

# Vibrational Spectroscopy in Biology

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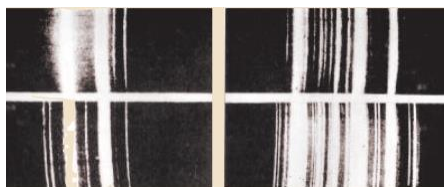
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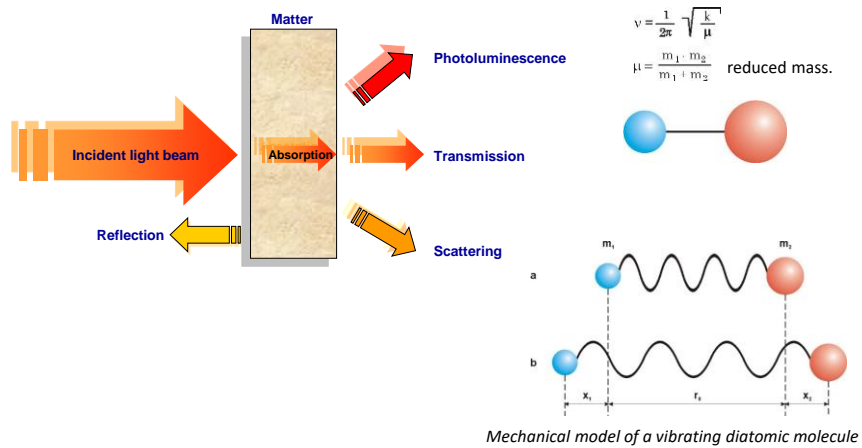
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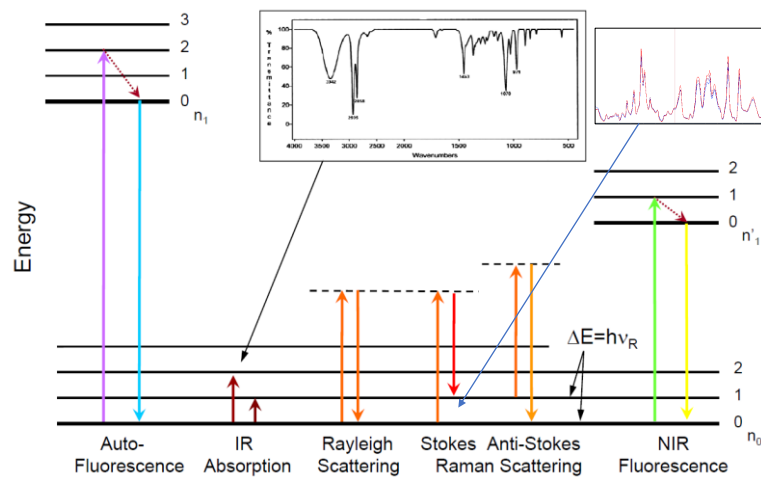
## Theory



## Interaction of radiation and matter



## Photo-Molecular Interactions



## Vibrational spectroscopy - the main principle

Extension from  $r_0$  (equilibrium distance)

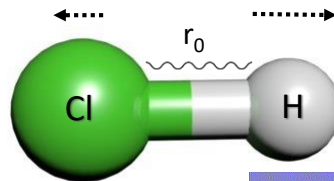
- **absorption** of energy  $E$
- relaxation to  $r_0$
- Potential energy  $V$
- **Vibration**

**Hooke's law**

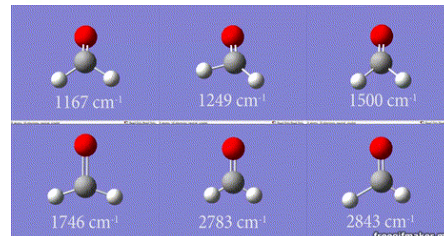
$$F = -k x$$

$$V = \int -F dx = \int kx dx$$

$$V = \frac{1}{2}k x^2$$



- Each **vibrational mode** of a molecule is characterized by a different **spectral signature**!



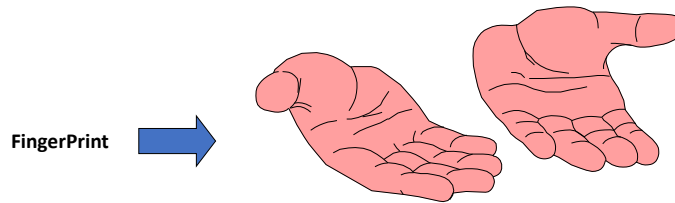
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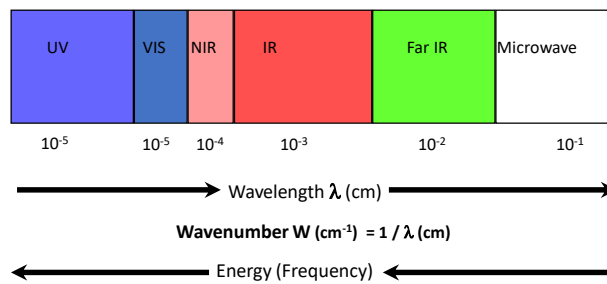
## Fourier Transform Infra Red (FT-IR)

- An Infrared spectrum is a ***fingerprint***
- Absorption peaks correspond to ***frequencies*** of bond vibrations
- Each different material is a **unique** combination of atoms

IR results in a unique identification of every different kind of material!



## Infrared Spectroscopy



Light, or more properly, *electromagnetic radiation*, can be described in terms of frequency  $\nu$  or wavelength  $\lambda$ .

Energy of radiation increases with increasing frequency and decreases with increasing wavelength

## Separation of spectral ranges

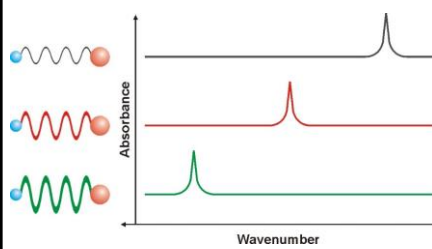


## Wavenumber scale

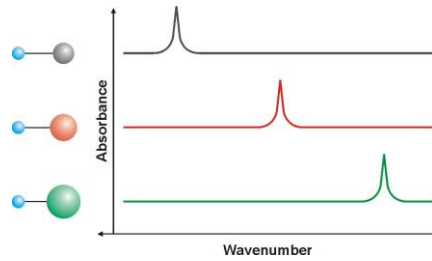
>14,000 $\text{cm}^{-1}$	14,000 to 4000 $\text{cm}^{-1}$	4000 to 400 $\text{cm}^{-1}$	400 to 4 $\text{cm}^{-1}$	< 4 $\text{cm}^{-1}$
Visible, UV & X-Rays	Near Infrared	Mid Infrared	Far Infrared	Microwaves Radio Waves

←	→
<p><b>HIGHER WAVENUMBER</b>  <b>HIGHER FREQUENCY</b>  <b>HIGHER ENERGY</b>  <b>SHORTER WAVELENGTH</b></p>	<p><b>LOWER WAVENUMBER</b>  <b>LOWER FREQUENCY</b>  <b>LOWER ENERGY</b>  <b>LONGER WAVELENGTH</b></p>

## Vibration theory

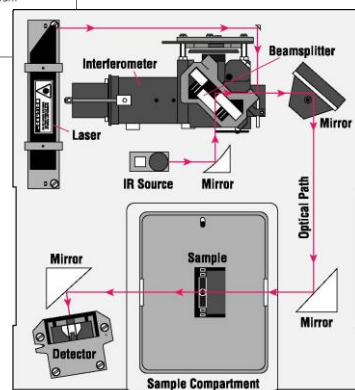
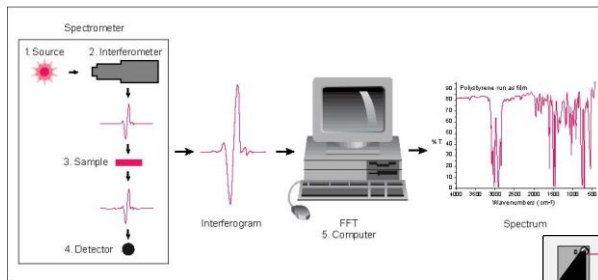


3 absorption peaks for different force constants.  
Note that by convention, in infrared spectroscopy wavenumbers are plotted right-to-left; i.e. highest wavenumber to the left.

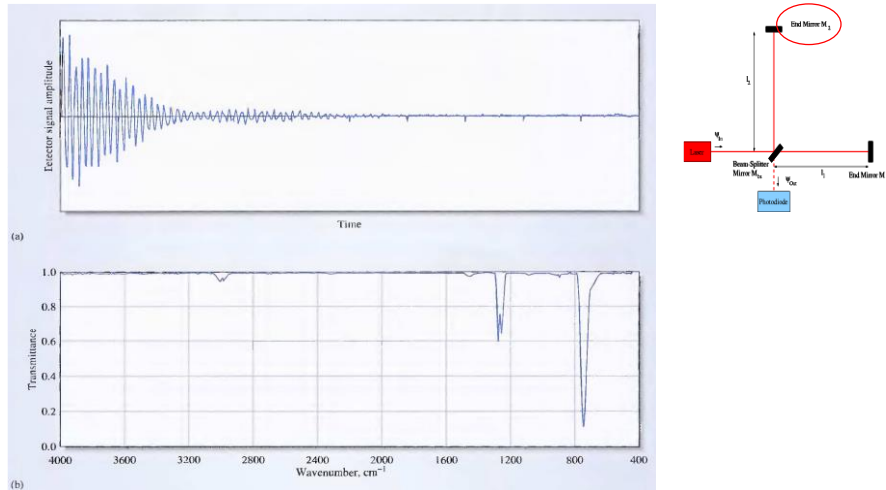


3 absorption peaks for different atomic masses.  
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## FT-IR spectrometer layout

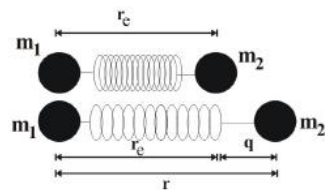
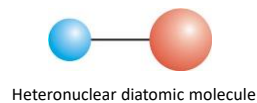


## Fourier Transformation



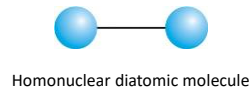
## Advantages of FTIR (technique)

- Established technology
- Universal technique
- sensitivity  $10^{-6}$  grams
- fast and easy
- relatively inexpensive measurement
- rich information signals
- sensitive to "molecules"—anything that contains chemical bonds
- vast majority of molecules in the universe absorb mid-infrared light, making it a highly useful tool



## Disadvantages of FTIR

- *Cannot detect atoms or monoatomic ions*
  - single atomic entities contain no chemical bonds
- *Cannot detect molecules comprised of two identical atoms symmetric*
  - such as  $N_2$  or  $O_2$ .
- *Aqueous solutions are very difficult to analyze*
  - water is a strong IR absorber
- *Complex mixtures*
  - samples increase complexity to already complex spectra
- *Point of measurement*
  - ATR  $\rightarrow$  1-2 mm
  - MicroATR  $\rightarrow$  ~ 50  $\mu m$

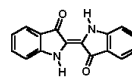
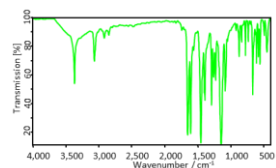
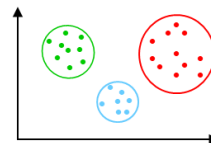
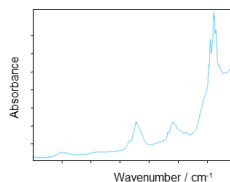
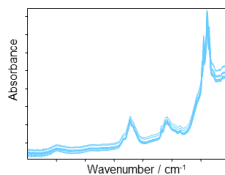


## Reference library structure

1.) Measure reference sample

2.) Calculate average spectrum & threshold values

3.) Library structure & validation







## Examples

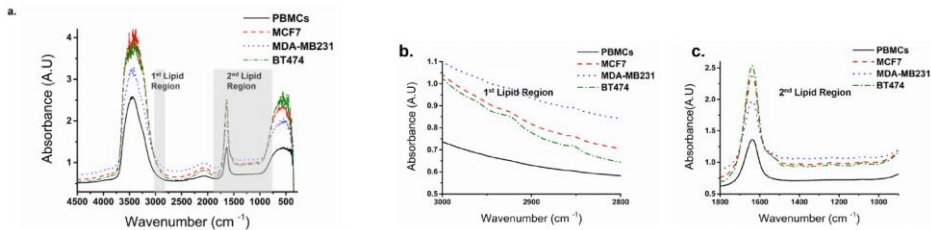
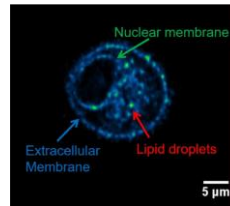
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FTIR spectra of cancer cell lines and control cells (PBMCS) and their lipid regions (b) 2800–3000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and (c) 900–1800  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  respectively.

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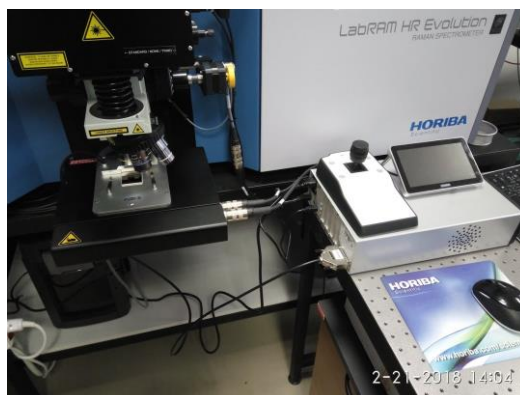
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The absorption wavelengths correspond to cholesterol, phospholipids and C=O stretching modes mostly define lipid rafts [1].

- 1737  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (lipids) [2, 3],
- 1746  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (lipids) [4],
- 2845  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (lipids, cholesterol/phospholipids) [5, 6],
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# RAMAN



## Infrared absorption

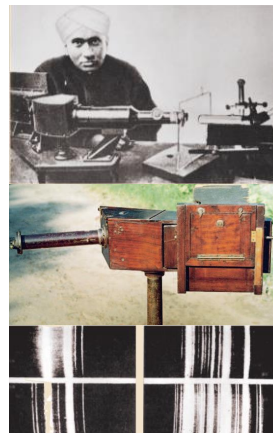
### IR and Raman are complementary techniques

- Symmetric molecules with a center of inversion have vibrations which are either Raman or IR active, but not both (e.g. benzene)
- Molecules with no symmetry are active in both methods

(N)IR absorption	Raman
Absorption	Scattering
Requires change in dipole moment (No symmetric stretches observed, No diatomic activity)	Requires a change in polarizability with vibrational motion
Only observed in NIR and IR spectral regions	Occurs at all wavelengths
Strong signal	Weak signal
High water absorption	Water not a problem
Broad spectral features	Sharp spectral features for molecular fingerprinting
Requires some sample preparation in most cases	Does not require sample preparation

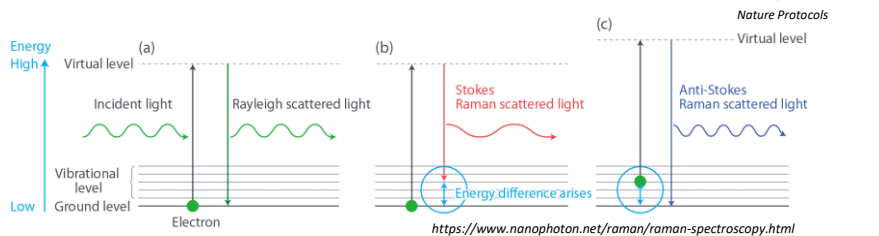
## Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman

- Born on 7 November 1888 - 1970
- 1928: He discovered that when light traverses a transparent material, a small percentage of the deflected light changes wavelength
- **1930: Won the Nobel Prize for Physics**
- 1932: He discovered the quantum photon spin, which further confirmed the quantum nature of light

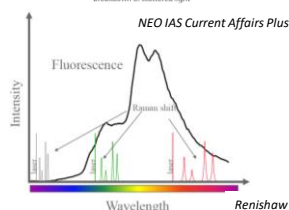
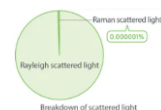


"The Raman Effect" commemorative booklet produced by the National Historic Chemical Landmarks program of the American Chemical Society in 1998  
(<https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/whatischemistry/landmarks/ramaneffect.html>)

## Basic principles



- It relies on **inelastic scattering** of monochromatic (laser) light.
- Raman signal intensity is approximately  $10^{-6}$  of the **Rayleigh** scattered light (elastic scattering)
- **Fluorescence** is much stronger ( $10^4$ ) than Raman signal.



\* Why are we talking about Raman today almost **100 years** later?

# Instrumentation



## Raman setup (Horiba LabRAM HR)

### Instrumentation

Horiba LabRAM HR (located at Kenanakis lab – IESL)  
Multiple objective lenses (x4, x10, x20, x50, x100)  
CLSM



George  
Kenanakis

### Optimizations/modifications

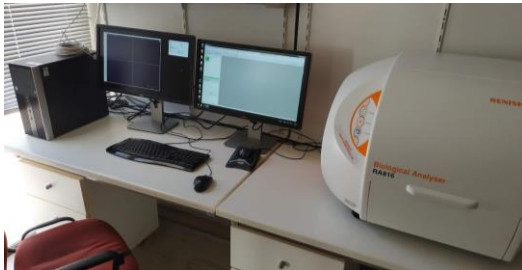
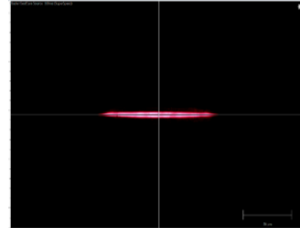
- 532 nm, 785 nm laser sources
- 9 high refl. mirrors
- Obj. lens x60 NA:1.2 W
- Temperature control stage
- XYZ scanner for mapping
- Koehler illuminator (LED)



Laser $\lambda$ (nm)	532	532	532	532	785	785	785	785
	LMPLaPRL N UPLSAPO60W/1.2				LMPLaPRL N UPLSAPO60W/1.2			
objective lens	X10 X50 X60				X100 X10 X50 X60			
magnification	0.25	0.5	1.2	0.9	0.25	0.5	1.2	0.9
Numerical aperture	2.596	1.298	0.541	0.721	3.831	1.915	0.798	1.064
Spot size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	3.494	1.598	0.468	0.685	5.156	2.359	0.691	1.010
Axial resolution ( $\mu\text{m}$ )								
Working Distance (mm)		21	0.2			21	0.2	

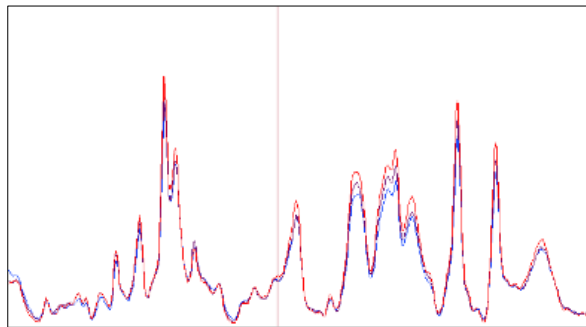
## Raman setup (Renishaw)

- Renishaw Biological Analyzer
- Single laser source at 785 nm
- Fixed obj. lens x50 NA:0.5 LWD
- **Line scan** (70 points, 3750 points/hour)

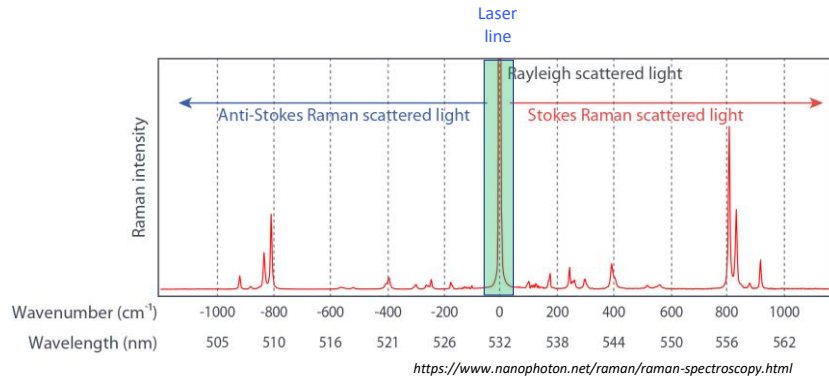


- ✓ Tissue mapping
- ✓ Multi-area acquisition

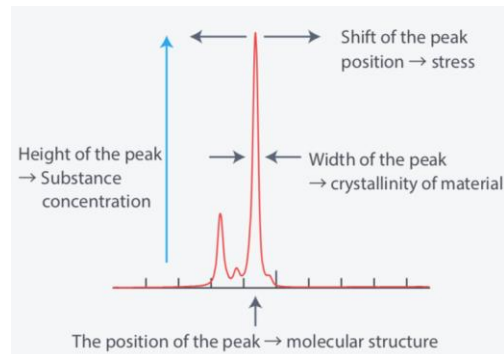
## Raman Signals



## Generic Raman Spectrum



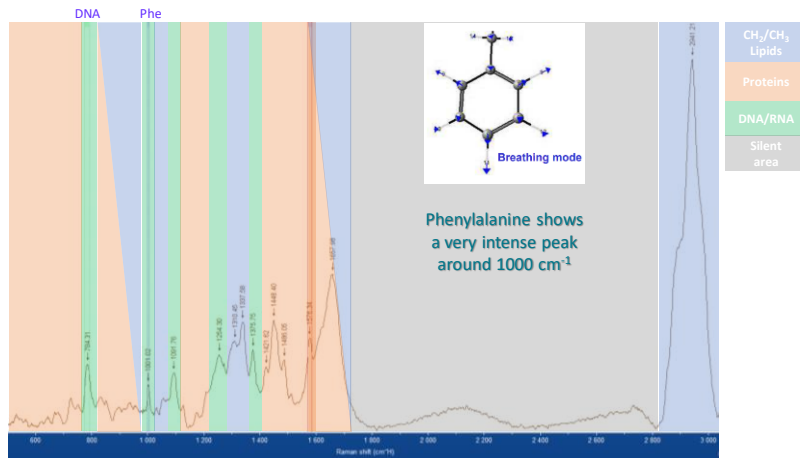
## What information can we get?



- Raman spectrum provides a **fingerprint** which represents the set of bonds present in a material. **Specific chemical bonds are characterized by the respective vibrational frequencies**
- Vibrational frequencies are sensitive to details of the **structure** and local **environment** of a molecule (symmetry, crystal phase, solvents, interactions etc)
- Relative intensities correspond principally to the bond species **concentration** but it can also be related to the **orientation** of the material or molecule (depends on the incoming laser polarization)

<https://www.nanophoton.net/raman/raman-spectroscopy.html>

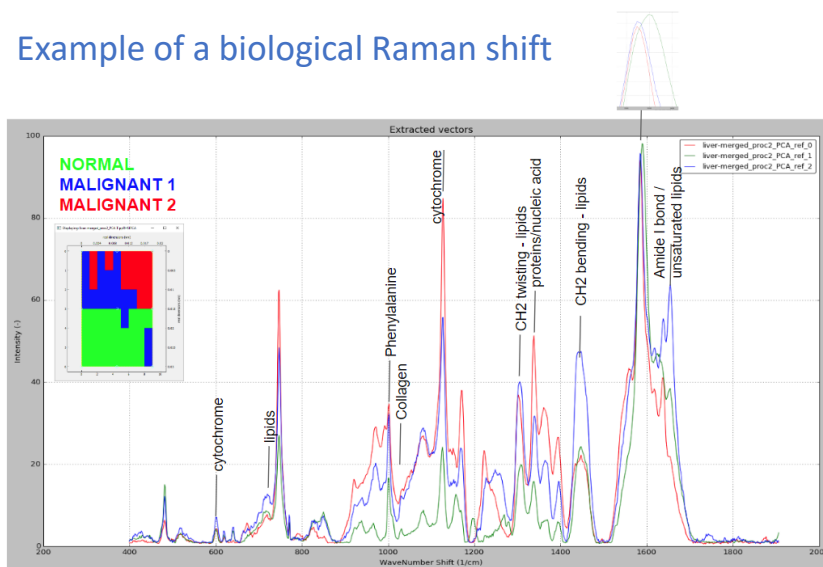
## Raman spectrum of a cell nucleus



- The major spectral bands are proteins, lipids and nucleic acids
- The band between  $400 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1800 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  is called the **fingerprint region**
- The band between  $2800 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $3050 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  corresponds to methylation and lipids

Movasaghi et al, Raman Spectroscopy of Biological Tissues, (2007), Applied Spectroscopy Reviews, 42:5, 493-541

## Example of a biological Raman shift



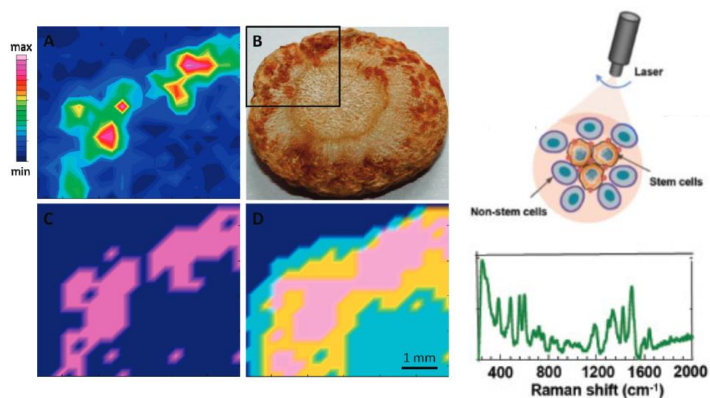


## Advantages of Raman spectroscopy for biological research

- ✓ Analytical technique with fingerprint signal
- ✓ Provides information on chemical phase and bonding
- ✓ No size limitations
- ✓ Non-destructive, non-invasive
- ✓ Resolution capacity: spatial <300nm, axial: <600nm
- ✓ Fast acquisition (0.1 – 60 sec/point scan)
- ✓ Can provide chemical image maps
- ✓ Label-free

## Sample preparation

- No fixation required, label-free



- Drop casting on Raman grade solid substrates ( $\text{CaF}_2$ , Si, metallic mirrors)
- NOT on glass (provides strong fluorescence)

*Roman et al. 2011, Han et al. 2016*

- Biological tissues and Biological molecules
- ERS DNA (mammalian, synthetic, microorganisms, plants)
- polyamines-polyamides
- plant cell wall polymers (there is one for FT-IR signals also)
- Other substances such as  $\alpha$ -tocopherol

[illegible]

- ✓ Detection of compounds of interest in cell, tissue or extracted bio-compound (DNA/RNA)
- ✓ Toxicology/pharmacokinetics
- ✓ In-vivo localization/mapping
- ✓ Concentration evaluation
- ✓ Crystallinity evaluation
- ✓ Epigenetic changes of biomolecules
- ✓ State of biomolecules (phase transition, tension of cell membrane, orientation of microtubules etc)

## Relevant research

- ▲ RA04 : In vivo Raman Measurements of Human Skin.
- ▲ RA05 : SERS analysis of single living lymphocytes.
- ▲ RA06 : Raman analysis of single bacteria cells.
- ▲ RA07 : Raman mapping of wheat grain kernels.
- ▲ RA08 : SERS for Intracellular Imaging.
- ▲ RA09 : Insights into thrombosis mechanisms using high resolution SERS.
- ▲ RA49 : Raman Analysis of Sperm Nuclear DNA Integrity.
- ▲ RA57 : Raman Imaging of monkey brain tissue
- ▲ RA59 : Raman investigation of microorganisms on a single cell level.
- ▲ RA60 : Investigating the Atherosclerosis Process by Monitoring Lipid Deposits Including Cholesterol and Free Fatty Acids.
- ▲ RA62 : Direct identification of clinically relevant microorganisms on solid culture media by Raman spectroscopy



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<https://www.nature.com/articles/nprot.2016.036>

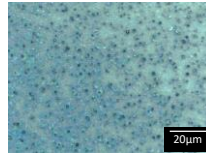
## Limitations of Raman spectroscopy

- autofluorescence
- movement of living cells
- databases of reference spectra corresponding to biomolecules under development
- subcellular level localization
- background interfering peaks (sample contaminants, buffer components etc)

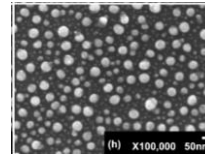
## Surface Enhanced Raman Scattering (SERS)

### Preparation method for SERS

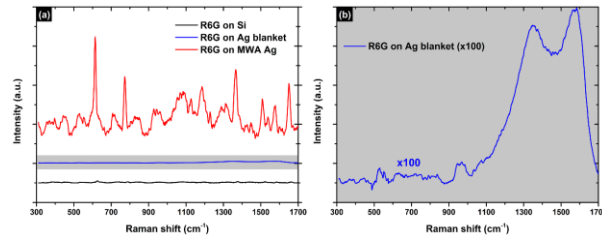
- drop casting of solution (Ag, Au)
- microwave annealing
- thermal processing



Ag layer on Si (drop casting)



Ag layer on Si (8nm thickness, 10sec MWA)



Raman signal enhancement factor:  $10^5$

Developed for the study of biological samples in small quantities (DNA etc)

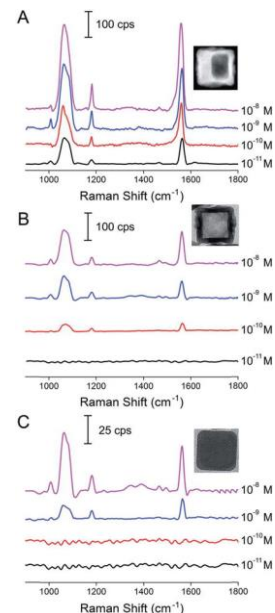
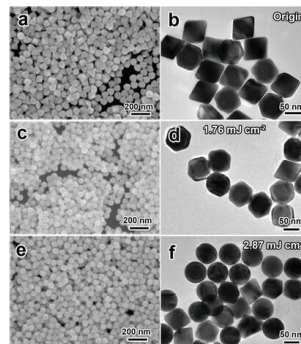
Papadakis V., Kenanakis G. Reusable surface enhanced Raman substrates using microwave annealing (2018). APYA

## Surface Enhanced Raman Scattering (SERS)

**SERS enhancement** is dependent on the **interaction** between target molecule and SERS substrate:

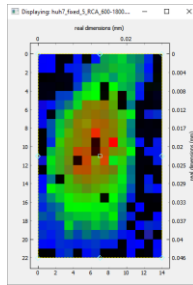
→ **size, shape and structure** of substrate material

1. **plasmonic metals (Au, Ag, Cu)**
2. **bimetallic (alloyed, core-shell)**
3. **anisotropic (rods, wires)**
4. **patterned**
5. **non-traditional (photonic crystal fibers)**



Li et al. Hollow nanocubes made of Ag-Au alloys for SERS detection with sensitivity of  $10^{-8}$  M for melamine (2014). *Journal of Materials Chemistry C*.  
Liu et al. Rapid synthesis of monodisperse Au nanospheres through a laser irradiation-induced shape conversion, self-assembly and their electromagnetic coupling SERS enhancement (2015). *Scientific Reports*

## Applications and pilot measurements



Raman hyperspectral imaging of a fixed cell

## DNA



<https://www.futurity.org/dna-nanoparticles-metamaterials-1659312/>

## Vibrational spectroscopy analysis of DNA damage under UV light and repair efficiency by photolyases

DNA was extracted from mice **cells** expressing a CPD photolyase transgene

- a) **Untreated cells**
- b) Cells irradiated with UV light ( $10\text{J/m}^2$ )
- c) Cells irradiated with UV light ( $10\text{J/m}^2$ ) and kept in the dark (1.5h)
- d) Cells irradiated with UV light ( $10\text{J/m}^2$ ) and placed under **visible** light (1.5h)



10  $\mu\text{L}$  of DNA ( $1\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{L}$ ) in **pure** water left to dry on a  $\text{CaF}_2$  microscope slide



Callina  
Stratigi

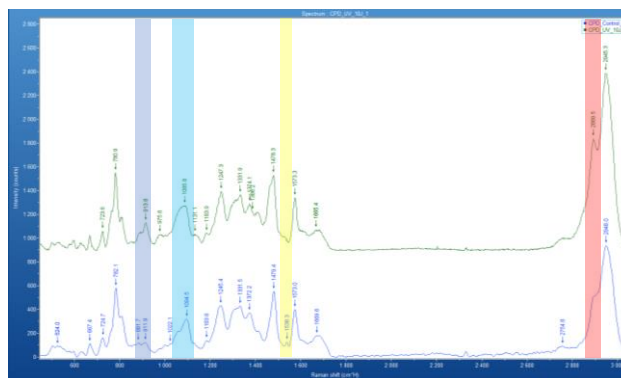


Georgia  
Chatzinikolaou



George  
Garinis

## DNA (mouse) spectral differences due to UV irradiation



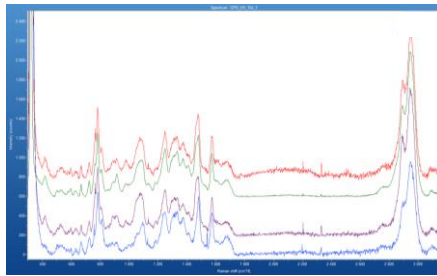
Proteins

$\text{PO}_2$  stretching (DNA/RNA)

Amide carbonyl group  
and aromatic hydrogens

$\text{CH}_3$  symmetric stretch

## DNA (mouse) spectral differences due to CPD photolyase activity

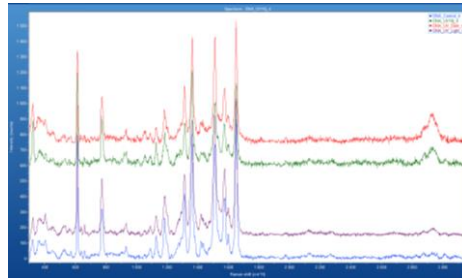


### Raman Spectroscopy of DNA

cm-1	Assigned
504	C-OH3 torsion of methoxy group 1
888	889 Methylene rocking / 890 Protein bands structural modes of tumors β-anomers
916	Ribose vibration, distinct RNA mode / 918 proline, hydroxyproline
995	C-O ribose, C-C

### SERS Spectroscopy of DNA

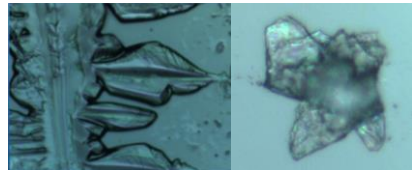
cm-1	Assigned
660	662 C-S stretching mode of cystine (collagen type I)
1052	1053 C-O stretching, C-N stretching (protein) 1055 In the solid, the most significant difference between the two nucleic acids is the ratio intensity of the bands in this area
2878 2919	CH2 asymmetric stretch of lipids and proteins



## Raman spectroscopy characterization of cell-free DNA methylation

ccfDNA was extracted from human blood

- a) Normal Male and Female
- b) Diabetic
- c) Metastatic Cancer
- d) Adjuvant



DNA crystals



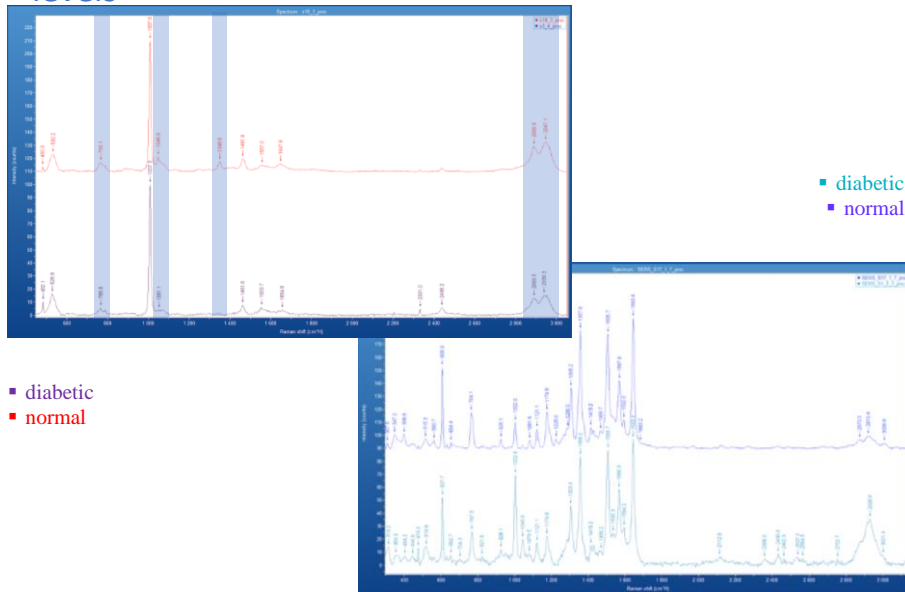
10  $\mu\text{L}$  of DNA (1  $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{L}$ ) in pure water left to dry on a  $\text{CaF}_2$  microscope slide



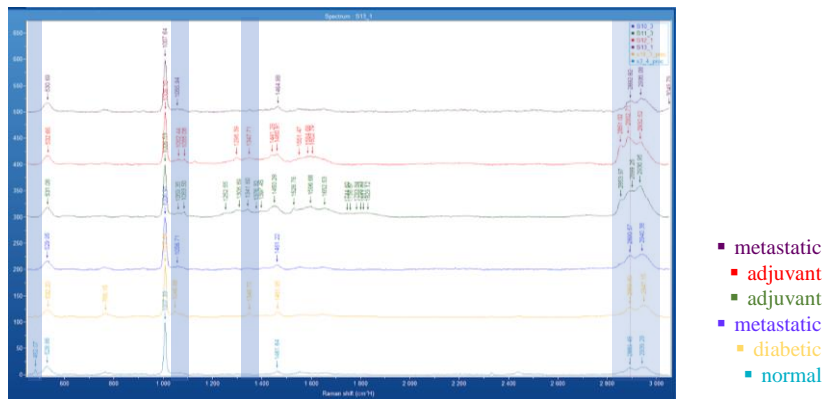
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George  
Garinis

## Human ccfDNA spectral differences in methylation levels



## Human ccfDNA spectral differences in methylation levels

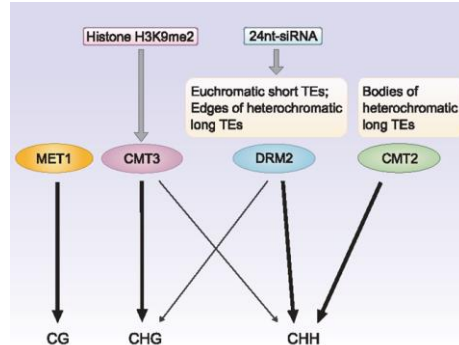


- Major differences appear at 2800  $\text{cm}^{-1}$   $\text{CH}_2/\text{CH}_3$  region
- Cancer patients present a significant spectral activity in the fingerprint region



## Raman spectroscopy characterization of plant DNA methylation levels

- Test methylation levels in WT, KD (RNAi technology) and KO DCL3 (CRISPR technology) plants upon viroid infection
- DNA extracted from *Nicotiana benthamiana* plants

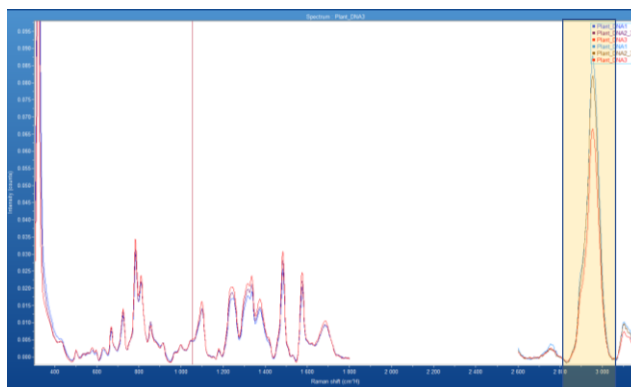


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Katsarou



Kriton  
Kalantidis

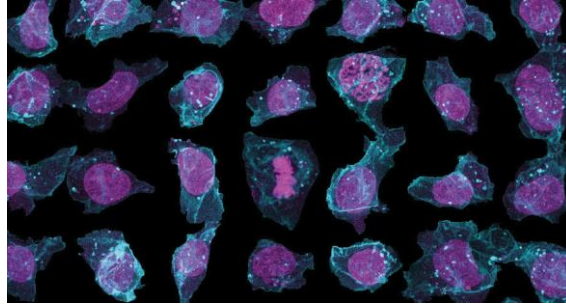
## DNA (*N. benthamiana*) spectral differences in methylation levels



■ WT ■ KD ■ KO

- DNA total methylation is higher in WT plants and is reduced as DICER-LIKE 3 levels decline
- DNA total methylation will be tested in infected and uninfected *N. benthamiana* plants

## Cells



<https://www.sciencenews.org/article/allen-cell-explorer-online-portal>

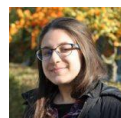
### Comparison of lymphoma cell types via Raman spectroscopy in order to establish Raman signatures for subtyping or staging

Living cells in phenol-red free medium from 3 lymphoma cell lines: 1 Hodgkin (HL) & 2 Non-Hodgkin (NHL):

MDA-V (HL)  
M-1 (NHL)  
SUP-M2 (NHL)

Final concentration → 100.000 cells/ml  
Final volume in eppendorf → 1ml

**20 µl of cell suspension was placed directly on CaF<sub>2</sub> microscope slide**



Klytaimnistra  
Katsara

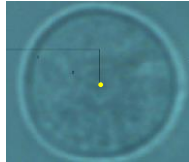


Konstantina  
Psatha

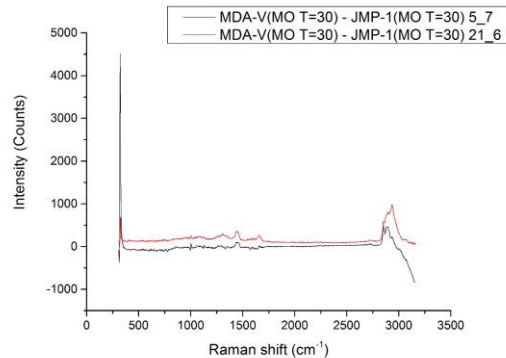


Michalis  
Aivaliotis

## Cell-line spectral differences



Laser spot size:  $\sim 0.7\mu\text{m}$   
 Axial spot size:  $\sim 0.8\mu\text{m}$   
 Acquisition time  $\rightarrow$  5 sec  
 Accumulation number  $\rightarrow$  3  
 Distance from the surface  $\rightarrow$  10-20 $\mu\text{m}$   
 Time of single measurement  $\rightarrow$  35 sec



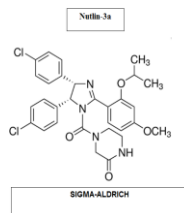
Raman spectral differences derive from averaging of approximately 7 JMP-1 and 3 MDA-V cells  
 The two colors represent two different experiments under the same conditions

## Comparison of lymphoma cell types via Raman spectroscopy after N3a-induced apoptosis in order to study N3a cellular effect

Living cells in phenol-red free medium from 3 lymphoma cell lines +/- N3a; 1 Hodgkin (HL) & 2 Non-Hodgkin (NHL):

MDA-V (HL)  
 M-1 (NHL)  
 SUP-M2 (NHL)

**Nutlin-3a (N3a):** an organic molecule (active enantiomer) of Nutlin-3 racemic mixture, used as a potent therapeutic drug in hematopoietic malignancies restoring p53 activity



Klytaimnistra  
Katsara

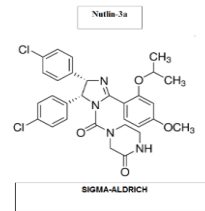
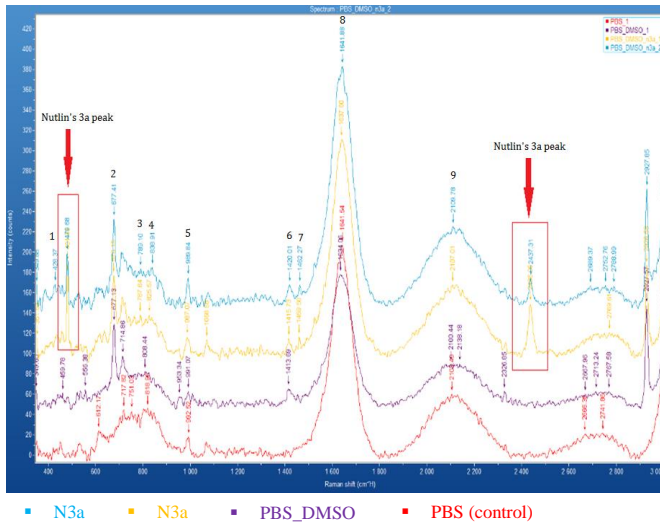


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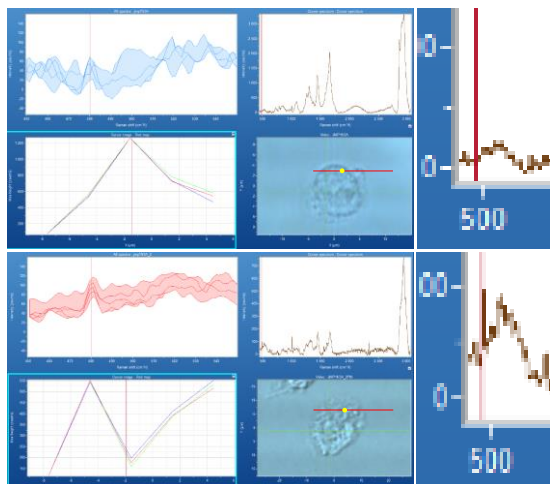
## N3a Raman reference spectrum



Samples	Unique Raman peaks	Comments
N3a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2438*</li> <li>481</li> <li>1466 (weak)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raman peaks correspond to N3a.</li> </ul>
DMSO in PBS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>700-800</li> <li>2900</li> <li>1400</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raman peaks correspond to DMSO Raman spectral assignments.</li> </ul>
PBS (control)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1600</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raman peaks correspond to PBS Raman spectral assignments.</li> </ul>

\*not commonly found in biological compounds

## Raman spectra of N3a-treated M-1 cells

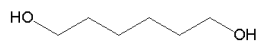


Living cell  
No N3a's peaks inside the cell

Lysed cell  
N3a's peak is visible inside the cell

## Phase separation

- Living/fixed T-cells from mouse (WT, *Satb1* cKO)
- Agent used: w/wo Hexanediol  
(chemical probe used to investigate the material properties of membrane-less nuclear compartments)



Molecular Formula:  $C_6H_{14}O_2$   
Molecular Weight: 118.176 g/mol  
[www.chemisynthesis.com](http://www.chemisynthesis.com)

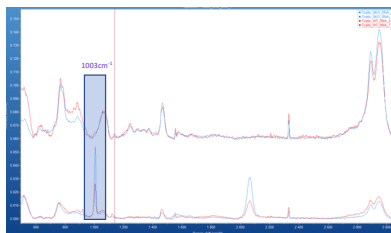
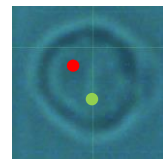
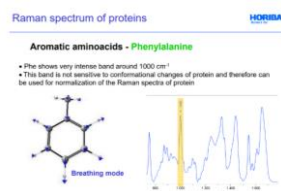
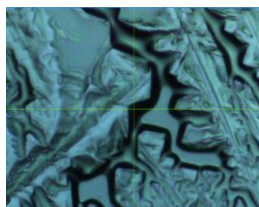


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Zelenka

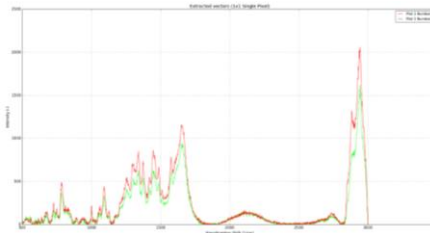


Charalambos  
Spilianakis

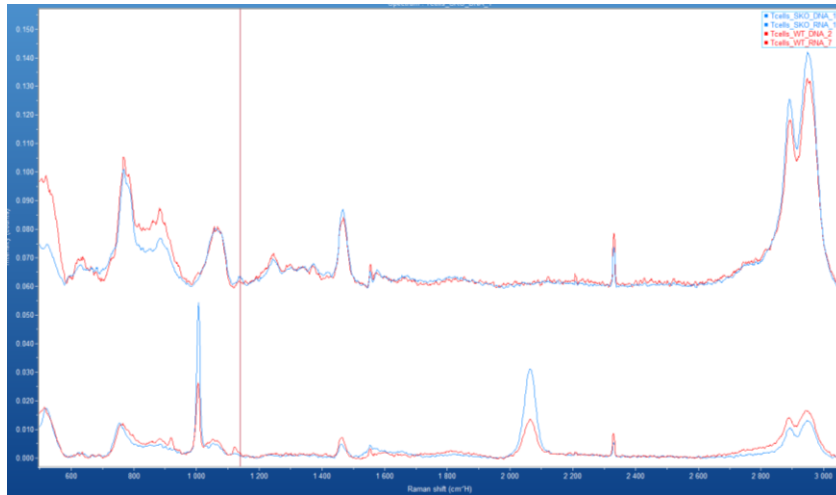
## Phase separation



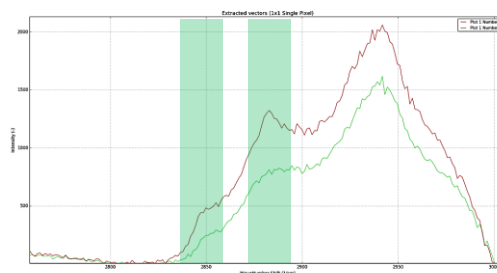
RNA/DNA reference spectra



Nucleus map based on specific  
Raman peaks



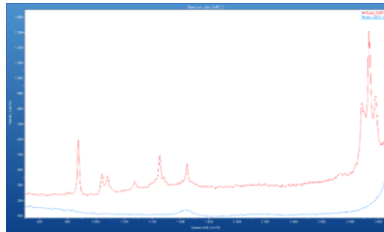
- > DNA/RNA (785)
- > RNA (813)
- > phenylalanine (1004)



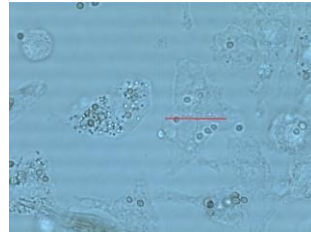
- > loosely packed lipids in gauche conformation (2850)
- > trans conformation of methyl groups – tightly packed ordered lipids (2870-80)

## Raman spectroscopy characterization of plasma membrane lipid changes due to cholesterol depletion

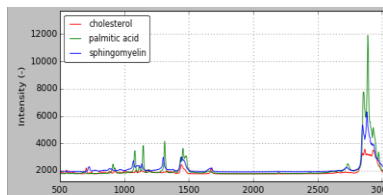
Primary macrophages (fixed)



Treatment Raman reference spectrum



Membrane lipids on macrophages and phagosomes

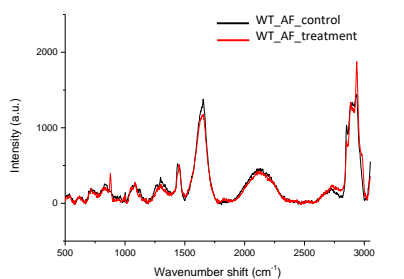


Lipids Raman reference spectrum

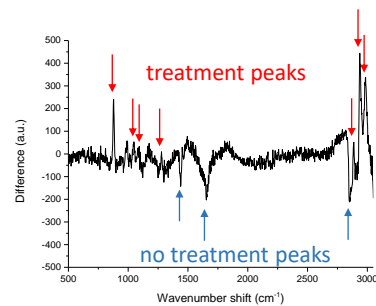


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Georgios Hamilos

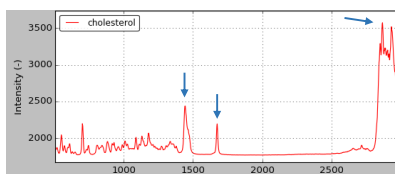
## Macrophage plasma membrane spectral changes after cholesterol depletion



Average spectra from macrophage plasma membrane

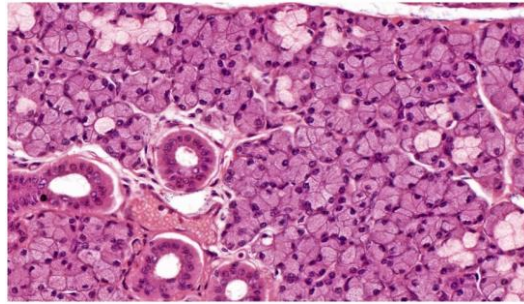


Spectral differences from the average spectra



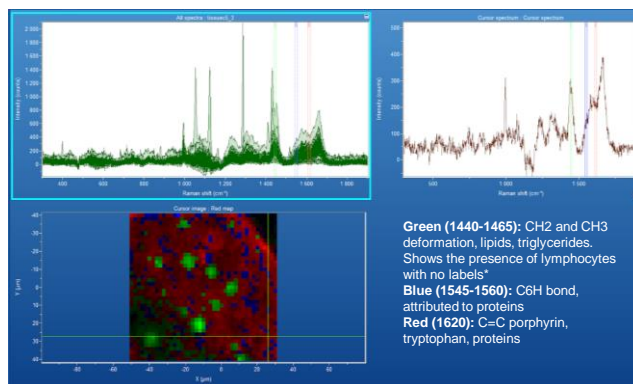
- 1450: CH<sub>2</sub> bending
- 1650: amide (α-helix)
- 2850: CH<sub>2</sub> symmetric stretch of lipids

# Tissue



<http://www.justscience.in/articles/tissues-in-the-human-body/2017/06/06>

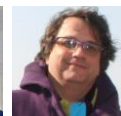
## Lymphocyte migration in cancerous tissues



- Deparaffinized tissue mapping
- 25 hour measurement
- Lymphocyte pattern is similar to the map from CD3/CD33 staining



Jason  
Tasoulas



Stamatios  
Theocharis

\* Mavarani L. et al. (2013). Spectral histopathology of colon cancer tissue sections by Raman imaging with 532 nm excitation provides label free annotation of lymphocytes, erythrocytes and proliferating nuclei of cancer cells. Analyst 138: 4035-4039



## Mouse liver tissue characterization through novel Raman spectral imaging approaches

### Liver tissues

- a. normal
- b. malignant

### Signal Processing

- Principal component analysis (PCA)
- Robust PCA
- Clusterization methods



Grigorios  
Tsagakatakis



Callina  
Stratigi

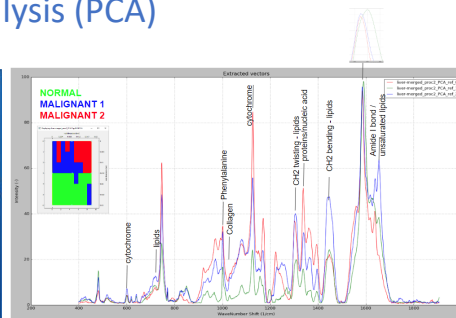
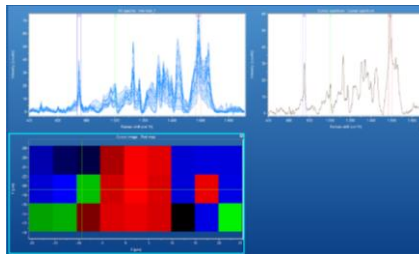
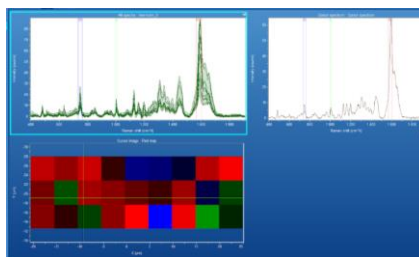


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Chatzinikolaou



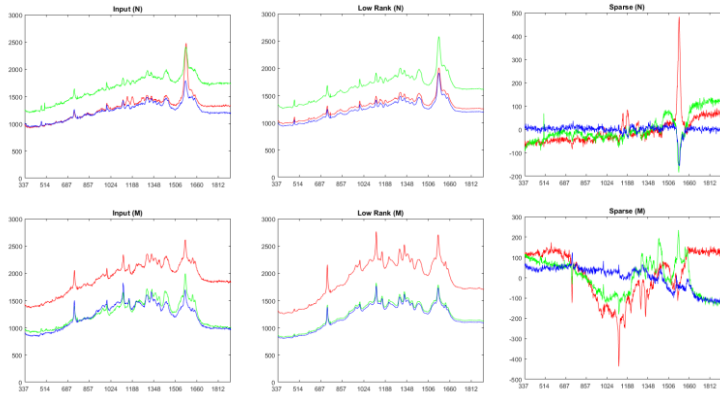
George  
Garinis

## Principal Component Analysis (PCA)



- a wavelength shift is presented around 1580cm<sup>-1</sup> in both malignant clusters probably due to strain

## Robust Principal Component Analysis



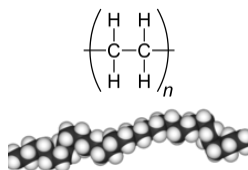
robust PCA results to two spectral curves:

- > low rank represents the common spectral features in the whole area map
- > sparse signal shows the spectral differences across the area map

## Investigation of plastic micro- and nanoparticles uptake by plant roots via Raman spectroscopy

*N. benthamiana* root sections

Polymer used: polyethylene (plastic water bottle)



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polyethylene>

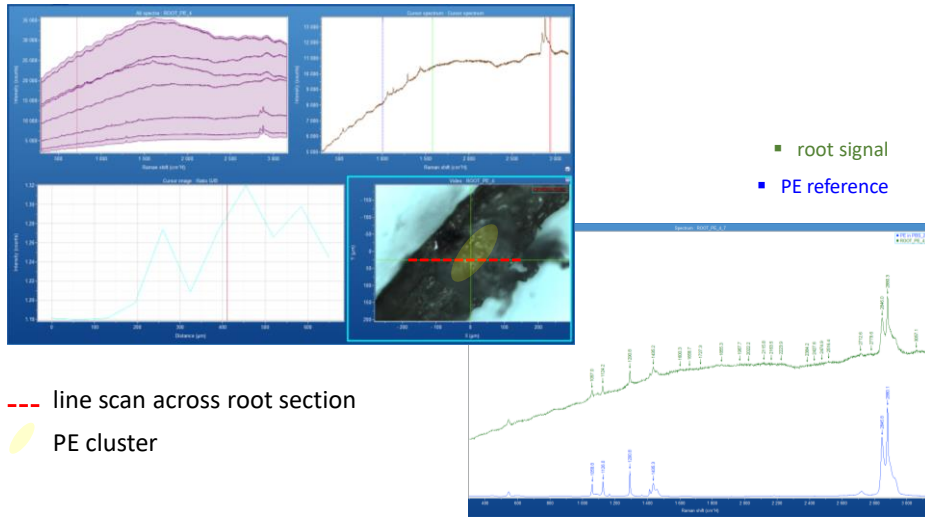


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Mermigka



Panagiotis  
Sarris

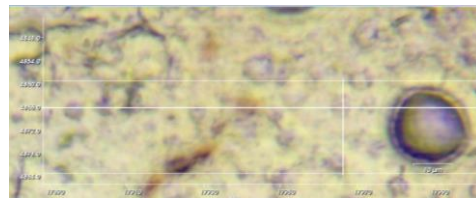
## Investigation of plastic micro- and nanoparticles uptake by plant roots via Raman spectroscopy



## Mouse tissue characterization (subtyping) via Raman spectroscopy

WT mice cryosections (10 $\mu$ m) x54

Tissue	Age	Gender
Liver	37 days	M
Kidney	2 month	F
Muscle	5 month	
	7 month	



Mouse liver tissue (OB)

### Measurement

Size: 150x25 $\mu$ m

Spot size: 1 $\mu$ m

Measurement time: 1h

Substrate: metallic mirror

### Signal Processing

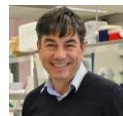
> Robust PCA

> Deep learning

> Clusterization methods

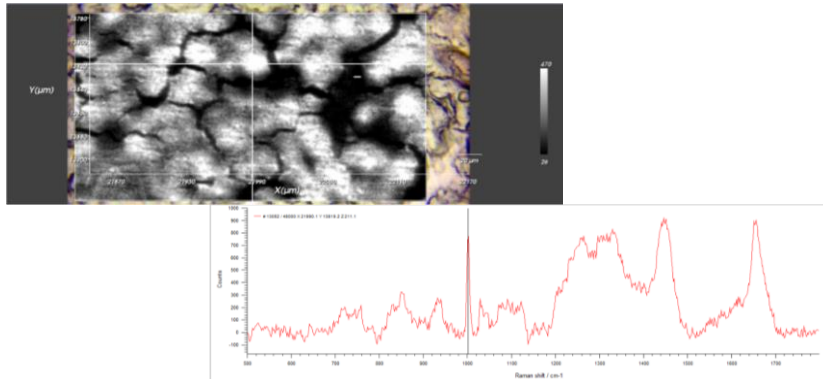


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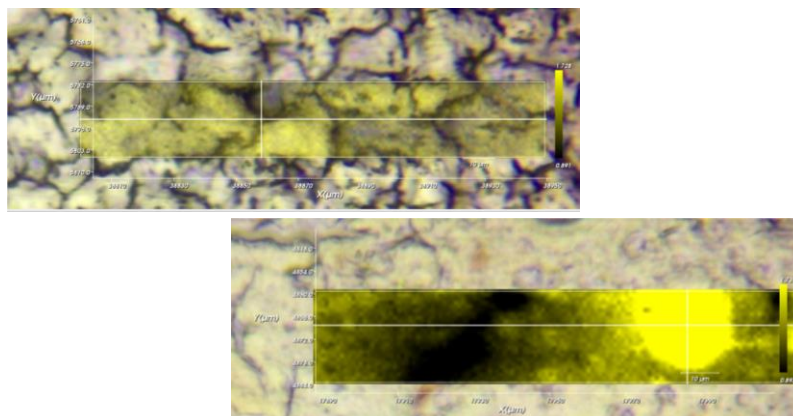
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Talianidis

## Mouse tissue characterization (phenylalanine map)



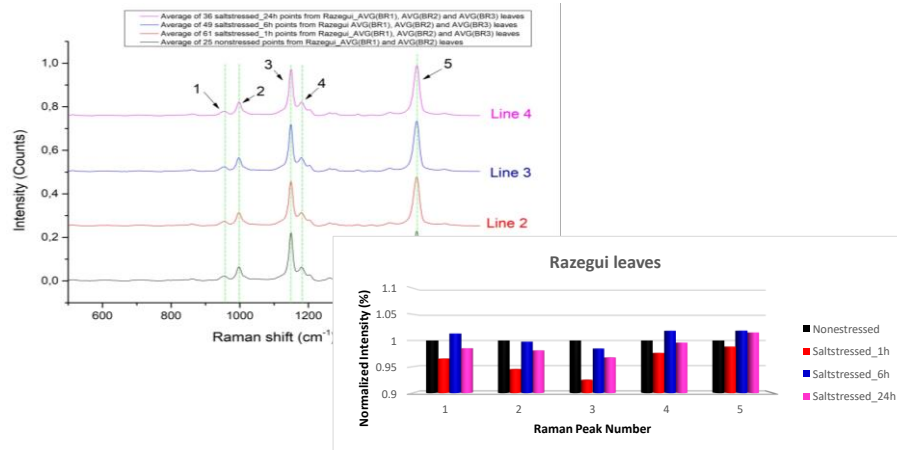
- > full spectrum of a point on the liver
- > phenylalanine Raman line map on liver tissue
- > 3750 total spectra per image map

## Mouse tissue characterization (lipids saturation)

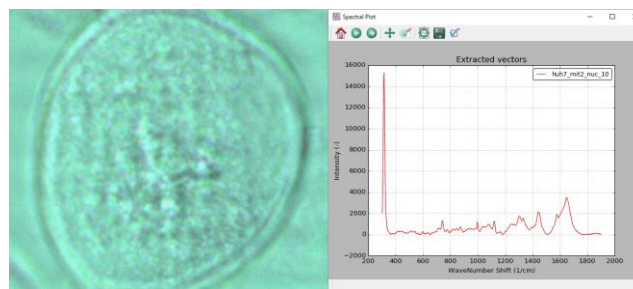


- > lipids mapping
- > top image: lipid saturation on a normal sample
- > lower image: measurement from an OB sample

## Plant Stresses characterization (PANTHEON project)



Thank you for your attention!



Live-cell Raman spectroscopy