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Nanomaterials for Surface Enhanced Raman Spectroscopy

Message from the Guest Editor

For many decades, Raman spectroscopy has not been considered a useful analytical tool because of the very low efficiency of “normal” Raman scattering (the typical cross-section for Raman scattering is 11 and 8 orders of magnitude smaller than the typical cross-sections for absorption in ultraviolet and infrared). However, by utilizing special electromagnetic resonators constructed from plasmonic metals, the Raman scattering cross-sections could be increased by many orders of magnitude, making possible the observation of good-quality Raman spectra of even a single molecule. This effect is called SERS (surface-enhanced Raman scattering). Crucial to obtaining strong SERS signal is the application of an efficient SERS substrate. This Special Issue of *Nanomaterials* will attempt to cover the recent advances in nanomaterials for SERS spectroscopy, concerning not only their synthesis, but also simulations of the obtained local SERS enhancement factors and the applications of new nanomaterials in chemical and biochemical SERS analysis.

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