

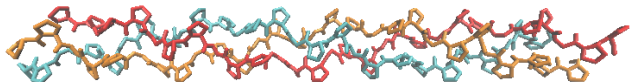
UV-visible optical probes in biomimetic environments

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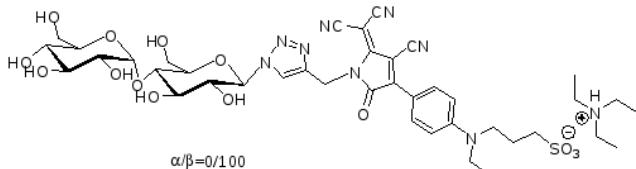
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- Collagen-mimicking peptides



- Artificial probes grafted on sugars



How does the environment / conformations influence the optical properties ?

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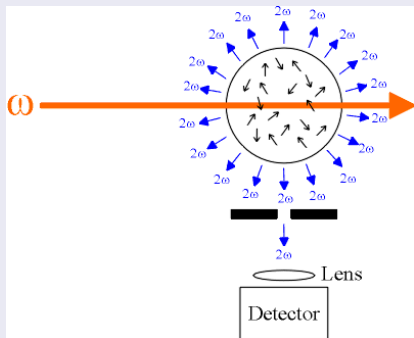
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- 1 SHG of collagen-mimicking peptides
 - Motivations : beyond SHG imaging
 - Theoretical approach
- 2 Exogeneous probes grafted on sugars

SHG imaging of biological tissues... and beyond

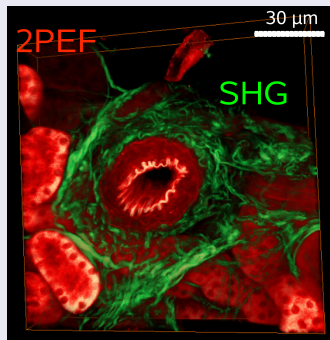
Second Harmonic Generation

2 photons $\hbar\omega \Rightarrow$ 1 photon $2\hbar\omega$



Endogeneous chromophores

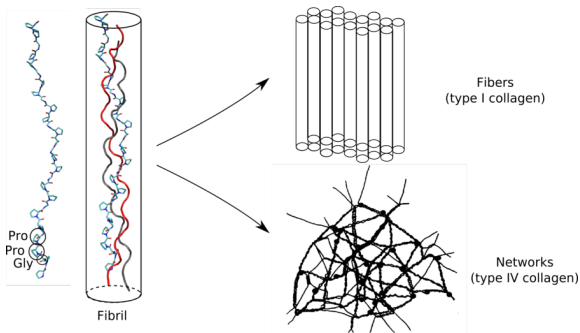
Arcuate artery in a fibrotic murine kidney



Strupler *et al.* *Opt. Express* (2007)

Questions

- SHG signal of collagen ... from peptide bonds ?
- Structure/reponse relationship ?
- Difference between native and denaturated states ?



Second Harmonic Generation of a small molecule

Non linear response : Hyperpolarizability β

Induced Dipole Moment $\vec{\mu}$ under a **STRONG** electric field \vec{E}

$$\mu_i = \mu_i^0 + \sum_j \alpha_{ij} E_j + \sum_{j,k} \beta_{ijk} E_j E_k$$

Two-states Model (Oudar 1977)

$$\beta_{ijk}(0) \propto \frac{\mu_i^{eg} \mu_j^{eg} (\mu_k^e - \mu_k^g)}{(E^e - E^g)^2}$$

$$\beta_{ijk}(\omega) = \frac{\beta_{ijk}(0)}{\left(1 - \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_0^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{4\omega^2}{\omega_0^2}\right)}$$

Easy case

Conformations

PDB, classical MD

+ Quantum Chemistry

LR-DFT, FF-CAS(PT2)

\Rightarrow \langle Optical properties \rangle

Additive model for the hyperpolarizability...

For a peptide of N amino-acids

$$\beta^{peptide} = \sum_i^{N-1} R_i \beta_{(i,i+1)}$$

$\beta_{(i,i+1)}$ for 1 peptide bond between a.a. i and $i + 1$

R_i = Rotation matrix as a function of Euler angles α, β, γ

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha & 0 \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \beta & -\sin \beta \\ 0 & \sin \beta & \cos \beta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \gamma & -\sin \gamma & 0 \\ \sin \gamma & \cos \gamma & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

References : Sunberg J Chem Phys (1977)

Approximations !

- Neglect polarisation effects : $\beta_{(i,i+1)} \sim \beta_0$
- Neglect charge transfer between amino-acids
- Neglect terminal chromophores
- Neglect destructive interferences at longer distances

Choice of the parameters β_0 ?

- fit on experimental data... underdetermined
- use theoretical data...

Typical results : N-methylamide

NV1 Excitations energies (eV)

TDDFT (SAOP/QZ4P)	7.03
CASPT2 (ANO-TZP/6 electrons, 10 orbitals)	6.88
exp. VUV abs. spectrum	~6.8

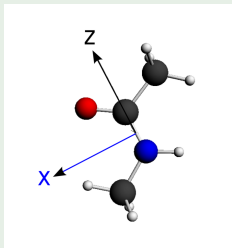
Hyperpolarizability at 800nm (TDDFT, SAOP/QZ4P)

$$|\beta| = 0.5 \times 10^{-30} \text{esu (T conv.)}$$

$$\beta_{xxx} = 100\%$$

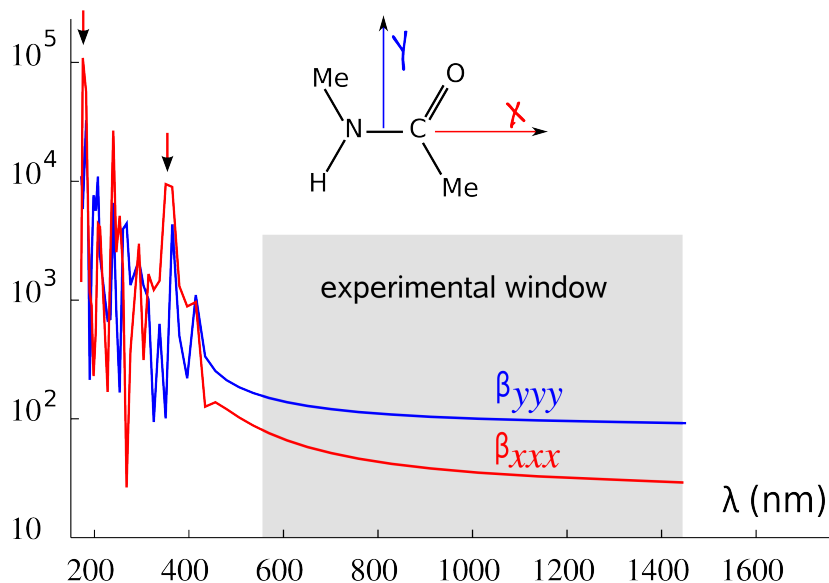
$$\beta_{xzz} \sim \beta_{zxx} \sim \beta_{zzx} \sim 30\%$$

$$\beta_{xxz} \sim \beta_{zxx} \sim \beta_{xzx} \sim 23\%$$



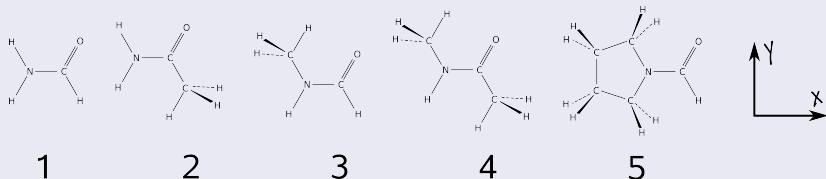
CH₃ orientation not important !

Importance of wavelength



Choice of the parameters ?

A reasonable guess ...amide molecules



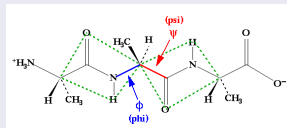
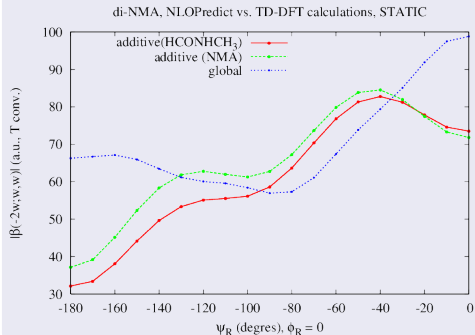
β_{SHG} at 800 nm (au)

LR-DFT (SAOP/QZ4P) calculations (T conv.)

Mol.	β_{yyy}	β_{xxx}	β_{xyy}	β_{xzz}	β_{yxx}	β_{yzz}	$ \beta $
1	50	27	18	6	8	6	50
2	39	8	7	2	7	9	32
3	55	8	11	15	9	-1	32
4	44	-13	15	7	12	2	23
5	50	1	20	20	16	4	43

How bad is that simplistic approach ?

Additive model vs. full calculations (di-peptide model)



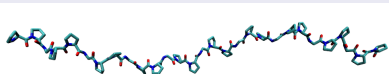
"Conjugated" / extended conformations are hopeless !

Native Conformation

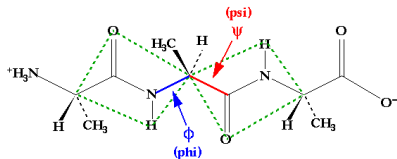
Collagen-like peptides in PDB

about 20 structures in the Protein Data Bank...

- 1ZWB = (Hyp-Hyp-Gly)₁₀
- 1CAG = (Pro-Hyp-Gly)₁₀
- 1K6F = (Pro-Pro-Gly)₁₀
- ...



Ramachandran angles



$$\Phi = -70^\circ$$

$$\Psi = +170^\circ$$

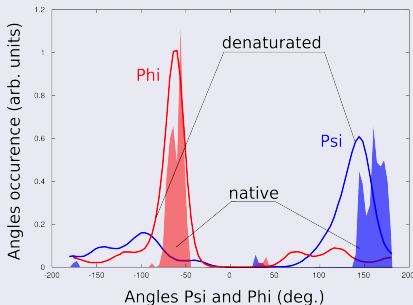
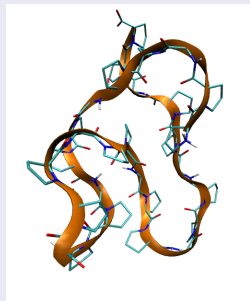
- ↪ no dispersion
- ↪ no length-dependency
- ↪ no sequence-dependency

Denaturated Conformation

Numerical Simulations of (Pro-Pro-Gly)₁₀ in solution

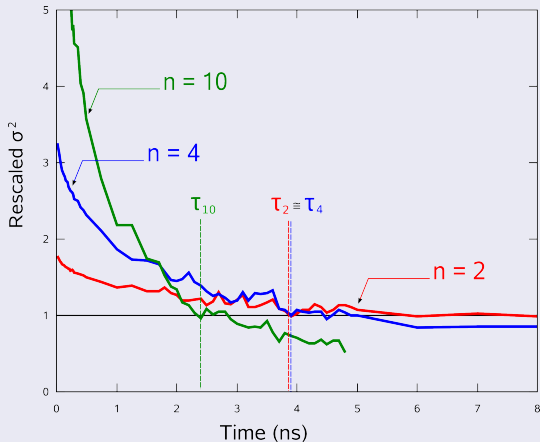
- 7273 water molecules + (PPG)₁₀ + Na⁺ + Cl⁻
- NPT ensemble (1 atm, 300K)
- Standard molecular dynamics simulation (GROMACS)

...15 independent conformations (70 ns simulation)



Denaturated Conformation

Analysis of decorrelation time $\rightsquigarrow \tau \simeq 5$ ns



Reference for the analysis method : E. Lyman et al. *J.Phys.Chem.B* (2007)

Results for a peptide model : (Pro-Pro-Gly)₁₀

Solutions of native and denaturated peptides.
Comparison for a single strand.

Observables

$$\frac{|\beta|_{denat}}{|\beta|_{nat}}$$

$$D = \frac{|\langle \beta_{XXX}^2 \rangle|}{|\langle \beta_{XZZ}^2 \rangle|}$$

$$u = \frac{\beta_{zxx}}{\beta_{zzz}}$$

Theoretical vs. exp results

		Native	Denaturated
theory	$\frac{ \beta _{denat}}{ \beta _{nat}}$	3.1	
	D	0.15	0.5 ± 0.1
	u	0.9	
exp.	$\frac{ \beta _{denat}}{ \beta _{nat}}$	≤ 3	
	D	0.11	NA
	u	0.2-0.7	

Deniset-Besseau *et al.* *J Phys Chem A* (2009)

C. Loison *et al.* *J Phys Chem A* (2010)

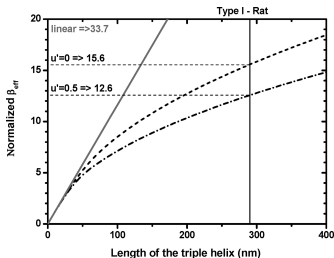
Refining the additive model.

- Polarization and charge transfer between 1st neighbors

$$\frac{\beta_{iiz}}{\beta_{zzz}} = 0.9 \Rightarrow 0.7$$

Tuer et al. *J Phys Chem B* (2011)

- Phase factor



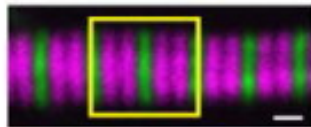
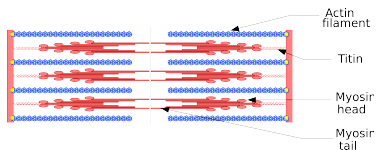
Deniset-Besseau et al. *J Phys Chem A* (2009)

- Collective excitation modes Terenzian et al. *J Phys Chem B* (2008)

Conclusions

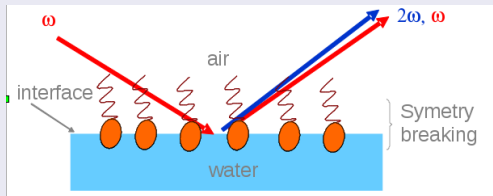
- Additive model seems to work for collagen
- No transferability for different wavelength !
- No transferability to arbitrary conformations (extended)
- β remains very small \Rightarrow Fibrillar structure necessary !
- Fibrils of α -helices : also strong SHG ...
no exp. data yet on small peptides.

Sarcomer of a muscle fibril (SHG is violet)



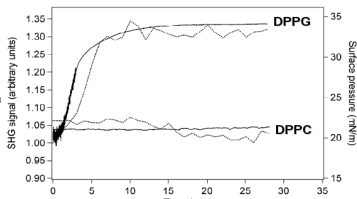
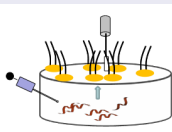
SHG of biomolecules at interfaces

SHG of Langmuir films of lipids



Mitchell et al. *J Chem Phys* (2005)

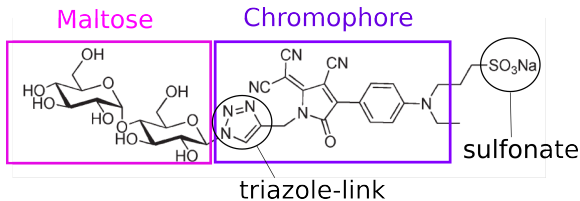
SHG following the adsorption of peptides



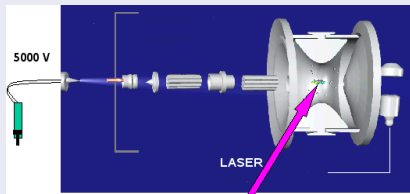
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Chromophore grafted on sugars



schematic experimental setup

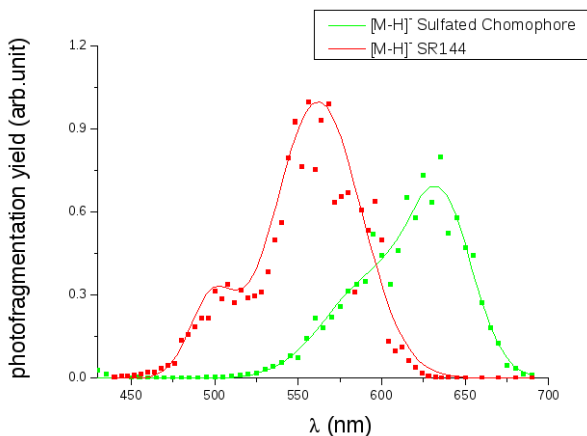


Hypothesis : fragmentation yield \simeq absorption probability

A. Rocaud et al. *J. Mol Struct. Theochem* (2010) and *J. Am. Soc. Mass Spectrom* (2009)

Absorption of dye and dye-grafted sugars

Influence of intermolecular interactions on the UV absorption !



Questions ...

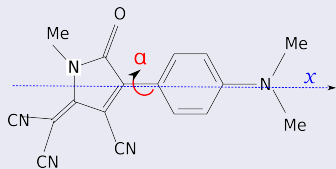
- Understand the shift due to the sugar ?
- Shift structure-dependant ?

Study the optical response of the probe

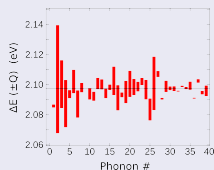
- 1 Optical response
⇒ quantum chemical calculations (TD-DFT)
- 2 Structure of the sugar and probe
⇒ classical MD calculations + DFT calculations

Probe Model : Structure/Response Relationship

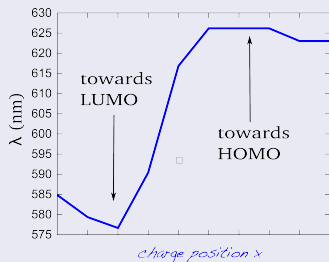
Model Molecule



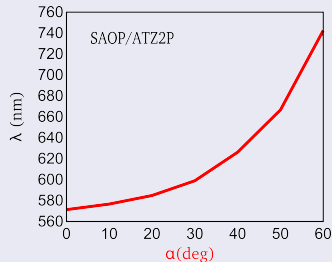
Influence of various phonons



Influence of a negative charge



Influence of α dihedral angle

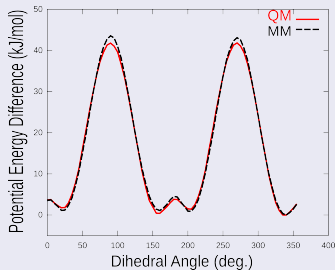
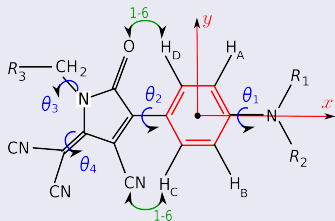


MD parametrisation of the chromophore

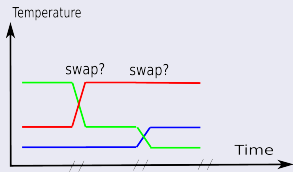
Model : classical MD

- OPLS-AA : sugars (2009), pyrrole and pyrazole (1998)
- Charges from RESP from small molecules
- Angles from DFT total energy curves (M06-2X/6-311+G*)

Match MM on QM curves for dihedral angles



Principle of REMD



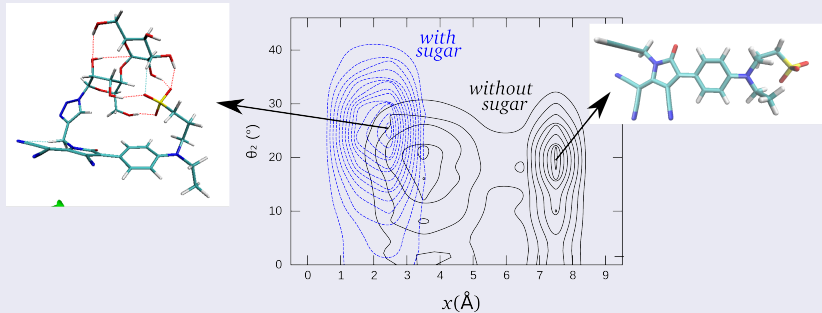
Metropolis exchange

$$w(T \rightarrow T') = \max \left\{ e^{(\Delta\beta)(\Delta E^{pot})}, 1 \right\}$$

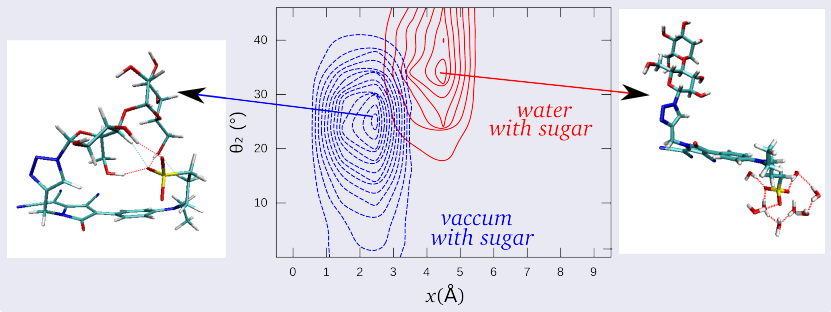
Sugita and Okamoto *Chem. Phys. Lett.* (1999)

- Exchange every 100 fs
- 28 trajectories of 50 ns
- from 65 K to 2800K
- Berendsen thermostat
- high T necessary for the complex form!
- about 10^4 PM6 structure optimization
- selection $\Delta E \leq 3RT$
 \Rightarrow 45 geometries

Impact of sugar in the gas phase



Impact of solvent on conformation



From the gas phase calculations at $T = 300\text{K}$

- Dihedral angle $\langle |\theta_2| \rangle$
 - no sugar : $21 \pm 2^\circ$
 - with sugar $24 \pm 7^\circ$

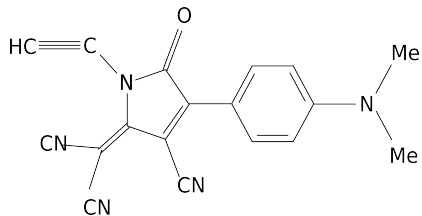
⇒ no impact here

- Charge position $\langle x \rangle$
 - no sugar : towards amine (HOMO)
 - with sugar : towards sugars

⇒ can explain the blue shift

- Back-mapping necessary and difficult
- Force-Fields for conjugated π systems are tricky
- Correlations between parameters (bonds-angles, polarization)
- Gas phase : not so simple !

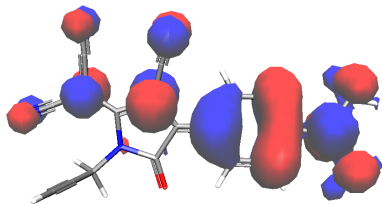
UV Optical response of a probe model



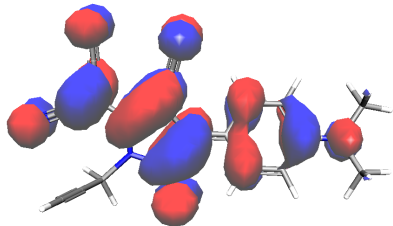
TD-DFT (SAOP/ATZ2P)
 ΔE (HOMO-LUMO) ~ 2.05 eV

Model : no sulfonate, no sugars !

HOMO (donor)



LUMO (acceptor)



Results for a collagen model : (Pro-Pro-Gly)₁₀

HRS data

$$\frac{|\beta|_{denat}}{|\beta|_{nat}} = 0.3$$

$$D = \frac{|\langle \beta_{xxx}^2 \rangle|}{|\langle \beta_{zzz}^2 \rangle|}$$

$$D = 0.11$$

$$u =$$

$$u \in 0.2 - 0.7$$

Theoretical results for various input parameters

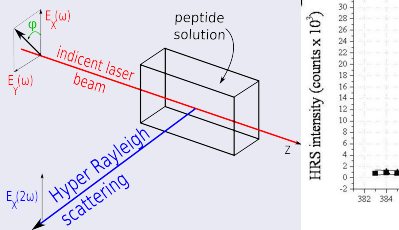
β_0		Native	Denaturated
1	$ \beta $	2.7	0.9±0.2
	D	0.51	0.25±0.1
	u	-0.3	
4	$ \beta $	3.5	1.1 ± 0.2
	D	0.15	0.5 ± 0.1
	u	0.9	
5	$ \beta $	1.85	1.2±0.2
	D	0.46	0.45±0.2
	u	-1.3	

Native : X-ray structure (1K6F.pdb)

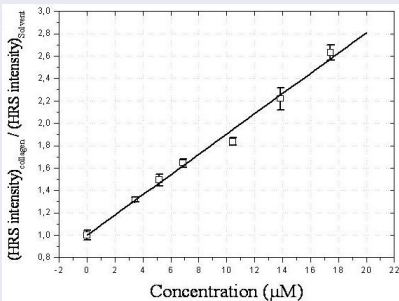
Denaturated : from classical MD in water

Hyper Rayleigh Scattering of (Pro-Pro-Gly)₁₀

Spectrum



Analysis



$$\text{slope} \propto \left(\frac{\beta_{\text{peptide}}}{\beta_{\text{solvent}}} \right)^2$$

A. Deniset-Besseau et al. , *J.Phys.Chem.B* (2009)

Theoretical results for (PPG)₁₀ - single strand

Conformation	native (exp.)	denaturated (exp.)
$ \beta (800nm)$	7.15 (20) (400)	2.9 ± 0.8 (-) (160)
$D = \frac{ \langle \beta_{xxx}^2 \rangle }{ \langle \beta_{xzz}^2 \rangle }$	0.13 (0.13) (0.11)	0.47 ± 0.17 (-) (0.30)

Optical Properties of native (PPG)₁₀ triple helix

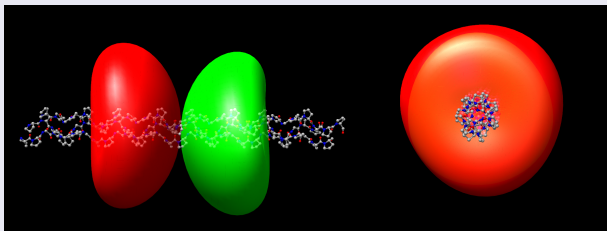
Major components of β (at 800 nm, 1K6F configuration)

$$\beta_{zzz} = 100\%$$

$$\beta_{xxz} = \beta_{xzx} = \beta_{zxx} \sim 87\%$$

$$|\beta_{other}| \leq 10\%$$

$$\beta_{yyz} = \beta_{yzy} = \beta_{zyy} \sim 80\%$$



↔ almost symmetry C_∞ with principal axis along the triple helix