Descriptions about the software platform

This software platform that is built in-house is for Raman data processing. In particular, the software imports a set of Raman spectra with a user-defined spectral window; enables data de-noising (smoothing) based on the 'Savitzky–Golay' algorithm [1]; and baseline fitting and subtraction based on a polynomial fit [2]. The software supports batch processing.

References cited

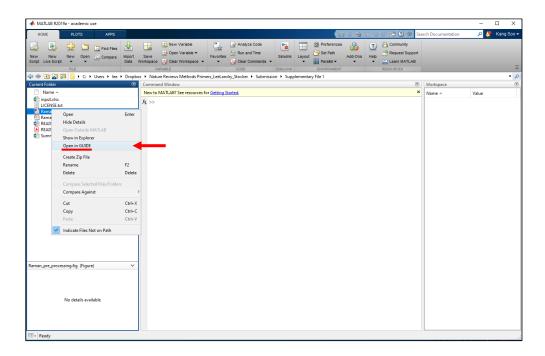
- [1] https://www.mathworks.com/help/signal/ref/sgolayfilt.html
- [2] Mazet, V. et al. Background removal from spectra by designing and minimizing a non-quadratic cost function. *Chemometrics and Intelligent Laboratory Systems* **76**, 121–133 (2005); software was adapted from https://www.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/fileexchange/27429-background-correction

System requirements

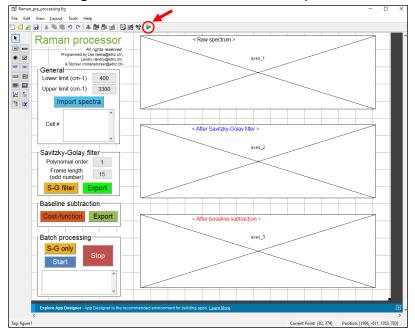
- Desktop/laptop that has MATLAB at any versions that provides GUIDE (graphical user interface development environment) module.
- GUIDE has been optimized with respect to a display resolution of $1,920 \times 1,200$.

Instruction for use

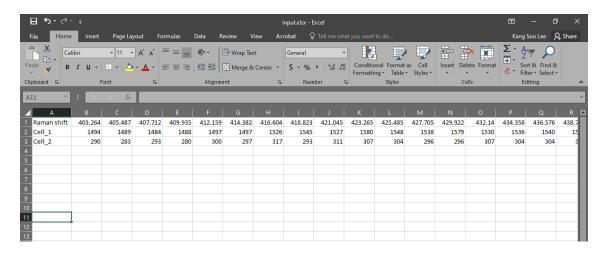
1. Right-click on the 'Raman_pre_processing.fig' file. Click 'Open in GUIDE'.



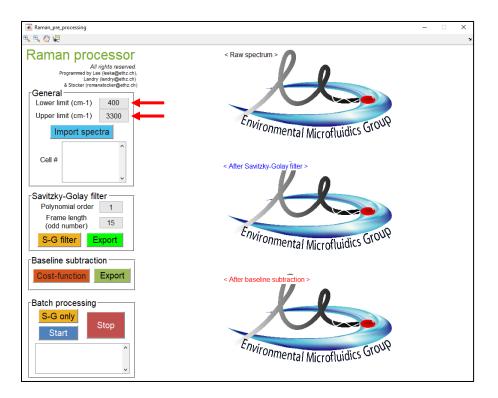
2. Click the green **Run** button to start the GUI platform.



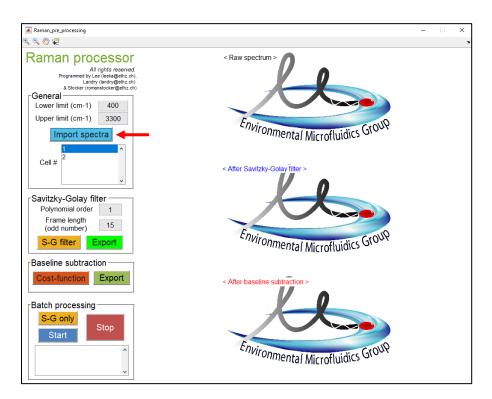
- 3. Data to be processed should be in a file 'input.xlsx' (an example file included).
 - 1) 'Column A' should be formatted with 'Raman shift; Cell 1; Cell 2; Cell 3; ...'.
 - 2) 'Row 1' has wavenumbers and corresponding Raman intensities are from 'Row 2'.



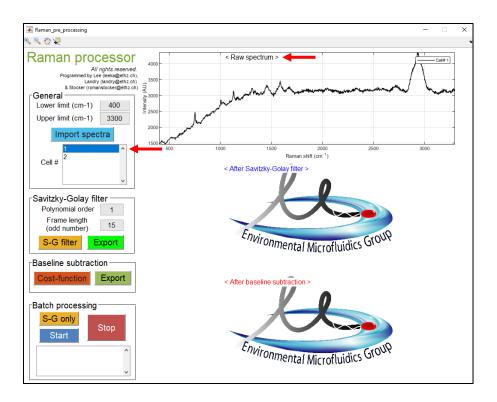
4. Select spectral region of interest to be used for the data processing.



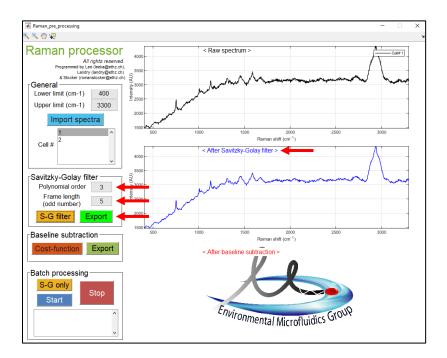
5. Click 'Import spectra' to import data in 'input.xlsx'.



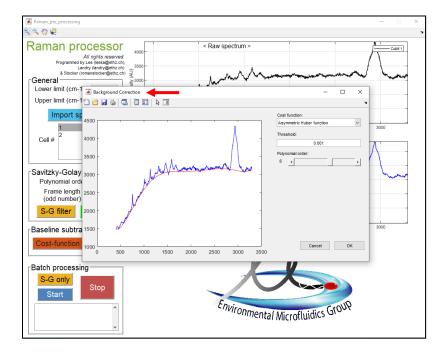
6. Upon clicking each cell number, a corresponding raw spectrum will be displayed on the right top panel (black line).



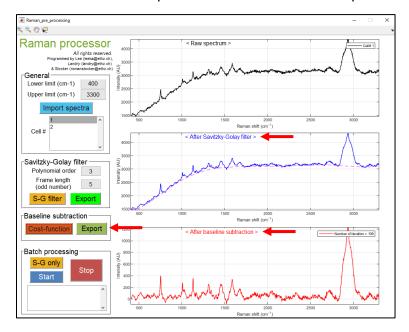
7. Insert values for 'Polynomial order' and 'Frame length' and click 'S-G filter'. A smoothed spectrum will be displayed on the right middle panel (blue line). If a user wants to finish the data processing and export processed data, click 'Export'. Software will create 'S-G_only_cell_number. xlsx' that contains the processed spectrum and parameters that have been used for the smoothing.



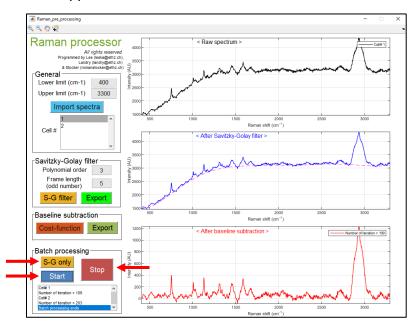
8. Click 'Cost-function'. A new window will pop up. Select values for (i) cost function (ii) threshold value and (iii) polynomial order (between 0–10) for the optimized baseline fitting. Then, click 'OK'.



9. The calculated baseline will be displayed on the right middle panel (pink line) and a baseline-subtracted spectrum is displayed on the right bottom panel (red line). Click 'Export' to generate 'Summary_cell_number.xlsx' that contains the spectrum that has been smoothed and then baseline subtracted and the parameters used for the data processing.



10. For batch processing, click 'S-G only' (if smoothing is only needed) or 'Start' (if smoothing and baseline subtraction are needed). The software will process the data imported at the beginning (step 5) and generate 'Summary.xlsx' that contains a processed dataset and the parameters used for the data processing. Click 'Stop' to stop the batch processing in the middle of the processing. In this case, the software generates 'Summary.xlsx' that contains a dataset until the processor stopped.



Note: an example of "Summary.xlsx" that is generated after the batch processing:

