

# Fourier-Transform Infrared Spectroscopy

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- Introduction to infrared and IR spectroscopy
- How an FTIR bench works
- Why we use a synchrotron
- Some examples

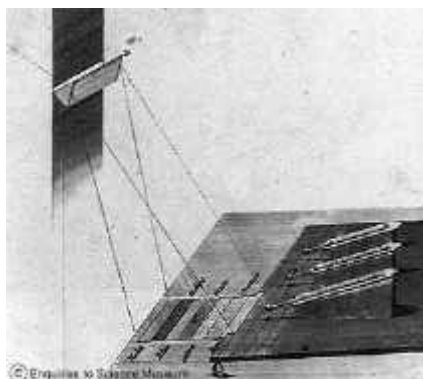


## William Herschel

Around 1800, Herschel studied the spectrum of sunlight using a prism. He measured the temperature of each color, and found the highest temperature was just beyond the red, what we now call the 'infrared'.



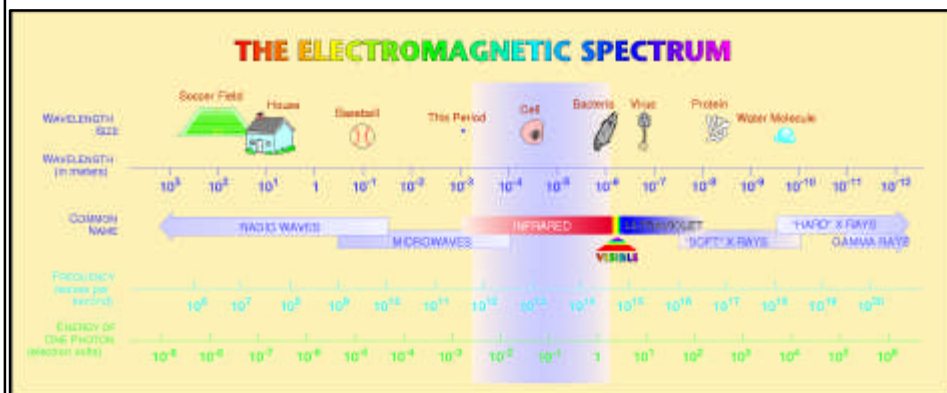
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## The Infrared Part of the EM Spectrum



IR units: wavenumbers ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ),

10 micron wavelength =  $1000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

1 eV  $\approx 8100 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

1 THz  $\approx 33 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

300 Kelvin  $\approx 210 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

Near-IR:  $4000 - 14000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

Mid-IR:  $500 - 4000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

Far-IR:  $5 - 500 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

IR covers  $\sim 1 \text{ meV}$  to  $1 \text{ eV}$



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## What can we learn from IR spectroscopy?

- **Atoms vibrate with frequencies in the IR range**
- **Chemical Analysis:**
  - Match spectra to known databases
    - Identifying an unknown compound, Forensics, etc.
  - Monitor chemical reactions *in-situ*
- **Structural ideas:**
  - Can determine what chemical groups are in a specific compound
- **Electronic Information:**
  - Measure optical conductivity
    - Determine if Metal, Insulator, Superconductor, Semiconductor
    - Band Gaps, Drude model



## Contact-less Measurements

- **Much easier to mount & measure samples**
- **Can work with solids, liquids, gases**
- **Is easier to vary other sample properties via**
  - Temperature (cryostats, heaters)
  - Pressure (Diamond Anvil Cells)
  - Magnetic Field



## Optical Spectroscopy Equations

- **Things we want to know about a sample:**
  - Index of refraction:  $N(\omega) = n + ik$
  - Conductivity:  $\sigma(\omega) = \sigma_1 + i\sigma_2$  (All complex functions)
  - Dielectric function:  $\epsilon(\omega) = \epsilon_1 + i\epsilon_2$

- **These are all related:**

$$\epsilon(\omega) = 1 + \frac{4\pi i}{\omega} \sigma(\omega) \quad N(\omega) = \sqrt{\epsilon(\omega)}$$

- **Kramers-Kronig relations hold:**

$$\sigma_2(\omega) = -\frac{2\omega}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sigma_1(\omega') d\omega'}{\omega'^2 - \omega^2}$$

- **Optical measurements:**

- **Reflectivity:**  $R(\omega) = \left| \frac{\sqrt{\epsilon} - 1}{\sqrt{\epsilon} + 1} \right|^2 = \frac{(1-n)^2 + k^2}{(1+n)^2 + k^2}$

- **Transmission:**  $T(\omega) = |t(\omega)|^2 = \left| \frac{4N(\omega)}{(1+N(\omega))e^{-2\pi i d N \omega} - (1-N(\omega))e^{2\pi i d N \omega}} \right|^2$

## A Simple Oscillator



Imagine the mass is an atom, carrying a charge.  
This will then couple to the electric field in light.

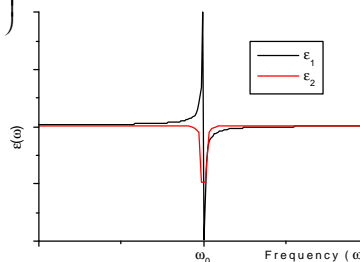
$$\text{Ideal: } m\ddot{x} = -\kappa x, \omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\kappa}{m}}$$

$$\text{General: } m\ddot{x} = -\kappa x - \gamma \dot{x} + E(t), \gamma = \text{damping}, E(t) = qE_0 e^{-i\omega t}$$

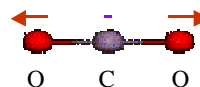
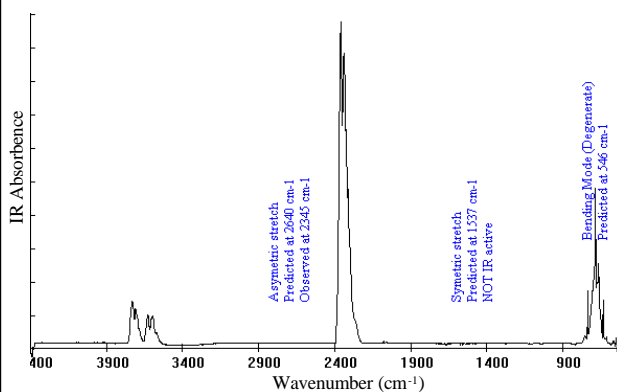
$$\text{Solution: } x = \left( \frac{qE_0}{m\omega^2 - \kappa + i\omega\gamma} \right) e^{-i\omega t} = \left( \frac{qE_0/m}{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2 + i\omega\frac{\gamma}{m}} \right) e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$\omega_p = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi q^2}{m}}, \chi(\omega) = \frac{x}{E(t)}, \epsilon(\omega) = 1 + 4\pi\chi(\omega)$$

$$\epsilon(\omega) = 1 + \frac{-\omega_p^2}{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2 + i\omega\frac{\gamma}{m}}$$



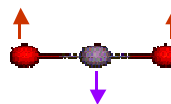
## An Example: CO<sub>2</sub>



**Symmetric Stretch**  
(Dipole moment = 0 so **not** IR active)



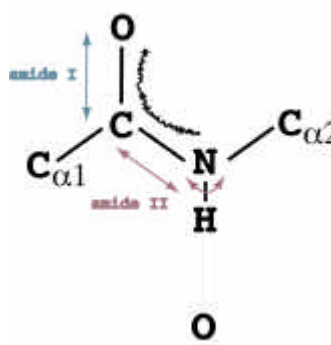
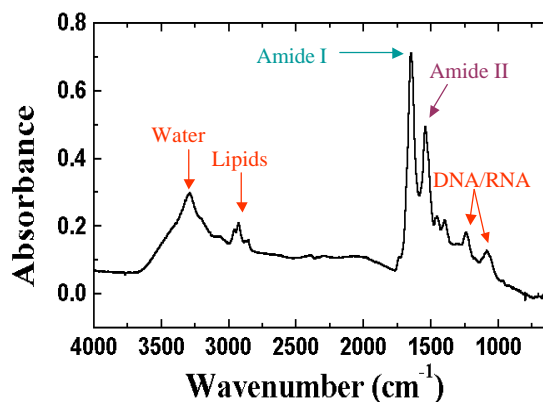
**Asymmetric Stretch**  
(Has dipole moment so IR active)



**Bending Mode**  
(Has dipole moment so IR active)

A Dipole Moment = charge imbalance in the molecule

## Example infrared spectrum of a biological system



Typical IR  
absorbance  
positions:

Protein Amide I: 1690-1600  
Protein Amide II: 1575-1480  
Lipid =CH<sub>2</sub>: 3100-3000  
Lipid -CH<sub>2</sub>, -CH<sub>3</sub>: 3000-2850  
Nucleic Acid -PO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>: 1225, 1084

The peak positions of Amide I and II are sensitive to the protein secondary structure (α-helix, β-sheet, random coils, etc.)

A good reference: Mantsch and Chapman, *Infrared spectroscopy of biomolecules*. 1996, New York: Wiley-Liss.

## Drude Model of a Metal

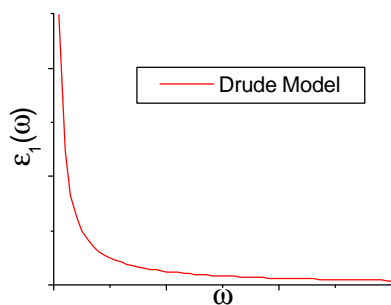
Electrons in a metal are free, but collide at an average time  $\tau$ .

$$\sigma = \frac{ne^2\tau}{m}$$

Or in optical terms:

$$\epsilon(\omega) = \frac{-\omega_p^2}{\omega^2 + i\frac{\omega}{\tau}}$$

This is exactly an oscillator at  $\omega_0 = 0$ .



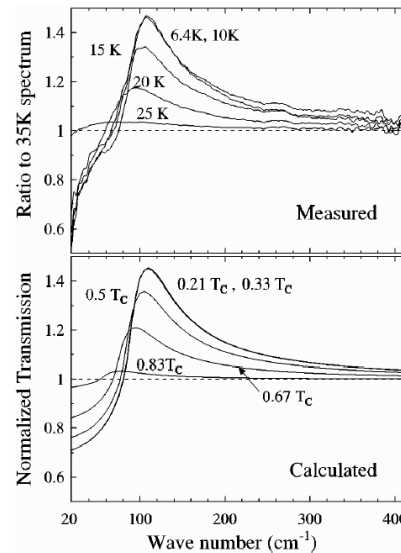


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## An Example: Superconducting $\text{Rb}_3\text{C}_{60}$

A superconducting gap opens up below  $T_C$ . From these measurements we determined that  $2\Delta = 4.1 k_B T_C$ .

Koller, Martin, Mihaly, Mihaly, Oszlanyi, Baumgartner and Forro. Phys. Rev. Lett. **77**, 4082 (1996).



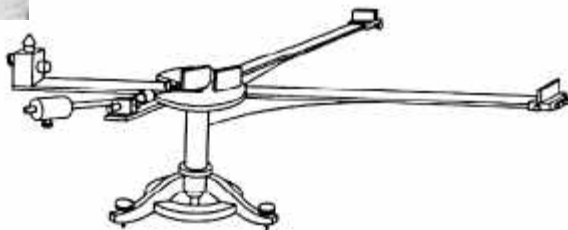
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## Albert Michelson (1852-1931)



Michelson wanted to measure the speed the the earth moves through the ether (the medium in which light travels). By measuring the interference between light paths at right angles, one could find the direction & speed of the ether.

Michelson's  
first  
interferometer  
(1881)





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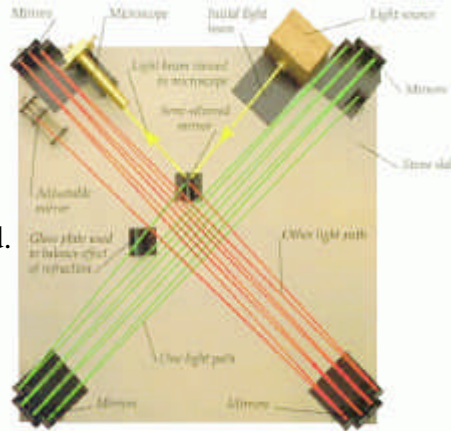
## Michelson-Morley Experiment



Still no fringes → No ether.  
The speed of light is constant.  
A new physics of light was needed.

"My honored Dr. Michelson, it was you who led the physicists into new paths, and through your marvelous experimental work paved the way for the development of the theory of relativity." – Albert Einstein, 1931.

Michelson-Morley interferometer (1887)



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## More about Michelson



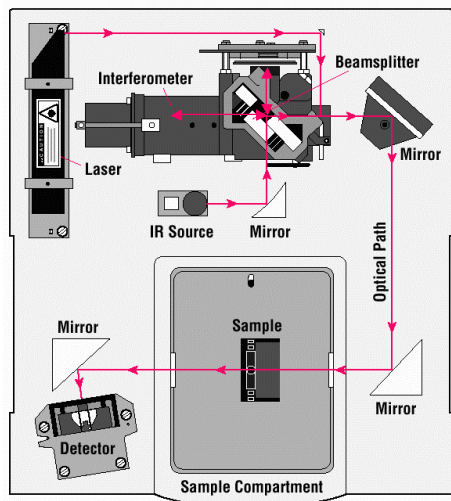
Michelson became the first American to win the Nobel Prize in physics in 1907.

He continued pioneering optical measurements:

- The speed of light
- The size of stars
- Using a particular wavelength of light as a distance standard

## How an FTIR Spectrometer Works

### A Simple Spectrometer Layout



Pathlength difference =  $x$

The intensity detected of two plane waves:

$$I = |\vec{E}|^2 = |\vec{E}_1|^2 + |\vec{E}_2|^2 + 2\vec{E}_1 \cdot \vec{E}_2 \cos(\theta)$$

Normal incidence,  $\theta = kx$ , can simplify to:

$$I(x) = 2[1 + \cos(kx)]$$

For non-monochromatic light:

$$\begin{aligned} I(x) &= \int_0^\infty [1 + \cos(kx)] G(k) dk \\ &= \int_0^\infty G(k) dk + \int_0^\infty G(k) \frac{e^{ikx} + e^{-ikx}}{2} dk \\ &= \frac{1}{2} I(0) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^\infty G(k) e^{ikx} dk \end{aligned}$$

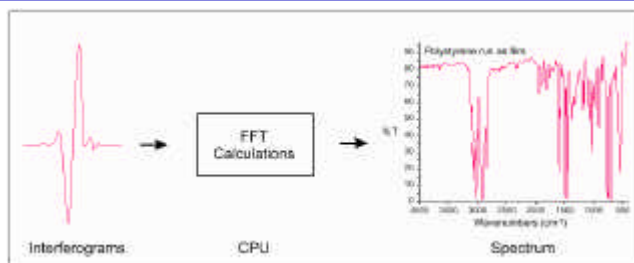
## FTIR Math Continued

We can rewrite this to something more familiar:

$$W(x) \equiv \frac{2I(x) - I(0)}{\sqrt{2\pi}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^\infty G(k) e^{ikx} dk$$

**A Fourier Transform!**

The detected intensity as a function of moving mirror position,  $I(x)$ , can therefore be converted into  $G(k)$ , the intensity spectrum as a function of frequency by a simple Fourier transform.





## FTIR Spectrometers

In practice one cannot measure from  $-\infty$  to  $\infty$ . The resolution of a measurement is simply given by how far in  $x$  you measure.

$$\text{resolution} \propto \frac{1}{2\pi x_{\text{max}}}$$

### Rapid-Scan measurements:

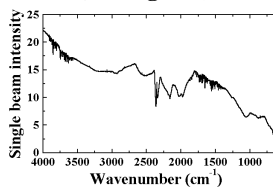
- Sweep mirror quickly, average many interferograms
  - Very fast & easy
  - Not high resolution
  - Not for quickly changing signals or very low signal

### Step-Scan measurements:

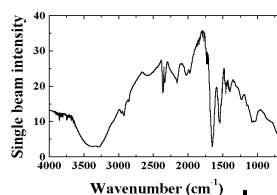
- Step to each  $x$  position, then measure (long average, or triggered time series). Can have very long path length.
  - Excellent for fast time resolution, low signals (lock-in)
  - Harder to run stably.

## Infrared Spectroscopy Measurements

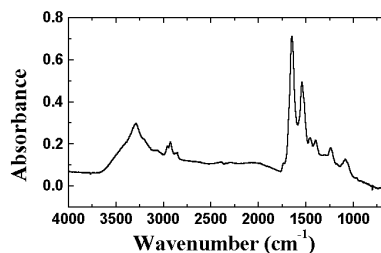
Incoming IR signal (reference)



Measured reflection (or transmission)



Focussed  
onto  
sample

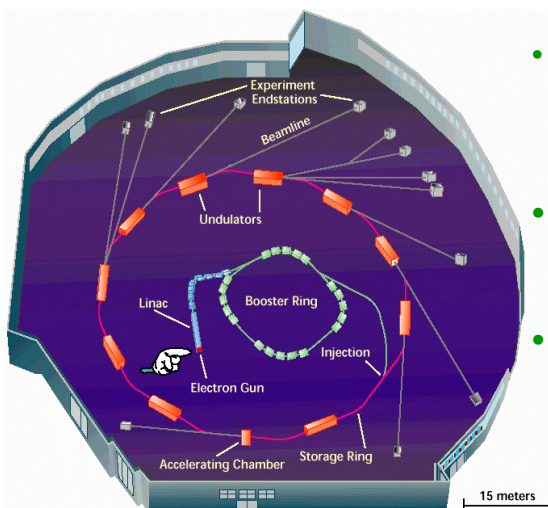


Resultant  
absorbance spectra  
(or reflection, or  
transmission)



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## Why use a synchrotron for IR?



- **High brightness**

- Essentially a point source
- Can focus light to a diffraction-limited size: [Microscopy](#)

- **More far-IR flux**

- Smaller samples
- Better signal-to-noise

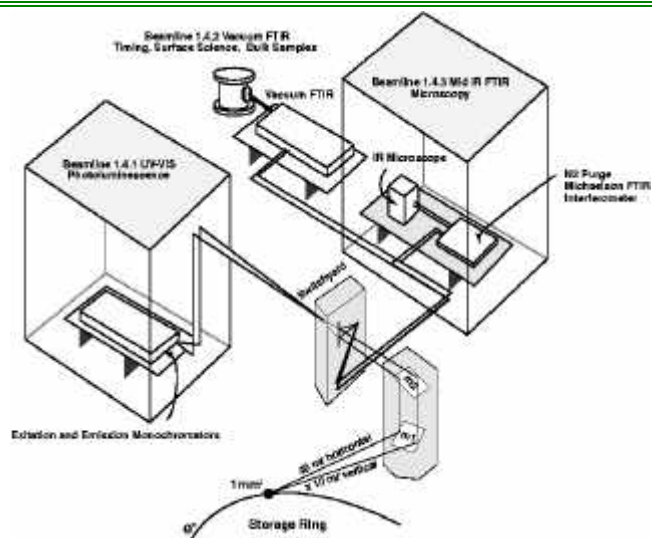
- **Pulsed source**

- Light is from electron bunches
- Fast timing measurements (nsec)



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## ALS Beamlines 1.4.x Experimental Endstations



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## ALS Beamline 1.4.3 FTIR Spectromicroscopy



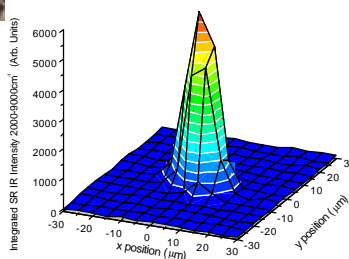
Nicolet 760 FTIR Bench Nic-Plan IR Microscope

### Applications:

- Single living cells, toxic contaminants, protein microcrystals, rhizoids, water jets, forensic evidence, corroded metals ...

<http://infrared.als.lbl.gov/>

- $\leq 10\mu\text{m}$  spot size
- Microcooler stage (70 - 740K)
- Grazing incidence objective
- Autofocus capabilities



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## ALS Beamline 1.4.2 FTIR Spectroscopy



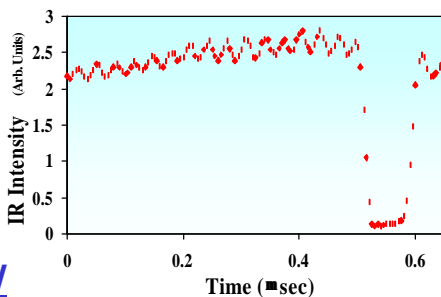
Bruker IFS 66v/S

### Applications:

- Strongly correlated electron systems, surface chemistry, pump-probe dynamics, corroded metals, ATR cell, ...

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- 20 - 25,000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  range
- LHe cryostat (1.4 - 475K)
- 5ns fast timing capabilities
- Grazing incidence UHV chamber



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## Presently Active User Groups at the ALS IR Beamlines

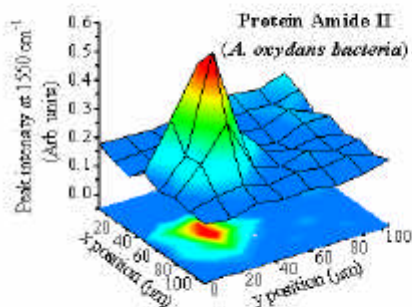
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•Benning, Lianne	Univ. of Leeds	Cyanobacteria & silification
•Breunig, Thomas	UCSF	Dental research
•Brudler, Ronald	Scripps Institute	Photocycle of PYP
•Chesko, James	Chiron Corp.	Cells & correlation with genomics
•Doner, Harvey	UCB Earth Sciences	Soil sciences
•Erramilli, Shyamsunder	Boston Univ.	Near-field IR microscopy
•Ghosh, Upal	Stanford Univ.	Soil sciences
•Glaeser, Robert	UCB Biochemistry	Bacteriorhodopsin
•Haller, Eugene	UCB Mat. Science	GaN systems
•Heske, Clemens	U. Wuerzburg	Novel Solar Cells
•Holman, Hoi-Ying	LBNL ESD	Microbial transformations
•Huie, Phil	Stanford Pathology Dept.	Single cell metabolism
•Jeanloz, Raymond	UCB Earth Sci.	Water transport in Earth's mantle
•Kauffman, Mary	Idaho National Lab	Bacterial attachment to basalt
•Myneni, Satish	Princeton	Soil chemistry
•Orenstein, Joseph	UCB Physics	Strongly correlated materials
•Raab, Ted	U. Colorado, Boulder	Rhizosphere plants
•Ross, Phil	LBNL, MSD	Electrode surfaces
•Rubinsky, Boris	UCB Engineering	Radiative properties of bio surfaces
•Perry, Dale	LBNL, ESD	Forensic samples
•Saiz, Eduardo	LBNL, MSD	Bioactive glass coatings
•Saykally, Richard	UCB Chemistry	Liquid microjets & near-field
•Simms, Ronald	Utah State Univ.	Water management
•Sigee, David	Univ. of Manchester	Biodiversity in phytoplankton
•Zhang, Miqin	U. Washington	Bio-implants



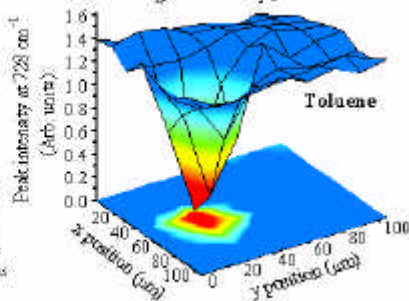
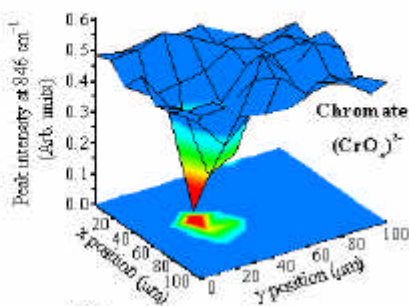
## Infrared Spectromicroscopy Observing Bacterial Remediation of Environmental Contaminants

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*Arthrobacter oxydans* bacteria, isolated from a contaminated DOE site in Idaho, attach themselves to magnetic mineral surfaces. We locate the bacteria via their spectral signatures (above). We observe a depletion of chromate and toluene (right) by the bacteria after five days of exposure. In this study we will learn how to help *A. oxydans* perform the bioremediation.



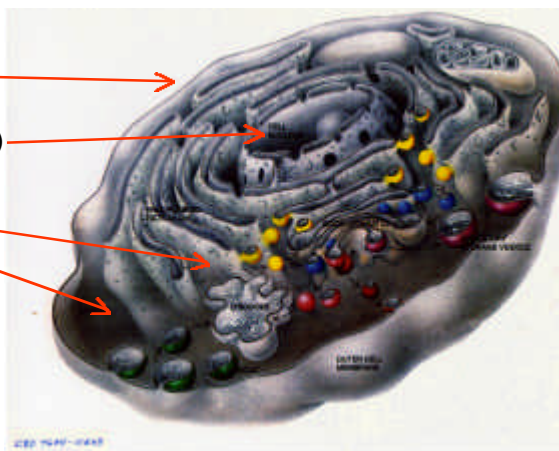
Holman et al., *Geomicrobiology J.*, 16, 307-324 (1999).



## Infrared Spectromicroscopy of Individual Living Cells

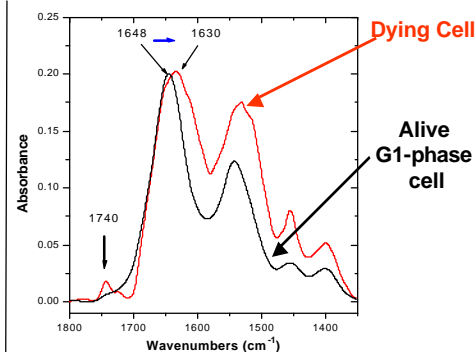
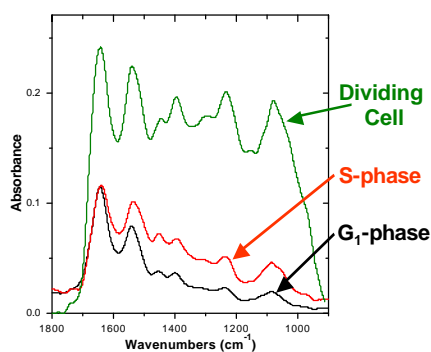
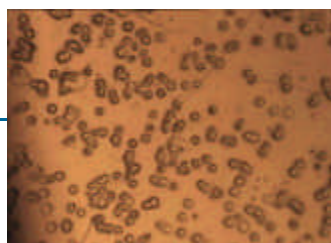
Infrared spectra are obtained from individual living cells.

- Lipids (cell walls)
- Nucleic acids (DNA, RNA)
- Proteins
- Each of these major classes of cellular components have distinct IR markers



## Investigating Individual Living Cells

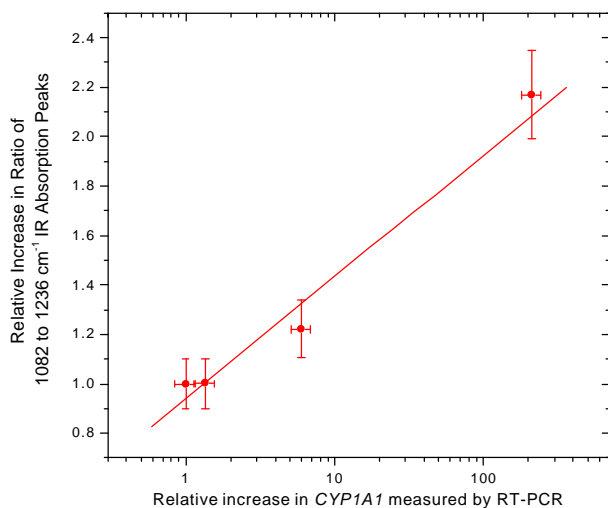
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Lung Fibroblast cells (IMR-90)

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## Comparison of TCDD response measured by SR-FTIR and RT-PCR

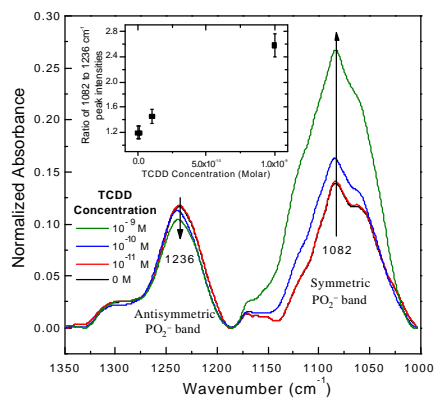


Cells from the same treatments were analyzed for *CYP1A1* expression by an RT-PCR technique.

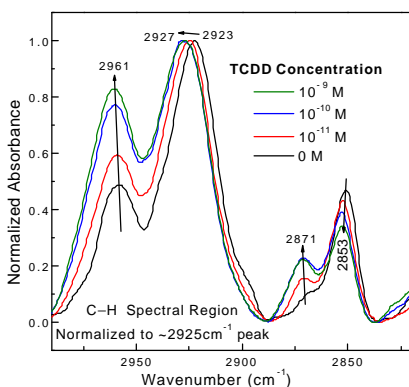
The relative increase in *CYP1A1* expression correlates with the observed  $\text{PO}_2^-$  infrared bands' intensity changes.

## Cellular Responses to 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (TCDD)

Trypsinized HepG2 cells on gold (37°C)



Nucleic acid spectral region:  
Ratio of symmetric to anti-symmetric band increases with increasing TCDD, but no shift in peak positions



C-H stretch region:  
Relative increase in number of methyl to methylene groups with increasing TCDD.

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## Developing SR-FTIR Spectromicroscopy for biomedical research

### “Development of Synchrotron Infrared Spectromicroscopy of Individual Living Cells for Biomedical Research Applications”

PI's: Hoi-Ying N. Holman, Michael C. Martin, Wayne R. McKinney

Collaborators: UCSF, Stanford, LBNL

FY01: \$124K personnel, \$120K equipment (coming soon!) new microscope

**Overall goal:** Develop equipment and define procedures for medical and biotechnology researchers to best use SR-FTIR.

#### Specific objectives:

- Build a microscope stage incubator.
- Determine if the SR-IR beam does not alter cell physiology.
- Automatically position SR-IR beam to within 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .
- Software for automated cell location, focus, & measurement.

