



Classification  
of biological cells  
to **cancer** and **non-cancer** ones  
by their  
surface-enhanced  
Raman scattering



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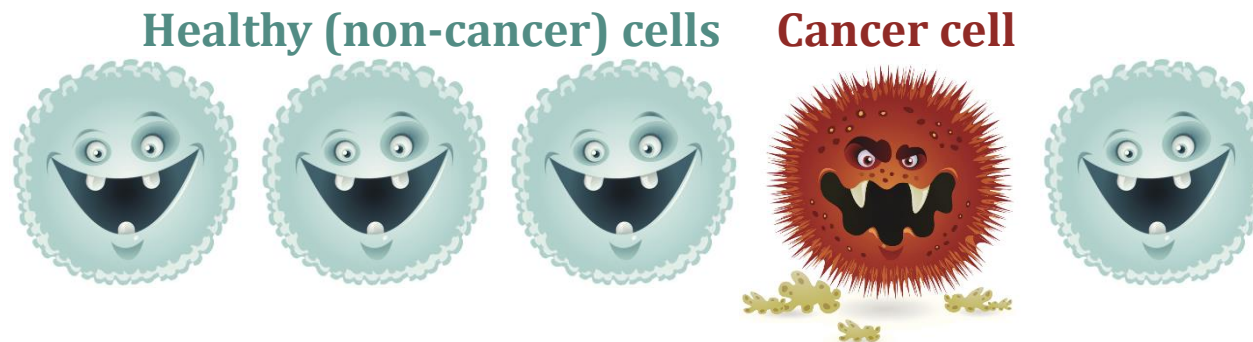
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# Subject

- **What?** Diagnosing cancer cells at the early stage

A problem of early-stage cancer detection is currently one of hot topics in diagnostics

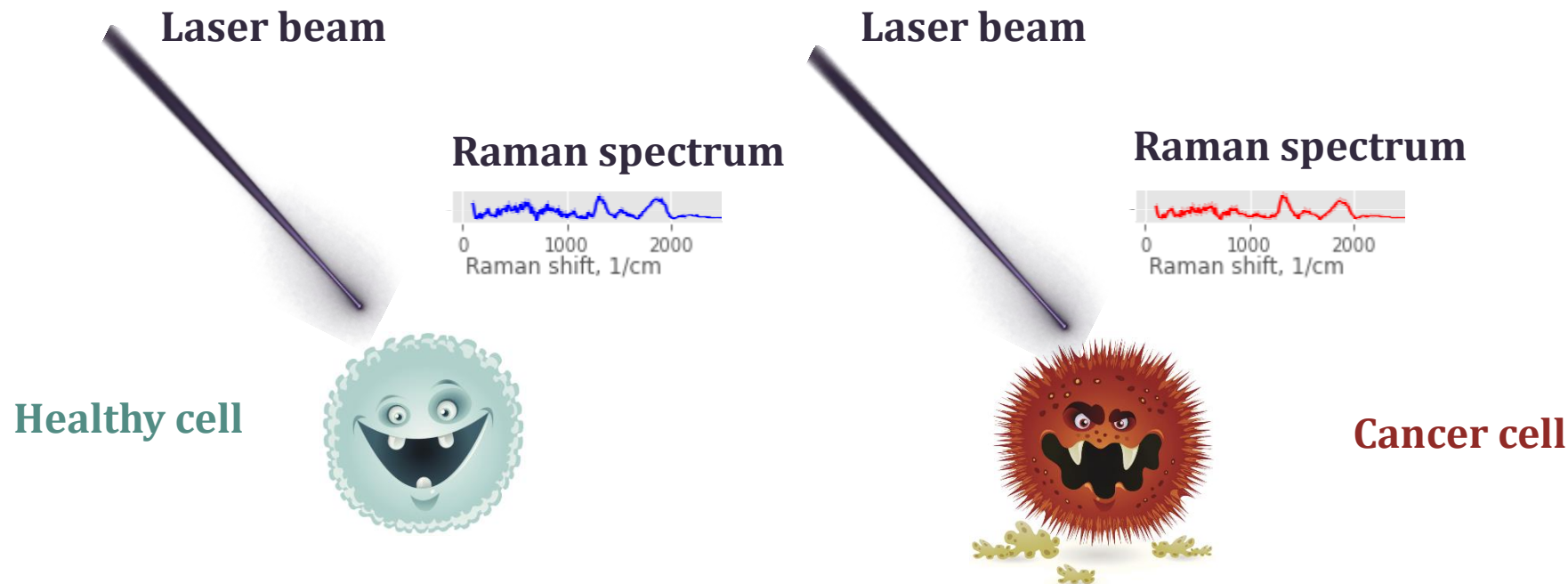


# Subject

## ① Raman spectroscopy

BUT Signal intensity is weak :(

### • How?



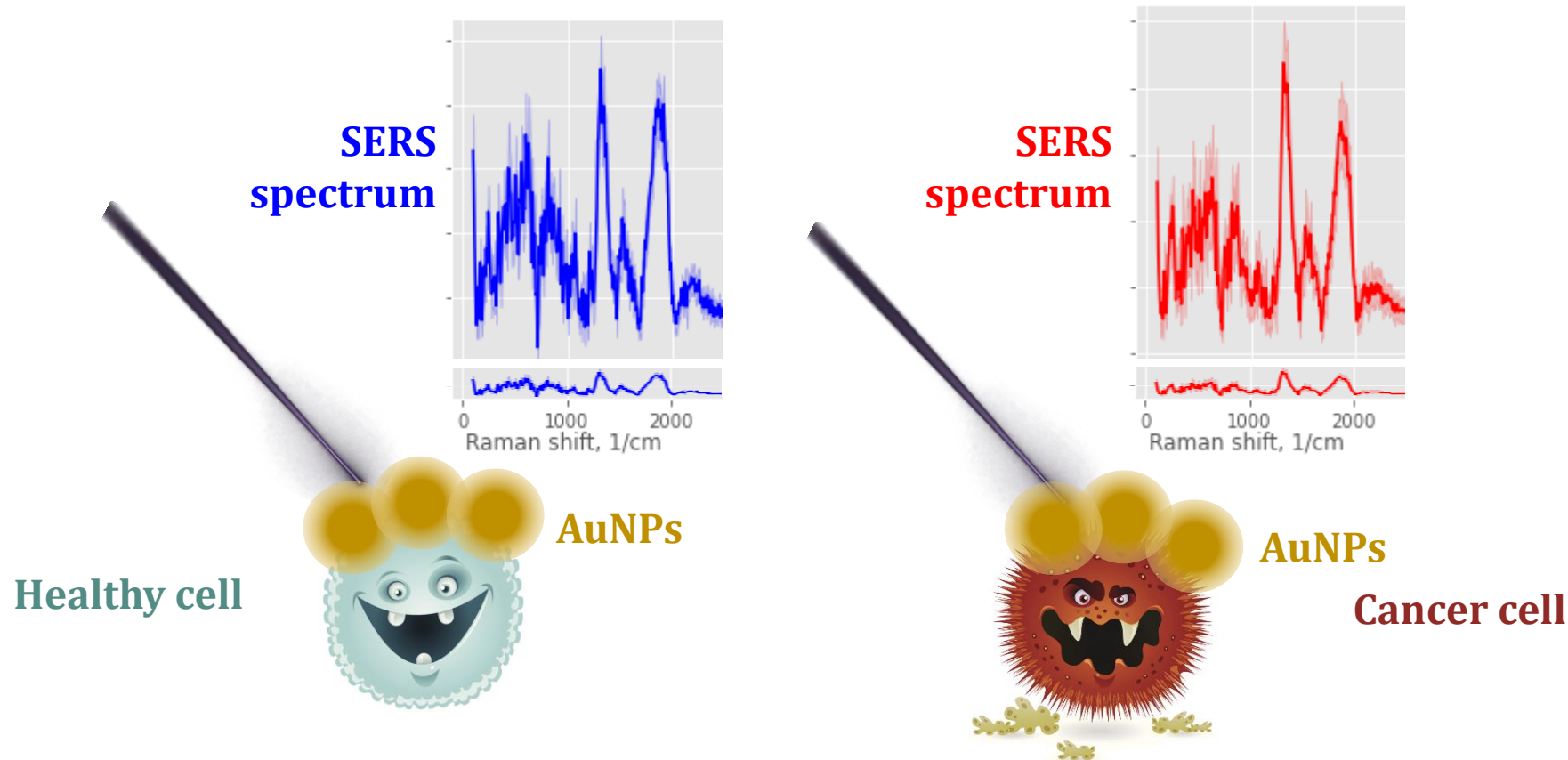
Raman spectroscopy is one of methods of noninvasive analysis of substance contents, inter alia cell analysis. However, Raman signal is typically too low...

# Subject

## ① Raman spectroscopy

- How? ② + enhancing gold particles (AuNPs) BUT

Provide enhancement only in their vicinity :(

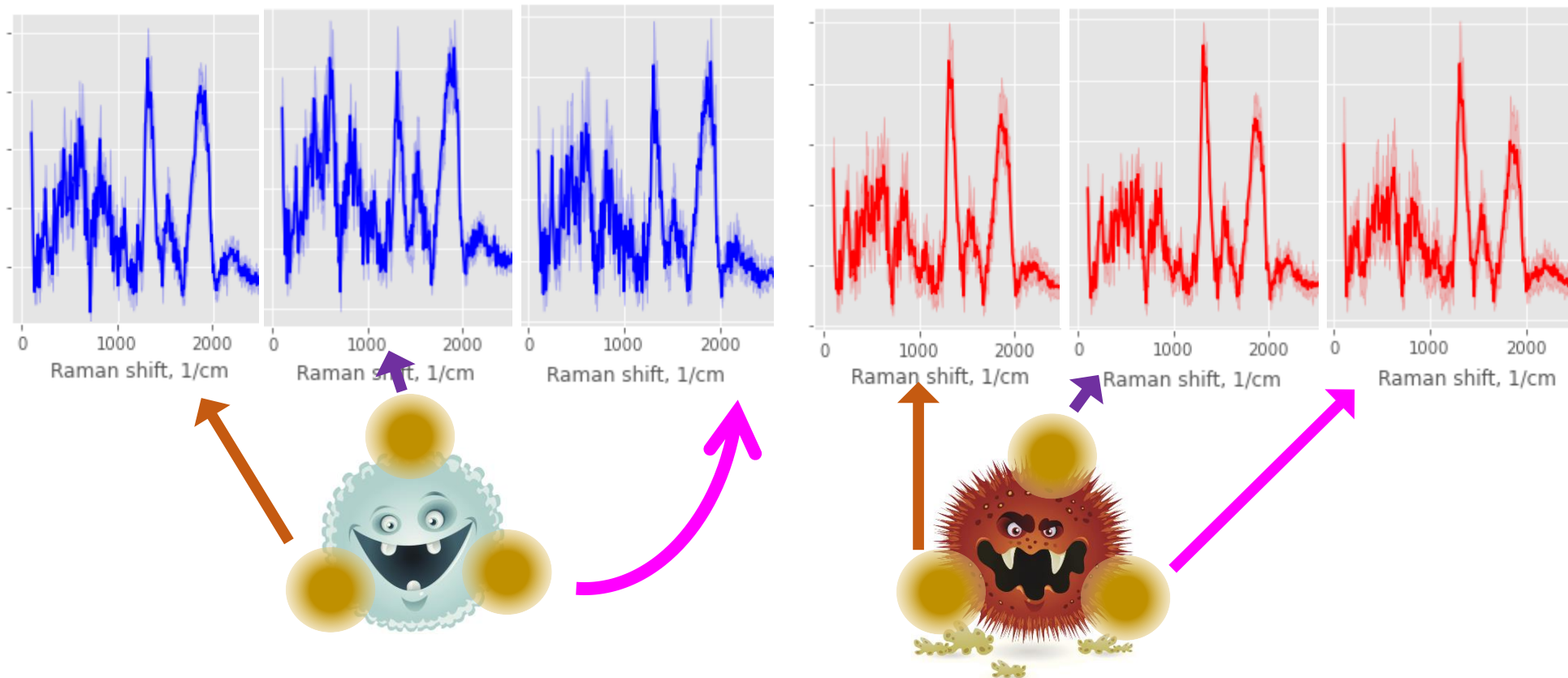


... Therefore, special enhancing gold or silver nanoparticles may be used to enhance the signal; such approach is called SERS, Surface-Enhanced Raman Spectroscopy.

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③ of three different types!

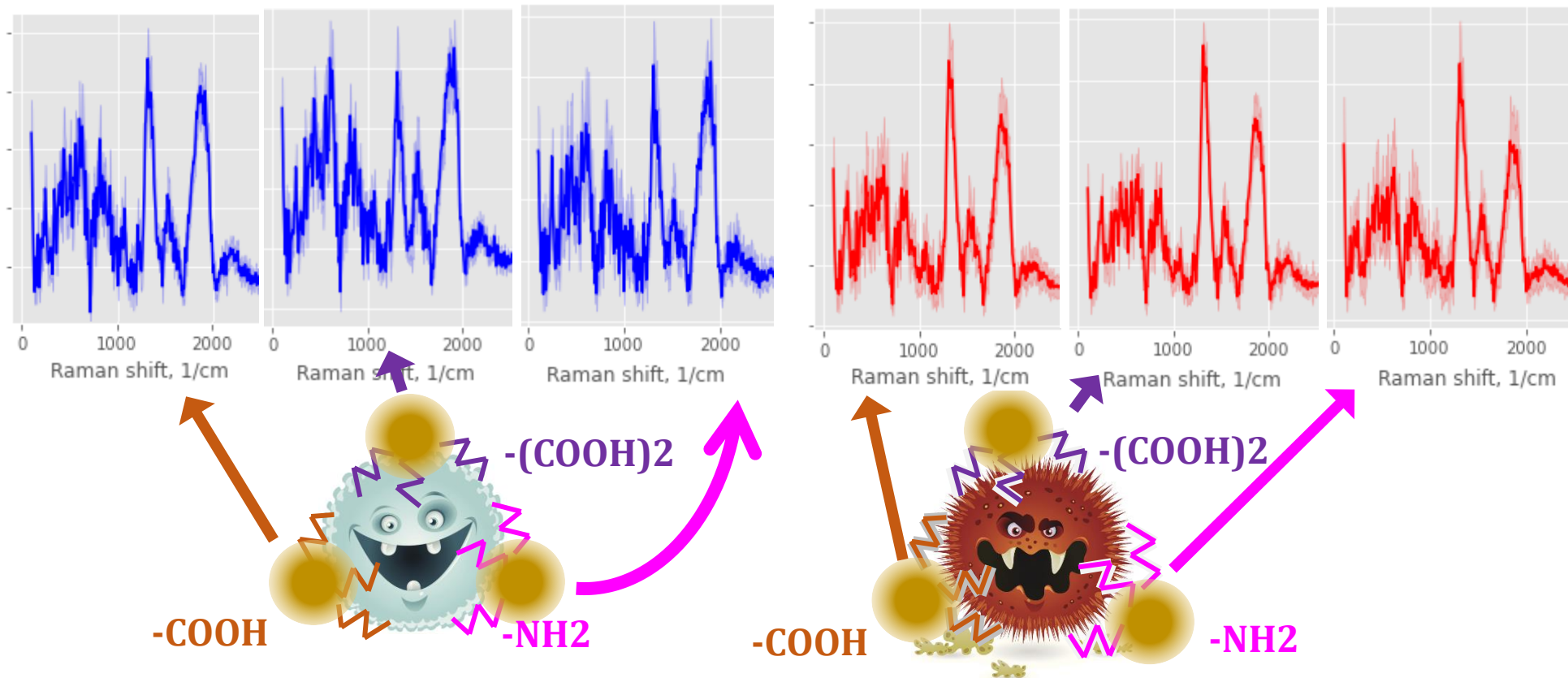


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The 3 types of AuNPs are functionalized with different chemical groups, therefore bind to different molecules and therefore provide different spectra from their vicinities.



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# Task

- To distinguish between healthy and cancer cells by amplified spectra Raman scattering
- There are now 3 types of particles in use. It would be great if it only took 1

## Formalized ML task

- **Classification**
- **Exploring the quality of the model depending on the input**

# Data

## Particle Coverage

Cell types		(COOH)2	COOH	NH2	Total	
	A	53	53	59	165	
	A-S	51	56	50	157	
	DMEM	64	64	65	193	
	DMEM-S	53	52	53	158	
	G	52	54	51	157	
	G-S	50	51	50	151	
	HF	56	50	51	157	Healthy cells
	HF-S	50	51	50	151	
	MEL	49	50	50	149	
	MEL-S	50	52	51	153	
	ZAM	50	50	50	150	Cancer cells
	ZAM-S	49	50	52	151	

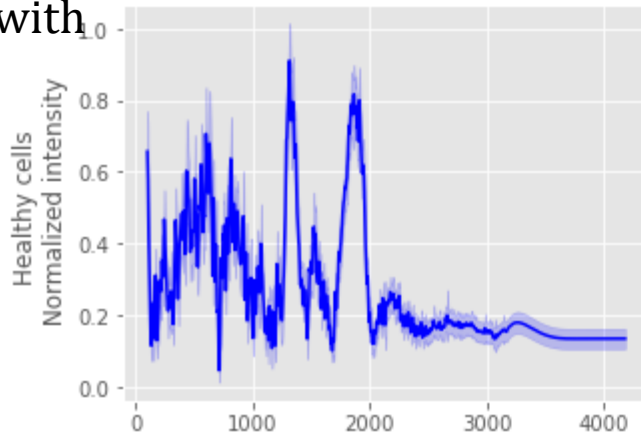
<https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/andriitrelin/cells-raman-spectra>

Erzina et al. Sensors & Actuators: B. Chemical 308 (2020) 127660

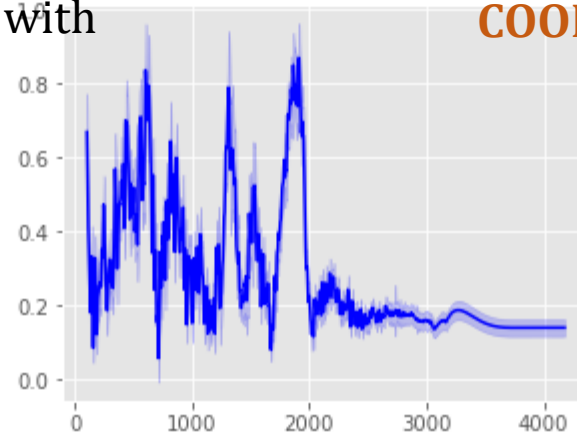
# Data

Healthy  
cells

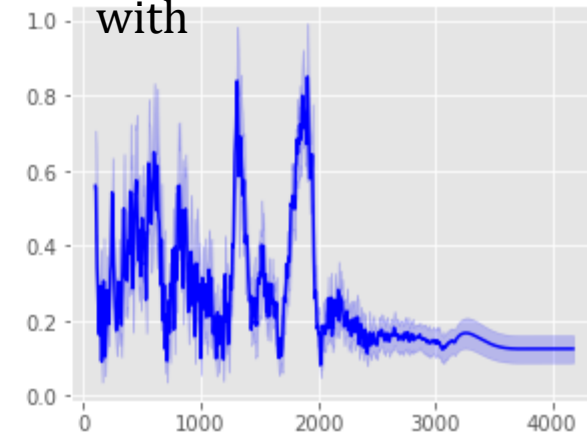
Particle amplification  $-(\text{COOH})_2$  with



Particle amplification  $-\text{COOH}$  with



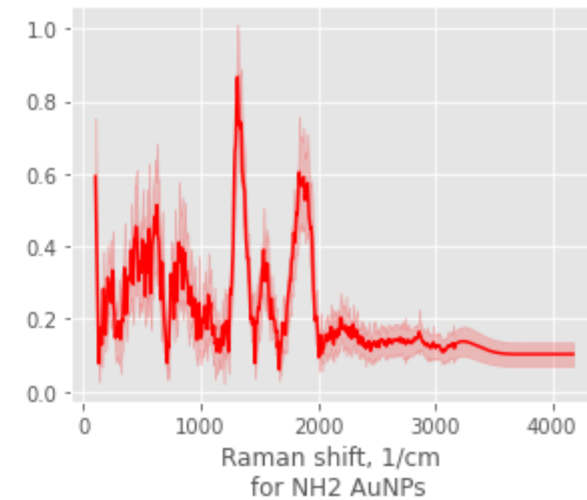
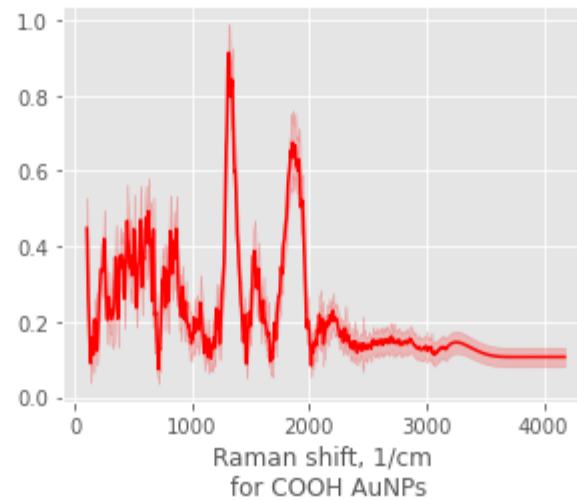
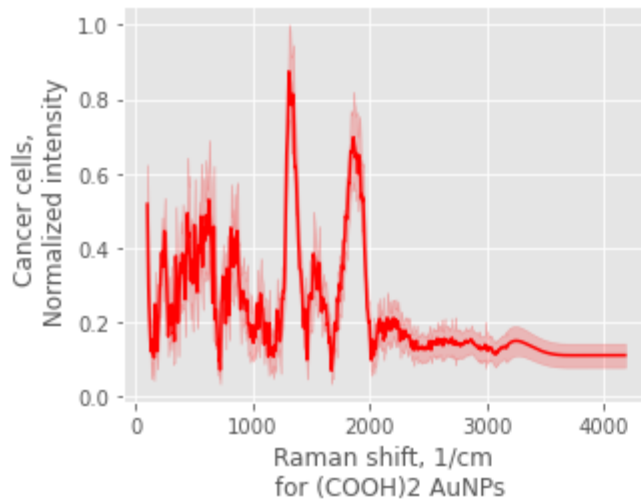
Particle amplification  $-\text{NH}_2$  with



In every  
spectrum:

**2000**  
features

Cancer  
cells



Total per  
sample:

**6000**  
features

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# EDA and cleaning

- Data gaps: no
- Outliers: none

# Statistical analysis

- Let's look for spectral components that are different in healthy and sick normalized spectra, aiming to build a model/baseline without using ML.

Expectation:

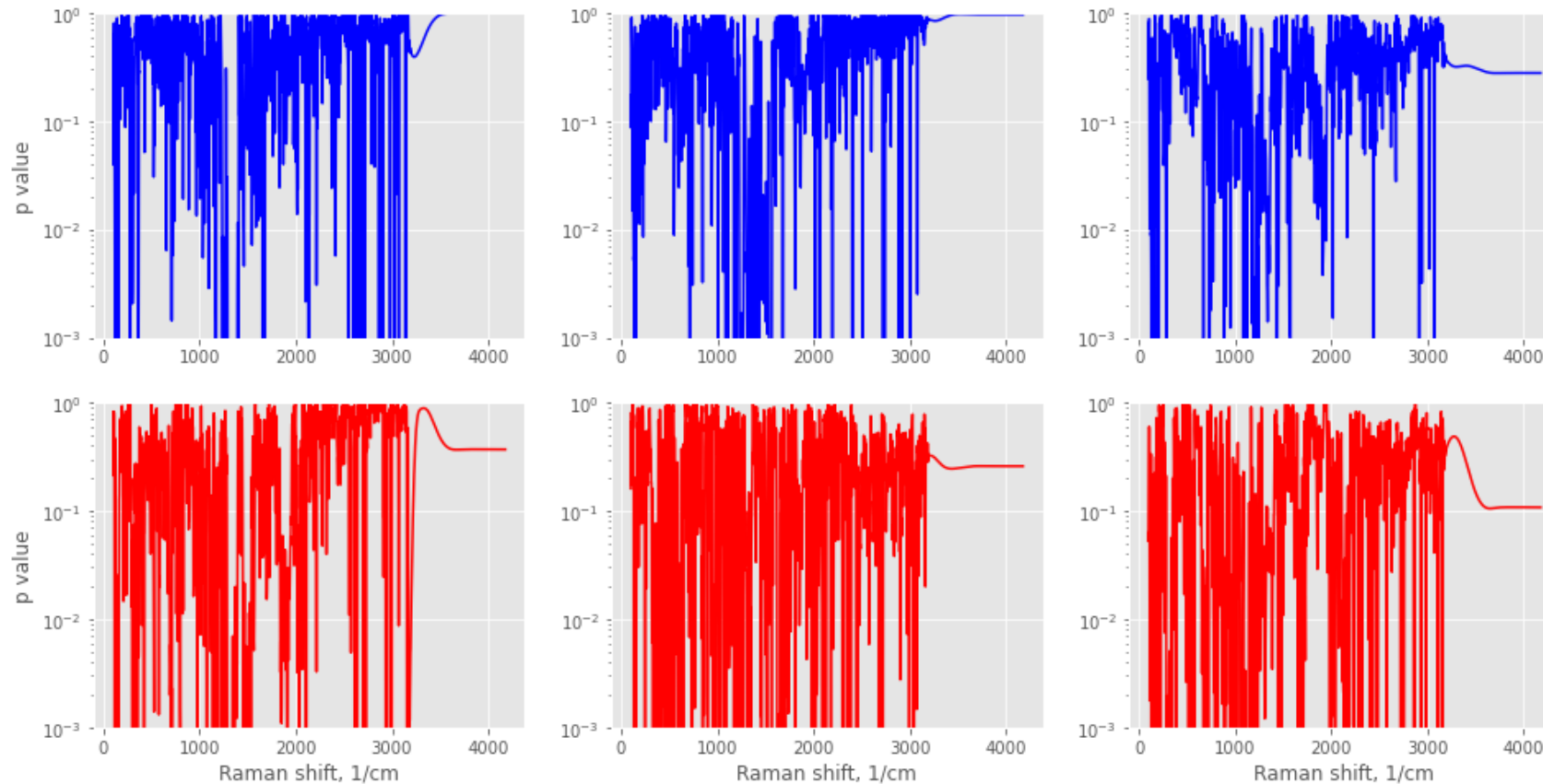
- 1) **Check the distribution in each trait for normality**
- 2) **Choose the type of test**
- 3) **Test**

# Statistical analysis

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1) Let's check the distribution in each trait for normality

Probability that intensities of spectral components are normally distributed

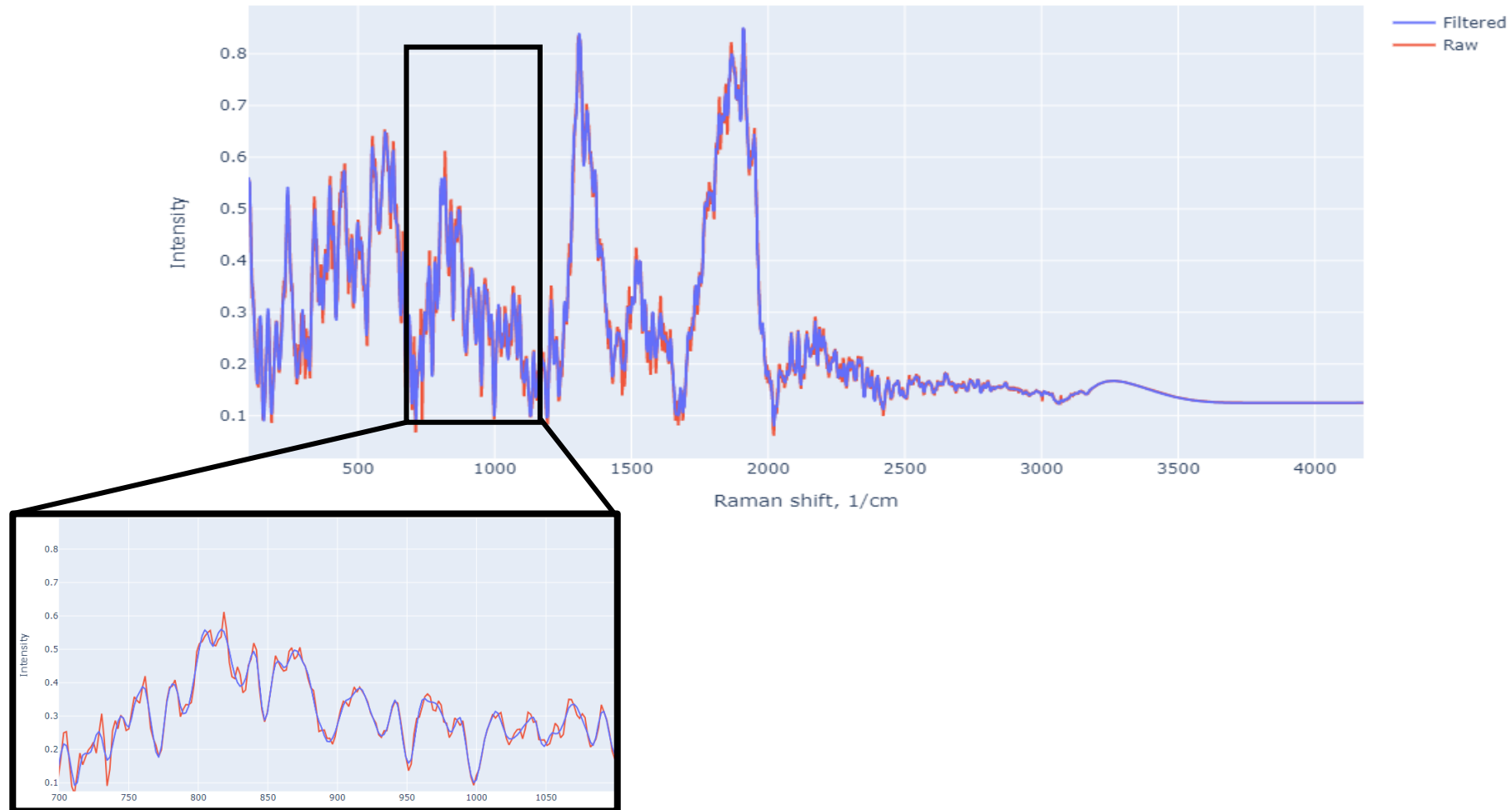




# Savitsky-Golay filtering

Trade-off between smoothing and informativity, as some peaks also may be sharp

Mean spectrum of filtered HF NH<sub>2</sub> spectra

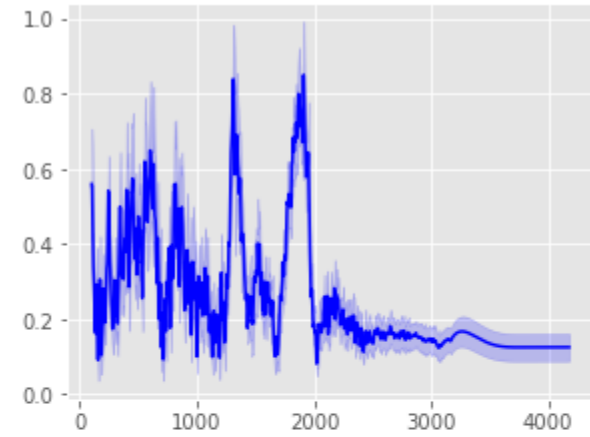
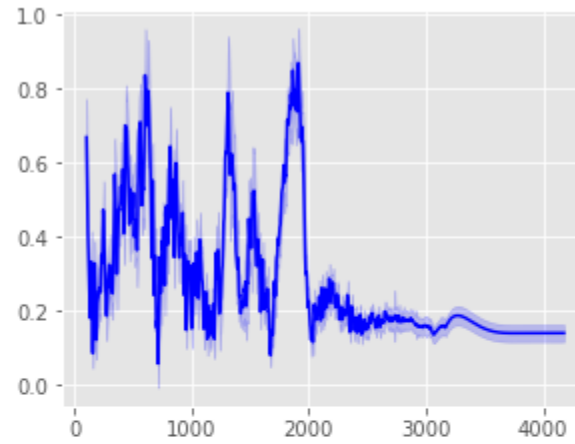
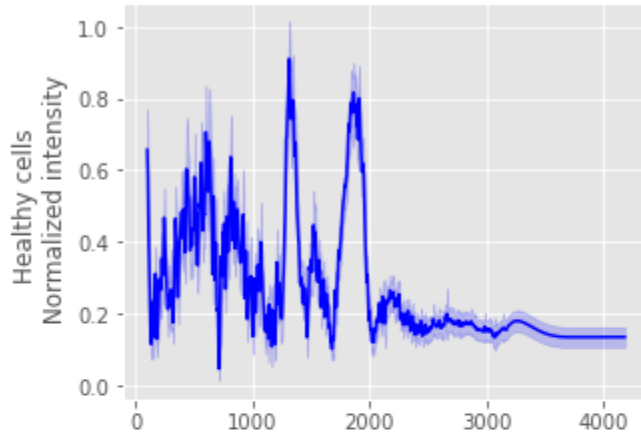


# Savitsky-Golay filter result

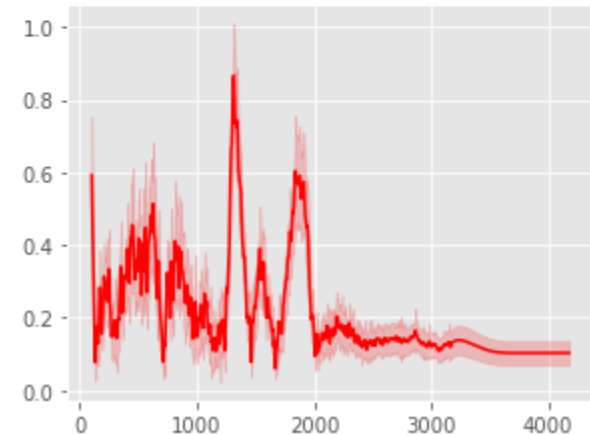
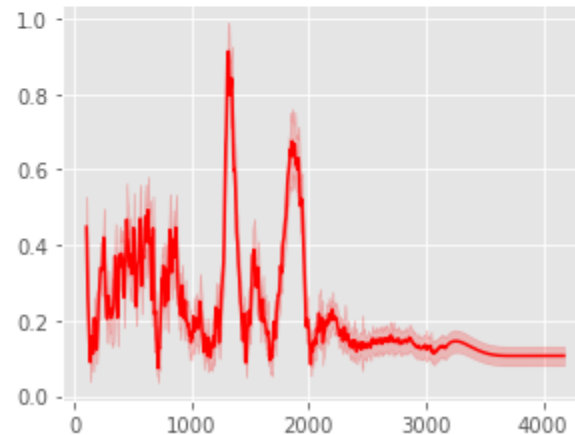
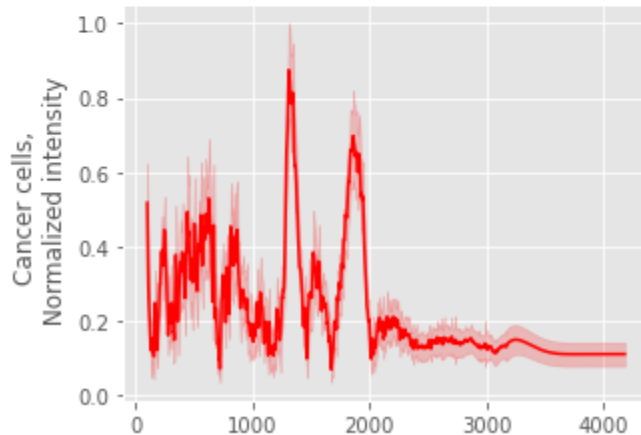
All spectra studied, mean+/-std:

Raman spectra, mean+/-std, Savitzky-Golay filtered

Healthy  
cells



Cancer  
cells



Raman shift, 1/cm  
for (COOH)<sub>2</sub> AuNPs

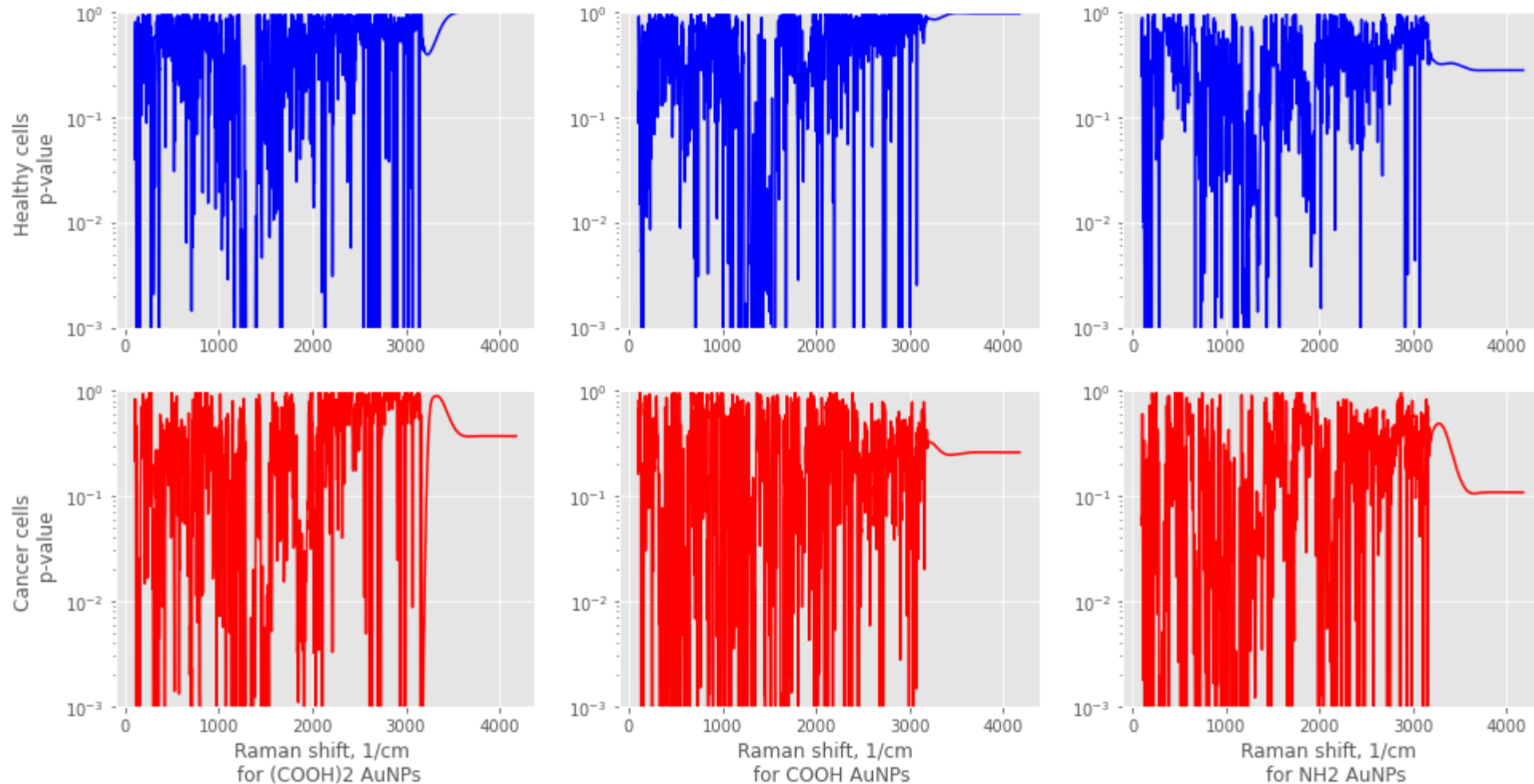
Raman shift, 1/cm  
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for NH<sub>2</sub> AuNPs

# Statistical analysis

After the Savitsky-Golay filter, again check the distribution in each trait for normality.

Test for normality: p values for spectral components

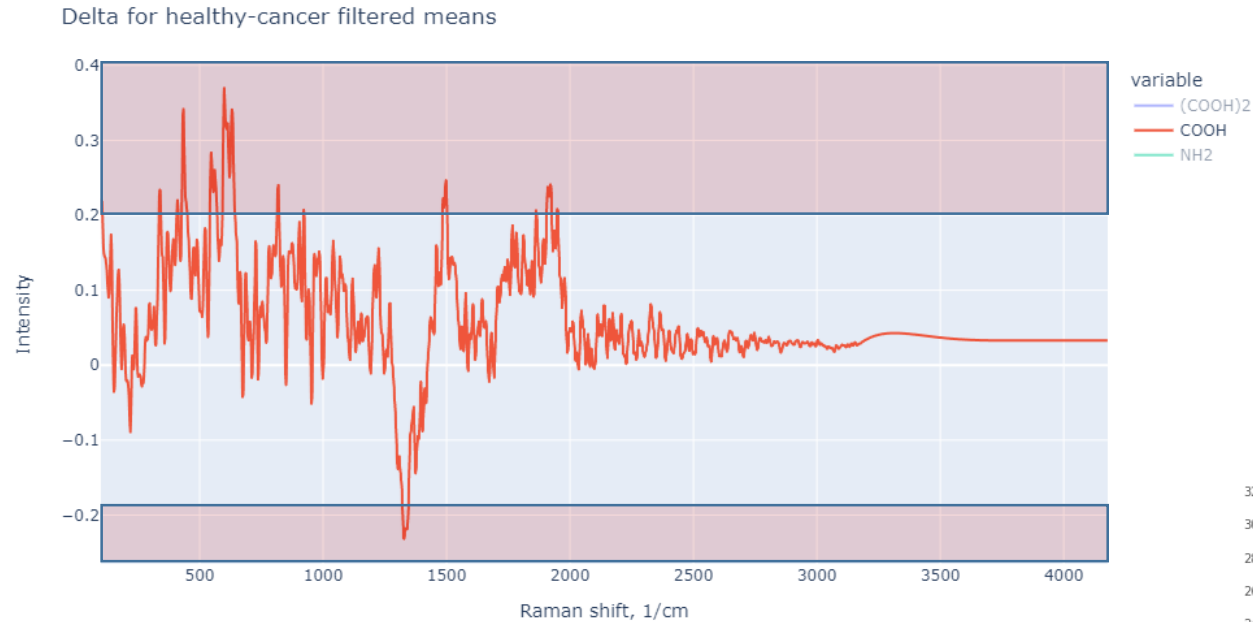


Again, very different p-values.

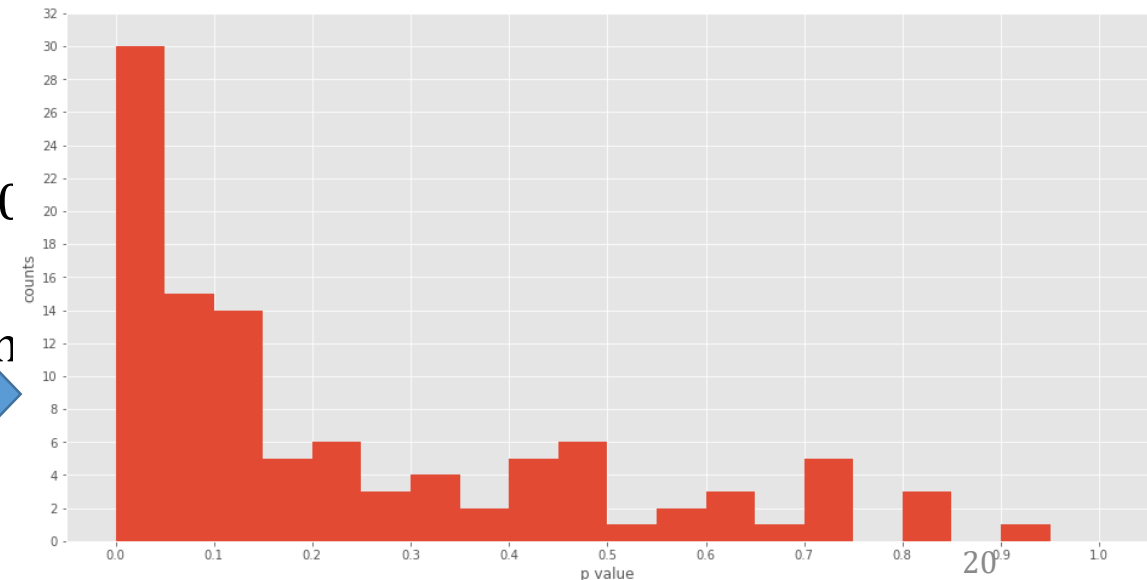
But we don't need all of them, we only need them in spades

# Looking for regions of interest

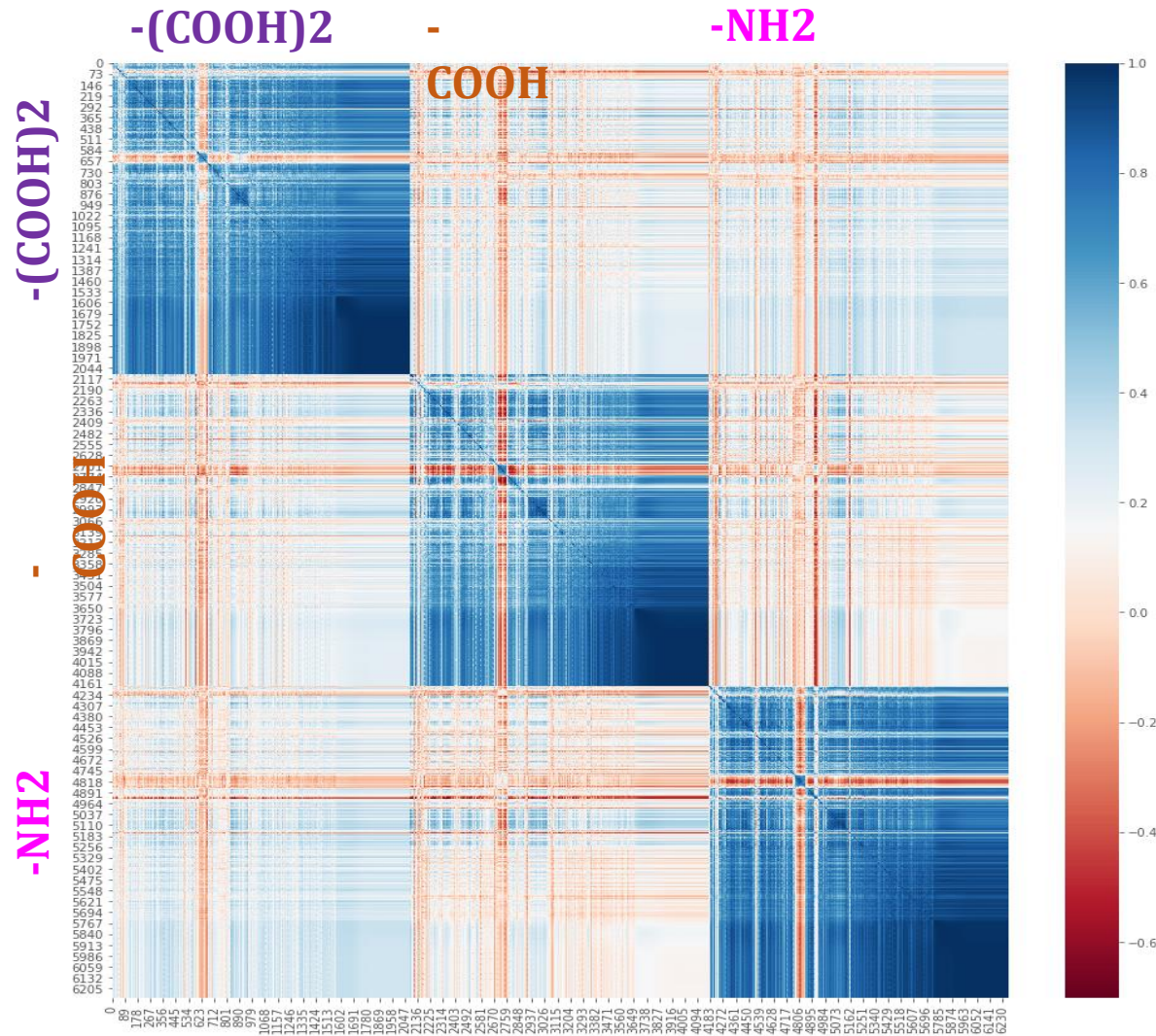
- Delta between mean spectra:



- Let's select those components where  $\text{abs}(\text{delta}) > \epsilon$   
For UND there are 106 of them.
- Let's check them for normality and get the following histogram:
- We see that the  $p\text{-value} < 0.05$  for 30 points out of 106.



# Correlation matrix



- We use **Spearman correlation**, since we already know that not all signs have a normal distribution
- We see: the data in one spectrum are correlated with each other
- Conclusion: it is worth trying **downsizing**

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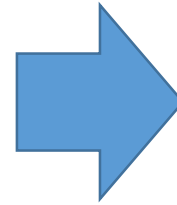
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# Dimensionality reduction: PCA

Thousands of  
signs

The data  
is very large!

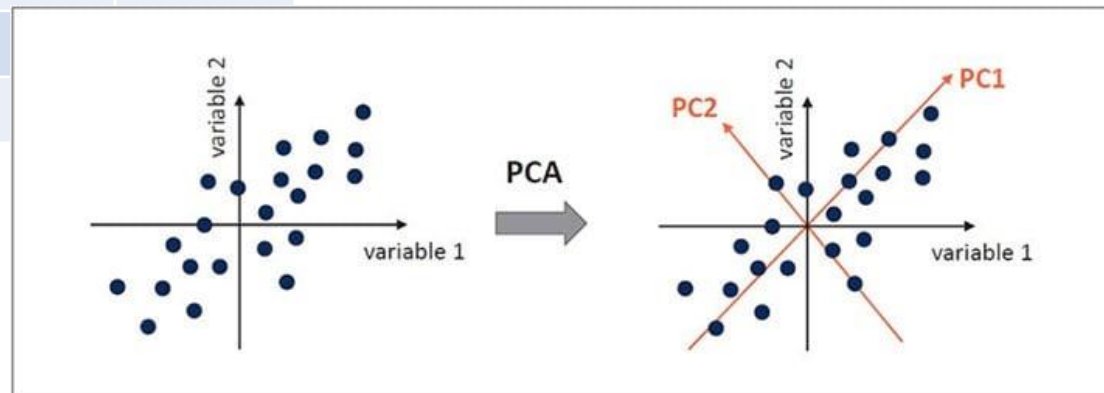
Wave-number	Sample 1 Intensity	Sample 2 Intensity
600		
601		
602		
603		
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Principal component	Sample 1 Intensity	Sample 2 Intensity
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

Just a few  
components  
make a  
difference!

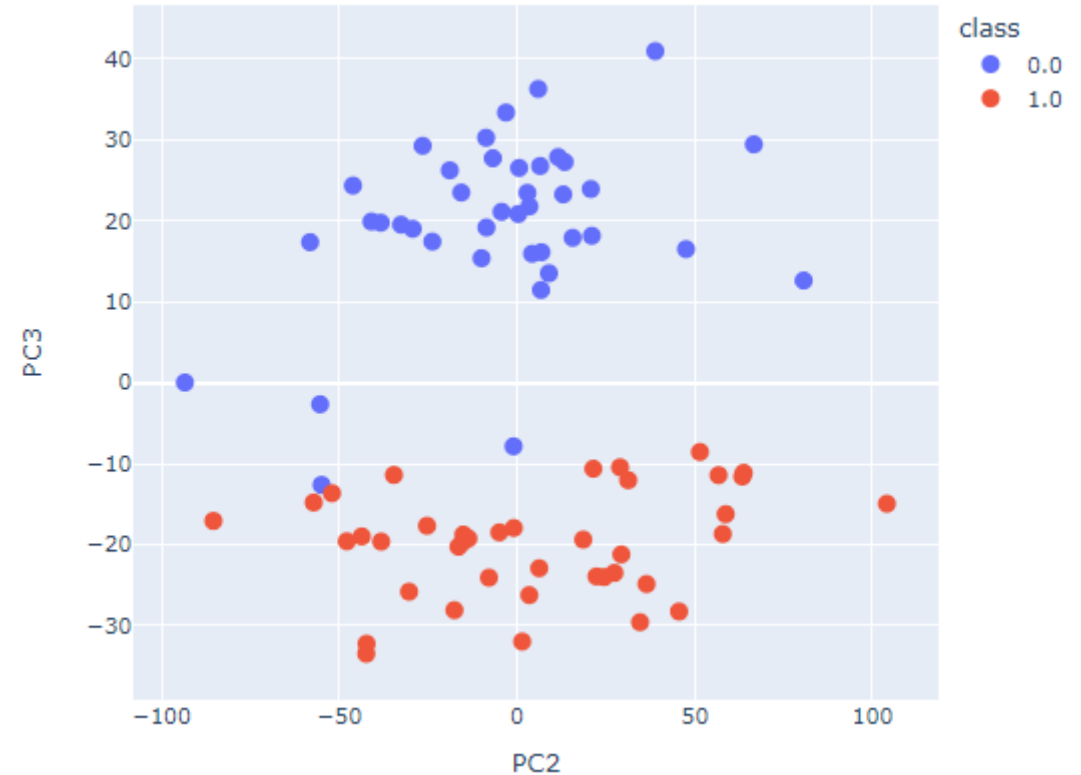
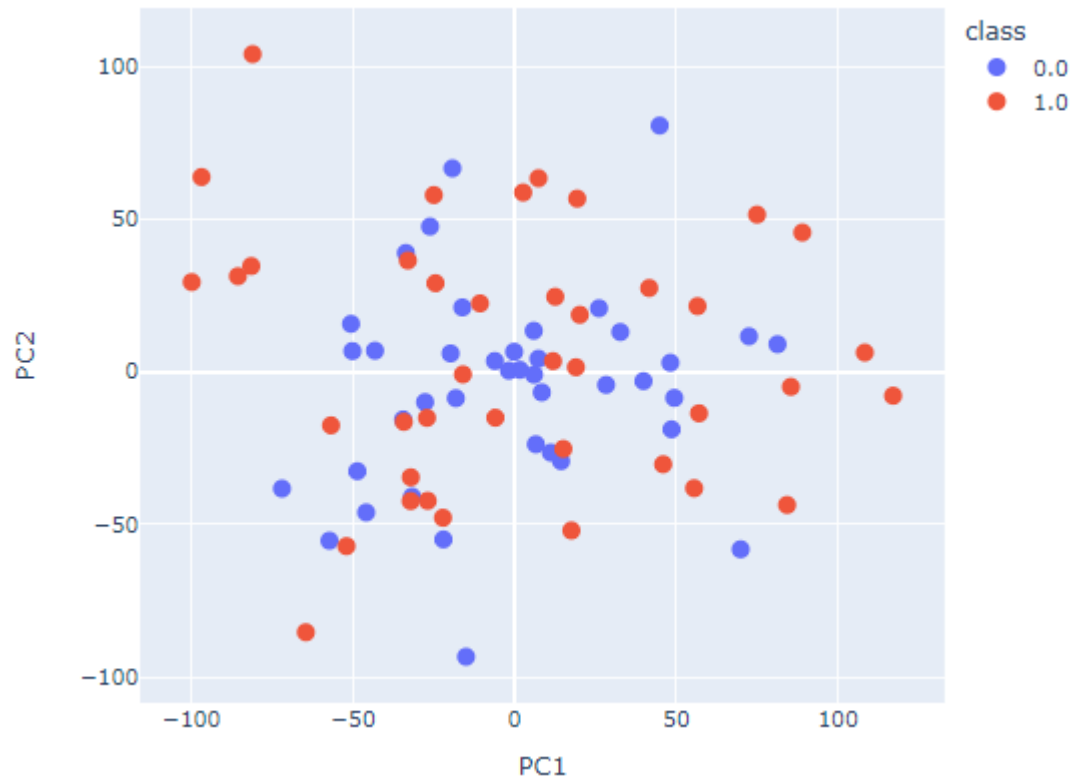
=>  
Dimensionality  
much less



# PCA - Principal Component Analysis

Pre-processing:

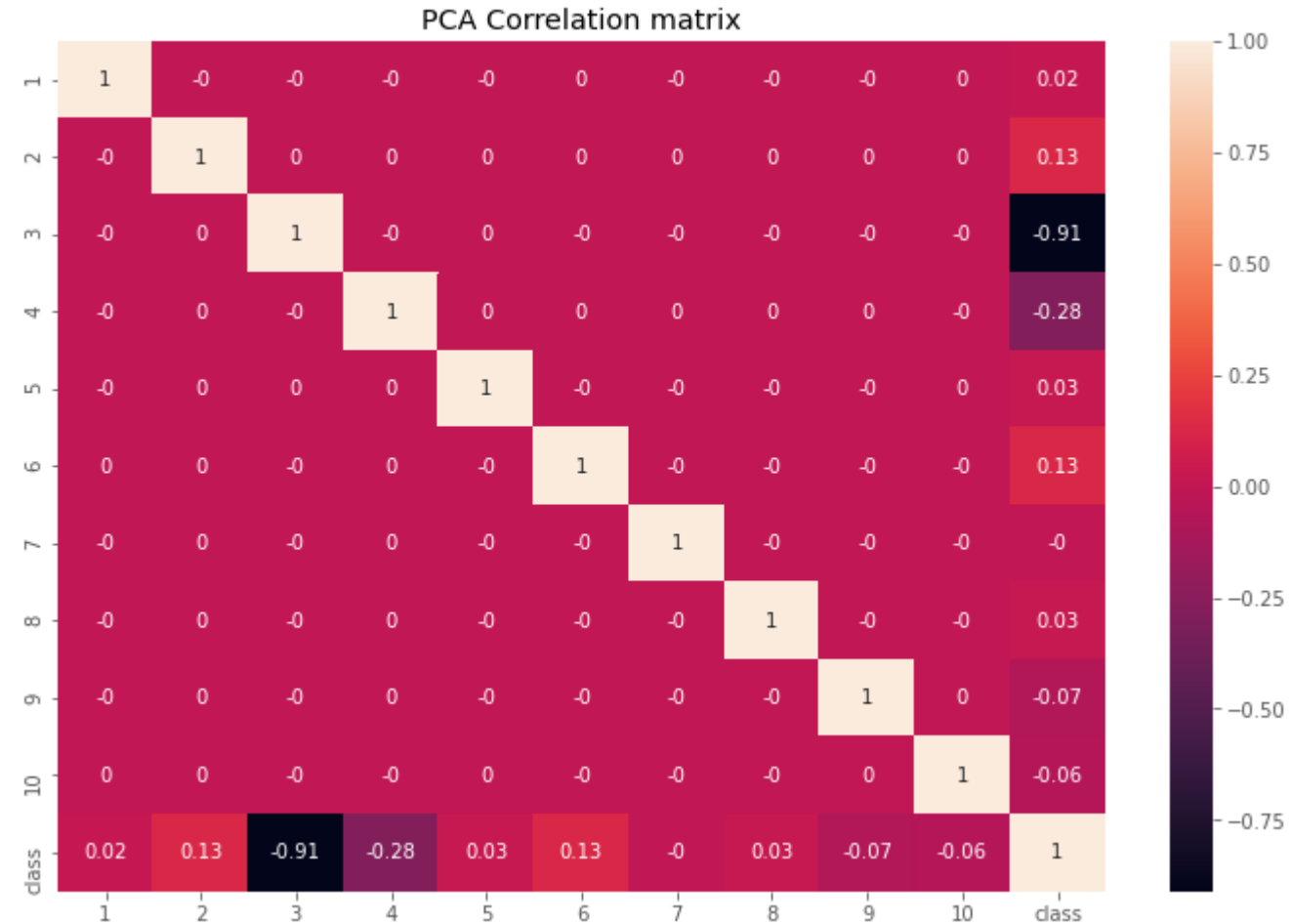
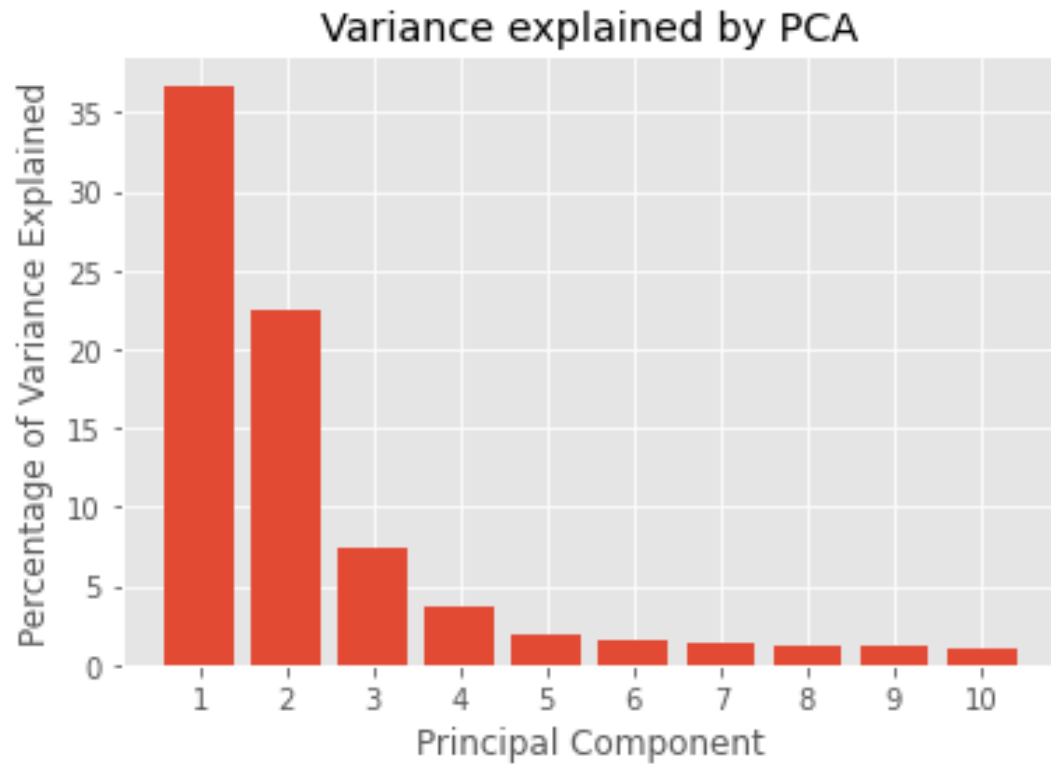
- Each spectrum was normalized by the area under its curve
- Then, each trait was standardized across all spectra



On PC3 we can observe almost complete separation of classes



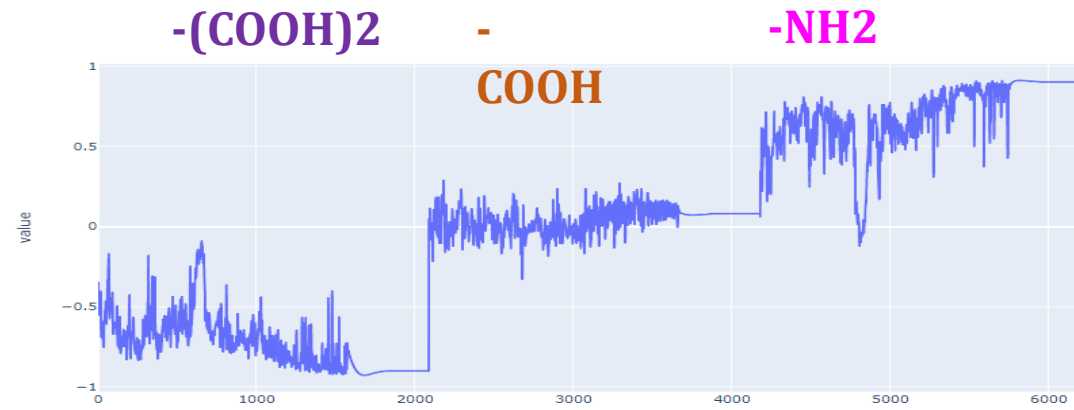
# PCA analytics



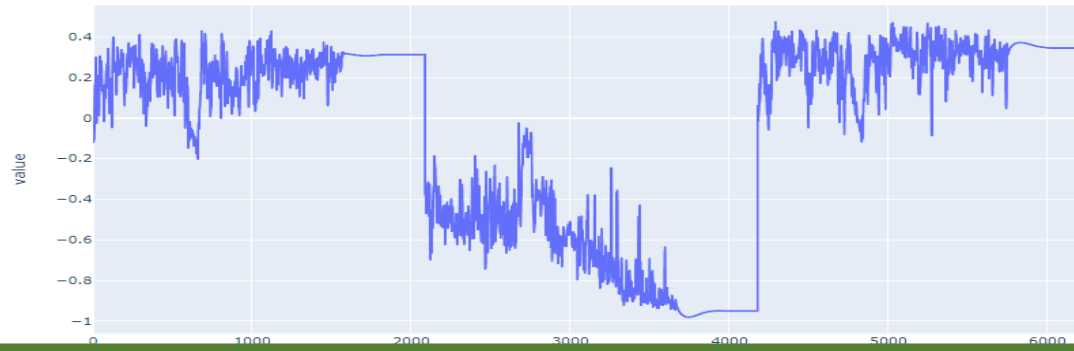
- all PCA components are orthogonal to each other, their mutual correlations = 0
- PC3 is strongly correlated with the class label

# PCA loadings

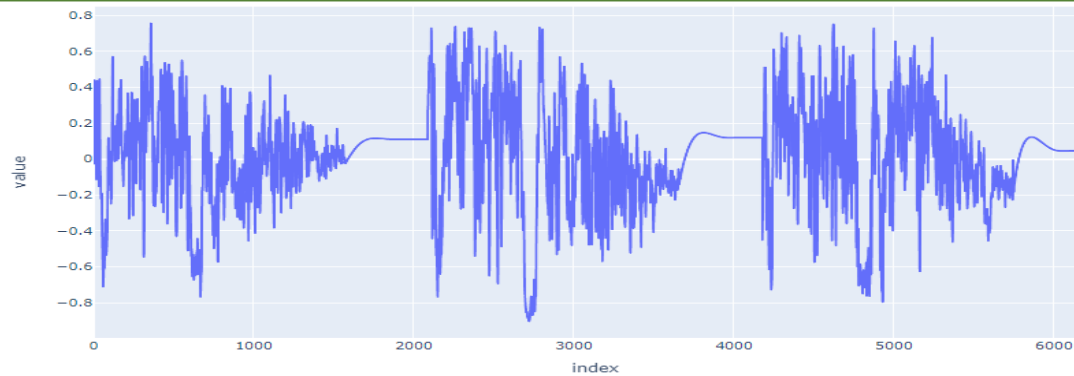
PC  
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PC  
2



PC  
3



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# Logistic Regression

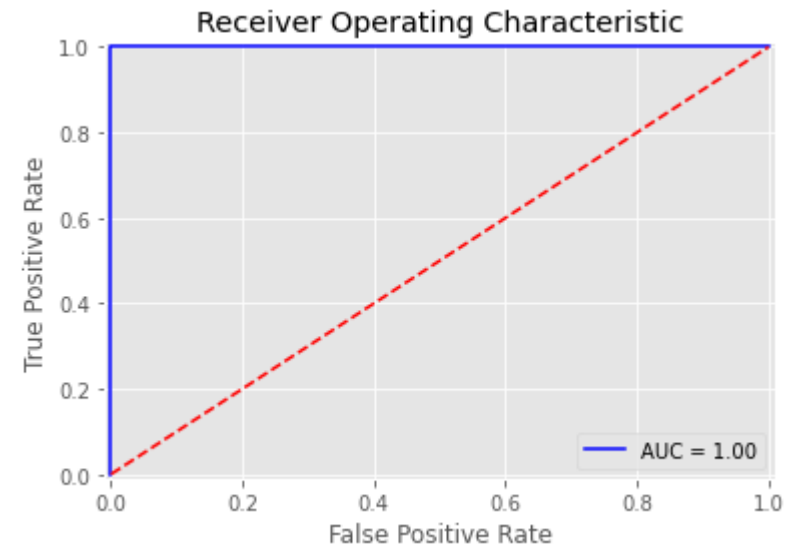
## Train set

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0.0	1.00	1.00	1.00	40
1.0	1.00	1.00	1.00	40
accuracy			1.00	80
macro avg	1.00	1.00	1.00	80
weighted avg	1.00	1.00	1.00	80

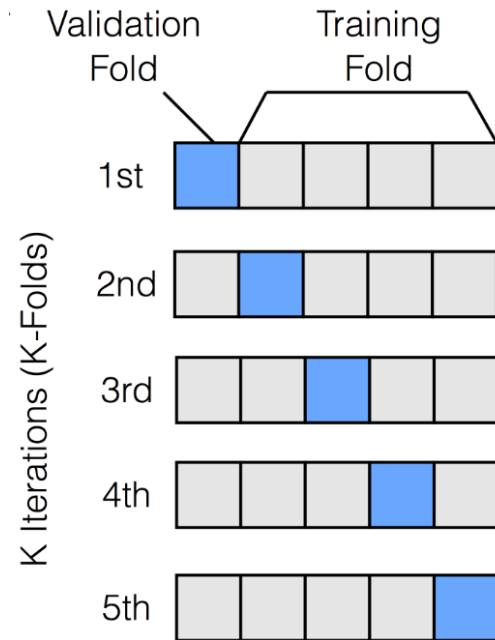
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macro avg	1.00	1.00	1.00	20
weighted avg	1.00	1.00	1.00	20

100% Quality even on the test set



# Cross Validation



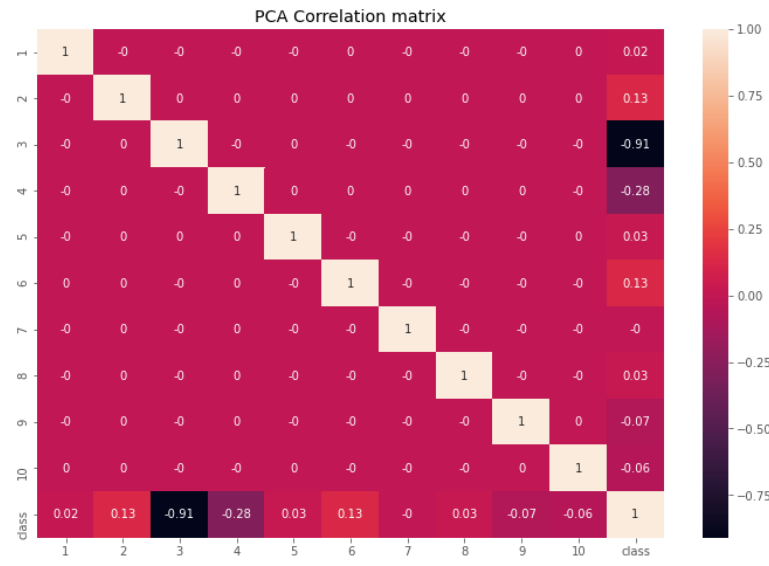
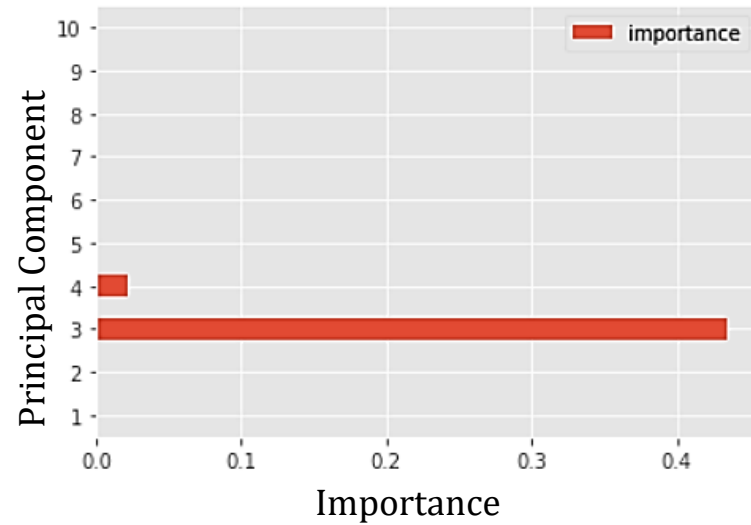
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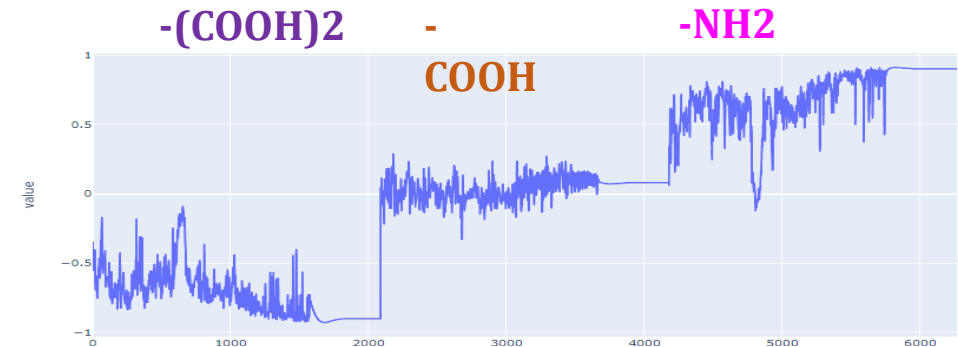
Still 100% quality



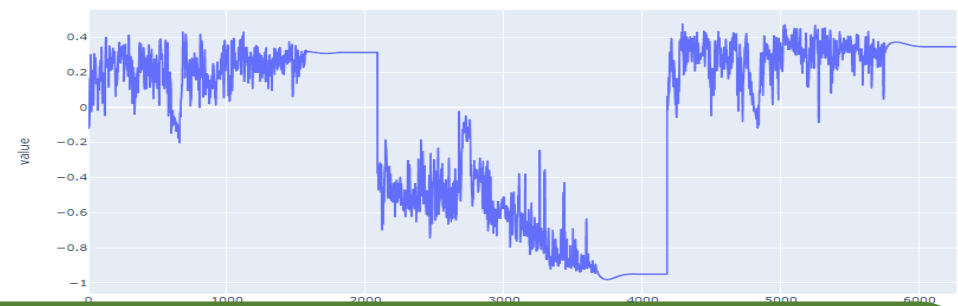
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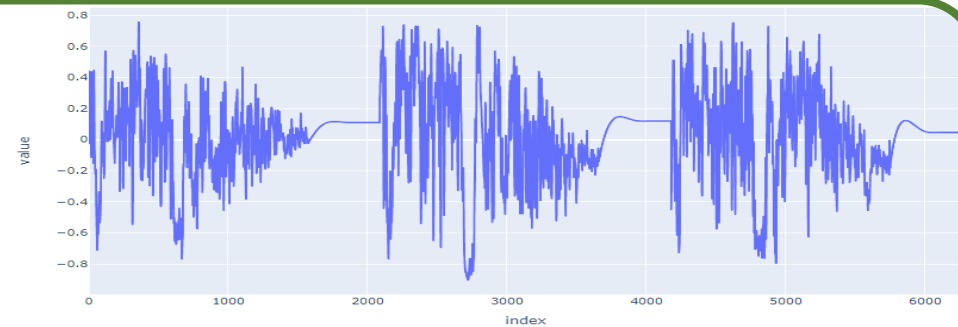
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PC  
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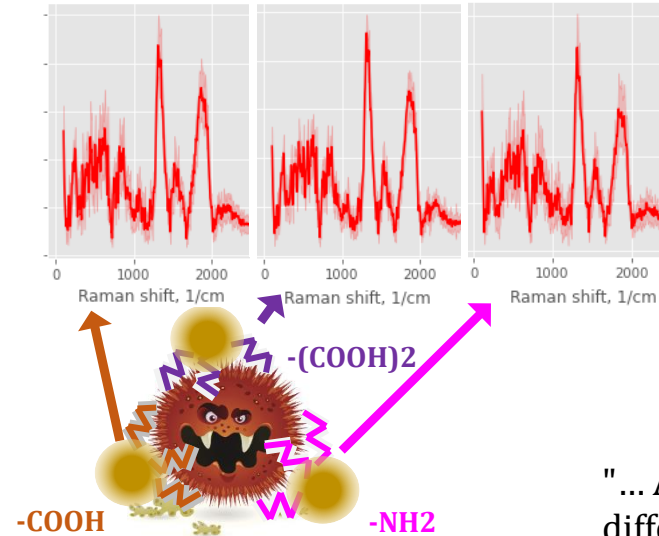
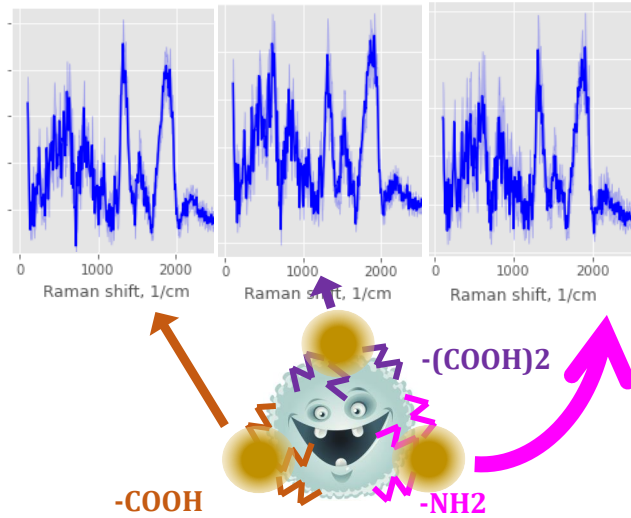


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# We use only 1 type of particles

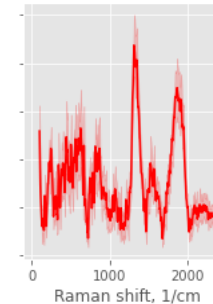
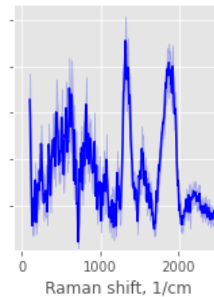
It was:



**6000**  
features

"... And if there's no  
difference, why pay  
more?"

Stal:

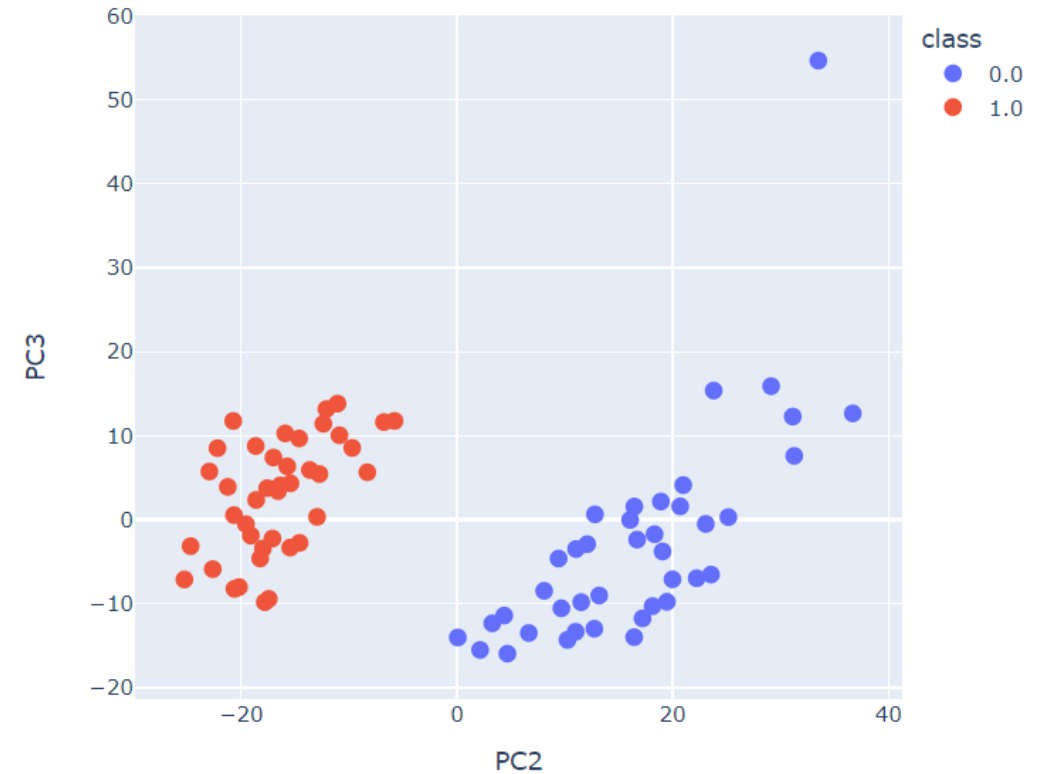
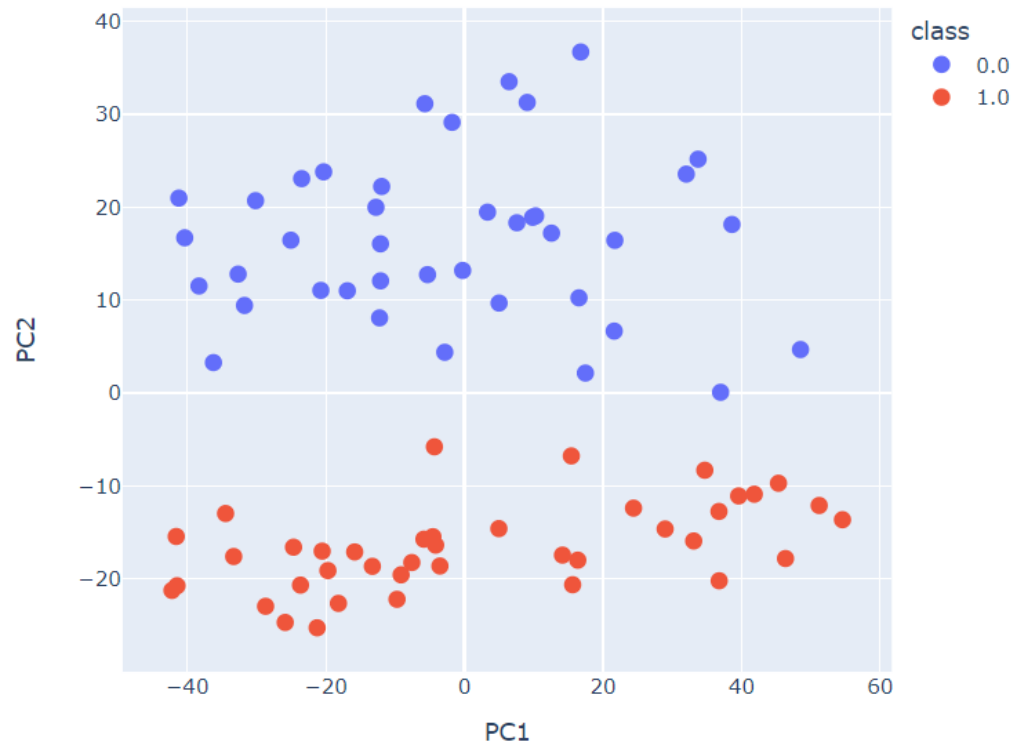


**2000**  
features

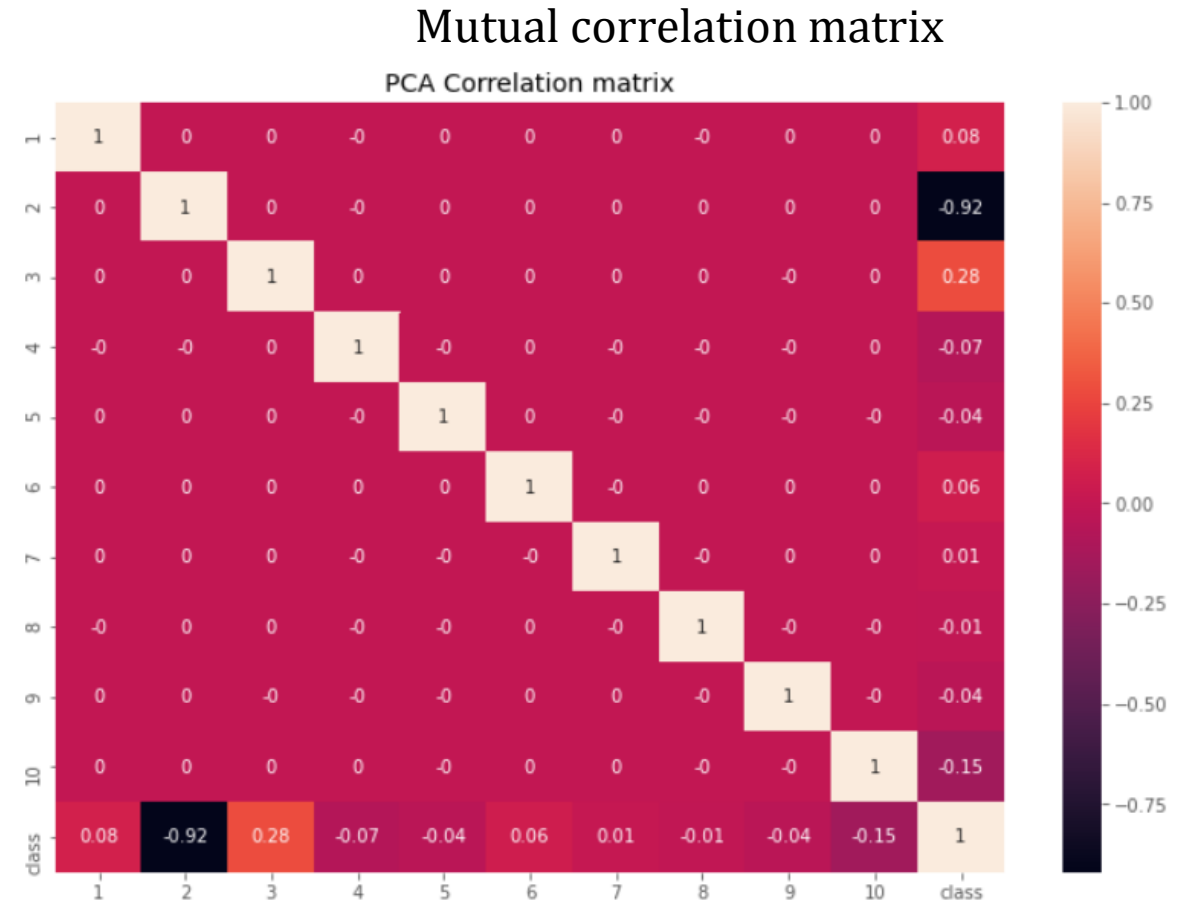
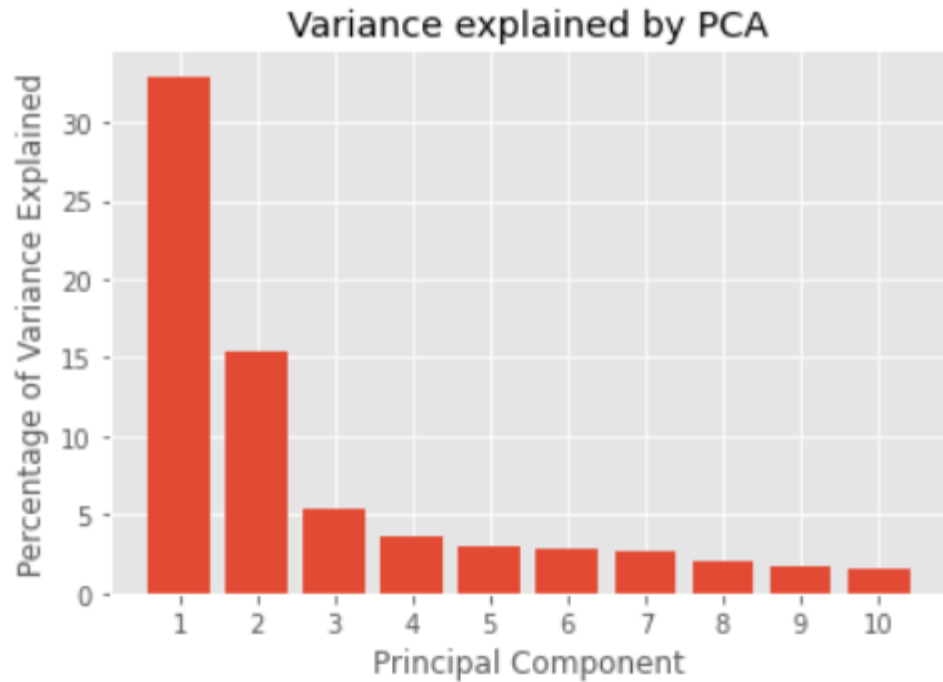
**3x less**  
AuNPs and spectra



# PCA - Principal Component Analysis



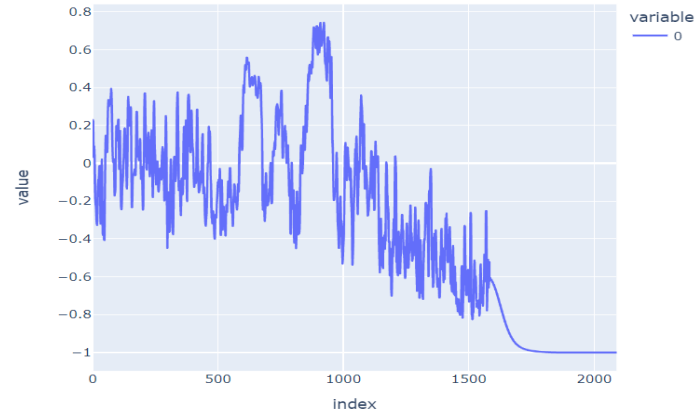
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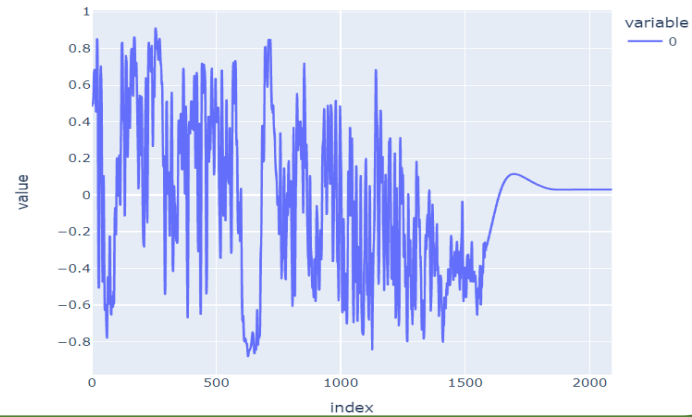
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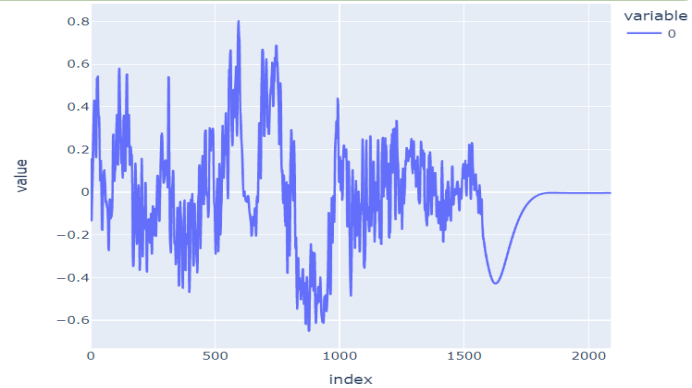
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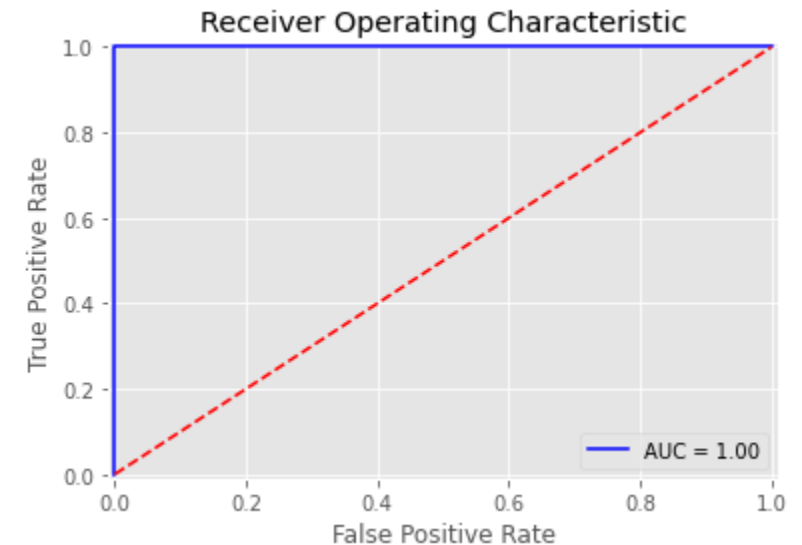
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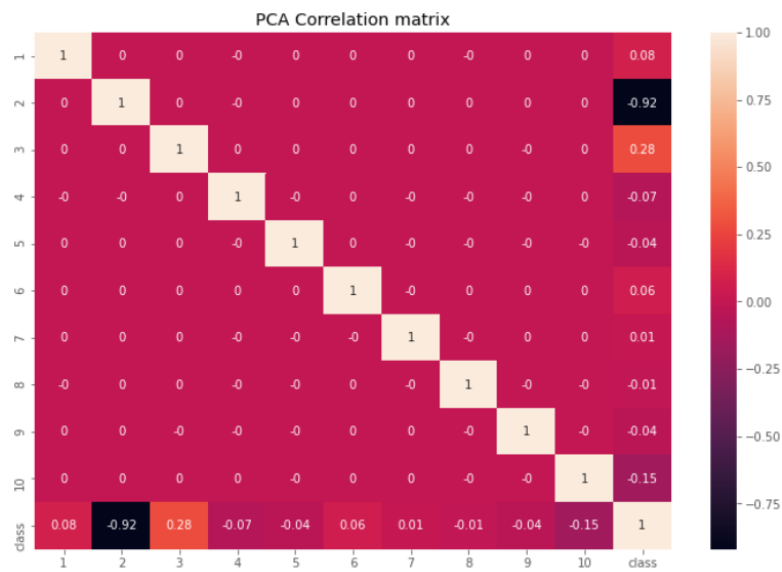
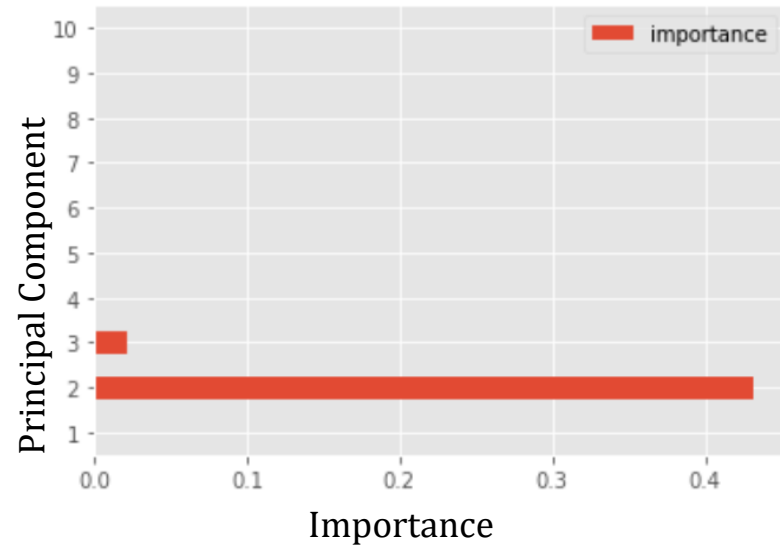
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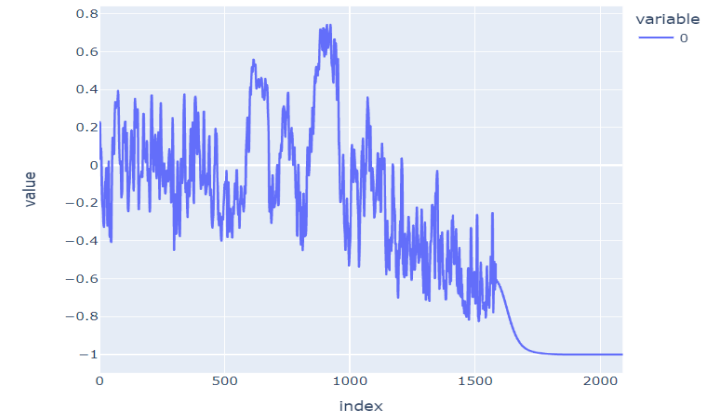
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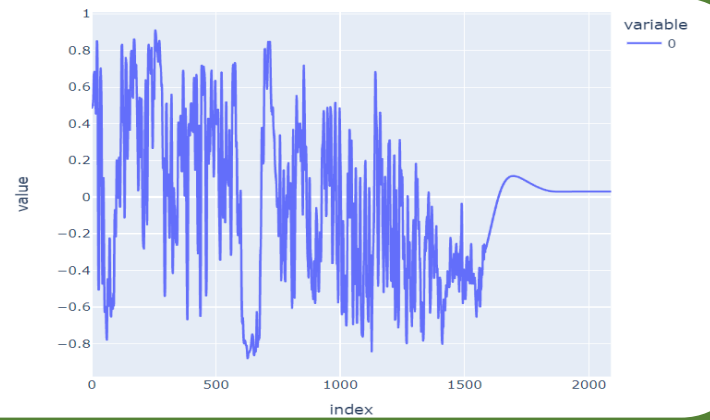
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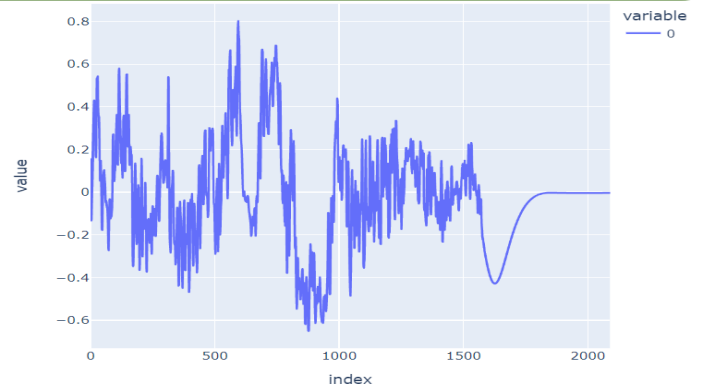
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# Conclusion

- Even with the use of a single particle type, it is quite easy to implement cell classification.
- To check the "suspicious perfection" of the results:
  - The data was examined for leaks - no leaks were found
  - Cross-validation was performed - quality is still 100%
- ToDo:
  - More measurements



# The end

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feedback or want to stay in touch?

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