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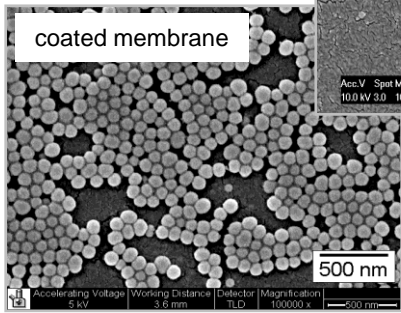
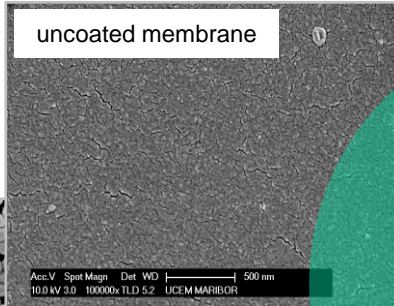
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Optical Sensor receptors for Food Freshness and Pesticides detection

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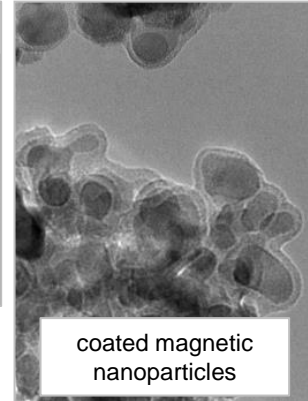
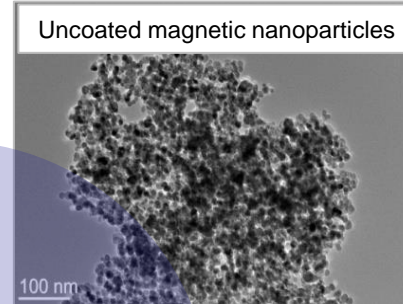
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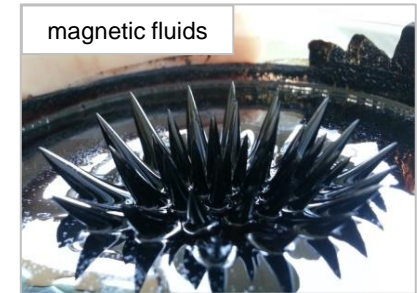
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**RECYCLING
TECHNOLOGIES 4
WATER, TEXTILE &
PLASTIC WASTES,
METALS**



**OPTICAL
CHEMICAL/BIO
SENSORS**

**NANOTECHNOLOGY
& NANOMATERIALS**



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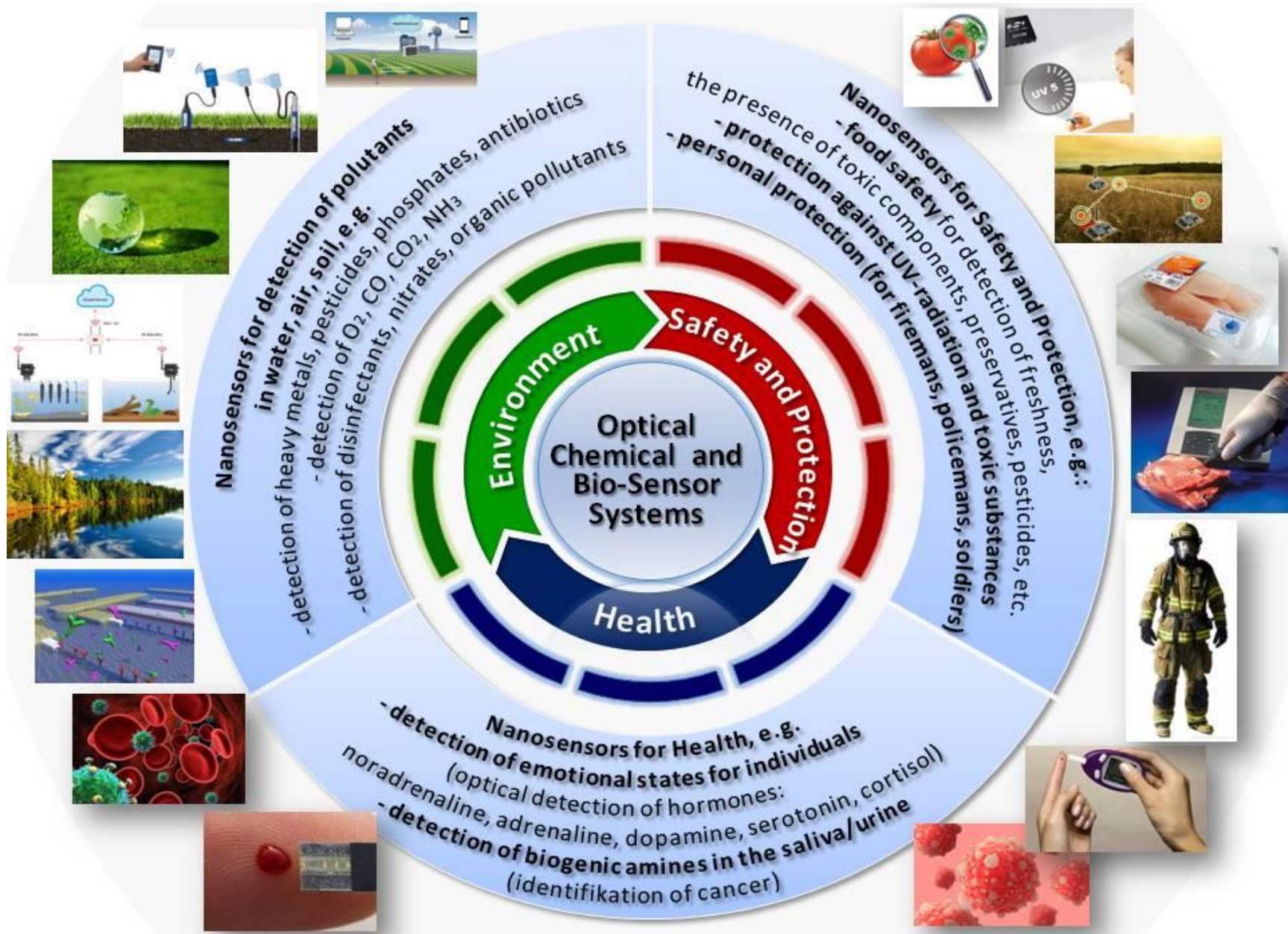
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Sensor Applications



DEFINITION OF SENSORS

Chemical Sensors are miniaturized analytical devices that can deliver real-time and on-line information on the presence of specific compounds or ions in complex samples.

Nanosensors – using **nanomaterials** or nanotechnologies to prepare nano sensor receptors

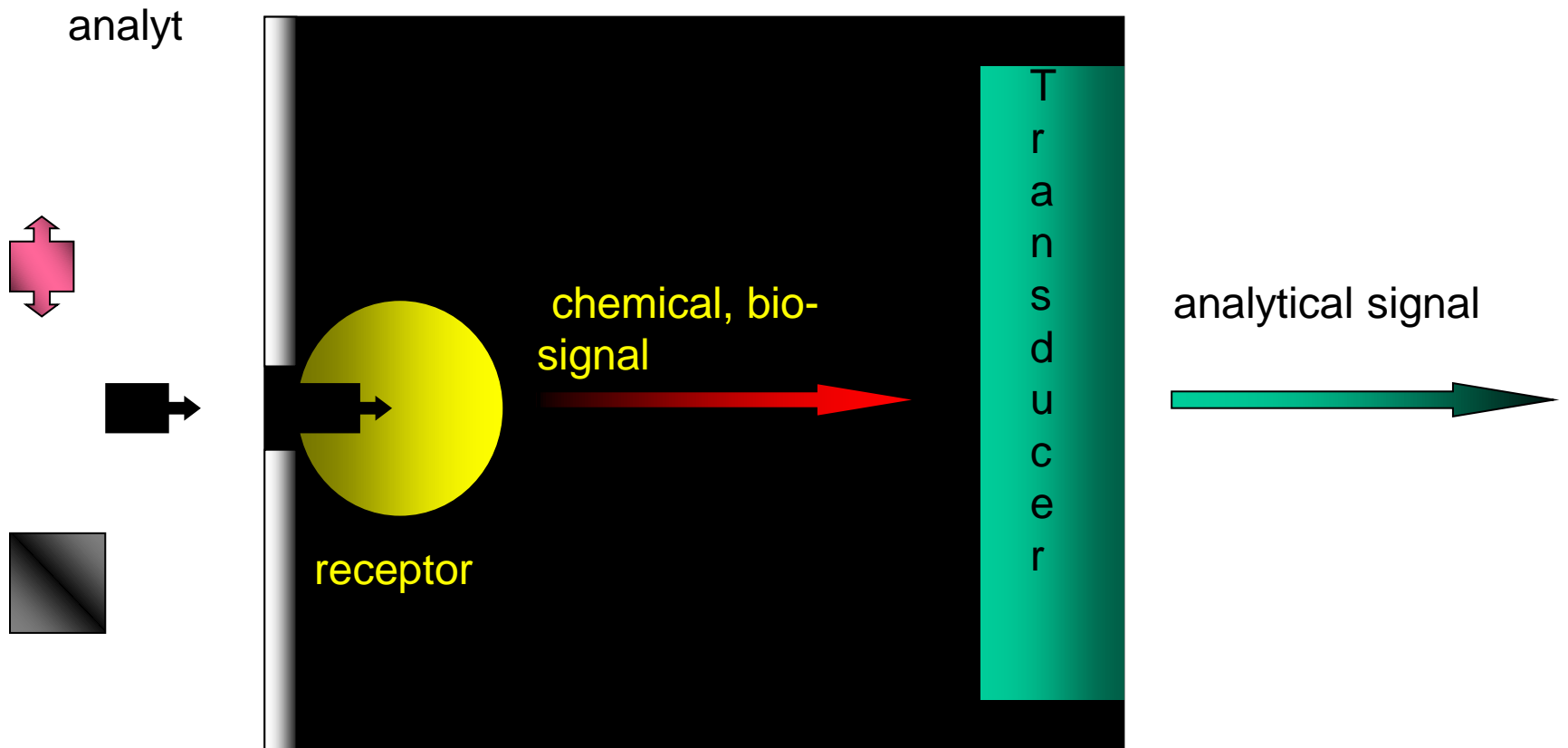
Analytical aspects of sensors

- sensitivity in the range of interest
- selectivity for the analyte
- broad dynamic range
- reversibility
- lack of frequent calibration
- fast response
- inertness to sample matrix
- small size

“Optrode” - (from optical electrode) and “optode” (from Greek - the optical way)

- **intrinsic optical property** of the analyte is utilized for its detection
- **indicator (or label) based** sensing is used when the analyte has no intrinsic optical property
INDICATOR
CHEMISTRY
- **(FOCSSs)** represents a subclass of chemical sensors in which an optical fiber is used as part of the transduction element.

OPTICAL CHEMICAL/BIO-SENSOR system



Design of optical chemical sensor „Indicator chemistry“

Indicator

Polymer matrix

Immobilization



Sensor

characteristics

Indicators

Absorbance based:

Undergo colour
change

Detection by “naked
"eye

Detection by
colorimetry

Luminescence based:

Fluorescence

Phosphorescence

Chemiluminescence

Electroluminescence

Detection by:

UV lamp

Intensity change

Lifetime measurements

Polymer carrier

* hydrophobic

PVC, PMMA,
PE, PS, ...



Detection of gases

* hydrophilic

polysaccharides,
polyacrilates,
polyamines,
hydrogels...



Ion detection

* hydrophobic-
hydrophilic

sol-gel



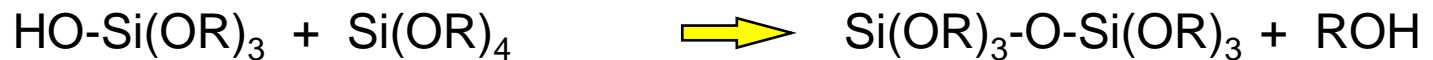
Detection of ions and gases

Sol-gel process (Silica nanoparticles)

1. hydrolysis



2. condensation:

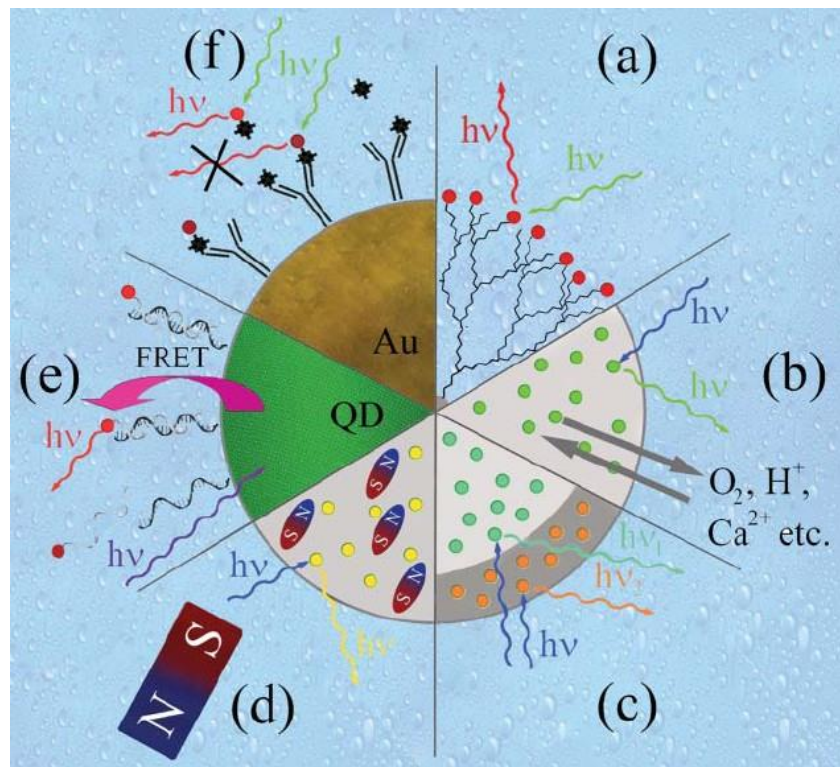


<u>Monomers</u>	<u>Other metals</u>
Si(OR')_4	Zr(OR')_4
$\text{R}_1\text{-Si(OR')}_3$	$\text{R}_1\text{-Zr(OR')}_3$
$\text{R}_1\text{R}_2\text{-Si(OR')}_2$	$\text{R}_1\text{R}_2\text{-Zr(OR')}_2$
R: aliphatic, aromatic	Ti, Sn

ADVANTAGES OF USING NANOMATERIALS FOR SENSORS

- ✦ Improved sensor characteristic (response time, sensitivity, etc.)
- ✦ In-vivo measurements,
- ✦ Small sample volumes,
- ✦ Multi-analyte sensing

Design of Optical nanosensor

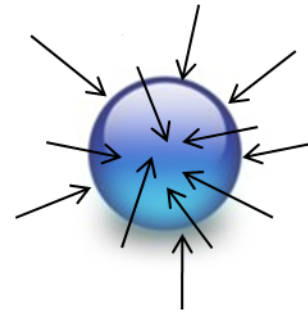
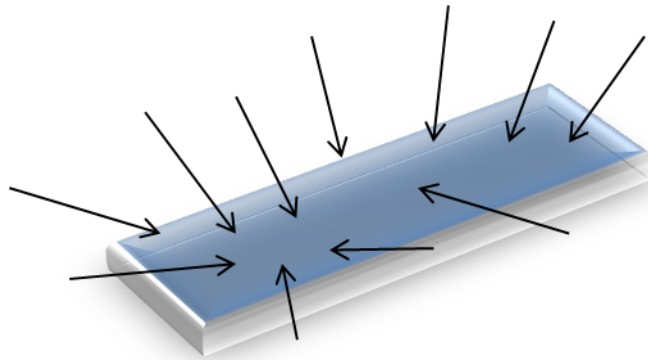


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a, macromolecular nanosensors (dendrimers); b, NSs based on polymer materials and sol-gels; c, multi-functional core-shell systems; d, multi-functional magnetic beads; e, NSs based on quantum dots; f, NSs based on metal beads

Comparison of OP sensor characteristics

(A. Lobnik, Š. Korent Urek, EU, USA, Russia patents)



Dye-doped thin films

Dye-doped nanoparticles

Limit of detection (mol/L)

6.7×10^{-7}

0.17×10^{-9}

Working range (mol/L)

$6.9 \times 10^{-7} - 6.9 \times 10^{-3}$

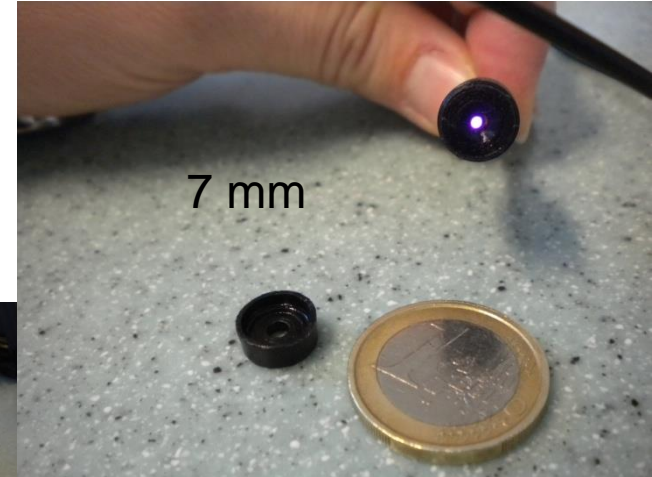
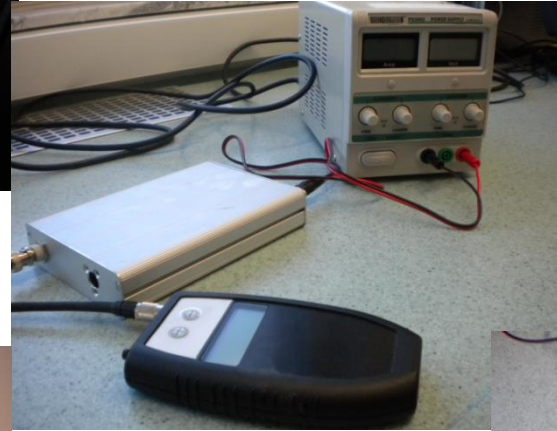
$0.17 \times 10^{-9} - 2.3 \times 10^{-7}$

Response time (s)

600

12

Luminiscence measurements of OP



Applications in Food safety: Food freshness

Food freshness depends on microbiological activity

and

Various Biogenic amines are formed and released

Hrana in pijača

- **Vino**

(histamin, tiramin, triptamin, feniletilamin, agmatin, kadaverin, putrescin, spermidin)

- **Sir**

(putrescin, kadaverin, histamin, tiramin, feniletilamin, spermin, spermidin, agmatin)

- **Riba/Tuna**

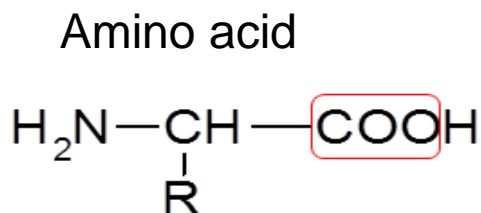
(histamin, triptamin, kadaverin, feniletilamin, spermin, spermidin, tiramin, agmatin)

- **Meso/Klobasa**

(triptamin, feniletilamin, putrescin, kadaverin, histamin, serotonin, tiramin, spermin, spermidin, agmatin)

- **Sadje/Zelenjava**

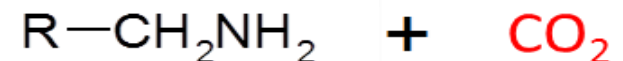
(dopamin, tiramin, putrescin, kadaverin, histamin, serotonin, agmatin, feniletilamin, spermidin, spermin, agmatin)



decarboxylation
amino acid



biogenic amine



METHODS FOR BIOGENIC AMINE DETERMINATION

- **Instrumental or classical methods**

- High-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC)
- Thin-layer chromatography (TLC)
- Gas chromatography (GC)
- Micellar electrokinetic chromatography (MEKC)

- **Other methods**

- electrochemical methods (capillary electrophoresis) (CE)
- enzymatic methods (biosensors)

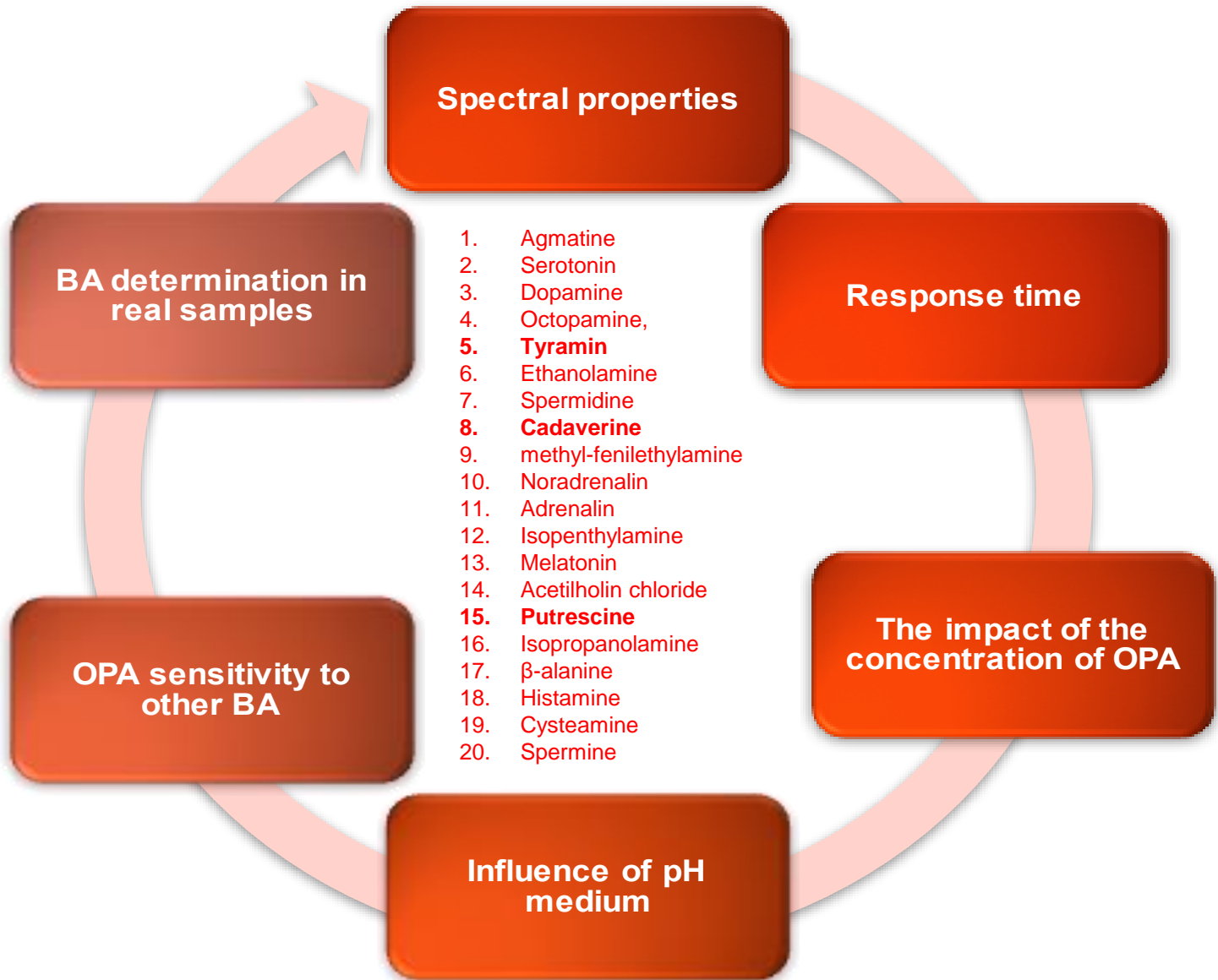
- **Optical methods**

- **Optical chemical sensors (OCS)**

Derivational reagents:

- dansyl chloride,
- benzoyl chloride,
- dansyl chloride,
- fluorescein,
- 9-fluorenylmethyl chloroformate,
- naphthalene-2,3-dicarboxaldehyde
- **orthophthalaldehyde (OPA)**

OPTICAL DETERMINATION OF BA BY O-PHTHALDIALDEHYDE (OPA)

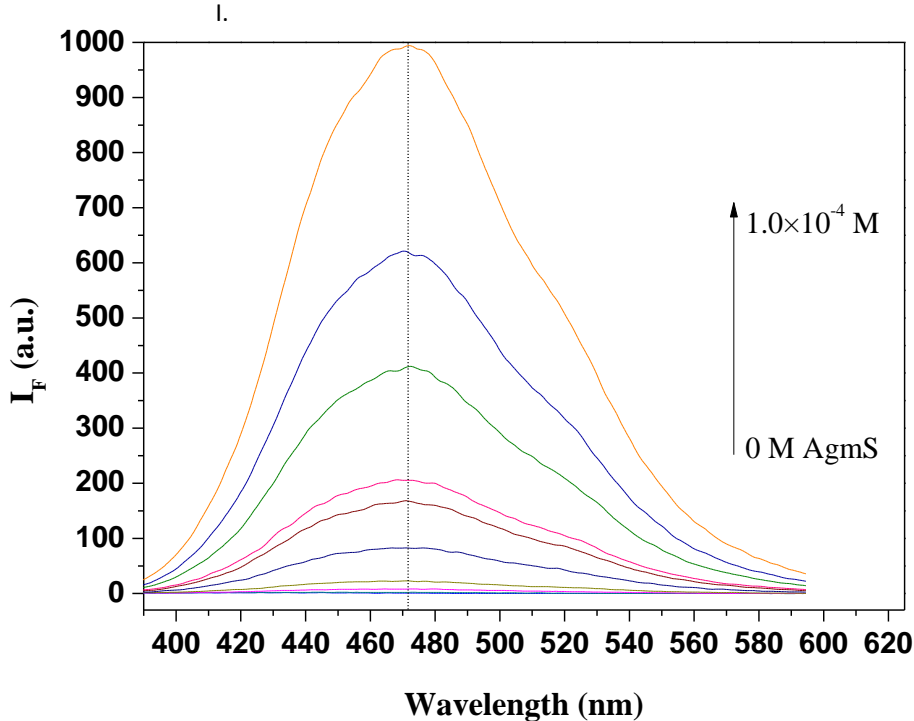


OPTICAL DETERMINATION OF BA IN SOLUTION

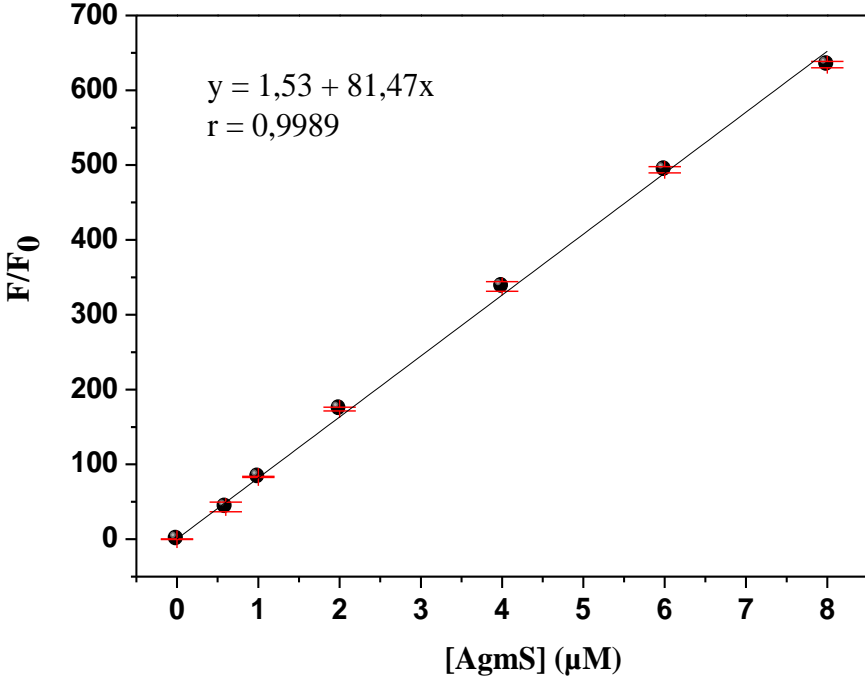
Spectral properties

AGMATINE

Response time

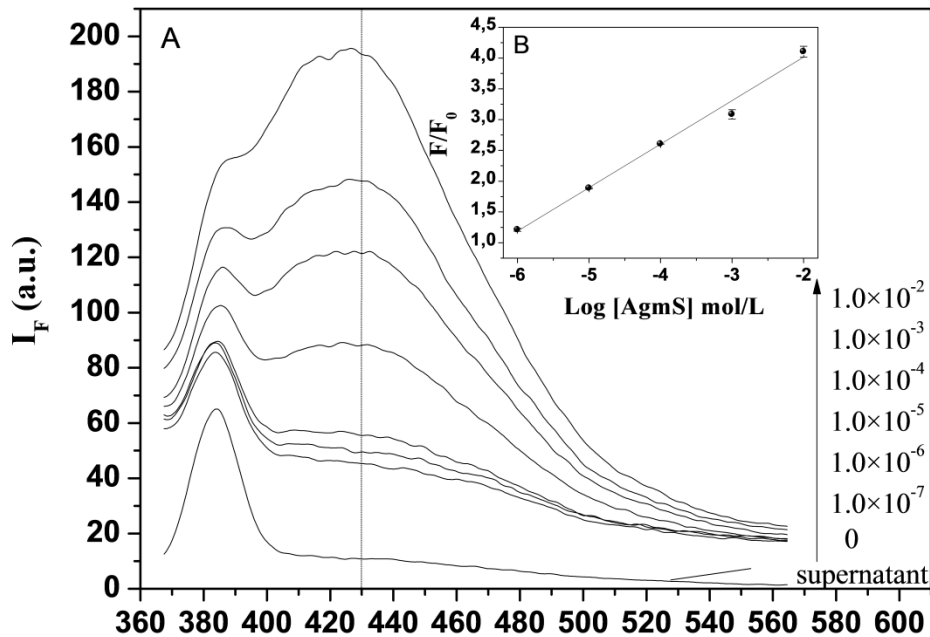
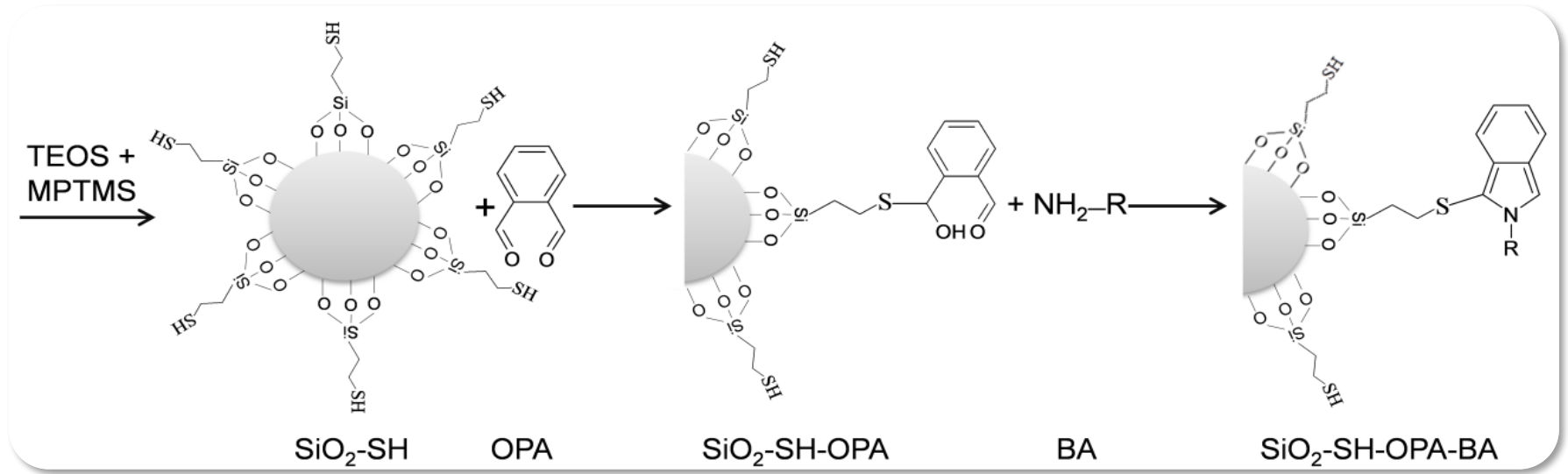


Emission spectra of OPA-AgmS product
 $6,0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M} - 1,0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$



Calibration curve of fluorescent product OPA-AgmS
 $6,0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M} - 8,0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$
LOD = $2,5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$

OPTICAL DETERMINATION OF BA BY O-PHTHALDIALDEHYDE (OPA)



Wavelength [nm]

OPTICAL DETERMINATION OF BA BASED ON SiO₂ PARTICLES

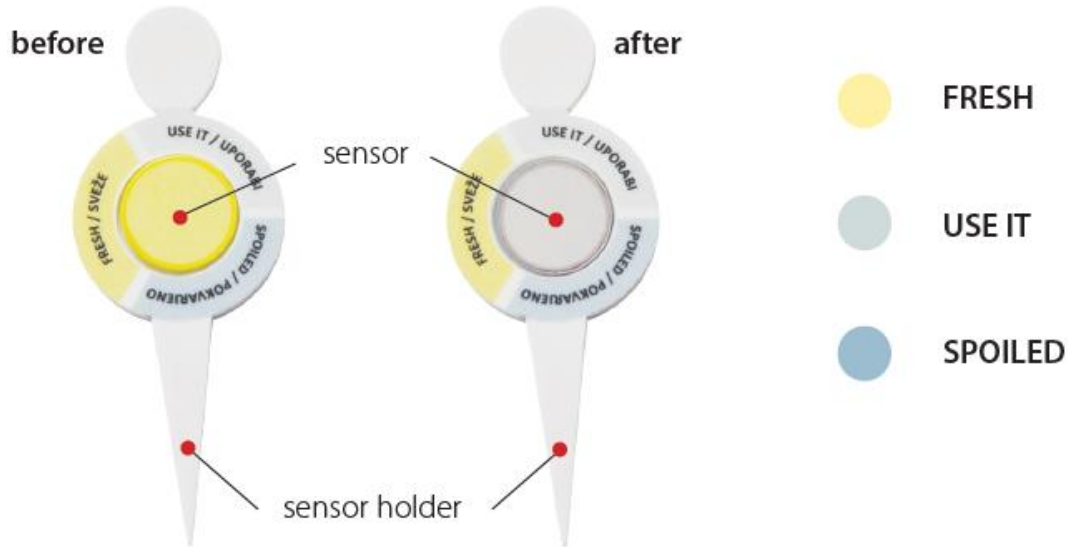
SUMMARY

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Comparison of the results based on the optical determination of AgmS in solution with and without SiO₂-SH-OPA particles at pH 13

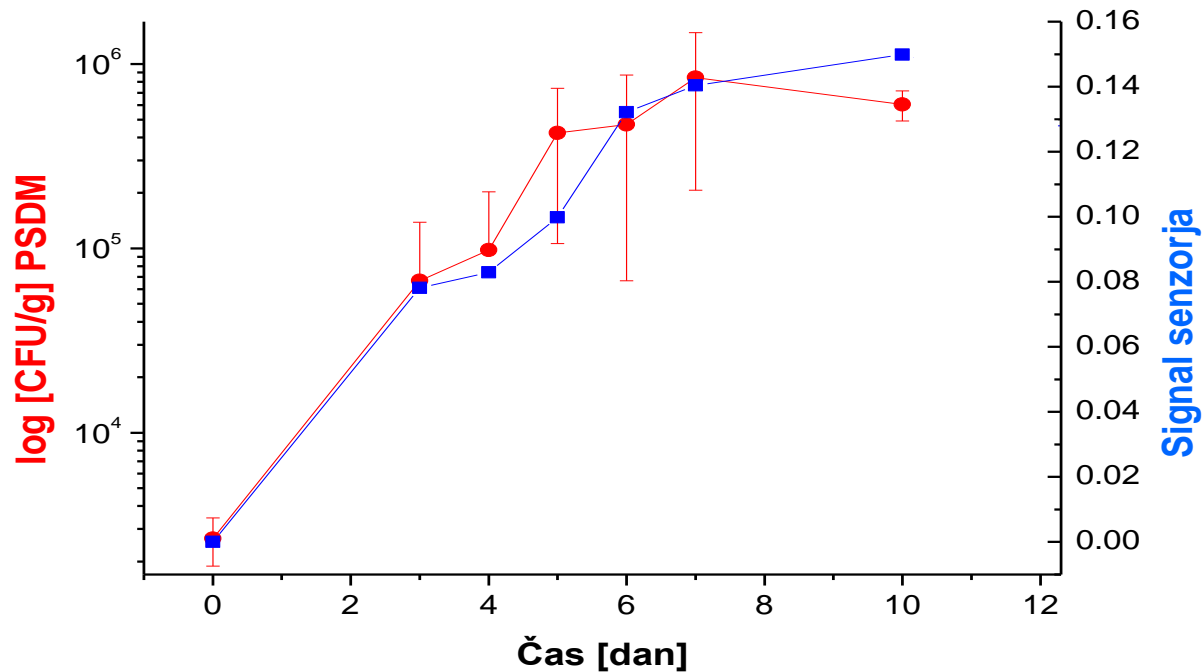
Parameters	Optical determination of AgmS	
	with OPA	with SiO ₂ -SH-OPA particles
Fluorescent product	OPA-AgmS	SiO ₂ -SH-OPA-AgmS
Spectral properties ($\lambda_{ex}/\lambda_{em}$)	340 nm / 473 nm	340 nm / 430 nm
Concentration range	$6.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M} - 8.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M} - 1.0 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}$
The correlation coefficient r^2	0.9989	0.9989
Linear equation	$y = 1.53 + 81.47x$	$y = 5.43 + 0.71x$
LOD	$2.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$	$7.3 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$
Response time	20 min	2 – 3 min
Buffer	pH 13	pH 13

Freshsens



- The sensor is suitable for raw, untreated fish and chicken meat
- Color change is a measure of the usefulness of the meat (see color scale)
- Response time is 30 minutes
- The sensor is useful when blue coloration is reached (spoiled meat) and can be used again if the initial color is yellow

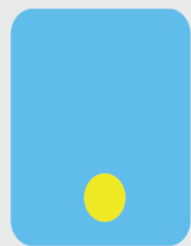
Correlation to the microbiological measurements



- sensor absorption measurements on spectrophotometer (laboratory)
- monitoring of the activity of microbiological parameters - bacteria *Pseudomonas* spp. (PSDM)
- signal of the sensor in correlation with the increase in the number of bacteria *Pseudomonas* spp.



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interpretacija/odčitek
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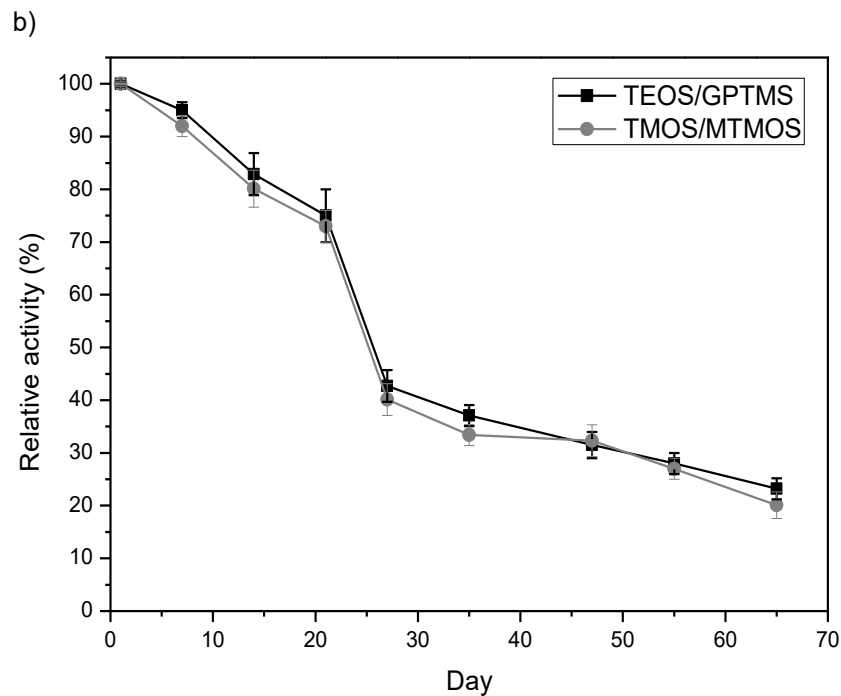
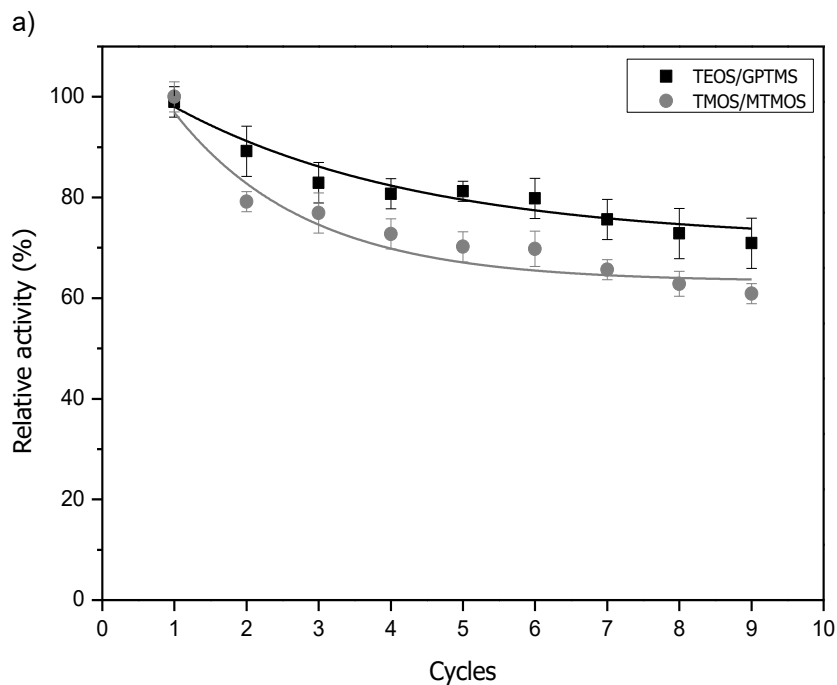
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Biosensing layer for OP determination

(N. Francic, A. Lobnik, E. Efremenko, Bioscience and Technology, 2012)

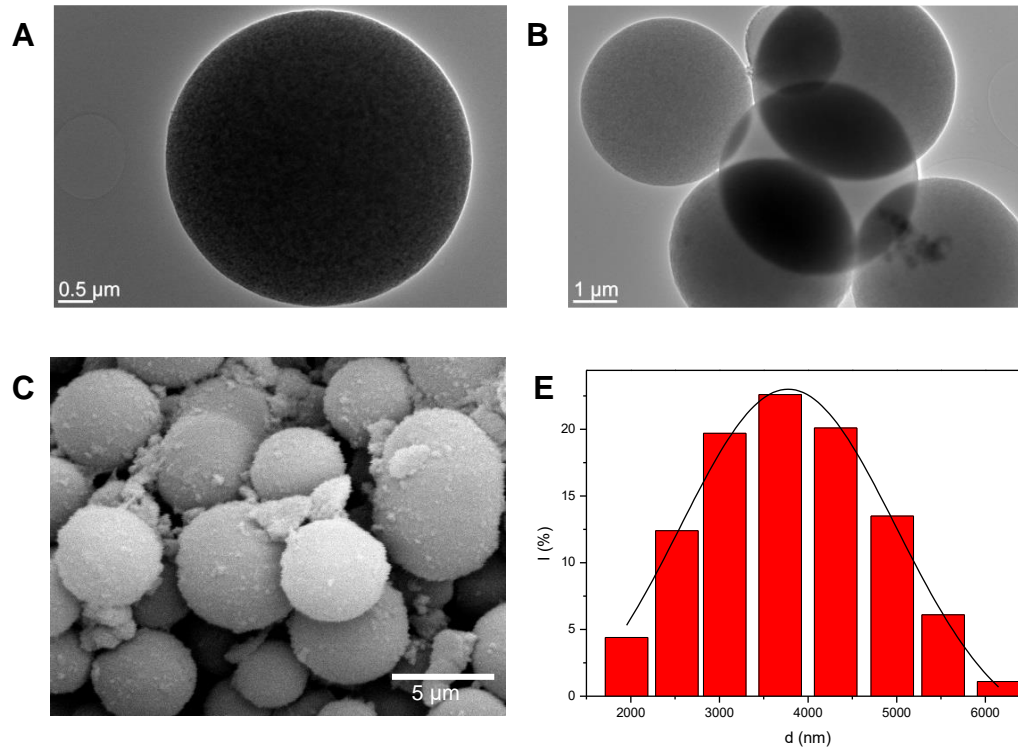
- **His₆-OPH (EC 3.1.8.1.) – organophosphorous hydrolase**
- Enzyme hydrolyzing a broad spectrum of organophosphorous compounds (OPCs) containing P–O, P–F and P–S bonds in the triesters of orthophosphoric acid
- Metalloenzyme: cofactors are Co²⁺ and other bivalent ions
 - Optimal activity :
 - ➔ T = 45 - 53 °C (pH 10.5)
 - ➔ pH between 10 in 11.5
 - High specific activity: ~ 5000 U/mg
- **hexahistidine (His₆) tag fused to OPH** → improving the catalytic efficiency, especially towards P–S-containing substrates, and the stability under alkaline hydrolysis conditions compared to native OPH

Entrapped His₆-OPH within hybrid SiO₂ sol-gel layer



Comparison of two types of biocatalyst films TEOS/GPTMS (R=188, P=5:1) and TMOS/MTMOS (R=148, P=1:2) for a) repeated use in the detoxification of POX. Conditions: 0.675 mM paraoxon, temperature 25 °C, 50-mM Na-carbonate buffer (pH 9.5); and b) stability of SiO₂ thin films with entrapped His₆-OPH

Silica particles with immobilized His₆-OPH for POX determination/detoxification



TEM micrographs of silica particles. (A-B), SEM microgram (C), and particle size distribution (D) of MPS 5 particles.

Silica particles with immobilized His₆-OPH for POX determination/detoxification

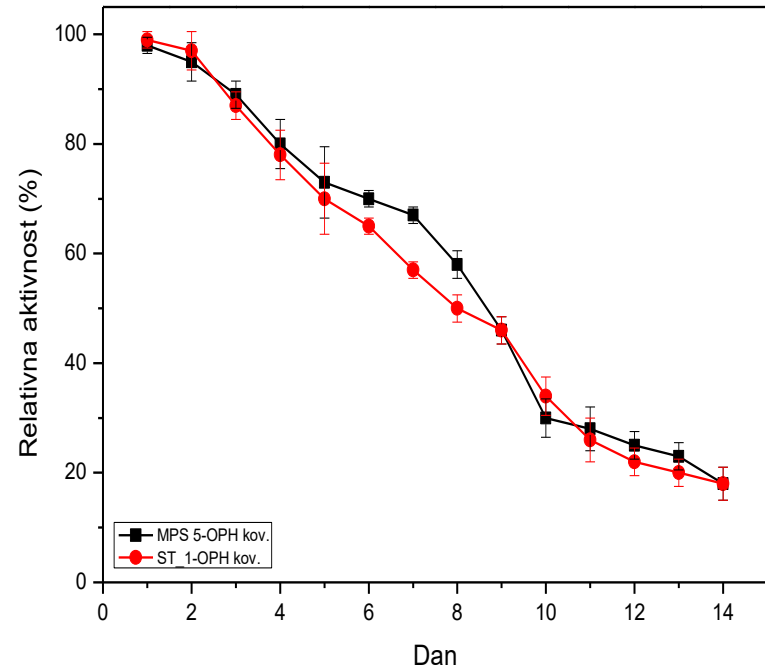
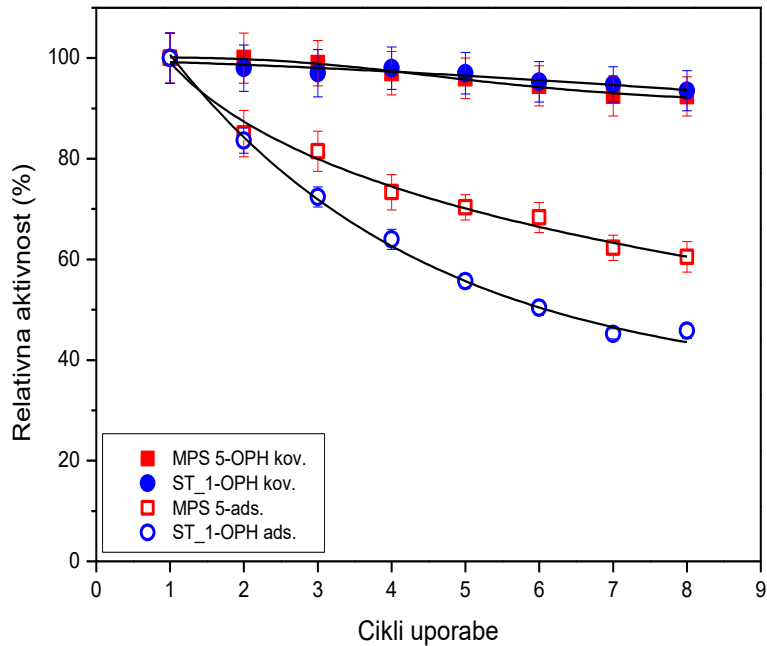
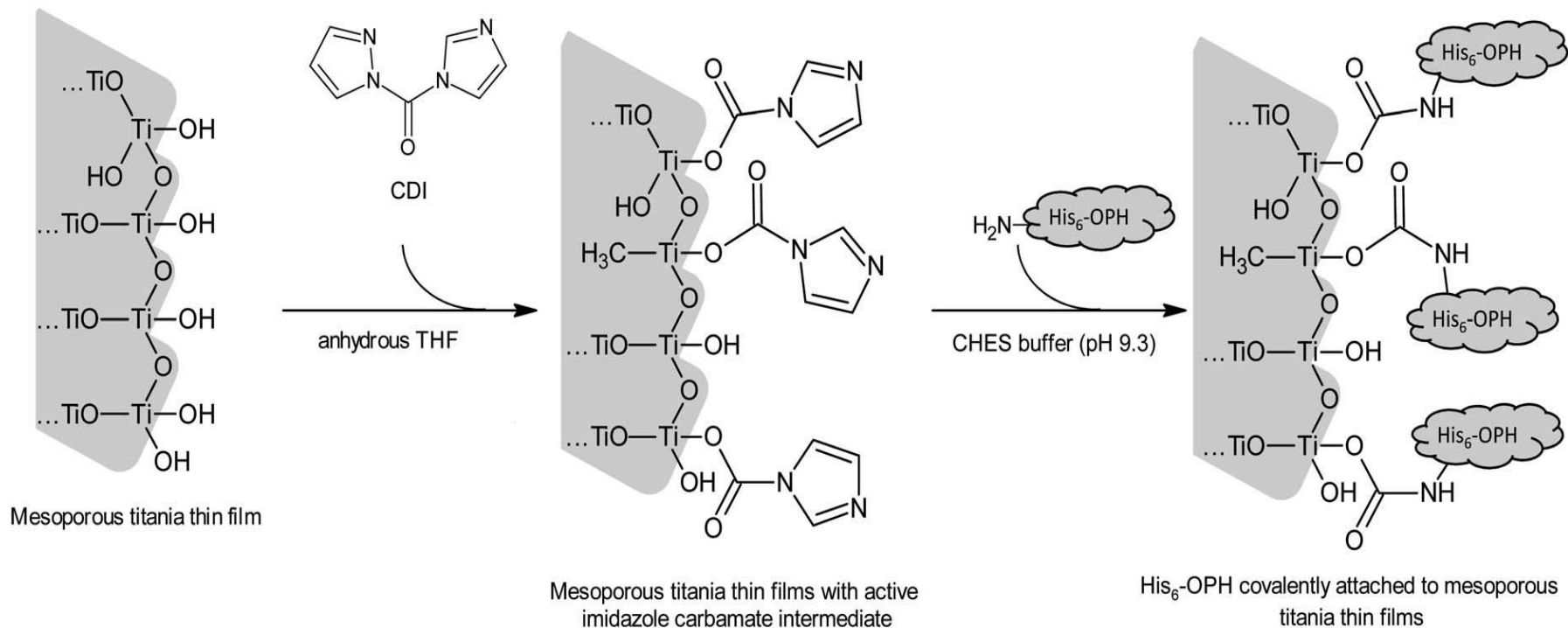


Fig. 4: Cycles of usage (a) and stability (b) of silica particles with immobilized His₆-OPH.

Mesoporous TiO₂ thin films as efficient enzyme carriers for paraoxon determination/detoxification



Schematic representation of the preparation route of His₆-OPH-conjugated mesoporous titania thin films through CDI mediated reaction.

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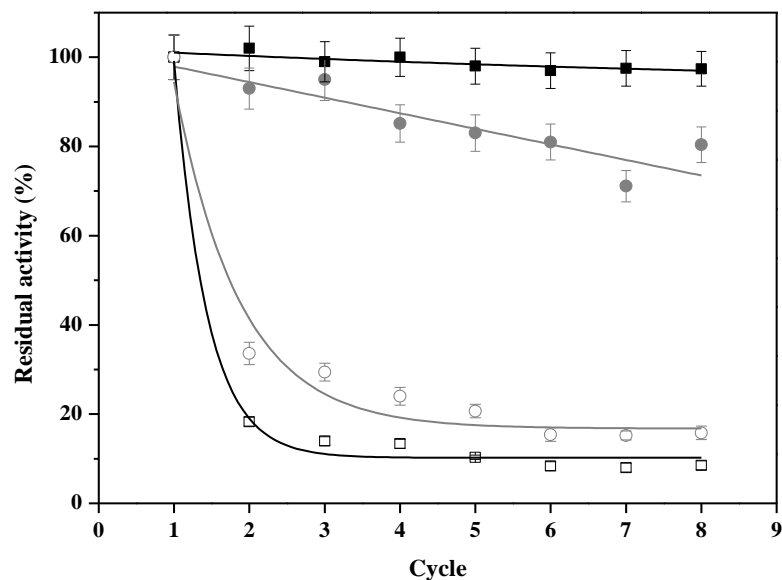


Figure Cycles of usage for covalently attached His₆-OPH, TiF-10 and TiF-bim (black and grey squares), and adsorbed His₆-OPH, TiF-10, TiF-10 and TiF-bim (black and grey circles). Measurements were performed with selected 50 mm² bio-functionalized mesoporous titania thin-films with covalently attached His₆-OPH at 20 °C and pH 10.5 (CB, 50 mM). Substrate: 0.3 mM paraoxon.

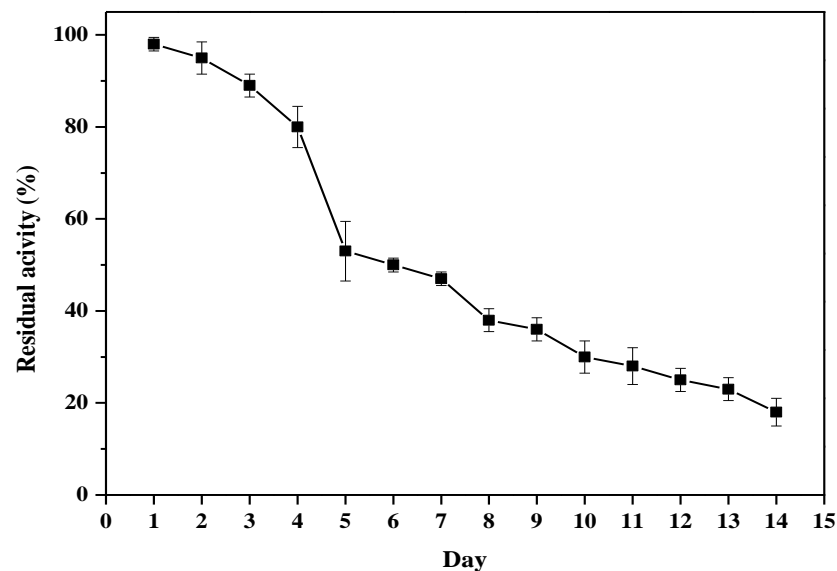


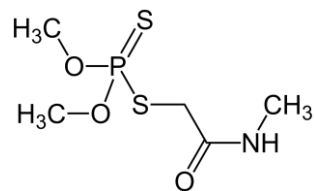
Figure Stability of titania bio-sensing film (TiF-9) with covalently attached enzyme several days after film preparation.

PESTICIDE FLUORESCENT DETECTION

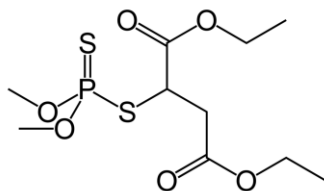
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ORGANOPHOSPHATES TESTED

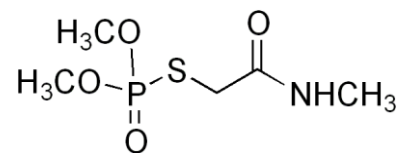
Dimethoate



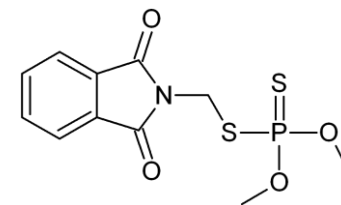
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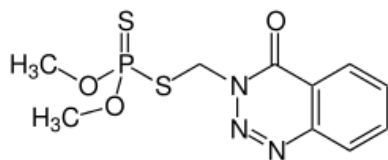
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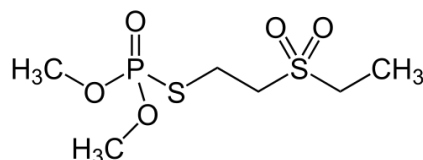
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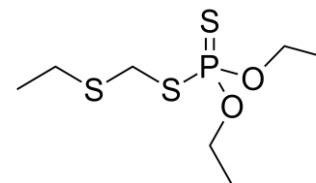
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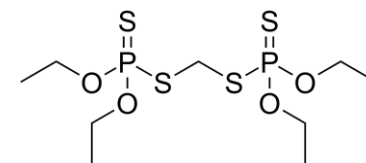
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Phorate



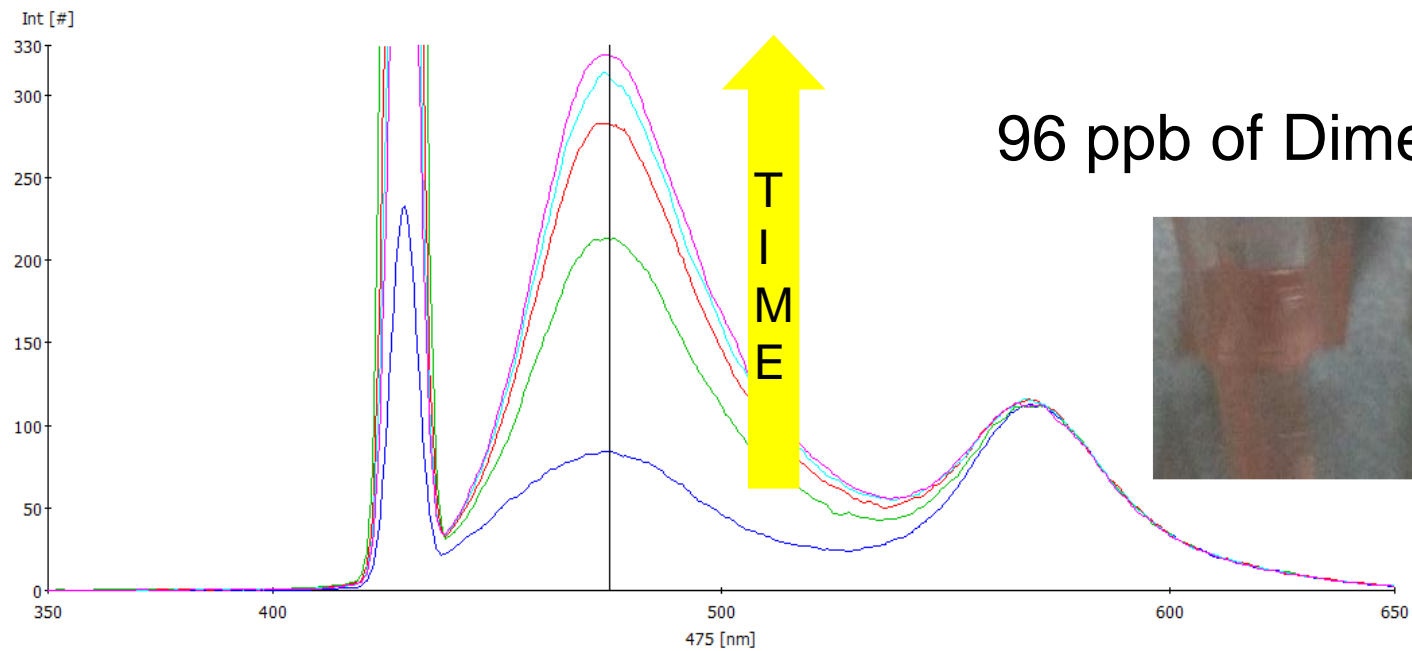
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REACTION SCHEME



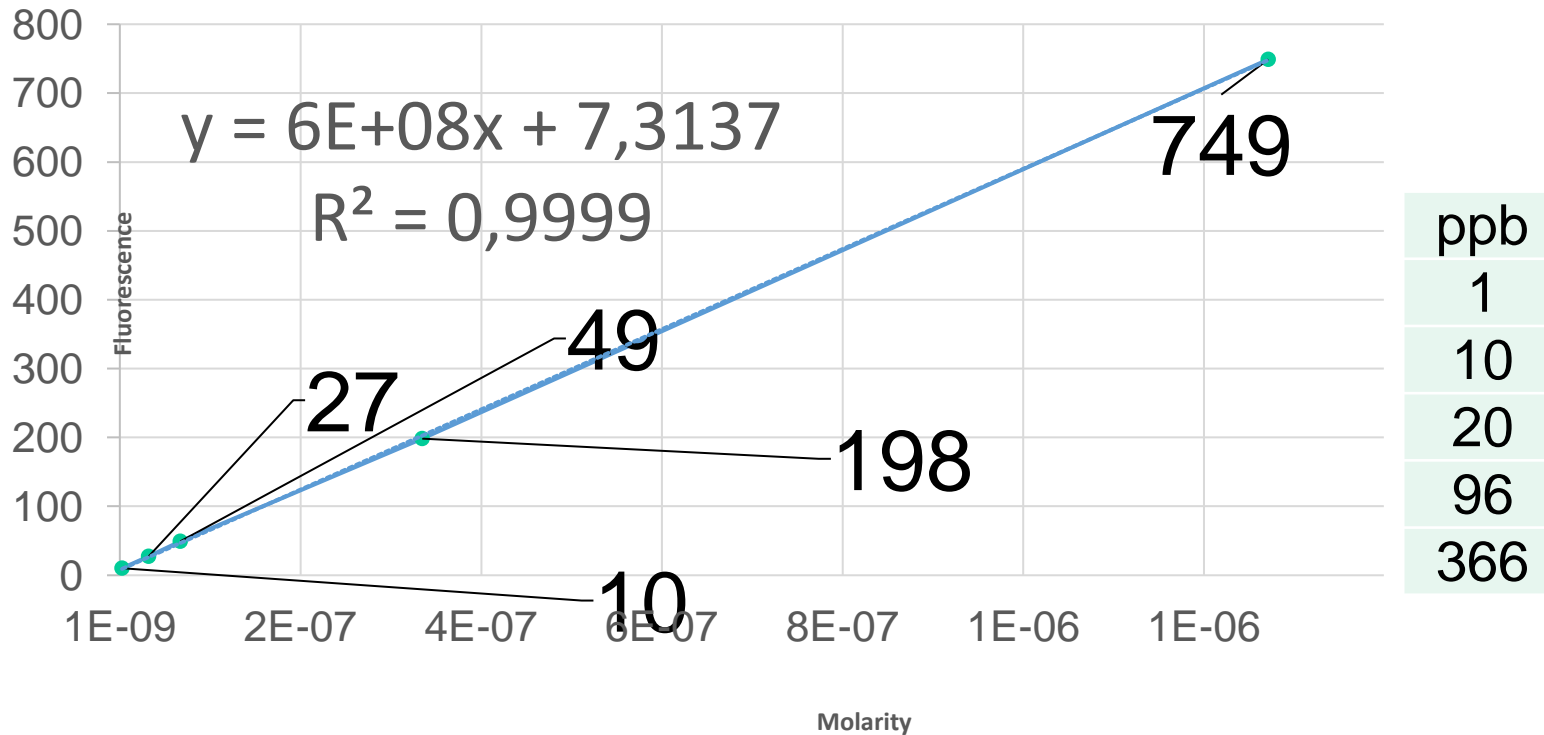
DIMETHOATE FLUORESCENCE



96 ppb of Dimethoate

$$\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 430\text{nm} \quad \lambda_{\text{em}} = 475\text{nm}$$

CALIBRATION CURVE



Pesticide	LOD	Estimate LOD
Dimethoate	1 ppb	No improvements
Omethoate	302 ppb	Very big (10ppb)
Azinphos methyl	3,6 ppb	Little (1ppb)
Phosmet	60 ppb	Little (30 ppb)
Phorate	143 ppb	Medium (50 ppb)
Demeton	422 ppb	Very big (20ppb)
Malathion	336 ppb	Medium (150ppb)



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