

Extracting useful information from evolving FTIR data sets using MCR-ALS and 2DCoS

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Outlook

- Information Content in IR and Raman Spectra
- Chemometric Methods
 - MCR-ALS: Multivariate Curve Resolution – Alternating Least Square
 - 2DCoS: Two Dimensional Correlation Spectroscopy
 - Enzymatic hydrolysis of albumin by proteinase K
- Concept for time resolved FTIR spectroscopy of chemical reactions in solution
- Chemistry on the fly
- Summary



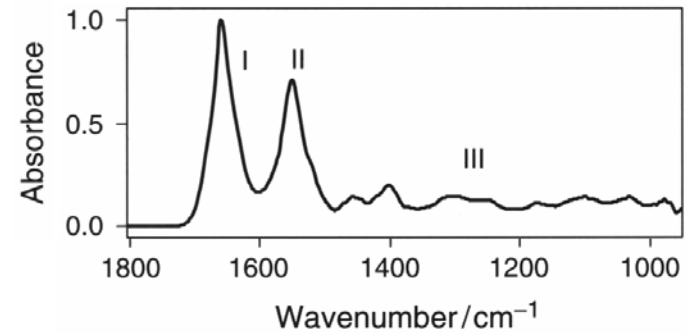
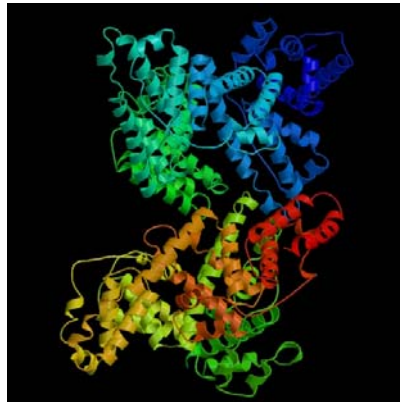
Information Contained in Mid-IR and Raman Spectra

- Functional groups, fingerprint
Identification of analytes
Simultaneous determination of several analytes
- Inter- and intramolecular Interactions
Determination of secondary structure of Proteins
- Information on latent variables
Octane number, wine varieties, cancer

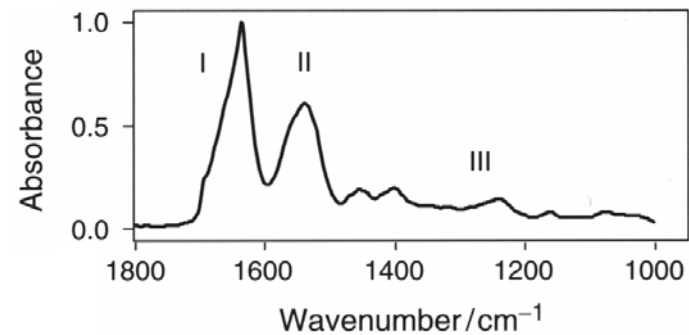
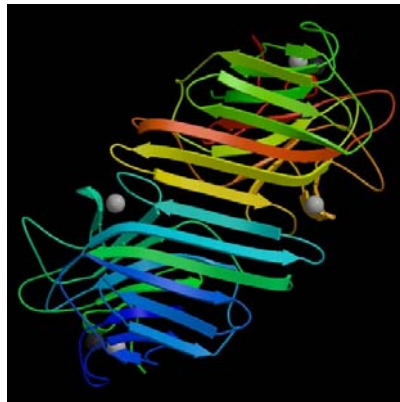


Example: Elucidation of Secondary Structure of Proteins

Albumin
 α -Helix



Concanavalin
40% sheet



Example: Determination of Latent Variable Classification of Red Wines - Concept

Solid Phase Extraction

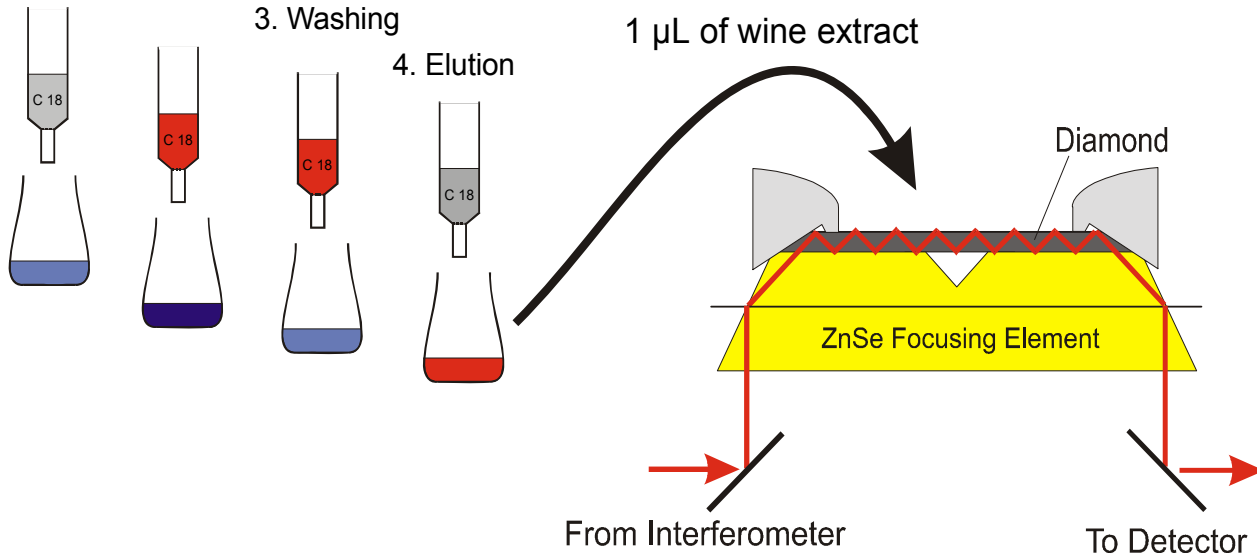
FTIR Spectroscopy (Attenuated Total Reflection)

1. Conditioning

2. Sample loading

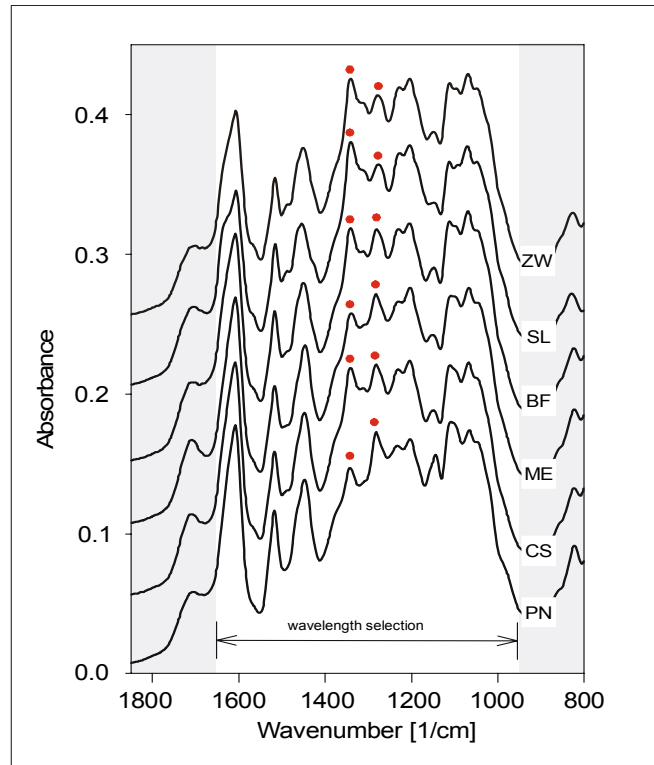
3. Washing

4. Elution

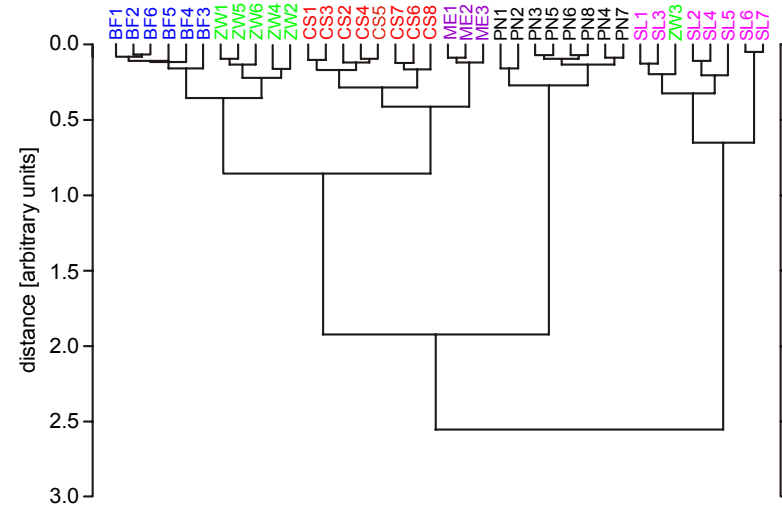


Classification of Red Wines - Results

Spectra of phenolic extracts



Hierarchical clustering



ZW: Zweigelt, SL: St. Laurent, BF: Blaufränkisch
 ME: Merlot, CS: Cabernet Sauvignon, PN: Pinot Noir



Multivariate Curve Resolution (MCR-ALS)

- **Concept: Modeling of experimental data matrix D**
- Multi-component systems can be often be described with a simple model consisting of the composition-weighted sum of signals of their pure components
- Only condition: linear structure of data set

$$D = CS^T + E$$

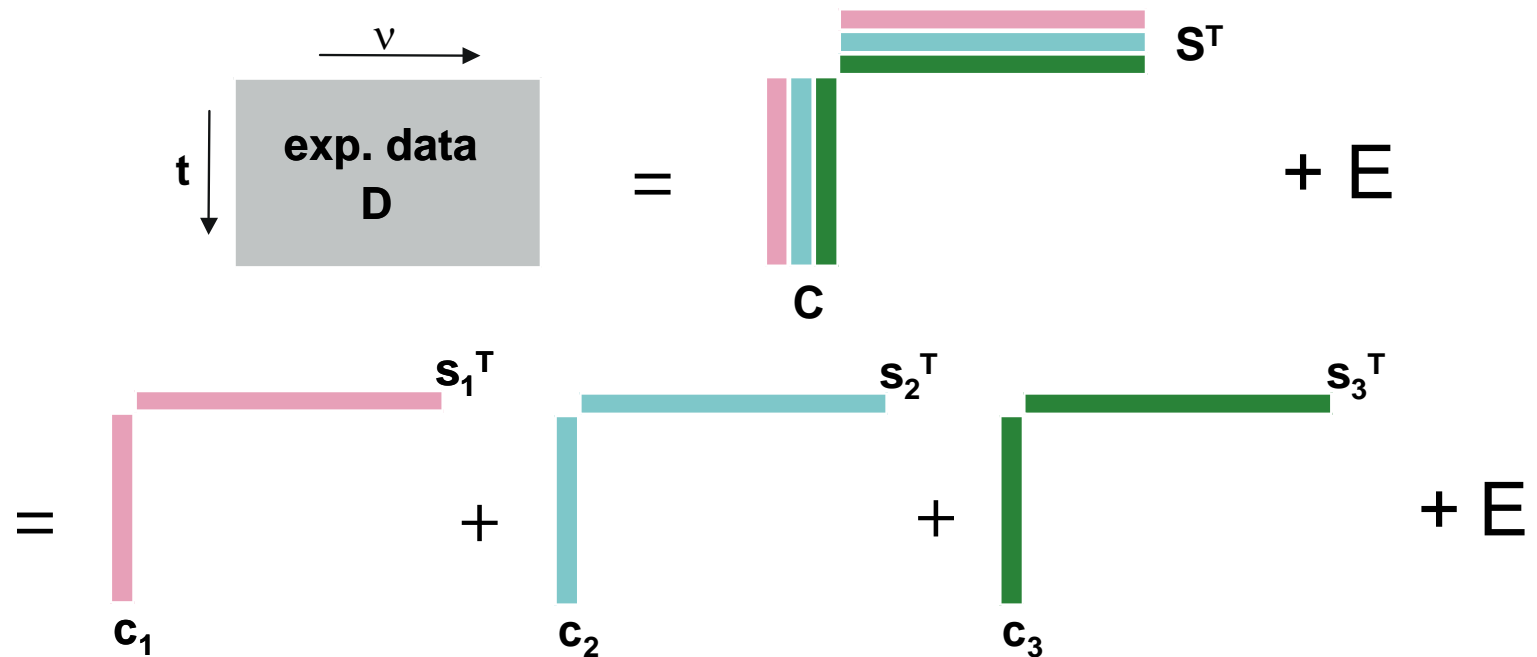
$D(r \times c)$ is the original data matrix

$C(r \times n)$ and $S^T(n \times c)$ contain pure response profiles related to the data variation in the row (r) and column (c) direction of $D(r \times c)$

$E(r \times c)$ is the error matrix



Multivariate Curve Resolution: Graphical Representation



c_i ...concentration profiles with time s_i ...spectra of pure substances



Uncertainty in MCR Results due to Ambiguities

- Magnitude ambiguity :
$$D = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{k_i} c_i \right) (k_i S_i^T)$$

$$D = C' S'^T$$

- Rotational ambiguity :
$$D = CS^T$$
$$D = C(TT^{-1})S^T$$
$$D = (CT)(T^{-1}S^T)$$
$$D = C'S'^T$$

Aim to reduce these ambiguities



Exploratory Data Analysis

- Important to find good (correct) initial estimates for starting the iteration process in of MCR
 - Initial estimates on concentration profiles and responses (spectra) need to be made
- Typical questions to be answered:
 - How many components shall be assumed to be present?
 - PCA, EFA, FSMW-EFA,...
 - Is there an special „purest“ variable in concentration or spectral axis available ?
 - SIMPLISIMA, PCA



Constraints

- Property which are fulfilled for the whole or part of the system
- Examples:
 - Non-Negativität
 - Unimodality
 - Mass balance (closure)
 - Application of physico-chemical models
 - Known spectra / Concentration profile (are set invariant during the iteration process) => access to quantitative information
 - Local rank,...



Characteristics of MCR - ALS

- Clear criteria for stopping the iteration process

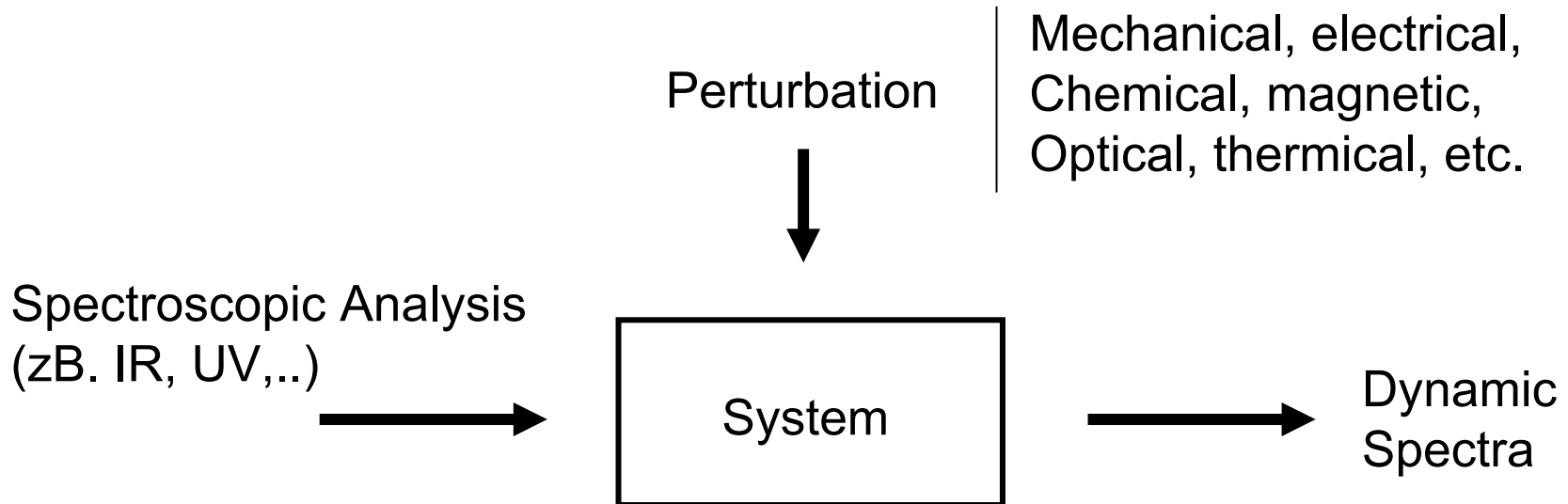
$$\% \text{ lack of fit} = 100 [(\sum r_{ij}^2) / (\sum d_{ij}^2)]^{1/2}$$

Typical value: 0.1 %

- Quantitative information
 - Number of components
 - Spectral properties
 - Concentration profiles
- Simultaneous analysis of several data sets
- Limitation: Difficulties in definition of spectral properties of „components“



Overview : Two Dimensional Correlation Spectroscopy (2DCoS)



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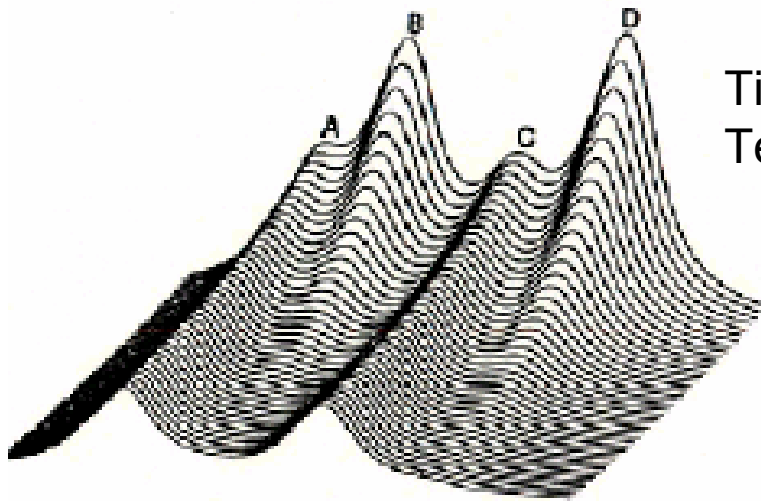


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2DCoS

Idea: Looking for correlation in the experimental output D

Time resolved spectra



Time/pressure/
Temperature,..



Correlation analysis

$$\begin{aligned} & \Theta(\nu_1, \nu_2) + i\Psi(\nu_1, \nu_2) \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi T} \int_0^{\infty} \bar{Y}_1(\omega) + i\bar{Y}_2(\omega) \end{aligned}$$

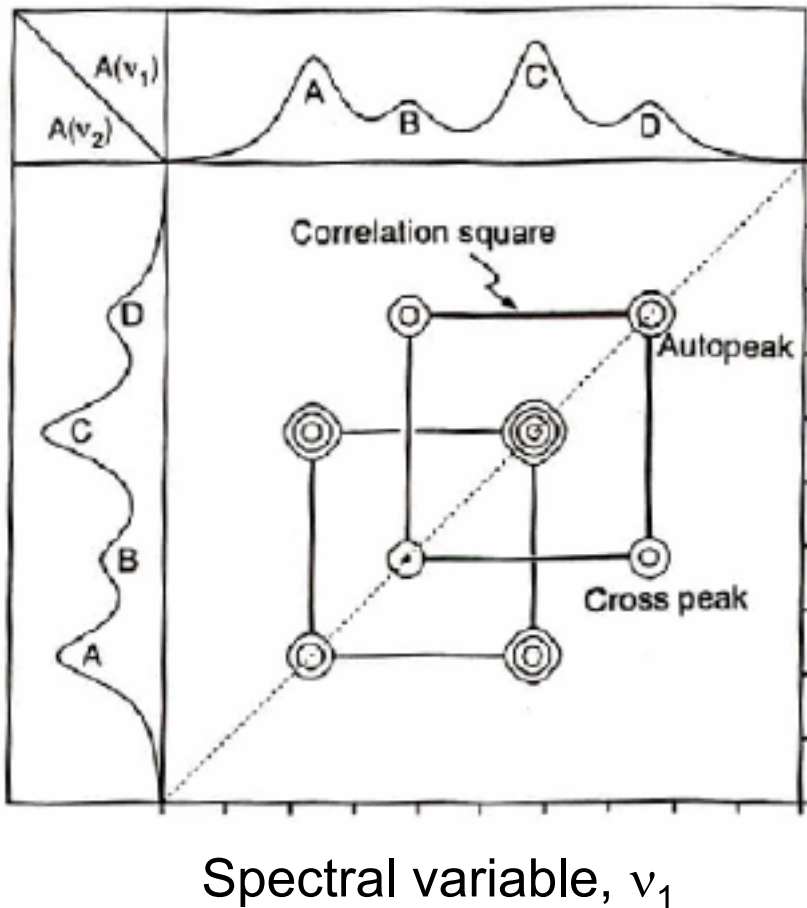
Spectral Variable

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Synchronous Correlation Map



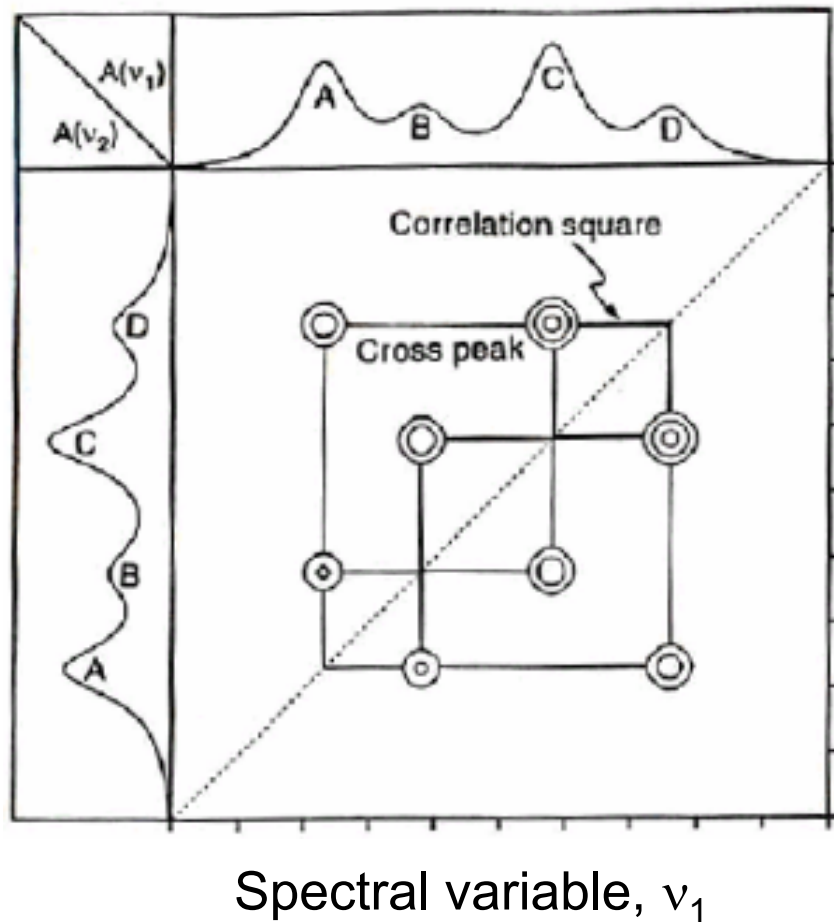
Autoppeaks at diagonal positions represent the **extent** of perturbation-induced dynamic fluctuations of spectral signals

Cross peaks represent **simultaneous changes** of spectral signals at two different wavenumbers, suggesting a coupled or related origin of intensity variations

Same **signs** at cross peaks shows simultaneous increase/decrease at corresponding wavenumbers
Different signs: different behavior



Asynchronous Correlation Map



Cross peaks appear only if changes at corresponding wavenumbers are occurring at a different rate

The **signs** of synchronous and asynchronous cross peaks become the **same** if the intensity change at v_1 occurs **before** v_2

The **signs** of synchronous and asynchronous cross peaks become **different** if the intensity change at v_1 occurs **after** v_2

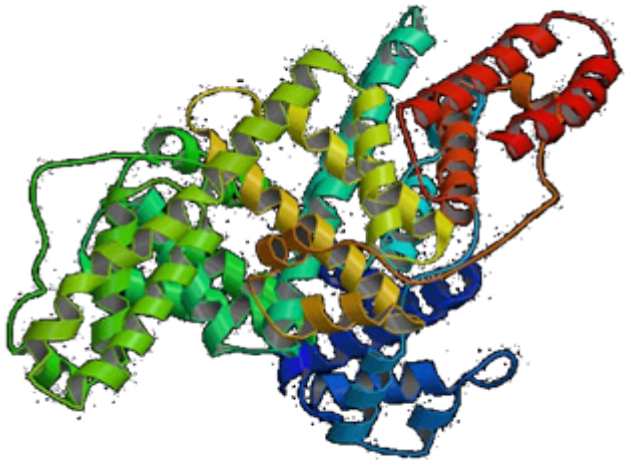


Characteristics of 2DCoS

- Through emphasizing spectral changes of the system under study in the two-dimensional correlation maps a kind of “resolution enhancement” is achieved
- No model (components, spectra) => does not require estimates
- No quantitative information
- No objective criteria telling success of 2DCoS analysis
- Frequently very useful to get a „feeling“ for the behavior of the system under study



Enzymatic Hydrolysis of BSA with Proteinase K



Secondary structure:
67% α -helix,
10% β -turn
23% extended chain,
No β -sheet

Heating of BSA:
Until 50°C reversible conformational changes
Unfolding of α -helix irreversible from 52 - 60°C
Continued Temperature Increase:
Start of β -aggregation
From 70°C on gel formation takes place

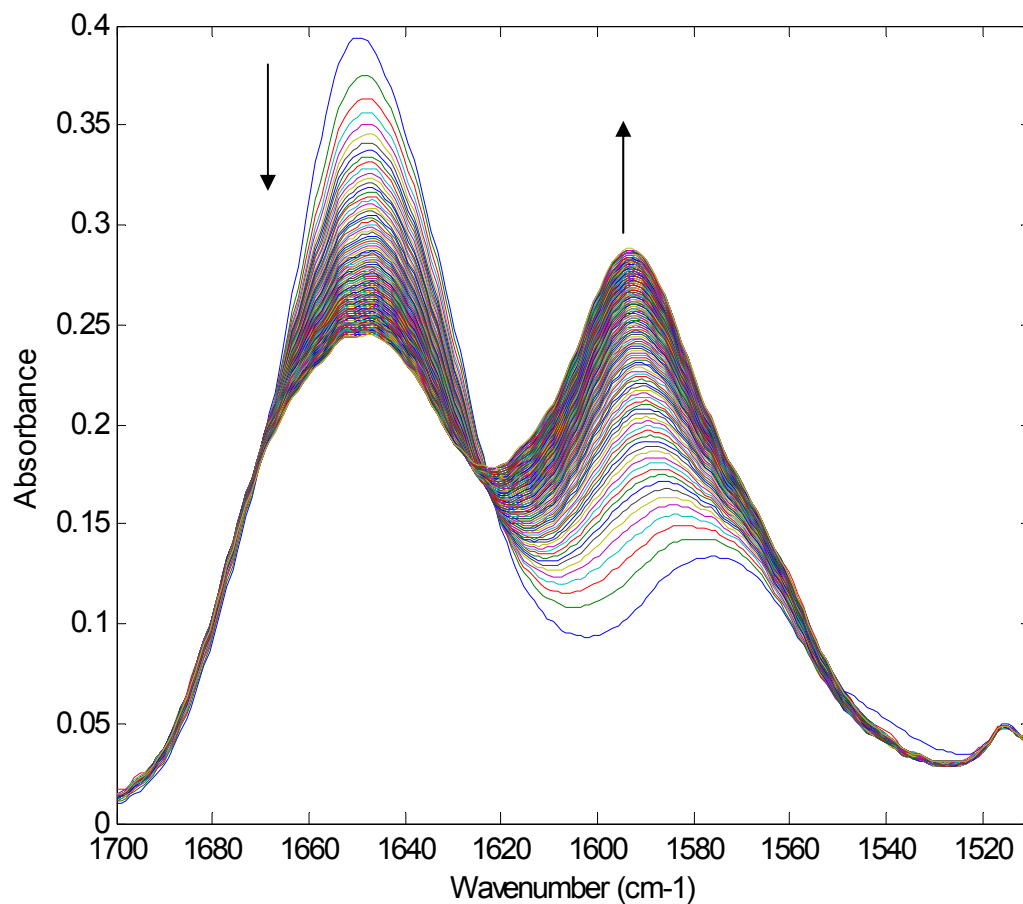
Proteinase K
Family of subtilisin proteinases
No selectivity for cleaving at certain amino acids
High activity at 50 – 60°C



Experimental Conditions – Recorded FTIR Spectra

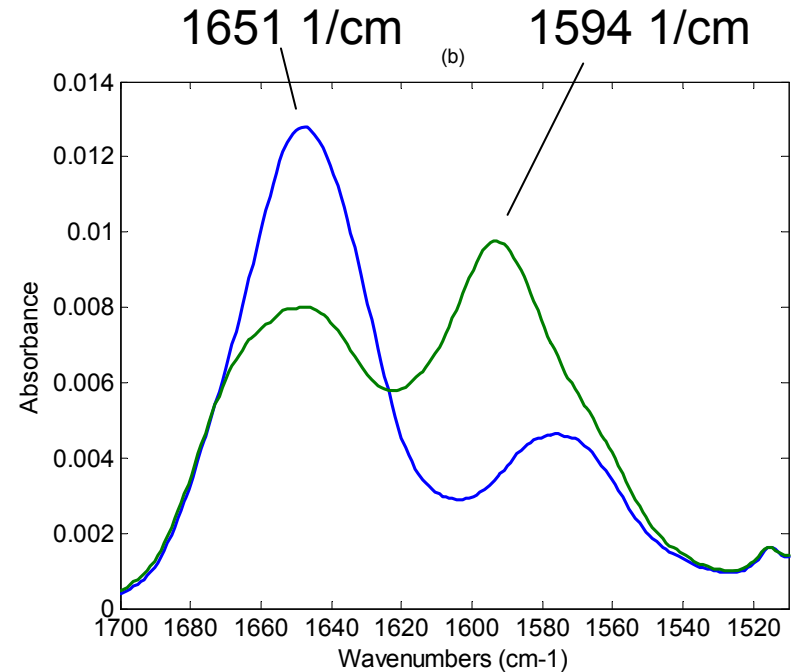
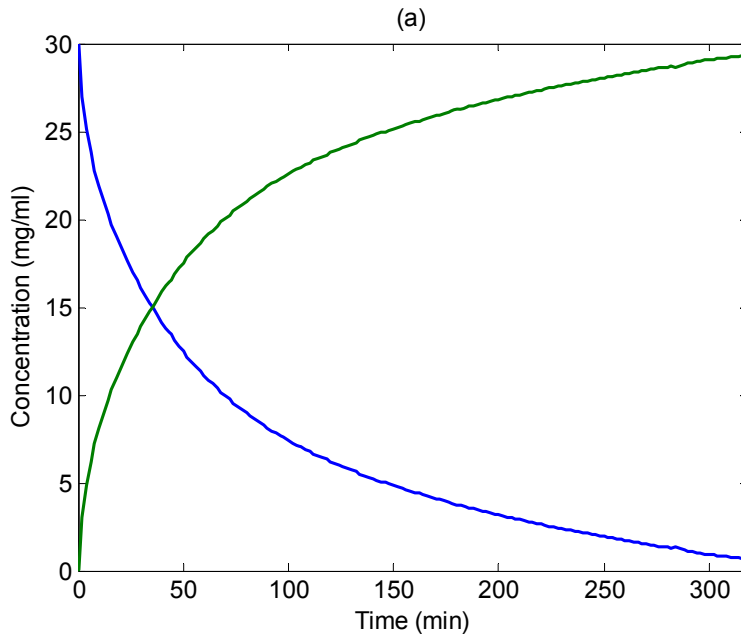
30 mg/ml BSA
0.5 mg/ml Proteinase K
T = 60°C
Phosphate buffer pD 7.4
Reaction time: 320 min

50 μm CaF_2
Spectr. res.: 2 cm^{-1}



MCR-ALS Analysis I

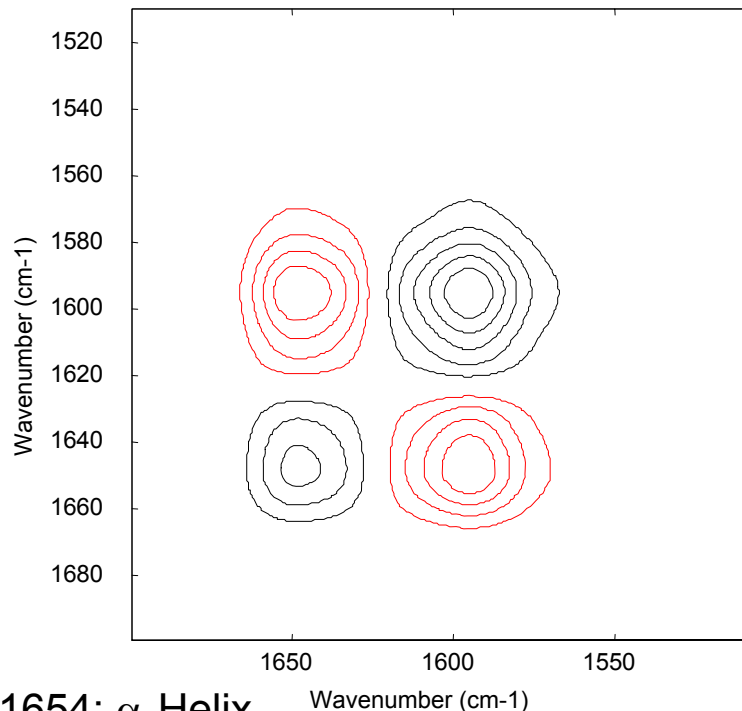
According to PCA 2 components explain 99,99 % of spectral variance
=> Assumption of 2 components



2DCoS Analysis

Synchronous Map

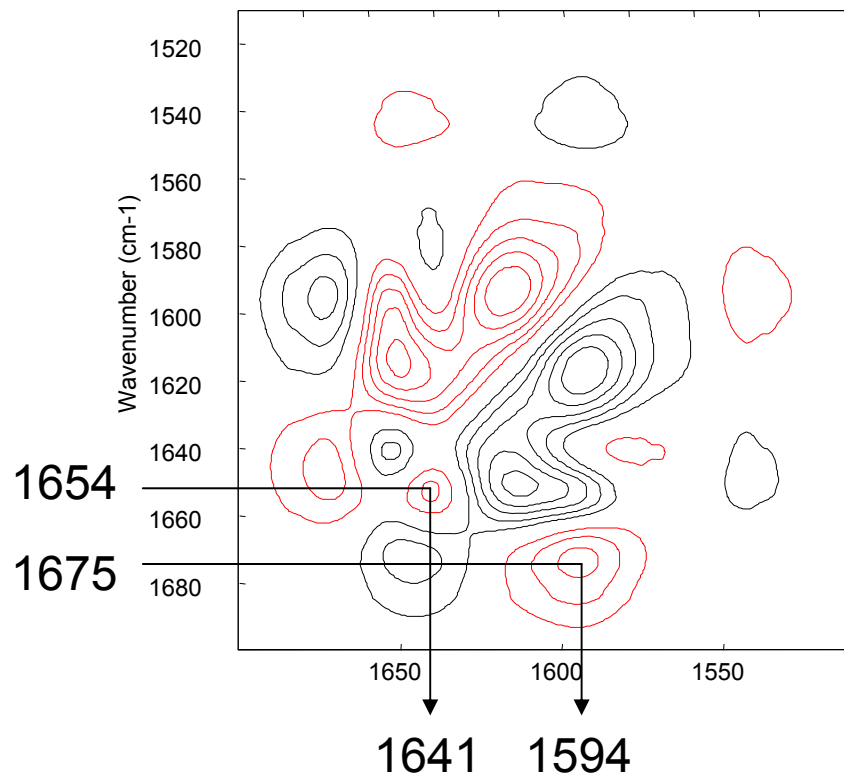
(a)



- 1654: α -Helix
- 1641: unordered structure.
- 1594: Carboxylate
- 1675: β -turn
- 1616: β -sheet

Asynchronous Map

(b)



There must be more than 2 components!!

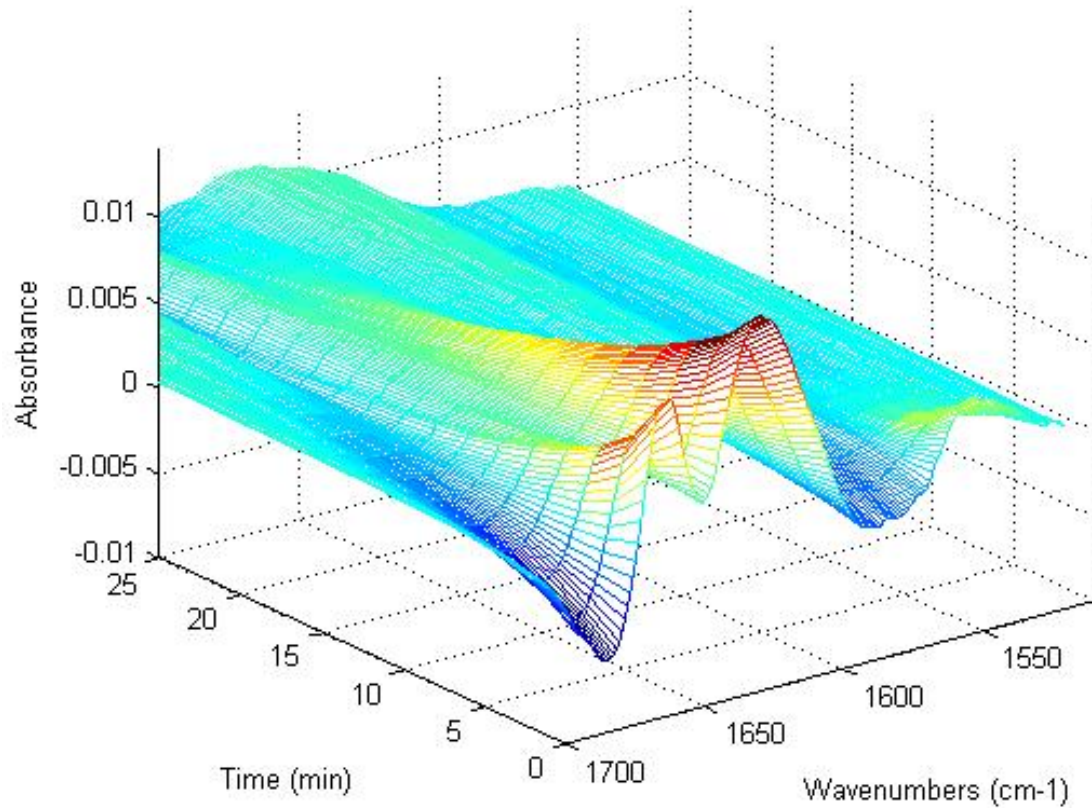
Following „Noda Rules“ : 1654/1641; 1594/1675

Syn + / asyn - => v_1 after v_2



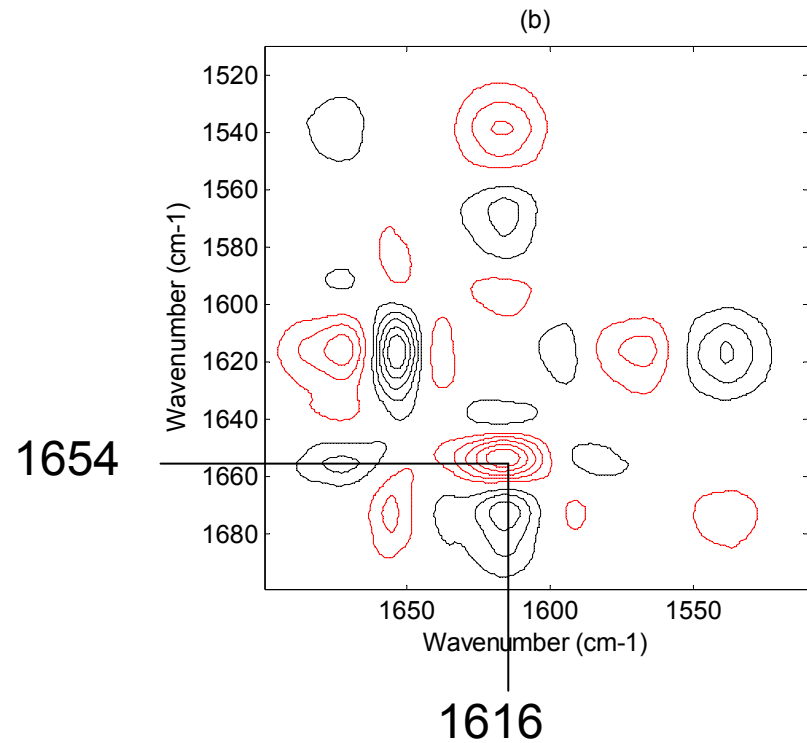
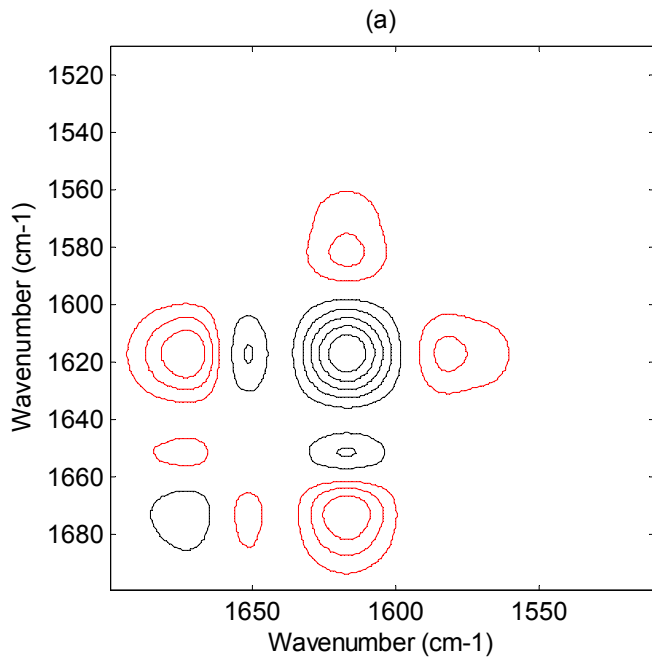
Residual Matrix E

$$E(r,c) = D - (CS^T)$$



Residual Matrix E studied with 2DCoS

Strongest band at 1616 1/cm

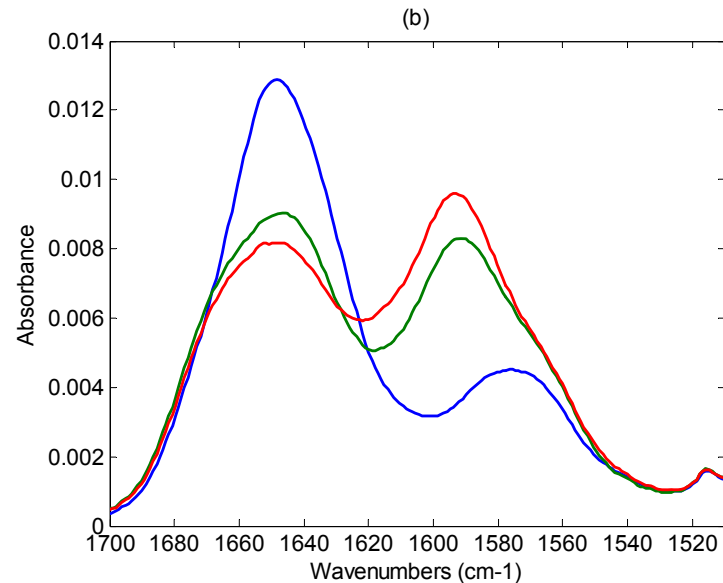
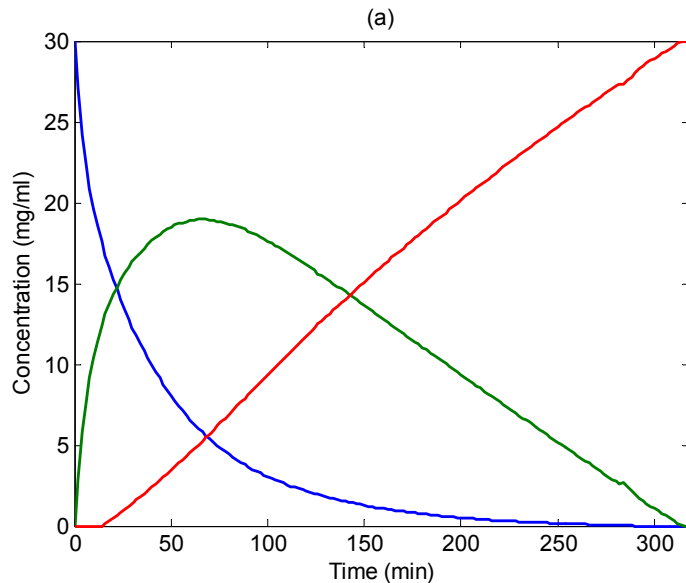


=> At least one more component with band at 1616 1/cm



MCR-ALS Analyse II

- Assumption of 3 components, PCA explains now 99,999 %
- Analysis of a single experiment

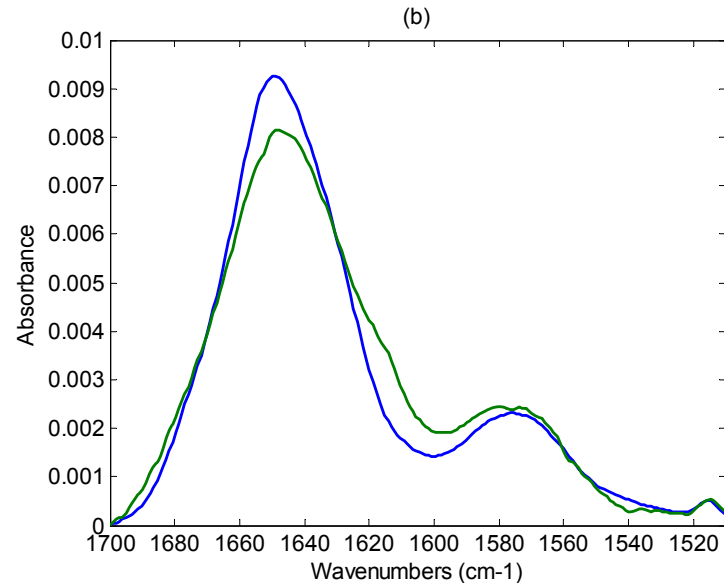
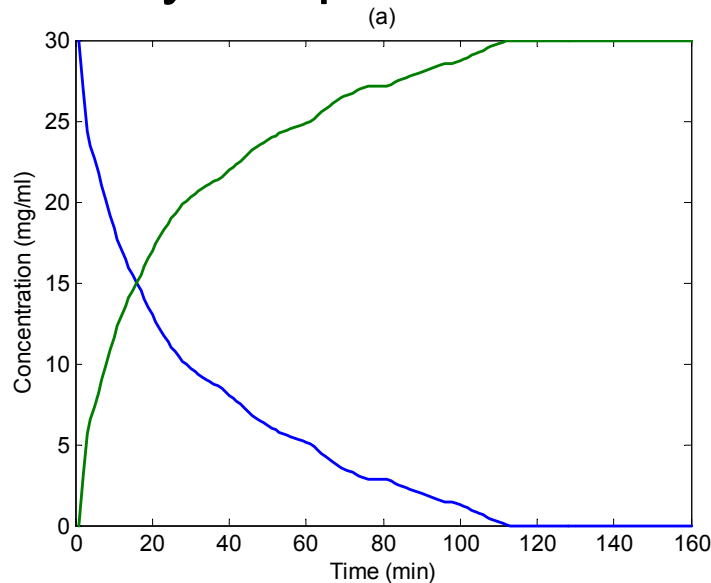


Obviously there are 2 products: Intermediate and final product
This is unlikely from a chemical viewpoint



MCR – ALS of Experiment without Enzyme

- Only temperature induced effects are visible



Denaturation due to increasing temp.:

Increasing portion of disordered structures:

Amide I: 1654 \rightarrow 1651 1/cm

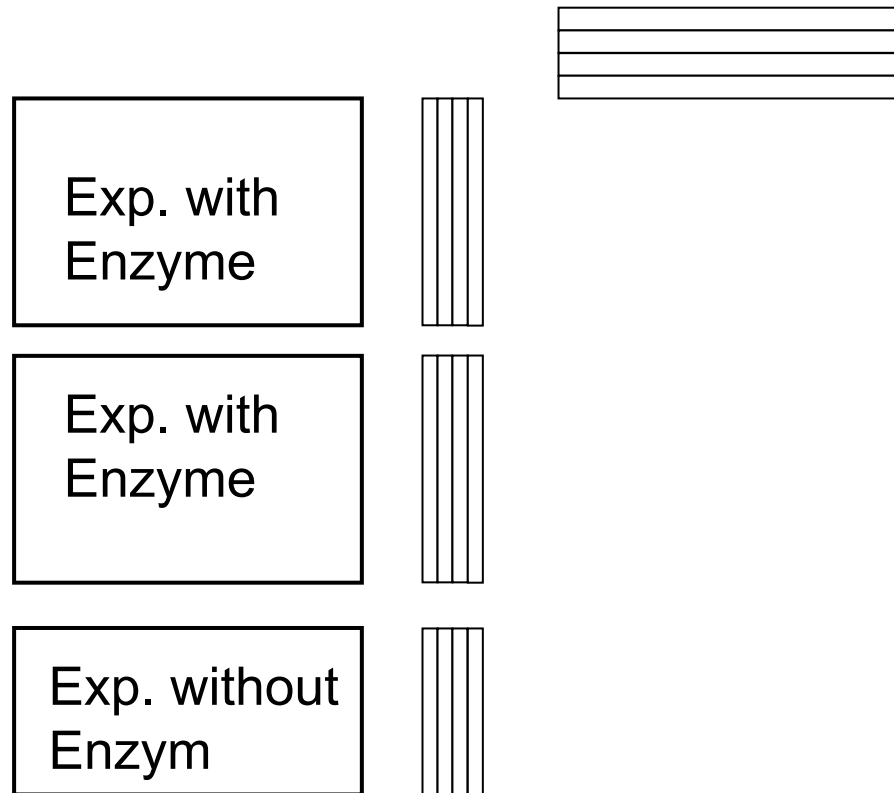
Also slight increase in content in β -turns:

Shoulders at 1616 (strong) and 1685 are being formed

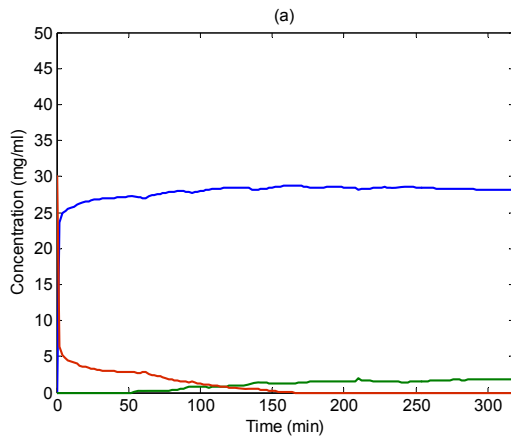


Matrix Augmentation

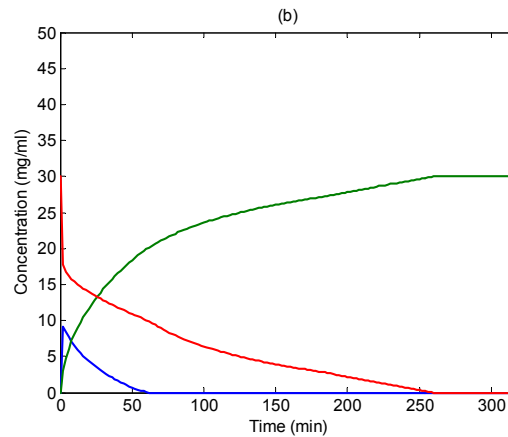
- Simultaneous Analysis of several experiments



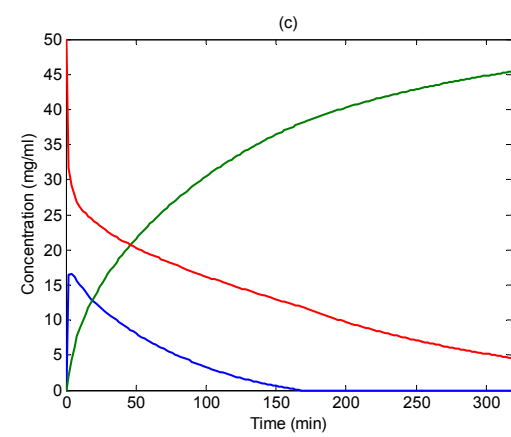
Result of MCR-ALS Matrix Augmentation



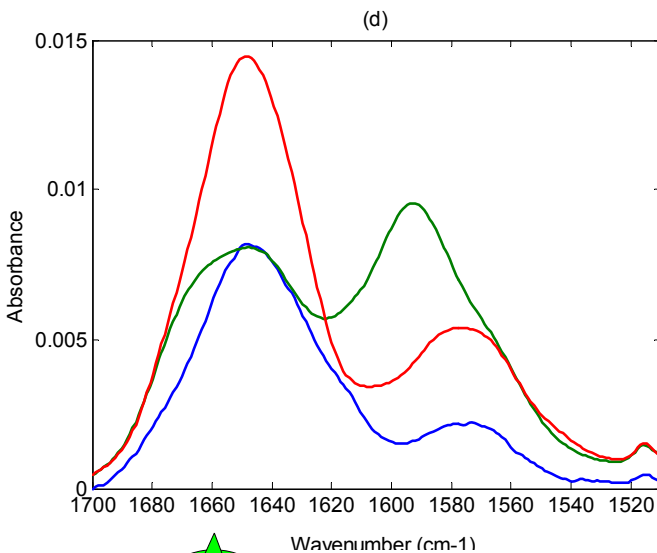
30 mg/ml Albumin



30 mg/ml Albumin
0.5 mg/ml Enzym



50 mg/ml Albumin
0.5 mg/ml Enzym



- Native Albumin
- Defolded Albumin (random structures shift toward 1641 as well as β -sheet)
- Reaction product

Dominguez et al. *Anal. Chem.* 78 (2006) 3257-3264

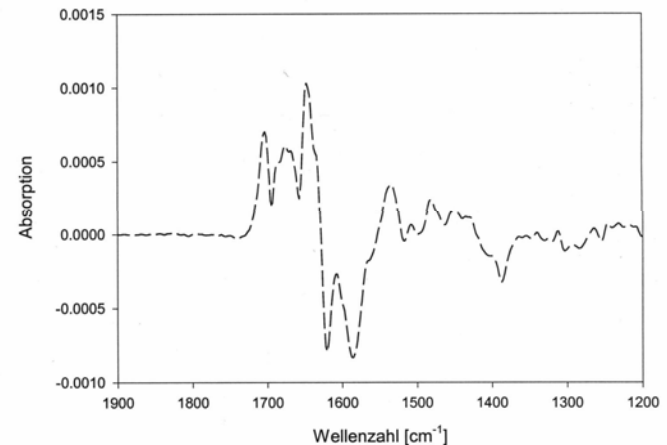
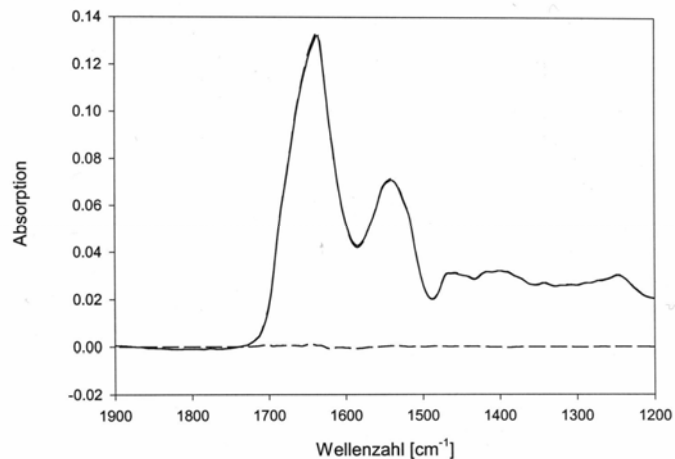
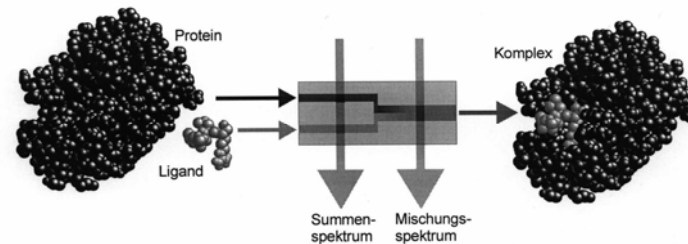
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Results of Bioligand Interaction Studies

Purpose: Screening of Potential Drugs

Principle: Comparison of two FTIR Spectra



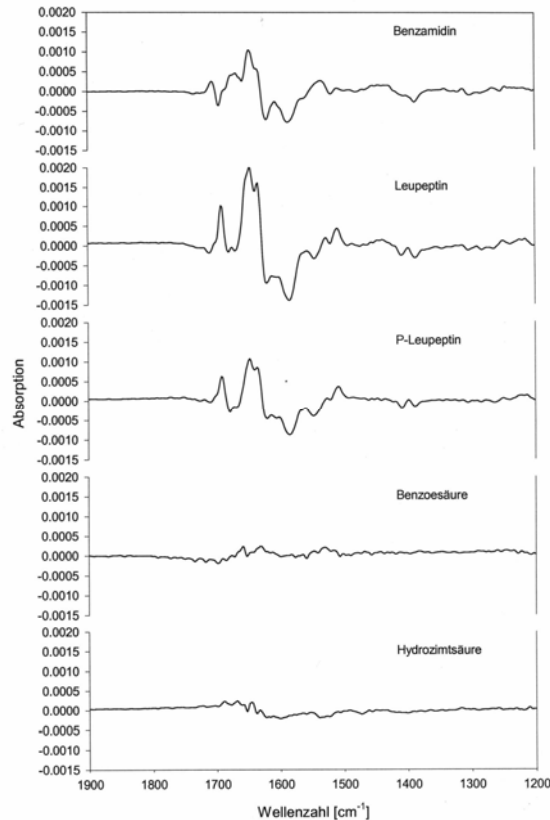
Füchsle, PhD thesis 1999



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Results of Bioligand Interaction Studies

Difference Spectra



Active Molecules
=> Possible Drug

Inactive Molecules

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Difficulties of TR FTIR of Chemical Reactions in Solution

- FTIR spectroscopy
 - Small spectral changes expected =>
 - Signal averaging
 - Repeated initiation of the event under study (chemical reaction) for high time resolution
- Liquid handling
 - Fast, reproducible mixing of two liquids
 - Low sample consumption



Short Optical Path in FTIR Imposes Difficulties for Rapid Mixing

- Flow rates for fast turbulent mixing require high pressure
 - Large reagent consumption
(repeated experiments for good s/n-ratio)
 - Problems with constant optical path
- Low flow rates (max. 0.5 ml/min)
 - No problem with constant optical path, reduced reagent consumption, but
 - Reynolds number: $\sim 10 \Rightarrow$
Strongly laminar flow: ...slow mixing in conventional systems



TR - FTIR Spectroscopy in Aqueous Solution

Problem:

- Optical pathlength in the μm range
- Strongly laminar flow
- No turbulence



Mixing is based on diffusion only!!

Solution: Miniaturization

$$t=L^2/D$$

t: time

L: diffusion distance

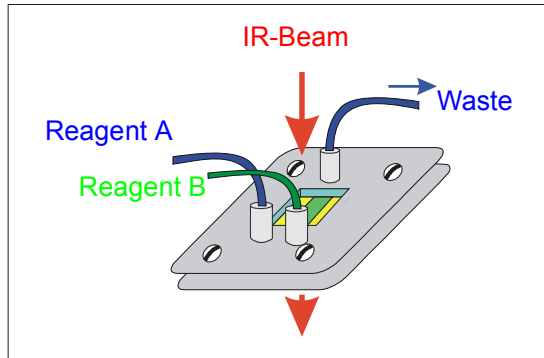
D: Diffusion coefficient



- Reduction of the diffusion length
- Generation of short inter-stream distances

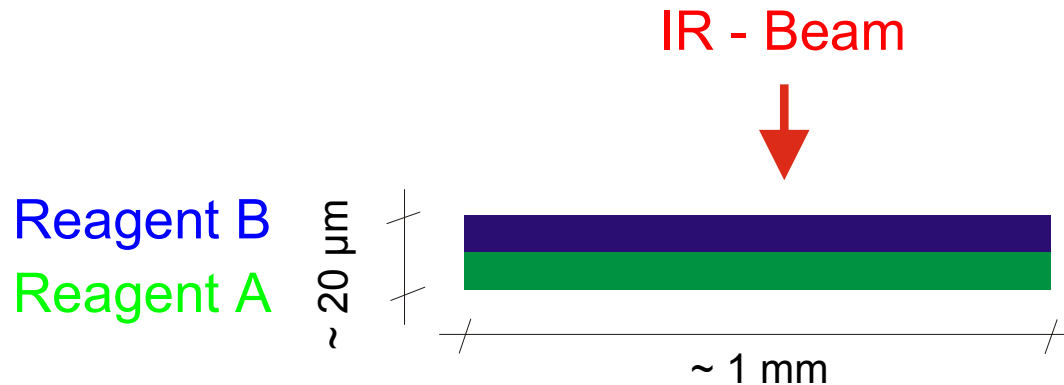


„Lasgane“ Micromixer



Reduction of diffusion lengths by superposition of streamlines

Cross section through the flow-cell



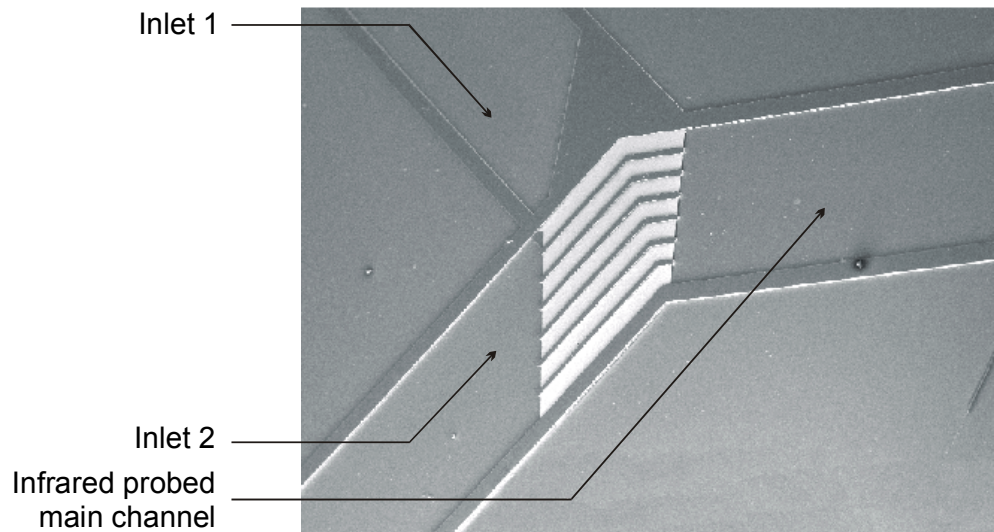
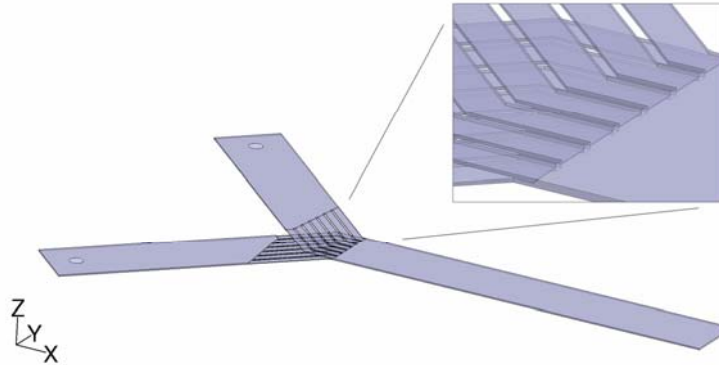
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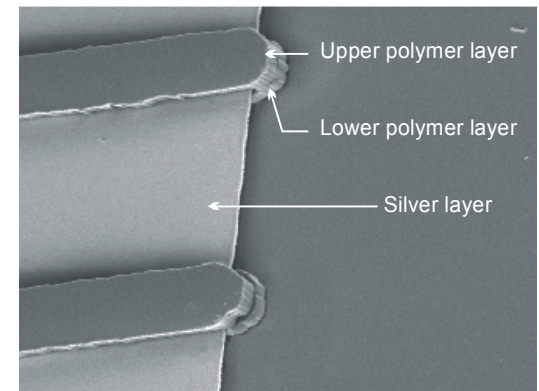
Details of the Fabricated Micro-mixer

„Lasagne mixer“

Schematic
view

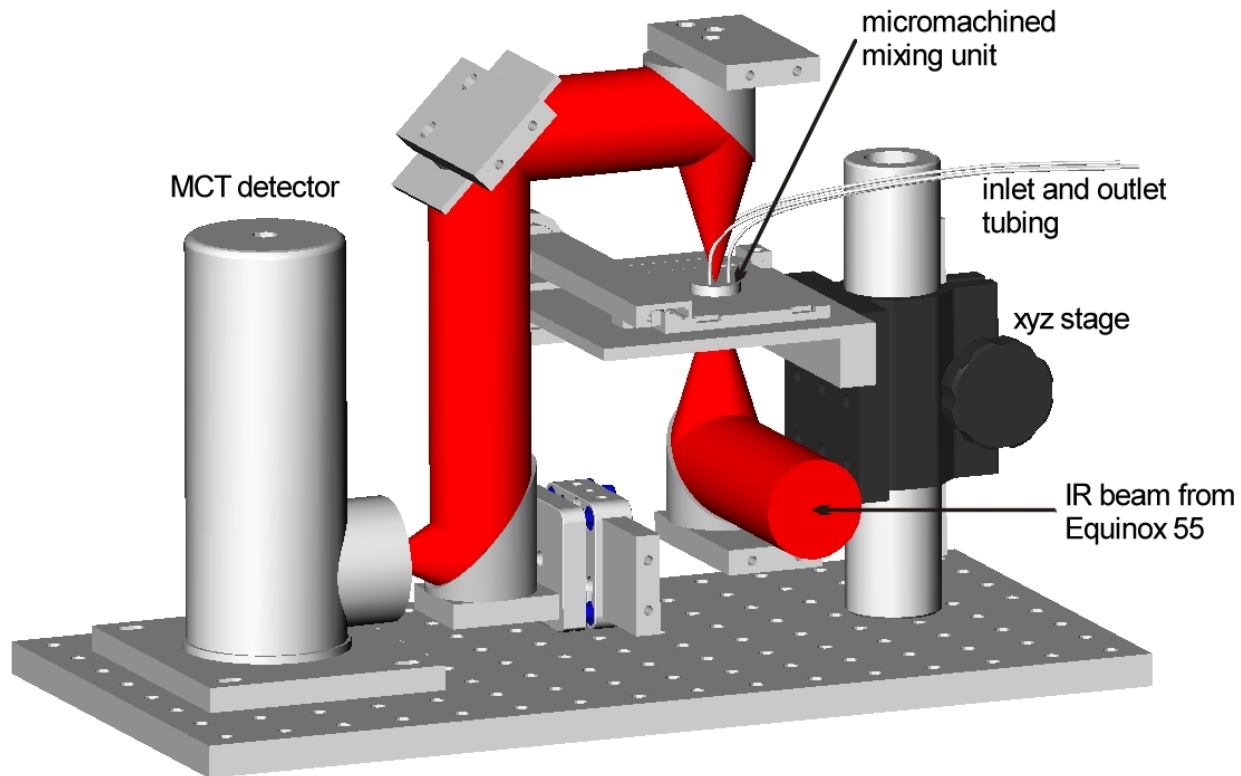


SEM pictures

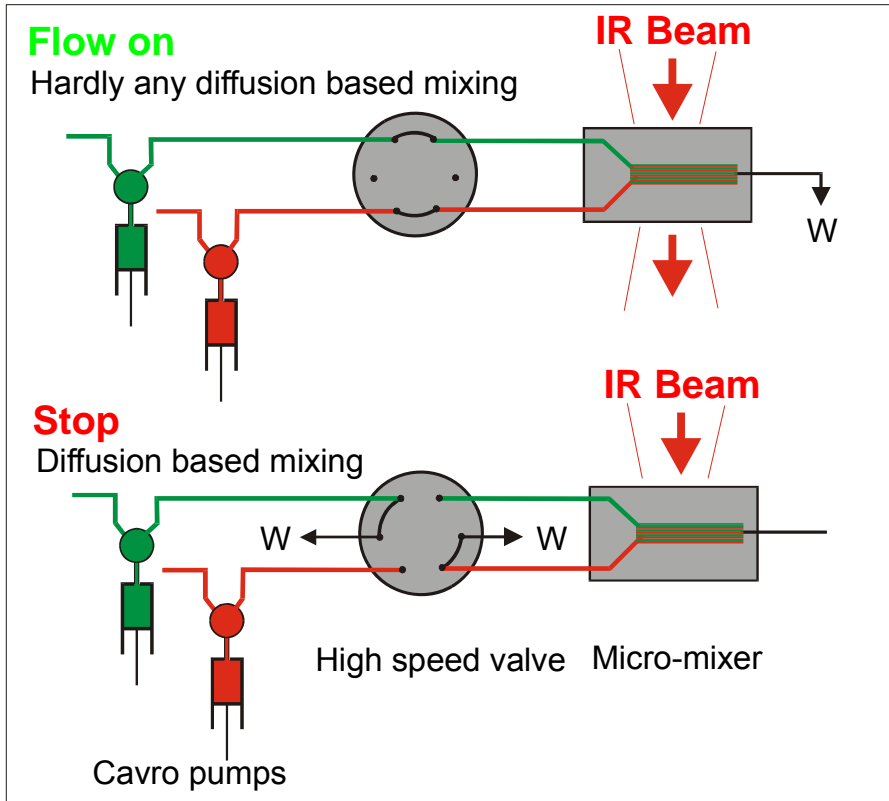


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Schematic of Experimental Set-up



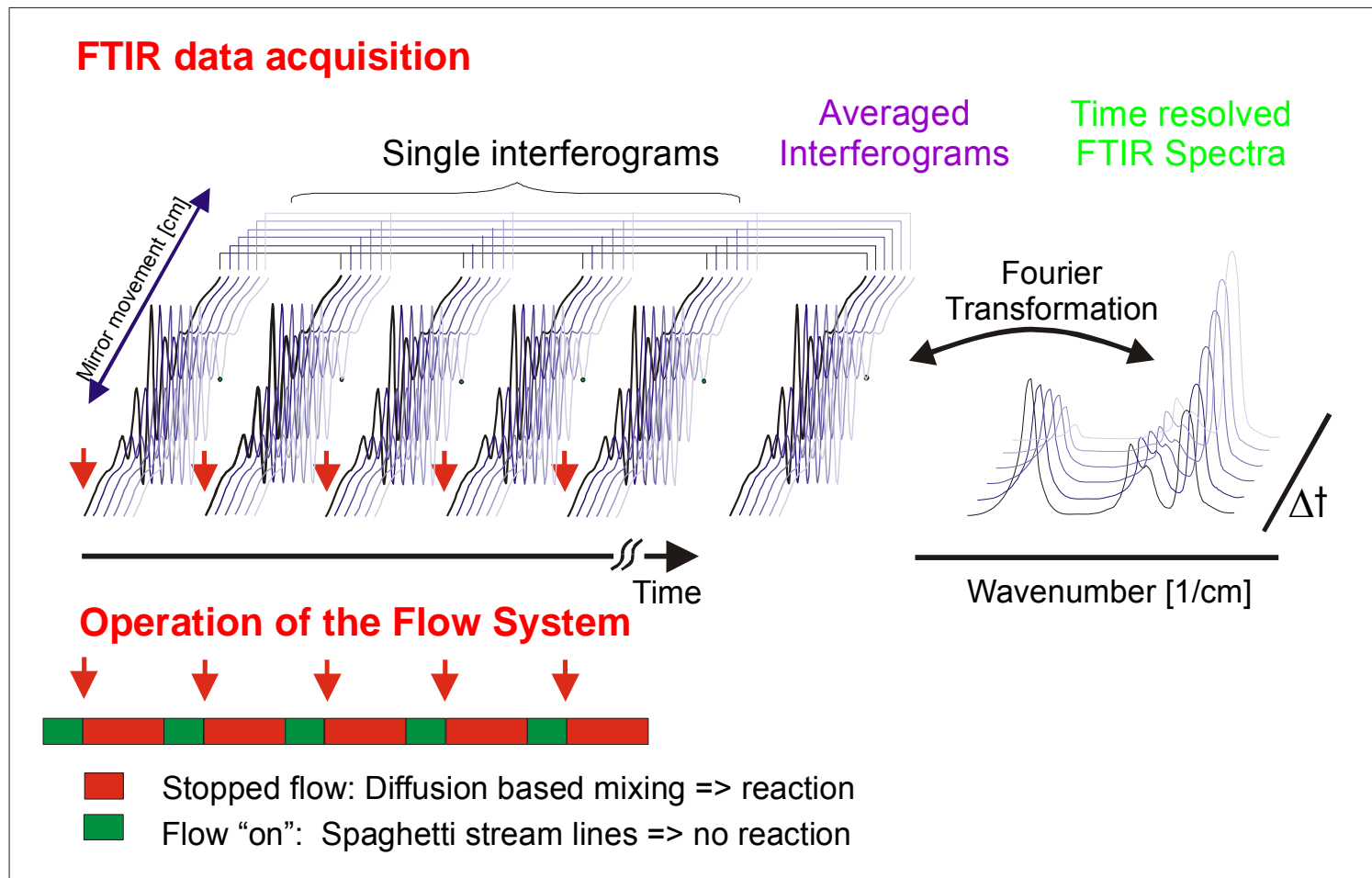
Operation of the Flow System



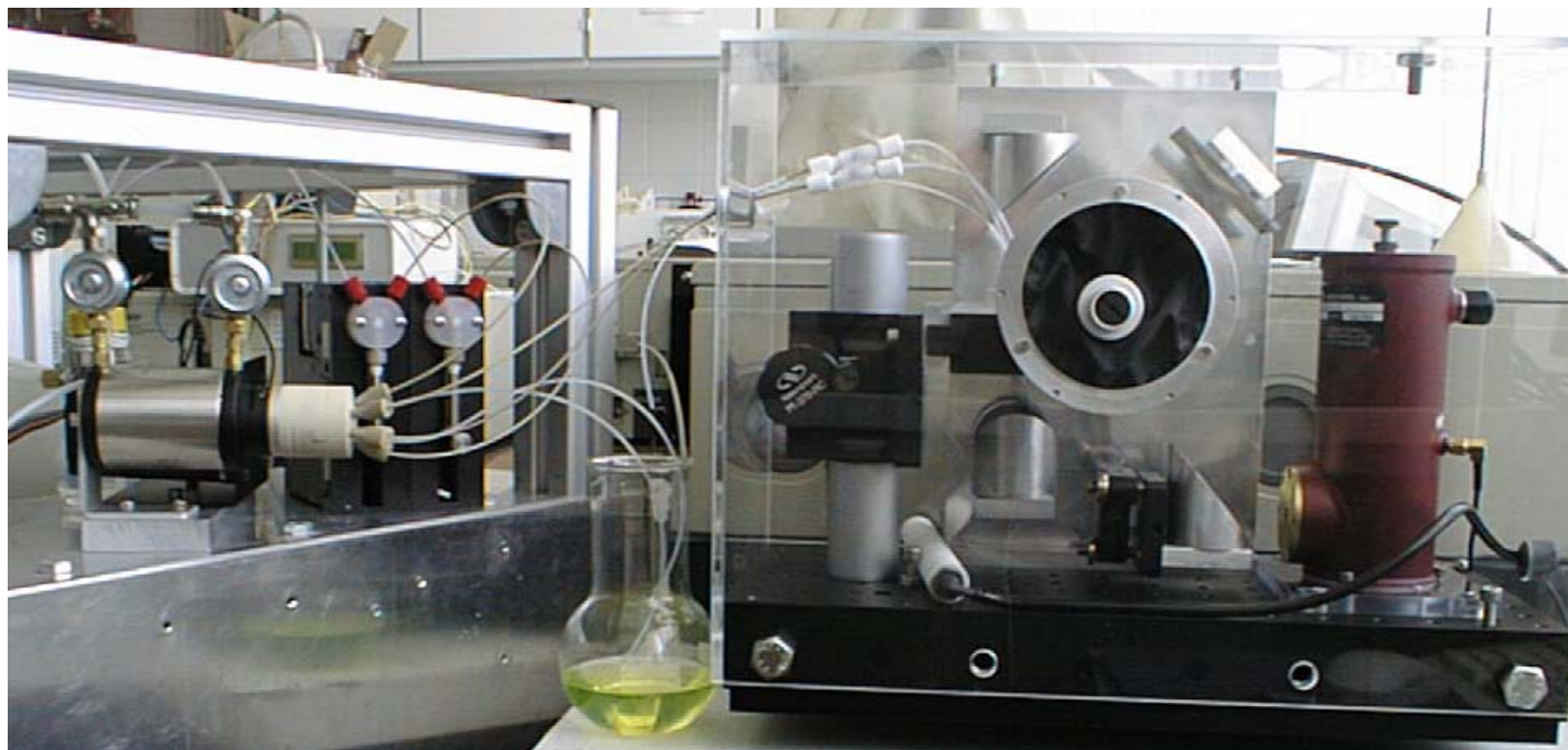
- Flow rate: 100 $\mu\text{l}/\text{min}$
- Linear flow rate: 11 cm/s
- Residence time: 22 ms
- Reynolds number: 1
- Optical path: 12 μm



Principles of Rapid Scan FTIR spectroscopy



Experimental Set-up

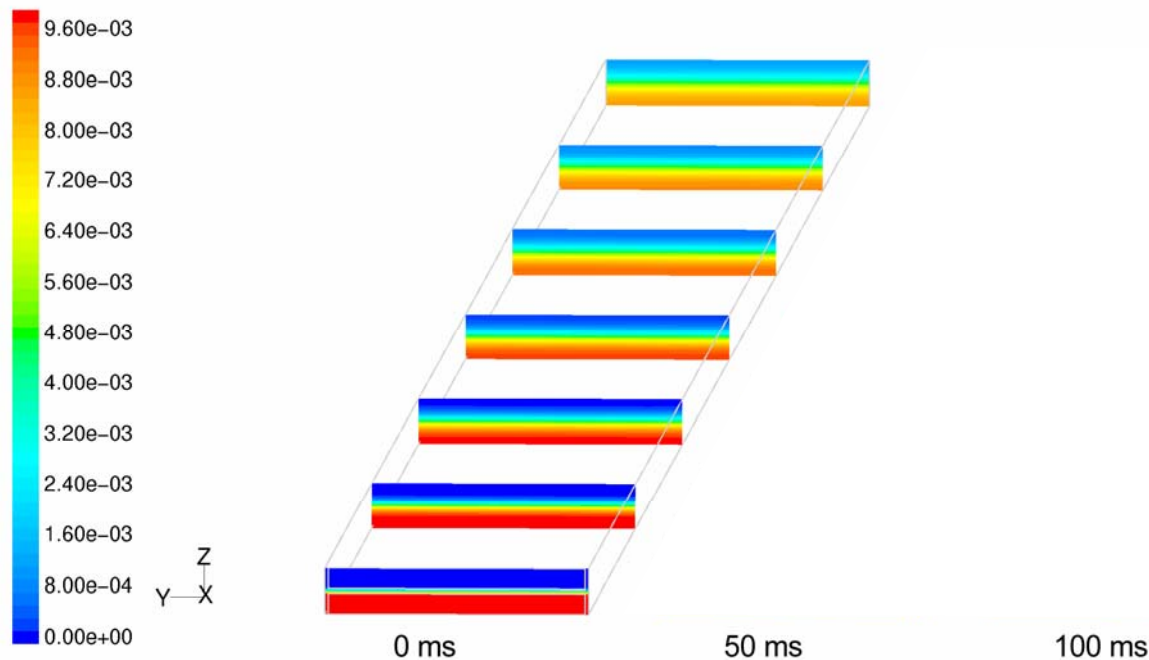


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Details on the Mixing Process

With boundary layer, $X_A = 0.01$ in top channel, flow rate: 50 $\mu\text{l}/\text{min}$ each cross sections every 500 μm , cell size 2 μm

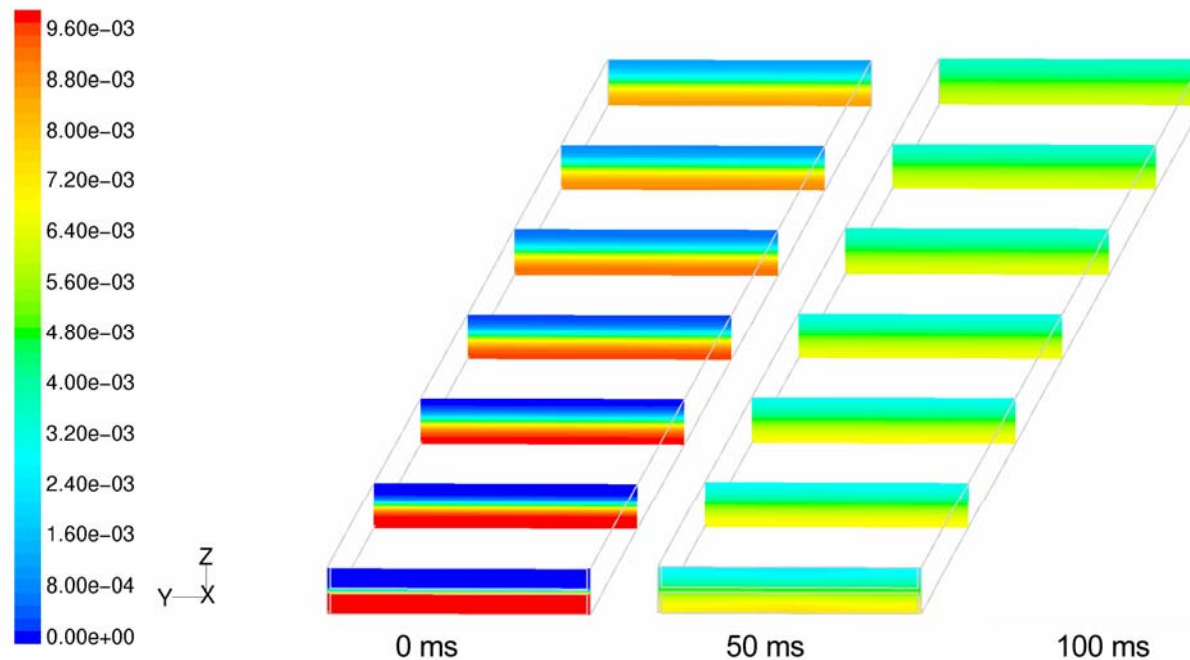
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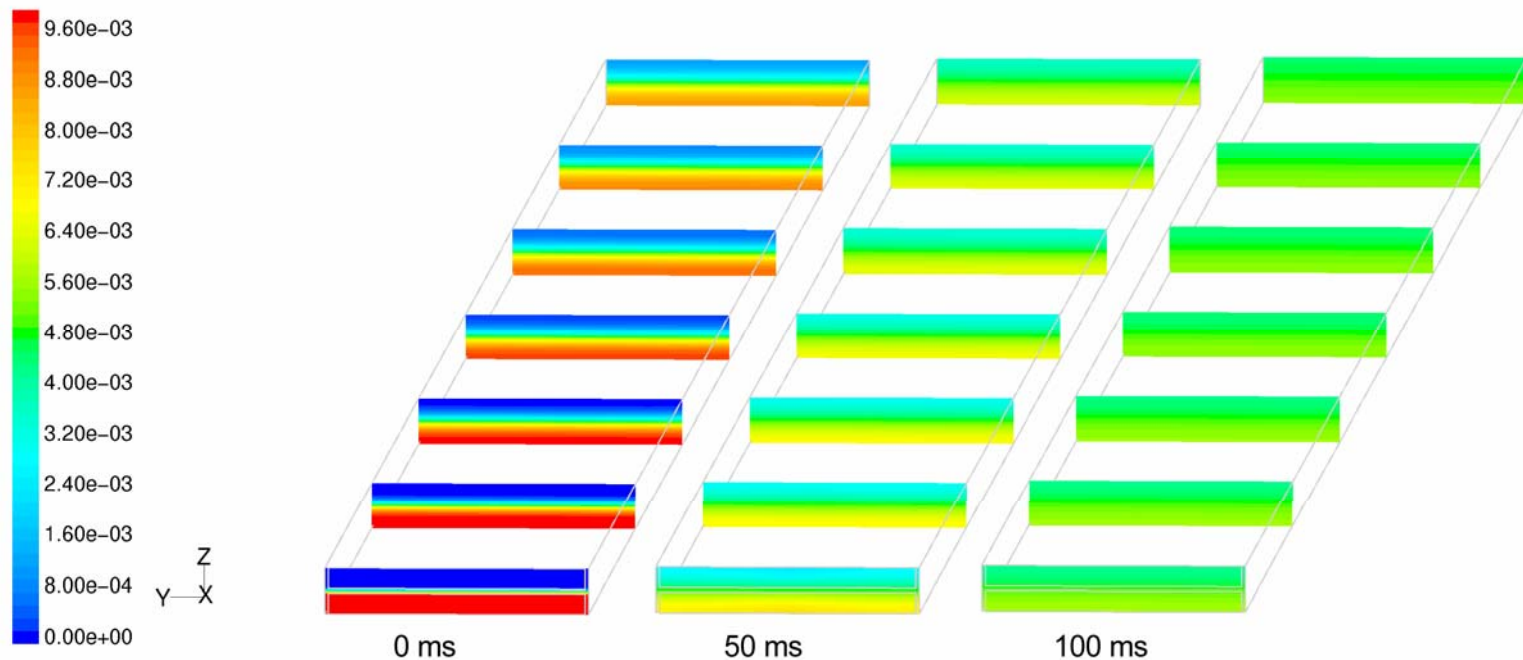
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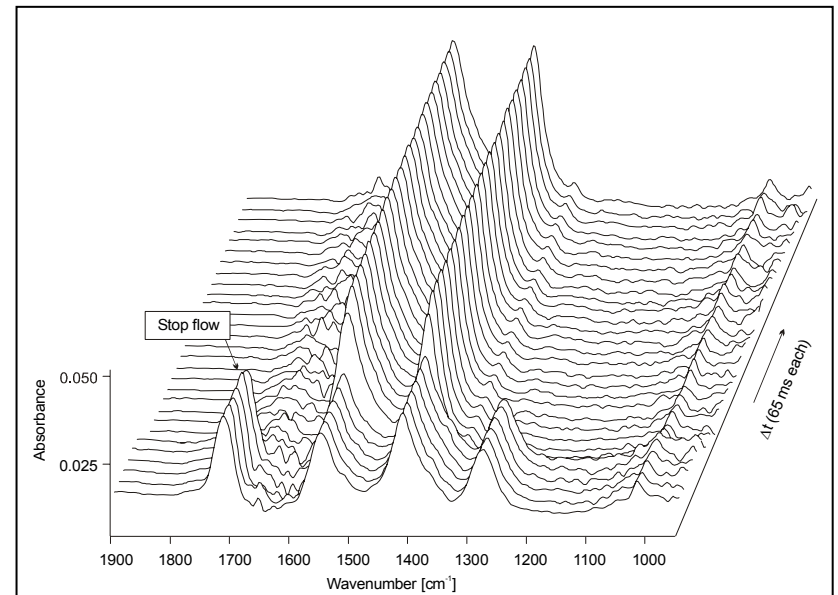
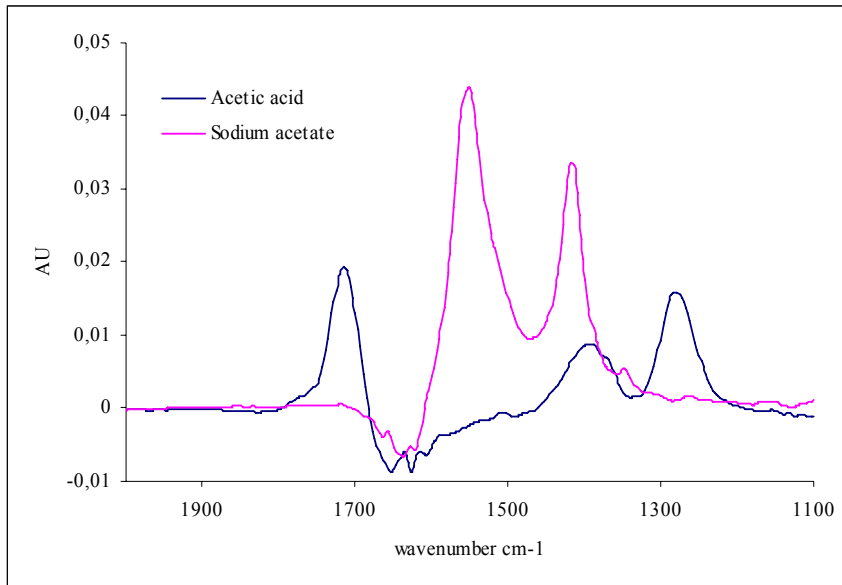
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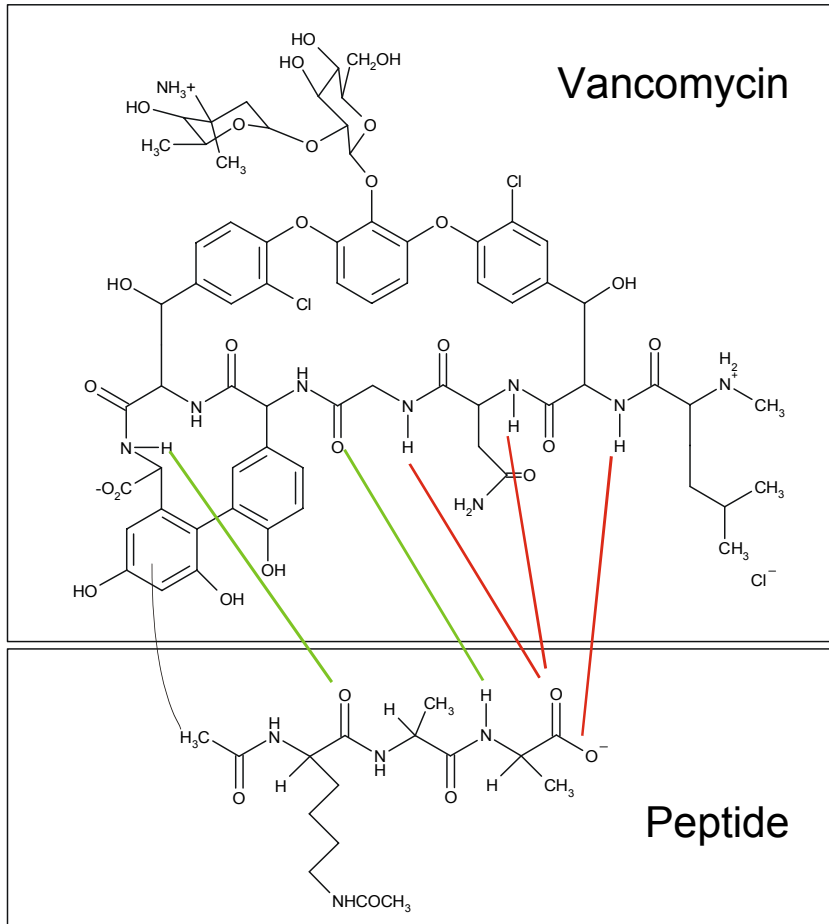
Test of Experimental Set-up

Performance test with Acetic Acid - NaOH system



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Interaction of Vancomycin and Ac-L-Lys(Ac)-D-Ala-D-Ala

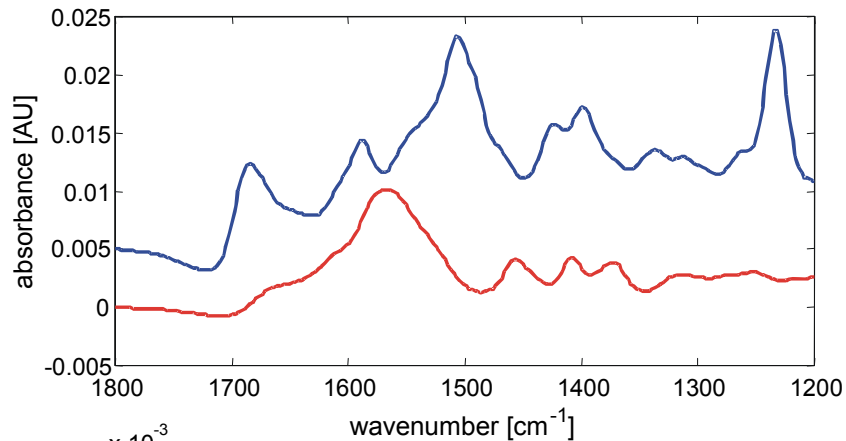


Vancomycin:

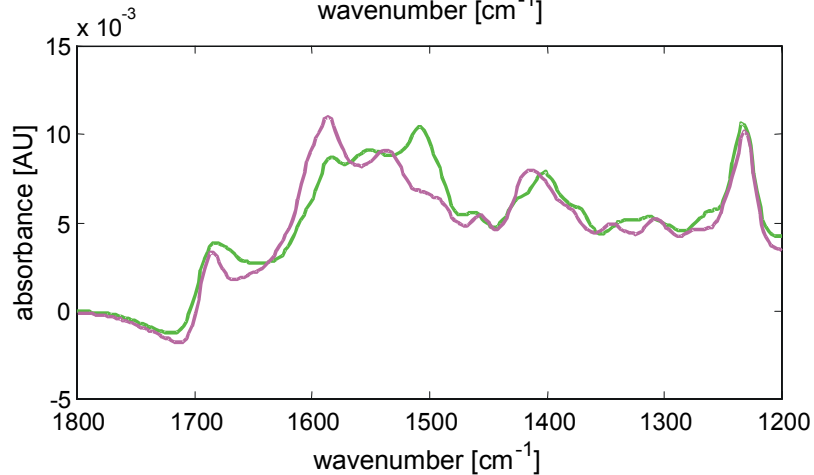
- Glycopeptide antibiotic
- binds to –Lys-D-ala-D-ala end of cell-wall precursors of gram positive bacteria
- binding proceeds via
 - hydrogen bonding, and
 - hydrophobic interactions



Spectral Differences (static) due to Binding



Vancomycin (V)
Tripeptide (TP)



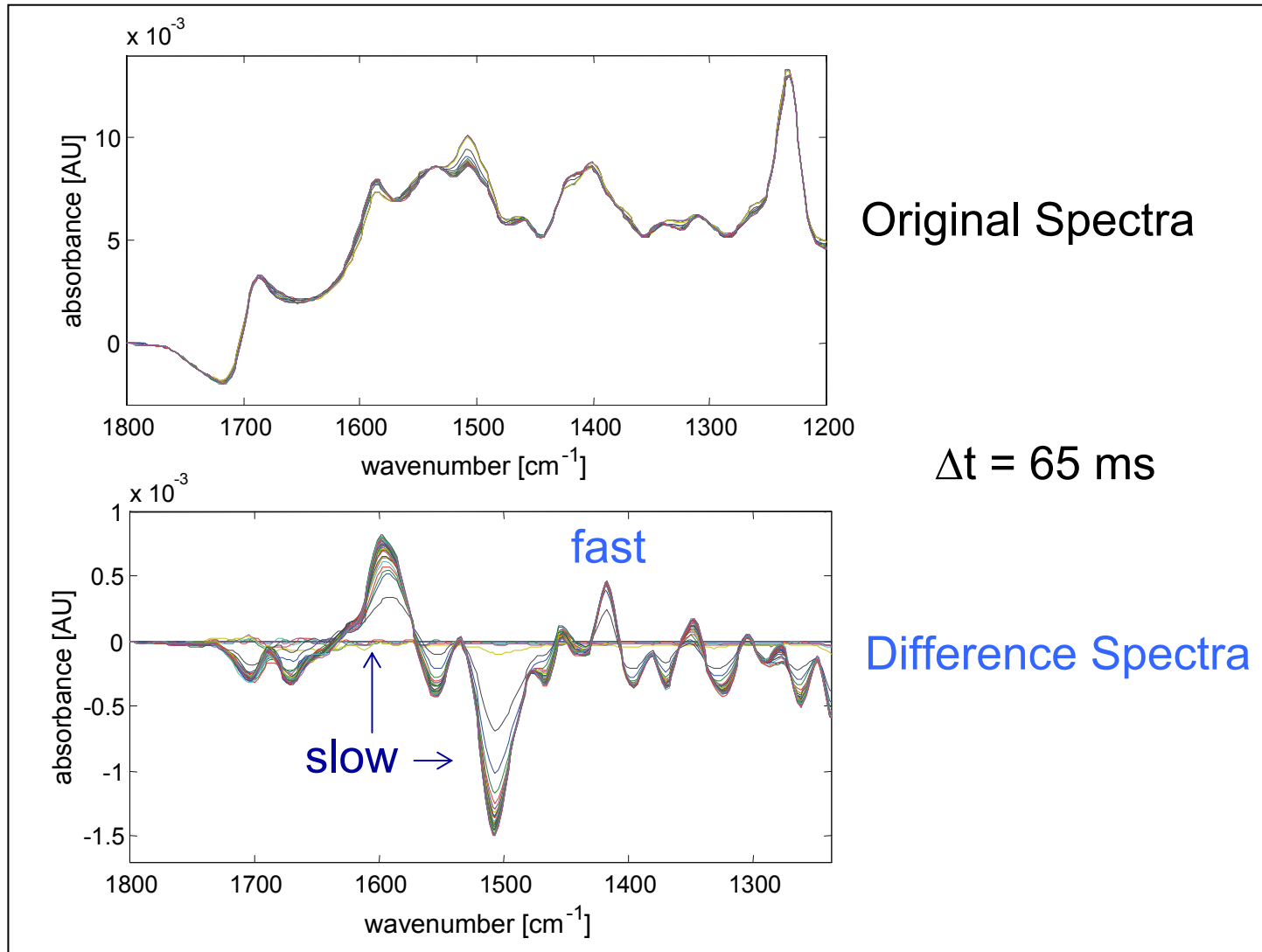
Sum of V+TP

Formed Complex of V-TP

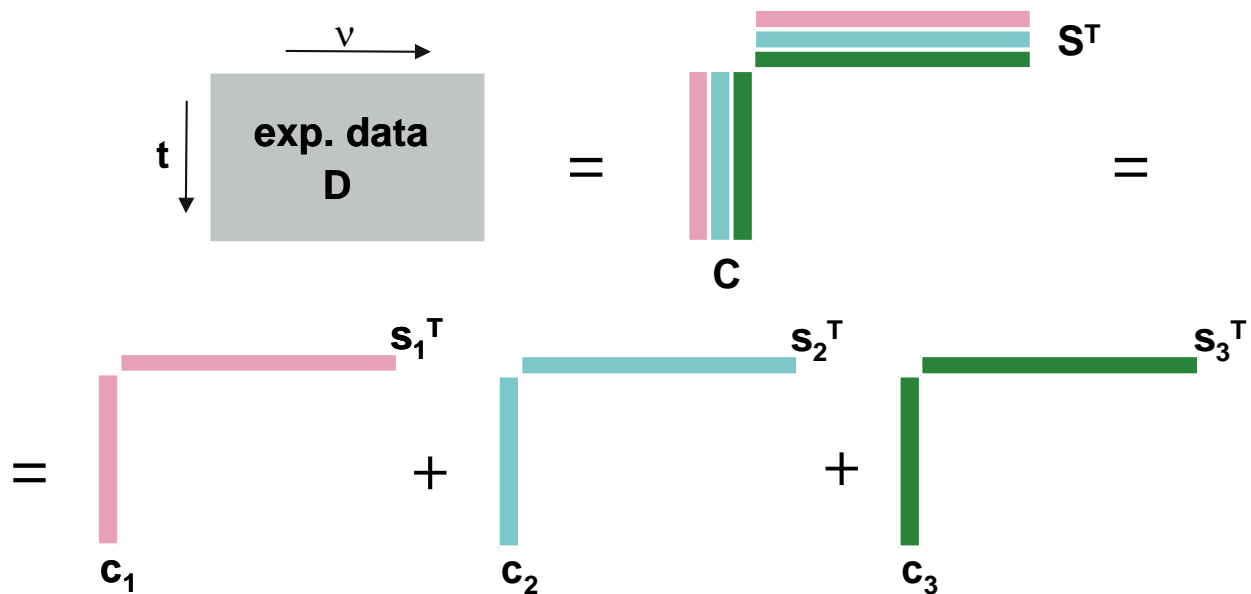


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Time Resolved (ms) FTIR Data



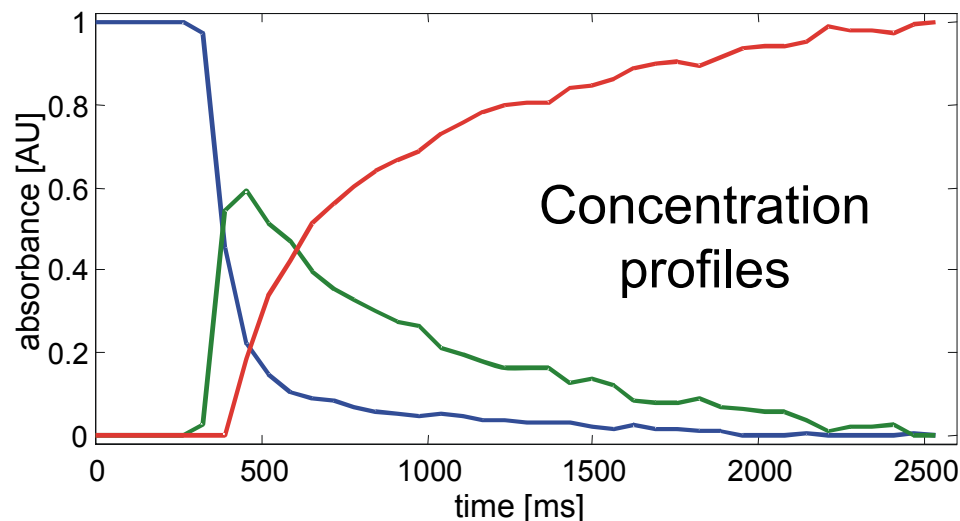
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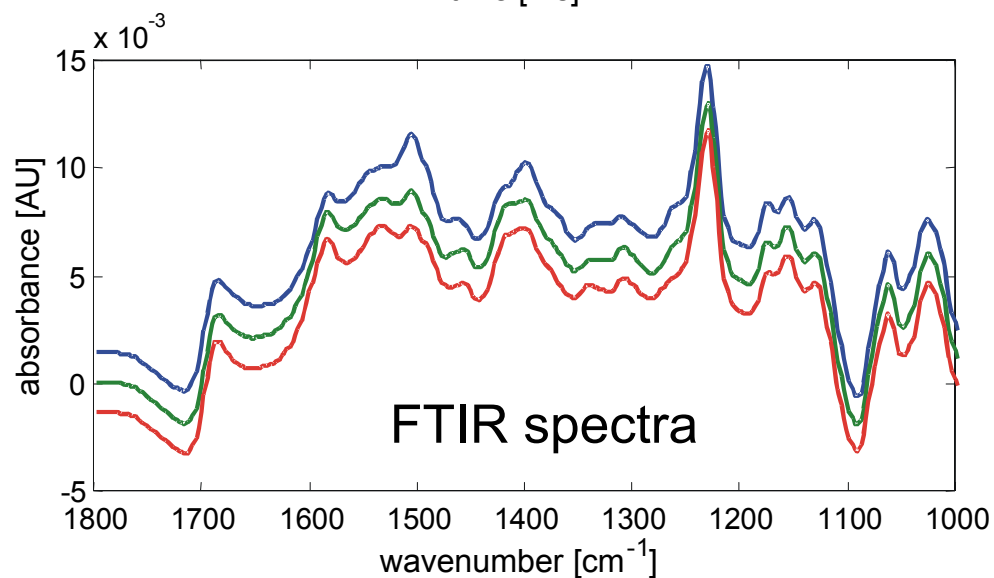
c_i ...concentration profiles with time s_i ...spectra of pure substances



Result of MCR-ALS Analysis of the Data



2-step
binding process



before reaction

intermediate

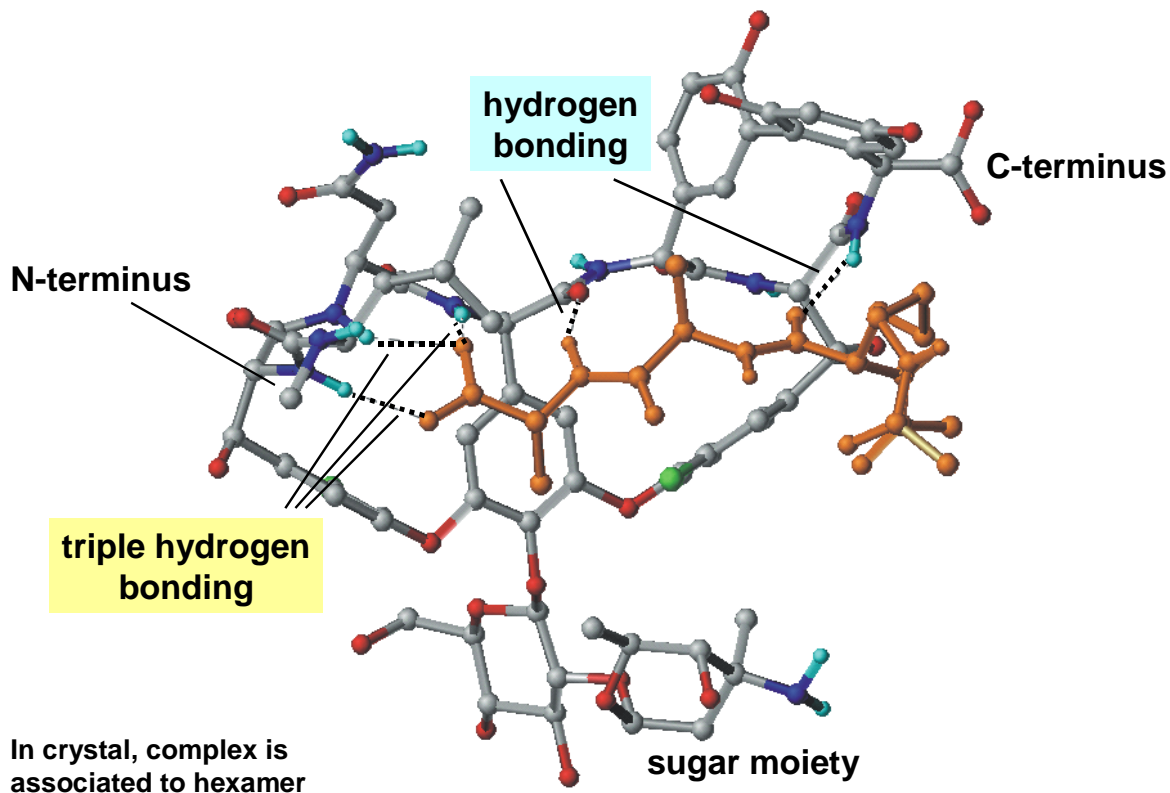
endproduct
(complex)



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TR-FTIR Provides Complementary Information to Crystallography

X-Ray Crystal Structure of Cocrystallized
Vancomycin - N_{α}, N_{ω} -Diacetyl-L-Lys-D-Ala-D-Ala



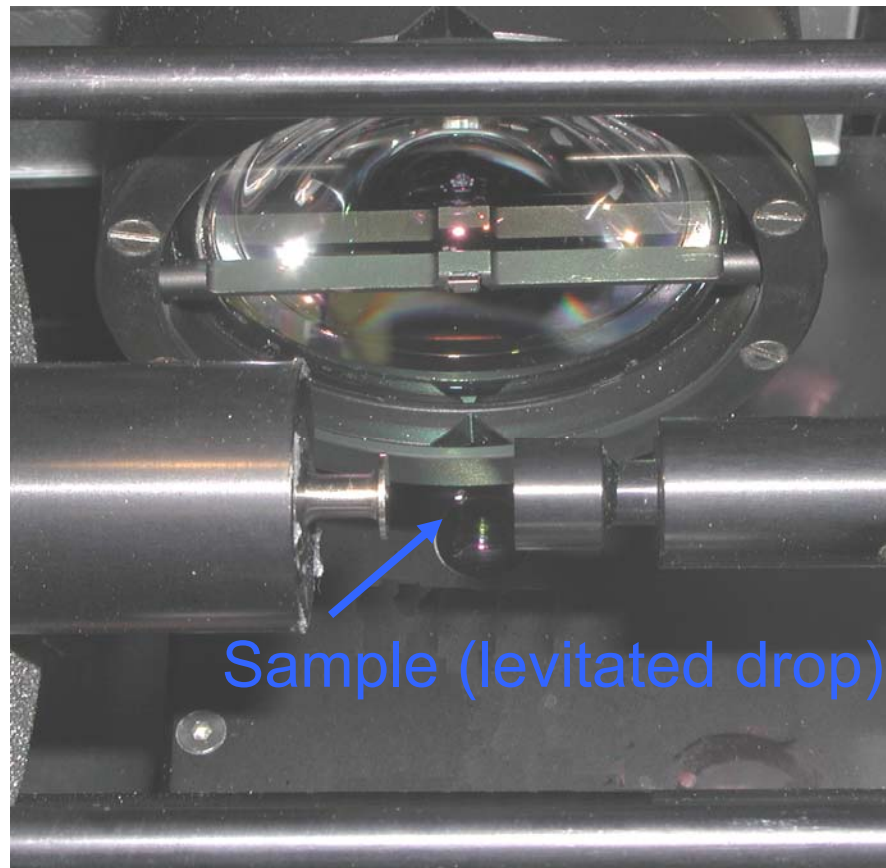
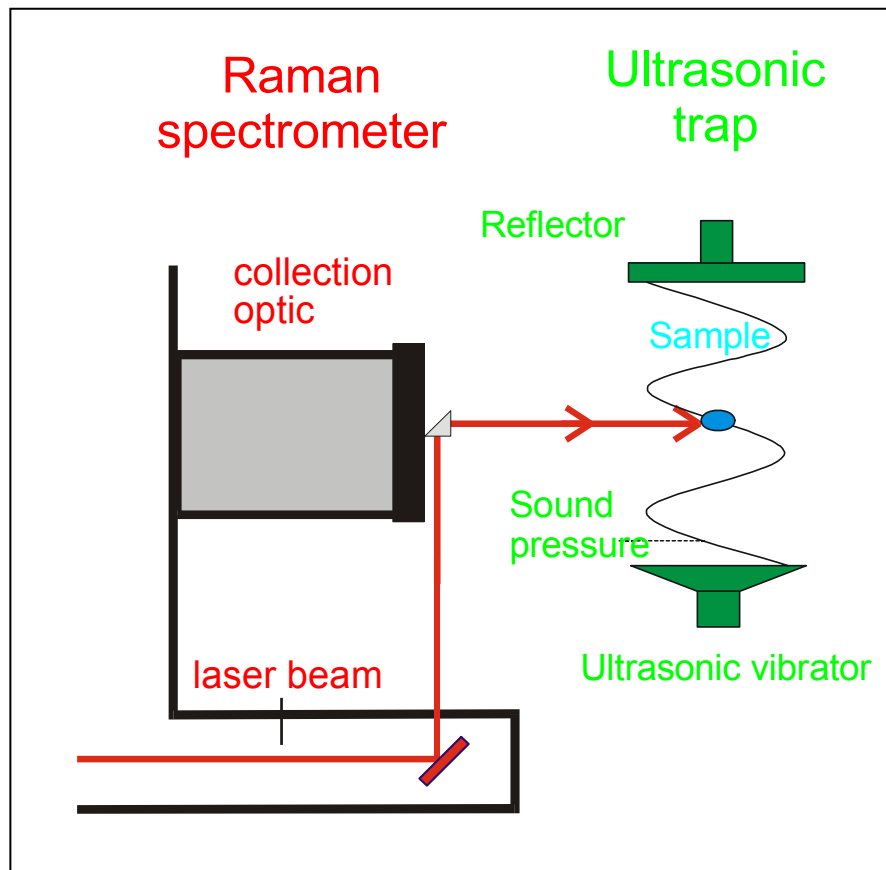
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Motivation

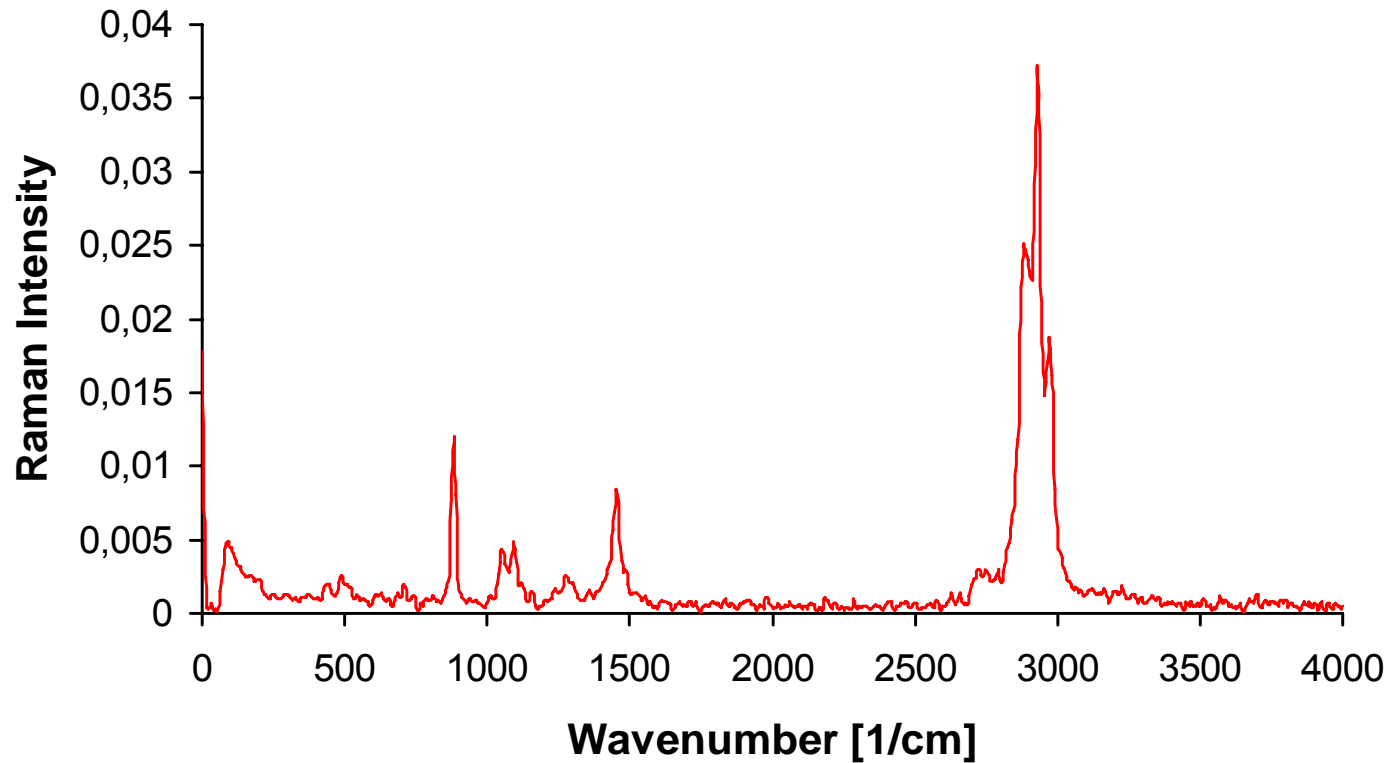
- Develop a versatile platform for *on-line monitoring of arbitrary chemical reactions in nL volumes*
- Application in all fields of chemistry
 - Analytical (Surface Enhanced Raman Spectroscopy)
 - Synthesis (combinatorial chemistry)
 - Bio-medical and bio-chemical



FT Raman Spectroscopy of Levitated Drops



FT Raman Spectrum of ~300 nL Ethanol



Surface Enhanced Raman Scattering

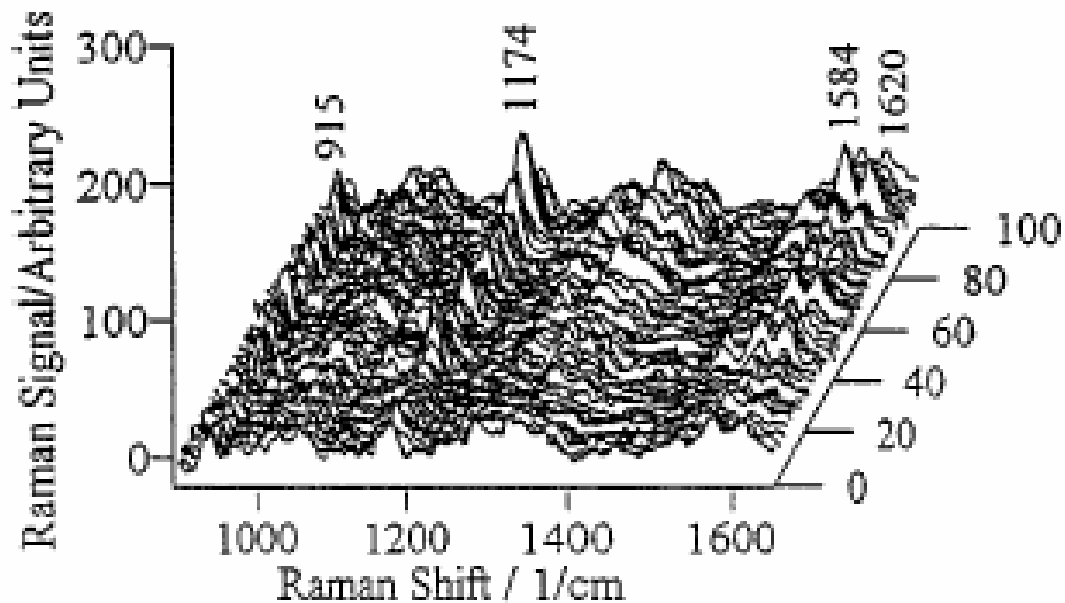
1. Rough noble metal surfaces (Ag, Au,....)
Colloids or rough solid state substrates
2. Match between absorption of SERS
substrate and excitation wavelength

High electrical fields in close proximity to
surface => enhanced Raman scattering
Single molecule detection possible



Single Molecule Detection Using Surface - Enhanced Raman Scattering (SERS)

Raman microscope - Silver colloid

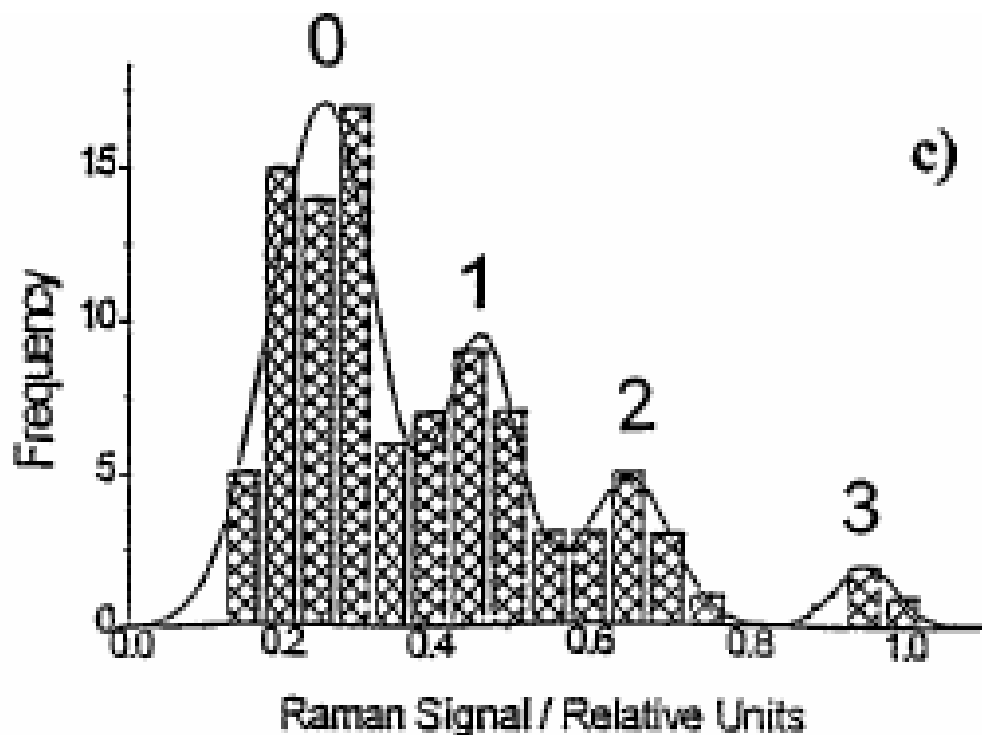


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Results of Single Molecule Detection by SERS



- 1174 cm^{-1} Raman line
- Average of 0.6 crystal violet molecules



Desired Characteristics of SERS Substrate Preparation

- Simple and reproducible generation of SERS active surfaces
- High reproducibility of enhancement factors
- No memory effects
- Fast

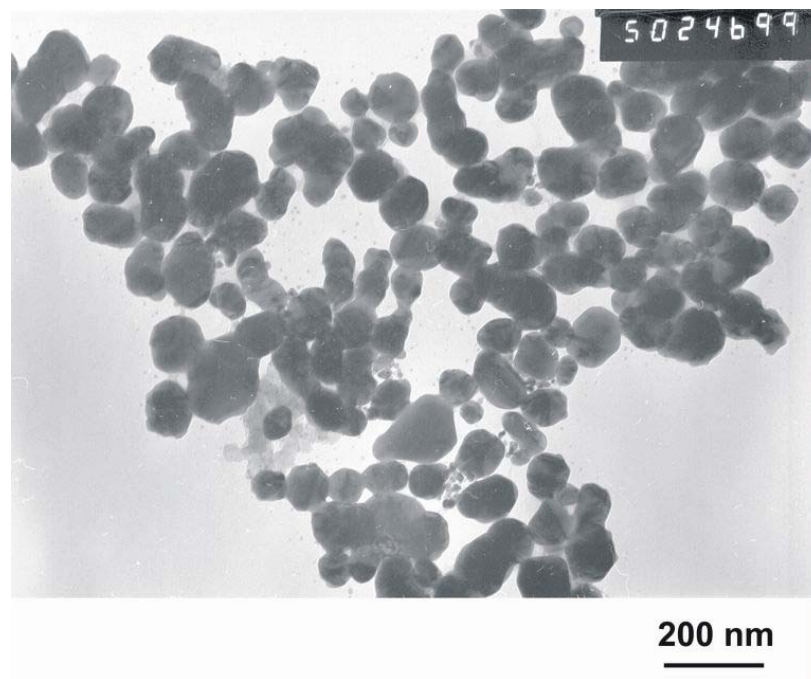
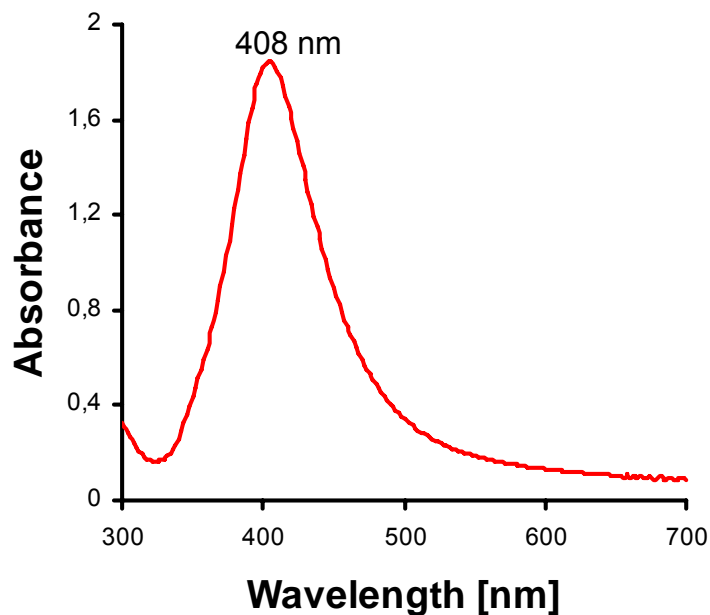
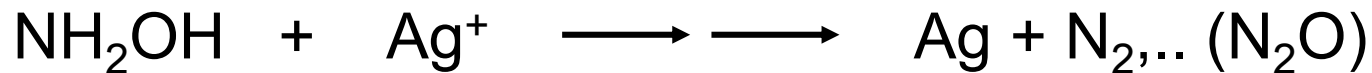


Frequently Encountered Problems Using SERS Spectroscopy

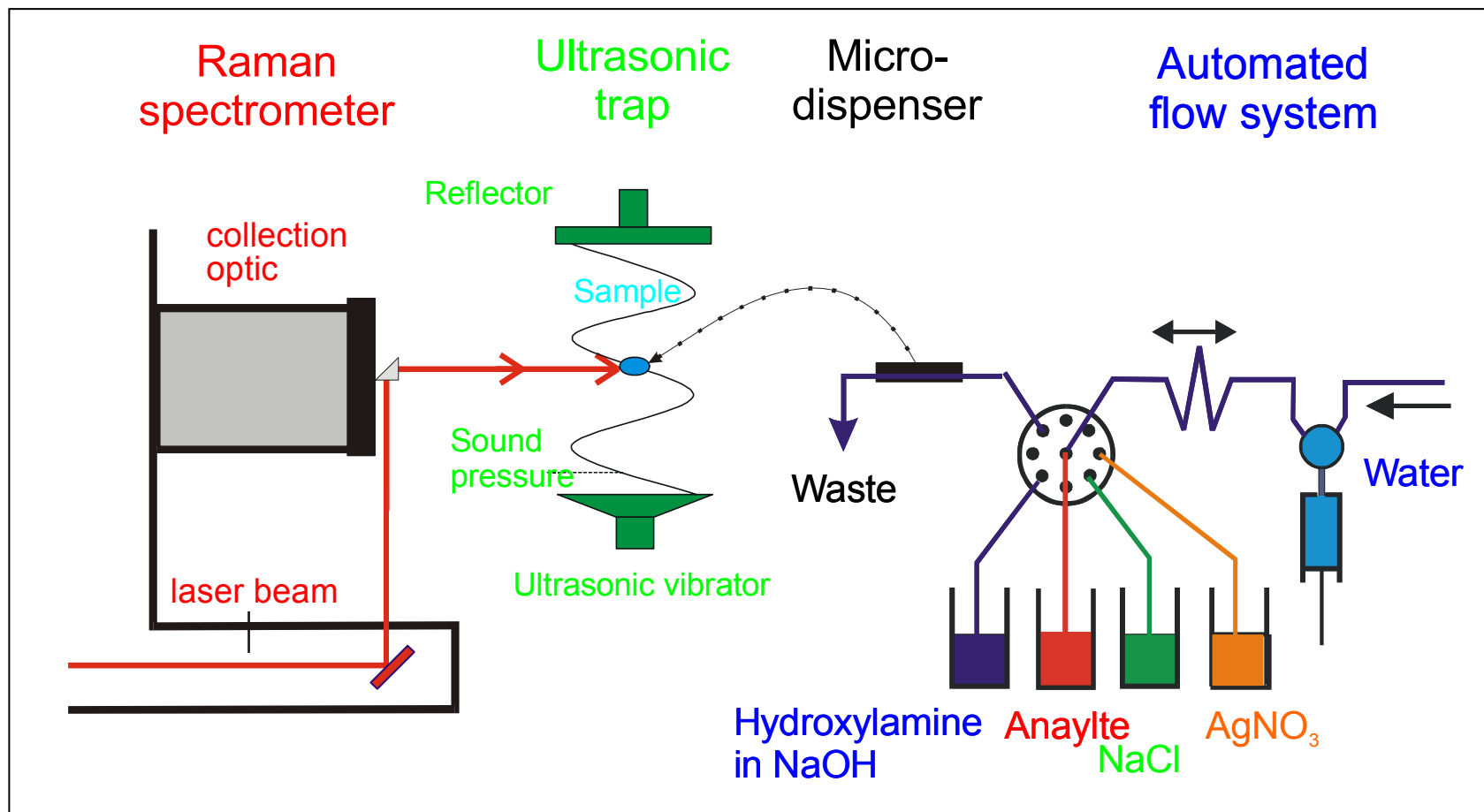
- Colloidal SERS substrates
 - Tedious preparation procedure (Lee-Meisl method: refluxing for reduction of AgNO_3 with citrate)
 - Ageing of SERS colloids, stability
 - Batch to batch reproducibility
 - Adsorption to walls, tubings
=> memory effects



Solution: I) Hydroxylamine Reduced Silver Sol

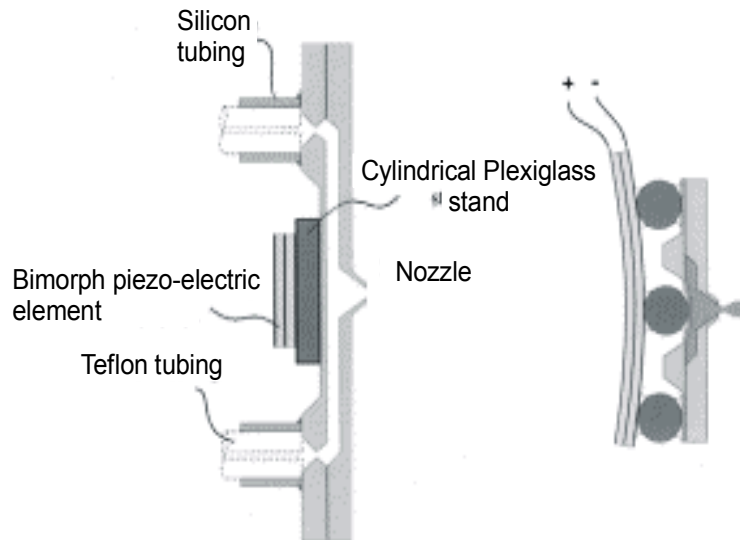


Solution: II) SERS Synthesis and Application in Levitated Droplets



Flow-through Micro-dispenser

Operation in flow-through mode



- Droplets: 50 pL – 300 nL
- Single shot – 500 Hz
- Initial velocity: 1 m/s

Co-operation with T. Laurell, Lund Sweden



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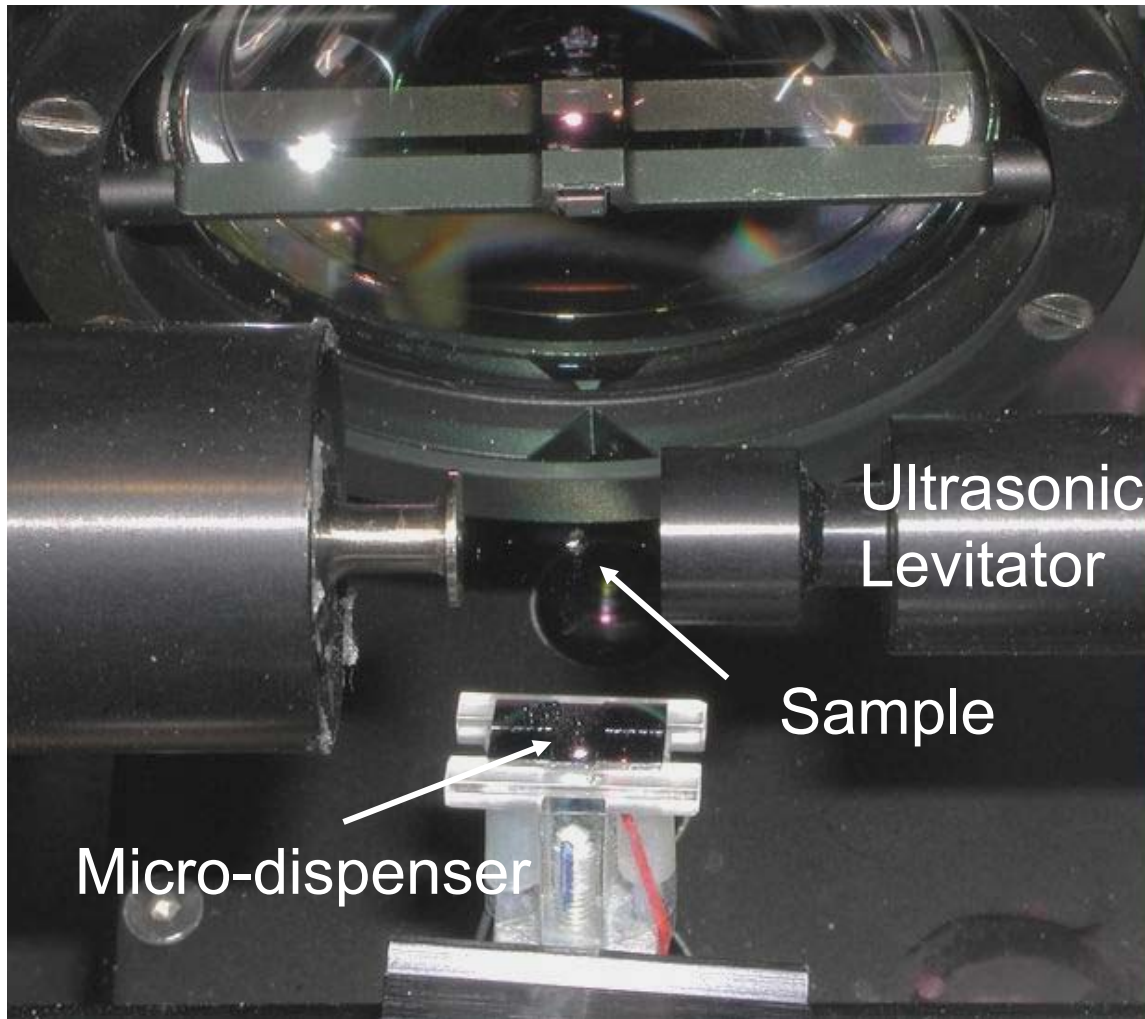
50 Picoliter Droplets at 100 Hz

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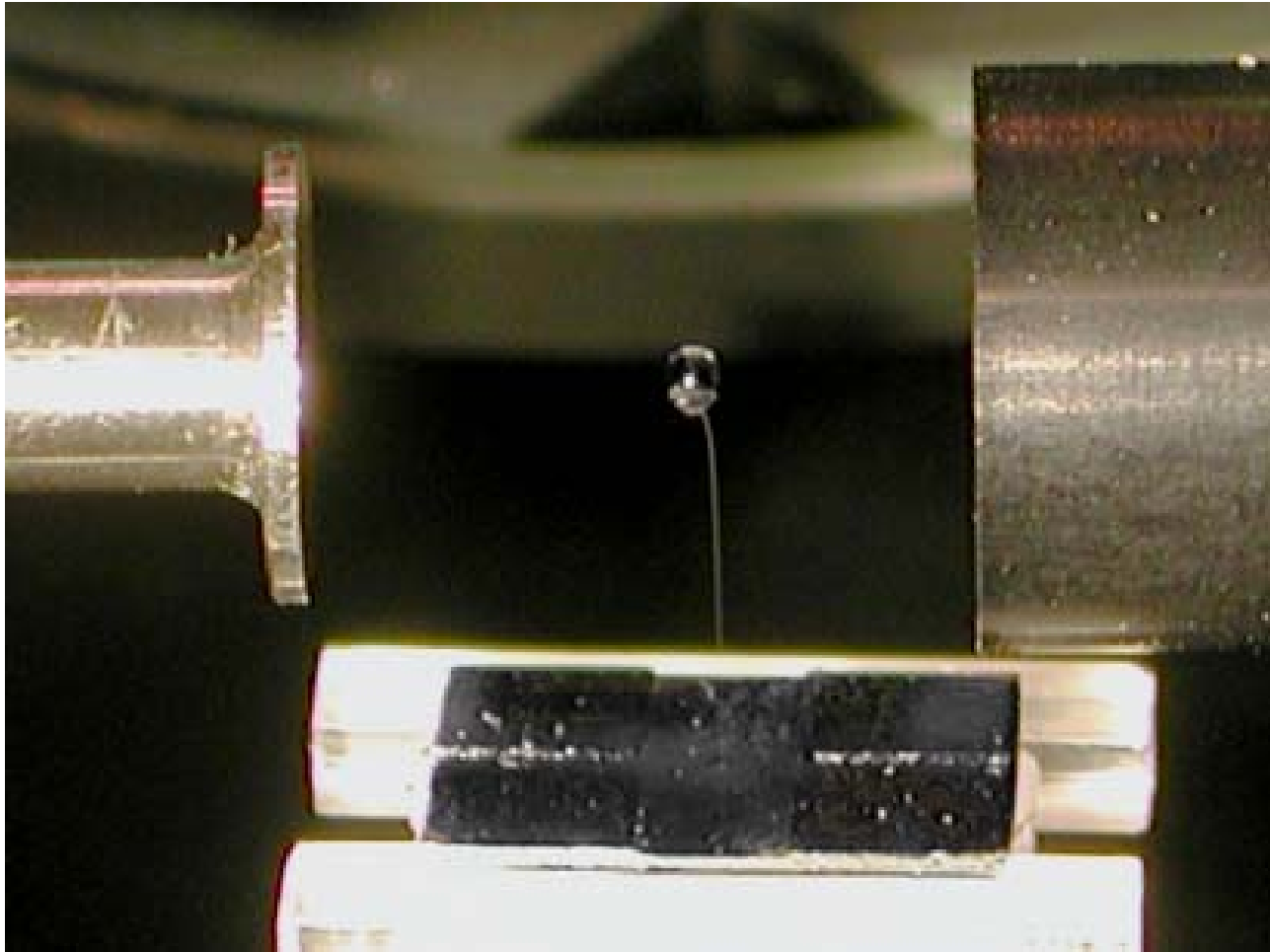


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Detail of Experimental Set-up

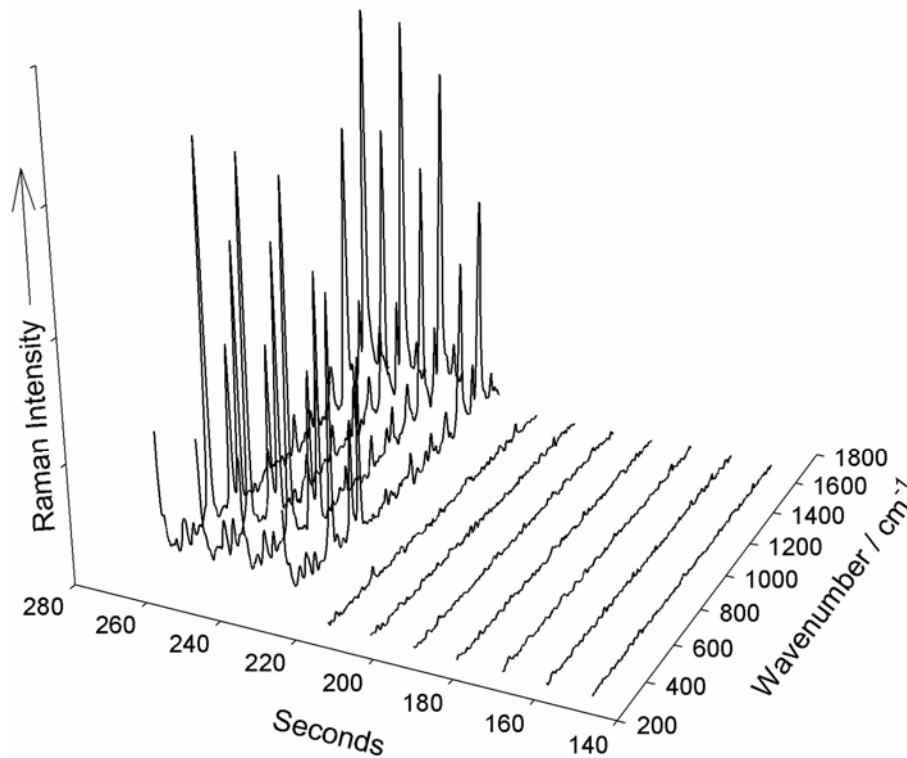


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On-line Synthesis of Ag-sol and SERS Spectra of 9-Aminoacridine in a Drop



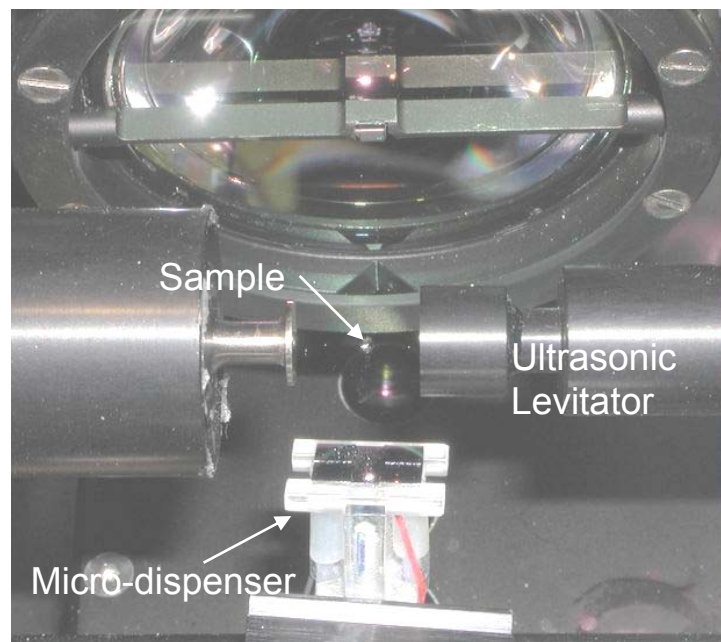
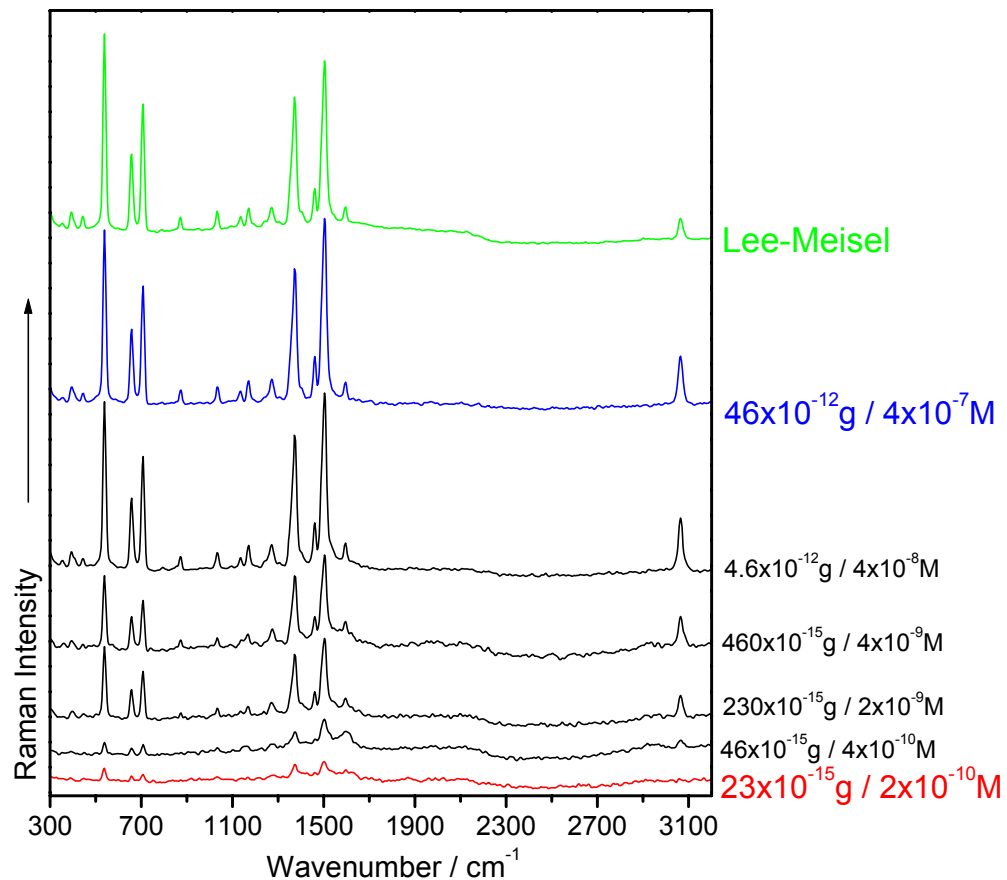
Injection of

- 432 nL 10^{-3} M AgNO_3
- 48 nL Hydroxylamine 10^{-2} M
1M NaOH
- 6 nL 9-Aminoacridine 10^{-5}



Sensitivity in the Low Femtogram Region

Analyte: 9-Aminoacridine



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Reproducibility in SERS Spectroscopy

Advantage of the micro-dispenser / levitation - concept

- Off-line preparation of Ag-colloids:
r.s.d. ~ 30 %
- Preparation of Ag-colloids using
automated flow systems:
r.s.d ~ 7 %
- In-situ synthesis and use of Ag-colloids
in a levitated droplet:
r.s.d. ~ 2 %



Summary

- Chemometrics
 - MCR-ALS delivers easily understandable results
 - Limitation in case it gets difficult to determine the number of components present
 - 2DCoS delivers results difficult to explain at first glance, difficult to extract time sequence of events
 - But very useful for selecting initial estimates required in MCR-ALS
 - Hint on number of components
 - Initial estimates
 - Combination of both techniques advantageous
- Time resolved FTIR spectroscopy of chemical reactions in solution
- Chemistry-on-the-fly: New approach in chemical reaction monitoring



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