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3 Baseline Correction for Raman Spectra Using Improved Asymmetric Least Squares

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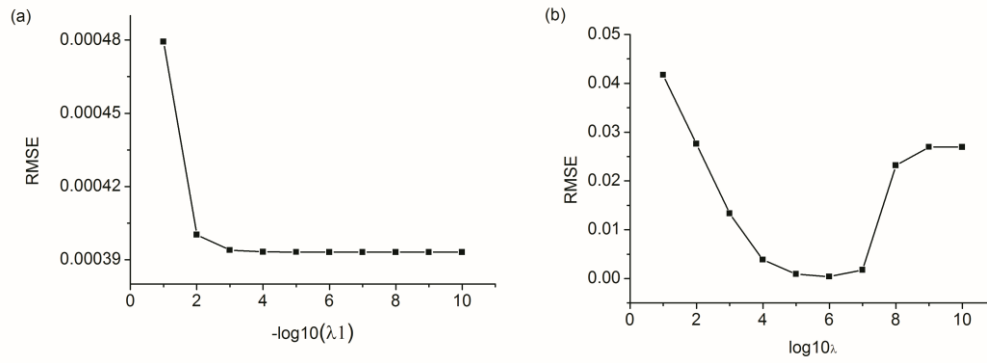
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13 **Choosing of suitable values for parameters.** For each pair of parameters (p , λ_1
14 and λ), a baseline was estimated and the *RMSE* of the proposed method was
15 computed. Figure 1S shows that the performance of IAsLS while varying the
16 parameters λ_1 and λ , p keeps unchanged otherwise, say $p = 0.001$. It is found
17 that, when $\lambda_1 \leq 10^{-4}$, the *RMSE* performance is affected very little with the choice of
18 parameter λ_1 . And then, the *RMSE* reaches its minimum value when the value of λ
19 is up to $\lambda = 10^5$. Finally, the baseline estimated is shown in Figure S2. Figure S3
20 shows that the performance of IAsLS while varying the parameter p , whereas λ_1
21 and λ keep unchanged simultaneously, say $\lambda = 10^5$, $\lambda_1 = 10^{-4}$. And the baseline
22 estimated with the more appropriate parameters is shown in Figure S4. The simulation
23 shows that, in order to obtain the optimal performance, the value of p should be set
24 to less than 0.1, and the range of λ value to 10^2 to 10^6 , and the range of λ_1 value to
25 less than 10^{-4} .

Abbreviations: IAsLS, Improved asymmetric least square; AsLS, Asymmetric least square; RMSE, Root Mean Square Error; JAsLS, Jiang's asymmetric least square baseline correction method

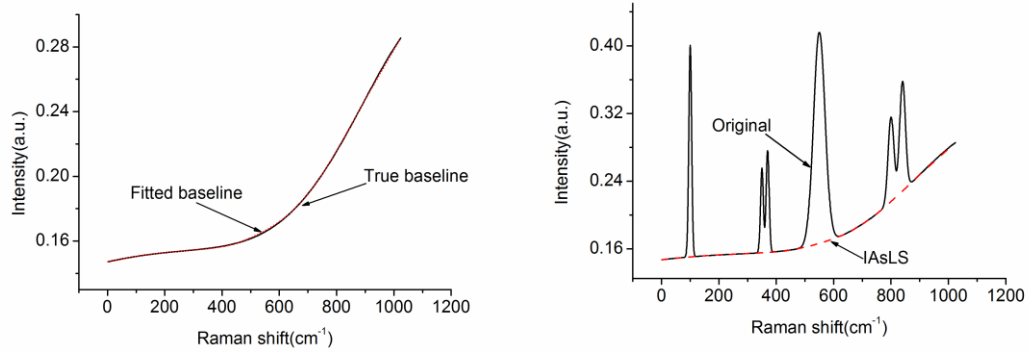


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27 Figure S1 The *RMSE* of the IAsLS method when varying the parameters λ_1 and λ_2 ,

28 $p = 0.001$

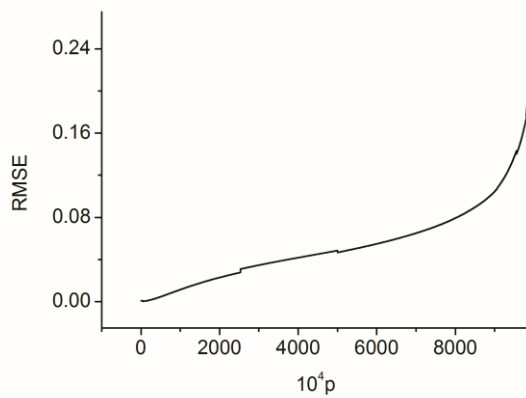
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31 Figure S2 Baseline correction result based on the IAsLS method ($p = 0.001, \lambda = 10^5$,

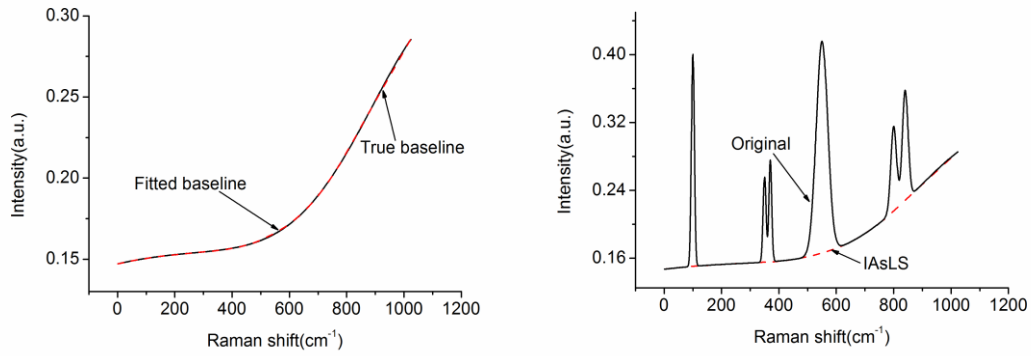
32 $\lambda_1 = 10^{-4}, RMSE = 0.0004$)



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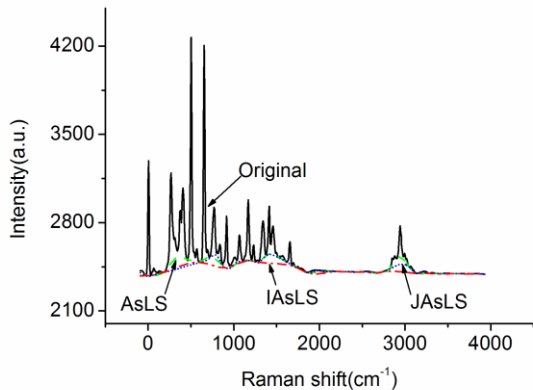
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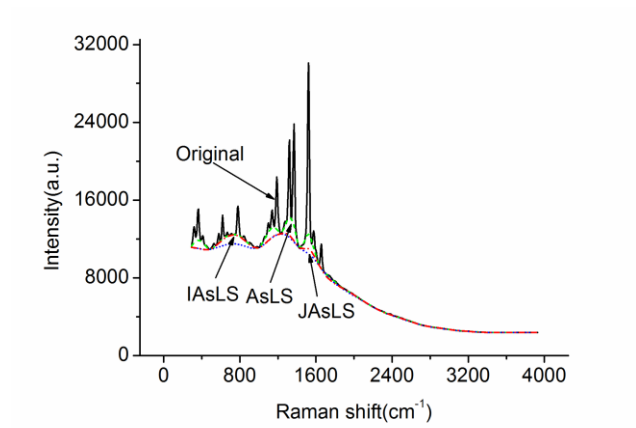
37 Figure S4 Baseline correction result based on the IAsLS method ($\lambda = 10^5$, $\lambda_1 = 10^{-4}$,
 38 $p = 0.0043$, $RMSE = 0.00036$)

39 **Results for the three baseline correction methods.** Figure S5 and Figure S6 show
 40 that the effect of the three baseline correction methods on spectra for dimethoate
 41 solution and solid Rhodamine6G respectively. The results show that IAsLS is able to
 42 remove the fluorescence signal better comparing with the other two methods (Figure
 43 S5-S6), but not over-fitted. Above all, both of these irrelevant spectral disturbances
 44 can be removed well by the IAsLS baseline correction.



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46 FigureS5 Original spectrum and the results of baseline correction methods for
 47 dimethoate solution ($\lambda = 10^2$, $\lambda_1 = 10^{-5}$, $p = 0.001$)



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49 Figure S6 Original spectrum and the results of baseline correction methods for solid

50 Rhodamine6G ($\lambda = 10^2$, $\lambda_1 = 10^{-5}$, $p = 0.01$)