

# Raman Spectroscopy in Biogeology

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# Outline

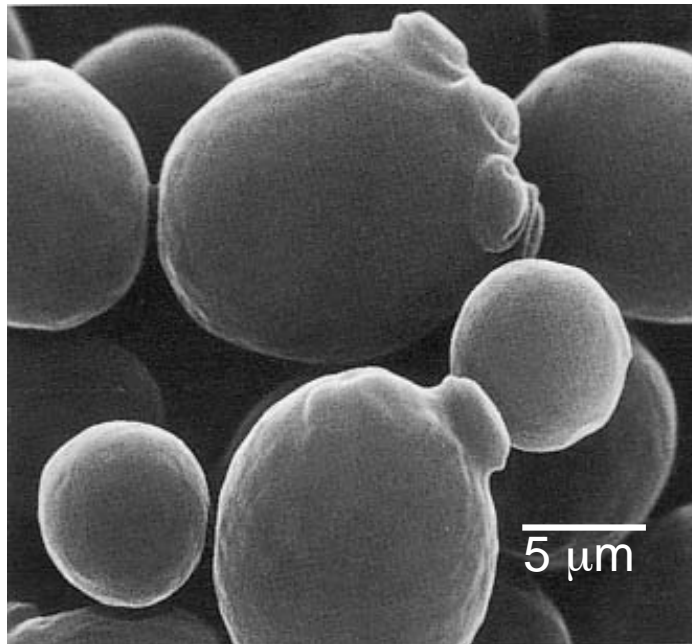
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- Quantitative Raman spectroscopic analysis of microbial metabolic activity
- Raman spectroscopy for probing live cells
- Measurements of minute amount of biological and biotic products

# Quantitative Raman spectroscopic analysis of microbial metabolic activity

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The fermentation  
by the baker yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*  
as a function of pressure



# The yeast *S. cerevisiae* at high hydrostatic pressure

0.1 MPa  
Optimal growth pressure



20-50 MPa  
Cell cycle arrest



40-60 MPa  
Internal acidification  
Induction of stress  
transcriptional factors



70-200 MPa  
Induction of stress  
transcriptional profile

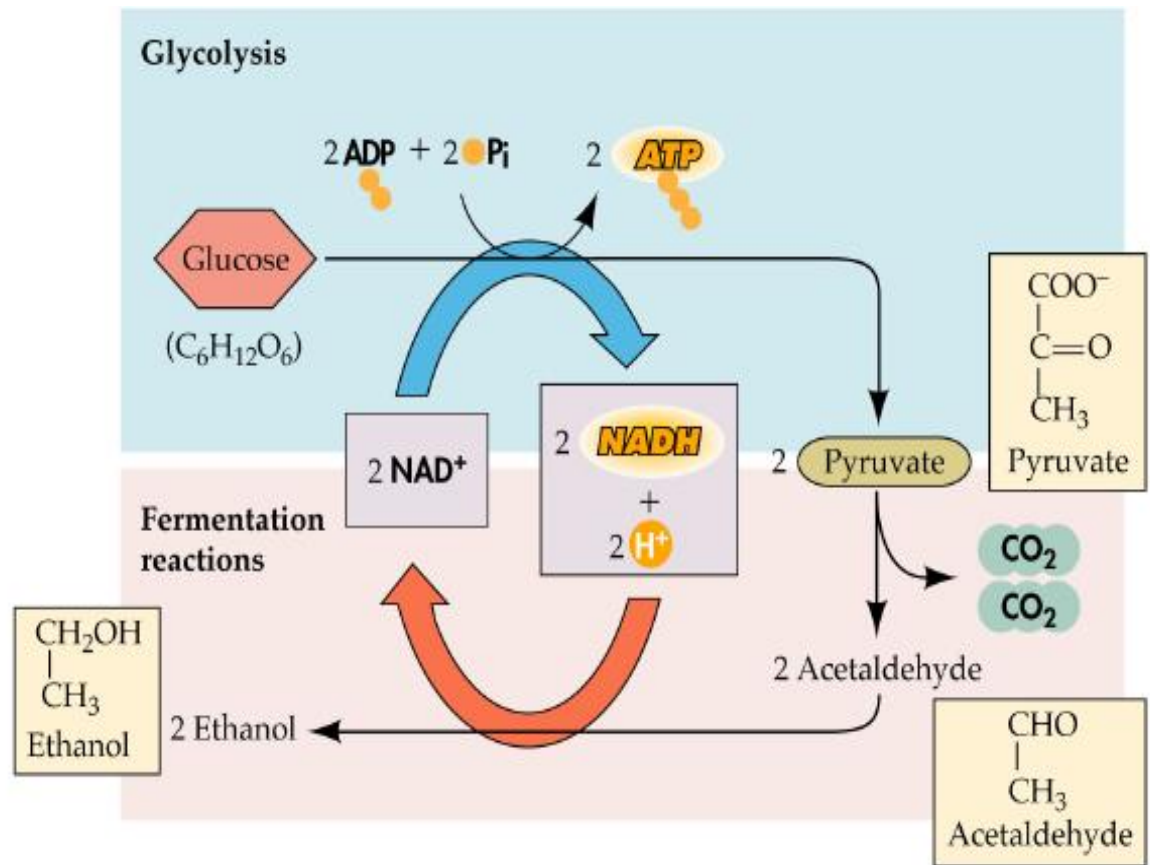
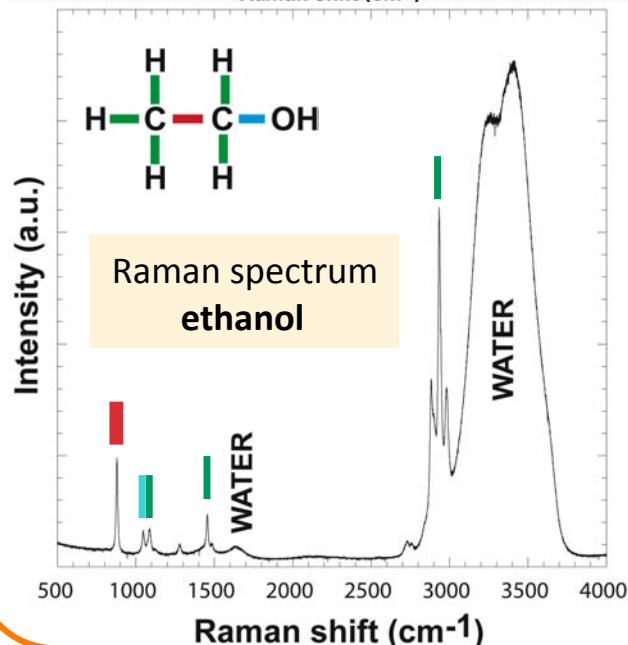
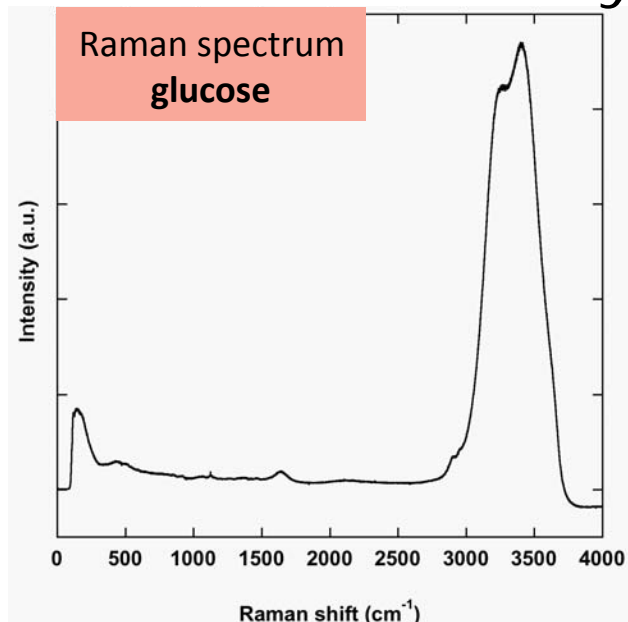


≥220 MPa  
Death



- The **eukaryotic model** for high-pressure studies
- No metabolic data for *S. cerevisiae* under high pressure
- Alcoholic fermentation well constrained at ambient pressure
- Ethanol easily detectable by Raman spectroscopy
- Arrest of alcoholic fermentation predicted at ca. 50 MPa (Abe *et al.* 2004)

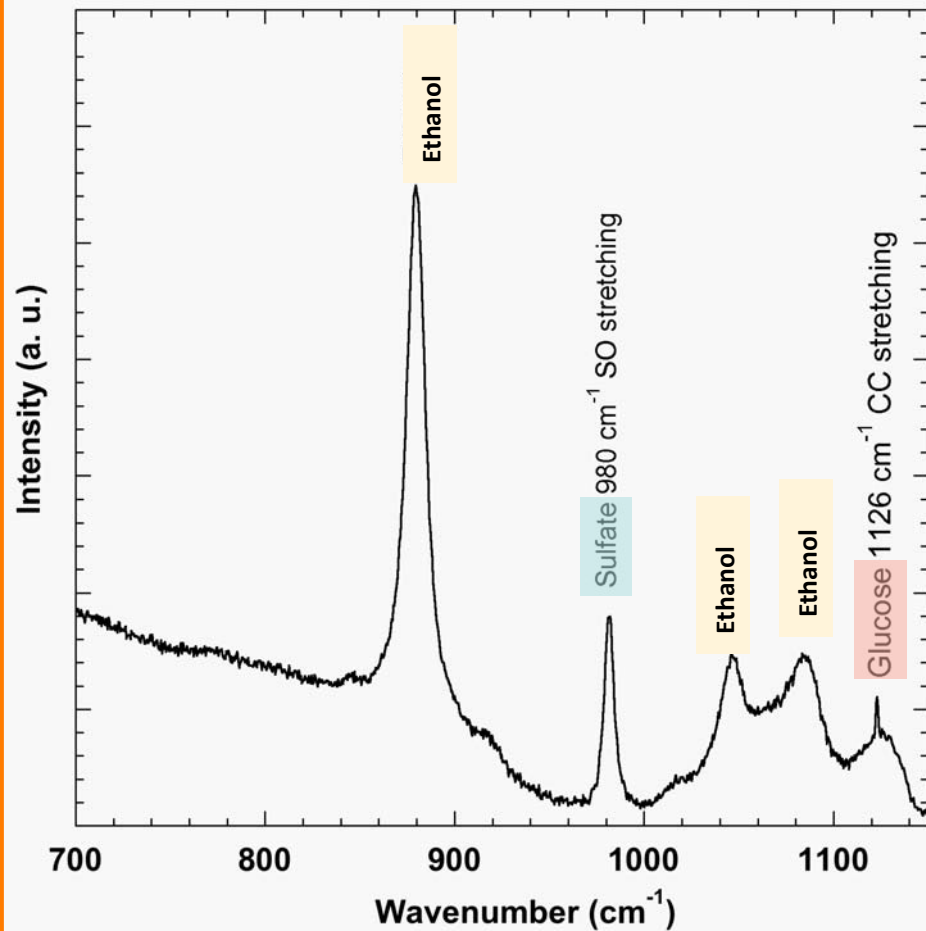
# Characterization of alcoholic fermentation by Raman spectroscopy



Symmetric C---C stretching mode of ethanol  
@ 883 cm<sup>-1</sup>

# Quantification of ethanol by Raman spectroscopy

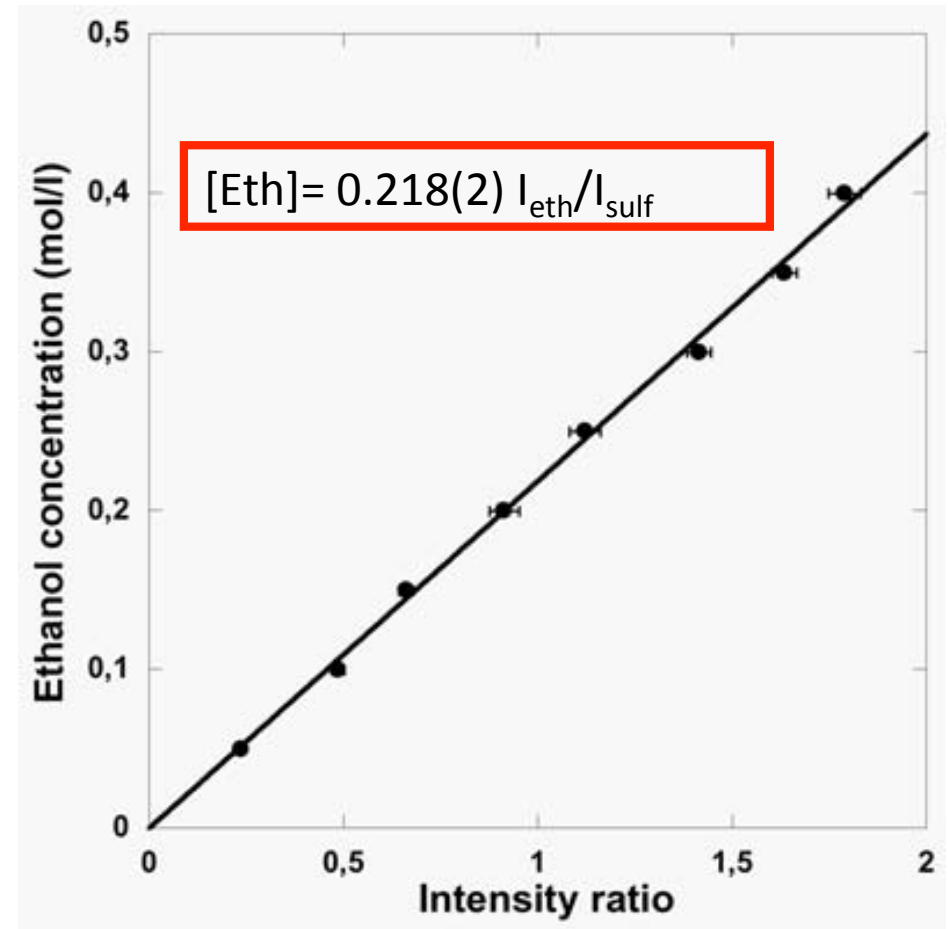
... in the low-fluorescence culture medium



Experimental details:

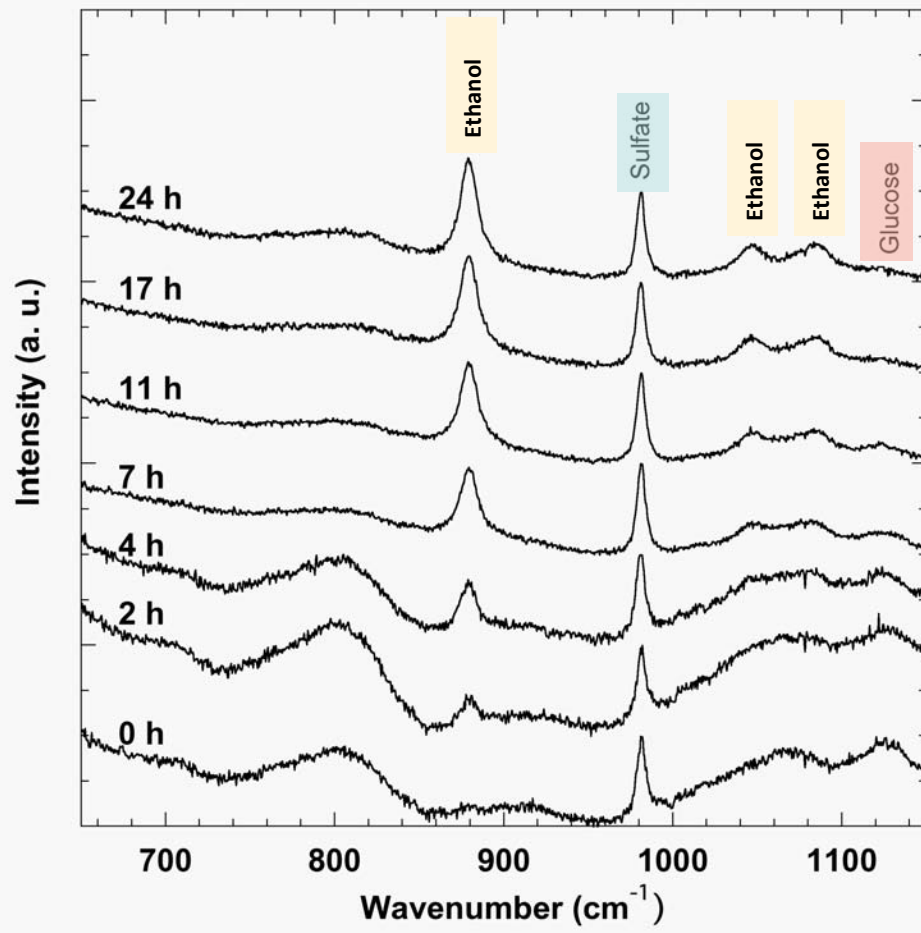
- Jobin Yvon® HR800 spectrometer
- Ar laser, 514.53 nm, 40-50 mW
- 10x20 s acquisitions

Calibration of the normalised intensity of  $\nu_s$  ethanol as a function of ethanol titration

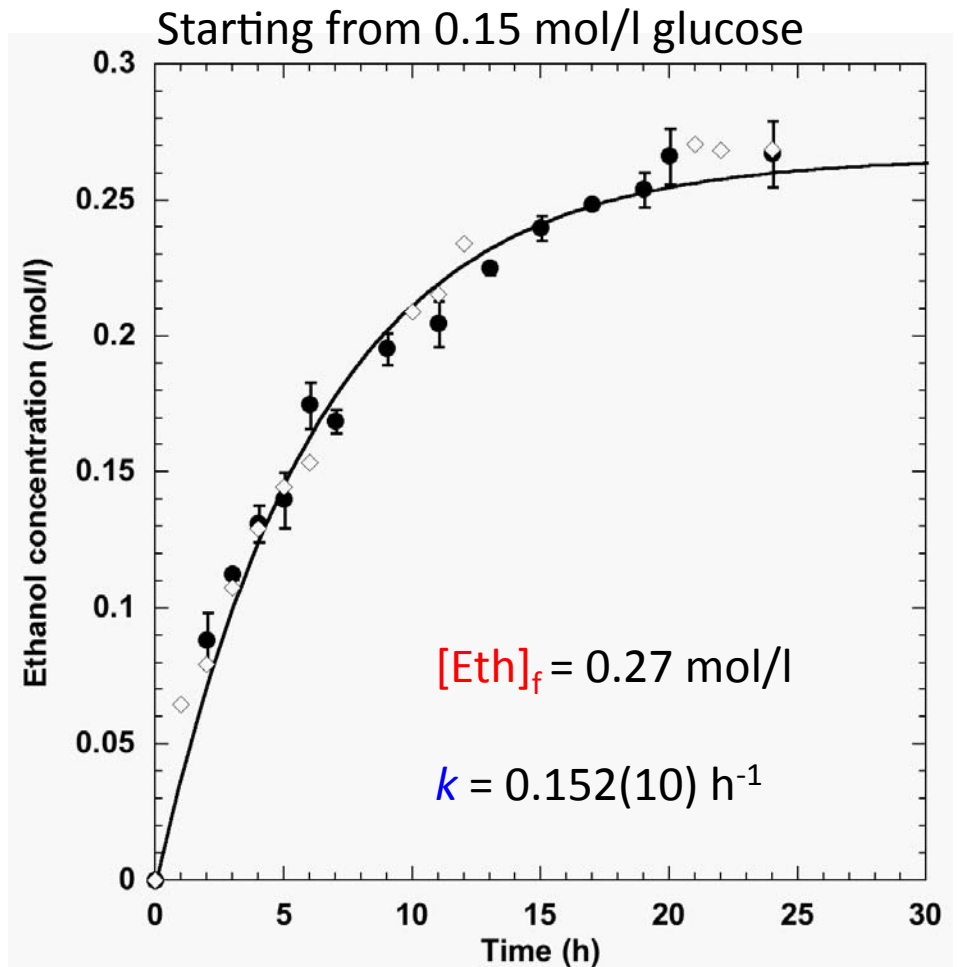


$$I_{eth, 883} / I_{sulf, 980}$$

# Fermentation of *S. cerevisiae*, at ambient pressure



First order kinetic reaction  
 $[\text{Eth}] = 2[\text{Glc}](1 - e^{-kt})$



# Raman spectroscopy in a 'low'-pressure DAC



*Coll. with J.C. Chervin, at IMPMC, Paris*

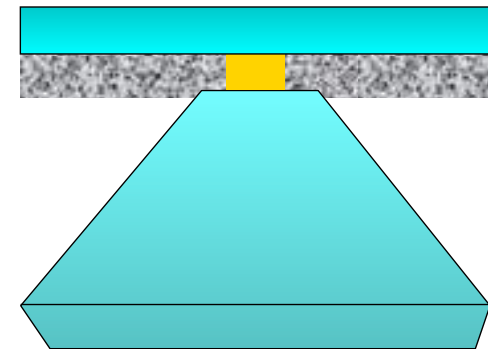
Pressure and temperature range

**1.5 GPa**

**300 °C**

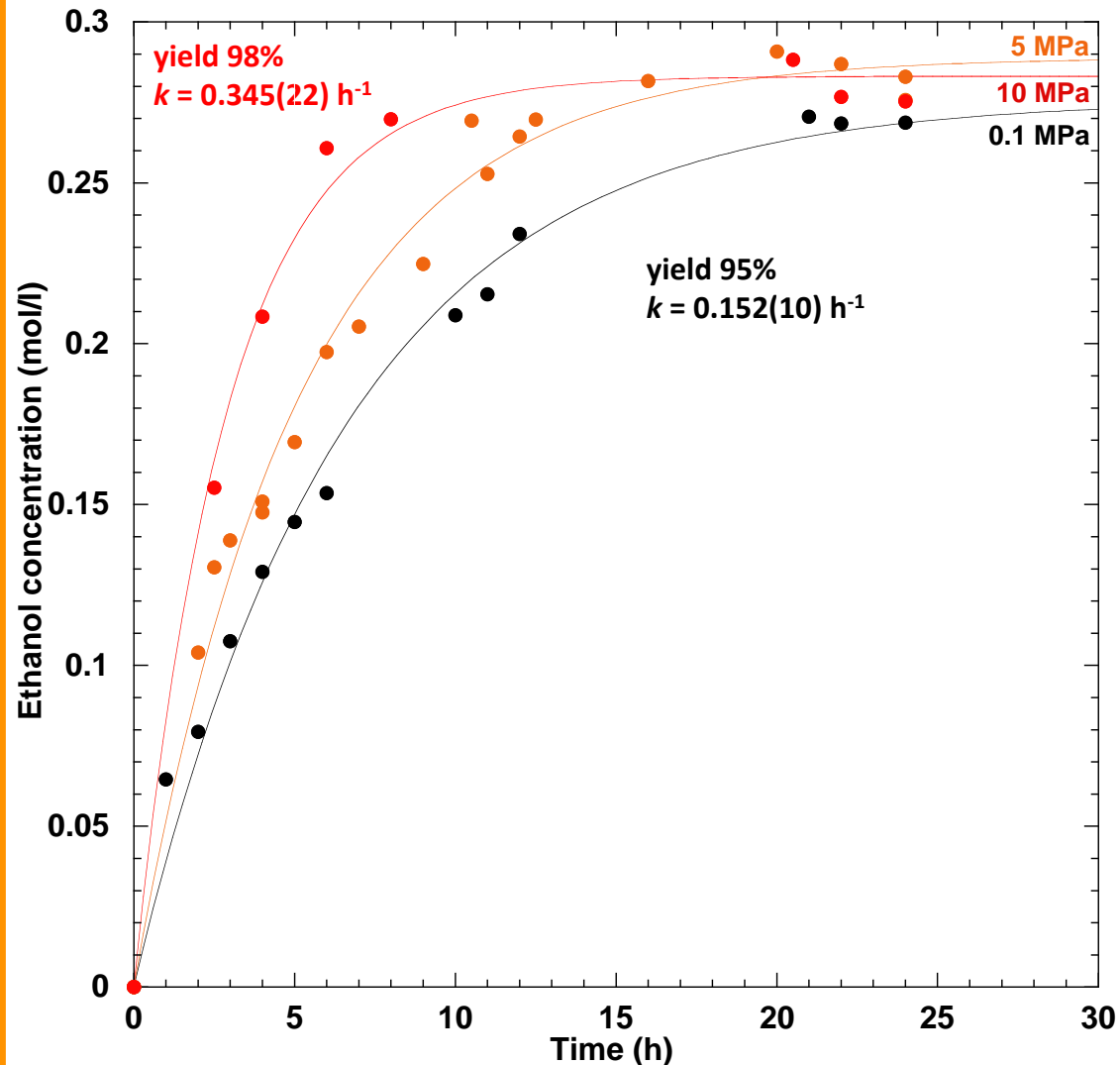
**sample 60 nl**

- Diamond window 0.4 - 0.6 mm thick
- Ni gasket, 0.3 mm thick, 0.5 mm across
- Diamond anvil 2.2 mm thick, 1.4 mm culet





# Fermentation of *S. cerevisiae* in the DAC, as a function of pressure



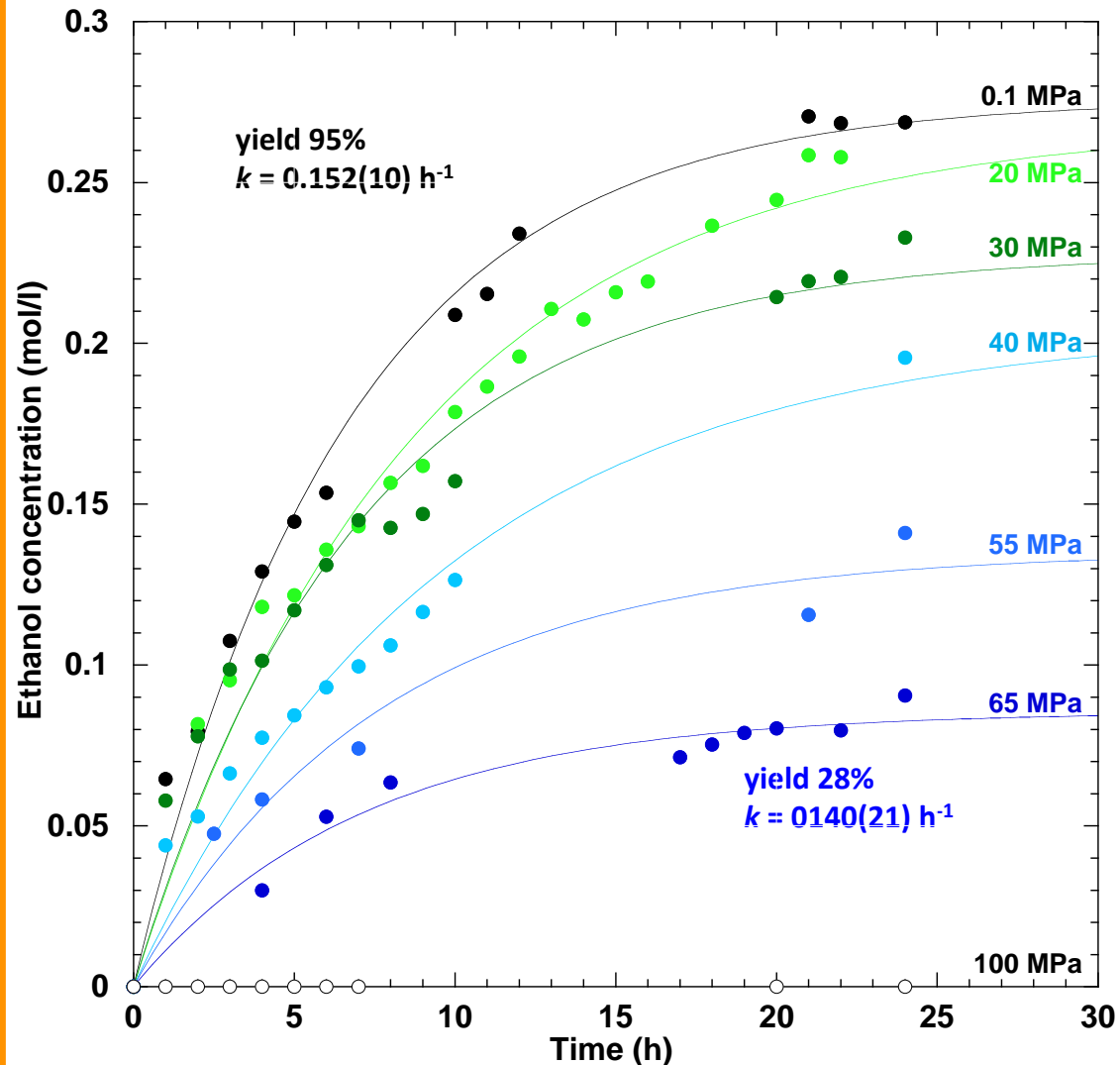
## Observations : ambient to 10 MPa

- reaction twice-thrice faster
- yield almost at the theoretical limit

## Interpretation

- enhanced uptake of glucose
- enhanced activity of one/several enzymes of the glycolysis and/or fermentation pathways.
- no measurable lag phase tends to exclude pressure-induced increase in protein synthesis.
- more efficient expellation ethanol from the cell under pressure, due to an increase of passive diffusion.

# Fermentation of *S. cerevisiae* in the DAC, as a function of pressure



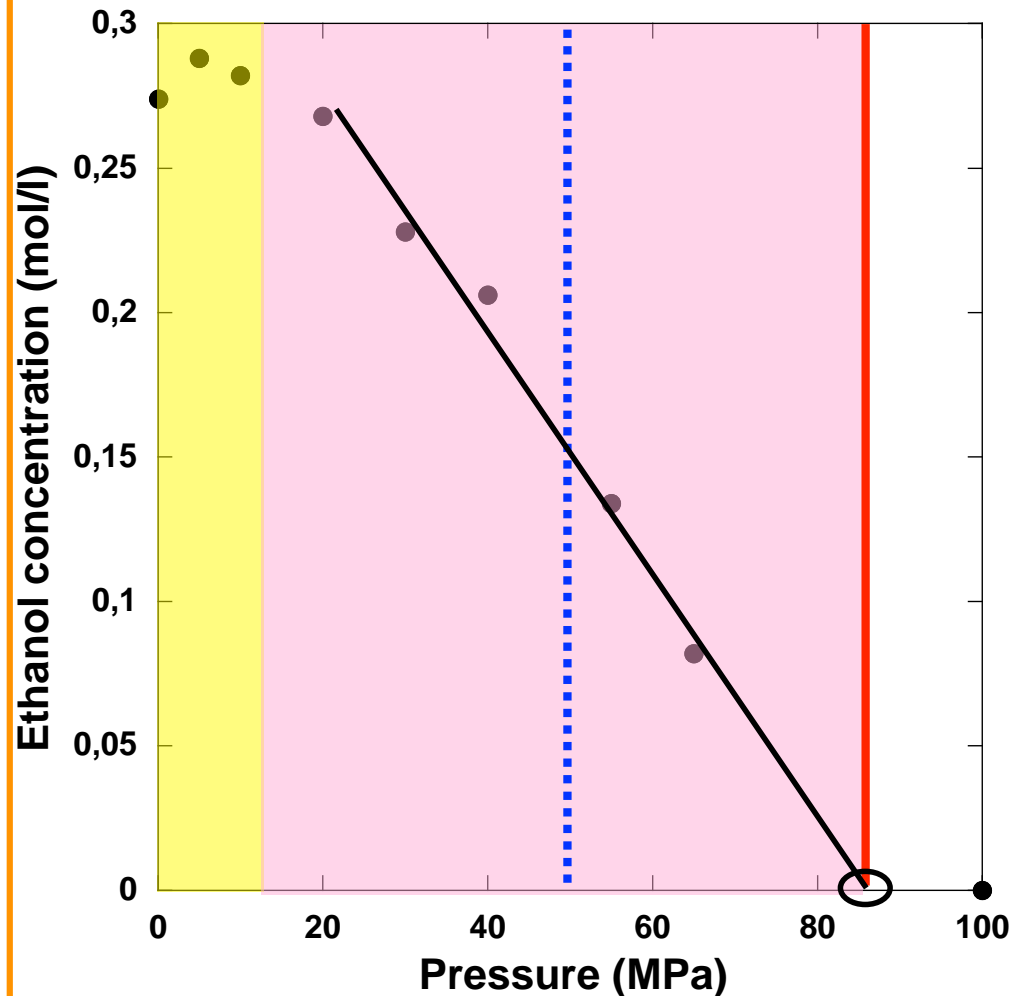
Observations : above 10 MPa,

- yield decreases
- reaction rate almost constant

At 40 MPa, yield of 68%  
similar to Abe & Horikoshi (1997)

Alcoholic fermentation stops between 65  
and 100 MPa

# Fermentation of *S. cerevisiae* in the DAC, as a function of pressure



Maximal pressure for ethanol fermentation calculated at  **$87 \pm 7$  MPa**

37 MPa higher than the predicted value by Abe *et al.* (2004) and than pressure limit for growth

## **0-10 MPa**

Activated steps of ethanol fermentation:

- Increased glucose import?
- Activation of glycolysis or fermentation pathway enzymes?
- Facilitated excretion of ethanol?

## **20-87 MPa**

Decrease of final ethanol production:

- Loss of only 1 log after 24 hours at 70 MPa
- Progressive inhibition of enzymes?

**Uncoupling of growth and metabolism**

# Raman spectroscopy for probing live cells

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- E-CARS

Coherent anti-Stokes Raman Scattering

- Resonant Raman Scattering

- SERS

Surface Enhanced Raman Scattering

For 2D mapping

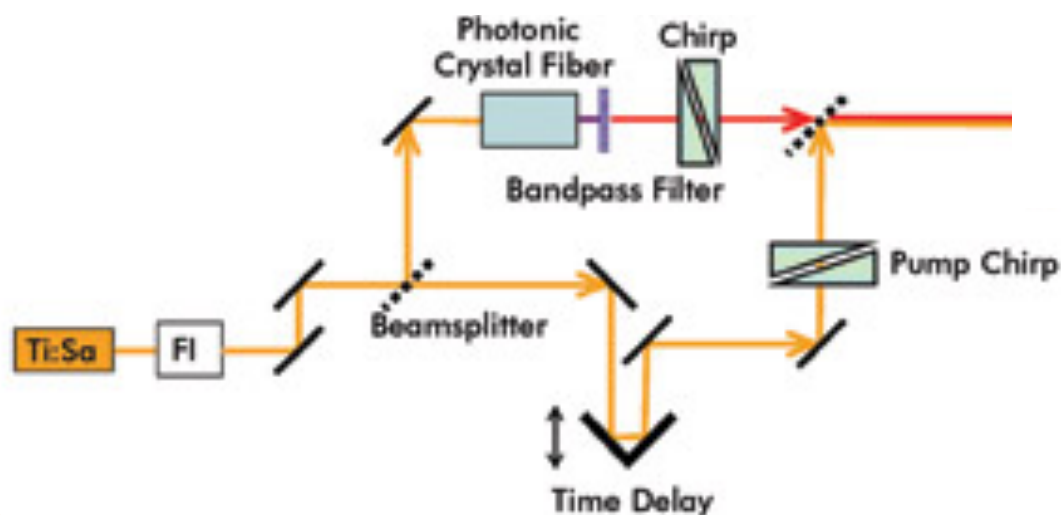
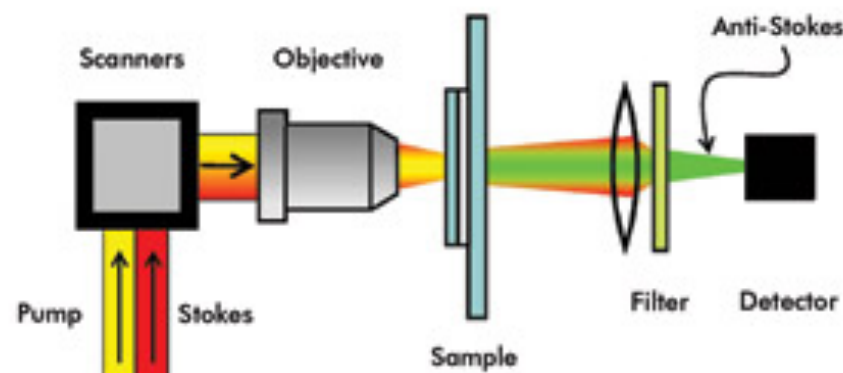
# Coherent anti-Stokes Raman Scattering

*CARS microscopy provides label-free imaging*

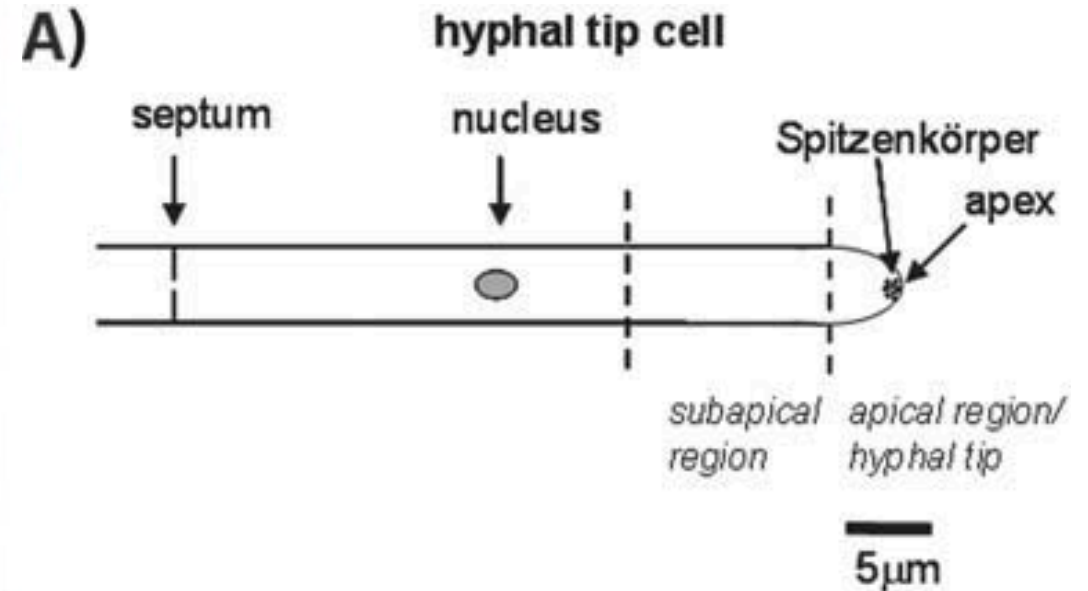
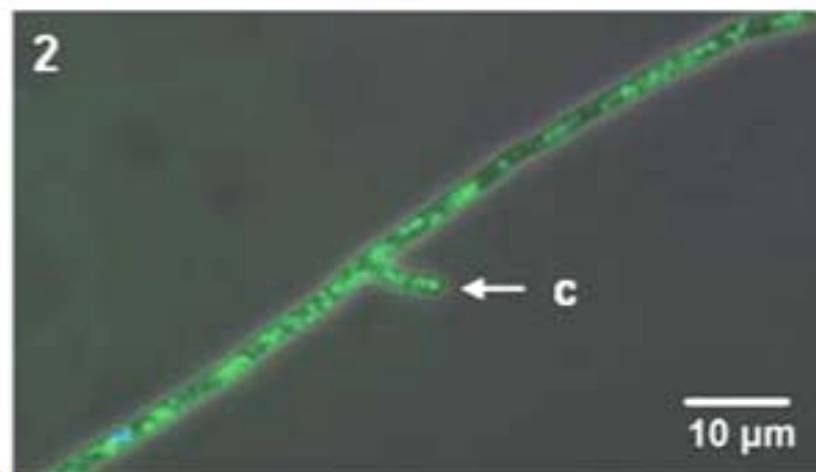
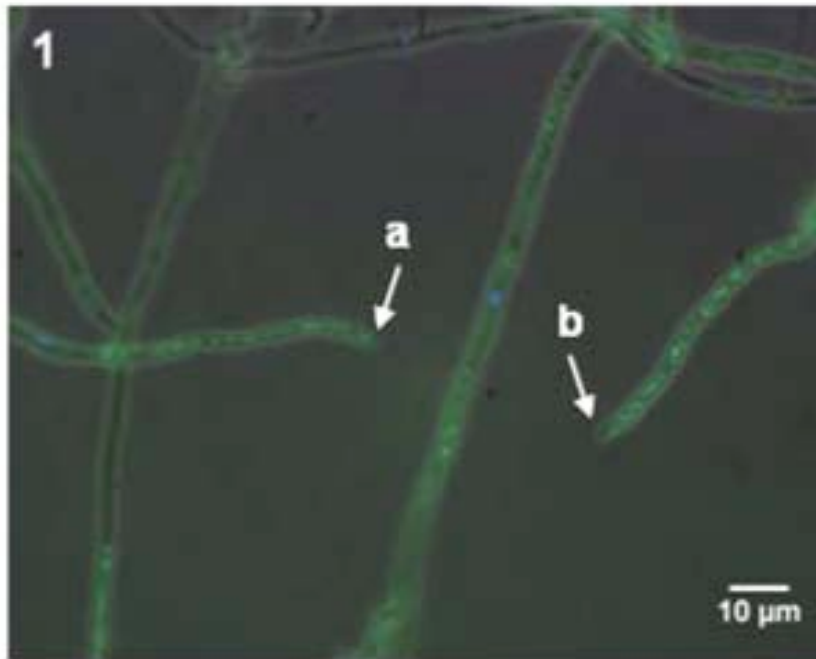
*A simple CARS microscope.*

*A beamsplitter splits pulses from an isolated femto-second Ti:sapphire laser.*

*Half goes to a photonic crystal fiber to generate the Stokes pulses, followed by a bandpass filter, before being recombined on a dichroic mirror.*



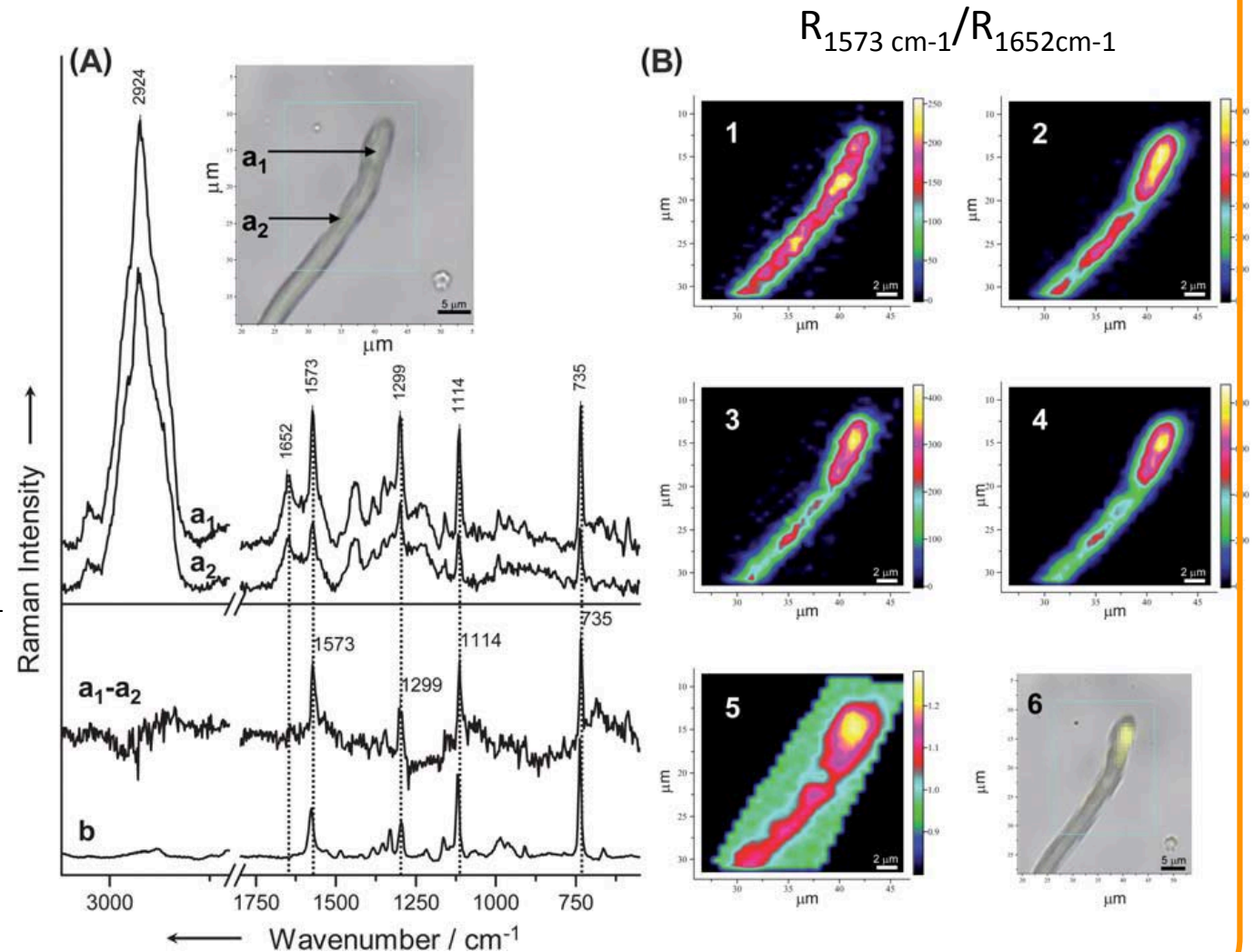
# Analysis of cytochrome distribution



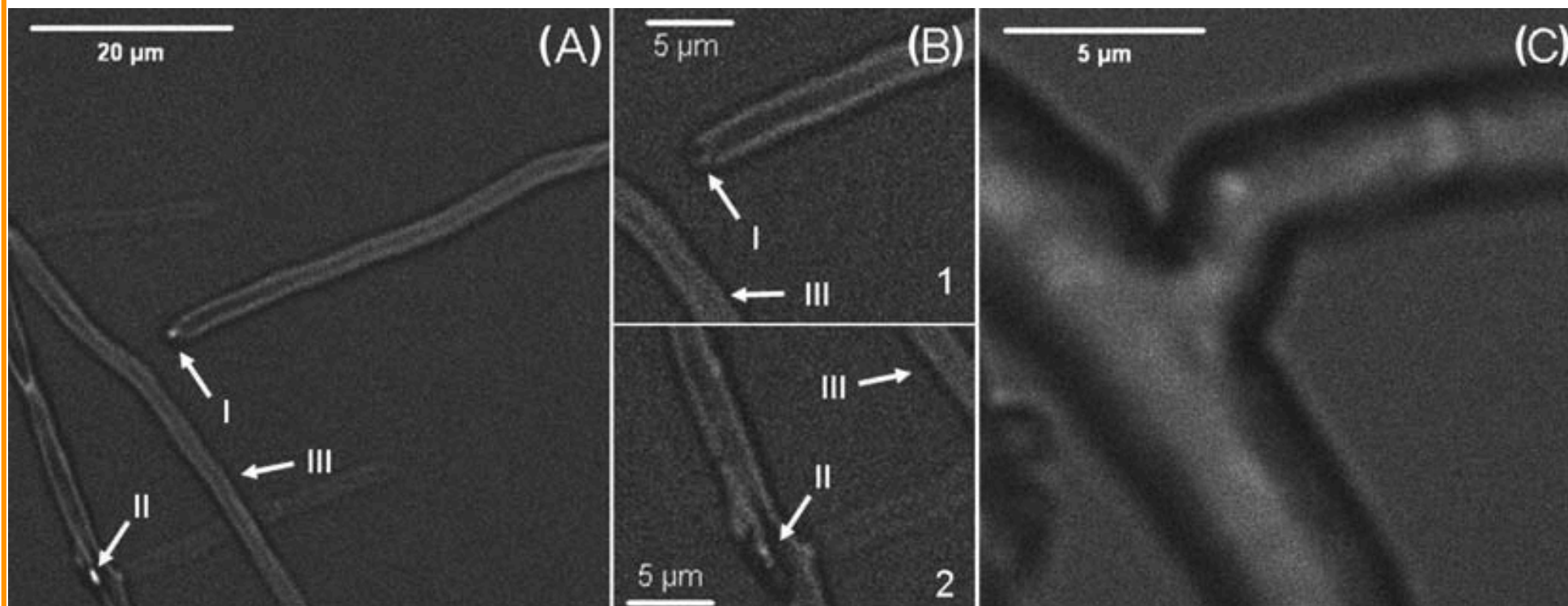
The cytochrome distribution in hyphal tip cells of the fungi *Schizophyllum commune*

# Raman spectra of a hyphal tip cell of *S. commune*

- 2924  $\text{cm}^{-1}$   
asymmetric CH-stretching  
vibration of methylene  
groups from all cell  
constituents
- 1652  $\text{cm}^{-1}$   
protein, lipid and  
polysaccharide vibrations
- 1573, 1299, 1114, 735  $\text{cm}^{-1}$   
cytochrome vibrations
- Spatial resolution 0.7  $\mu\text{m}$   
-  $\lambda_0 = 532 \text{ nm}$  resonant with  
the electronic absorption of  
cytochrome



# CARS images of the fungal hyphae



@1572  $\text{cm}^{-1}$   
cytochrome marker band  
spec. resolution 20  $\text{cm}^{-1}$

@1552  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  under non  
resonant conditions

@2990  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ,  
CH vibration  
spatial resolution 30x30  $\text{nm}^2$   
spec. resolution 110  $\text{cm}^{-1}$

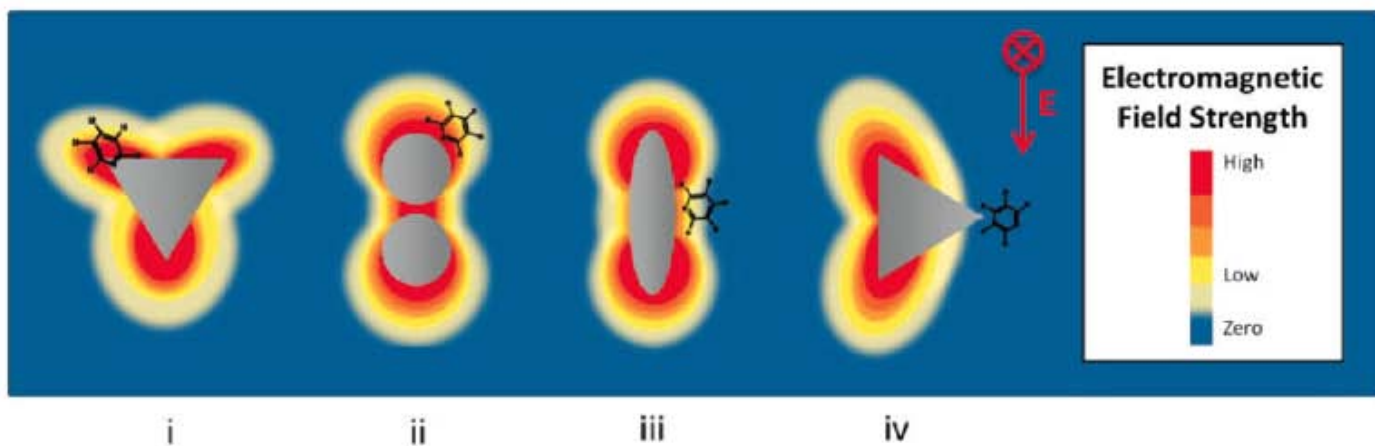
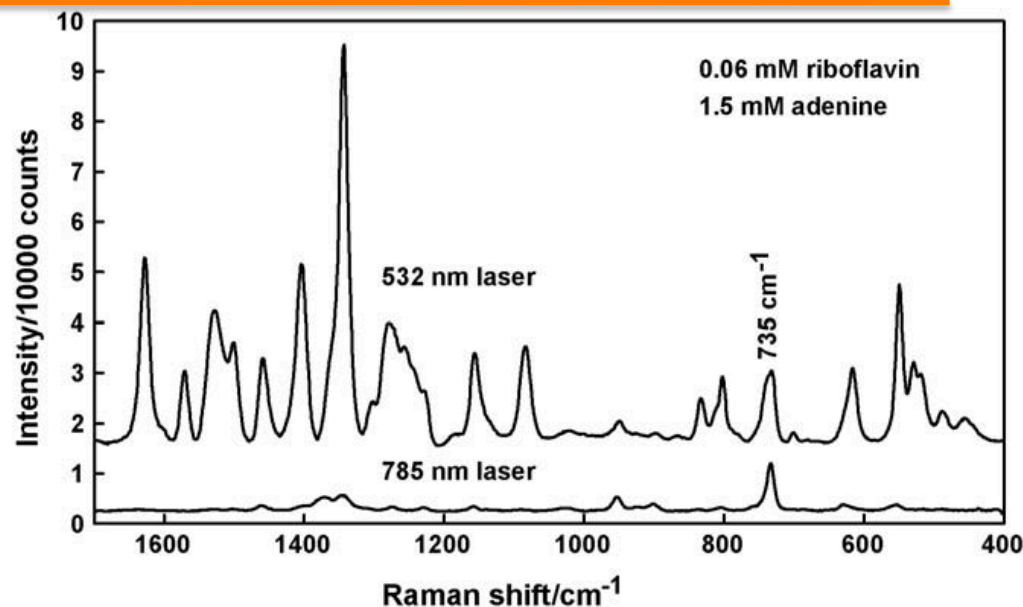
In less than 25 s



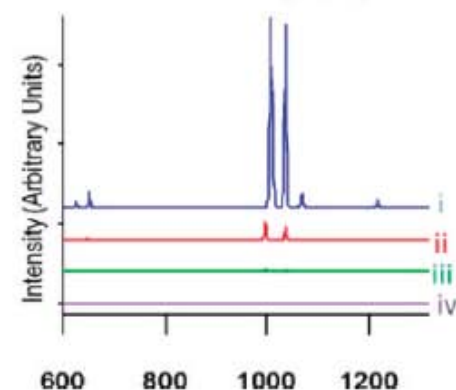
# Measurements of minute amount of biological and biotic products

## SERS & SERRS

- ✓ EM enhancement when the incident laser excites surface plasmons,  $\times 10^4$  up to  $10^{11}$
- ✓ CT enhancement when transfer of electrons between the analyte and metal,  $\times 10$ -100
- ✓ resonance enhancement if the laser wavelength falls near an absorption wavelength of the sample



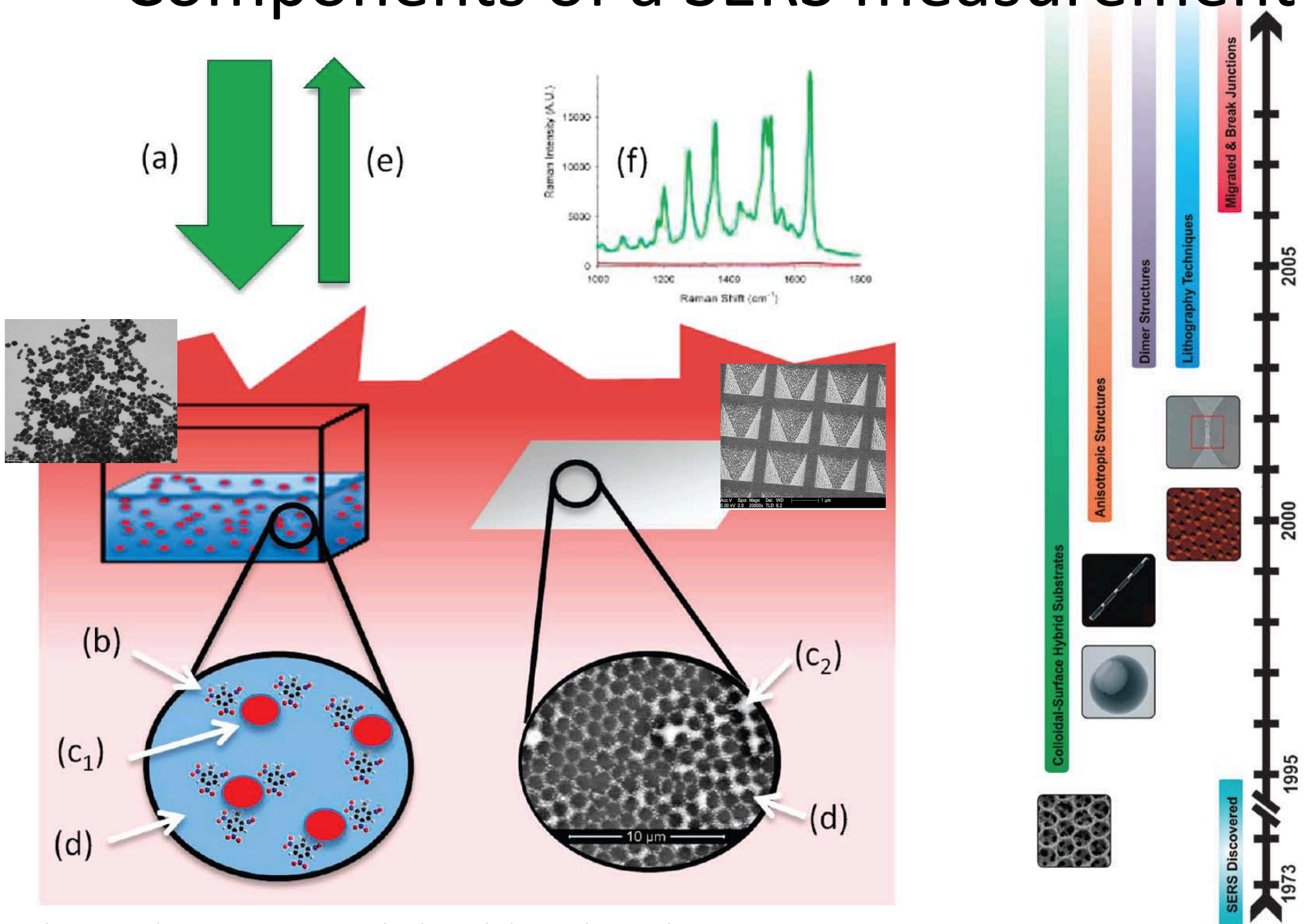
Expected SERS spectra for pyridine on nanostructures i, ii, iii, and iv



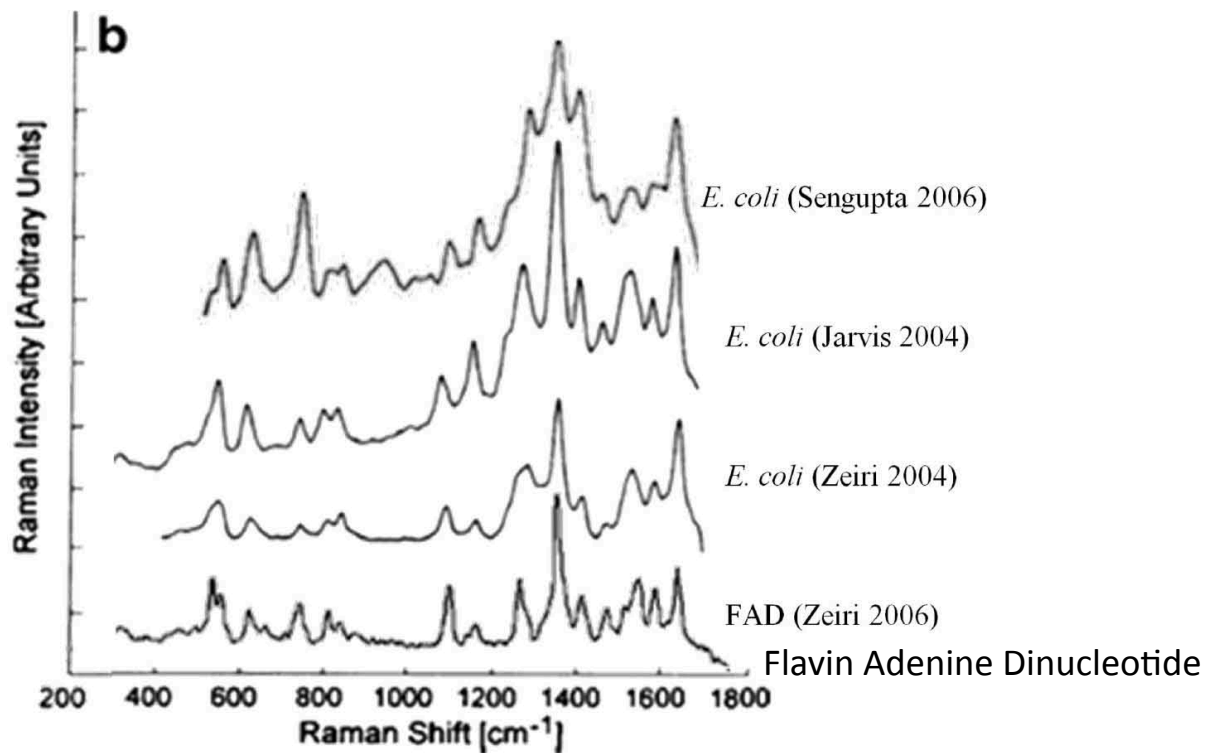
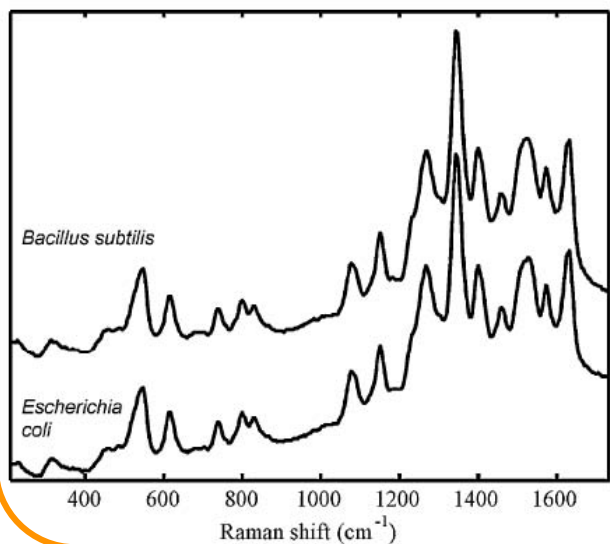
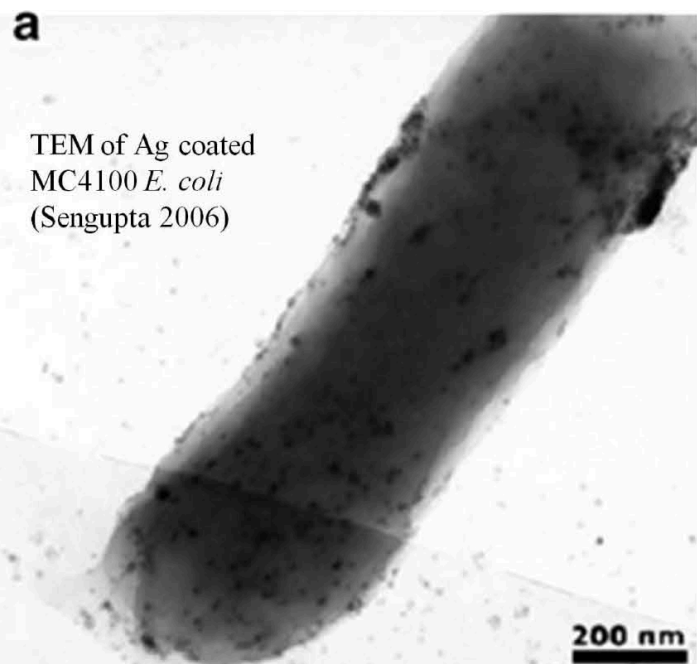
Halvorson et al. 2010, Environ. Sci. Technol.

Smith-Palmer et al. 2010, Vibrational Spectroscopy

# Components of a SERS measurement

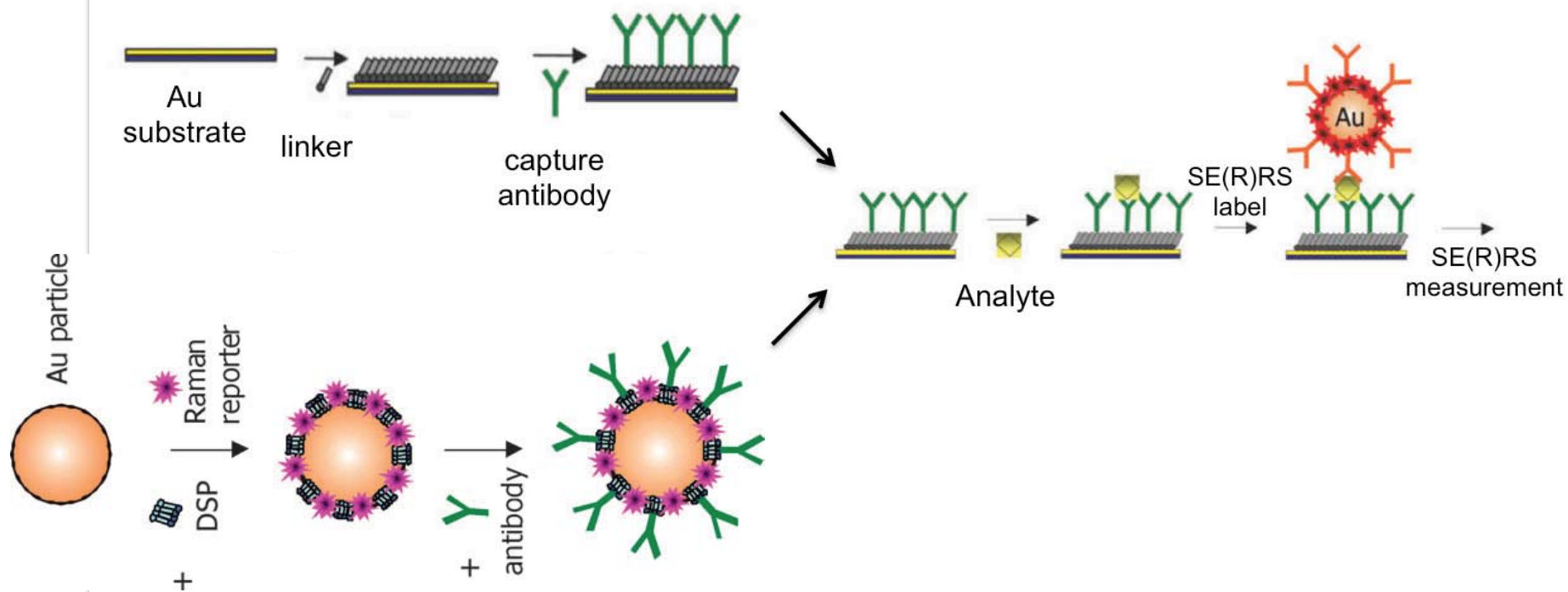


# SER spectra of bacteria @332 cm<sup>-1</sup>



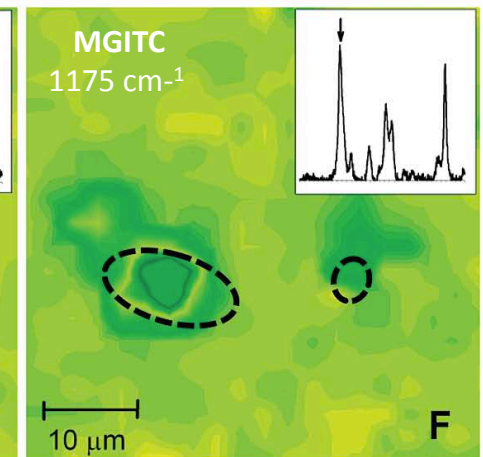
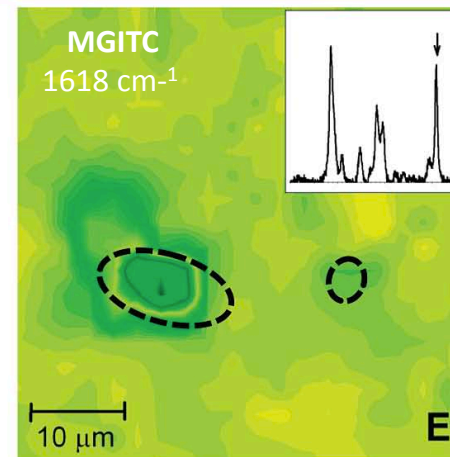
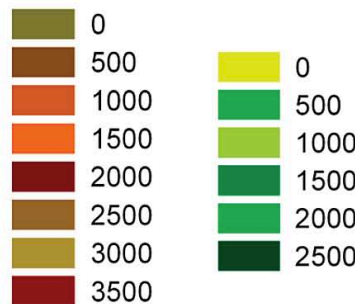
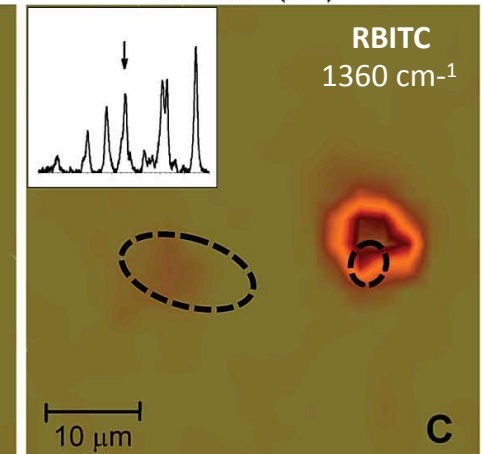
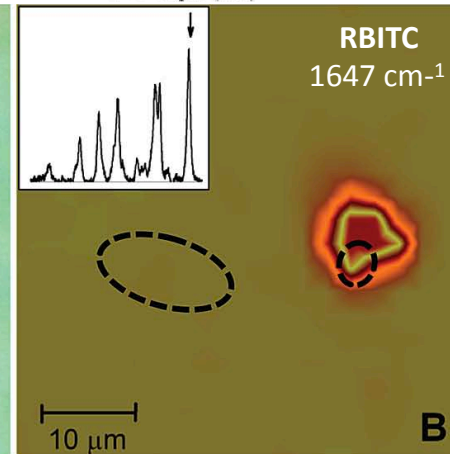
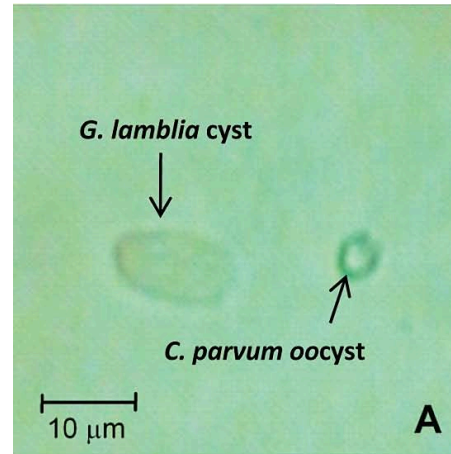
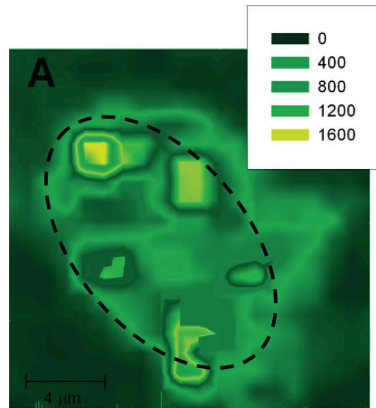
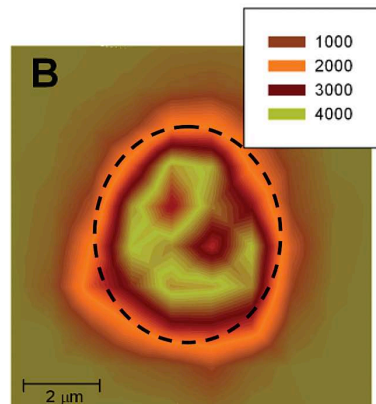
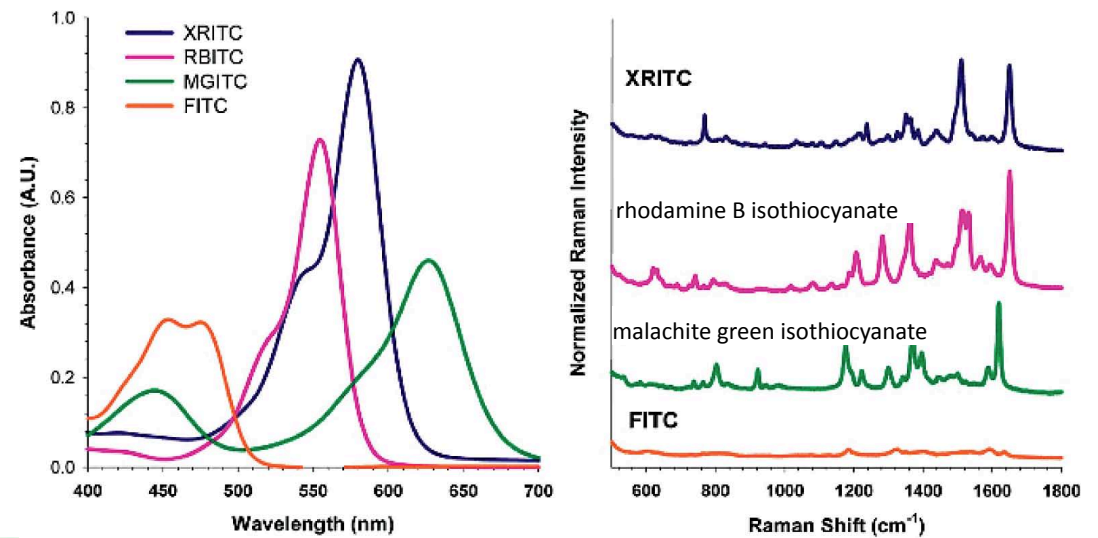
# SERS-based immunoassay platforms

With femtomolar detection of the analyte



with extrinsic Raman labels (ERLs)

# An example of SERRS immunogold labeling for cells

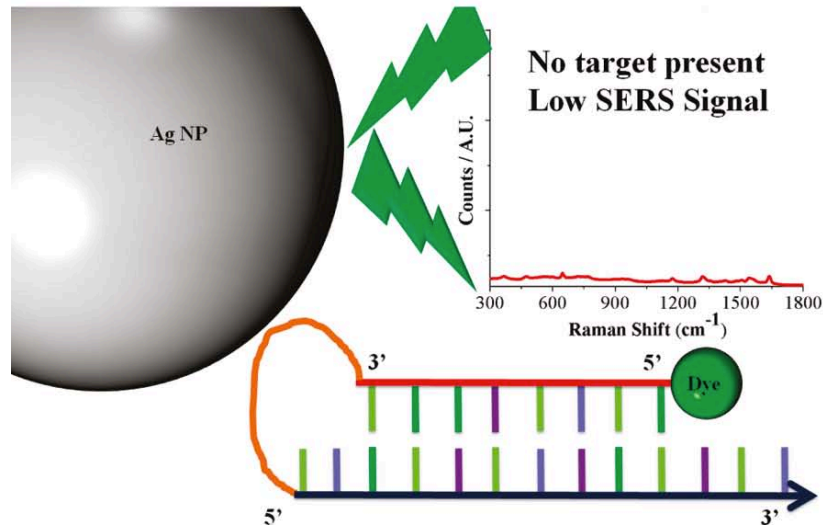


20x20 pixels, 2 μm steps, 1s acquisition time  
 $\lambda_e = 632.8$  nm, He-Ne laser

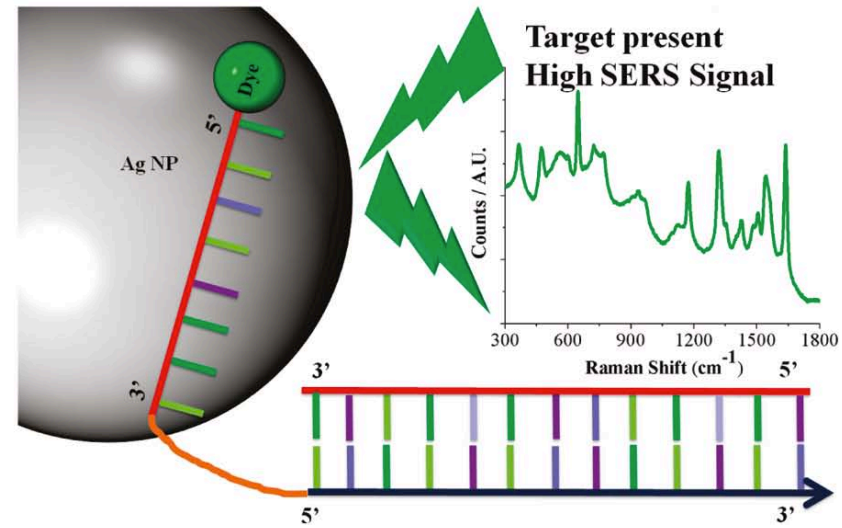
# SERS on single-stranded DNA

Van Lierop et al. 2011, Anal. Chem.

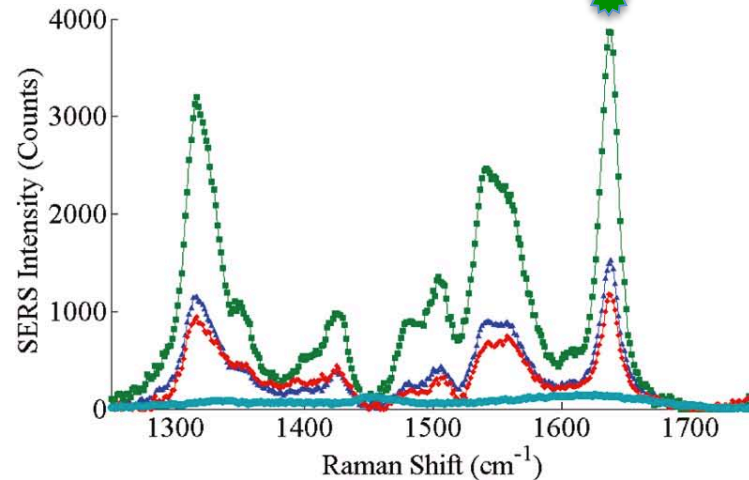
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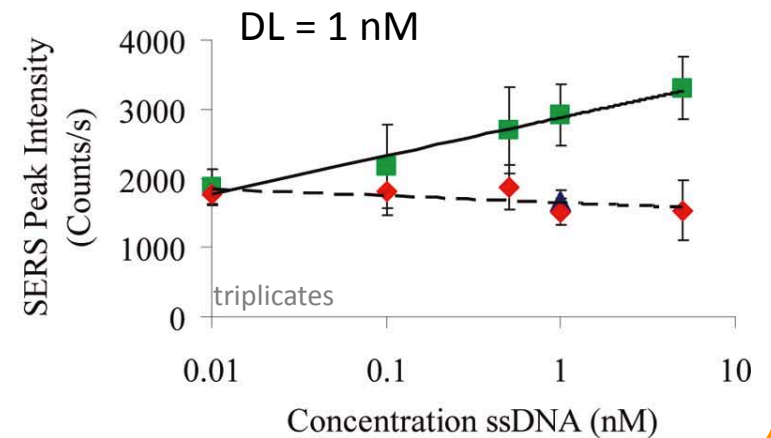
(B)



(A)



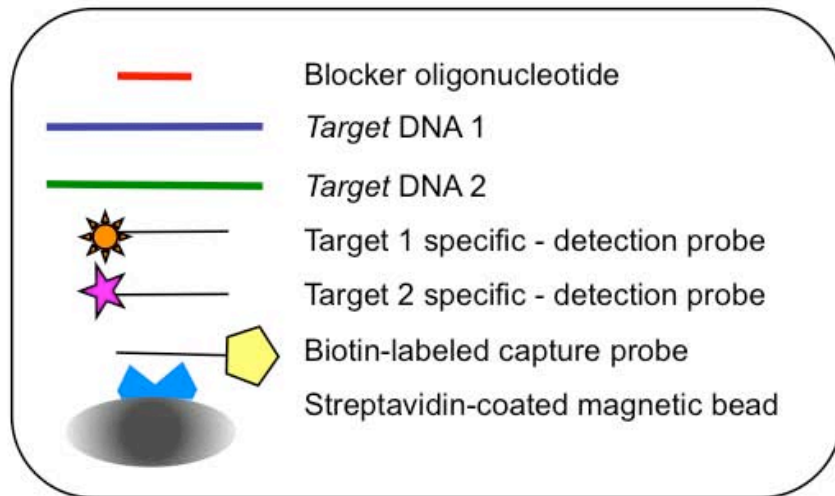
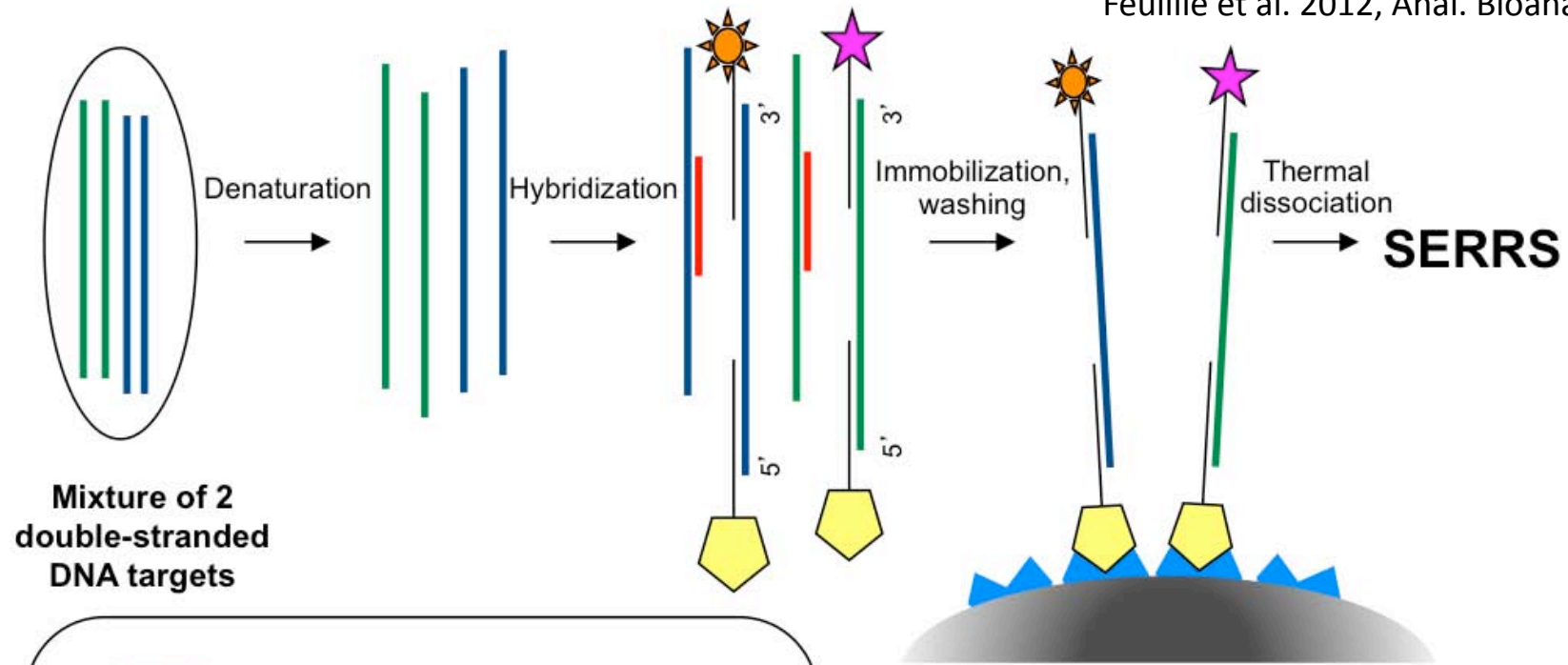
(B)



Blank  
SERS primer  
+ 1nm target DNA  
+ 1 nM non-target DNA

# A SERRS hybridization assay for ds DNA

Feuillie et al. 2012, Anal. Bioanal. Chem.

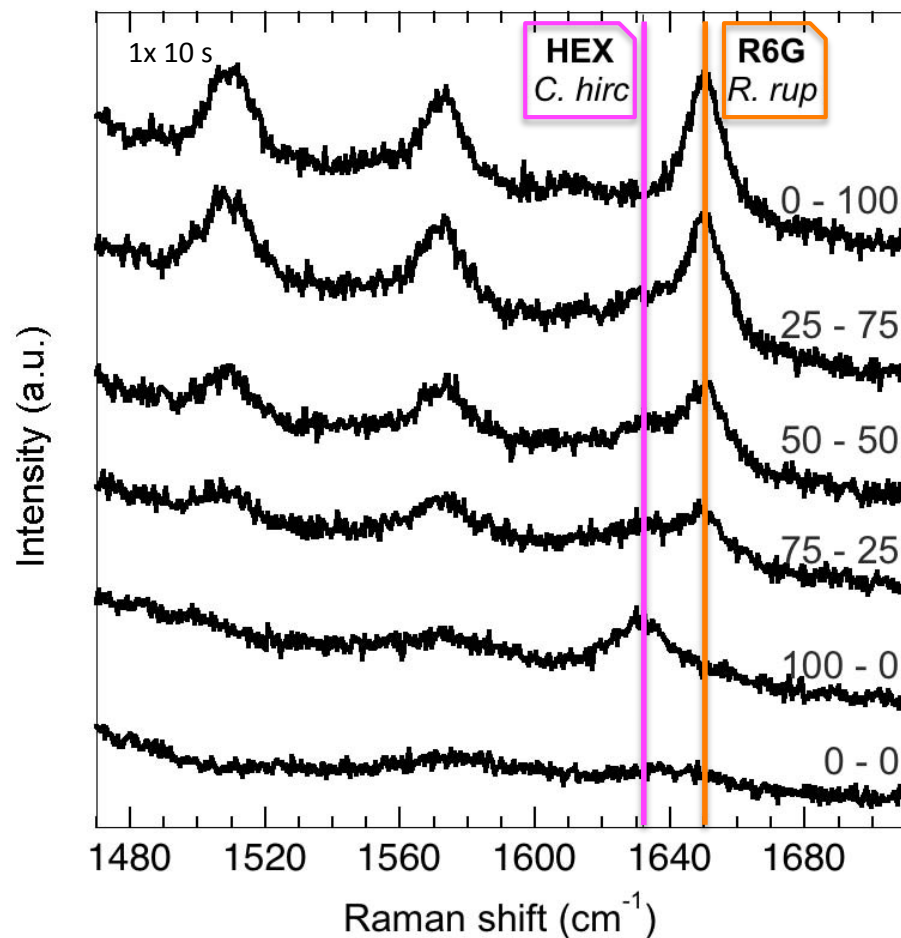


R6G

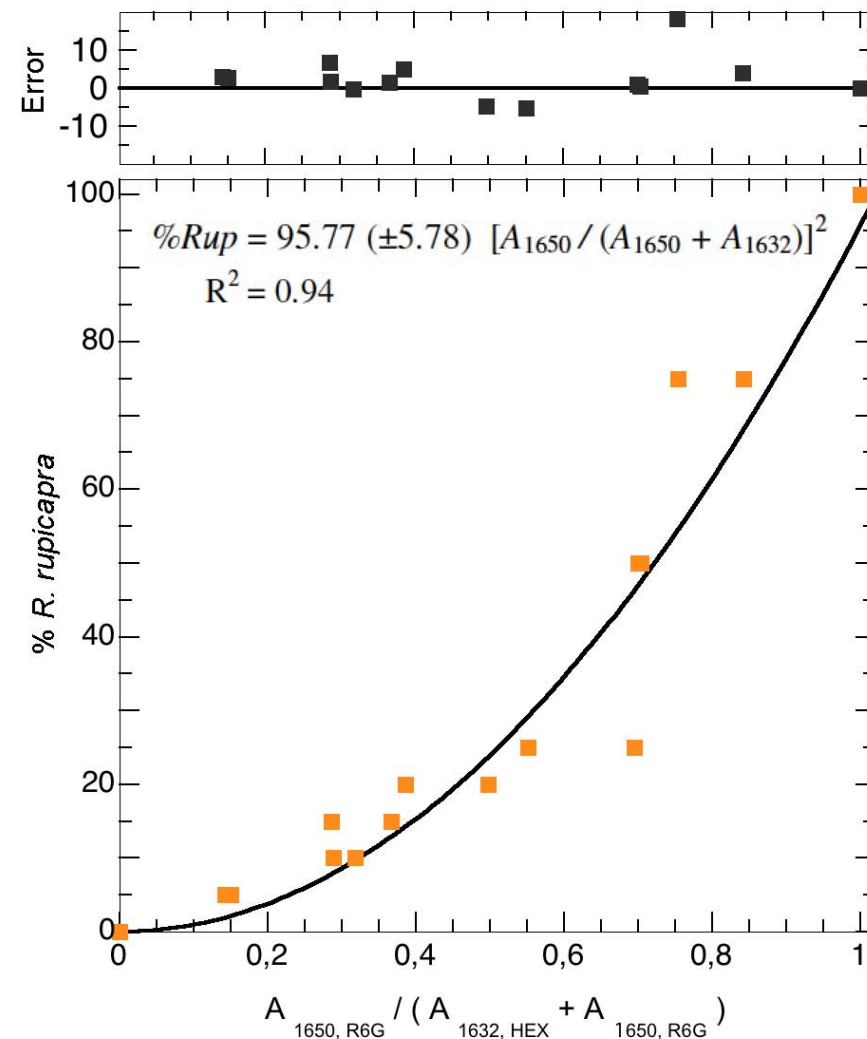
HEX



# Simultaneous detection of 2 species



Identification of both sequences  
 Total DNA amount =  $5 \cdot 10^{-8}$  M  
 DL =  $4 \cdot 10^{-10}$  M

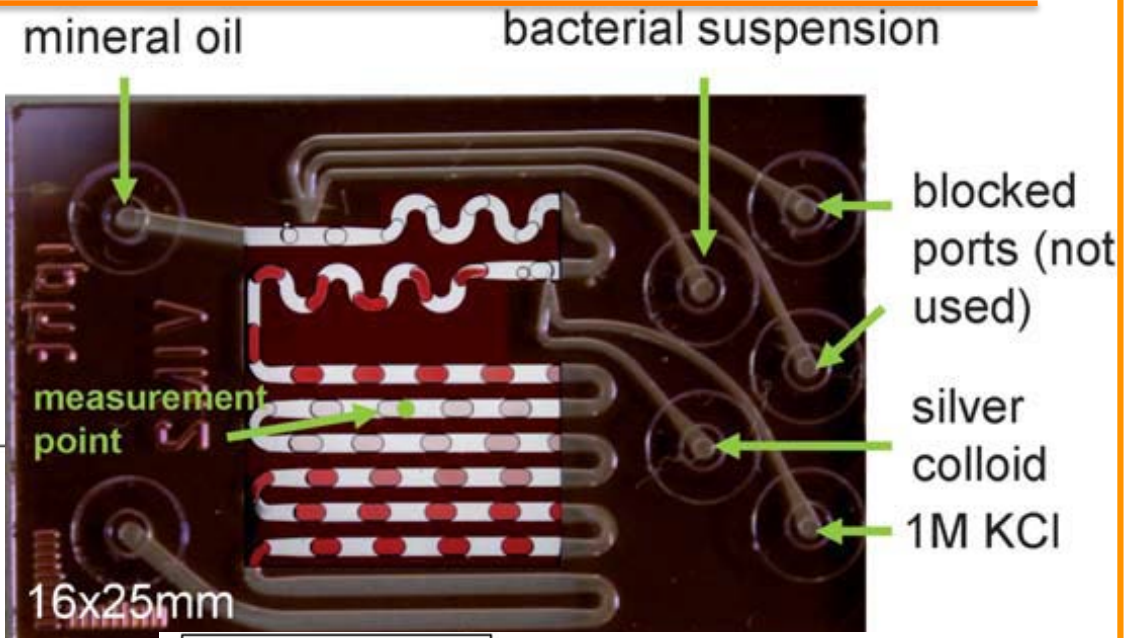


Quantification of their relative amount

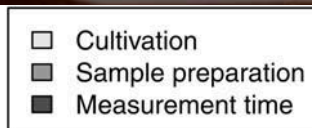
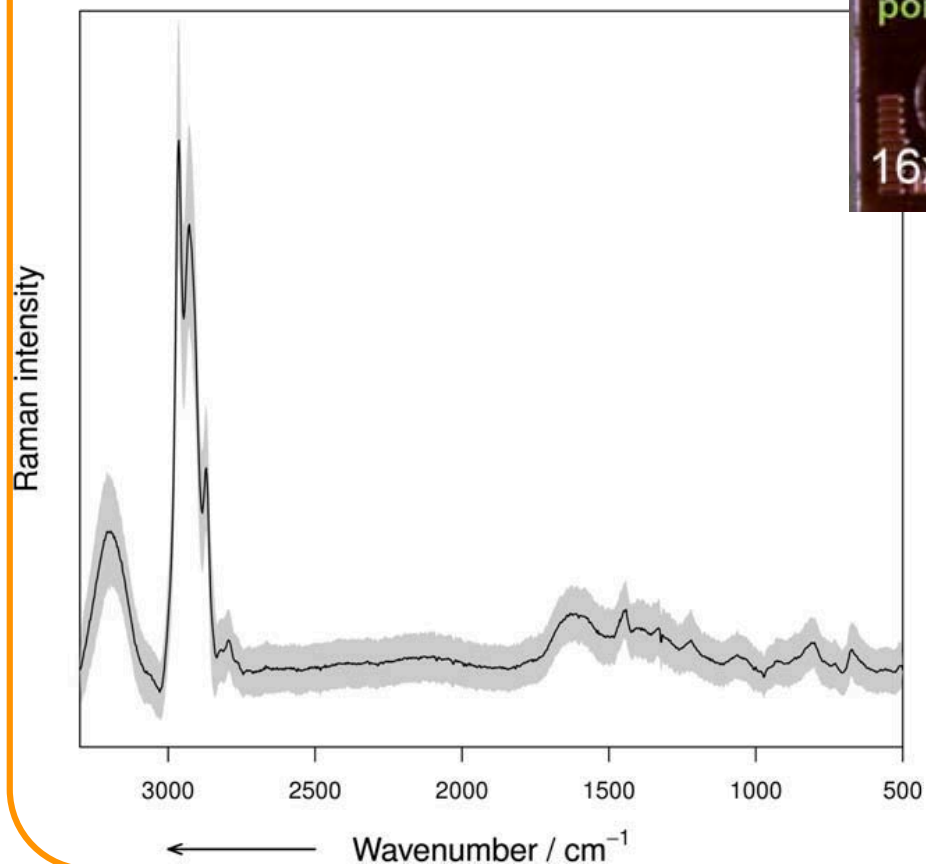


# On a Lab-on-a-chip device...

Walter et al. 2011, Lab Chip



Highly reproducible SER spectra of a strain of *E. coli*



Time table for data of one strain for database (1200 spectra for SERS and Raman)

