improvements in optical photo-multiplier technology and associated electronics.

In summary, the future outlook for the new technique seems to be quite bright. It is not being claimed here that the surface Raman scattering technique is destined to solve immediately any specific problem of surface science which may have a great technical importance. What is being said here is that it would become a great analytical technique to study physical processes relevent to surface physics and chemistry, and it is the correct time for any one to enter this exciting field.

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