



## **Interpreting Raman Spectrum**

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## INTERPRETING RAMAN SPECTRUM

### SAMPLE AND PREPARATION EFFECTS

1. What is the name of the sample?

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2. Instrument information:

Name:

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Laser:

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Excitation wavelength:

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Spectral Range:

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Spectral Resolution:

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3. How was the sample produced?

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4. What is known of the reaction scheme?

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5. Are there possible side reactions?

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6. Could solvents be present?

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7. Did work-up conditions introduce impurities?

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8. State of matter.

☐ Solid:

Dry ☐ , Paste ☐ ,

Was it washed with solvent or recrystallized? Yes ☐ No ☐ ,

Neat ☐ , Halide disk ☐ , Mull ☐ , Neat powder ☐

☐ Liquid:

Volatile ☐ , Alkaline ☐ , Neutral ☐ , Acidic ☐ , Pure liquid ☐ , Solution ☐

☐ Gas:

Temperature

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Pressure

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Purity

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Elemental info

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Contain N, S, or halogens ☐ ,

Could the N, S or halogens be from impurity? Yes ☐ No ☐ ,

Polarization Effects ☐ , Orientation Effects ☐ , Temperature Effects ☐

9. If sample is in container:

Mark off bands due to vessel walls (e.g., glass, polythene).

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In cast or polymer films, is there any solvent trapped or encapsulated?

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Can the polymer film have orientation?

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10. If Raman is paired with microscope.

Are the bands real or due to the mounting window (e.g., diamond).

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## INSTRUMENT AND SOFTWARE EFFECTS

1. Are resonance or self-absorption likely to affect band strengths? Yes ☐ , No ☐
2. Does the spectrum have: Flat background ☐ , Corrected for fluorescence ☐
3. Did software used smooth function? Yes ☐ , No ☐
4. Are the broad band in the spectrum due to: Fluorescence ☐ , Burning ☐ , Other ☐
5. Are the sharp bands in the spectrum due to: Cosmic rays ☐ , Neon room lights ☐ , Other ☐

## MAIN INTERPRETATION

1. Is a reference spectrum available? Yes ☐ , No ☐
2. Does the total spectrum look like the reference spectrum? Yes ☐ , No ☐
3. Hit Quality Index between sample and reference:

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4. Correlation coefficient between sample and reference:
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5. Are the bands: Broad ☐ , Sharp ☐ , Strong ☐ , Weak ☐

6. Is the background: Sloping ☐ , Flat ☐

7. In the 3600-3100  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region are there: -OH ☐ , -NH ☐ bands. Look for related bonds for confirmations (e.g., amides have carbonyl bands and -NH bands).

	NAME	STRENGTH	REGION [ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ]	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thiols (SH)	m	2531	2615
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aldehydes 1	m	2684	2741
<input type="checkbox"/>	N-CH <sub>3</sub>	m	2753	2797
<input type="checkbox"/>	CH <sub>2</sub> 1	s	2766	2838
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aldehydes 2	w	2782	2838
<input type="checkbox"/>	O-CH <sub>3</sub>	m	2782	2838
<input type="checkbox"/>	C-CH <sub>3</sub>	s	2817	2958
<input type="checkbox"/>	OH	w	2876	3534
<input type="checkbox"/>	CH <sub>2</sub> 2	s	2892	2935
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aromatic C-H	s	2973	3086
<input type="checkbox"/>	CH=CH	s	2976	3032
<input type="checkbox"/>	=CH <sub>2</sub>	s	3017	3073
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amine, Amide	m	3152	3470
<input type="checkbox"/>	Phenol	m	3211	3406
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alcohol	m	3224	3337
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alkyne	w	3242	3285

8. In the 3200-2700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region are there: Unsaturation ☐ , Aliphatic ☐ bands. Usually unsaturation is above 3000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and aliphatics below.

If aliphatic bands are present, are they largely: Methyl ☐ , Longer  $-\text{CH}_2$  ☐ groups.

Are the bands in the cumulative bond region 2700-200  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ? Yes ☐ , No ☐

Are there bands in the double bond (e.g.,  $-\text{C}=\text{O}$ ,  $-\text{C}=\text{C}$ ) region 1800-1600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ? Yes ☐ , No ☐

	NAME	STRENGTH	REGION [ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ]	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Carboxylic Acid	m	1687	1737
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ketone	m	1692	1719
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aldehyde	m	1700	1727
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ester	m	1708	1745
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lactone	m	1735	1793
<input type="checkbox"/>	Acid chloride	m	1740	1788
<input type="checkbox"/>	Anhydride	m	1748	1838
<input type="checkbox"/>	Isothiocyanate	m	2019	2090
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alkyne	s	2058	2242
<input type="checkbox"/>	Si-H	m	2074	2146
<input type="checkbox"/>	Isonitrile	m	2088	2173
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thiocyanate	w	2101	2173
<input type="checkbox"/>	Azide	m	2117	2159
<input type="checkbox"/>	Diazonium salt	m	2199	2284
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aromatic nitrile	m	2199	2228
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nitrile	m	2226	2255
<input type="checkbox"/>	Isocyanate	w	2226	2271
<input type="checkbox"/>	P-H	w	2295	2425
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thiols (SH)	s	2531	2616

9. In the 1700-200  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region are there:

Many bands largely due to the molecule fingerprint? Yes ☐ , No ☐

1700-1200  $\text{cm}^{-1}$

	NAME	STRENGTH	REGION [ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ]	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sulphonic acid 1	w	1196	1243
<input type="checkbox"/>	Carboxylate salt	m	1313	1431
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nitro 1	s	1320	1355
<input type="checkbox"/>	C-CH <sub>3</sub>	m	1358	1386
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aromatic azos	s	1367	1445
<input type="checkbox"/>	CH <sub>2</sub> , CH <sub>3</sub>	m	1409	1458
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aromatic ring	m	1451	1507
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nitro 2	m	1534	1605
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aliphatic azos	m	1541	1590
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amide	s	1555	1695
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aromatic/hetero ring	s	1555	1612
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ketone	m	1604	1715
<input type="checkbox"/>	Carboxylic acid	m	1612	1723
<input type="checkbox"/>	C=C	s	1618	1674
<input type="checkbox"/>	C=N	s	1625	1667
<input type="checkbox"/>	Urethane	m	1688	1716
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aldehyde	m	1715	1737
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aliphatic ester	m	1729	1764

1200-700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$

	NAME	STRENGTH	REGION [ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ]	
<input type="checkbox"/>	$\nu$ C-C aliphatic chains	m	700	1263
<input type="checkbox"/>	CHX=CYZ	m	887	992
<input type="checkbox"/>	C-Cl	s	701	785
<input type="checkbox"/>	C-S	s	707	777
<input type="checkbox"/>	C-F	s	722	805
<input type="checkbox"/>	C-O-C Ethers	m	798	951
<input type="checkbox"/>	Carboxylic acid dimer	m	909	959
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aromatic rings	s	992	1102
<input type="checkbox"/>	Si-O-Si, Si-O-C	m	1006	1089
<input type="checkbox"/>	C=S	s	1013	1228
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sulphonic acid 2	m	1020	1063
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sulphone sulphonamide	m	1049	1207
<input type="checkbox"/>	Si-O-C	m	1117	1187
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sulphonic acid 1	m	1144	1261

700-200 cm<sup>-1</sup>

	NAME	STRENGTH	REGION [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lattice vibrations	s	47	210
<input type="checkbox"/>	Xmetal-O	s	128	435
<input type="checkbox"/>	$\delta$ C-C aliphatic chains	s	254	401
<input type="checkbox"/>	Se-Se	s	294	340
<input type="checkbox"/>	S-S	s	427	543
<input type="checkbox"/>	Si-O-Si	s	457	552
<input type="checkbox"/>	C-I	s	485	658
<input type="checkbox"/>	C-Br	s	507	700
<input type="checkbox"/>	C-Cl	s	550	765
<input type="checkbox"/>	C=S	s	571	673
<input type="checkbox"/>	$\nu$ C-C aliphatic chains	m	622	765
<input type="checkbox"/>	C-S aliphatic	s	666	754



## OVERALL RESULTS

Confirmed?	Bands	Region	NAME
<input type="checkbox"/>	1		
<input type="checkbox"/>	2		
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