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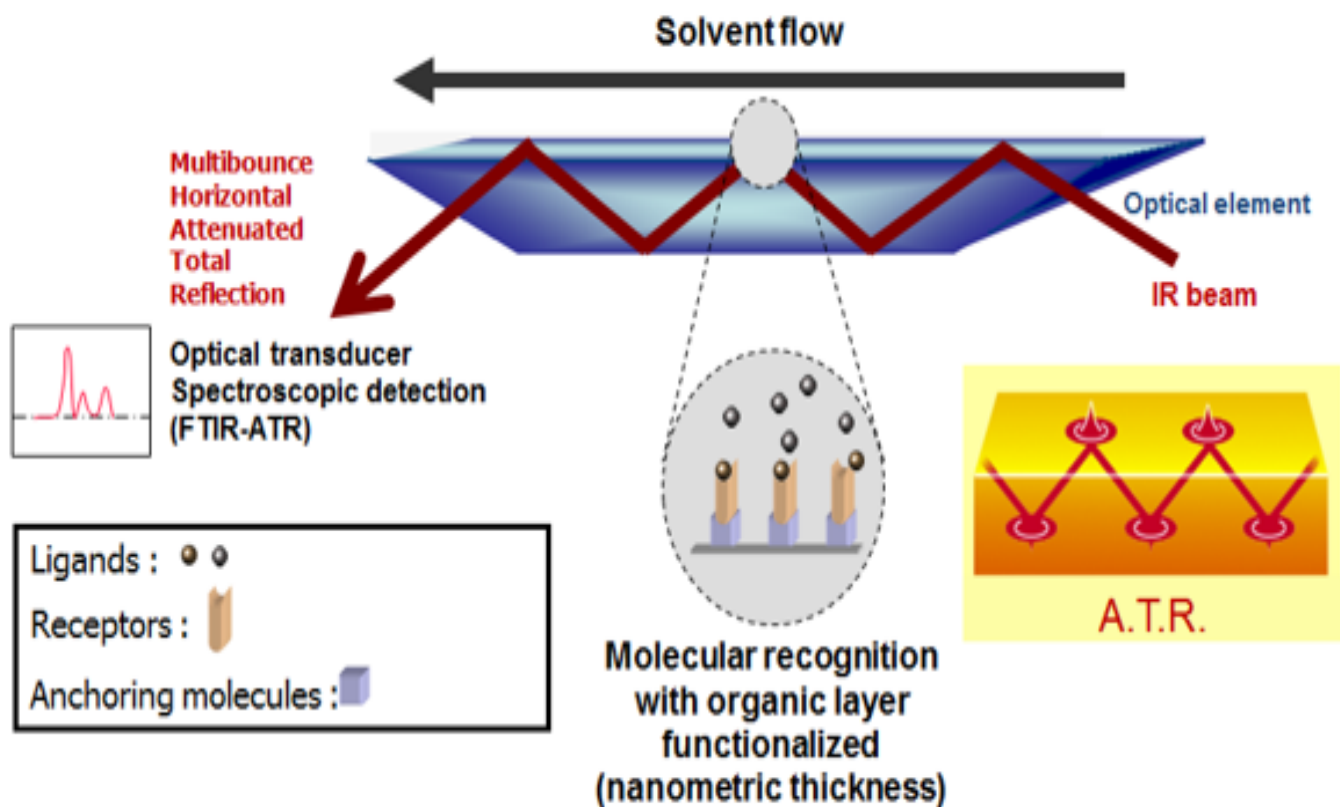
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# Spectroscopic biosensors



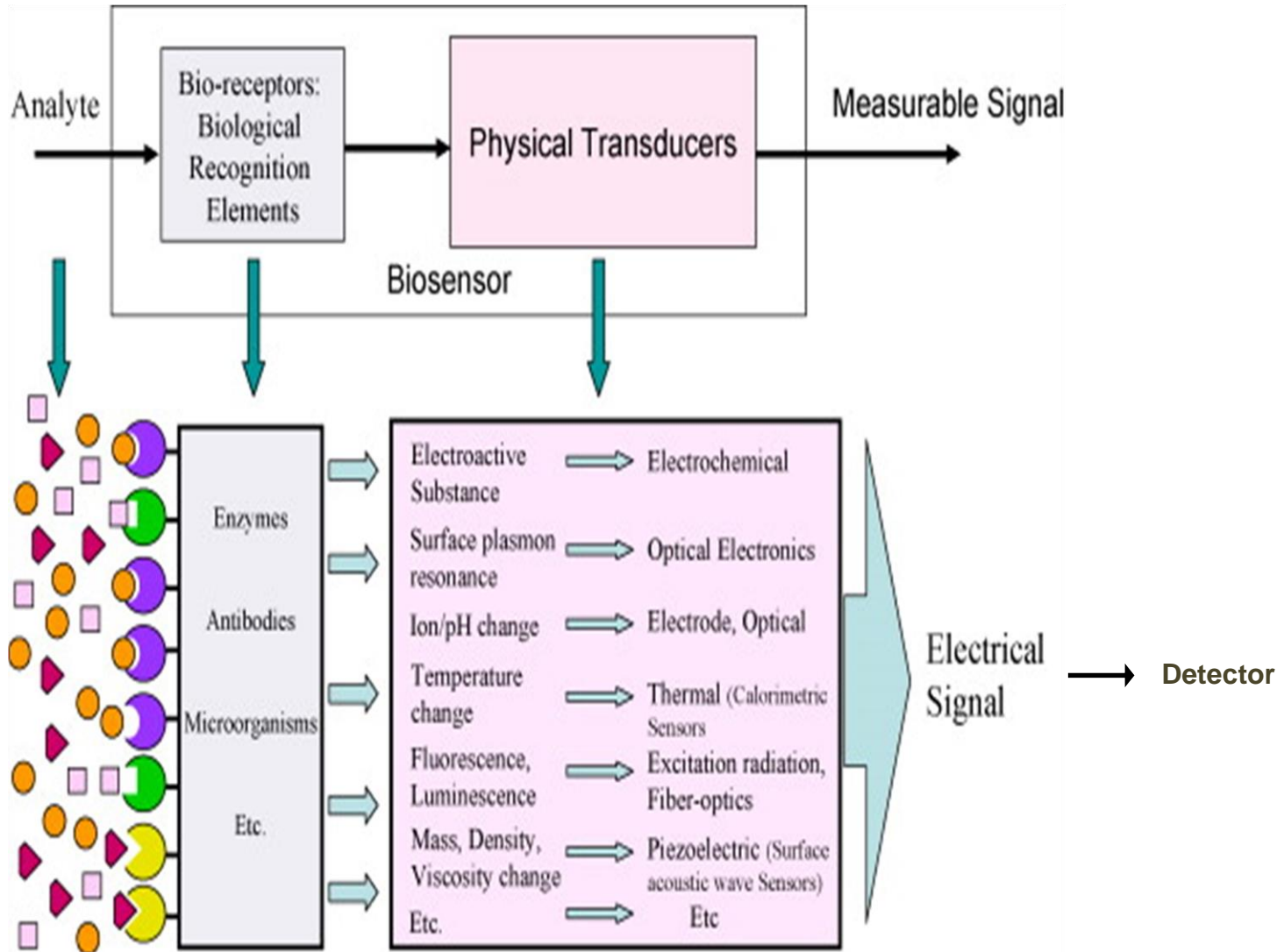
## **Abstract:**

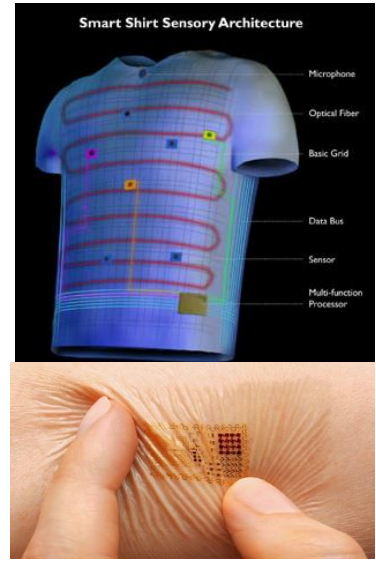
Sensors based on the molecular recognition of biomolecules have already attracted intensive interest in many different fields. Different surface sensitive techniques can be applied to detect these biomolecular interactions. We propose to assess the utility of Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR) spectroscopy in studying biomolecules attachment to inorganic surfaces in a variety of biosensing applications. We have designed a new generic device suitable for the investigation of ligand–receptor interactions based on successive grafting of a novel silanization reagent and a bifunctional molecular clip directly at the surface of an internal reflection element. These molecular constructions lead to activated transducer substrate ready for the covalent binding of any bioreceptor molecules. Contrarily to SPR or quartz crystal microbalance (QCM) sensors, FTIR sensors provide useful spectroscopic information concerning the chemical nature of the interacting molecules, the amount of bound receptors and ligands, and even possible conformational transitions of the receptor during the interaction with the ligand can also be monitored. Currently, these informations are usually not accessible using standard sensors that are limited to measure physical modifications onto the surface. We will illustrate attachment of biomolecules to such organic surfaces through various systems commonly used in the biosensing field.

**Keywords:** Spectroscopy; Biosensor; Biomolecules; FTIR/ATR; grafting.



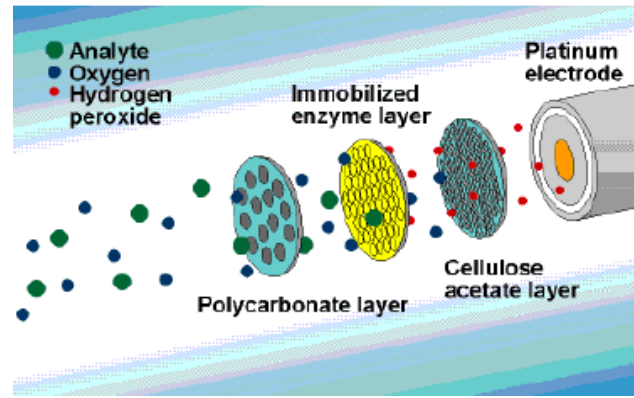
# Introduction





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Leland and Clark : « enzyme electrode » for glucose concentration measurement (diabetes patients).



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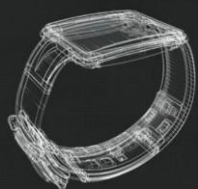
Sensors to measure motion, heart rate and rhythm, respiratory rate and rhythm, oxygen and carbon dioxide saturation.



### The Doctor Can See You Now



### New wearable health gadgets on the horizon:



### Track what gets you stressed.

For example, Samsung has partnered with UCSF to develop the [Simband](#), which will measure heart rate, blood pressure, temperature, oxygen level and even signs of stress.

SIMBAND



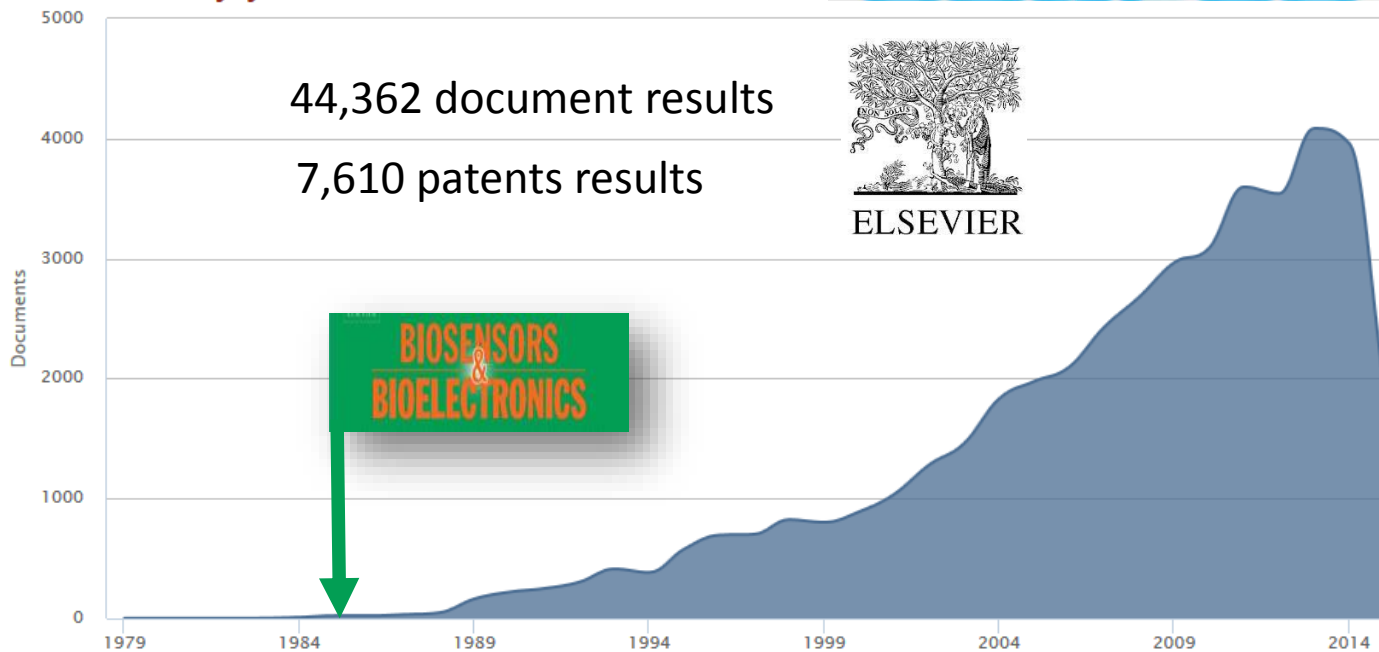
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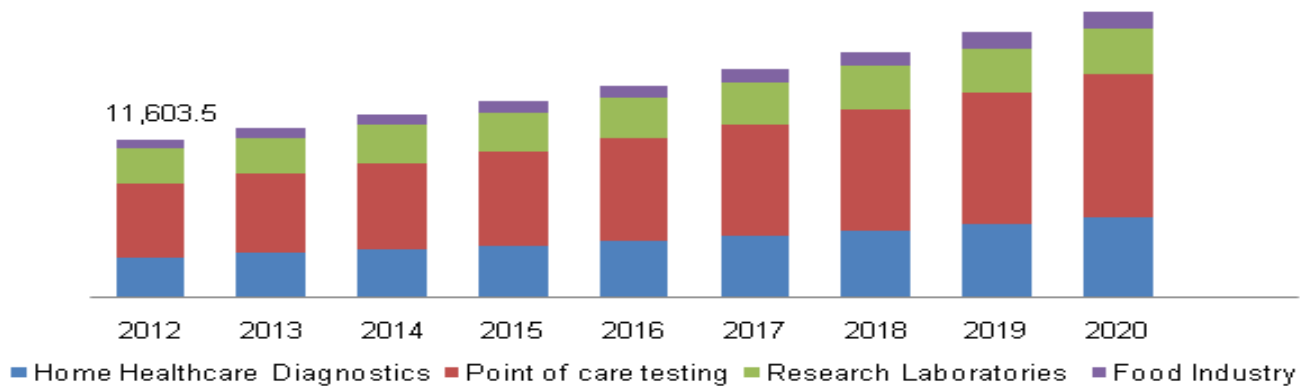


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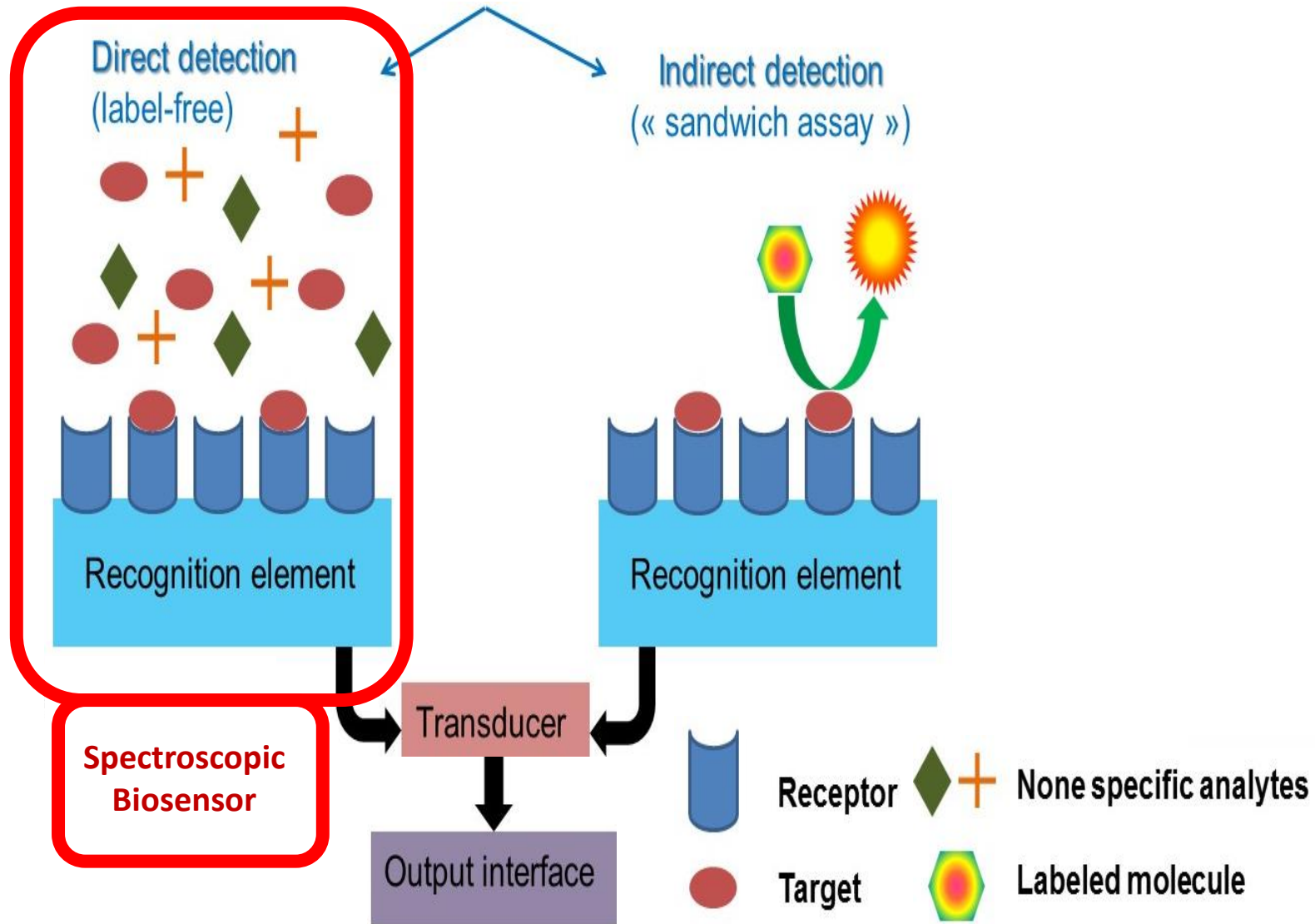
Documents by year



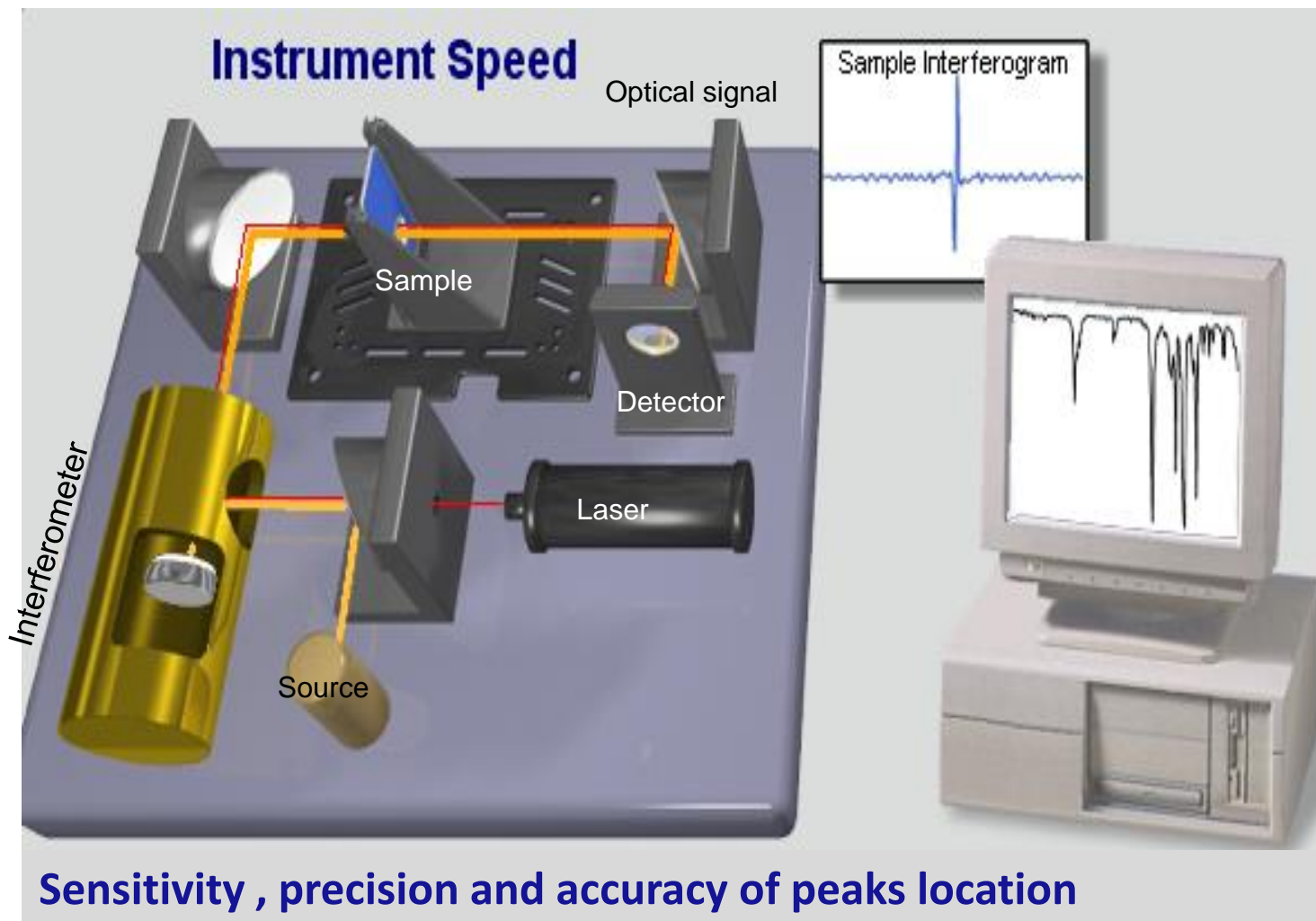
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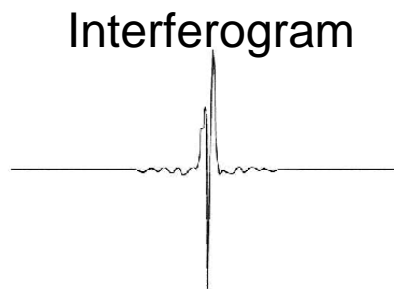
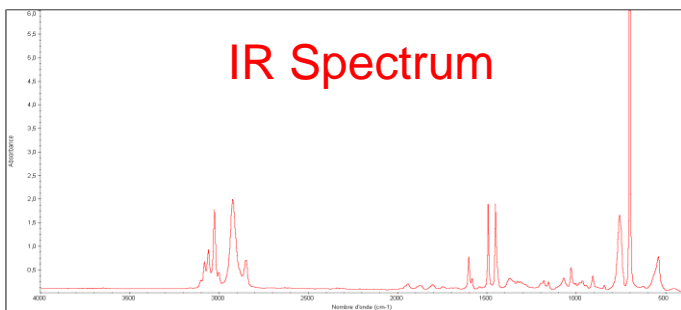
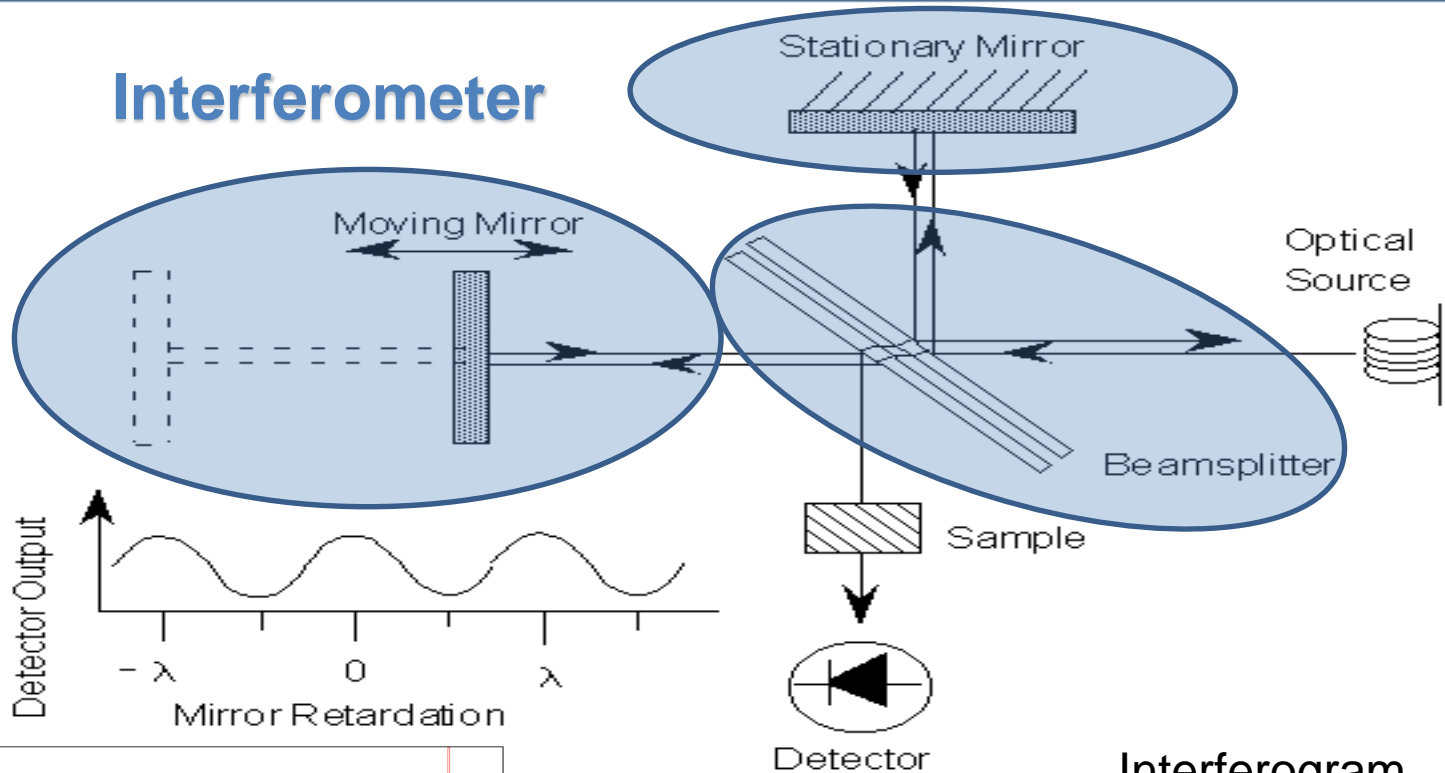
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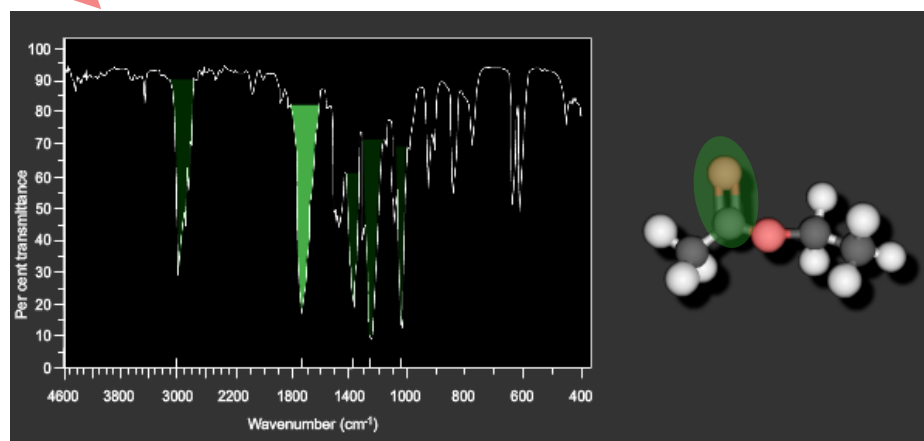
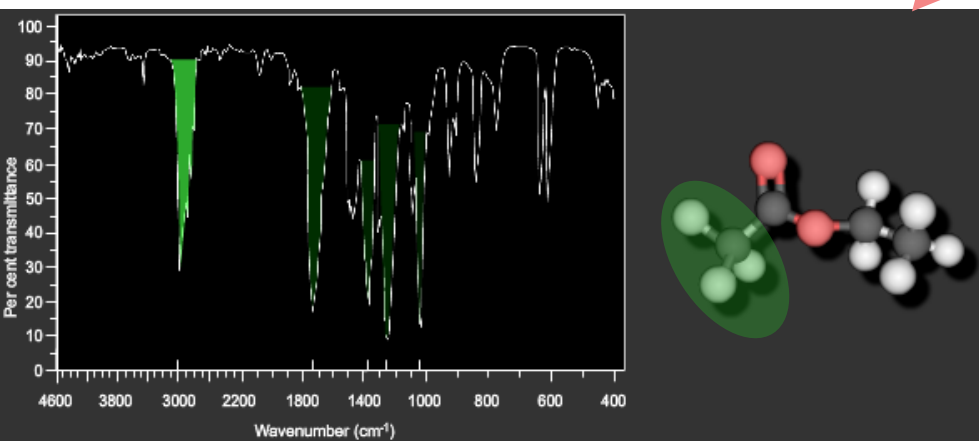
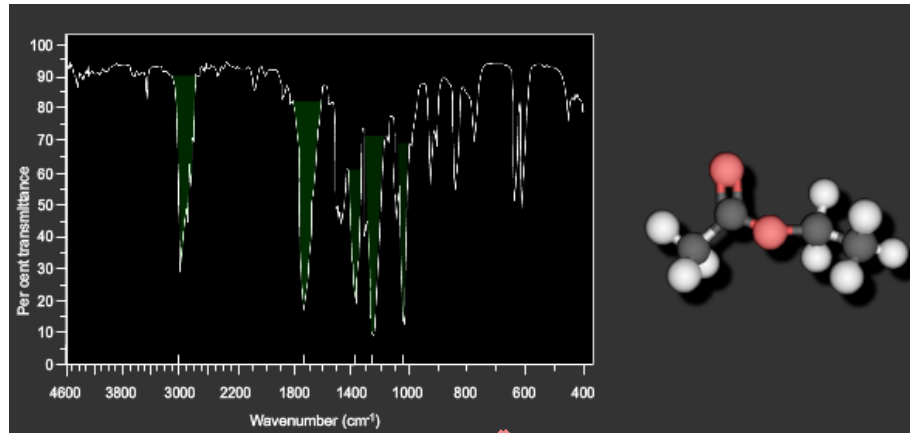
# This Is What It Looks Like When Running...



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# Molecular Vibrations Provide Information



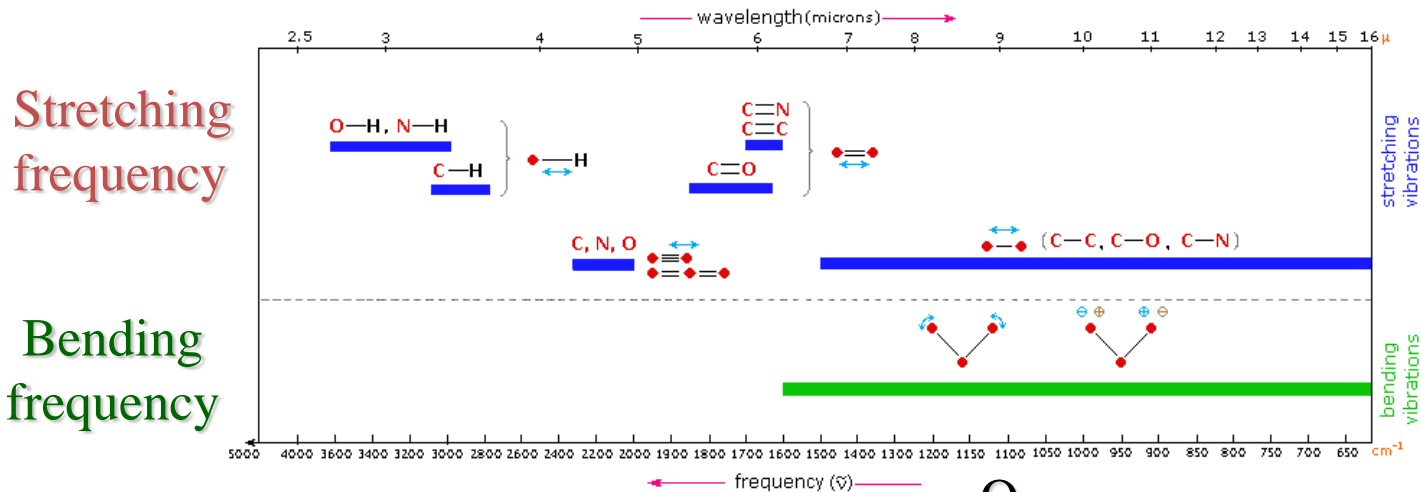
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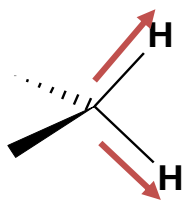
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# Vibrations



## Modes of vibration

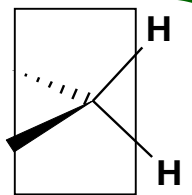
Stretching



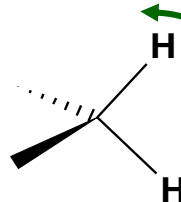
Symmetrical  
2853  $\text{cm}^{-1}$

Asymmetrical  
2926  $\text{cm}^{-1}$

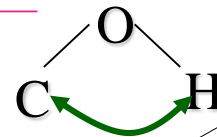
Bending



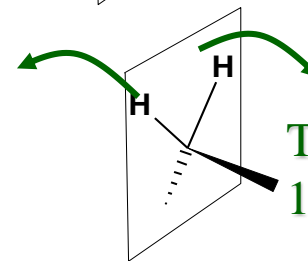
Scissoring  
1450  $\text{cm}^{-1}$



Rocking  
720  $\text{cm}^{-1}$



Wagging  
1350  $\text{cm}^{-1}$

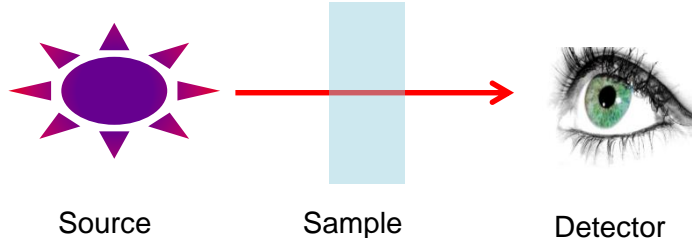


Twisting  
1250  $\text{cm}^{-1}$



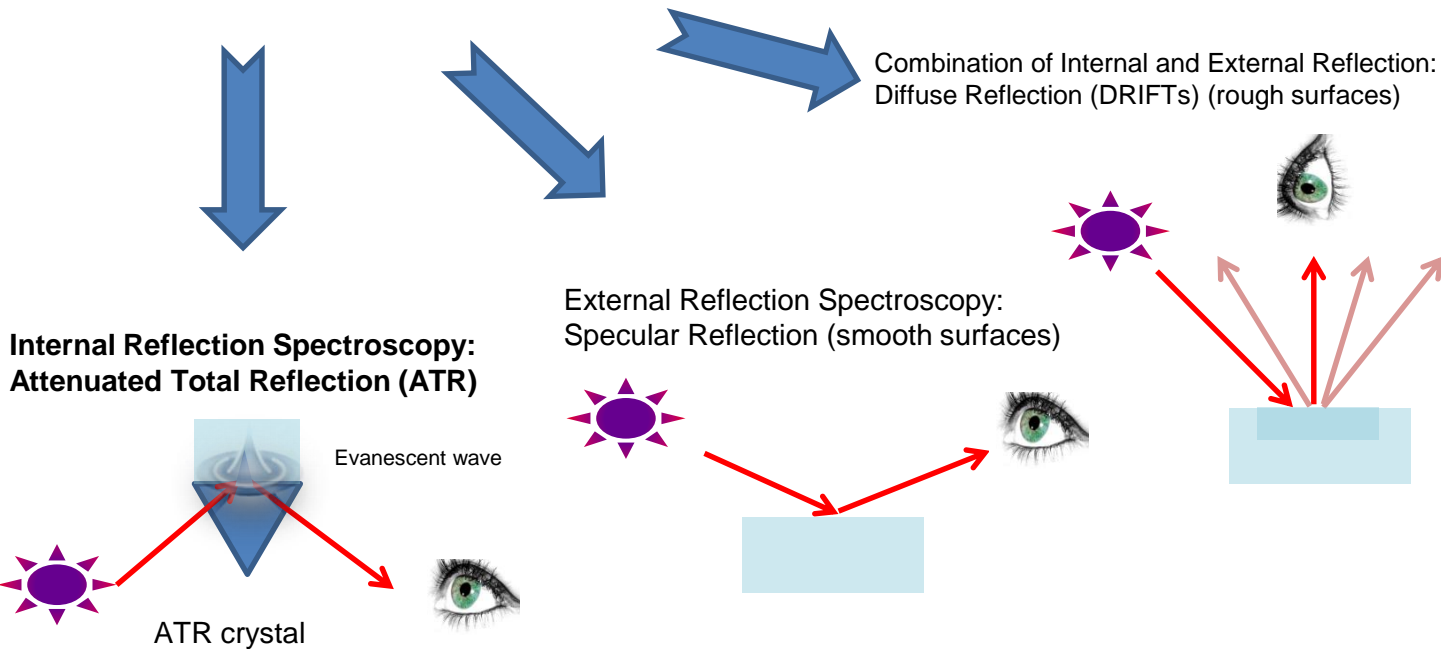
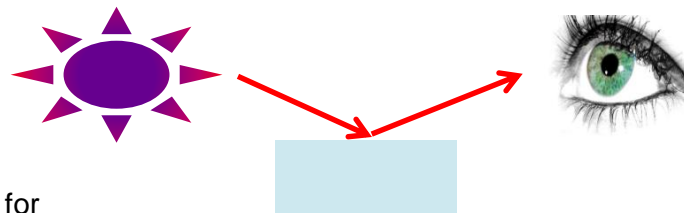
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Excellent for solids, liquids and gases  
The reference method for quantitative analysis  
Sample preparation can be difficult.

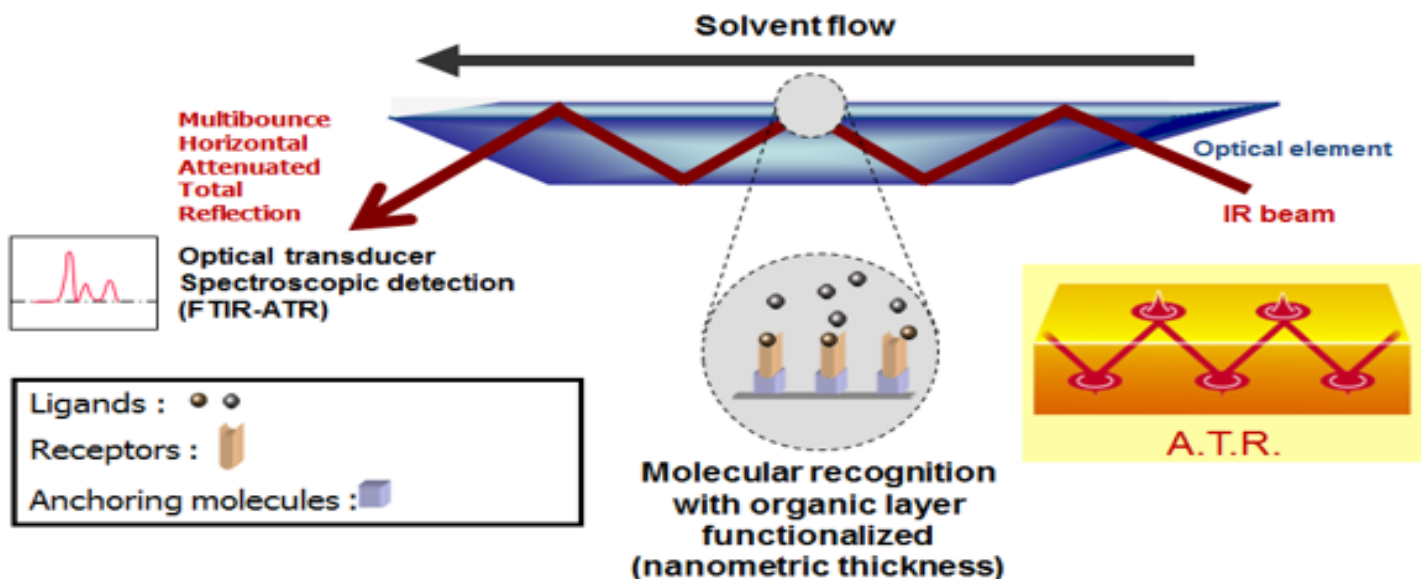
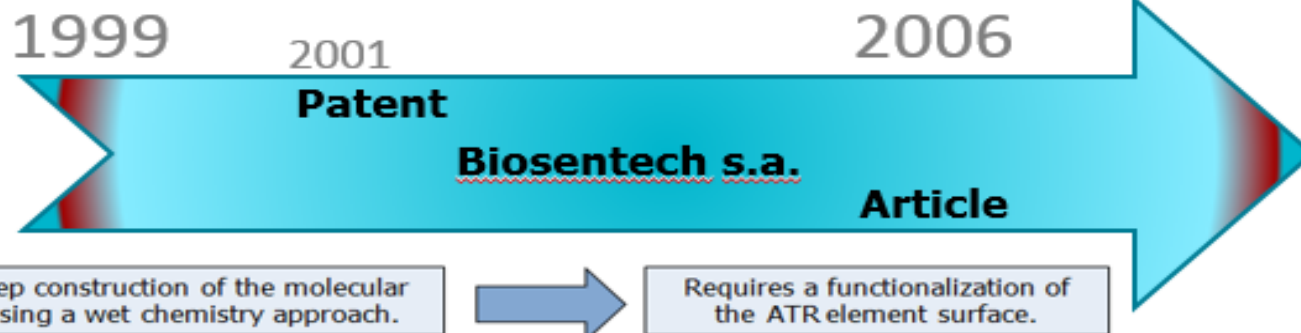


# Reflection

Collect light reflected from an interface air/sample, solid/sample, liquid/sample  
Analyze liquids, solids, gels or coatings  
Minimal sample preparation  
Convenient for qualitative analysis, frequently used for quantitative analysis



## Surface chemical modification of optical element for spectroscopic detection of molecules and organic components.



# Molecular construction using commercial or synthesis products to create our biosensors

Step 1 : Surface cleaning.

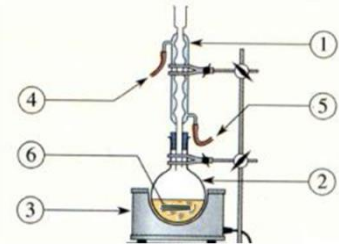
→ Regenerable crystals by mechanical polishing and chemical cleaning

Step 2 : Surface activation.

→ Chemical solution (pirhana) or by plasma

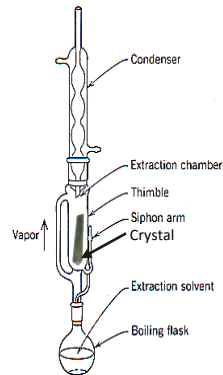
Step 3 : Antifouling coating by chemical grafting.

PEG grafting  
by wet chemistry

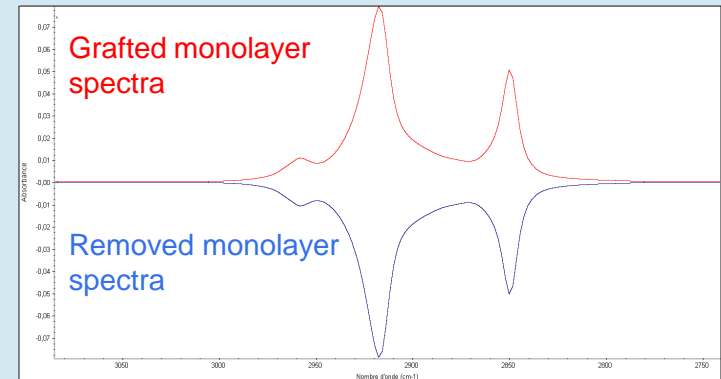


- 1- Refrigerant.
- 2- Balloon.
- 3- Heating mantle.
- 4- Water outlet.
- 5- Water inlet.
- 6- Crystal immersed in reaction mixture.

Rinsing step using  
soxhlet extractor

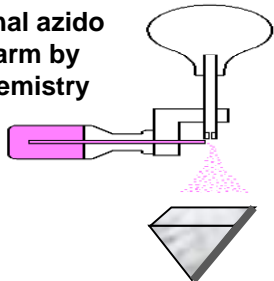


Control quality of our molecular construction  
using infrared spectroscope.

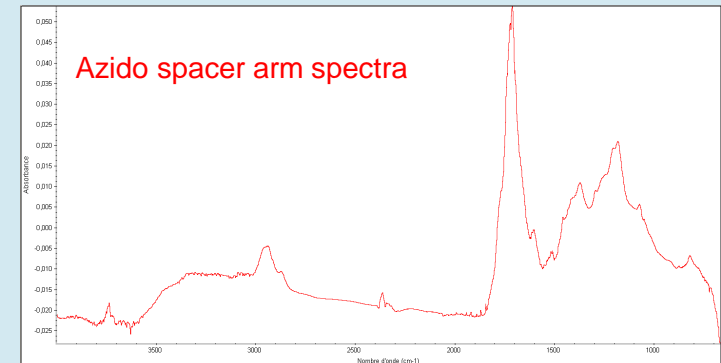
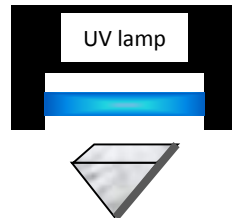


Step 4 : Covalent bonding of the spacer arm.

Bifunctional azido  
spacer arm by  
photochemistry



Irradiation at 254nm during 2h and then  
rinsing in a solvent under ultrasonic bath.

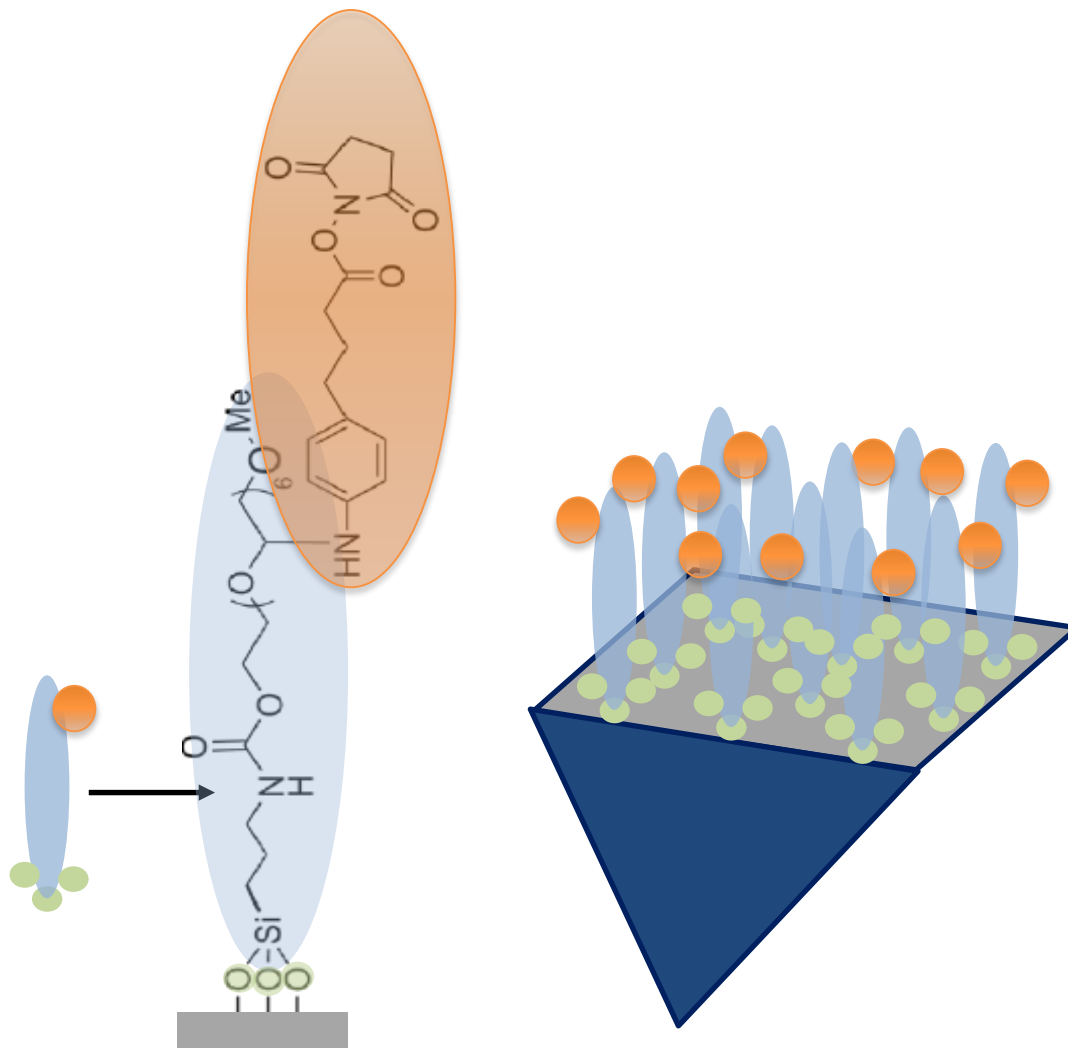


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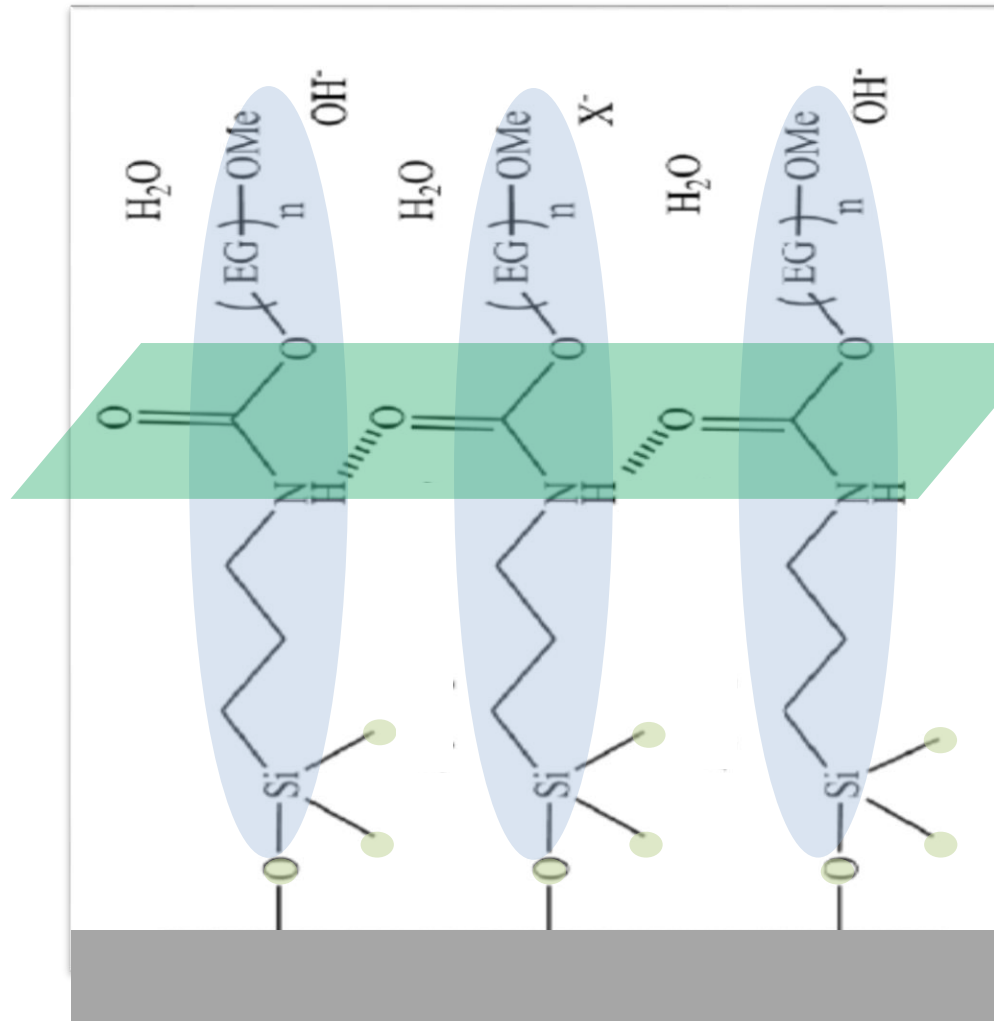
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# Molecular construction

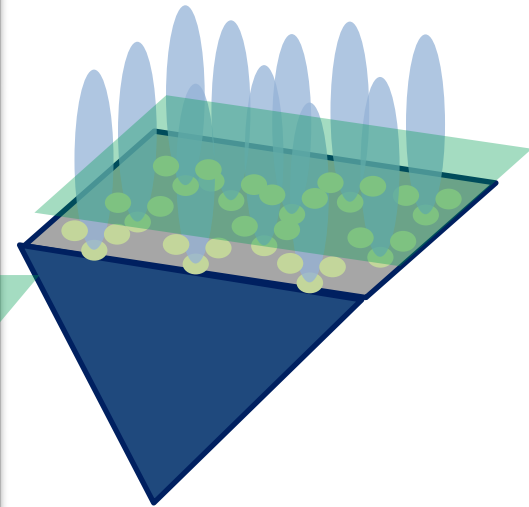




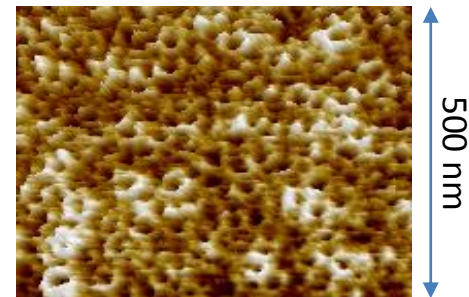
# Key feature



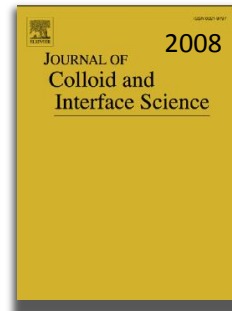
Hydrophobic  
barrier



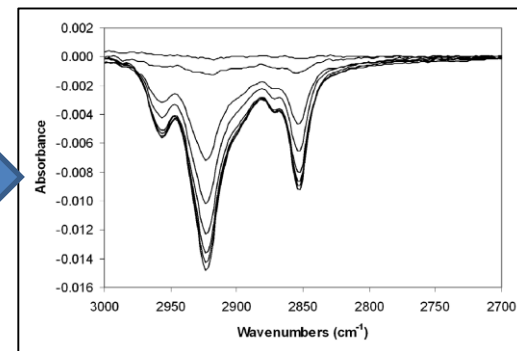
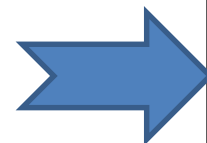
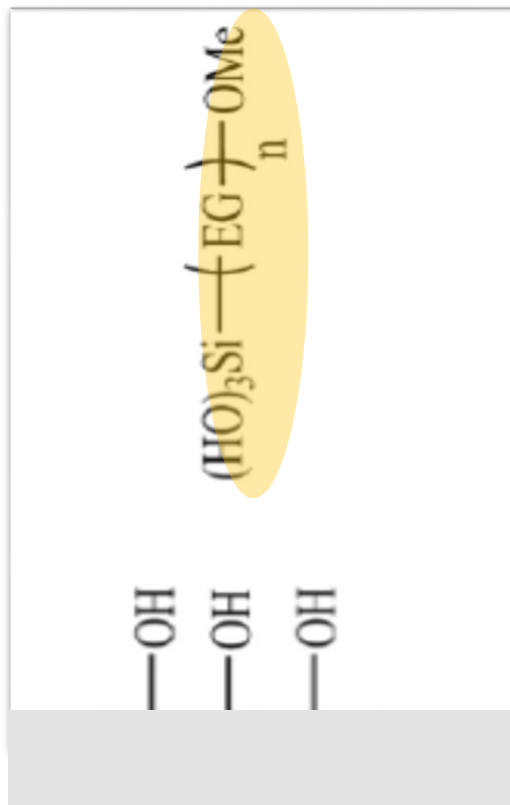
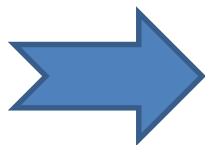
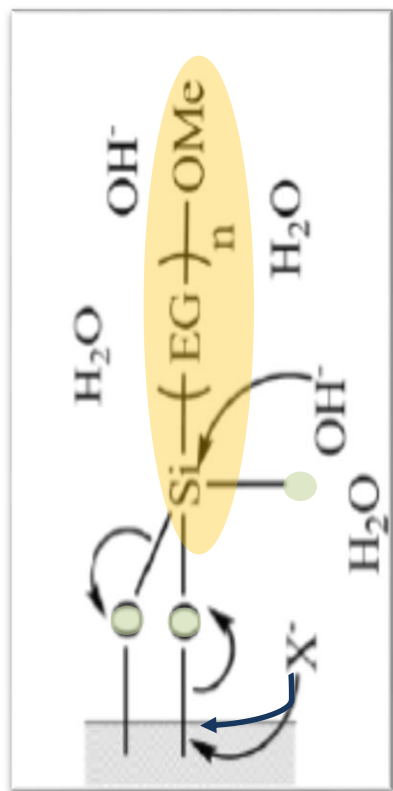
AFM 500 nm



# Surface functionalization of germanium ATR devices for use in FTIR – Biosensors



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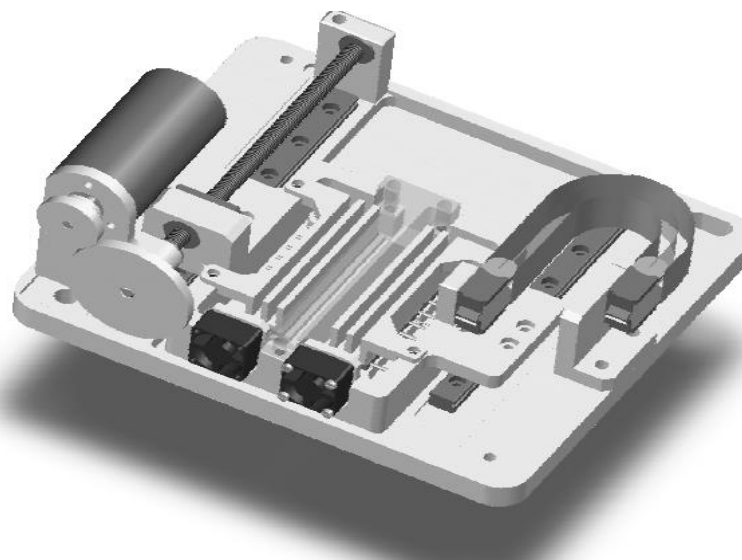
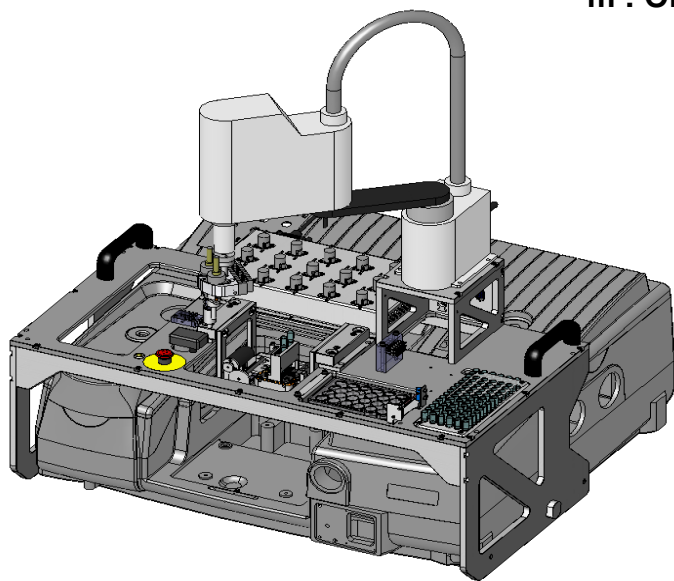
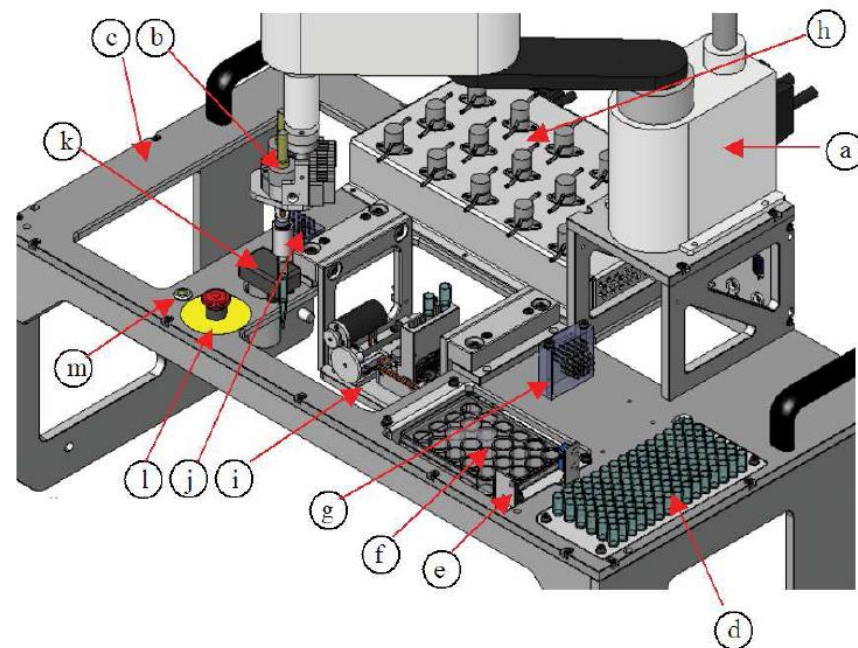
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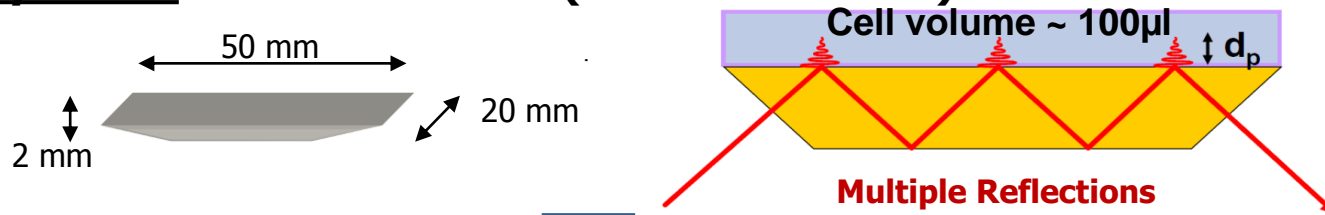
# Robotized setup

- a : robot
- b : gripper
- c : framework
- d : store pipettes
- e : barrier of presence
- f : multiwell plate
- g : 15/15 junction block
- h : Block 15 valves
- i : Floor Indexing
- j : Junction Block 15 / 1
- k : Peristaltic pump
- l : Emergency Stop
- m : ON/OFF LED

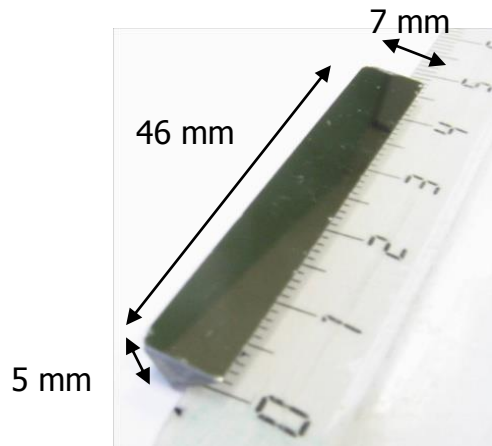


# Miniaturization

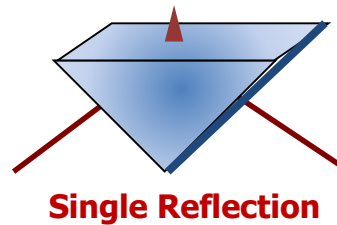
## Old system : Ge and Si crystals (50 x 20 x 2 mm<sup>3</sup>)



## New system : « toberone » Ge and Si



Cell volume ~ 7 $\mu$ l

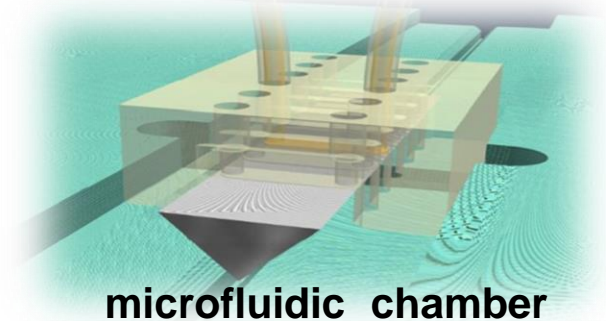


## Multi-lanes sensor :

Flow : few  $\mu$ l/min ~ ml/min

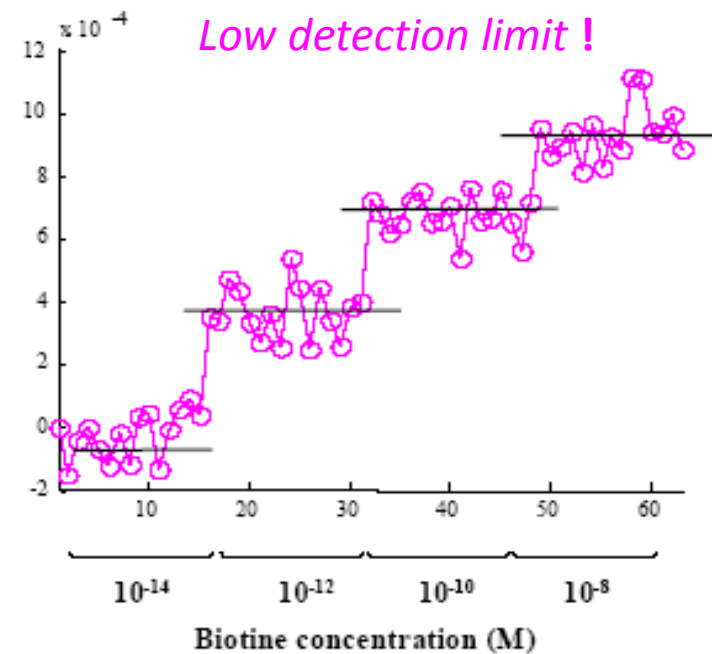
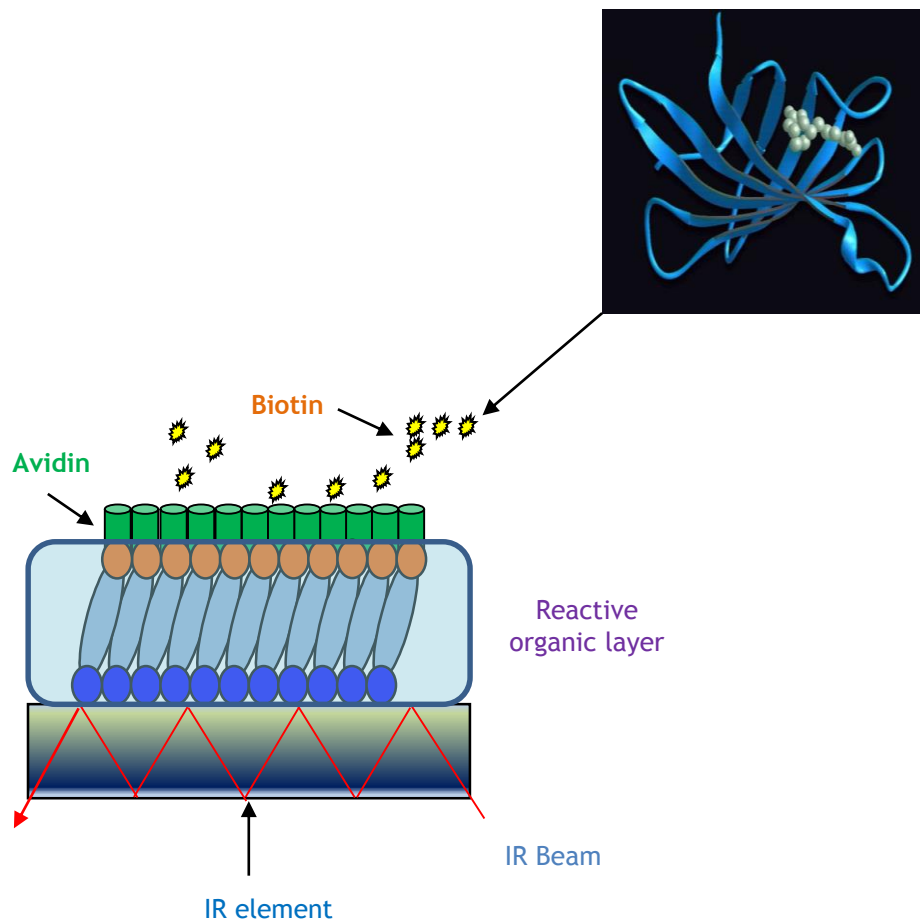
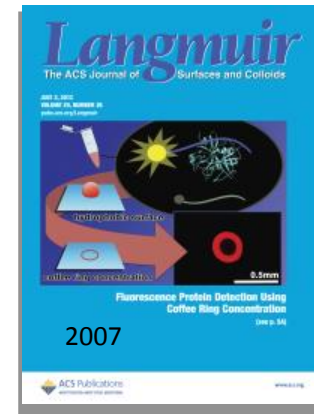
Volume : few  $\mu$ l ~ few ml

15 lanes per crystal



# Biochemical Interaction Analysis on ATR Devices: A Wet Chemistry Approach for Surface Functionalization

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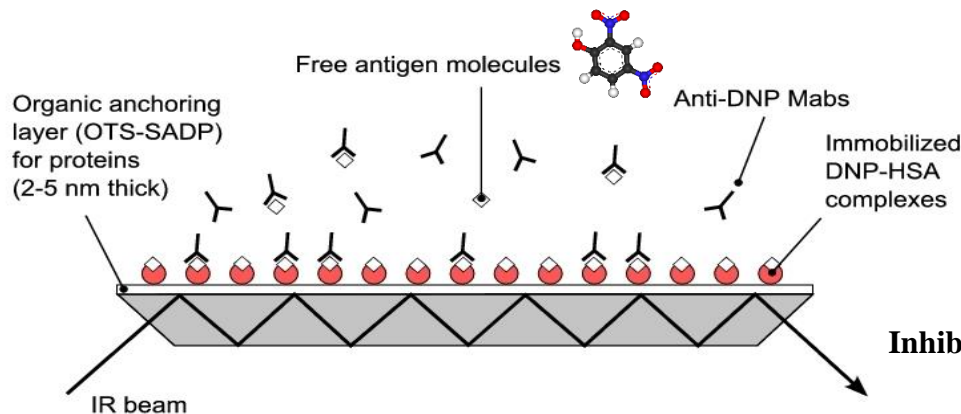
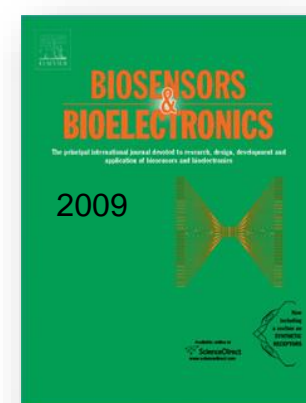
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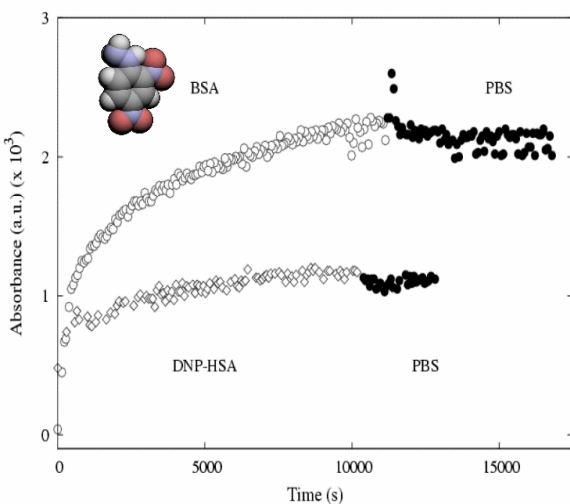
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# Fourier transform infrared immunosensors for model haptén molecules

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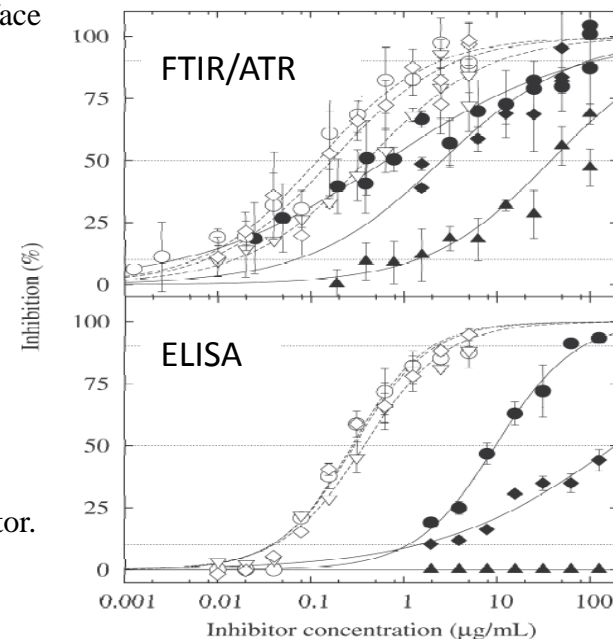
**Inhibitors : coupled (open symbols) or free DNP (filled symbols)**  
**3 Mabs anti-DNP**



- 1/ Binding the coupled protein to the sensor surface
- 2/ Injection of Mabs + inhibitors after 20 min of incubation.
- 3 / Absorbance of the sample is converted in percentage of inhibition

$$I = 100 \left( 1 - \frac{A_i - A_0}{A_{\max} - A_0} \right)$$

$A_i$ : absorbance of the sample  
 $A_0$ : absorbance measured after the binding of the protein and the subsequent rinsing with PBS  
 $A_{\max}$ : absorbance measured in the absence of inhibitor.



**5 ~15 ng/mL for the coupled DNP**  
**≅ 5 ng/mL for the free DNP molecules.**



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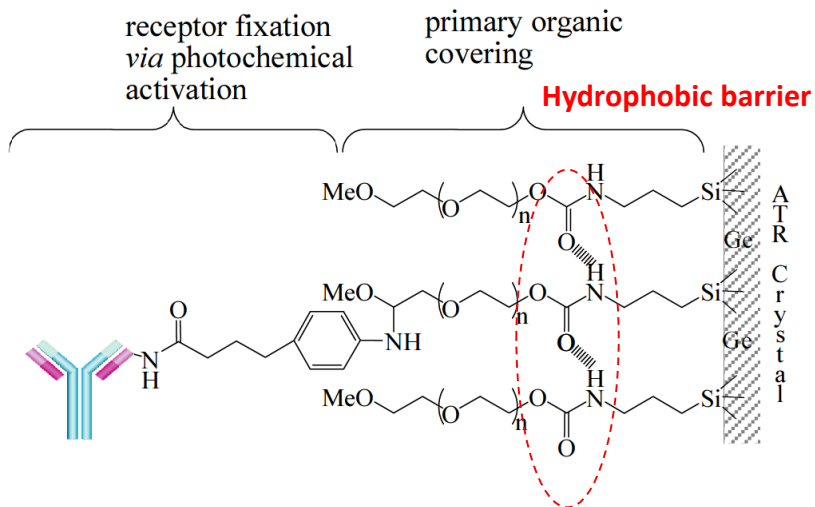
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# Quantification of the trichothecene Verrucarin-A in environmental samples using an antibody-based spectroscopic biosensor.

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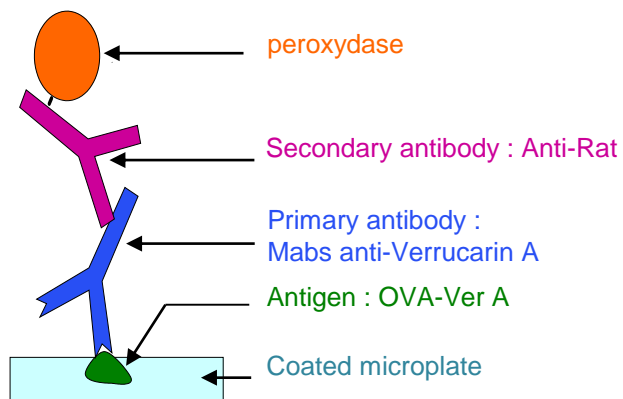


**BSA Verrucarin-A injected**

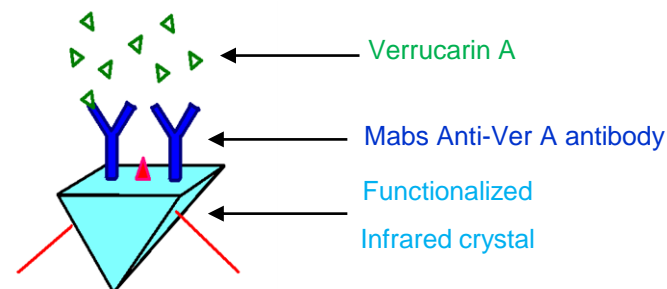


**Dust**

## Indirect detection



## Direct detection



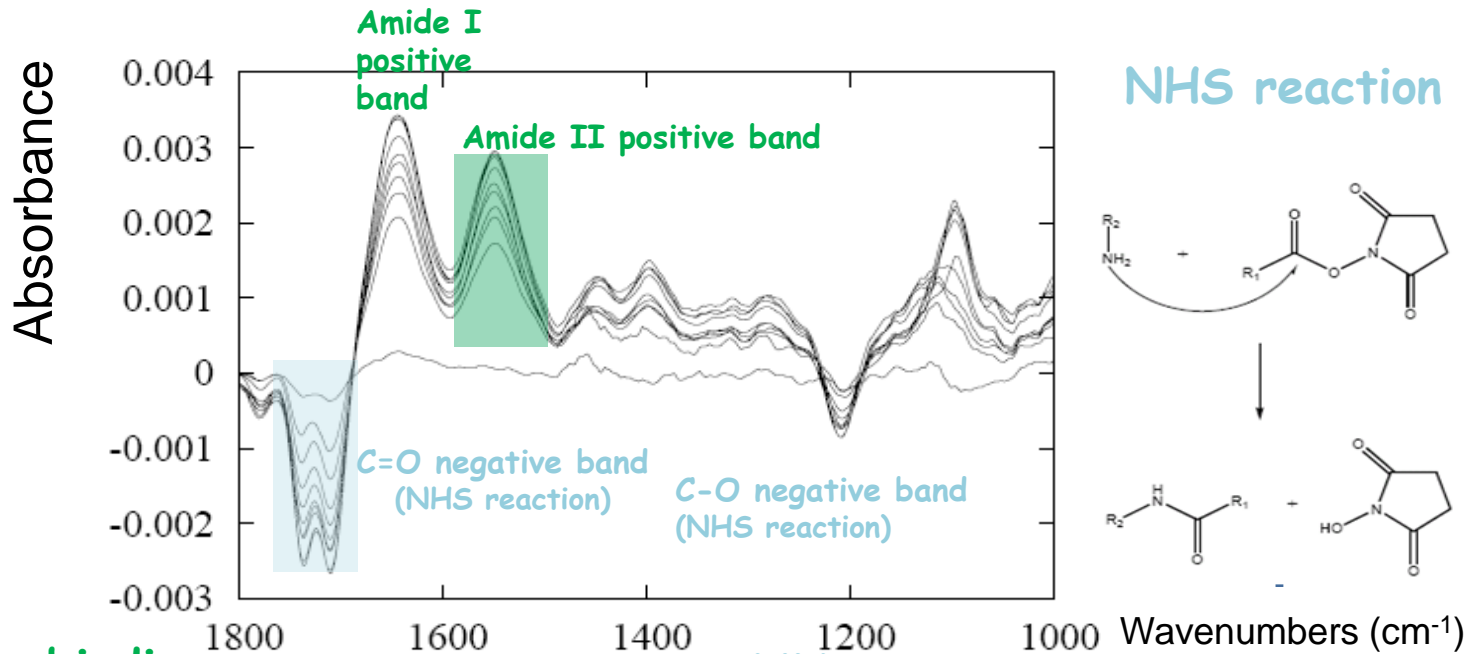
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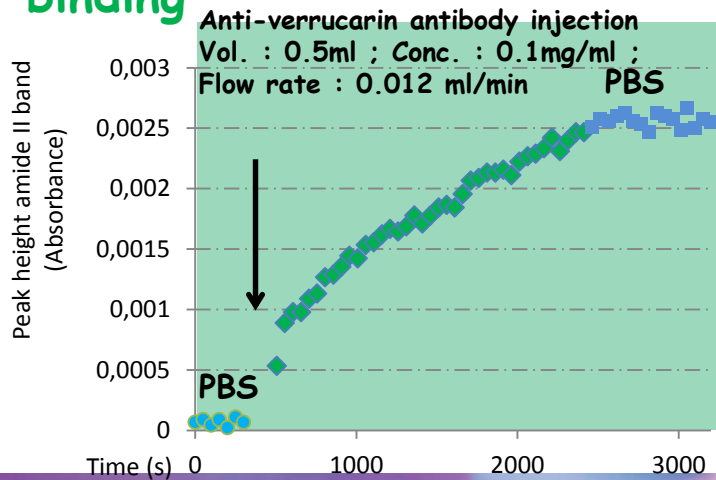


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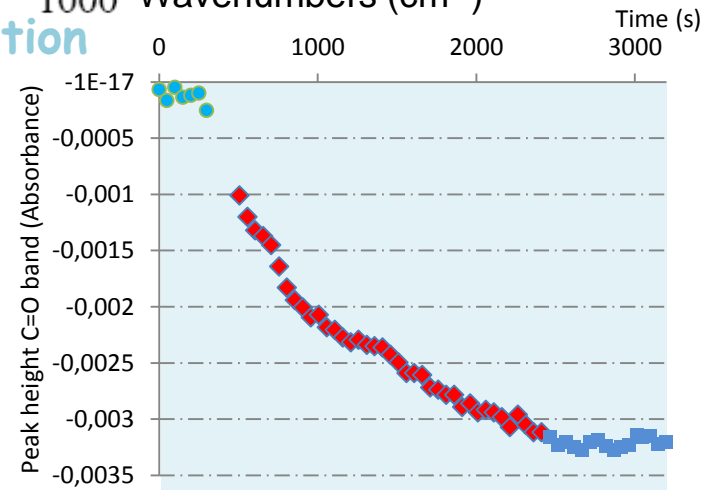
# Anti-verrucarin mAb binding



## Receptor binding

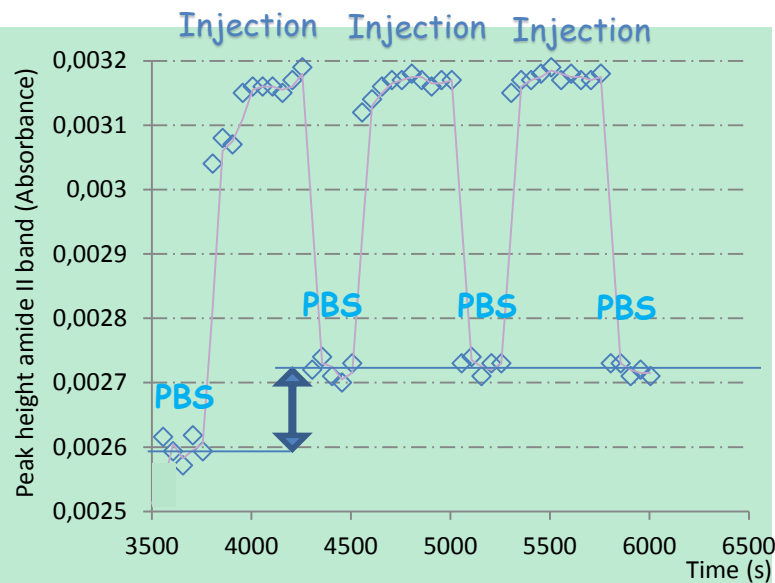


## NHS reaction

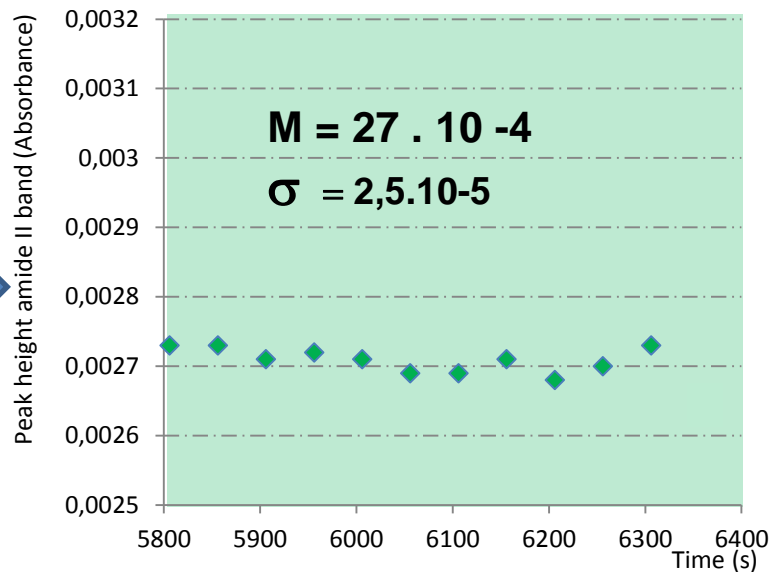




# Saturation step by primary amines or proteins injection



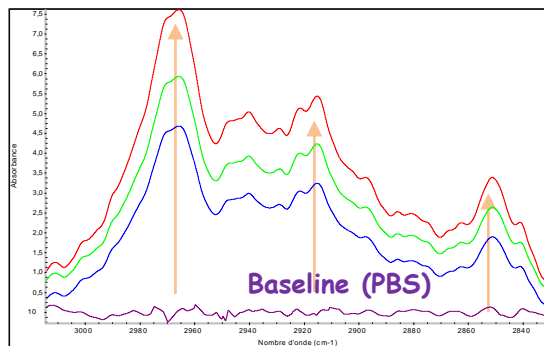
## Stability



Ready to detect the  
analyte of interest.



# Verrucarin A detection

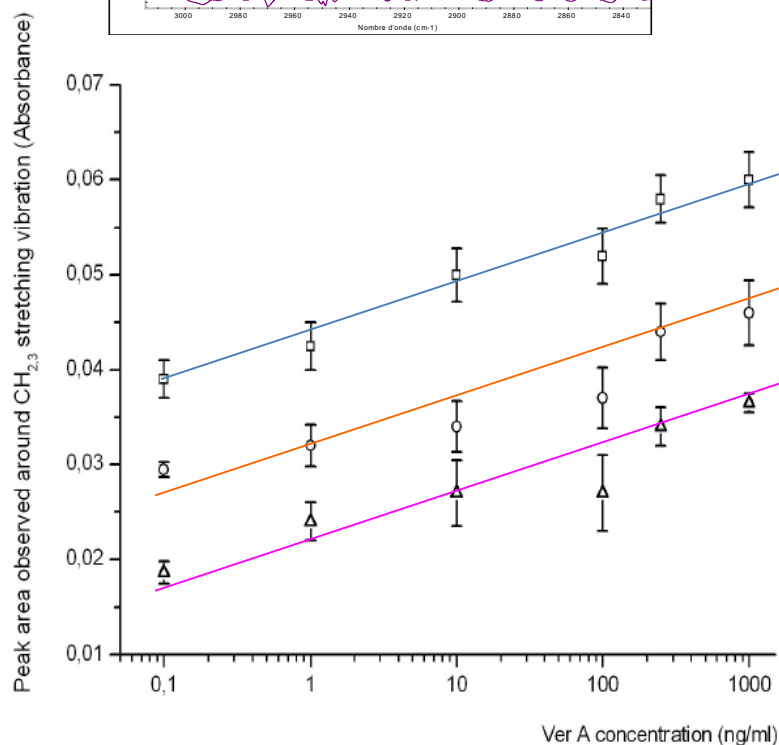


Ver A concentration

1000 ng/ml

10 ng/ml

0.1 ng/ml



Lane 1

Lane 2

Lane 3

**Low reproducibility ?**

The binding of the Verrucarin A was dependent upon...



...the quantity of receptors present at the sensor surface !

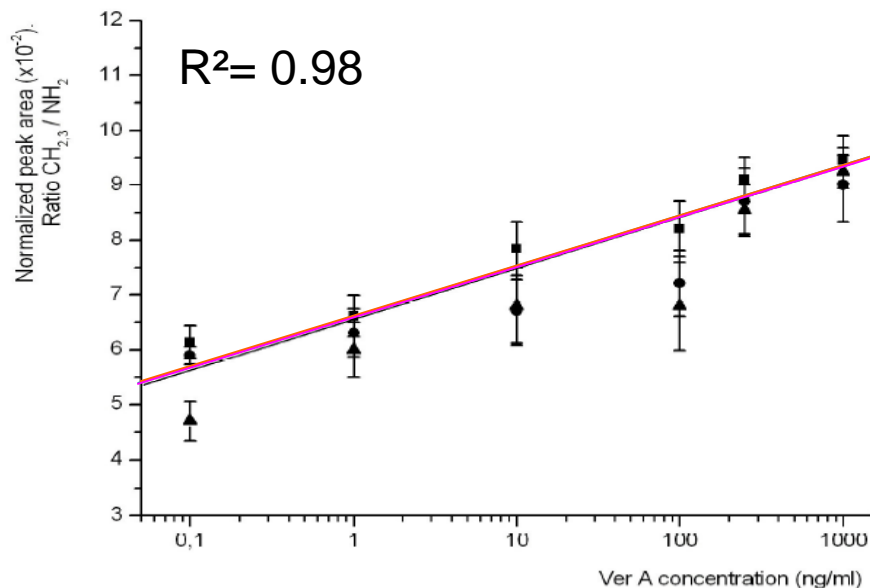
Observed peak area in the CH<sub>2,3</sub> stretching vibration <sup>i</sup>

$$\text{Normalized peak area} = \frac{\text{Observed peak area in the CH}_{2,3} \text{ stretching vibration } ^i}{\text{Peak area of the amide bands } ^{ii}}$$

i : Measured quantity of ligands during washing step

ii : Measured quantity of receptors during washing step

Normalized quantification of Verrucarin A



Lane 1

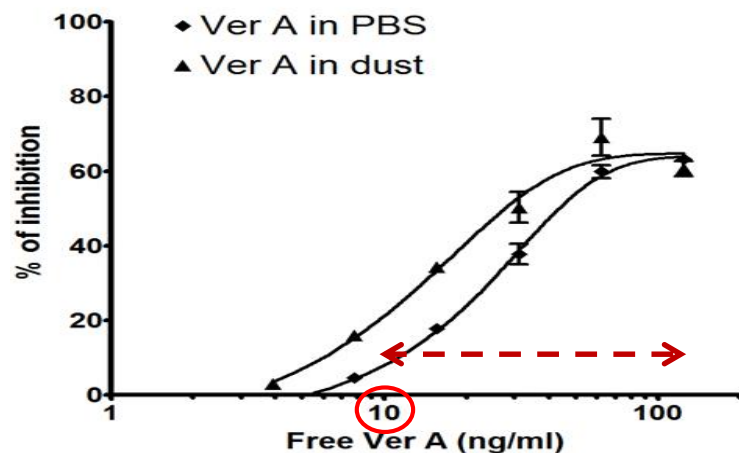
Lane 2

Lane 3

$$\text{Normalized threshold} = \frac{3 \times \text{SD max value}}{\text{Peak area of the amide bands}}$$

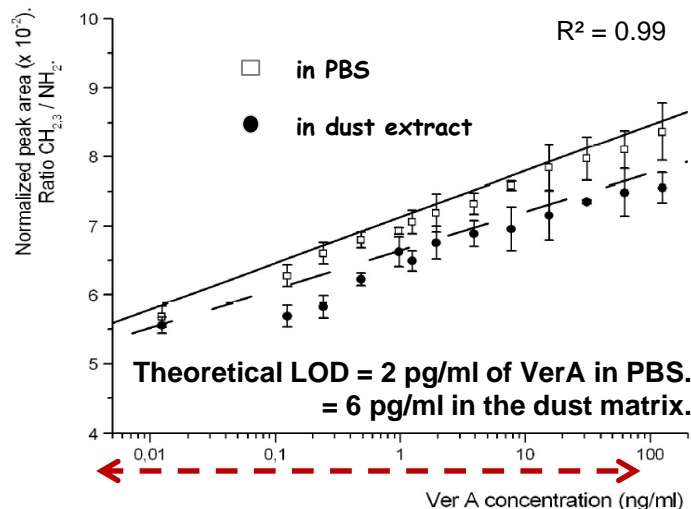


## ELISA curves



Sensitivity around ng/ml of free verrucarin-A in complex media  
 Dynamic range ~ 1 log

## B IR dilution curves



A very high sensitivity in complex media  
 (reaching pg/ml for Trichothecene Verrucarin-A quantified in environmental samples)  
 Dynamic range ~ 5 log

Robustness :

- High recovery values
- Reproducibility (run to run recovery)

Offers chemical signature

Precision

(replicates at the same conc. within run thanks to normalization)



# Conclusions

- 1 New functionalization method of ATR elements based on organic layers only.**
- 2 Generic devices for (bio)detection.**
- 3 Spectroscopic sensor response (multivariate analysis, multi analyte detection, conformational transitions)**
- 4 Efficient antifouling layer**
- 5 Detection of low-molecular and high molecular weight ligands**
- 6 Detection in complex fluids**
- 7 Adapted for standard immunochemistry protocols (ELISA in competition, ...)**



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