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Raman Spectroscopy

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### Overview

- 1) What is spectroscopy?
- 2) What is Raman Spectroscopy?
- 3) What are the basics of Raman Instrumentation?
- 5) What are the advantages and Disadvantages of Raman Spectroscopy?
- 6) Experimental Approaches
  - > Coupling Raman to a Microscope
  - > Raman mapping/imaging
  - > Less traditional Raman measurements



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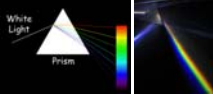


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### What is Spectroscopy?


A Rainbow is a visible spectrum



Spectroscopy is converting light into information:



White Light  
Prism



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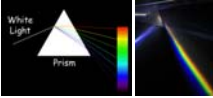
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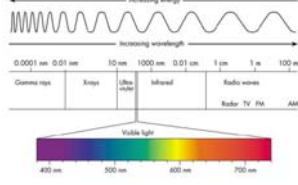
### What is Spectroscopy?

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Spectroscopy is converting light into information:

- Can be qualitative, ie. Observing what colors are present or not present
- Can be quantitative ie. Observing the intensities of each color that is present.



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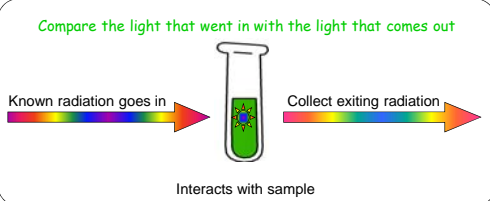
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### Spectroscopy generalization

Compare the light that went in with the light that comes out



A general definition of spectroscopy is the study of the interaction between radiation and an analyte as a function of wavelength.

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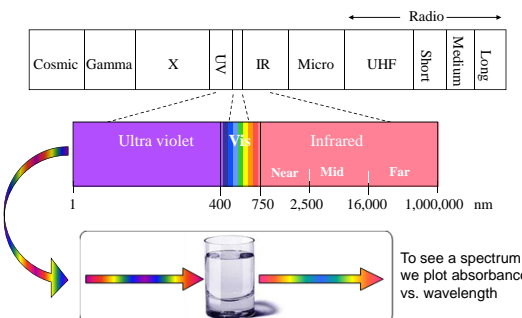
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### Spectroscopy (Radiation)



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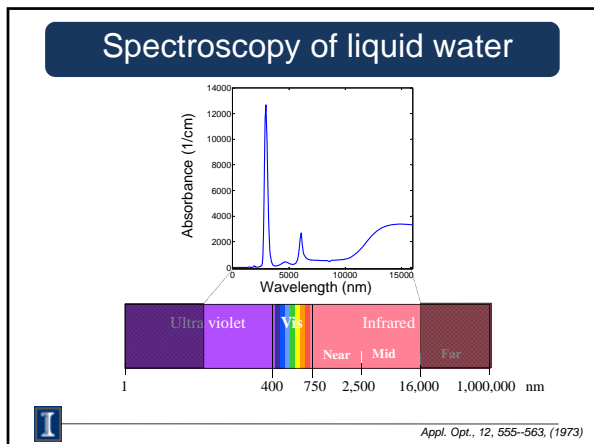
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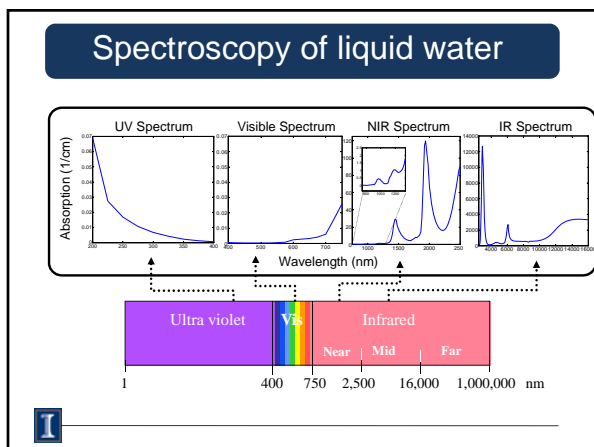
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### Spectroscopy Generalization

**Reasons for Light absorption:**

**UV and visible spectroscopy:** 'Electronic spectroscopy', light absorption occurs as a result of electrons in molecules moving to higher energy orbitals

**Infrared and Raman Spectroscopy:** 'Vibrational spectroscopy', spectral bands occur as a result of molecular vibrations

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### Raman Spectroscopy: Basic Concept

785nm  
Sample  
Detector

Ultra violet    Vis    Infrared  
Near    Mid    Far  
1    400    750    2,500    16,000    1,000,000 nm

First observed by Sir C. Venkata Raman in 1928 using sunlight and photographic filters (won Nobel price in physics in 1930).  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Raman\\_energy\\_levels.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Raman_energy_levels.jpg)

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### Raman Spectroscopy: Basic Concept

Electronic States  
Virtual Energy States

UV-VIS Absorption  
Excitation Energy  
Rayleigh Scattering  
Stokes Raman Scattering  
Anti-Stokes Raman Scattering

Vibrational Energy States  
4  
3  
2  
1  
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Chance of occurring is Wavelength Dependant

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If light is not absorbed... the majority of the photons pass through the sample by means of Rayleigh Scattering

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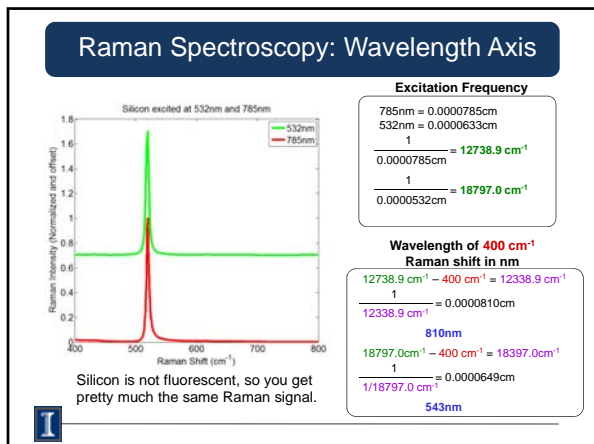













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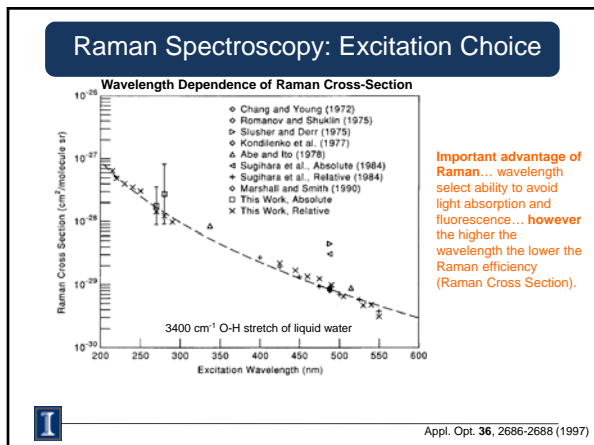
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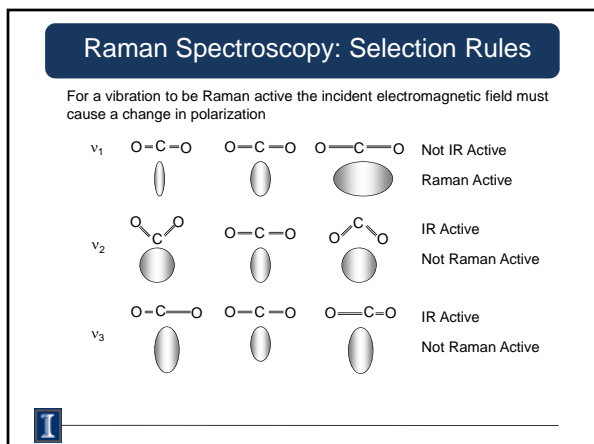
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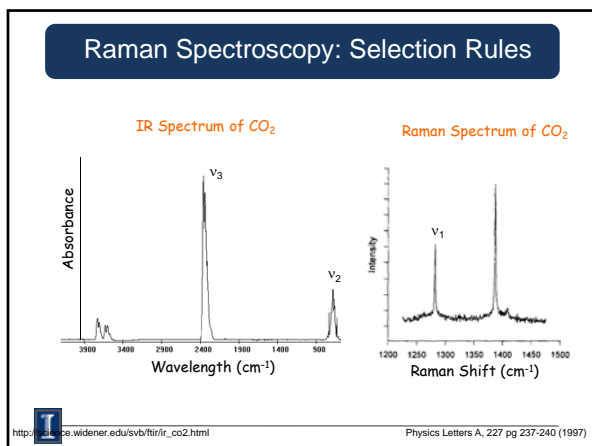
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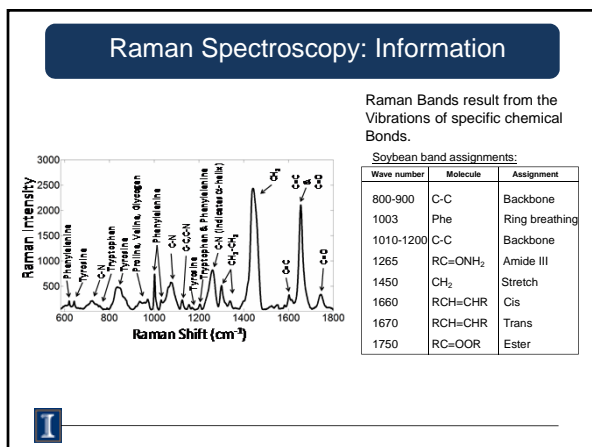
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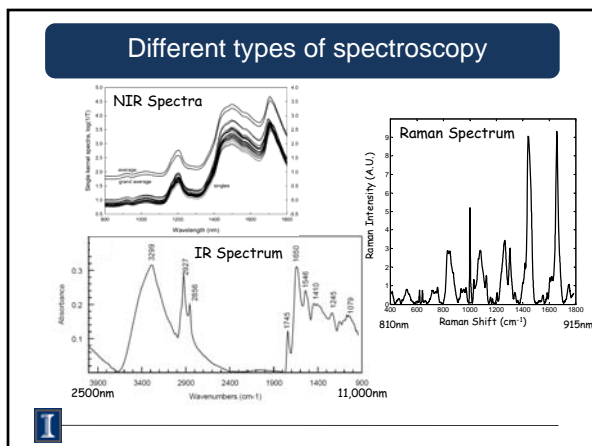
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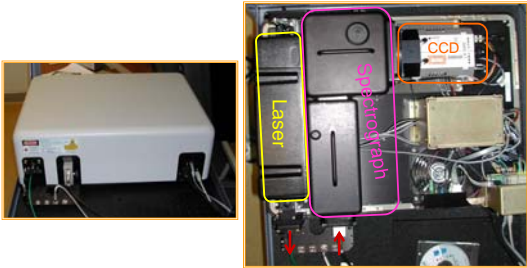
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### Raman Spectroscopy: Instrumentation



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### Raman Spectroscopy: Instrumentation

#### Laser



- Generally Continuous Wave multimode lasers are used
- Narrow Spectral band (laser line filters)
- Temperature stability (electrical stability)
- Fiber coupling is common
- Laser power depends on wavelength and the application (-5-100mW is common)

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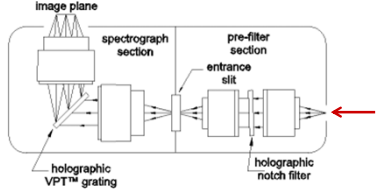
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### Raman Spectroscopy: Instrumentation

#### Spectrograph



- This is a axial dispersive spectrograph
- Reflective spectrographs are also common
- Interferometers are used for FT-Raman



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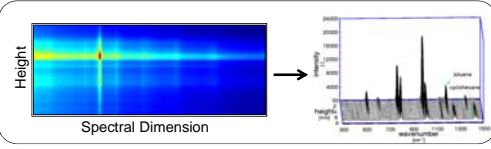
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### Raman Spectroscopy: Instrumentation

Detector



-Charged-coupled devices (CCDs) are the most common detectors (256x1024 pixel array)  
-FT Raman is used for frequencies where CCDs have low quantum efficiency





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### Advantages

Advantages:

- Little sample preparation (Polishing and fixing to a slide is common)
- Not sensitive to water (Good for biological samples)
- High chemical specificity (Narrow spectral bands)
- Qualitative and Quantitative information
- Non-destructive (A measurement does not chemically or physically change the sample)
- Can take measurements on solids, liquids, or gases
- Measurements are taken without touching the sample (Remote sensing)
- Easily coupled with fiber-optics



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### Disadvantages

Disadvantages

- Acquisition times tend to be longer than other techniques (real time measurements have been demonstrated... but something like video rate imaging is not yet a reality)
- Raman signal tends to be weak
- Raman signal is often mixed with a fluorescent background signal, which can make signal processing and quantification difficult.
- High laser powers can burn delicate samples



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### Coupling Raman to a Microscope

Microscope      785 nm Laser      Spectrograph & CCD

Dichroic mirror

Transmittance (%)

Wavelength (nm)

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### Raman Microscopy Example

Kinetic Experiments to monitor reactions  
(bonds forming and/or breaking)

Intensity (a.u.)

Wavenumber (cm<sup>-1</sup>)

01 hour  
02 hours  
03 hours  
04 hours  
05 hours

Epoxide band at 1275 by the time

Fig. 4. Raman spectra for RTM6 at 150°C.

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Polymer Testing 28 (2009) 42-45

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### Coupling Raman to a Microscope

Microscope      785 nm Laser      Spectrograph & CCD

Dichroic mirror

- This is good if you want to get Raman spectra from small uniform samples.
- A **confocal aperture** is useful for improving spatial and Depth resolution

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### Confocal Raman Spectroscopy

Tobaskblat et al., Appl. Spec 1992

#### The Experiment

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### Confocal Raman Spectroscopy

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### Conventional Raman Spectroscopy

*Works really well for many, many samples... but not so well for others... depends what you are trying to do:*

N. Everall, Appl. Spectrosc. 63, 245A (2009)    N. Everall, Appl. Spectrosc. 62, 591 (2008)    M. J. Pelletier, Appl. Spectrosc. 63, 591 (2009)

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### Raman Imaging

**Conventional Mapping: 81 measurements**

This is a 3 dimensional data set where x and y are spatial dimensions and for the third each pixel has a Raman spectrum that can show sample Chemistry

\*\*\*There are other ways to do Raman Imaging, but this is by far the most common

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### Chemical Distribution by Raman

\*\*\*This is a soybean section cut by microtome to 5µm thick

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### Chemical Distribution

\*\*\*Serial soybean sections cut by microtome to 5µm thick

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### Raman Images of Prostate Biopsies

**Another Example of Raman Imaging:**

	26% Epithelium	43% Epithelium	58% Epithelium	72% Epithelium	80% Epithelium	90% Epithelium
Raman Image						
H&E						

I M. Schulmeich, R. Bhargava, et. al. J. Biomed. Opt. - In Preparation

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### Raman can give you some histological information without staining

H&E

Raman Image

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### Raman Imaging

- Raman Imaging by point mapping is by far the most common approach and is what most commercial Instruments offer
- Next I'm going to highlight a few other Raman imaging methods that have been used... but keep in mind that these are pretty uncommon
  - Hyper spectral Mapping
  - Line scan imaging
  - Wide Field imaging

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### Hyperspectral Raman mapping

Collection fibers are transposed into a line when to enter the spectrograph

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### Hyperspectral Raman mapping

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### Line Scan Raman mapping

Line shaped Raman scattered light will be analyzed by a spectroscopic. The line image of the object will be divided into 400 points spectral in lateral, while the each spectrum is being expressed with 1340 points.

The 400 points are analyzed simultaneously

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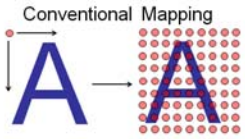
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### Line Scan Raman mapping

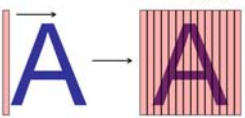
**Conventional Mapping**



The major benefit is time to collect an image

Images generally look less pixelated

**Line Scan Raman Imaging**



The ability to reject out of focus light can be limited depending on how the line scanning is implemented

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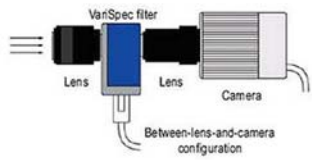
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### Wide-field Imaging



Tunable filter can replace the spectrograph to collect wide-field images.

The filter is swept through a range of wavelengths and the frames are stacked to obtain spectra.

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<http://www.channelsystems.ca>

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### Comparison

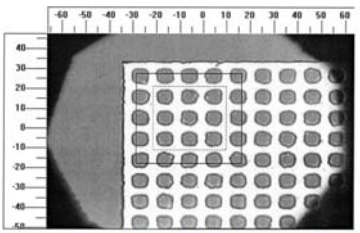


Figure 1. Bright-field microscope image of the examined SEM standard sample with a micrometer scale delineated at the top and left. The dark squares (edge length, 5 μm) corresponds to the underlying Si substrate. The area covered in the Raman mapping experiments is indicated by the larger square (45 μm × 45 μm, solid lines). The smaller square (~30 μm × 30 μm, dotted lines) represents the area for which the Raman images obtained by each methodology are presented in Figures 2–4.

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Levin et. al. Anal. Chem. 2003, 75, 4312-4318

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## Point Mapping

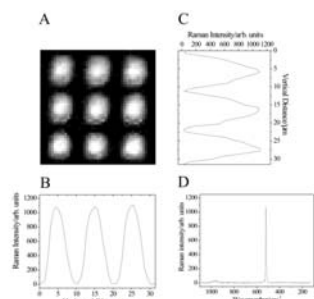


Figure 2. Raman image (A) at  $520\text{ cm}^{-1}$  reconstructed from point mapping data. The horizontal (B) and vertical (C) intensity profiles along a central pixel of the middle Si square and the corresponding Raman spectrum (D) are shown.

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## Line Scanning

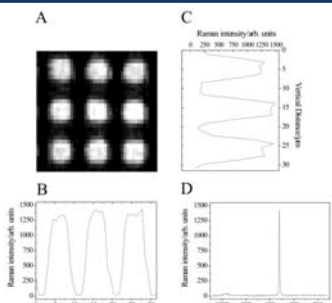


Figure 3. Raman image (A) at  $520\text{ cm}^{-1}$  reconstructed from line scanning data. The horizontal (B) and vertical (C) intensity profiles along a central pixel of the middle Si square and the corresponding Raman spectrum (D) are shown.

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## Wide-Field Imaging

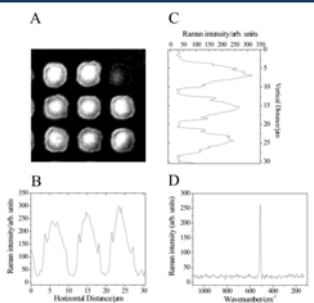
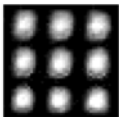
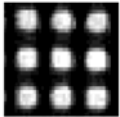
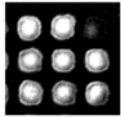


Figure 4. Global Raman image (A) obtained with the LCTF band-pass centered at  $520\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The horizontal (B) and vertical (C) intensity profiles along the central pixel of the middle Si square and the corresponding Raman spectrum (D) are shown. The global Raman image (E) was obtained with a 30 times longer exposure time of 5 min compared to image (A).

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### Imaging Comparison






Point
Line
Global

**Table 1. Parameters Employed for Point and Line Mapping and Global Raman Imaging Experiments\***

	point mapping		line mapping		global imaging
	sample limited	laser limited	sample limited	laser limited	sample limited
power density (MW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	0.008	13.5	0.008	0.096	0.008
spectral resolution	4 cm <sup>-1</sup>		4 cm <sup>-1</sup>		
spectral band-pass					7 cm <sup>-1</sup> (fwhm)
spatial resolution	1.1 μm		1.1 μm (horizontal)		0.313 μm
			1.06 μm (vertical)		
signal-to-noise ratio	29	9	77	40	14
total acquisition time	11 h 24 min	1h 16 min	12 min 34 s	3 min 47 s	46 min 22 s
exposure time only	61 = 4(1)30 s = 10 h 25 min	61 = 4(1)30.1 s = 6 min 12 s	61(1)9 s = 10 min 10 s	61(1) s = 1min 1 s	194(1)0 s = 32 min 20 s

\*The sample limited cases are used for comparison of all three methodologies.


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### Disadvantages

#### Again.... The Disadvantages

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- Raman signal tends to be weak
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- High laser powers can burn delicate samples

*Various technique address some of these disadvantages*



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### Other Raman Techniques

- Surface enhanced Raman spectroscopy (SERS)
- Tip enhanced Raman spectroscopy (TERS)
- Resonance Raman spectroscopy
- Raman tomography
- Coherent anti-stokes Raman spectroscopy (CARS)
- Stimulated Raman spectroscopy
- Others I can't think of at the moment and much more to come!



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Thank you

Questions?



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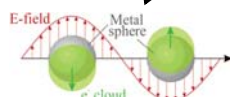
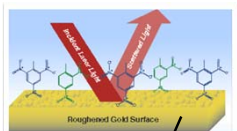
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### Surface Enhanced Raman Spectroscopy



- The Raman scatter can be enhanced by 10 to 11 orders of magnitude with SERS... can detect single molecules
- Mechanism: surface plasmons
- Excitation Frequency matters
- Different selection rules, so the SERS spectrum is different than the spontaneous Raman spectrum
- Reproducibility tends to be poor, and quantification with SERS is difficult, though research advances are making headway.



Schultz et al. J. Phys. Chem. B, 2003, 107, 668-677

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