogen stays constant
All breath spectra normalized to the nitrogen peak (air).

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From pure air;

$$\frac{I_{O_2}}{I_{N_2}} = \underbrace{\frac{\sigma_{O_2}}{\sigma_{N_2}}}_{\text{We need this}} * \underbrace{\frac{(Concentration)_{O_2}}{(Concentration)_{N_2}}}_{\text{known}} * \underbrace{\frac{[Population factor]}{[Population factor]}}_{=1 \text{ (good approximation*)}} * \frac{D}{D}$$

From spectra

$$\frac{\sigma_{O_2}}{\sigma_{N_2}} = 2.232 \text{ (fundamental vibration compared)}$$

* = Intensity correction using white light

In exhaled air

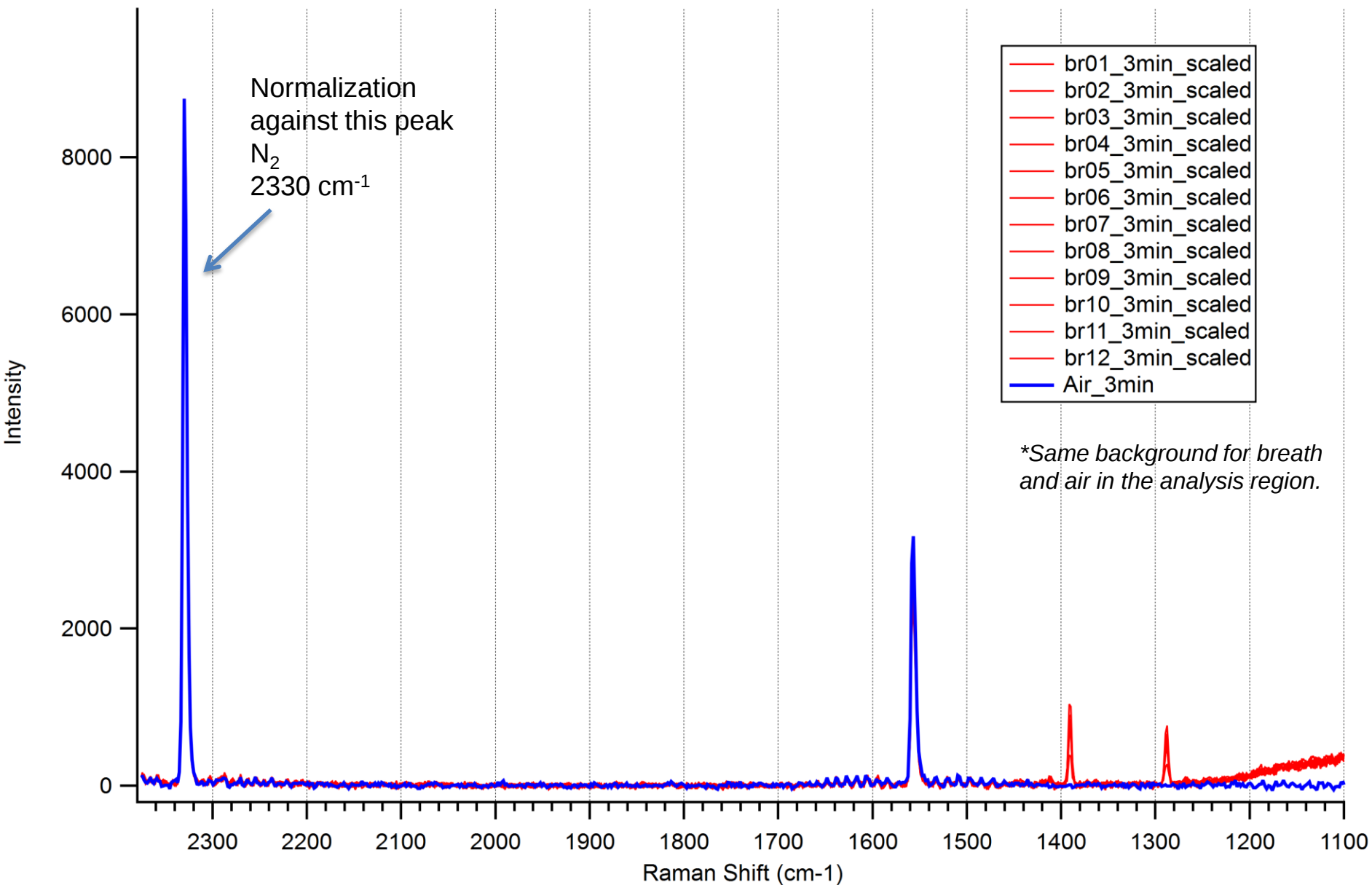
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Calculated
(from air
spectra)

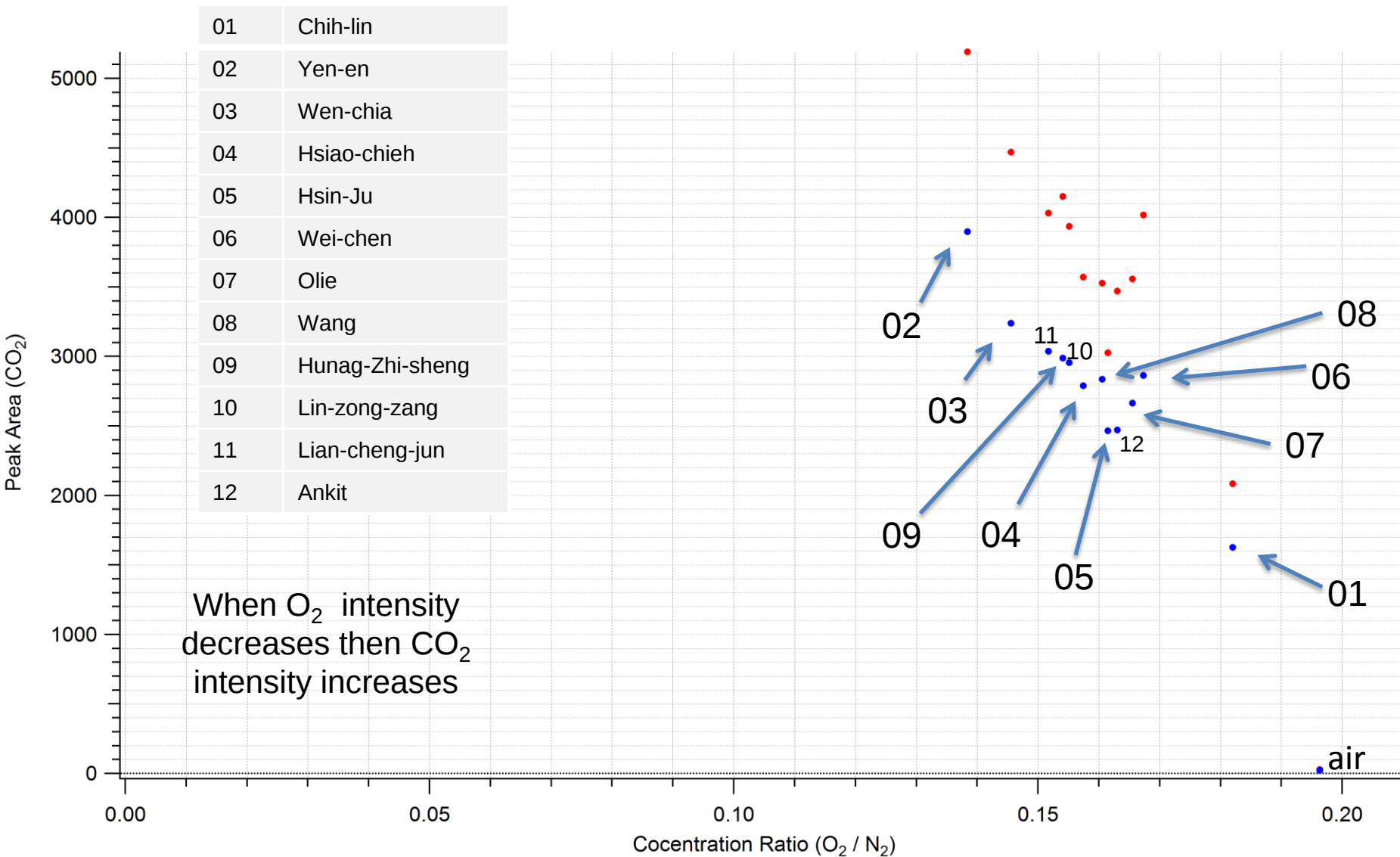
We can now
find in exhaled
air

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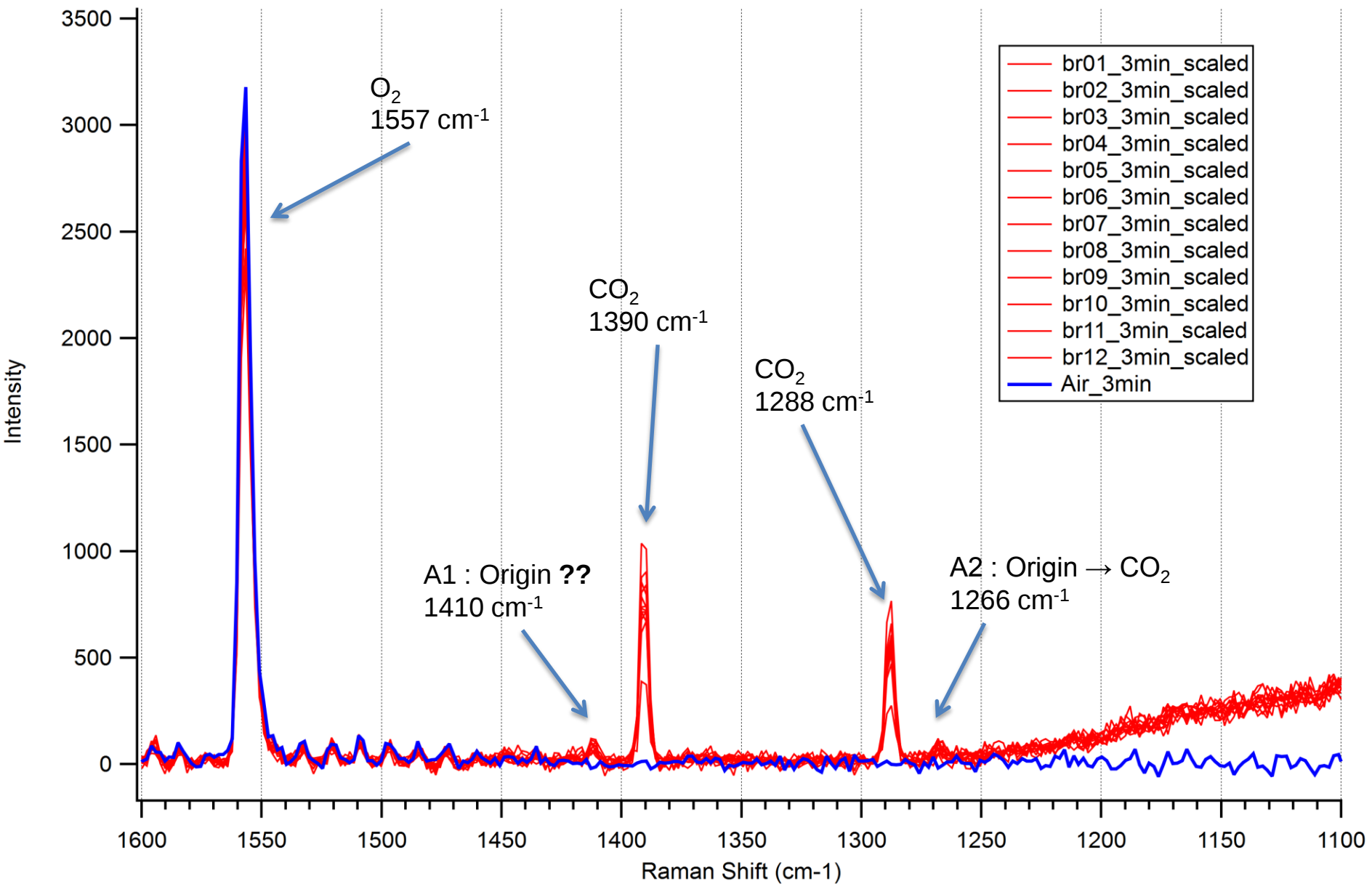
$$\text{Breath} = (\text{Breath}_{\text{raw}}) - (\text{evacuated cell spectra}) * (1.13695)$$



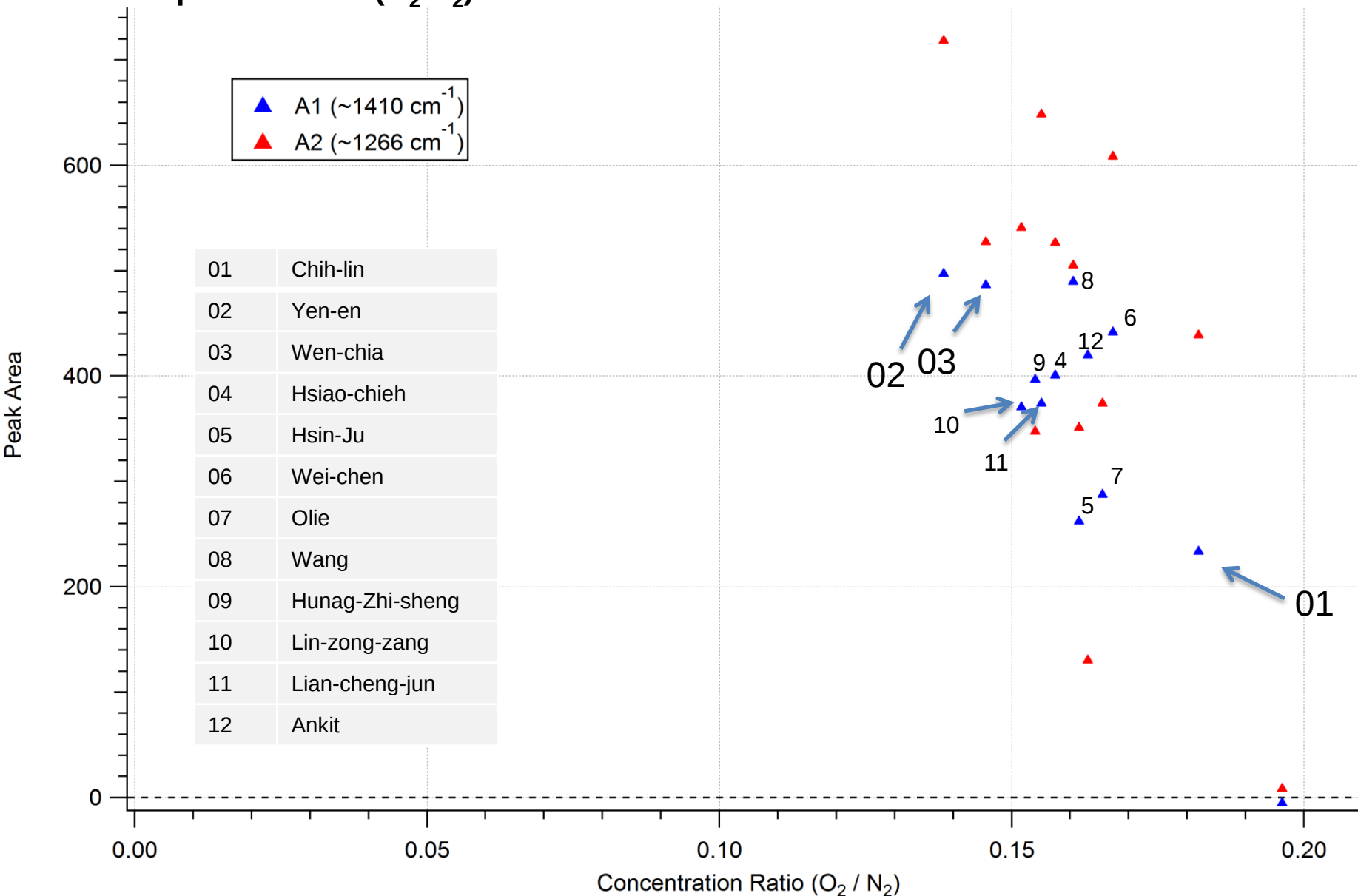
CO₂ peak area vs (O₂/N₂) concentration ratio



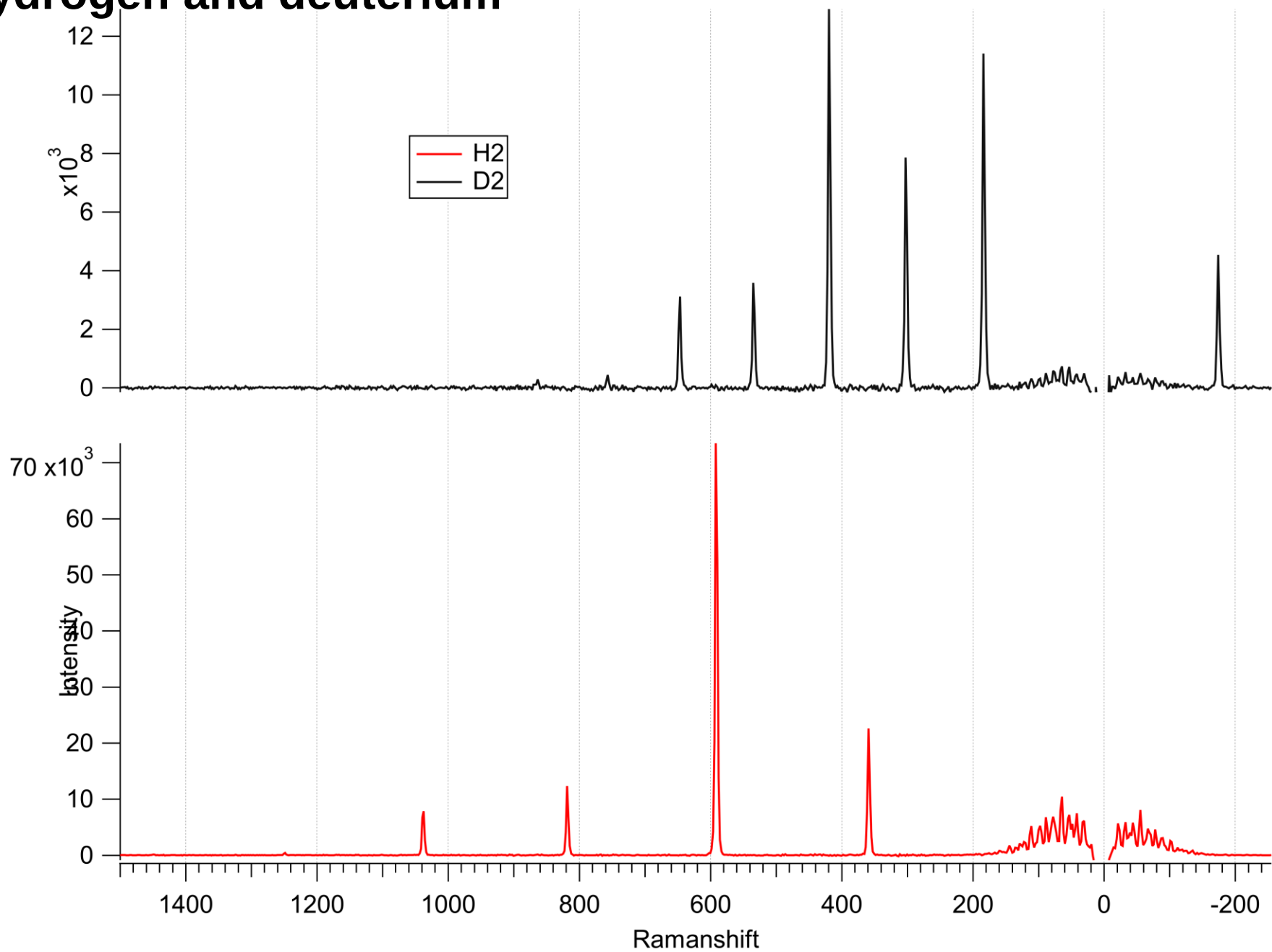
Zoomed-up spectra : fingerprint region



A1 and A2 peak area vs (O_2/N_2) concentration ratio



Hydrogen and deuterium



Bond length from rotational Raman spectra

Hydrogen

Rotational Constant from spectra = 59.8367cm^{-1}

$$I_{H_2} = \frac{\hbar}{2B} = \frac{(1.0545 \times 10^{-34})^2 [J.s]^2}{2 * (59.8367 \times 1.9863 \times 10^{-23}) [J]}$$

$$I_{H_2} = \frac{\hbar}{2B} = 4.678534 \times 10^{-48} [J.s^2] = 4.678534 \times 10^{-48} [kg.m^2]$$

$$r_{H_2} = \sqrt{\frac{I}{\mu}} = 74.794 \times 10^{-12} m$$

Similarly deuterium,

Rotational Constant from spectra = 30.683cm^{-1}

$$r_{D_2} = \sqrt{\frac{I}{\mu}} = 73.875 \times 10^{-12} m$$