

### SpectraSuite Spectrometer Operating Software

#### **Installation and Operation Manual**

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# **About This Manual**

### **Document Purpose and Intended Audience**

This document provides you with an installation and configuration instructions to get your system up and running. In addition, user interface for SpectraSuite is provided.

### **Document Summary**

Chapter	Description
Chapter 1: Introduction	Provides an overview of the SpectraSuite operating software.
Chapter 2: <u>Installation</u>	Contains instructions for installing and configuring the SpectraSuite software.
Chapter 3: <u>Controls and Indicators</u>	Illustrates options for customizing your graph view. Also contains information for peak finding.
Chapter 4: File Menu Functions	Contains descriptions of the functions on the File Menu.
Chapter 5: View Menu Functions	Contains a description of the functions on the View Menu.
Chapter 6: <u>Spectrometer Menu Functions</u>	Contains descriptions of the functions on the Spectrometer Menu.
Chapter 7: Processing Menu Functions	Contains descriptions of the functions on the Processing Menu.
Chapter 8: Tools Menu Functions	Discusses the selections available in the Tools menu.
Chapter 9: Window Menu Functions	Contains information for the Window menu functions.
Chapter 10: <u>Strip Charts</u>	Provides instructions for using the Strip Charts feature.
Appendix A: <u>Experiment Tutorials</u>	Contains instructions for performing sample experiments using an Ocean Optics spectrometer and SpectraSuite software.



### **Product-Related Documentation**

- External Triggering Options
- Various USB spectrometer documents such as the USB4000 Spectrometer Installation and Operation Manual.

You can access documentation for Ocean Optics products by visiting our website at <u>http://www.oceanoptics.com</u>. Select *Technical*  $\rightarrow$  *Operating Instructions*, then choose the appropriate document from the available drop-down lists. Or, use the **Search by Model Number** field at the bottom of the web page.

You can also access operating instructions for Ocean Optics products on the *Software and Technical Resources* CD included with the system.

Engineering-level documentation is located on our website at *Technical*  $\rightarrow$  *Engineering Docs*.

# Upgrades

Occasionally, you may find that you need Ocean Optics to make a change or an upgrade to your system. To facilitate these changes, you must first contact Customer Support and obtain a Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) number. Please contact Ocean Optics for specific instructions when returning a product.

# **Chapter 1**

# Introduction

## **Product Overview**

SpectraSuite is a completely modular, Java-based spectroscopy software platform that operates on Windows, Macintosh and Linux operating systems. The software can control any Ocean Optics USB spectrometer and device, as well as any other manufacturer's USB instrumentation using the appropriate drivers. The SpectraSuite interface looks and feels the same on all operating systems yet retains the familiar appearance of an application native to each OS. Ocean Optics is the first to offer such a flexible, feature-packed application with this level of cross-platform capability.

The SpectraSuite Java-based framework is modular and every function in it can be altered or replaced. For instance, the data acquisition functions, the scheduling functions, the data processing functions and the rendering functions are all separate modules. You can add or delete modules to create a proprietary user interface or functionality; create modules to perform calculations; automate experiment routines and more. You or an Ocean Optics application developer can easily customize SpectraSuite through Java code.

SpectraSuite is the platform for all future Ocean Optics application software development. Current software applications including OOISensors and OOILIBS will be migrated to the SpectraSuite platform in the near future.

# **USB Spectrometer and Device Control**

SpectraSuite easily manages multiple USB spectrometers – each with different acquisition parameters – in multiple windows, and provides graphical and numeric representation of spectra from each spectrometer. Using SpectraSuite, you can combine data from multiple sources for applications that include upwelling/downwelling measurements, dual-beam referencing and process monitoring.

SpectraSuite can be used with the following Ocean Optics spectrometers when they are interfacing to a computer through their USB port:

- S2000 Spectrometer (with A/D Converter)
- USB2000 Spectrometer
- USB2000+ Spectrometer
- USB4000 Spectrometer

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- HR2000 High-resolution Spectrometer
- HR4000 High-resolution Spectrometer
- HR2000+High-resolution Spectrometer
- QE65000 Scientific-grade Spectrometer
- NIR-512 Near-IR Spectrometer
- NIR256 Near-IR Spectrometer
- MMS Raman Spectrometer

In addition, SpectraSuite also supports the following USB devices:

• ADC1000-USB A/D Converter

## **Features**

- **Modular Framework** The SpectraSuite framework is modular and every function in it can be altered or replaced. For instance, the data acquisition functions, the scheduling functions, the data processing functions and the rendering functions are all separate modules. You can add or delete modules to create a proprietary user interface or functionality; create modules to perform calculations; automate experiment routines, and more. You or an Ocean Optics application developer can easily customize SpectraSuite through Java code.
- **Platform Independent** The SpectraSuite is a platform-independent application that provides Graphical and numeric representation of spectra in one window. SpectraSuite can operate on a Windows, Linux, or Macintosh operating system.
- Advanced Data Capture Control SpectraSuite provides the user with advanced control of episodic data capture attributes. For instance, a user can acquire data for a fixed number of scans or for a specific interval. Initiation of each scan can be externally triggered or event-driven. Captured data is quickly stored into a systems memory at speeds as fast as 1 scan per msec with speeds limited by hardware performance.
- Independent Control of Multiple USB Devices Multiple USB devices can be monitored on the same graph in a single window; each of these devices can be controlled independently.
- **21 CFR Part 11 Compliant** SpectraSuite is 21 CFR Part 11 compliant with an encoded binary file. This binary data format tracks the complete history of all processing steps that are performed on the data. Spectra suite stores and provides data in a variety of other formats including tabdelimited ASCII (for Excel or other analysis packages), Grams SPC, and JCAMP. Additionally, Spectra Suite offers a database module where arbitrary data can be stored in any user-selectable format. Another benefit of the software's binary data tracking function is that it offers a user "process do-overs." A user can change the values of various parameters in a process and apply those changes to data without having to recreate an entire process.
- Fully Internationalized All of the software's menus, dialog boxes, prompts, messages and files can reflect a native language by simply changing a single file. Modules that support Japanese, Chinese (Cantonese) and Spanish will be available in the near future.



# **Spectroscopic Functions**

SpectraSuite allows you to perform the three basic spectroscopic experiments – absorbance, reflectance and emission – as well as signal-processing functions such as electrical dark-signal correction, stray light correction, boxcar pixel smoothing and signal averaging. Scope mode, the spectrometer operating mode in which raw data (signal) is acquired by the detector, allows you to establish these signal-conditioning parameters. The basic concept for the software is that real-time display of data allows users to evaluate the effectiveness of their experimental setups and data processing selections, make changes to these parameters, instantly see the effects and save the data. Most spectrometer-system operating software does not allow such signal-conditioning flexibility.

With SpectraSuite, you can perform time-acquisition experiments for kinetics applications. As part of the time-acquisition function (strip charts), you can monitor and report up to 6 single wavelengths and up to 2 mathematical combinations of these wavelengths. In addition, you can perform reference monitoring in a variety of ways: single wavelength (1 or 2 channels), integrated intensity (starting and ending wavelengths for 1 or 2 channels) and wavelength-by-wavelength (2 channels).

SpectraSuite gives you complete control of setting the parameters for all system functions such as acquiring data, designing the graph display, and using spectra overlays. You can also save and then retrieve all of these system parameters for future experiments. Spec has the benefit of providing various software-controlled triggering options for external events such as laser firing or light source pulsing.

Other advanced features give you several data-collection options. You can independently store and retrieve dark, reference, sample and processed spectra. All data can be saved to disk using autoincremented filenames. You can save data as ASCII files or in the native GRAMS/32 SPC format. One feature prints the spectra and another copies spectral data into other software such as Excel and Word.

# **Getting Updates**

SpectraSuite software features one year of free, web-based automatic upgrades when you buy the software. This service requires that you register the first time you connect. You can purchase renewals for half the software price per year. All customers (whether they have a free upgrade plan or not) will be able to get free bug fixes.

To obtain updates, select Tools | Update Center from the SpectraSuite menu.



# **Chapter 2**

# Installation

### **Overview**

The following sections will guide you in installing SpectraSuite on a Windows, Macintosh or Linux operating system.

#### Note

Do NOT connect the spectrometer to the computer until you install the SpectraSuite software. Follow the instructions contained in this chapter to properly connect and configure your system.

## Installing SpectraSuite

SpectraSuite can be downloaded from the Ocean Optics ftp site, or retrieved from the CD that you received with your purchase of the software.

This section contains instructions for installing SpectraSuite using both methods on each of the following operating systems:

- Microsoft Windows Windows 2000, XP
- Apple Macintosh OS X version 10.0 or later
- Linux Red Hat 9 or later, Fedora (any version), Debian 3.1 (Sarge), and SUSE (9.0 or later)

### **Retrieving from a CD**

Your SpectraSuite software is shipped to you from Ocean Optics on a CD. The software is located either on the main **Software and Technical Resources** CD, or on a separate CD labeled **SpectraSuite Spectroscopy Platform Software**. You will need the password located on the jacket of the CD containing your SpectraSuite software to complete the installation.



#### Procedure

- 1. Insert the CD that you received containing your SpectraSuite software into your computer.
- 2. Select the SpectraSuite software for your computer's operating platform via the CD interface. Then follow the prompts in the installation wizard.

Or,

Browse to the appropriate SpectraSuite set-up file for your computer and double-click it to start the software installation. Set-up files are as follows:

- Windows: SpectraSuiteSetup Windows
- Mac: SpectraSuiteSetup\_Mac.dmg
- Linux: SpectraSuiteSetup\_Linux

### Downloading from the Ocean Optics ftp Site

#### Installing on a Windows Platform

Total download is approximately 30 MB.

#### ► Procedure

- 1. Close all other applications running on the computer.
- 2. Type <u>ftp://spectrasuite.oceanoptics.com</u> into the browser.
- 3. Right-click on any white space in the browser window and select **Login As...**. The login and password dialog box appears.
- 4. Enter the following:

Username: username

Password: password

- 5. Double-click on Installations.
- Drag SpectraSuiteSetup\_Windows.exe to the local computer and execute. The default installation directory is \Program Files\Ocean Optics\SpectraSuite. The SpectraSuite icon location is Start | Programs | Ocean Optics | SpectraSuite | SpectraSuite and the current user's desktop.

#### Installing on a Macintosh Platform

You must be logged on as an administrative user to install SpectraSuite on your Mac. Total download is less than 15 MB.



#### Procedure

- 1. Open a terminal window (Finder | Applications | Utilities | Terminal).
- 2. Type in your user name and password.
- 3. Paste the following text into this terminal window:

ftp ftp://username:password@spectrasuite.oceanoptics.com hash 10000 lcd ~/Desktop cd Installations get SpectraSuiteSetup\_Mac.dmg quit

When this command is finished, a file named **SpectraSuiteSetup\_Mac.dmg** appears on the desktop.

- 4. Double-click on the SpectraSuiteSetup\_Mac.dmg file to mount the disk image. A new SpectraSuite icon resembling a disk drive appears on your desktop. The new icon should open automatically (if it doesn't, double-click it).
- 5. Copy the SpectraSuite icon to your desktop.
- 6. When the installation is complete, drag the SpectraSuite drive icon to the recycle bin.

#### Installing on a Linux Platform

Total download is approximately 30 MB.

► Procedure

Open a terminal window.

1. Type in your user name and password.

Paste the following text into the terminal window:

ftp ftp://username:password@spectrasuite.oceanoptics.com hash 10000 lcd ~/Desktop cd Installations get SpectraSuiteSetup\_Linux.bin quit

A SpectraSuiteSetup\_Linux.bin file appears on your desktop.

2. Start a terminal window and enter the following commands:

chmod 755 ~/Desktop/SpectraSuiteSetup\_Linux.bin sudo ~/Desktop/SpectraSuiteSetup\_Linux.bin



You are prompted for your password, which allows you to execute the setup as root. Contact your system administrator if you do not have password.

If the sudo command does not work (it may not be set up for your user account), then enter the following:

#### su (enter password for root) ~/Desktop/SpectraSuiteSetup\_Linux.bin

The Linux version of SpectraSuite requires some libraries that may not be installed by default, depending on the Linux distribution. The following are libraries are required, and are not provided as part of SpectraSuite:

- libstdc++ version 5. Some newer systems only install version 6, so a compatibility package may be required. In Fedora Core Linux, libstdc++ version 5 is provided by compat-libstdc++.
- libXp version 6 (earlier versions may work too). In Fedora Core 3 and 4, this is provided in xorg-x11-deprecated-libs.
- libusb version 0.1.10 or newer (should be provided in a libusb package or can be downloaded from <a href="http://libusb.sourceforge.net/download.html#stable">http://libusb.sourceforge.net/download.html#stable</a>).

It may be necessary to modify SELinux (Security Enhanced Linux) restrictions before SpectraSuite will run. It is possible to remove SELinux auditing by running 'setenforce Permissive' as root or by customizing your SELinux policies. The SpectraSuite installer does not modify system security settings.

#### Note

The default installation directory is /usr/local/OceanOptics/SpectraSuite.

A symbolic link is put in /usr/bin so that you can enter **spectrasuite** on any command line to start the program.

The SpectraSuite icon (**DS**) location varies by installation, but will be under either Applications or Other under the Application Launcher menu.

# **Chapter 3**

# **Controls and Indicators**

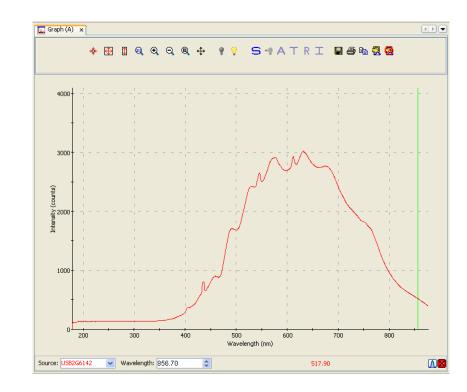
# **Overview**

The heart of the SpectraSuite application is the spectrum graph. SpectraSuite provides you with a wide variety of options to customize and monitor your graph views.

# **Graph Controls**

The graph controls available to you are described in the following sections.

### 📌 Zoom Out to Maximum

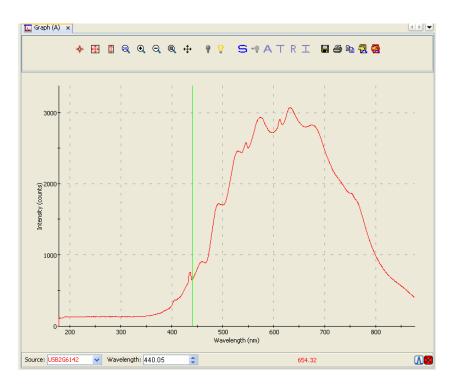


This control zooms out to display a full view of the spectrum graph.



### Scale Graph to Fill Window

This control adjusts the graph display so that the section of the graph relevant to the spectrum line is shown, but no more. Both the x and y axis are adjusted. In this example, the graph is zoomed in so that the Y axis (Intensity) above 3500 no longer appears since the graph line does not extend that far.



### Scale Graph Height to Fill Window

Use this control to zoom in on a graph so that the full height of the spectrum line is shown, but no more. Unlike the Scale Graph to Fill Window control, only the y axis is adjusted.

### Manually Set Numeric Ranges

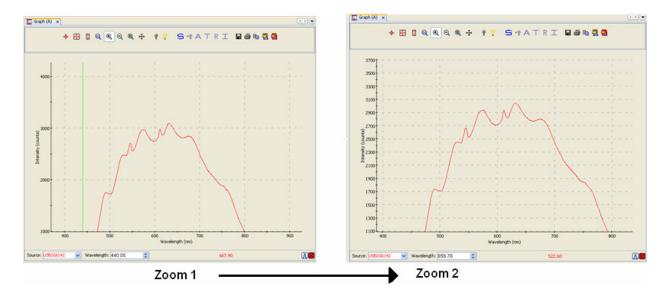
This control enables you to set the exact zoom coordinates. When you click on the control, the Set Zoom Ranges dialog box appears so that you can enter the desired coordinates.



Set Zoom	Ranges						
	X-	Axis Range					
Minimum:	178.32	Maximum:	876.19				
Y-Axis Range							
Minimum:	0.0	Maximum:	3381.3				
	Apply	Reset	Close				

### 🔍 Zoom In

Use this control to zoom in on the graph. Each time you click this control, the display zooms in further.



You can also use the mouse wheel to zoom in on the graph centered around the cursor (green vertical line).

## 🔍 Zoom Out

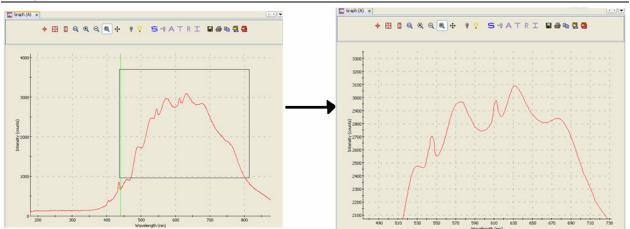
Use this control to reverse the zoom in process.

### Zoom to Region

This control allows you to select a section of the graph to zoom in on. When you click the control, a cursor appears on the screen, enabling you to box-in a region to zoom in on.



#### 3: Graph Controls

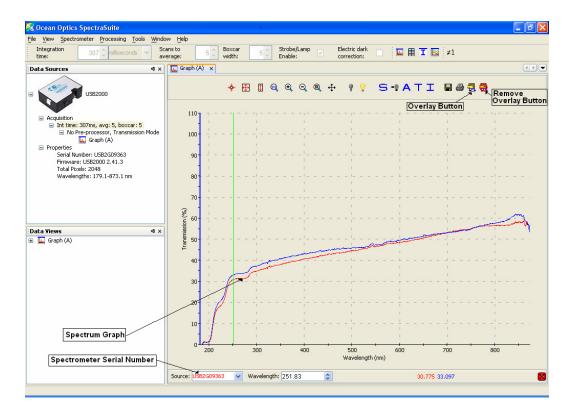


### 🕂 Toggle Graph Pane

Use this control when you have more than one graph and want to switch between graph displays.

### Overlay Spectral Data

The Overlay Spectral Data control enables you to display a saved spectrum on the current spectrum. Click this control, and then browse for the file that you want to overlay on the current graph.





### Delete Overlay Spectra

This control removes the overlaid spectrum from the current graph.

# **Other Controls**

### **Acquisition Controls**

Much like controls on a VCR, the Acquisition Controls allow you to pause and resume continuous spectra acquisition, and perform a single acquisition.

Control	Action
Π	Pause selected acquisition
H	Perform single acquisition
	Resume selected acquisition

### Peak Finding

This control (located in the bottom, right corner of the graph) allows you to create a threshold on your spectral graph to isolate peaks.

#### Note

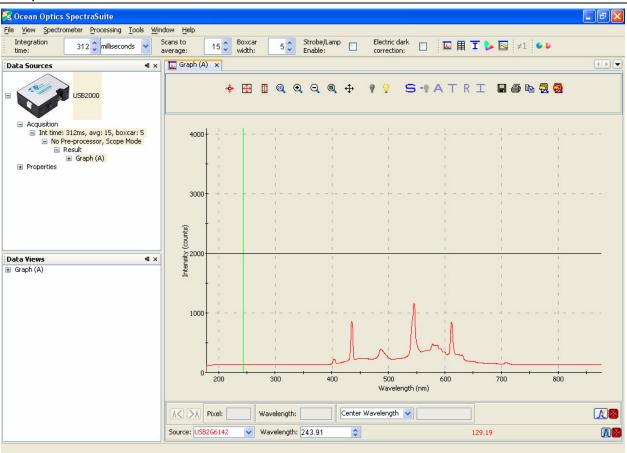
If this control does not display on your graph, click in the graph to make it appear.

#### ► Procedure

1. Click . A threshold line appears on the graph, along with more Peak Finding controls. The threshold is set high and in most cases, should be adjusted.



#### 3: Graph Controls



2. Click to display the **Peak Properties** dialog box to set the threshold.

🧏 Peak Properties	
Peak Finding	
Minimum peak width:	1 🗢
Baseline:	185 🗢
Total peaks foun	d: 38
Integration method: Re	ectangular 💌
	Close

- 3. Set the threshold at the level needed to isolate the desired peaks. The threshold line moves into the location you selected.
- 4. Use A and A to move the cursor to the next peak (left or right). The peak wavelength value appears in the **Wavelength** field below the graph.



### Store Icons

lcon	Meaning
9	Store dark spectrum
8	Store reference spectrum

### **Experiment Mode Icons**

lcon	Meaning
S	Scope Mode
-9	Scope Minus Dark Mode
Α	Absorbance Mode
т	Transmission Mode
R	Reflection Mode
I	Relative Irradiance Mode

### **Data Disposition Icons**

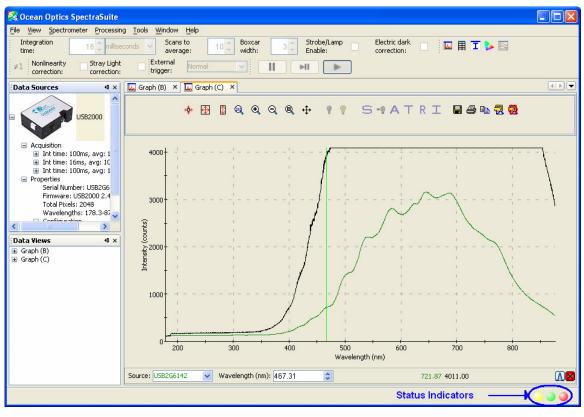
lcon	Meaning
	Save Spectra. Click to save data in either a binary format (which only SpectraSuite can read) or tab-delimited format (can be opened in an Excel spreadsheet).
<b>a</b>	Opens the SpectraSuite Printing dialog box. Select what you want to print and to where (system printer, PDF file).
	Copy spectral data to clipboard.
<b>1</b>	Overlay spectral data. Overlays a previously saved spectrum onto the current graph.
2	Delete overlay spectra. Deletes any spectra that have been overlaid on the current graph.



# Indicators

### **Status**

SpectraSuite provides you with feedback as to the status of the acquisitions you have graphed. The indicators refer to spectra shown on the graph currently displayed, as well as spectra on any other graphs that you have open (that appear on the graphs accessed from the tabs at the top of the screen). The feedback is in the bottom, right corner of the screen in the form of different colored circles. In the following example, two status indicators are shown for both spectral lines on Graph C, while a third indicator appears for the spectral line on Graph B.



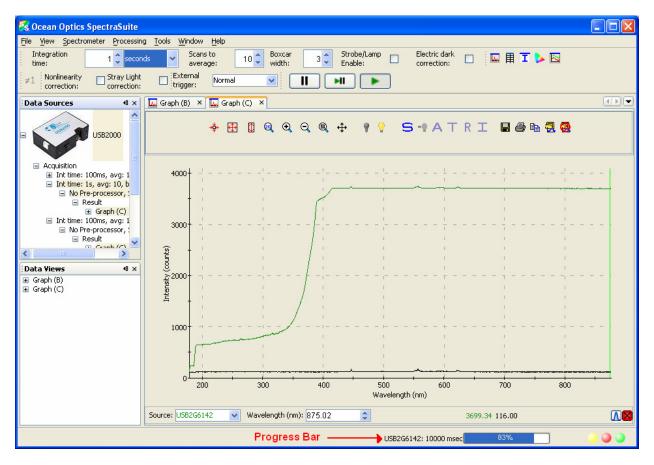
Indicator	Meaning
0	Recent acquisition within normal ranges
	Saturated signal
	Acquisition is paused
	Idle

Each circle corresponds to a graphed spectrum. If you pass the arrow pointer over a circle, it displays the spectrometer to which it refers and the related settings (e.g., USB2G6142, Int time: 20 ms, avg: 10, boxcar: 3). Click on a circle to select its associated spectrometer.



### **Progress Bar**

If an acquisition takes longer than one second, a progress bar appears at the bottom of the screen. A progress bar can appear for each connected spectrometer that is acquiring data.





# **Chapter 4**

# **File Menu Functions**

# Overview

This chapter details the various options and functions available from the File menu in SpectraSuite.

Where applicable, each section contains the associated toolbar icon below the section heading. Click on these icons in SpectraSuite to perform the described function.

# New

The New menu selection displays the following list of functions that also are available from the Data Display toolbar:

- <u>Spectrum Graph</u>
- <u>Spectrum Table</u>
- <u>High-Speed Acquisition</u>
- <u>Absorbance Measurement</u>
- <u>Transmission Measurement</u>
- <u>Reflection Measurement</u>
- Relative Irradiance Measurement
- <u>Absolute Irradiance Graph</u>
- <u>New Absolute Irradiance Measurement</u>
- <u>New Concentration Measurement</u>
- <u>Color Measurement</u>
- <u>Strip Chart</u>



### **Spectrum Graph**

The Spectrum Graph menu option displays a new curve of spectral data on the open graph based on the parameters set in the Acquisition toolbar. Each new curve you create appears as a different color in the graph. Graphs appear in scope mode by default.

If you click on a curve, its corresponding parameters appear in the Acquisition toolbar. The data source (spectrometer) is listed in the Source box.

#### ► Procedure

To display a spectral graph, follow the steps below:

1. Select File | New | Spectrum Graph

Or

Click in the Data Display toolbar. A dialog box appears asking if you want to display the new graph in the current graph tab, or start a new graph tab.

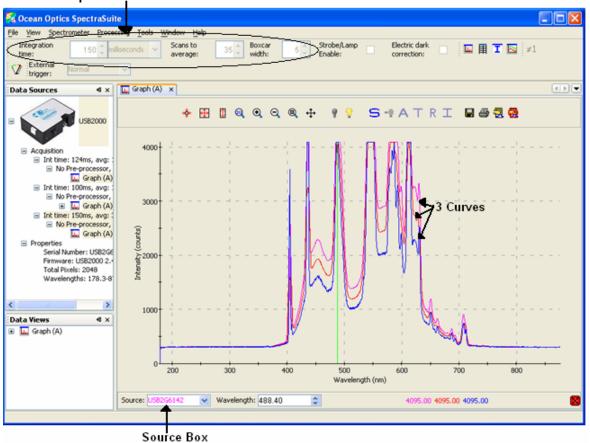
<b>%</b>		×
	here new graph will be	e displayed.
O Show data i	n new tab	
💿 Show data i	n existing tab	
Tab	X-Axis	Y-Axis
Graph (A)	Wavelength	Intensity
		Accept Cancel

- 2. Choose where the new graph will be displayed and click
- 3. Set the desired parameters (integration time, scans to average, and boxcar width).

The sample below shows a graph with three spectral curves (blue, pink and orange) in the same graph tab.



Acquisition Toolbar



### **Spectrum Table**

The Spectrum Table menu selection displays a spectral graph in tabular format. Select File |

**Spectrum Table** from the menu or click in the Data Display toolbar. The spectrum table appears.



#### 4: File Menu Functions

Ele View Spectrometer Proce	ssing <u>Tools</u> Window <u>H</u> elp		
Integration time: 150 0 m External trigger: Normal	liseconds Scans to average: 350 Boxcar width:	5 Strobe/Lamp Electric dark Enable:	<b>T</b> 🔂 🛛
Data Sources 4 ×	Graph (A) x Table (B) x		( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )
Acquistion Acquistion Int time: 124ms, av No Pre-process Graph	Wavelength (nm) 178.32 178.70 179.08 179.46 179.84 180.22 180.60 180.98	Intensity (counts) 0.00 284.00 289.00 282.00 291.00 289.00 292.00 292.00 292.00	
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	188.56 188.94 189.32	297.00 301.00 298.00	

### **High-Speed Acquisition**

<sup>G</sup>Use this menu selection if you want to capture every scan at a very fast rate (20 ms or faster). SpectraSuite performs this high-speed data acquisition by capturing raw data without slowing it down by processing it. This captured high-speed data is called a spectra collection.

A spectra collection can be viewed in either a graph or table format. You can also record the captured data in a 3-dimensional graph, and then run other measurements on this captured data.

It's best to store your reference and dark spectra using the regular graph window before performing a high-speed data acquisition. The following procedure assumes that you do so.

#### **High-Speed Data Capturing**

#### Procedure

- 1. Save reference spectrum to a file. See <u>*Reference*</u>.
- 2. Save a dark spectrum to a file. See <u>*Dark*</u>.



#### Caution

To ensure accurate data, be sure that you have selected the same parameters (integration time, scans to average, and boxcar width) for your high-speed acquisition that you used when capturing your dark and reference spectra.

3. Select File | New | High Speed Acquisition. If you have other acquisitions running, a warning message appears telling you that all other acquisitions will be stopped when you are acquiring high speed data. Either stop all your other acquisitions, or click OK on this message and SpectraSuite will temporarily stop them. The High-speed Acquisition dialog box appears.

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Scans to Average: 1	
Boxcar Width: 0	Parameters
External Trigger Mode: Normal	/
Electric Dark Correction: 🔲	
Strobe/Lamp Enable: 📃 🦯	
Filename:	Enter Filename
Number of Scans: 100     Capture Period (usec): 5000000	>Select one
Show progress 🔽	
Done. 100 scans took 15.2 ms each.	
	Acquisition Progress
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	Click

The top third of the form lists the parameters selected in the main graph window.



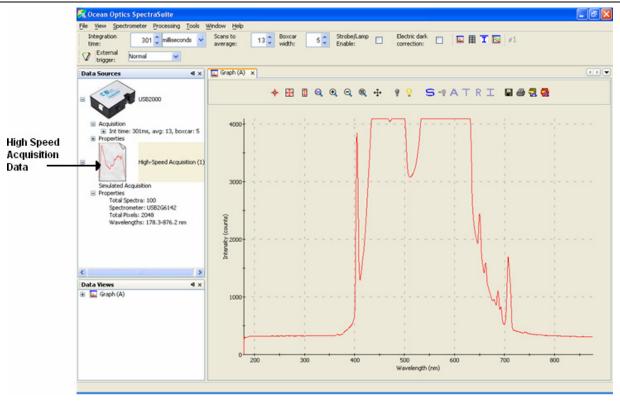
4. Enter the following information:

Field	Selection			
Integration Time (µsec)	Specify the integration time in µsec.			
Scans to Average	Enter the number of scans to average			
Boxcar Width	Enter the boxcar width			
External Trigger Mode	Select the external trigger mode (Normal, Software, Synchronization, External Hardware)			
Electric Dark Correction	Enable this option for electric dark correction			
Strobe/Lamp Enable	Enable this option to turn on the lamp			
Filename	Enter the name or browse to the file where you want to store data in a tab-delimited format.			
	Choose one of these methods of data acquisition			
Number of Scans	Acquire a fixed number of scans (fastest method)			
Or				
Capture Period (µsec)	Specify a time period for data capture			
Show progress	Enable this option to show the progress of the acquisition.			

5. Click Go. Your high-speed acquisition data appears in the **Data Sources** pane.



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- 6. Right-click on . A menu displays the following selections:
  - Spectrum Graph Displays a graph of the spectra

View Spectrometer Processing Tools Window	Help									
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Wavelength (nm)	Intensity (counts)	Wavelength (nm)	Intensity (counts)
178.32	0.00	178.32	0.00
178.70	283.00	178.70	288.00
179.08	282.00	179.08	289.00
179.46	284.00	179.46	283.00
179.84	282.00	179.84	287.00
180.22	286.00	180.22	288.00
180.60	288.00	180.60	287.00
180.98	294.00	180.98	289.00
181.36	293.00	181.36	292.00
181.74	291.00	181.74	294.00
182.12	289.00	182.12	291.00
182.50	291.00	182.50	293.00
182.87	294.00	182.87	292.00
183.25	289.00	183.25	289.00
183.63	292.00	183.63	292.00
184.01	296.00	184.01	293.00
184.39	295.00	184.39	295.00
184.77	291.00	184.77	292.00
185.15	293.00	185.15	294.00
185.53	293.00	185.53	292.00
185.91	292.00	185.91	293.00
186.29	297.00	186.29	287.00
186.67	288.00	186.67	292.00
187.04	294.00	187.04	292.00
187.42	293.00	187.42	290.00
187.80	295.00	187.80	291.00
188.18	295.00	188.18	289.00
188.56	293.00	188.56	293.00
188.94	287.00	188.94	294.00

• Spectrum Table – Displays spectra data in a table format

- Save Spectra Collection Stores the high-speed spectra in a file. See <u>Creating a 3-D Chart</u> <u>of High-Speed Acquisition Spectra</u> for more information about what can be done with stored high-speed spectra data.
- **Remove Spectra Collection** Deletes the captured high-speed spectra collection data. You can also select **Spectrometer** | **Remove Spectra Collection**.

#### **Creating a 3-D Chart of High-Speed Acquisition Spectra**

You can create a 3-dimensional representation of the data over time in graph form. The navigation controls enable you to view the graph from different angles. Click on any point in the graph to display its value and wavelength.

#### ► Procedure

To create a 3-D graph,

1. Right-click on the spectrometer in the Data Sources pane and select High Speed Acquisition

Or

Select File | New | High Speed Acquisition from the menu. The High-speed Acquisition dialog box appears.



🏂 High-speed Acquis	ition 🛛 🔀
Integration Time (usec)	): 15000
Scans to Average	: 1
Boxcar Width	n: O
External Trigger Mode	e: Normal 💽
Electric Dark (	Correction: 📃
Strobe/La	mp Enable: 📃
Filename:	
<ul> <li>Number of Scans</li> <li>Capture Period (</li> </ul>	
	Show progress 🔽
Done, 100 scans took 15.2	ms each.
C	Go Close 🔗

2. Enter the parameters and click *M*. The 3-dimensional graph appears.

#### **Using High-speed Acquisition Spectra**

A spectra collection that you have stored using the high-speed acquisition feature has a variety of uses such as the following:

- You can replay the spectra, fast forward, rewind, etc. just like any recorded data. Strip Chart data can also be replayed (see *Strip Chart* for more information on how to create a Strip Chart).
- You can also conduct further experiments on the recorded data (absorbance, transmission, etc.) by clicking on the appropriate icon (A, T, R, or I).

#### ► Procedure

To replay recorded data,

- 1. Right-click on the desired Spectrum listed under **Simulated Acquisition** in the **Data Sources** pane. A menu appears.
- 2. Select Spectrum Playback Controls. The Spectrum Playback Controls dialog box appears.



	Stop re	wind	Stop	play	
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rewind		v	]		
		Spectrum:	74 🔇		
		Step:	1 🕻		
	ſ	Delay (ms):	50 🔇		

3. Rewind the recording, then press to play the recorded spectrum graph.

### **Absorbance Measurement**

A The Absorbance Measurement menu selection launches the Absorbance Measurement Wizard to facilitate taking an absorbance measurement using SpectraSuite. The wizard leads you through the steps necessary to take an absorbance measurement:

- 1. Selecting your source
- 2. Setting the data acquisition parameters
- 3. Taking a reference spectrum
- 4. Taking a dark spectrum

See <u>Absorbance Experiments</u> for more information on taking an absorbance measurement.

### **Transmission Measurement**

The Transmission Measurement menu selection launches the Transmission Measurement wizard to help you through the process of taking a transmission measurement.

### **Reflection Measurement**

R The Reflection Measurement menu selection launches the Reflection Measurement wizard to help you through the process of taking a reflection measurement.



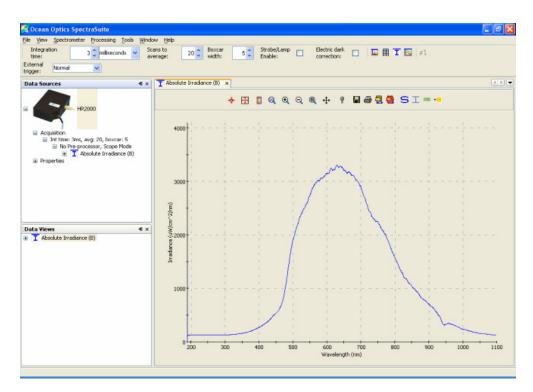
### **Relative Irradiance Measurement**

The Relative Irradiance menu selection launches the Relative Irradiance Measurement wizard to help you take to help you through the process of taking a relative irradiance measurement.

### **Absolute Irradiance Graph**

The Absolute Irradiance Graph menu selection displays the Absolute Irradiance graph. With SpectraSuite, you can display multiple spectra from multiple devices with independent calibrations. You can also calculate integrated intensities (watts, joules, photons) and photometric quantities (lux, lumen, candela).

Select File | Absolute Irradiance Graph from the menu. The Absolute Irradiance Graph in Scope mode appears. See <u>Absolute Irradiance</u> in Appendix A: Experiment Tutorials for more information.



### **New Absolute Irradiance Measurement**

The New Absolute Irradiance Measurement menu selection launches the Absolute Irradiance Wizard to facilitate taking an absolute irradiance measurement using SpectraSuite. The wizard leads you through the steps necessary to take an absolute irradiance measurement:

- 1. Selecting your source
- 2. Setting the data acquisition parameters



- 3. Taking a reference spectrum
- 4. Taking a dark spectrum
- 5. Calibrating the spectrometer

See <u>Absolute Irradiance</u> for more information on taking an absolute irradiance measurement.

### **New Concentration Measurement**

Concentration is the amount of a specified substance in a solution. Graphs of absorbance vs. concentration are known as Beer's Law plots. These are prepared by measuring the light absorbed by a series of solutions with different *known* concentrations. The length of the sample, such as the path length of our cuvette holder, and the wavelength chosen for monitoring the amount of light absorbed are constants. A linear plot from taking scans of these standard solutions with known concentrations is then obtained. The plot is then used to determine the *unknown* concentrations of substances in solutions.

### **Color Measurement**

With SpectraSuite, you can calculate and report the Color Rendering Index (CRI) and Correlated Color Temperature (CCT) for your samples. SpectraSuite will compute all color measurements except RGB. You can only perform color measurements on one spectrometer at a time.

SpectraSuite gives you the option of choosing to measure either emissive or reflective color from either absolute or relative irradiance.

- Emissive color measurements Require a spectrometer, which has been calibrated to take irradiance readings (either relative or absolute).
- Reflective color measurements Do not require an irradiance calibration, but they do require a reference spectrum. This reference scan is taken with the same optical configuration, except a perfect reflector is placed at the same location as the samples.

See <u>Color Experiments</u> for information on conducting a color experiment.

### **Strip Chart**

SpectraSuite allows you to use Strip Charts to track processes, perform kinetic analyses, and monitor spectral events all as a function of time. The Strip Chart shows you how the value that you selected appears over time. This value can be any of the following:

- One pixel (a single wavelength)
- The average of a range of pixels
- An integral calculated by one of three methods representing the area beneath the graph's trend line

You can acquire this data using any processing mode (transmission, absorbance, etc.).



#### Procedure

- 1. Place SpectraSuite in Scope mode by clicking the Scope (S) icon in the Experiment mode toolbar or selecting **Processing | Processing Mode | Scope** from the menu.
- 2. Store a reference spectra and dark spectra.
- 3. Choose the measurement mode (absorbance, transmission, etc.).
- 4. Click the Strip Chart button ( $\square$ )

#### OR

Select File | New | Strip Chart from the menu. The Chart Trend Settings dialog box opens.

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# Spectrometers Spectrum Type 0 HR2B1231 Processed	Wavelength Selection One wavelength: 188.80 > nm
	Average from 188.80 to 188.80 nm
Display Options	O Integrate over 188.80
Trend Line Color: Select Color	to 188.80 😒 nm Method: Rectangular 👽
Scale Trend Value:	
Minimum delay between updates: 0 🗢 ms	Accept Cancel

5. Enter the following data to create your Strip Chart:

Field	Selections	
Wavelength Selection	Select the type of data for which you want to view the time trend. Select from the following:	
	<ul> <li>One wavelength – For one pixel (used in fluorescence, for example). Select the wavelength.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Average from – For a range of pixels. Select the starting and ending wavelengths.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Integrate over – For the area underneath the trend line. Select the starting and ending wavelengths. Then, select the method for calculating the continuous area underneath the graph curve: Rectangular, Simpson's, or Trapezoid.</li> </ul>	



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Field	Selections
Display Options	Select a color for the graph's trend line.
Scale Trend Value	If you would like to adjust your data, enter the appropriate information in this field.
Minimum delay between updates	Set the amount of time (in milliseconds) between data points on the graph. This delay is independent of the integration time. The data appears at the slower rate. <b>NOTE:</b> The longer the time between updates, the less computer memory that is used.

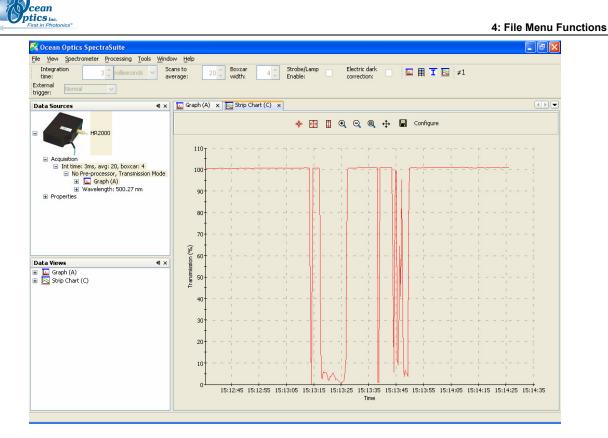
6. Click Accept . The Strip Chart Options dialog box appears. Strip Chart Options lists all of the Strip Charts that you have created, along with the options that you have set for each one. Use this dialog box to add, edit, remove, or clear trends.

#### Note

Highlight the desired trend to make the **Clear**, **Remove Trend**, and **Edit Trend** buttons active.

Source	Wavelength (nm)	Mode	Offset	Color
HR2B1231	500.27	Value	0	
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- 7. Click Accept. The strip chart you created appears. Note the time scale along the x-axis. The y-axis in this example shows the percentage transmission for the selected pixel(s).
- 8. To add another trend to this graph, click Add Trend...



## Open

Selecting the **Open** menu option allows you to load previously stored dark spectra, reference spectra, processed spectra, or all stored all spectra files. Select the type of spectrum to load, then browse to where the file is stored.

### Dark

A dark spectrum is a spectrum taken with the light path blocked.

Select File | Open | Load Dark Spectrum to select and open one or more dark spectra.

### Reference

A reference spectrum is a spectrum taken with the light source on and a blank in the sampling region.

Select File | Open | Load Reference Spectrum to select and load one or more reference spectra.

### **Processed Spectrum**

You have the ability to load a previously stored processed spectrum file.



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#### Procedure

- 1. Select File | Open | Load Processed Spectrum from the menu.
- 2. Type the file name or browse to the location of the desired processed spectrum file and open the file. The Processed Spectrum icon appears in the **Data Sources** pane.

Integration 100 🗢 milliseconds 🗸 Scans to average:	1 → Boxcar     0 → Strobe/Lamp     Electric dark     □     □     □     □     ↓ 1     ●●●       1 → width:     □     □     □     □     □     □     □     ↓ 1     ●●●	
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SpectraSuite Reference.ProcSpec	3000	
Simulated Acquisition ■ Properties Processing Mode: Intensity ■ Samples Dark Spectrum: Not Present		
Bartopocaminator rosana Spectrometer: CUR2G00013 Total Pixels: 2048 Wavelengths: 177.79-877.80 nm		
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3. You can save this processed spectrum back out to a file as processed, dark or reference spectrum. Right-click on the Processed Spectrum icon to display the SpectraSuite Save Spectrum dialog box.



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😵 SpectraSuite Save Spectrum	
Spectrometers Processing     CUR2G00013 No Pre-processor, Scope Mode	Spectrum View 3000 2000
Filename     Browse       Desired Spectrum     Processed Spectrum       File Type     OOI Binary Format	1000 0 0 200 400 600 800 Wavelength (nm)
File name is required.	Save Close

4. Enter the file name or browse to a desired file, select the desired spectrum (processed, dark or reference), and select the file type (binary or tab-delimited).

#### Tip

Save the file as tab-delimited if you want to display it in an Excel spreadsheet.

5. Click Save...

### **Spectrum Collection**

A spectrum collection is created when you perform a high-speed acquisition. Select **File** | **Open** | **Load Spectrum Collection** to browse to and open a spectrum collection from a high-speed acquisition.

## Save

This menu option allows you to save your spectra collection to a file. Select **File** | **Save** | **Save Spectra Collection** from the menu and enter a file name. Also see <u>Exporting Processed Data</u> for information on exporting data to a file.

## Store

Use this menu selection to store dark and reference spectra before running your experiment.

### Dark

A dark spectrum is a spectrum taken with the light path blocked.

Select **File** | **Store** | **Store Dark Spectrum** from the menu to save a dark spectrum to a file. You can also click **?** in the graph toolbar.

### Reference

A reference spectrum is a spectrum taken with the light source on and a blank in the sampling region.

Select File | Store | Store Reference Spectrum to store a reference spectrum file. You can also click in the graph toolbar.

## **Screen Capture**

This function takes a snapshot of the current SpectraSuite window, or the entire computer screen and stores it in the format and location that you specify.

#### ► Procedure

1. Select File | Screen Capture. The Screen Capture Config. dialog box appears.

🍕 Screen Capture Config. 💦 🔀	
<ul> <li>Capture SpectraSuite window</li> </ul>	
🔘 Capture entire screen	
Delay before capture: 5 🗢 seconds	
Image format: PNG 💌	
Accept Cancel	

- 2. Select to capture either the just SpectraSuite window or the entire computer screen.
- 3. If you don't want to capture the screen immediately, set a delay time.
- 4. Select to store the captured image as a PNG or JPG file.
- 5. Click Accept
- 6. You are prompted to choose a name and location to store the captured file, then click



### Exit

#### Caution

For Mac operating systems, do NOT attempt to exit from the SpectraSuite application by using Quit. If you do so, the application could hang. Should this occur, unplug, then replug in the spectrometer(s) before restarting SpectraSuite to make the application work again.

Select File | Exit from the menu to exit the SpectraSuite application. A shutdown confirmation dialog box appears. Click Yes to exit SpectraSuite.

Alternately, you can click the top right **x** box of the application's display window.

#### Note

If your system gets hung after requesting SpectraSuite to shut down, press the Escape key twice to exit the application.



## **Chapter 5**

# **View Menu Functions**

## **Overview**

This section details the various options and functions available from the View menu in SpectraSuite.

## Scale

### Empty

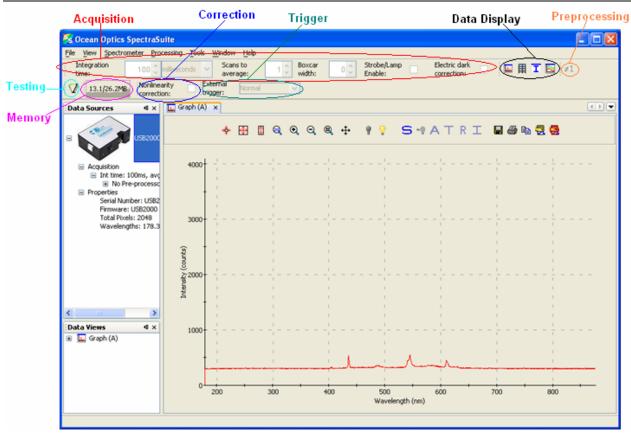
This menu selection is for future use.

## Toolbars

This menu item controls which toolbars are visible on the SpectraSuite window. Click on the following selections to toggle the toolbar on and off. When a toolbar is visible, a checkmark appears next to the menu selection. The toolbars available from this menu item are shown on the SpectraSuite window in the figure below:



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### Acquisition

Select **View** | **Acquisition** to display/hide the tools related to the data being acquired and displayed in SpectraSuite.

Tool	Function
Integration time: 3 🗘 milliseconds 🗸	Specifies the integration time of the spectrometer, which is analogous to the shutter speed of a camera. The higher the integration time, the longer the detector monitors the incoming photons. If your Scope mode intensity is too low, increase this value. If the intensity is too high, decrease this value.
	Adjust the integration time so that the greatest amount of light that you anticipate for your application causes a signal of about 85% of spectrometer's capability (for example, 3500 for spectrometers with a total of 4096 counts, 14000 counts for spectrometers with a total of 16384 counts, 50000 for spectrometers with a total of 65535 counts). While watching the graph trace, adjust the integration time until the signal intensity level is appropriate for the device. The integration time specified controls enabled spectrometer channels in the active spectral window.



Tool	Function
Scans to 1	Specifies the number of discrete spectral acquisitions that the device driver accumulates before SpectraSuite receives a spectrum. The higher the value, the better the signal-to- noise ratio (S:N). The S:N will improve by the square root of the number of scans averaged.
Boxcar 0	Sets the boxcar smoothing width, a technique that averages across spectral data. This technique averages a group of adjacent detector elements. A value of 5, for example, averages each data point with 5 points to its left and 5 points to its right.
	The greater this value, the smoother the data and the higher the signal-to-noise ratio. If the value entered is too high, a loss in spectral resolution will result. The S:N will improve by the square root of the number of pixels averaged.
Strobe/Lamp Enable:	Enables or disables the spectrometer strobe control function.
	This function toggles the S0 line of the spectrometer.
Electric dark correction:	Enables or disables the correction of the spectral data for electrical dark signal.
	For example, if the first 24 pixels in the spectrometer, while producing an electrical signal, do not respond to light then this option subtracts the average value of these first 24 pixels from the entire spectrum.

### **Acquisition Controls**

Select **View** | **Toolbars** | **AcquisitionControls** to display/hide the tools for pausing and resuming continuous spectra acquisition. A control is also available for performing a single acquisition.

Control	Action
	Pause selected acquisition
HI	Perform single acquisition
	Resume selected acquisition

### Correction

This toolbar has one tool: the nonlinearity correction checkbox. This tool enables/disables the detector linearity feature. The Correction toolbar only displays when you select it with View | Toolbars | Correction; it is absent from the screen by default.

### **Data Display**

The Data Display toolbar contains the icons for the following graph functions:

lcon	Function
	<b>Spectrum Graph</b> . Displays a new spectrum curve on the current graph with the parameters selected in the Acquisition toolbar. Each spectrum curve appears on the graph in a different color. The Acquisition parameters for each curve are listed in the Data Sources pane.
目	<b>Spectrum Table</b> . Displays the data acquisition in a table format. A tab for the table appears at the top pf the graph pane. See <u>Spectrum Table</u> for more information.
I	Absolute Irradiance Graph. Displays a graph of absolute irradiance data. This graph appears on its own page with a tab at the top of the graph pane. It is also listed in the Data Views section.
	<b>Color Measurement.</b> Launches the Color Measurement wizard. See <u>Color Measurement</u> for more information.
	<b>Strip Chart</b> . Allows you to track processes, perform kinetic analyses, and monitor spectral events all as a function of time. See <u>Strip Charts</u> for more information.

### Memory

The Memory toolbar consists of a display of the memory being used by the SpectraSuite application

7.1/22.6MB). Click this icon to force SpectraSuite to clean unneeded data from memory. The Memory toolbar only appears when you select it with View | Toolbars | Memory; it is absent from the screen by default.

### Preprocessing

The Preprocessing toolbar contains icons for the following functions:

lcon	Function
≠1	<b>Nonunity correction</b> . Performs a calculation to compensate for a reflection standard that is not perfectly white.
~	Add Reference Monitor. Adjusts the signal to compensate for variations in spectral intensity based on light source and system drift.



### Testing

The Testing toolbar consists of the speed benchmark ( ). This feature allows you to see how fast the SpectraSuite application is running (how long it takes from the time the data is acquired until all the calculations have been performed. The Testing toolbar only displays when you select it with **View** | **Toolbars** | **Testing**; it is absent from the screen by default.

### Trigger

The External Trigger selection box on the Trigger toolbar enables you to set the following trigger modes of the spectrometer:

- Normal free running
- Software Integration time is controlled by frequency of triggers
- External Hardware Hardware fixed or jumpered integration time

### **Small Toolbar Icons**

For future use.

### Customize

This menu selection allows you to customize your toolbars with functions that you choose from the Customize Toolbars dialog box.





## **Chapter 6**

# **Spectrometer Menu Functions**

## Overview

This chapter details the various options and functions available from the **Spectrometer** menu in SpectraSuite.

## Acquisition

This menu selection consists of options that control starting and stopping SpectraSuite's acquisition of spectral data. If you have more than one acquisition running, you must select the desired spectrometer in the Data Sources pane. To do this, click on the line under the spectrometer that lists the integration time, scans to average and boxcar width.

### **Pause Acquisition/Resume Acquisition**

These menu selections toggle to pause and restart data acquisition. When you start the SpectraSuite application, it comes up acquiring spectral data in Scope mode from the attached spectrometers. If you are monitoring more than one spectrometer, select the desired spectrometer in the Data Sources pane, and choose either **Spectrometer** | **Acquisition** | **Pause Acquisition** to temporarily pause the acquisition. Select **Spectrometer** | **Acquisition** | **Resume Acquisition** to resume the acquisition.

### **Terminate Acquisition**

To completely stop spectral acquisition on a spectrometer, select the desired spectrometer in the Data Sources pane (if you are monitoring more than one), then select **Spectrometer** | **Acquisition** | **Terminate Acquisition**.



## **Spectrometer Features**

This option provides access to additional functionality available with the attached OOI spectrometers. You must select a spectrometer in the **Data Sources** pane to make this menu selection active. To display the Features dialog box, do one of the following:

- Select Spectrometer | Spectrometer Features from the menu, or
- Right-click on the device in the Data Sources pane and select Spectrometer Features.

Each attached device type has unique features, so see the documentation for your particular device to learn more about the available options and their settings. The MMS Raman Spectrometer has unique features. See <u>MMS Raman Spectrometer</u> for more information.

The following is an example of the HR4000 Spectrometer Features dialog box.

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-Wave	length Calibration		
	Term	Value	
	Intercept	195.707410	
	1st Coefficient	2.6653438E-1	
	2nd Coefficient	-3.6248900E-6	
	3rd Coefficient	-1.7018300E-10	
Apply Reset Save to Spectrometer			

Many of the features listed for the HR4000 Spectrometer are also valid for other spectrometers. The table below lists all spectrometer features. Check your spectrometer to see which features apply to your model.

Feature	Meaning
Analog In	Set the input voltage and the update interval. Analog input can be accessed from the spectrometer's accessory connector.
Analog Out	Analog output can be used for multiple applications such as single pixel intensity analysis or programmable reference/dimmer to light sources. Set the analog output on this screen.



Feature	Meaning
Autonulling	Autonulling is an enhanced electrical dark correction. Set the autonulling status and value on this screen.
Board Temperature	The HR spectrometers contain a temperature sensor chip on the printed circuit board. Use this screen to set the temperature parameters.
Channel Features	For the ADC1000-USB. Enable each channel (1-7) by checking box.
Continuous Strobe	Set the continuous strobe delay. The Continuous Strobe signal is a programmable frequency pulse-train.
Detector Linearity	Use this screen to change the linearity coefficients.
External Trigger Delay	Set the counts for the external hardware trigger.
GPIO	Set the General Purpose Input/Output values on this screen.
Hardware Trigger	The spectrometer uses an external rising edge of a TTL signal to begin a single integration cycle. Set the delay (counts) on this screen.
I2C	The Inter-Integrated Circuit 2-wire serial bus is widely used in embedded systems applications. With I <sup>2</sup> C you can add peripherals to your system without using valuable resources like I/O ports. The I2C bus communications parameters are set on this screen.
Irradiance	Use this screen to load and save irradiance calibration factors.
LS450	Enter parameters for the LS450 in this screen, if one is being used with the spectrometer.
Multi Channel Provider	This screen appears for an ADC1000.
Single Strobe	The Single Strobe signal is a programmable TTL pulse that occurs at a user determined time during each integration period. Set the counts for the high and low transition delay.
SPI	The Serial Peripheral Interface is a 3-wire interface that can be used to communicate to multiple slave devices. Access the SPI bus communications functions on this screen.
Stray Light	Enter the stray light correction coefficient in this screen.
TEC	For QE65000 spectrometers, set the parameters for the TE cooled CCD array on this screen.
Thermoelectric	For NIR spectrometers.
Trigger Delay	Same as External Trigger Delay.



Feature	Meaning
UV/VIS	ISS-UV-VIS Enable visible lamp, set visible lamp intensity, enable UV lamp, set UV lamp intensity
Wavelength	Allows you to enter or change the spectrometer's wavelength calibration coefficients. Wavelength coefficients are provided on the Wavelength Calibration Data Sheet that came with the spectrometer.

### **MMS Raman Spectrometer**

The following are features for the MMS Raman Spectrometer:

🔀 MMS-Raman Features	$\overline{\mathbf{X}}$
Raman Exposure Image Wavelength Firmwa	are CCD Temperature CCD Shutter
Intensity	Save
Auto Equalize Show Raw	Save Raw Image
[	Save Processed Image
Brightness	Zoom
Contrast	
Reset	
000 0000 0000 000	
200 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	

Use this screen to view the raw data coming from the chip (Raman exposure image) if your spectral graph looks incorrect. The bottom of this screen displays the actual CCD image (a 2-dimensional image of the detector). Each light stripe is a spectral line. The vertical white lines correspond to peaks.

Feature	Meaning
Auto Equalize	Use this adjust to get better contrast in the CCD image.
Show Raw	Displays the raw image.
Brightness/Contrast	Adjust the bright/contrast of the image.



Feature	Meaning
Reset	Resets the image.
Save Raw Image/Processed Image	Save the raw/processed image to a file.
Zoom	Standard controls to zoom in/out

🧏 MMS-Raman Features		
Raman Exposure Image Laser Wavelength Calibration Firmware CCD Temperature CCD Shutter		
Raman Exposure Image       Laser       Wavelength       Calibration       Firmware       CCD Temperature       CCD Shutter         Current Laser       Current Laser:       Image:		

Use this screen to enter specific information for the laser being used.



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S MMS-Raman Features	
Raman Exposure Image Laser Wavelength Calibra	tion Firmware CCD Temperature CCD Shutter
-Wavelength Calibration	
Term	Value
Intercept	799.740390
1st Coefficient	2.6561515E-1
2nd Coefficient	-3.0391693E-5
3rd Coefficient	-1.3518964E-8
Apply Res	set Save to Spectrometer

🔀 MMS-Raman Features	×
Raman Exposure Image Laser Wavelength Calibration Firmware CCD Temperature CCD Shutter	
Save Calibration Save to Directory:	
Load Calibration	
Load File:	
Load	

Use this screen to save or load calibration files.



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Use this screen to update the firmware. You must stop all acquisitions before updating the firmware.

S MMS-Raman Features
Raman Exposure Image Laser Wavelength Calibration Firmware CCD Temperature CCD Shutter
CCD Temperature
CCD Temperature: 100.00 Celsius
Update Now
Automatic Update
Enable Periodic Update:
Update Interval: 2 Seconds
CCD Temperature Regulation
Enable Temperature Regulation: 🔽
CCD Temperature Set point: 25 📚 Celcius 💌
CCD Temp Lock: Out of Set point range (+/- 0.1 C)
Thermistor fault status: OK

Use this screen to regulate the CCD temperature.



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🧏 MMS-Raman Fea			
Raman Exposure Image	Laser Wavelength Calibration	Firmware CCD Temperature CCD Shutter	
	CCD Shutter	closed	
	Open CCD S		
	Close CCD St	nutter	

This feature allows you to control the CCD shutter. Close the shutter to store a dark spectrum.

## **Rescan Devices**

Use this menu selection if you plug in a device after starting the SpectraSuite application. SpectraSuite then displays the new device in the Data Sources pane.

## **Remove Spectra**

This menu selection deletes the captured high-speed spectra collection data. You can also right-click on the high-speed spectra collection icon in the **Data Views** pane and select **Remove Spectra**. See <u>*High-Speed Acquisition*</u> for more information.

## **Show Devices**

This feature allows you to redisplay the Data Sources and Data Views panes if they have been closed.

## Chapter 7

# **Processing Menu Functions**

## Overview

This section provides information on the various signal processing functions available under the Processing menu selection.

## Color

### **Edit Color Settings**

This menu item allows you to make changes to the color settings for color measurements.

### **Pre-processing**

Preprocessing functions currently include the following:

- Nonunity correction
- Add Reference Monitor

You can also remove the preprocessing function.

### **Remove Preprocessor**

Select **Processing** | **Pre-processing** | **Remove Preprocessor** to remove the nonunity correction preprocessing function.



### **Nonunity Correction**

Select **Processing** | **Pre-processing** | **Non-unity correction** for reflection experiments if you need to perform a calculation to compensate for a reflection standard that is not perfectly white. You can also

access this function with the  $\neq 1$  icon in the Preprocessing toolbar.

### **Add Reference Monitor**

Select **Processing** | **Pre-processing** | **Add Reference Monitor** to adjust the signal to compensate for variations in spectral intensity based on light source and system drift.

For extended experiments, you will achieve optimal results if you take frequent reference spectra. If this is not possible, however, you can choose to monitor your light source and instruct SpectraSuite to correct for any drift that might occur. There are two types of drift: Spectrally uniform and spectrally nonuniform. The drift associated with a tungsten lamp is often spectrally uniform, but the drift associated with a deuterium lamp is not.

Reference Monitoring allows you to monitor a reference for variations in spectral intensity based on light source and system drift. To monitor a reference, the following conditions must be met:

- You are using either multiple spectrometers (and spectra overlap in the area to be referenced), or one spectrometer with multiple acquisitions, and
- You have stored both a dark and a reference spectrum.

#### ► Procedure

To perform reference monitoring:

1. Click

Or,

Select **Processing** | **Preprocessing** | **Add Reference Monitor**. The **Configure Reference Monitoring** dialog box appears:



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🔀 Configure Reference Monitoring	
Reference Channel         # Source       Processing         0       USB2G6142       No Pre-processor, Scope Mode         1       USB2G3387       No Pre-processor, Scope Mode         1       USB2G3387       No Pre-processor, Scope Mode         1       USB2G3387       No Pre-processor, Scope Mode         Processors only appear in this table if they have a dark and reference spectrum stored, and if they are different from the processor for which reference monitoring is being configured.	Reference Type All wavelengths Single wavelength Integrated intensity From to Accept Cancel

- 2. Select the desired reference channel.
- 3. Select the Reference Type as follows:

Selection	Meaning
All wavelengths	Requires a minimum of two spectrometer channels in your system, both configured for overlapping wavelength ranges. Corrects for both uniform and nonuniform drift.
Single wavelength	Use this selection for pixel-by pixel drift correction.
Integrated intensity	Use this selection if the lamp is going to drift uniformly

4. Click Accept

## **Processing Mode**

Processing mode functions include all of the modes necessary to conduct experiments. These modes are also available from the toolbar above the graph. See *Experiment Tutorials* for more information about how to conduct experiments using the processing modes.

### Scope

Select **Processing | Processing Mode | Scope** to switch the current spectral window into Scope mode.

You can also click **S** in the graph's toolbar.



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The signal graphed in Scope mode is the raw voltage coming out of the A/D converter. This spectral view mode provides complete control of signal processing functions before taking absorbance, transmission, reflection, and relative irradiance measurements. This mode reflects the intensity of the light source, the reflectivity of the grating and mirrors in the spectrometer, the transmission efficiency of the fibers, the response of the detector, and the spectral characteristics of the sample.

Use Scope mode when configuring your setup, adjusting the integration time, and taking a dark and a reference scan.

### **Scope Minus Dark**

Select **Processing** | **Processing Mode** | **Scope Minus Dark** to switch the current spectral window into Scope mode and subtract the stored dark spectra from each spectrometer channel before SpectraSuite displays it. You can also click in the graph's toolbar.

See the description of Scope mode (Scope) for more information.

### Absorbance

Select Processing | Processing Mode | Absorbance to switch the current window into Absorbance mode.

You can also click A in the graph's toolbar. You must first store dark and reference spectra in Scope mode before you can access Absorbance mode.

SpectraSuite uses an equation to determine the concentration of a species in solution (illustrated below). The software uses this equation to evaluate each pixel on the detector and produce the absorbance spectrum:

$$A_{\lambda} = -\log_{10} \left( \frac{S_{\lambda} - D_{\lambda}}{R_{\lambda} - D_{\lambda}} \right)$$

Where:

S = Sample intensity at wavelength  $\lambda$ 

D = Dark intensity at wavelength  $\lambda$ 

R = Reference intensity at wavelength  $\lambda$ 

The concentration of a species in a solution directly affects the absorbance of the solution. This relationship, known as Beer's Law, is expressed as:

$$A_{\lambda} = \varepsilon_{\lambda} c \ell$$

Where:

A = Absorbance at wavelength  $\lambda$ ,

 $\varepsilon_{\lambda}$  = Extinction coefficient of the absorbing species at wavelength  $\lambda$ 

c = Concentration of the absorbing species and /is the optical path length of the absorption.

See *Experiment Tutorials* for information on conducting an experiment in Absorbance mode.





### Transmission

Select Processing | Processing Mode | Transmission to switch the current window into Transmission

mode. You can also click in the graph's toolbar. This is also the spectral processing mode used for reflection spectroscopy, as the math necessary to compute reflection is identical to that required for transmission. You must first store dark and reference spectra in Scope mode before you can access Transmission mode.

SpectraSuite calculates the transmission of a solution using the following equation:

$$\%T_{\lambda} = \frac{S_{\lambda} - D_{\lambda}}{R_{\lambda} - D_{\lambda}} \times 100\%$$

Where:

 $S_{\lambda}$  = Sample intensity at wavelength  $\lambda$ 

 $D_{\lambda}$  = Dark intensity at wavelength  $\lambda$ 

 $R_{\lambda}$  = Reference intensity at wavelength  $\lambda$ 

See *Experiment Tutorials* for information on conducting an experiment in Transmission mode.

### Reflection

Select Processing | Processing Mode | Reflection to switch the current window into Reflection mode.

You can also click  $\mathbb{R}$  in the graph's toolbar. Reflection mode is also the spectral processing mode used for transmission spectroscopy, as the math necessary to compute transmission is identical to that required for reflection.

You must take a dark and reference spectra in Scope mode before you can access Reflection mode.

SpectraSuite calculates the reflection of a solution using the following equation:

$$\%T_{\lambda} = \frac{S_{\lambda} - D_{\lambda}}{R_{\lambda} - D_{\lambda}} \times 100\%$$

Where:

 $S_{\lambda}$  = Sample intensity at wavelength  $\lambda$ 

 $D_{\lambda}$  = Dark intensity at wavelength  $\lambda$ 

 $R_{\lambda}$  = Reference intensity at wavelength  $\lambda$ 

See *Experiment Tutorials* for information on conducting an experiment in Reflection mode.

### **Relative Irradiance**

Select **Processing | Processing Mode | Relative Irradiance** to switch the current window into Relative Irradiance mode. You can also click in the graph's toolbar.



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Before you can access Relative Irradiance mode, you must take a reference spectrum in Scope mode of a blackbody of known color temperature. Additionally, you must obtain a dark spectrum by removing the fiber from the reference lamp and preventing light from entering it.

Relative irradiance spectra are a measure of the intensity of a light source relative to a reference emission source. SpectraSuite calculates relative irradiance using the following equation:

$$I_{\lambda} = B_{\lambda} \quad \left( \frac{S_{\lambda} - D_{\lambda}}{R_{\lambda} - D_{\lambda}} \right)$$

Where:

 $B_{\lambda}$  = Relative energy of the reference calculated from the color temperature

 $S_{\lambda}$  = Sample intensity at wavelength  $\lambda$ 

 $D_{\lambda} = \text{Dark}$  intensity at wavelength  $\lambda$ 

 $R_{\lambda}$  = Reference intensity at wavelength  $\lambda$ 

See *Experiment Tutorials* for information on conducting an experiment in Relative Irradiance mode.

### **Raman Shifts**

Use this menu item when you are doing Raman spectroscopy. This is the distance from the excitation source. You must have entered the wavelength of your laser (see <u>Set Laser Wavelength</u>) to use Raman Shifts.

## **Absolute Irradiance**

Irradiance is the amount of light present on a particular area, such as the fiber's cross-section at its tip, a cosine corrector's surface, or the integrating sphere's surface (measures the total optical output of a light source inserted into the integrating sphere).

### Scope

This menu selection allows you to completely control signal processing prior to calibrating the spectral response of your system and taking measurements. Use caution when operating in Scope mode since this mode represents a combination of several factors such as the intensity of the light source, the reflectivity of the grating and mirrors in the spectrometer, the transmission quality of the fibers, the response of the detector, and the spectral characteristics of the sample.





### **Absolute Irradiance**

Select Processing | Absolute Irradiance | Absolute Irradiance to create a new graph of spectral data

Absolute Irradiance mode. You can also click *in the Data Display toolbar to use the wizard to create an Absolute Irradiance graph.* 

Absolute Irradiance Mode calculates the true irradiance of a spectrum, displayed in actual  $\mu$ W/cm^2/nm (or  $\mu$ W/nm when using an integrating sphere) incident on the probe's collection area. You do not need to store reference spectrum first since absolute irradiance is not relative to another measurement. However, you must store a dark spectrum and have a calibration file before you can measure absolute irradiance. A Wavelength Calibration Data Sheet containing the calibration file comes with your Ocean Optics spectrometer. Or, you can do your own calibration if desired.

See *Experiment Tutorials* for information on conducting an experiment in Absolute Irradiance mode.

### **Collection Area**

Select **Processing** | **Absolute Irradiance** | **Collection Area** to enter the specifications of the collection area.

🏂 Collection Area 🛛 🛛 🔀		
Use Integrating Sphere		
O Collection Area: cm^2		
O Fiber Diameter: micron		
Accept Cancel		

The Collection Area dialog box offers the following options:

- Use Integrating Sphere Enable this option only if you have an integrating sphere and use the LS1-CAL-INT calibrated light source. (In this case the source is inside the sphere and there is no collection area associated normally with a probe.) When this box is enabled and you are using the integrating sphere to collect light externally (source is outside the integrating sphere), SpectraSuite assumes the value in the Fiber Diameter field is the diameter of the opening in the integrating sphere. Be sure to enter the correct value (in microns).
- Collection Area If you know the actual collection area, enter it here. The default is 1.



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• Fiber Diameter – If the tip of a fiber is used as the collection probe, enter the bare fiber's diameter in microns. If an integrating sphere is used to collect light from a surface, enter the sphere's opening diameter (bare fiber's diameter in microns). However, if a light source is inserted into the sphere, this value is ignored. If a cosine corrector is used, define the light collection area as follows:

If this cosine corrector is used	Enter this diameter (in um)
CC-3 or CC-3-UV	3900
CC-3-DA	7140

SpectraSuite then calculates the collection area from the fiber diameter.

### Calibration

You can calibrate your spectrometer in two ways:

- Ocean Optics can calibrate the spectrometer for you and send you the resulting calibration file, or
- You can calibrate the spectrometer yourself using a light source (calibration lamp) with known spectral output (microwatts per square centimeter per nanometer) using this menu item.

### **Combine Calibration Files**

This feature allows you to combine a deuterium lamp calibration and a tungsten lamp calibration onto one graph to cover the entire spectral range.

5	X
Deuterium Calibration Filename: Calibration.cal Browse Boundary Wavelength: nm Tungsten Calibration Filename: C978_FIB.lmp Browse Loaded deuterium calibration. Wavelength range: 188.8-1098.13	Spectrometer Calibration Preview



#### ► Procedure

- 1. Select Processing | Absolute Irradiance | Combine Calibration Files.
- 2. Enter the file name of the Deuterium Calibration or browse to the desired file.
- 3. Select the wavelength at which point the two files will be joined.
- 4. Enter the file name of the Tungsten Calibration or browse to the desired file.
- 5. Click Save... The graph of the combined files appears in the Spectrometer Calibration Preview.

### New Energy, Power, Photons

This feature enables you to measure integrated intensities. Radiometric values require that you specify the wavelength range. You must be in Absolute Irradiance mode (click  $\Box$ ) for this menu selection to be active.

#### ► Procedure

- 1. Create a new graph of spectral data in Absolute Irradiance mode. See <u>Absolute Irradiance</u> in Appendix A: <u>Experiment Tutorials</u> for detailed instructions.
- 2. Select **Processing** | **Absolute Irradiance** | **New Energy, Power, Photons** to display the Energy, Power, Photons dialog box.

OR

Click **M** on an Absolute Irradiance graph.

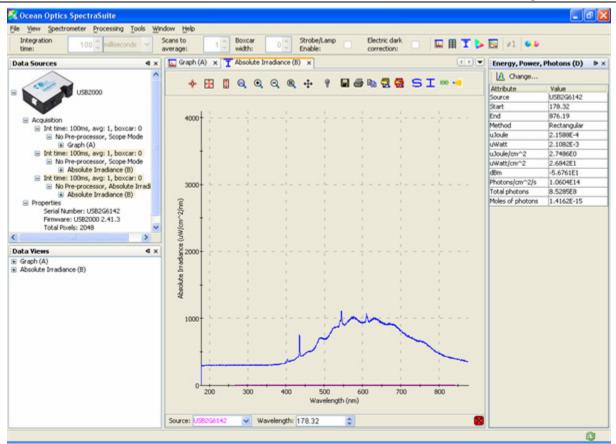


Energy , Power , Photons 🛛 🛛 🔀
Source:
# Spectrometers Spectrum Type
0 USB2G6142 Processed
_ Integration Options
Integrate from: 178.32 🗢
to: 876.19 🗢 nm
Integration Method: Rectangular 💌
Accept Cancel

- 3. If more than one Absolute Irradiance graph is open, select the desired spectrometer by highlighting it under **Source**.
- 4. Enter the wavelength range to integrate in the Integration Options section.
- 5. Enter the Integration Method, either Rectangular, Simpson's (Rule), or Trapezoid.
- 6. Click Accept when finished. The Energy, Power, Photons table appears to the right of the graph. You can change these values by clicking the Change icon (1) in the Energy, Power, Photons table.



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#### This table is described below:

Attribute	Meaning
Source	The absolute irradiance source you selected in Step 3.
Start	The starting wavelength you selected in Step 4.
End	The ending wavelength you selected in Step 4.
Method	The integration method you selected in Step 5.
µJoule	The calculated energy of the sample in microjoules.
µWatt	The calculated power of the sample in microwatts.
µJoule/cm <sup>2</sup>	The calculated energy per square centimeter of the sample.
µWatt/cm <sup>2</sup>	The calculated power per square centimeter of the sample.
dBm	The decibels referenced to one milliwatt. Used to calculate power for lasers.
Photons/cm^2/s	The number of photons per square centimeter emitted from the sample each second.



Attribute	Meaning
Total photons	The total number of photons calculated.
Moles of photons	The moles of photons calculated.

#### **New Photometry Measurement**

This menu selection enables you to take photometry measurements such as lumen, lux, and candela. Phototropic/Scotopic values are calculated over a 380 to 780 nm wavelength range. Scotopic conditions are defined when the luminance is less than some hundredths of a candela per square meter  $(cd/m^2)$ . The difference between this scotopic vision (low-level condition) compared to a photopic (high-level condition) affects the calculations for Lumen, Lux, and Candela by using the V'( $\lambda$ ) spectral luminous efficiency curve instead of the V( $\lambda$ ) curve.

You must be in Absolute Irradiance mode (click ) for this menu selection to be active.

#### ► Procedure

- 1. Create a new graph of spectral data in Absolute Irradiance mode. See <u>Absolute Irradiance</u> in Appendix A: <u>Experiment Tutorials</u> for detailed instructions.
- 2. Select **Processing | Absolute Irradiance | New Photometry Measurement** to display the **Configure Photometry** dialog box.

OR

Click i on an Absolute Irradiance graph.

🏂 Configure Photometry		×
Source: # Spectrometers USB2G6142 Observer: 2-d Steradians:	egree   1.0	Observer Information Details Graph Description: 2 degree (photopic, daylight) observer Reference: CIE 15.2 - 1986 Creator: Ocean Optics, Inc. Date: I7:43:38 EDT 2005 Provided by Ocean Optics, Inc.
		Accept Cancel



- 3. If more than one Absolute Irradiance graph is open, select the desired spectrometer by highlighting it under **Source**.
- 4. Select the **Observer** from the drop-down list.
- 5. Use the default **Steradians** (1.0) or enter your own value. (If the steradians value is 1, then candela = lumens).

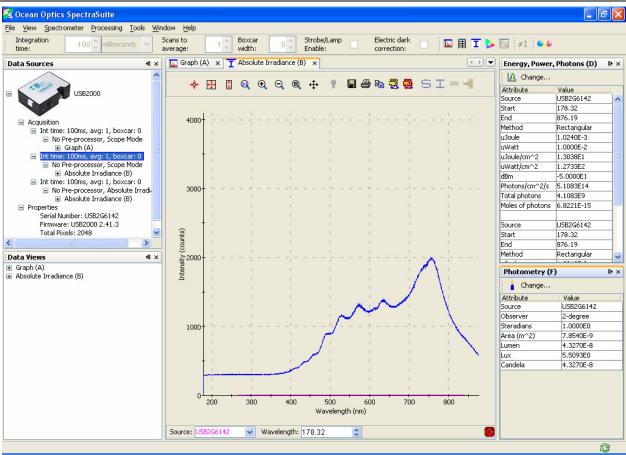
The right section of the dialog box displays Observer Information in Detail or Graph form (Graph form is shown below, Detail form is shown on the previous page).

🧏 Configure Photometry		X
Source: # Spectrometers USB2G6142 Observer: 2- Steradians:	degree	Observer Information Details Graph 1.0 9 0.5 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0

Click Accept . The Photometry table appears to the right of the graph. You can change these values by clicking the Change icon (<sup>1</sup>) in the Photometry table.



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#### This table is described below:

Attribute	Meaning
Source	The absolute irradiance source you selected in Step 3.
Observer	The type of observer you chose in Step 5.
Steradians	A unit of measurement used to describe the solid angle of a cone from the surface of a sphere to the center of the sphere. It is a solid angular measurement used when calculating illumination. The Lumens value is divided by the Steradians value to obtain Candela.
Area (m^2)	The light collection area per meter squared.
Lumen	The lumen value. A lumen is a "light watt." Lumens are calculated as the absolute spectral response of the human eye.
Lux	The lux values. The lux value is obtained by calculating the lumen per square meter. Lux is also called a meter candle.
Candela	The luminous intensity of the sample, based on international standards.



### **X-axis Units**

This menu item allows you to select the units for the x-axis on the spectrum graph. Choose from Gigahertz, Microns, Pixels, Raman Shifts, Nanometers, and Wavenumbers. The default value is Wavelength (nm).

### **Set Color Temperature**

Setting the color temperature is useful if you have a lamp and you know what its temperature is. You can use the lamp color temperature that you set here when doing a color measurement (see <u>Color</u> <u>Experiments</u>).

#### ► Procedure

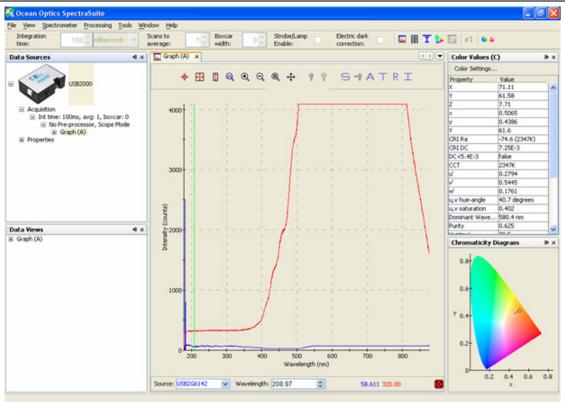
1. Select **Processing** | Select Color Temperature to display the Configure Photometry dialog box.

5	
Color Temperature: 1,9	100 🛟 Kelvin
Accept	Cancel

2. Set the desired color temperature (in Kelvin) and click Accept. The color value that you set here appears in the Color Values pane of the Color Measurement window.



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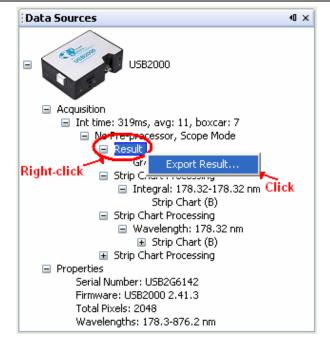
### **Exporting Processed Data**

SpectraSuite provides the capability of saving and exporting processed data to a binary or tab-delimited file. When combined with external triggering, this feature can be used to automatically save full spectra timed to one or more external events.

#### ► Procedure

1. Right-click on **Result** in the tree in the Data Sources pane and select **Export Result**.





The dialog box for exporting data appears.

5	$\mathbf{X}$
Save Options Save every scan Save after every: 100  scans Between saved scans, wait at least: 50  mtext{minute} Save the first available scan every: 50  mtext{minute} Start at the beginning of the next: minute	File Options   File Type:   OOI Binary For   Save to Directory:   Base Filename:   Padding Digits:   5   Preview:
	Accept Cancel

2. Enter the following information:

Field	Selections
Save options:	Saves:
Save every scan	Every scan
Save after every: x scans	After every x scans
	Scans that occur at the interval selected



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Field	Selections				
Between saved scans, wait at least:	The first scan that occurs after the interval selected				
Save the first available scan every	Enter:				
File options:	OOI Binary Format or Tab Delimited				
File Type	The desired directory or browse to the desired directory				
Save to directory	The name of the files				
Base Filename	Enter the number of digits to be used when appending				
Padding Digits	to a file (enter 3 to save hundreds of files, enter 4 to save thousands, etc. up to 15), for example: spectrumfile001 through spectrumfile999 if 3 is selecte				
Preview	For future use				

#### 3. Click Accept to start the export.

Color Save	00000 - Notepad									
jile Edit Form	at Yiew Help									
		luminant	Color Mode	×	Y	Z	X	y 0.3710	Z	CRI RA CRI
SB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4849		0.1441	84.5 (2096K)
SB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4849	0.3710	0.1441	84.5 (2096K)
5B2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4891	0.3739	0.1371	85.9 (2075K)
SB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4891	0.3739	0.1371	85.9 (2075K)
SB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4885	0.3720	0.1396	83.3 (2068K)
SB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4885	0.3720	0.1396	83.3 (2068K)
SB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4859	0.3755	0.1387	84.9 (2119K)
SB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4859	0.3755	0.1387	84.9 (2119K)
ISB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4854	0.3749	0.1397	88.9 (2119K)
ISB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4854	0.3749	0.1397	88.9 (2119K)
ISB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4830	0.3721	0.1449	86.2 (2124K)
ISB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4830	0.3721	0.1449	86.2 (2124K)
ISB2G6142	2-dearee	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4842	0.3703	0.1456	85.6 (2098K
ISB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4842	0.3703	0.1456	85.6 (2098K)
ISB2G6142	2-dearee	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4887	0.3721	0.1392	85.6 (2066K)
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ISB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4864	0.3761	0.1375	85.1 (2118K)
ISB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4864	0.3761	0.1375	85.1 (2118K)
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### **Set Laser Wavelength**

Use this menu item when you are doing Raman spectroscopy. Enter the wavelength of the laser you are using. You must enter a wavelength before you can access the Raman Shifts menu item. See <u>Raman Shifts</u> for more information.

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### **Edit Result Colors**

This function allows you to choose the color in which your data is displayed. The color selected will apply to all graphs in which that data appears, including Absolute Irradiance and Strip Charts.

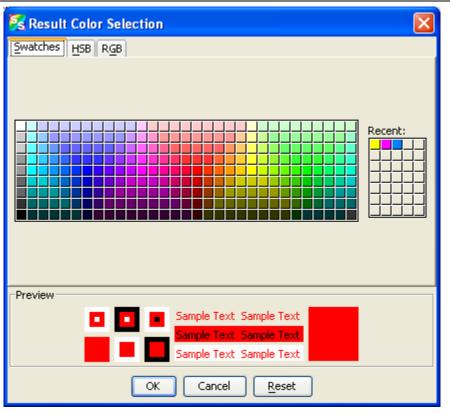
#### ► Procedure

1. Select **Processing** | Edit Result Colors to display the Result Color Editor dialog box.

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2. Highlight the desired source and click **Change Color**. The Result Color Selection dialog box appears.





This dialog box provides three methods of selecting color -- by swatches, HSB (hue, saturation and brightness), or RGB (red, green, blue)..

- 3. Select the tab corresponding to the color selection method you wish to use.
- 4. Select the desired color. The **Recent** graphic lists any colors that you have recently chosen. You can select one of the recent colors instead of creating a new one. Once you have selected a color, the Preview panel displays an example of the color you have chosen.

If the color is what you want, click the **OK** button. If you wish to reselect the original color, click the **Reset** button, then click **OK**.

5. The screen returns to the Result Color Editor dialog box. Click **Close**. The graph now displays in the selected color.

## **Chapter 8**

# **Tools Menu Functions**

### Overview

The tools menu provides the functionality to access the update center, select NetBeans settings for SpectraSuite modules, and to control the SpectraSuite parameters.

### **Options**

Options is a powerful tool that enables you to specify the defaults for SpectraSuite parameters all in one location.

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#### **Default Acquisition Settings**

You can set acquisition settings for your spectrometer(s) to persist through shutdown and restart using **Tools | Options | SpectraSuite Settings | Default Acquisition Parameters**.

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### **Template Manager**

Future enhancement.

## **Module Manager**

The Module Manager displays a list of installed SpectraSuite modules. You can select modules to uninstall and /or update.

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### **Update Center**

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The Update Center contains a link to allow you to connect to Ocean Optic's site to download updated SpectraSuite modules. To download upgrades to SpectraSuite, you must sign up for a yearly subscription (SpectraSuite-U). Bug fixes are provides free to all SpectraSuite customers.

#### ► Procedure

To download SpectraSuite updates,

1. Select Tools | Update Center. The Update Center Wizard appears.



#### 8: Tools Menu Functions

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2. Click Next > to connect to the update center. The second Update Center Wizard screen appears.

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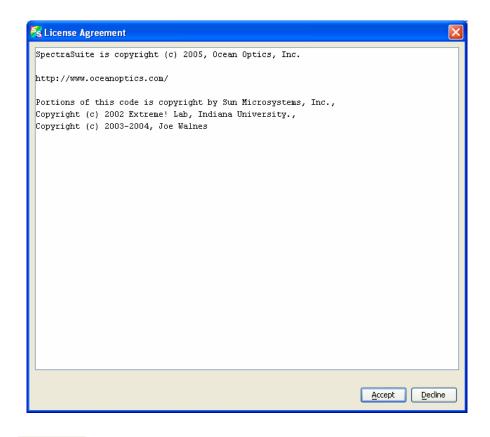
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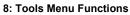
Highlight the desired core files and/or modules to update and click to move the selected files modules to the **Include in Install** pane. When you highlight a module or file, the size and modification date appear in the lower pane.

Applicable version levels appear in the Available Version and Installed Version boxes.

4. Click Next > to display the SpectraSuite license agreement.



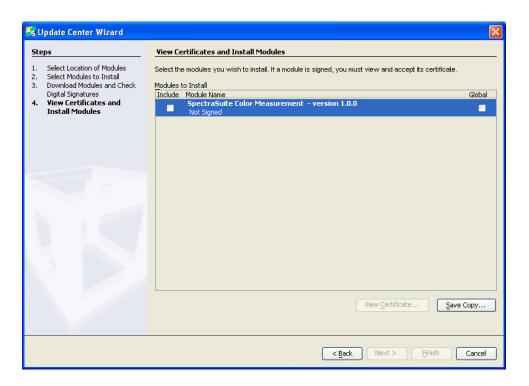
5. Click Accept to accept the license agreement and start the download. The progress of the download appears on the next screen.





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6. Click Next > . The next Update Center Wizard screen appears.





7. Check the boxes next to the files/modules you want to install. If a module is signed, you must first view and accept its certificate. If the module isn't signed, a dialog box appears asking you to

confirm that you want to install an unsigned module. Then click <u>Finish</u> to install the module(s). The Restart the IDE dialog box appears asking you whether you want to restart the IDE now or wait until later. If you choose to restart now, a dialog box appears asking you to confirm that you want to quit the SpectraSuite application. Once the IDE is restarted, the updates become active.



## **Chapter 9**

## **Window Menu Functions**

### Overview

The Windows menu provides functions for manipulating the SpectraSuite graph windows.

### **Close All Documents**

Use this function to immediately close all the SpectraSuite

### **Documents**

Select **Window** | **Documents** to display the Documents dialog box. Use this dialog box to switch the SpectraSuite display to one you select, close selected document(s), or save selected document(s).

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	Save Documents(s)
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	Close

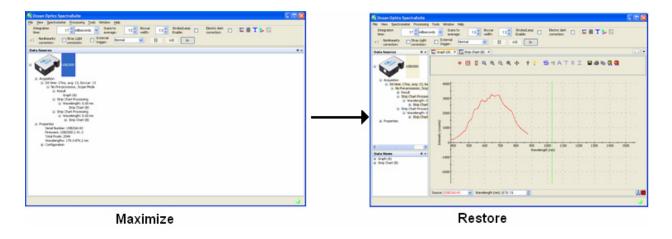


### **Close Window**

Use this selection to close the currently selected graph window.

### **Maximize/Restore Window**

This selection toggles between maximizing the SpectraSuite currently selected SpectraSuite pane to fill the entire SpectraSuite window, and redisplaying (restoring) these panes in the window. See the example of a maximized Data Sources pane below.



## Output

Select **Window** | **Output** to display a list of SpectraSuite status messages in a pane below the SpectraSuite window.



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### Chapter 10

# **Strip Charts**

### **Overview**

SpectraSuite allows you to use Strip Charts to track processes, perform kinetic analyses, and monitor spectral events all as a function of time. The Strip Chart shows you how the value that you selected appears over time. This value can be any of the following:

- One pixel (a single wavelength)
- The average of a range of pixels
- An integral calculated by one of three methods representing the area beneath the graph's trend line

You can acquire this data using any processing mode (transmission, absorbance, etc.).

### **Creating Strip Charts**

#### ► Procedure

- 1. Place SpectraSuite in Scope mode by clicking the Scope ( ) icon in the Experiment mode toolbar or selecting **Processing** | **Processing Mode** | **Scope** from the menu.
- 2. Store a reference spectra and dark spectra.
- 3. Choose the measurement mode (absorbance, transmission, etc.).
- 4. Click the Strip Chart button ( $\square$ )

OR

Select File | New | Strip Chart from the menu.

The Chart Trend Settings dialog box opens with the Update Rate tab shown.



#### 10: Strip Charts

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5. Enter the following data to create your Strip Chart:

Field	Selections	
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Range Selection	Select the type of data for which you want to view the time trend from the following:	
This section varies, depending on the units chosen for the x-axis (see	<ul> <li>One wavelength – For one pixel (used in fluorescence, for example). Select the wavelength.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Average from – For a range of pixels. Select the starting and ending wavelengths.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Integrate over – For the area underneath the trend line. Select the starting and ending wavelengths. Then, select the method for calculating the continuous area underneath the graph curve: Rectangular, Simpson's, or Trapezoid.</li> </ul>	



6. Click the Display Options tab.

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Scale Trend Value	If you would like to adjust your data, enter the appropriate information in this field.

7. Click the Auto-Save tab.



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Clear Trend from Memory After Save:		Accept Cancel

Field	Selections
Auto-Save:	
Enable Trend Auto-Save	Enables the auto-save option
Save to Directory	Enter the directory where you want to save the files
Base Filename	Enter the filename to be used
Padding Digits	Enter the number of digits to be used when appending to
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	thousands, etc. up to 15), for example: spectrumfile001
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Preview	For future use
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	is saved.
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Save	conserve memory usage.

8. Click Accept . The Strip Chart Options dialog box appears. Strip Chart Options lists all of the Strip Charts that you have created, along with the options that you have set for each one. Use this dialog box to add, edit, remove, or clear trends.

#### Note

Highlight the desired trend to make the **Clear**, **Remove Trend**, and **Edit Trend** buttons active.

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#### 10: Strip Charts

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				Close

- 9. Click Close . The strip chart you created appears. Note the time scale along the x-axis. The y-axis in this example shows the percentage transmission for the selected pixel(s).
- 10. To add another trend to this graph, click Add Trend...

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### **Saving Strip Chart Data**

#### Note

See Creating Strip Charts for information on autosaving.

#### ► Procedure

To save strip chart data:

1. From the Strip Chart graph, click 🔲. The Save Trend dialog box appears.

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2. Select the trend to save and enter a file name. Then click

### **Strip Chart Controls**

Use the following controls to adjust the display of your strip chart.

Control	Action
•	Resumes any strip chart trends you have paused.
П	Pauses all strip chart trends.
<del></del>	Restarts any strip chart trends with a fixed length or duration (see Creating Strip Charts).
Clear	Clears all strip chart trends.
$\stackrel{\rightarrow}{\rightarrow}$	Automatically scrolls the strip chart graph to the newest data.

## Appendix A

# **Experiment Tutorials**

### Overview

The following sections contain information on conducting sample experiments using a USB2000 Spectrometer and SpectraSuite.

For information on experiments with Ocean Optics spectrometers other than the USB2000, consult the operating instructions for your particular spectrometer model.

### **Preparing for Experiments**

Verify that you have correctly installed SpectraSuite, installed the spectrometer, and configured the light source and other sampling optics.

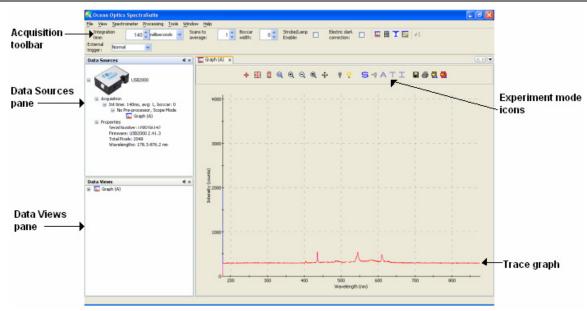
If you followed the previous steps and started SpectraSuite, the spectrometer is already acquiring data in Scope mode. Even with no light in the spectrometer, SpectraSuite should display a dynamic trace in the bottom of the graph window. If you allow light into the spectrometer, the graph trace should rise with increasing light intensity. This indicates that you correctly installed the software and hardware.

Note the spectrometer(s) that you have installed are listed in the Data Sources pane. Information for each spectrometer listed in this pane consists of the following:

- Acquisition parameters that you set via the (integration time, scans-to-average, boxcar smoothing),
- Whether dark and/or reference spectra have been stored, the graph (A, B, C, etc.) associated with this spectrometer that appears in the right pane (important if you have installed more than one spectrometer),
- Spectrometer's properties (serial number, firmware level, number of pixels, and wavelengths).



#### **A: Experiment Tutorials**



Once you install the hardware and software, and establish your sampling system, you are ready to take measurements.

This section details the following types of experiments:

- <u>Absorbance Experiments</u>
- <u>Concentration Experiments</u>
- <u>Transmission Experiments</u>
- <u>Reflection Experiments</u>
- <u>Irradiance Experiments</u>
- <u>Color Experiments</u>

The type of measurement you will take determines the configuration of the sampling optics for your system. Furthermore, your choice of reference and data analysis determines how SpectraSuite presents the results.

#### Note

For each measurement, you must first take a reference and dark spectrum before the

experiment mode icon (A, T, I) on the toolbar becomes active. After you take a reference and a dark spectrum, you can take as many measurement scans as needed. However, if you change any sampling variable (integration time, averaging, smoothing, fiber size, etc.), you must store a new dark and reference spectrum.



#### **Application Tips**

If the signal you collect is saturating the spectrometer (intensity greater than 4000 counts), you can decrease the light level on scale in scope mode by:

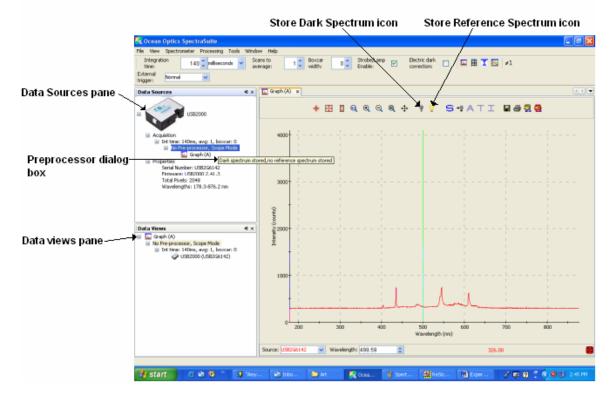
- Decreasing the integration time
- Attenuating the light going into the spectrometer
- Using a smaller diameter fiber
- Using a neutral density filter with the correct optical density

If the signal you collect has too little light, you can increase the light level on scale in scope mode by:

- Increasing the integration time
- Using a larger diameter fiber
- Removing any optical filters

## **Taking Reference and Dark Spectra**

Reference and dark spectra must be stored before collecting experiment data. If you pass the cursor over the **No-preprocessor** line in either the Data Sources or Data Views pane, a dialog box informs you whether reference and/or dark spectra have been stored.



A reference spectrum is taken when the light source is on and the there is no sample present. Click the Store Reference Spectrum icon  $(\ref{eq: Spectrum icon})$  to take a reference spectrum.

A dark spectrum is taken in the absence of light. Block the light path, uncheck the **Strobe/Lamp Enable** option on SpectraSuite's Acquisition toolbar, or turn off the lamp, and then click the Store Dark Spectrum icon (**P**) to take a dark spectrum.

### **Absorbance Experiments**

Absorbance spectra are a measure of how much light a sample absorbs. For most samples, absorbance relates linearly to the concentration of the substance. SpectraSuite calculates absorbance  $(A_{\lambda})$  using the following equation.

$$A_{\lambda} = -\log_{10} \left( \frac{S_{\lambda} - D_{\lambda}}{R_{\lambda} - D_{\lambda}} \right)$$

Where:

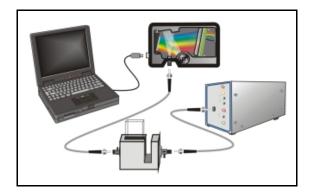
 $S_{\lambda}$  = Sample intensity at wavelength  $\lambda$ 

 $D_{\lambda}$  = Dark intensity at wavelength  $\lambda$ 

 $R_{\lambda}$  = Reference intensity at wavelength  $\lambda$ 



Typical absorbance setup: The light source (far right) sends light via an input fiber into a cuvette in a cuvette holder (bottom center). The light interacts with the sample. The output fiber carries light from the sample to the spectrometer (top center) connected to the computer (far left).



Absorbance is also proportional to the concentration of the substance interacting with the light (this is known as Beer's Law). Common absorption applications include the quantification of chemical concentrations in aqueous or gaseous samples.

#### ► Procedure

Follow the steps below to take an absorbance measurement using SpectraSuite:

- 1. Place SpectraSuite in Scope mode by clicking the Scope (S) icon in the Experiment mode toolbar or selecting **Processing | Processing Mode | Scope** from the menu.
- 2. Ensure that the entire signal is on scale. The intensity of the reference signal's peak differs depending on the device being used. If necessary, adjust the integration time until the intensity is appropriate for your device.
- 3. Select File | New | Absorbance Measurement from the menu or click A to start the Absorbance Measurement Wizard.



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🧏 Absorbance Measurement		
Steps 1. Data Source 2. Acquisition Parameters 3. Reference Spectrum	wizard (1 of 4)	
4. Dark Spectrum	Source       Type       Details         158256142       U582000       178.32-876.19mm       Image: Comparison of the table above.         Select one spectral source from the table above.	
< <u>Back</u> Next > Einish Cancel Help		

4. Select the source of your absorbance measurement and click Next >. The second page of the wizard appears.

🏂 Absorbance Measurement		X
Steps	Set Acquisition Parameters wizard (2 of 4)	
Data Source     Acquisition Parameters     Reference Spectrum     Dark Spectrum	Integration Time Integration time: \$100 \$\$\$ milliseconds \$\$	Smoothing Scans to average: 1 🗘
	Strobe/Lamp Enable:	Boxcar width:
	Last peak value: 3210.0 Recommended peak value: 3480 Set Automatically	Preview 4000
B	Advanced Settings Turn on the light source and set the integration time so that the peak value reaches the recommended level.	3000 9 2000 1000 200 400 600 800 Wavelength (nm)
< Back Next > Finish Cancel Help		



Turn on your light source and set your acquisition parameters so that the peak value reaches the recommended level. Then click Next >. The third page of the wizard appears.

🏂 Absorbance Measurement	
Steps         1. Data Source         2. Acquisition Parameters         3. Reference Spectrum         4. Dark Spectrum	wizard (3 of 4)Store Reference Spectr Strobe/Lamp Enable:Reference Spectrum PreviewImage: Image: Imag
	< <u>Back</u> Next > <u>Finish</u> Cancel <u>H</u> elp

6. If you have not already done so, place a sample of the solvent into a cuvette to take a reference spectrum. You must take a reference spectrum before measuring absorbance.

#### Note

Do not put the sample itself in the path when taking a reference spectrum, only the solvent.

7. Click the Store Reference Spectrum  $(\checkmark)$  icon on the screen. This command merely stores a

reference spectrum in memory. You must click the Save Spectra ( ) icon on the toolbar or select **File** | **Save** | **Save Spectra Collection** from the menu bar to permanently save the reference spectrum to disk.

Then click Next > . The fourth page of the wizard appears.



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🧏 Absorbance Measurement	
Steps         1. Data Source         2. Acquisition Parameters         3. Reference Spectrum         4. Dark Spectrum	Dark Spectrum wizard (4 of 4)         Store Dark Spectrum         Strobe/Lamp         Enable:         Image: Ima
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Block the light path to the spectrometer, uncheck the Strobe/Lamp Enable box, or turn the light source off. Then, take a dark spectrum by clicking . You must take a dark spectrum before measuring absorbance.

This command merely stores a dark spectrum in memory. You must click the Save Spectra ( icon on the toolbar or select **File** | **Save** | **Save Spectra Collection** from the menu bar to permanently save the spectrum to disk.

#### Note

If possible, do not turn off the light source when taking a dark spectrum. If you must turn off your light source to store a dark spectrum, allow enough time for the lamp to warm up again before continuing your experiment. After the lamp warms up again, store a new reference.

9. Put the sample in place and ensure that the light path is clear. Then, click

If you have already taken one or more absorbance measurements, a dialog box appears asking you to specify whether to display the new data in a new graph, or on the existing graph.



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Please choose v	vhere new graph will be	displayed.	
🔿 Show data	in new tab		
💿 Show data	in existing tab		
Tab	X-Axis	Y-A×is	
Graph (B)	Wavelength	Absorbance	
		Accept Cancel	

Note the following changes on the screen:

- The experiment mode listed in the Data Sources and Data Views panes changes to **Absorbance Mode**.
- The units listed on the Graph pane changes to Absorbance (OD).

10. To permanently save the spectrum to disk, click the Save Spectra ( $\square$ ) icon on the toolbar.

#### Note

If you change any sampling variable (integration time, averaging, smoothing, fiber size, etc.), you must store a new dark and reference spectrum.

## **Concentration Experiments**

To discover the unknown concentration of a substance in a solution, you must first take spectral scans of a series of solutions with different known concentrations of the same substance. You begin this process by taking an absorbance spectrum of the solution with the highest known concentration.

While going through the wizard, when asked to store a reference spectrum, put a cuvette full of your solvent in the spectrometer's cuvette holder.

There are three methods you can use to calculate the concentration of a sample:

- Using Beer's Law (see <u>Calculating Concentration Using Beer's Law</u>)
- Calibrating from a solution of known concentration (see <u>Calibrating from Solutions of Known</u> <u>Concentration</u>)
- Loading a previously stored calibration from a file (see *Loading Calibration from an Existing <u>File</u>)*



The Concentration Measurement Setup Wizard allows you to choose one of these three methods.

Before measuring concentration, you must first take an absorbance measurement (see <u>Absorbance</u> <u>Experiments</u> for instructions).

#### ► Procedure

1. Select File | New | Concentration Experiment from the menu to open the Concentration Measurement Setup Wizard.

🔀 Concentration Measurement Setup 🛛 🔀		
B	wizard (Concentration Measurement Setup Wizard)         Select basis for concentration calculation: <ul> <li>Beer-Lambert Lawi</li> <li>Calibrate from solutions of known concentration</li> <li>Load calibration from file</li> </ul>	
	< Back Next > Finish Cancel Help	

2. Select the basis for the concentration calculation.

#### **Calculating Concentration Using Beer's Law**

 Select Beer-Lambert Law to specify the molar extinction constant ε and a wavelength. Then, Click Next >

The following window appears:



🏂 Concentration Measurement Setup 🛛 🔀			
	wizard (Concentration Measur	ement Setup V	Wizard)
	Molar Extinction ε:	594	1/c * 1/cm
	Path length {:	1	cm
	Wavelength:	400	nm
	Compound Name:	Sample 1	]
6	Concentration Units:	mol	
	< <u>B</u> ack Next >	Einish	Cancel Help

Fill in the fields according to the constants appropriate for your sample. The Compound Name and Concentration Units can be set to anything, and are simply provided for reference. Click
 Finish
 when done.

#### **Calibrating from Solutions of Known Concentration**

- a. Insert a sample for which the concentration is known into the spectrometer.
- b. Select Calibrate from solutions of known concentration, insert samples into the spectrometer for which you know the concentration and use that as a basis for computing the concentration of the unknowns. Then, click Next >. The following window appears:



Sconcentration Measurement	ietup	×
в	wizard (Concentration Measurement Setup Wizard)         Wavelength Selection         One wavelength:       610.03         One wavelength:       610.03         Average from       400.12         to       188.80         Integrate over       400.12         to       188.80         Method:       Rectangular	
	< <u>Back</u> Next > Einish Cancel Help	

c. Choose a single wavelength where the absorbance of your compound is greatest. You can also choose an average or integral over a range of wavelengths, which may provide a more robust calibration, since it is not as reliant on the behavior of the compound at one wavelength. Then click Next >. The following window appears:



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	Calibration Data  Calibration Data  # Concentration Absorbance Residual Notes
	Concentration: Absorbance: Use Last Scan Notes: Add Sample Compound Name: Remove Sample
	Concentration Units: Save Calibration
8	Regression Plot (0) 0) 0) 0) 0) 0) 0) 0) 0) 0)
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- d. If desired, enter the name and concentration units for their compound in the indicated fields (this step is optional).
- e. To generate a calibration, enter a known concentration in the **Concentration** field, and either manually enter the corresponding **Absorbance** or place the corresponding cuvette into the cuvette holder and click **Use Last Scan** to measure the absorbance directly. Use **Notes** to enter any comments.
- f. Click **Add Sample** to log the concentration vs. absorbance point. It will appear on the Regression plot in the bottom of the window, and in the table at the top.
- g. After entering a few points, a regression line will be computed through the concentration points. This indicates that sufficient points have been sampled for concentrations to be estimated from unknowns.



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	wizard (Concentration Measurement Setup Wizard)	_
	Calibration Data	1
	# Concentration Absorbance Residual Notes	
	1 20.0 0.221923 -4.2633E-14	
	2 7.0 0.0681418 -6.6613E-14	
	3 2.5 0.014653 -6.2172E-14	
	Concentration: Absorbance: Use Last Scan	
	Notes: Add Sample	
	Compound Name: Indigo Carmine Remove Sample Concentration Units: Ug/mL Save Calibration	
	Regression Plot	7
B	Order: 2 Zero Intercept: Samples: 3 R^2: 1.0000E0 Order Coefficient 0 1.2692E0 1 (¢) 8.3968E1 2 1.9585E0	
	< Back Next > Finish Cancel Help	

- 5. Enter options for how the regression is computed in the lower-right corner of the window:
  - Order Set the regression order to 1 (straight line fit) or 2 (second order polynomial fit).
  - Zero Intercept You can force the regression line to pass through the origin (that is, zero concentration and absorbance) by checking this box.

For a first order fit, at least two data points are necessary. For a second order fit, three points are necessary. If **Zero Intercept** is selected, then only one point is required for a first order fit and two points for a second order fit.

In general, more data points result in a better estimation of the concentration of an unknown. It is recommended that as many calibration points be sampled in this way as is practical. Also, allow your reference lamp to stabilize before attempting a calibration with many points, as any drift in the lamp's emission will introduce error into these samples.

The quality of the regression is shown in the lower right as an  $\mathbb{R}^2$  value, where 1.0 is a perfect fit (lower numbers indicate a poorer fit). The residual value for each point is also shown in the table at the top of the window; this indicates the difference between the known concentration for a sampled absorbance and the estimated concentration using the regression. In the ideal case, this value will approach zero. Note that very small values (on the order of 10-12 or smaller) are normal even for a good fit; this is due to a rounding error and should have no discernable effect on solution quality.



6. At any time, you can select a sample from the table at the top of the window and click **Remove** Sample to discard the point. Once enough points exist to compute a regression, the

Save Calibration... will be enabled to allow the current set of samples to be saved to disk for later retrieval.

7. Click when you have entered enough points to generate a regression line.

#### Loading Calibration from an Existing File

a. Select **Load calibration from file** to recall a calibration from known solutions that was performed previously. The following window appears (the example below is in Windows XP format):

🔀 Concentration Measurement	Setup	
	wizard (Concenti	tration Measurement Setup Wizard)
	Look in:	👝 temp 🔮 📁 📰 🔚
	My Recent Documents	IndigoCarmine.concentration
	Desktop	
	My Documents	
	My Computer	
6	My Network Places	File name: indigoCarmine.concentration
0		Files of type:       Concentration calibration files         Compound:       Indigo Carmine         Concentration Units:       ug/mL
		< Back Next > Finish Cancel Help

- b. Select a file that was previously saved with Save Calibration... in the Calibrating from Solutions of Known Concentration wizard (see <u>Calibrating from Solutions of Known</u> <u>Concentration</u>, Step h.). When an appropriate file is selected, the name of the compound and concentration units appear near the bottom of the window.
- c. Click Next > . The resulting window is the same as if you had just entered those values from a known concentration:



Sconcentration Measurement S	etup	×
	wizard (Concentration Measurement Setup Wizard)	
	Calibration Data	
	# Concentration         Absorbance         Residual         Notes           1         20.0         0.221923         -4.2633E-14           2         7.0         0.0681418         -6.6613E-14	
	3 2.5 0.014653 -6.2172E-14	
	Concentration: Absorbance: Use Last Scan	
	Notes: Add Sample	
	Compound Name: ndigo Carmine Remove Sample	
	Concentration Units: ug/mL Save Calibration	
	Regression Plot	
	O     0.20       O     Zero Intercept:       Samples:     3       R^2:     1.0000E0       Order     Coefficient	
N	0 1.2692E0 0.00 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 1 (ε) 8.3968E1	
U	Concentration	
	< <u>Back</u> Next > <u>Finish</u> Cancel <u>Help</u>	

When the concentration of the sample has been calculated using one of the three available methods, click Finish. The Concentration window appears:



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	Indigo Carmine Concentration:	
	6.6914E0 ug/mL	
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	Measurement Setup	
	) X	8

By default, the window will not update on its own. Perform a single scan by clicking
 Single Update (for instance, after inserting each cuvette of unknown concentration). Click
 Continuous Update if you want the values to update as quickly as possible.

Note the following on this window:

- The name of the compound and the units you provided are shown.
- The numeric value for the concentration appears in black if the calculation was within the bounds of the measurement setup. If you calculated the concentration using the Beer-Lambert law, the concentration appears in black for any positive measured absorbance. If you calculated the concentration using known samples, the concentration will appear in black only if the measured absorbance is within the range of absorbance sampled by the user. If a sample is introduced that falls outside of this range, the concentration will appear in red to indicate that it is out-of-bounds and may not be accurate, as shown in the following example:



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File View Spectrometer Processing Tools	<u>W</u> indow <u>H</u> elp
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<ul> <li>HR2000</li> <li>Data Views <ul> <li>I ×</li> <li>Graph (B)</li> <li>Graph (C)</li> </ul> </li></ul>	Indigo Carmine Concentration: 4.6216E-1 Ug/mL Single Update Continuous Update
	Measurement Setup
At any time, you can cli	ck Measurement Setup to reopen the setup wizard and change the

parameters for the concentration measurement.

## **Transmission Experiments**

Transmission is the percentage of energy passing through a sample relative to the amount that passes through the reference. Transmission mode can also display the portion of light *reflected* from a sample, since transmission and reflection measurements use the same mathematical calculations. We express transmission as a percentage ( $^{\%}T_{\lambda}$ ) relative to a standard substance (such as air). SpectraSuite calculates  $^{\%}T_{\lambda}$  (or  $^{\%}R_{\lambda}$ ) with the following equation.

$$\% T_{\lambda} = \frac{S_{\lambda} - D_{\lambda}}{R_{\lambda} - D_{\lambda}} x \ 100\%$$

Where:

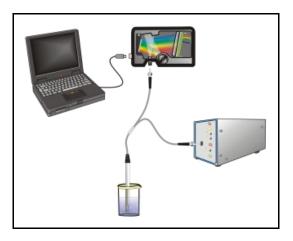
 $S_{\lambda}$  = Sample intensity at wavelength  $\lambda$ 

 $D_{\lambda}$  = Dark intensity at wavelength  $\lambda$ 

 $R_{\lambda}$  = Reference intensity at wavelength  $\lambda$ 



Typical transmission setup: The light source (far right) sends light via the input leg of a transmission probe into a container (bottom center). The light interacts with the sample. The output leg of the transmission probe carries the information to the spectrometer (top center), which transmits the information to the computer (far left).



Common transmission applications include measuring light through solutions, optical filters, optical coatings, and other optical elements (such as lenses and fibers).

#### ► Procedure

Perform the following steps to take a transmission measurement using SpectraSuite:

- 1. Place SpectraSuite in Scope mode by clicking the Scope ( ) icon in the Experiment mode toolbar or selecting **Processing** | **Processing Mode** | **Scope** from the menu.
- 2. Ensure that the entire signal is on scale. The intensity of the reference signal's peak differs depending on the device being used. If necessary, adjust the integration time until the intensity is appropriate for your device.
- 3. If you have not already done so, place a sample of the solvent into a cuvette and take a reference spectrum. You must take a reference spectrum before measuring transmission.



#### Note

Do not put the sample itself in the path when taking a reference spectrum, only the solvent.

Click the Store Reference Spectrum (<sup>1</sup>) icon on the toolbar or by select **File** | **Store** | **Store Reference Spectrum** from the menu bar to store the reference. This command merely stores a

reference spectrum in memory. You must click the Save Spectra (<sup>1</sup>) icon on the toolbar to permanently save the reference spectrum to disk.

4. If you have not already done so, store a dark spectrum reading. To do this, either block the light path to the spectrometer, uncheck the **Strobe/Lamp Enable** box in the Acquisition toolbar, or

turn the light source off. Then, take a dark spectrum by clicking the Store Dark Spectrum (**V**) icon on the toolbar or by selecting **File** | **Store** | **Store Dark Spectrum** from the menu bar. This

command merely stores a dark spectrum in memory. You must click the Save Spectra ( $\square$ ) icon on the toolbar or select **File** | **Save** | **Save Spectra Collection** from the menu bar to permanently save the spectrum to disk.

#### Note

If possible, do not turn off the light source when taking a dark spectrum. If you must turn off your light source to store a dark spectrum, allow enough time for the lamp to warm up again before continuing your experiment.

You must take a dark spectrum before measuring transmission.

- 5. Put the sample in place and ensure that the light path is clear. Then, take a transmission measurement by clicking on the Transmission (T) icon on the toolbar or selecting Processing | Processing Mode | Transmission from the menu. Note the following changes on the screen:
- The experiment mode listed in the Data Sources and Data Views panes changes to **Transmission Mode**.
- The units listed on the Graph pane changes to **Transmission (%)**.
- 6. To permanently save the spectrum to disk, click the Save Spectra (🖬) icon on the toolbar or select File | Save | Save Spectra Collection from the menu bar.



Note

If you change any sampling variable (integration time, averaging, smoothing, fiber size, etc.), you must store a new dark and reference spectrum.

## **Reflection Experiments**

Reflection is the return of radiation by a surface, without a change in wavelength. Reflection can be:

- Specular (the angle of incidence is equal to the angle of reflection)
- Diffuse (the angle of incidence is not equal to the angle of reflection)

Every surface returns both specular and diffuse reflections. Some surfaces may return mostly specular reflection, while others may return mostly diffuse reflection. Specular reflection increases proportionately with the amount of gloss on a surface.

Reflection is expressed as a percentage (% $R_{\lambda}$ ) relative to the reflection from a standard reference substance:

$$\% R_{\lambda} = \frac{S_{\lambda} - D_{\lambda}}{R_{\lambda} - D_{\lambda}} x \ 100\%$$

Where:

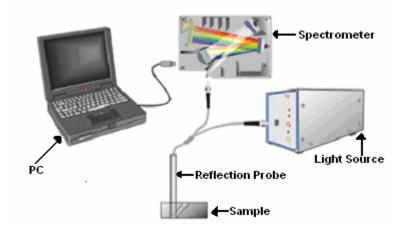
 $S_{\lambda}$  = the sample intensity at wavelength  $\lambda$ 

 $D_{\lambda}$  = the dark intensity at wavelength  $\lambda$ 

 $R_{\lambda}$  = the reference intensity at wavelength  $\lambda$ 

The following figure shows a typical reflection setup. A light source sends light via the input leg of a reflection probe onto a sample. A reflection probe holder holds the probe in either a 90 or 45-degree angle from the surface. The output leg of the reflection probe carries light from the sample to the spectrometer, which is connected to the computer.





#### **Typical Reflection Setup**

Common reflection applications include measuring the properties of mirrors and coatings. Other applications include measuring the visual properties of the color in paints, plastics, and food products.

#### ► Procedure

Perform the following steps to take reflection measurements using SpectraSuite:

- 1. Place SpectraSuite in Scope mode by clicking the Scope () icon in the Experiment mode toolbar or selecting **Processing** | **Processing Mode** | **Scope** from the menu.
- 2. Ensure that the entire signal is on scale.
- 3. Take a reference spectrum with the WS-1 Diffuse Reflectance Standard or the STAN-SSH Highreflectivity Reference Standard. You must take a reference spectrum before measuring reflection.
- 4. Click the Store Reference Spectrum (<sup>1</sup>) icon on the toolbar or by select **File** | **Store** | **Store** Reference Spectrum from the menu bar to store the reference. This command merely stores a

reference spectrum in memory. You must click the Save Spectra ( ) icon on the toolbar to permanently save the reference spectrum to disk.

5. Either block the light path to the spectrometer, uncheck the **Strobe/Lamp Enable** box in the Acquisition toolbar, or turn the light source off. Then, take a dark spectrum by clicking the Store

Dark Spectrum ()) icon on the toolbar or by selecting File | Store | Store Dark Spectrum from the menu bar. This command merely stores a dark spectrum in memory. You must click the Save

Spectra (<sup>1</sup>) icon on the toolbar or select **File** | **Save** | **Save Spectra Collection** from the menu bar to permanently save the spectrum to disk.



#### Note

If possible, do not turn off the light source when taking a dark spectrum. If you must turn off your light source to store a dark spectrum, allow enough time for the lamp to warm up again before continuing your experiment.

You must take a dark spectrum before measuring reflection.

- 6. Put the sample in place and ensure that the light path is clear. Then, take a reflection measurement by clicking on the Transmission (T) icon on the toolbar or selecting Processing | Processing Mode | Transmission from the menu (since the mathematical calculations used to calculate transmission and reflection are identical).
- If you received calibration file with your reference standard, click the Non-unity Correction icon (<sup>≠1</sup>) on the toolbar. The Select Reference File screen appears.

Select Reference File	
File Name: Browse	eview
File Type: OOI Ascii Format	1
Reference Information	
	Wavelength (nm)
	Apply Close

8. Browse to the location where you stored your reflectivity standard files. Then click the **Apply** button.

The reference information appears on the Select Reference File screen.



Select Reference File	
File Name:       al STAN-SSH.Standard       Browse         File Type:       OOI Ascii Format       Image: Constraint of the second	Preview 9 0.5 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0

- 9. Click Apply to apply the file data to your graph on the main SpectraSuite screen.
- 10. To permanently save the spectrum to disk, click the Save Spectra (📕) icon on the toolbar or select File | Save | Save Spectra Collection from the menu bar.

#### Note

If you change any sampling variable (integration time, averaging, smoothing, angle, temperature, fiber size, etc.), you must store a new dark and reference spectrum.

## **Irradiance Experiments**

Irradiance is the amount of energy at each wavelength emitted from a radiant sample. Absolute irradiance is the measure of light in absolute terms. Relative irradiance is a comparison of the fraction of energy the sample emits and the energy the sampling system collects from a lamp with a blackbody energy distribution (normalized to 1 at the energy maximum). SpectraSuite calculates relative irradiance with the following equation:

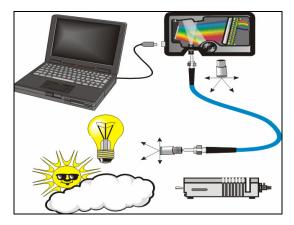
$$I_{\lambda} = B_{\lambda} \left( \frac{S_{\lambda} - D_{\lambda}}{R_{\lambda} - D_{\lambda}} \right)$$



Where:

- $B_{\lambda}$  = Relative energy of the reference (calculated from the color temperature) at wavelength  $\lambda$
- $S_{\lambda}$  = Sample intensity at wavelength  $\lambda$
- $D_{\lambda}$  = Dark intensity at wavelength  $\lambda$
- $R_{\lambda}$  = Reference intensity at wavelength  $\lambda$

Typical relative irradiance setup: Use a light source with a known color temperature (such as the LS-1 or LS-1-LL (lower right) to take a reference spectrum. The light to measure (lower left) accumulates through a CC-3 Cosine Corrector (or FOIS integrating sphere) into an input fiber, which carries the light information to the spectrometer. The spectrometer then transmits the information to the computer, which compares the measured spectra against the reference spectrum, thus removing wavelength-dependent instrument response from the measurement.



Common applications include characterizing the light output of LEDs, incandescent lamps, and other radiant energy sources such as sunlight. Relative irradiance measurements also include fluorescence measurements, which measure the energy given off by materials excited by light at shorter wavelengths.

## **Absolute Irradiance**

Although you have the option to do so, you do not need to store reference spectrum first since absolute irradiance is not relative to another measurement. However, you must store a dark spectrum and have a calibration file before you can measure absolute irradiance. Calibration equipment is available from Ocean Optics. Contact an Ocean Optics Application Scientist for more information.

If you select **File** | **New** | **Absolute Irradiance Measurement** or click I on the Irradiance toolbar, the Absolute Irradiance Wizard is activated to guide you through the process. If you select **File** | **New** | **Absolute Irradiance Graph**, the Absolute Irradiance graph in Scope mode appears, and you must work through the various steps required for an Absolute Irradiance measurement on your own.

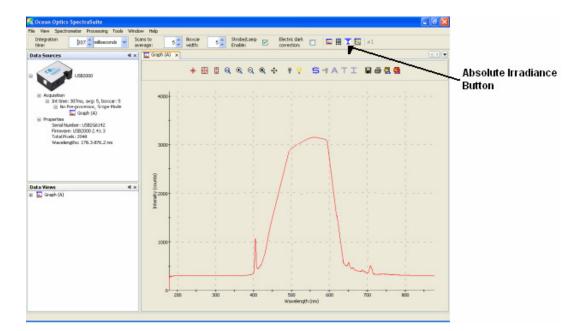
The following procedure assumes that you are using the Absolute Irradiance Wizard.



#### ► Procedure

Perform the following steps to take an absolute irradiance measurement using SpectraSuite:

1. Select File | New | Absolute Irradiance Measurement from the menu or click Irradiance toolbar to use the wizard to create the Absolute Irradiance graph.



The first page of the Absolute Irradiance Setup Wizard appears.



Select to measure absolute irradiance from either a new or existing acquisition. Then, click
 Next >
 The second page of the Absolute Irradiance Setup Wizard appears.

3. If you have more than one spectrometer, highlight the one to be used. Then, click The third page of the Absolute Irradiance Setup Wizard appears.





- 8. Choose one of the following:
  - Get Irradiance Calibration from File
  - New Calibration

#### **Get Irradiance Calibration from File**

a. After selecting **Get Irradiance Calibration from File**, browse to the desired calibration file.

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b. Select the file and click Next >

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c. If you are using an integrating sphere, you can check the **Use Integrating Sphere** option and change the collection area . If you know the fiber diameter, you can enter it here and allow SpectraSuite to calculate the collection area. Or, if you know the collection area,

you can enter that figure directly. Then click Next > . The Set Acquisition Parameters screen appears.



d. Set your acquisition parameters for your experiment so that the dark spectrum will have similar parameters. Then, click Next > . The Dark Spectrum screen appears.

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e. Block the light path or uncheck the Strobe/Lamp Enable box, then click **f** to take a dark spectrum. The graph appears on the right side of the screen. Click **f**.



#### New Calibration

a. After selecting New Calibration, the Set Acquisition Parameters screen appears.

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Ø	Turn on the light source and set the integration time so that the peak value reaches the recommended level.	9 2000 1000 200 400 600 800 Wavelength (nm)

b. Set your acquisition parameters for your experiment. Then, click Next > . The Store Reference screen appears.

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c. Turn on your light source, then click 💡 to store a reference spectrum. The Dark Spectrum screen appears.

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d. Block the light path or uncheck the Strobe/Lamp Enable box, then click violation to take a dark spectrum. The graph appears on the right side of the screen. Click Next > . The Lamp File wizard screen appears.



e. Enter the name of the lamp file or browse to the desired file to use. The final screen of the calibration wizard appears. Note in the **Spectrometer Calibration Preview** that the lamp file curve (in yellow) is overlayed on the spectrometer's curve (red). Once you apply this calibration, the curves should be exactly the same.

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f. Click Finish . The Absolute Irradiance Calibration dialog box reappears. Click Apply to apply this calibration to the spectrometer.

## **Relative Irradiance**

Relative irradiance is a measurement of light relative to the known color temperature of a blackbody light source. Common applications include characterizing the light output of LEDs, incandescent lamps, and other radiant energy sources such as sunlight. Relative irradiance measurements also include fluorescence measurements, which measure the energy given off by materials excited by light at shorter wavelengths. You must have stored dark and reference spectra before measuring relative irradiance.

#### ► Procedure

- 1. Place SpectraSuite in Scope mode by clicking the Scope (S) icon in the Experiment mode toolbar or selecting **Processing | Processing Mode | Scope** from the menu.
- 2. Ensure that the entire signal is on scale. The intensity of the reference signal's peak differs depending on the device being used. If necessary, adjust the integration time until the intensity is appropriate for your device.





- 3. Take a reference spectrum using a light source with a black body of a known color temperature, such as the LS-1.
- 4. Click the Store Reference Spectrum (<sup>1</sup>) icon on the toolbar or by select **File** | **Store** | **Store** Reference Spectrum from the menu bar to store the reference. This command merely stores a

reference spectrum in memory. You must click the Save Spectra ( ) icon on the toolbar or select **File** | **Save** | **Save Spectra Collection** from the menu bar to permanently save the reference spectrum to disk.

5. If you have not already done so, store a dark spectrum reading. To do this, either block the light path to the spectrometer, uncheck the **Strobe/Lamp Enable** box in the Acquisition toolbar, or

turn the light source off. Then, take a dark spectrum by clicking the Store Dark Spectrum (<sup>1</sup>) icon on the toolbar or by selecting **File** | **Store** | **Store Dark Spectrum** from the menu <u>bar</u>. This

command merely stores a dark spectrum in memory. You must click the Save Spectra () icon on the toolbar.

#### Note

If possible, do not turn off the light source when taking a dark spectrum. If you must turn off your light source to store a dark spectrum, allow enough time for the lamp to warm up again before continuing your experiment.

You must take a dark spectrum before measuring relative irradiance.

6. Position the fiber at the light source you want to measure. Then, click **I**. The Relative Irradiance graph appears.

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## **Color Experiments**

With SpectraSuite, you can obtain photopic data (in either lumens or lux per unit area) based on a CIE standard visibility curve. You can also control the parameters for all system and display functions, such as data acquisition, graph display, and cursor configuration. In addition, you can create a spreadsheet display of lamp output intensity by wavelength, providing an easy way to chart and analyze acquired data. SpectraSuite will compute all color measurements except RGB.

#### ► Procedure

To collect color data,

1. From the main graph, click the Chromaticity icon **>** on the Processing toolbar

OR

Select File | New | Color Measurement.

The New Color Measurement dialog box appears.

😼 New Color Measurement		
Select data source for color measurement:		
New percent reflection processing		
New absolute irradiance processing		
New relative irradiance processing		
Existing processing:		
Spectrometers Spectrum Type     USB2G6142 Processed		
Accept Cancel		

2. Select the data source for the color measurement and click Accept. The first Color Measurement Setup wizard screen appears.



🔀 Color Measurement Setup				×
Steps         1. Data Source         2. Acquisition Parameters         3. Reference Spectrum         4. Dark Spectrum	wizard (1 of 4)			
	Source USB2G6142 Select one spectr	Type USB2000	Details 178.32-876.19nm table above.	Preview
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3. Highlight the desired spectral source to select it. Then click Next > . The second Color Measurement Setup wizard screen appears.

Steps  Acquisition Parameters Reference Spectrum Dark Spectrum	wizard (2 of 4)         Integration Time         Integration         Integration         time:         Strobe/Lamp         Enable:         Last peak value:         3363.8         Recommended peak value:         Set Automatically         Advanced Settings         Turn on the light source and set the integration time	Smoothing Scans to average: 5 Boxcar width: 11 Preview 4000 3000 3000 3000
	so that the peak value reaches the recommended level. < <u>B</u> ack Next >	Finish Cancel Help

4. Turn on your light source. Adjust the **Integration time**, **Scans to average**, and **Boxcar width** so that the **Last peak value** is within the proper range (near the **Recommended peak value**). When

this happens, the **Last peak value** reading changes from pink to black. Then, click Next > The third Color Measurement Setup wizard screen appears.

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🏂 Color Measurement Setup	
Steps <ol> <li>Data Source</li> <li>Acquisition Parameters</li> <li>Reference Spectrum</li> <li>Dark Spectrum</li> </ol>	vizard (3 of 4)Store Reference Spectr Enable: 
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If you are performing an absolute irradiance calibration, go on to Step 6. Otherwise, continue with Step 5.

5. If you have not done so already, check the **Strobe/Lamp Enable** box or physically turn on the lamp. Once the lamp has warmed up, click 😧 to store a reference spectrum. The graph appears

in Reference Spectrum Preview.

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🏂 Color Measurement Setup	
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6. Click Next > . The fourth Color Measurement Setup wizard screen appears.



🏂 Color Measurement Setup	
Steps         1. Data Source         2. Acquisition Parameters         3. Reference Spectrum         4. Dark Spectrum	wizard (4 of 4)Store Dark Spectrum Enable: 
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Block the light or uncheck Strobe/Lamp Enable. Then click for to store a dark reference spectrum. The graph appears in Dark Spectrum Preview.



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8. Click <u>Finish</u>. The following screen appears.

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Mode Emissive Reflective Observer: 2-degree	Details Graph Show details for: Observer 💌 Description: 2 degree (photopic, daylight) observer
Illuminant: A 🛛 💙	Reference: CIE 15.2 - 1986
Load Illuminant	Creator: Ocean Optics, Inc.
	Date: Thu Oct 13 17:43:38 EDT 2005
	Provided by Ocean Optics, Inc.
	Accept Cancel



The fields on this screen are described in the following table.

Field	Description	
Mode	Either Emissive or Reflective mode is selected, depending on the type of color measurement selected in Step 1. You can change it here:	
	<ul> <li>Reflective – Color measurement of a surface for a selectable CIE-defined illuminant.</li> </ul>	
	• <b>Emissive</b> - Measurement of the light emitted from an LED or a lamp (emission source).	
Observer	Specify the observer (viewing angle) using the drop-down list:	
	• 2° (CIE 1931) – photopic (daylight)	
	• 10° (CIE 1964) – scotopic (dark-adjusted)	
Illuminant	If you chose Reflective measurement under <b>Mode</b> , select the desired Illuminant from the drop-down list. This illuminant is theoretical and CIE-defined; it has nothing to do with the actual lamp used in the measurement.	
Load Illuminant	For future use.	

9. Your selections are reflected on the right side of the screen. Select to view either illuminant or observer details in the **Show details for** field. An example screen with details for the observer is shown below:

5	×
Mode Emissive Reflective Observer: 2-degree	Details Graph Show details for: Observer 💌 Description: 2 degree (photopic, daylight) observer
Illuminant: A 🛛 💙	Reference: CIE 15.2 - 1986
Load Illuminant	Creator: Ocean Optics, Inc.
	Date: Thu Oct 13 17:43:38 EDT 2005
	Provided by Ocean Optics, Inc.
	Accept Cancel



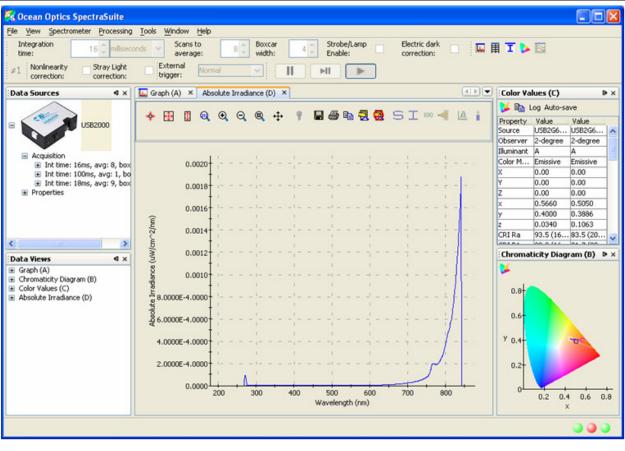
10. Select the Graph tab to view a graph reflecting the selections you have chosen. An example graph of the illuminant is shown below:

Mode Emissive Reflective Observer: 2-degree Illuminant: A Load Illuminant	Details Graph Show graph of: Illuminant

11. Click Accept

. Your color data appears on the main SpectraSuite screen as shown below:





#### Tip

To close all three color views (**Graph**, **Color Values**, and **Chromaticity Diagram**) at once, highlight the color acquisition in the **Data Sources** pane, right-click and select **Terminate**.

### **Color Measurement Screen Controls**

Once you have captured your color data on the Color Measurement screen shown above, you can use the following controls in the Color Values section of the screen:

Control	Action
	Edit Color settings. Use this control to edit the color settings in your graph. See <u>Edit Color Settings</u> for more information.
	Copy Spectral Data to Clipboard.
Log	Opens a browser for you to select a log file you have created.



Control	Action
Auto-save	Saves your color data to a file. See below for an example saved in Notepad. See <u>Exporting Processed Data</u> for more information

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SB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4849	0.3710	0.1441	84.5 (2096K)
5B2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4849	0.3710	0.1441	84.5 (2096K)
5B2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4891	0.3739	0.1371	85.9 (2075K)
5B2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4891	0.3739	0.1371	85.9 (2075K
5B2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4885	0.3720	0.1396	83.3 (2068K
SB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4885	0.3720	0.1396	83.3 (2068K
5B2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4859	0.3755	0.1387	84.9 (2119K
SB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4859	0.3755	0.1387	84.9 (2119K
SB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4854	0.3749	0.1397	88.9 (2119K
SB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4854	0.3749	0.1397	88.9 (2119K
SB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4830	0.3721	0.1449	86.2 (2124K
SB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4830	0.3721	0.1449	86.2 (2124K)
SB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4842	0.3703	0.1456	85.6 (2098K
SB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4842	0.3703	0.1456	85.6 (2098K
ISB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4887	0.3721	0.1392	85.6 (2066K
SB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4887	0.3721	0.1392	85.6 (2066K
ISB2G6142	2-dearee	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4847	0.3703	0.1449	84.1 (2093K
ISB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4847	0.3703	0.1449	84.1 (2093K
ISB2G6142	2-dearee	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4886	0.3760	0.1354	87.0 (2095K
ISB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4886	0.3760	0.1354	87.0 (2095K
SB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4843	0.3725	0.1431	85.9 (2113K
ISB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4843	0.3725	0.1431	85.9 (2113K
ISB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4843	0.3720	0.1437	87.7 (2110K
ISB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4843	0.3720	0.1437	87.7 (2110K
ISB2G6142	2-degree	Â	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4806	0.3699	0.1494	84.2 (2132K
ISB2G6142	2-degree	Â	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4806	0.3699	0.1494	84.2 (2132K
JSB2G6142	2-degree	Â	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4812	0.3724	0.1464	82.9 (2144K
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ISB2G6142	2-degree	Â	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4856	0.3688	0.1456	83.4 (2073k
ISB2G6142	2-degree	Â	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4859	0.3731	0.1410	84.9 (2101k
ISB2G6142	2-degree	Â	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4859	0.3731	0.1410	84.9 (2101K
ISB2G6142	2-degree	Â	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4866	0.3731	0.1403	83.5 (2094K
ISB2G6142	2-degree	Â	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4866	0.3731	0.1403	83.5 (2094K
ISB2G6142	2-degree	Â	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4918	0.3691	0.1391	85.0 (2016K
ISB2G6142	2-degree	Â	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4918	0.3691	0.1391	85.0 (2016K
ISB2G6142	2-degree 2-degree	Ä	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4918	0.3747	0.1410	86.8 (2130K
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ISB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4790	0.3748	0.1461	84.7 (2186K 84.7 (2186K
ISB2G6142	2-degree		Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4790	0.3748	0.1461	
ISB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4841	0.3740	0.1419	85.9 (2127K
ISB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4841	0.3740	0.1419	85.9 (2127K)
ISB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4854	0.3704	0.1442	83.8 (2087K)
ISB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4854	0.3704	0.1442	83.8 (2087K)
ISB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4864	0.3761	0.1375	85.1 (2118K
JSB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4864	0.3761	0.1375	85.1 (2118K
JSB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4851	0.3750	0.1400	88.1 (2123K
ISB2G6142	2-degree	A	Emissive	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.4851	0.3750	0.1400	88.1 (2123K



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