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Biosensori e ricerca clinica: opportunità e problematiche

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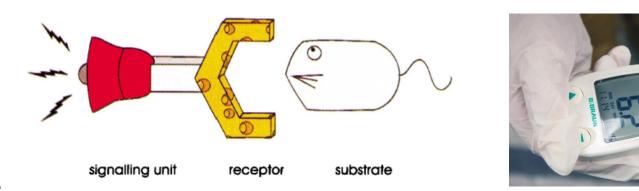
#### What is a chemical sensor?





"a small device that as the result of a chemical interaction or process between the analyte and the sensor device, transforms chemical or biochemical information of a quantitative or qualitative type into an analytically useful signal"

Stetter JN, Penrose WR, Sheng Y. Sensors, chemical sensors, electrochemical sensors, and ECS. J Electrochem Soc 2003;150:S11–6







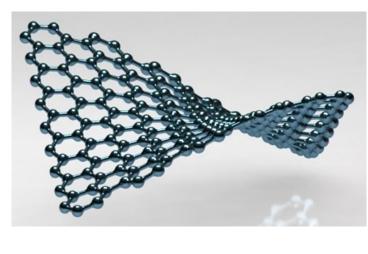
#### **Innovative sensitive materials**

Oxidation 

Graphene Oxide



Graphene





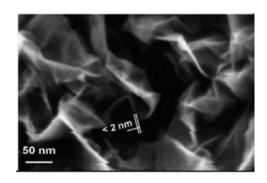


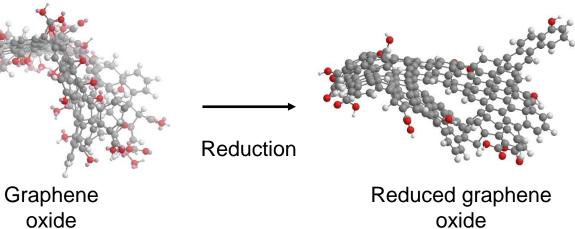
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Graphite

oxide





OH

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Graphite Oxide

Exfoliation

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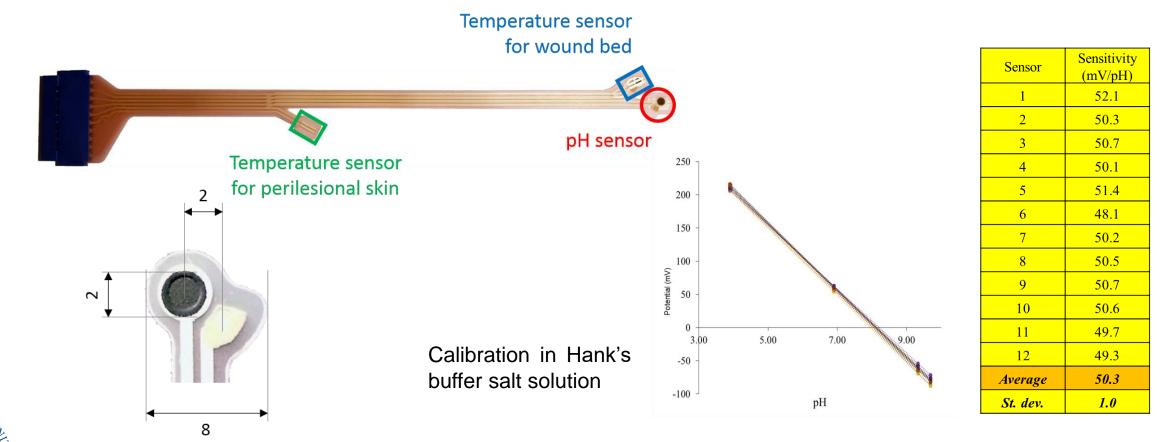




#### **Fabrication of sensors**



GO films were deposited by drop casting; for temperature sensing, GO films were reduced by a water solution of ascorbic acid (25 mg/L, 20 minutes at 80 °C)<sup>1</sup>.





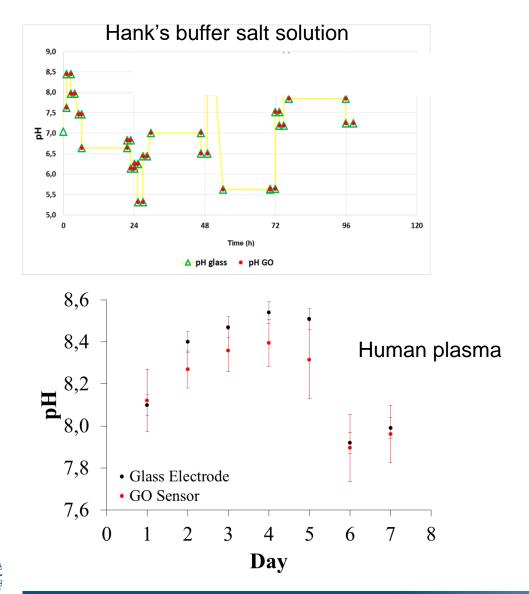
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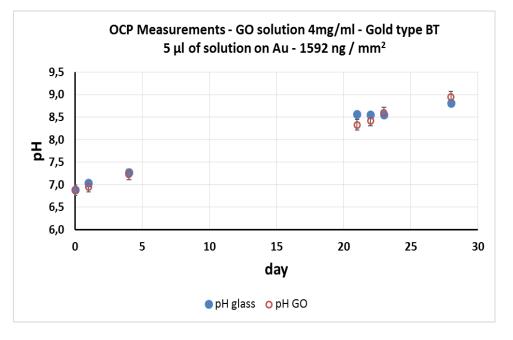
#### Validation and test in biological specimen

Wound bed





Wound exudate



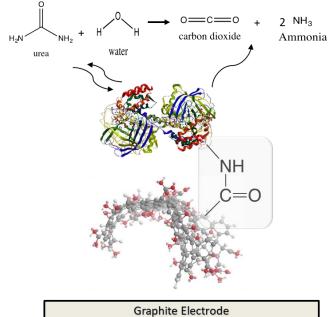


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#### From sensors to biosensors





Venous pressur nonito

Arteria

- pressure

monitor

Blood pump monitor

Clean blood returned to

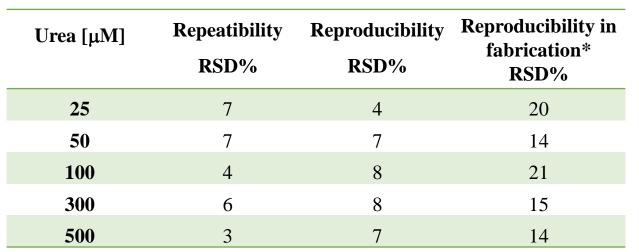
Blood

removed fo

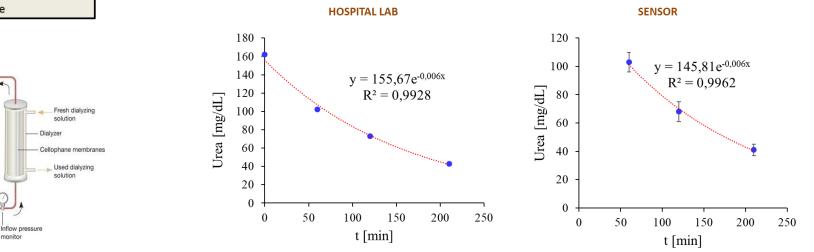
Heparin infusion—

cleaning

patient



\*Calculated on 8 devices measured over 6 days







#### May artificial intelligence help solving open issues?

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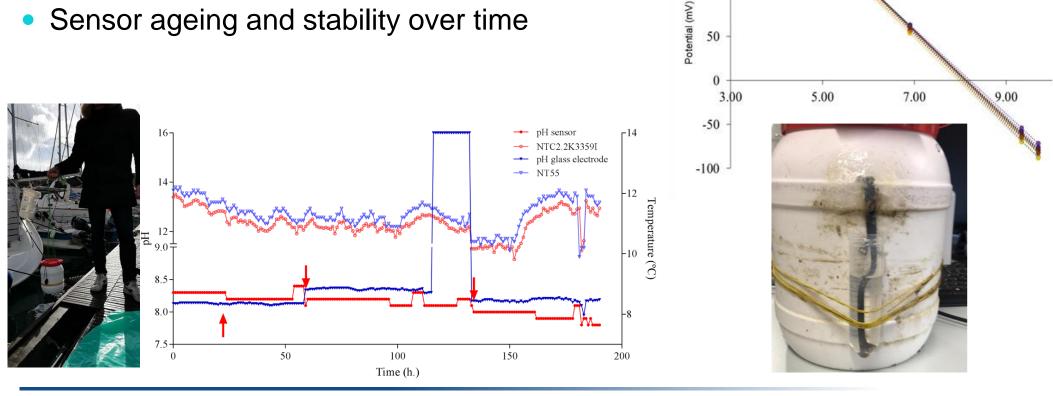
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150

100



- Reproducibility in fabrication
- Reproducibility in measurements
- Chemical interferences and noise
- Biofouling
- Sensor ageing and stability over time



N. Poma et al. Remote monitoring of seawater temperature and pH by low cost sensors, Microchemical Journal 148 (2019) 248-252.



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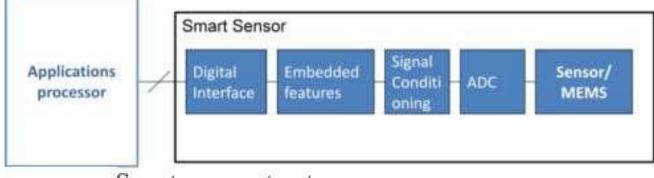
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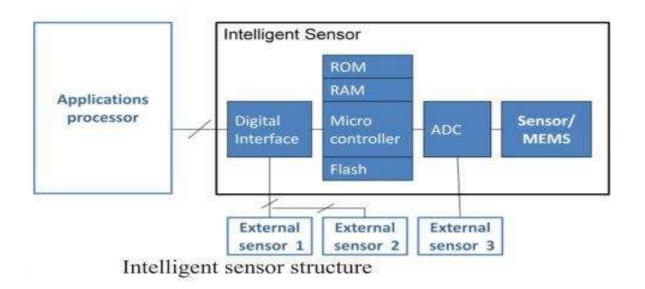


#### STRUCTURAL DIFFERENCE



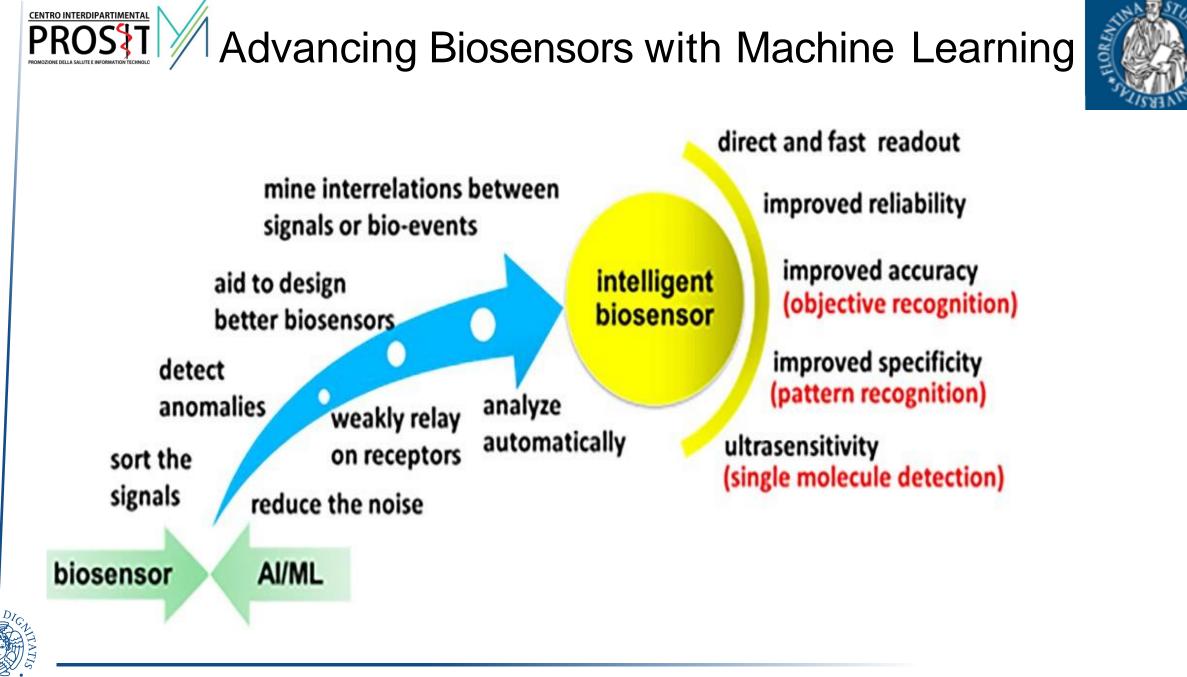


#### Smart sensor structure





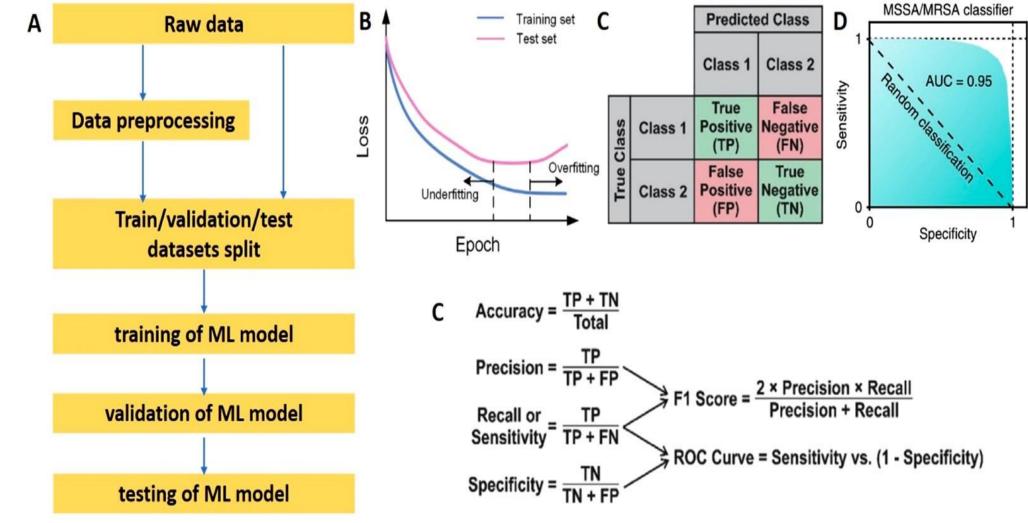
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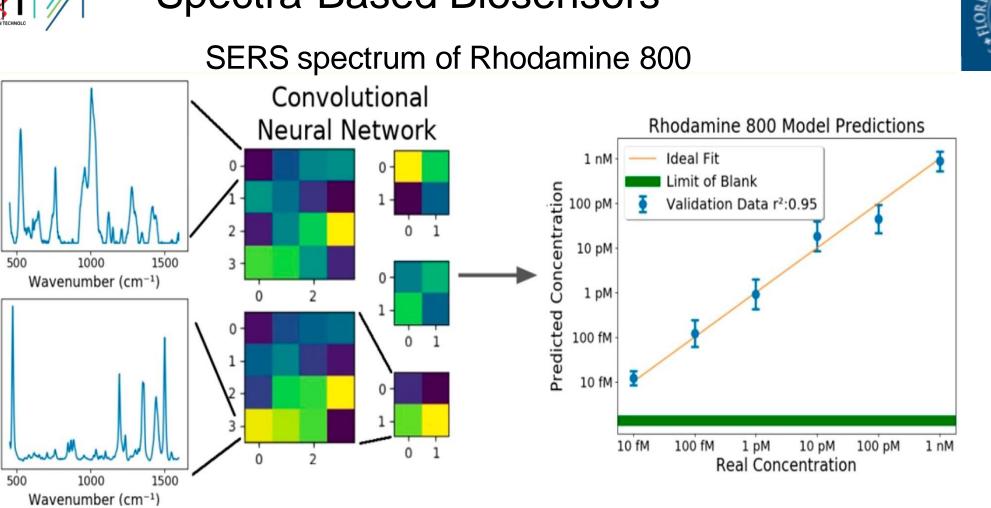




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#### Spectra-Based Biosensors

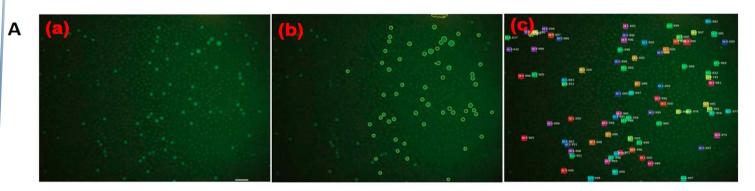


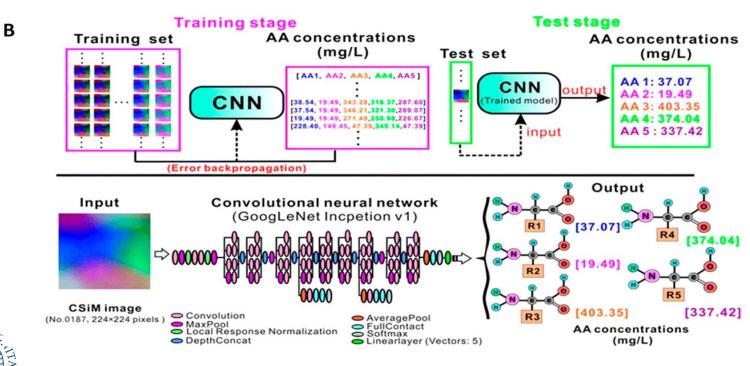
**SERS** spectrum was converted into pixels which were bundled into pixel maps with the size of  $8 \times 8$ , **CNN** model converted spectrum into concentration value.





#### Fluorometric and Colorimetric Biosensors





(A) Analysis of uneven light images by Mask R-CNN model and threshold segmentation.

(a) Image with uneven light from the real experiment.

(b) Results of threshold segmentation.

(c) Results of the Mask R-CNN model.

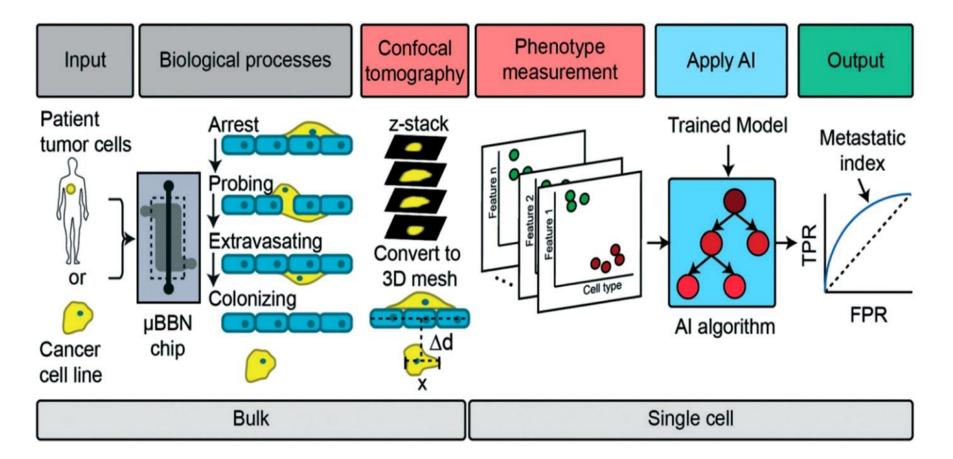
(B) Developed CNN model for mixed AA analysis.

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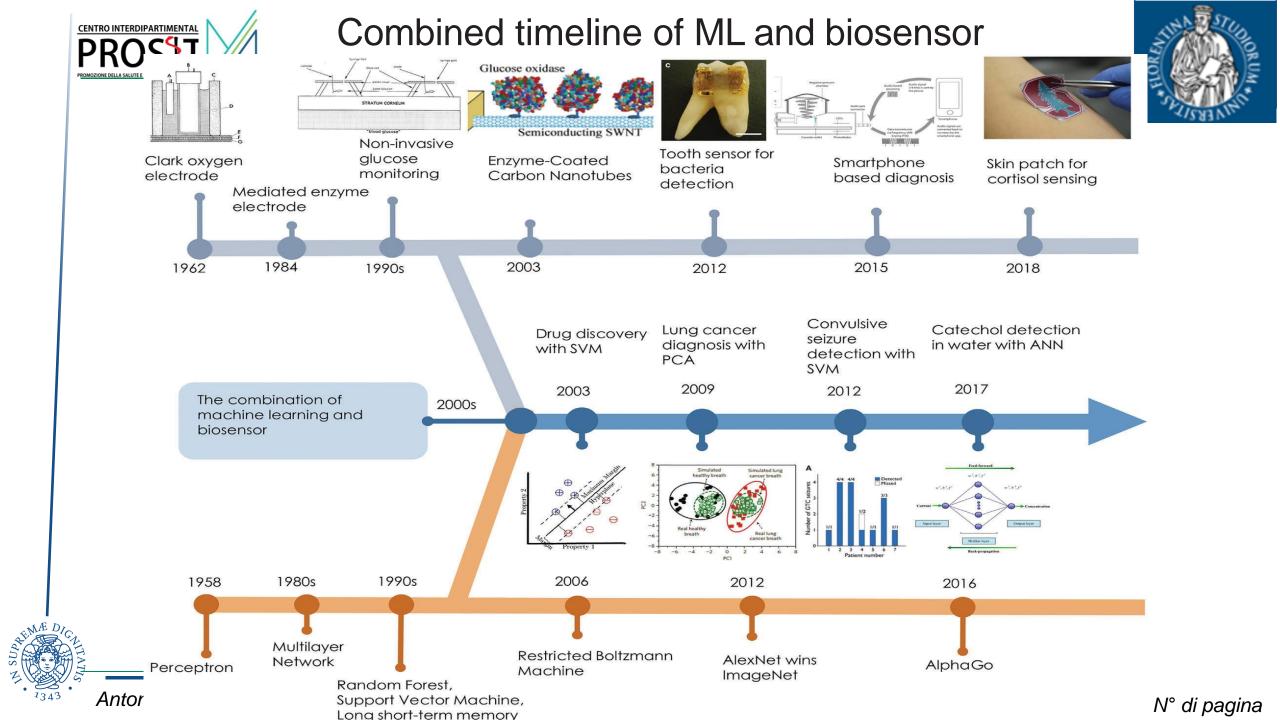
#### BIOSENSOR NETWORKS AND MULTI-BIOSENSOR DATA FUSION





ALMAR DICLUMATION

ML-assisted ex vivo blood brain barrier organ-on-a-chip model to investigate brain metastatic spread of cancer







# Questions?

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