Low-Shift Raman Microscope

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MOTIVATION

- Sponsor: Professor of Chemistry and Forensic Science wants a Raman spectroscopy system in his lab that detects low-shift signals.
- Raman spectroscopy has applications in forensic science for analyzing drugs, explosive substances, and other materials for forensic applications.
- Raman spectroscopy and microscope integration: Microscope allows for easy sampling, sample visualization with high magnification, and can focus light to a small point to easily create a Raman Signal.
- Low-shift signals provides a more detailed "fingerprint" of a sample.

GOALS

- Integrate Raman spectroscopy with a microscope.
- Create a Raman spectroscopy system that can detect low-shift Raman signals.
- "Cheaper", safe, and easy to use system for non-optics majors.

WHAT IS RAMAN SPECTROSCOPY?

- Focus Laser light to a sample to create Raman scattering.
- Raman scattering can provide a spectrum that provides the molecular signature of a material.
- Raman scattering: Rayleigh scattering and inelastic scattering (stokes and antistokes).

Stokes Signals of Excedrin Tablet

Hardware Diagram

Software Diagram

WORK DISTRIBUTION

OVERALL REQUIREMENT SPECIFICATION

- Laser Wavelength = 785 nm
- \bullet Resolution ≤ 5 cm⁻¹
- Detect Peaks ± 200 cm⁻¹ (770.87 nm to 799.13 nm).
- Class 1 Laser System
- Fit on a Chemistry Lab Table

EXCITATION SECTION REQUIREMENTS

- Inject a narrow line width laser into a microscope
- Focus as much laser power as possible to a sample
- **o** Generate Raman scattering that can be detected by a spectrometer.
- Camera imaging of sample

MICROSCOPE

Olympus BH2 Microscope

INSIDE THE MICROSCOPE

CAMERA

- Camera is on top of the microscope.
- Camera has the same field of view as the objective
- Camera imaging of sample
- Image of a white card with a pen mark (4X objective).

OPTIC SCHEMATIC

LASER

- Laser Wavelength = 785 nm from Innovative Photonic Solutions (IPS)
- Single Mode
- Collimated Output Beam with FWHM 0.018 nm.
- \bullet Maximum output ~100 mW
- **o** Optical Isolator

 $P_{scattered} \propto \frac{I_o}{\lambda^4}$

VOLUME BRAGG GRATINGS (VBG)

- VBG is a dispersive element for a single wavelength at a single angle.
- **o** Reflects 785 nm and transmits other wavelengths.
- Narrow spectral profile of laser down to less than 5 cm^{-1} or 0.31 nm .
- Cleans intensity profile.

PERISCOPE

- Thorlabs sells a periscope mount for \$285.
- Periscope is made out of aluminum with $\frac{1}{4}$ "-20 taps to mount mirrors. Has a ¼"-20 slot to screw into optical bench.

 $= 1/4" - 20$ Tap

PERISCOPE MIRRORS

- Broadband Dielectric Mirror
- 0.5" or 1" mirrors? Raman signal will have a diameter of 0.49" if 10 X is used. 1" Mirrors $\cos t \sim 24 more

SEMROCK FILTER

- Single-Edge Short Pass Dichroic Beamsplitter
- Efficient at 45 degrees

LASER POWER TRACE

DESIGN ISSUES

o Excitation optical alignment

COMMON SPECTROMETER DESIGN

Czerny-Turner Folded Czerny-Turner

NOTCH FILTERS

- Transmits most light, reflects very narrow bandwidth
- Used to remove the laser line Very sensitive to angle

TELESCOPE

- Input beam width is only 7 mm
- For best resolution, beam width should be grating width (12.5 mm)
- Magnification: 2x
- $F_1 = -25$ mm
- \bullet F₂ = 50 mm

GRATING

- Disperses light based on wavelength
- For best resolution, incident beam should fully cover grating
- Line density = 1200 lines/mm
- Size: 12.5 mm x 12.5 mm

MIRROR

- Focuses dispersed light onto detector
- Focal length determines spectral range and resolution

F=500 mm

DETECTOR

o Collects spectrum

 Each pixel represents a single wavelength

o TCB1304AP

- Highly sensitive, low dark current linear image sensor
- 3648 Pixels
- 8 um x 200um Pixel Size
- Commonly used, cheap, easy to use

ELECTRICAL DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

- Temperature Monitoring
- Laser blocking
- Backlight Control
- Laser Power Control
- o Obtain spectrum with CCD

MICROCONTROLLER

Atmega328P

- 5V System Voltage 16 MHz 23 Programmable I/O
- 6 Pulse Width Modulation
- Easier to Solder (28 pin DIP) **o** Cheap - \$2.21 Easy to use

TEMPERATURE MONITORING

- Constantly Monitor temperature with Automatic Cooling
- Parts Used:
	- Temperature Sensor Digital
	- Fans

DS18B20 - Digital Temperature Sensor

- Uses "One Wire" Communication For multiple sensors on a single bus
- More Accurate than Analog Temperature Sensors

Circuit Diagram

TEMPERATURE MONITORING

- Provides air flow to the system
- 1 Intake fan and 1 Outtake fan
- o Multicomp MC36031
	- \bullet 5V
	- \bullet 115mA
	- 600 mW
	- Pushes 3cu.ft/min

 Pulse Width Modulation for variable fan speed ($0V = 0$ PWM and $5V = 255$ PWM)

LASER BLOCKING

• Needed to block the laser while a sample was being loaded on to the sampling stage

Circuit Diagram

- Must be quick
- Mini Push-Pull 5V Solenoid
	- Faster than a motor for our application
	- Small and cheap \$4.95

LASER POWER CONTROL

- Display Laser Power (Software) & Control Laser Power.
- Laser uses 100mW and runs on a 5V source.
- Pulse Width Modulation to modulate the power.

Circuit Diagram

BACKLIGHT CONTROL

- Control Microscope backlight
	- Turn on when a sample is on the sample stage
	- Turn off when taking a spectrum
- **o** Backlight Specifications:
	- 24V
	- \bullet 1.5A
	- Runs on separate power supply
	- Optional Plan to integrate power supply into the system

Why Backlight Control is Needed:

BACKLIGHT CONTROL

Circuit Diagram

- Converts the intensity of light to an associated voltage
- This is done by "shifting" signals between stages
- Toshiba TCD1304AP
	- 3648 Pixels
	- Load Resistance of 100 kOhm
	- 3.0 V(min)
	- 22 DIP Package

- The CCD requires 3 driving pulses.
	- The Master Clock, the Shift Gate, and the Integration Clear Gate.
- Master Clock Frequency requirement is .8Mhz to 4Mhz

- To generate the pulses, the ATmega328p timers were used.
- The figure on the right shows the Master clock and the Integration clear gate.

- When the CCD is dark, the voltage out of the CCD is at its highest (close to 2.5V).
- When Light is shown on the ccd, the voltage drops. Higher intensity, lower the voltage.

Though this works, this is the opposite of what we wanted

- Using the potentiometer to change your offset, now when the CCD is dark, the voltage out of the CCD is at its lowest (close to .6V)
- When Light is shown on the ccd, the voltage increases. Higher intensity, higher voltage.

ISSUES – SPECTROMETER CCD

- Even though the Arduino Uno can drive the CCD, the internal ADC is not fast enough to continuously read all 3684 pixels.
- Only 800 pixels are being used.
- Only 8-bit resolution.
- 2k Memory
- How this is achieved:
- 1) Slowing down the Master clock speed to 380 KHz
- 2) Speeding up the internal ADC to 500 kHz.
- Atmega328p lose 10-bit accuracy over 200 KHz
- 8-bit accuracy is at 500 kHz.

FULL SCHEMATIC

PCB

Manufacturer: 4PCB

Cheap for Students

 #3 PCB Manufacturer in North America

GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE

- MATLAB
- Used to Control
	- Laser Power
	- Fan Speeds
	- Temperature
	- Door Sensor
	- Graph Wavenumber vs Intensity
	- Camera

Ramen Spectroscopy

Event Log

Power flag successfully checked Temperature retrieval failed: Object reference not Fan flag successfully checked Current temperature successfully retrieved Fan turned on successfully

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SOFTWARE DESIGN ISSUES

MATLAB-Arduino protocols for high amounts of parallel communication via Serial.

BUDGET

PROJECT PROGRESS

QUESTIONS?