



# SERS and SEIRA

## Signal optimisation and applications

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# Plan du cours

1. SERS signal optimisation
2. SERS sensor
3. SEIRA
4. SERS/SEIRA coupling

# Signal optimisation in SERS

# SERS principle

$$\vec{P} = \alpha \cdot \vec{E}$$

Chemical  
Effect

Electromagnetic  
Effect

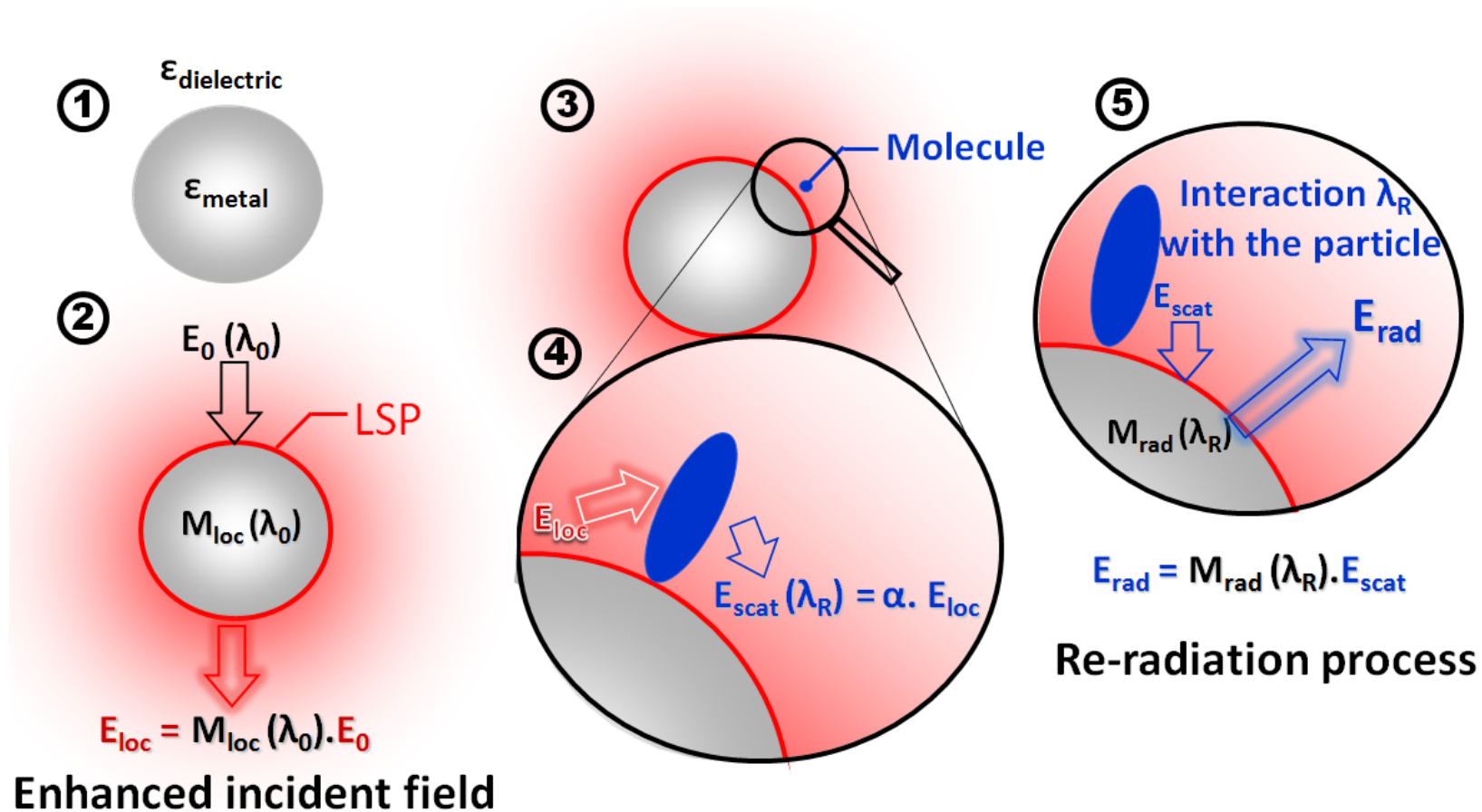
Charge transfert...

Electromagnetic field  
enhancement

Enhancement  $\approx 10^2$

Enhancement  $\approx 10^8$

# SERS principle: Electromagnetic effect



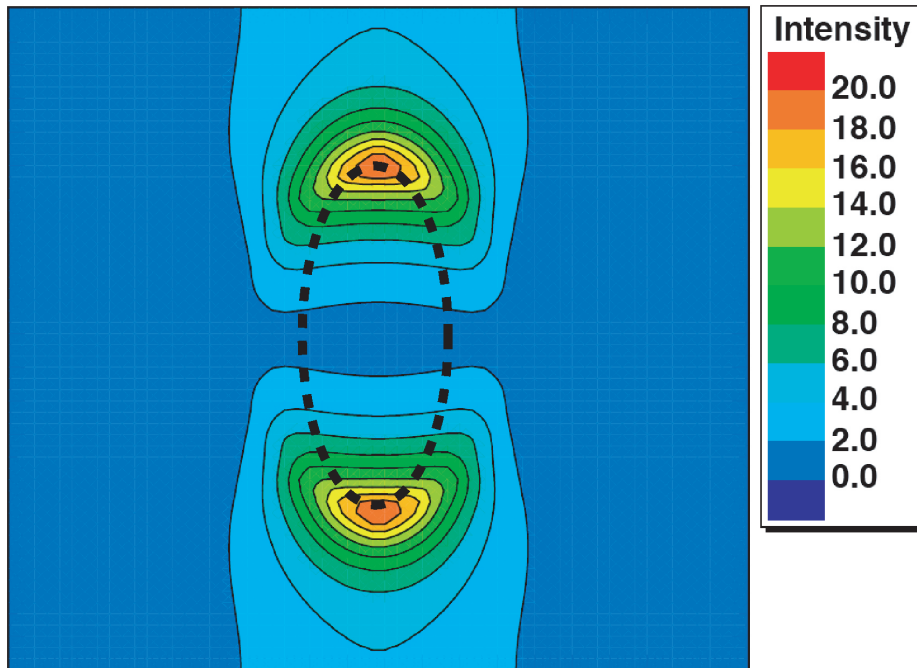
$$I_{\text{SERS}} = [M(\lambda_R) \cdot M(\lambda_0)]^2 \cdot \alpha^2 \cdot E^2$$

$$I_{\text{SERS}} = [M(\lambda_R) \cdot M(\lambda_0)]^2 \cdot I_{\text{Raman}} \approx M(\lambda_0)^4 I_{\text{Inc}}$$

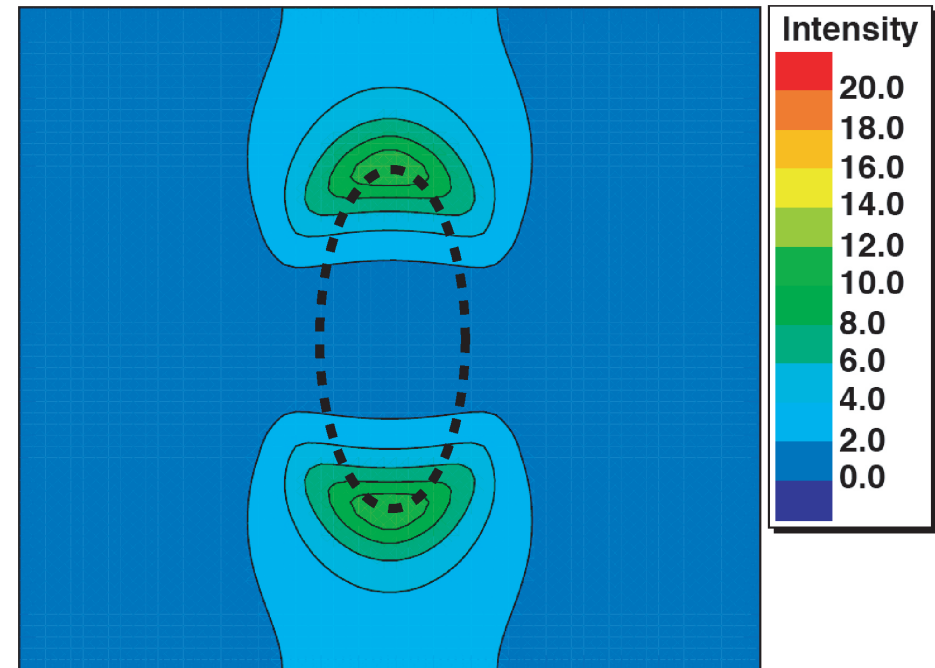
⇒ Giant Raman enhancement up to  $10^{10}$

# Near field enhancement

Gold nanowire : long axis = 150 nm

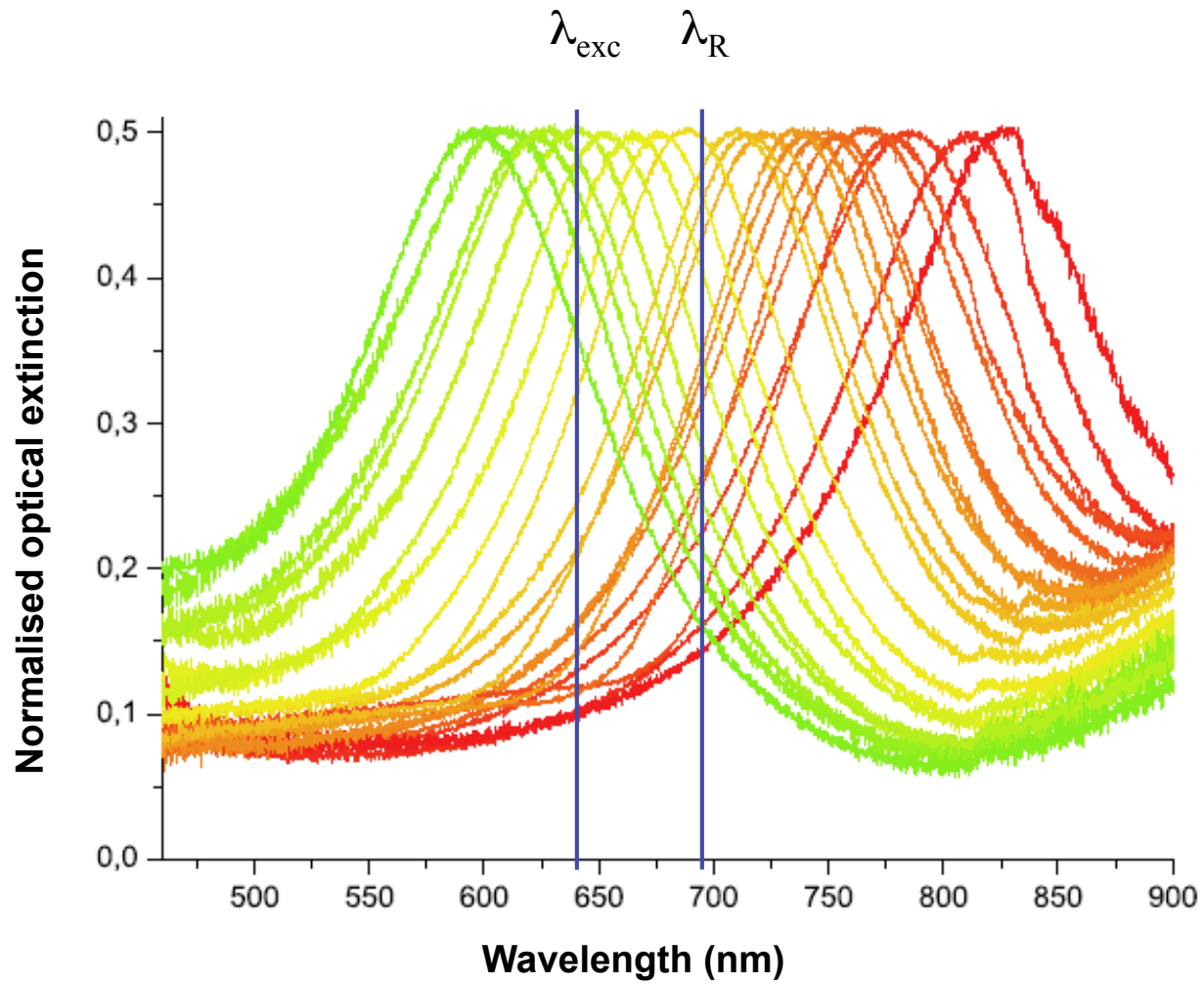


Intensity map at 712 nm

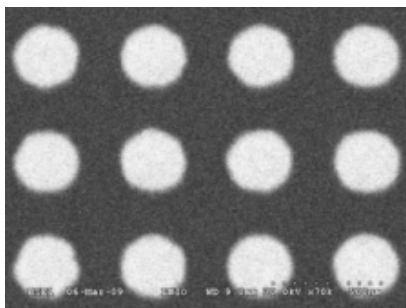


Intensity map at 800 nm

# SERS Experiments



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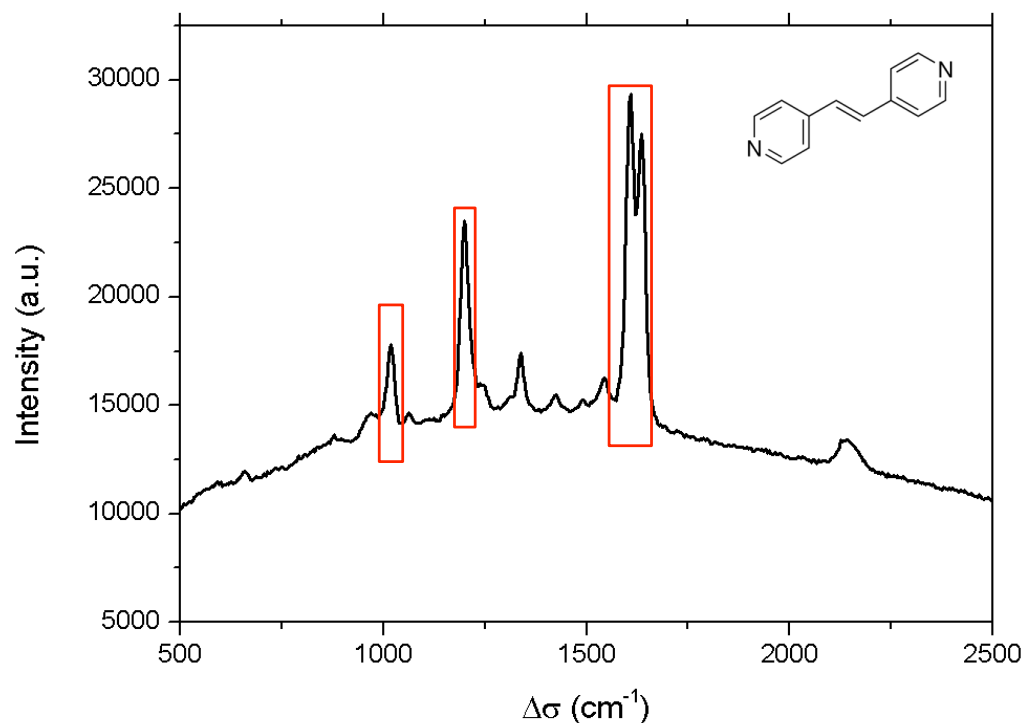
**Nanocylinders :**  
 **$100 \text{ nm} < \text{Ø} < 200 \text{ nm}$ ,**  
**height = 50 nm**

$$\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 633 \text{ nm}$$

$$\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 660 \text{ nm}$$

$$\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 691 \text{ nm}$$

$$\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 785 \text{ nm}$$



**trans-1,2-bis(4-pyridyl)ethylene (BPE)**

**1007 cm<sup>-1</sup>: pyridine ring breathing mode**

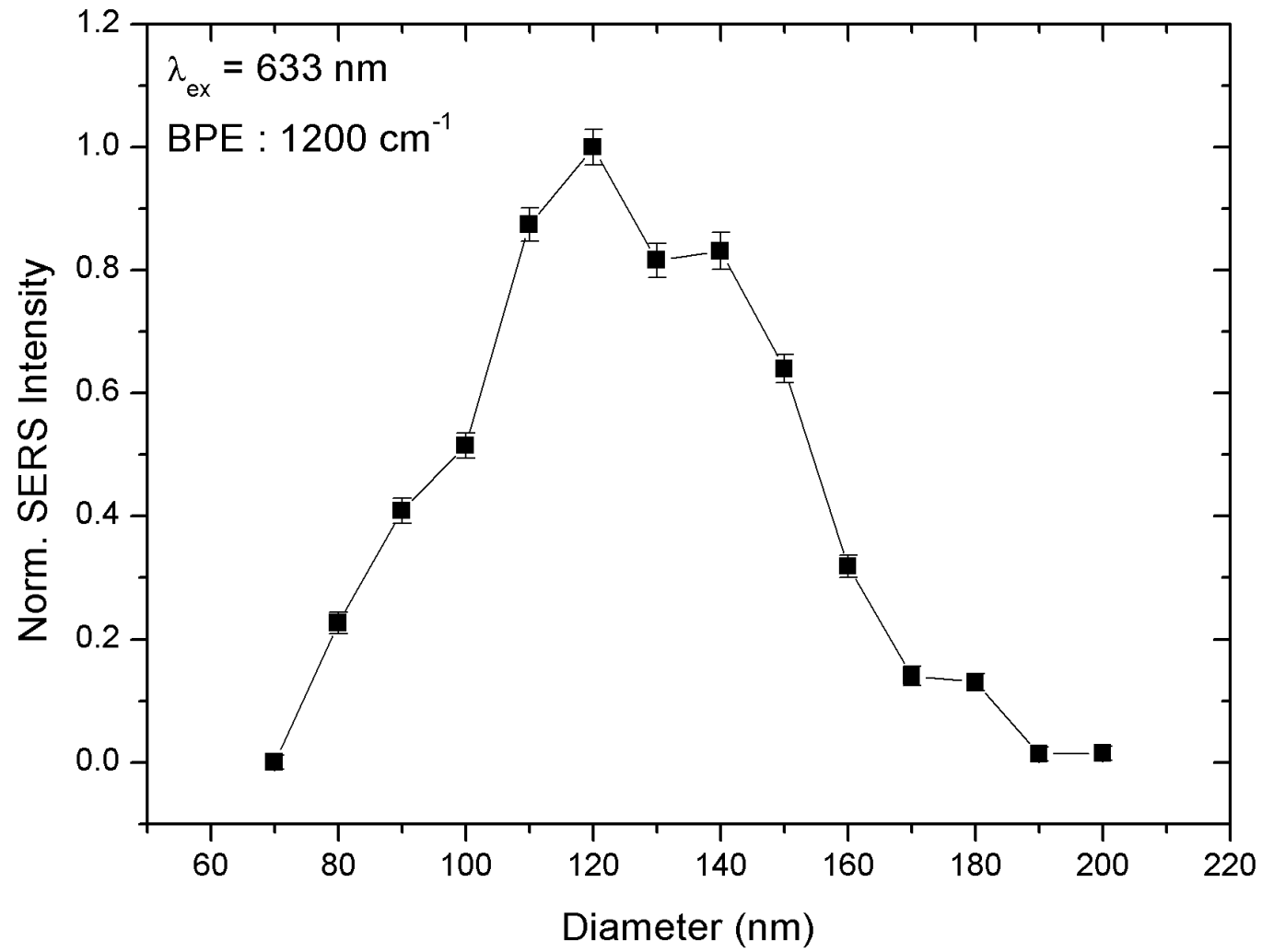
**1200 cm<sup>-1</sup>: C=C stretching mode**

**1606 cm<sup>-1</sup>: pyridine ring C=C stretching mode**

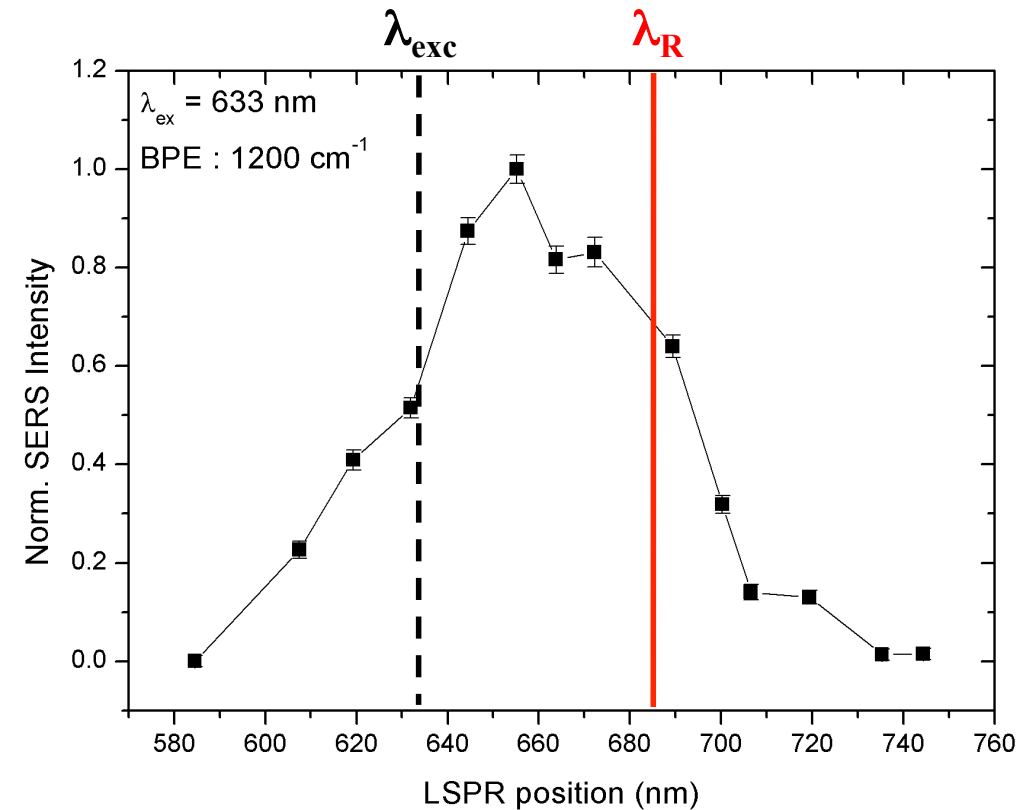
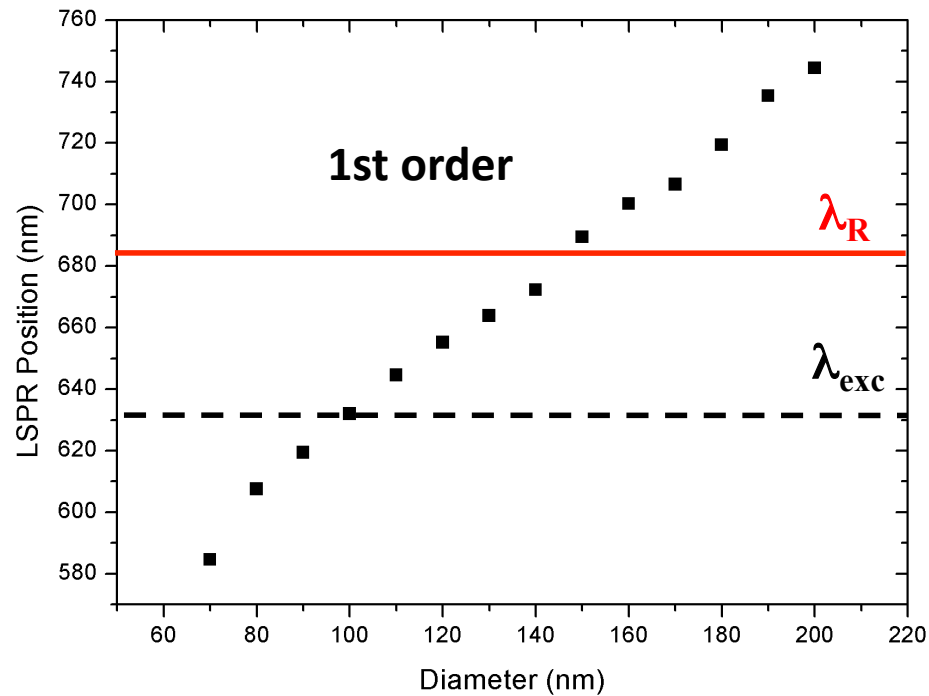
**1636 cm<sup>-1</sup>: whole pyridine ring stretching mode**



# SERS vs diameter



# SERS vs LSPR



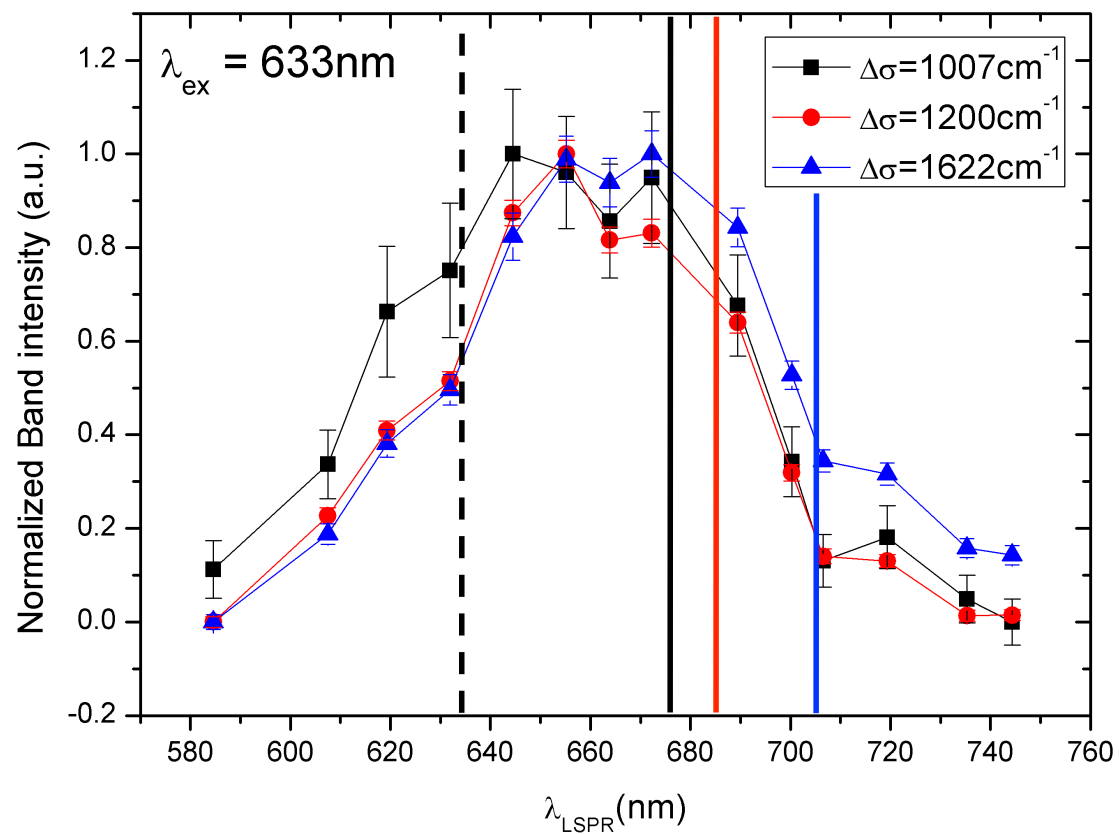
$$G_{\text{SERS}} = |f(\lambda_{\text{exc}}) \cdot f(\lambda_{\text{R}})|^2$$

$$G_{\text{SERS}} \text{ Max} \Rightarrow \lambda_{\text{exc}} < \lambda_{\text{LSPR}} < \lambda_{\text{R}}$$

A. Wokaun *et al.*, *Solid State Phys.* 38, 1984

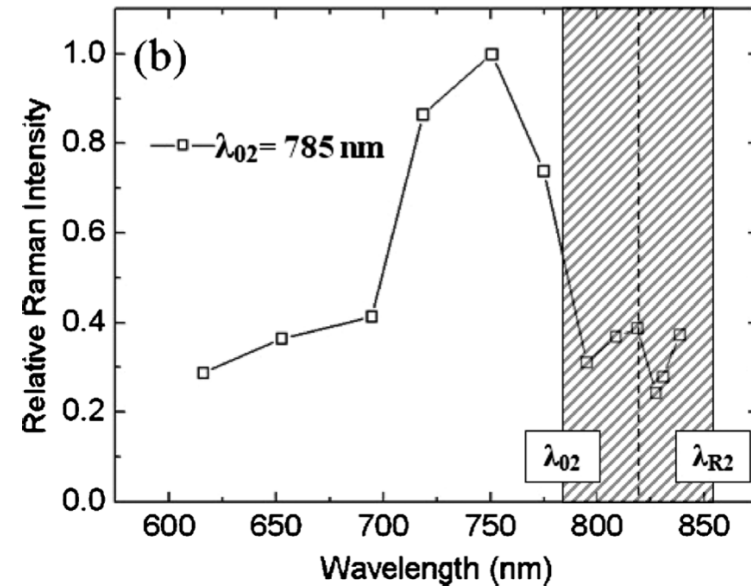
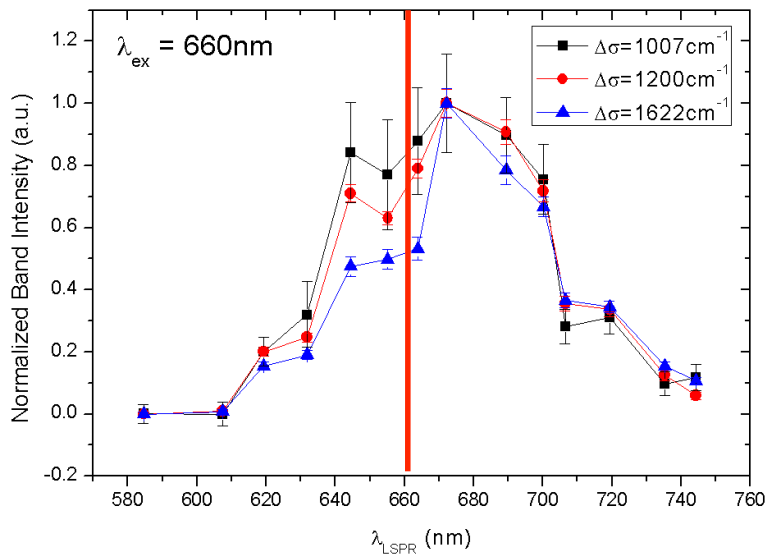
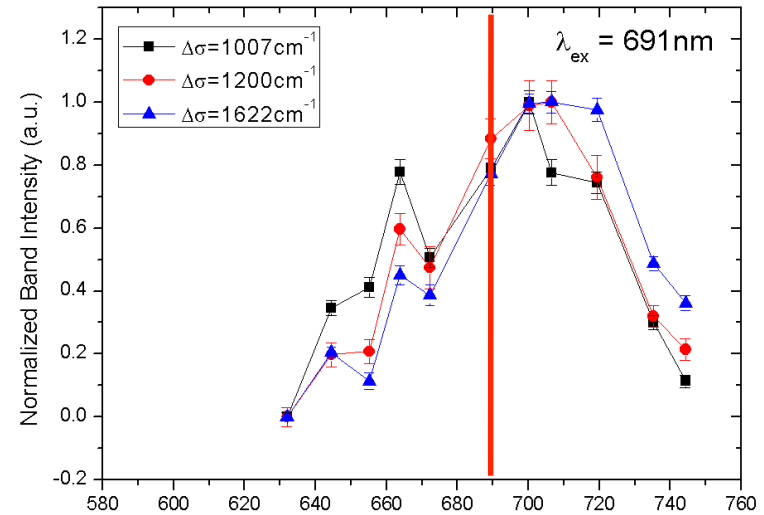
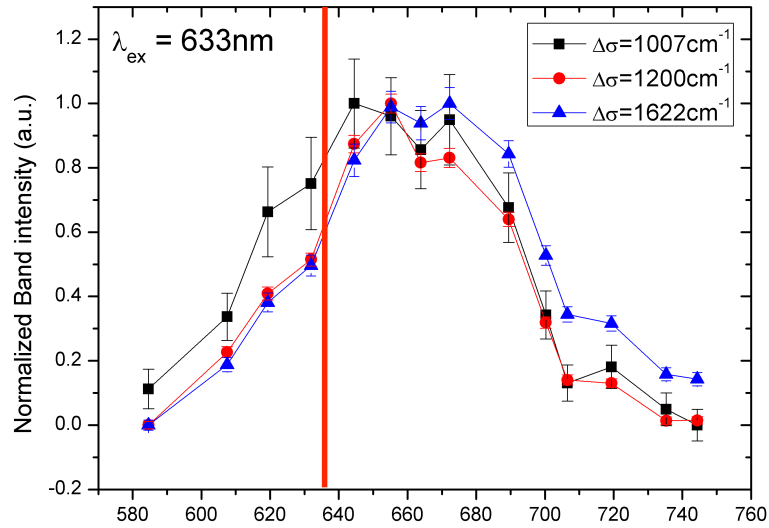
N. Guillot *et al.* *JQSRT* 113, 2321, 2012, N. Guillot *et al.*, *J. of Nanophotonics*, 6(1), 64506, 2012

# SERS Experiments

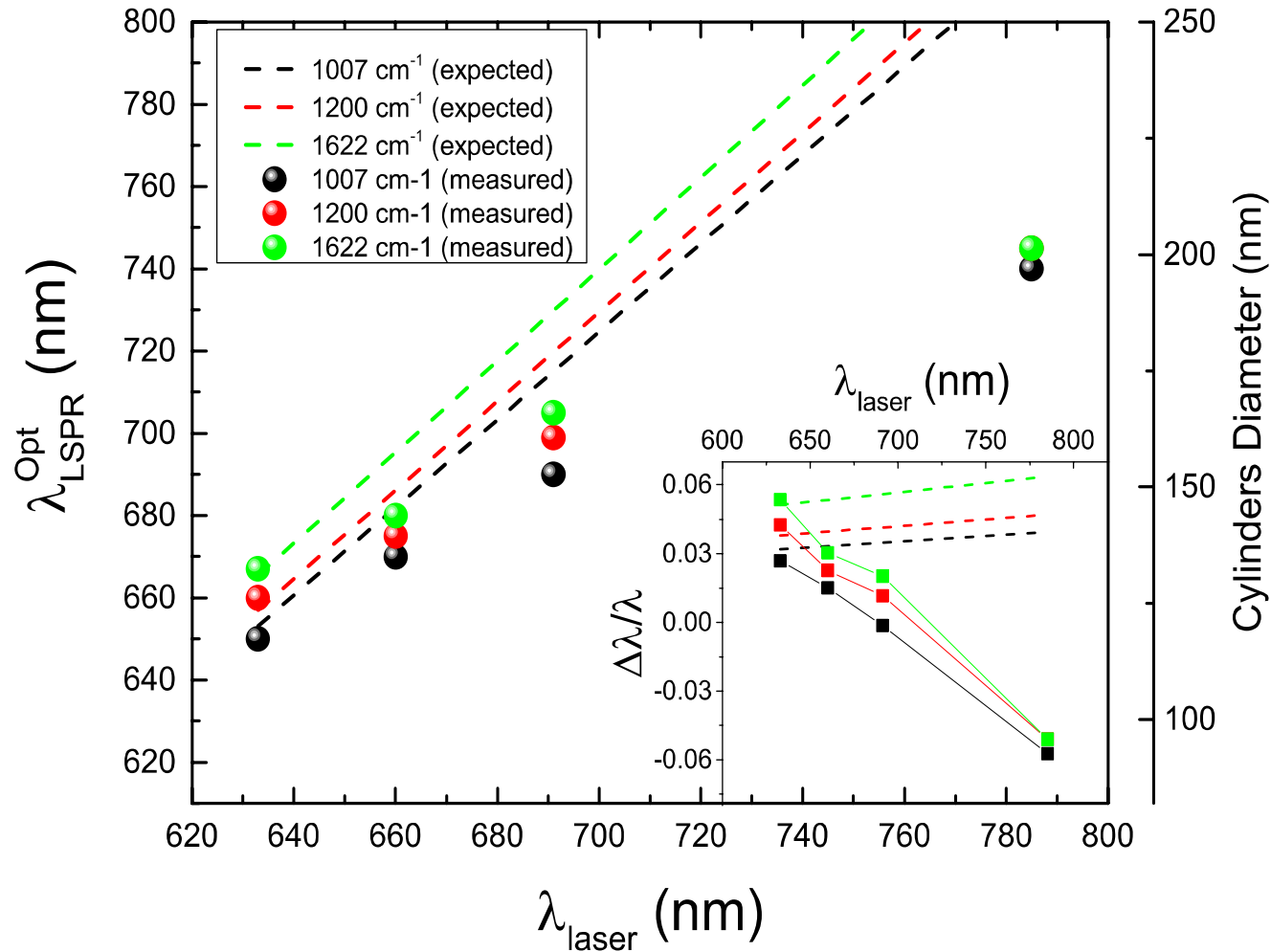


$\lambda_{\text{R}} = 676 \text{ nm}$   
 $\lambda_{\text{R}} = 685 \text{ nm}$   
 $\lambda_{\text{R}} = 705 \text{ nm}$

# SERS Experiments



# SERS vs LSPR

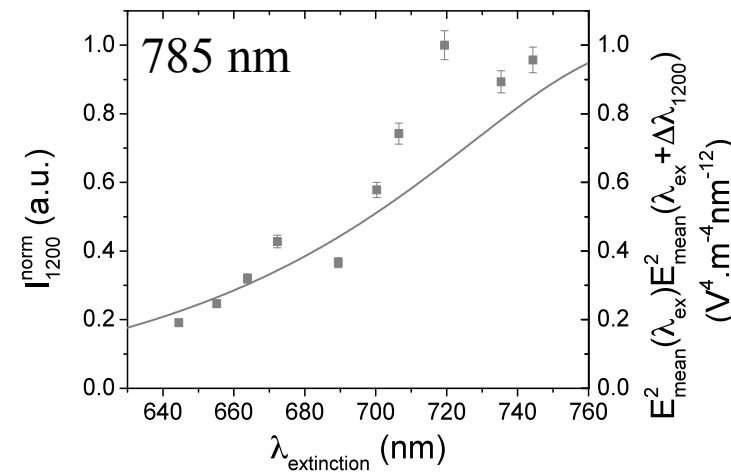
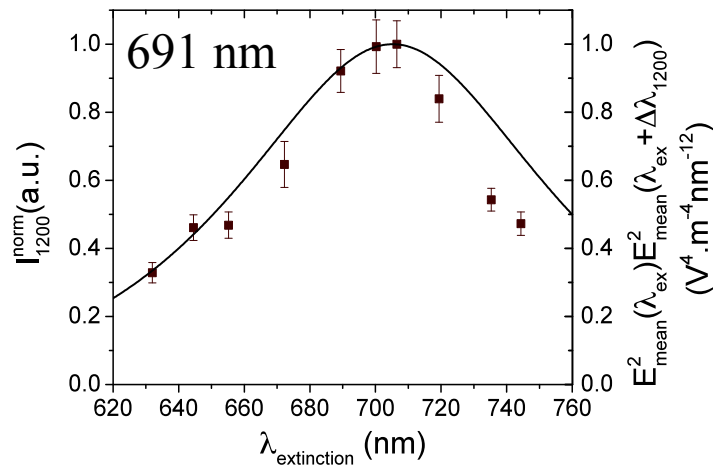
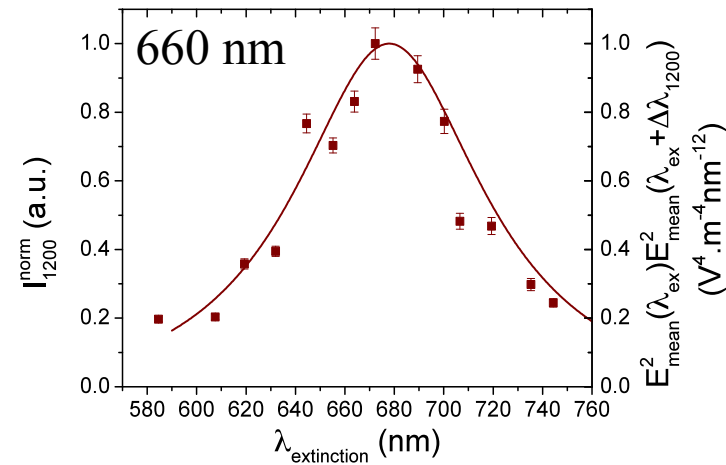
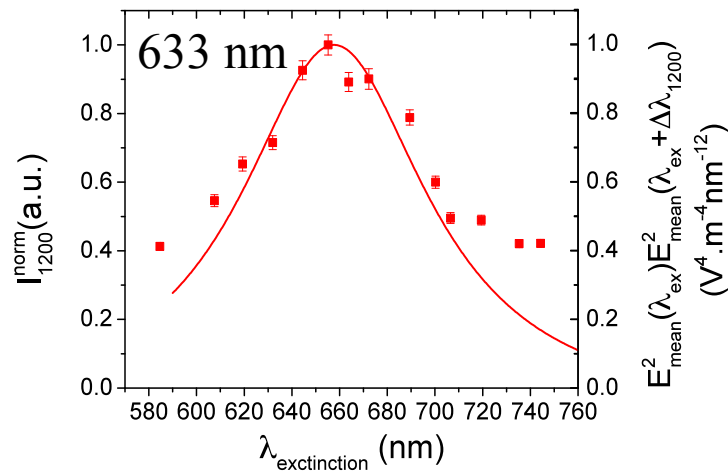


- ⇒ Shift between the expected LSPR position and the effective one
- ⇒ Near-field / Far-field shift ?

# Comparison DDA - Experiments

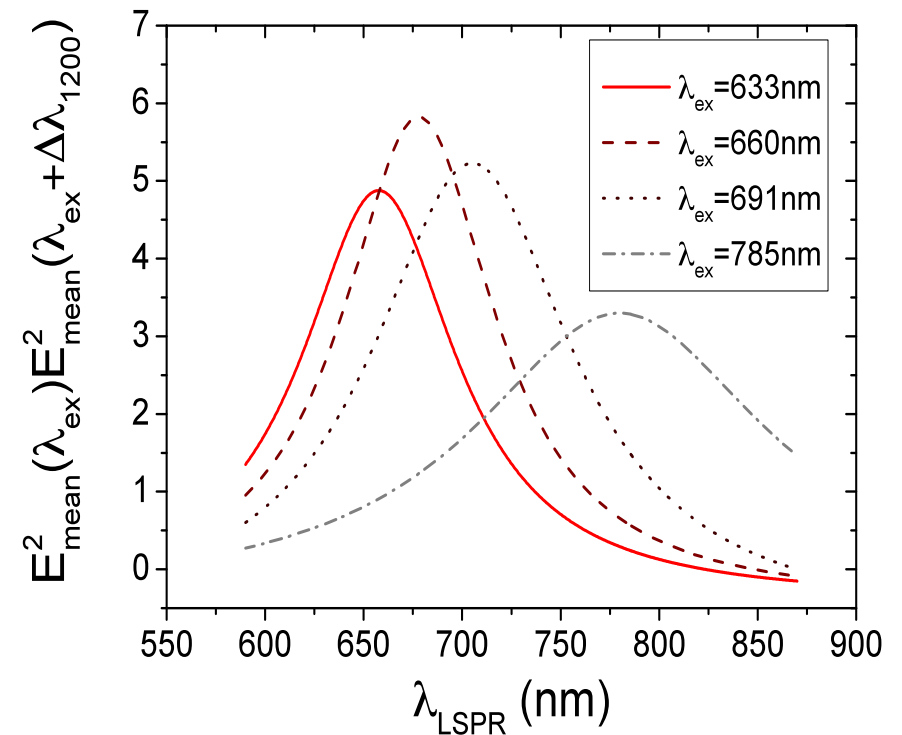
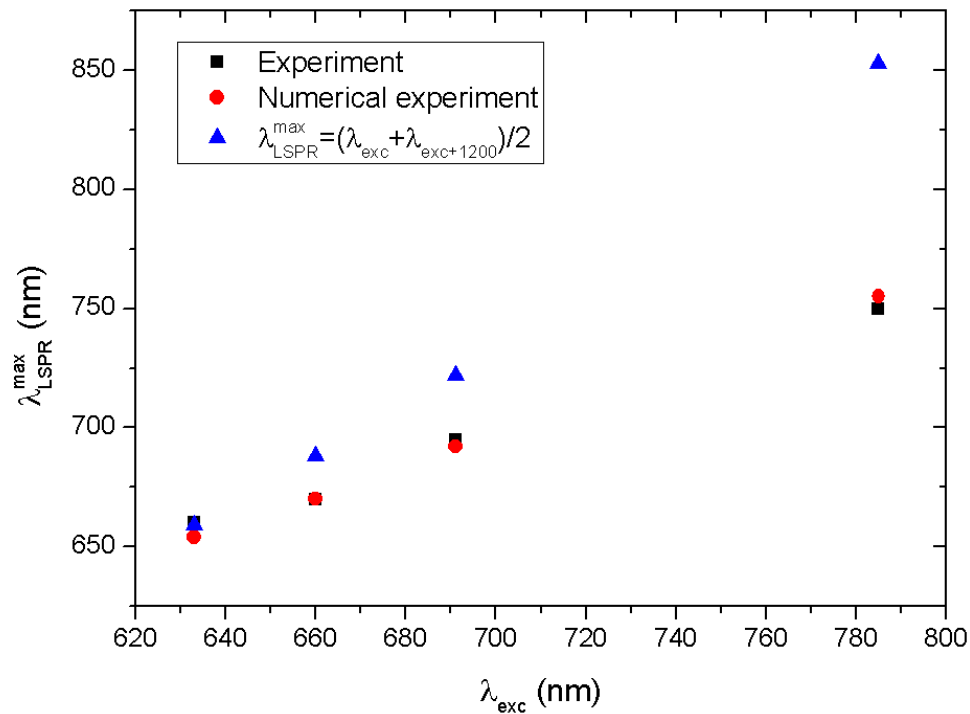
## Discrete Dipole Approximation (DDSCAT 7.3)

B. Draine, P. Flatau, *JOSA A*, 1994, 11(4)1491-1499



⇒ Good agreement between DDA calculations and experiments

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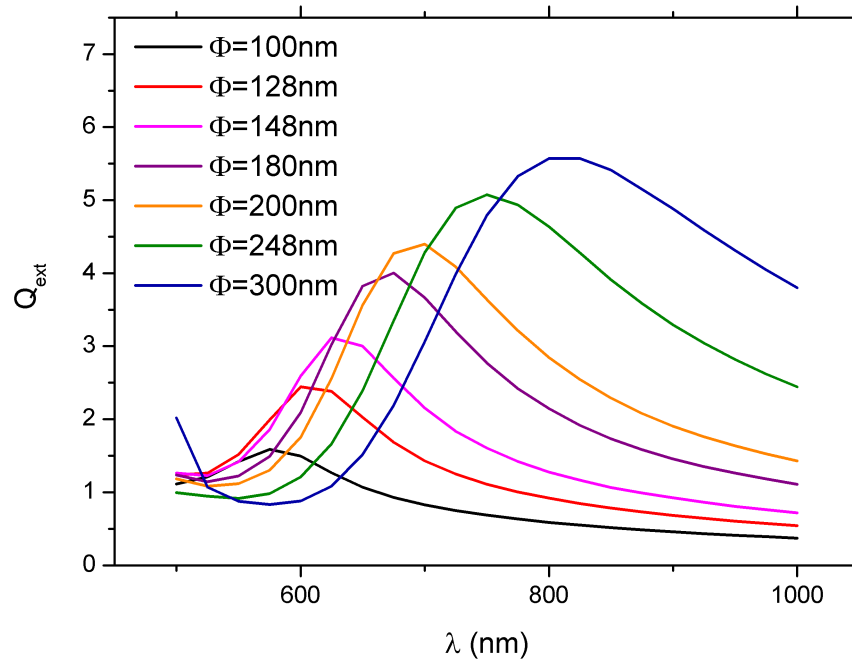


- ⇒ Observation of the shift between the expected and the observed LSPR
- ⇒ Change in the relative intensity of the enhancement

# Near-field/Far-field discrepancy

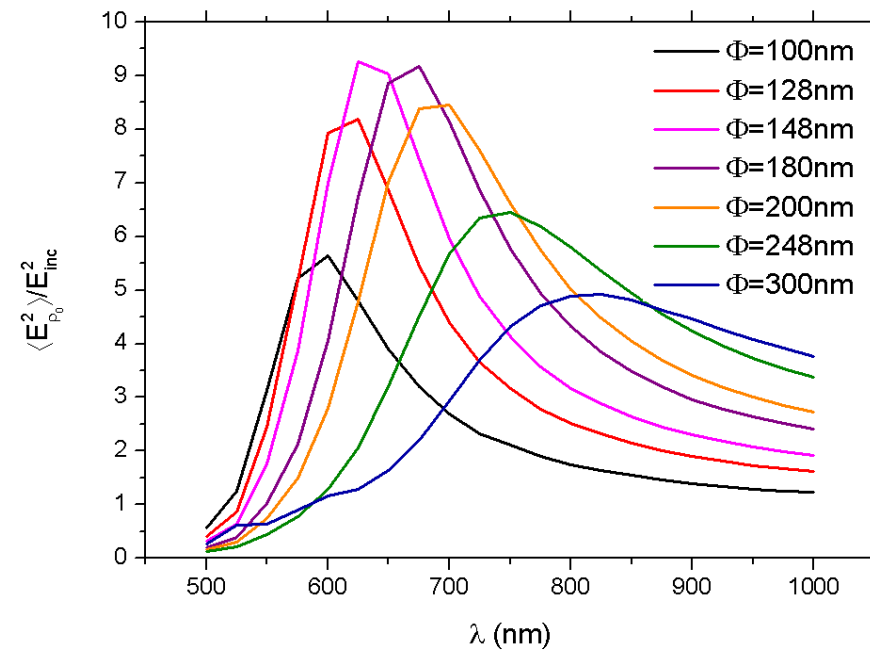
## LSPR

Far field measurement



## SERS

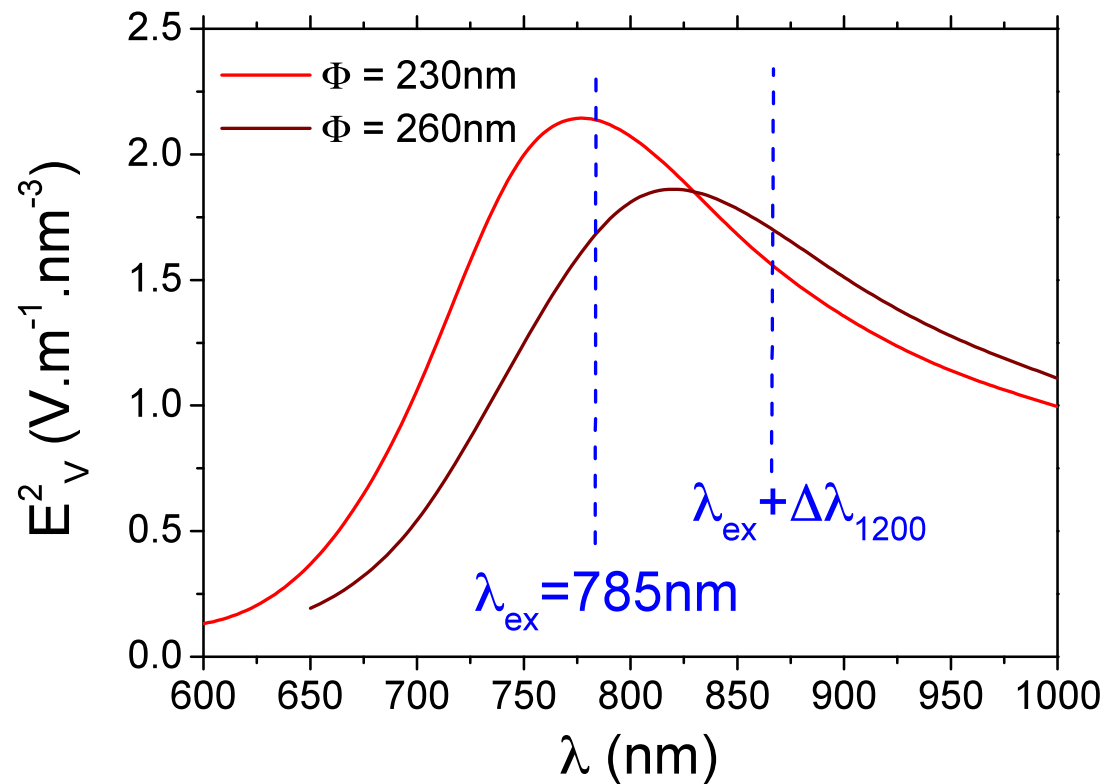
Near field measurement



**⇒ Broadening and decrease of the intensity of the near-field enhancement**

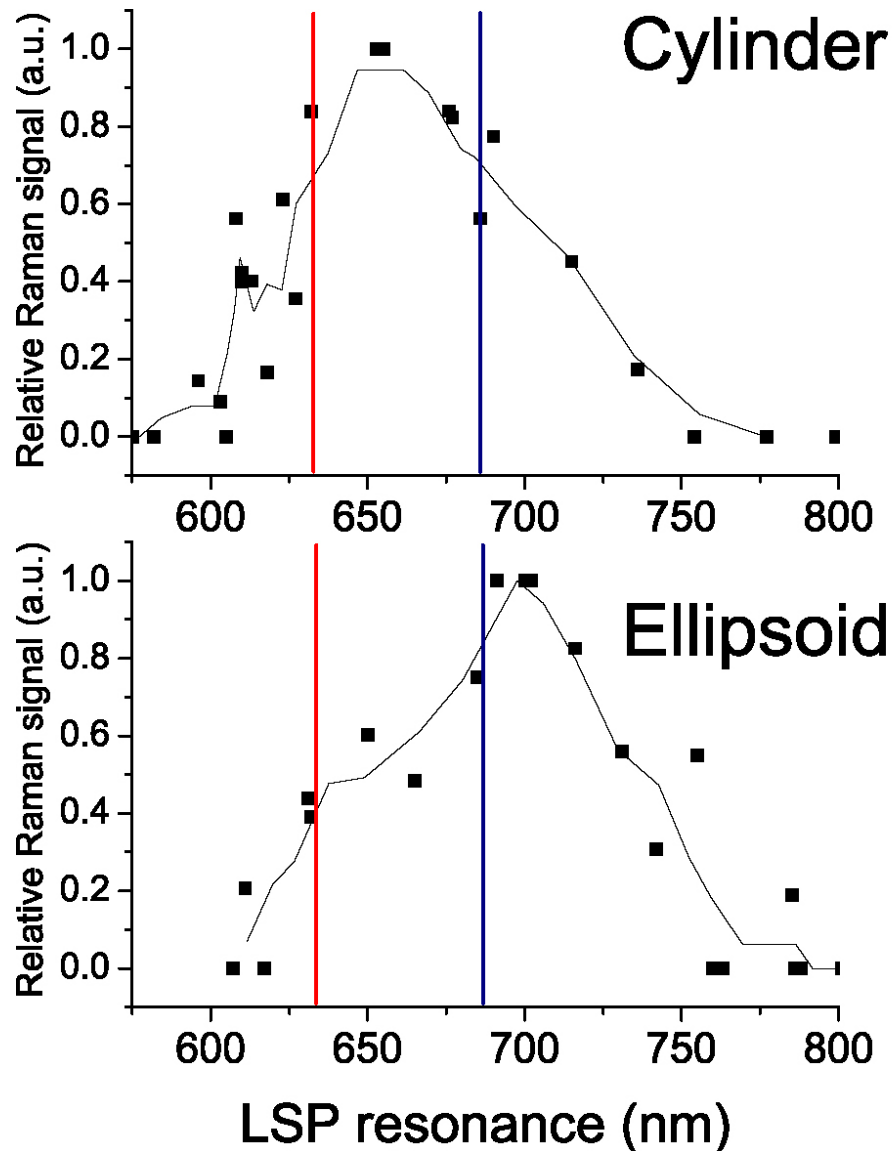


# Near-field/Far-field discrepancy



**$\Rightarrow$  Best SERS enhancement for a lower diameter and thus for a blueshifted LSPR**

# SERS vs LSPR



Nanocylinders : 50 nm < diameter < 200 nm  
 Nano-ellipses : 50 nm < major axis < 200 nm

Excitation Wavelength

$$\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 632.8\text{nm}$$

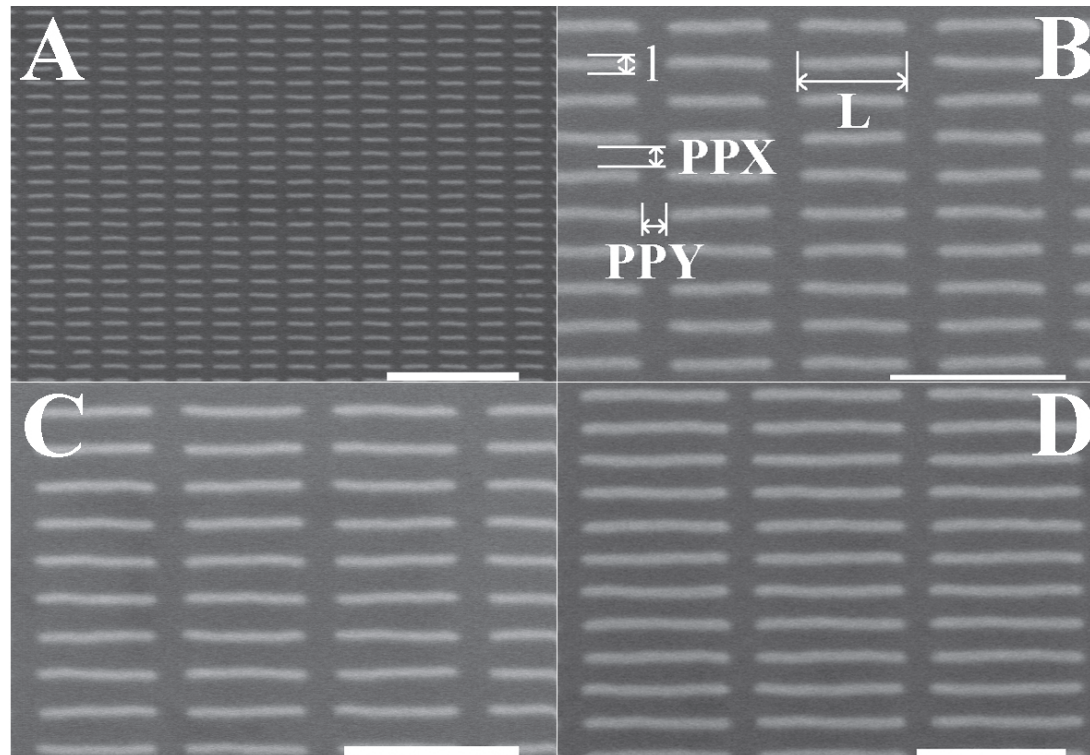
BPE Raman mode: 1200cm<sup>-1</sup>

$$\lambda_{\text{R}} = 685\text{nm}$$

$$G_{\text{SERS}} = |f(\lambda_{\text{exc}}) \cdot f(\lambda_{\text{R}})|^2$$

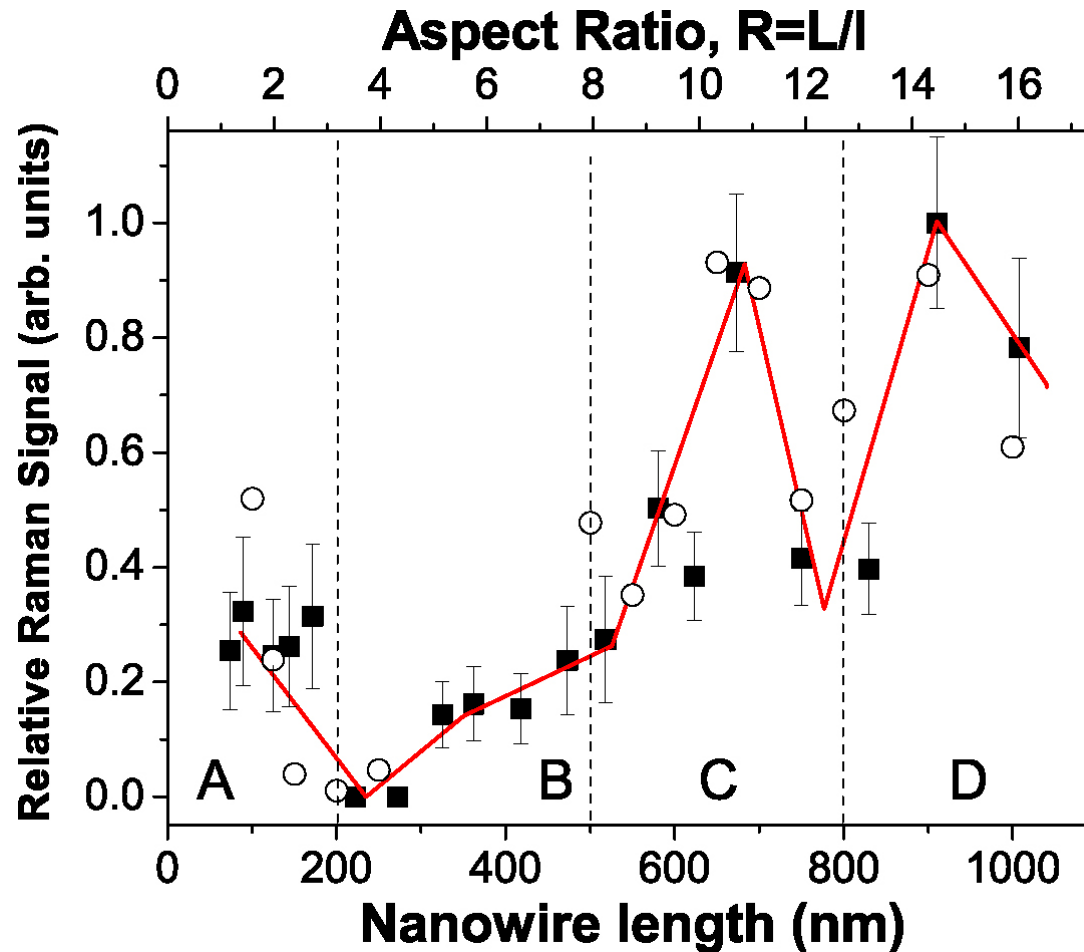
$$G_{\text{SERS}} \text{ Max} \Rightarrow \lambda_{\text{exc}} < \lambda_{\text{LSPR}} < \lambda_{\text{R}} ?$$

# Gold Nanowires



$L = \text{from } 50 \text{ nm to } 1000 \text{ nm}, l = 60 \text{ nm}, \text{ height} = 50 \text{ nm}, \text{ PPX} = \text{PPY} = 200 \text{ nm}$

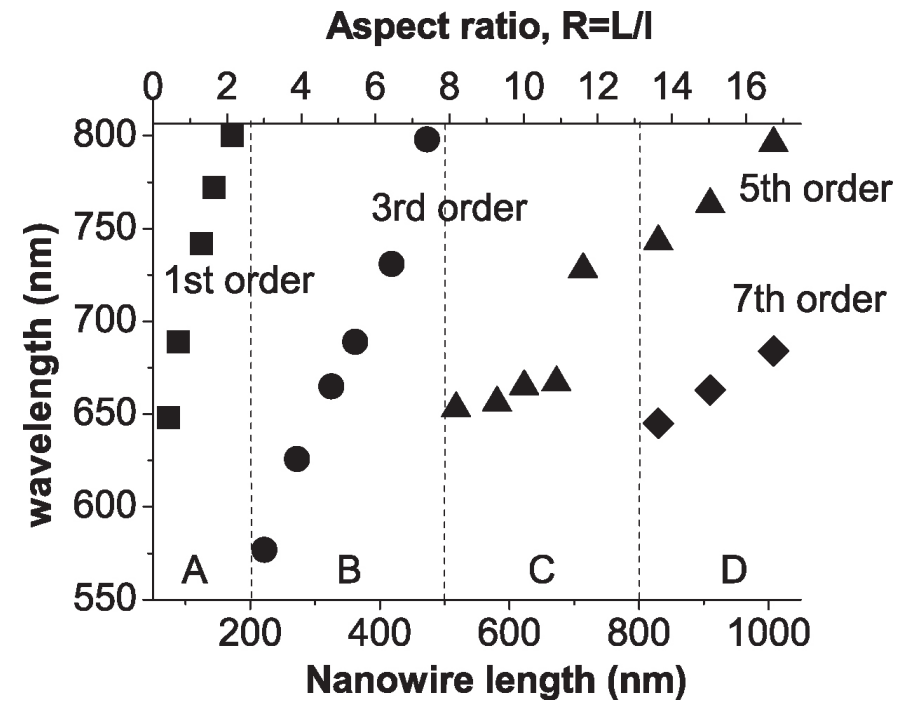
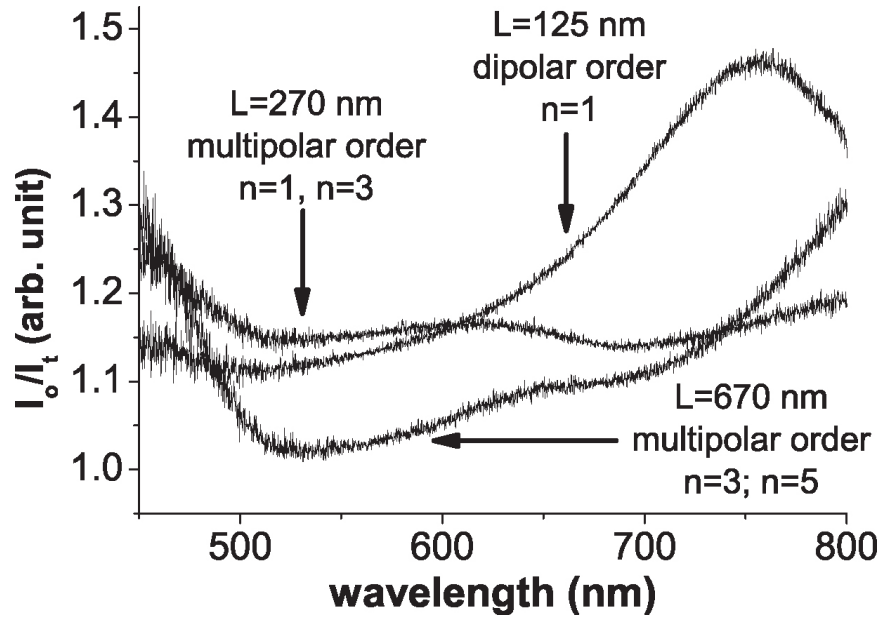
# Gold Nanowires : SERS



⇒ Raman enhancement maximum for one optimum length

(L. Billot *et al.*, *CPL* 422, 303, 2006)

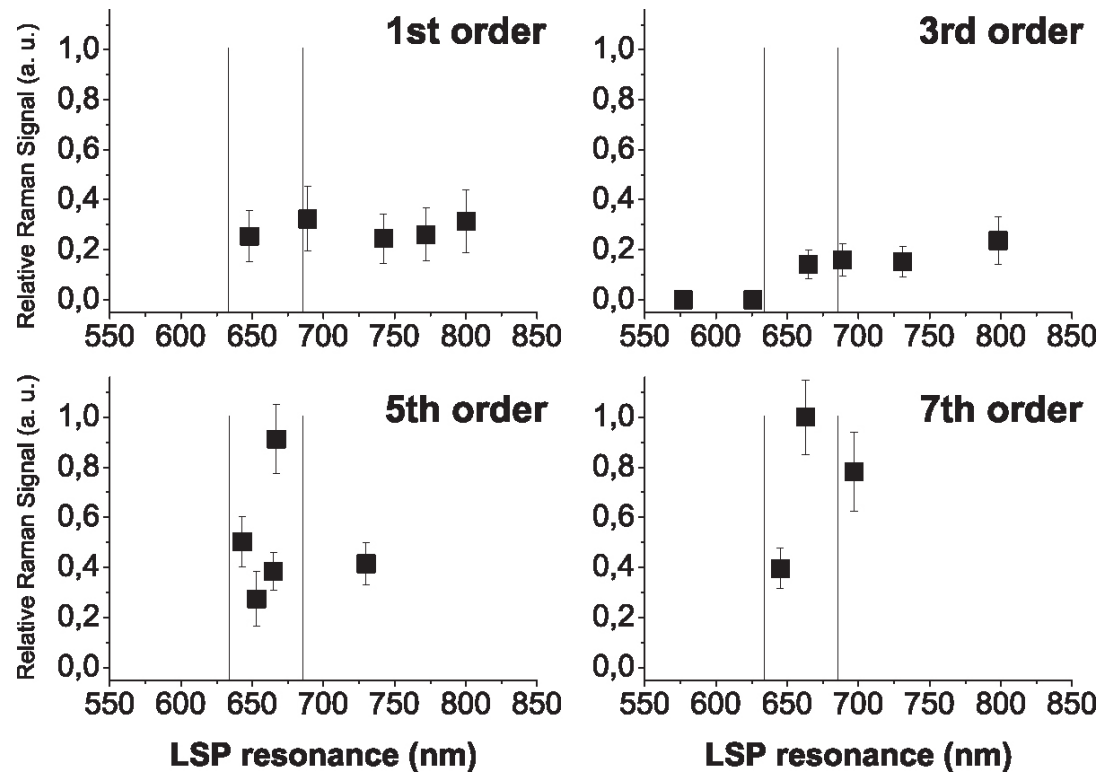
# Gold Nanowires : LSPR



⇒ **Observation of odd multipolar LSPR**






(G. Schider *et al.*, *PRB* **68**, 155427, 2003)

# Gold Nanowires : LSPR



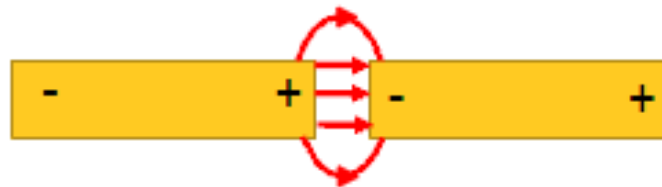
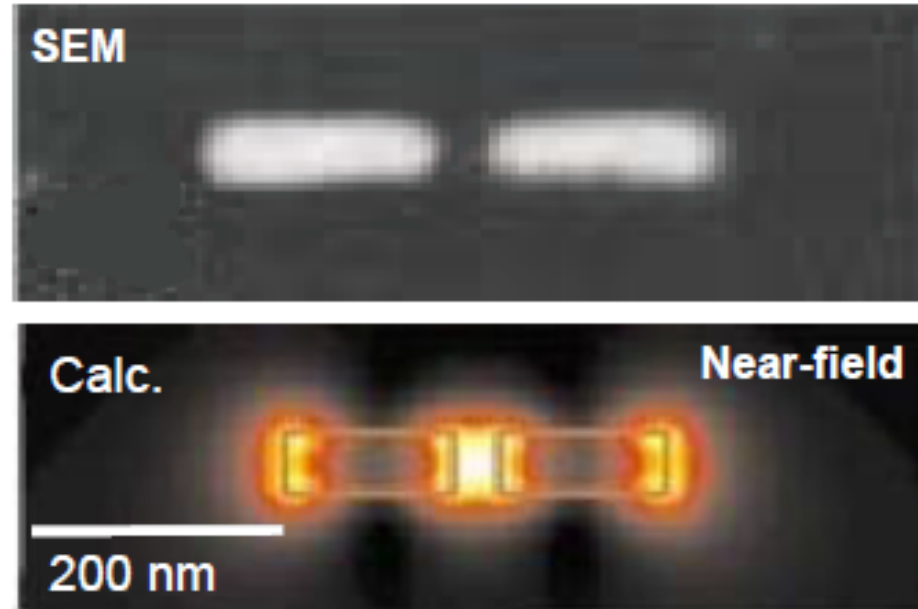
- ⇒ Best enhancement for LSPR close to 675 nm,  $\approx \lambda_R$
- ⇒ Some multipolar LSPR have better enhancement than dipolar LSPR

# LSPR rules

|                           |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------|---|--|---|---|---|
| $\lambda_{Exc}$           | 633   | 660  | 785   | 633,<br>676   | 514, 532<br>633   |
| $\lambda_{LSPR}$<br>rules | $= (\lambda_0 + \lambda_R)/2$   | $\approx \lambda_0$  | $< \lambda_0$   | $\approx \lambda_R$   | $\lambda_0 < \lambda_{LSPR} < \lambda_R$  |

**⇒ The LSPR rules depend on the shape of the nanostructures and on the excitation wavelength**

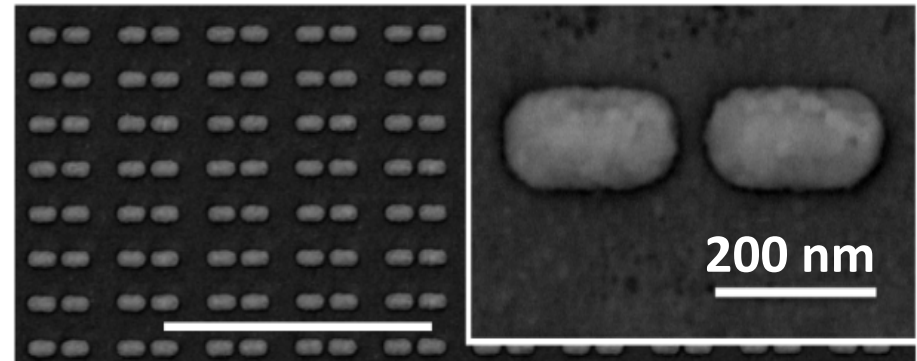
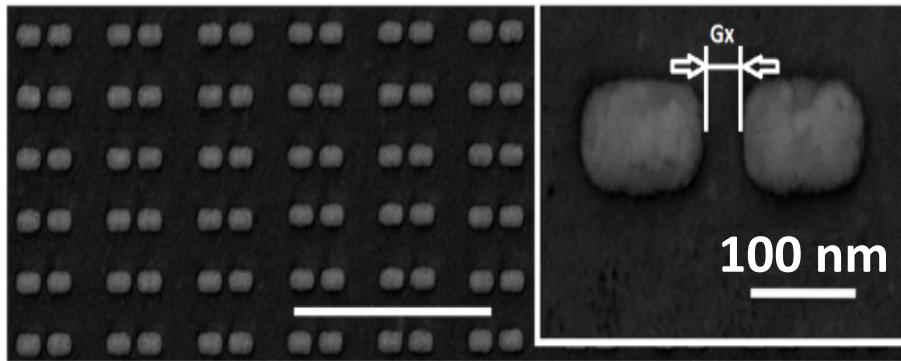
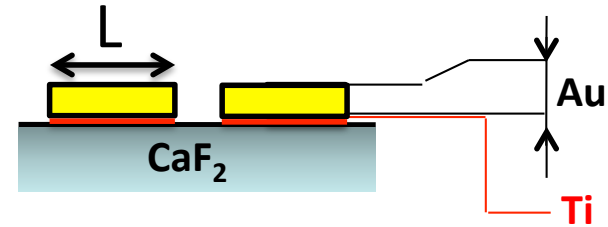
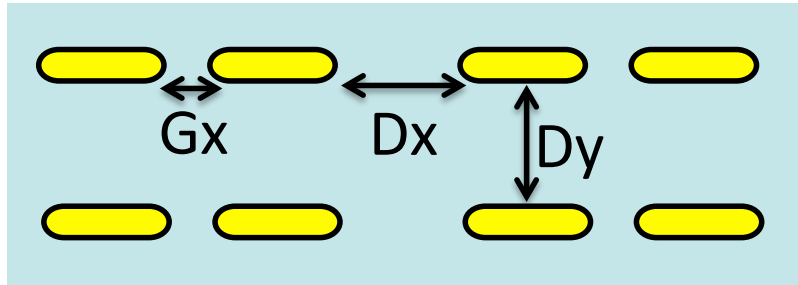
# Electromagnetic Coupling



**Systematic study to measure the consequences of coupling  
on LSPR and on SERS**

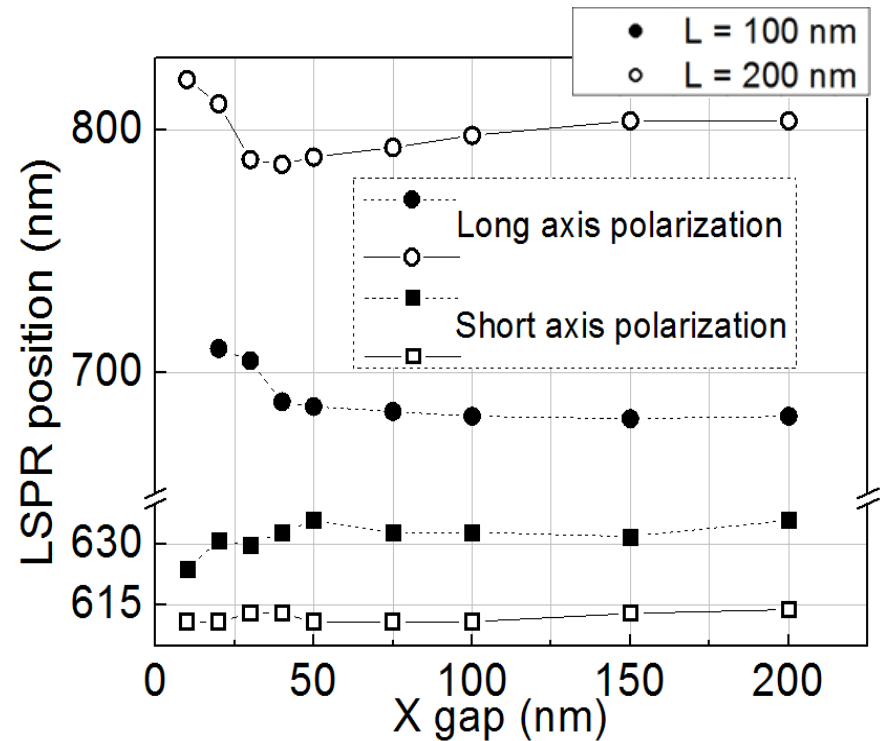
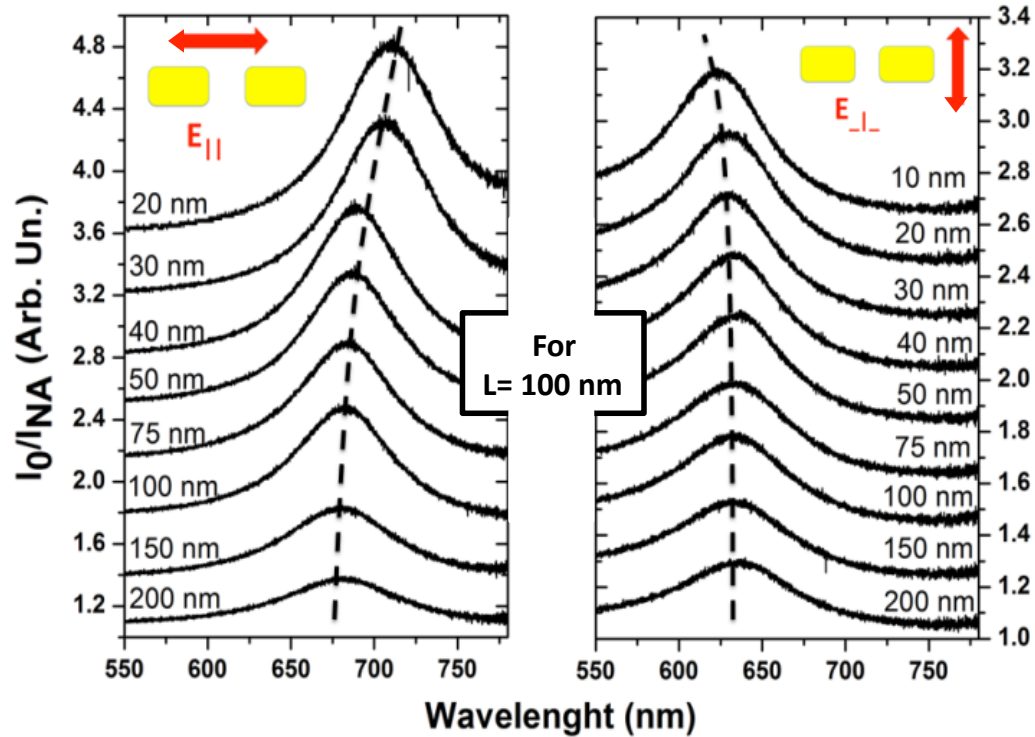


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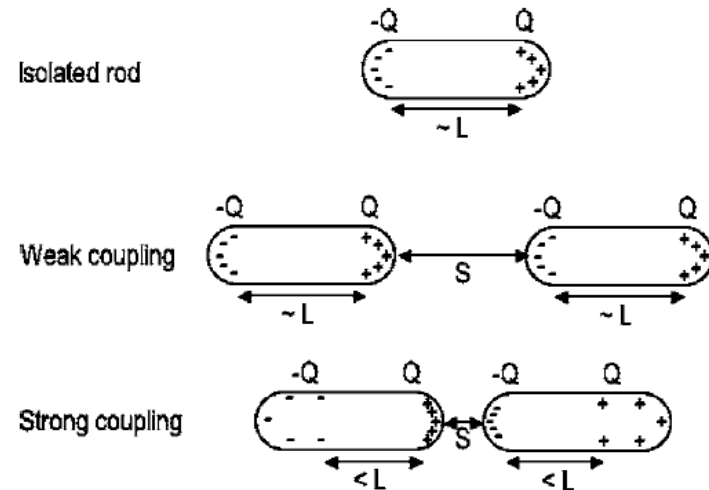
| Gx (nm)                           | Length L (nm) | Height=Width (nm) | Dy=Dy |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------|
| 10,20,30,40,50,<br>75,100,150,200 | <b>100</b>    | 60                | 200   |
| 10,20,30,40,50,<br>75, 00,150,200 | <b>200</b>    | 60                | 200   |

# Electromagnetic Coupling: LSPR



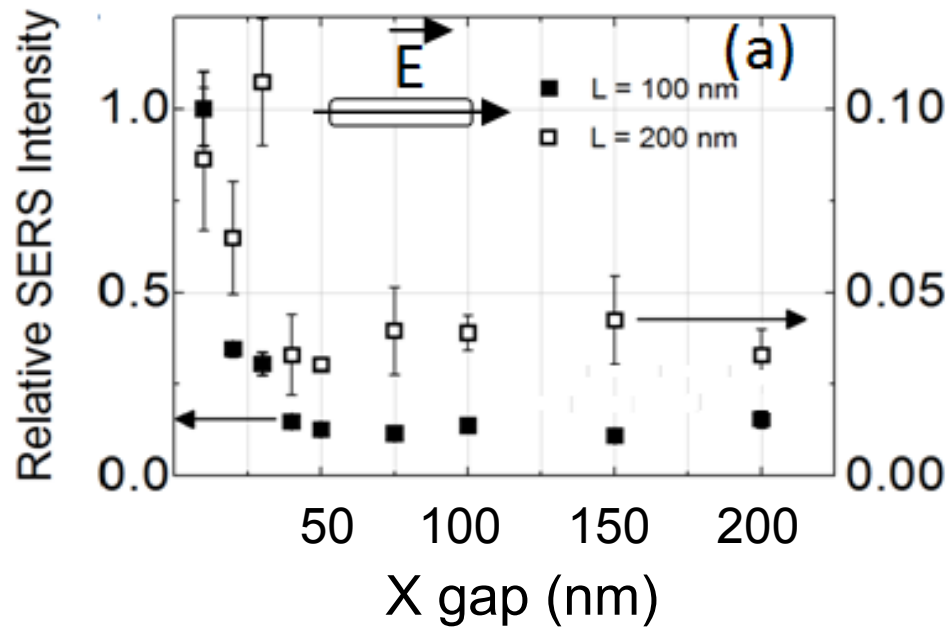
$E_{||}$  field polarization = LSPR **Redshift**  
 $E_{\perp}$  field polarization = LSPR **Blueshift**

Typical of a coupling effect

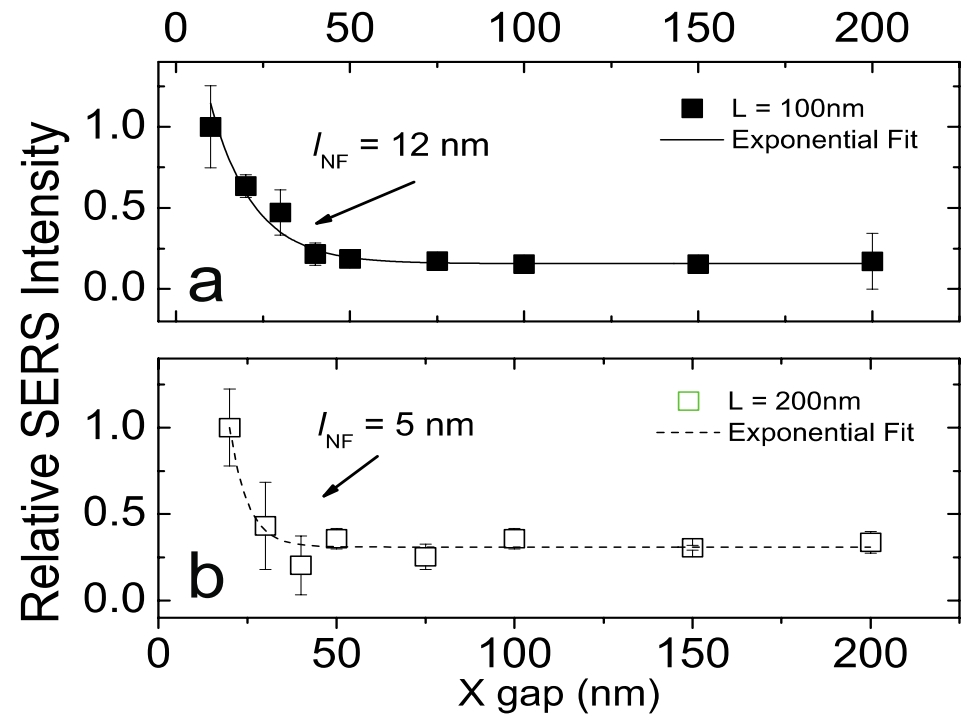


# Electromagnetic Coupling: SERS

**BPE ( $10^{-3}$  M)**



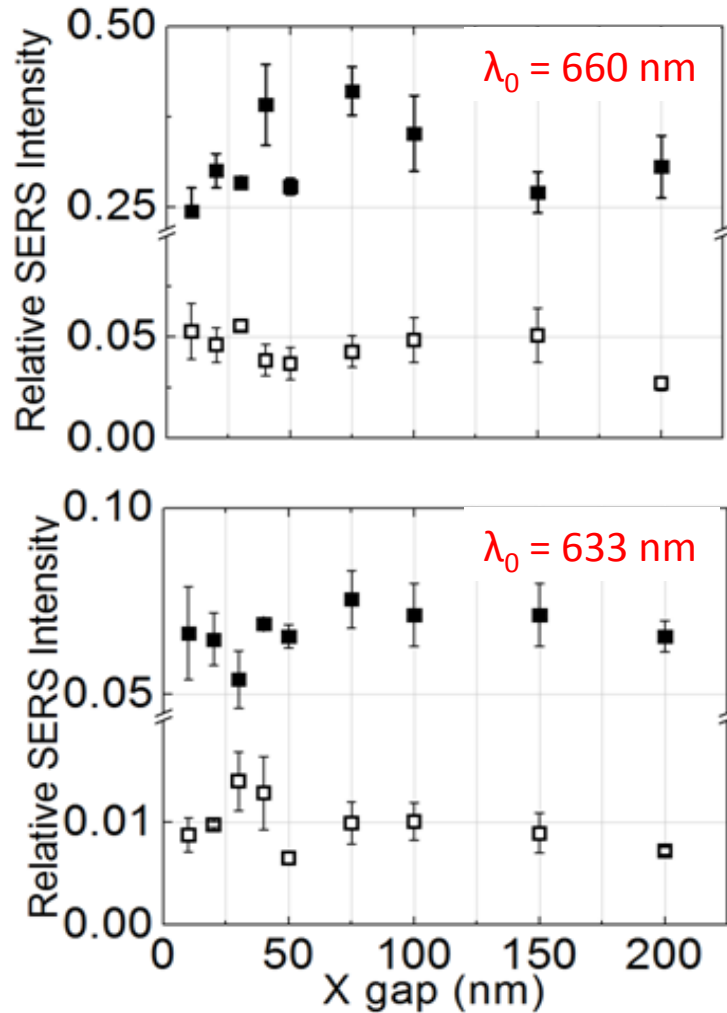
**Methylen Blue ( $10^{-3}$  M)**



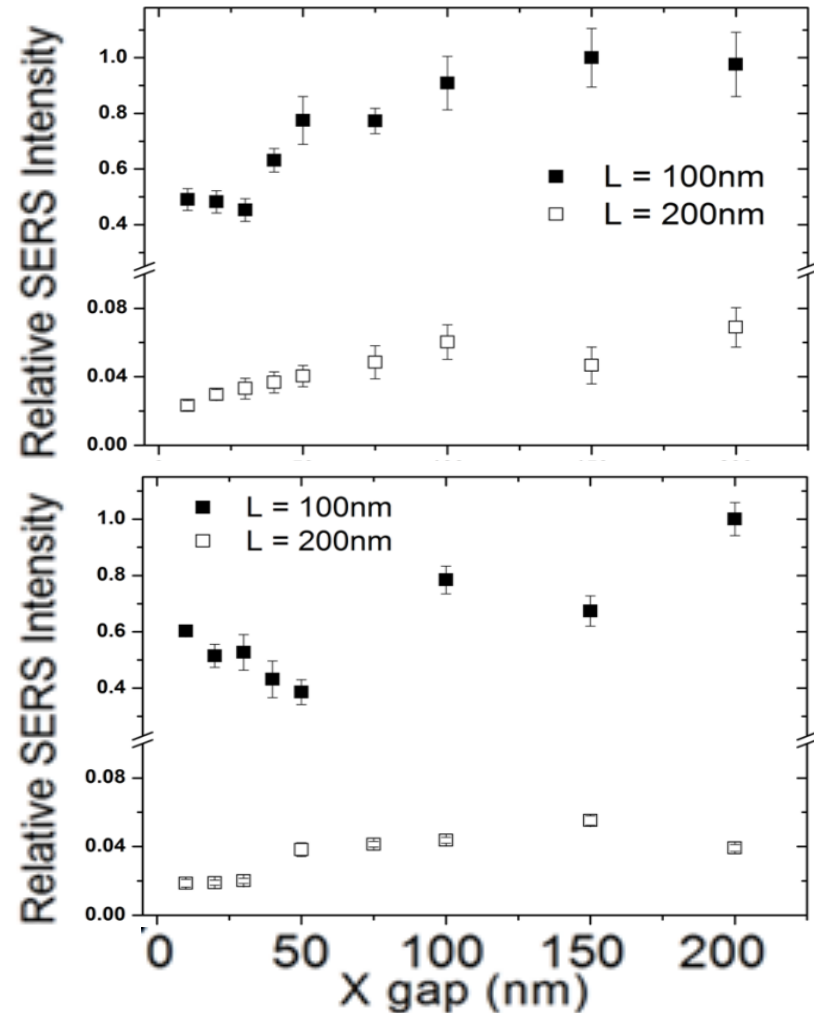
⇒ **Coupling for a lower gap and lower SERS intensity for L=200 nm**

# Electromagnetic Coupling: SERS

**BPE ( $10^{-3}$  M)**

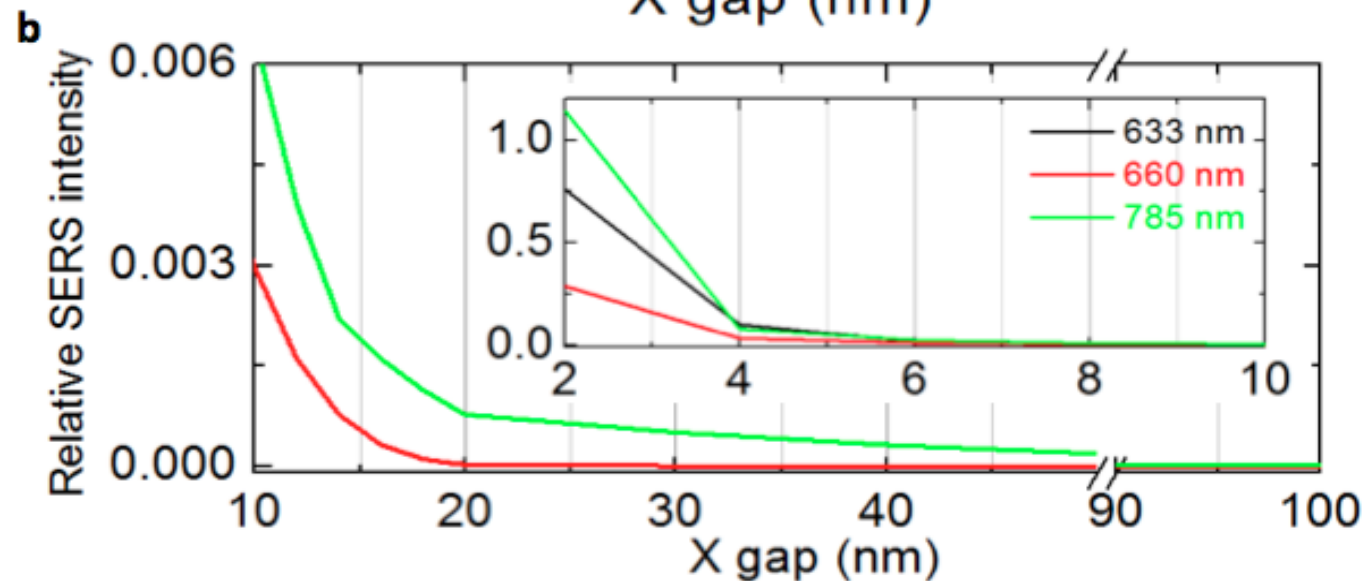
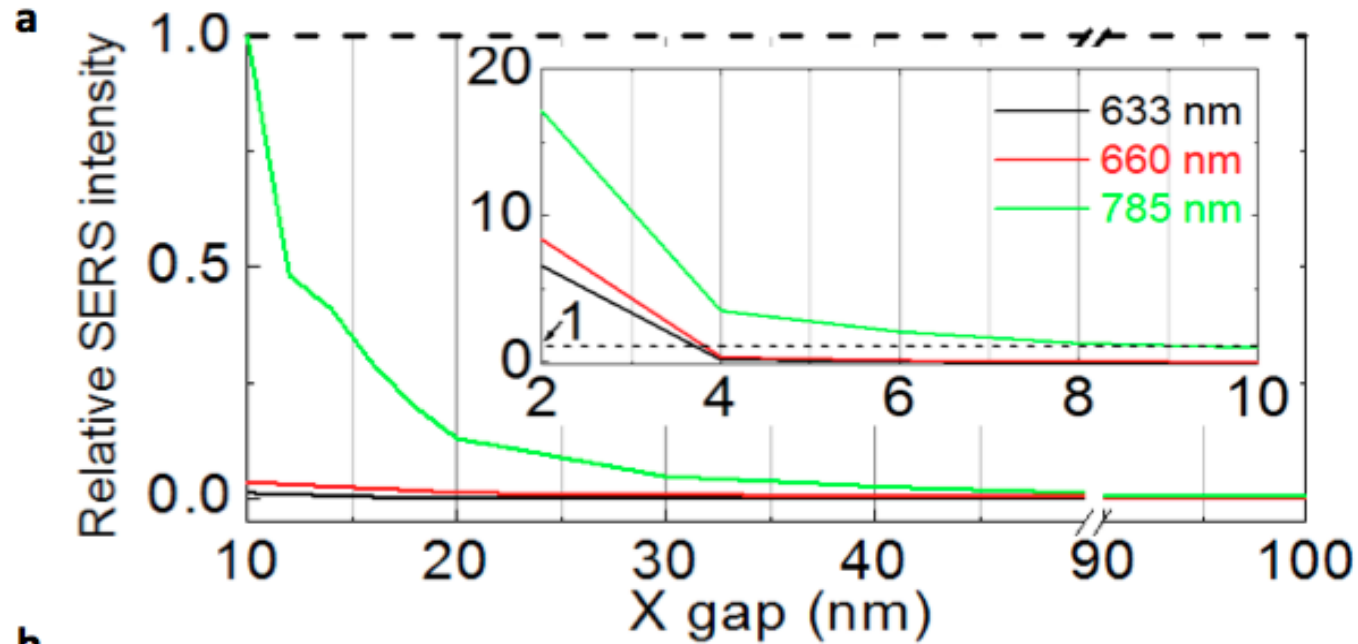


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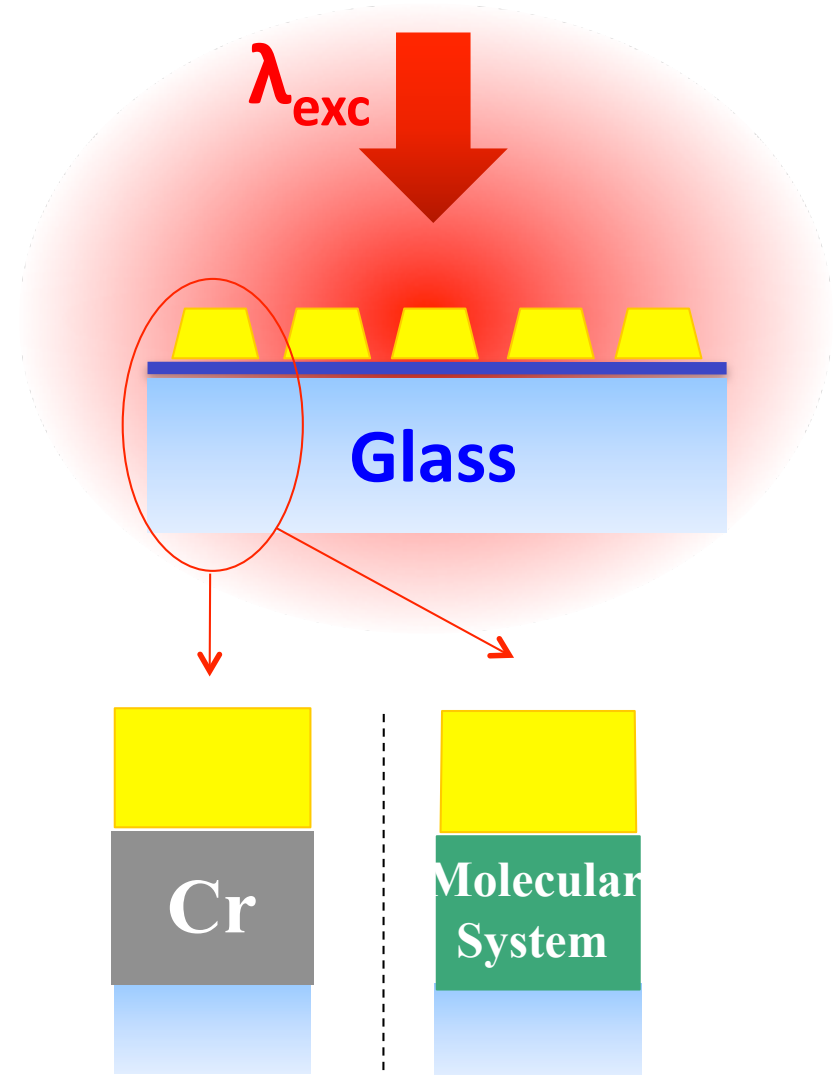
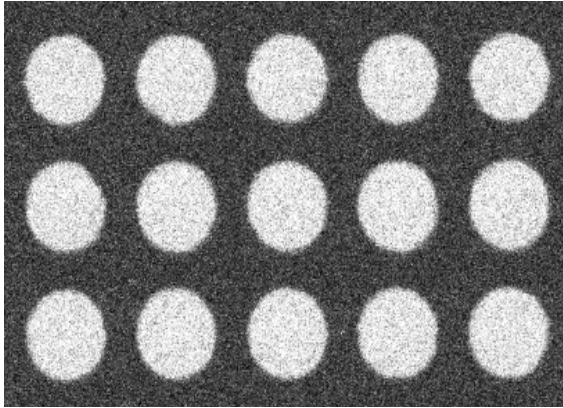
**⇒ No coupling for excitation wavelength at 633 and 660nm**

# Electromagnetic Coupling: simulation



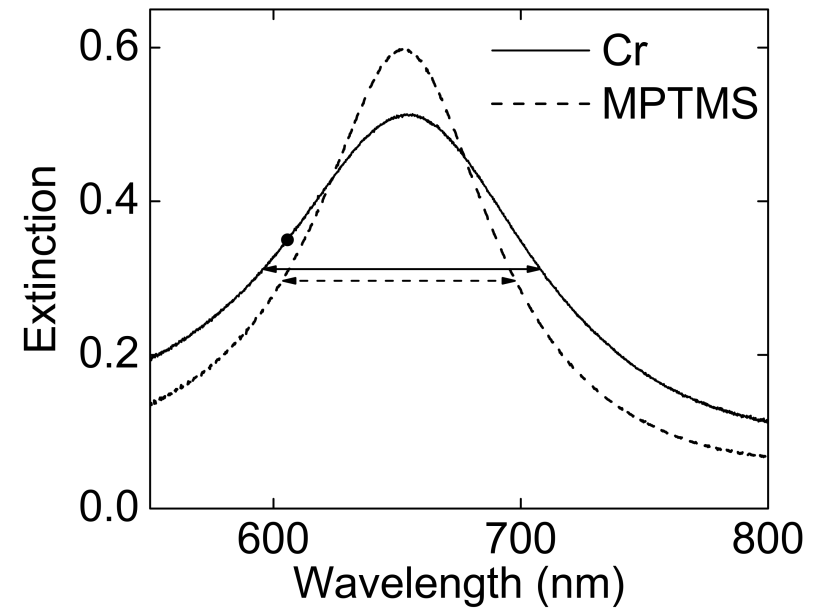
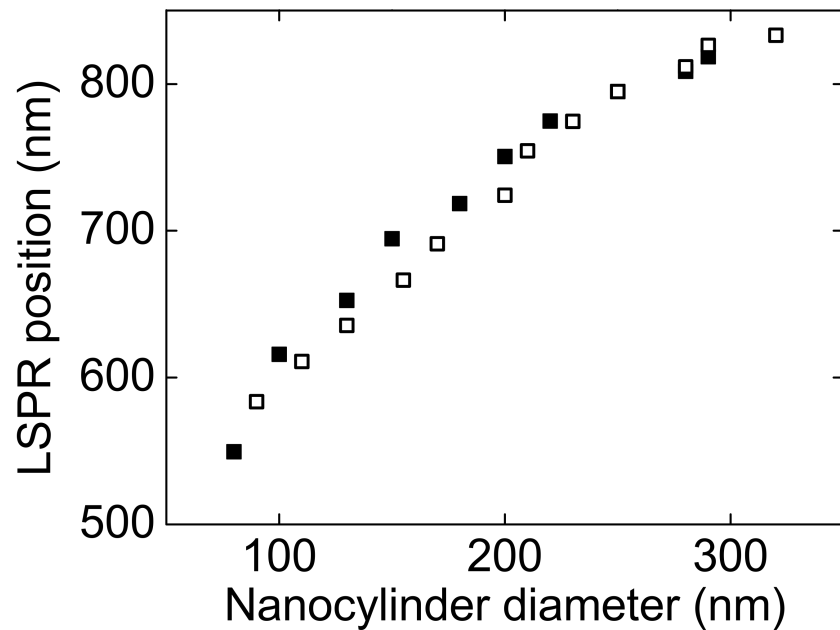
⇒ **Confinement of few nm for L=200 nm**

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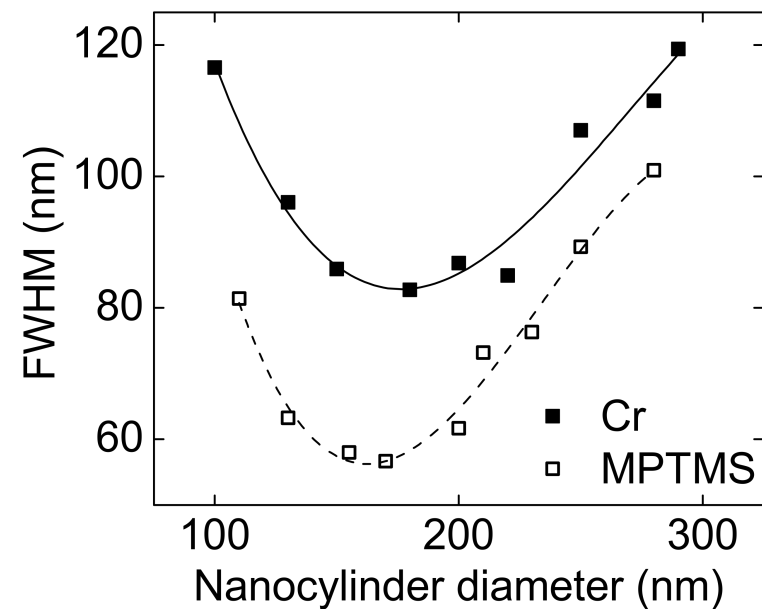


**Adhesion layer  
between glass and gold  
⇒ Cr or MPTMS**

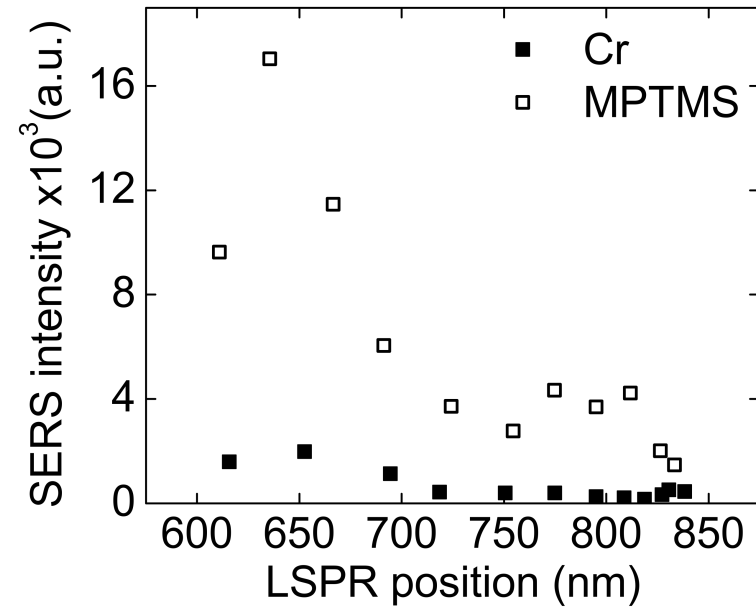
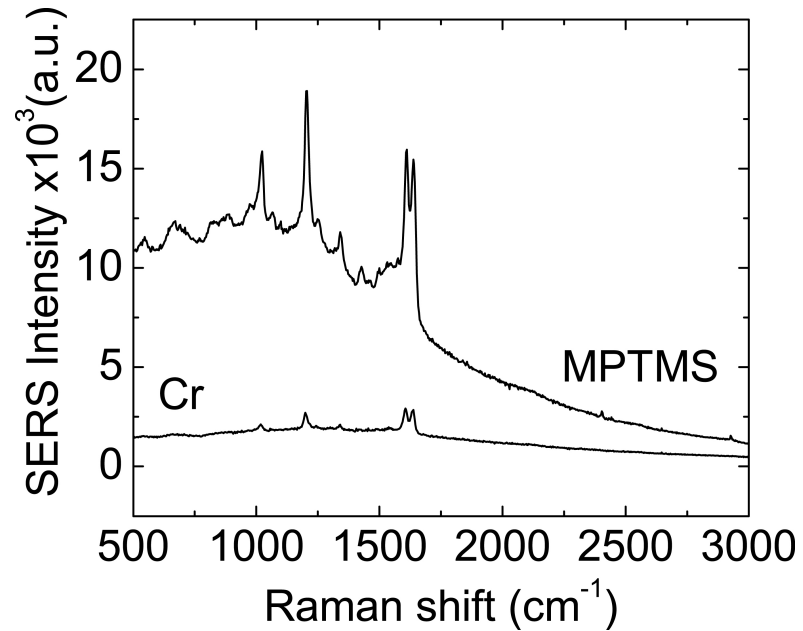
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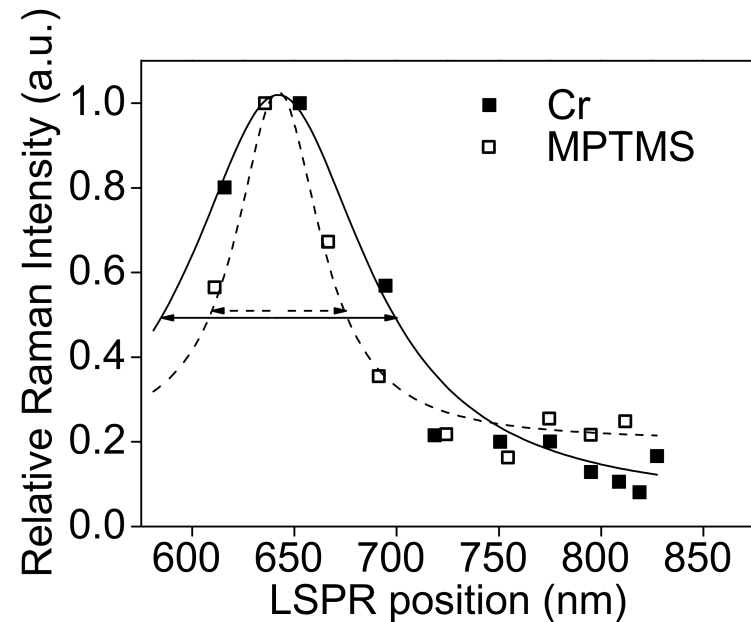
⇒ **No modification of the LSPR position**  
⇒ **Improvement of the Q factor of the LSPR**



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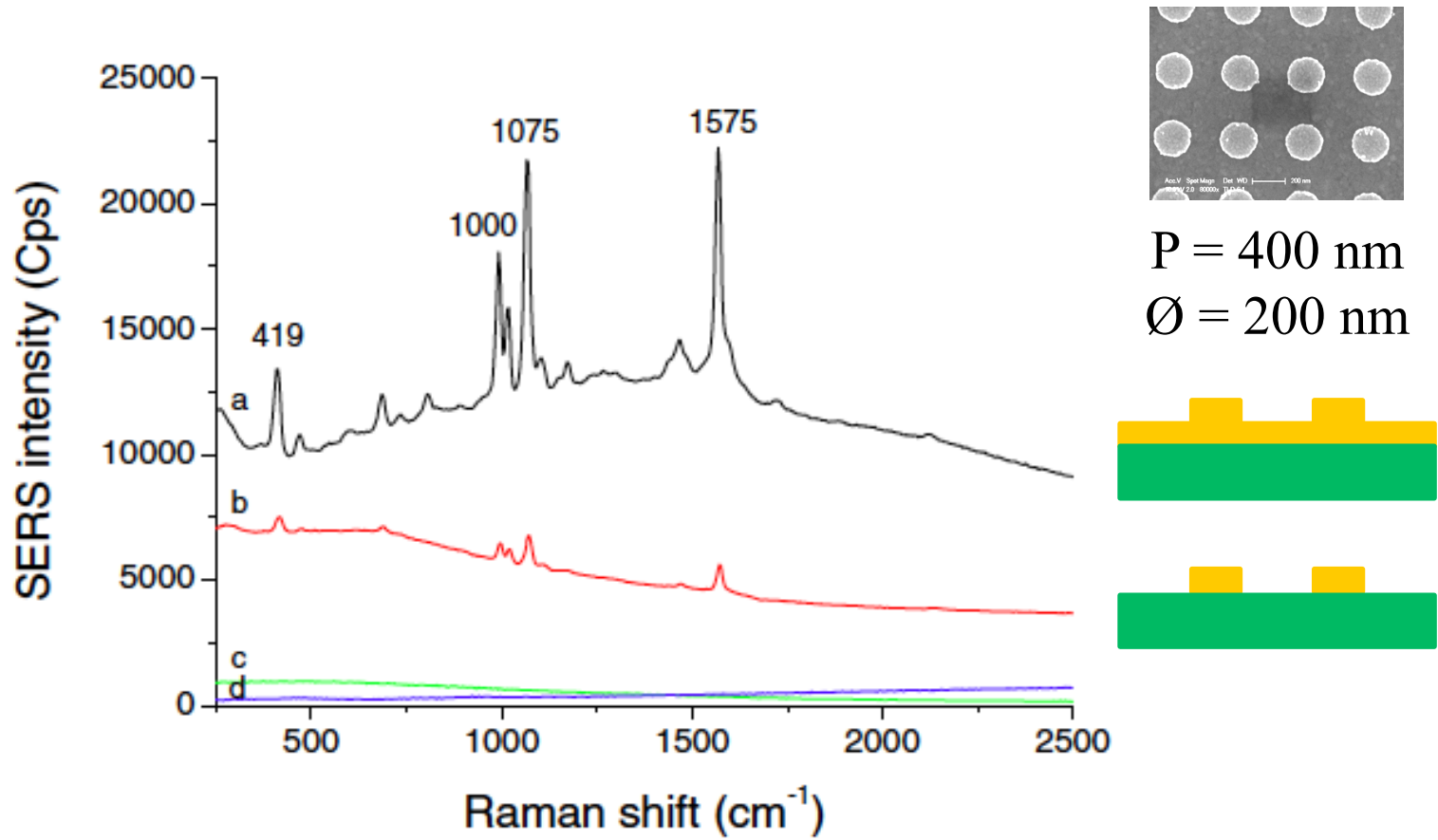


⇒ **Improvement of the SERS signal by one order of magnitude**



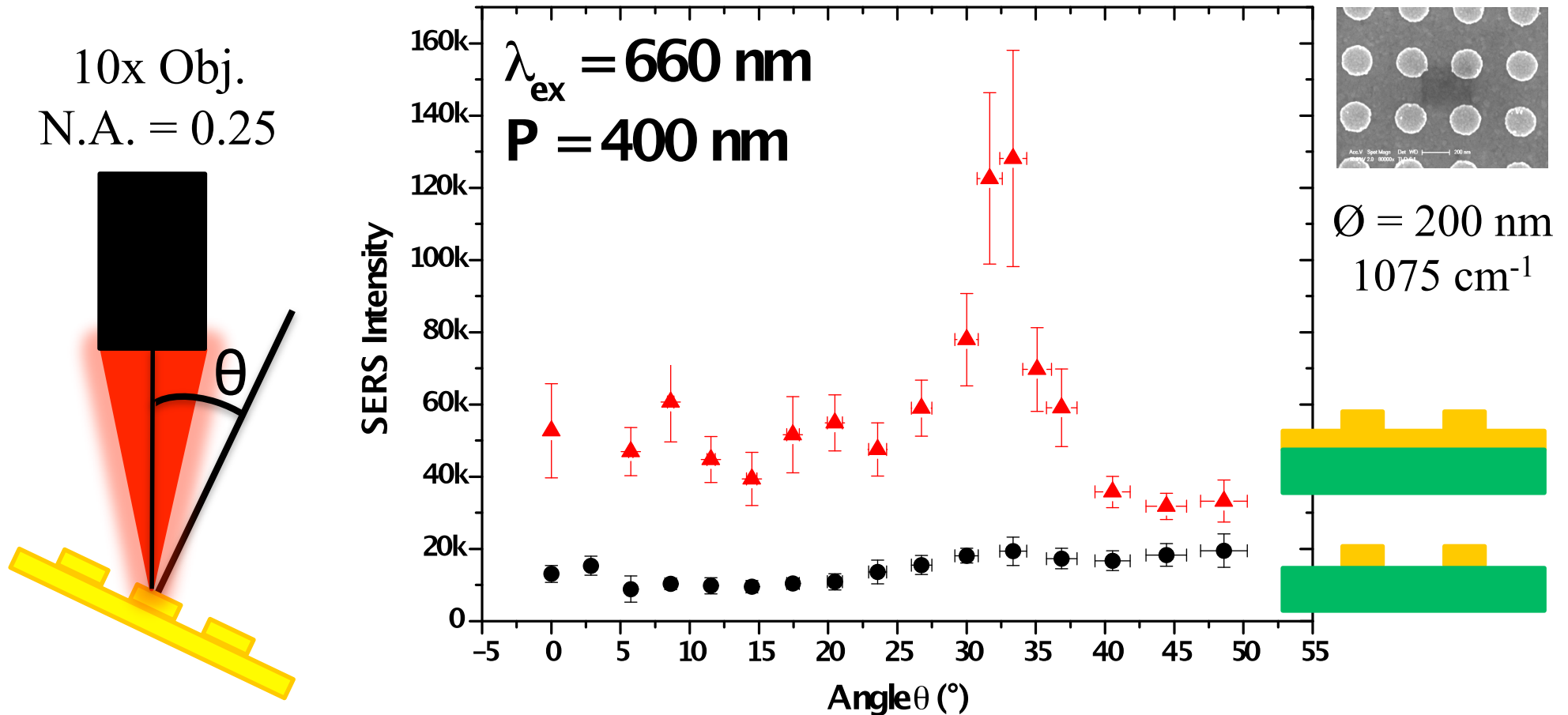


# Influence of the substrate : SERS



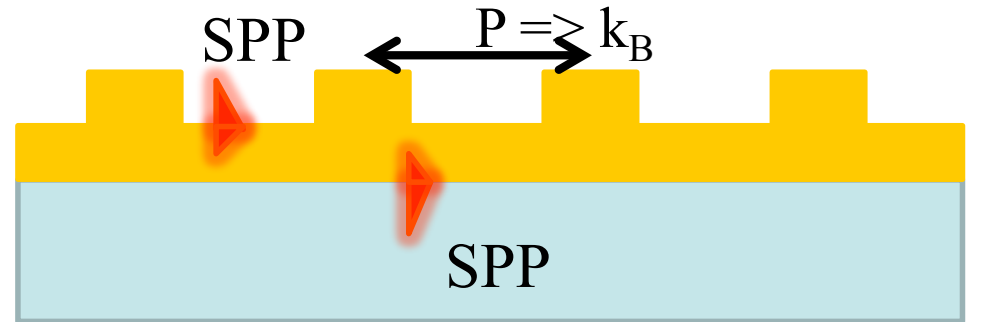
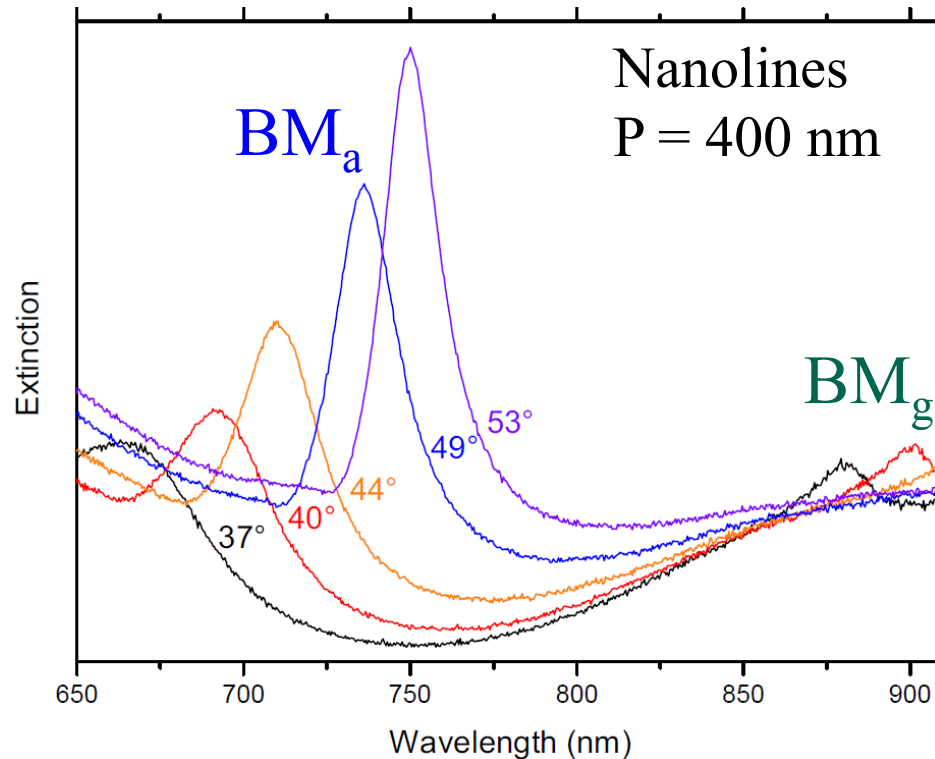
⇒ **SERS intensity one order of magnitude higher with gold film**

# Influence of the substrate : SERS



**Gold film  $\Rightarrow$  angular dependence**  
**Without gold film  $\Rightarrow$  no dependence**

# Influence of the substrate : Plasmon



$$k_{BM} = k_{spp} \pm k_B$$

$$= k_0 \sin \theta \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Bragg} \\ \text{conditions} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$k_{spp}^{a, g} \text{ Gold/Air or Gold/Glass}$$

⇒ **Constructive interferences when  $k_{spp} \pm k_B = k_0 \sin \theta$**

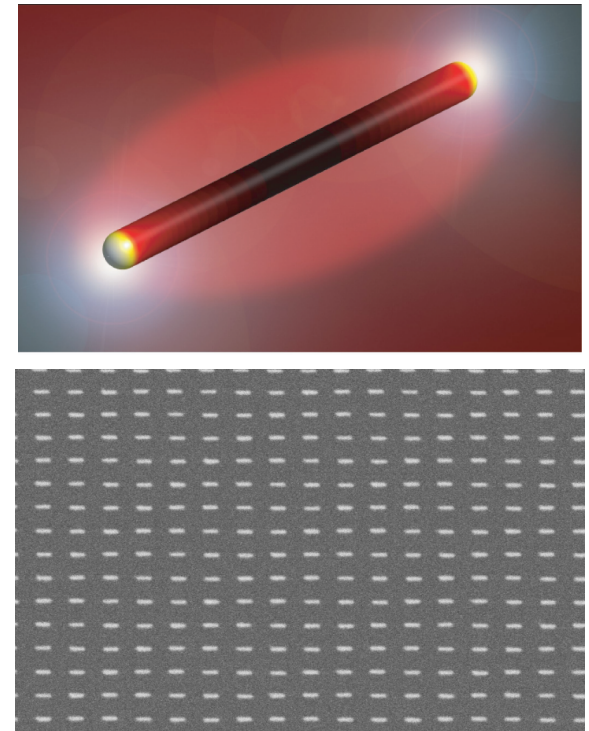
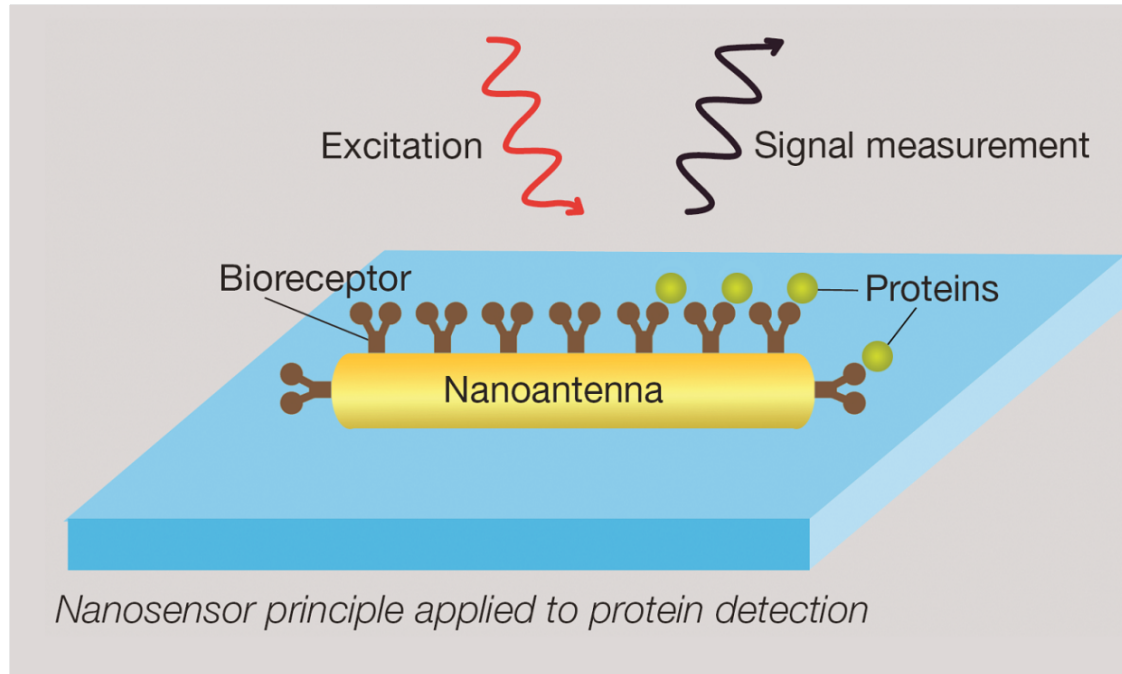
⇒ **Excitation of a Bragg Mode (BM<sub>a</sub> and BM<sub>g</sub>)**

# Conclusions

1. Optimization of the gold nanostructure
  - I. LSPR rules depends on shape and excitation wavelength
    - Far field / Near field
    - Tip effect
  - II. Coupling
  - III. Nanostructure environment
  
2. Gold nanostructure arrays
  - ⇒ Reproducible SERS nanosensor
  - ⇒ Sensorchip

# **SERS sensor**

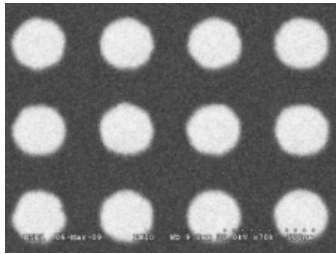
# Sensor principle



## 4 steps approach

- 1. Raman spectroscopy: **Label Free detection**
- 2. Nanoparticle: **High sensitivity**
- 3. Bioreceptor: **High molecular selectivity**
- 4. Nanoparticle array: **High reproducibility**

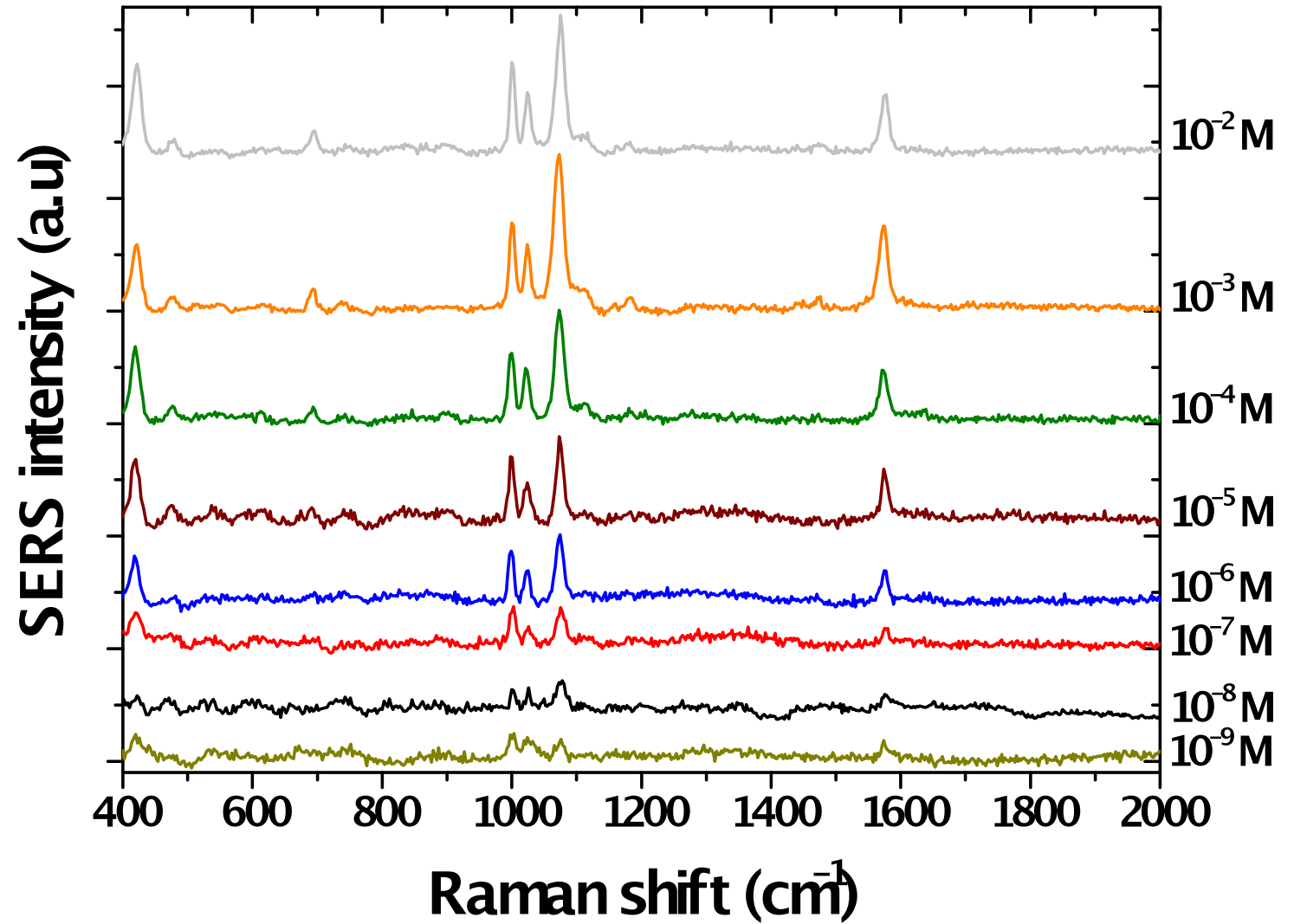
# Sensor limit of detection



$\varnothing = 190 \text{ nm}$

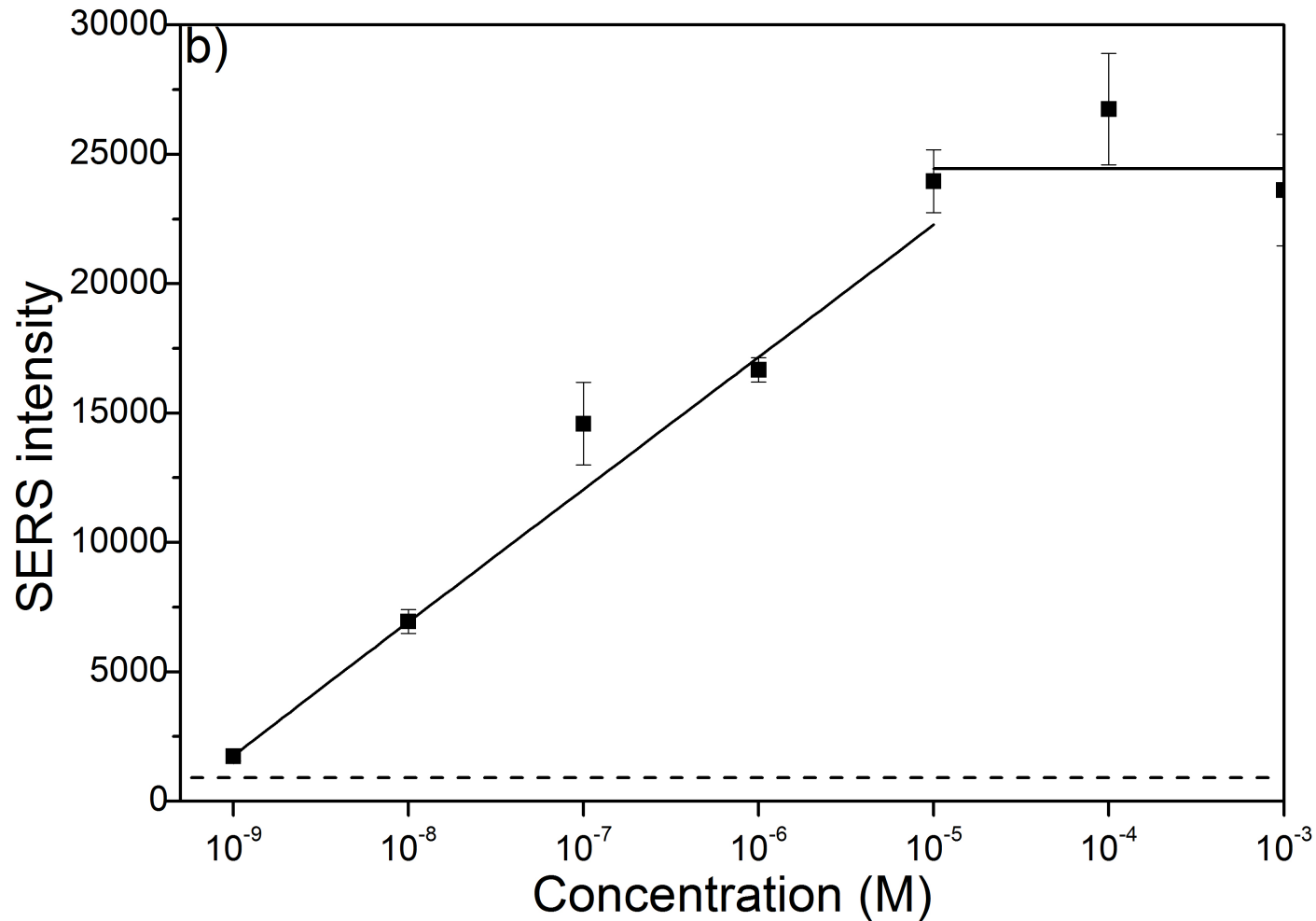
Benzenethiol

$\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 785 \text{ nm}$



# Sensor limit of detection

$\lambda=785\text{nm}$

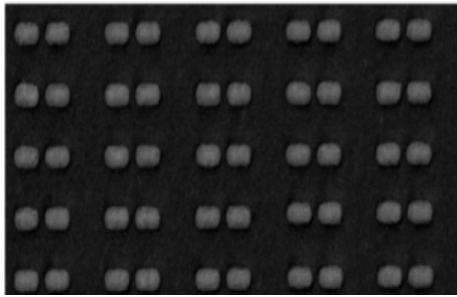


⇒ Surface saturation at 10  $\mu\text{M/L}$

⇒ At 785 nm, LOD = 1 nM/L



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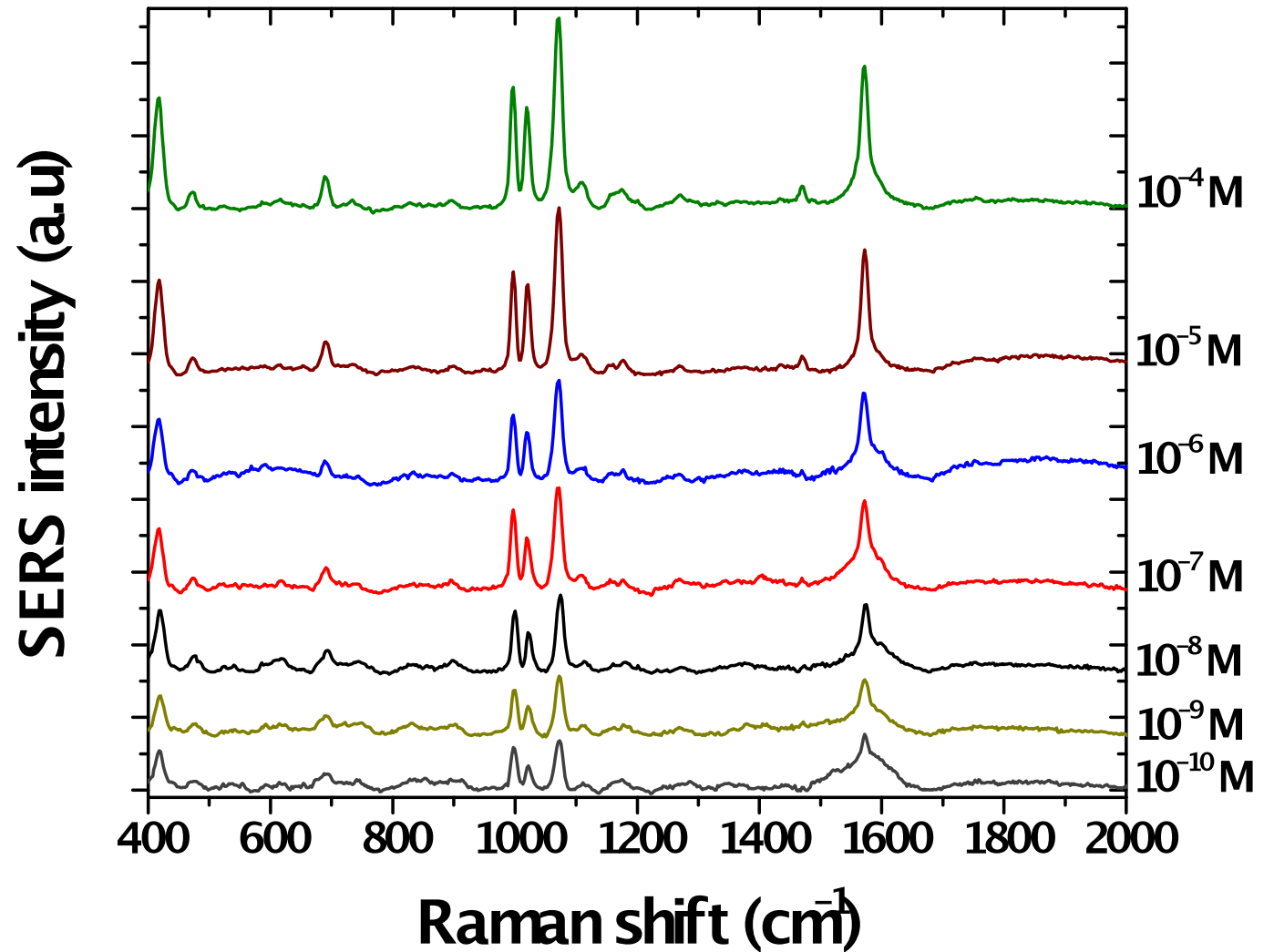


Length = 100 nm

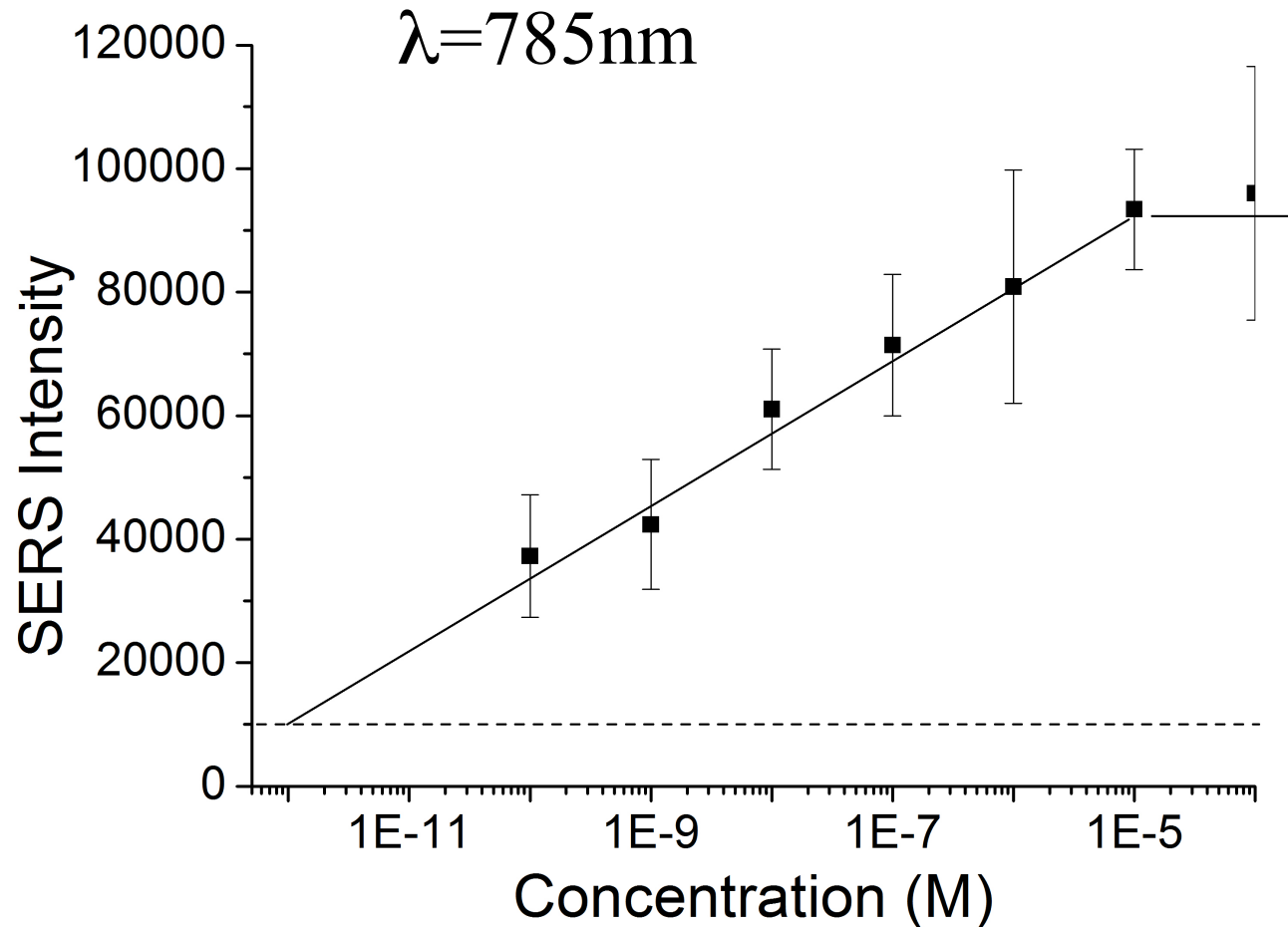
Gap = 20 nm

Benzenethiol

$\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 785\text{nm}$



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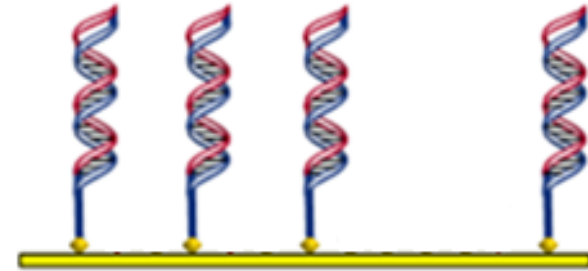


⇒ At 785 nm, LOD = 1 pM

⇒ Dimers are two orders of magnitude more sensitive

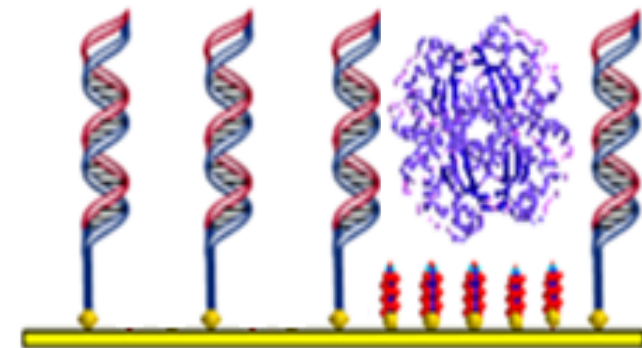
# MnSOD Detection

- Cleaning samples with UV ozone and ethanol
- Aptamer:  
deposit **1h** of **c=100 ng/μL**  
wash with KCl buffer **2x5 min**



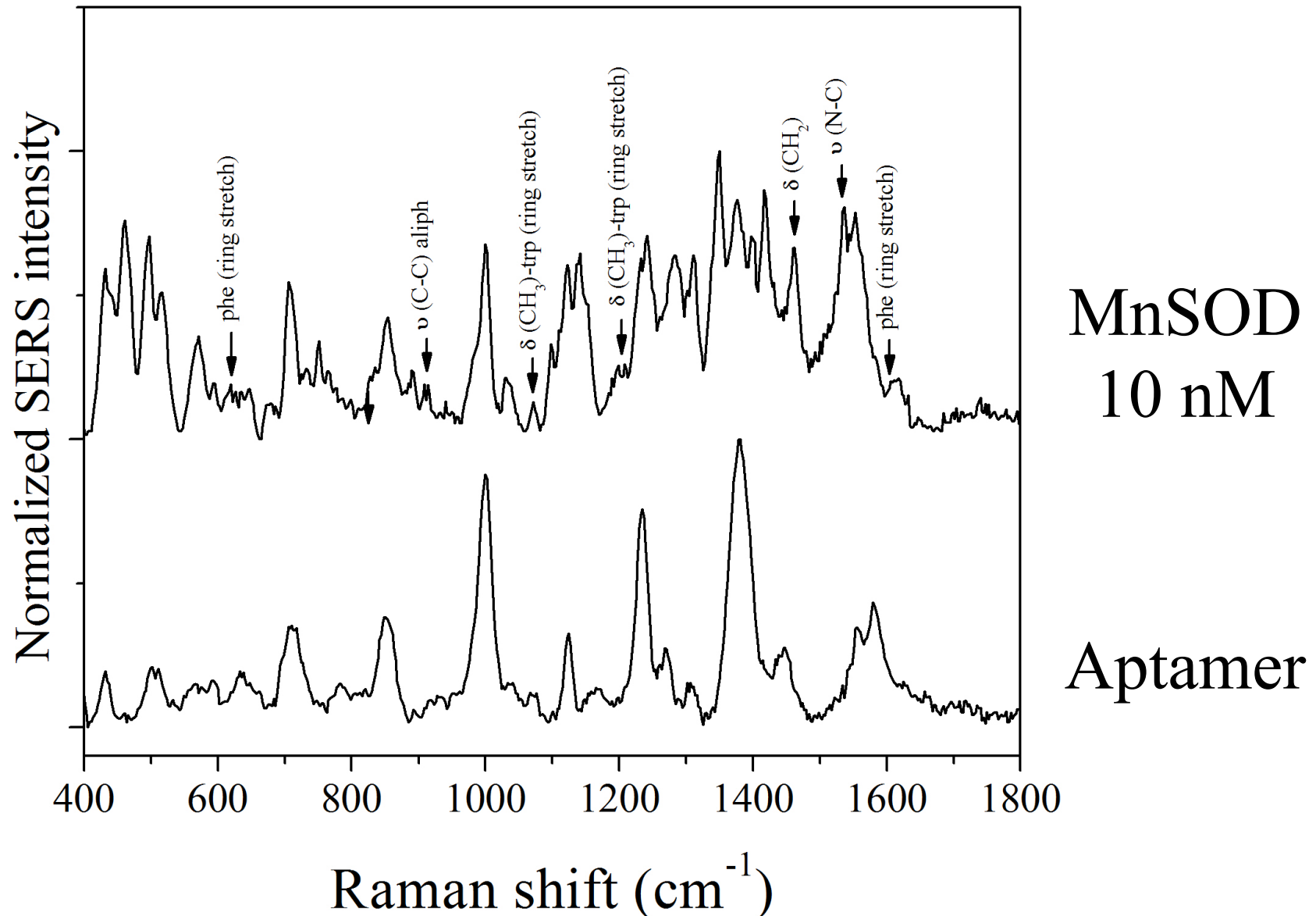
- Blocking molecule :  
6-Mercapto-1-hexanol  
incubation **1h** of **c=2 mM**  
wash with ethanol

- MnSOD sample: incubation **1h**  
Wash with PBS buffer



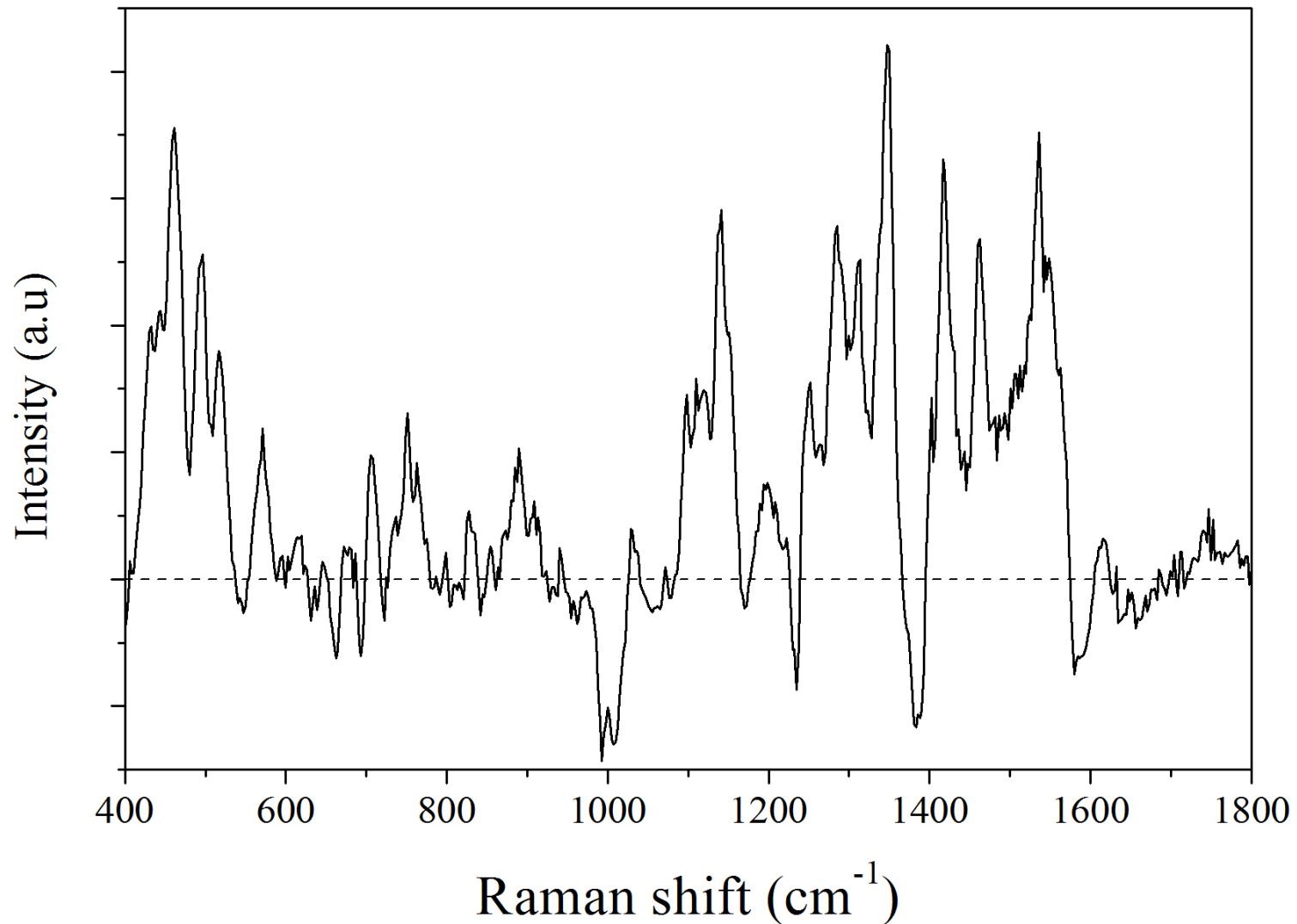
# MnSOD Detection: SERS

Laser : **660** nm for  $\phi=140$  nm (10s, 0,1 mW)



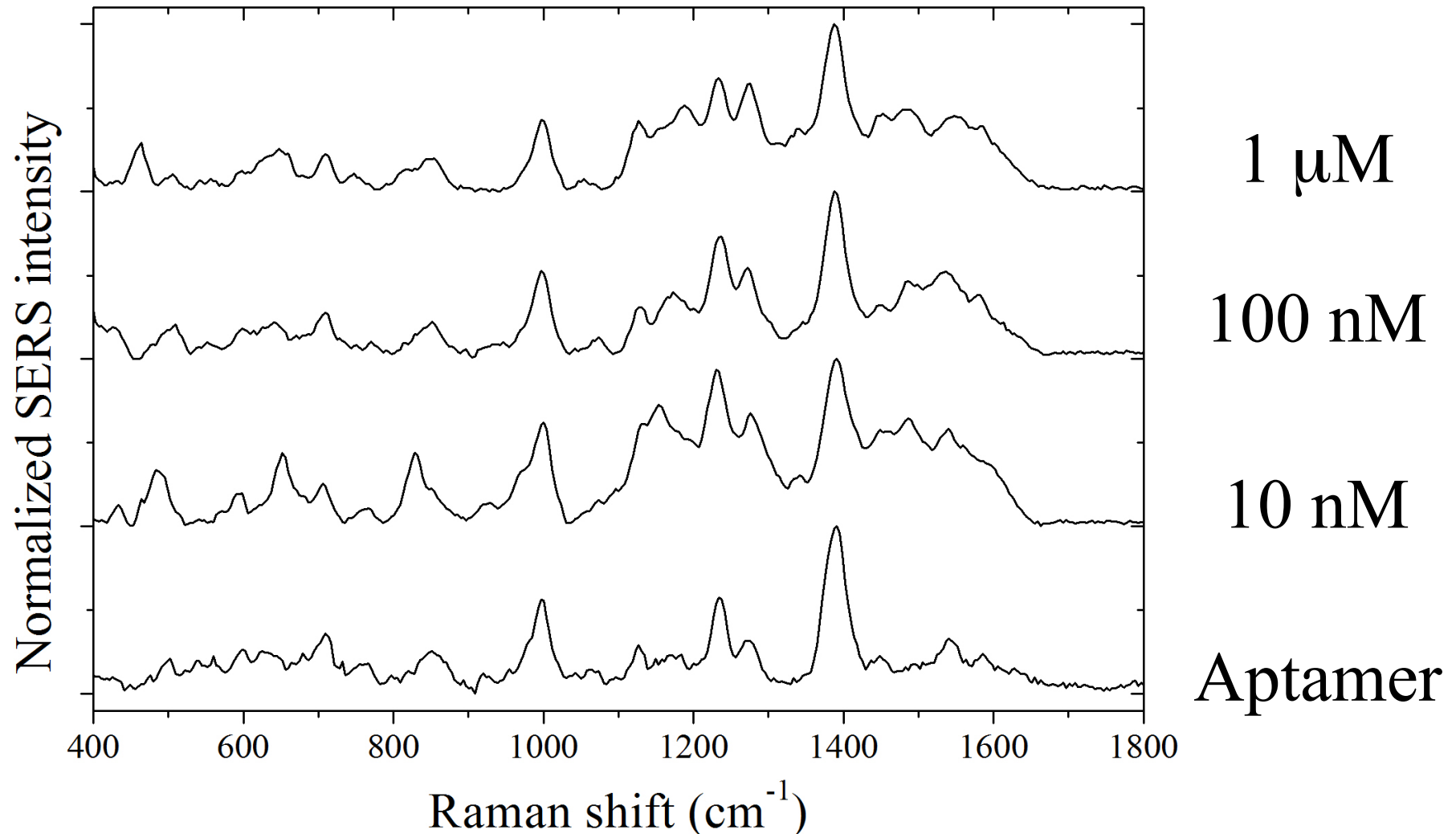
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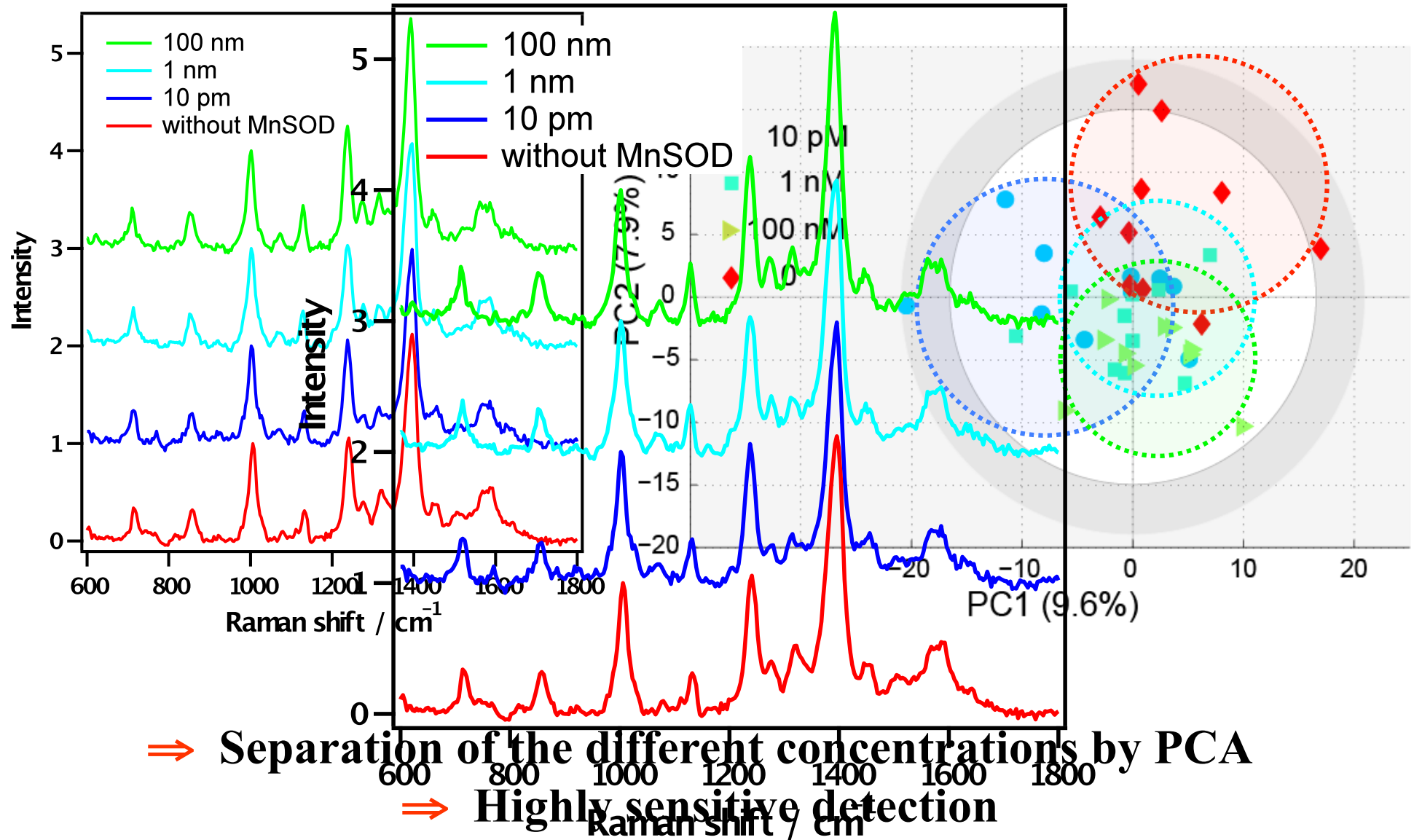


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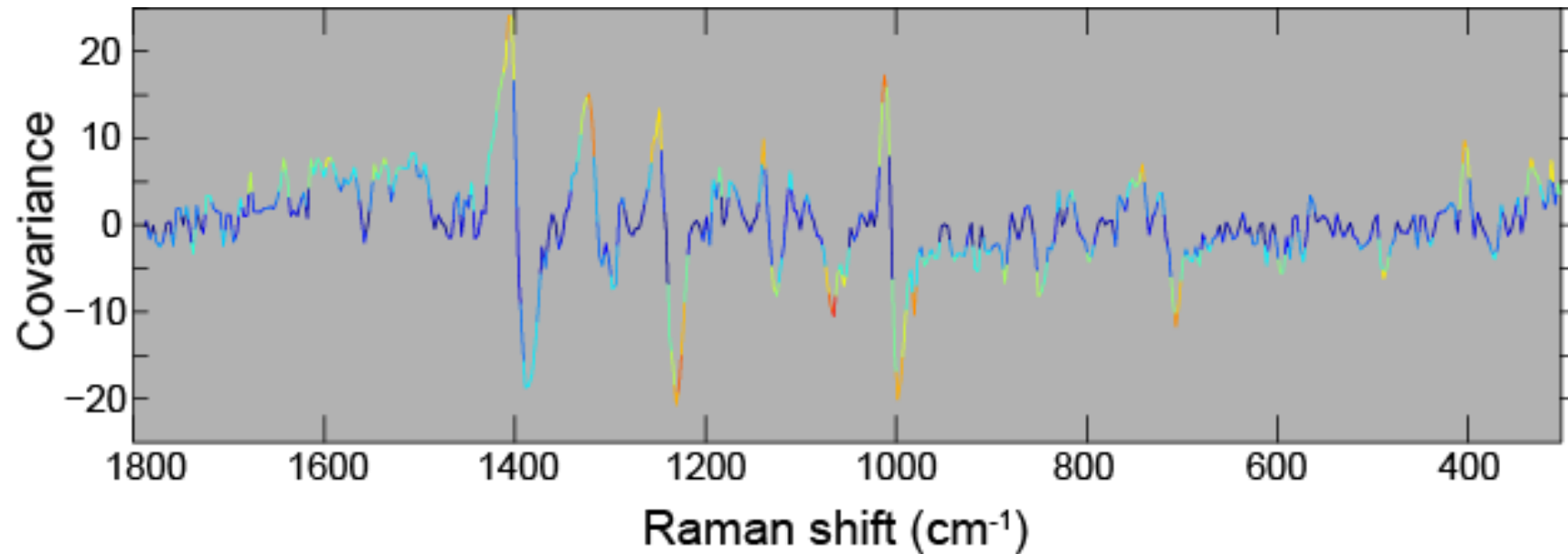


# MnSOD Detection: PCA



# MnSOD Detection: PCA

**Observation of the spectral variation after the MnSOD deposition**

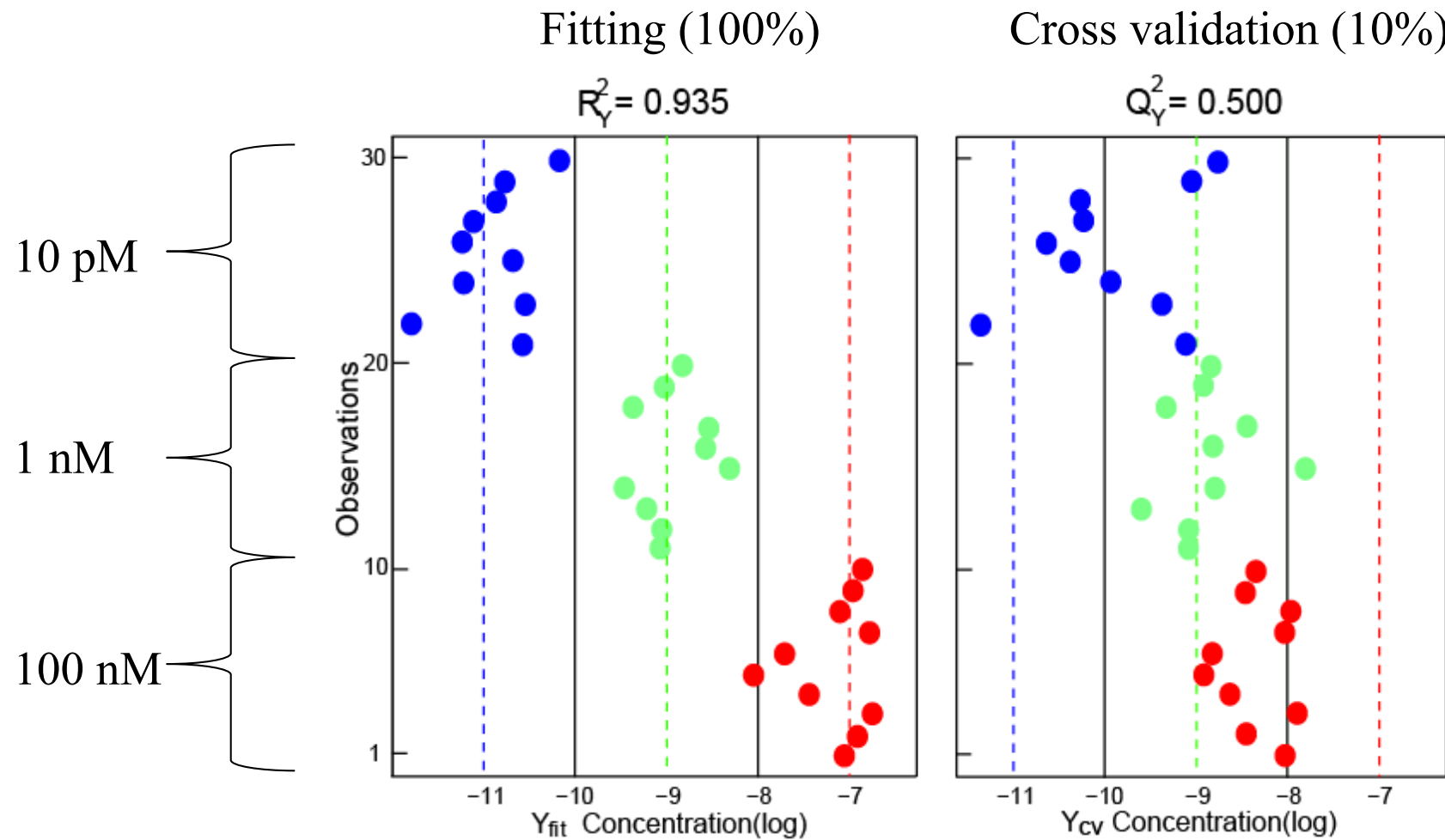


- ⇒ **Shift of the aptamer bands**
- ⇒ **Modification of the aptamer conformation with MnSOD interaction**



# MnSOD Detection: PLS

Partial Least Square regression: 30 spectra / 10 per concentration



⇒ **Discrimination of the different concentrations**

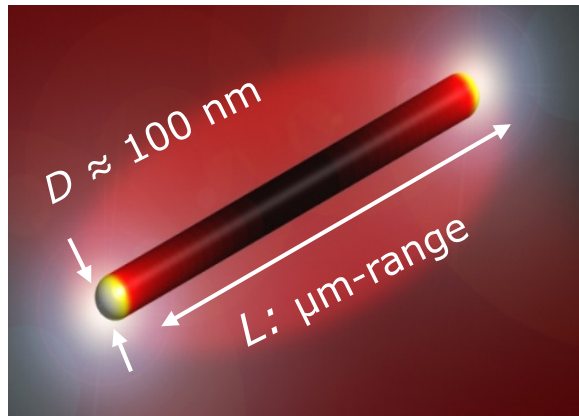
# Conclusions

1. Detection limit at the picomolar level
2. Detection of proteins at low concentration
3. Reproducible SERS nanobiosensor

# **Surface Enhanced IR Absorption**

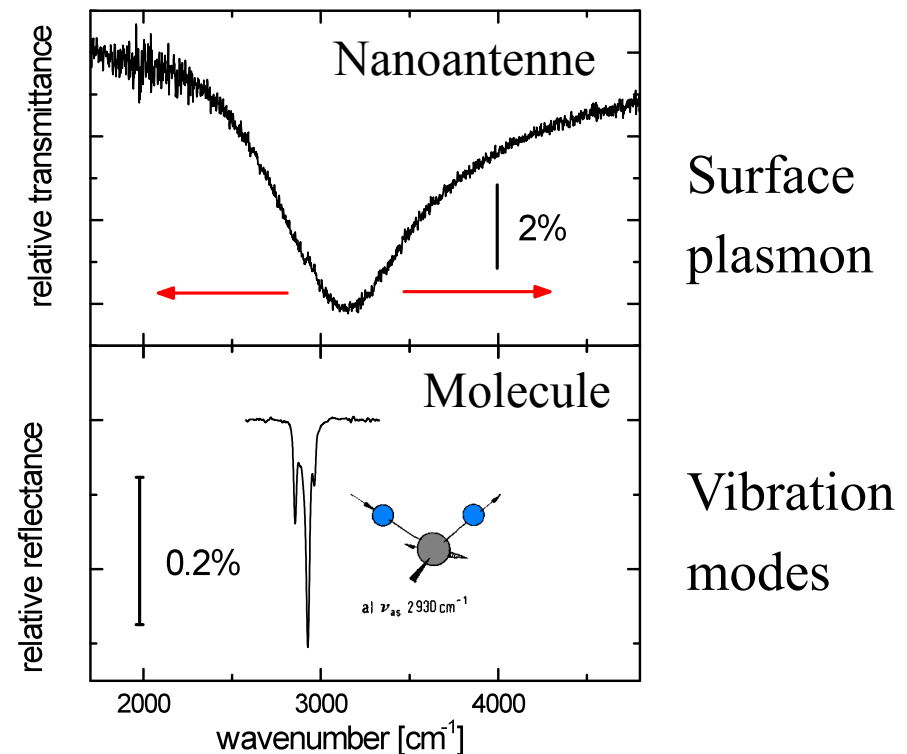
# Surface Enhanced IR Absorption

**Principle :** Exploit the near field enhancement created at the nanoantenna vicinity



- Nanoantenna
- Micrometric length
  - Nanometric width

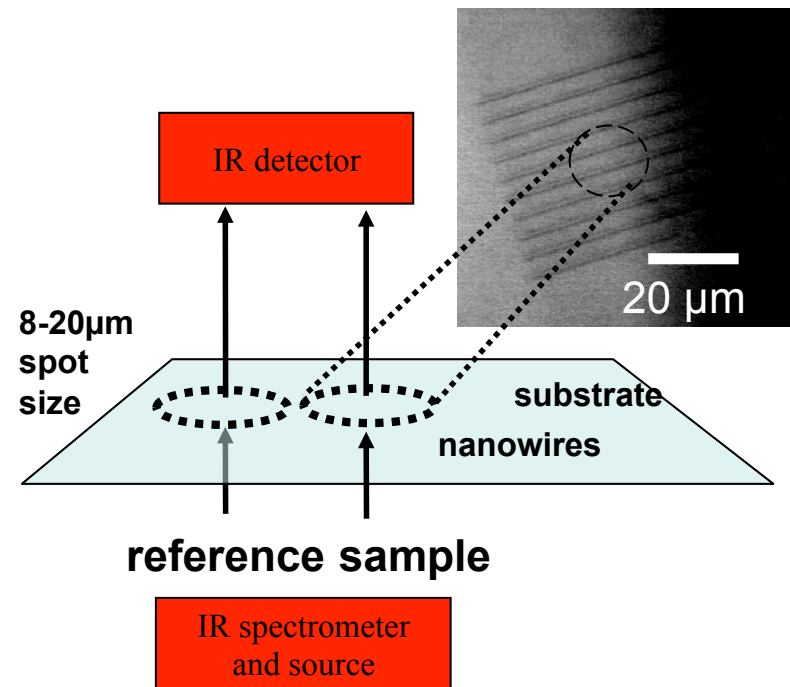
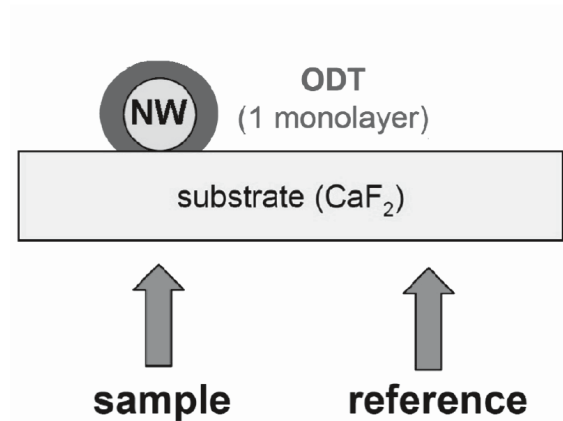
IR spectra



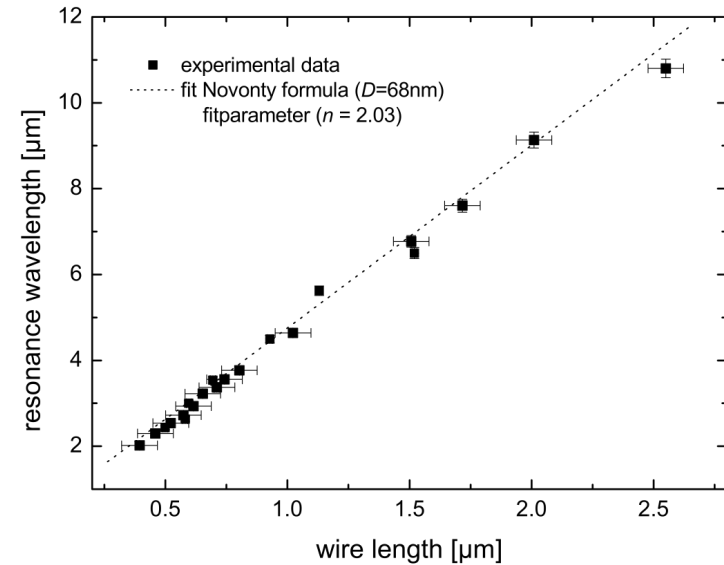
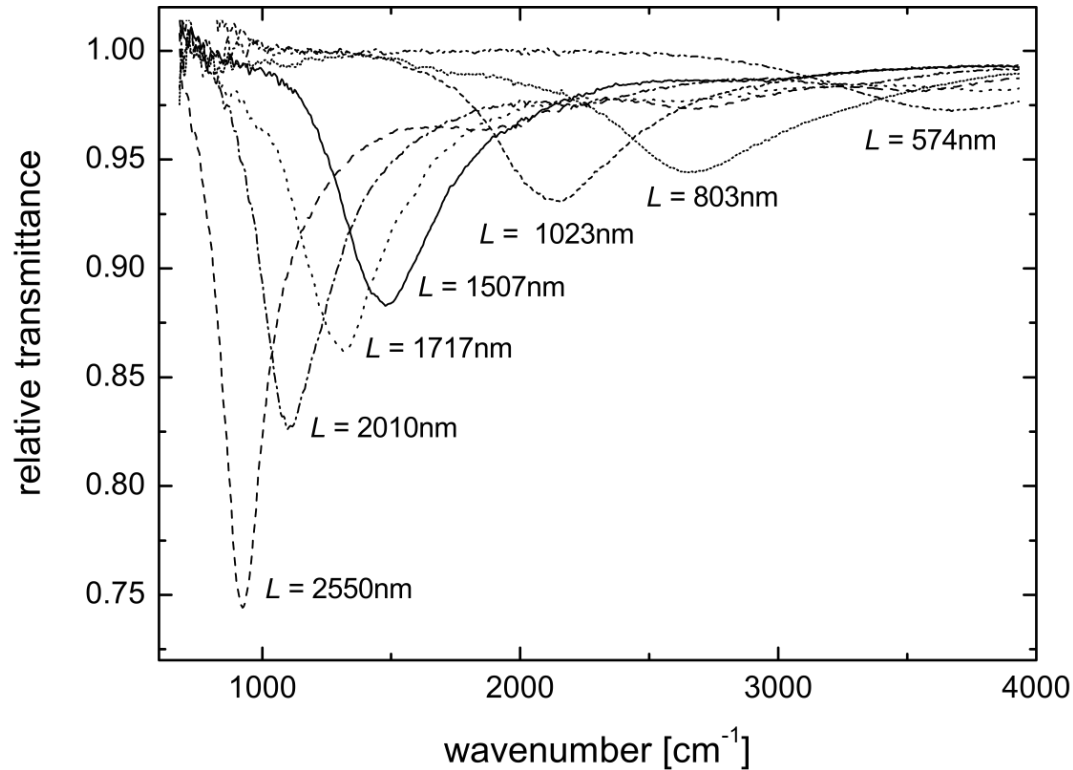
**⇒ Coupling between the molecular vibration and the surface plasmon**

# Surface Enhanced IR Absorption

Measurement in transmission with an IR microscope



# Surface plasmon in IR



$$2L = a(D, n_{eff}, \lambda_p) \cdot \lambda_{res} \cdot l$$

$\lambda_{res}$  : resonant wavelength

$l$  : order of modes

$n_{eff}$  : effective refractive index

$\lambda_p$  : plasma wavelength

Gold nanowires on ZnS (EBL)

Width and height = 60 nm

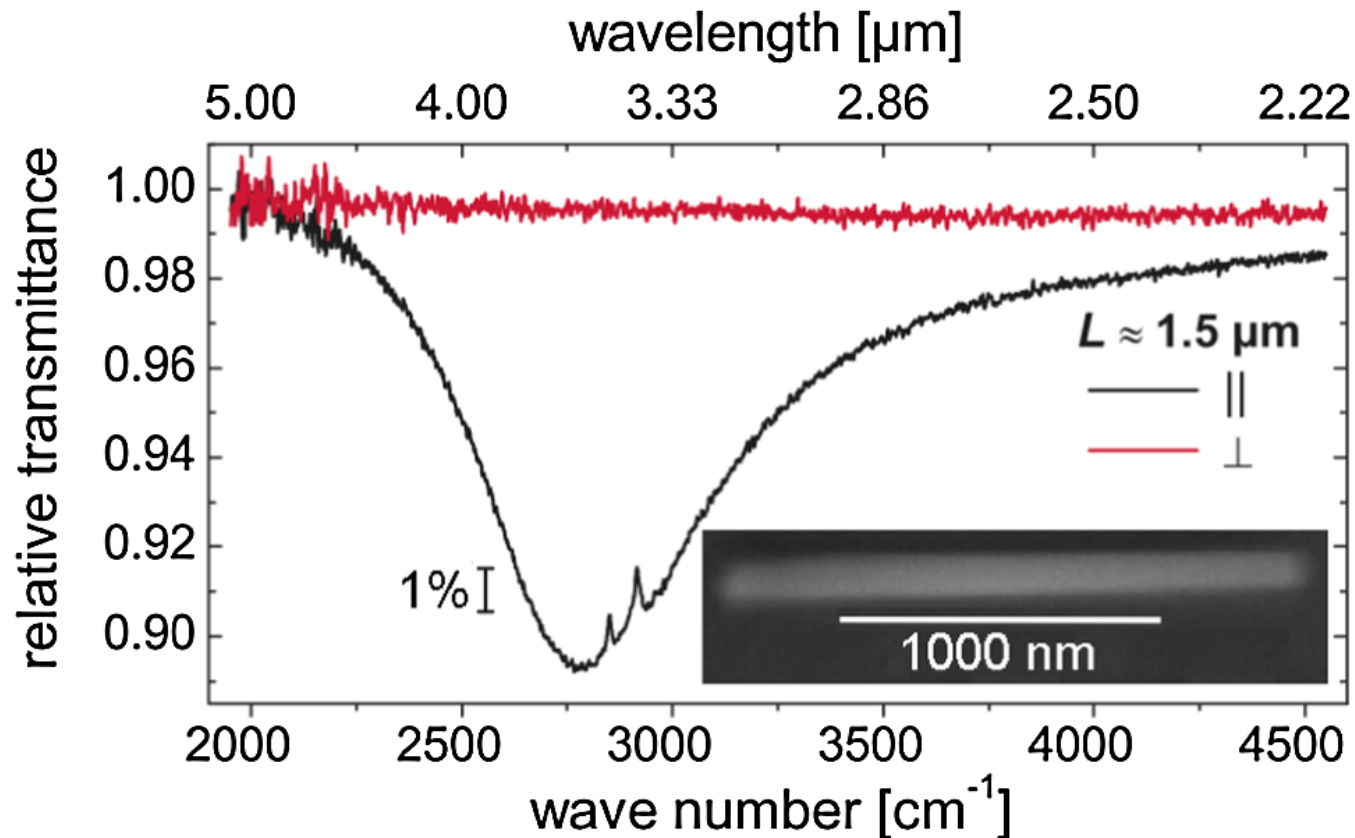
Gap = 73 nm

F. Neubrech, et al, Appl. Phys. Lett. 93, 163105, 2008

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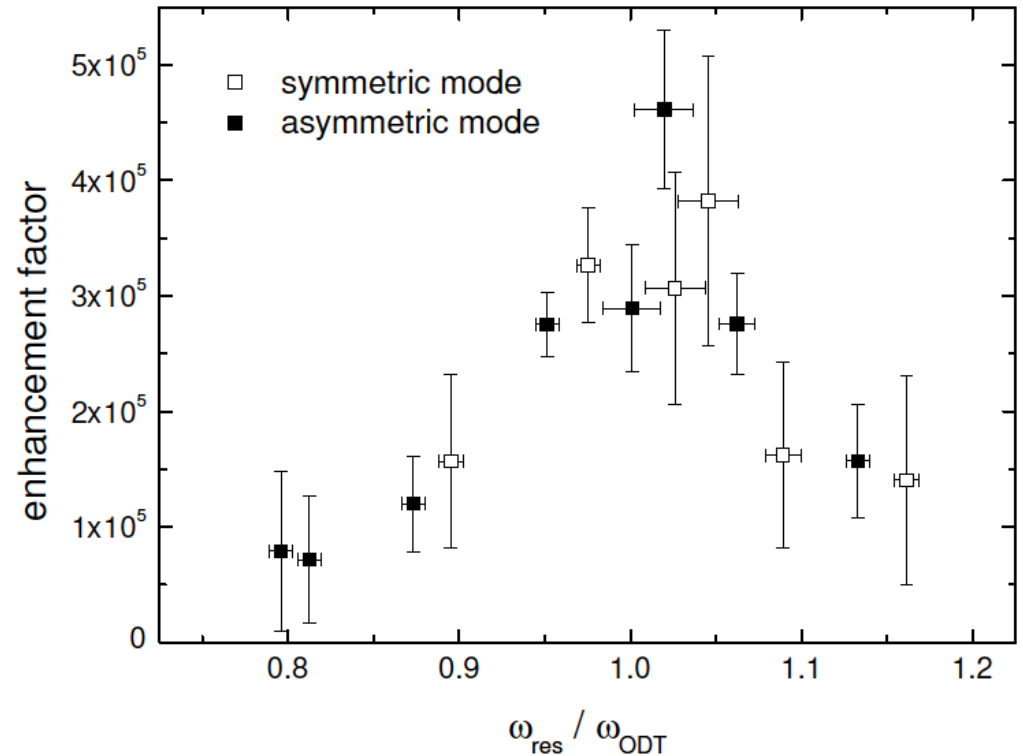
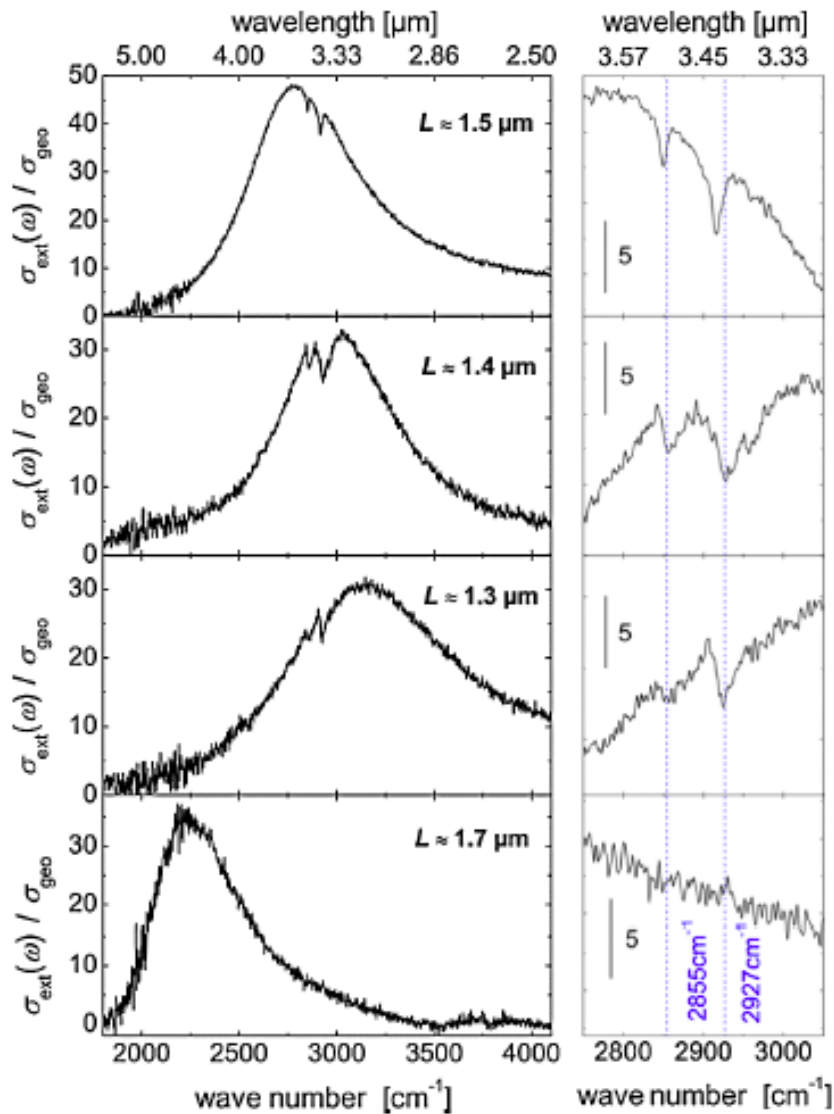
# Detection by SEIRA

Gold nanowires on  $\text{CaF}_2$ , Electrochemistry on membrane, Diameter = 100 nm  
Monolayer of OctaDecaThiol (ODT,  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{37}\text{SH}$ )



⇒ Enhancement factor around 300 000

# Detection by SEIRA: influence of the LSPR



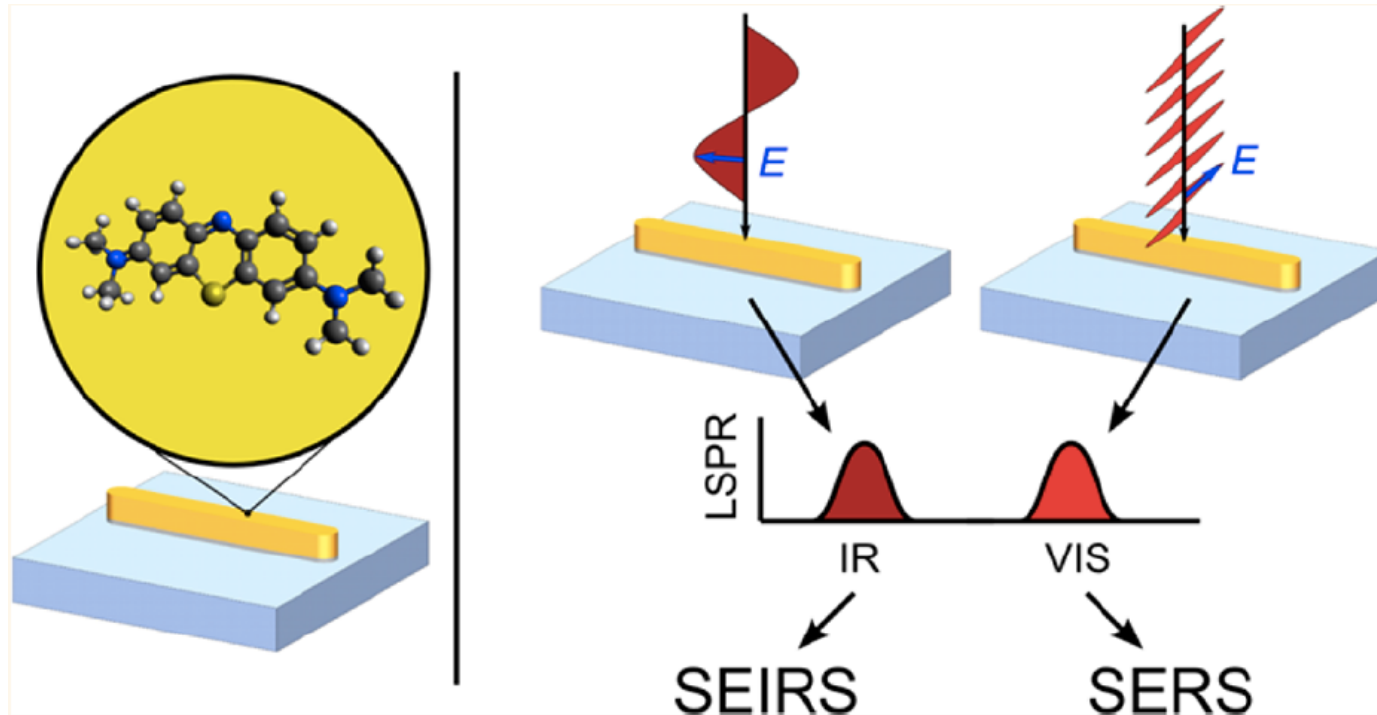
⇒ Optimal IR signal  
for  $\lambda_{\text{SPR}} = \lambda_{\text{vib}}$

⇒ Fano behaviour

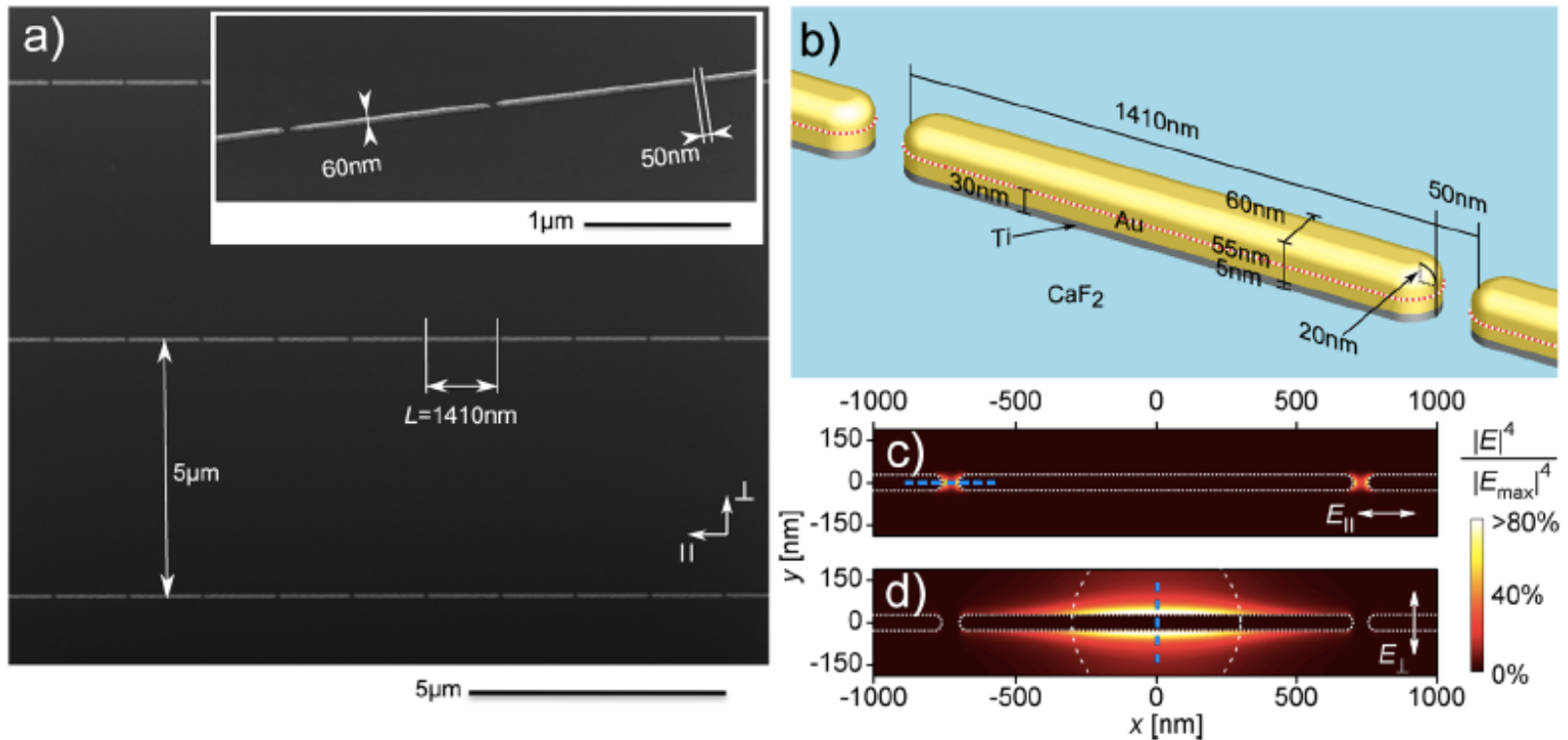


# **SERS/SEIRA coupling**

# SERS/SEIRA: principle

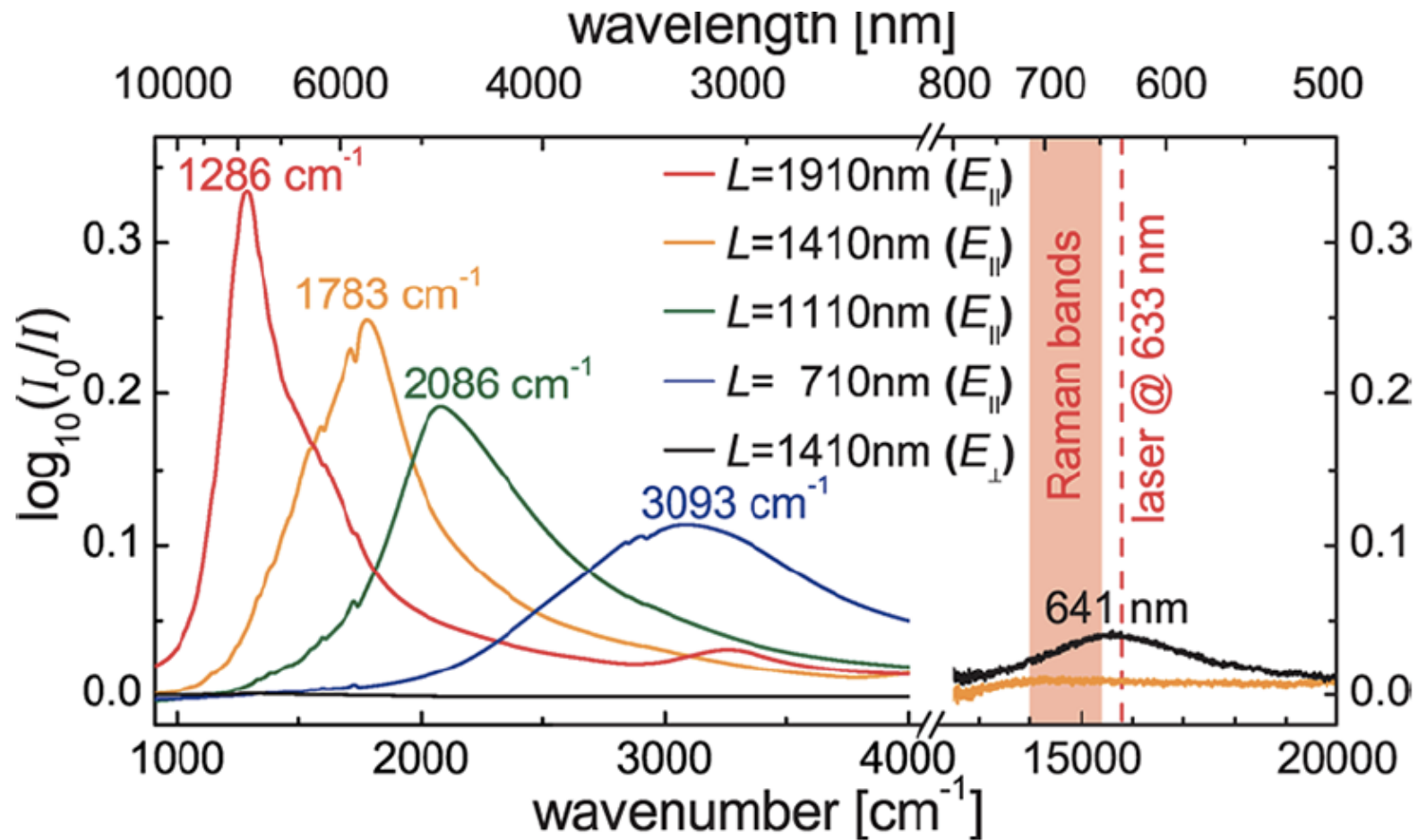


# SERS/SEIRA: nanostructures



Methylene blue:  $10^{-4}\text{ M}$

# SERS/SEIRA: LSPR

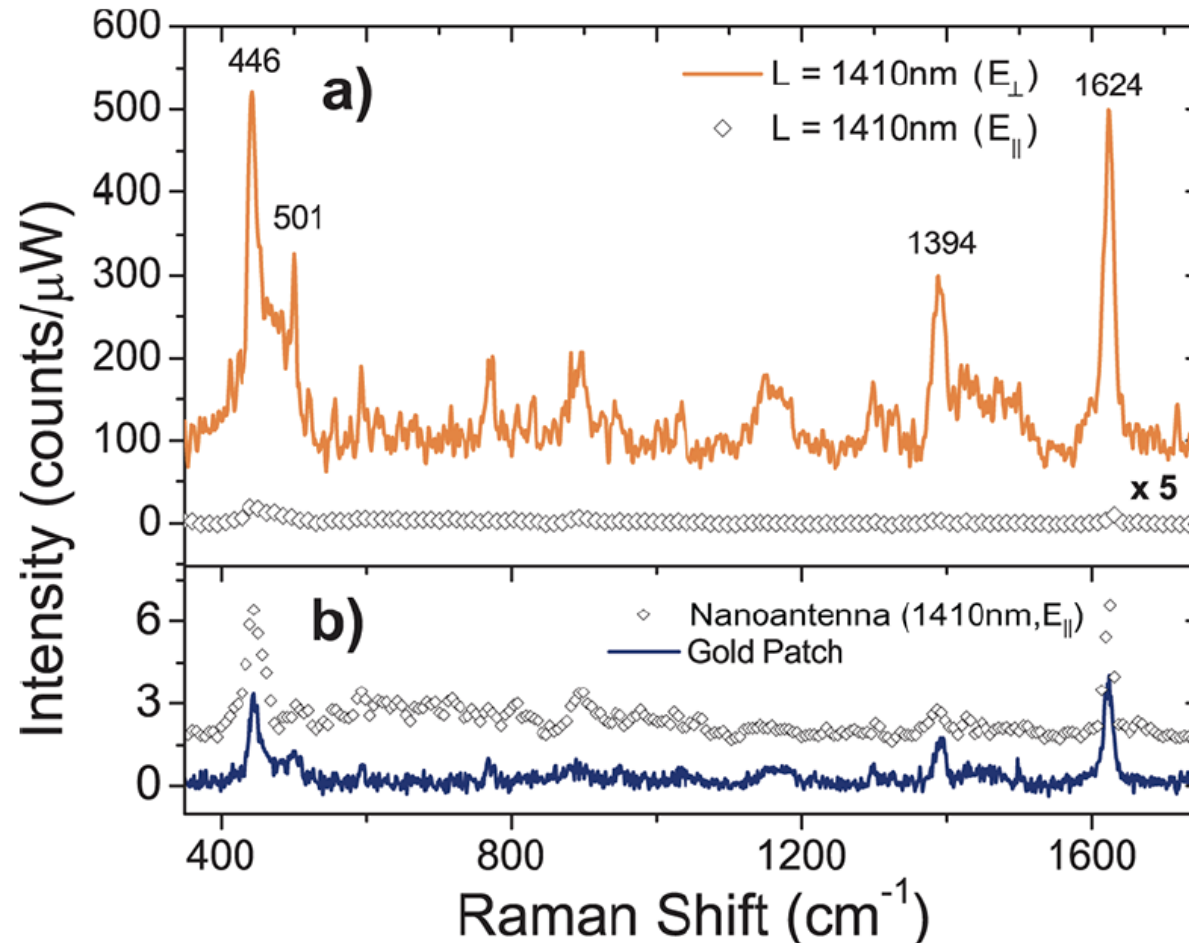


⇒  $E_{\text{Para}}$  : Plasmon resonance in IR / SEIRA

⇒  $E_{\text{Perp}}$  : Plasmon resonance in the visible / SERS

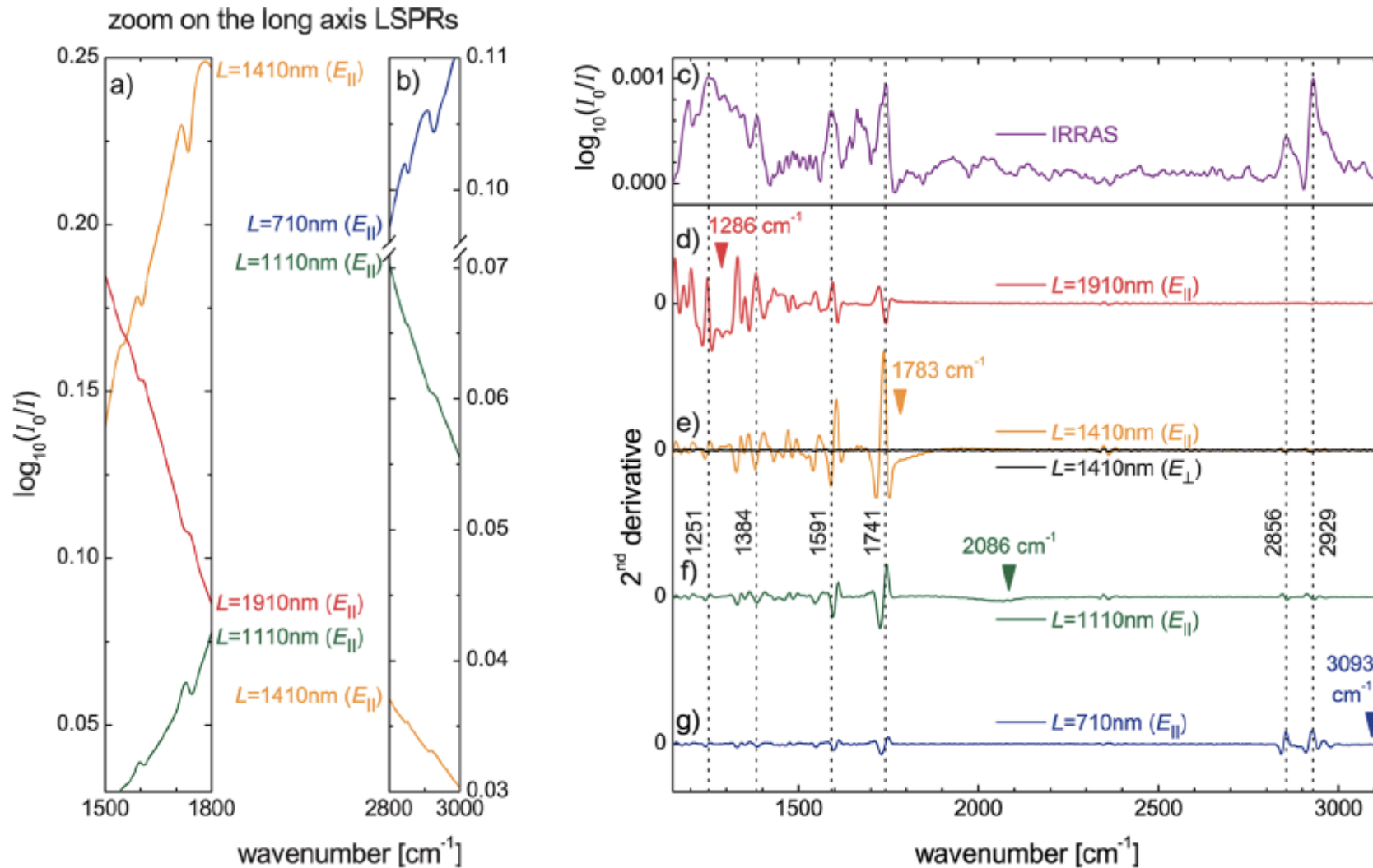
# SERS/SEIRA: SERS

HeNe laser :  $\lambda = 633 \text{ nm}$ , x100 objective : NA = 0.9



$\Rightarrow$  Enhancement factor =  $5 \cdot 10^2$

# SERS/SEIRA: SEIRA

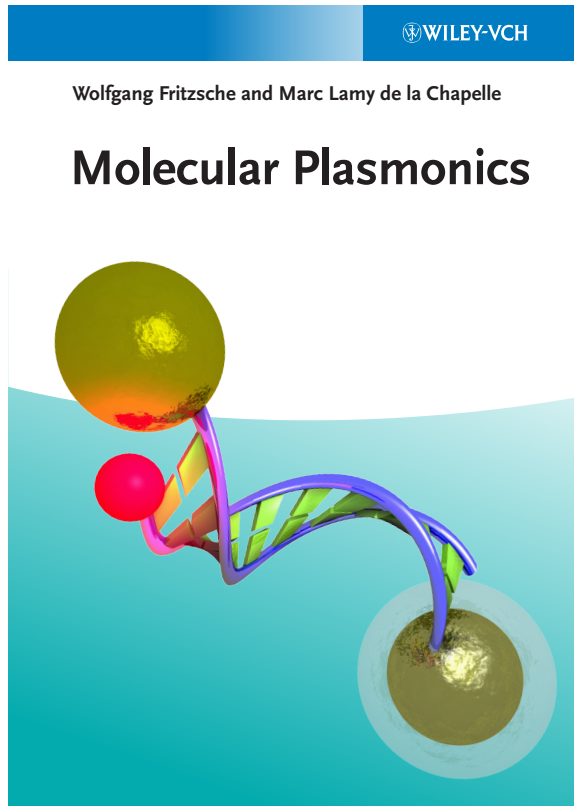


$\Rightarrow$  Enhancement factor =  $6 \cdot 10^5$

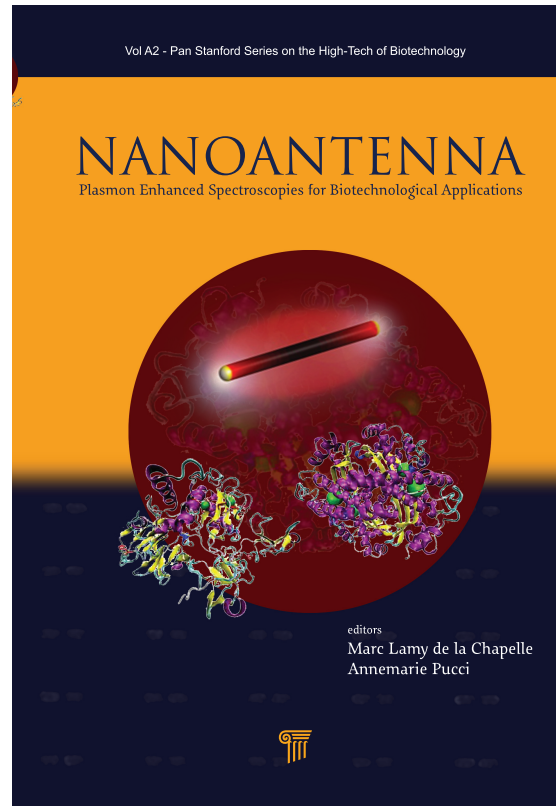
# Conclusion

1. Large enhancement factor in SEIRA with nanoantenna
2. Optimisation of the signal in SEIRA
3. SERS and SEIRA coupling with individual nanoantenna

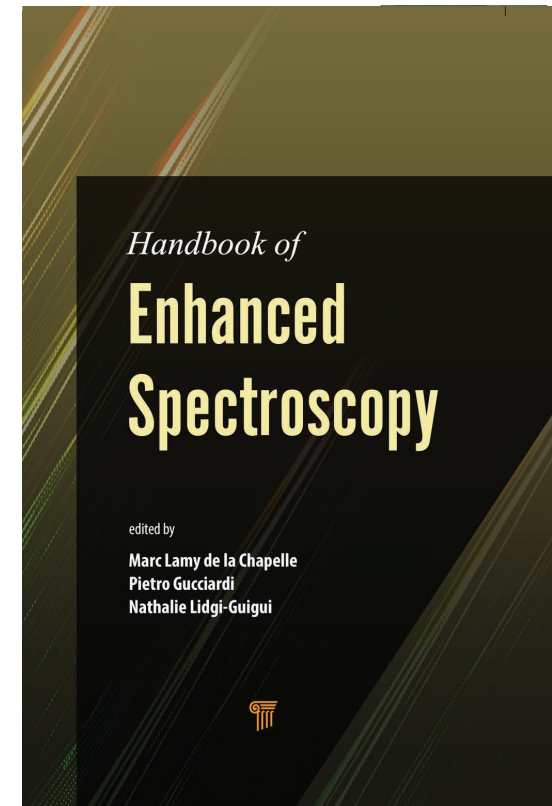
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