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Localized Electrochemistry for Functional Surfaces.

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Surfaces functionalization presents growing interests due to the large range of possible applications as for example those in analytical, bio-analytical chemistry or molecular electronic. In relation with these expending fields, the developments of electrochemistry at a local scale (micro- and nano-electrochemistry) appear as versatile and straightforward means for building and analysing functionalized and nanostructured surfaces.

In this lecture, we will discuss how a surface reaction and properties of a functionalized surface on different common substrates (Si, C, Pt, Au,...) could be probed, controlled and optimized through adapted and relatively low cost electrochemical techniques, the Scanning Electrochemical Microscopy (SECM) being particularly well-adapted. When used with specific probes, SECM provides a direct chemical view of the surface properties.

Different illustrative examples will be presented taken from our studies in relation with surface reactions as those implying ROS (reactive oxygen species), « click » chemistry coupling, enhancement of charge tunnelling, applications in electroanalysis.

