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Electrochemical biosensor based on magnetic-separation/concentration-signal-amplification in-one method

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Some facts and data about food safety

Foodborne diseases encompass a wide spectrum of illnesses and are a growing public health problem worldwide (WHO, October 2017).

- Over 200 diseases are caused by unsafe food
 - 1 in 10 people fall ill every year from eating contaminated food
 - 420 000 people die each year as a result
 - Children under 5 years old account for 125 000 deaths
- # Detection!
- with some
every year.

USDA: U.S. Foodborne Illnesses Cost More Than \$15.6 Billion Annually

Poses major economic risks, especially in a globalized world.

Germany's 2011 E.coli outbreak: US\$ 1.3 billion in losses for farmers and industries; US\$ 236 million in emergency aid payments to 22 European Union Member States.

Our biosensing researches

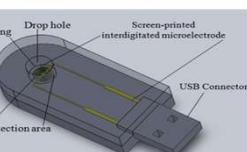


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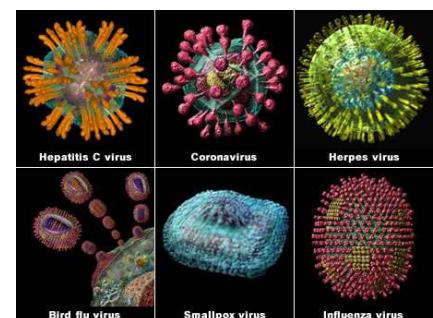
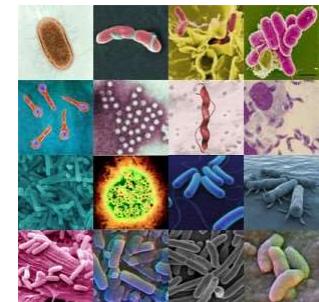
Technologies

Biosensing

Instruments

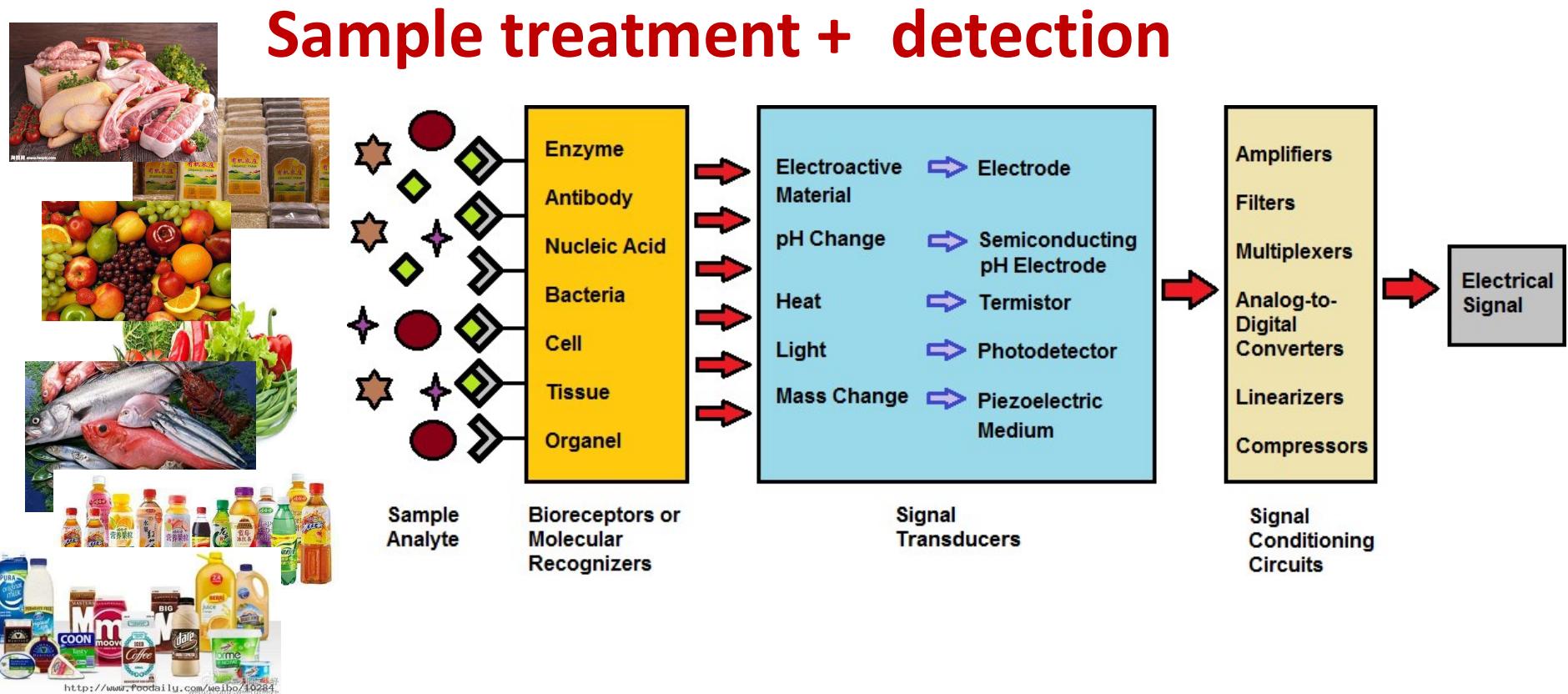


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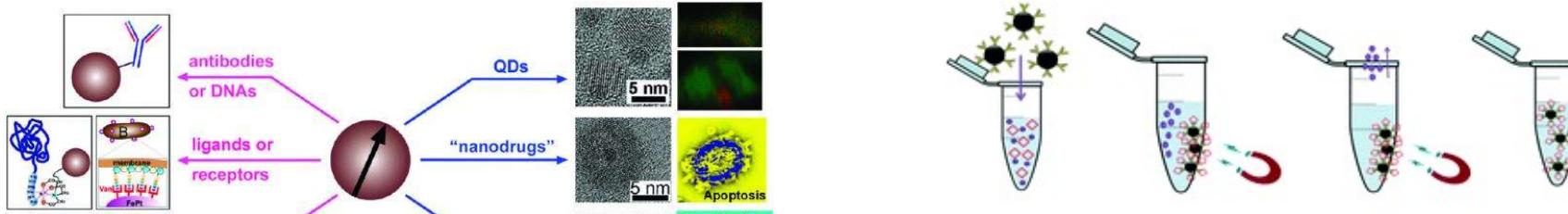
Sensitive, specific, rapid, portable, in-field detection



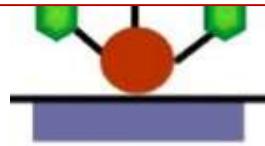
Make it a system (integrated, multifunctional)

Magnetic nanomaterials

Magnetic separation/concentration



One plays two roles?



Signal generation relying on nano-/bio-labels

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Electrochemical conversion (ECC) of magnetic nanoparticles (MNPs)

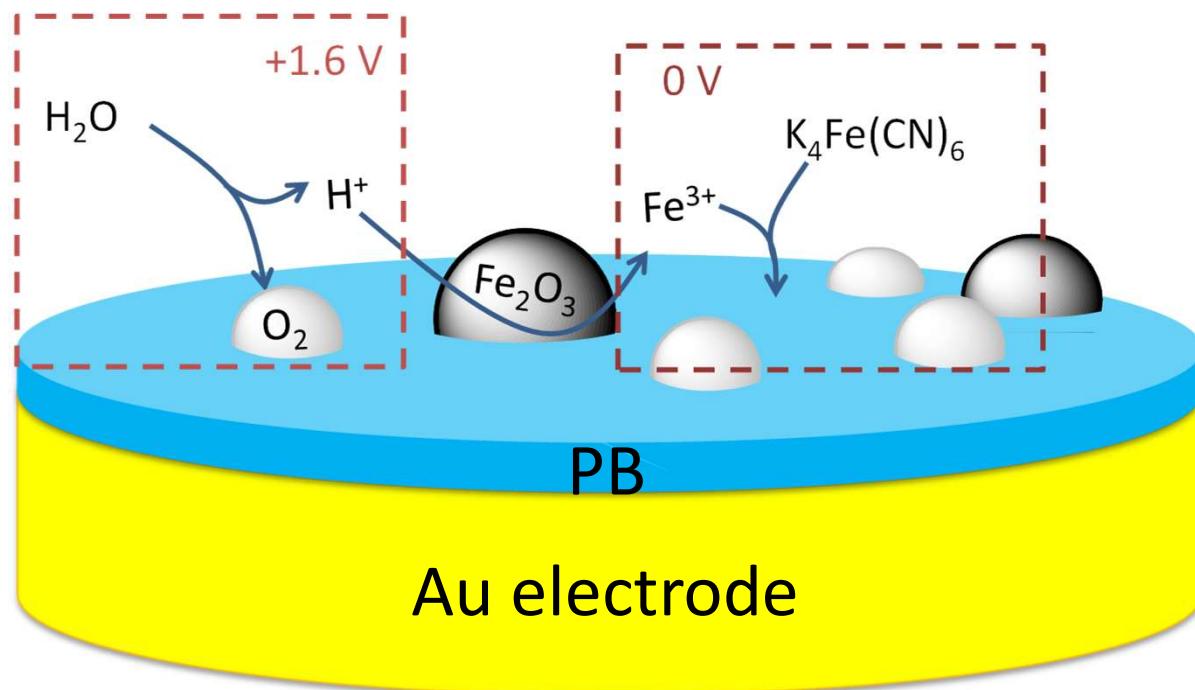
Make MNPs report themselves

High potential:

- Generate H^+
- Release Fe^{3+} by reaction of H^+ and Fe_3O_4

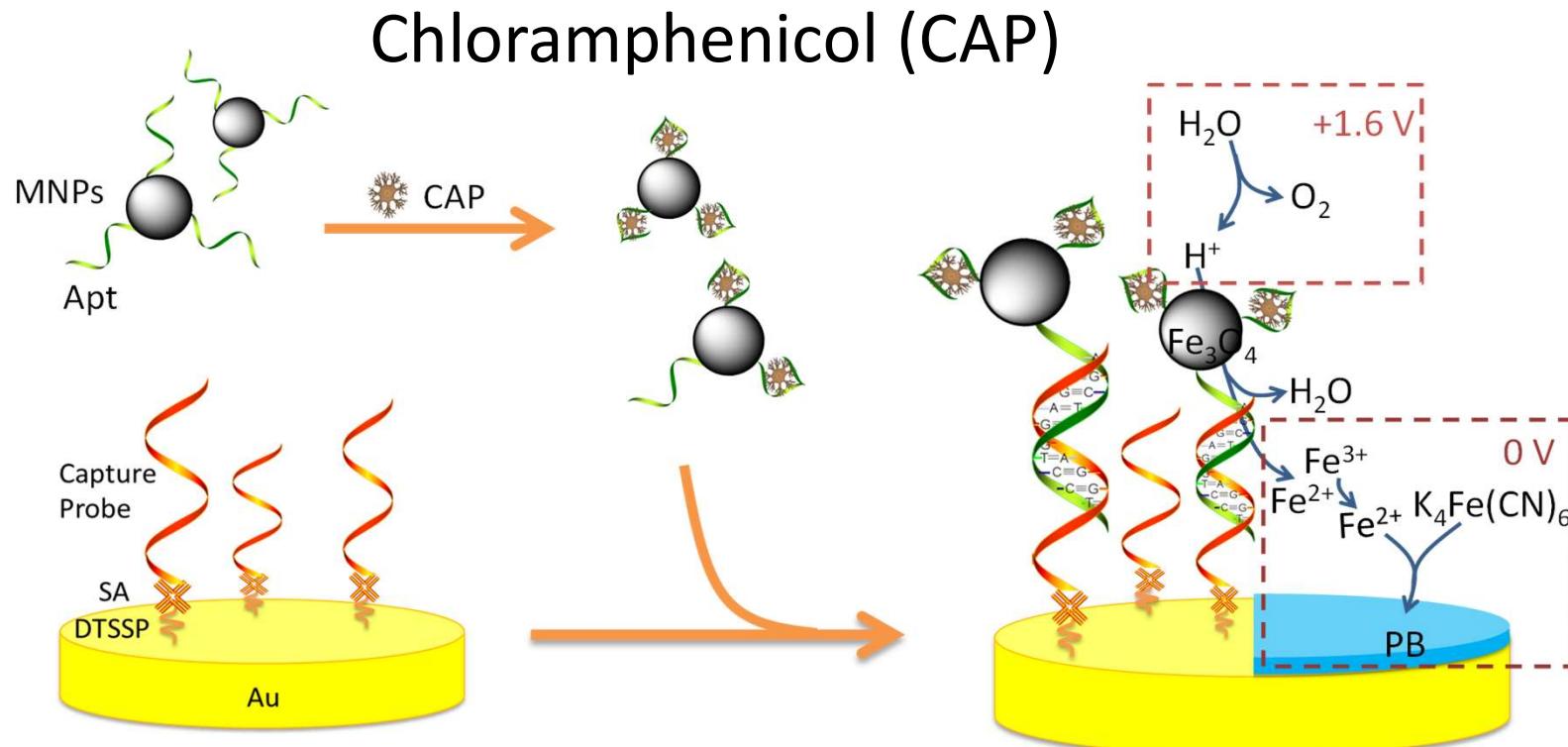
Low potential:

- Generate Fe^{2+} and $Fe(CN)_6^{4-}$
- Produce Prussian blue (PB)



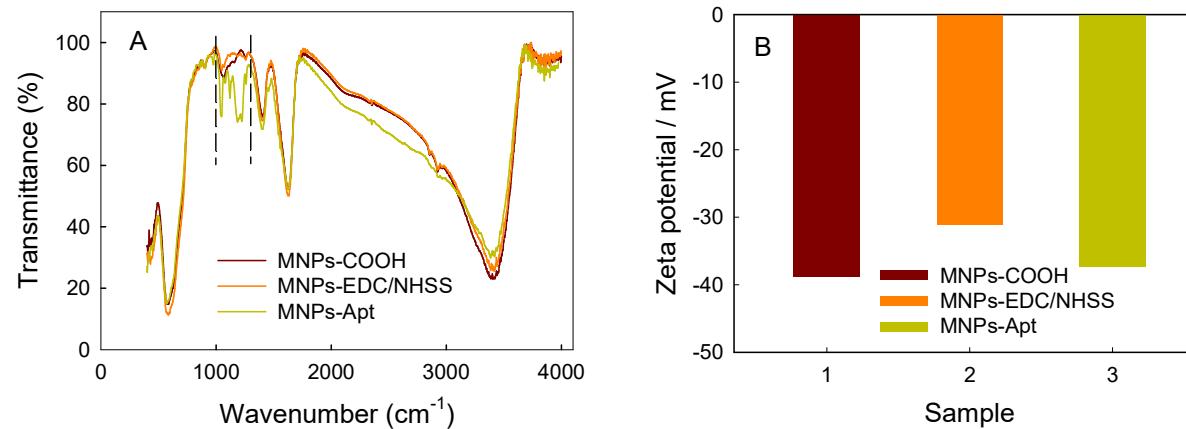
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Electrochemical biosensing: one-in-all strategy

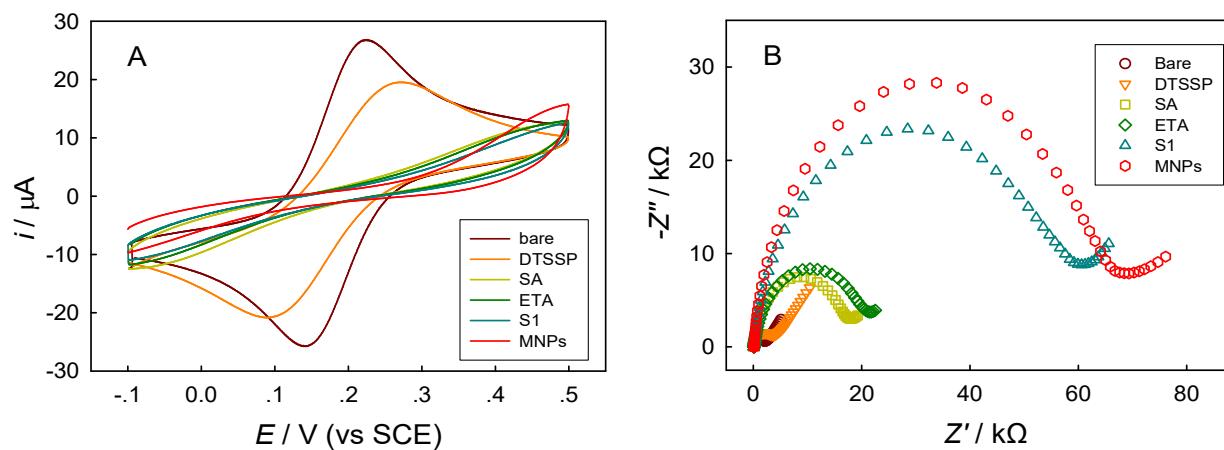


- Multi-role of magnetic nanoparticles: magnetic separation/collection + signal generation/amplification
- No requirement of additional signal labels

Preparation

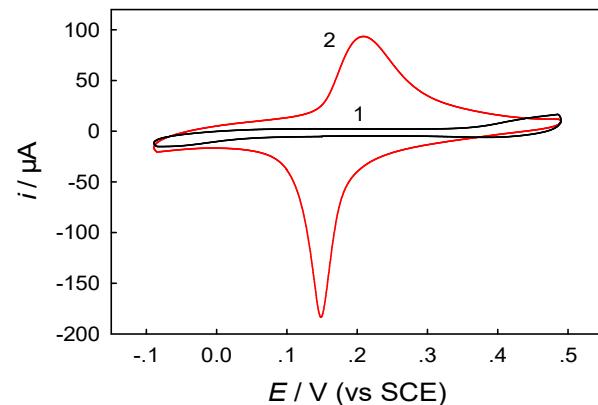


Modification of MNPs with aptamer

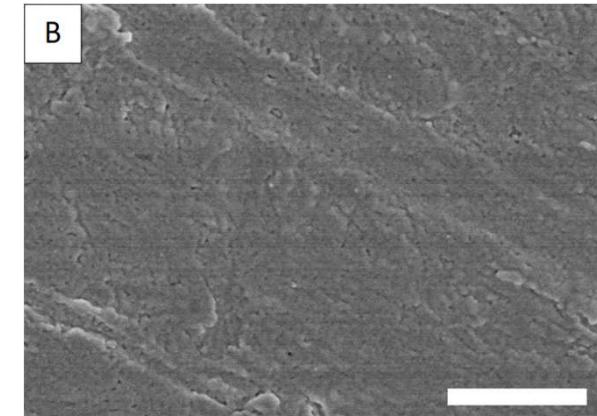
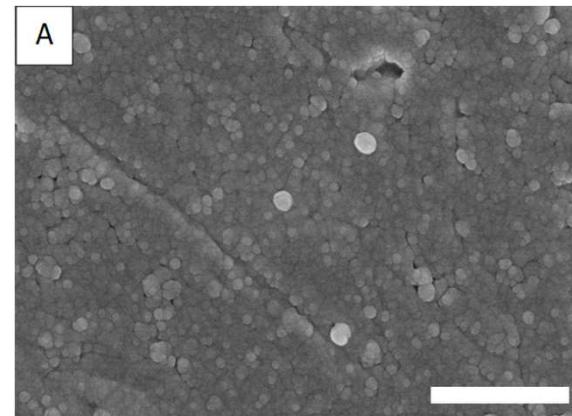


Layer-by-layer modification of electrode

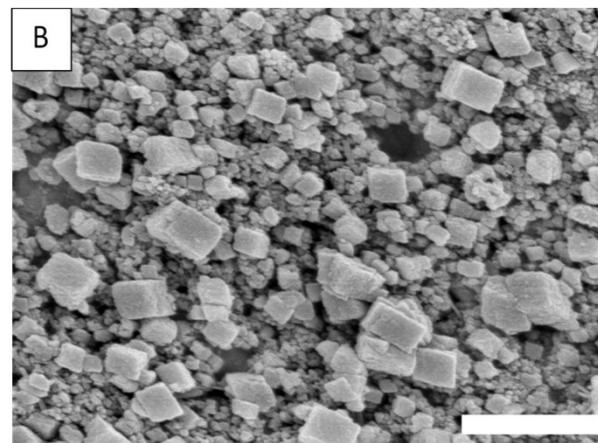
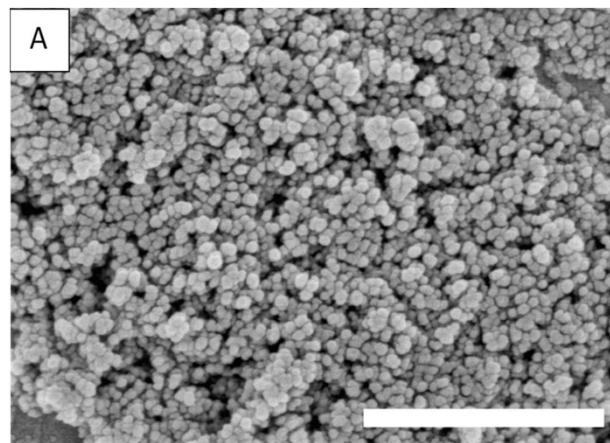
Characterization of ECC: high efficiency in signal generation



Signal generation

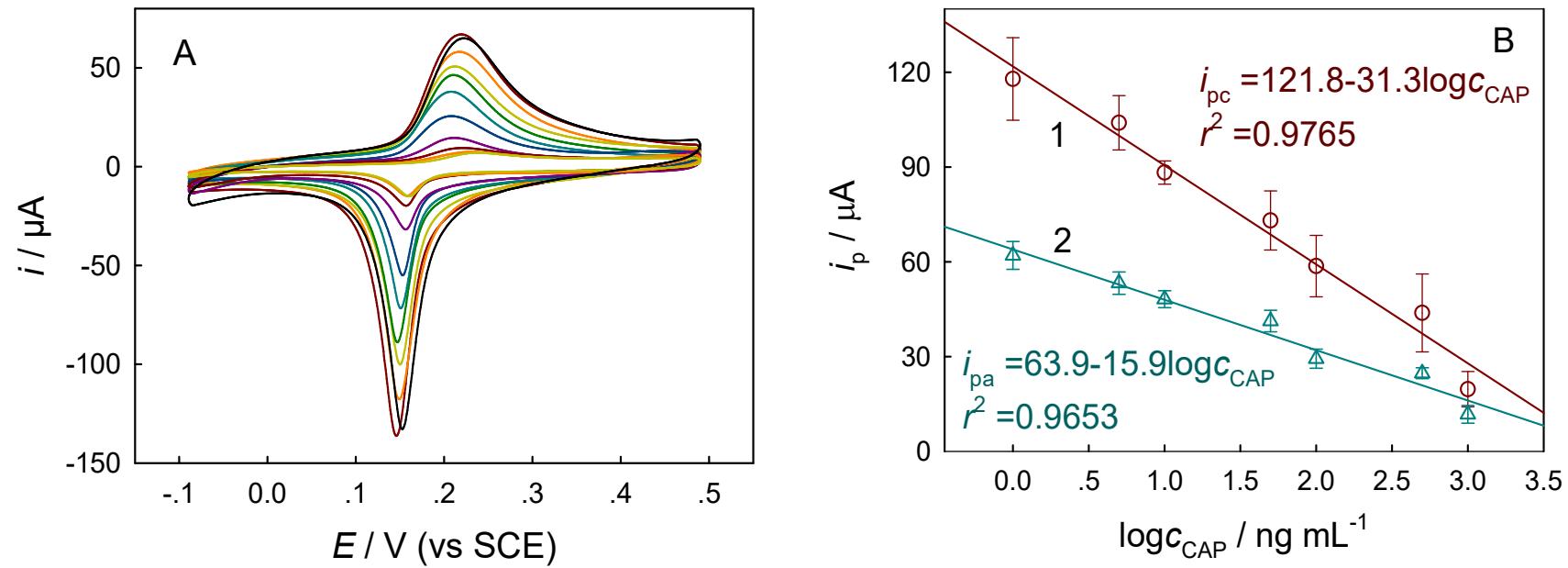


Removal of insulating layers



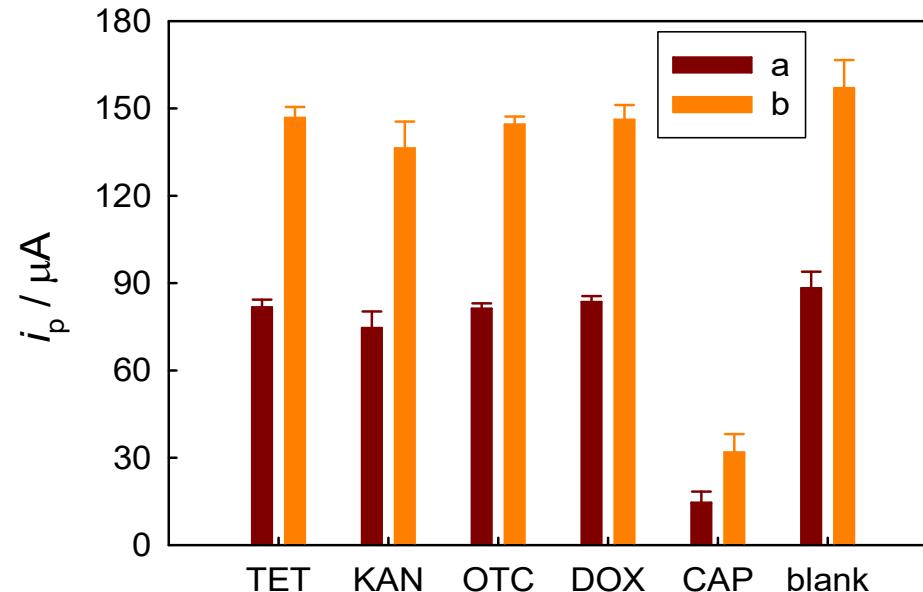
Generation of
porous film

Performance: sensitivity



- Linear detection range: $1 \sim 1000 \text{ ng mL}^{-1}$
- Limit of detection: 1 ng mL^{-1}
- **Deriving from ECC**

Performance: specificity



- Good specificity
- Deriving from specificity of aptamer and successful blocking of electrode/MNPs

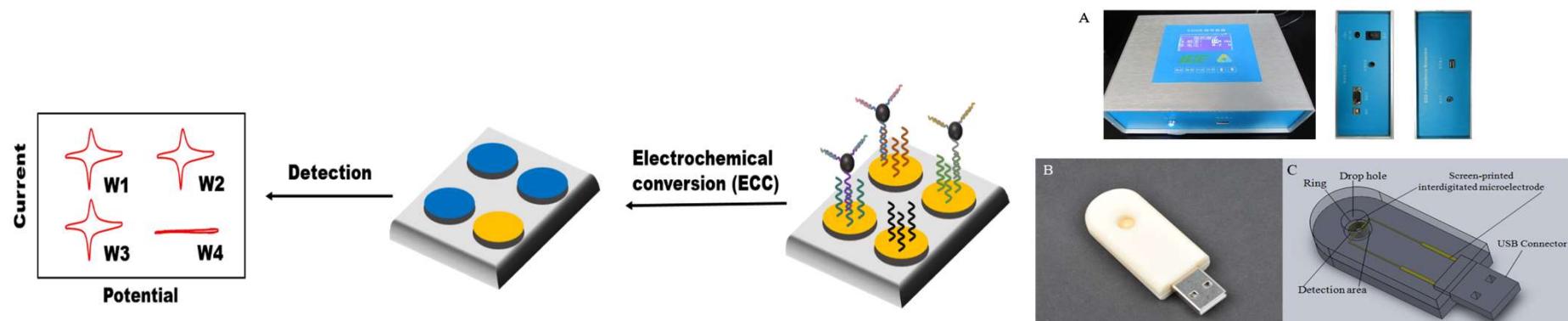
Performance: real sample tests

Samples	Added (ng mL ⁻¹)	Found (ng mL ⁻¹)	Recovery (%)
Milk	3.5	3.69	82±10
	51	58.76	113±17
	251	231.84	92±4.6
River water	4.5	5.79	89±6.6
	65	62.98	94±5.4
	305	279.37	91±10

Reliable in real sample detection
Sample-to-signal: less than 2 h

Conclusion and prospective

- ECC-based all-in-one strategy shows significant potential for facile, rapid, low-cost and sensitive biosensing
- Exploitation of new method for (simultaneous) detection of more targets and development for efficient but simplified instrumentation





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