9.2 Perkin Elmer FT-IR Operation Guide¹

- 1. Turn on Computer, Screen and Printer. IR stays on all the time do not turn IR off.
- 2. Click FTIR
- 3. On right side double click spectrum express
- 4. Put in User name and Password students/students
- 5. In left margin click on sample view
- 6. Place a background sample in machine IR card if you are using one
- 7. Click background after it runs prepare your sample on an IR card using a glass pipette add one tiny drop of sample gently spreading it on the IR card and let it dry briefly then pull up on the instrument door and insert the IR card into the card holder pushing it down gently all the way then shutting the instrument door (cover). *Check with the TA for workup and preparation of a solid sample*.
- 8. Click scan at top right
- 9. Click on text to add a name to the spectrum
- 10. Click on label to mark peaks with wave numbers
- 11. Use left mouse to move labels around on the spectrum
- 12. Right click on spectrum then appearance to change color for printing
- 13. Click on file then print
- 14. Delete all your sample files
- 15. Remove your samples from IR
- 16. Clean area around IR and take all your samples with you
- 17. X out of the menu
- 18. Choose turn off computer from start menu
- 19. Shut of printer and screen
- 20. IR REMAINS ON AT ALL TIMES

¹ Written by John J. Dolhun

5.301 Chemistry Laboratory Techniques January IAP 2012

For information about citing these materials or our Terms of Use, visit: http://ocw.mit.edu/terms.