



# Development of new functional inks for bio-monitoring applications

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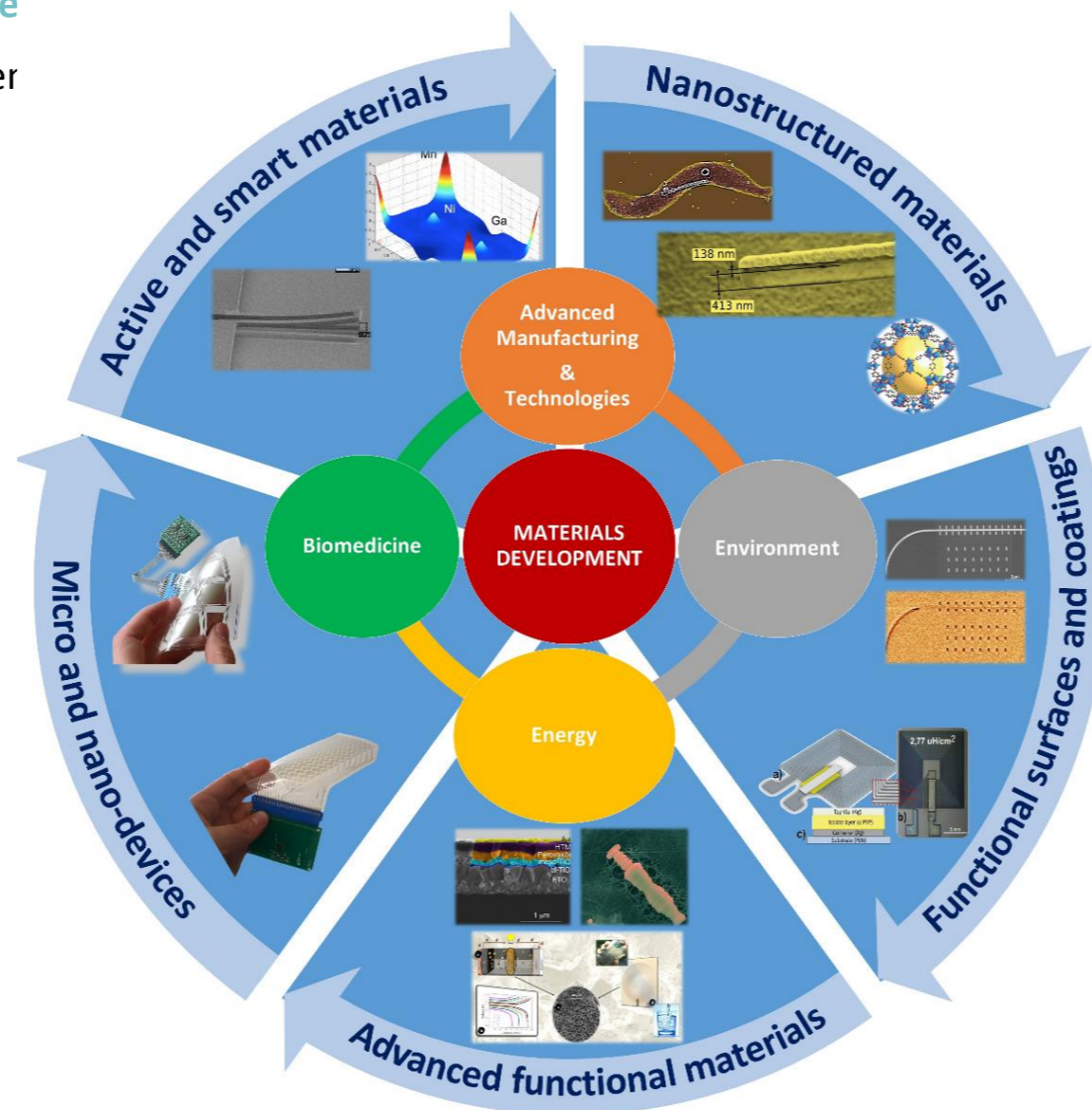


**Active and Smart Mate**

- Magnetic Shape Mer Alloys
- Magnetocaloric
- Elastocaloric
- Piezoelectric
- Piezoresistive
- Self-healing

**Micro & Nano-devices**

- Radiofrequency instrumentation
- Force, deformation, magnetic, magnetostrictive and chemical sensors



**Nanostructured Materials**

- Magnetic nanoparticles produced by bacteria
- Nanoparticles and nanostructures (magnetic, metallic, dielectric...)
- Porous materials (MOFs, Zeolites...)

**Functional Surfaces and Coatings**

- Patterned surfaces and films
- Ink-printed functional materials

**Advanced Functional Materials**

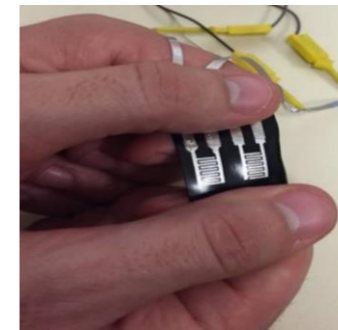
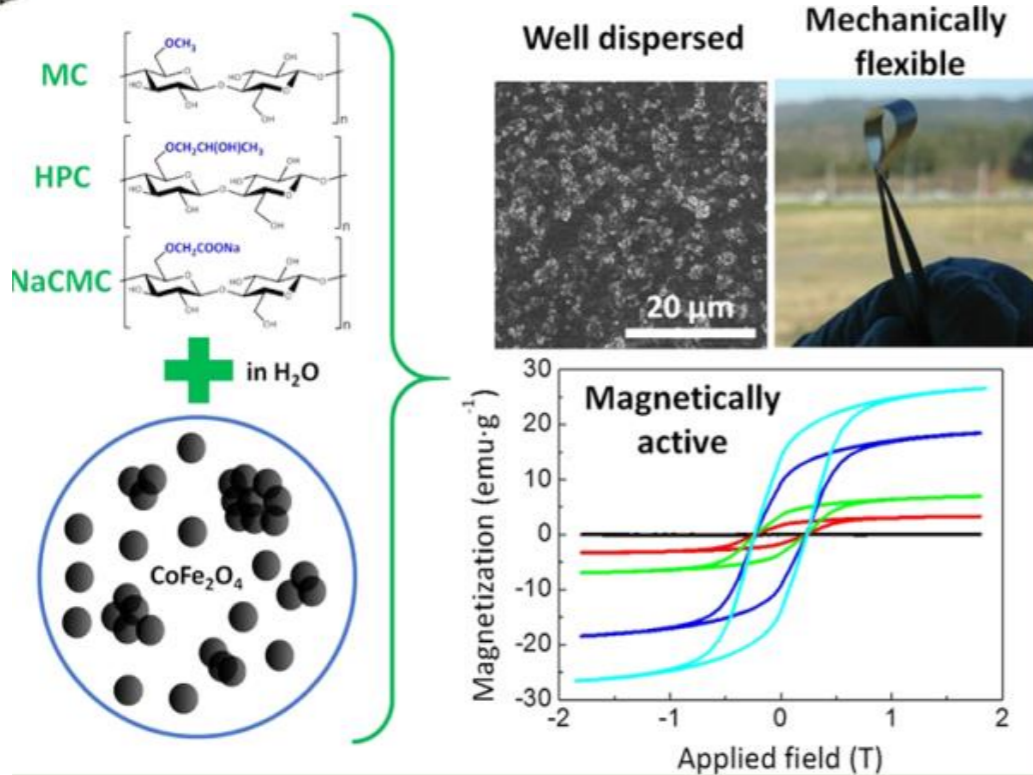
- Fuel cells and batteries, Sensors & biosensors, Photovoltaic materials and processing for permanent magnets



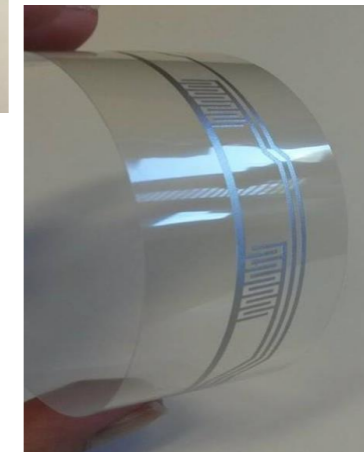
New



# Biopolymer based inks



Stretchable



Flexible

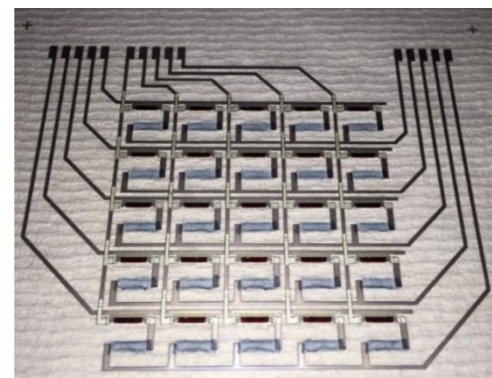
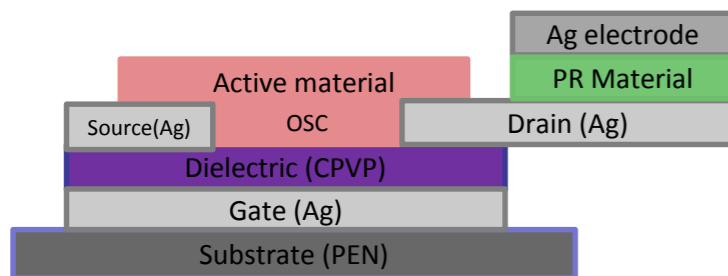


# Stress and Strain sensors

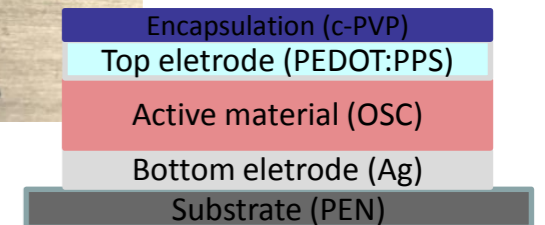
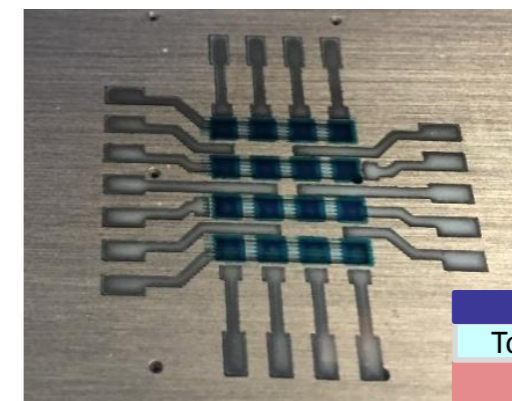


On different substrates

# Organic TFT based piezoresistive array

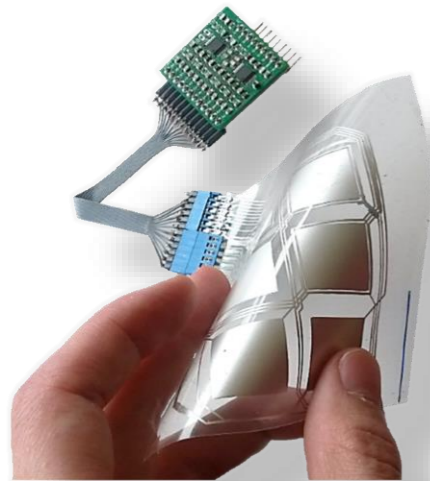


# Printed photodetectors

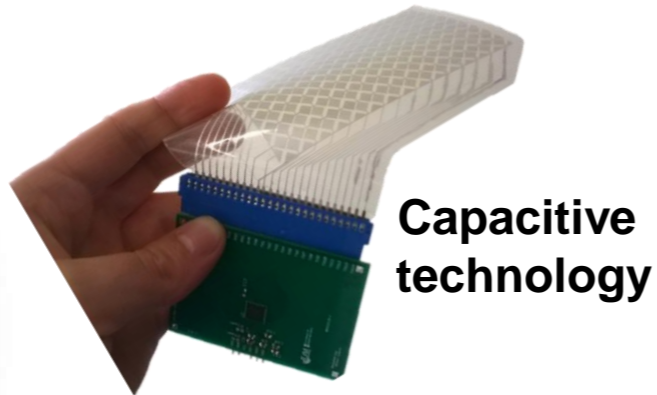




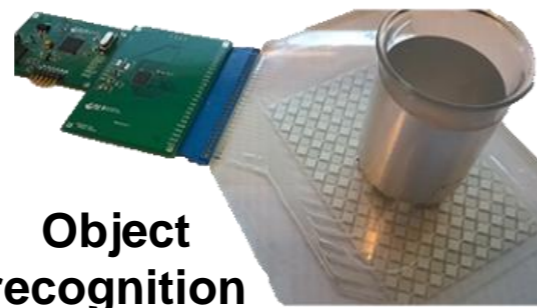
### Interactive touch surfaces



**Piezoelectric technology**

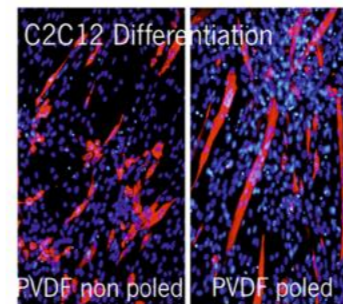
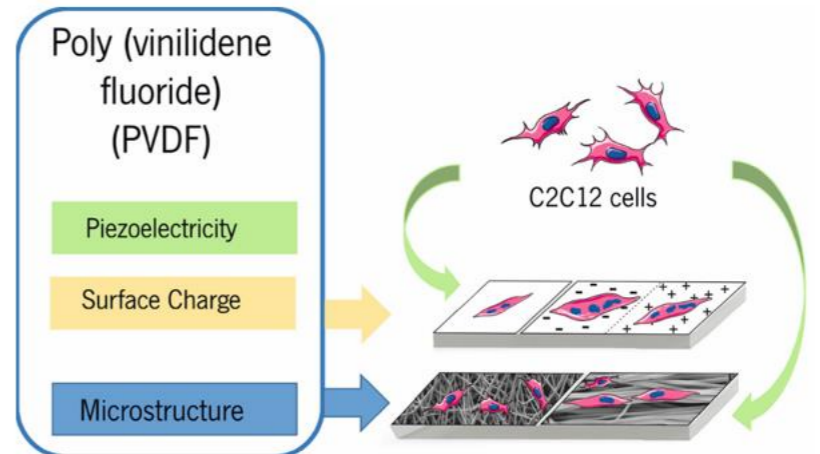


**Capacitive technology**



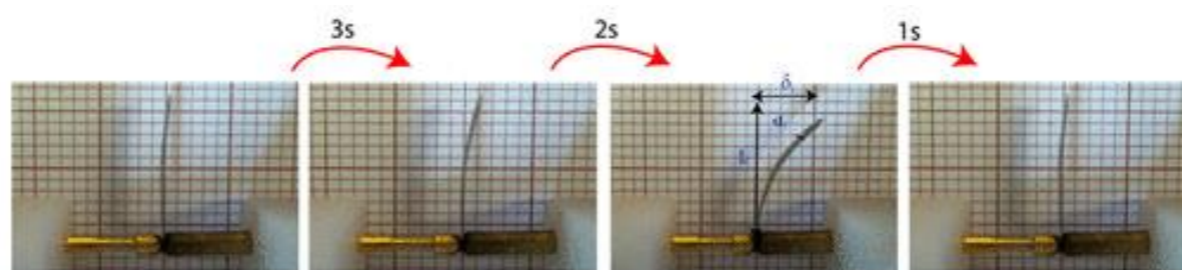
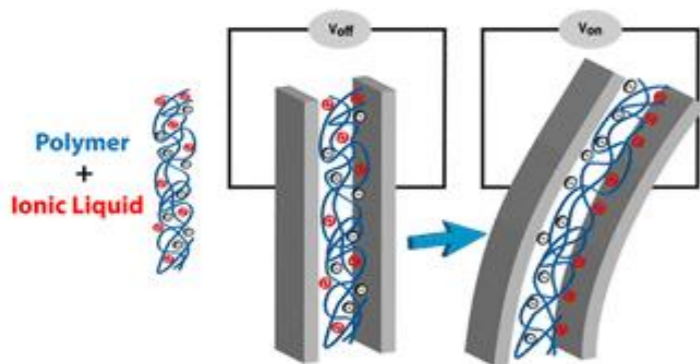
**Object recognition**

### Electroactive biomaterials



**Muscle cells differentiation**

### Soft Actuators





# 1. Introduction



# Wearable multiplexed biomedical electrodes



Offers interesting opportunities for advanced health solutions for bio-monitoring



Biomonitoring device will be designed and integrating on different flexible and thin layer systems



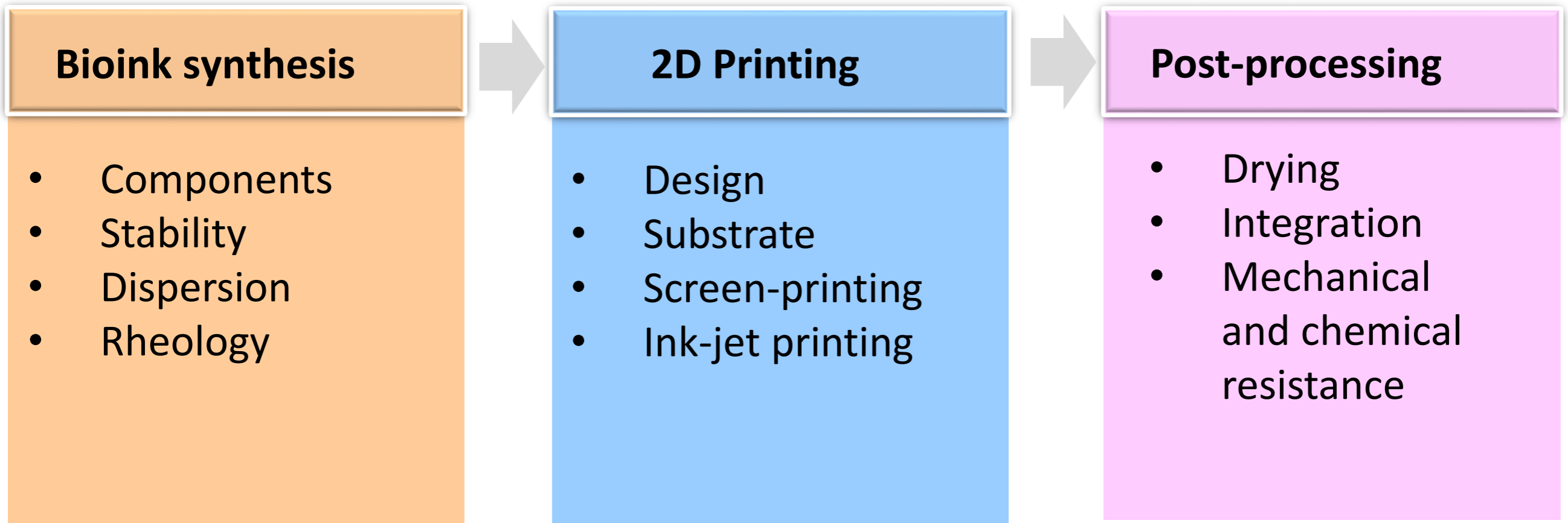
- Conductive and semiconductive ink formulation

Functional inks

- Based on electroactive polymers
- Functional fillers
- Ensure biocompatibility components
- Water-based formulation
- Stretchable



# Strategy fabrication bio-monitoring devices







# 2. Results



## Synthesis and characterization rGO based inks

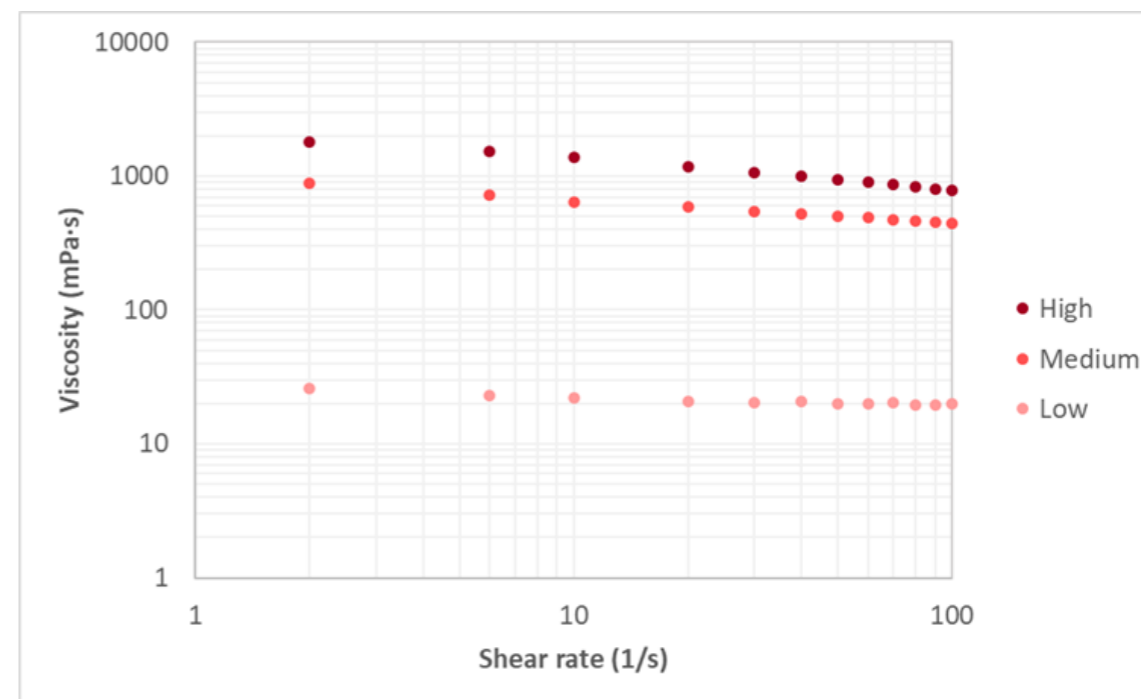
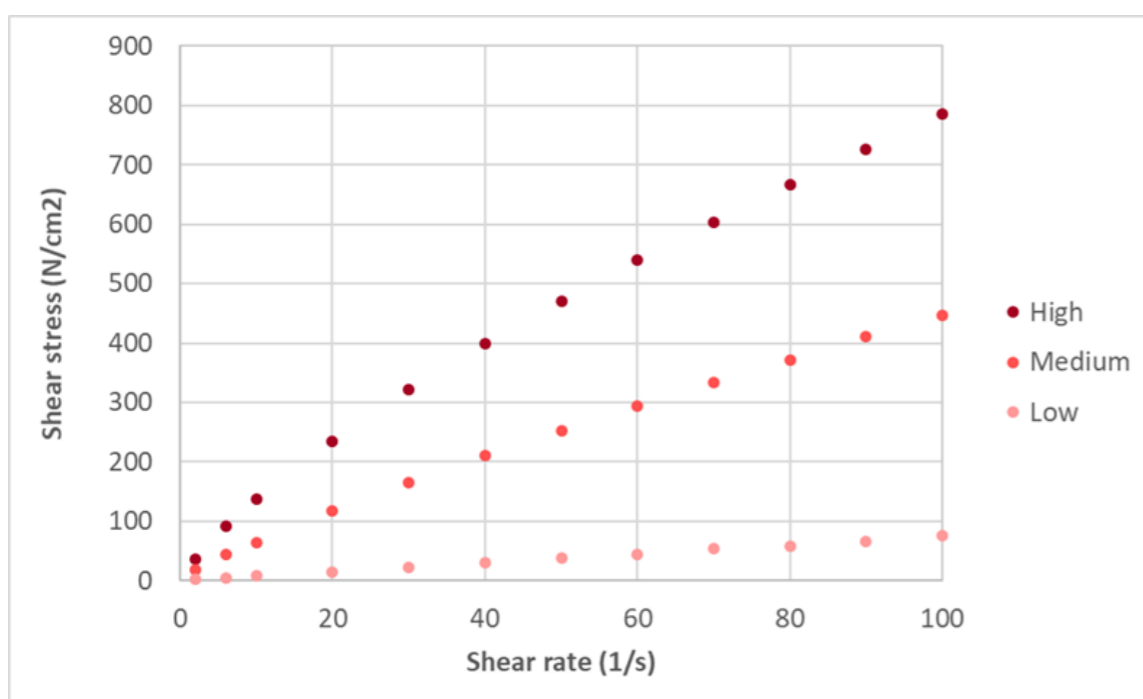
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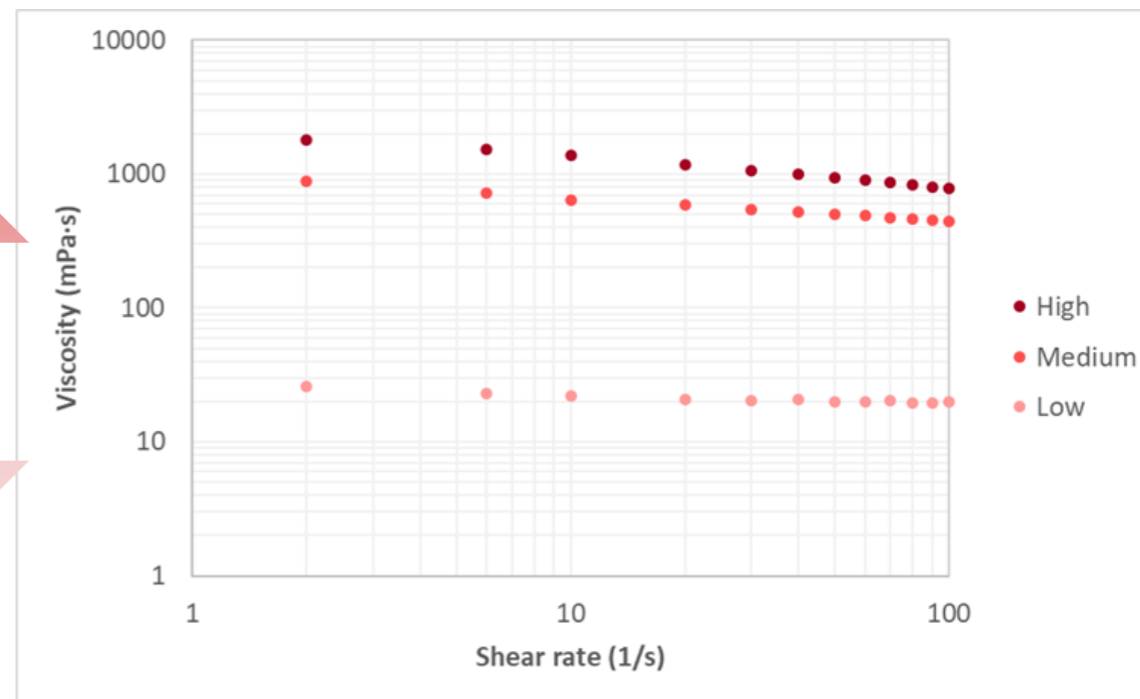
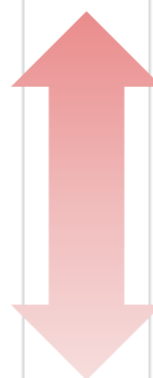
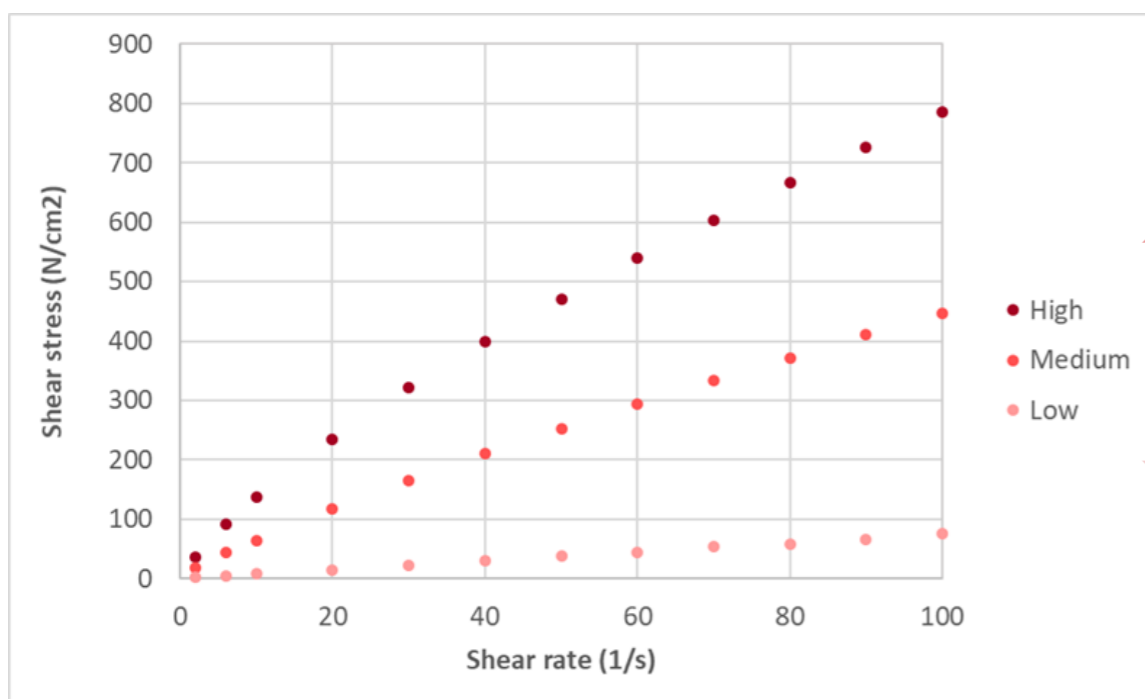


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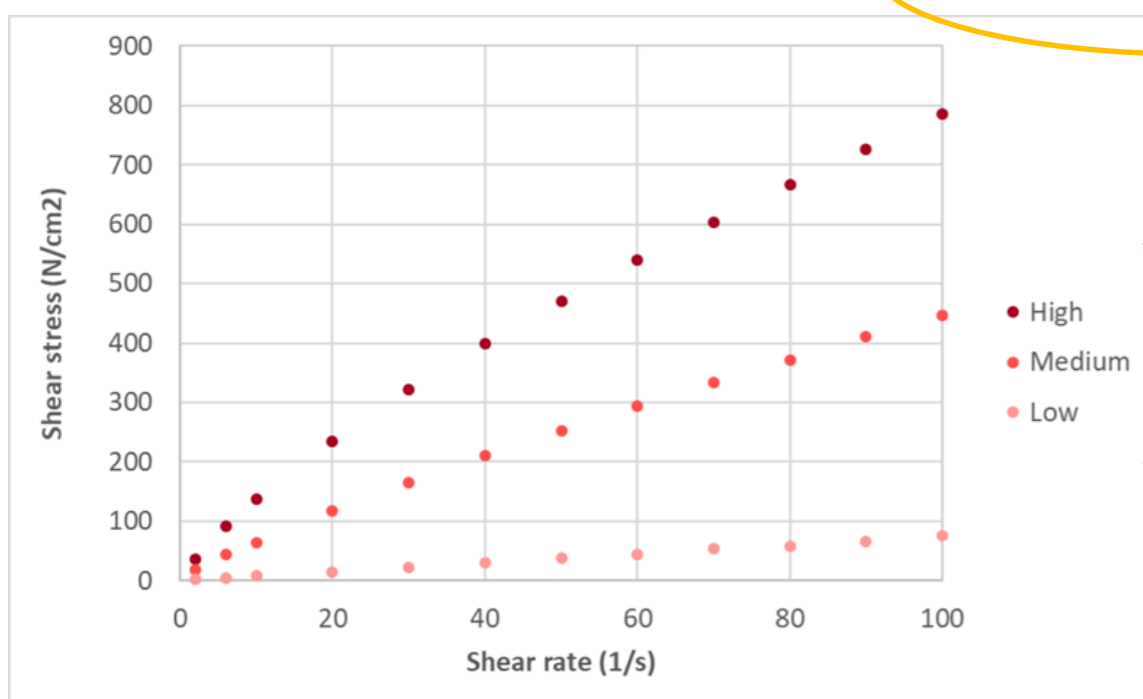


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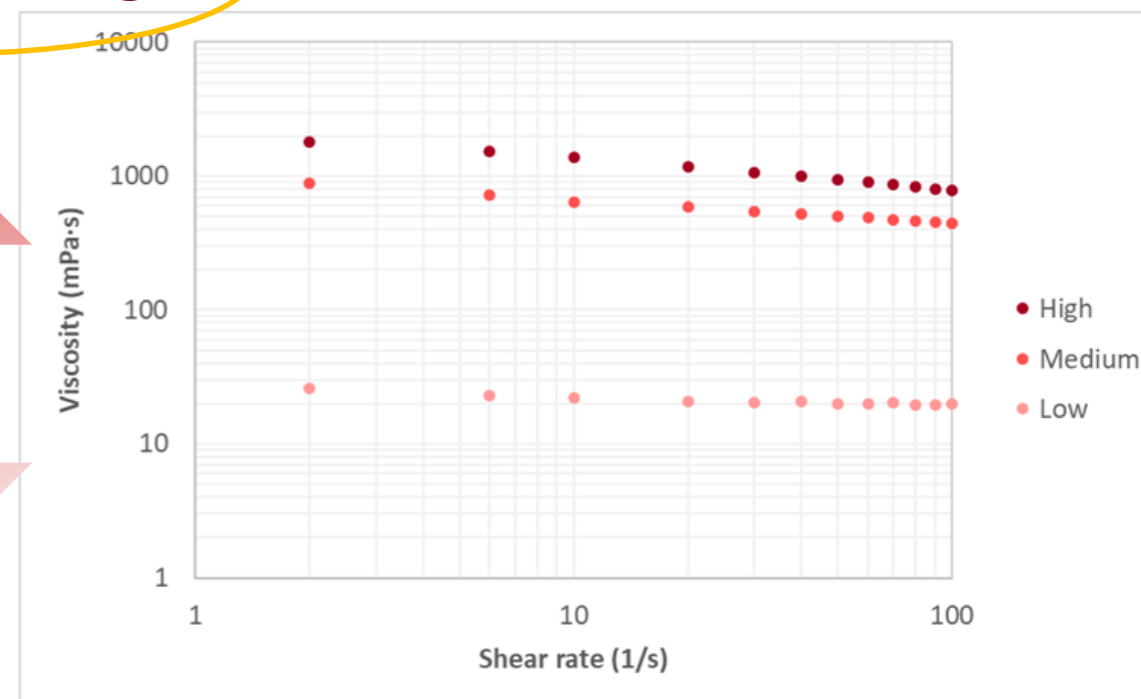
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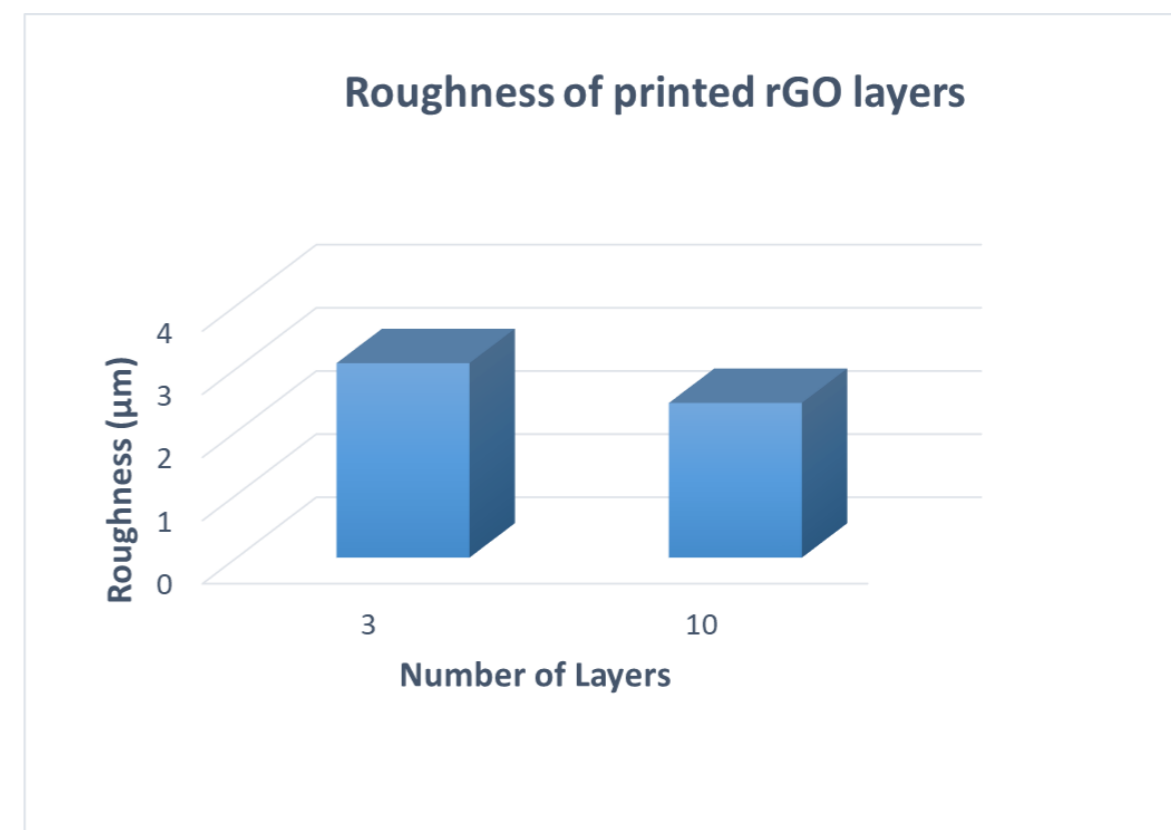
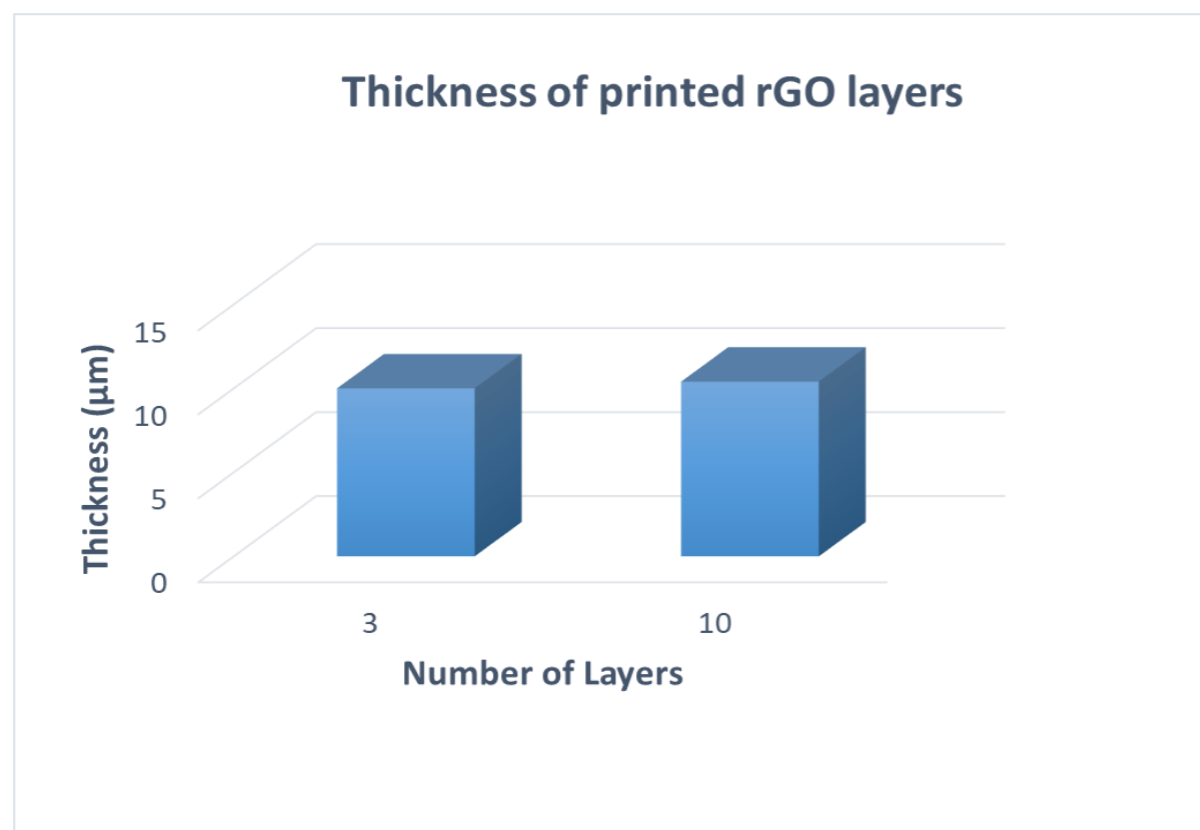
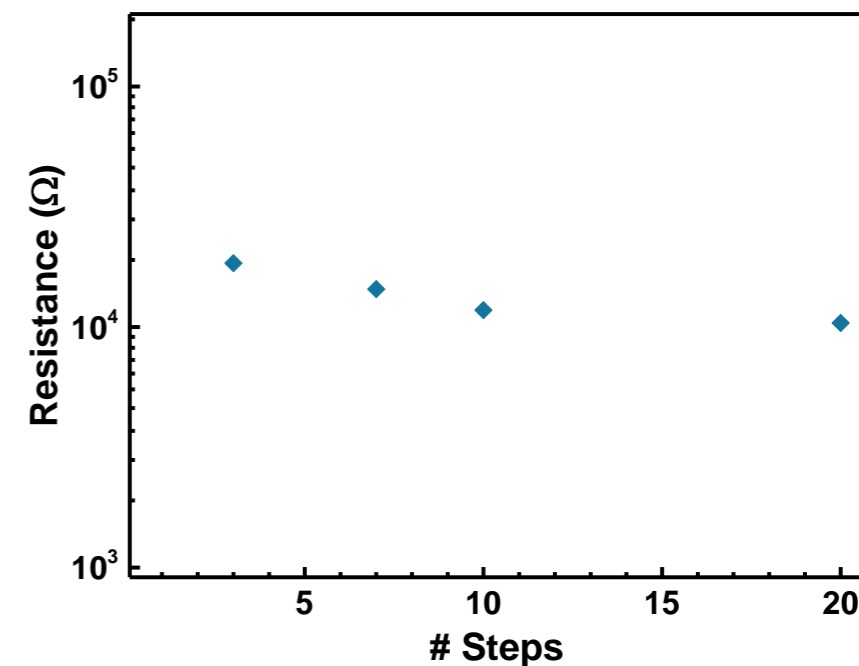
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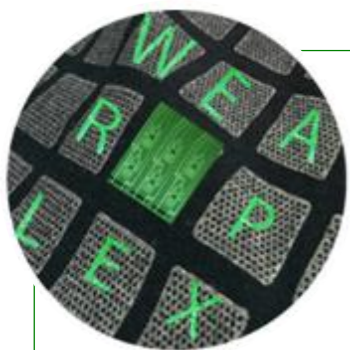


## Printing and characterization rGO based layers

- Screen-printing technique
- High-concentration rGO based ink
- PET substrate

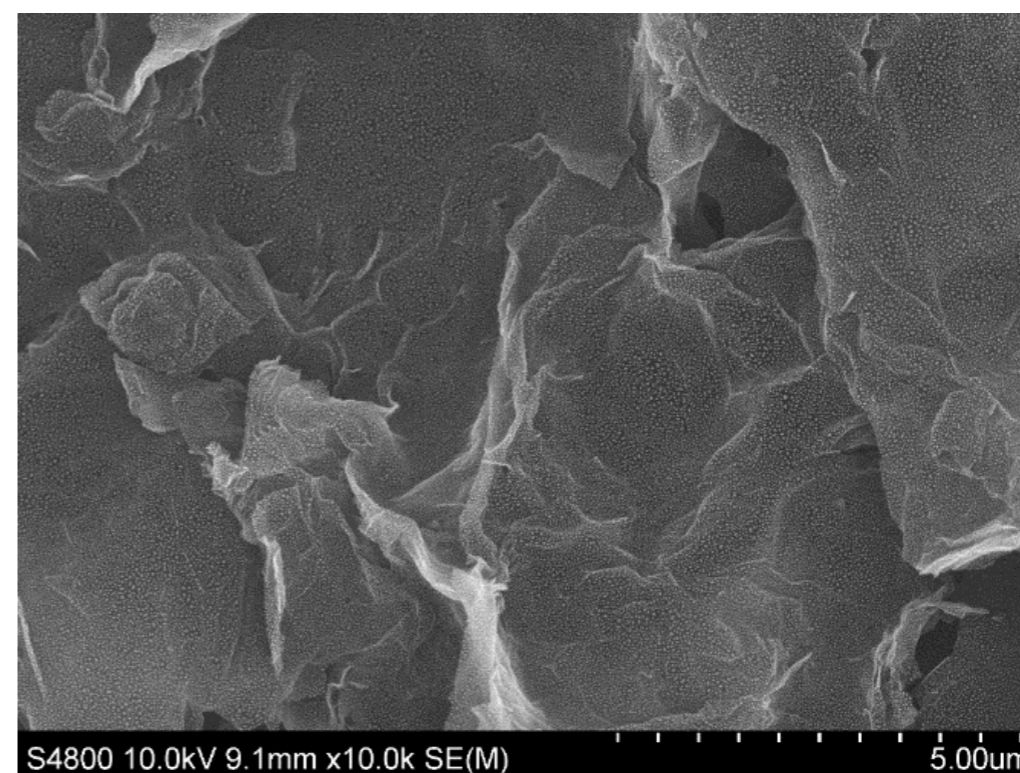
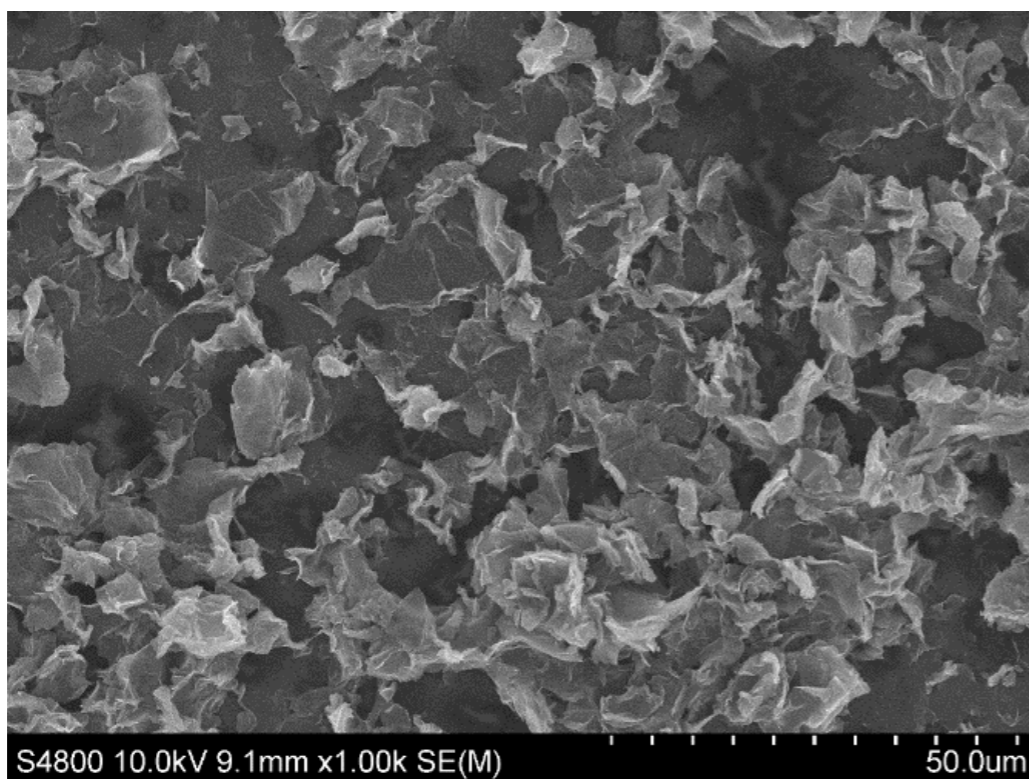
Number of layers	Thickness (roughness) ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Sheet resistance ( $\text{k}\Omega/\text{sq}$ )	El. Conductivity ( $\text{S}/\text{cm}$ )
3	10.0 (3.1)	38	0.026
10	10.4 (2.5)	22	0.044





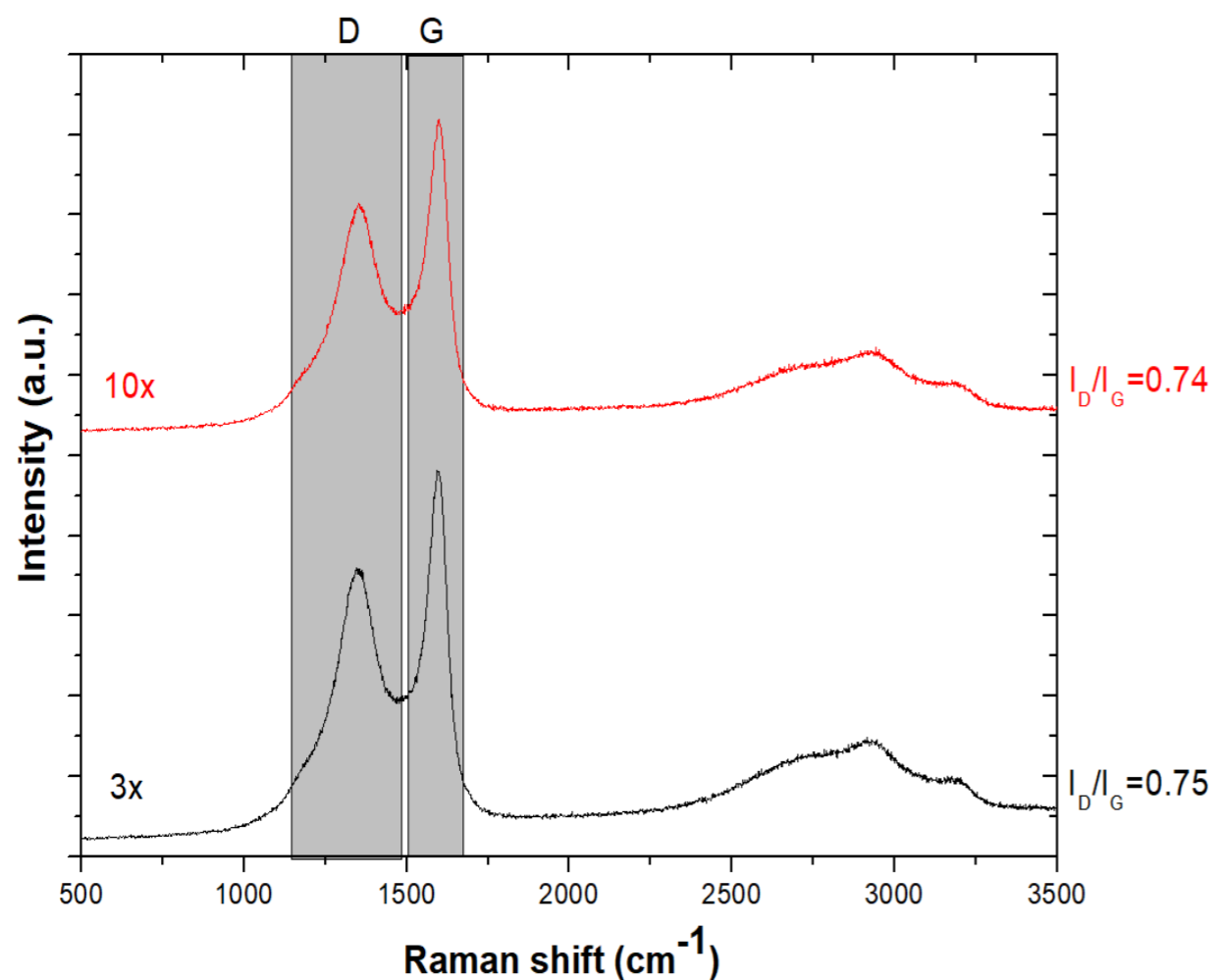
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Lamellas-like structures embedded in cellulose-based binder

# Printing and characterization rGO based layers



- Two prominent bands at  $\sim 1350$  and  $\sim 1598 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , corresponding to D (related defects) and G bands
- Structure of rGO confirmed

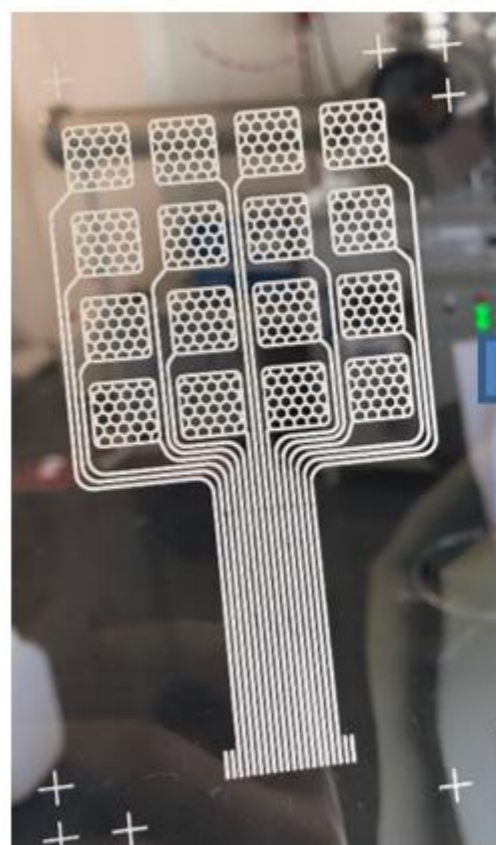
\*Substrate PET: Significant peak at  $1580 \text{ cm}^{-1}$



## Alfa demonstrador with commercial inks

- Screen-printing
- Commercial based inks
- PET substrate
- Multilayer

### STEP 1



Conductive  
silver electrodes

### STEP 2



Semi-conductive  
carbon layer

### STEP 3



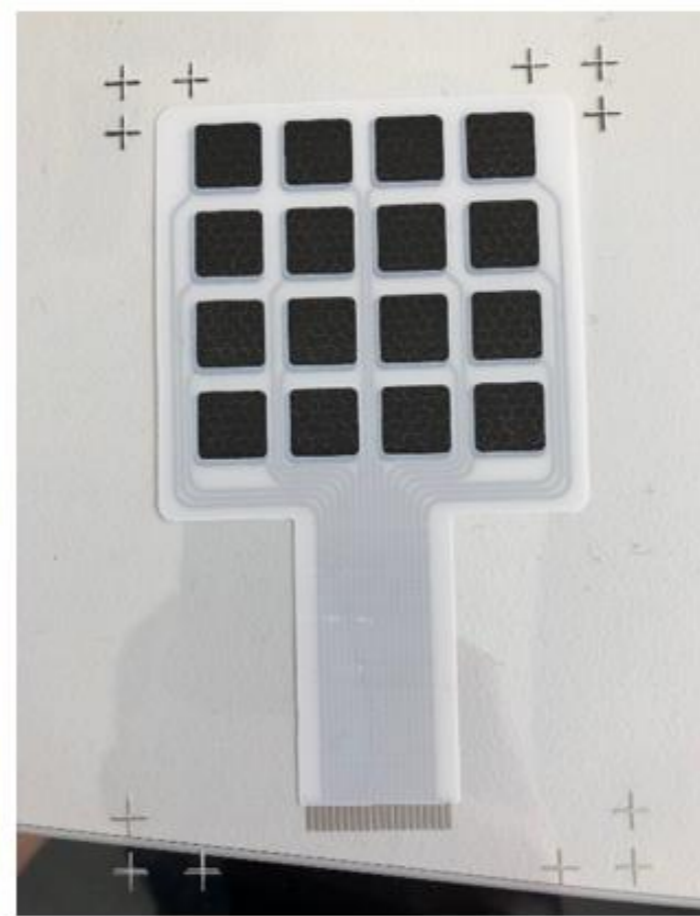
Dielectric  
protective layer





## Alfa demonstrator with rGO ink

- Screen-printing
- Graphene based inks
- PET substrate
- Multilayer





# 3. Prospects



## Future prospects

- Development of conductive, semi-conductive and dielectric inks with improved bio-compatibility and stretchability for wearables applications
- rGO ink optimization in terms:
  - Adhesion (implementation of other binders: hydrophobic or stretchable)
  - Chemical resistance (stable under in sweat conditions, pH)
  - Electrical conductivity
- Development of semiconductive inks with improved:
  - Electrical conductivity
  - Chemical resistance/stability
  - Electrochemical behaviour



# Thank you!