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Raman Spectroscopy with Practical Applications

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Presentation Topics

- Raman spectroscopy and photoluminescence
- Polymorphism
- Liquid and head space Raman spectroscopy
- Raman spectroscopy of polymers
- Particle size characterization with chemical identification



Vibrational Spectroscopy

- Vibrational spectroscopy studies vibrations in a system using light.
- IR and Raman spectroscopy are the most common and complementary to each other.
 - IR spectroscopy is absorption (or reflection) spectroscopy
 - Raman spectroscopy is scattering spectroscopy
- Applications of vibrational spectroscopy
 - Molecular spectroscopy
 - Vibrations of atoms within molecules
 - Gas, liquid and solid
 - Solid state and material science
 - Vibrations of atoms within molecules (e.g. molecular crystals, amorphous materials)
 - Vibrations between atoms and molecules (e.g. amorphous materials)
 - Vibrations of crystalline lattice
 - From liquid to solid (e.g. gel, crystal)



Raman Scattering



Raman Spectra of Polystyrene at 532, 638 and HORIBA 785 nm Excitation



Raman Spectra of Polystyrene at 532, 638 and HORIBA 785 nm Excitation



Raman Spectra of Glass Microscope Slide at 532, 638 and 785 nm Excitation



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Raman Spectra of Fused Quartz at 532, 638 and 785 nm Excitation





Photoluminescence of Few-Layer MoS₂



Raman Spectra of Al₂O₃:Cr at 532 and 633 nm Excitation



HORIBA

Photoluminescence Spectra of Al₂O₃:Cr at 405, HORIBA 532 and 633 nm Excitation



Raman Spectra of Methanol and Ethanol



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Spectral Analysis: Comparison





The same chemical composition $C_6H_{12}O_6$ but different molecular structures





Similar Molecular Structures





Diastereomers





Substitution





Carbon Nanotubes





Raman Spectroscopy and Polymorphism

Monoclinic and Tetragonal ZrO₂ Anatase and Rutile TiO₂ Acetaminophen Forms I and II



ZrO₂ : Monoclinic and Tetragonal

At ambient conditions the monoclinic phase is stable. The high T tetragonal phase can be stabilized by alloying with oxides such as Y_2O_3 , AI_2O_3 , CaO. There is a third phase which is cubic, and stable at even higher temperatures.





Anatase and Rutile TiO₂ with 532 nm Excitation





Rutile with Anatase TiO₂ Impurity, Green Spectrum





















Liquid and Head Space Raman Spectroscopy

Hydrogen Bonding and Molecular Interactions

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Macro-Raman Sampling from a Cuvette





Macro-Raman Sampling from a Bottle





Head Space of Beer – CO₂





Sparkling Water – CO₂





Ammonia – Hydrogen Bonding





Methanol – Hydrogen Bonding





Raman Spectroscopy of Polymers

Aromatic Polymers PET Stretched Polypropylene

Polymers



- Very long chain of (usually) organic repeating unit. Extensive flexibility is possible:
 - Non-oriented "spaghetti" form (amorphous), or oriented chains, as a result of extrusion, which can be amorphous or crystalline
 - Orientation is a requirement for crystallinity (but not visa versa)
 - Often there are lamellae, regions where the chains fold back and forth over each other





Raman Characterization of Polymers

- Types of Information
 - Chemical Identification
 - Tacticity (side group positioning)
 - Morphology
 - Orientation
 - Crystallinity
- Applications
 - Contaminant ID
 - Composition of copolymer or blend
 - Engineering strength, elasticity, dyeability, etc.
 - Drug delivery (API solvent)
 - Barrier films (food, biomedical, etc.)



Raman Spectra of Aromatic Polymers

The strong band near **1000 cm⁻¹** that is characteristic of a ring mode in PS is never observed in any aromatic with 1,4 substitutions on the ring, as in Kevlar and PET.



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Raman Studies of PET: Polarization and Crystallinity

















Introducing ParticleFinder

- ParticleFinder offers
 automated
 - Particle location on optical images
 - Particle size/shape characterization
 - Particle analysis using Raman spectroscopy
 - Particle chemical identification

- ParticleFinder includes:
 - Morphological analysis
 - Thresholding
 - Morphological filtering
 - Size and shape parameters
 - Chemical analysis
 - Automated Raman acquisition
 - Fast analysis with high throughput systems
 - Flexible capabilities* for different sample types
 - Multiple laser wavelengths (UV, visible, NIR)
 - High spectral resolution
 - Ultra-low frequency

Step-by-Step

Acquire video

Single image, or montaged wide field of view image

Threshold

Locate dark particles on bright background, or bright particles on dark background

Process

Erode/dilate/open/ close/majority, fill holes, remove edge particles

Step-by-Step

Characterize

Position, size, shape

Select

Screen particles based on position, size or shape

Acquire Raman

Automatically analyze each particle

Application Example

Video image

Pharmaceutical crystals on glass slide

- $1 \times 1 \text{ mm}^2$ area imaged with video montage (12 images)
- Image thresholds locate 44 particles
 - Exclude edge particles
 - Exclude particles with area < 50 μ m²

STATISTICS	(mean)	
DIAMETER	19.7	μm
PERIMETER	109.7	μm
AREA	386.0	μm ²
MAJOR AXIS	33.6	μm
MINOR AXIS	14.8	μm
ELLIPSE RATIO	0.50	
CIRCULARITY	0.64	

ParticleFinder Workspace – Paracetamol and PMMA

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ParticleFinder Tabulated Results

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Conclusions

- Raman spectroscopy and laser excited photoluminescence can be performed using the same instrument.
- Raman spectroscopy can be used to differentiate polymorphs and characterize polymers.
- Vapor phase and liquid molecular interactions are manifest in Raman spectra.
- Particle size characterization with chemical specificity

Thank you