

# Ring vibrations to sense anionic Ibuprofen in aqueous solution as revealed by Resonance Raman

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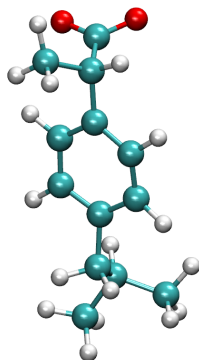
## Supplementary Material

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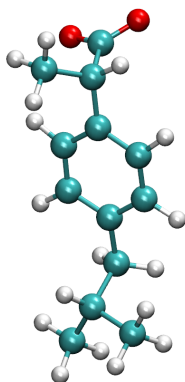
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# 1 Clustering Methodology

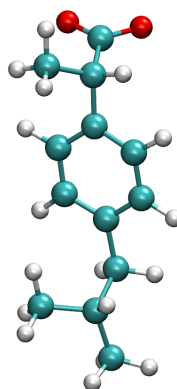
Ibu1 (47%)



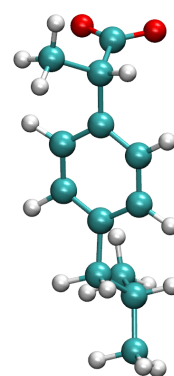
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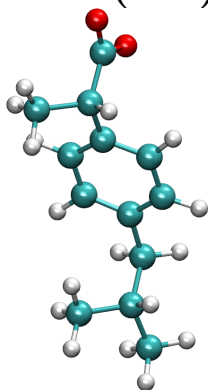
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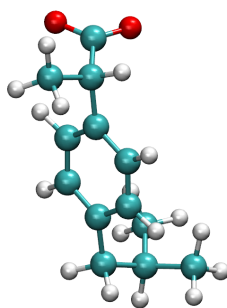
Ibu4 (8%)



Ibu5 (1%)



Ibu6 ( $\approx 0\%$ )



Ibu7 ( $\approx 0\%$ )

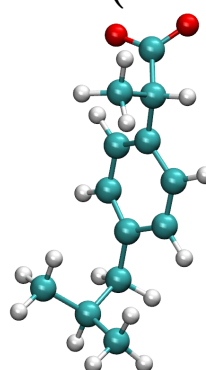


Figure S1: The 7 most populated conformers obtained from a 30 ns MD simulation of a anionic Ibuprofen in aqueous solution at 298 K; clustering performed with a 0.13 nm cut-off with the GROMOS method.

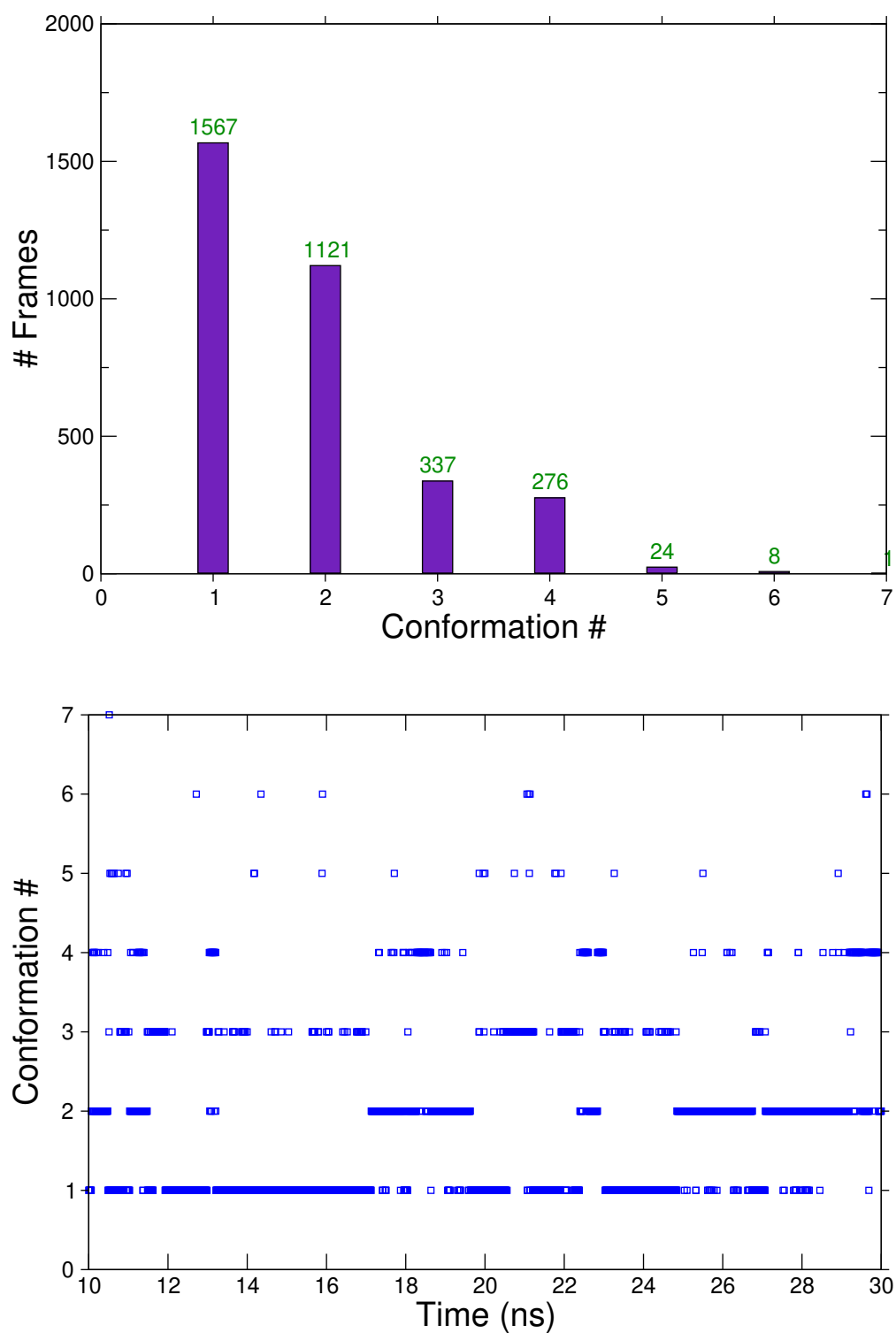


Figure S2: Top panel: Number of frames exhibiting a similar conformation of Ibu<sup>-</sup>. Bottom panel: the occurrence along the MD simulation of the seven most populated structures. The corresponding conformations are displayed in Figure S1.

## 2 Additional plots regarding UV-Vis

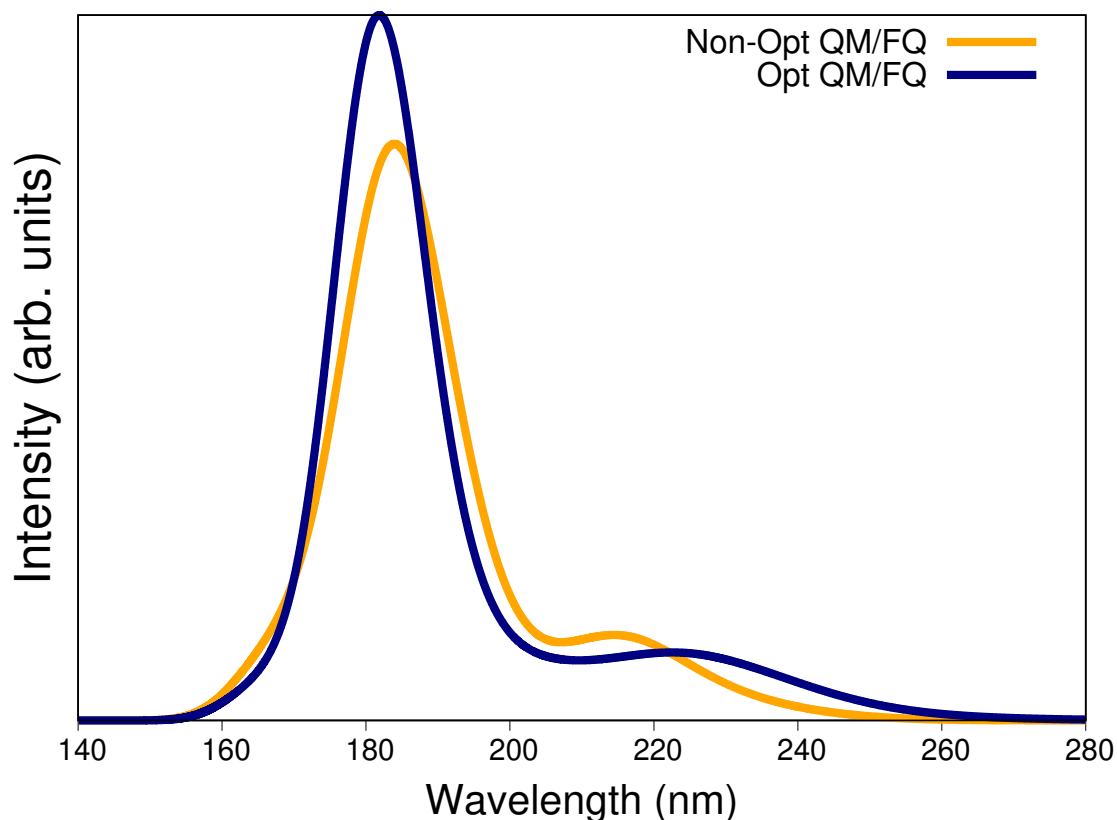


Figure S3: Effect of the optimization on the final UV-Vis spectra of anionic Ibuprofen in water. 200 structures were optimized at the QM/FQ level, with B3LYP/6-311++G(*d,p*) and then the absorption spectra were calculated in the TD-DFT framework.

### 3 Additional plots regarding RR

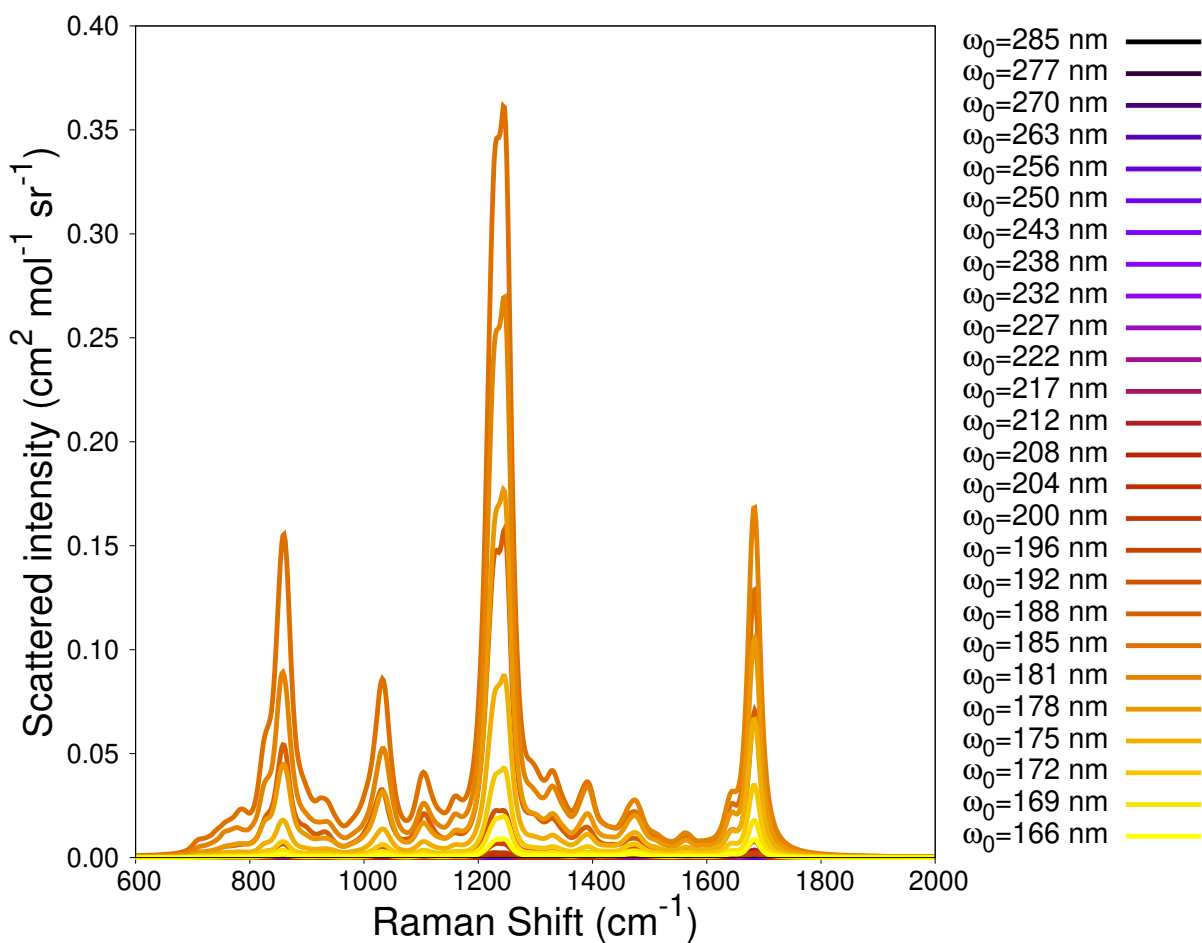


Figure S4: Resonance Raman spectra of anionic Ibuprofen in water, computed at different incident wavelengths.

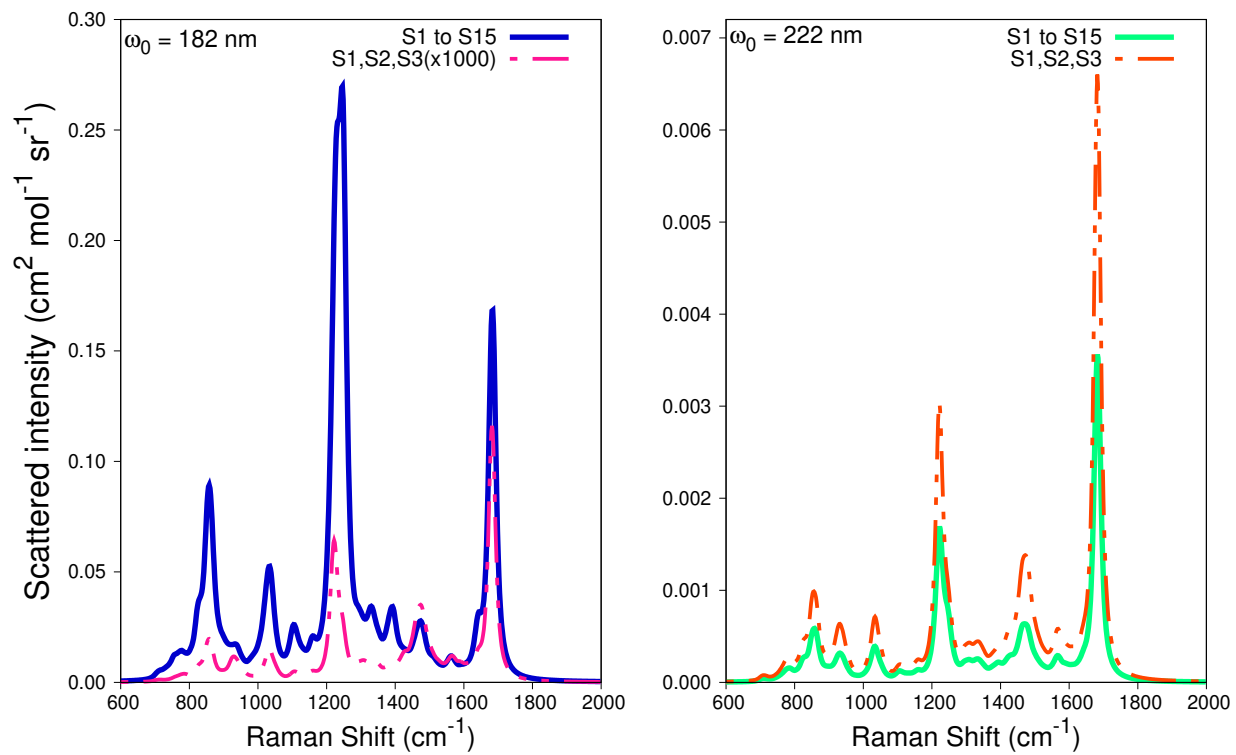


Figure S5: Effect of specific excited states on the selectivity and intensity seen in Resonance Raman spectra of anionic Ibuprofen in aqueous solution.

## 4 Convergence plots

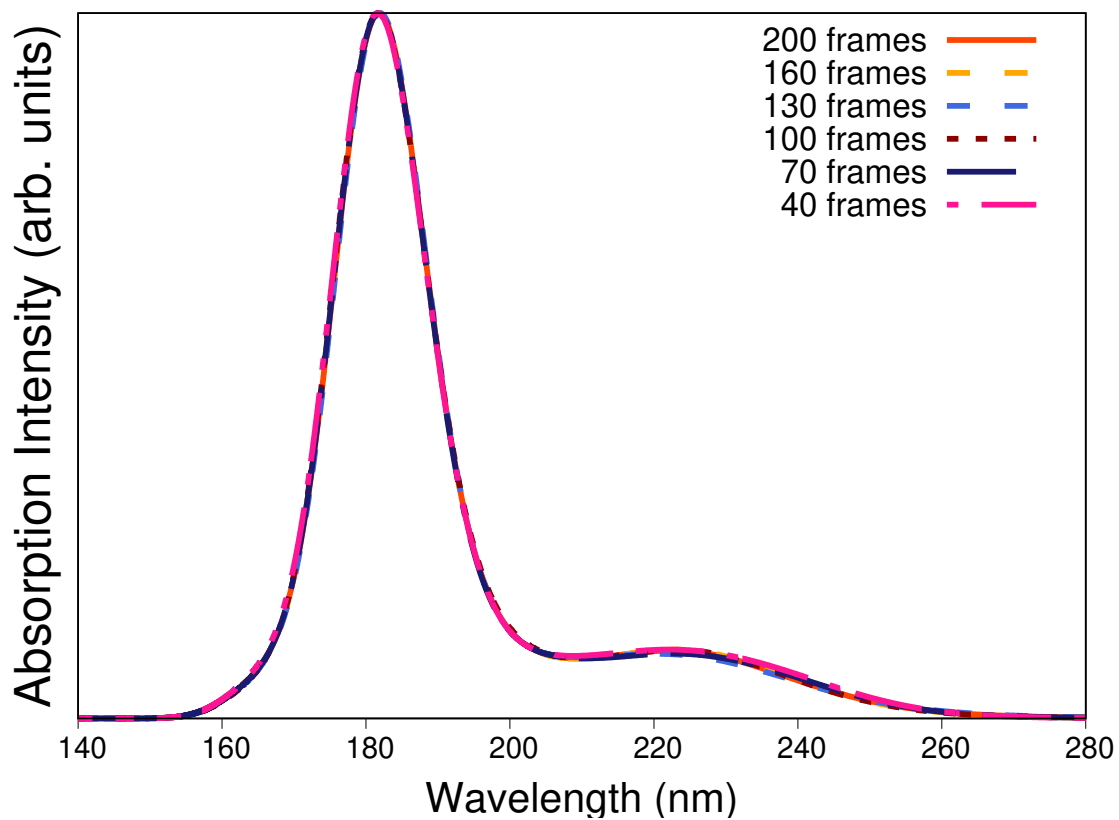


Figure S6: Comparison between the QM/FQ absorption spectra of anionic Ibuprofen in aqueous solution obtained by averaging an increasing number of snapshots.

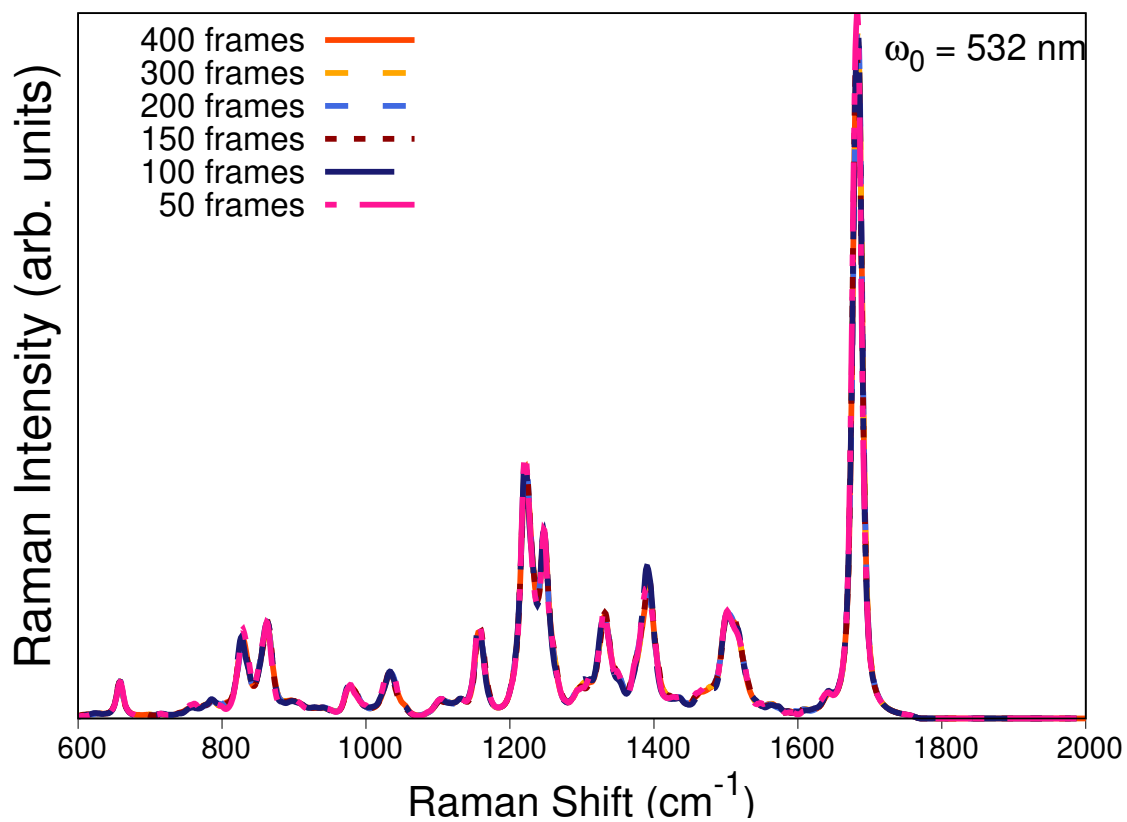


Figure S7: Comparison between the QM/FQ Raman spectra of anionic Ibuprofen in aqueous solution obtained by averaging an increasing number of snapshots.

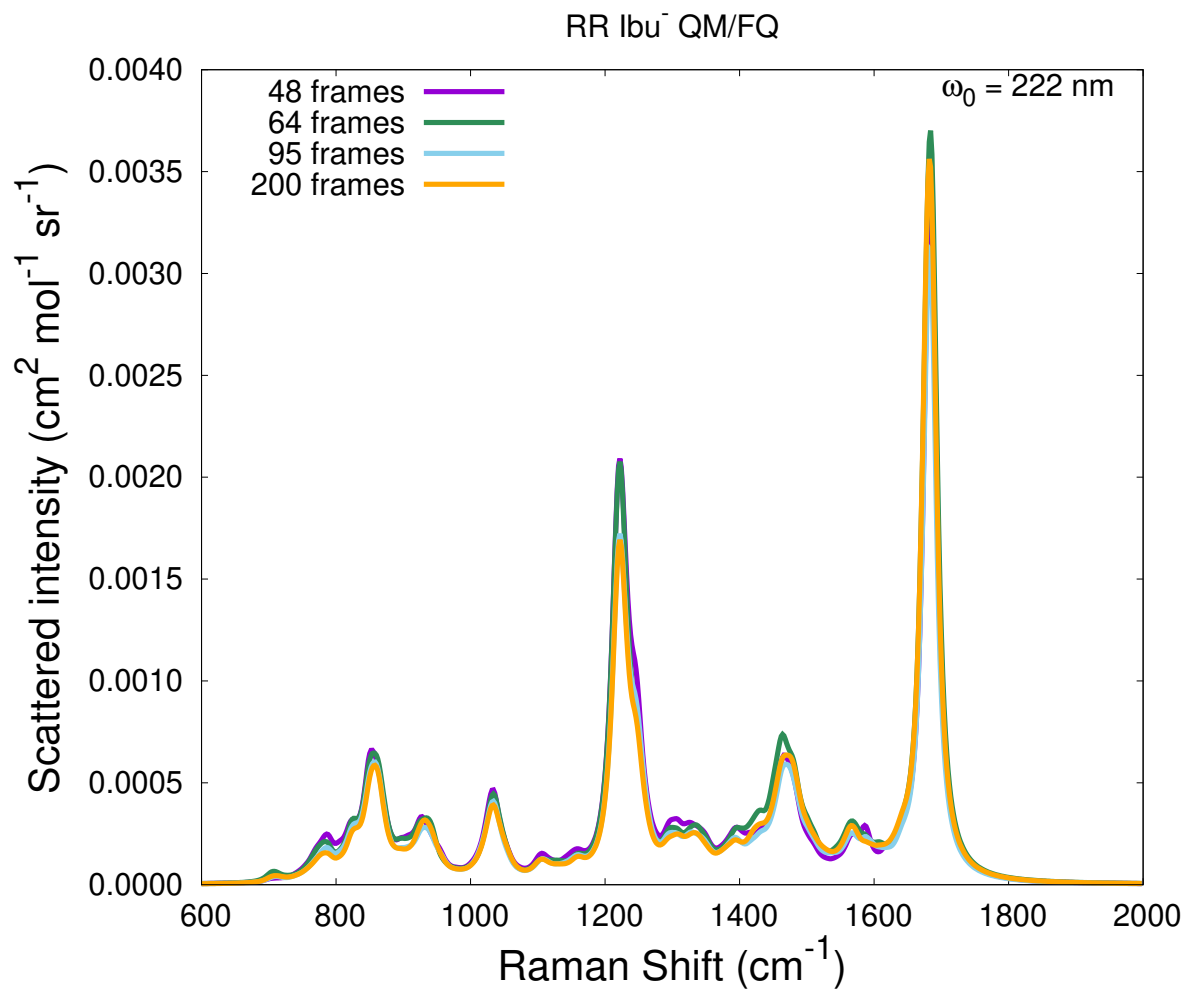


Figure S8: Comparison between the QM/FQ Resonance Raman spectra of anionic Ibuprofen in aqueous solution obtained by averaging an increasing number of snapshots.