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# INTRODUCING DISCOVER-GC<sup>®</sup>

THE SOLID PHASE FTIR  
FOR COMPLEX MIXTURES

IR DETECTION SYSTEM  
A BEAM OF CONFIDENCE



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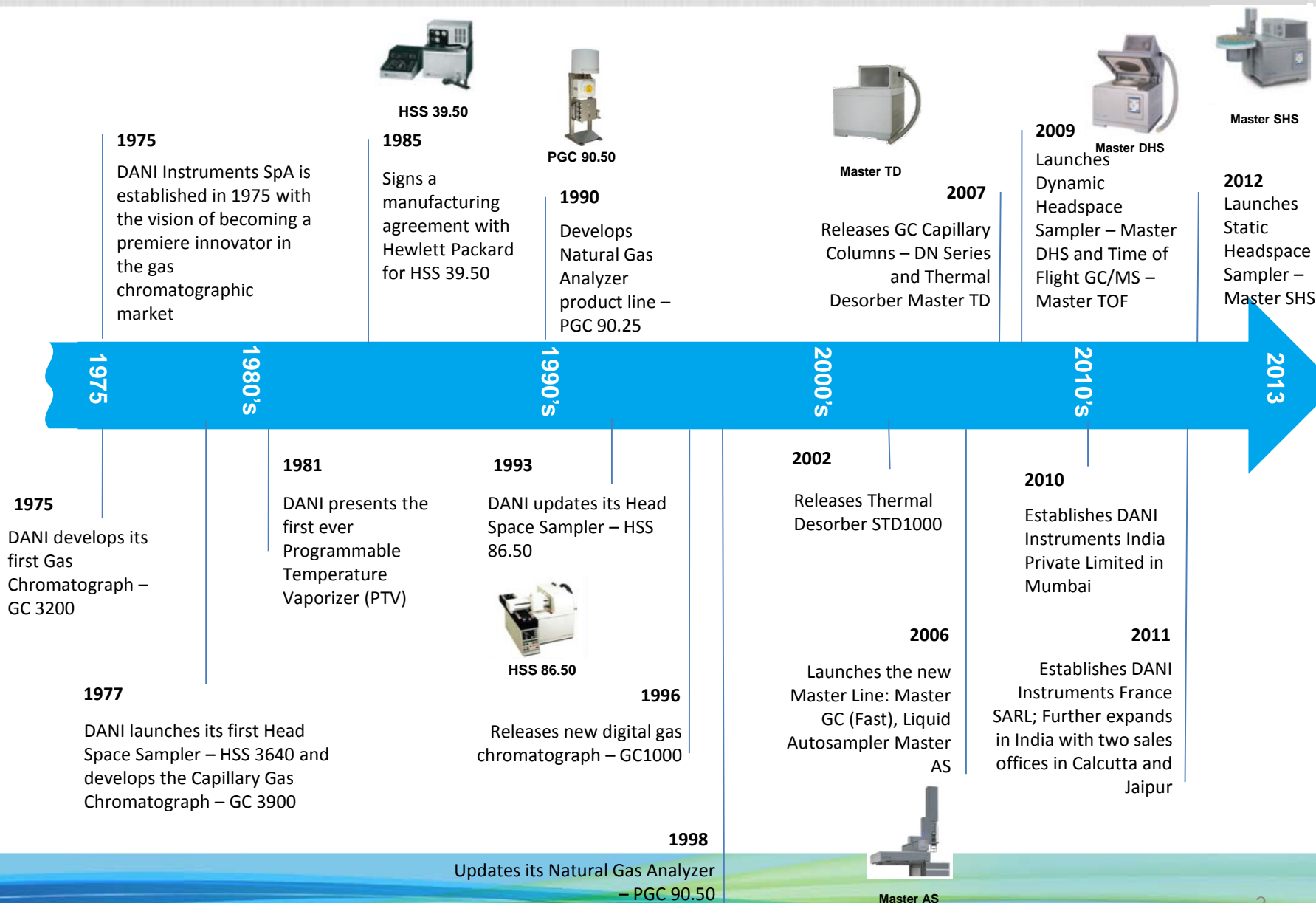
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# History of DANI

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# DANI INSTRUMENTS, INC. (JANUARY 2015)

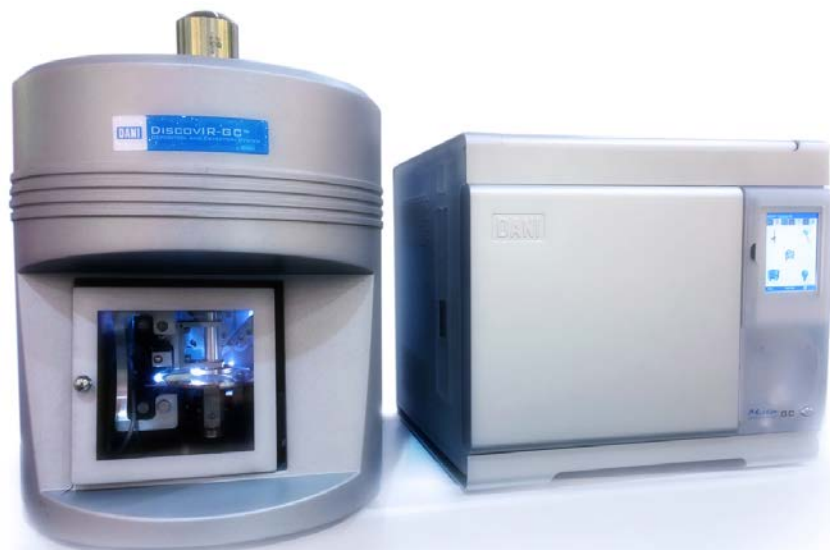


**DANI Instruments Inc.** is the US-based Company with headquarters in Marlborough (Boston)

**DANI Instruments Inc.** is the direct result of the recent acquisition of Spectra Analysis, a world leader in FTIR technology, which complete the DANI product line with a highly specialized detector for the identification of a large variety of components in complex mixtures.

**DANI Instruments Inc.** is responsible for R&D, manufacturing and worldwide commercialization of GC-FTIR as well as commercialization of DANI core portfolio of products for North America.





Data Processing ← DiscovIR ← GC

## Primary Applications

- Forensic Drug Analysis \*\*\*
  - Designer Drugs
  - New/Novel Psychoactive Substances (NPS)
- Chemical Weapons Analysis:
  - Solids, e.g. Anthrax
  - Explosives, e.g. dust analysis
  - Contaminated soils
- Agriculture / Crop Sciences:
  - Pesticides
  - Chemical Ecology
  - Pheromones
- Flavors / Fragrances / Cosmetics



# DiscovIR-GC™ The Solution for Emerging Drugs



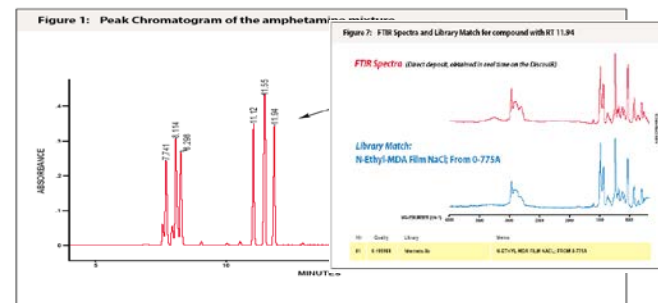
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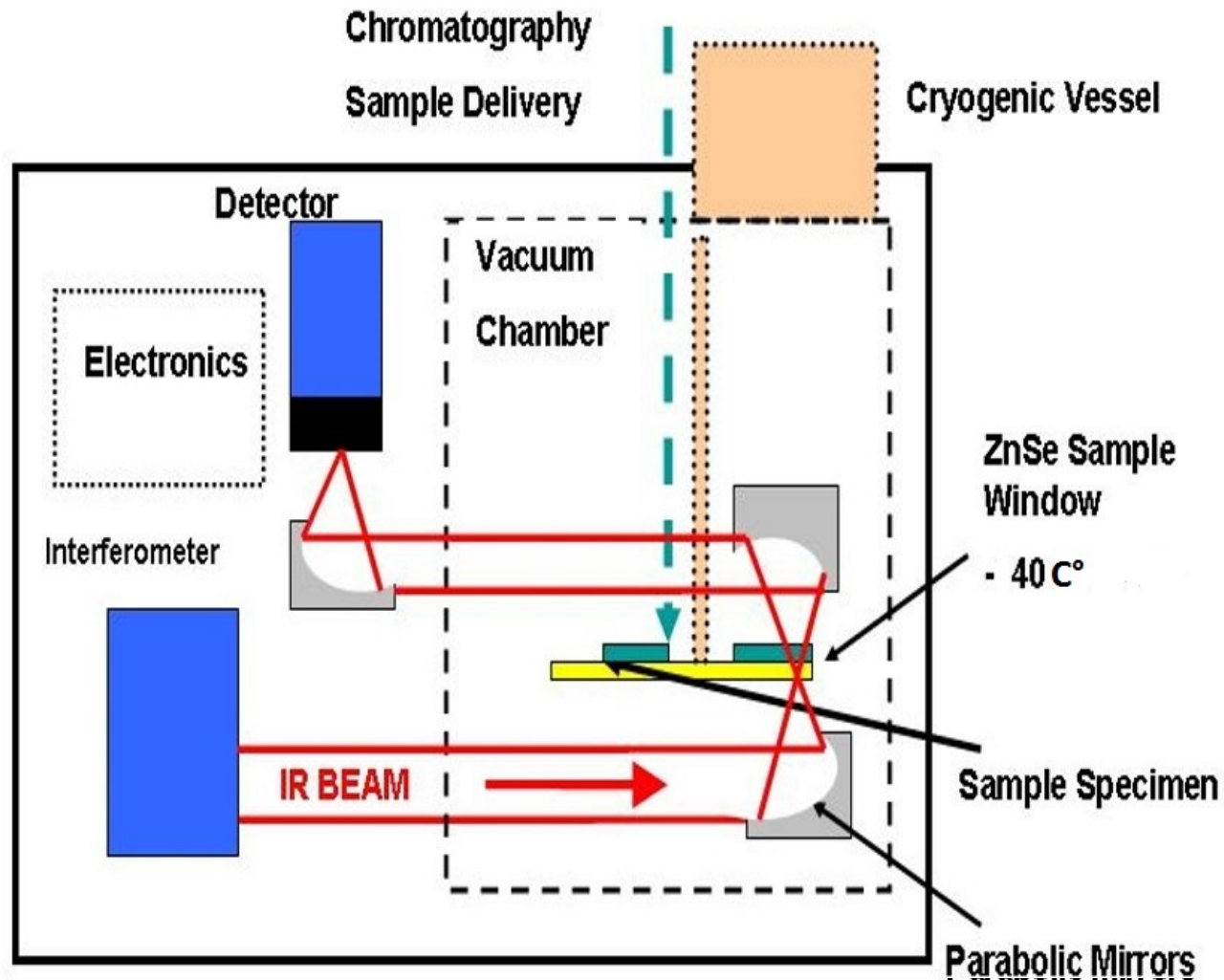
**Step #2** Controlled Deposition - unique solid phase deposition.

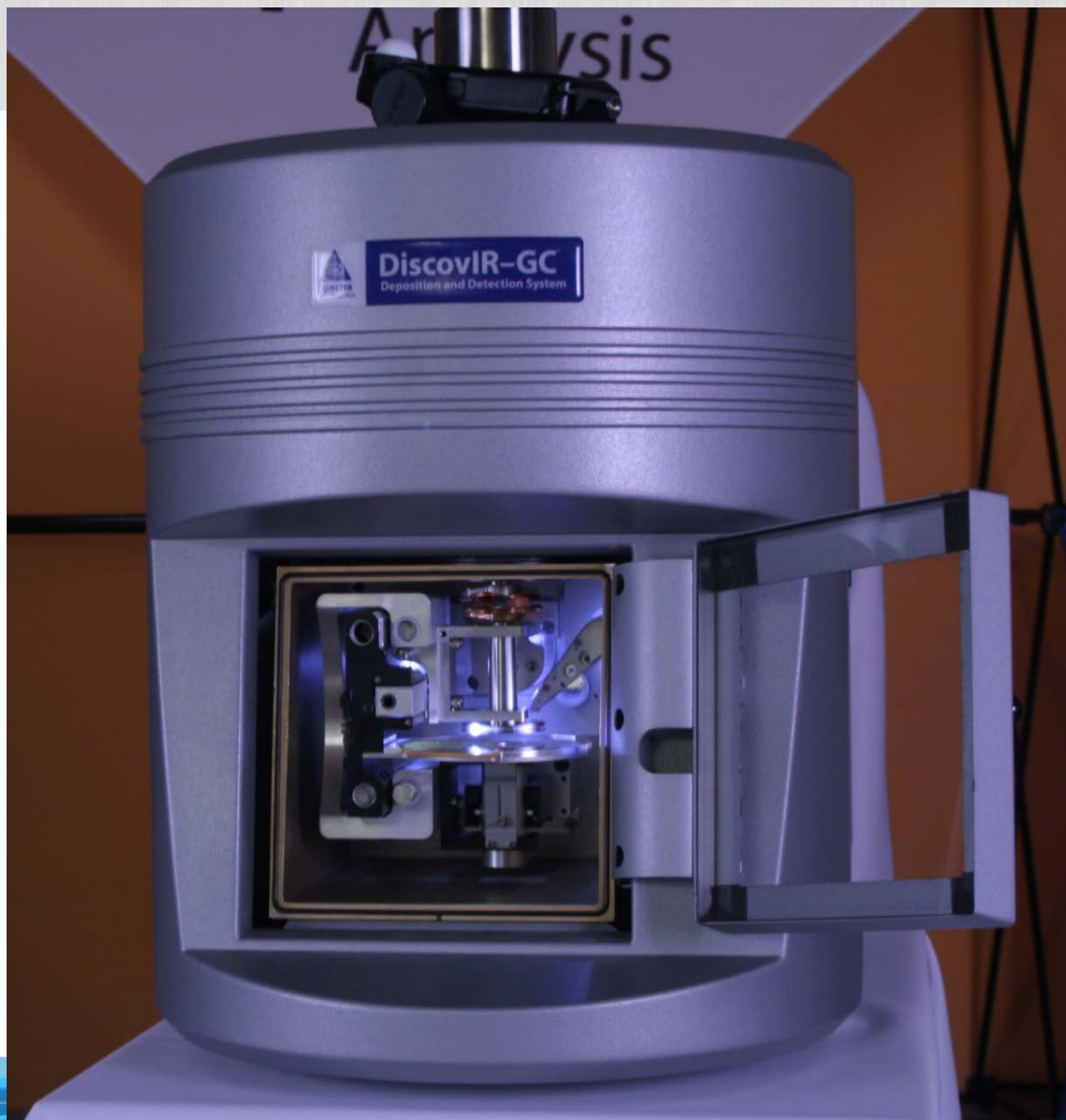


**Step #3** Chemical Identification - using FTIR specificity (positional and stereoisomers)



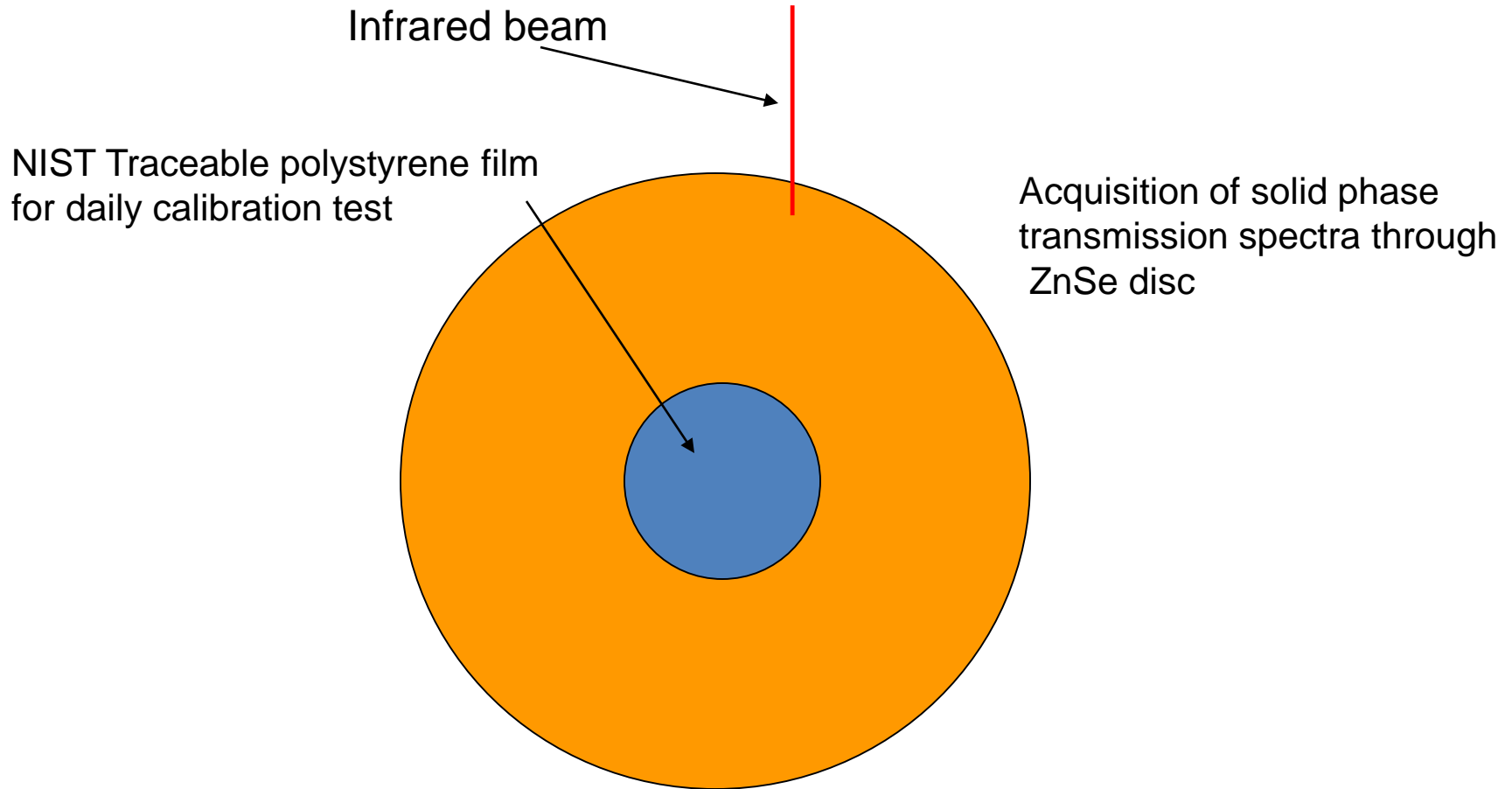
# How DiscovIR-GC System operates





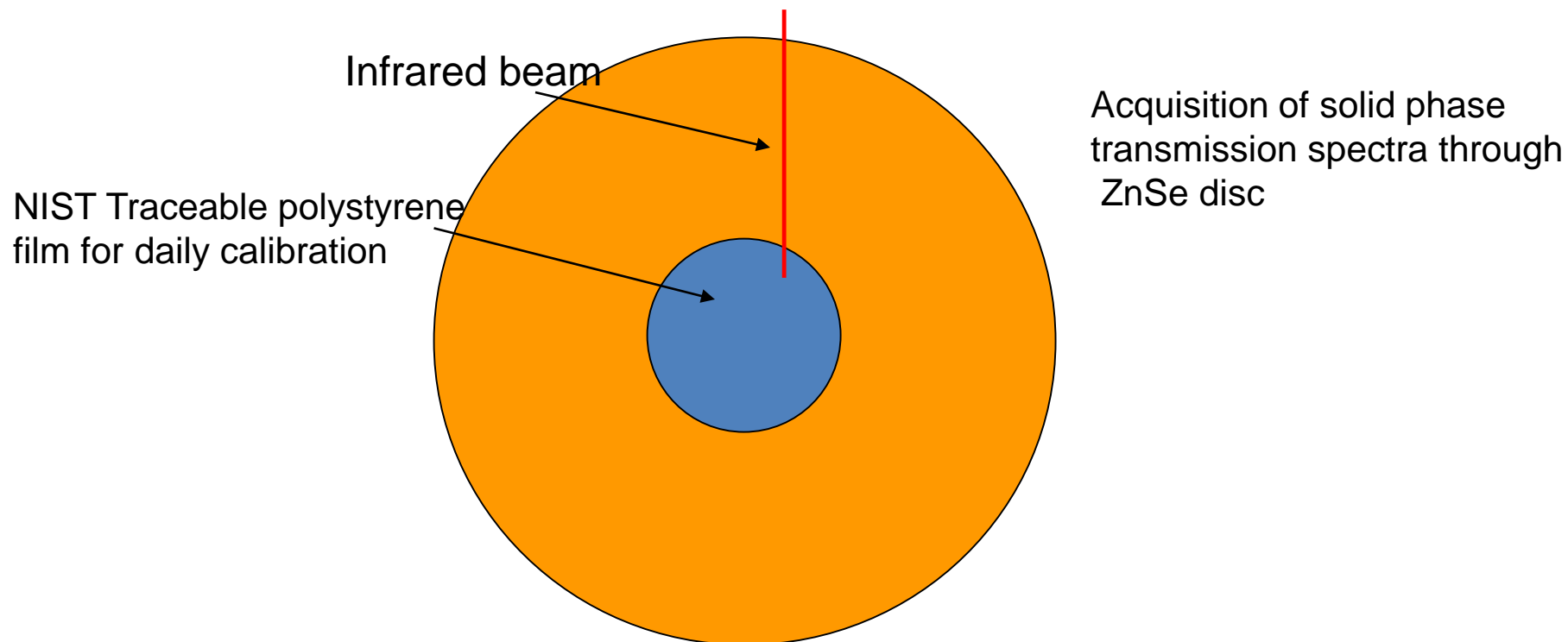
# Polystyrene Calibration

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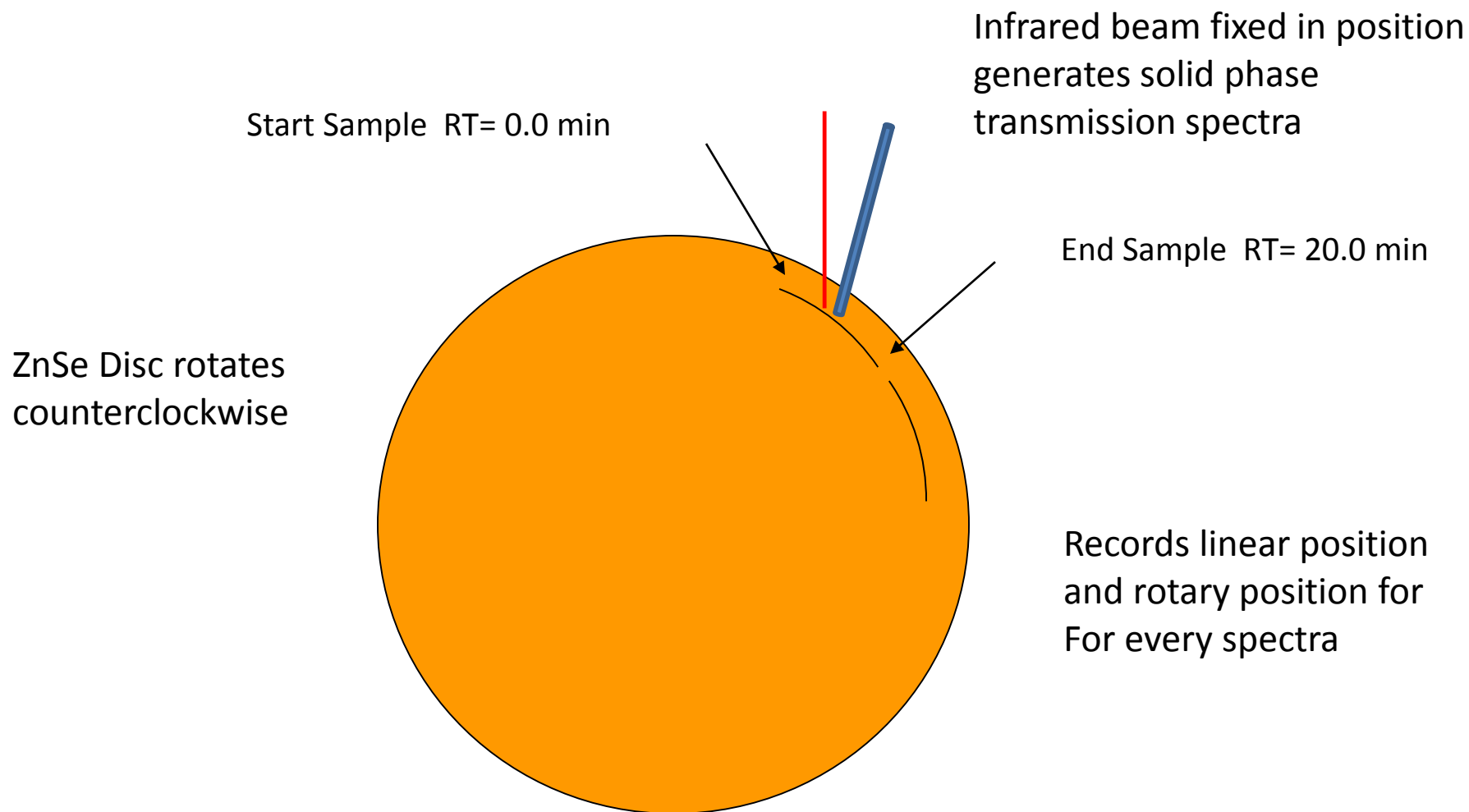




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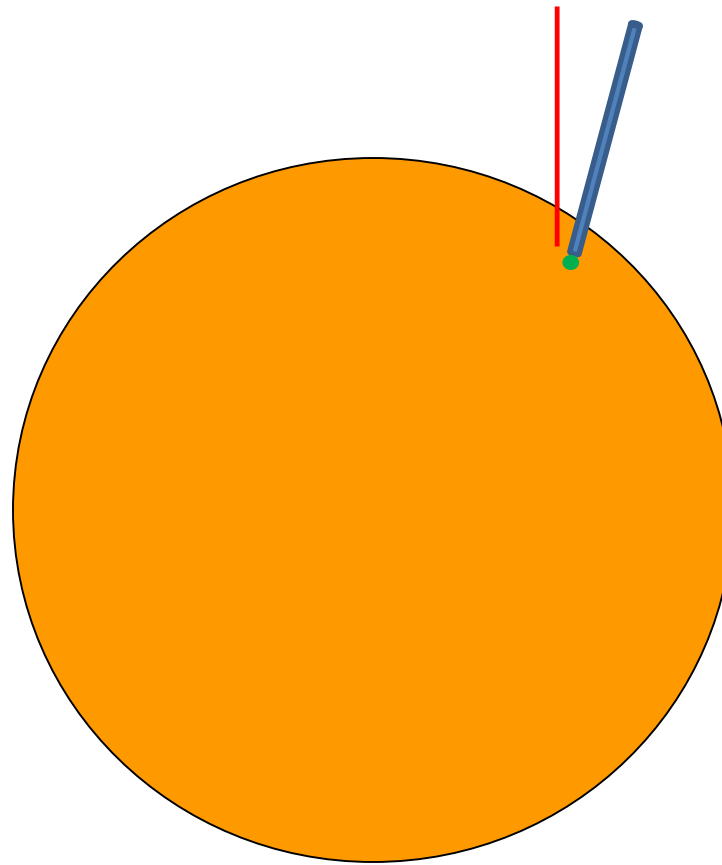


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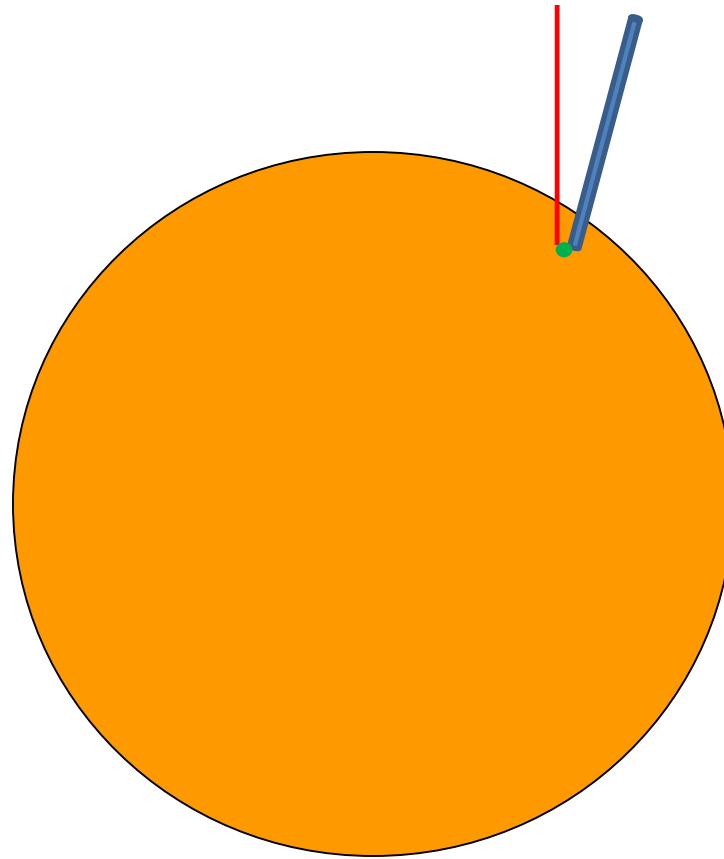
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generates solid phase  
transmission spectra

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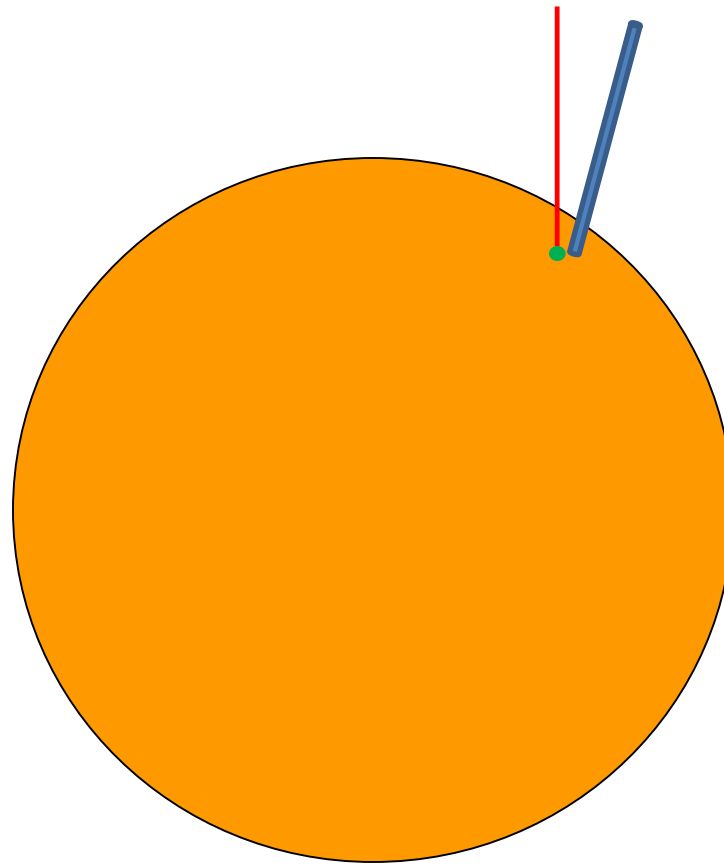
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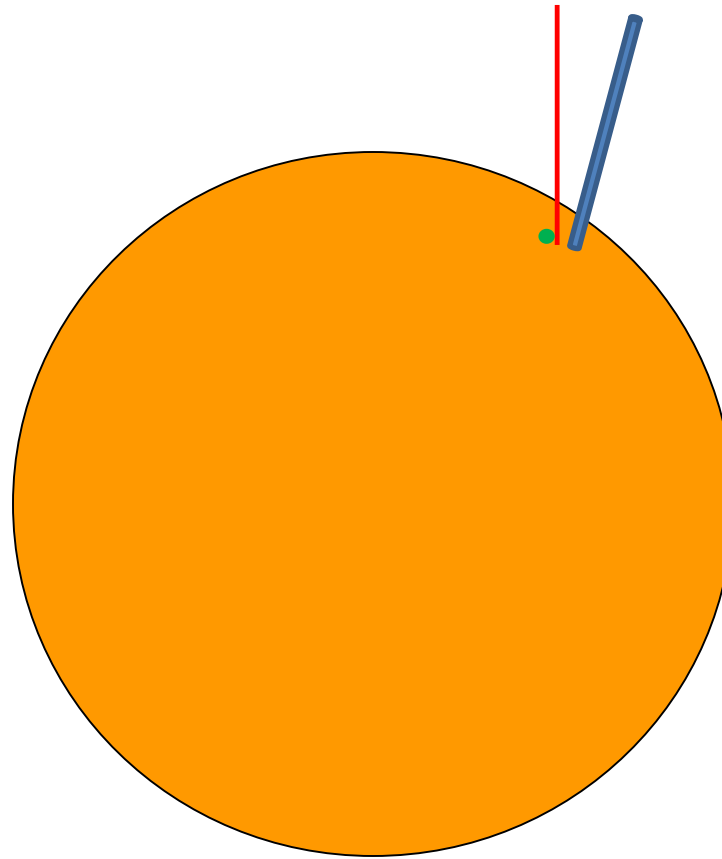


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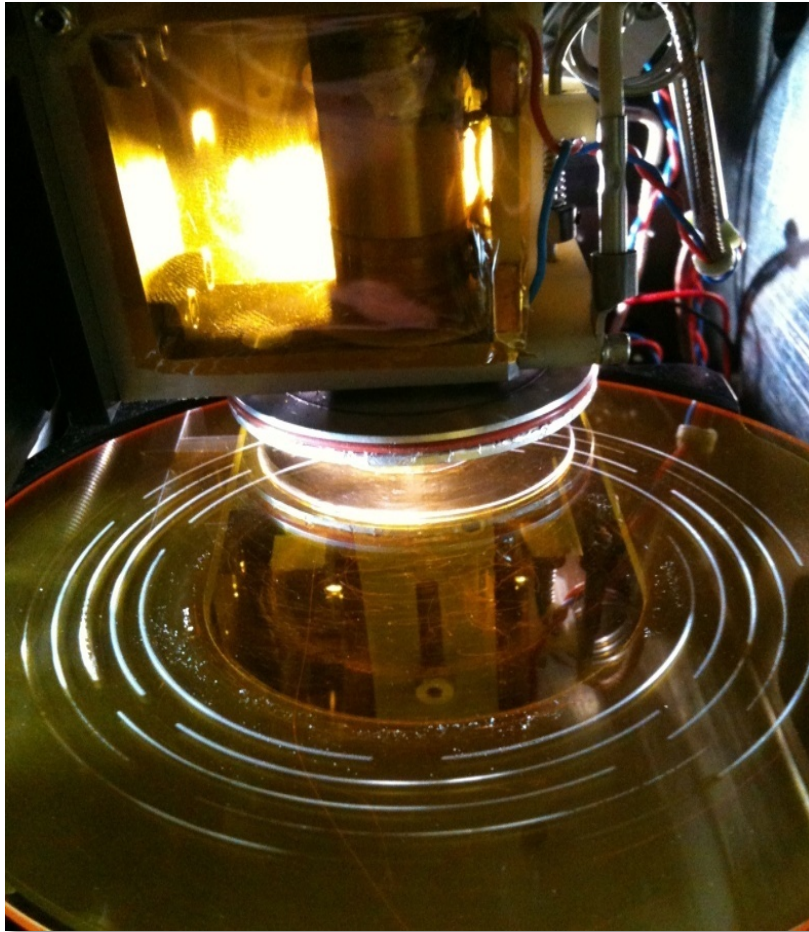


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Records linear position  
and rotary position for  
For every spectra

# Direct Deposition - Sample Disk Under Vacuum

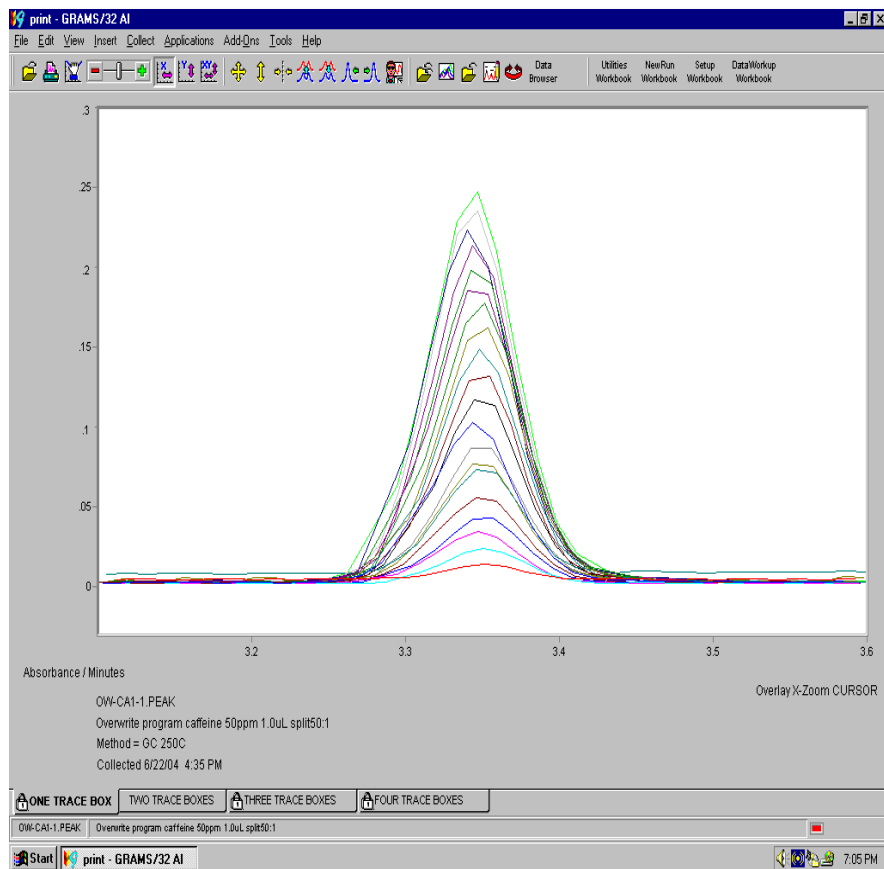
*View inside Chamber*



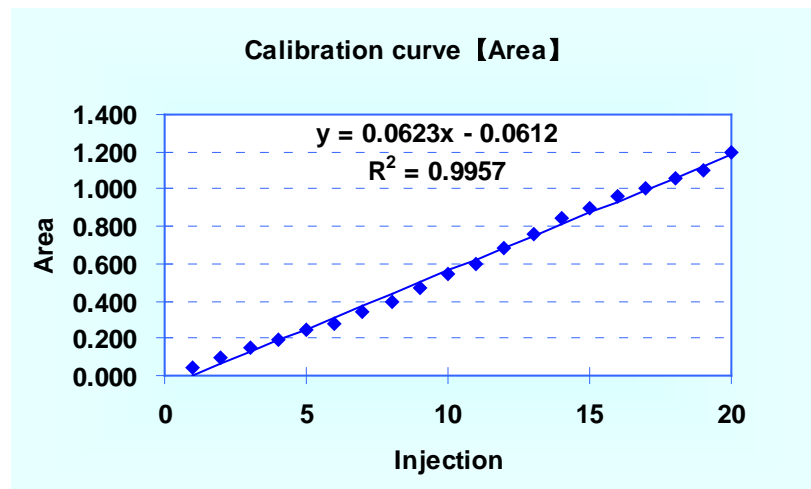
## *Key Features*

- 1) Disk rotates at 3 mm/min
- 2) Disk loads in a spiral, holds 40 hours of chromatography
- 3) Re-usable after solvent cleaning
- 4) The disk is under vacuum without moisture or CO<sub>2</sub> interference
- 5) Disk cooled to - 40C, which makes solid deposit.
- 6) Transmission IR analysis is done on the solid deposit.
- 7) ZnSe Disk is transparent in Mid-IR range
- 8) Embedded polystyrene standard for easy daily Operational Quality (OQ) verification.

# DiscovIR-GC Precision & Reproducibility for Caffeine Sample



- Twenty consecutive runs overlaid on the disk.



# Benefits of condensed phase GC-IR



- Sample is concentrated in small spot
- Distortion of spectra is eliminated in solid phase
- Excellent Spectral Resolution provides unique IR spectra for all isomers
- Standard GC columns and injectors may be used ie. 0.2micron ID columns, 1  $\mu$ l injections, 1mg/ml solutions

	Spectrum Type	Mixture Analysis
ATR	Solid Phase Reflectance	De-Convolution*
Gas Phase GC-IR	Gas Phase Absorbance	Limited GC
DiscovIR GC-IR	Solid Phase Transmission	Standard GC

## SWGDRUG Minimum Standards:

\*The classification of a technique may be lower, if the sample, analyte or mode of operation diminishes its discriminating power.

Examples of diminished discriminating power may include:

- an infrared spectroscopy technique applied to a mixture which produces a combined spectrum

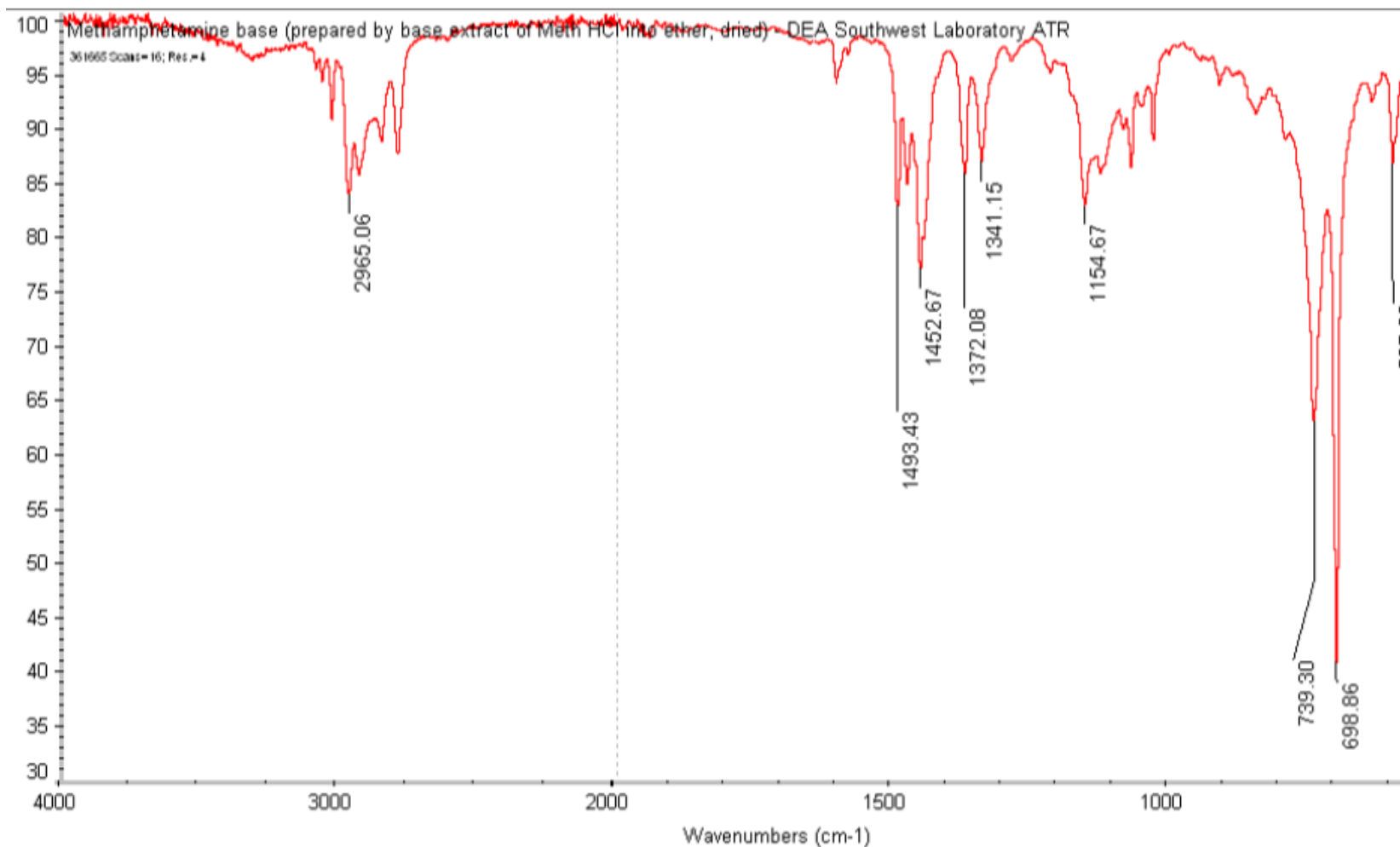


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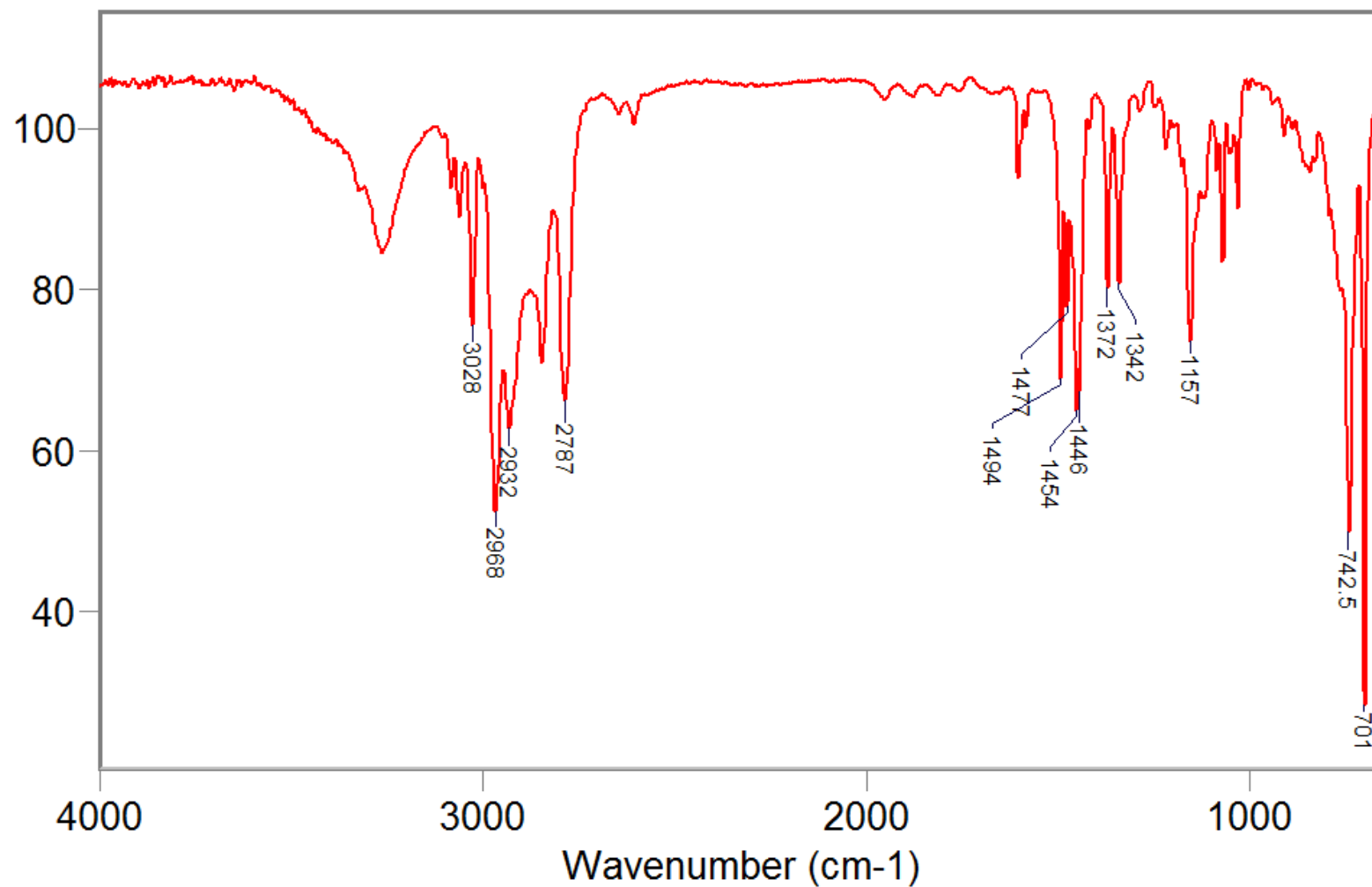
\*Gas phase GC-IR spectra suffer from centrifugal distortion in the gas phase.

\*\*Large volume injections are used to compensate for lack of sensitivity, but can overload columns and alter retention times.  
Gas phase GC-IR has limited temperature range, oven  
Temperatures above 280°C compromise sensitivity.

# ATR spectra of pure methamphetamine

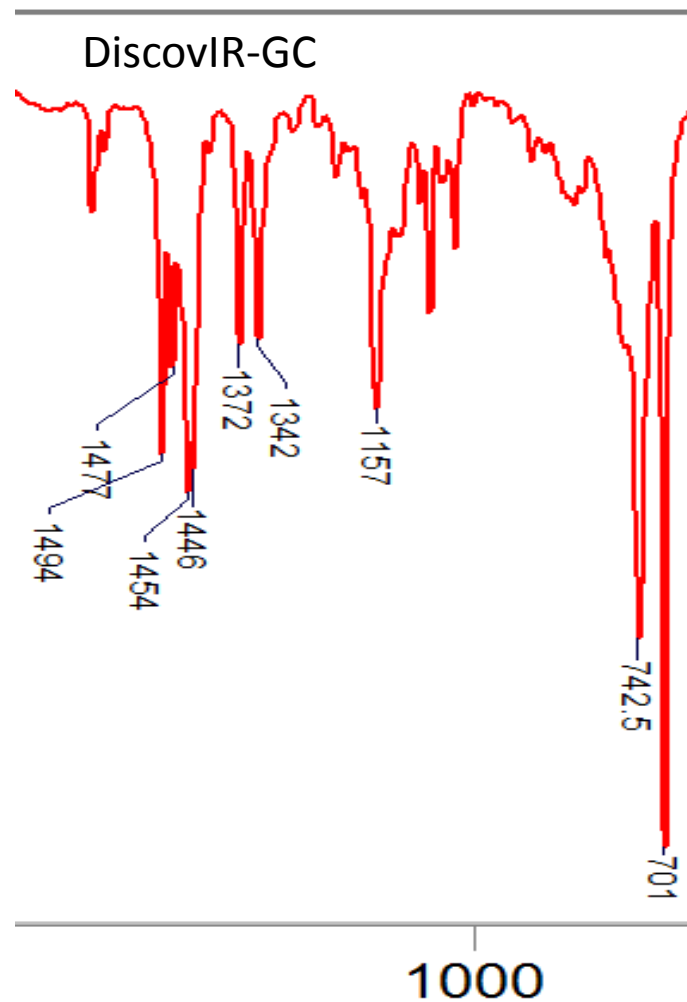
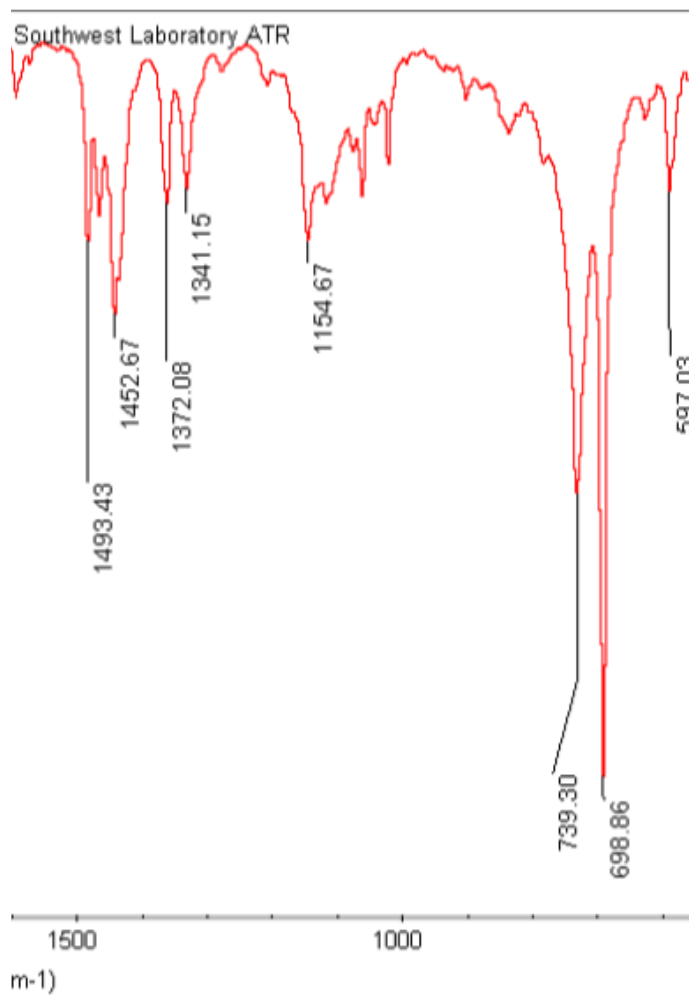


# Methamphetamine DiscovIR spectra

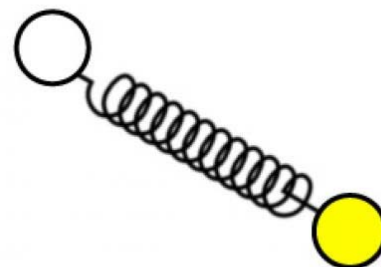


# Similarity of DiscovIR and ATR spectra

## Pure Methamphetamine comparison



- Infrared Spectra result from transitions between quantized vibrational energy states
- Molecules with  $N$  atoms have  $3N$  degrees of freedom
  - $3N-6$  vibrational
  - 3 translational (x,y,z)
  - 3 rotational

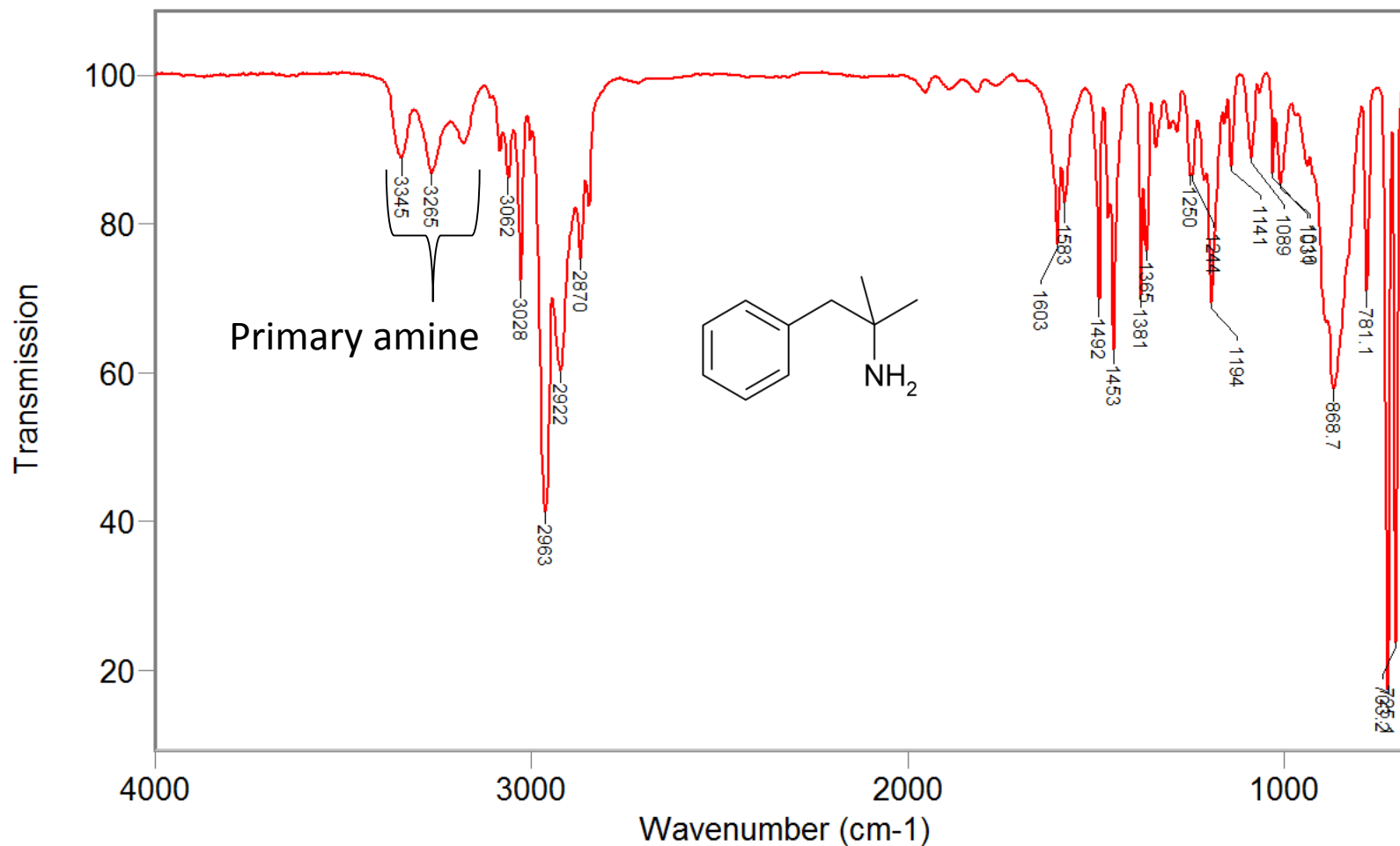




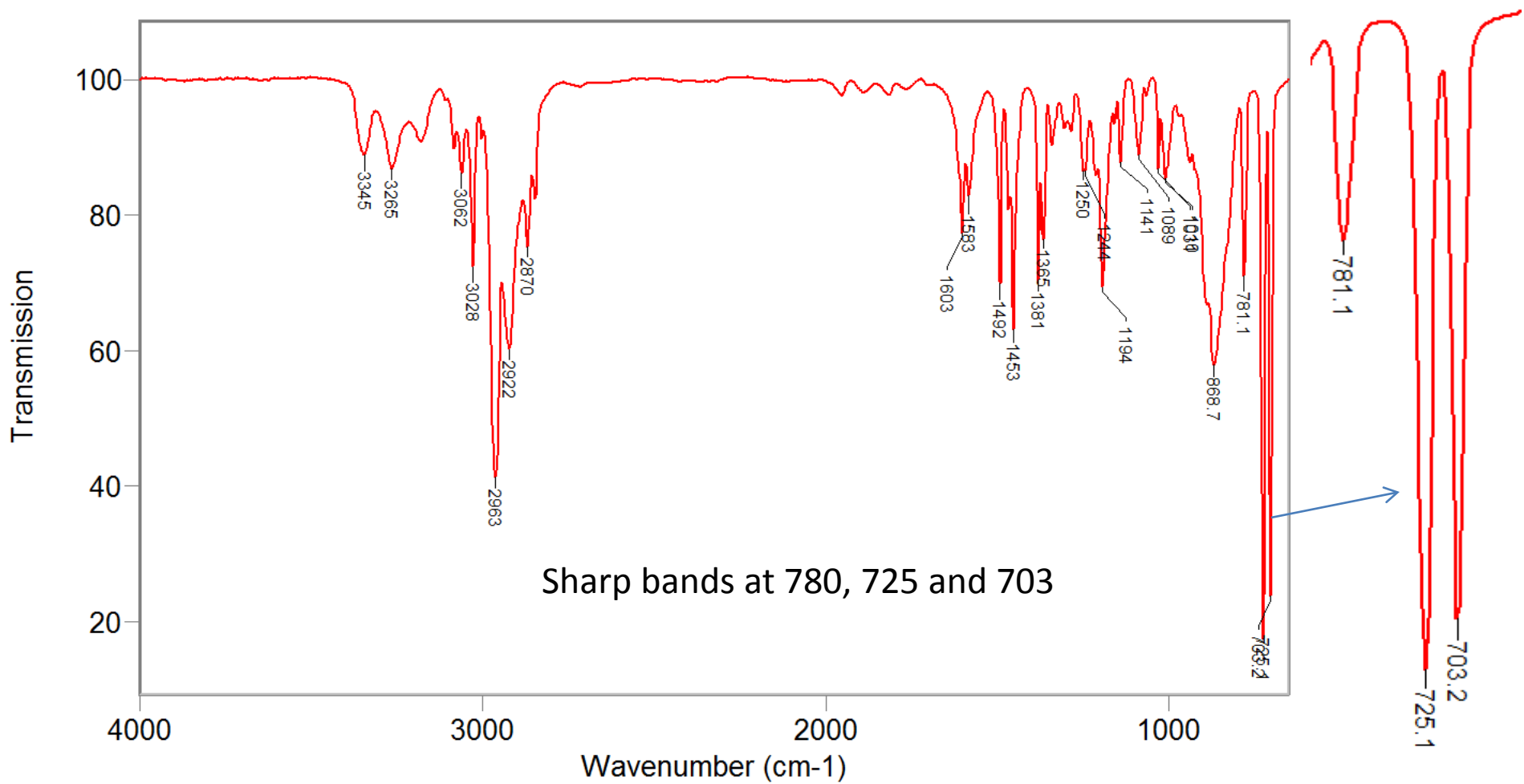
# Gas phase GC-IR limitations

- Gas molecules are free to rotate
- Centrifugal Distortion causes diffusion of Infrared bands in gas phase
- Insufficient Spectral Resolution to generate unique IR spectra for all isomers
- Isomer identification is based on inconclusive spectra dependent on retention time (no improvement over GC-MS of isomers)

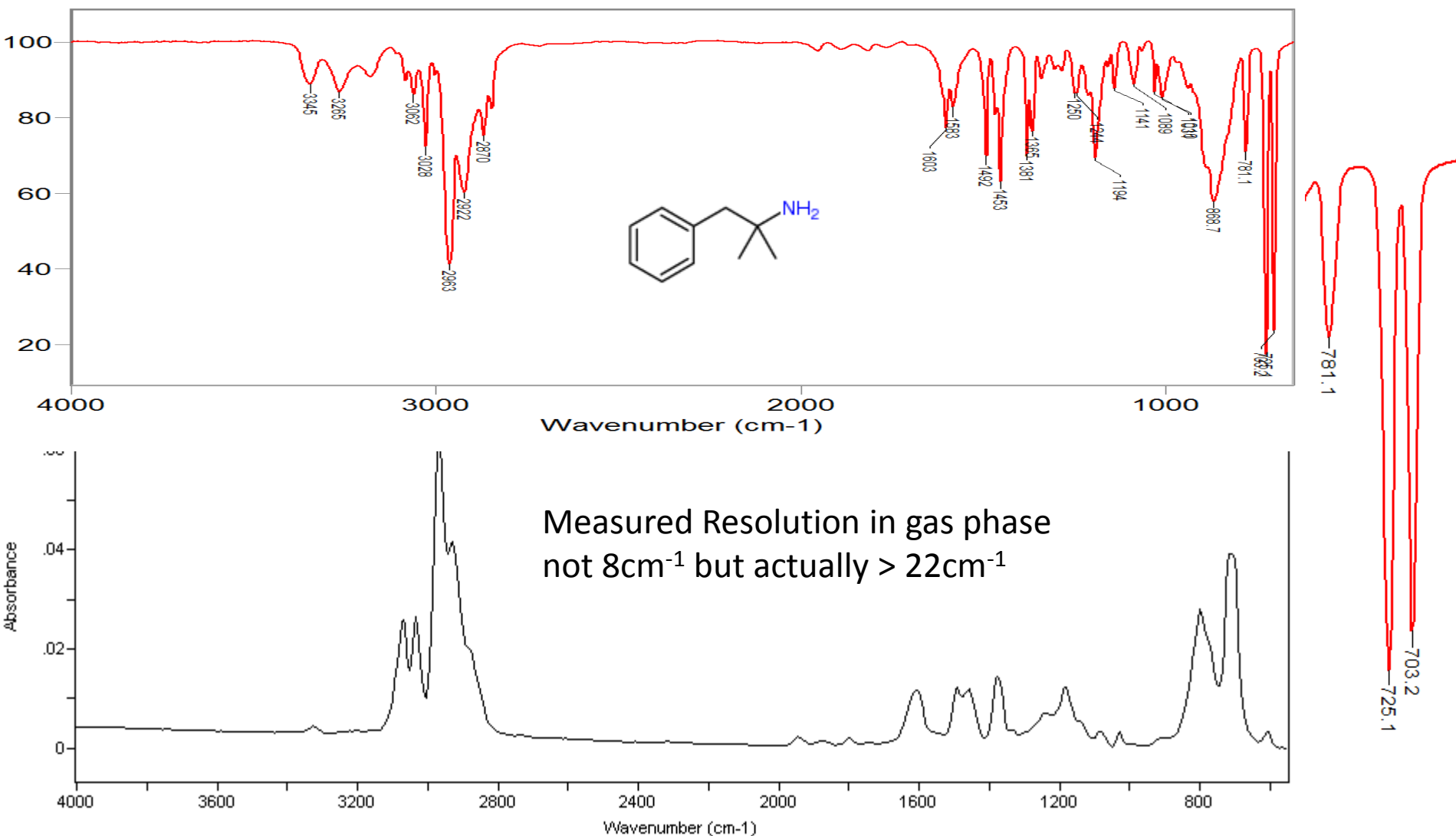
# Phentermine DiscovIR spectra



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# Phentermine DiscovIR vs gas phase



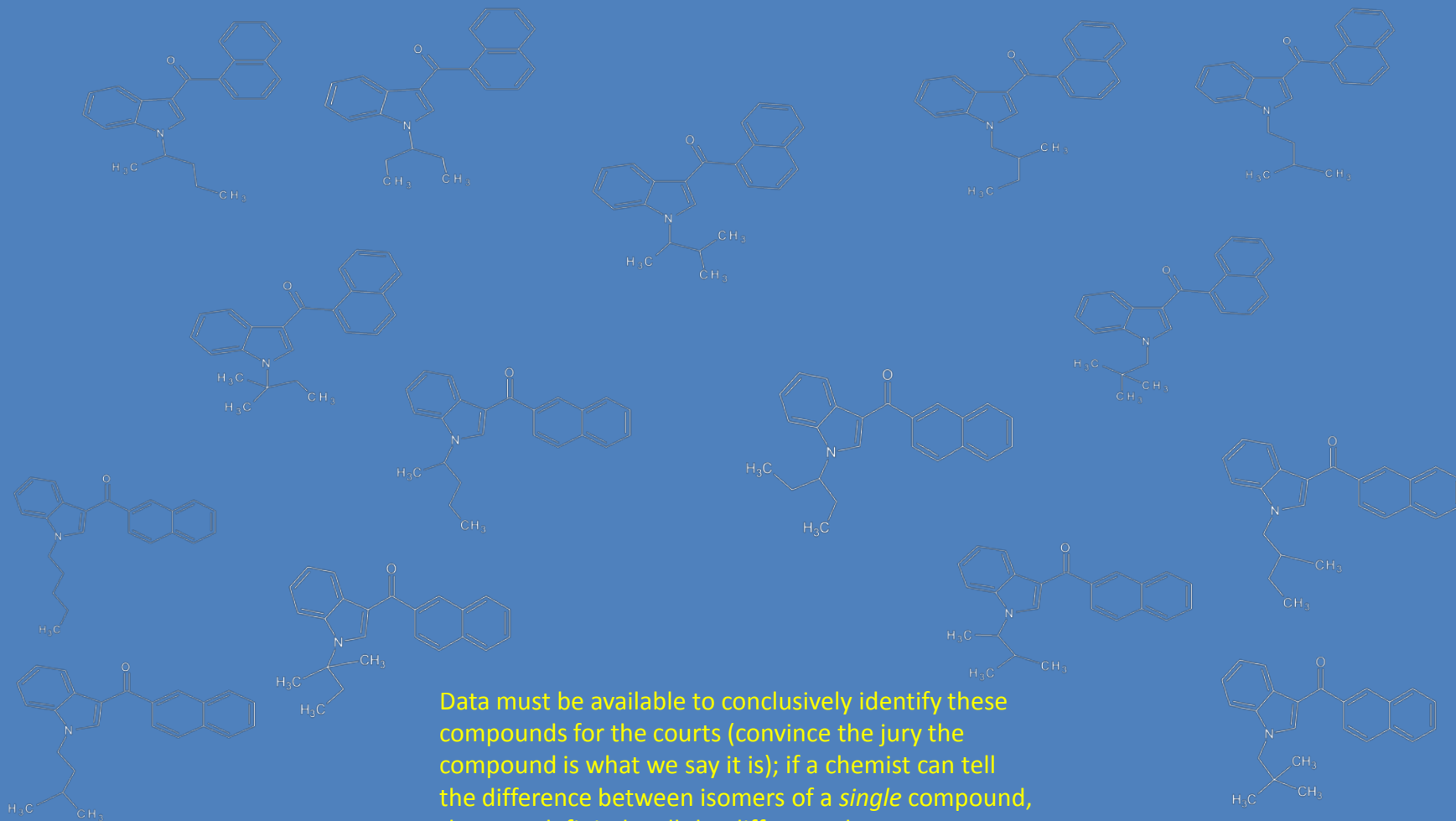
	Vibrations	Rotations	Resolution
ATR	Yes	No	$\leq 4 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
Gas Phase GC-IR	Yes	Yes	$>16 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
DiscovIR GC-IR	Yes	No	$4 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

- Molecular rotation in gas phase causes centrifugal distortion of Spectra.
- Severe band broadening takes place in the gas phase. IR bands 20, 30 even  $40 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  apart are merged together.
- Even though the hardware can be set at  $4 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , the spectra still suffer from centrifugal distortion in the gas phase.
- Spectral resolution of  $4 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  is required to differentiate isomers of synthetic cannabinoids.



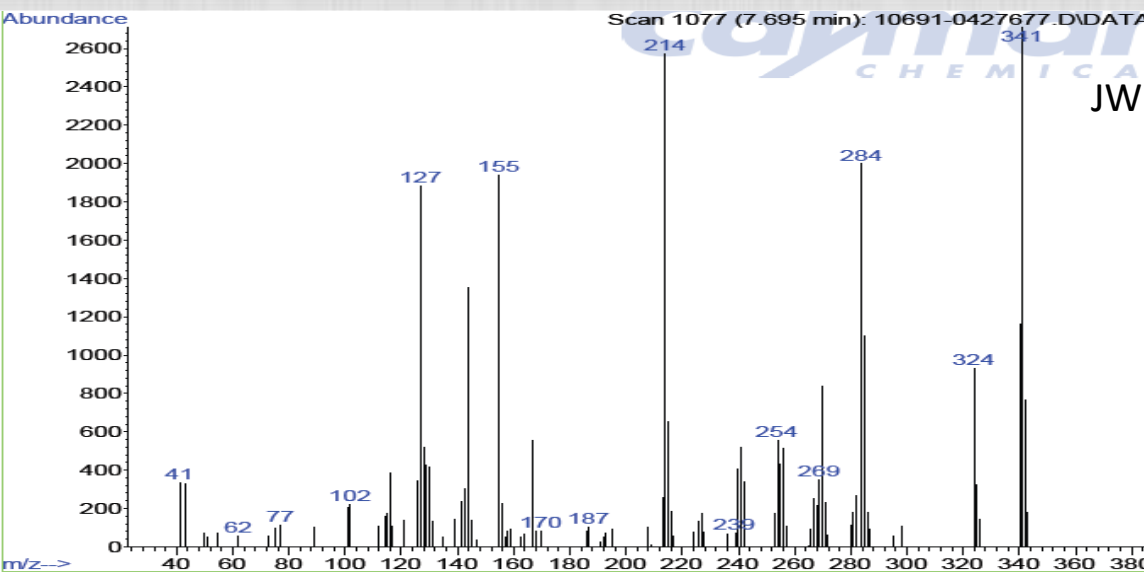


# JWH-018

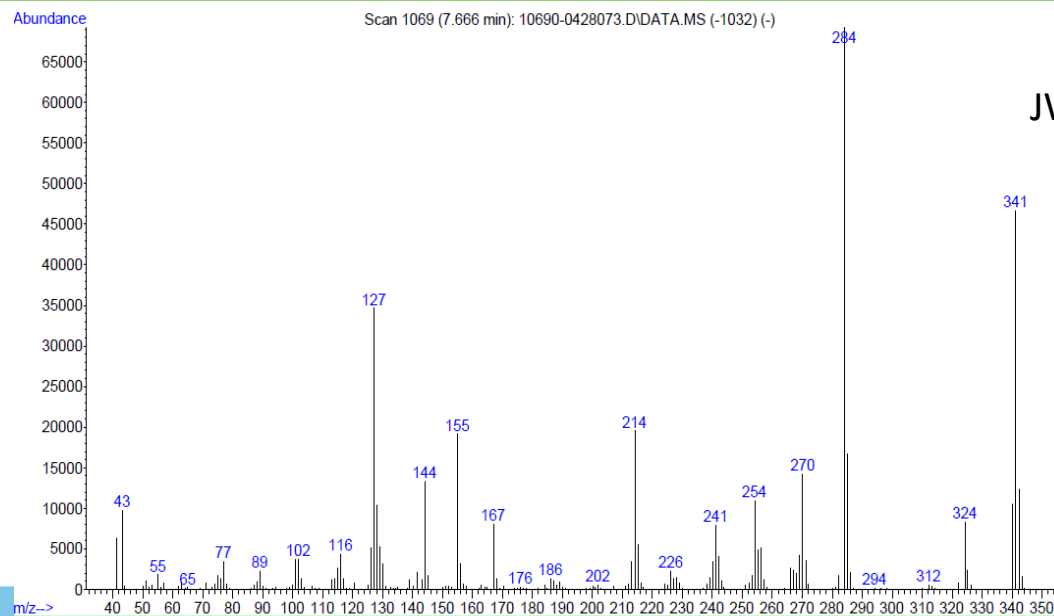
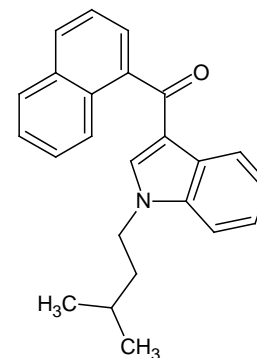


Data must be available to conclusively identify these compounds for the courts (convince the jury the compound is what we say it is); if a chemist can tell the difference between isomers of a *single* compound, they can definitely tell the difference between *different* compounds

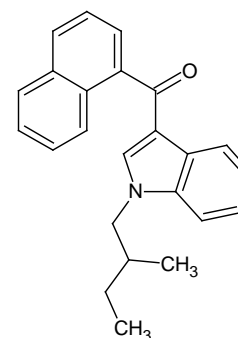
## Similar Mass Spectra of JWH-018 isomers



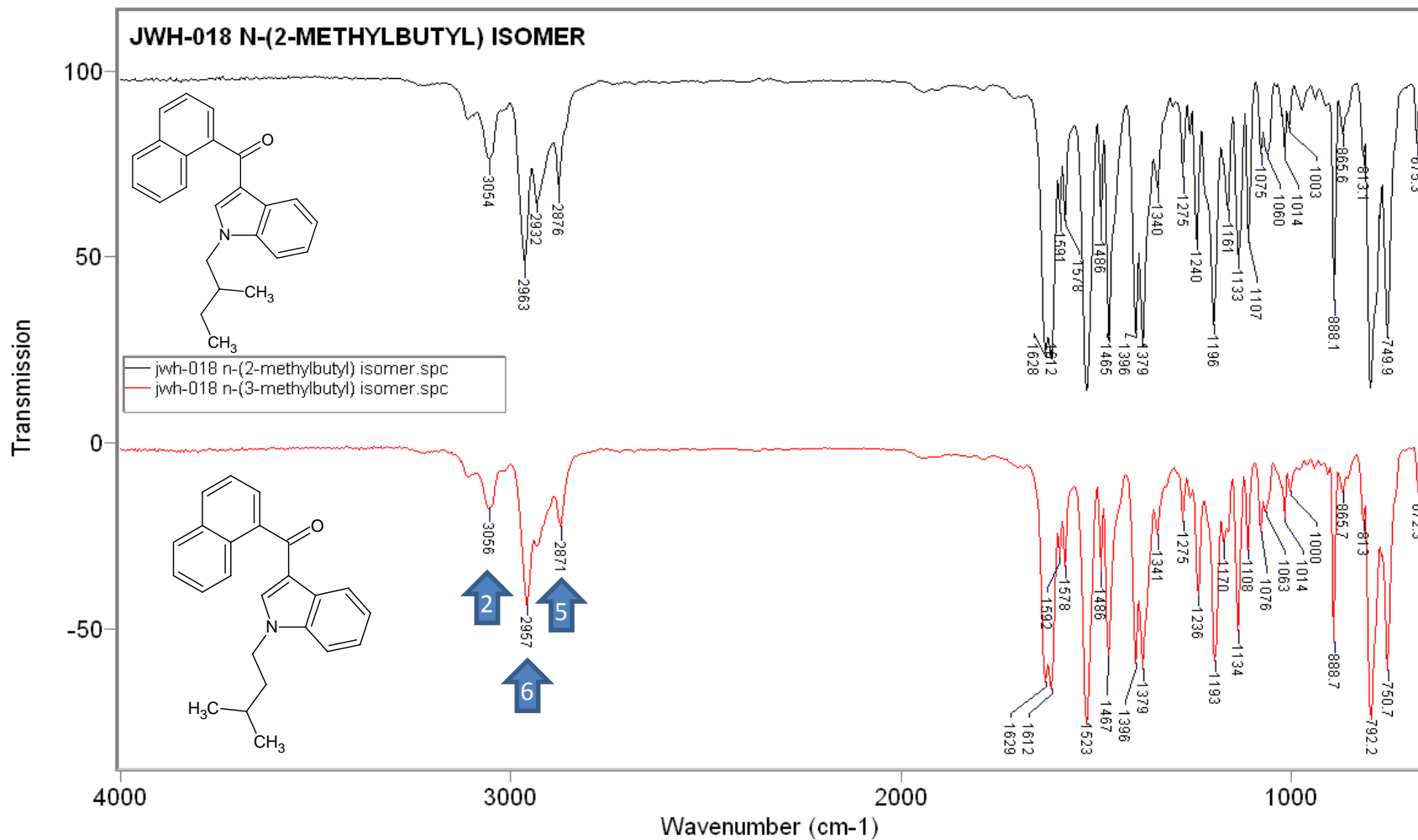
JWH-018-N-(3-methylbutyl) isomer



JWH-018-N-(2-methylbutyl) isomer

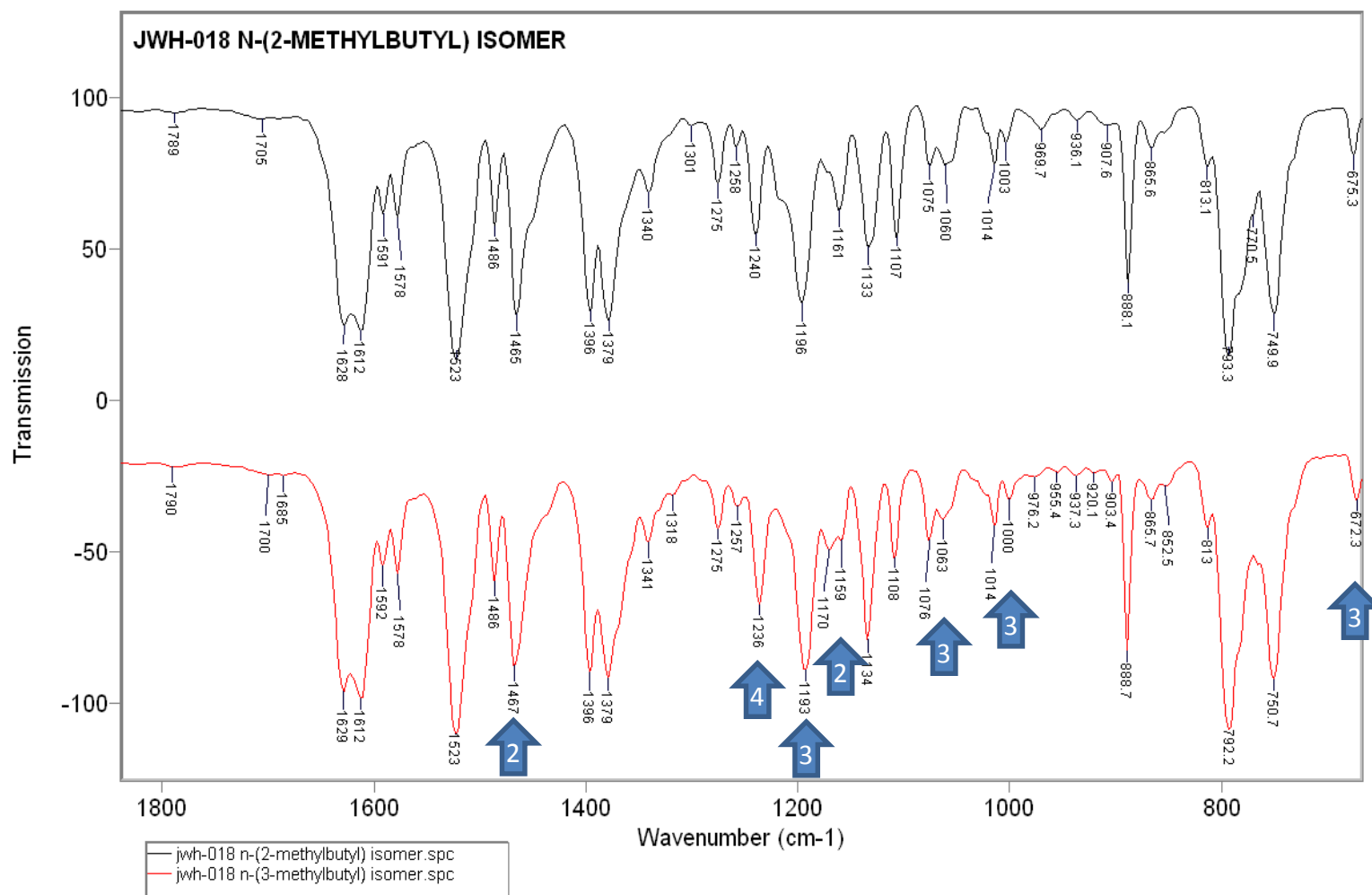


# JWH-018-N-(2-methylbutyl) isomer and JWH-018-N-(3-methylbutyl) isomer co-elute



# Fingerprint Region of JWH-018 N-(2-methylbutyl) and JWH-018-N-(3-methylbutyl) isomers

4 cm<sup>-1</sup> Resolution

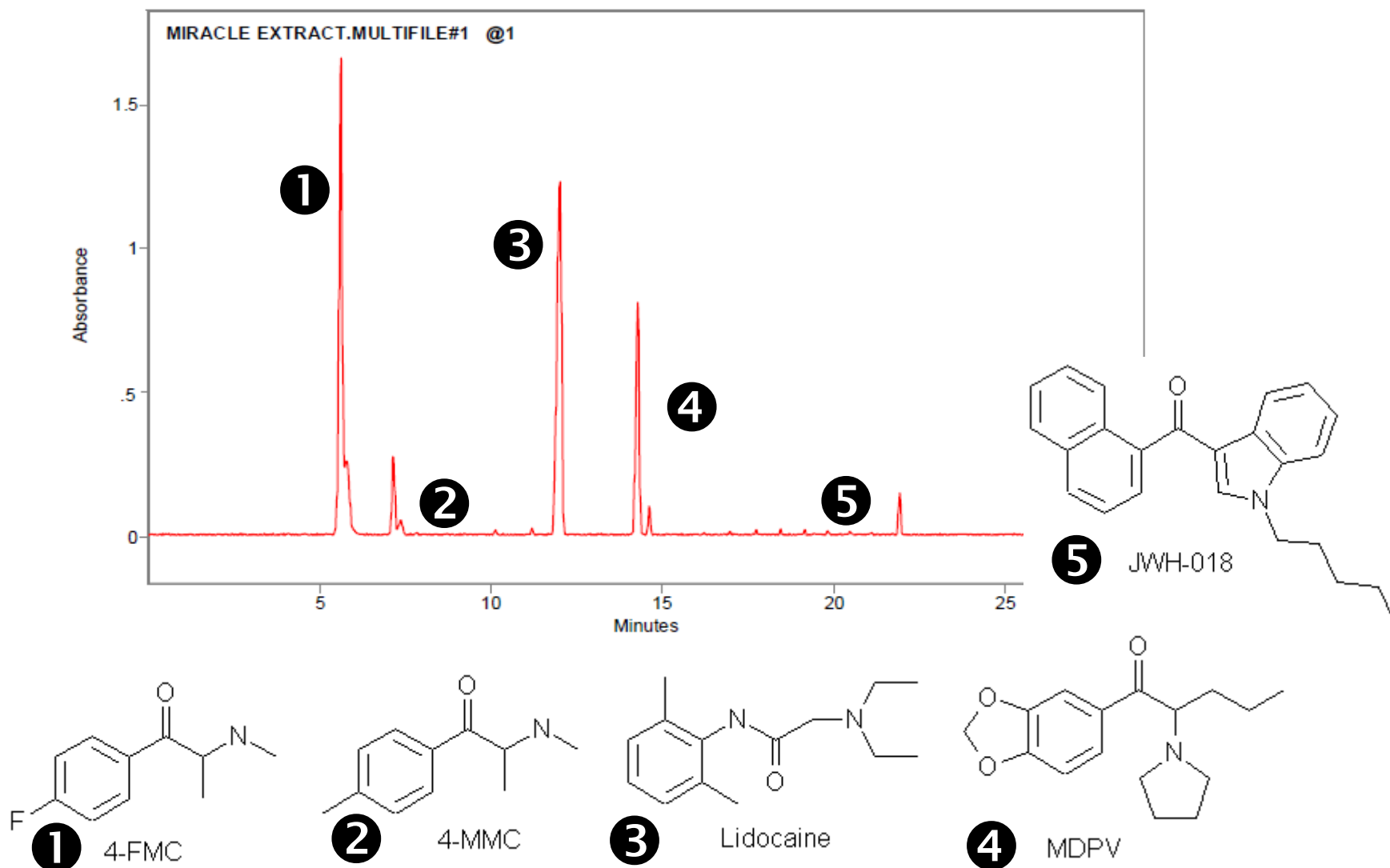


# Table of Differentiating Infrared Bands

	RT	Wavenumber of differentiating bands								
JWH-018-N-(2-methylbutyl) isomer	7.667	2963	2876	1465	1240	1196	1060	1003	969.7	675
JWH-018-N-(3-methylbutyl) isomer	7.697	2957	2871	1467	1236	1193	1063	1000	955.4	672

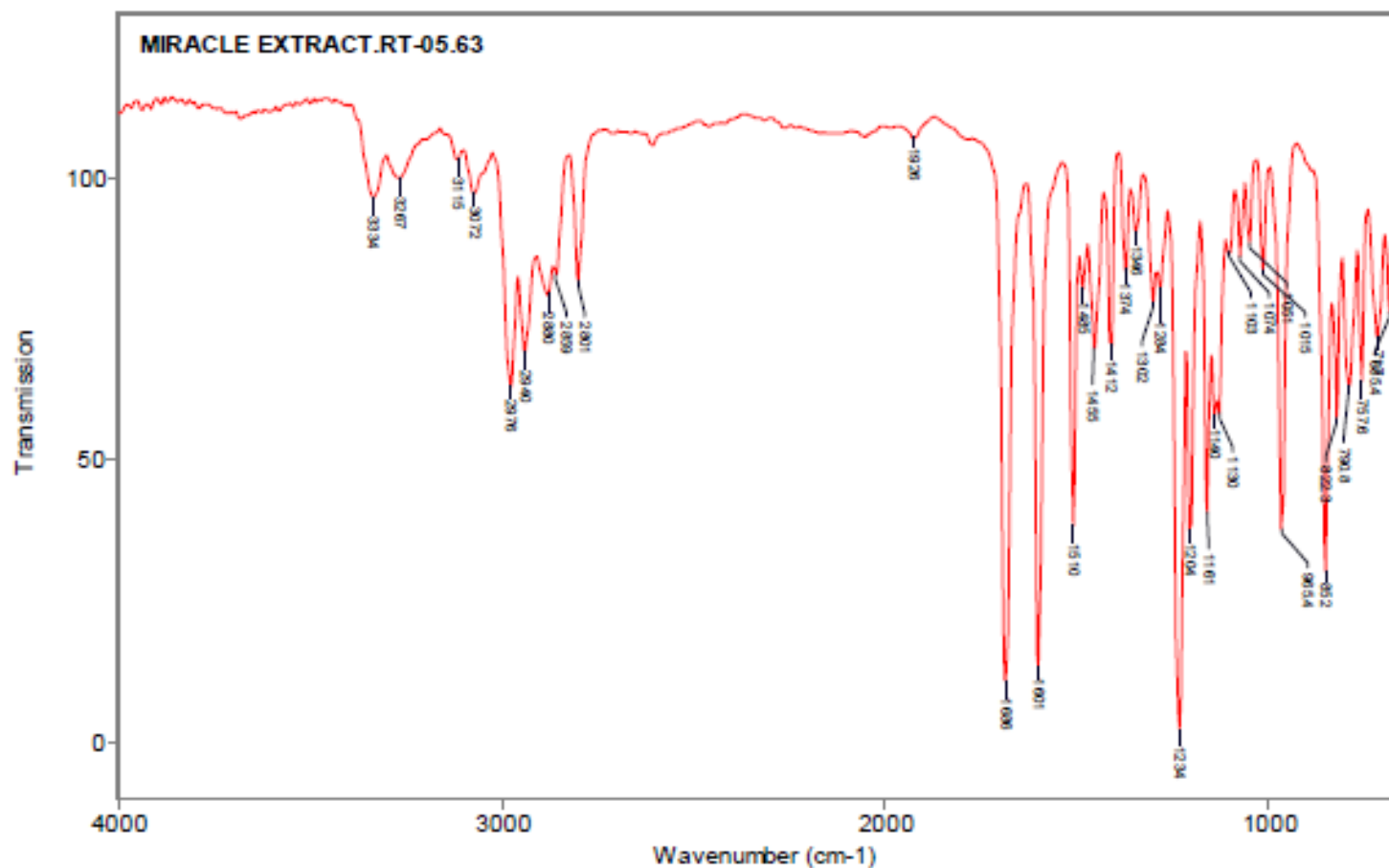
AT-5 Column 30m x 0.32mm, 240°C-300°C, 30°C/min

# Bath salt sample Analysis



# Spectra of 4-Fluoromethcathinone (4-FMC)

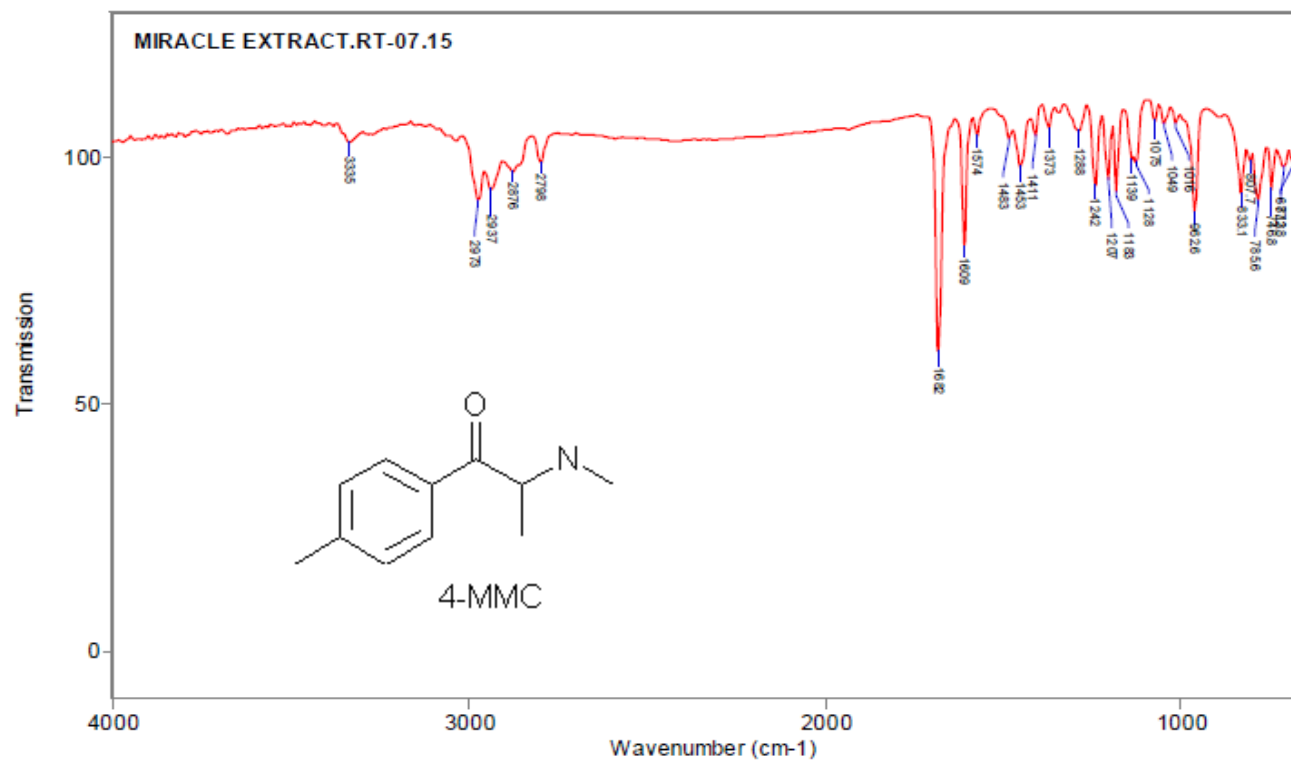
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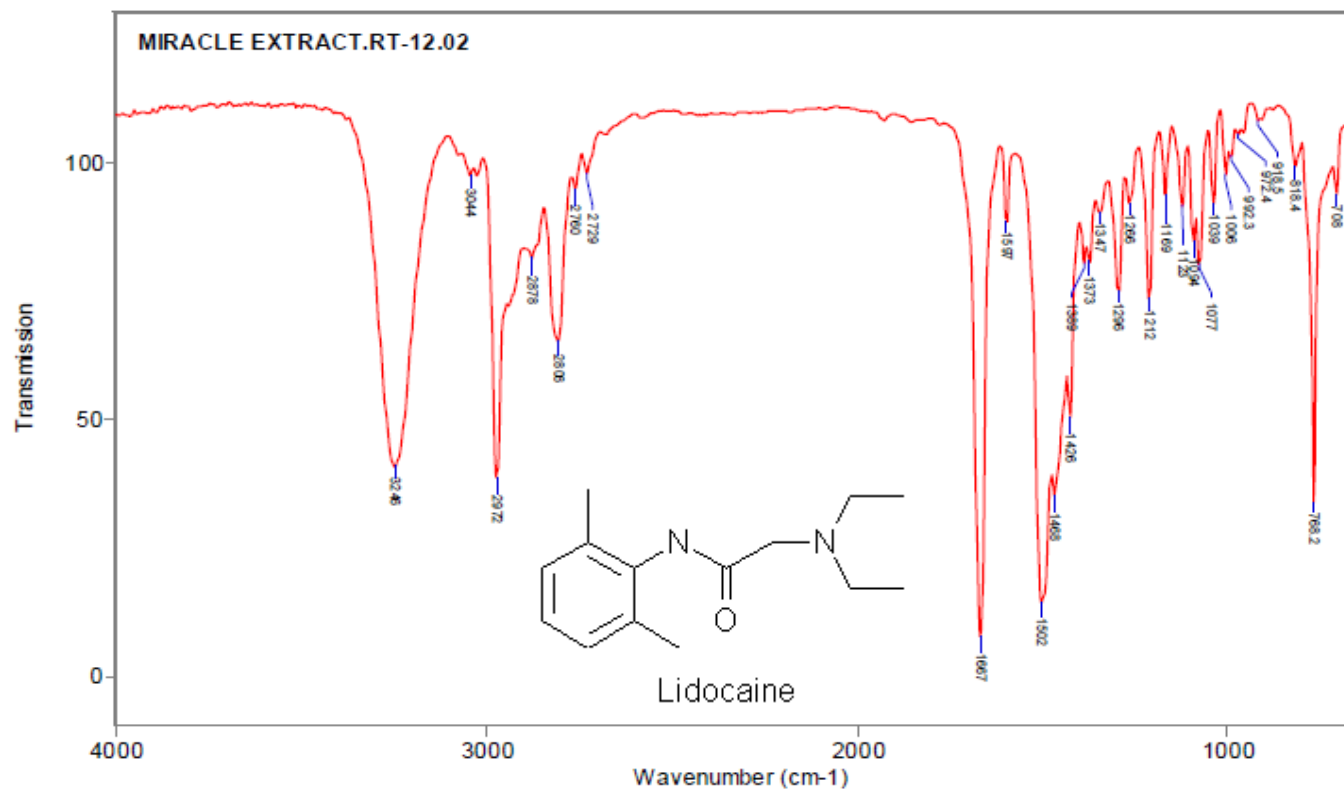
# Solid Phase Mid-IR Spectrum of Mephedrone

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# Solid Phase Mid-IR Spectrum of Lidocaine

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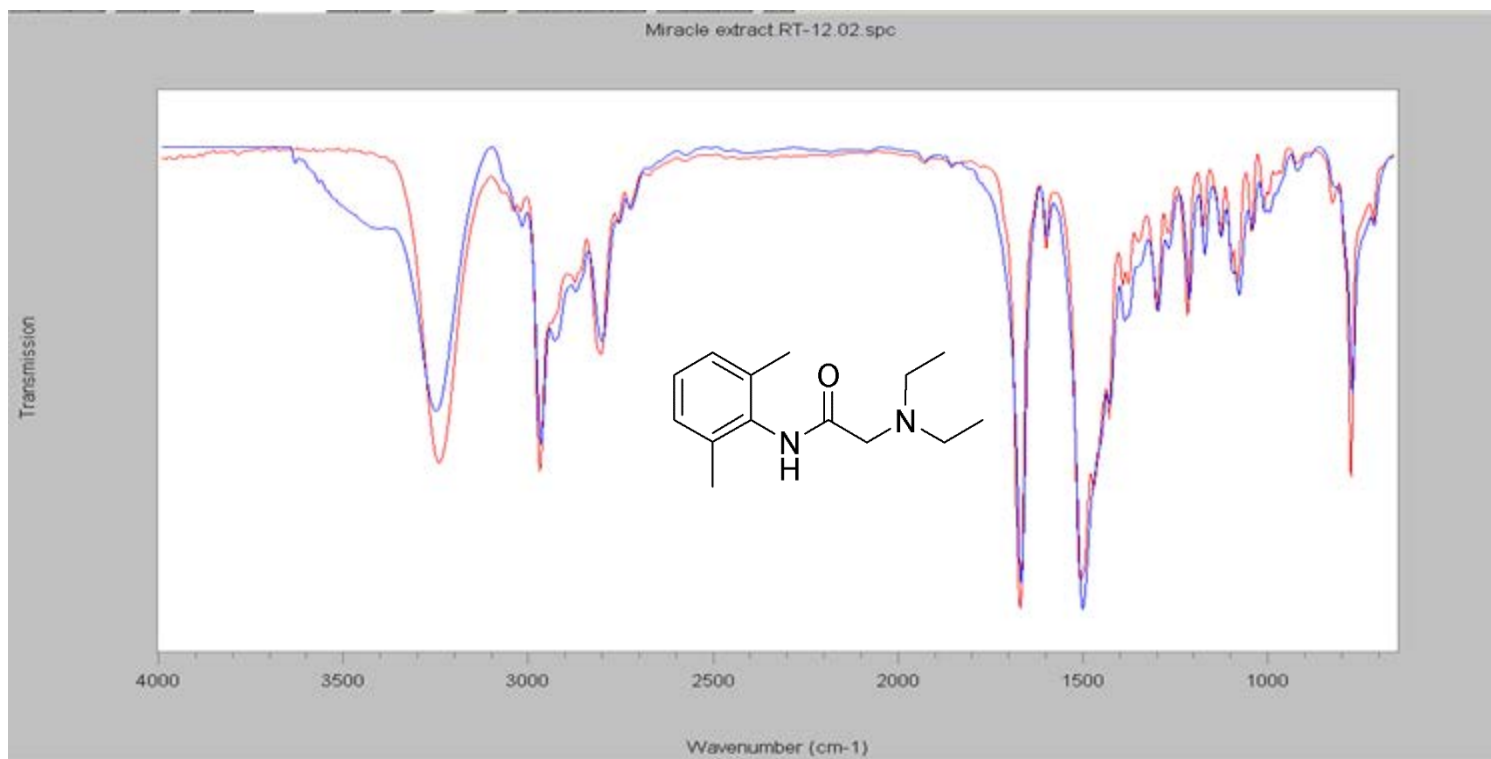


# Overlay of DiscovIR GC-IR spectra (red) with Lidocaine FTIR Spectra (blue)

Library spectra is not from the DiscovIR GC-IR library.

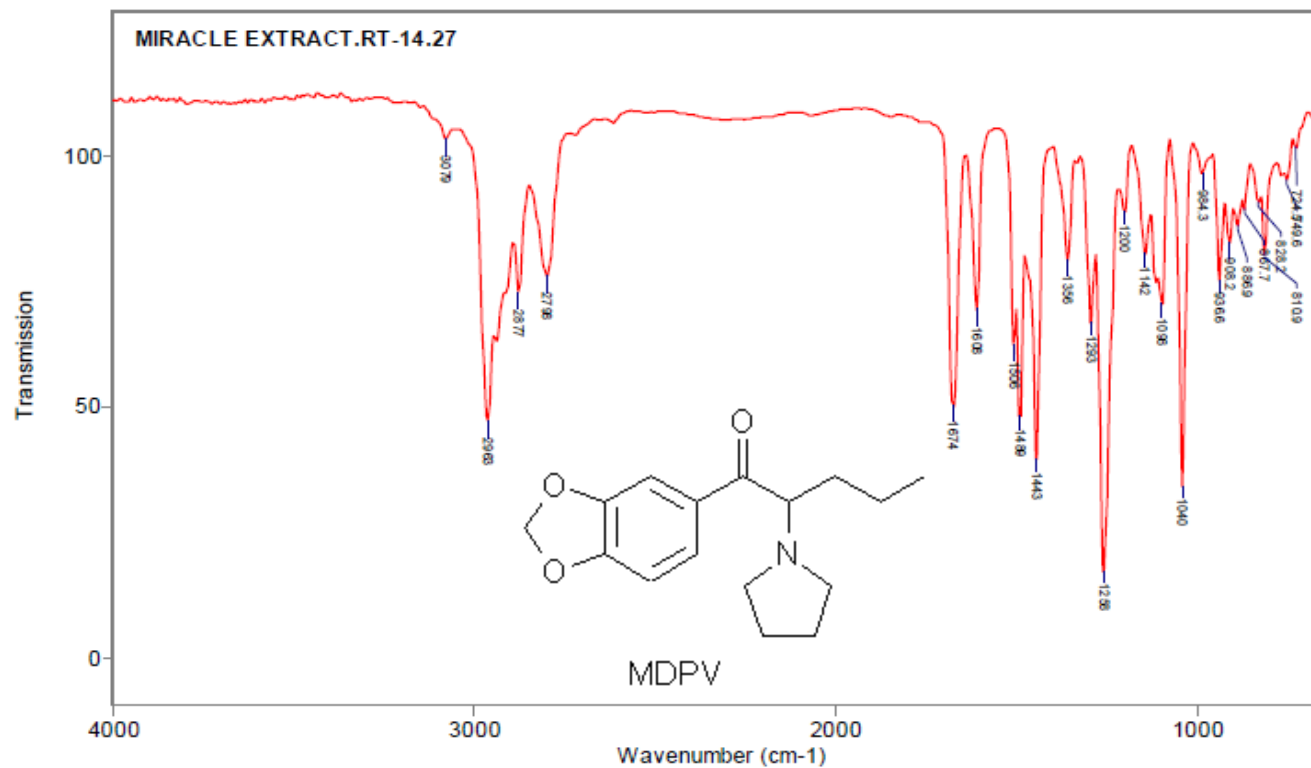
Library spectra in blue is from traditional bench top IR spectral library from Fiveash Data Management.

The overlay illustrates the excellent correlation of DiscovIR spectra with traditional solid phase spectral libraries.



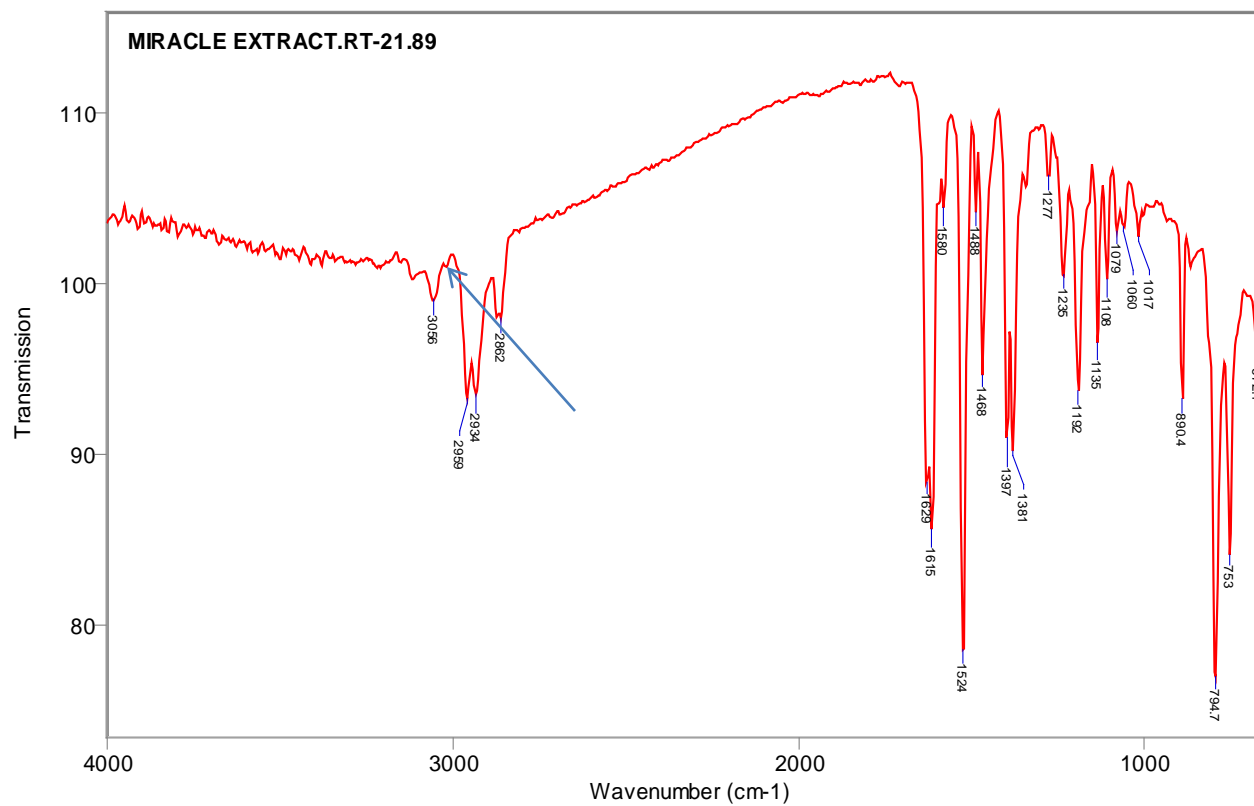
# Solid Phase Mid-IR Spectrum of MDPV

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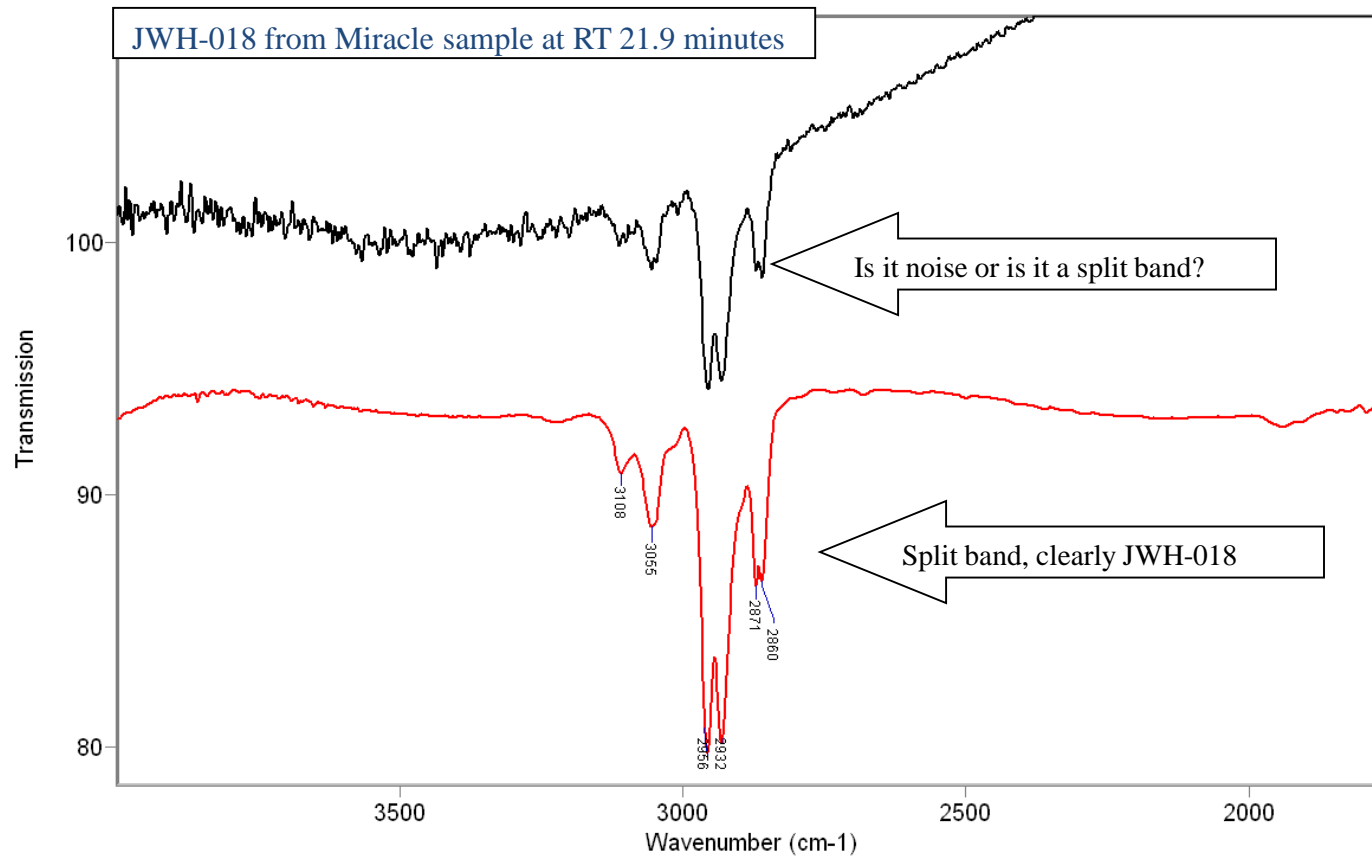


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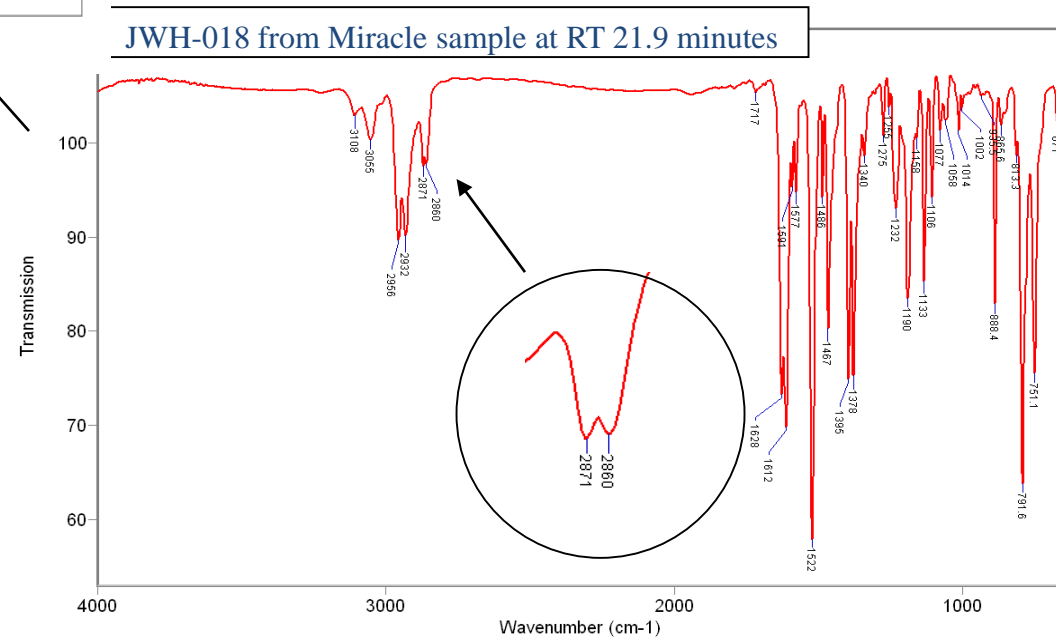
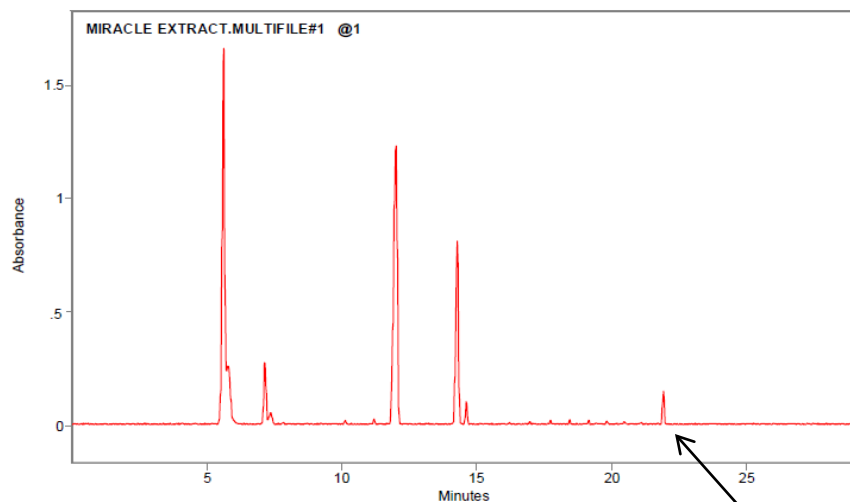
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# Enhancing spectral quality of minor (4%) component

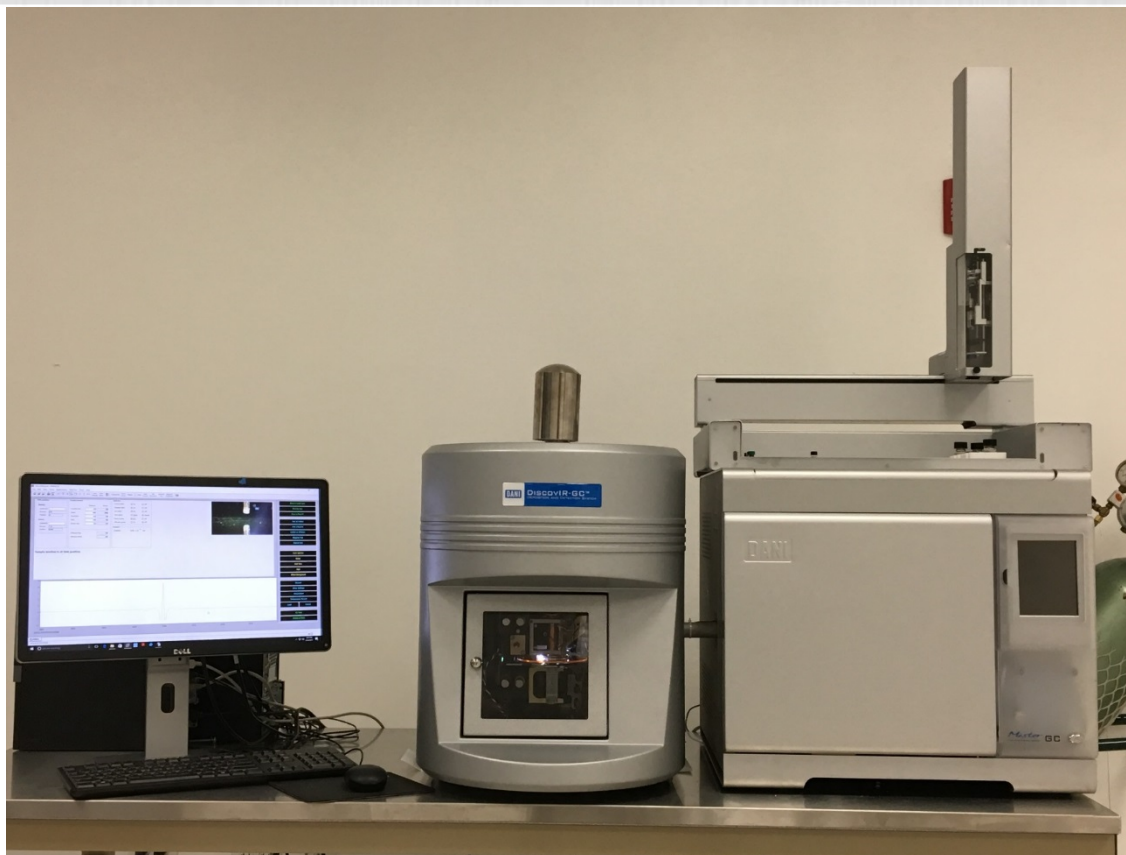


# Band splitting of a weak band of the minor component.





# Integrated DiscovIR-Master GC



## DiscovIR Fully Automated Software Package

- Control of Master GC , Autosampler and DiscovIR Instruments
- DiscovIR detector Data Acquisition and Processing
- Library Search
- Report Generator

# DiscovIR – GC Installed Customer Base

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## FORENSIC DRUG ANALYSIS

 US DEA Southwest Laboratory, Vista, CA  
 US DEA Special Testing Lab, VA  
 US ARMY, CIL, Forest Park, GA  
 US Food and Drug Administration, Rockville, MD  
 Massachusetts State Police, Sudbury, MA  
 New York State Police  
 Alabama Dept. of Forensic Sciences, Mobile, AL  
 Baltimore County Police, Forensic Lab, MD  
 Louisiana State Police Forensic Lab, LA  
 Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, LA  
 Georgia Bureau of Investigation, GA  
 Pennsylvania State Police Forensic Lab, PA  
 Vermont State Police Forensic Lab, VT  
 Crime Lab, NV Michigan State Police  
 Virginia Dept. of Forensic Science – (4 system:  
 Miami Valley Regional Crime Lab, OH  
 Indiana Dept. of Forensic Science  
 Wausau Crime Lab, WI  
 Canada Border Services Agency  
 Canada Health Services – (2 systems) Washoe County  
 Forensic Sciences of South Australia, AU  
 Victoria Forensic Science Centre, AU  
 Forensic Science Institute of Zurich  
 Saint Gallen Cantonal Police  
 Health Canada DAS – (3 systems)  
 Singapore Health Sciences Authority  
 Japan National Police (9 systems)  
 Japan Custom Laboratory  
 Slovenia State Police  
 Landeskriminalamt Germany (3 systems)  
 Finnish Customs Laboratory



## CHEMICAL WEAPONS ANALYSIS

Oak Ridge National Laboratory, TN  
 Lawrence Livermore National Lab, CA  
 Bundeswehr Institute, Germany  
 US ARMY, ECBC, Aberdeen  
 US Naval Research Laboratory, DC  
 OPCW, The Hague  
 ARMSCOR, Dept. Defense, So. Africa  
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## CROP SCIENCE

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 University of Tokyo, Japan  
 DuPont, Newark, DE  
 El Colegio de la Frontera Sur, Mexico  
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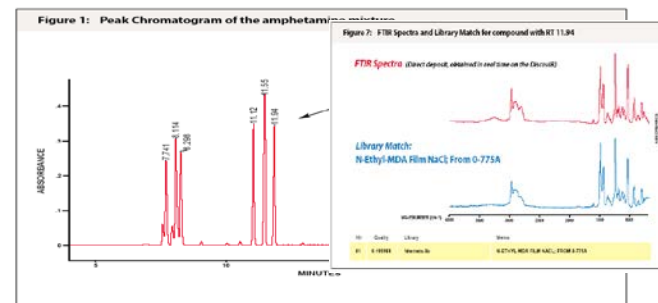
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- **Solid-Phase transmission IR Spectra**
  - 4000-700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  Range with 4  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  Resolution
  - High Sensitivity: 25 nanogram
  - Isomer Determination
- **Analysis of Mixtures with Infrared Spectroscopy**
  - Chromatography followed by Infrared identification of purified components
- **Fits into existing lab workflow**
  - 1mg/ml concentrations
  - 1 ul injections
  - IR spectra compatible with labs existing ATR and Transmission libraries
- **Can be coupled with Mass Spectrometer**

# Types of Mass Spectrometers

• SQ	Most common	
• ITD		
• TOF	\$\$	More Sensitive, Higher resolution
• QQQ	\$\$\$	High sensitivity, target compounds only
• Orbitrap	\$\$\$\$	High mass accuracy, very high price, research tool

TOF  
Typically higher resolution  
Long flight tube = higher mass accuracy = \$\$\$

New trend emerging into market: Shorter flight tube = lower mass accuracy = Much lower cost = \$





## Single Quadrupole MS

Well proven mass analyser

Relatively inexpensive

Strength: high efficiency of target ions (SIM)

Filters out non-target ions

Weakness: scanning instrument

- Faster scanning = poorer sensitivity

- Fewer scans per peak

- Poor resolution for fast GC

- Sens reduction at higher masses

  - Mass discrimination during scanning

  - Low resolution, unit mass

## New Trend TOF MS

Well proven mass analyser

More expensive historically with long flight tube

No scanning, all masses all the time

- Sens ~ SQ SIM but with all masses

- More scans per peak, 100's per sec

- Great for fast GC, GC X GC

- High sens over entire mass range

- Higher resolution, 0.01 – 0.0001mass

- Long flight tube = high res high mass accuracy

## Single Quadrupole MS

Scanning based analyzer

Acquisition rate: 1000amu/sec, 3-5 spectra/sec  
Dependent on mass range  
Scanning takes time, high mass discrimination

Spectral data points/peak: 7-20  
Somewhat compatible with Fast GC  
Incompatible with GC X GC  
Poor smoothing of data: too few data points

Mass accuracy: 1.0amu Unit Mass

Cost: 60-80K, 50K with diffusion pump

Sensitivity: 100pg full spectrum, 1pg SIM  
Satisfactory- it is what everyone is used to

## New Trend TOF MS

Pulsed based Analyzer: all ions each pulse – no scanning

Acquisition rate: 1000 spectra/sec  
Independent of mass range  
No high mass discrimination

Spectral data points/peak: 1000  
Compatible with FAST GC (200 peaks/chromatogram)  
Compatible with GC X GC (1000 peaks/chromatogram)  
Good peak smoothing: plenty of data points

Mass accuracy: 0.01 – 0.0001amu flight tube length  
Short flight tube = 1.0amu Unit Mass

Cost: Long flight tube-higher mass accuracy = 130-240K  
Short flight tube: 70K ~ single quadrupole

Sensitivity: 1pg full spectrum – more than satisfactory



# Master TOF-MS with Master GC by DANI Instruments



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