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# Introduction to FTIR and Raman Spectroscopy

## Theory and Practice

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# The Power of Molecular Spectroscopy



- You can work fast...
  - Little or no sample prep, rapid screening
- ...on a range of samples...
  - Organics, inorganics, films, coatings, paper, fibers, more
- ...and answer basic questions...
  - What is this stuff? How much is in there? In what form?
- ...or advanced questions.
  - What is the film thickness? What is the orientation? How do viscoelasticity and chemistry relate?

# Vibrational Spectroscopy: FTIR and Raman

- Infrared Spectroscopy

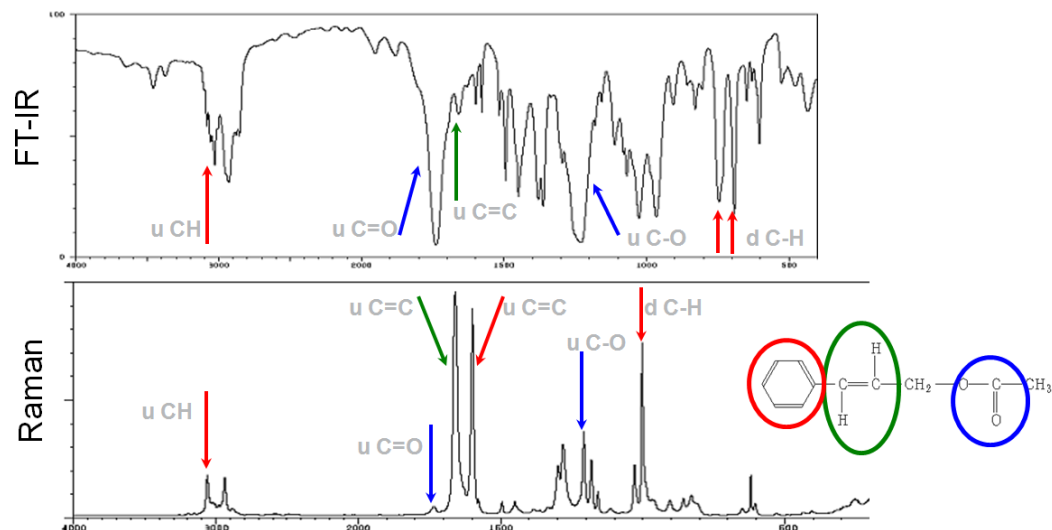
- Energy is absorbed directly...
- ...which results in peaks

- Raman Spectroscopy

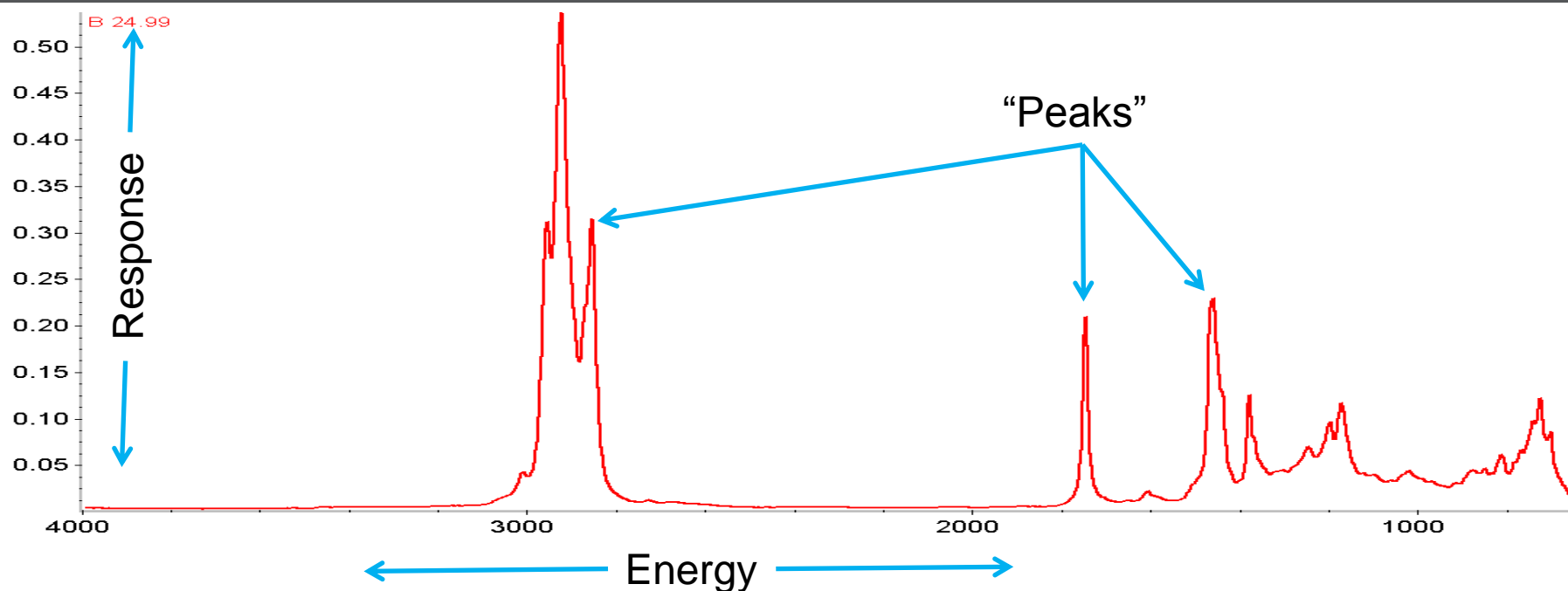
- High energy light strikes sample...
- ...the sample 'takes' some of the energy...
- ...which results in peaks

- Different methods but similar insights

- The peaks provide information about the composition, concentration and more
- Both are reporting upon vibrational motion of the molecules

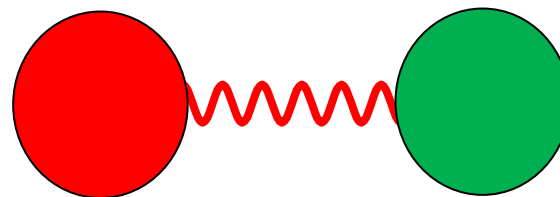


# Basics: Information in the Spectrum



- **Energy** varies along the x-axis
  - Expressed in wavelength (nanometers, microns) or **Wavenumber ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )**
- **Response** (Intensity) is along the y-axis
  - Absorbance, transmittance, specular or diffuse reflectance, Raman scattering
- **Peaks** occur because different molecules interact with light differently
  - This is what enables spectroscopy to tell us something!

# Basics: Spectroscopy and Composition



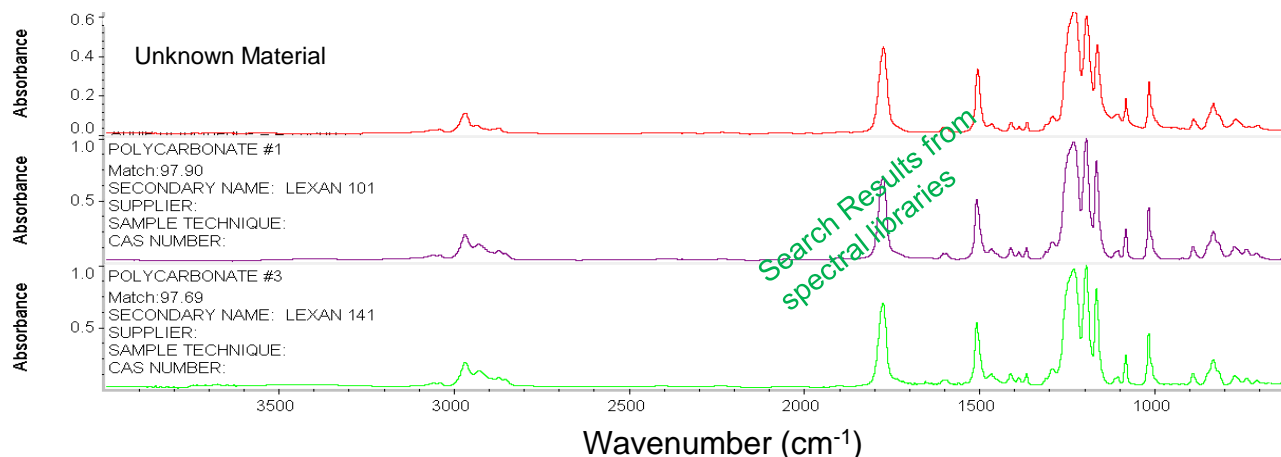
- Chemical bonds vibrate like springs
- Absorption occurs at the specific frequencies of those vibrations

$$\text{Frequency of vibration} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{\mu}}$$

← Relates to bond strength

← Relates to mass

- As bond strength increases, frequency increases ( $\text{C}\equiv\text{C} > \text{C}=\text{C} > \text{C}-\text{C}$ )
- As mass decreases, frequency increases ( $\text{C}-\text{H} > \text{C}-\text{C} > \text{C}-\text{Cl} > \text{C}-\text{Fe}$ )
- Which is why the peaks tell a story about the material!





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# Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy

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# Basics: FTIR as a Laboratory Tool

- FTIR is used to solve problems
  - What is it? How much is in there?
- The ultimate Triage Technique
  - Get in...get an answer...act on it fast
- You generally need to accessorize
  - Add sampling tools, like ATR, Transmission
  - We will talk to that in the next presentation
- What do you need?
  - Single action, repeated analyses?
  - Flexibility?
  - Microscopy?

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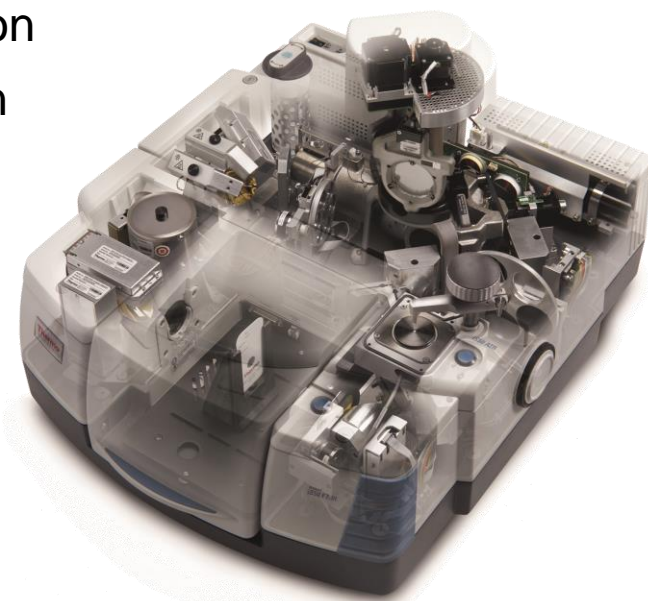
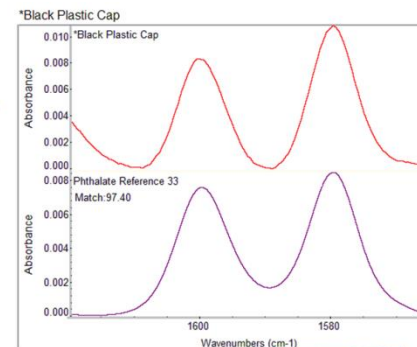
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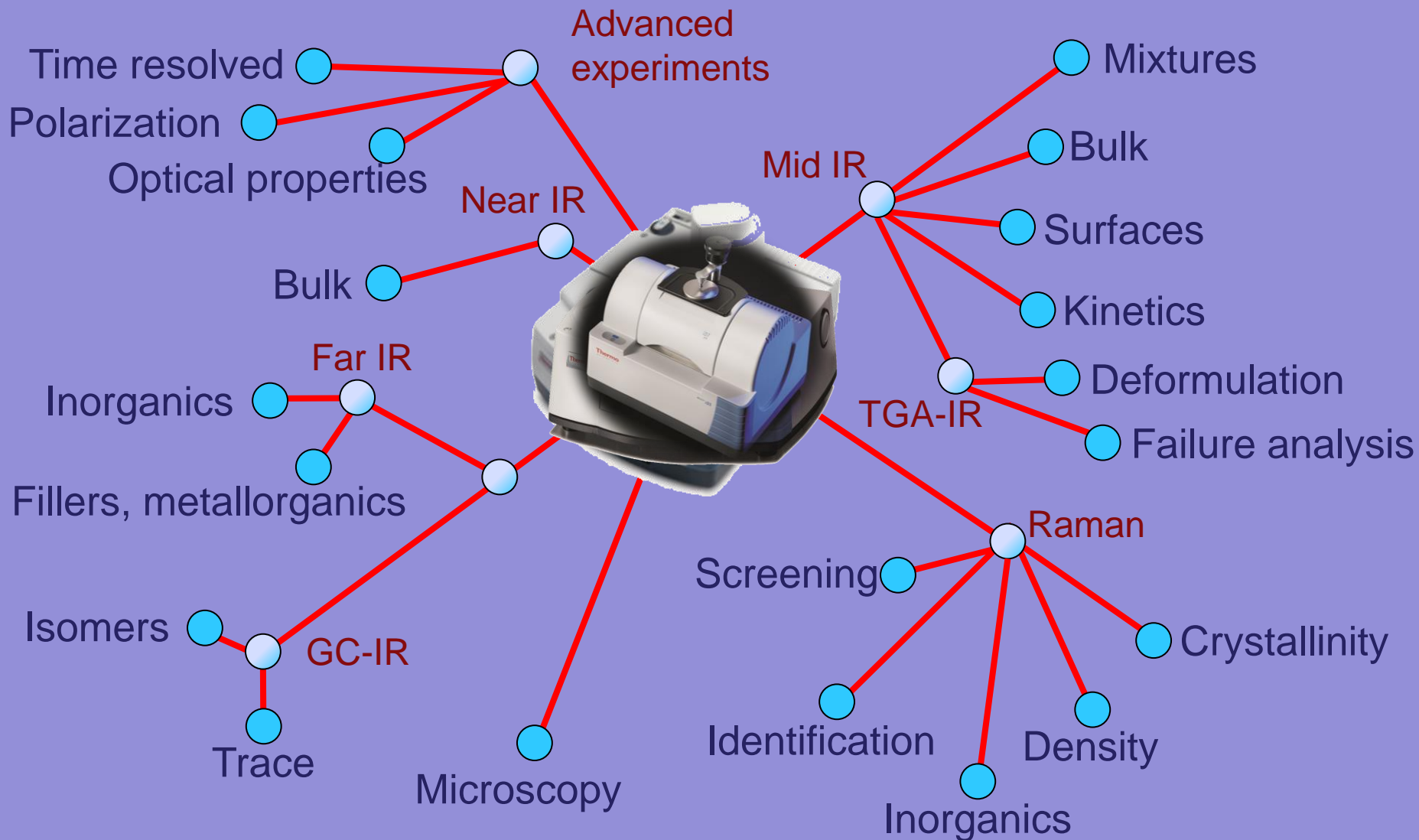
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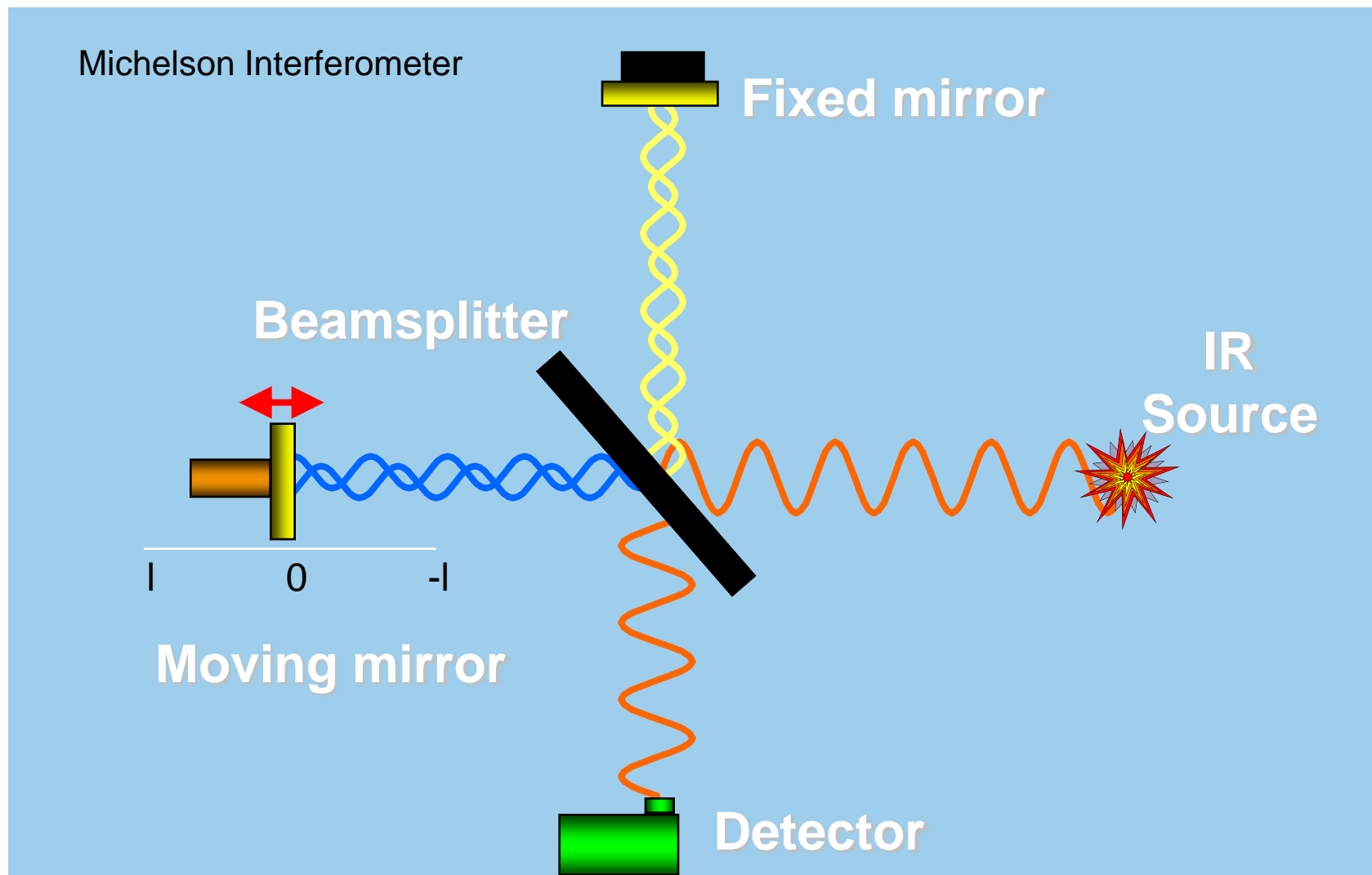


# Basics: Select the Right Tool for your Application





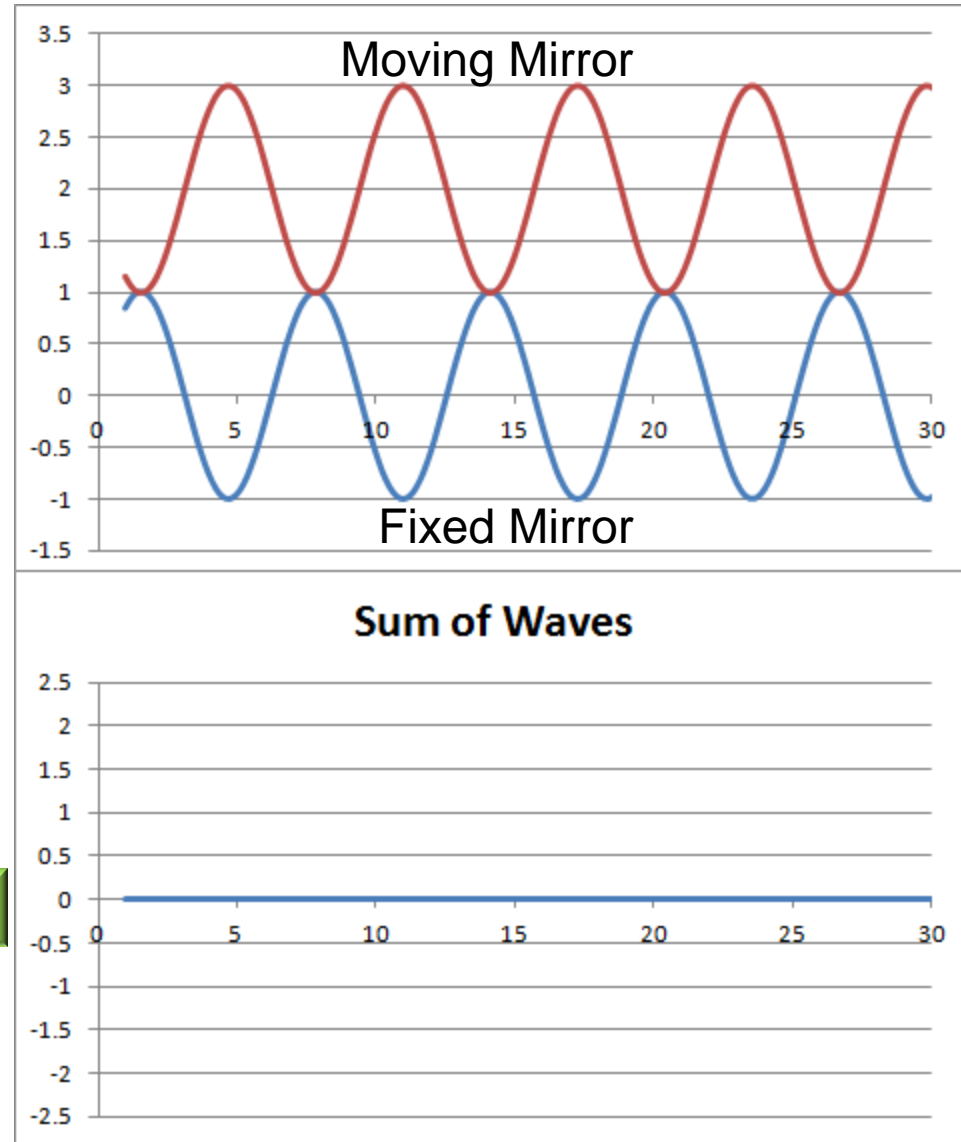
# Basics: How FT-IR Works



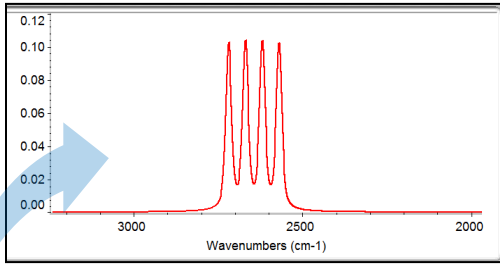
# Time Domain to Frequency Domain

- One mirror moves...
- ...one doesn't
- This causes the two beams to 'interfere' when they recombine
- Watch how the detector signal (bottom) varies with mirror movement (top)...
- The result is a Time versus Detector Signal (Intensity) plot

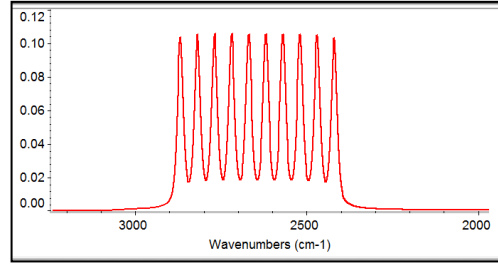
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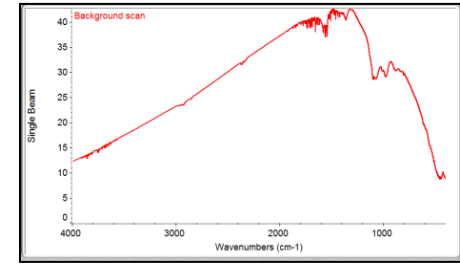
# The FTIR Interferogram



4 frequencies

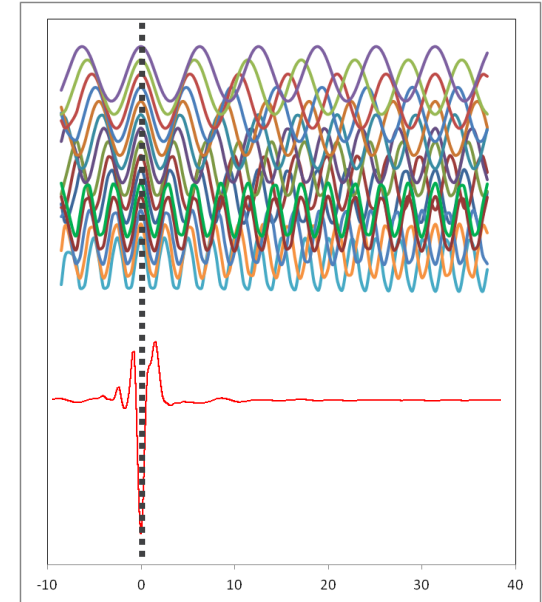
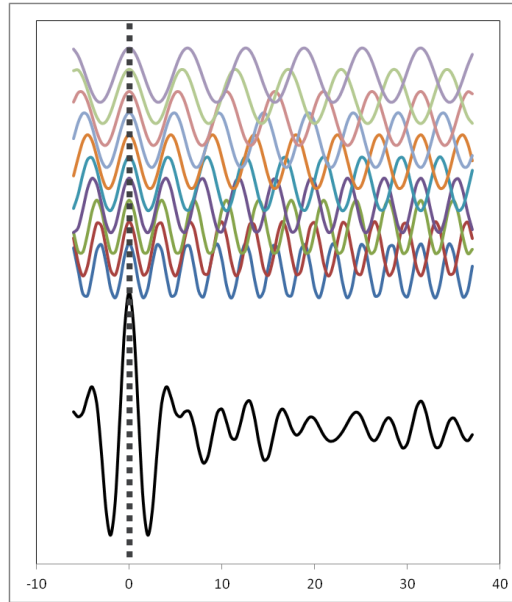
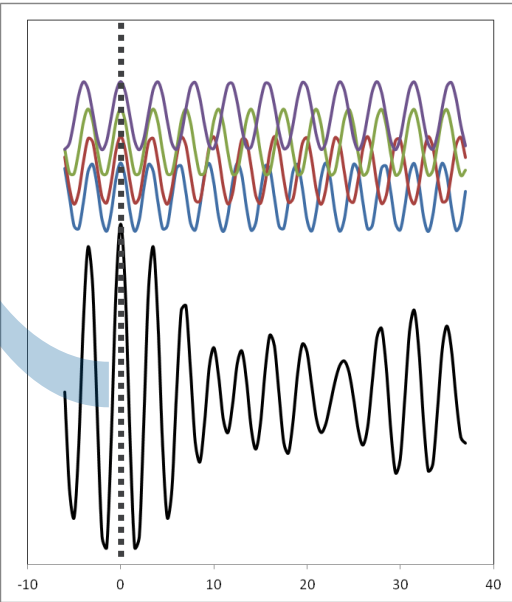


10 frequencies

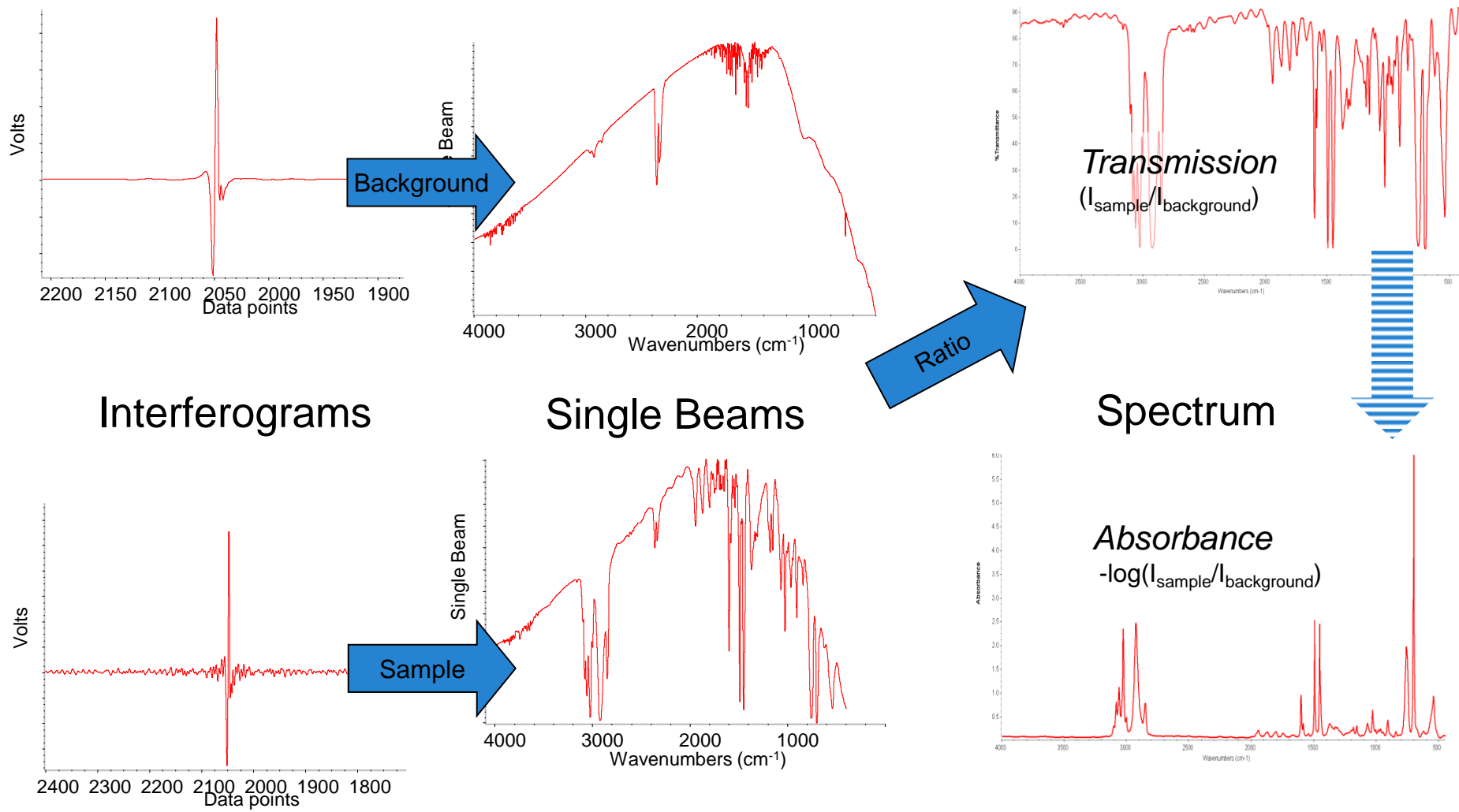


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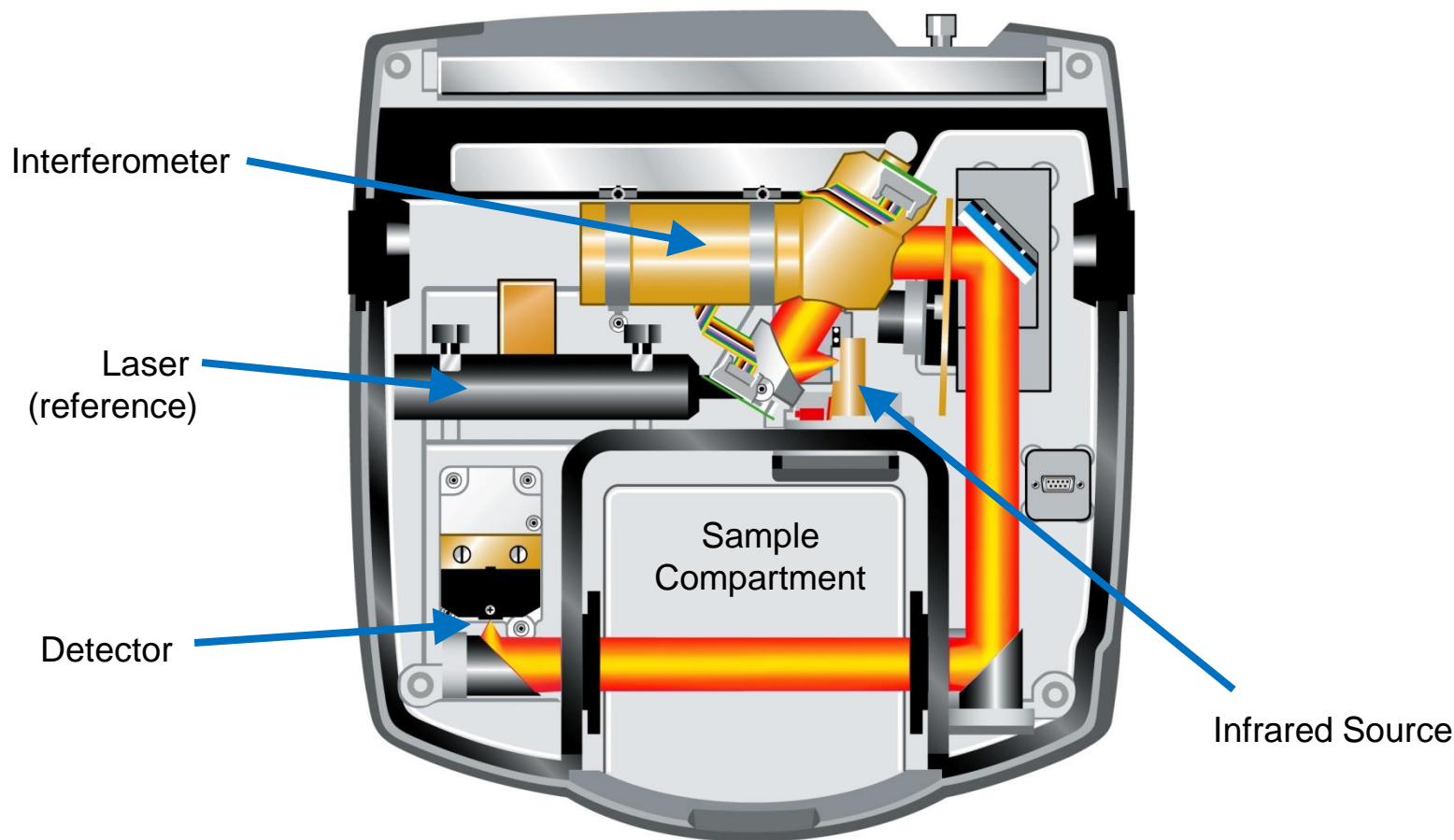
Fourier Transform



# Raw Data to Final Spectrum

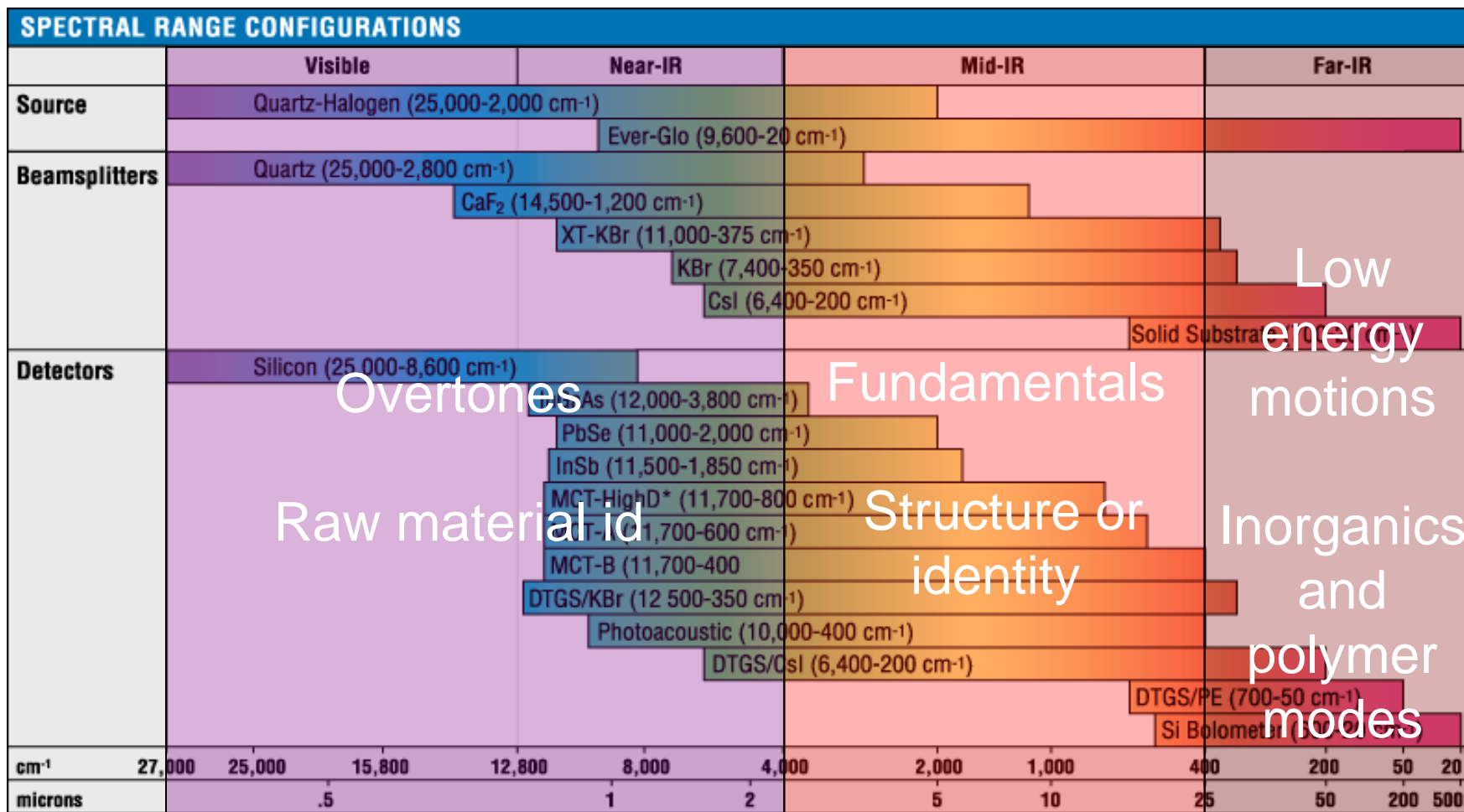


# Inside the FT-IR Spectrometer

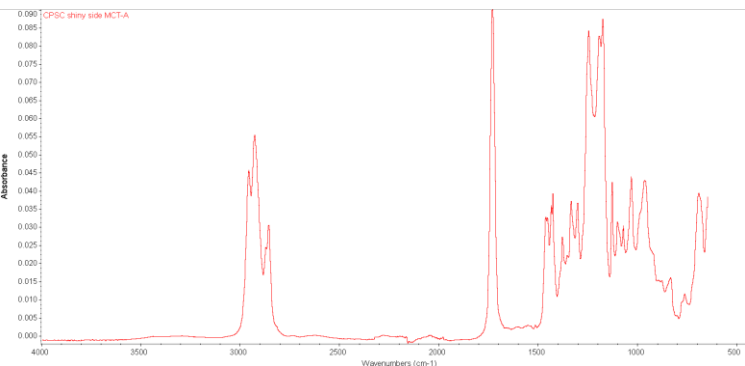


Thermo Scientific™ Nicolet™ iS™ 10 FT-IR Spectrometer  
Simplicity of form, dependability of function

# Choose Components to Set Spectral Range



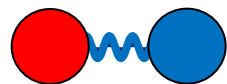
# The Rest is Up to Physics!



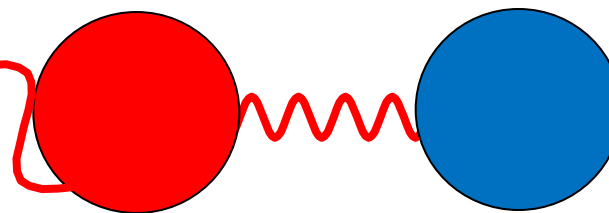
- ***The dipole moment must change***
- ***Molecules absorb specific frequencies***
  - Chemically similar materials absorb in the same range
    - Esters: around  $1750\text{ cm}^{-1}$
    - Hydrocarbons: around  $3000\text{ cm}^{-1}$
- **Multiple uses**
  - Identification
  - Quantitation
  - Kinetic studies



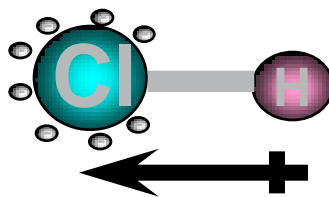
# Basics: What Happens at the Sample?



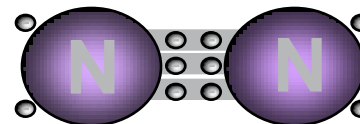
Light Mass, Dipole, High Frequency  
Mid-IR



Heavy Mass, Dipole, Low Frequency  
Far-IR



Only when there is a dipole  
change do you get IR peaks



No Dipole, Nothing Happens

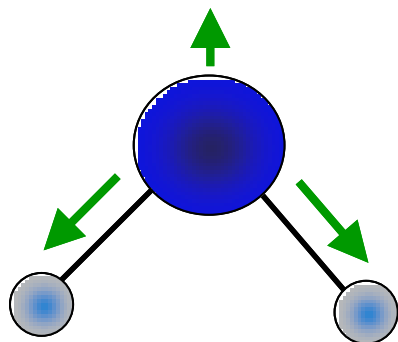


# NIR: A powerful branch of the FT-IR Family

- NIR heavily used in industrial processes
  - Raw material identification (RMID)
  - “HOVal” for condensation analyses
  - Excellent for moisture detection
- Good Mid-IR generally means good NIR
  - NIR not covered today – ask for more information!

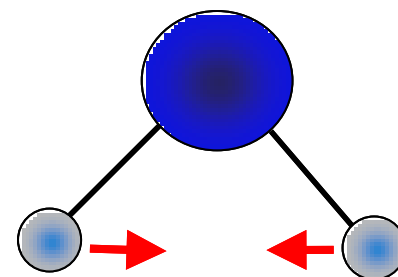


3600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$



5200  $\text{cm}^{-1}$

1600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$



Combination band in Water



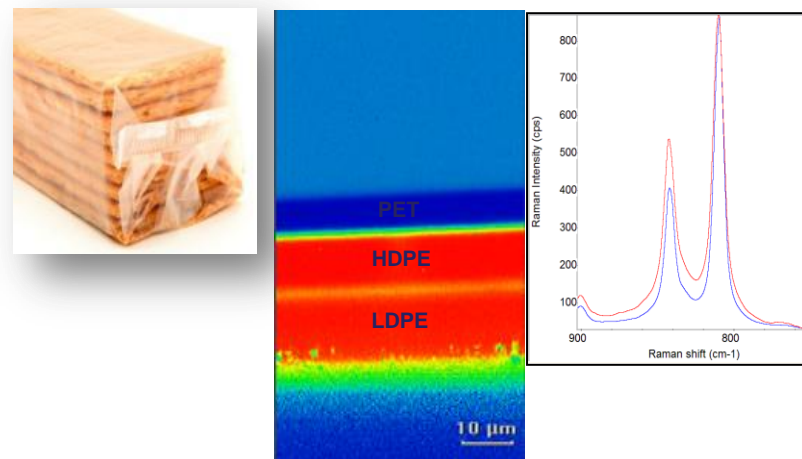
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# Raman Spectroscopy

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# Basics: Raman as a Laboratory Tool

- Raman is used to solve problems
  - Non-destructively, non-invasively
  - Identify, map, image, depth profile
- Often coupled with a microscope
- Minimal or no Sample Preparation
- High Spatial Resolution
- What do you need?
  - Single action, repeated analyses?
  - Flexibility?
  - Imaging?



# Basics: Select the Right Tool for your Application

- **DXR2  
Microscope**

- Point and Shoot
- Mapping



- **DXR2xi Imaging  
Microscope**

- Fast Imaging
- Image-driven collection



- **iS50 FT-Raman**

- Sample compartment
- Point and Shoot or Mapping

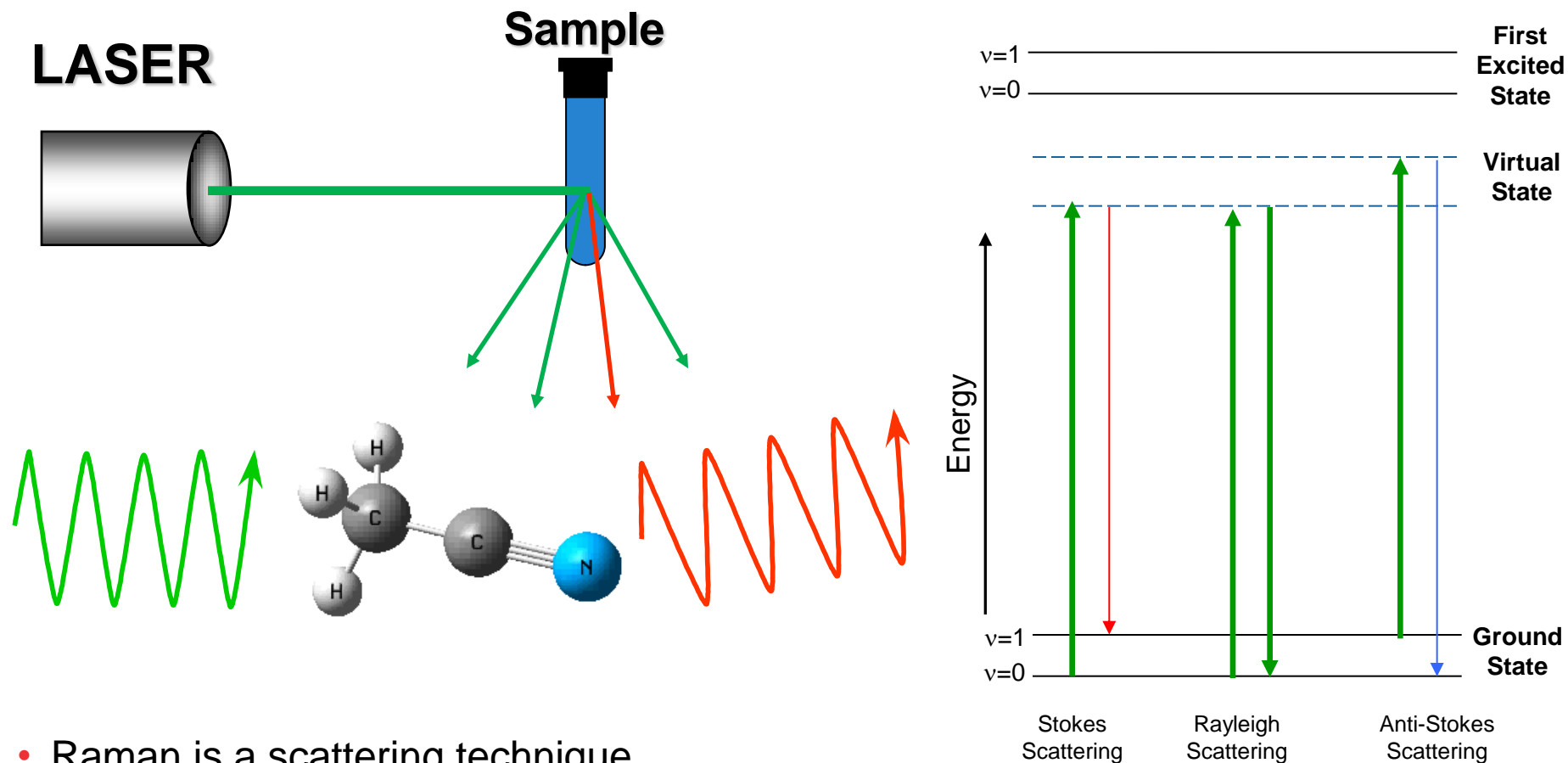


- **DXR2 Smart**

- Bulk Sampling



# Basics: Raman Spectroscopy



- Raman is a scattering technique
  - Sensitive to vibrational modes of covalent bonds in molecules
  - Most sensitive to highly symmetrical vibrations (i.e. C-C, Si-Si)
  - Sensitive to anything that changes bond energy (i.e. bond angle)

# Basics: How Dispersive Raman Spectrometers Work

## • DXR2 System Basics:

### • Lasers

- 455 nm
- 532 nm
- 633 nm
- 785 nm

### • Rayleigh rejection filter

- 50  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  cut-off

### • Apertures

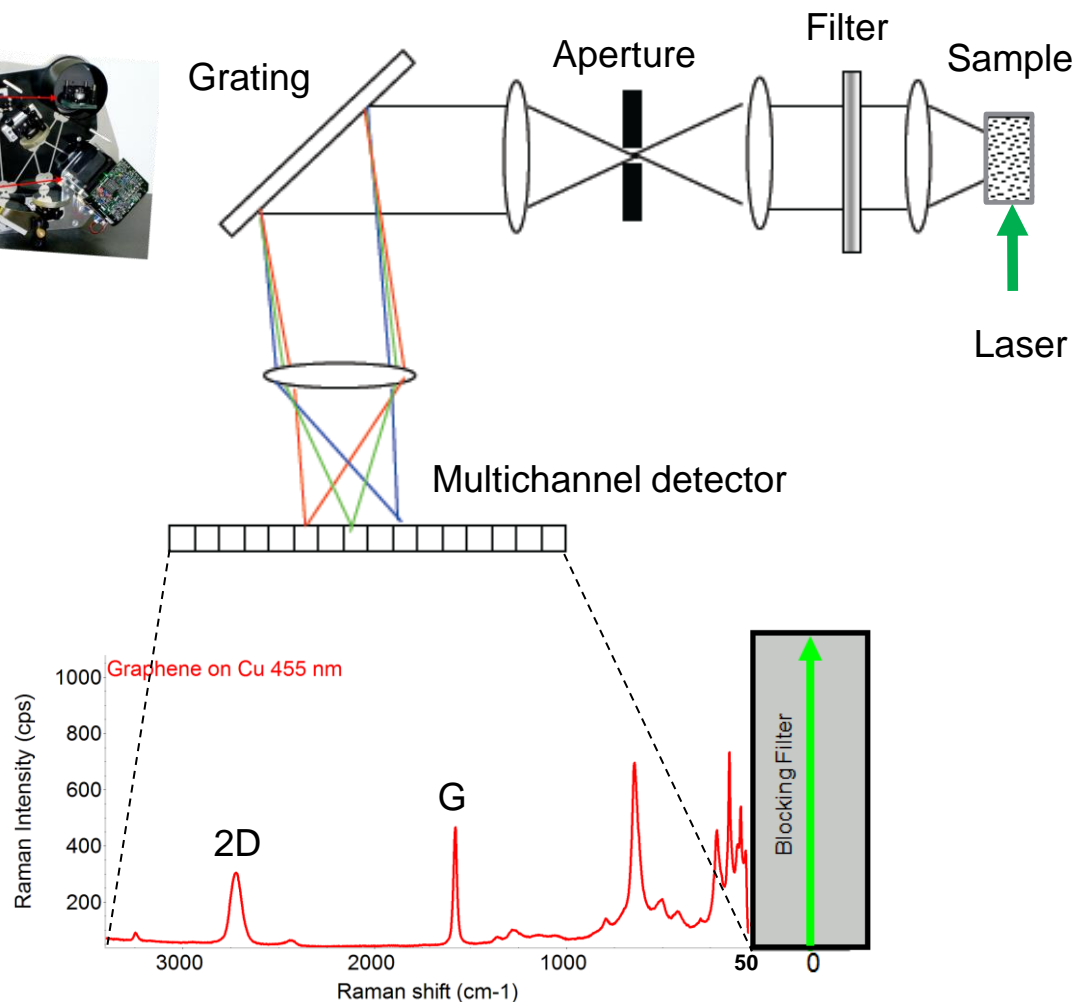
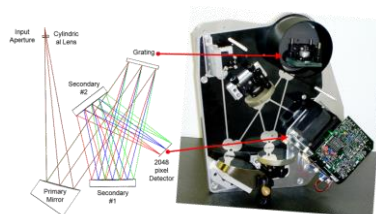
- Slit
- Pinhole (confocal mode)

### • Gratings

- Standard, 5  $\text{cm}^{-1}$
- High Resolution, 2  $\text{cm}^{-1}$

### • Detectors

- CCD, EMCCD

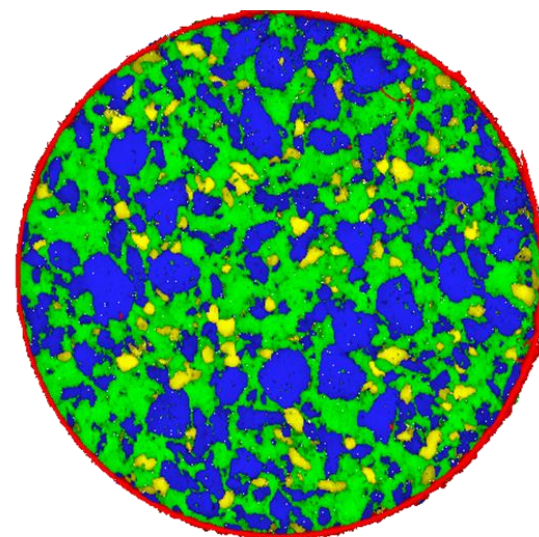


# Basics: Why so Many Options on the DXR2?

- Multiple Lasers (455, 532, 633 or 785 nm)?
  - Trade-off: Fluorescence versus Efficiency
    - Fluorescence can be very strong, >> Raman
    - Efficiency strongly depends upon excitation wavelength

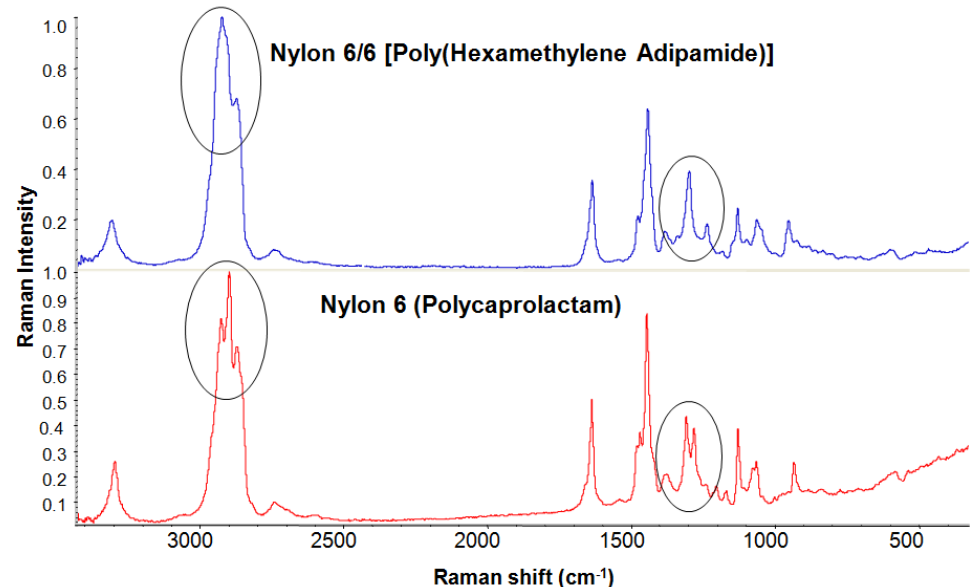
$$\text{Efficiency} \propto 1/\lambda^4$$

- High resolution versus standard resolution?
  - See closely spaced peaks, but...
  - Changes your available spectral range
- Detectors?
  - CCD: Standard detector, single point and mapping
  - EMCCD: Faster (not more sensitive), for fast imaging



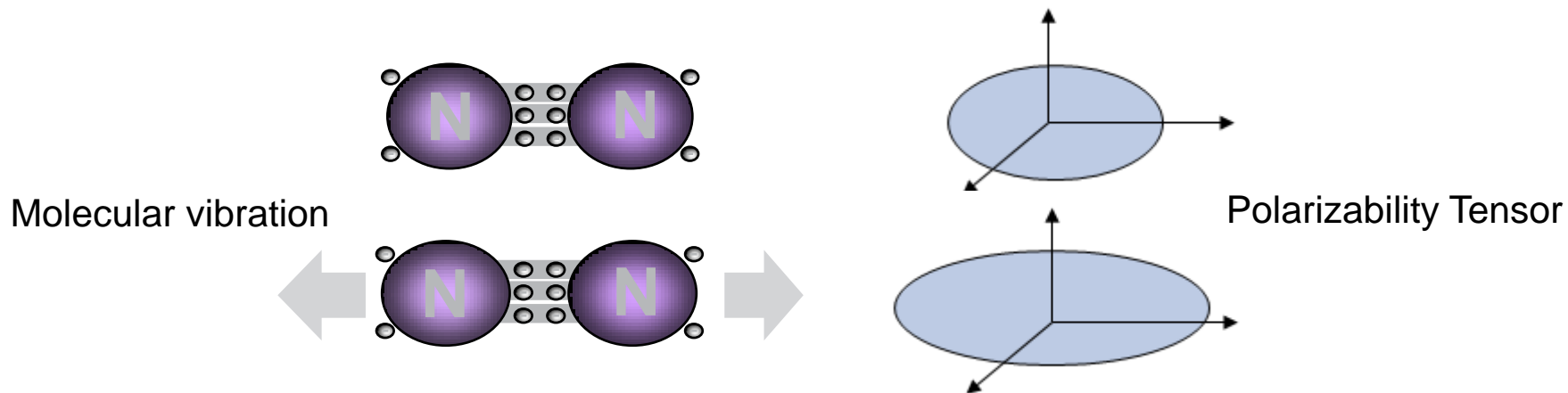
# The Rest is Up to Physics (again)!

- ***There must be a polarizability change***
  - Basically, a change in the electron cloud
- Peaks occur at specific frequencies
- Peaks may display a polarization dependence
  - Orientation and molecular symmetry
- Multiple uses
  - Identification
  - Quantity
  - Kinetics

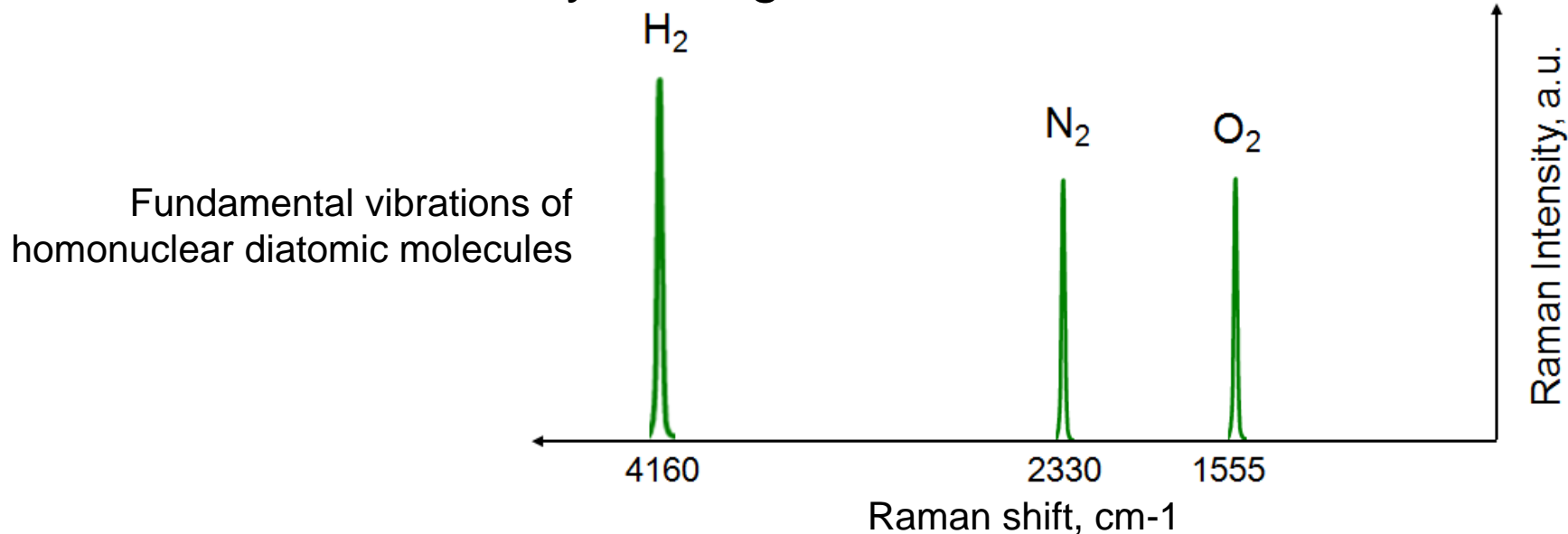




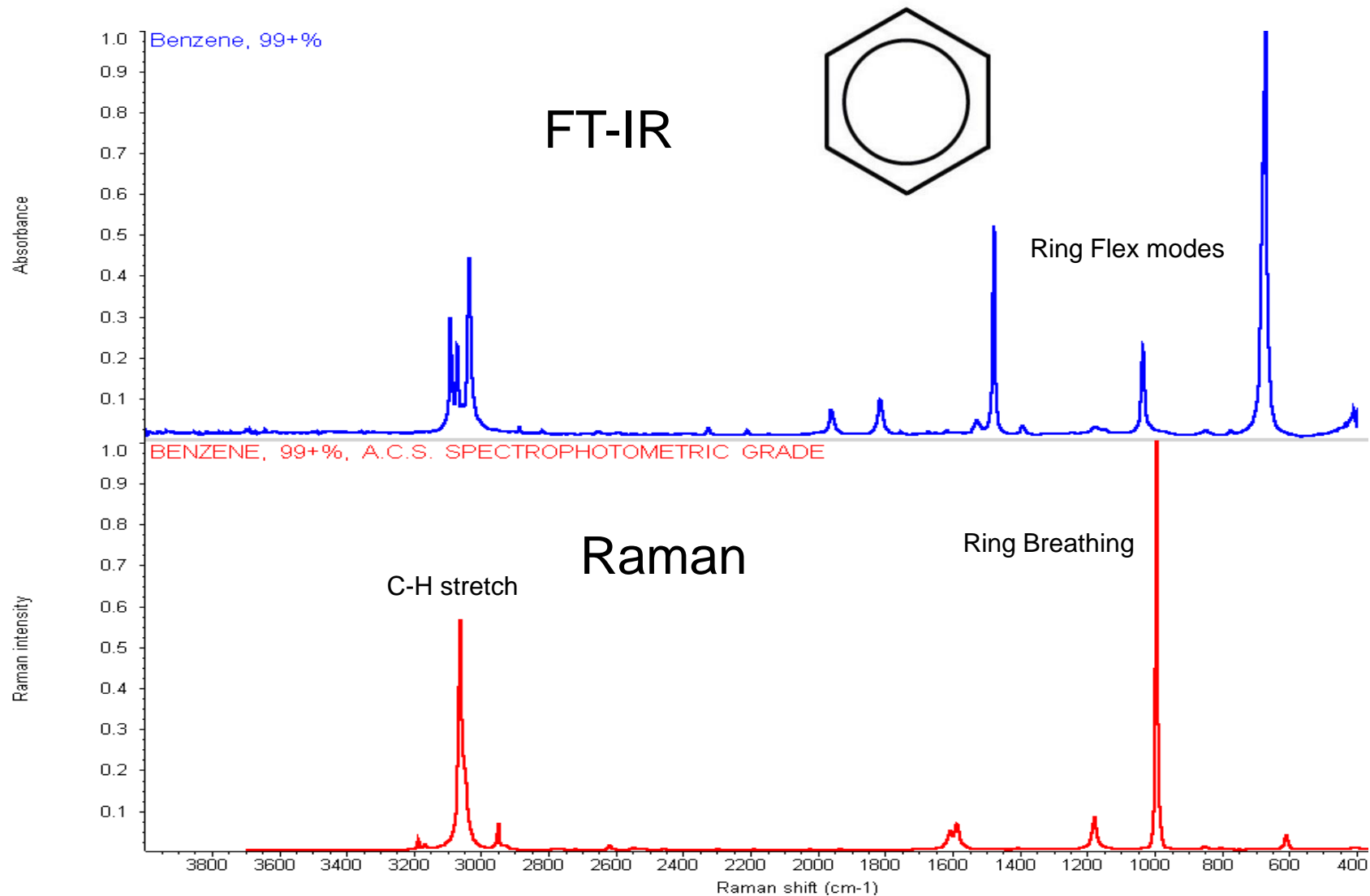
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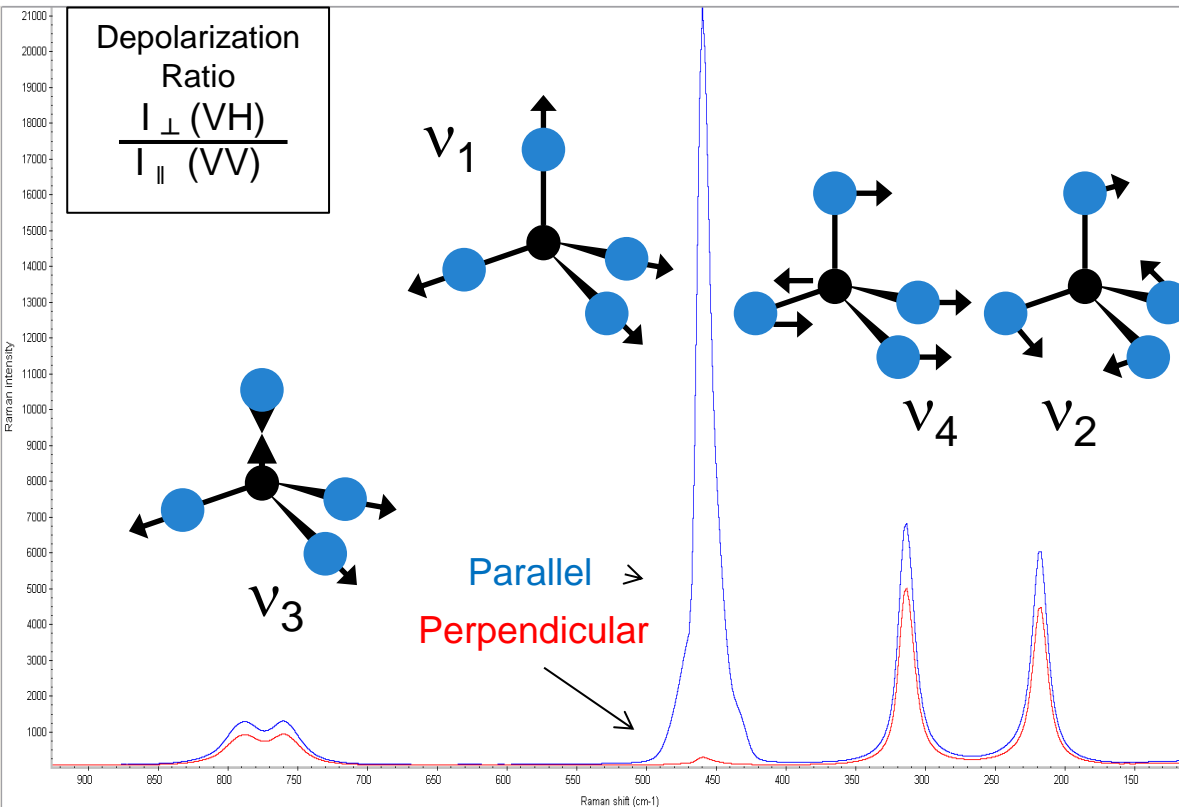
- IR  $\rightarrow$  Dipole Change
- Raman  $\rightarrow$  Polarizability Change



# FT-IR and Raman Spectrum of Benzene



# Additional Information: Raman Polarization



- Used to characterize:
  - Molecular symmetry
  - Molecular orientation
  - Crystallinity
  - Morphological traits
- DXR2 Raman polarization
  - Automated laser polarization
  - Automated analyzer orientation



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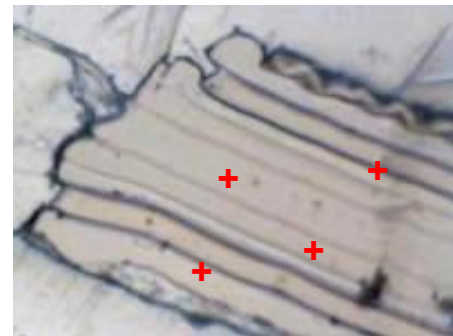
# Extending Molecular Spectroscopy

Microspectroscopy and Multimodal Techniques

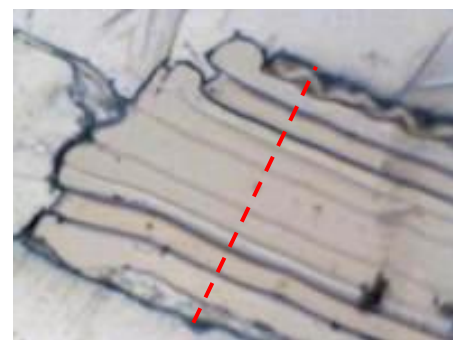
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- Combine FT-IR or Raman with microscope
- Probe content, homogeneity, contaminants
- FTIR or Raman
  - Today's last talk

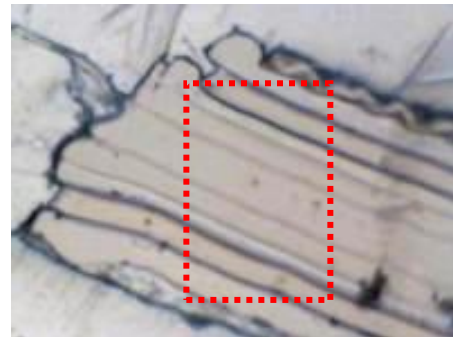
- Point and shoot



- Line maps
  - Cross-Sections



- Area maps
- Chemical Images



- Relate Properties to Chemistry
  - Rheo-Raman or Rheo-IR
- Deformulate
  - TGA-IR
  - GC-IR
- Materials Analysis
  - XPS-Raman
  - AFM-Raman



Versatility: IR Microscopy, FT-Raman, Built-in ATR, automated Beamsplitter Exchanger, External experiment module



Versatility: The Thermo Scientific iXR Compact Raman Coupled with XPS

# Molecular Spectroscopy: Research to Routine

- Discover.
  - Relate Viscosity to Chemistry
  - Biological imaging
- Solve.
  - Identify unknowns
  - Deformulate materials
- Assure
  - QA/QC on incoming, outgoing material
  - In-line process control

