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Study on Perampanel for drug sensing by DFT and Raman spectroscopy

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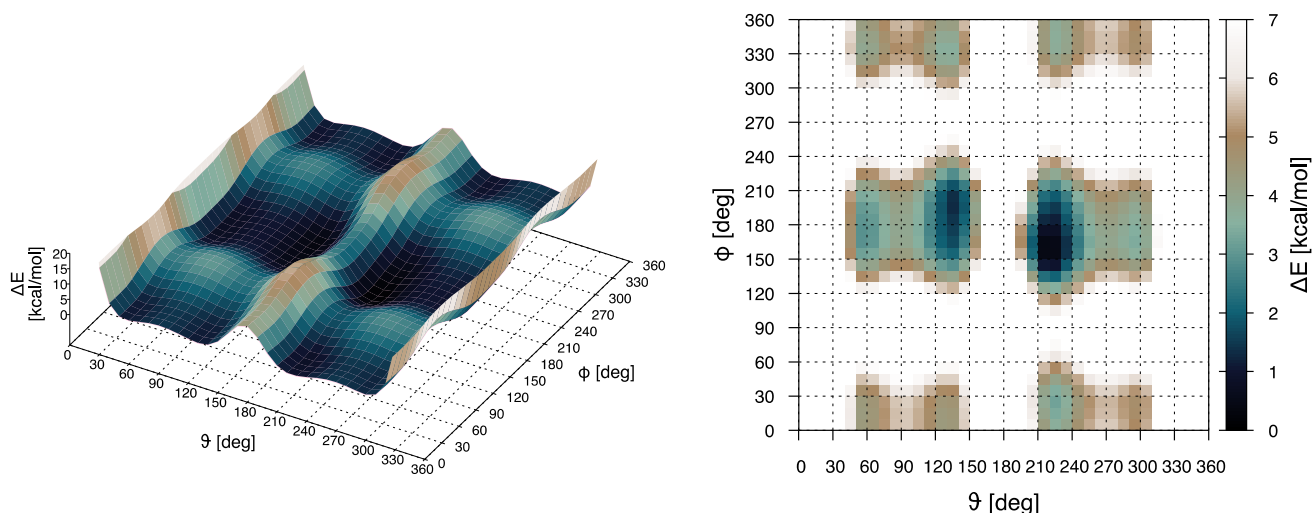
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Perampanel (PER) is an anti-epilepsy drug used to treat and prevent the onset of seizures. Given the seriousness of the treating disease and the potential collateral effects of PER, only a narrow dosage range can effectively treat the patients [1]. Therapeutic Drug Monitoring (TDM) is thus used to control the presence of PER in the patients' biological fluids, e.g., blood plasma [2].

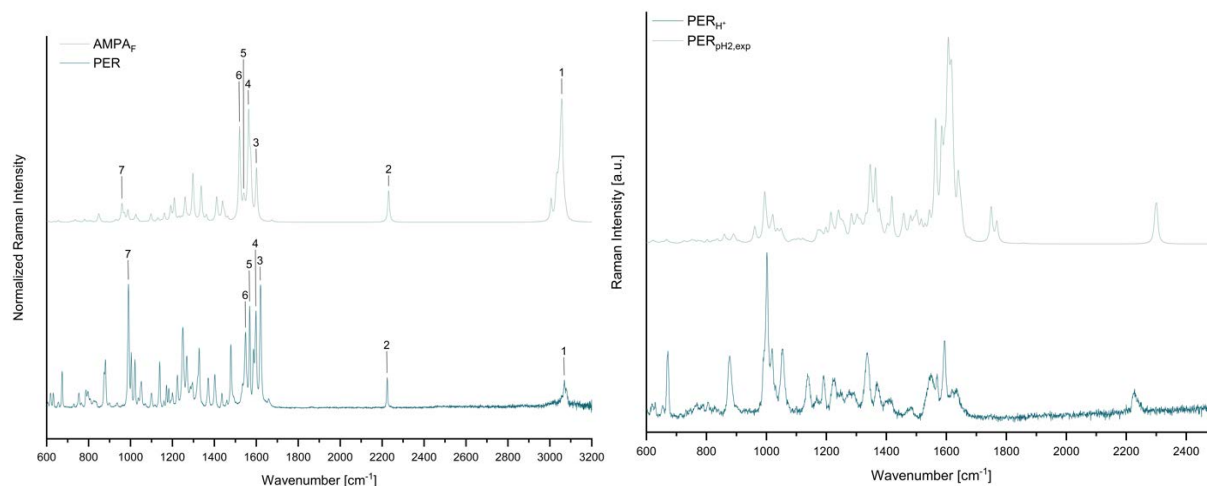
In recent years, to improve the patient's quality of life, non-invasive alternative techniques have been investigated to accompany and complement TDM. Specifically, Raman spectroscopy and SERS can detect Perampanel in its protonated forms [3][4]. But a detailed theoretical model of both the molecular and vibrational structure of PER is still lacking.

In such context, the work presented here is the computational effort aimed to produce a thorough model of the chemical and vibrational structure of PER. Using the B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) method, the Potential Energy Surface (PES) of PER was systematically investigated. The exploration of the PES brought up the equilibrium PER conformers, among which one matches the structure of PER within its target receptor as reported in the Protein Data Bank [5].



PES (left) and PES map (right) of PER.

From the equilibrium structures of PER, we could simulate the theoretical Raman spectra. Furthermore, since SERS analyses are performed in acidic conditions, by protonating such structures also the theoretical SERS spectrum could be determined. Comparing the theoretical Raman and SERS spectra with the experimental data [4] gave a promisingly good match, which validates this model as a benchmark for future vibrational spectroscopy studies on PER.



Comparison between theoretical (top) and experimental (bottom) Raman (left) and SERS (right) spectra.

A conformational study based on Molecular Mechanics (MM) and Molecular Dynamics (MD) simulations of PER in vacuo and in explicit water is ongoing [6]. The adsorption process on the gold surface will be investigated for comparison with experimental data [7].

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