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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



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# 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 MoS<sub>2</sub>**



# Raman Spectra of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>:Cr at 532 and 633 nm Excitation



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#### Photoluminescence Spectra of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: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 ZrO<sub>2</sub> Anatase and Rutile TiO<sub>2</sub> Acetaminophen Forms I and II



## ZrO<sub>2</sub> : 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 TiO<sub>2</sub> with 532 nm Excitation





### Rutile with Anatase TiO<sub>2</sub> 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 – CO<sub>2</sub>





## **Sparkling Water – CO<sub>2</sub>**





## 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<sup>-1</sup>** 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**

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## 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

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# Step-by-Step

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#### **Acquire video**

Single image, or montaged wide field of view image

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#### **Threshold**

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

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#### **Process**

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

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# Step-by-Step

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#### Characterize

Position, size, shape

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#### Select

Screen particles based on position, size or shape

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#### **Acquire Raman**

Automatically analyze each particle

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# **Application Example**

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Video image

![](_page_44_Figure_4.jpeg)

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  $\mu$ m<sup>2</sup>

STATISTICS	(mean)	
DIAMETER	19.7	μm
PERIMETER	109.7	μm
AREA	386.0	μm <sup>2</sup>
MAJOR AXIS	33.6	μm
MINOR AXIS	14.8	μm
<b>ELLIPSE RATIO</b>	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

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#### Thank you