

The assessment of the physiology and the biochemistry of microalgae thru noninvasive approaches offers new perspectives for their monitoring in PBRs







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A matter of history



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Application to Bioprocesse



Conception

A matter of history with different time lags





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Monitoring components of bioprocesses





Monitoring components of bioprocesses





















Non-invasive approaches ... spectroscopy





Raman Spectroscopy

Non-invasive approaches ... spectroscopy





Non-invasive approaches ... spectroscopy





Radiowave spectroscopies to monitor lipid accumulation in oleaginous microalgae

NMR spectroscopy on entire microalgae





Magnet - Normally Superconducting.

Frequency generator Creates an alternating current that induces B₁.

Detector

NMR recent technological breakthrough

magritek



1.0

0.5

High field spectrometer 700 MHz



Low field spectrometer 43 MHz



Residual water

saturated lipids

NMR spectra informations interpretation





- Non-destructive, reproducible
- No lipid derivatization
- Only one internal standard (no lipid standards needed)
 - quantitative NMR approaches:
 - 1D ¹H NMR
 - 1D ¹³C NMR
 - Quantitative 2D NMR

¹H NMR





- Highly overlapped ¹H NMR
- Baseline distorded

Accessible information:

- concentration of total fatty chains
- concentration of unstaurated fatty chains
- triglyceride ratio
- ω -3 ratio
- low accuracy
- fast

¹³C NMR





- much more resolved spectrum
- more accurate
- more information
- less sensitive

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- concentration of unsaturated fatty chains
- triglyceride ratio

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- ω -3, ω -6, ω -7, ω -9 ratios





¹H NMR quantification

Concentration (mmol.L ⁻¹)	Starved ?	Fatty chains	% Saturated	% Triglyceride
PK 61e-30	Yes	42	28	54
PK 61e-20	Yes	24	44	46
РК 62е	Yes	46	29	67
NGSCe	Yes	102	41	81
РК 59е-А	No	12	68	-
РК 59е-В	No	15	50	-
РК 50е-Н	No	11	44	-
РК 33е	No	13	16	-

¹³C NMR quantification

Concentration (mmol.L-1)	Fatty chains #1	Fatty chains #2	Fatty chains #3	Omega-3	Omega-6	Omega-7	Omega-9	Unsaturated
NGSCe	135	140	134	10	19,1	25	22	68,7
PK60e	126	163	131	51,7	21,6	-	0,5	73,6
PK61e-30	72	76,6	69,3	19	16,2	-	4,4	36,9

Benchtop NMR?



Improve NMR accessibility

reduced size

transportable

no cryogenic liquid

low cost



Lower sensitivity and resolution

Prototype : gradient coil

Advanced solvent suppression pulse sequences UltraFast NMR DOSY NMR



Benchtop NMR used for reaction monitoring

On line monitoring - water signal





- Need to remove water peak
- W5 provides the best water peak reduction



On line monitoring - matrix effect





- Need of flow measurements
- Intracellular lipids give rise to large peaks
- the main one is still visible at 43 MHz, used to monitor the lipid production



On line monitoring - coupling PBR/NMR



- Microalgae cultivation system
- Bypass loop (11 mL)
- Online analysis
- Flow rate 2 mL.min⁻¹
- One spectrum per hour









On line monitoring - the raw data





On line monitoring - results









More details in • **CHEMPHYS**CHEM ★ ChemPubSoc DOI: 10.1002/cphc.201801116 Articles Received: 26 October 2018 Revised: 17 December 2018 Accepted: 19 December 2018 DOI: 10.1002/mrc.4821 WILEY SPECIAL ISSUE MINI-REVIEW Highly Resolved Pure-Shift Spectra on a Compact NMR Spectrometer Benchtop NMR for the monitoring of bioprocesses Thomas Castaing-Cordier, ^[a] Dylan Bouillaud, ^[a] Paul Bowyer, ^[b] Olivier Goncalves, ^[c] Patrick Giraudeau,*^[a, d] and Jonathan Farjon*^[a] Dylan Bouillaud^{1,2} | Jonathan Farjon¹ 💿 | Olivier Gonçalves² 💿 | Patrick Giraudeau^{1,3} 💿 Process Biochemistry xxx (xxxx) xxx-xxx Algal Research xxx (xxxx) xxx-xxx Contents lists available at ScienceDirect Contents lists available at ScienceDirect Algal Research **Process Biochemistry** journal homepage: http://ees.elsevier.com journal homepage: http://ees.elsevier.com Benchtop flow NMR spectroscopy as an online device for the in vivo monitoring of lipid accumulation in microalgae Using benchtop NMR spectroscopy as an online non-invasive in vivo lipid sensor for Dylan Bouillaud^{a,b}, Vladimir Heredia^b, Thomas Castaing-Cordier^a, Delphine Drouin^b, Olivier Gonçalves^b, microalgae cultivated in photobioreactors Jonathan Farjon^{a,*}, Patrick Giraudeau^{a,c} Dylan Bouillaud^{a,b}, Delphine Drouin^b, Benoît Charrier^a, Corentin Jacquemmoz^a, Jonathan Farjon^a, Patrick Giraudeau^a, Olivier Goncalves^{b,*} ^a Université de Nantes, CEISAM, UMR CNRS 6230, BP 92208, 2 rue de la Houssinière, 44322 Nantes Cedex 3, France ^b Université de Nantes, GEPEA, UMR CNRS 6144, 37 boulevard de l'Université, 44600 Saint-Nazaire Cedex, France

NMR spectroscopy

Very promising...



High-field spectrometer

- Assignment improvements
- Analytical specifications determination by comparison with reference techniques
- Approaches comparison

Benchtop spectrometer

- Relative quantitative data compared with reference techniques
- Biological interpretation
- Coupling with specific cultivations
 biological information



High-field spectrometer

- sensitivity improvement
- absolute quantification

Benchtop spectrometer

- sensitivity improvment
- sensitivity to temperature

water signal suppression

- increase the force field





- New spectrometric multiparametric sensors
- Very promising
- Still needing improvment
 - robsutness
 - matrix effect
 - "growth stages" (physiology)
 - semi quantitative
 - RTO



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FTIR spectra of Chlorella vulgaris

FTIR Principle

Baker et al. 2014

Infrared spectroscopy for PBR monitoring



• Water sensitive : off-line and need to dry the sample







• Molecular probing approach - SCN⁻

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ORIGINAL PAPER

Influence of physical and chemical properties of HTSXT-FTIR samples on the quality of prediction models developed to determine absolute concentrations of total proteins, carbohydrates and triglycerides: a preliminary study on the determination of their absolute concentrations in fresh microalgal biomass

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• Wave number shifts



Influence of the sampling method



• Wave number shifts - hydrogen bonding network



Influence of the sampling method



• Wave number shifts - hydrogen bonding network



Influence on the error of prediction



 Strong influence of the sampling method thru molecular probing approach SCN⁻



Infrared spectroscopy for PBR monitoring

- Real conditions
 - Nannochloropsis oculata Airlift PBR (5 L)
 - Filtered sea water (0.2 µm)
 - Conway 3N3P medium
 - Light: 110 µmol/m²/s
- Model construction and test
 - Progressive starvation, optimize dynamical range of the intracellular TL (3N3P with 3P-N)
 - Calibration, max concentration : 0.4 g/L
 - Test, max concentration : 1.2 g/L
- Off-line monitoring FTIR/GCFID
 - 30 mL sampled (centri, washed, NB cells, DW, pigments)
 - GCFID (TL-FA, 5 replicates)
 - FTIR (1µL deposit 384 wells plate , 5 replicates)





Infrared spectra on fresh cells





Infrared spectra on fresh cells : heterogeneity



Monitoring results



• From 10% to 60% lipids DW ; 50 data points with GCFID, 50 spectra with FTIR



Performances of the multivariate model



	Pre-processing	Spectral region (cm⁻ ¹)	RMSE (CV and P)	Number of PLS components	R ² (%)
Cross validation	None	1,838–1,477 1,118–758	1.29	6	99.66
External validation	None	1,838–1,477 1,118–758	1.81	7	99.38

Table 1 PLS-R quality parameters for cross and test set validation for the selected model

 R^2 is the coefficient of determination

RMSECV root mean square error of cross validation, RMSEP root mean square error of prediction for the external validation



Robustness of the multivariate model







- Small volume sample (1 mL of a typical PBR culture)
- Fast (within 30 minutes)
- Accurate (as accurate as the reference method)
- Robust (physiological independant)
- High-throughput (up to 300 samples automatically)
- Can be inserted after your cells washing and counting protocol steps

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Unravelling the matrix effect of fresh sampled cells for in vivo unbiased FTIR determination of the absolute concentration of total lipid content of microalgae

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Diesalg (2012 - 2015)



- Microalgae dependent (error up to 150% for *C. reinhardtii, C. kessleri and N. oleoabundans*)
- Semi quantitative still interresting
- Remote IR probe (ATR) ?

 WATER contribution?
 Automatized deposit and dry steps?
 Bypass on the PBR?
 Matrix effect?
 EX SITU



• Raman for IN SITU?

Raman spectroscopy







Raman shift cm⁻¹

Raman effect

Raman spectra of Chlorella vulgaris (785 nm)

Raman spectroscopy

Carbohydrates

Nucleic acids

Pigments

Proteins and or Lipids



Raman shift cm⁻¹

Raman spectra of Chlorella vulgaris (785 nm)

Raman spectroscopy for PBR monitoring



• Water non-sensitive : on-line possible but still need to dry the sample on gold surface to understand the effect of the laser beam power on the cells



Microspectrometer Bruker Senterra - 785 nm



Spectrometer with optical fiber *Renishaw RA100 - 532 nm*



- Need to prepare a bank of spectra during the microalgae growth in PBR (off line)
- 3000 spectra and 16 days of growth in PBR

<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>
Robustess	Biologicical variability	Experimental variability	Data acquisition
Photiobioreactors triplicates	Two samples by reactor	Two deposits by sample (<i>Chlamydomonas reinhardtii</i>)	14 spectra by deposit

Raman spectra are growth dependant







Raman spectra are growth dependant





Raman spectra are growth dependant



Raman shift	Main attribution
(cm ⁻¹)	
517	Polysaccharides δ(C-H ₂), δ(C-OH) [58]
600 - 800	DNA and RNA bases (ring breathing) [58]
744	Carbohydrates, chlorophyll a δ (H-C-O), δ (N-C-C) [28]
915	Chlorophyll a δ(N-C-C), δ(C-C-C) [22]
988	Chlorophyll a δ(C-H ₃) [22]
1150	Carotenoid δ(C-C), δ(C-H) [22,57,58]
1186	Amino acids leucine, phenylalanine,
	chlorophyll a δ(C-H), v(N-C)[22]
1325	Chlorophyll a v(C-N), δ(C-H) [22]
1523	Carotenoid v(C=C) [22,57,60]
1656	Lipid, amide I v(C=C) cis [28,31,57]
1750	Lipid v(C=O) [26,31]





- Small volume sample (0,5 mL of a typical PBR culture)
- Fast (within few minutes)
- Accurate
- More details in





Fast non-invasive monitoring of microalgal physiological stage in photobioreactors through Raman spectroscopy



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• Possible to measure lipids for *P. kesslerii* at 532 nm, 5 mW, 3 sec acquisition time, on gold surface



Signal loss when working on line





Signal loss needs parameters optimisation

- Optimisation of time and laser power
- Focal point of the laser and the cells in the PBRs



Laser power 40 mW 80 mW







Turbidity

1 log 2 log 3 log









• Optimisation is growth stage dependant







• Optimisation is growth stage dependant





First proof of concept







Online Raman spectra were phases dependant





Raman shift (cm⁻¹)



Lipid production (J28-J33)

Stationnary (J10-J17)

Very promising...

- On line measurements are possible
- Lipids, pigments are easily detectable
- Semiquantitative





- Very dependent on the bank of spectra
- Developments of new probes, with enhanced features











Orama (2018 - 2022)

- Matrix effect?
- What about control strategies? RTO?
- And what if NMR new technological ruptur could bring something ?

