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In-situ surface-enhanced Raman scattering and FT-Raman spectroscopy of black prints

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Abstract

The black inkjet and laser prints were analysed with regard to application in forensic analysis of questioned documents. The purpose of this work was to study spectral properties and compare the suitability of surface-enhanced Raman scattering (SERS) with Fourier transform Raman spectra of prints. This work aimed to find optimal surface-enhanced Raman spectroscopic approach for the future analysis of documents using statistical methods. In this work, we analysed eight prints of four laser and four inkjet devices. The samples were measured using two dispersive Raman devices; (DXR Raman microscope with excitation line 532 nm, Foram 685-2 spectrometer - 685 nm) and FT-Raman devices (Bruker Spectrometer MultiRAM with excitation line 1064 nm). The silver nanoparticles (AgNPs) colloid for SERS experiment were synthesised and checked by UV-Vis spectroscopy and scanning electron microscopy (SEM). The remarkable differences caused by centrifugation of silver colloid were observed just in the SEM images. The main contribution of this paper is to propose the novel approach achieving sufficient SERS signal intensity of black prints using the both, laser and inkjet printers. Moreover, this method is based on just a single metal colloid, and the analysis can be performed in-situ, i.e. directly on the printed sample surface. We consider the SERS could by highly promising and universal for applications in the forensic analysis of Download English Version:

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