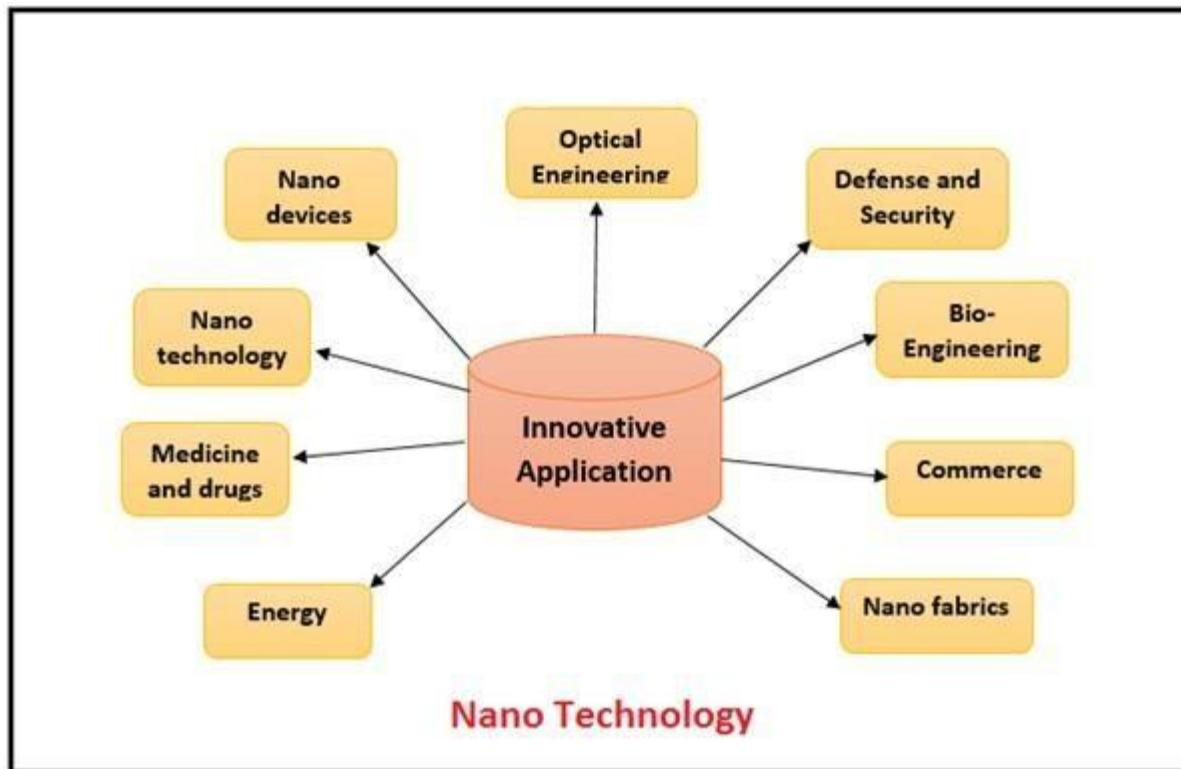


**Nanotechnology** is science, engineering, and technology conducted at the nanoscale, which is about 1 to 100 nanometer

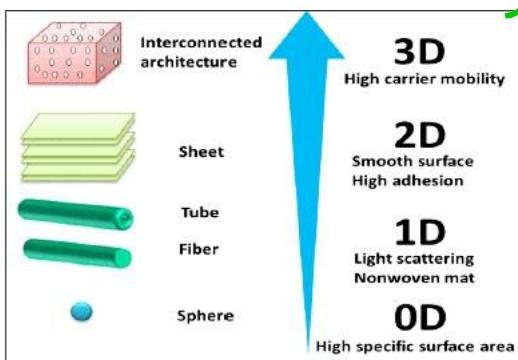


# Nanomaterials

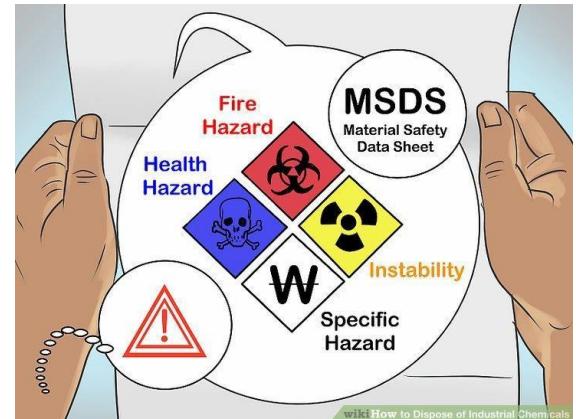
## Pros



- ✓ Different chemical nature
- ✓ Different morphologies
- ✓ High surface/volume ratio
- ✓ High functionalizability
- ✓ Easy interfaceability
- ✓ Size/morphology dependent properties → **tunability**



**sensitivity & selectivity improvement**



## Potential drawbacks

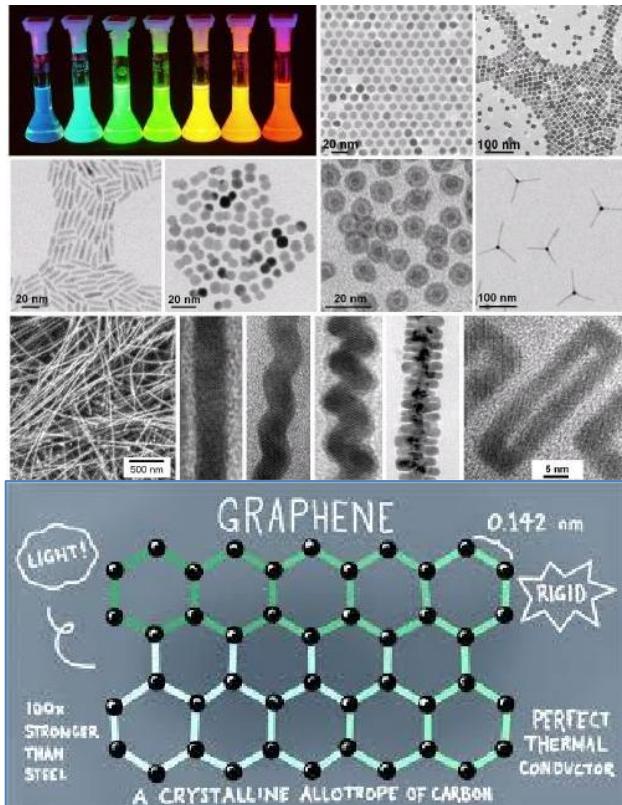


? Waste disposal

? Potential toxicity

Figure 1: Schematic illustration of structural dimensionality of nanomaterials with expected properties.

# Nanomaterials employed in electrochemical sensor



## Carbon based nanomaterials:

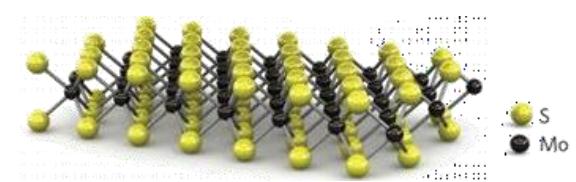
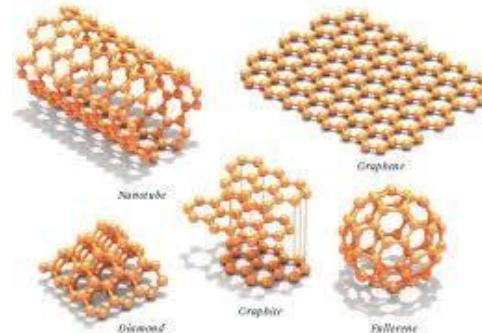
- Nanotubes
- Fullerenes
- Graphene
- Etc...

## Nanoparticles:

- Metal nanoparticles
- Metal Oxide nanoparticles

## Graphene-like nanomaterials:

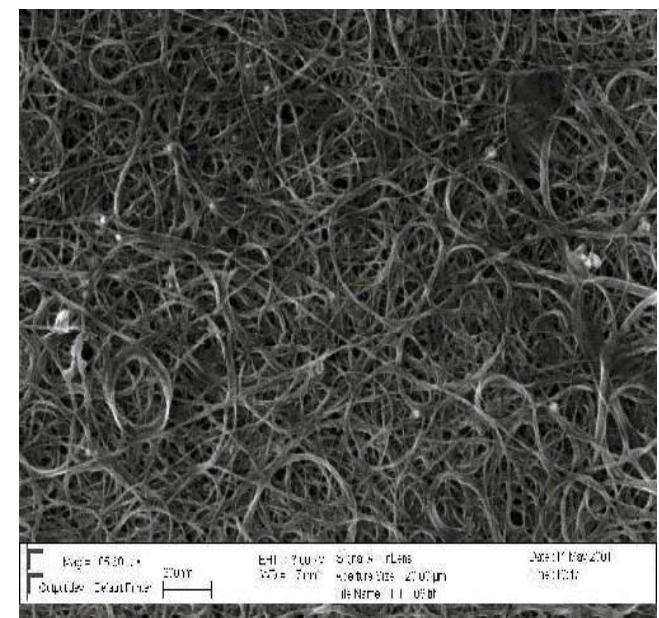
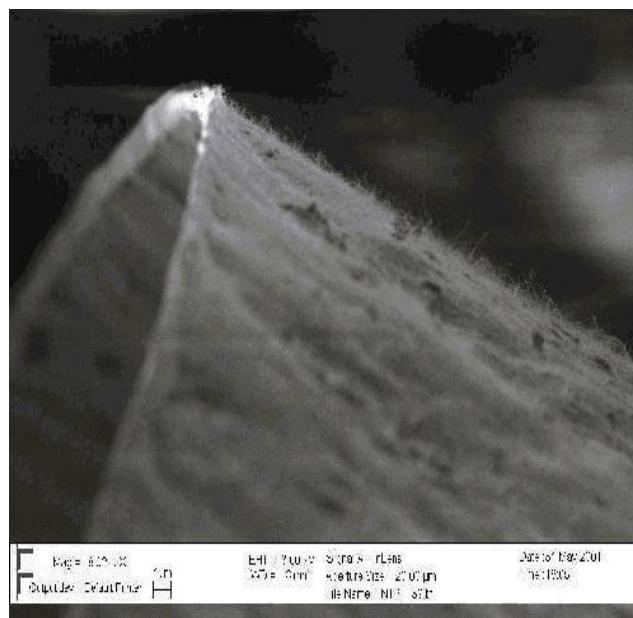
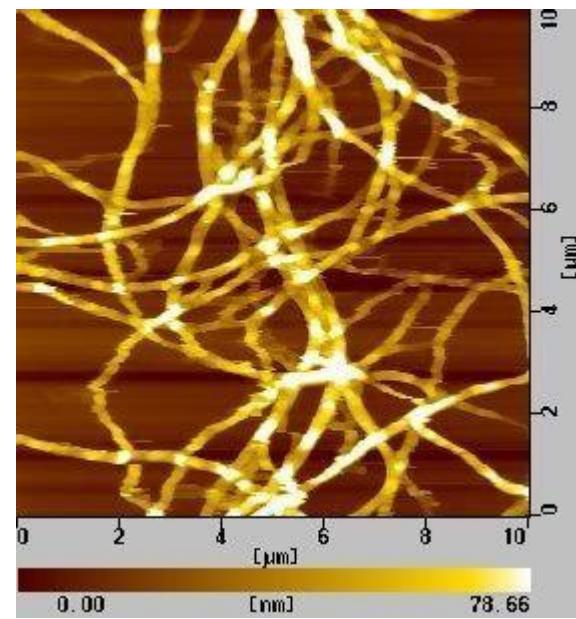
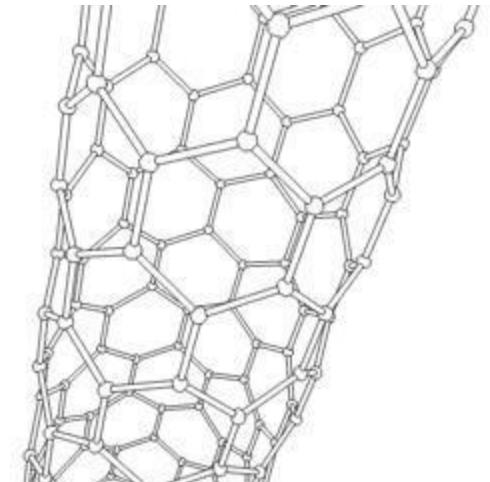
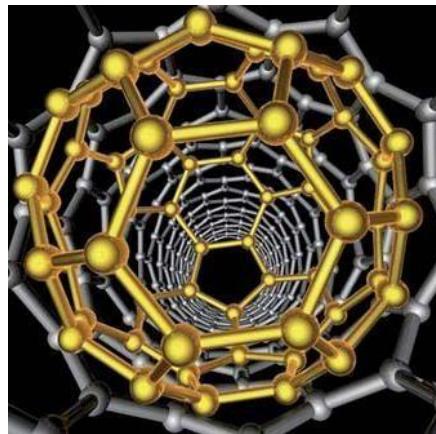
- e.g. Transition Metal Dicalchogenised (TMD)



# CARBON NANOTUBES

## CHARACTERISTICS

- porous structure;
- high mechanical strength;
- easy to be modified;



# GRAPHENE: THE CARBON-BASED 'WONDER MATERIAL'

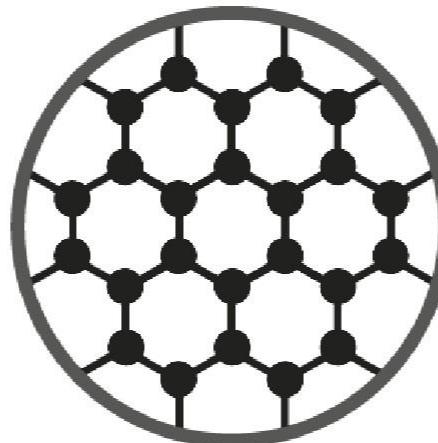
Since its discovery in 2003, graphene has been a hot topic in chemistry and materials science research. It's been linked with water purification, electronics, and biomedical applications. However, how close are we really to using graphene in our day-to-day lives? This graphic looks at its properties, uses, and future.

## WHAT IS GRAPHENE?



SINGLE LAYER OF CARBON ATOMS  
HONEYCOMB-LIKE STRUCTURE  
GRAPHITE IS LAYERS OF GRAPHENE  
ISOLATED IN 2003 IN MANCHESTER

Graphene is a single layer of graphite, the carbon-based material found in pencil leads. Graphite has been known for centuries, but graphene was only isolated in 2003, by shearing layers off of graphite using sellotape. It's a single atom-thick layer of carbon atoms, that are arranged in a flat, hexagonal lattice structure.



## POTENTIAL USES OF GRAPHENE



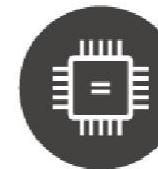
### TOUCH SCREENS IN DEVICES

Graphene's transparency and conductivity means that it can be used in displays and touchscreens. However, currently these are more expensive to produce than the currently used material, indium tin oxide.



### WATER FILTRATION SYSTEMS

Graphene allows water to pass through it, but not other liquids and gases, so it can be used in water purification. Researchers are working on a device that could be capable of filtering salt from sea water.



### IN ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Graphene has been touted as silicon's successor, and has been used to make very fast transistors. However, its conductivity cannot be 'switched off' as silicon's can. Other 2D materials seem more promising.



### MEDICAL SENSORS & DRUG DELIVERY

Several biomedical applications are being explored for graphene, including drug delivery, cancer therapy, and its use as a sensor. However, its toxicity profile must be investigated before any clinical uses.



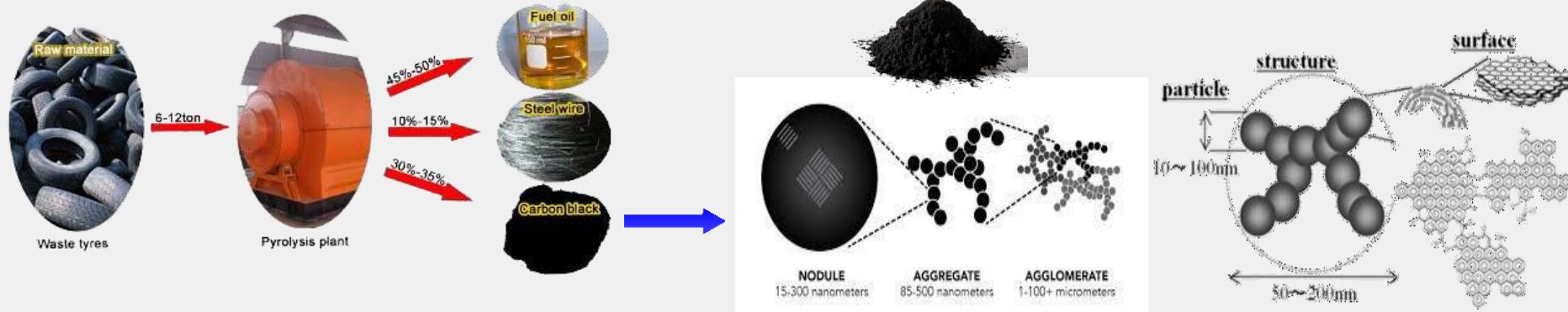
### ENERGY STORAGE & COMPOSITES

Graphene-based energy storage devices are possible. It can also substitute for graphite in normal batteries, improving efficiency. Additionally, it can be added to materials to make them stronger and more lightweight.



# Carbon based nanomaterials (Carbon Black, CB)

## Nano Carbon Black

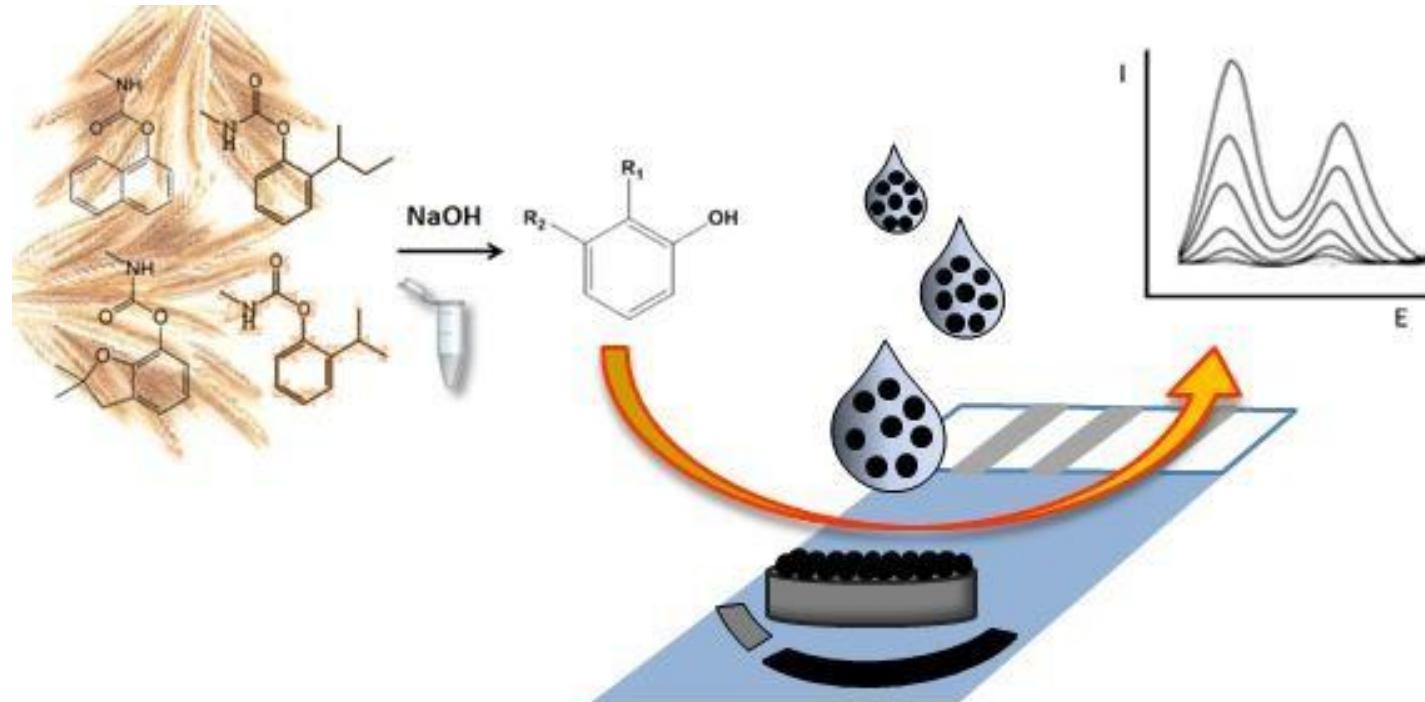


- Electrocatalysis → Selectivity
- High surface → Sensitivity
- Resistance to fouling → Reproducibility
- Faster eletron transfer → Improving separation performance

### *CB compared with other nanomaterials:*

- Very low cost
- No synthesis
- No impurities due to synthesis
- Easily dispersible
- Large number of defect sites

## **SPE CBNPs for direct analysis of carbamates in grain samples**



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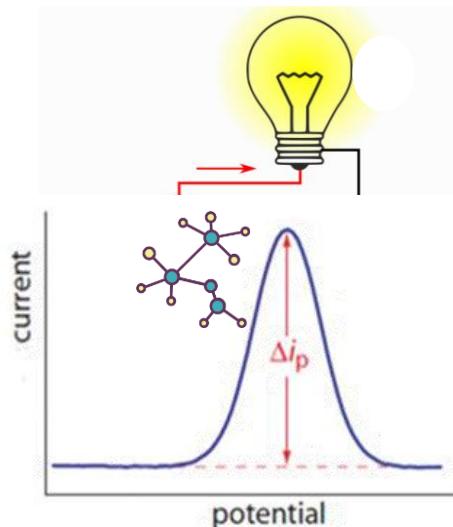


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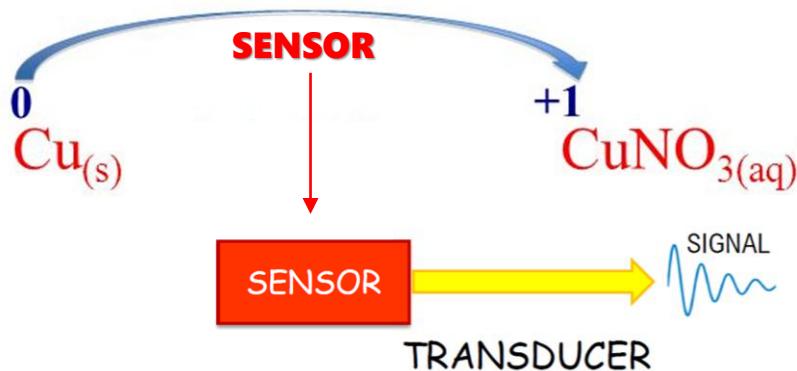
## Amperometry – Voltammetry



Electron transfer between a redox compound and an electrode (working electrode).

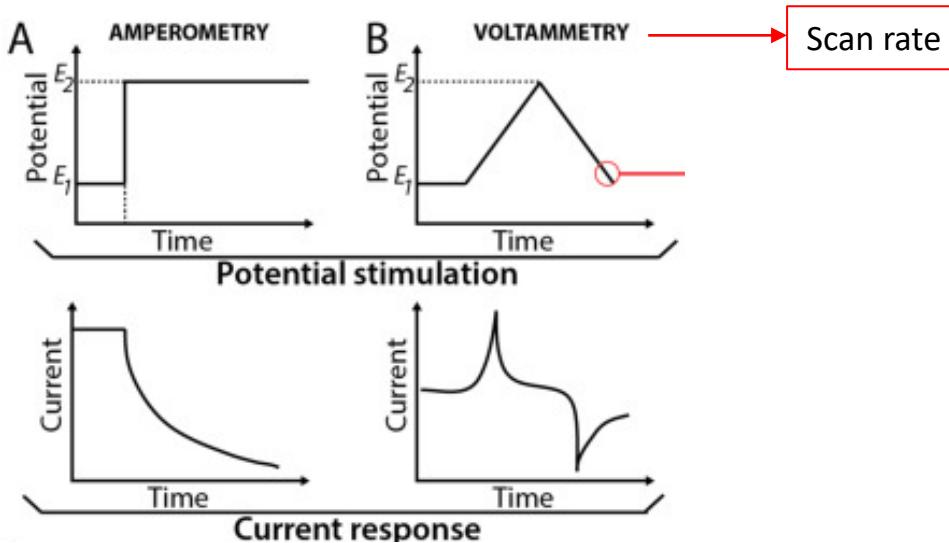
A redox compound is able to exchange electrons at a particular applied potential (applied potential depends on reference electrode)

Signal –current is used to detect/quantify



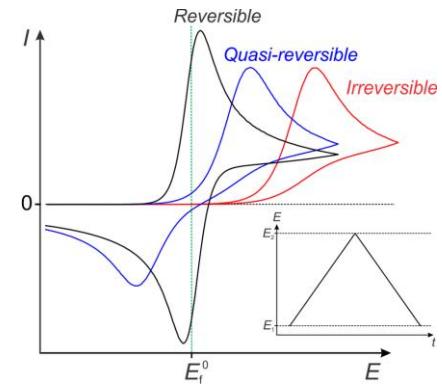
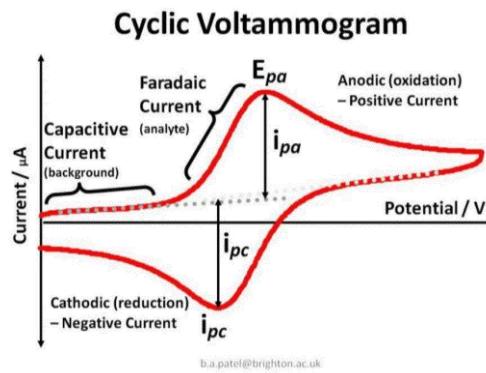
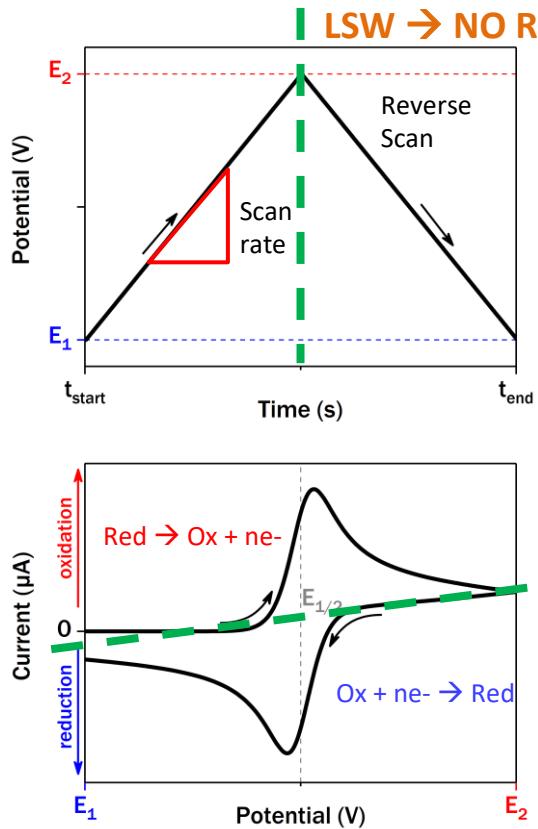
**Amperometry:** measurement of current at constant potential

**Voltammetry:** measurement of current with varying potential



## Electroanalytical-based strategies:

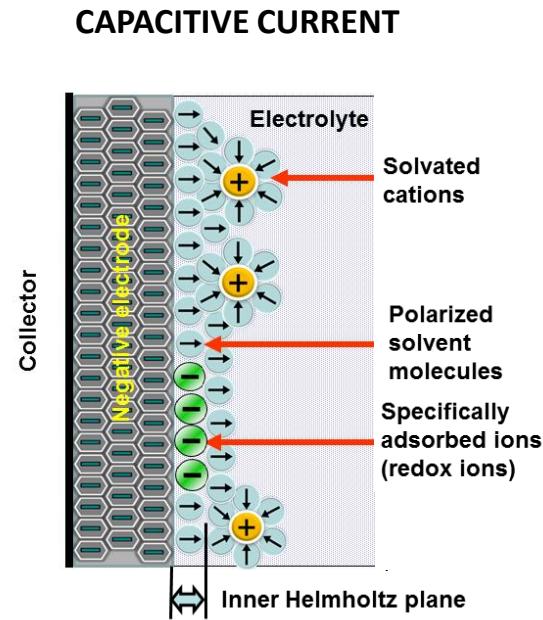
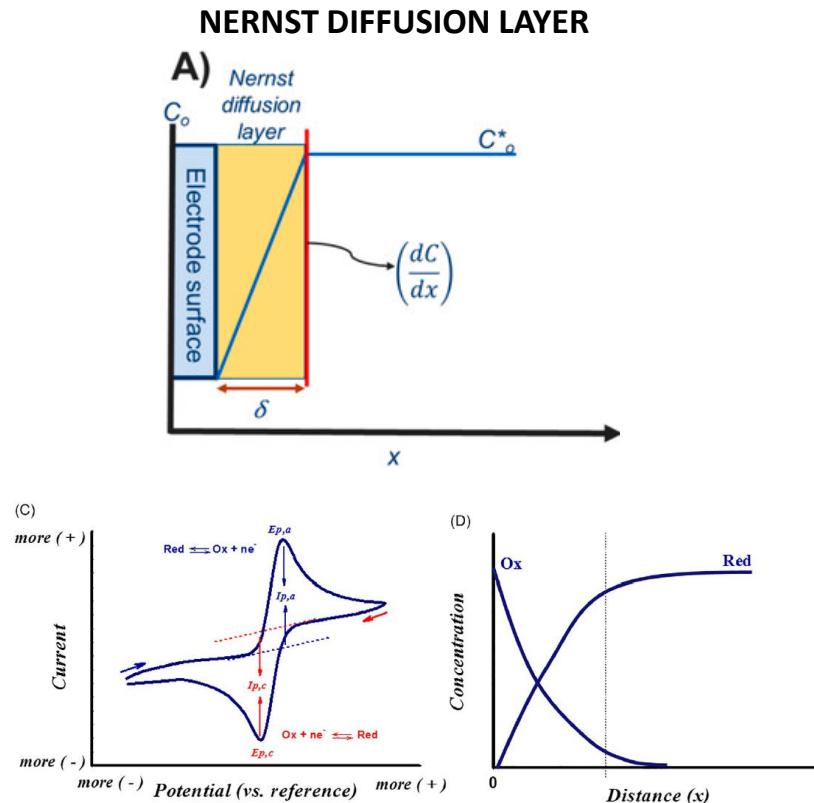
### LINEAR SWEEP VOLTAMMETRY and CYCLIC VOLTAMMETRY



- $i_{p,a}$ : peak current of anodic oxidation,
- $E_{p,a}$ : peak potential of anodic oxidation,
- $i_{p,c}$ : peak current of cathodic reduction,
- $E_{p,c}$ : peak potential of cathodic reduction;
- $\Delta E_p = |E_{p,a} - E_{p,c}|$ : Peak-to-peak separation (for ideal reversible  $59/n$  mV)

# Electroanalytical-based strategies: voltammetry and amperometry

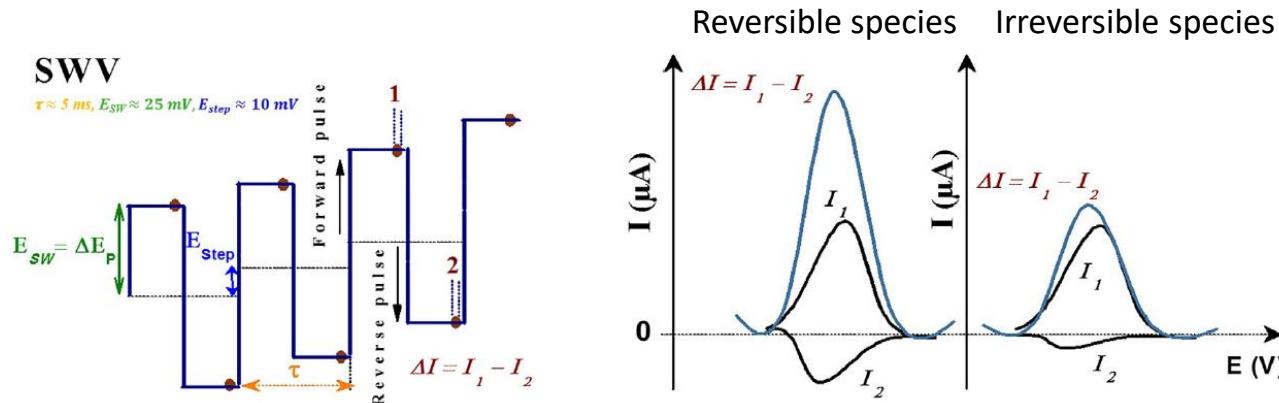
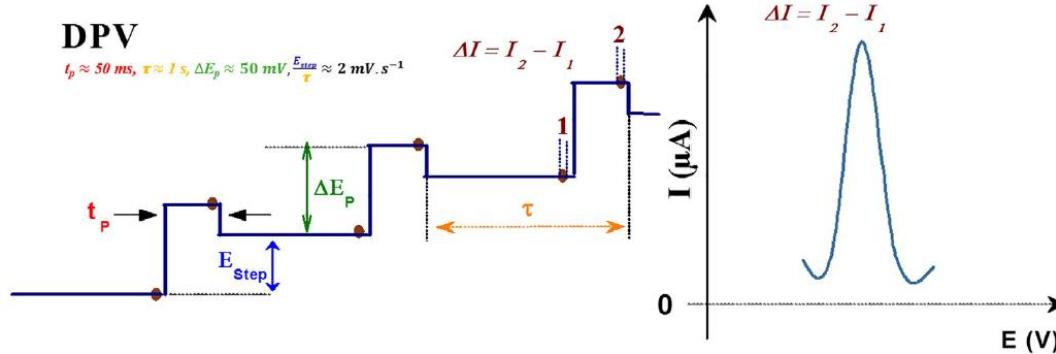
An electrolyte (salt) is necessary, to repress migration to the electrode driven by charge, the analyte should arrive to the electrode surface by diffusion or forced mass transport (pump, stirring) to have reproducible concentration signals



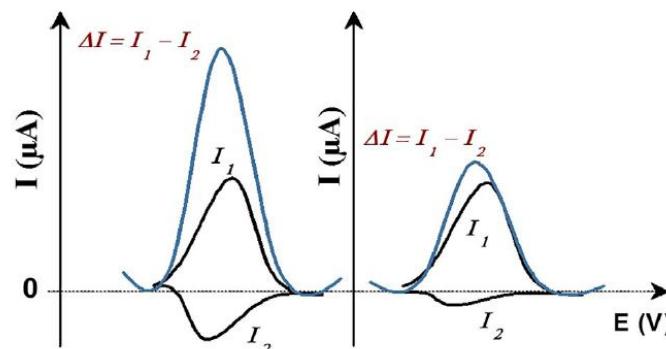
!!! PULSE METHODS !!!

## Electroanalytical-based strategies:

### DIFFERENTIAL PULSE VOLTAMMETRIES and SQUARE WAVE VOLTAMMETRY



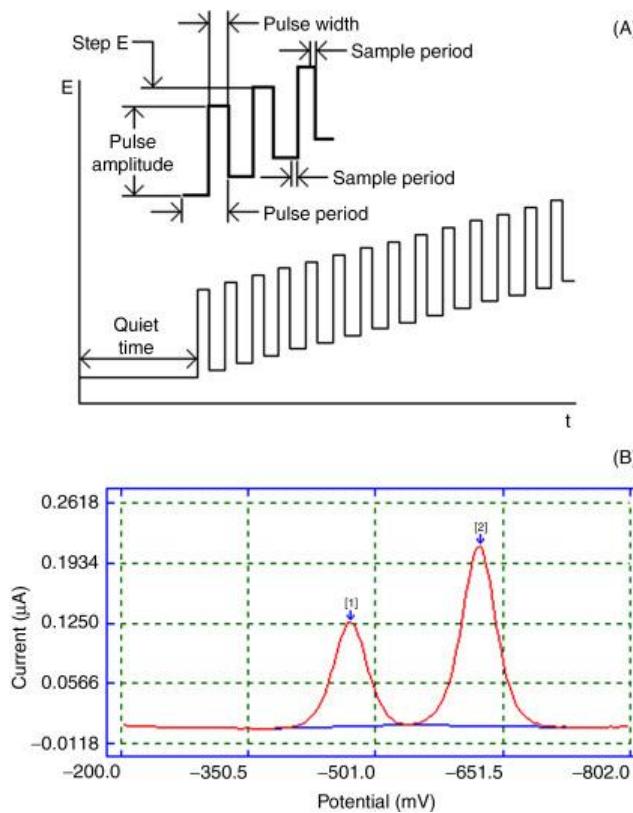
Reversible species      Irreversible species



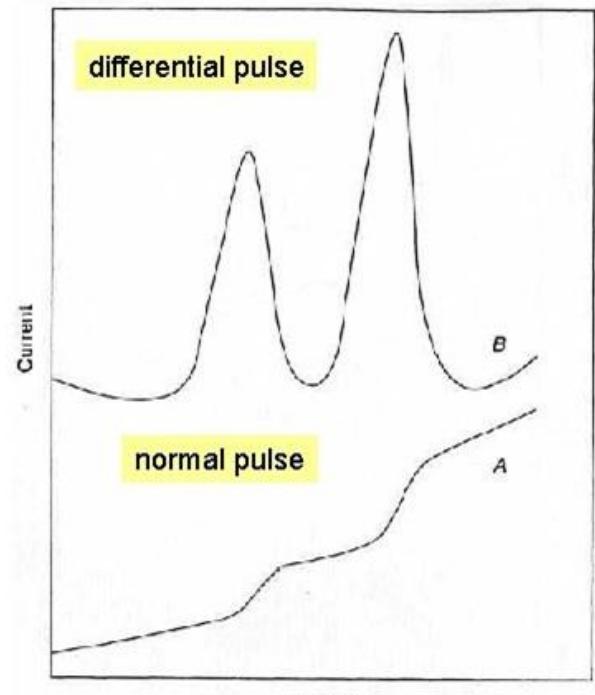
$\tau$  is the pulse period,  $t_p$  is the pulse time,  $E_{\text{step}}$  is a potential step,  $\Delta E_p$  is the pulse amplitude,  $E_{\text{SW}}$  is the square wave amplitude, and  $\Delta I$  is the resulting current.

## Electroanalytical-based strategies:

### DIFFERENTIAL PULSE VOLTAMMETRY

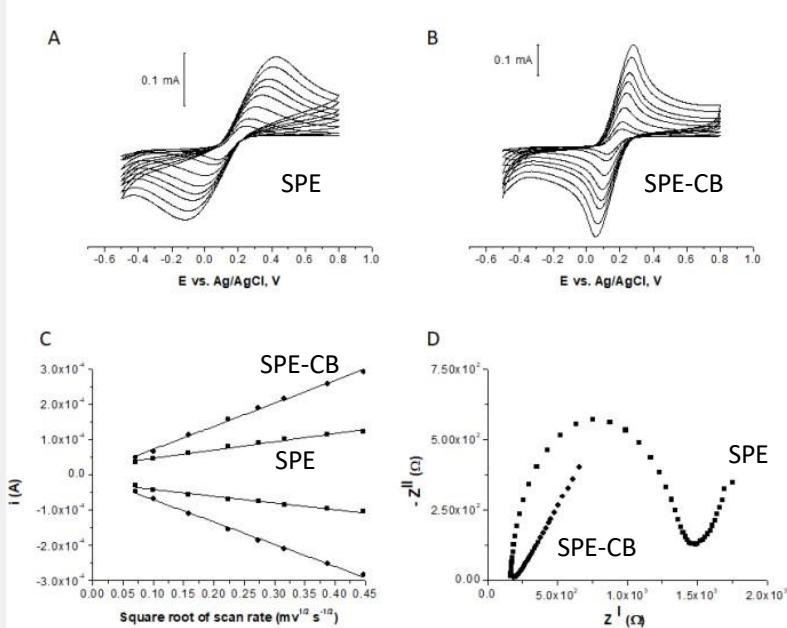


- allows measurement down to  $10^{-8}$  M concentration
- improved resolution between the species with similar potential (down to 50 mV)

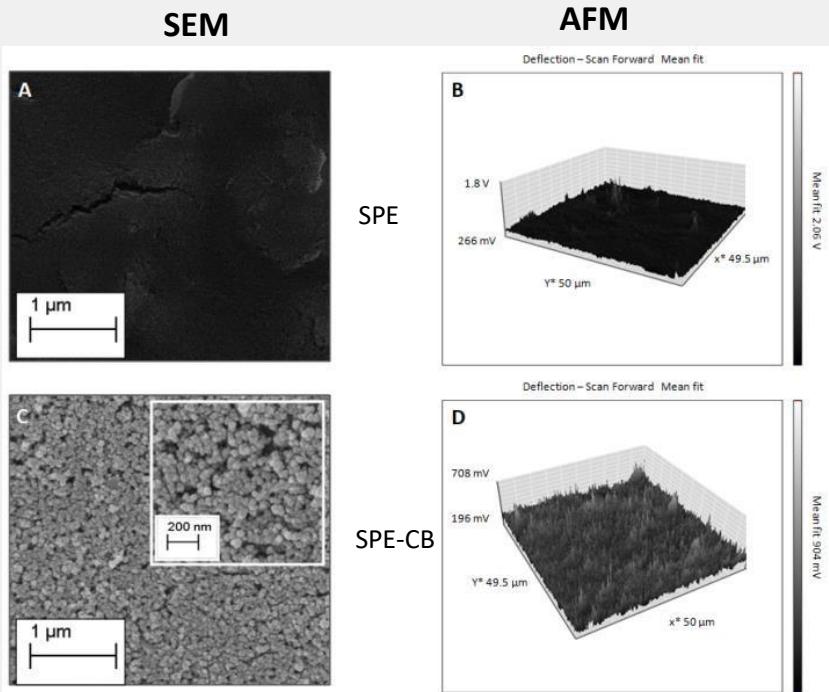


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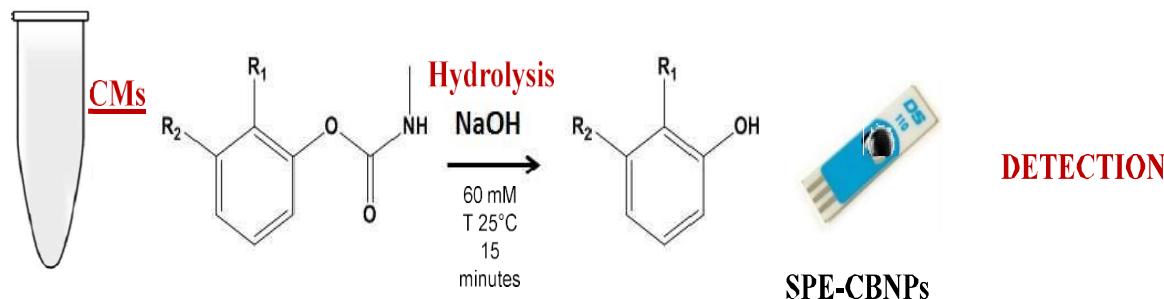
## SPE vs. SPE-CB electrochemical performance



1 mmol L<sup>-1</sup> ferricyanide solution in 0.1 mol L<sup>-1</sup> KCl of SPE CV performed at 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150 and 200 mV s<sup>-1</sup>

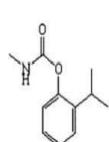


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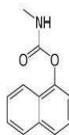


## SPE-CBNPs vs. CMs

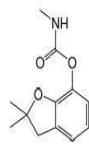
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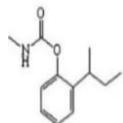
Carbofuran



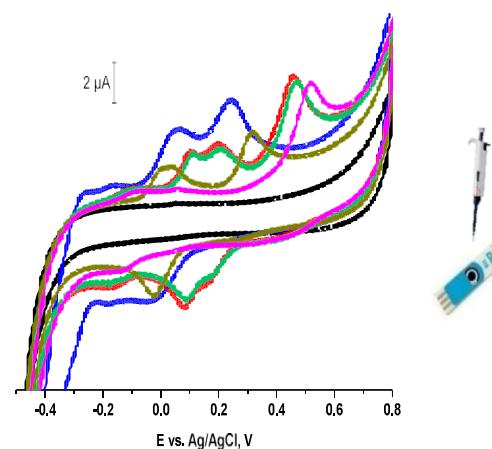
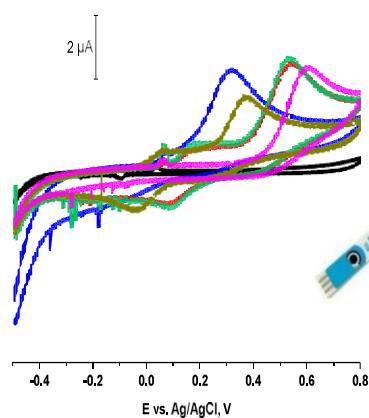
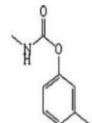
Carbaryl



Fenobucarb

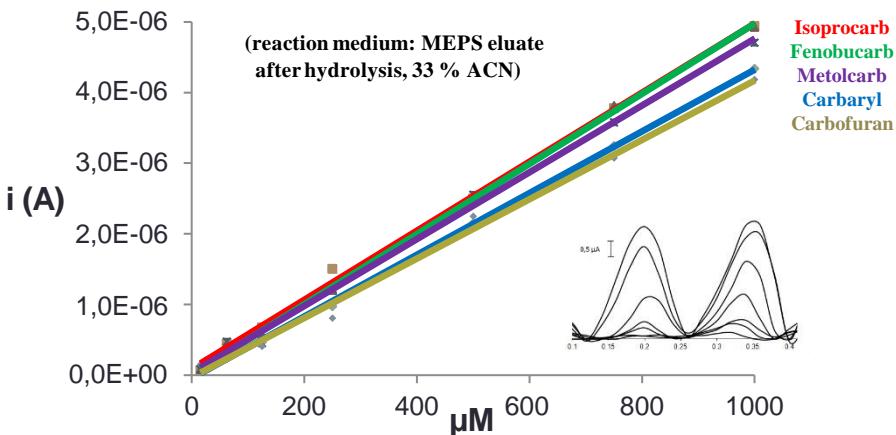


Metolcarb



# **SPE CBNPs for direct analysis of carbamates in grain samples**

## **SPE-CBNPs CMs Calibration, Reproducibility and Fouling resistance**



| Analyte           | Linear range (μmol L <sup>-1</sup> ) | Regression equation (Y=am + b) | Coefficient of determination n (r <sup>2</sup> ) | Detection limit (μmol L <sup>-1</sup> ) | Quantification limit (μmol L <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|--|
| <b>Isoprocarb</b> | 0.1-100                              | y = 3E-08x + 5E-09             | <b>0.9971</b>                                    | 0.6                                     | <b>0.7</b>                                   |
| <b>Carbofuran</b> | 0.1-100                              | y = 6E-08x - 1E-08             | <b>0.9999</b>                                    | 0.4                                     | <b>0.5</b>                                   |
| <b>Carbaryl</b>   | 0.1-100                              | y = 6E-08x + 2E-08             | <b>0.9983</b>                                    | 0.4                                     | <b>0.5</b>                                   |
| <b>Fenobucarb</b> | 0.1-100                              | y = 3E-08x - 8E-09             | <b>0.9996</b>                                    | 0.6                                     | <b>0.7</b>                                   |
| <b>Metolcarb</b>  | 0.1-100                              | y = 6E-08x + 4E-08             | <b>0.9980</b>                                    | 0.3                                     | <b>0.4</b>                                   |

**Peak intensity (RSD, n=7): < 0.9 %**

**Peak potential (RSD, n =7): < 4,8 %**

**Inter electrode reproducibility (RSD, n=10): < 6.6 %**  
p.i and < 3,4 % p.E.

**Fouling (peaks RSD):**

DPV (n = 30, 250 μM) 96 % v.s.32 %

CV (n = 20, 500 μM) 94 % v.s 15 %

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Recoveries : 78–102%

Correlation:  $r= 0.952$

Accuracy: relative error between 9.0% and -7.8%

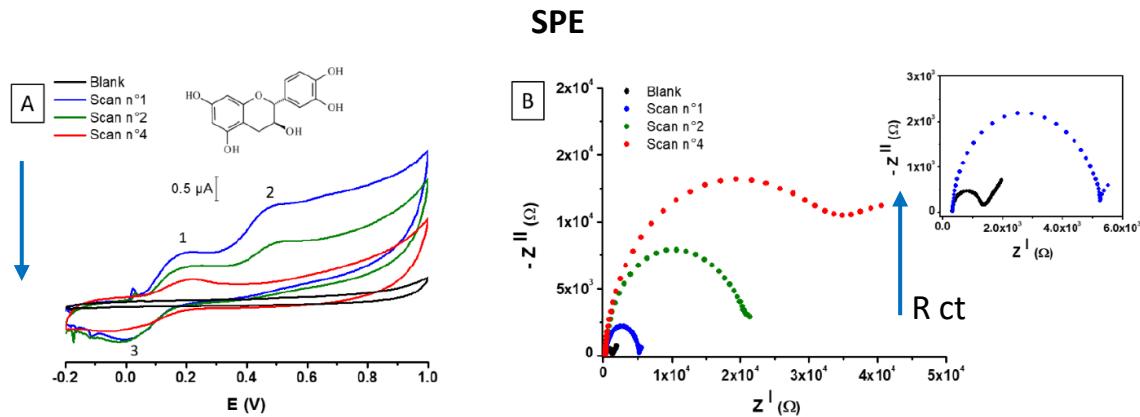
## Pesticide recoveries in grain samples

| Analyte Spiked<br>(mg Kg <sup>-1</sup> ) | UHPLC-MS/MS recovery (%) <sup>a</sup> |          |         |          |         | CB-SPE recovery (%) <sup>a</sup> |         |         |         |         | Relative error (%) |       |       |       |       |
|--|---------------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|---------|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|  | HW                                    | HWO      | SW      | SWO      | MZ      | HW                               | HWO     | SW      | SWO     | MZ      | HW                 | HWO   | SW    | SWO   | MZ    |
| <b>CA</b>                                |                                       |          |         |          |         |                                  |         |         |         |         |                    |       |       |       |       |
| 0  | < LOD                                 | < LOD    | < LOD   | < LOD    | < LOD   | < LOD                            | < LOD   | < LOD   | < LOD   | < LOD   | - 6.8              | 3.1   | 9.0   | - 4.1 | - 3.8 |
| 0.25                                     | 82 ± 6                                | 87 ± 3   | 83 ± 9  | 89 ± 12  | 82 ± 15 | 88 ± 1                           | 84 ± 4  | 76 ± 7  | 93 ± 8  | 85 ± 12 | - 3.4              | - 4.7 | 3.4   | 0.6   | 3.1   |
| 0.50                                     | 85 ± 2                                | 84 ± 13  | 83 ± 2  | 81 ± 8   | 93 ± 7  | 88 ± 3                           | 88 ± 11 | 80 ± 5  | 80 ± 6  | 90 ± 4  | - 3.7              | - 2.3 | - 3.0 | 1.2   | - 5.6 |
| 0.75                                     | 82 ± 10                               | 78 ± 7   | 84 ± 1  | 82 ± 7   | 80 ± 4  | 85 ± 5                           | 80 ± 9  | 87 ± 8  | 81 ± 9  | 84 ± 2  | - 7.8              | 4.8   | - 3.7 | 3.4   | 1.9   |
| <b>CF</b>                                |                                       |          |         |          |         |                                  |         |         |         |         |                    |       |       |       |       |
| 0  | < LOD                                 | < LOD    | < LOD   | < LOD    | < LOD   | < LOD                            | < LOD   | < LOD   | < LOD   | < LOD   | - 3.3              | - 4.8 | - 3.6 | - 2.9 | - 5.6 |
| 0.25                                     | 80 ± 14                               | 102 ± 10 | 83 ± 10 | 82 ± 14  | 81 ± 8  | 86 ± 9                           | 97 ± 7  | 86 ± 6  | 79 ± 10 | 80 ± 9  | - 3.4              | - 0.6 | - 3.1 | - 0.7 | - 6.4 |
| 0.50                                     | 78 ± 7                                | 96 ± 6   | 78 ± 5  | 78 ± 5   | 79 ± 13 | 81 ± 4                           | 100 ± 2 | 81 ± 3  | 80 ± 5  | 83 ± 11 | - 1.0              | - 0.5 | - 5.3 | - 2.4 | - 1.2 |
| 0.75                                     | 79 ± 9                                | 100 ± 9  | 84 ± 11 | 99 ± 131 | 79 ± 16 | 82 ± 5                           | 100 ± 5 | 87 ± 7  | 100 ± 8 | 84 ± 9  | - 0.9              | - 5.3 | 8.0   | 4.5   | - 0.9 |
| <b>IC</b>                                |                                       |          |         |          |         |                                  |         |         |         |         |                    |       |       |       |       |
| 0  | < LOD                                 | < LOD    | < LOD   | < LOD    | < LOD   | < LOD                            | < LOD   | < LOD   | < LOD   | < LOD   | - 1.3              | - 0.2 | - 3.0 | - 4.5 | 1.6   |
| 0.25                                     | 82 ± 5                                | 80 ± 8   | 78 ± 8  | 84 ± 5   | 79 ± 8  | 82 ± 5                           | 81 ± 6  | 82 ± 2  | 86 ± 9  | 80 ± 5  | - 2.0              | - 4.9 | - 1.8 | - 5.6 | - 5.6 |
| 0.50                                     | 82 ± 7                                | 85 ± 4   | 79 ± 2  | 78 ± 8   | 79 ± 5  | 81 ± 8                           | 85 ± 4  | 81 ± 4  | 82 ± 6  | 78 ± 8  | - 0.9              | - 5.3 | 8.0   | 4.5   | - 0.9 |
| 0.75                                     | 96 ± 2                                | 96 ± 6   | 80 ± 3  | 95 ± 2   | 92 ± 14 | 96 ± 4                           | 98 ± 9  | 80 ± 3  | 96 ± 4  | 97 ± 11 | - 5.7              | - 5.2 | 4.7   | 5.1   | - 6.8 |
| <b>FB</b>                                |                                       |          |         |          |         |                                  |         |         |         |         |                    |       |       |       |       |
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| 0.25                                     | 83 ± 9                                | 87 ± 7   | 83 ± 15 | 80 ± 4   | 87 ± 9  | 84 ± 5                           | 92 ± 4  | 80 ± 13 | 79 ± 4  | 88 ± 3  | - 5.7              | - 5.2 | 4.7   | 5.1   | - 0.9 |
| 0.50                                     | 79 ± 12                               | 78 ± 9   | 97 ± 2  | 78 ± 5   | 80 ± 9  | 78 ± 8                           | 82 ± 11 | 102 ± 0 | 78 ± 2  | 78 ± 6  | - 0.9              | - 5.3 | 8.0   | 4.5   | - 0.9 |
| 0.75                                     | 89 ± 11                               | 78 ± 8   | 102 ± 7 | 94 ± 13  | 79 ± 13 | 84 ± 11                          | 81 ± 10 | 99 ± 3  | 96 ± 9  | 84 ± 11 | - 4.1              | - 4.1 | - 2.5 | - 6.8 | - 6.8 |

<sup>a</sup> Mean value (n = 3) of three different extracts were employed for the recovery and relative error calculation for both CB-SPE and UHPLC-MS/MS methods.

## Electrochemical analytical drawback: *irreversible Passivation /low sensitivity for phenolic compounds*

(occur after 1 scan; moreover: low sensitivity and repeatability. Impossible to perform a calibration)



(A) Catechin 50 µM performed in phosphate buffer (10 mM + 0.1 M KCl at pH 7.0), scan rate of 50 mV s<sup>-1</sup>.

(B) Nyquist plots of 5 mM  $\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6^{4-/-3-}$  in 0.1 M KCl M performed with the bare SPE after each CVs scan

## Carbon Electrodes

...Catechin also adsorbs strongly on the electrode surface and the final oxidation product is not electroactive and blocks the electrode surface...

Janeiro, P., Brett, A.M.O. (2004). *Analytica chimica acta*, 518(1-2), 109-115.

# Transition Metal Dichalcogenides and their hybrid nanomaterials

## Objective

### MoS<sub>2</sub> hybrids

### WS<sub>2</sub> hybrids

### Group VI Transition Metal Dichalcogenides

## Transition Metal Dichalcogenides (TMDs)

TMDs are a family of 2D nanomaterials with general formula  $MX_2$  (M: Group 4-10 and X: S, Se and Te)

Arranged in a multilayered structure held by weak van der Walls forces



TMDs nanosheets easily prepared by exfoliation

## Polyphenols electrochemical sensing

Limitations using common electrodes

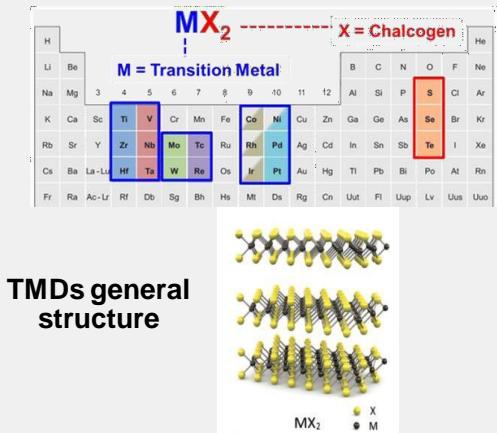
- Tendency to passivation (so called Fouling)

TMDs general structure

Nanomaterials

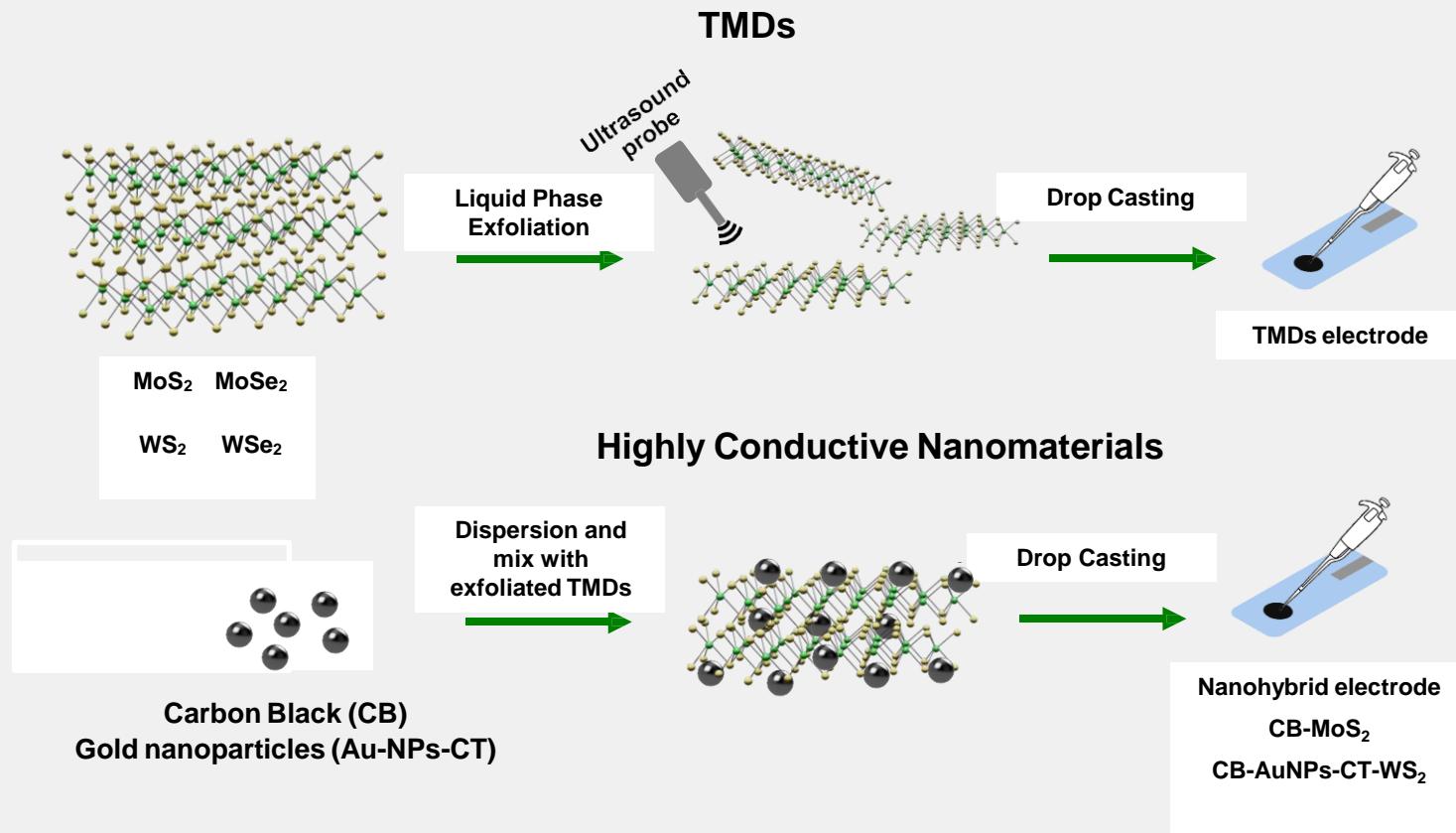
- ✓ TMDs are poor conductive materials
- ✓ Hinder its catalytic capabilities

Nanohybrids materials



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## Electrode preparation methods



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Objective

**MoS<sub>2</sub> hybrids**

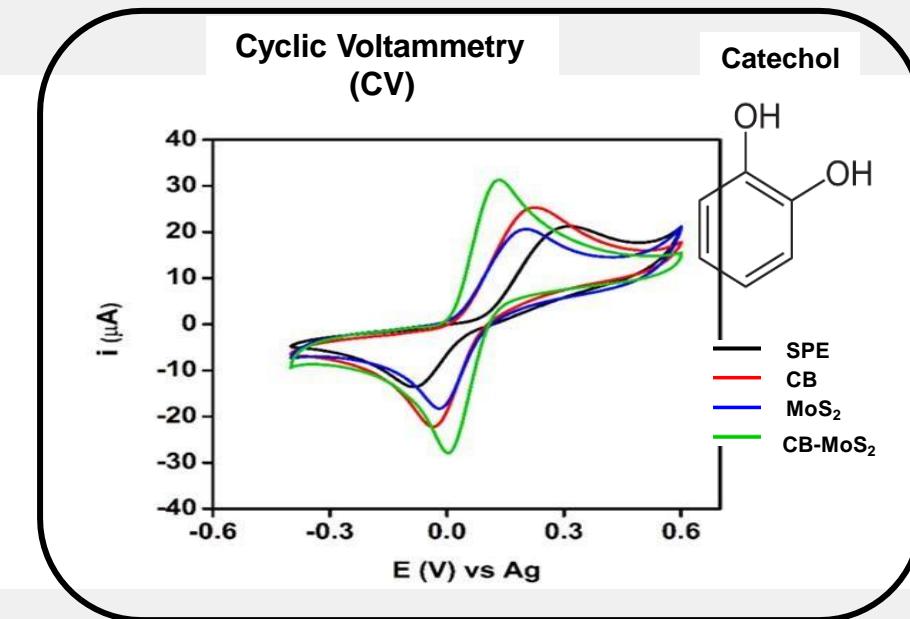
WS<sub>2</sub> hybrids

Group VI Transition Metal Dichalcogenides



## Electrochemical characterization

Catechol as representative redox moiety in food polyphenols



Catechol moiety is present in highly antioxidant polyphenols

CB-MoS<sub>2</sub> nanohybrids shows an enhanced and synergistic electrocatalytic effect towards catechol

D. Rojas, F. Della Pelle, M. Del Carlo, E. Fratini, A. Escarpa, D. Compagnone.  
Microchim. Acta. 186 (2019) 363.

# Transition Metal Dichalcogenides and their hybrid nanomaterials

## Objective

### MoS<sub>2</sub> Nanohybrids

### WS<sub>2</sub> Nanohybrids

### Group VI Transition Metal Dichalcogenides

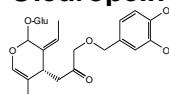
Application of CB-MoS<sub>2</sub> electrochemical sensors to different food matrices



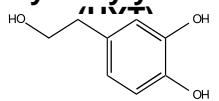
#### Olive oil



#### Oleuropein



#### Hydroxytyrosol



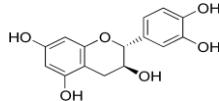
✓ Catalytic effect extensive to complex structures

Correlation matrix: electrochemical sensor and well established analysis

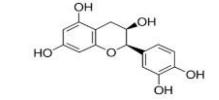
#### Cocoa



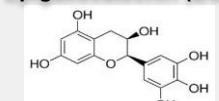
#### Catechin (CT)



#### Epicatechin (EP)



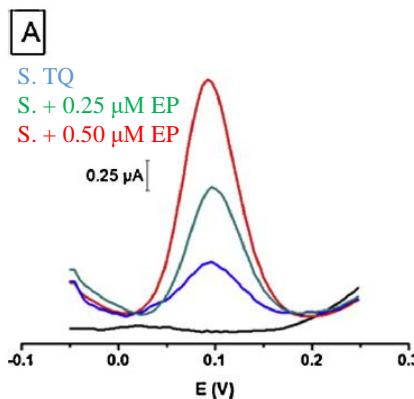
#### Epigallocatechin (EG)



|           | CB-MoS <sub>2</sub> | HPLC-UV | ABTS  | AuNPs | FC |
|-----------|---------------------|---------|-------|-------|----|
| Olive Oil | 0.995               | -       | -     | -     | -  |
| Cocoa     | -                   | 0.966   | 0.949 | 0.972 |    |

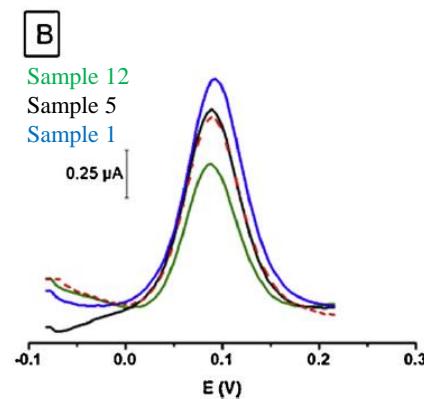
## Real sample analysis: $n = 59$ cocoa powder samples

### Recoveries

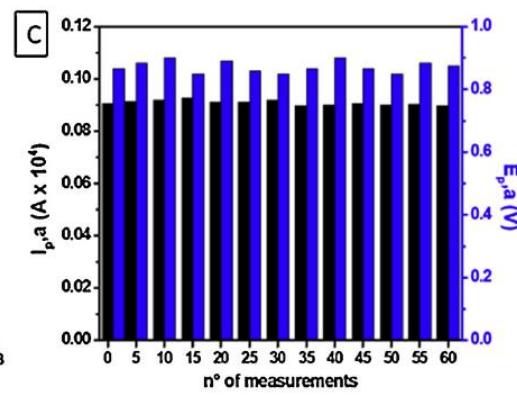


From 94% to 103%  
The sensor is exploitable for  
catechins determination  
in complex samples

### Repeatability during $n=59$ sample analysis



Signal recovery 99%  
After  $n = 59$  samples measured



RSD  $I_{p,a} < 0.9\%$  and  $E_{p,a} < 5.2\%$   
10  $\mu\text{M}$  epicatechin signal, obtained during  
the whole samples analysis

**SPE-CB-MoS<sub>2</sub> has a regenerable electrode surface  
59 cocoa samples consecutive analysis**

# Transition Metal Dichalcogenides and their hybrid nanomaterials

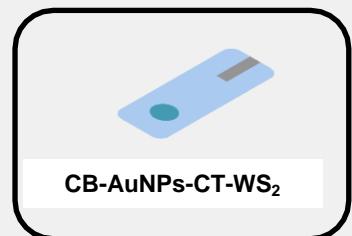
Objective

MoS<sub>2</sub> Nanohybrids

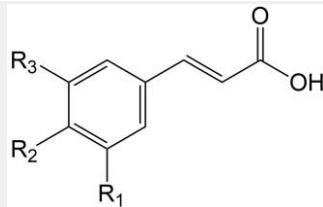
WS<sub>2</sub> Nanohybrids

Group VI Transition Metal Dichalcogenides

WS<sub>2</sub> nanohybrids electrochemical behavior towards different hydro xycinnamic acids (hCNs)



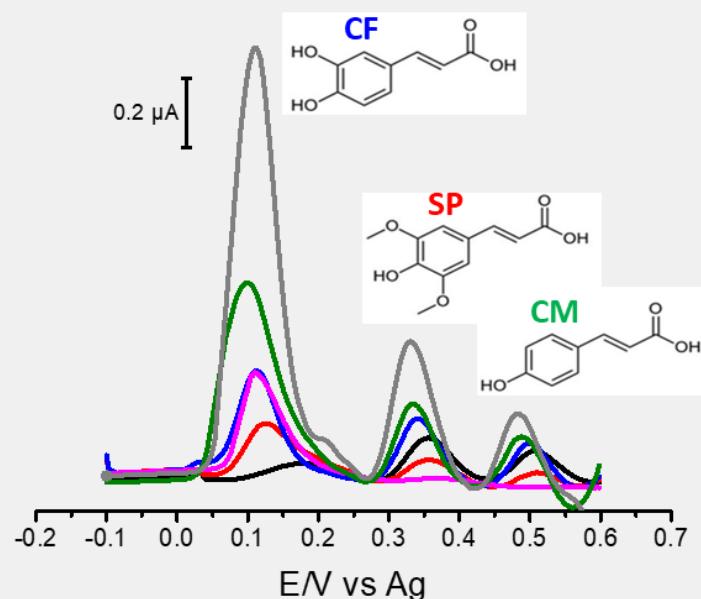
hCNs general structure



R<sub>1</sub>=R<sub>2</sub>=OH Caffeic Acid

R<sub>1</sub>=R<sub>3</sub>=OCH<sub>3</sub> R<sub>2</sub>=OH Sinapic Acid

R<sub>2</sub>=OH Coumaric Acid



- ✓ Synergistic electrocatalytic effect
- ✓ Effective voltametric separation
- ✓ Antifouling (97% signal retention (n=15))

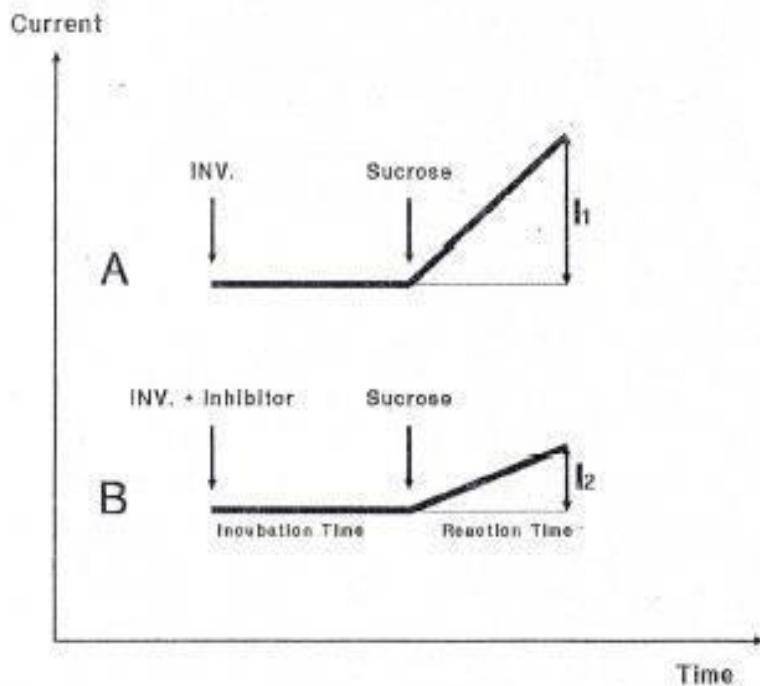
F. Della Pelle, **D. Rojas**, F. Silveri, G. Ferraro, E. Fratini, A. Scroccarello, A. Escarpa, D. Compagnone. *Microchim. Acta*. 187 (2020) 296.

# Biosensors based on enzyme inhibition

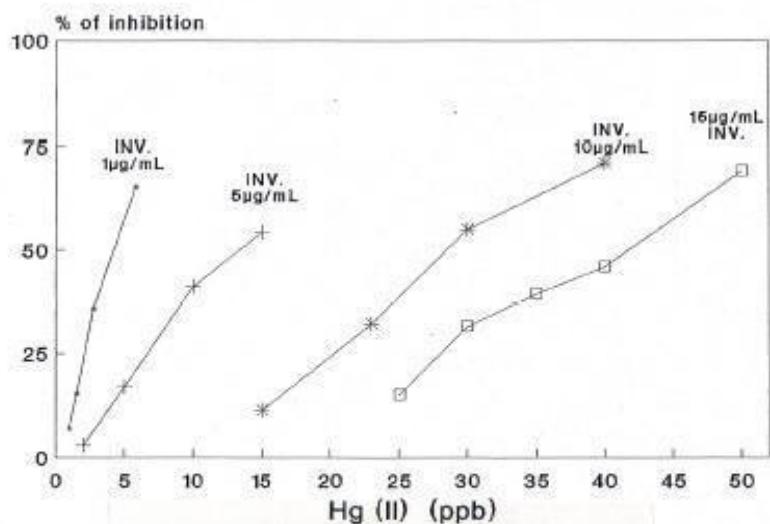
There is a great demand for rapid and sensitive analytical methods for the determination of mercury and related compounds in environmental samples. The environmental risk and toxicological concern of mercury and its compounds, especially methylmercury, have stimulated the research into various new methods of trace analysis.

Many enzymes are inhibited specifically by low concentrations of certain chemical substances.

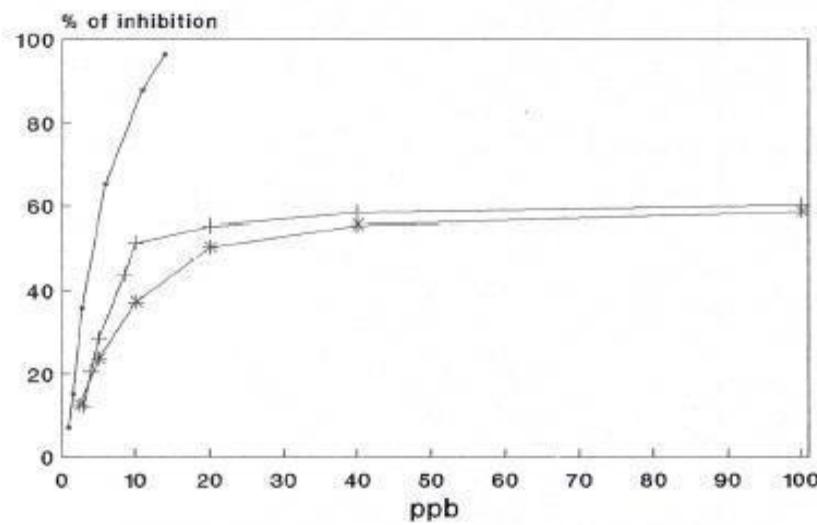
Toxicity of mercury depends on its chemical form. For example methyl mercury is more toxic than HgII (1).



Typical current-time curves obtained in the absence (A) and in the presence (B) of inhibitor.



Calibration curves of Hg(II) with different enzyme concentrations. 5mM sucrose, phosphate buffer pH 6.0, 10 minutes incubation time.



Calibration curves of Hg(II) (.), MethHg (+) and EtHg (\*). 1  $\mu$ g/mL invertase; 5 mM sucrose; phosphate buffer pH 6.0; 10 min. incubation time.

## Biosensor for organophosphate and carbamates pesticides (phytochemicals)

High acute toxicity (200.000 deaths/year in the 80s)

High chronic toxicity

Moderate persistence

Mechanism of action:  
inhibition of acetylcholinesterase (AChE)

Classical methods:

GC-NPD o GC-MS, LC-MS

# Scheme of the measurement

## step 1

0.125 U/ml AChE

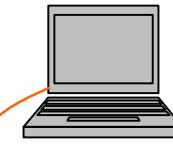
1 mL buffer +  
standard or sample

**10' incubation**

## step 2

Substrate  
(0.3 mM)

**120''**



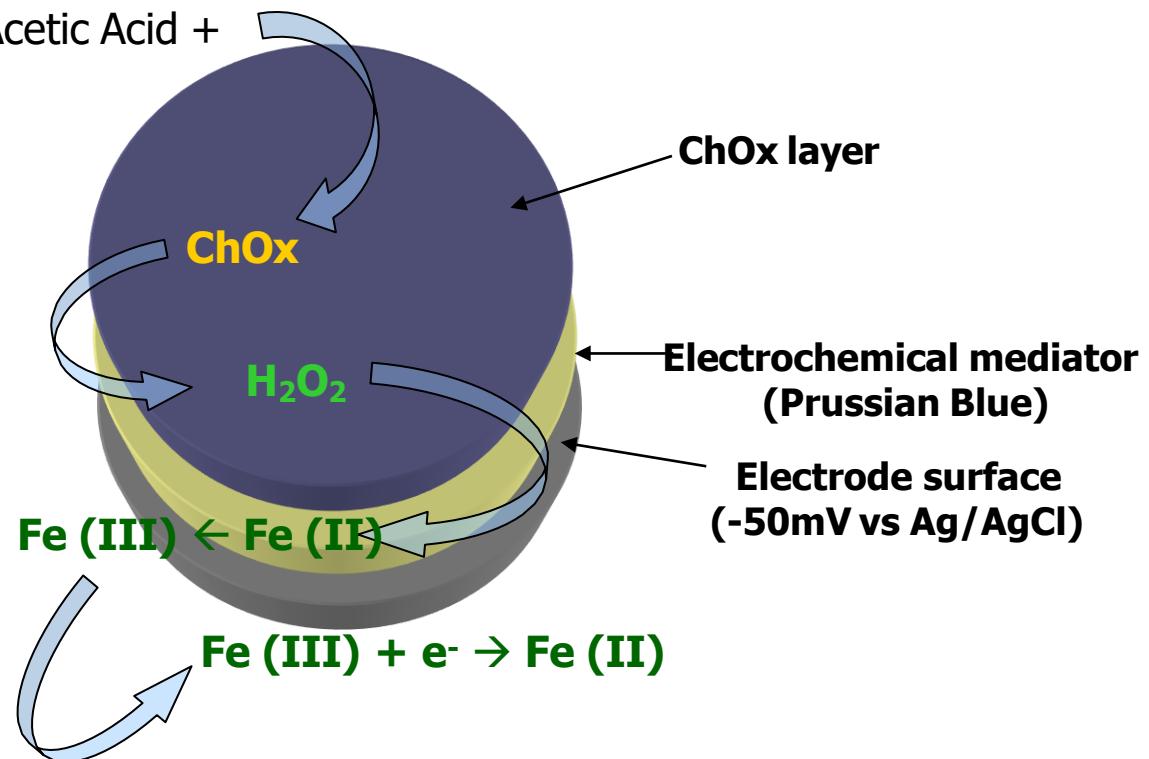
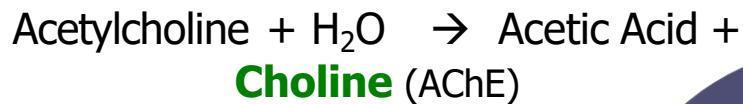
**-50 mV vs Ag/AgCl**

$$RA\% = 100 * \frac{(I_0 - I_s)}{I_0}$$

## Screen printed electrode



### Working electrode reactions pathway

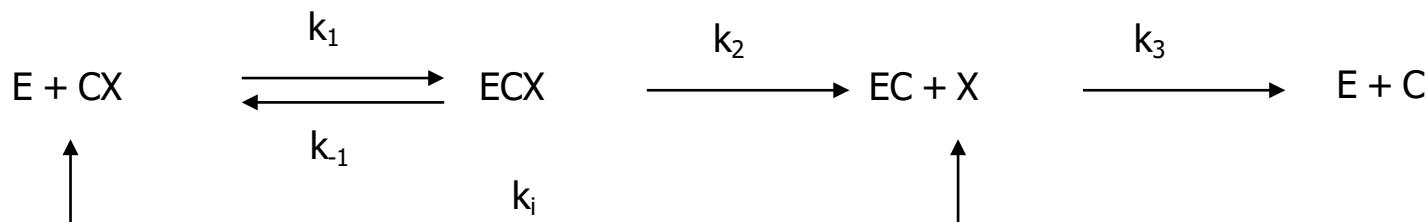


Ability to detect at ng/mL;  
Precision = 10%;  
Total analysis time = 20 min

Diclorvos (organophosphate )

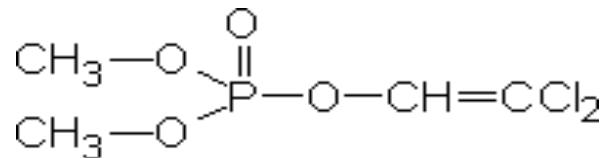
**anticolinesterasic**

#### Mechanism of AChE inhibition



**E = enzyme; CX = carbamate or organophosphate; X = leaving group;  $K_d = k_{-1} / k_1 k_2$  carbamoylation or phosphorylation rate constant;  $k_3 =$  decarbamylation or dephosphorylation rate constant;  $k_i =$  bimolecular rate constant**

# Dichlorvos



**Solubility in water:**

**16 g/l**

2,2-Dichlorovinyl dimethyl phosphate

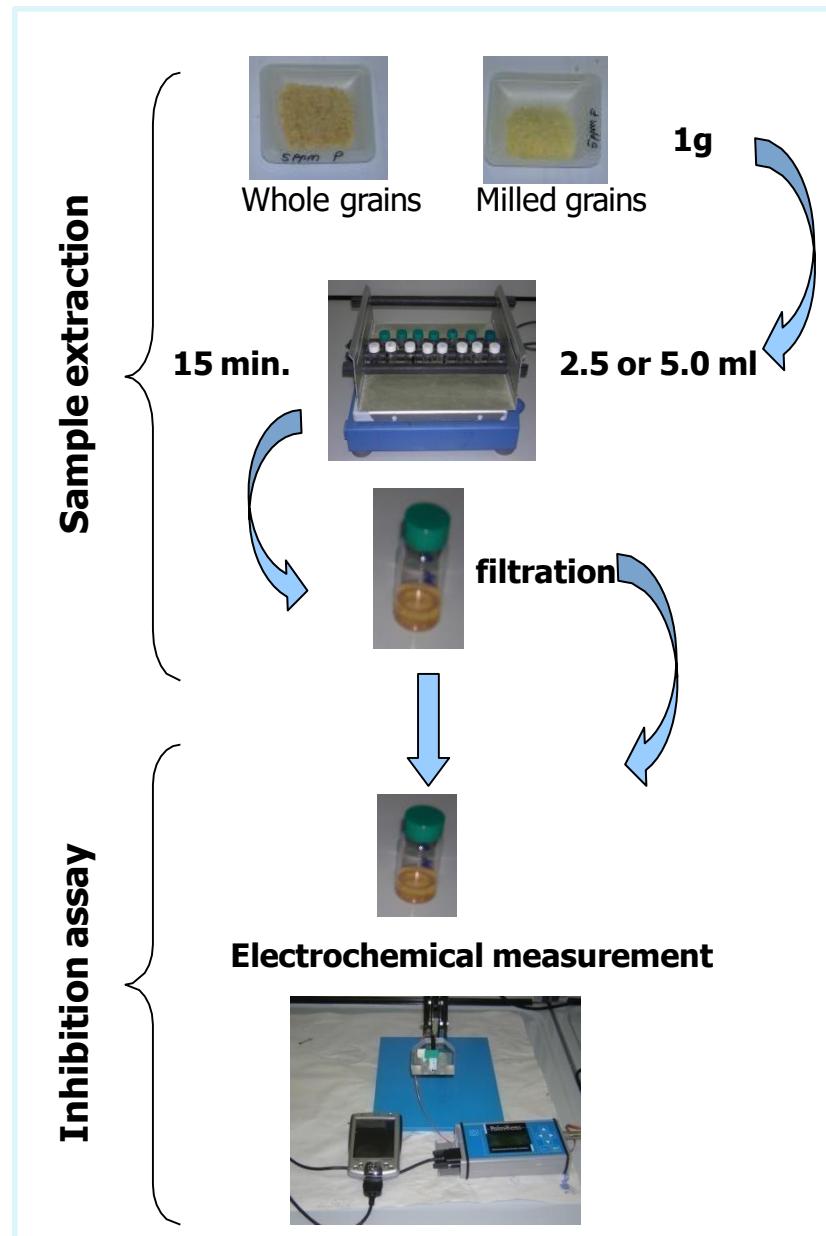
- Commercial formulation **Didivane®** is used as broad spectrum grain protectant insecticide.
- Effective in controlling a wide range of insects that attack stored grain products.
- It provides long-term protection against re-infestation from insects.

The European Union regulates the maximum admissible level in **durum wheat** at **2 mg/Kg**  
(European Directive 2001/57/CE)

## Quantitative Usage for dichlorvos

The annual agricultural use of dichlorvos was estimated as 248,000/year during 90' (ATSDR, 1997). Estimates done in late 1990s indicate that 60% of dichlorvos used worldwide was for plant protection, 30% was for public hygiene and vector control, and **10% to protect stored crops (WHO, 1999)**.

# Extraction + assay protocol



# Matrix effect on the RA% and the I%

## Experimental conditions:

### Extraction in measuring buffer (1g/10ml)

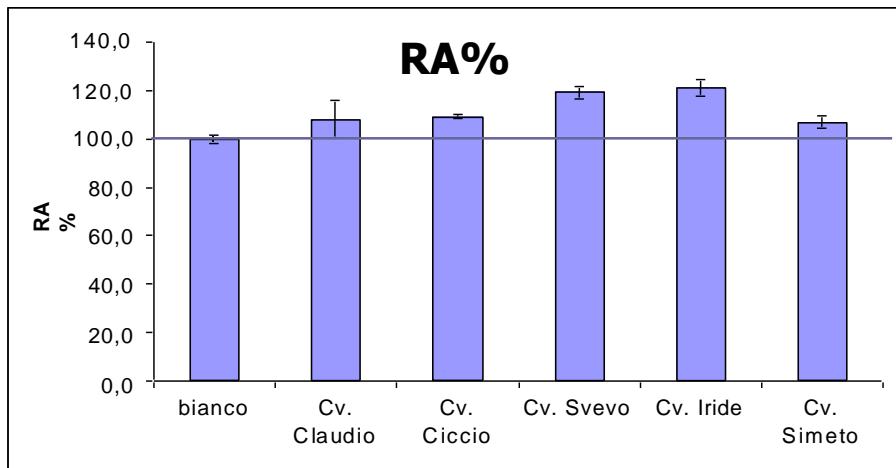
Phosphate buffer pH 7.4, KCl 100 mM

10% matrix

AChE 0.125 U/ml, Ach 0.3 mM

Incubation time: 10 min.

$$RA\% = 100 - (I_0 - I_s / I_0) * 100$$



## Experimental conditions:

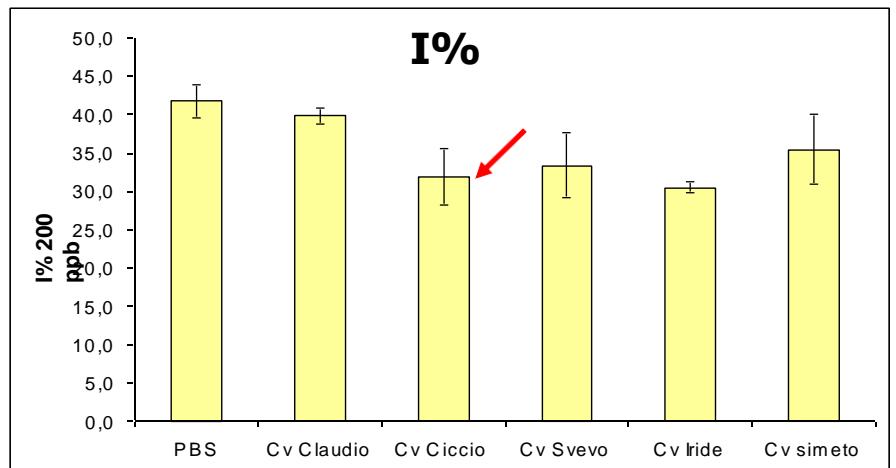
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10% matrix

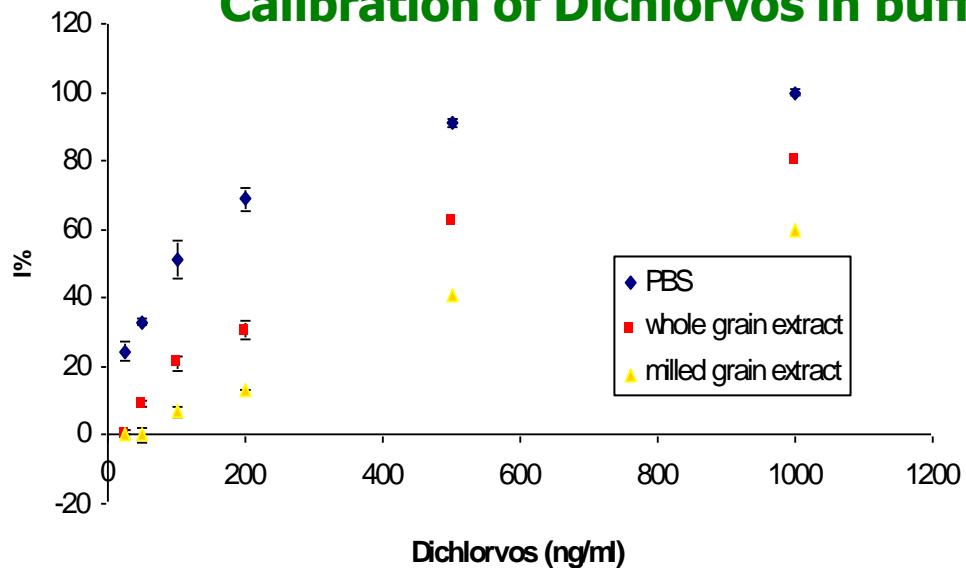
AChE 0.125 U/ml, Ach 0.3 mM

200 ng/ml dichlorvos

Incubation time: 10 min.



# Calibration of Dichlorvos in buffer and 10% matrix



## Buffer

$$y = -1035.26 + \frac{1124.83}{\left\{1 + e^{\left[-\frac{(x + 776.54)}{303.60}\right]}\right\}}$$

**R=0.998**

**LOD= 8 ng/ml**

**I<sub>50%</sub>=230 ng/ml**

## Whole grains extract (10%)

$$y = -463.20 + \frac{566.30}{\left\{1 + e^{\left[-\frac{(x + 755.36)}{489.98}\right]}\right\}}$$

**R=0.992**

**LOD= 45 ng/ml**

**I<sub>50%</sub>=360 ng/ml**

**LOD = 0.45 mg/Kg**

## milled grains extract (10%)

$$y = -20.86 + \frac{83.82}{\left\{1 + e^{\left[-\frac{(x - 276.15)}{218.04}\right]}\right\}}$$

**R=0.998**

**LOD= 130 ng/ml**

**I<sub>50%</sub>=650 ng/ml**

- LOD = 2 x SD of no inhibition measurement**
- I<sub>50%</sub> = 50% of inhibition**

**LOD = 1.3 mg/Kg**

# Recovery from spiked samples (2 mg/Kg)

## Experimental conditions:

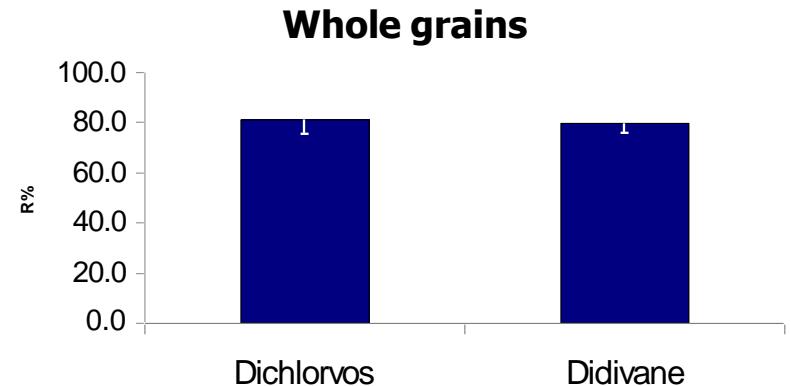
Spiked samples

Extraction: 1g **whole grains sample** in 10ml buffer

AChE 0.125 U/ml, Ach 0.3 mM

Incubation time: 10 min.

**n=5**



Mean I%:  $21.0 \pm 1.3$

Mean recovery:  $81.3 \pm 5.8$

Mean I%:  $19.2 \pm 1.2$

Mean recovery:  $79.5 \pm 3.5$

## Experimental conditions:

Spiked samples

Extraction: 1g **milled grains sample** in 10ml buffer

AChE 0.125 U/ml, Ach 0.3 mM

Incubation time: 10 min.

**n=5**



## Milled grains

**Dichlorvos**

Mean I%:  $9.3 \pm 1.9$

Mean recovery:  $81.3 \pm 16.1$

**Didivane**

Mean I%:  $10.2 \pm 2.1$

Mean recovery:  $89.5 \pm 19.0$

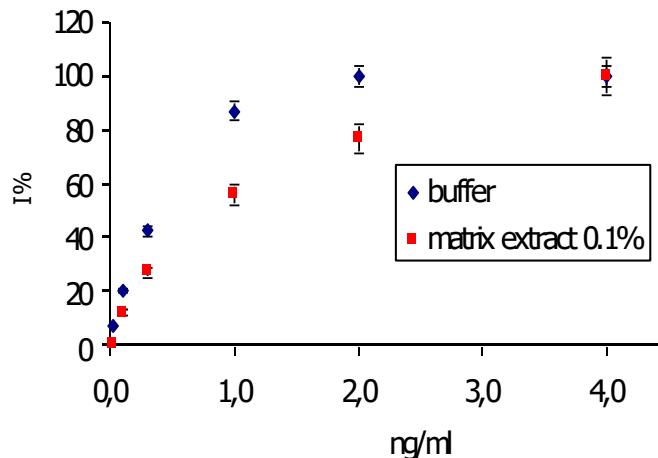
**I%<sub>LOD</sub>=8% !!**

# Use of recombinant acetylcholinesterase (rAChE)

rAChE: Mutant AChE from *Drosophila melanogaster* Clone B3 specific for dichlorvos  
Fournier D et al. Protein Engineering, Vol. 15, No. 1, 43-50, January 2002

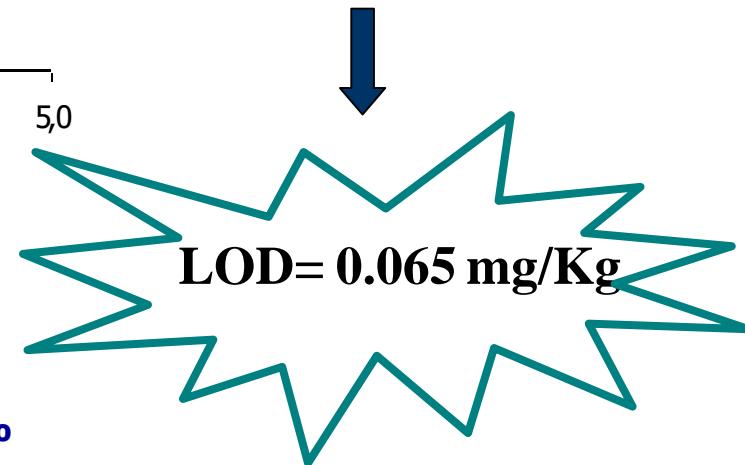
## Buffer

$R=0.997$   
 $LOD= 0.045 \text{ ng/ml}$   
 $I_{50\%}=0.37 \text{ ng/ml}$



## milled wheat Extract 0.1%

$R=0.995$   
 $LOD= 0.065 \text{ ng/ml}$   
 $I_{50\%}=0.85 \text{ ng/ml}$



## Milled wheat Extract 0.1%

|                       | Mean<br>$I\% \pm SD$ | Calc. Conc.<br>measuring soln.<br>(ng / ml) | Mean recovery $\pm SD$<br>(mg / Kg) |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Dichlorvos<br>(n = 3) | $70.2 \pm 4.5$       | 1.5   | $75.0 \pm 4.8$                      |
| Didivane<br>(n = 3)   | $69.2 \pm 7.3$       | 1.45  | $72.5 \pm 7.6$                      |

# Paper as substrate



Paper can...

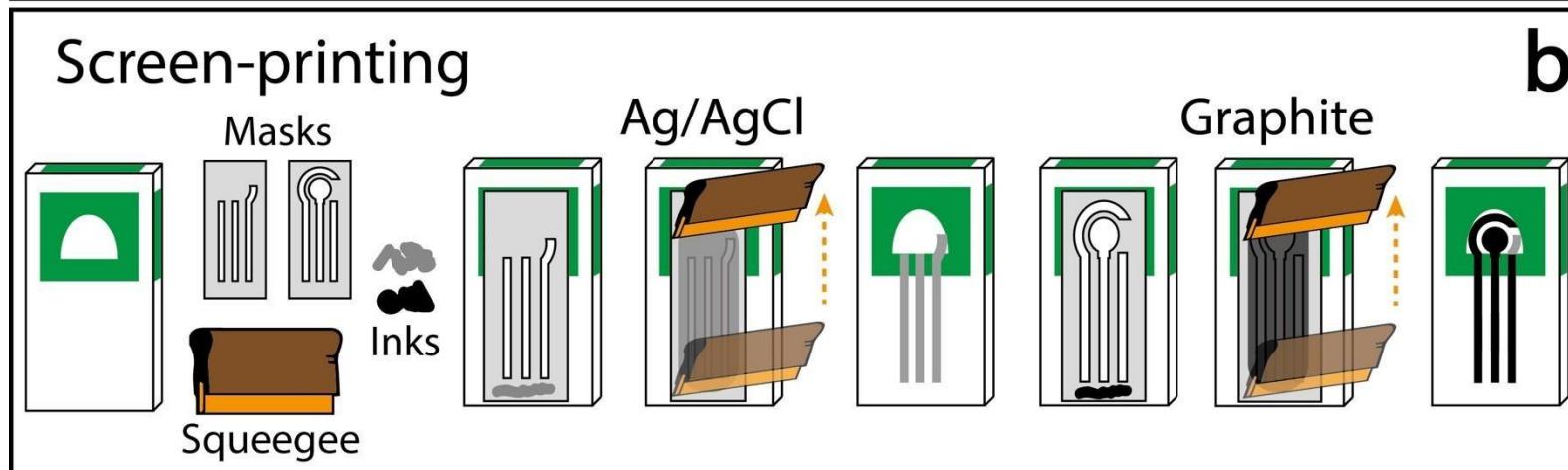
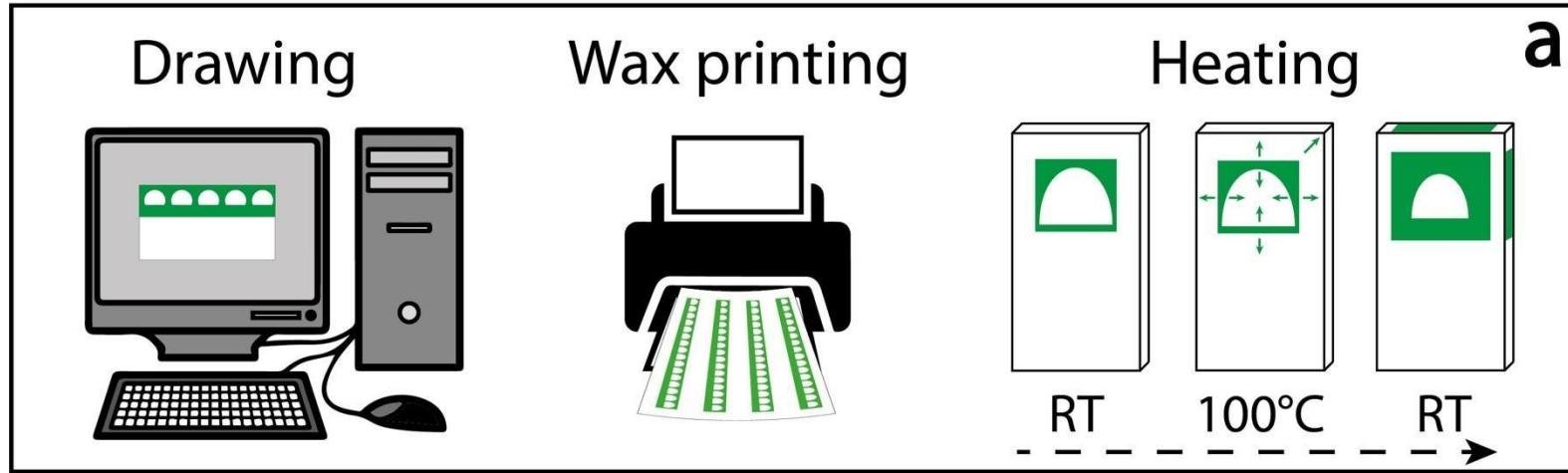
Store  
Filter  
React

Drawbacks...  
Reagents diffusion...  
Electrical noise! ☹

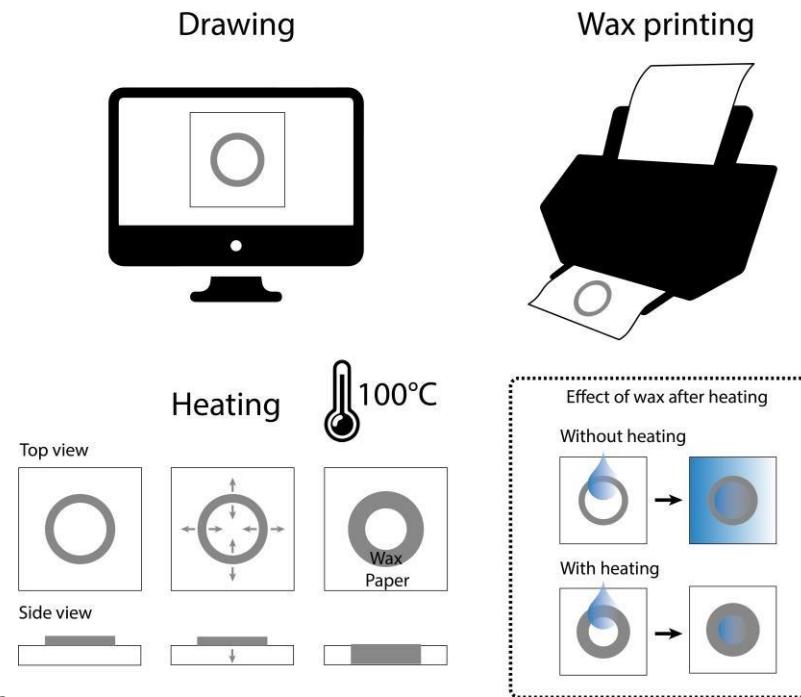
An hydrophobic  
barrier  
is needed...

# From Paper to E-Paper

Few and easy steps



# Hydrophilicity matters



... also the cost!

Costs of the components for producing one device (all the costs have to be intended in Euro).

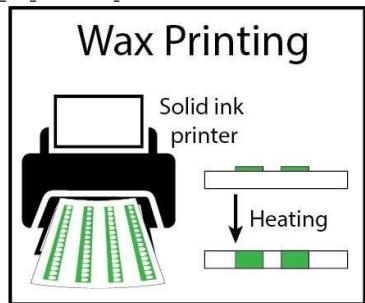
| Substrate    | Ag/AgCl ink | Carbon ink | Insulator          | Substrate | Total cost | Saving <sup>c</sup> |
|--------------|-------------|------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|---------------------|
| Polyester    | 0.010       | 0.007      | 0.003 <sup>a</sup> | 0.013     | 0.033      | 45%                 |
| Whatman #1   |             |            | 0.001 <sup>b</sup> | 0.007     | 0.025      | 30%                 |
| Office paper |             |            | 0.001 <sup>b</sup> | 0.0001    | 0.018      | /                   |

<sup>a</sup> Insulator ink.

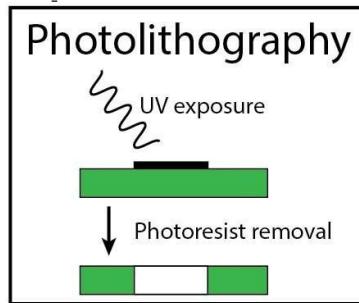
<sup>b</sup> Wax.

<sup>c</sup> Calculated as  $1 - [\text{Office paper}/\text{Other}] \times 100$ .

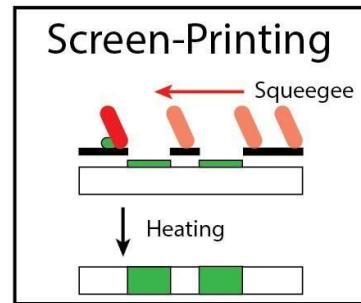
# It depends on what you need and you have!



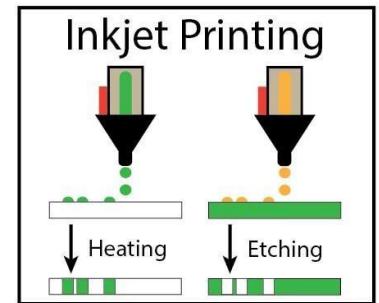
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Low resolution



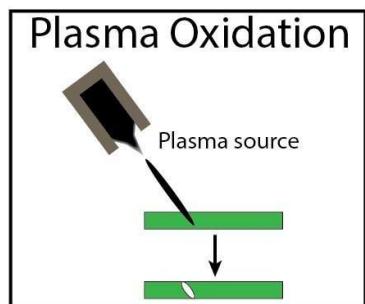
High resolution  
Expensive



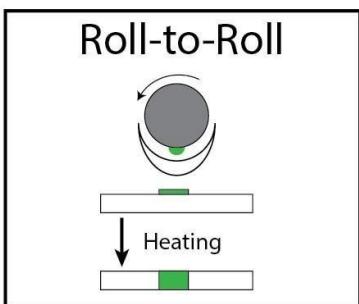
Easiness  
Ad hoc masks



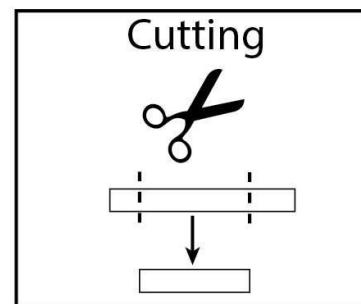
Reduced waste  
Expensive printer



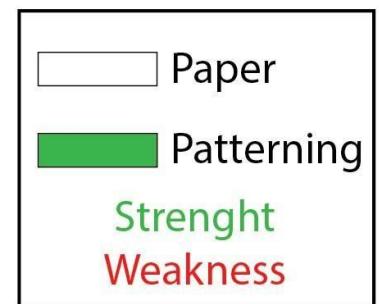
Cheap patterning  
Hydrophobized paper



Mass scalable  
Too many steps



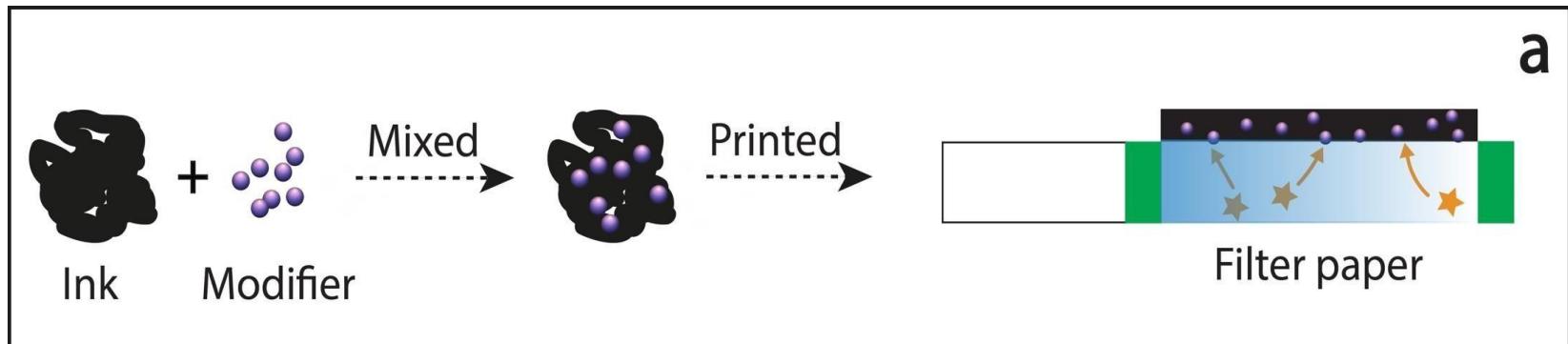
Low-cost  
No channels



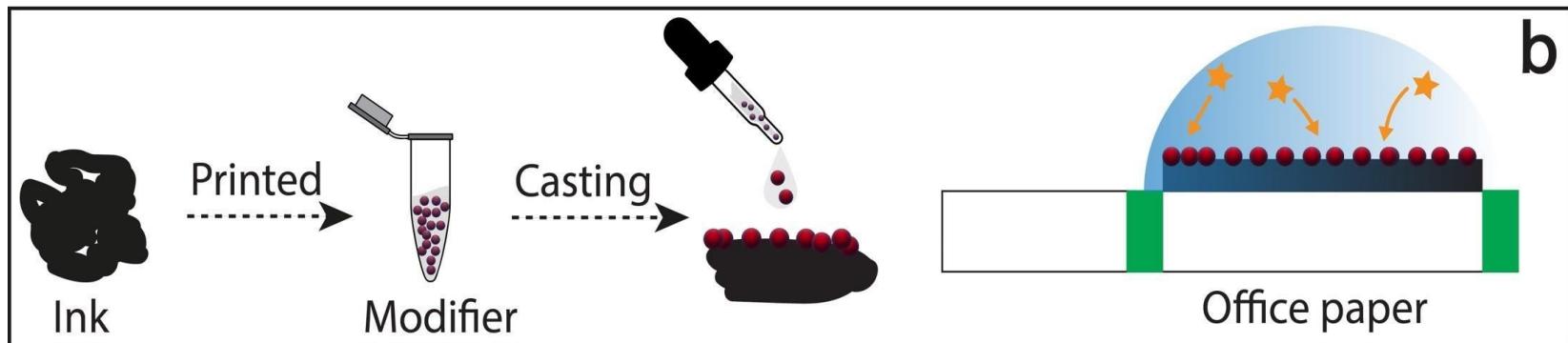
Strength  
Weakness

# Which E-Paper?

## Porous

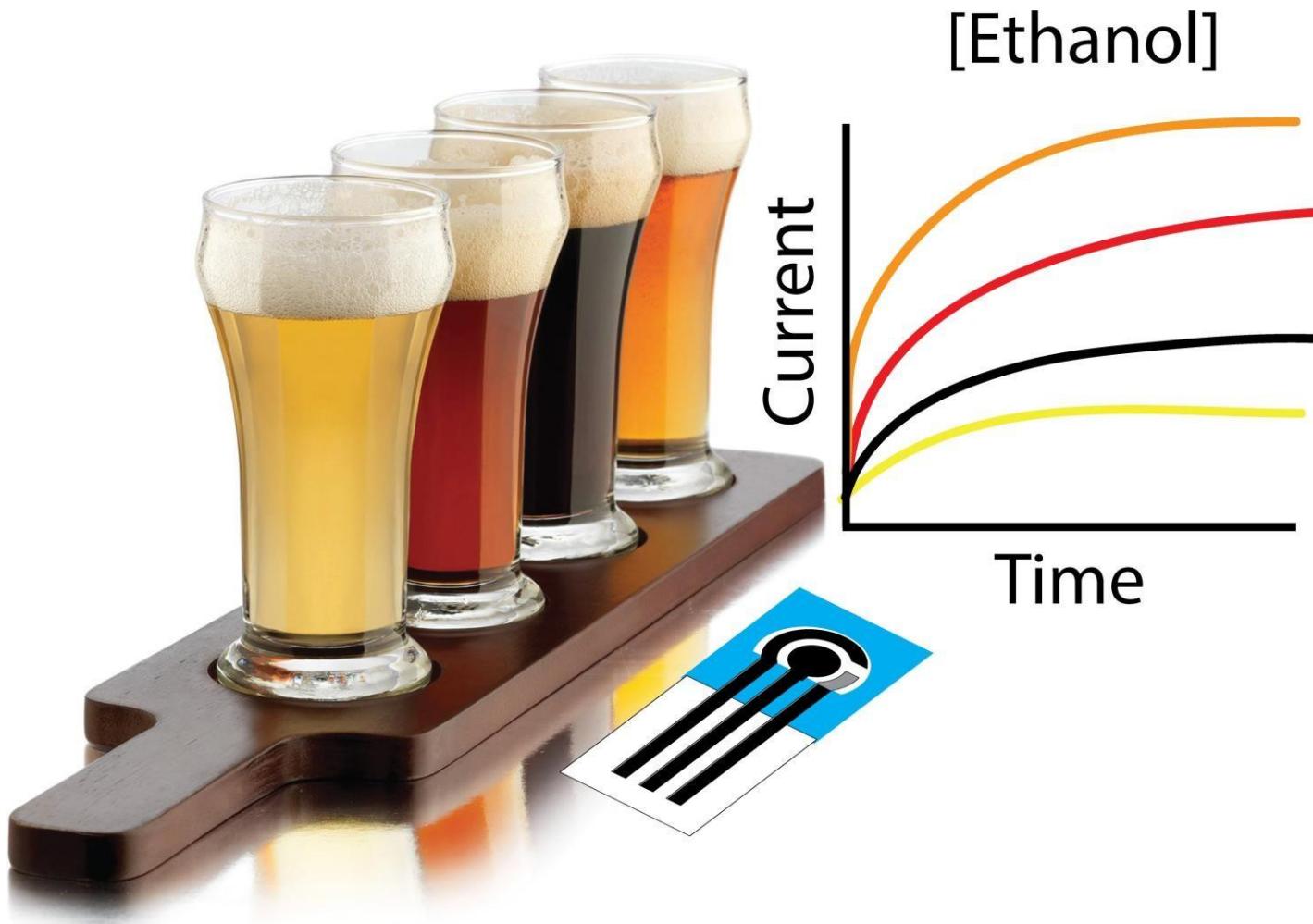


## Non porous

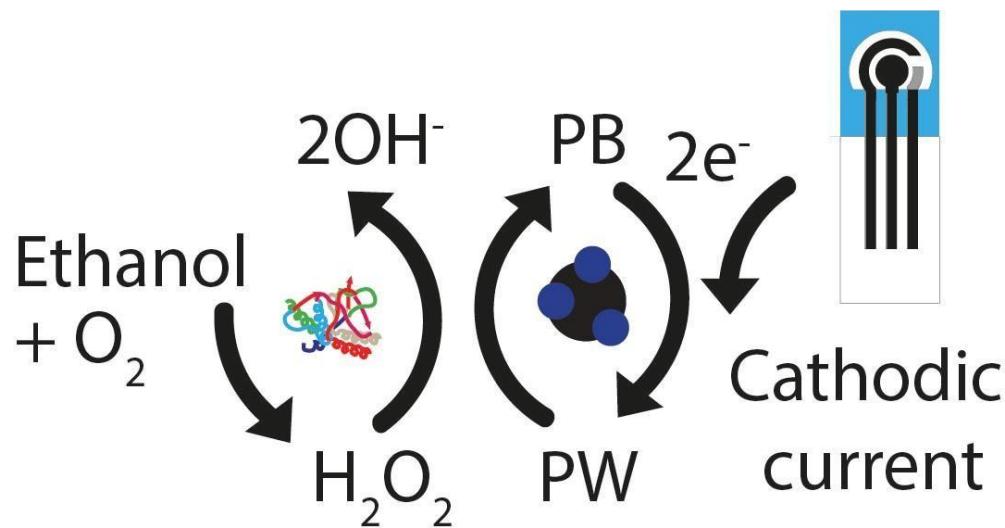


Anyway, paper is the substrate... we need to make these strips ad-hoc

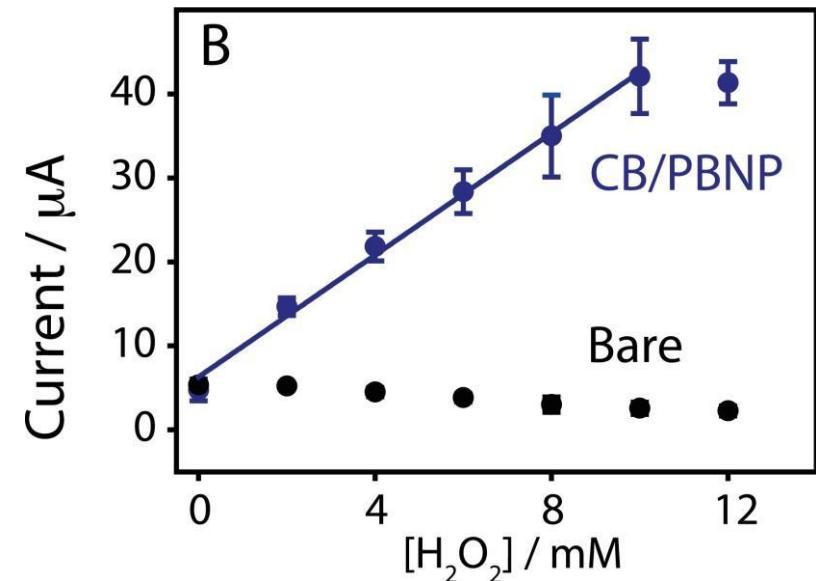
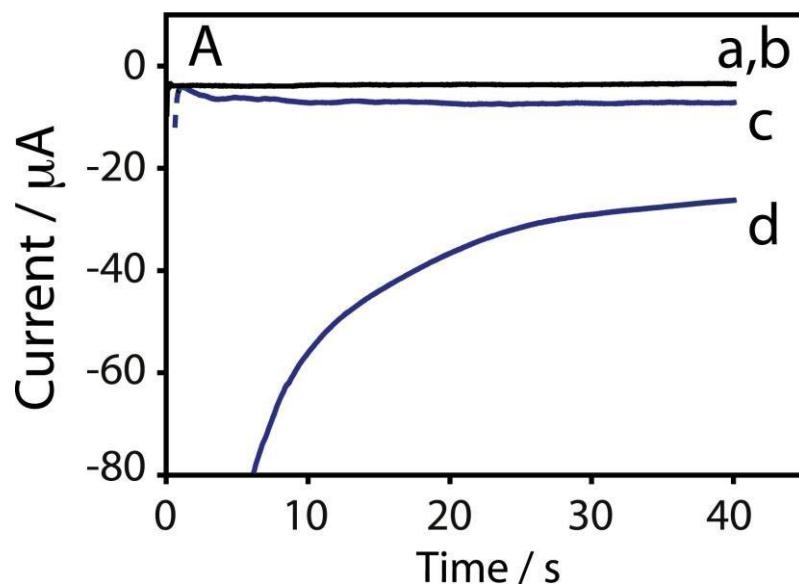
# Office paper for ethanol



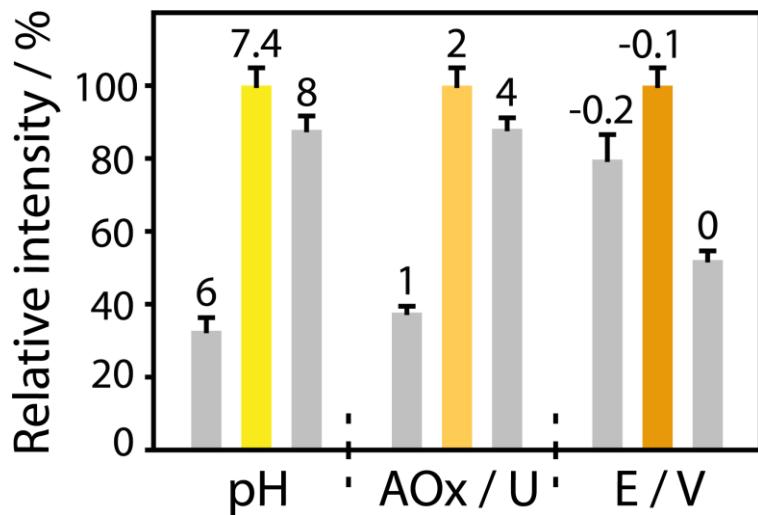
## Detection mechanism



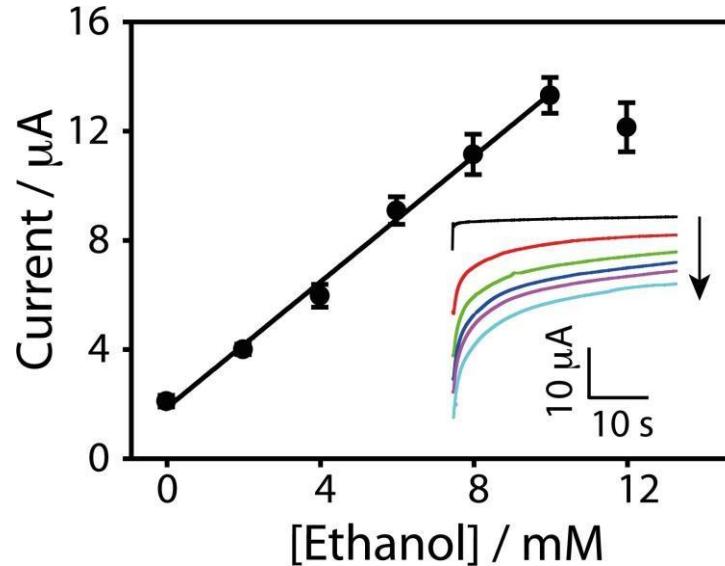
- Office paper
- Carbon Black
- Prussian Blue
- Alcohol oxidase



## Optimization



## Calibration curve



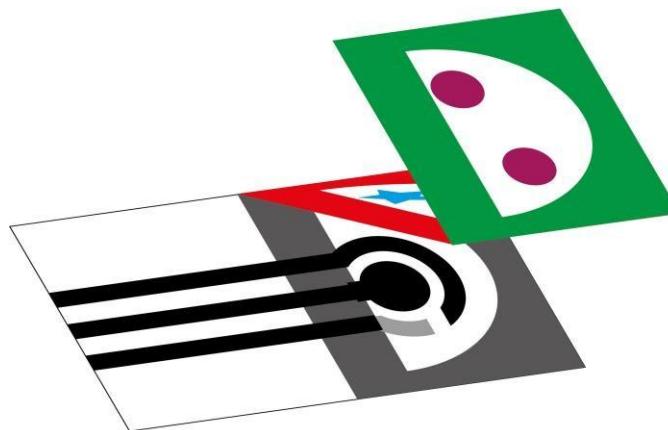
## Accordance with label

Detection of ethanol in commercial beers.

| Beer                     | Lager<br>Best Bräu, Poland             | Weiss<br>Franziskaner,<br>Germany    | Pilsner<br>Ceres,<br>Denmark      | Alcohol free<br>Tourtel,<br>Italy        |
|--------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Label [ethanol]/%vol (M) | 4.7% (0.805 M)                         | 5% (0.856 M)                         | 4.6% (0.787 M)                    | <0.5% (0.086 M)                          |
| Found [ethanol]/%vol (M) | $4.7 \pm 0.4$<br>( $0.805 \pm 0.075$ ) | $5.0 \pm 0.4$<br>( $0.86 \pm 0.07$ ) | $4.4 \pm 0.2$ ( $0.75 \pm 0.04$ ) | $0.34 \pm 0.03$<br>( $0.059 \pm 0.004$ ) |
| RSD/%                    | 9.3                                    | 8.1                                  | 5.3                               | 6.8                                      |

# 3-D paper origami for pesticides

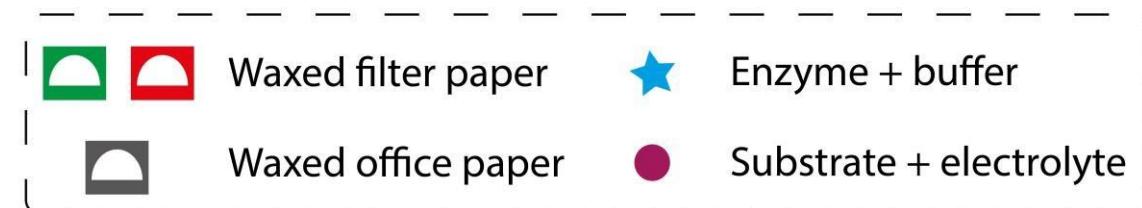
Filter paper + office paper



Substrate pad

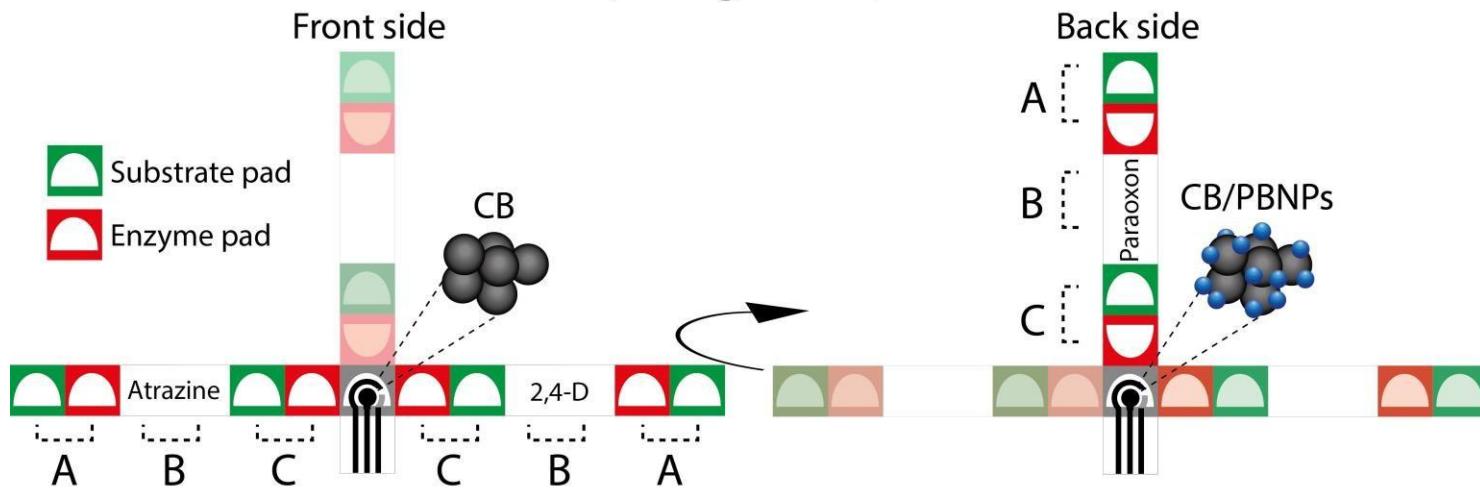
Enzyme pad

Paper-based SPE

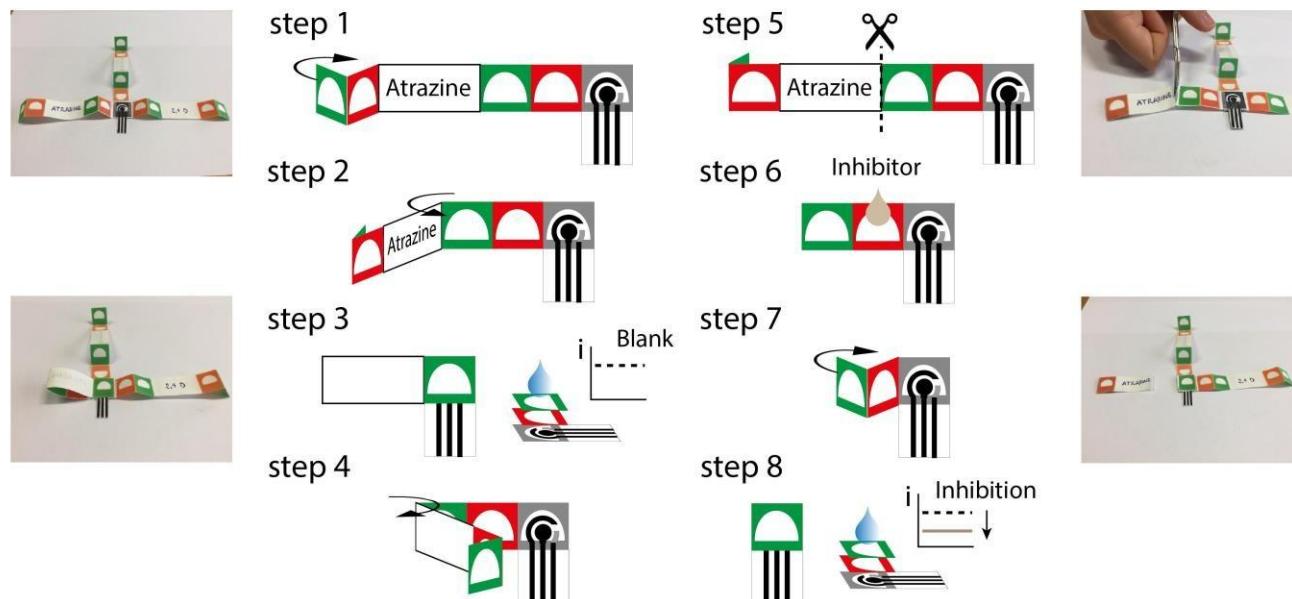


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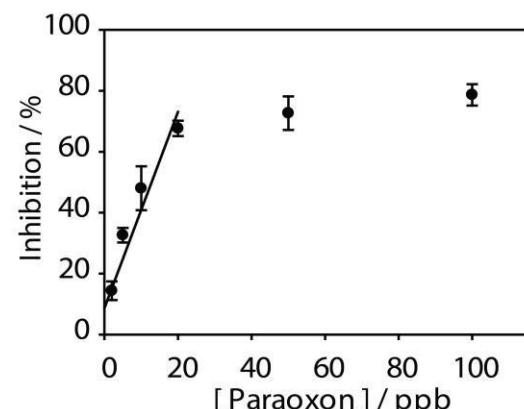
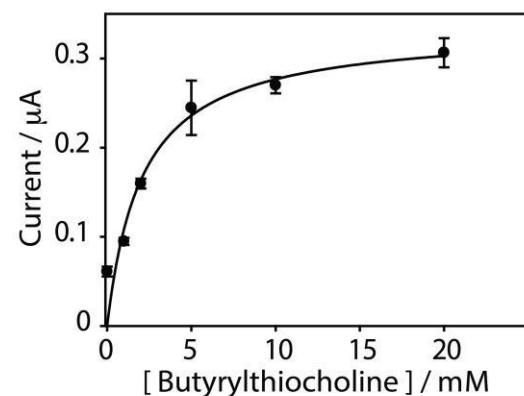
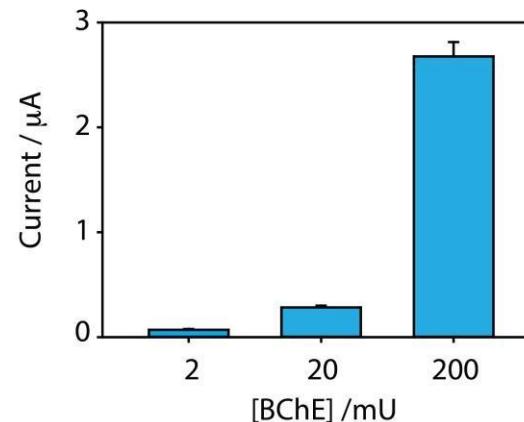
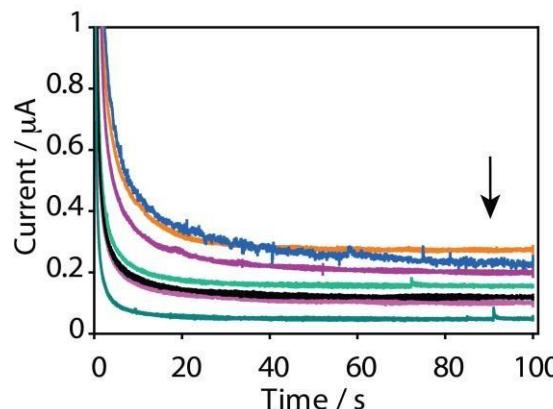
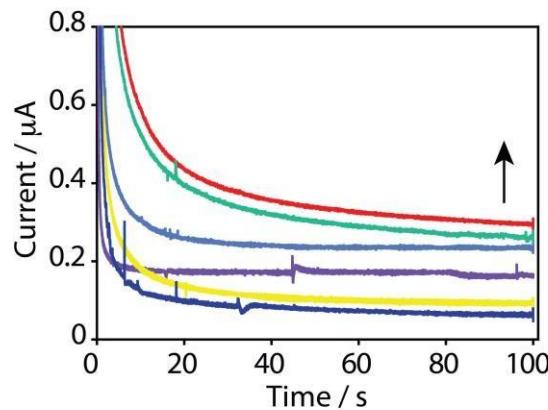
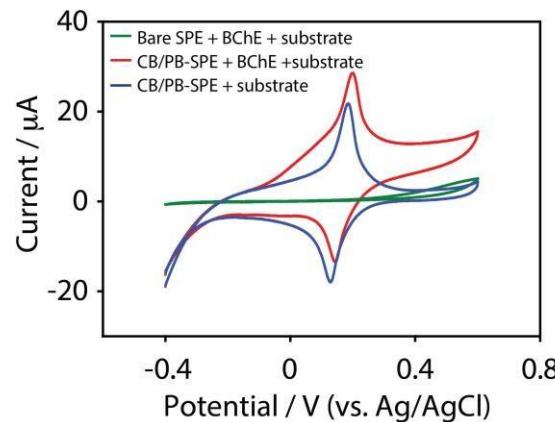
## Configuration



## Measurements, e.g. Atrazine



## E.g. paraoxon detection



**LOD = 2 ppb**

**Linear range up to 30 ppb**

**RSD = 11%**

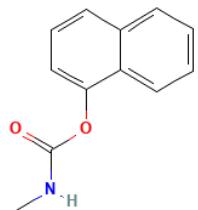
**Real sample: River water**

**Linear up to 30 ppb**

**Recoveries: 90 and 88%  
(10 and 20 ppb)**

# Paper + laser induced graphene + electrochemistry

CARBARYL



MRL 0.5 mg/Kg



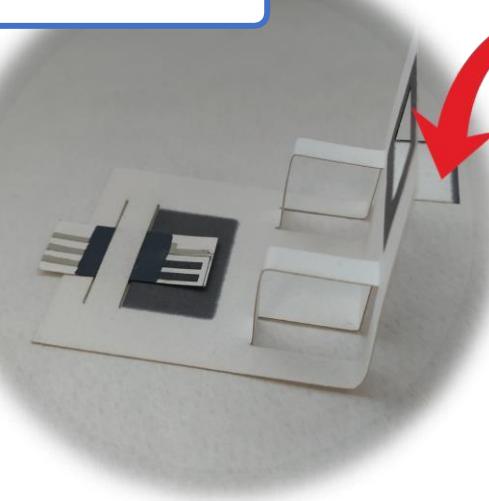
MRL 0.8 mg/Kg



MRL 0.1 mg/Kg



3D POP-UP device

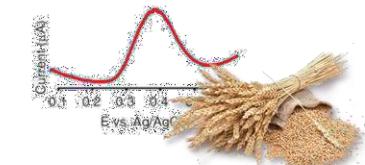
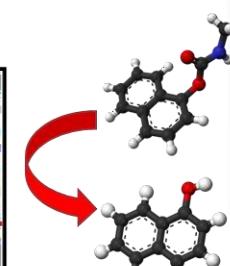
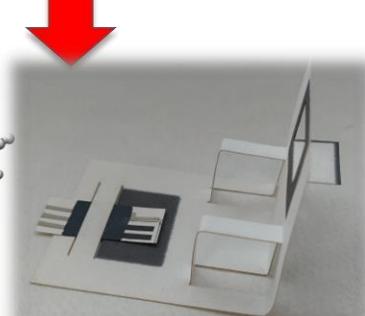
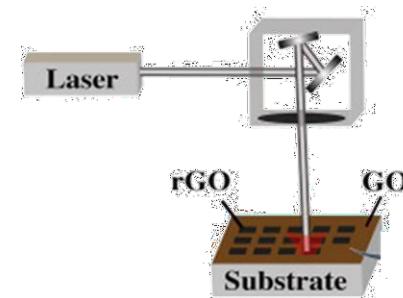
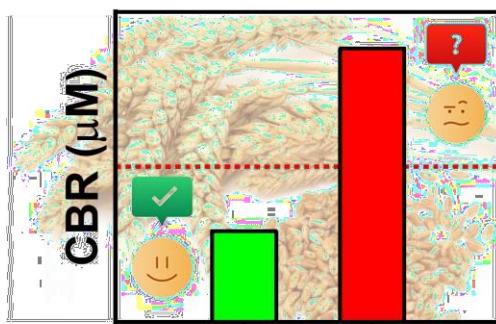


Sample

Hydrolysis

Neutralization

CBR ( $\mu\text{M}$ )



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Integrated paper/graphene 3D pop-up device for the quantitative sensing of carbaryl

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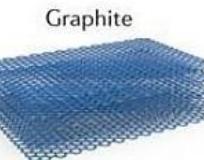
# Laser induced graphene

## Graphene

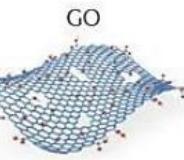
Top-down



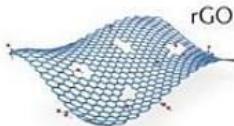
Liquid-phase  
exfoliation



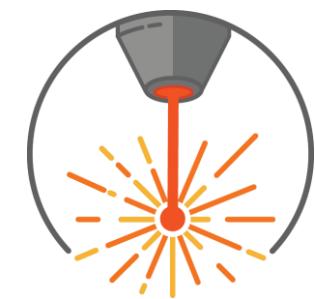
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Reduction

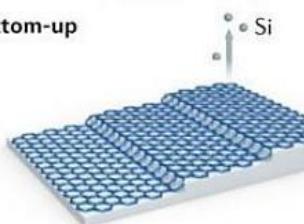


Graphene



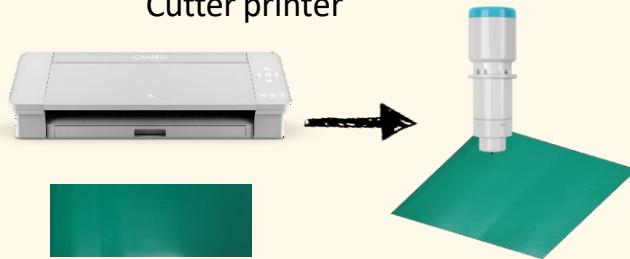
*Laser induced graphene*

Bottom-up



# POP-UP fabrication

Cutter printer

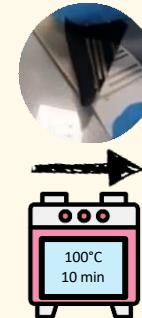


Vinyl stencil

Nitrocellulose



Ag ink



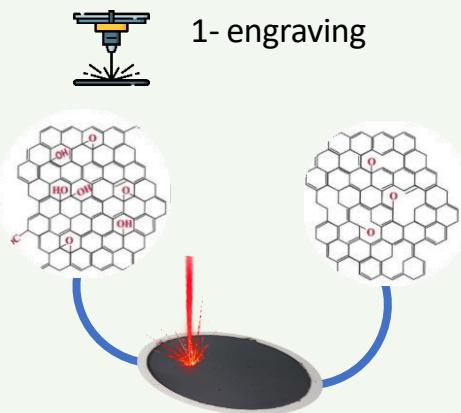
Graphene oxide  
water solution



CO<sub>2</sub> laser

GO

1- engraving



rGO

2- cutting



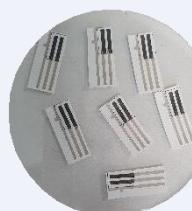
Vacuum filtration

# POP-UP fabrication

Press- transfer



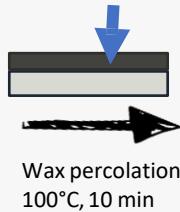
2 tons  
3 min



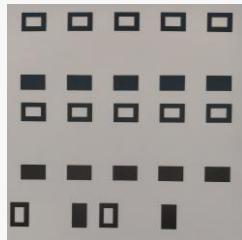
Grey dielectric paste



Wax printer



Wax percolation  
100°C, 10 min

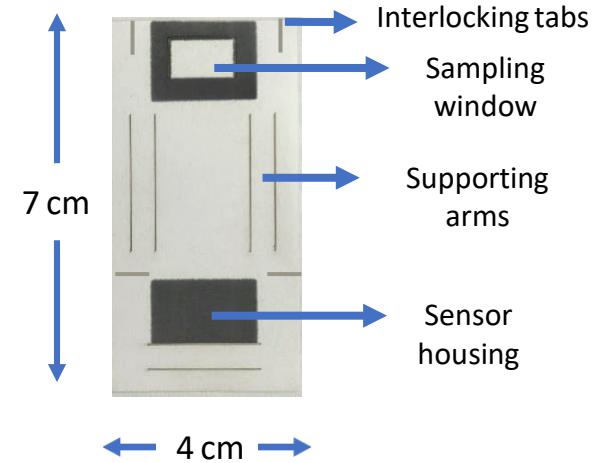


CO<sub>2</sub> laser



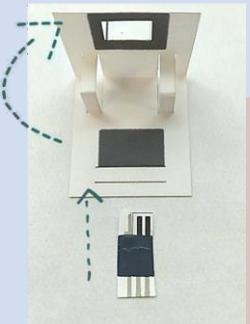
LP: 6.6 W  
LS: 0.075 m s<sup>-1</sup>

Chromatographic paper



# Measure set-up

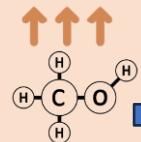
1- 3D configuration



2- Sample loading



5 drops of 15  $\mu$ L



CBR concentration

MeOH evaporation

3- Hydrolysis

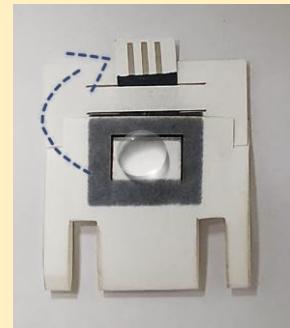


Carbaryl 1-Naphthol



NaOH  
60 mM

4- Neutralization

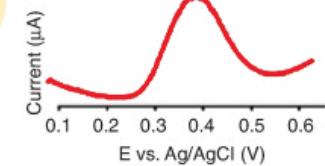


NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>  
30 mM

5- Measure



DPV

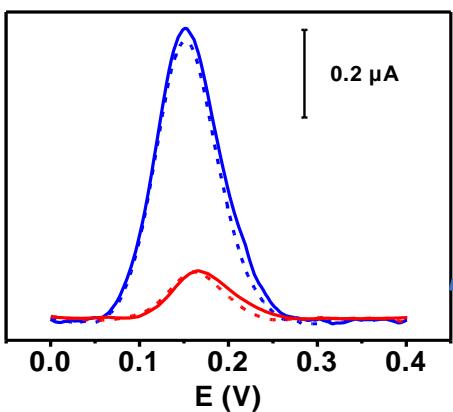


50 ms pulse width, 50 mV modulation amplitude, and 25 mV s<sup>-1</sup> scan rate

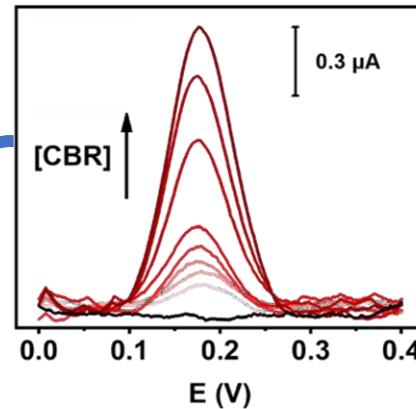
# Analytical performances

Solid line → CBR hydrolyzed on the POP-UP device  
Dashed line → 1-NP used as control

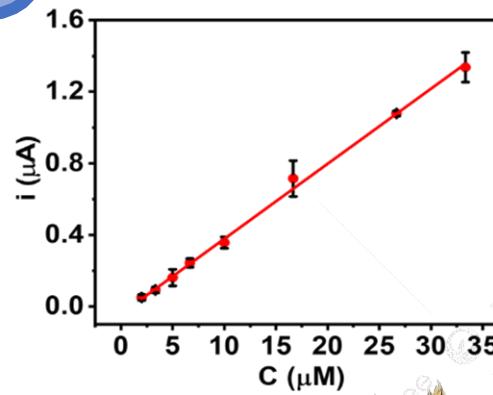
5  $\mu$ M and 25  $\mu$ M



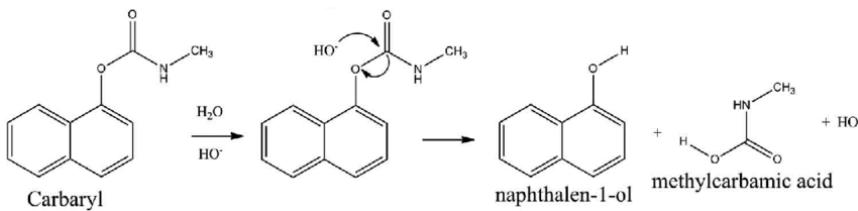
Quantitative hydrolysis



LR: 1.5 - 33  $\mu$ M  
 $R^2 = 0.9950$   
RSD  $\leq 10\%$ , n=3  
LOD: 0.4  $\mu$ M



LOD < MRL in grains



# Sample analysis



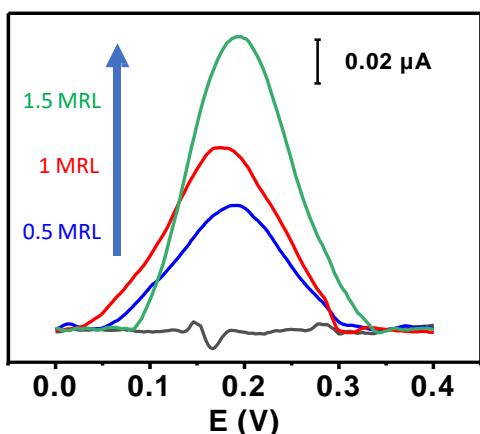
Soft wheat 1 (SW1)  
Soft wheat 2 (SW2)  
Durum wheat (DW)  
Kamut (KM)  
Barley (BR)

5 mg in 10 mL of methanol

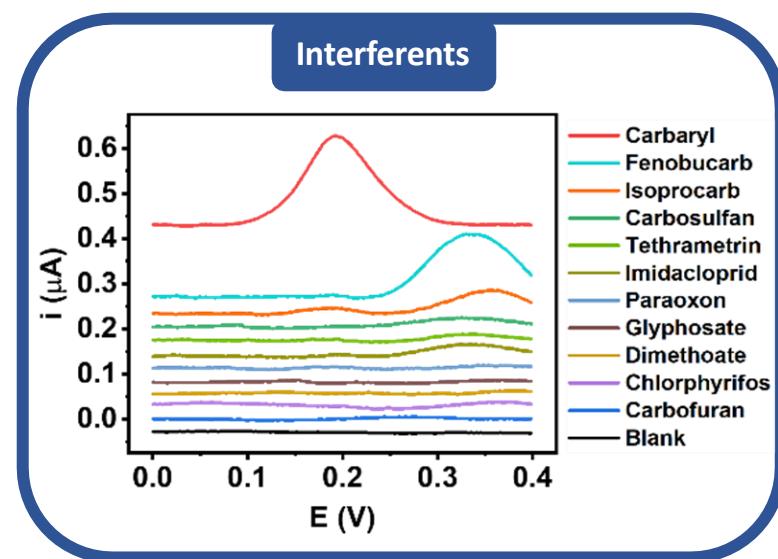
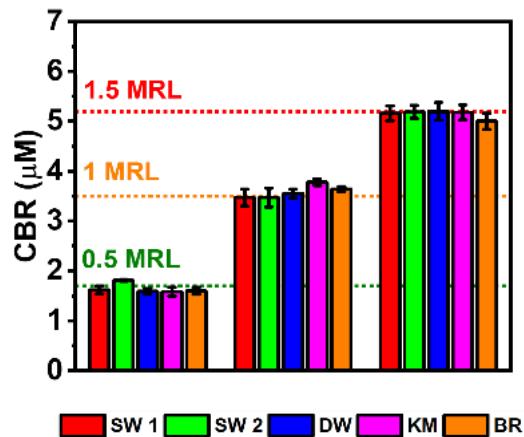
Extraction under orbital stirring for 5 min at 4000 g

## Carbaryl MRL in grains: 3.5 µM

CBR fortification at:  
0.5 MRL (1.7  $\mu$ M)  
1 MRL (3.5  $\mu$ M)  
1.5 MRL (5.2  $\mu$ M)

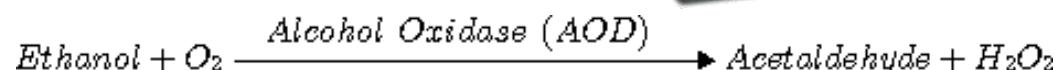


**Recovery: 93-108% (RSD  $\leq$  6%, n = 3)**

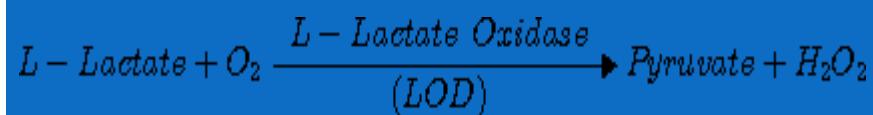
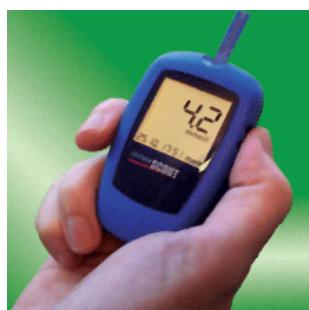




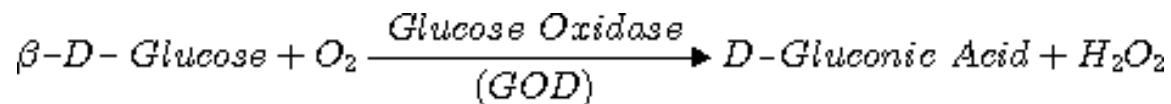
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instruments



Acido lattico, monouso  
(Sens-Lab)



Glucose, Lactate, Ethanol,  
Methanol, Ammonia, Glycerol,  
Sucrose, Lactose and Glutamine





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