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The BIOCEV core facilities grouped in the Center of Molecular Structure (CMS) operated by the Institute of Biotechnology, represent shared resource of the state-of-the-art instruments and technologies for biophysical and structural characterization of macromolecules and their complexes



Biophysical core facility at CMS offers a services for the characterization of

- Biomolecular interactions
- Structure, stability and conformation of biomolecules

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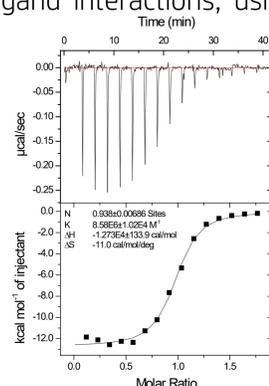
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## Analysis of biomolecular interactions

### MicroScale Thermophoresis (MST)

**Monolith NT.115** machine monitors binding of molecules from metal ions to proteins, liposomes and ribosomes on the base of detection of fluorescent dyes or fluorescent fusion proteins.

**Monolith NT.LabelFree** allows characterization of protein-ligand interactions, using the intrinsic tryptophan fluorescence.

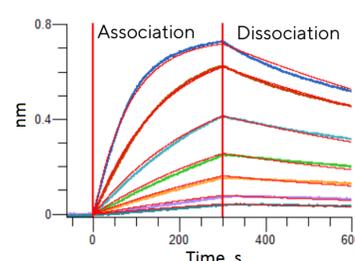


### Isothermal Titration Calorimetry (ITC)

for the characterizing biomolecular interactions, without labeling or immobilization by means of highly sensitive, low volume device **iTC200** microcalorimeter.

Provides a complete thermodynamic profile of binding: dissociation constant, reaction, stoichiometry, enthalpy, entropy.

### BioLayer Interferometry (BLI)



**OCTET R8** instrument enables label-free measurement of kinetics and affinity of biomolecular binding. Octet R8 is a fluidics-free, low maintenance detection system. Eight parallel, independent channels provide maximum speed, sensitivity and flexibility.

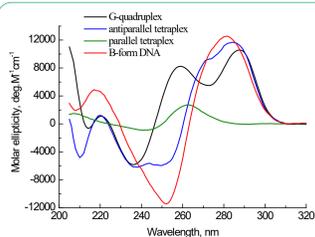
### Surface plasmon resonance (SPR)

technology is used in the ProteOn™ XPR36 protein interaction array system to detect binding between ligand immobilized on a sensor chip and analyte flowing over it in a microfluidic channel. Enables the simultaneous injection of six ligands and six analytes.

## Determination of structure, stability and conformation

### Circular Dichroism (CD) spectroscopy

**Chirascan™-plus** for the determination of secondary structure of proteins, folding and refolding, conformation of DNA, ligand induced changes in structure and stability.



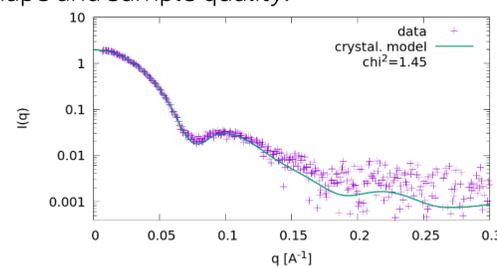
### UV/Vis spectrometry

**Specord 50 Plus spectrometer** allows to study the stability of biomolecules and enzymatic reactions.

### Small-angle X-ray scattering (SAXS)

**SAXSpoint 2.0** is designed to measure SAXS on biological macro-molecules. The method provides information particle size, shape and sample quality.

The measurement can be complemented with in-situ UV-Vis spectroscopy and size-exclusion chromatography. The instrument is equipped with high brilliance Excillum MetalJet C2+ X-ray source and Dectris Eiger 1M detector.

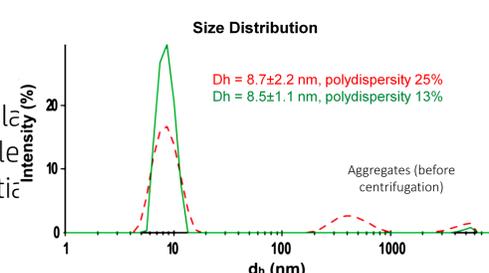


### Optical tweezers and confocal microscope

**C-trap** correlative optical tweezers and confocal microscope for single molecule experiments, which offers the study of interaction dynamics, providing a unique way of observing and measuring molecule interactions and mechanical properties of biomolecules.

### Dynamic light scattering (DLS)

**Zetasizer Nano ZS90 and Zetasizer Ultra** systems for the characterization of molecular size and measurement of particle concentration, determination of zeta potential and molecular weight.



### Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC)

for the measurement of the stability of proteins, nucleic acids, micellar complexes and other macromolecular systems.

**Microcal VP-DSC** device allows to determine temperature of thermally-induced structural transitions, enthalpy of unfolding, heat capacity change.

### Differential Scanning Fluorescence (DSF) assay

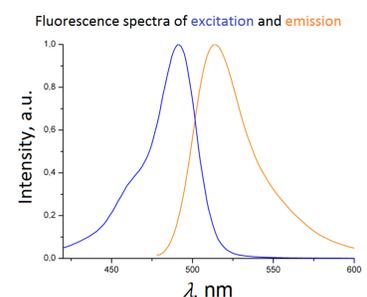
**Prometheus NT.48** device to study the protein stability using tyrosine and tryptophan fluorescence.

### Plate reader (absorbance, fluorescence, FRET)

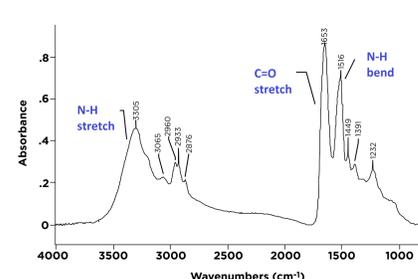
The **SPARK** microplate reader offers measurement of absorbance (from 200 to 1000 nm), fluorescence, including FRET and fluorescence polarization, and luminescence measurement with a high sensitivity.

### Spectrofluorimetry

**Spectrofluorimeter FLS1000** enables steady-state fluorescence spectra measurements in ultraviolet to the mid-infrared spectral range and fluorescence lifetimes spanning from picoseconds to seconds.



### Fourier-transformed Infrared Spectrometry (FTIR)



**Spectrometer Vertex 70v** is suitable for structural characterization of proteins and polypeptides, analysis of the impact of ligand-binding on the protein structure, studies of influence of pH, temperature and mutation on the protein stability, analyzing of physical states and sample amounts of DNA.