

# Paper as substrate



Paper can...

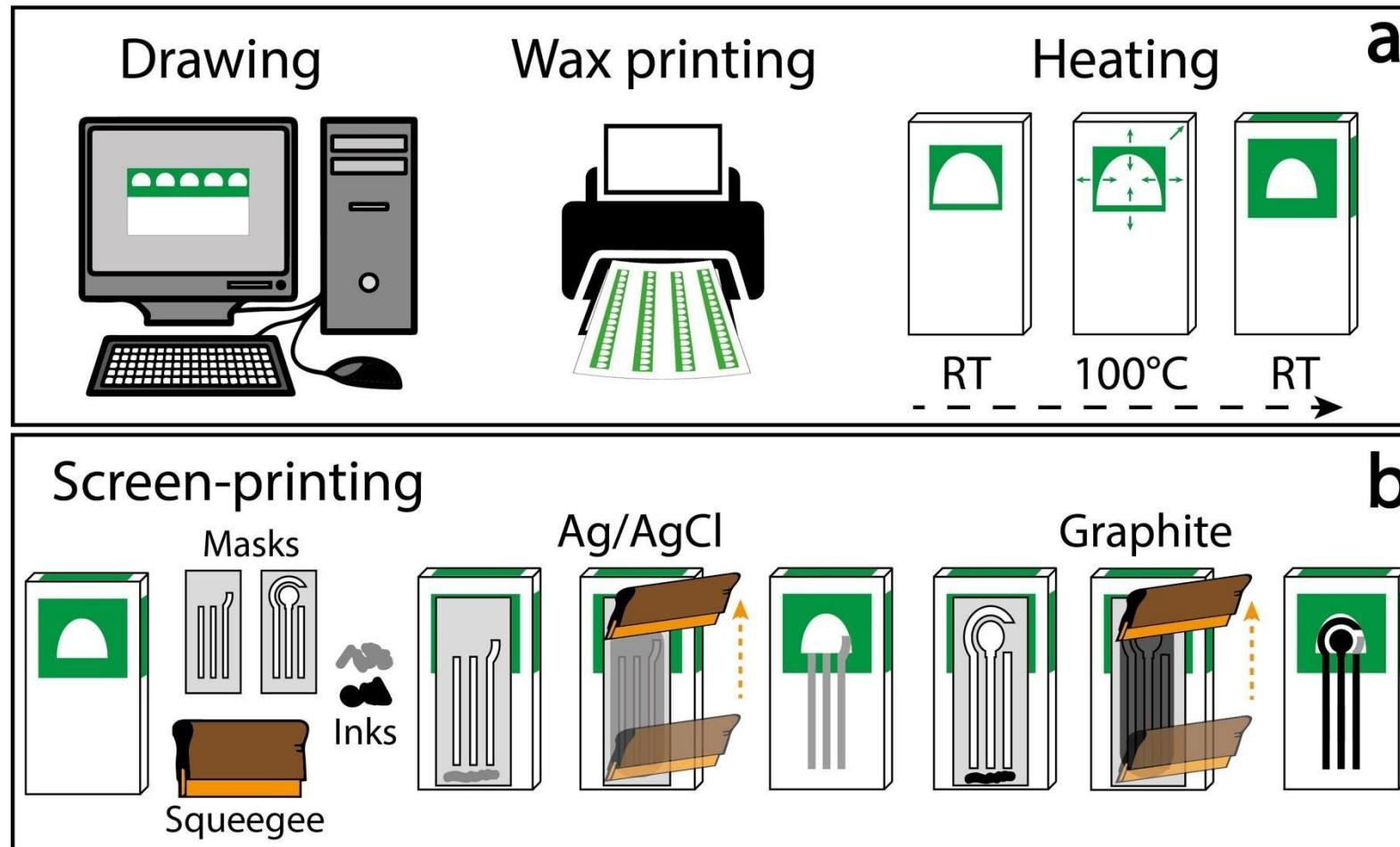
Store  
Filter  
React

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

An hydrophobic  
barrier  
is needed...

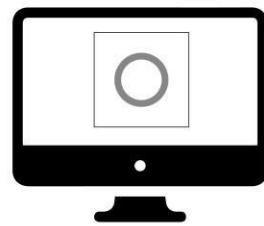
# From Paper to E-Paper

Few and easy steps

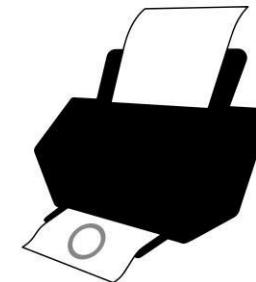


# Hydrophilicity matters

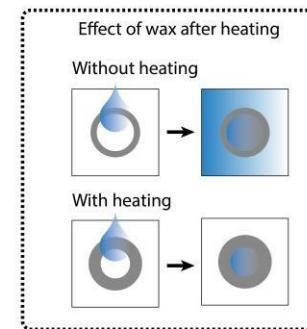
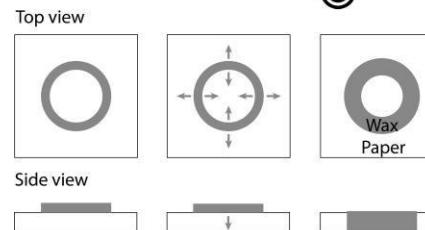
Drawing



Wax printing



Heating  100°C



... also the cost!

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

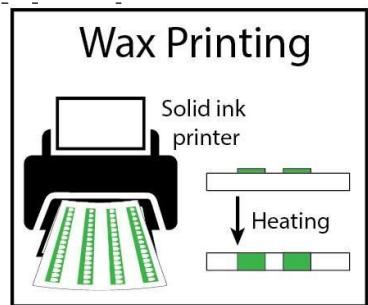
Substrate	Ag/AgCl ink	Carbon ink	Insulator	Substrate	Total cost	Saving <sup>c</sup>
Polyester	0.010	0.007	0.003 <sup>a</sup>	0.013	0.033	45%
Whatman #1			0.001 <sup>b</sup>	0.007	0.025	30%
Office paper			0.001 <sup>b</sup>	0.0001	0.018	/

<sup>a</sup> Insulator ink.

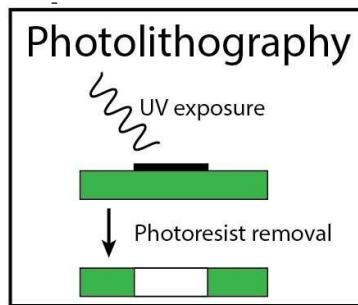
<sup>b</sup> Wax.

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

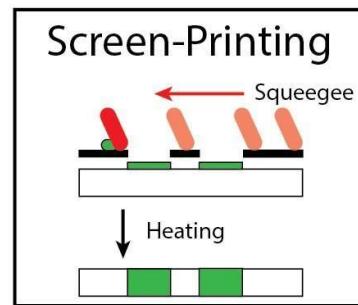
## It depends on what you need and you have!



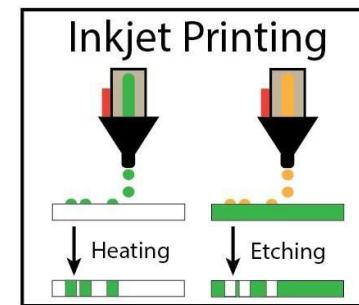
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Low resolution



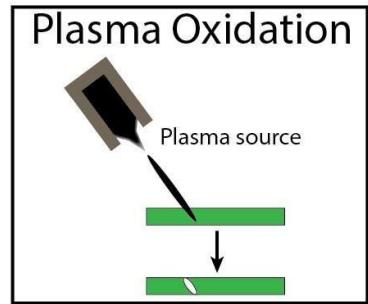
High resolution  
Expensive



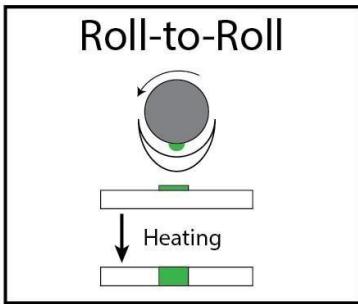
Easiness  
Ad hoc masks



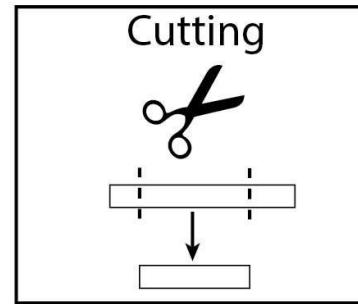
Reduced waste  
Expensive printer



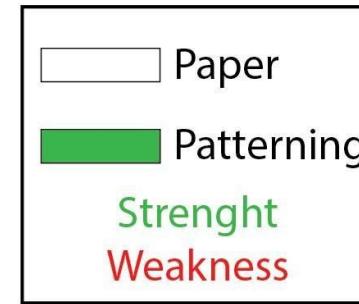
Cheap patterning  
Hydrophobized paper



Mass scalable  
Too many steps

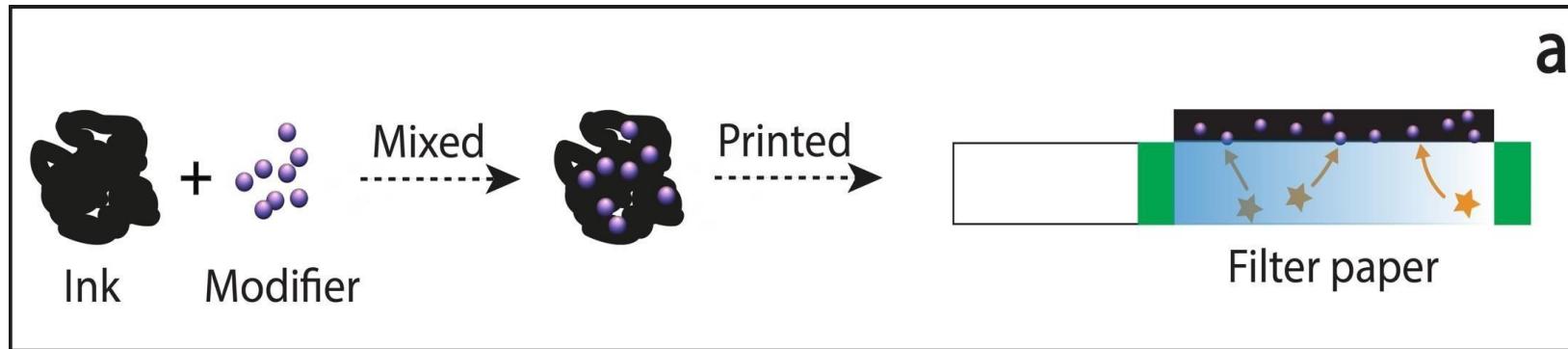


Low-cost  
No channels

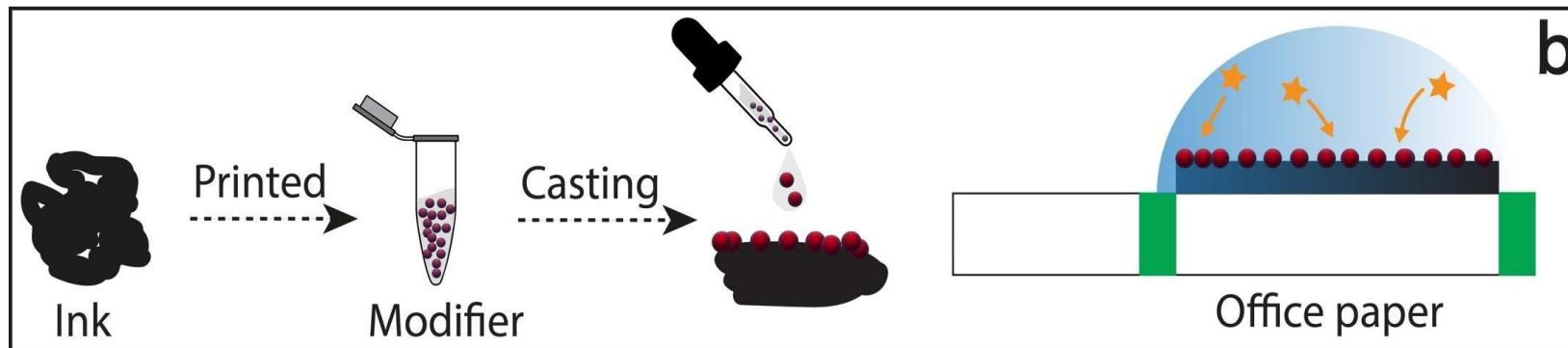


# Which E-Paper?

## Porous

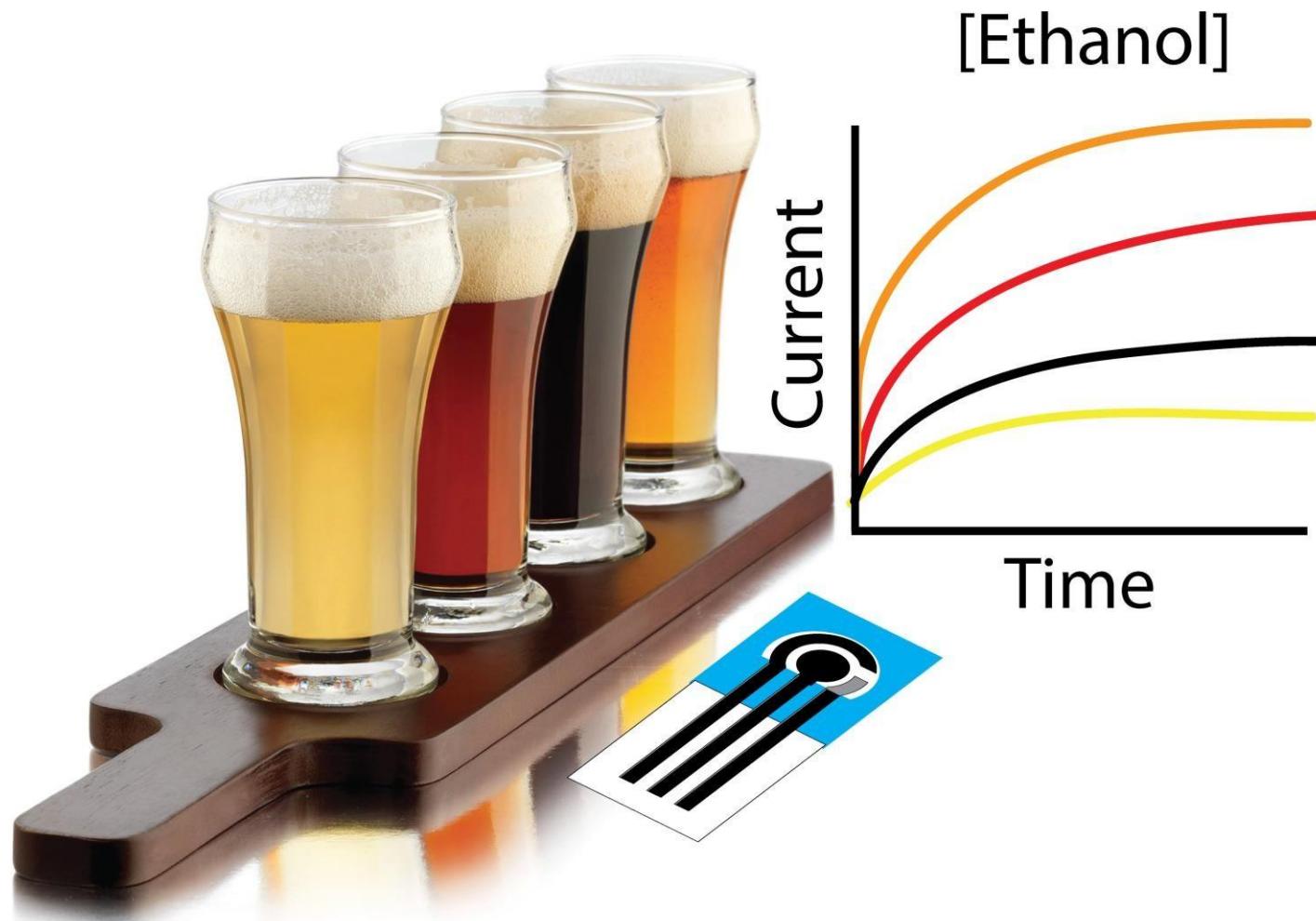


## Non porous

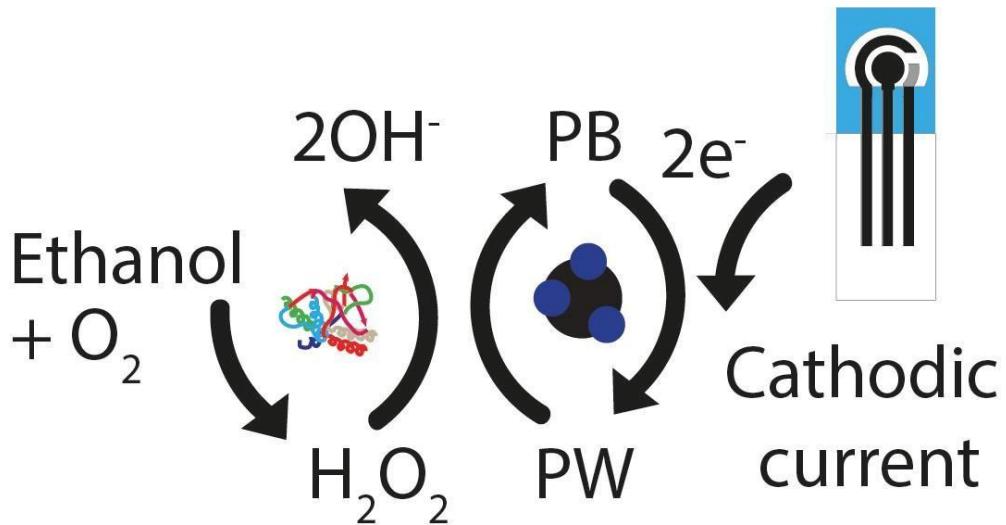


Anyway, paper is the substrate... we need to make these strips ad-hoc

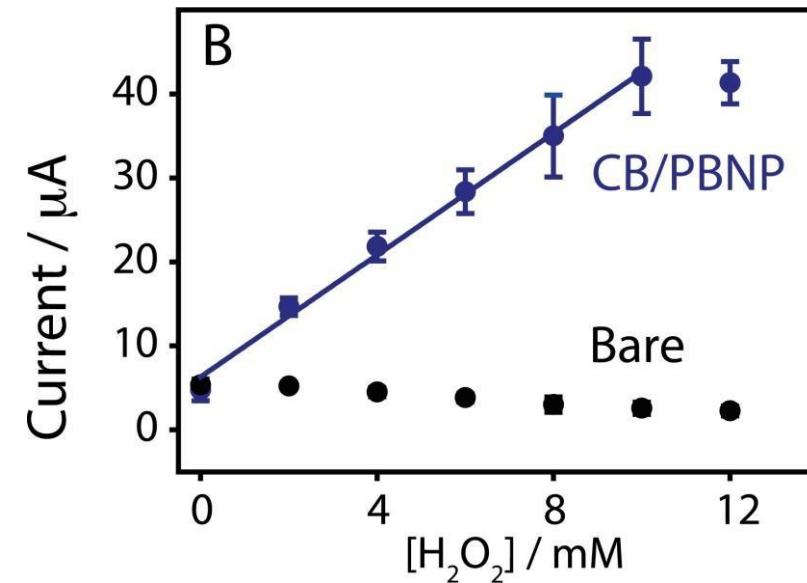
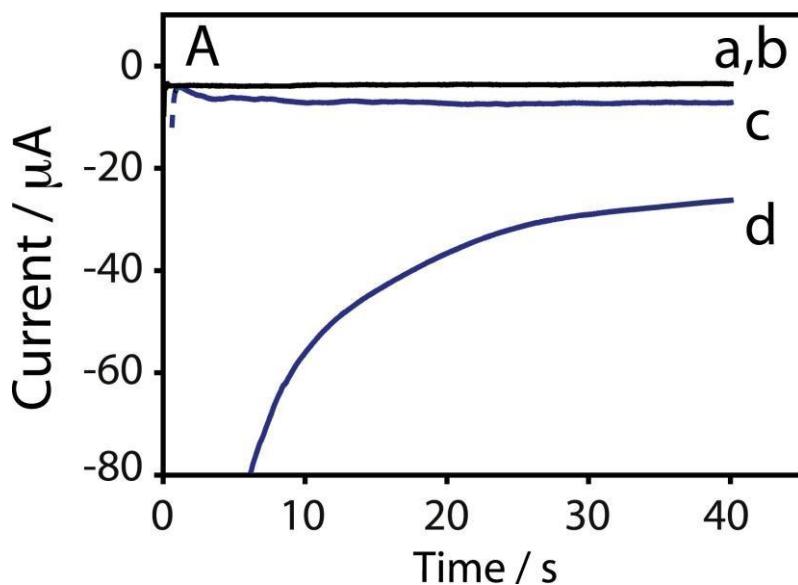
## Office paper for ethanol



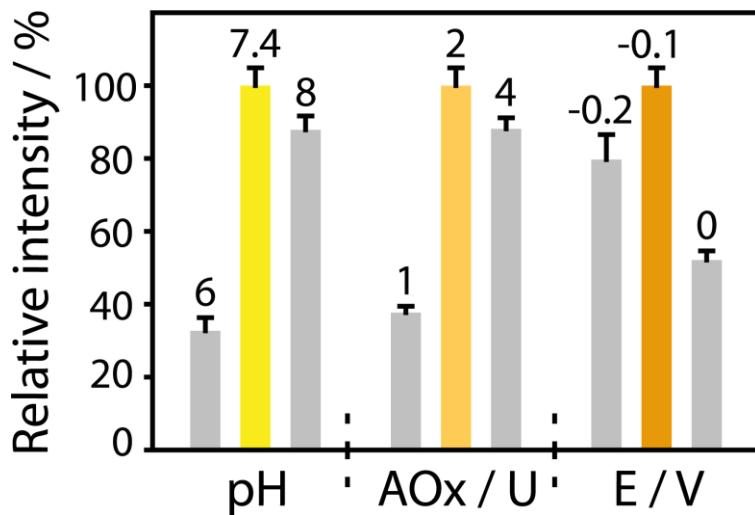
## Detection mechanism



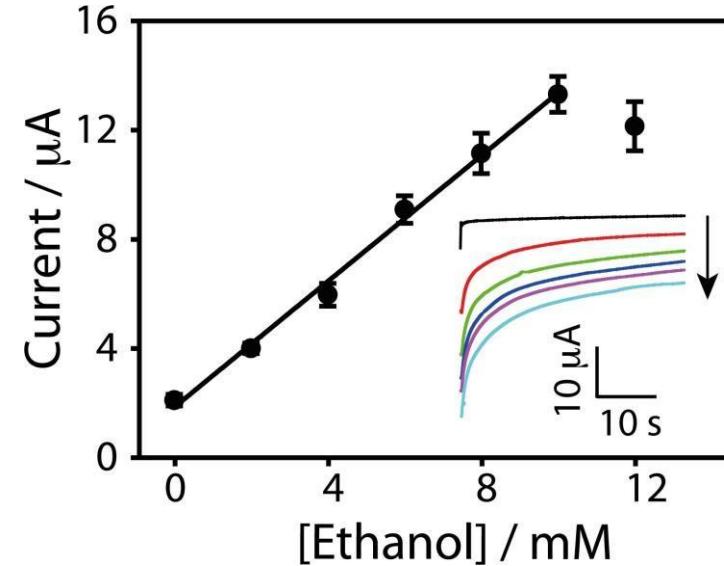
- Office paper
- Carbon Black
- Prussian Blue
- Alcohol oxidase



## Optimization



## Calibration curve



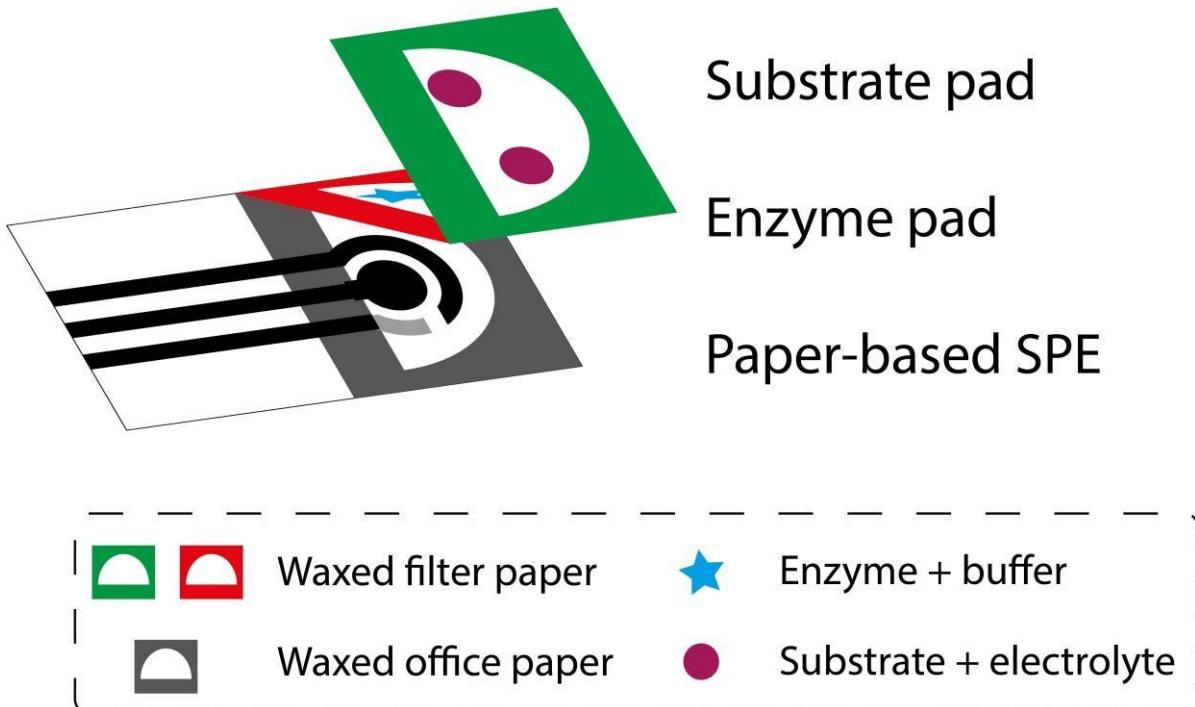
## Accordance with label

Detection of ethanol in commercial beers.

Beer	Lager Best Bräu, Poland	Weiss Franziskaner, Germany	Pilsner Ceres, Denmark	Alcohol free Tourtel, 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)	$4.7 \pm 0.4$ ( $0.805 \pm 0.075$ )	$5.0 \pm 0.4$ ( $0.86 \pm 0.07$ )	$4.4 \pm 0.2$ ( $0.75 \pm 0.04$ )	$0.34 \pm 0.03$ ( $0.059 \pm 0.004$ )
RSD/%	9.3	8.1	5.3	6.8

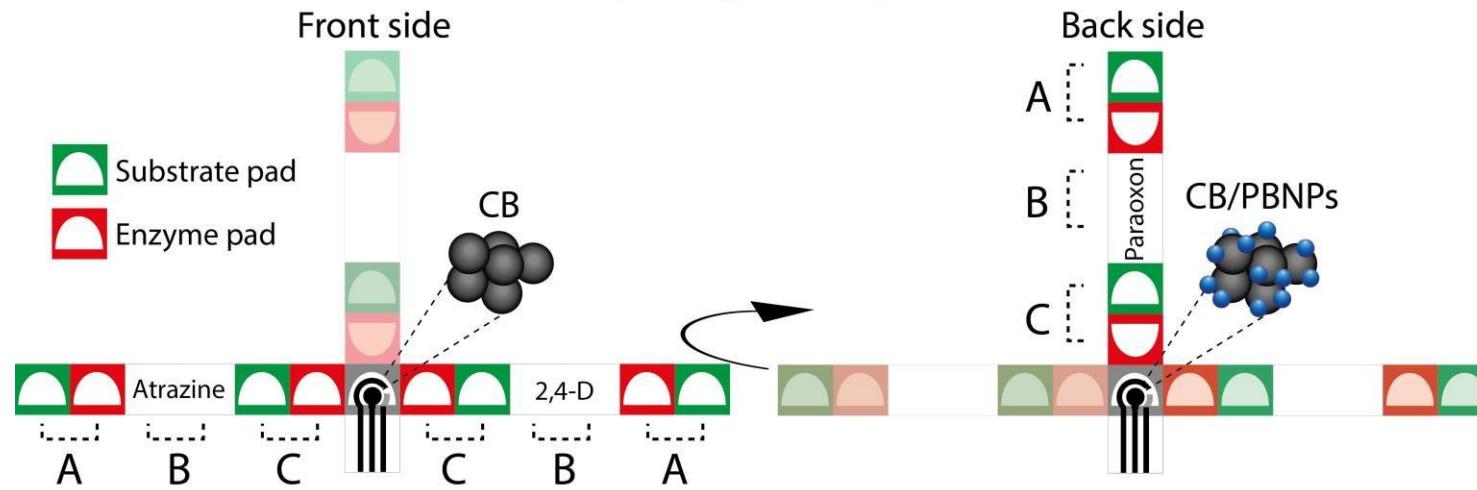
# 3-D paper origami for pesticides

Filter paper + office paper

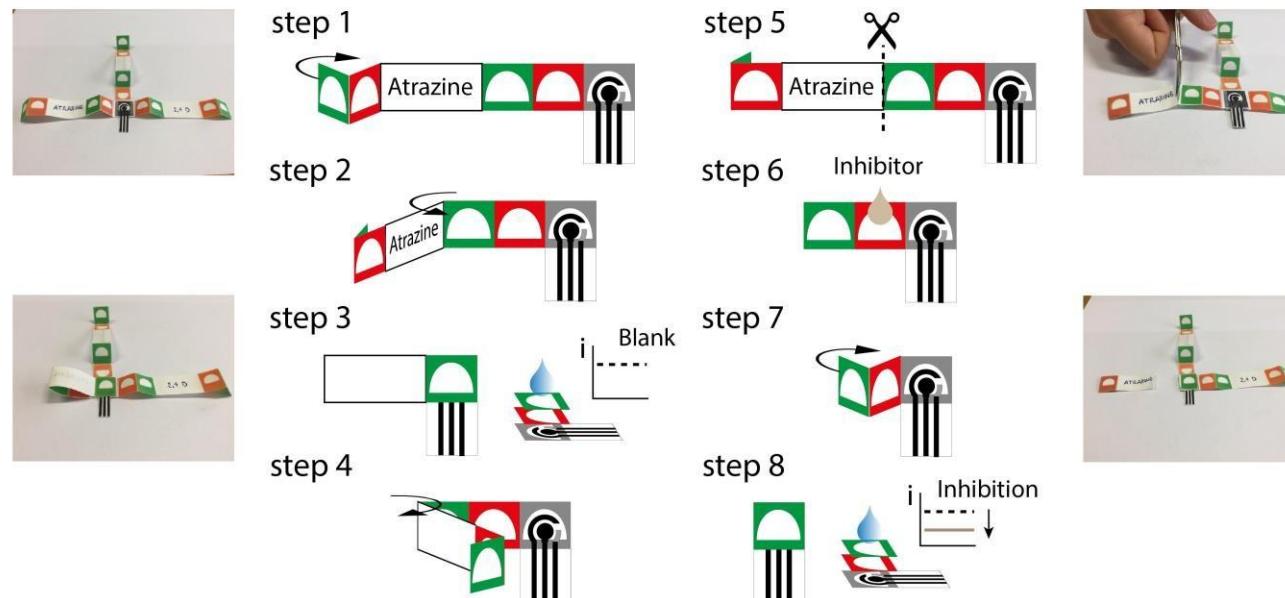


**Paraoxon, 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid, and atrazine by inhibition of butyrylcholinesterase, alkaline phosphatase, and tyrosinase**

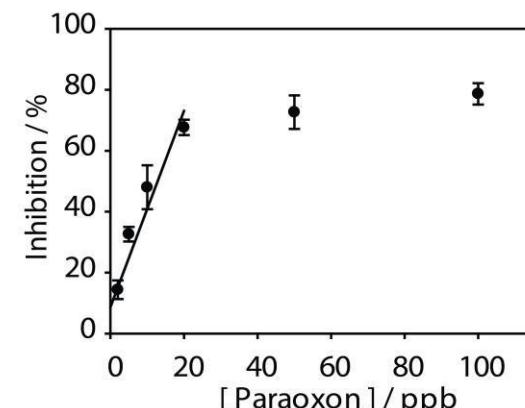
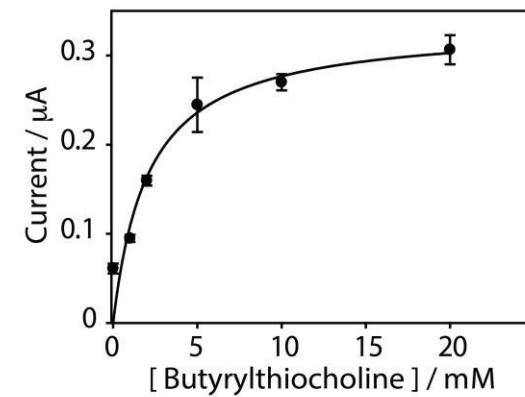
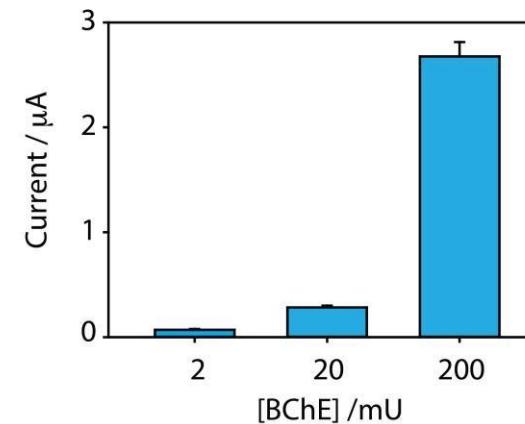
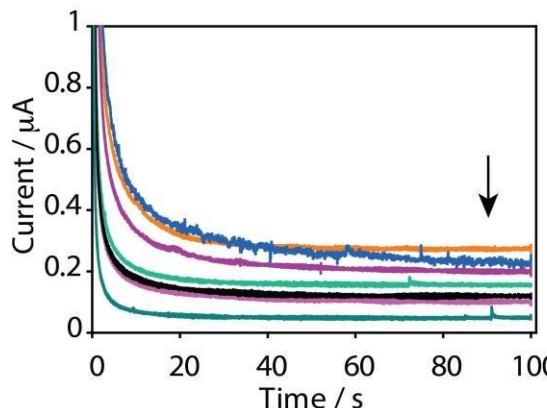
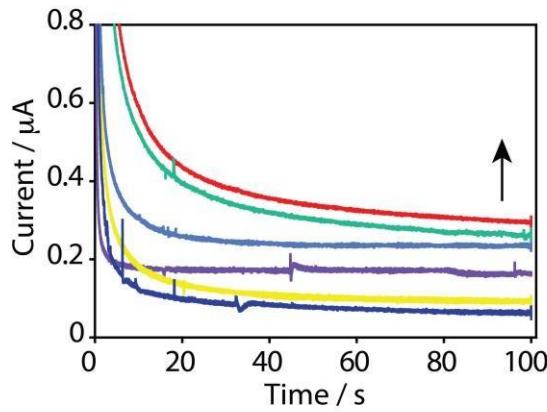
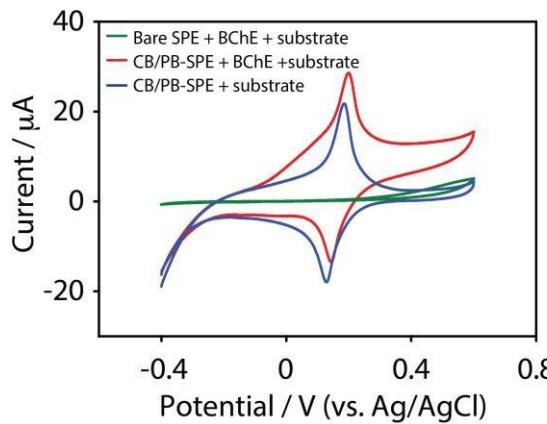
## Configuration



## Measurements, e.g. Atrazine



## E.g. paraoxon detection



**LOD = 2 ppb**

**Linear range up to 30 ppb**

**RSD = 11%**

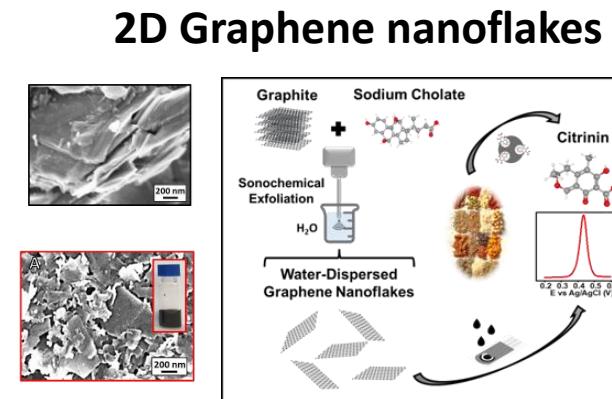
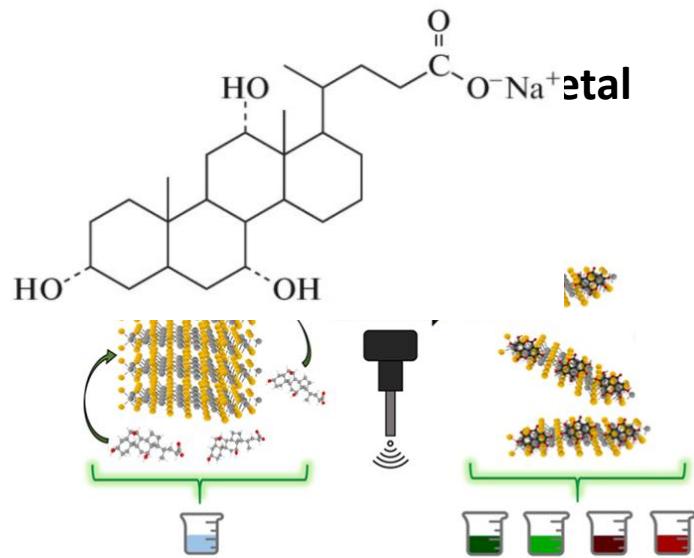
**Real sample: River water**

**Linear up to 30 ppb**

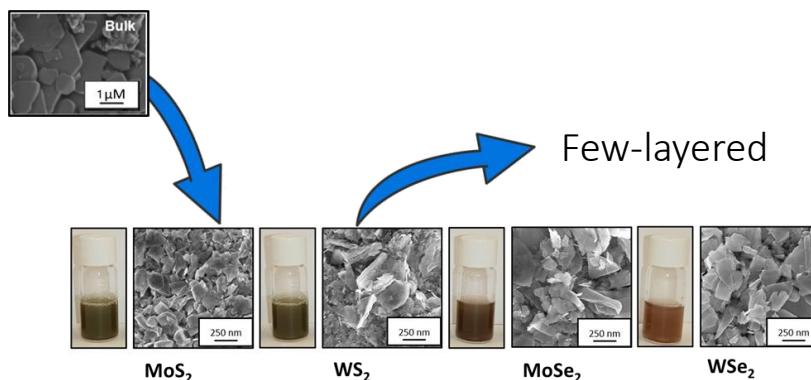
**Recoveries: 90 and 88%  
(10 and 20 ppb)**

# Green and sustainable production of nanomaterials

# Sodium cholate as redox-inert exfoliating agent for nanomaterials synthesis/preparation in water



Elfadil, D., Silveri, F., Palmieri, S., Della Pelle, F.\*, Sergi, M., Del Carlo, M., Amine, A.\*\*, Compagnone, D. (2022). *Talanta*. 124010



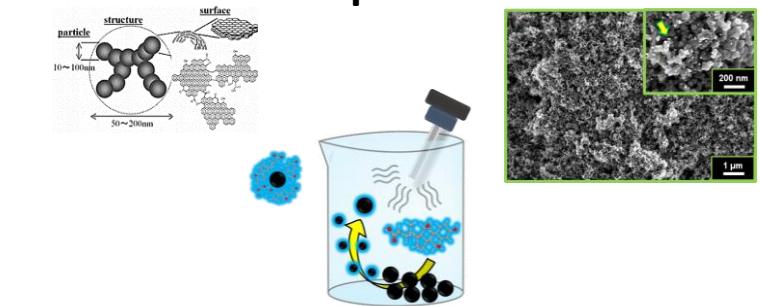
### 1D Biochar nanofibers



Bukhari, Q.U.A.; Silveri, F.; Della Pelle, F.\*; Scroccarello, A.; Zappi, D.; Cozzoni, E.; Compagnone, D.\*. (2021) *ACS Sustainable Chem. & Eng*, 9, 41

Rojas, D., Della Pelle, F., Del Carlo, M., Compagnone, D., & Escarpa, A. (2020). *Electrochemistry Communications*, 115, 106718.

### 3D Carbon Black and mesoporous carbon

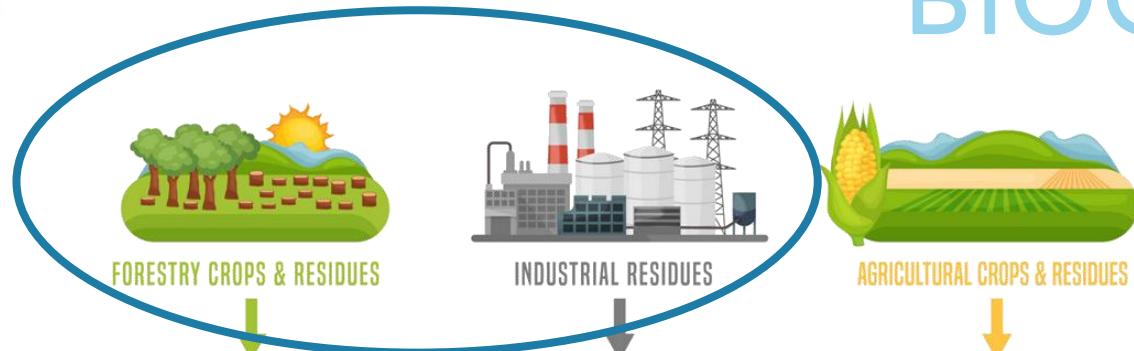


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### Sodium cholate as E.A. and S.A.

Effective exfoliation/nanodispersion  
NMs easily purifiable  
NMs Stable  
Low cost  
**Redox-inert**

# BIOCHAR



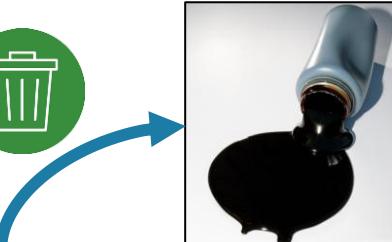
## BIOMASS SOURCES



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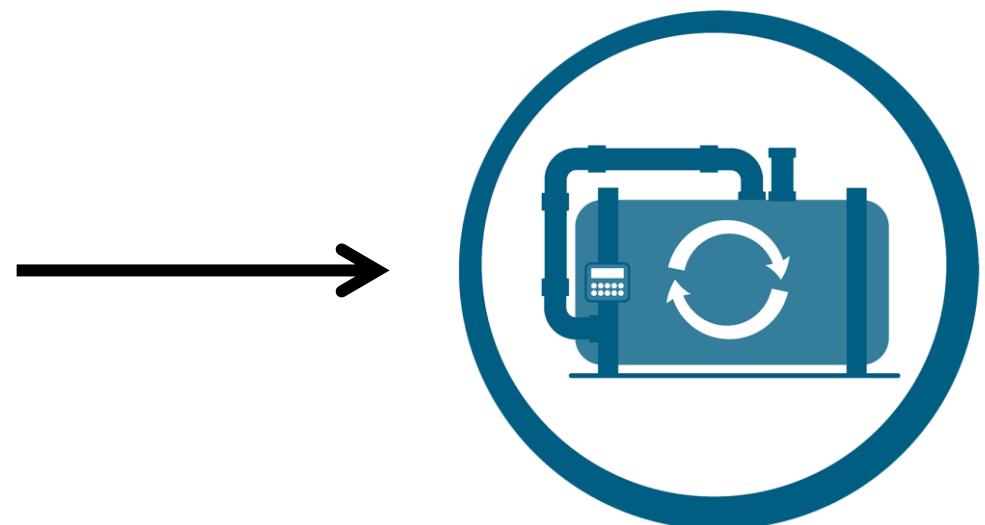


MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE



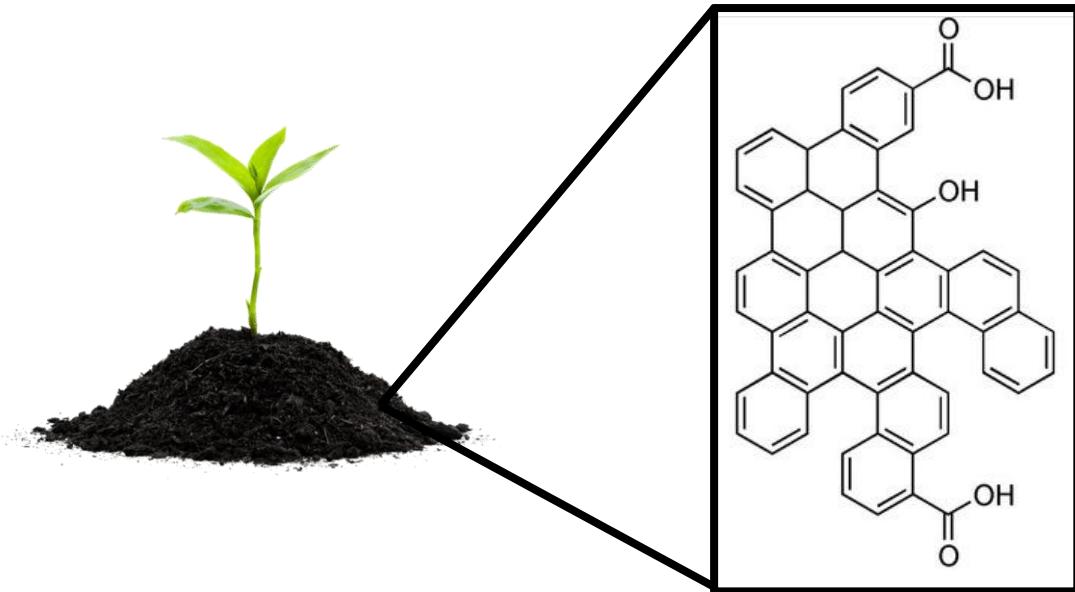
Black liquor

PAPER INDUSTRY

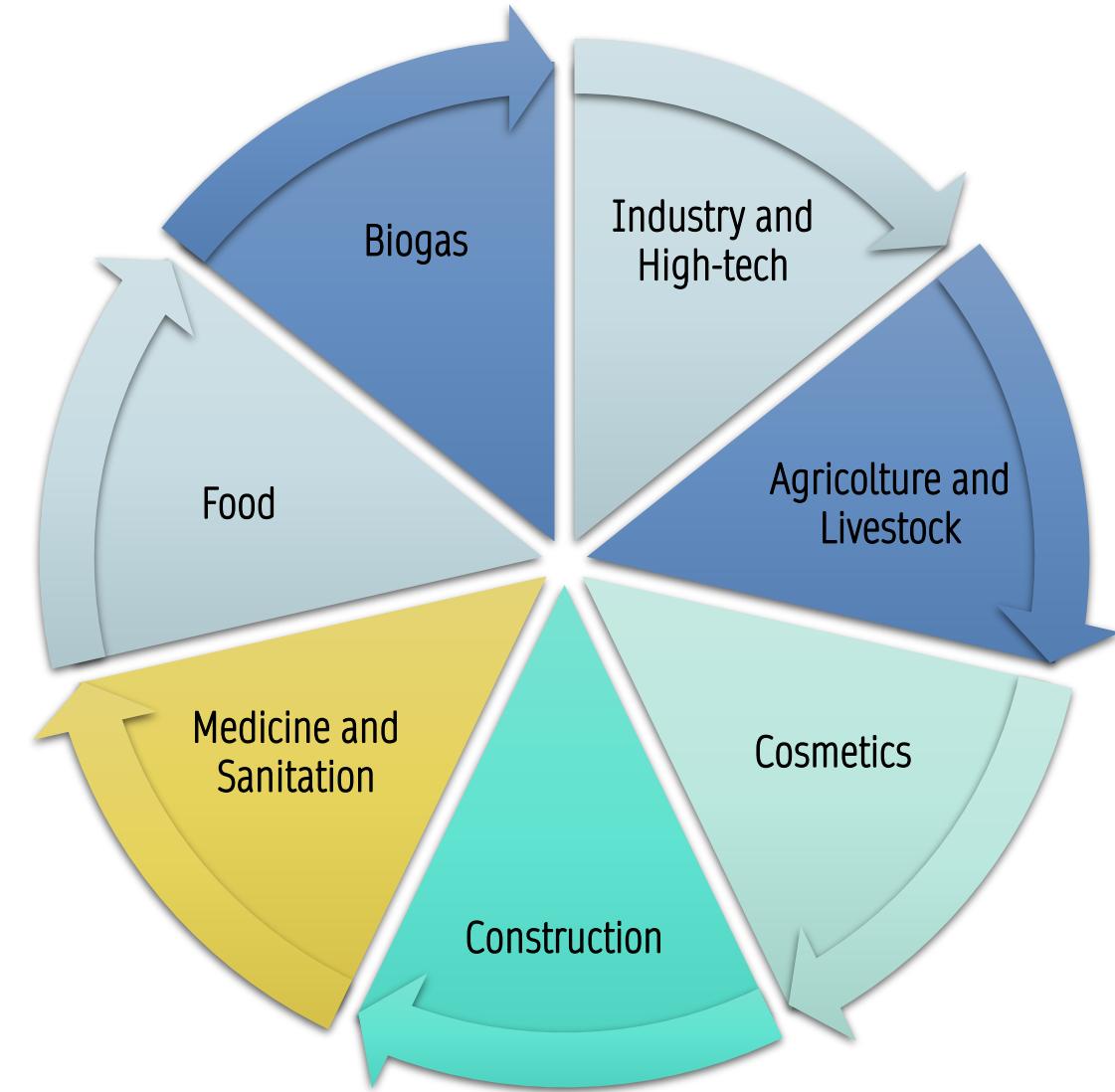


**Pyrolysis**  
controlled temperature and  
atmosphere

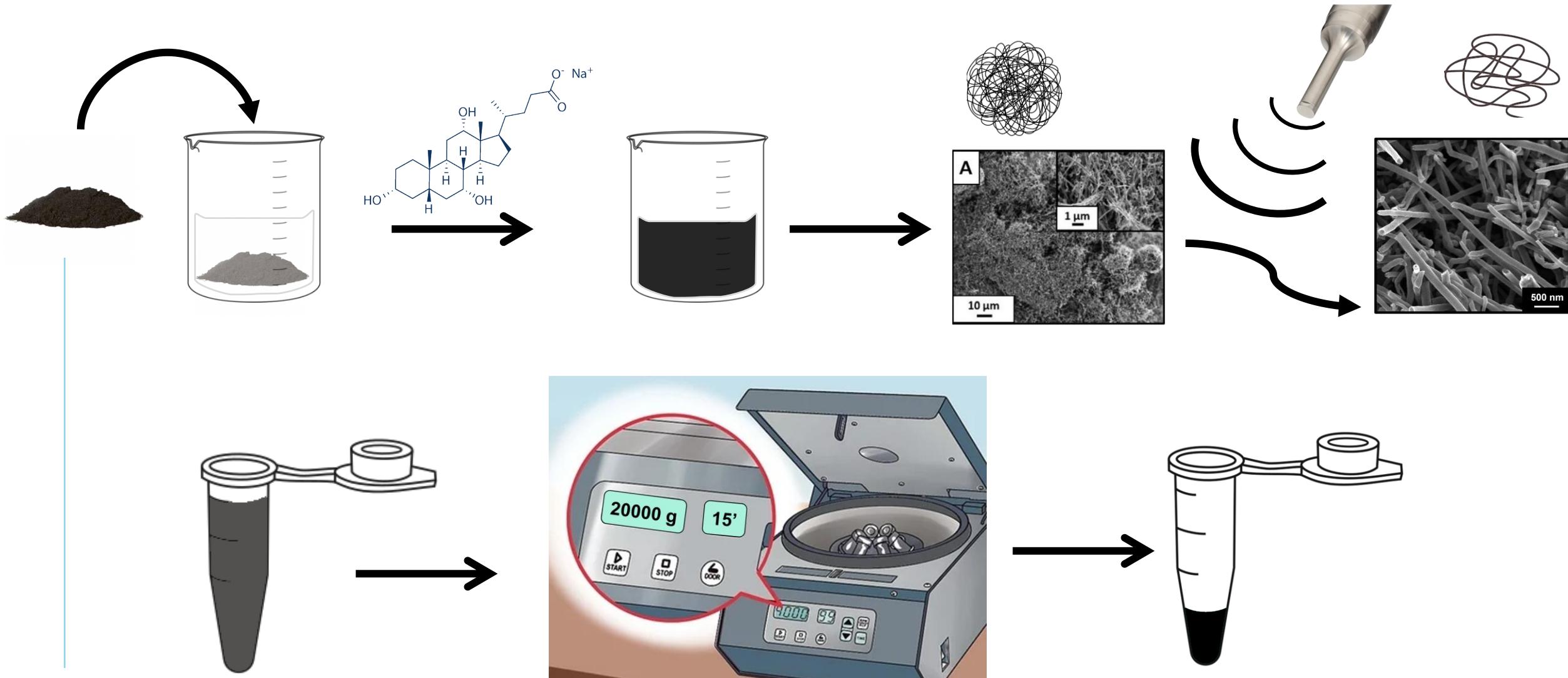
# BIOCHAR



- Oxygen-rich functionalization, amorphous carbons, mostly hybridized  $sp^3$ , and crystalline areas with  $sp^2$  graphene-like conjugated carbons
- Large surface area, good stability, and properties similar to those of other carbon-based materials

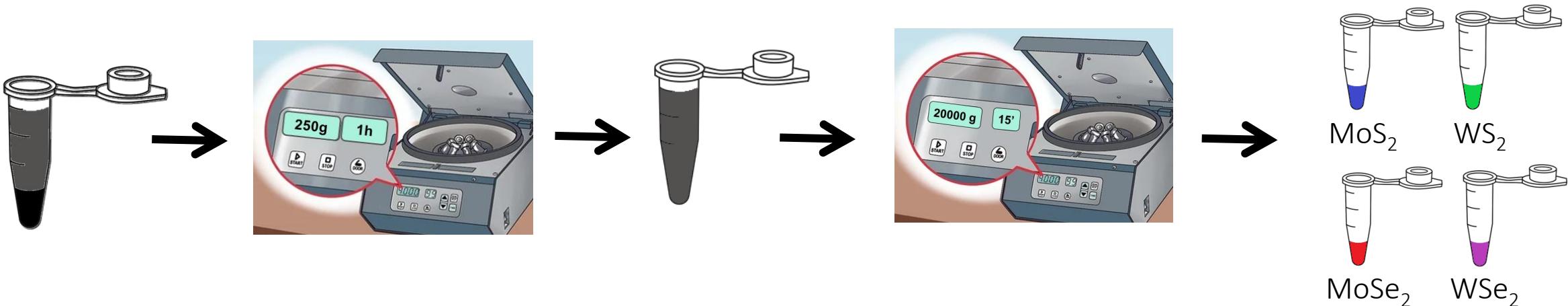
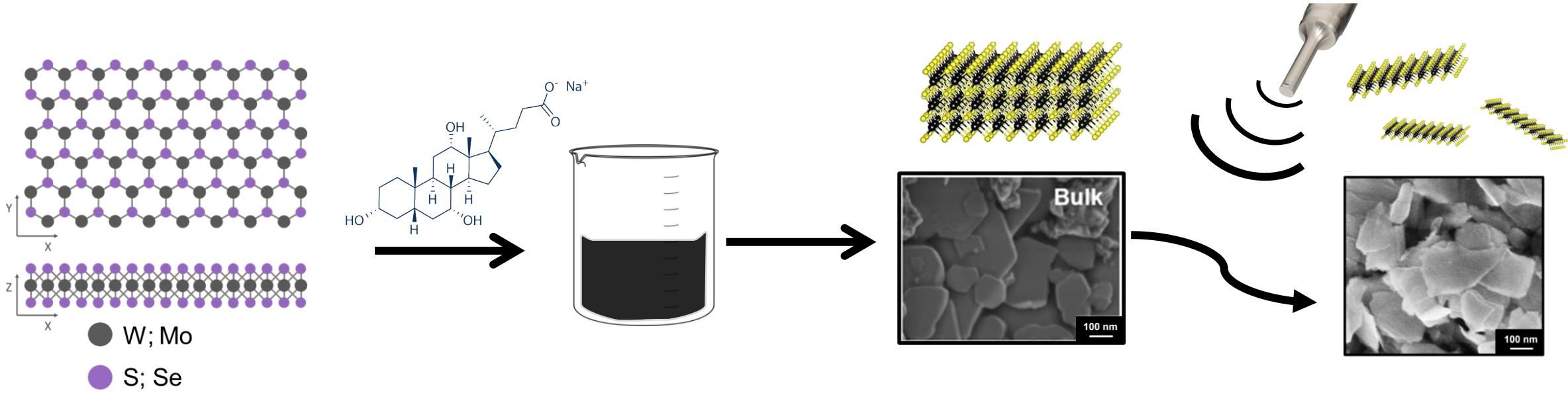


## BIOCHAR: WATER-PHASE 'EXFOLIATION'

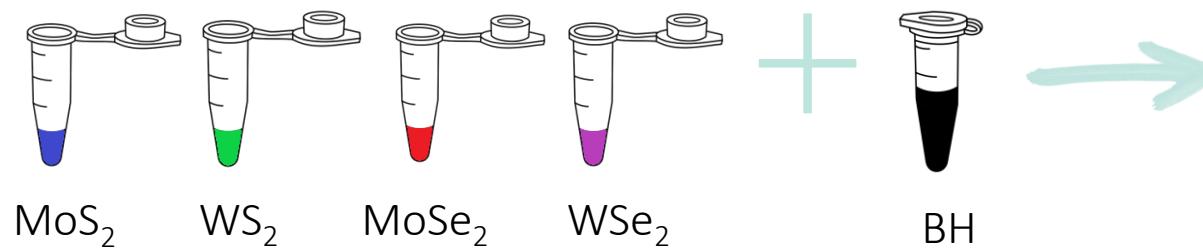




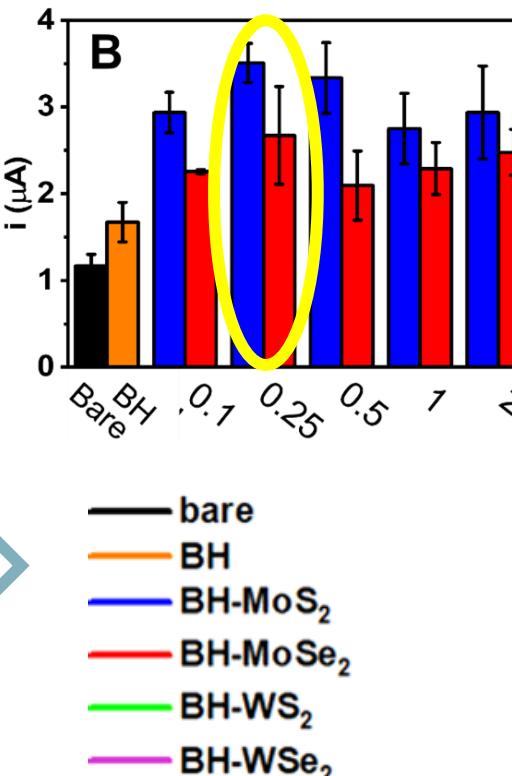
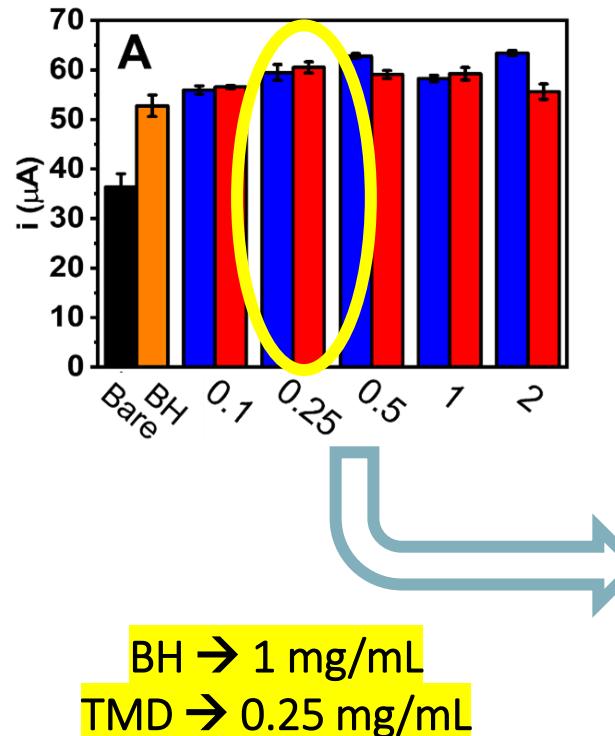
# TMD: LIQUID-PHASE EXFOLIATION



# Nanocomposites formation

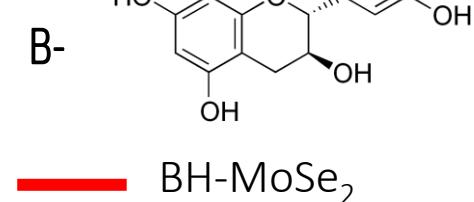
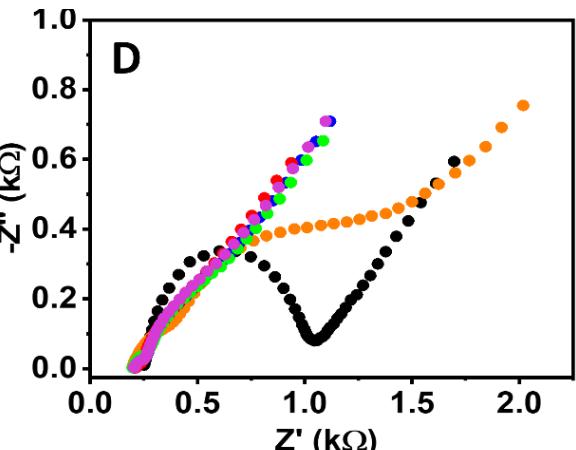
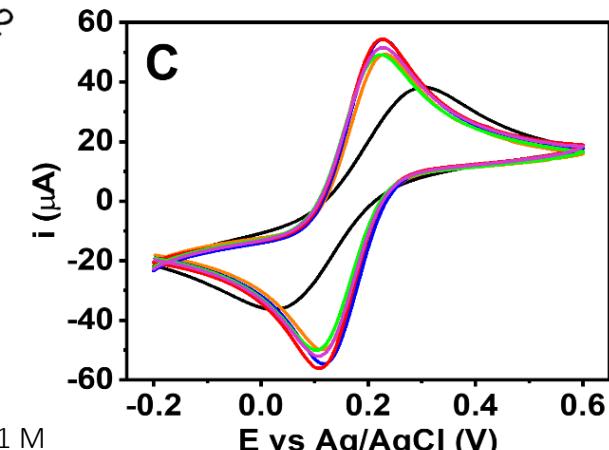


Four BH-TMDs NCs in water used to modify commercial screen-printed electrodes via drop-casting

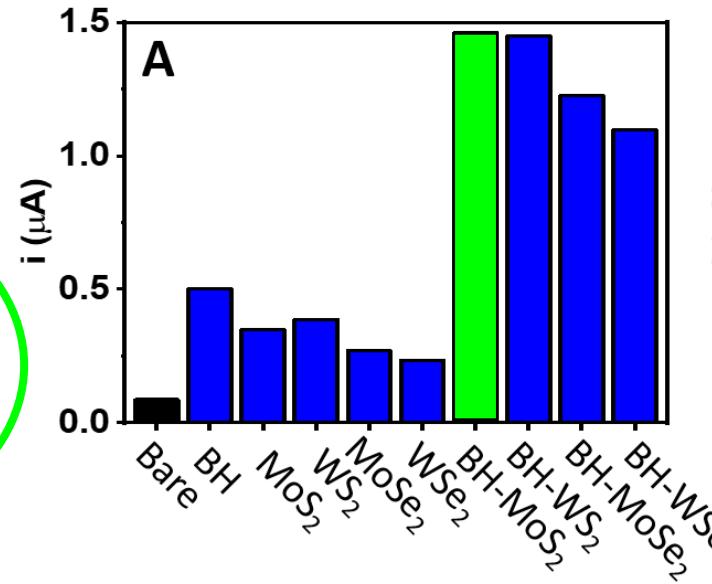
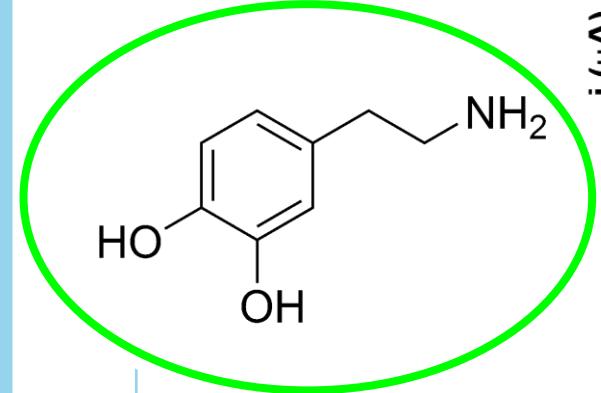
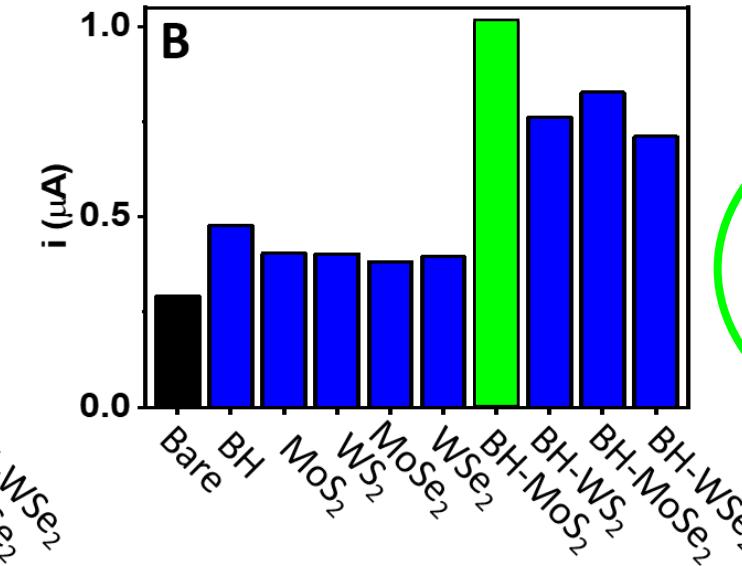
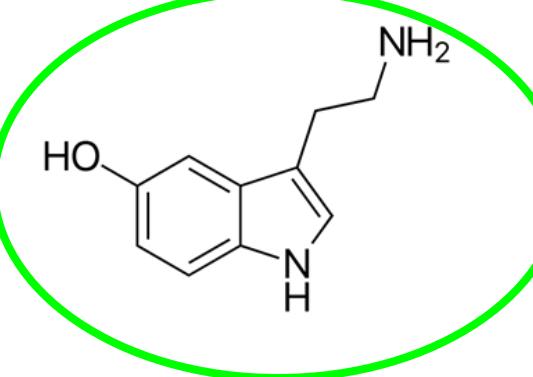
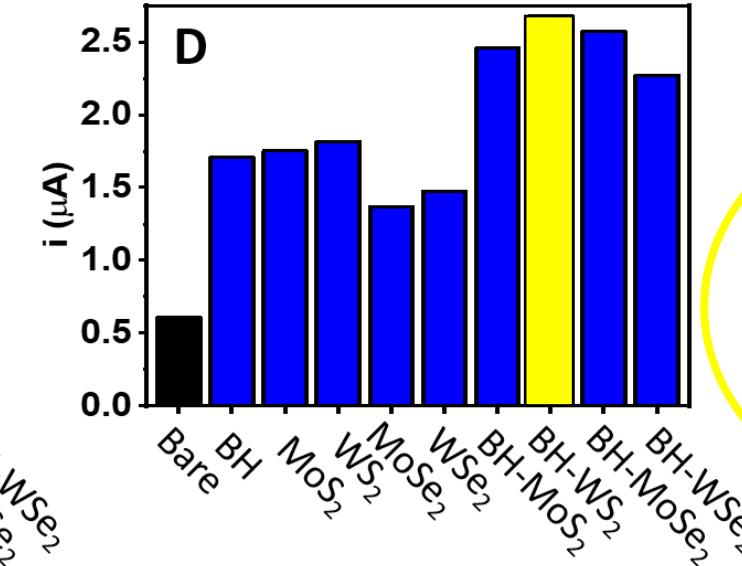
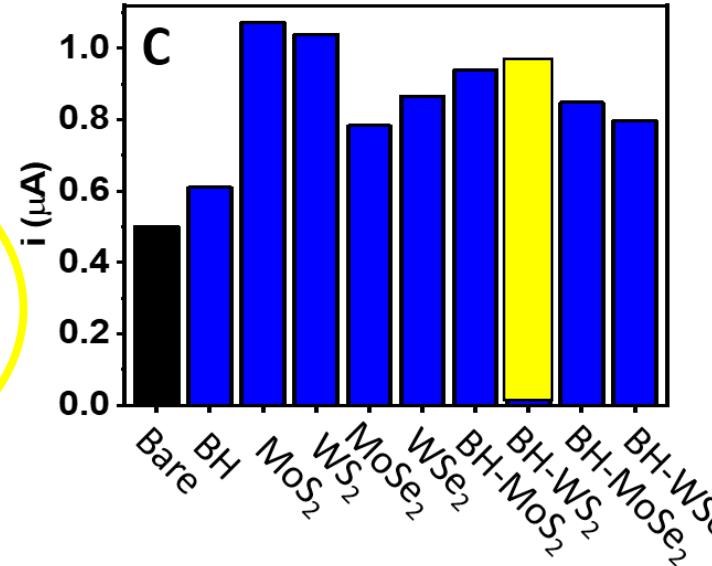
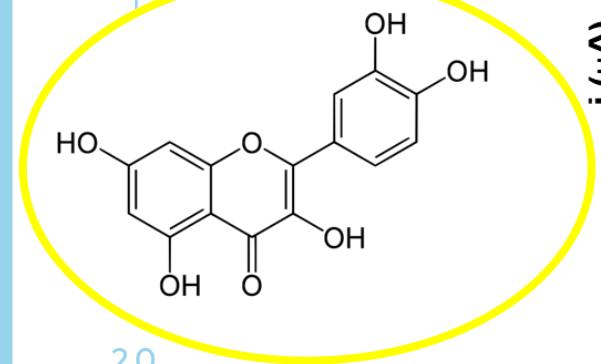
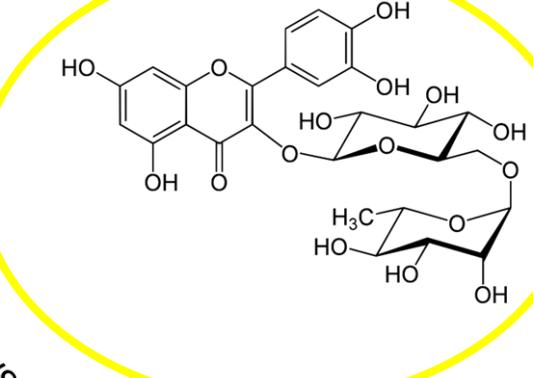


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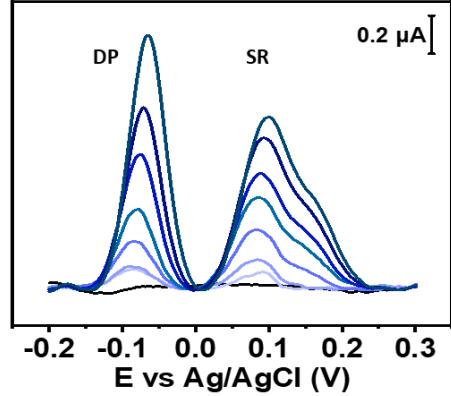
BH-MoS<sub>2</sub>



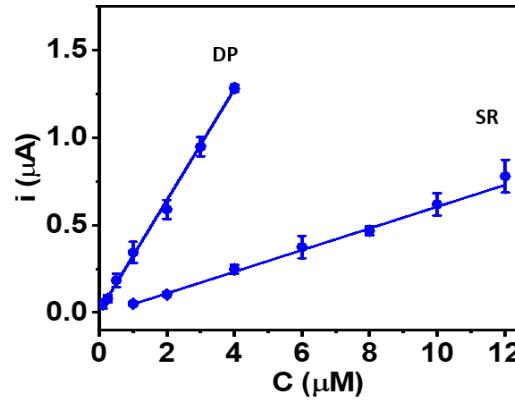
## Electrosensing ability

A DOPAMINE 5  $\mu$ MB SEROTONIN 10  $\mu$ MC QUERCETIN 5  $\mu$ MD RUTIN 5  $\mu$ M

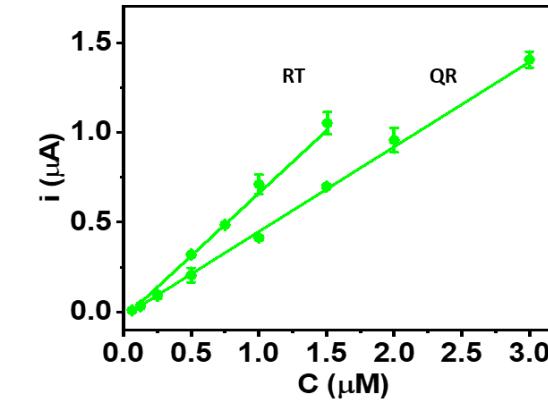
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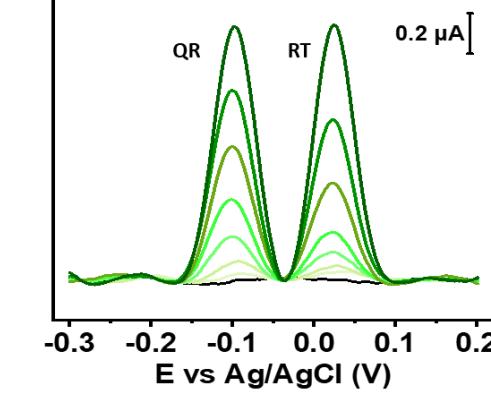
Dopamine  
LOD = 0.02  $\mu\text{M}$   
L.R. 0.1-4  $\mu\text{M}$   
RSD  $\leq$  5% (n=3)



Serotonin  
LOD=0.21  $\mu\text{M}$   
L.R. 1-12  $\mu\text{M}$   
RSD  $\leq$  5% (n=3)

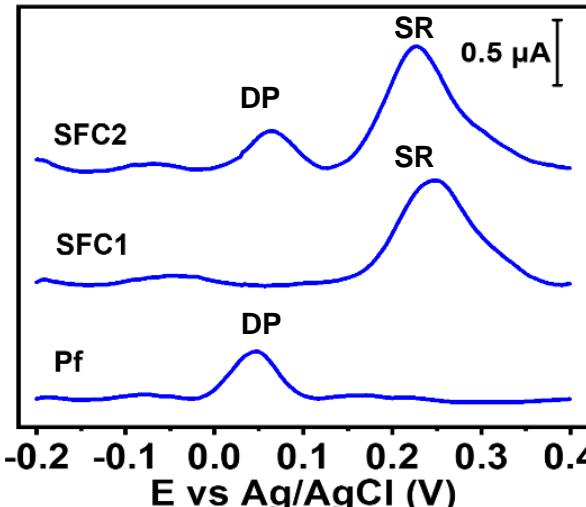
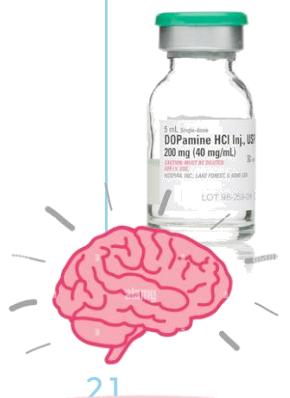


Quercetin  
LOD=0.03  $\mu\text{M}$   
L.R. 0.12-3  $\mu\text{M}$   
RSD  $\leq$  4% (n=3)



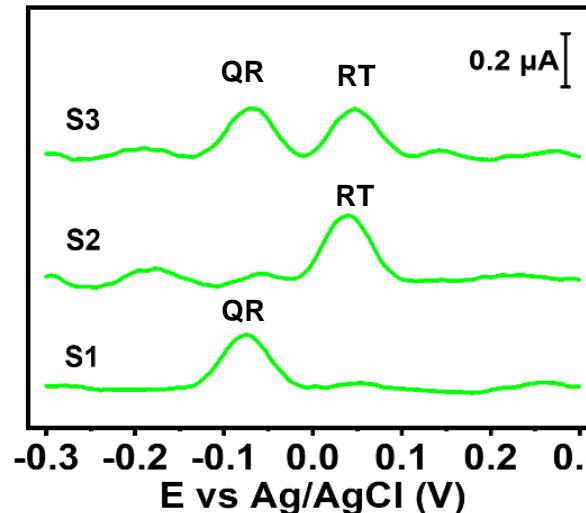
Rutin  
LOD=0.01  $\mu\text{M}$   
L.R. 0.06-1.5  $\mu\text{M}$   
RSD  $\leq$  5% (n=3)

## BH-MoS<sub>2</sub>



DOPAMINE  
Rec = 90-100%  
SEROTONIN  
Rec = 96-102%  
QUERCETIN  
Rec = 93-112%  
RUTIN  
Rec = 90-102%  
RSD  $\leq$  6% (n=3)

## BH-WS<sub>2</sub>



# Lab on strips by Chat-GPT

**Lab-on-strip** devices are miniaturized diagnostic tools that integrate various chemical or biological analysis processes onto a simple strip, typically designed for single use. They are similar to **lab-on-a-chip** devices but use a **strip** of absorbent material (like paper or plastic) instead of solid microfluidic chips.

The goal of lab-on-strip systems is to provide **simple, quick, and affordable** testing for complex analyses that would otherwise require specialized laboratory equipment. A common example is the **pregnancy test**, which uses a chemical reaction on a strip to detect the hormone hCG in urine.

## Key Advantages:

- **Portability:** Can be used anywhere, even outside a lab.
- **Affordability:** Cheaper than traditional lab tests.
- **Speed:** Results are available within minutes.

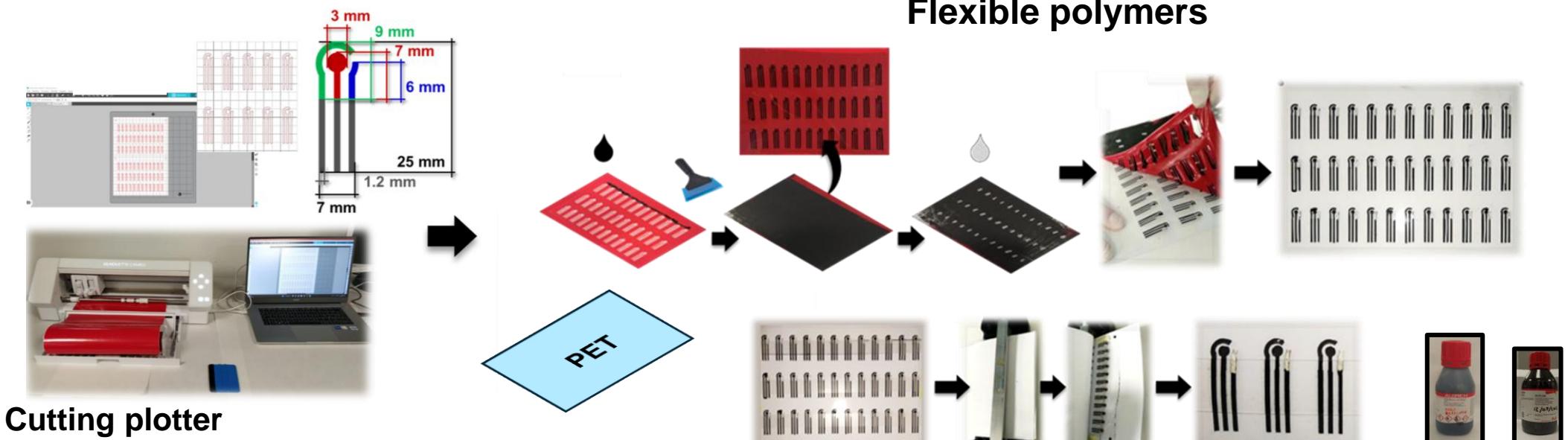
Lab-on-strip technology is used in various fields, including **medical diagnostics**, **food safety**, and **environmental monitoring**

## DRAWBACKS

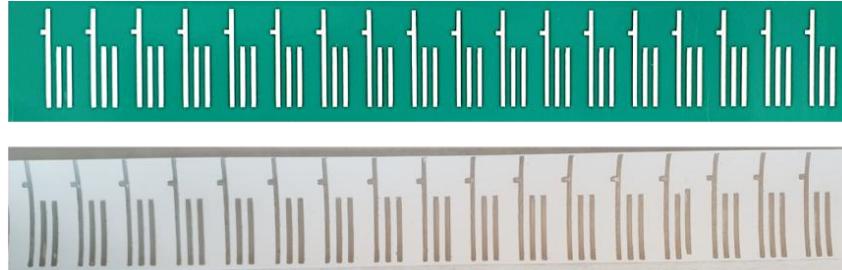
1. Limited Sensitivity and Accuracy
2. Restricted Range of Tests
3. Qualitative or Semi-Quantitative Results
4. Environmental Sensitivity
5. Single-Use Nature
6. Limited Multiplexing Capabilities
7. Reduced Reliability for Complex Analyses
8. Short Shelf Life

# In House Sensors production

# Stencil-printing manufacturing



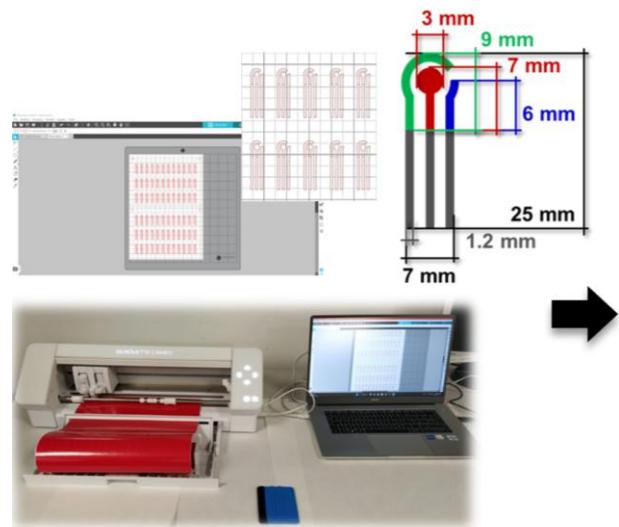
**Nitrocellulose**



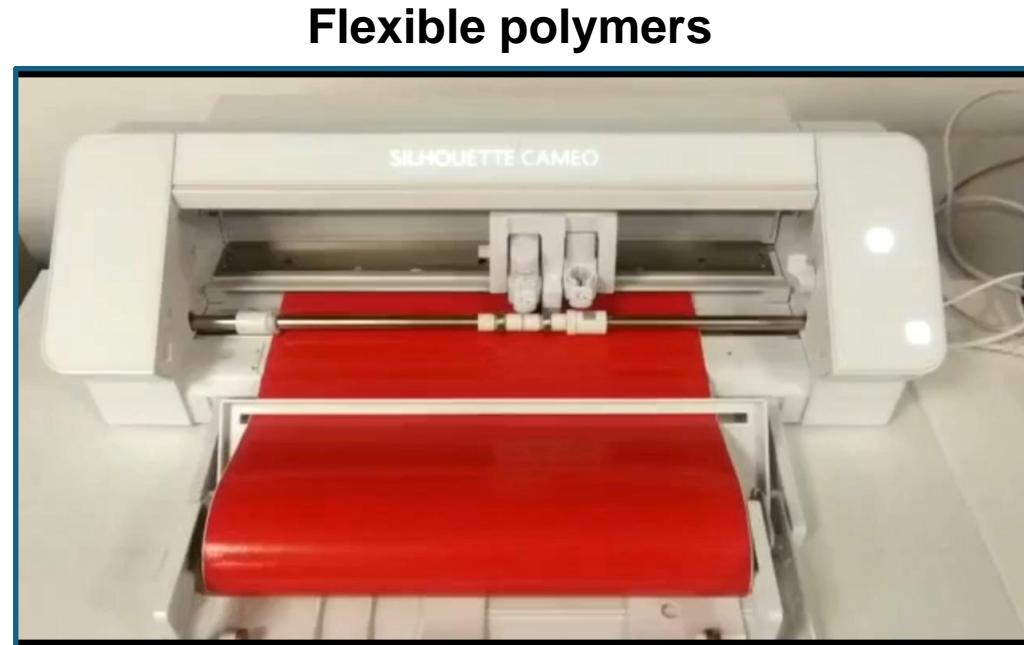
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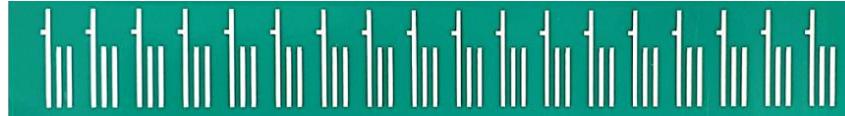
# Stencil-printing manufacturing



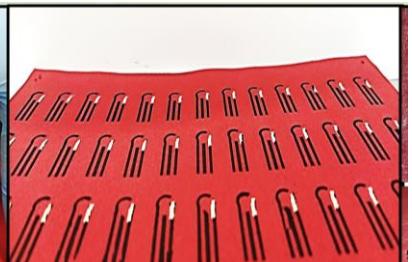
Cutting plotter



Nitrocellulose

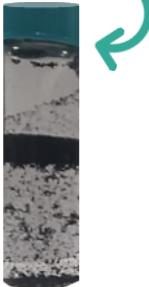


Paper



# Biochar sensor fabrication

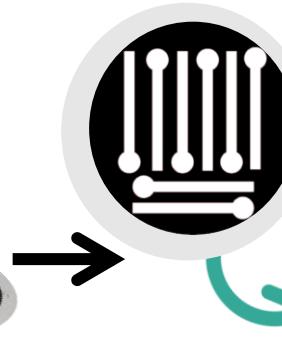
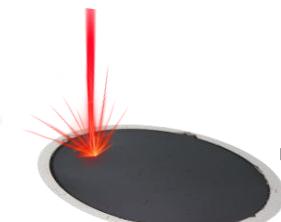
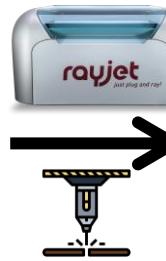
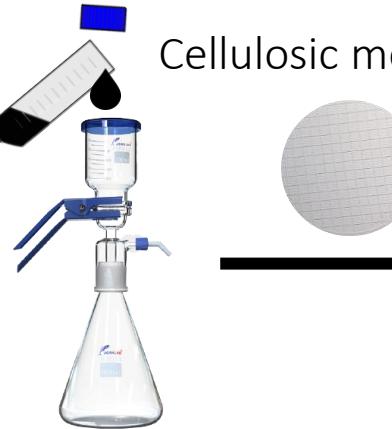
Biochar before  
exfoliation



Biochar after  
exfoliation



Cellulosic membrane

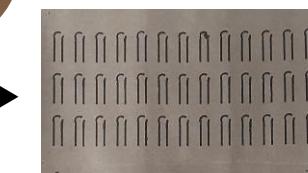


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BH film

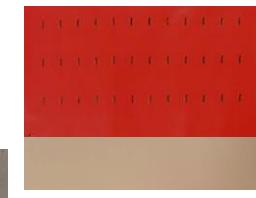
Back:  
Paper support



RE and CE mask



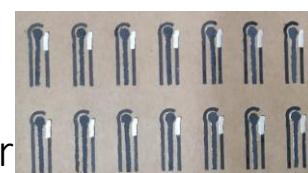
RE mask



Silver ink



WE transfer



Conductive carbon ink

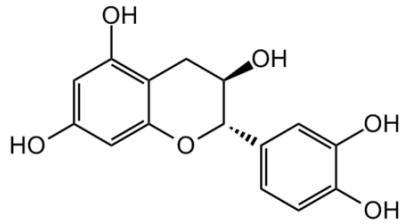


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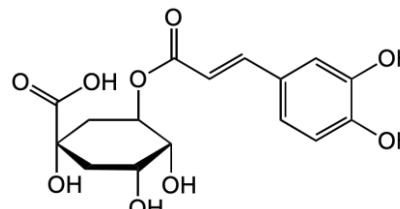
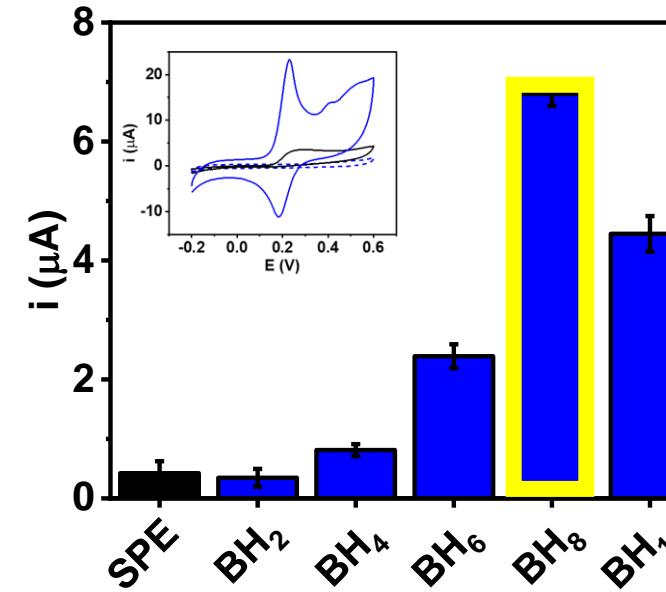
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Shiro Echo Raw Sand  
100% recycled fiber

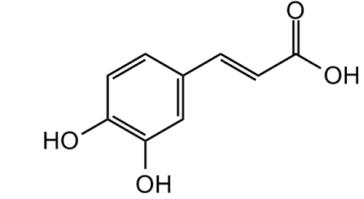
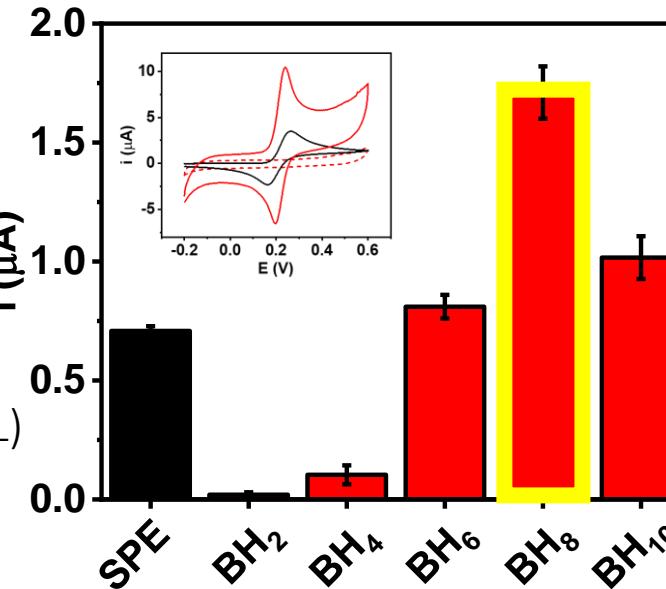
## BH amount optimization



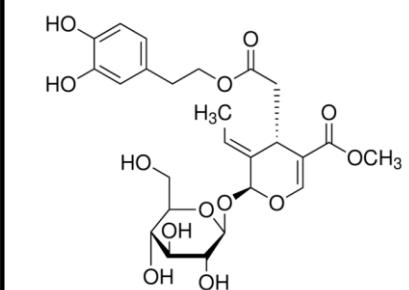
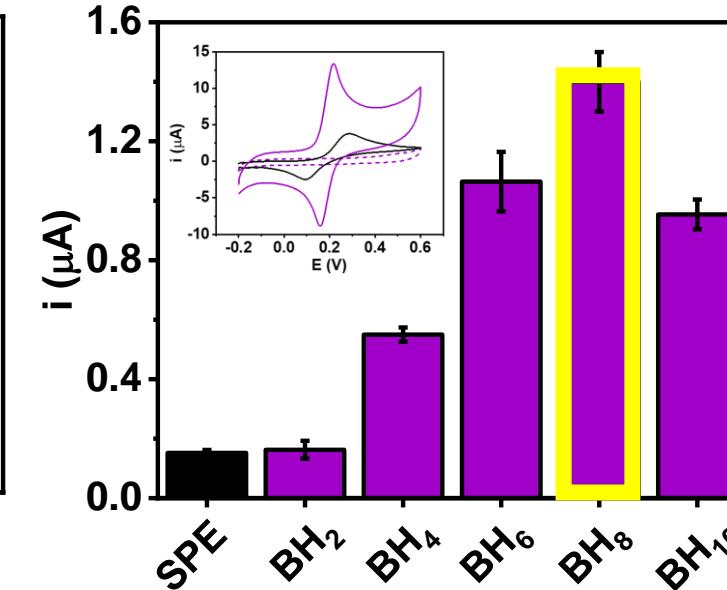
Catechin (CT)  
10  $\mu$ M



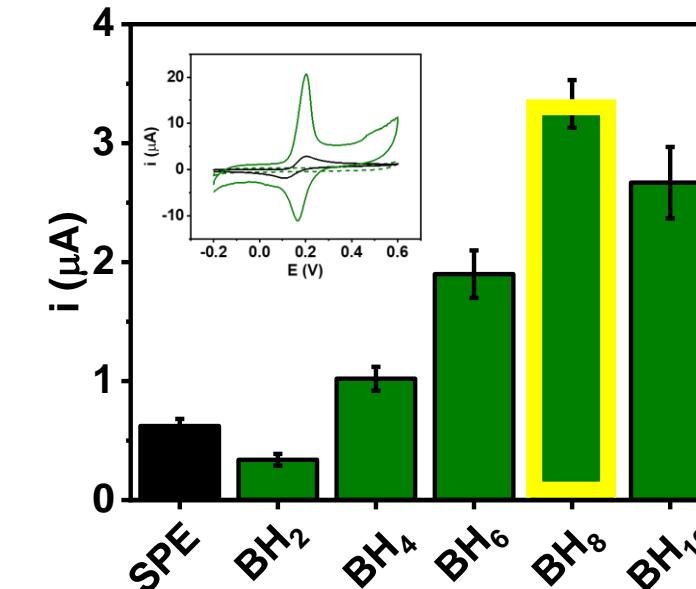
Chlorogenic acid (CHL)  
25  $\mu$ M



Caffeic acid (CF)  
25  $\mu$ M

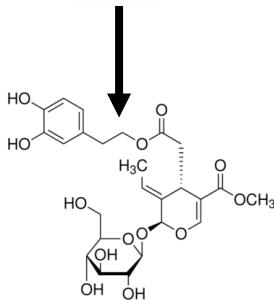


Oleuropein (OL)  
10  $\mu$ M



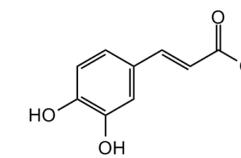
# Samples from plant-based food byproducts

## Olive leaves supplement



## Oleuropein (OL)

Exhausted coffee pod

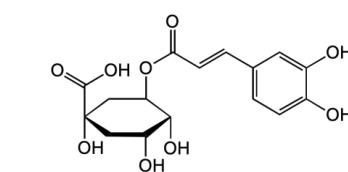


## Caffeic acid (CF)

## Coffee husk



## Cocoa husk

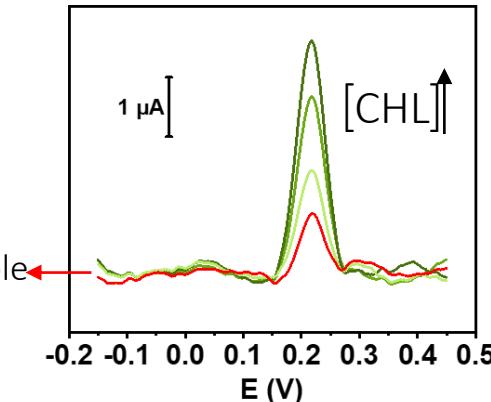
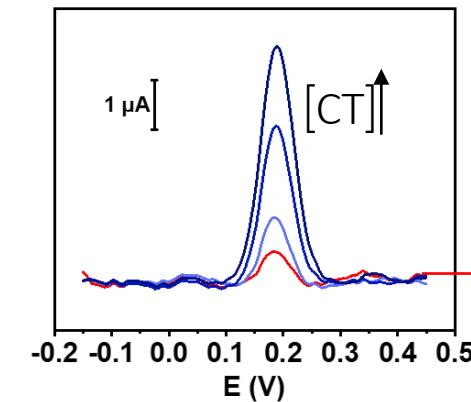


## Chlorogenic acid (CHL)

200 rcf  
1 h

An illustration showing two Erlenmeyer flasks containing dark liquid, placed on a black heating mantle. The flasks are positioned side-by-side, and the heating mantle has a circular control panel with three knobs at the bottom.

## Quantification using the standard addition method

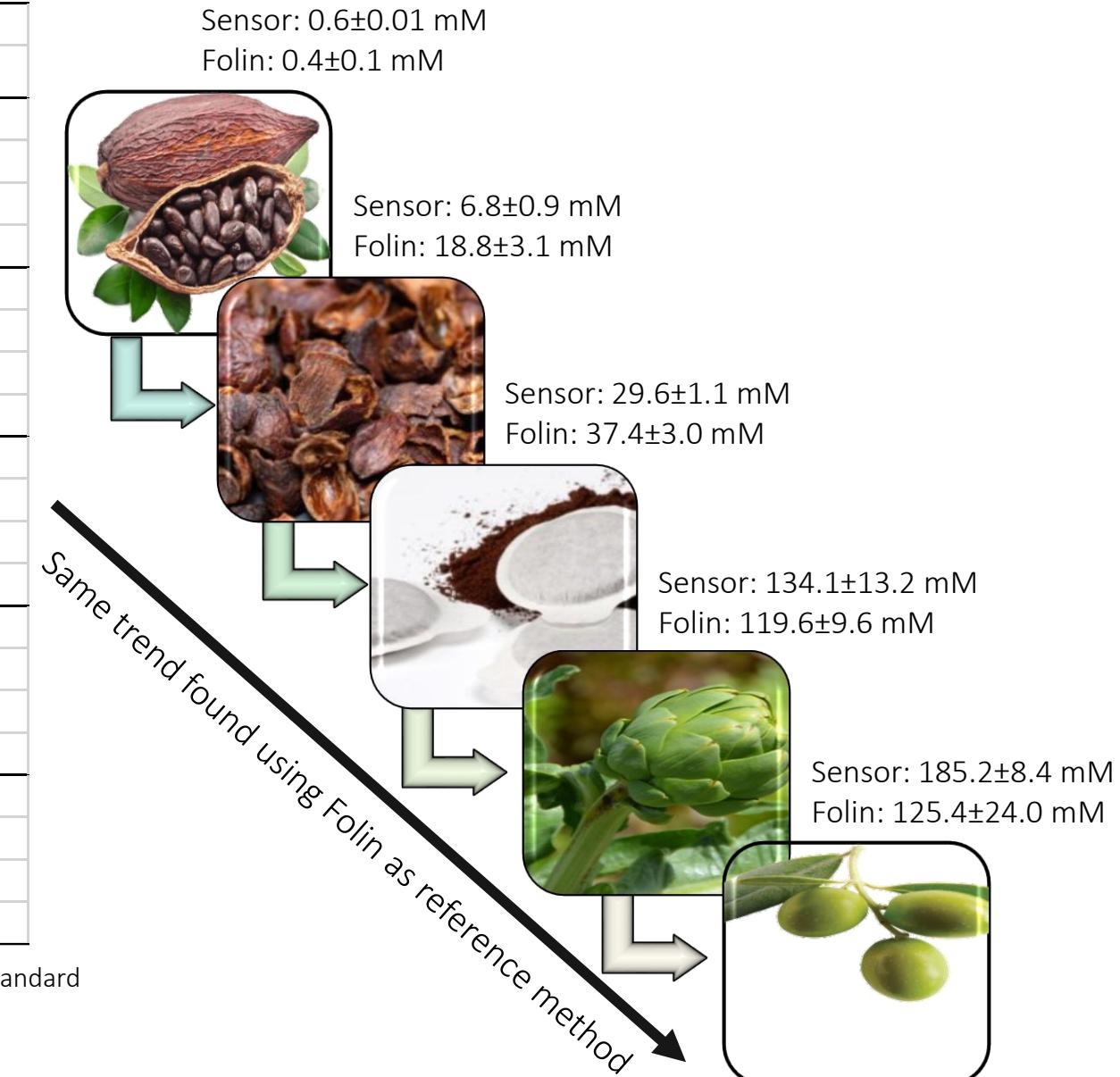


# Samples analysis

Sample	Added	Found	S.D.	Recovery	RSD
	μM	μM std <sub>eq</sub> <sup>*</sup>	μM	%	%
Artichoke food supplier	-	6.7	0.7	-	10
	5	4.9	0.3	98	5
	10	10.4	0.3	104	2
	15	15.5	2.1	104	13
Exhausted coffee powder	-	7.4	0.3	-	4
	5	5.1	0.5	102	9
	10	10.3	0.8	103	7
	15	13.1	0.8	87	6
Coffee husk	-	3.4	0.4	-	13
	5	4.8	0.6	95	13
	10	9.1	0.5	91	6
	15	16.3	1.4	109	8
Cocoa husk	-	1.2	0.0	-	1
	2	2.0	0.0	98	2
	4	4.6	0.6	114	12
	6	6.6	0.8	110	12
Olive leaves food supplier	-	0.2	0.0	-	5
	2	2.0	0.3	100	13
	4	3.5	0.3	88	9
	6	5.2	0.3	87	6

\*For each sample, the results are reported in equivalents of the respective reference standard

Rec = 87-110%; RSD≤ 13% (n=3)





# FUNCTIONALISED NANOMATERIALS

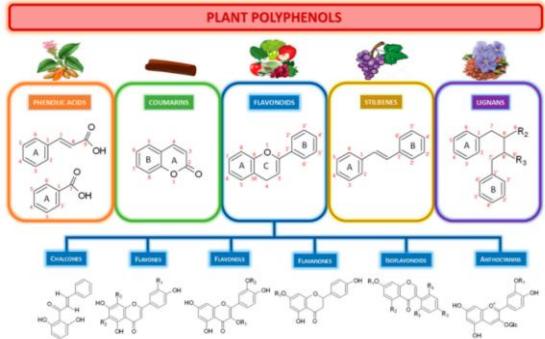
# Phenolic compounds as redox-active exfoliating agent for nanomaterials synthesis/preparation in water

What about phenols/polyphenols as stabilizing agents?

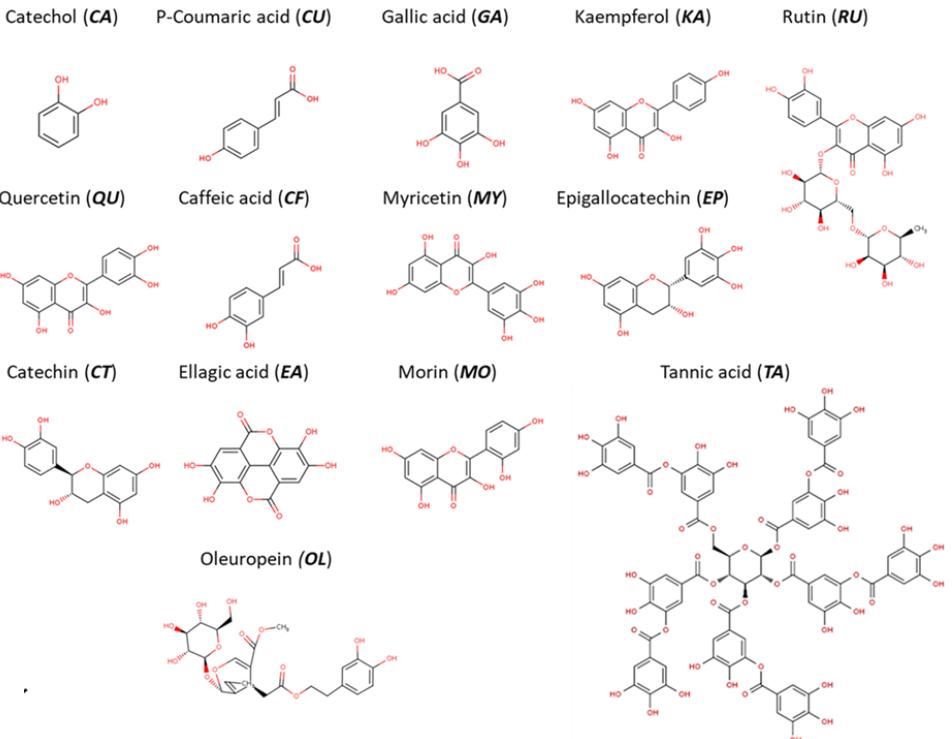


## Phytochemicals toward Green (Bio)sensing

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## (Poly)phenols investigated



Do they work as stabilizing agents?

Can they confer particular properties to NMSs?



### Phenol based redox mediators in electroanalysis

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### REVIEW

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Polyphenolic compounds as electron shuttles for sustainable energy utilization

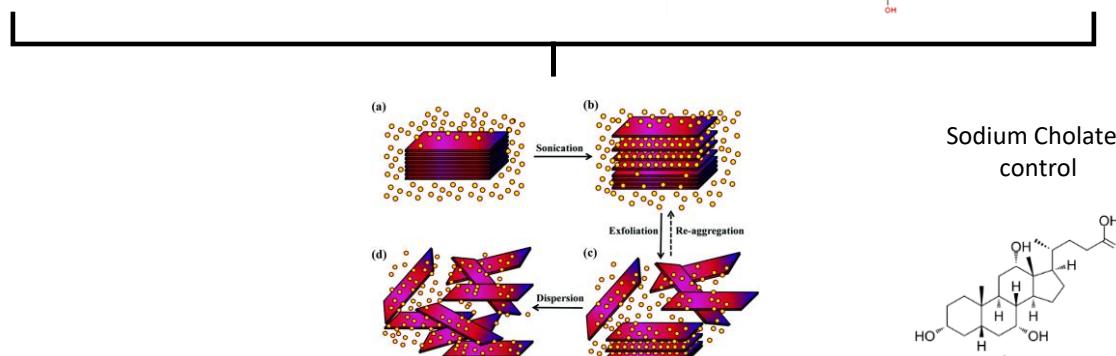


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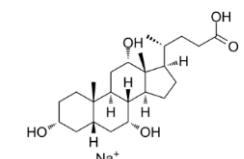
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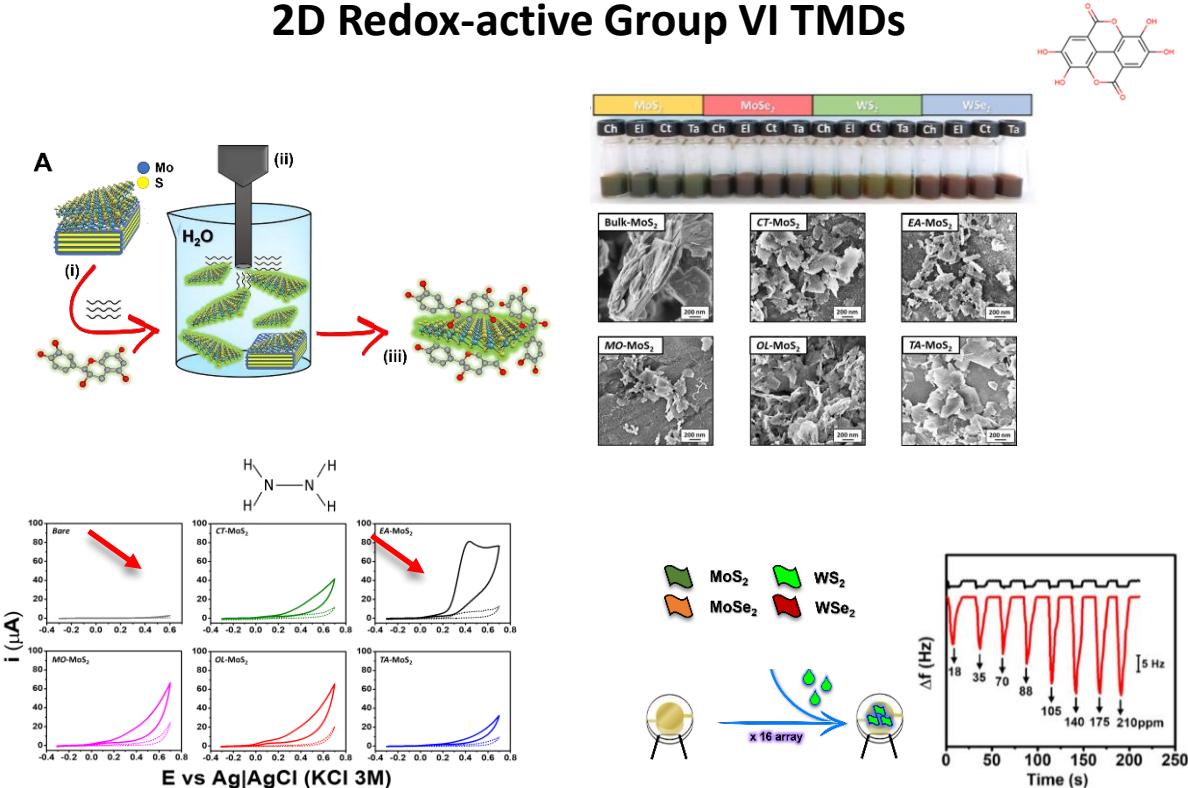


Sodium Cholate: control



# Phenolic compounds as redox-active exfoliation agents

## 2D Redox-active Group VI TMDs



**Hydrazine**  
**Dashed line:** PPs-MoS<sub>2</sub> 0.1 M PB (pH 7);  
**Solid line:** PPs-MoS<sub>2</sub> in presence of 5 mM of N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> ;  
 Scan rate: 25 mV s<sup>-1</sup>;

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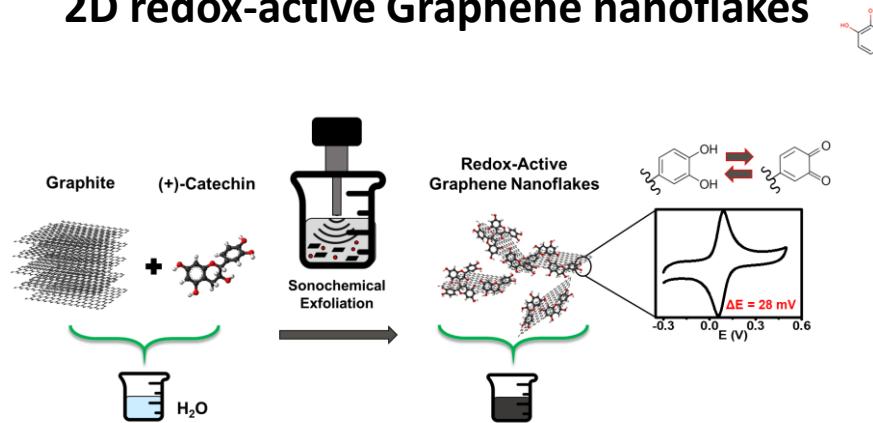
Phenolic compounds as redox-active exfoliation agents for group VI transition metal dichalcogenides

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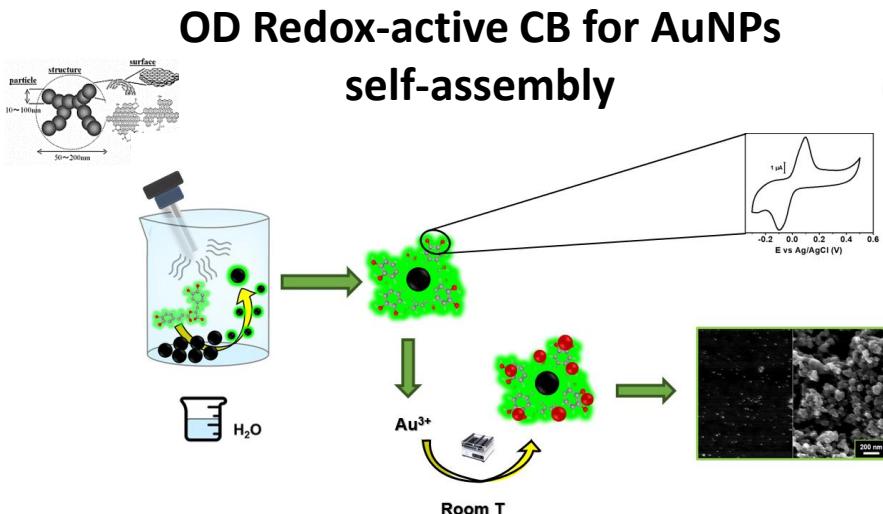
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## 2D redox-active Graphene nanoflakes



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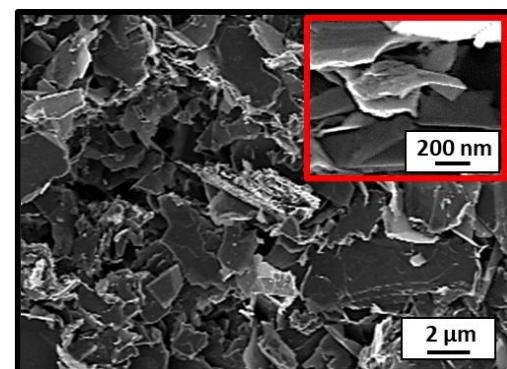
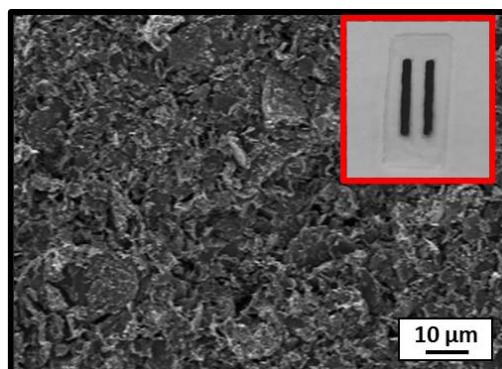
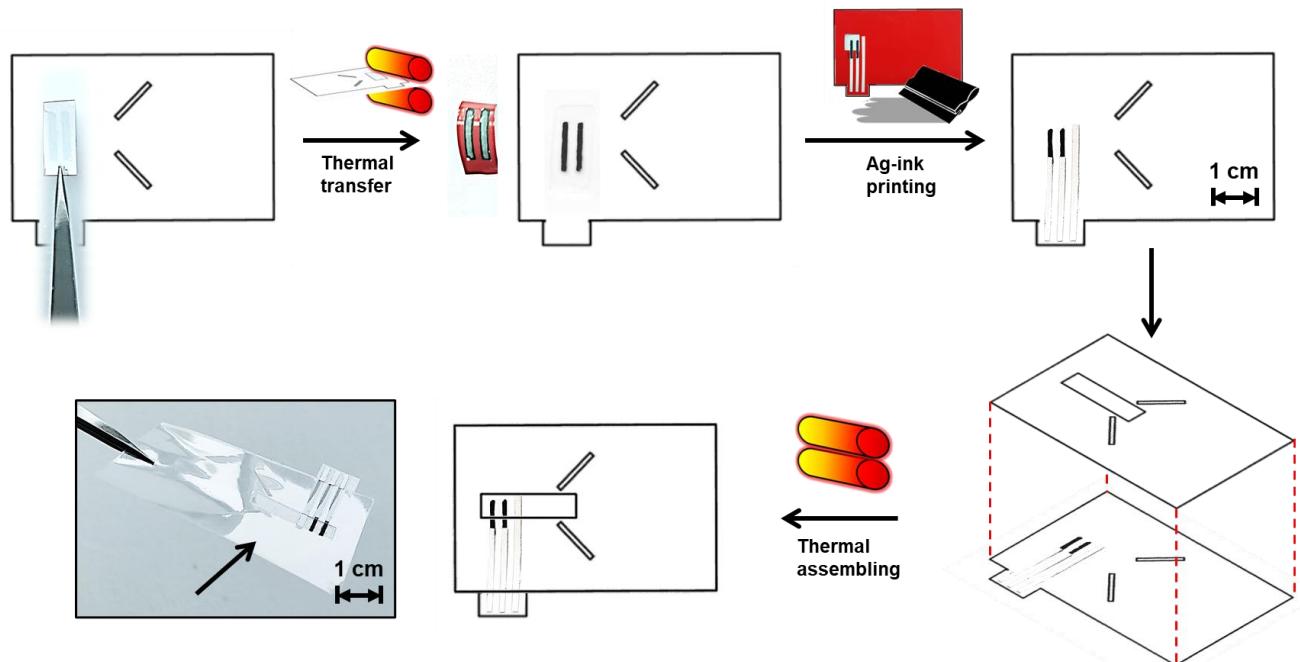
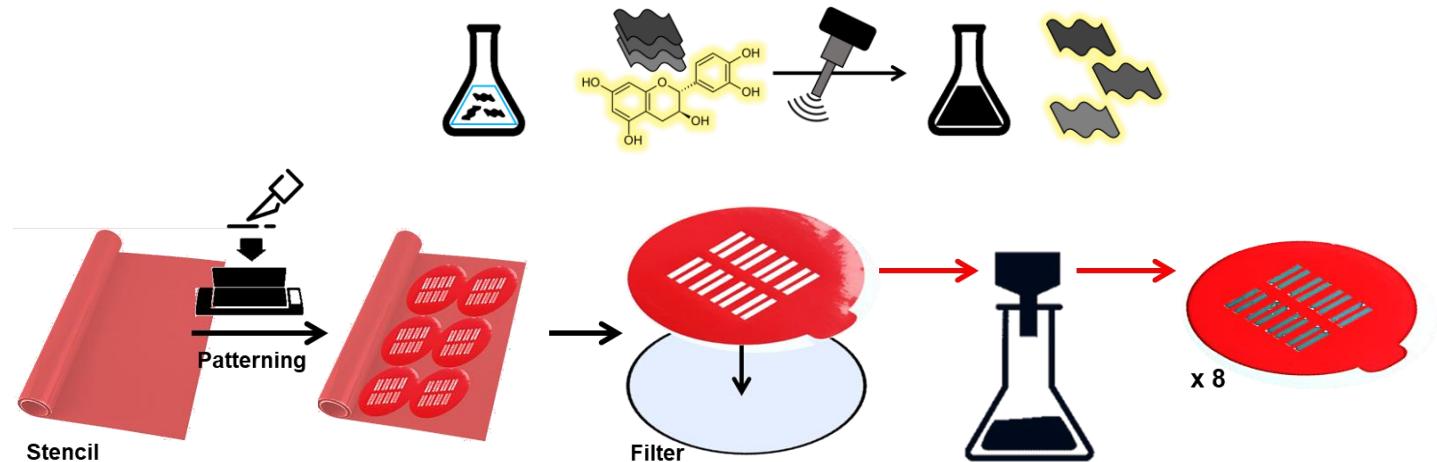
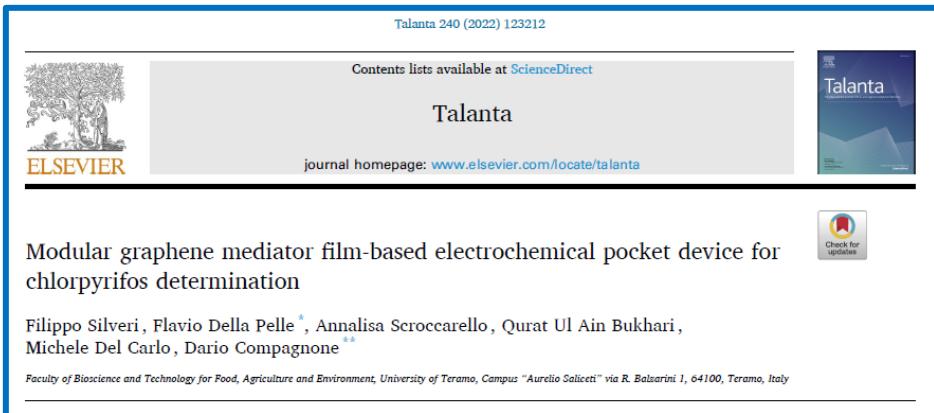
## OD Redox-active CB for AuNPs self-assembly



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# Redox-graphene based device

## Device assembling

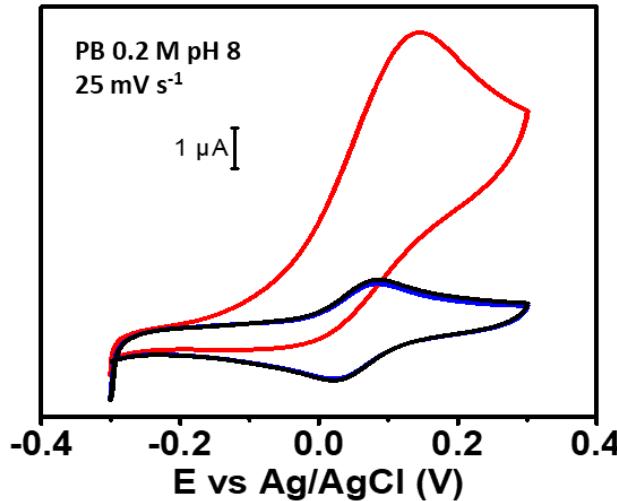


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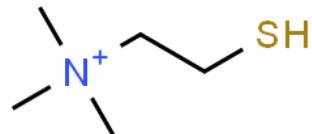
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## Sensor development

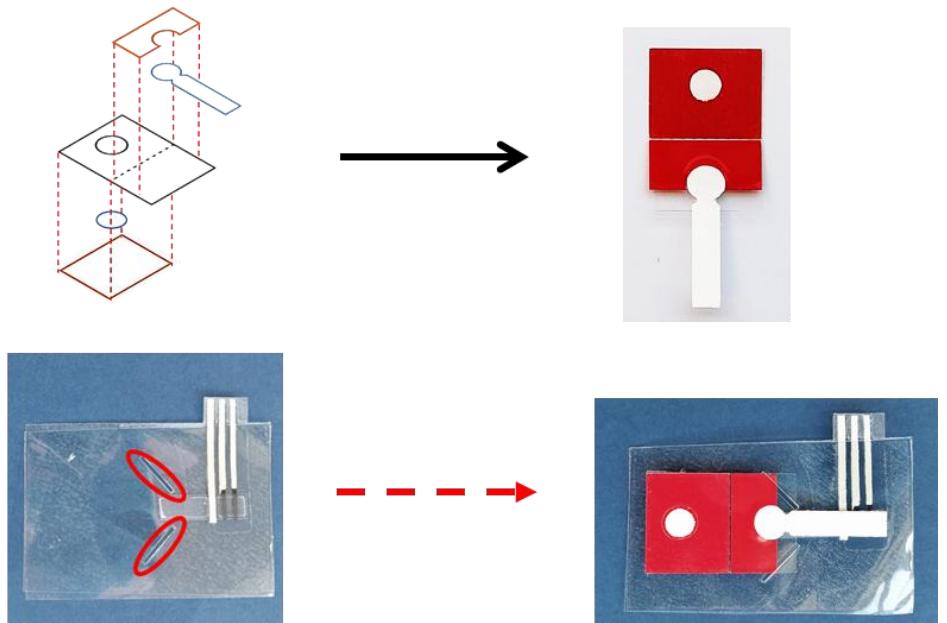
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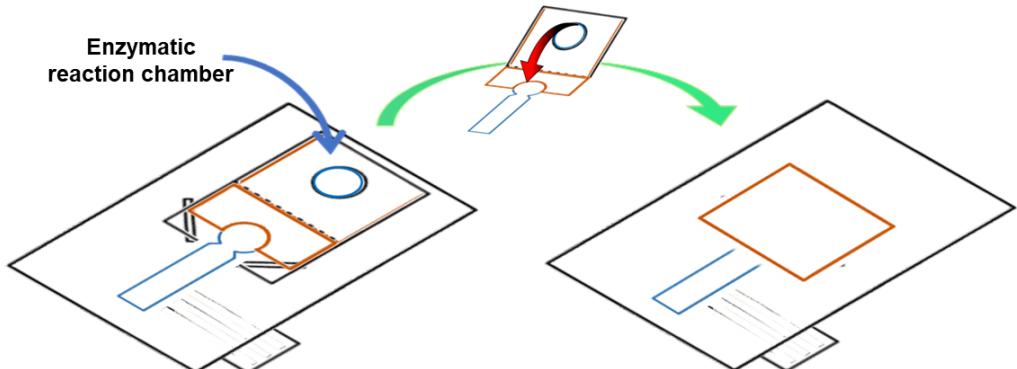
Thiocoline  
2.5 mM



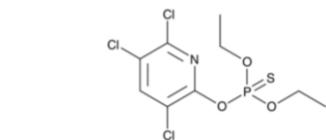
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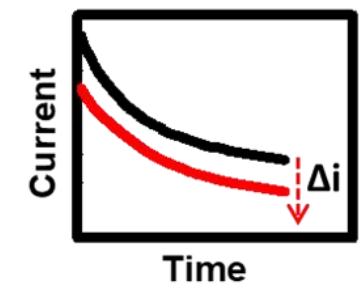
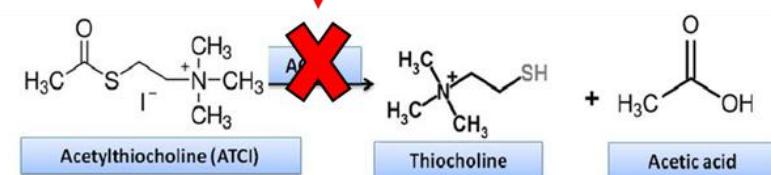
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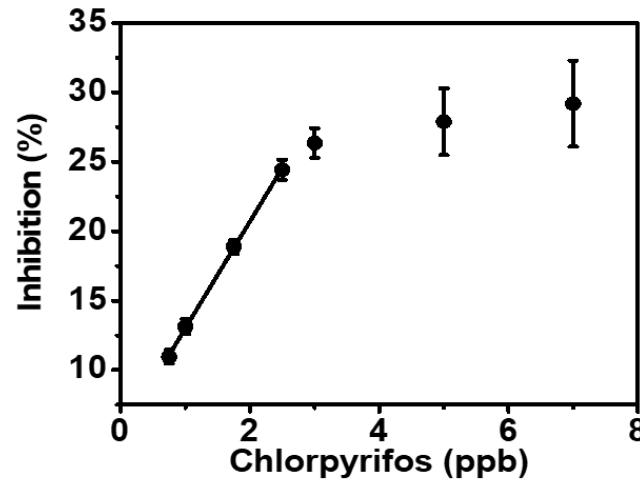
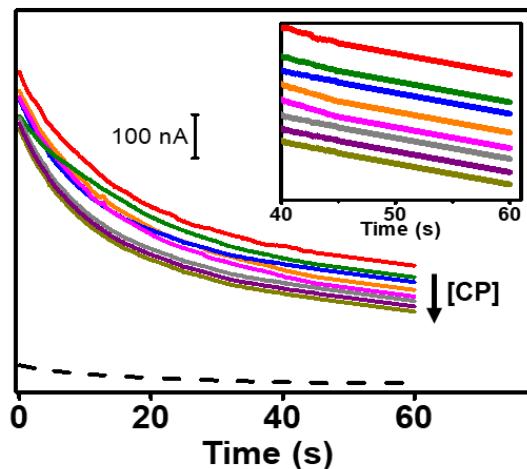


Chlorpyrifos (inhibitor)



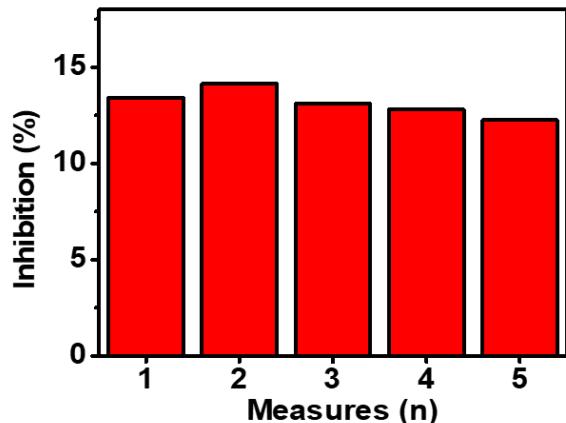
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## Analytical performance



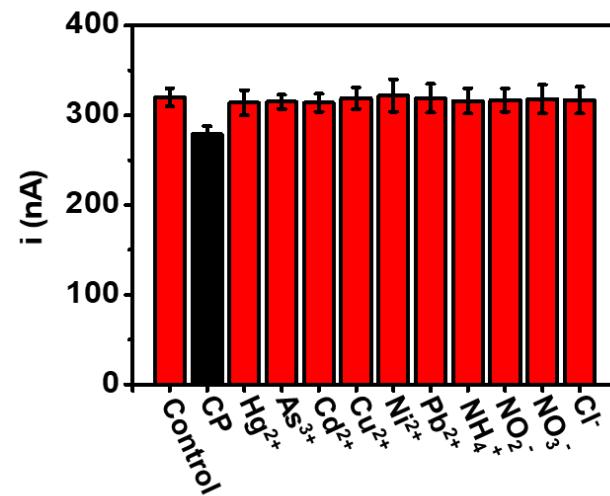
- **LOD** = 0.2 ppb (6.9 % of inhibition)
- **L.R.** = 0.7 – 2 ppb
- $I\% = 7.65[CP] + 5.37$  ( $R^2 = 0.9995$ )  
**Slope** =  $7.65 \pm 0.19$   
**RSD** = 2.5 % ( $n = 3$ )

## Consecutive measures

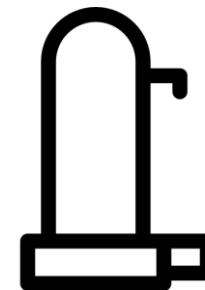


**RSD** = 5.4 % ( $n = 5$ )

## Interference study



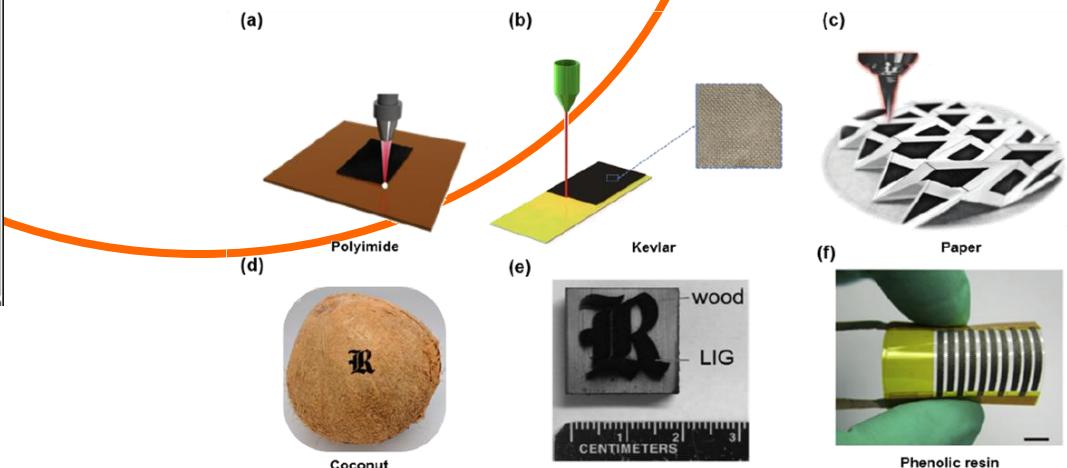
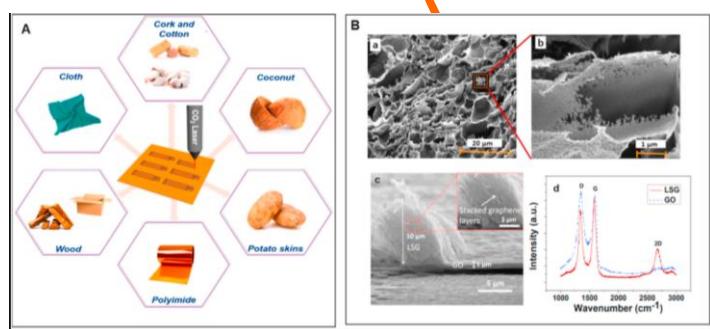
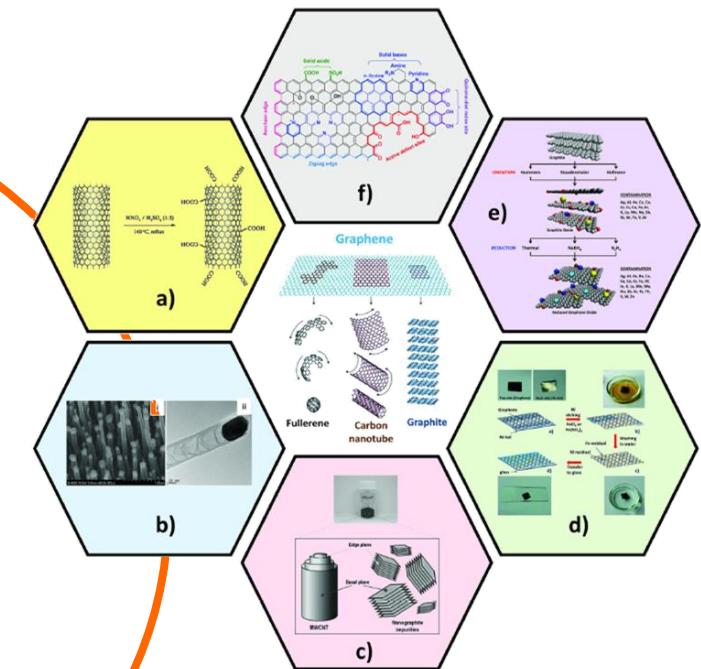
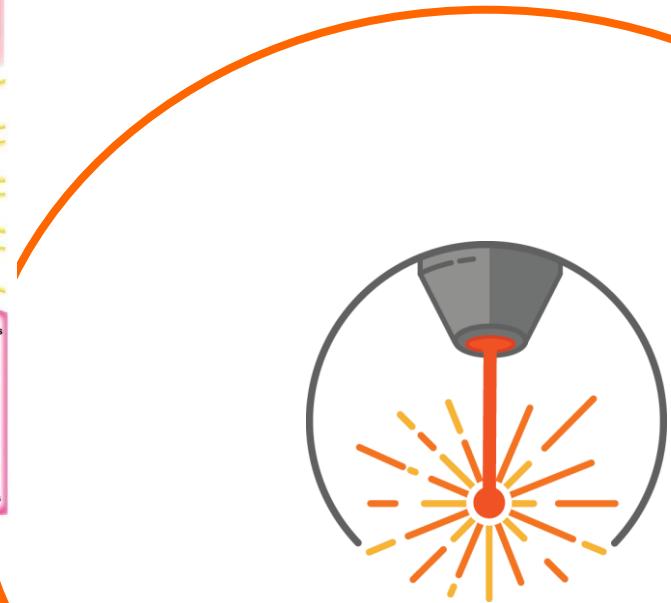
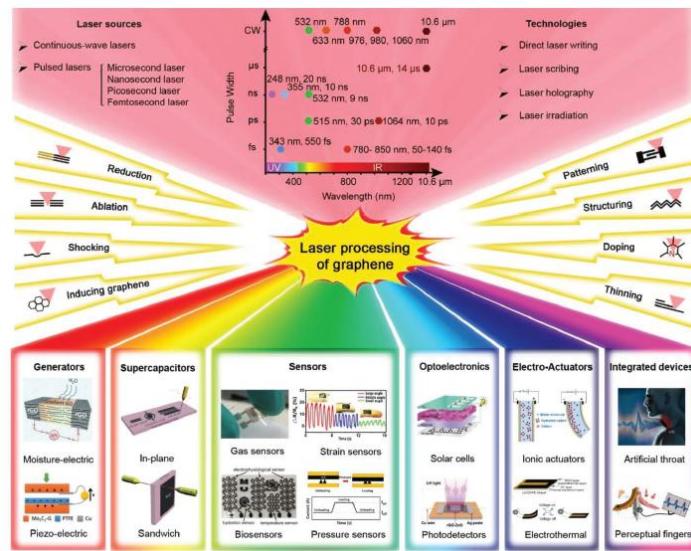
## Samples analysis



River and well water

**Recoveries:** 94.0 – 113.0 %  
**RSD** < 4.0 % ( $n = 3$ )

# CO<sub>2</sub> laser-plotter for conductive nanostructured films formation



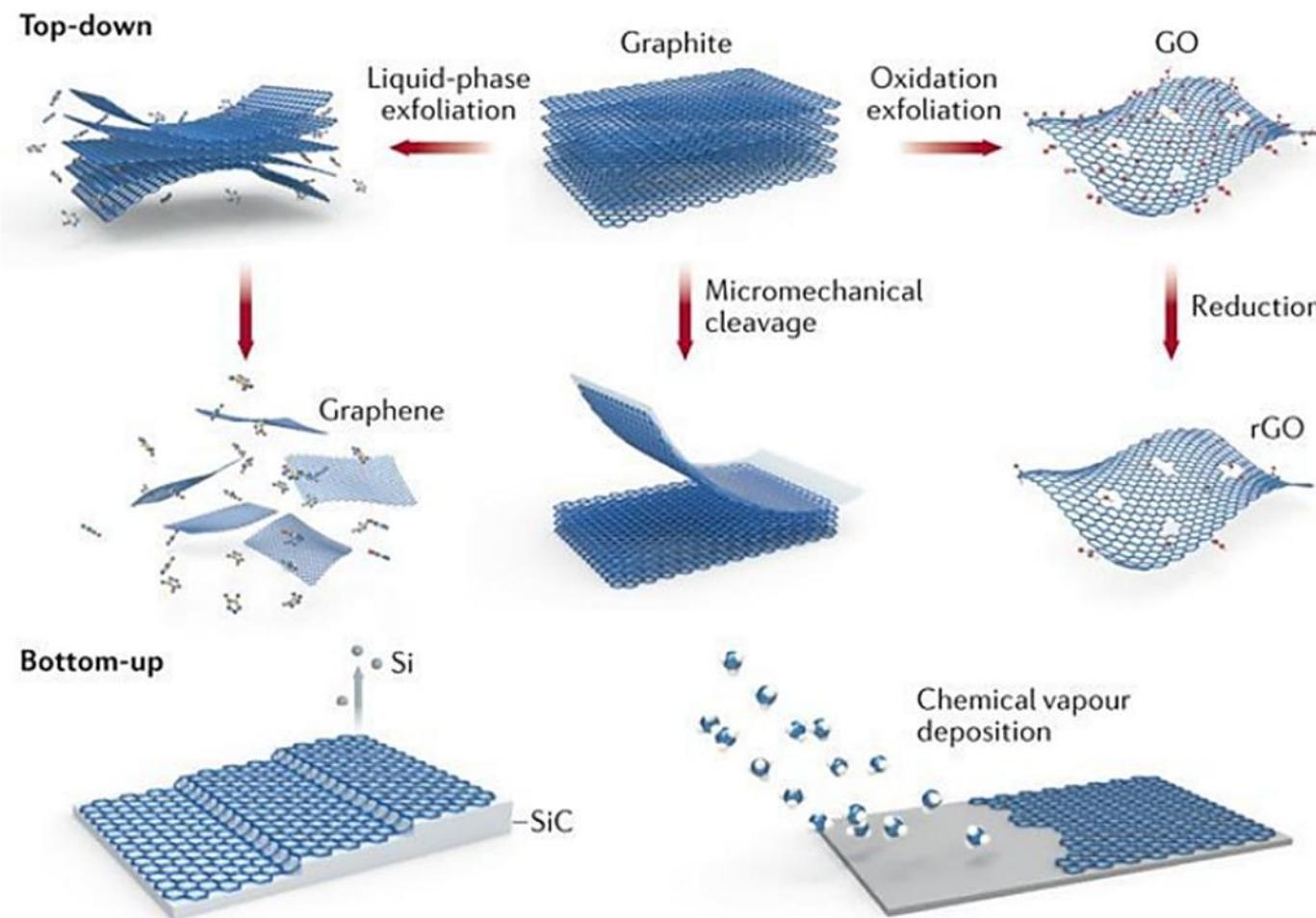
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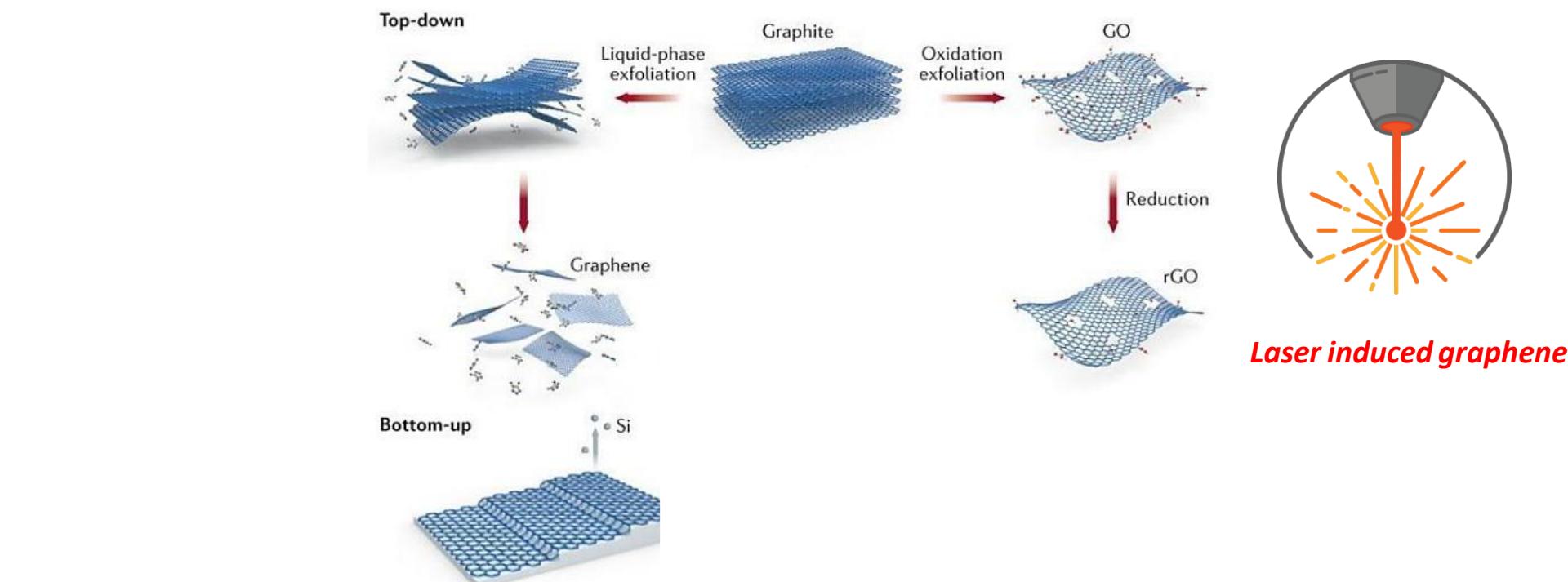
## Graphene production



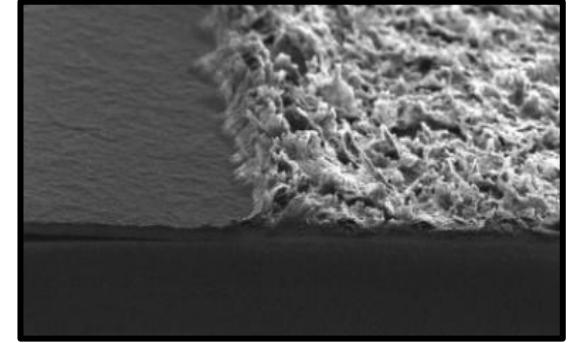
# Laser induced graphene



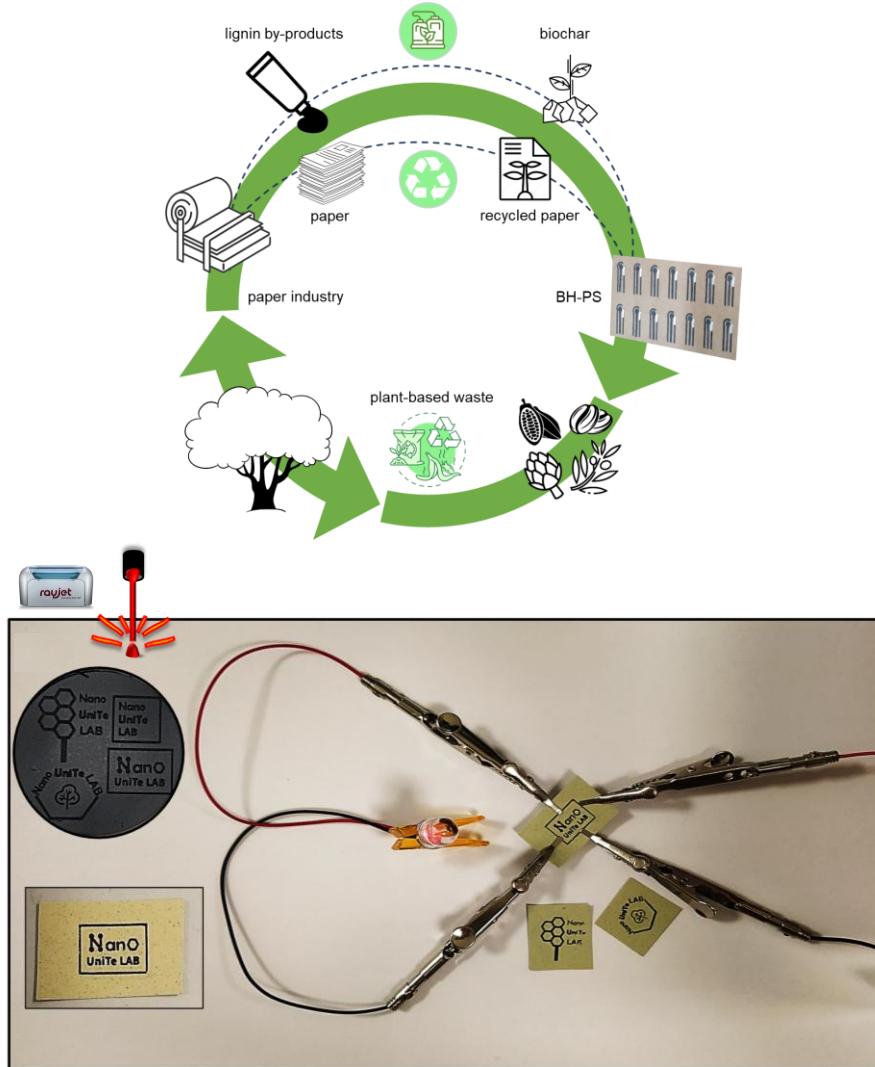
## Graphene



# Laser-induced rGO transferable conductive films



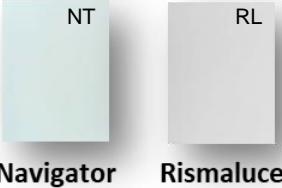
# Recycled and by-products derived papers for L-rGO sensors



## Cellulosic substrates



### Office paper



### 15% textile industry



Refit Cotton White Refit Wool Blue Remake Oyster

### 15% agro-industry by-product



Crush Cocoa Crush Cherries Crush Kiwi  
75% bamboo 100% recycle



Free Tree Bamboo Cream Tokyo White

# Laser-designed Paper/Graphene 3D pop-up for carbaryl analysis



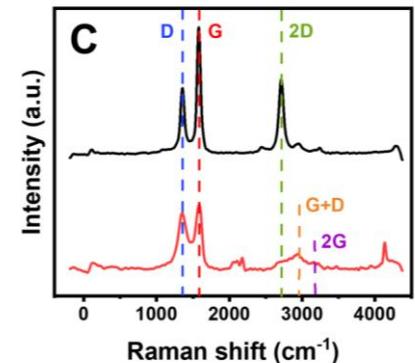
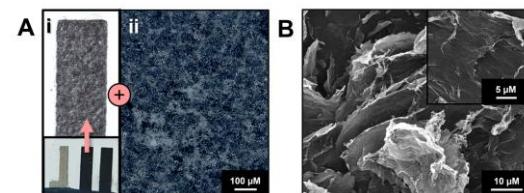
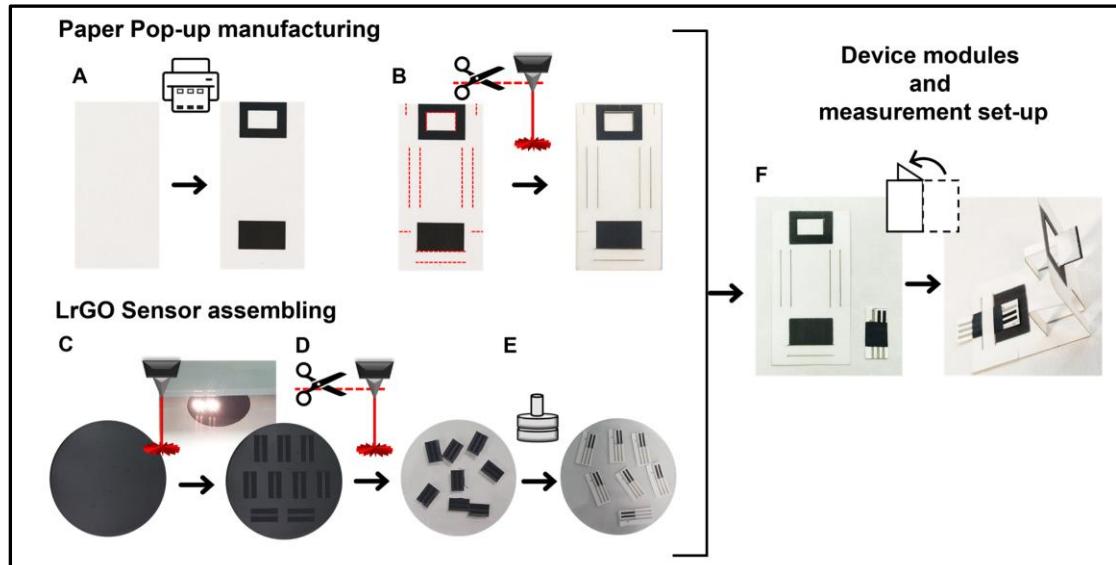
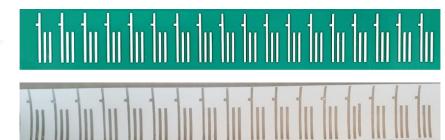
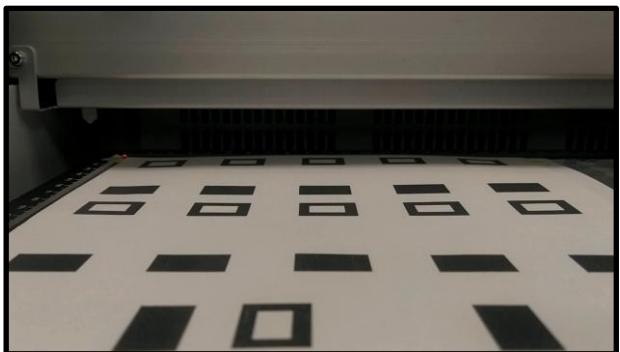
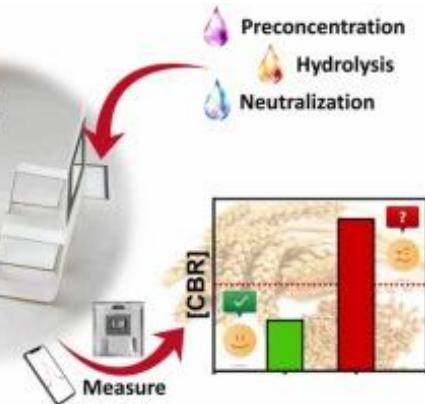
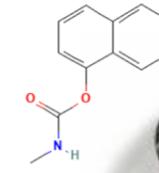
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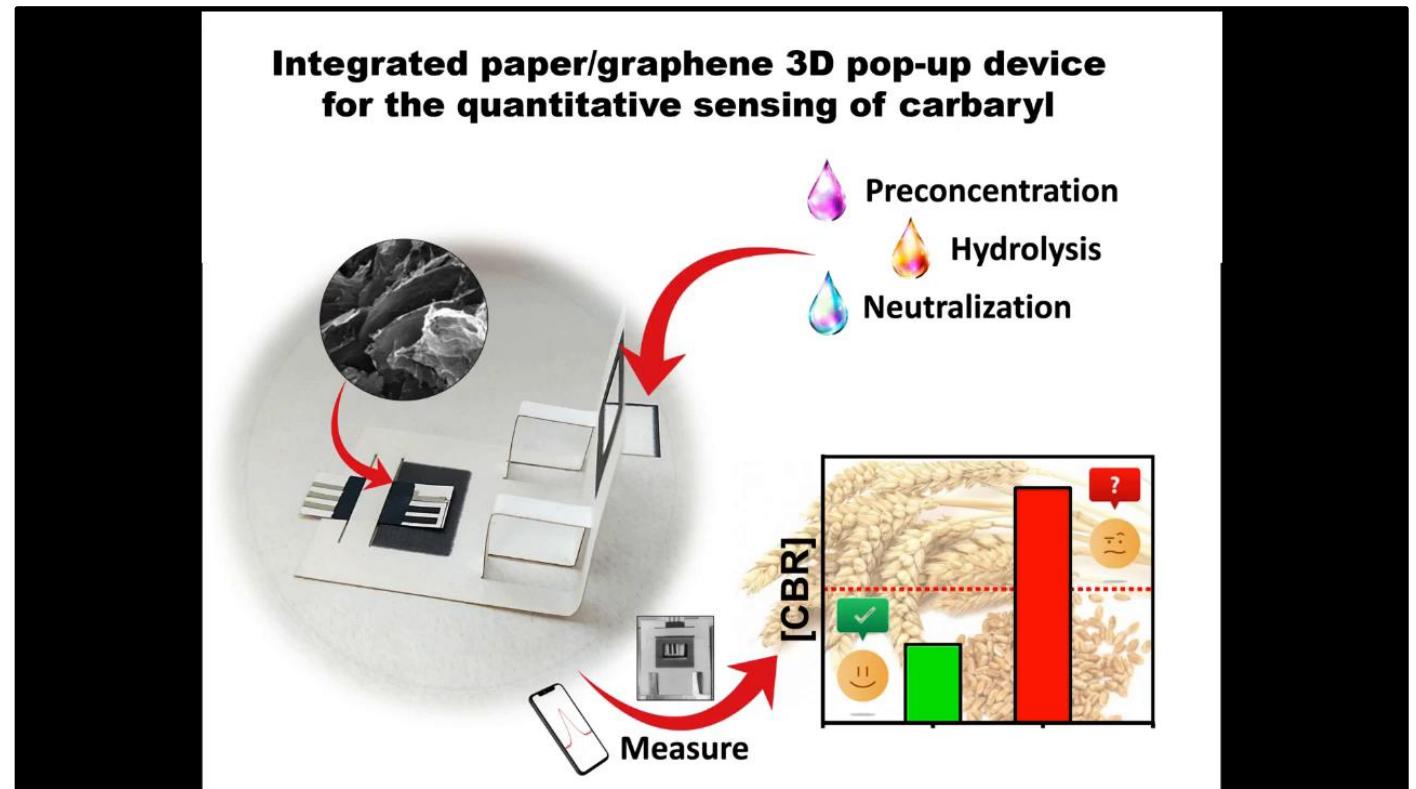
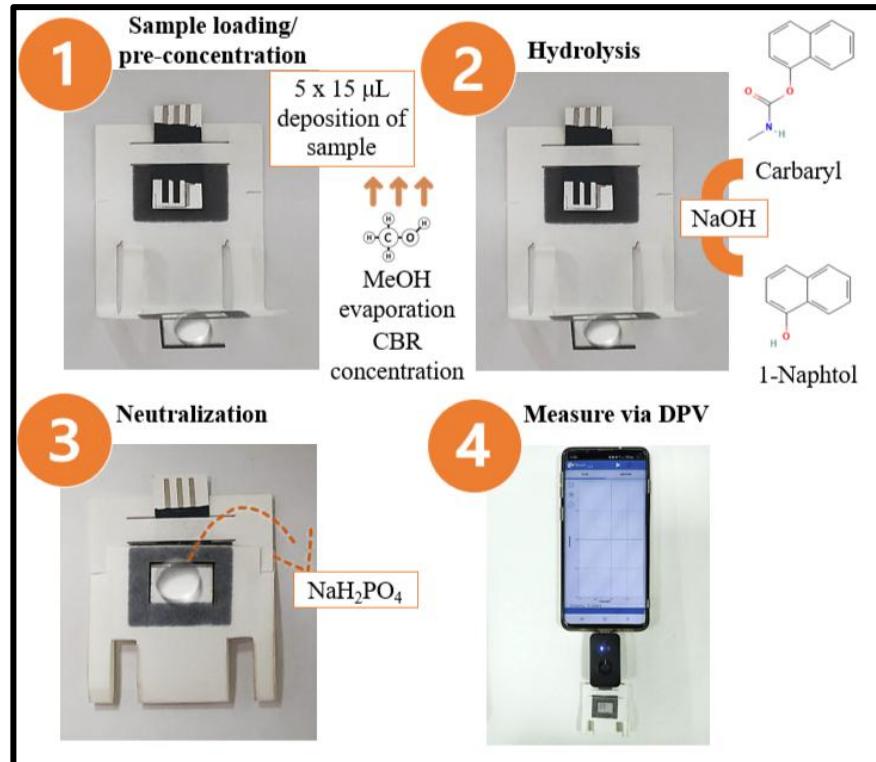


CARBARYL(CBR)



# Laser-designed Paper/Graphene 3D pop-up for carbaryl analysis

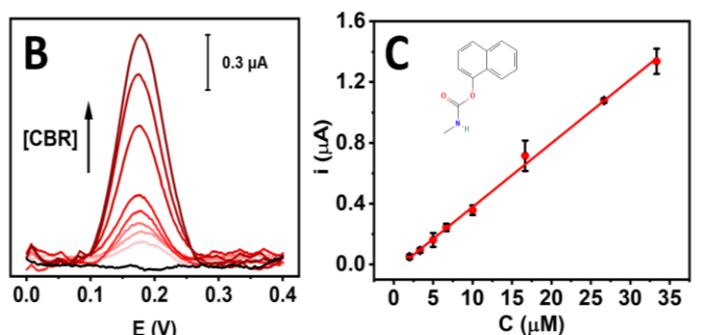
## Assay format



LOD = 0.4  $\mu$ M

L.R.: 1.5-33  $\mu$ M ( $R^2 = 0.995$ )

Slope RSD = 8% ( $n = 3$ )



## Sample and interferences analysis



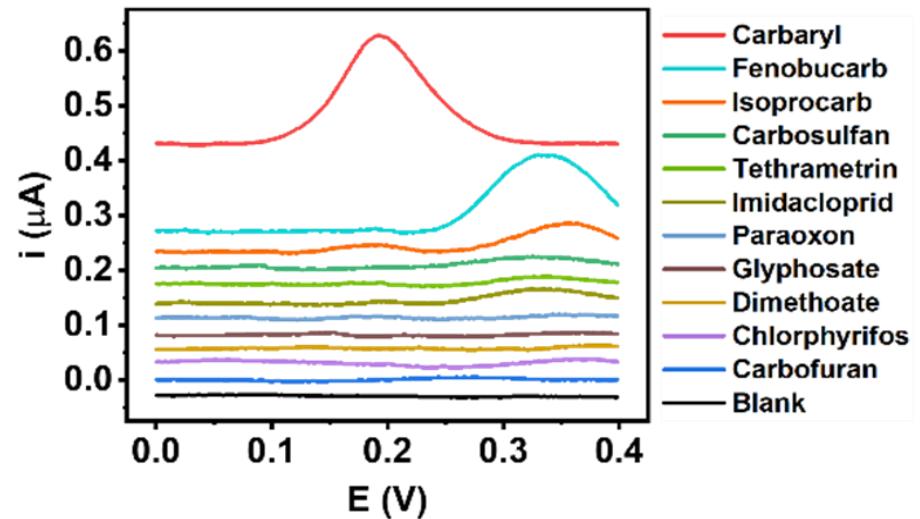
### GRAINS SAMPLE ANALYSIS

5 g of grain extracted in 10 mL of methanol analyzed directly with the pop-up device

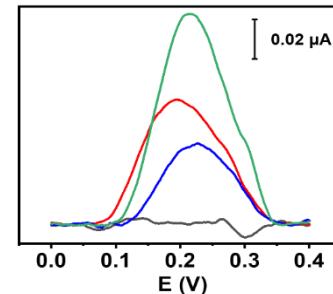
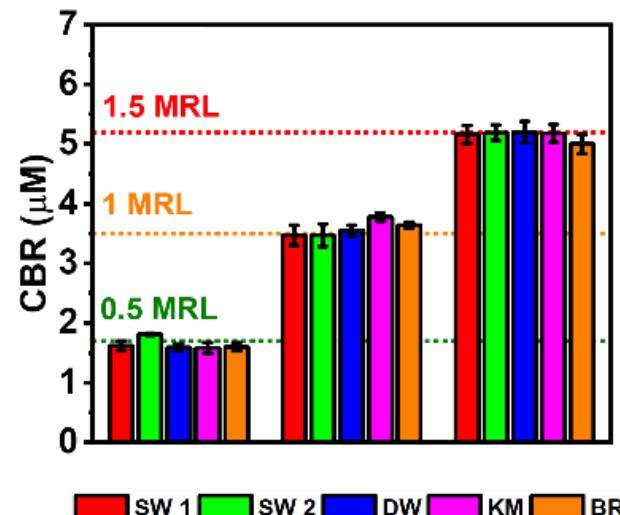


Minimum residue level  
(MRL)  $0.5 \text{ mg Kg}^{-1}$

Samples fortified at  
**0.5**, **1** and **1.5** MRL value



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



Rec: 93 – 108 %  
RSD  $\leq 6\%$  ( $n = 3$ )