## Rapid COVID-19 Diagnosis using Raman Spectroscopy and Machine Learning

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### World under COVID-19 pandemic crisis

- > 171 million active cases
- ▶ 3.5+ million deaths
- ► Fast and reliable diagnostic is needed

### **SARS-CoV-2**



>200 countries affected



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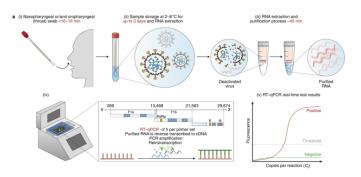
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# RT-PCR – Current COVID-19 detection method is time consuming and expensive

- ▶ 3 days for sample preparation and RNA extraction
- Expensive PCR



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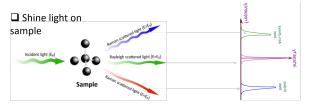
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### **Principle of Raman effect**

- Most light scatters unaffected (Rayleigh scattering)
- ► A few percent gets Raman scattered
- Raman Scattered light is signature of molecular composition



- Most of the light is unaffected
- ☐ Small percentage of light undergoes frequency shift

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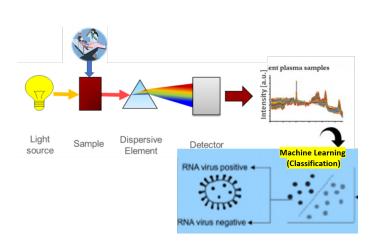
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### Drop features with all values equal to 0

- No missing values in dataset
- ▶ 9 features wave-numbers with 0 intensity value
- ▶ Drop null features (treated as missing)

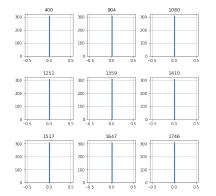


Figure: Single valued features (dropped).

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### Remaining features have normal distribution

- ▶ No concern on feature distributions.
- Most close to normal.
- little skew on several features.

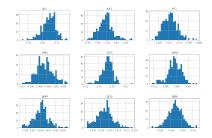


Figure: Close to normal feature distributions.

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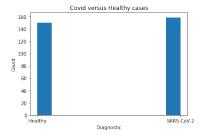
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### Dataset is balanced

- No class imbalance issues
- ▶ Dataset is balanced with  $\approx 50.50$  class ratio.



**Figure:**  $\approx 50 : 50$  COVID to Healthy class ratio.

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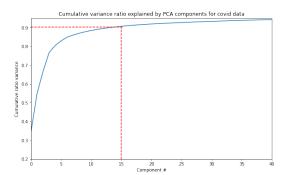
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## **Principal component analysis – feature** reduction

- Over 90% data variance explained with 15 components.
- ► Feature reduction to 15 from 900!



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### Model training and accuracy

Three models considered:

- Decision tree
- Logistic regression
- Random forest

Model	Training accuracy
Decision Tree	1
Logistic regression	1
Random forest	1

All models seem to over-fit.

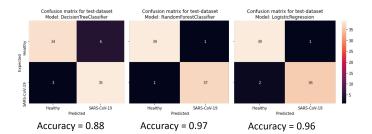
Need to be tested with the test split.



## Random forest classifier is the best performing model

Though all models persisted with good accuracy:

- ► Random fores performs the best
- ▶ 97% classification accuracy
- Random forest chosen for deployment



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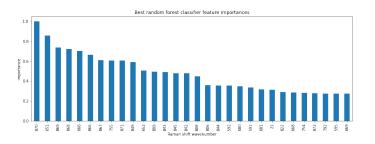
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# Important features with high predictive power

15 features out of 901 are the most important.

- ➤ Wavenumber in range [650, 870] has high predictive power
- feature 870 has the highest predictive power



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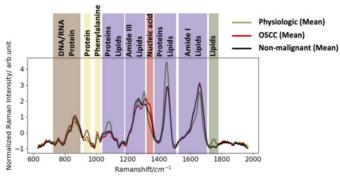
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## Important features Raman band corresponds to RNA/DNA band

- ► Virus is an RNA/DNA protein
- ▶ Band [700, 900] is prominent for RNA/DNA
- ▶ Band corresponds to predicted important features



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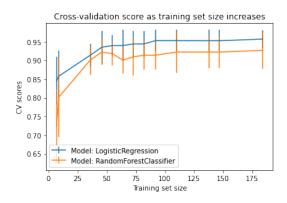
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## Do we need more data to enhance model performance?

Model accuracy saturates well before the end of available data.



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### **Summary**

- We obtained Raman spectroscopy for COVID detection experimental dataset from Kaggle.
- ➤ To get insight We applied data cleansing, wrangling, and exploring techniques.
- We compared and contrasted the performance of Logistic regression, decision tree, and random forest classification models
- ➤ We find Random forest to be the best with diagnostic accuracy of 97%

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