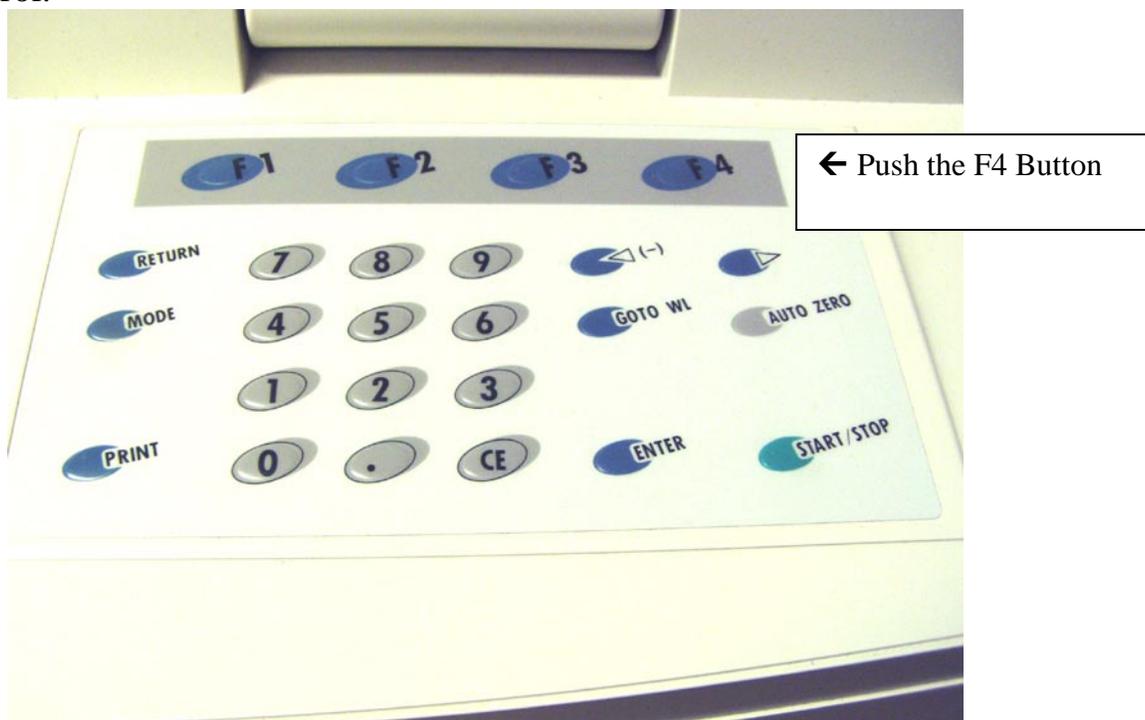


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- 1) Push the F4 button on the UV-VIS instrument keypad. This will enable PC control.



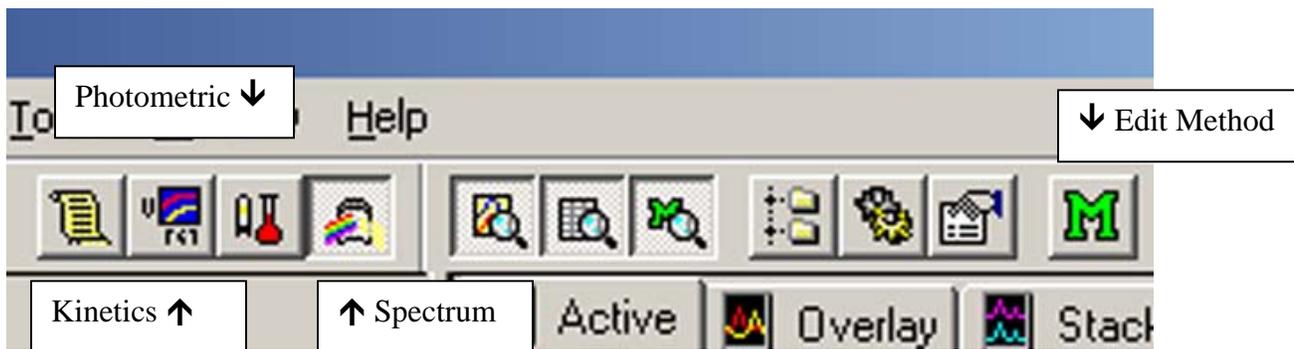
- 2) Log into the UV-VIS software with your username and password.



- 3) After the UV-Probe software comes up, click on the "Connect" button near the bottom of the screen to connect with the spectrometer.

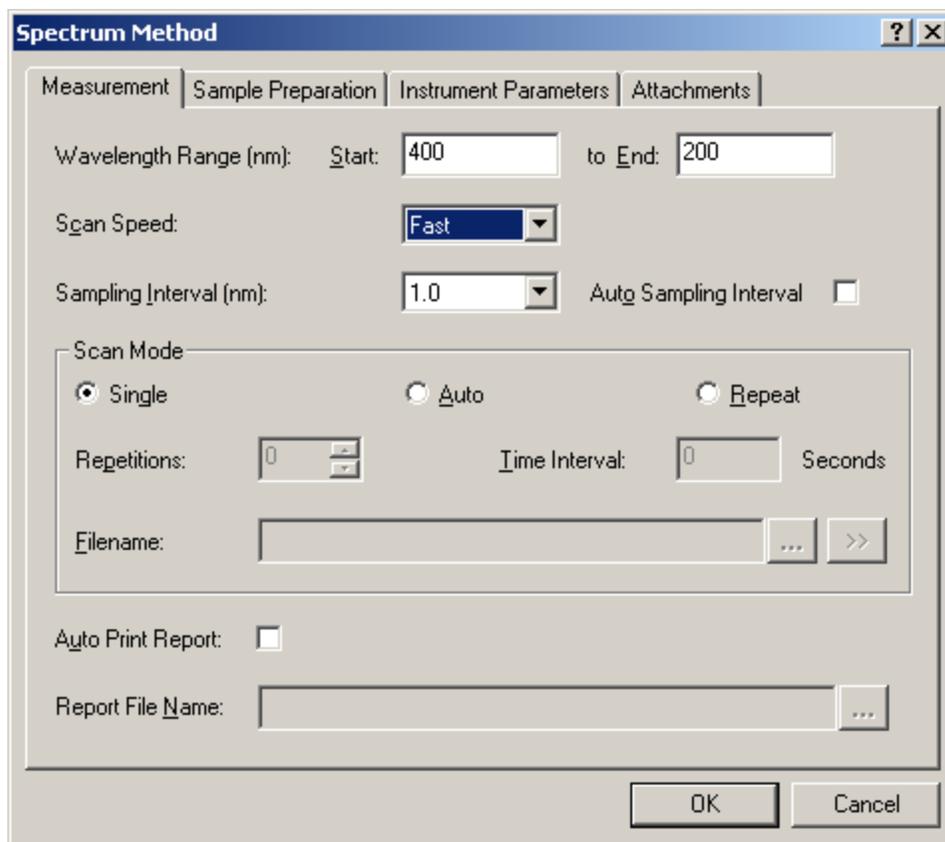


- 4) Choose what type of experiment mode you need.
- ❖ Spectrum mode is for wavelength scanning over a continuous wide range.
  - ❖ Photometric mode is for quantitative analysis, measuring absorbance at single wavelengths.
  - ❖ Kinetics mode will collect absorbance data at a particular wavelength versus time.
- 5) Choose the mode you need by clicking on one of the buttons on the toolbar.



# How to Work in Spectrum Mode

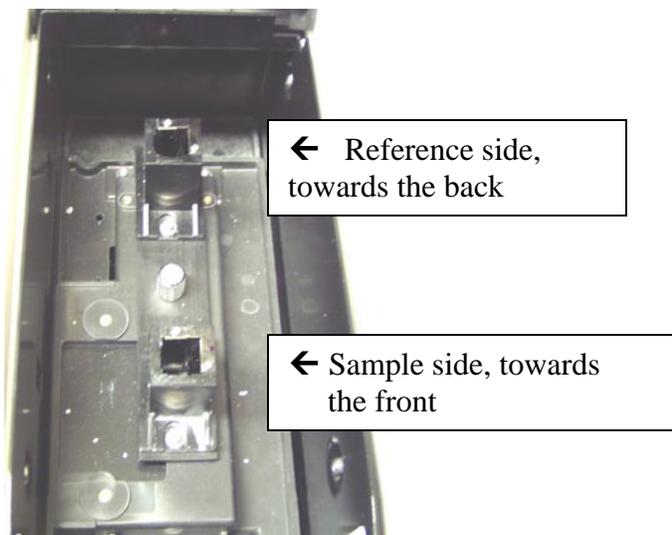
- 1) After choosing the Spectrum mode of operation, click on the “M” button to set up your acquisition parameters.
- 2) Enter your wavelength range and scan speed (usually fast), and click on OK. The maximum allowable wavelength range is 1100 nm to 190 nm.



- 3) It's good practice to zero the baseline by clicking on the “Baseline” button near the bottom of the screen. Be sure that there are no samples in either the sample or the reference side while correcting the baseline. (And the cover must be closed, of course).



4) Insert your sample into the sample compartment. If you want to, you can insert a cuvette with blank solution into the reference side.



5) Click on Start to start collecting the spectrum.

**Please Note:**

**After your spectrum has been collected, the program will prompt you for a filename. However, this does not automatically save your spectrum to disk! You must then do a “File, Save As” in order to permanently save the spectrum to a disk file.**

To change the appearance of your spectrum, such as the display limits, or the background color, right-click the mouse on the spectrum graph, and left-click on Customize...

**Please Note:**

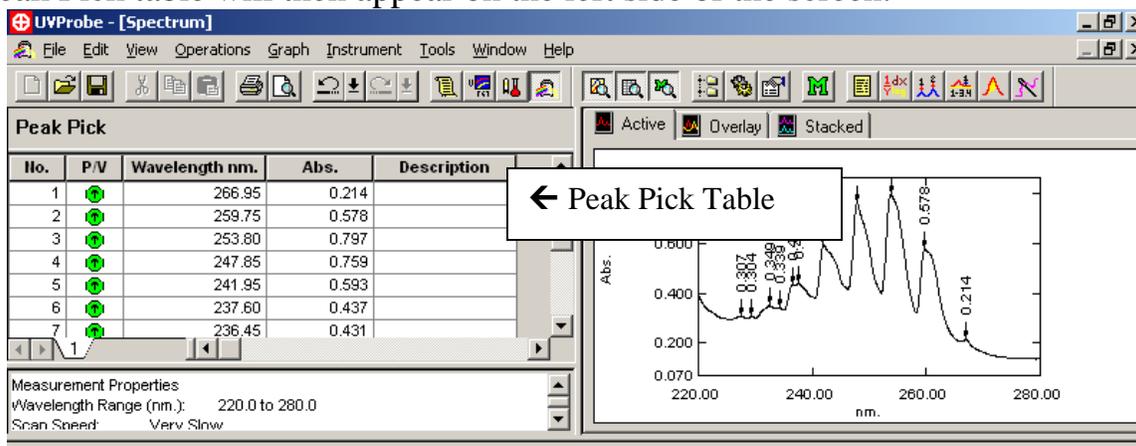
**If your peaks of interest are greater than 2 absorbance units, you should dilute the sample, and then re-run it.**

## How to label peaks on your spectrum:

Click on the Peak Pick button on the toolbar.



The Peak Pick table will then appear on the left side of the screen.



Right-click the mouse on the Peak Pick table, and left-click on Properties.

You can then change parameters, such as the threshold for labeling peaks, and whether the graph is labeled with the peak table number or the actual absorbance value, and whether peaks or valleys are labeled.

After you have set up the Peak Pick table the way that you want, click on the Peak Pick table to make it the active window. Then click on File, Print Preview. The report generator will show you how the printout will appear. If it looks ok, then click on Print.

### Please Note:

**If the spectrum graph is selected as the active window, you will get a different looking report than if the peak table is selected as the active window, prior to clicking on Print Preview.**

# How to Convert Spectra to ASCII Text Format

Click on the “Data Print” button. A Data Print table will appear, listing the raw data points.

The screenshot shows the UVProbe software interface. The main window is titled "UVProbe - [Spectrum]". The menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Operations, Graph, Instrument, Tools, Window, and Help. The toolbar contains various icons for file operations and analysis. A callout box with an arrow points to the "Data Print" button in the toolbar, with the text "Click on Data Print Button".

The "Data Print" table is displayed, showing the following data:

Wavelength nm.	RawData-00	RawData-00	RawData-00	RawData-00
230.00	1.555	1.510	1.505	1.516
230.50	1.535	1.493	1.490	1.502
231.00	1.497	1.461	1.461	1.476

Below the table, the "Measurement Properties" section shows: Wavelength Range (nm), Scan Speed: Me, Sampling Interval: 0.5, Auto Sampling Interval, and Scan Mode: Repeat. A callout box with an arrow points to the table, with the text "Data Print Table Appears".

To the right of the table is a plot of Absorbance (Abs.) versus Wavelength (nm). The plot shows a curve with a peak at approximately 300 nm. A callout box with an arrow points to the plot, with the text "Click on Data Print Button".

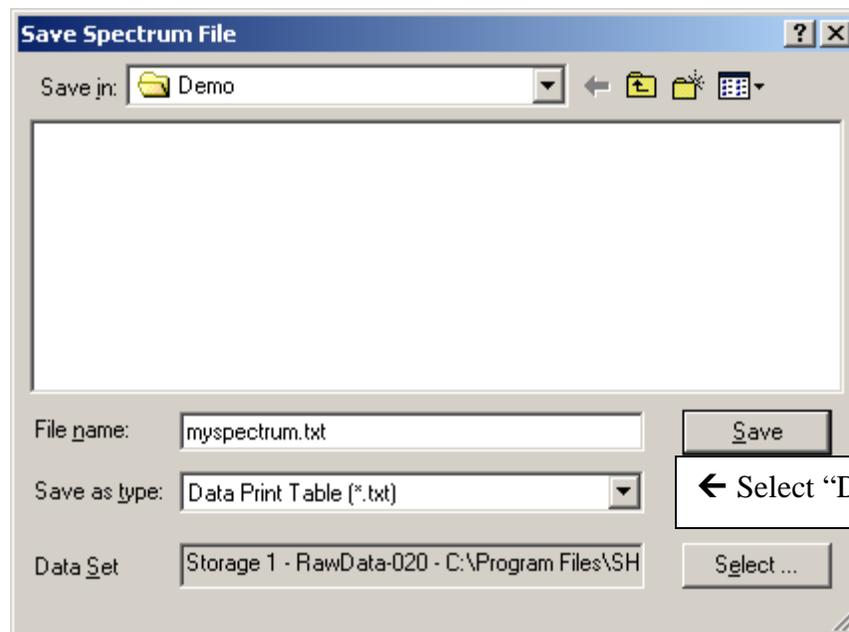
At the bottom of the interface, there is a "NO INSTRUMENT" status bar, navigation buttons, and a toolbar with buttons for "Auto Zero", "Baseline", "Go To WL", "Connect", and "Disconnect". The status bar also displays the file path: "Storage 1 - RawData-020 - C:\Program Files\SHIMADZU\UVProbe\Data\Demo\methyl salicylate.spc".

Right-click the Data Print table, and left-click “Properties”. Make sure that the option “All Data” is clicked on, otherwise all of the data might not be included in the ASCII file.

The screenshot shows the "Data Print Properties" dialog box. The "General" tab is selected. The "Start" field is set to 230, the "End" field is set to 380, and the "Interval" field is set to 0.5. The "Auto Fit" section has three radio buttons: "None", "Active Data", and "All Data". The "All Data" radio button is selected. A callout box with an arrow points to the "All Data" radio button, with the text "Make sure All Data is selected."

Click on the File menu, and Save As. Navigate to the folder where you want to save the data.

For Save As Type, click on the drop down menu and select Data Print Table (\*.txt). Give it a file name, and click on OK.



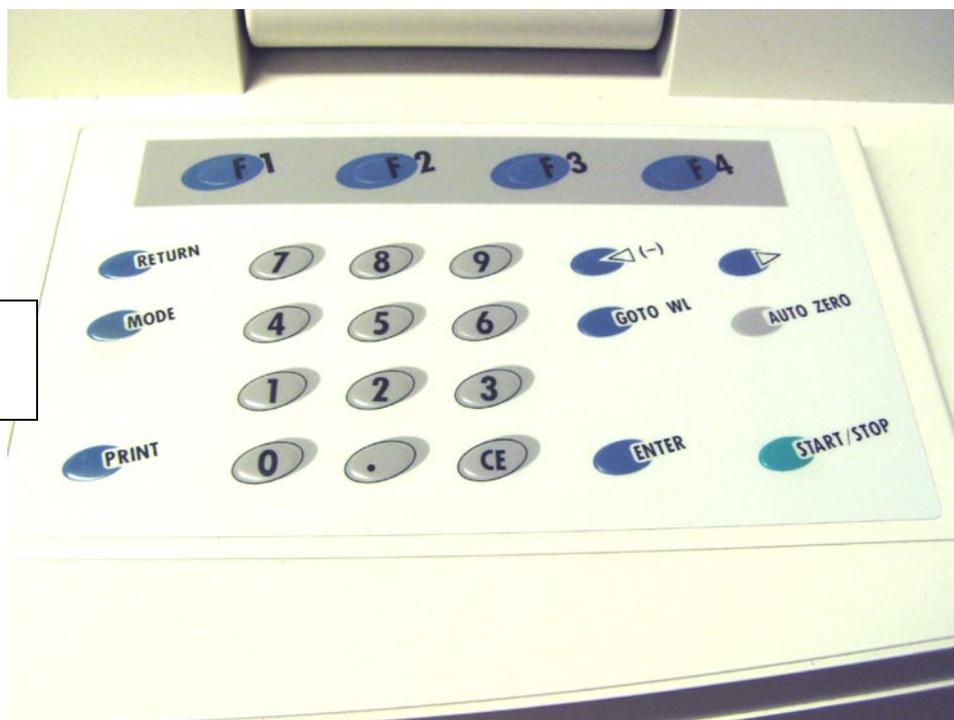
# How to Shut Down the Instrument When You Are Finished

Be sure to save all of your data.

Then click on the Disconnect button near the bottom of the screen.

Exit from the UV-Probe software.

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Push the Mode →  
Button

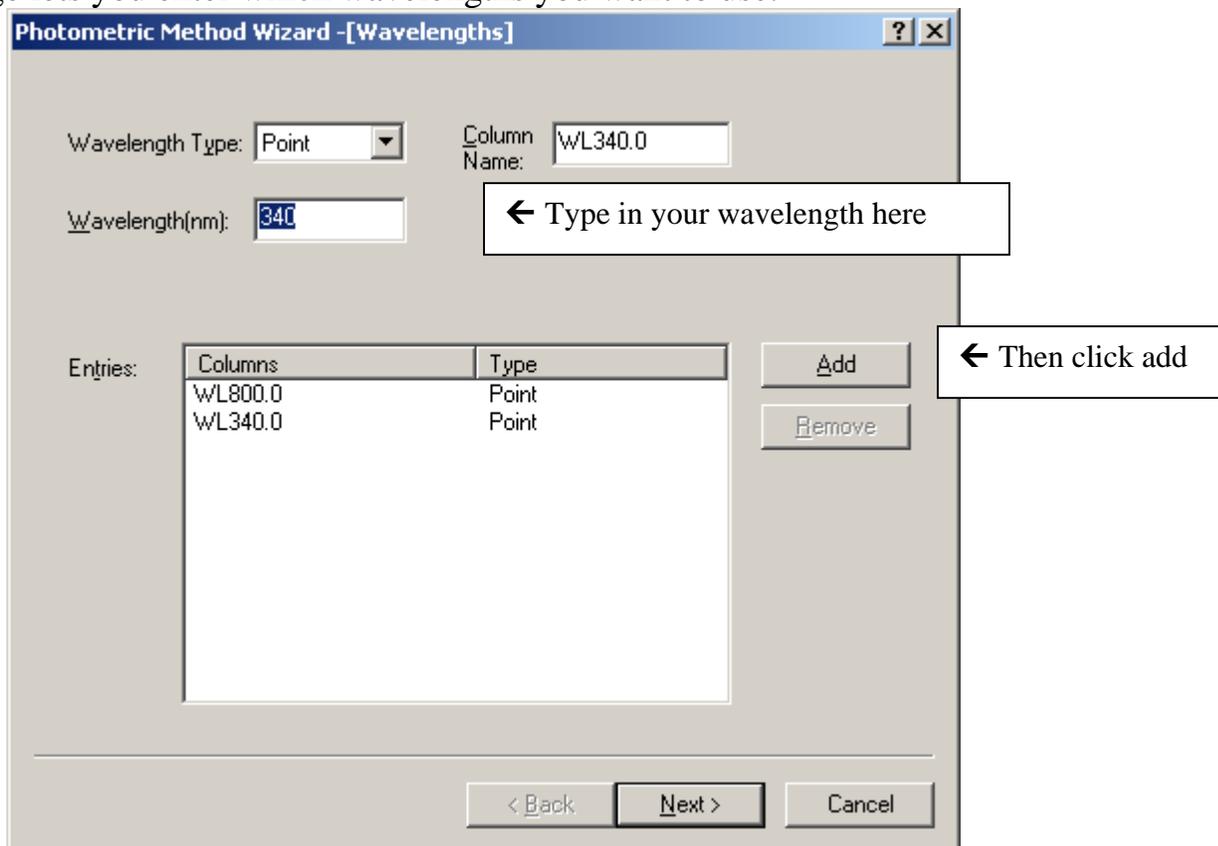
# How to Work in Photometric Mode

To operate in photometric mode, first click the photometric button on the toolbar. Then click on the “M” button to change your method parameters.

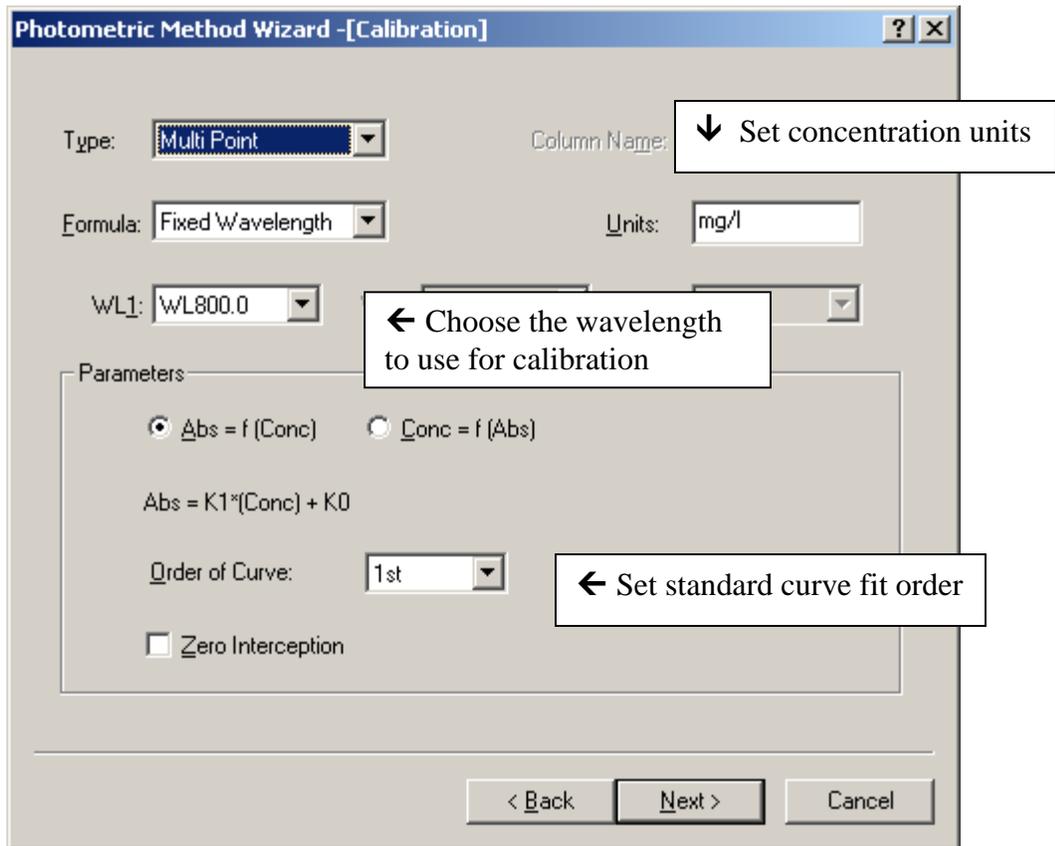


The following pages will come up to set up your experiment.

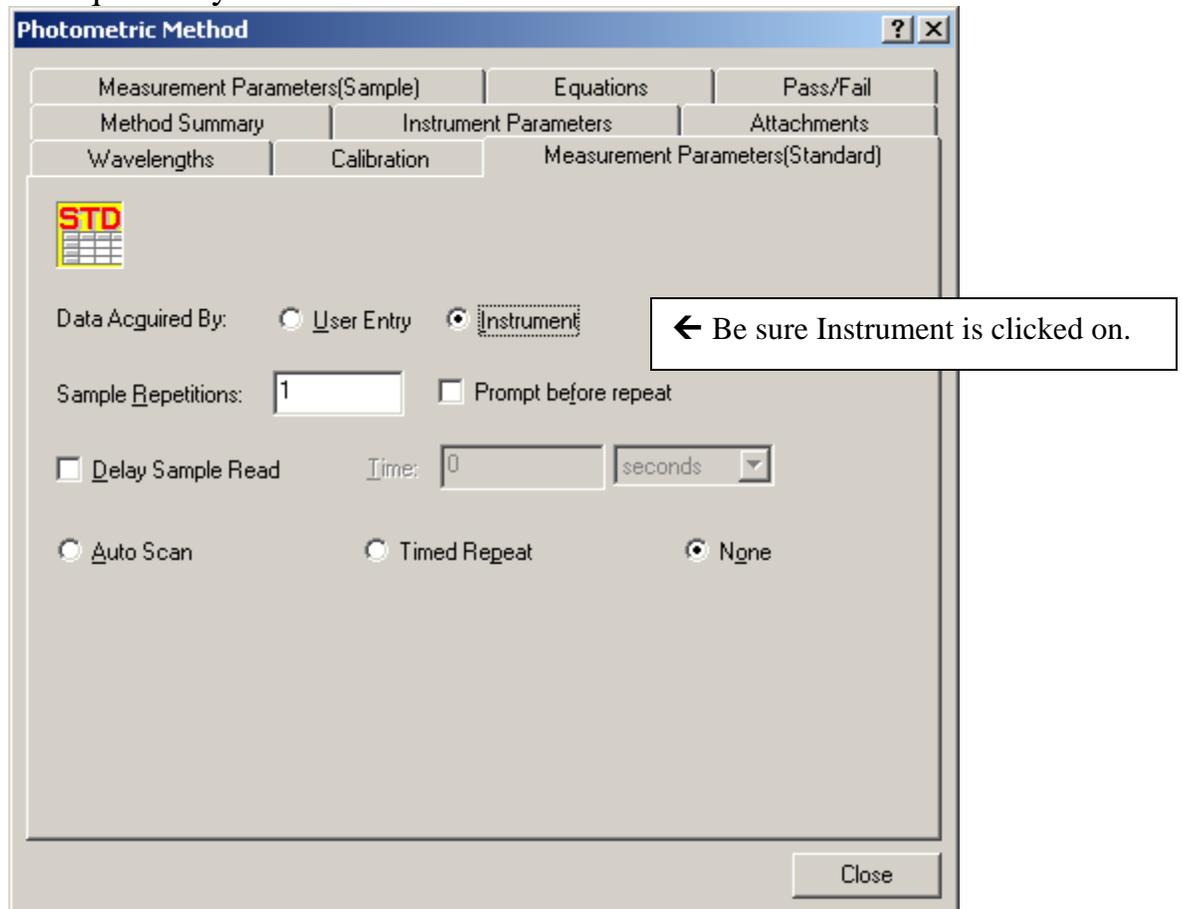
The first page lets you enter which wavelengths you want to use.



The next page lets you set the concentration units, and the type of standard curve fit.



The next page lets you enter measurement parameters for your standards. Be sure to click on “Data Acquired By: Instrument”.



The next page lets you set sample measurement parameters. Again, make sure that “Data Acquired By: Instrument” is clicked on.

The image shows a software dialog box titled "Photometric Method". It has a tabbed interface with the following tabs: "Method Summary", "Instrument Parameters", "Attachments", "Wavelengths", "Calibration", "Measurement Parameters(Standard)", "Measurement Parameters(Sample)", "Equations", and "Pass/Fail". The "Measurement Parameters(Sample)" tab is active. Inside this tab, there is an "SMP" icon and a grid. Below the icon, the "Data Acquired By:" field has two radio buttons: "User Entry" (unselected) and "Instrument" (selected). A callout box with a left-pointing arrow and the text "Be sure Instrument is clicked on." points to the "Instrument" radio button. Below this, the "Sample Repetitions:" field contains the number "1", and the "Prompt before repeat" checkbox is unchecked. The "Delay Sample Read" checkbox is also unchecked. The "Time:" field contains "0" and the unit is set to "seconds". At the bottom, there are three radio buttons: "Auto Scan" (unselected), "Timed Repeat" (unselected), and "None" (selected). A "Close" button is located at the bottom right of the dialog box.

Next, you need to fill in the information in the Standard Table, and the Sample Table. The Standard table needs concentration information filled in, otherwise the Read Standard button will be grayed out.

The screenshot shows the UVProbe software interface. The 'Standard Table - [ Active ]' contains the following data:

	Sample ID	Type	Ex	Conc	WL800.0	WL340.0	Wgt.
1 *	std1			1.000			
2	std2			2.000			
3	std3			3.000			
4	std4			4.000			
5							

The 'Sample Table' contains the following data:

	Sample ID	Type	Ex	Conc	WL800.0	WL340.0
1 *	Sample A					
2	Sample B					
3						

Callout boxes in the image provide instructions:
 

- ← Be sure to enter the concentrations of your standard solutions. Otherwise, the Read Standard Button will not be active.
- ↑ Be sure to enter sample names, otherwise the Read Sample Button will not be active.

The interface also shows a 'Standard Curve' graph with a y-axis value of 0.985 and an x-axis labeled 'Conc. (mg/l)' with values 0.000, 20.000, 40.000, and 54.310. A 'Sample Graph' shows a y-axis labeled 'Conc. (mg/l)' with values 0.000, 5.000, 10.000, 15.000, and 18.656, and an x-axis labeled 'Sequence No.' with values 0 and 1. At the bottom, the current reading is 800.000 nm and 0.001 Abs. Buttons include Cell Blank, Auto Zero, Baseline, Go To WL, Read Std., and Disconnect.

**It is a good practice to click on the Baseline button, with nothing in either the reference or the sample side of the compartment. (Be sure that the sample lid is closed). This will set the absorbance to zero at every wavelength.**

**Then, put cuvettes with blank solution in both the sample and reference sides, and click on Cell Blank (with the lid closed). This will read the absorbance of the blank cells. This blank absorbance reading will be subtracted from the absorbance readings of all standards and samples measured after it.**

After your data is collected, you must save the data by doing a File, Save As.

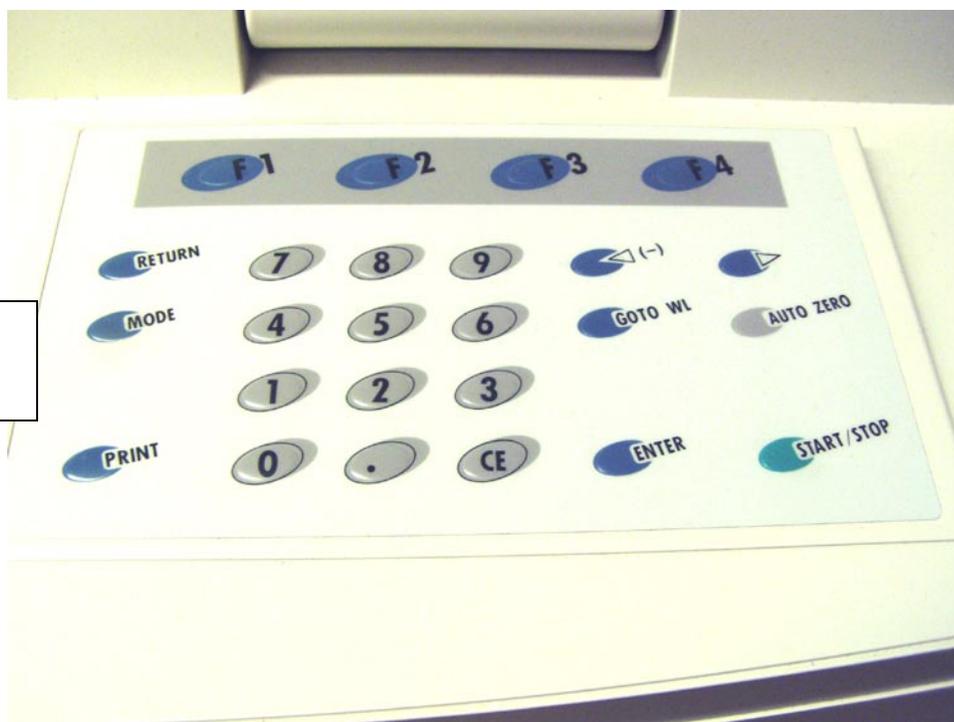
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