



Application of Novel Plasmonic Nanomaterials on SERS

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Surface-enhanced Raman scattering (SERS) is a topic of research that was discovered in the mid-1970s. However, it is in this last decade that a very significant explosion of the fabrication of highly sensitive SERS substrates has occurred using novel designs of plasmonic nanostructures (e.g., nanoparticle self-assembly), and new plasmonic materials, such as bimetallic nanomaterials (e.g., Au/Ag) and hybrid nanomaterials (e.g., Metal/Semiconductor) have been fabricated via different physical or chemical techniques. These novel plasmonic nanomaterials can allow a better confinement of the electric field and thus induce an enhancement of the SERS signal (electromagnetic contribution) by adjusting, for instance, the size, shape, periodicity, nanoparticle self-assembly, and nanomaterials' nature. These nanomaterials can also enhance the charge transfer (electrons; chemical contribution) to increase the SERS signal. Thus, this Special Issue is dedicated to introducing recent advances and insights in these novel plasmonic nanomaterials applied to the fabrication of highly sensitive SERS substrates for chemical and biological sensing.





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