

Organic Materials for Energy and Optoelectronics

# Materials characterization

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# Reading

## *Textbooks*

- *Koehler* 1.5 UV-Vis, 2.4.4 CV
- *Forrest* by Index
- *Wikipedia* by keyword

## *Reviews*

- R Wu, M Matta, B Paulsen, J Rivnay, Operando Characterization of Organic Mixed Ionic/Electronic Conducting Materials, *Chem Rev* (2022)

## *Lecture*

- K Stevenson, Spatially-resolved Measurements of Semiconductor Interfaces (2022) – see Canvas/Files

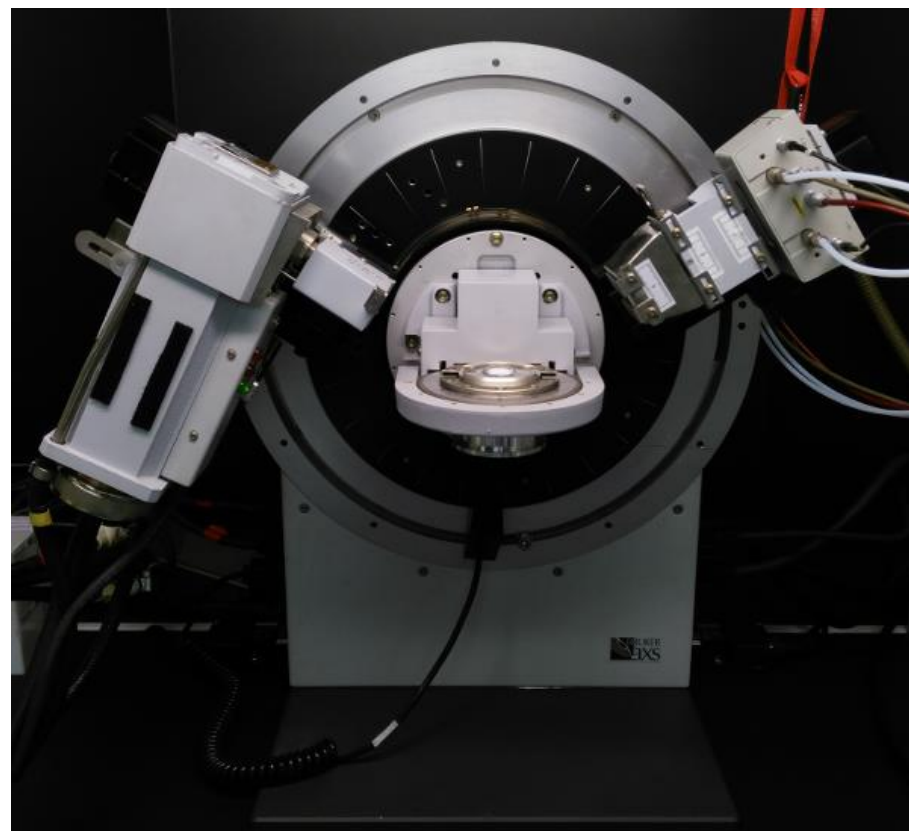
# Topics

- Skoltech facilities
- Scanning near-field microscopies
- UV-Vis spectroscopy
- IR/Raman spectroscopy
- Cyclic voltammetry
- X-ray crystallography
  
- XPS
- NMR
- DSC
- Mass spectroscopy

# Virtual overview of Skoltech facilities



X-ray Powder Diffractometer  
(Huber G670)



X-Ray Powder Diffractometer  
(Bruker D8 Advance)

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DXRxi Raman Imaging Microscope  
(Thermo Fisher Scientific)



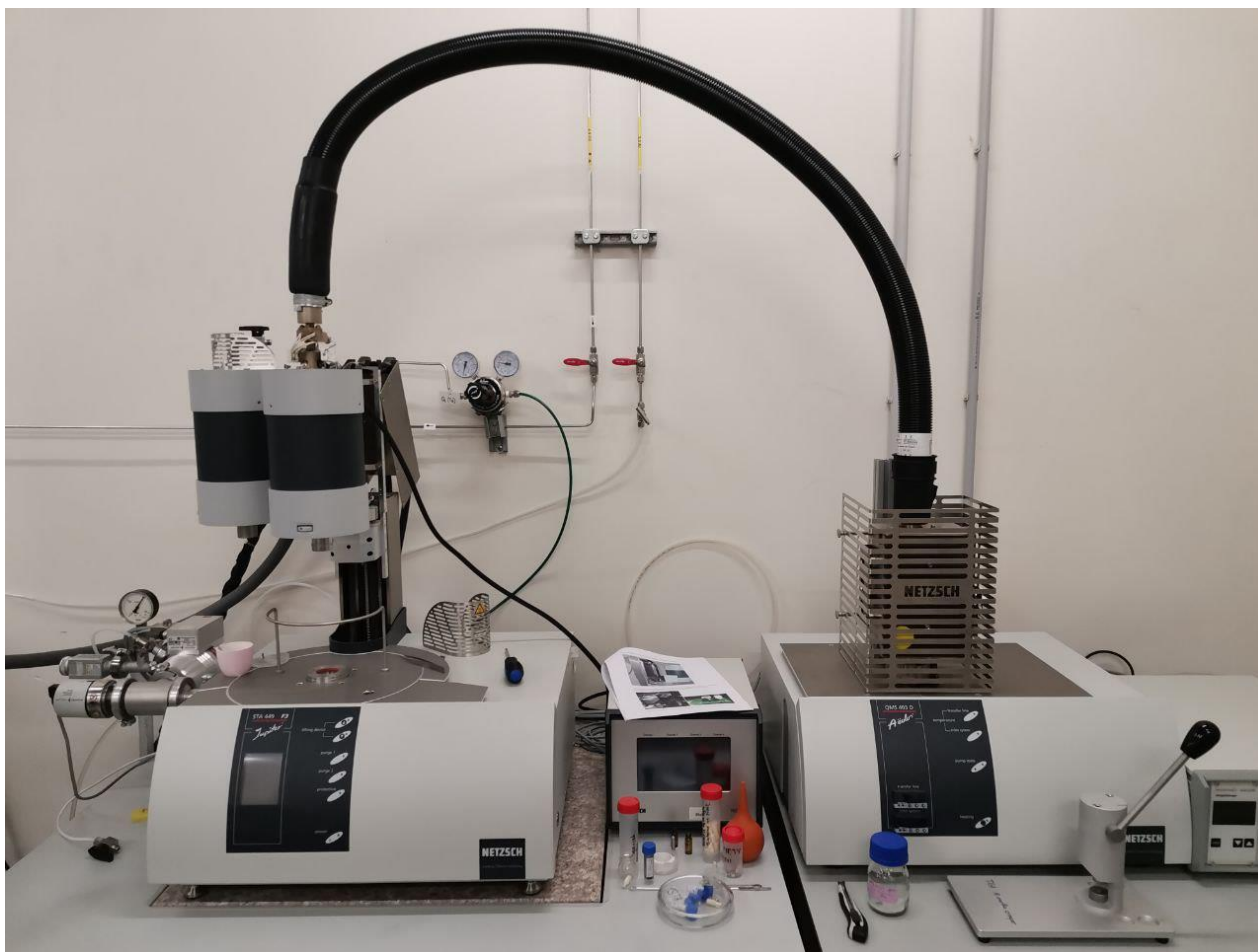
FTIR spectrometer  
(Alpha II Bruker)

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Potentiostat/galvanostat PGSTAT 302N  
(Metrohm Autolab)

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Thermogravimetry – Differential Scanning Calorimetry analyzer  
(STA 449 F3 Jupiter)  
with Quadrupole Mass Spectrometer  
(QMS 403 D Aëolos)

# Virtual overview of Skoltech facilities



Scanning Electronic Microscope  
(Tescan Solaris)



Scanning Electronic Microscope  
(Quattro S)





# Scanning near-field microscopies

See Lecture of Keith Stevenson in Canvas/Files:

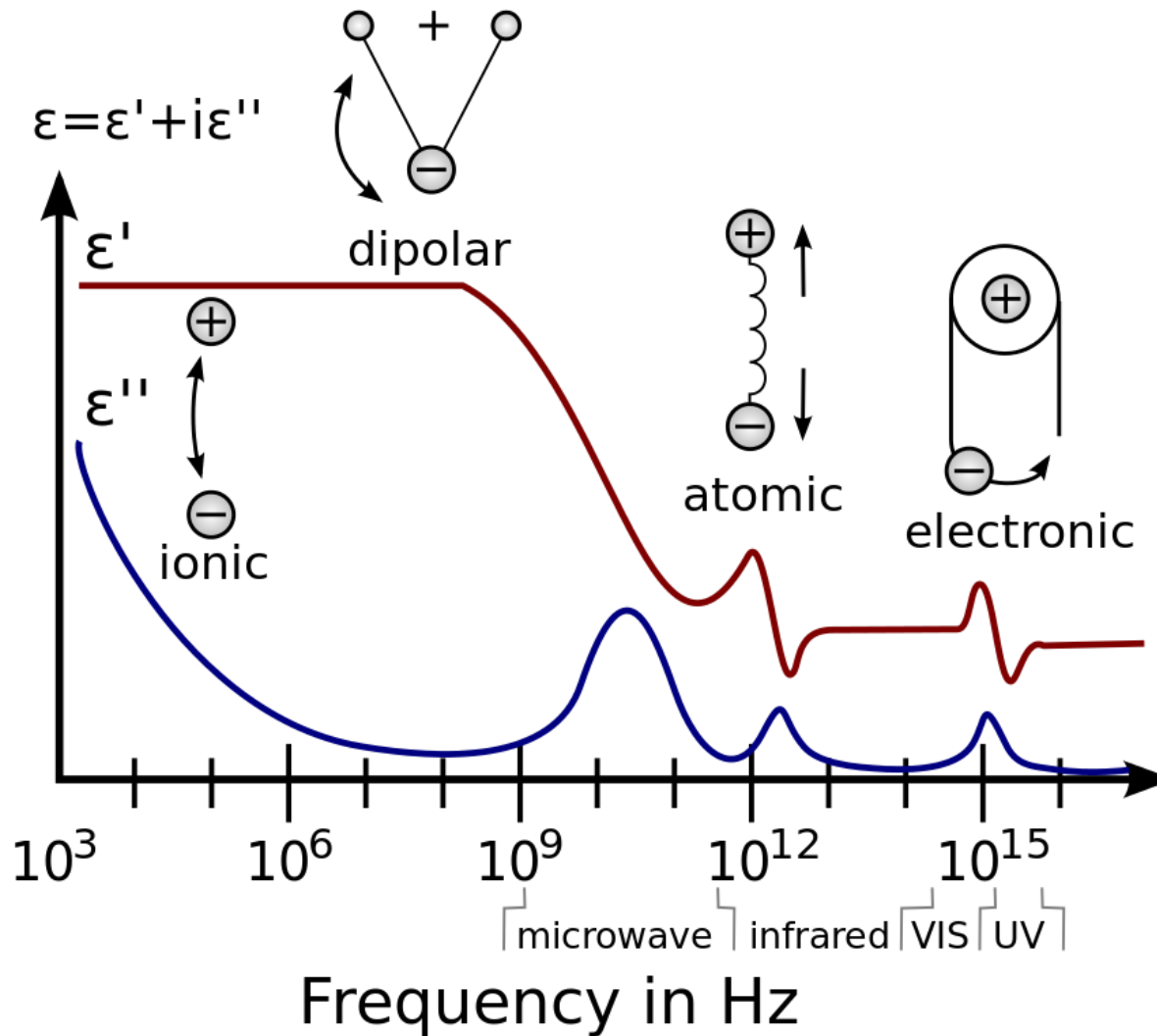
- Atomic Force Microscopy
- Conductive (Probe) Atomic Force Microscopy
- Kelvin Probe Force Microscopy
- Scanning Electron Microscopy and TEM
- Grazing incidence X-ray diffraction and small-angle scattering
- Light Beam Induced Current Imaging
- Time of Flight Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry
- Raman Microscopy

# Discussion: Scanned Probe Microscopy

Several SPM techniques were discussed for characterization of mixed electronic/ionic conductors.

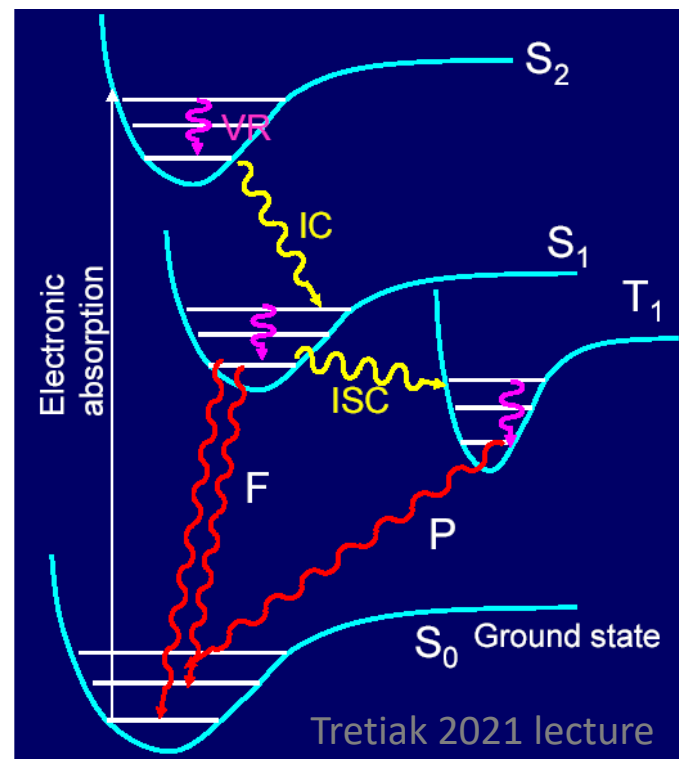
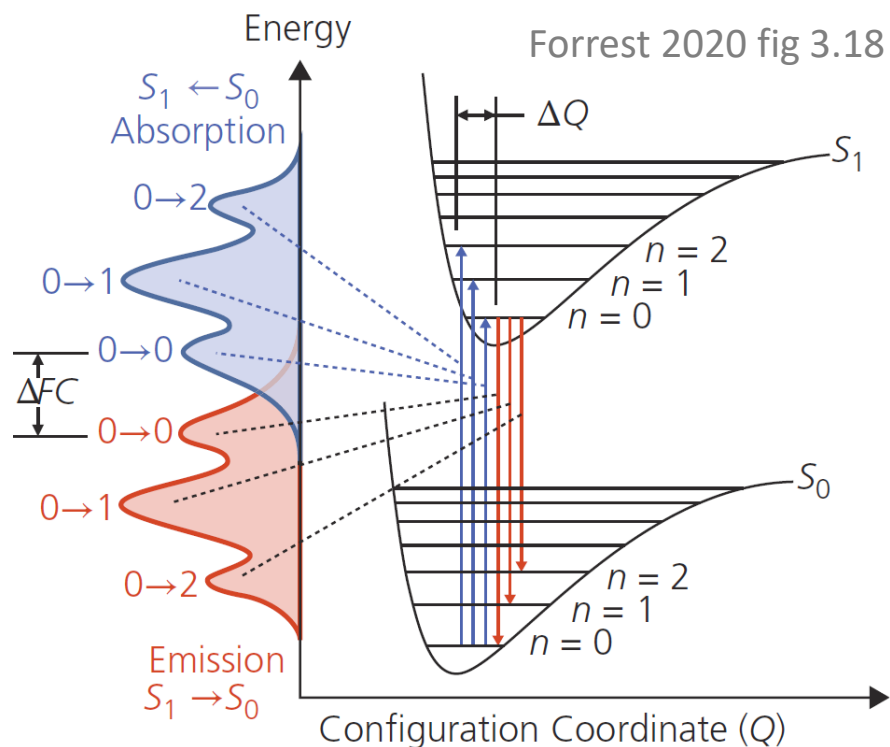
- Which method is best for characterizing local electronic conductivity? Why is it important for resolving spatial distribution of electronic conductivity?
- Which method is best for characterizing structural and morphological heterogeneities?
- Which method is best for characterizing buried interfaces or interfaces at electrode/semiconductor devices?

# Discussion: dielectric spectroscopy



- UV-Vis
- IR/Raman
- THz spectroscopy
- Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy

# Discussion: UV-Vis spectroscopy



- Why is excitation energy lower for longer and DA molecules?
- Why is this picture not used for inorganic semiconductors?
- Why are spectra of molecules and crystals different?
- Why is there a shift in 0-0 transition? See e.g. JCP 113, 11372 (2000)

# Discussion: IR/Raman spectroscopy

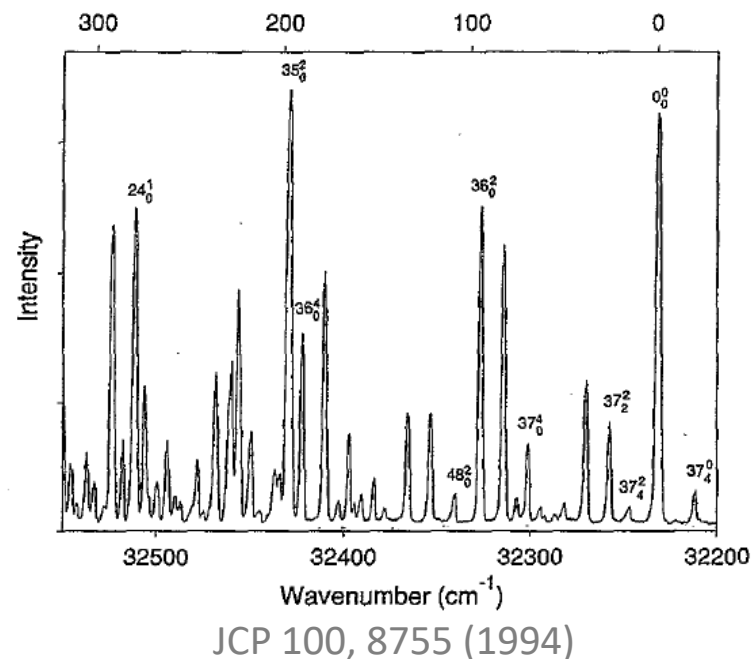
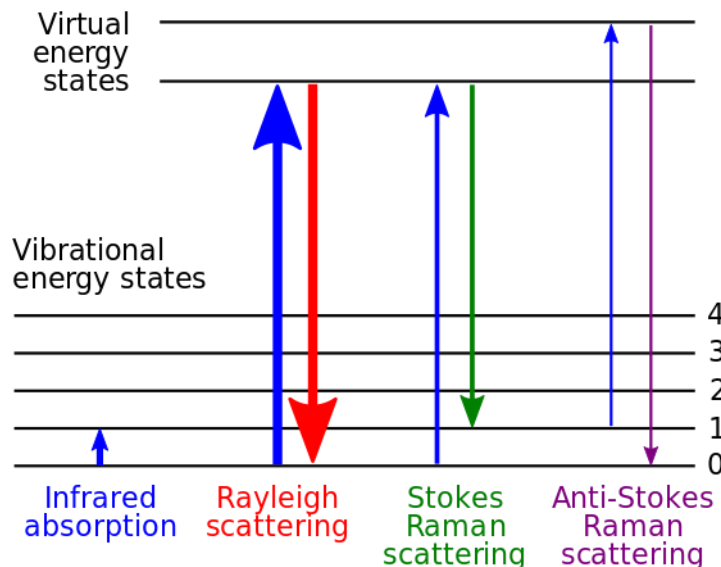
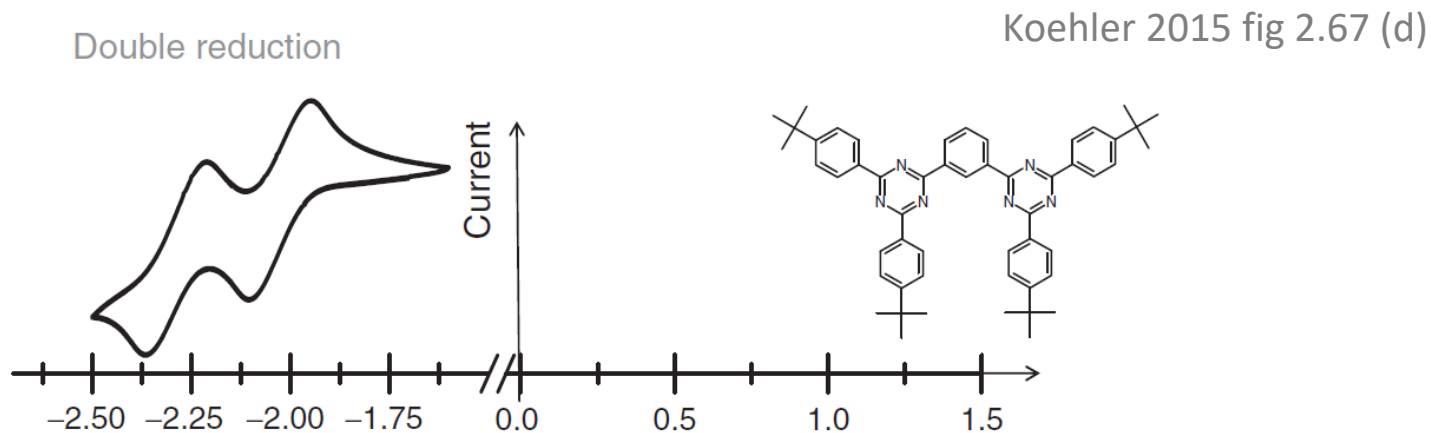


FIG. 3. Fluorescence excitation spectra of jet-cooled *trans*-stilbene.

- Compare sensitivity of IR/Raman spectra to electronic state.
- What types of motions/vibrations are the most important for Raman spectra of organic semiconductors?
- How do anharmonicity, mode mixing, quantum phenomena influence vibrational spectra?

# Discussion: Cyclic voltammetry



- What causes the stepwise redox processes of organic molecules containing two or more identical electroactive pieces?
- How is it possible to investigate redox activity of insoluble organic molecules/polymers? How the corresponding CV curves may look like?
- What effects and side processes may distort the results of HOMO/LUMO level energy evaluation?

# Discussion: X-ray crystallography

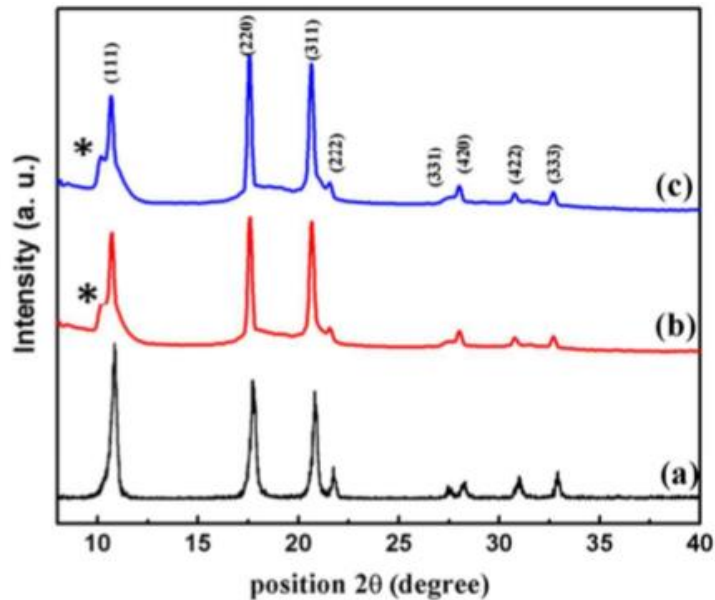
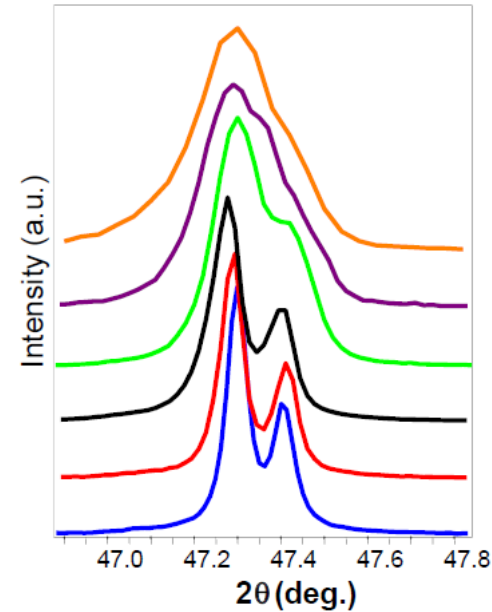


Figure 3. XRD pattern of (a) pristine fullerene powder, (b) flower-like and (c) octahedron-like fullerene crystals.

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XRD spectra of one sample obtained on different-configured diffractometers

- Why could diffraction spectra of organic thin films differ from these materials in powder form? Discuss what additional information can give a comparison of those spectra.
- Suppose which parameters may affect the quality of the XRD spectrum in the right picture.

# NMR spectroscopy

Principles of NMR are quite complicated whereas the method is rather routine

$^{13}\text{C}$  and  $^1\text{H}$  nuclei have spin ( $s = \frac{1}{2}$ );

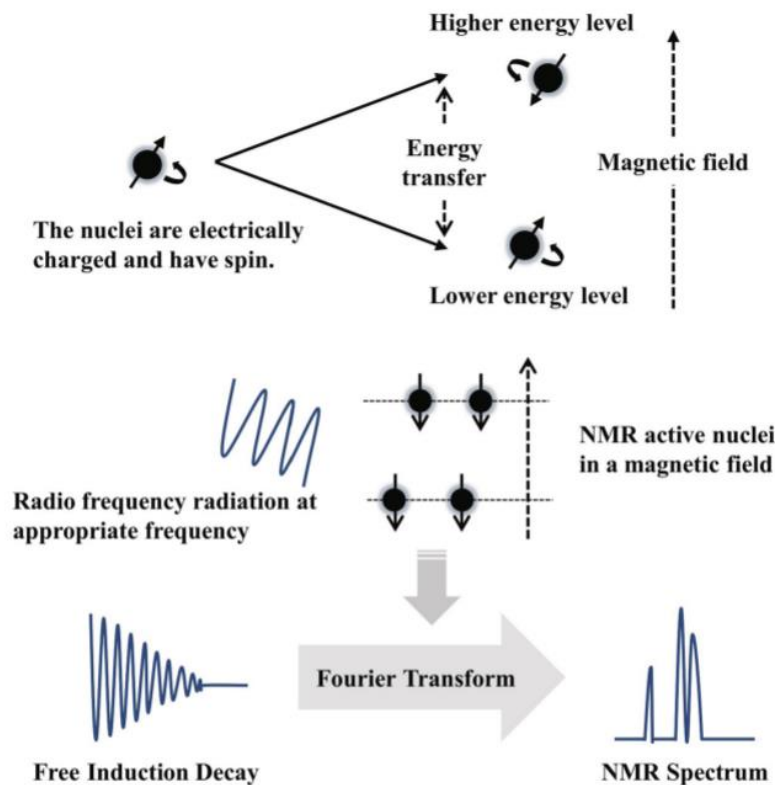


Fig. 1. Schematic diagram of NMR principle.

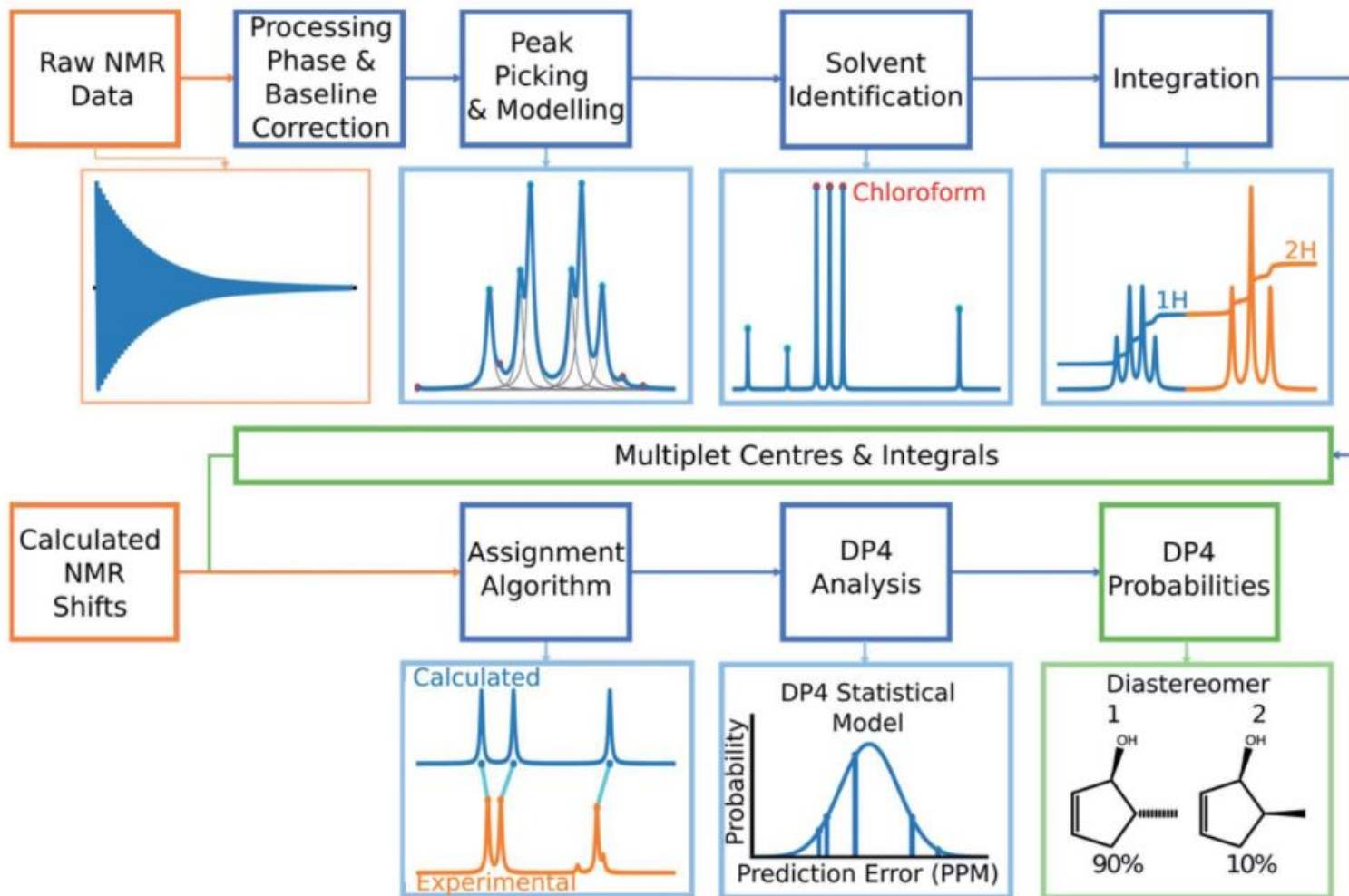
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In NMR spectra of organic molecules, each C and H atom has a set of parameters allowing these compounds to be characterized both qualitatively and quantitatively



# NMR spectroscopy

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# AIST Database

## SDBS Compounds and Spectral Search

### Compound Name:

### Molecular Formula:

C, H, then the other elements are alphabetical order, "%," for the wild card

### Molecular Weight:

 to 

Numbers between left and right columns  
Up to the first place of a decimal point

### CAS Registry No.:

"%," for the wild card.

### SDBS No.:

"%," for the wild card.

### Atoms:

C(Carbon)  to

H(Hydrogen)  to

N(Nitrogen)  to

O(Oxygen)  to

F(Fluorine)  to

Cl(Chlorine)  to

Br(Bromine)  to

I(Iodine)  to

S(Sulfur)  to

P(Phosphorus)  to

Si(Silicon)  to

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### Spectrum:

Check the spectra of your interest.

- MS  IR  
 <sup>13</sup>C NMR  Raman  
 <sup>1</sup>H NMR  ESR

**IR Peaks(cm<sup>-1</sup>):**  Allowance  ±

"," or space is the separator for multiple peaks.  
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**<sup>13</sup>C NMR Shift(ppm):**  Allowance  ±

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129.3,18.4,...

**No shift regions:**

Range defined by two numbers separated by a space, eg. 110 78,...

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR Shift(ppm):**  Allowance  ±

**No shift regions:**

**MS Peaks and intensities:**

Mass and its intensity are a set of data separated by a space, eg. 110 22,...

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