

# Low-Shift Raman Microscope

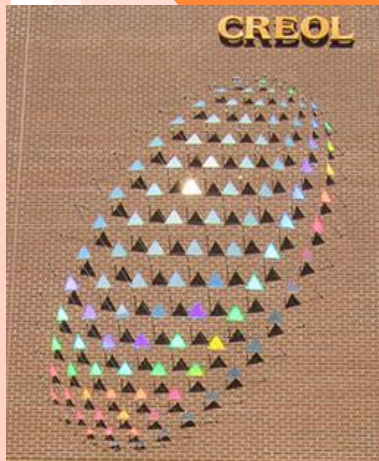
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## MOTIVATION

- Sponsor: Professor of Chemistry and Forensic Science wants a Raman spectroscopy system in his lab that detects low-shift signals.
- Raman spectroscopy has applications in forensic science for analyzing drugs, explosive substances, and other materials for forensic applications.
- Raman spectroscopy and microscope integration: Microscope allows for easy sampling, sample visualization with high magnification, and can focus light to a small point to easily create a Raman Signal.
- Low-shift signals provides a more detailed “fingerprint” of a sample.



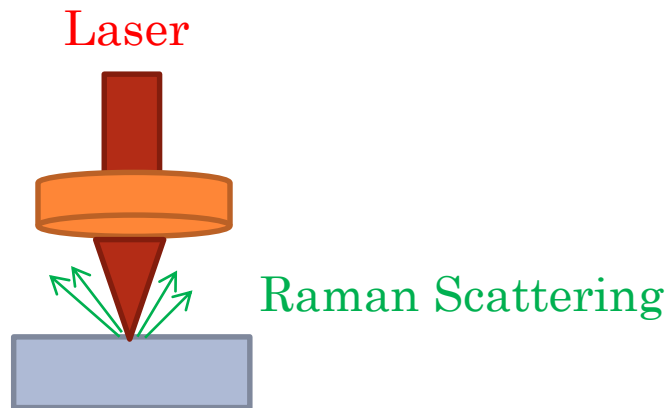
# GOALS

- Integrate Raman spectroscopy with a microscope.
- Create a Raman spectroscopy system that can detect low-shift Raman signals.
- “Cheaper”, safe, and easy to use system for non-optics majors.

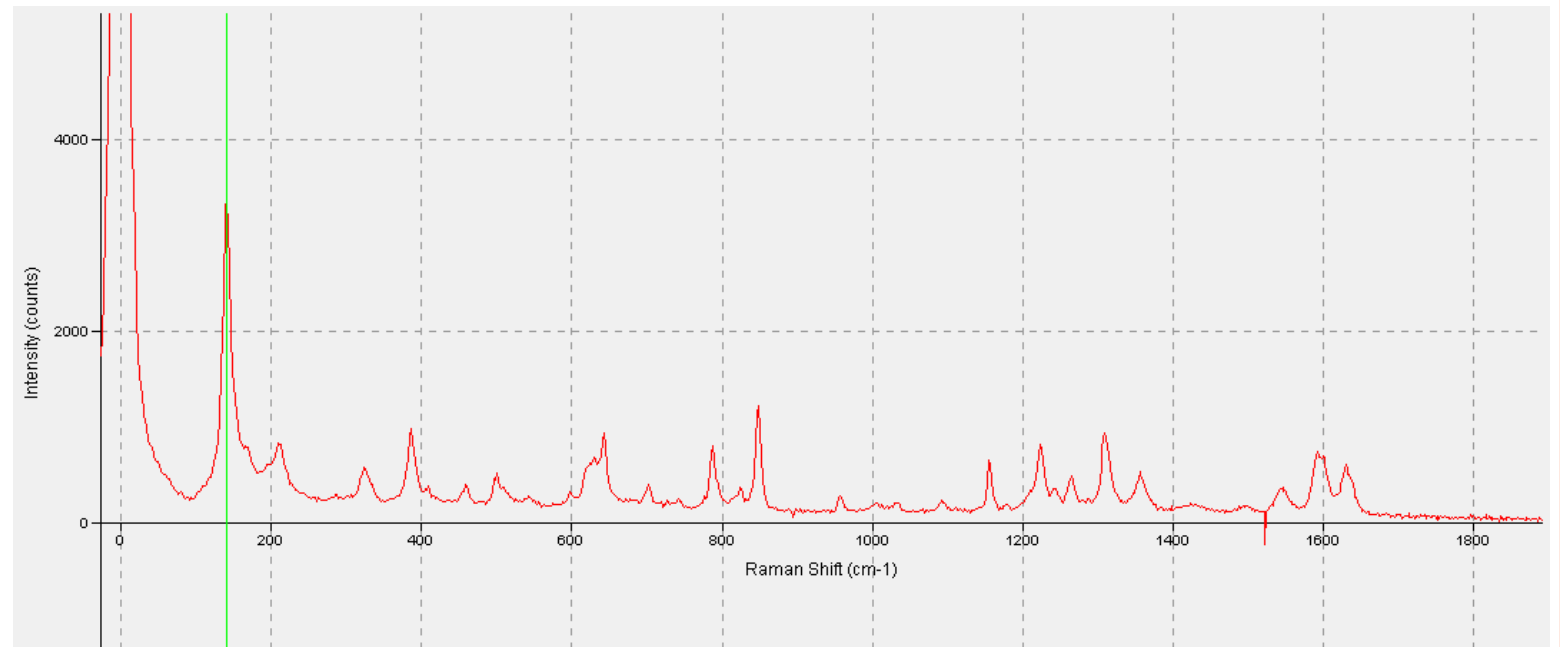


# WHAT IS RAMAN SPECTROSCOPY?

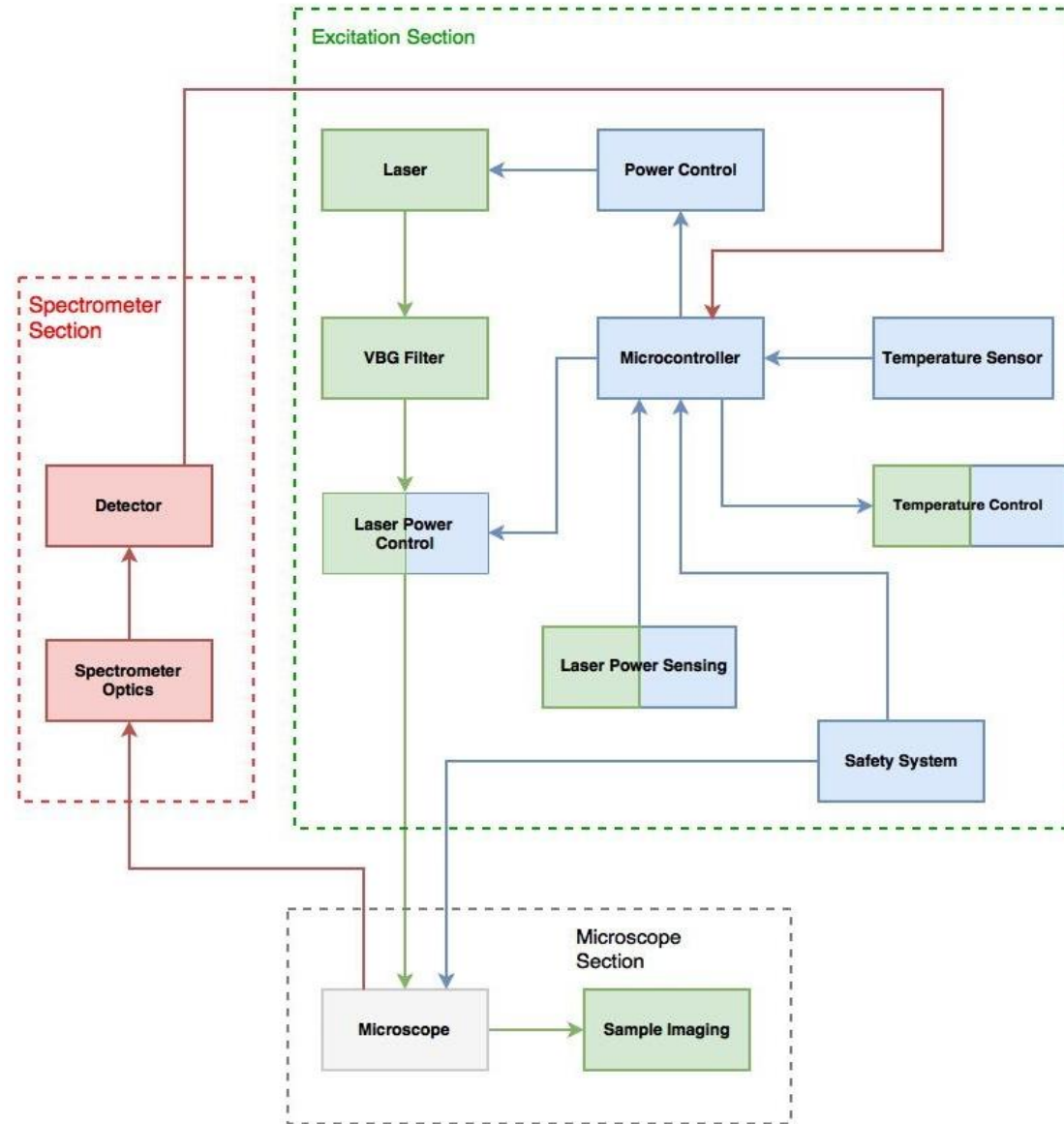
- Focus Laser light to a sample to create Raman scattering.
- Raman scattering can provide a spectrum that provides the molecular signature of a material.
- Raman scattering: Rayleigh scattering and inelastic scattering (stokes and anti-stokes).



Stokes Signals of Excedrin Tablet



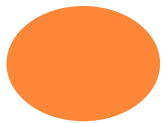
# Hardware Diagram



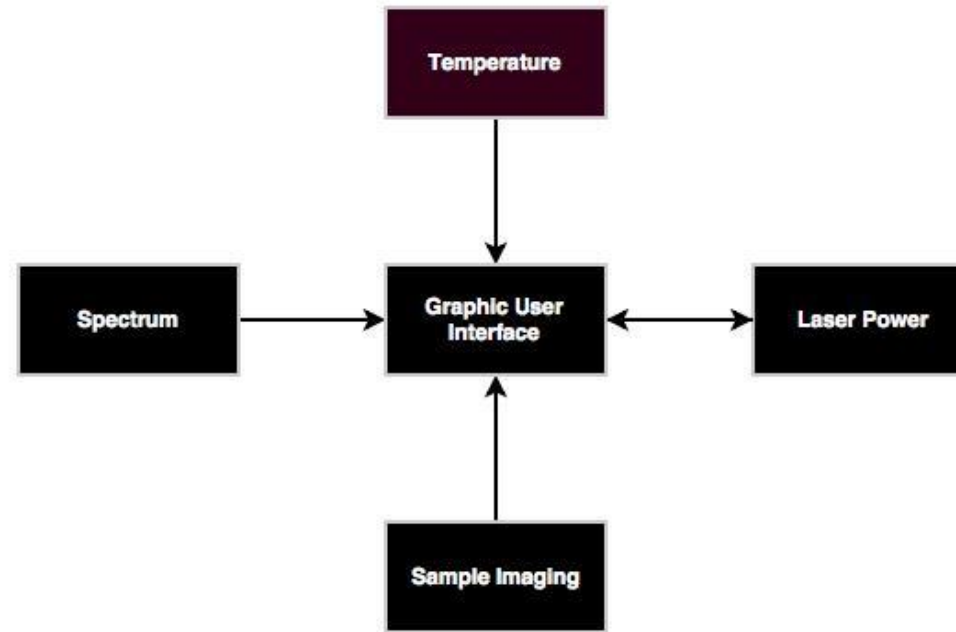
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# Software Diagram



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Electrical Engineer

Focus on the software and coding aspects of the project along with assisting with electrical design

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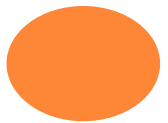
Focus on the spectrometer along with assisting other photonic design aspects

**Brandon Seesahai**  
Photonics Engineer

Focus on the excitation section along with assisting other photonic design aspects

**Matthew Aviles**  
Electrical & Computer Engineer

Focus on the electrical design along with assisting in the coding aspect of the project



# WORK DISTRIBUTION

	Main	Secondary
Spectrometer	Chris Beck	Brandon Seesahai
Excitation	Brandon Seesahai	Chris Beck
Hardware	Matt Aviles	Kevin Orkis
Software	Kevin Orkis	Matt Aviles



# OVERALL REQUIREMENT SPECIFICATION

- Laser Wavelength = 785 nm
- Resolution  $\leq 5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
- Detect Peaks  $\pm 200 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (770.87 nm to 799.13 nm).
- Class 1 Laser System
- Fit on a Chemistry Lab Table





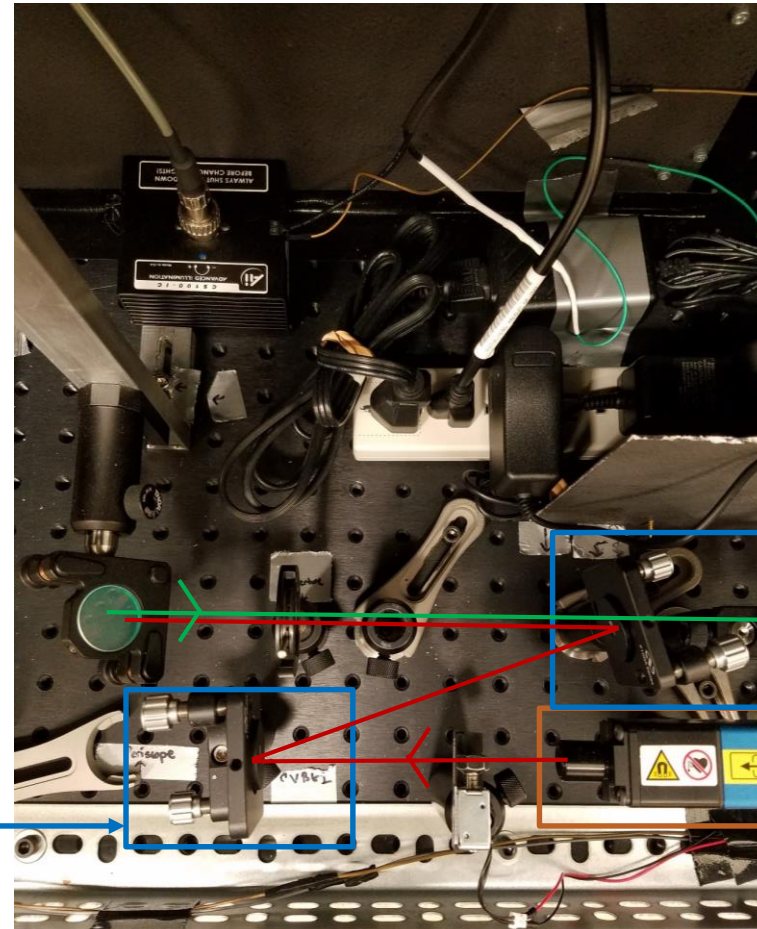
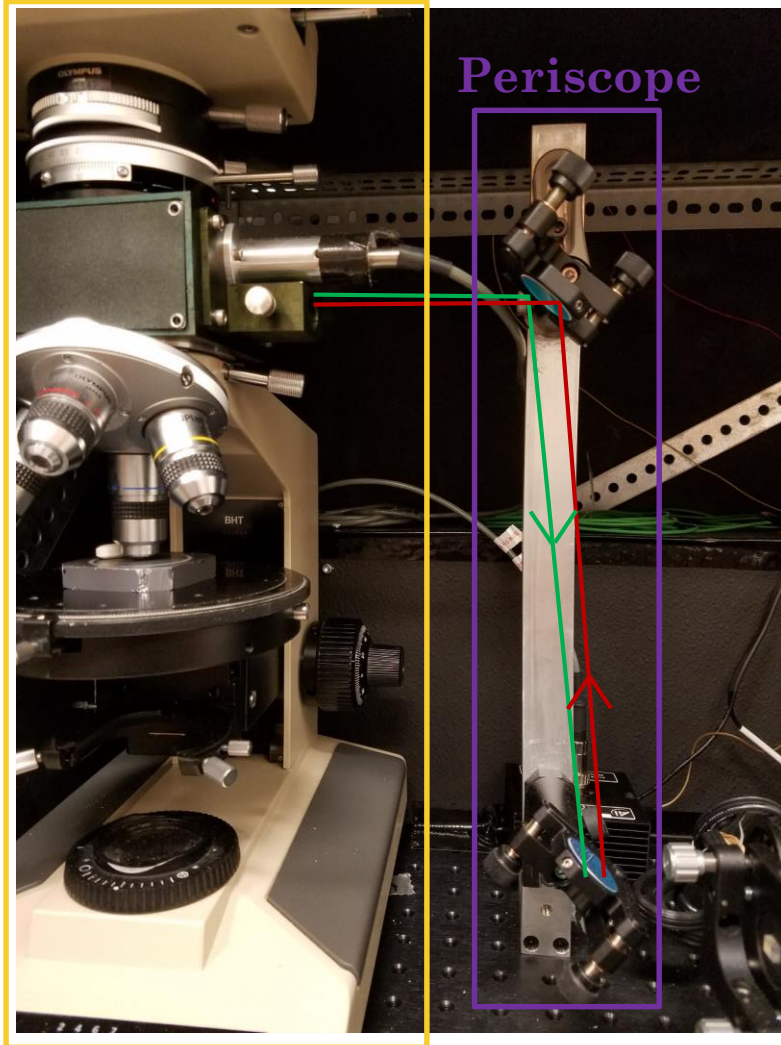
# EXCITATION SECTION OBJECTIVES

- Inject a narrow line width laser into a microscope
- Focus as much laser power as possible to a sample
- Generate Raman scattering that can be detected by a spectrometer.
- Camera imaging of sample



# EXCITATION OPTICS

Microscope



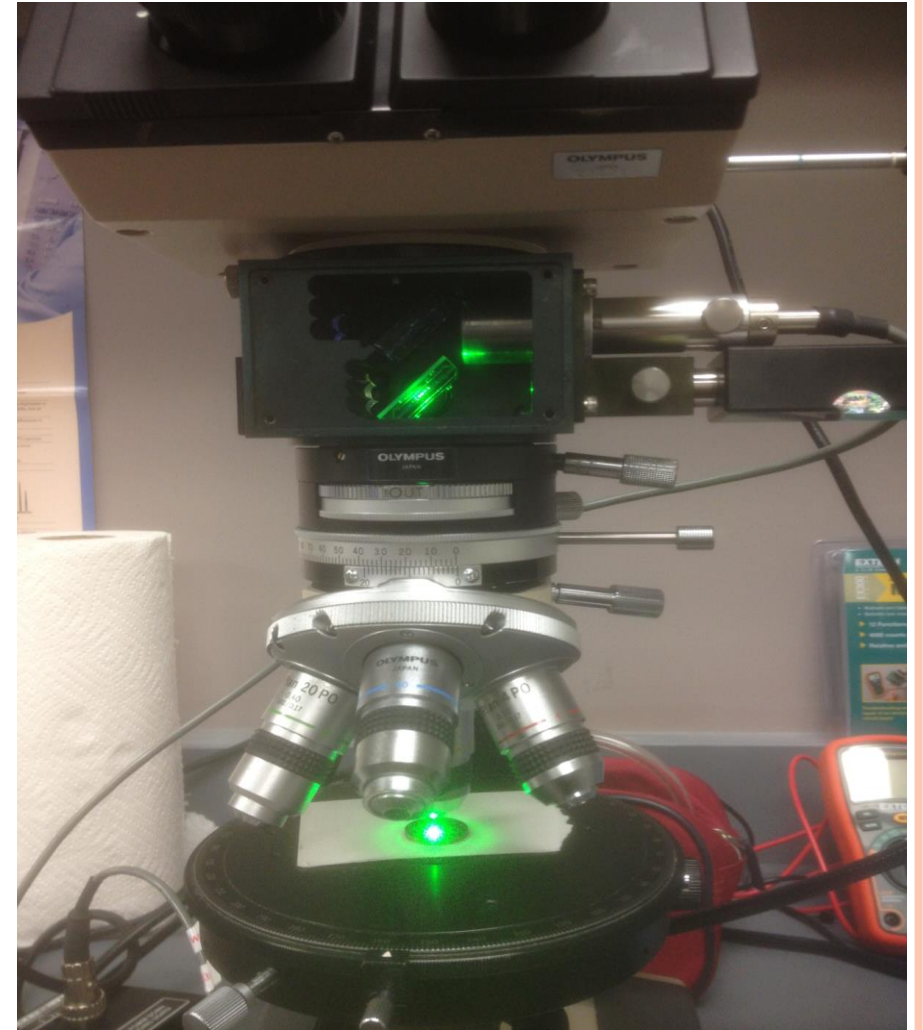
— Raman  
— Laser



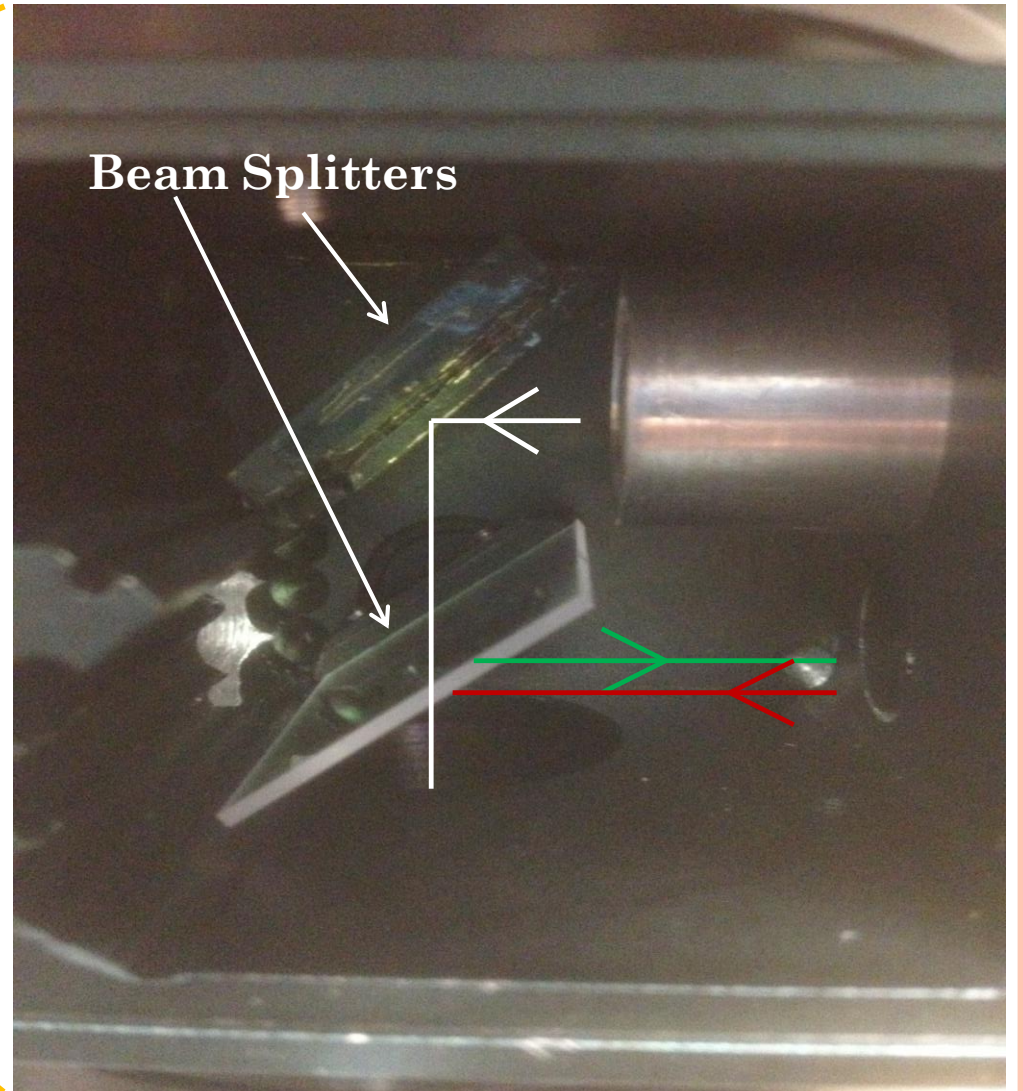
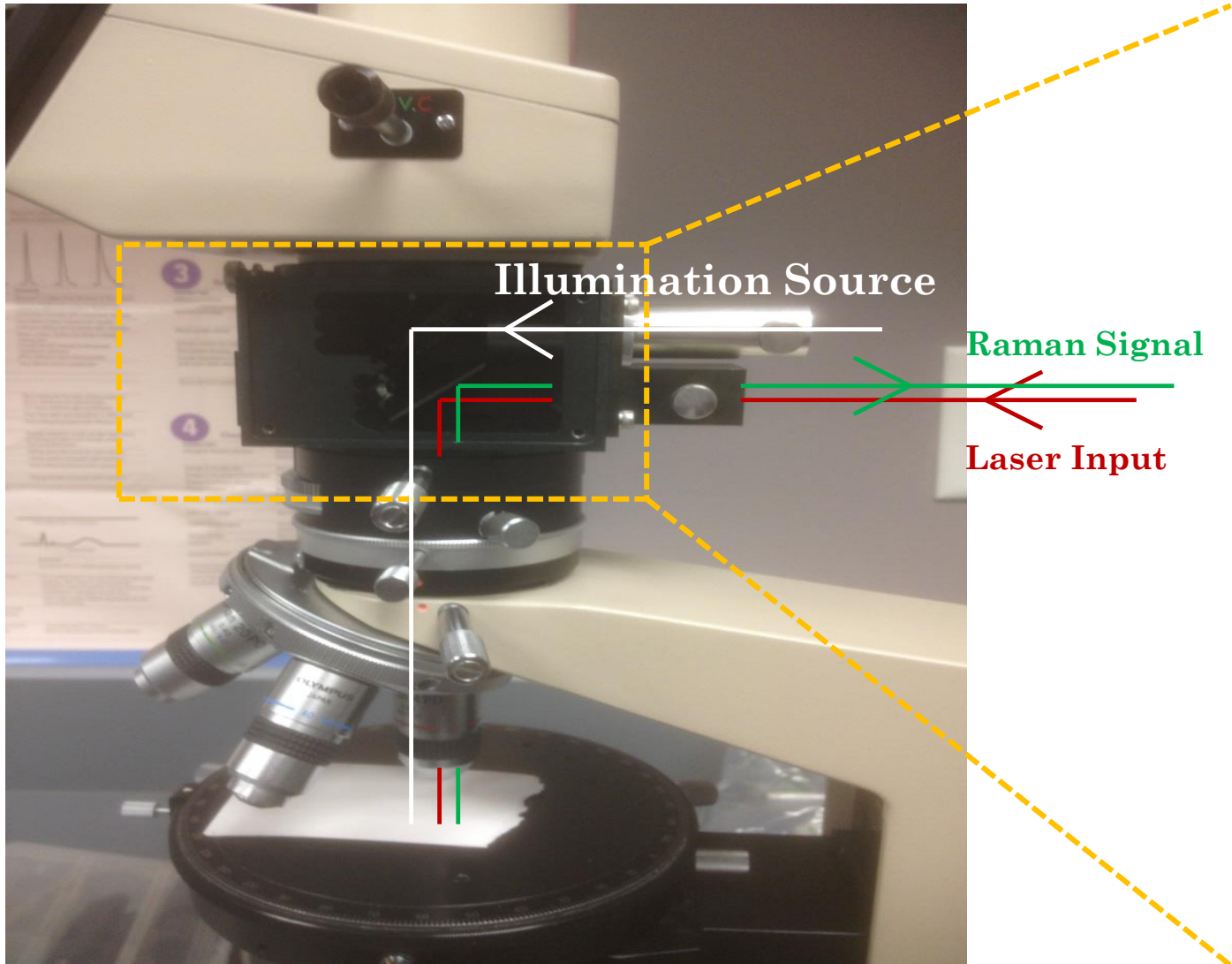
# MICROSCOPE

## ○ Olympus BH2 Microscope

Magnification	4 X	10 X	20 X	40 X
N.A.	0.10	0.25	0.40	0.65
Focal Length (mm)	34.23	17.69	8.99	4.61

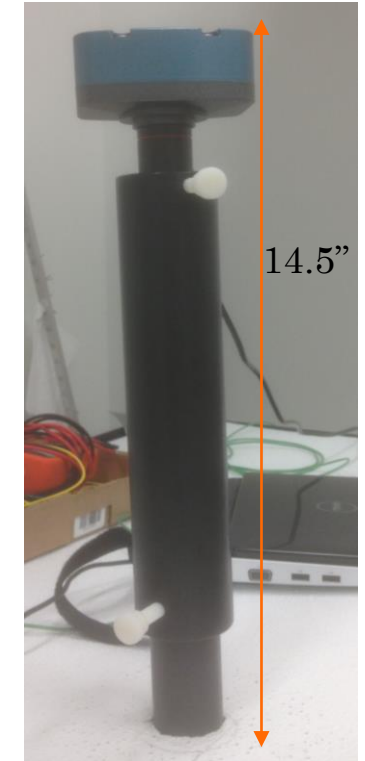
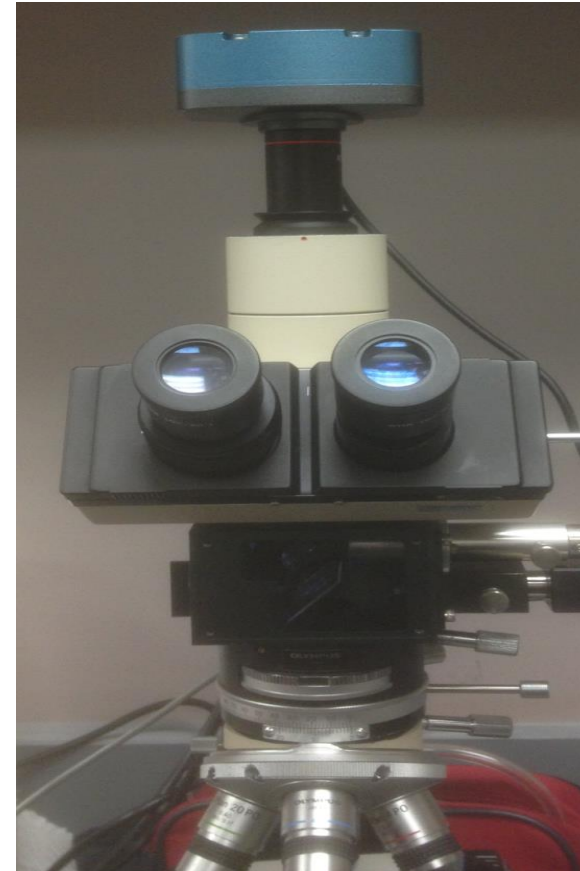


# INSIDE THE MICROSCOPE



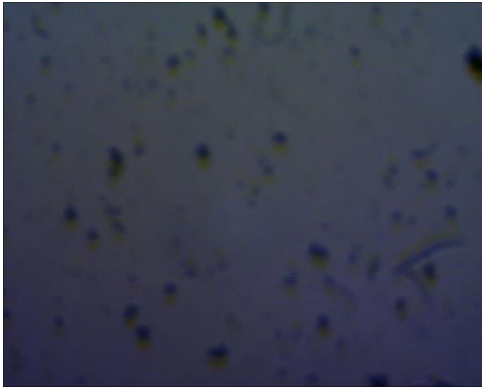
# CAMERA

- Camera is on top of the microscope.
- Camera has the same field of view as the objective
- Camera imaging of sample
- Matching focal planes

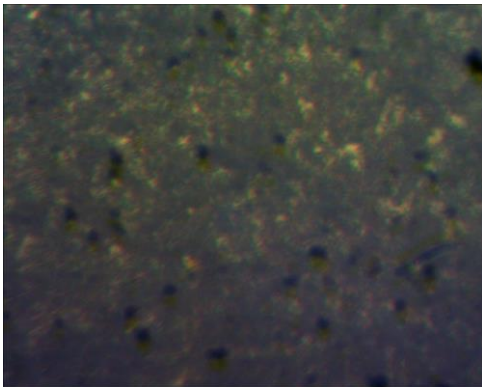
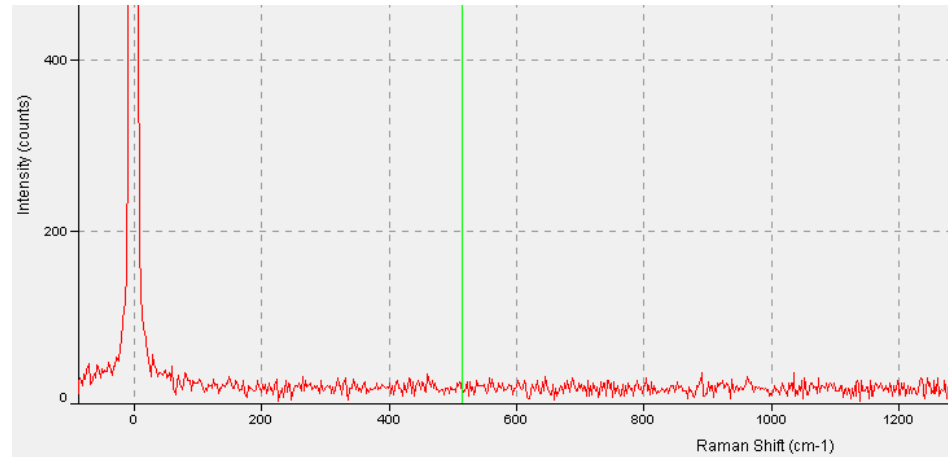


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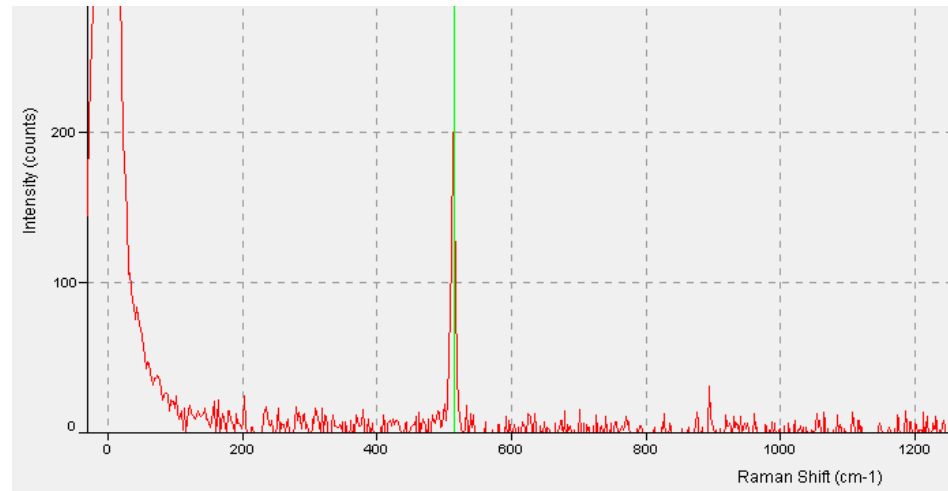
- Matching focal planes



Defocused



Focused



# LASER

- Laser Wavelength = 785 nm from Innovative Photonic Solutions (IPS)
- Single Mode
- Collimated Output Beam with FWHM 0.018 nm.
- Maximum output ~100 mW
- Optical Isolator



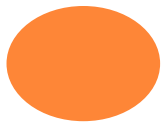
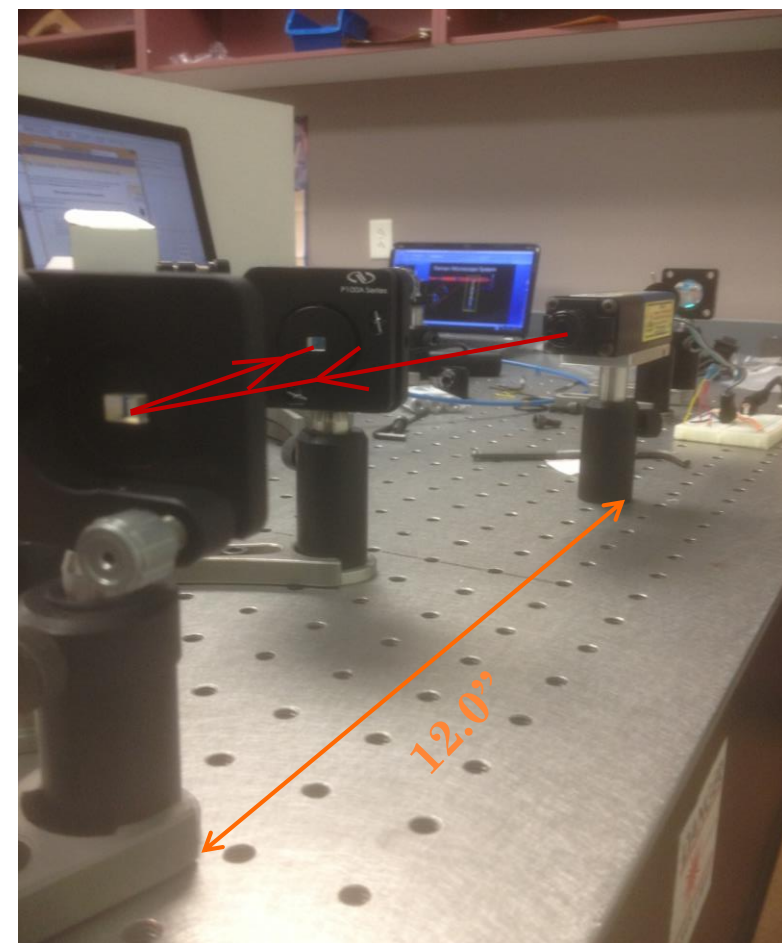
	532 nm	785 nm	1064 nm
Excitation Efficiency	high	medium	low
Fluorescence	high	medium	low
Heat Absorption	low	medium	High

$$P_{scattered} \propto \frac{I_o}{\lambda^4}$$



# VOLUME BRAGG GRATINGS (VBG)

- VBG is a dispersive element for a single wavelength at a single angle.
- Reflects 785 nm and transmits other wavelengths.
- Narrow spectral profile of laser down to less than  $5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  or 0.31 nm.
- Cleans intensity profile.





# PERISCOPE MIRRORS

- Broadband Dielectric Mirror
- 0.5" or 1" mirrors? Raman signal will have a diameter of 0.49" if 10 X is used. 1" Mirrors cost ~\$24 more than 0.5"

Part	BB1 – E03
Wavelength Range (nm)	(99 %) 750 – 1100
Cost	\$75.10

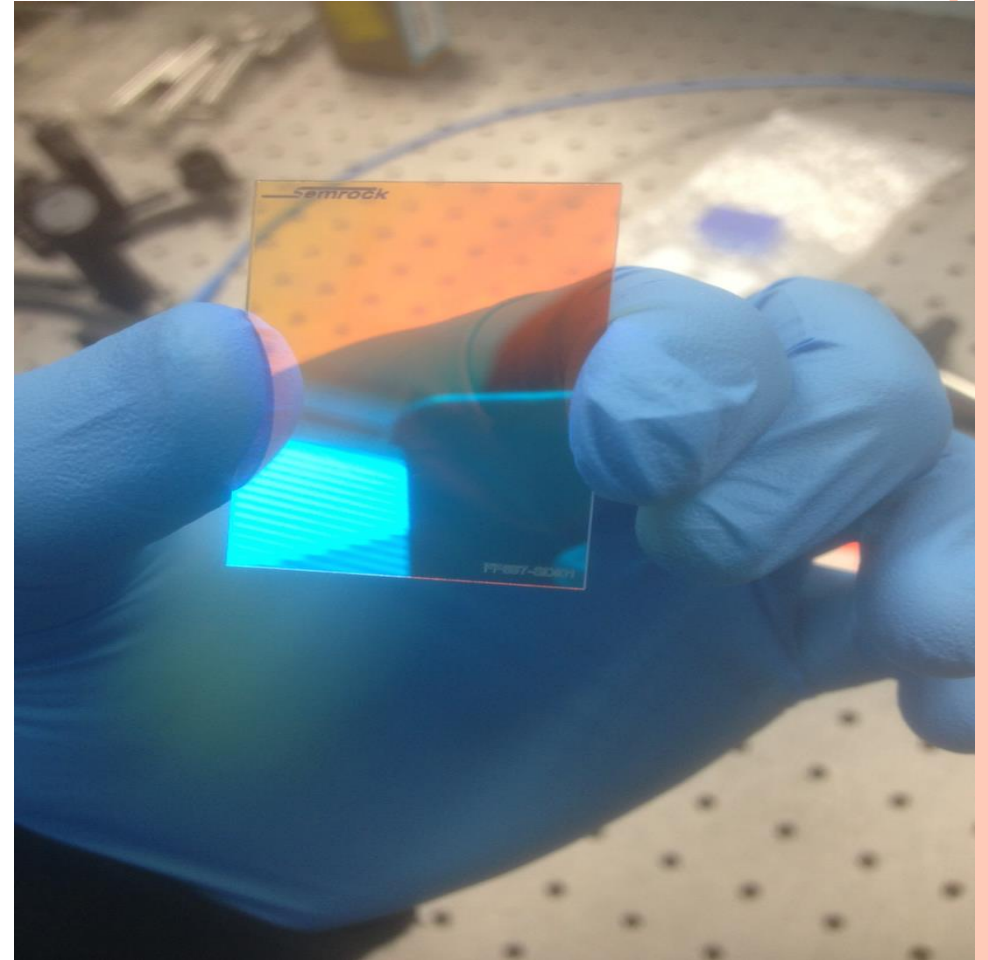
Magnification	4 X	10 X	20 X	40 X
Pupil Diameter (in)	0.27	0.35	0.28	0.24
Raman signal diameter on Mirror (in)	0.38	0.49	0.40	0.34



# SEMROCK FILTER

- Single-Edge Short Pass Dichroic Beamsplitter
- Efficient at 45 degrees

Cost	\$ 225	\$335	\$335
Reflection Band (nm)	(97 %) 705 – 900 nm	(90 %) 750 – 1140 nm	(96 %) 770 – 1100 nm
Tranmission Band (nm)	(93 %) 532 – 690 nm	(90 %) 430 – 700 nm	(93 %) 400 – 730 nm

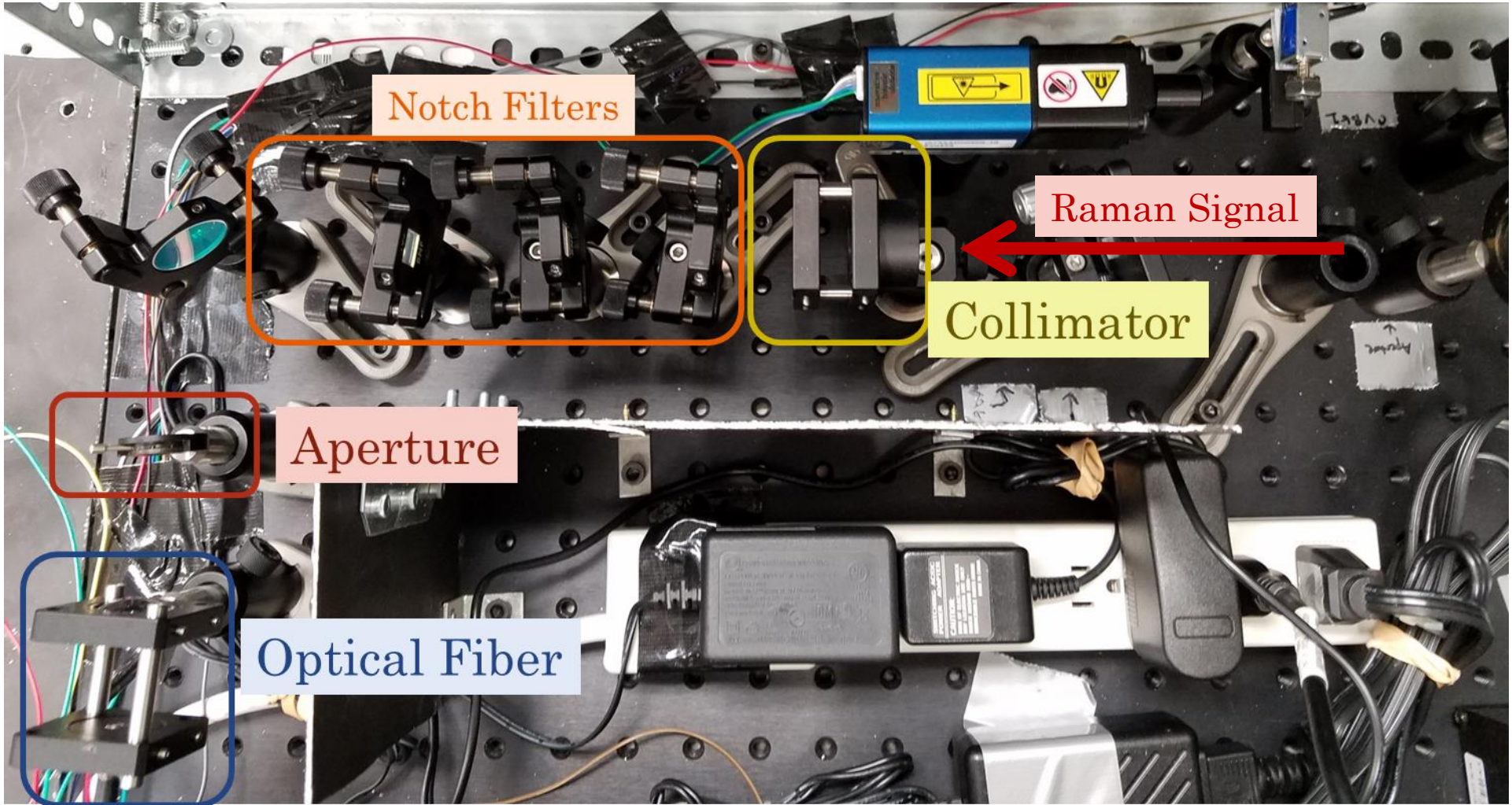


# FILTERING

- Correct collimation (Two-lens collimator)
- Reduce laser line (Notch Filters)
- Remove scattering (Iris aperture)
- Pinhole (Optical Fiber)



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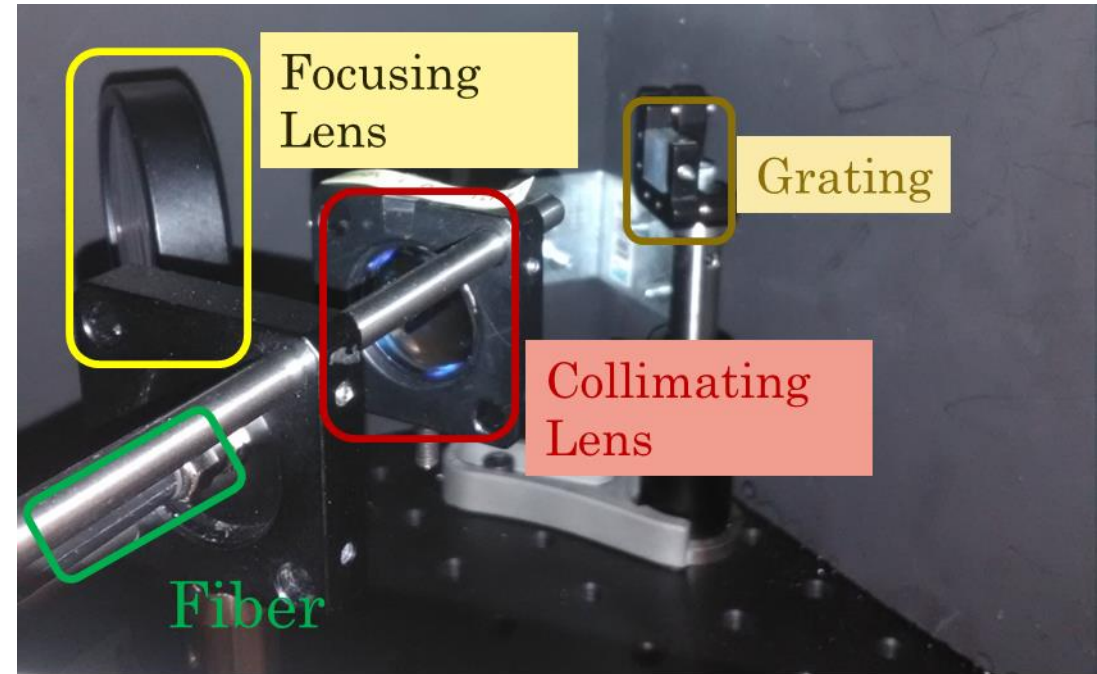
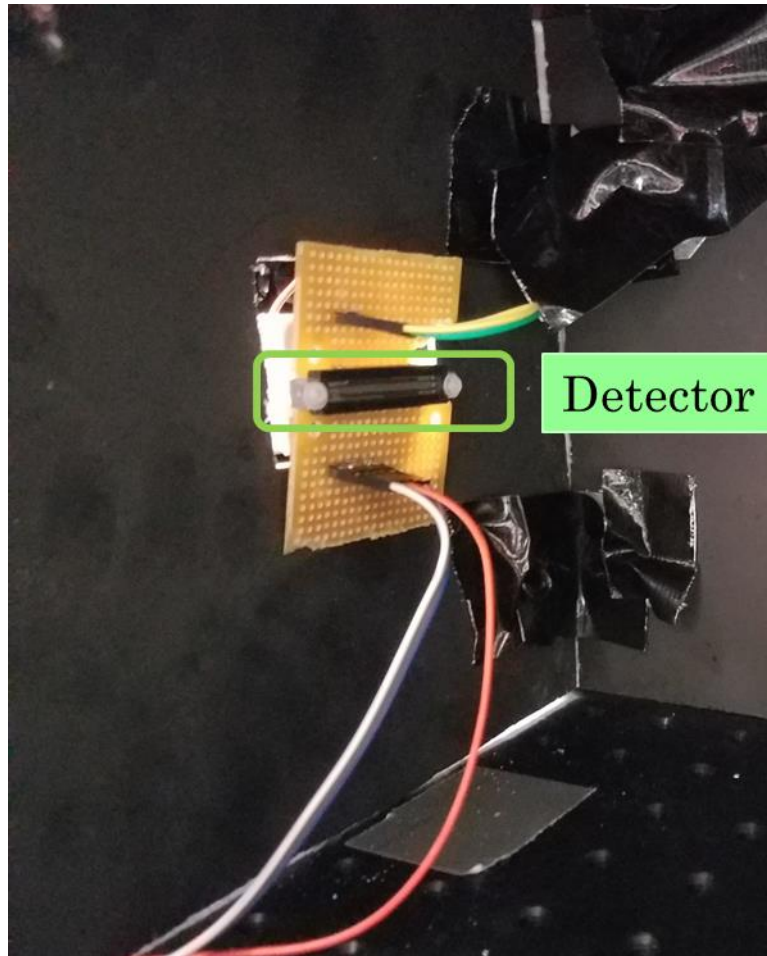


# SPECTROMETER

- Design based on Czerny-Turner spectrometer
- Lens ( $f = 50 \text{ mm}$ ) collimates light from fiber
- Grating (1200 lines/mm,  $12.5 \times 12.5 \text{ mm}$ ) for dispersion
- Lens ( $f = 400 \text{ mm}$ ) focuses light onto detector

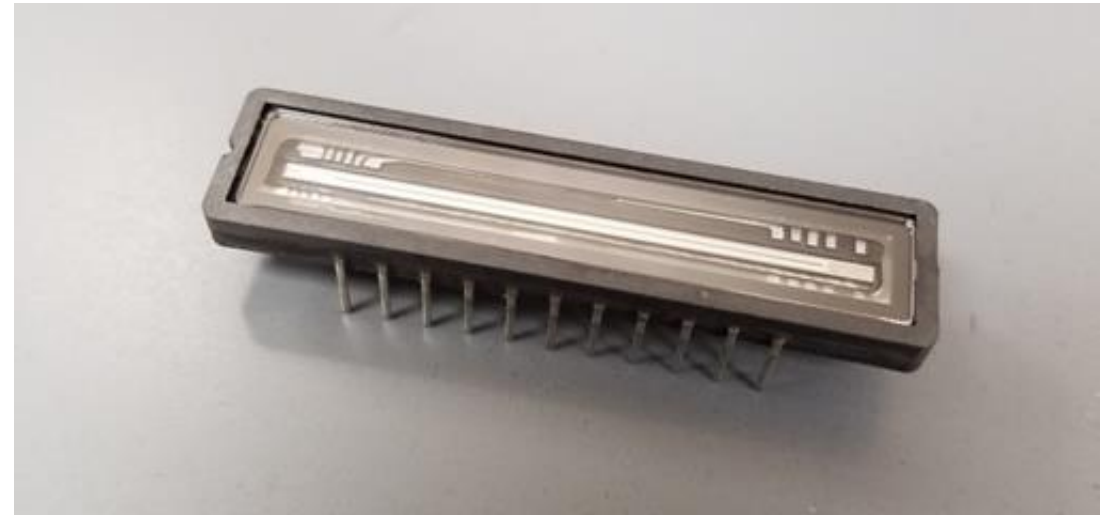


# SPECTROMETER



# DETECTOR

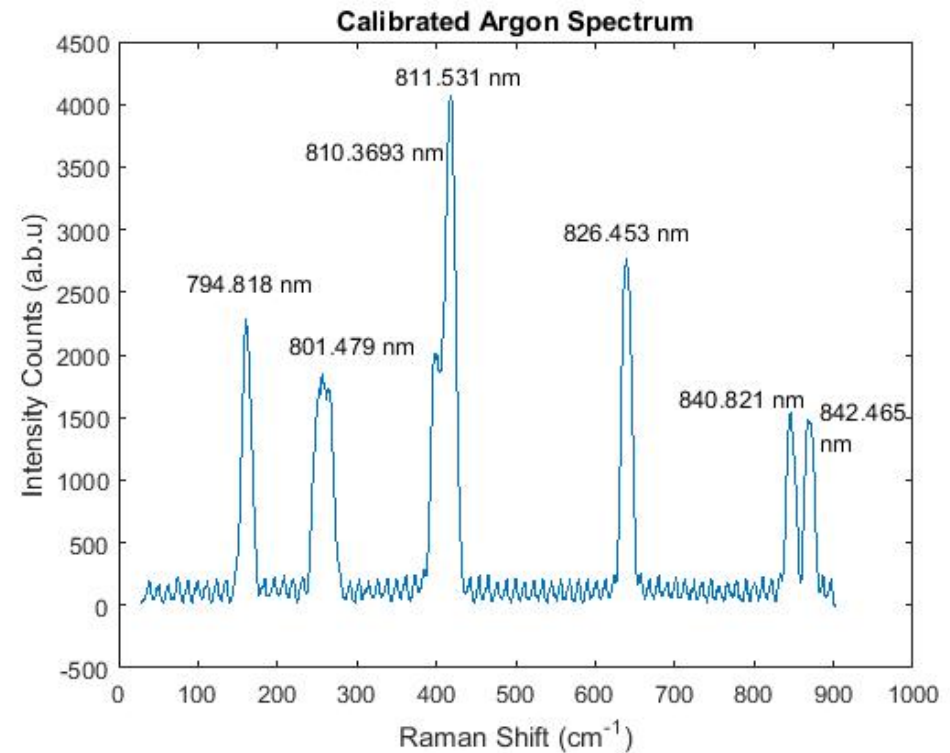
- Collects spectrum
- Each pixel represents a single wavelength
- TCD1304AP
  - Highly sensitive, low dark current linear image sensor
  - 3648 Pixels
  - 8  $\mu\text{m}$  x 200 $\mu\text{m}$  Pixel Size
- Commonly used, cheap, easy to use



# CALIBRATION

- Calibration assigns pixel # to a wavelength or wavenumber.
- Argon lamp used for calibration

Pixel Number	Wavelength (nm)
154	842.465
256	840.821
1166	826.453
2108	811.531
2187	810.369
2777	801.479
3164	794.818

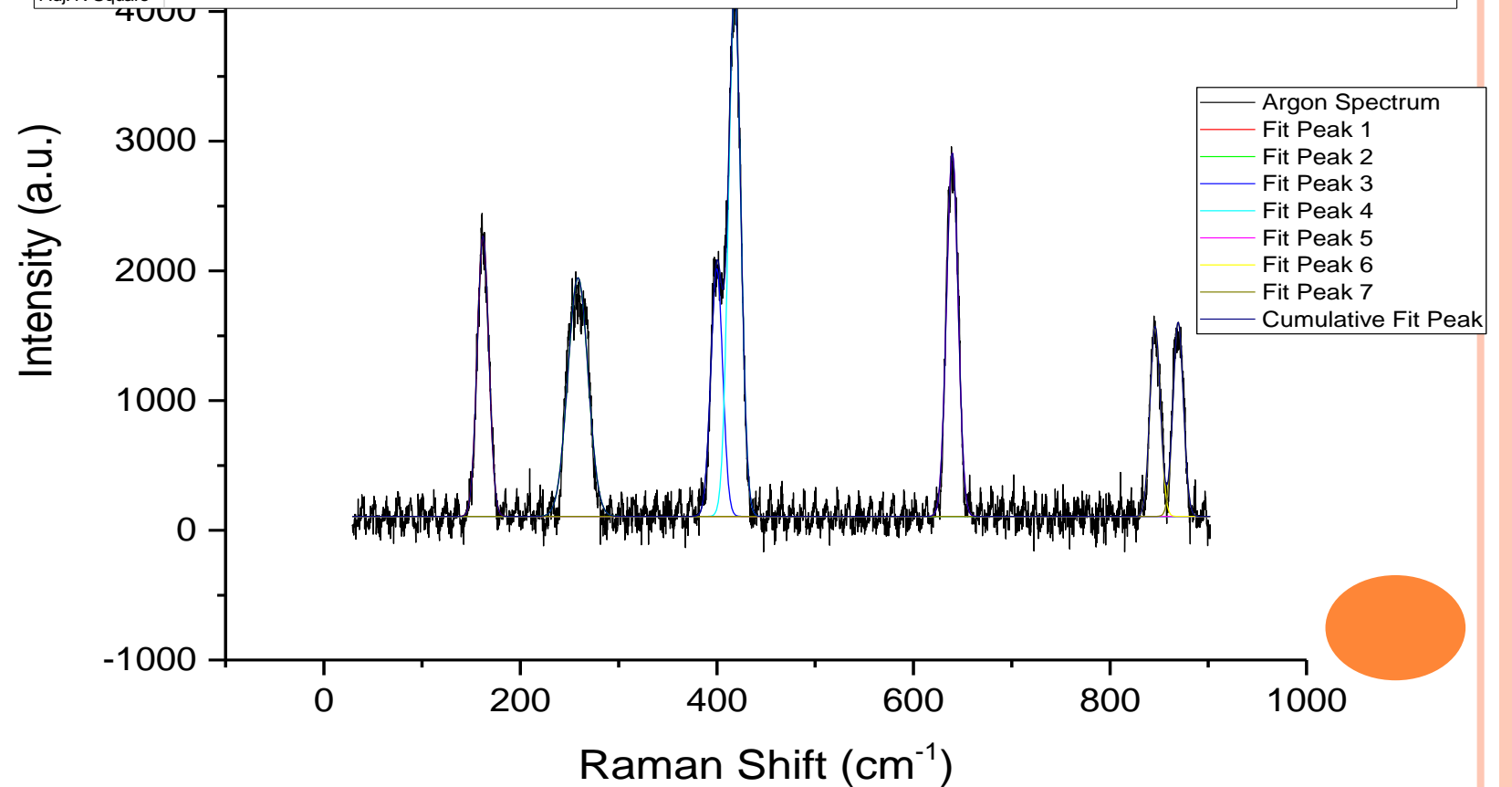




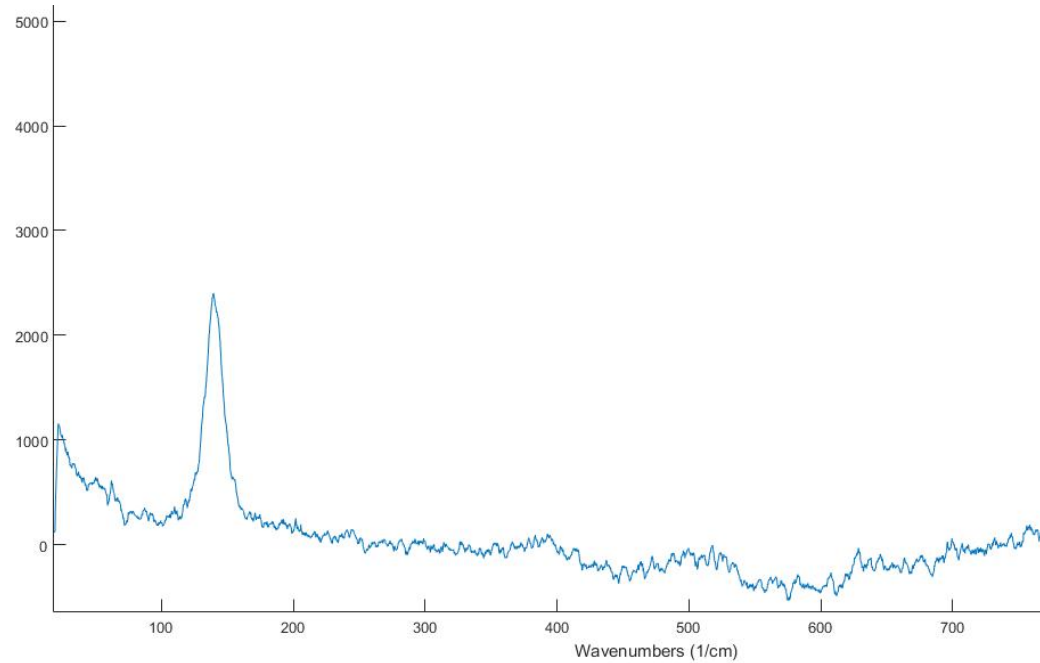
# RESOLUTION CALCULATION

○  $\sim 10.3 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

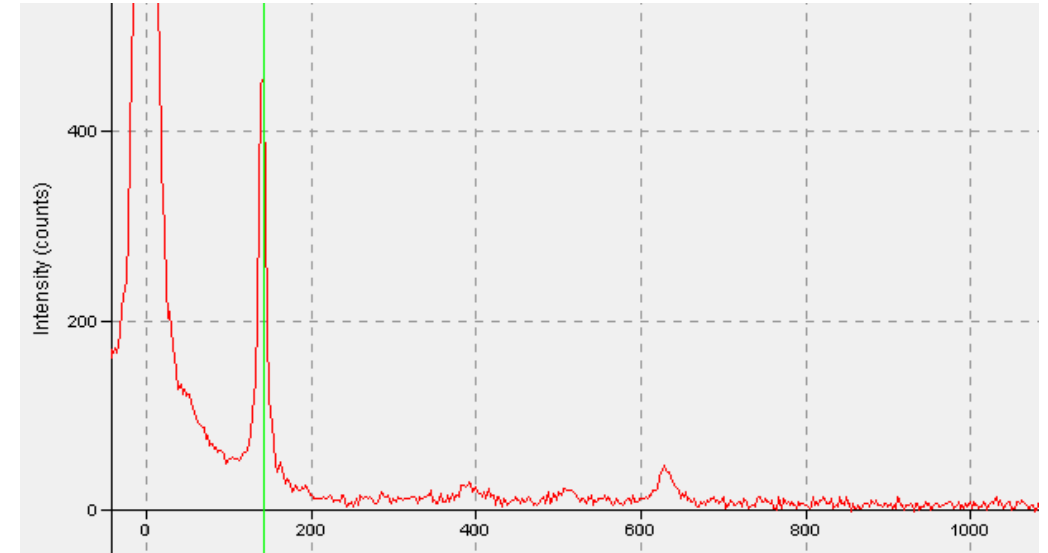
Model	Gauss						
Equation	$y=y_0 + (A/(w*\sqrt{\pi/2}))*\exp(-2*((x-xc)/w)^2)$						
Plot	Peak1(B)	Peak2(B)	Peak3(B)	Peak4(B)	Peak5(B)	Peak6(B)	Peak7(B)
y0	107.35017 ± 1.89806	107.35017 ± 1.89806	107.35017 ± 1.89806	107.35017 ± 1.89806	107.35017 ± 1.89806	107.35017 ± 1.89806	107.35017 ± 1.89806
xc	162.0012 ± 0.0591	258.61762 ± 0.09109	399.84318 ± 0.10894	418.01533 ± 0.05325	639.54873 ± 0.04392	846.00722 ± 0.07867	869.42043 ± 0.0773
w	11.6083 ± 0.11908	20.29634 ± 0.18457	11.84137 ± 0.20711	12.49648 ± 0.10336	11.65547 ± 0.08854	10.35455 ± 0.16135	10.52721 ± 0.1587
A	31447.96048 ± 283.44	46811.7107 ± 378.02	28381.90823 ± 485.96	62995.01762 ± 492.96	40961.97879 ± 273.73	19007.59945 ± 256.50	19778.3108 ± 258.2
Reduced Chi-S	10017.45253						
R-Square(COD)	0.97839						
Adj. R-Square	0.97827						



# RESULTS – EXCEDRIN TABLET



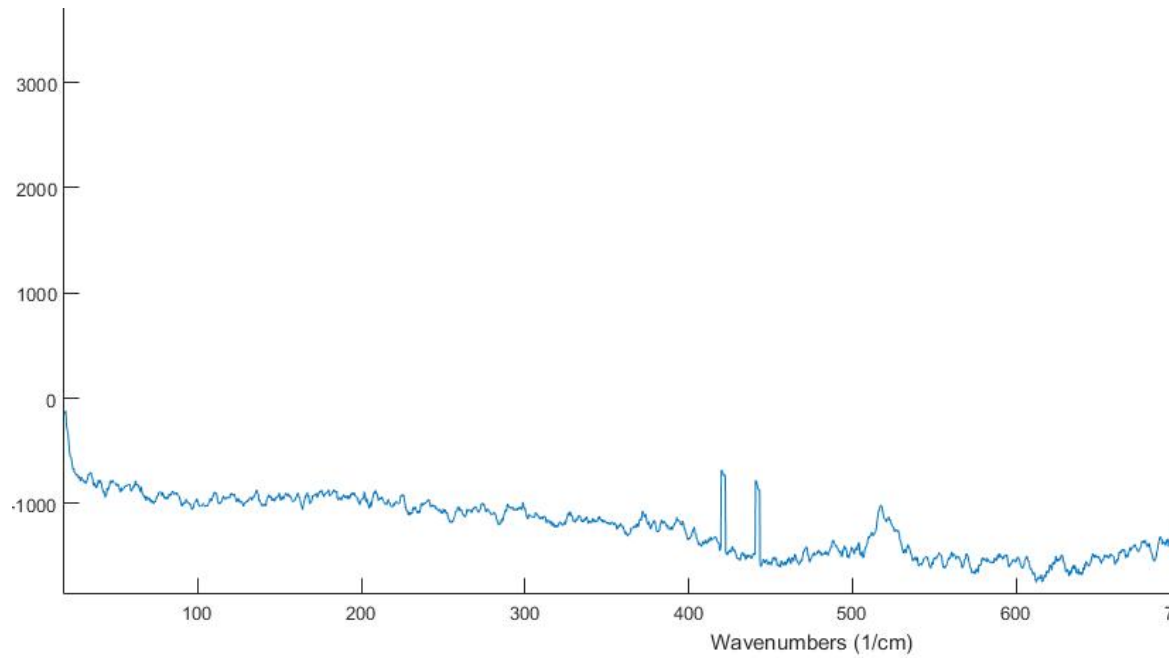
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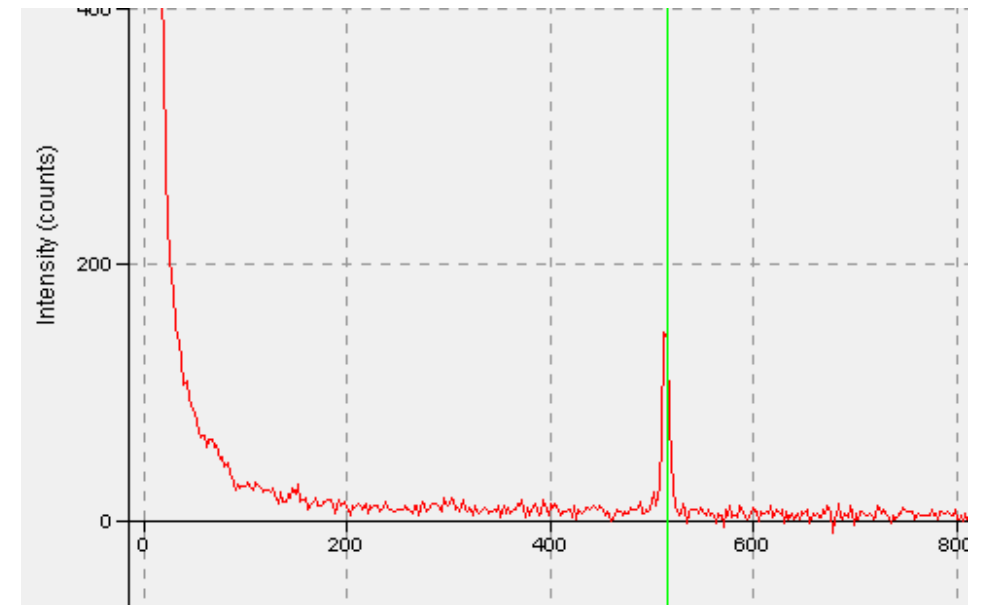
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# RESULTS – SILICON



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# ELECTRICAL DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

- Temperature Monitoring
- Laser blocking
- Backlight Control
- Laser Power Control
- Obtain spectrum with CCD



# ELECTRICAL DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

## Electrical System 1

- Temperature Monitoring
- Laser blocking
- Backlight Control
- Laser Power Control

## Electrical System 2

- Obtain spectrum with CCD
- CCD Cooling to reduce noise



# MICROCONTROLLERS

## Electrical System 1 - Atmega328P

- 5V System Voltage
- 16 MHz
- 23 Programmable I/O
- 6 Pulse Width Modulation
- Easier to Solder (28 pin DIP)
- Cheap - \$2.21
- Easy to use

## Electrical System 2 - Atmega1284P

- 5V System Voltage
- 16 MHz
- 32 Programmable I/O
- 6 Pulse Width Modulation
- Easier to Solder (44 pin DIP)
- Cheap - \$5.50
- Needs Arduino Flash

## Other Considerations - Atmega2560

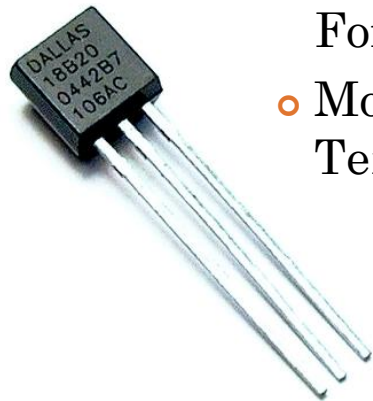
- 5V System Voltage
  - 16 MHz
  - 32 Programmable I/O
  - 6 Pulse Width Modulation
  - Hard to Solder (100 pin TQFP)
  - Cheap - \$2.31
  - Easy to use
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# TEMPERATURE MONITORING

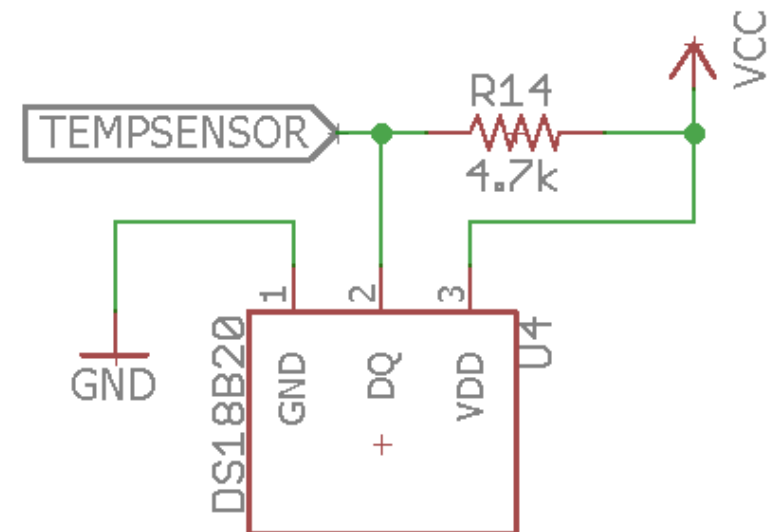
- Constantly Monitor temperature with Automatic Cooling
- Parts Used:
  - Temperature Sensor – Digital
  - Fans

- DS18B20 - Digital Temperature Sensor

- Uses “One – Wire” Communication For multiple sensors on a single bus
- More Accurate than Analog Temperature Sensors



- Circuit Diagram



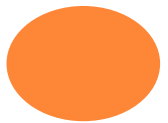
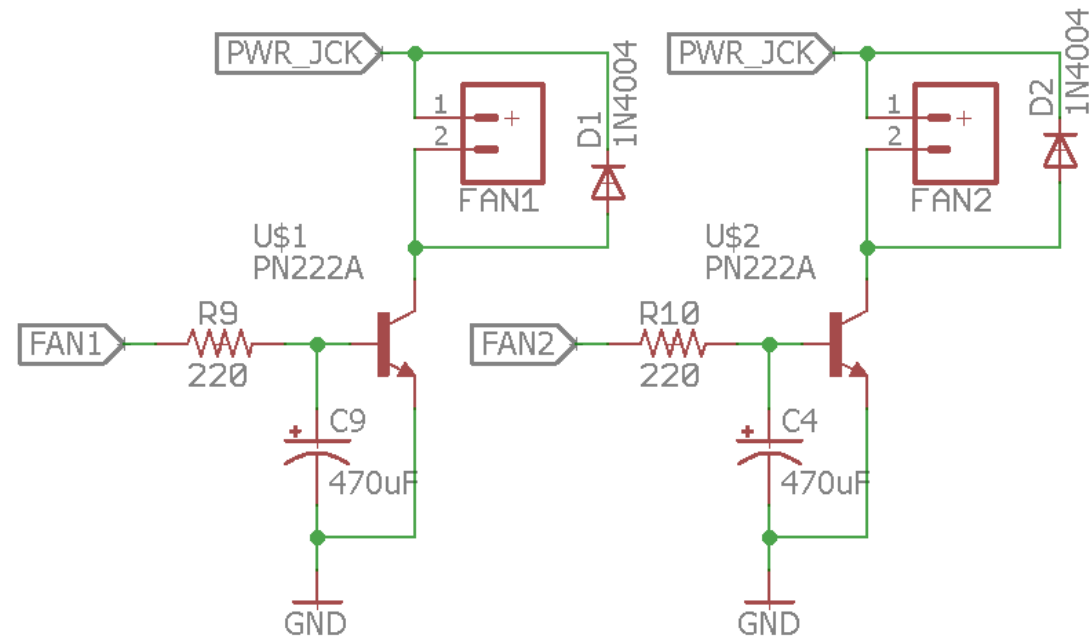
# TEMPERATURE MONITORING

- Provides air flow to the system
- 1 Intake fan and 1 Outtake fan
- Multicomp MC36031
  - 5V
  - 115mA
  - 600 mW
  - Pushes 3cu.ft/min



- Pulse Width Modulation for variable fan speed (0V = 0 PWM and 5V = 255 PWM)

Duty Cycle	Voltage	Temperature Range	PWM Value	Fan Speed
0	23mV	Less than 70 F°	0	0
30%	.778 V	70 F°	72	30%
40%	1.123 V	74 F°	102	40%
60%	2.553 V	78 F°	153	60%
80%	3.753V	82 F°	204	80%
100%	4.42 V	86 F°	255	100%

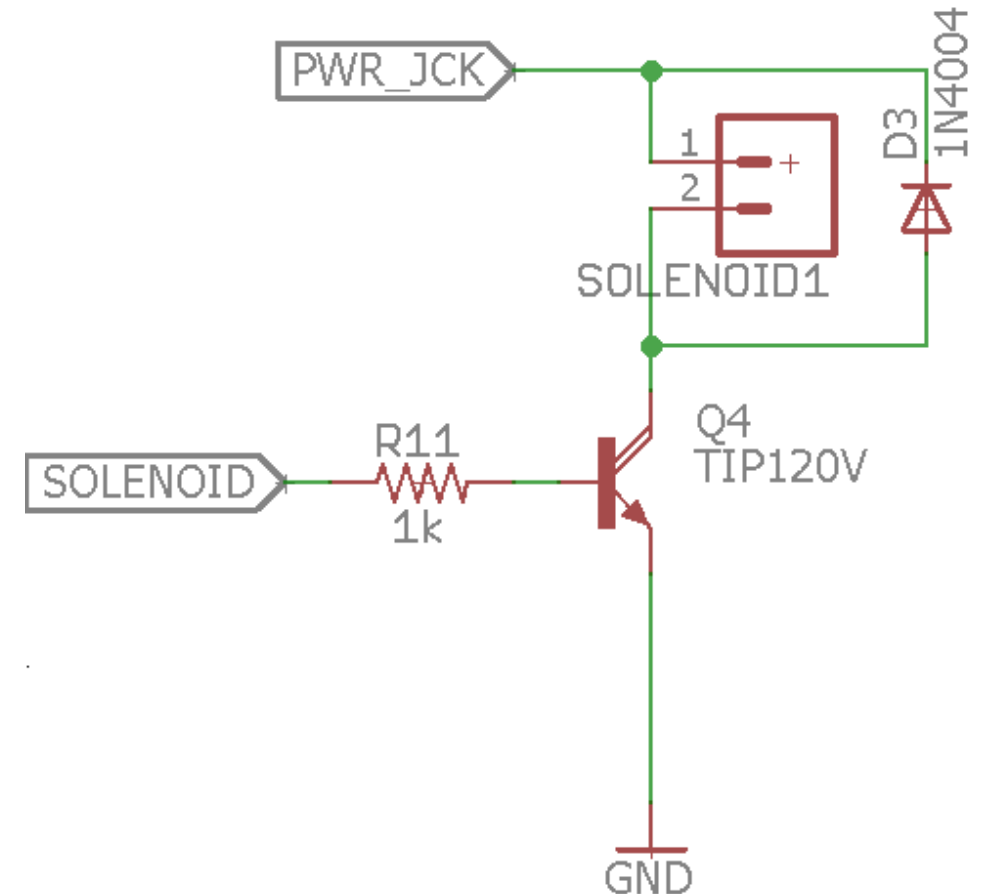
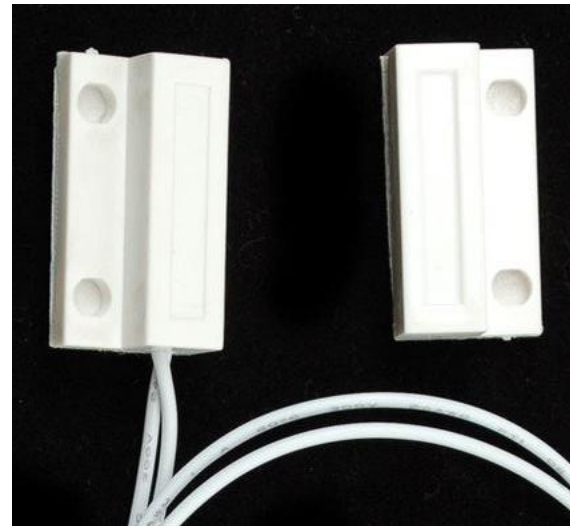
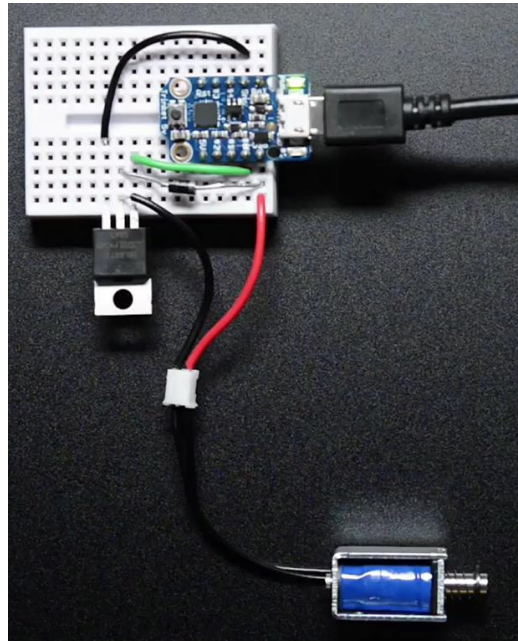




# LASER BLOCKING

- Needed to block the laser while a sample was being loaded on to the sampling stage
- Must be quick
- Mini Push-Pull 5V Solenoid
  - Faster than a motor for our application
  - Small and cheap - \$4.95

## ○ Circuit Diagram

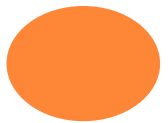
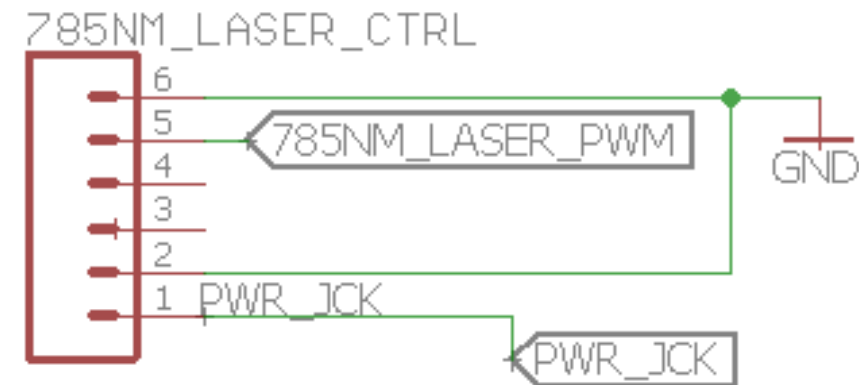


# LASER POWER CONTROL

- Display Laser Power (Software) & Control Laser Power.
- Laser uses 100mW and runs on a 5V source.
- Pulse Width Modulation to modulate the power.

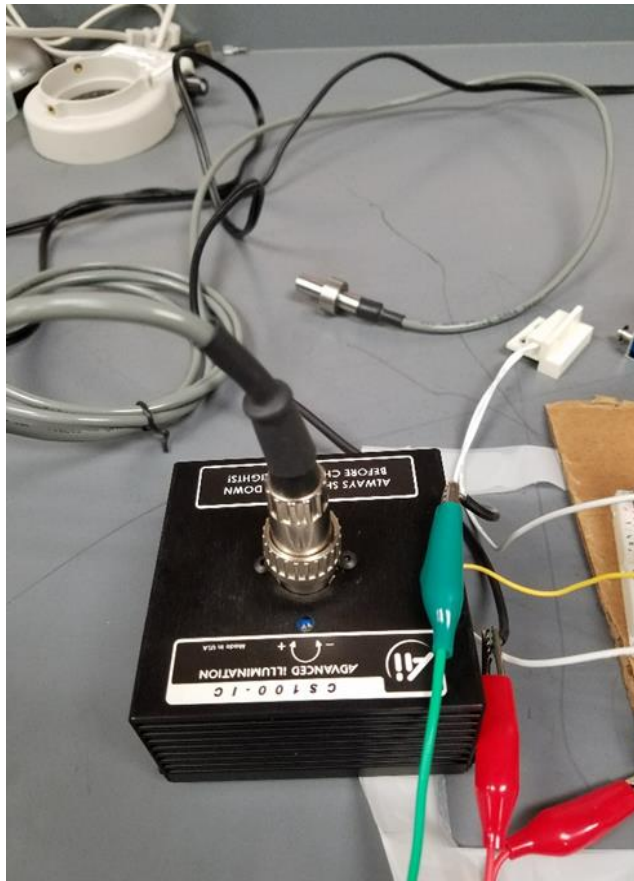
Duty Cycle	Voltage	Power Prior to Calibration	PWM Value
10%	.5	10 mW	26
20%	1	20 mW	51
30%	1.5	30 mW	77
40%	2	40 mW	102
50	2.5	50 mW	128
60	3	60 mW	153
70	3.5	70 mW	179
80	4	80 mW	204
90	4.5	90 mW	230
100%	5 V	100 mW	255

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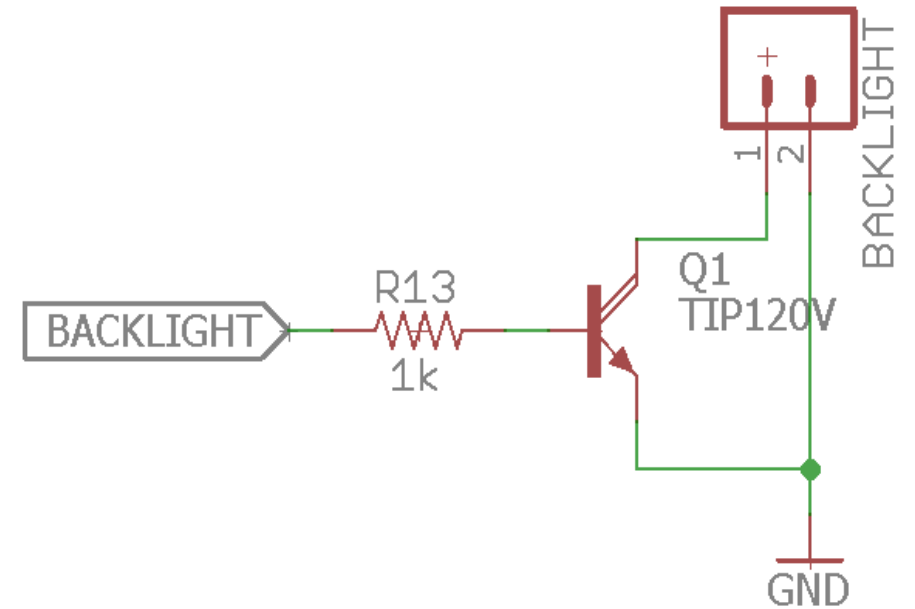


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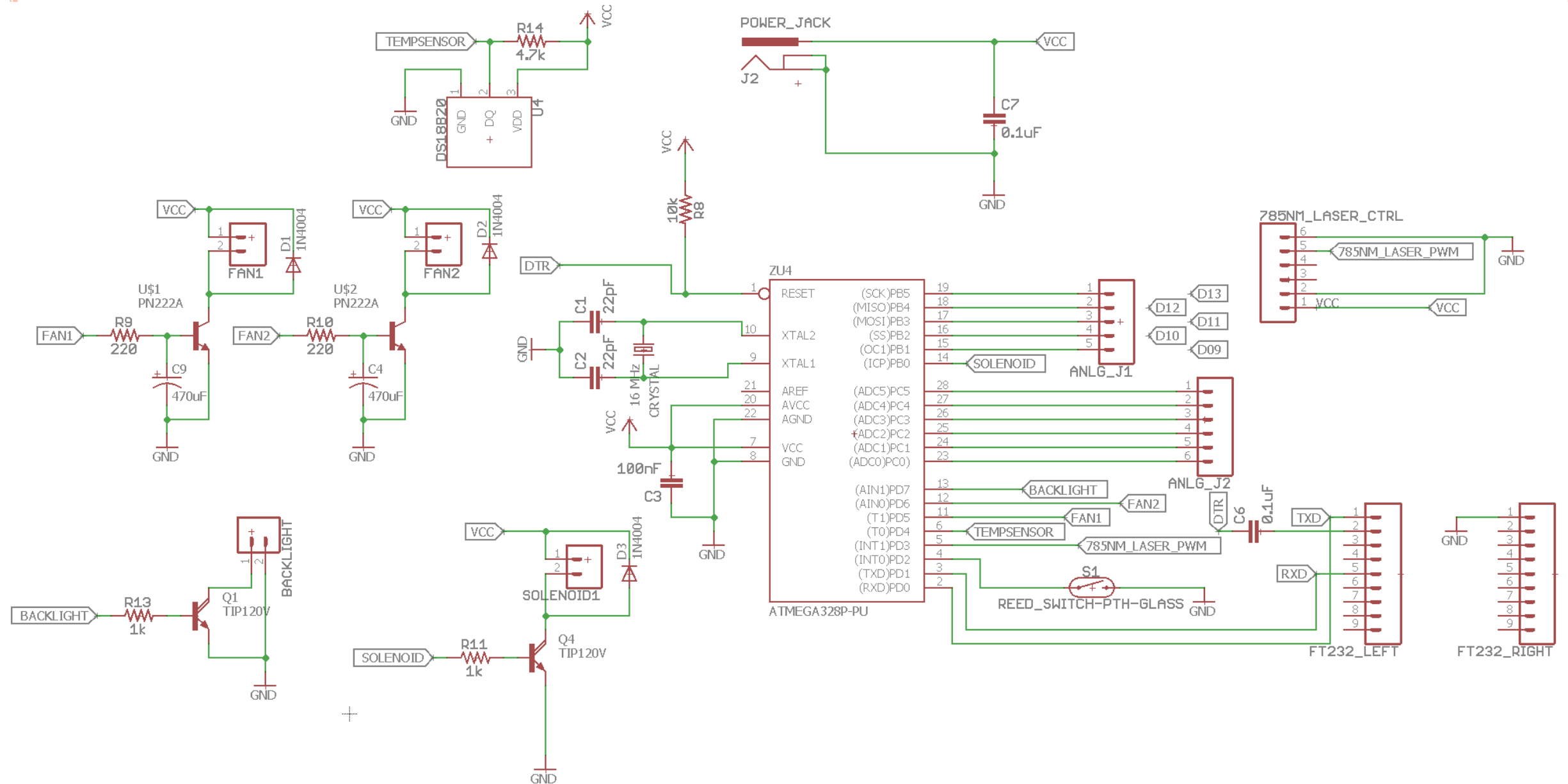
- Control Microscope backlight
  - Allows for user to toggle the backlight on/off



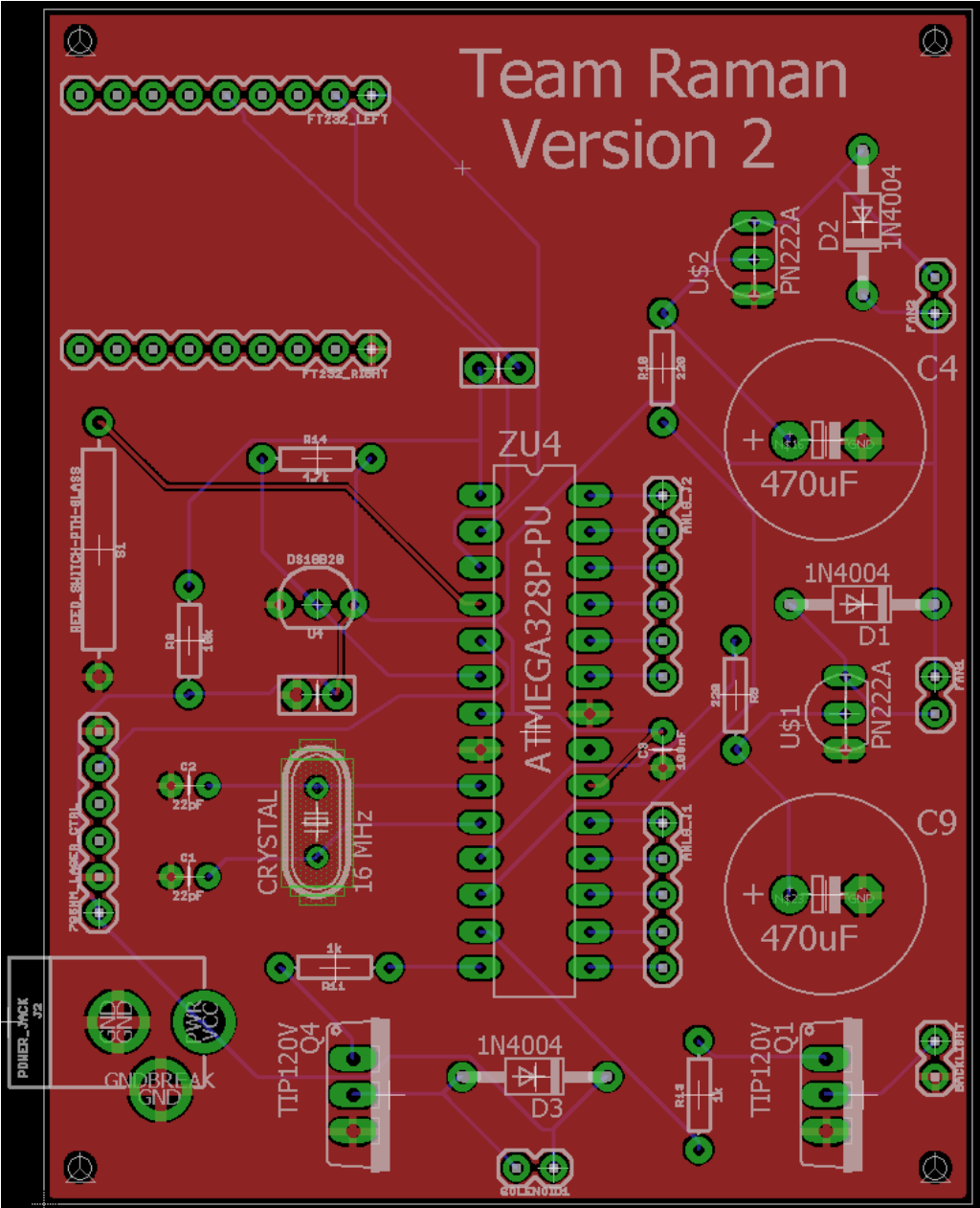
- Backlight Specifications:
  - 24V
  - 1.5A
  - Runs on separate power supply
  - Optional - Plan to integrate power supply into the system



# ELECTRONIC SYSTEM 1 - CIRCUIT



# ELECTRONIC SYSTEM 1 - PCB



# SPECTROMETER CCD CIRCUIT

- Converts the intensity of light to an associated voltage
- This is done by “shifting” signals between stages

## 8 Bit CCD Circuit

- Only allows for 256 different values.
- Reads 800 pixels continuously, not each single pixel.
- Doesn't capture milliVolt changes
- Easy Circuit
- For 1 Least significant bit = 4.8mV
- Did not work for our system

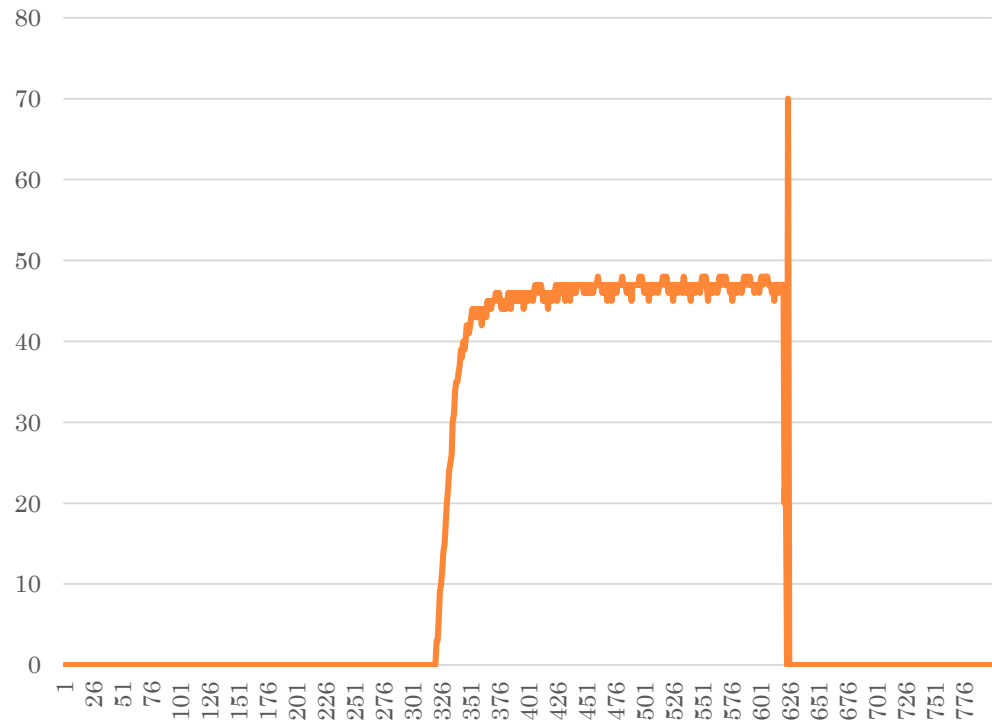
## 16-Bit CCD Circuit

- Allows for 65,535 different values.
- Reads all 3648 pixels.
- Captures microVolt changes
- More difficult to implement
- For 1 least significant bit = 38uV
- Used in our final system

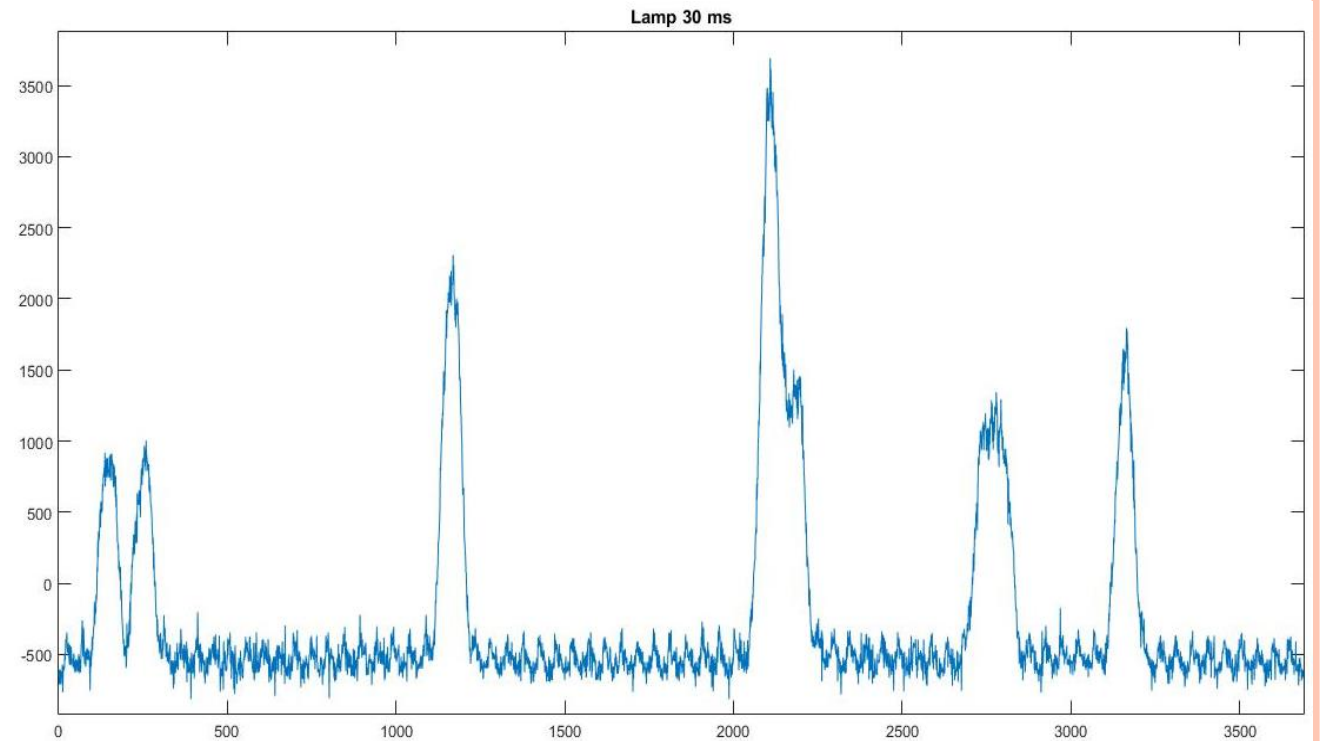


# SPECTRUM COMPARISON

## 8 Bit Spectrum



## 16-Bit Spectrum



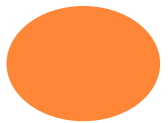
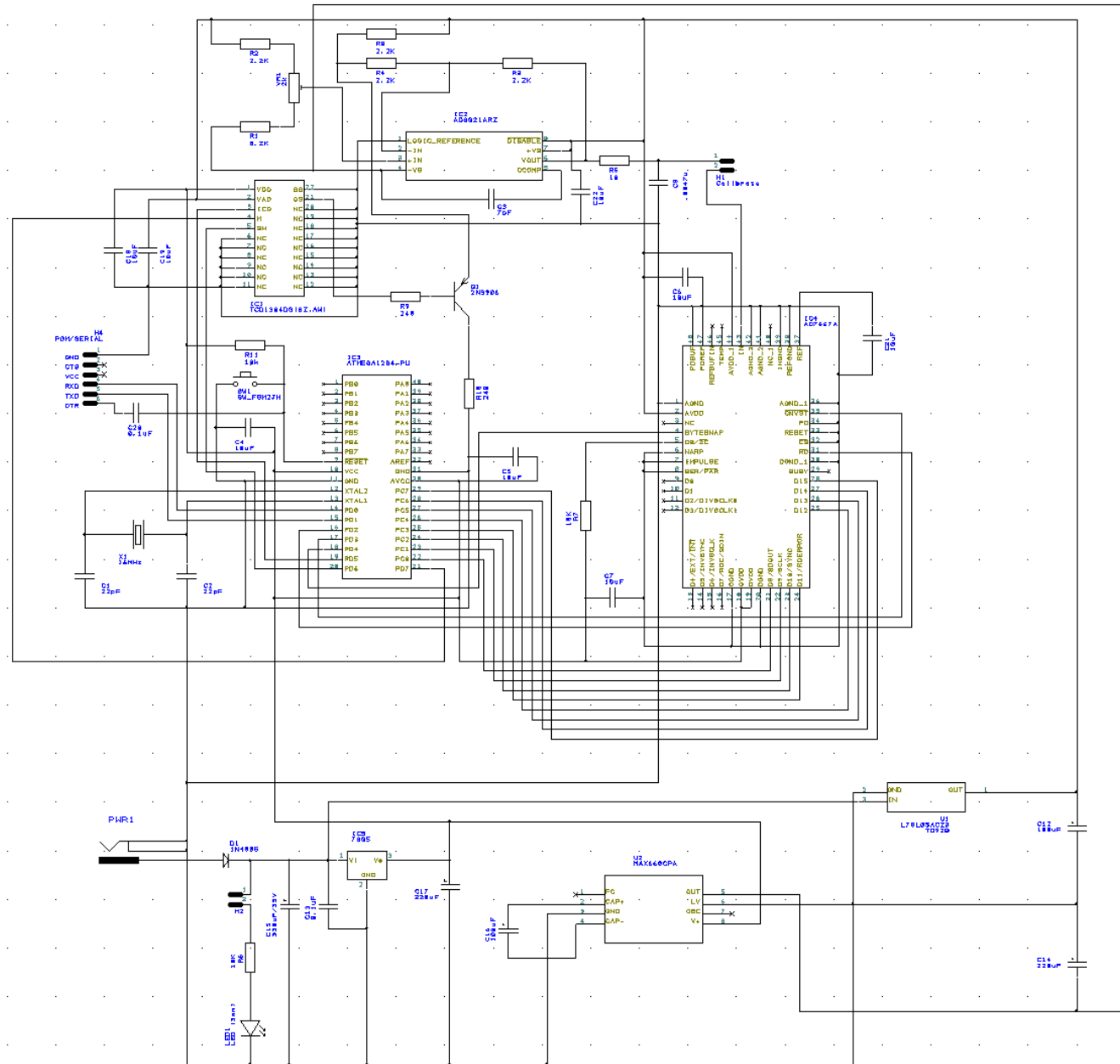
# SPECTROMETER CCD CIRCUIT

- The Atmega1284 has to generate clocks to drive the CCD and ADC.
  - The Master Clock, the Shift Gate, and the Integration Clear Gate.
  - The CNVST, RD, and the BYTESWAP control lines on the ADC.
- To generate the pulses, the ATmega1284 timers were used.
- An AD7667 16-bit 1 MSPS converter was used which can digitize a frame in 16ms
- The sensitivity of the 16 bit converter is  $2.5V / 65536 = 38\mu V$

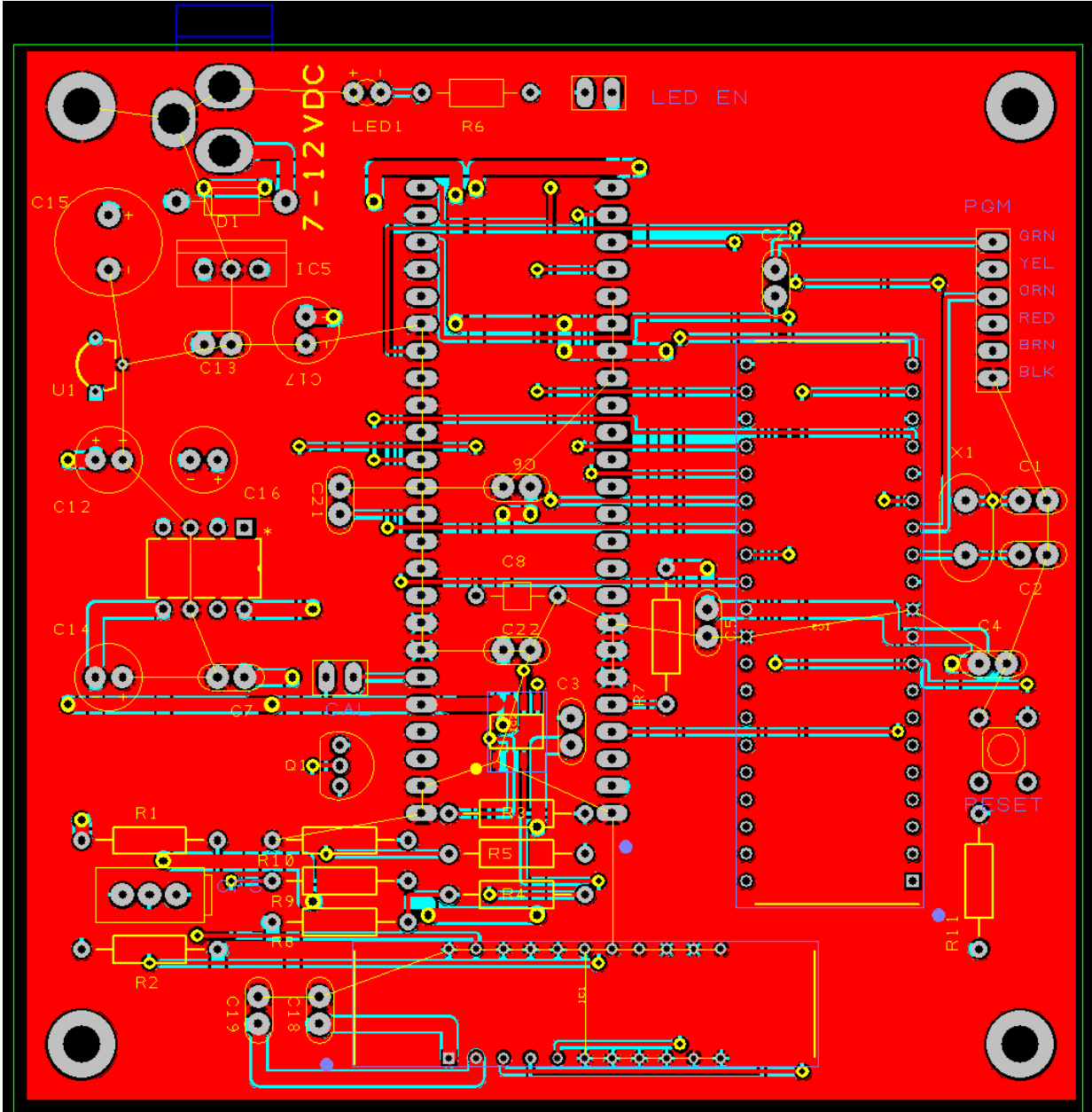




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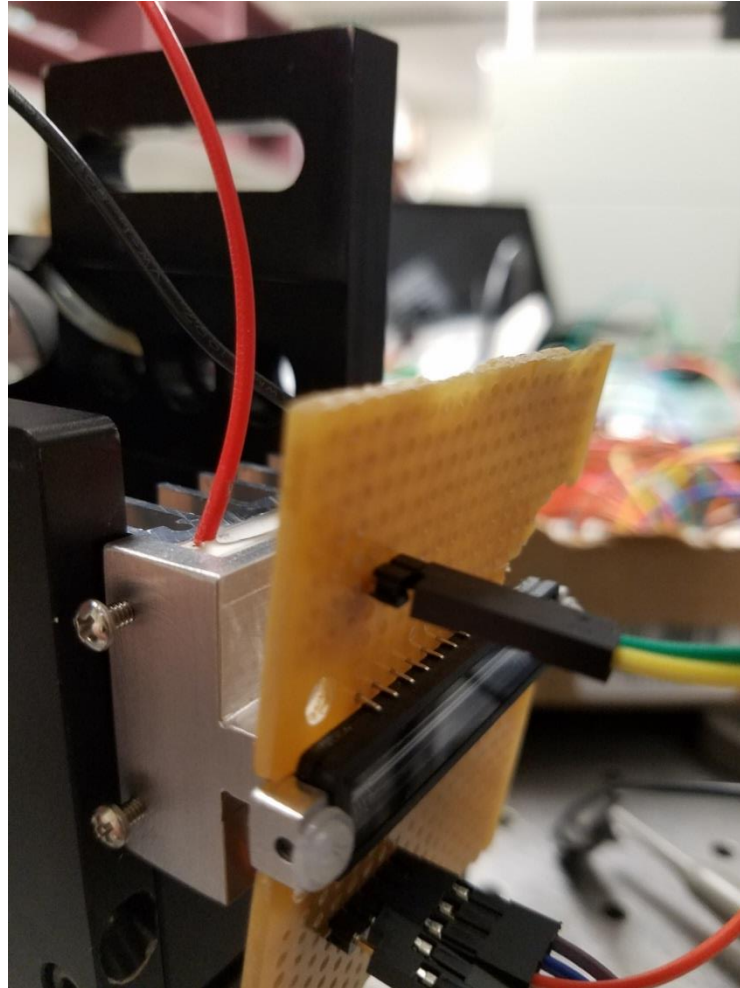
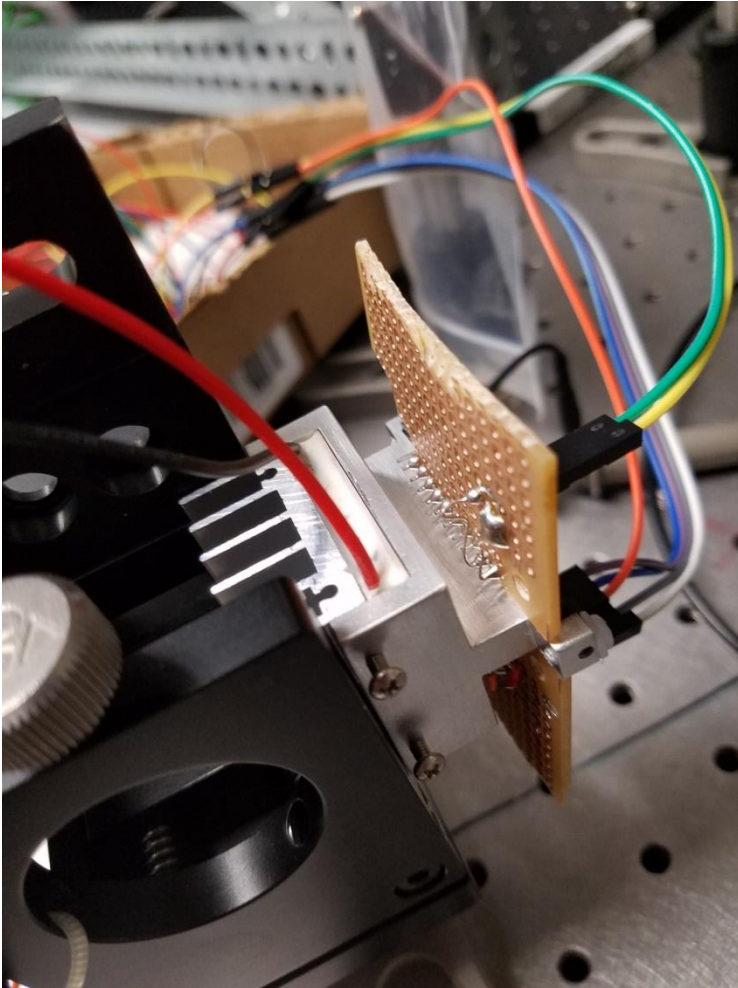


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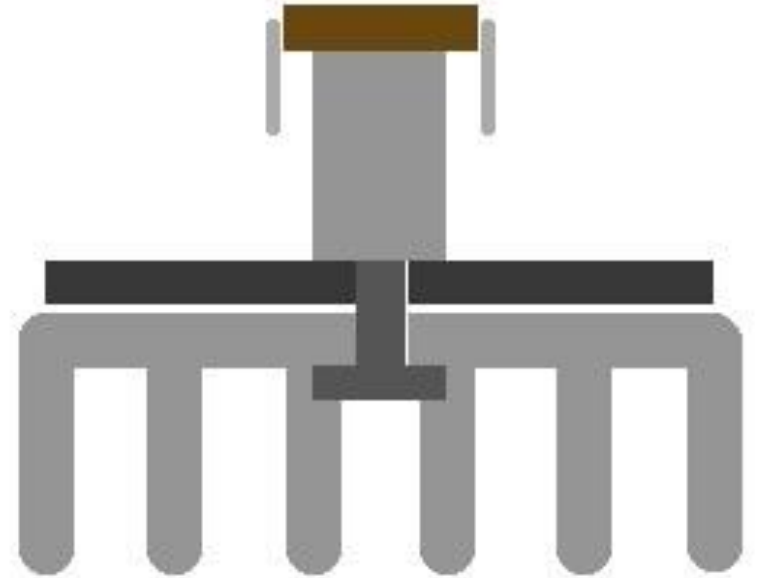


## CCD COOLING

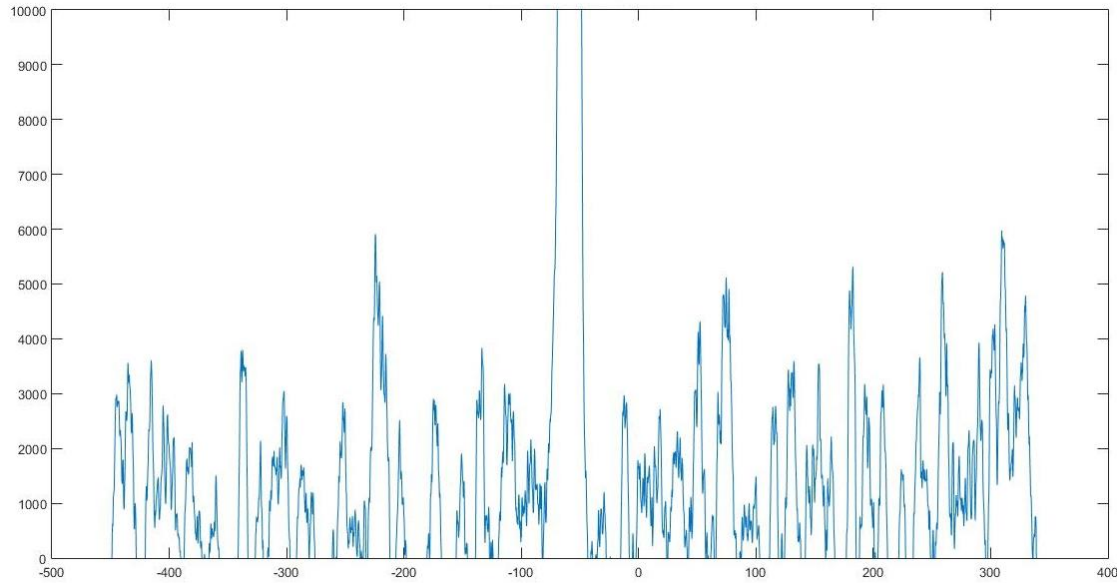
- A TEC was built because thermal noise was too much when looking at low voltage signals.
- 5V, 1.5A TEC plate was used while a fan and a heatsink blow out heat.



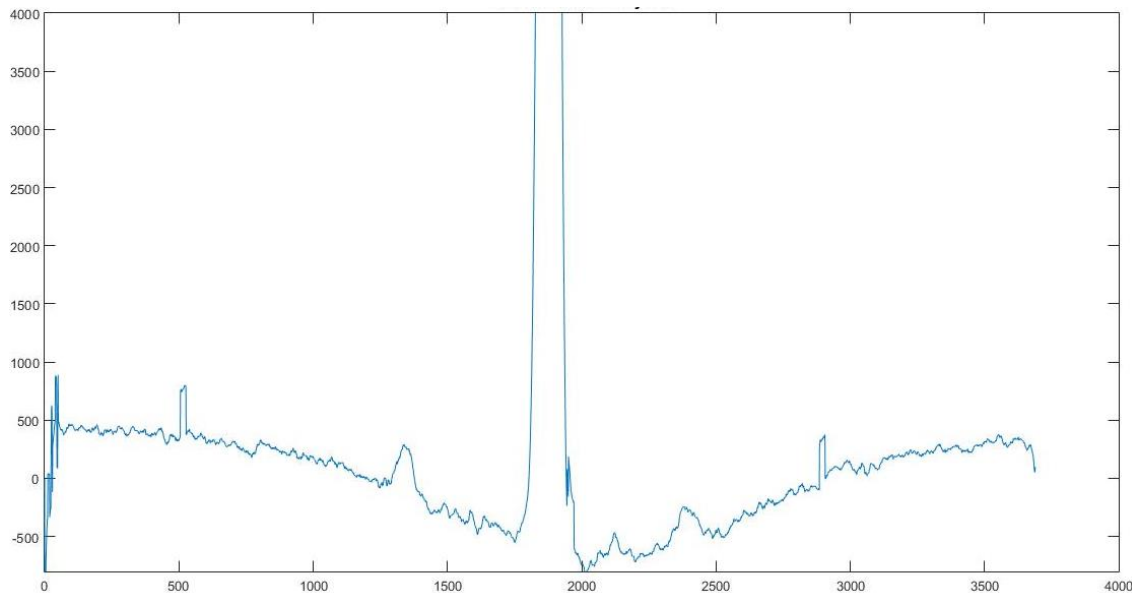
- CCD Cooling design



# SPECTRUM COMPARISON USING THE TEC



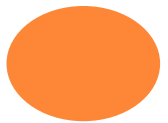
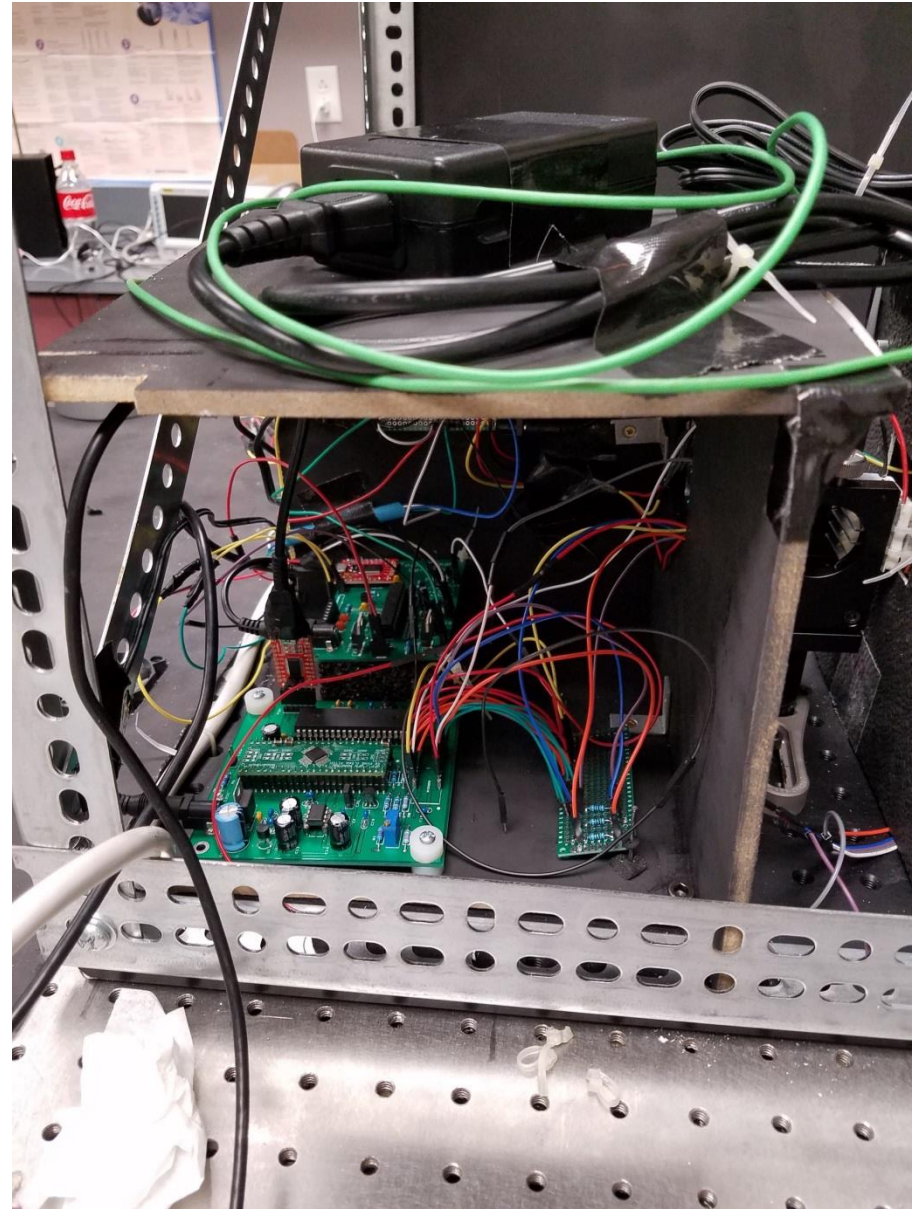
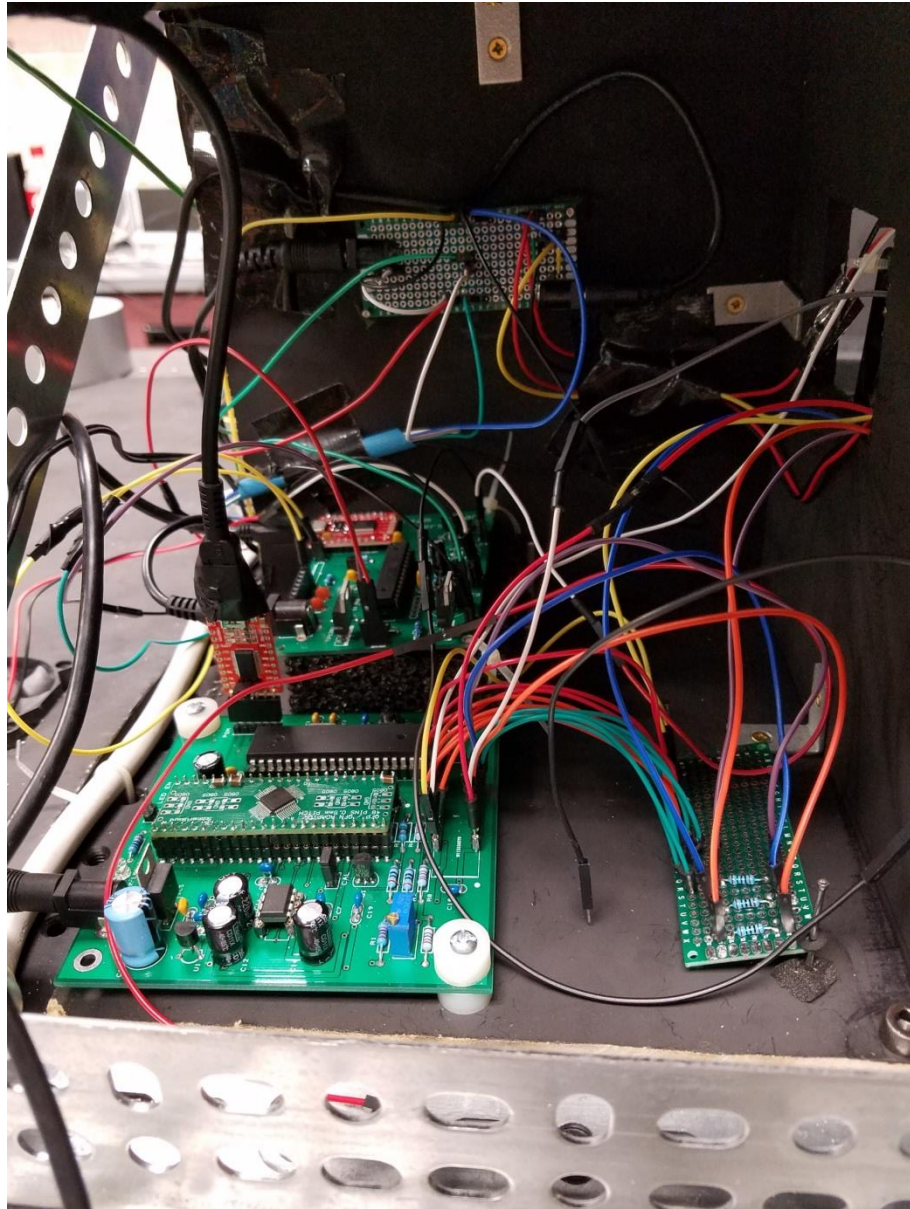
- Spectrum before cooling.
- Noise at its highest is at 6000 analog to digital unit.



- Spectrum after cooling.
- Noise at its highest is at 800 analog to digital unit



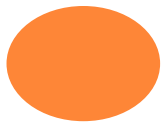
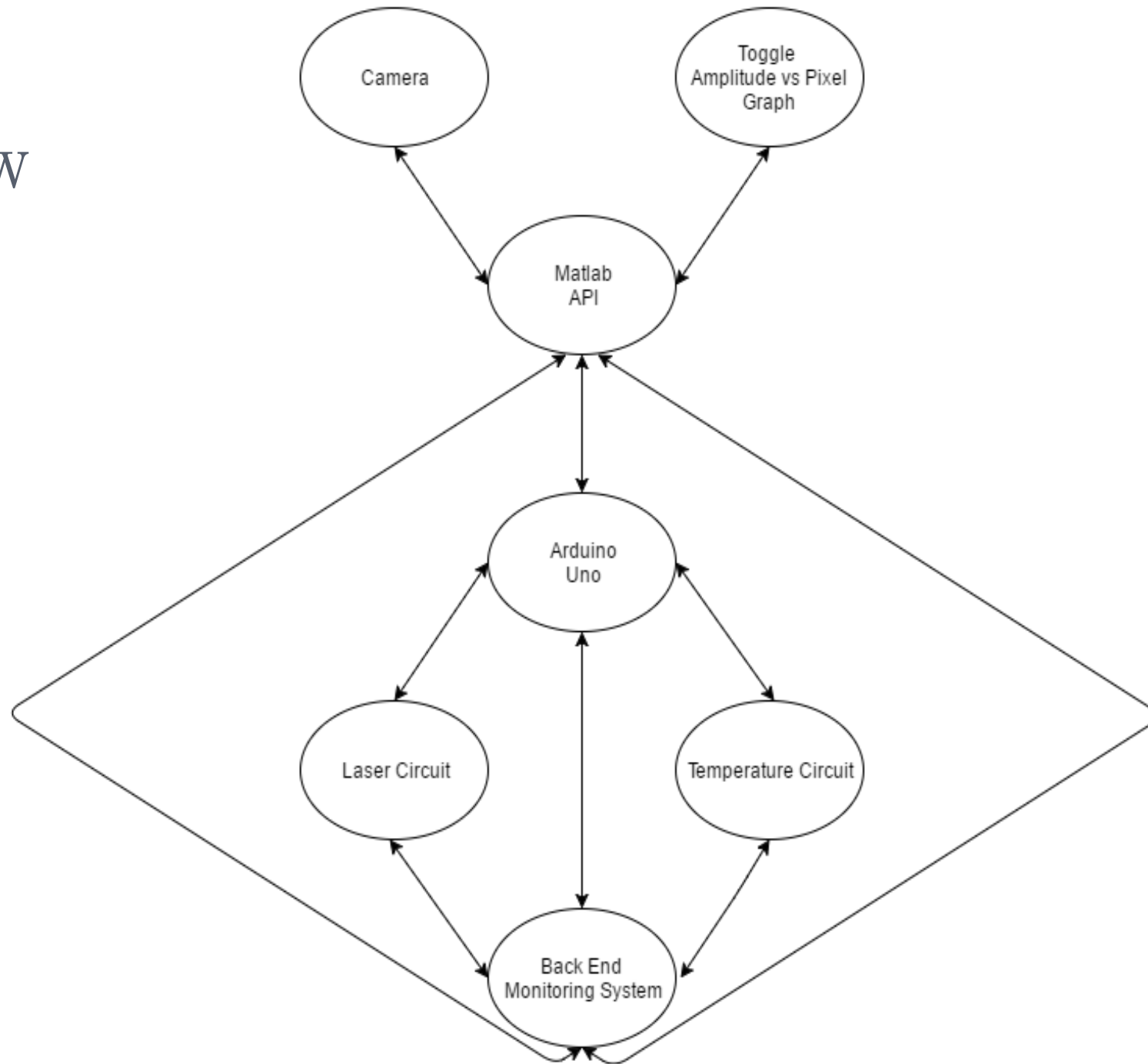
# ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS ENCLOSED



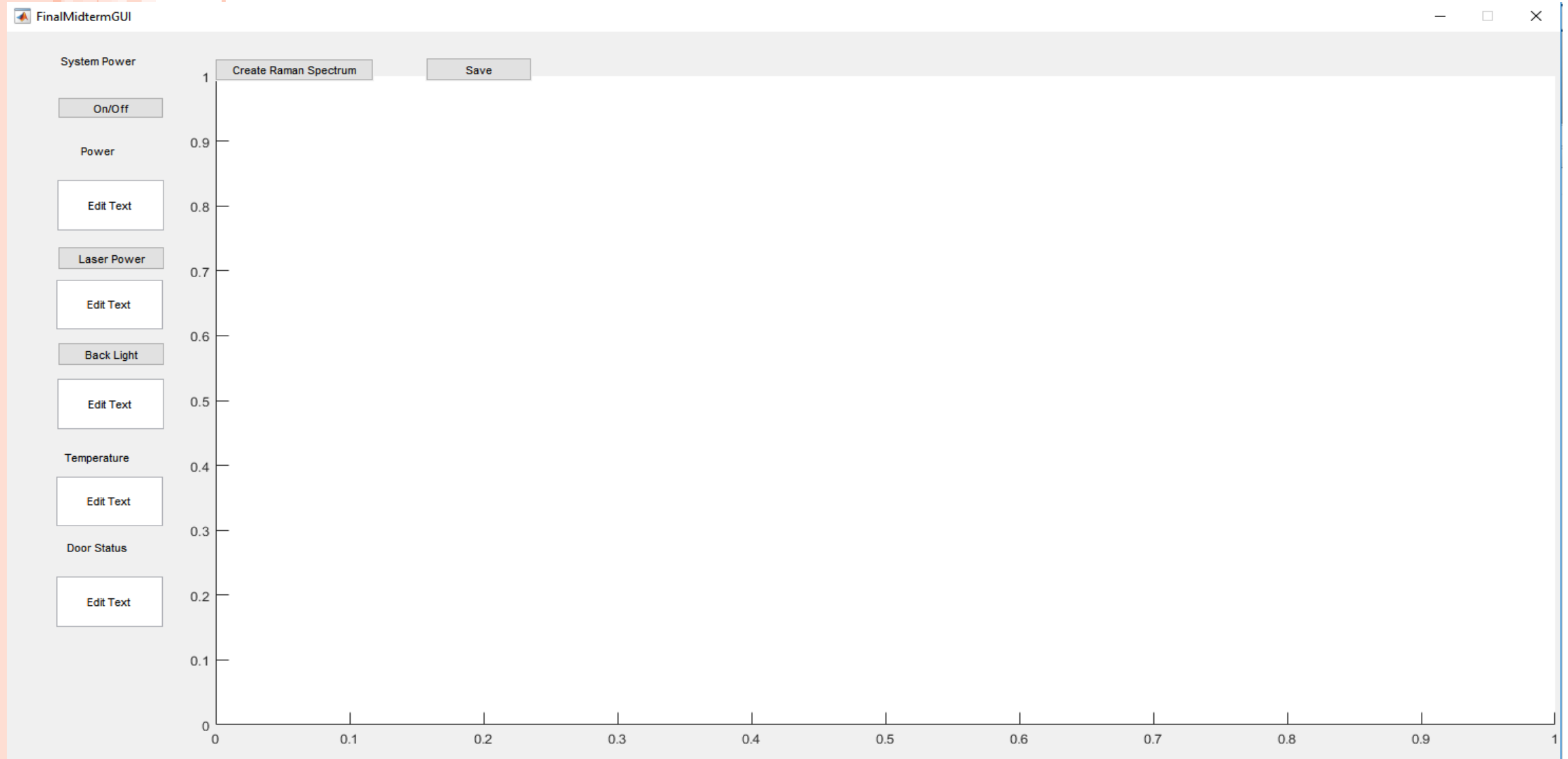
# GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE

- MATLAB
- Used to Control
  - Laser Power
  - Fan Speeds
  - Temperature
  - Door Sensor
  - Graph Wavenumber vs Intensity
  - Camera

# GUI FLOW



# GUI PICTURE





# ISSUES

## ○ Optical Issues:

- Resolution specification not met
- Detector is noisy
- Ambient light causing issues

## ○ Electrical Issues

- Sometimes the Electrical system 1 – Arduino runs “hot” and may “lose connection to the host PC”
- Solenoid gets very warm when blocking laser
- CCD cooling system generates dew on the CCD.

## ○ Software

- High serial throughput for a single MATLAB interface.
- The camera the professor wants to use does not connect with MATLAB. Therefore we used the a separate software for the camera connection.



# BUDGET

Electronics Parts	Price
Arduino Uno	24.95
5V 2A Power Supply	7.95
Magnetic Contact Switch	3.95
DS18B20	3.95
Solenoid	4.95
TO-220 Heatsink	0.75
Diode Kit	5.99
Transistor Kit	20
Capacitor kit	20
Resistor Kit	10.99
5V DC Fan	7.99
TCD1304	3.5
LM324 Op Amp	0.58
break-away pin strip male	4.95
FT232RL	14.95
PCB-Team Raman	\$33
PCB -Electrical System 2	\$33
Atmega1284	\$6
Max660 Charge Pump	\$10
Schmartboard	\$6
ad7667	\$22
LM7805	\$1
L78L05 Linear Regulator	\$1
AD8021	\$3
Total	\$250.48

Optics Parts	Price
Grating	64.40
Grating Mount	65.90
Focusing Lens	40.50
Focusing Lens Mount	25.25
1st Lens	41.21
1st Lens Mount	16.00
2nd Lens	33.10
2nd Lens Mount	34.70
Cage 4pack	26.37
2" 5-pack Post Holders	38.50
2" 5-pack Posts	23.36
Notch Filter Mounts	38.70
Mount for Detector	59.20
Kinetic Mirror Mount with a 1" BB1-E03 Mirror	103.50
Semrock Beamsplitter	255.00
Total	\$ 865.69



QUESTIONS?

