

Sensors for monitoring polluting gases in the air

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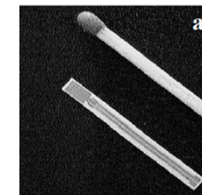
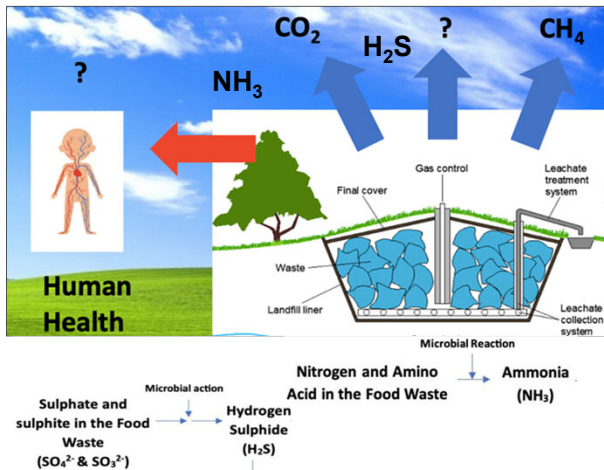


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THE PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED

- People living around them suffers of unpleasant odors and/or hazardous gases.
- Monitoring of toxic gases from landfill/industries.

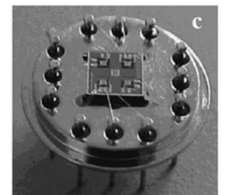
Ammonia and **hydrogen sulfide** are the main odor gases emitted by the landfill.



Planar-type gas sensor



Flexible gas sensor



Micromachined gas sensor

CONVENTIONAL ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUES

- Precise
 - Accurate
- but
- Time consuming
 - Expensive
 - Needed of expert personal



GAS SENSORS

- Simple
- Low cost
- Mass production
- Small (easy integration)
- Fast (responses in-field)
- User friendly



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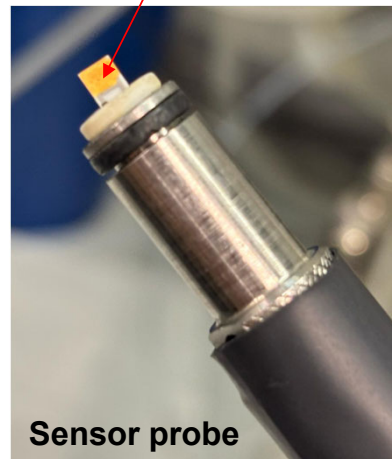
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OUR SOLUTION

- Develop high performance sensors for monitoring toxic gases and engineered to optimize costs, size and energy consumption.
- The device consists of a resistive probe



- The sensing materials is the key component of the sensor, determining the gas to be detected, the sensibility, the selectivity to target gas in a gas mixture and the operating temperature.
- Sensing materials based on organic, inorganic, non oxidic formulation have been synthesized and tested for developing sensors for NH_3 and H_2S gas.

Patentability evaluation of most suitable sensing materials is currently underway!!



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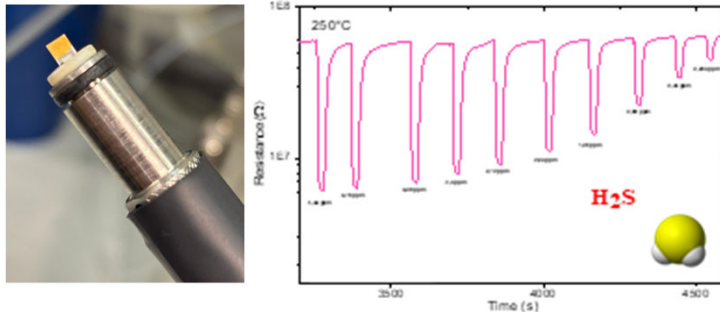
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DEVELOPMENT PLAN UNDER SAMOTHRACE ECOSYSTEM

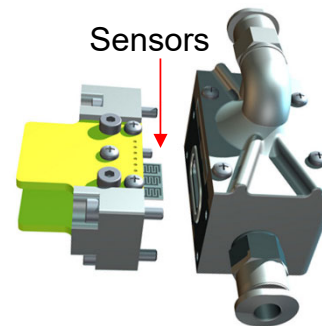
- Synthesis of new sensing materials with specific sensing performances towards the target gases (**TRL 3**).



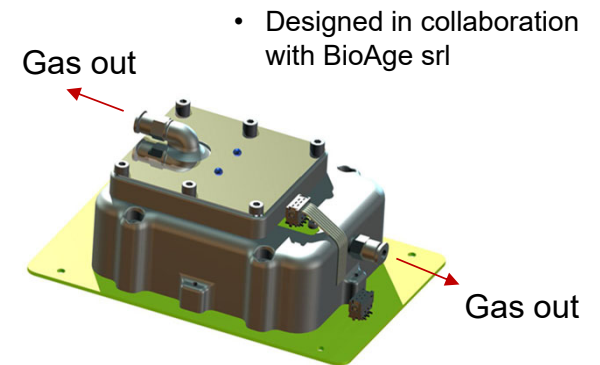
- Design and fabrication of the sensor probes and validation in the lab (current **TRL 4**).



- The sensor probe shown has been implemented with a sensor chamber and an automatic micropump for atmosphere sampling* (current TRL 4).



Open view of the sensor chamber with the mounted sensors.



Sensor chamber*



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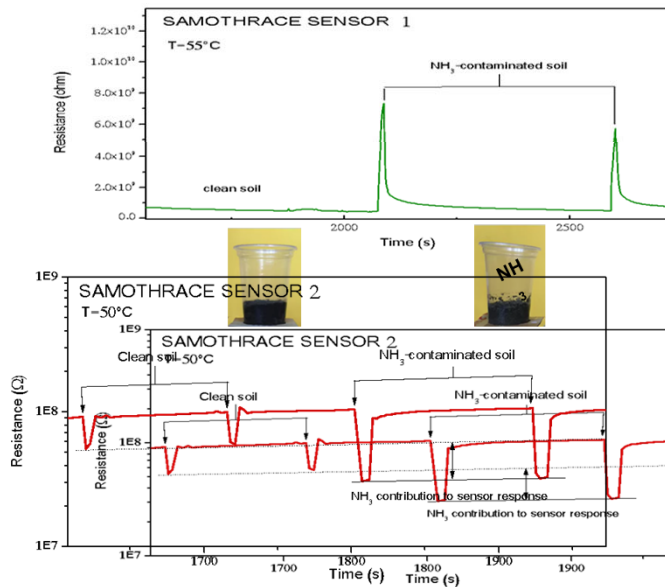
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NEXT STEP UNDER SAMOTHRACE ECOSYSTEM

- Actual point

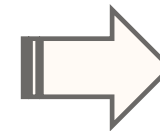


- End project point

Integrate the chamber sensor with hardware and software components for sensors control, data acquisition and wireless transmission.

In-field use of the developed sensors will be demonstrated (TRL 5 - 6).

From lab to field



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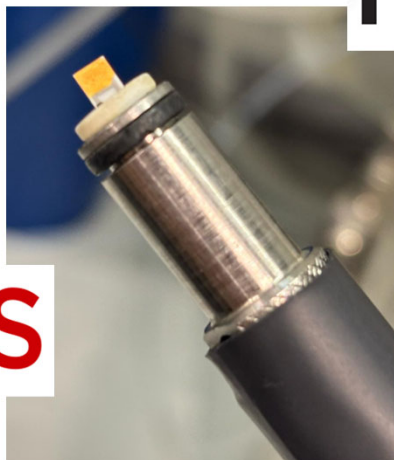
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THANK YOU

NH_3



H_2S

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