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Amperometric biosensors

NON-CONDUCTING
THIN FILMS WITH
BUILT-IN SELECTIVITY

ENZYME
IMMOBILIZATION

Fast response,
Interference-free
biosensors

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Articles

A Disposable, Reagentless, Third-Generation Glucose Biosensor Based on Overoxidized Poly(pyrrole)/Tetrathiafulvalene–Tetracyanoquinodimethane Composite

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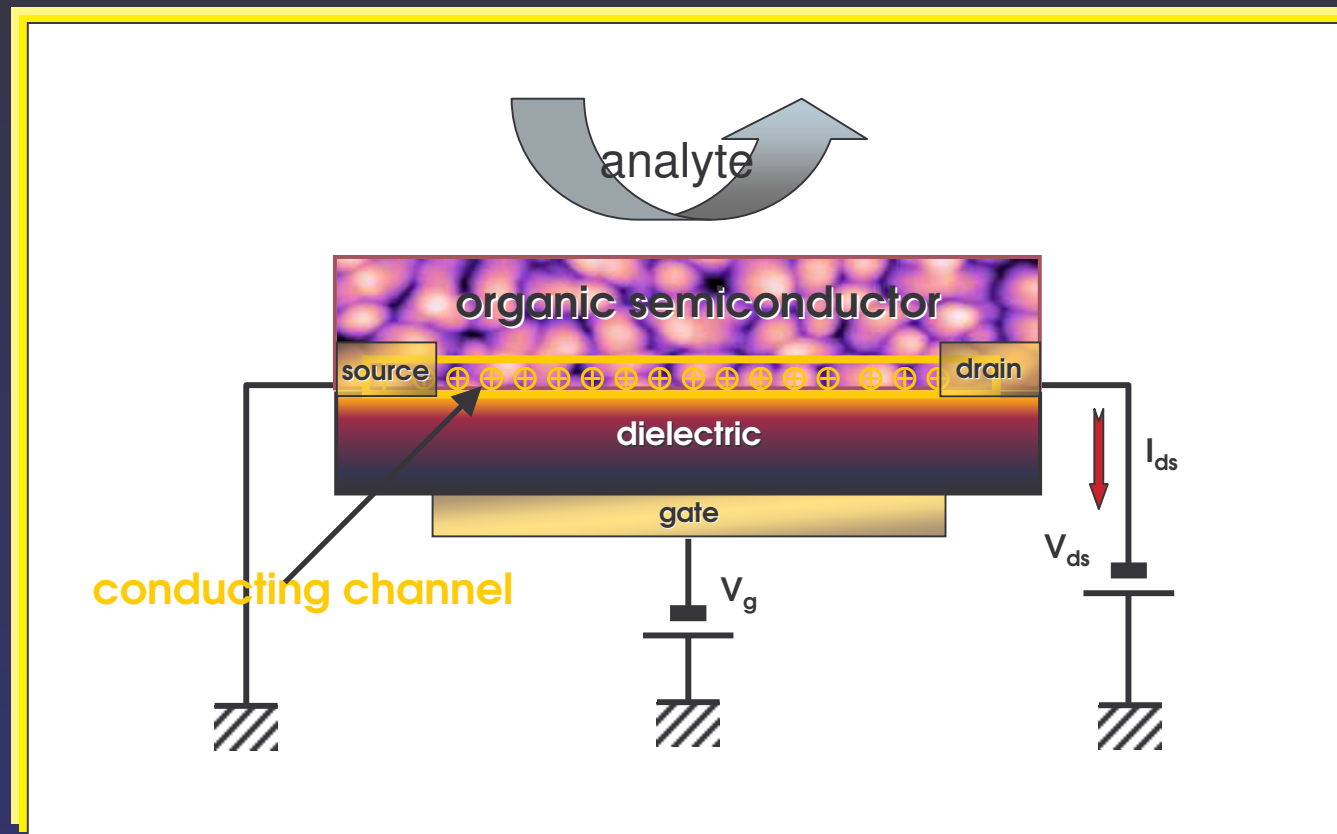
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NON CONDUCTING
POLYMERS

MOLECULAR
IMPRINTING

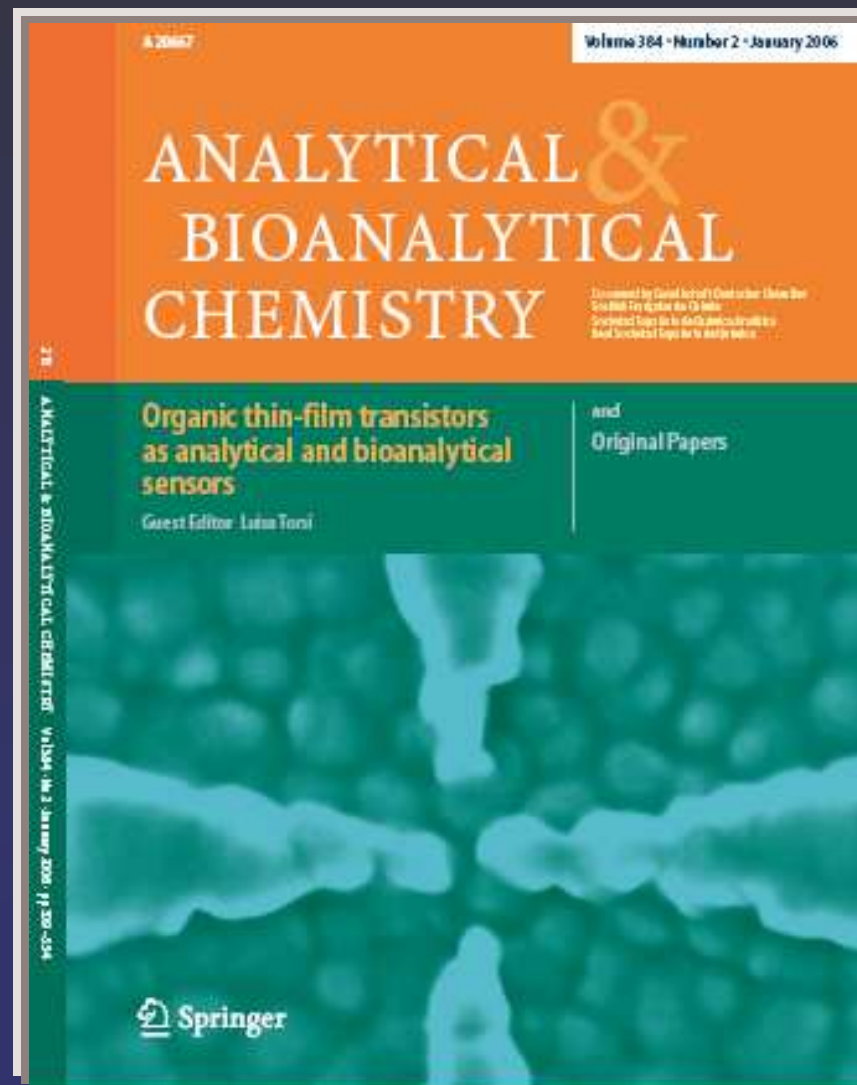
BIOMIMETIC
SENSORS

OTFT gas sensors



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OTFT sensors: un campo giovane ed in espansione



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Sensor repeatability

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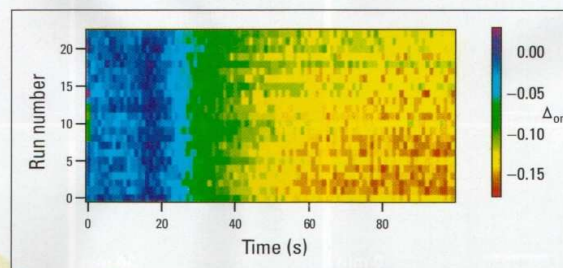
Thin-film vapor responses

Whether they are called electronic noses, tongues, or simply sensors, olfactory-mimicking detectors have become a major research arena. L. Torsi, A. Dodabalapur, H. Katz, and co-workers at Lucent Technologies and Università degli Studi di Bari (Italy) provide some framework for this research by investigating the relationship between thin-film molecular structure and morphology and device response. Using 1-pentanol as the analyte, they found that the response is greater when the number of grain boundaries of the film increased. However, the relationship is more complicated with octanonitrile as the analyte.

Various oligothiophene thin films on silicon wafers were studied in this report. For example, thin films of α,ω -dihexyl- α -hexathiophene grown at room temperature were found to consist of

small, irregular nanodomains, which probably helped vapors penetrate into the material. Films grown at 120 °C or higher were more regular and lamellar in detail and did not respond as well to pentanol vapors. On the other hand, the response to octanonitrile was independent of film morphology.

Other factors investigated included the film's thickness, the chain length in a series of alkyl-substituted hexathiophenes, and the behavior of a short oligomer thiophene. The researchers



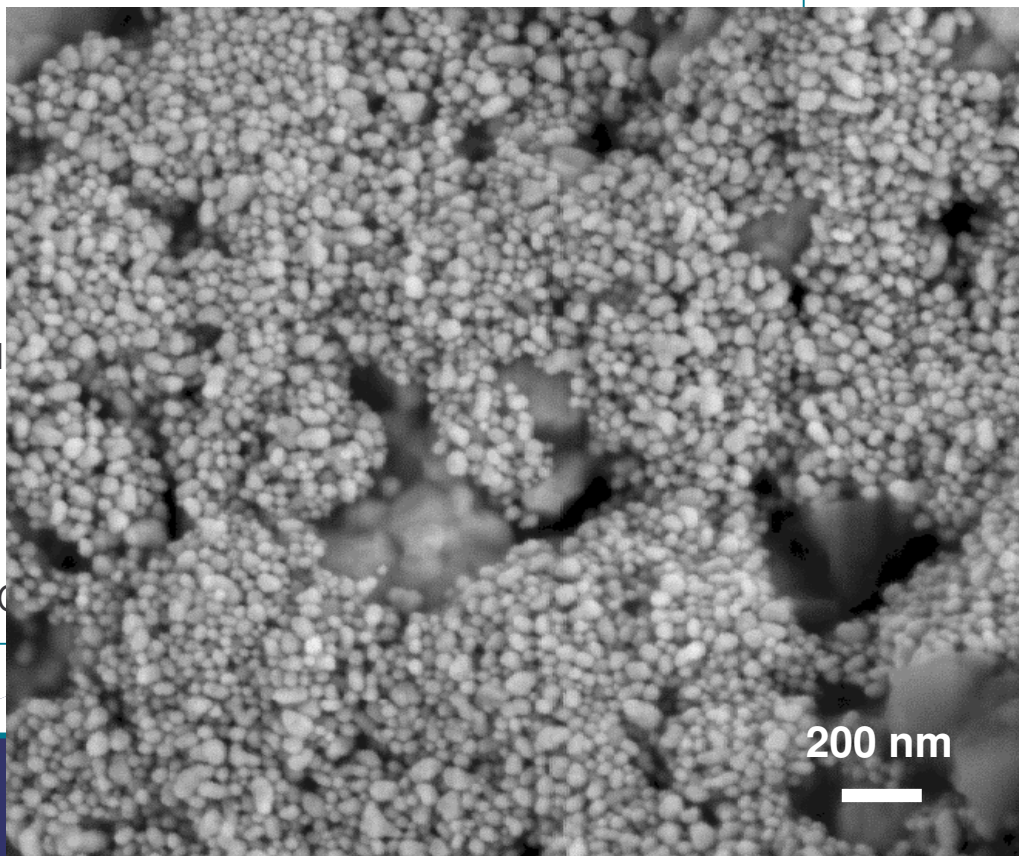
Color-coded changes in the current of a thin-film "electronic nose" sensor to 25 exposures of 1-pentanol.

believe that vapor analyte adsorption is controlled by favorable hydrophobic interactions between the semiconductor and analyte, intercalation to fill defect vacancies, and surface binding. (*J. Phys. Chem. B* **2002**, *106*, 12,563–12,568)

B. Crone, A. Dodabalapur, A. Gelperin, L. Torsi, H.E. Katz, A.J. Lovinger, and Z. Bao, *Appl. Phys. Lett.*, 78, 2229, 2001.

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Gold nanoparticles: NO_x gas sensing application



*Schematic view of the
Field Effect Gas Sensor*

Substrate: SiO_x/Si₃N₄/SiO₂

Contact: alloyed Ni with TaSi_x
deposited on the top

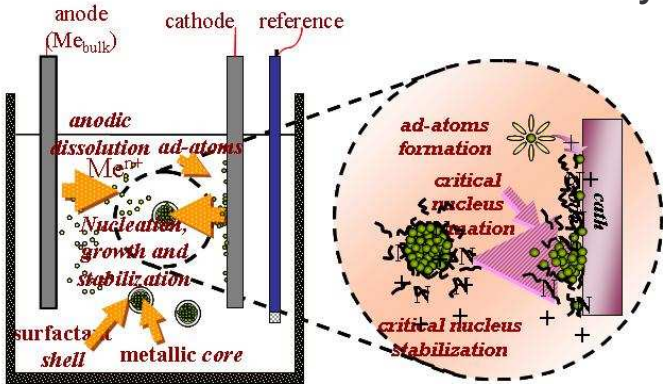
Gate pad: Ti/Pt layers

Sensing material: Au-NPs

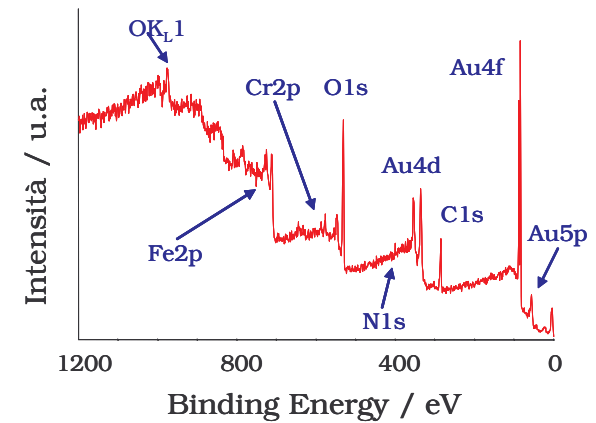
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Functional nanoparticles for sensing applications

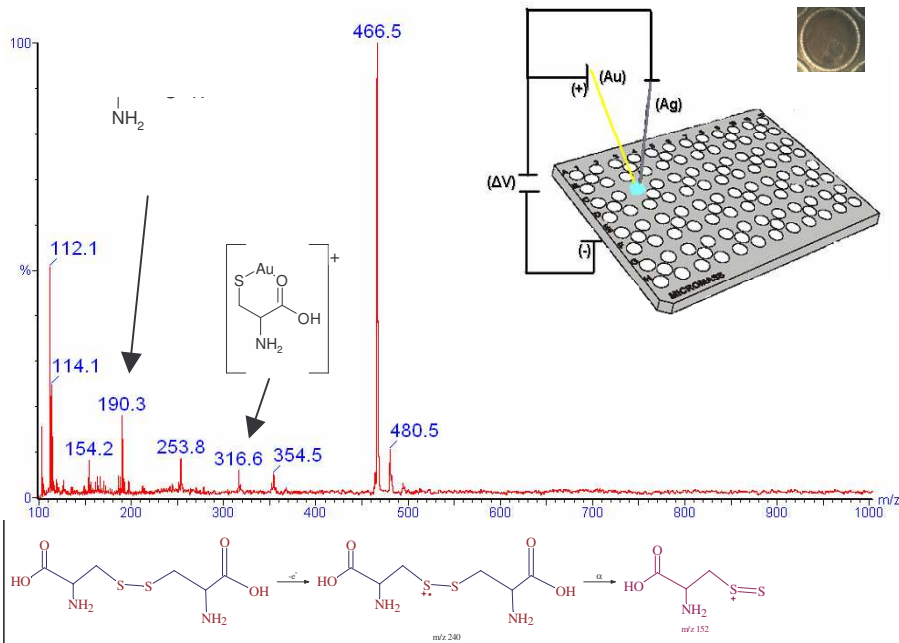
Electrochemical & chemical synthesis



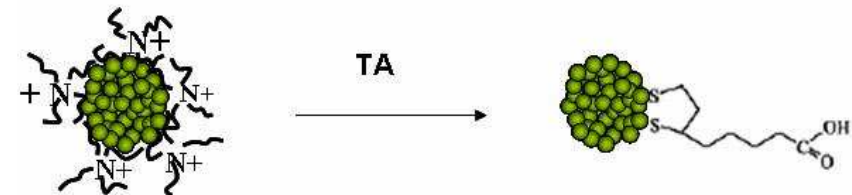
XPS characterisation



Characterization by MALDI-MS



Surface (bio-) or (chem-) functionalisation



QCM & dissipation in-flow measurements



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On-going projects:

- ***National Coordinator of the Italian PRIN-06 Project - 2006037708 - "Plastic bio-FET sensors"***
- ***Responsible for the project "Detection of toxic gas sensors (NO, CO and H₂S) at the 20-50 ppm level: proof of concept" with prof. S. Mhaisalkar granted by the Singaporean Defense Science Foundation.***
- ***T.I.R.E.S. Centre of Excellence of the University of Bari "Innovative Technologies for Signal Detection and Processing".***