





Detection and structure characterization of proteins by surface enhanced Raman spectroscopy

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Raman spectroscopy

- Vibrational spectroscopy
- Non destructive technic
- one molecule = one spectrum



Décalage Raman (cm⁻¹)

Raman intensity is very weak => need to enhance the signal

Surface enhanced Raman scattering





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$${f E}_{
m SERS} \propto {f f}_1 \cdot {f E}_i \ {f I}_{
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Surface enhanced Raman scattering



$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathsf{E}_{\mathsf{SERS}} \propto & \mathsf{f}_1 \, . \, \mathsf{f}_2 \, . \, \mathsf{E}_i \\ \mathsf{I}_{\mathsf{SERS}} \propto & \mathsf{f}_1^2 \, . \, \mathsf{f}_2^2 \, . \, \mathsf{I}_i \end{array}$$

SERS substrates

• Gold nanostructures produced by electron-beam lithography (EBL) :



nanocylinders

coupled nanorods



• Laser wavelength : 660 nm and 785 nm

Detection of protein : Manganese SuperOxide Dismutase (MnSOD)



Cottat M. et al, JPCC, 2015















Aptamer-MnSOD affinity (by QCM)



K_D (dissociation constant) : 313.10⁻⁹ M => strong affinity

SERS detection of MnSOD



Concentration study (nanocylinders)



Concentration study (nanorods)



Specificity test



No binding between MnSOD and MOH

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No binding between MnSOD and MOH

BSA does not bind to aptamer

Biosensor : specific detection of MnSOD

MnSOD detection in serum

MnSOD concentration : 10⁻⁸ M (ELISA)

Normalized SERS intensity Serum DNA 1000 1200 1400 1600 800 600 Raman shift (cm⁻¹)

MnSOD detection in saliva



Biosensor characteristic

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Specific interaction between MnSOD and aptamer

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Detection of protein of interest in physiocological media (serum and saliva).

Structure characterization of Spleen tyrosine kinase (Syk) protein

Cottat M. et al, Scientific Report, 2017

Syk structures

Model obtained by electronic microscopy



Arias-Palomo et al., Biochim Biophys Acta, 2009

Syk pSyk

SERS analysis of sequence modifications : - mutation - phosphorylation

Mutation effect on Syk



Kinase domain mutated => ATP site affected => inactive

Mutation effect on SERS spectrum



Mutation => different SERS spectra => structure modification

Phosphorylation impact



Phosphorylation level



wild and mutated: unphosphorylated pSyk : highly phosphorylated

Kinase activity



wild and mutated : unphosphorylated=> inactive
 pSyk : highly phosphorylated=> active

Phosphorylation fluctuation



phosphatase CIP (Syk) => decrease of the phosphorylation level

Impact of phosphorylation on SERS spectrum



SERS spectra of various Syk forms



Different spectra signature: different protein structure

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Model of wild type Syk structure

Wild type Syk











Model of the phosphorylation impact on Syk structure



Variation of phosphorylation => important modification of Syk structure







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